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EXPLORE  
THE  
BRAIN



BRAIN  
SIMULATION



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BRAINS



UNDERSTANDING  
COGNITION



MEDICINE



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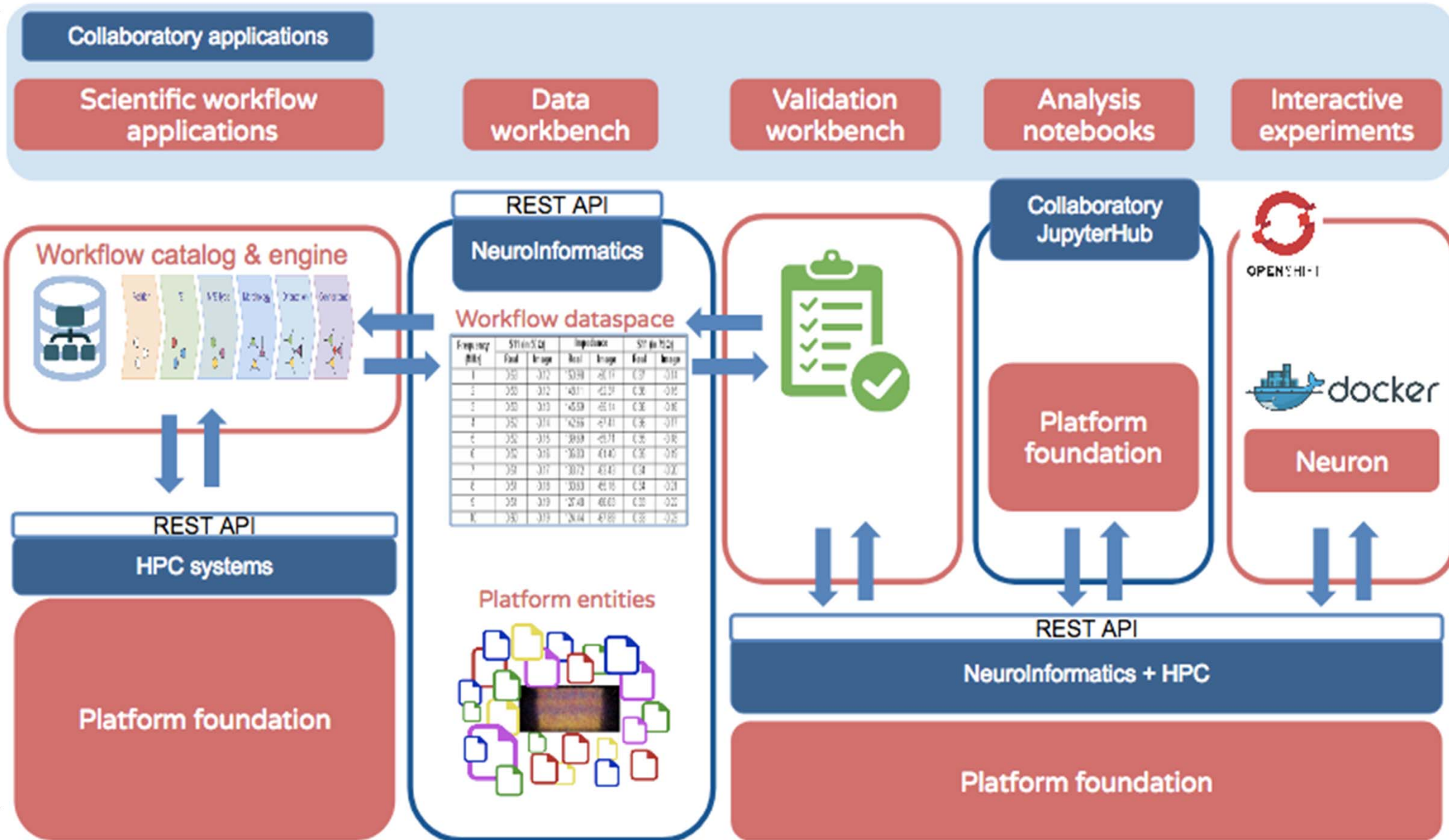


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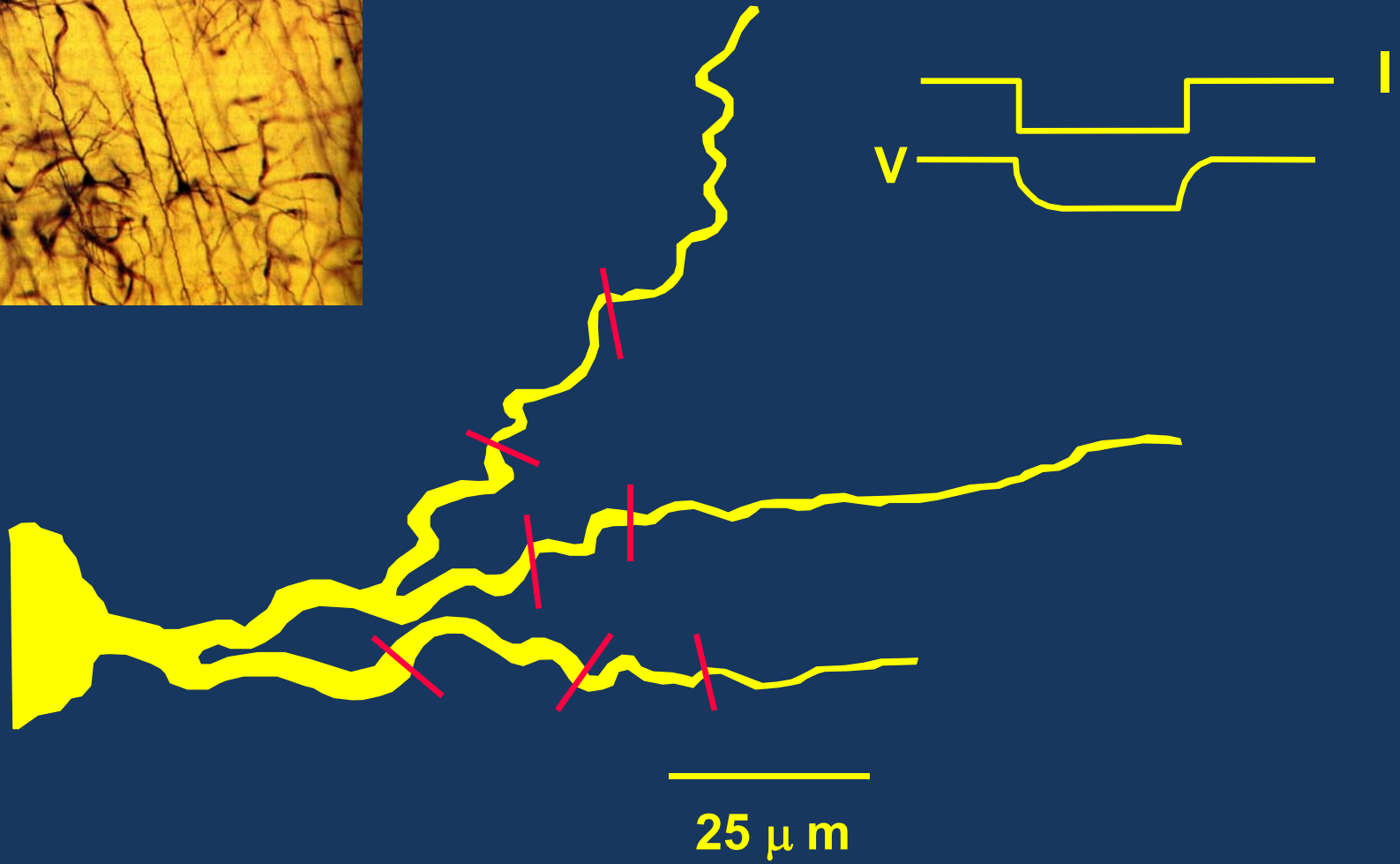
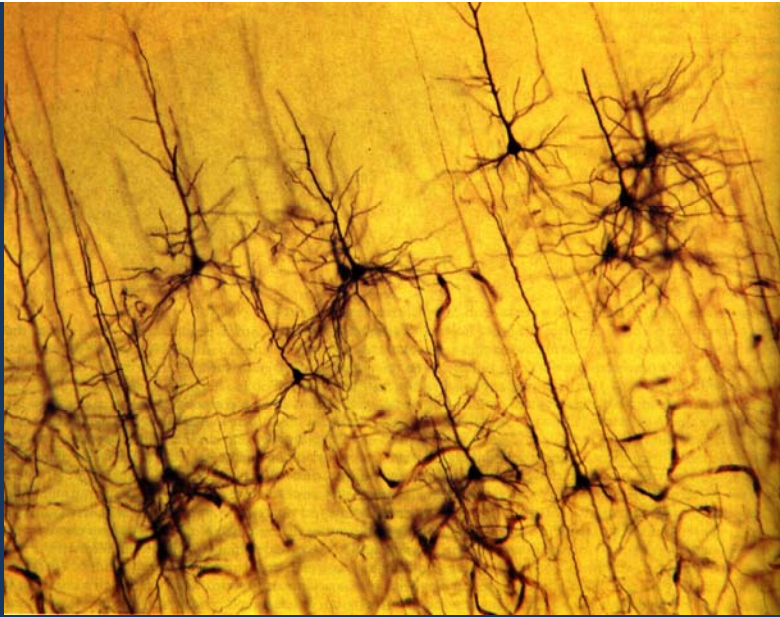


SOCIAL,  
ETHICAL,  
REFLECTIVE

# Architecture



cellular level



## Hodgkin-Huxley equations

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = I_{\text{ext}} - g_{\text{Na}} m^3 h (V - V_{\text{Na}}) - g_{\text{K}} n^4 (V - V_{\text{K}}) - g_{\text{L}} (V - V_{\text{L}}),$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(V) (1 - m) - \beta_m(V) m,$$

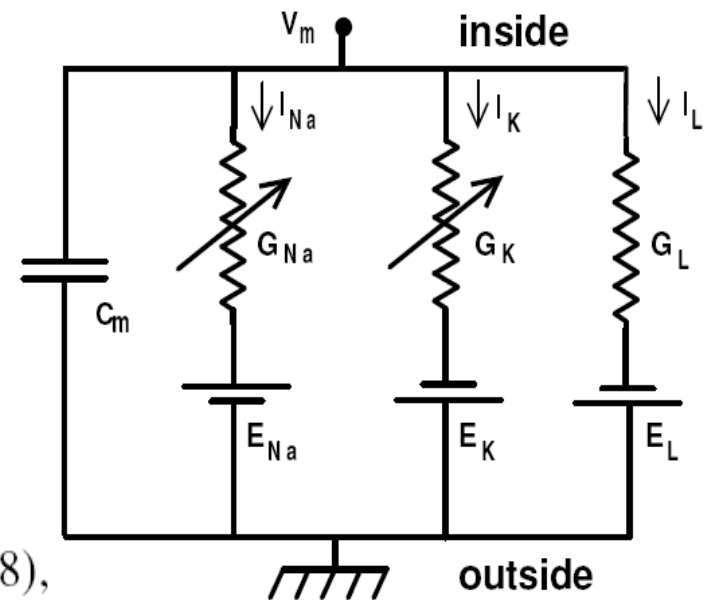
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(V) (1 - h) - \beta_h(V) h,$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(V) (1 - n) - \beta_n(V) n.$$

$$\alpha_m = 0.1 \frac{-V + 25}{\exp((-V + 25)/10) - 1}, \quad \beta_m = 4 \exp(-V/18),$$

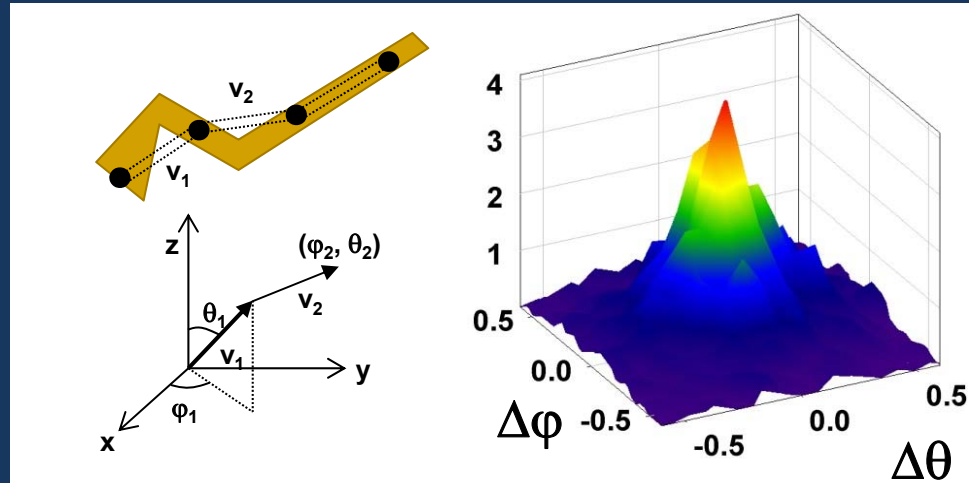
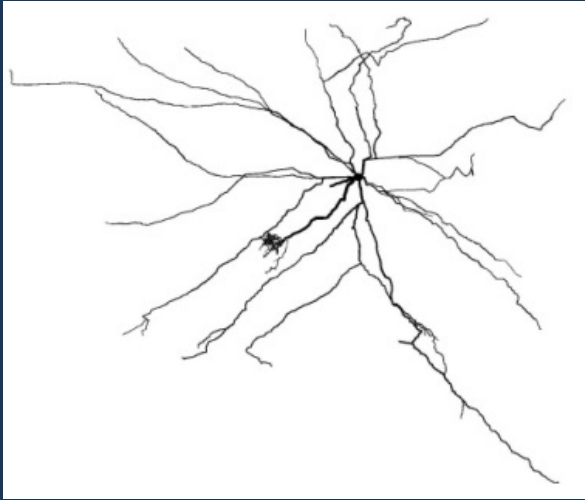
$$\alpha_h = 0.07 \exp(-V/20), \quad \beta_h = \frac{1}{\exp((-V + 30)/10) + 1},$$

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 \frac{-V + 10}{\exp((-V + 10)/10) - 1}, \quad \beta_n = 0.125 \exp(-V/80).$$





From Igarashi et al., 2012



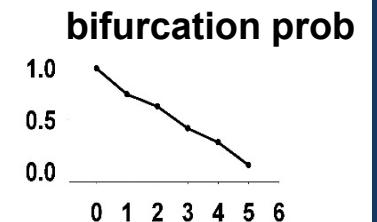
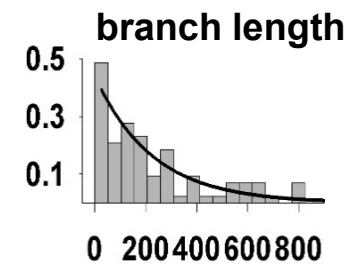
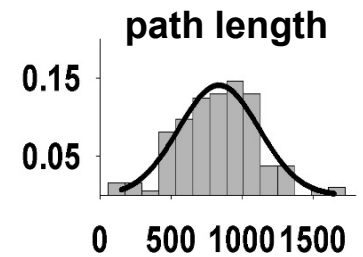
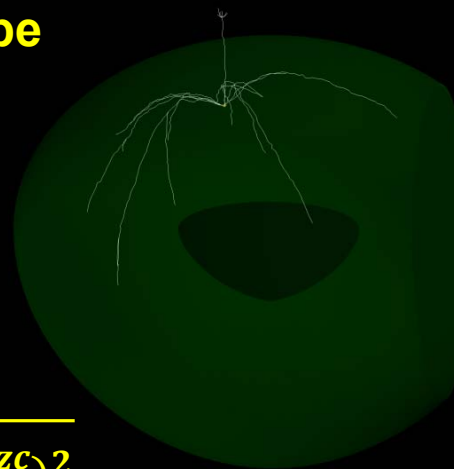
exp parameters were used to  
build synthetic morphologies...

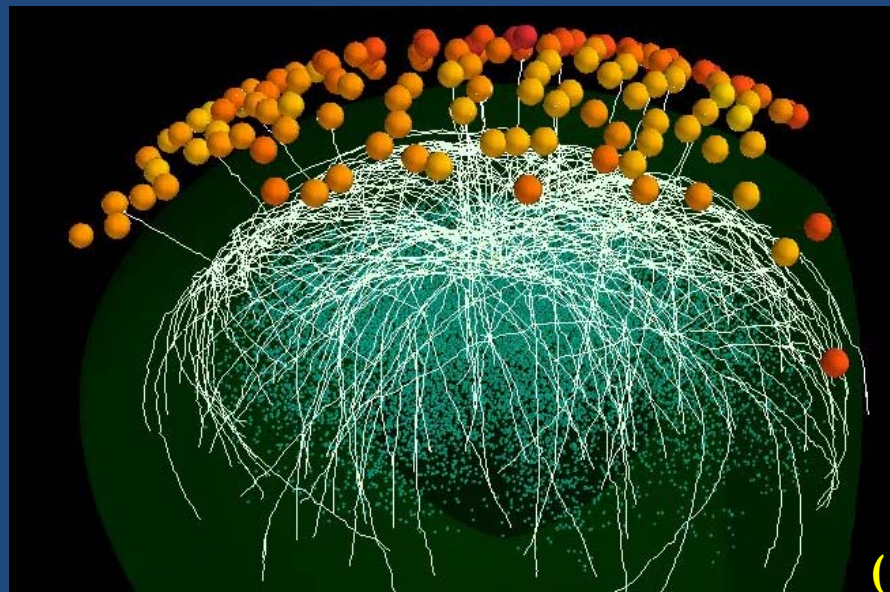
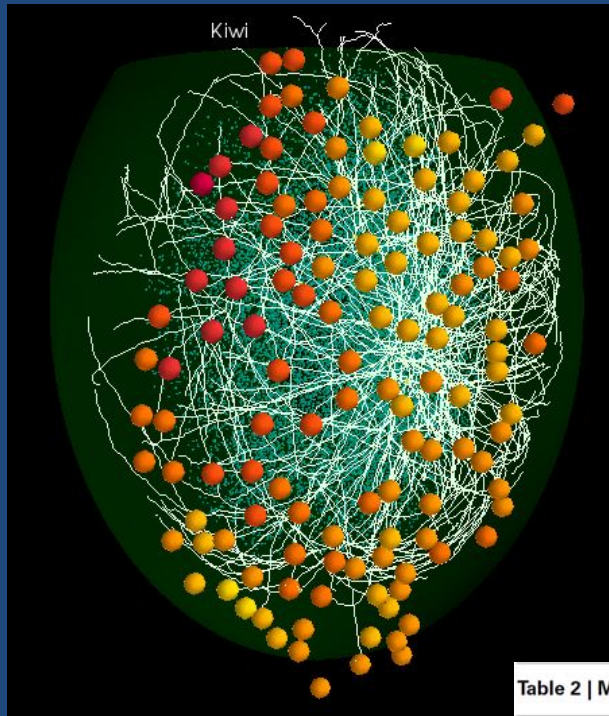
show mitral  
cells

...growing on a bulb-like shape

$$\overrightarrow{v_{i+1}} = \overrightarrow{v_i} + \alpha h(p_i) \overrightarrow{u}$$

$$h(p_i) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{x_i - x_c}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_i - y_c}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z_i - z_c}{c}\right)^2}}$$





movie

635 mitral cells,  
69000 granule cells,  
 $7 \cdot 10^5$  synapses  
(1/20 of the real system  
32,000,000 nonlinear ODEs)

Table 2 | Model parameters and execution times for a typical simulation.

	Seg (min-max)	States (min-max) (v, channels, and syn. gates)		Syn (min-max)
MC ( $n = 635$ )	380,748 (189–1433)	5,259,735 (2536–20,028)		707,216 (308–2799)
GC ( $n = 69013$ )	4,344,724 (33–257)	26,892,317 (261–869)		707,216 (1–62)
Total	4,725,472	32,152,052		
	Computation time	Comm. time (spike exchange)	Comm. time (multisplit)	Total run time (2048 procs)
Average (sec)	27,149.35	68.53	555.94	32,552.86
Max (sec)	27,756.25	813.44	1453.96	

CINECA, Bologna



#### Technical References

**Architecture:** 10 BGQ Frame  
**Model:** IBM-BG/Q  
**Processor Type:** IBM PowerA2, 1.6 GHz  
**Computing Cores:** 163840  
**Computing Nodes:** 10240  
**RAM:** 1GByte / core  
**Internal Network:** Network interface with 11 links ->5D Torus  
**Disk Space:** 2PByte of scratch space  
**Peak Performance:** 2PFlop/s

Typical 40 sec of sim. on 2048  
processors, fully integrated  
NEURON+python implementation,  
 $750 \cdot 10^6$  spikes: 9 hours, 10 Gb  
output, 99% eff.



# Brain Simulation Platform v2

- Released in June 2017
- it delivers an open framework with:
  - Advanced & reproducible model building workflows unique in the field
  - Model Validation Framework;
  - Model Catalog;
  - Intuitive tools and functionality “as a Service”
  - *in silico* experiments;
  - Seamless integration with HPC systems (CINECA, JSC, NSG)
  - MOOC


# UC1-UC3: Single cell modeling and in silico microcircuit experimentation

Workspace Hodgkin-Huxley Neuron Builder

**Hodgkin-Huxley Neuron Builder**

Workflow id: 20180517053525\_251951 Home New Clone Save

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 **Cell Optimization**

Feature extraction

Extract features
Upload files

Delete
Download

'features.json' and/or 'protocols.json' NOT present

Optimization files

Choose from database
Upload file

Delete
Download

Optimization files NOT present

Optimization settings

Set parameters/Choose HPC

Optimization parameters NOT set

✖ No job submitted

Launch optimization

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Single Cell Simulation Run

The Collaboratory

CSCS

data selection  
KG, containers,  
local

CSCS  
EPFL

data preproc &  
analysis  
custom app  
BluePyFE

EPFL  
CNR

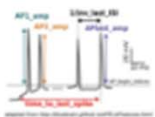
simulation  
conf & analysis  
custom code  
BluePyOpt

JSC, CINECA  
(UNICORE)  
NSG (rest API)

web tool  
custom app  
NaaS

EPFL

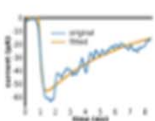
# Use cases: trace analysis



## Feature extraction

Extracts electrophysiological features; traces can be from NeuroInformatics Platform or uploaded

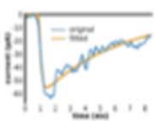
Everybody



## Synaptic events fitting

Fitting synaptic events using data and model in NeuroInformatics Platform

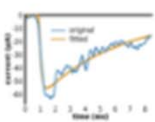
Power users



## Synaptic events fitting with user model

Fitting synaptic events using data in NeuroInformatics Platform and user's model

Experts



## Synaptic events fitting with user data

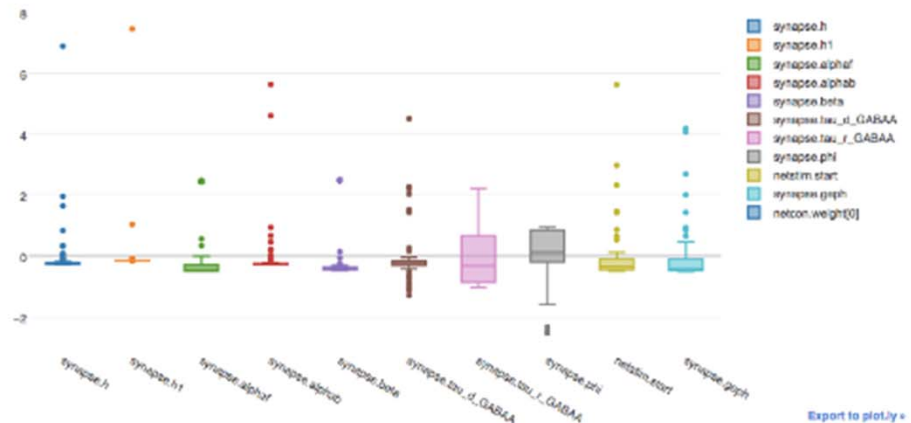
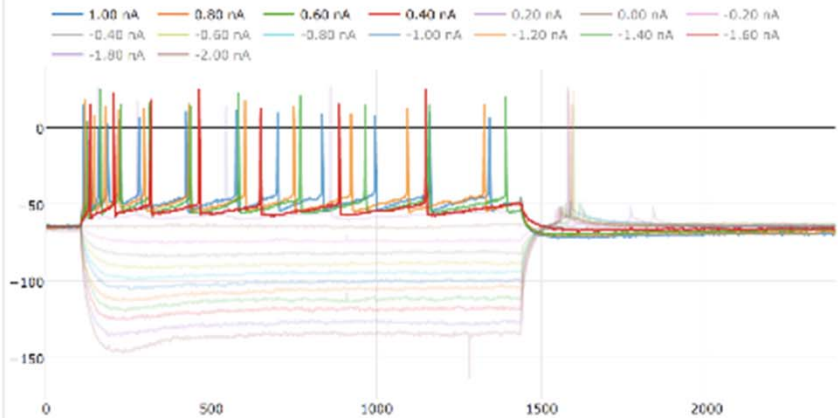
Fitting user's synaptic events data with model from NeuroInformatics Platform

Experts



Cell properties: rat -> hippocampus -> CA1 -> IN -> bAC -> SP-BS -> 95810036

Select all Deselect all Invert selection



Export to plotly

# Use cases: morphology analysis

## Morphology analysis

Performs analysis on a morphology with NeuroM

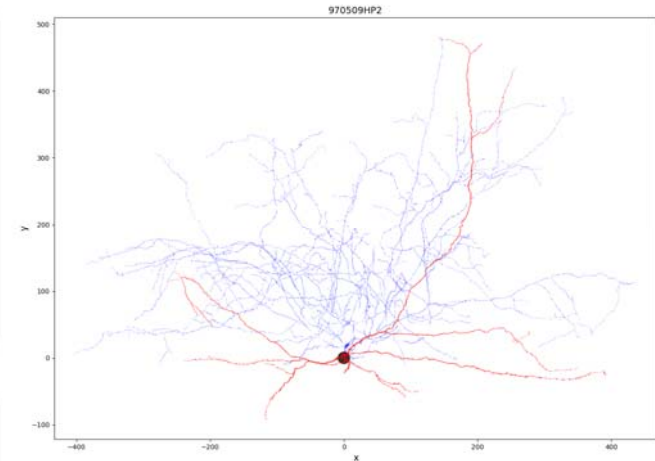
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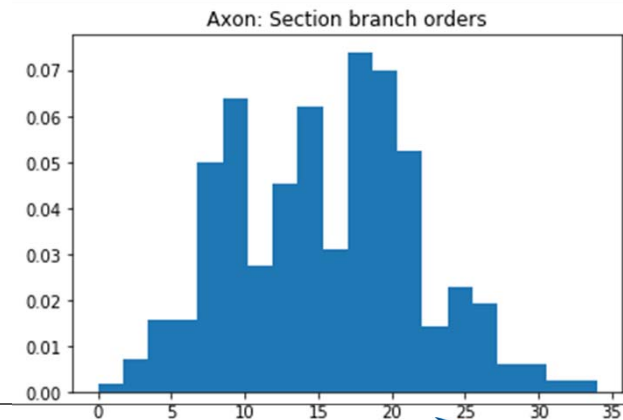
## Morphology visualization

Display neuron morphology in 3D

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Component	Feature	Mean	Std
basal_dendrite	local_bifurcation_angles	1.459	0.513
basal_dendrite	neurite_lengths	861.100	404.560
basal_dendrite	neurite_volume_density	0.004	0.005
basal_dendrite	neurite_volumes	758.570	378.123
basal_dendrite	number_of_bifurcations	30.000	0.000
basal_dendrite	number_of_forking_points	30.000	0.000



# Use cases: single cell building

**Rebuild an existing single hippocampal cell model**

Use the BluePyOpt to re-run an optimization with your choices for the parameters range

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**Build your own single hippocampal cell model using HBP data**

Use the BluePyOpt to run an optimization choosing from HBP data for morphology, channel kinetics, features, and parameters.

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BETA HPC

**Optimize a cerebellar granule cell model composed by a single section**

Using BluePyOpt to optimize a single compartmental cerebellar granule cell. All the parameters, channels and morphology can be modified. This version runs directly on the collaboratory and it is limited to small optimizations

Everybody Power users

HPC

**Optimize a cerebellar granule cell multicompartmental model**

Using BluePyOpt to optimize a multicompartmental cerebellar granule cell composed by four dendrites, soma and a custom multi segmented axon. All the parameters, channels and morphology can be modified. This version runs directly on the collaboratory and it is limited to small optimizations

Everybody Power users

HPC

**Simulation and validation of a mouse Purkinje cell multicompartmental model**

Simulation and validation of a mouse Purkinje cell multicompartmental model obtained from BluePyOpt optimizer. The purpose of this usecase it to extract, simulate and validated a series of physiologically correct Purkinje cells. This notebook runs directly on the Collab and does not require HPC resources

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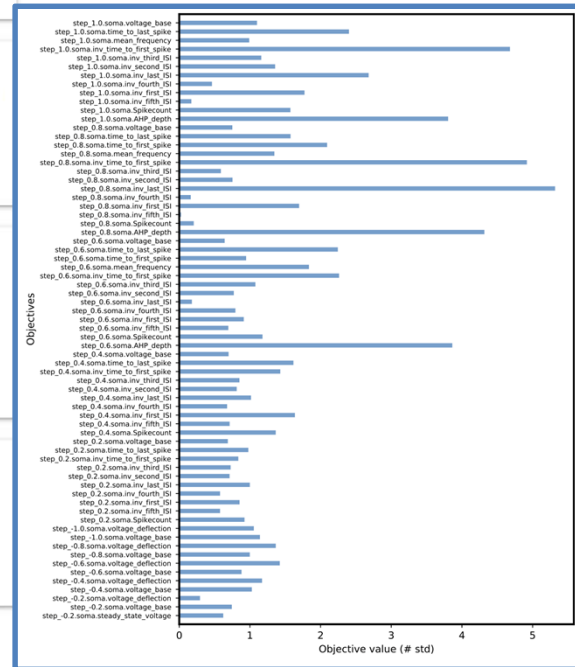
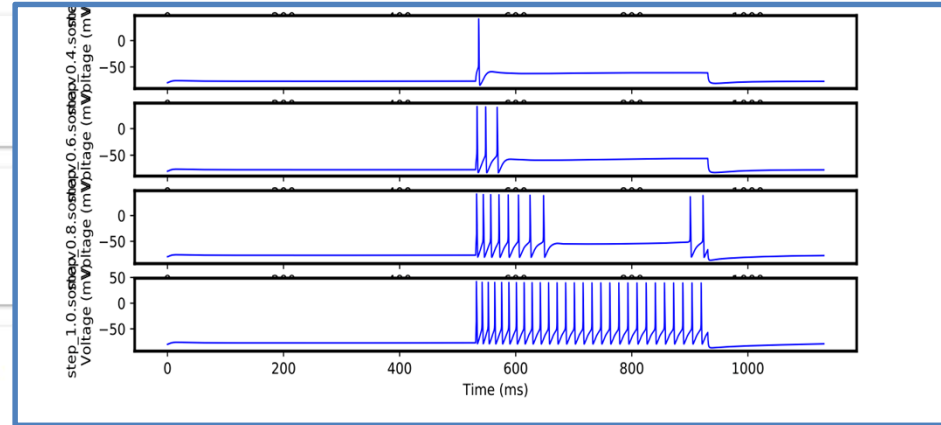
HPC

**Optimize a striatal fast-spiking interneuron**

Fit parameters of a striatal fast-spiking interneuron model to the experimental data. Optimization uses BluePyOpt as well as the realistic morphology, channel kinetics and extracted neurophysiological features. This version runs directly on the collaboratory and it is limited to small optimizations.

Developers

EXP





# Use cases: validations



## Validation Framework Demo (Walkthrough)

Demonstrates the use of the validation framework

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## Basal Ganglia - BluePyOpt Optimized Model Validation - Multiple HOF

Validates single cell basal ganglia models optimized via BluePyOpt for various features offered by eFEL; models contain multiple hall of fame parameter sets

Everybody



## Basal Ganglia Morphology Validation

Validates single cell morphologies of MSN and FS cells

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## Generic - BluePyOpt Optimized Model Validation

Validates models optimized via BluePyOpt for various features offered by eFEL

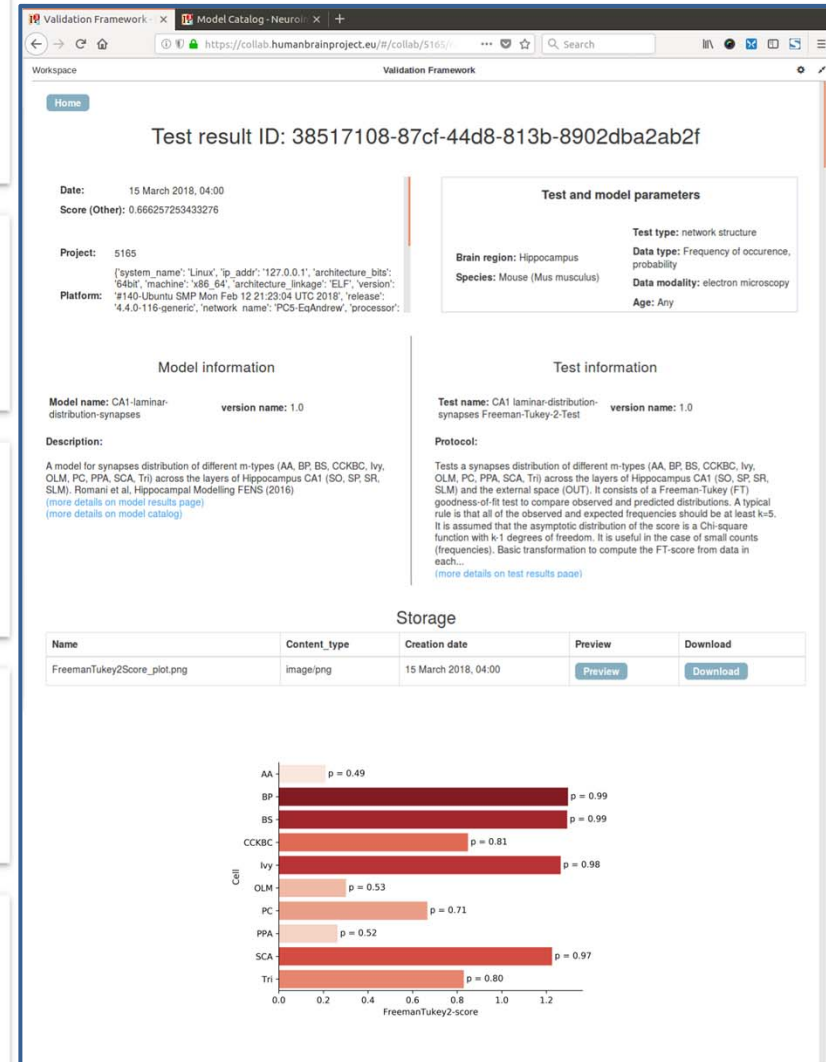
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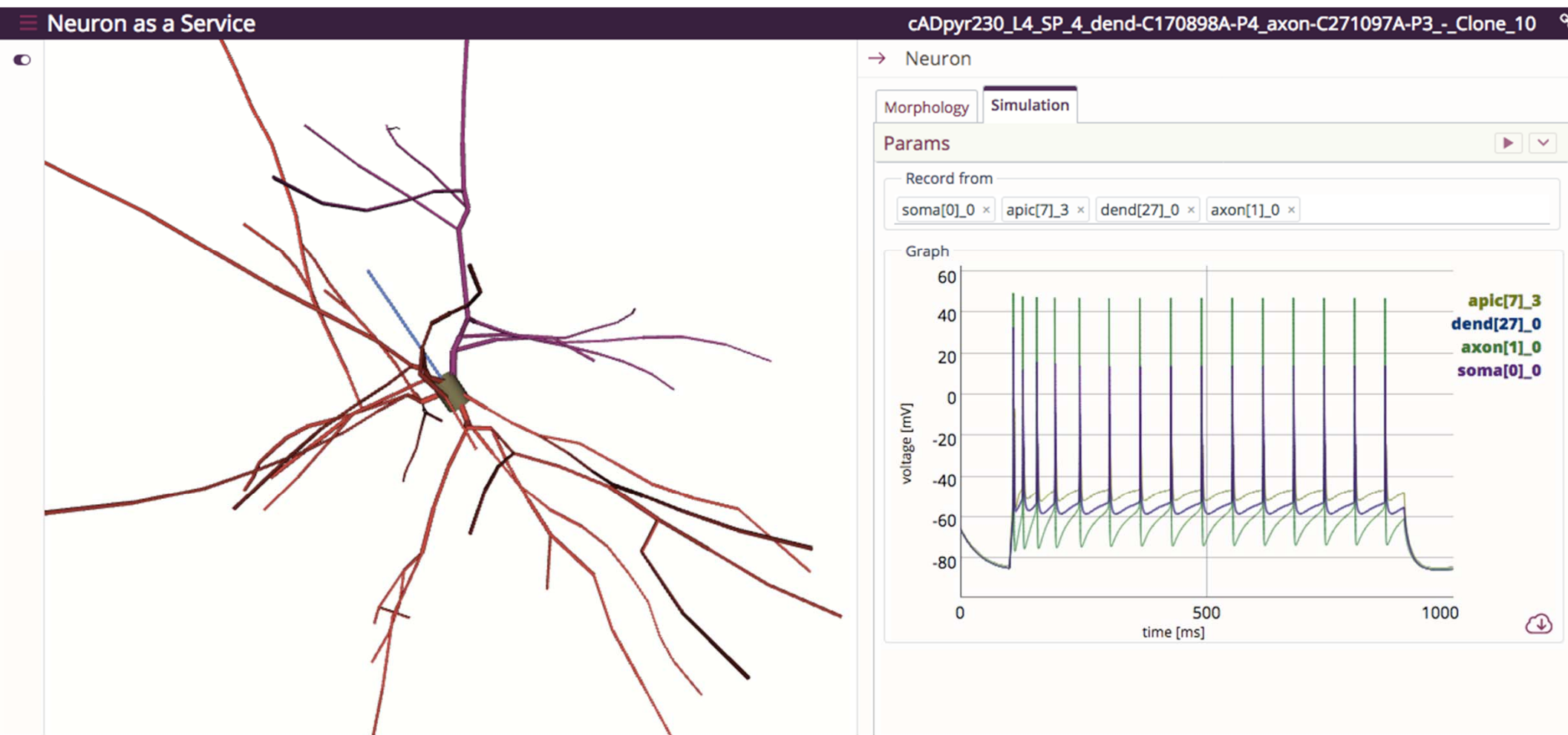
## Hippocampus Single Cell - BluePyOpt Optimized Model Validation

Validates single cell models of Hippocampus optimized via BluePyOpt

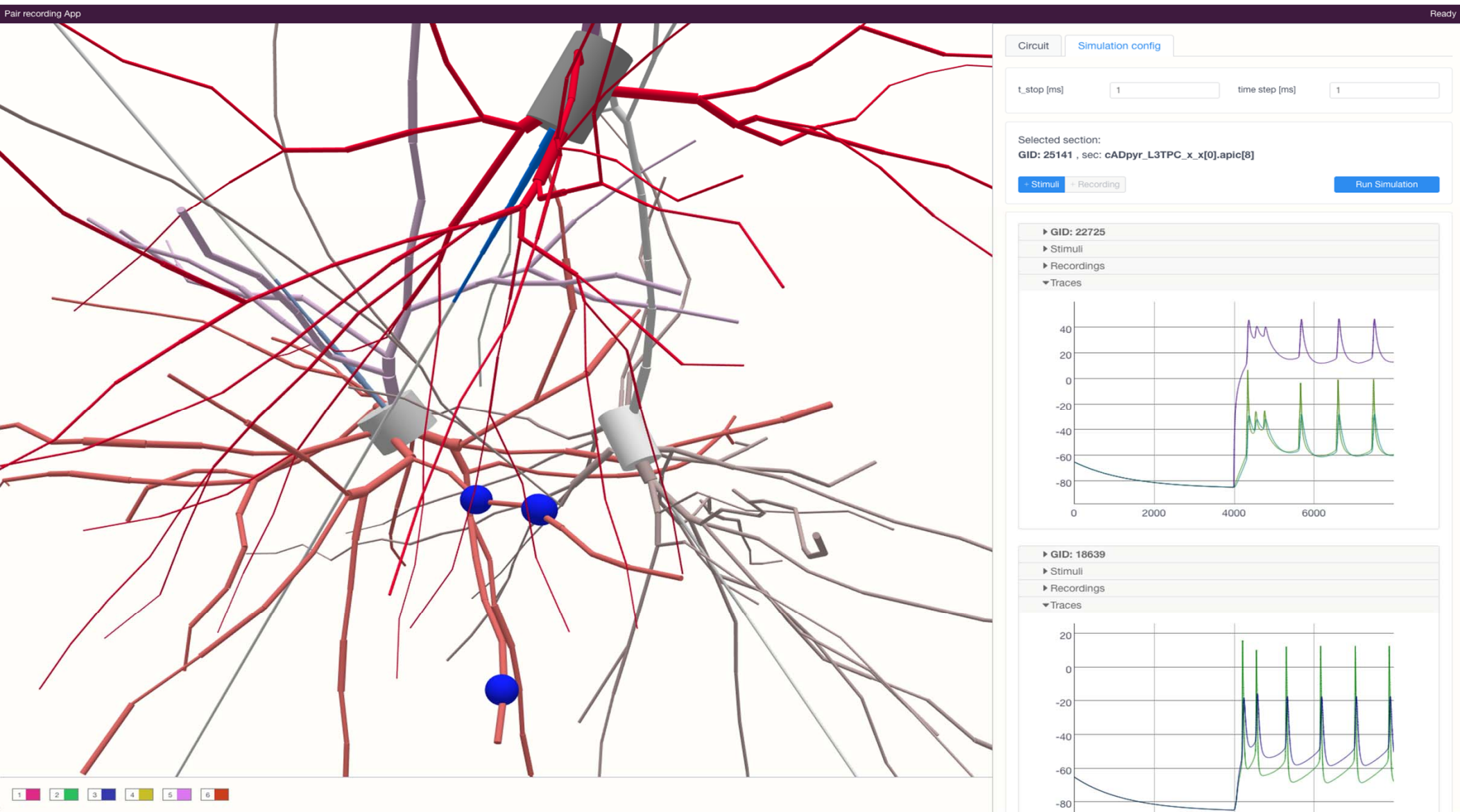
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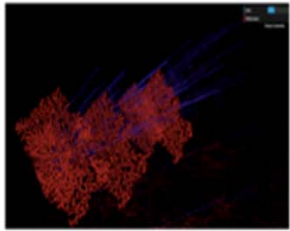
# Use cases: single cell experiment



# Use cases: small circuit experiment



# Use cases: circuit building

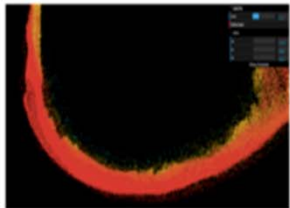


## Rat Cerebellum volume

A volume of the cerebellum with detailed neuron models

### Credits:

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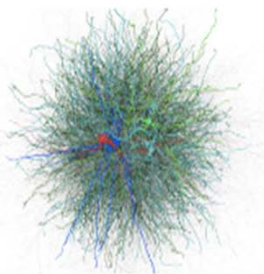


## Rat hippocampus CA1

A circuit of detailed neuron models based on the Ascoli

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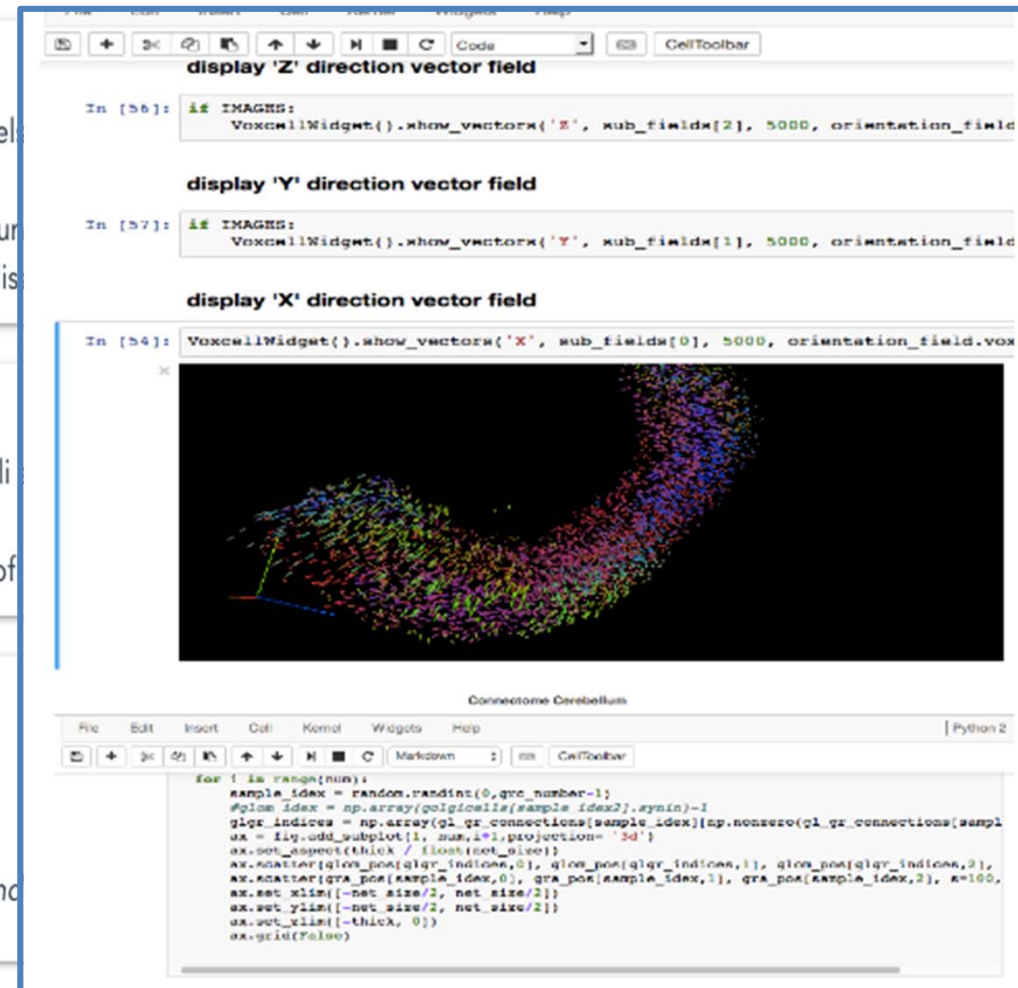


## Striatum microcircuitry

Striatum microcircuitry.

### Credits:

Contributor(s): *Johannes Hjorth* - hjorth@kth.se, *Alexander*





# Use cases: brain region experiment

## Configure & Launch Simulations

### Model

Defines the model to be loaded

slice-4

Duration(ms):

200

ForwardSkip(ms):

5000

View Simulations

### Stimulations

Defines pattern of stimuli to be injected into multiple locations

#### Targets

slice-4	Poisson					
slice5	Poisson					
	0ms	50ms	100ms	150ms	200ms	250ms

Add targets using slices of the Hippocampus



Slice 3

Slice 4

Slice 5

### Reports

Controls data collection during the simulation

#### Targets

slice-4	voltage					
	0ms	50ms	100ms	150ms	200ms	250ms

Add targets using slices of the Hippocampus



Slice -6

Slice -5

Slice -4

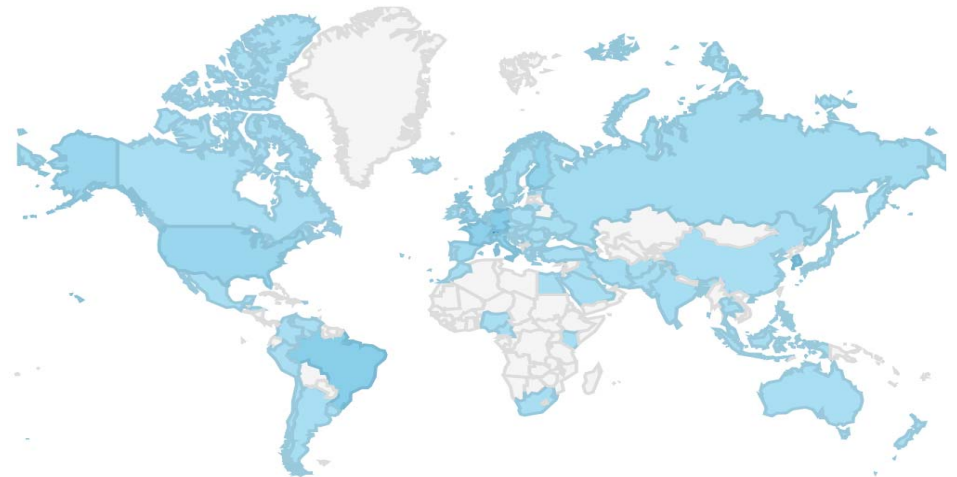
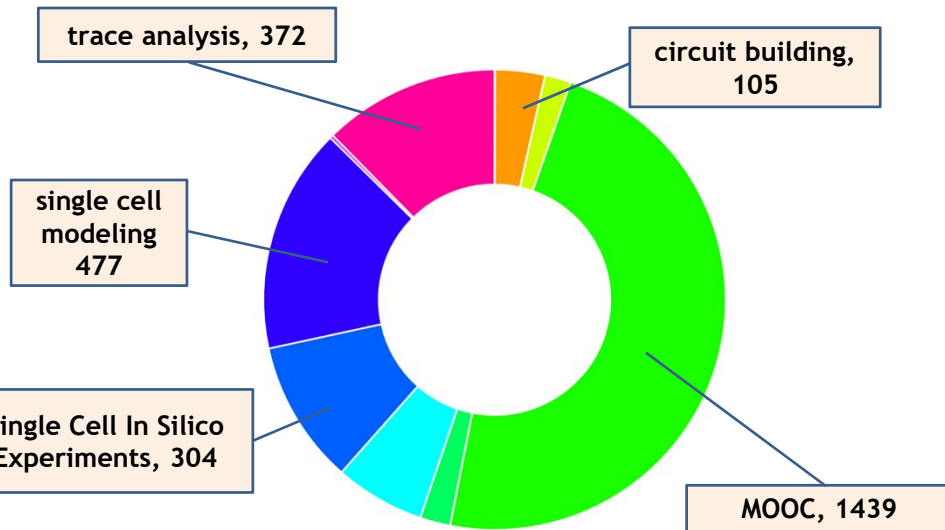
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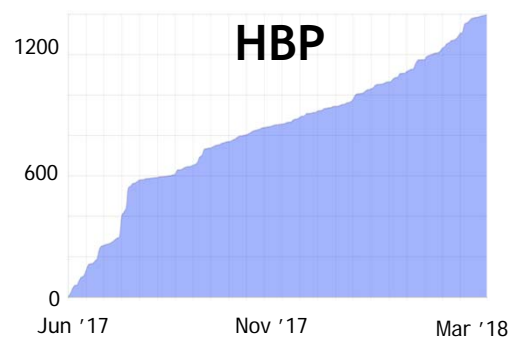
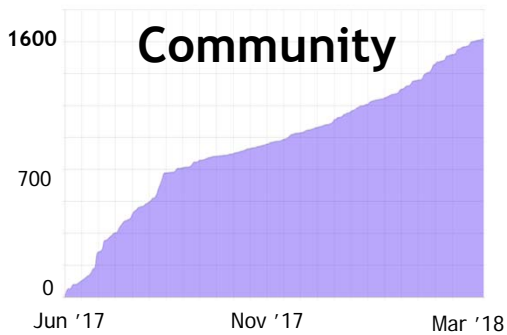
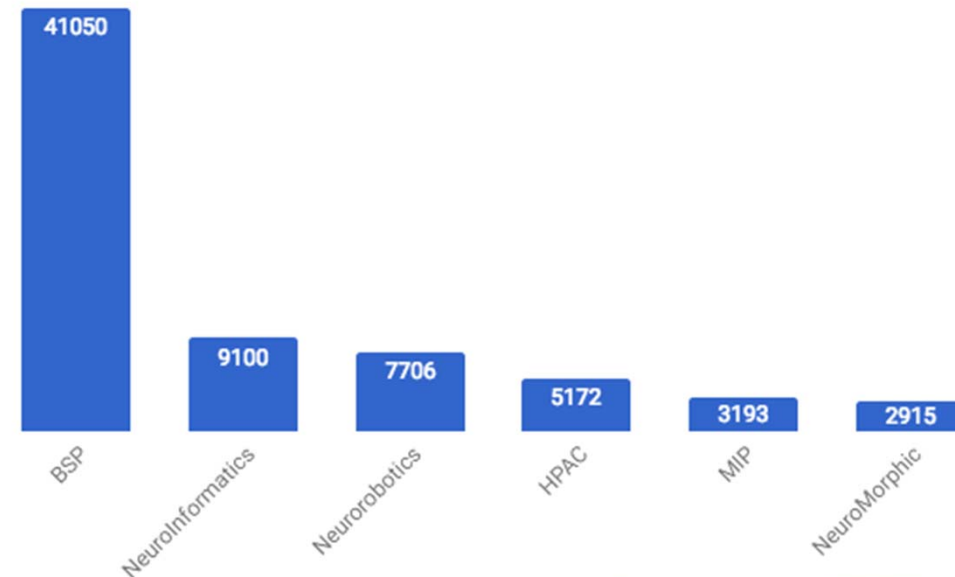


# Facts

Use cases executed since June 2017



Page views during SGA1

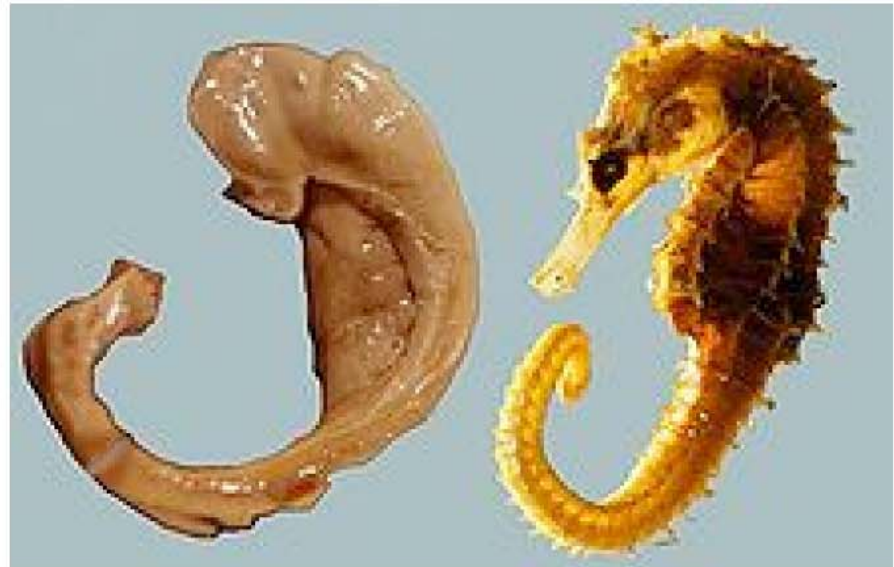
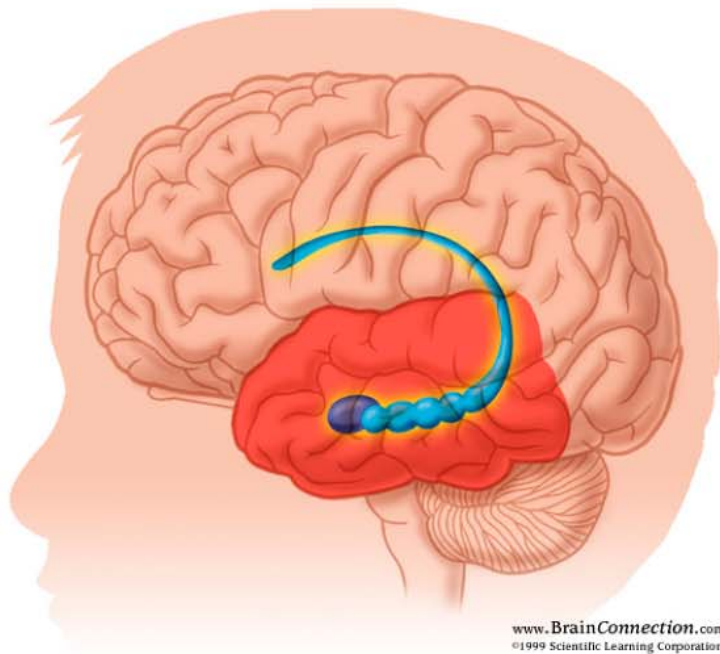


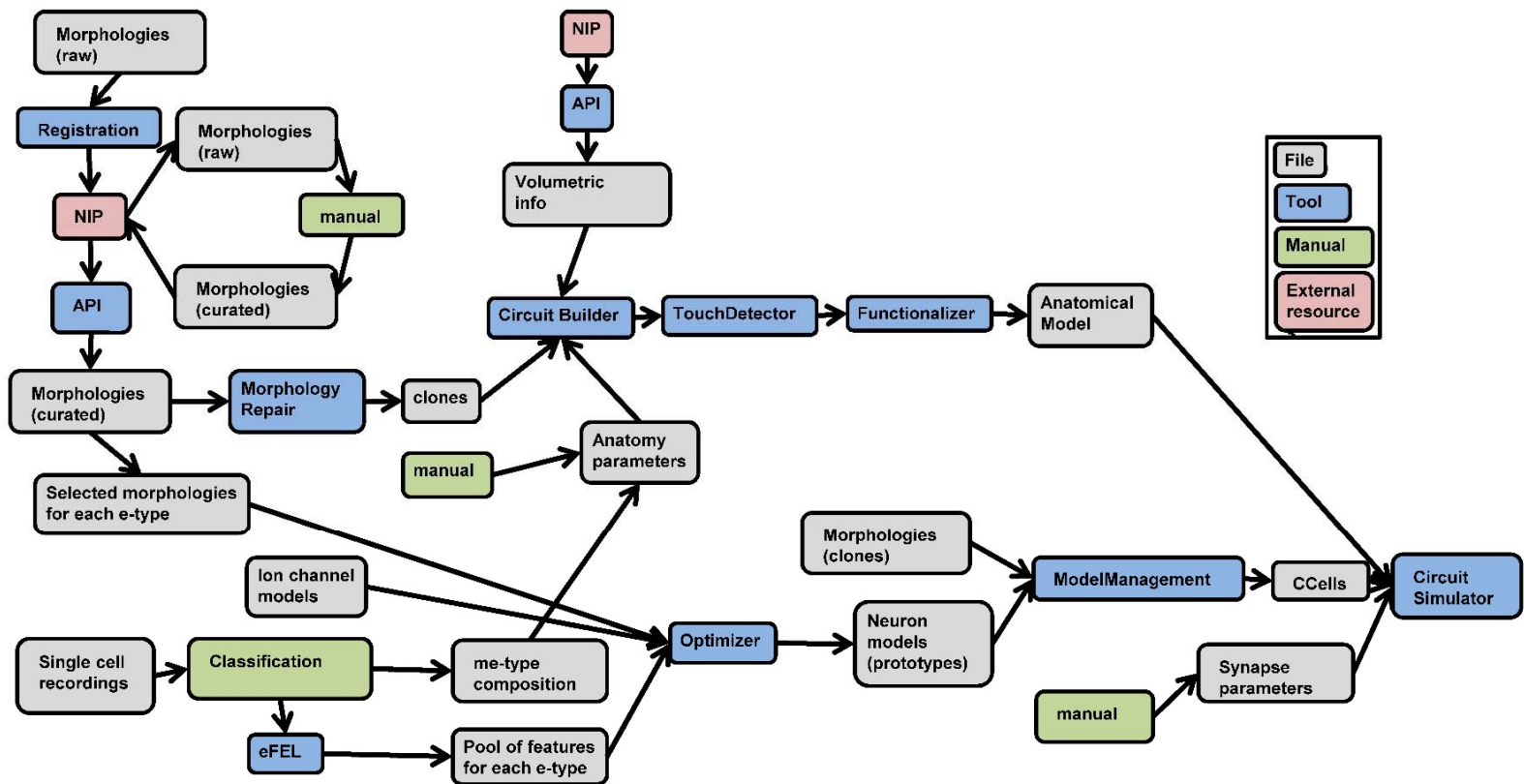
400 active users

**A few millions neurons**

**Strongly involved in higher brain functions (learning, memory, spatial navigation)**

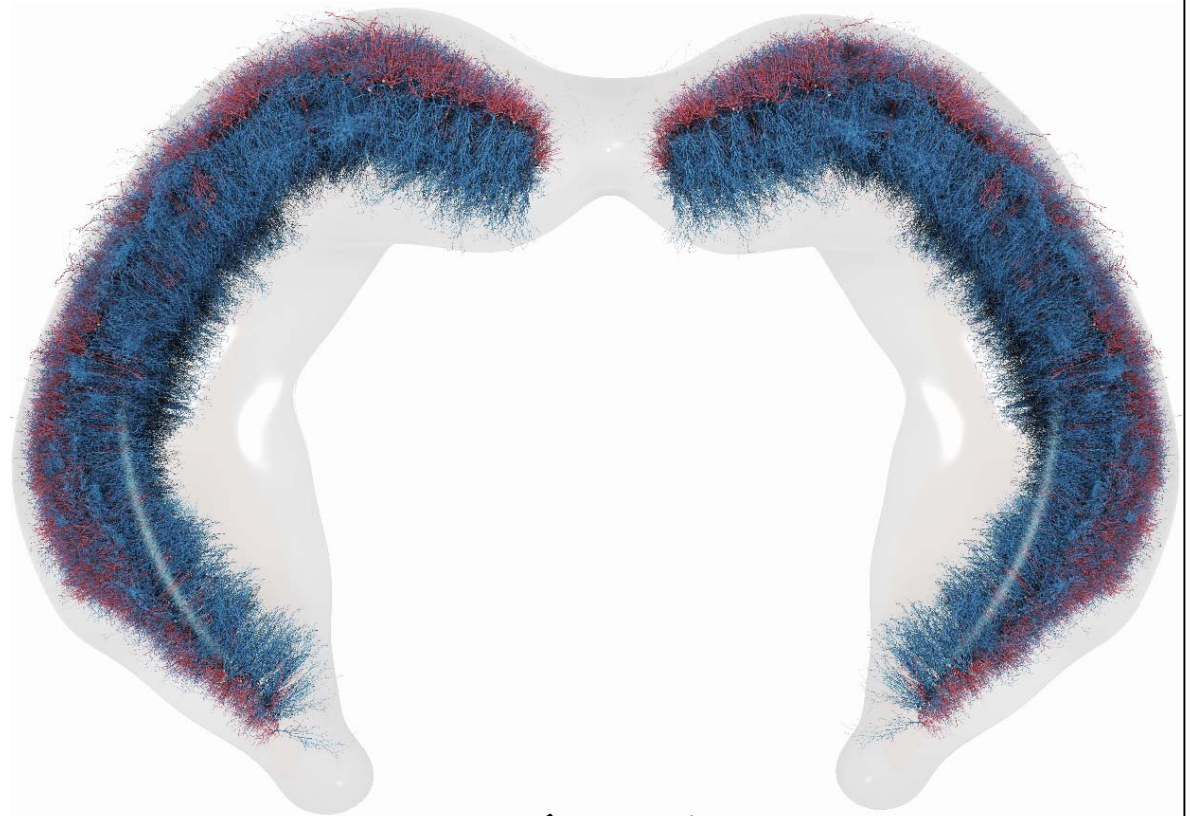
**Implicated in Alzheimer's disease, temporal lobe epilepsy, cognitive aging, post-traumatic stress disorder, transient global amnesia, schizophrenia, depressive and anxiety disorders.**







**biophysically accurate network**



**700000 neurons,  $\sim 350 \cdot 10^6$  memb seg, 20 ODE/seg  
7·10<sup>9</sup> ODEs + synapses  
1" of sim time: 5hr on BG/Q using 32000 procs  
~8Tb of input, up to ~3Tb of output**

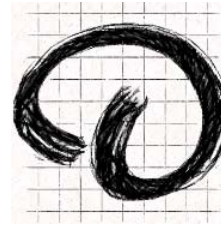
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