



Beyond Vision: Physiologic effects of visible light

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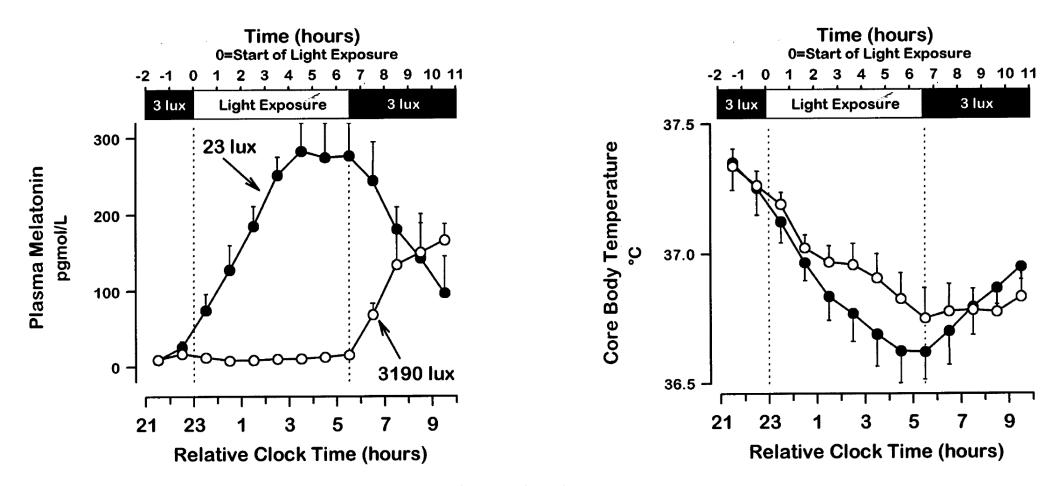
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Outline

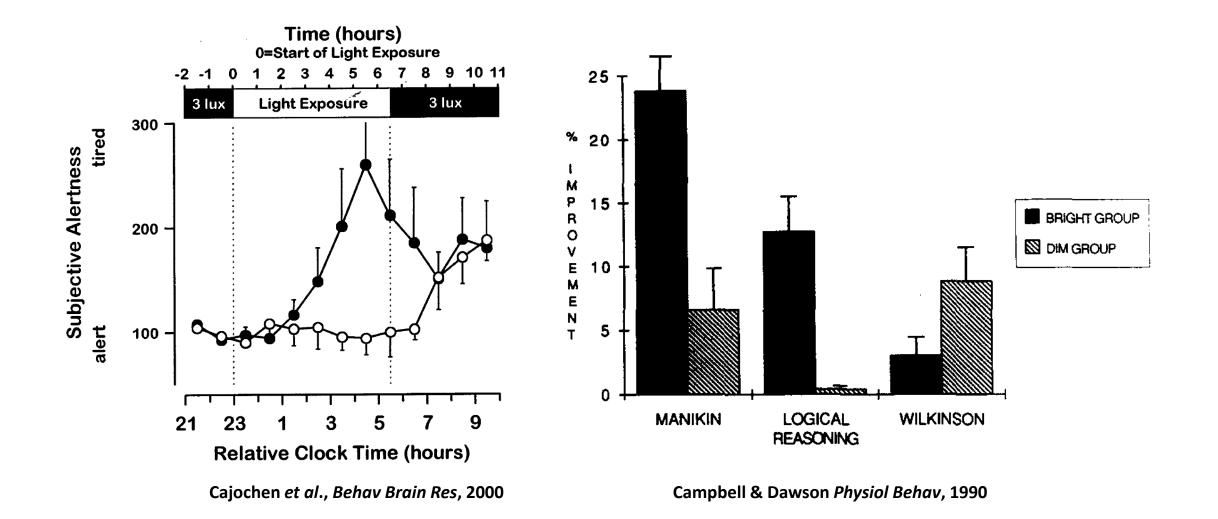
- Characteristic non-visual physiologic responses to light exposure
- Properties of light exposure that modulate non-visual responses
- Nuances & application considerations
- What do we know
- Future directions

Non-visual effects of light



Cajochen et al., Behav Brain Res, 2000

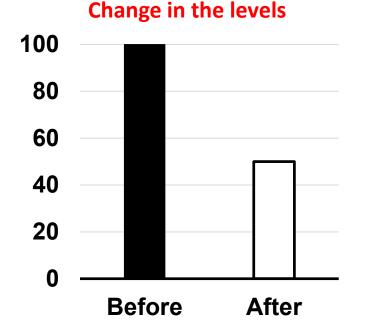
Non-visual effects of light



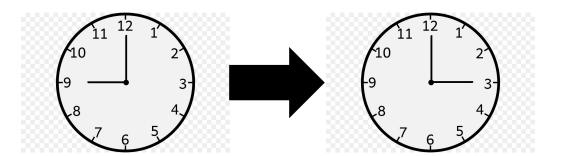
Classification of non-visual effects of light

Direct effect

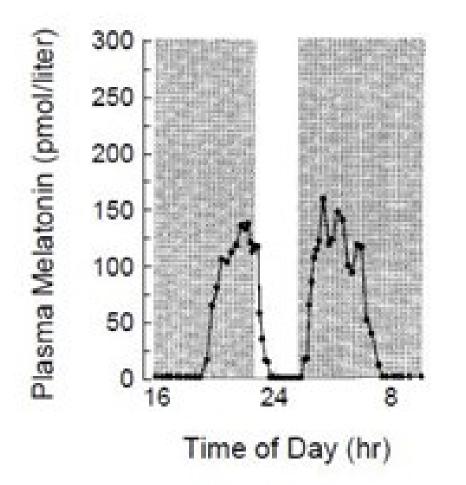
Pacemaker mediated phaseshift effect



Change in the timing

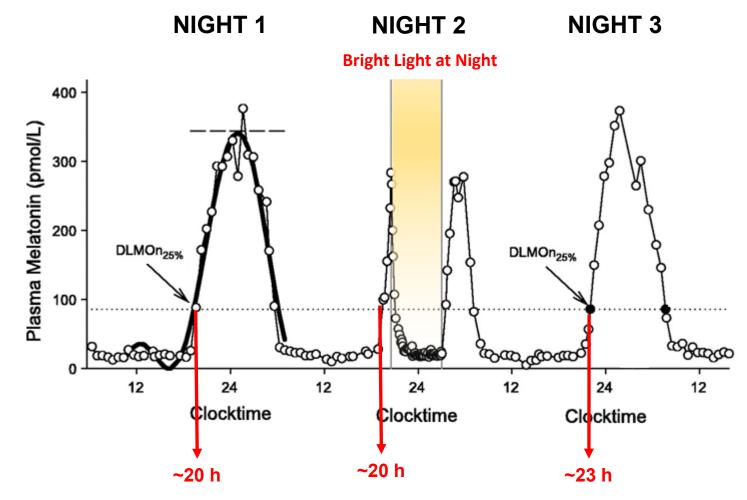


Direct effect



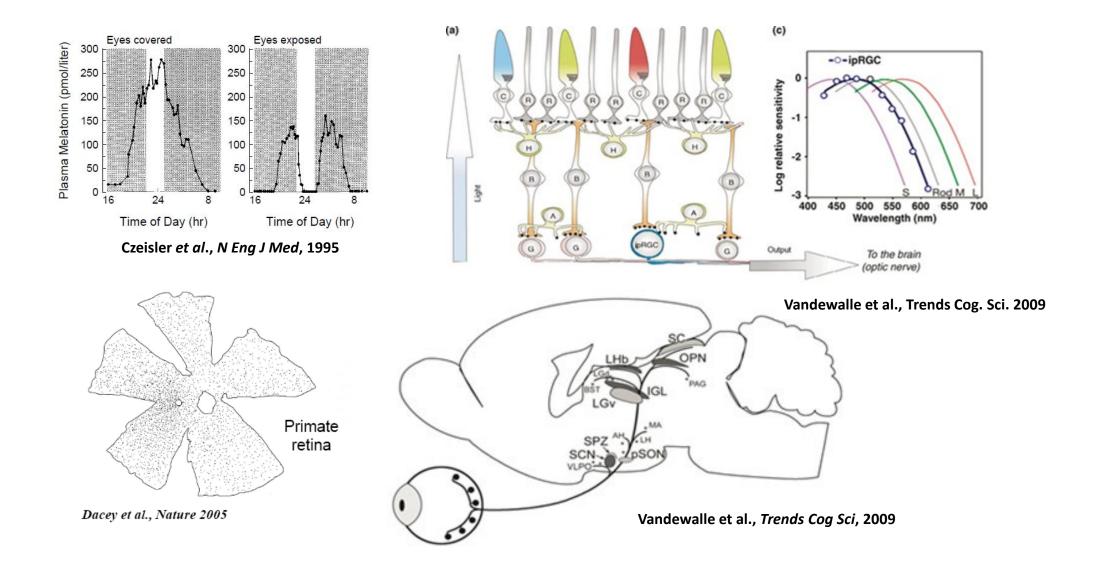
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Pacemaker mediated (phase-shift) effect

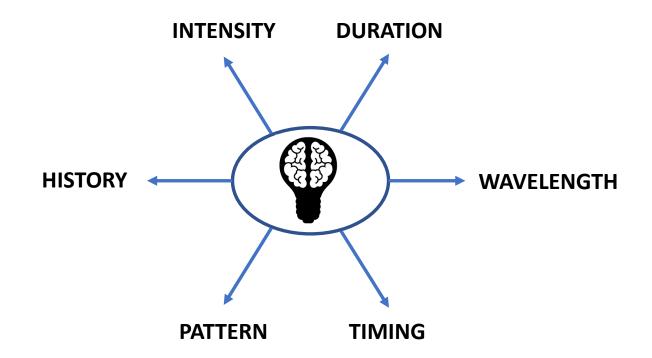


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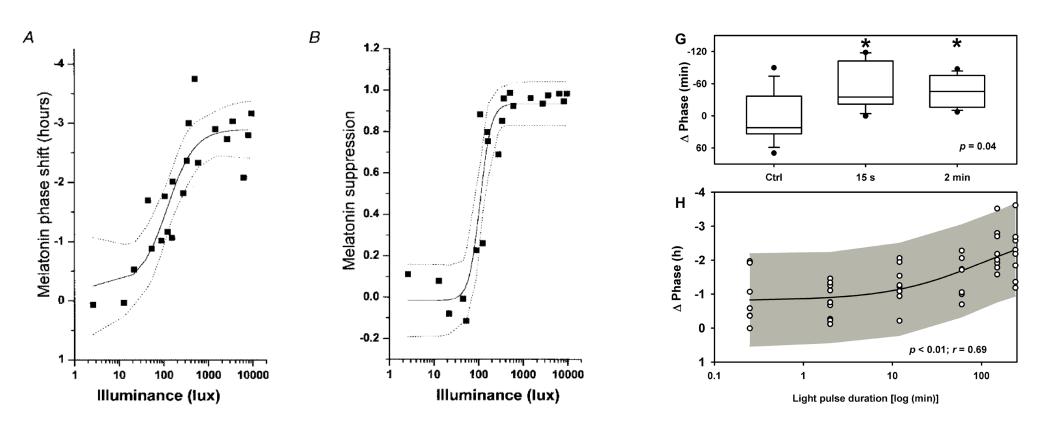
Pathway for non-visual effects of light



Lighting characteristics that modulate non-visual effects of light



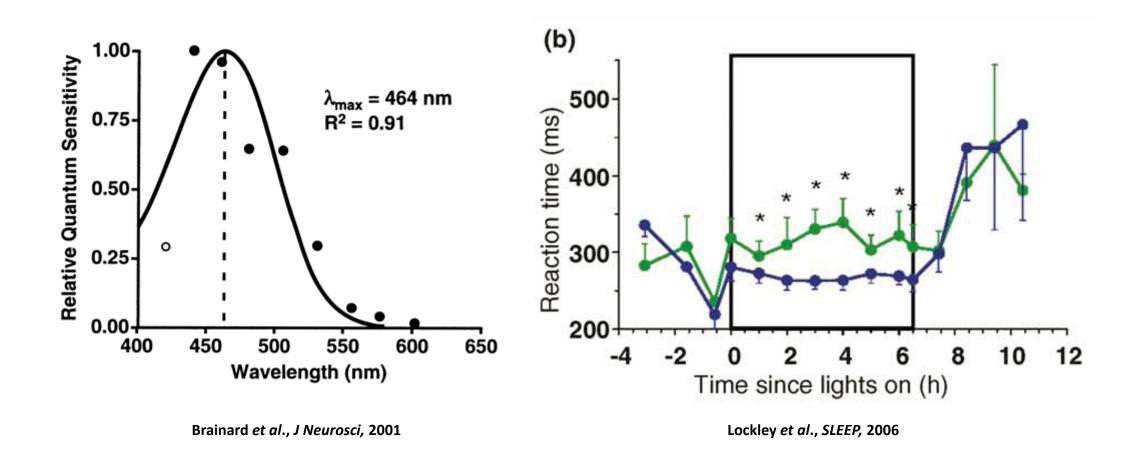
Intensity and duration response



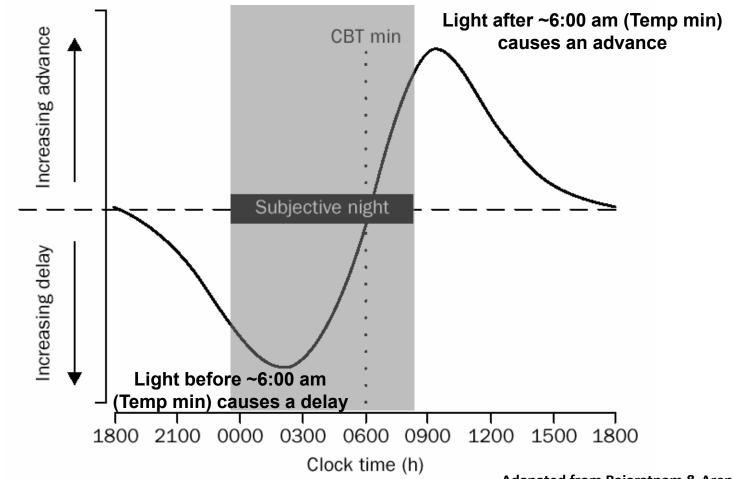
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Spectral response

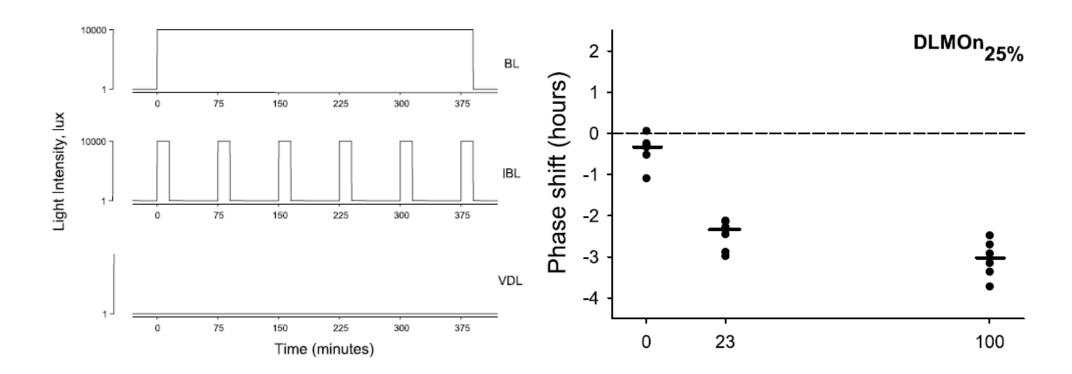


Phase response



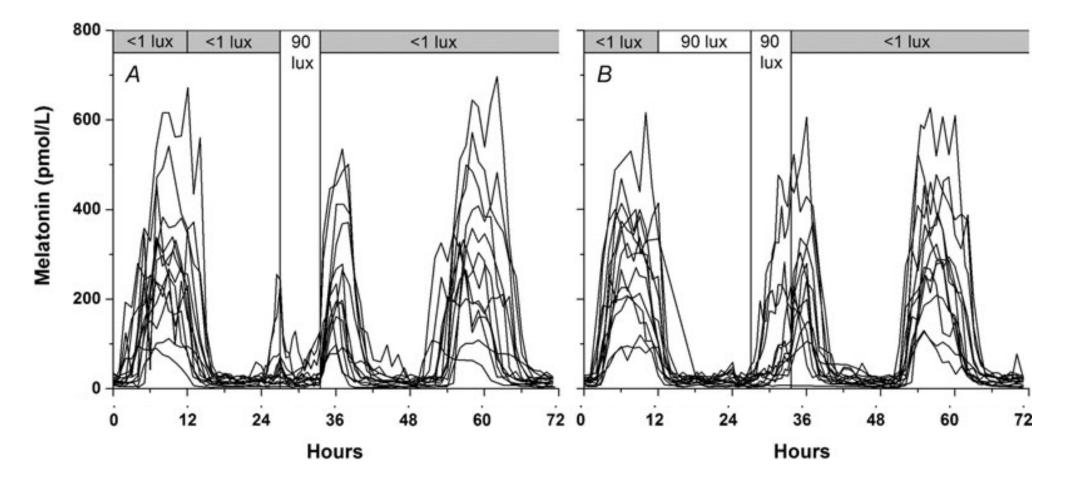
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Exposure pattern

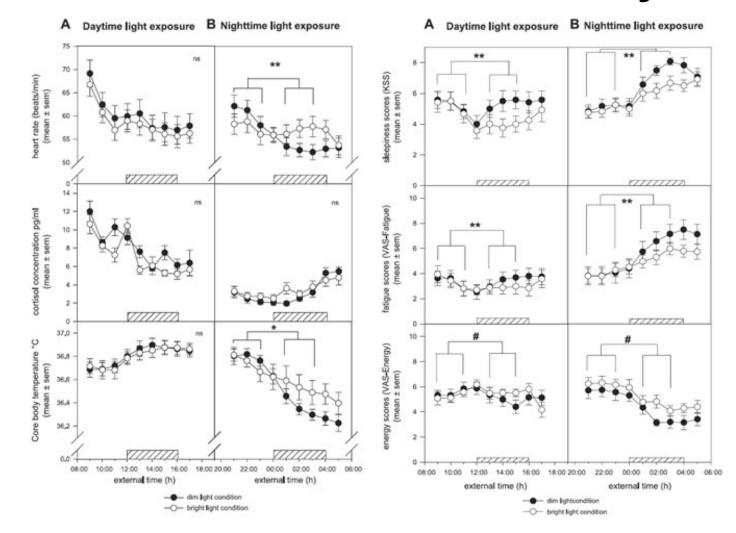


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Photic history

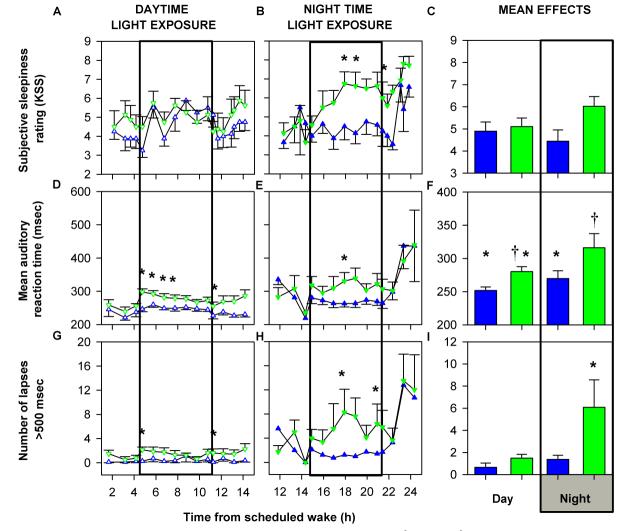


Responses differ based on the time of day



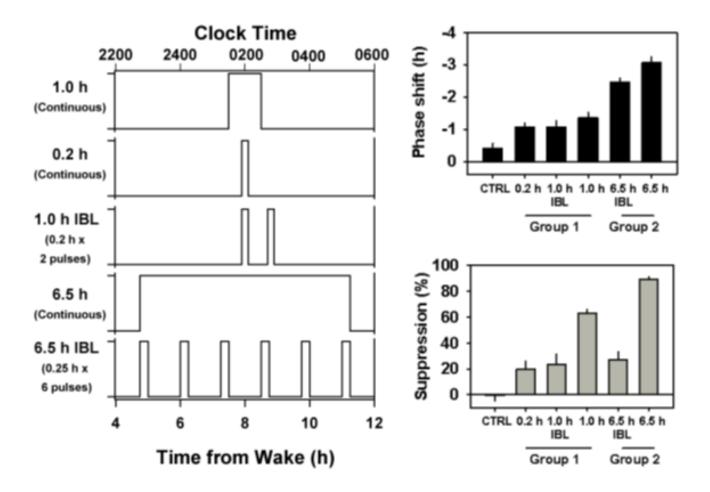
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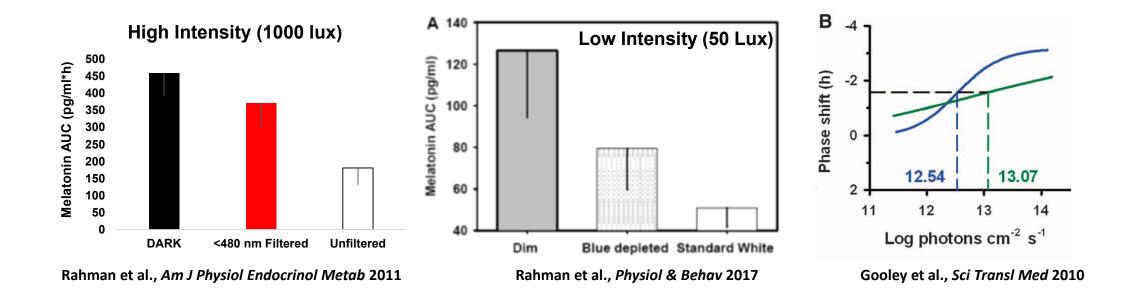
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Direct effect is not a proxy measure of pacemaker mediated phase shift effect



Rahman et al., J Physiol 2018

Are we ready to apply what we know?



What do we know?

- Diverse range of physiologic responses to light
- Physiologic effects of light follow a dose response
- Short-wavelength sensitive ipRGC (melanopsin) response dominates in long-duration, bright-light conditions
- Visual photoreceptors modulate physiologic response to light
- Significant inter-individual variability

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Future directions

- Interactions between neural and receptor pathways
- Interactions between response modulators
- Lab to field applications
- Evidence based claims
- Definitions
- Standard(s) for application & research

Thank you