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Understanding the Brain

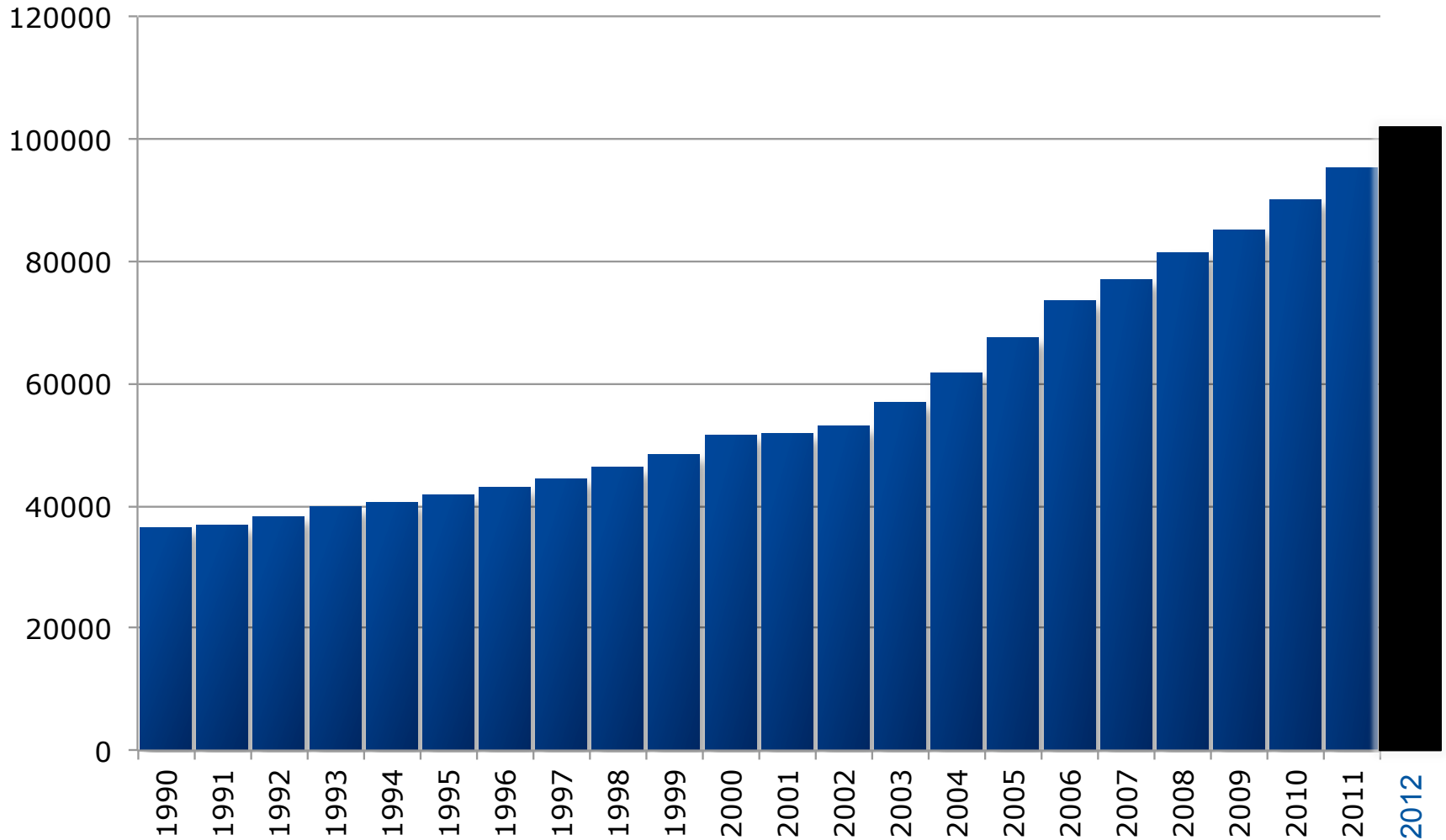
Organizational and Scientific Challenges

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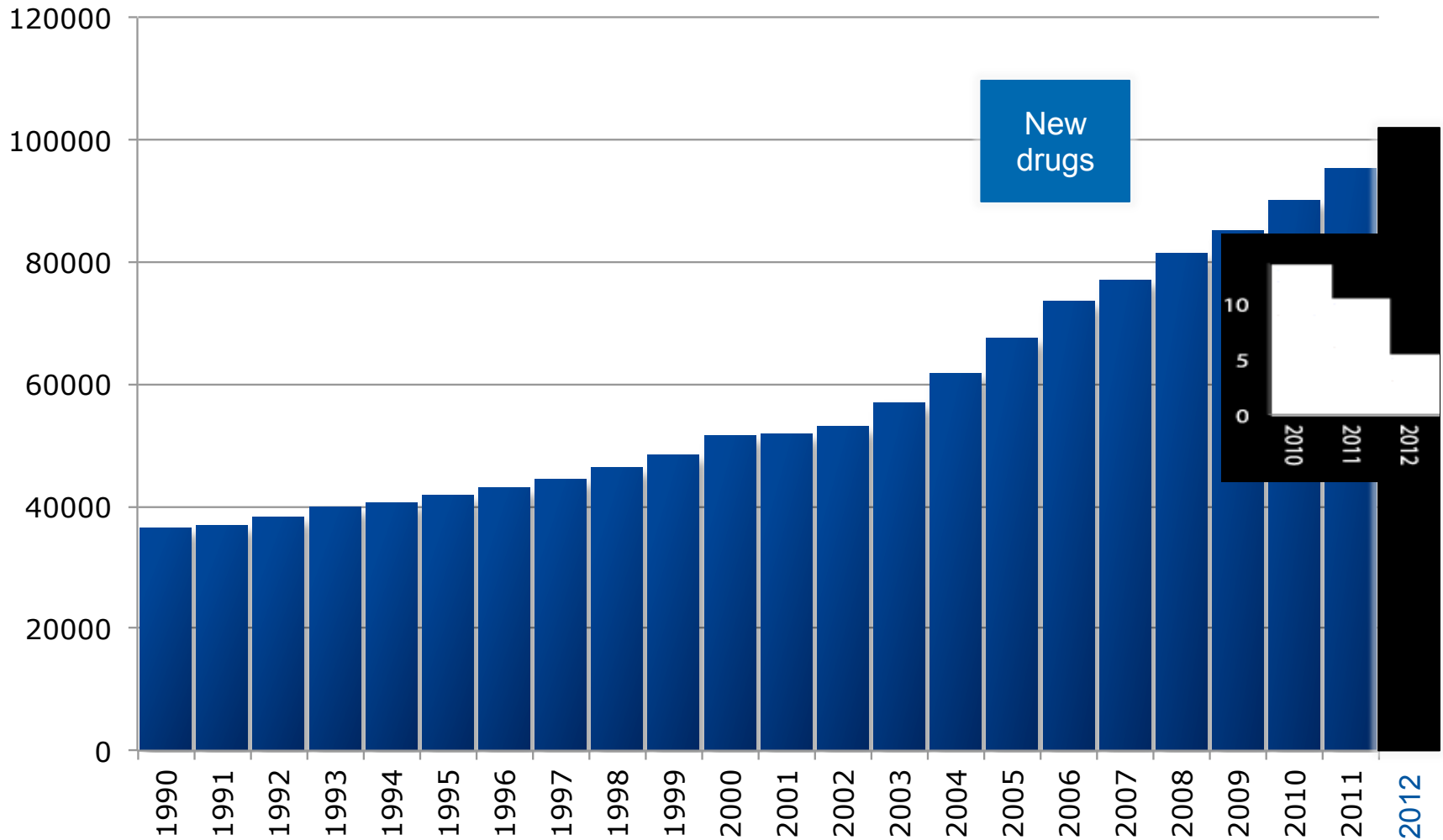
Peer-Reviewed Neuroscientific Articles



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Number of newly released CNS drugs

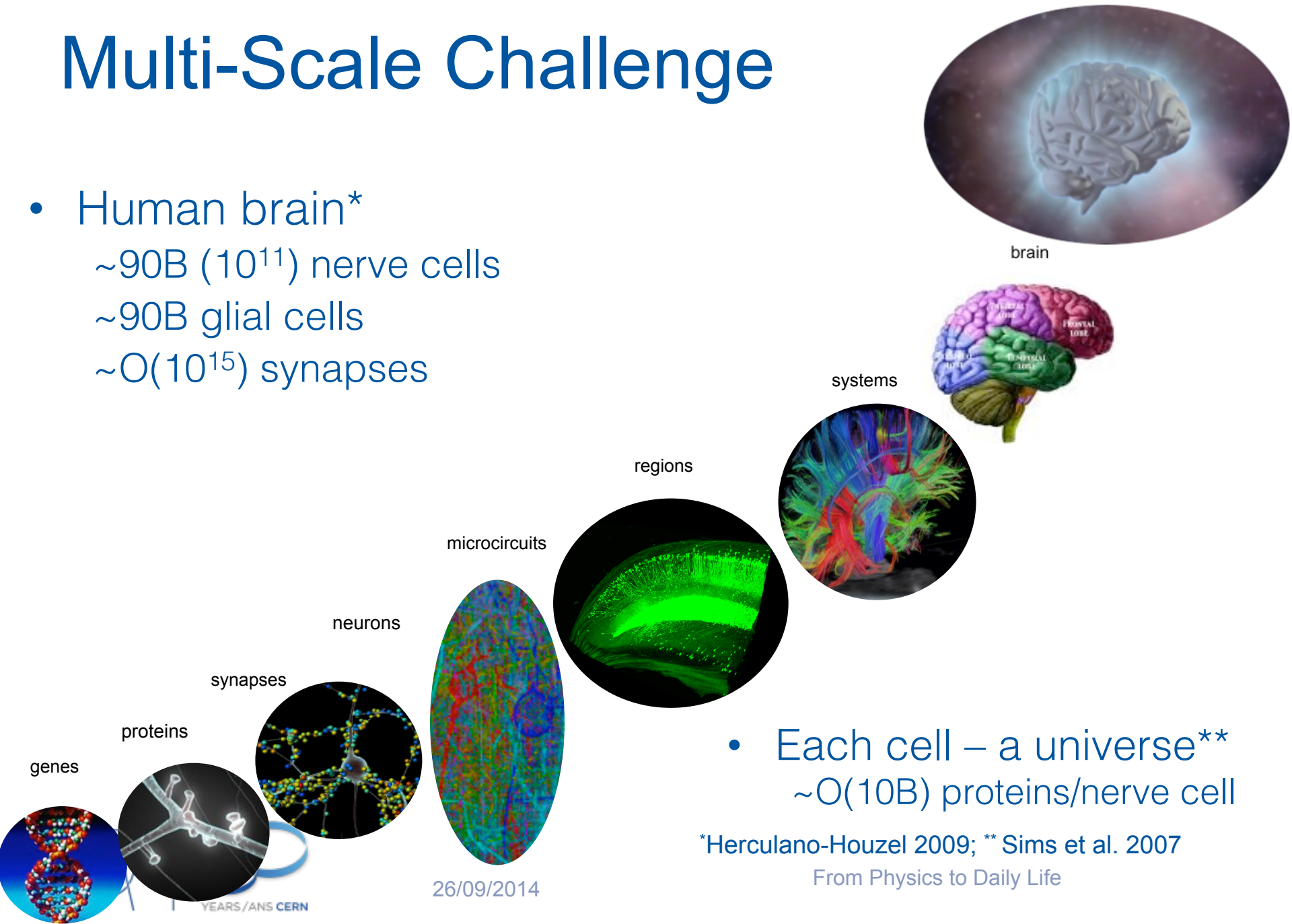


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Multi-Scale Challenge

- Human brain*
 - ~90B (10^{11}) nerve cells
 - ~90B glial cells
 - ~ $O(10^{15})$ synapses



- Each cell – a universe**
 - ~ $O(10B)$ proteins/nerve cell

*Herculano-Houzel 2009; ** Sims et al. 2007

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Position Statement

Status

1. Exponential increase in data
2. Increasingly fragmented
3. Benefits for society decreasing
4. Economic burden increasing

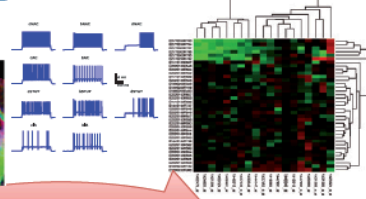
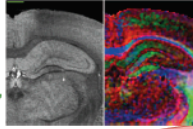
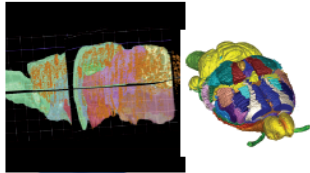
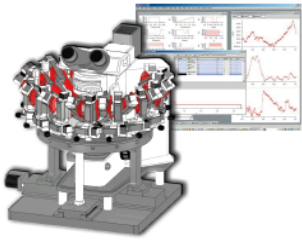
Lacking

1. No integration plan
2. No data curation plan
3. No plan to bridge levels
4. No plan from animal to human

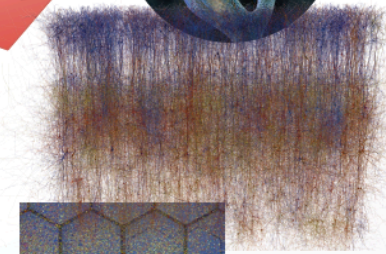
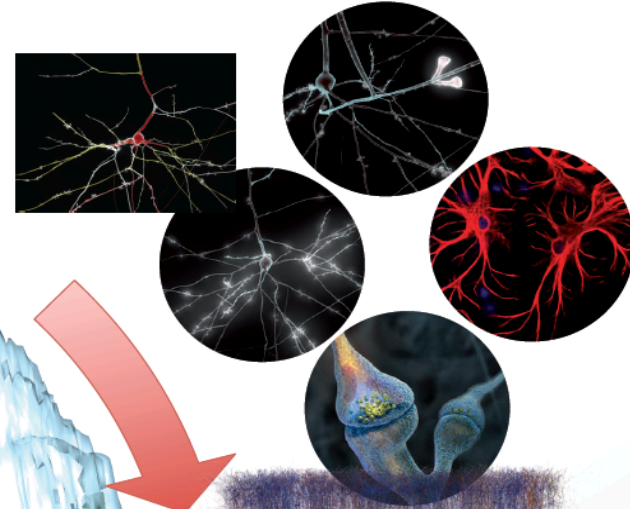


Unifying Brain Models

Experimental Data Gathering



Model Building

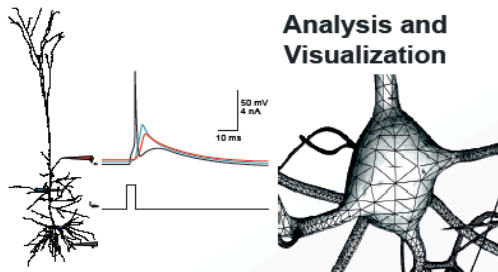


Simulation

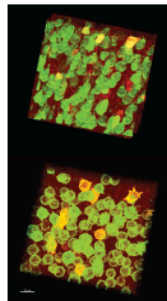
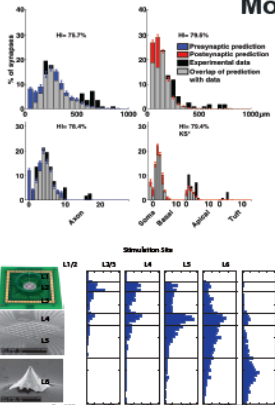
Supercomputing



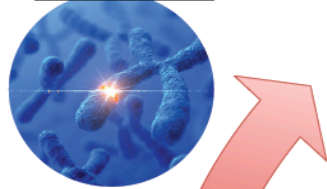
Analysis and Visualization



Model Validation



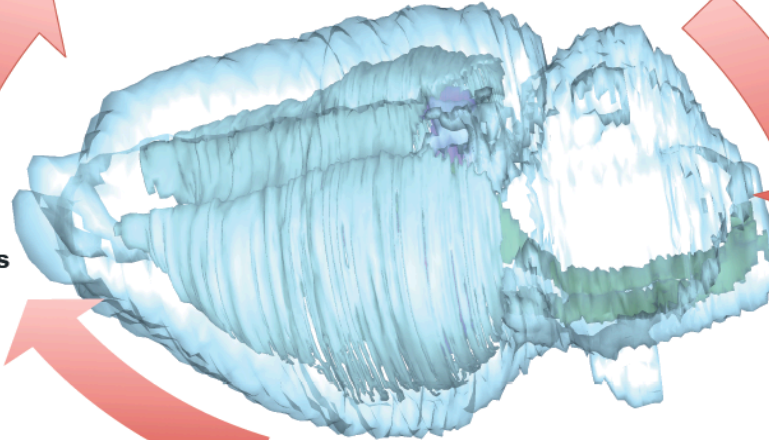
Refinement of Models and Experiments



Worldwide Published Data, Models and Literature



Unifying Brain Models



ICT

NEUROSCIENCE

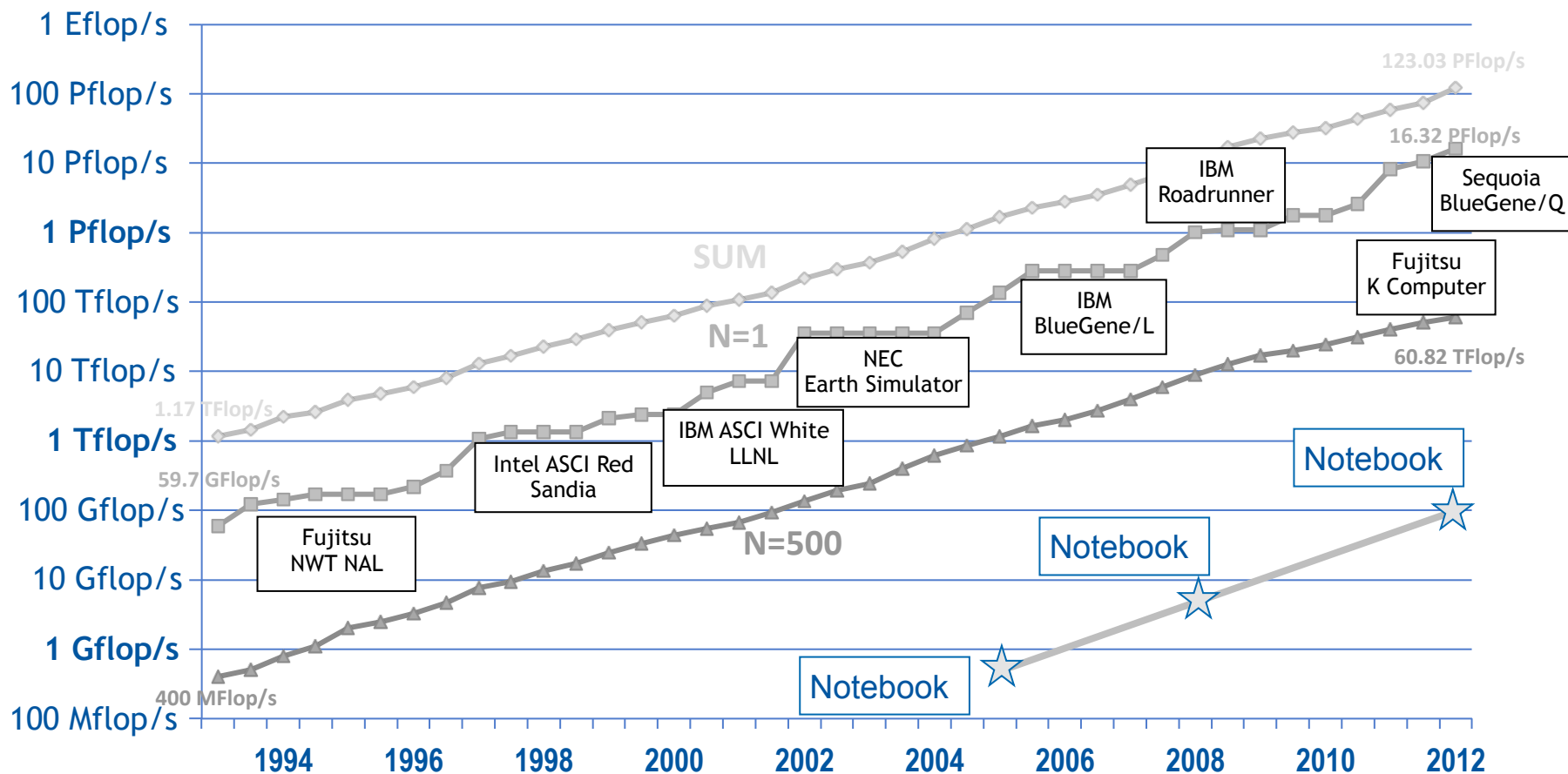
MEDICINE

COMPUTING

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| Allen Institute launches \$300 million mouse brain project and commits \$1B for brain research | 2012 | Whole exome sequencing and informatics reveals new genetic key to autism | 2012 | More than 612 million websites; more than 900 million Facebook users |
| One Mind for Research; \$6B targeted funding; Active transposons in the human brain | 2011 | > 350 biotechnology-based products resulting from Human Genome Project in clinical trial | 2011 | IBM Watson wins Jeopardy; BrainScaleS; ARM shipments exceed 30 billion; IBM Neuro Chip |
| NIH Human Connectome Project; MIT Intelligence Initiative | 2010 | Cancer Genome Project; Synthetic cell | 2010 | PRACE, Brain-I-Nets, DARPA Neovision II |
| First single cell transcriptome | 2009 | Large genome-wide association studies identify new Alzheimer's disease genes | 2009 | HPC driven real-time realistic global illumination algorithm |
| Janelia Farms founded; NIH Open Access Policy to enhance knowledge dissemination | 2008 | First Eukarya interactome; deep brain stimulation to move muscles | 2008 | Cray XT5 Petaflop on superconductive materials; DARPA SyNAPSE project started |
| Decade of the Mind | 2007 | Visual prosthetics, HT-DNA sequencing; embryonic stem cells from human skin | 2007 | Apple iPhone |
| Optogenetics technology | 2006 | First pluripotent stem cells; 23andMe launch personal genomics; BrainGate System for paraplegics | 2006 | Amazon Cloud, SpiNNaker Project; real-time animation of digital human bodies |
| International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility (INCF) founded; Blue Brain Project launched | 2005 | HapMap and First Genome Wide Association Study; identification of human miRNA genes | 2005 | FACETS, DAISY, COLAMN, DARPA Aug Cognition; IBM Cell Processor; Assisted GPS for cell phones |
| Champalimaud Foundation launches new brain research institute, commits €500M | 2004 | ADNI founded; comparative genomic analysis identifies cause for Bardet-Biedl syndrome | 2004 | INTEL Dual Core; DARPA Neovision I; Facebook triggers social networking phenomenon |
| Paul Allen founds the Allen Institute to map the mouse transcriptome; commits \$100M | 2003 | Human genome completed | 2003 | About 1 billion PCs sold |
| NEST Large-scale neural network simulator | 2002 | Telesurgery; 1000 Genomes Project; artificial liver | 2002 | Earth simulator |
| Institute of Systems Biology | 2001 | First draft human and mouse genome; human testing of an Alzheimer's disease vaccine | 2001 | |
| Crystal structure of an ion channel; Gatsby Comp. Neurosc. Institute launched, Lord Sainsbury commits £500M | 1999 | Structural Genomics Project; fruit fly sequenced | 1999 | |
| | 1998 | Stem cell therapy | 1998 | Cray T3E Teraflop modelling metallic magnets; MDA Silicon Brain Program |
| | 1997 | Protein accumulation in human neurodegenerative diseases | 1997 | Google founded |
| | 1996 | Dolly, the sheep cloned | 1996 | MDA Silicon Neuron Program |
| | 1995 | First bacterial genome | 1995 | Real-time image-based rendering; JAVA; Support Vector Machines |
| | 1994 | First HIV (anti-AIDS) treatment; gene therapy via implanted transformed fibroblasts | 1994 | WWW Foundation launched; GPS goes live with 24 satellites |
| Int. Consortium for Brain Mapping; NIH Human Brain Project | 1993 | Huntington's disease gene identified; interferon for multiple sclerosis | 1993 | 50 websites in the world |
| First whole head MEG system; fMRI | 1992 | Self-folding prion proteins | 1992 | |
| | 1991 | Amyloid hypothesis of Alzheimer's Disease; term "evidence-based medicine" coined | 1991 | Motion capture technology for guiding virtual robots |
| Two-photon microscope US "Decade of the brain" | 1990 | First human viral gene therapy | 1990 | WWW technology |
| DNA microarray technology for transcriptomics | 1989 | | 1989 | INTEL Electrically Trainable Artificial Neural Network chip |
| | 1988 | | 1988 | Silicon retina published; 45 million PCs in the USA; TAT-B, first transatlantic fiber optic cable |
| | 1987 | Deep-brain electrical stimulation; laser surgery on human cornea; meningitis vaccine developed | 1987 | Cray YMP GigaFlop on finite element analysis Thinking Machine with 65536 processors |
| Mapping of the structure of C.elegans nervous system | 1986 | | 1986 | Radiosity rendering for scene illumination |
| Transgenic mouse produced; Boltzman machine | 1985 | TMS - Transmagnetic stimulation; automated DNA sequencer; surgical robots | 1985 | First GigaFlop supercomputer; First ARM processor |
| Cylindric PET scan; Polymerase Chain Reaction technology (PCR) | 1984 | | 1984 | |
| The Hopfield Artificial Neural Network; Statistical Mechanics of Artificial Neural Networks | 1983 | Automated DNA sequencers (ABI 380A); discovery of HIV | 1983 | |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) | 1982 | Interferon cloning; commercial protein sequencers | 1982 | First 32 bit microprocessor |
| | 1981 | Artificial Skin; Applied Biosystems founded by two HP engineers | 1981 | IBM Personal Computer |
| | 1980 | WHO declares smallpox eradicated | 1980 | Recursive ray tracing and new algorithms for realistic scene rendering |
| | 1979 | Anti-viral drugs | 1979 | |
| Patch Clamp technique | 1978 | Test-tube baby born; first cochlear implant | 1978 | |
| First Molecular Dynamics simulation of a protein | 1977 | First DNA sequencing method; first virus sequenced | 1977 | |



Performance Development of Supercomputers



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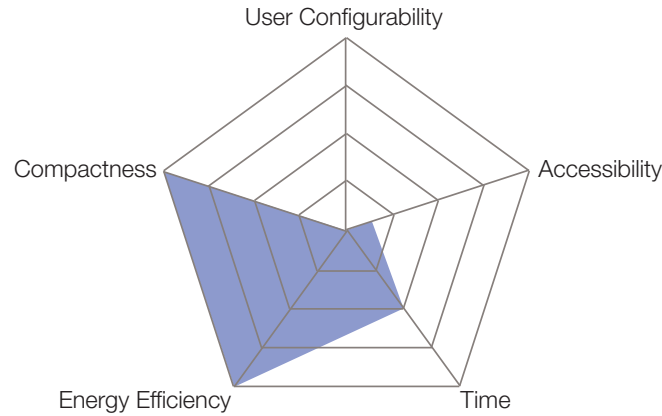
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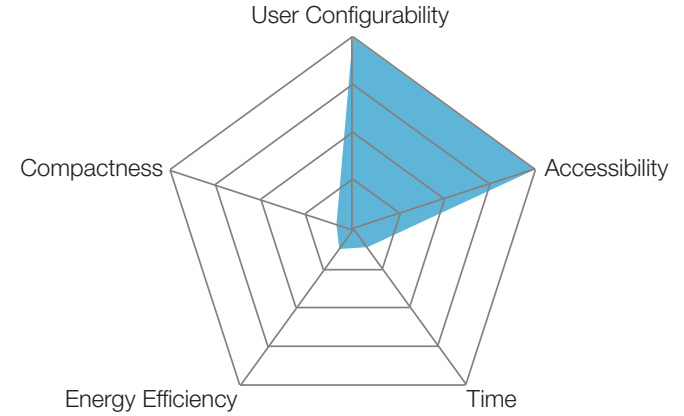


Learning from the Brain

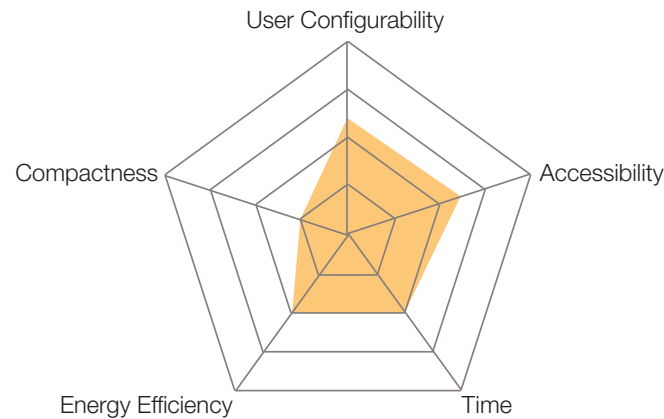
Biological Brain



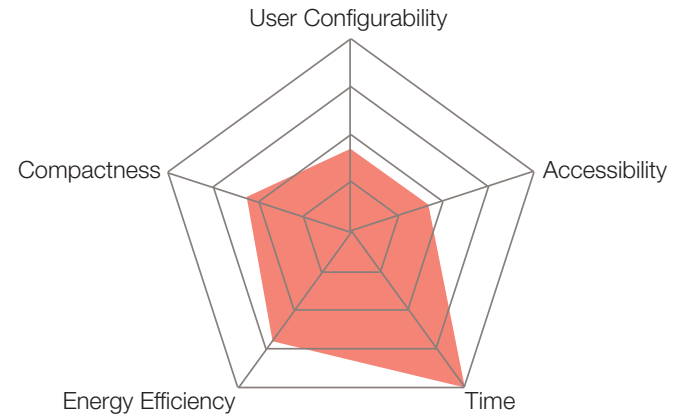
Numerical Simulation



Numerical Neuromorphic



Physical Neuromorphic



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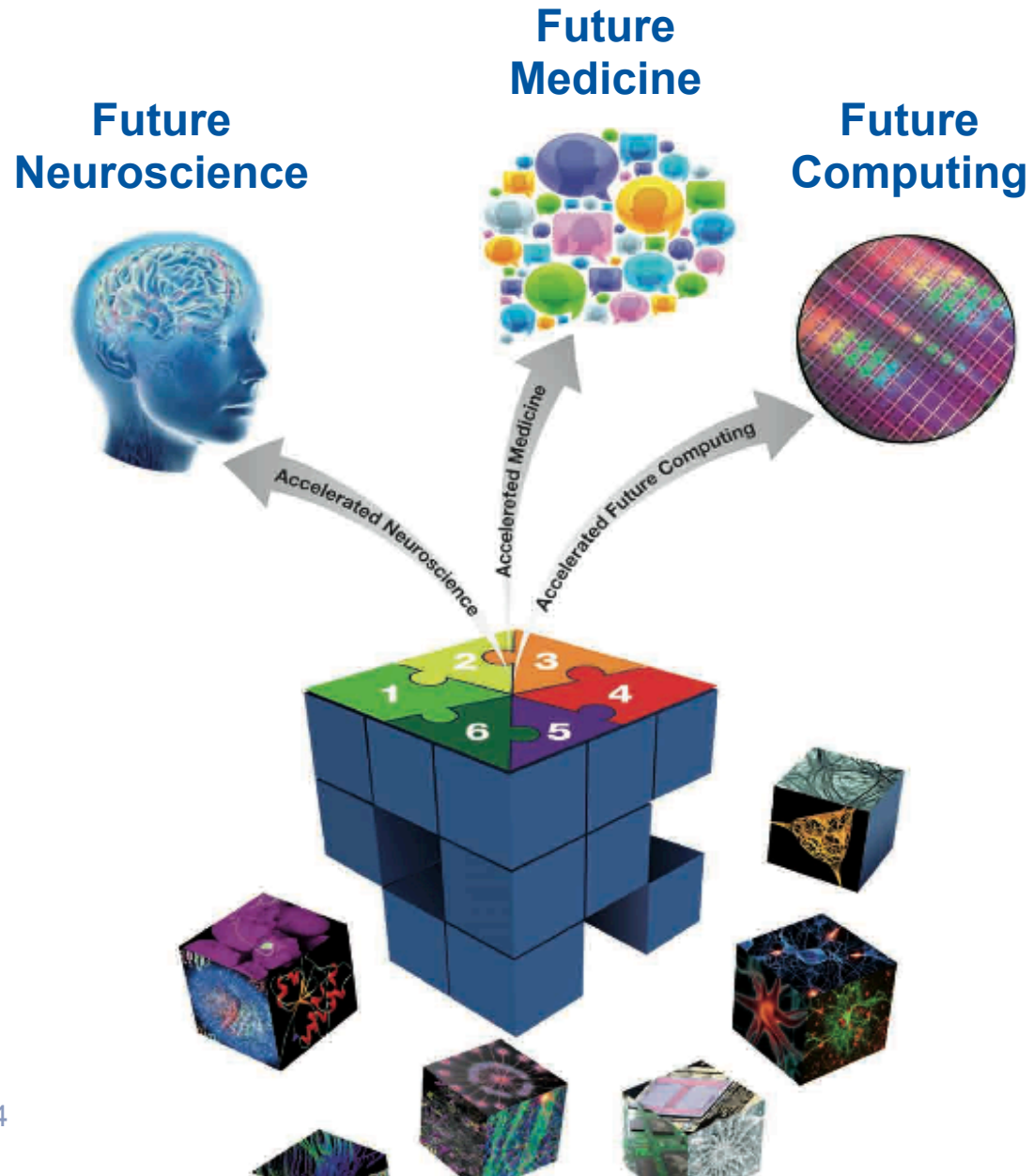
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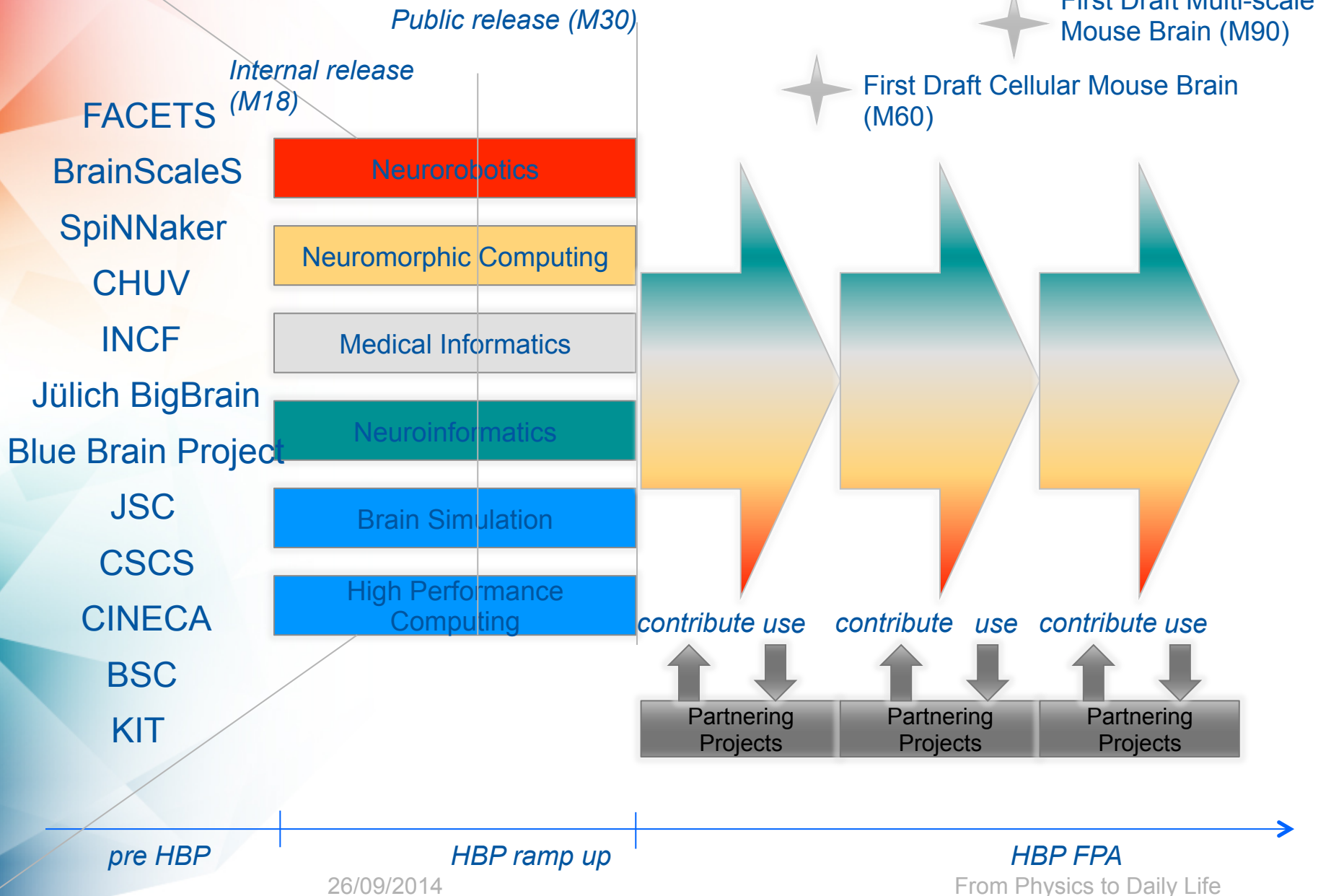
Human Brain Project

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Use ICT as a catalyst for a *global collaborative effort* to understand the human brain, its diseases and ultimately to emulate its computational capabilities.



Roadmap of the HBP



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FET Flagship Idea

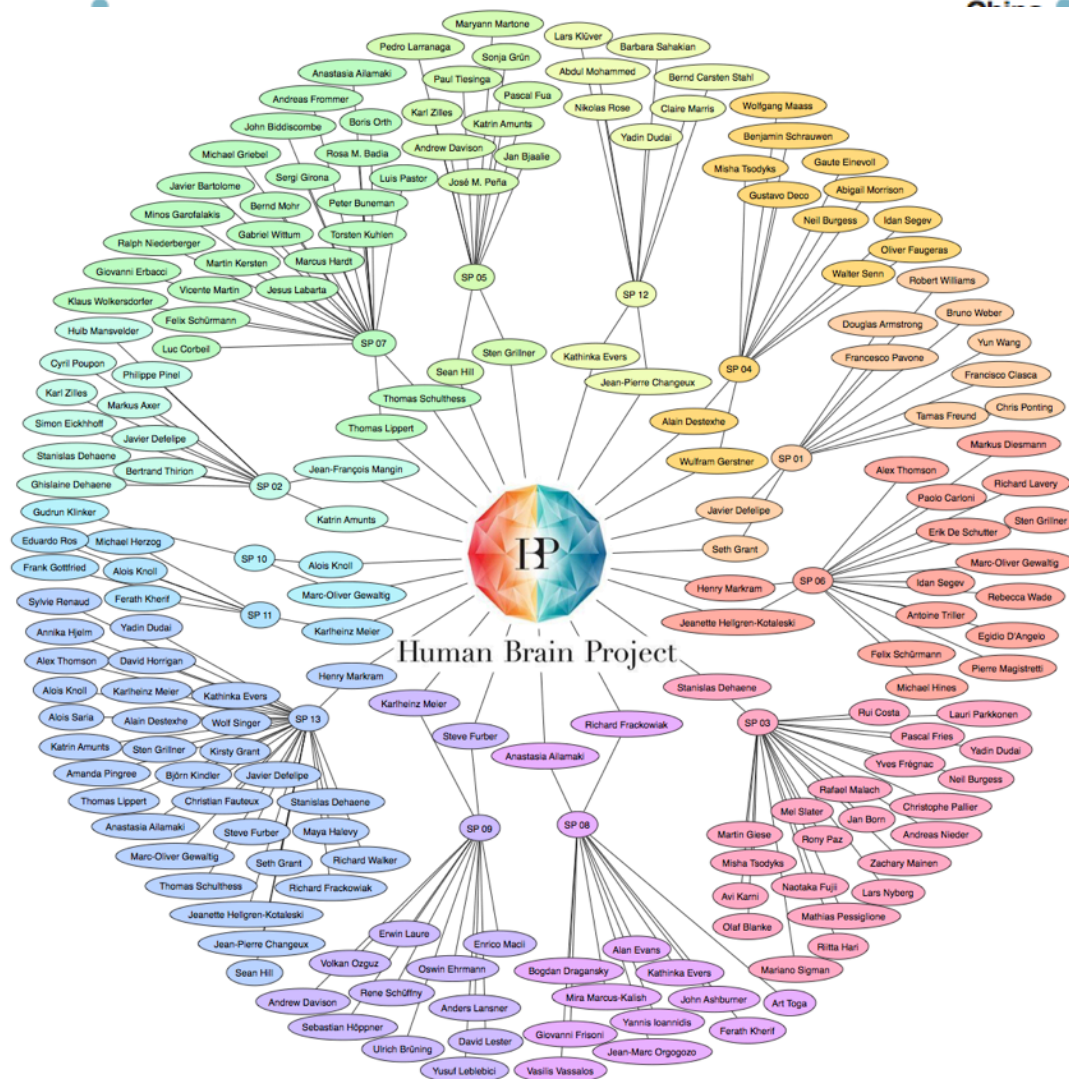
- Funded from ICT branch
- 100MEuro/a for 10 years

Ramp-up Phase (2 ½ years)

- FP7 (54MEur)
- 112 partner institutions
- 24 countries

Operational Phase (7 ½ years)

- H2020
- FPA+Partner Projects



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