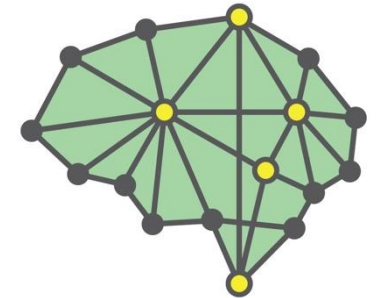
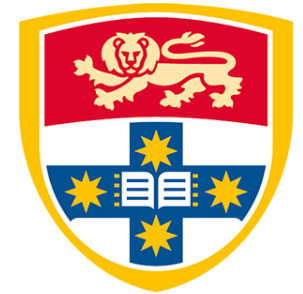
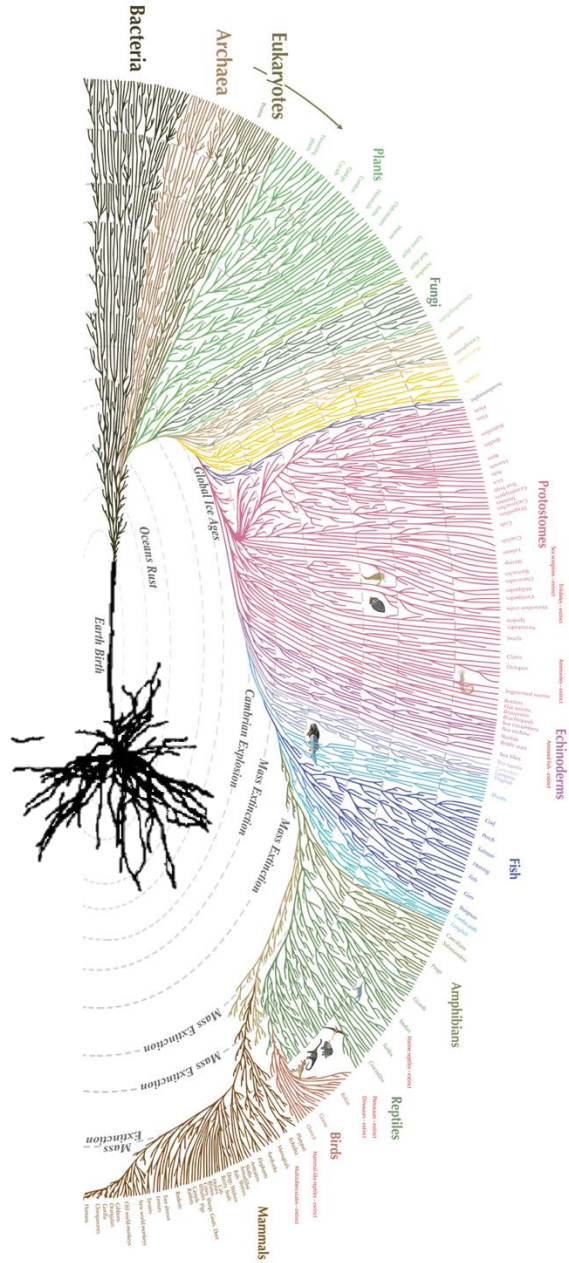
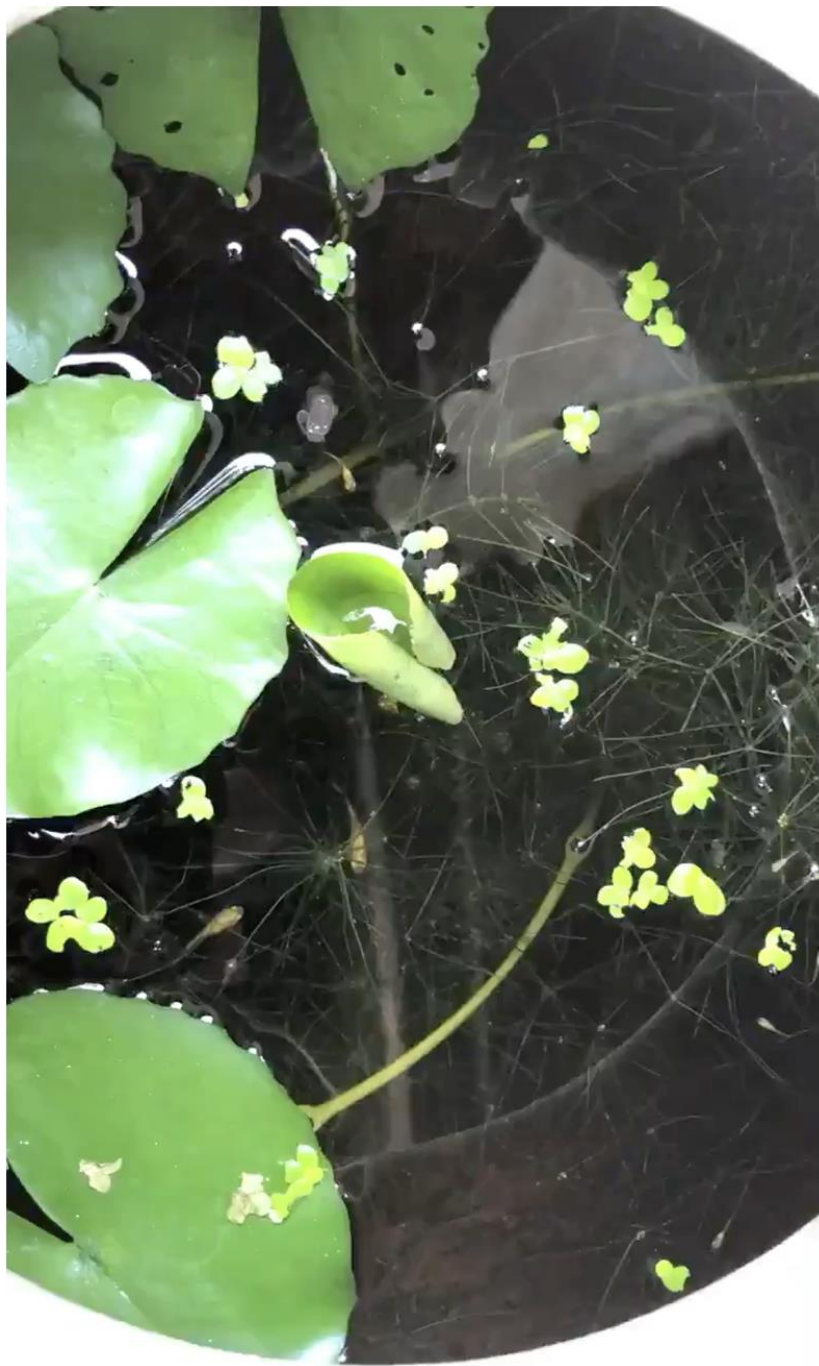


# Multiscale Organization of Neuronal Activity Unifies Scale-Dependent Theories of Brain Function

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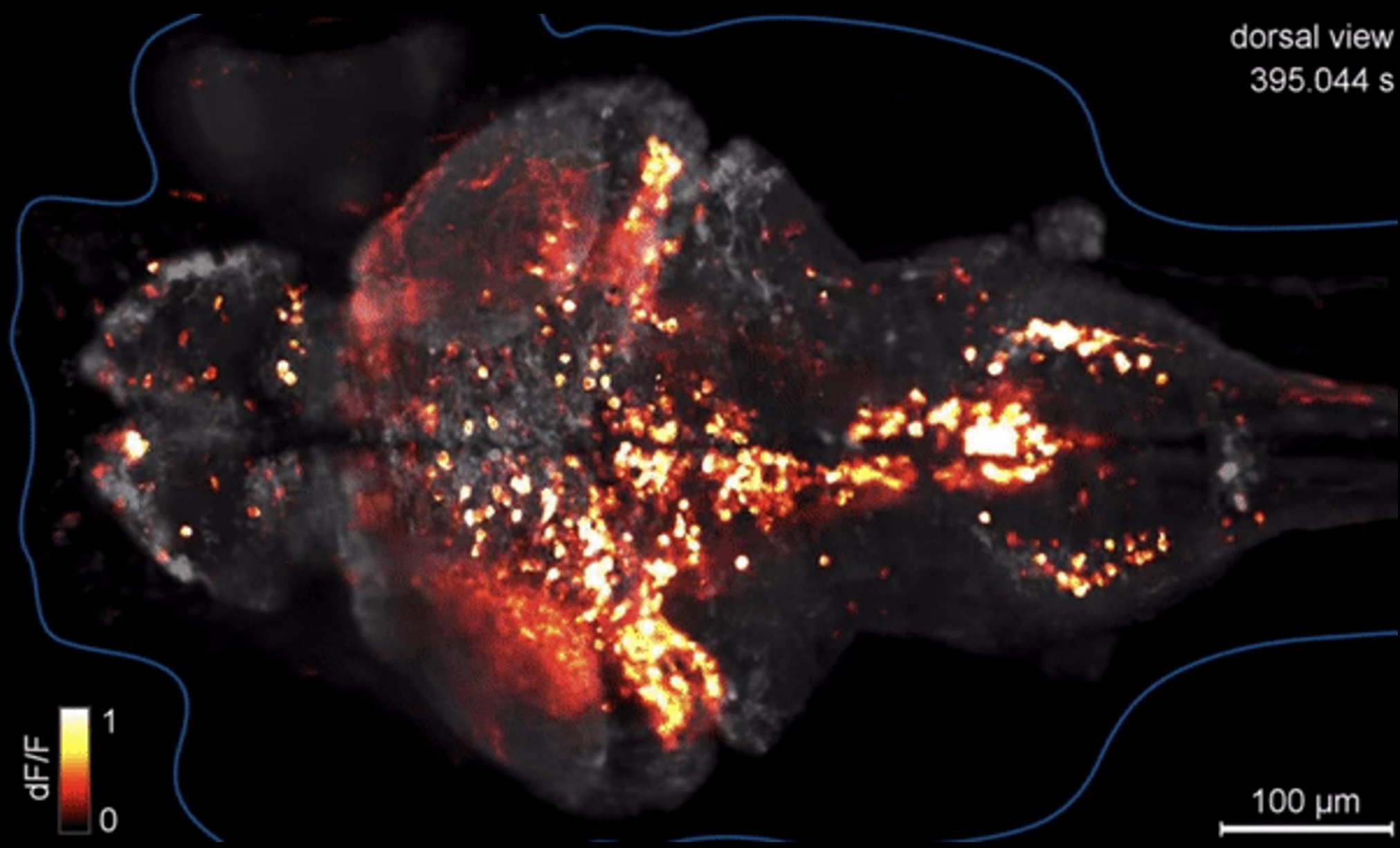


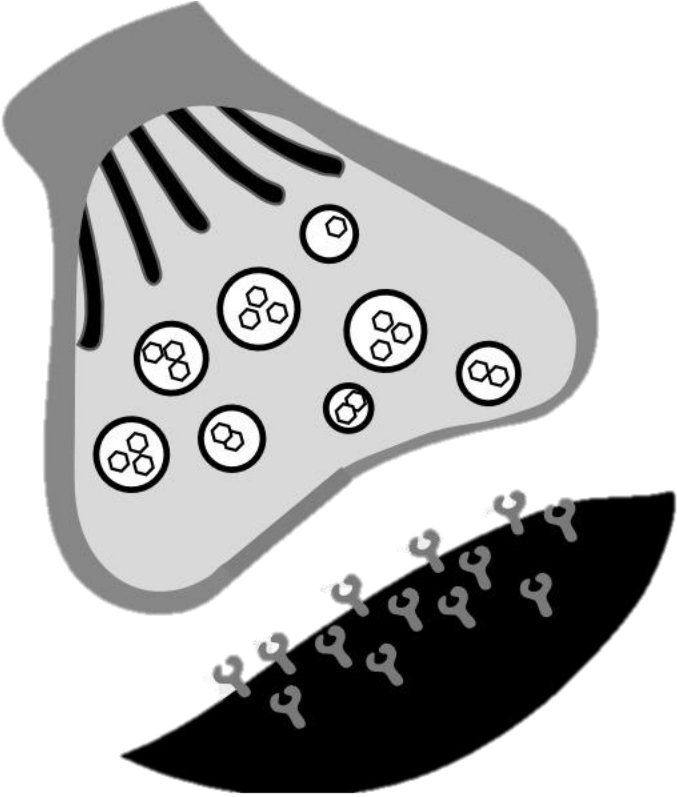
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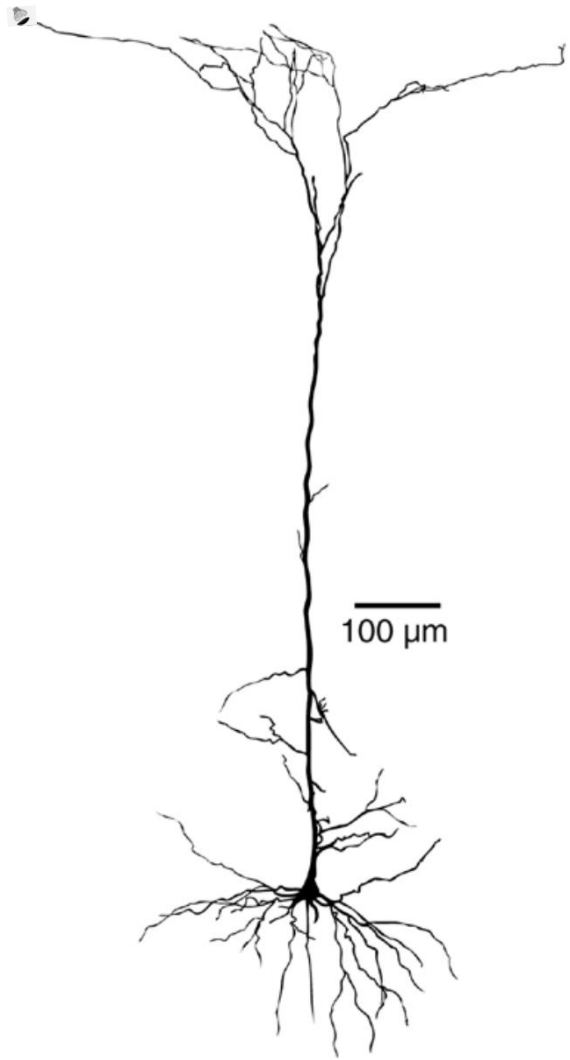
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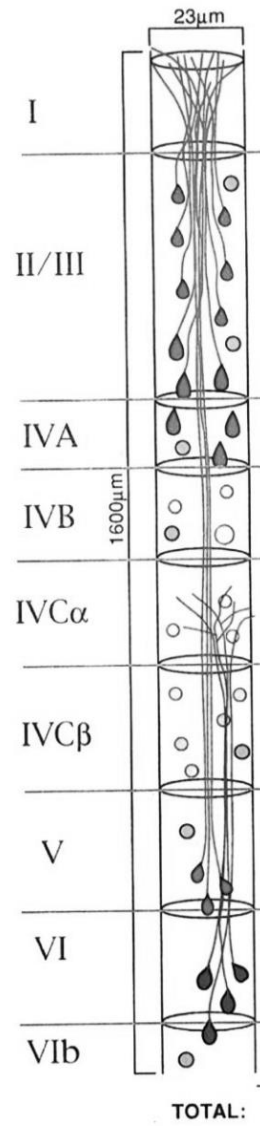
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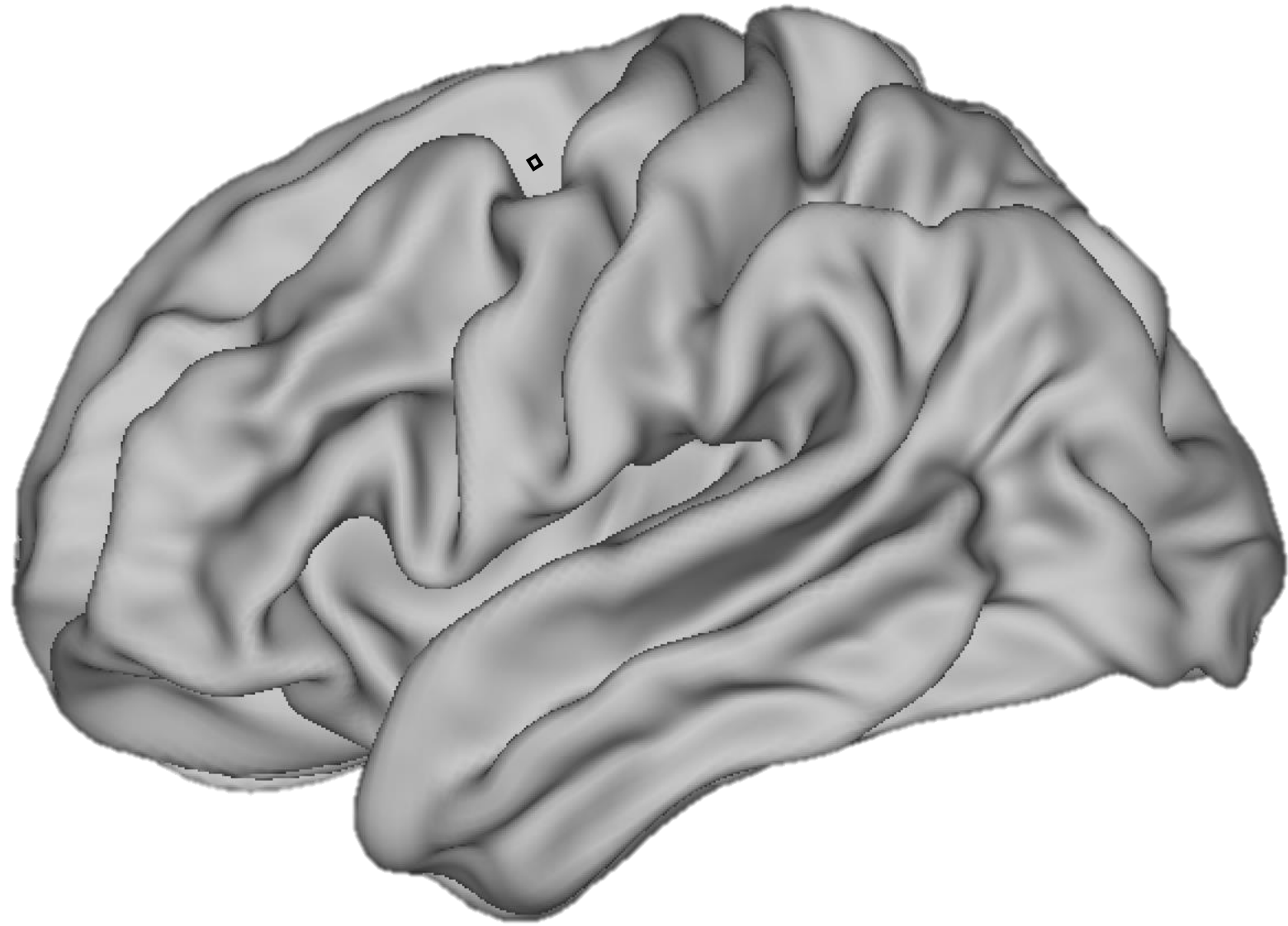


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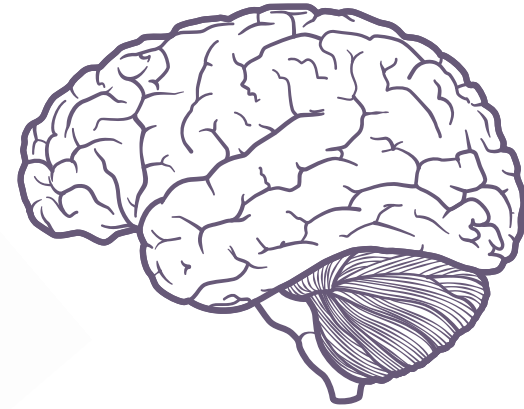
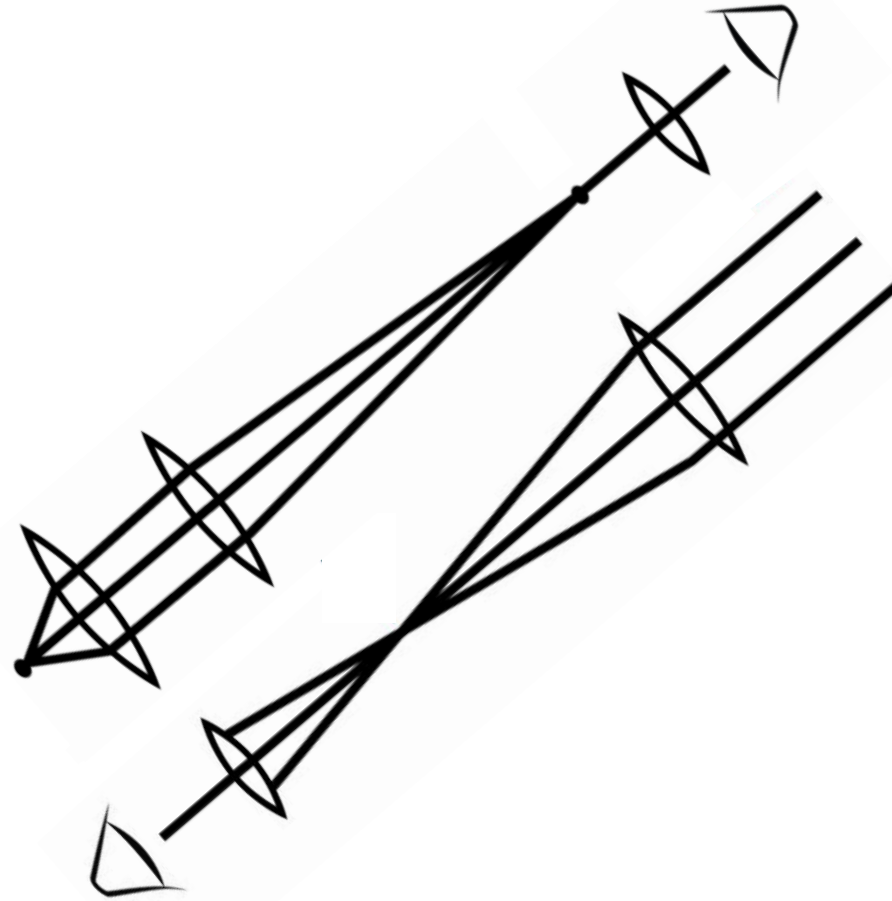
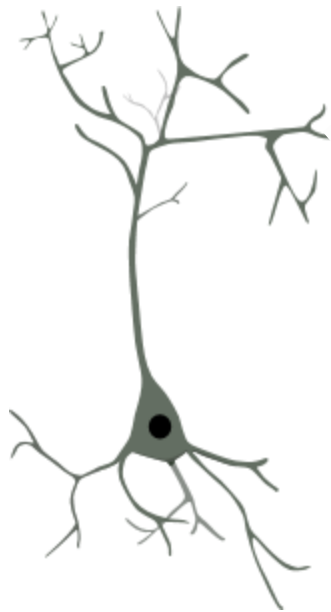








# Pick a scale...





# Brain function microscale

# Brain function

# macroscale

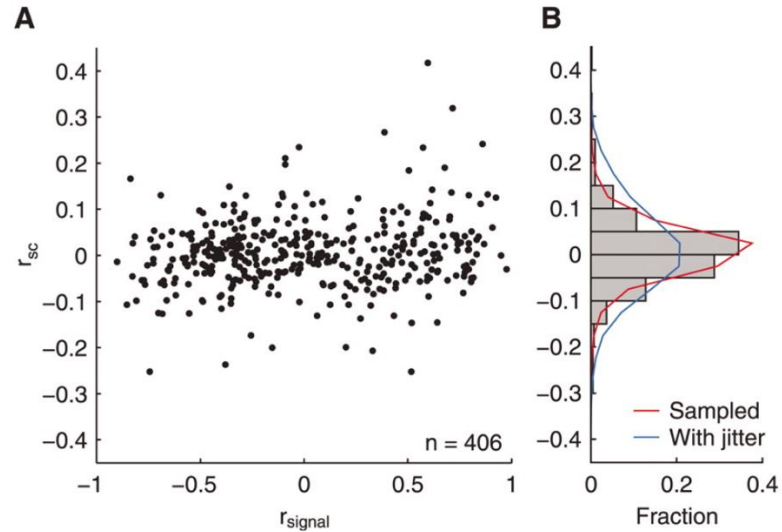
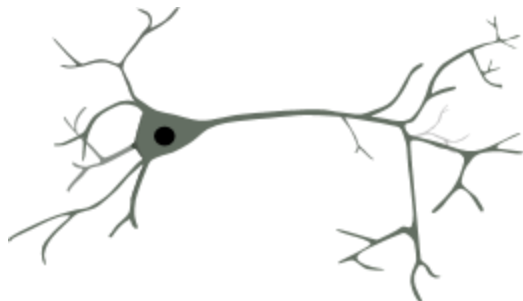
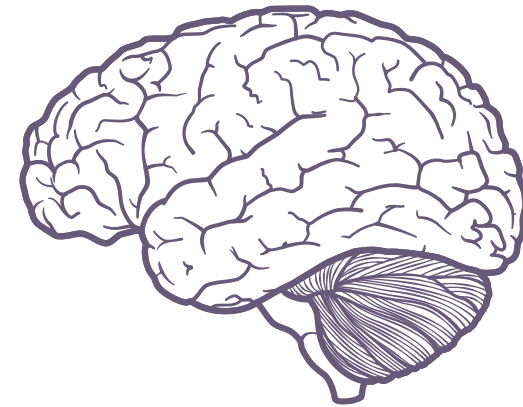


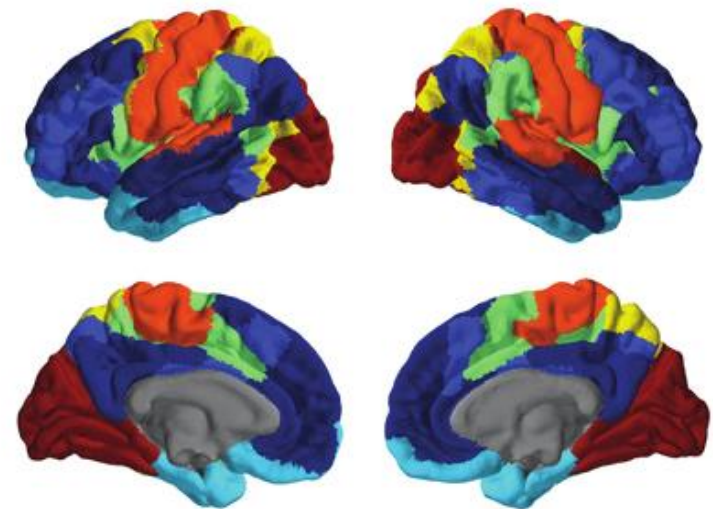
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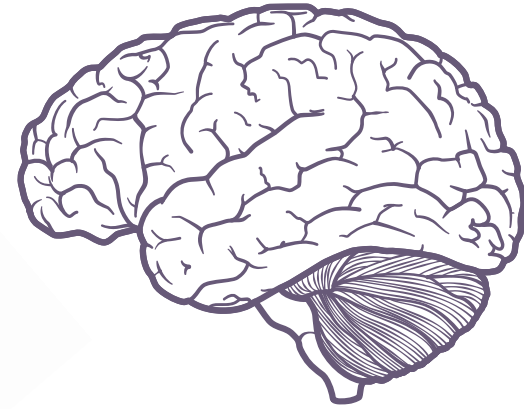
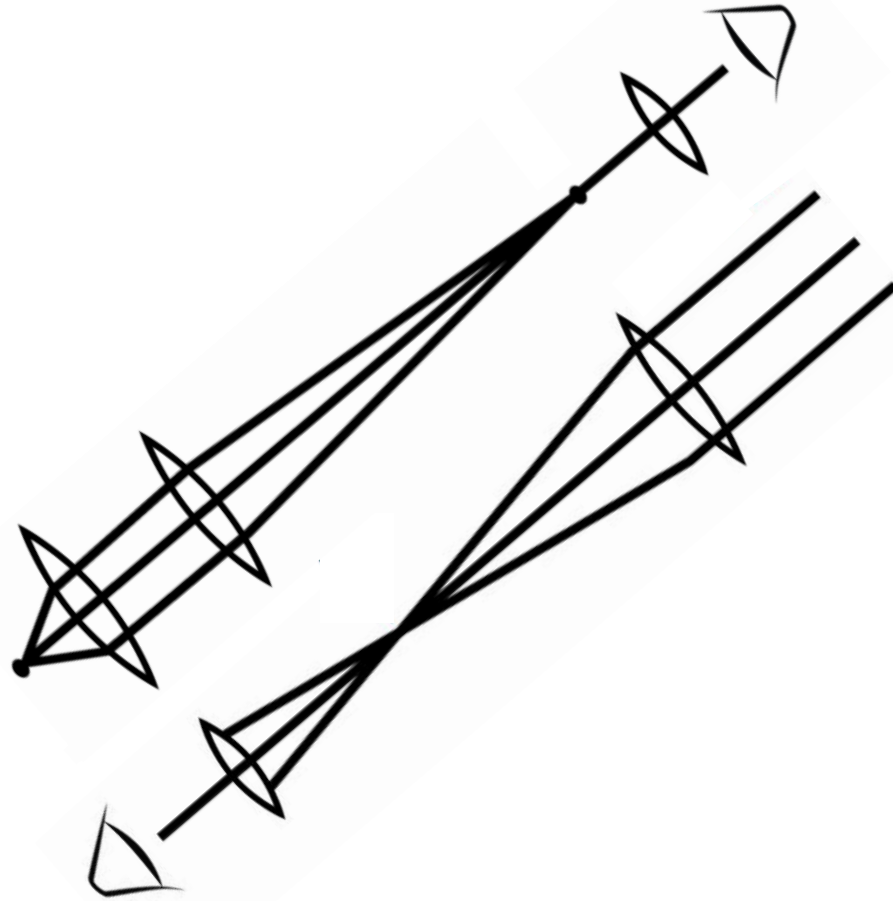
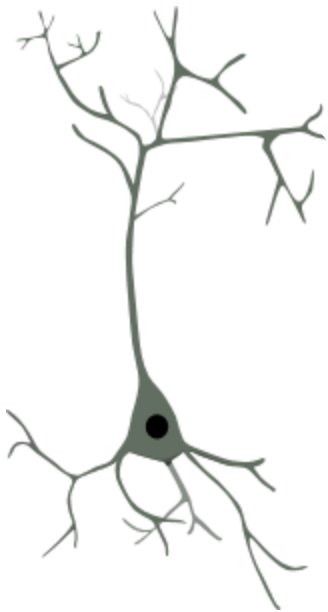
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- Visual
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- Dorsal Attention
- Ventral Attention
- Limbic
- Frontoparietal
- Default



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# Coarse-graining in Physics

Atomic interactions



$$P = \frac{RT}{V - b} - \frac{a}{V^2}$$



Fluid dynamics



$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \rho \mathbf{g}$$



## Article

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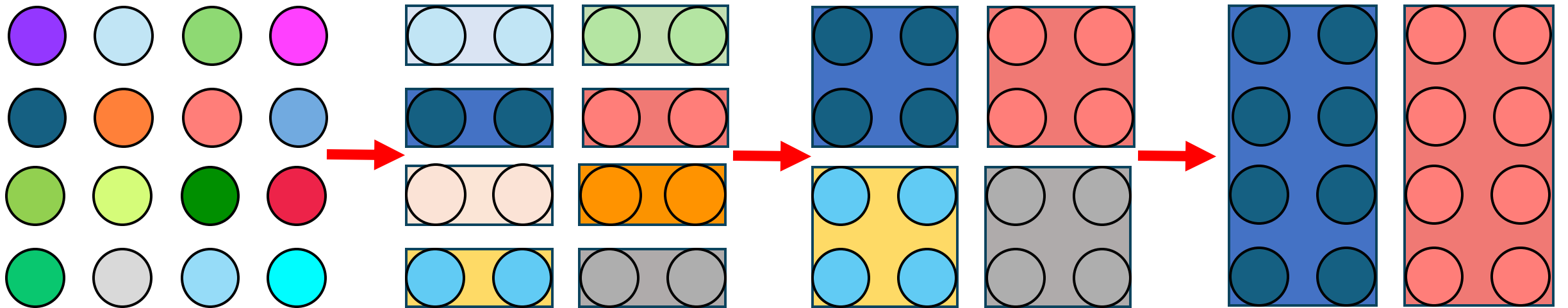
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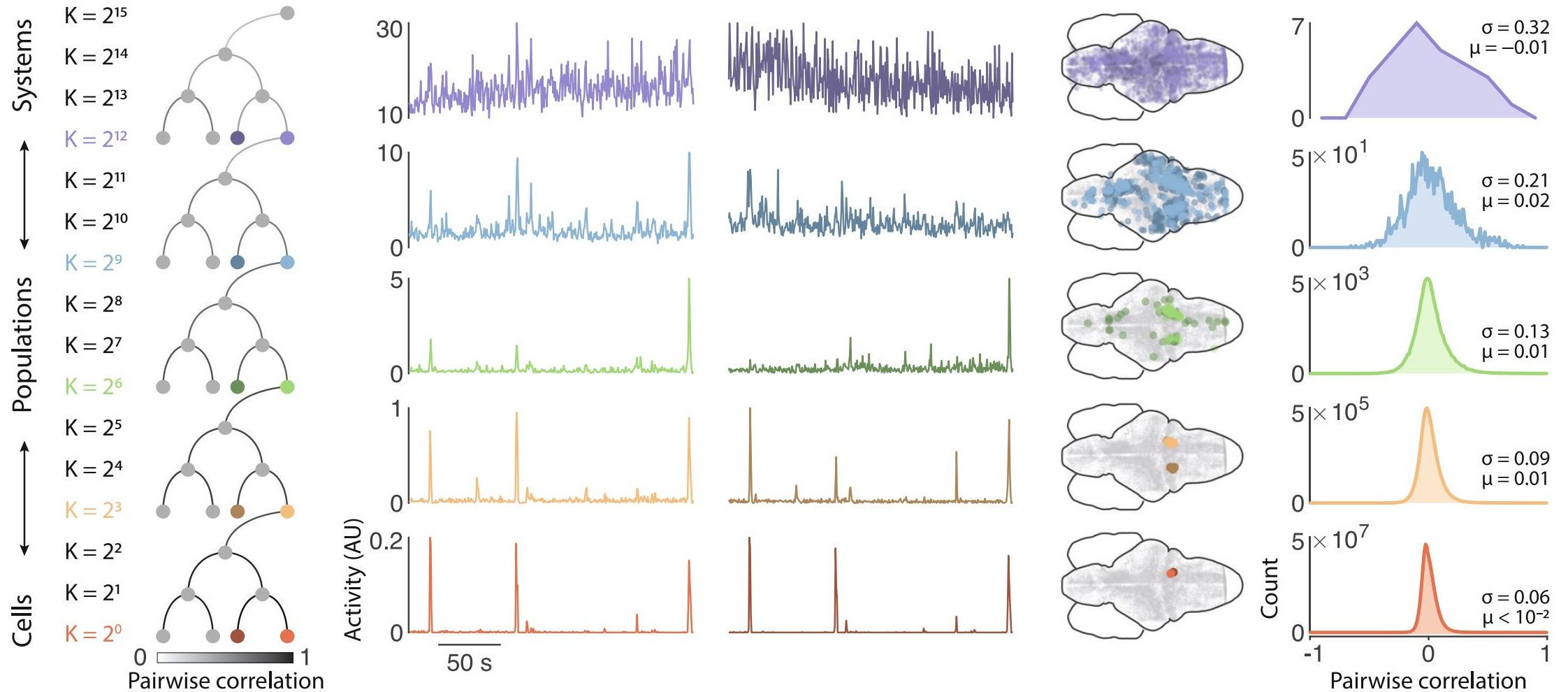
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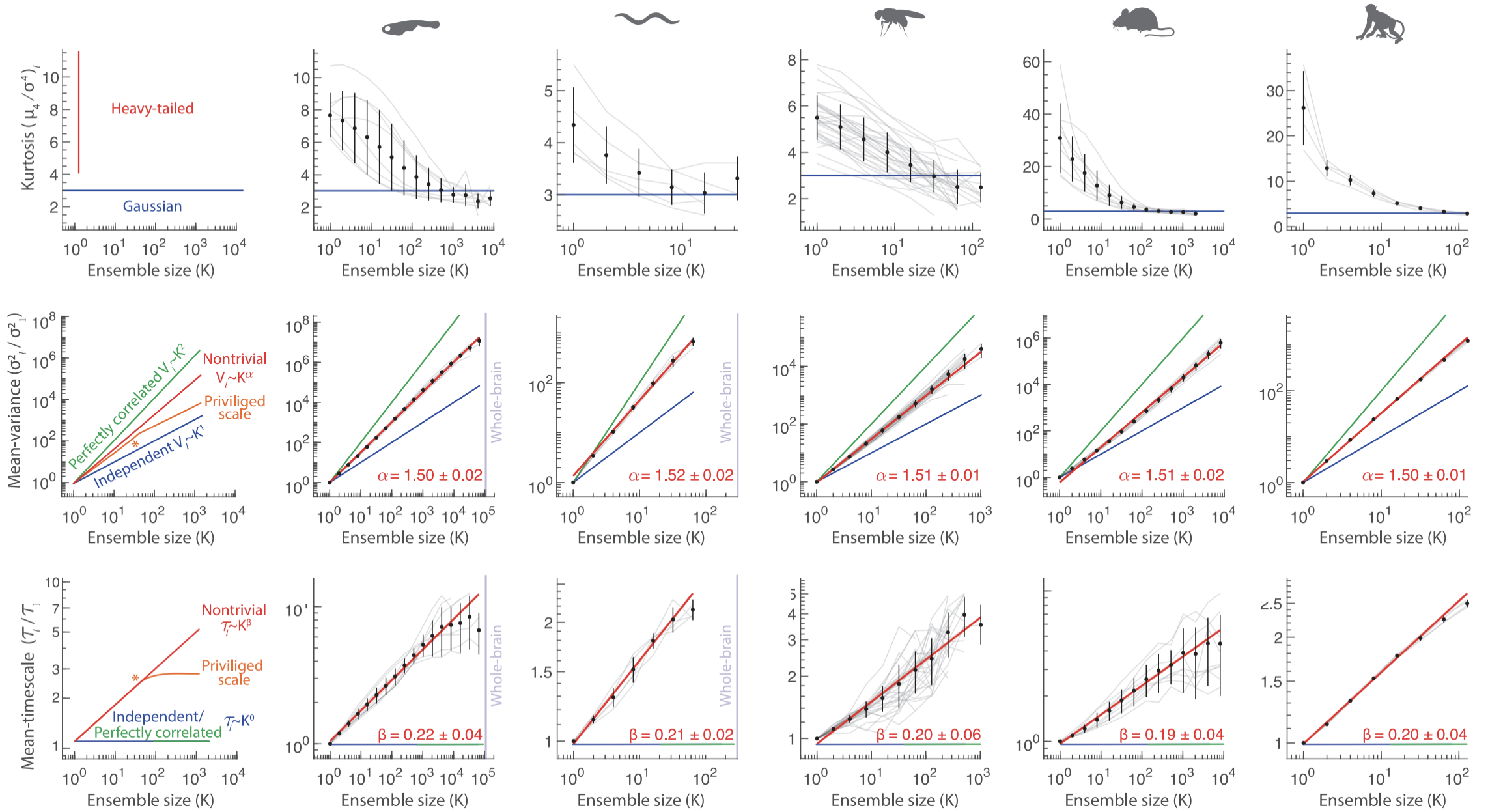


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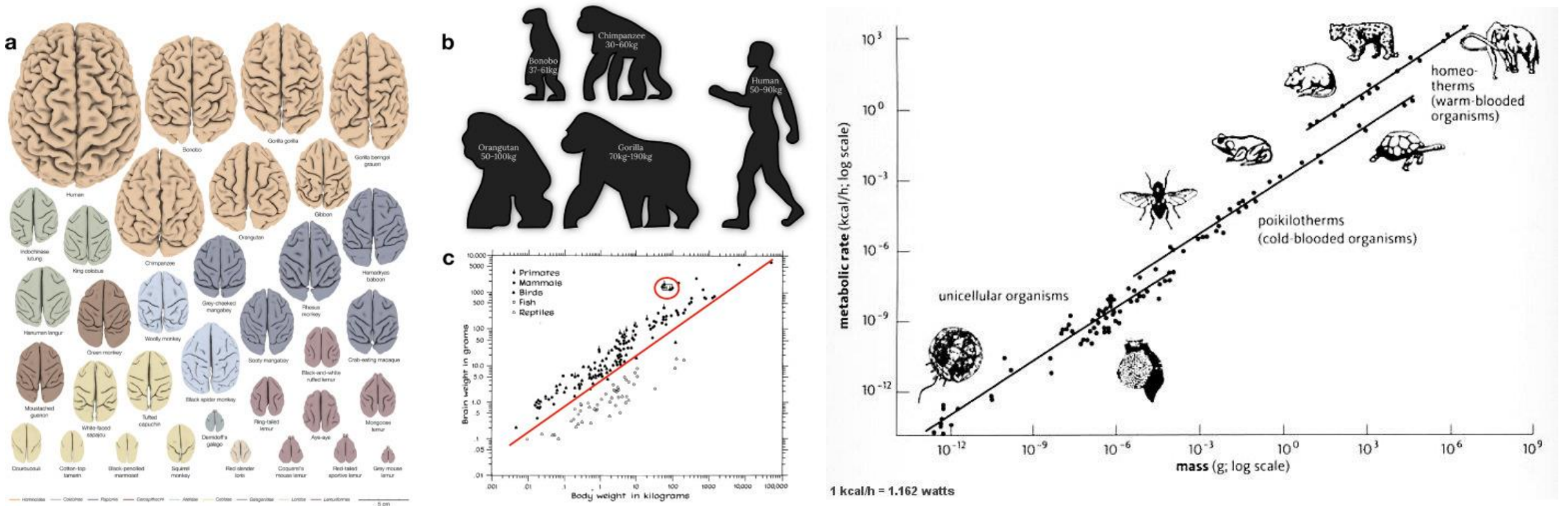


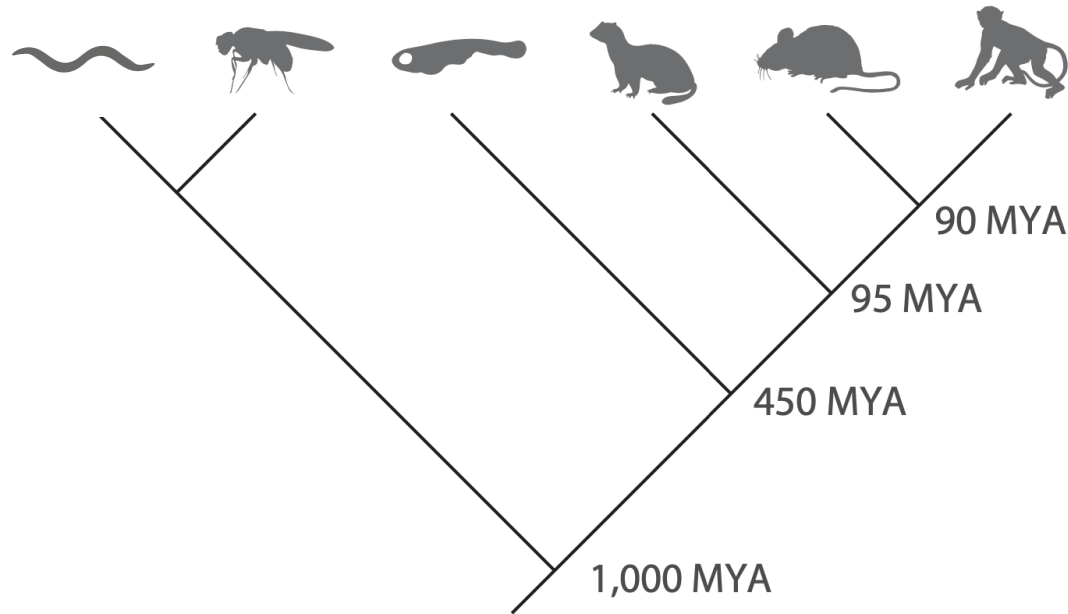
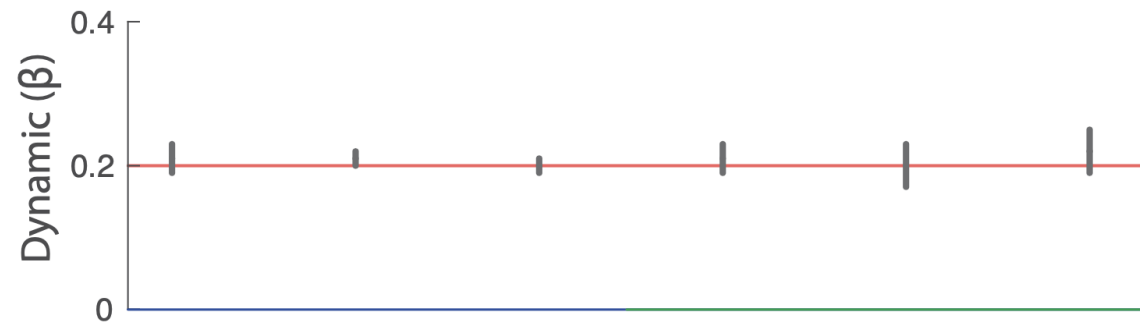
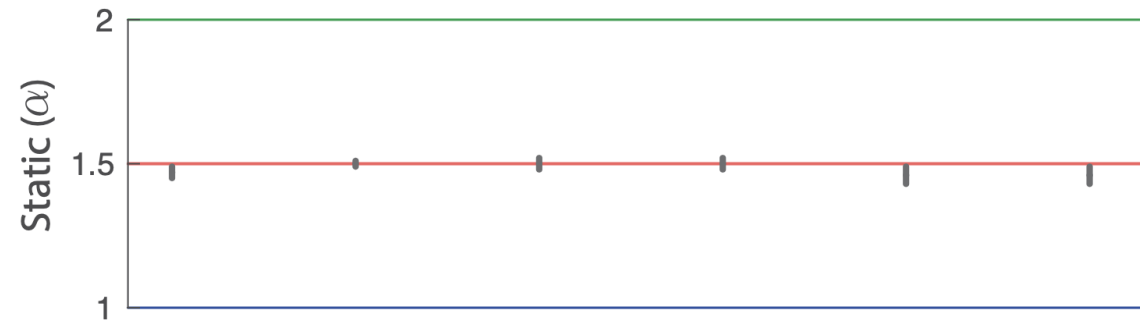


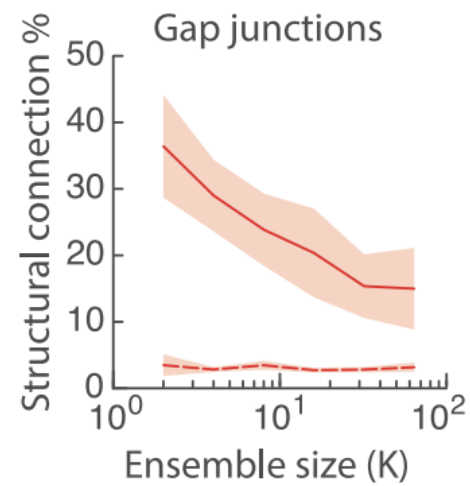
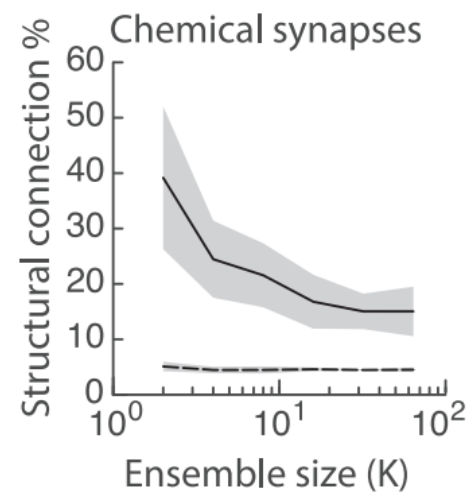
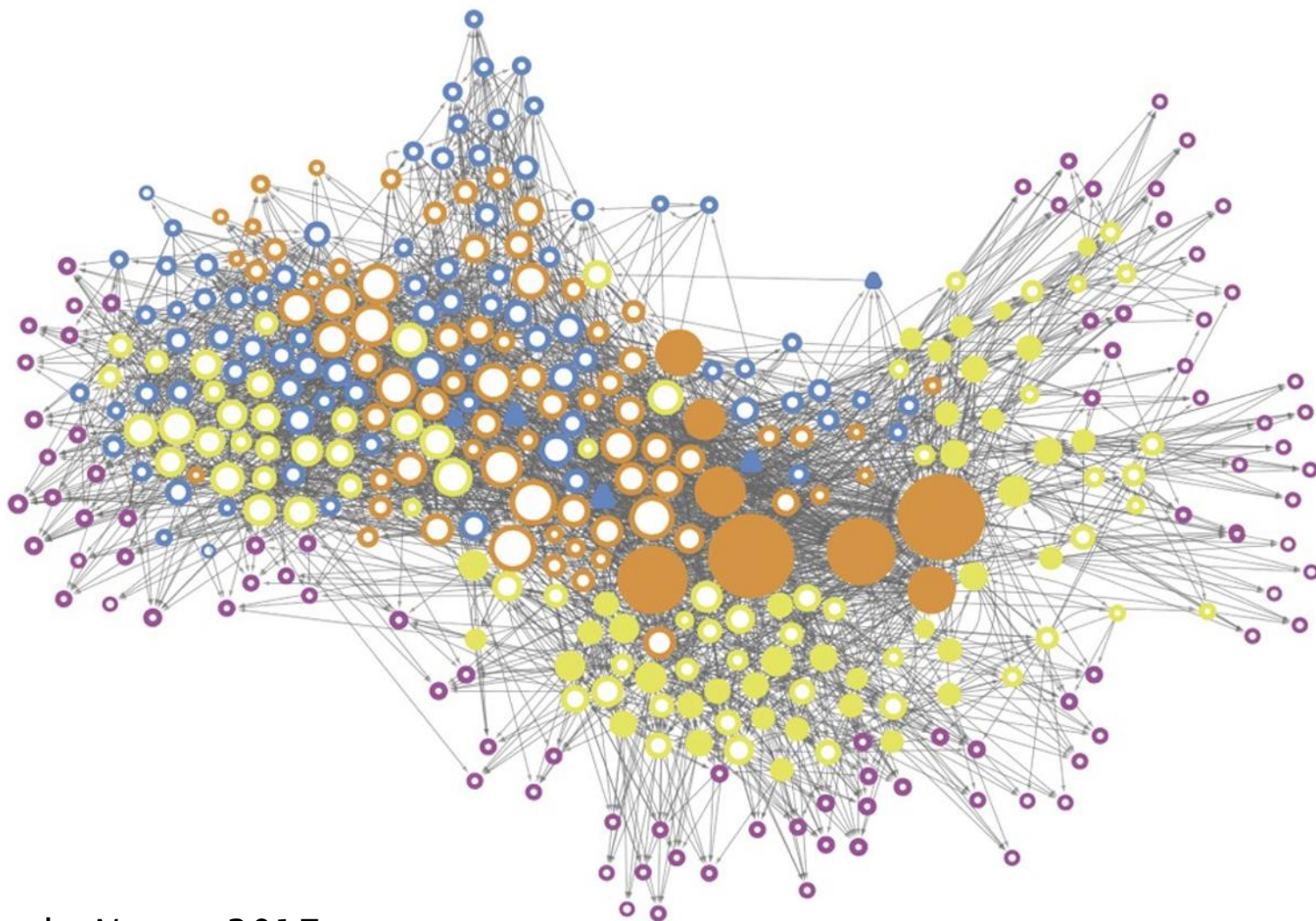
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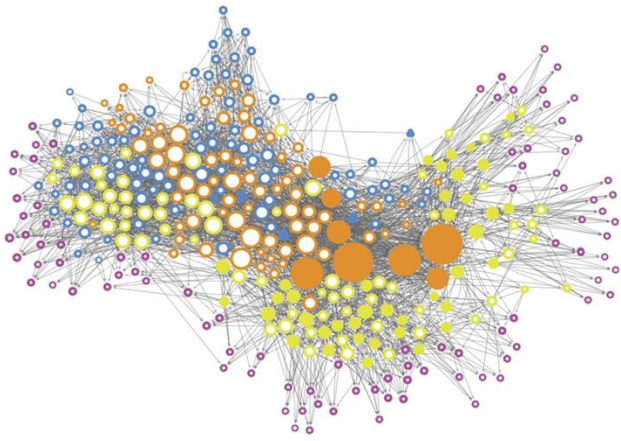
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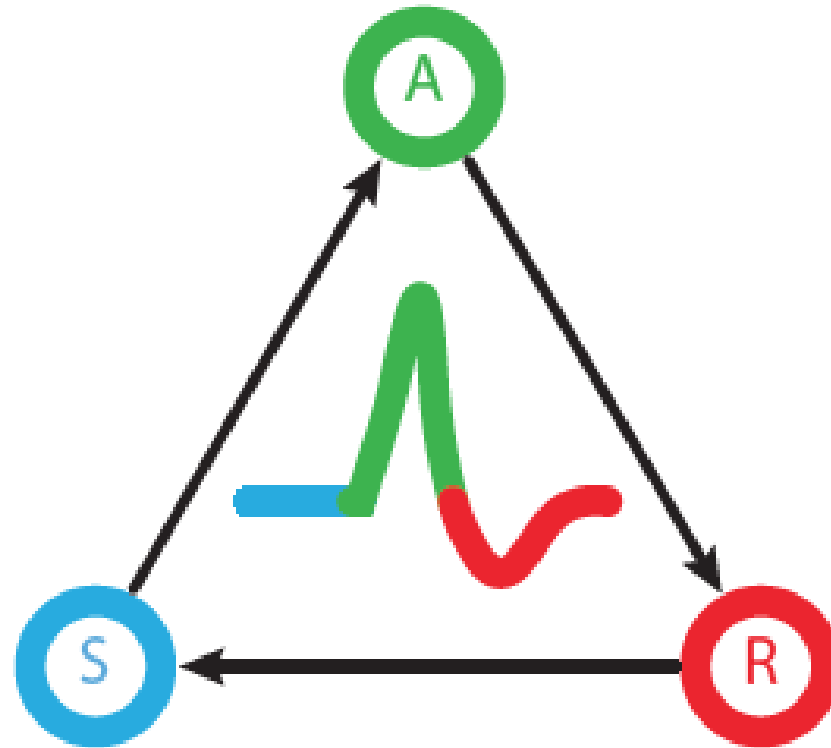
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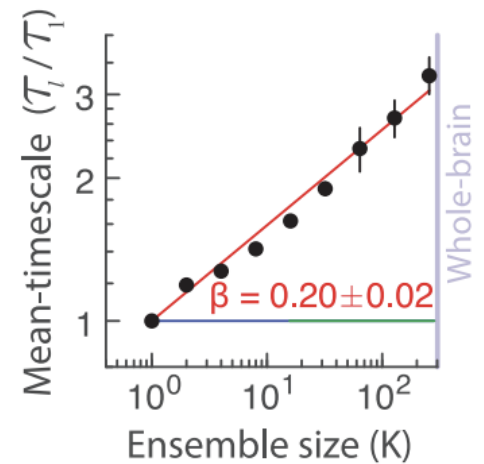
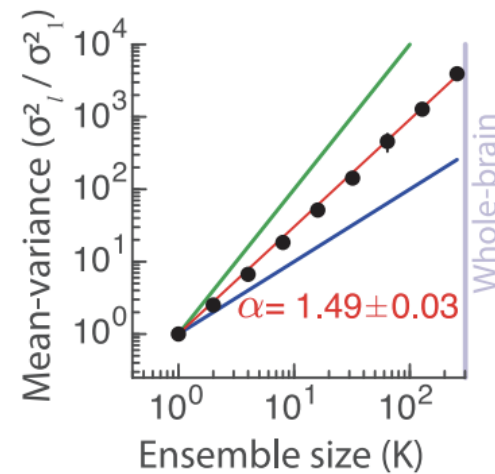
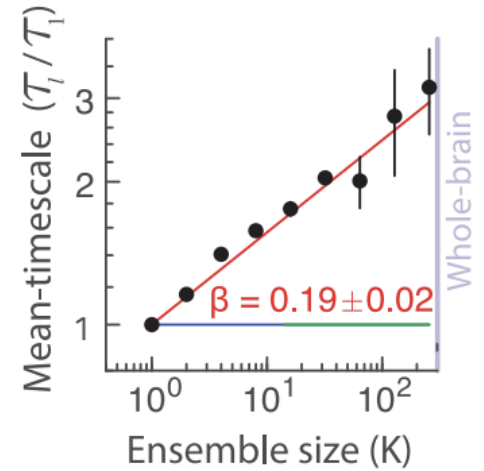
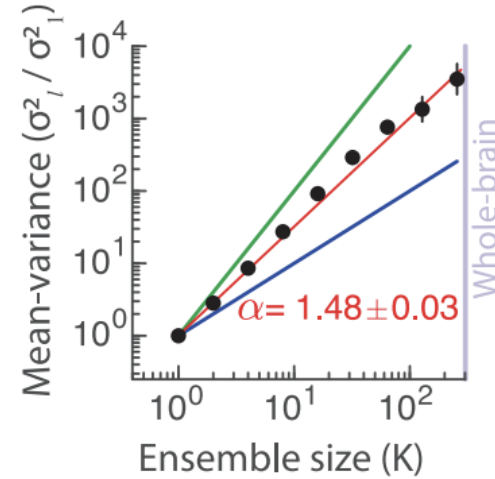
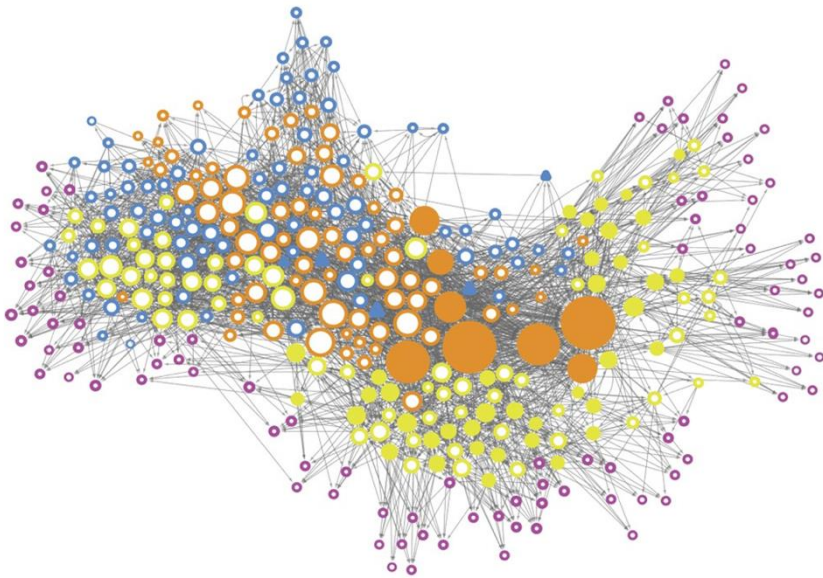
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# Simple SIR Model Recreates the Observed Scaling Relationships on the *C. elegans* Connectome





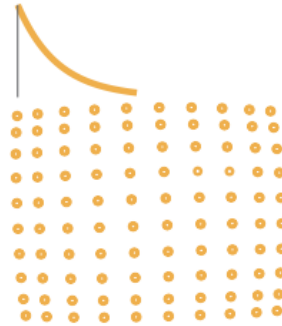
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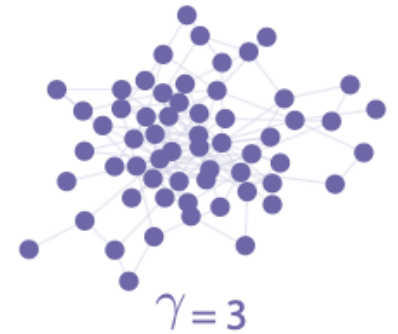
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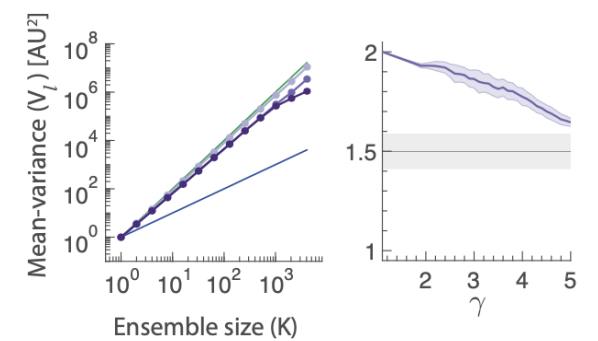
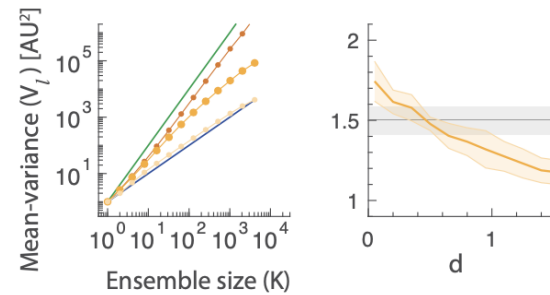
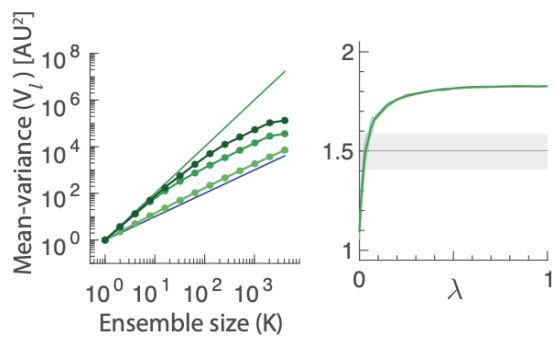
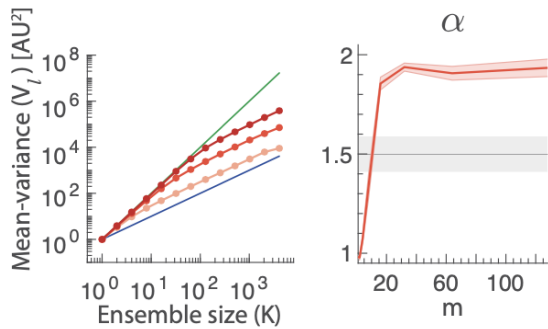
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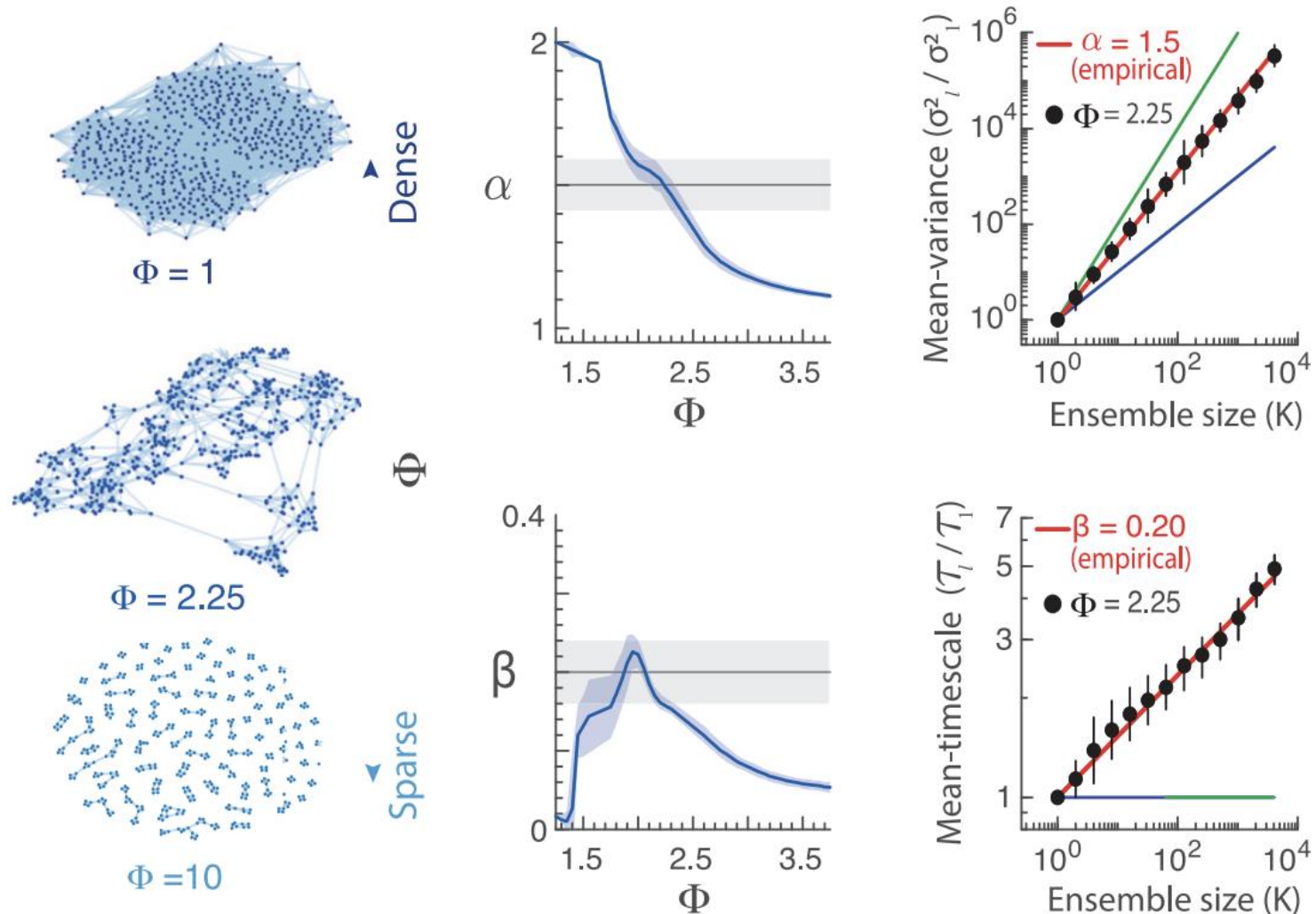
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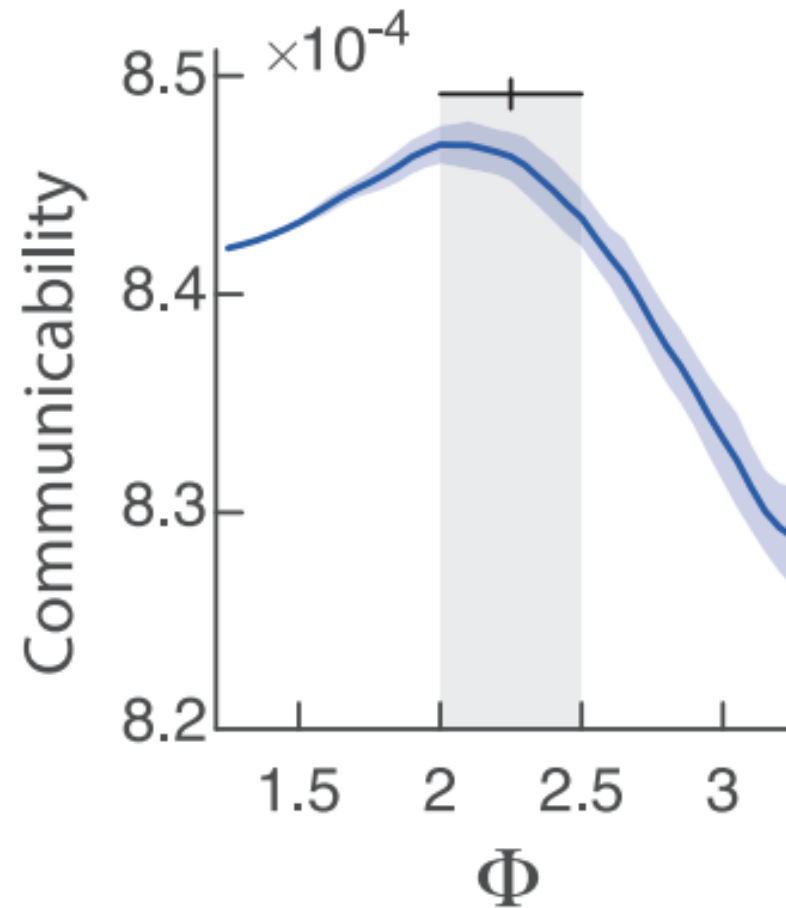
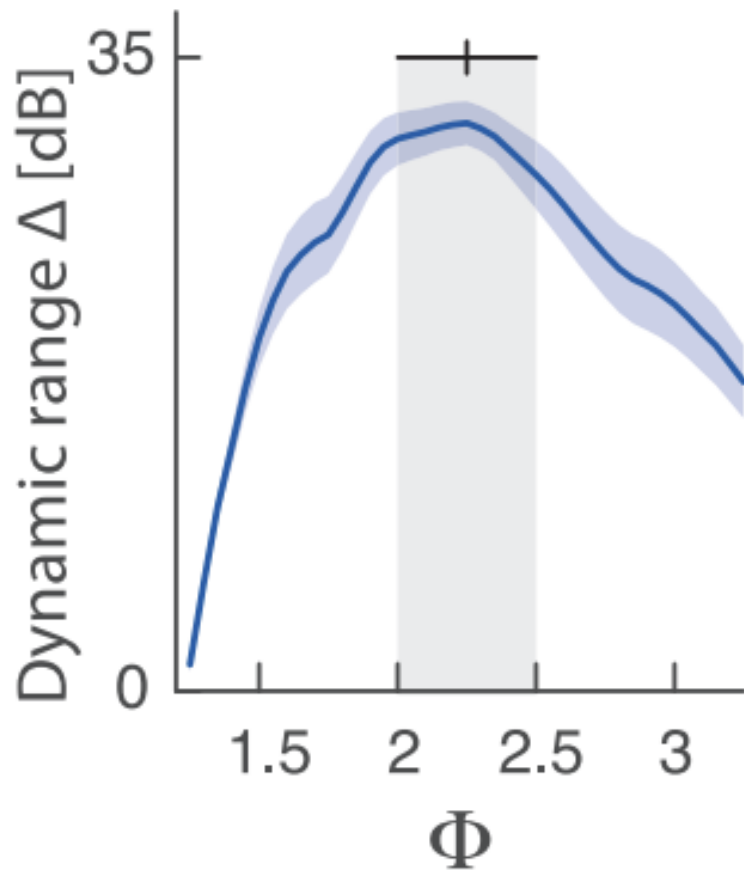
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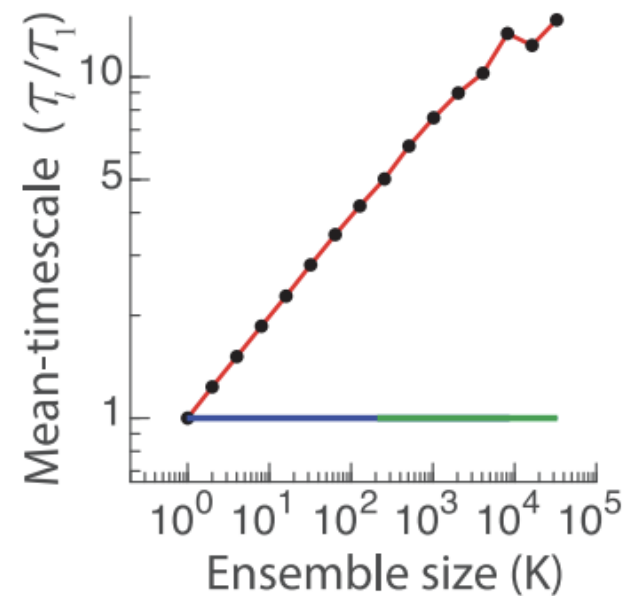
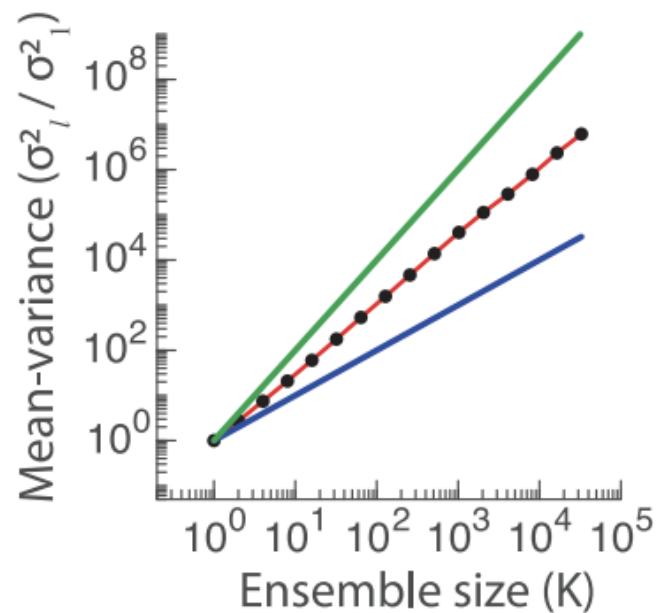
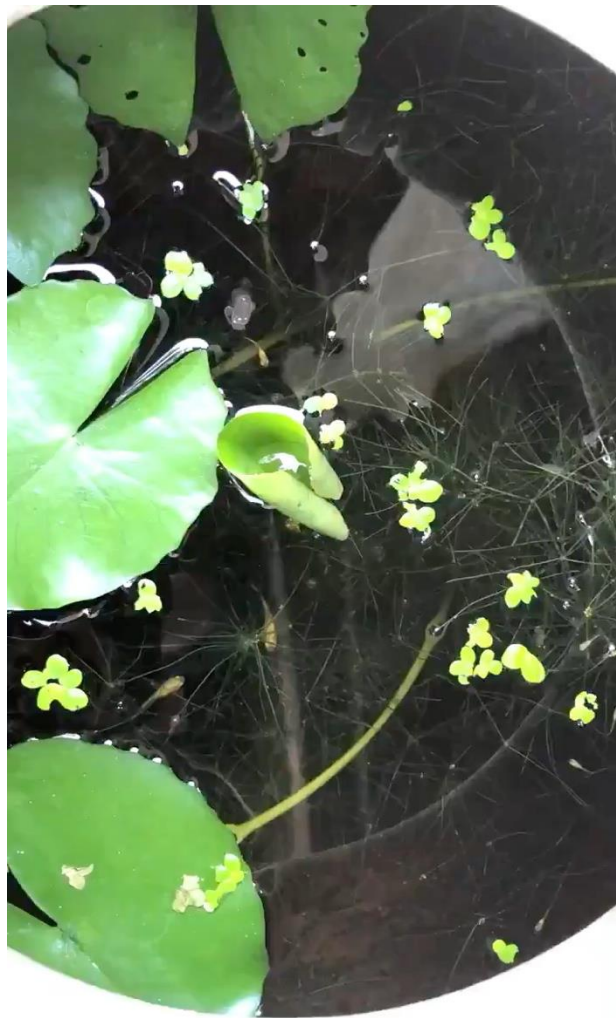
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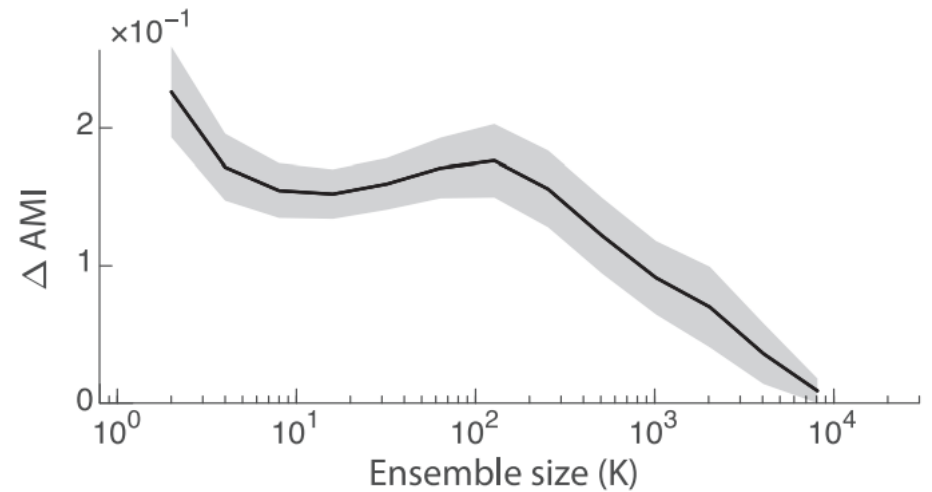
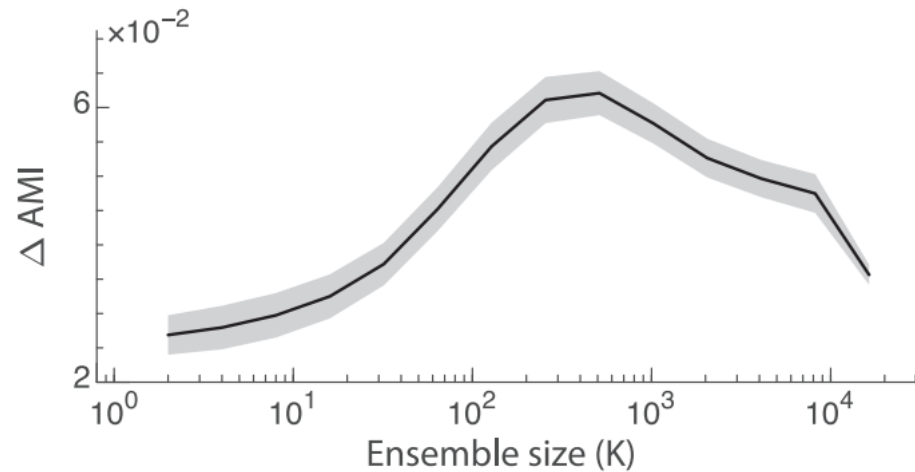
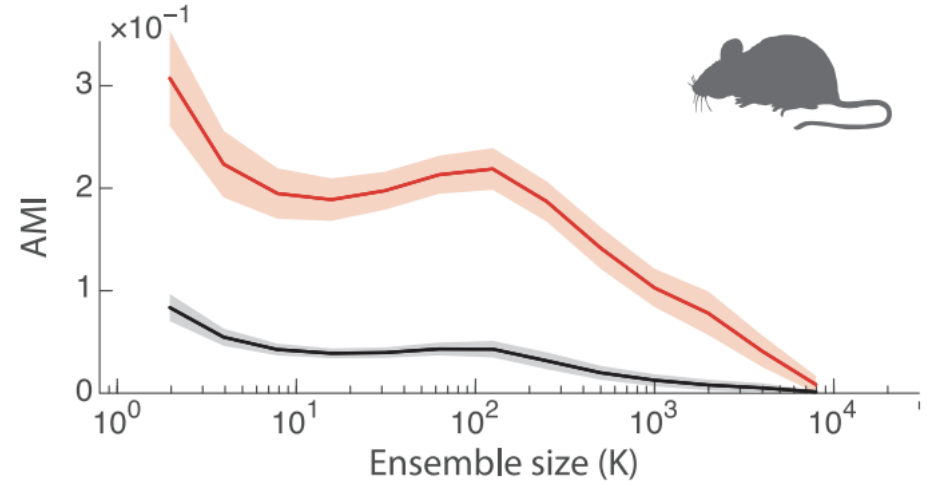
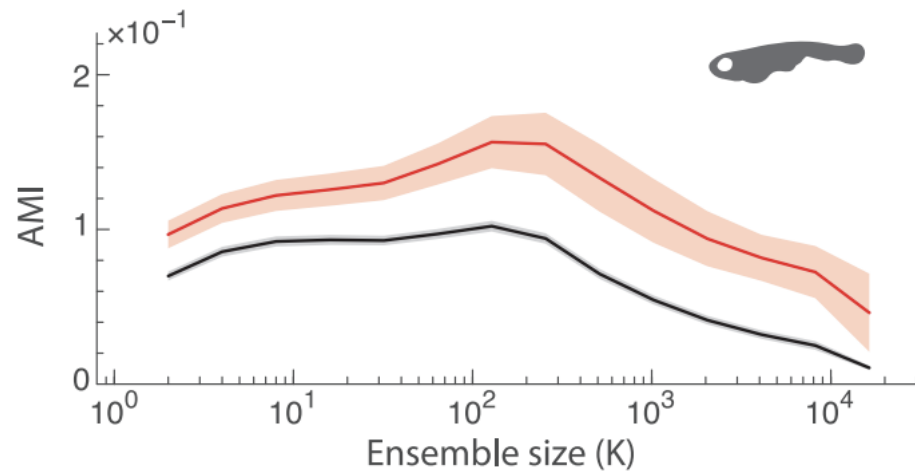
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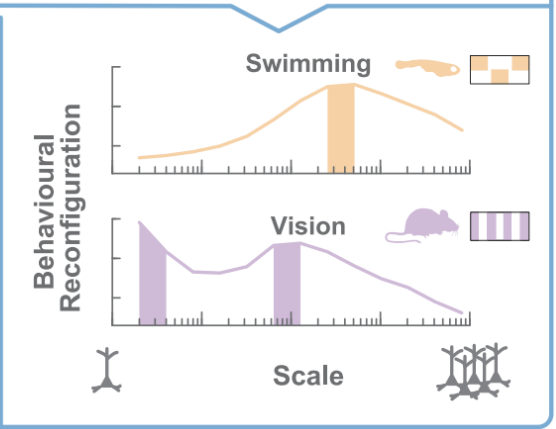
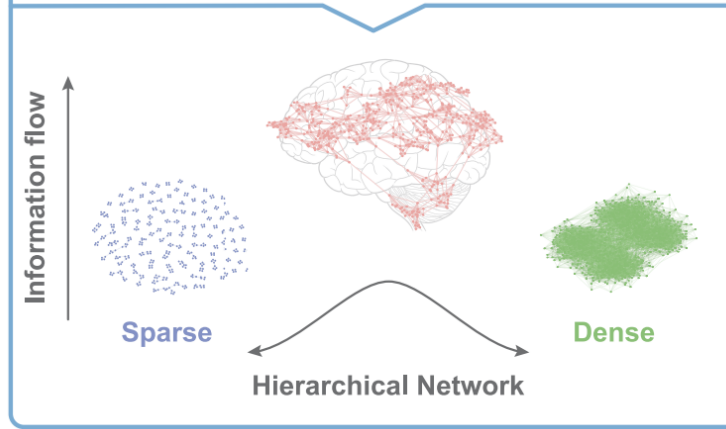
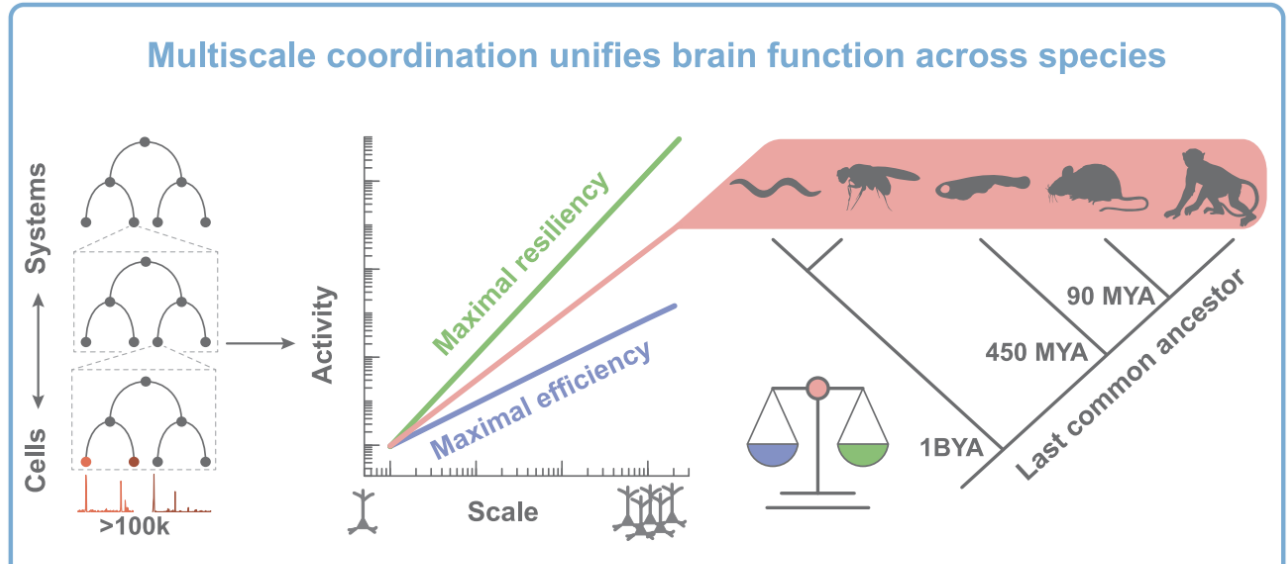
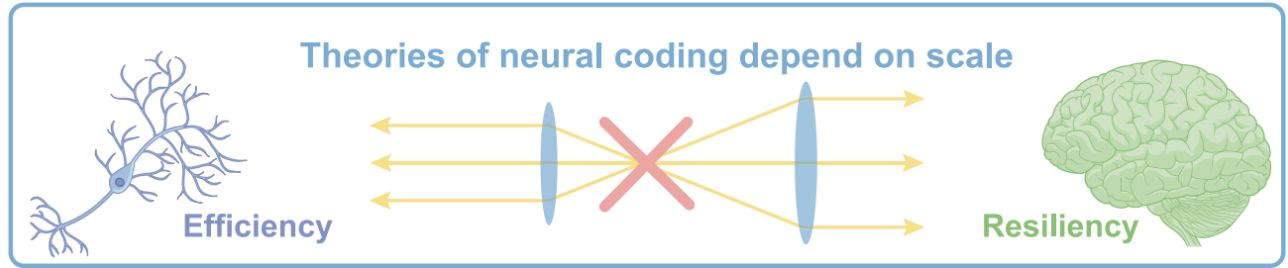


# Scaling is Preserved Across Different Tasks



# The Scale of Maximal Reconfiguration is not conserved across species



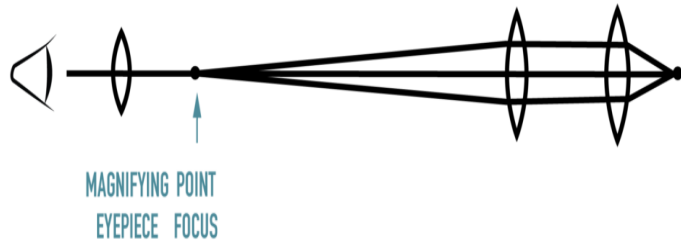




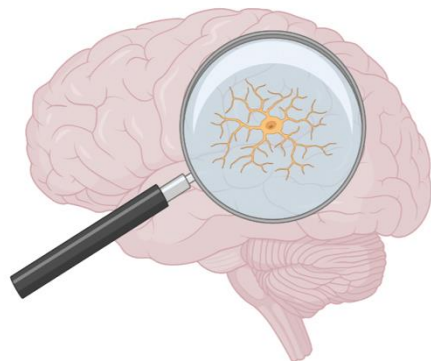
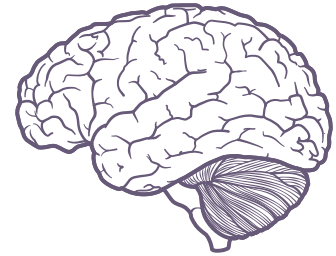
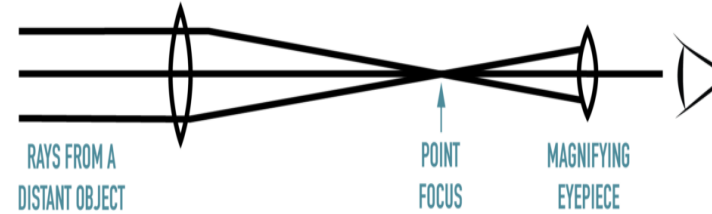
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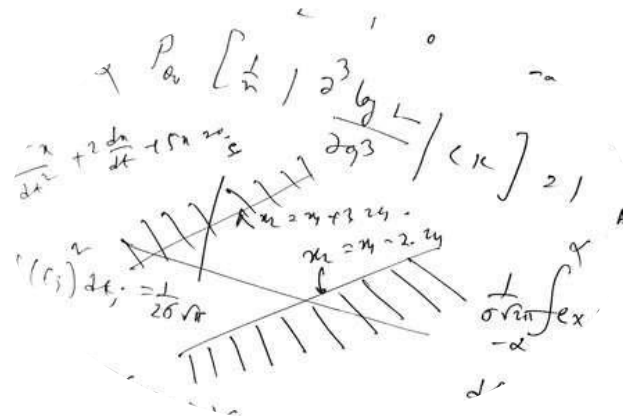
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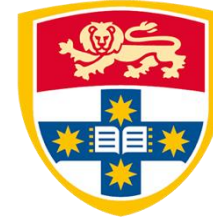
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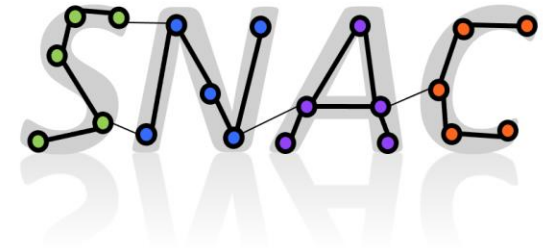
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