

那些年果蠅教我們的事

：神經科學的前沿探索

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**Motivation, Memory, and
Decision-Making**



Assembly of neural circuits



1933

T.H. Morgan



1946

H.J. Muller

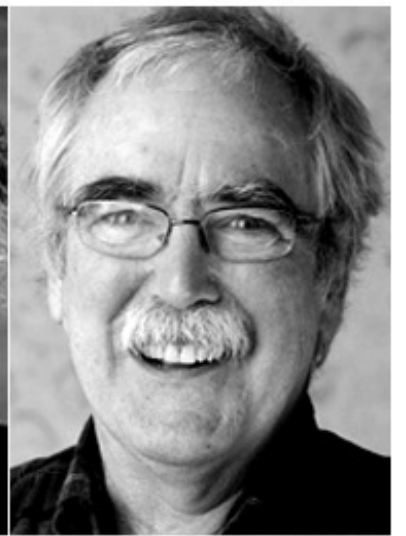


1995

E.B. Lewis



C. Nüsslein-Volhard



E. Wieschaus



2004

R. Axel



2011

J.A. Hoffmann



2017

J.C. Hall

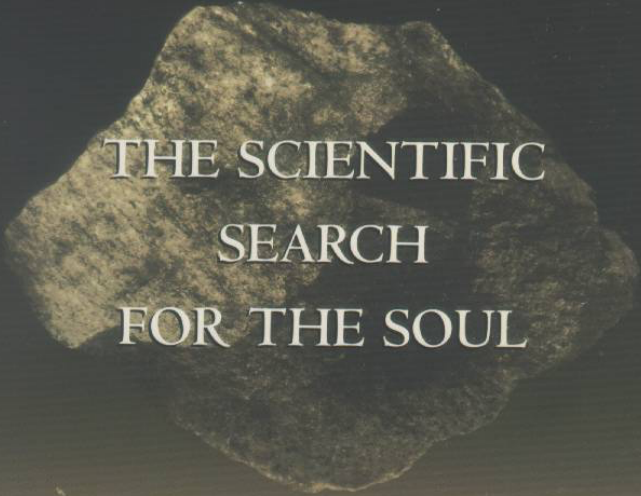


M. Rosbash



M.W. Young

The Astonishing Hypothesis



THE SCIENTIFIC
SEARCH
FOR THE SOUL

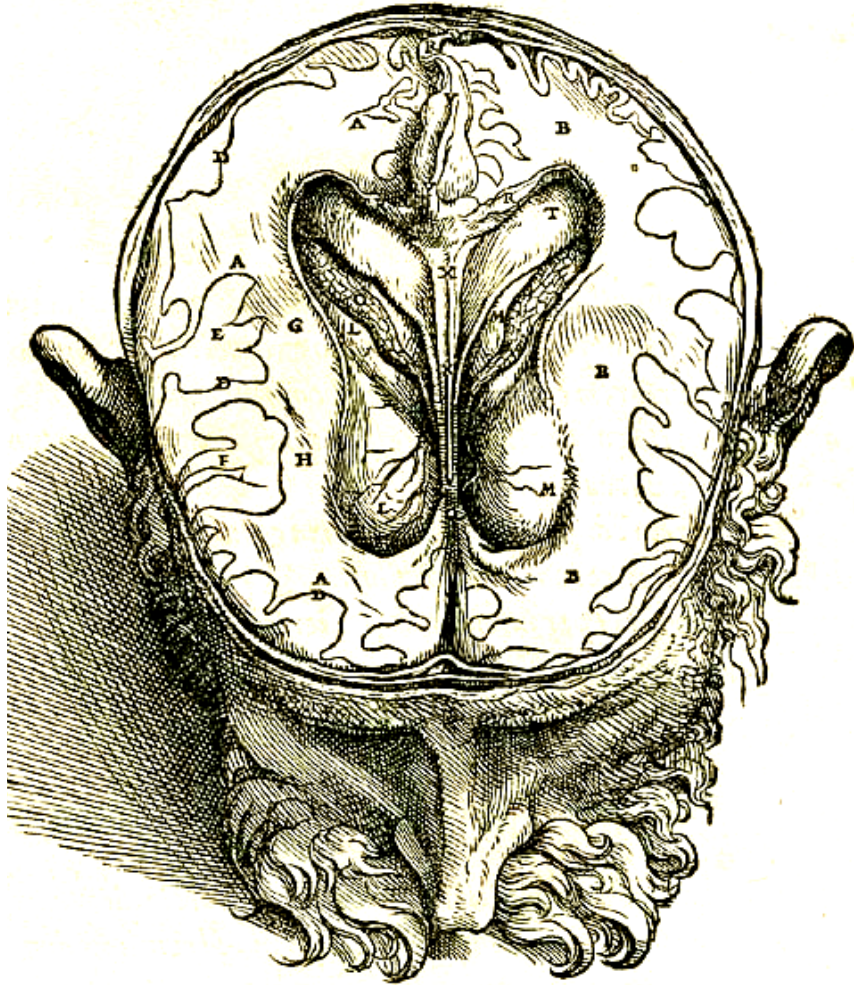
FRANCIS CRICK

— NOBEL LAUREATE —

"A fascinating, lucid portrait of a great scientific search."—Stephen Compton, *San Francisco Chronicle*

You are nothing but a pack of neurons!

Francis Crick, 1994



..tempers the heat and seething of the heart.

- Aristotle (384–322 BC.)

René Descarte (1596-1650)



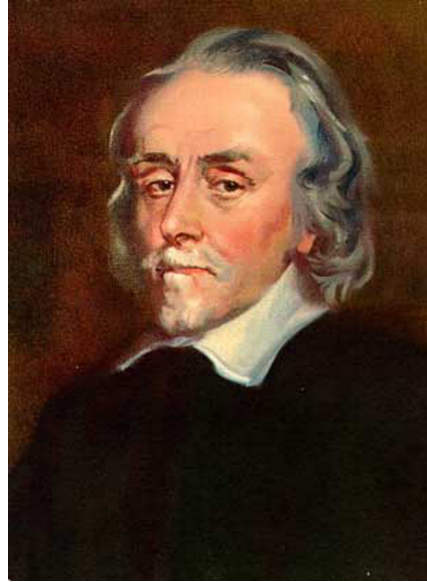
To think that our soul excites the movements is like to think that there is a soul in a clock which causes it to show the hours...

- René Descartes (1596-1650)

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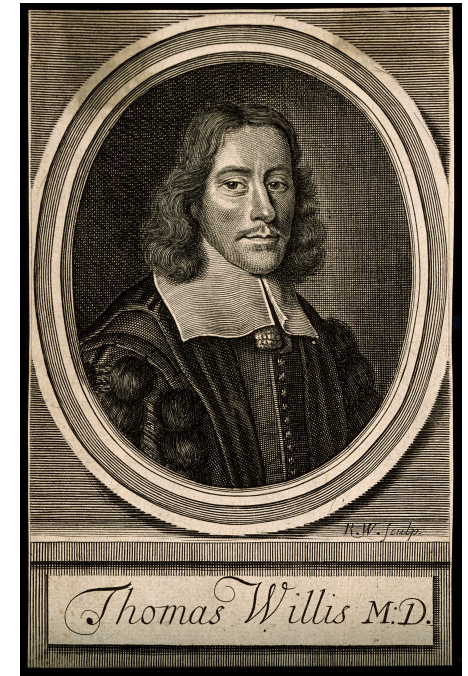
William Harvey (1578-1657)



Robert Hooke (1635-1703)



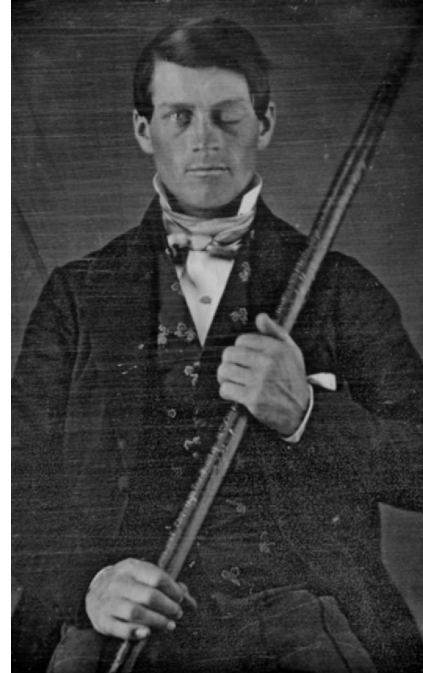
Thomas Willis (1621-1675)



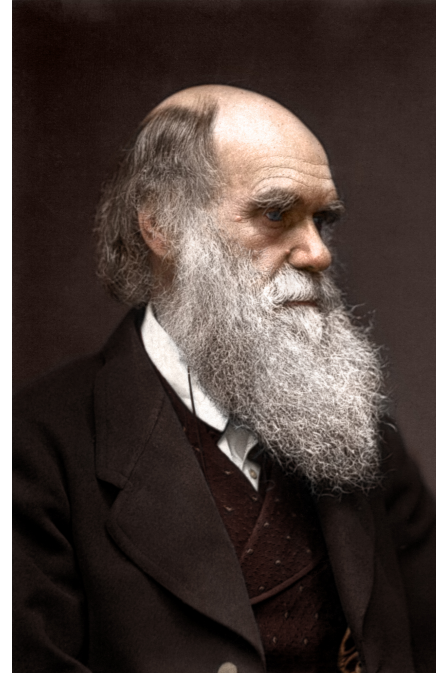
Luigi Galvani (1737-1798)



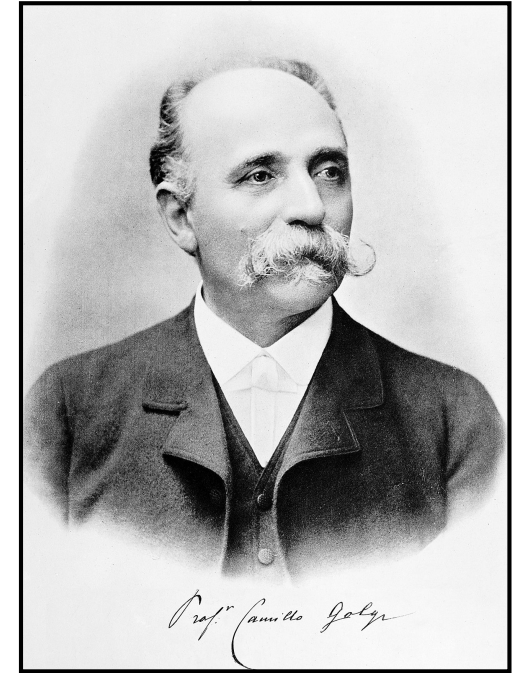
Phineas Gage (1823-1860)



Charles Darwin (1809-1882)

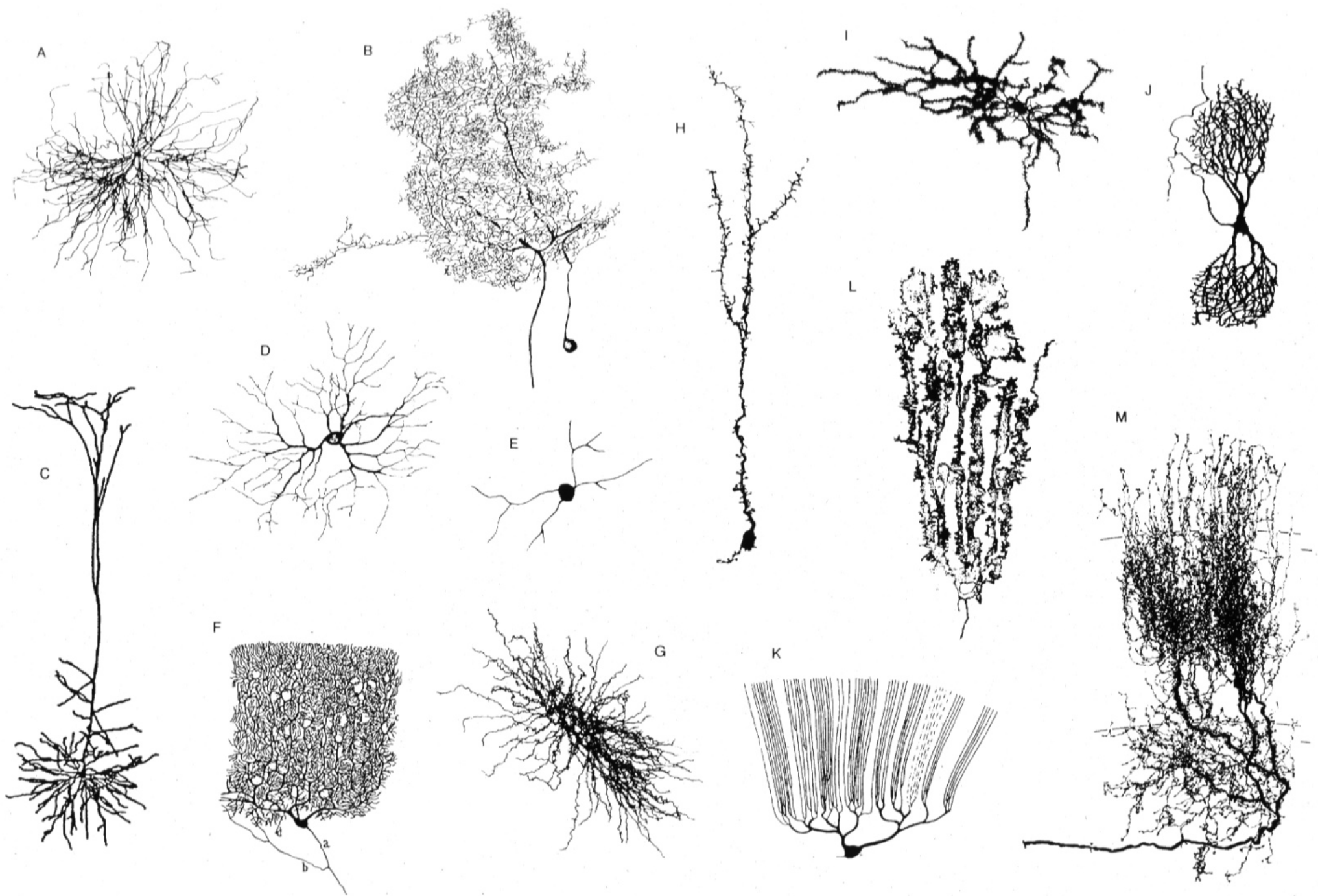


Camillo Golgi (1843-1926)

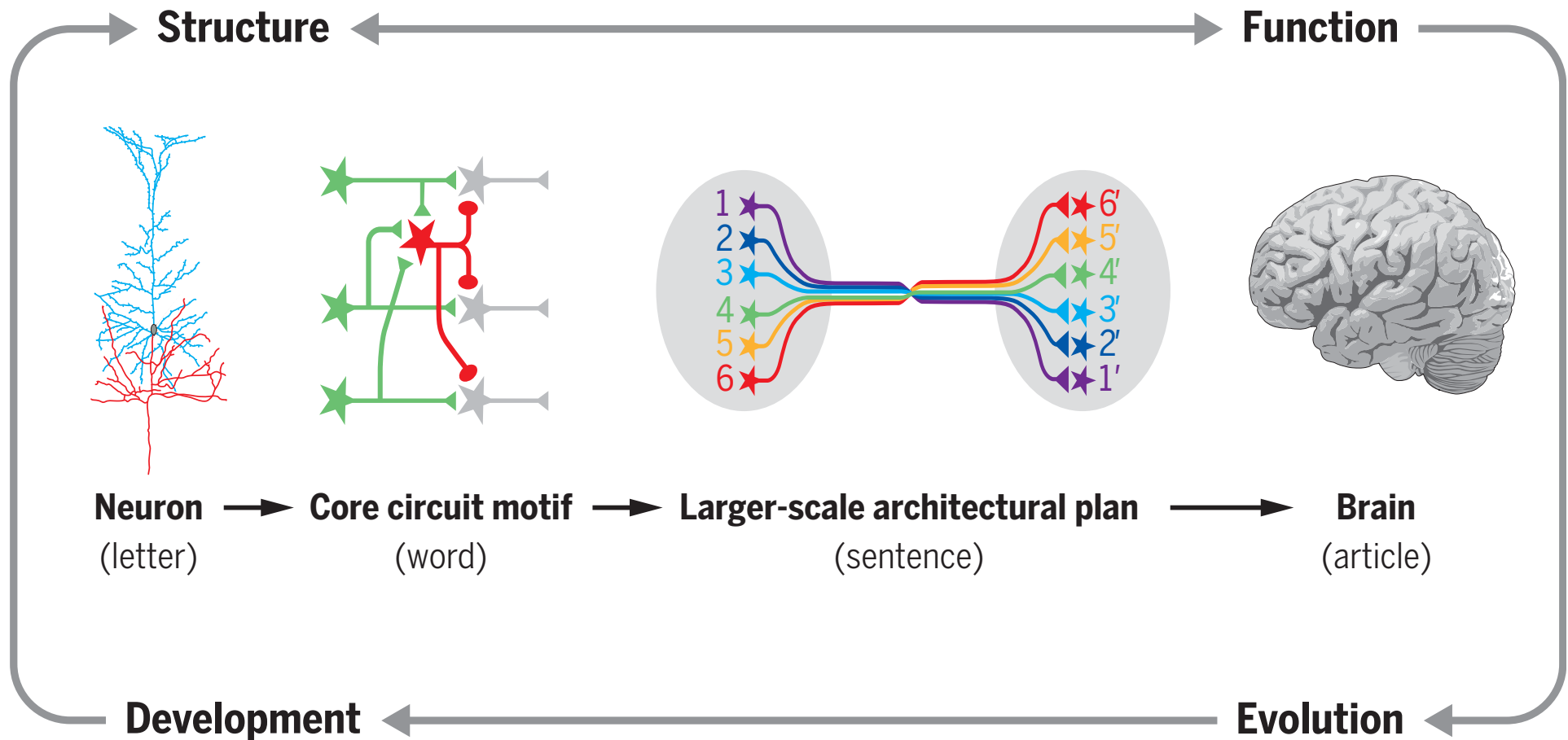


Santiago Ramón y Cajal (1879-1930)

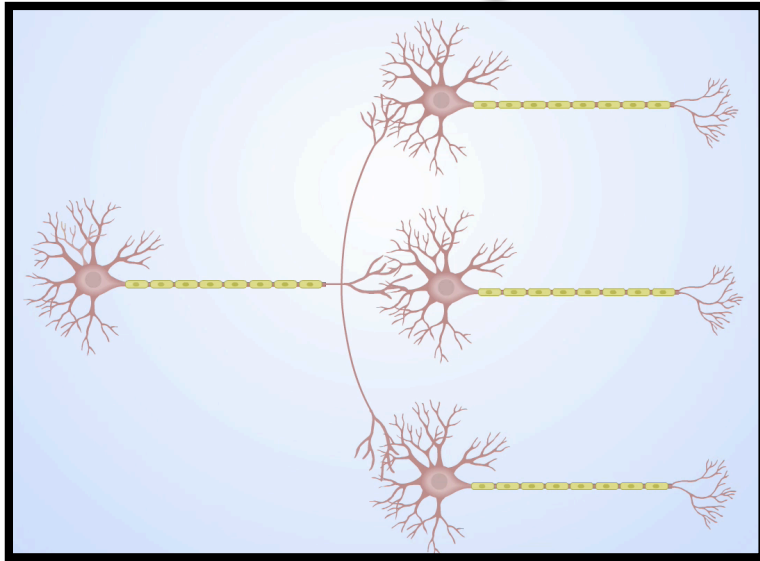
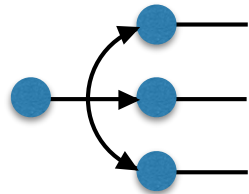




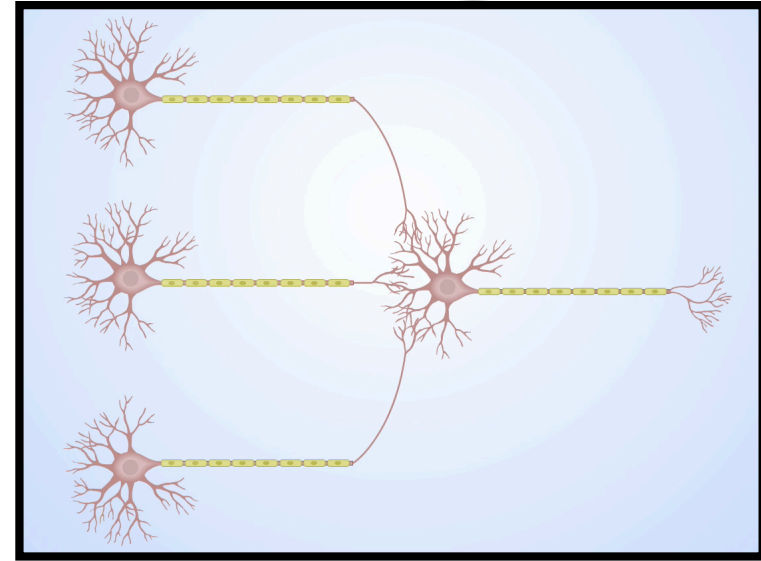
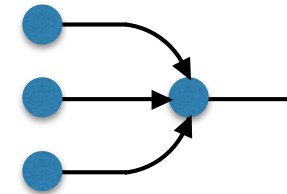
From neurons to a brain



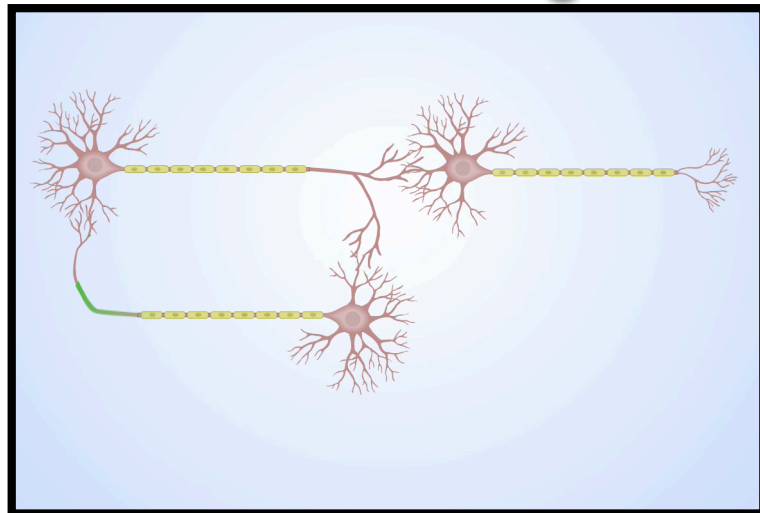
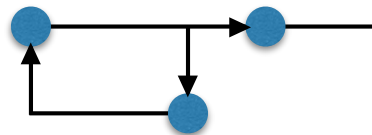
Diverging



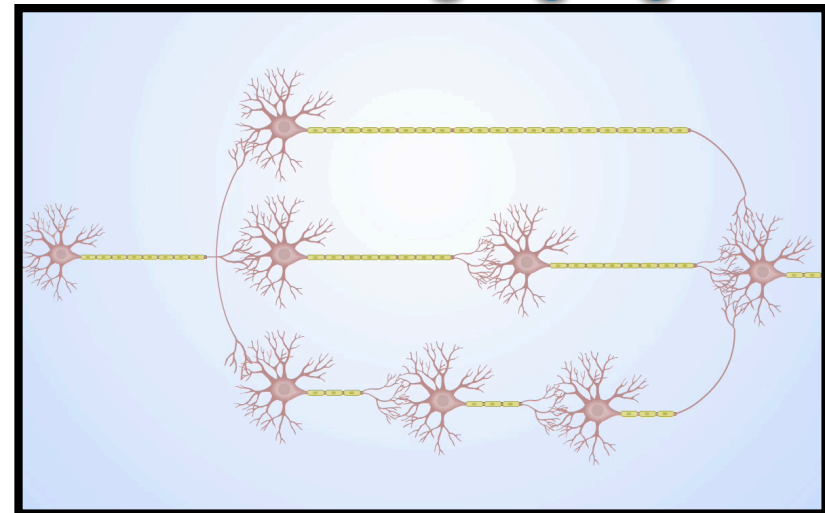
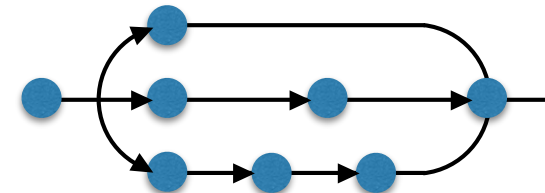
Converging

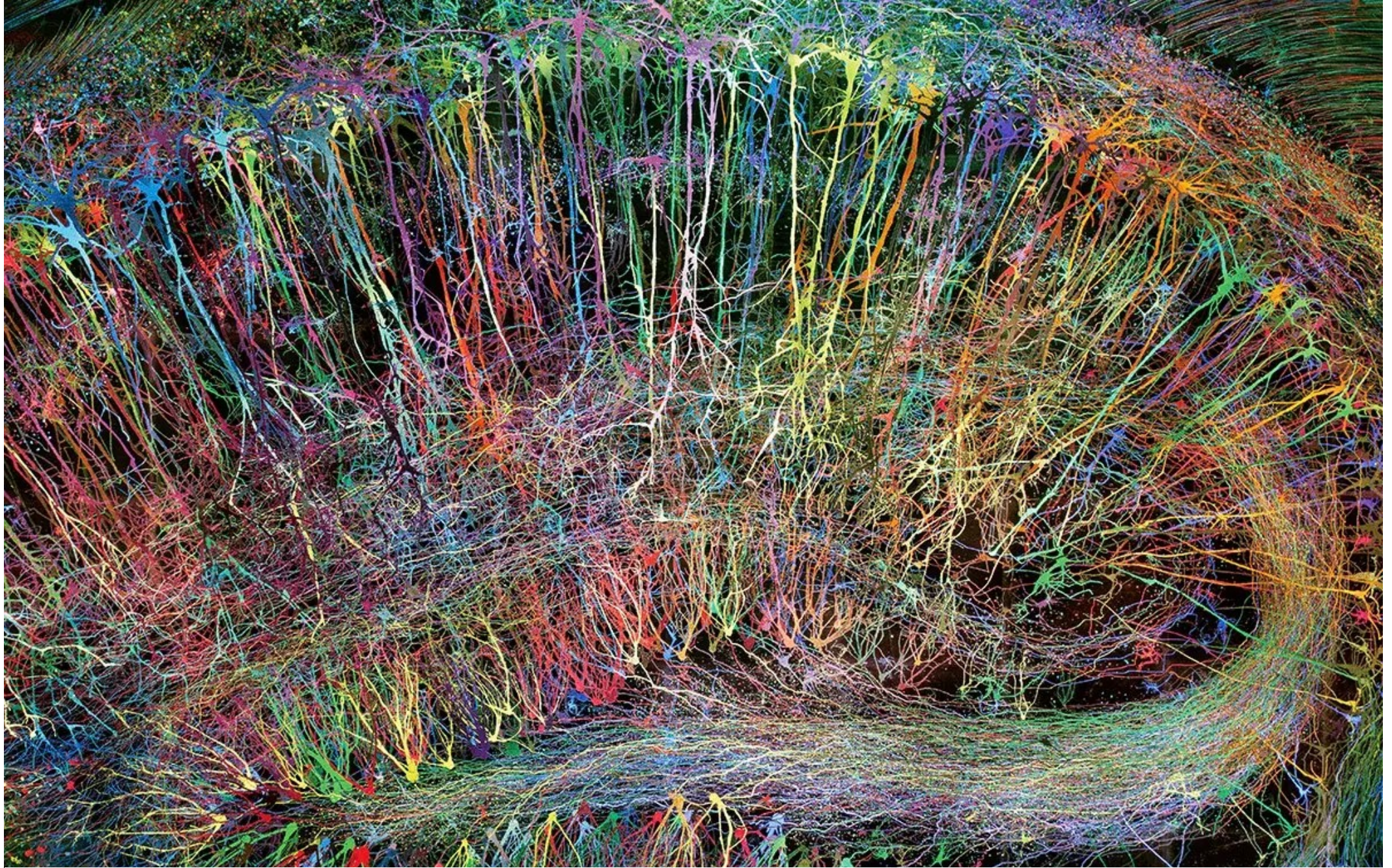


Recurrent loop

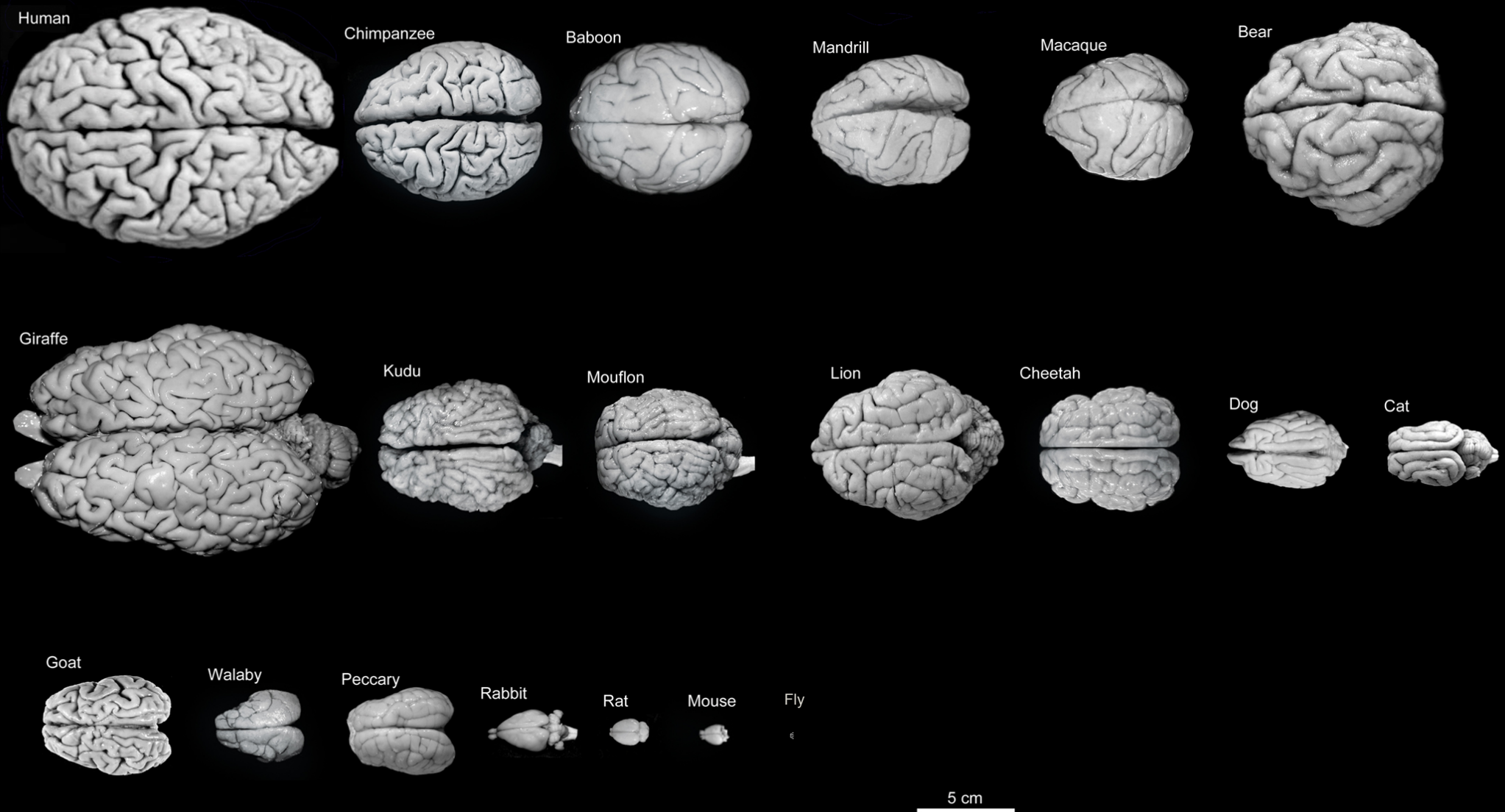


Parallel delayed





86 billion neurons • 100 trillion synapses • one neuron
can connect with up to 10,000 other neurons





- 71,000,000 neurons
- Complex behavior
- Genetic tools available
- A human-like brain



- 1,000,000 neurons
- Complex behavior
- Genetic tools available
- Larva is transparent
- Vertebrate

302 neurons •
Transparent •
Wiring diagram solved •



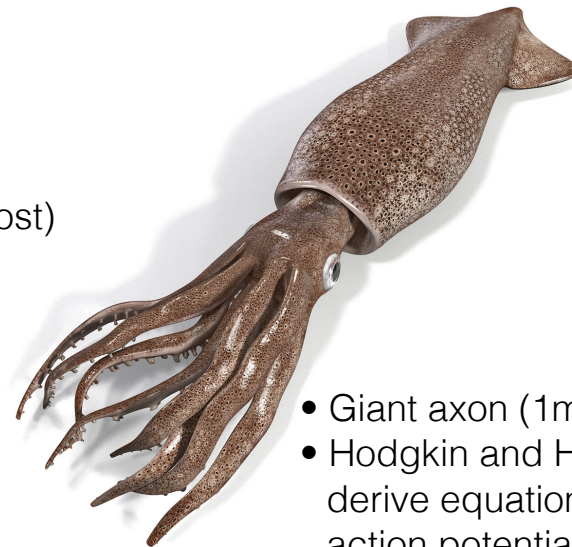
- 250,000 neurons
- Complex behavior
- Genetic tools available
- Brain connectome solved (almost)



- 100,000 neurons
- Central pattern generator



- 20,000 neurons
- Eric Kandel's favorite
- Neurobiology of memory

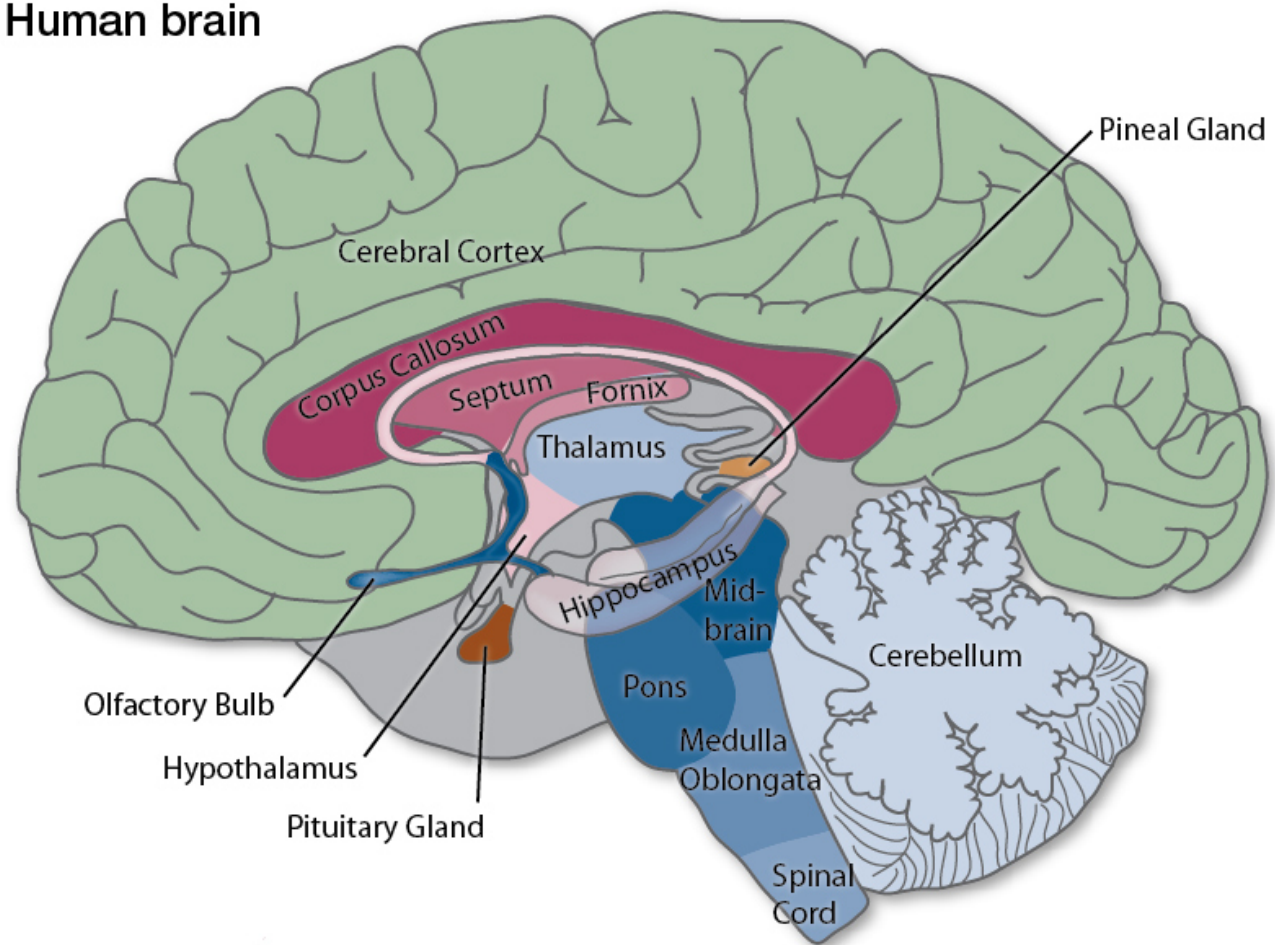


- Giant axon (1mm in diameter)
- Hodgkin and Huxley used to derive equations to describe action potential

Human brain

1500g

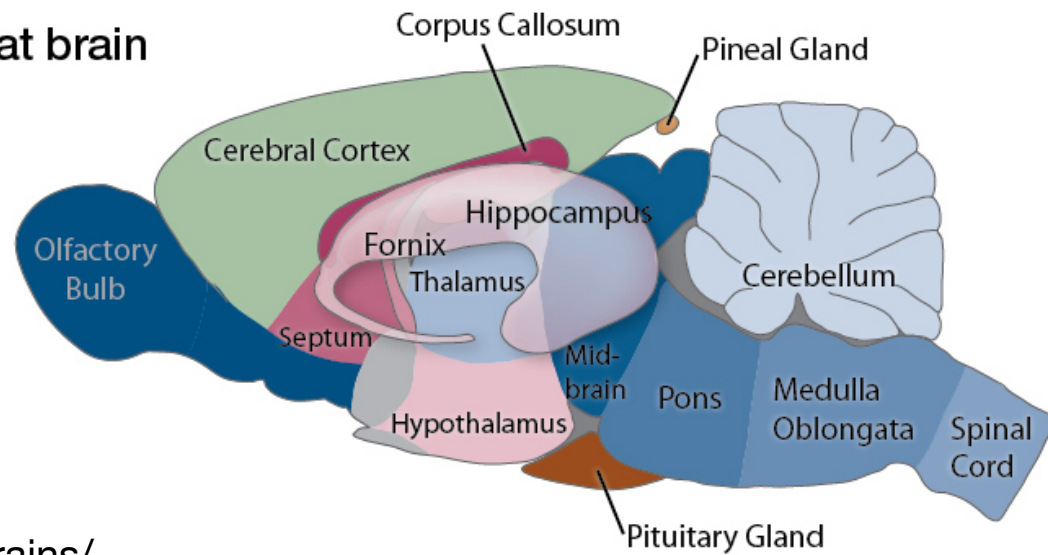
86000 M



Rat brain

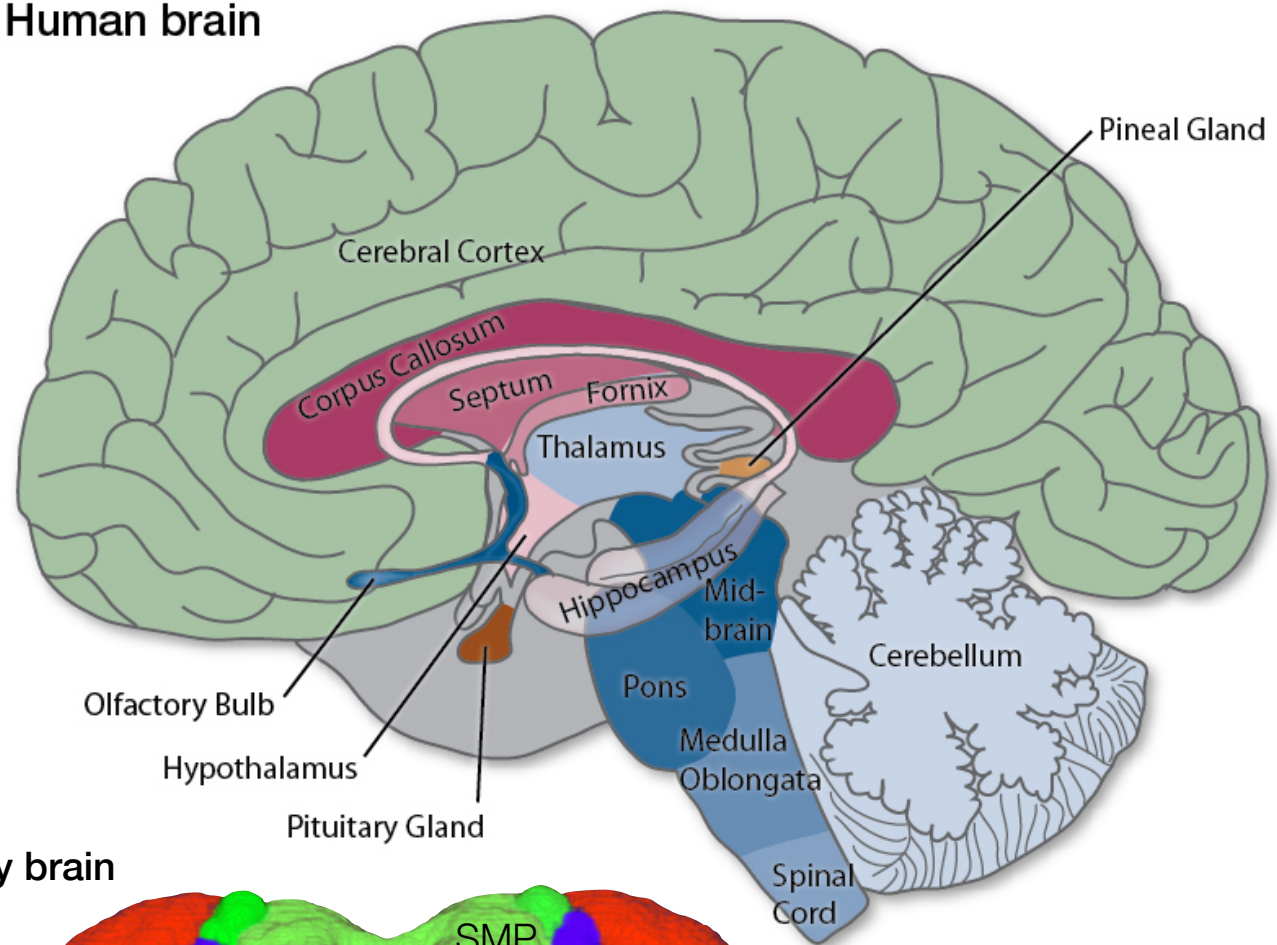
1.8g (0.5g)

200 M (70 M)



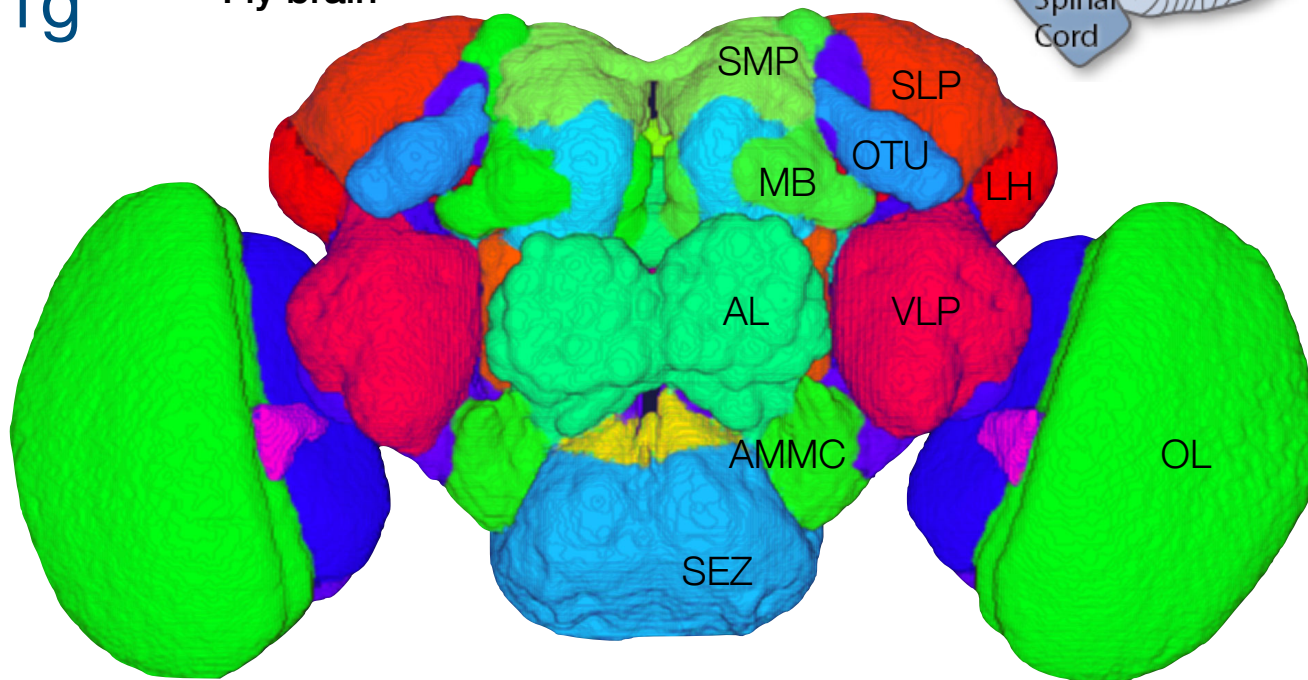
Human brain

1500g
86000 M

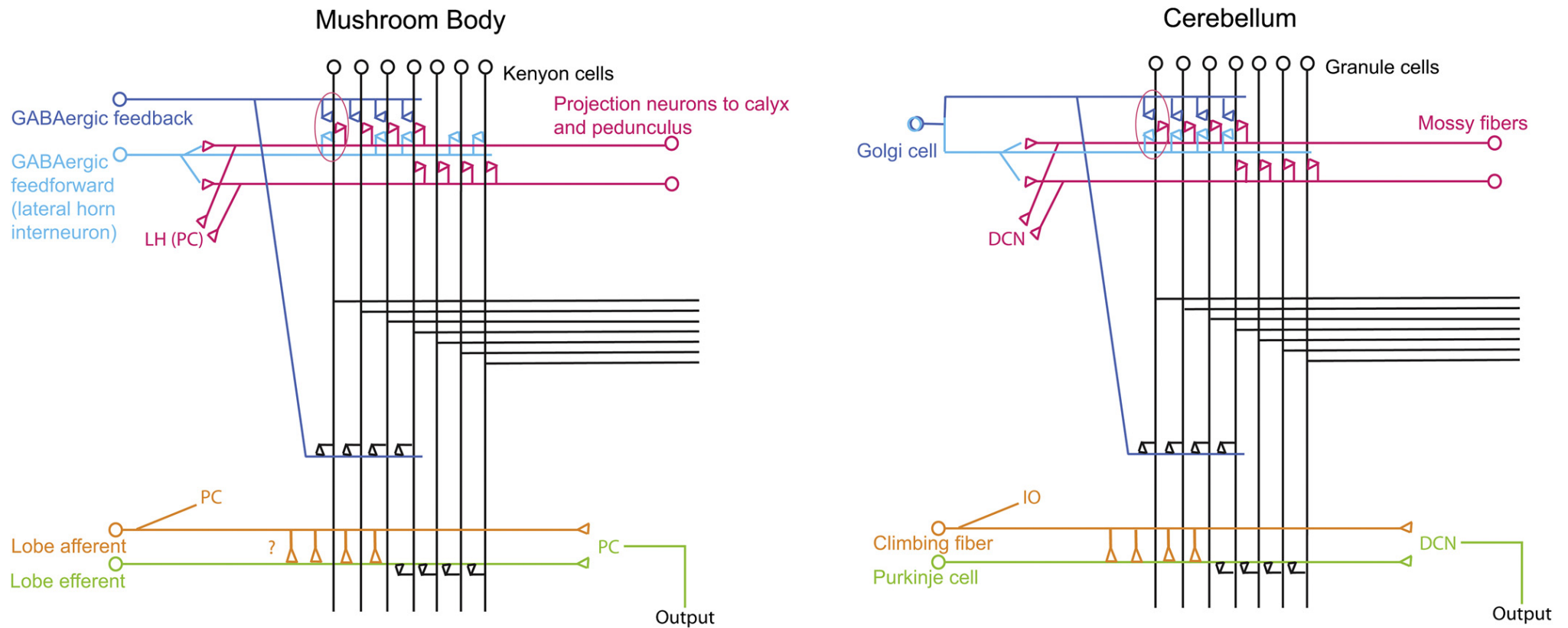


0.0001g
0.1 M

Fly brain



Fly mushroom body and mammalian cerebellum share similar circuit structure



Scientists research man missing 90% of his brain who leads a normal life

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Brain of a white-collar worker

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A 44-year-old man presented with a 2-week history of mild left leg weakness. At the age of 6 months, he had undergone a ventriculoatrial shunt, because of postnatal hydrocephalus of unknown cause. When he was 14 years old, he developed ataxia and paresis of the left leg, which resolved entirely after shunt revision. His neurological development and medical history were otherwise normal. He was a married father of two children, and worked as a civil servant. On neuropsychological testing, he proved to have an intelligence quotient (IQ) of 75: his verbal IQ was 84, and his performance IQ 70. CT showed severe dilatation of the lateral ventricles (figure); MRI revealed massive enlargement of the lateral, third, and fourth ventricles, a very thin cortical mantle and a posterior fossa cyst. We diagnosed a non-communicating hydrocephalus, with probable stenosis of Magendie's foramen (figure). The leg weakness improved partly after neuroendoscopic ventriculocisternostomy, but soon recurred; however, after a ventriculoperitoneal shunt was inserted, the findings on neurological examination became normal within a few weeks. The findings on neuropsychological testing and CT did not change.

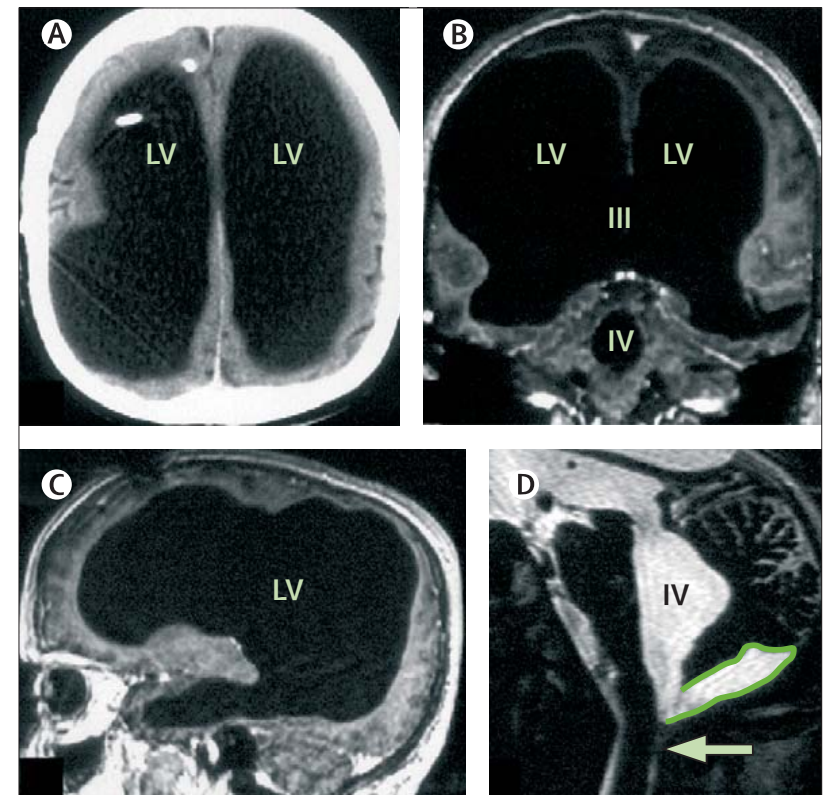


Figure: Massive ventricular enlargement, in a patient with normal social functioning

(A) CT; (B, C) T1- weighted MRI, with gadolinium contrast; (D) T2-weighted MRI. LV=lateral ventricle. III=third ventricle. IV=fourth ventricle. Arrow=Magendie's foramen. The posterior fossa cyst is outlined in (D).

Advantages of studying small brains

1. Reduced system = efficient in discovering general principles
2. High cellular resolution
3. Less redundancy
4. More stereotyped
5. Visualize the complete system in a single field of view
6. Clear interface between circuit motifs and complex systems (words to sentence; emergent properties)

Small but complex. It is like
the **atom** of behavior



What tools do we have?

Behavioral tracking

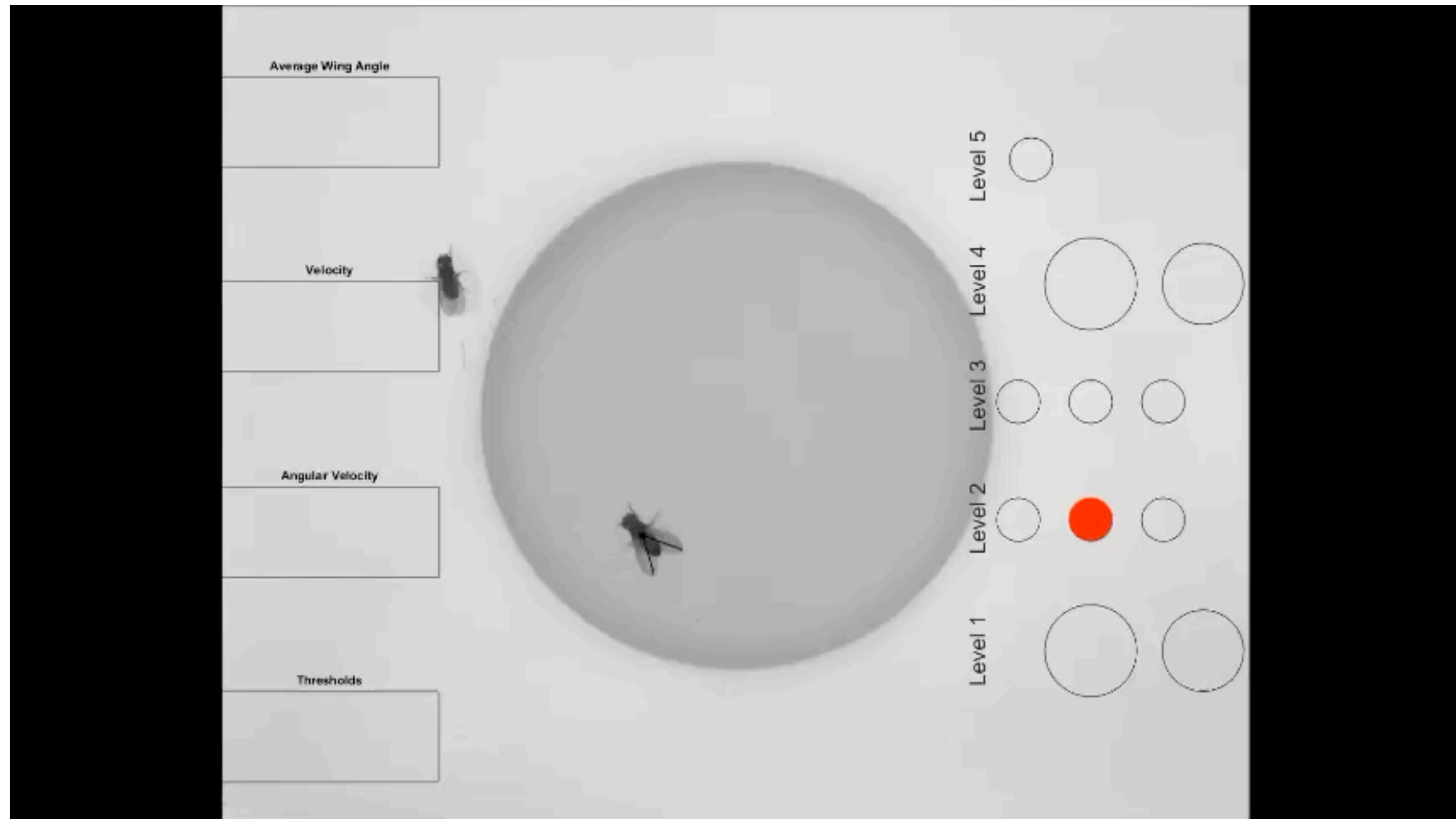
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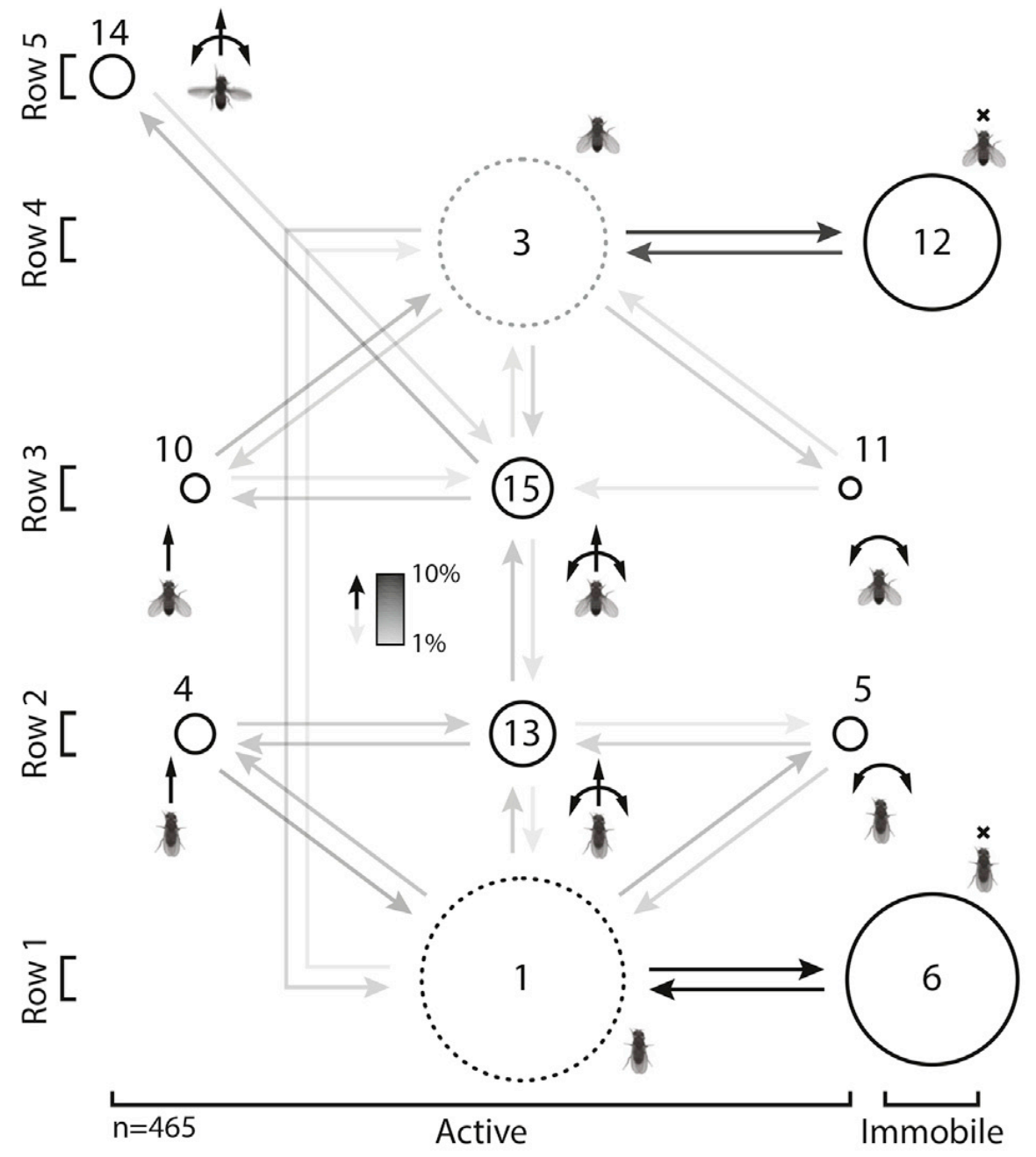
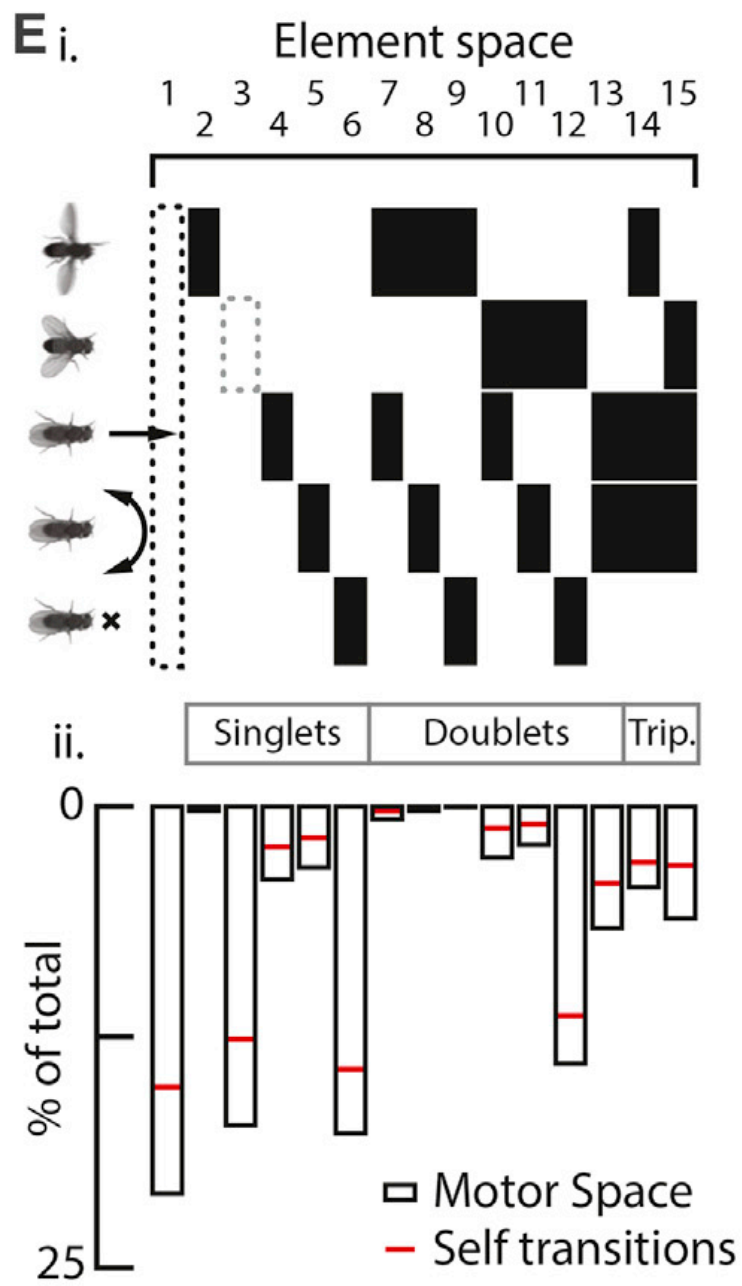
Circuit tracing

Neuron recording

Neuron manipulation

Threat behavior of the male fly





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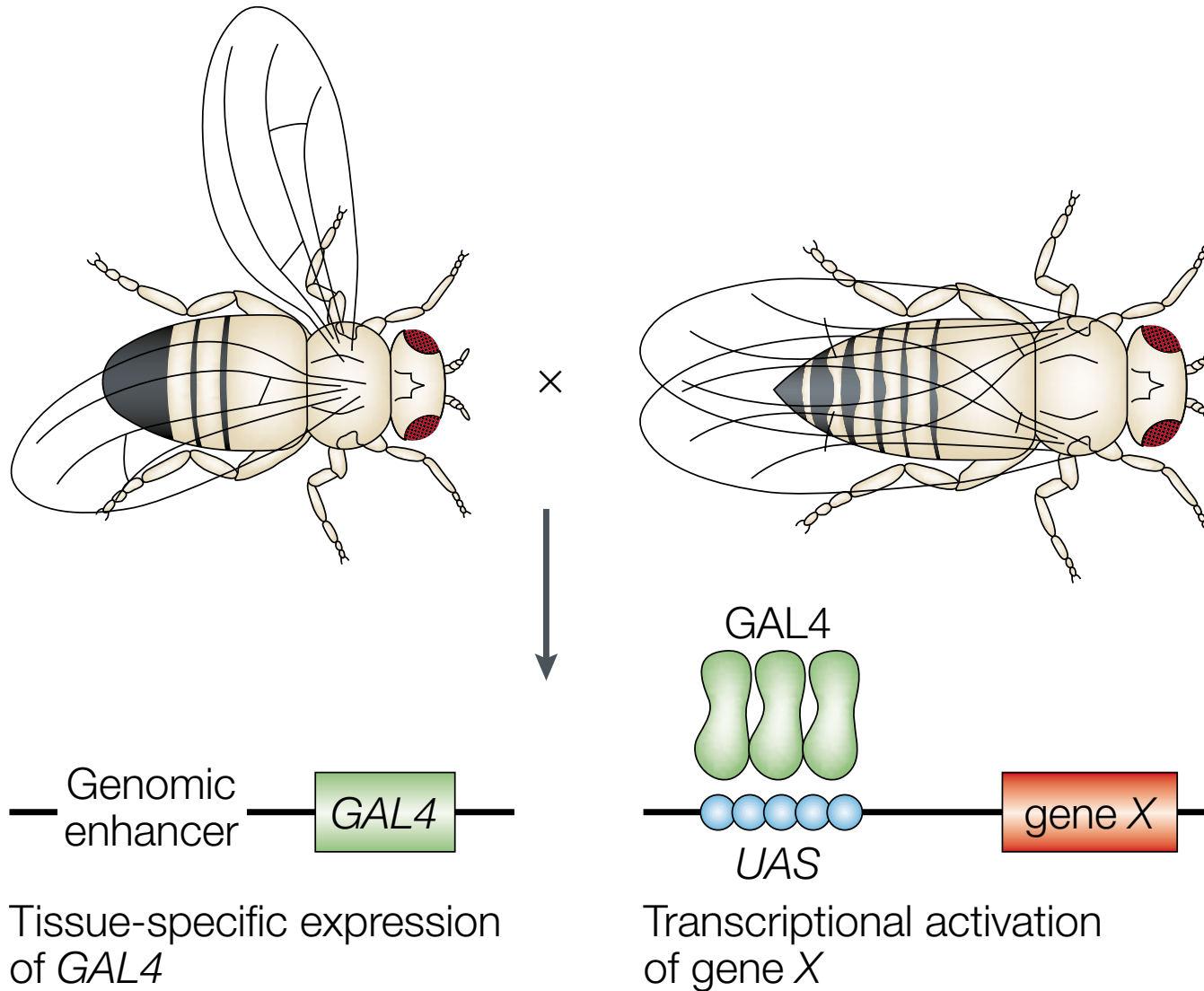
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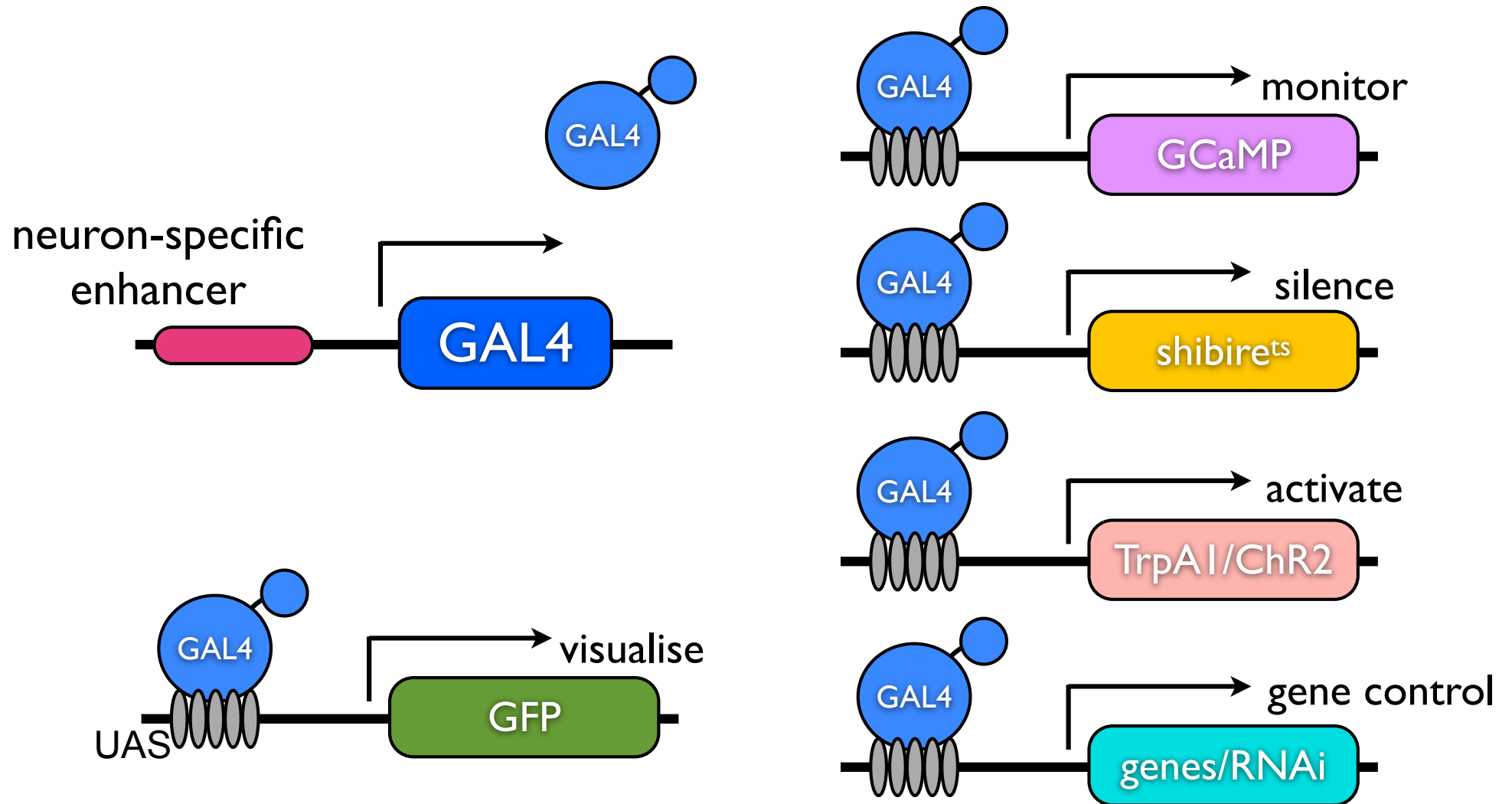
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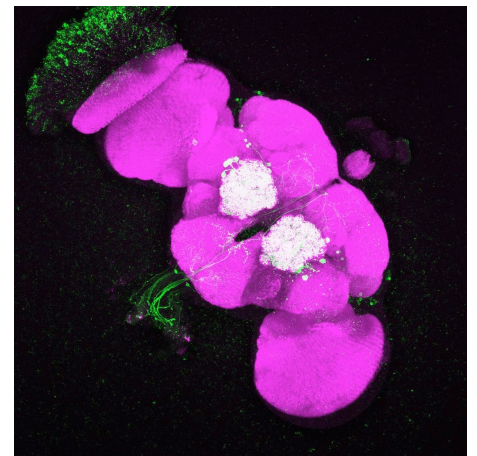
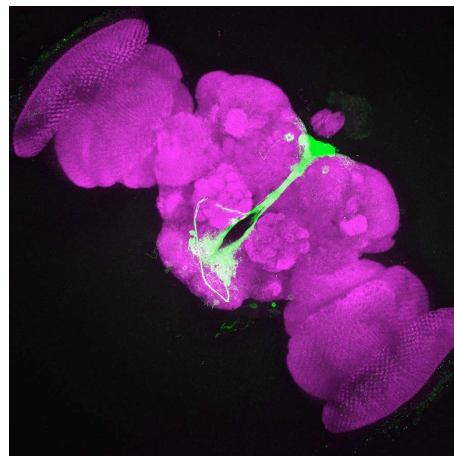
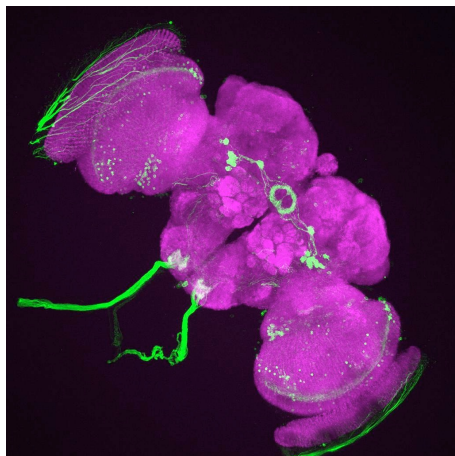
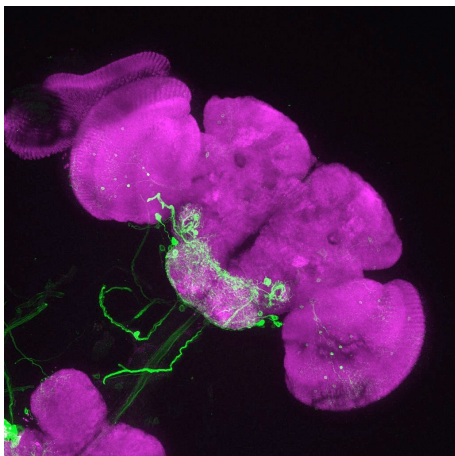
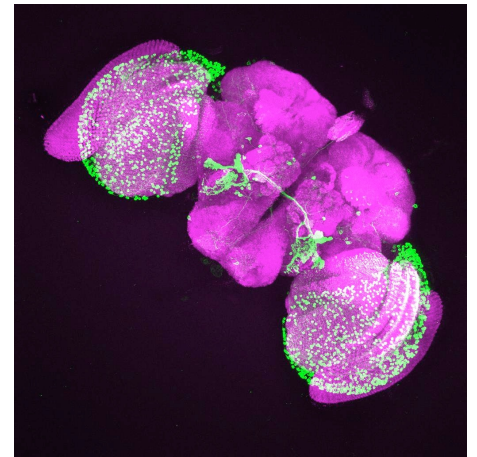
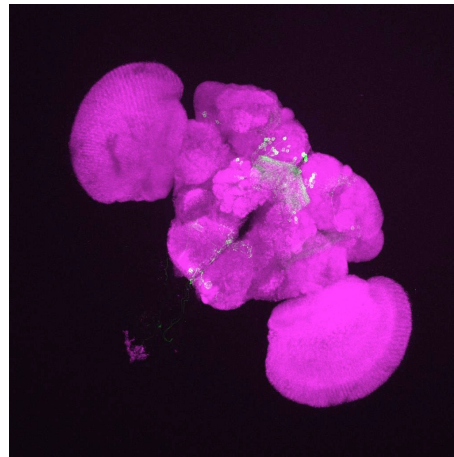
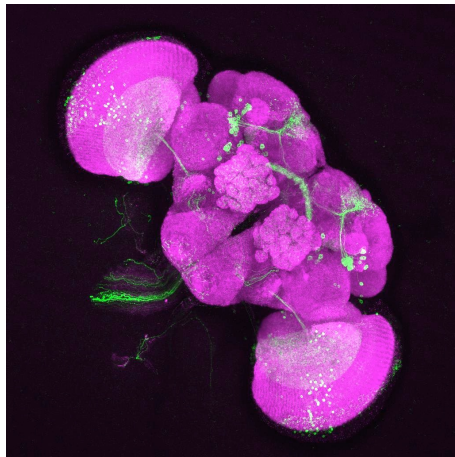
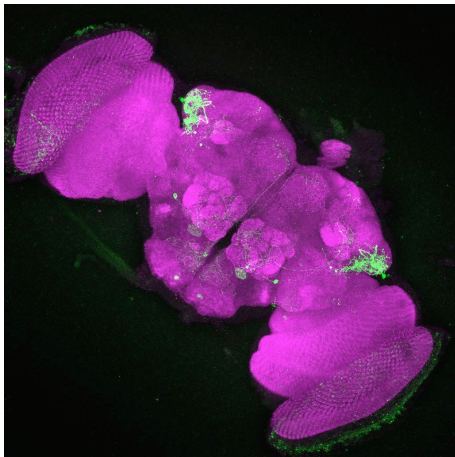
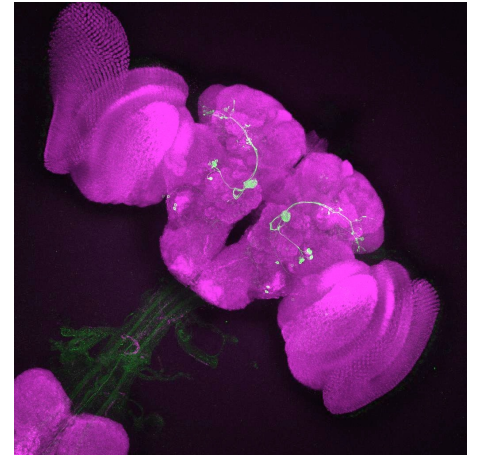
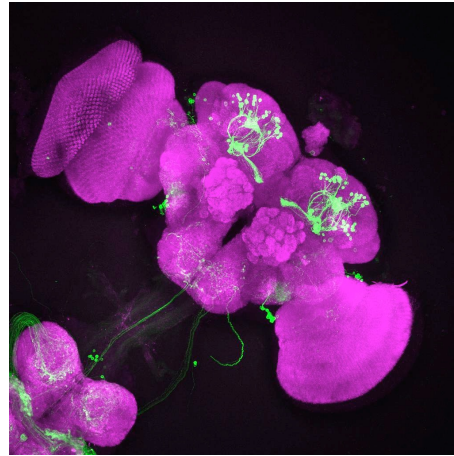
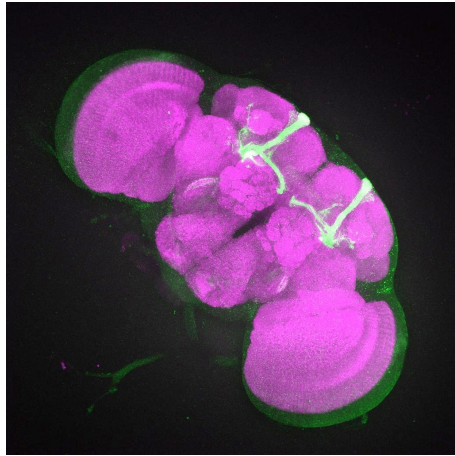
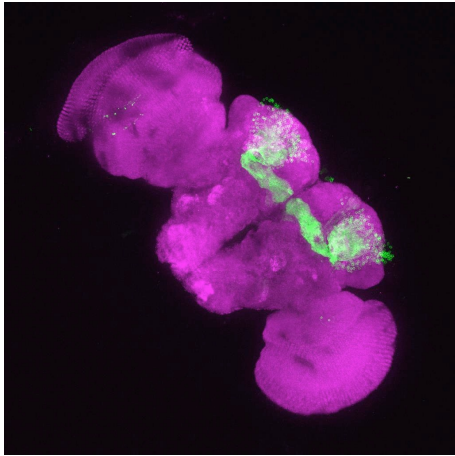
Neuron manipulation

The GAL4/UAS system



Genetic toolkits for manipulating specific neurons in the fly brain





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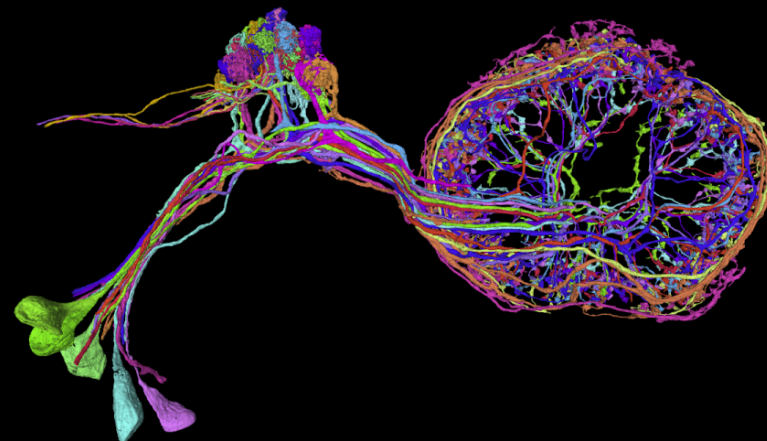
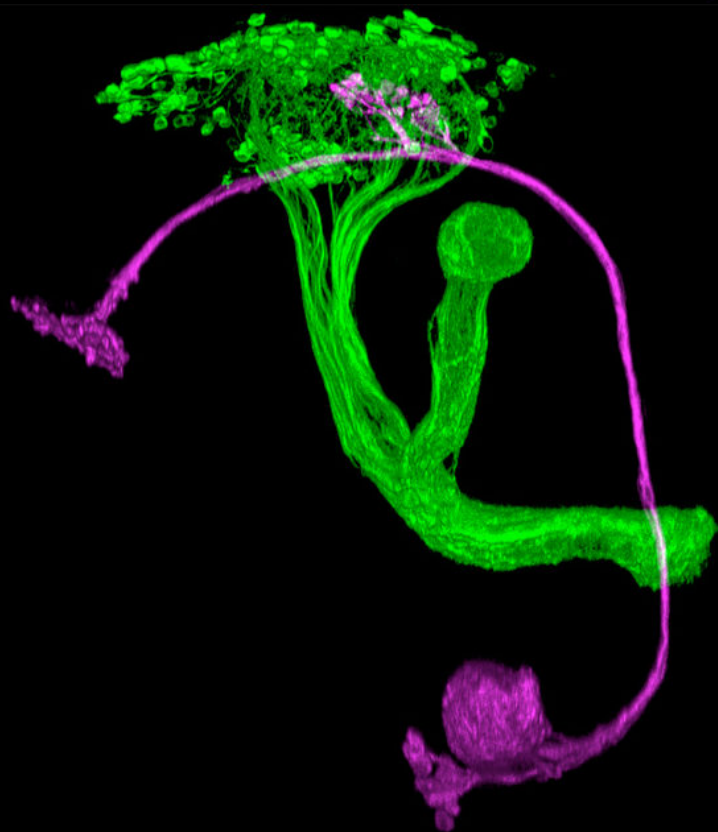
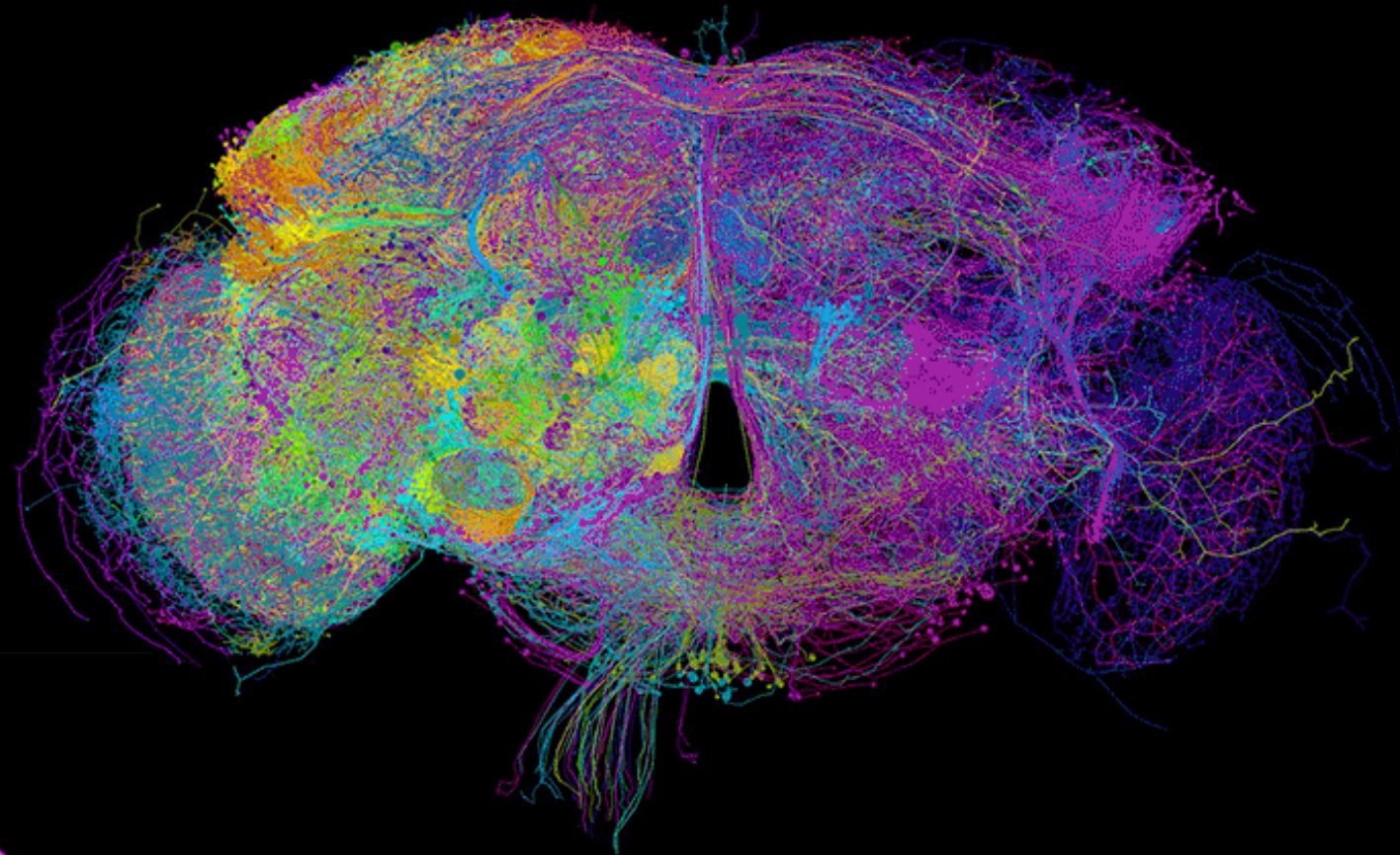
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Whole brain connectome





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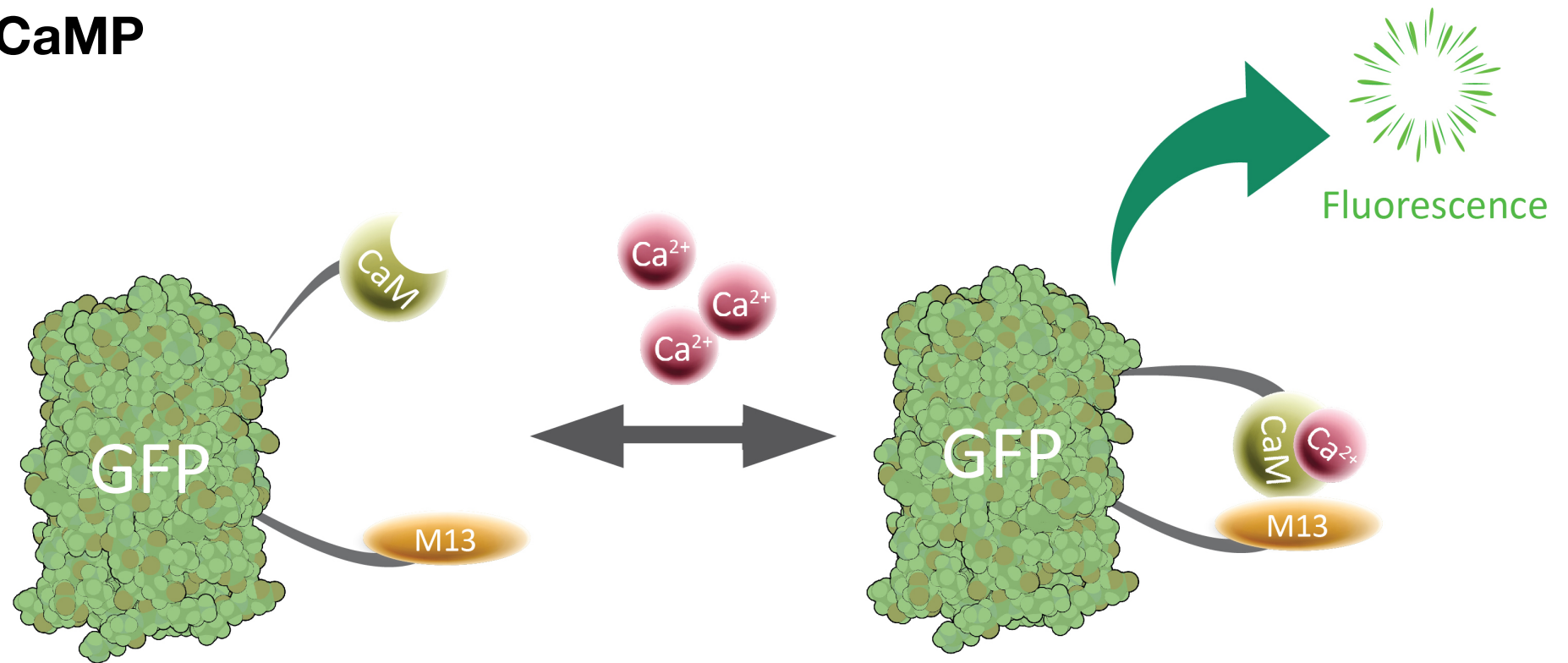
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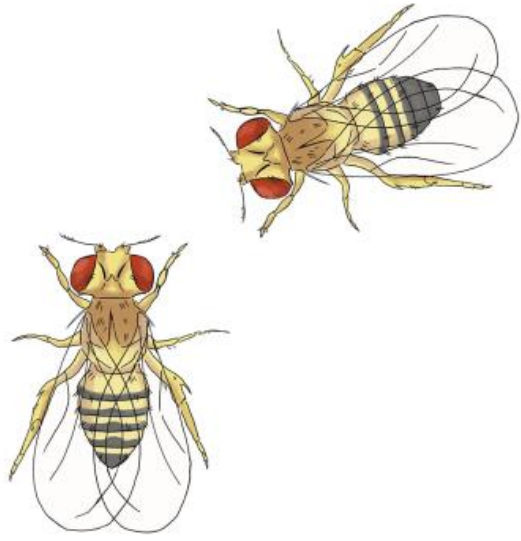
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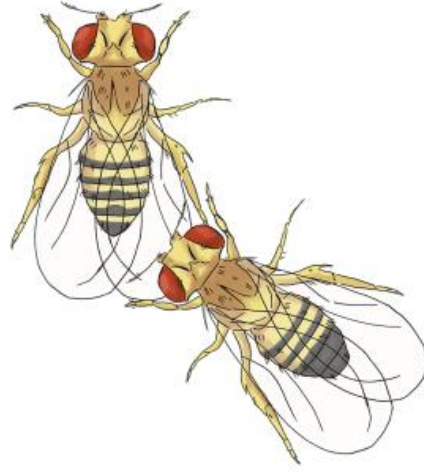
Genetically-encoded calcium indicator

GCaMP

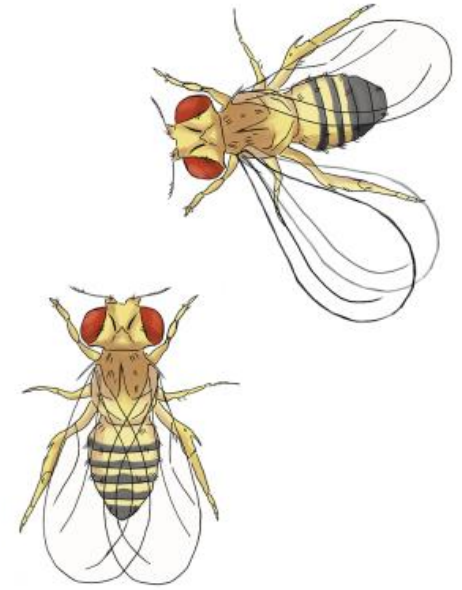




a. Orienting



b. Tapping



c. Singing



d. Licking

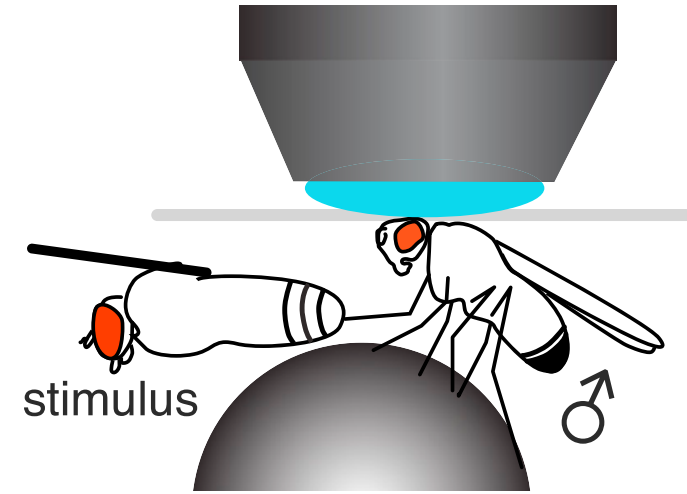
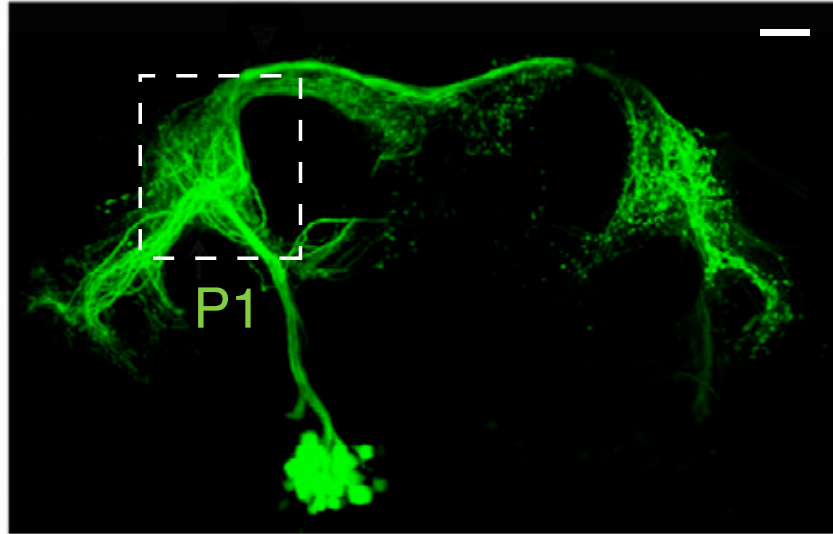


e. Attempting Copulation

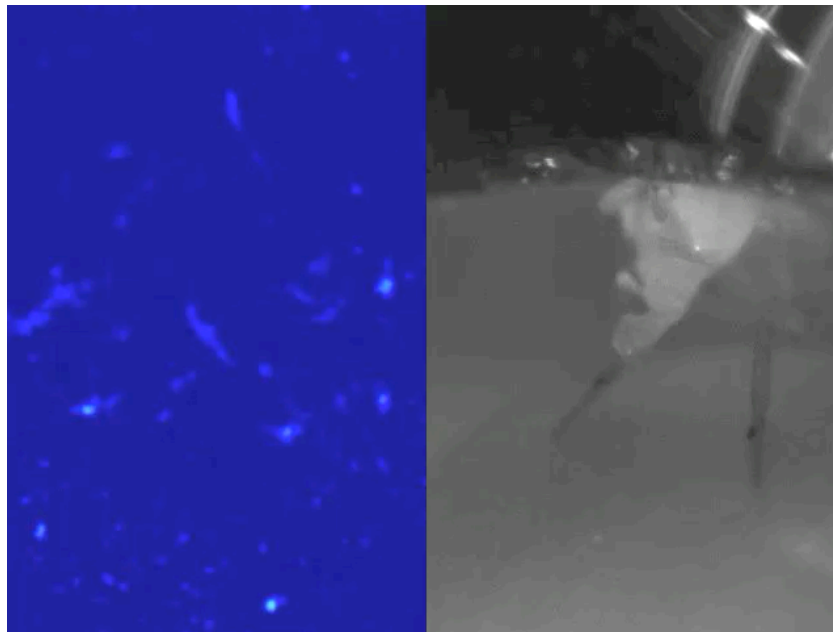
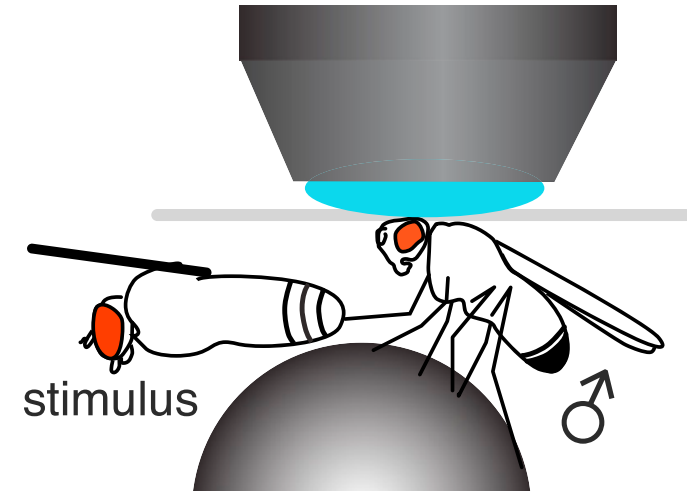
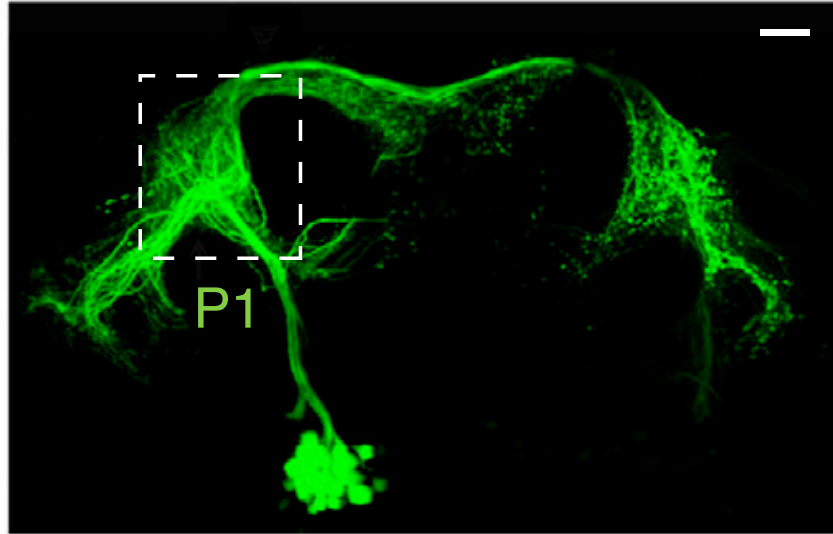


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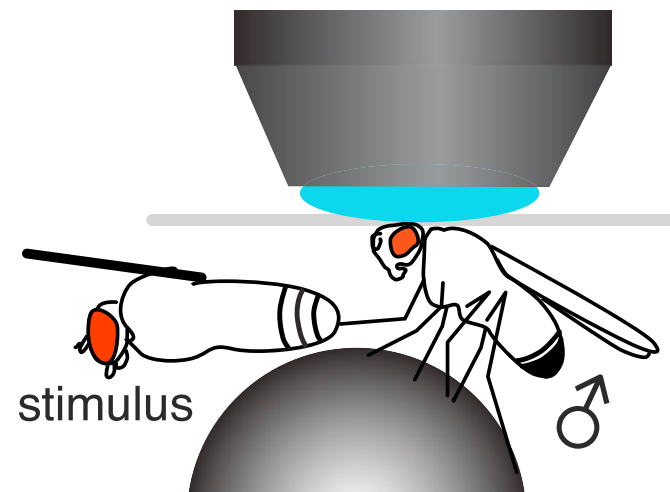
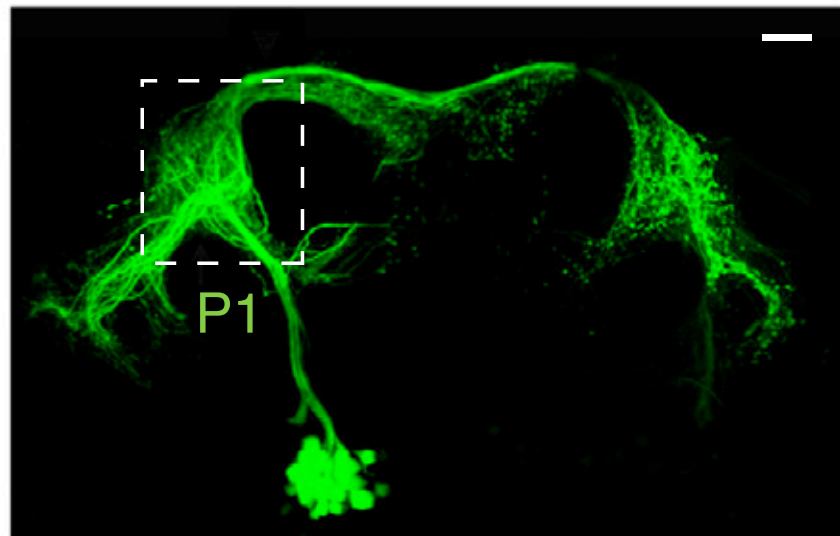
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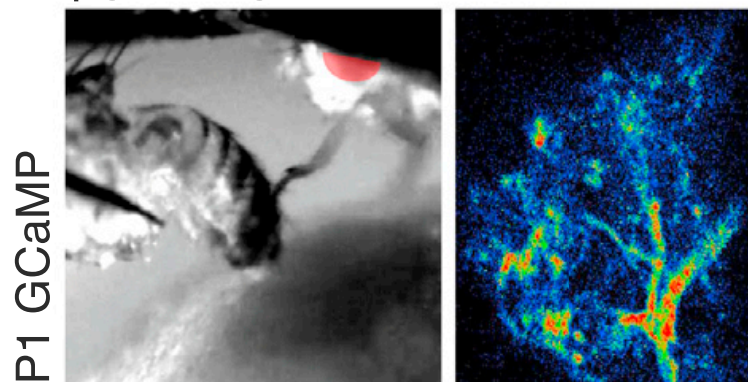
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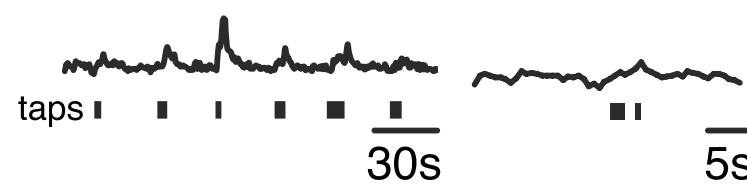
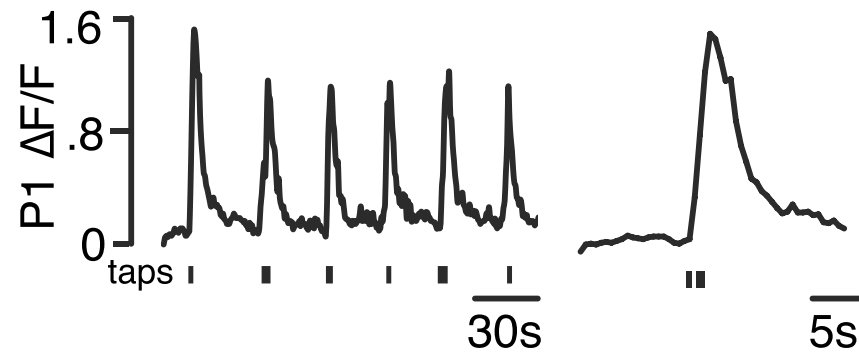
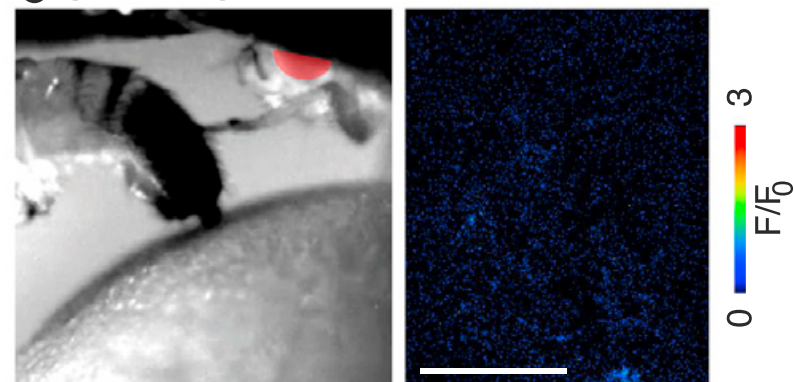


♀ stimulus



P1 GCaMP

♂ stimulus



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Behavioral tracking

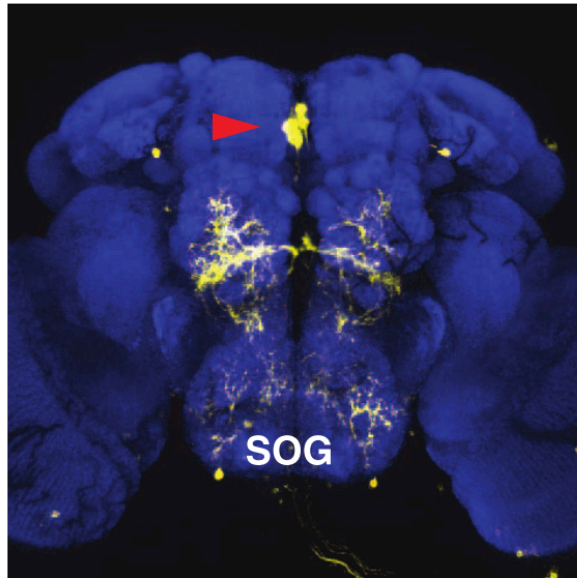
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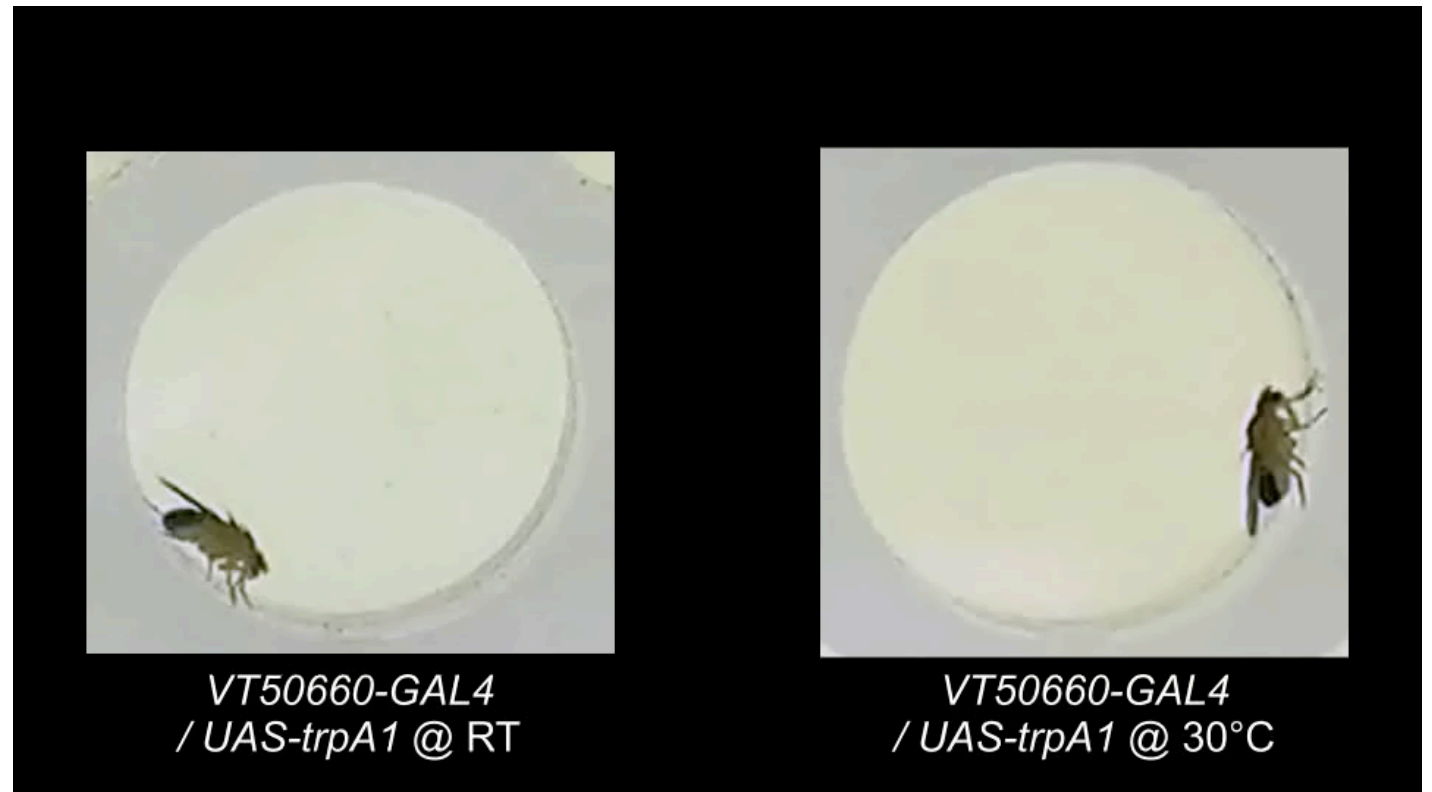
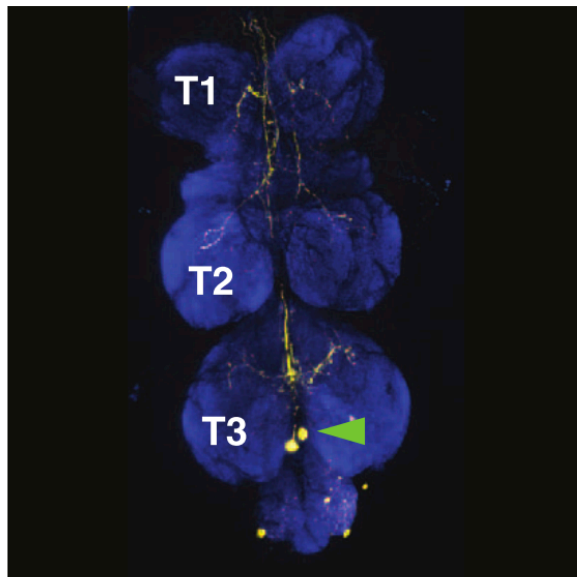
Neuron recording

Neuron manipulation

Controlling flies by heat

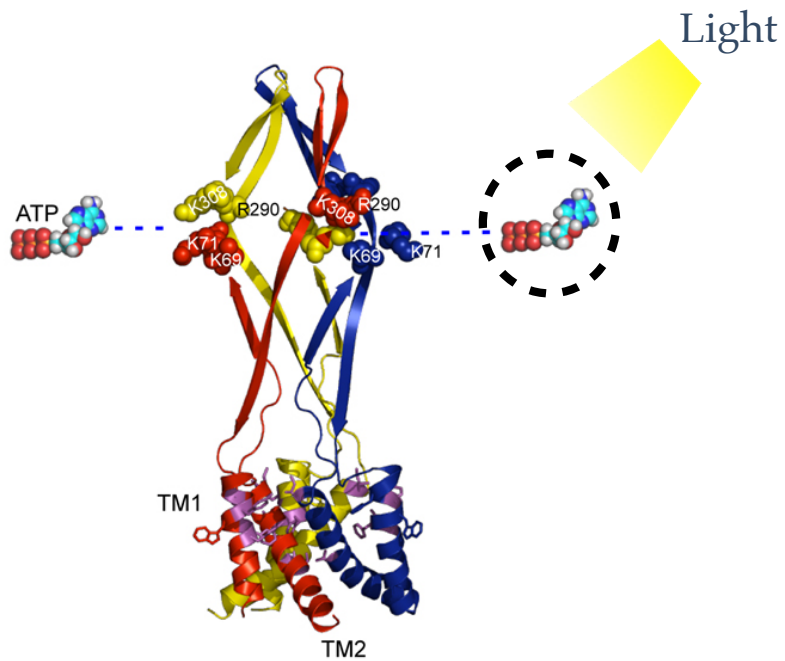


TrpA1: heat-sensitive channel



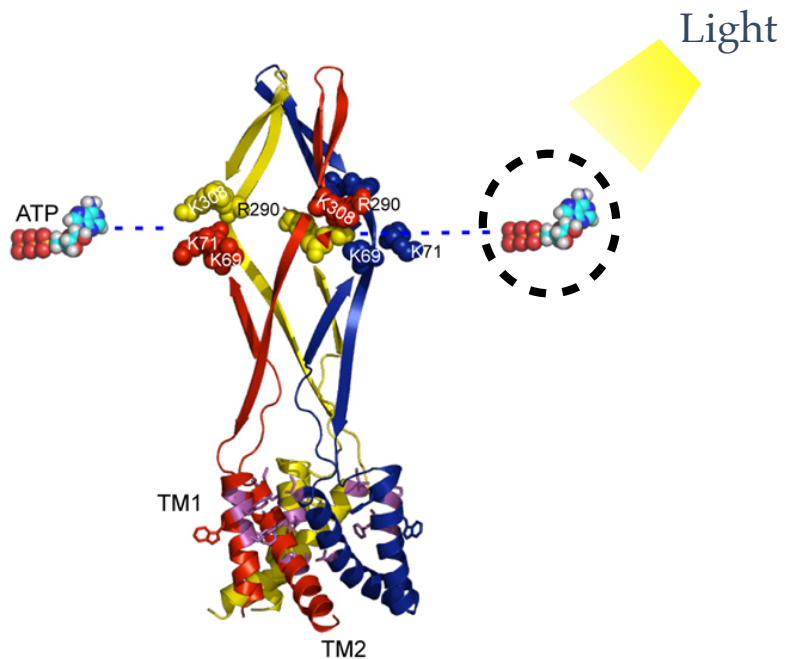
Activating neurons by light

ATP-gated ion channel P2X₂



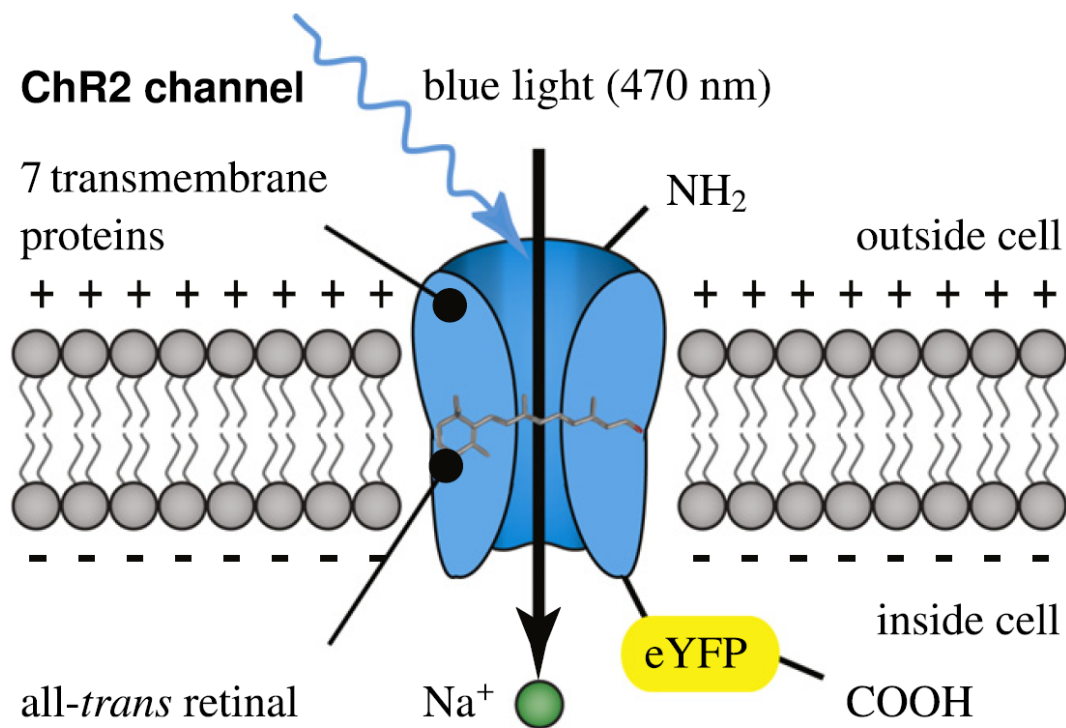
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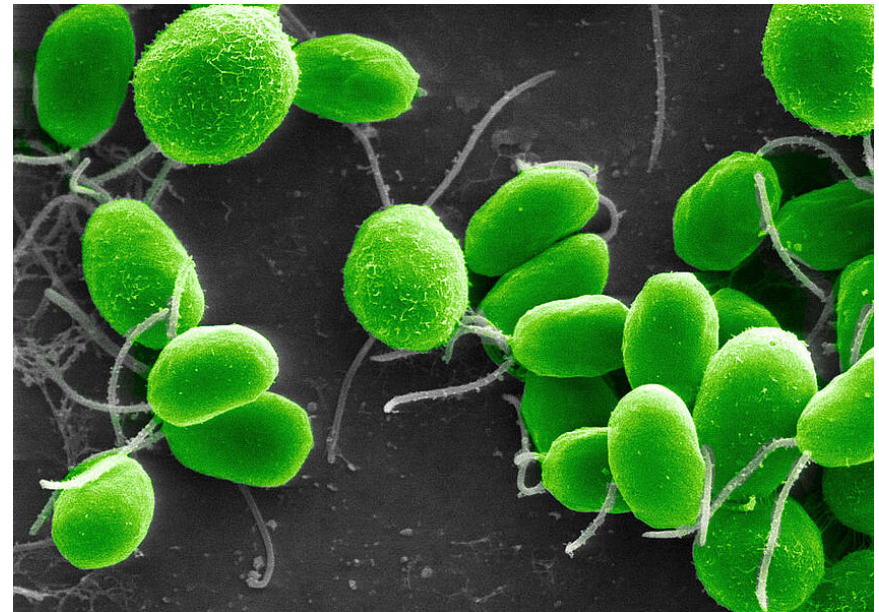


Susana & Miesenböck, Cell 2005

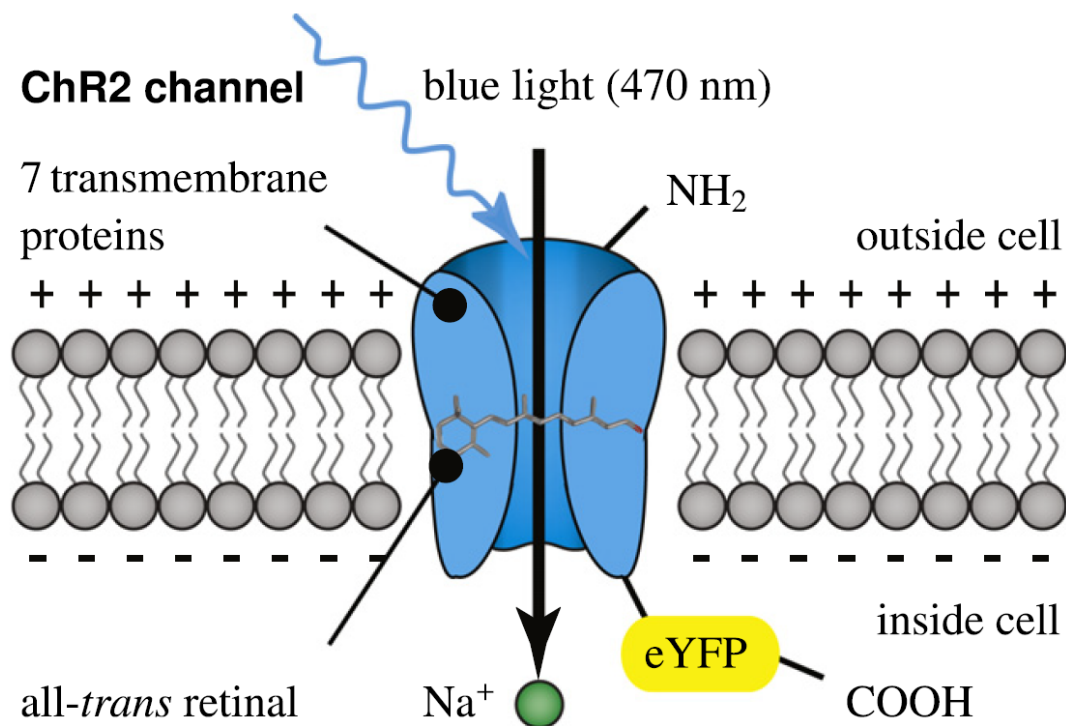
The Revolutionary Channelrhodopsin



Chlamydomonas reinhardtii



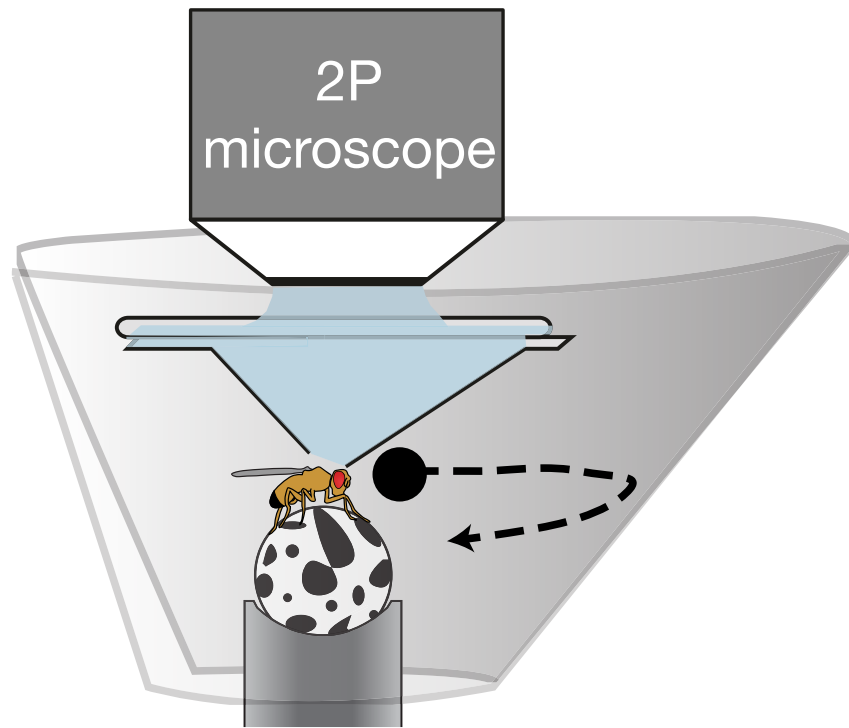
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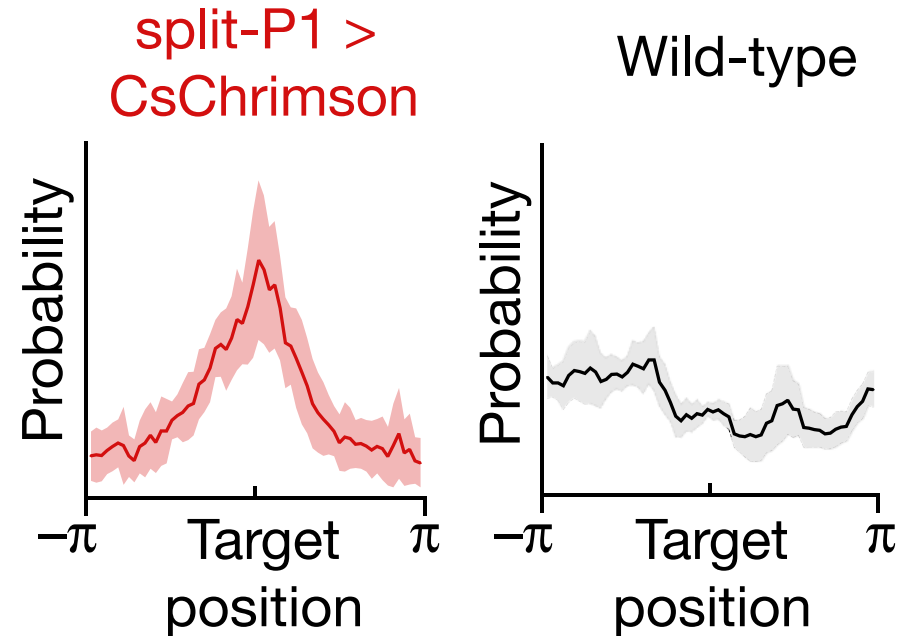
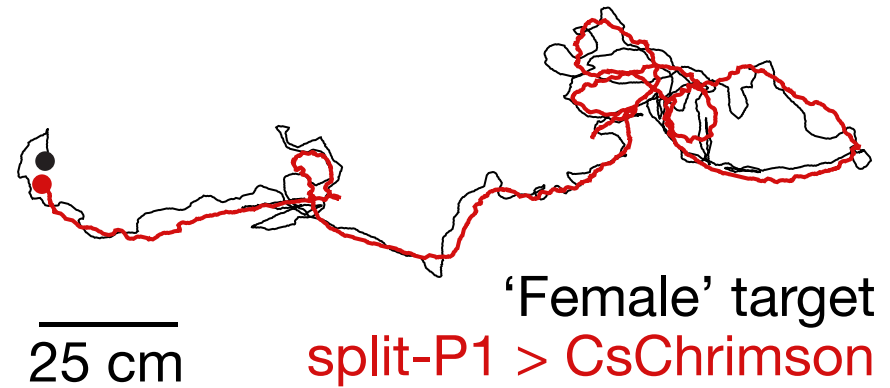
Pioneers of optogenetics



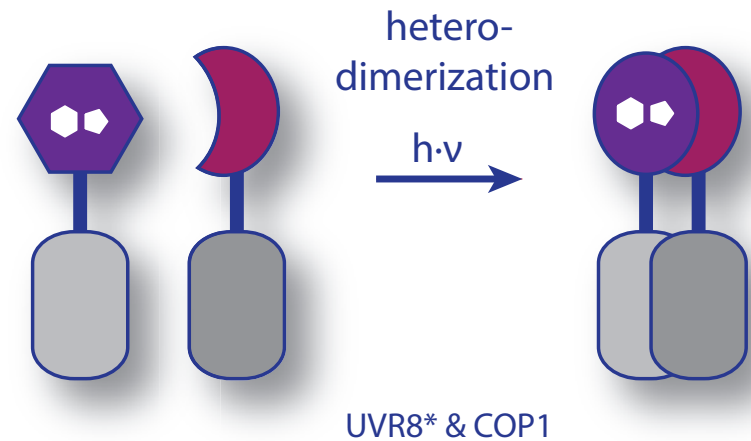
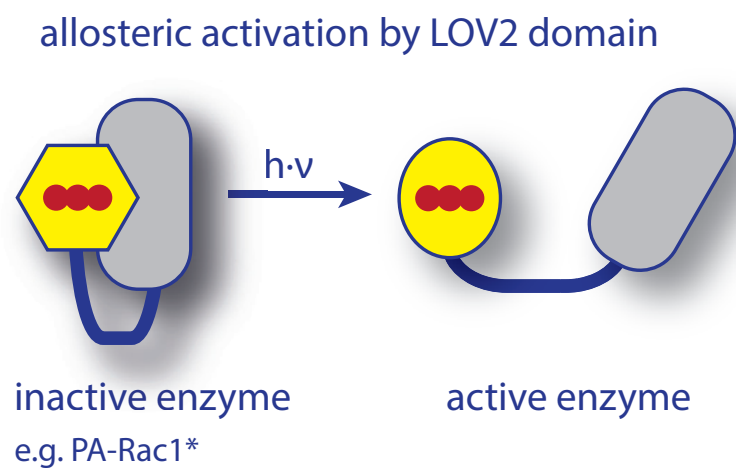
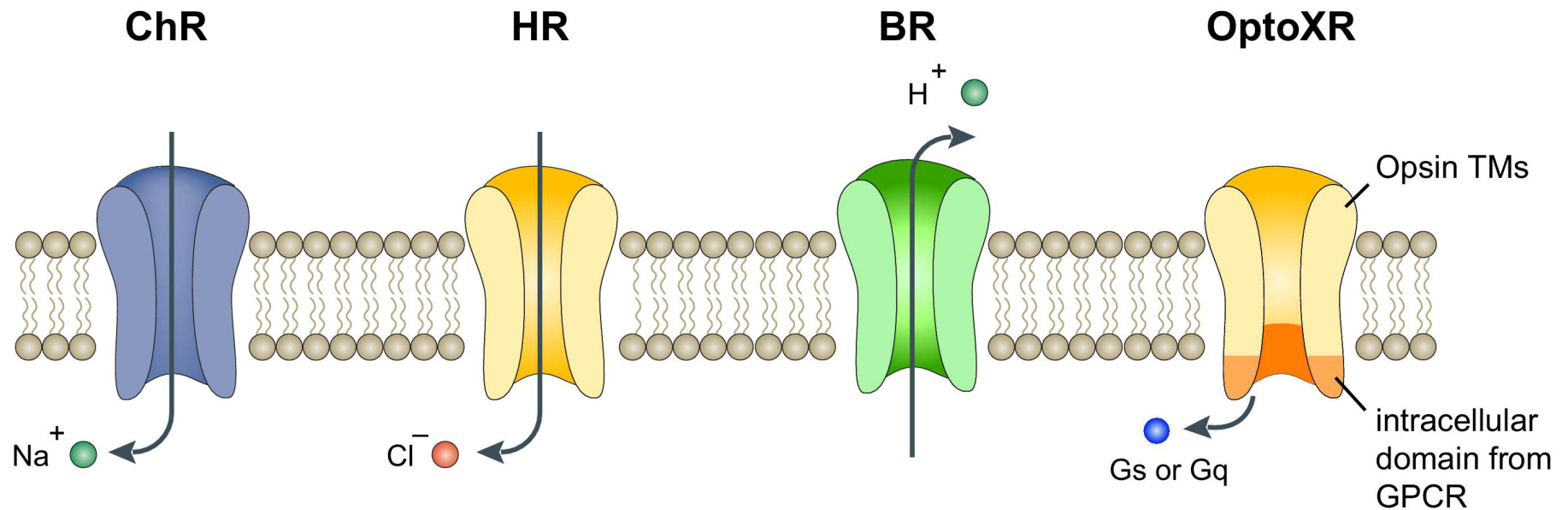
P1 activity gates courtship-related visual processing



● → 'Female' visual target

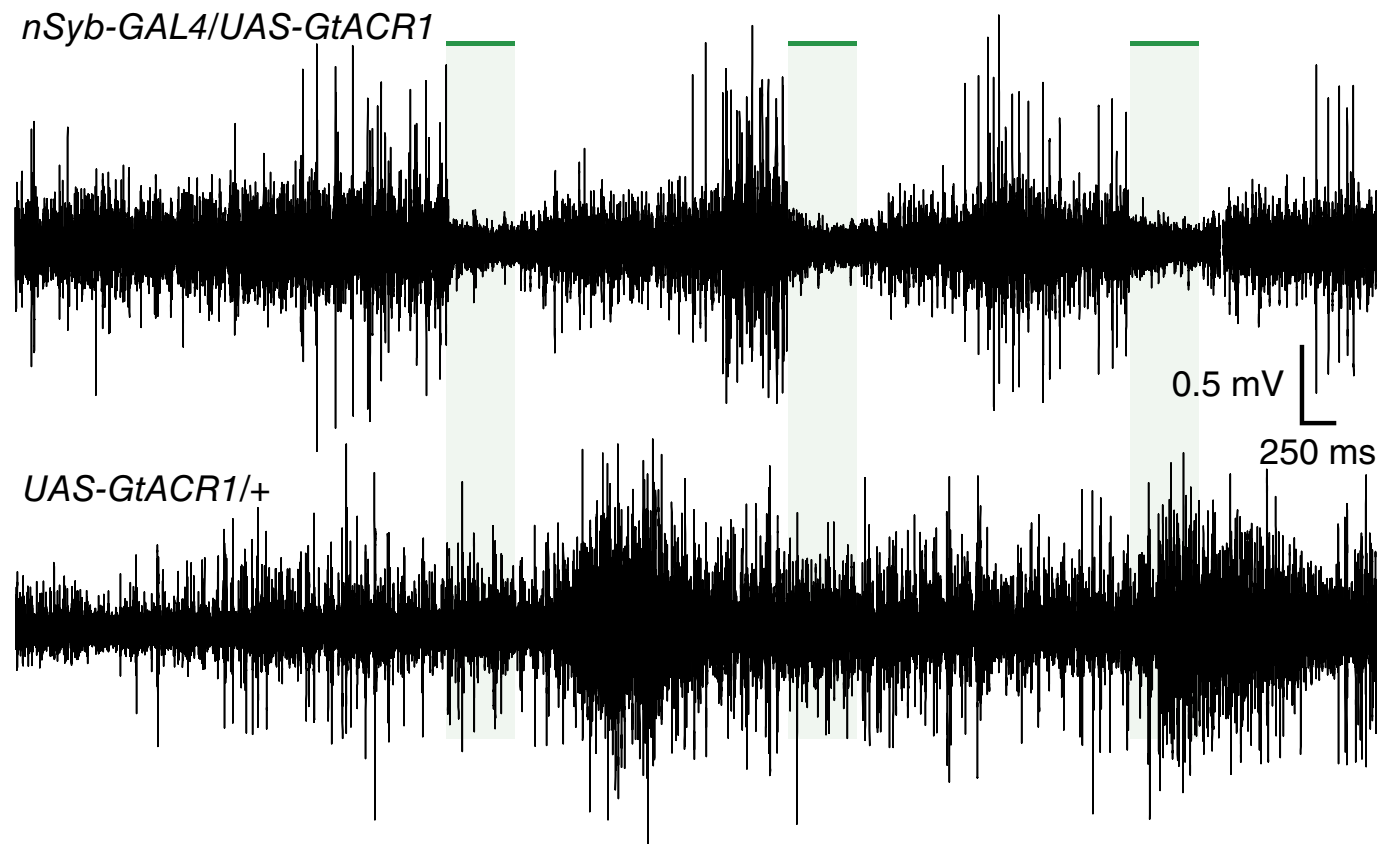


Optogenetic tools are still expanding



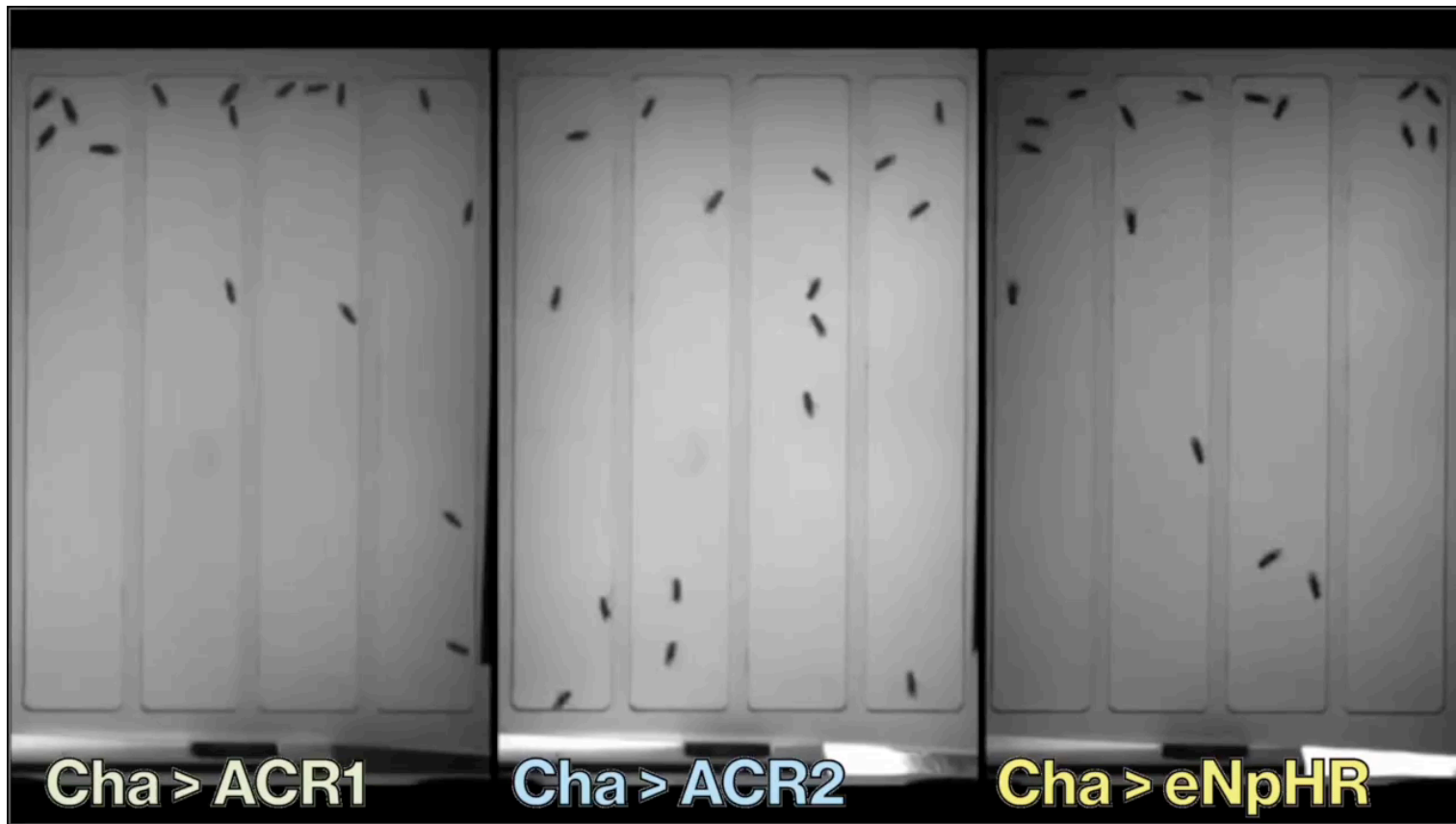
GtACR: an optogenetic silencer

GtACR: alga *Guillardia theta* anion channelrhodopsins



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From neurons to a brain

