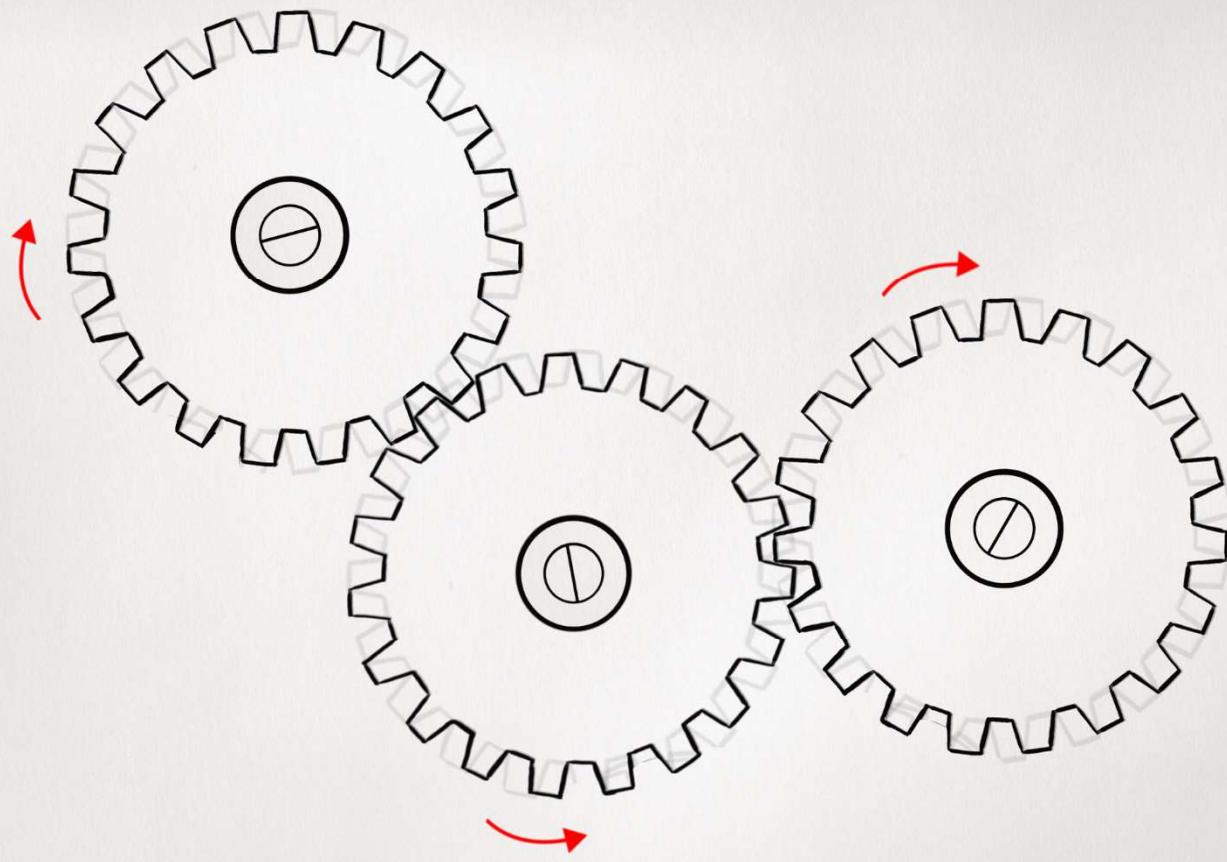
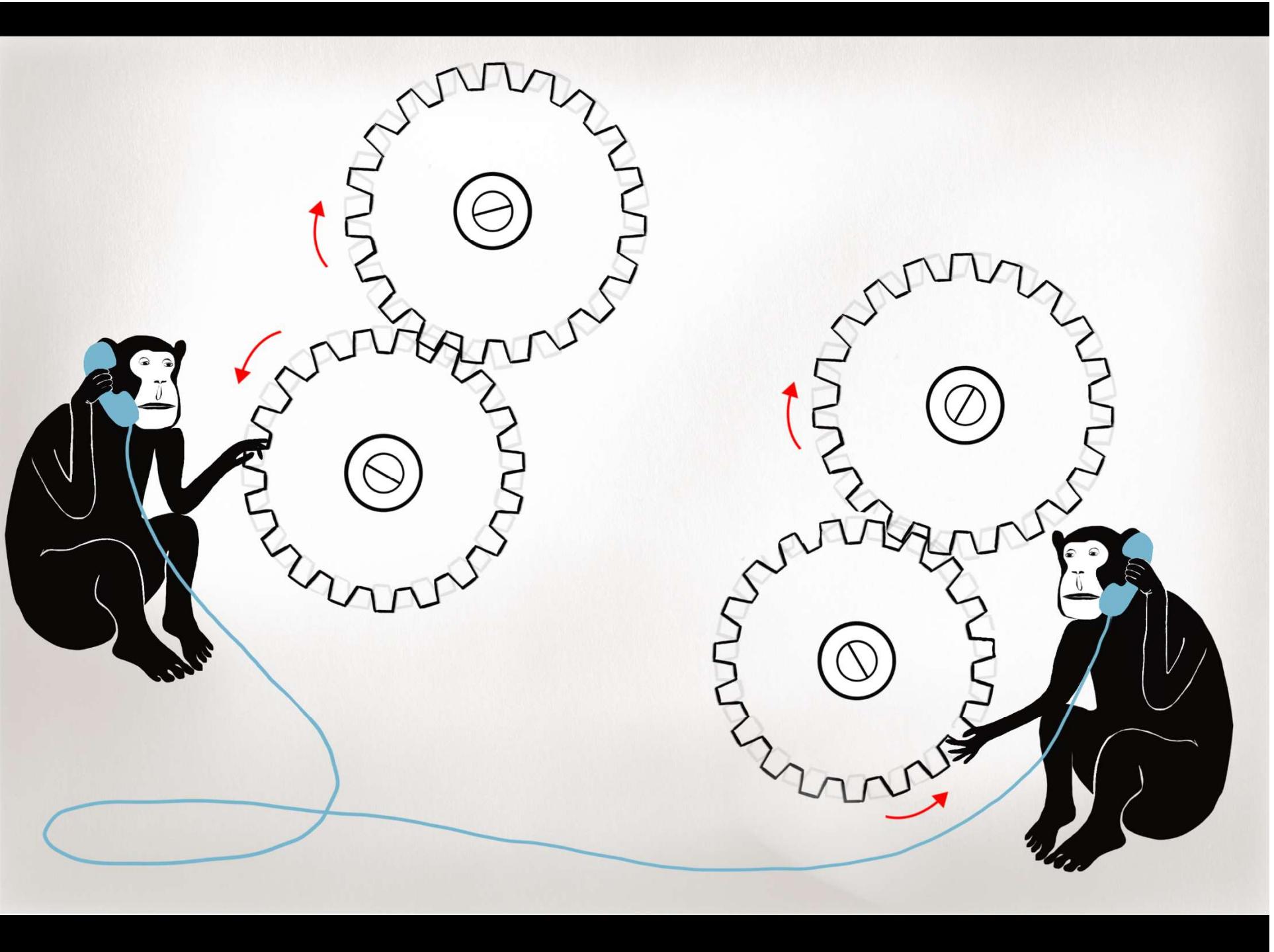




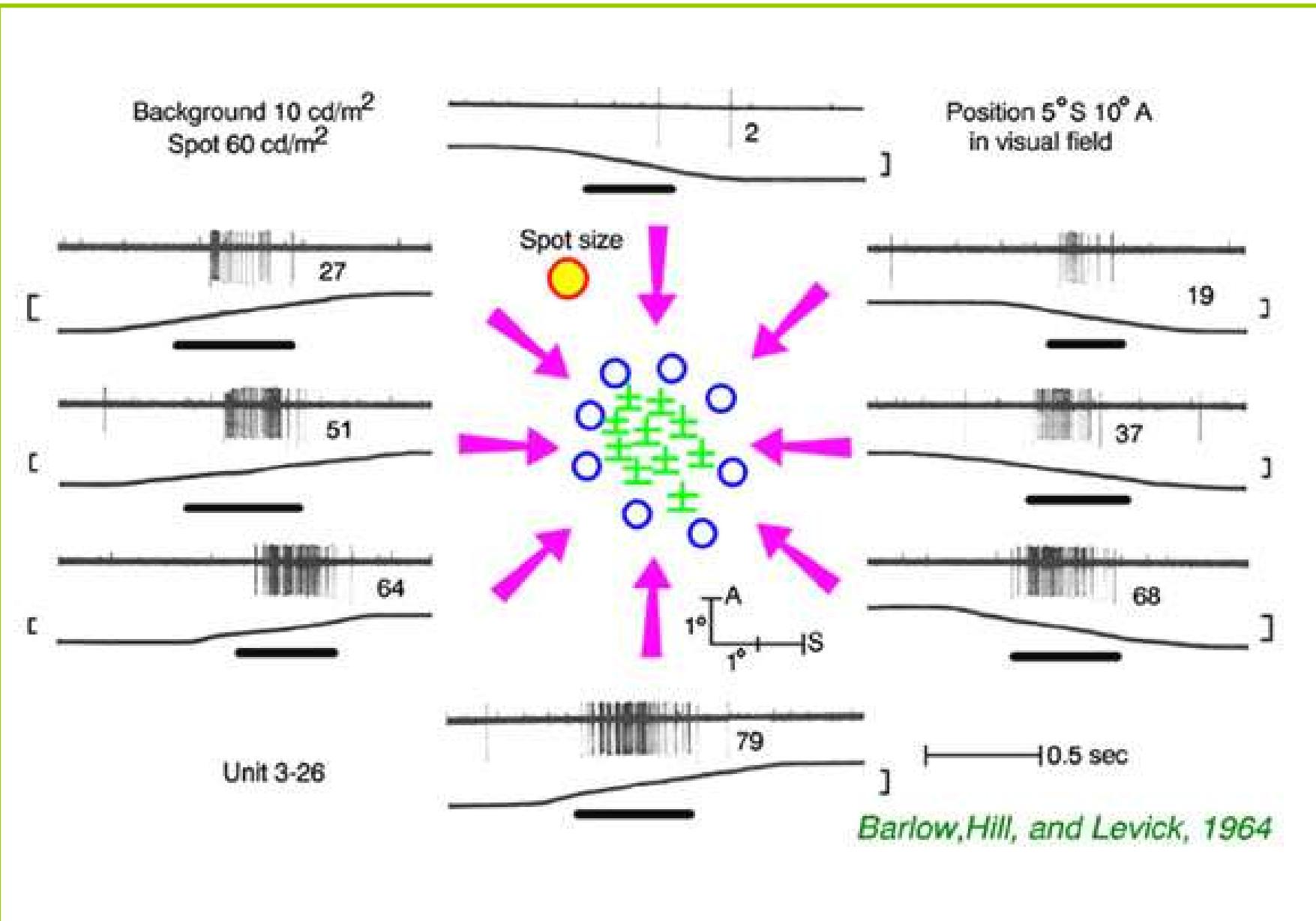
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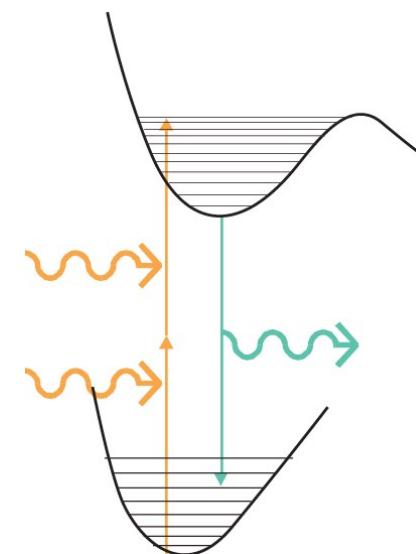
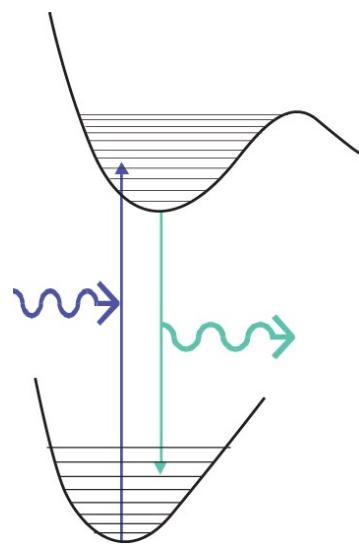
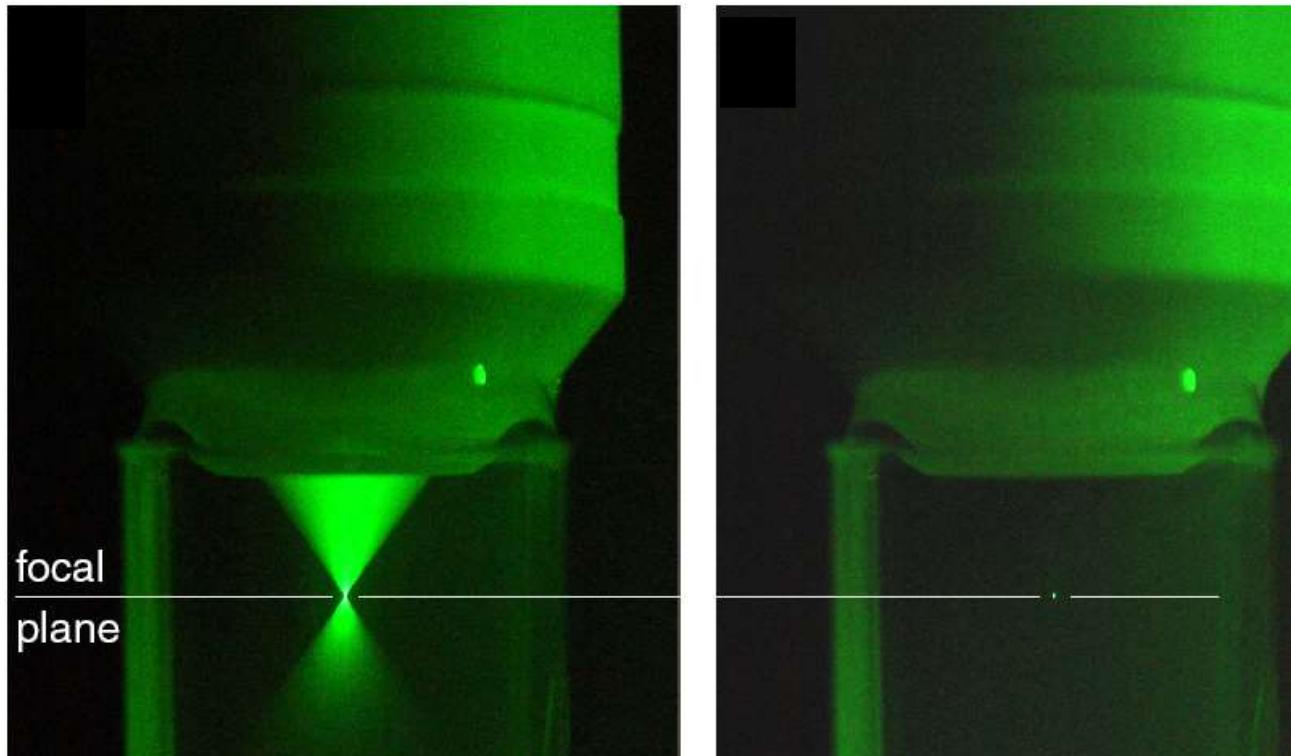


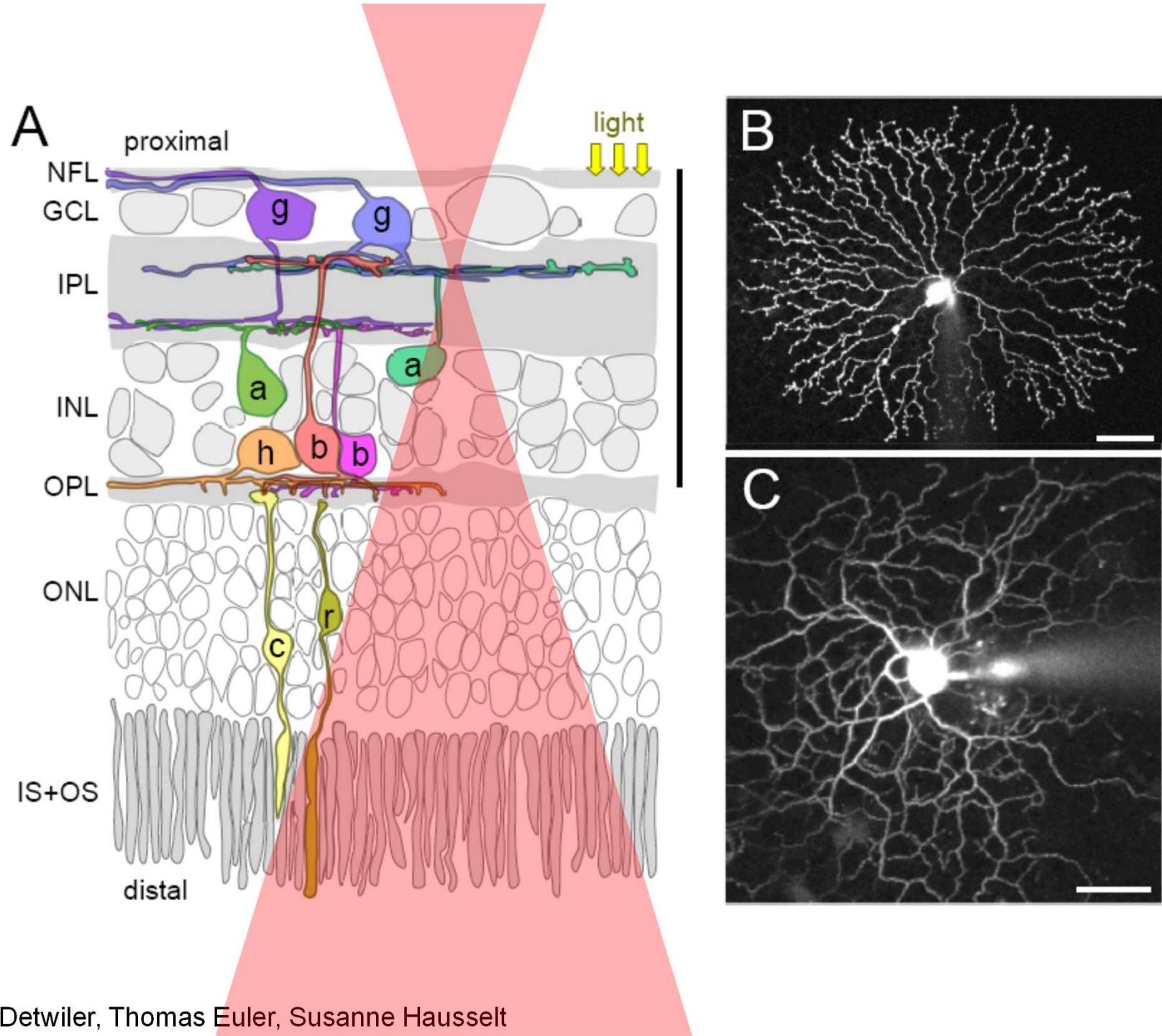


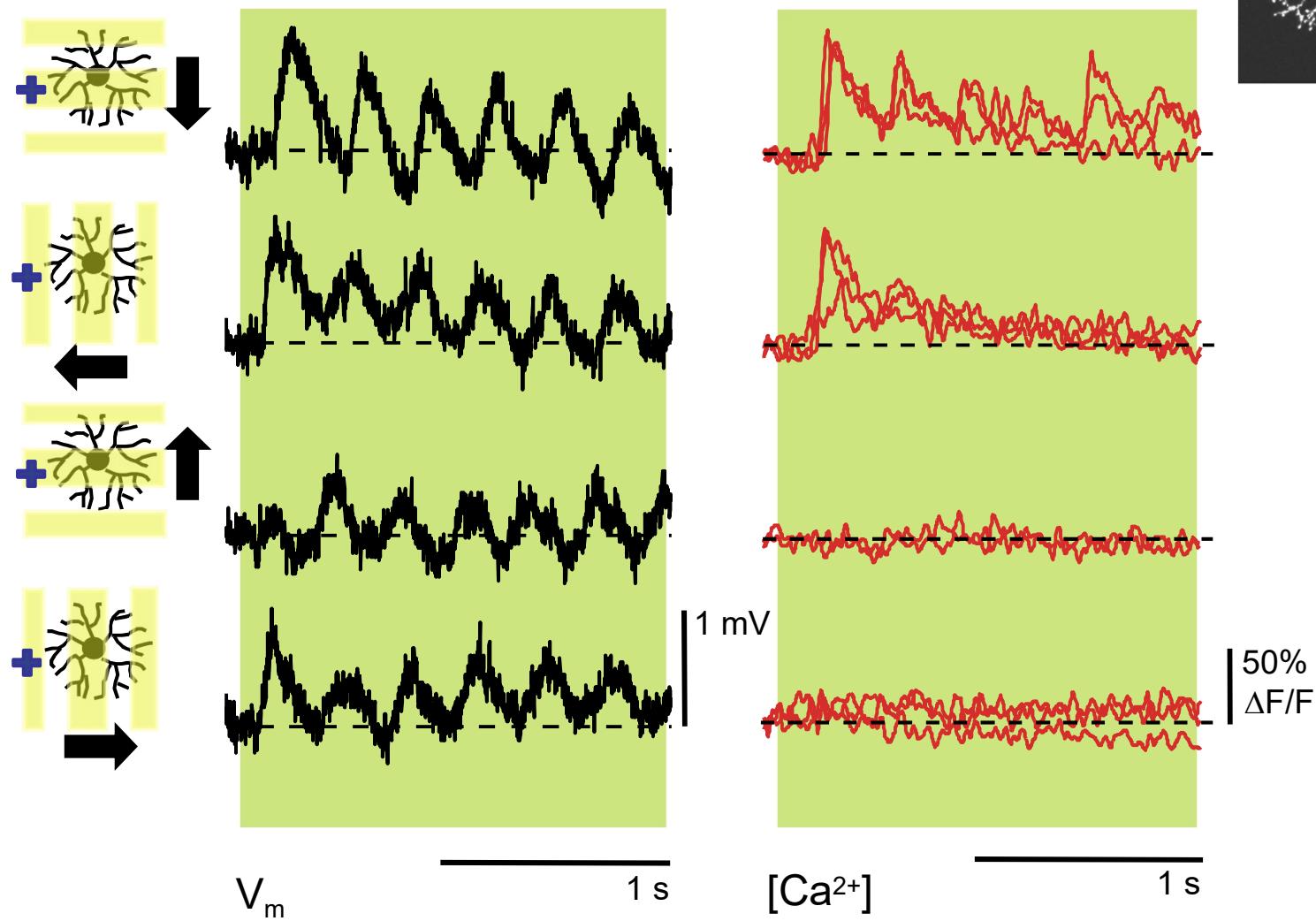




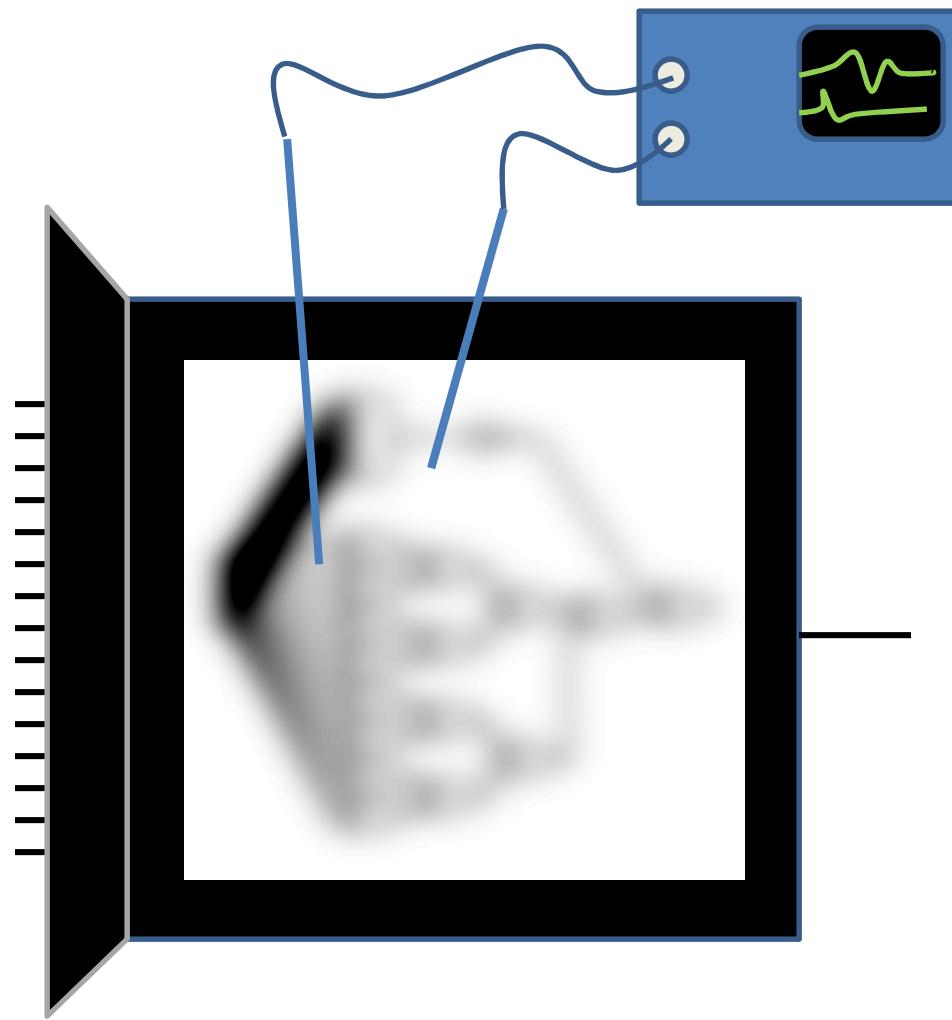


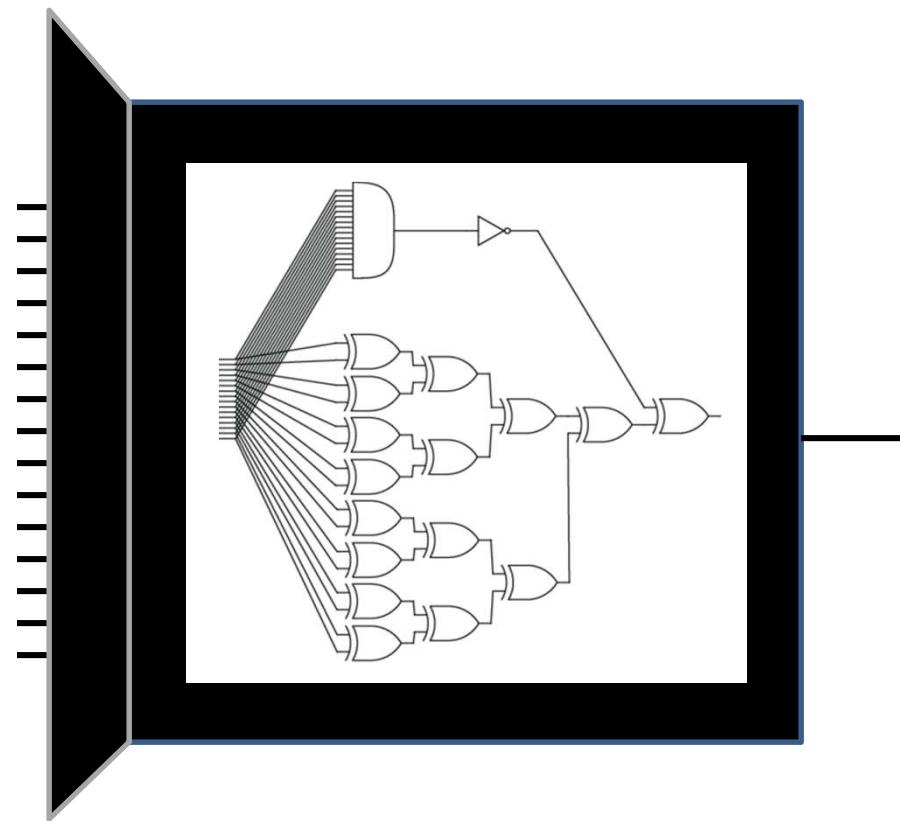






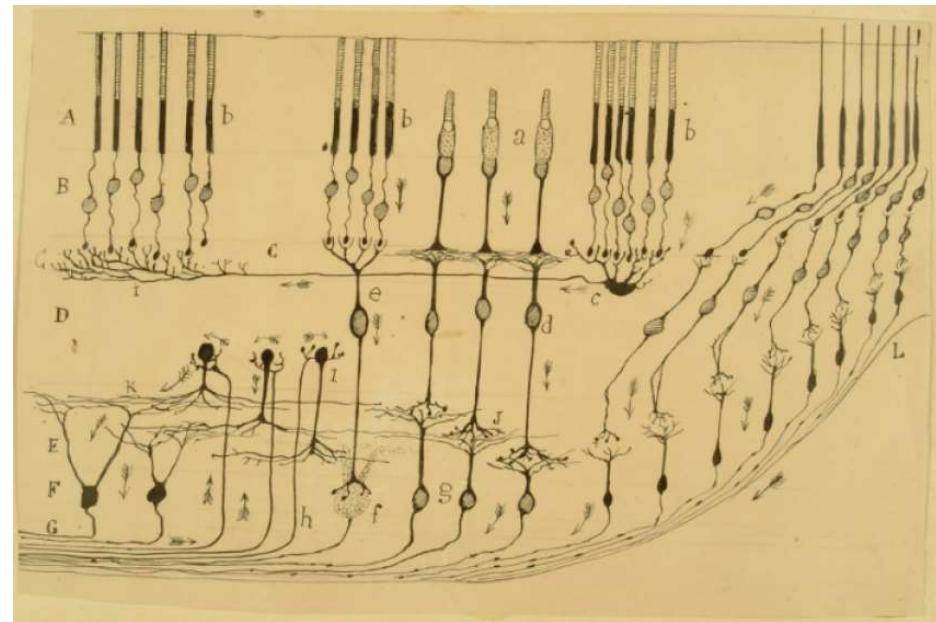
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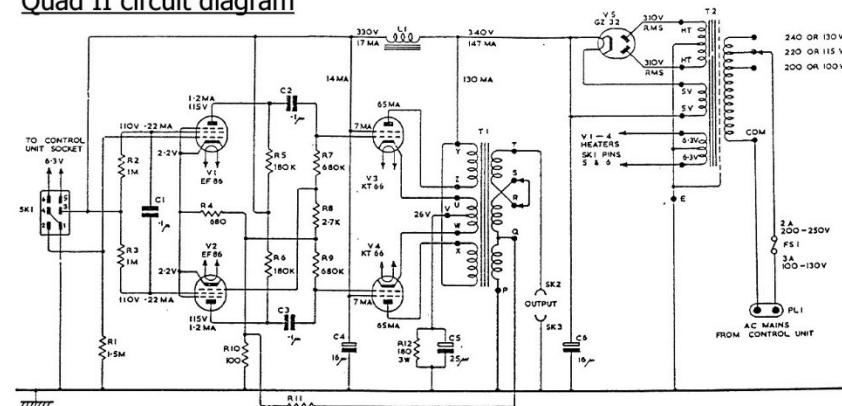


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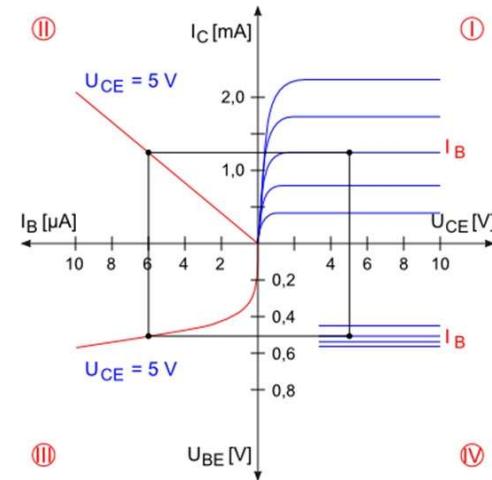
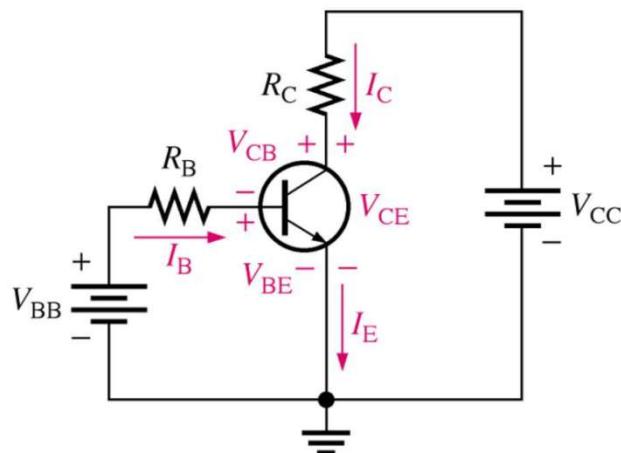
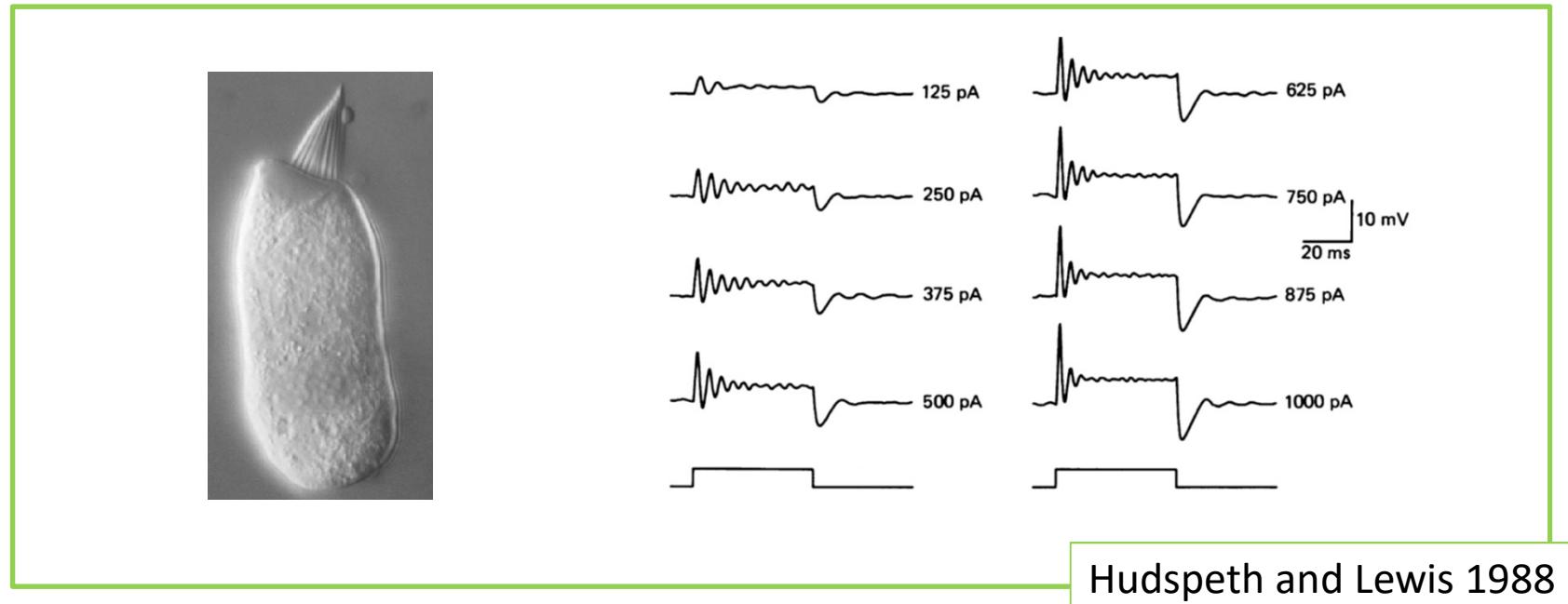


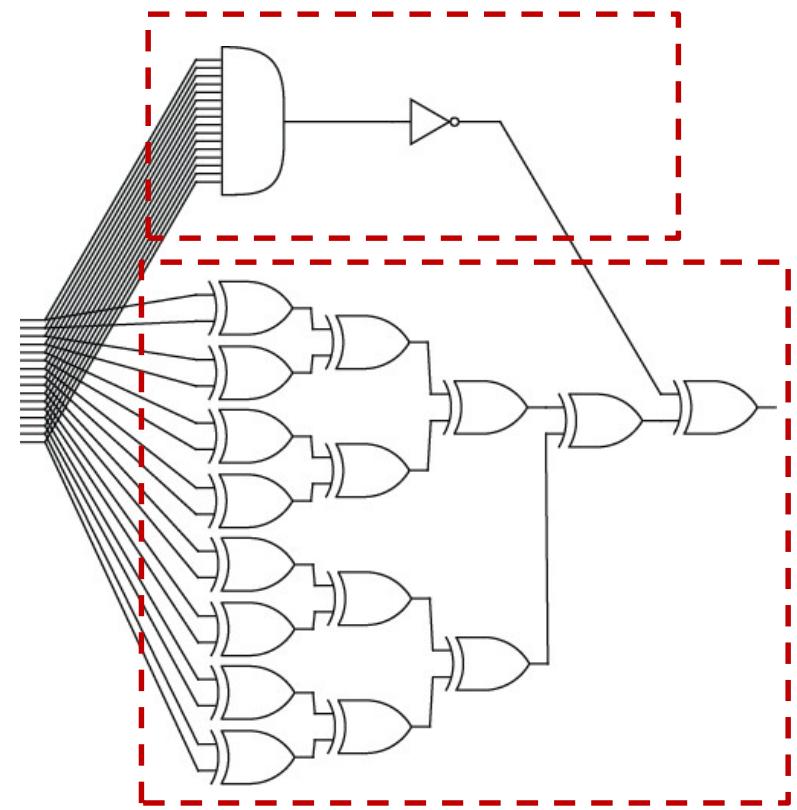
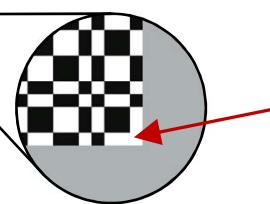
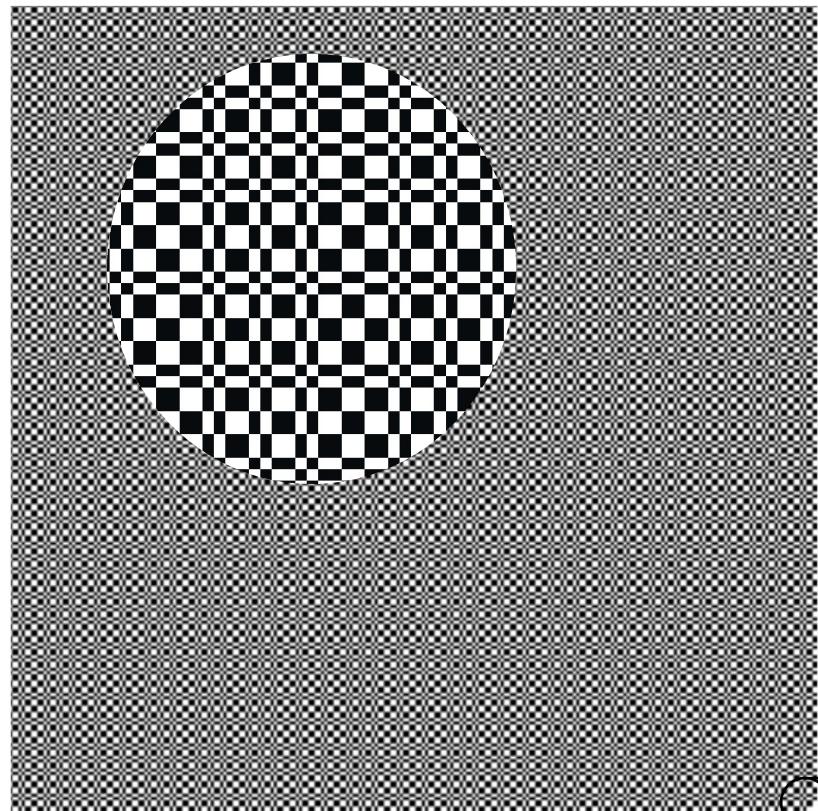
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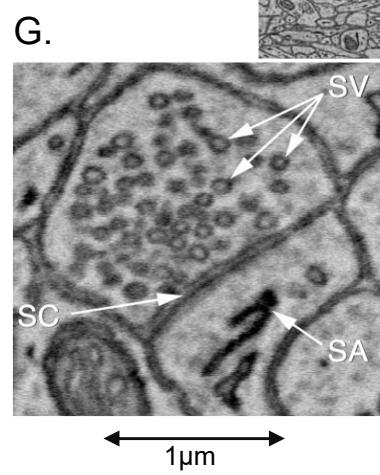
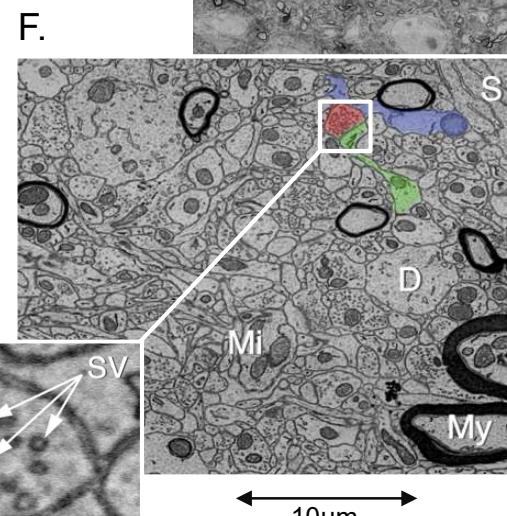
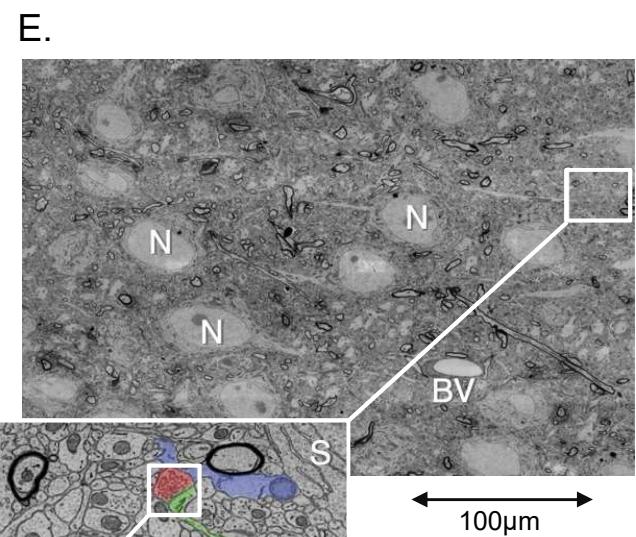
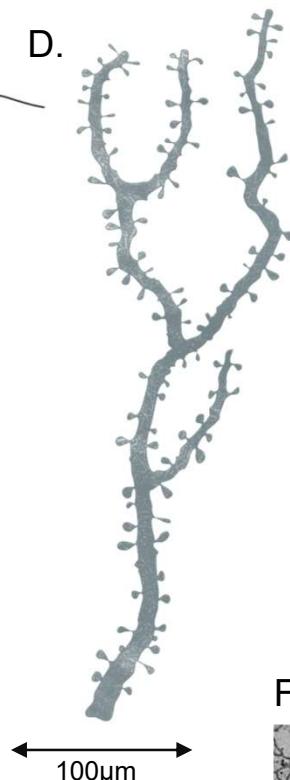
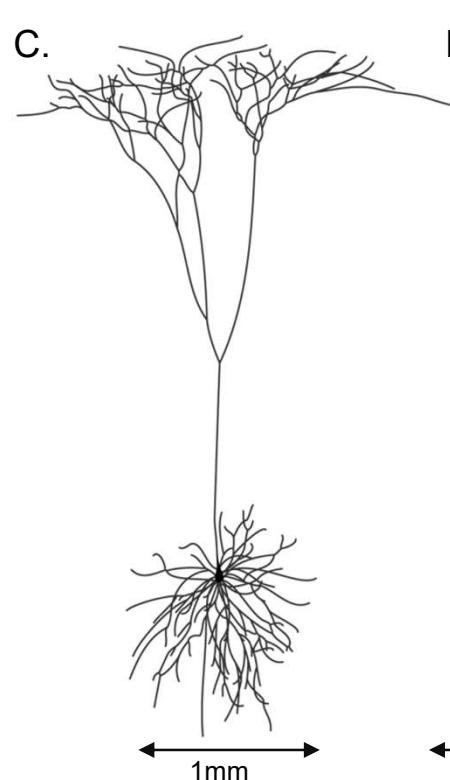
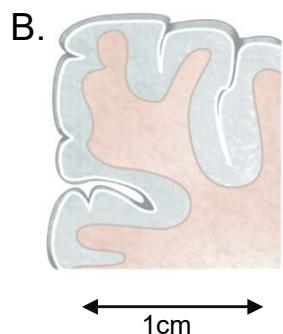
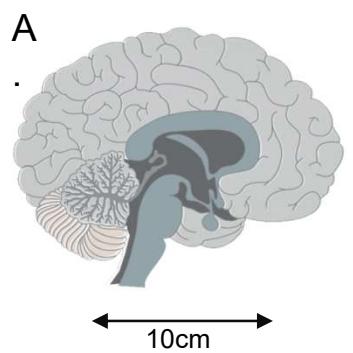
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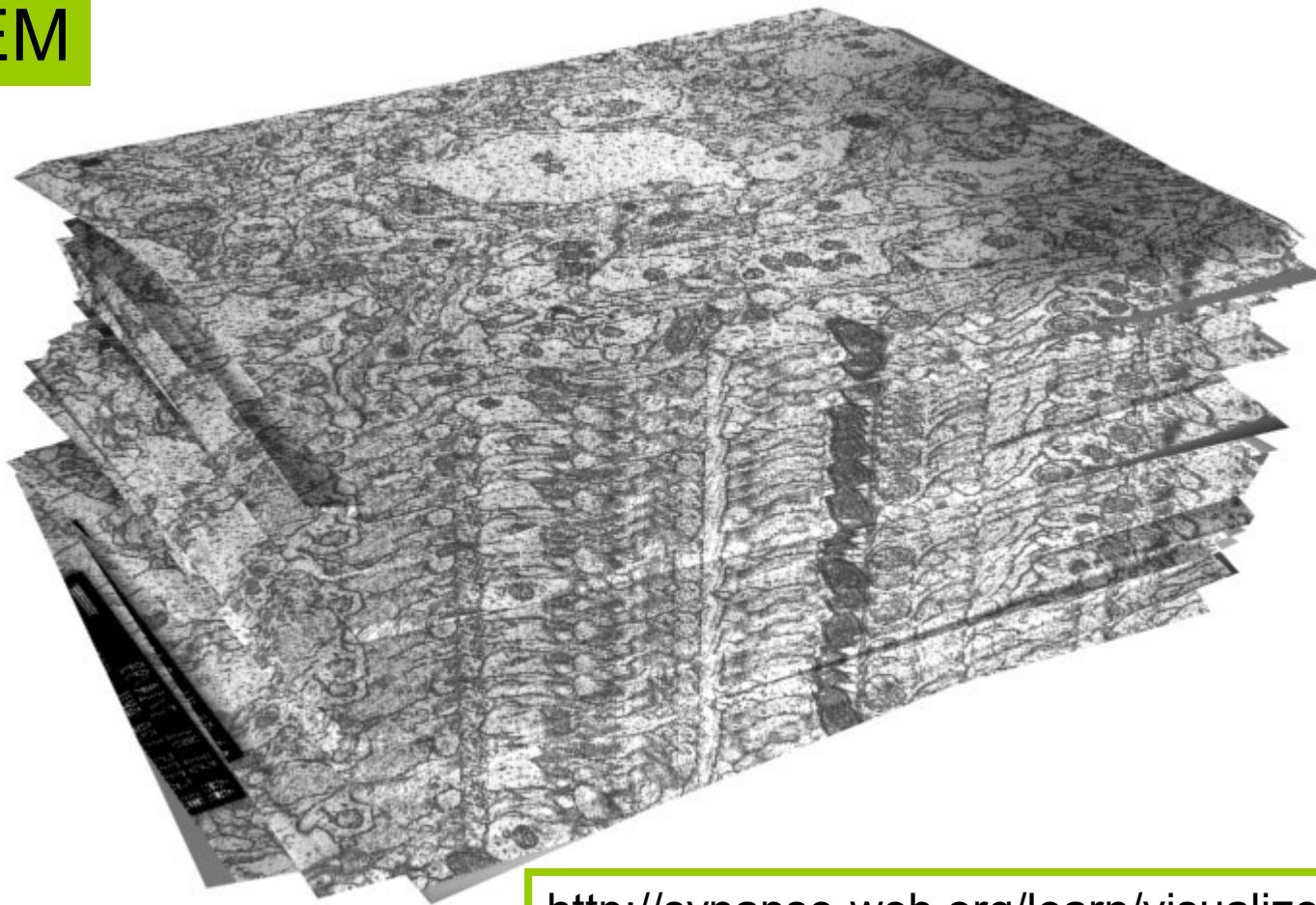
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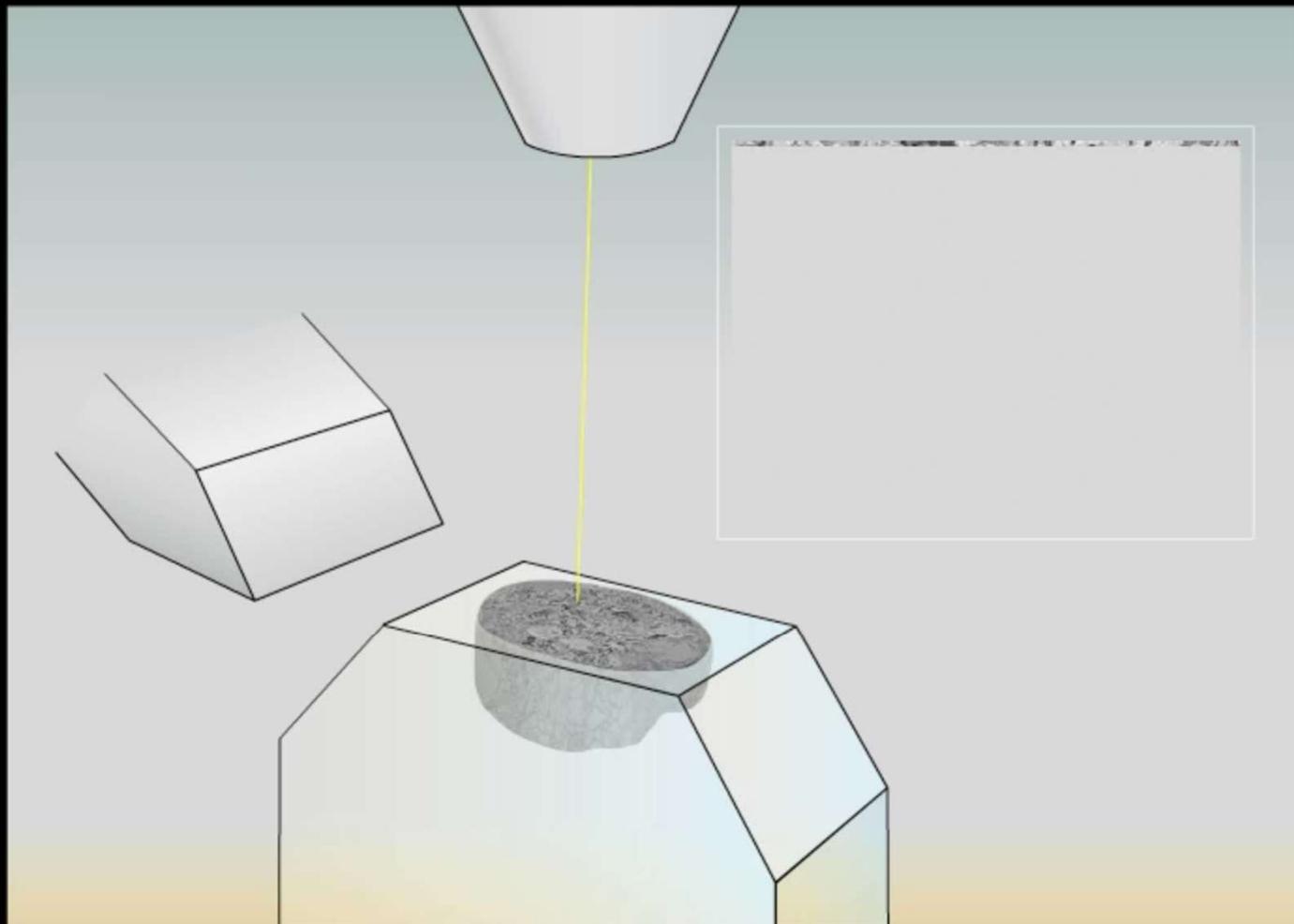
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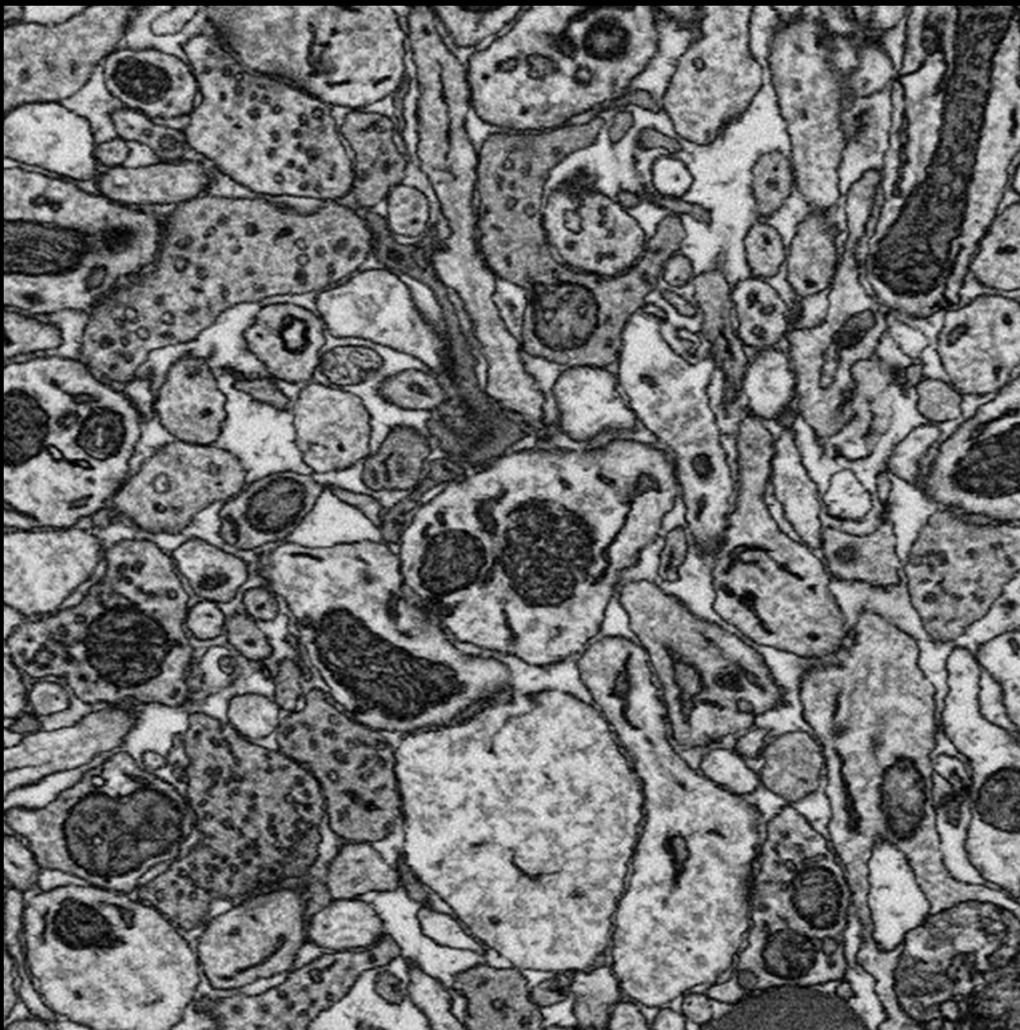


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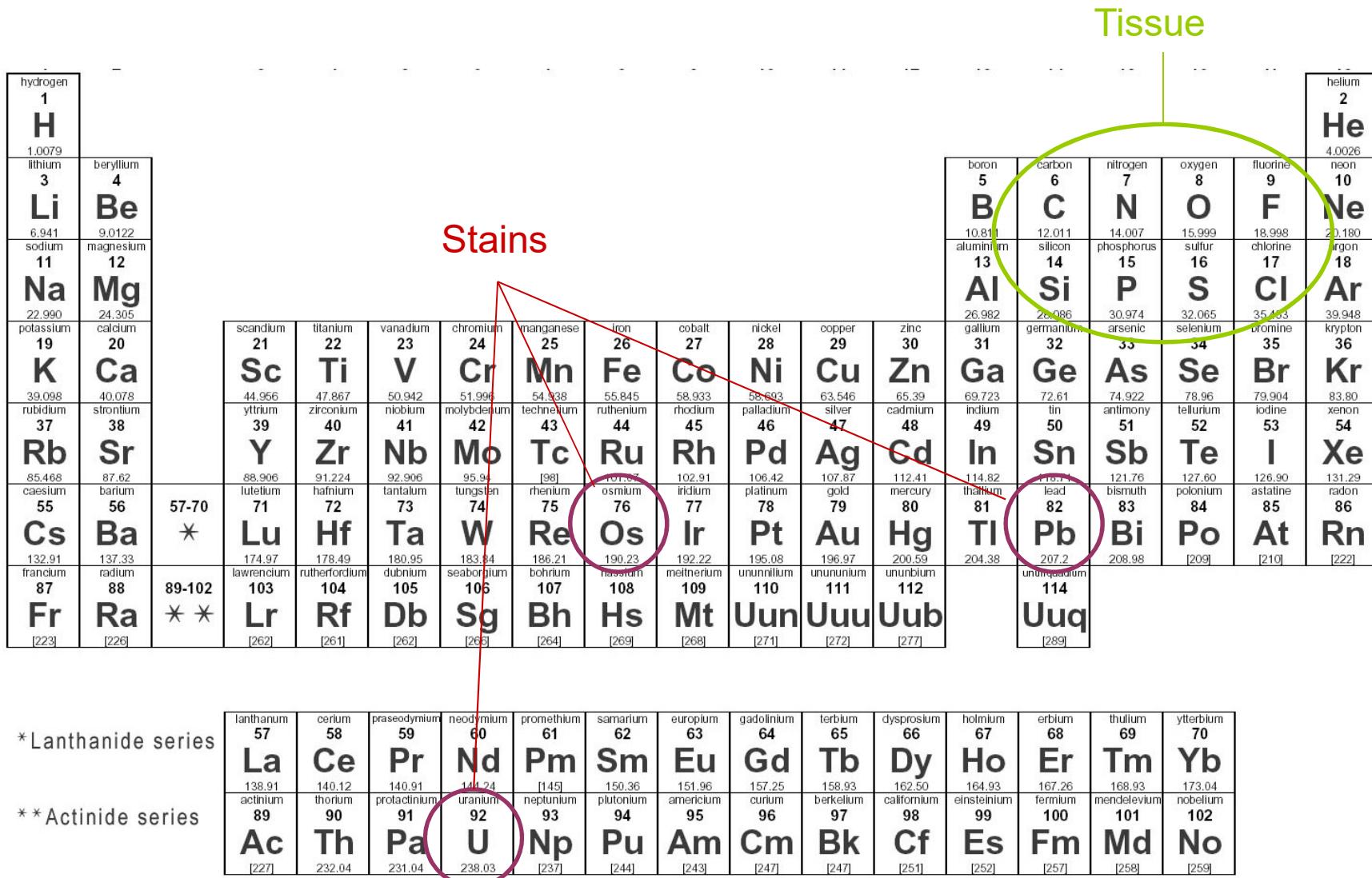
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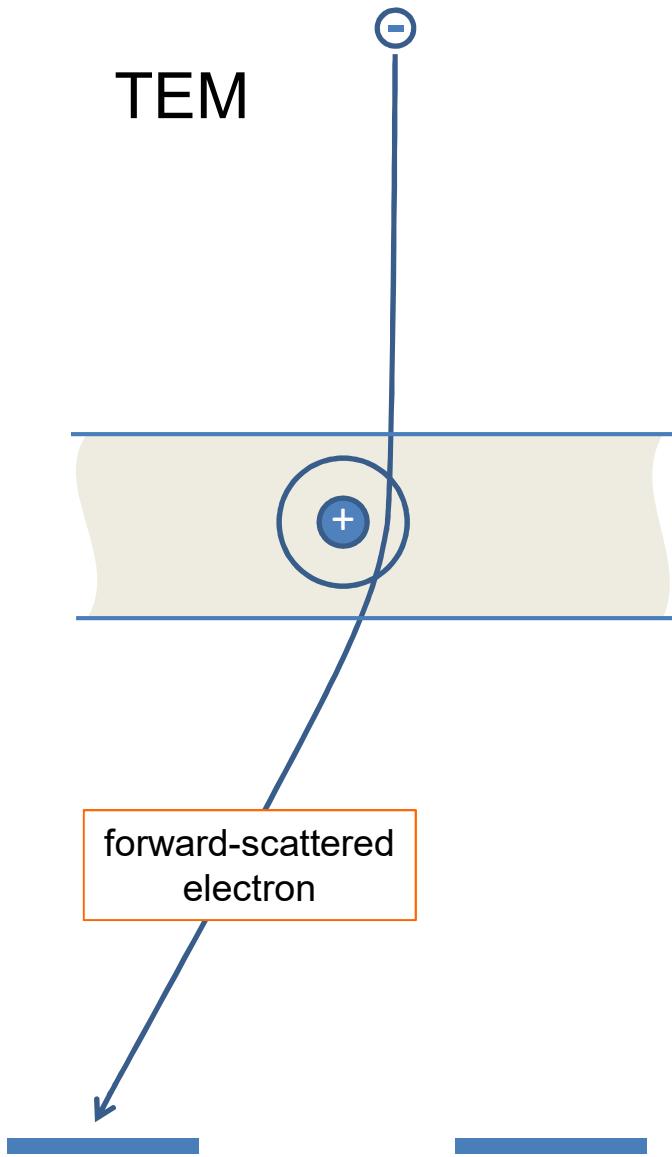


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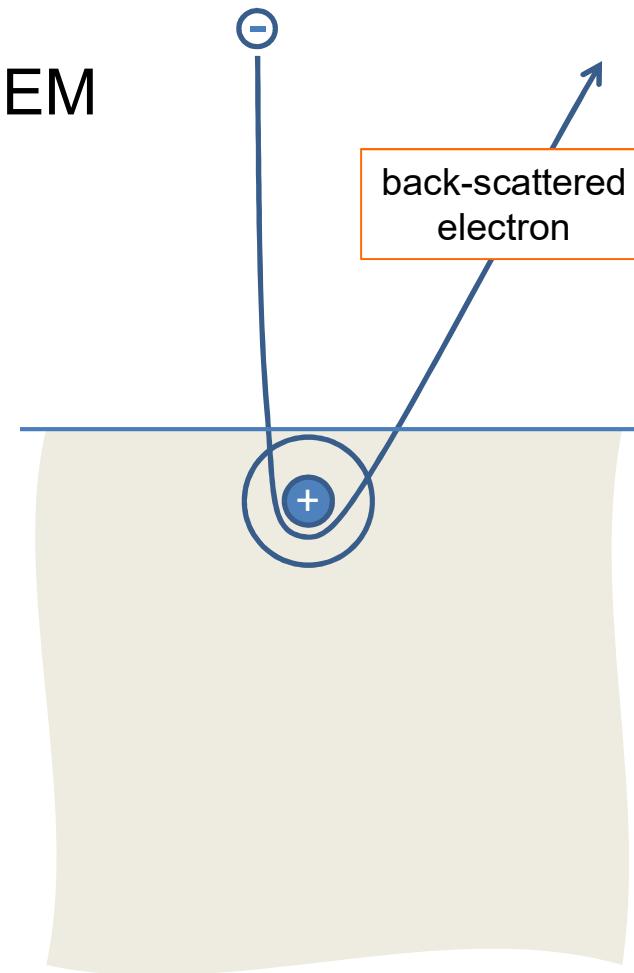
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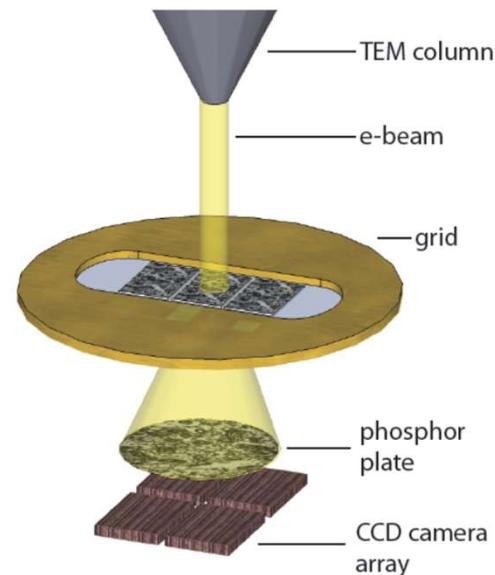
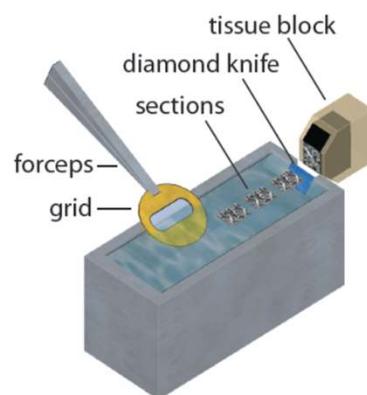


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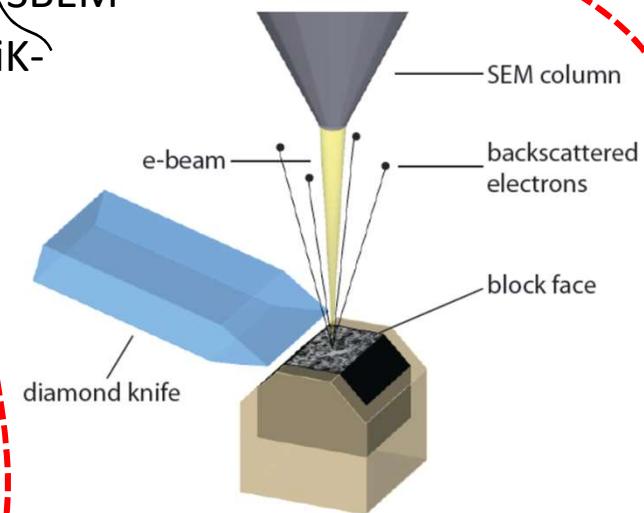


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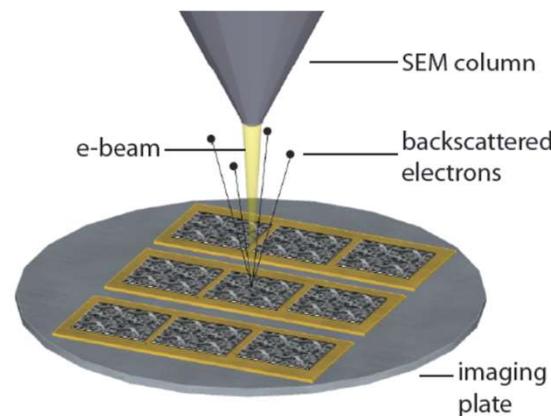
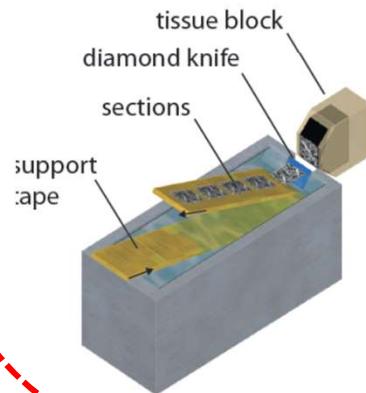
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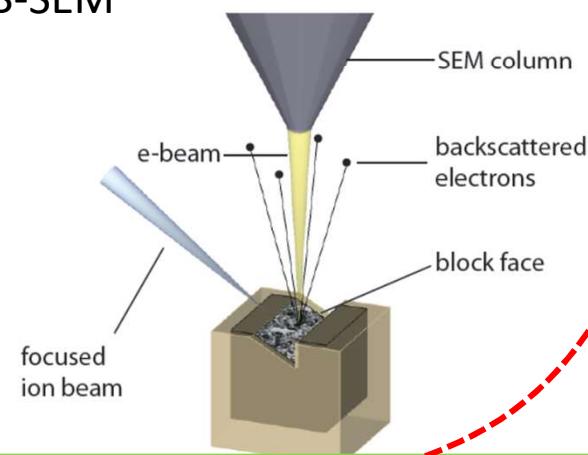
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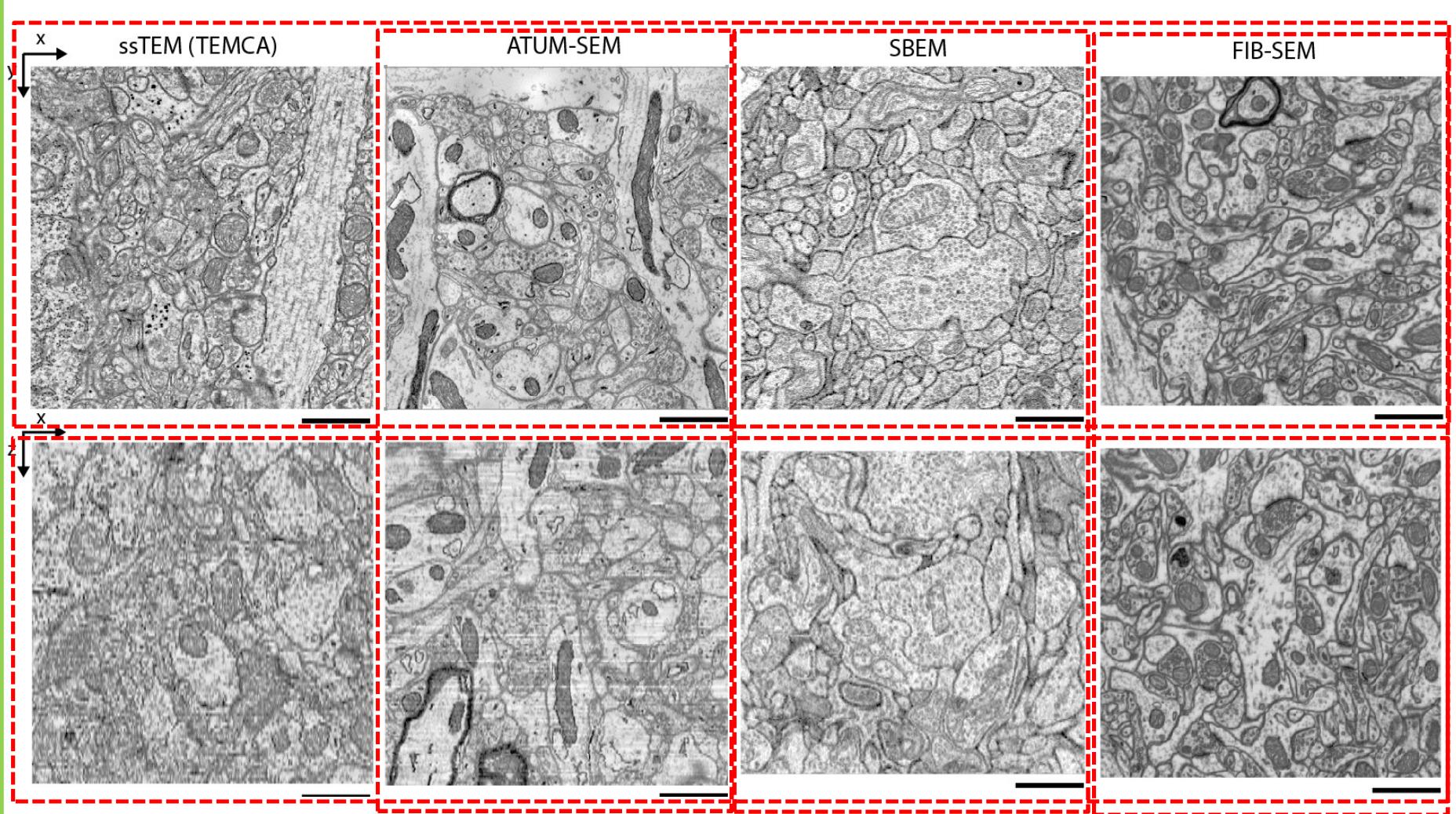
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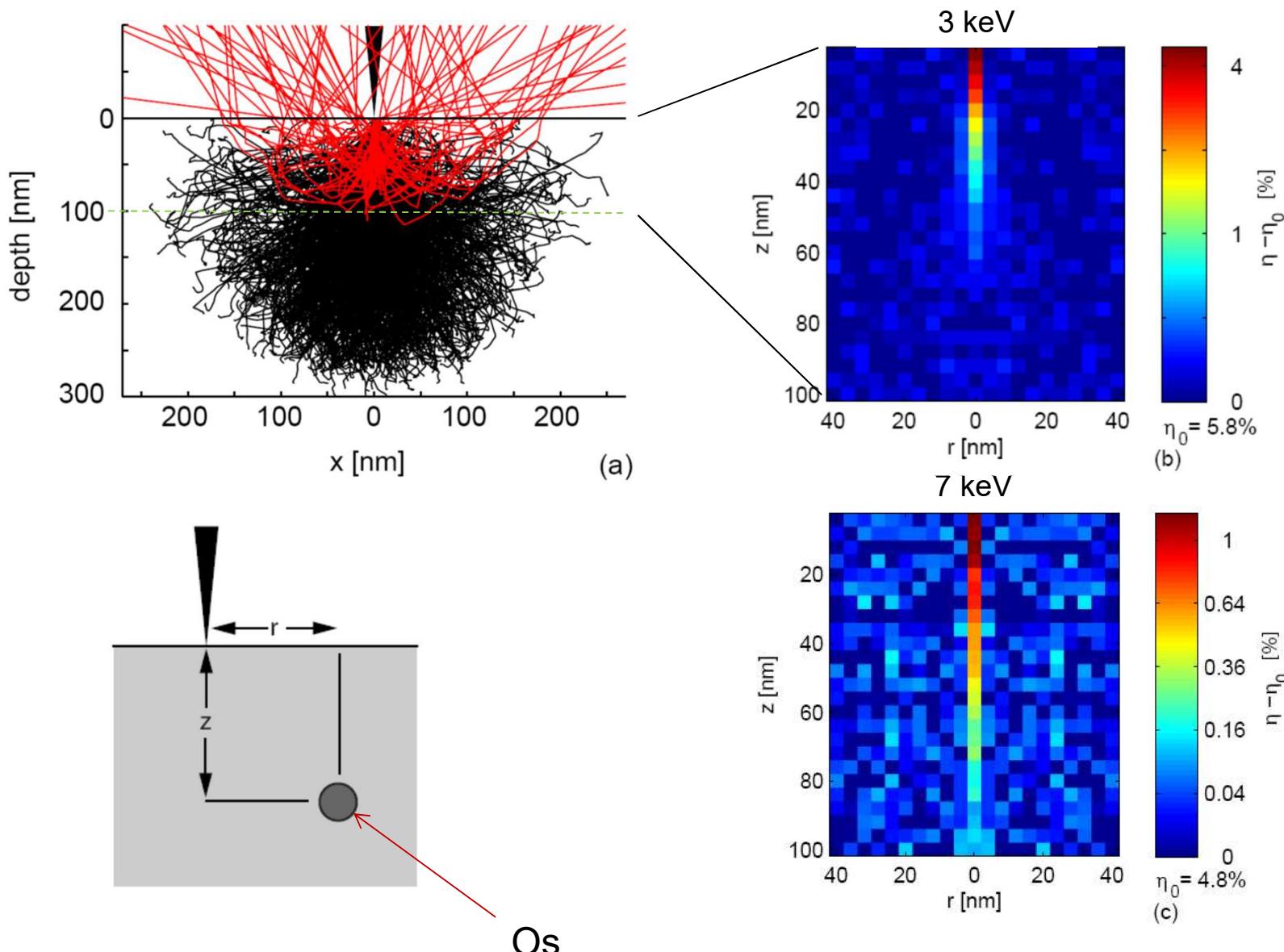


Briggman and Bok, Curr. Op. Neurosci.



A) ssTEMCA: mouse visual cortex at  $4 \times 4 \times 45 \text{ nm}^3$ . B) ATUM-SEM: Mouse cortex at  $3 \times 3 \times 29 \text{ nm}^3$  C) SBEM: mouse retina at  $12 \times 12 \times 25 \text{ nm}^3$ . D) FIB-SEM: cortex at  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ nm}^3$ .  
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# Monte-Carlo simulations yield point-spread functions for block-face imaging



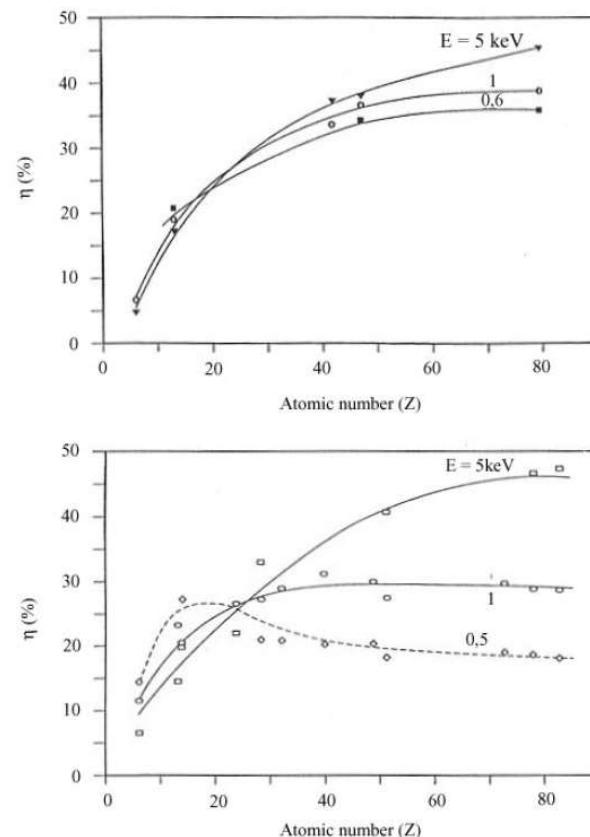
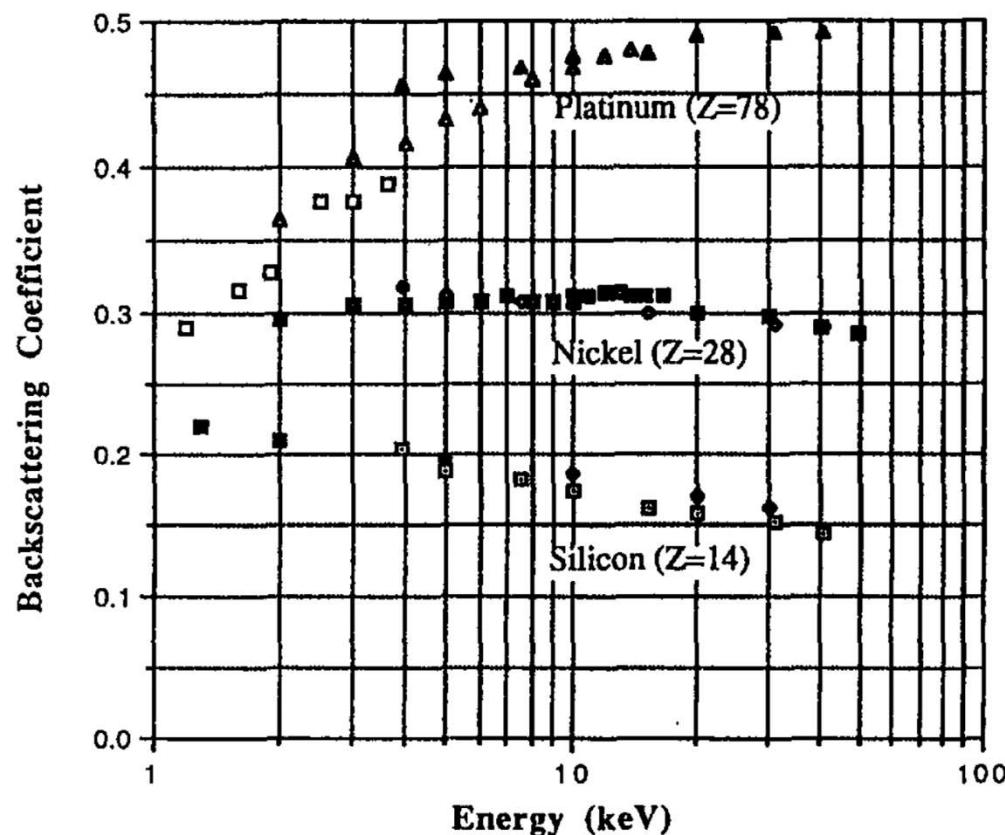
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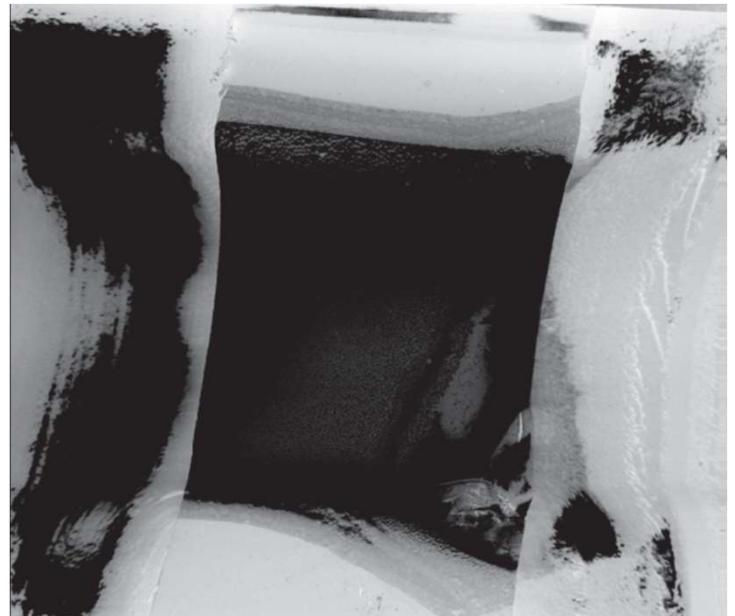
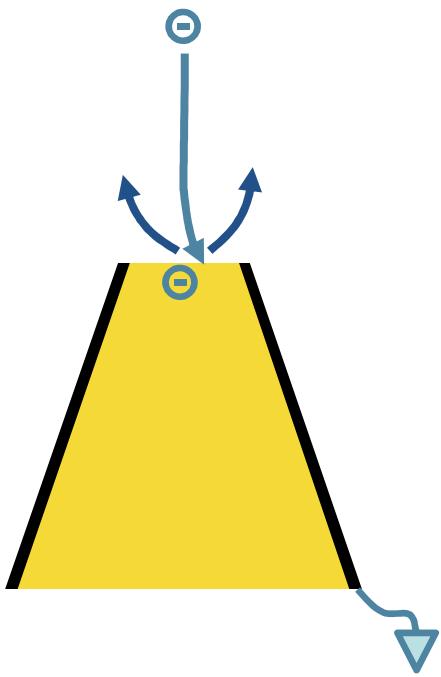
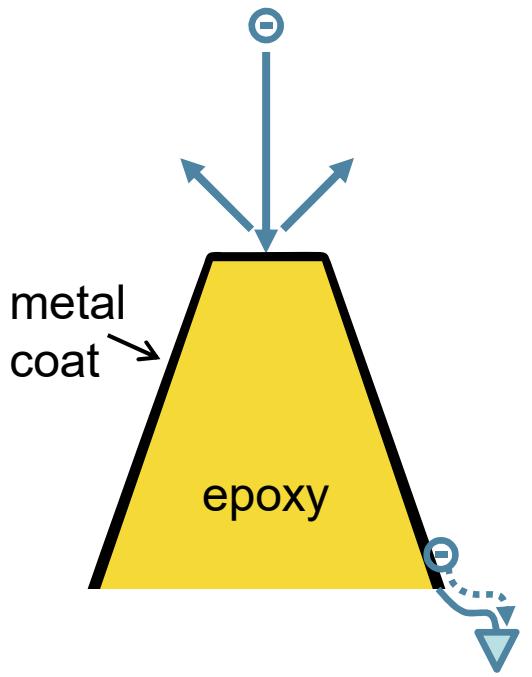
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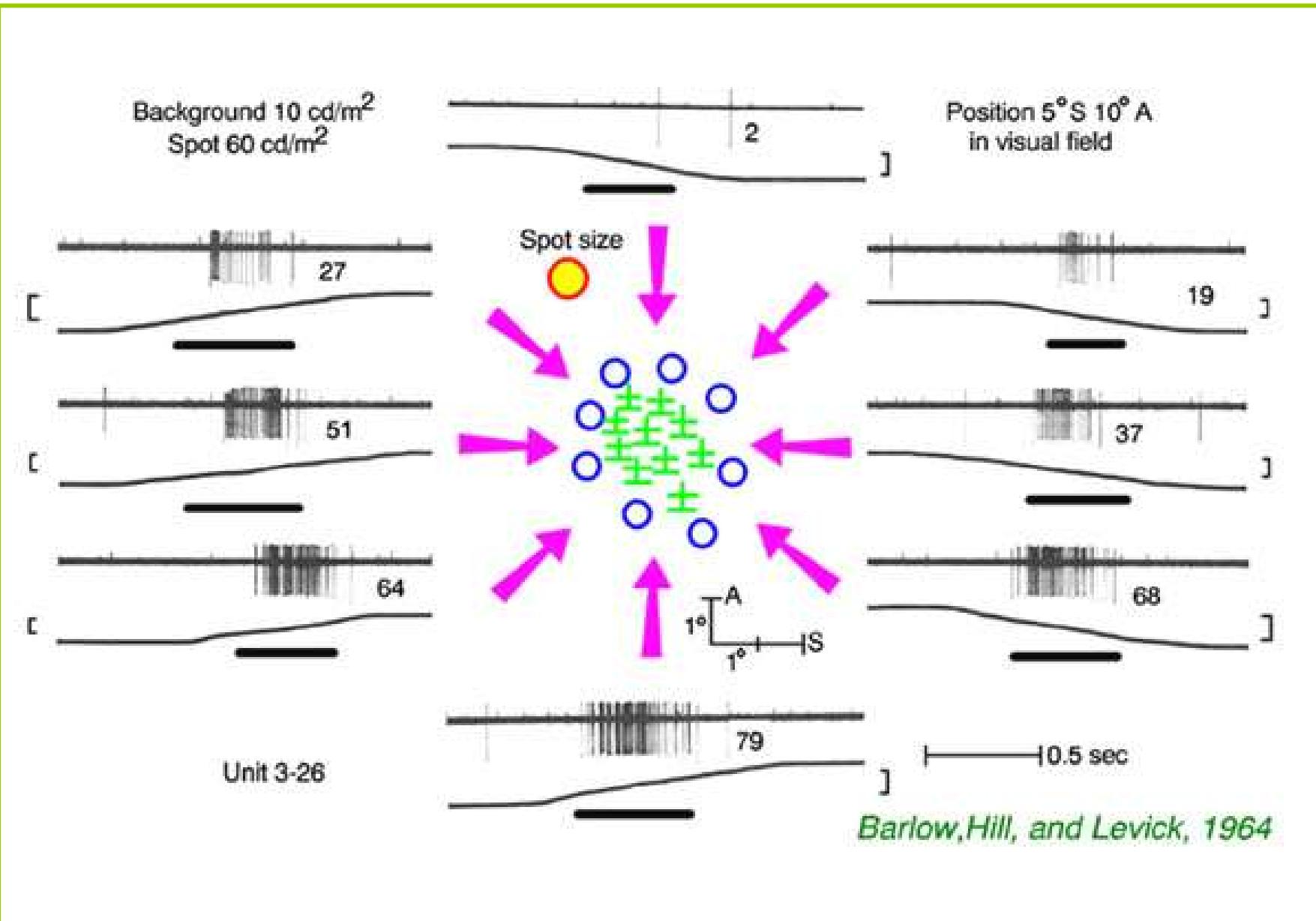
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**Figure 4.** The backscattered electron coefficient as a function of the atomic number for different electron beam energies (a) for Ar ion cleaned surfaces, (b) as inserted from Bongeler *et al.* (1993).

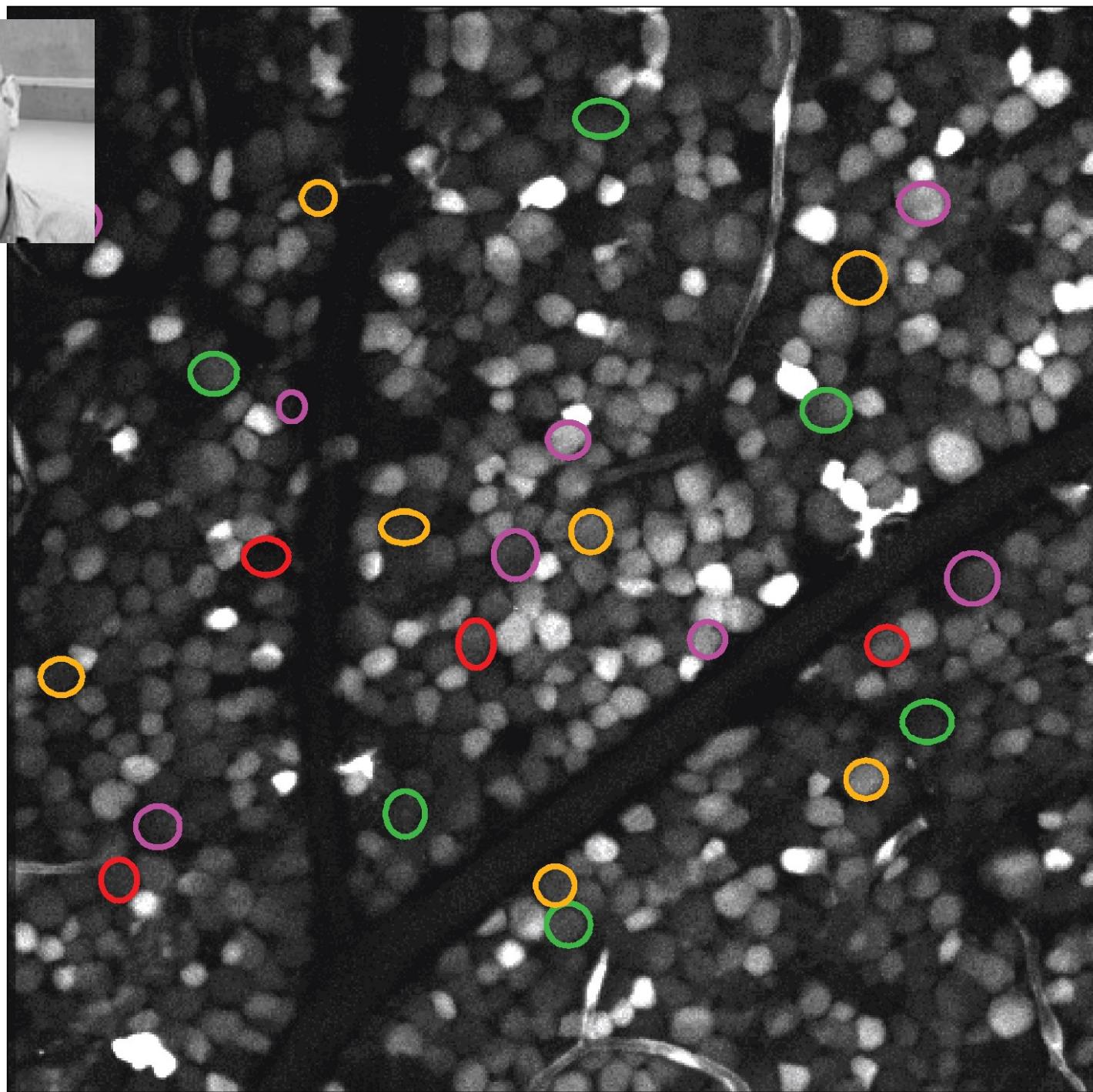


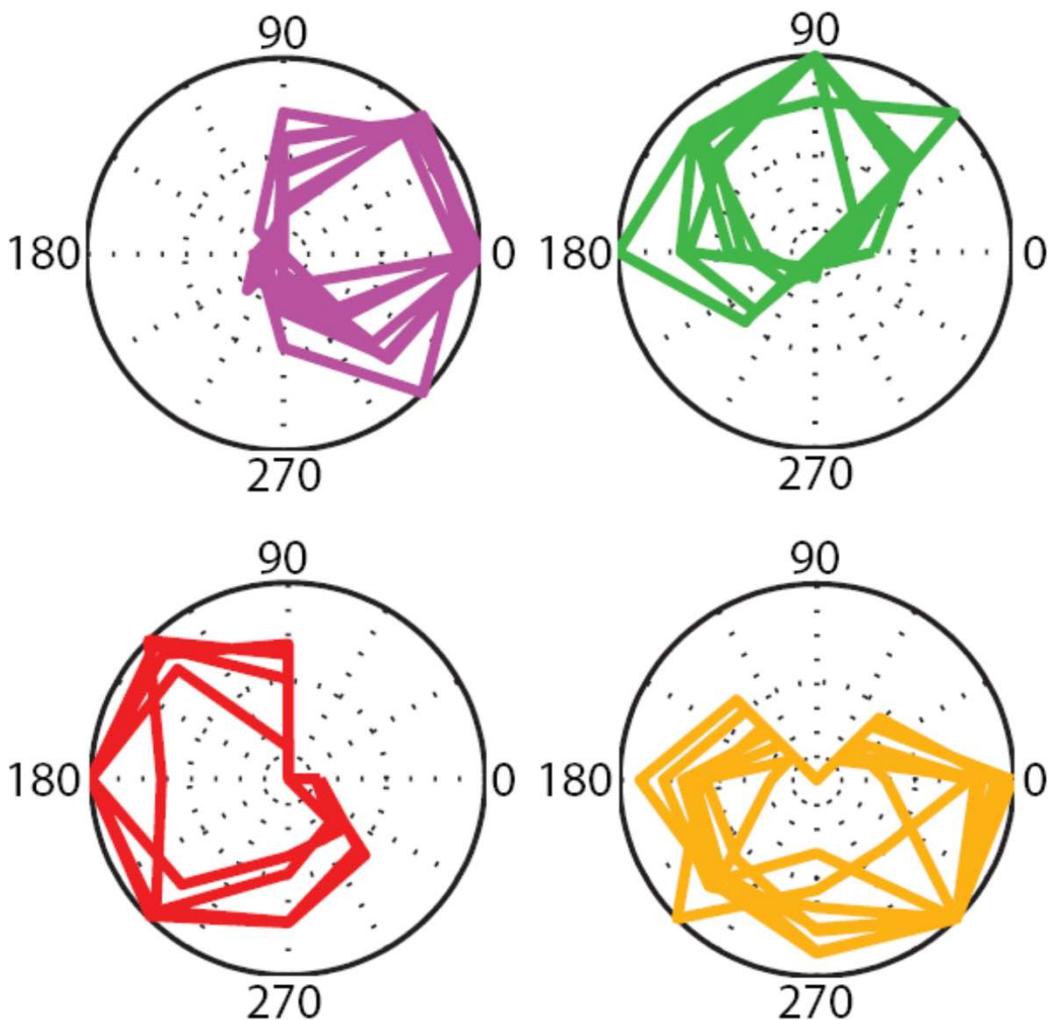
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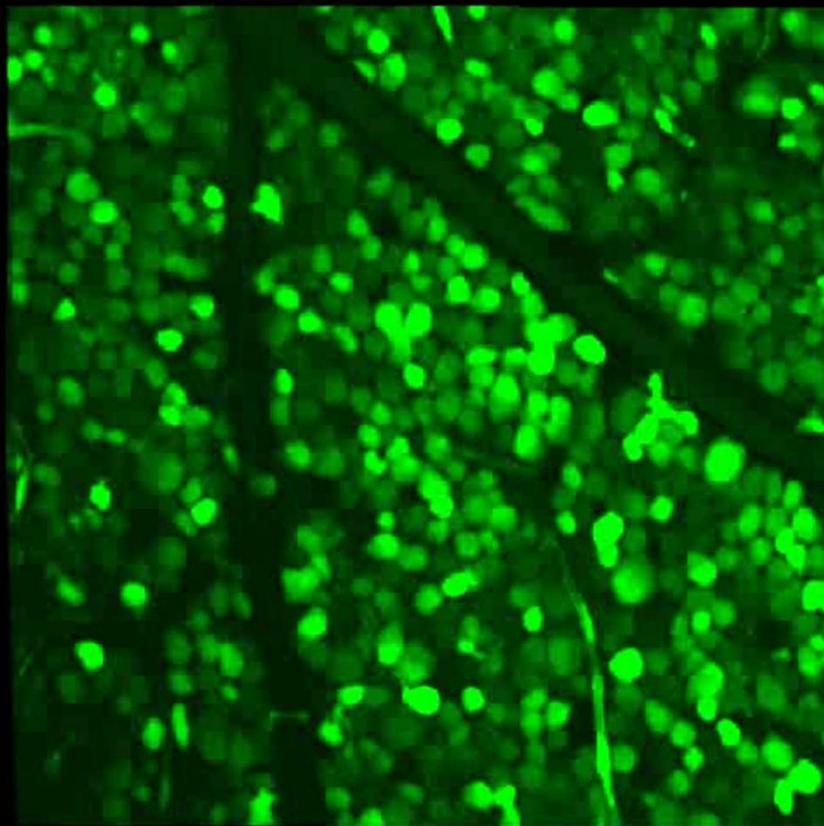




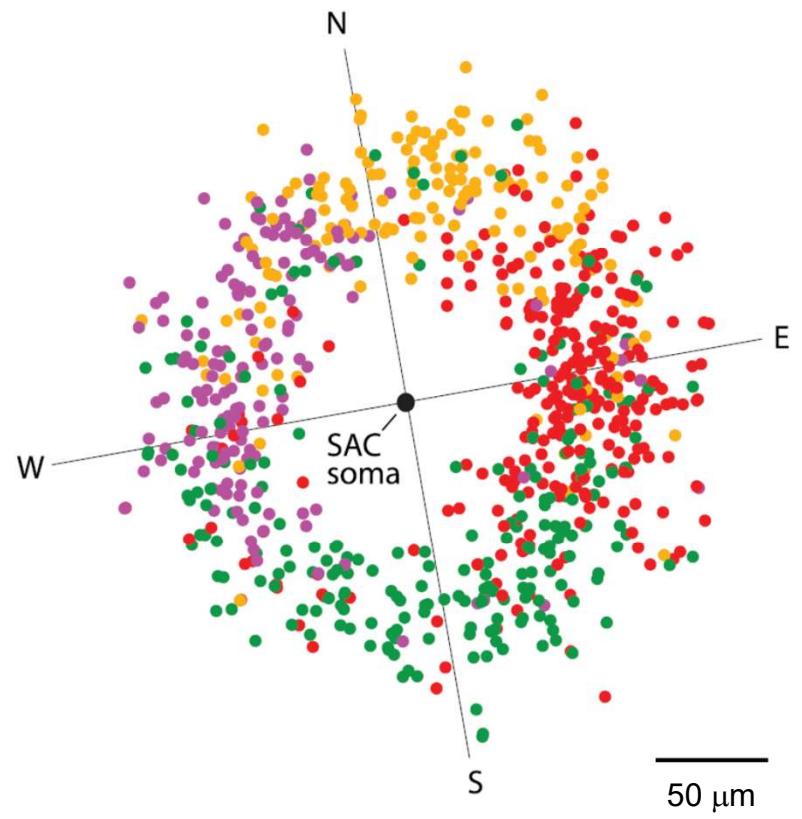
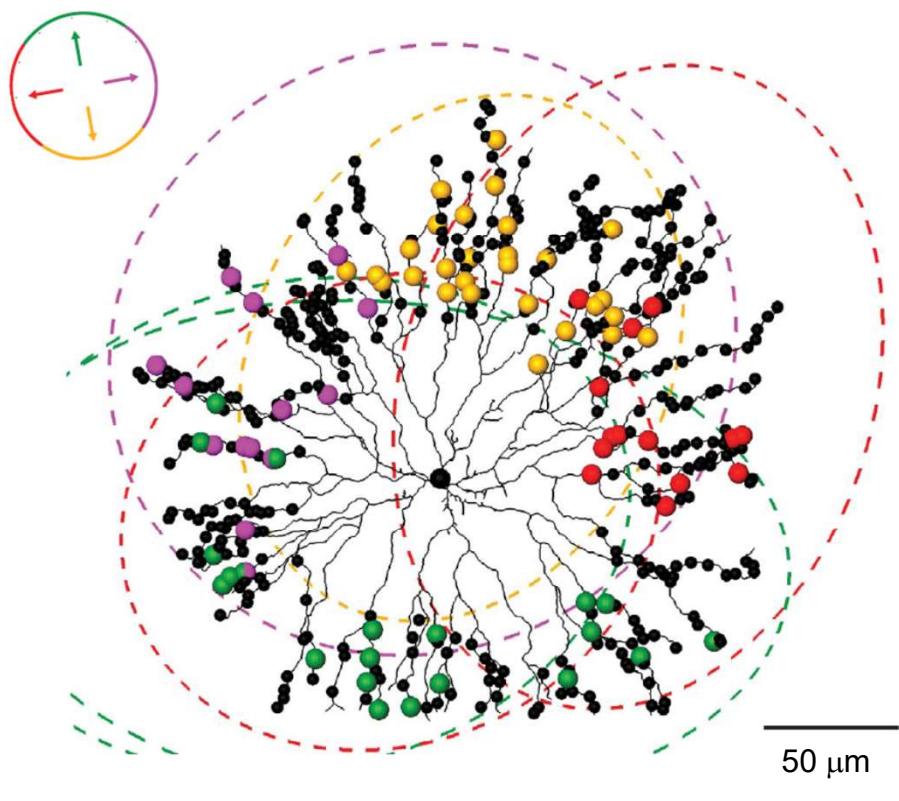
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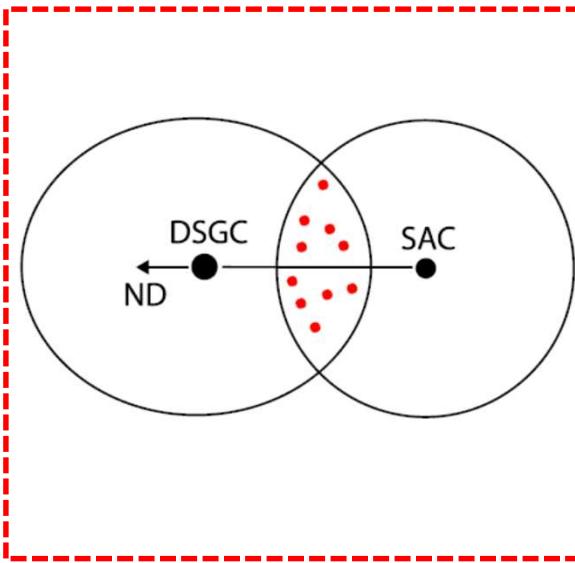


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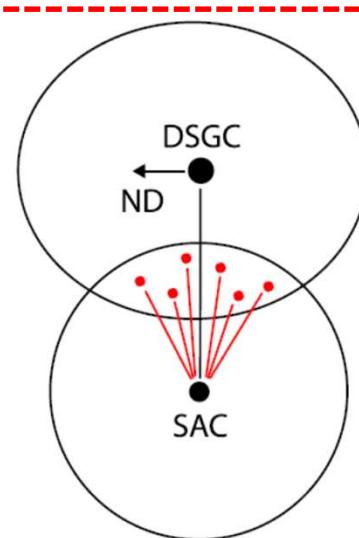


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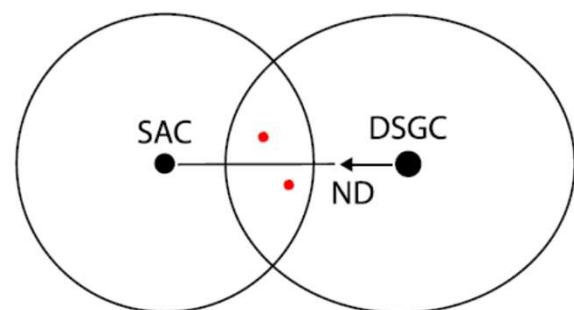
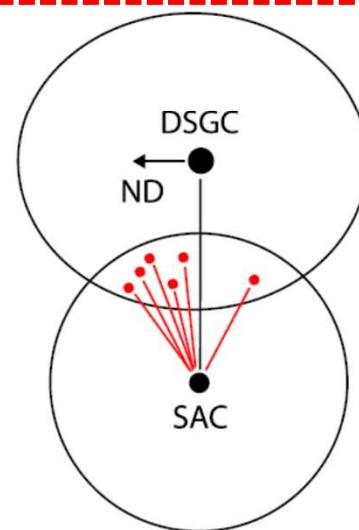
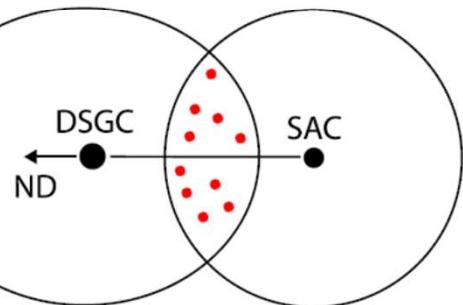
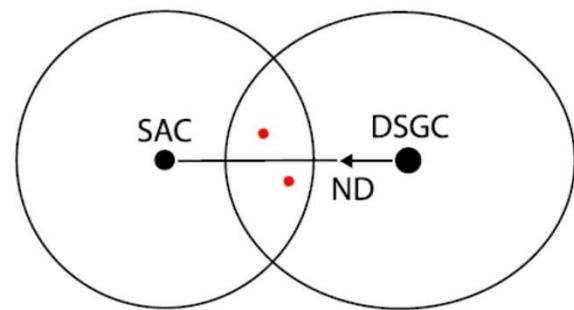
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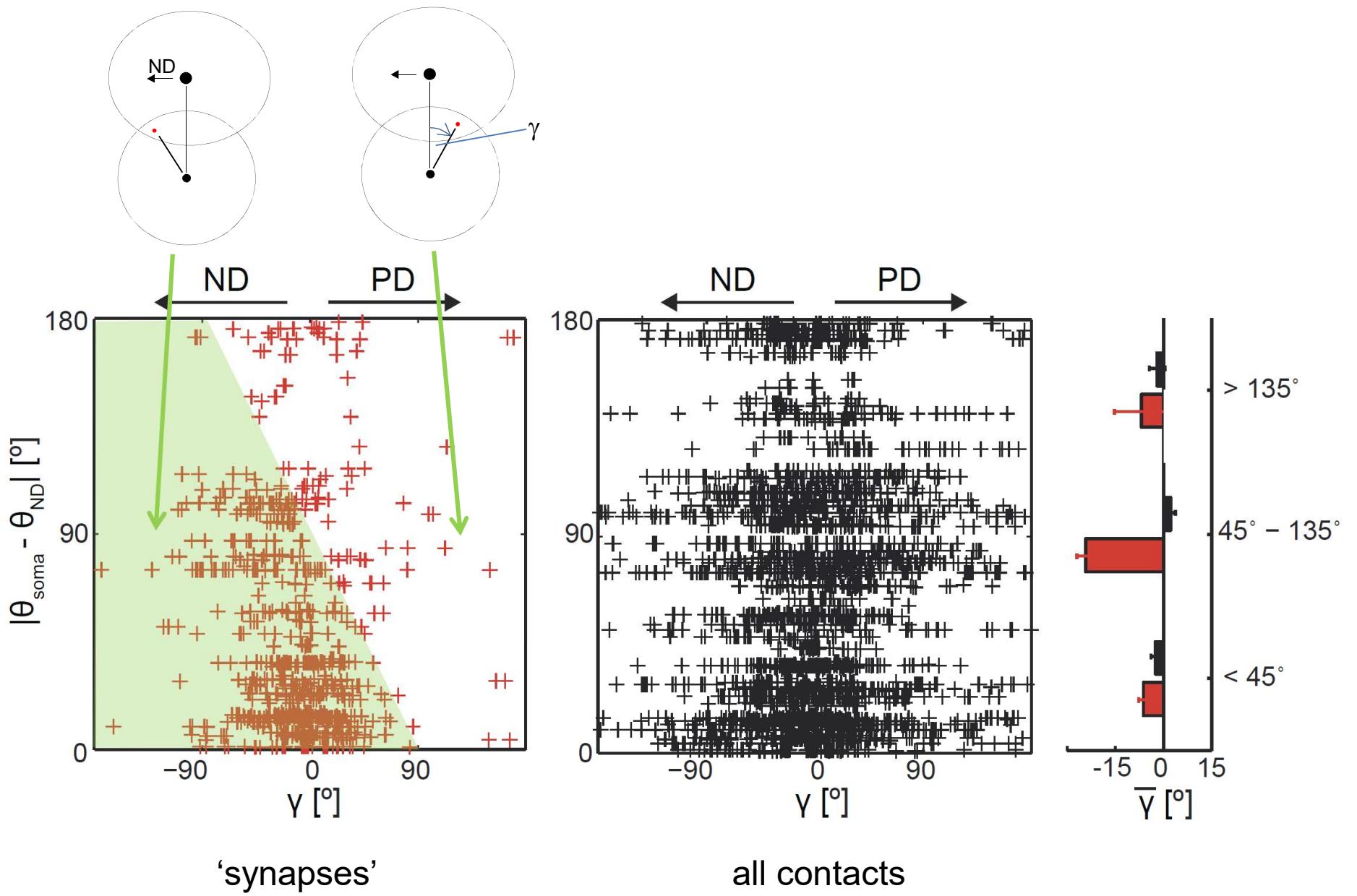


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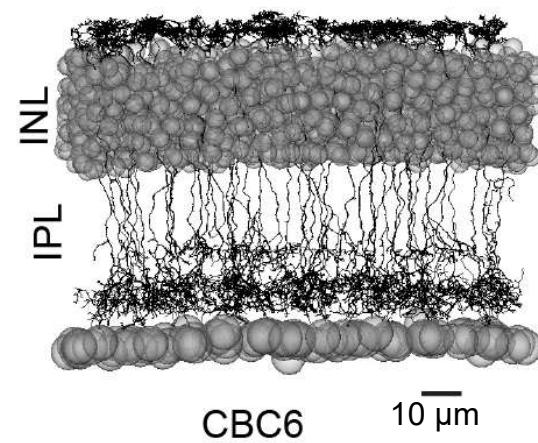
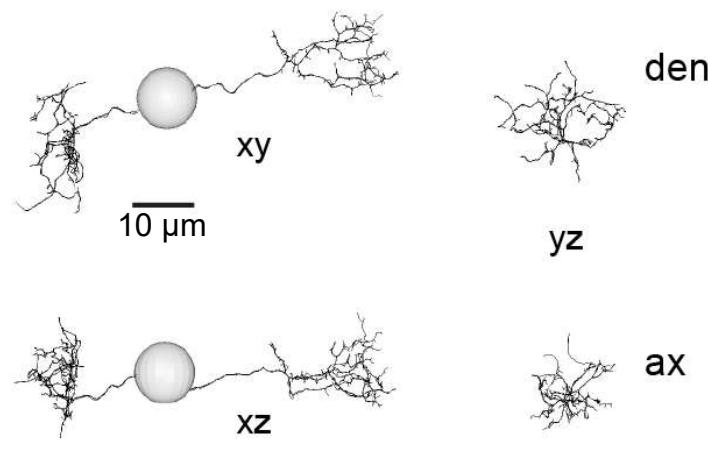
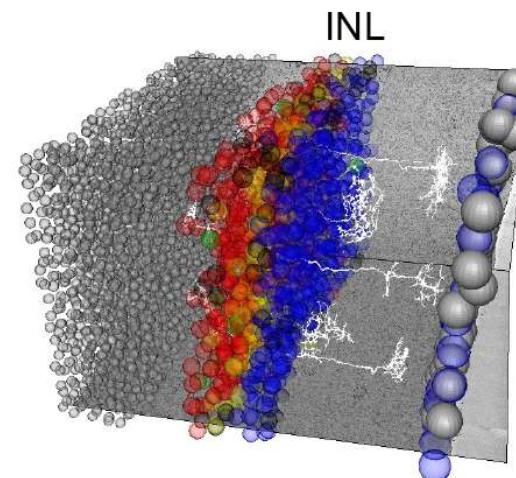
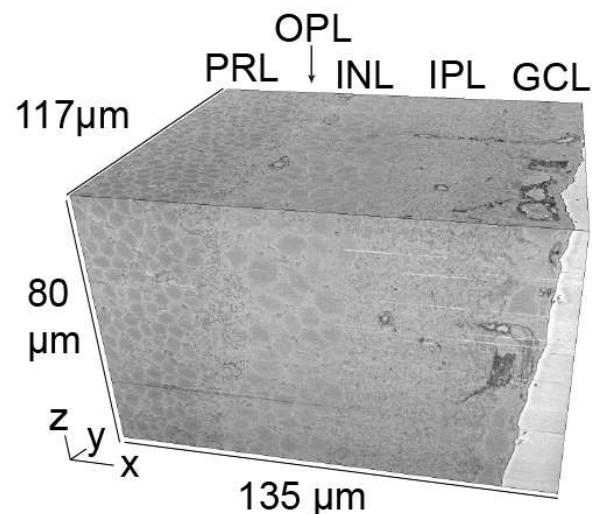


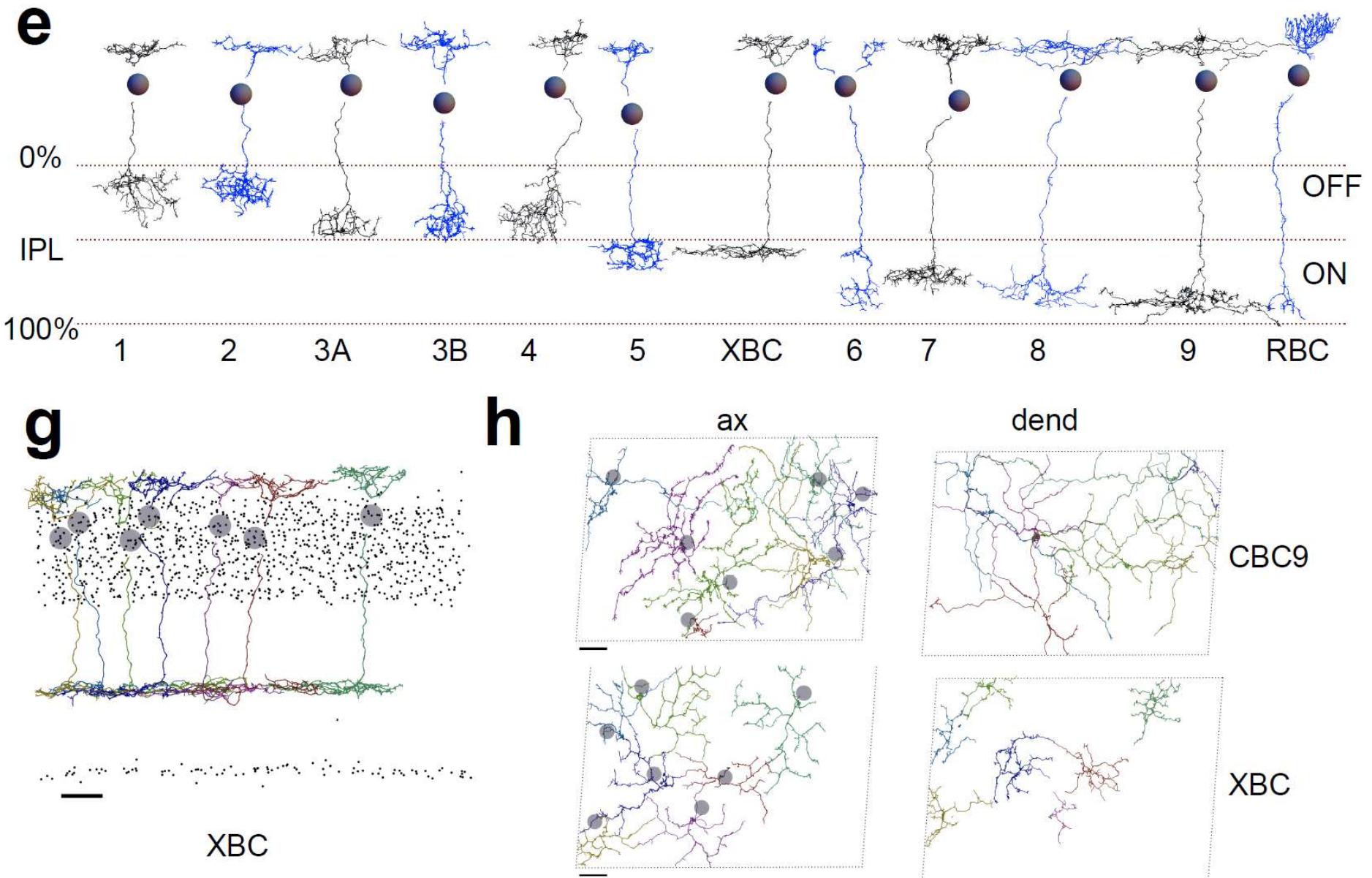


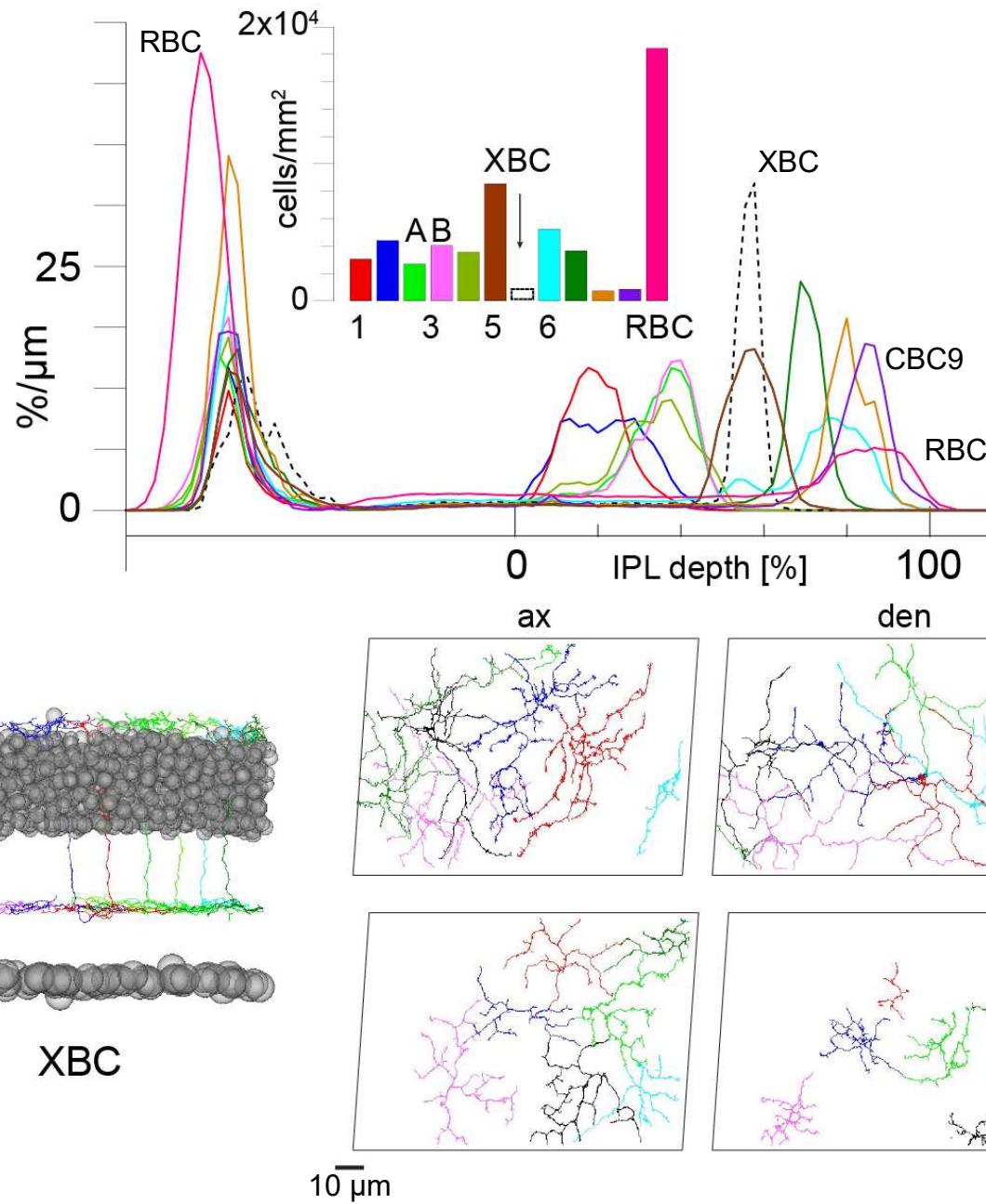
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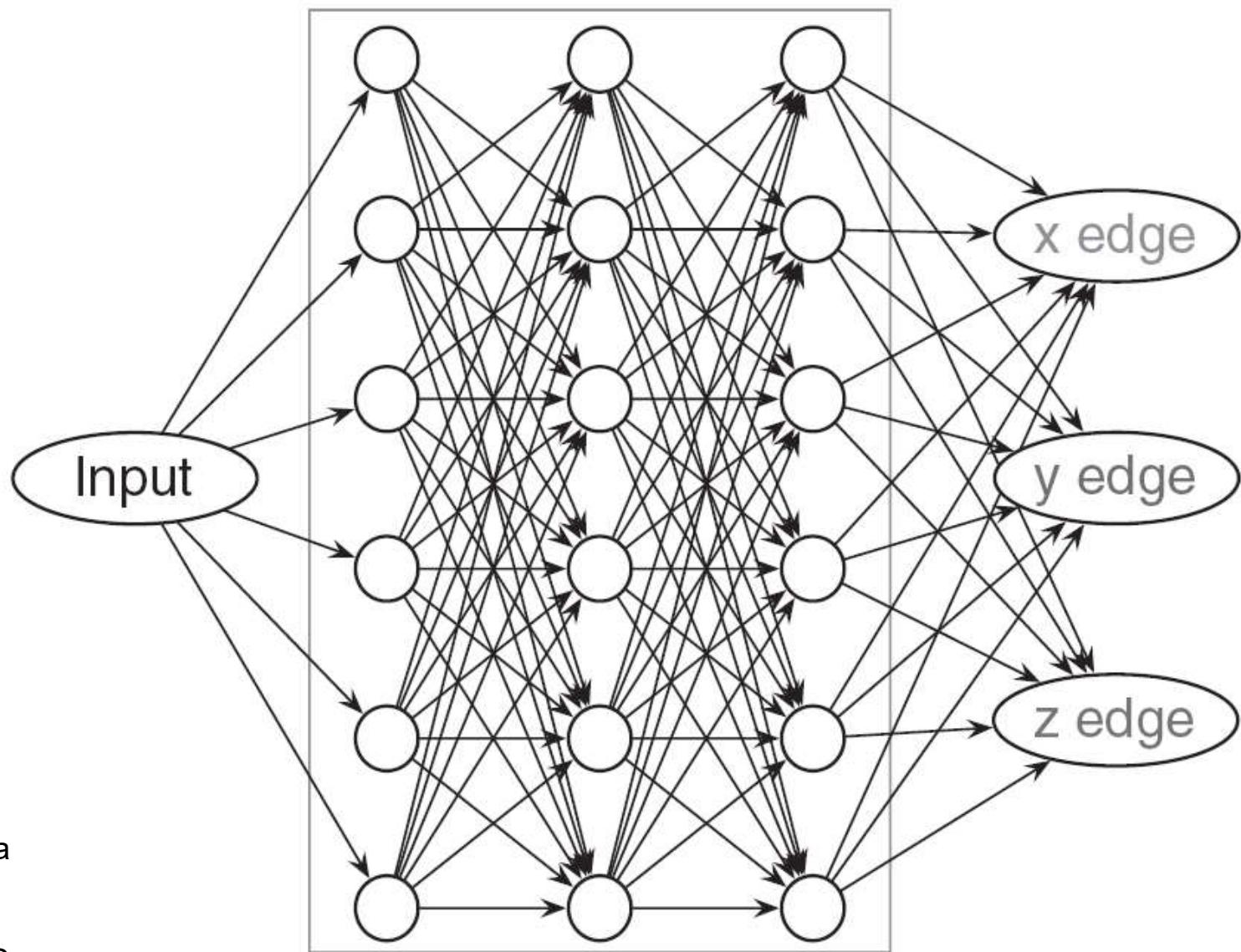






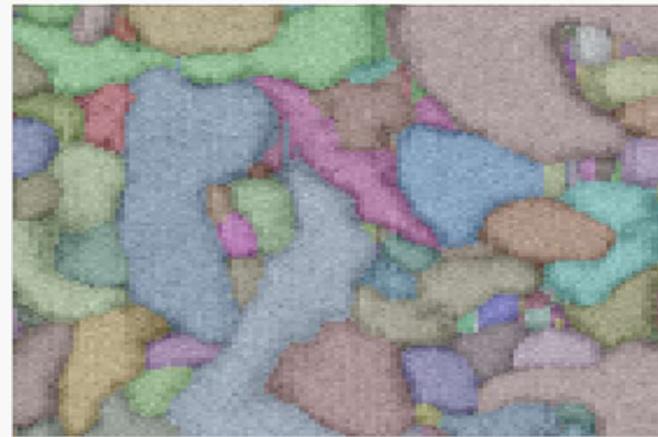
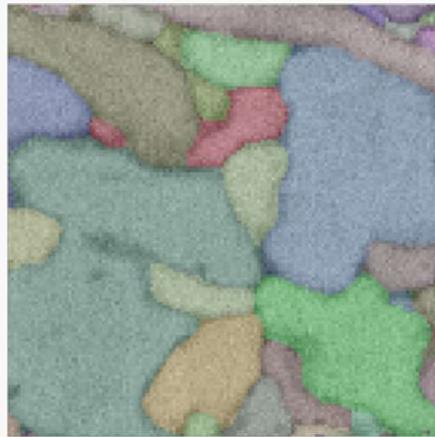
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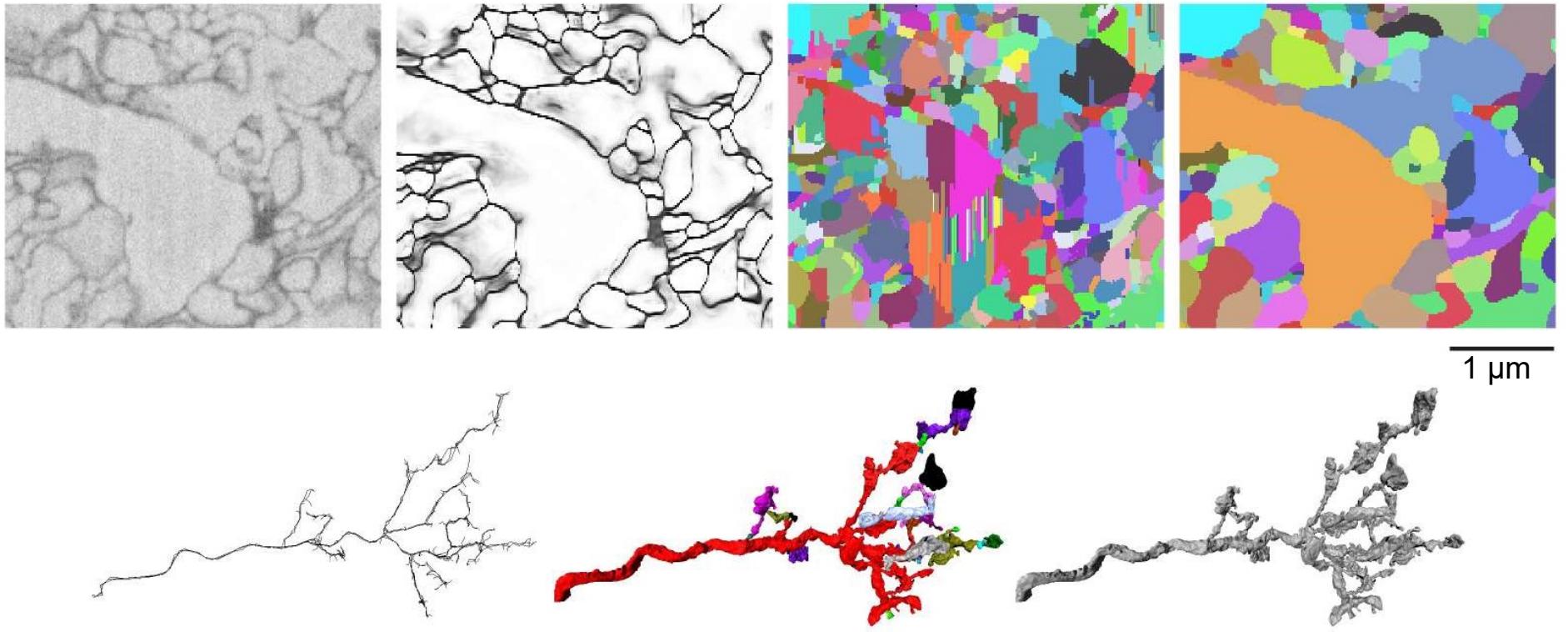


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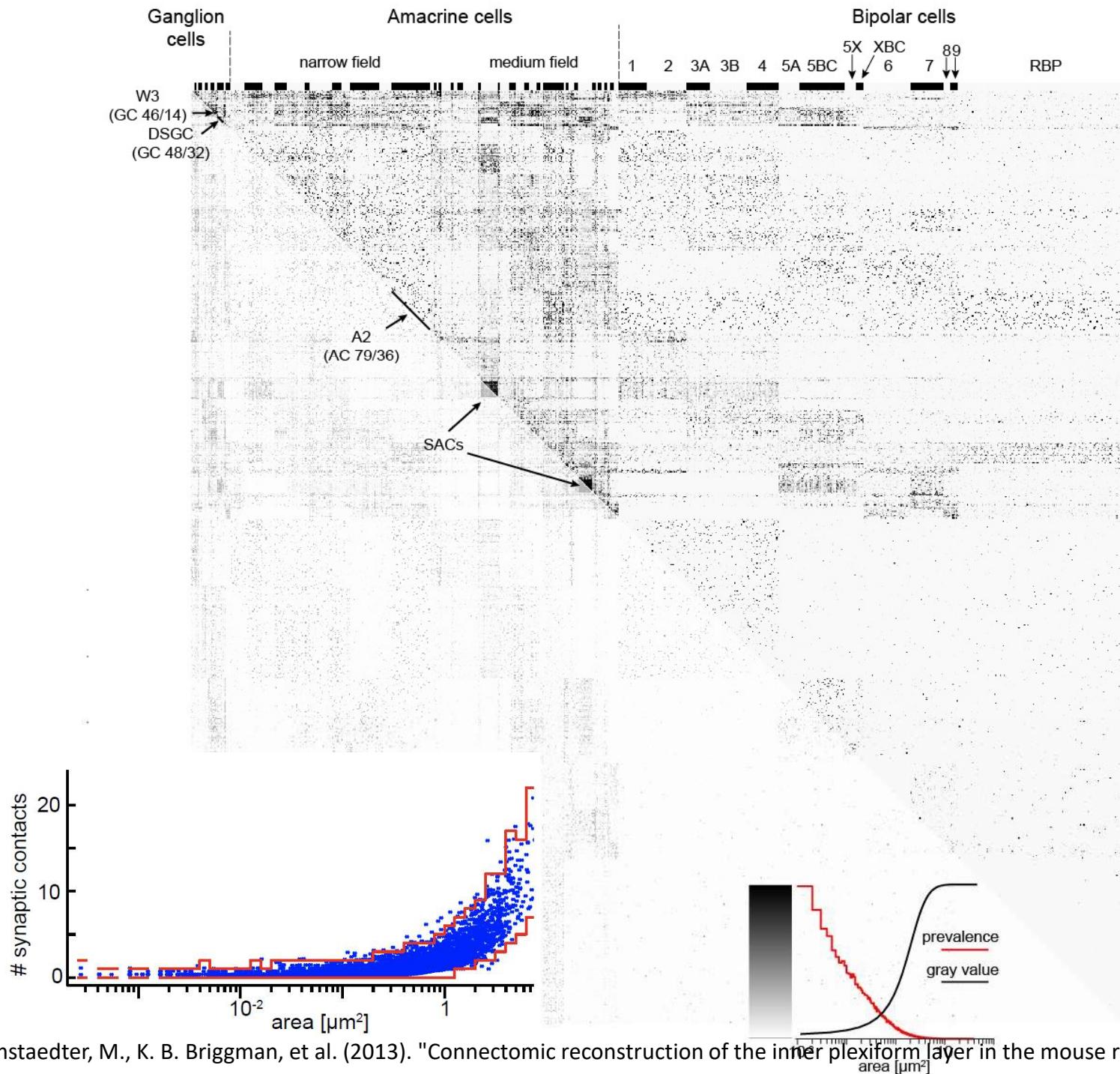
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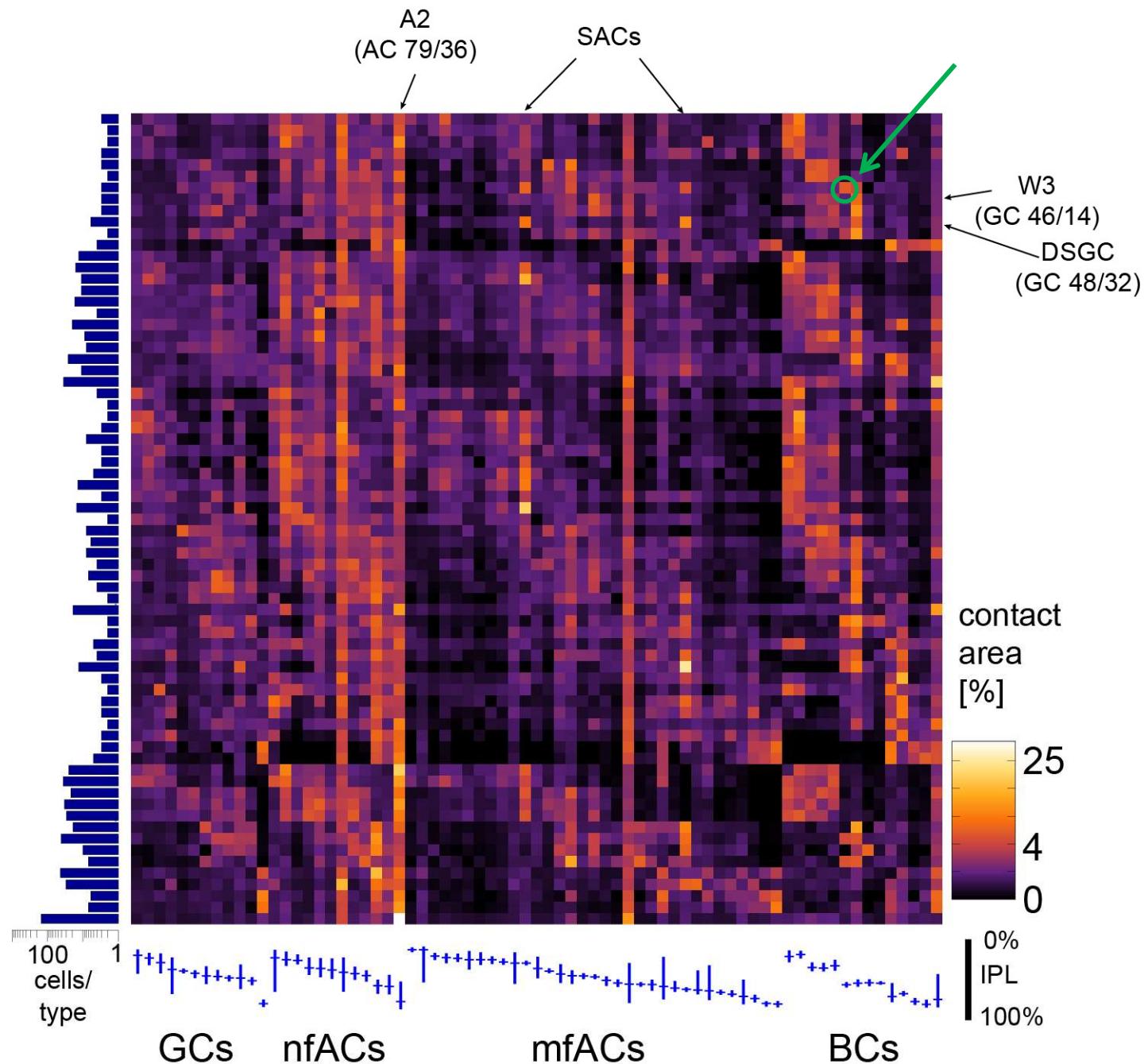
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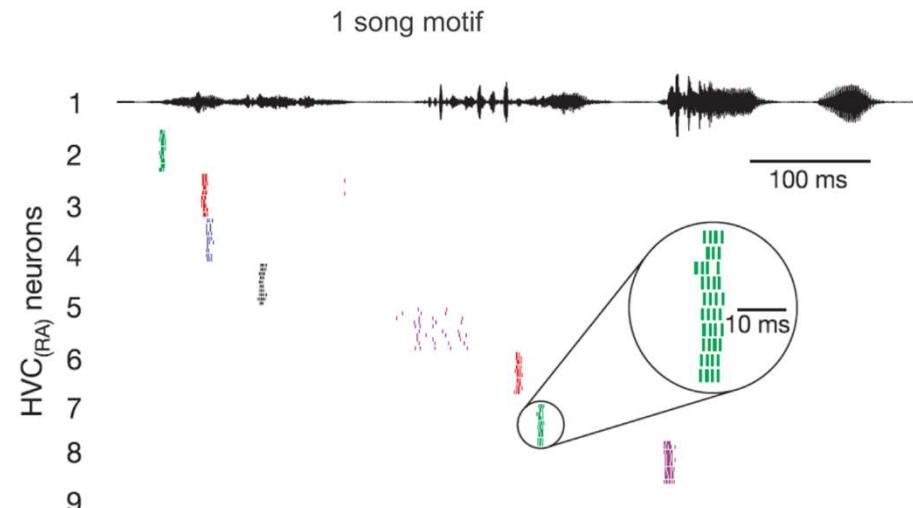
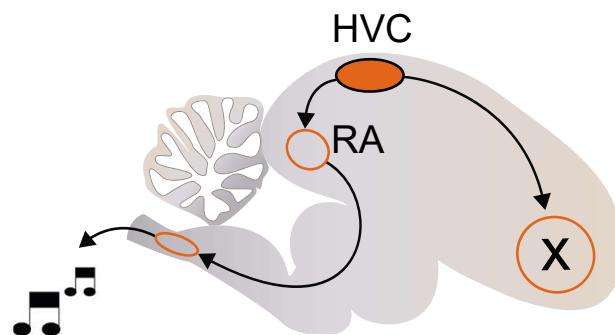
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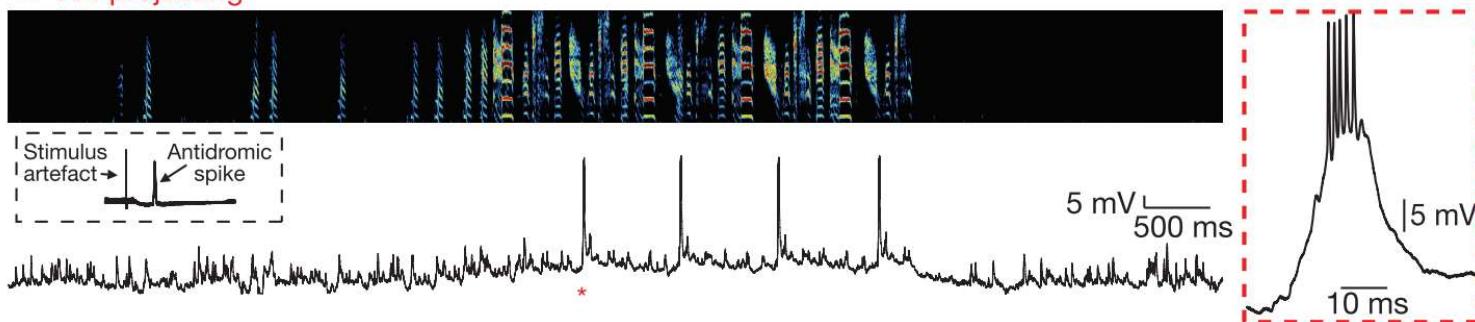


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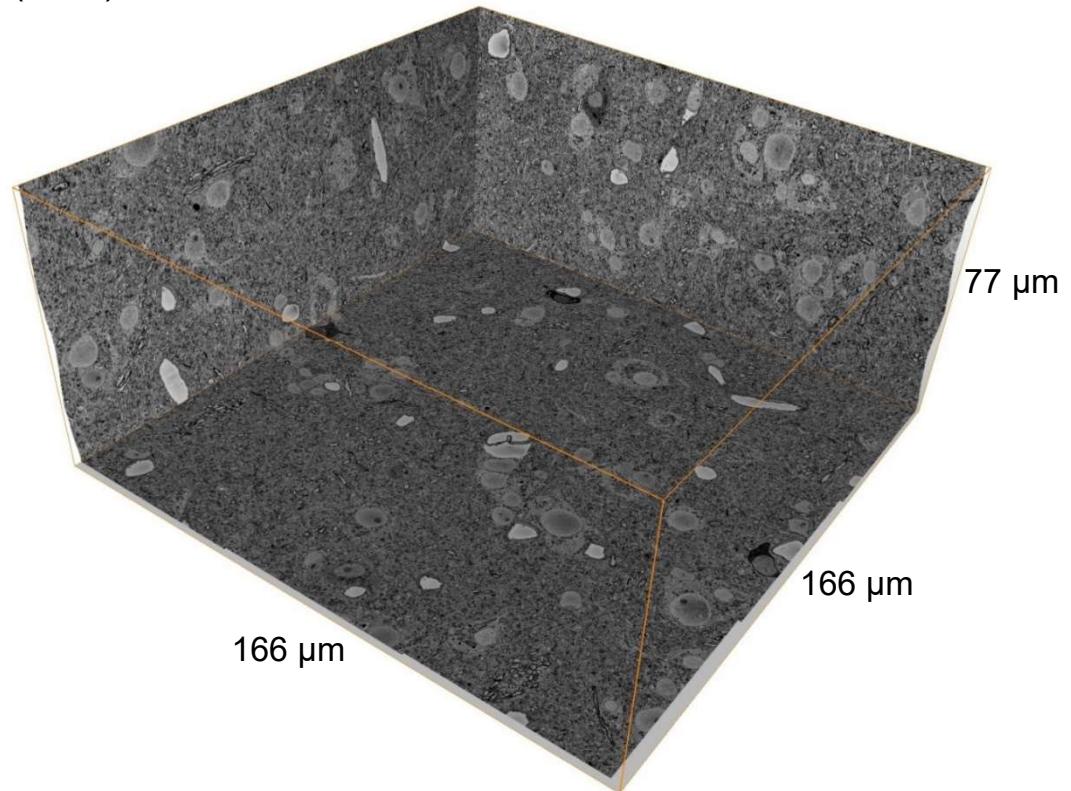
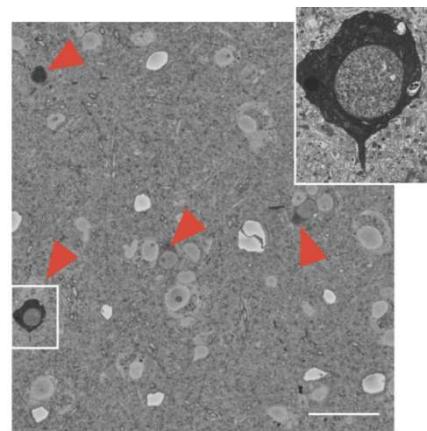
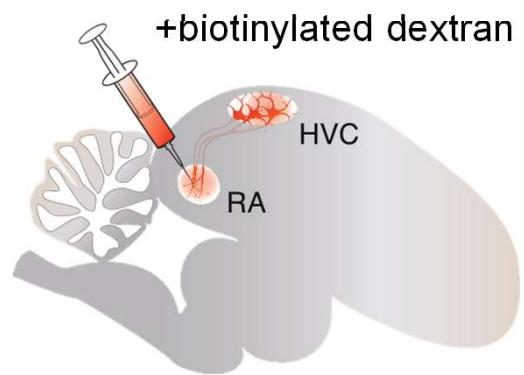


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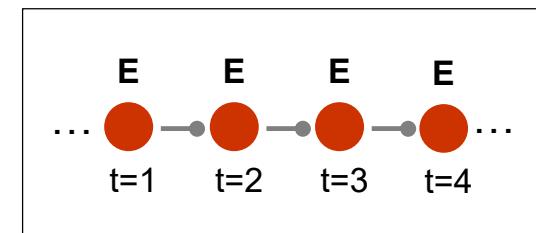
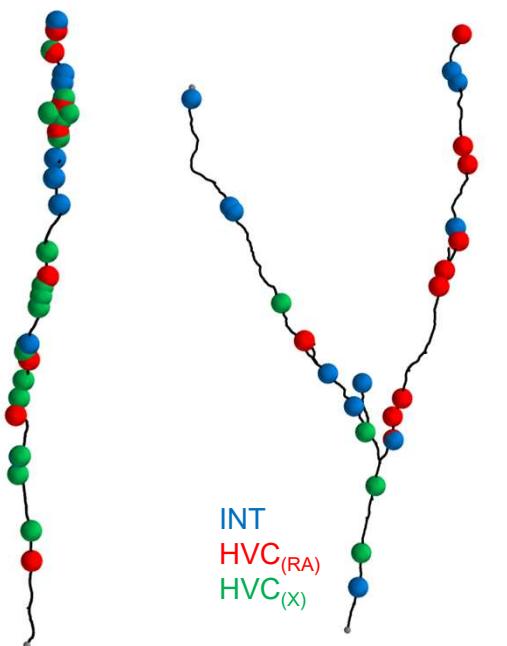
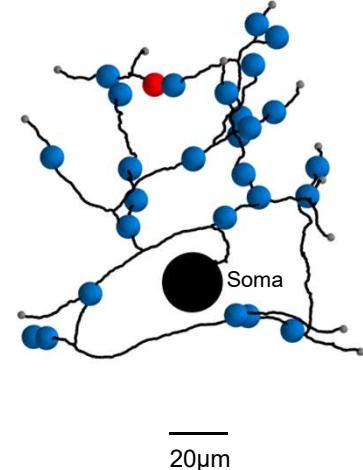


Long et al., 2010: Rapid depolarization underlies the burst

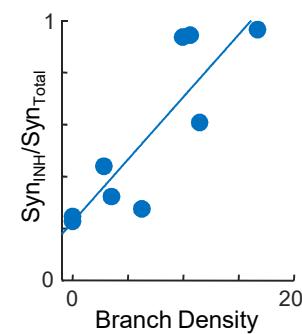
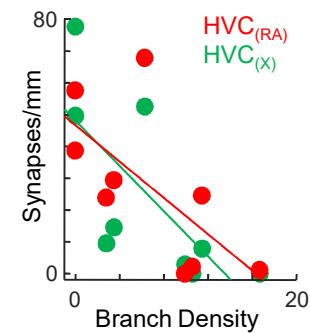
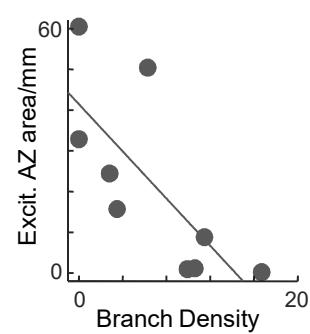


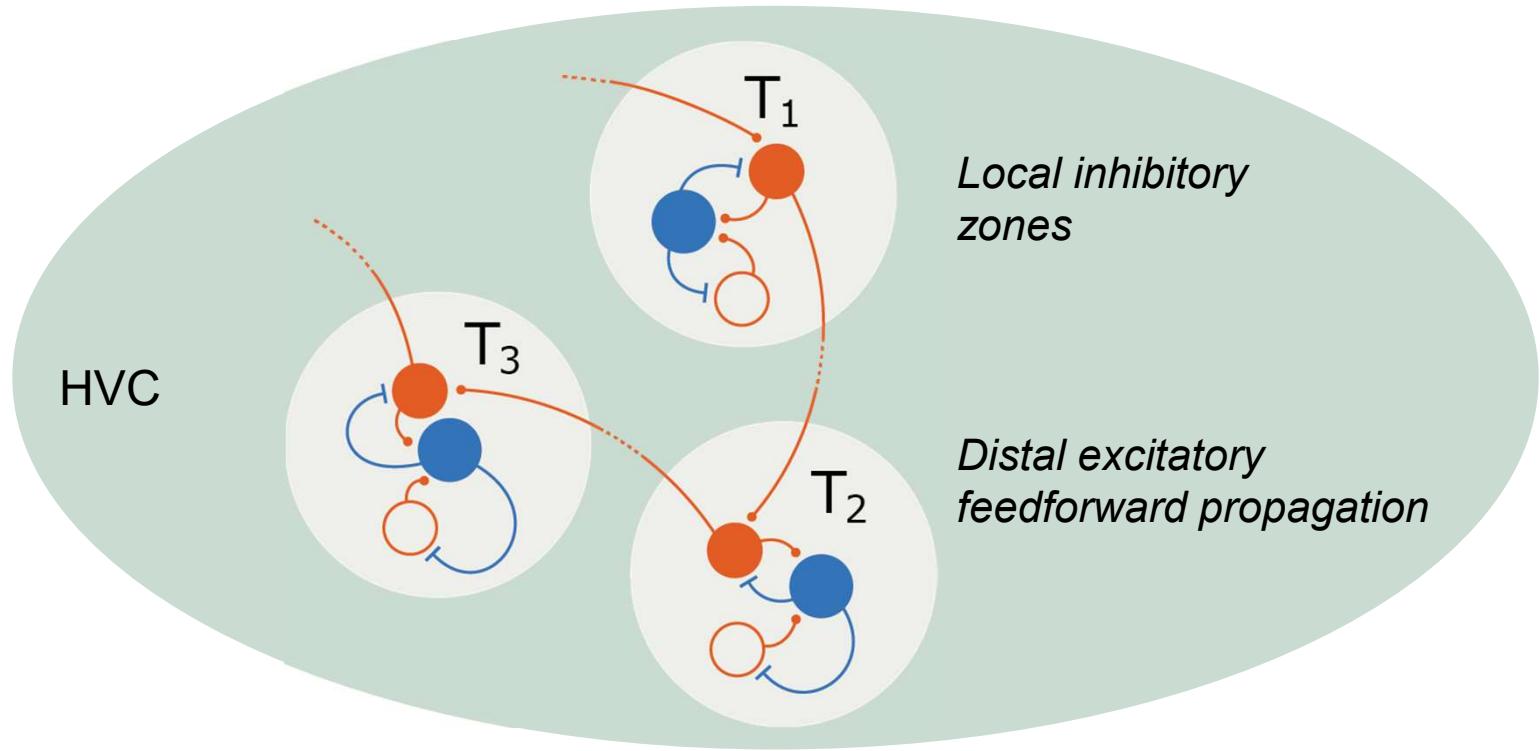
11x11x29 nm, ROTO stain combined with  
HRP-DAB protocol for labeling, ECS  
preservation

$HVC_{(RA)}$  axons with synapses  
colored by postsynaptic type

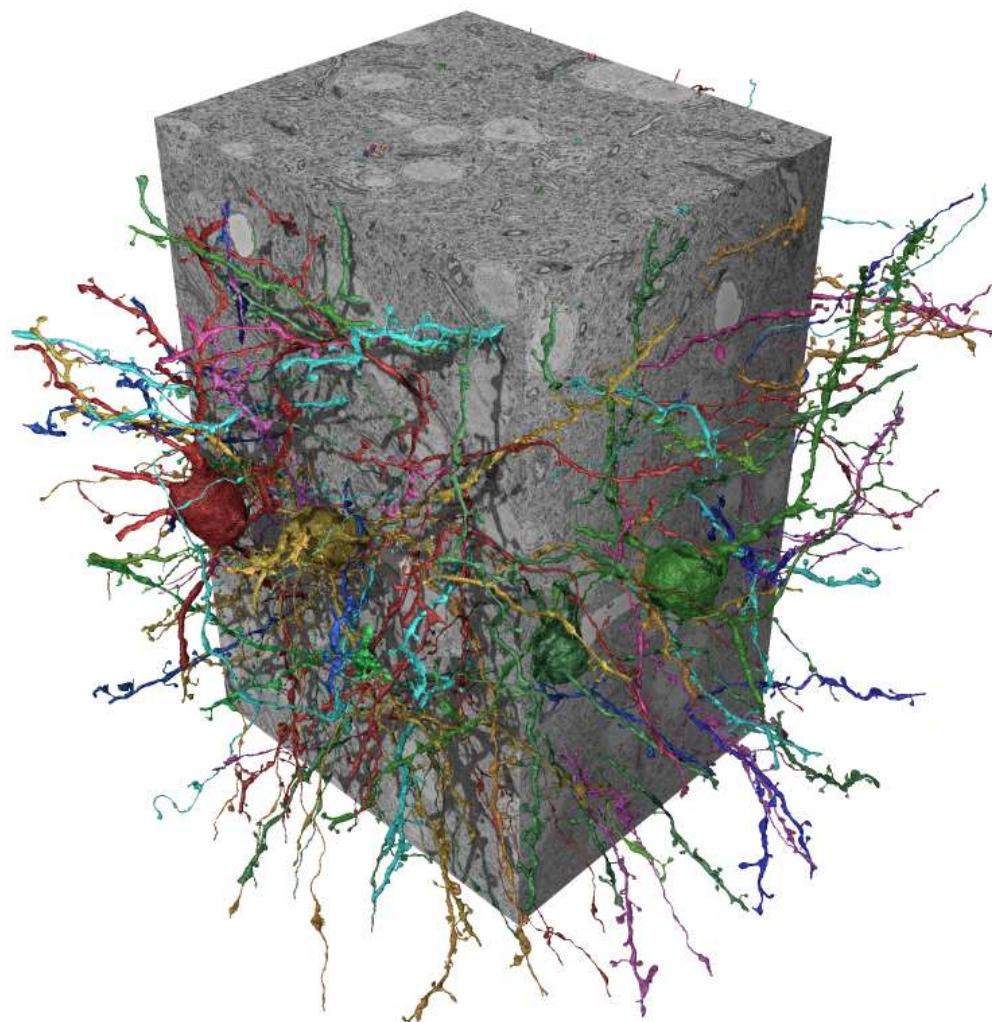


Quantified for 9 axons,  
504 postsynaptic dendrites



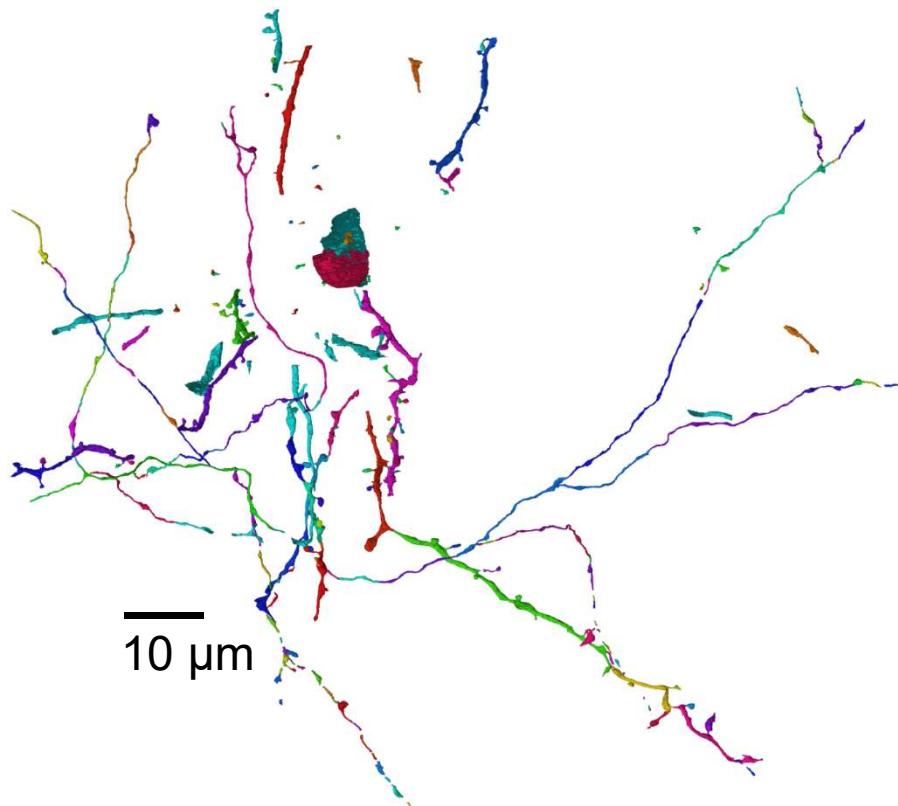


Similar network architecture proposed by Binas et al., 2014  
for cortical sequence generation (coupled winner-take-all)



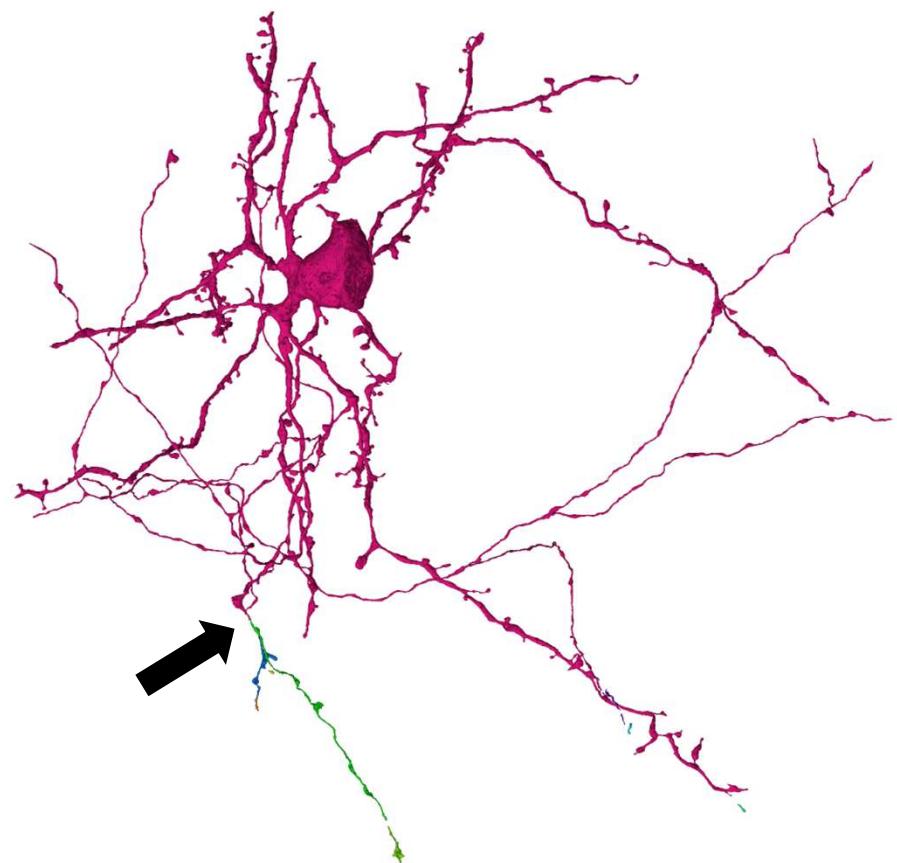
Jörgen Kornfeld

2015



~0.01 mm error free path length

2017



> 1 mm error free path length

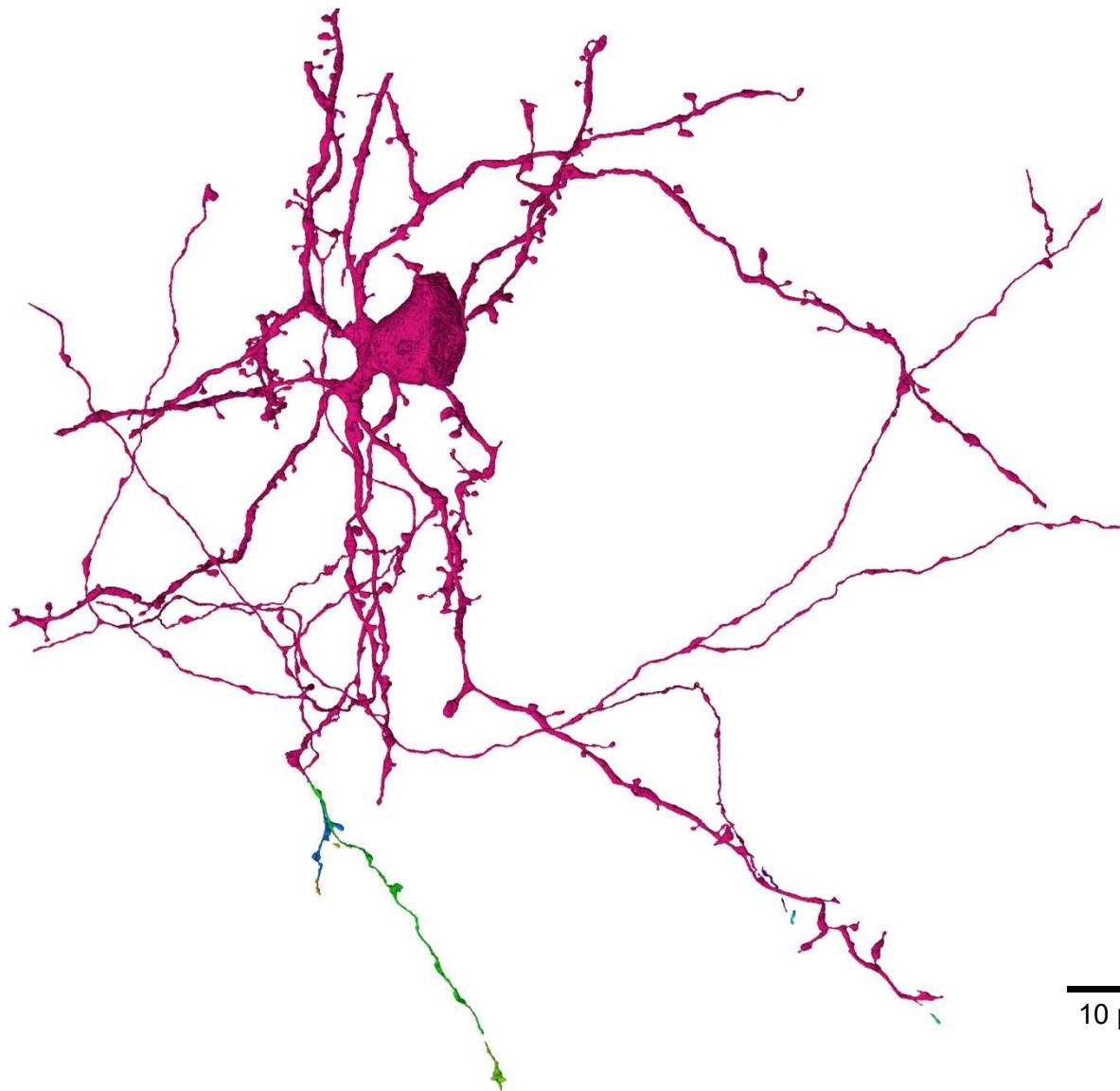




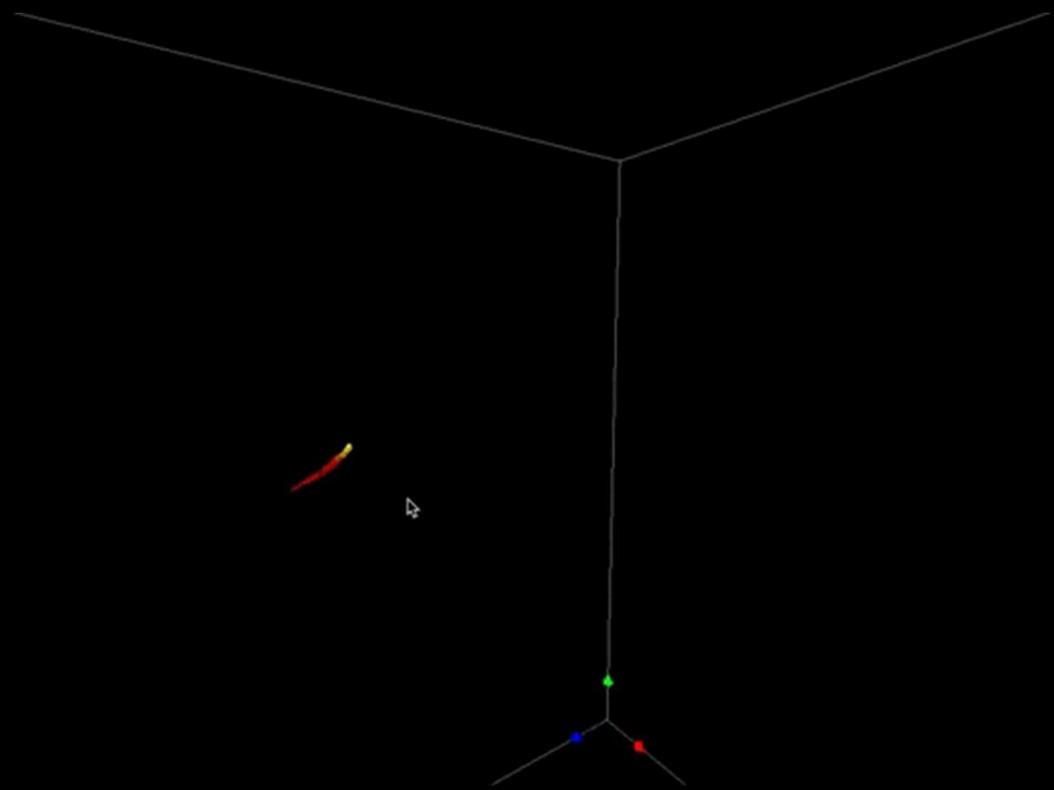
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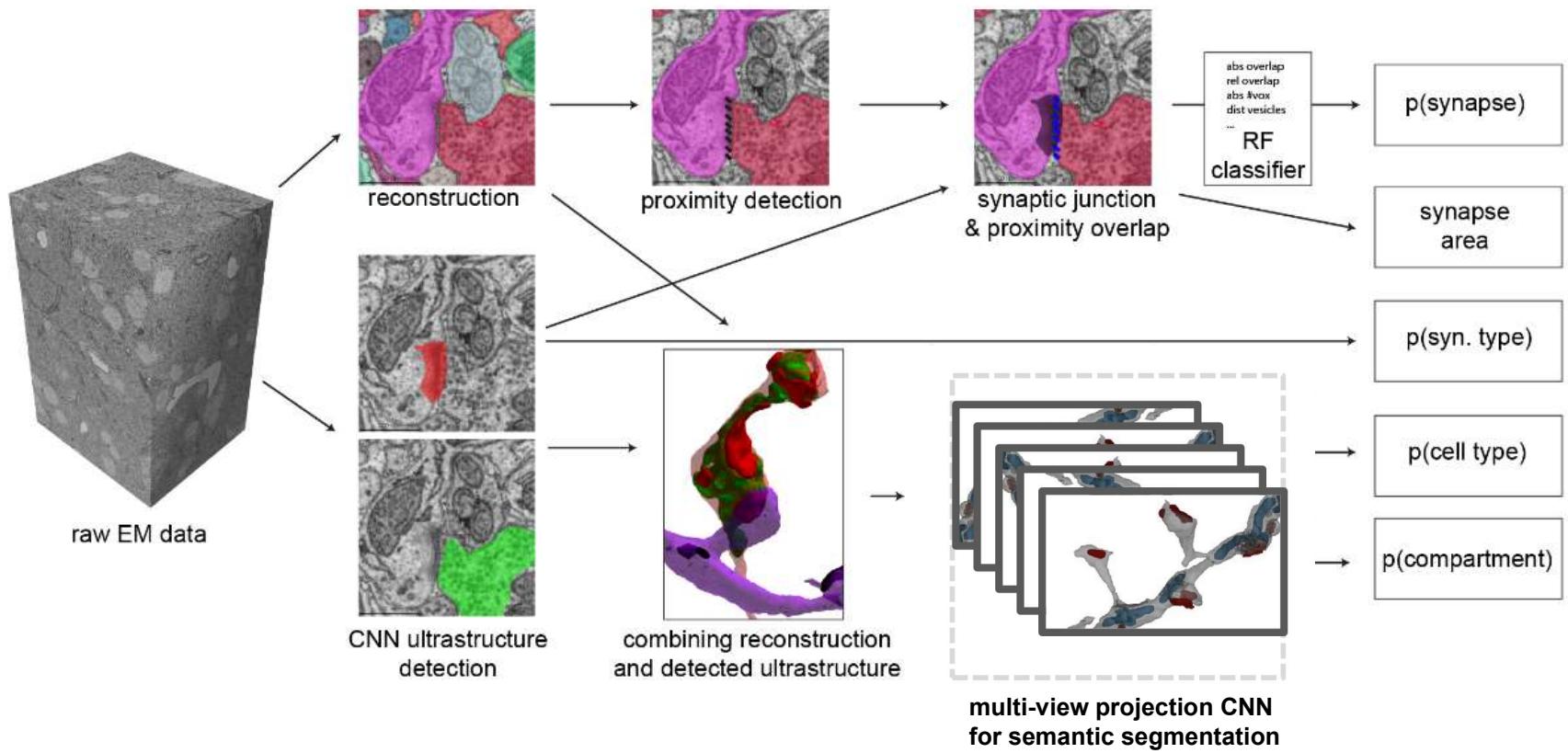


V. Jain



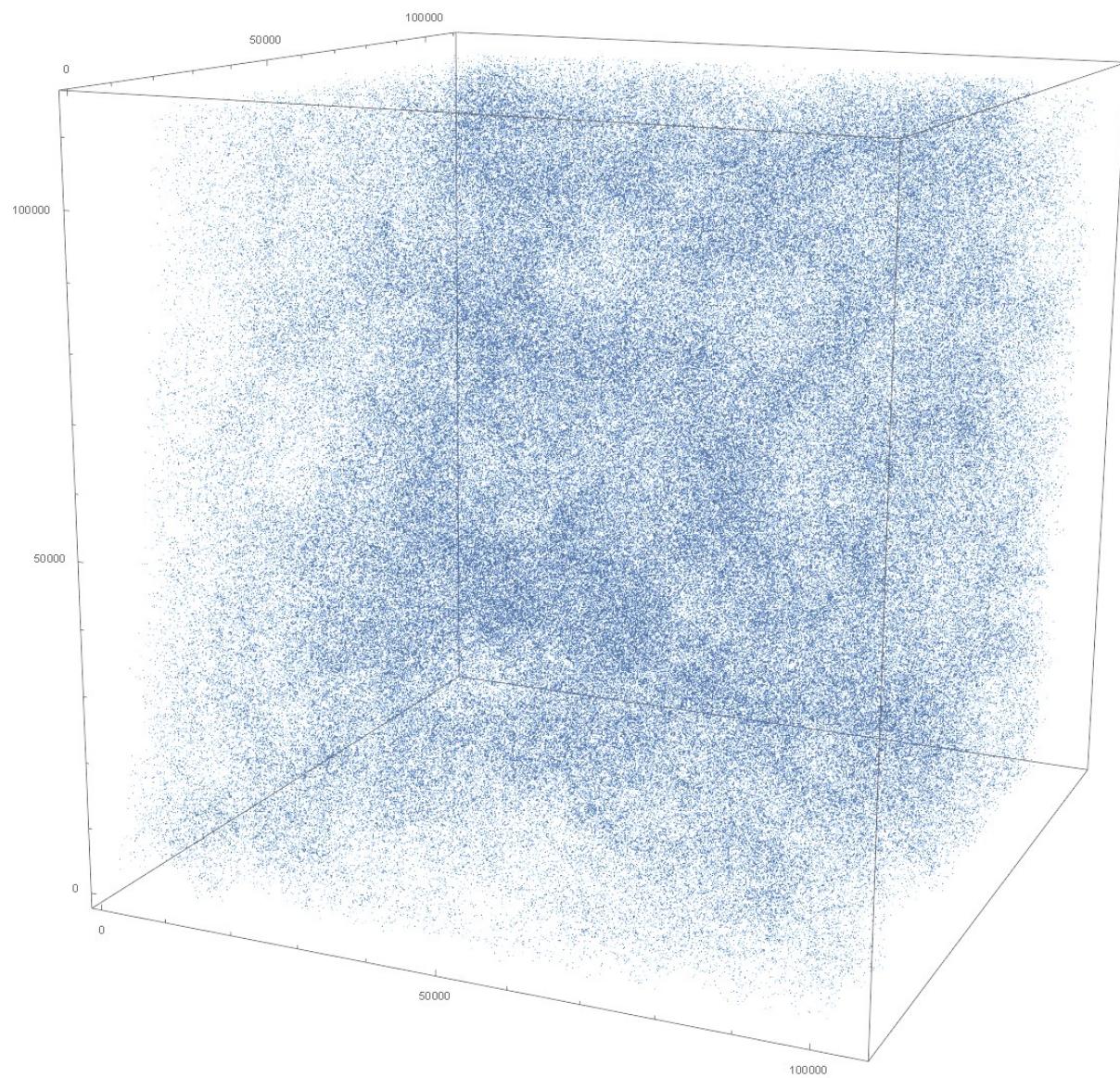
Completed reconstruction through targeted tracing with KNOSSOS  
Total workload for small data set: ~900 hours

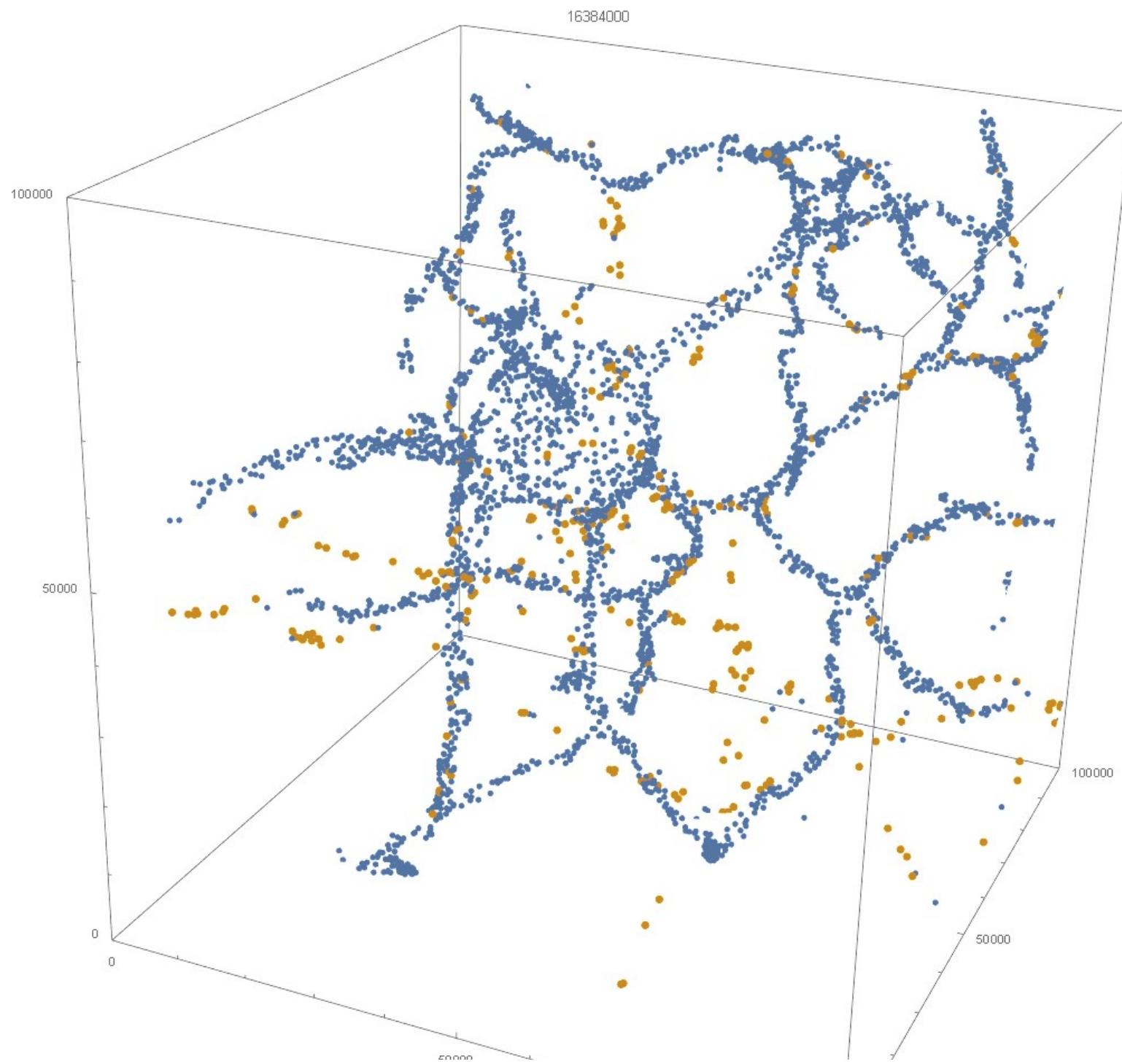




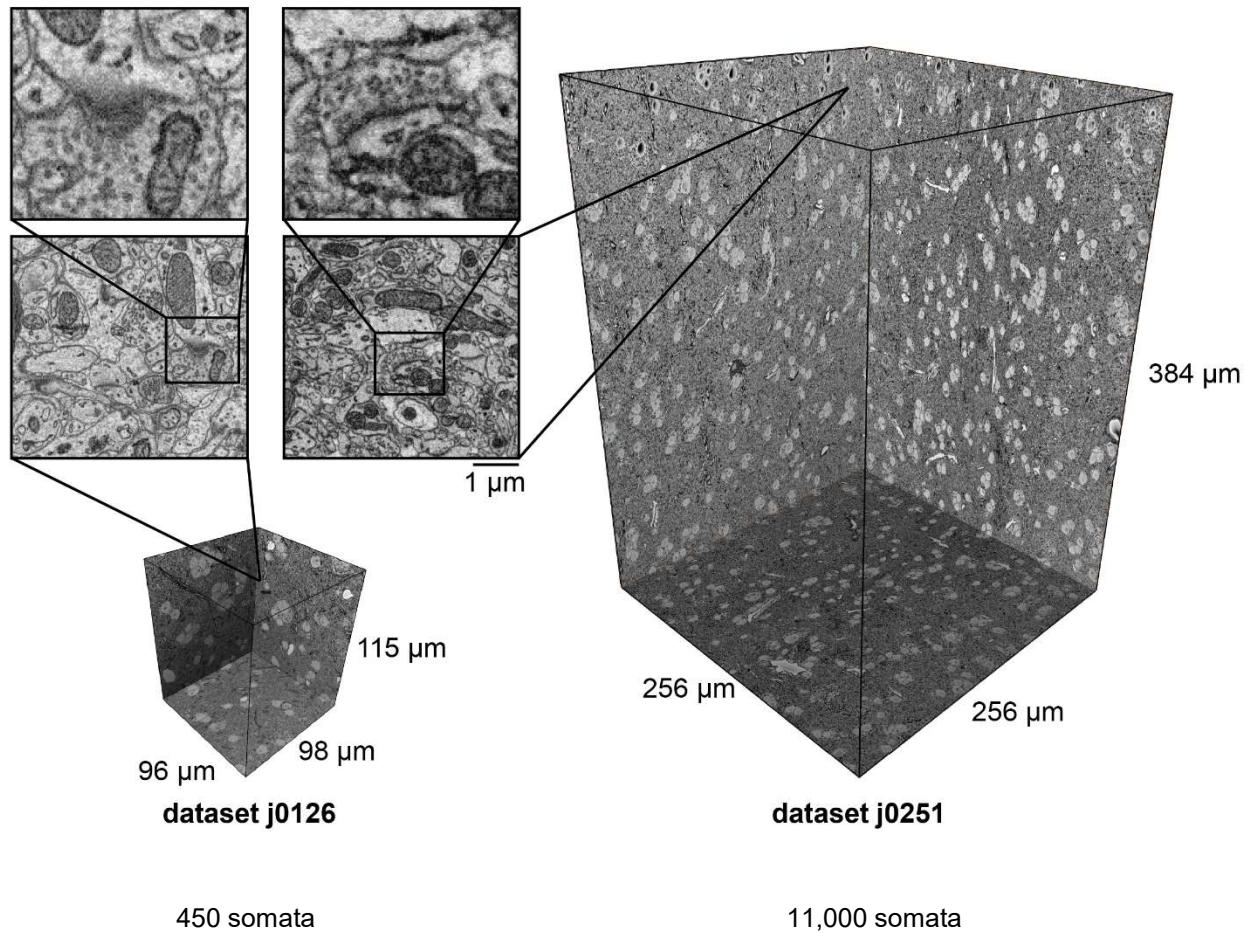
## Automated synaptic connectivity inference for volume electron microscopy

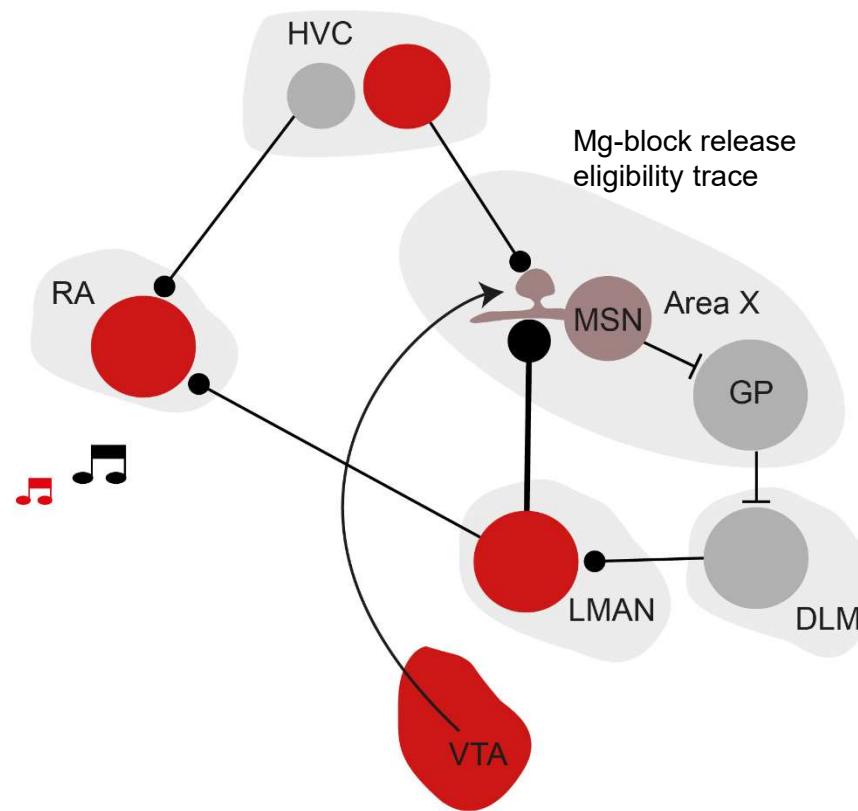
Sven Dorkenwald, Philipp J Schubert, Marius F Killinger, Gregor Urban, Shawn Mikula, Fabian Svara & Joergen Kornfeld ✎





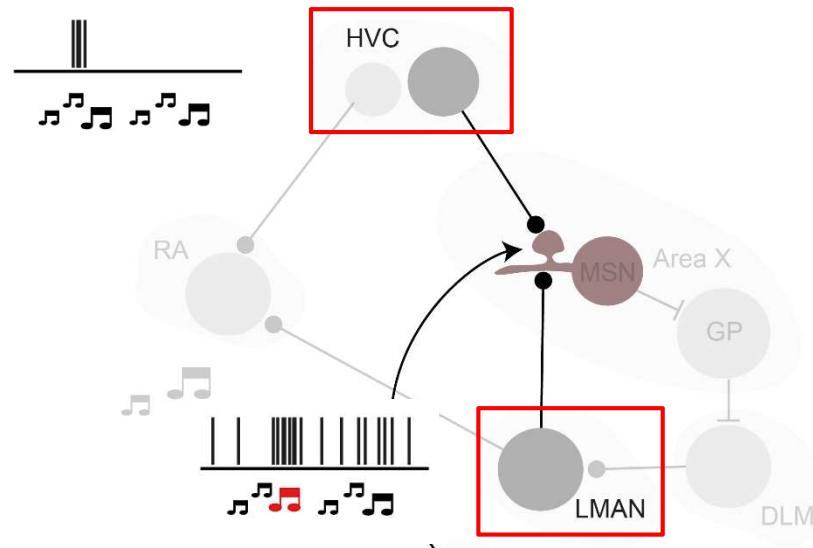
# Songbird basal ganglia datasets





# The three ingredients for reinforcement learning

1 Behavioral context (relative song time)



2 Trial efference copy (random song change)

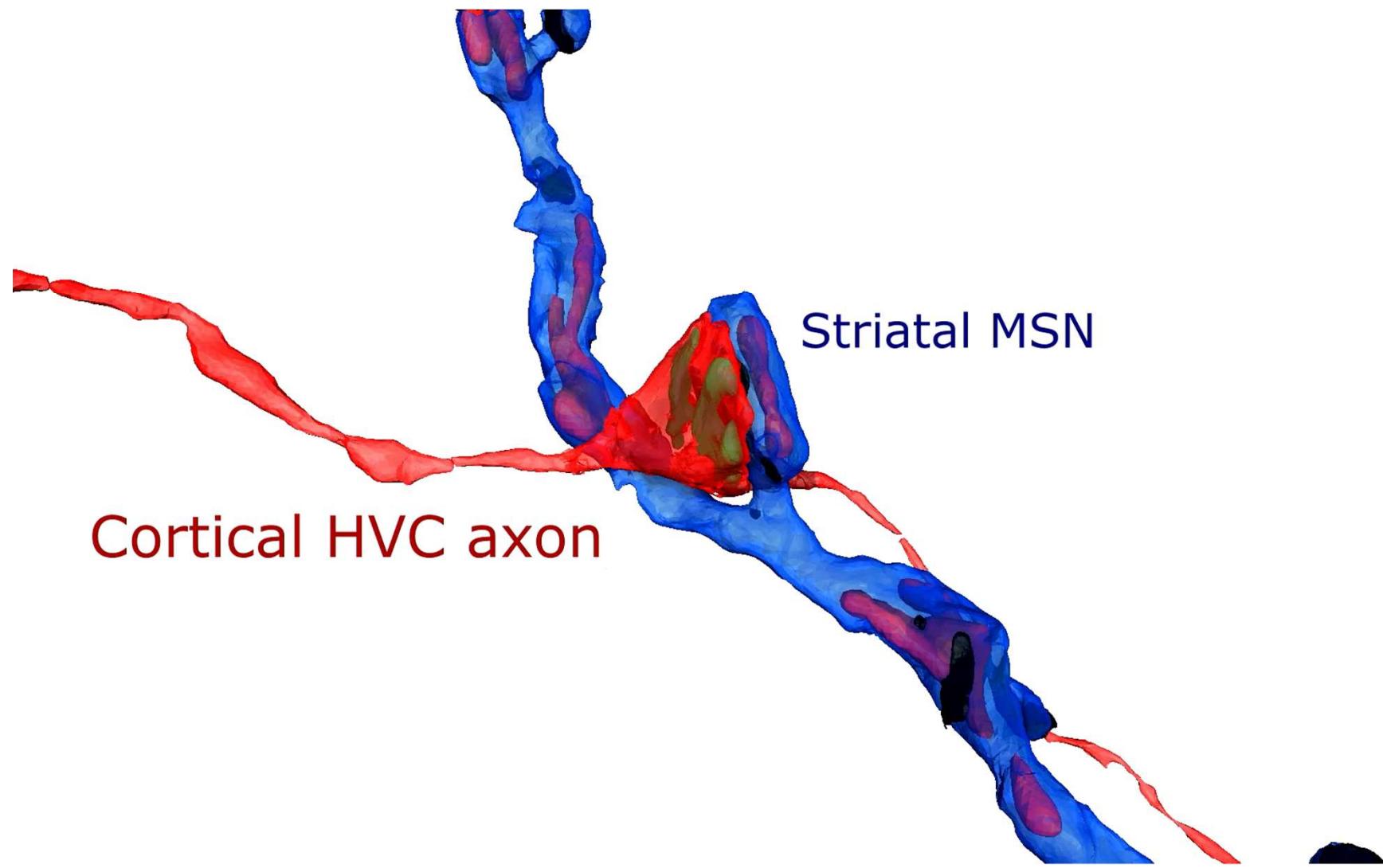


3 Reward signal (dopaminergic reward prediction error)



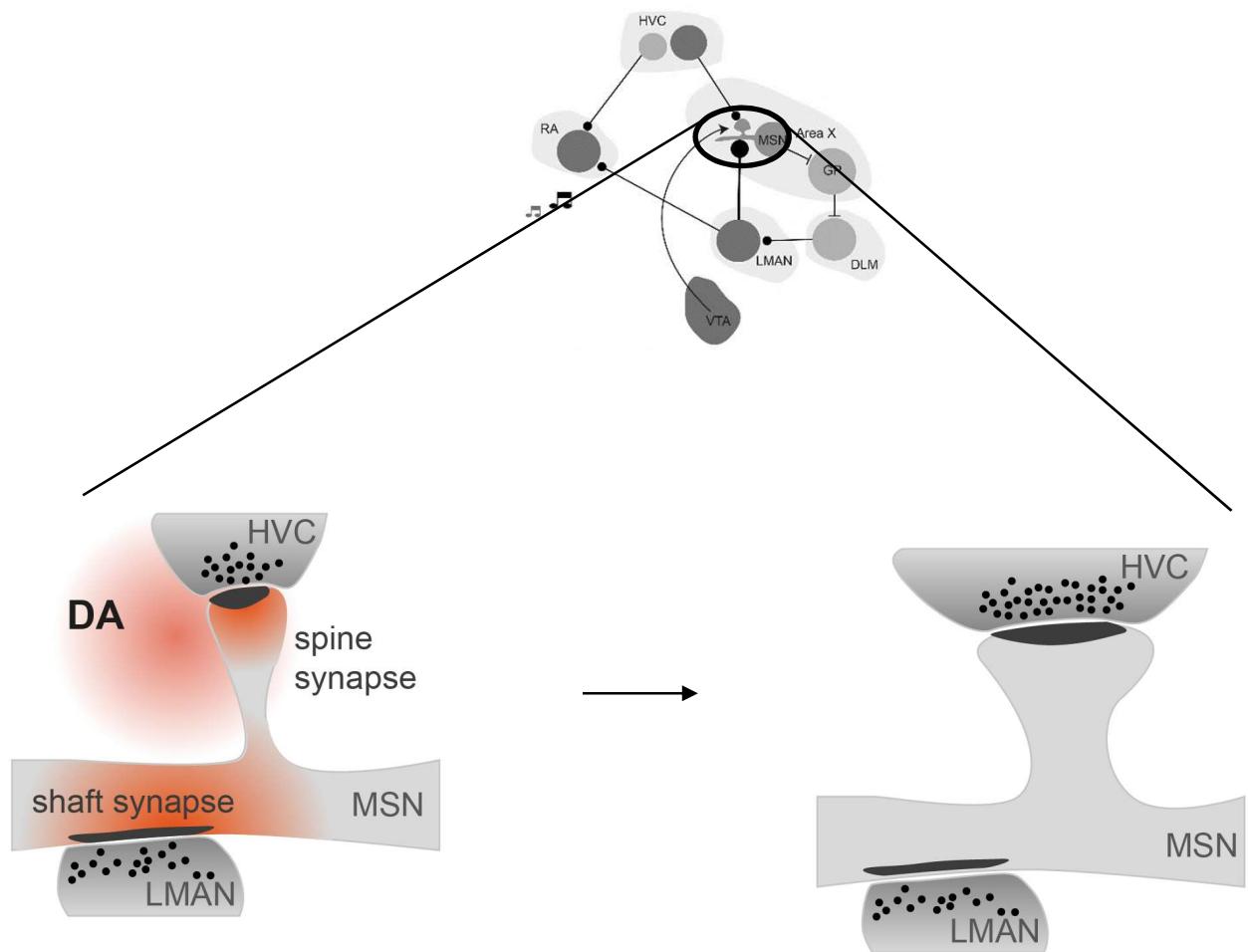
M. Fee

Goldberg and Fee. J Neuroscience 2011  
Fee. Current Opinion in Neurobiology 2014

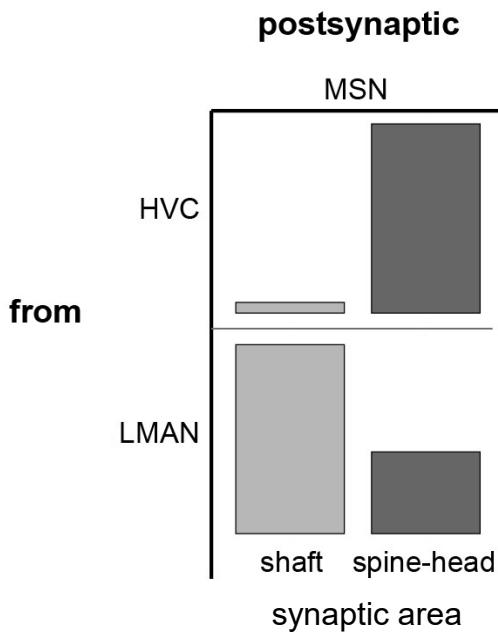
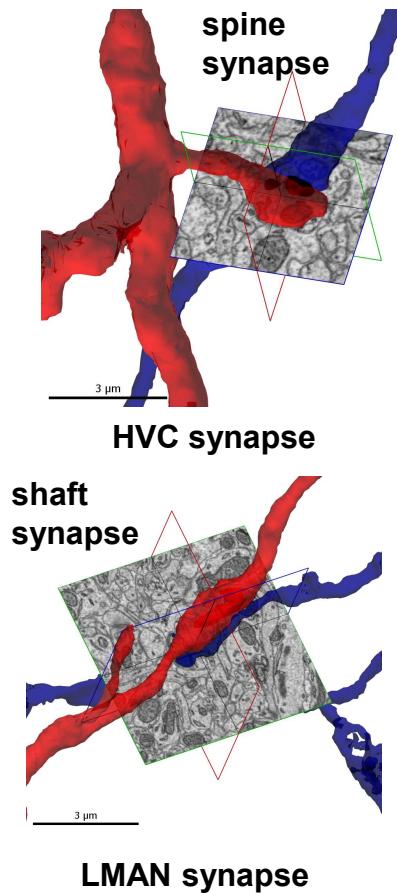


Cortical HVC axon

Striatal MSN



Links between plasticity and spines e.g. Yuste and Bonhoeffer. Ann. Rev. Neuroscience 2001



Preliminary analysis with manually identified cells  
11-fold higher synaptic area of LMAN shaft  
synapses in comparison to HVC synapses

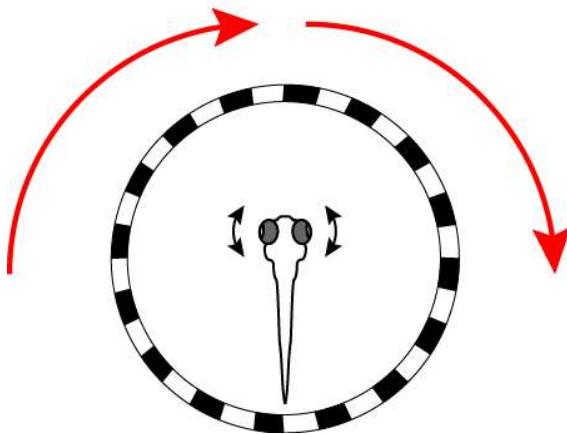


Fumi  
Kubo



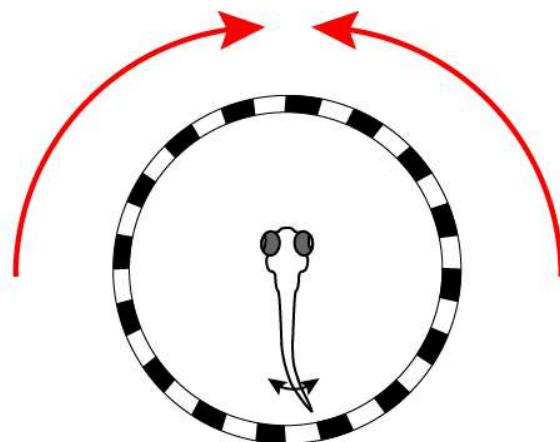
Fabian  
Svara

**Rotation**  
(clockwise)

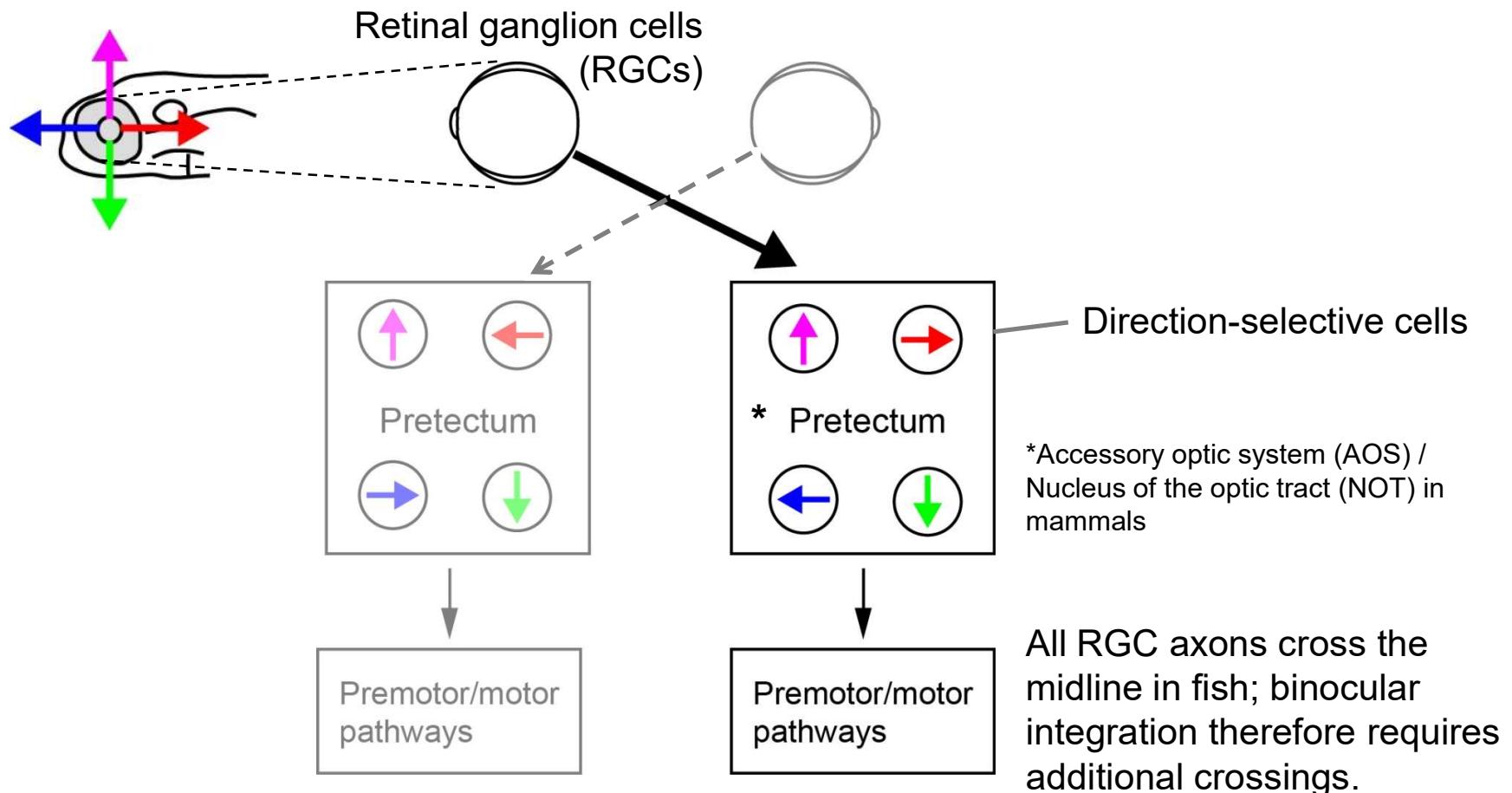


Optokinetic response (OKR)  
(Eye movements)

**Translation**  
(forward)



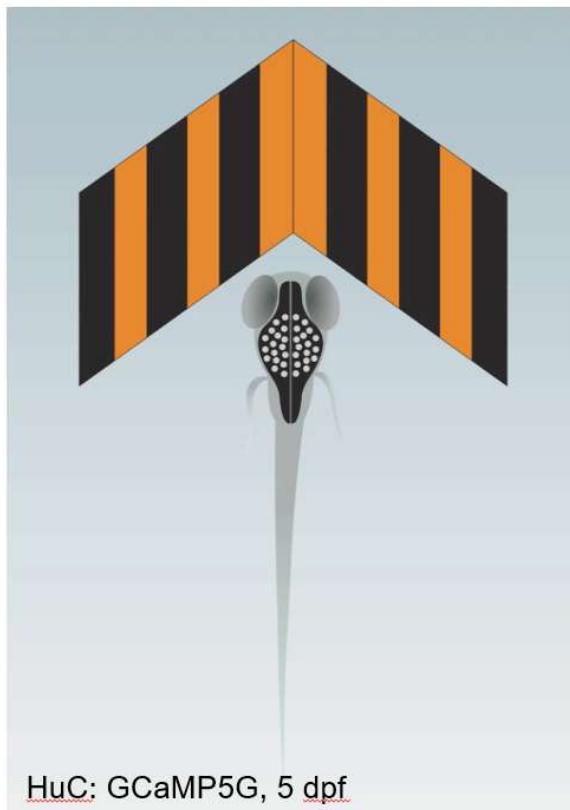
Optomotor response (OMR)  
(Swimming)



Modified from Masseck and Hoffmann (2009)

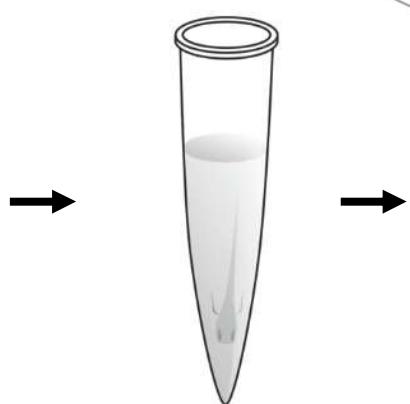
# From functional imaging to electron microscopy (EM) reconstruction

Pretectal  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging

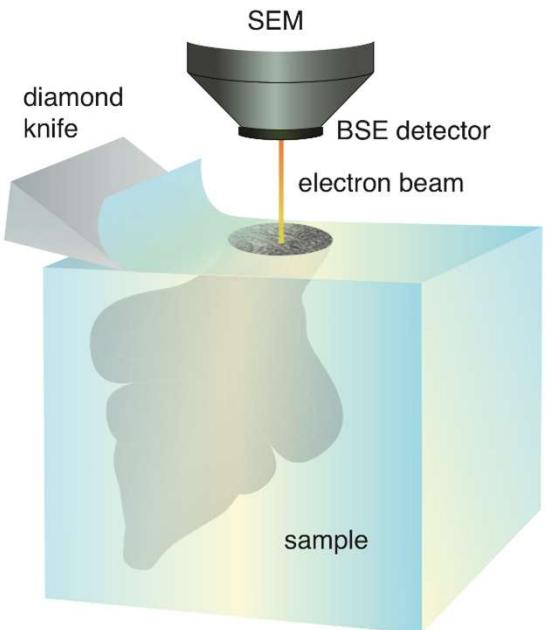


approx. 4-30 neurons per each type  
(approx. 200 neurons in total)

Fixation  
and staining

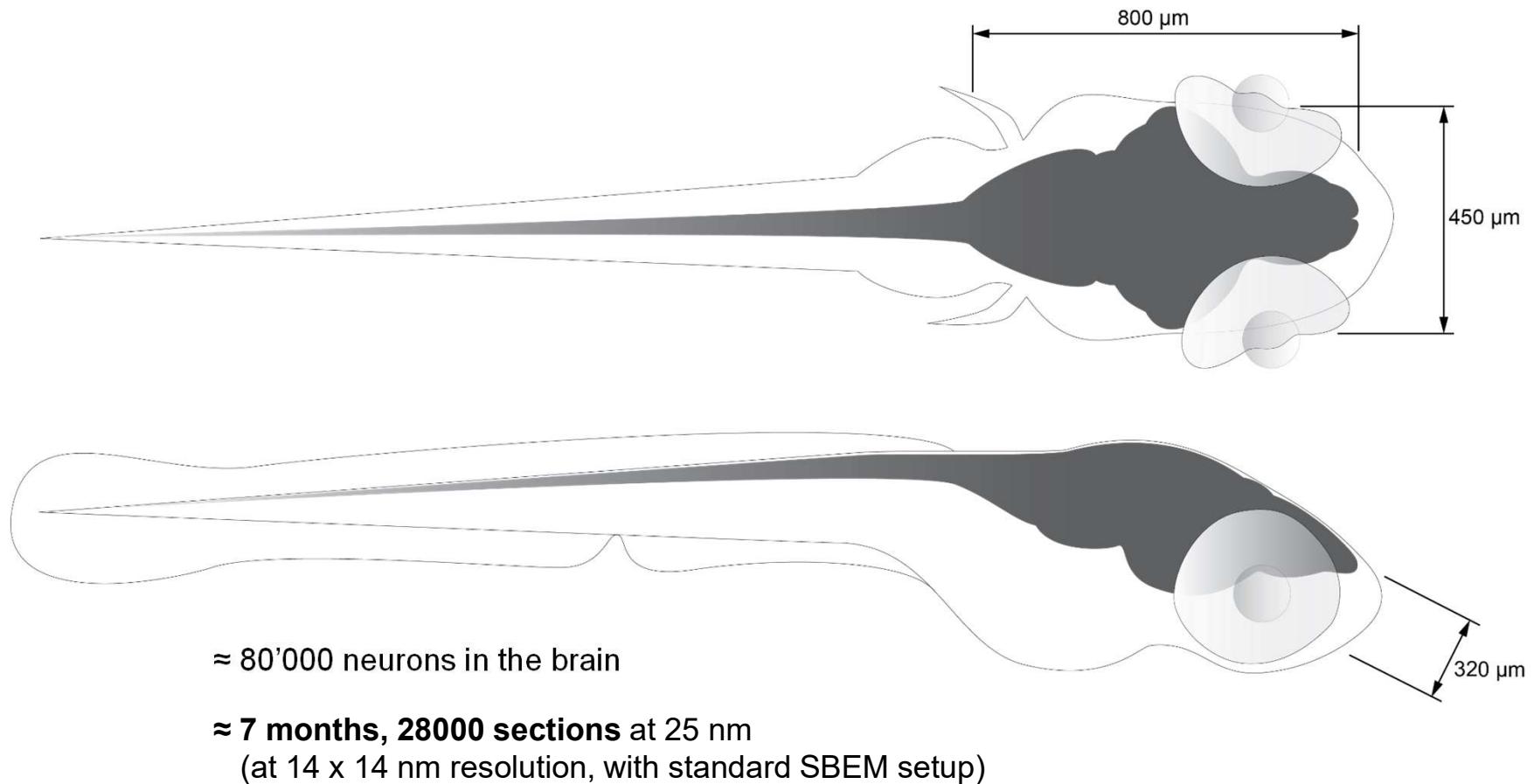


Serial block-face EM  
of whole larval brain



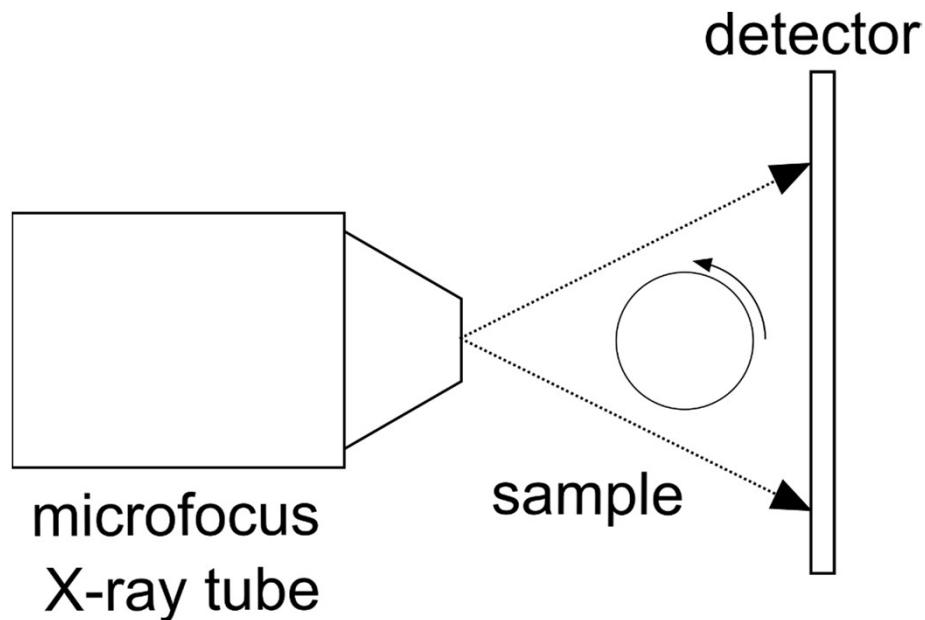
14 x 14 x 25 nm in x,y,z axis  
Data size: ~12 TB

# Larval Zebrafish Whole-Brain EM



Fish drawing: Julia Kuhl

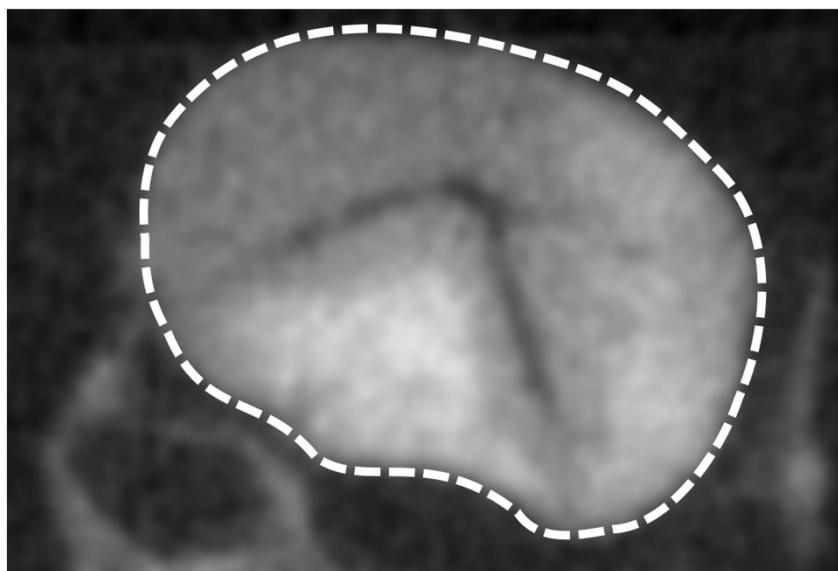
## X-ray microCT



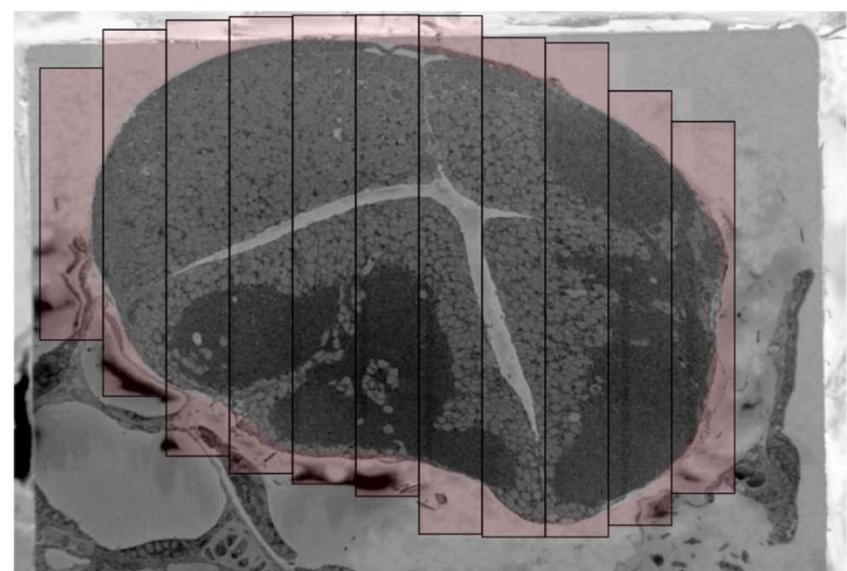
Allows exact measurement of sample geometry after embedding,  
even in opaque epoxy

microCT illustration adapted from  
documentation by SCANCO medical AG

microCT



Linescanning + dynamic mosaic

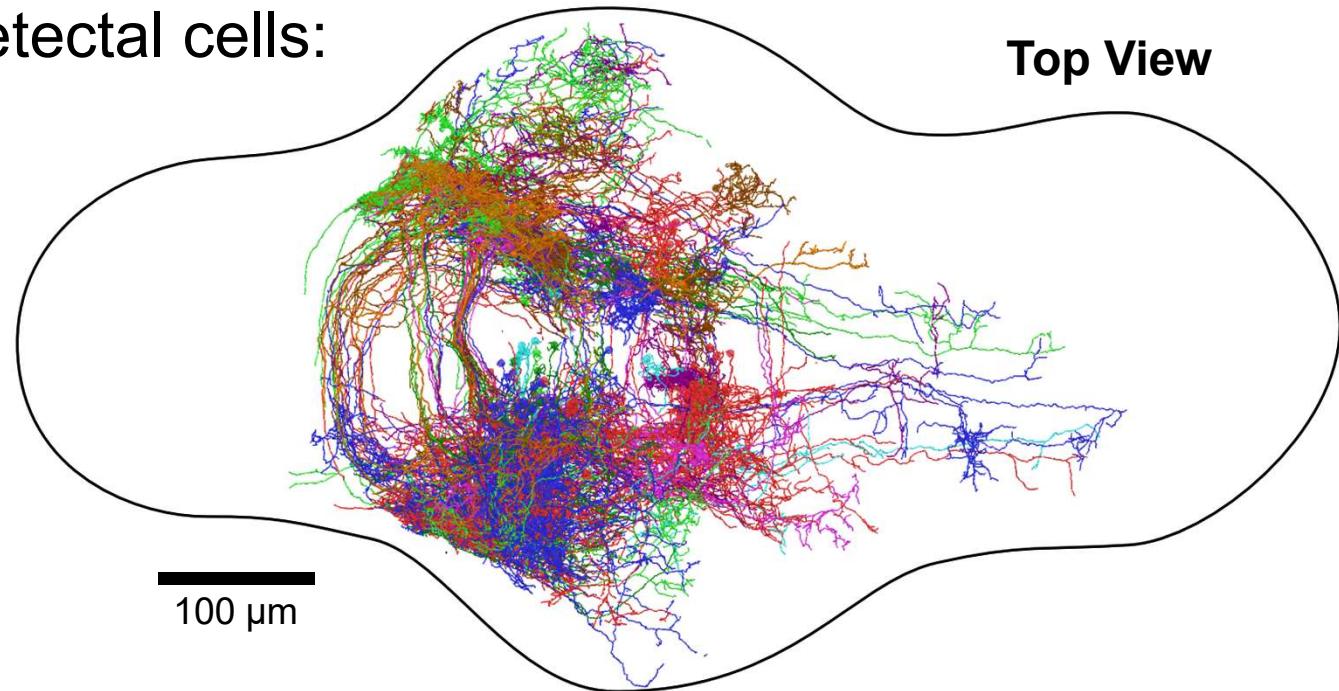


50  $\mu\text{m}$

# Reconstruction of functionally characterized pretectal cells: Current status

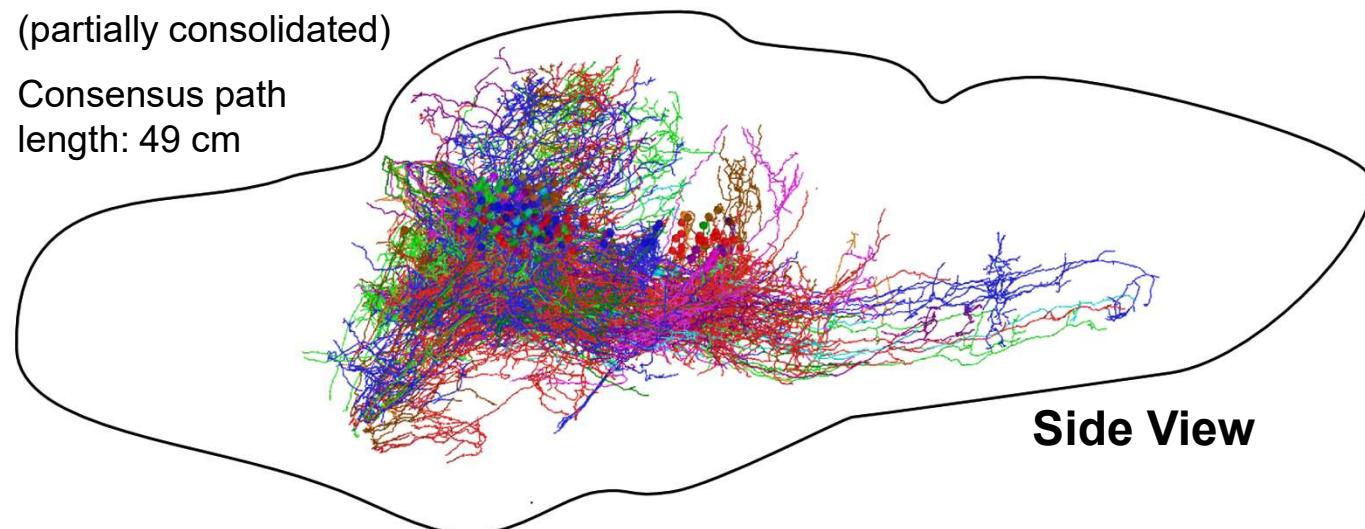
## Simple      Complex

MoNL	■	FEL	■
MoNR	■	FER	■
MoNL	■	BEL	■
MoTR	■	BER	■
FELR	■		
BSP	■		
FSP	■		



195 cells traced  
(partially consolidated)

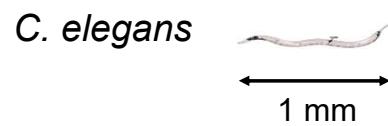
Consensus path  
length: 49 cm



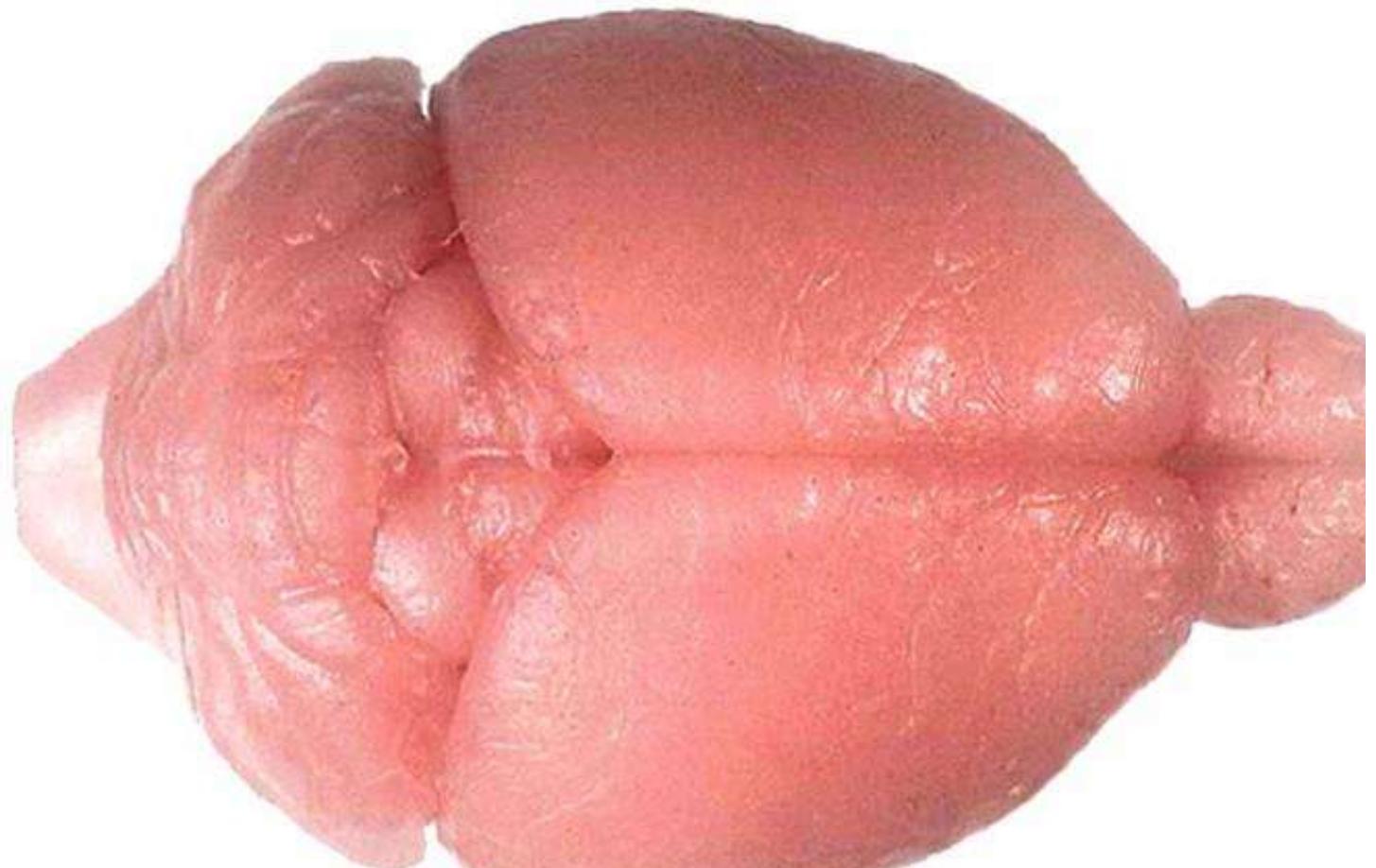
**Top View**

**Side View**

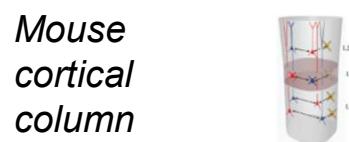
Tracing:  
ariadne-service GmbH



$10^{-3} \text{ mm}^3$   
 $10^2$  neurons

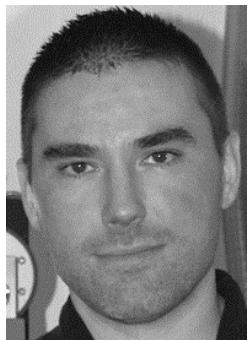


$10^{-1} \text{ mm}^3$   
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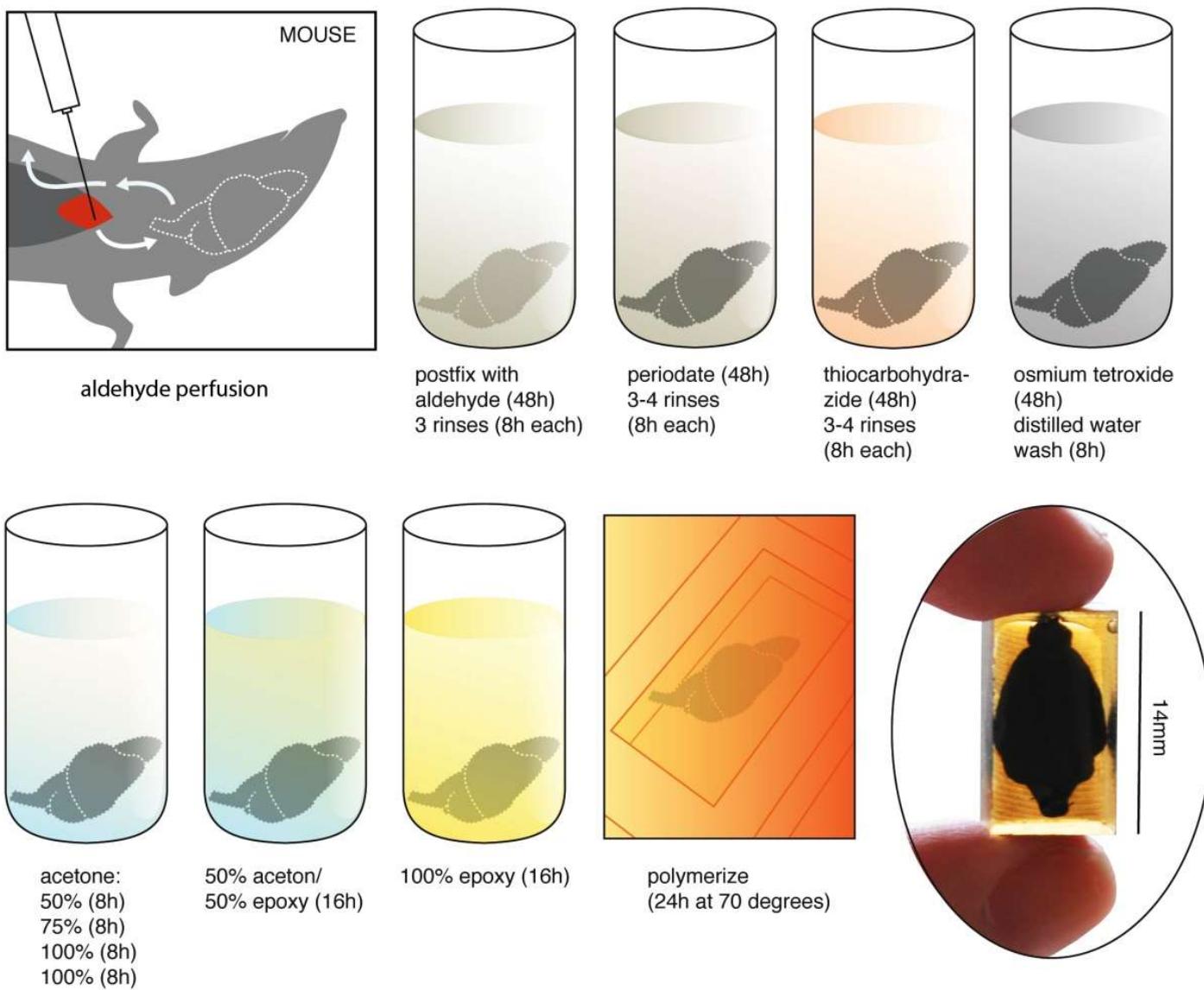


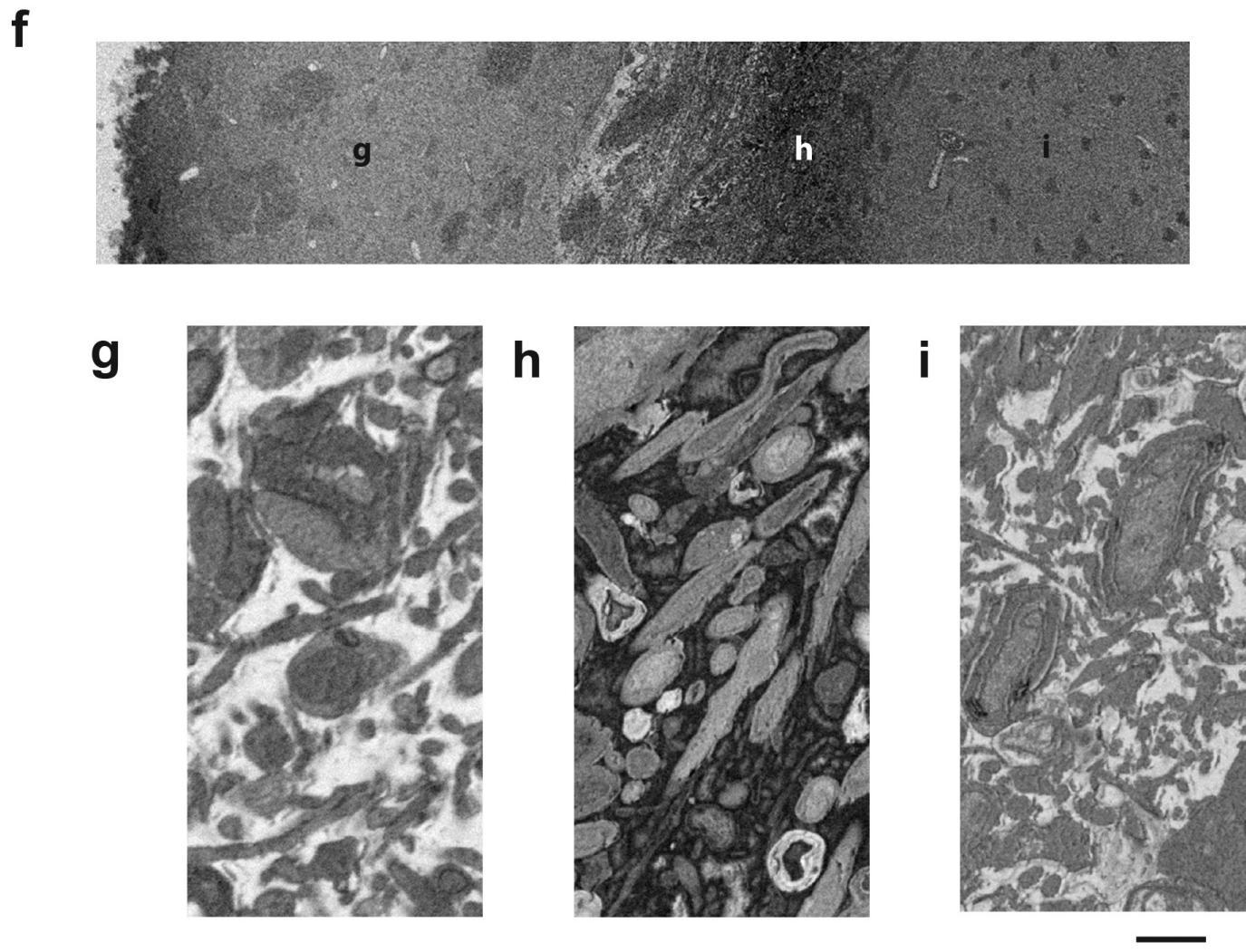
$10^{-2} \text{ mm}^3$   
 $10^4$  neurons

*Mouse brain*       $10^3 \text{ mm}^3$   
                         $10^8$  neurons

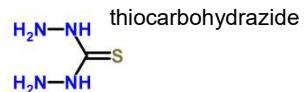


Shawn  
Mikula

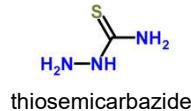
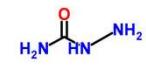




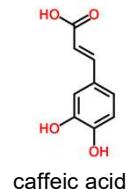
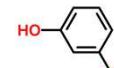
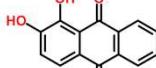
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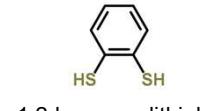
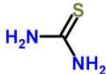
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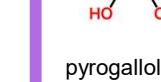
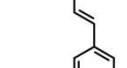
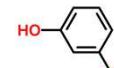
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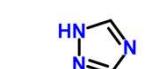
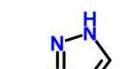
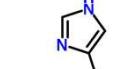
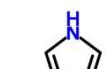
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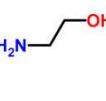
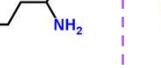
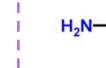
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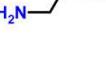
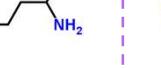
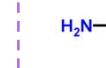
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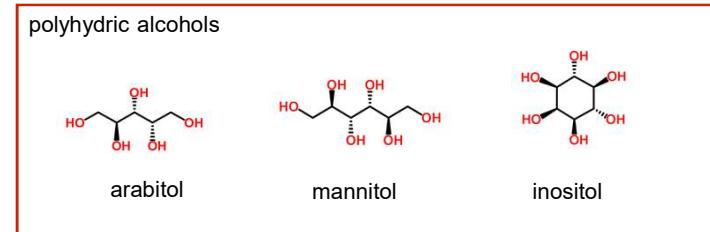
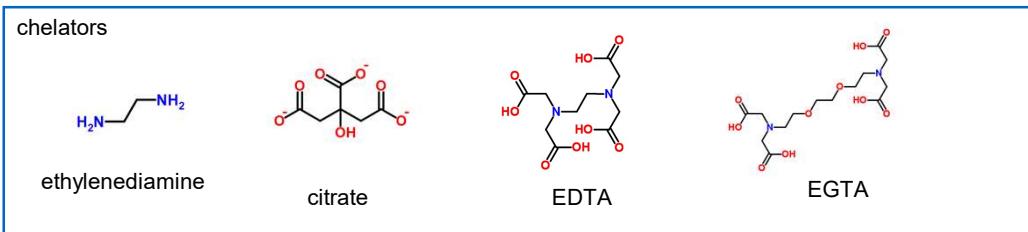
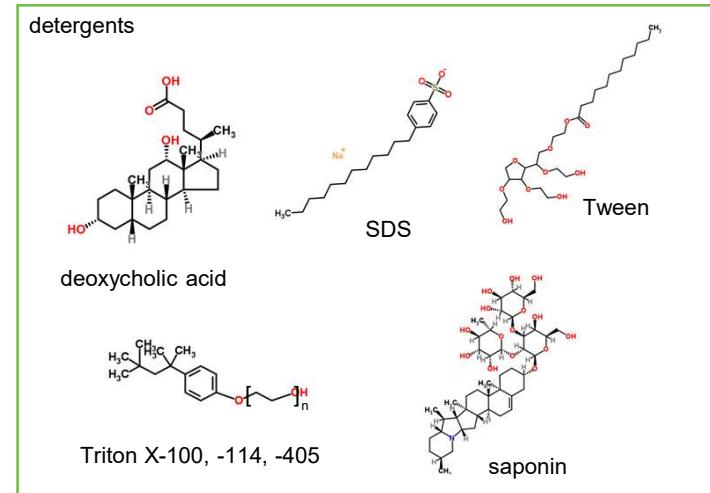
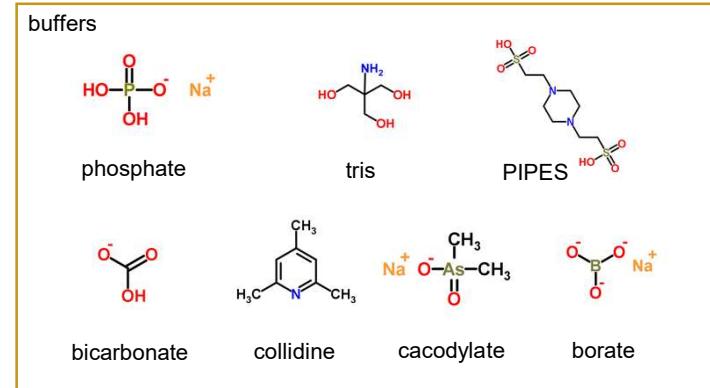
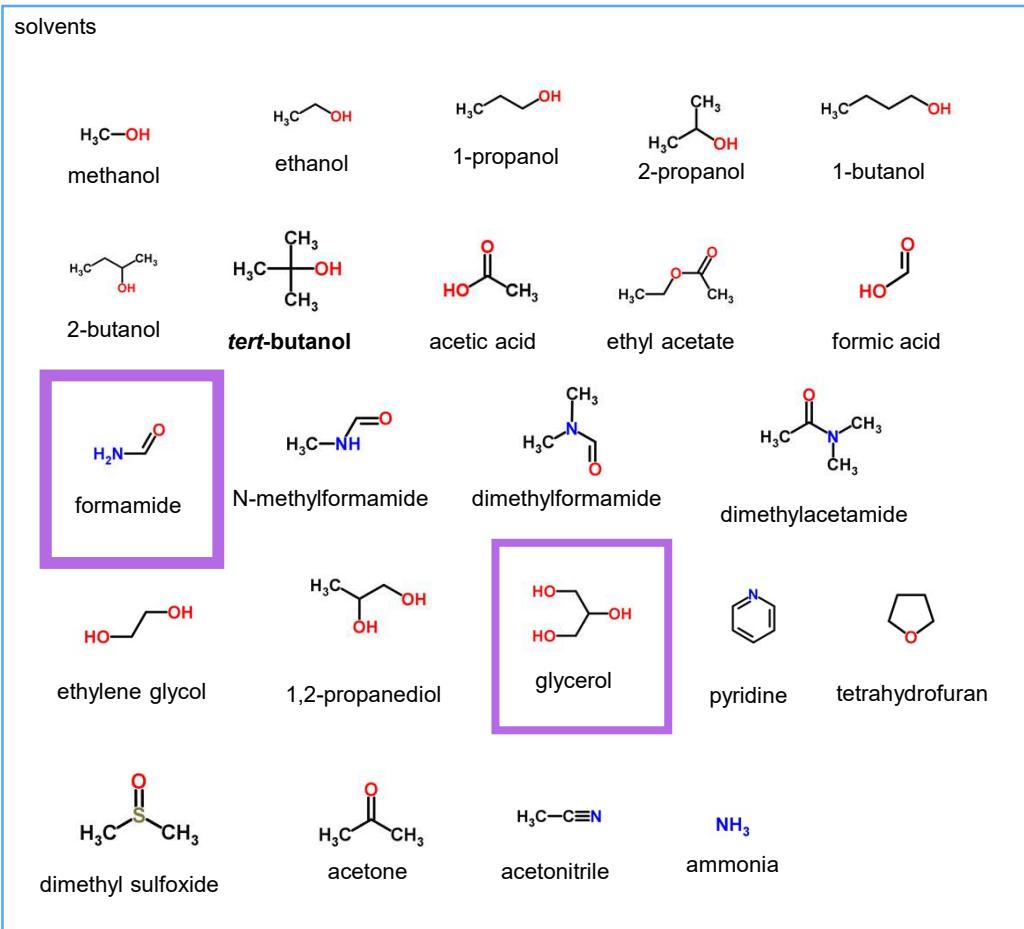
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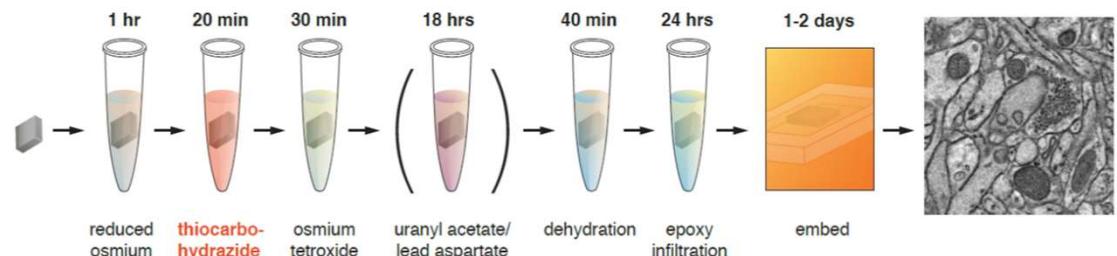
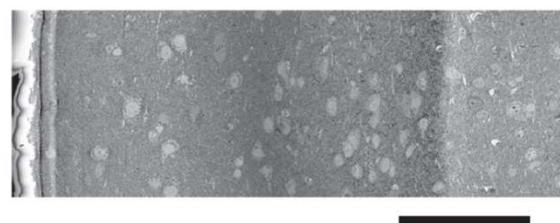
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# Improving Reduced Osmium Penetration



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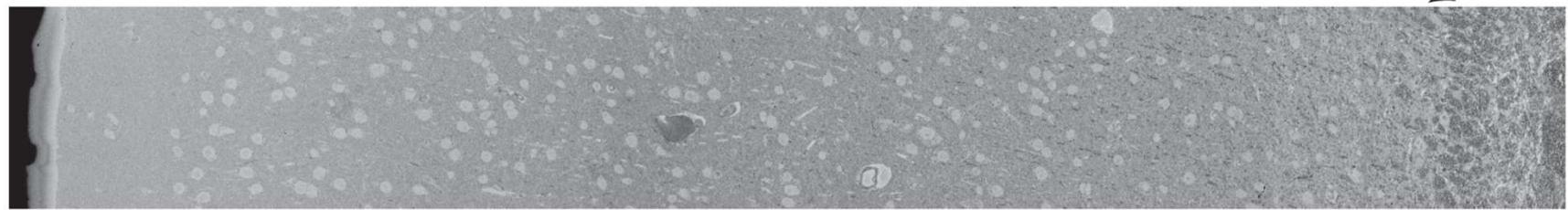


### ROTO + ECS preservation

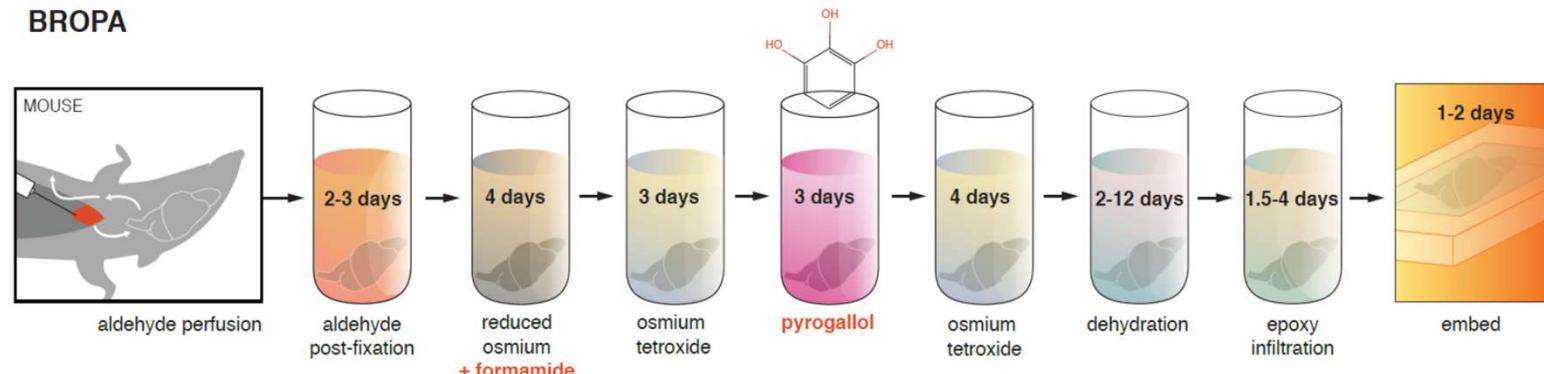


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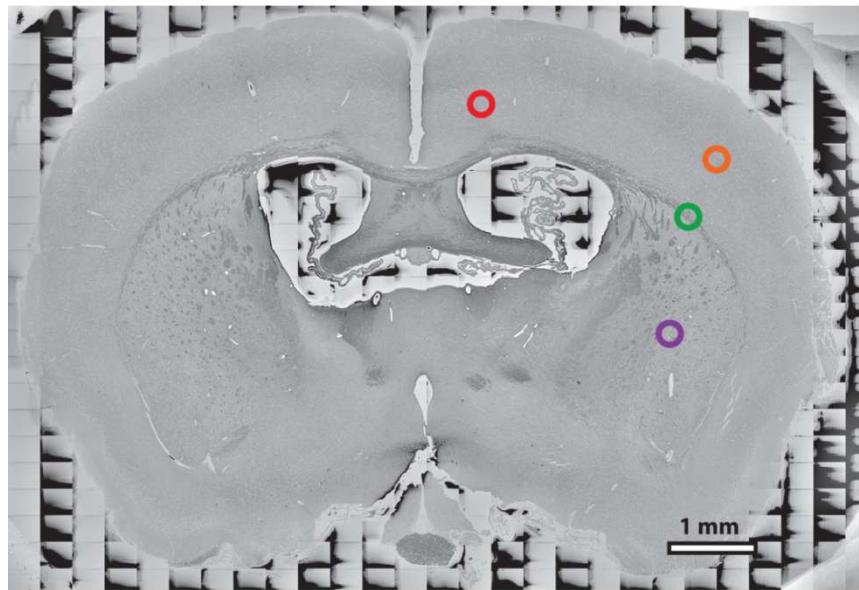
White matter →



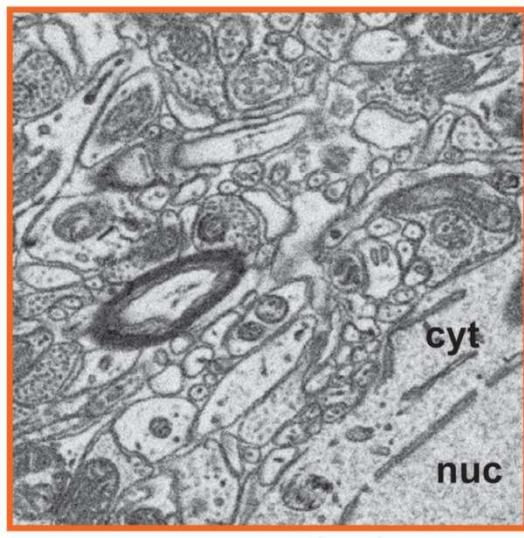
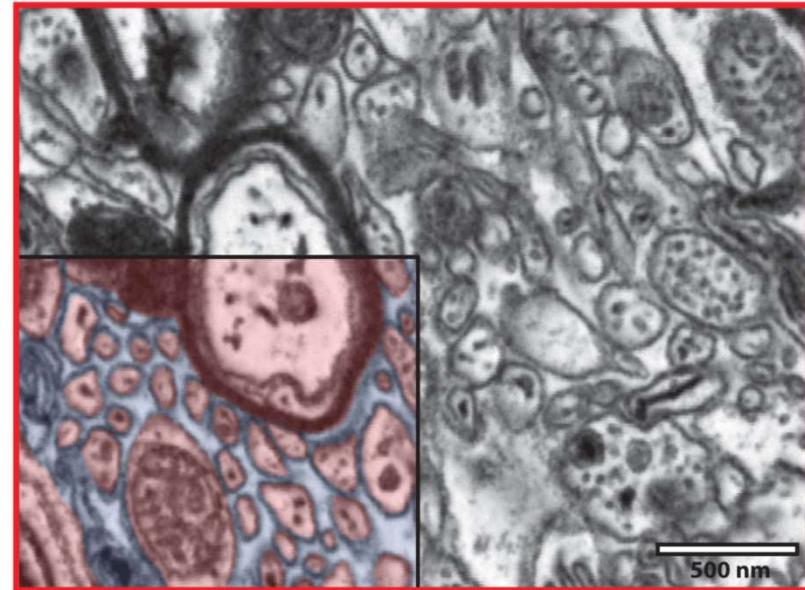
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AP -0.96

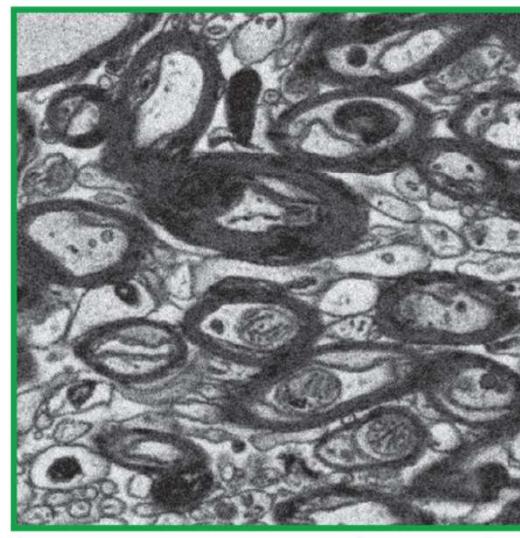


cerebral cortex



500 nm

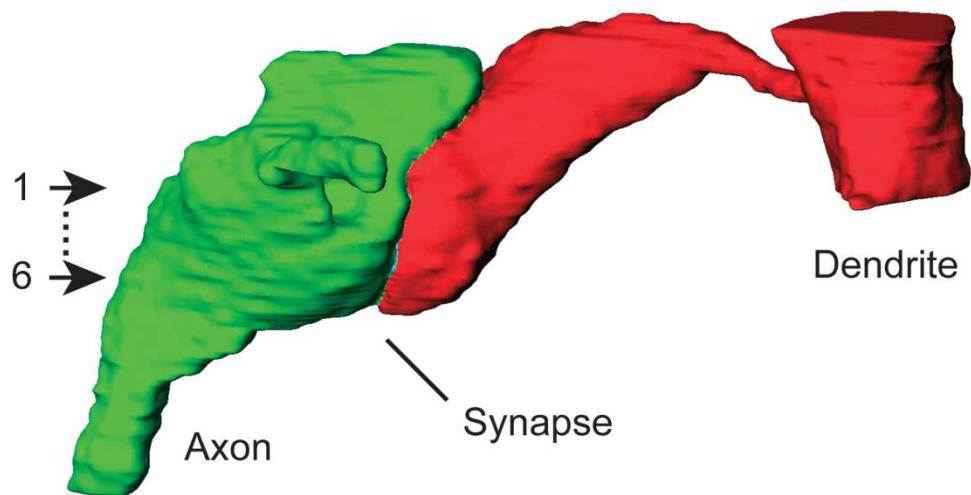
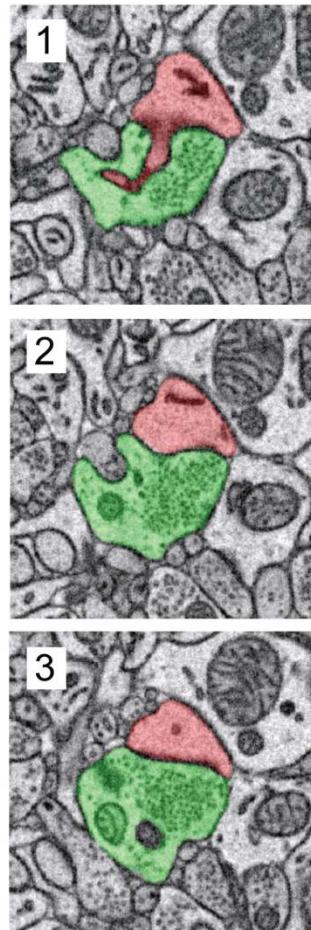
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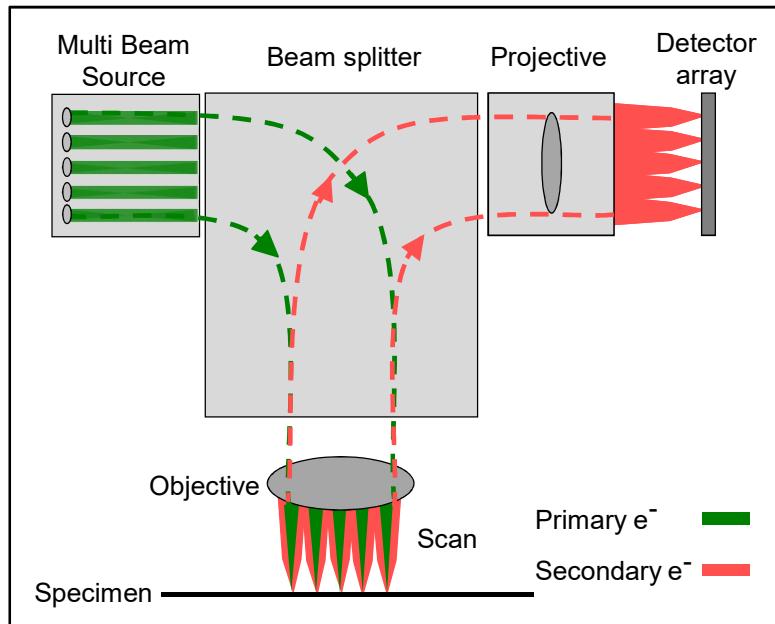


external capsule



striatum



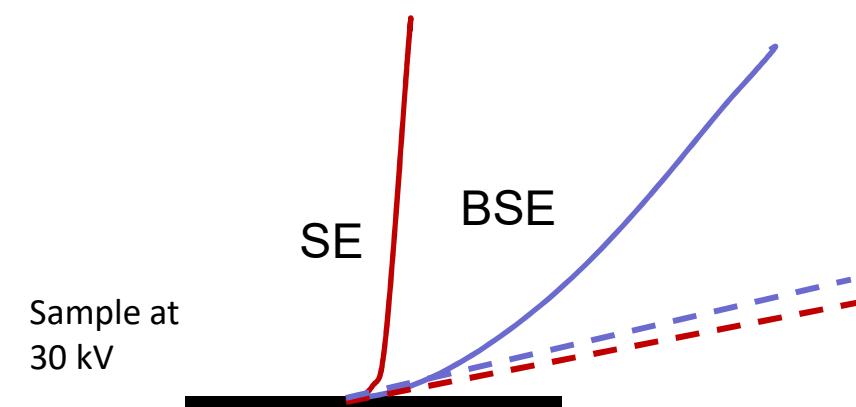


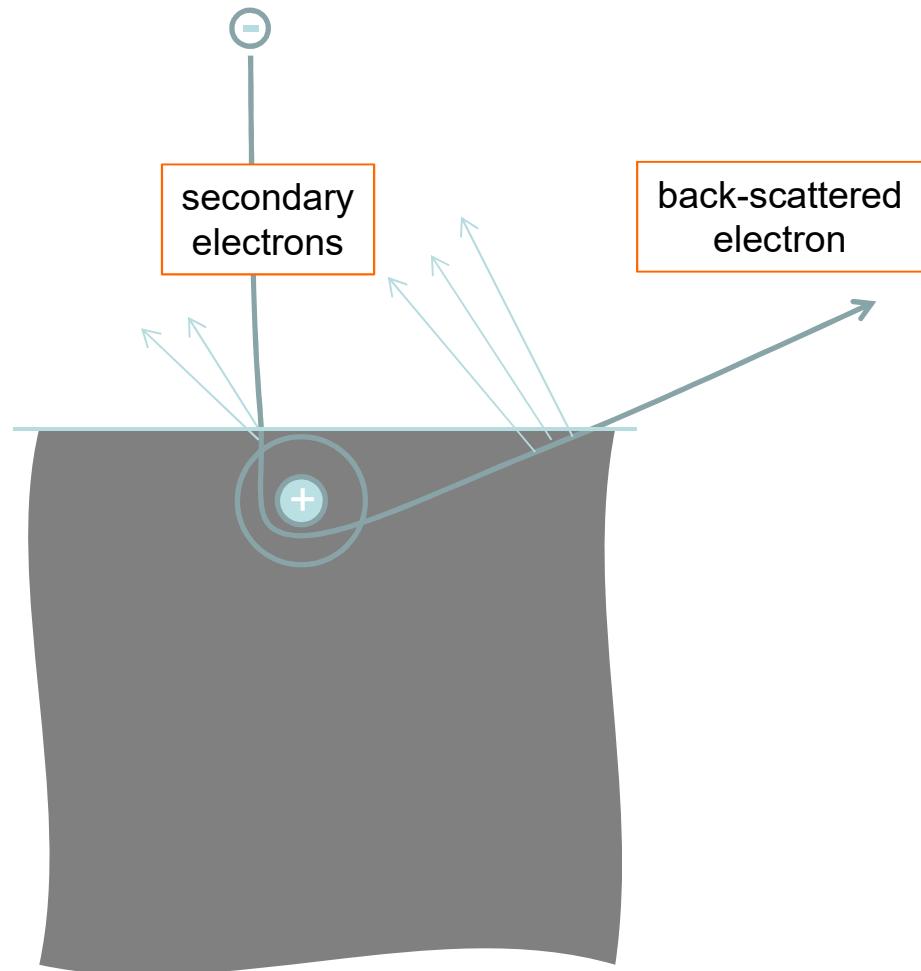
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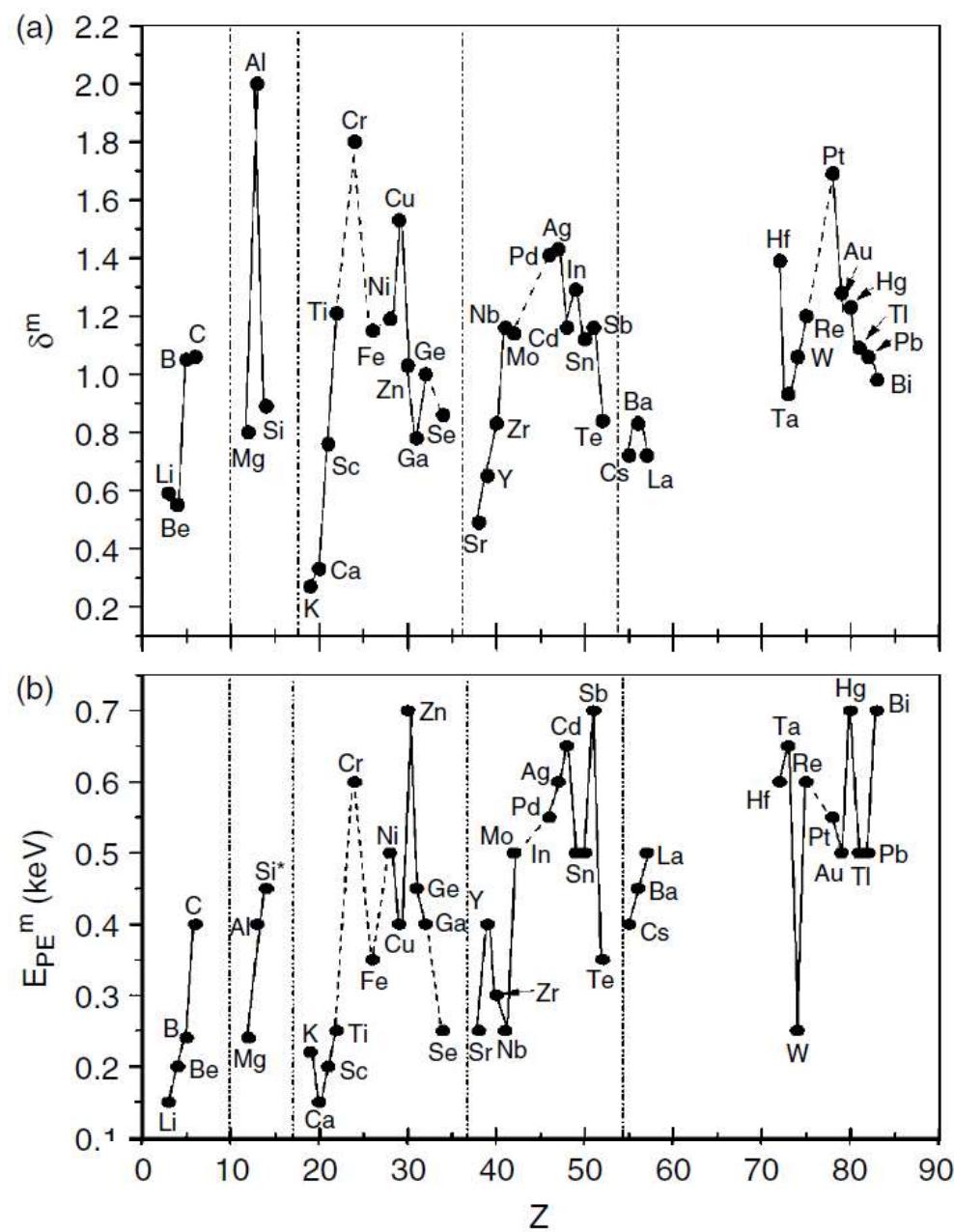
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- Resolution: 4-10 nm

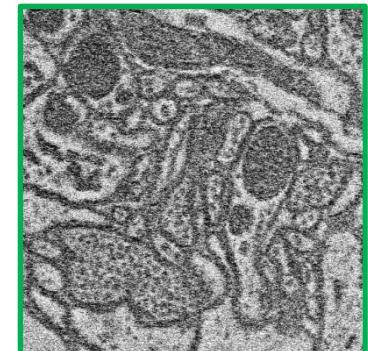
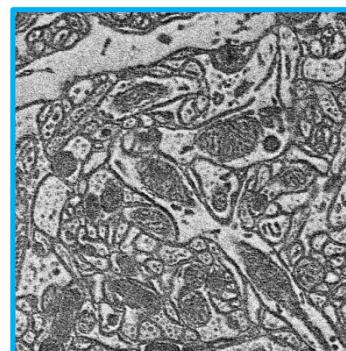
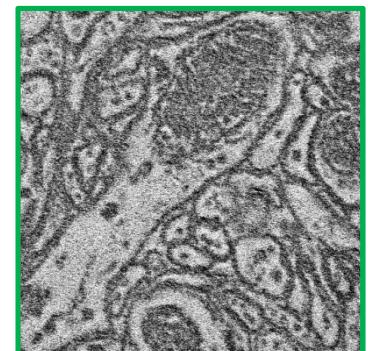
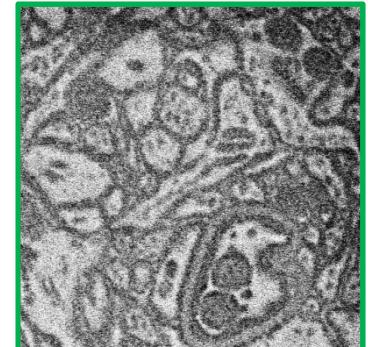
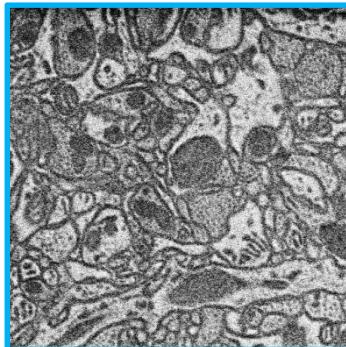
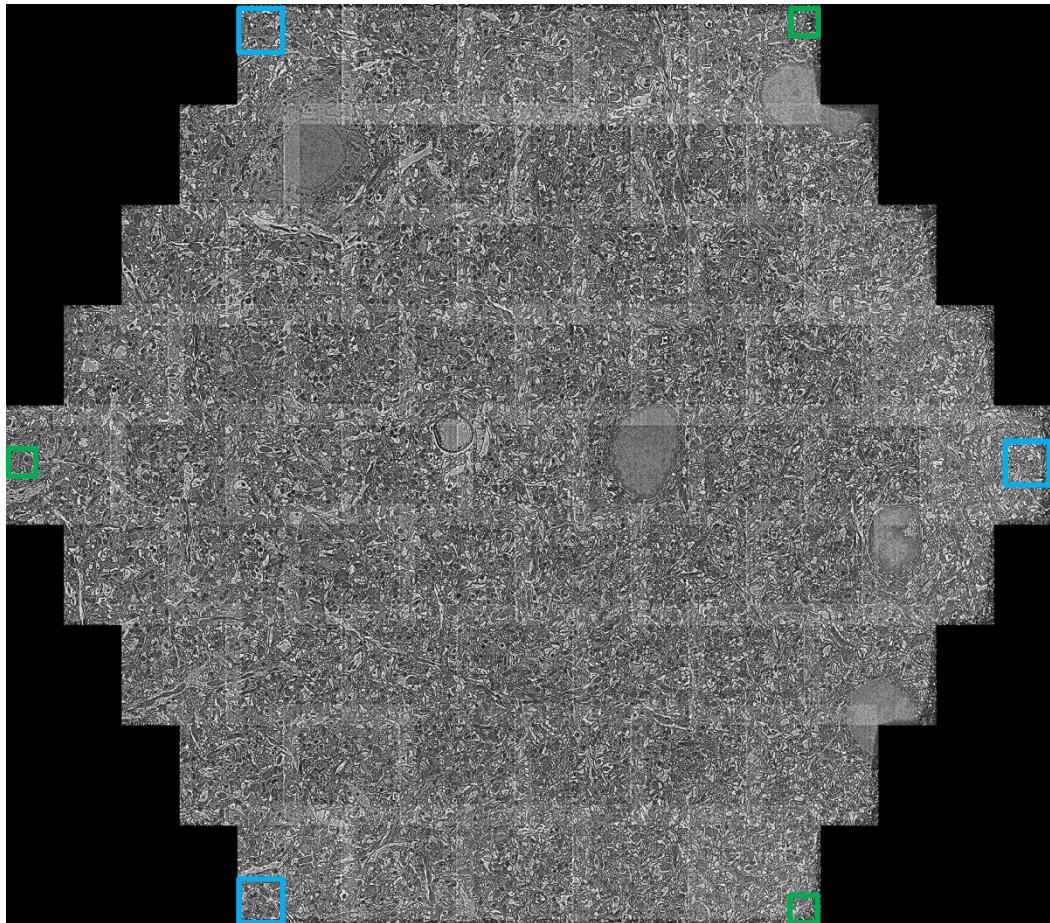
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- Mario Mützel
- Stefan Schubert
- Dirk Zeidler









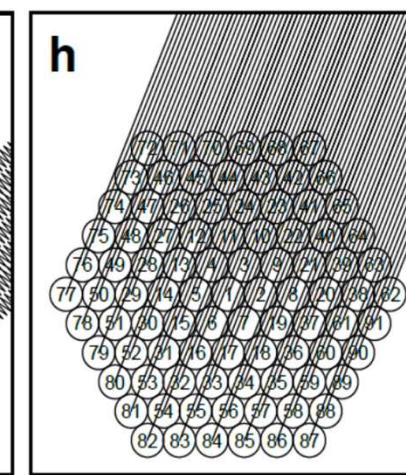
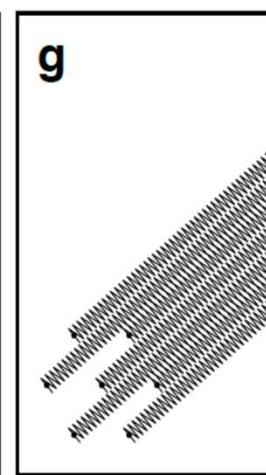
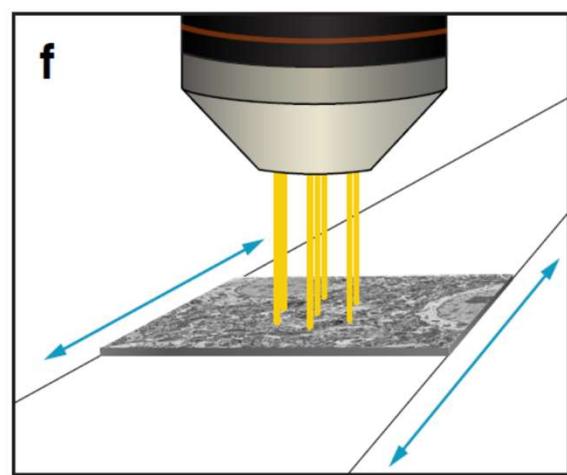
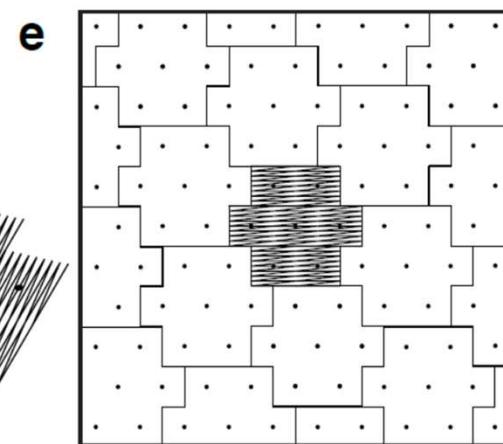
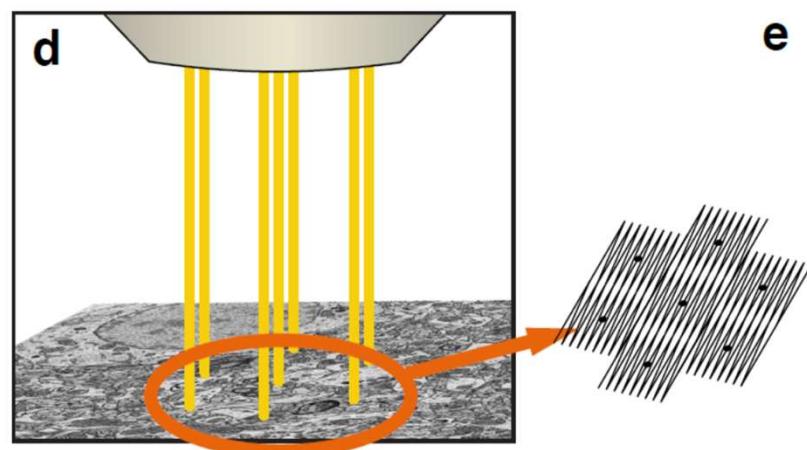
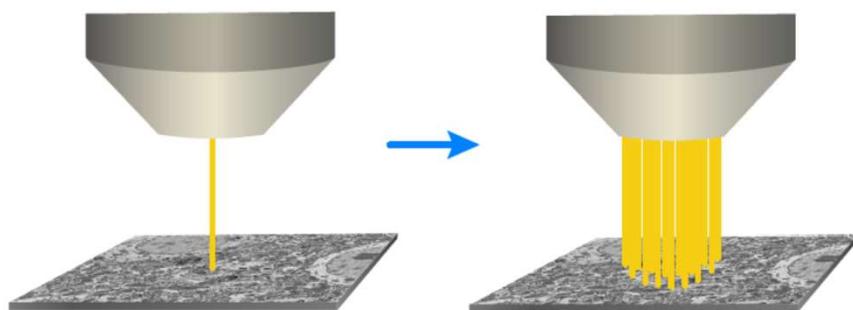
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Coating: Benjamin Titze  
Imaging: Tomasz Garbowski & Dirk Zeidler  
(Carl Zeiss Microscopy GmbH)  
mSEM prototype system in development

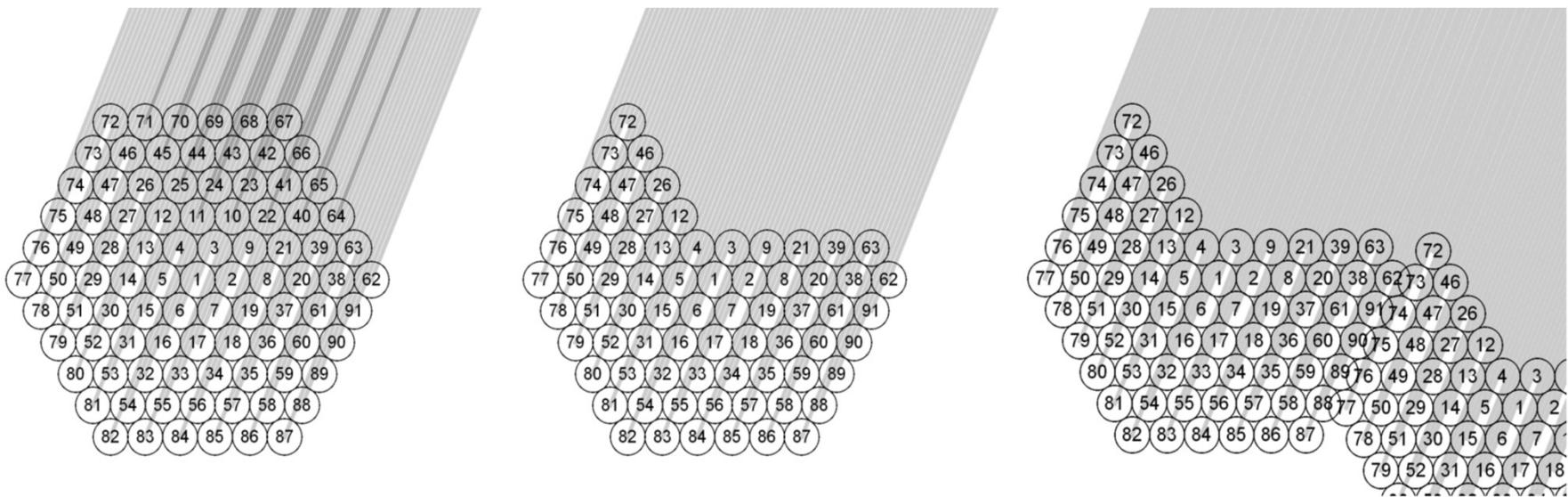
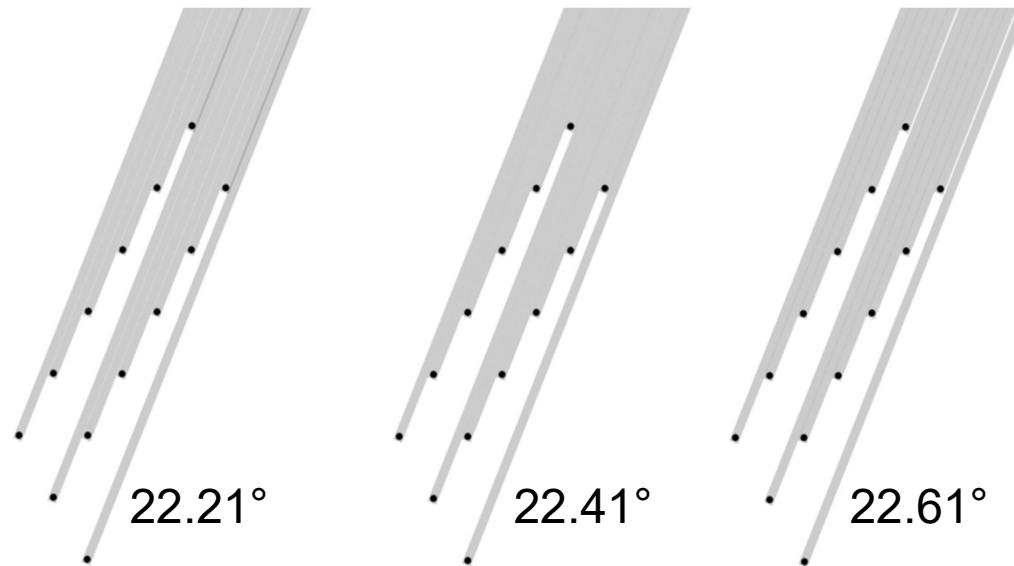
Landing energy: 1.5 kV  
Beam deceleration: 30 kV  
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10 μm

1 μm

500 nm





## Serial Thick Section Gas Cluster Ion Beam Scanning Electron Microscopy

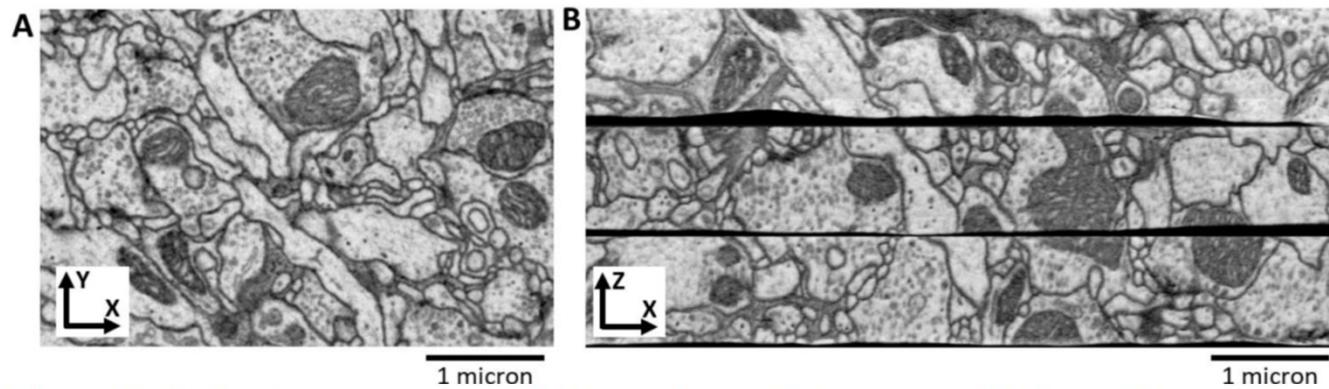
Kenneth J. Hayworth<sup>1</sup>, David Peale<sup>1</sup>, Zhiyuan Lu<sup>2</sup>, C. Shan Xu<sup>1</sup> and Harald F. Hess<sup>1</sup>

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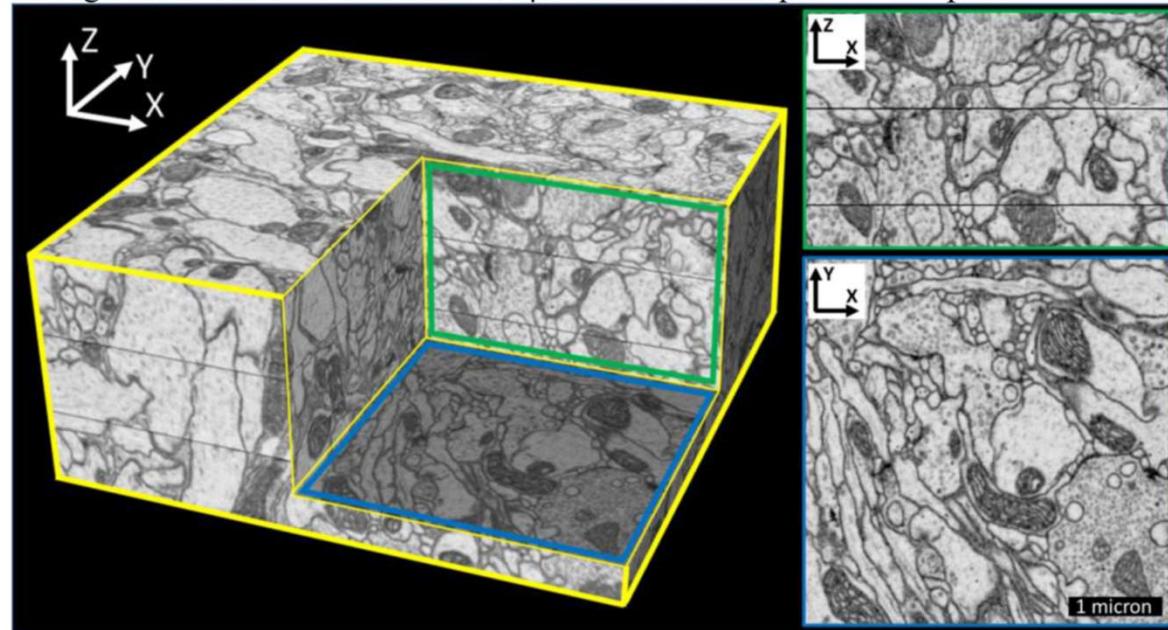
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Focused Ion Beam Scanning Electron Microscopy (FIB-SEM) is used to volume image heavy metal-stained, plastic-embedded biological samples with resolutions below 10 x 10 x 10nm, an ability that is especially important in connectomics [1]. FIB-SEM samples are typically restricted to be <50µm in the direction of the FIB beam because glancing angle milling results in artifacts over longer distances [1]. Removal rate is also restricted due to a current/spot size tradeoff. These limitations are especially problematic when one contemplates combining FIB with the increased speed offered by multibeam SEMs like the 91 beam Zeiss MultiSEM [2]. The MultiSEM's *minimum* field of view is ~180µm, and its imaging rate is approximately two orders of magnitude faster than FIB's milling rate. These considerations appear to preclude the integration of traditional FIB milling with MultiSEM imaging.

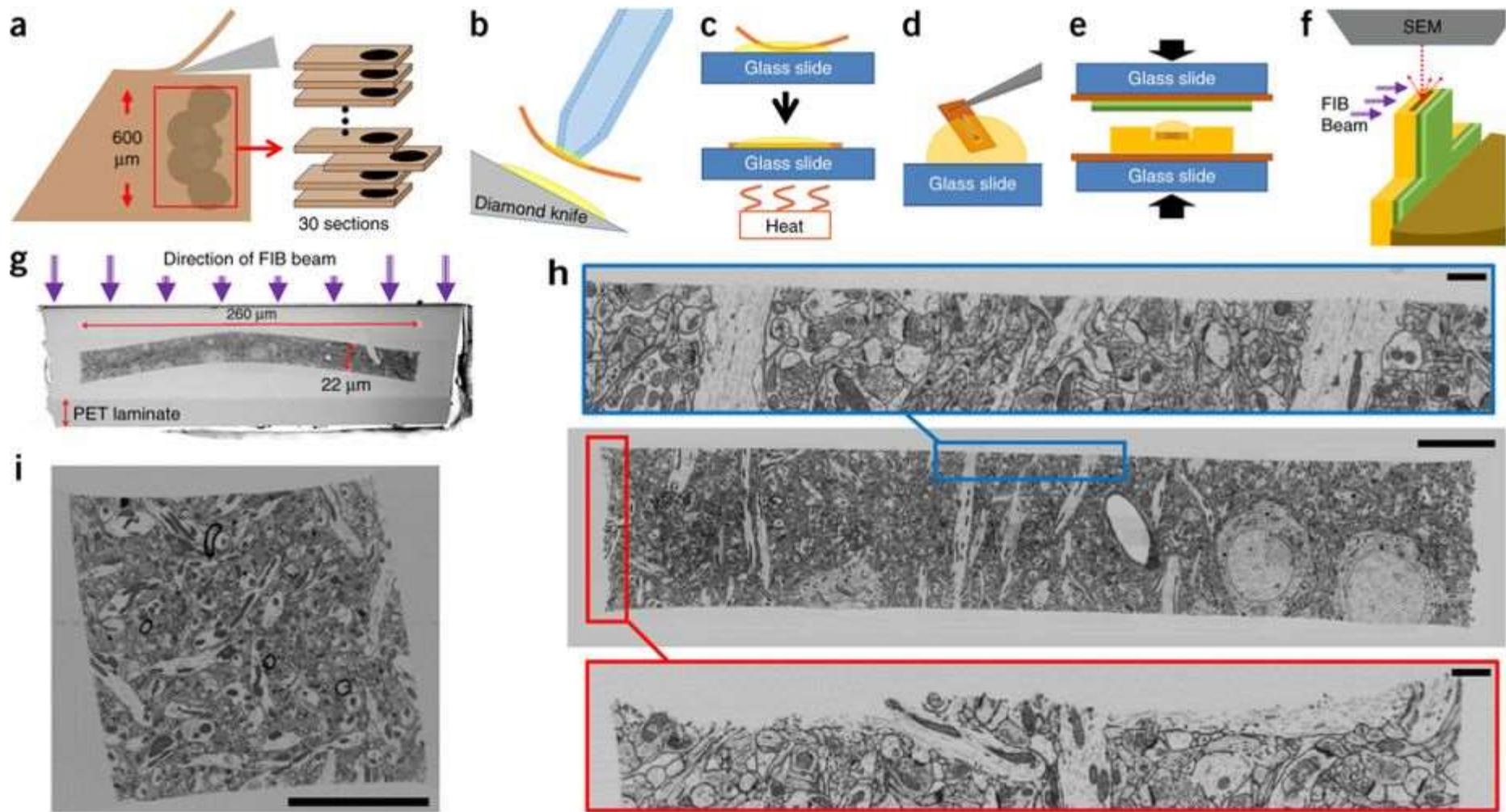
To overcome these limitations we chose to develop a broad ion beam milling approach using Gas Cluster Ion Beams (GCIB). GCIB delivers low-energy atoms to a surface and therefore does not require the use of a glancing angle. GCIB has been used for semiconductor polishing and for profiling in mass spectroscopy [3]. We attached a GCIB-10s gun from Ionoptika to a Zeiss Ultra SEM. Using a 10kV beam of Ar2000 (clusters of 2000 argon atoms), we verified that smooth, sub-10nm removal was possible from the surface of 100nm thick tissue sections. In order to obtain surfaces sufficiently smooth to produce quality secondary electron (SE) images (using 12kV landing energy and InLens detection



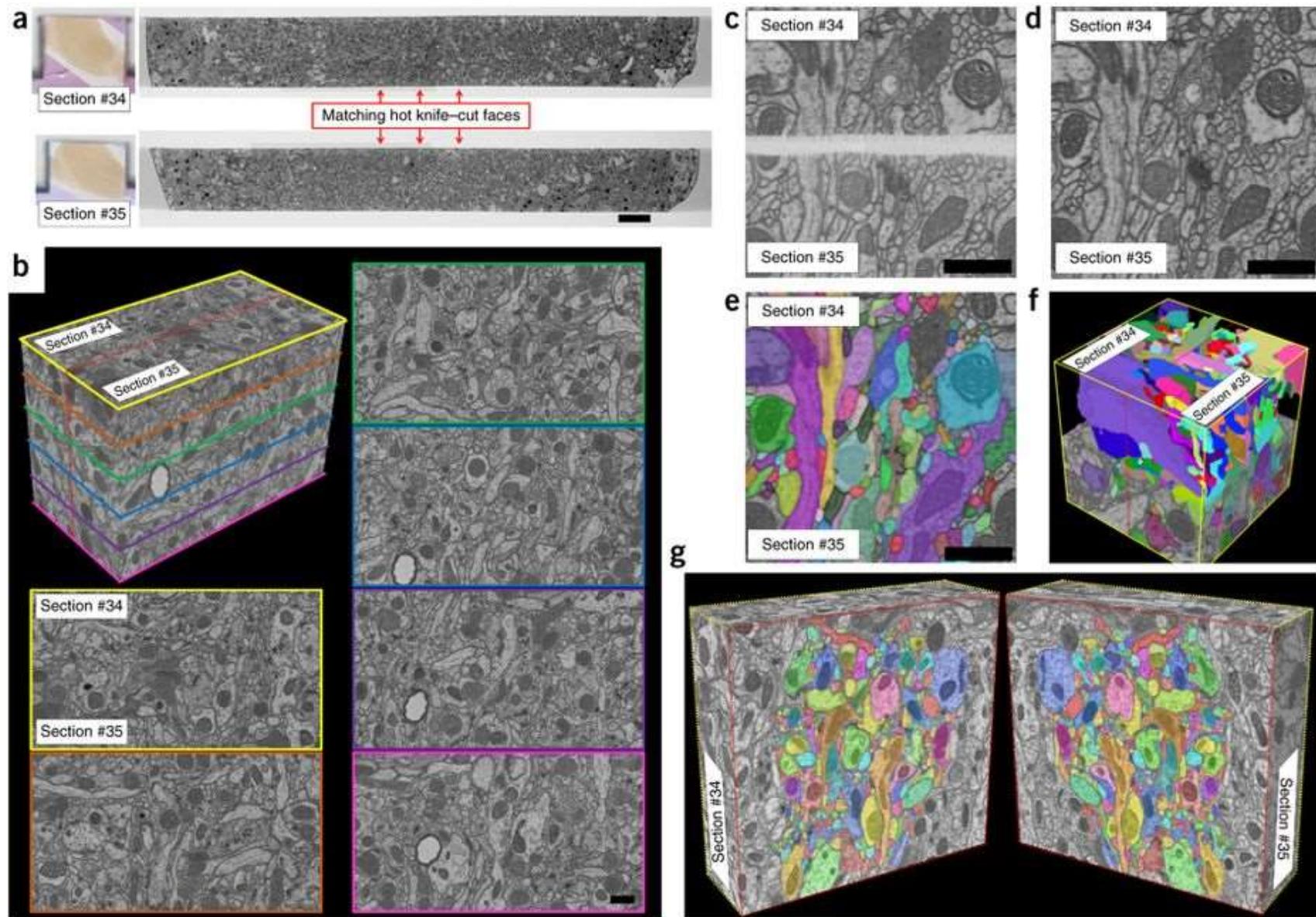
**Figure 1.** GCIB-SEM imaging. (A) SE image after multiple rounds of GCIB milling. (B) Cross section through dataset of three consecutive 1 μm thick sections prior to computational flattening.



**Figure 2.** Final GCIB-SEM dataset after computationally flattening and volume-stitching the three consecutive 1 μm thick sections together.



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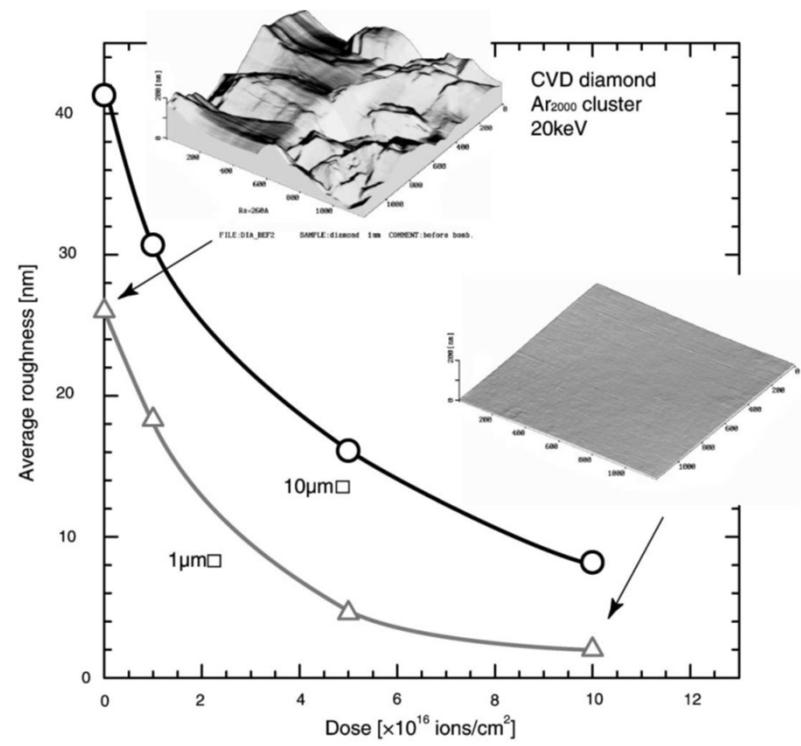
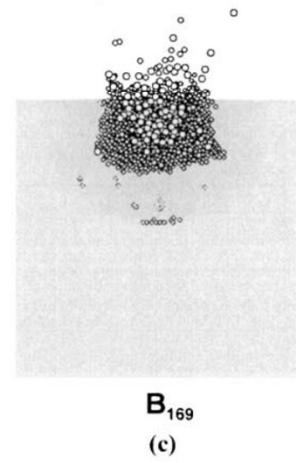
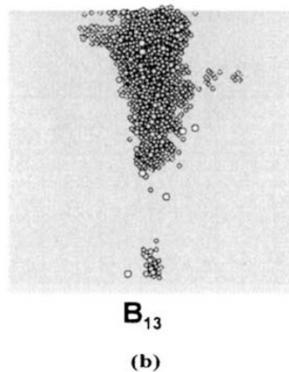
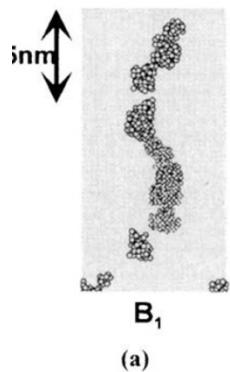
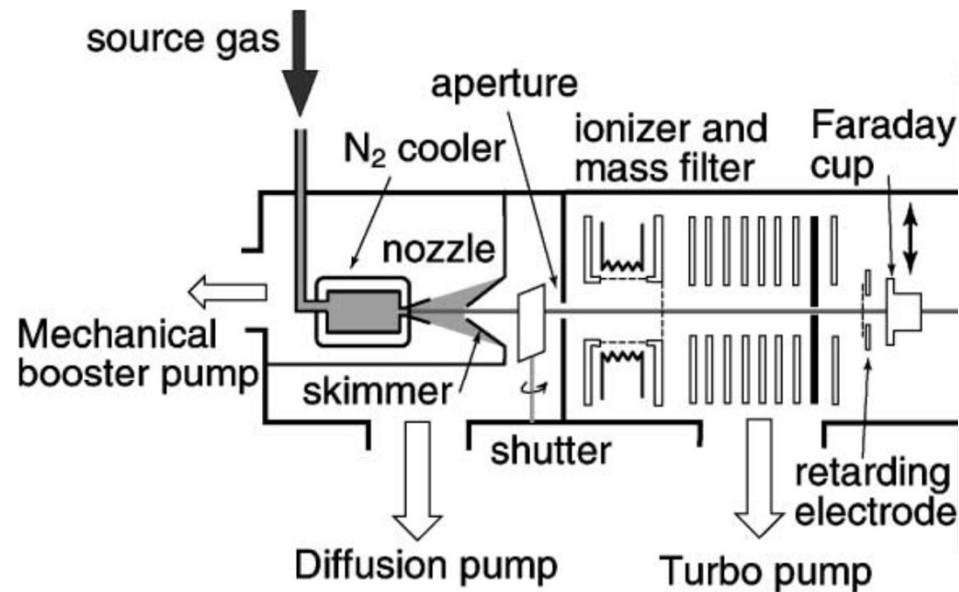


Illustration: Yamada et al., 2001



Illustration: Julia Kuhl

## Stumbling Blocks, Pitfalls, Showstoppers, etc.:

Synapses (chemical), strength and other parameters

Synapses (electrical), existence etc.

Synapses (modulatory), etc.

Channel distributions

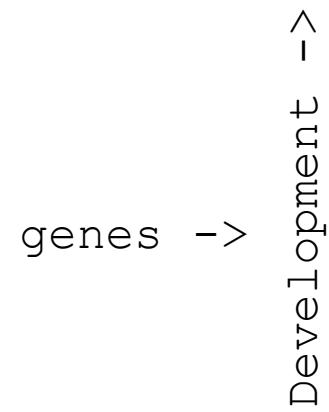
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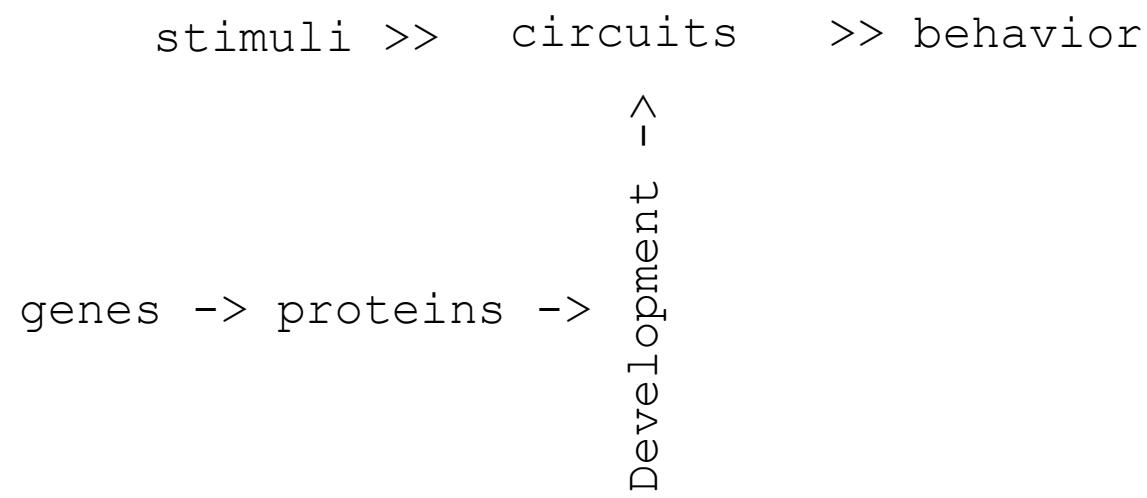
Isn't all that's interesting encoded in the genome?

stimuli >> organism >> behavior

stimuli >> circuits >> behavior

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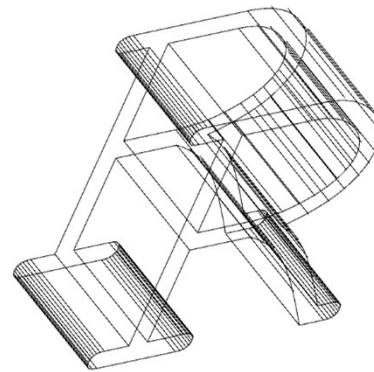
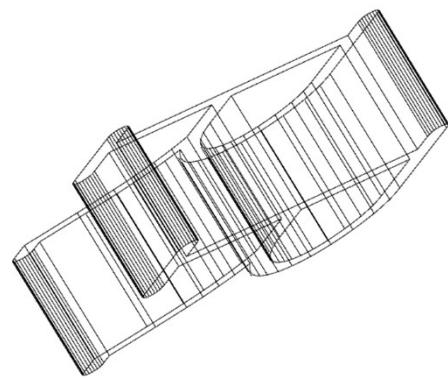
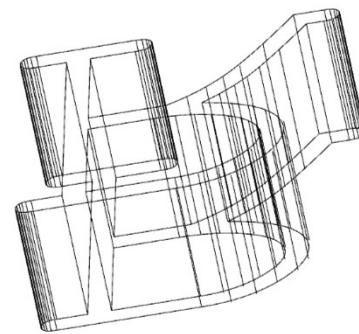
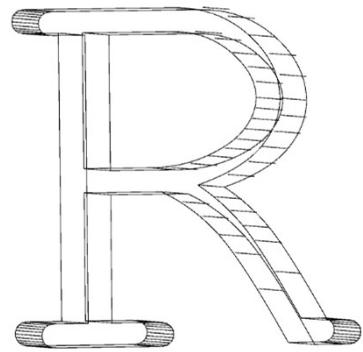
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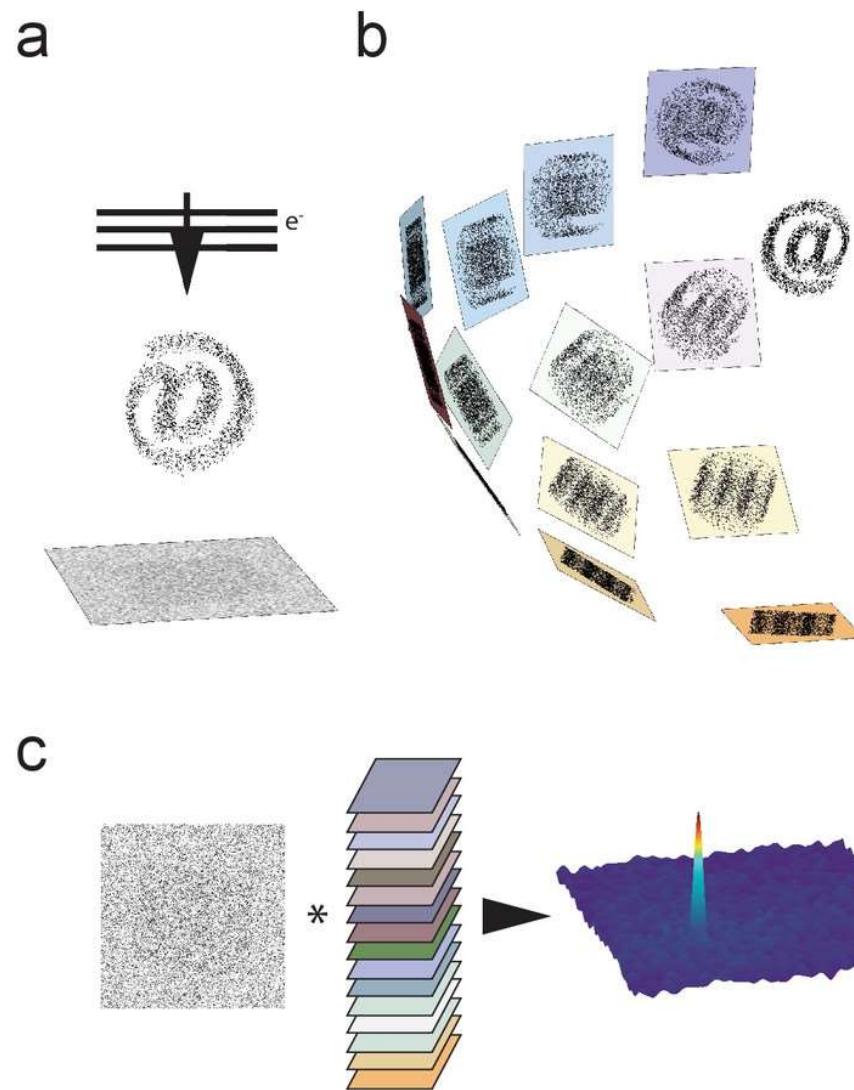


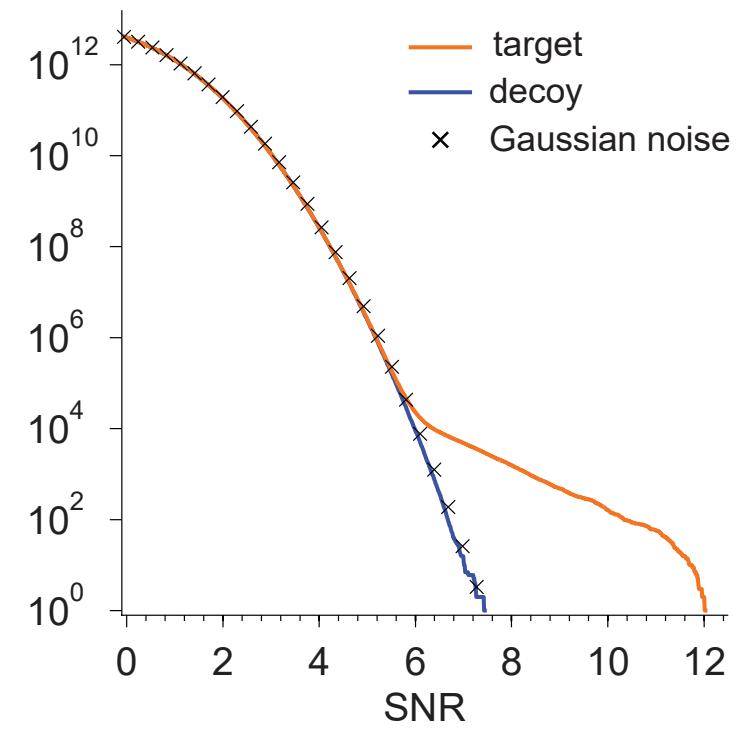
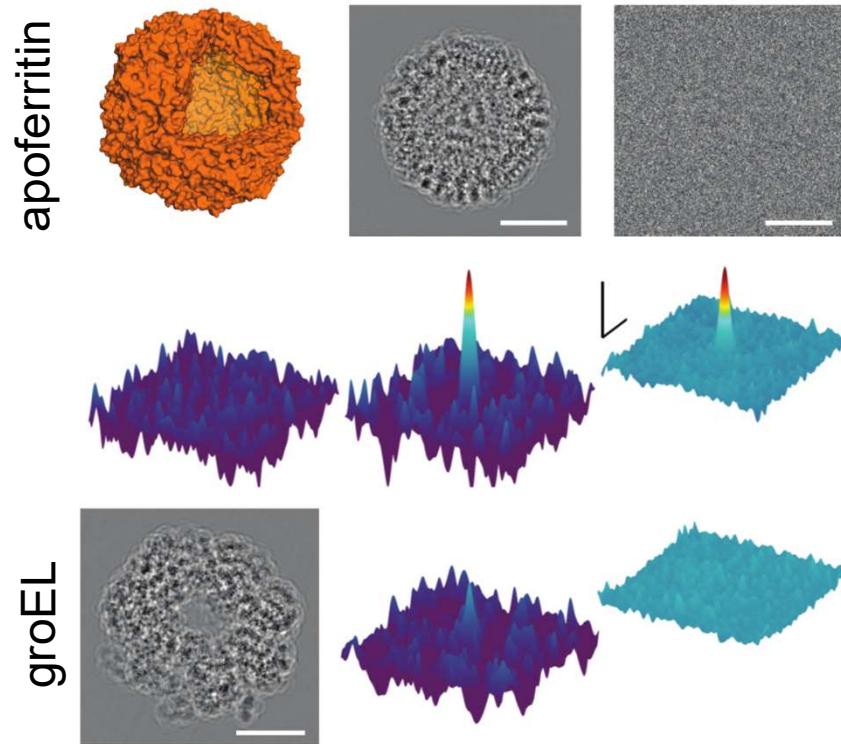
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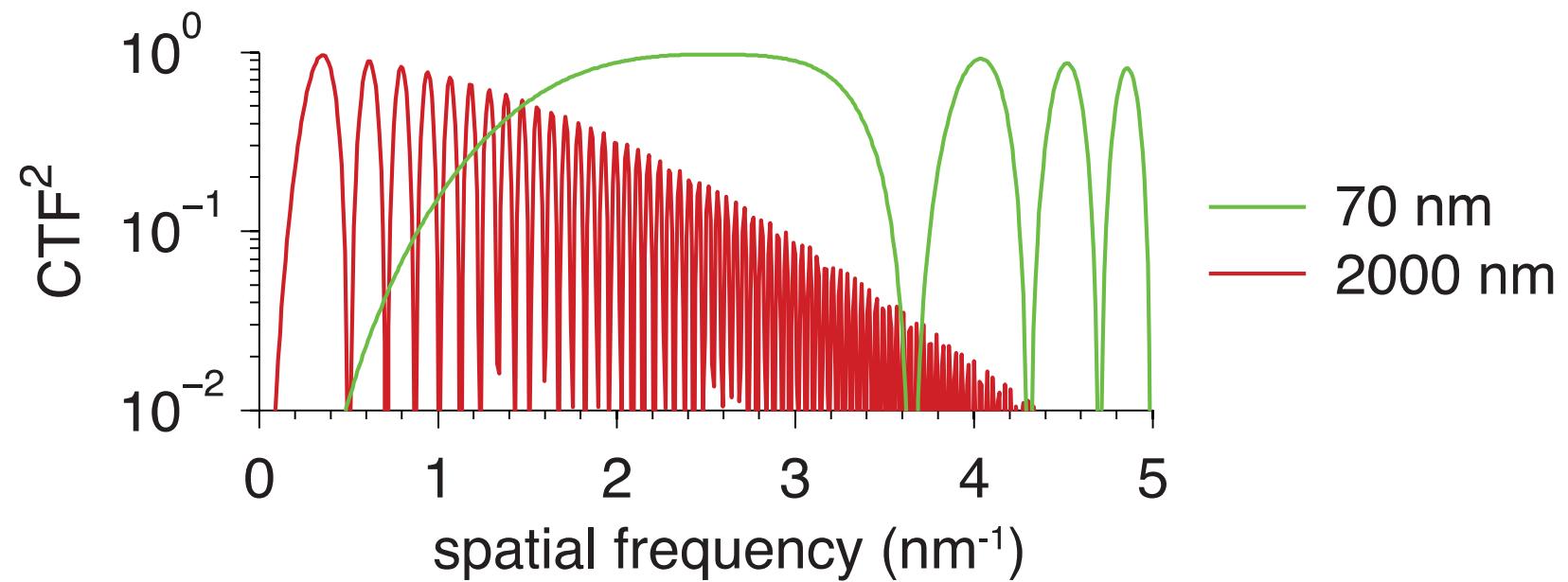


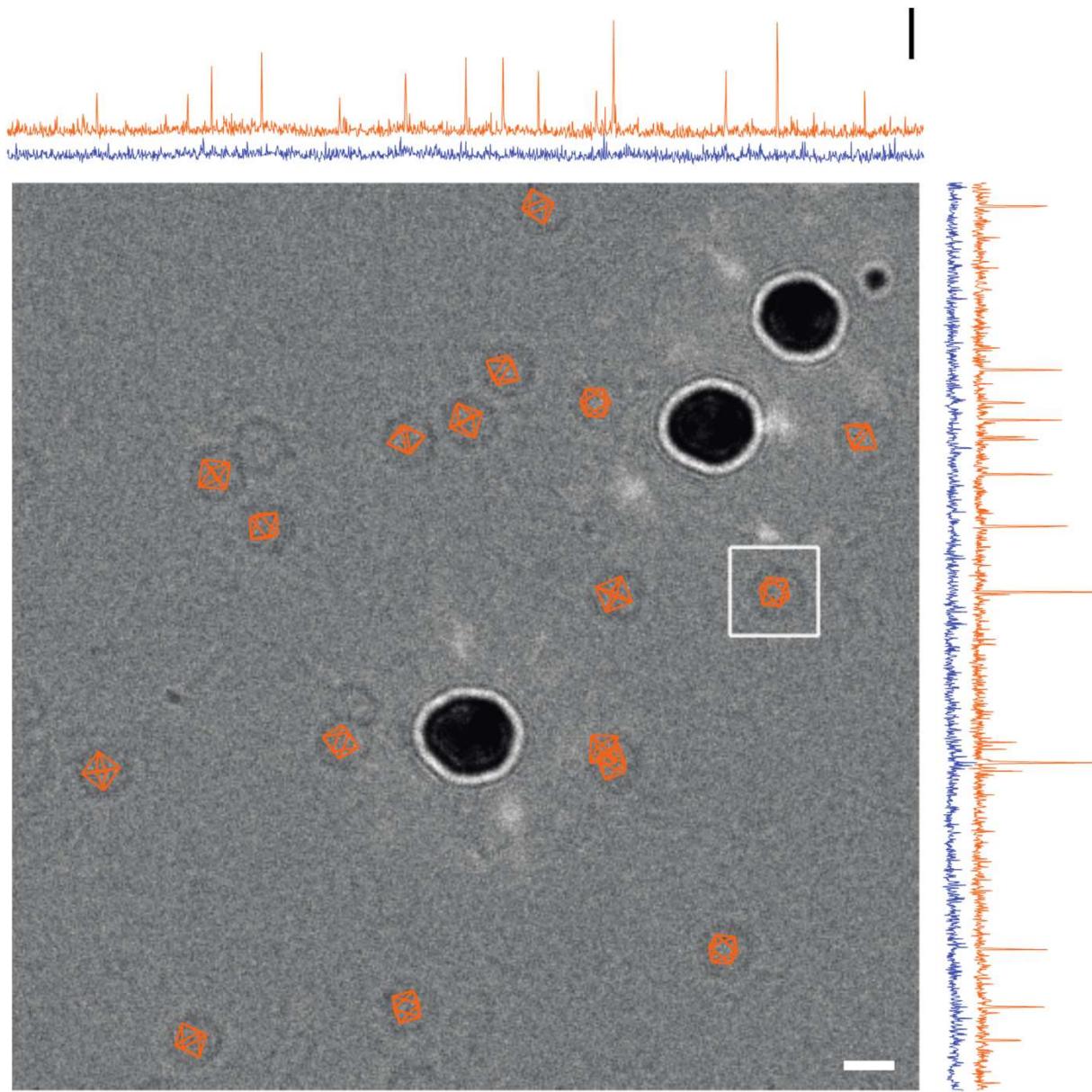


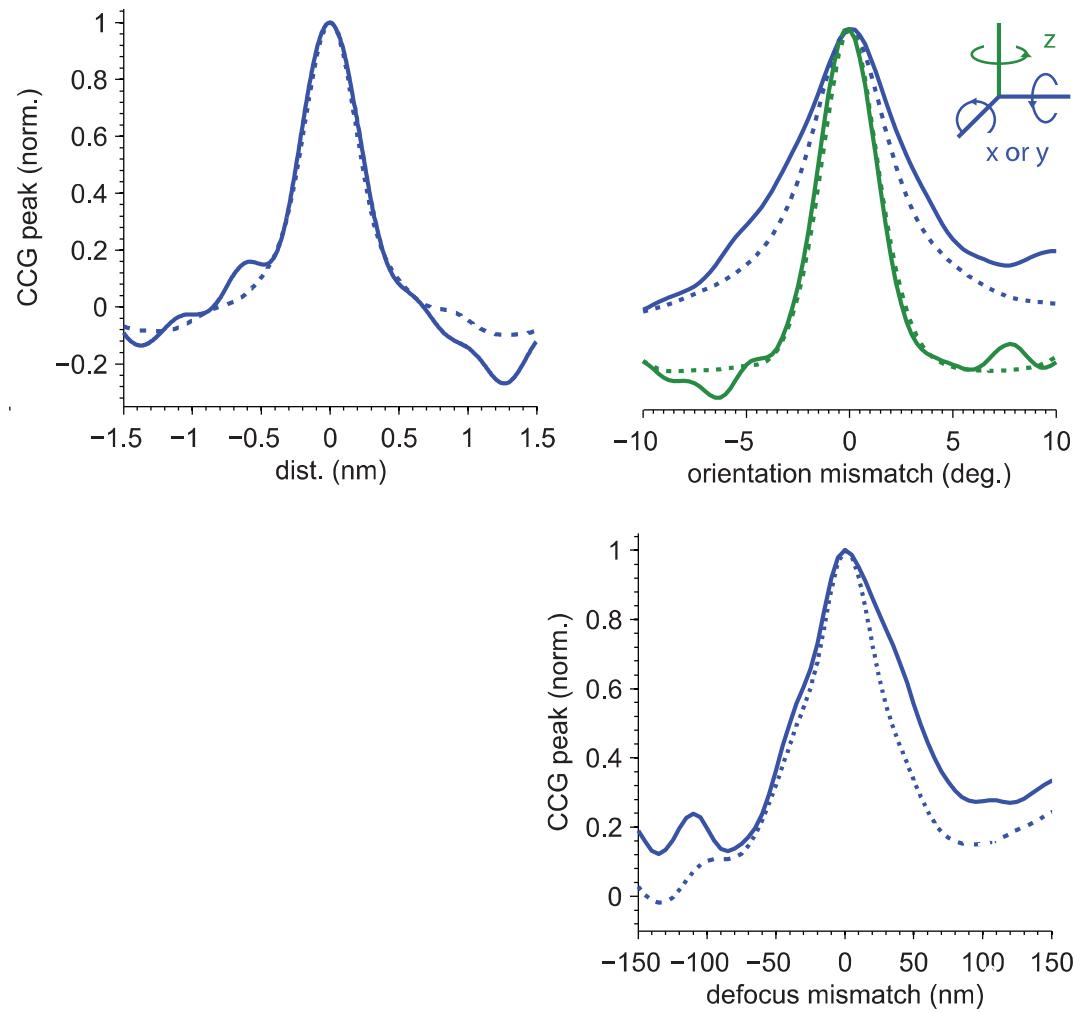


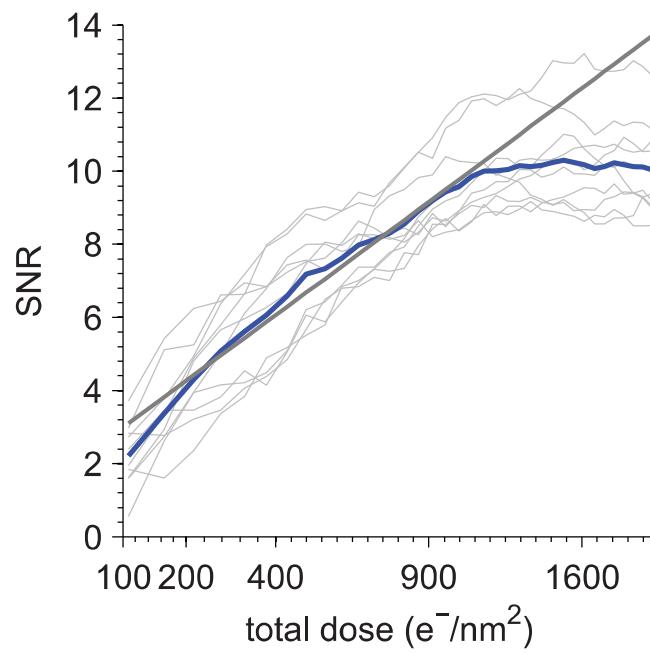
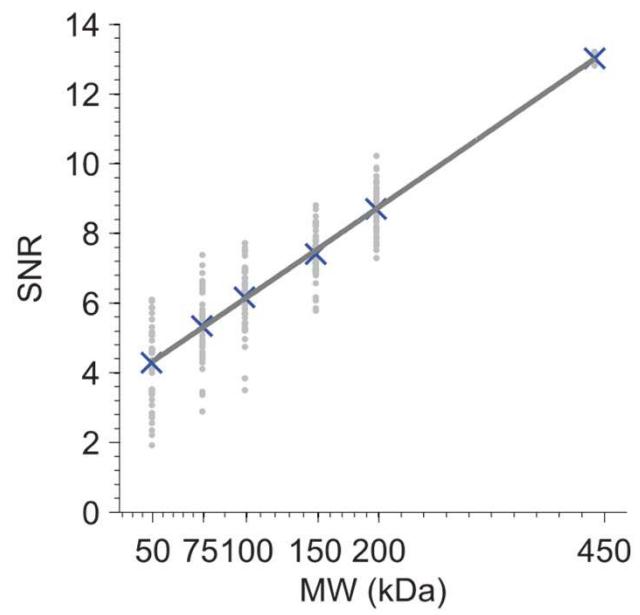


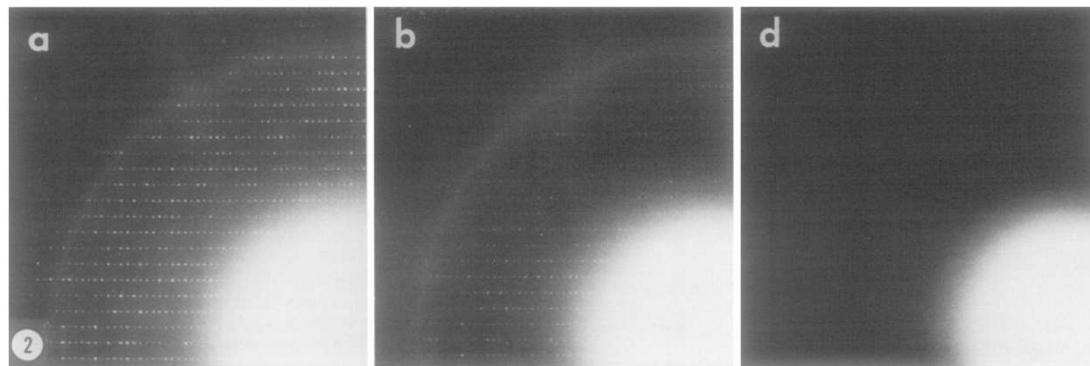
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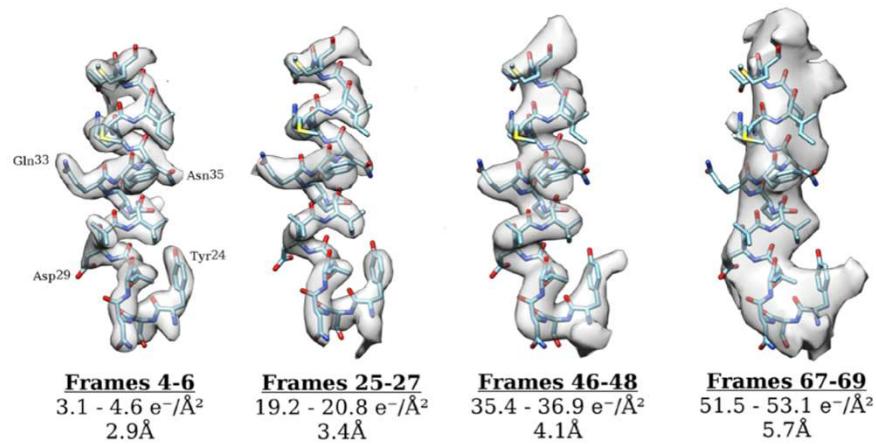








Taylor and Glaeser (1976)



Grant and Grigorieff (2015)

## Simulations

