

# BLITZ INTERVIEW

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Jean-François Knebel

*Jean-François Knebel, 34 years old, is a Swiss citizen "and more precisely a real vaudois". He is currently research scientist in the LINE (Laboratory for Investigative Neurophysiology) laboratory. He holds a PhD in neuroscience from UNIL and a master in physics from EPFL.*

## **What are you working on?**

I am currently involved in EEG recording and analyzing for Lausanne Axis-1 project. This involves early phase psychosis, chronic patients and control populations.

## **Why did you choose neuroscience/psychiatry?**

By chance, after my master in physics, I started medicine but after one year, I realized that I was not made for these studies. After this I decided to start a PhD but I had too many fields of interest such as neuroscience, physics of ski, etc. So I applied in different places and the first one that replied was neuroscience.

## **Where will you be in 20 years?**

I hope to live in my small village of Montricher with my family. I imagine myself with more wrinkles and grey hair.

## **The scientific breakthrough you are waiting for?**

The unification of physical laws. Something like Maxwell did with electricity and magnetism.

## **A movie to see?**

There is not only one, I like Star Wars, Lord of the rings but also all the Monty Python.

## **Desert island book?**

Boy scouts for dummies. I was a boy scout and this is the best way to survive in a desert island.

## **Sundays are made for...**

The morning is dedicated to my daughter and my wife. At noon, I take an "apéro" with friends and play boardgame (like Agricola, Puerto Rico, Pandemia). The afternoon could be dedicated to role-playing games, especially Call of Cthulhu with my wife and friends. Finally, I play hockey in the evening.

## **Being part of the NCCR Synapsy is...**

Very interesting, because Synapsy's research goes from clinics to fundamental research and the NCCR tries to find a way to help the patient directly.