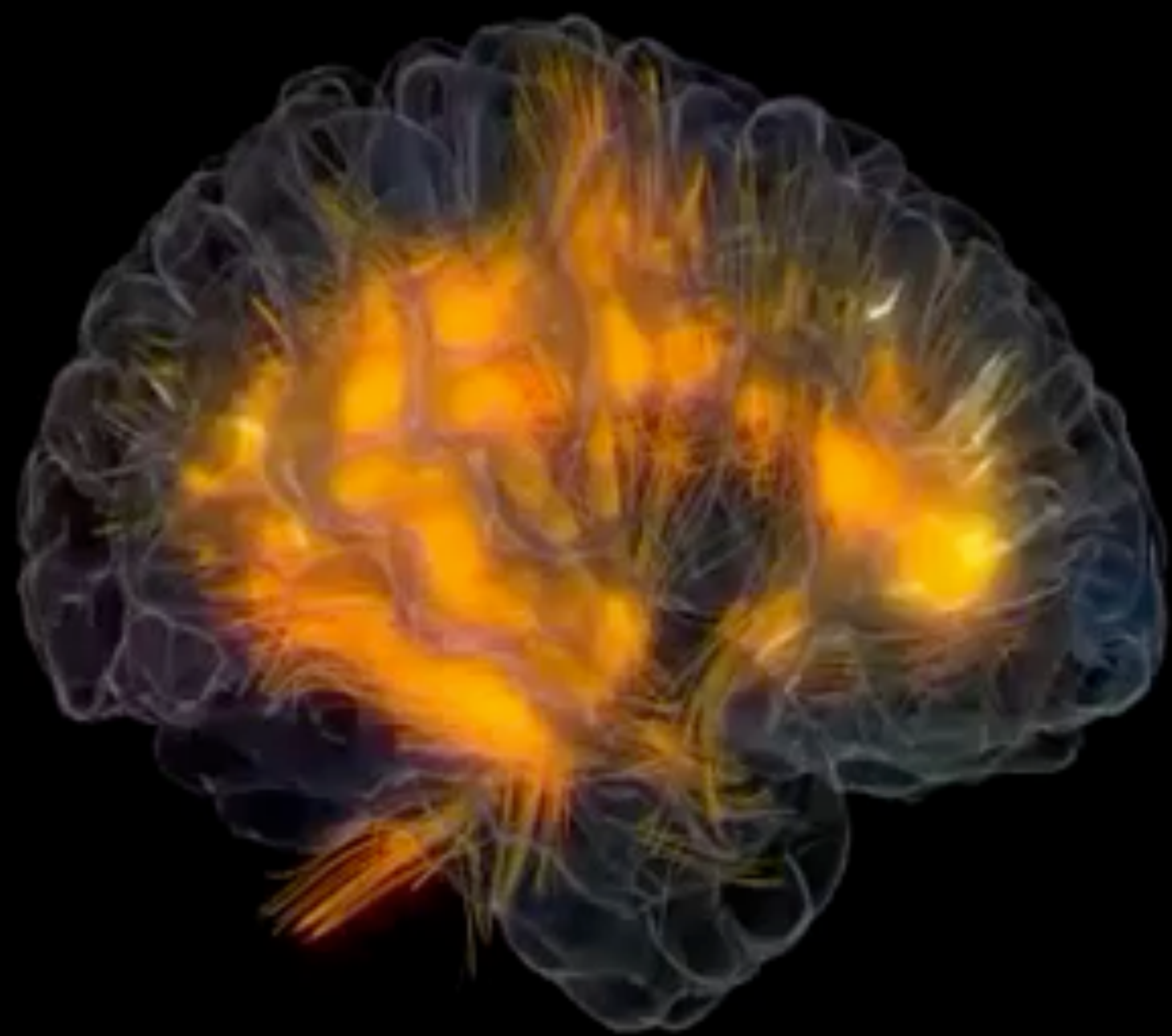


# LA MENTE SI PARLA: LA COMPLESSITÀ DELLE CONNESSIONI CEREBRALI

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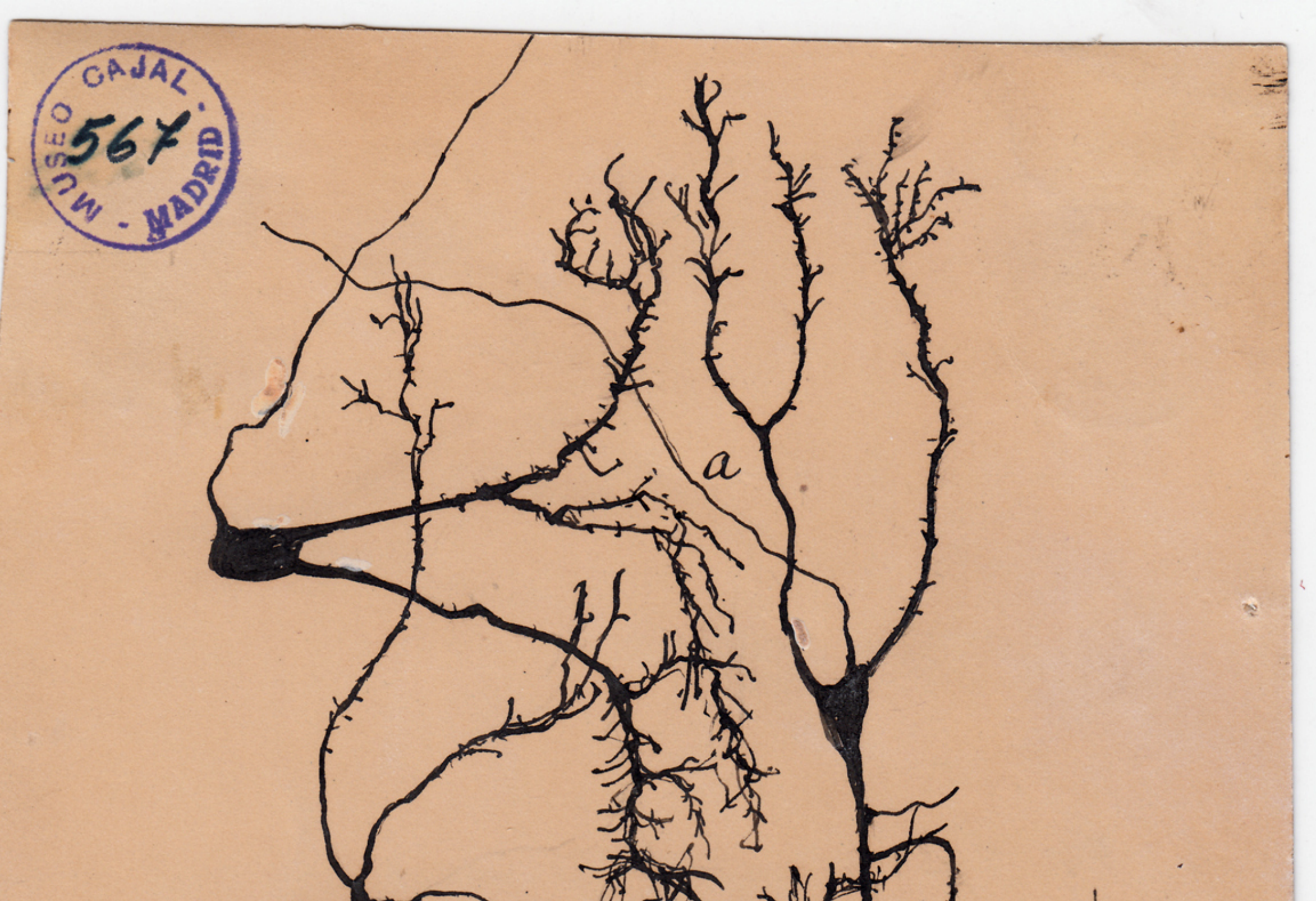
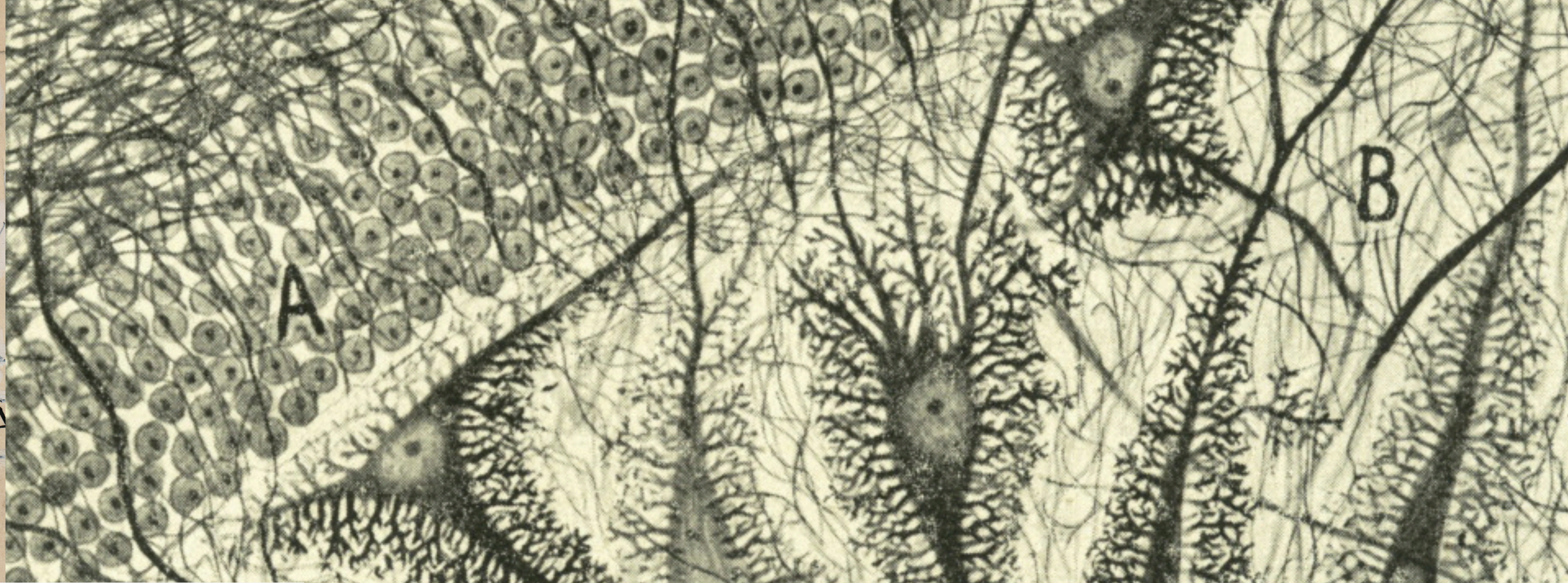
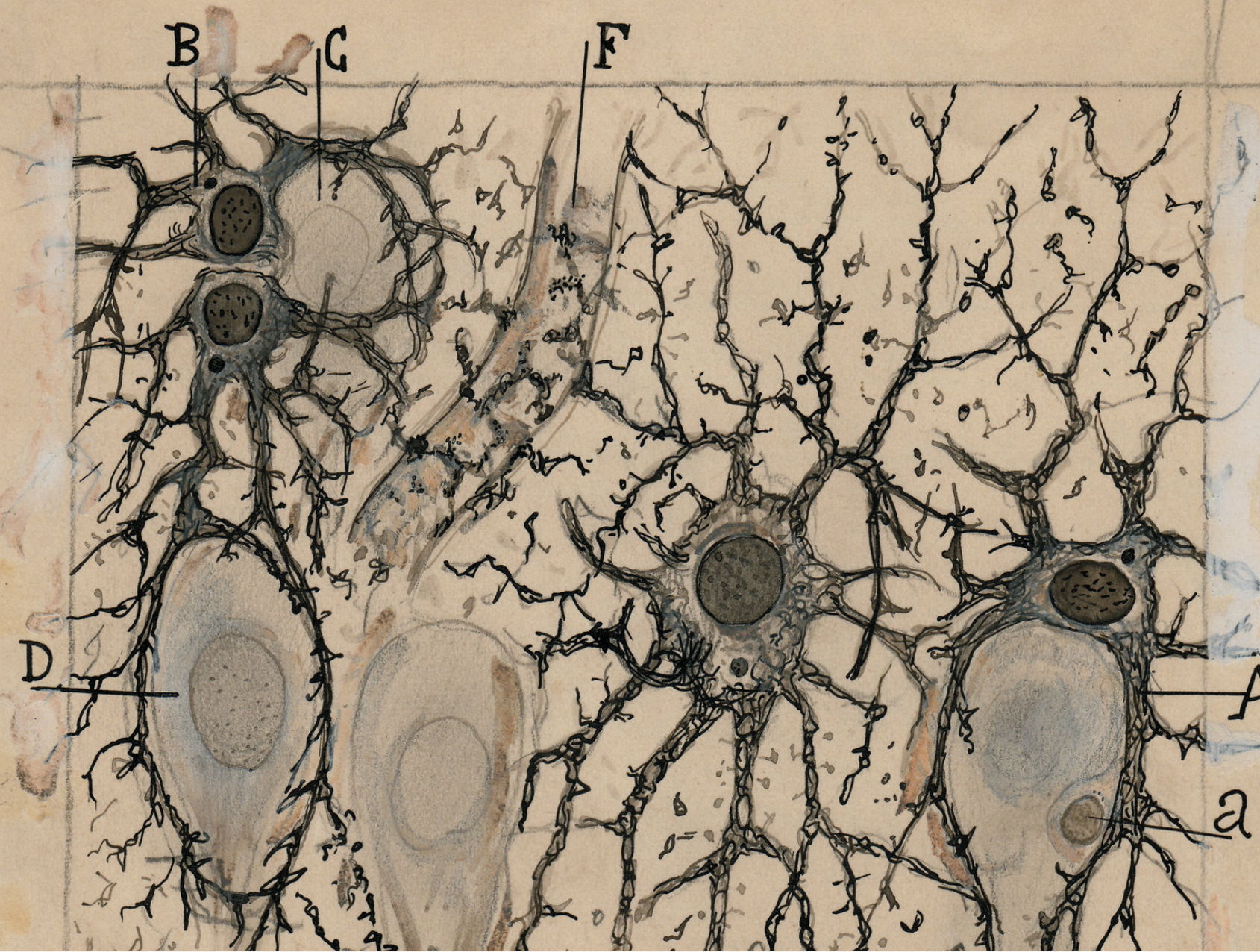


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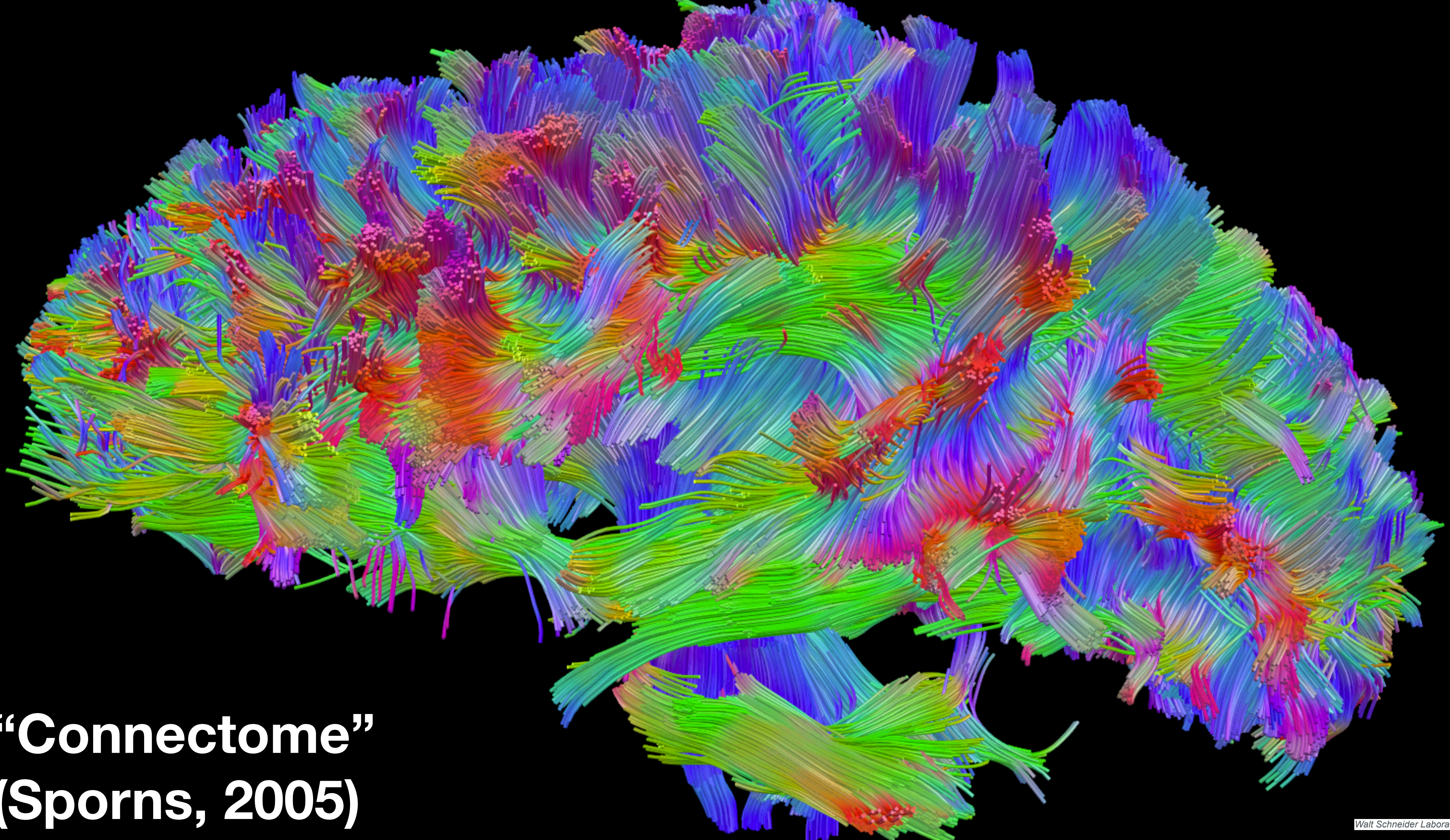
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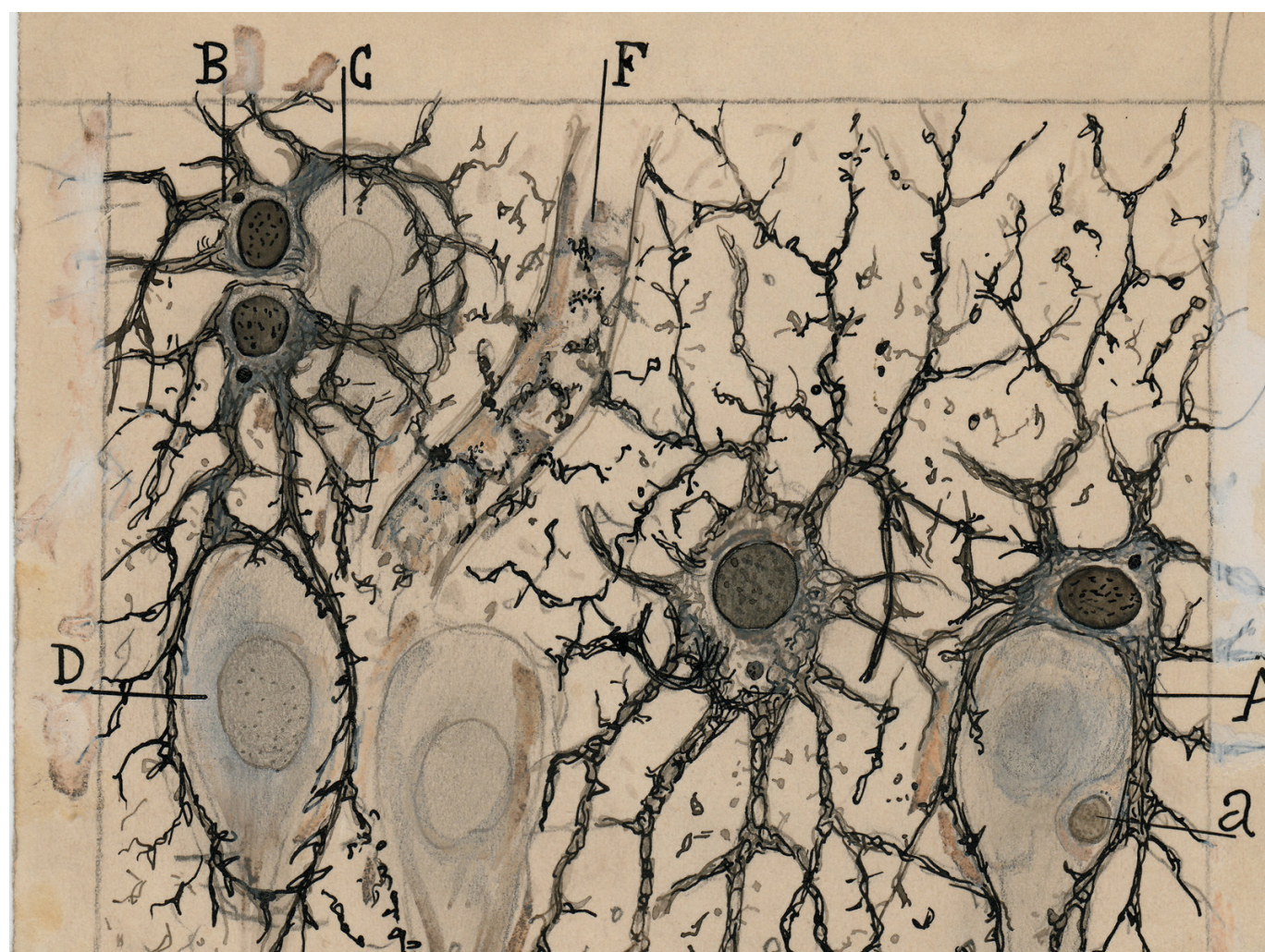


Ramon y Cajal 1906

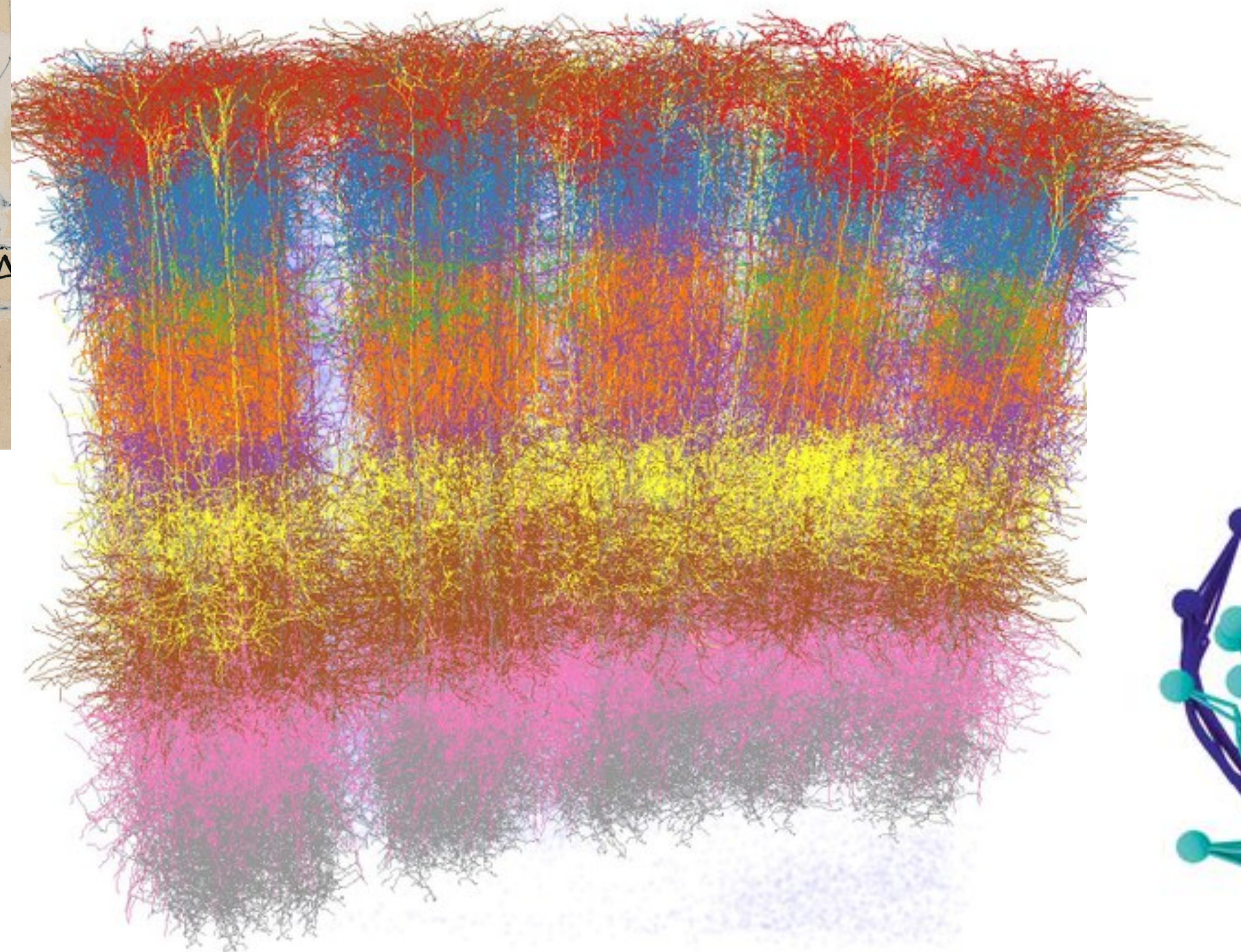


**“Connectome”  
(Sporns, 2005)**

**1 micrometer**



**100 micrometer**



**Meyer et al 2013**

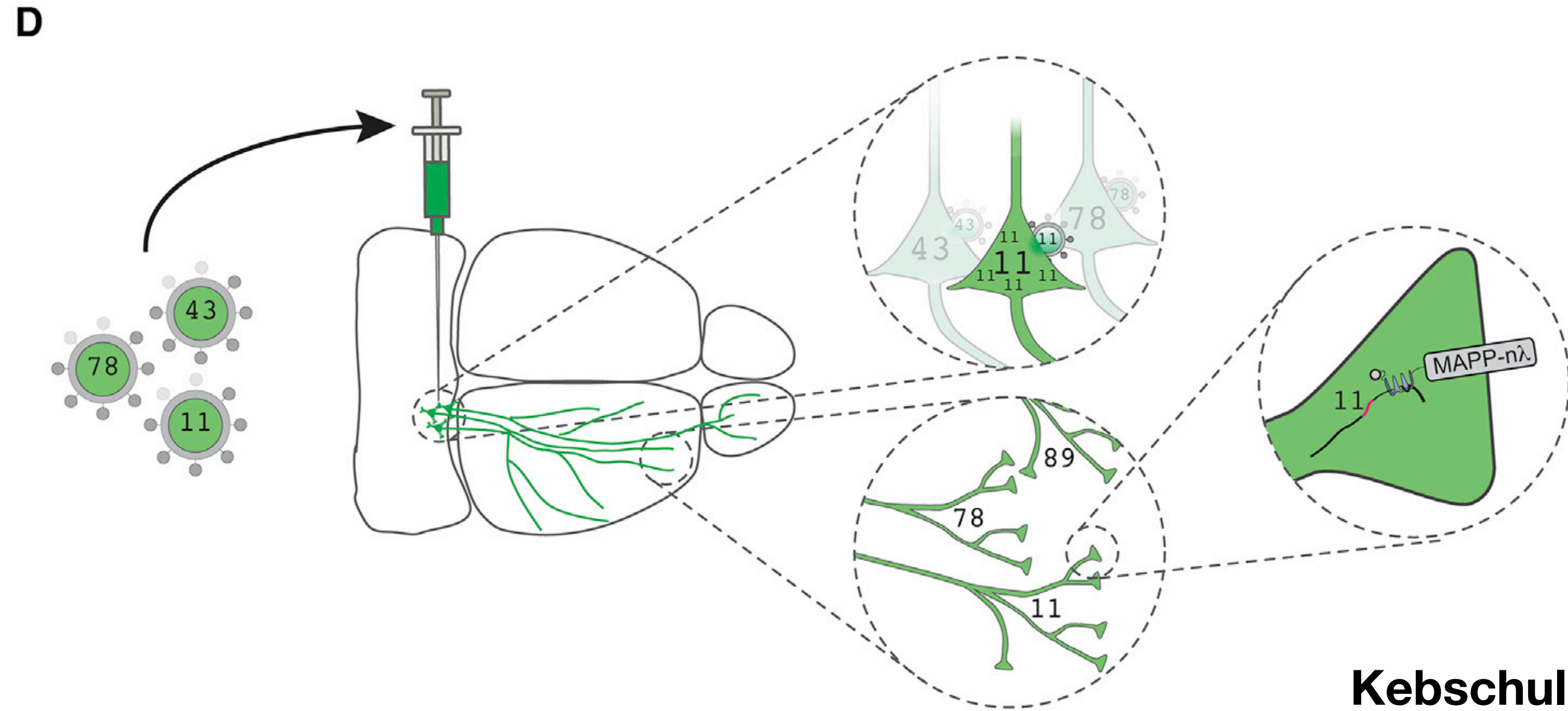
**Millimeter**



**Dance, Nature 2015**

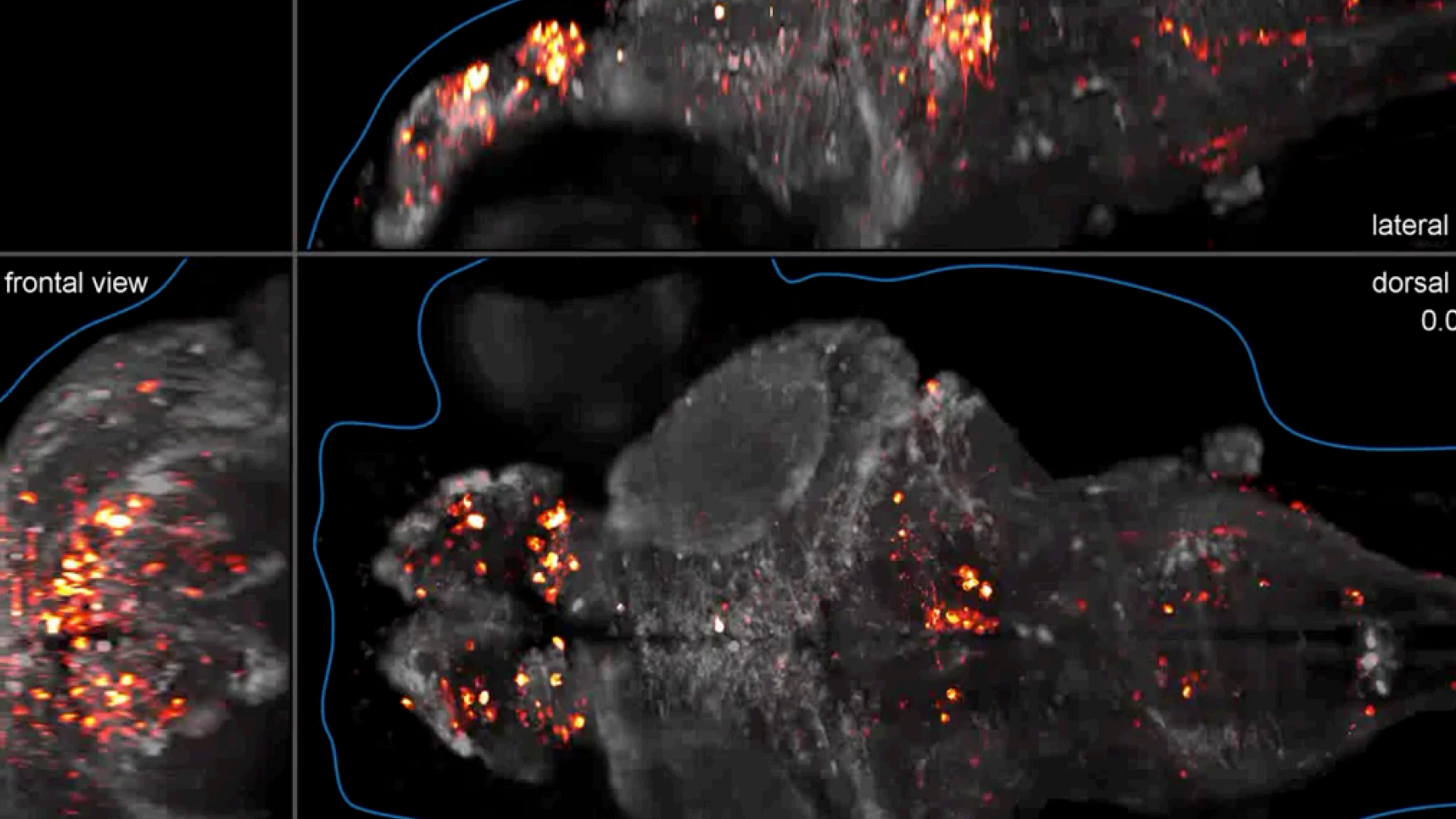


- **Microscales:**
  - Electron microscopes
  - Cell staining
  - Viral neuronal tracing
- **Mesoscales:**
  - Tract-tracing
  - High-field MRI
- **Macroscales:**
  - Diffusion MRI
  - Diffusion tensor imaging



Research has **successfully constructed the full connectome of one animal**: the roundworm *Caenorhabditis elegans* (White *et al.*, 1986,<sup>[2]</sup> Varshney *et al.*, 2011<sup>[3]</sup>). **Partial connectomes** of a mouse retina<sup>[4]</sup> and mouse primary visual cortex<sup>[5]</sup> **have also been successfully constructed**. Other reconstructions, such as Bock *et al.*'s 2011 complete **12 terabyte dataset**, are publicly available through services such as *NeuroData*.<sup>[6]</sup>

“...to map the human cerebral cortex, HCP researchers analysed **6 terabytes of MRI data from 210 healthy young adults**, says Kamil Ugurbil, the HCP's co-principal investigator at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Labs can download those data from the project's website or, for larger data sets, **order 8-terabyte hard drives for US\$200 apiece...**”

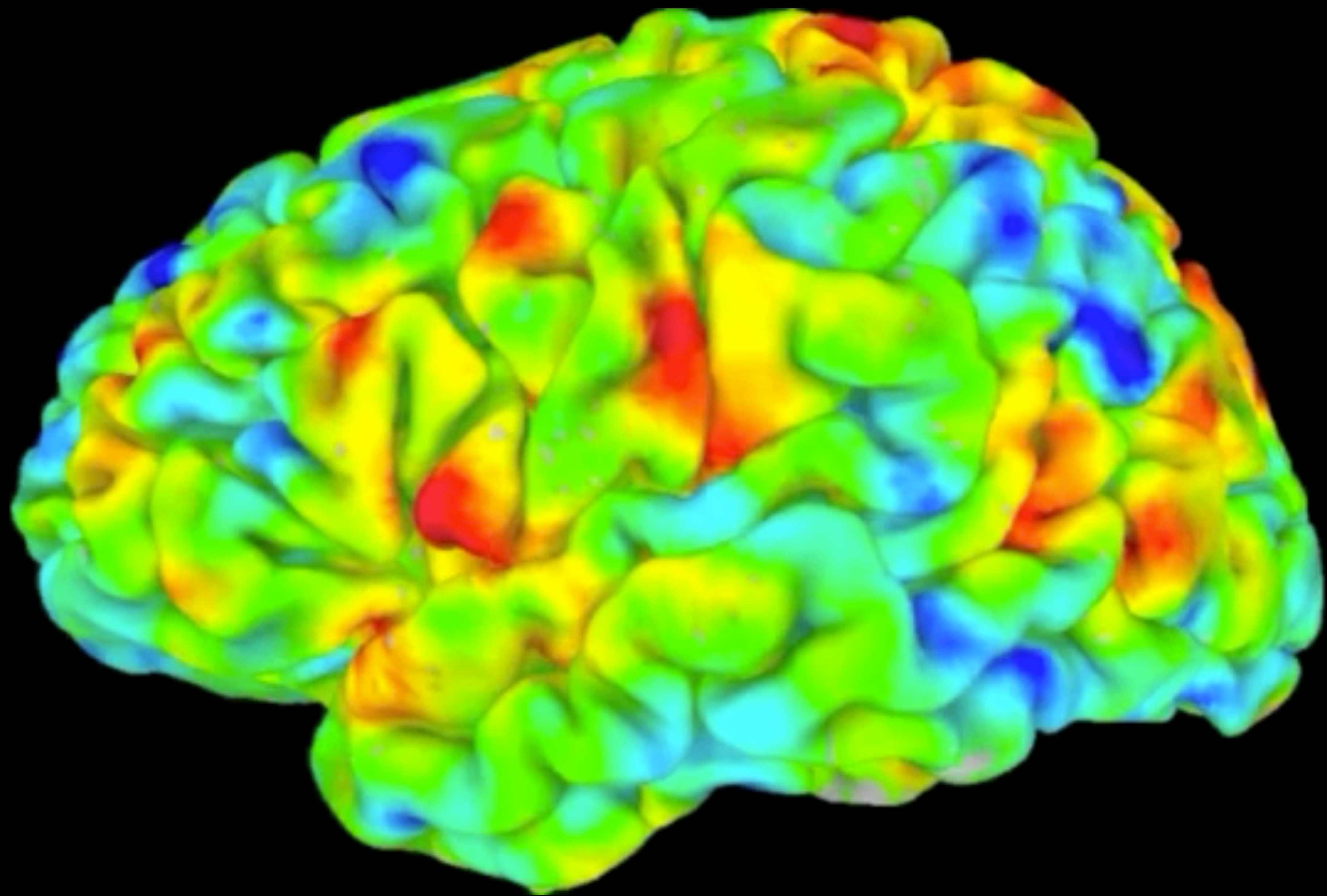


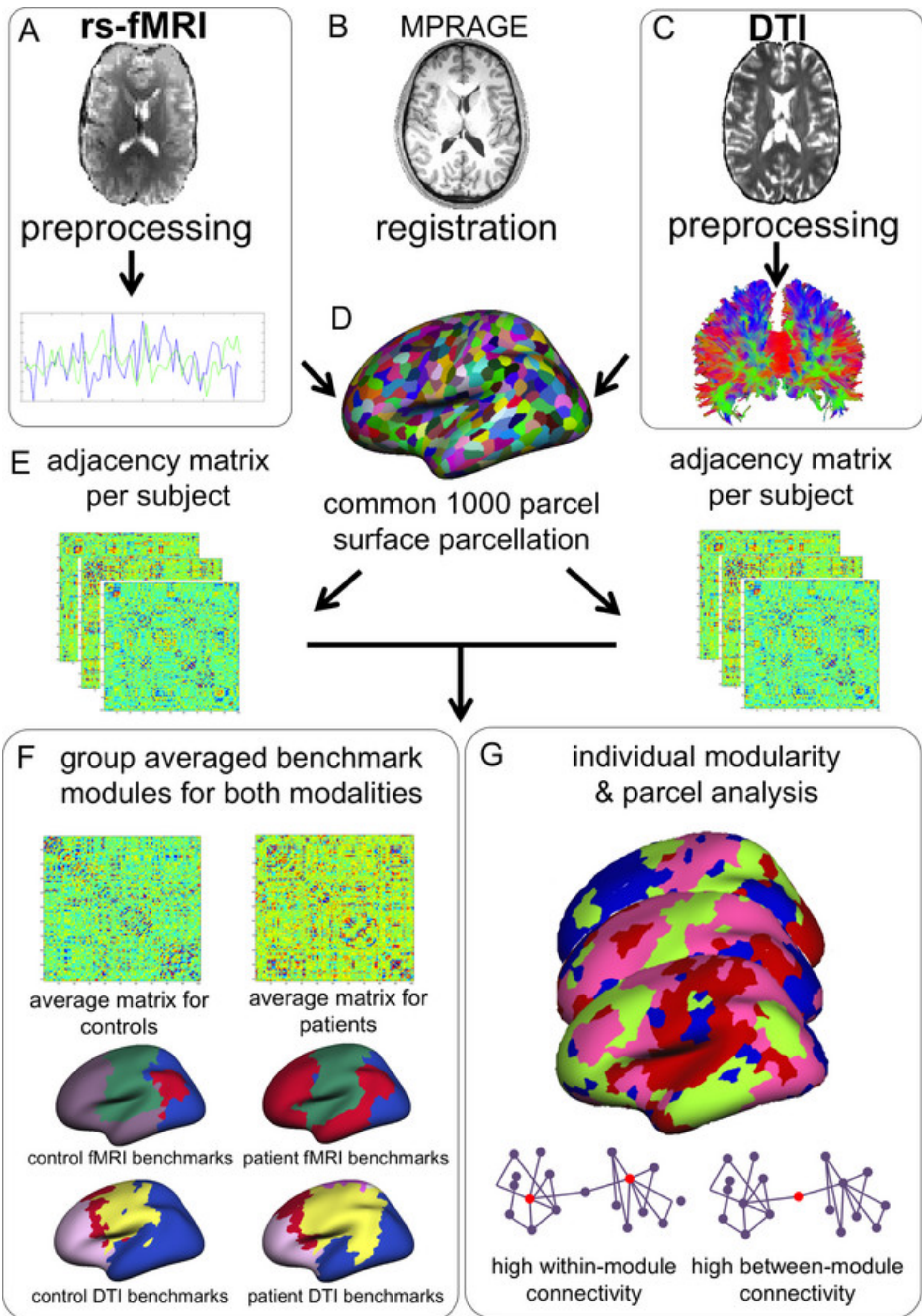
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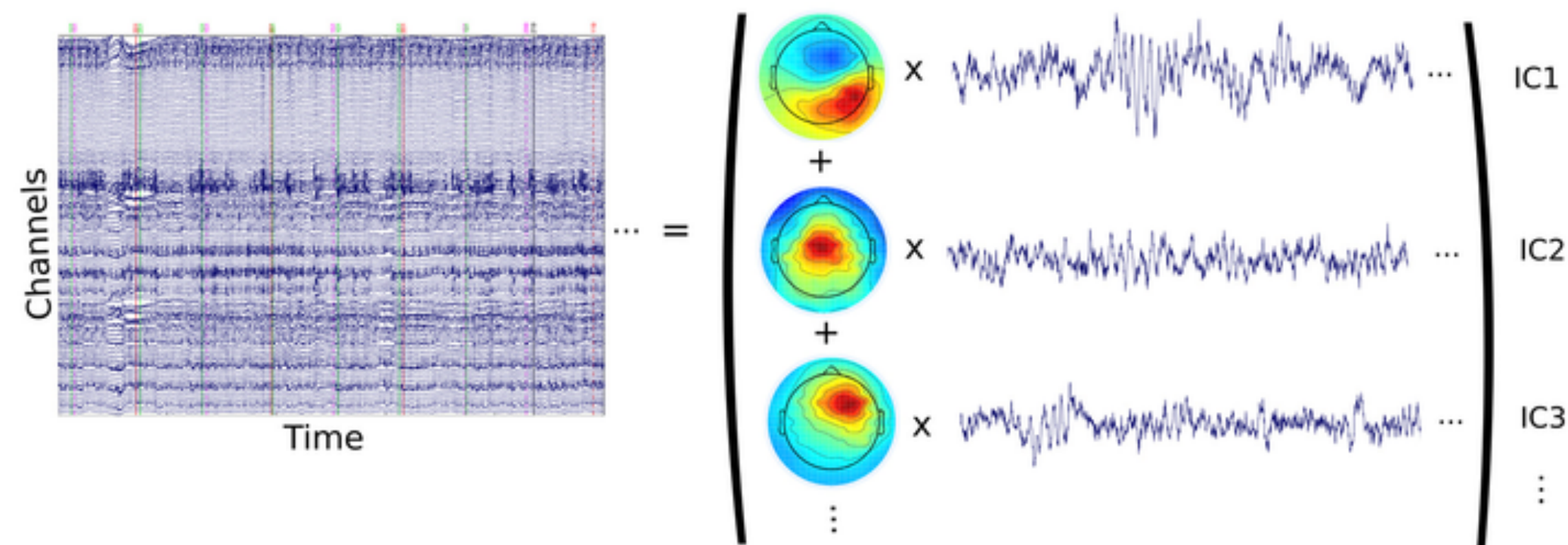
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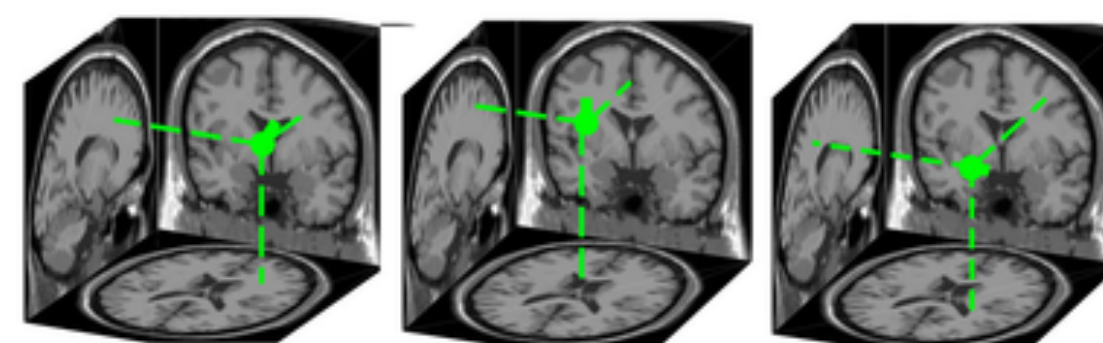




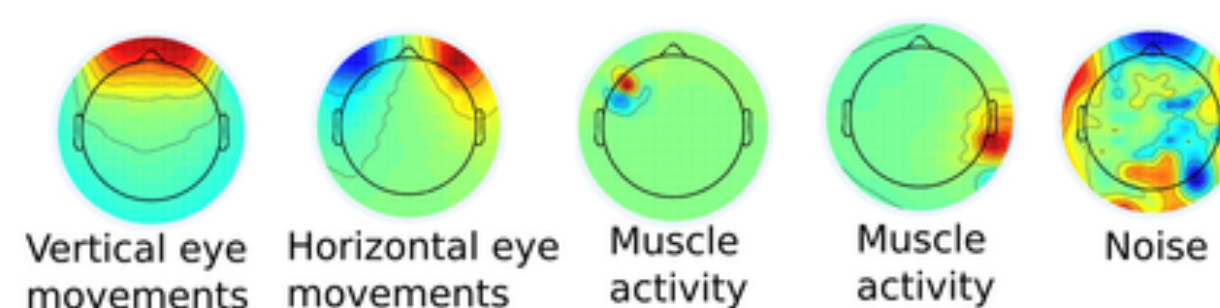
1. Decompose single-subject 108 channel EEG data with AMICA



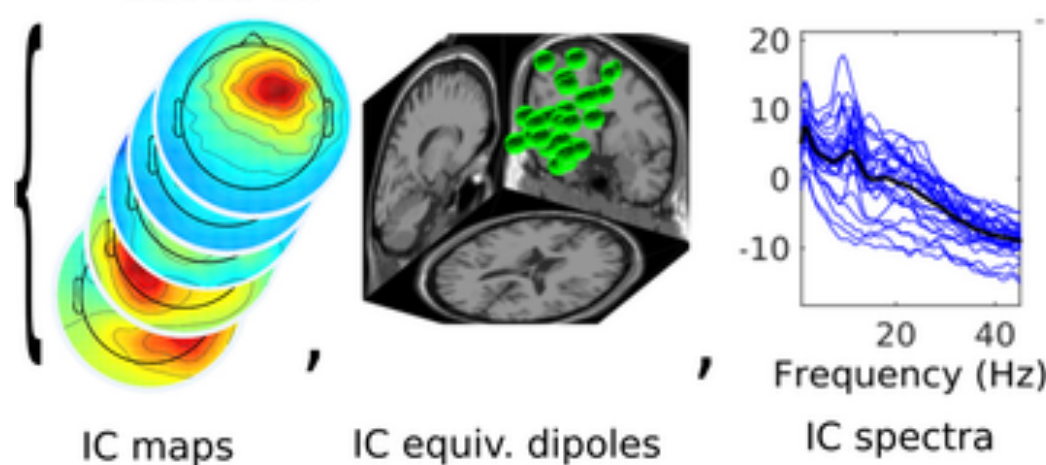
2. Estimate IC equivalent current dipole locations



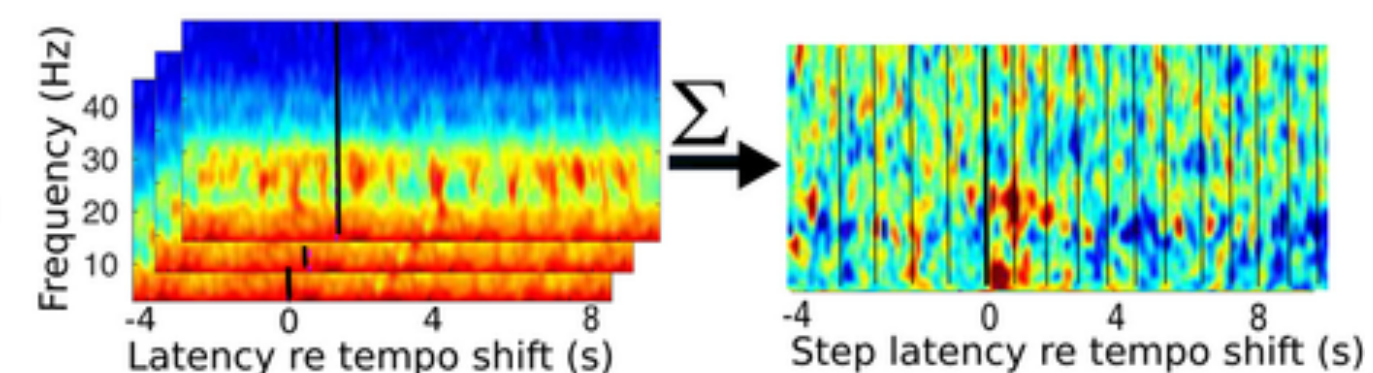
3. Identify & deselect non-brain artifact ICs



4. Cluster remaining brain ICs across subjects based on

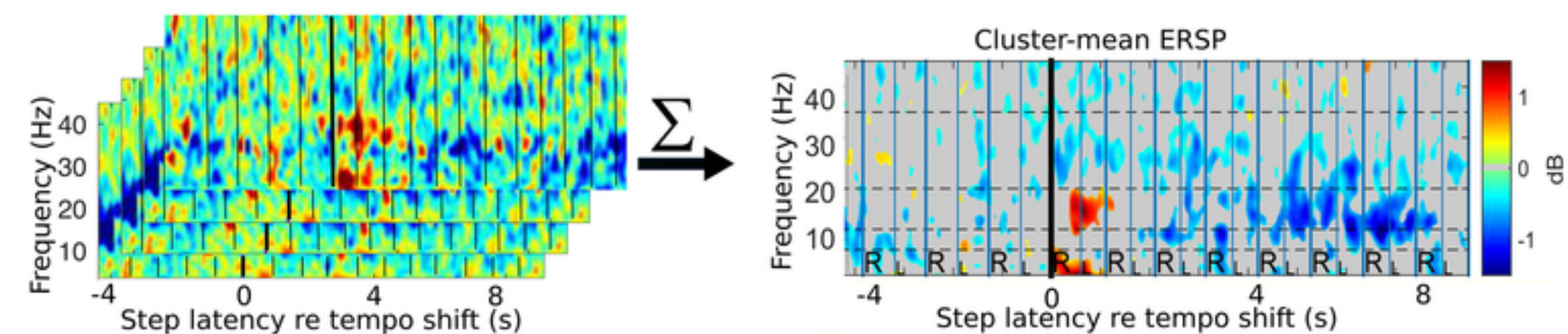


5. Compute single-IC ERSPs



For each IC: Time lock (and time warp) single-trial log spectrograms (left) to step heel strikes before and after the tempo shift; average these (right), subtract the mean log pre-shift spectrum.

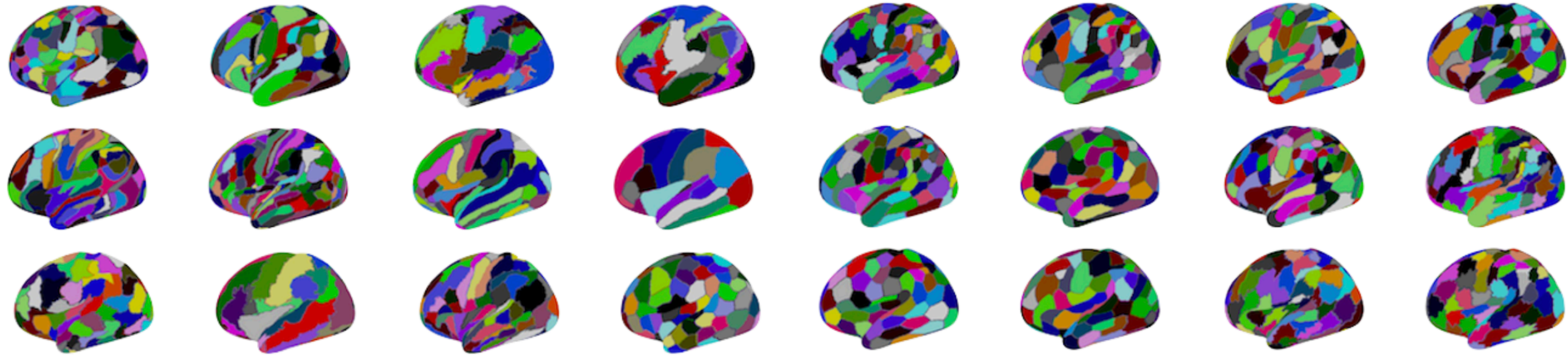
6. Compute IC-cluster mean ERSPs



For each IC-cluster: Average single IC-ERSPs for ICs in the cluster (left); compute cluster-mean ERSP significance level; mask non-significant regions in grey (right).

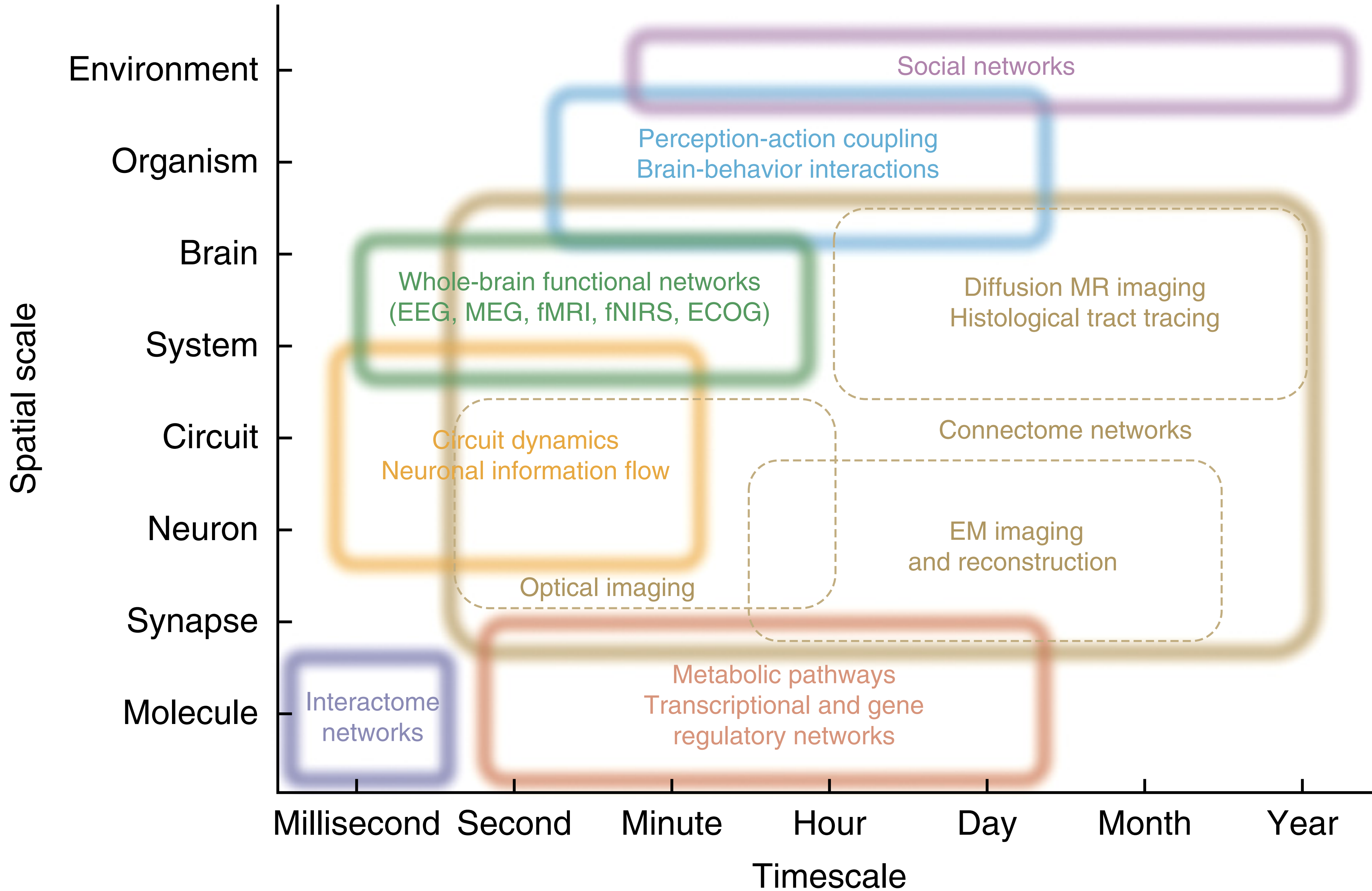
# Brain Parcellation Survey

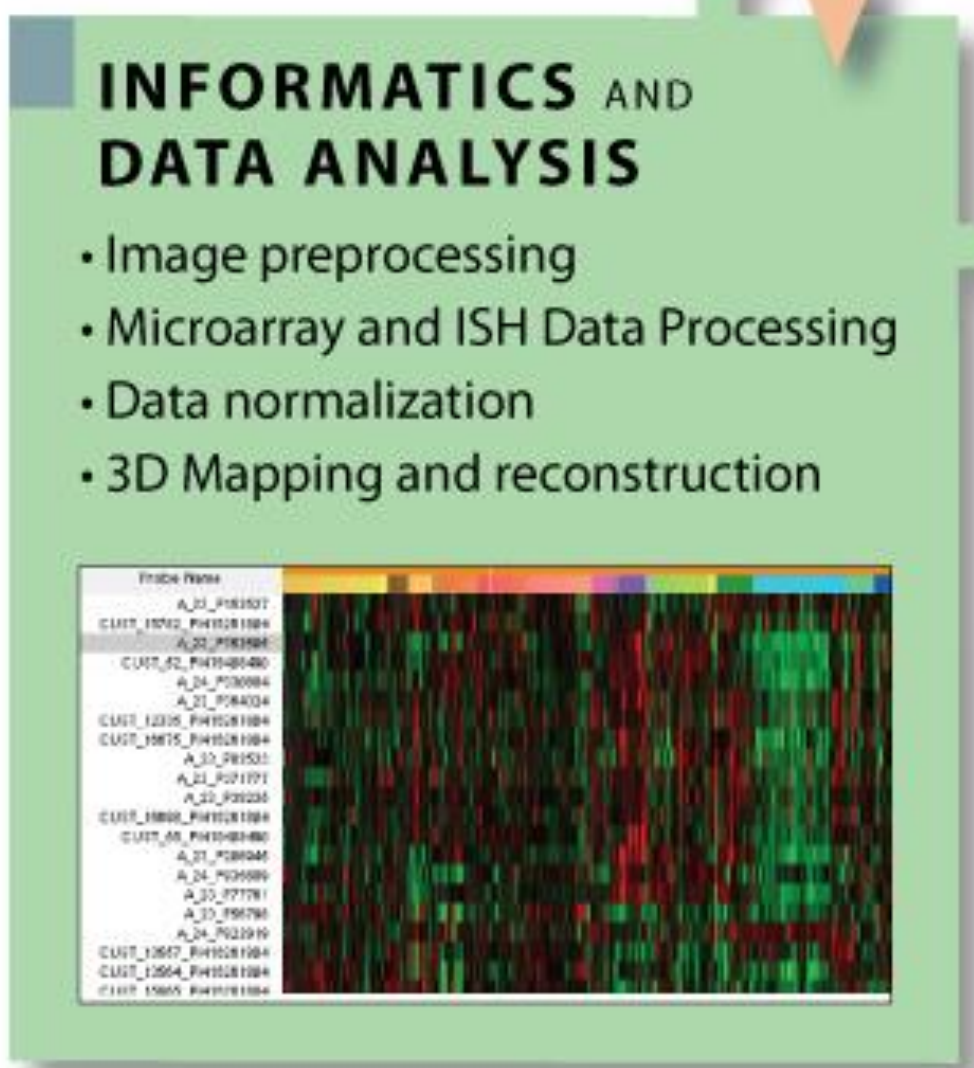
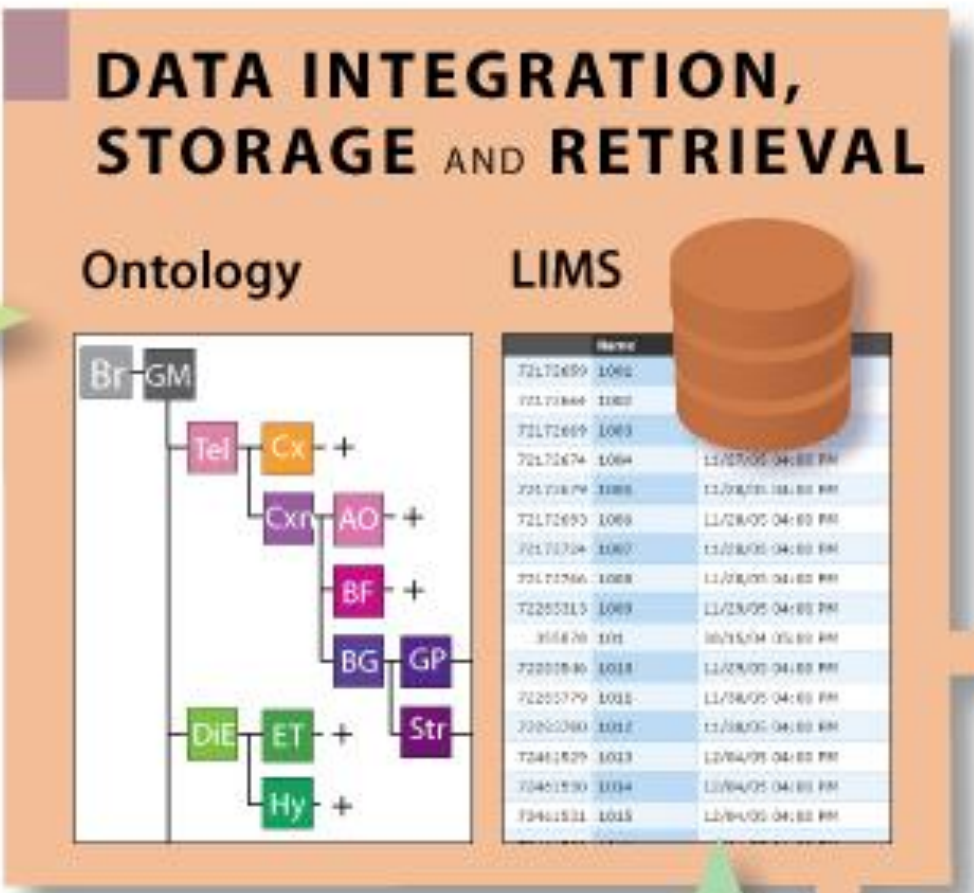
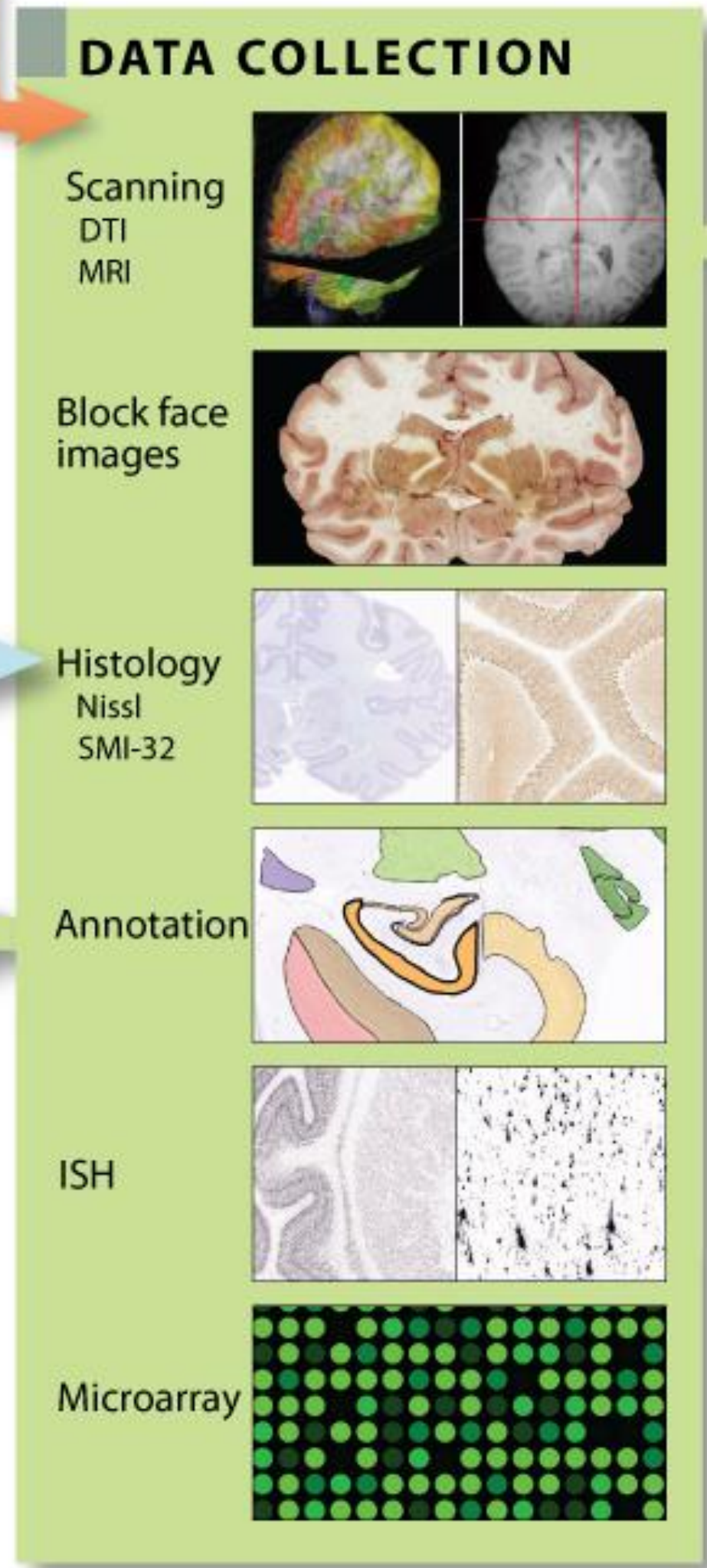
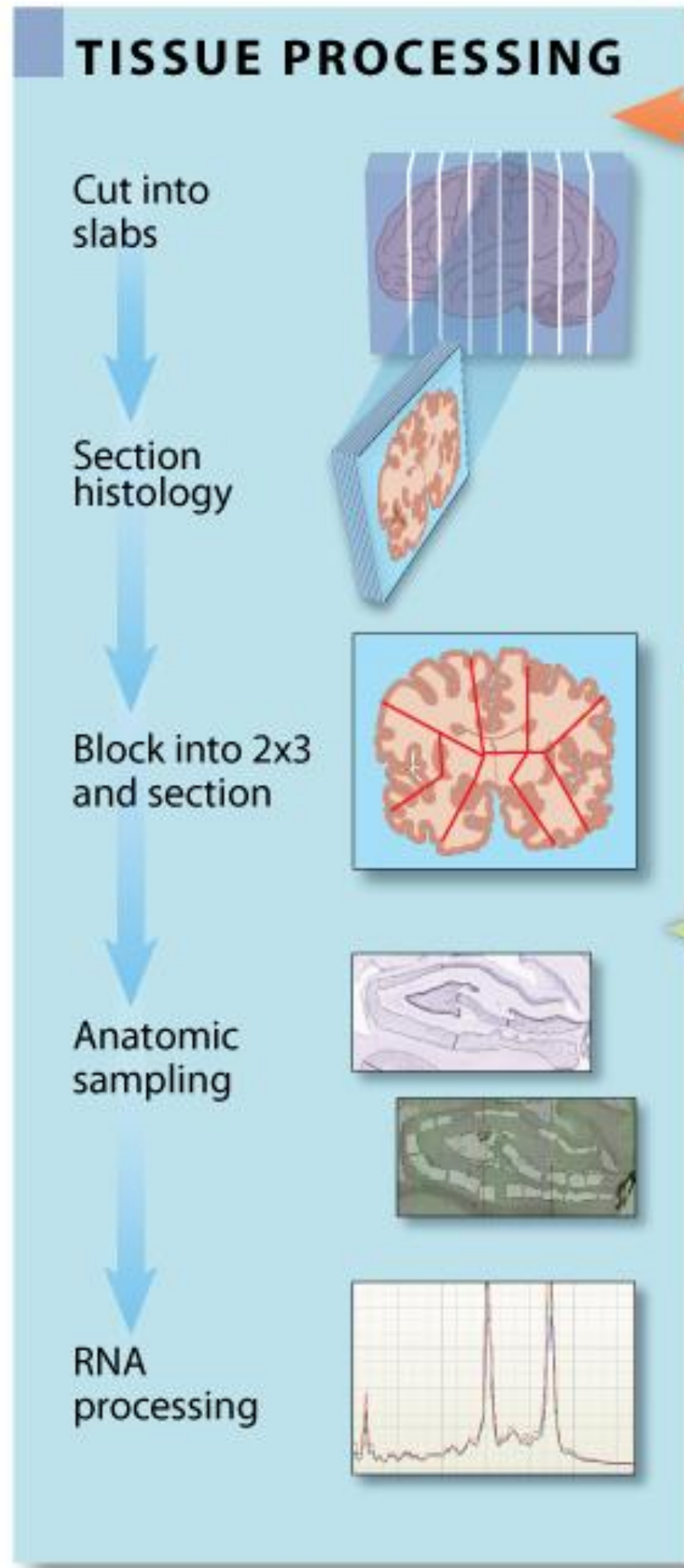
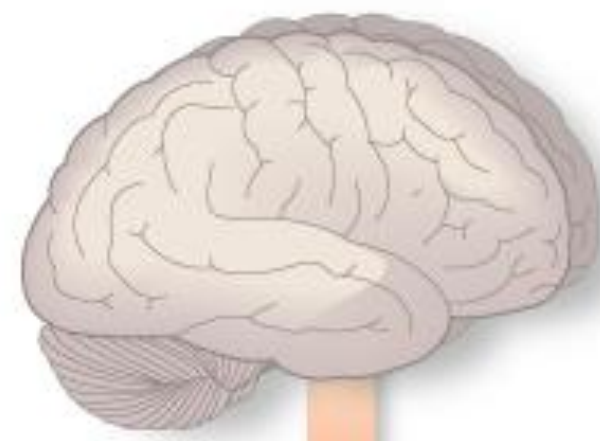
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“Using resting-state functional MRI (rs-fMRI) data and several quantitative evaluation techniques, **10 subject-level and 24 groupwise parcellation methods** are evaluated at different resolutions. The accuracy of parcellations is assessed from four different aspects: (1) reproducibility across different acquisitions and groups, (2) fidelity to the underlying connectivity data, (3) agreement with fMRI task activation, myelin maps, and cytoarchitectural areas, and (4) network analysis.”

**Parcellations are SMALL!**





## ALLEN HUMAN BRAIN ATLAS

Data Access • Visualization • Mining

### SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY

- Gene
- Structure
- Neuroblast- correlation search

- Histology - Nissl, SMI-32, ISH, LCM
- Heat Maps, MRI, DTI,
- Raw Data Download

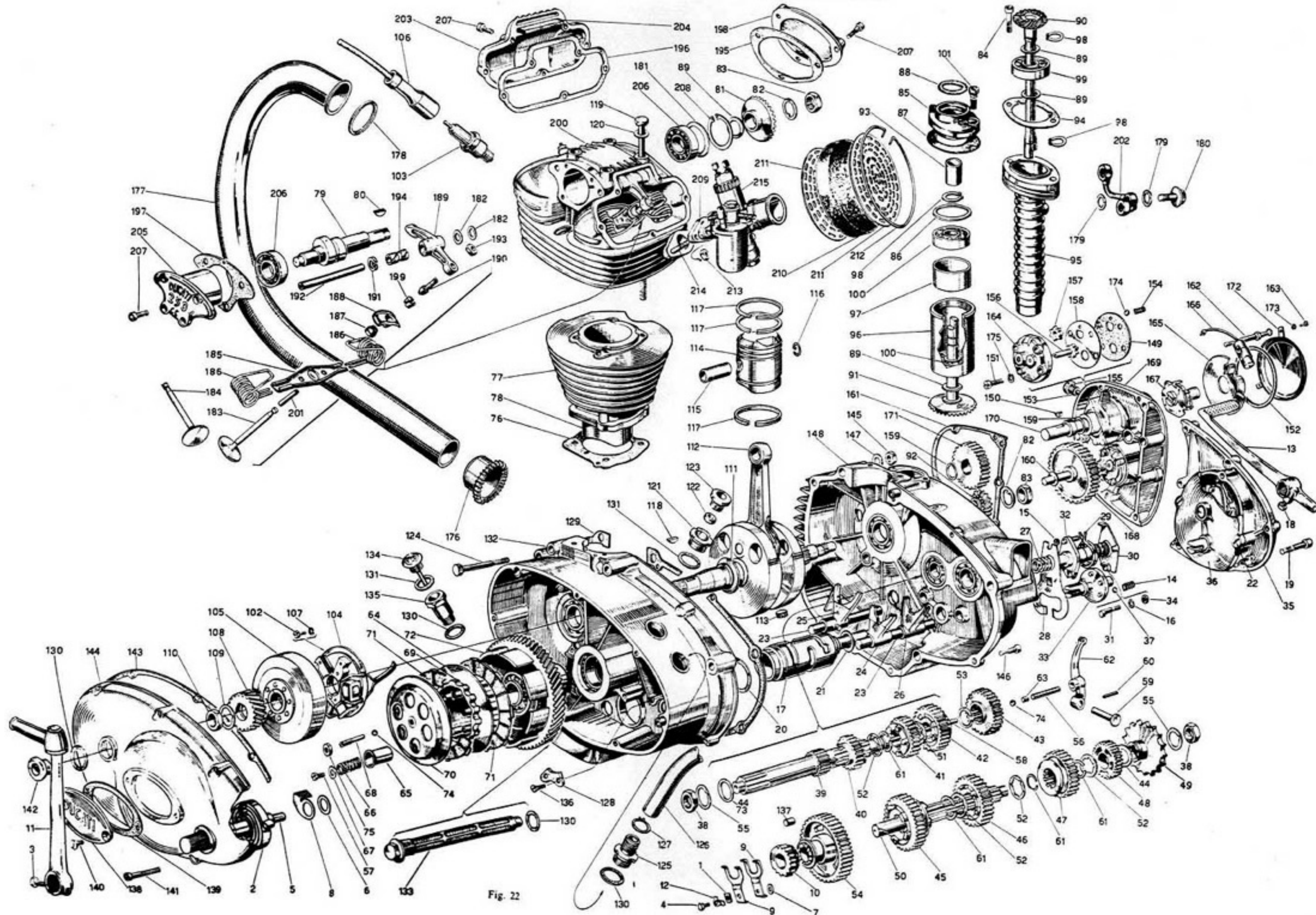
### 3D Brain Explorer

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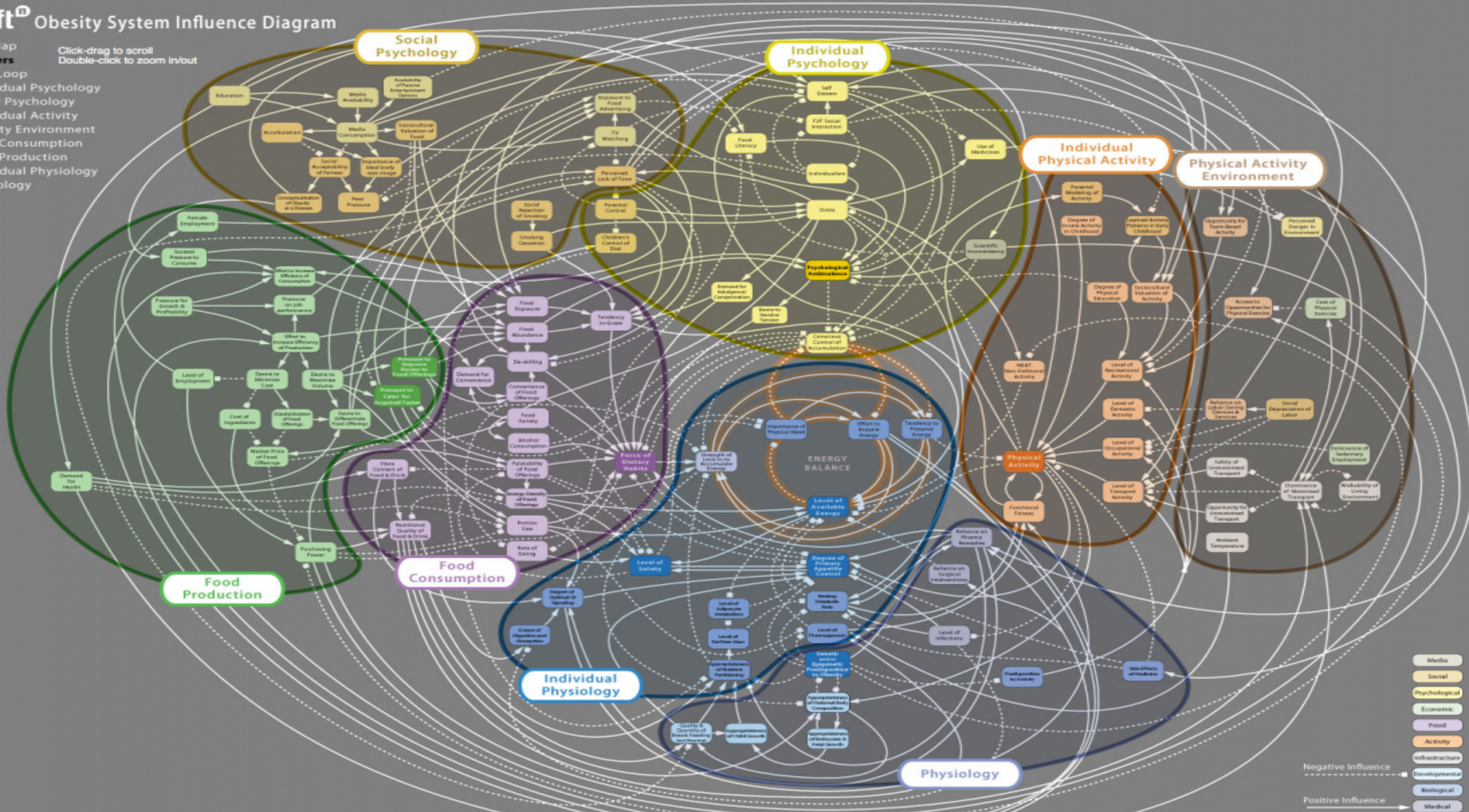


complexity: *not* like this



# shift<sup>D</sup> Obesity System Influence Diagram

- Full Map  
Click-drag to scroll  
Double-click to zoom in/out
- Clusters**
- Core Loop
  - Individual Psychology
  - Social Psychology
  - Individual Activity
  - Activity Environment
  - Food Consumption
  - Food Production
  - Individual Physiology
  - Physiology







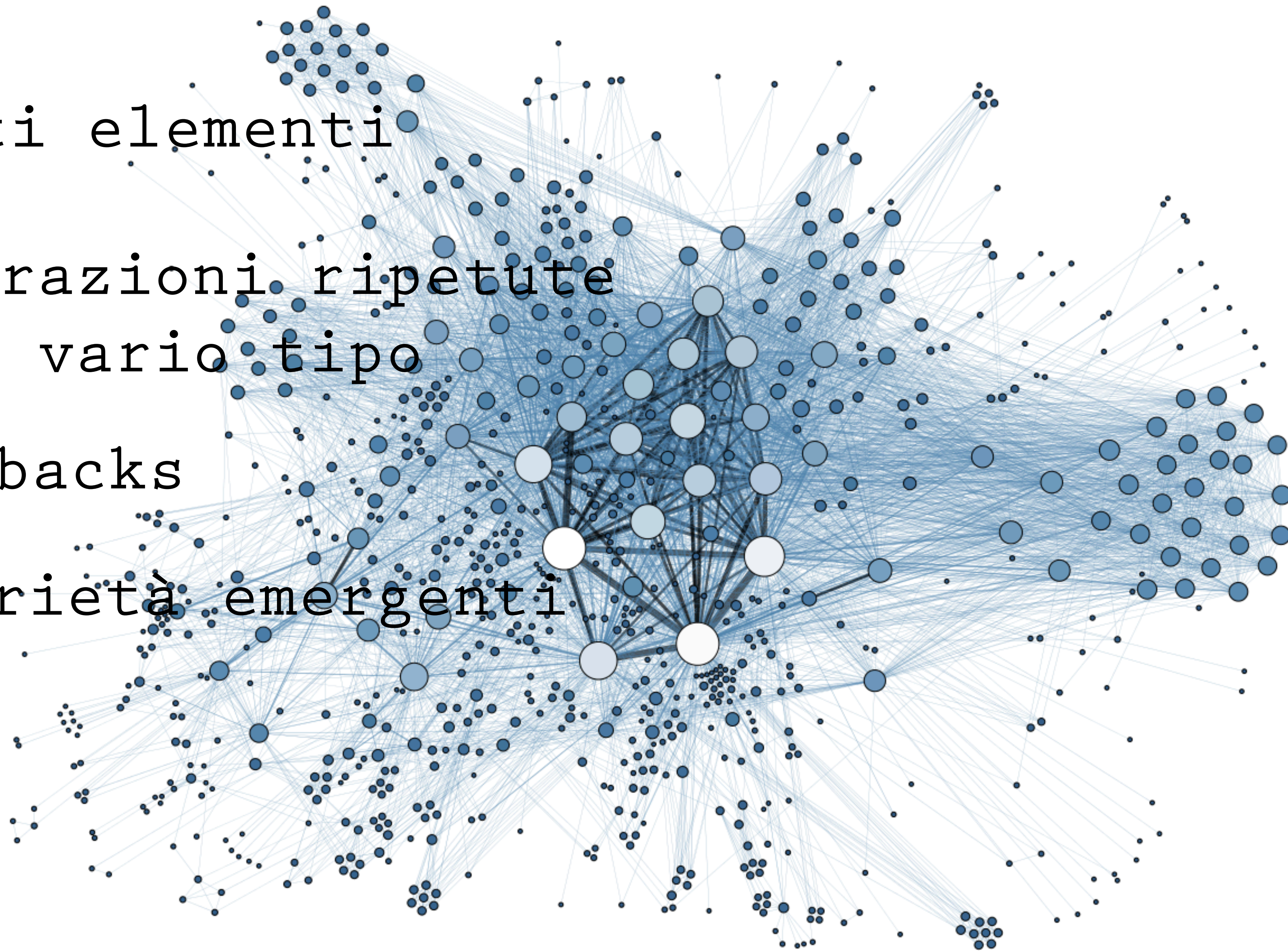


Molti elementi

Interazioni ripetute  
e di vario tipo

Feedbacks

Proprietà emergenti





LE FILM DE  
**PATHÉ**



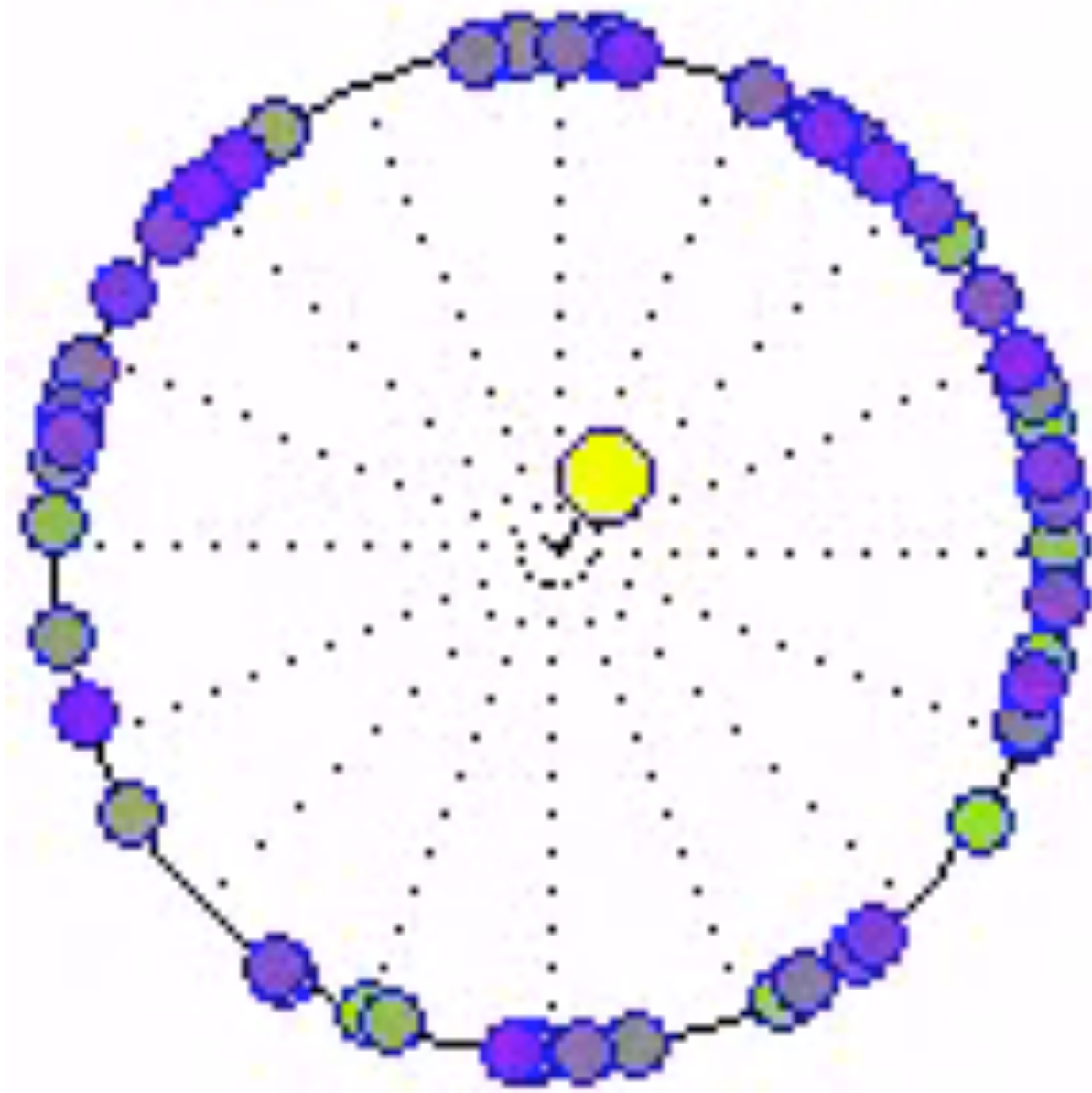
Pino

$$\dot{\Theta}_i = \omega + A_{ij} \sin(\Theta_i - \Theta_j)$$

Gino

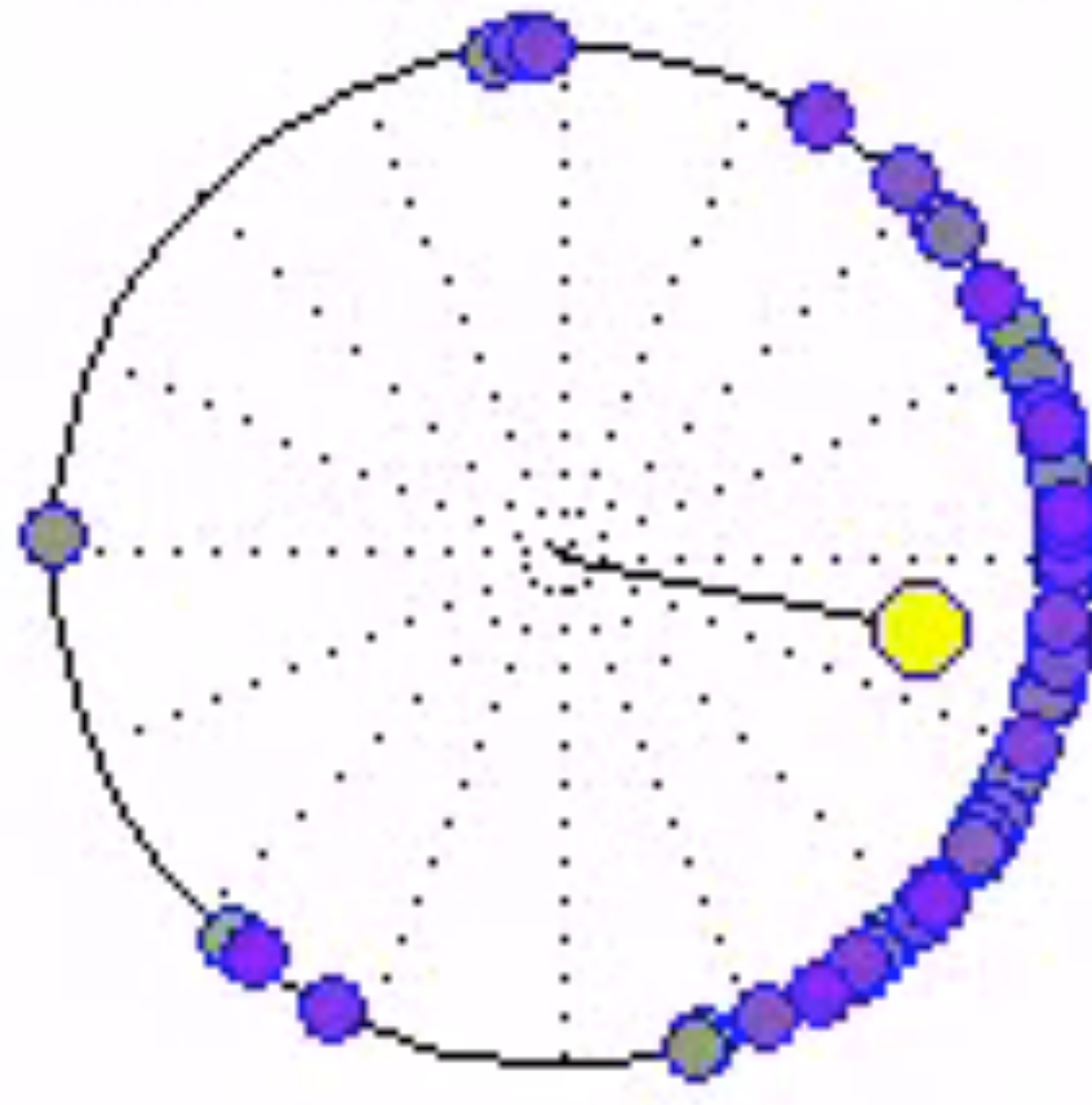


**Nil Phase-Locking**



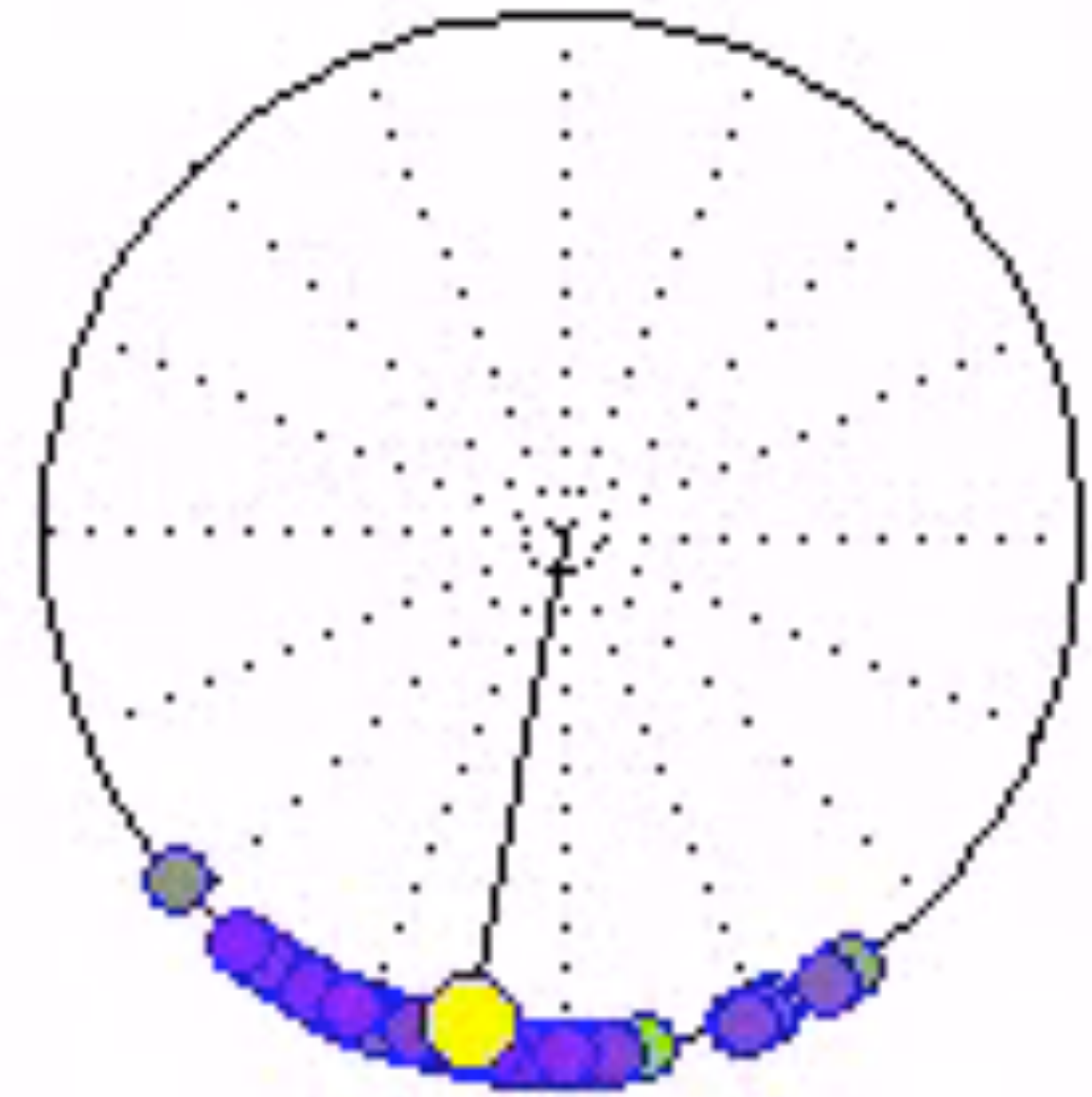
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**Partial Phase-Locking**



$K=6$

**Full Phase-Locking**

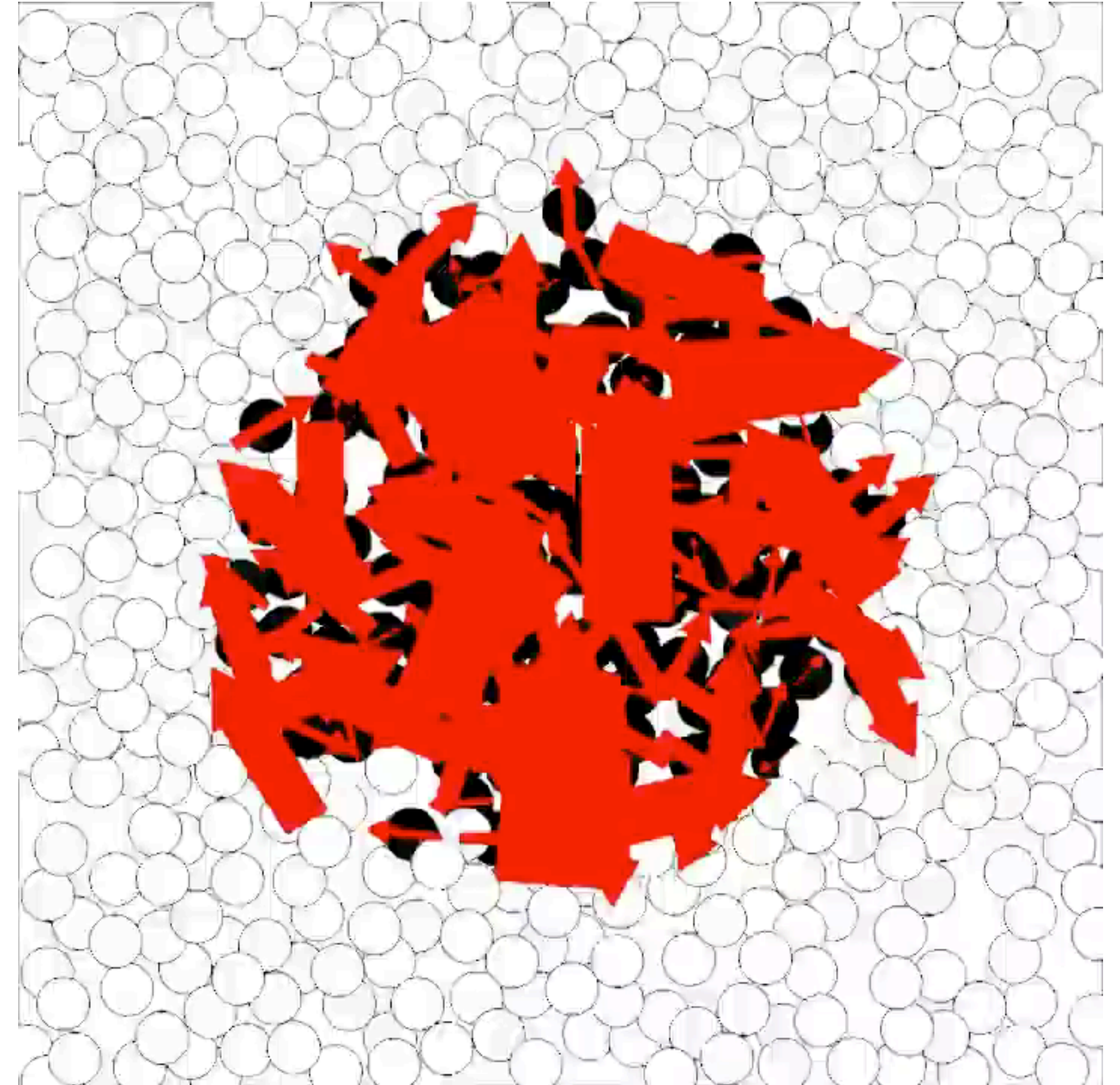
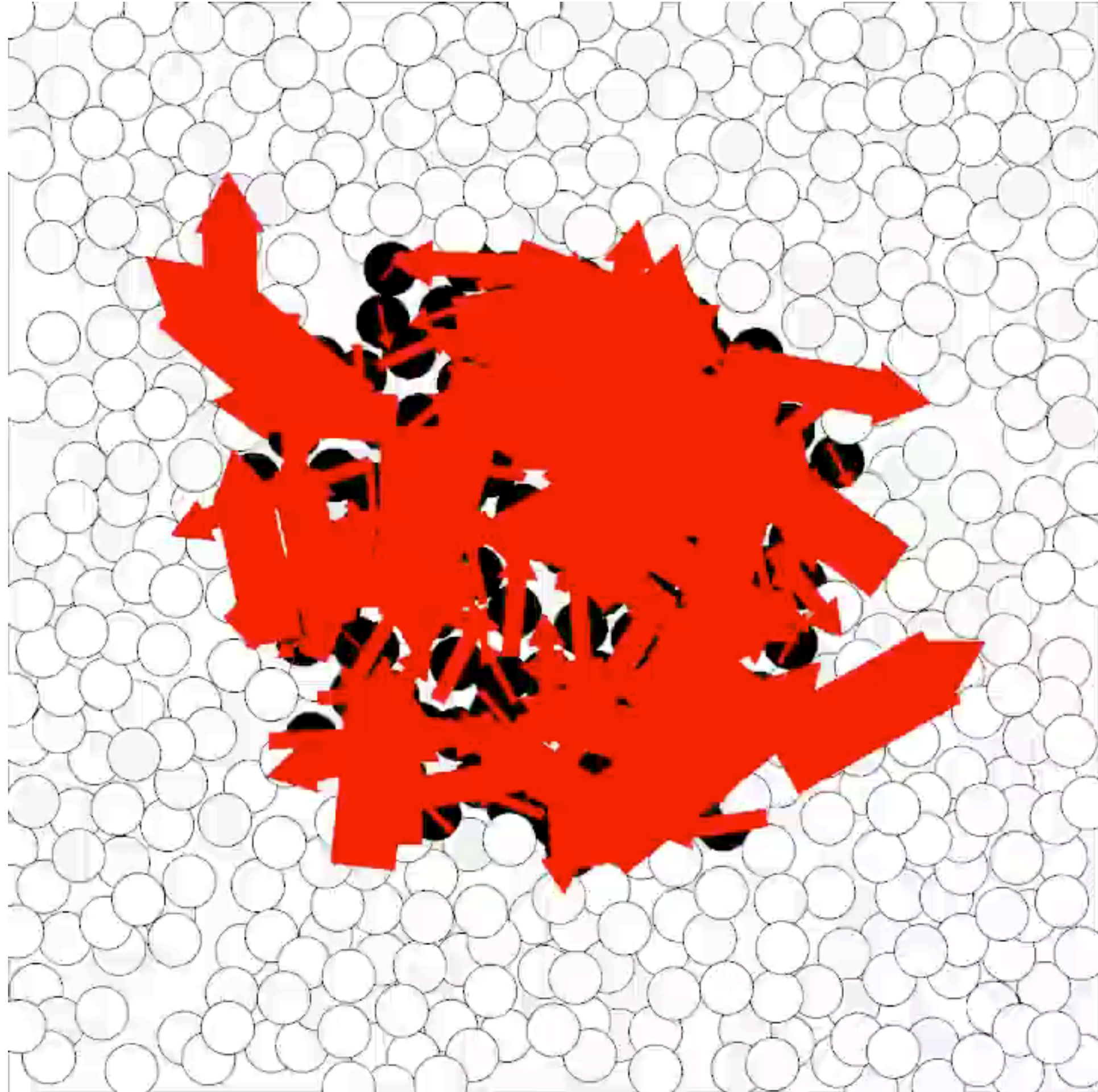


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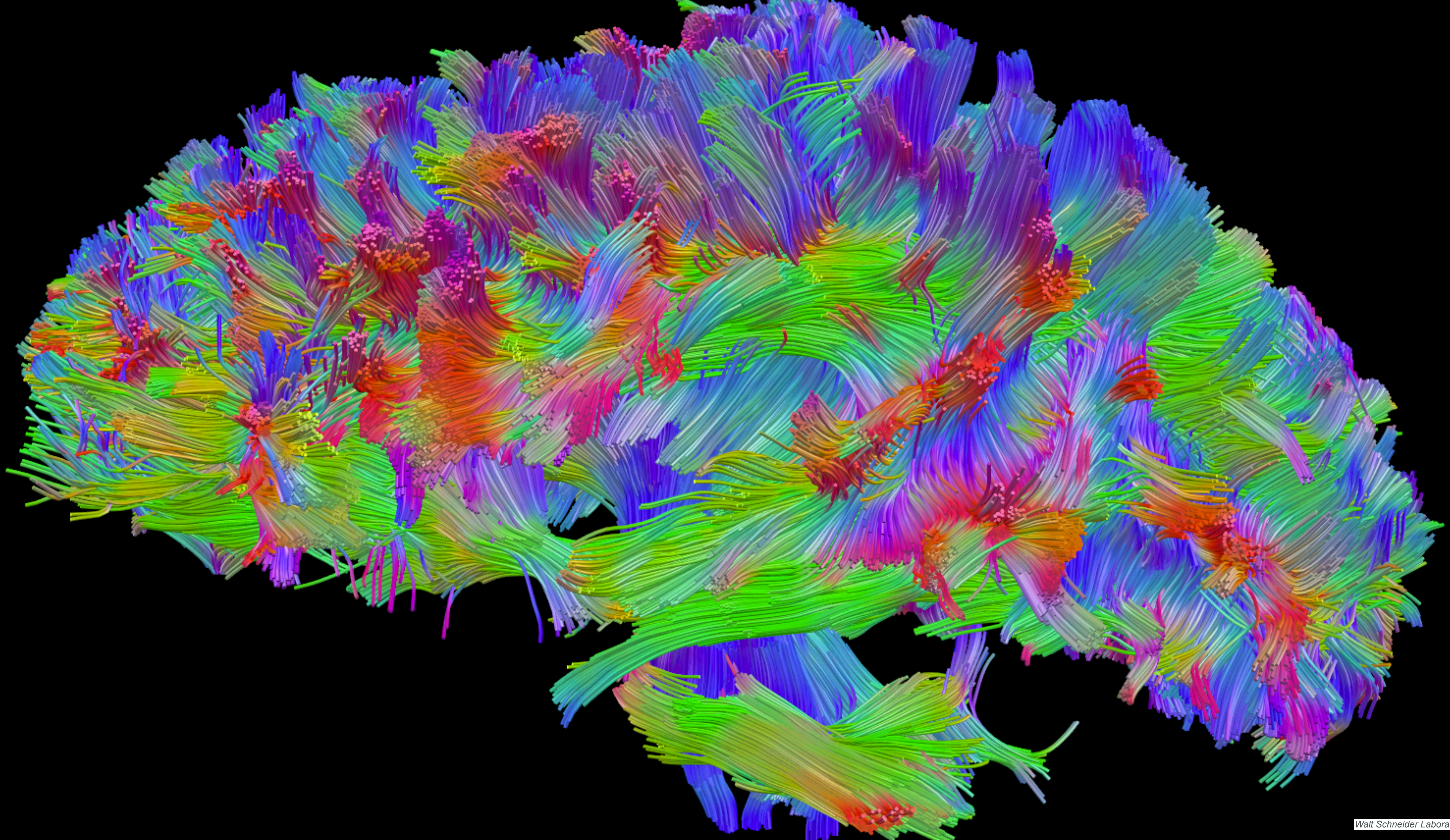
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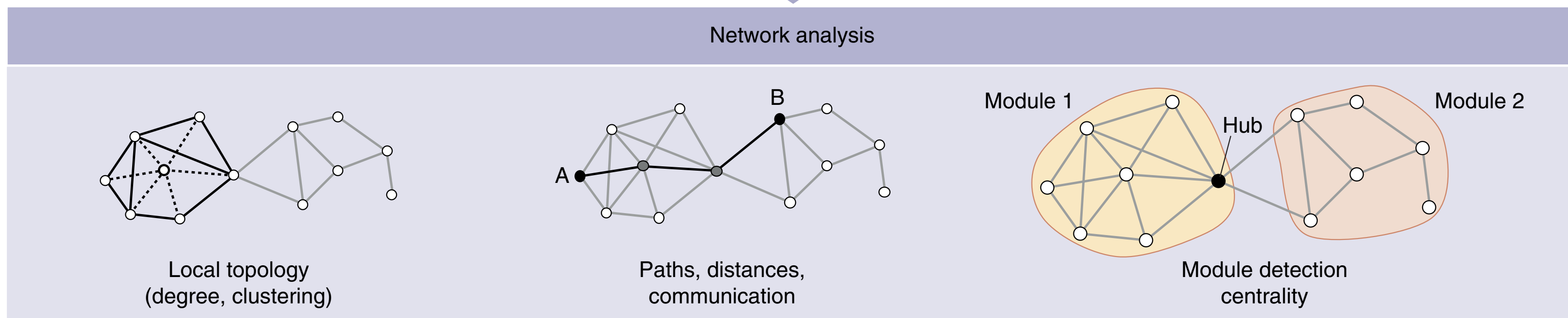
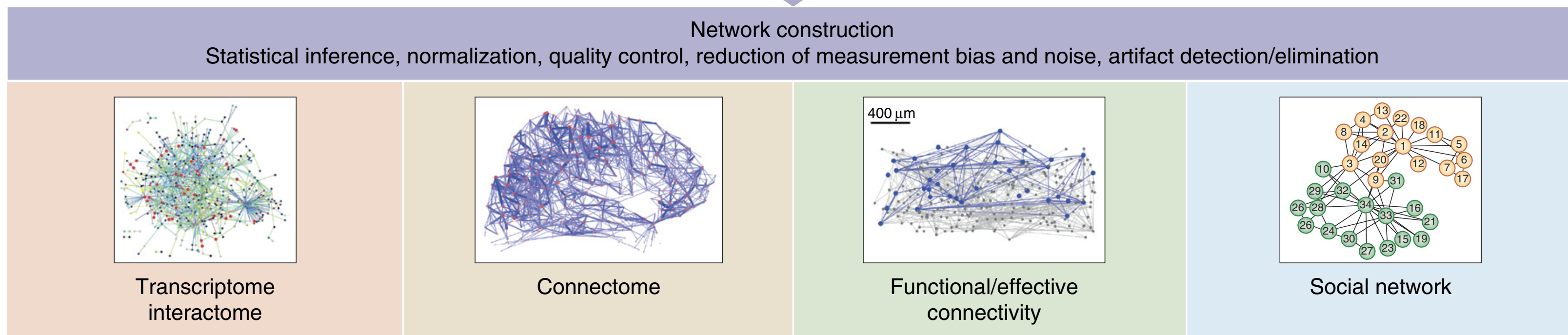
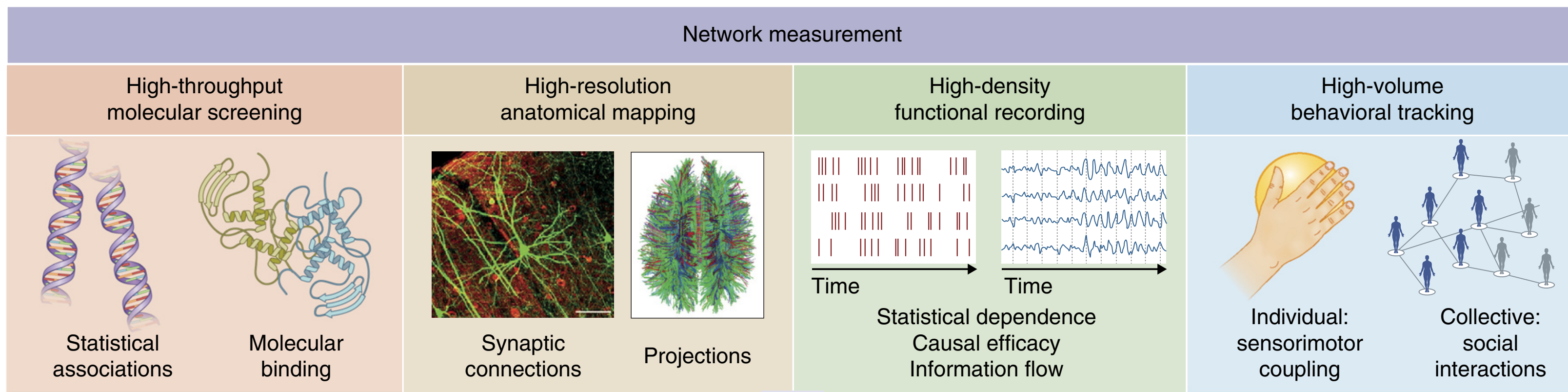








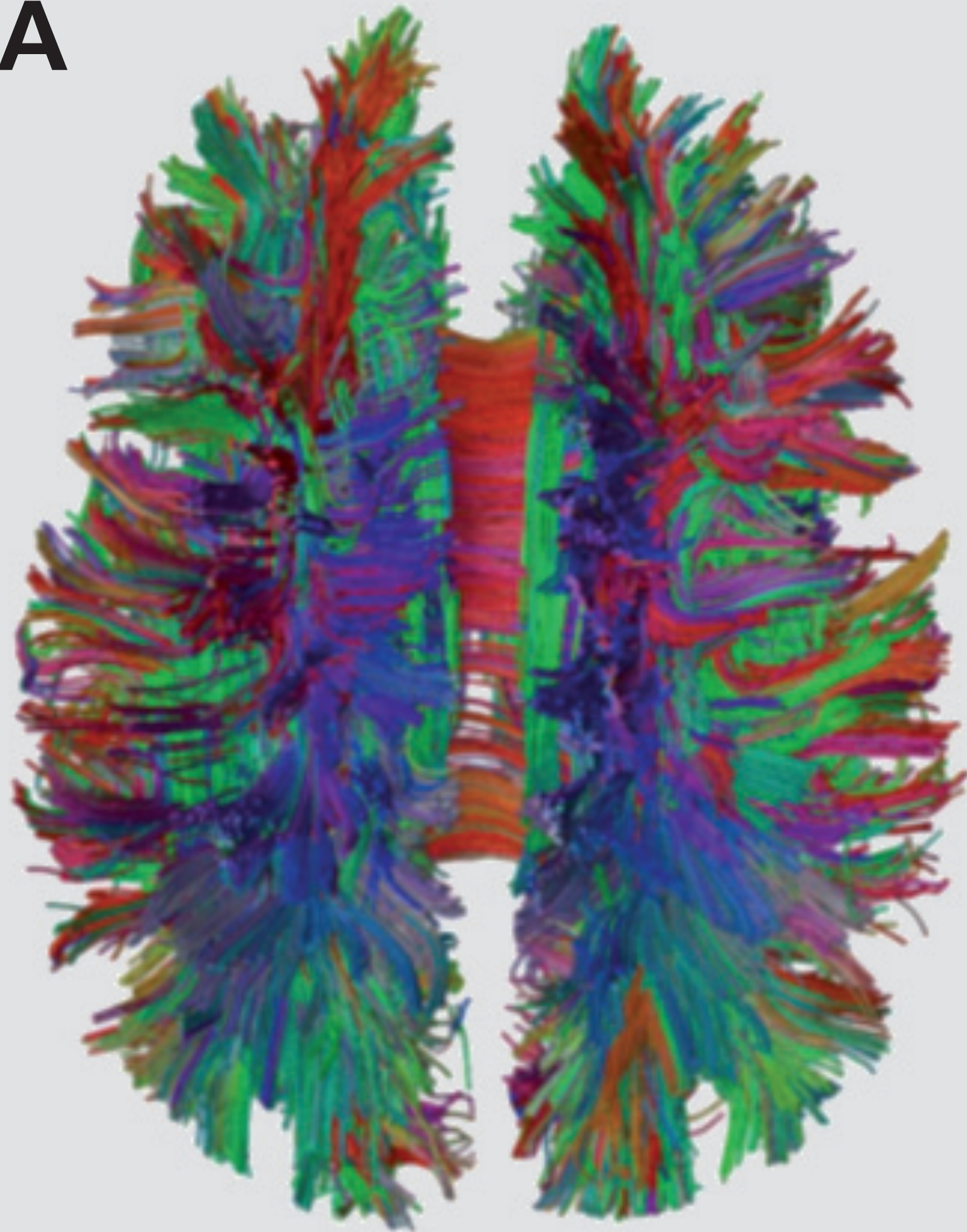
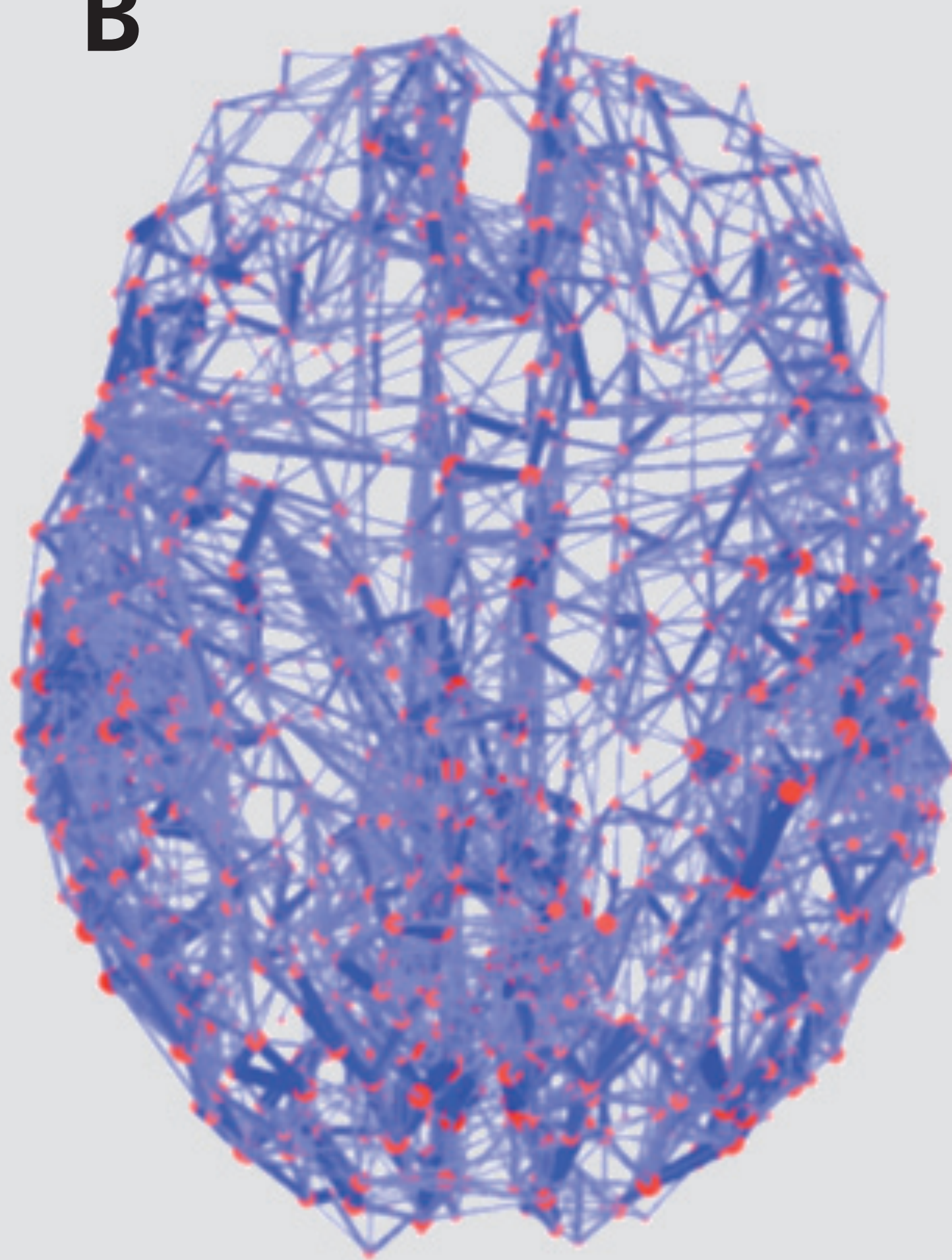
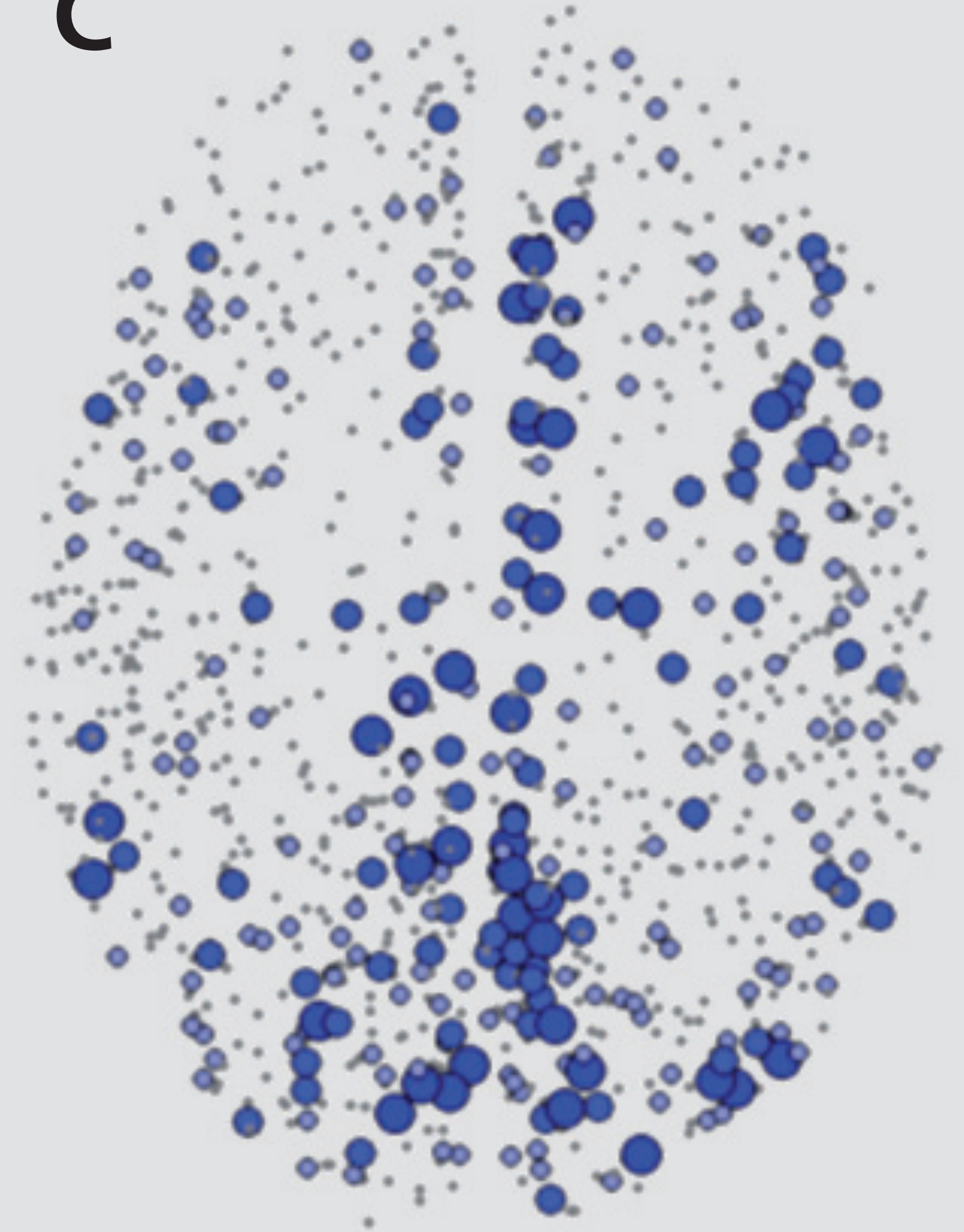


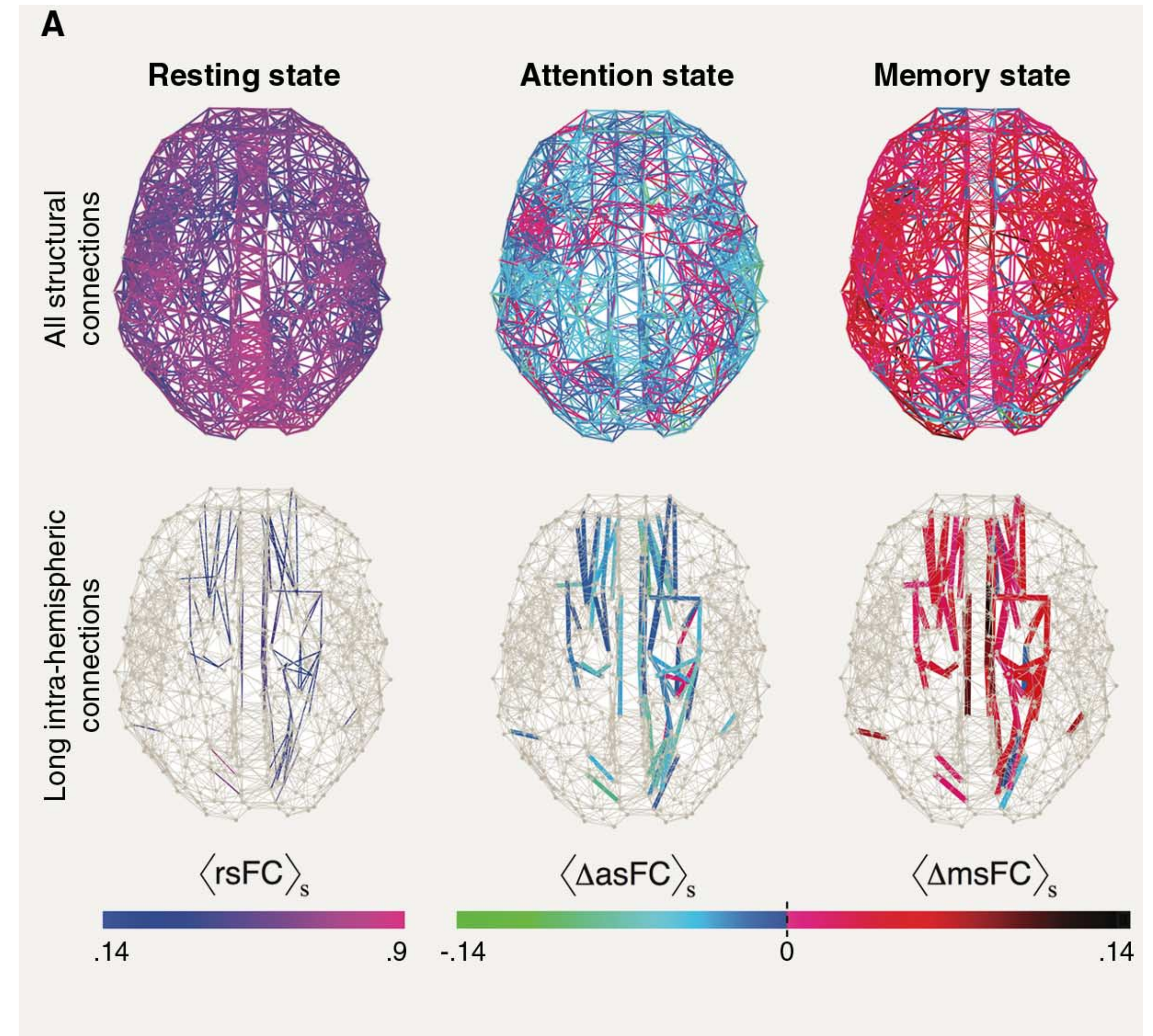
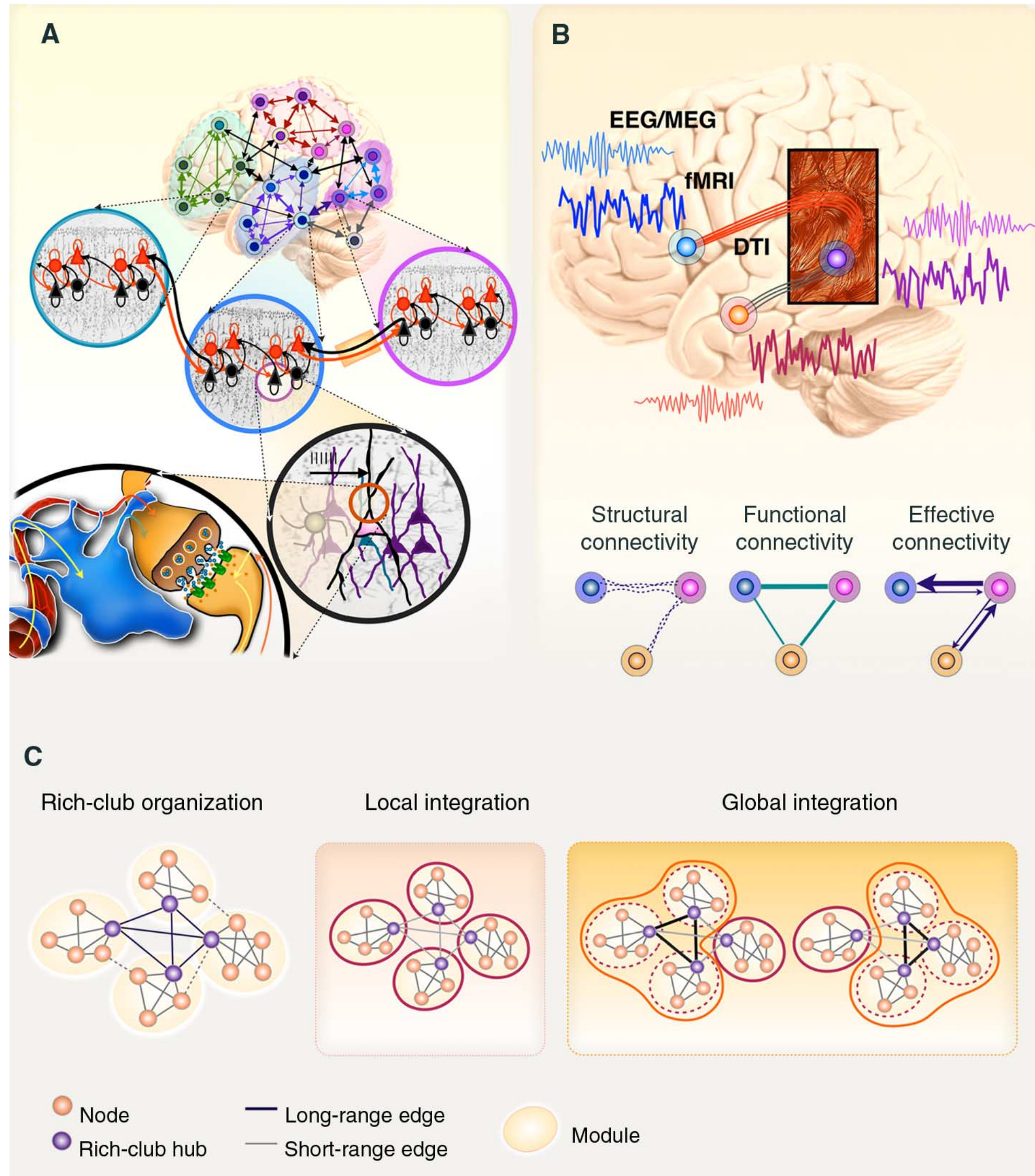


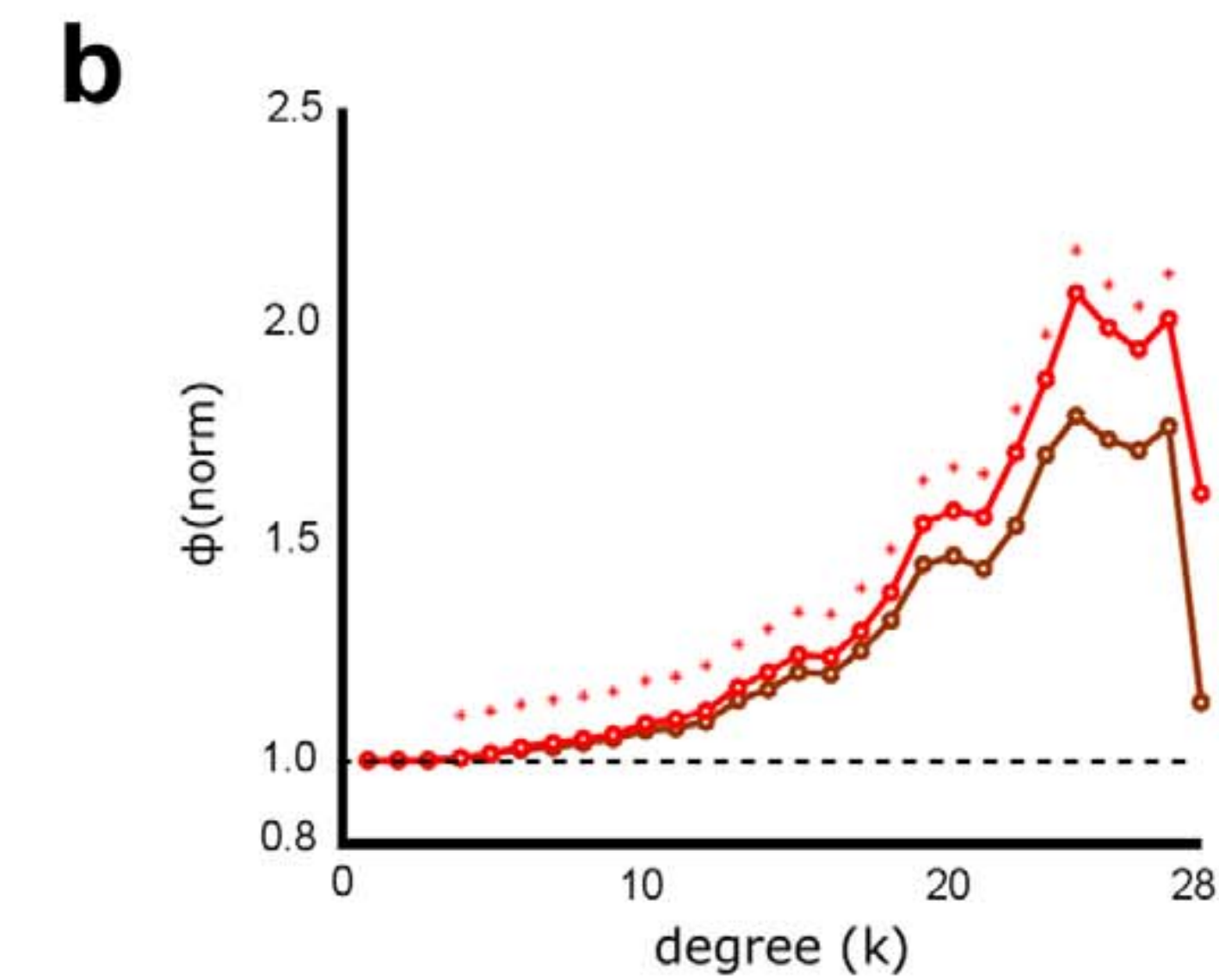
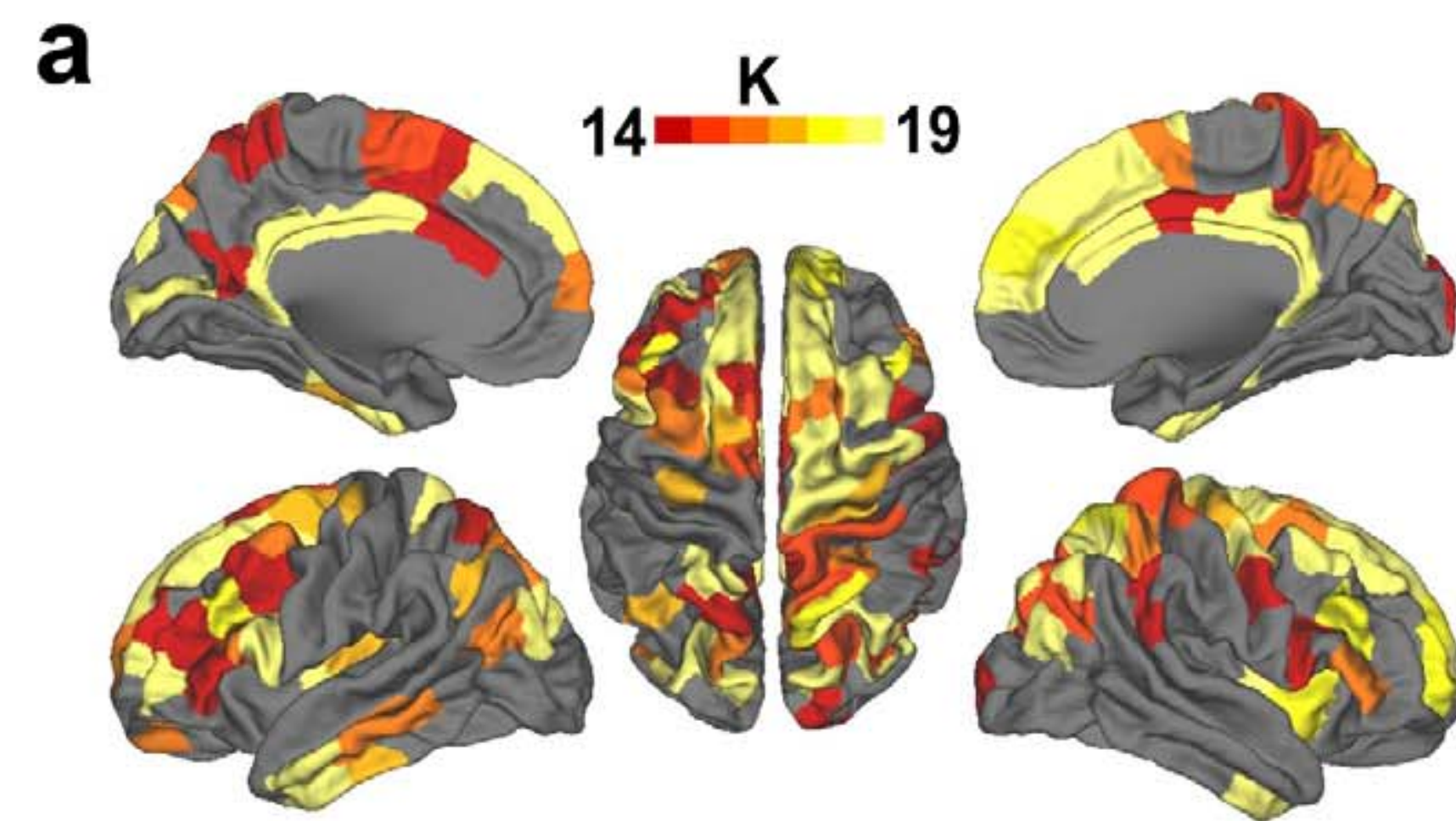
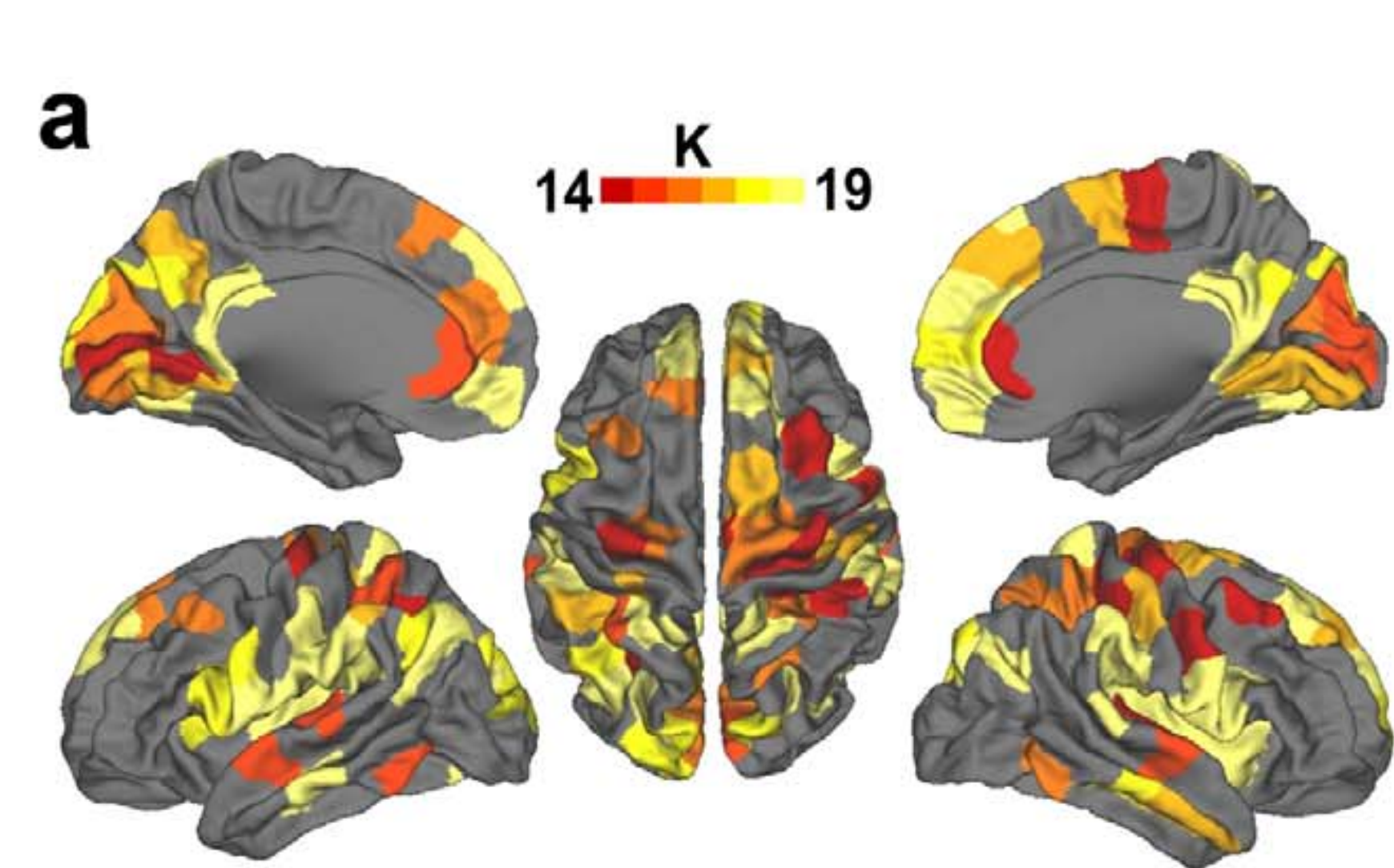
Data sharing and deposition in bio/neuroinformatics data banks, visualization, computer simulation and integrative modeling, experimental validation, refinement of measurement and analysis techniques

**OK, so what?**

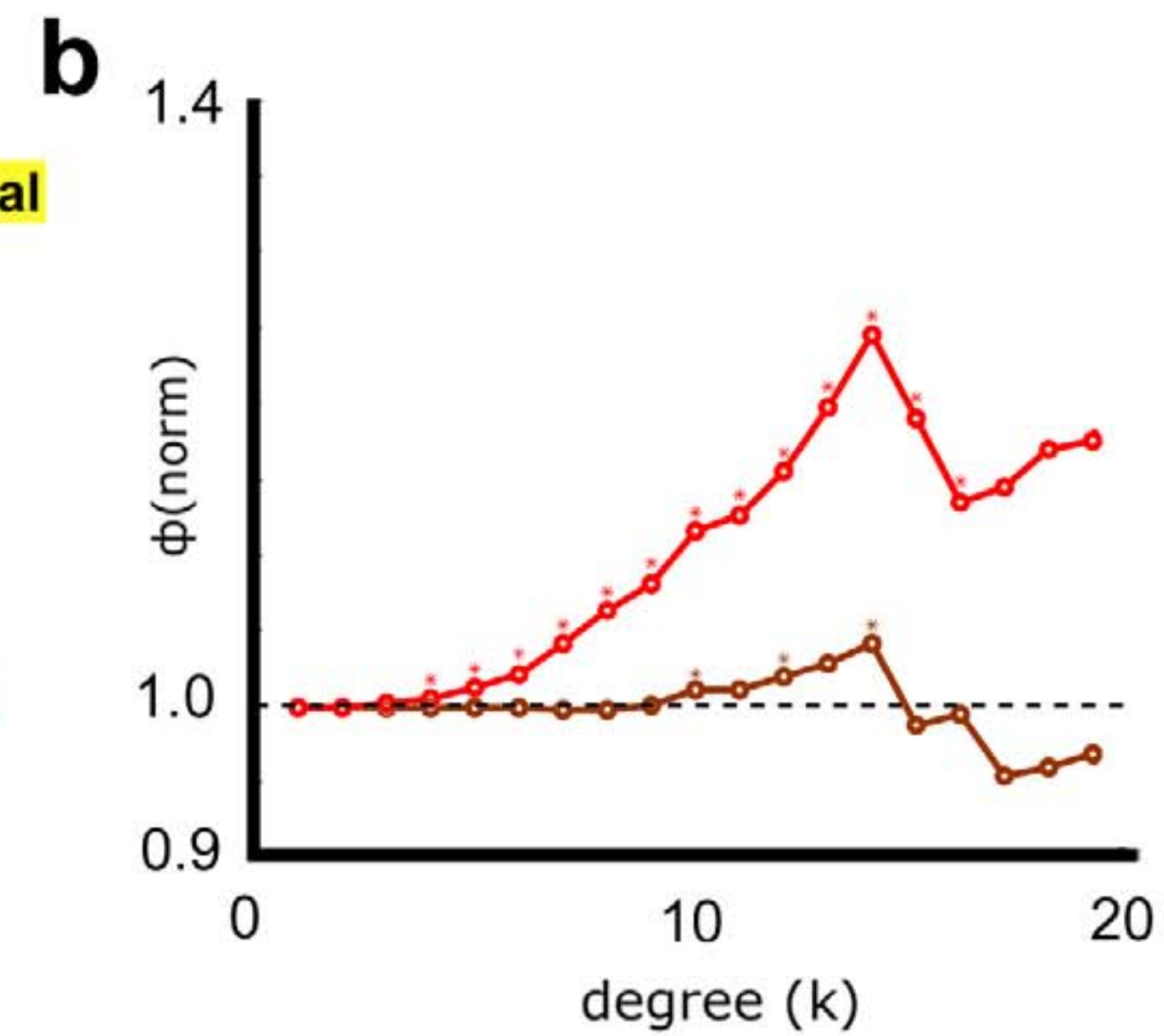
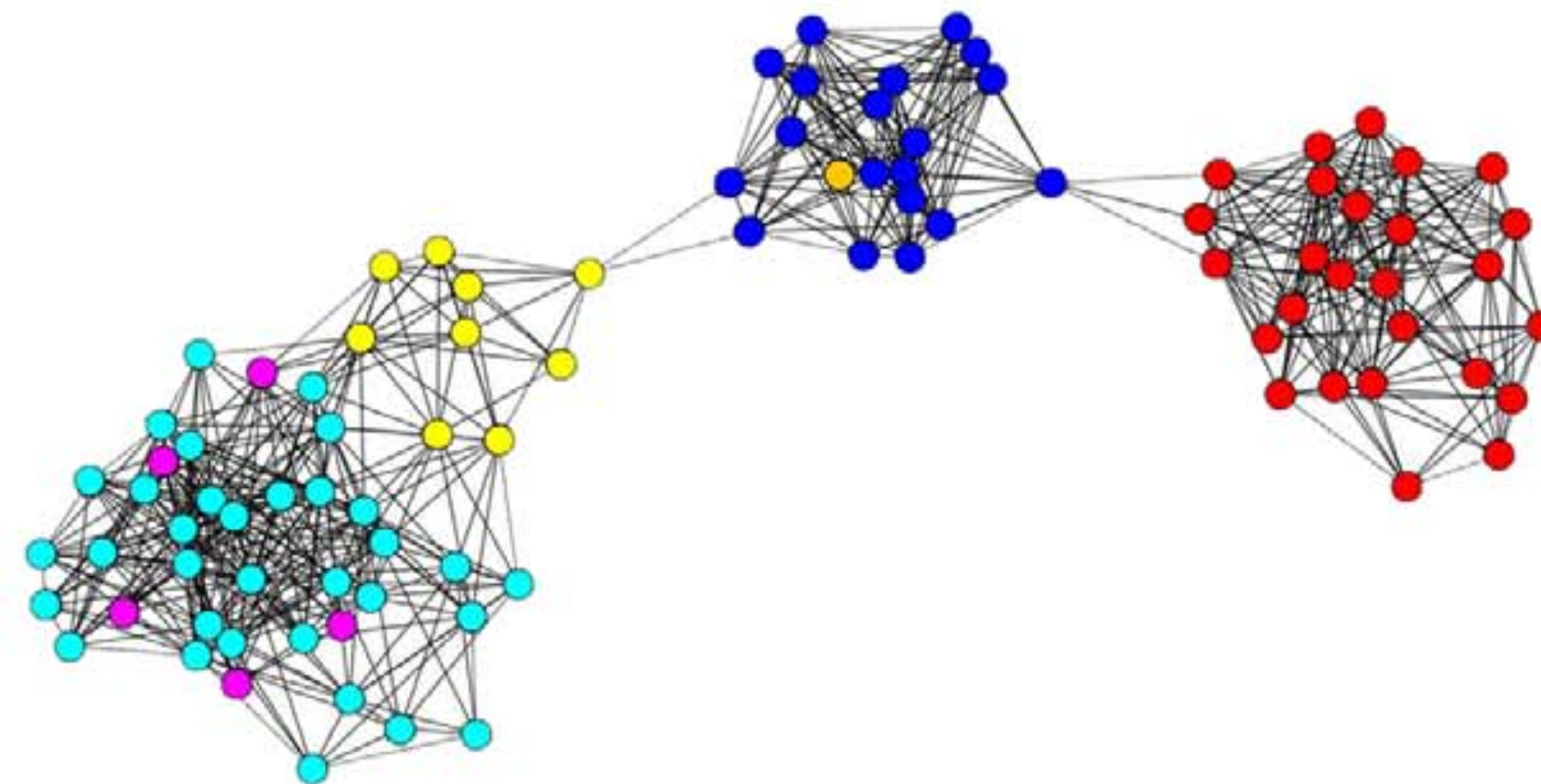


**A****B****C**

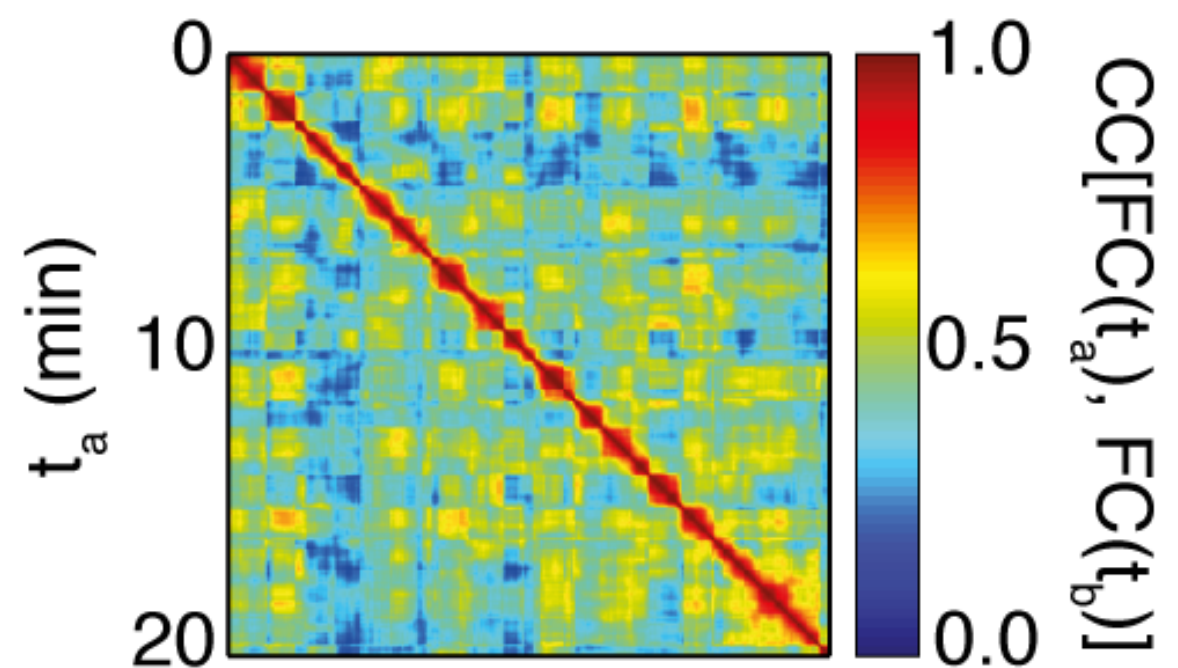
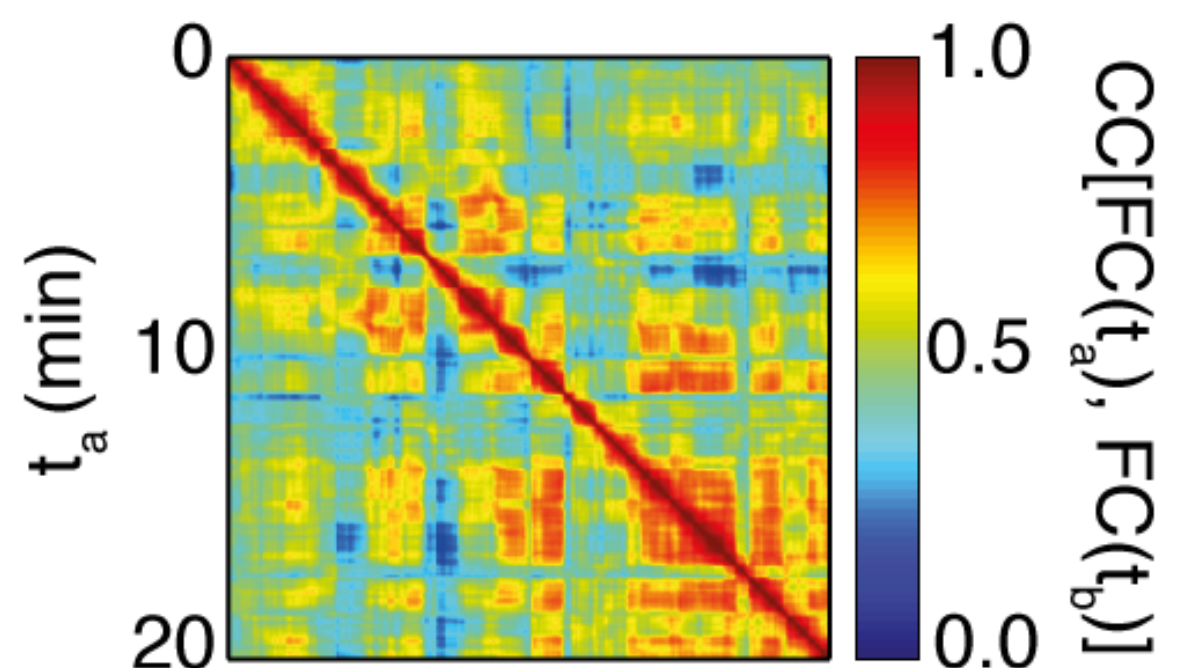
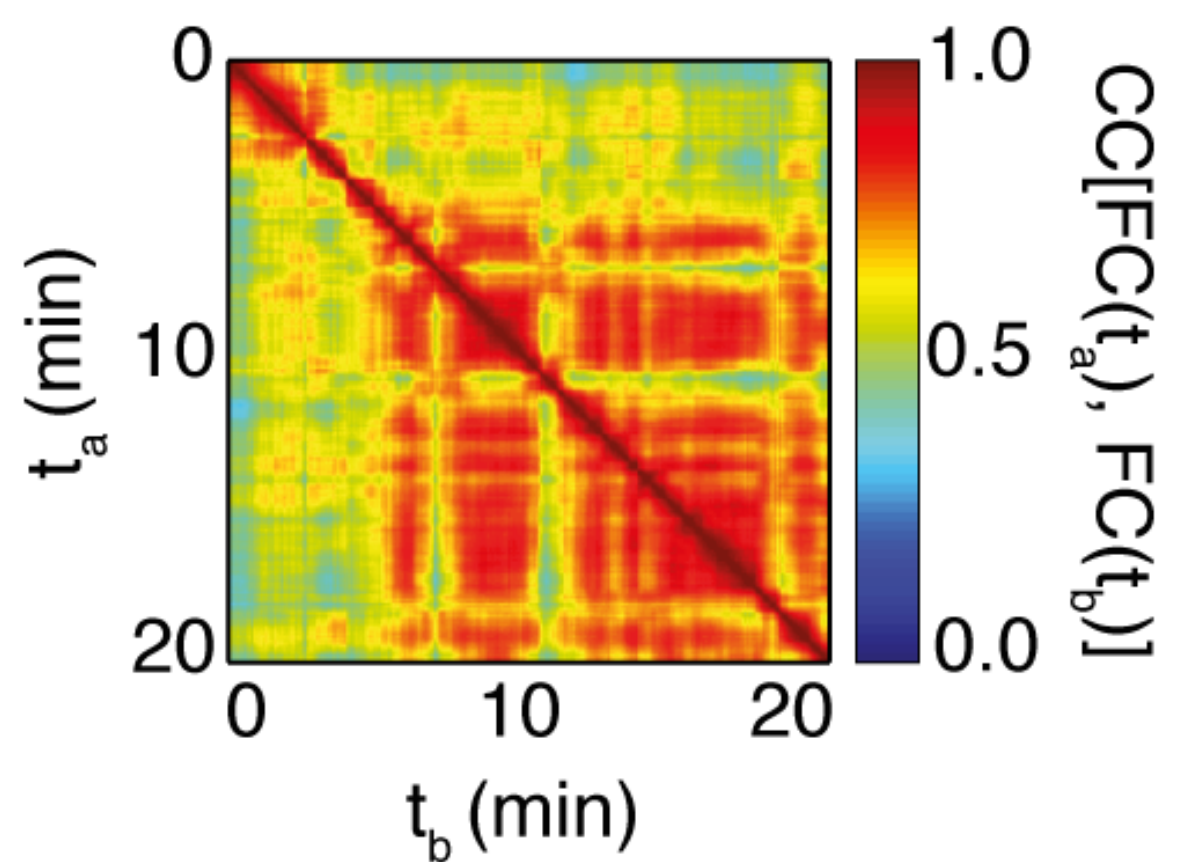




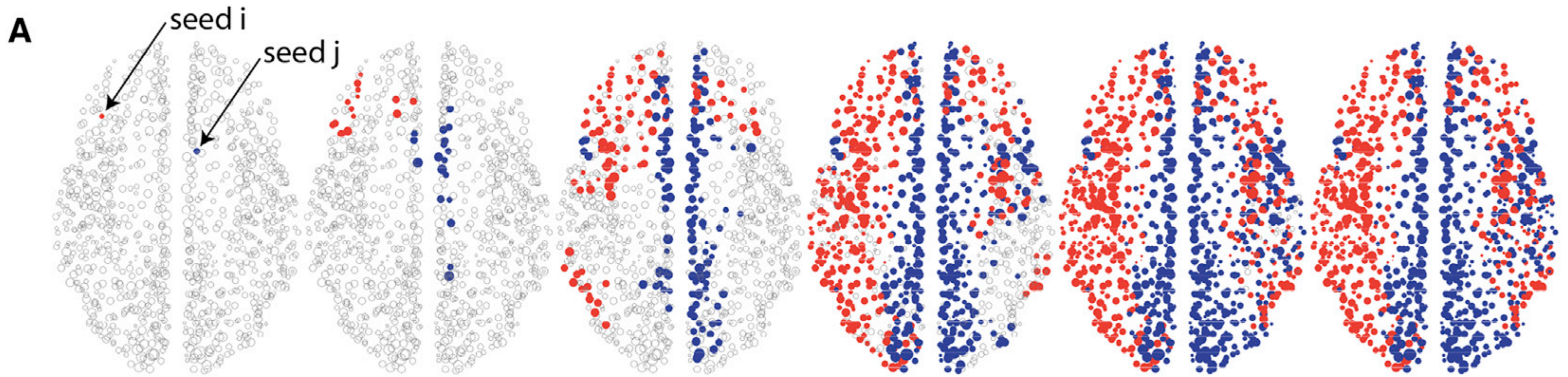
Default Mode Network Cingulo-opercular Fronto-parietal  
 Visual Somatomotor Orbitofrontal/Limbic





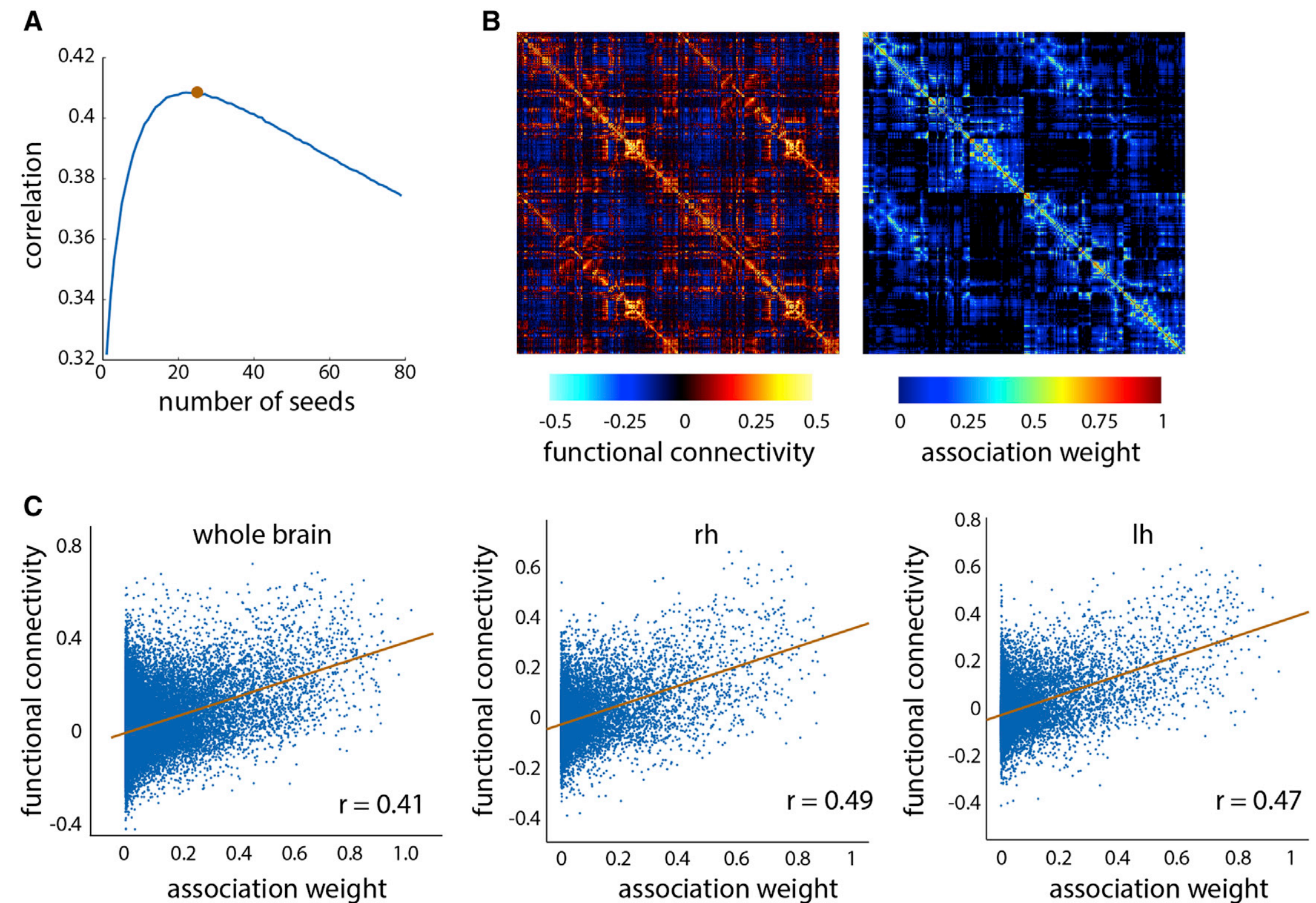
**A** $\tau = 60$  sFCD  
Subject A  
(age 18 y)FCD  
Subject B  
(age 56 y)FCD  
Subject C  
(age 72 y)

**Simple models?**



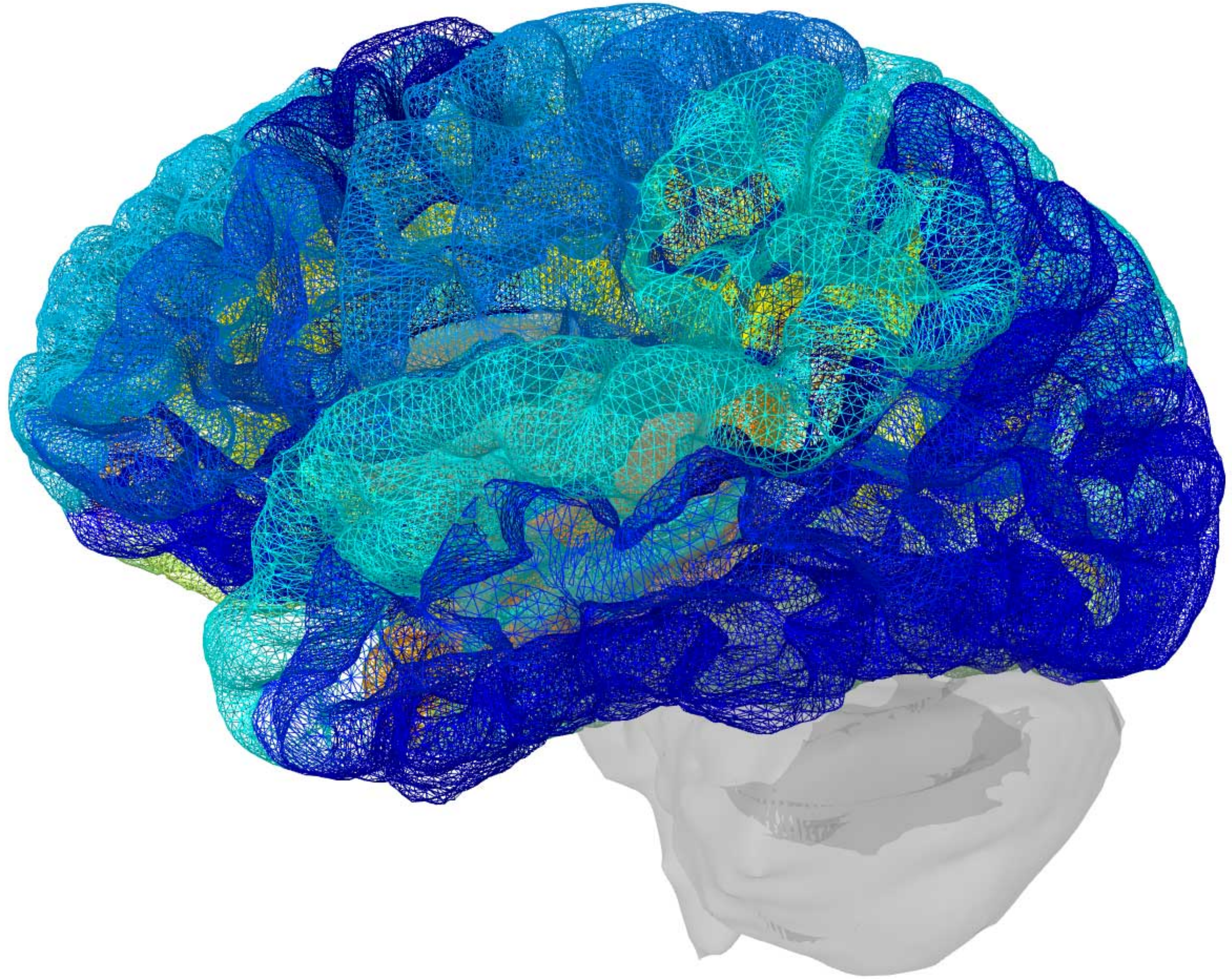
## Highlights

- We use a simple model to study global spreading dynamics on human brain networks
- Hub regions and a backbone of core pathways facilitate early spreading of cascades
- Shortest path structure of brain networks accelerates spreading
- Cascades integrate by converging on polysensory associative areas

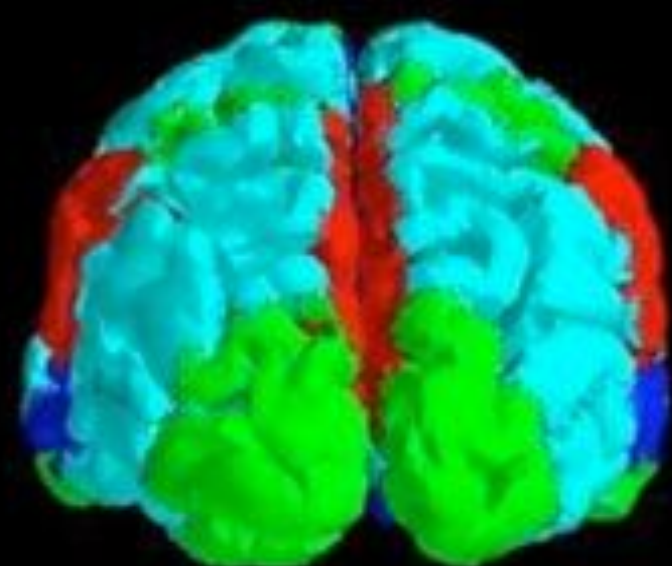


**Mmmm can we simulate?**

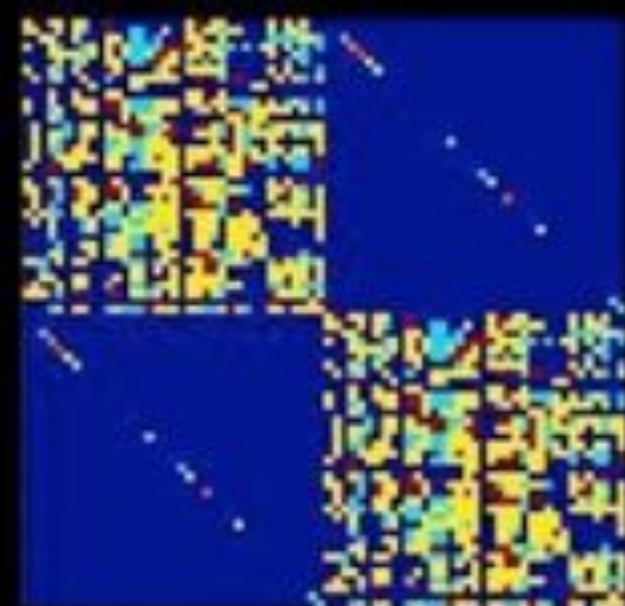




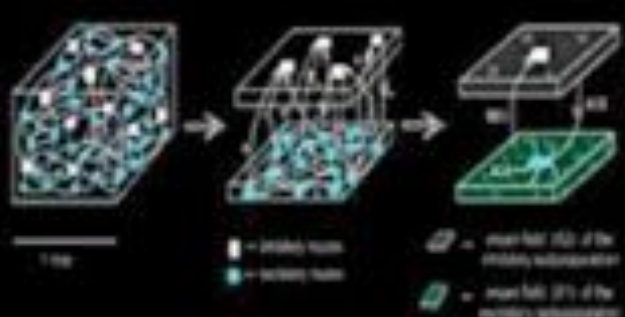
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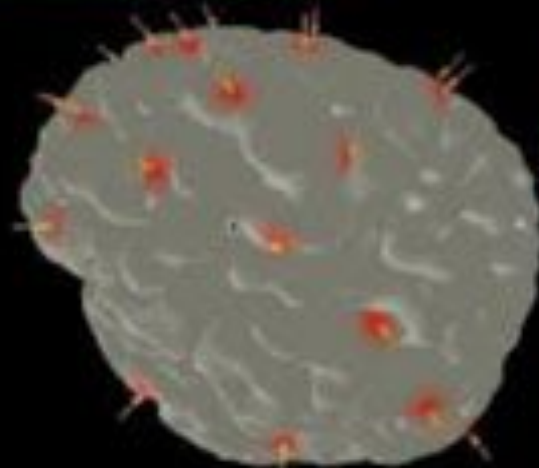
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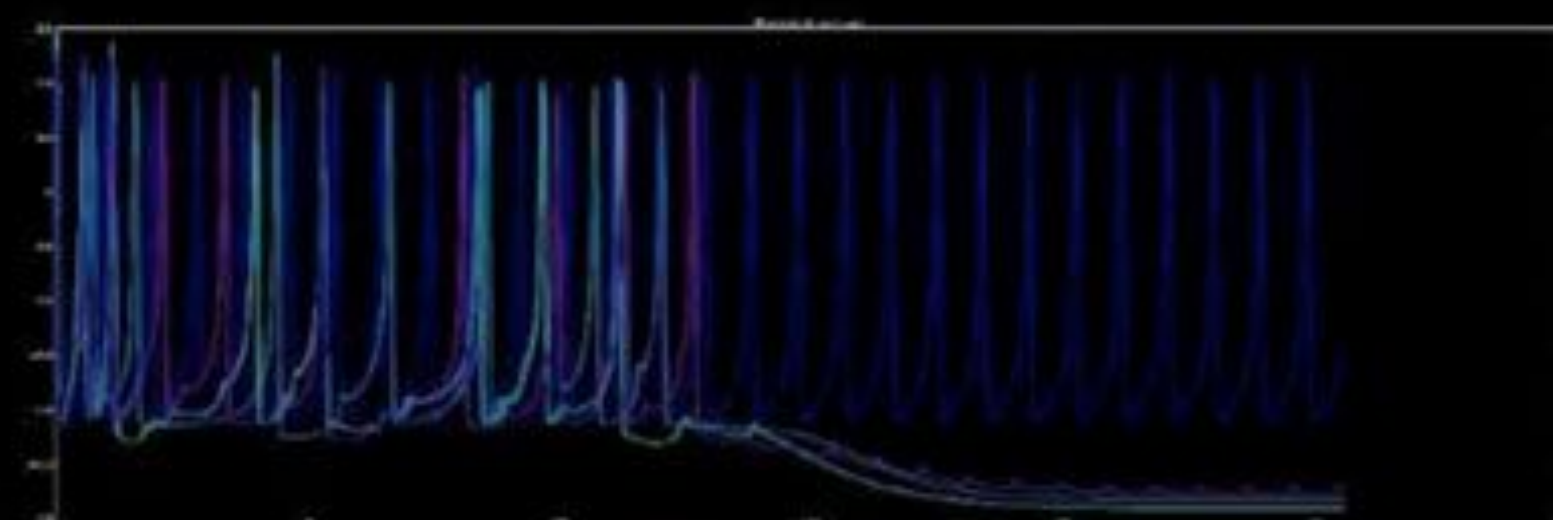
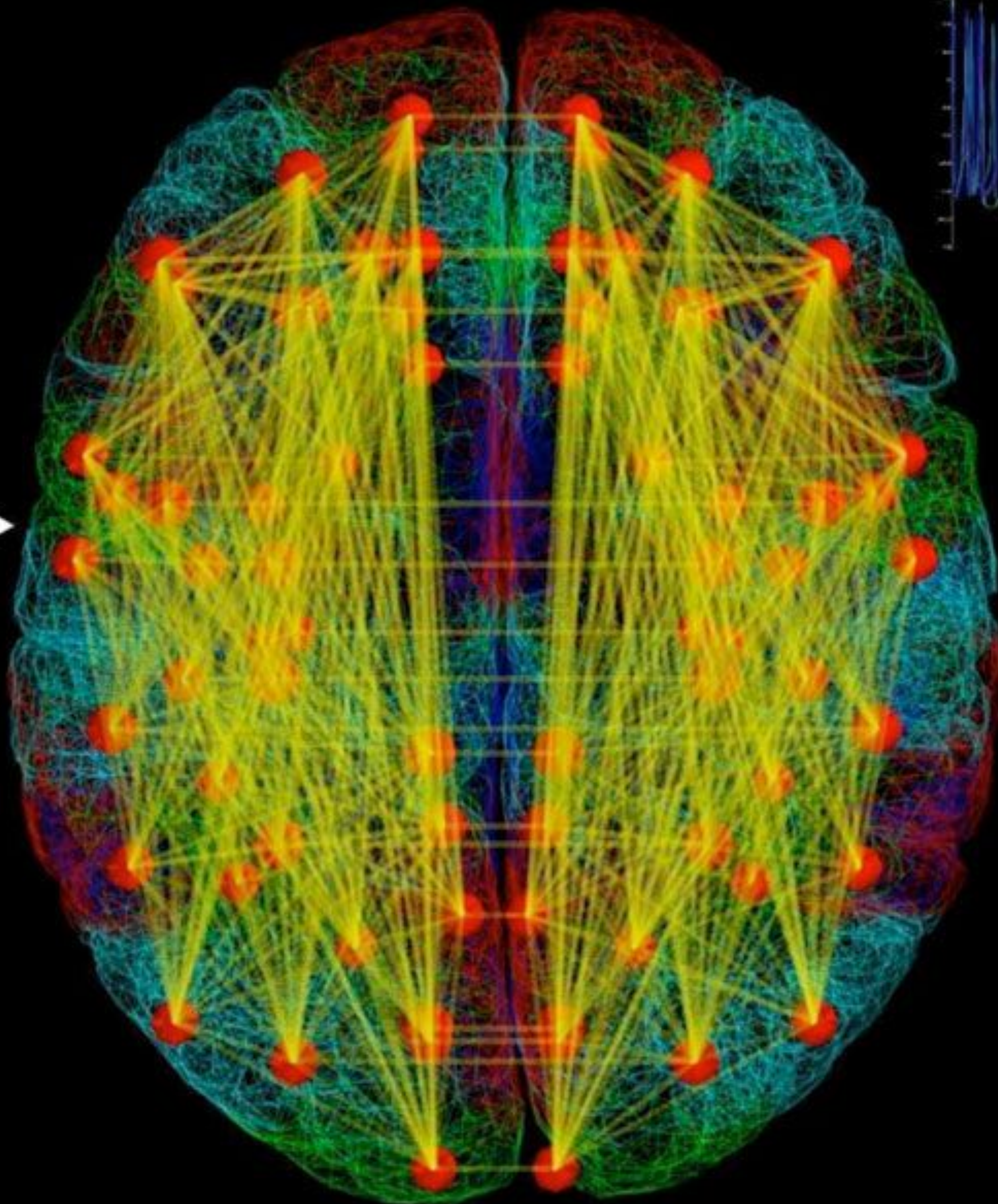
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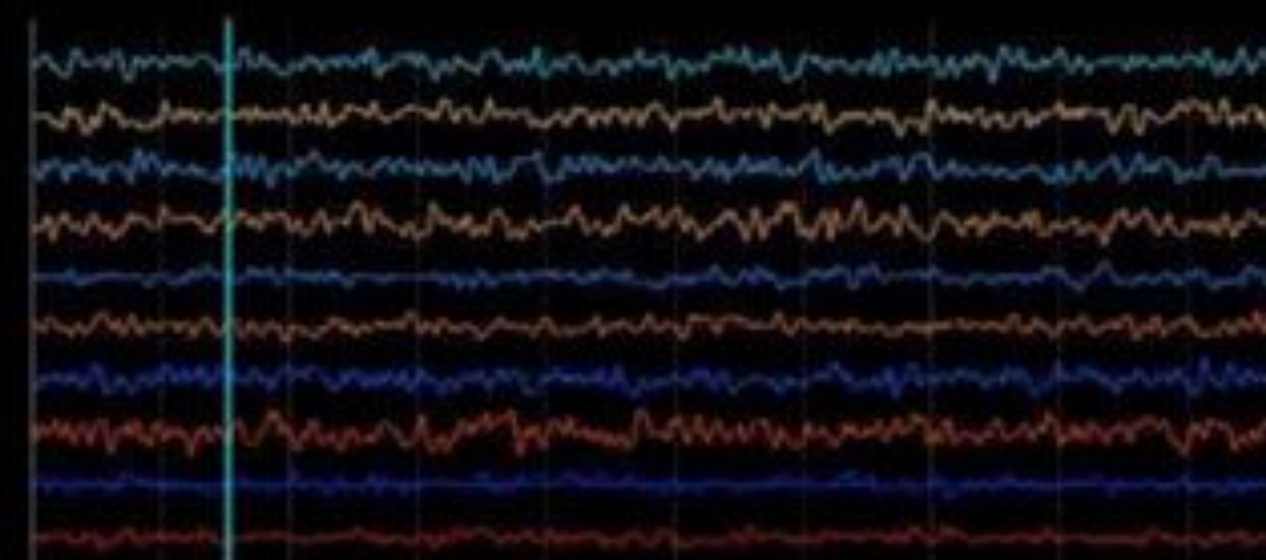
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stimulation



raw time series



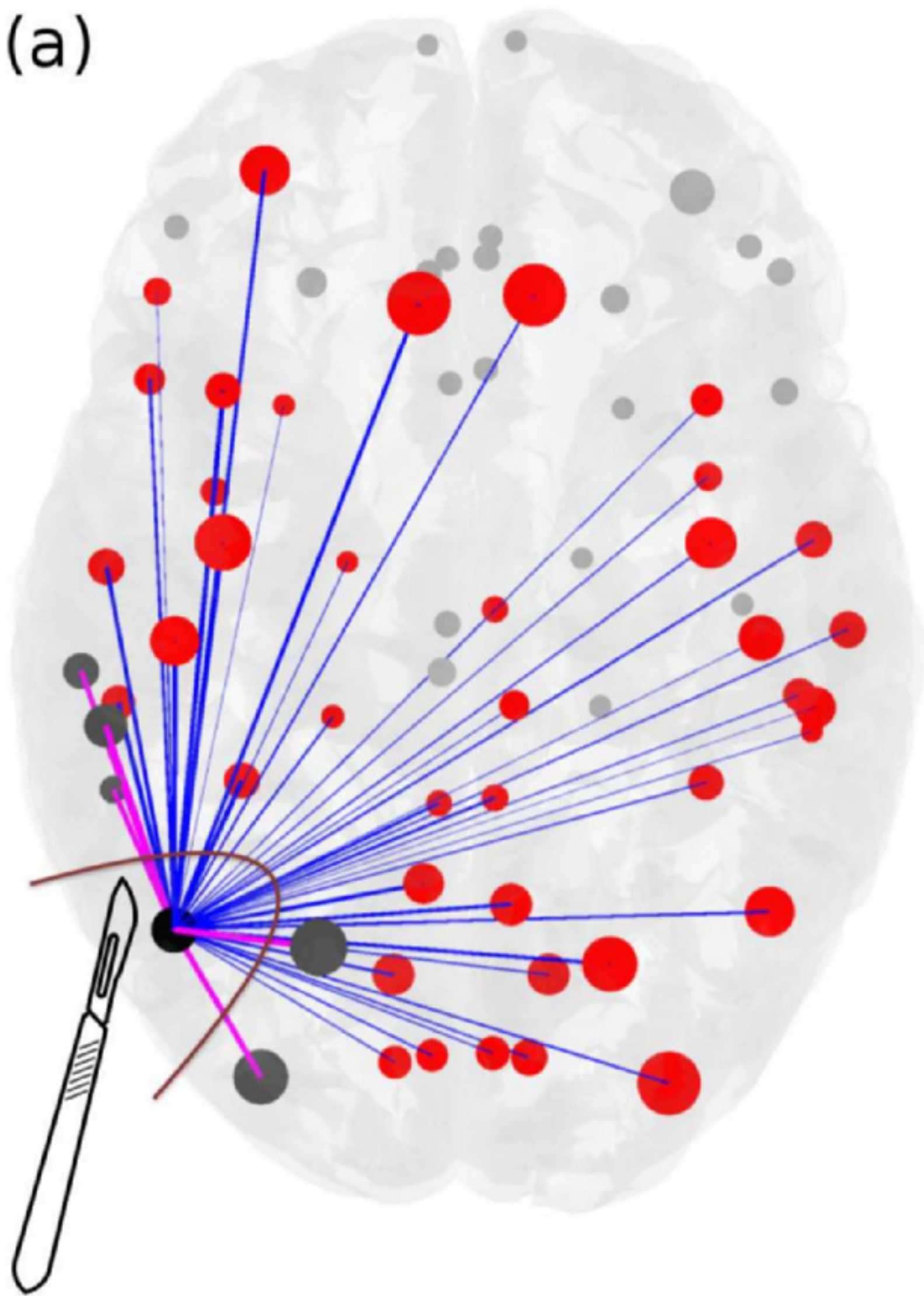
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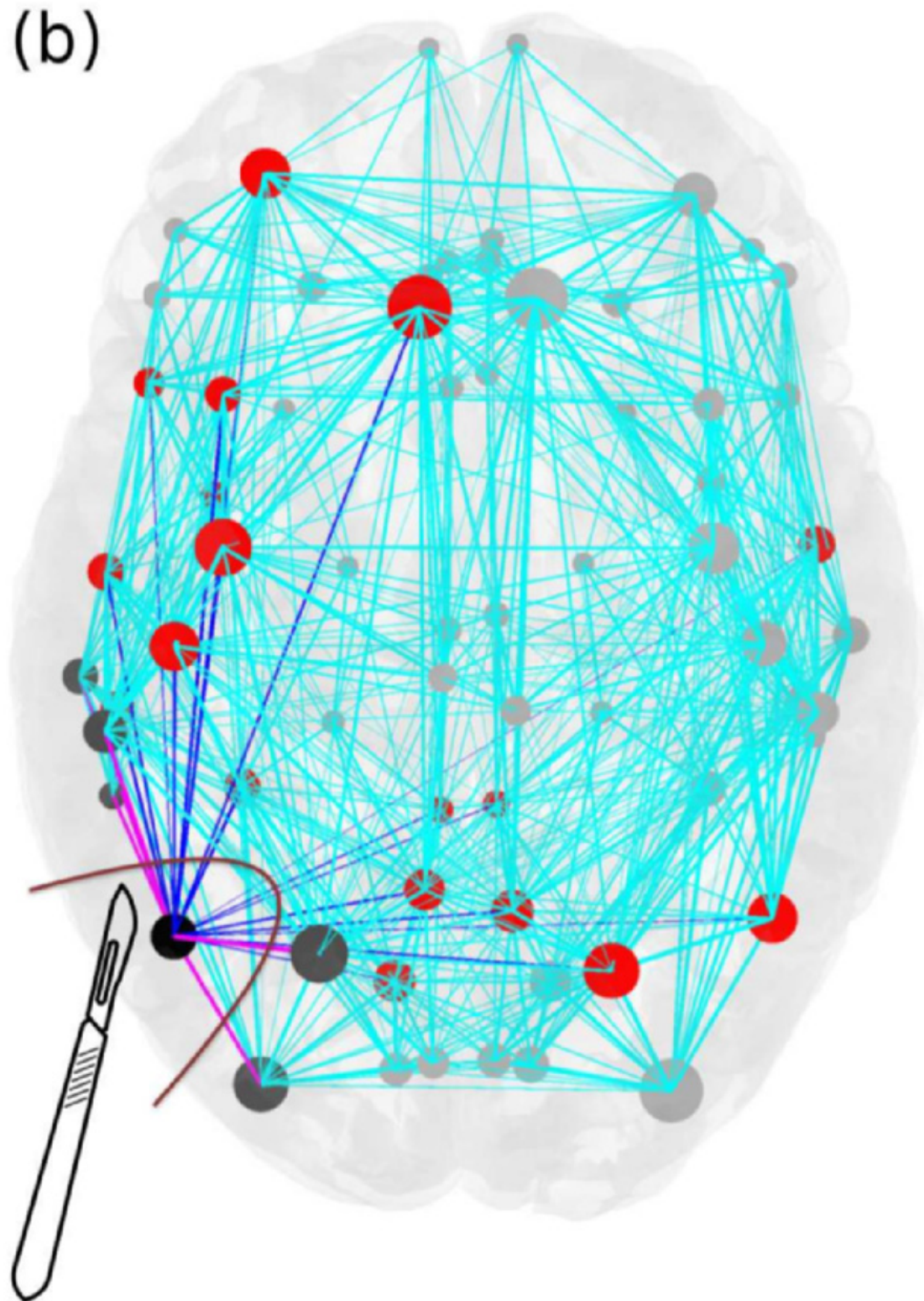
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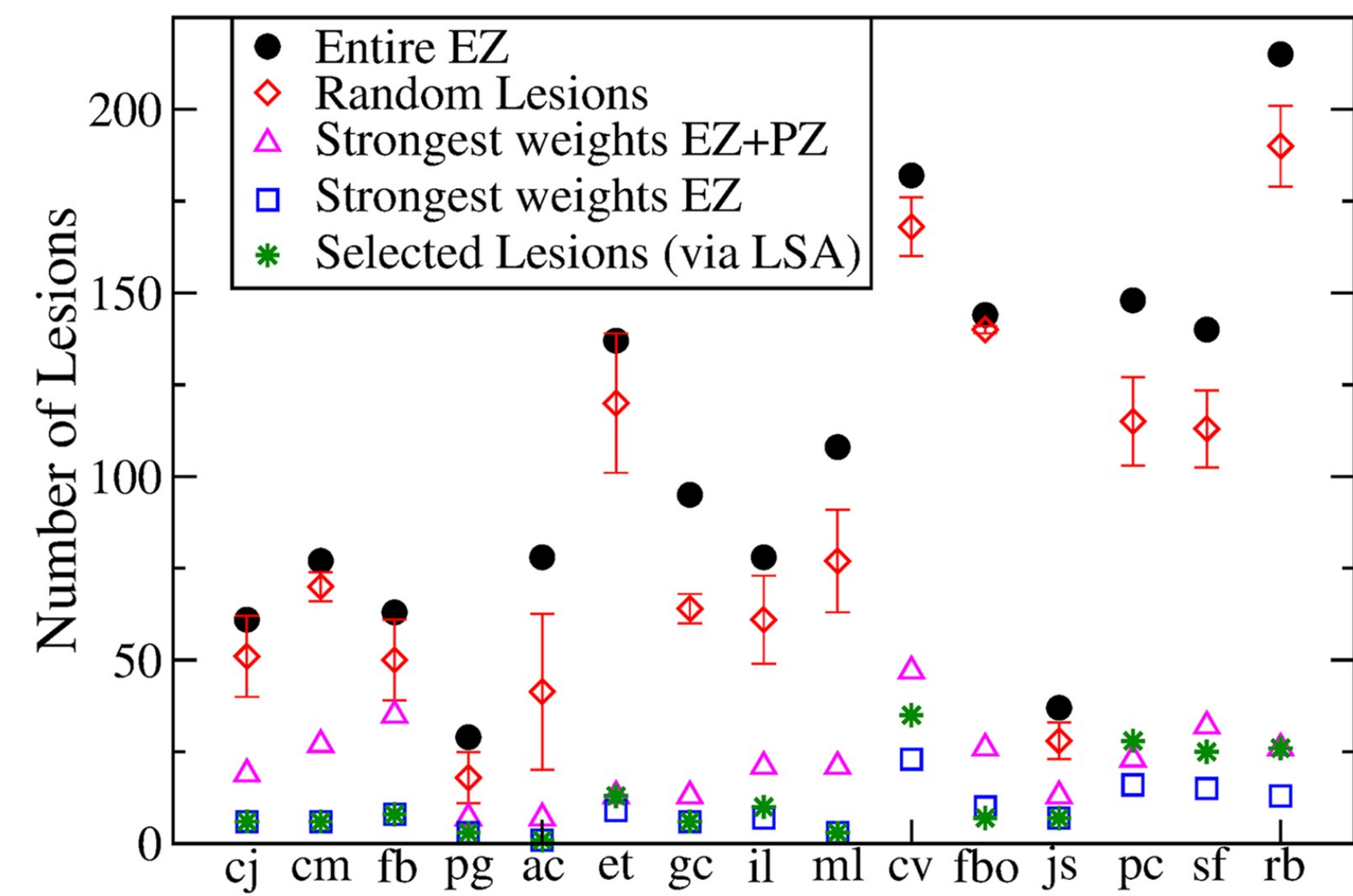
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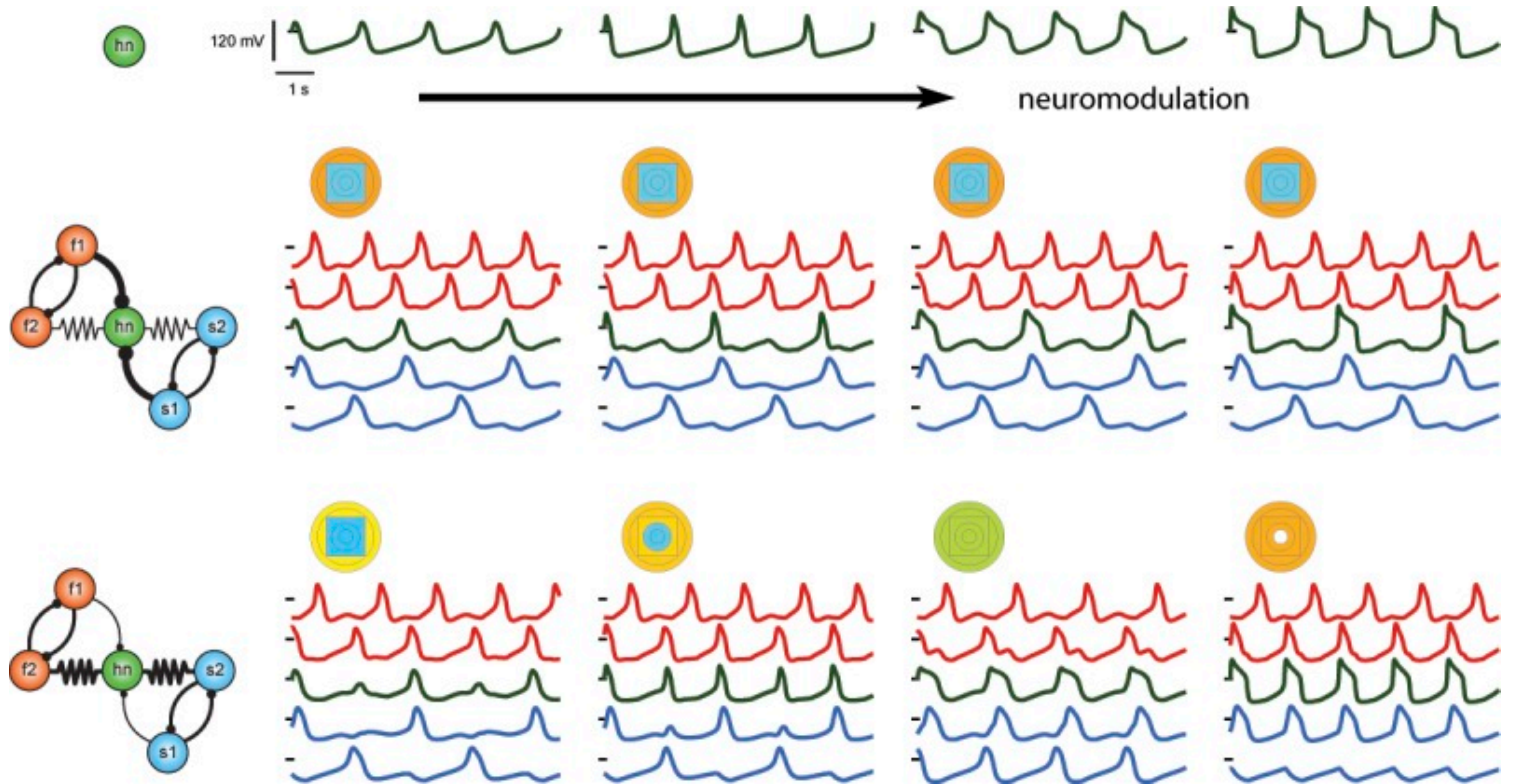
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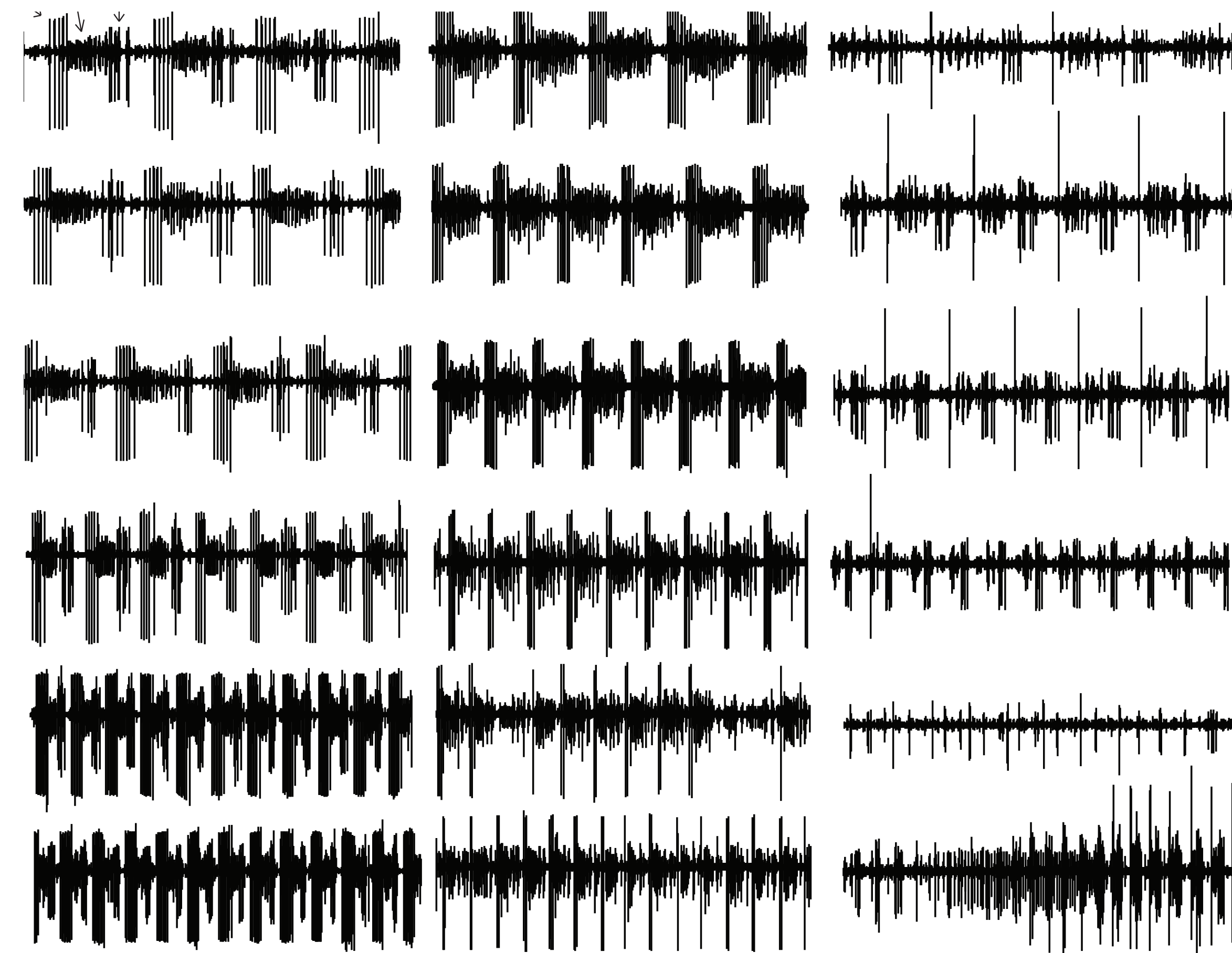
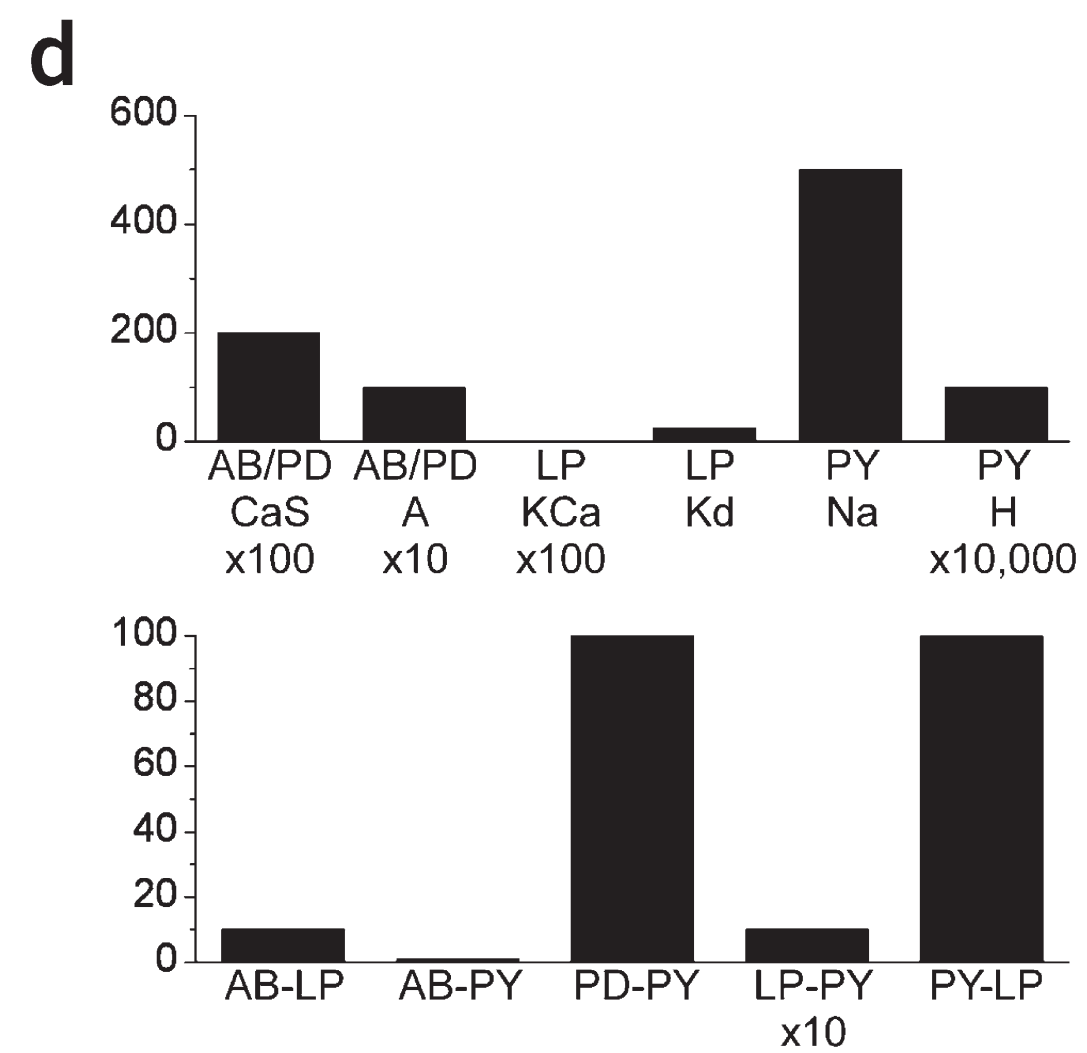
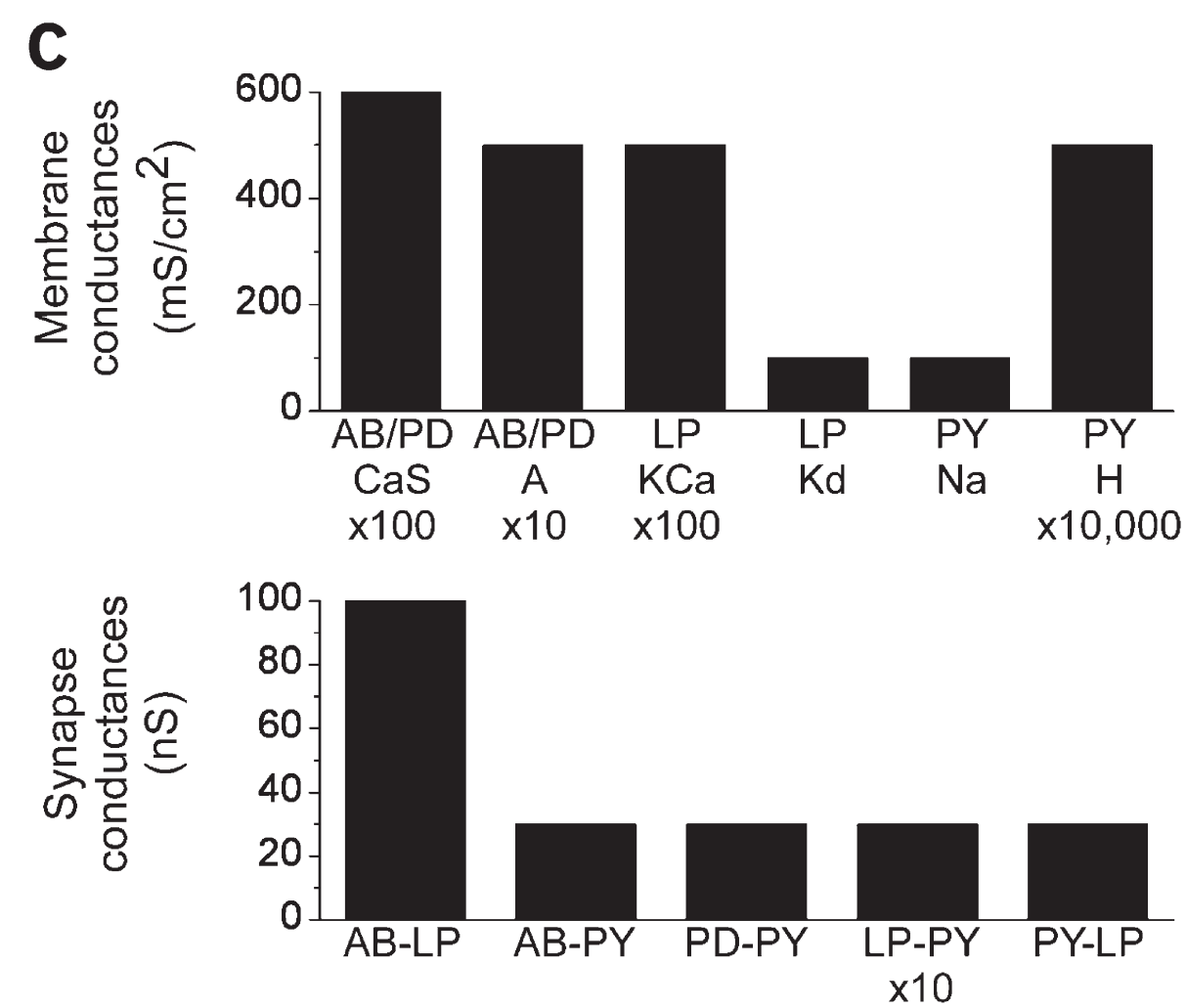
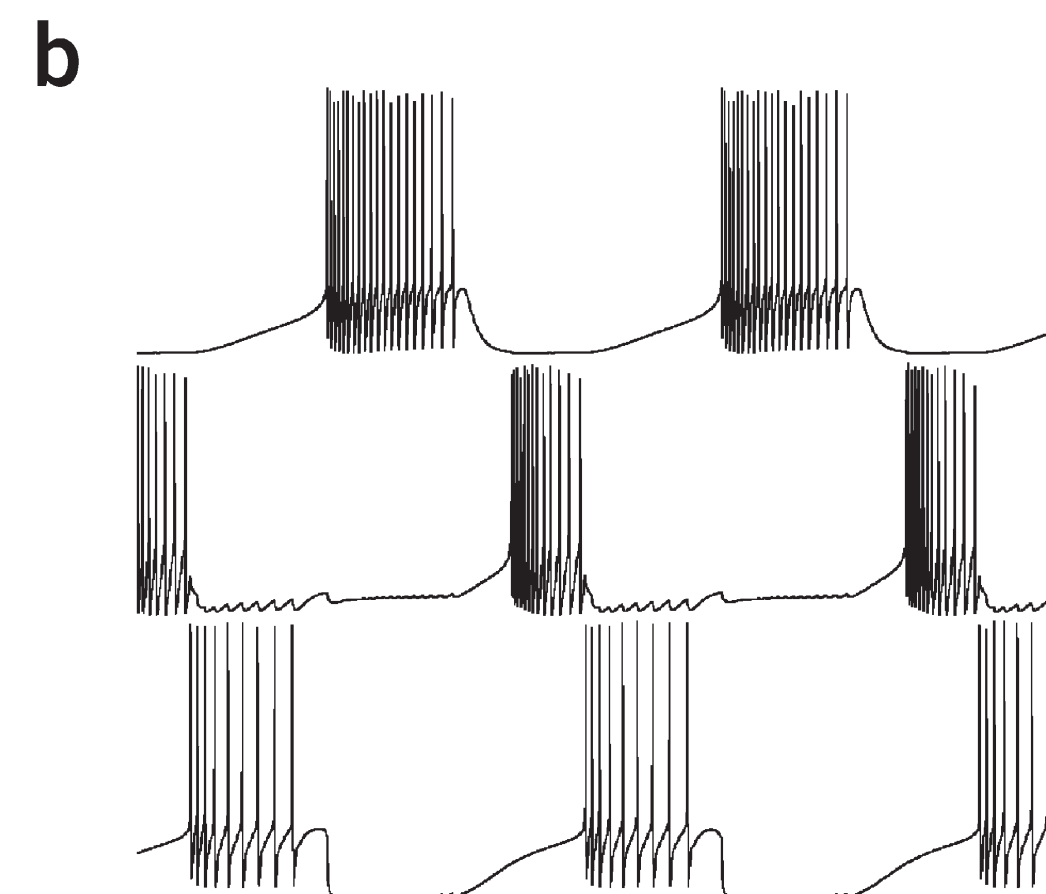
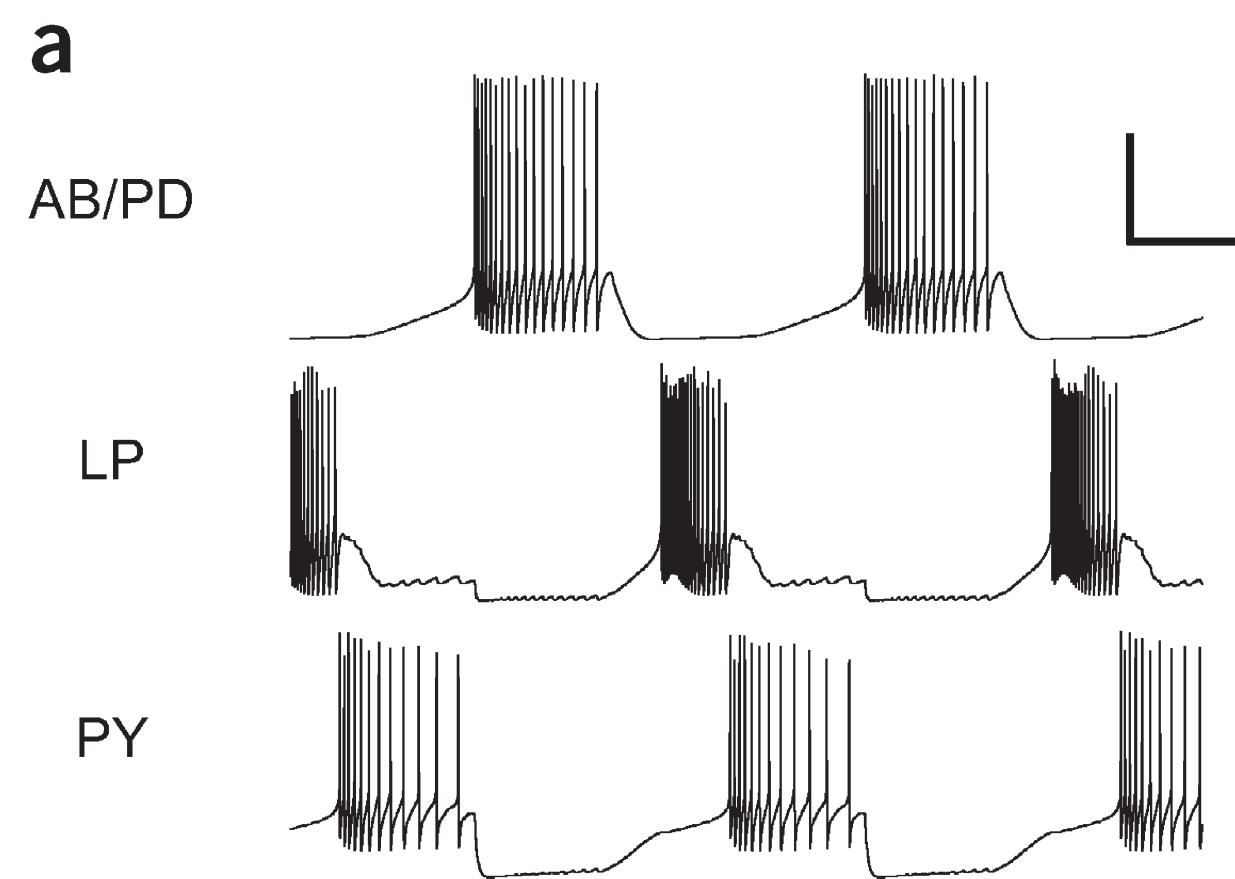


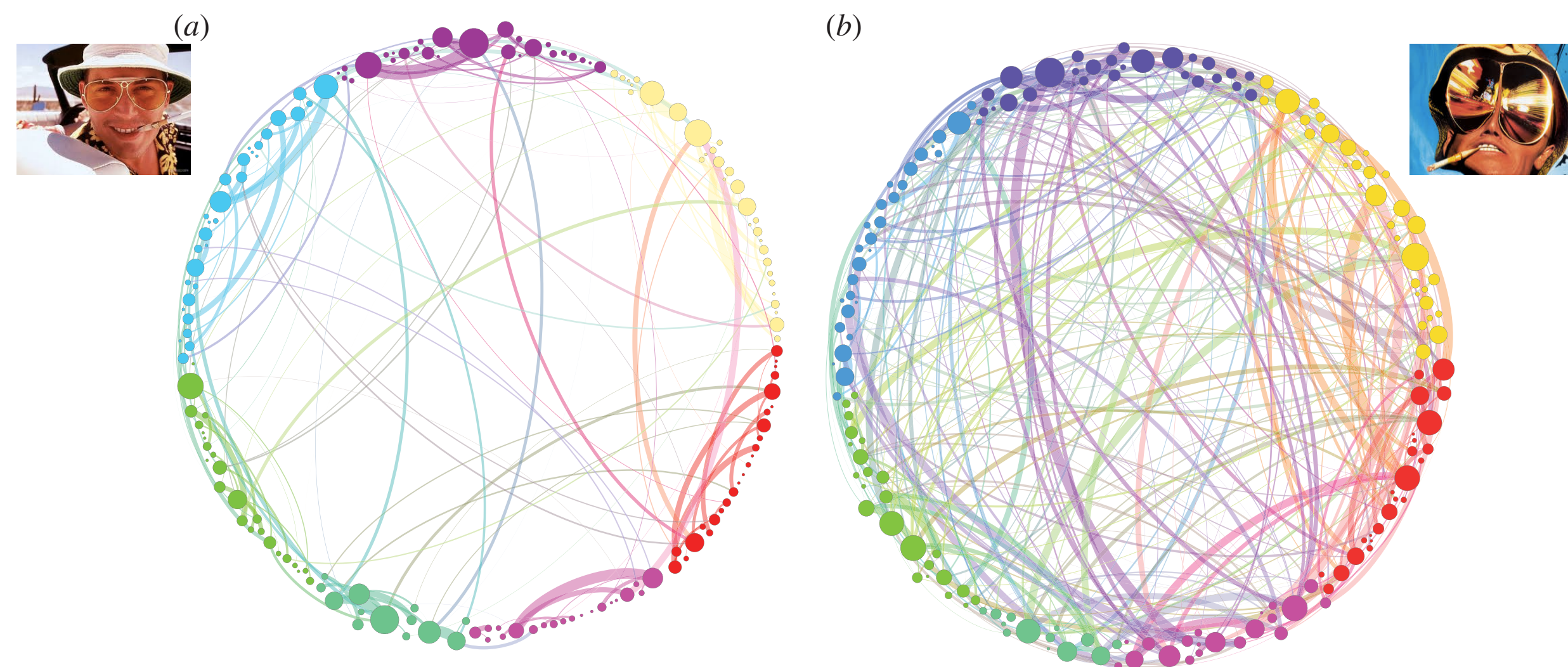
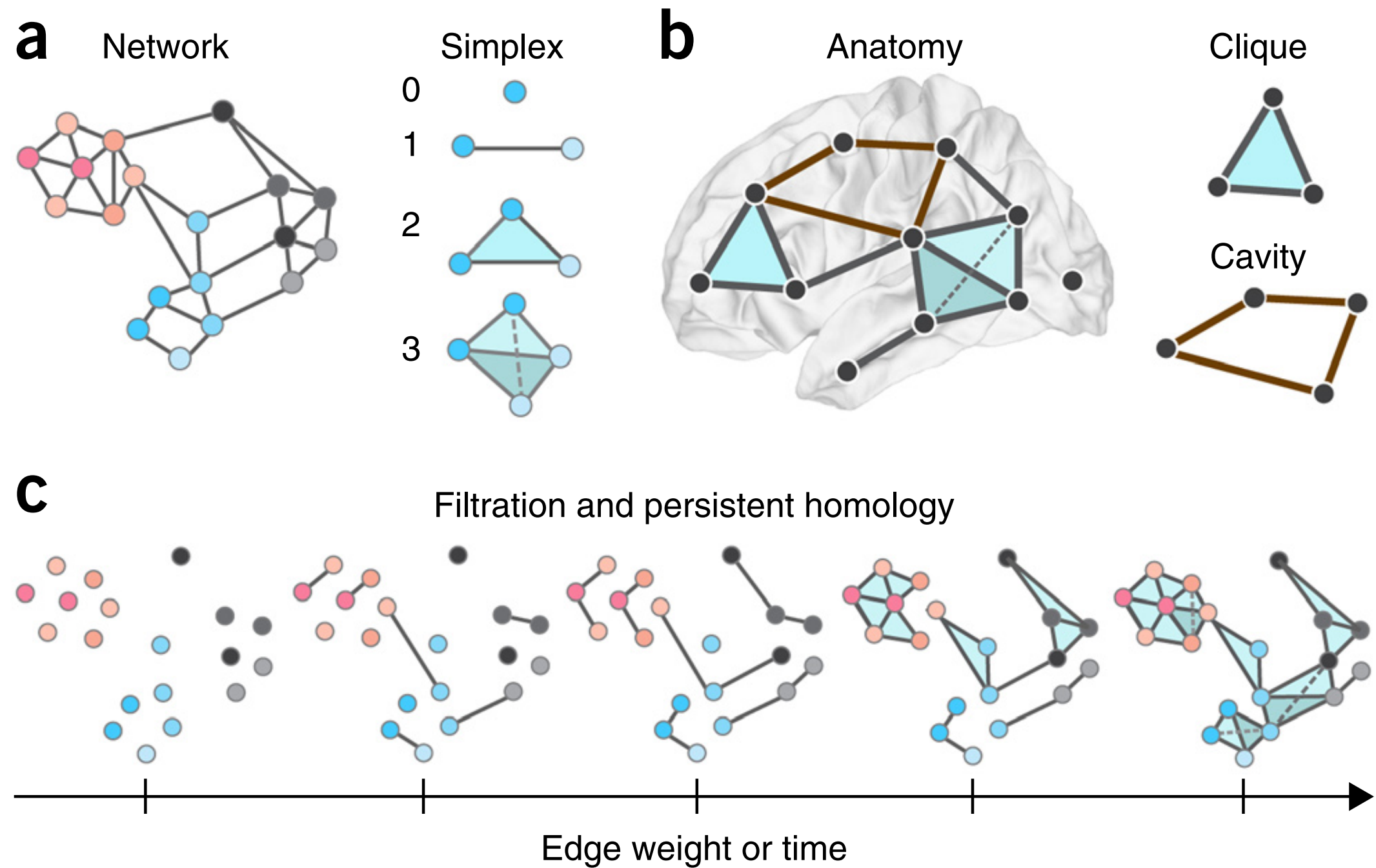
Olmi et al, 2018



**But...**

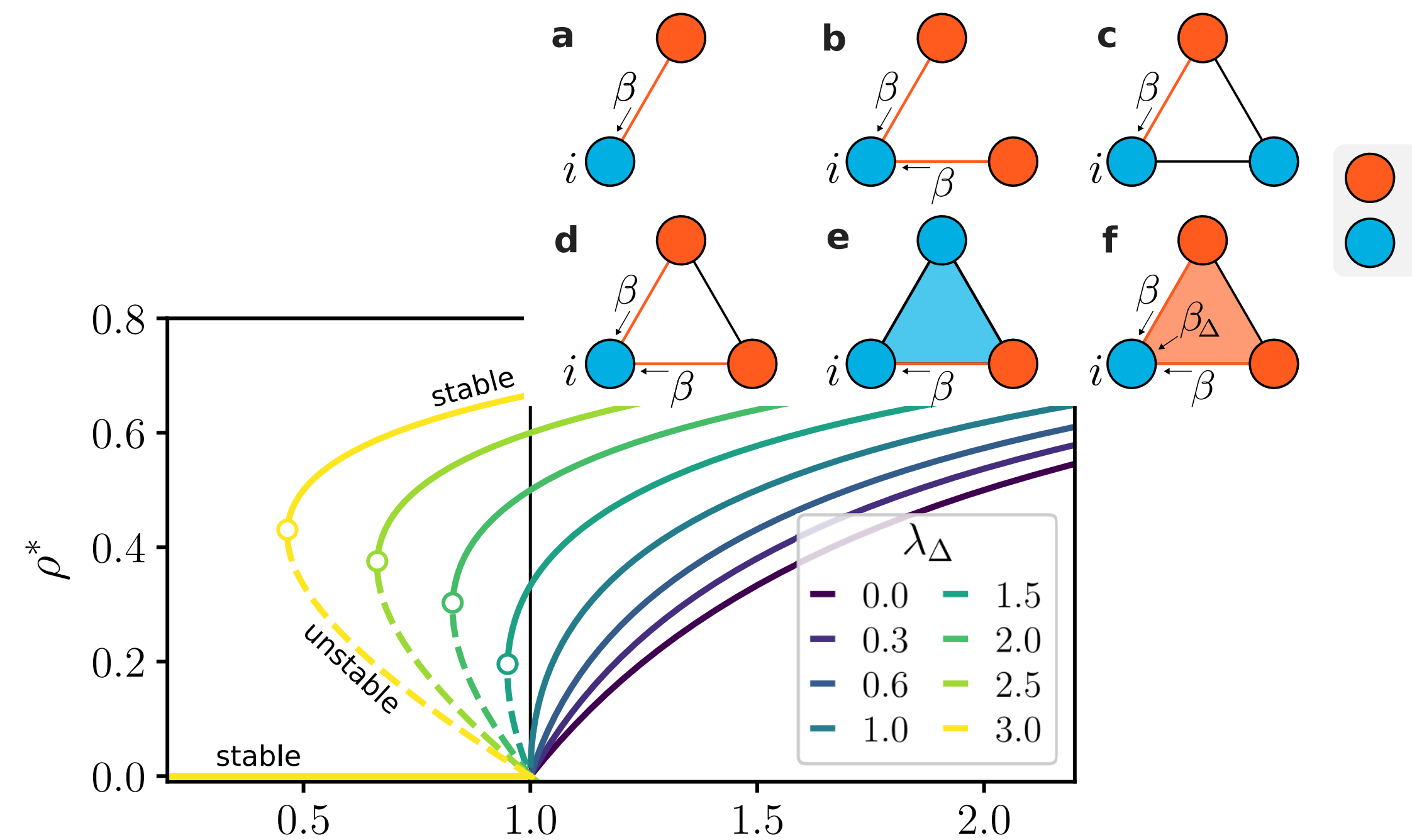
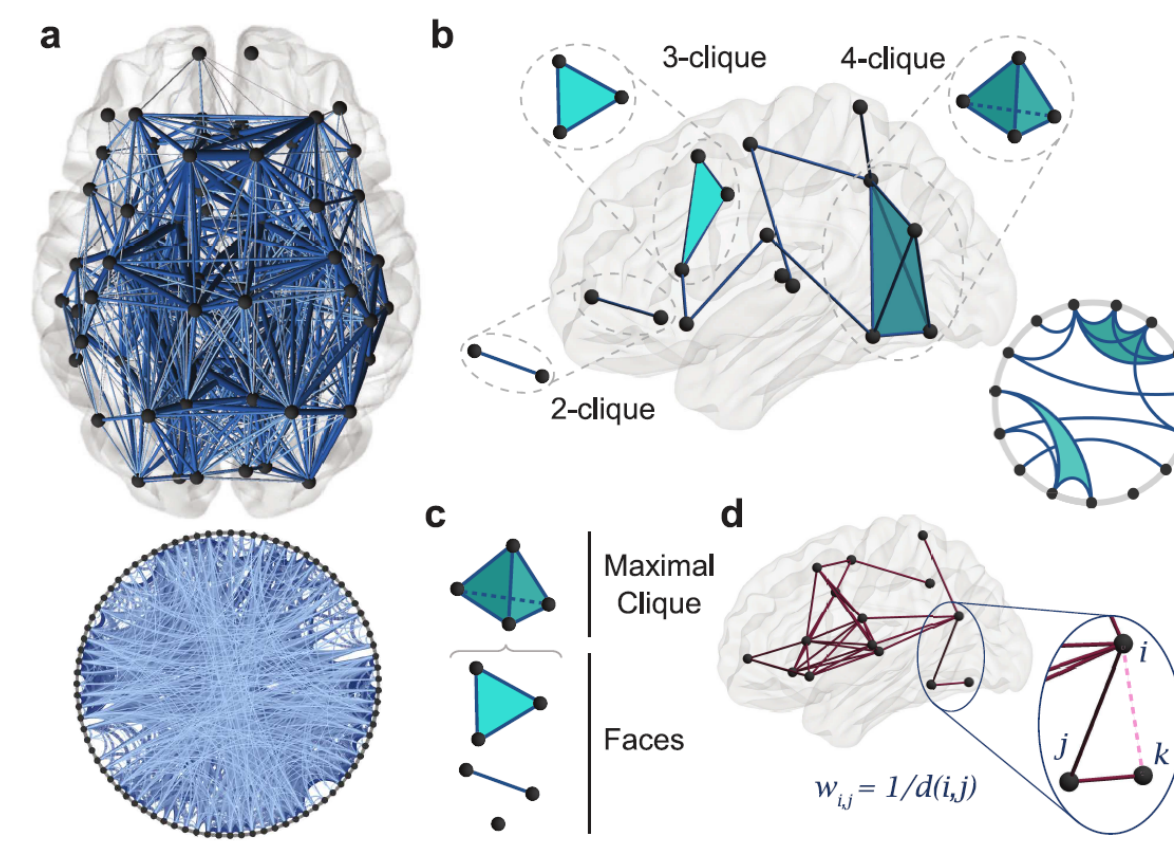
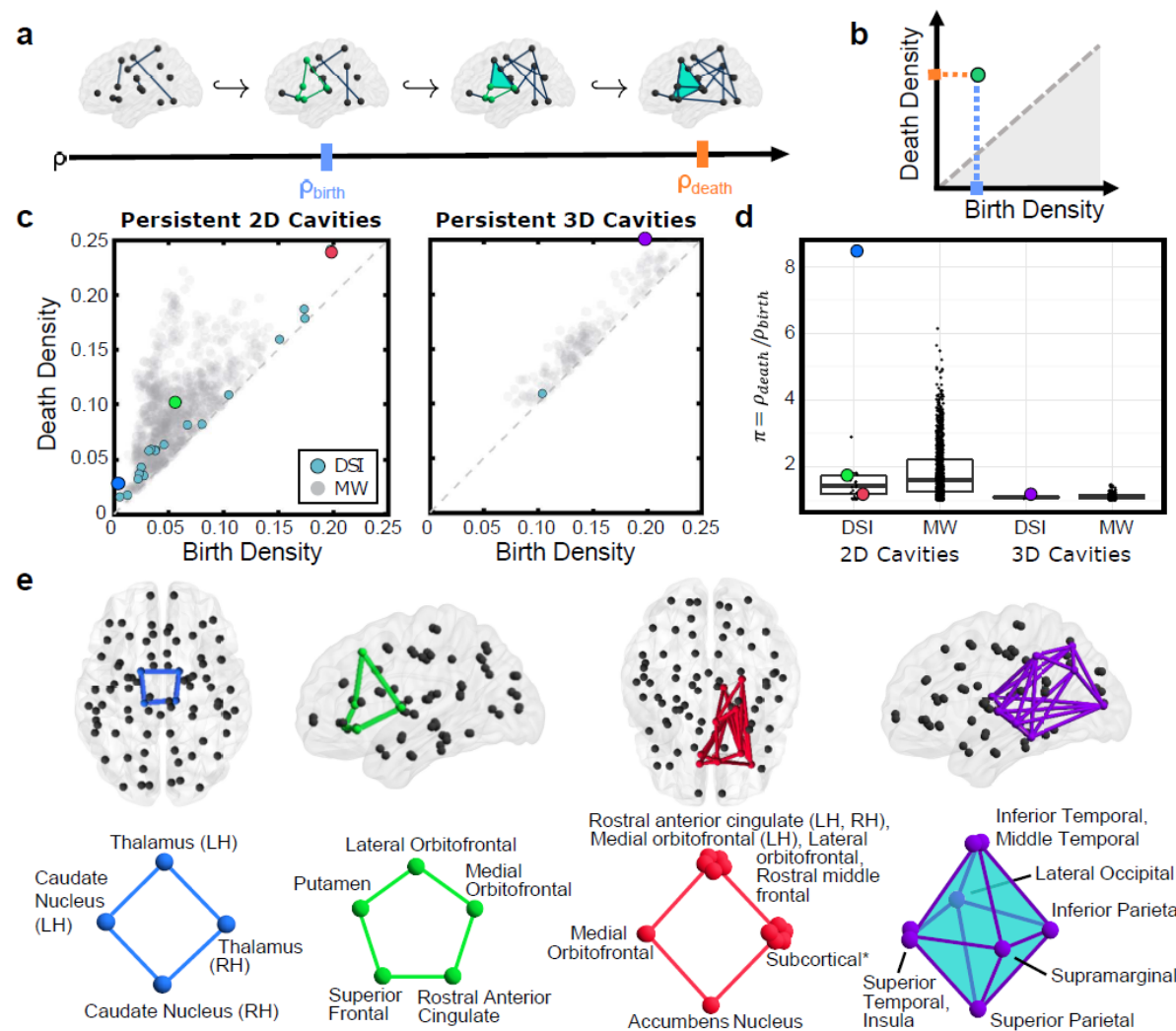






## Structural brain cavities

Sizemore, Ann, et al. arXiv:1608.03520 (2016).

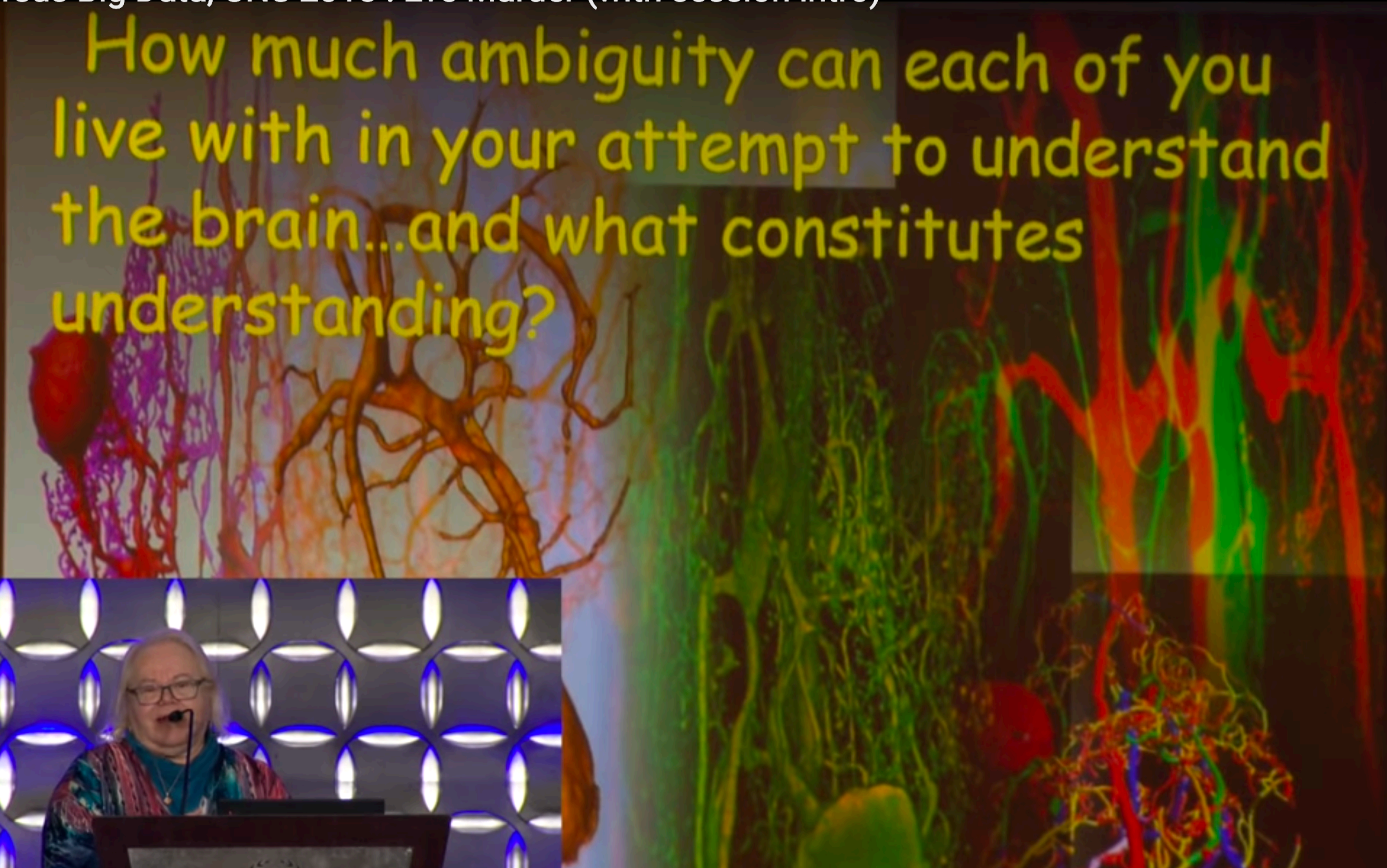


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How much ambiguity can each of you live with in your attempt to understand the brain...and what constitutes understanding?



# **Fictional quotes to explain the point:**

**“I am still not convinced in the role of large circuit networks, because when I ask they always give me small scale examples.”**

**Eve Marder,  
High-density electroscope**

**“fMRI is crap, the only thing that I believe in theory-driven hypothesis to be tested with small scale EEG experiments”**

**My mom,  
Old school electrophysiologist**

**“There is no hope we can reproduce or capture all connectivity/function, so let’s just fit HUGE models and predict”**

**Jack Gallant,  
Bayesian modeller**

**“There is no way there is a single all-purpose circuit that we learn from data, so we need to look for a multitude of task primitives ”**

**Gary Marcus,  
Famous cognitive DL expert**

**“I don’t care about tiny-weeny details of this or that receptor, I want normative theories of cognitive control, in simple graph-theoretical terms”**

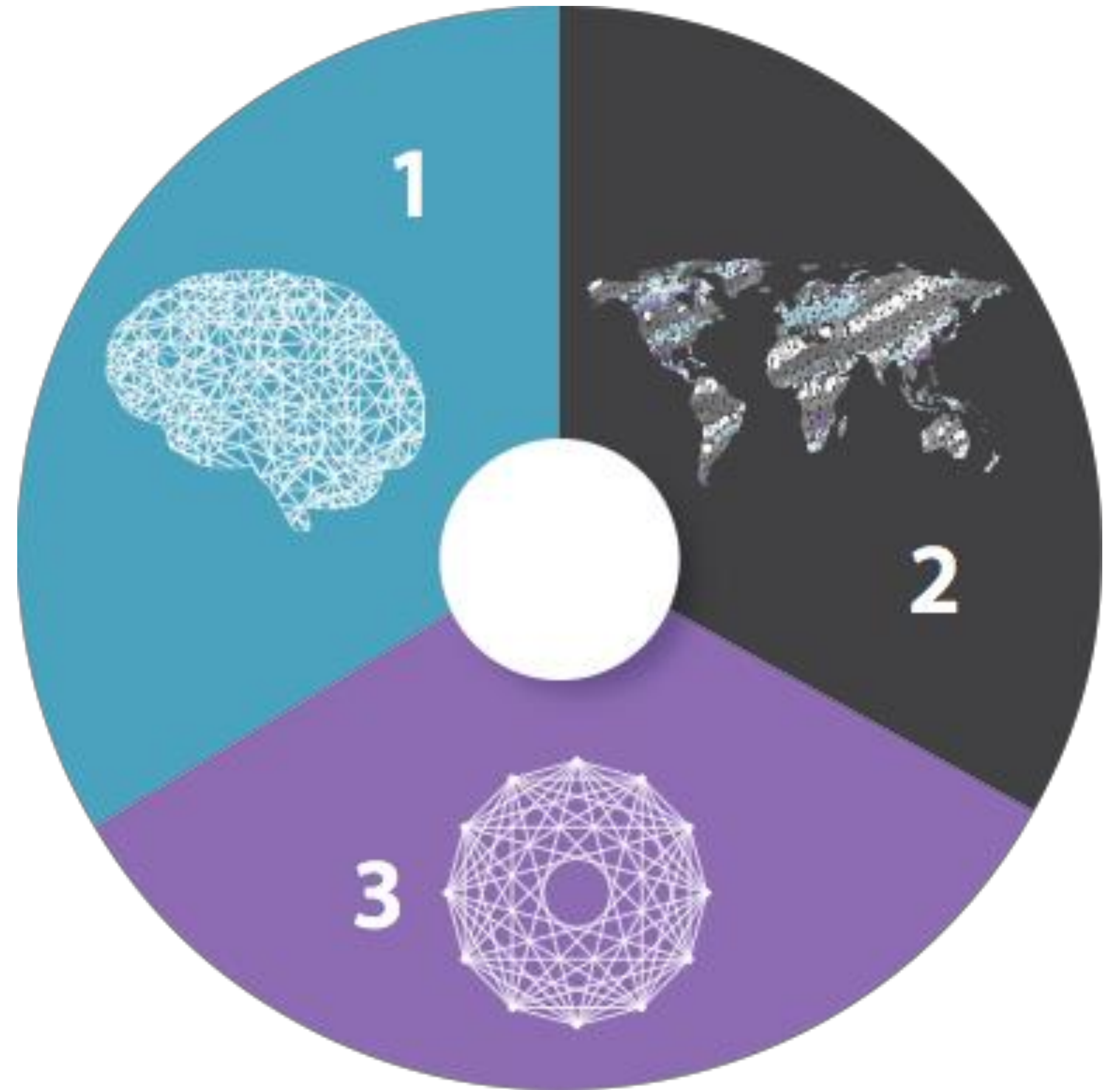
**Jon Cohen,  
Tsar of Cognitive Control**

# Take home

- Ci sono tante neuroscienze delle reti
- Feedback continuo fra dati/tecniche/teorie
- Le teorie dipendono dalla scala MA le scale interagiscono
- Shift da leggi a modelli computazionali
- Nuovo significato di “comprendere”

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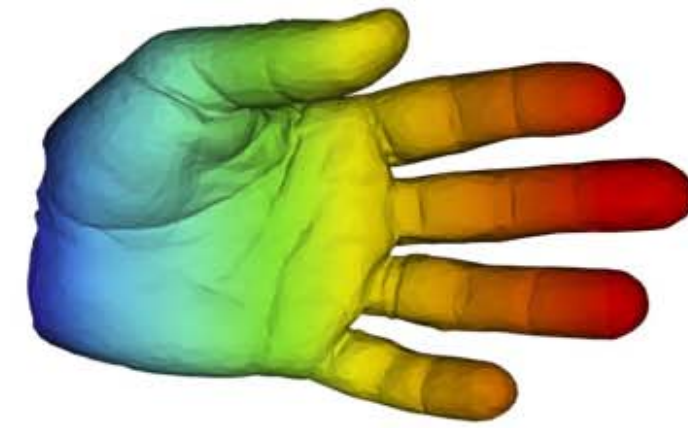


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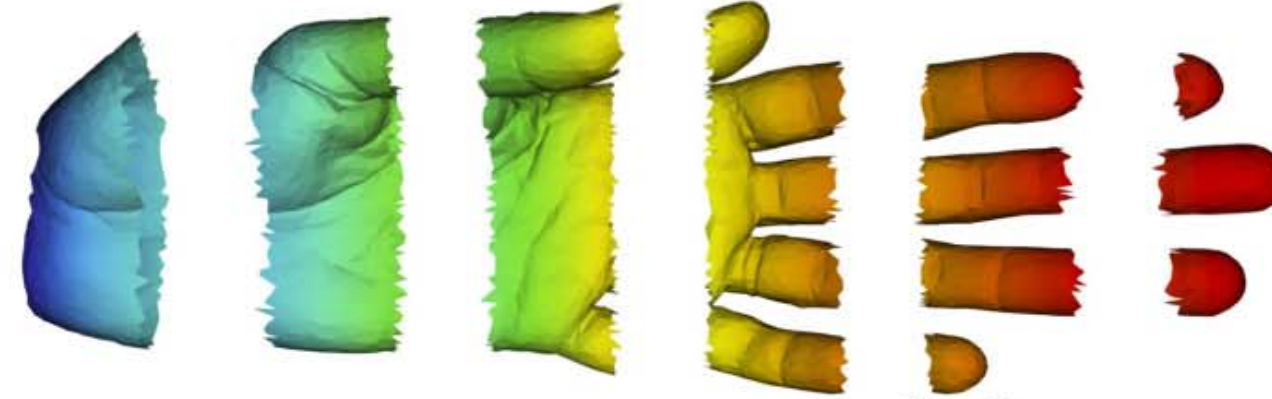
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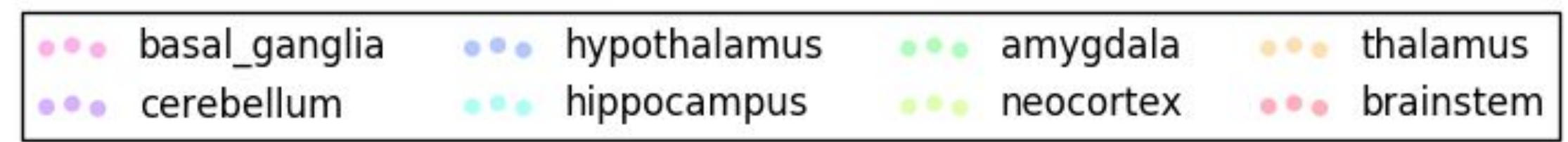
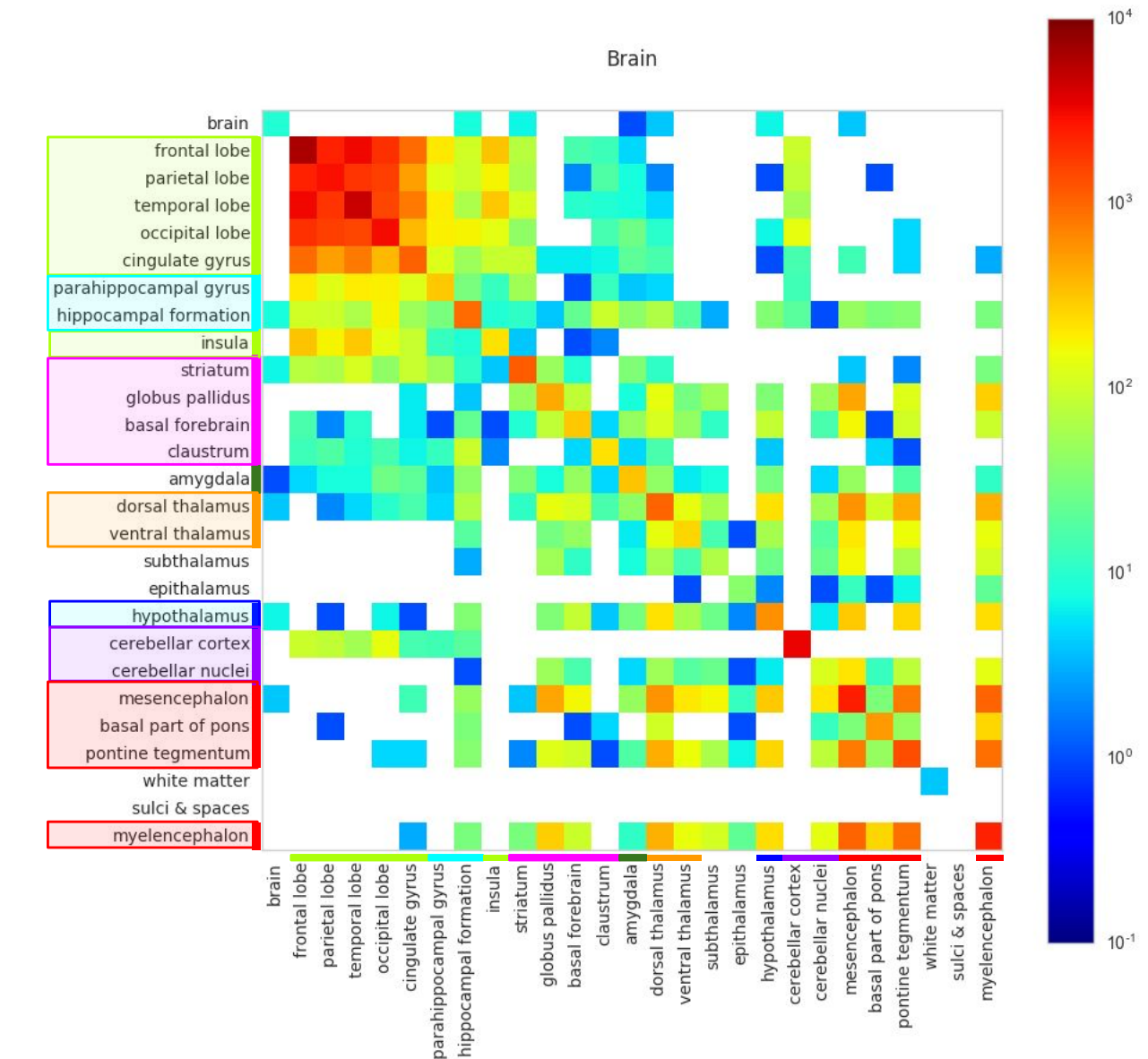
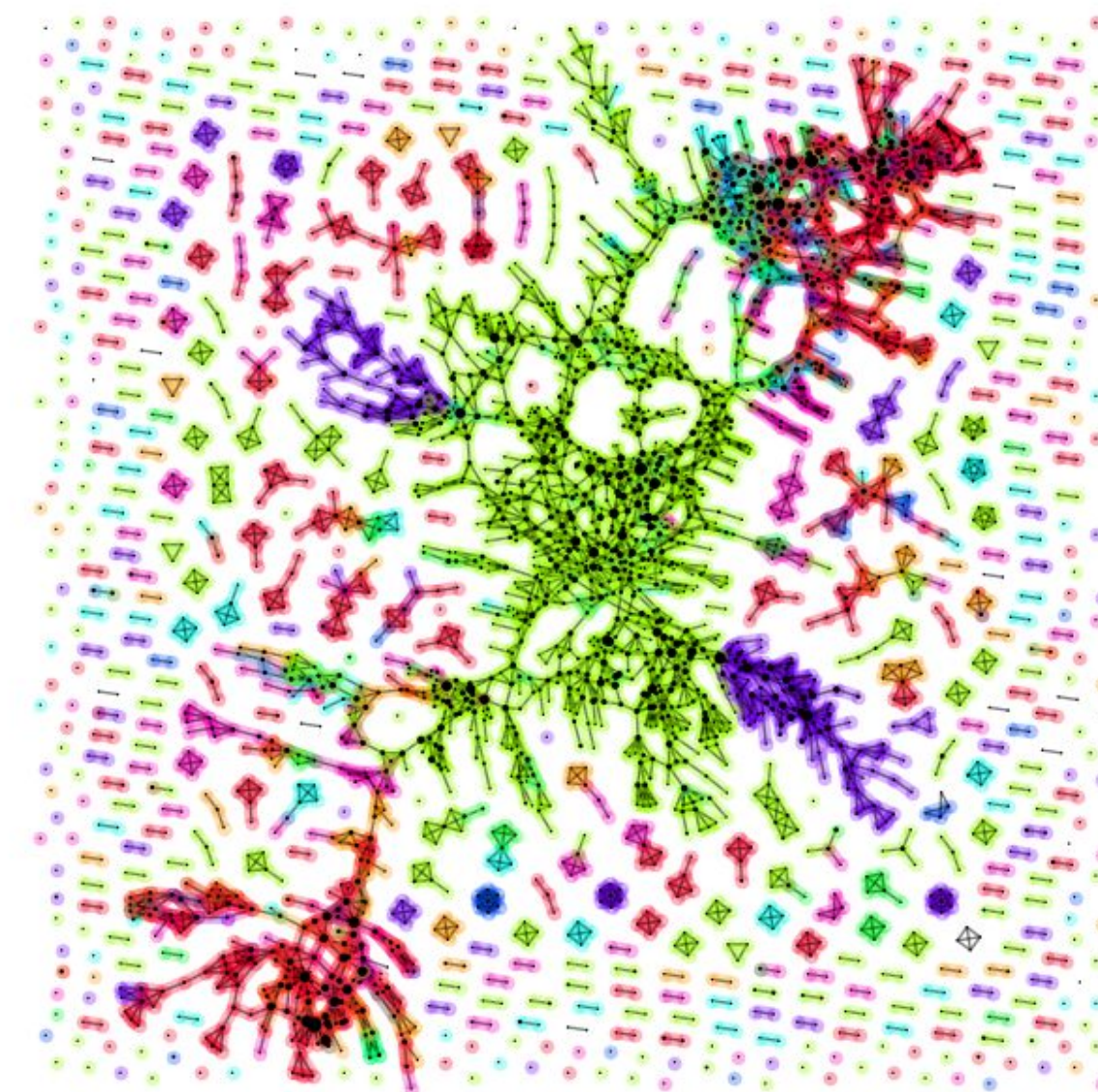
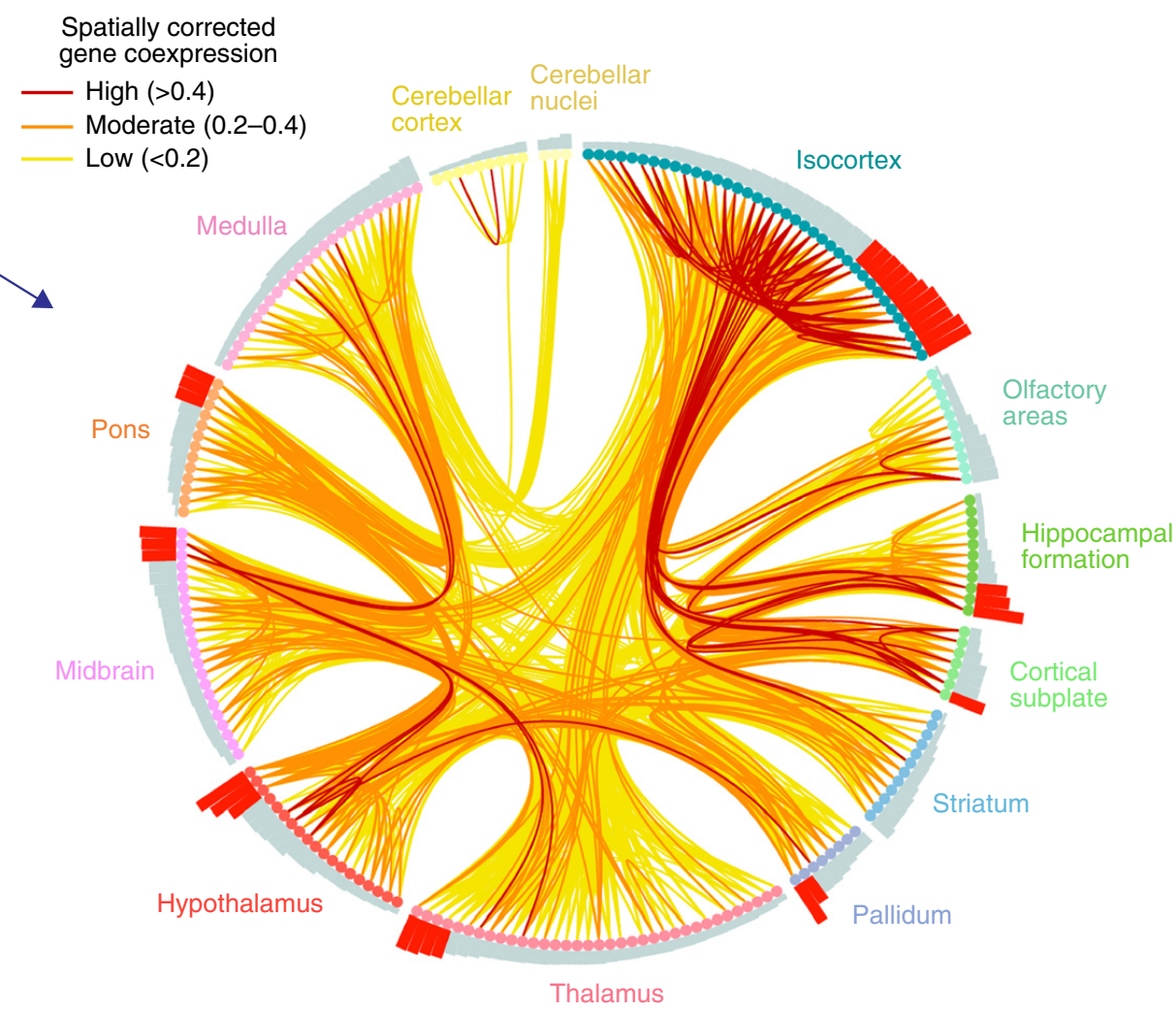
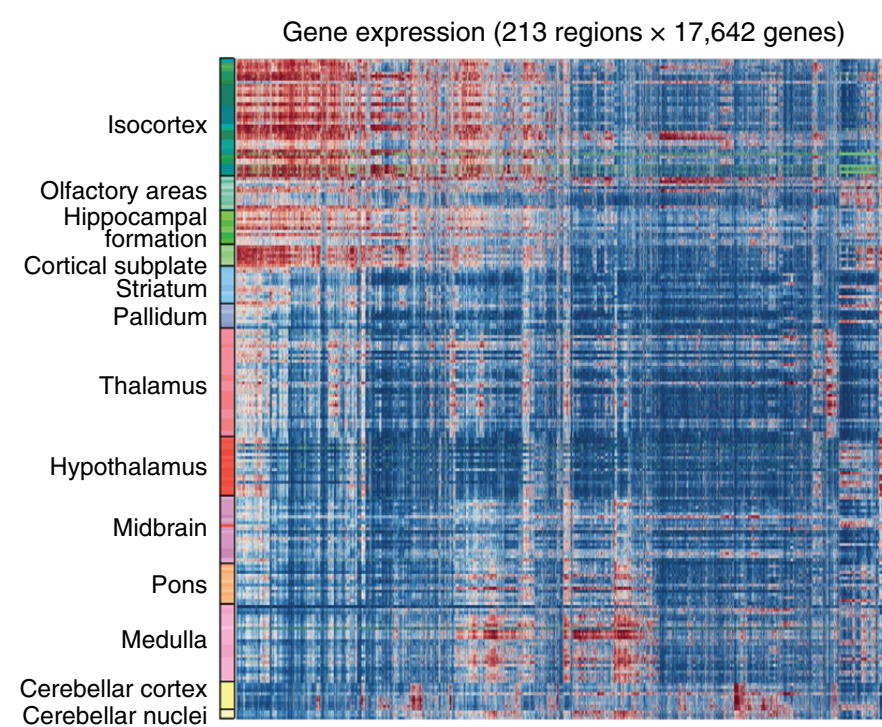
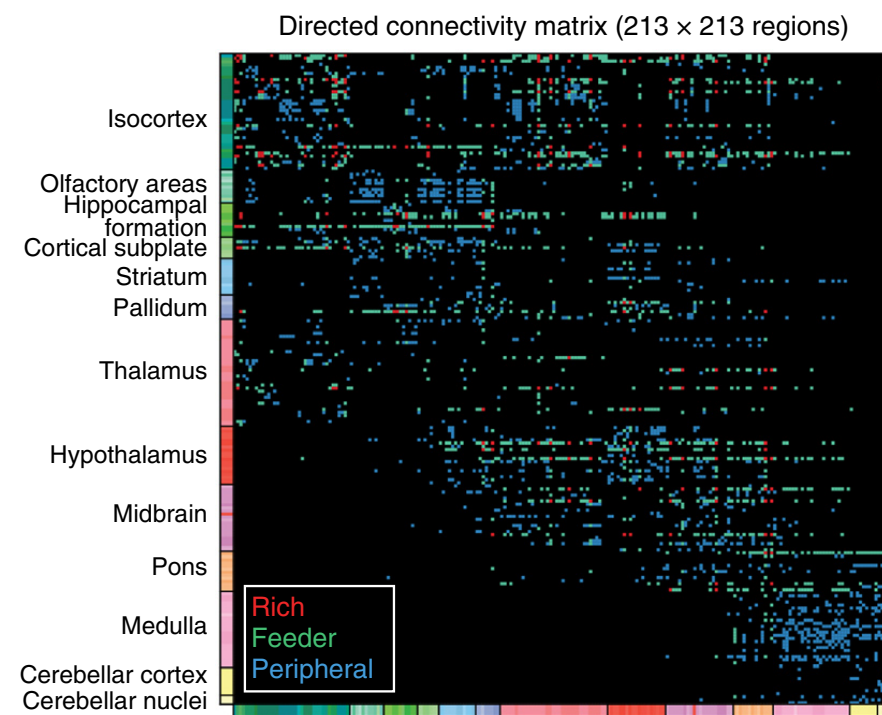
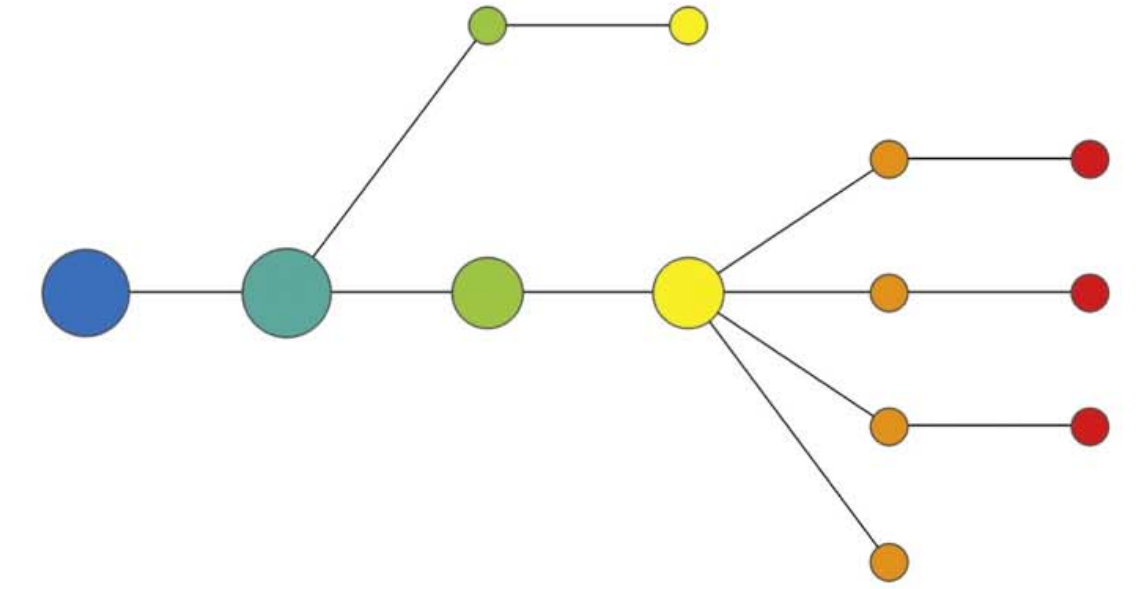
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### overlapped binning

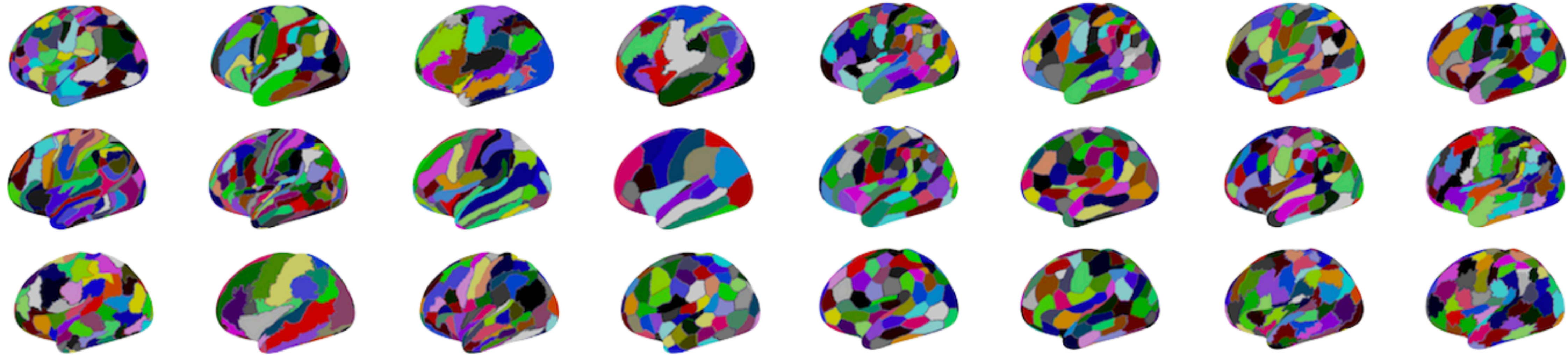


### Clustering and network construction binning



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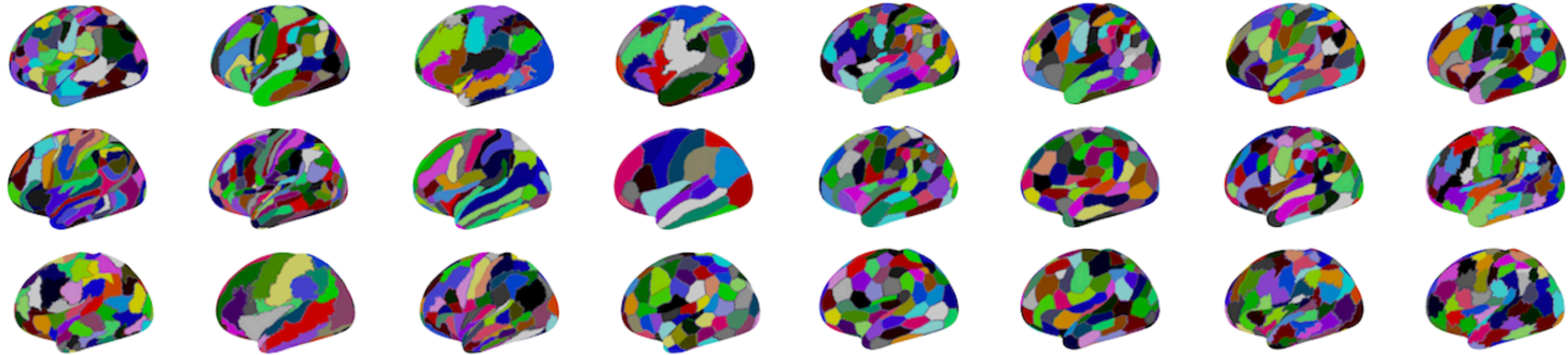
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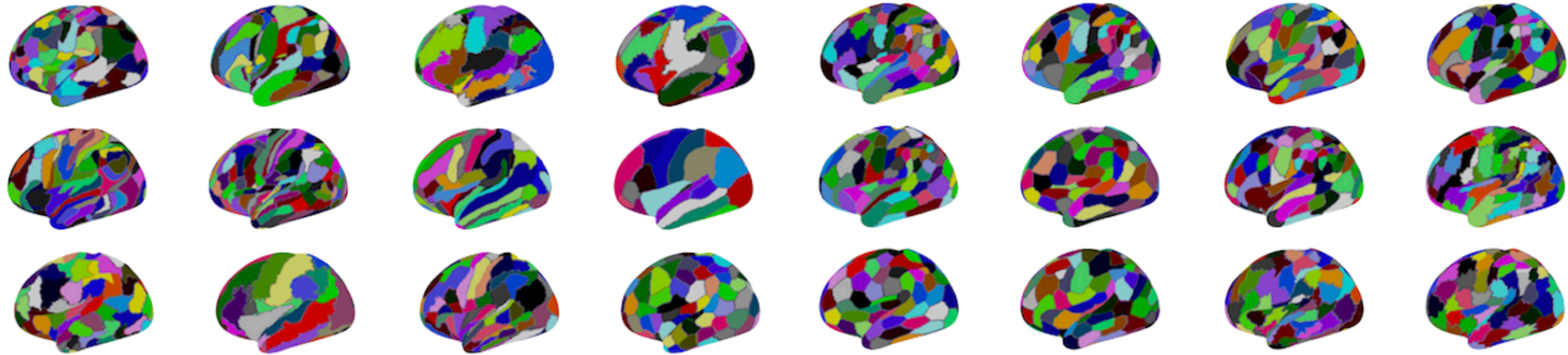


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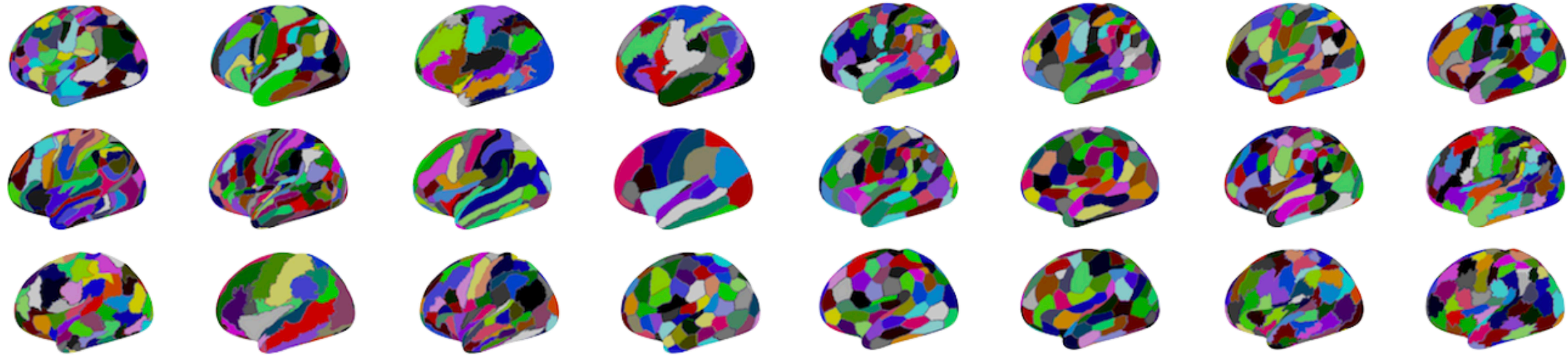
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