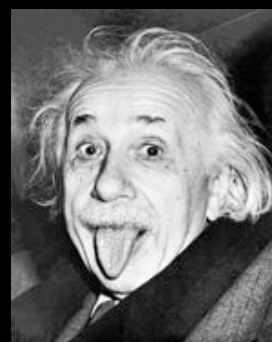




**Sean Hill**  
**Executive Director**  
**International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility**  
**[www.incf.org](http://www.incf.org)**









# Developmental Disorders

- Autism spectrum disorders
- ADHD
- Learning disorders, conduct disorders
- Strong genetic disorders (Fragile X, Down's etc)

# Adolescent Disorders

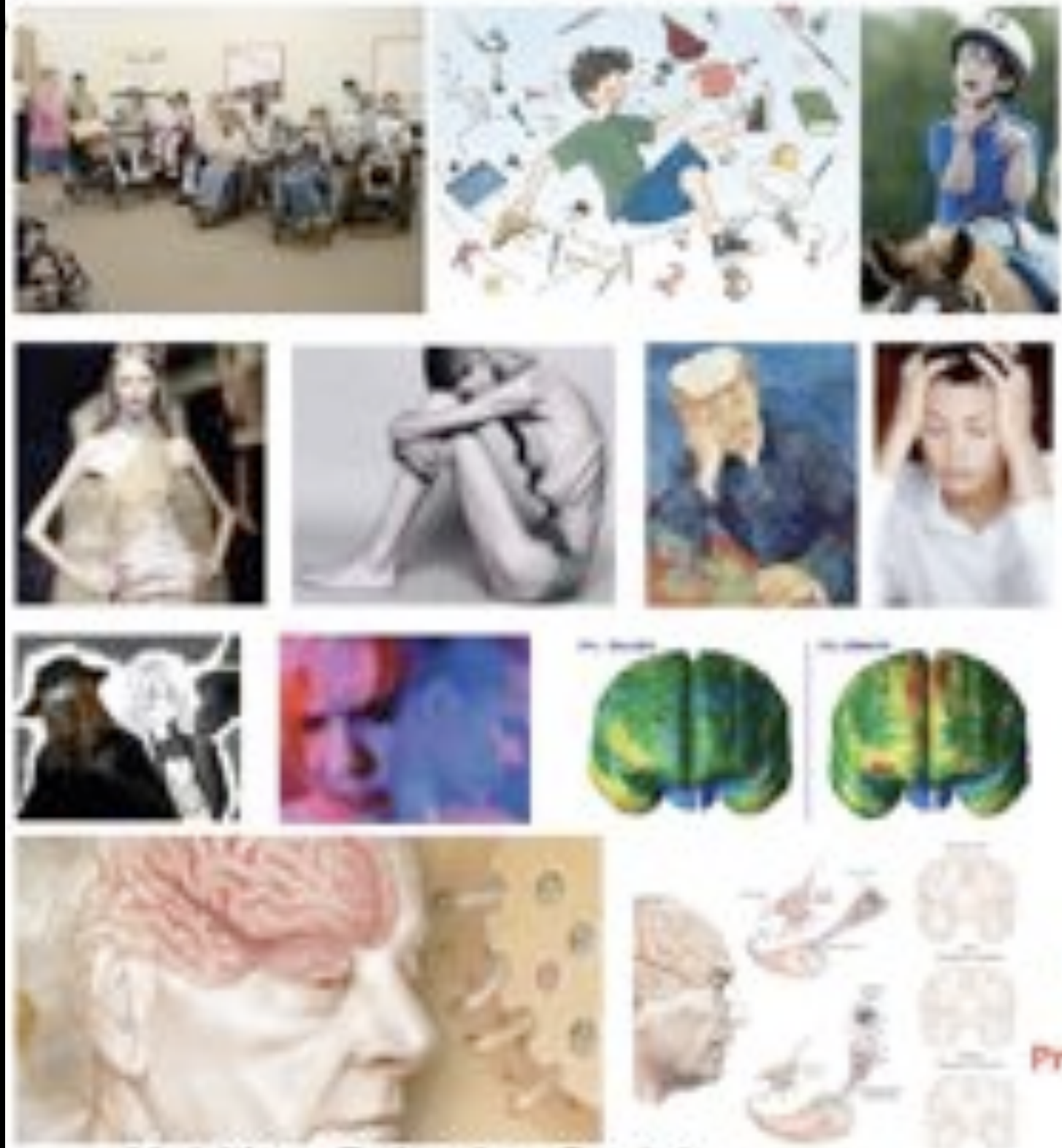
- Depression, Suicide
- Eating disorders
- Bipolar disorder
- Conduct disorders and violence
- Borderline syndrome
- Adjustment disorders
- Anxiety, phobias, suicide
- Tourette's syndrome
- Epilepsy

## Adult Disorders

- Schizophrenia
- Epilepsy
- Mood disorders, hysterias, anxieties and phobias
- Obsessive compulsive disorders
- Eating disorders, sexual disorders
- Sleep disorders, stress disorders
- Impulse control disorders
- Substance abuse disorders

# Aging Disorders

- Depression
- Dementia
- Neurodegenerative disorders
  - Alzheimer's
  - Parkinson's
  - Huntington's
- Memory disorders



## Glutamate

## Nutrition

# Dopamine

# Genes

# Sugar

# GABA

# Myelin

## Serotonin

## Metals

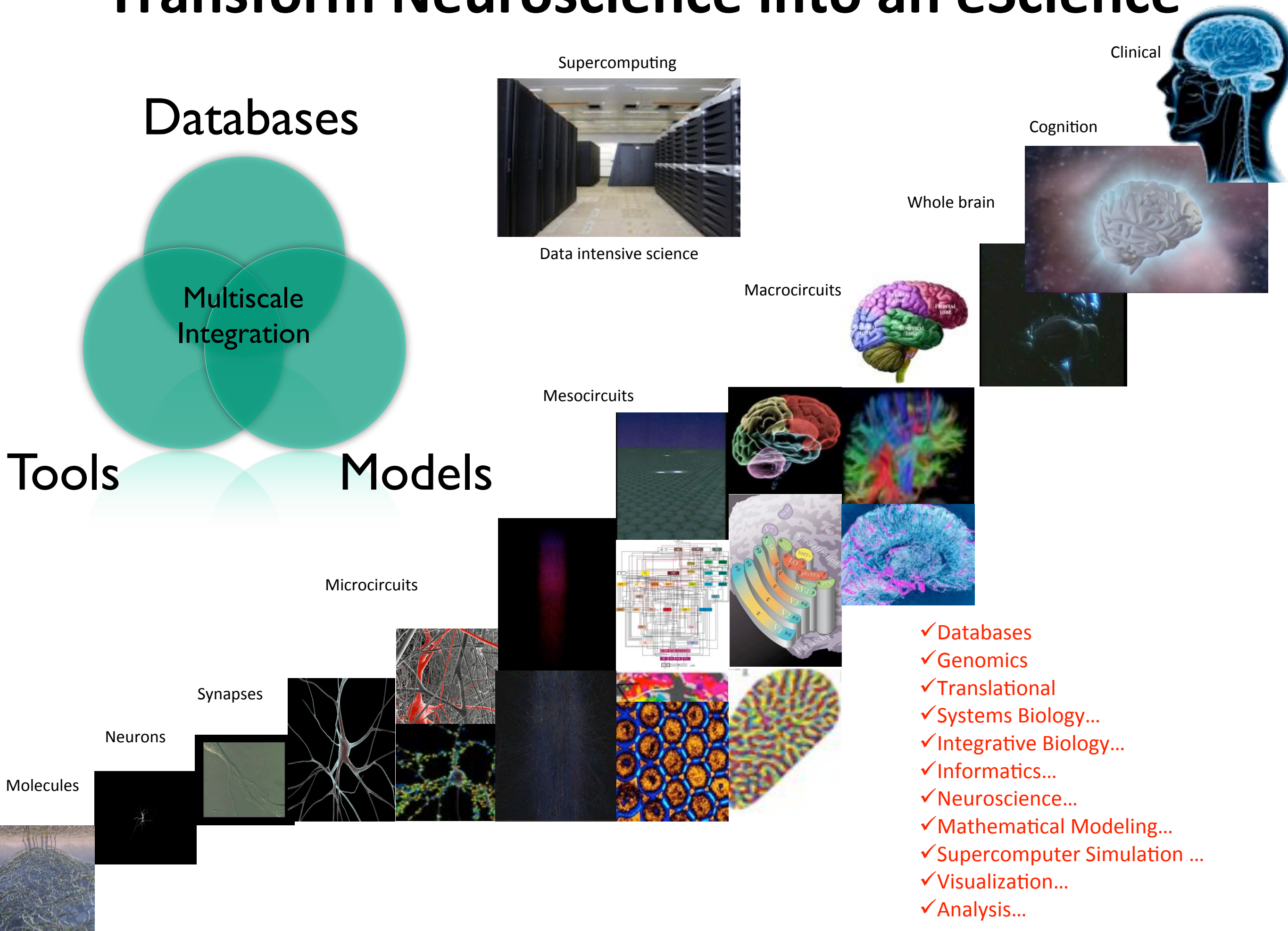
# Dopamine

## Toxins

## Acetylcholine

## Protein misfolding

# Transform Neuroscience into an eScience





# The birth of INCf

- The Global Science Forum of OECD realized the need for a concerted action for developing Neuroinformatics on the international level.
- 2005 INCf plans endorsed by the ministers of research of OECD
- August 1st 2005 INCf formed with 7 members including Japan and the US

## **The mission of the INCF**

Coordinate and foster international activities in neuroinformatics

Contribute to development and maintenance of database and  
computational infrastructure and support mechanisms for  
neuroscience applications

Enable access to all freely accessible data and analysis resources for  
human brain research to the international research community

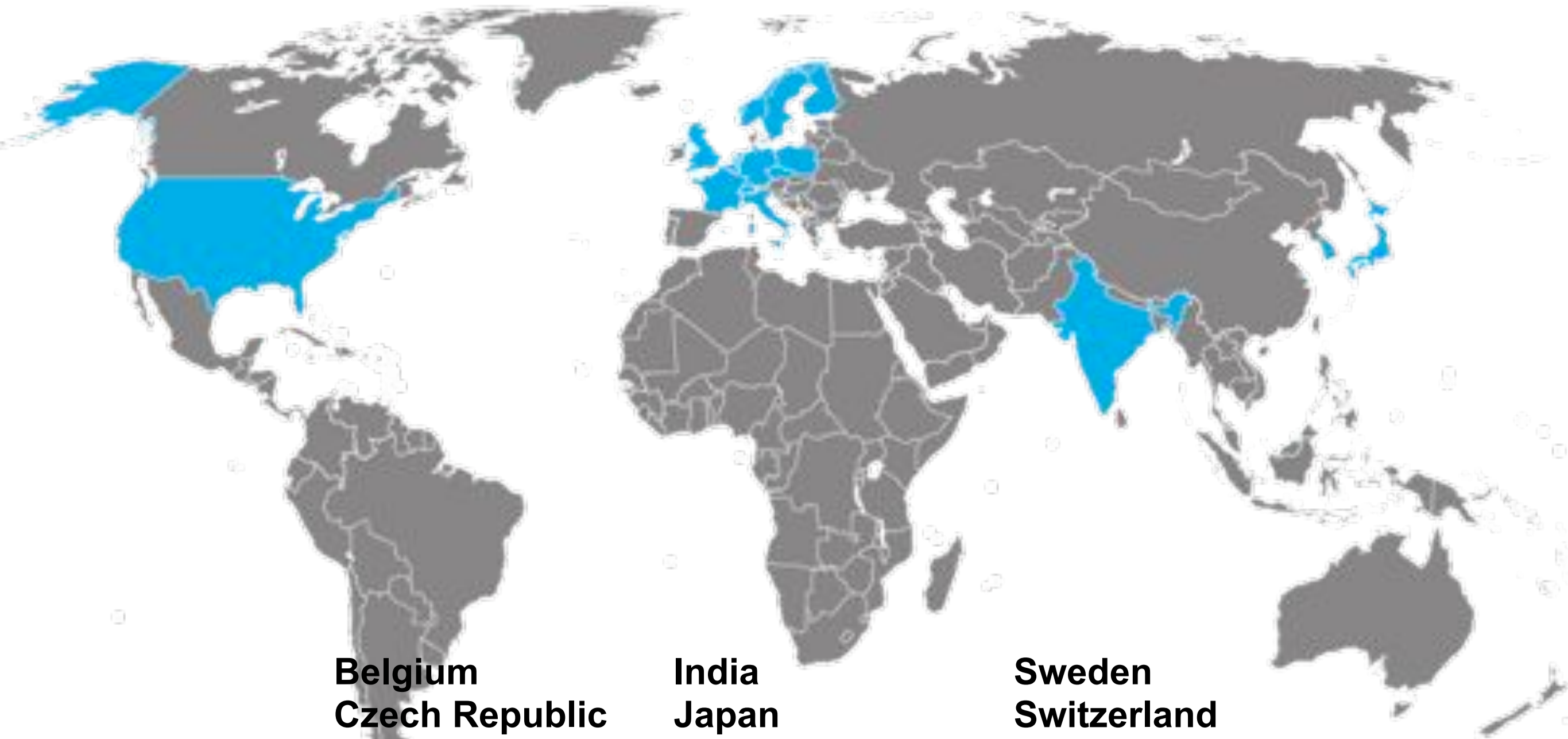
Develop mechanisms for the seamless flow of information and  
knowledge between academia, private enterprises and the publication  
industry

# INCF works for technological, cultural and policy changes

- Organize the community
- Advocate open access and data publication
- Work on scientific, technical and sociological issues surrounding data sharing and integration
- We talk to and bring together government policy makers, funders, publishers, scientists to address these issues



# 16 INCF Member Countries



**Belgium  
Czech Republic  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Italy**

**India  
Japan  
Korea  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland**

**Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom  
United States**

"Just so are these preachers and scholars holding various views blind and unseeing.... In their ignorance they are by nature quarrelsome, wrangling, and disputatious, each maintaining reality is thus and thus".

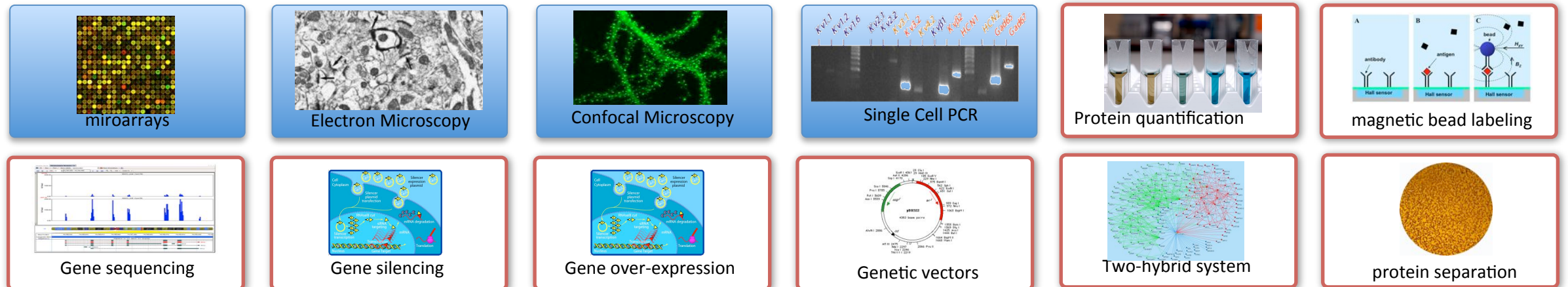
- The Blind Men and the Elephant  
13th century Buddhist writings



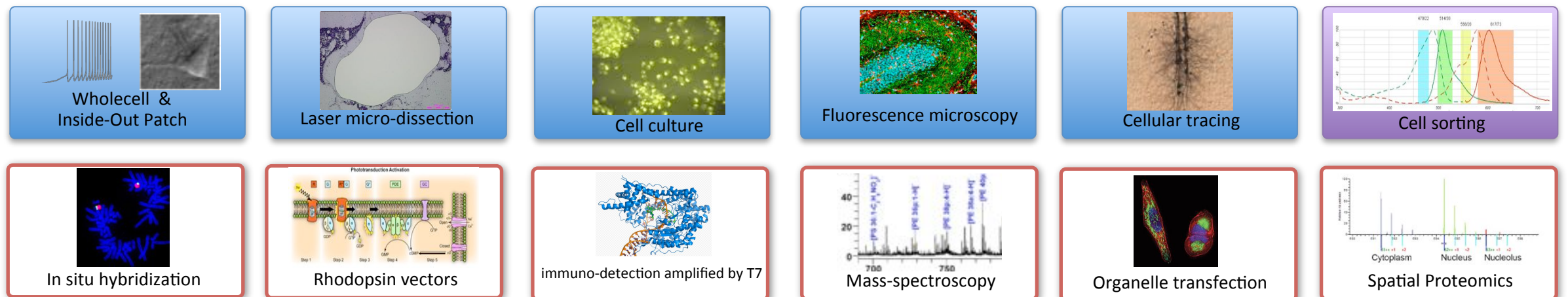


# Multimic Neuroscience Data

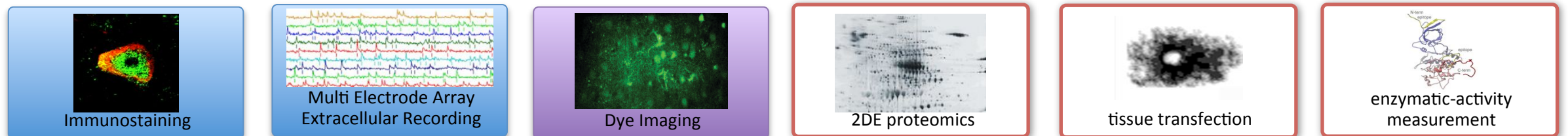
## sub-cellular resolution



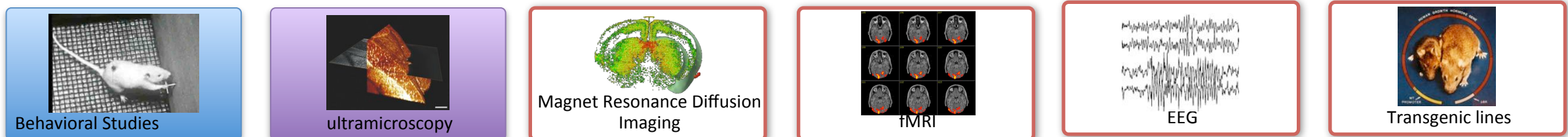
## cellular resolution



## tissue resolution



## whole brain scale





to replicate experiments

to visualize

to ask new questions

to simulate

to analyze

**How do we bring all this data together?**

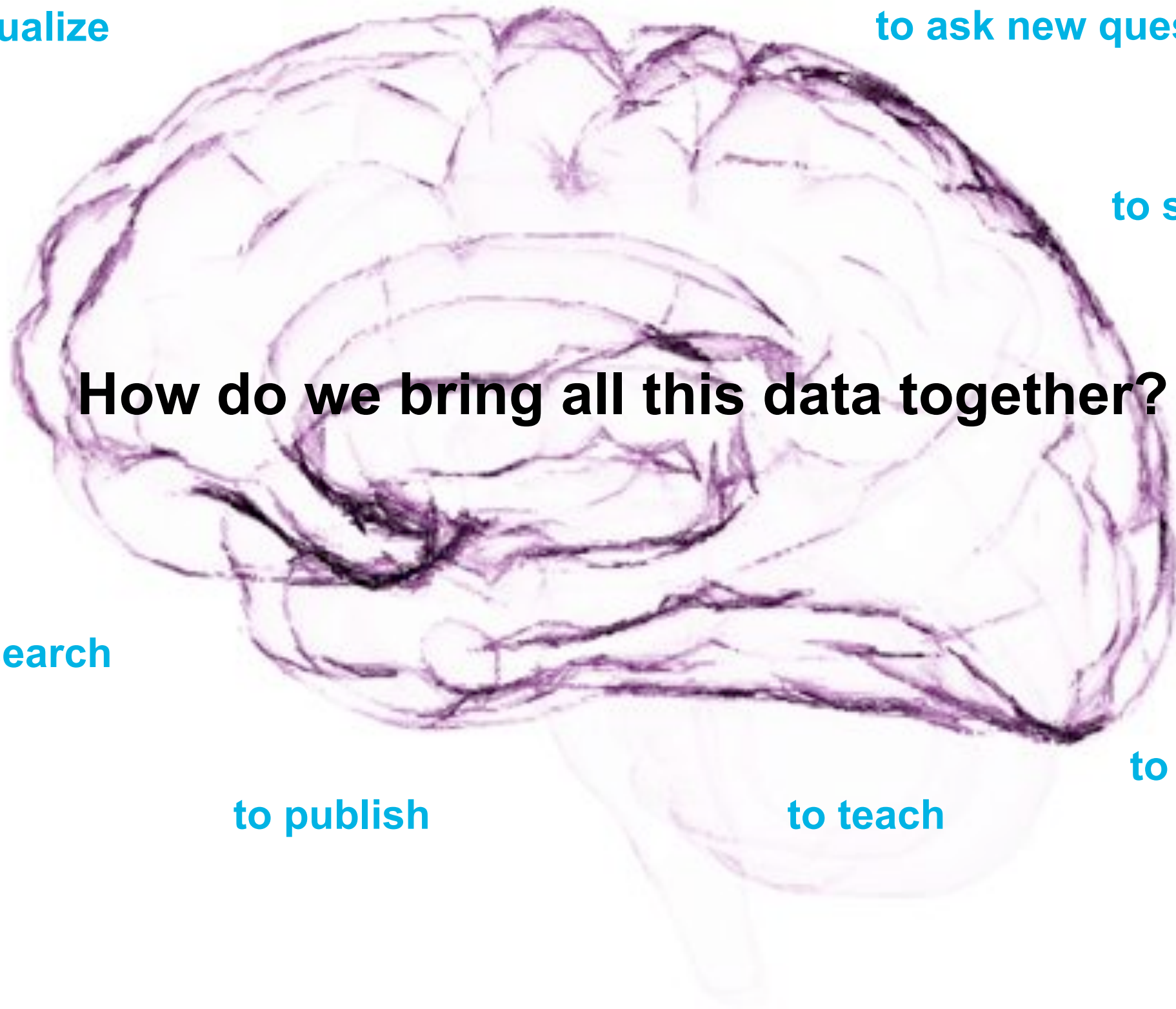
to model

to search

to share

to publish

to teach



# INCF Programs

- **Ontologies of Neural Structures**
- **Digital Brain Atlasing**
- **Multi-Scale Modeling**
- **Datasharing**

# Program on Ontologies of Neural Structures (PONS)

HIERARCHIES	TABLES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Behavioral Activity</li><li>• Behavioral Paradigms</li><li>• Brain Regions</li><li>• Cells</li><li>• Neurons</li><li>• Diseases</li><li>• Molecules</li><li>• Nervous System Function</li><li>• Subcellular Parts</li><li>• Resource Types</li><li>• Qualities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Behavioral Activity</li><li>• Brain Regions</li><li>+ Cell Types</li><li>• Diseases</li><li>+ Molecules</li><li>• Nervous System Function</li><li>+ Neurons</li><li>+ Neurons by Neurotransmitter</li><li>• Organisms</li><li>+ Resources and Information Entities</li><li>• Subcellular Parts</li><li>+ Qualities</li></ul>



# Ontology Needs

- Not well defined for much of neuroscience
- Dynamic
- Easy to maintain
- Easy to review and curate
- Accessible through standard web service API

# “Brainpedia” General concept

- Community wiki-based encyclopedia - built off of neurolex.org
- Semantic annotations - semantic media wiki
- Ontology, Vocabulary and CDE queries through web service - federate existing ontologies
- Rich multimedia wiki environment
- Technology assisted data mining and curation
- An interface to federated literature, data and models
- Partnership with Allen Institute, Blue Brain Project, One Mind, Vulcan Technologies

# Structured Data

## Neocortex basket cell

### BASIC

### DETAIL

### ADVANCED

### FACTBOX

Name:	Neocortex basket cell
Synonym(s):	cortical basket cell, basket cell, cortical basket neuron, Neocortical basket cell
Super-category:	Neuron
Id:	nifext_56
Organism:	Vertebrata
Link to OWL / RDF:	Download this content as OWL/RDF

### Soma Specific Properties

Cell Soma Shape:	Multipolar
Soma Location:	Neocortex, Neocortex layer 2, Neocortex layer 3

### Dendrite Specific Properties

Spine density on dendrites:	Smooth <sup>[1]</sup>
Branching type:	multipolar <sup>[1]</sup>

### Axon Specific Properties

Axon myelination:	myelinated <sup>[1]</sup>
Axon projection laterality:	bilateral <sup>[8]</sup>
Origin of axon:	soma and sometimes dendrite

Neurotransmitter released:	GABA
Neurotransmitter receptors:	Glutamate-gated cationic channel, GABA-gated anionic channel, dopamine <sup>[3]</sup>
Molecular constituents:	parvalbumin
Spontaneous firing rate:	Rapid firing



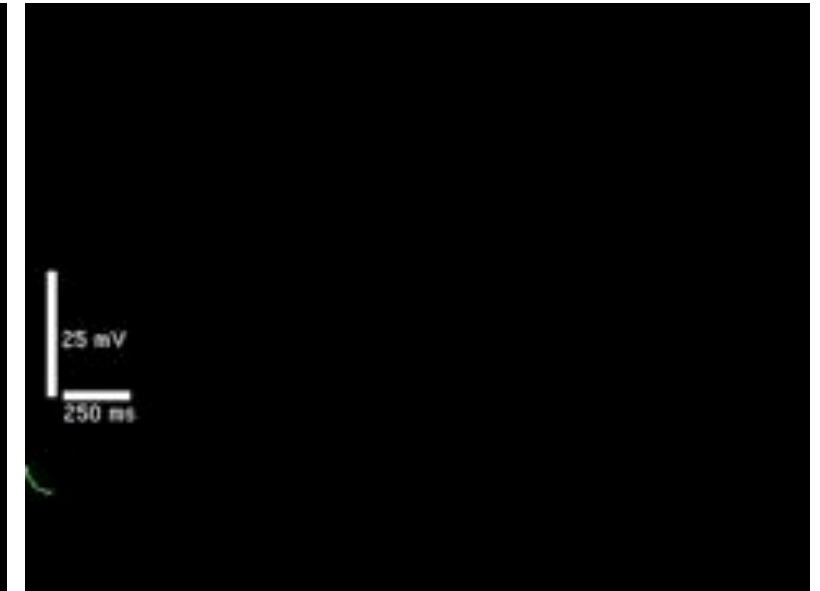
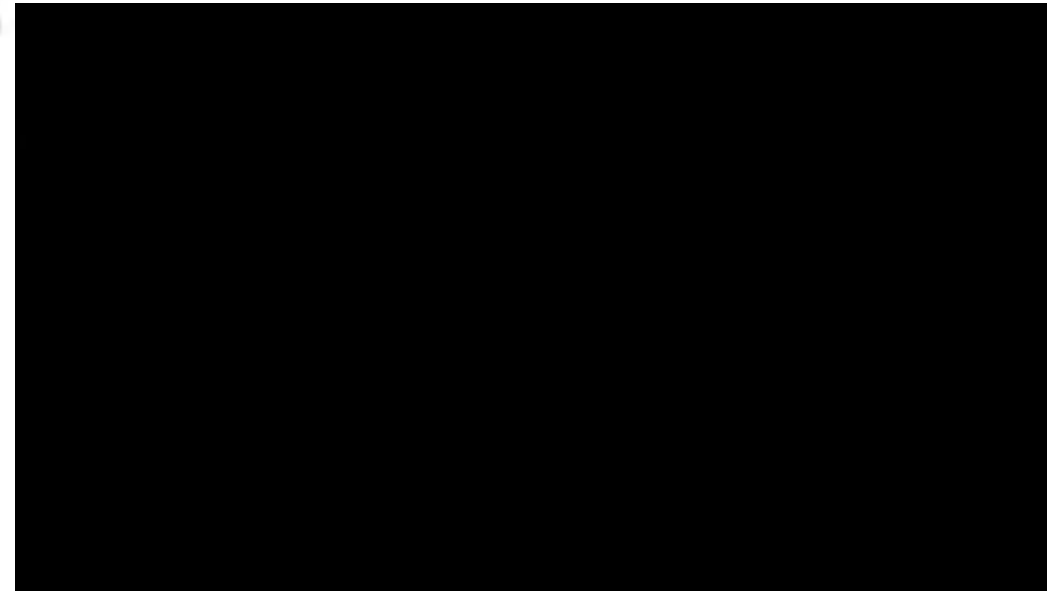
# and Wiki, Data, Models and Literature

## Neocortical basket cells

Neo cortical Basket Cell is a neuron found in vertebrates

### Contents [hide]

- 1 Neo cortical Basket cell
- 2 Basic Information
- 3 Variety and Topographical characteristics
  - 3.1 Anatomical diversity
- 4 Molecular profile
- 5 Synaptic inputs
- 6 Synaptic Outputs
- 7 Spiking properties
- 8 Behavior
- 9 References
- 10 Additional information



## Neo cortical Basket cell

### Basic Information

Basket Cells were first described by Cajal in the motor and visual cortex of the human brain. They are small, medium-sized, and large multipolar neurons, whose diameters vary from 12 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and whose bodies are located in layers II–VI. BC terminals—basket plexuses and pericellular nestles contact with bodies, axon hillock and proximal regions of pyramidal neurons dendrites and double-bouquet cells, forming reciprocal relations with them in accordance with domain-selection principle. BC establish ties between each other and interconnect by means of autapses.

**Neuronal Type:** Local Interneuron.

### Variety and Topographical characteristics

**Neocortical basket cell** somata are located in layers II–VI of the cortex. They have diameters that range from 12 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ . Their dendrites are either smooth or have very few spines and their axons mostly pass in the vertical and horizontal direction. Basket cells make up the largest population of inhibitory neurons.

Basket neurons are distinguished from other cortical interneurons by their axons, which pass predominantly in the vertical and horizontal directions. They form long (up to 300–700  $\mu\text{m}$ ), extensively arborized or straight branch rays in the horizontal, oblique, and vertical directions, covering large areas of the cortex with diameters of up to 1400  $\mu\text{m}$ . A second morphological characteristic is provided by the axon terminals – vertically orientated filaments with large beads and basket-like plexuses or pericellular holes.



Image of Neocortical Basket cell

PubMed and OpenAccess (8) | Neuronal Morphology (1)

Page 1 of 1

Displaying 1 - 6 of 6 | Page Size: 10 | ☒ Include full text | ☐ Only search OpenAccess

**Abstract:** Axonal topography of **Cortical Basket Cells** in relation to orientation, direction, and ocular dominance maps. 2001 J. Comp. Neurol.: [Blanks P, Eysel UT, Adorján P, Kovács ZF] Score: 4403 PubMed

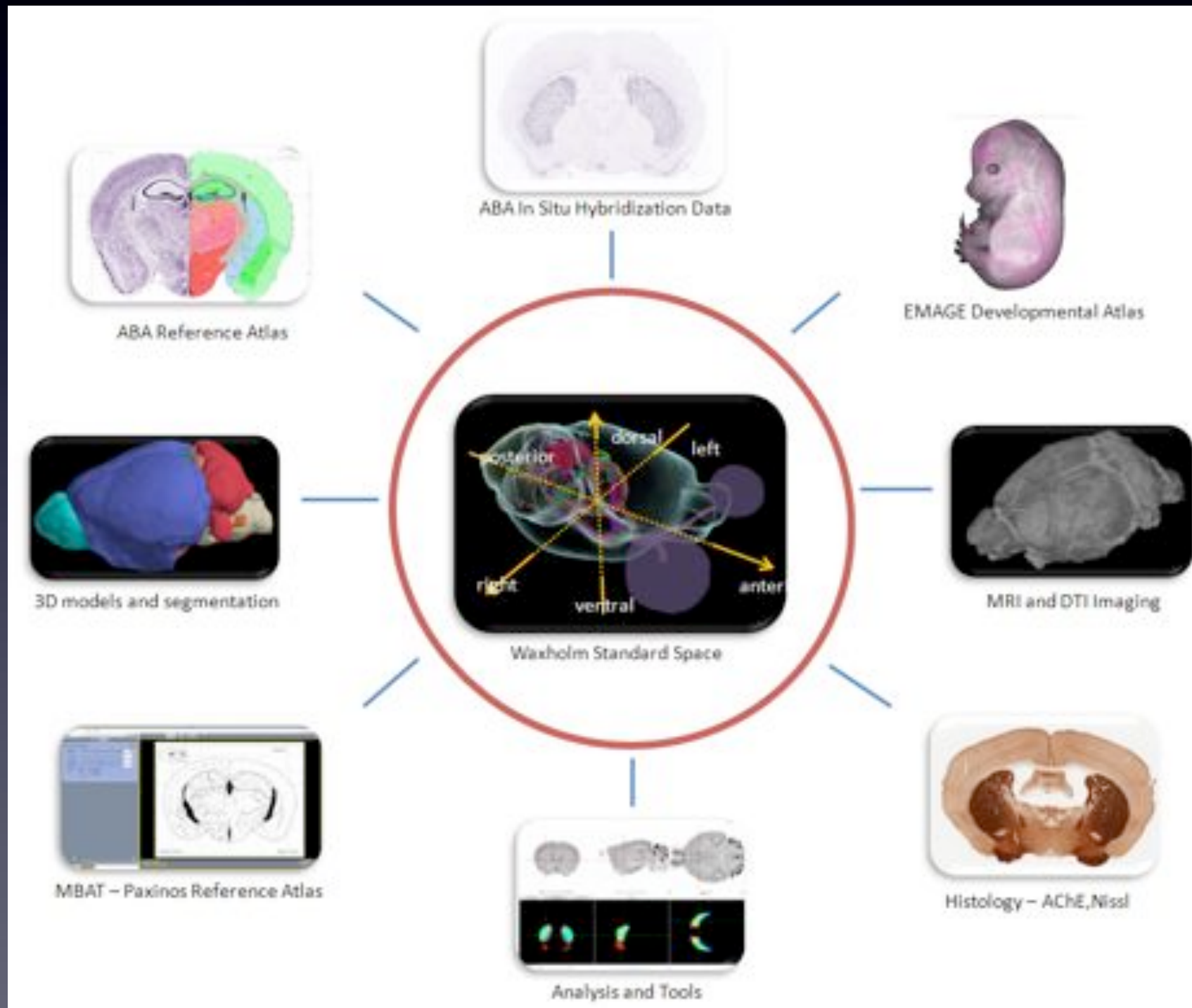
...Axonal topography of cortical basket cells in relation to orientation, direction, and ocular...

**Abstract:** A type of basket cell in superficial layers of the cat visual cortex. A Golgi-electron microscope study. 1982 Brain Res.: [DeFelipe J, Fairén A] Score: 1522 PubMed

...concept of the cortical basket cell is based upon indirect evidence only, it was deemed worthwhile to re...

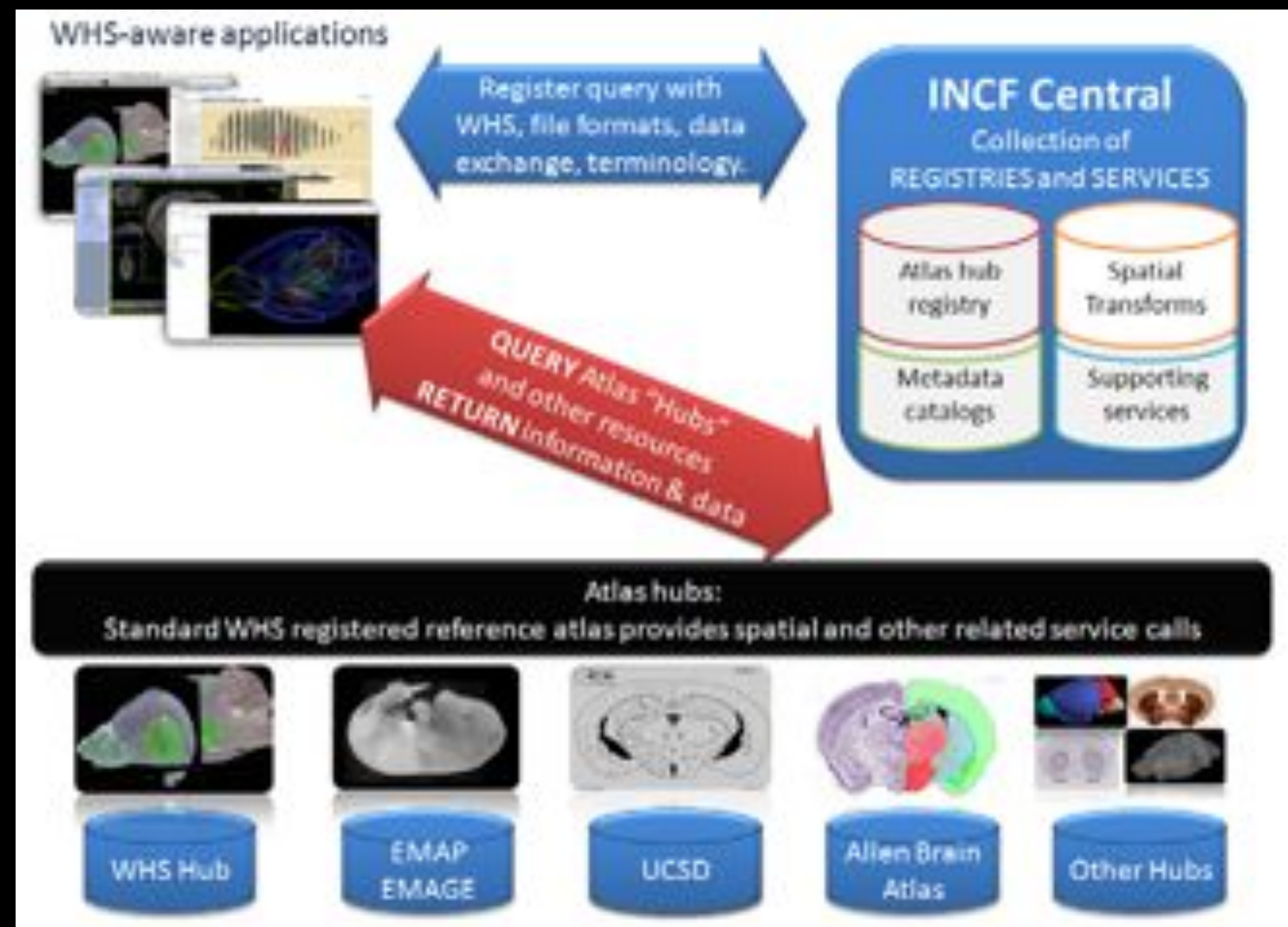
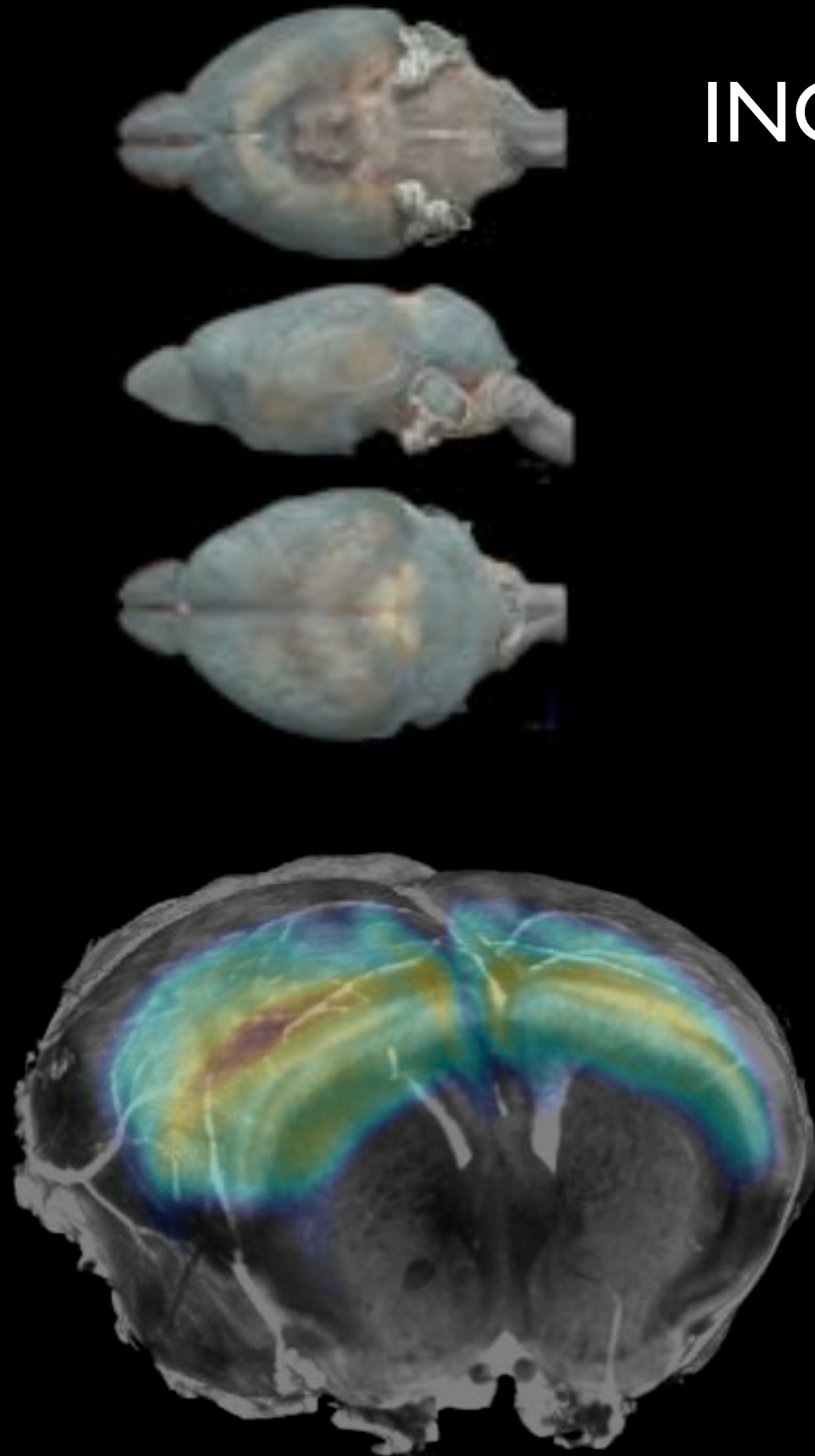
# Program on Digital Brain Atlasing

## Spatial Data Integration via Waxholm Space and Digital Atlasing Infrastructure





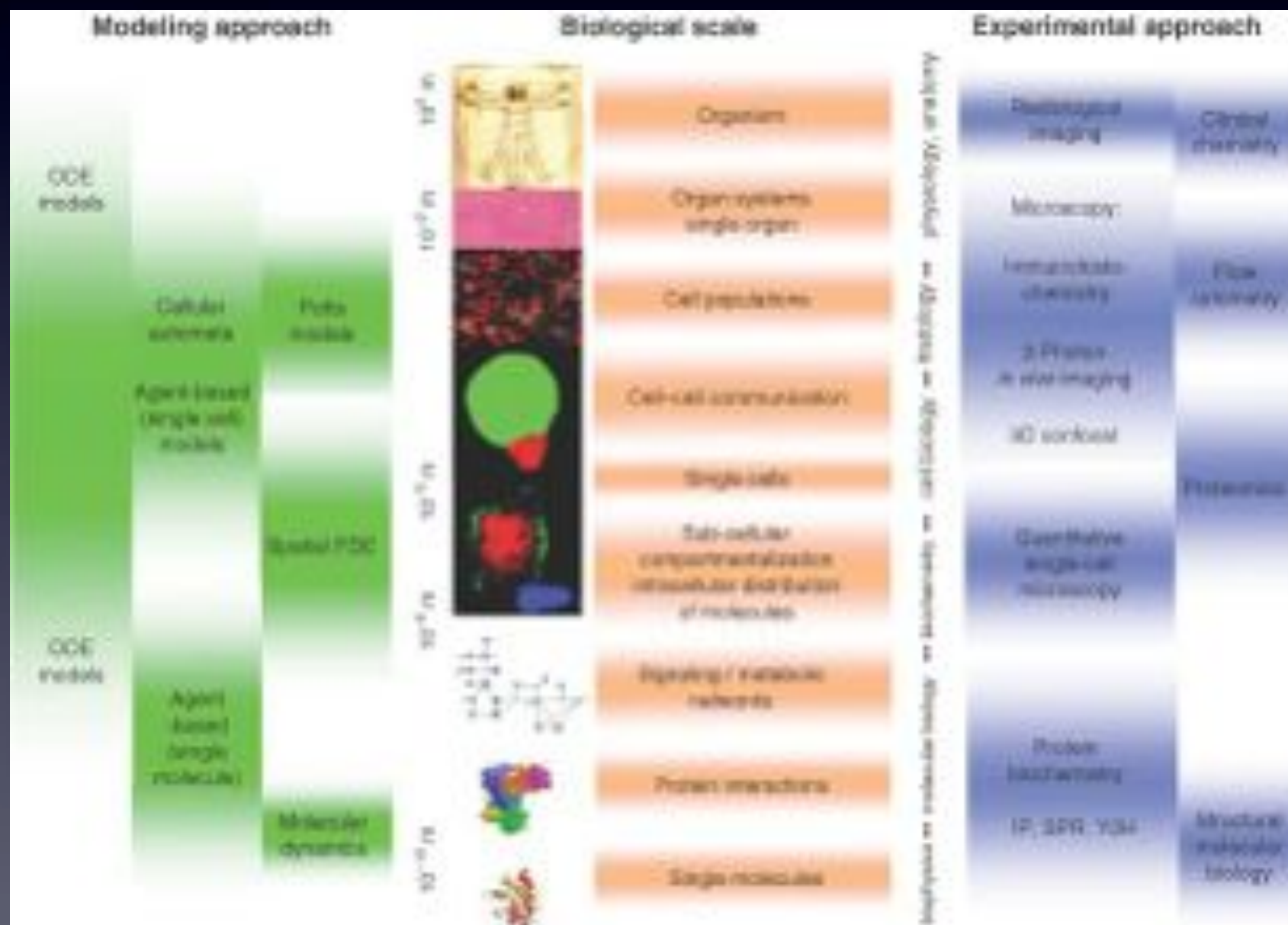
# INCF Digital Atlasing Infrastructure Integrates spatial brain data





# Program on Multi-Scale Modeling

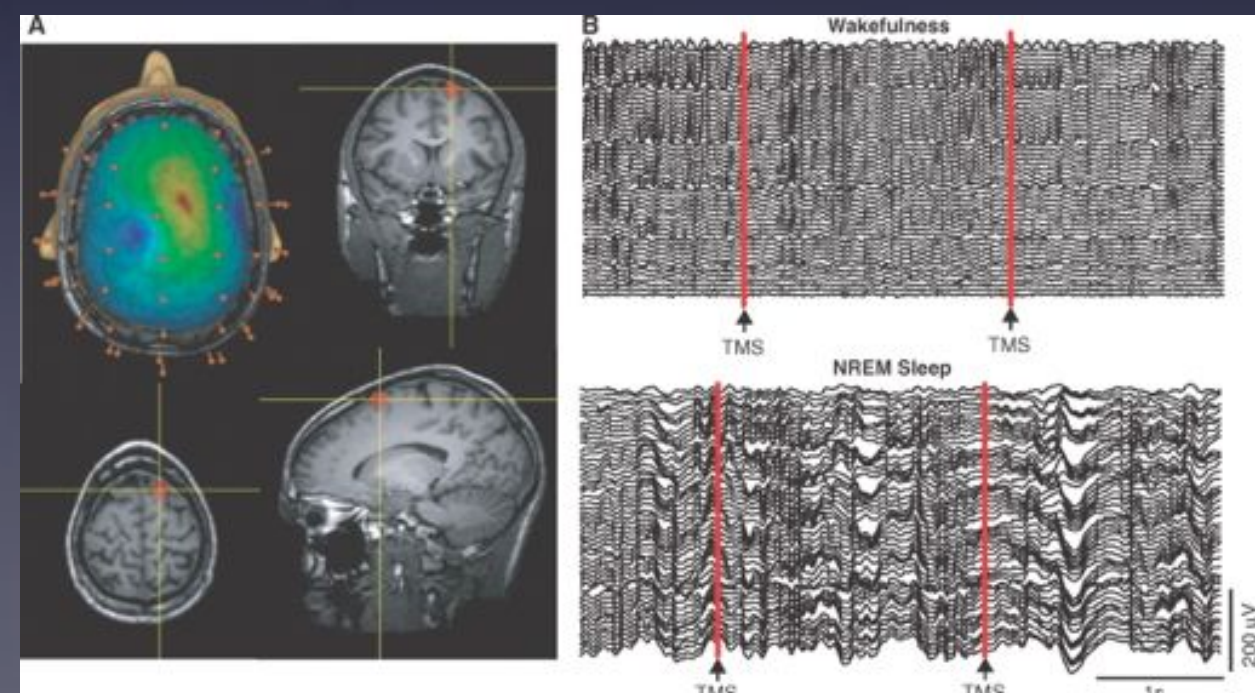
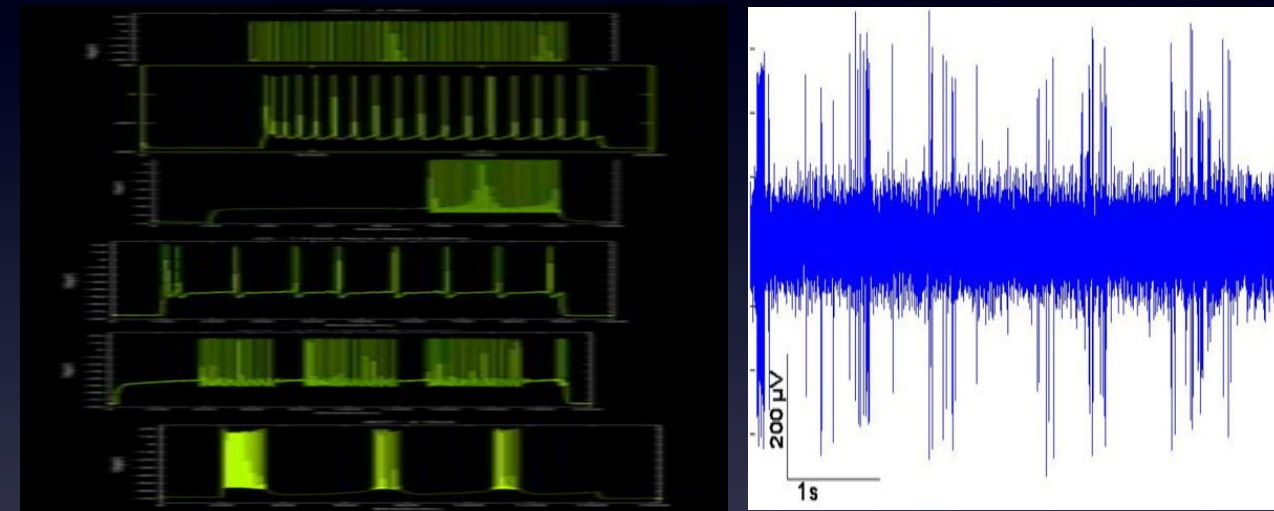
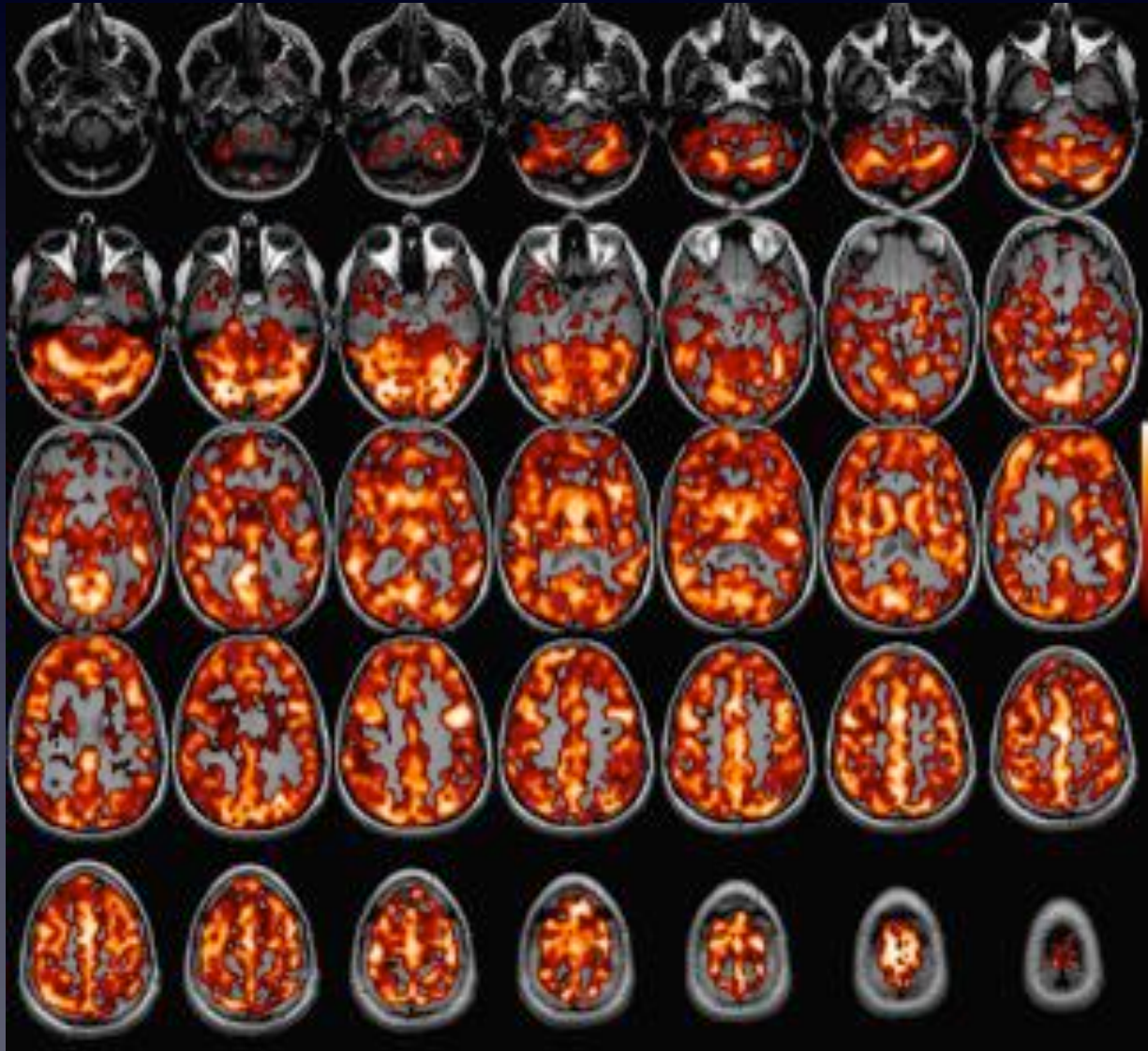
## NineML - simulator independent computational model description



# Program on Datasharing

Data Object Models for:  
Brain Imaging

Electrophysiology



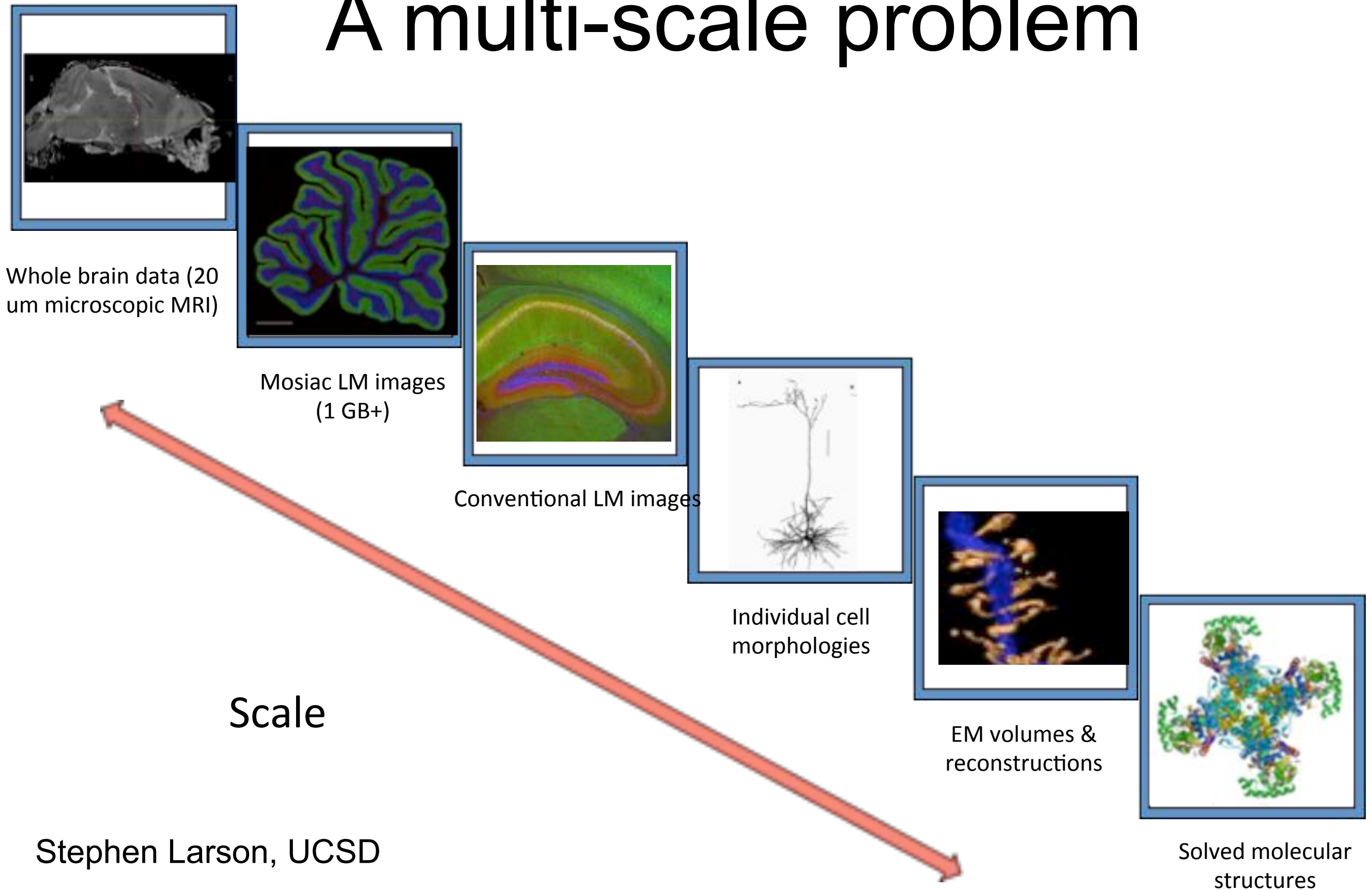


Non satis communicare

*To share is not enough*

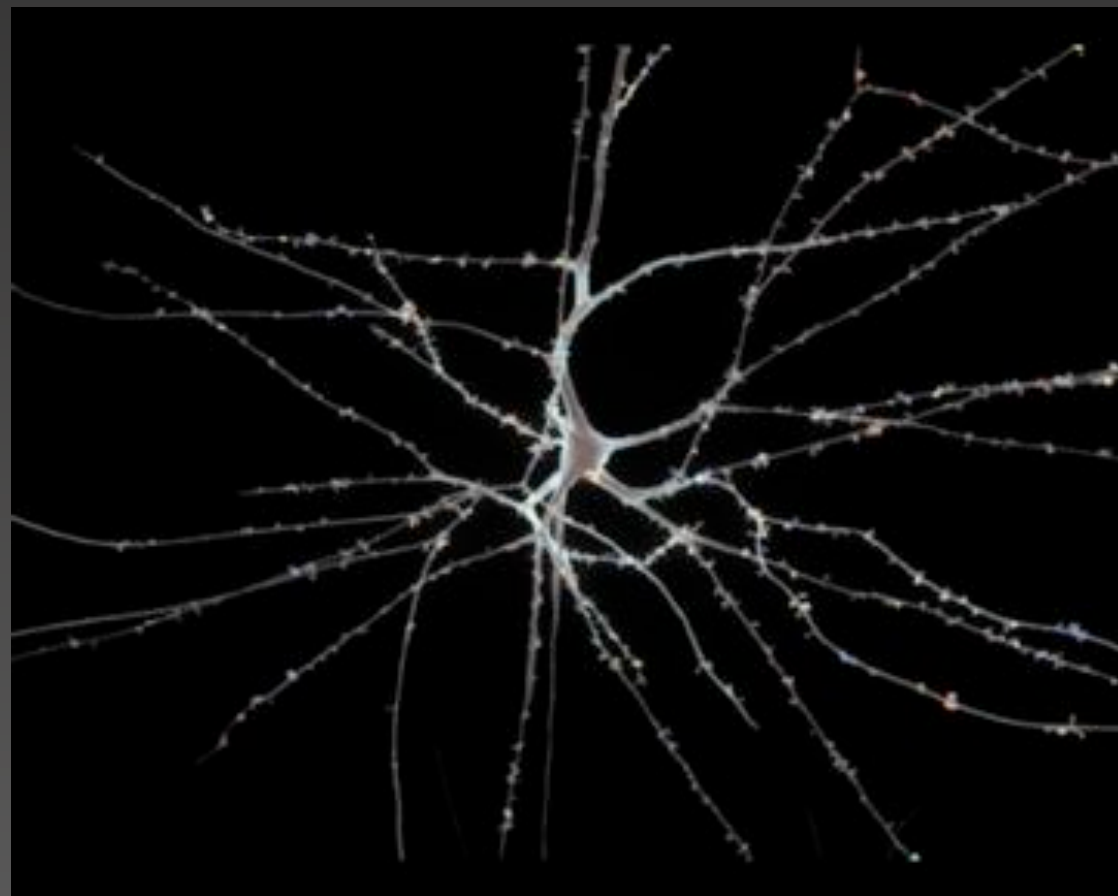


# Neuroscience data integration: A multi-scale problem



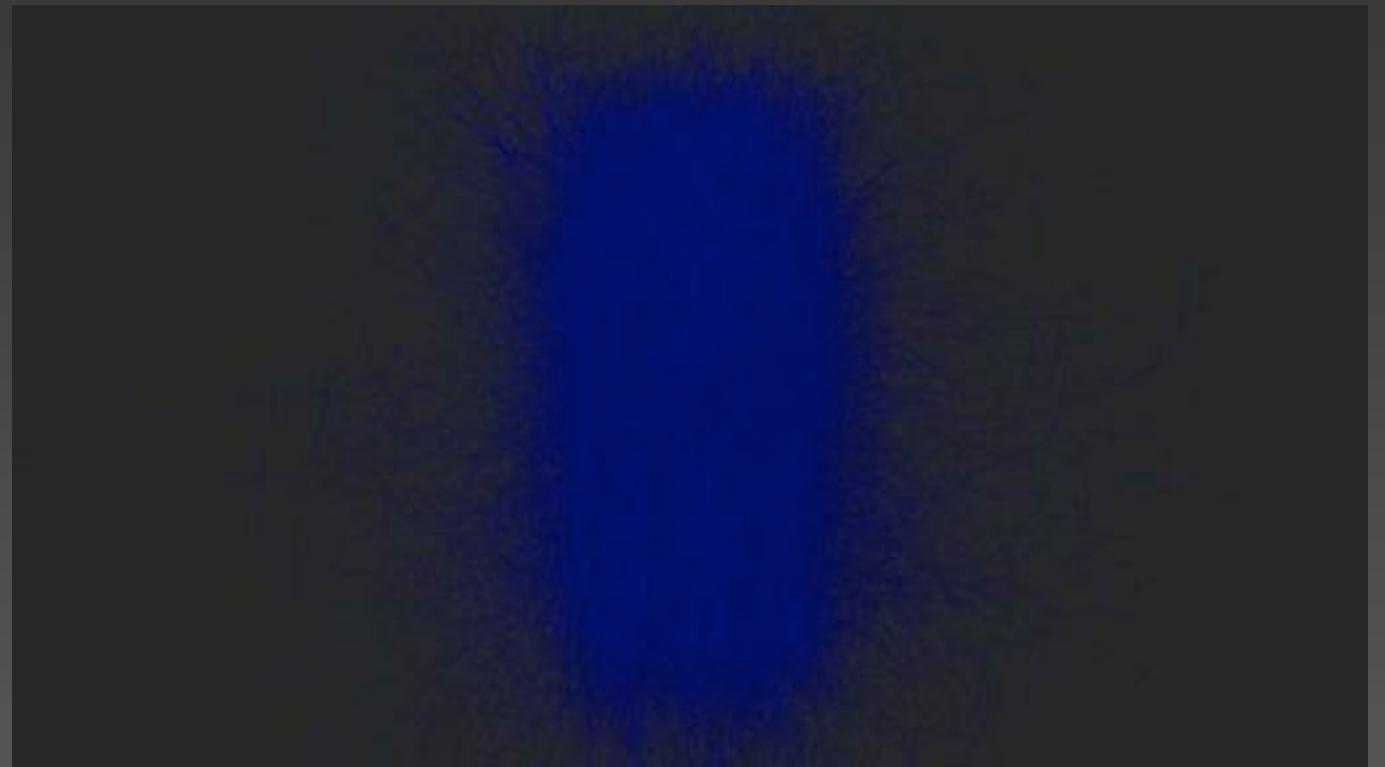
# Use case I: Neuronal modeling

- Morphology
- Gene expression
- Electrophysiology
- Electrical model
- Simulations



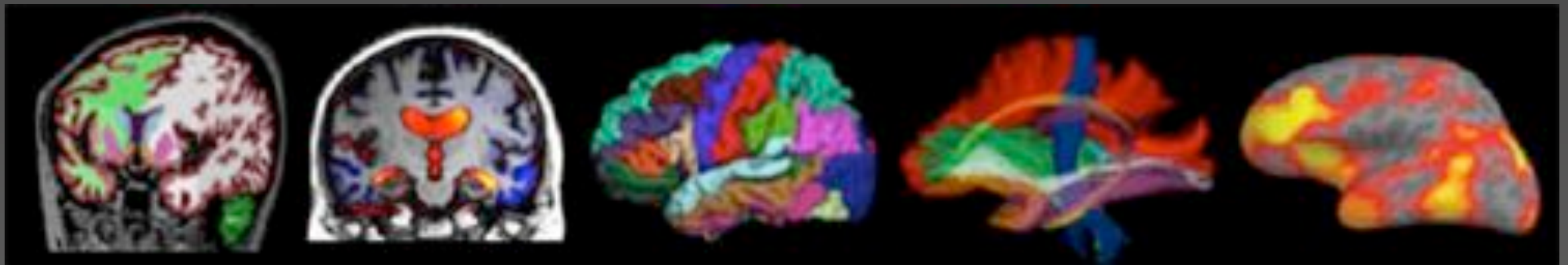
# Use case II: Model neural microcircuits

- Cell types
- Cell distributions
- Electrophysiology
- Morphology
- Synaptic dynamics
- Connectivity
- Network dynamics



# Use case III: Human Brain Atlasing

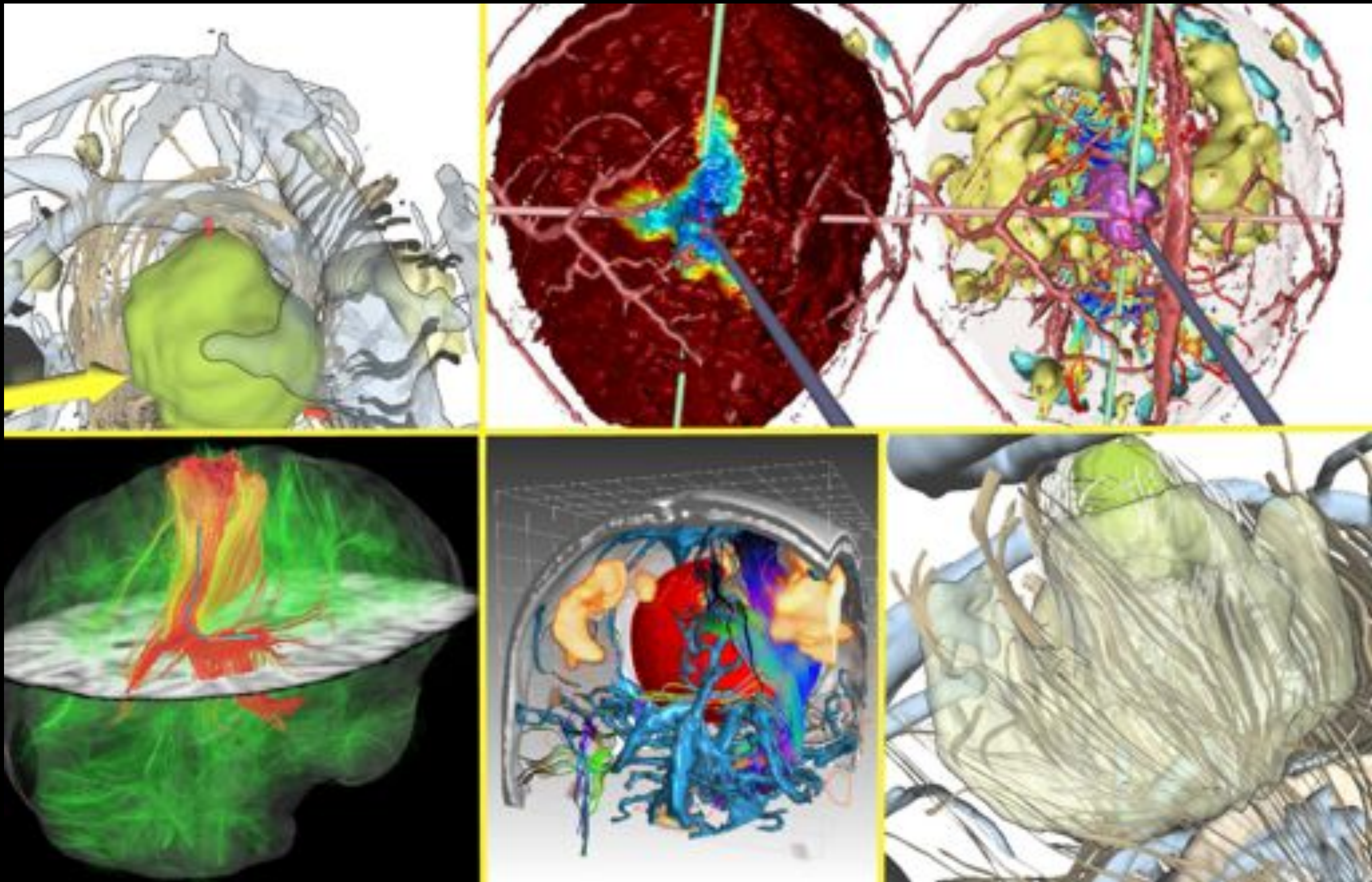
- Structural data
- Gene expression
- Cytoarchitectonics
- Receptor maps
- Fiber tracts
- Connectivity
- Resting state data
- Functional mapping



Anders Dale, UCSD



# Multimodal brain atlases for research and medicine

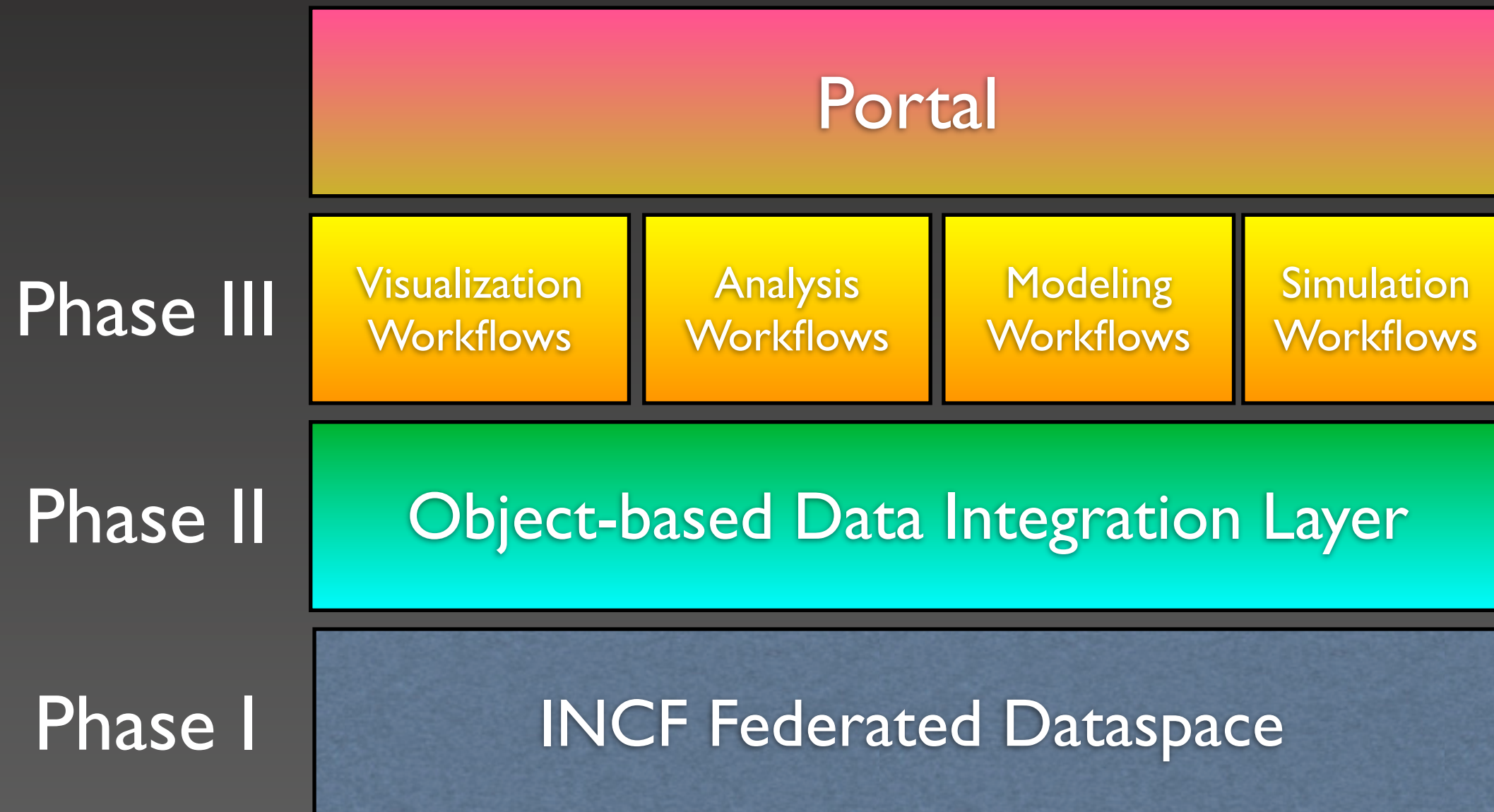




# Requirements: Neuroinformatics Cyberinfrastructure

- **Share data:** Secure access, authorization, collaborative
- **Publish data:** Data citation, community rating and reviews
- **Preserve data:** Versioning, archive, mirror, replicate
- **Federate data:** Tens to hundreds of thousands of members of the federation
- **Federated search:** Search over all data, free text, ontology-based or spatial search
- **Ease of use:** Lightweight! Dropbox-like functionality, easy metadata annotation, portal for search
- **Access data:** Object-based view of data, semantic annotations, data models, flexible metadata
- **Analyze and integrate data:** Support data analysis, workflow building, provenance tracking

# Neuroinformatics Infrastructure





# First step: Dropbox for Scientific Data

Decentralized, data publication

Authorization and authentication

Local file access

Global address space

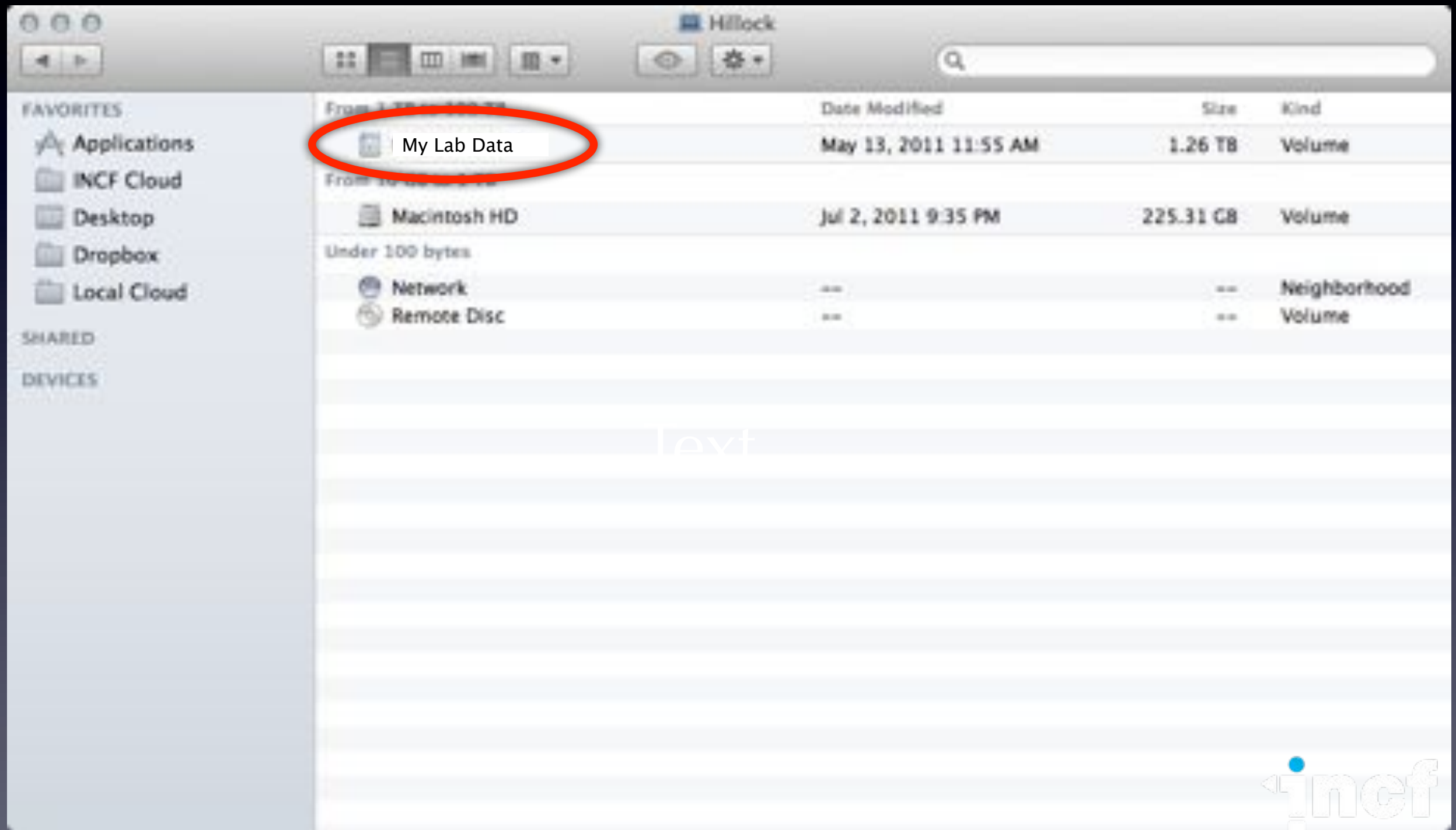
Built on iRODS



# Launch INCF Cloud

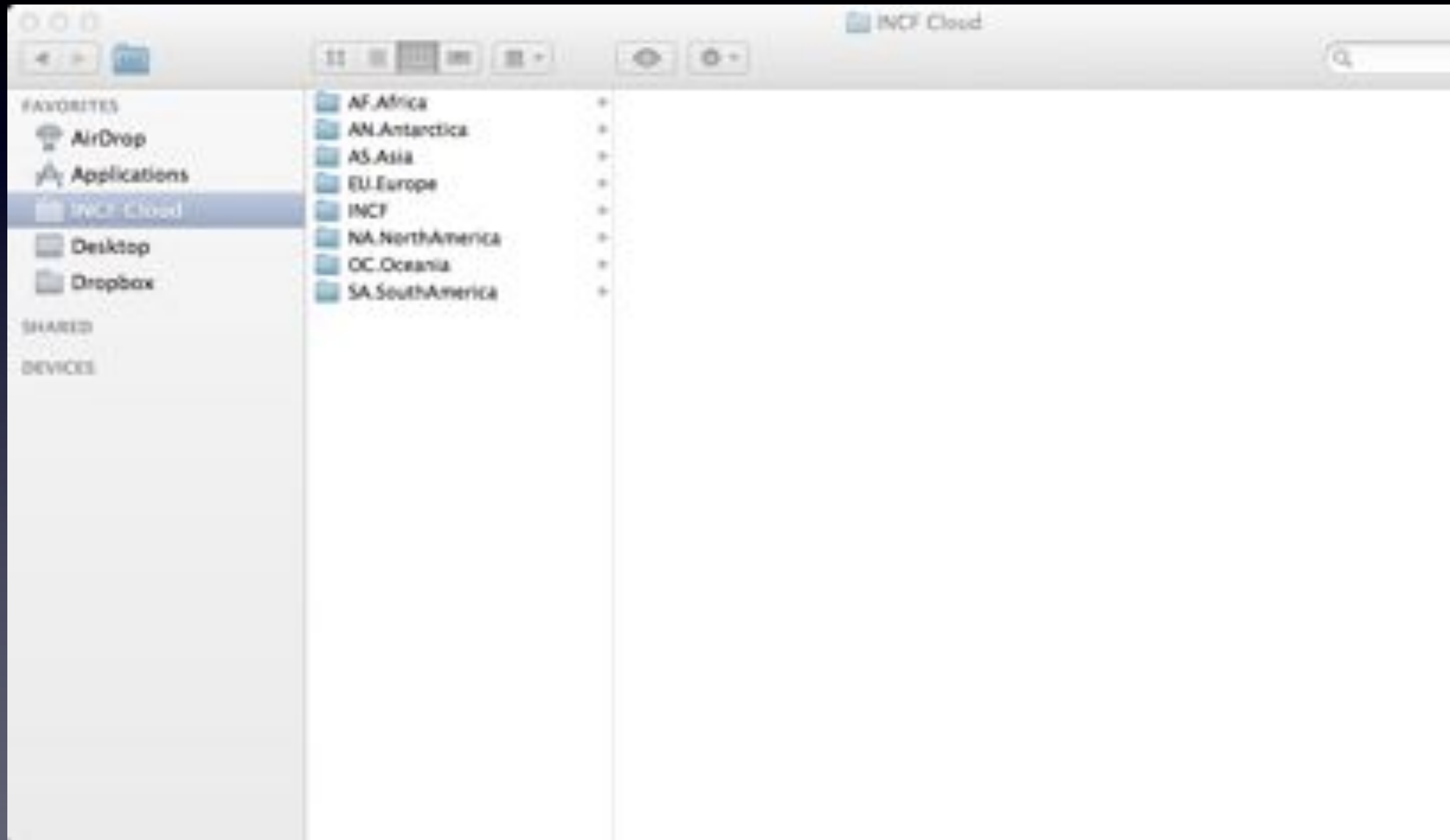


# Point to your data

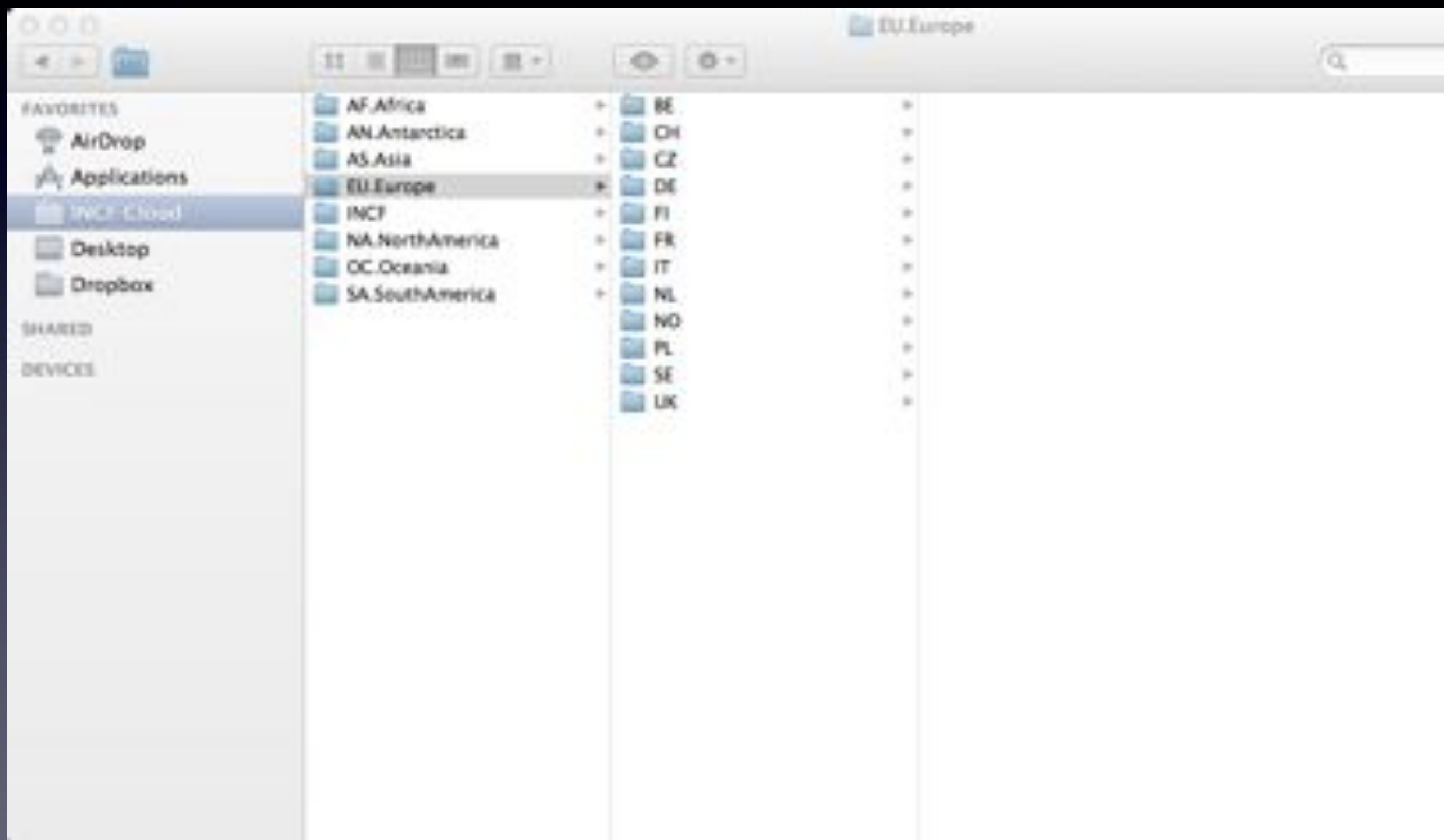




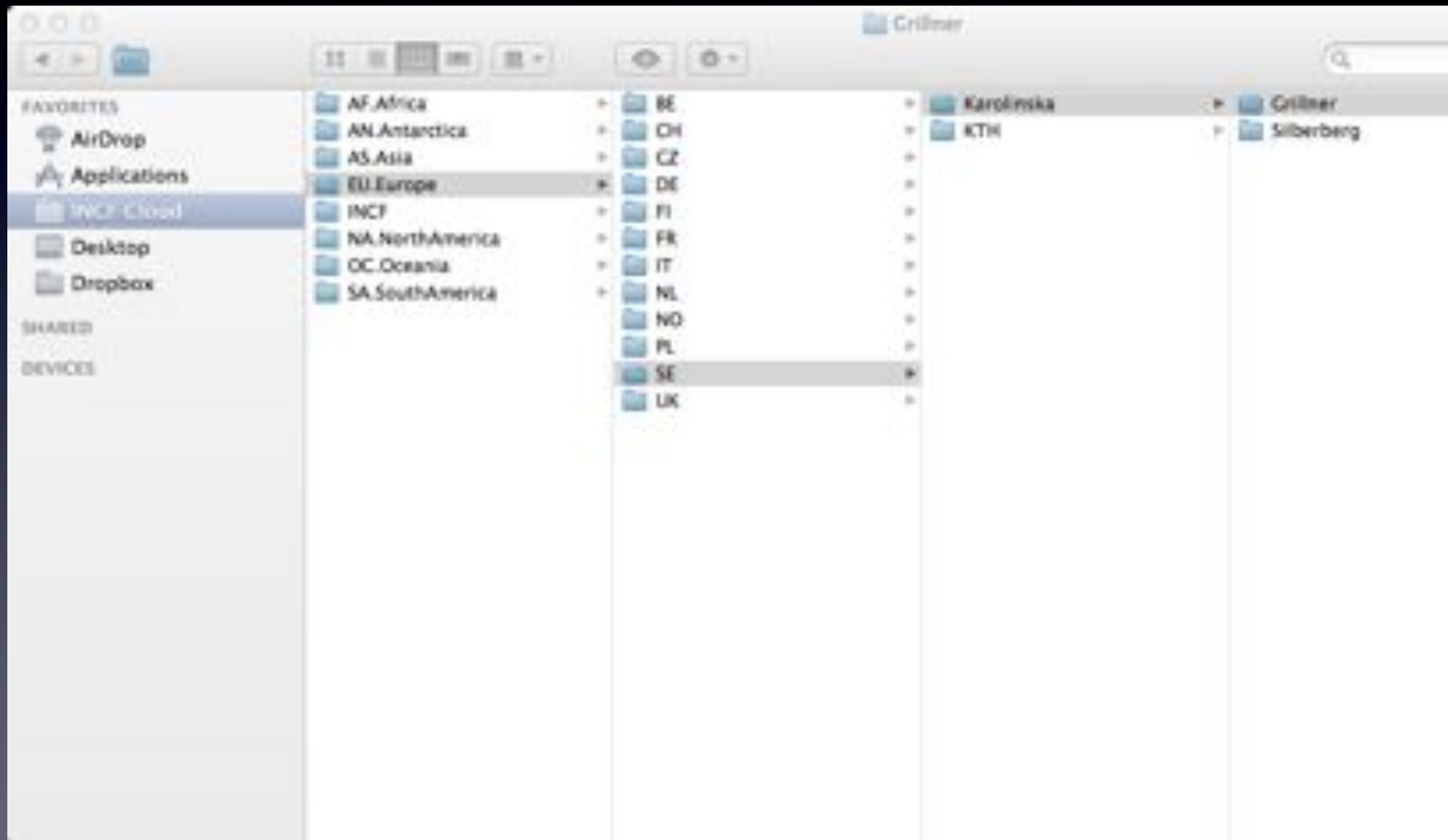
# Worldwide data through your file browser



# Organized by regions, countries and labs

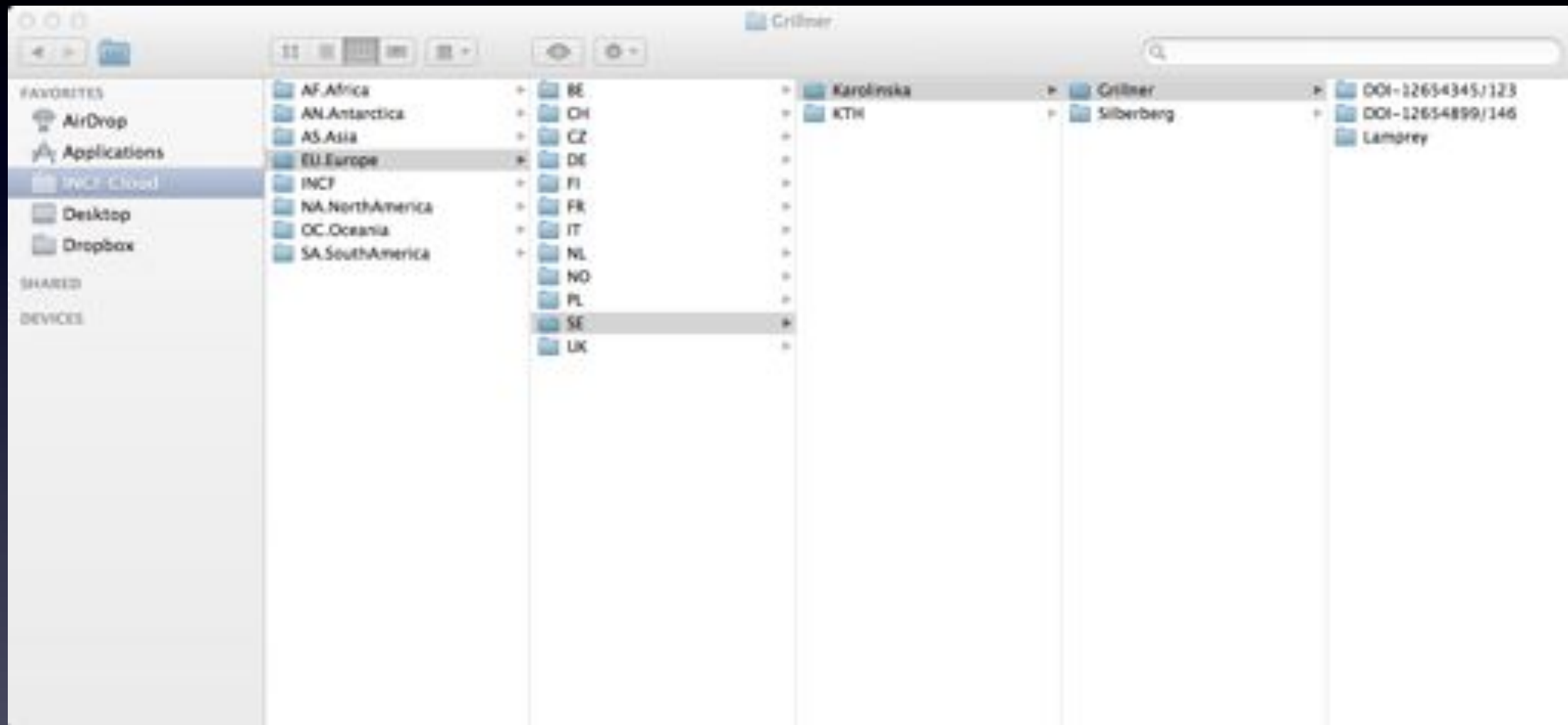


# Browse all public data

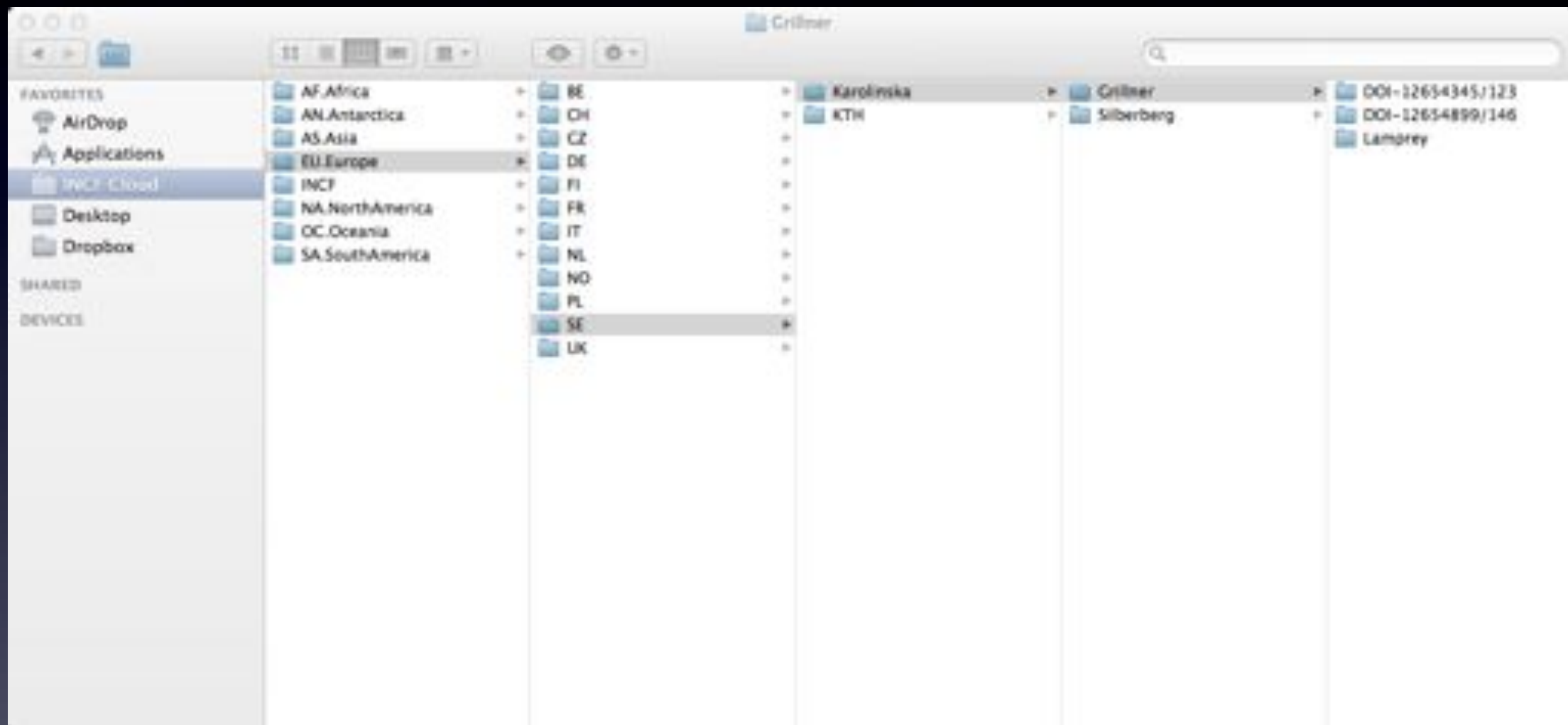




Make any local data visible globally or only visible to collaborators.



Drag and drop any data to make  
a local copy of available data



Drag and drop to place data on  
a remote site for sharing or backup

# Installing on national infrastructures

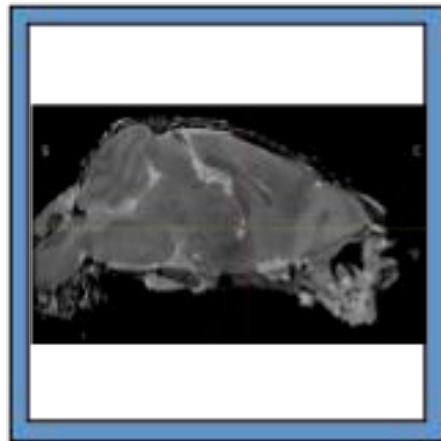
- Working with Sweden (PDC), Finland (CSC), Germany(BCCN) and San Diego (UCSD) for first trials
- Brain image stacks and electrophysiology data as first test datasets



# Next steps: Set metadata tags to reveal data for global search

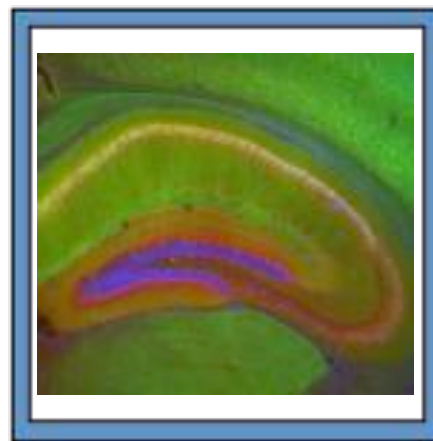
[www.neurolex.org](http://www.neurolex.org)

[www.incf.org/programs/atlasimg](http://www.incf.org/programs/atlasimg)



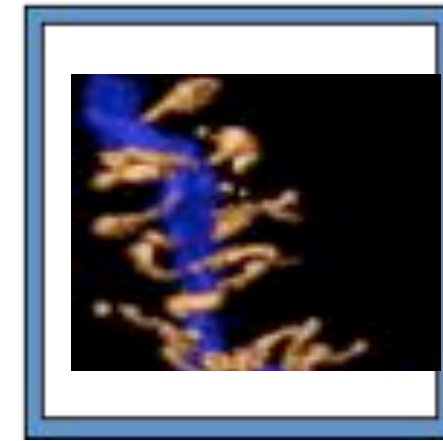
Species: Mus musculus  
Age: 30 days  
Structure: Whole brain  
Modality: T1 MRI  
Reference space:  
Waxholm mouse 1.1

Whole brain data



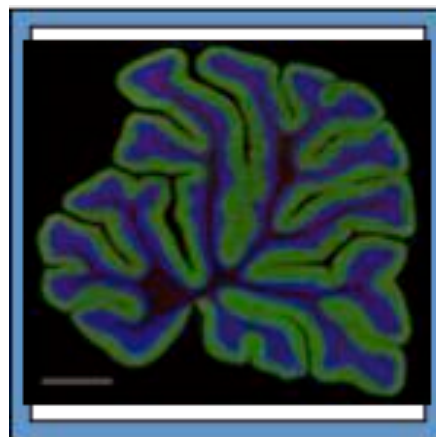
Species: Mus musculus  
Age: 30 days  
Structure: Hippocampus  
Modality: Immunostain  
Reference space:  
Waxholm mouse 1.1

Light microscopy images



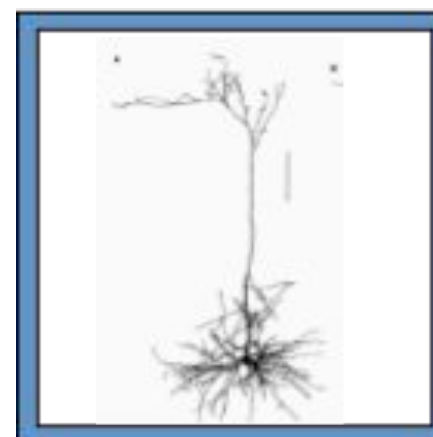
Species: Mus musculus  
Age: 30 days  
Structure: Hippocampal  
Pyramidal neuron  
dendrite  
Modality: 10TV EM

EM volumes &  
reconstructions



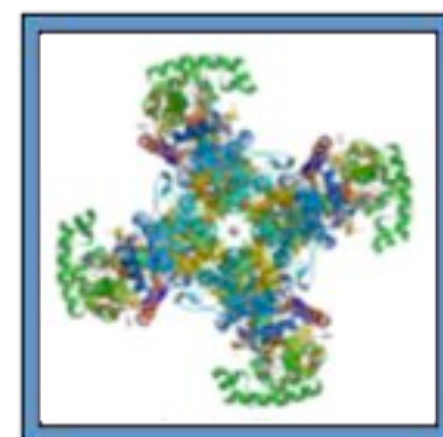
Species: Mus musculus  
Age: 30 days  
Structure: Cerebellum  
Modality: Immunostain

Brain region data



Species: Rattus norvegicus  
Age: 30 days  
Structure: Cerebellum  
Modality: Immunostain  
Reference space:  
Waxholm rat 1.0

Single cell data

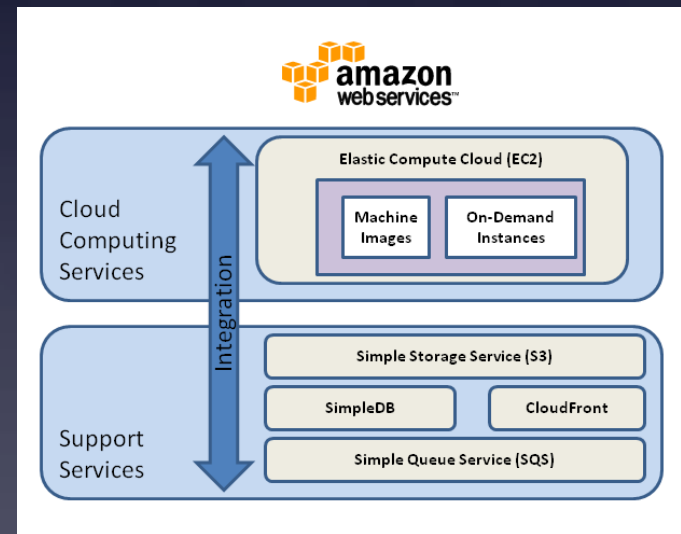


Species: Drosophila  
Age: NA  
Structure: KV1.1  
Modality: Protein structure  
Spatial scale: 10 Ångstroms

Molecular data

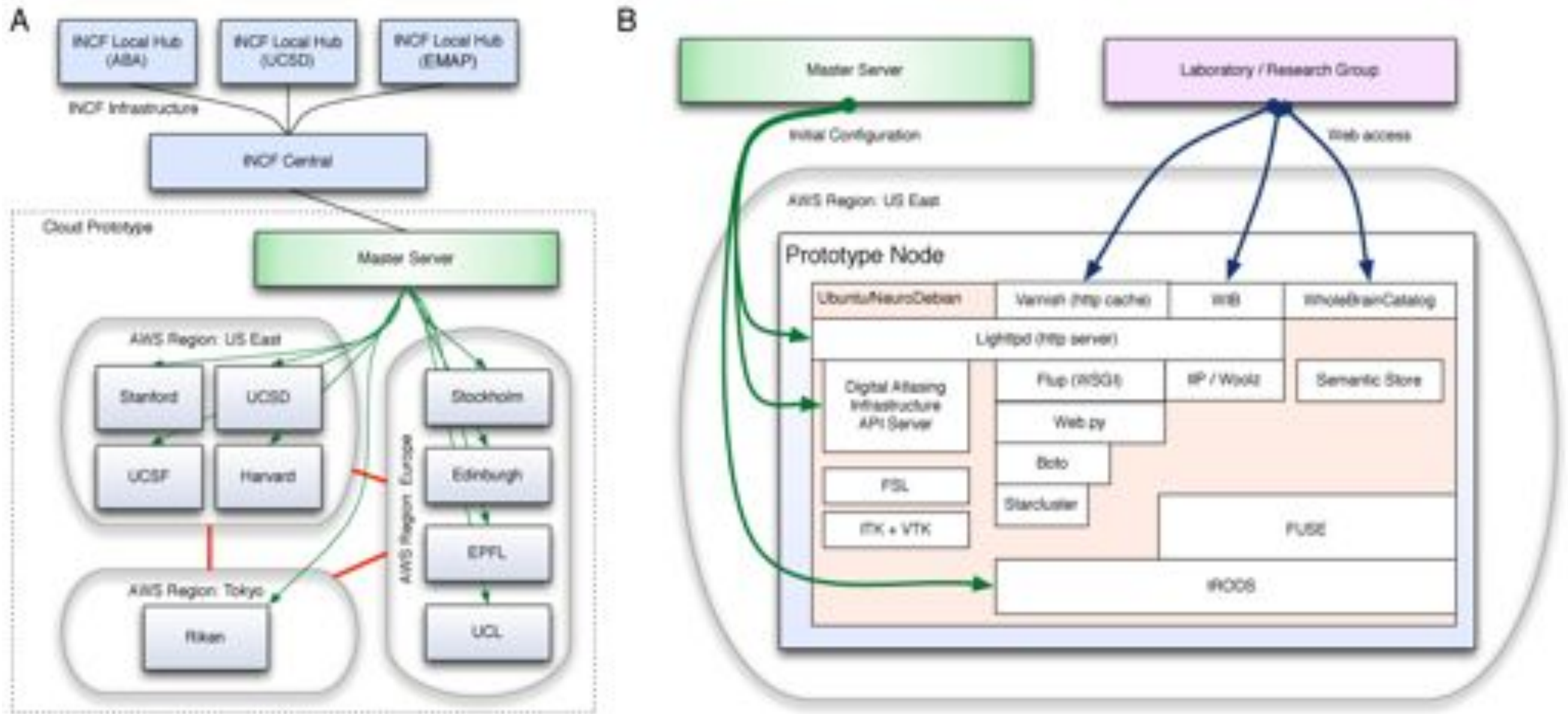
# Cloud App

- Virtual machine image that can be run anywhere (or Fabric script for existing servers)
- Lab server
- Compute cluster
- Amazon Cloud
- Hosting service



# INCF Cloud App

## built on existing, tested technologies



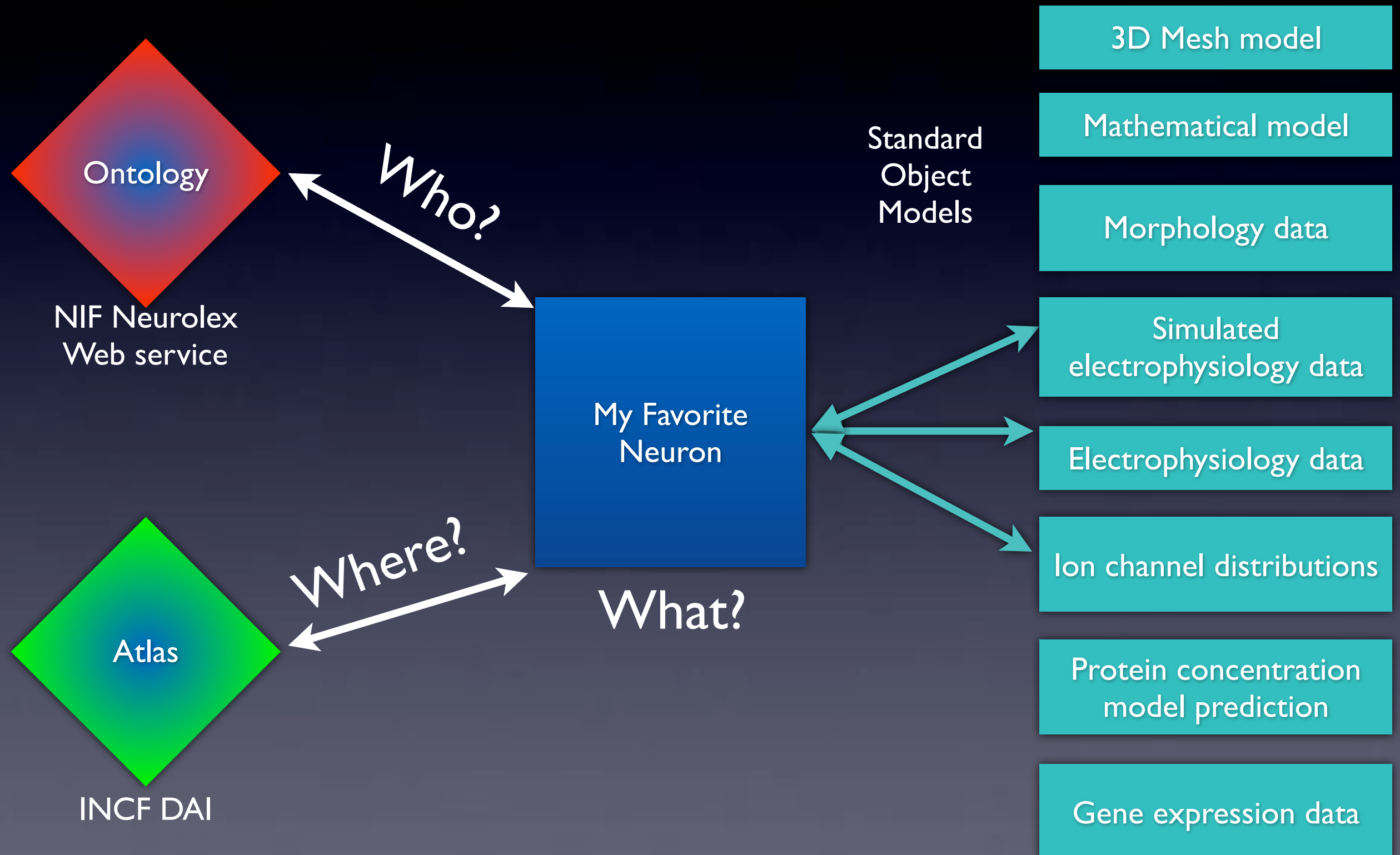
Rich Stoner, Stephen Larson, UCSD



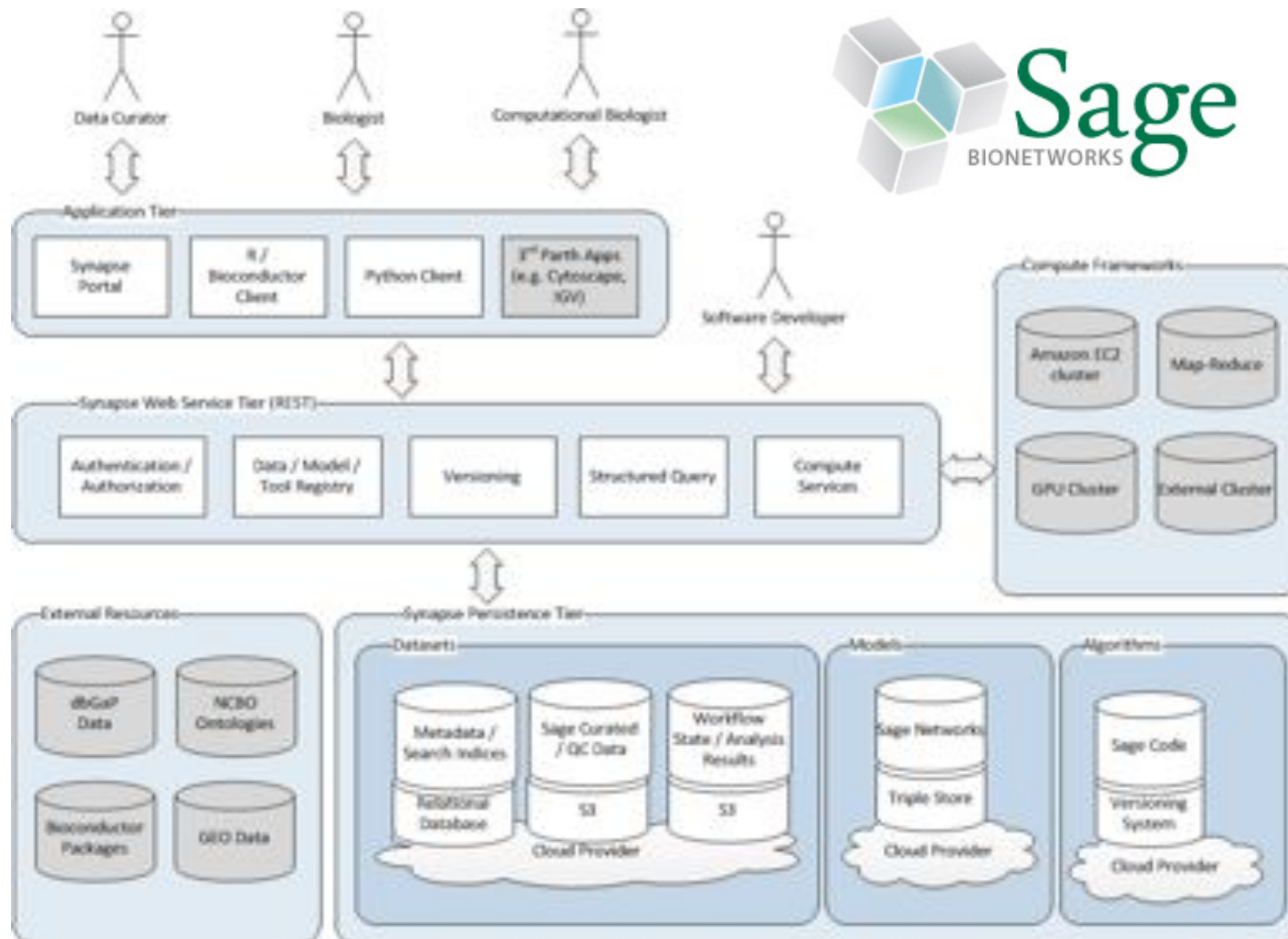
# Key identifiers for data integration

- **Ontology**
  - Standardized names for metadata, species, developmental stage, brain structures, diseases, behaviors
- **Space**
  - Standard reference coordinate systems
- **Time**
  - Standard temporal references
- **Genetic identity**
  - Individual variation
- **GUID - Globally Unique Identifier**
  - Patient/citizen identifier

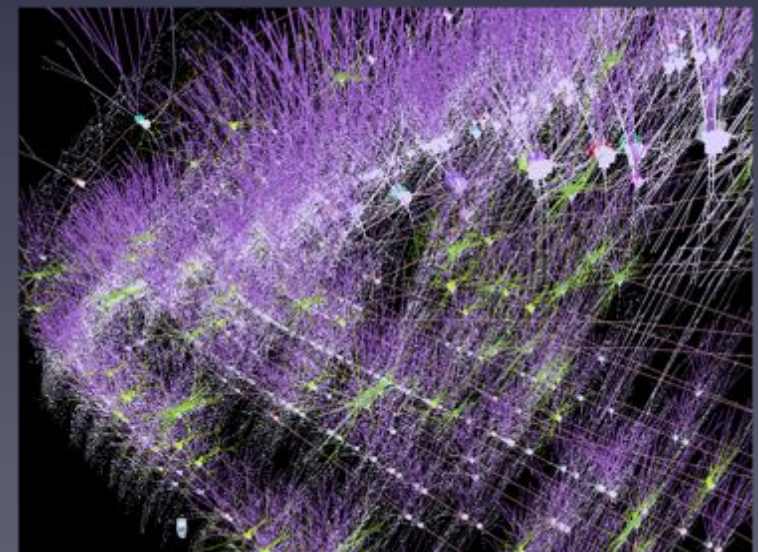
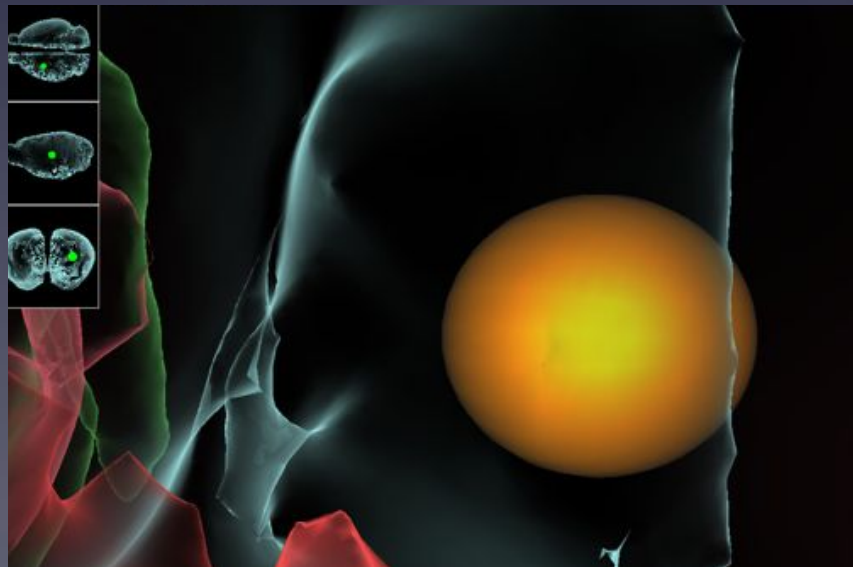
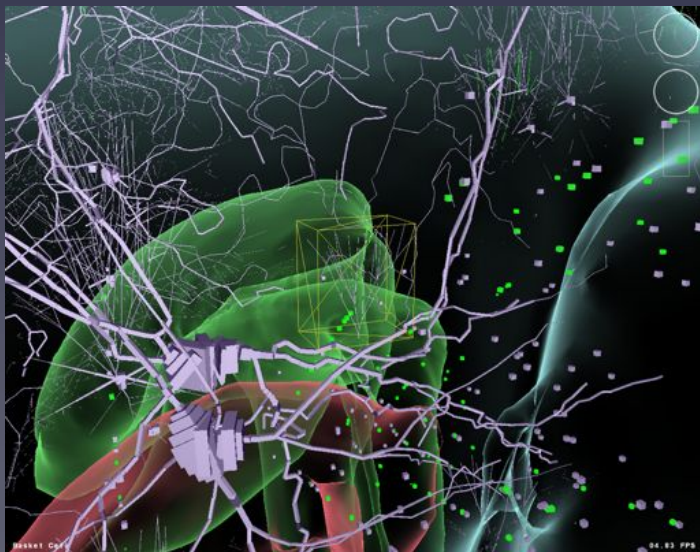
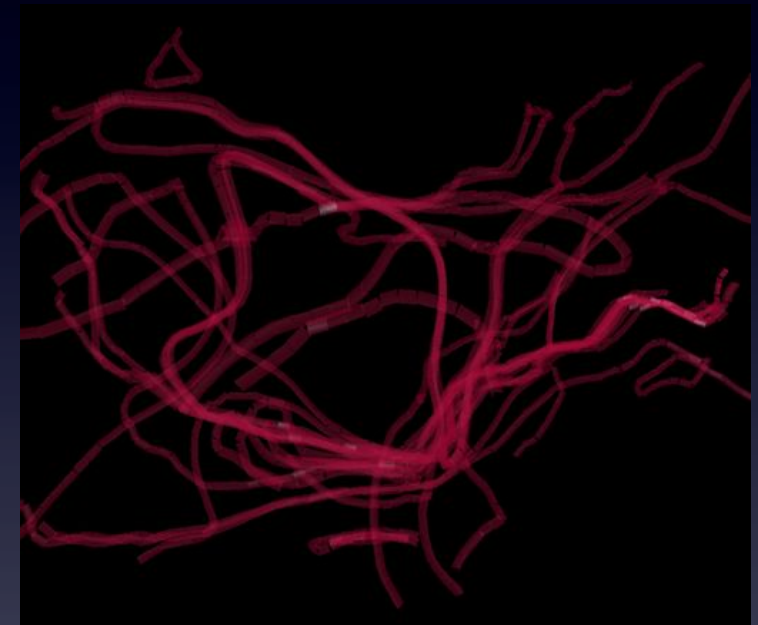
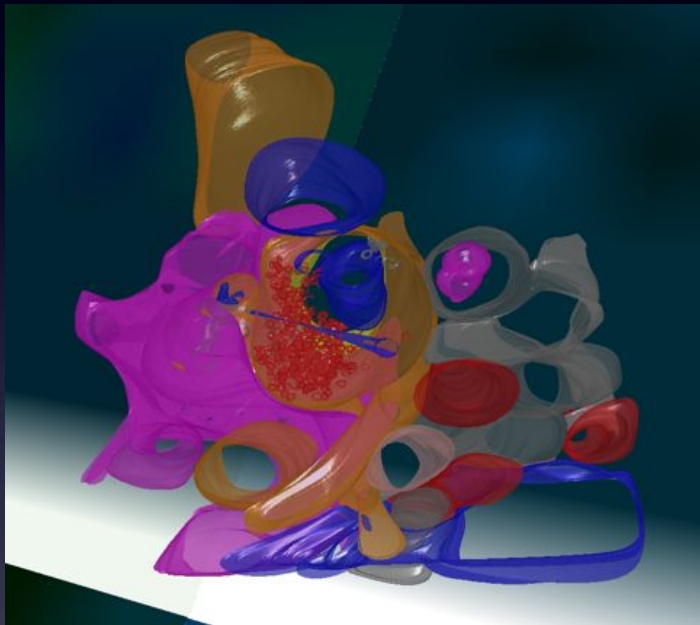
# Data Integration: Object Model for Neuroinformatics (OMNI) Provides object-oriented view of data space



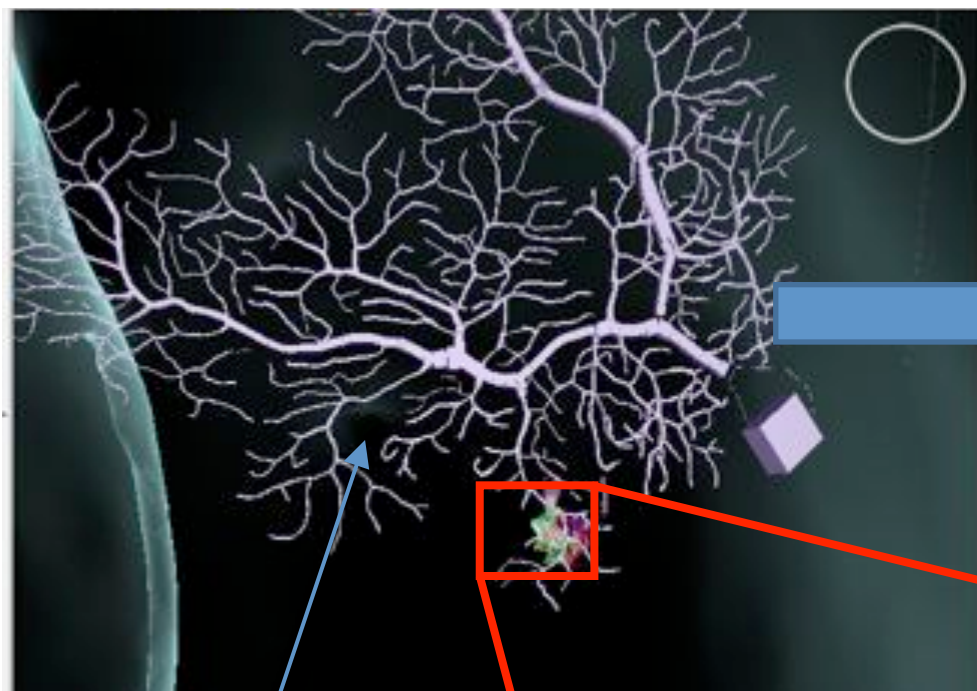
# Synapse from Sage Bionetworks



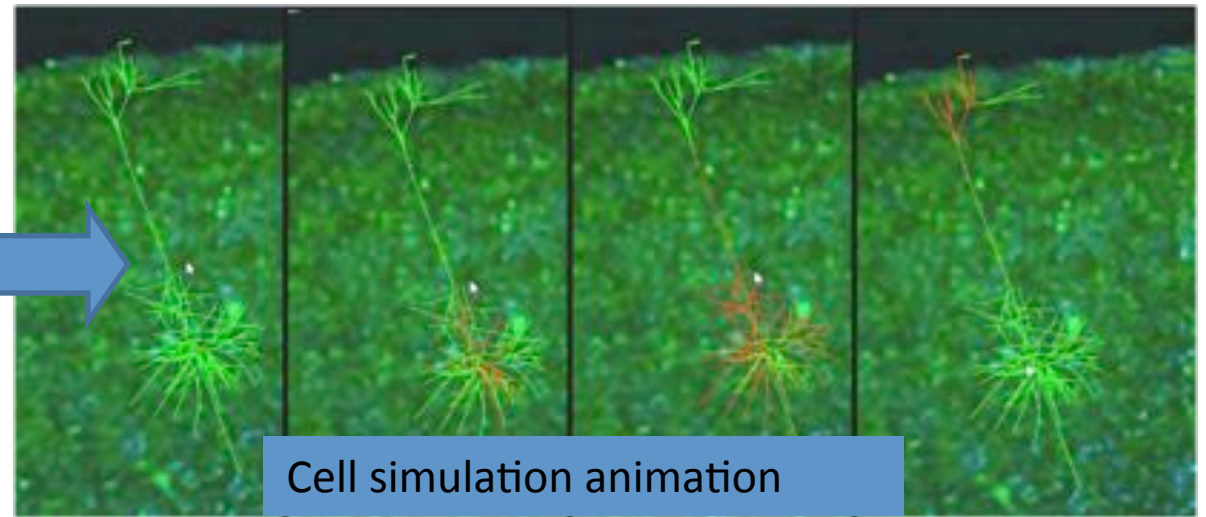




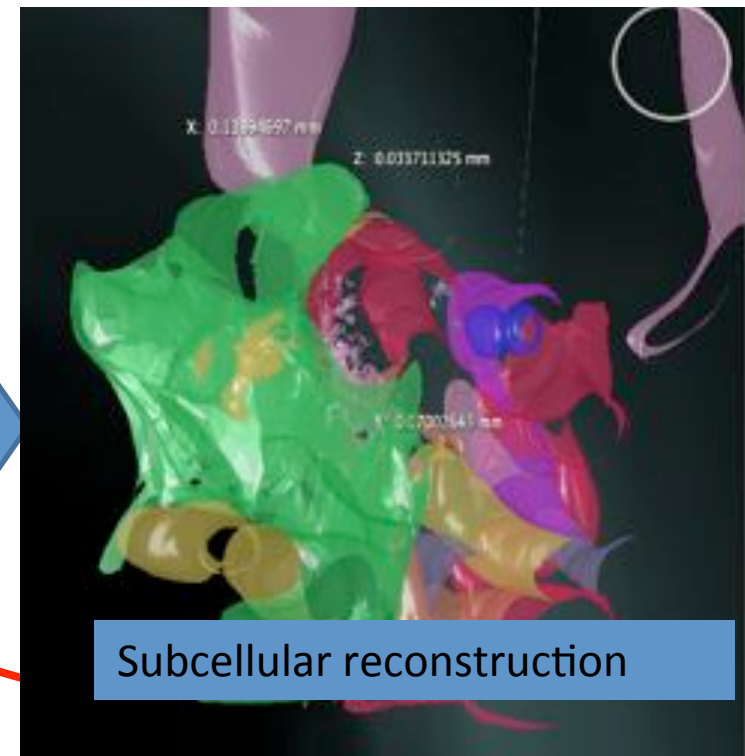
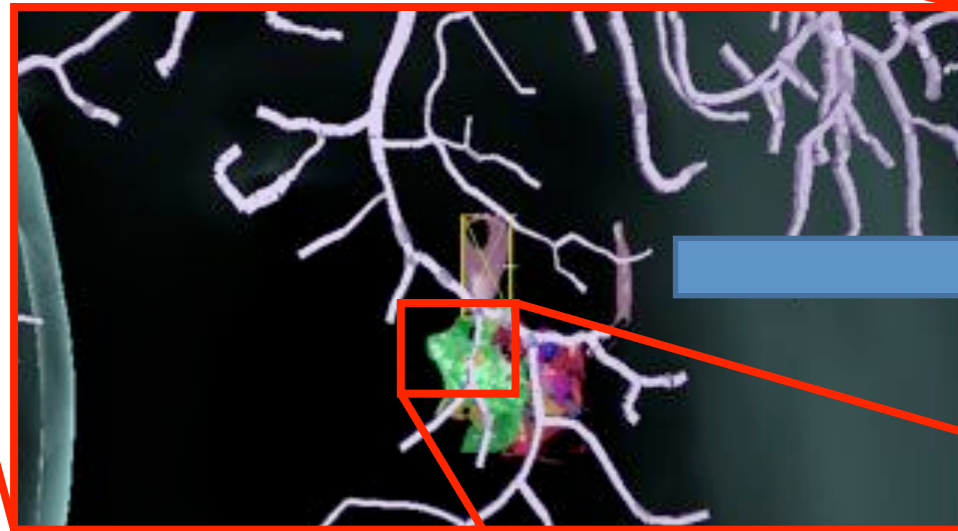




Digital reconstruction from cell fill



Cell simulation animation



Subcellular reconstruction



Potassium channel



# Current Infrastructure Status

- Data Federation - INCF Cloud App
  - Runs on Amazon cloud or server. Includes data federation, digital atlasing services, semantic lookup, image stack browsing. <http://software.incf.org/software/incf-cloud-app>
- Ontologies - NIF/INCF Neurolex
  - Community site for developing ontologies, linking to data, models, literature. <http://www.neurolex.org>
- Digital atlasing infrastructure
  - <http://atlasing.incf.org>
- Data integration - INCF Omni
  - Data integration object model: <http://code.google.com/p/incf-omni/>
- UCSD/INCF Whole Brain Catalog
  - <http://wholebraincatalog.org>
  - Extend to include derived visual representations
  - Analytics layer



# What already exists?

- International organization coordinating data sharing and integration for basic, translational and clinical data in neuroscience
- Partnerships with large projects that want to collaborate (Allen Institute, Blue Brain Project, One Mind for Research)
- Neuroscience Information Framework - [www.neuinfo.org](http://www.neuinfo.org)
  - Federated search of neuroscience data sources
- Neurolex
  - Community editable lexicon, web API to ontology resource
- Digital Atlasing Infrastructure
  - Standard APIs for spatial registration and query

# What could EUDAT provide?

- What about a GitHub for collaborative data infrastructures? Community repository of best practices
- Coordination of national infrastructures - establish interface for international community to request and deploy service hosting
- Interaction with task forces (Data management, AAI, PIDs, Hosting and Services) - Access to expertise

**Looking for  
feedback, partners, data, use  
cases and integration with  
existing infrastructures!**

Enable world-wide federated neuroscience data integration







# Neuro Informatics 2012

Munich, Germany, September 10-12



Keynotes from:

Gordon Shepherd, Atsushi Miyawaki, Michael Brecht, Sonja Grün, Russel Poldrack

# Further information

## INCF Neuroinformatics Congress

[www.neuroinformatics2012.org](http://www.neuroinformatics2012.org)

## INCF on the web

[www.incf.org](http://www.incf.org)

[twitter.com/INCForg](https://twitter.com/INCForg)

[youtube.com/user/INCForg](https://youtube.com/user/INCForg)

## INCF Newsletter

[incf-info-subscribe@incf.org](mailto:incf-info-subscribe@incf.org)

