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# **The Biomedical Informatics Research Network**

**The Merger of Advanced Imaging  
with Advanced Cyber Infrastructure**

**Mark H. Ellisman**

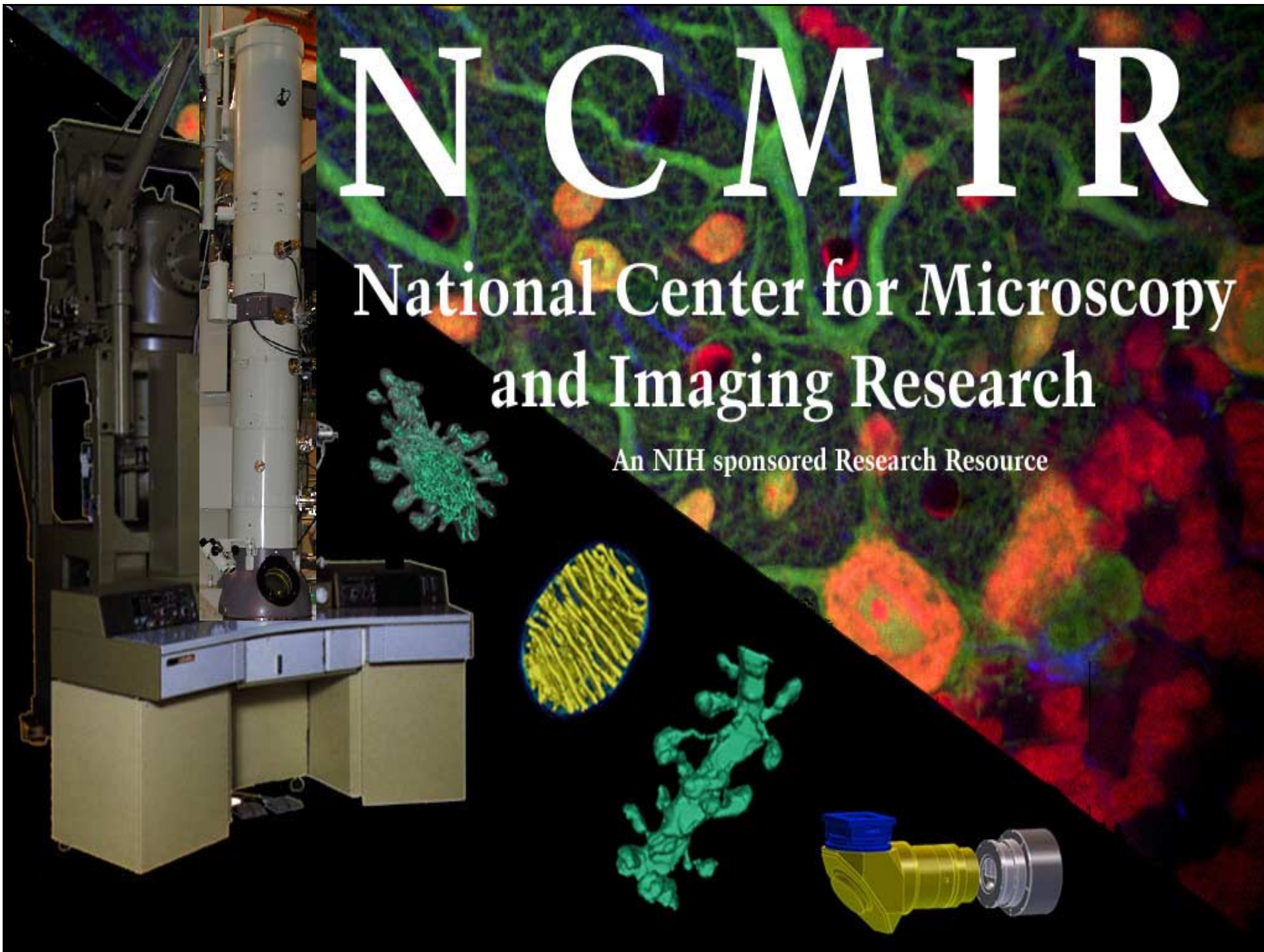
**University of California San Diego**

**National Center for Microscopy and Imaging Research**

# NCMIR

National Center for Microscopy  
and Imaging Research

An NIH sponsored Research Resource





# Modern 3D Transmission Electron Microscope

*extreme  
penetration!*

Ultra High Voltage EM @  
Osaka Univ.

- 3 Million Electron Volts
- 15 Meters Tall
- 140 Tons
- \$\$\$ > 50M US Dollars
- only one of these



**Synchrotrons**

**Molecules**



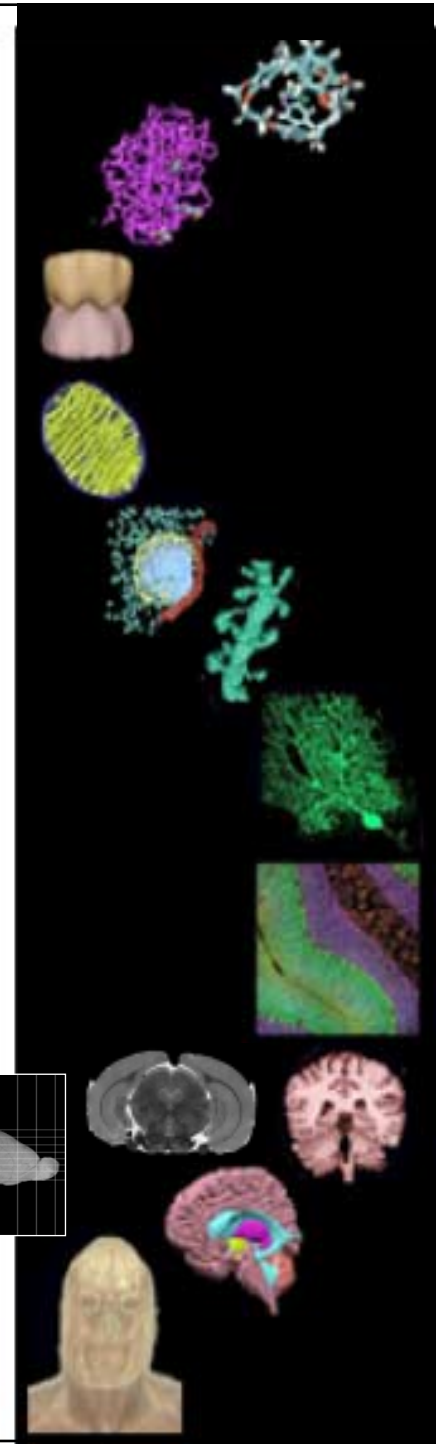
**Microscopes**

**Macromolecular  
Complexes,  
Organelles, Cells**



**Magnetic Resonance Imagers**

**Organs, Organ  
Systems, Organisms**

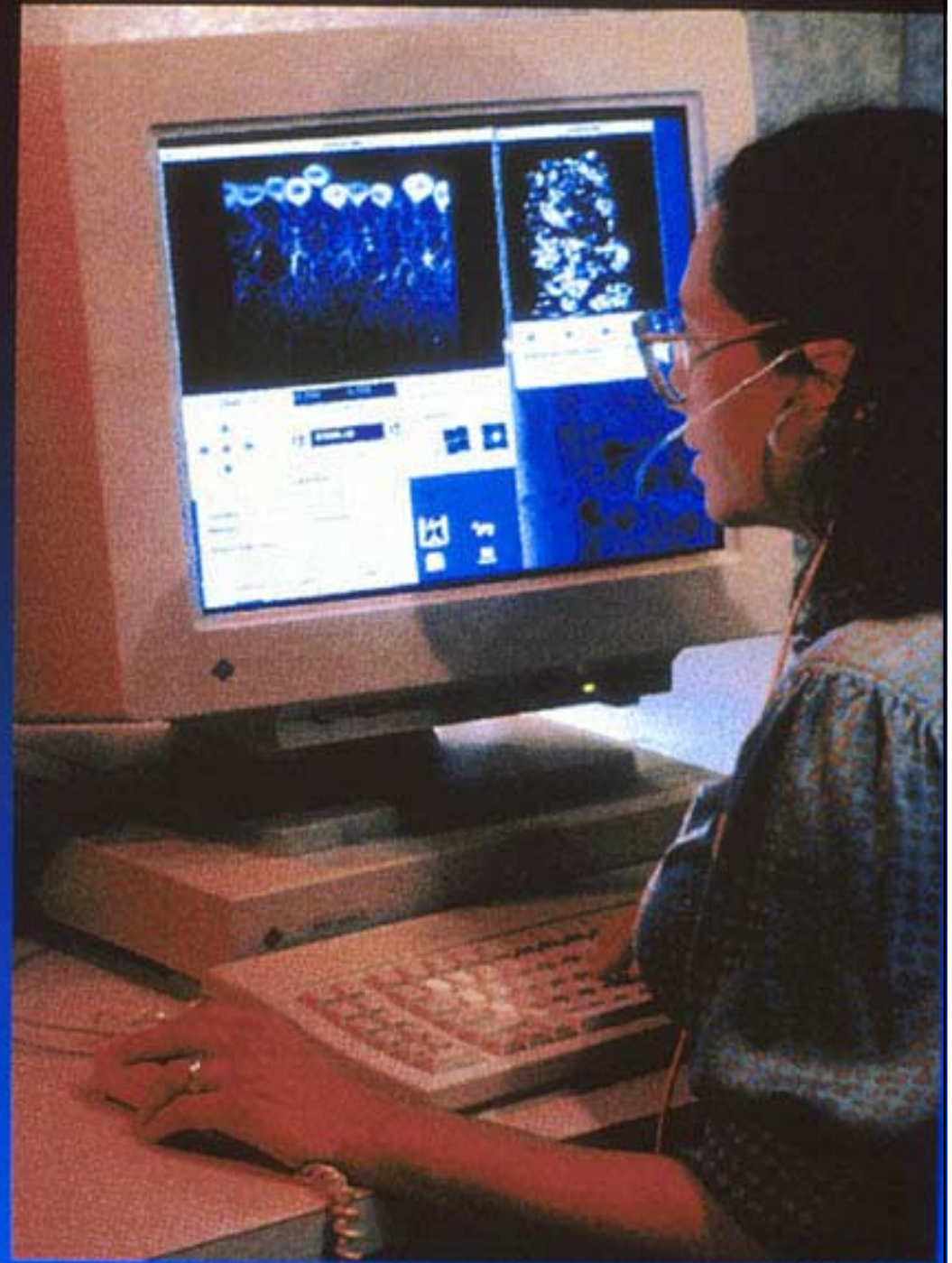




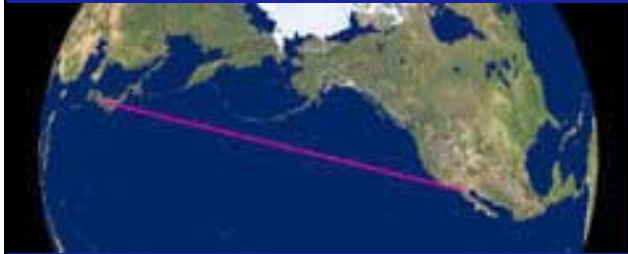
# *Telemicroscopy*

*First Demonstration  
of “Telemicroscopy”  
was between NCMIR  
at San Diego  
and Chicago  
at the  
Super Computing  
Convention  
in 1992*

*It involved remote use  
of the IVEM at UCSD  
and the Cray YMP  
at the San Diego  
Supercomputer Center*



# Trans-Pacific Telemicroscopy



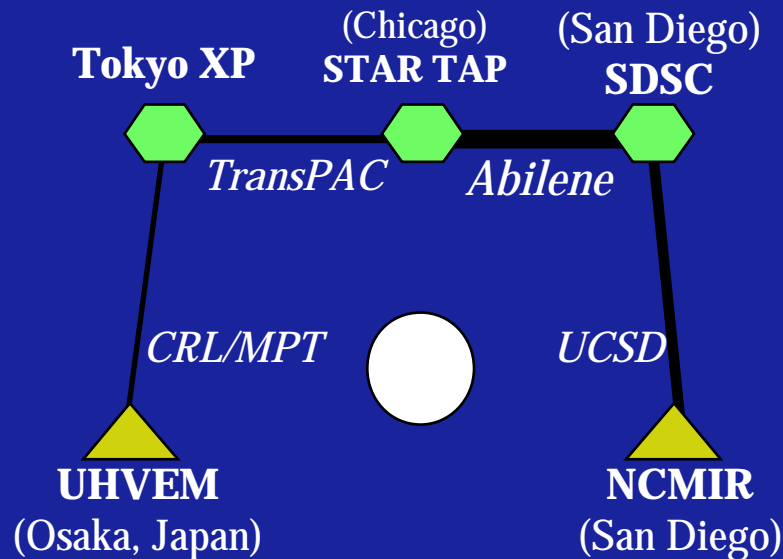
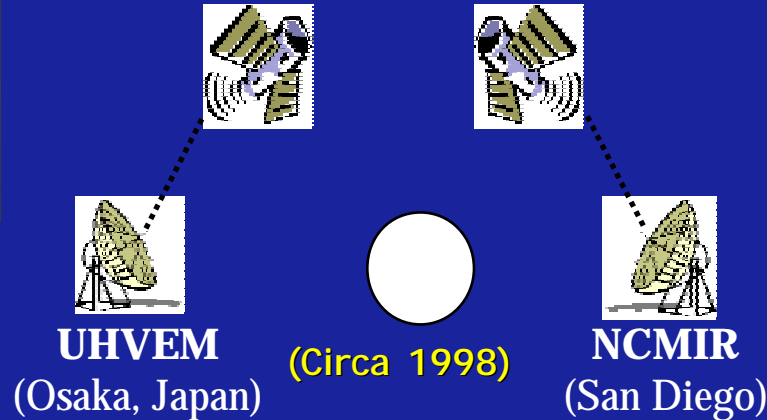
NET NEWS

## Microscopy Across an Ocean

A big push by biologists to use computer networks to operate rare instruments from afar passed a major milestone on 25 June: Scientists took a spin on the world's most powerful electron microscope in Japan—while sitting 6000 kilometers away in California.

Six years ago, University of California, San Diego, neuroscientist Mark Ellisman thrilled audiences at a conference in Chicago by using the Internet to control an electron microscope in San Diego. Several U.S. agencies jumped in to fund projects for operating microscopes by remote control, and by now at least a dozen groups are doing so in the United States. Ellisman's team has since moved on to the Mount Everest of microscopes: Osaka University's Ultra High Voltage Electron Microscope, a 3,000,000-volt behemoth that can create three-dimensional images from much thicker samples (such as biological cells) than ordinary microscopes can. Ellisman and his U.S. and Japanese colleagues wondered if they could operate this instrument's roomful of controls from across the Pacific Ocean.

They showed they could. Over 5 hours, San Diego scientists imaged nerve cells from a rat and a frog without setting foot in Japan, controlling things like focus and specimen position across a private data line while the images came in across a satellite video link. Ellisman says this lays the groundwork for researchers all over the United States and Japan to borrow each others' specialized microscopes, probably via a high-speed Internet link, "within a year or two."



Now part of a production environment using IPv6



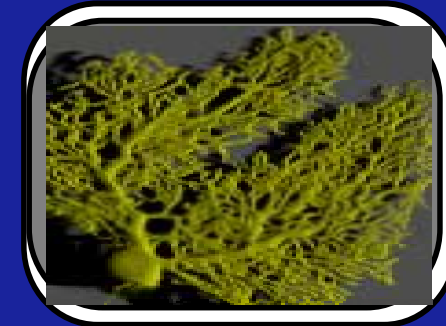
# TELEMICROSCOPY & GRID - BASED COMPUTING

## REMOTE ACCESS FOR DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS

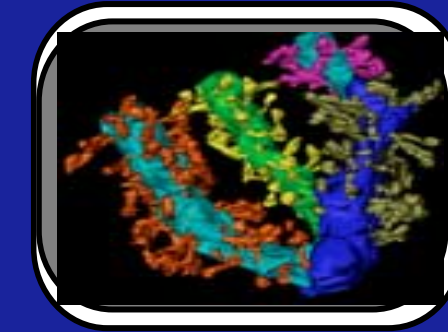
DATA ACQUISITION



DATA ANALYSIS



ADVANCED  
COMPUTER  
GRAPHICS



NETWORK

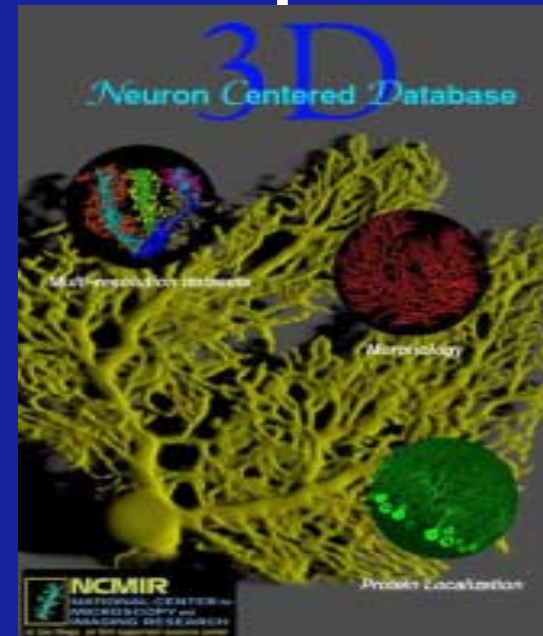


IMAGING  
INSTRUMENTS



QuickTime™ and a YUV420 codec decompressor are needed to see this picture.

COMPUTATIONAL  
RESOURCES



MULTI-  
SCALE  
DATA-  
BASES



# The Login Page: The Entrance into the Portal

Single login grants authenticated access to all applications, resources, and services

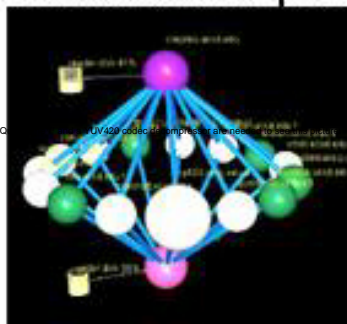
## telescience

for advanced tomography applications

Remotely Control Instruments



Distributed Grid Computation



Distribute Data to Storage Resources



Username

Password

Login

[What is Telescience?](#)

[Learn more about the Telescience Portal](#)

[Need a Telescience Account?](#)



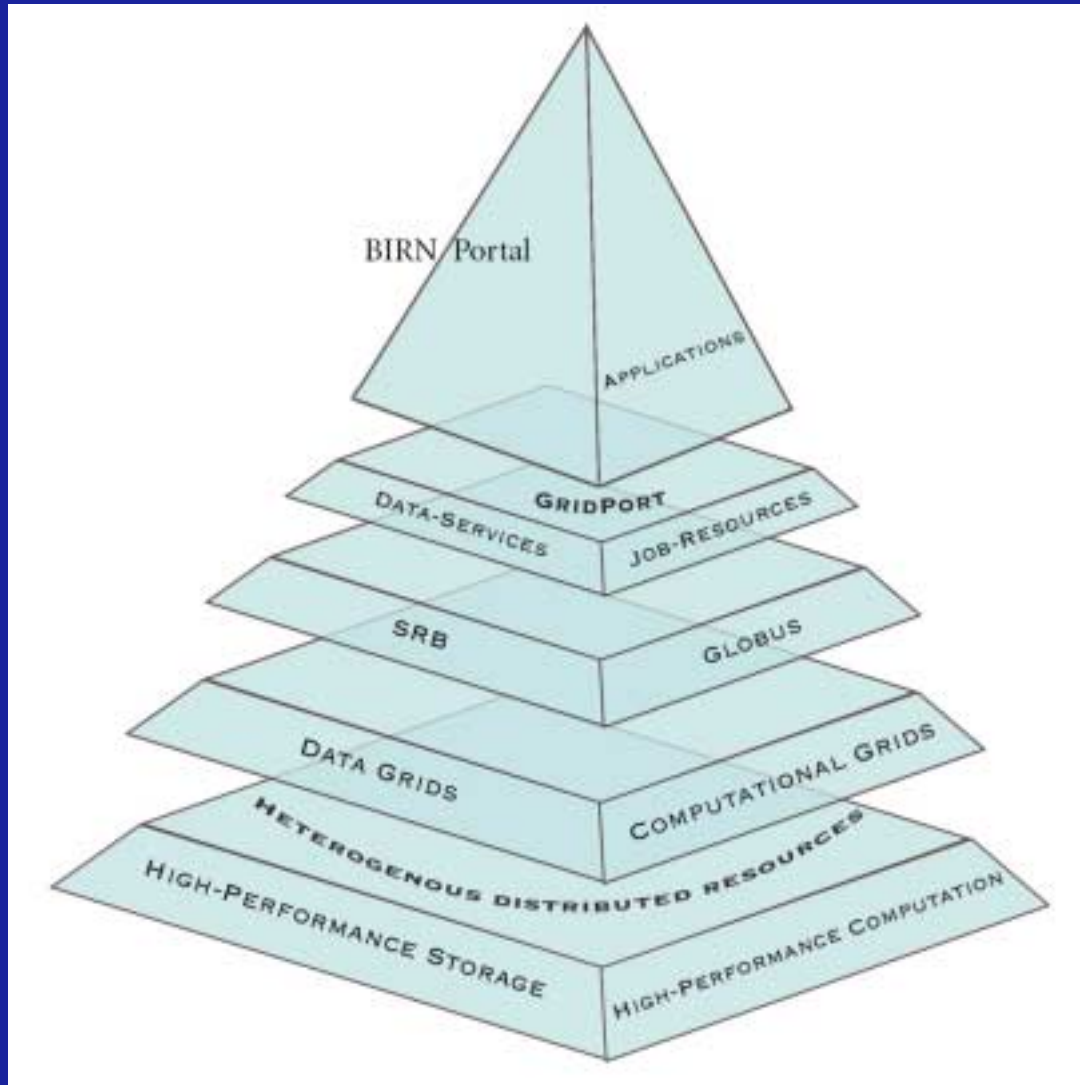
# What is the Telescience Portal ?

- **Centralized access** to ALL tools/applications necessary for electron tomography with a **Single Login** from any Internet capable location
  
- Telescience Portal Login provides:
  - **Globus** authentication to distributed **Grid Computing**
  - Login to the **Storage** Resource Broker - **Data Grid**
  - Login to the Cell Centered **Federated Database**
  
- Provides simple, intuitive access to sophisticated instrumentation and Grid resources for data storage and computation
  
- Provides a framework for future needs of high-throughput electron tomography

# The Telescience Portal Provides Access to Tools and Workflows

- Telemicroscopy for **remote instrumentation** and **data acquisition**
- **Parallel** tomographic reconstruction using **distributed**, heterogeneous platforms and **grid computing** domains from a point-and-click interface
- **Tools** for Visualization, Segmentation, and Image processing
- **Management** & Access to distributed file/**data** systems
- Transparent deposition of data products into Databases
- Collaborative telecommunication utilities
  - Shared “whiteboard” image annotations
  - “Chatting” between multiple remote researchers
  - HDTV-based real-time image sharing

# Layered Architecture



- The Telescience Portal is composed of many “layers”
- Layers are modular, allowing for extension of any layer without great disruption to the entire system
- Every Layer has its own complexity and administration that was previously passed on to the end-user
- Portal centralizes all administrative details of each layer into a single username and pass phrase

# Telescience Portal Welcome Page

**telescience**  
for advanced tomography applications

Welcome to the Telescience Portal  
hello abel

Click here to create a  
new Reconstruction Workflow

[New Reconstruction](#)

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Manage your data in SRB  
Edit/Delete Reconstructions  
View Images/Movies

[Manage Work and Files](#)

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Collaborate with Other  
Telescience Researchers

[Laboratory TOOLS](#)

## Most Recent Reconstructions

Resume a Reconstruction Workflow:

[TP\\_r750 - THIS \(Wed Apr 17 15:29:54 2002\)](#)

[TP\\_r709 - Phaeo \(Wed Apr 17 15:30:02 2002\)](#)

[TP\\_r800 - demo3 \(Wed Apr 24 13:16:34 2002\)](#)

[TP\\_r708 - Spiny Dendrites \(Fri Apr 26 11:44:03 2002\)](#)

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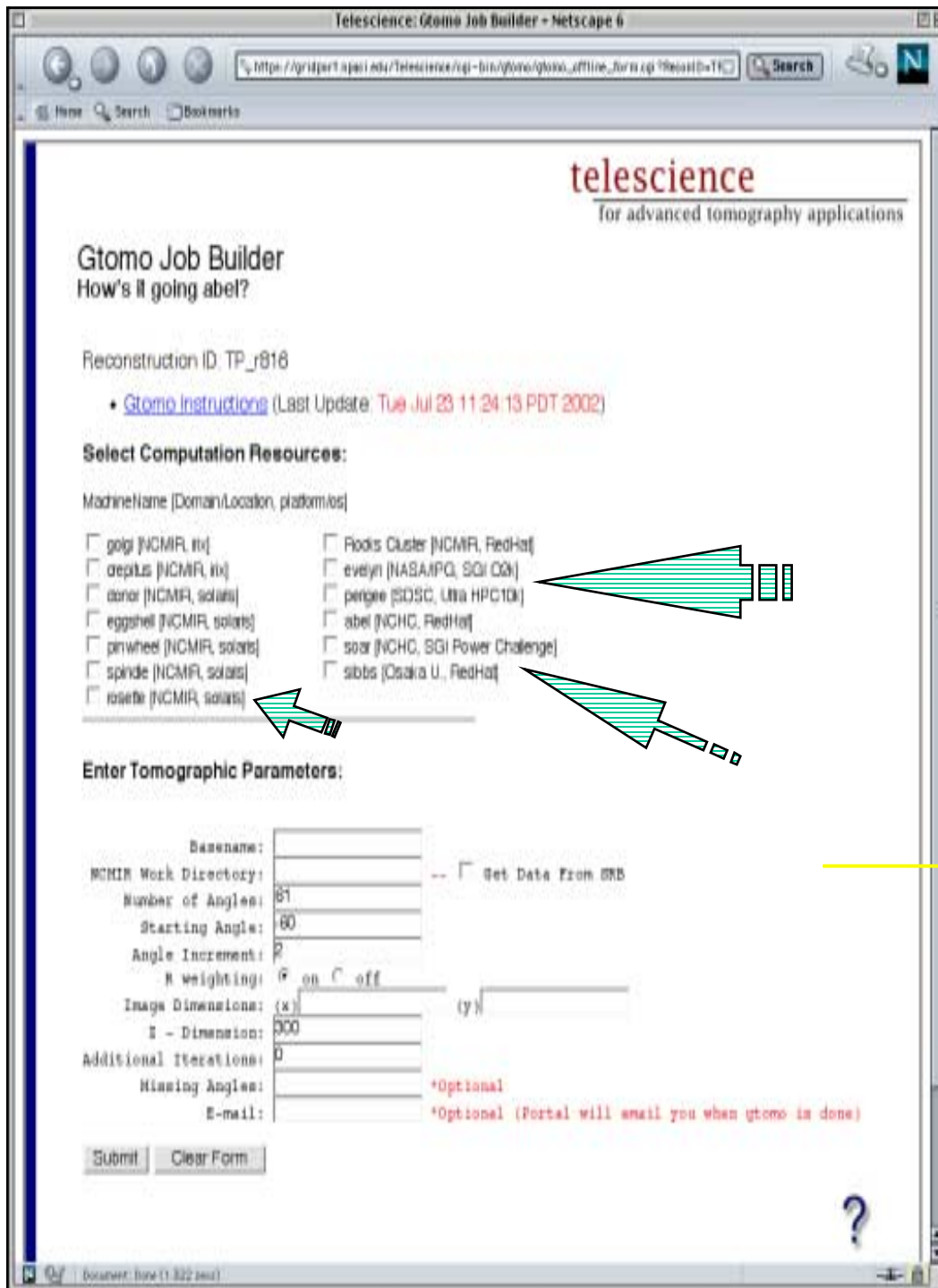
Jump directly to Applications  
Work History will NOT be tracked  
SRB will NOT be available

[Applications ONLY](#)

[Welcome Page](#) | [Manage Work](#) | [FAQs](#) | [Status](#) | [LOGOUT](#)

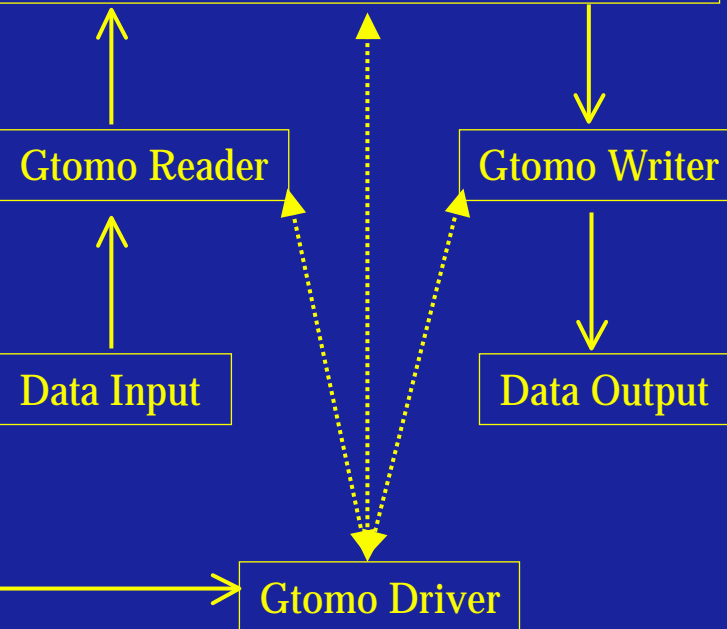
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# Globus Enabled Tomography (Gtomo)

Selected Resource (s):  
 NCMIR NPACI NASA/IPG  
 NCHC Osaka U.



- Complete Abstraction of Grid
- No need to manage Globus Certificates
- Simply click resource(s) to use and enter biological parameters
- Resources are transparently cross-platform, cross-domain

# Telemicroscopy via VidCon2

The screenshot displays the VidCon2 telemicroscopy interface, which is a client-server Java application. It consists of several windows:

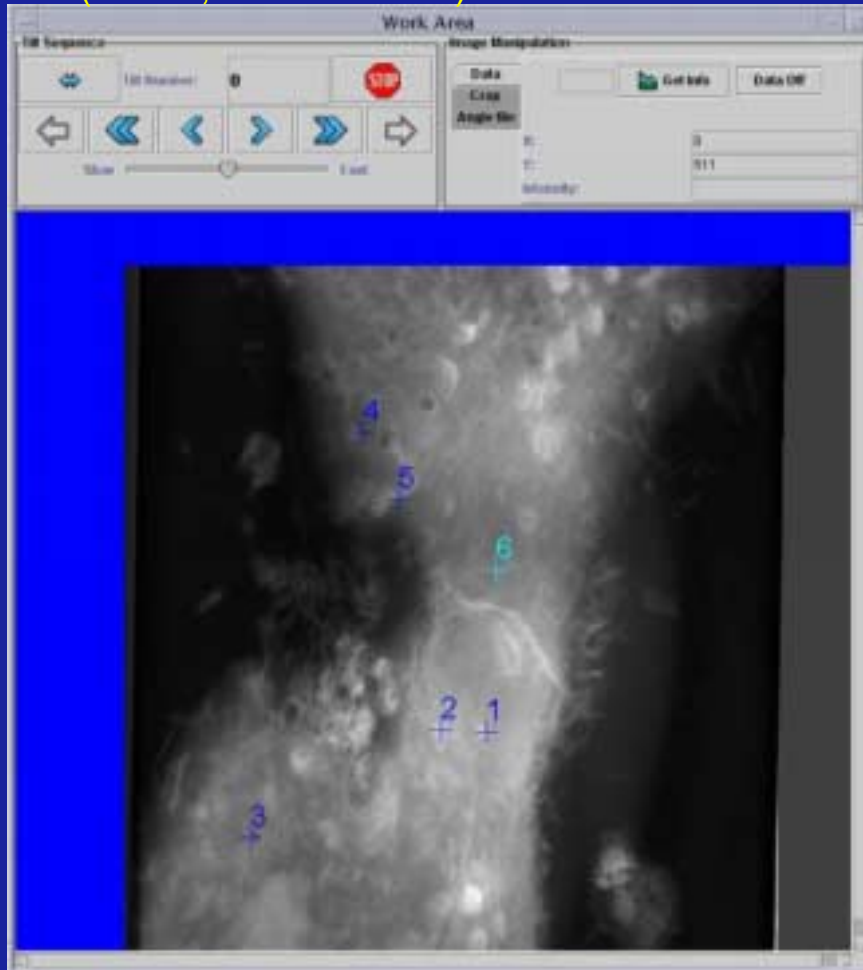
- JEOL 4000 LiveView Tool:** A control panel for the microscope, featuring a 'Start' button, a status area with instructions, and a 'Controller: spi' field.
- JEOL 4000 VIDEO:** A video player window showing a grayscale micrograph of a biological sample.
- 2D Move Frame:** A window for moving the microscope frame, showing a dark field with a red crosshair and coordinates (X: -353.4, Y: 148.6 microns).
- Tele ImagePanel:** A large window displaying the video feed. It includes a red outline around a dendritic spine, a yellow arrow pointing to it, and the text 'This is a dendritic spine'. Below the image are zoom controls (1x, 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x) and a 'Quality' dropdown.
- 3DL 4000 Control Panel:** A control panel for the microscope, featuring a 'MagAllBright' section with 'Capture', 'Focus', 'Stage', 'Tilt', 'Spot', and 'Deflect' buttons. It also has an 'Exposure Time (ms): 550' field, an 'OCD Capture' button, and a 'Query Curr Density' field with a '7 pA/cm²' value.
- TeleChat: Conversational Tool:** A chat window showing a conversation between 'galen' and 'spi'. The chat history includes: 'galen: what', 'galen: snap a picture', 'galen: did you subpose?', 'spi: no', and 'galen: it's a bit bright'. Below the chat is a 'Message:' input field and a list of users: 'Tele users' (galen) and 'Microscope users' (spi).

- Video Based Instrument Controller
- Client-Server Java Application

# More Applications

## JFido

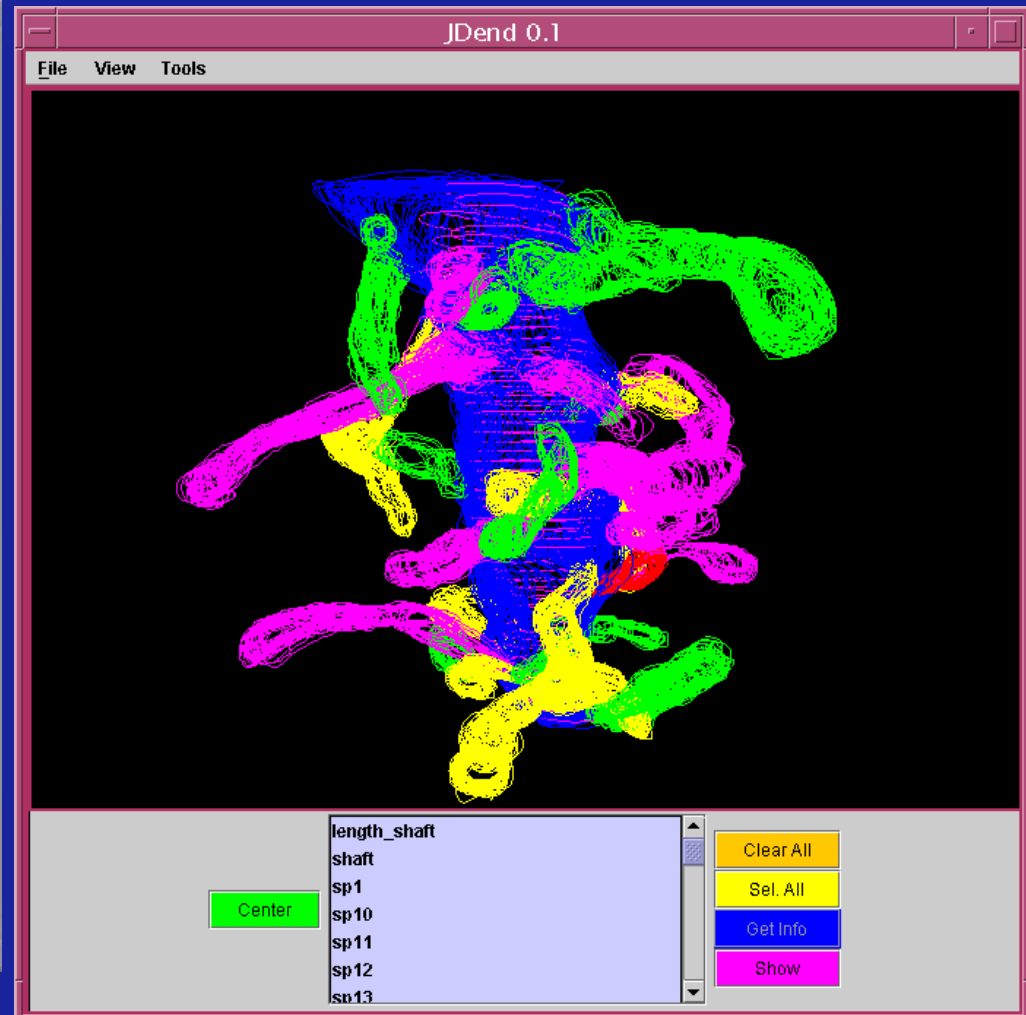
(Lu Dai, Tomas Molina)



Pre-processing Utilities (ie. Fiducial marking, cropping, normalization)  
general 2D image viewer

## JViewer

(Mona Wong)



3D contour visualization  
morphological measurements



# Grid Services

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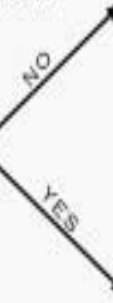


2. USER SELECTS APPLICATION WITHIN TELESCEIENCE PORTAL

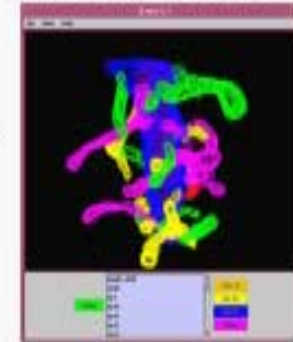


4. PORTAL CREATES SECURE AND DYNAMIC APPLICATION LAUNCH INSTRUCTIONS

IS THIS A DISTRIBUTED APPLICATION?



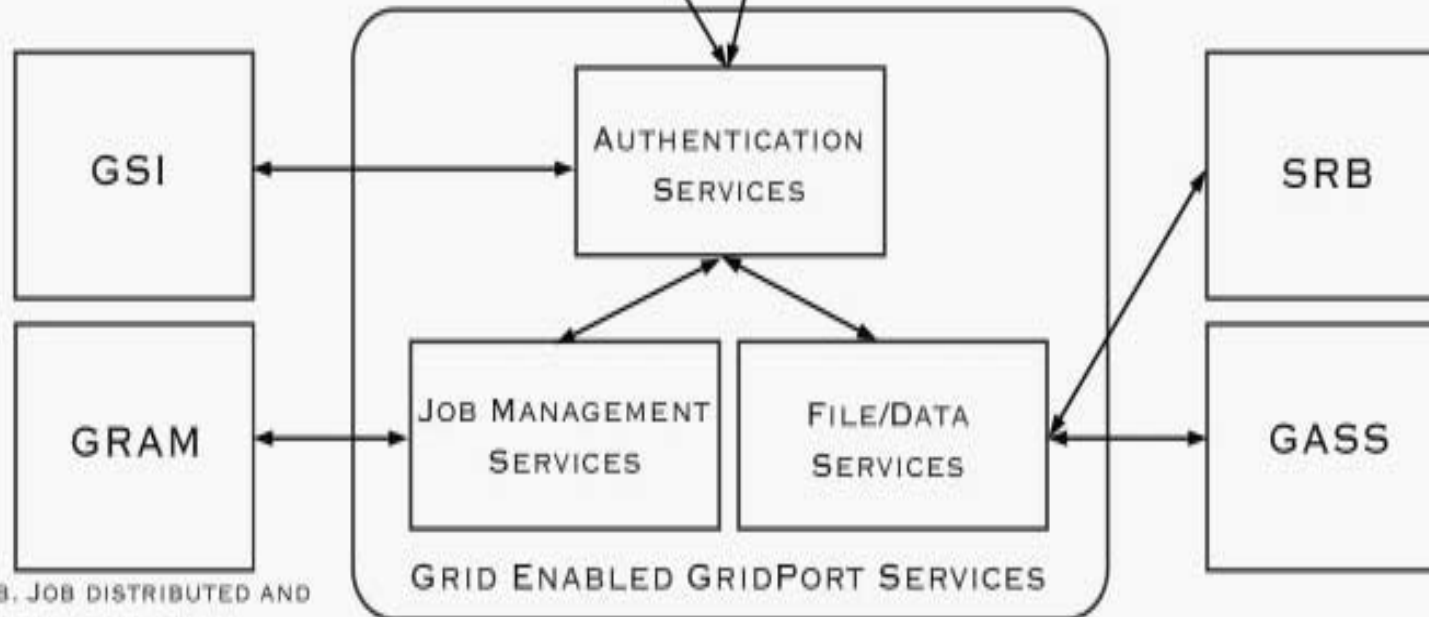
5. APPLICATION IS LAUNCHED CONTAINING PRE-LOADED DATA



5A. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRID DISTRIBUTED APPLICATIONS ARE CREATED BY THE PORTAL

3. THE APPROPRIATE DATA IS IDENTIFIED WITHIN SRB, DATA IS EXTRACTED AND PRE-LOADED INTO THE APPLICATION

6. INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL DATA PRODUCTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY INSERTED INTO PROPER SRB COLLECTIONS AND DATABASES AS NEEDED



5B. JOB DISTRIBUTED AND MANAGED VIA GRAM

# The Telescience Project: Integrated Cyber Infrastructure

## 1. TELESCIENCE PORTAL



3. GRIDPORT  
data services & job resources

2. INSTRUMENTATION  
automation &  
remote control

## 4. SRB & GLOBUS



5. DATA GRIDS &  
COMPUTATIONAL GRIDS

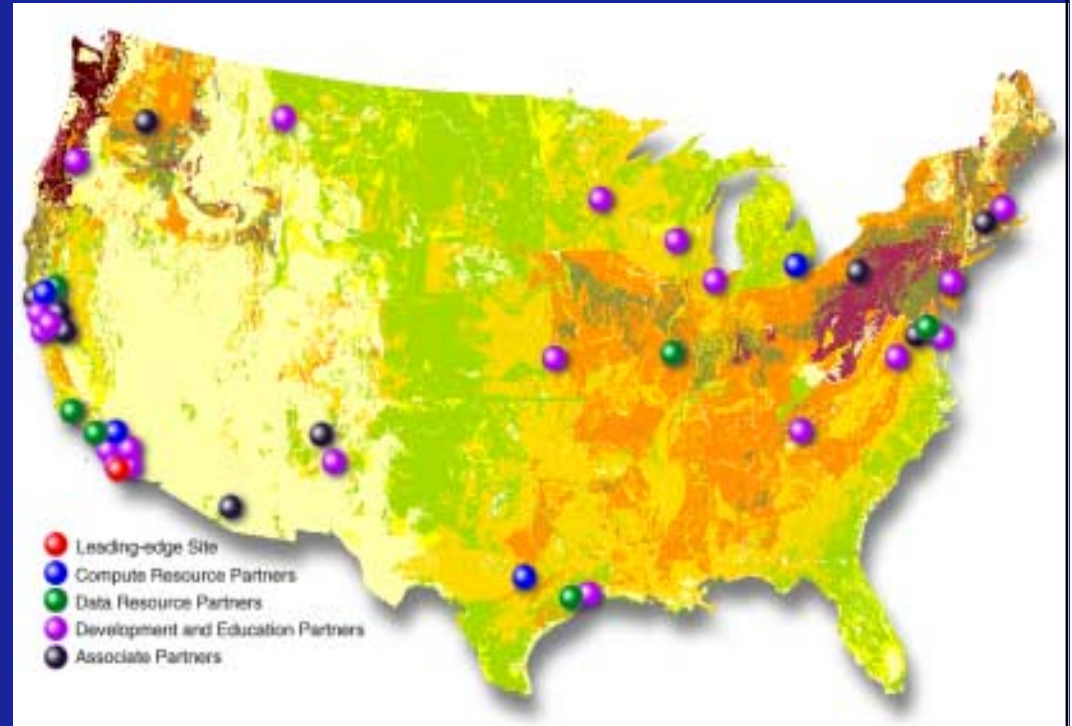
6. HETEROGENEOUS  
DISTRIBUTED RESOURCES  
high-performance storage & computation

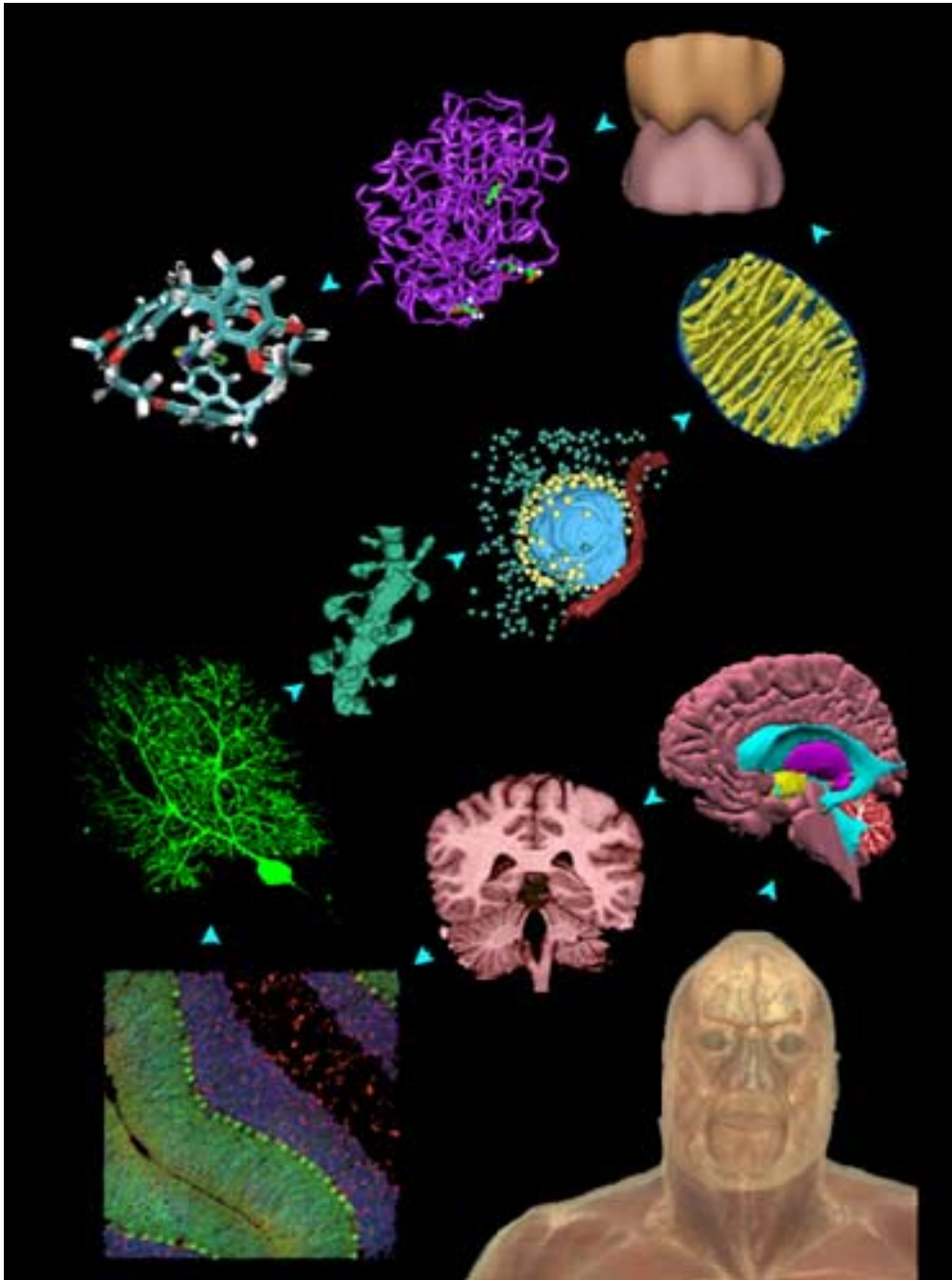
# Telescience Portal was Quickly Adapted to a SARS Portal for Taiwan

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# NPACI - The National Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure (NSF)

- ~50 Partner Sites
- Shared Compute Resources -> Grid
- High-speed Networks
- Computational Science Efforts in “Thrusts”
  - Neuroscience
  - Molecular Science
  - Earth Systems Science
  - Engineering
- Enabling Technology Thrusts
  - Resources (TeraFlops, High Performance Networks, Data Caches)
  - Metacomputing (Grid Tools - Middleware)
  - Interaction Environments (Visualization - Science Portals)
  - Data-Intensive Computing (Databases - Data Migration - Knowledge Engineering)



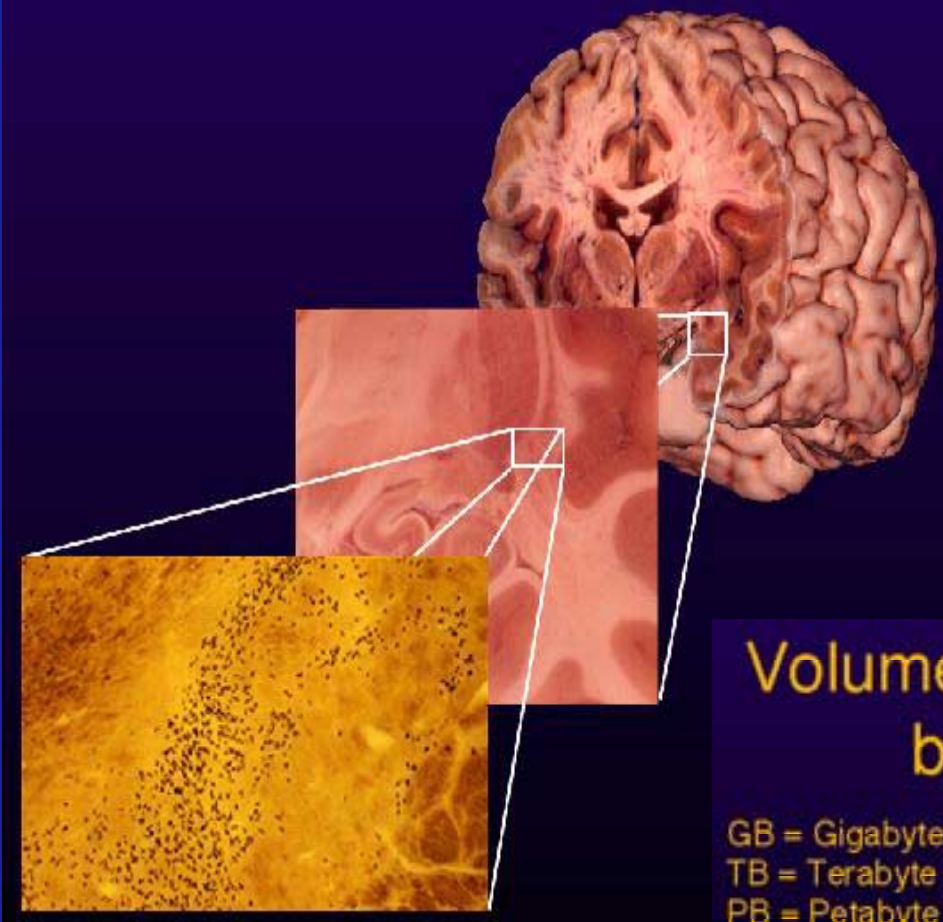


Scales of NS data from Maryann Martone

## ***Team Science Applied to Stretch Goals***

*Enable new understanding of the brain by linking data about macroscopic brain function to its molecular and cellular underpinnings*

- *Federate distributed multiscale brain map data*
- *Accommodate associated Large Scale Computational Challenges*
- *Provide Infrastructure for Construction of more accurate Models and more Realistic Simulations of Brain Activity*



***EACH BRAIN  
REPRESENTS  
A LOT  
OF DATA***

Volume sizes by resolution -  
brain = 1500 cm<sup>3</sup>

GB = Gigabyte = 10<sup>9</sup>

TB = Terabyte = 10<sup>12</sup>

PB = Petabyte = 10<sup>15</sup>

Voxel size	B&W (1 B/p)	High res (2 B/p)	Color (3 B/p)
cm	1.5 KB	3 KB	4.5 KB
mm	1.5 MB	3 MB	4.5 MB
10 μm	1.5 TB	3 TB	4.5 TB
μm	1.5 PB	3 PB	4.5 PB

***AND COMPARISONS  
MUST BE MADE  
BETWEEN MANY***

Slide courtesy of Arthur Toga / UCLA

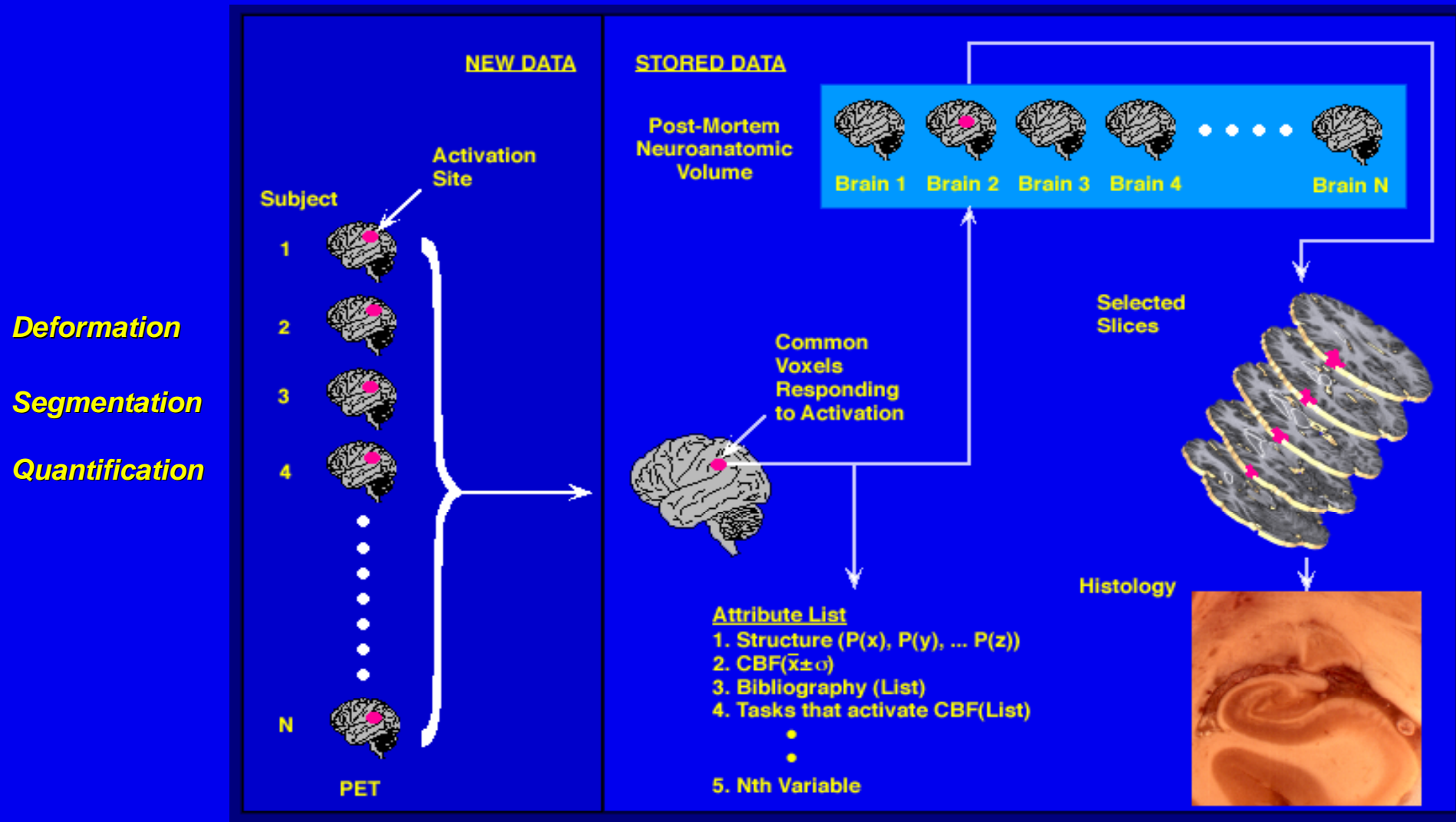


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# Federate Emerging Databases

Infrastructure to relate, combine & produce meta data

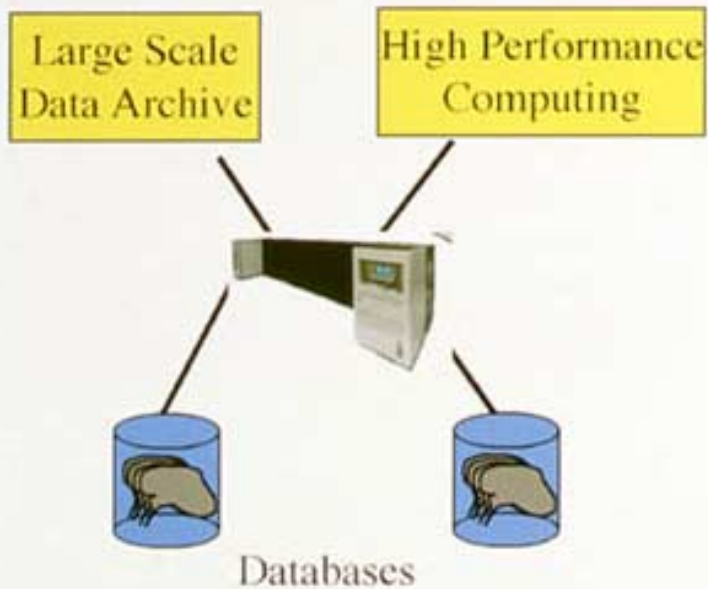


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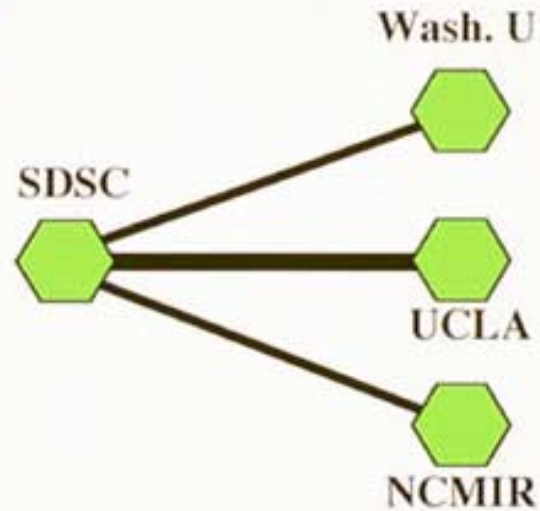


# Federating Brain Data

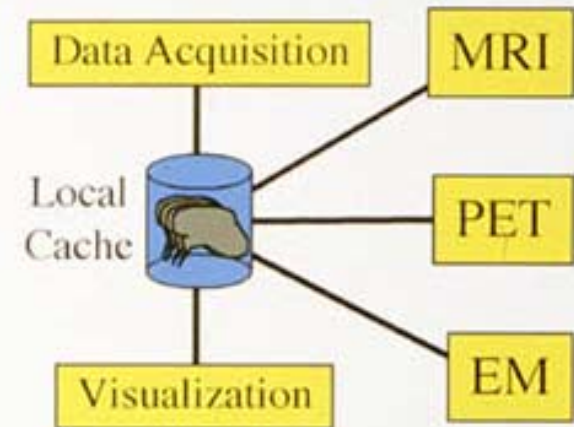
## NPACI Leading Edge Site



## Advanced Networking Infrastructure



## Remote Laboratories and Imaging Instruments



# Biomedical Informatics Research Network

*Test-beds for biomedical knowledge infrastructure*



... IS **NPAC**  
Powered !



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# ***BIRN Project Objectives***



- Establish a stable, high performance network linking key Biotechnology Centers and Clinical Research Centers
- Establish distributed and linked data collections with partnering groups -
- Facilitate the use of computational GRID infrastructure and integrate BIRN with other middleware projects -
- Enable data mining from multiple data collections or databases on neuroimaging and bioinformatics -
- Build a stable software and hardware infrastructure that will allow centers to coordinate efforts to accumulate larger studies than can be carried out at one site.

*BIRN 'Test-Beds" have very clear technical and scientific goals!*

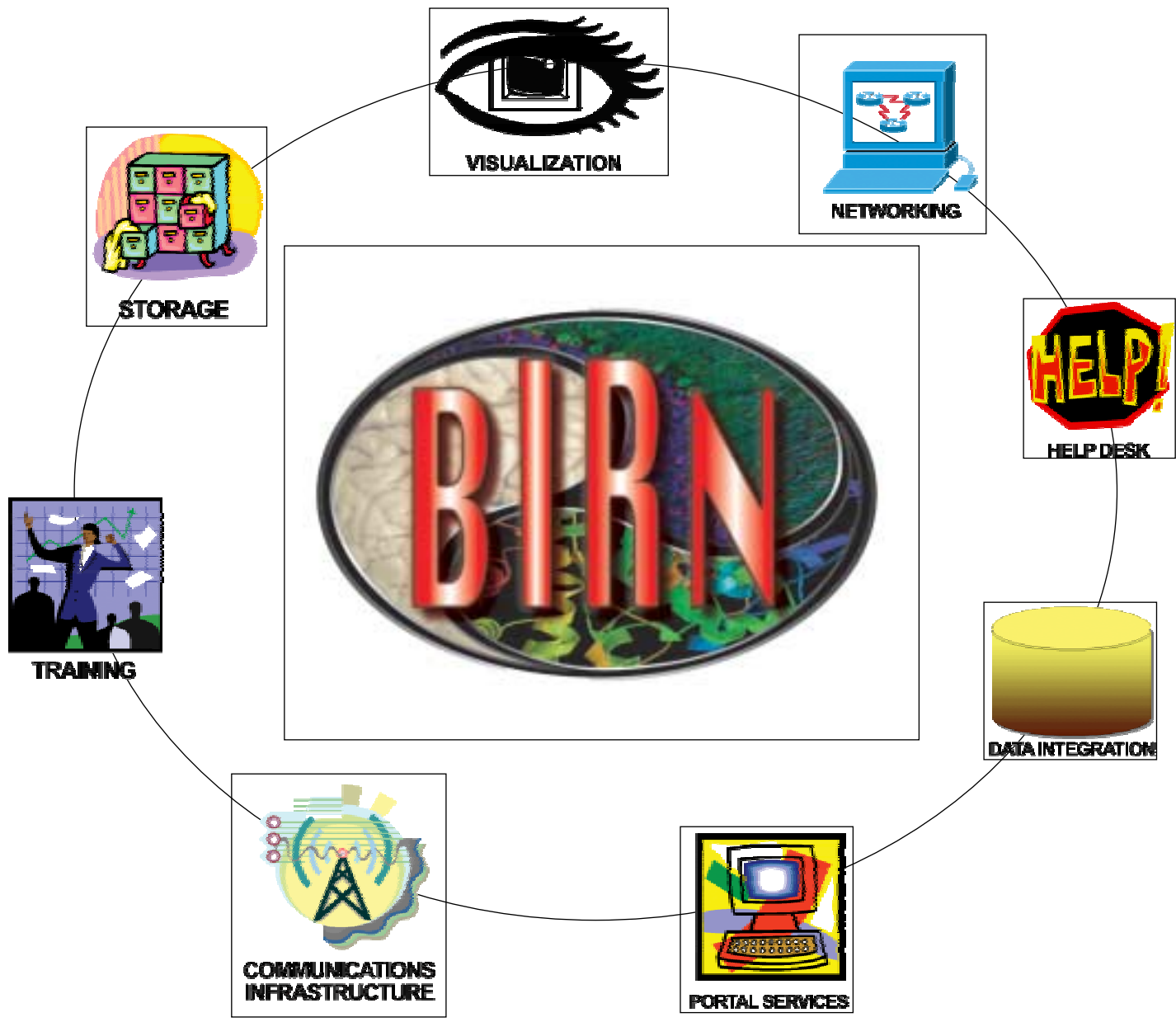
# **BIRN Test-beds** *(1) Mouse Models of Disease; (2) Human Brain Morphometrics; (3) Functional Imaging of Schizophrenic Humans*



## **Biomedical Informatics Research Network** *Test-beds for biomedical knowledge infrastructure*

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# BIRN Coordinating Center

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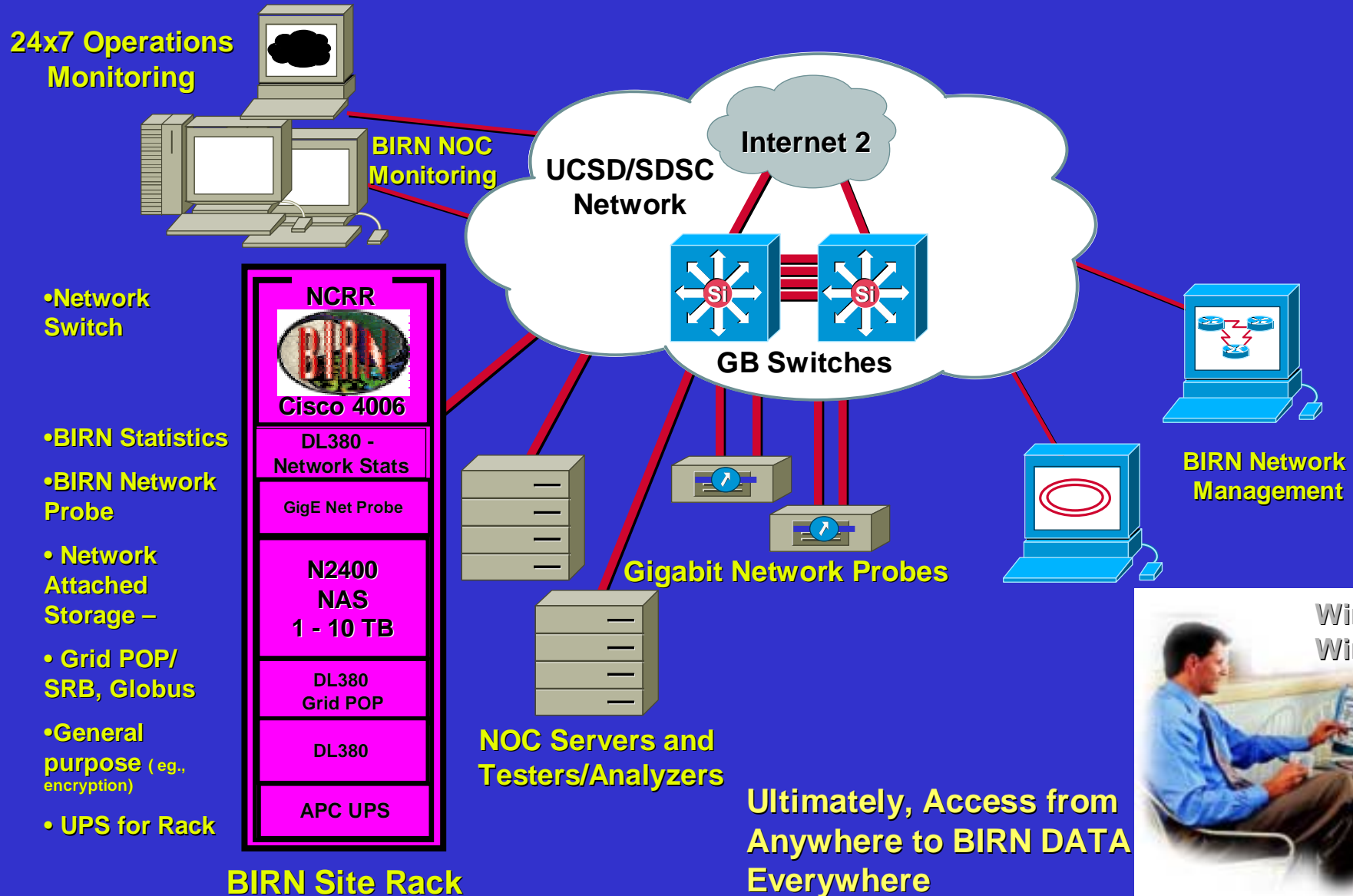
- **Deploying a network infrastructure capable of quickly moving large amounts of data between BIRN sites across the US**
- **Creating federated databases pertaining to the BIRN scientific test-beds**
- **Developing software to find, compare, and analyze complex neurological imaging data**
- **Ensure regulatory compliance (e.g., patient privacy) without inhibiting collaboration**
- **UC San Diego**

# **BIRN CC Services**

- **Network Monitoring**
- **Statistics & Measurement**
- **7 x 24 Help Desk**
- **Problem Tracking**
- **High Level Project Management**
- **Portal Services & Tools Integration**
- **Training**
- **Data Integration**
- **Visualization Tools**
- **Documentation – web site, best practices, lessons learned, checklists**

# BIRN Network Operations Center (NOC)

## Logical Description with Standardized Site Rack





# BIRN Grid Infrastructure

## BIRN Portal

### BIRN Toolkit

Collaboration

Applications

Viewing/Visualization

Data Management

Queries/Results

### GridPort Toolkit

### Custom APIs

Security API

Visualization APIs

Mediator API

## Grid Middleware

Globus

SRB

MCAT

Mediator

Database

Database

Computation

Distributed Resources

Data Storage

# Brain Morphometry BIRN



- **Clinical Aims**

- Do structural differences contribute to specific symptoms such as memory dysfunction or depression?
- Do specific structural differences distinguish specific diagnostic categories?

- **Technological Aims**

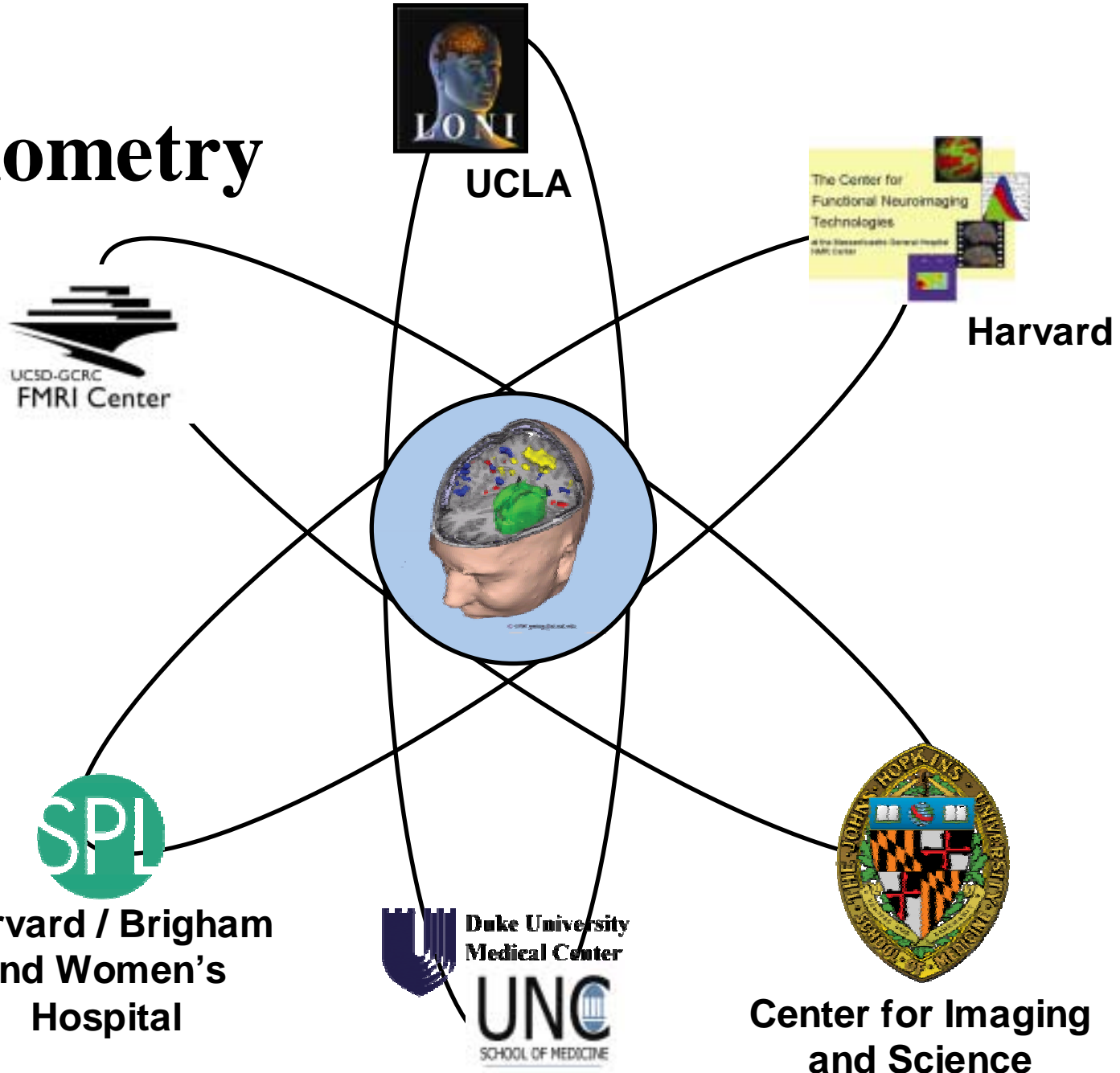
- Attempt to overcome obstacles to the use of neuroimaging data as quantitative outcome measures for clinical investigation including the issues raised by longitudinal and multi-site studies.

**HARVARD x 2**  
**UCLA**



*Johns Hopkins U.*  
**Duke** **UCSD**

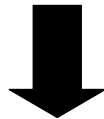
# Brain Morphometry BIRN



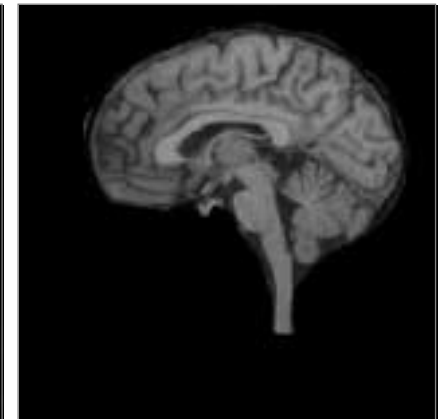
# Important Considerations



- **High-resolution structural images can be used as an identifier.**
  - Reconstruction of face from raw anatomical data might be able to be used to identify subject
  - Some members of BIRN require/desire unaltered raw data



- BIRN will provide both raw and skull stripped data
  - BIRN is working with local IRBs to allow for the sharing of raw anatomical data for authorized BIRN members
- **BIRN must conform to multiple overlapping regulations**
  - Common Rule
  - HIPAA
  - State Law



Raw

Skull Stripped

# Functional Imaging BIRN



- **Clinical Aims**

- Is Frontal and Temporal Lobe Dysfunction the Cause of Schizophrenia?
- How can Treatment Reverse this Dysfunction?

- **Technological Aims**

- Integration of 4D Data from Multiple Sites - Acquired with Different Non-Invasive Imaging Devices
- Integration of Information Obtained with Different Brain Activation Tasks.

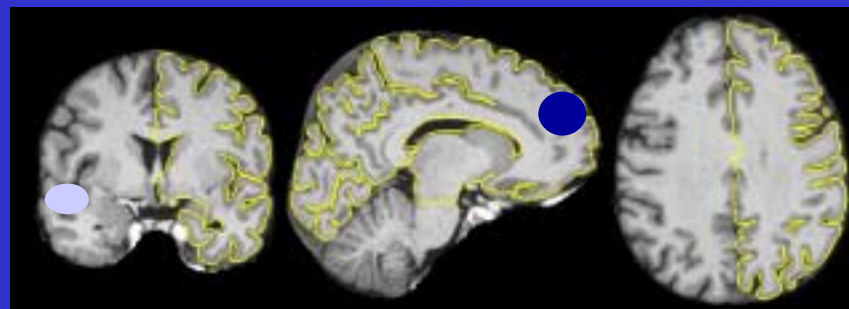
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Stanford

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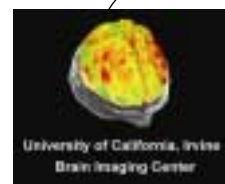
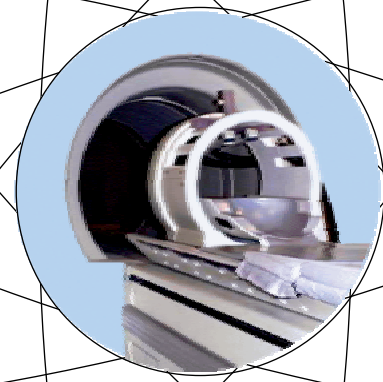
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**Stanford**



**Harvard**



**Harvard / Brigham and Women's Hospital**

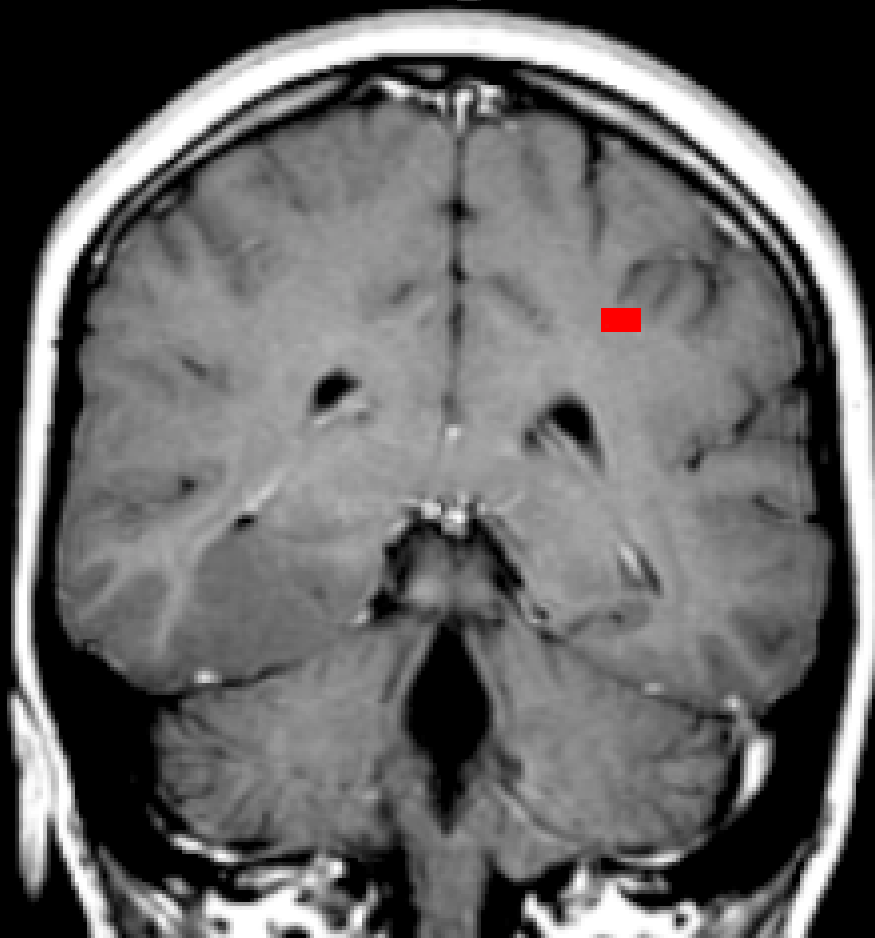
**fMRI**



**UCLA**

**Function BIRN**

# Advanced Imaging - Correlating Human and Mouse



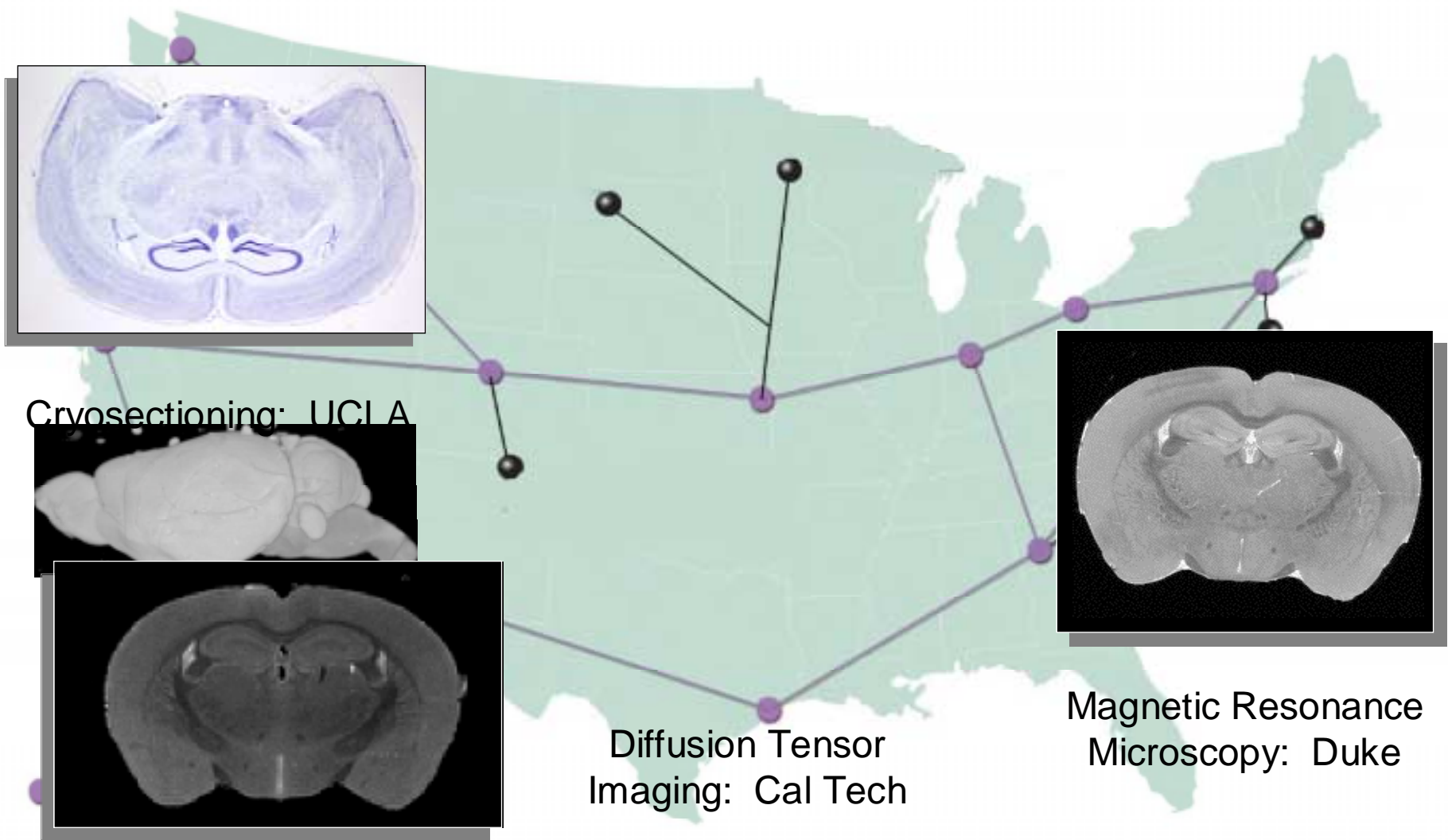
5mm<sup>3</sup>



25um<sup>3</sup>

*Center for in vivo Microscopy  
J.A. Johnson - Duke Univ.*

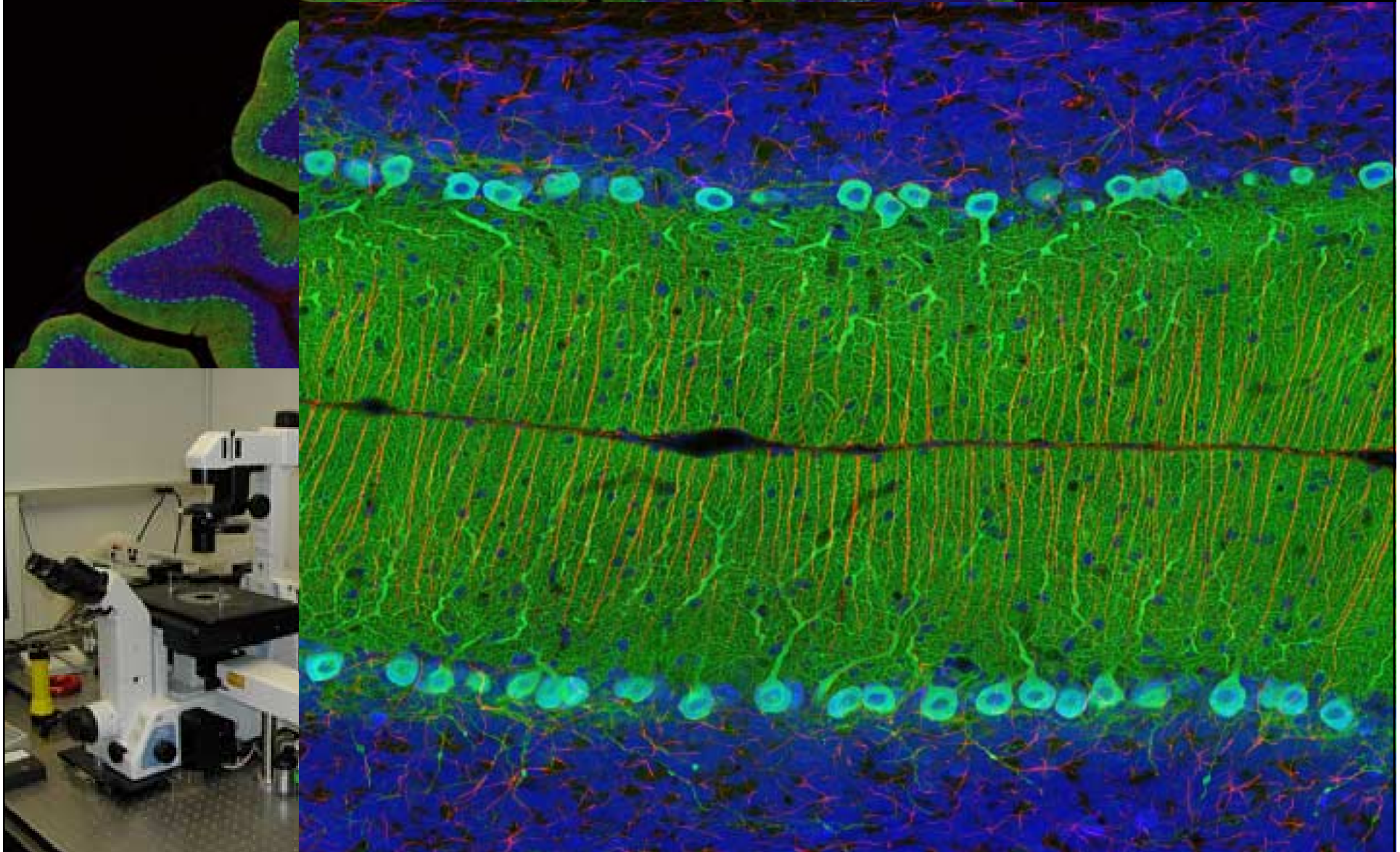
# Mouse BIRN: Protocols for correlated imaging

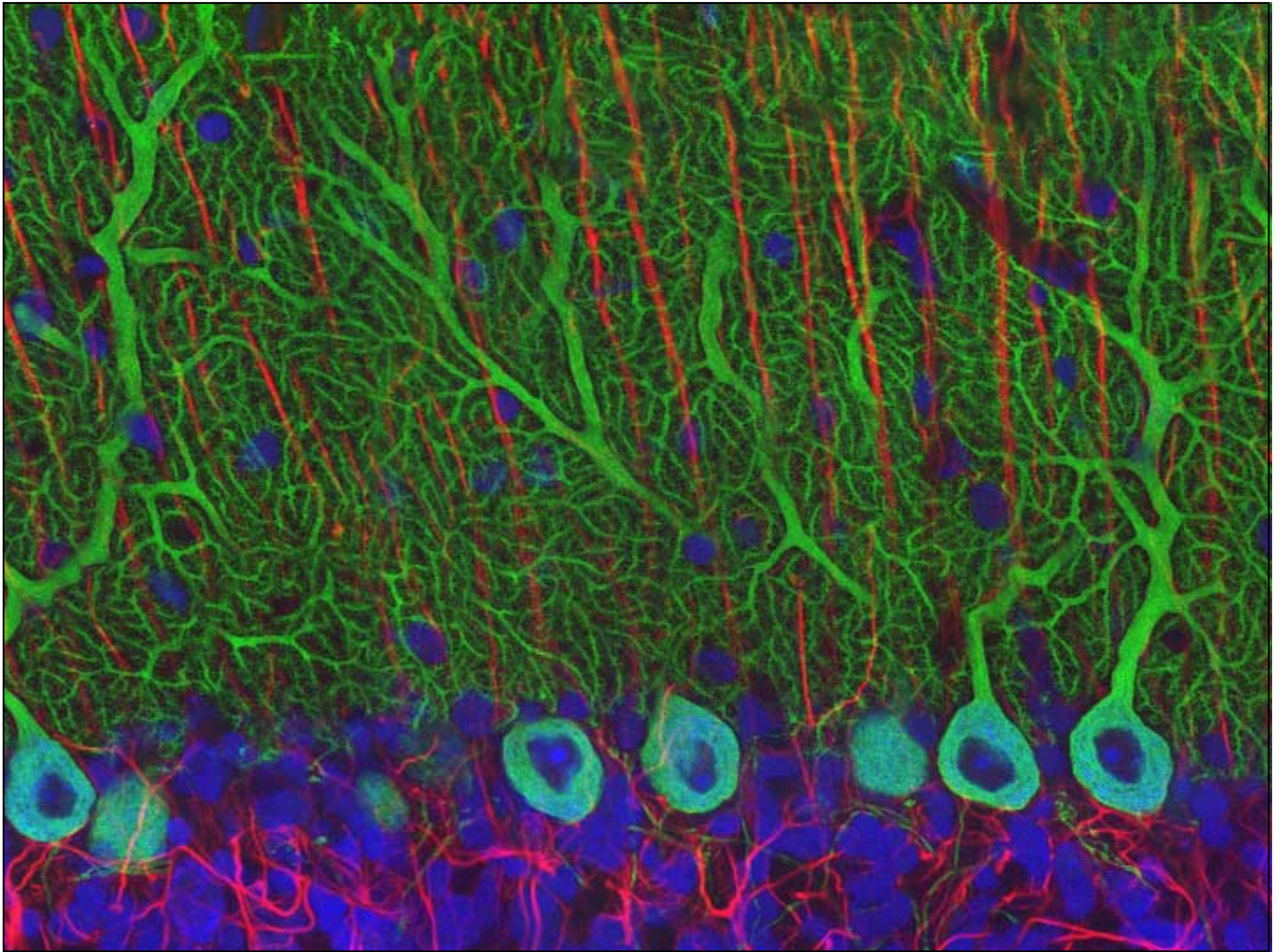


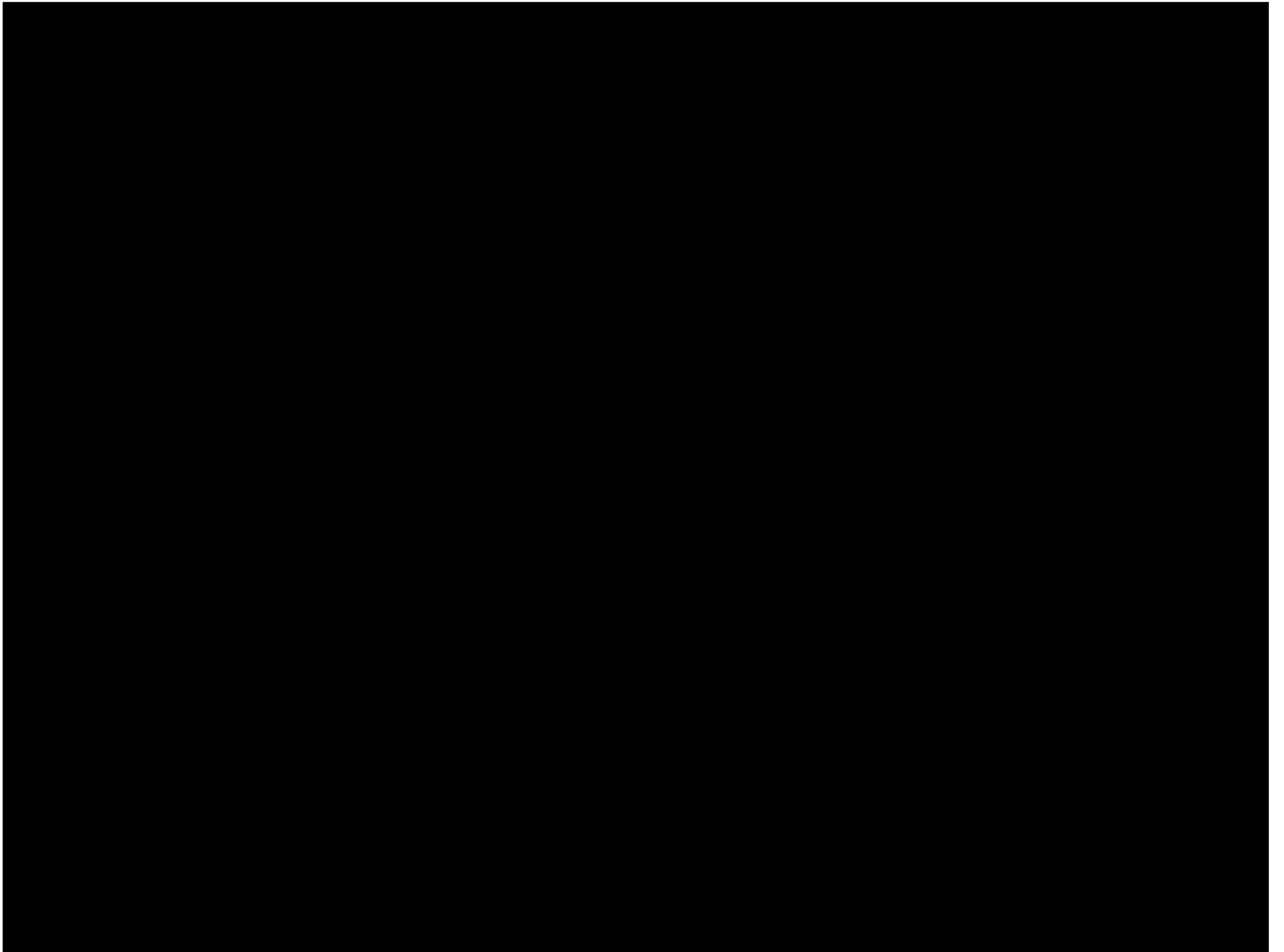


# Large Scale Brain Maps / NCMIR

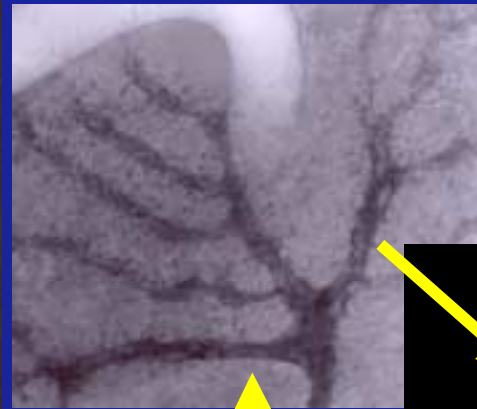
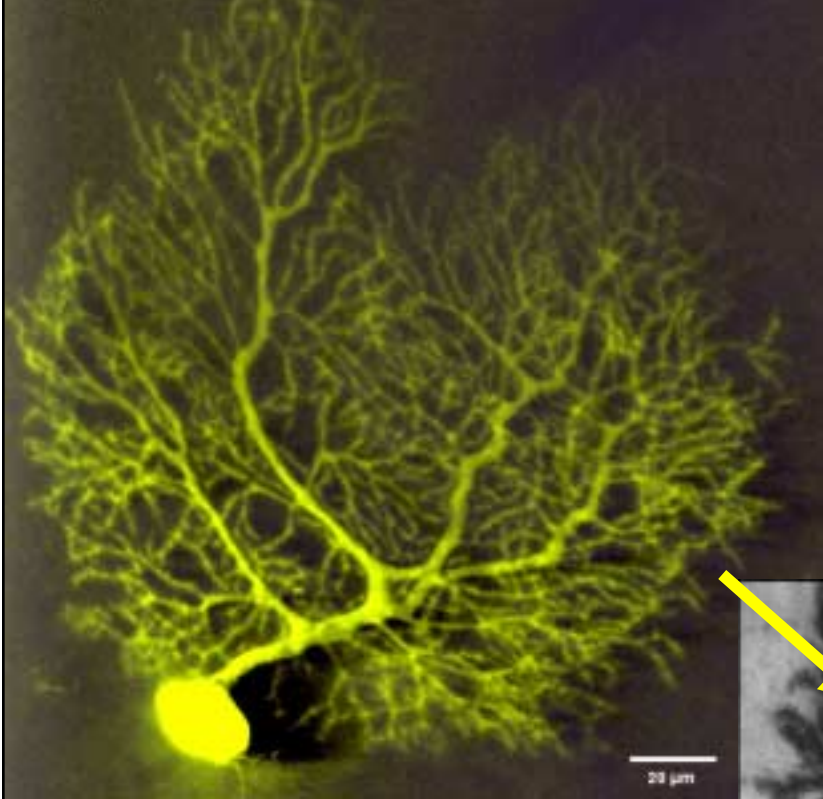
- Custom high-speed multi-photon auto montaging 3 & 4D imaging system



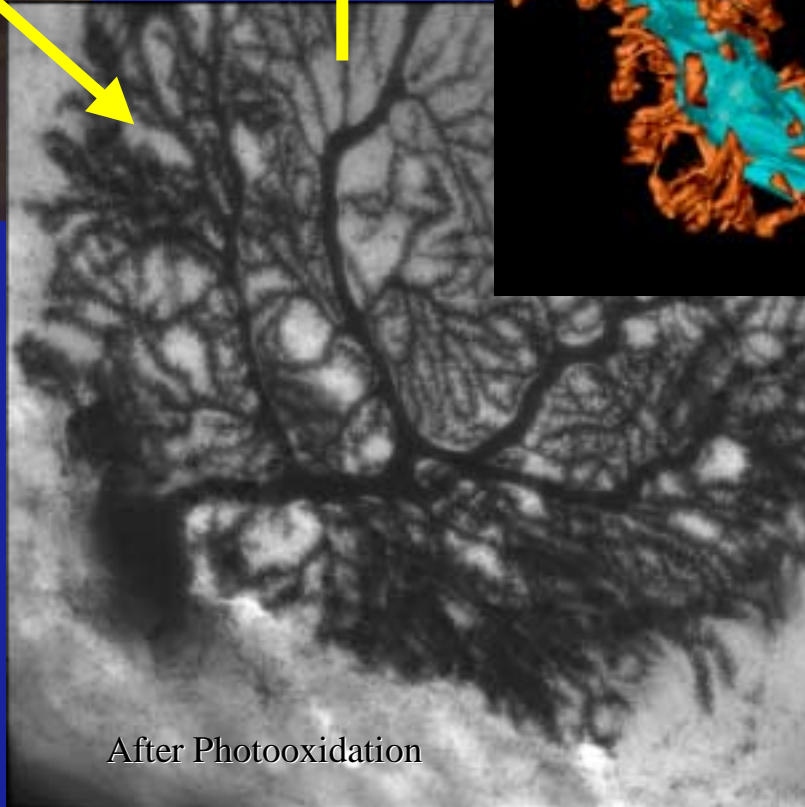
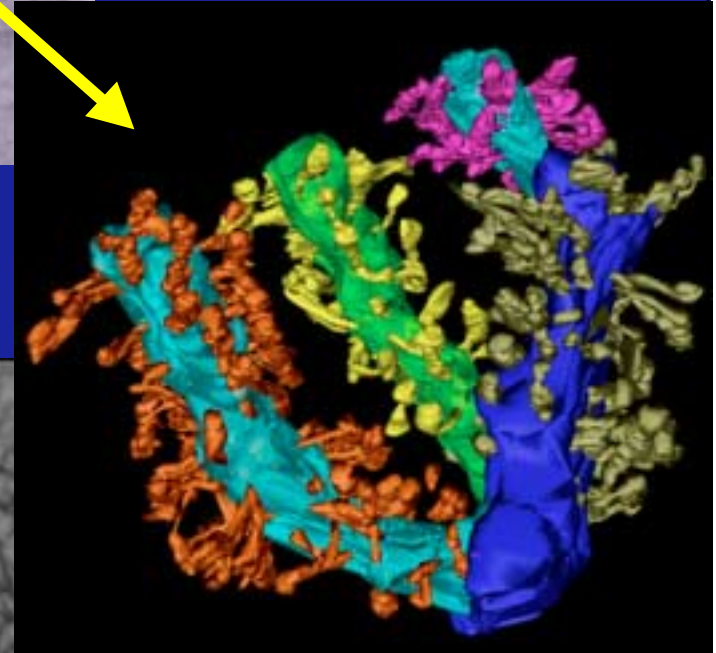




Purkinje Cell: Lucifer Yellow Fill in Fixed Slice



•UHVEM



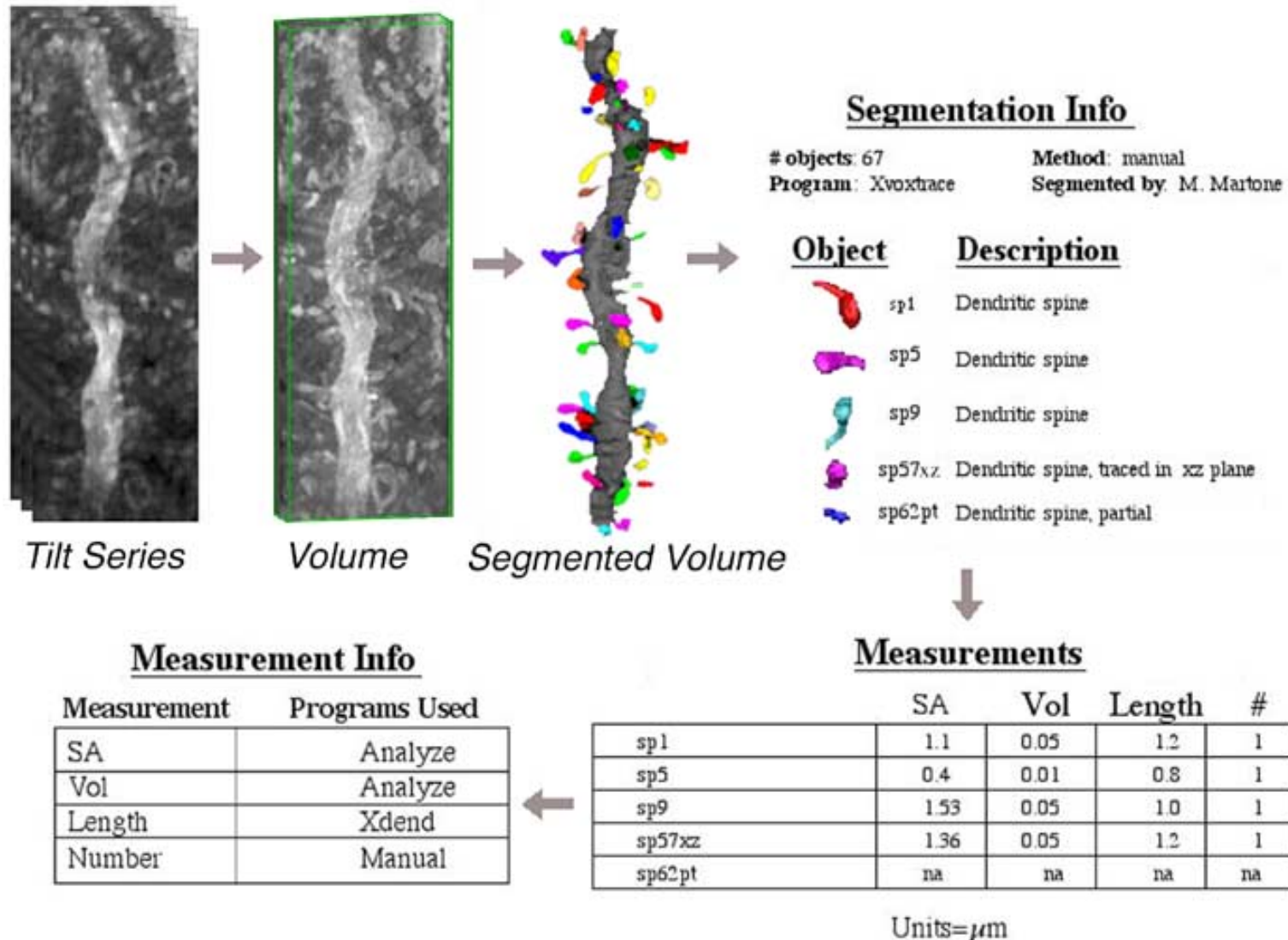
Photooxidation of  
Neuron Filled  
with Lucifer  
Yellow

Tomographic  
Volume

From M. Martone  
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# Data Modeling and Deposition in the Cell Centered Data Base (CCDB)

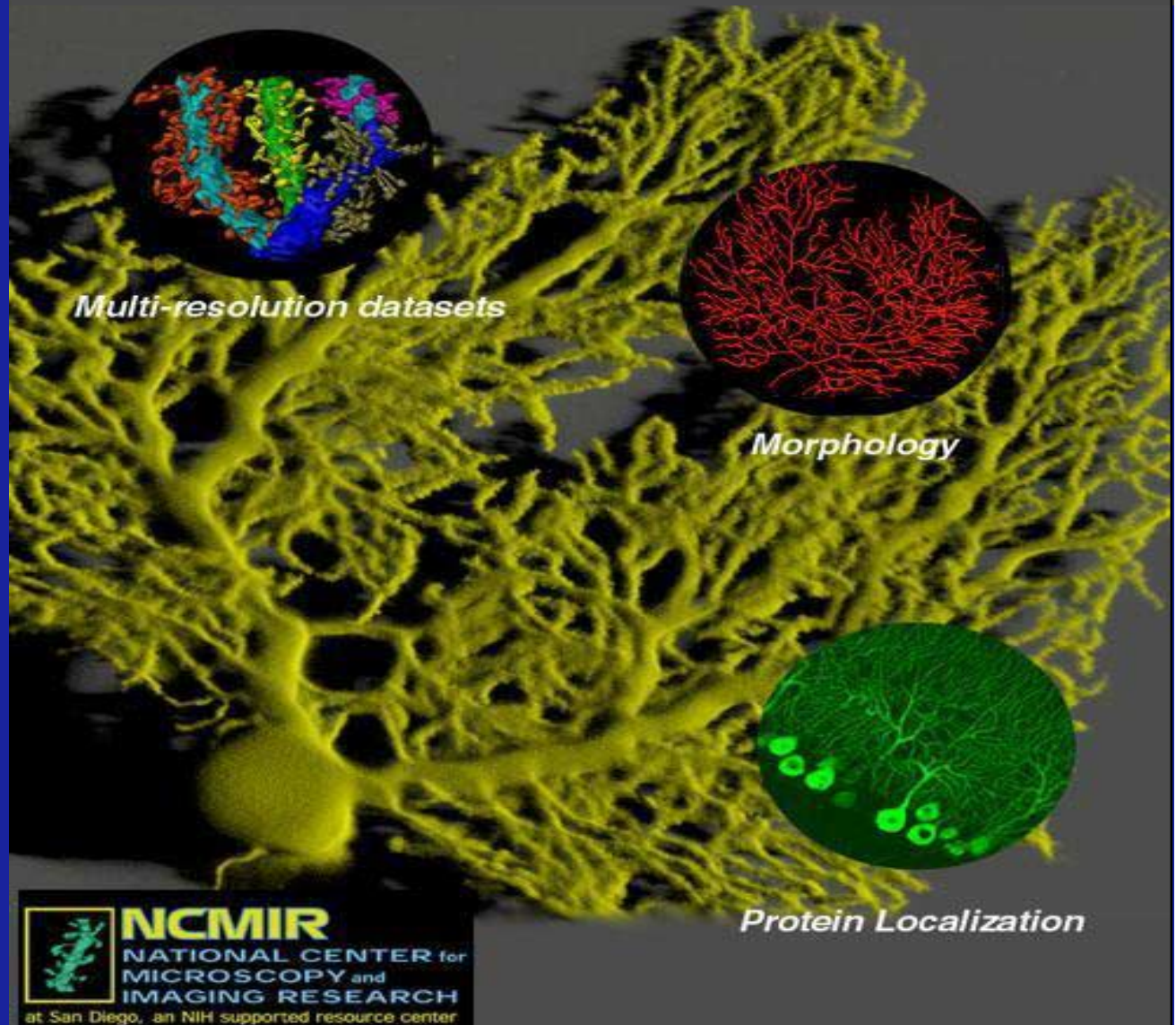


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- A Multimode & Multiscale “DataGrid”
- Interoperates with Gene and Protein databases & “brain map” databases of brain anatomy

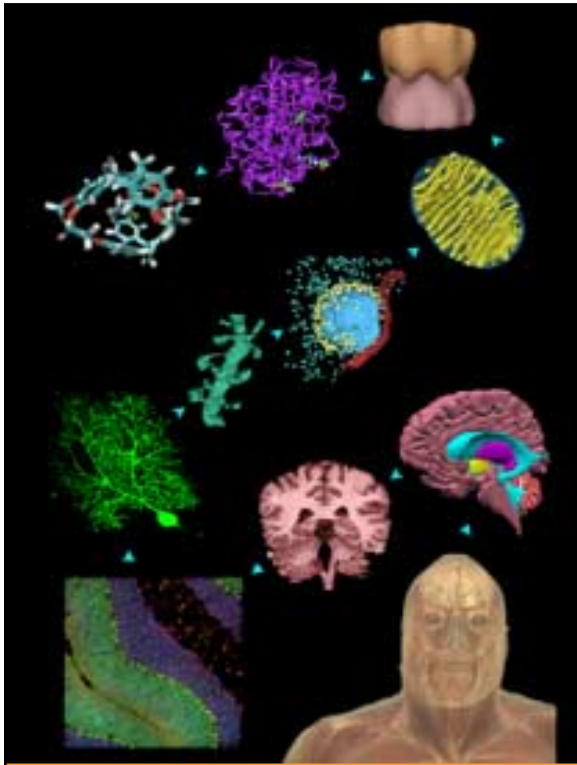
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# The Cell Centered Database “CCDB”



# Federation of Brain Data

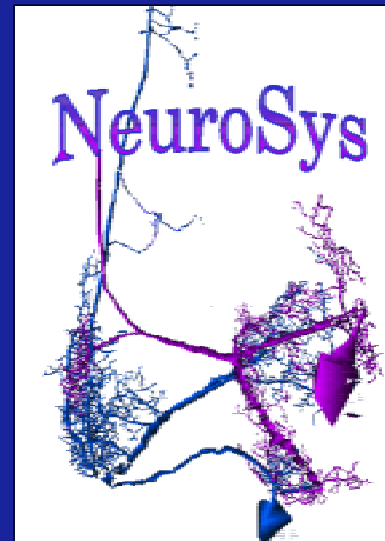
- National Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure
- Integrating brain data across scales and disciplines



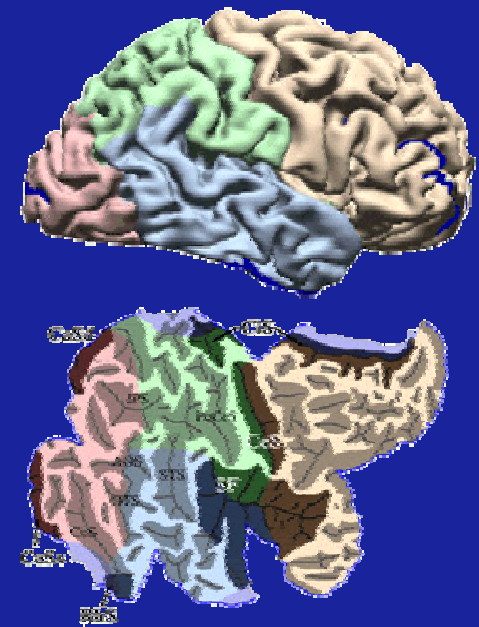
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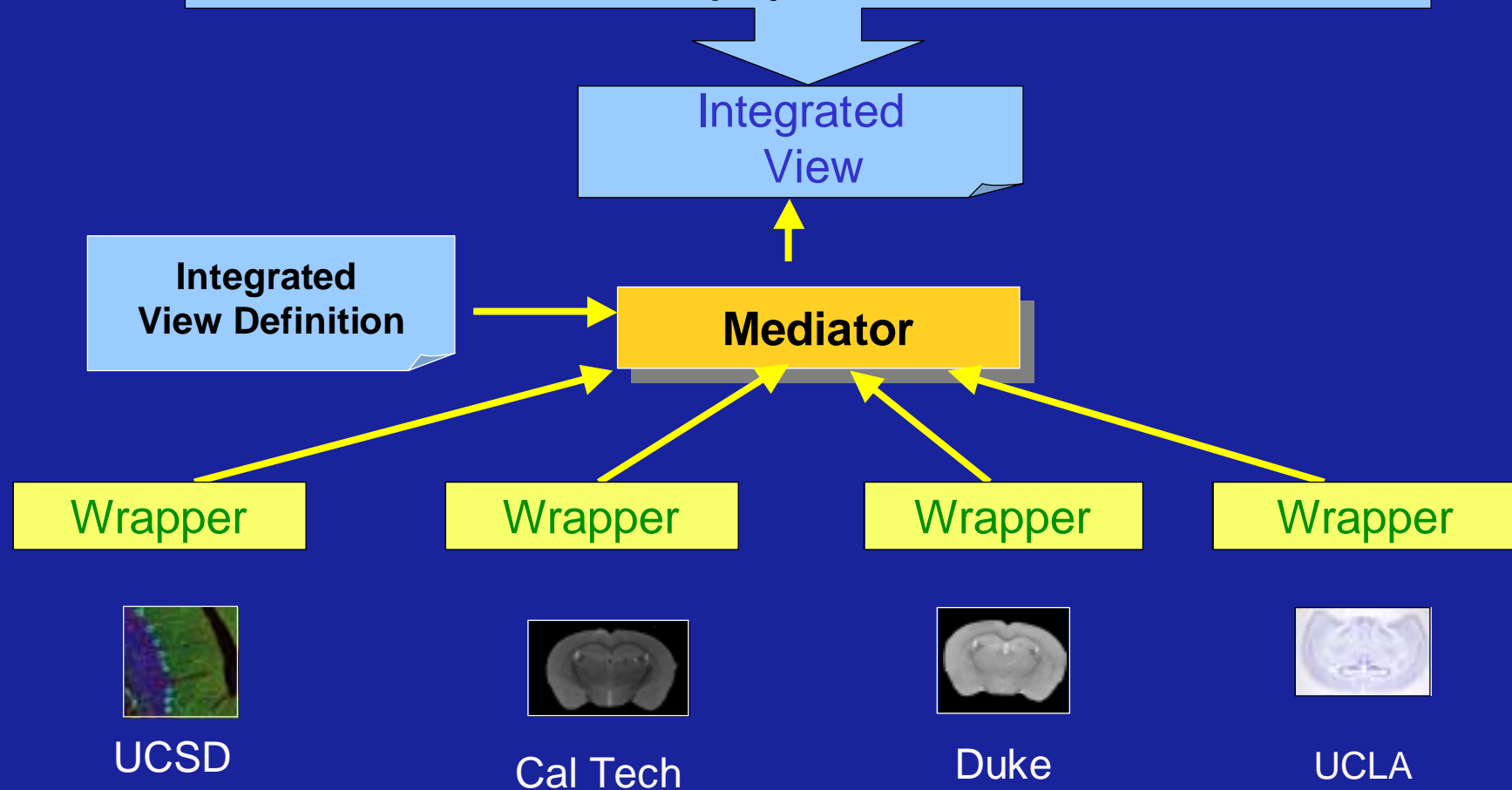


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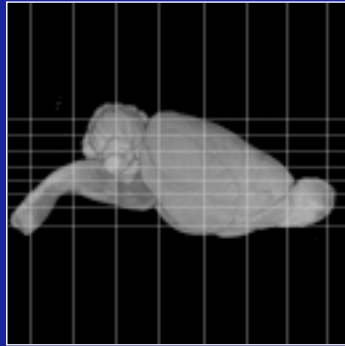


# Database Mediation for BIRN

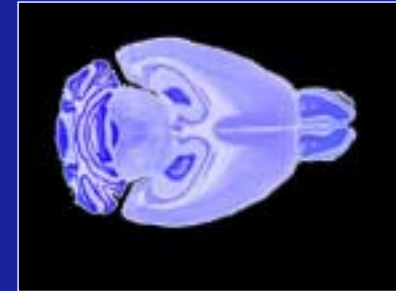
*Find animal models of movement disorders where the volume of basal ganglia structures are decreased and where loss of spines from medium spiny neurons is observed.*



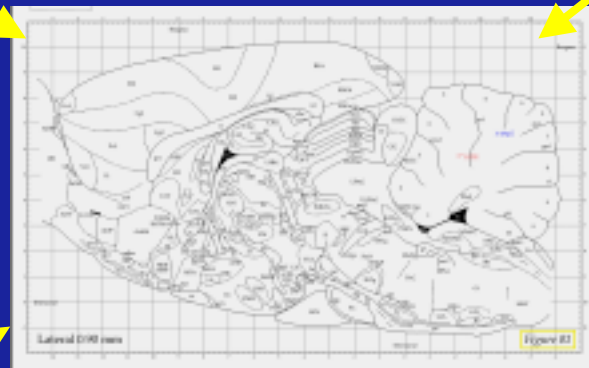
# Mouse BIRN Data Integration Framework



1. Create databases at each site



2. Create conceptual links to a shared ontology



4. Use mediator to navigate and query across data sources



3. Situate the data in a common spatial framework



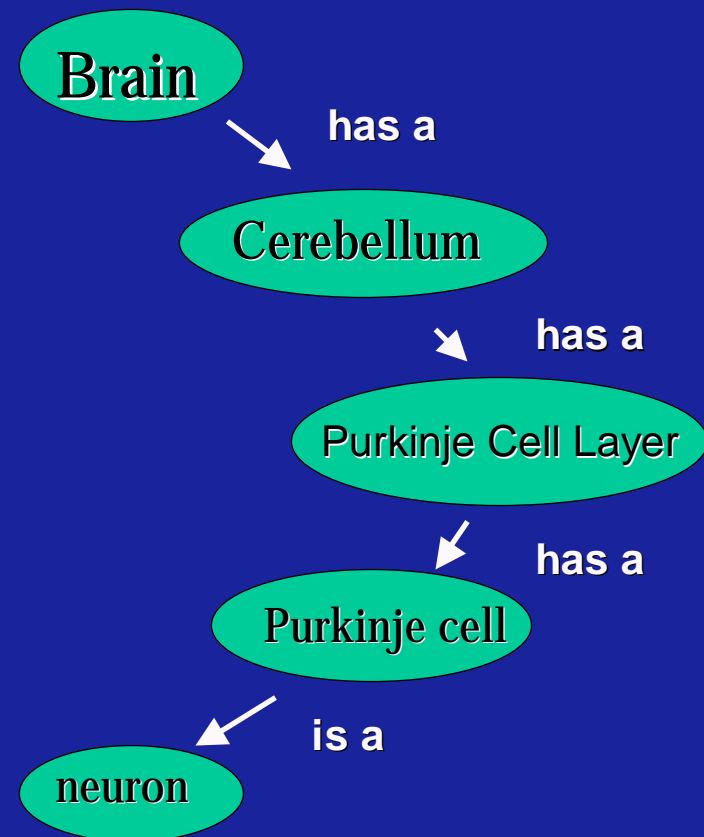
# Ontologies

## What is an Ontology?

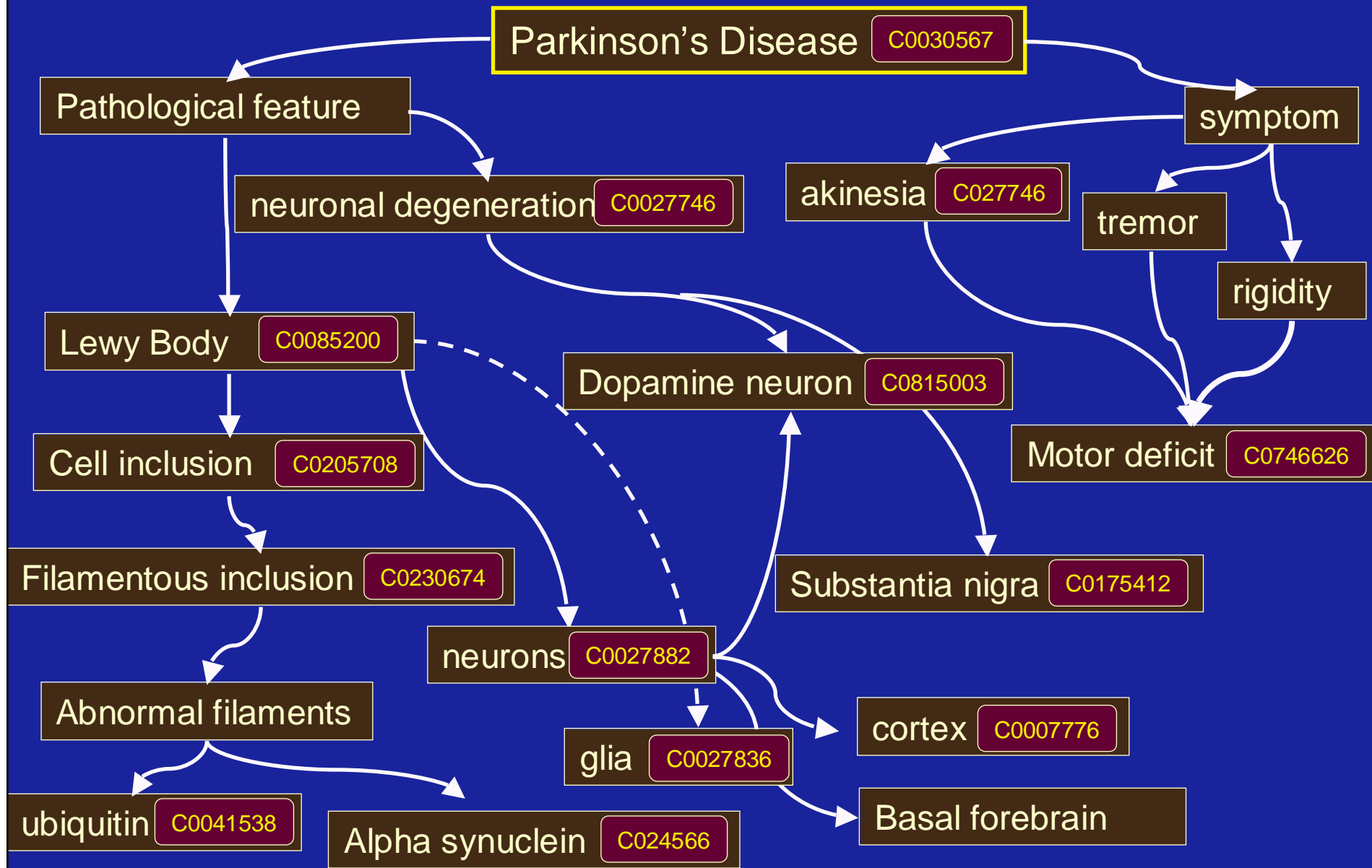
- Way to communicate a shared understanding of a field
- representation of terminological knowledge
- explicit specification of a conceptualization
- concept hierarchy ("is-a")
- further semantic relationships between concepts ("is part of", "causes" etc.)

## Examples:

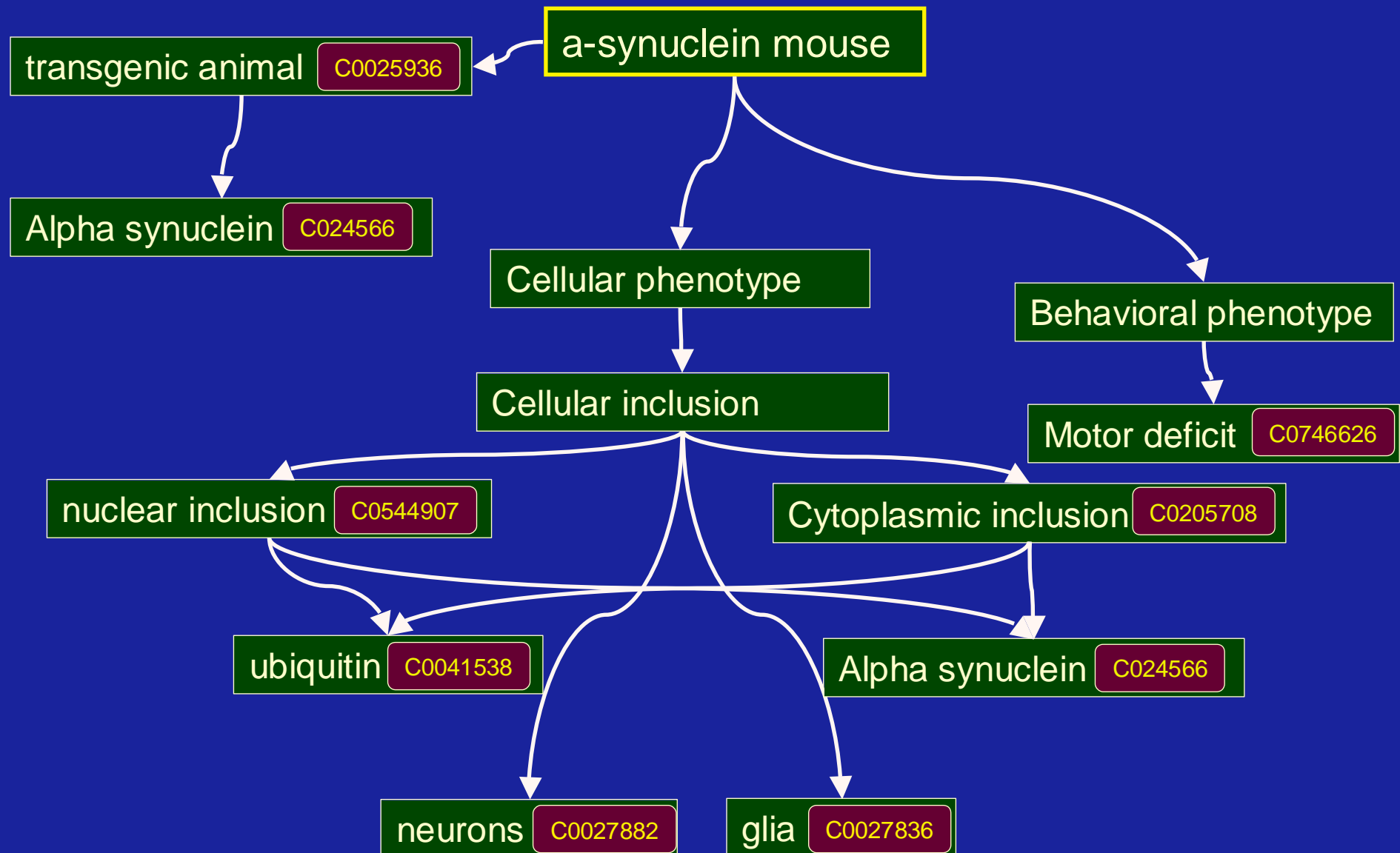
- NCMIR ANATOM
- GO (Gene Ontology)
- UMLS (Unified Medical Language System)
- CYC



# Developing Knowledge Sources for BIRN: Disease Process Maps



# Knowledge Maps for Animal Models





Update user-defined area -

https://pamina2.sdsc.edu/rat-atlas/Scripts/UpdatePolygon.php?uid=Josh

Geometry name:

Attached data:

URL	http://www.myurl.com
File path	
Database Name	ccdb
Database ID	33

More boxes

Annotation:

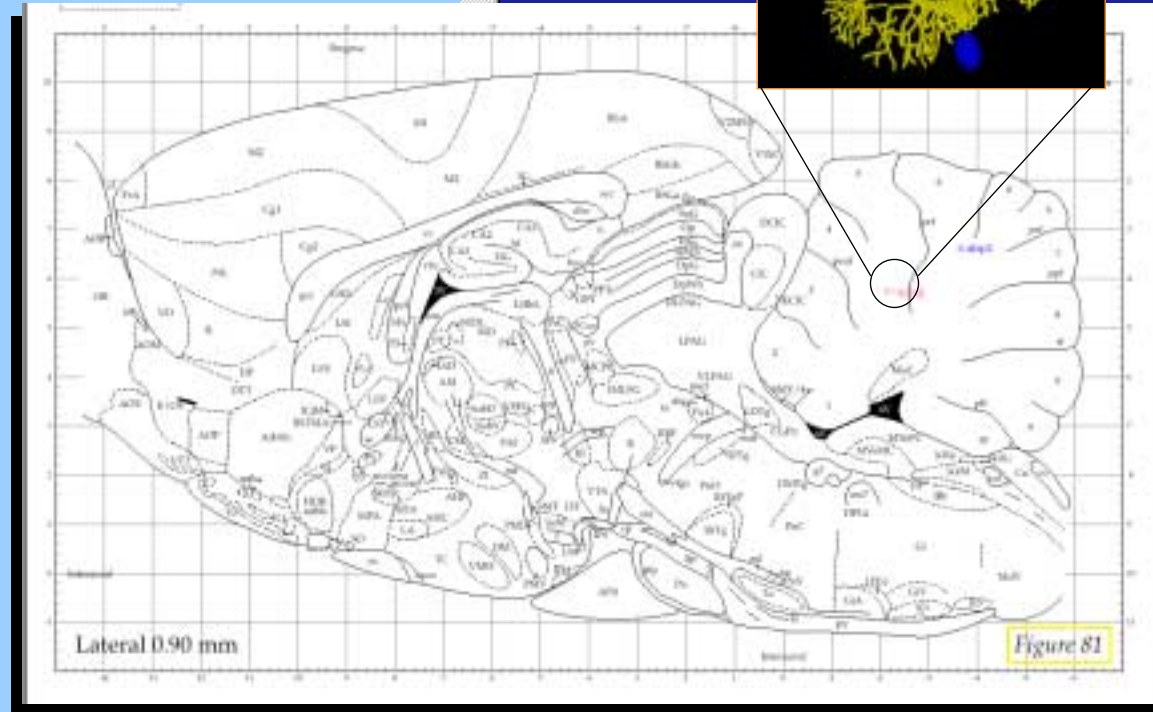
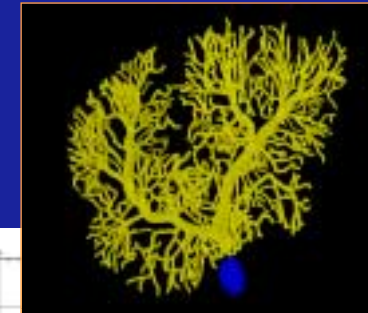
Purkinje neuron

Save

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UMLS ID

Done Internet



**Registering My Data**

- Data Acquisition

- 3D or 4D Data Refinement

- Data Reduction

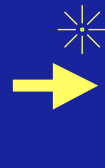
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# Organism



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# Molecules



Genome DB's



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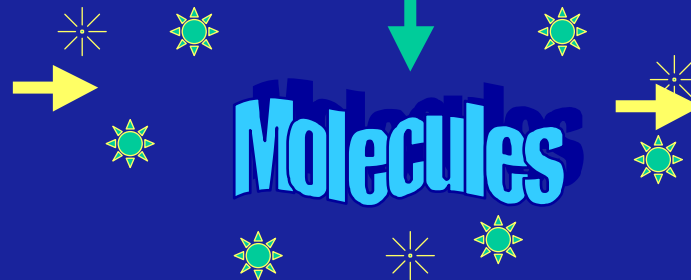
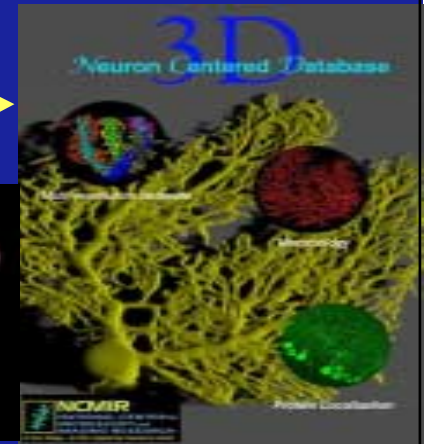
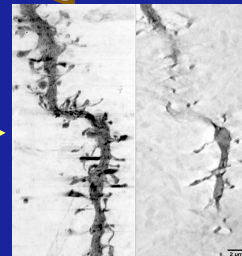
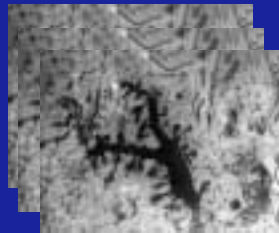
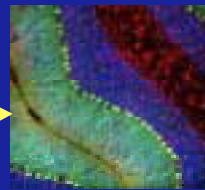
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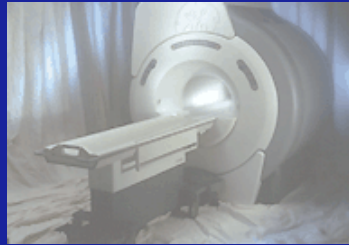
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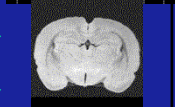
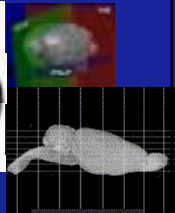
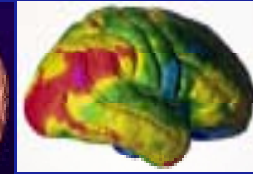
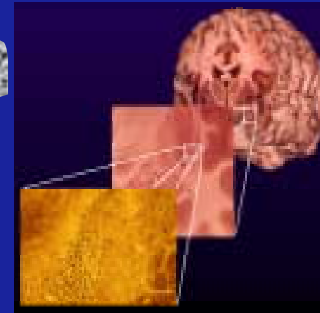
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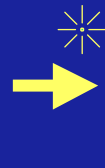
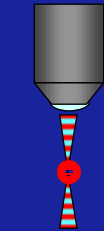
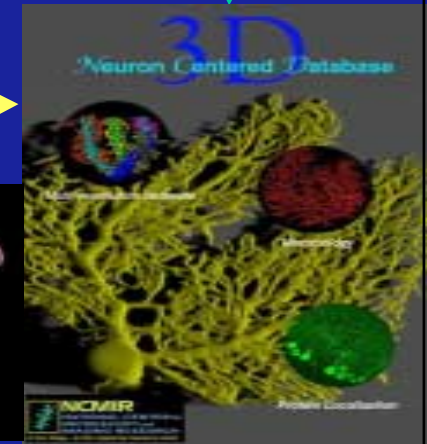
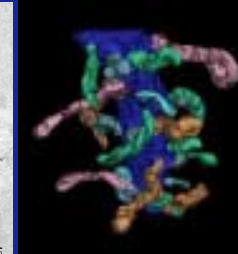
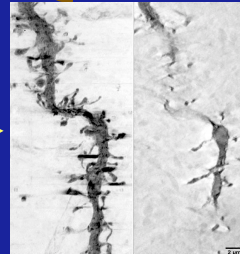
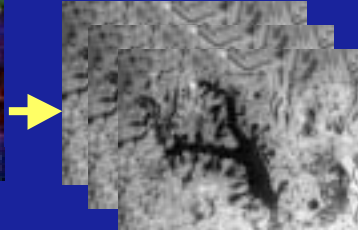
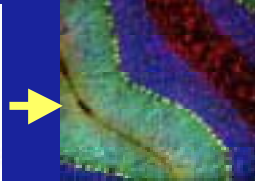
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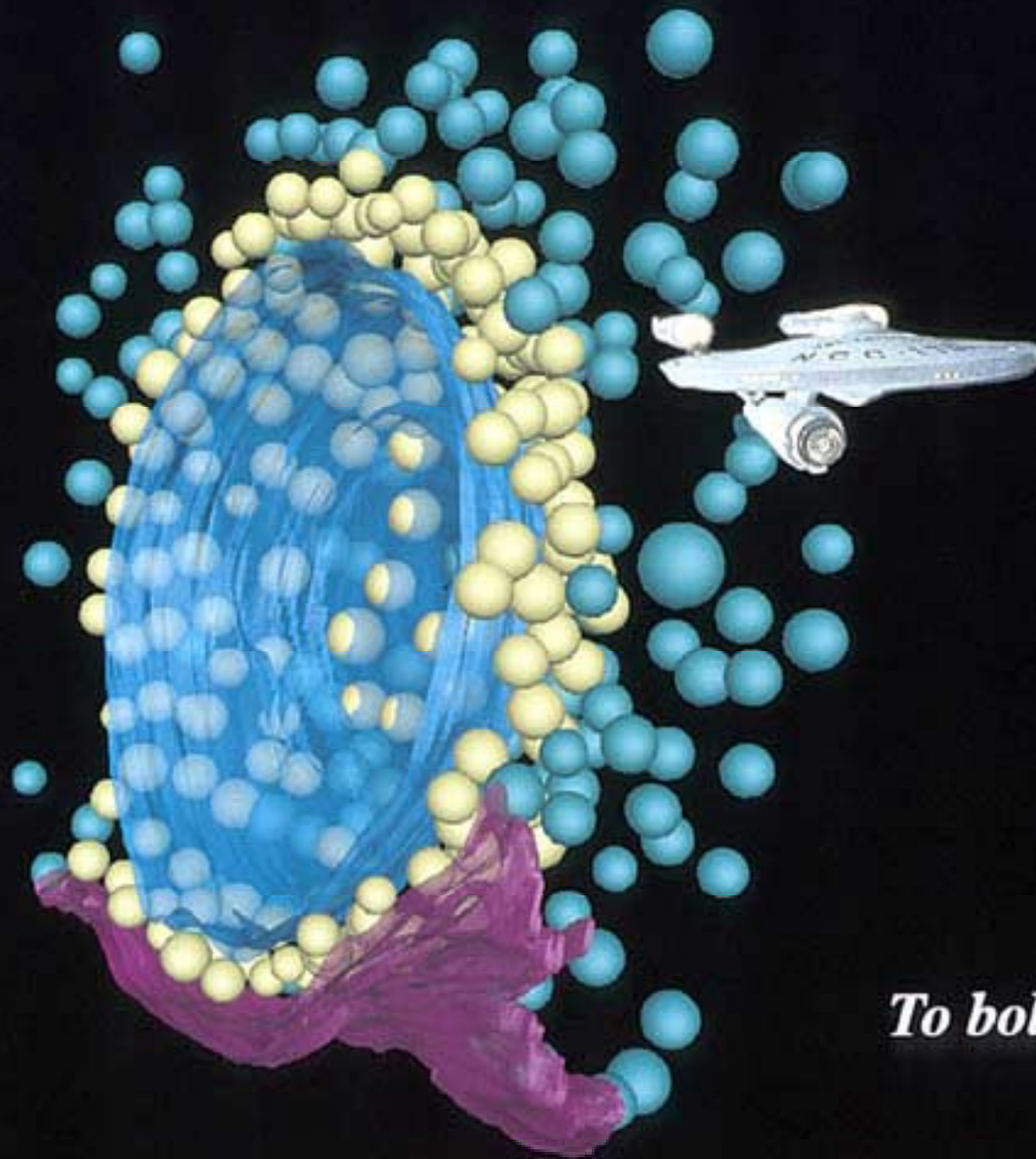
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*To boldly go...*