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Sleep Quality in the Context of Operational Fatigue Modeling

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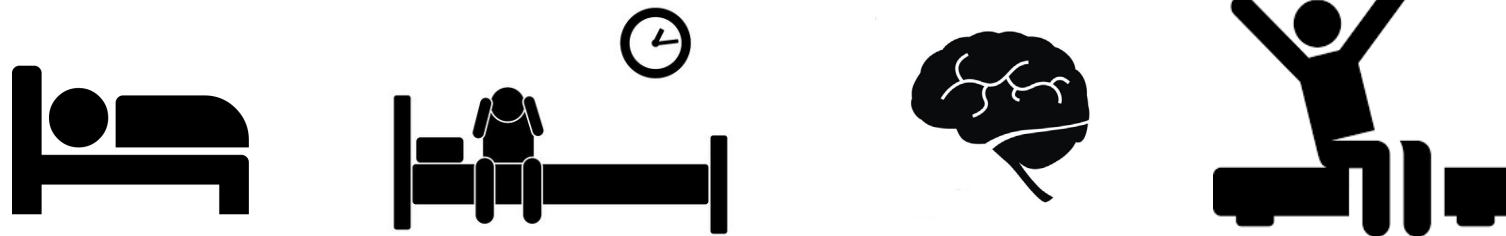
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What is Sleep Quality?

General Definition:

- A clinical construct representing a complex phenomenon which includes quantitative aspects of sleep such as latency or number of arousals as well as subjective aspects such as restfulness or satisfaction (*Buysse et al. 1989*)



Model Definition:

- Sleep features which are known to be predictably altered in response to situational factors (i.e., the operational environment) in a manner which decreases the effectiveness of sleep to protect against fatigue as measured by psychomotor vigilance task (PVT) reaction speed.



Measures of Sleep Quality

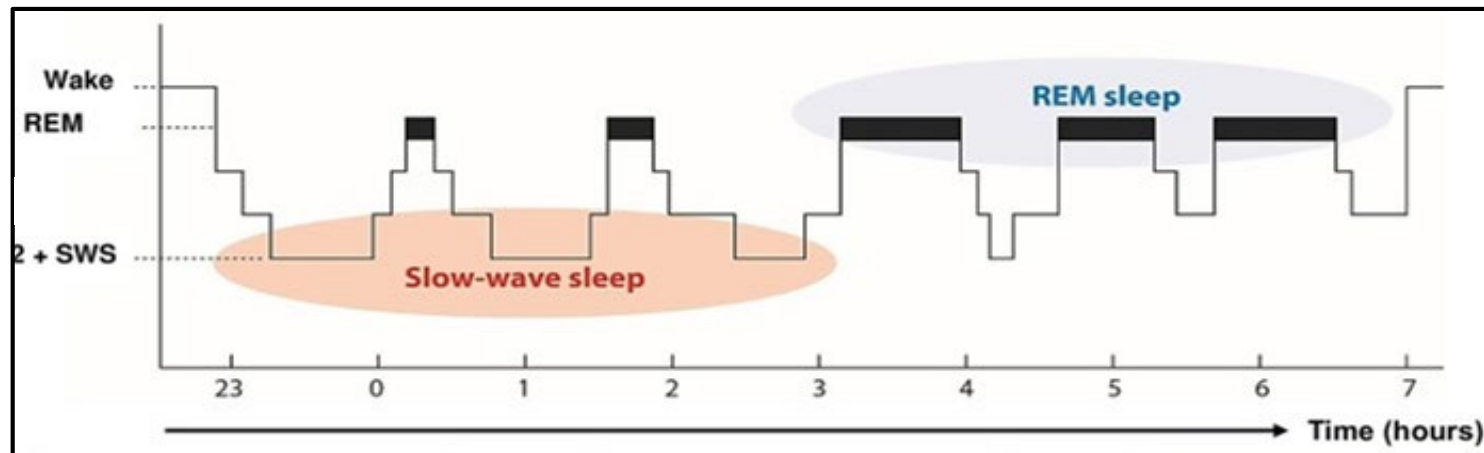
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Measuring Sleep Quality

1. Sleep Architecture

- Basic pattern of brain activity during sleep
 - Light Sleep: Stage 1 and 2
 - Deep Sleep: Slow Wave Sleep (SWS)
 - Rapid Eye Movement (REM)
- \uparrow sleep time \rightarrow \downarrow SWS & \uparrow REM



adapted from Cross et al. 2018

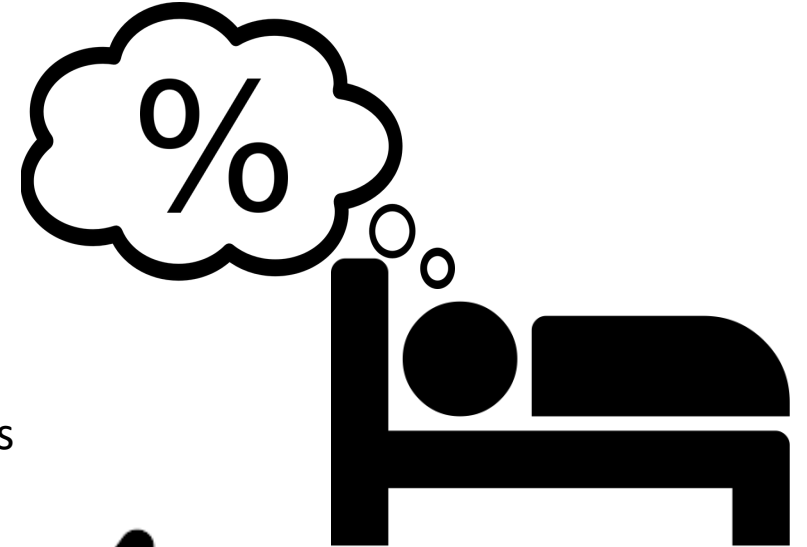
- SWS-heavy sleep is more beneficial for PVT performance than REM-heavy sleep (*Wu et al. 2010*)



Measuring Sleep Quality

2. Sleep Efficiency (SE)

- Ratio of total sleep time (TST) over total time spent in bed (TIB)
- Incorporates other measures of sleep quality
 - Sleep Onset Latency (SOL)
 - Sleep Fragmentation/Wake After Sleep Onset (WASO)/Arousals



3. Subjective Sleep Quality (SQ)

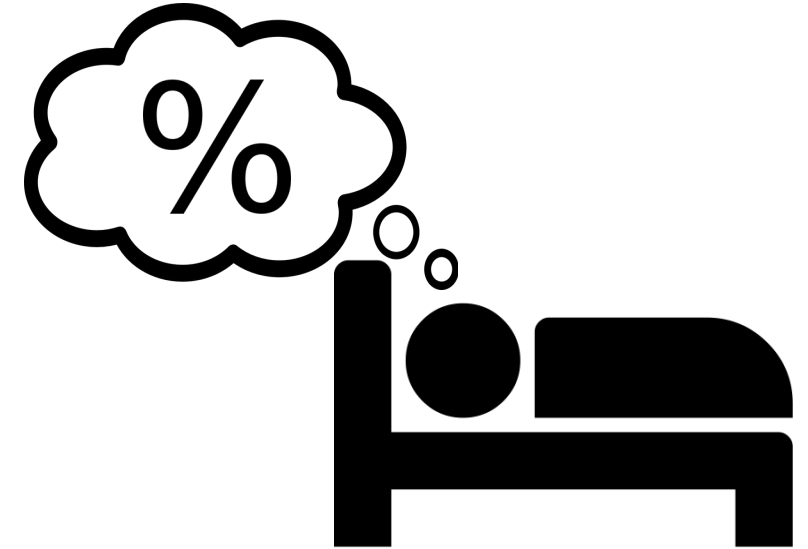
- Satisfaction with the recuperative value of one's own sleep
- Often correlates closely to objective measures



Modeling a Measure of Sleep Quality

Requirements:

- Robust proxy for sleep quality in general
- Can be conceptualized mathematically
- Predictably altered by situational factors
 - Can be estimated from work schedules
- Relationship to performance can be reliably estimated



Best Option: Sleep Efficiency

- **“Sleep efficiency is recommended for monitoring sleep quality due to its small level of instability and moderate effect size.” (Claudino et al. 2018).**

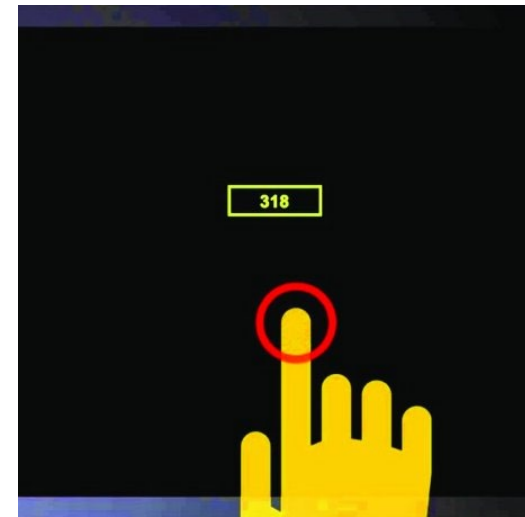
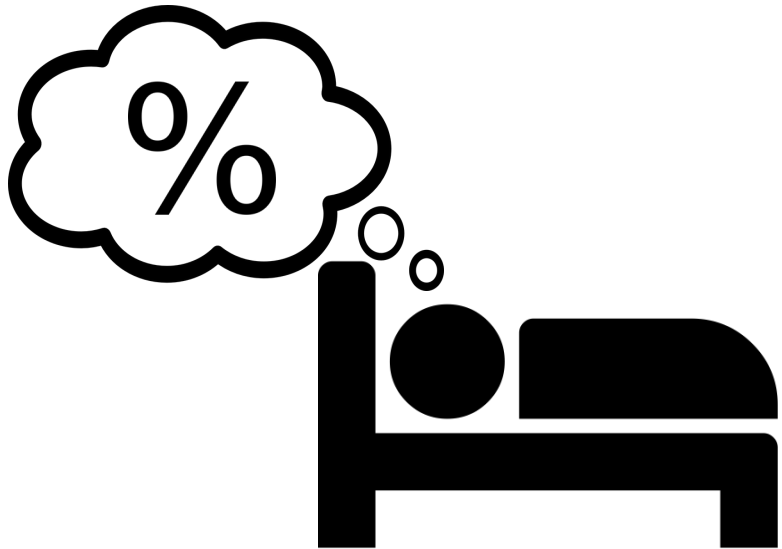


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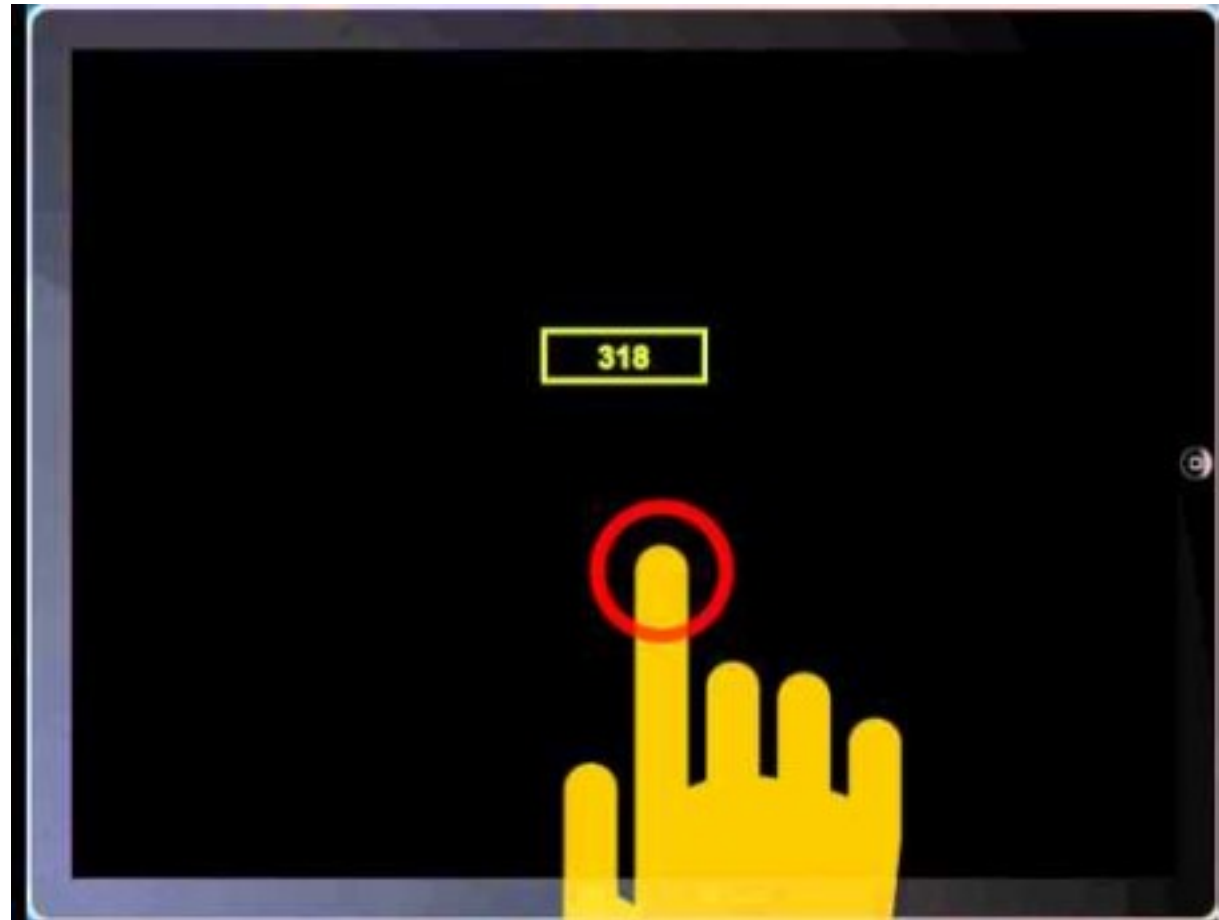
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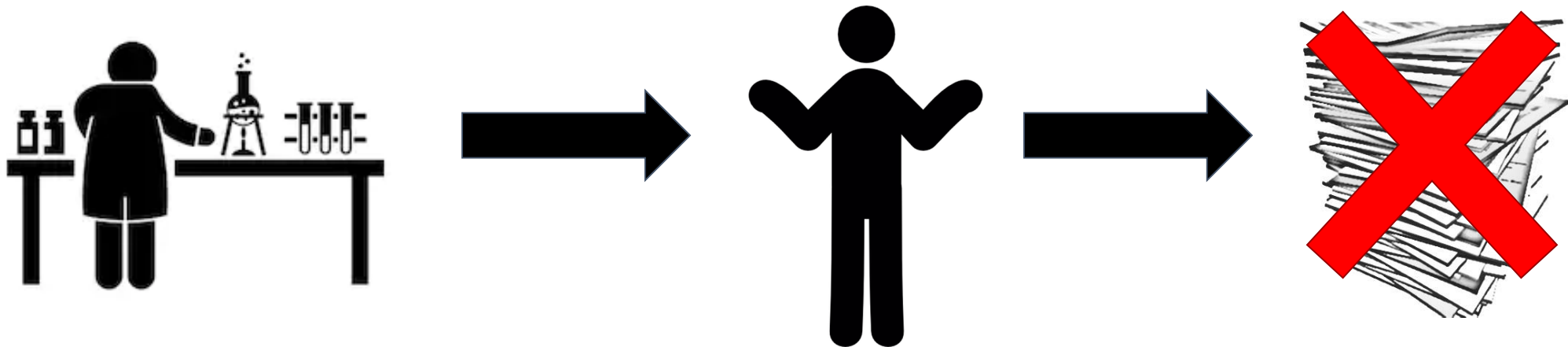
Psychomotor Vigilance Task (PVT)



Sleep Efficiency and PVT Performance

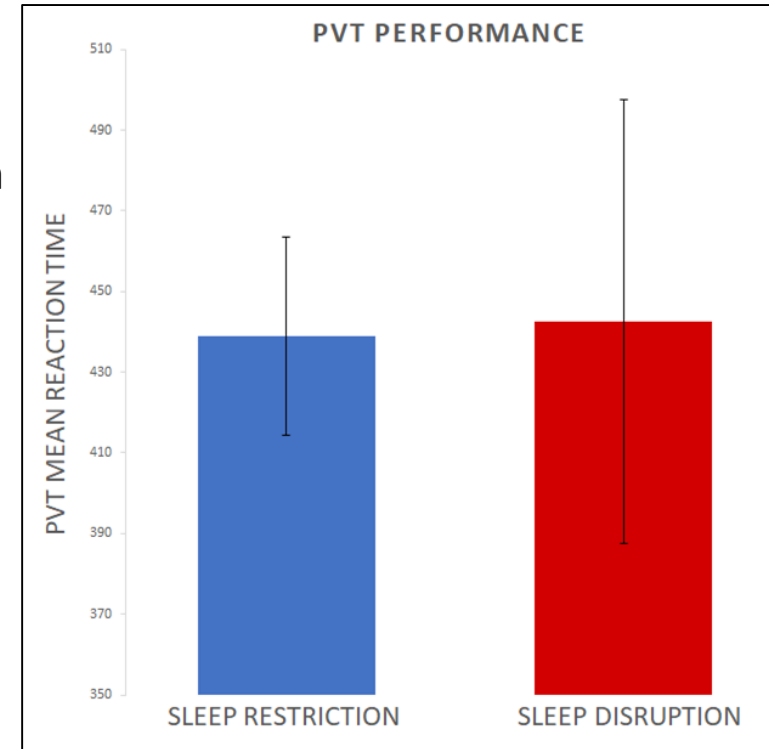
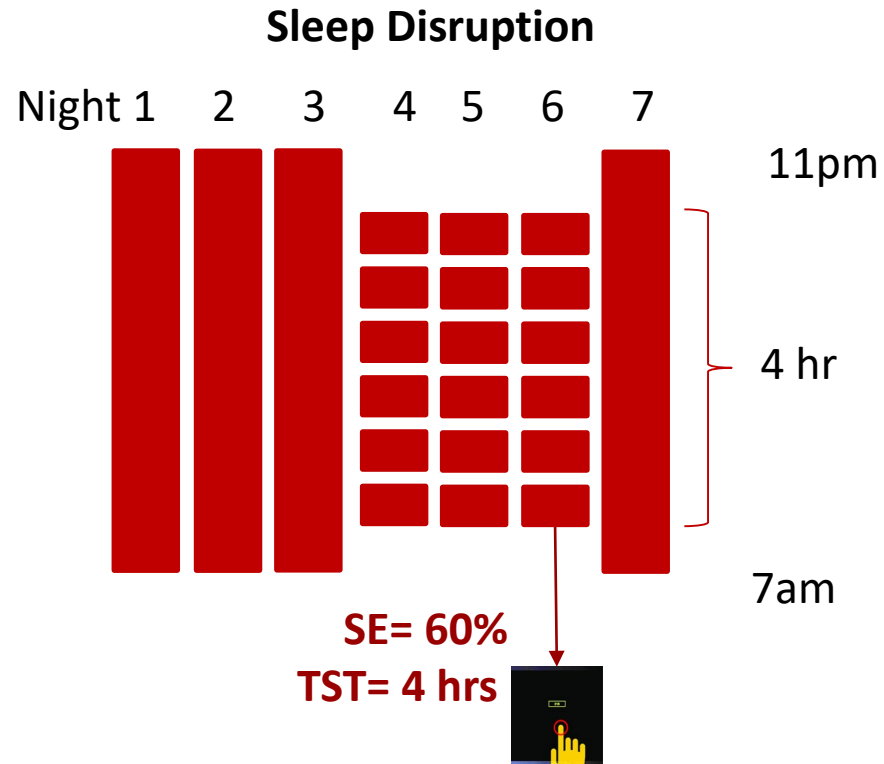
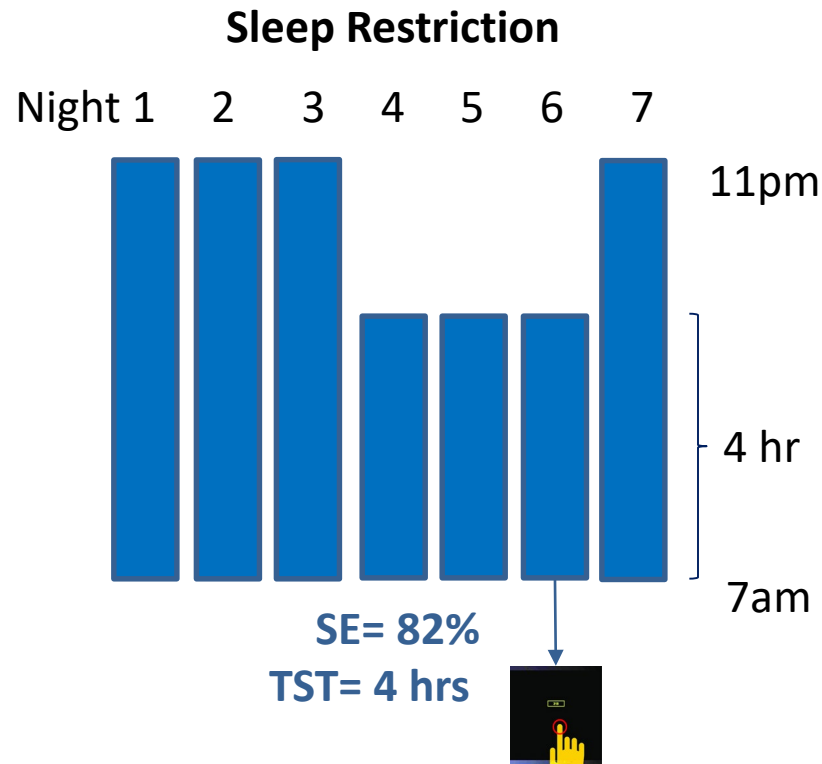
Issue

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- No direct investigations of SE and PVT, controlling for duration (TST) and/or sleep architecture (SWS)



Unpublished Data from BIDMC Sleep Lab

Effects of Experimental Sleep Restriction versus Sleep Disruption



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Resolution

- Rely on established pathways through which SE impacts PVT

↓ SE → ↓ TST → ↓ PVT performance *(Bonnet 1987, Gillberg and Åkerstedt 1994, Jewett et al. 1999, Stepanski 2002, Bonnet and Arand 2003, Insana et al. 2011, Basner and Dinges 2011)*

↓ SE → ↓ SWS → ↓ PVT performance *(Gillberg and Åkerstedt 1994, Jewett et al. 1999, Walsh et al. 2006, Wu et al. 2010)*



Influences on Sleep Quality

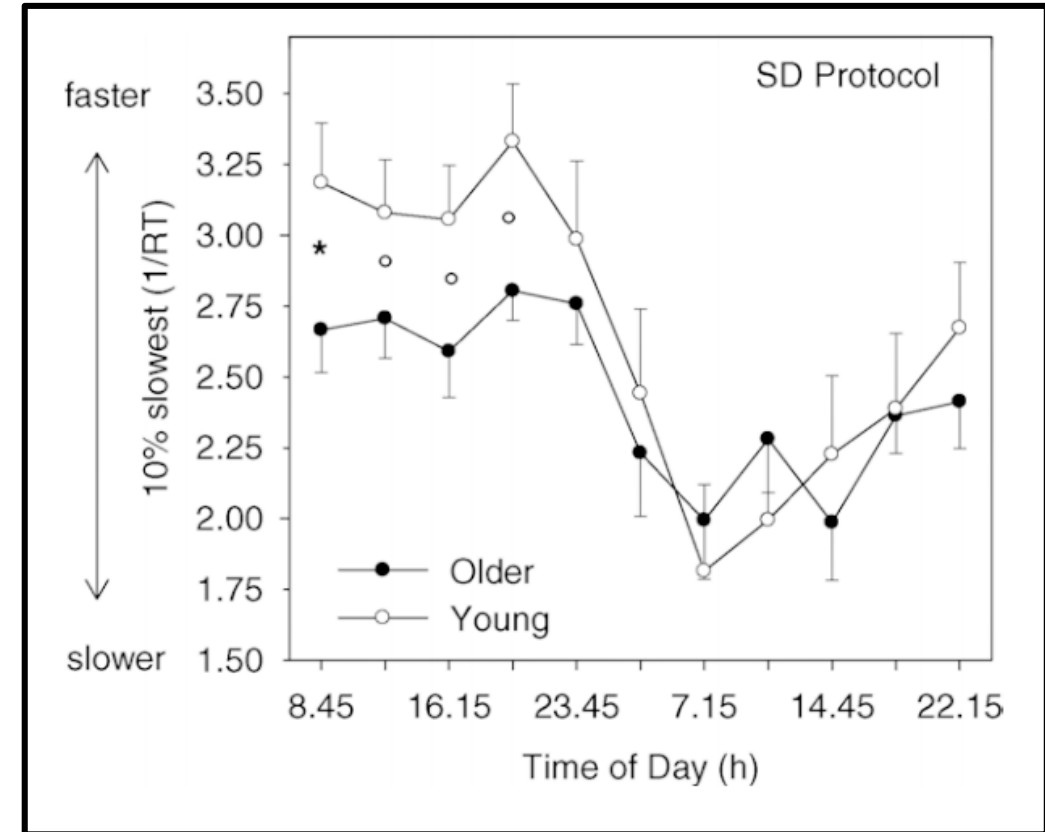
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Influences on Sleep Quality

1. Demographics

- Age
 - SE decreases steadily with age (*Ohayon et al 2004; Moraes et al. 2014*)
 - **No influence on SE and PVT performance** (*Blatter et al. 2006; Smulders et al. 1997; Adam et al. 2006*)
- Gender
 - Women have better SE than men (*Mong et al. 2016; Mallampalli et al. 2014*)
 - But report worse SE (*Mallampalli et al 2014*)
 - **No influence on SE and PVT performance** (*Blatter et al. 2006; Bejamini et al. 2008*)
- No general predictive rules from demographics



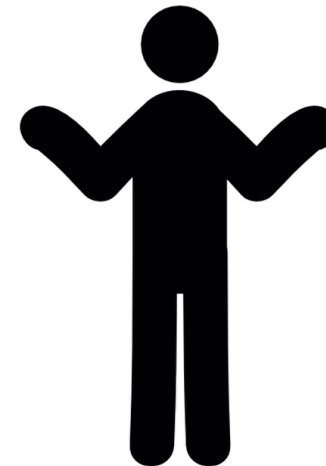
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Influences on Sleep Quality

2. Transmeridian Travel

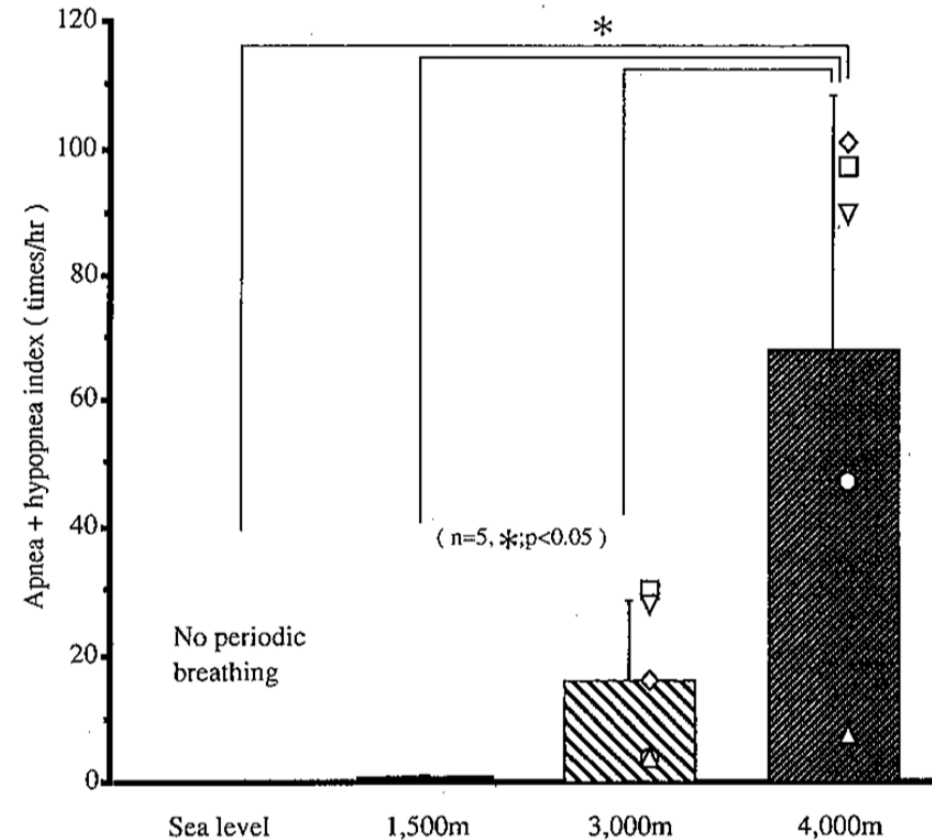
- Direction
 - Eastbound travel is related to worse sleep and jet lag (*Shon et al. 2016; Orth-Gomer 1983; Fowler et al. 2017*)
 - Delayed sleep onset
 - Disruption during the 1st half of sleep → **SWS-heavy sleep**
- Time Zone Changes
 - Δ Time zones → \downarrow SQ (*Waterhouse et al. 2002; Rosekind et al. 1987; Fowler et al. 2014; Lowden and Akerstedt 1999; Roma et al. 2010*)
 - Δ SE is often not statistically significant
 - Non-significant results are often not reported
 - SE returns to baseline upon return home (*Gander et al. 2013*)



Influences on Sleep Quality

3. Sleep Environment

- First Night Effect (*Coates et al. 1981, Curcio 2004, Kader 1983, Sharpley 1988, Toussaint 1995*)
 - ↓ SE
 - Resolves by the second night
- High Altitude (HA: >4000 m above sea level)
 - ↓ SE due to ↑ Apnea/Hypoxia Index (AHI)
 - AHI ≥ 5 is criteria for sleep apnea
 - AHI ≥ 30 is criteria for severe sleep apnea
 - Can adapt to HA (*Pun et al. 2018*)
- Moderate HA (~2500m) effects on SE and PVT may be non-significant (*Muhm et al. 2009; Mizuno et al. 1993*)



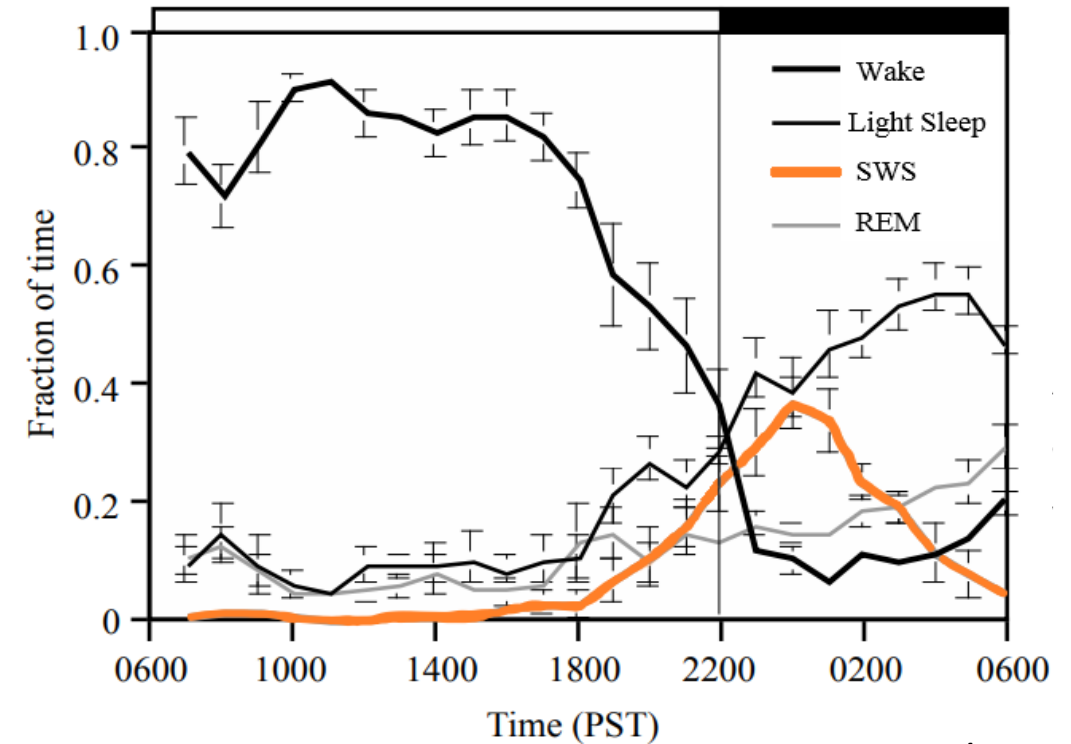
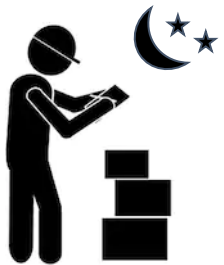
Mizuno et al. 1993



Influences on Sleep Quality

4. Shift Work

- SE does not seem to be greatly affected by shift work (*Lamond et al. 2001, Bjorvatn et al. 2006, Vijaykumar et al. 2018*)
- PVT is affected by shift work (*Bjorvatn et al. 2006*)
- Circadian Misalignment
 - Accounted for in the SAFTE model
 - Can realign (*Lamond et al. 2001, Postnova et al. 2014*)
 - Sleep architecture fluctuates by time of day
 - ↓ SWS during daytime hours



Hsieh et al.
2008

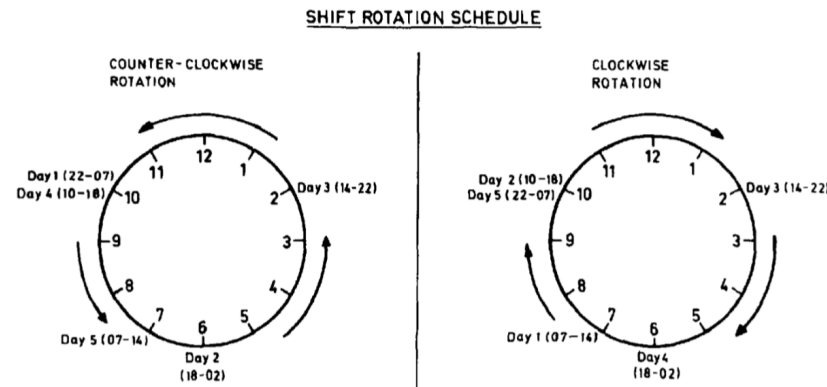


Influences on Sleep Quality

4. Shift Work

- Rotating Shifts

- Shorter rotation intervals \longrightarrow \downarrow SQ (*Postnova et al. 2014, Kim et al. 2015, Harma et al. 2007*)
- Counter-clockwise/Backward rotation (night to evening to morning) \longrightarrow \downarrow SQ (*Orth-Gomer 1983, Shon et al 2016, Amelsvoort et al 2004*)
- Lack of studies investigating objective SE and PVT performance in relation to shift rotation speed or direction



Influences on Sleep Quality Summary

1. Demographics

- No general predictive rules



2. Transmeridian Travel

- Eastbound travel: \downarrow SWS \rightarrow \downarrow PVT performance
- Δ Time zones: \downarrow SQ but... ? SE



3. Sleep Environment

- First night: \downarrow SE \rightarrow \downarrow PVT performance
- High Altitude (>4000m): \downarrow SE \rightarrow \downarrow PVT performance



4. Shift Work

- Circadian Misalignment/Sleep Timing: \downarrow SWS \rightarrow \downarrow PVT performance
- Rotation speed: \downarrow SQ but... ? SE
- Backwards rotation: \downarrow SQ but... ? SE



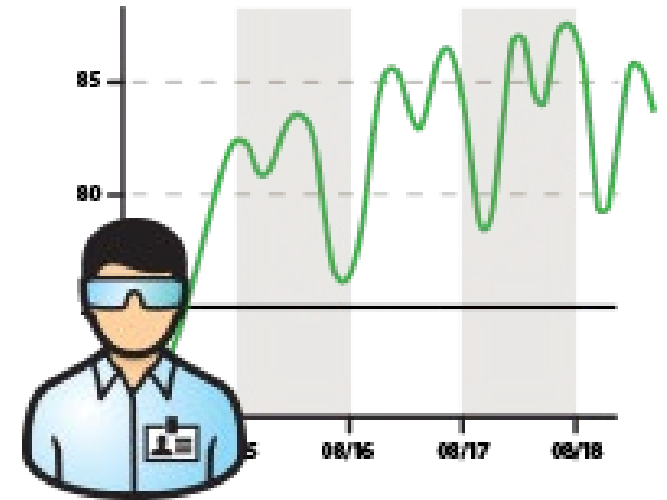
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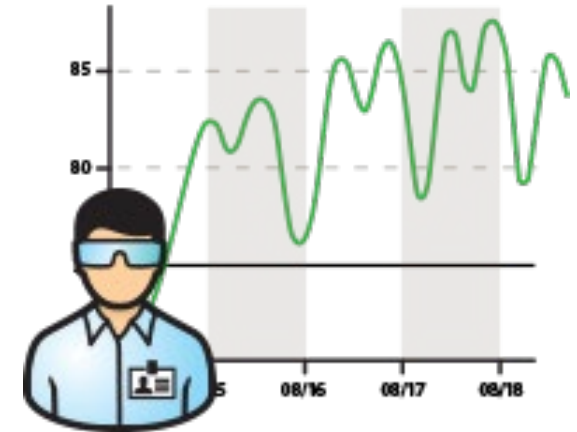
Sleep Inputs to Fatigue Model

↑ Sleep Duration → ↑ Reservoir → ↑ Effectiveness

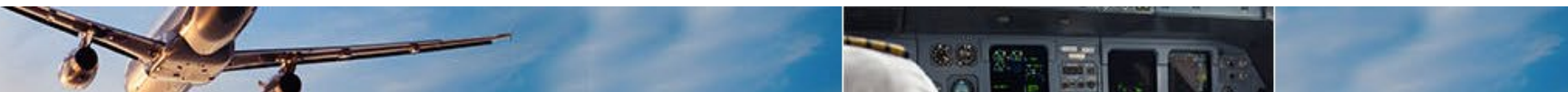


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↕ **Rate of Repletion**



Issues with Modeling Sleep Quality

1. Lack of robust interaction data, i.e., concrete numbers

- SE across time zone changes
- SE in relation to shift rotation speed and direction

2. Inter-individual variability

- Cannot predict resilience to sleep loss or compensatory behaviors

3. Potential impact of stress and workload

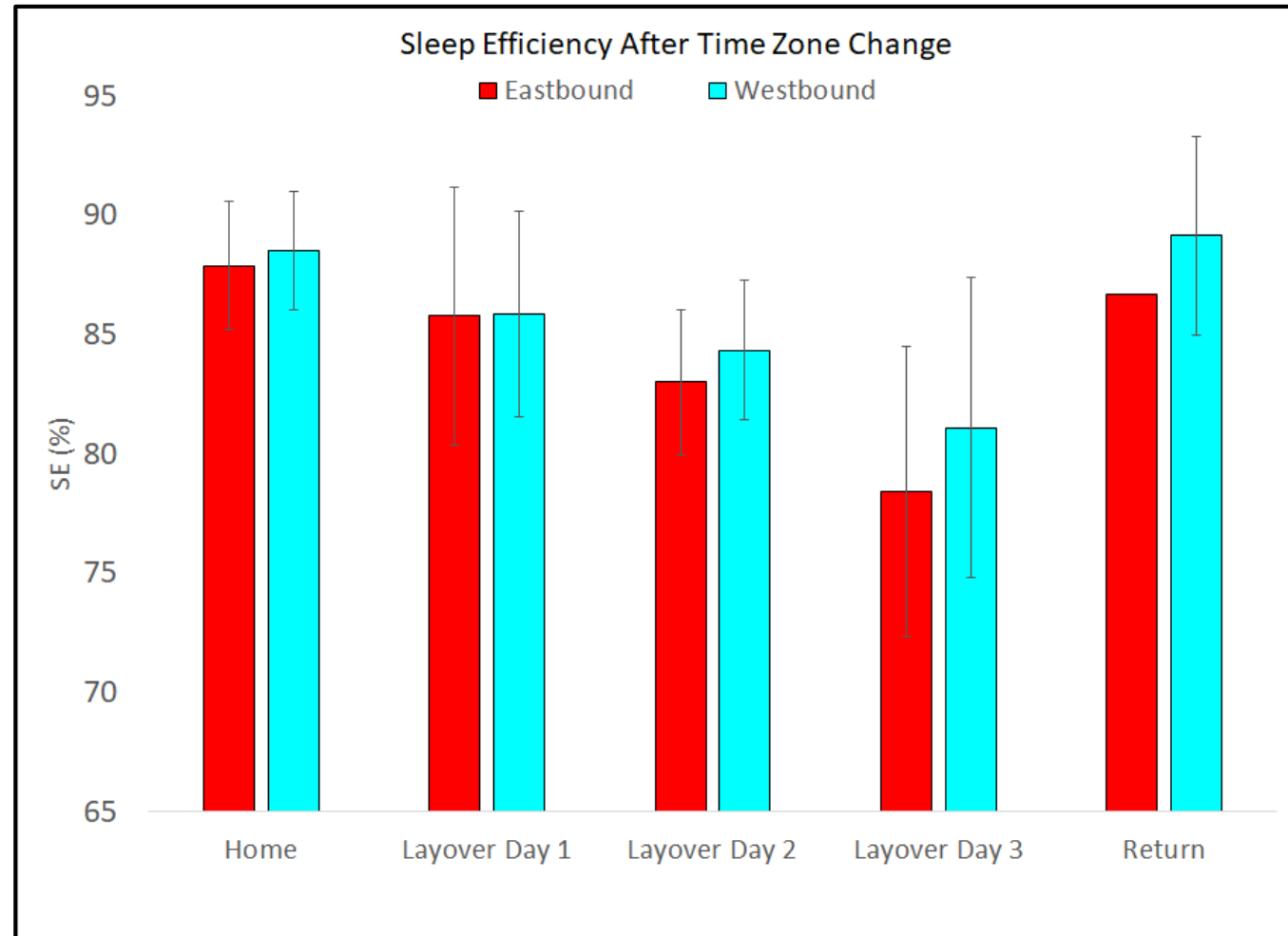
- SQ is related to work-related stress
- Cannot predict who will feel stress

4. Mood

- SQ is related to mood, which can influence performance
- Cannot predict crankiness



Quantifying the Effects of Transmeridian Travel on SE



*Preliminary compiled data:
Gander et al. 2013; Rosekind
et al. 1987; Lowden 1999;
Fowler 2017*



Next Steps

Data Requirements

- Objective measure of sleep: Actigraphy or PSG
- Objective measure of performance: PVT

Sources

- Existing literature: meta-analysis
- Open source data mining
- Existing datasets from industry
- New studies and collaborations

End Goal

- More accurate model of sleep and performance
- Harmonization of model to actual data



A large commercial airplane is shown from a low-angle perspective, flying towards the viewer against a dramatic sky with a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a clear blue at the top. The airplane's wings, engines, and tail are clearly visible.

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Questions?

Conclusion of Presentation