CS 4984: Brain Graphs

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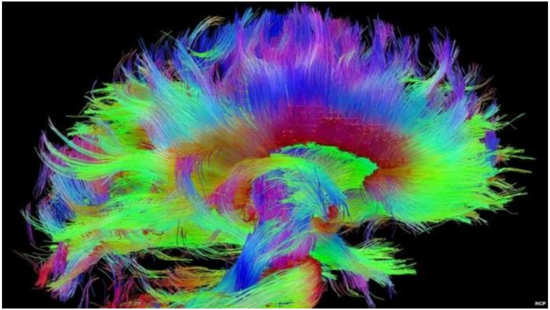

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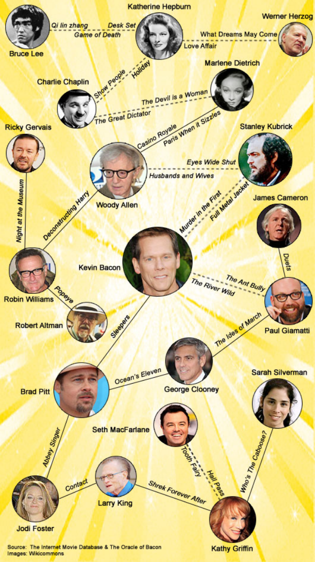

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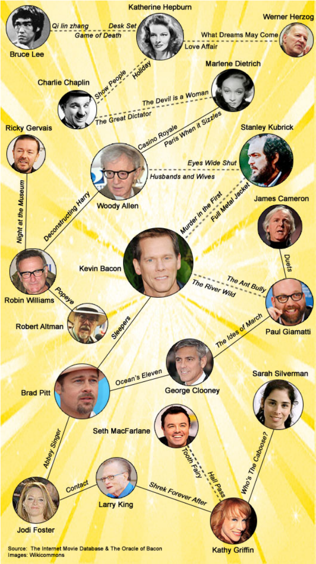
Node ≡ Person, Edge ≡ In same movie



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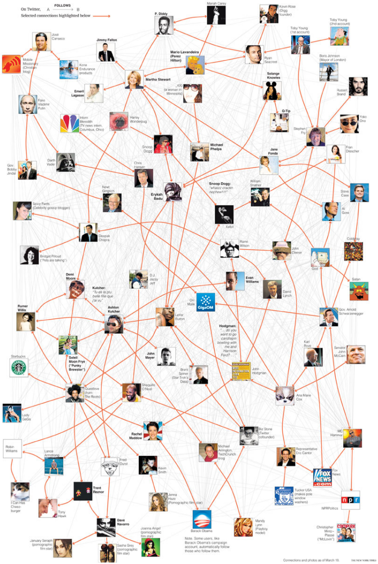

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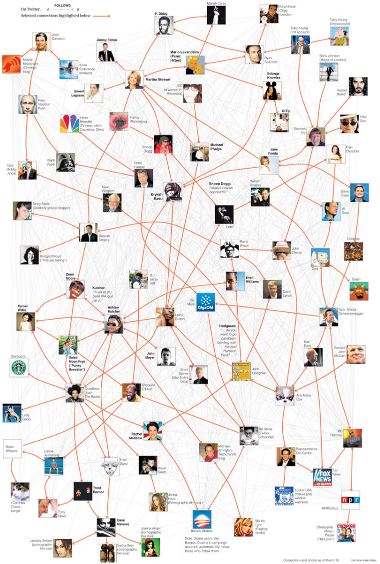
Node ≡ Person, Edge ≡ Follows on Twitter



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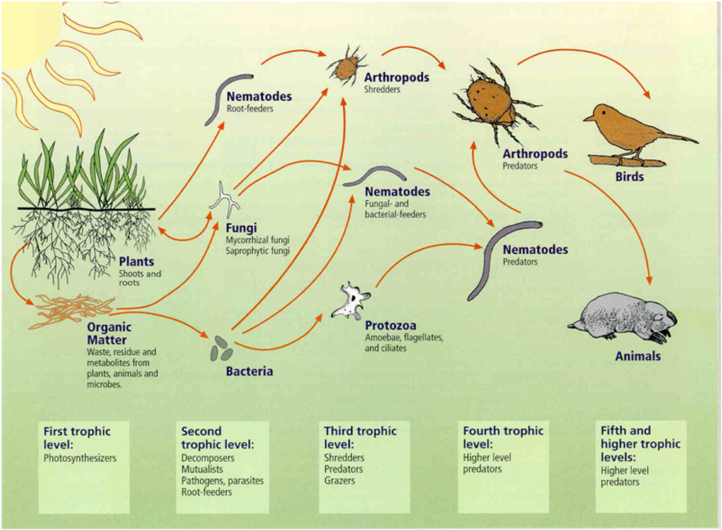

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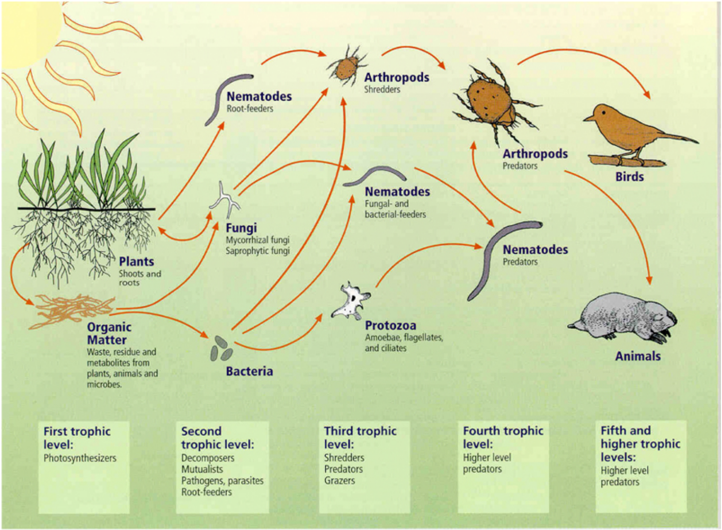
Node ≡ Organism, Edge ≡ Is eaten by



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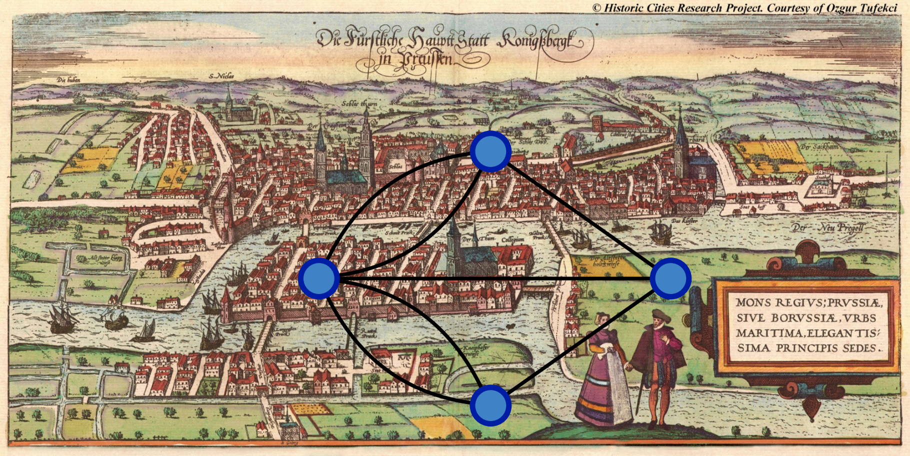

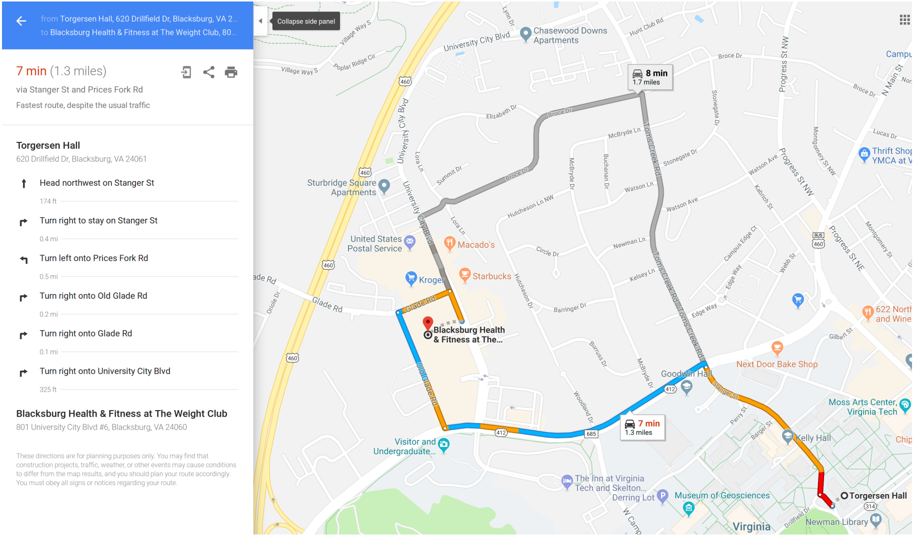

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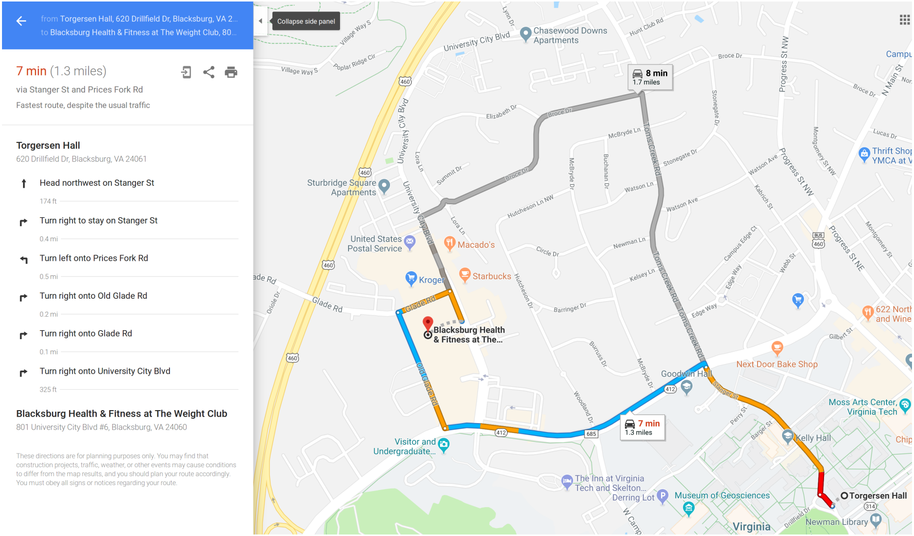
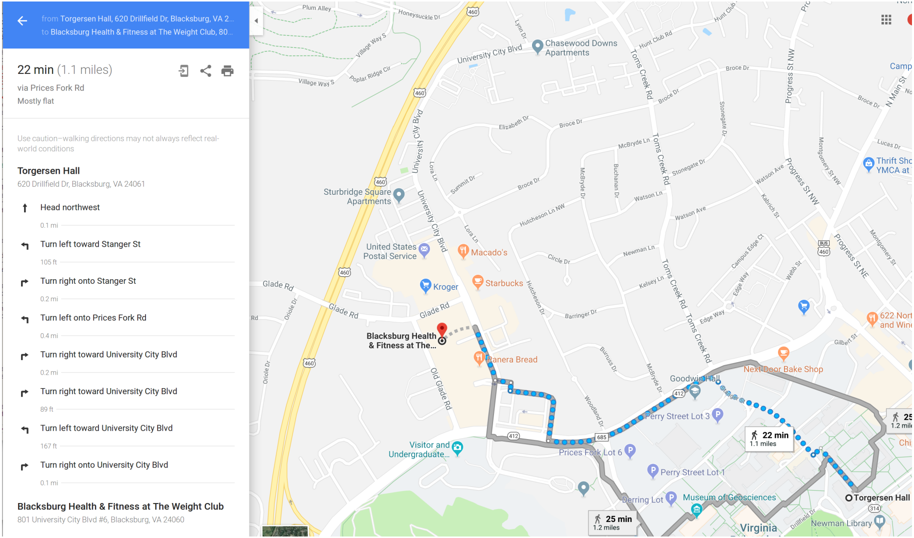


Node ≡ Intersection/Fork, Edge ≡ Street segment



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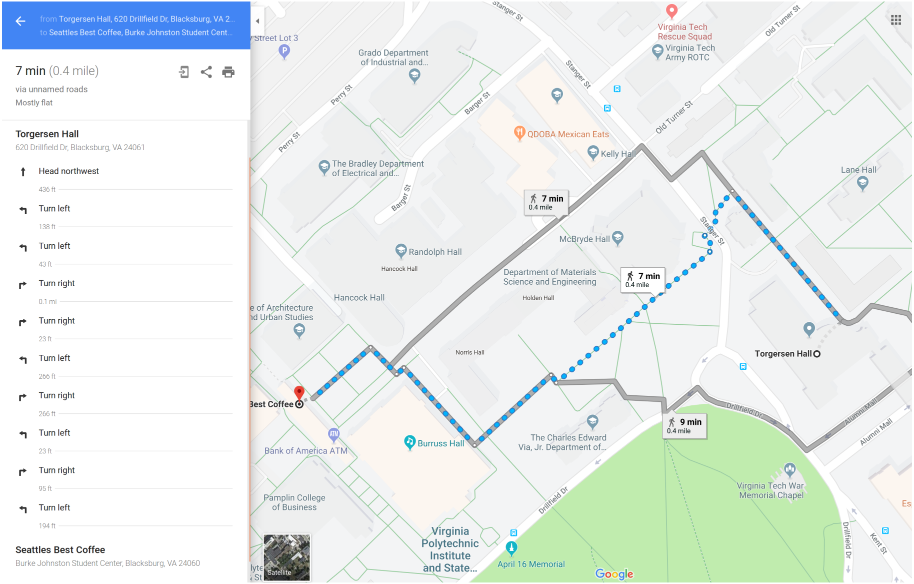
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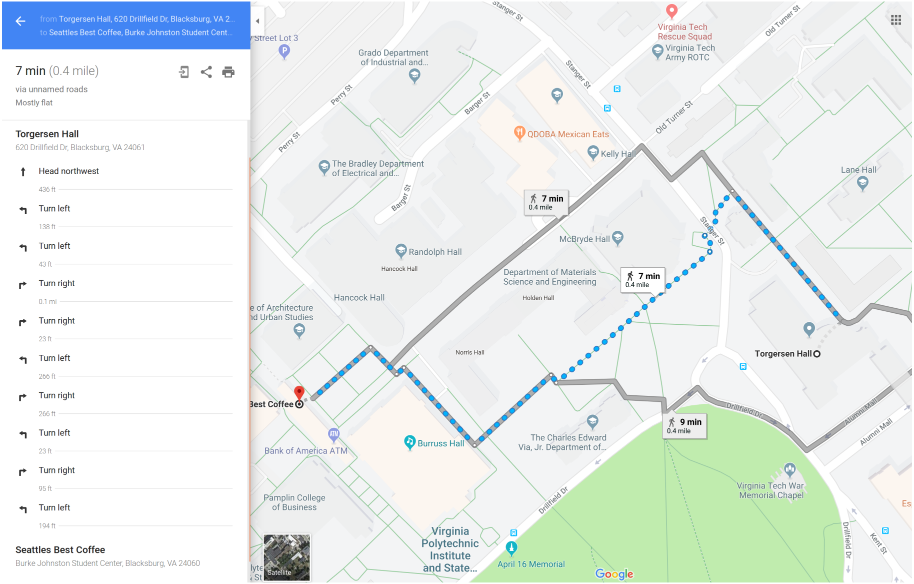

Node ≡ "Intersection", Edge ≡ Walkway/Unnamed road

How Do We Create Street Maps?

How Google Builds Its Maps—and What It Means for the Future of Everything

An exclusive look inside Ground Truth, the secretive program to build the world's best accurate maps

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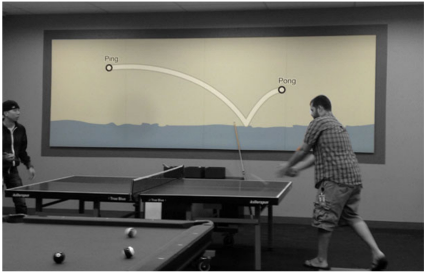

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I was slated to meet with Gupta and the engineering ringleader on his team, former NASA engineer Michael Weiss-Malik, who'd spent his 20 percent time working on Google Mars, and Nick Volmar, an "operator" who actually massages map data.

"So you want to make a map," Weiss-Malik tells me as we sit down in front of a massive monitor. "There are a couple of steps. You acquire data through partners. You do a bunch of engineering on that data to get it into the right format and conflate it with other sources of data, and then you do a bunch of operations, which is what this tool is about, to hand massage the data. And out the other end pops something that is higher quality than the sum of its parts."

This is what they started out with, the TIGER data from the US Census Bureau (though the base layer could and does come from a variety of sources in different countries).

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Census.gov

25th Anniversary of TIGER

TIGER is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The **Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing** database—the first nationwide digital map of roads, boundaries, and other features—was initially created for the 1990 Census to modernize the once-a-decade head count. However, its impact went well beyond its initial purpose by offering common map data in electronic form that powers the geographic information system (GIS) industry today. Through its TIGER/Line products, the Census Bureau has provided the common geospatial framework for use in linking statistical and other data in GIS.

The idea for TIGER developed within the Census Bureau. In the 1970s mathematicians, geographers, and software developers designed a spatial data handling system that resembled one big spreadsheet. Custom-built solutions were the norm for most GIS software companies in the two decades leading up to TIGER's release. TIGER was like a giant

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OpenStreetMap powers map data on thousands of web sites, mobile apps, and hardware devices

OpenStreetMap is built by a community of mappers that contribute and maintain data about roads, trails, cafés, railway stations, and much more, all over the world.

Local Knowledge

OpenStreetMap emphasizes local knowledge. Contributors use aerial imagery, GPS devices, and low-tech field maps to verify that OSM is accurate and up to date.

Community Driven

OpenStreetMap's community is diverse, passionate, and growing every day. Our contributors include enthusiast mappers, GIS professionals, engineers running the OSM servers, humanitarians mapping disaster-affected areas, and many more. To learn more about the community, see the OpenStreetMap Blog, user diaries, community blogs, and the OSM Foundation website.

Open Data

OpenStreetMap is *open data*: you are free to use it for any purpose as long as you credit OpenStreetMap and its contributors. If you alter or build upon the data in certain ways, you may distribute the result only under the same licence. See the Copyright and License page for details.

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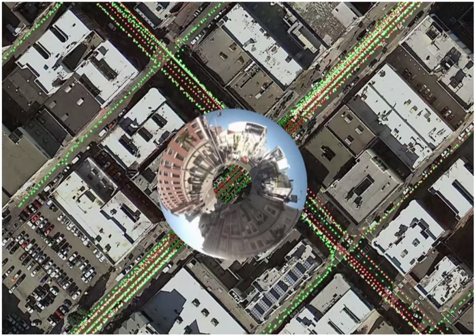
THE HUGE, UNSEEN OPERATION BEHIND THE ACCURACY OF GOOGLE MAPS



Inside Atlas, Google's map-editing program, operators can see where Street View cameras have captured images (colored dots), and zoom in with a spyglass tool. GOOGLE MAPS

How Do We Correct Street Maps?

Report an error on the map

If we need to add roads to Google Maps, or something on the map isn't right, you can tell us. Let us know if you notice errors in Google Maps such as:

- Incorrect road names
- Wrong info about one-way and two-way roads
- Incorrectly drawn road
- Road closures
- A road on the map doesn't exist
- Missing roads
- Wrong addresses or marker locations

Notes:

- To edit info about a business or landmark, you can suggest an edit.
- To update your business in Google Maps, you can edit the business listing.
- Learn how to set or change your address in Google Maps.
- You can only help us correct an error in Maps in some countries and regions.

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Tell us about an error

1. On your computer, open Google Maps. Make sure you're signed in.
2. In the top left, click Menu > **Send feedback** > **Edit the map.**
3. Follow the instructions.
4. Click **Submit**.

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People are still driving into lakes because their GPS tells them to

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We've seen the "GPS directions gone awry" scenario play out on TV shows any number of times, but perhaps the most well-known example comes from an old episode of *The Office* where Michael and Dwight both ignore their common-sense instincts and instead blindly drive a car into a lake.

Recently, and rather unfortunately, a Canadian woman on the road had her own Michael Scott moment when, in the midst of a rainstorm and accompanying fog with low visibility, she followed her GPS's driving directions — only to find herself in the middle of a freezing cold lake in Ontario.

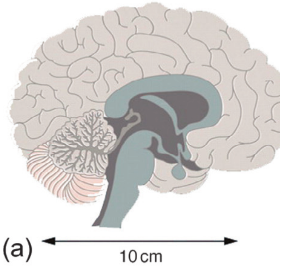
Nodes and Edges

- Nodes and edges are elemental building blocks of networks.

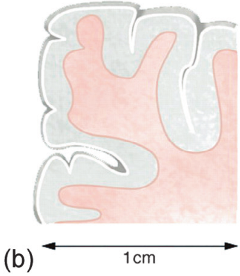
What are the nodes and edges of brain graphs?

- Multiscale architecture of brain makes the answer challenging.
- There is no single, privileged scale for the analysis of brain networks.
- No single technology that can measure brain networks over all biologically relevant scales of space or time.

Multiscale Organisation of Brain Anatomy



Broad divisions: cortical lobes, cytoarchitectural areas



Neurons aggregate into columns, layers, and other cell groups

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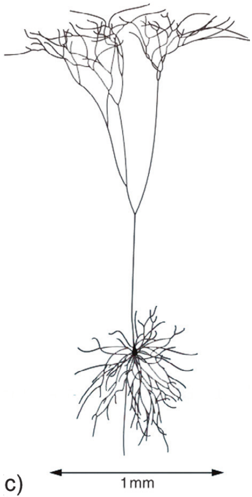

Neuronal processes such as dendritic trees and axons

Structure of individual fibers and dendritic spines

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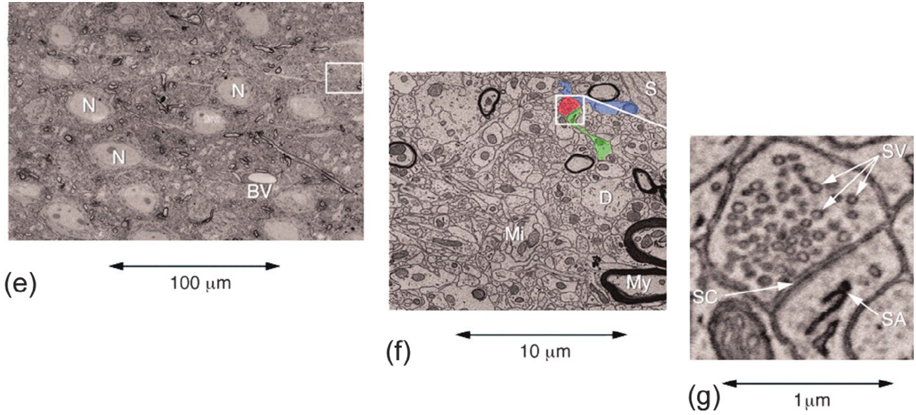

N: neuron, BV: blood vessel,
S: soma (cell body), Mi: mitochondria, My: myelinated axon, D: dendrite,
Blue: glial processes, Red: presynaptic terminal, Green: dendritic spines,
SV: synaptic vesicles, SC: synaptic cleft, SA: spine apparatus

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Three Types of Connectivity

- *Structural*: anatomical connections between neural elements
  - Example: axons and synapses between neurons at the microscale.
  - Example: Large-scale fiber bundles that link cortical areas and subcortical nuclei at meso- and macroscales.
  - Measured using techniques such as electron microscopy (micro), axonal tract-tracing (meso), and diffusion MRI (macro).
- *Functional*: statistical dependence between physiological recordings that have been acquired from distinct neural elements.
  - Example: Correlation between spiking output of two neurons.
  - Measured by mathematical definitions of correlations.
- *Effective*: direct, causal influence that one neural element exerts another's activity.

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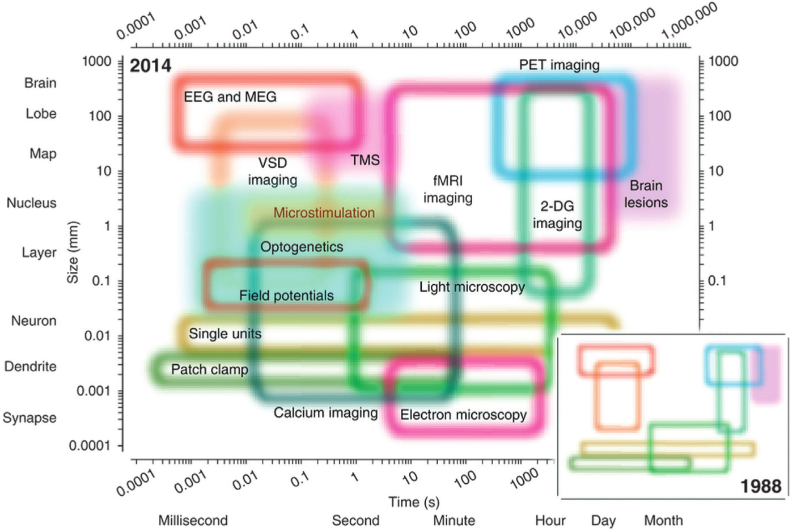

Open areas: measurement, filled areas: perturbation

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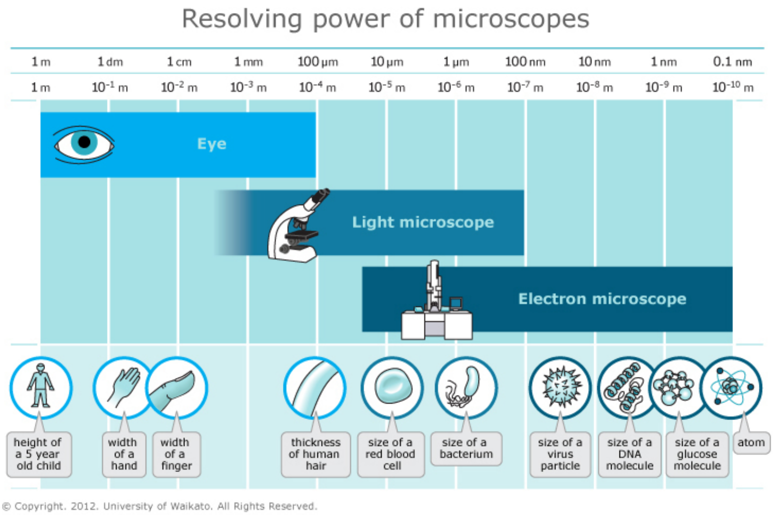

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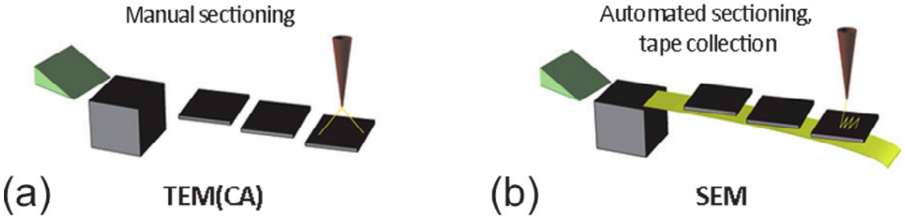

- Transmission electron microscopy (TEM): a beam of electrons is transmitted through a specimen to form an image.
- Scanning electron microscopy (SEM): produce images of a sample by scanning the surface with a focused beam of electrons.

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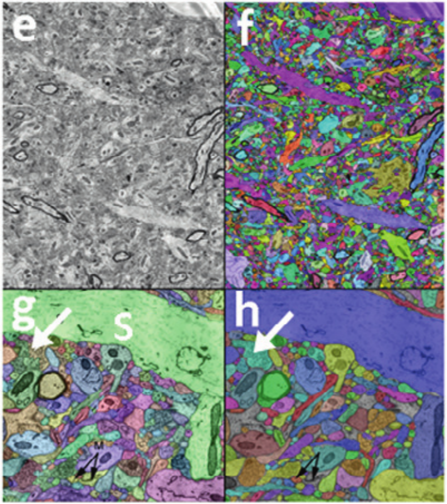

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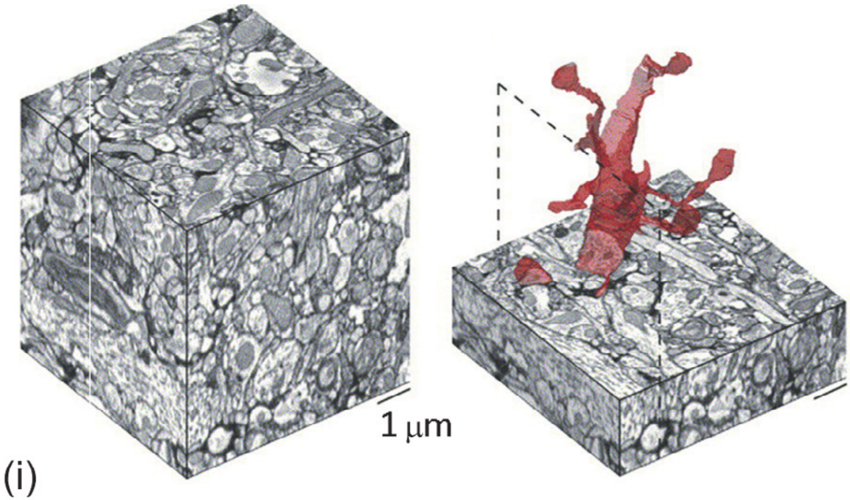

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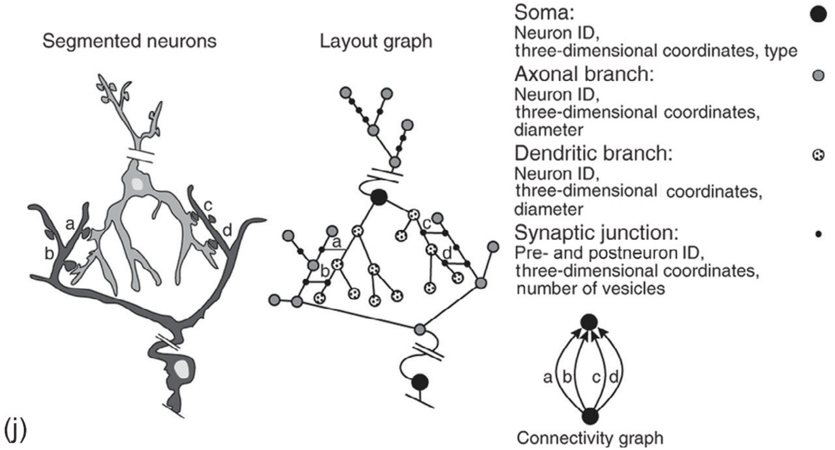

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  - Pearson's correlation coefficient.
  - Rank correlation coefficients.
  - Mutual information.

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  - Pro: Offers a more robust means for characterizing time-invariant aspects of brain architecture.
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  - Con: Depends on the parcellation.

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- No gold standard for defining nodes; use approximations based on cytoarchitecture and anatomical landmarks.
- Coarse approach to defining nodes that results in the loss of information.
- Counterbalanced by an improved ability to map network structure over long distances.

Tracers for Structural Connectivity at the Mesoscale

- Invasive tract tracing is the main technique.
- A fluorescent dye or other tracer molecule injected into a specific part of the brain.
- Cellular membranes are permeable to these tracers.
- Once the tracer inside the cell, active axonal transport transfers it from the soma to peripheral axon terminals.
- After the tracer has had sufficient time to fill the entire extent, sacrifice the animal, dissect the brain, and determine sites of tracer uptake.

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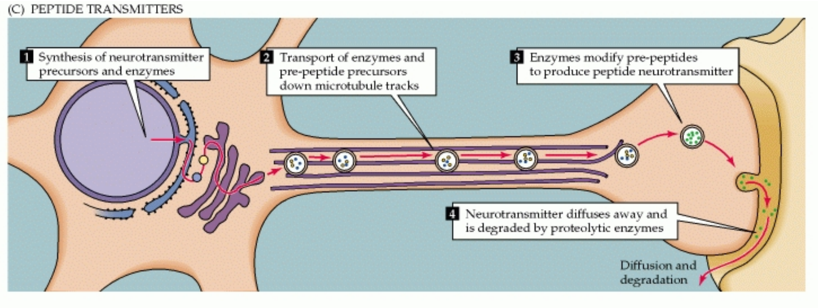

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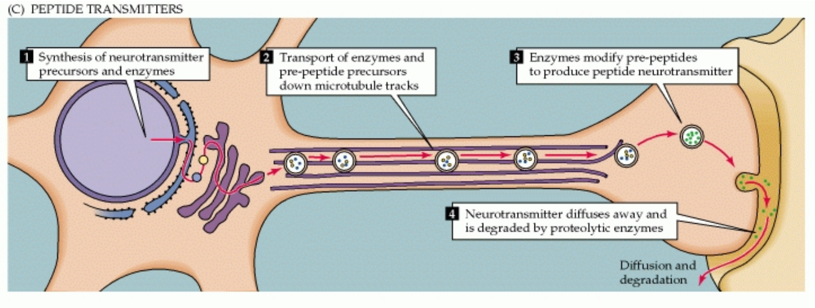

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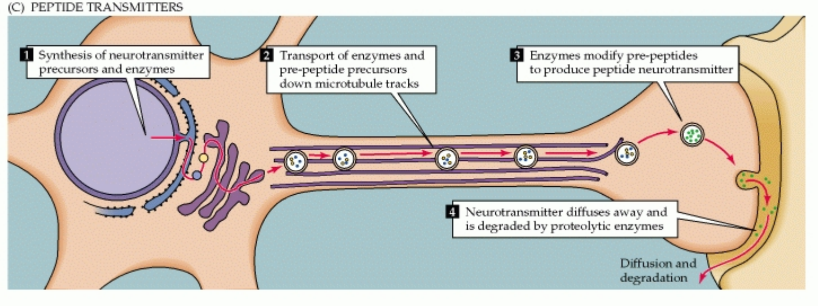

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- Viral tracers can cross synaptic junctions, allowing the mapping of polysynaptic pathways.

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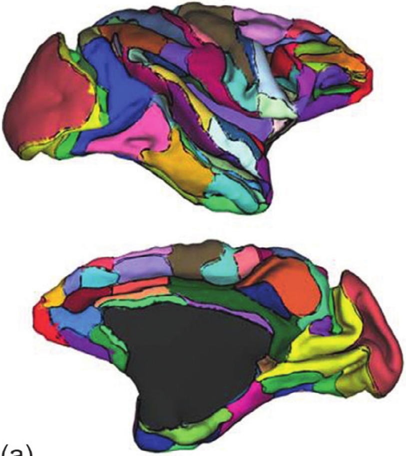
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Parcellate the macaque cortex into 91 areas, defined according to cytoarchitecture and sulco-gyral landmarks.

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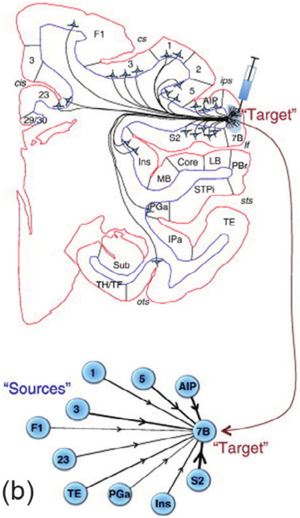

Use retrograde tract tracing. Determine edges coming into node representing area of injection from "labelled" nodes representing neurons that the tracer reaches.

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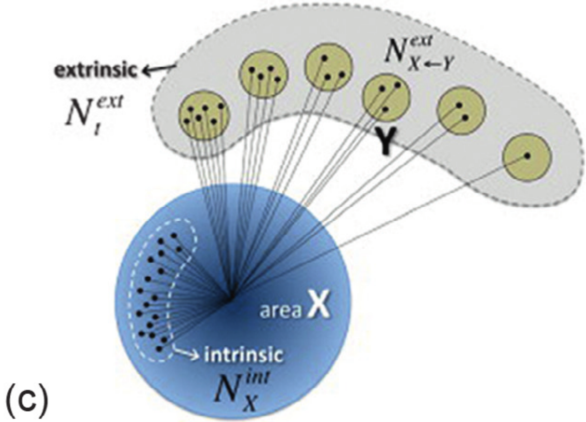

Injection is at X: $w(Y, X) = \frac{\text{number of neurons labelled in } Y}{\text{total number of labelled neurons}}$

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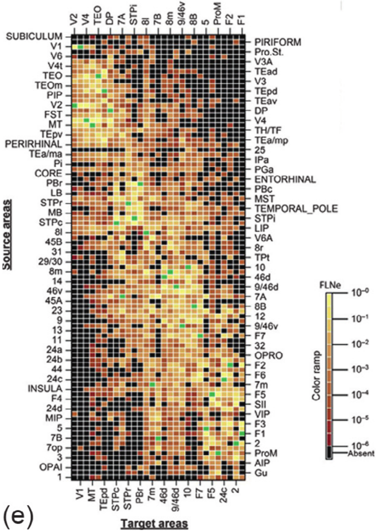

Example of connectivity matrix.

Edge weights range over six orders of magnitude.

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Please read Chapter 2.2.2 of the textbook.

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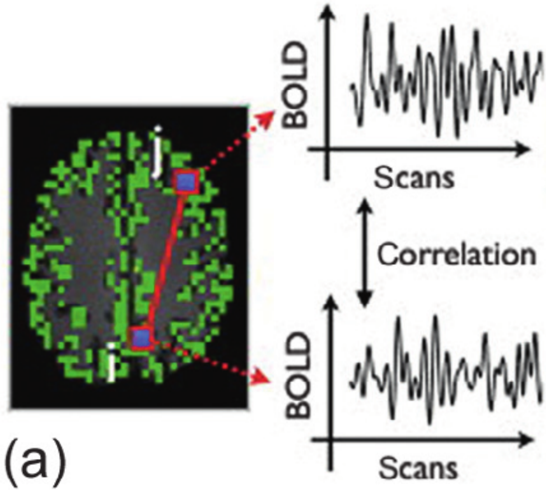
- Coarse spatial resolution means
  - We must aggregate measurements over ever-larger populations of neurons, axons, and synapses.
  - Reduces precision of node and edge definition.

Defining Nodes at Macroscale



Each voxel is a node. Correlation between measurements for node pairs defines edges.

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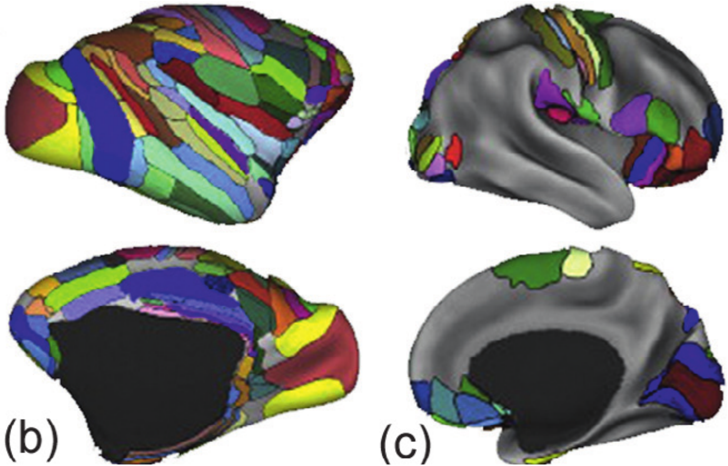

Cytoarchitectural atlases mapped to standard stereotactic space. (b) Macaque brain. (c) Human brain.

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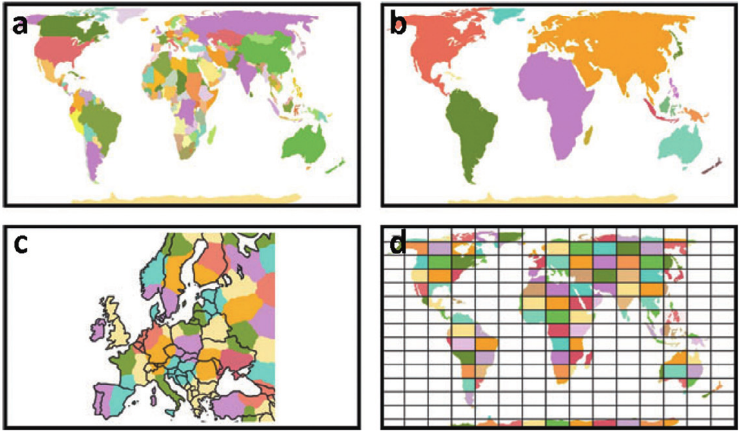

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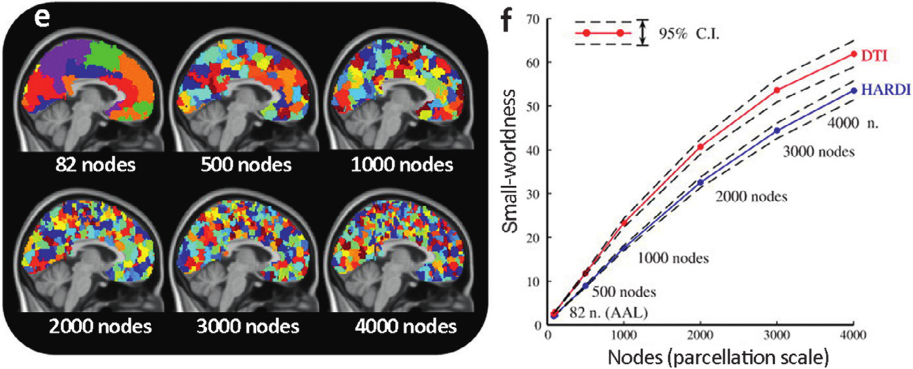

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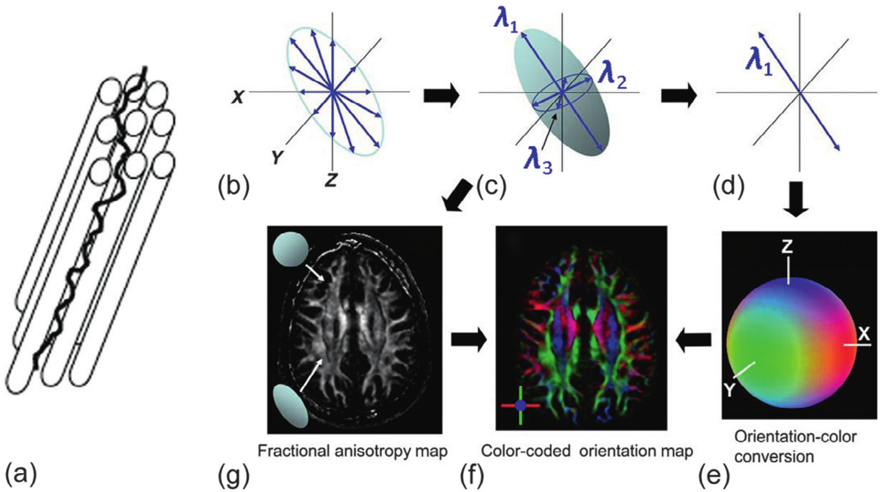

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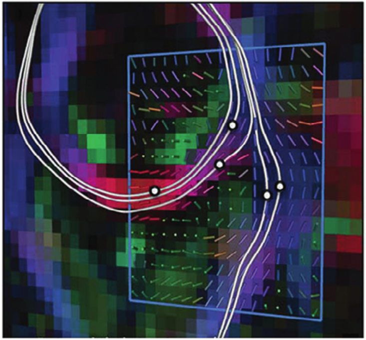

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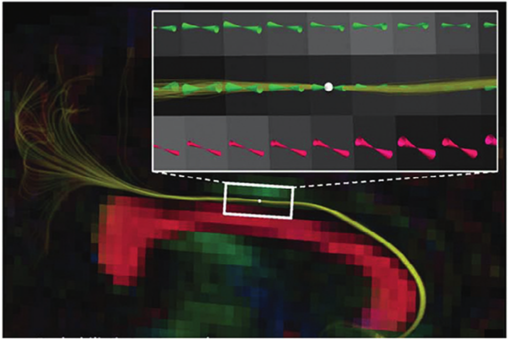

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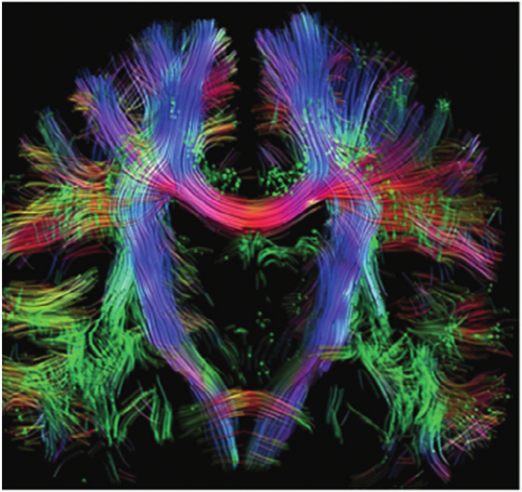

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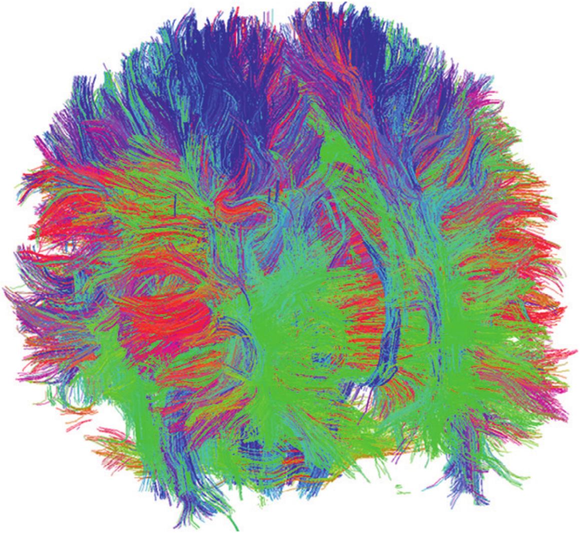

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging

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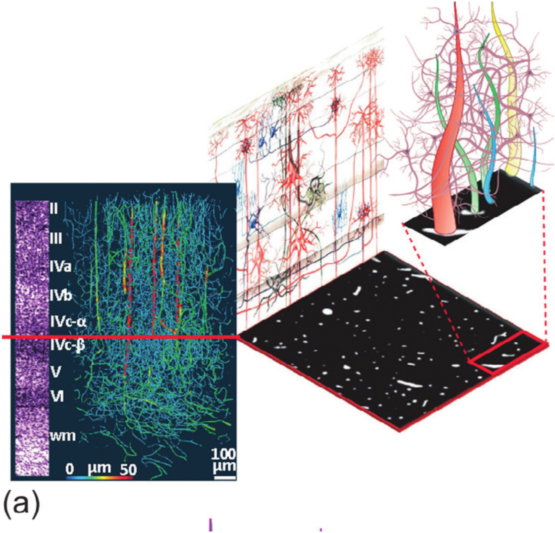

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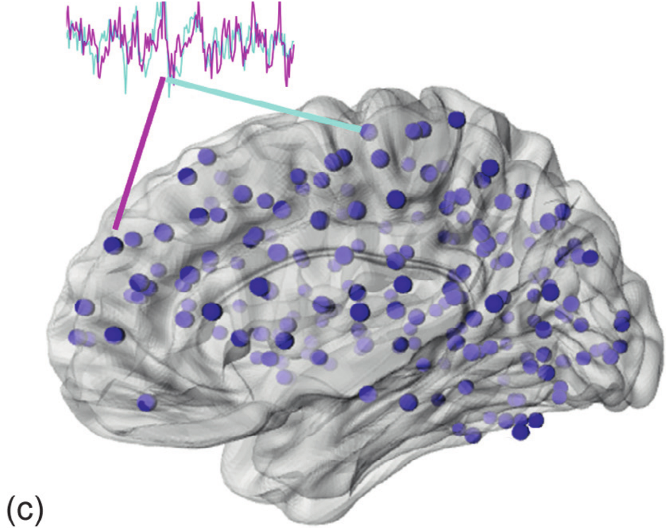

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