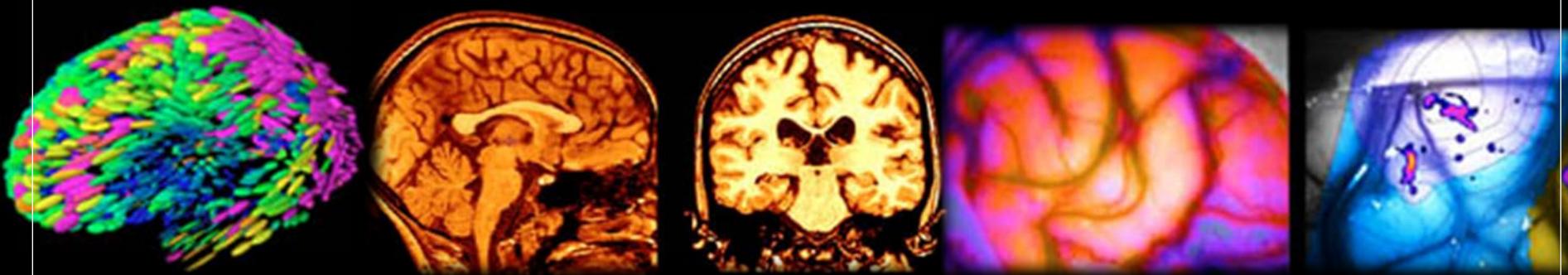
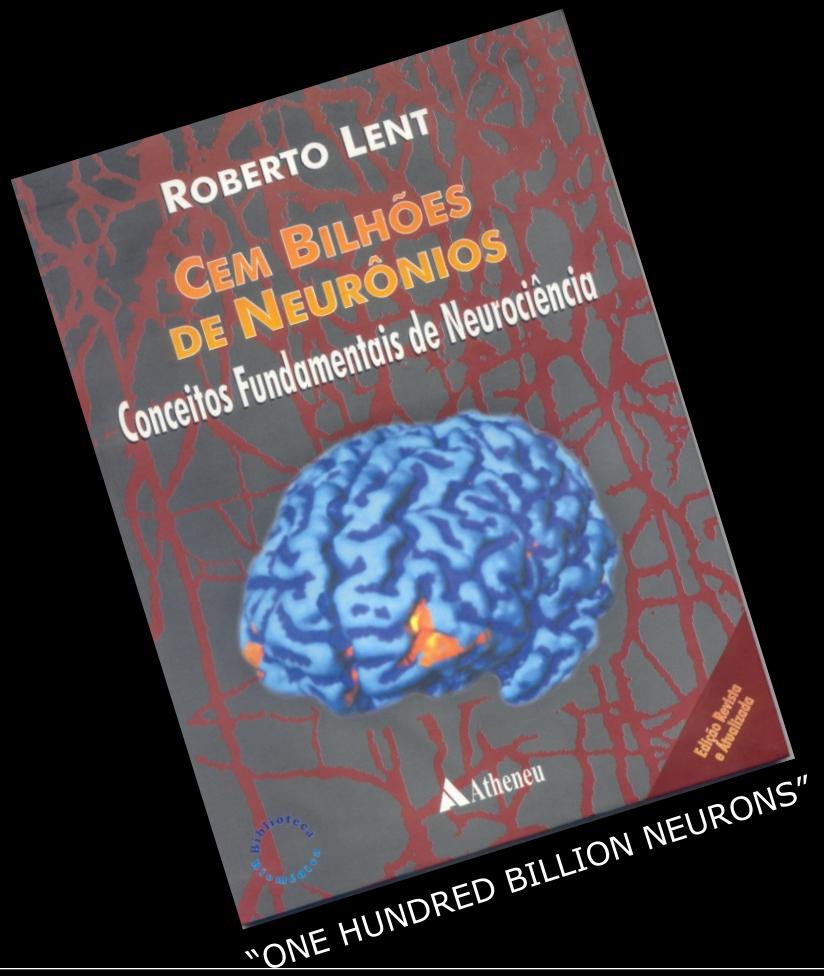


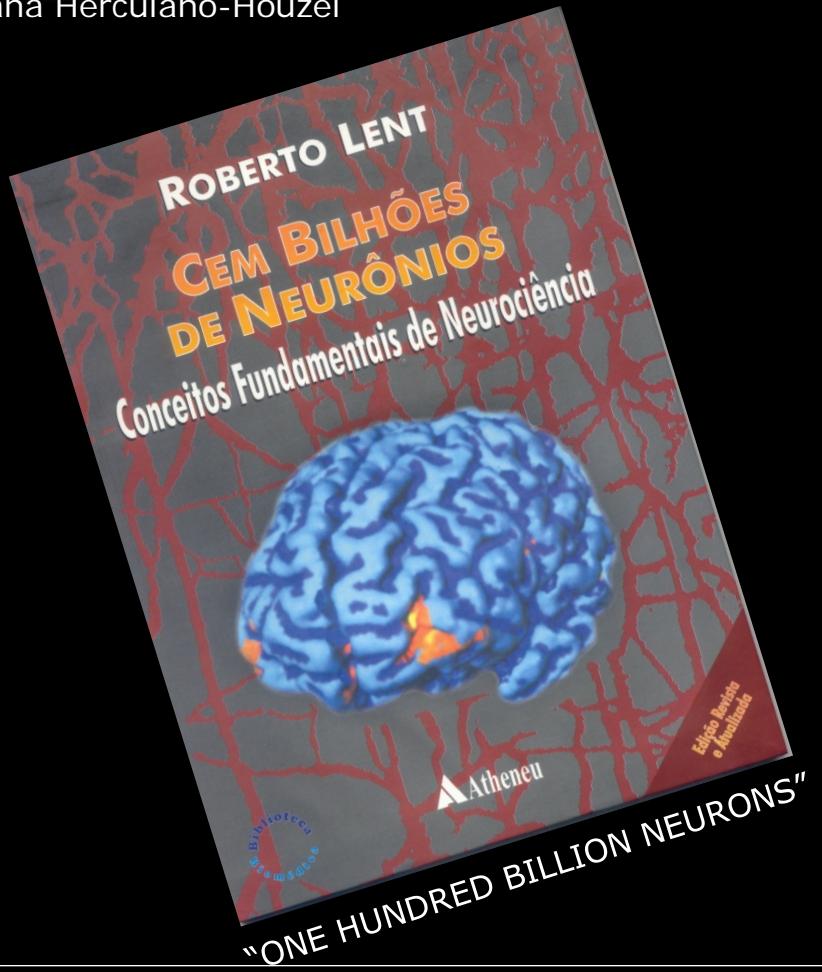
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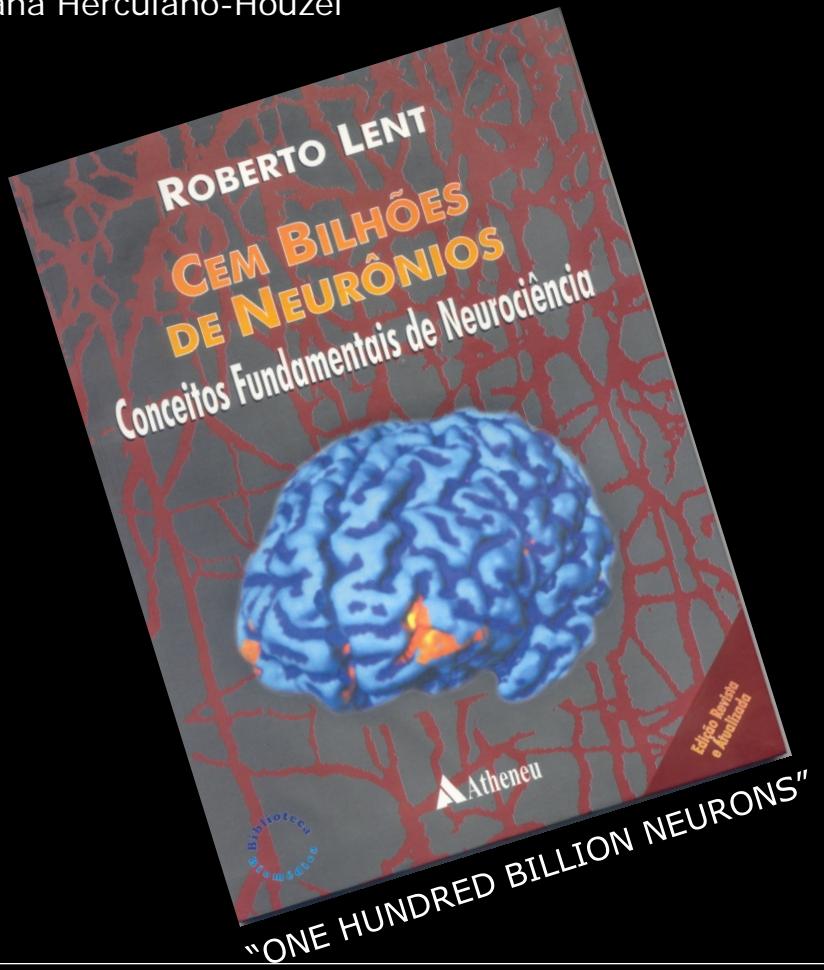
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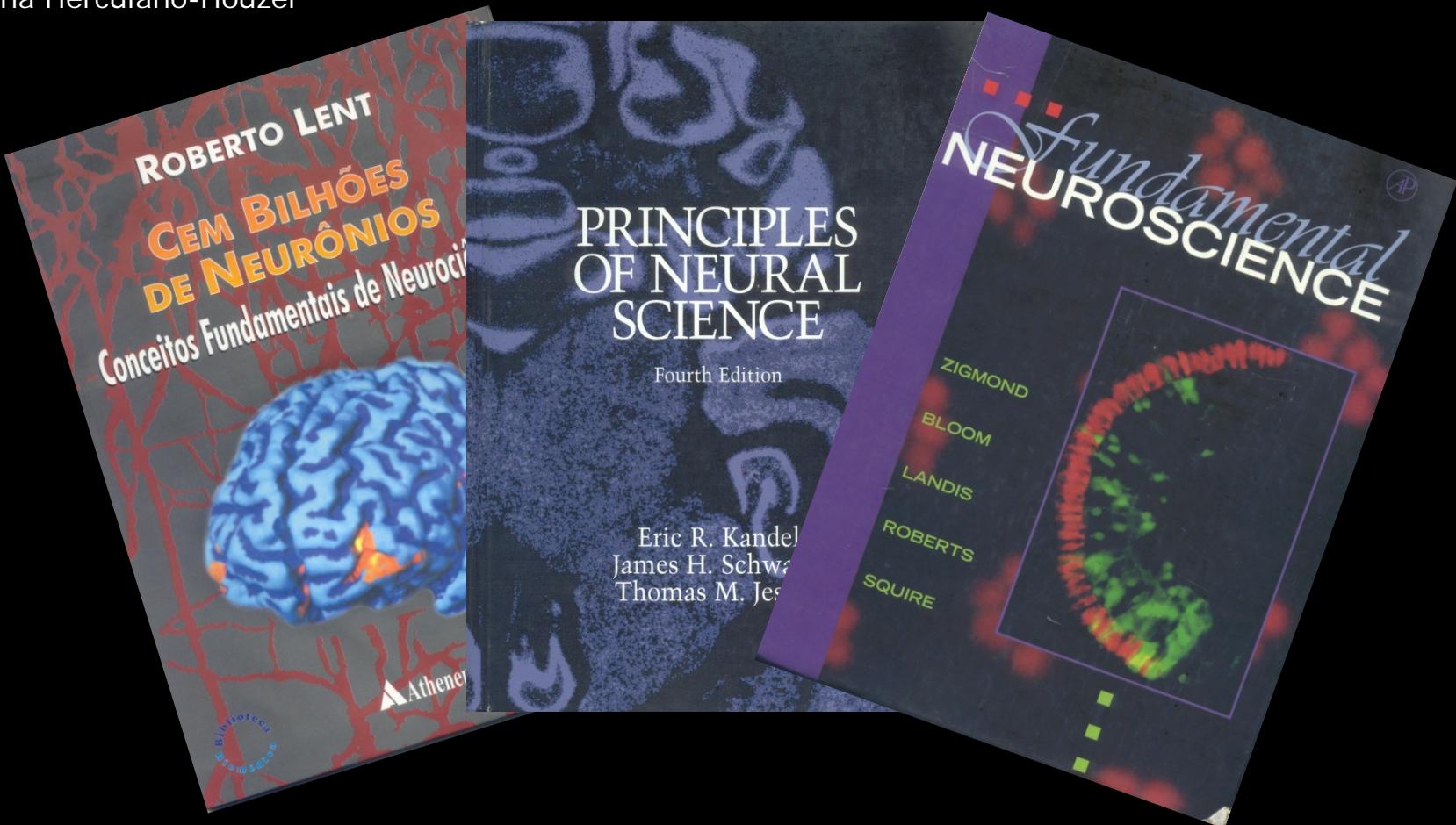
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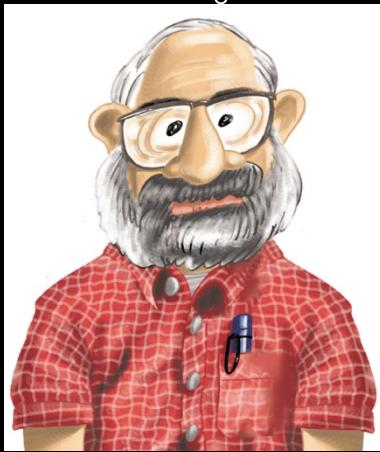
## Contribution of Intermediate Progenitor Cells to Cortical Histogenesis

NEUROLOGICAL REVIEW

Stephen C. Noctor, PhD; Verónica Martínez-Cerdeno, PhD; Arnold R. Kriegstein, MD, PhD

The mature brain is composed of 100 billion to 200 billion neurons and perhaps 10 times as many glial cells. Generation of the

1 trillion diverse, complex cells that regulate every aspect of behavior is accomplished in human beings during a brief span of just 3 to 4 months. This critical period of gestation is sensitive to interference from environmental, pathogenic, and genetic factors, and defects in proliferation at this stage of development can produce severe cortical malformations such as lissencephaly. We review the current state of understanding of cortical progenitor cells in the embryonic cerebral cortex.



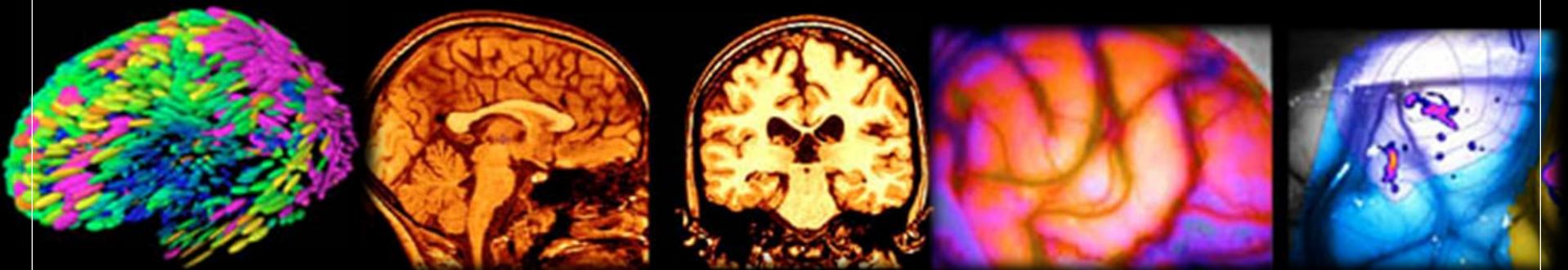
ABSOLUTE CELL  
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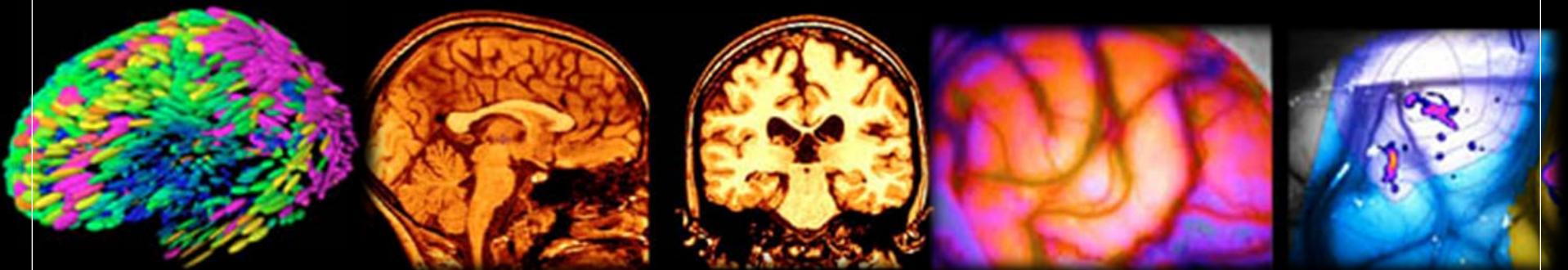


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A microscopic image of brain tissue against a black background. The image shows numerous green-stained neurons with their branching processes (dendrites and axons) and several red-stained glial cells, likely astrocytes, which provide support and nutrition to neurons.

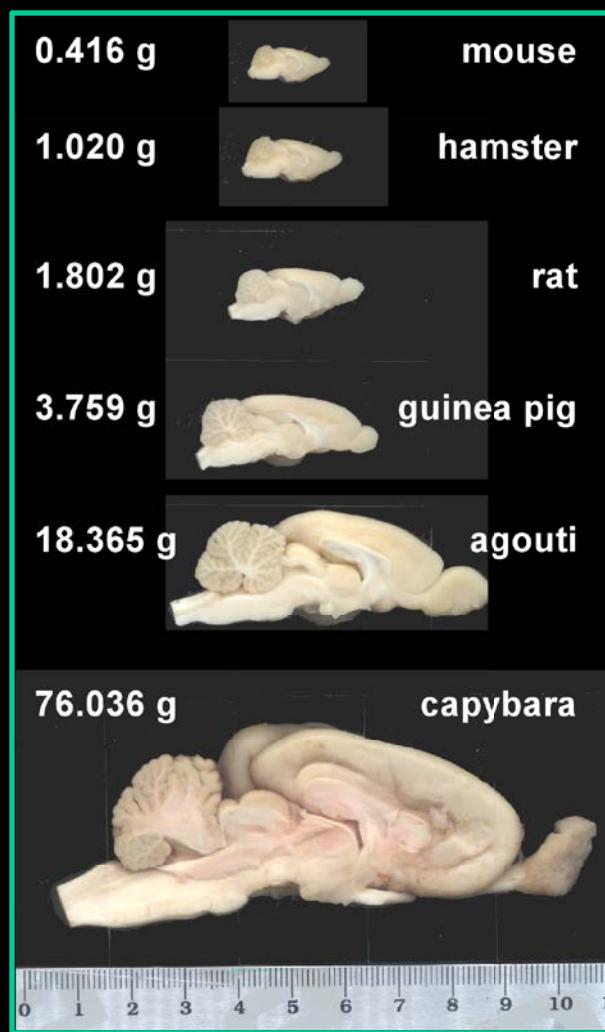
NUMBER OF NEURONS?  
NUMBER OF GLIAL CELLS?  
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GLIAL SIZE?  
EXTRACELLULAR SPACE?  
VASCULATURE?

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# RODENTIA – AN ORDER WITH BRAINS VARYING 180X IN SIZE



# PRIMATES – AN ORDER WITH BRAINS VARYING 500X IN SIZE

MARMOSET



GALAGO



OWL  
MONKEY



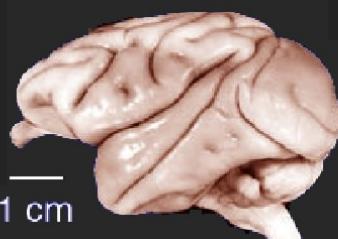
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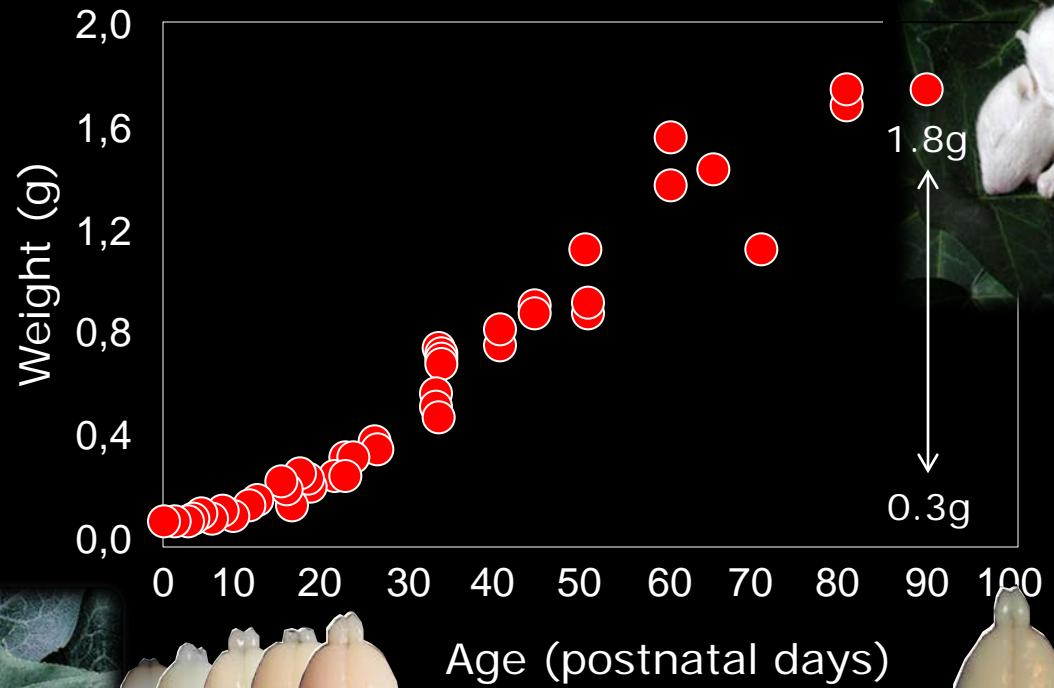


Azevedo et al, 2009, J.Comp.Neurol., 513:530-541

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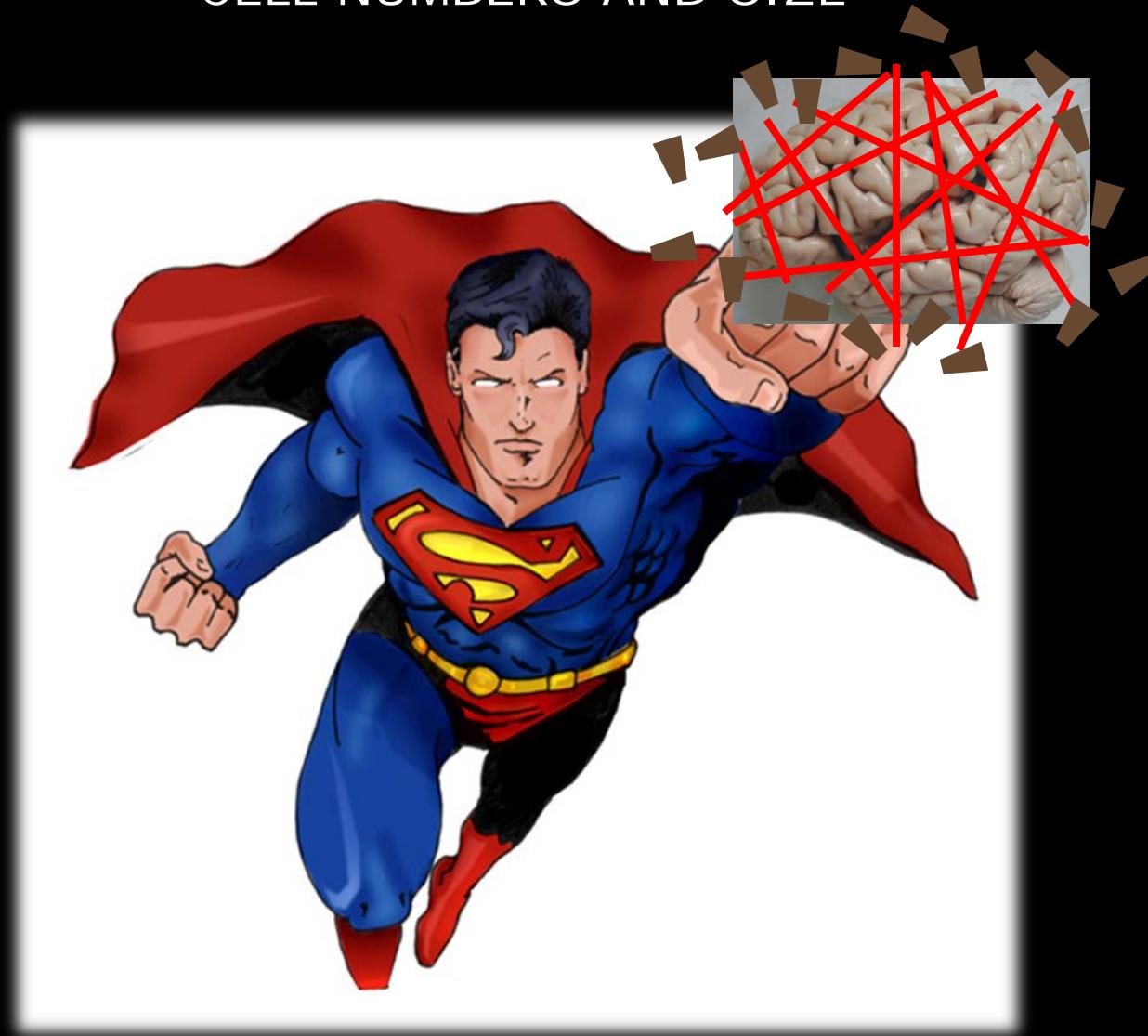
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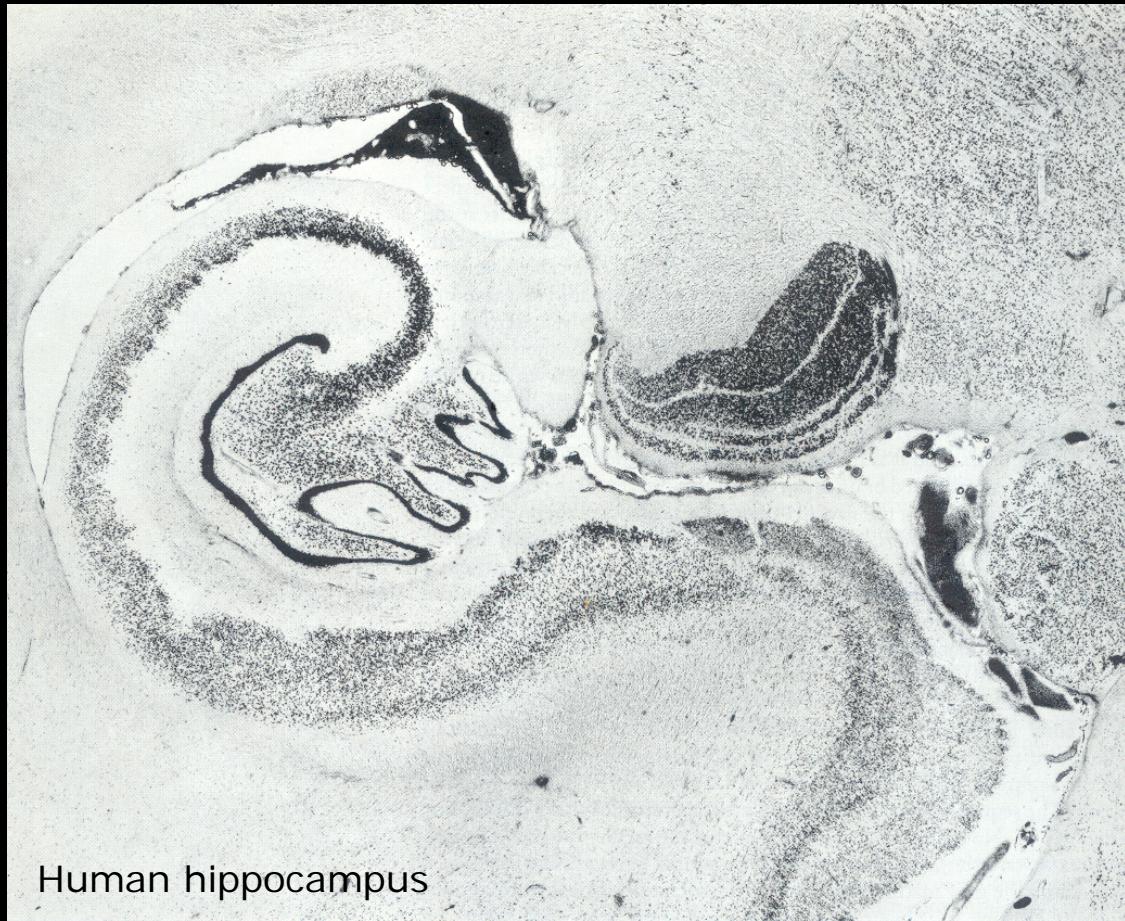
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# ISOTROPIC FRACTIONATOR A RELIABLE METHOD FOR ESTIMATING CELL NUMBERS AND SIZE



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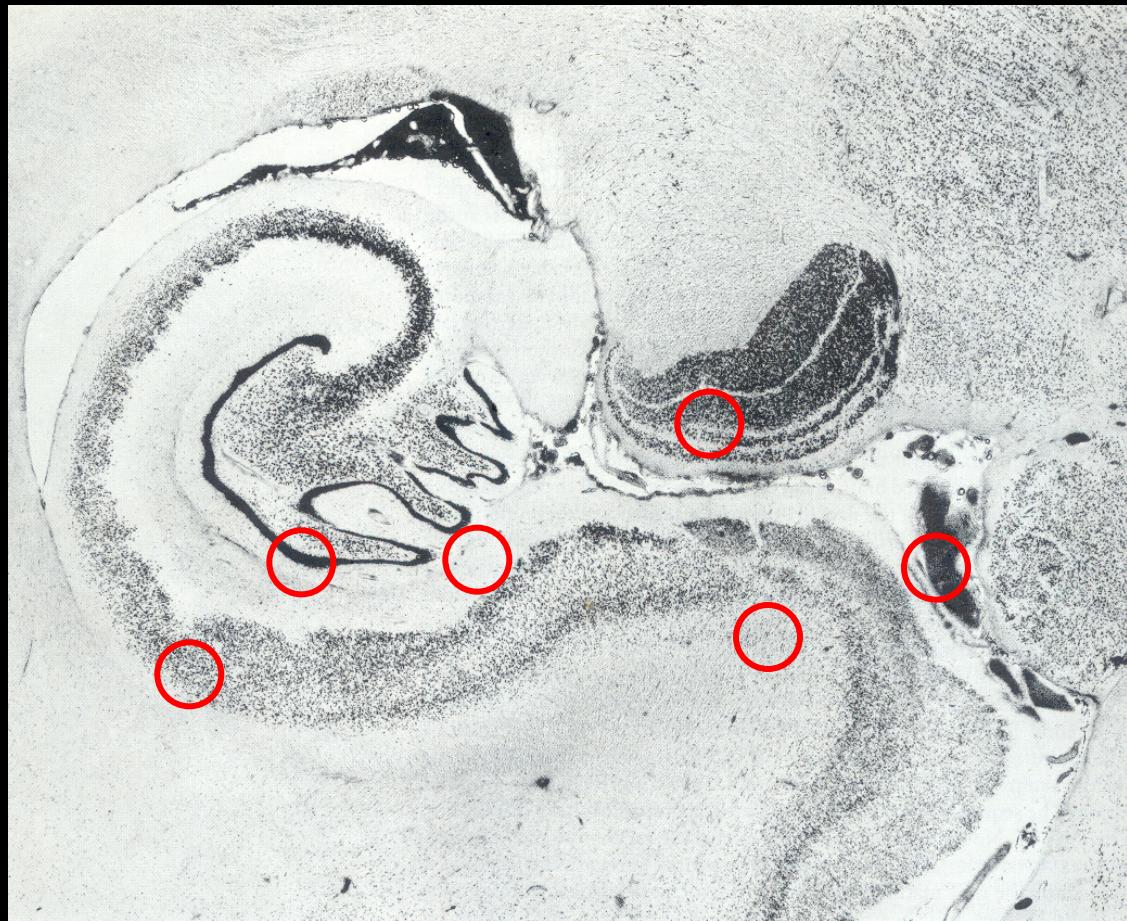
\*THE NERVOUS TISSUE IS HIGHLY ANISOTROPIC



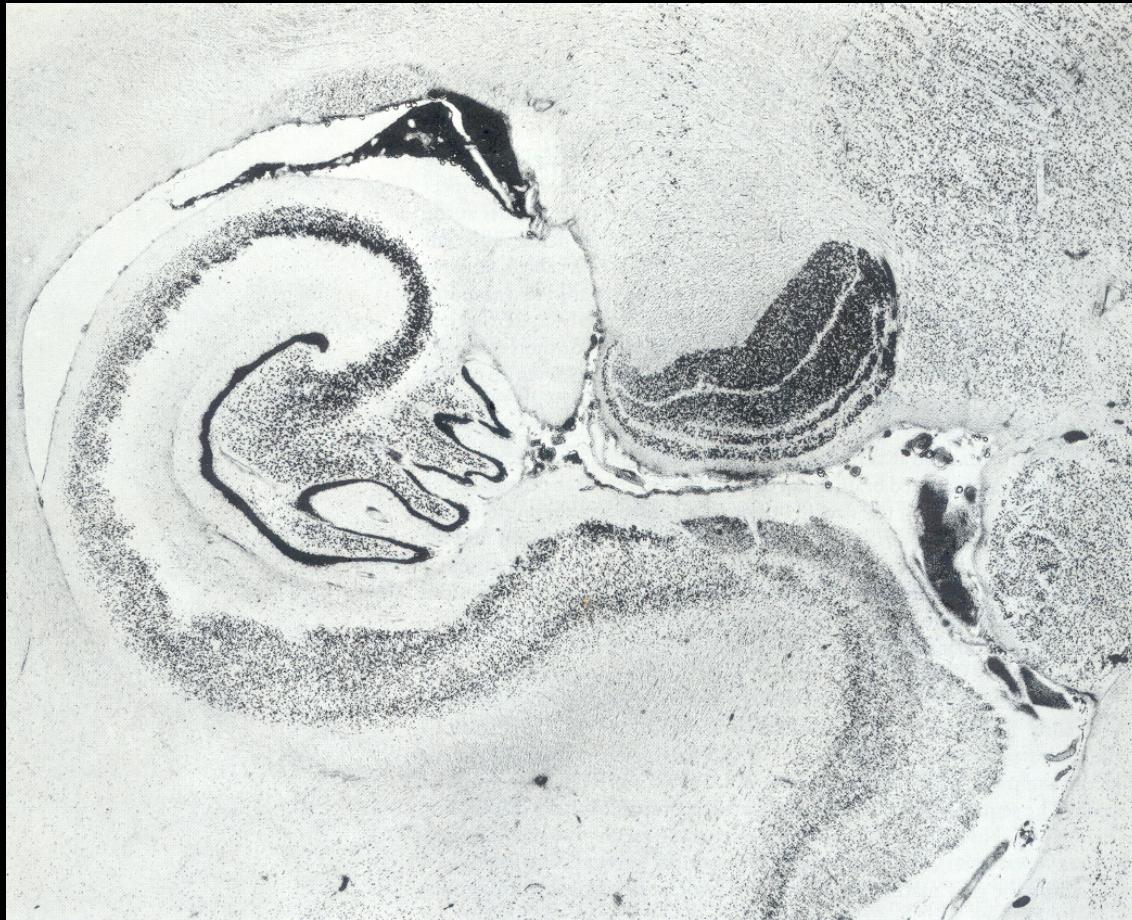
Human hippocampus

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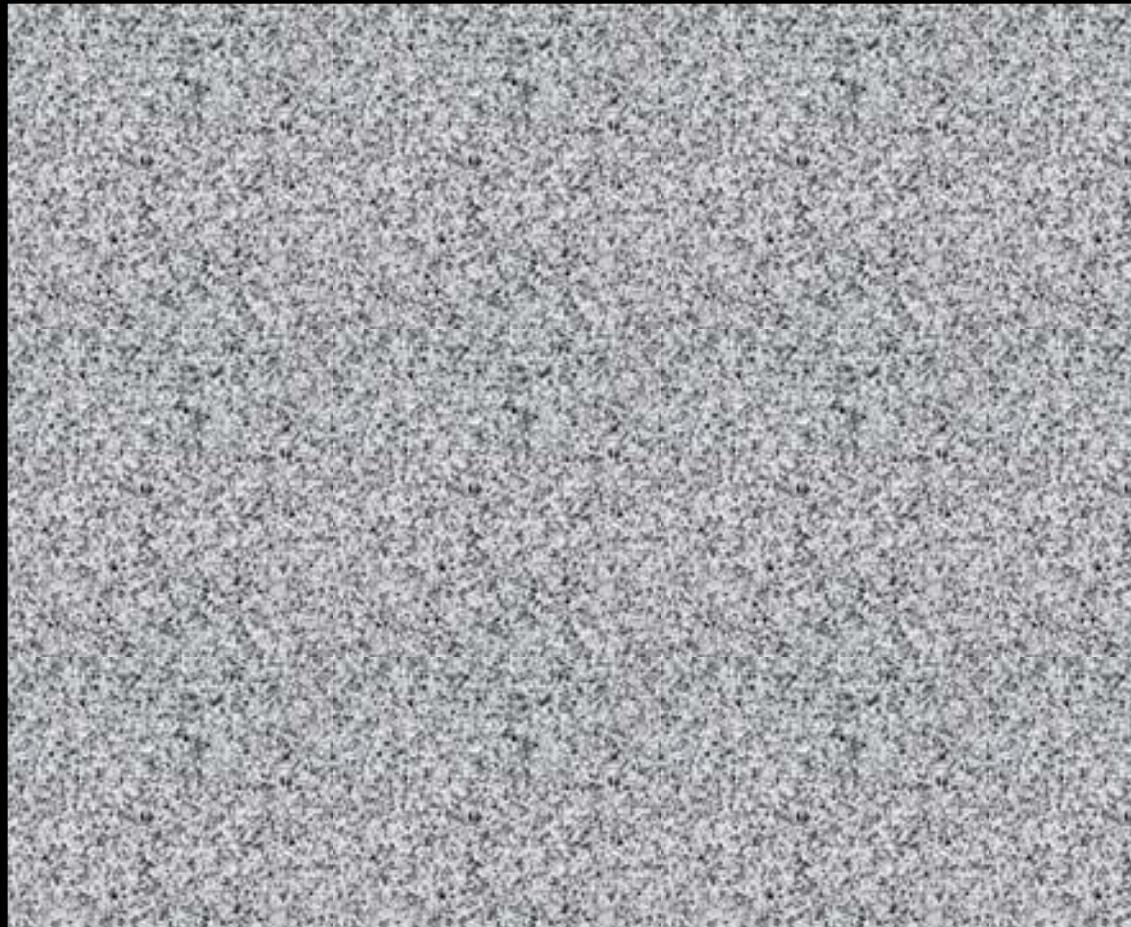
- \*MEAN DENSITIES HAVE HIGH VARIANCES
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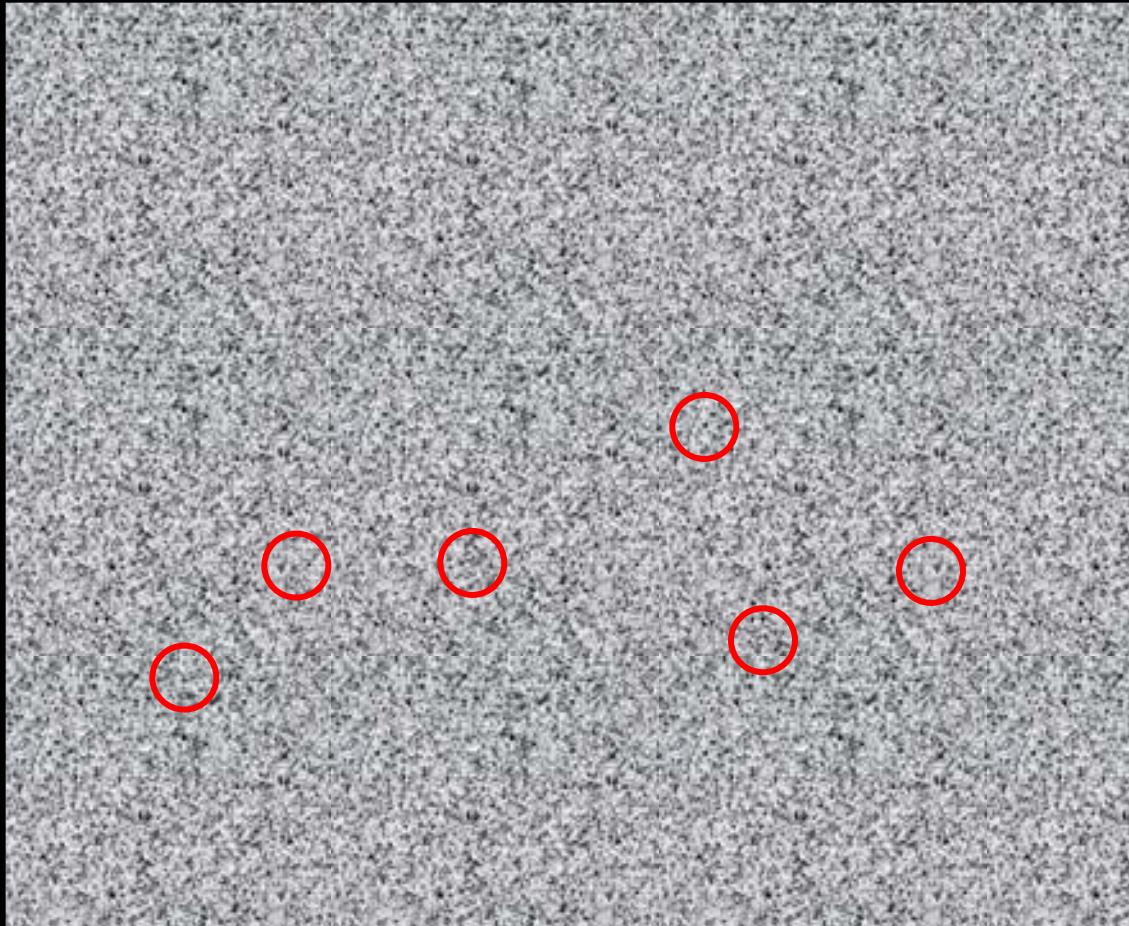
ISOTROPIC FRACTIONATION MEANS  
TRANSFORMING A ANISOTROPIC TISSUE...



...INTO A ISOTROPIC MEDIUM

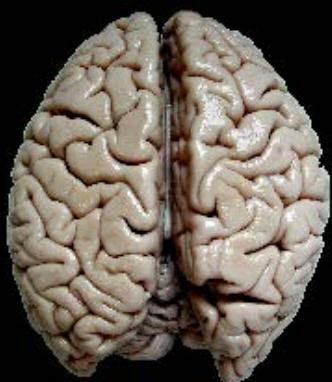


MEASURED DENSITIES BECOME MORE RELIABLE,  
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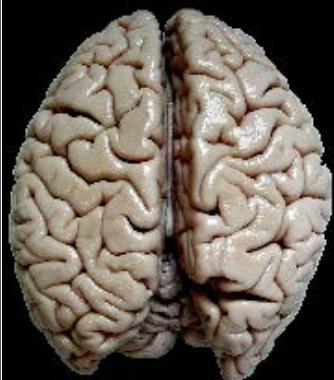
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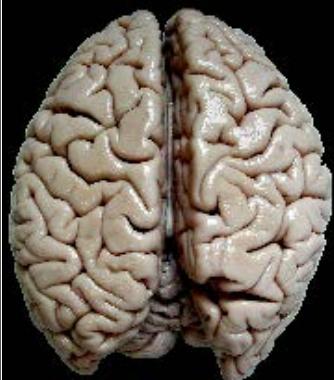
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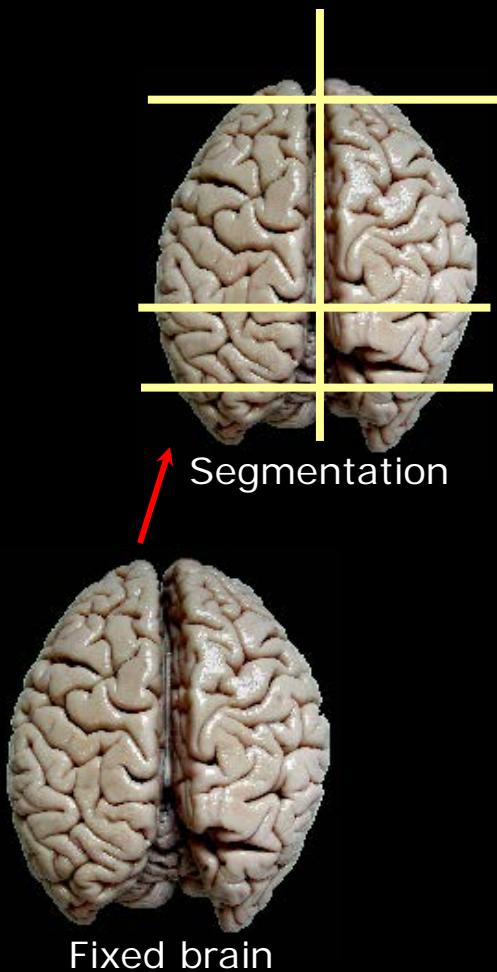
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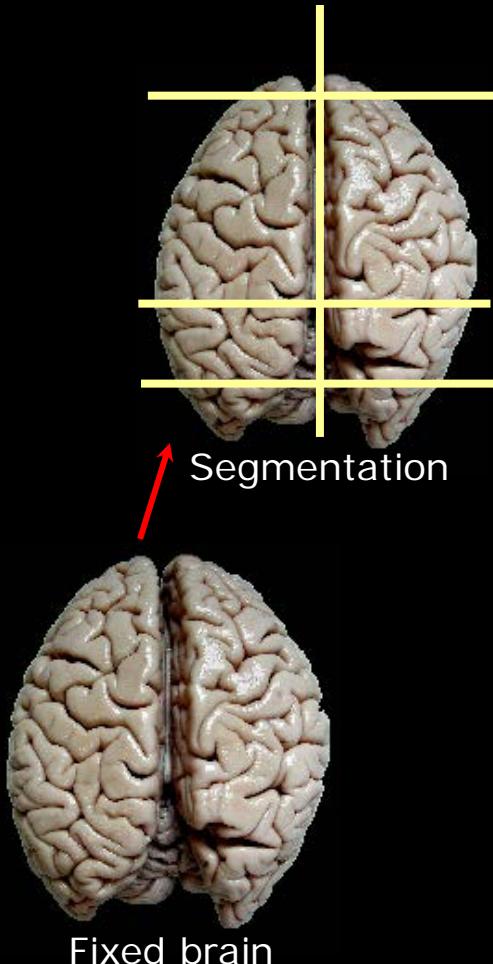
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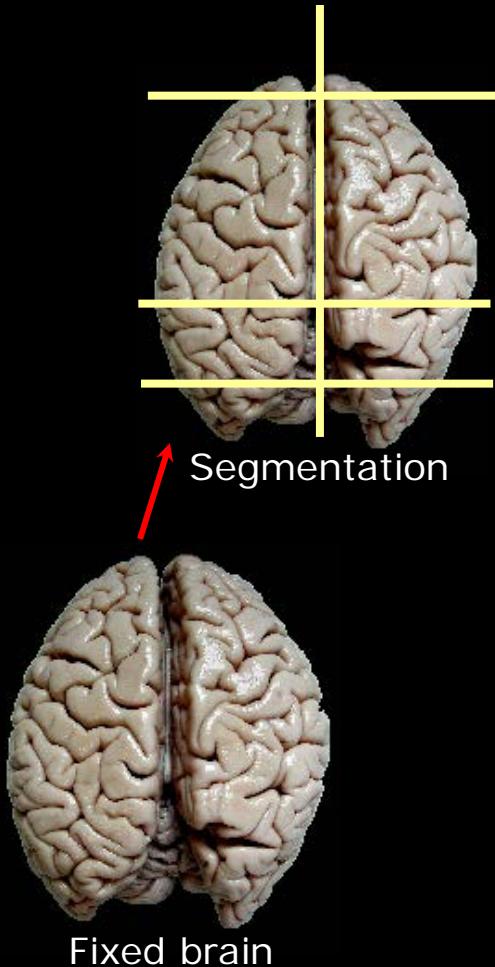
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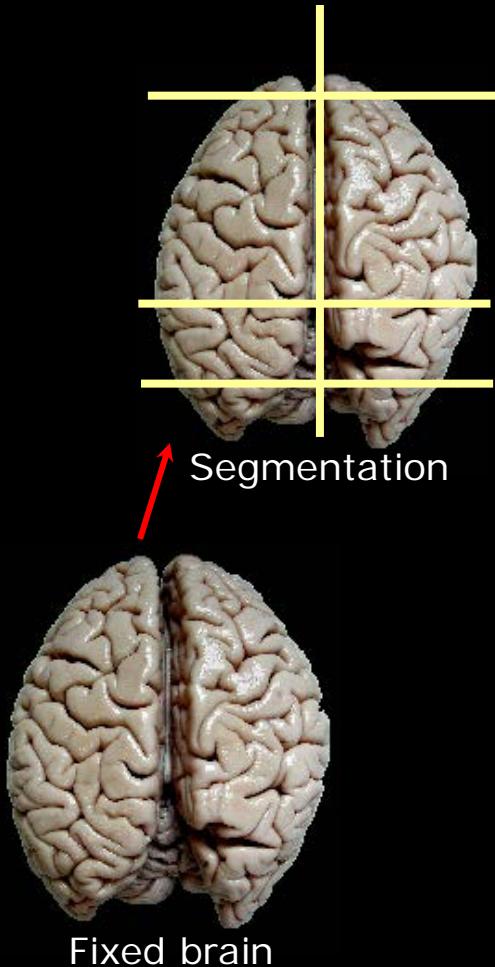
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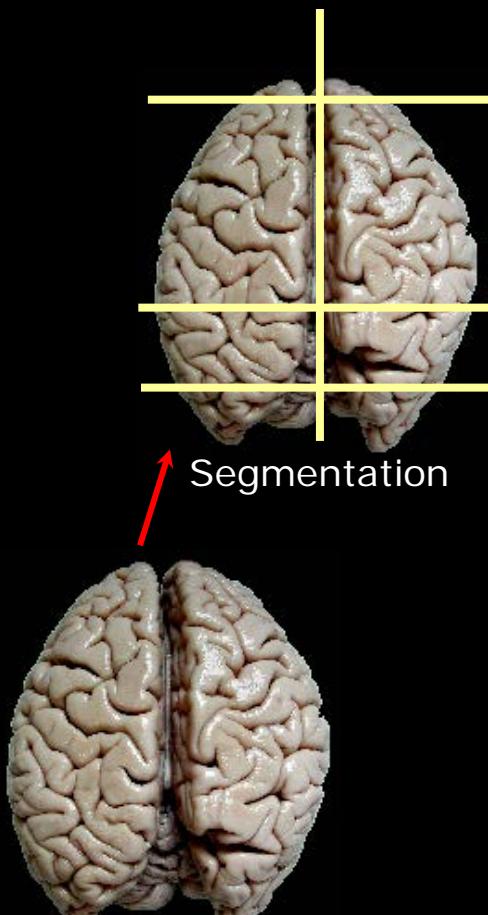


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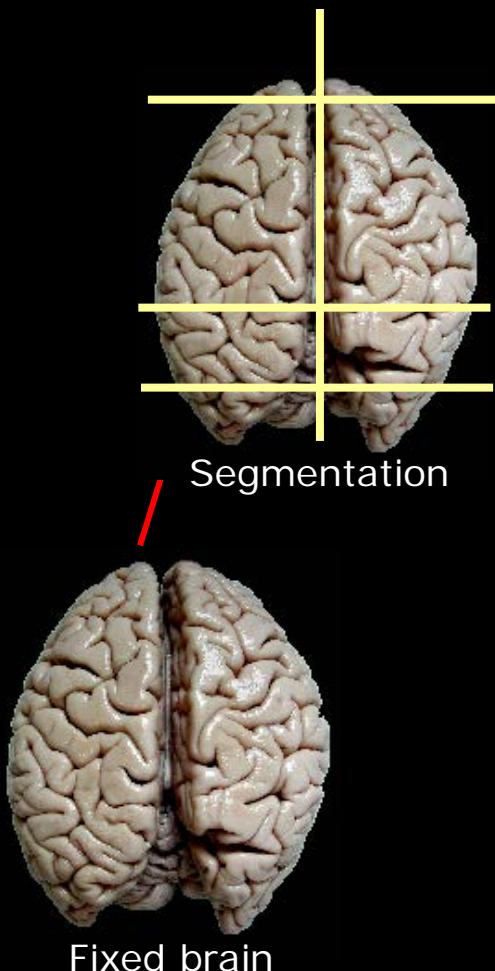


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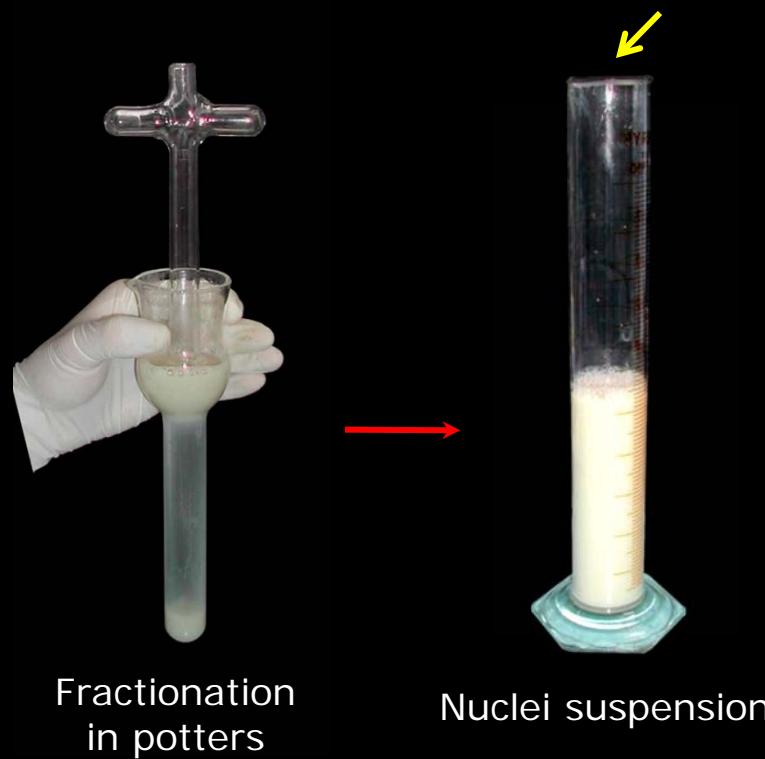
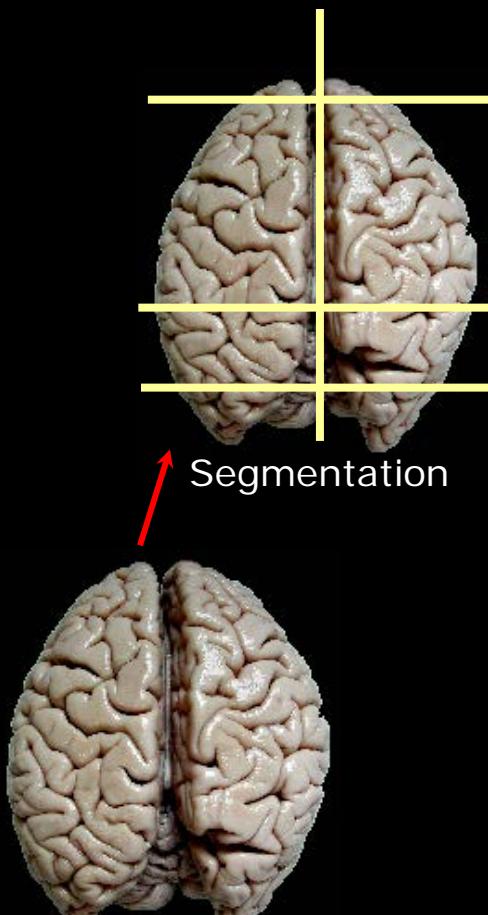
Fractionation  
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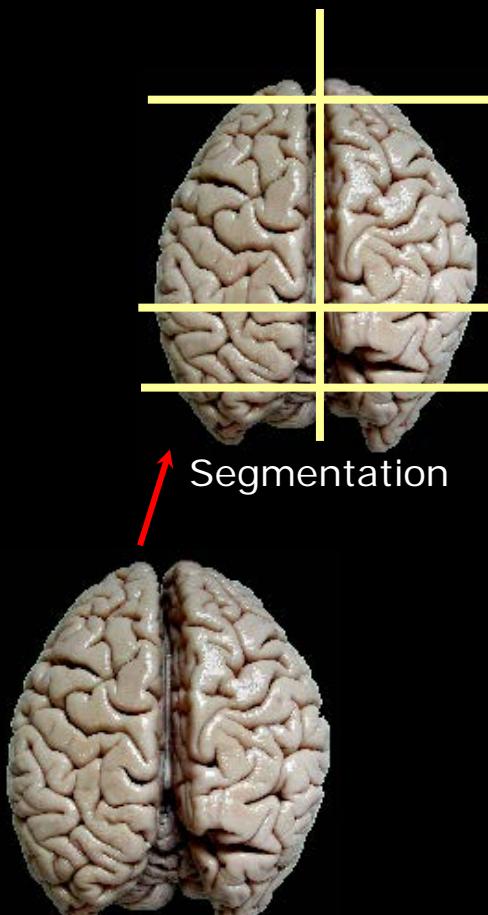
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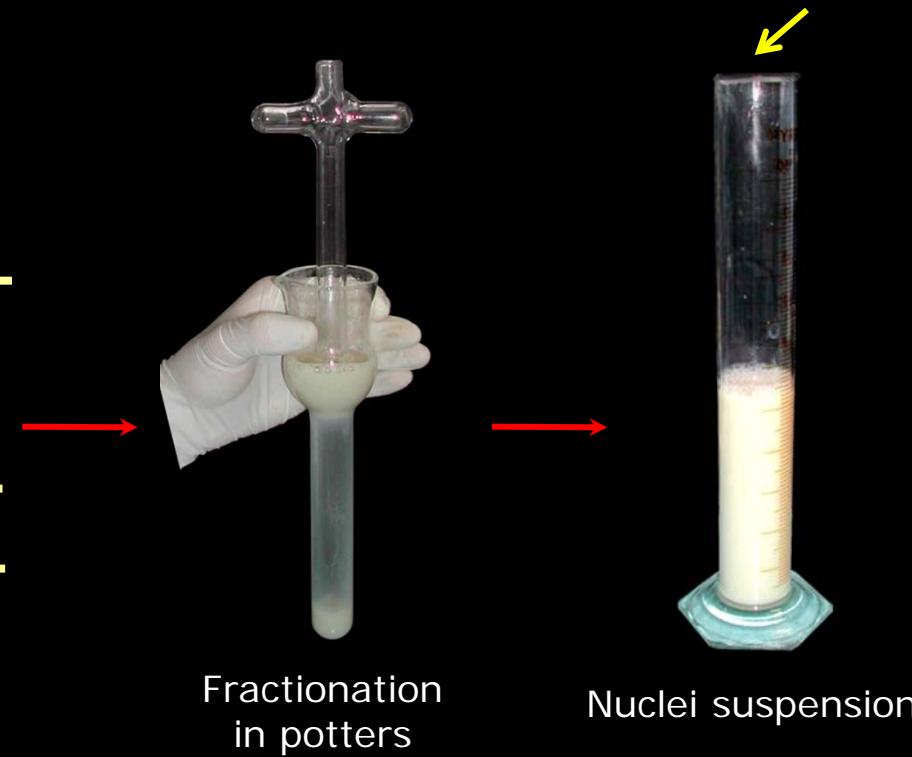


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# NUCLEI SUSPENSIONS ARE COLLECTED AND STAINED

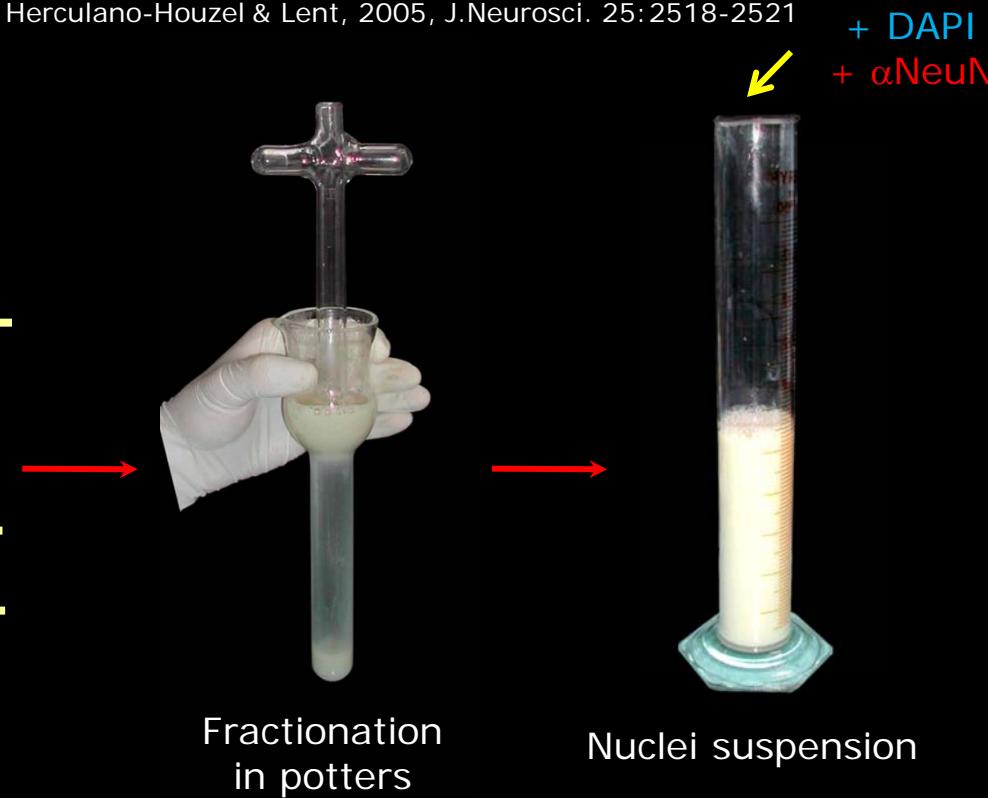
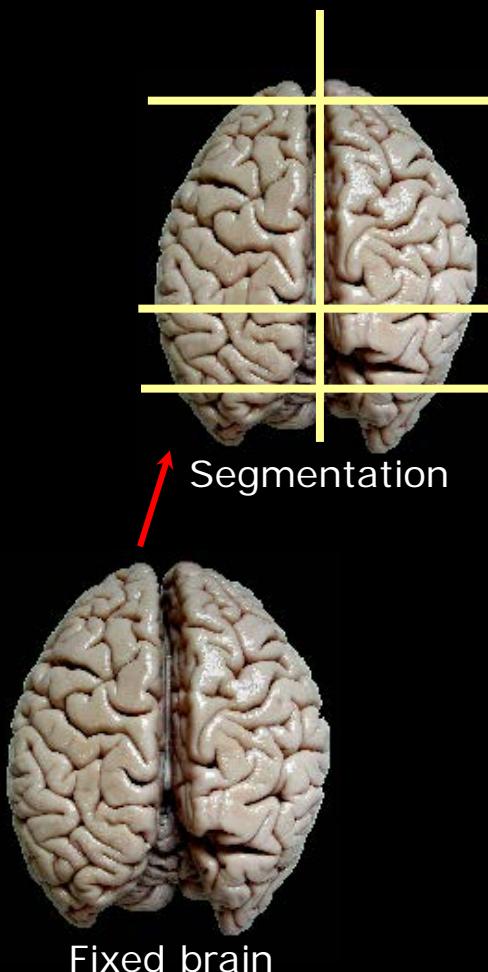


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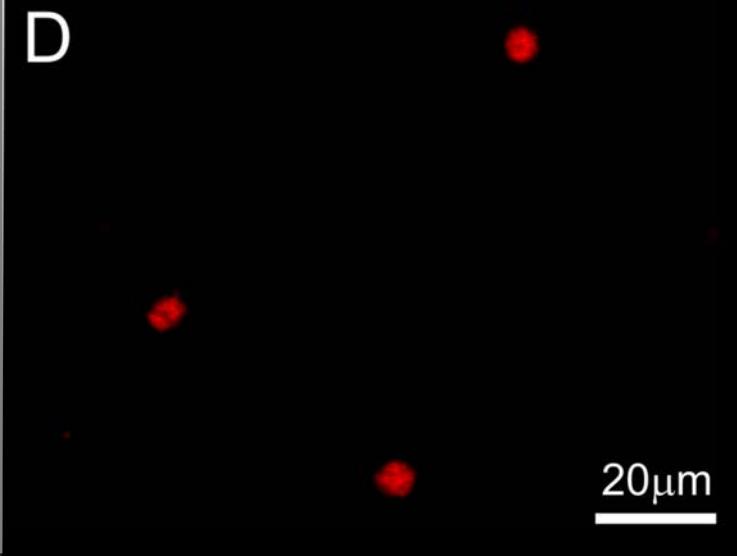
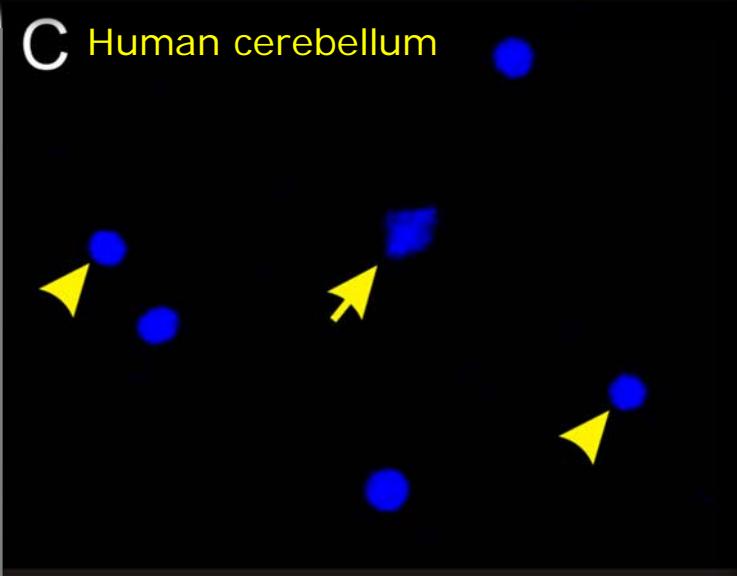
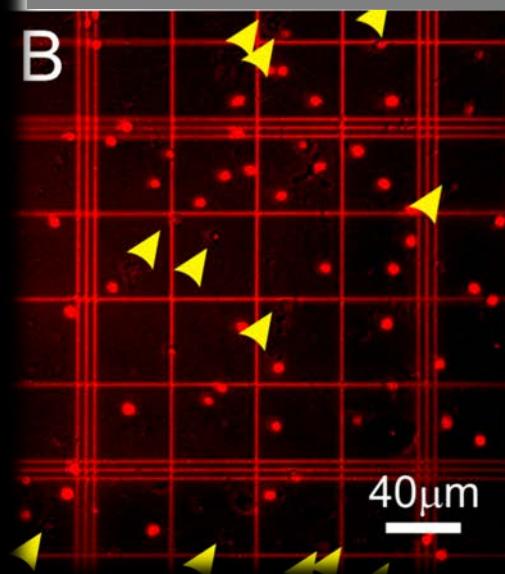
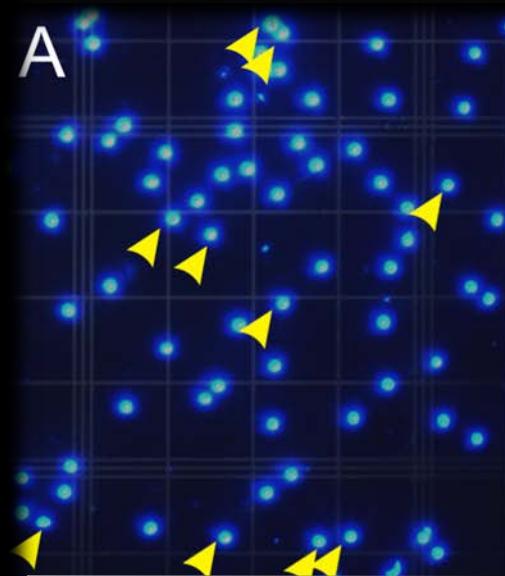
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Counting aliquots in  
hemocytometer

# NUCLEI ARE COUNTED AT THE NEUBAUER CHAMBER



EVOLUTION  
DEVELOPMENT  
PATHOLOGY

# OLD PARADIGMS

## THE DOGMAS OF QUANTITATIVE NEUROSCIENCE



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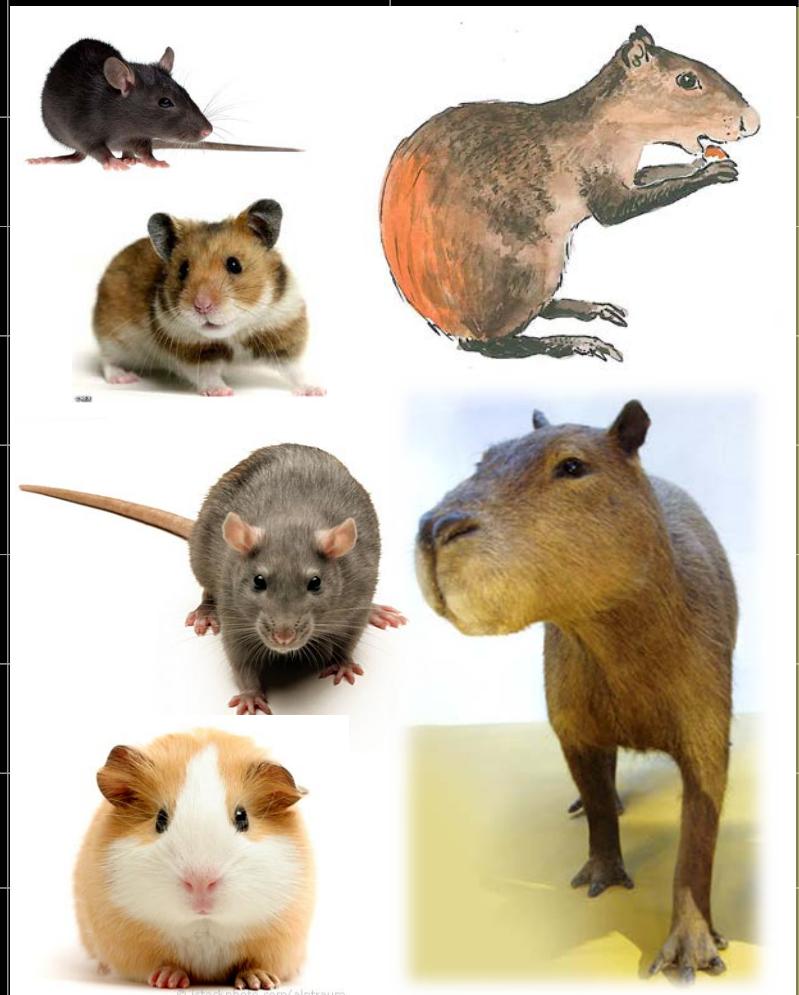
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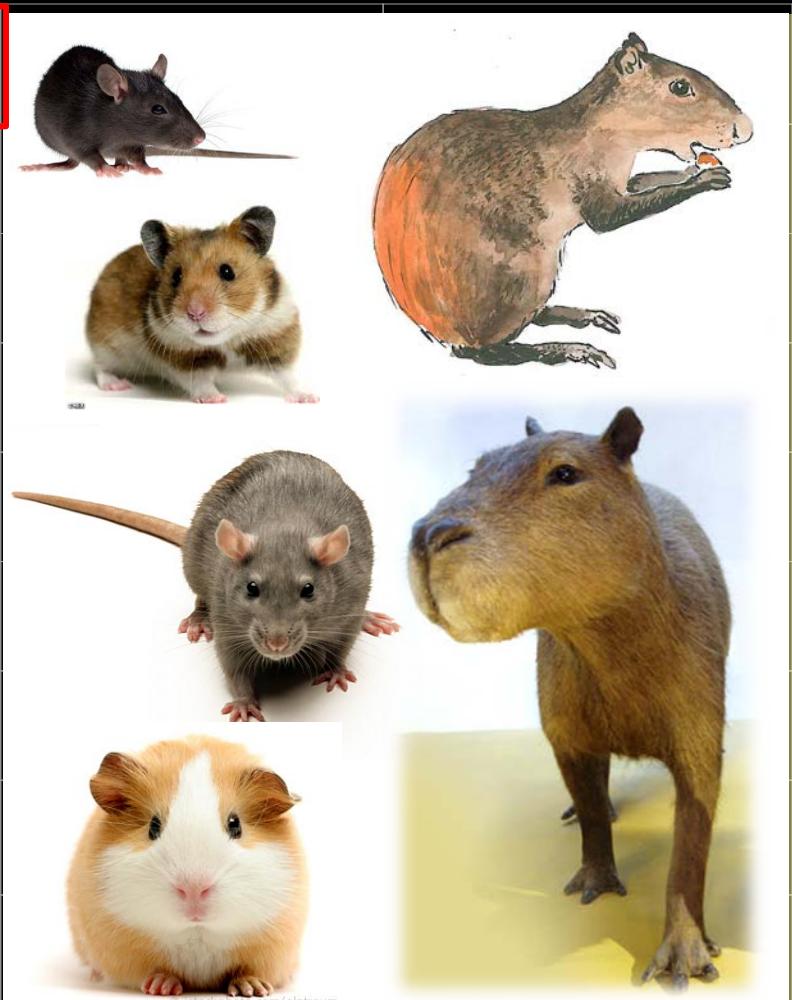
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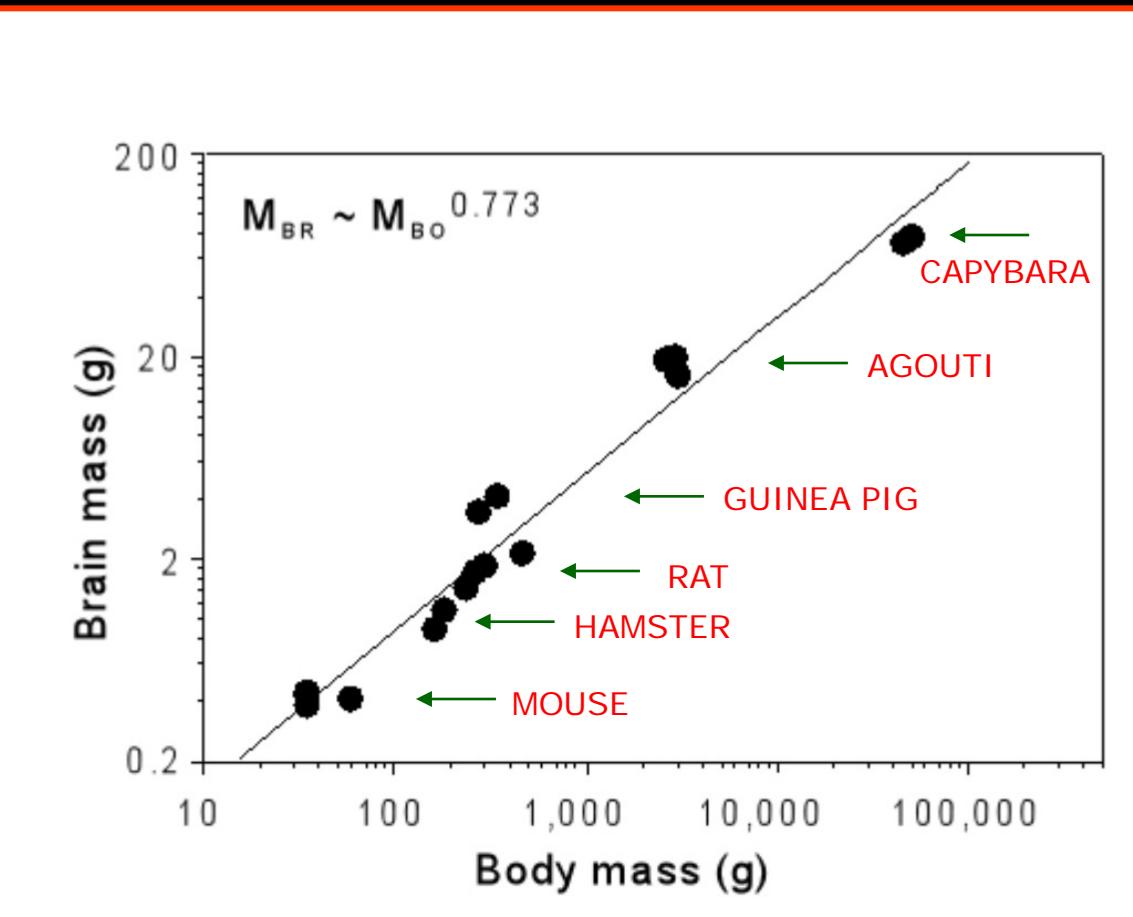


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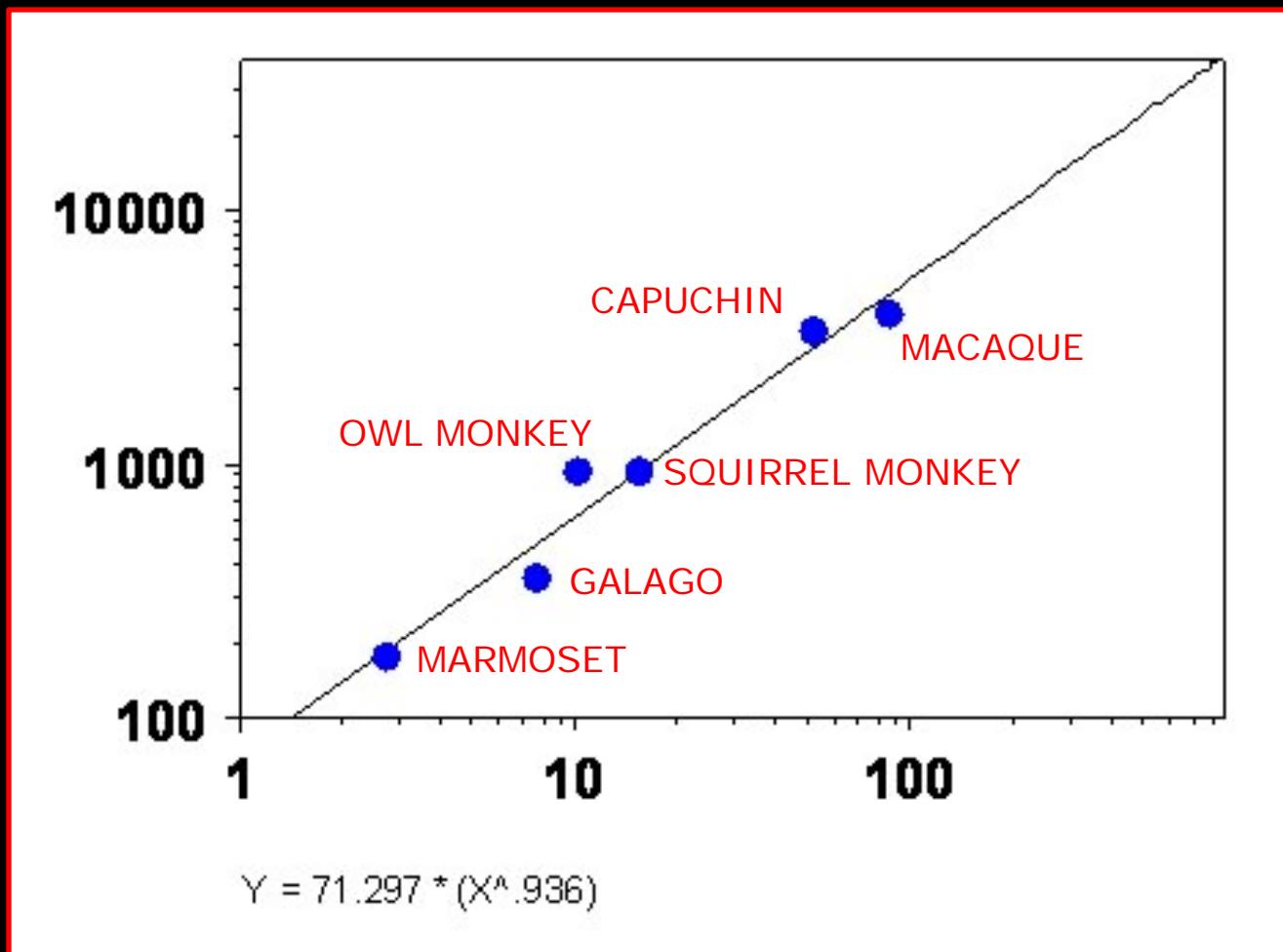


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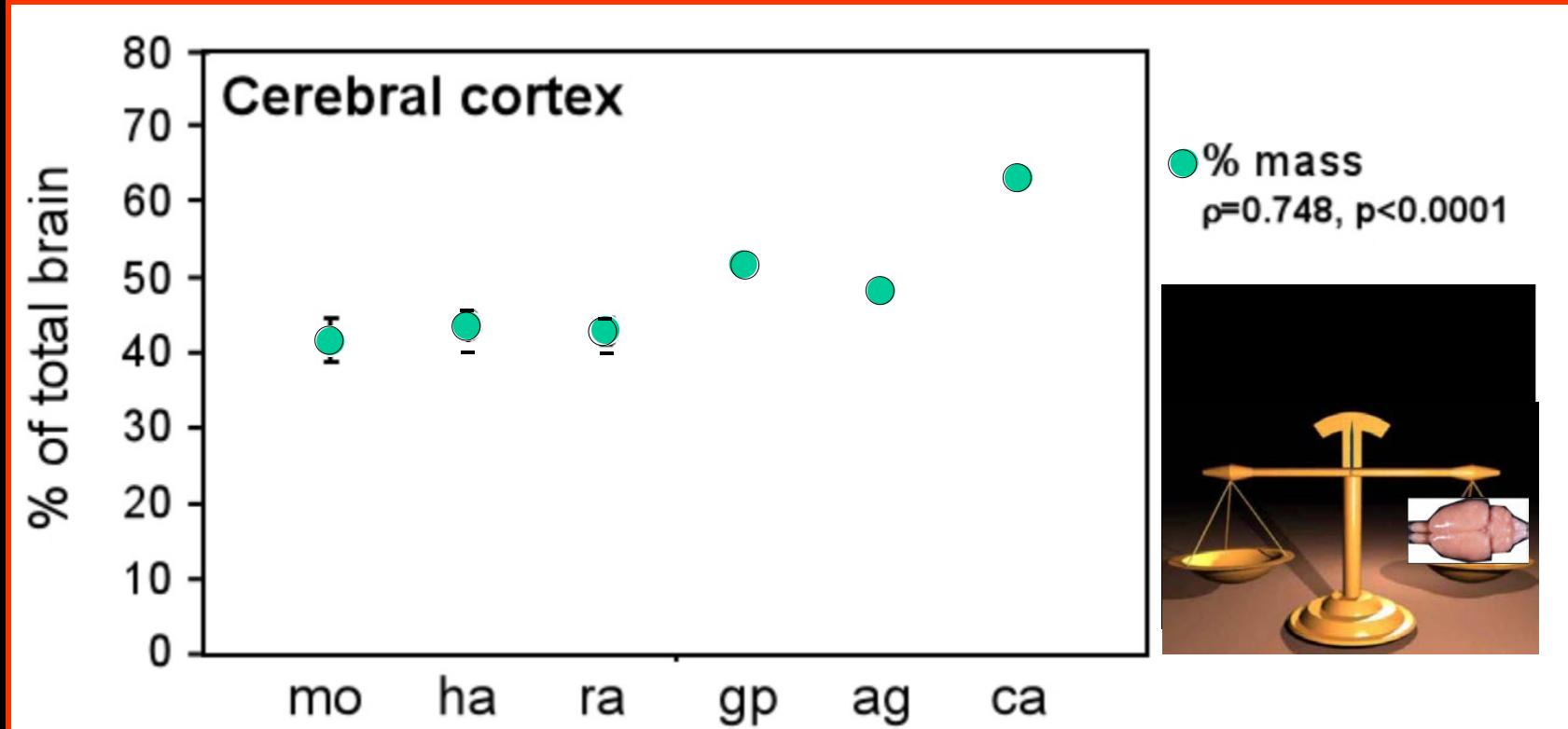
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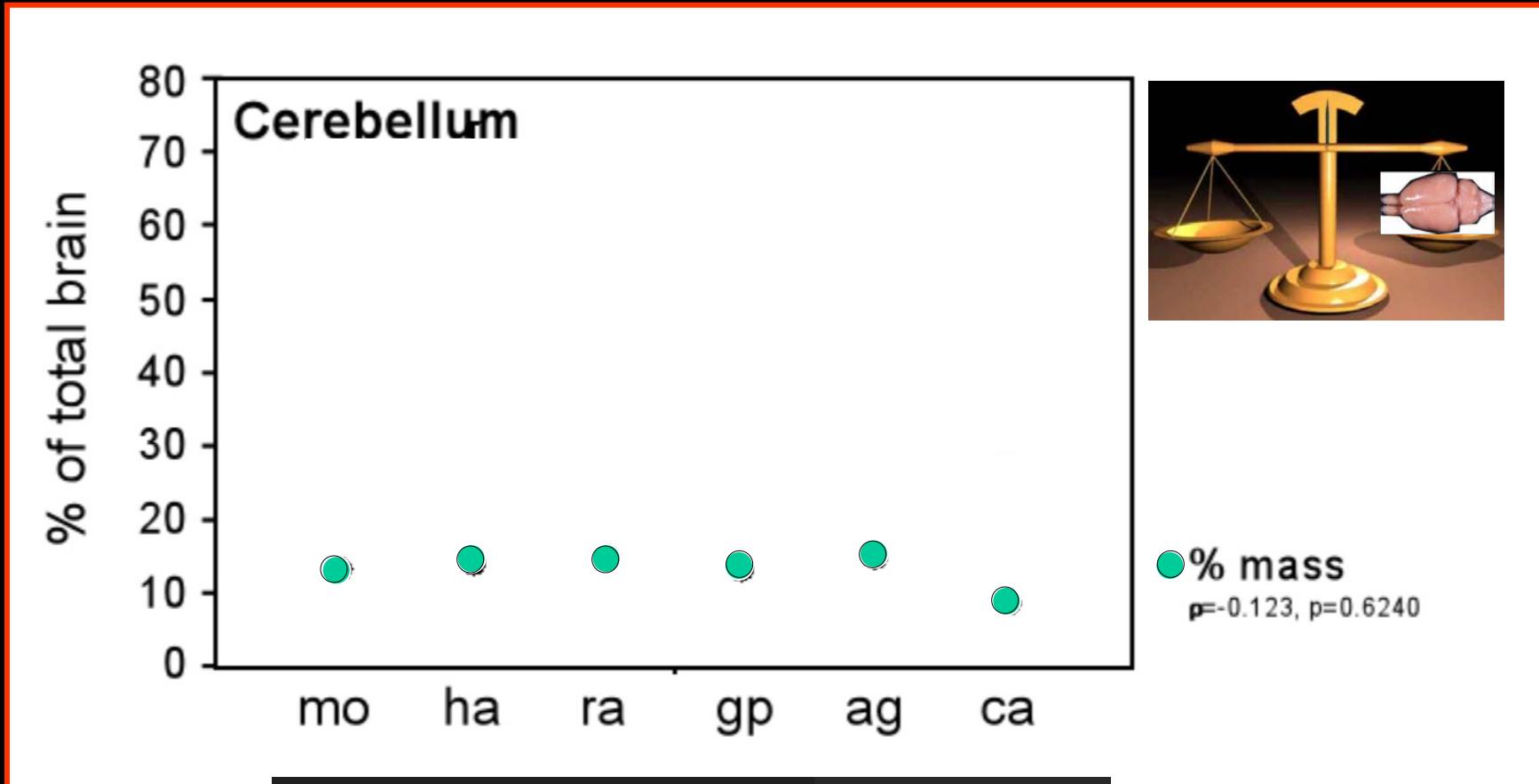


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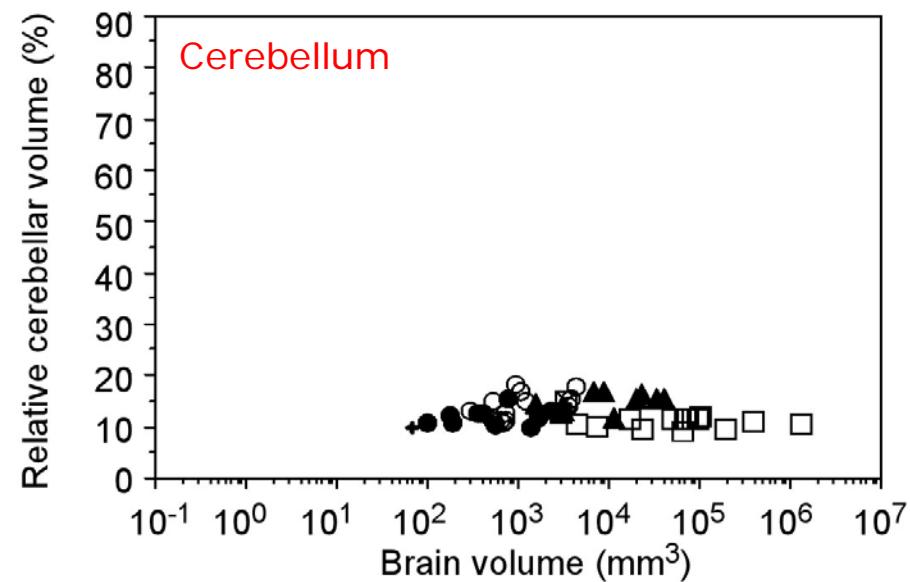
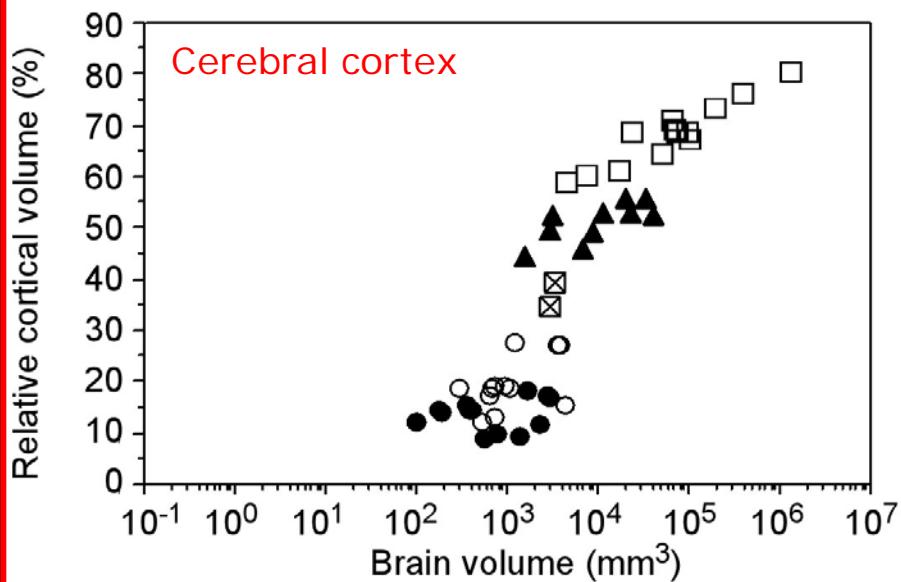
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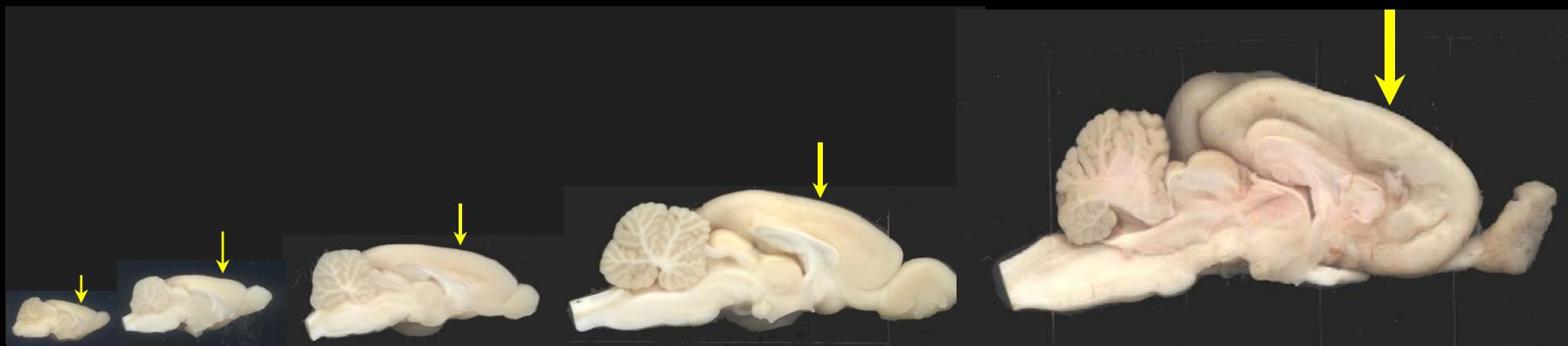


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# BIGGER BRAINS, BIGGER CORTEX, INVARIANT CEREBELLUM (SAME FOR OTHER SPECIES)



# GROWTH OF BRAIN MEANS GROWTH OF CORTEX OR ENCEPHALIZATION = CORTICALIZATION



IS IT REALLY TRUE?

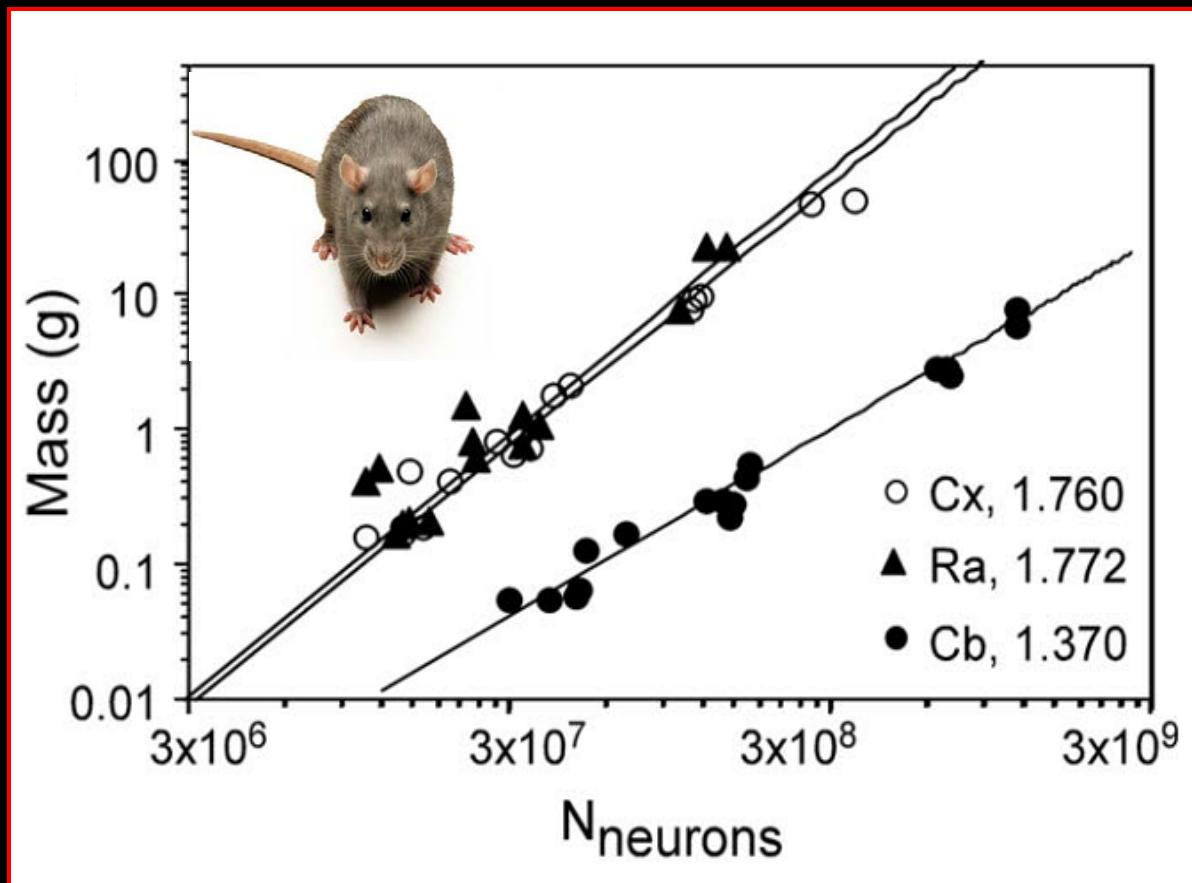
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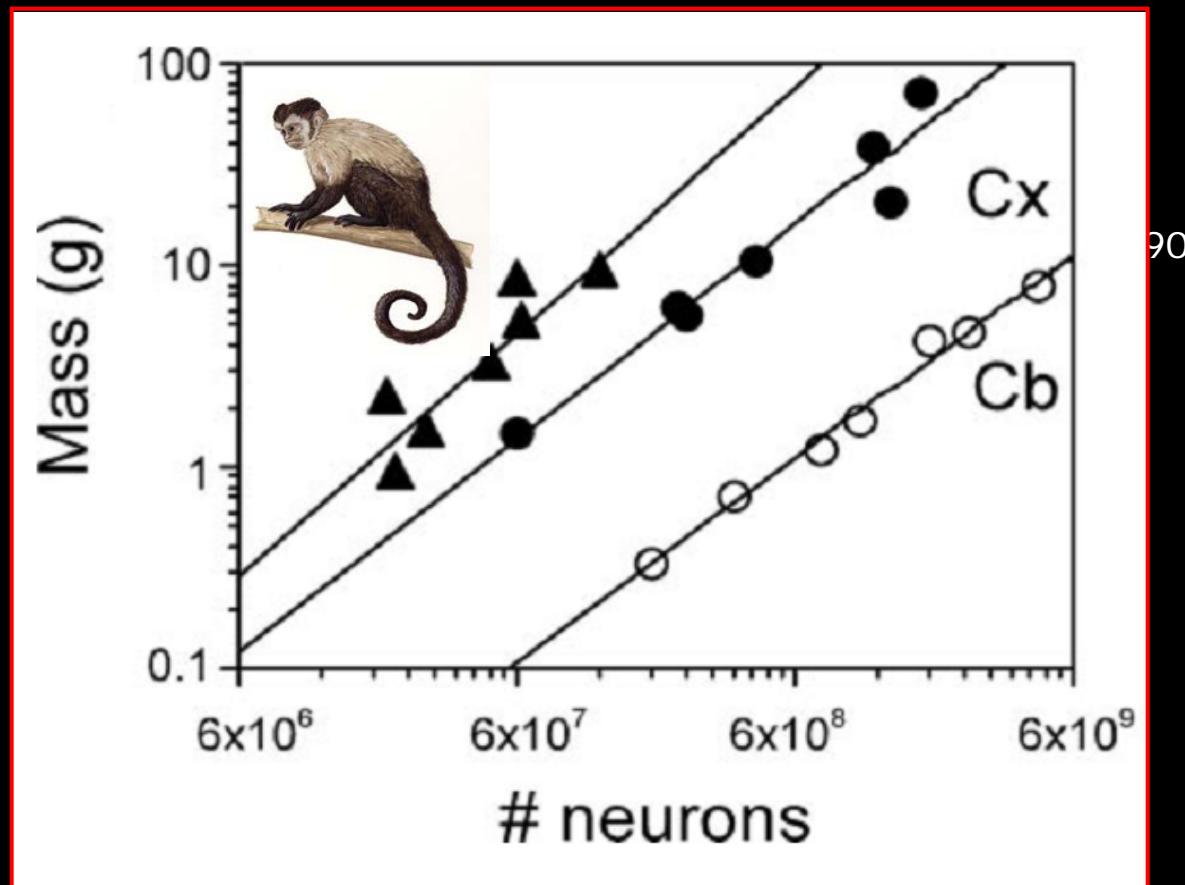
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Rat	315.1 ± 102.9	1.802 ± 0.313	331.65 ± 8.84	200.13 ± 12.17
Guinea pig	311.0 ± 49.1	3.759 ± 0.499	477.87 ± 10.57	239.62 ± 2.79
Agouti	2843.3 ± 195.5	18.365 ± 2.061	1941.46 ± 65.81	856.74
Capybara	47500.0 ± 3535.5	76.036 ± 3.787	4866.44 ± 1080.76	1601.12 ± 81.16
<b>Variation</b>	<b>1176x</b>	<b>183x</b>	<b>45x</b>	<b>22x</b>

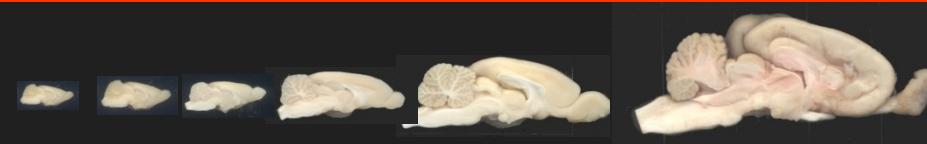
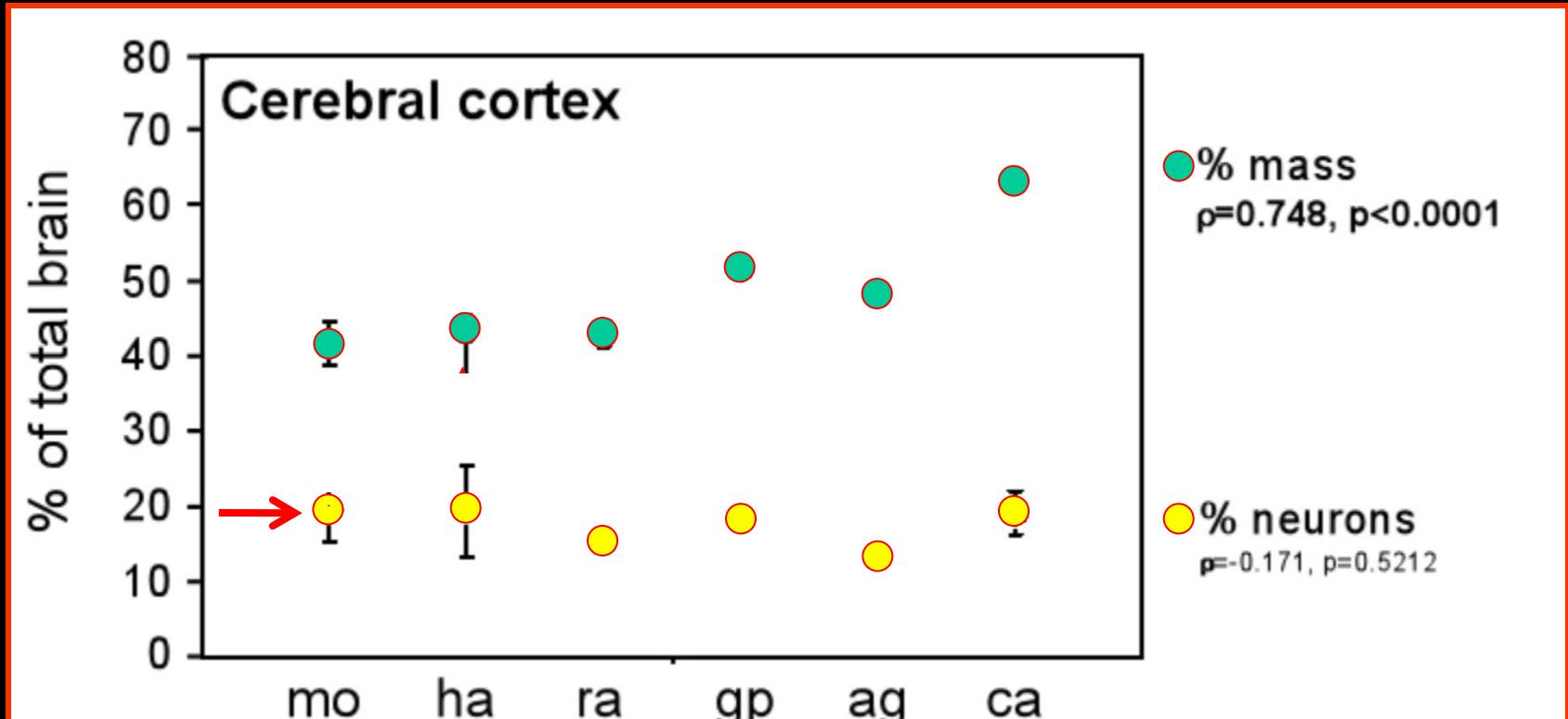
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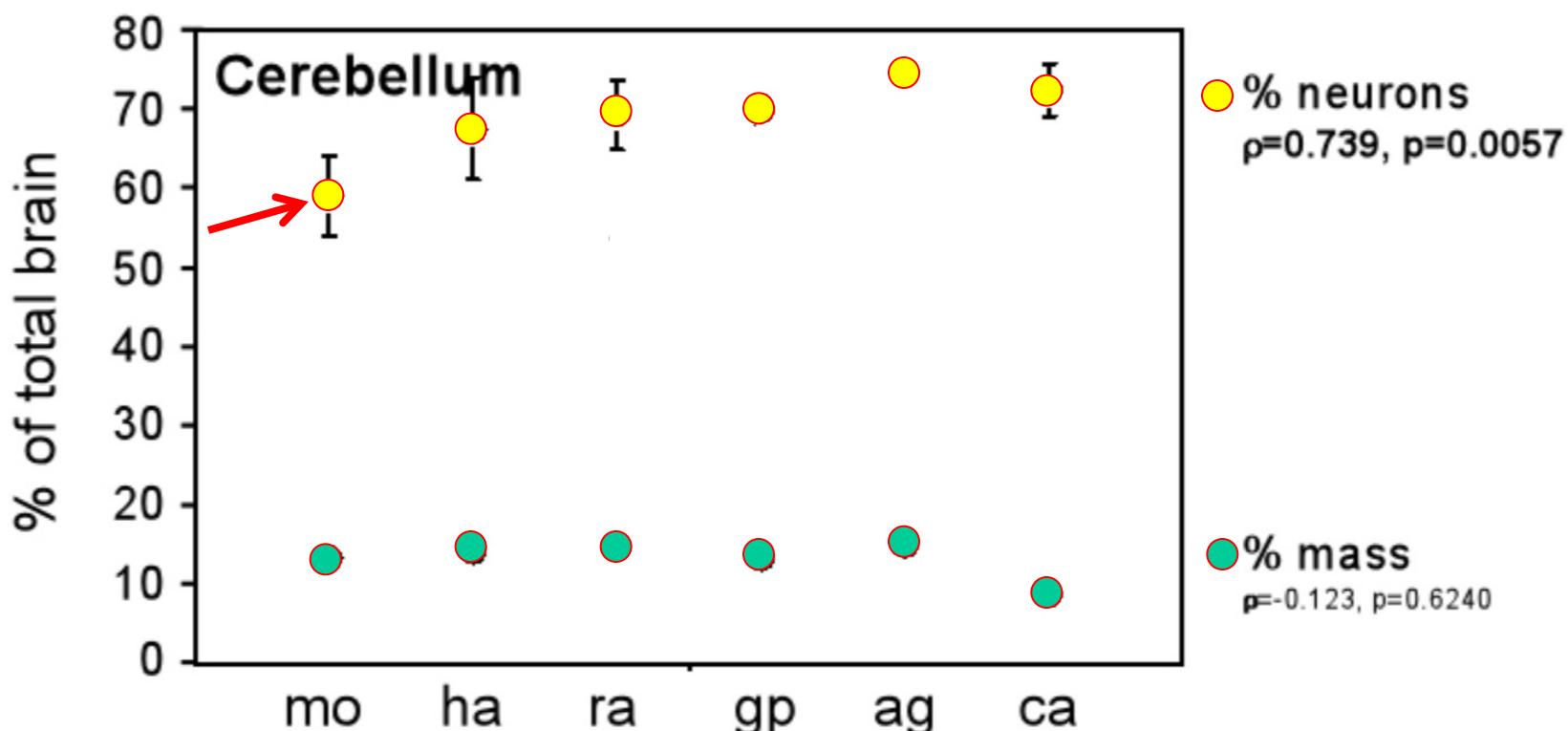
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# BIGGER BRAINS, INVARIANT PROPORTION OF CORTICAL NEURONS

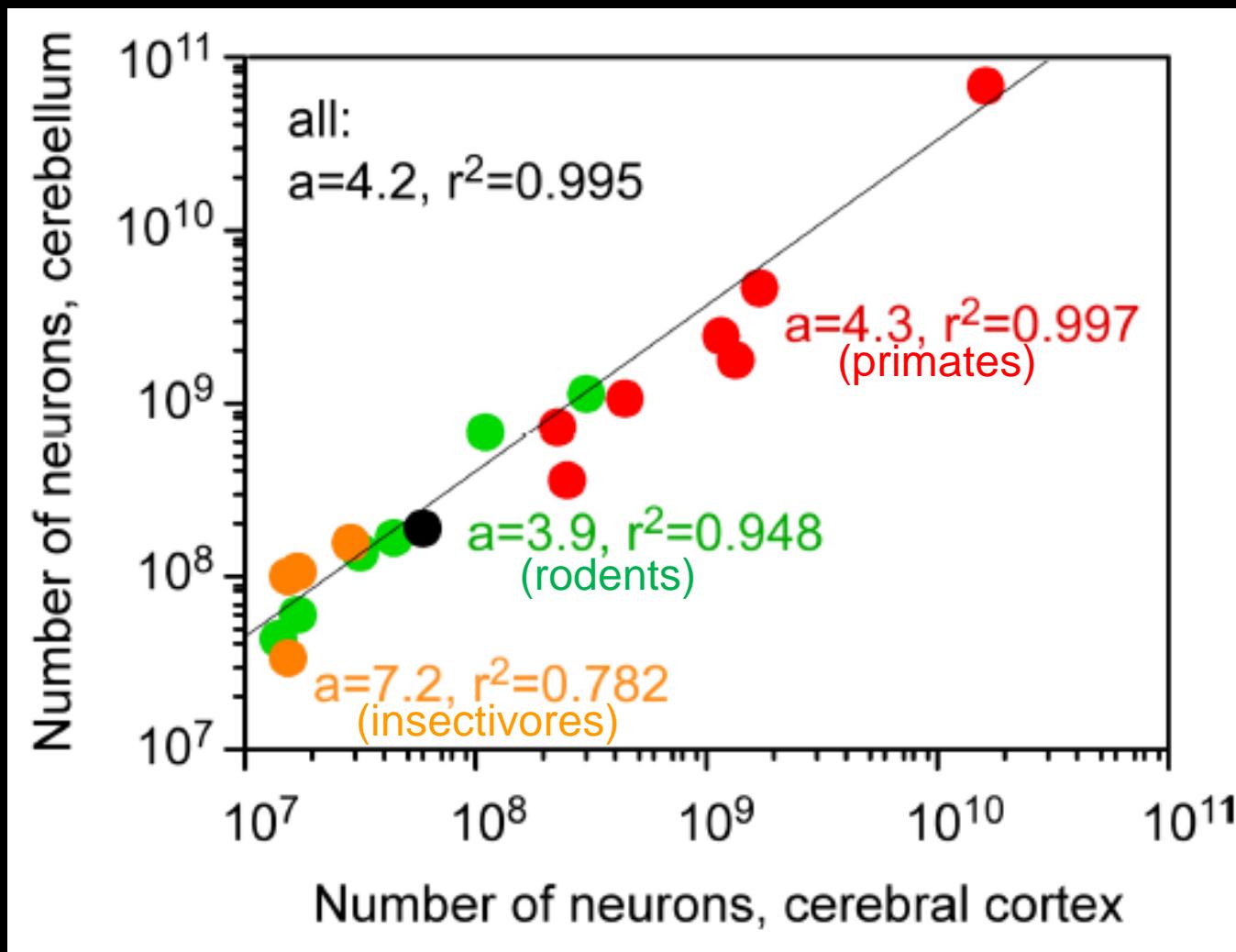


# BIGGER BRAINS, LARGER PROPORTION OF CEREBELLAR NEURONS

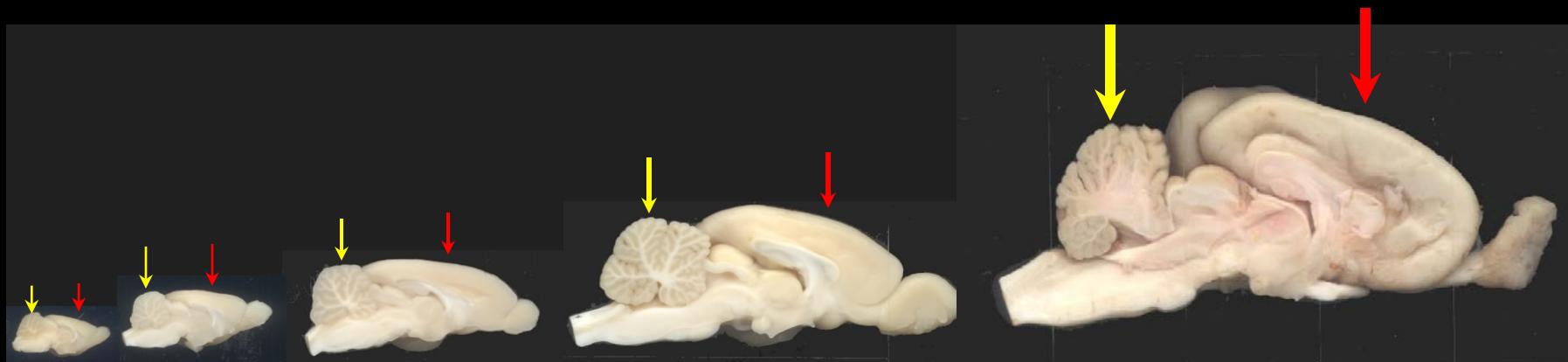


Herculano-Houzel, Mota & Lent, 2006, PNAS 103: 1238-1243

# COORDINATED SCALING OF CORTICAL AND CEREBELLAR NEURONS



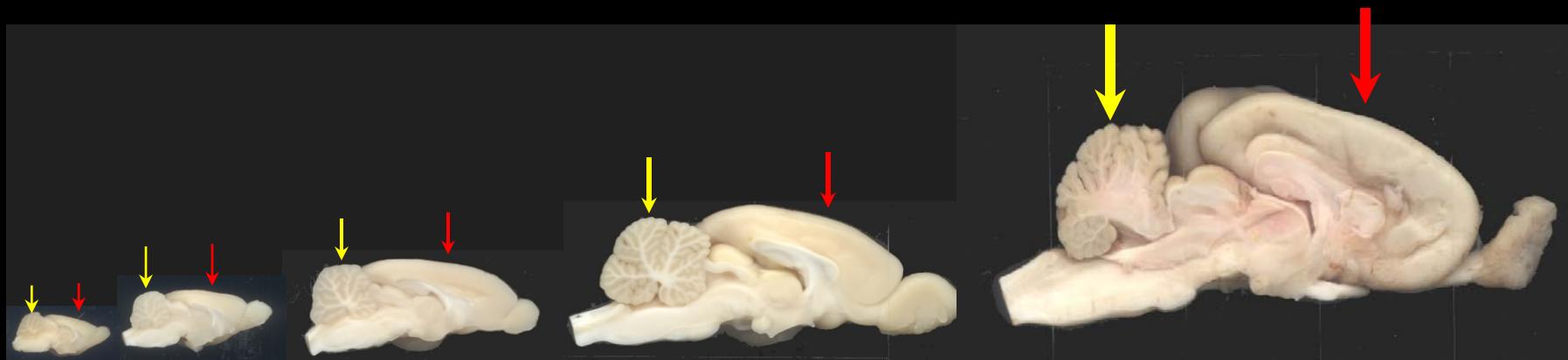
FOR EACH NEURON IN CORTEX THERE ARE  
4 NEURONS IN CEREBELLUM  
(IN ANY SPECIES)



**ENCEPHALIZATION ≠ CORTICALIZATION!**

**OR**

**GROWTH OF BRAIN MEANS COORDINATED INCREASE  
IN NUMBER OF CORTICAL AND CEREBELLAR NEURONS**





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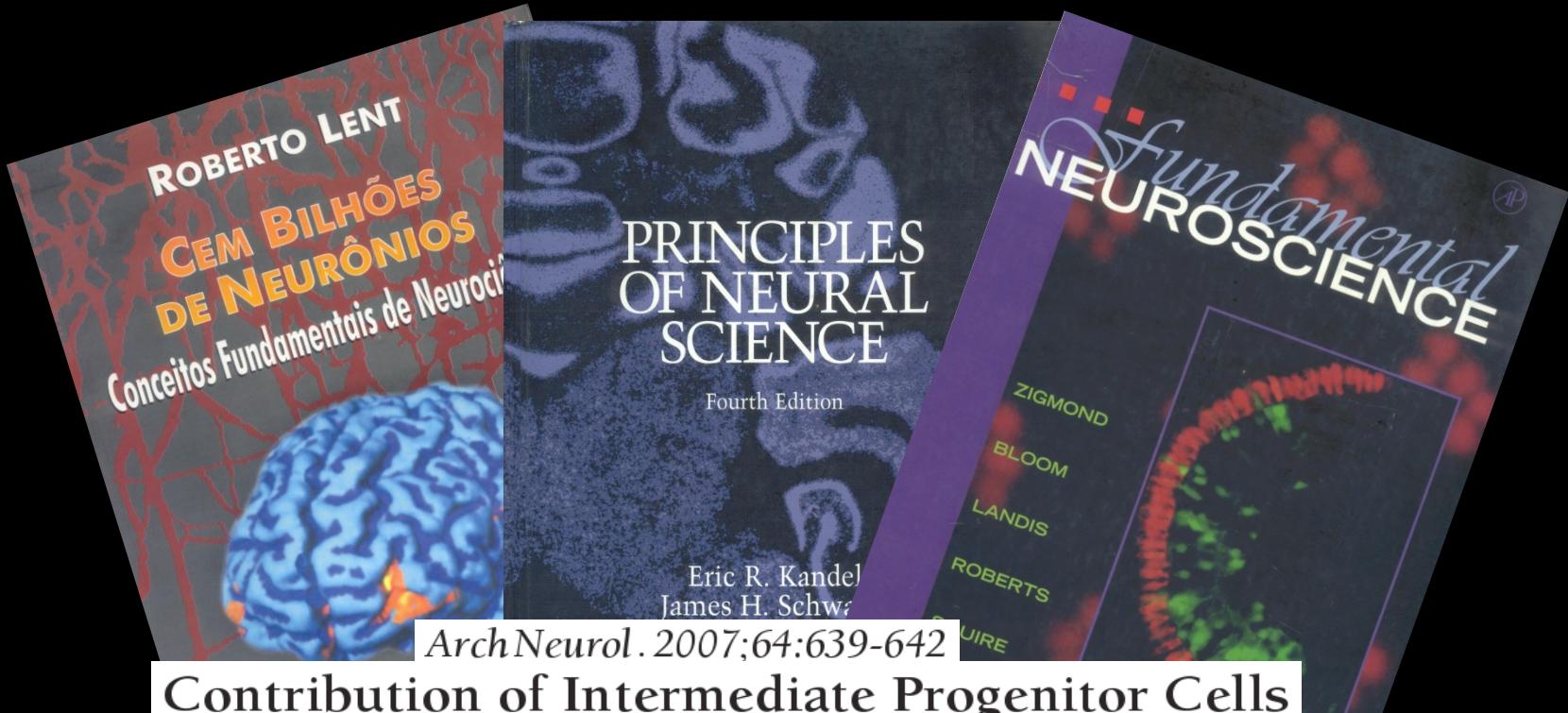
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# WHAT ABOUT HUMANS?



# SECOND DOGMA: “THE HUMAN BRAIN HAS ONE HUNDRED BILLION NEURONS AND 10 TIMES MORE GLIAL CELLS”



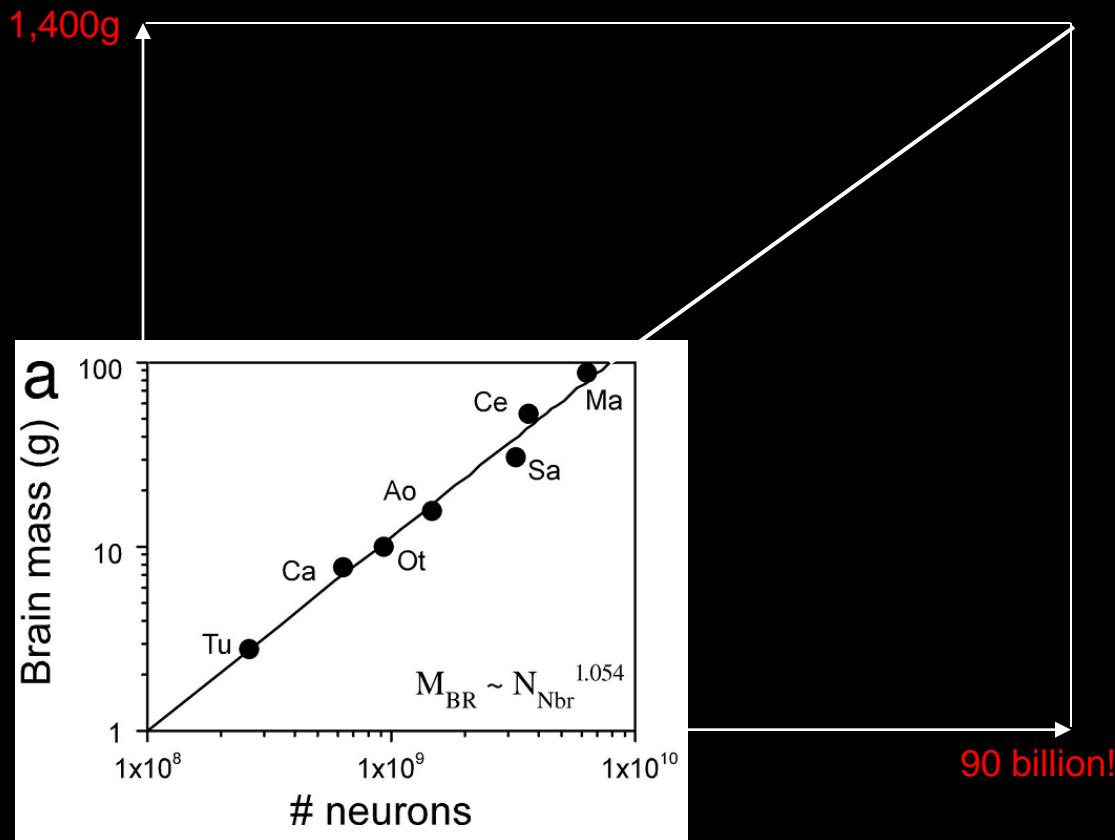
## Contribution of Intermediate Progenitor Cells to Cortical Histogenesis

— NEUROLOGICAL REVIEW —

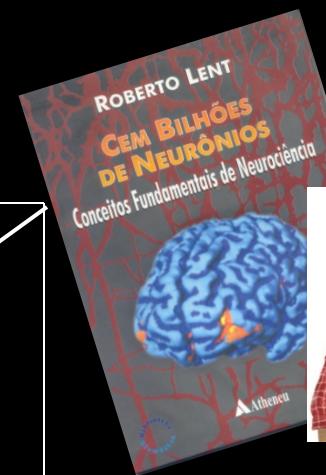
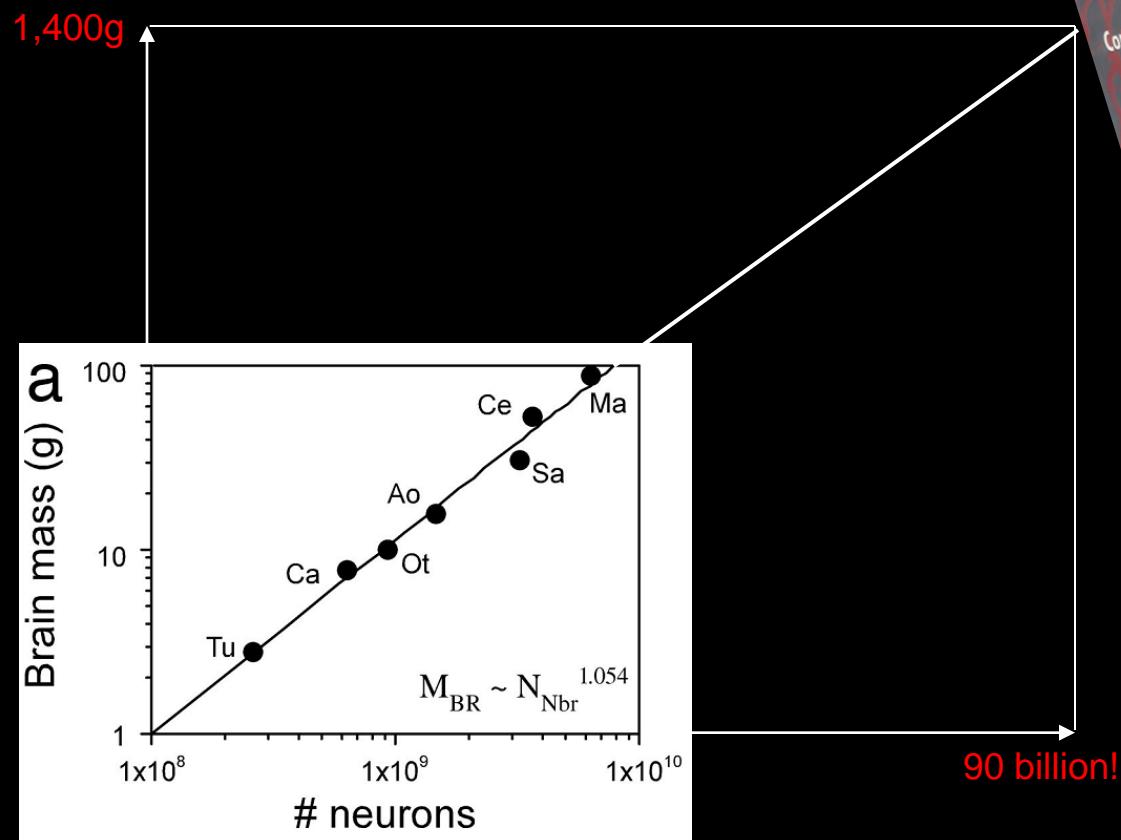
Stephen C. Noctor, PhD; Verónica Martínez-Cerdeno, PhD; Arnold R. Kriegstein, MD, PhD

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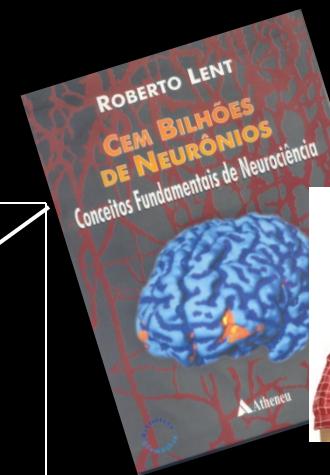
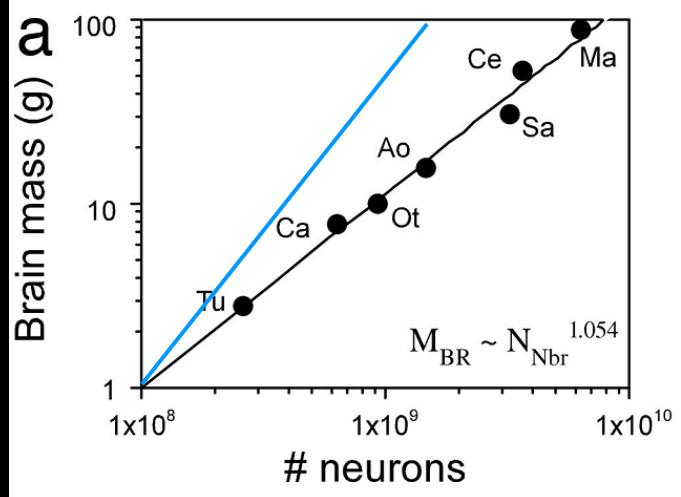


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90 billion!

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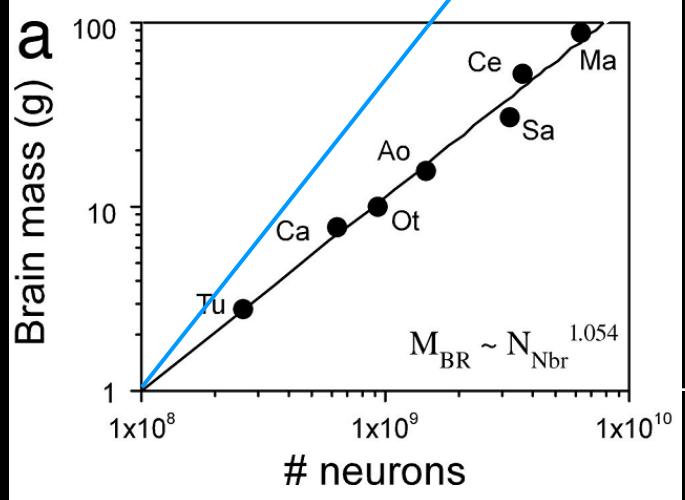


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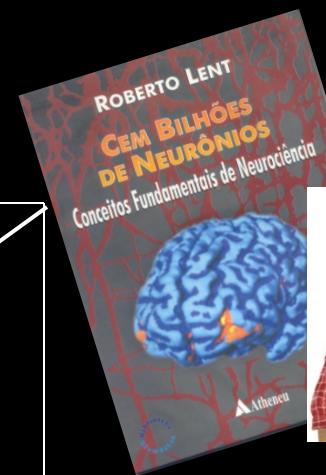
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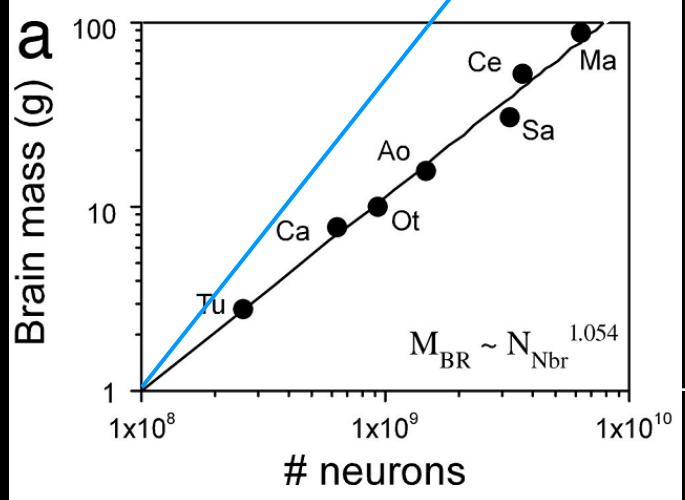


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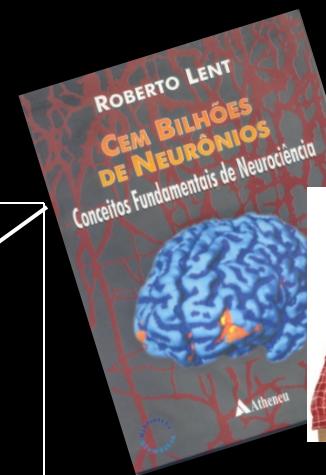


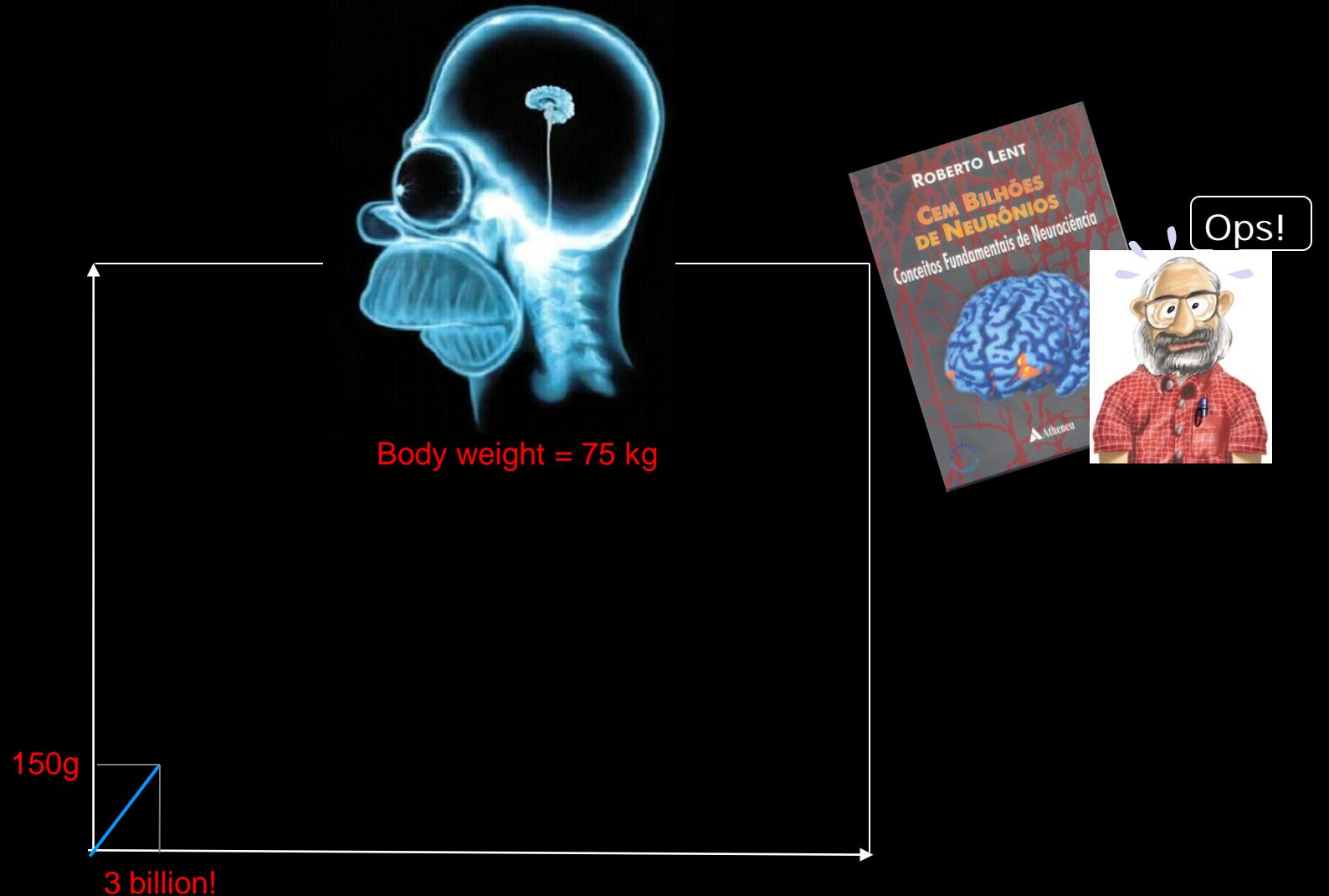
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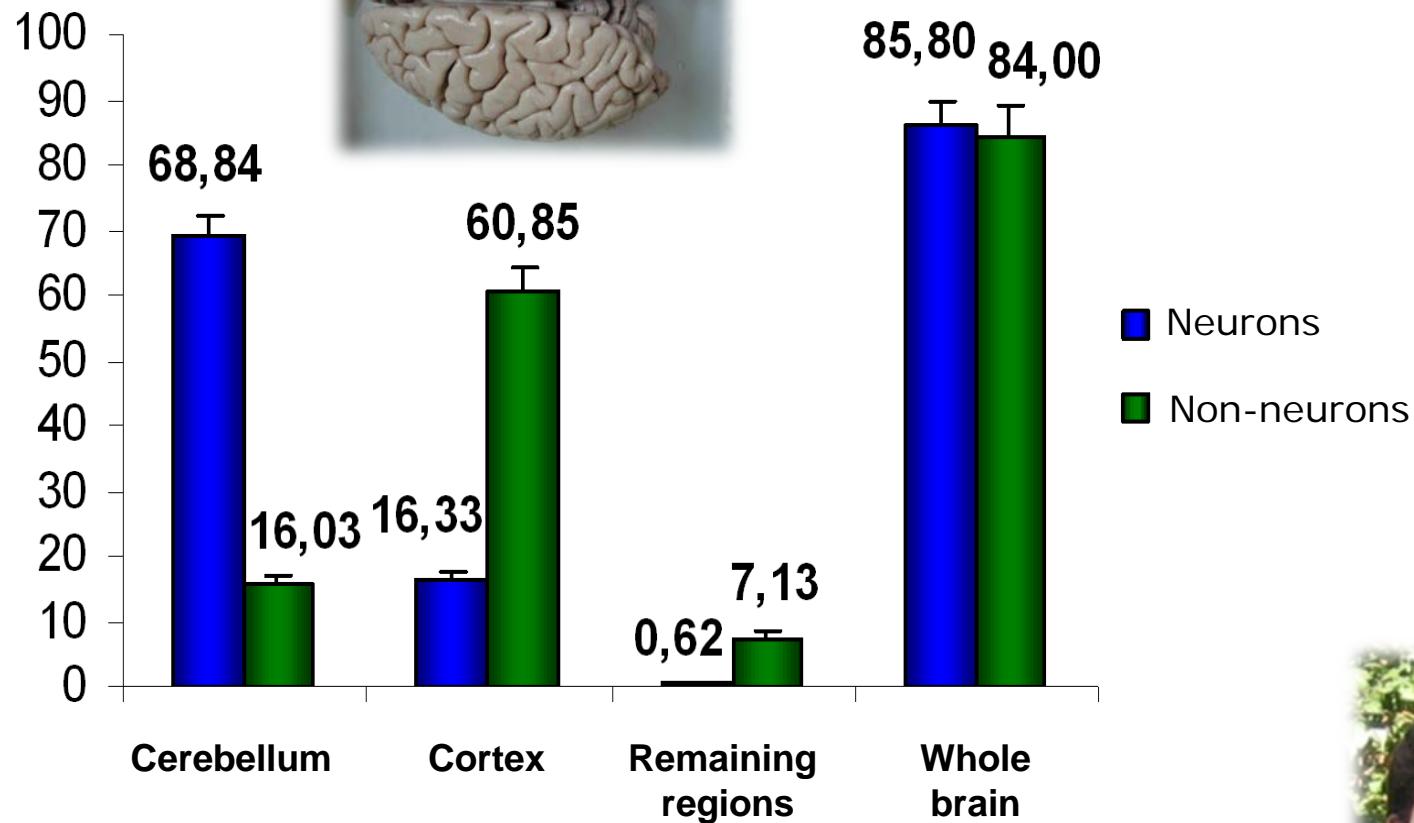


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# COUNTING NEURONS IN HUMAN BRAIN



Fred Azevedo

Azevedo et al, 2009, J.Comp.Neurol, 513: 530-541  
in collaboration with the São Paulo Brain Bank, FM-USP

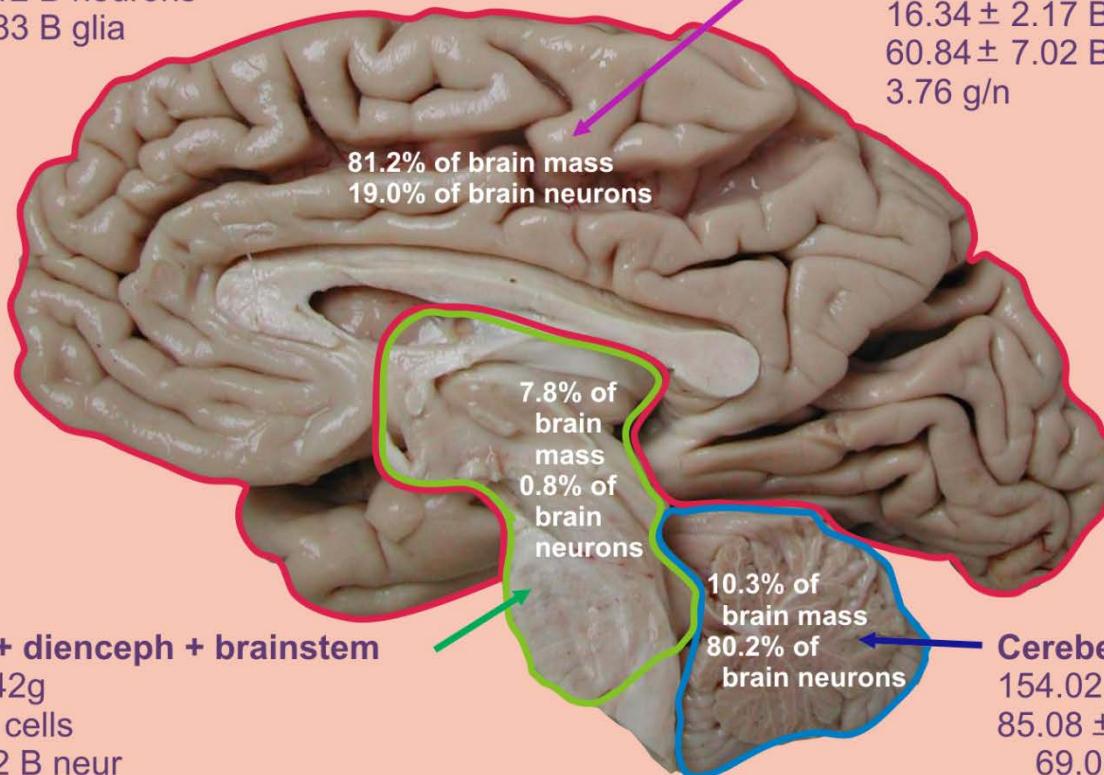
# COUNTING NEURONS IN HUMAN BRAIN

## Whole brain

$1,508.91 \pm 299.14$ g  
 $170.68 \pm 13.86$  B cells  
 $86.06 \pm 8.12$  B neurons  
 $84.61 \pm 9.83$  B glia  
0.99 g/n

## Cerebral cortex (GM+WM)

$1,232.93 \pm 233.68$ g  
 $77.18 \pm 7.72$  B cells  
 $16.34 \pm 2.17$  B neurons  
 $60.84 \pm 7.02$  B glia  
3.76 g/n



## Basal gang + dienceph + brainstem

$117.66 \pm 45.42$ g  
 $8.42 \pm 1.50$  B cells  
 $0.69 \pm 0.12$  B neur  
 $7.73 \pm 1.45$  B glia  
11.35 g/n

## Cerebellum

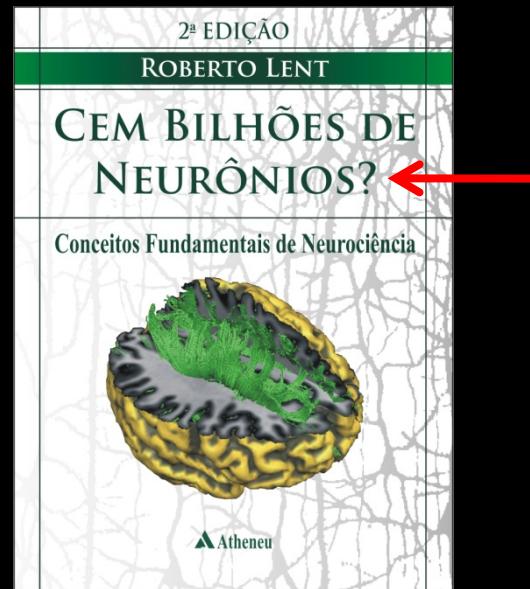
$154.02 \pm 19.29$ g  
 $85.08 \pm 6.92$  B cells  
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0.23 g/n

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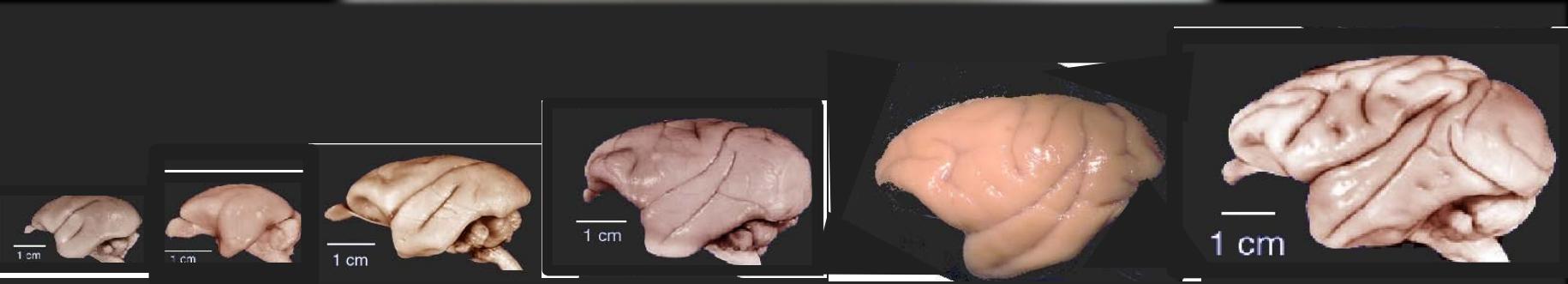
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The image shows the cover of a scientific article. At the top left is the Elsevier logo. To its right is a green bar containing the word "Review". Next to it is the journal title "TRENDS in Cognitive Sciences" followed by "Vol.9 No.5 May 2005". On the far right, it says "Full text provided by www.sciencedirect.com" and the ScienceDirect logo. The main title of the article is "Evolution of the brain and intelligence" in large, bold, black font. Below the title, the authors are listed as "Gerhard Roth<sup>1,2</sup> and Ursula Dicke<sup>2</sup>". At the bottom left, there are two small images: one showing a hand holding a brain and another showing a close-up of a brain. A scale bar indicating "1 cm" is also present.

**Evolution of the brain and intelligence**

Gerhard Roth<sup>1,2</sup> and Ursula Dicke<sup>2</sup>

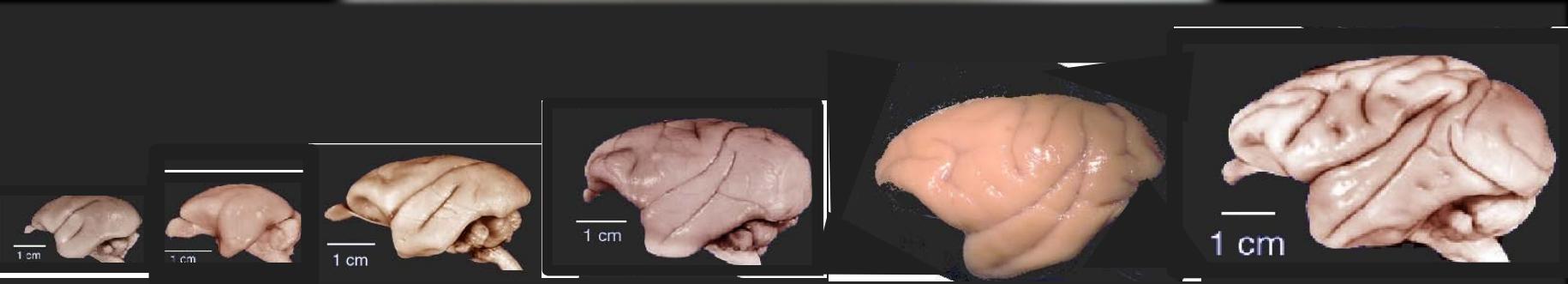
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Absolute size is the most general of all brain properties (Figure 1; Table 1), and ranges in mammals from brains of small bats and insectivores (weighing less than 0.1 g) to those of large cetaceans (up to 9000 g). It is assumed that animals with larger brains are more intelligent than those with smaller ones [15]. However, monkeys possess brains

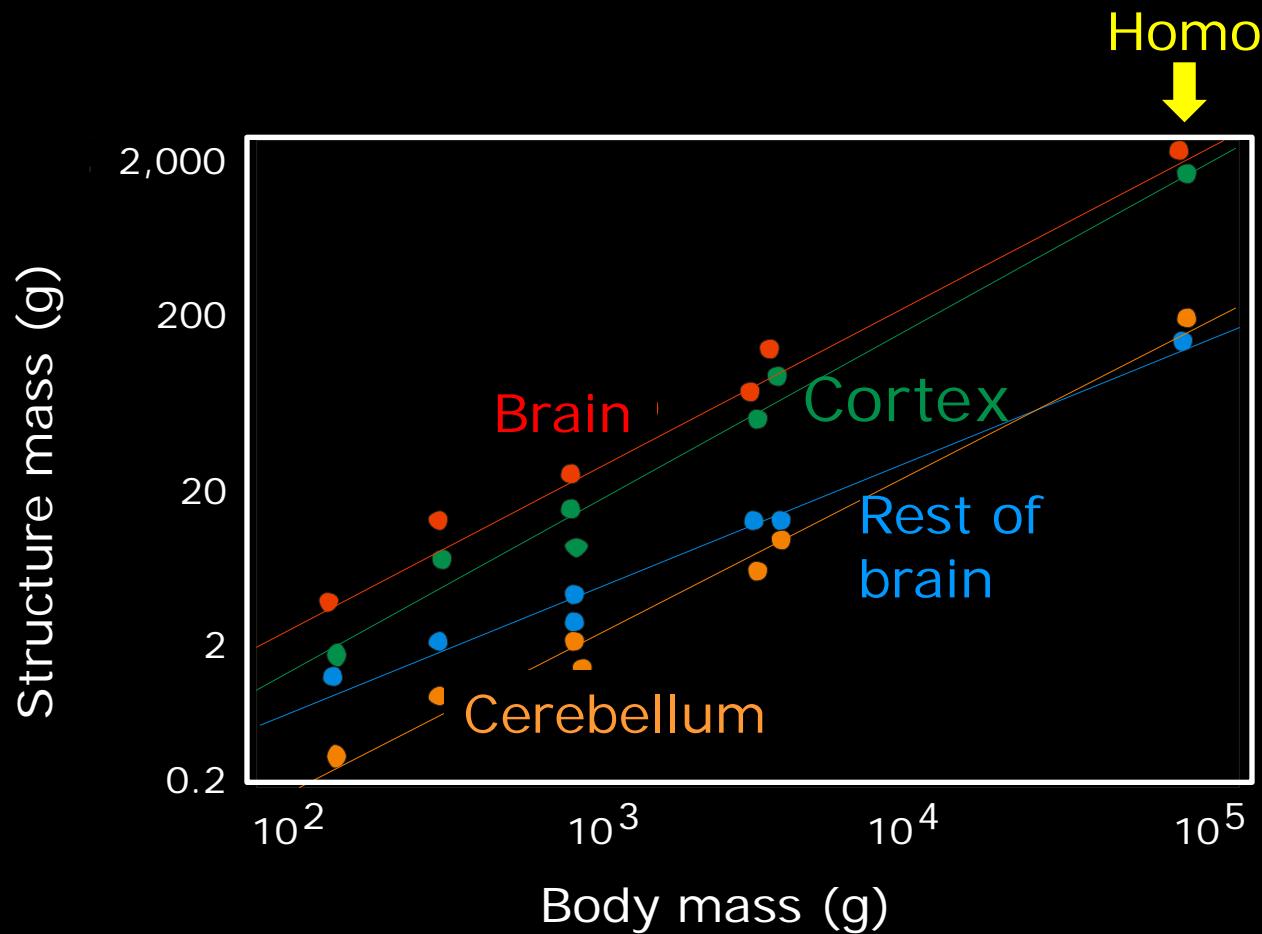


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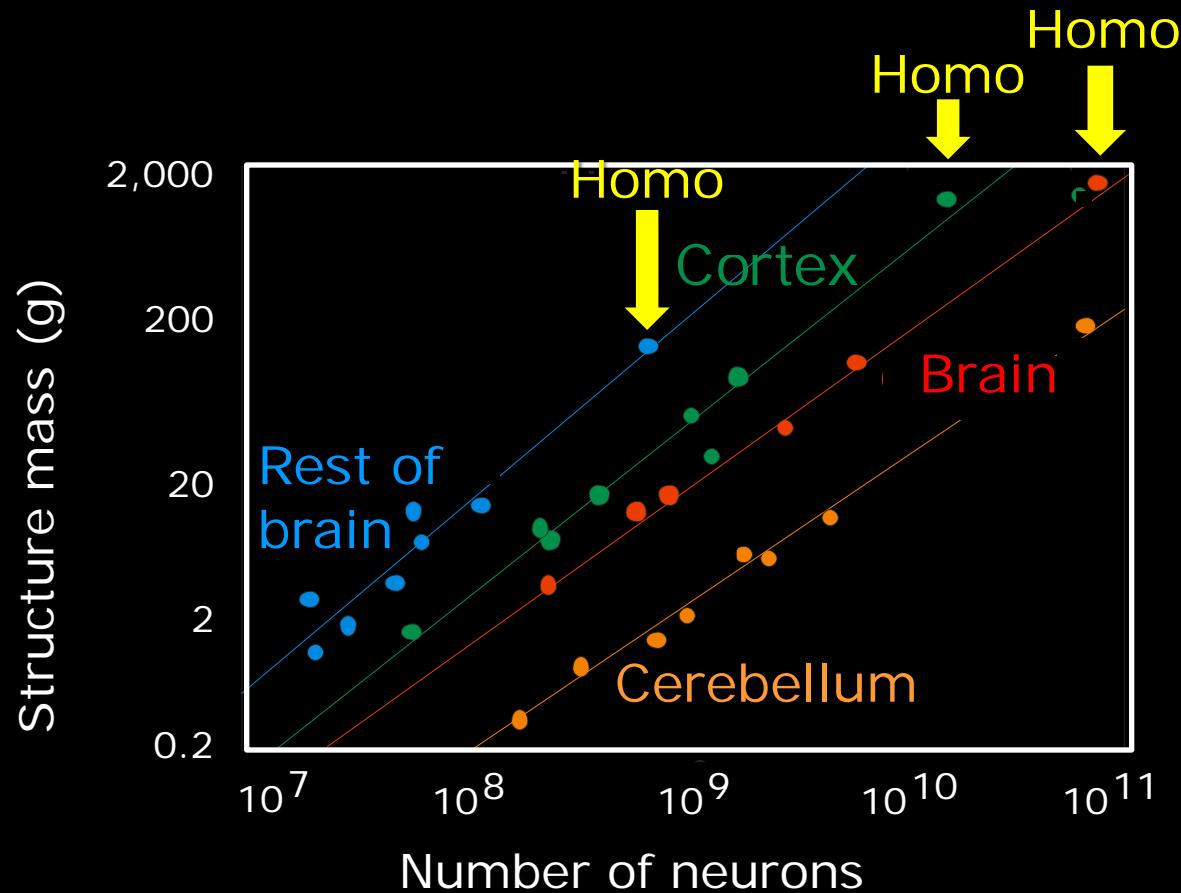
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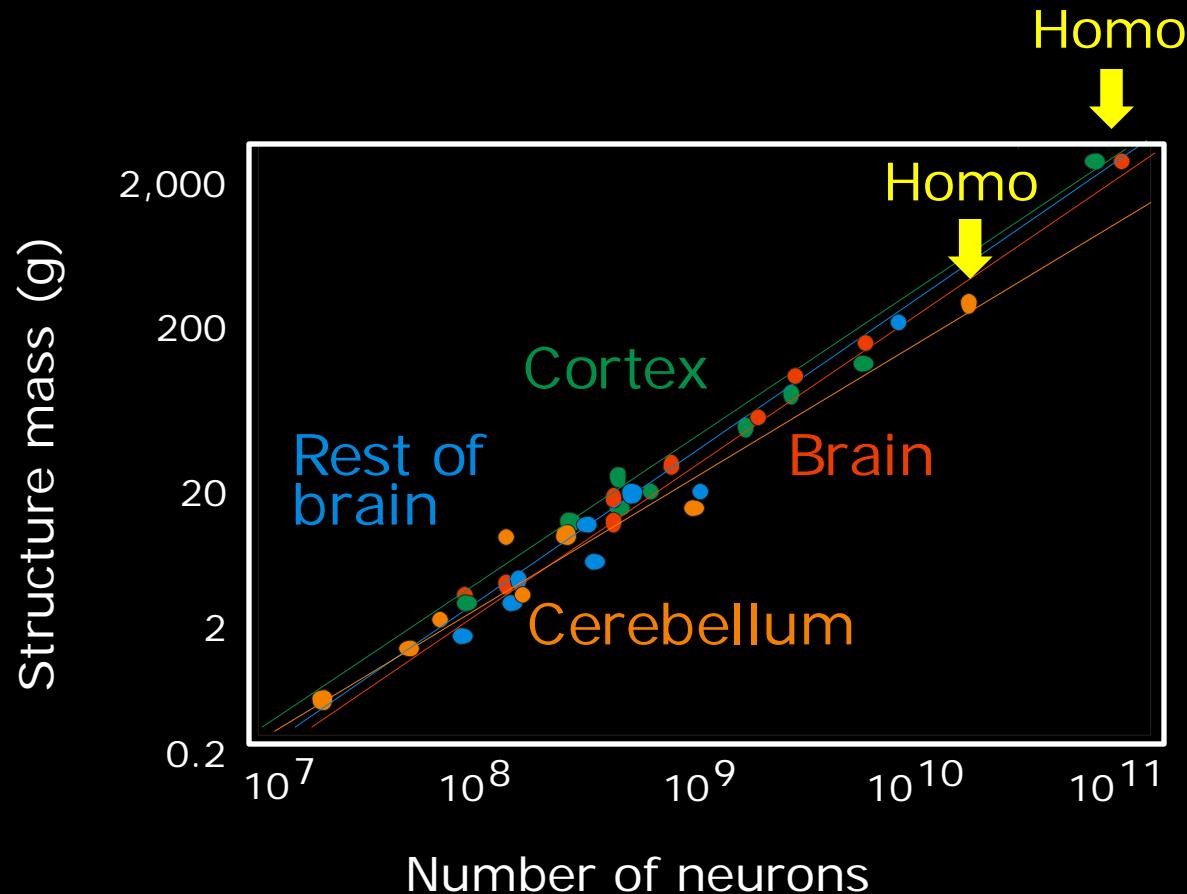
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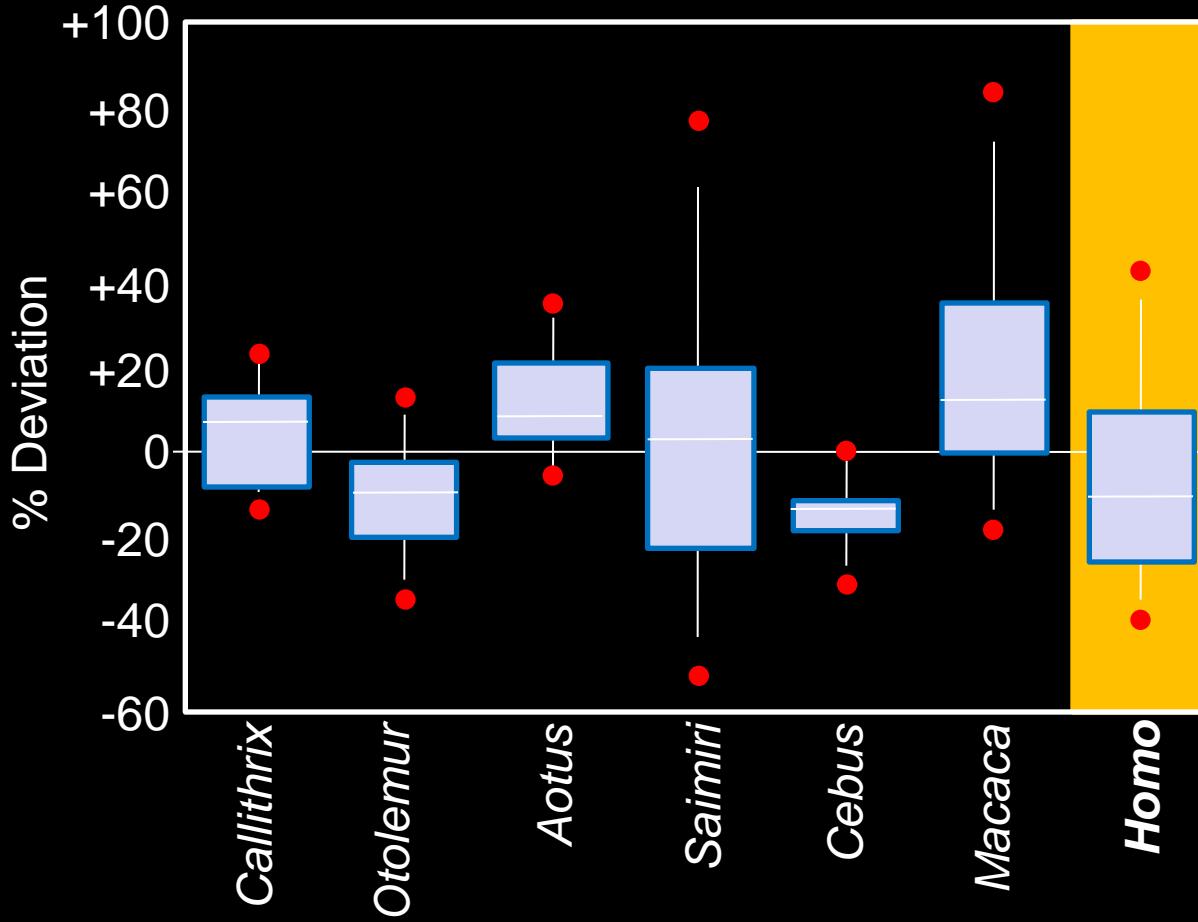
# NUMBER OF NEURONS ALSO FIT WELL IN PRIMATE CURVE



# NUMBER OF GLIAL CELLS ALSO FIT WELL IN PRIMATE CURVE



# DEVIATION FROM AVERAGE IS SIMILAR FOR ALL PRIMATES

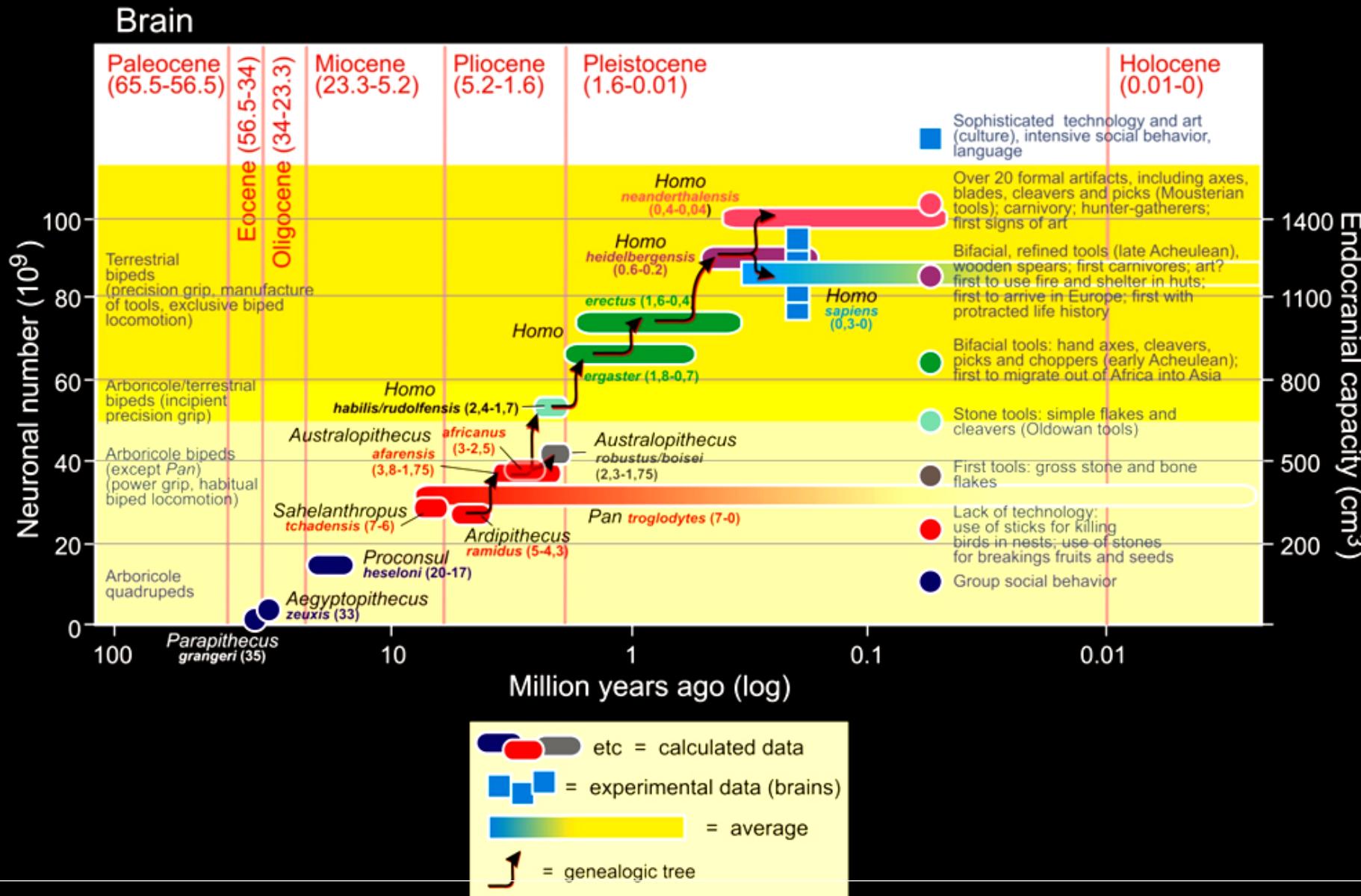


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# THE BRAIN OF HOMININS INFERRED



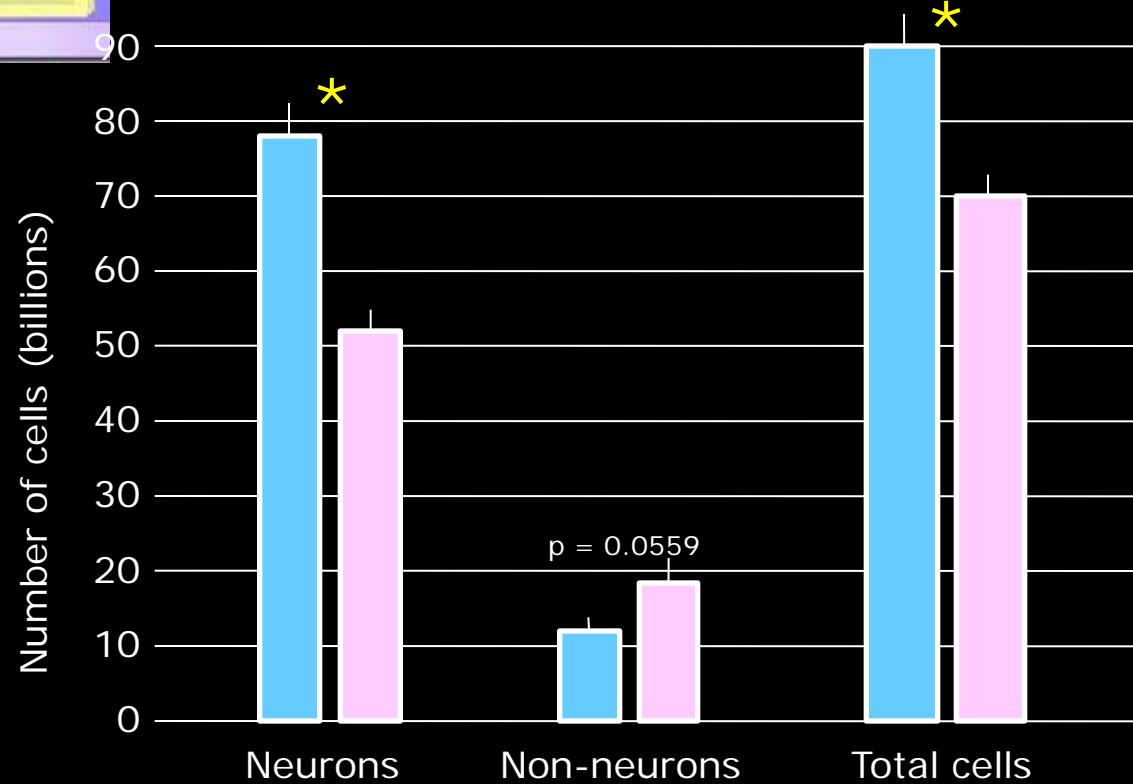
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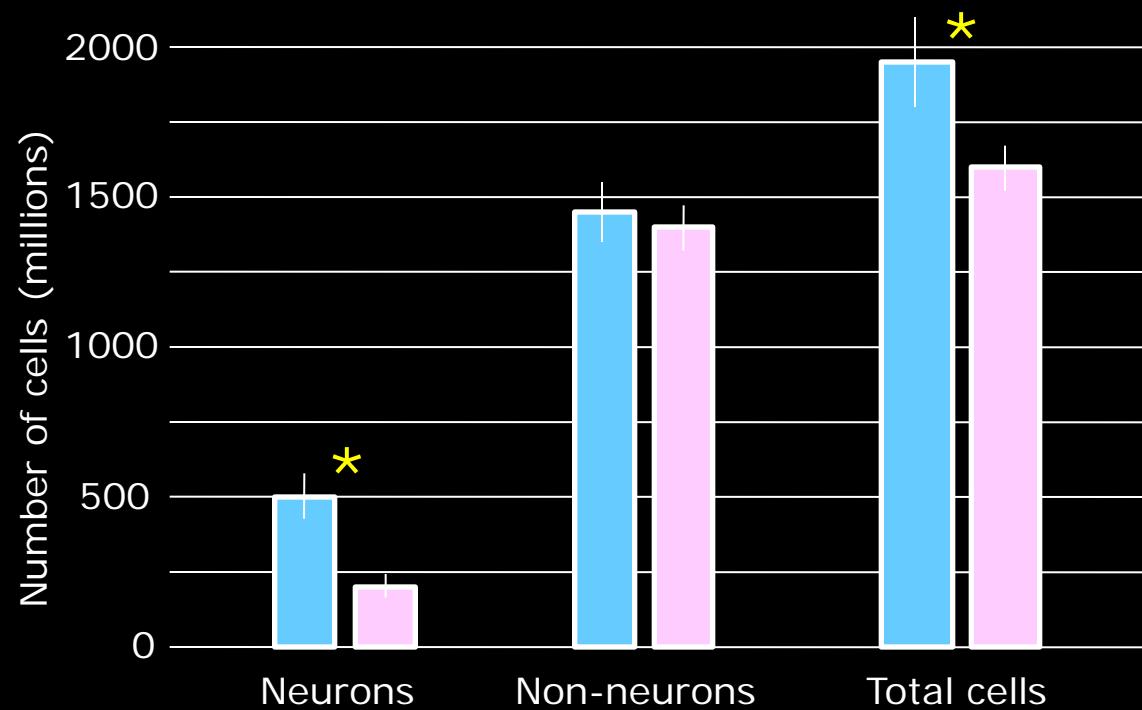
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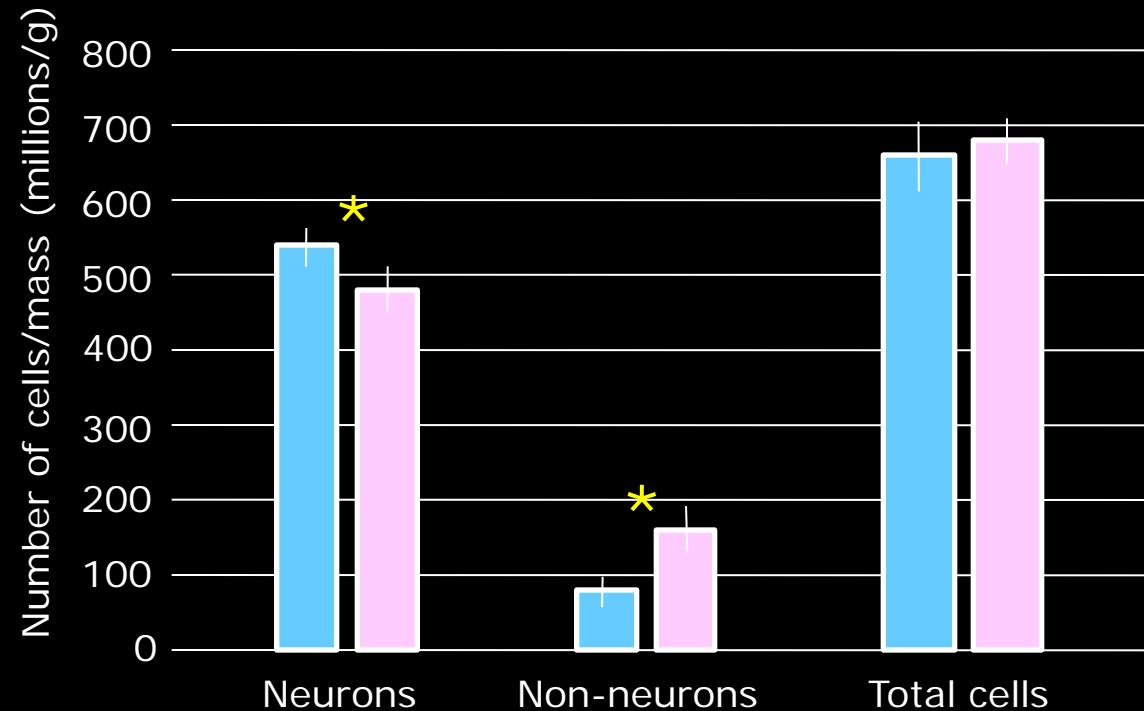
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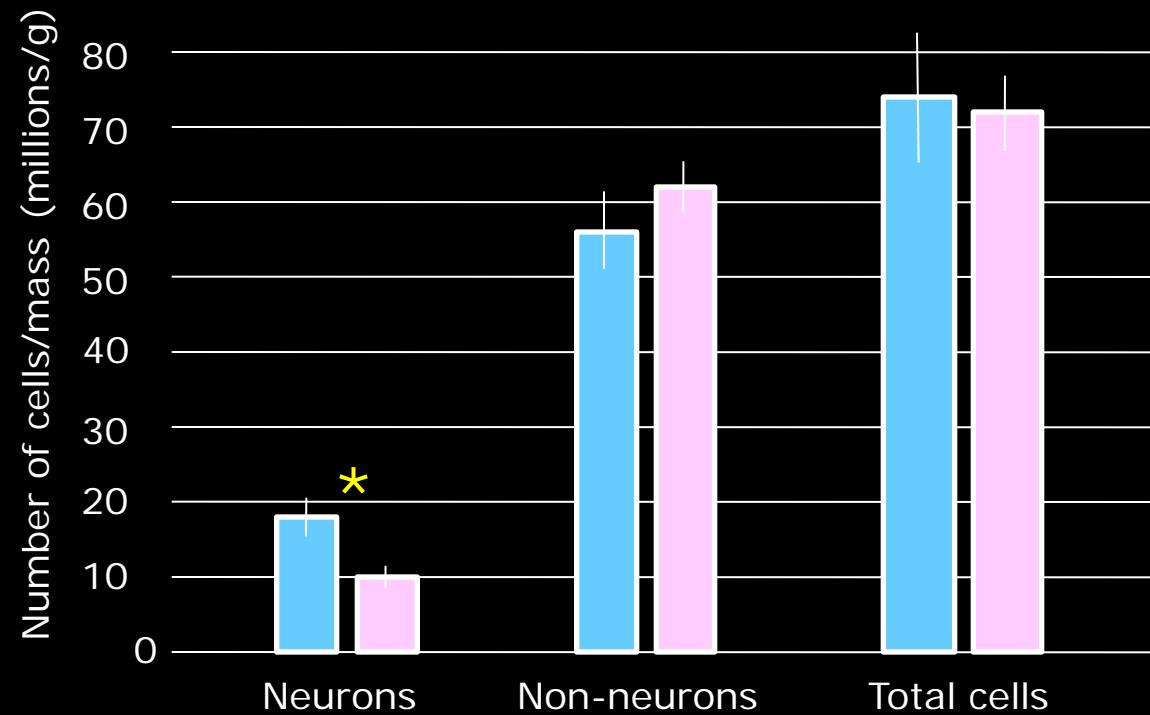


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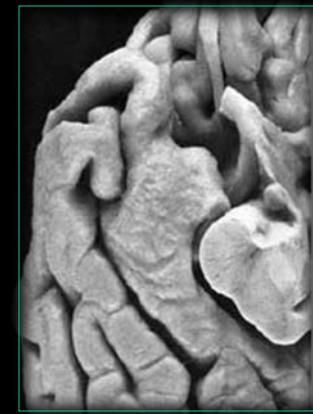


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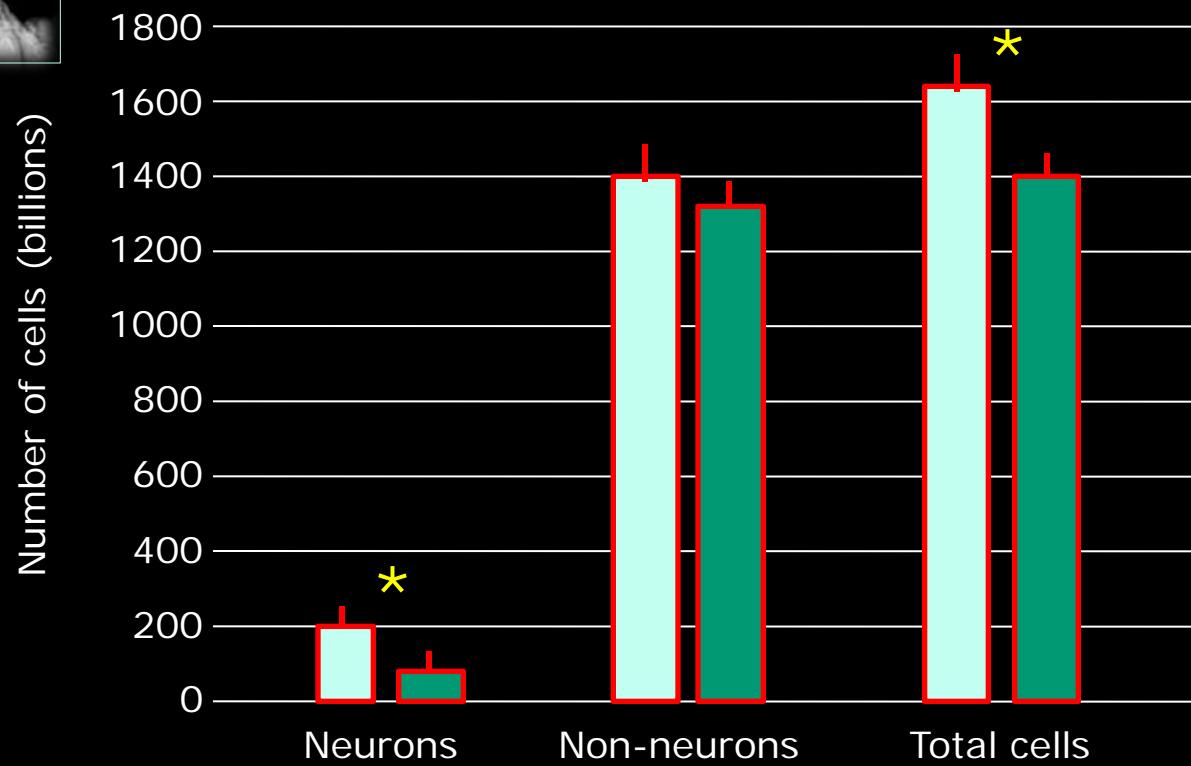
# BRAIN CELL COMPOSITION: DEMENTED vs. NON-DEMENTED



## HIPPOCAMPAL FORMATION + AMYGDALA

CDR = 0 (n=5, 72-88yo)

CDR = 3 (n=4, 71-86yo)



Moraes et al, 2011, work in progress

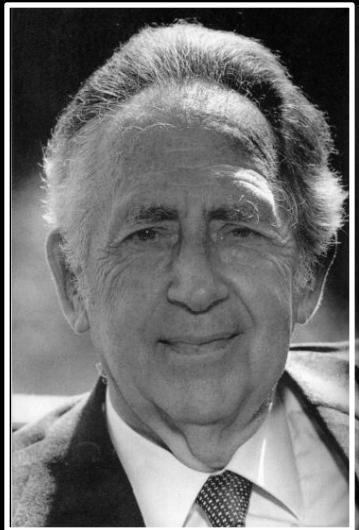


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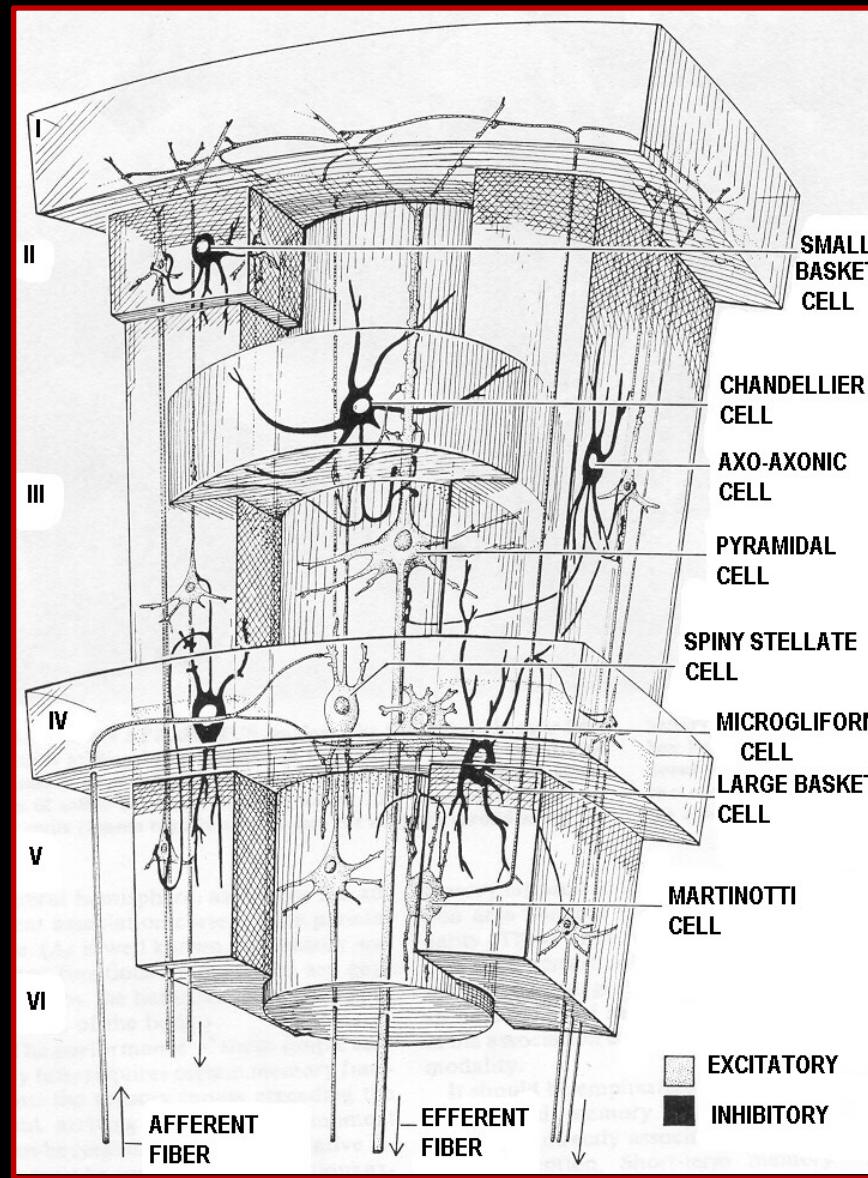
# HOW WOULD EXPANSION OF THE BRAIN TAKE PLACE?



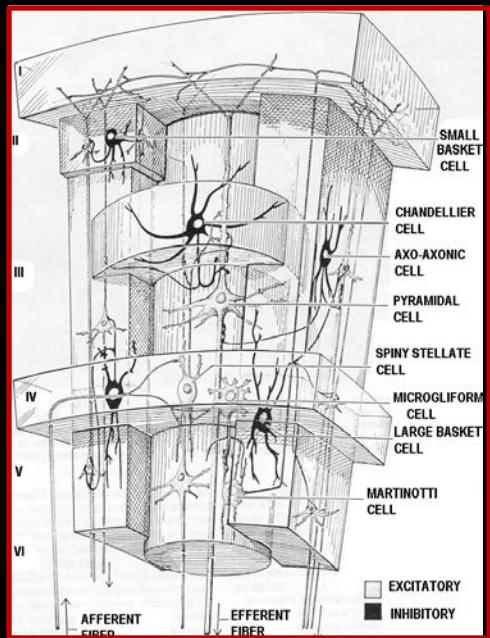
# CORTICAL MODULES AND SURFACE BRAIN GROWTH



J. Szentagothai (1912-1994)



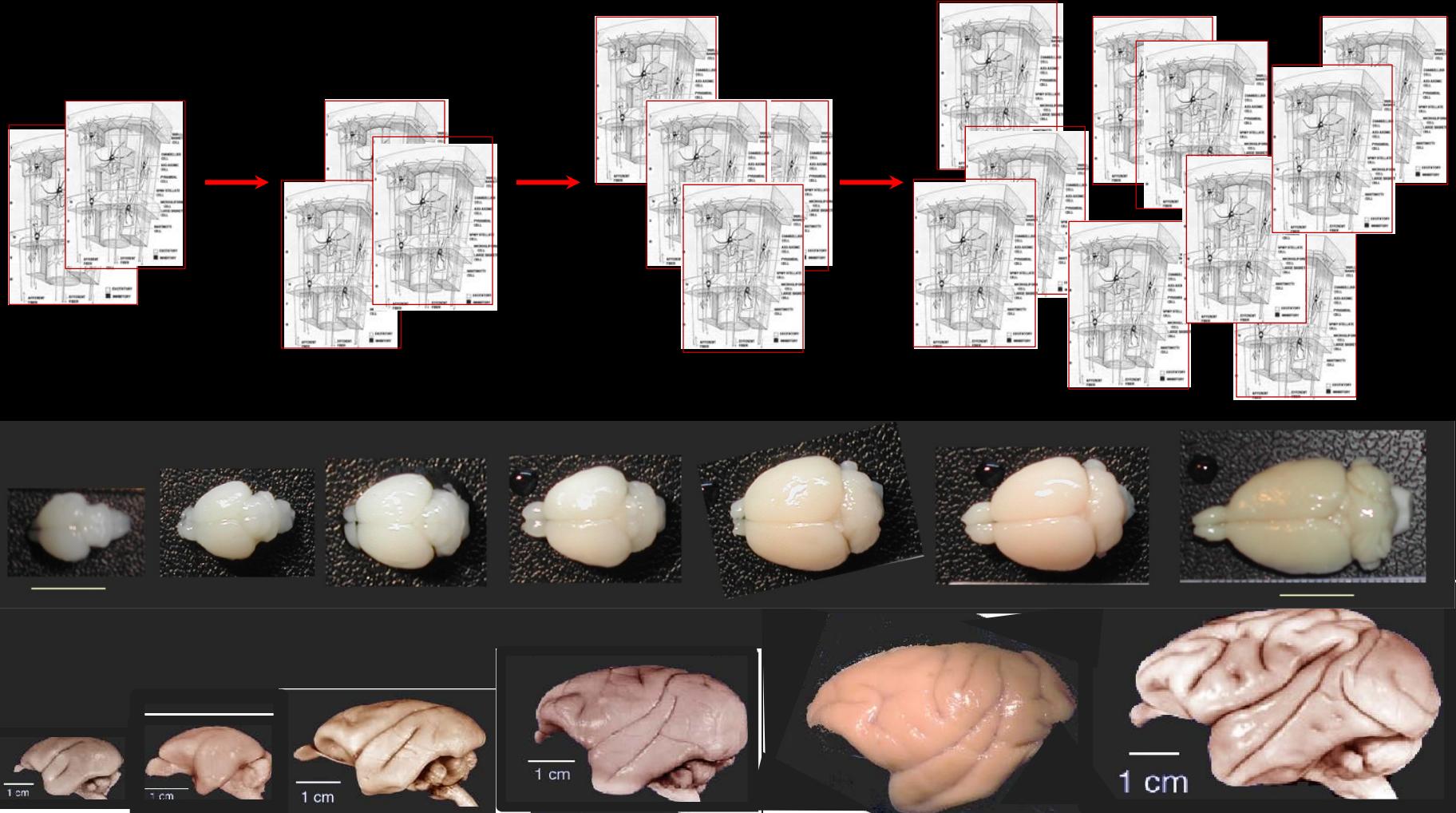
# IS THERE A CONSTANT NUMBER OF NEURONS IN EVERY CORTICAL MODULE?



= 150,000 neurons/mm<sup>2</sup>

Rockel et al., Brain 103:221-244 (1980)  
The Basic Uniformity of Neocortical Structure  
(mice, rats, cats, macaques, humans,  
2D counts)

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Review

## Evolution of cortical neurogenesis

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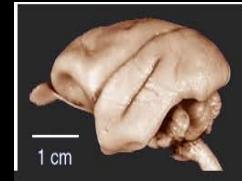
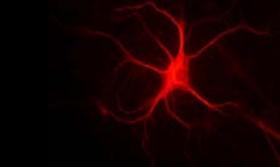
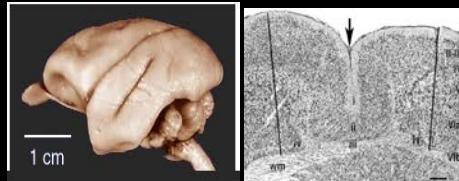
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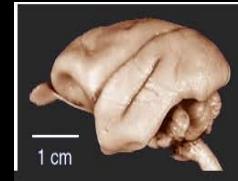
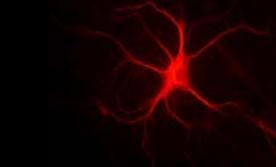
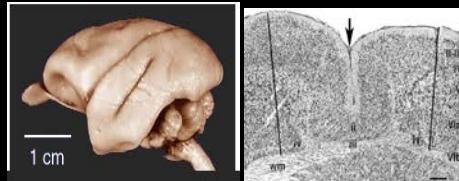


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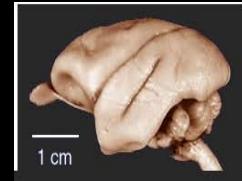
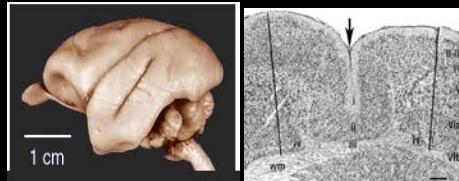
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<i>Saimiri sciureus</i> (n=3)	6.996 0.356	5250 1332	1.465 0.023	645.73 43.74	80.92 9.68	129.67 39.62
<i>Macaca fascicularis</i> (n=1)	10.459	9381	1.413	400.74	32.94	42.71
<i>Macaca radiata</i> (n=1)	15.493	8441	1.572	829.60	43.81	98.28
<i>Cebus apella</i> (n=2)	15.820 4.982	7653 29	1.767 0.147	930.67 507.78	51.08 15.44	121.73 66.80
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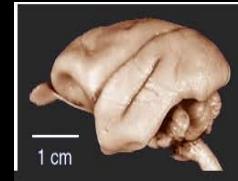
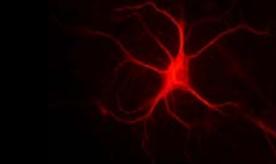
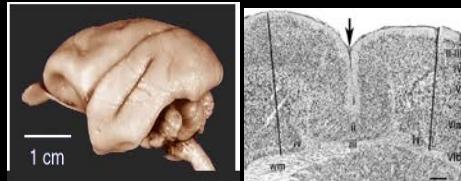
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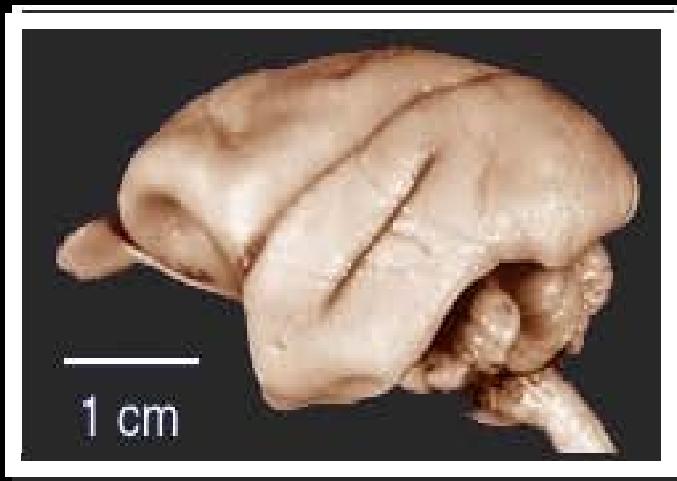
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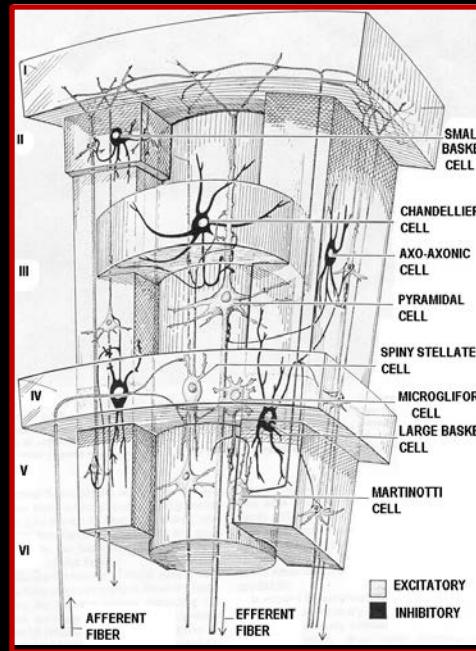


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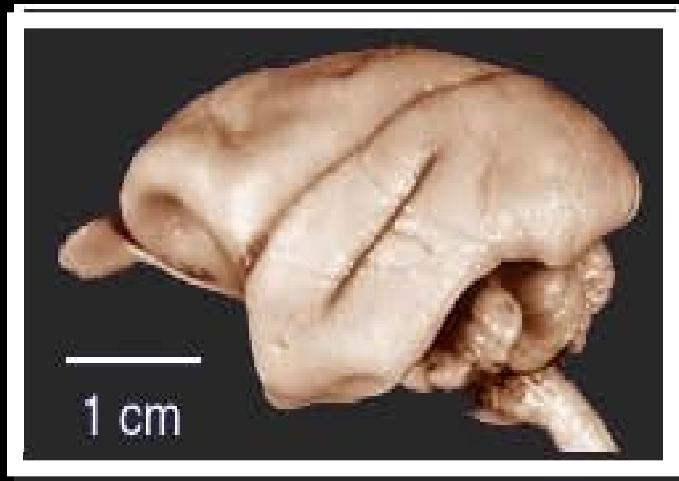
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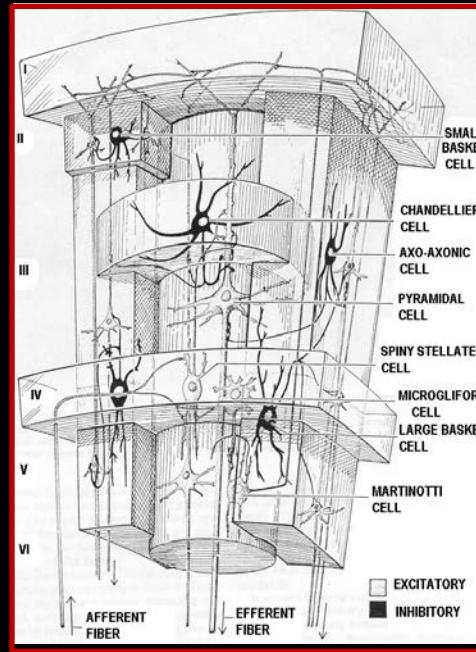
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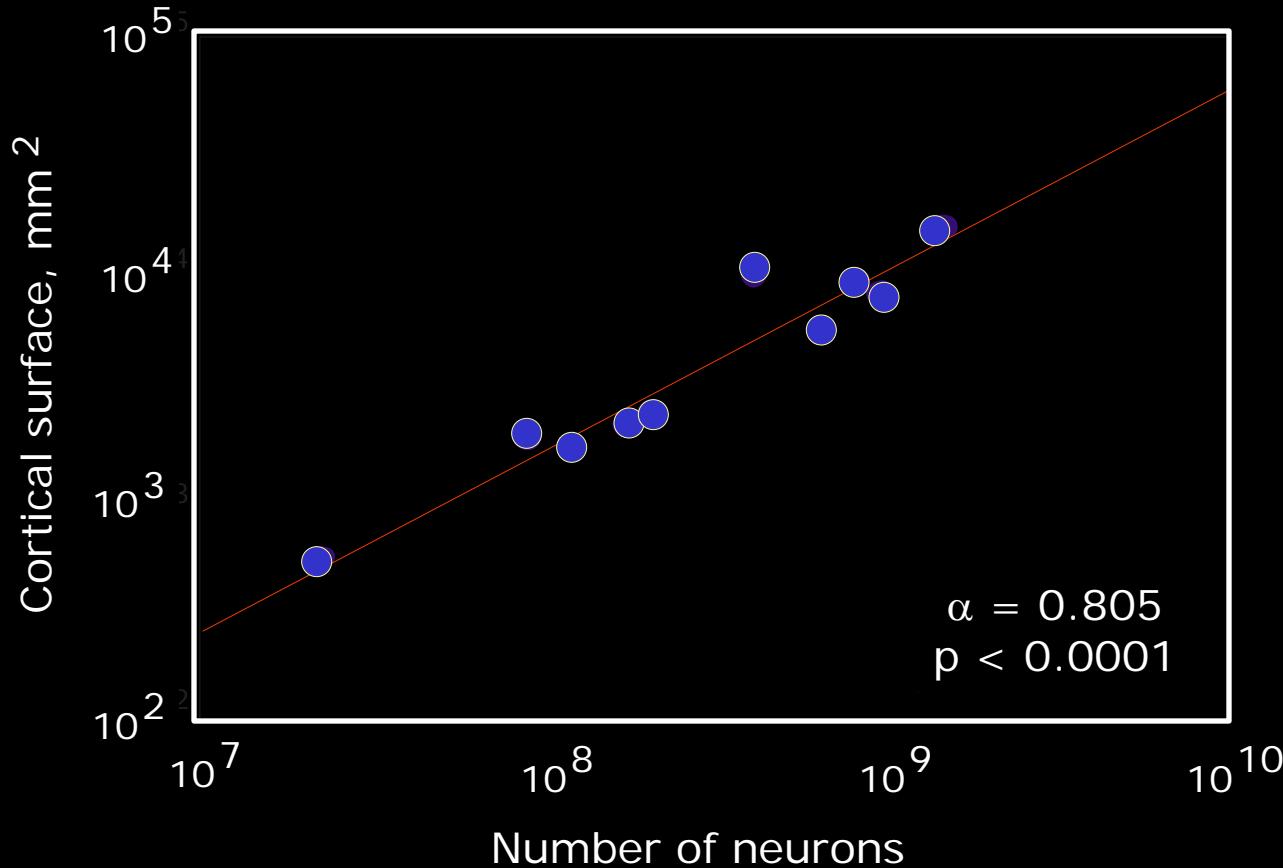


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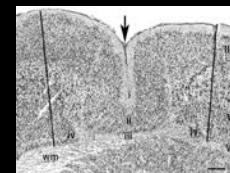
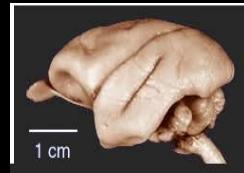
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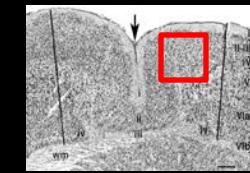


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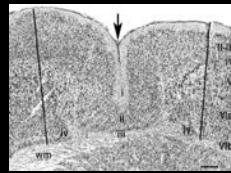
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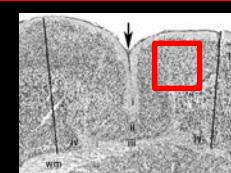
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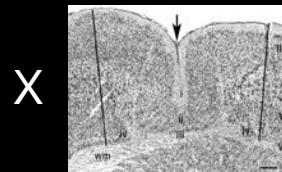
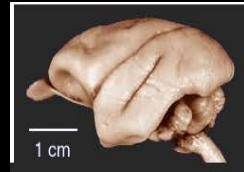
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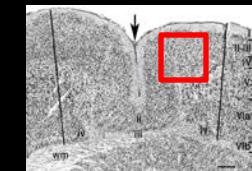
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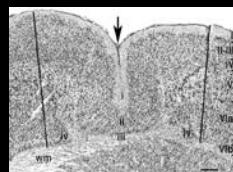


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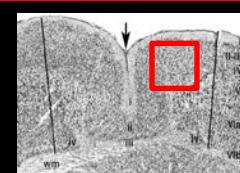
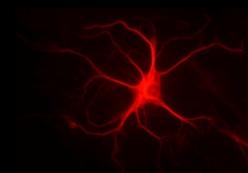


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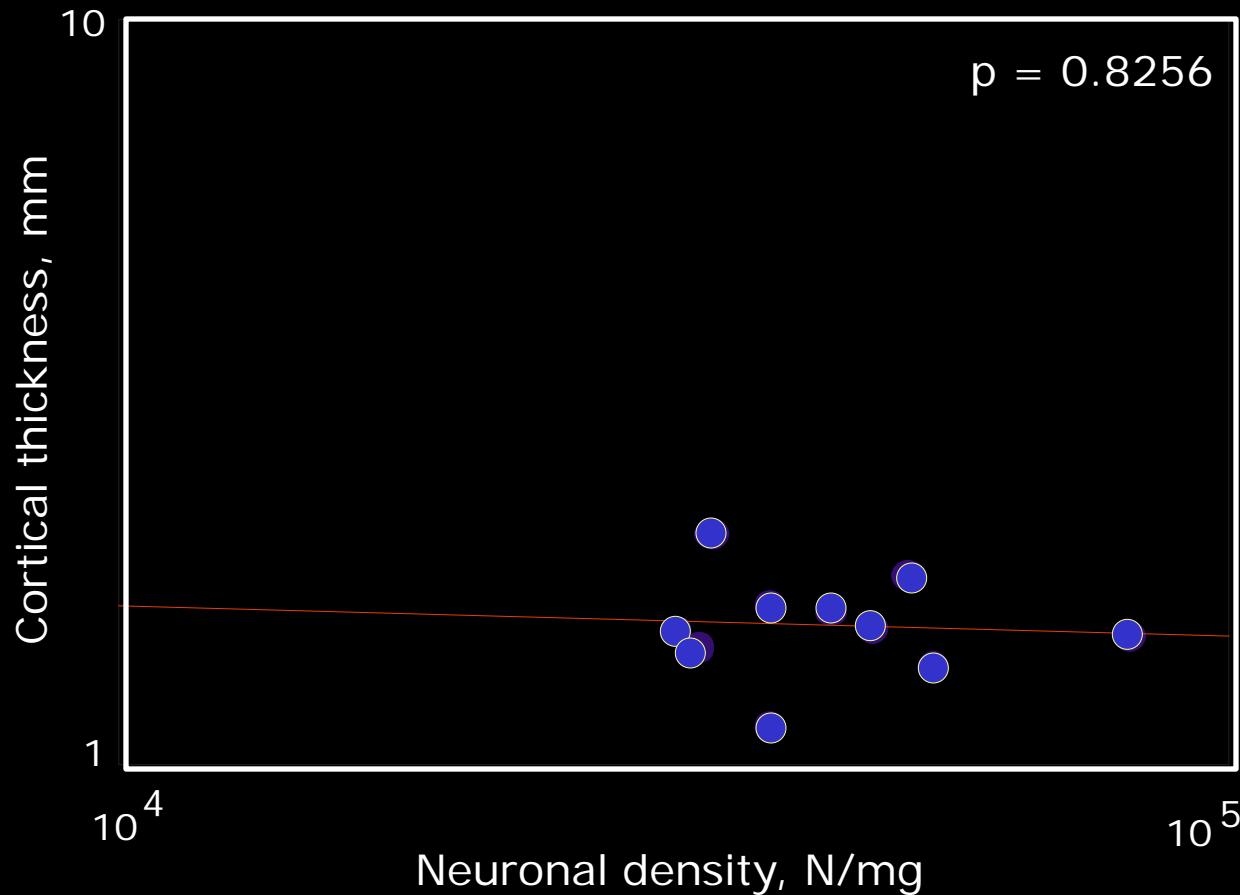


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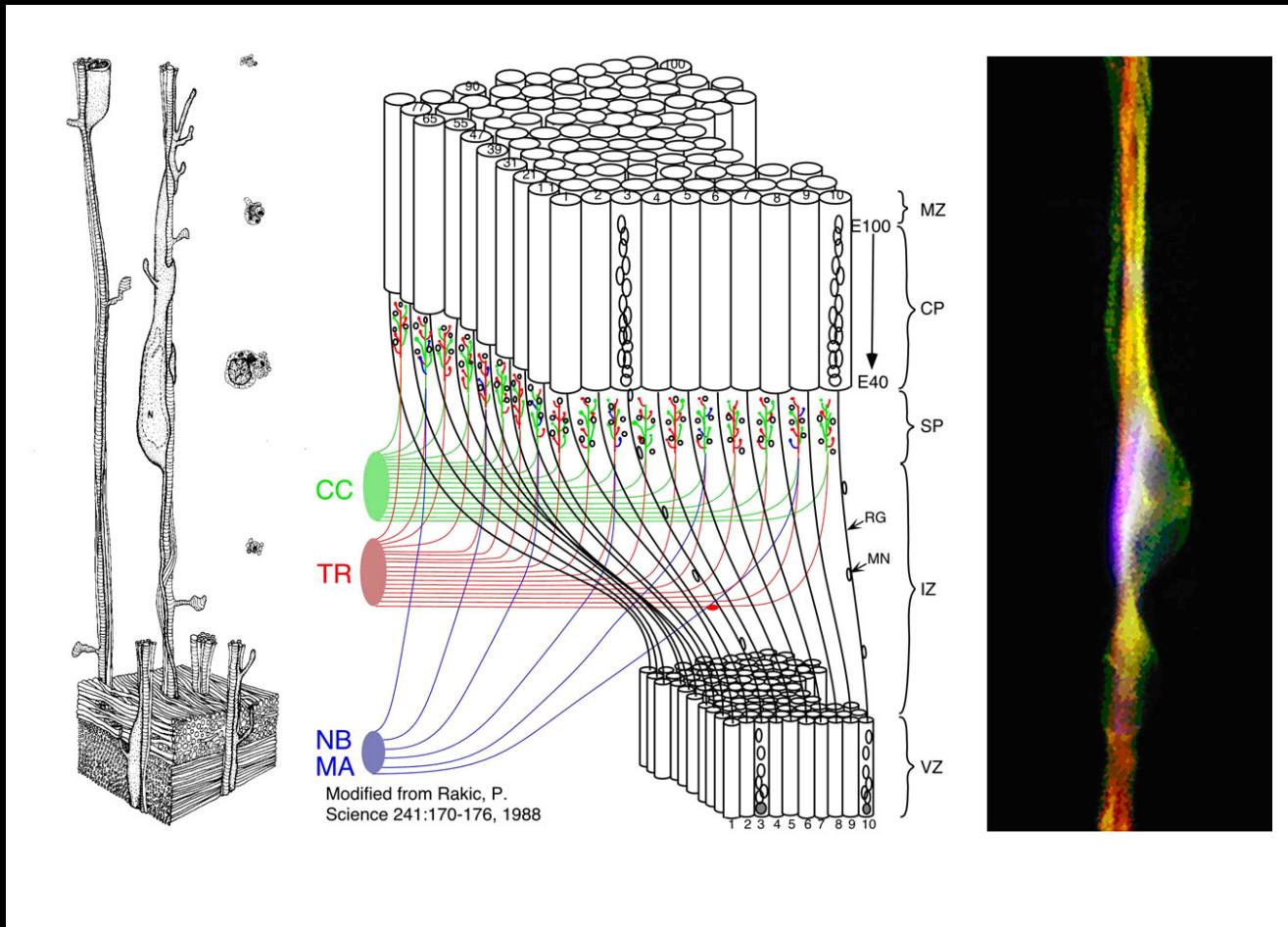
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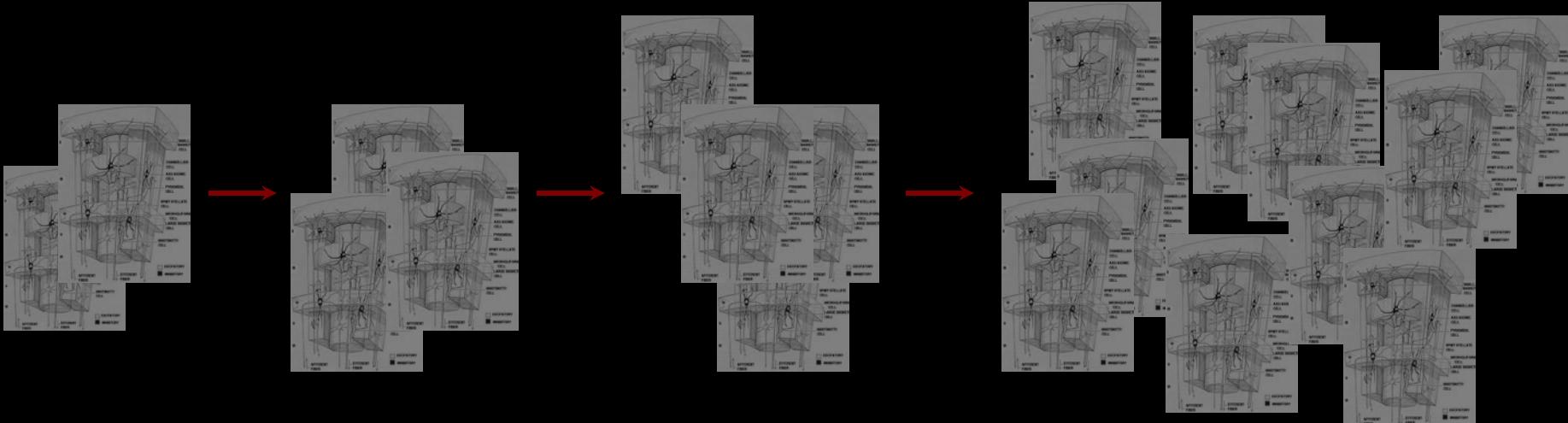


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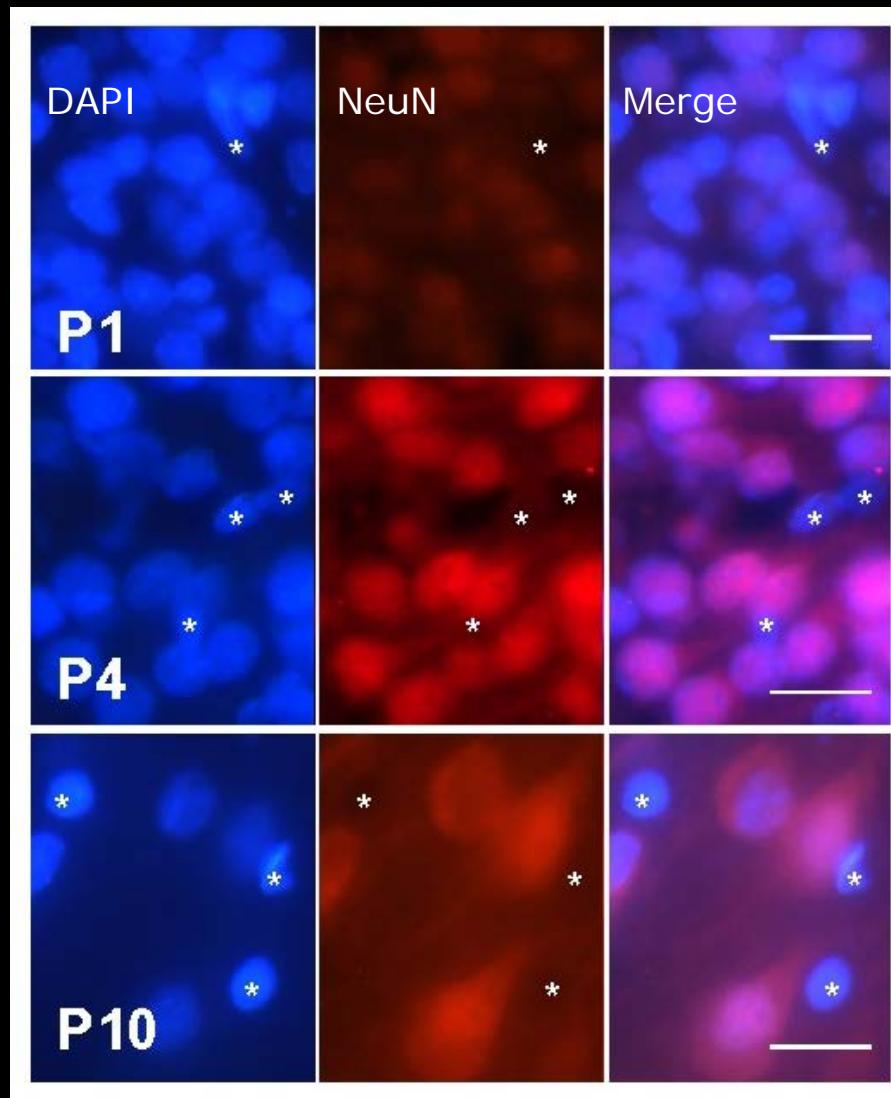
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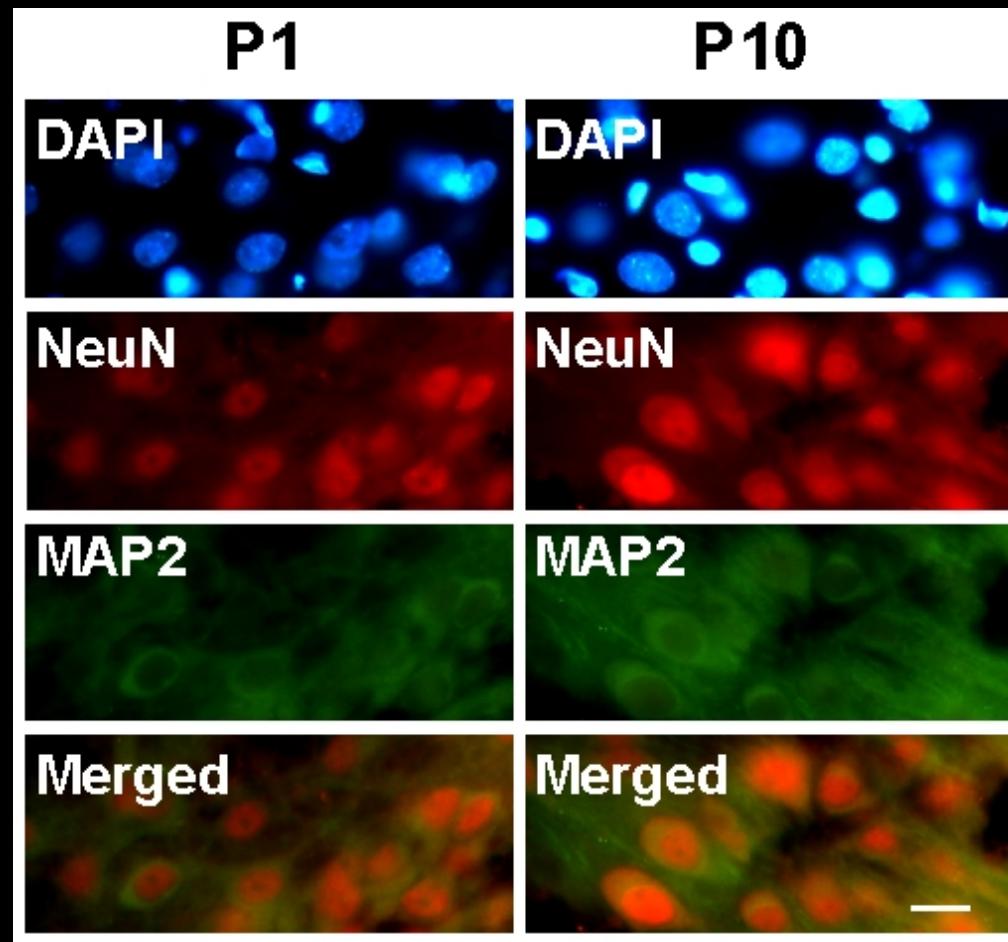
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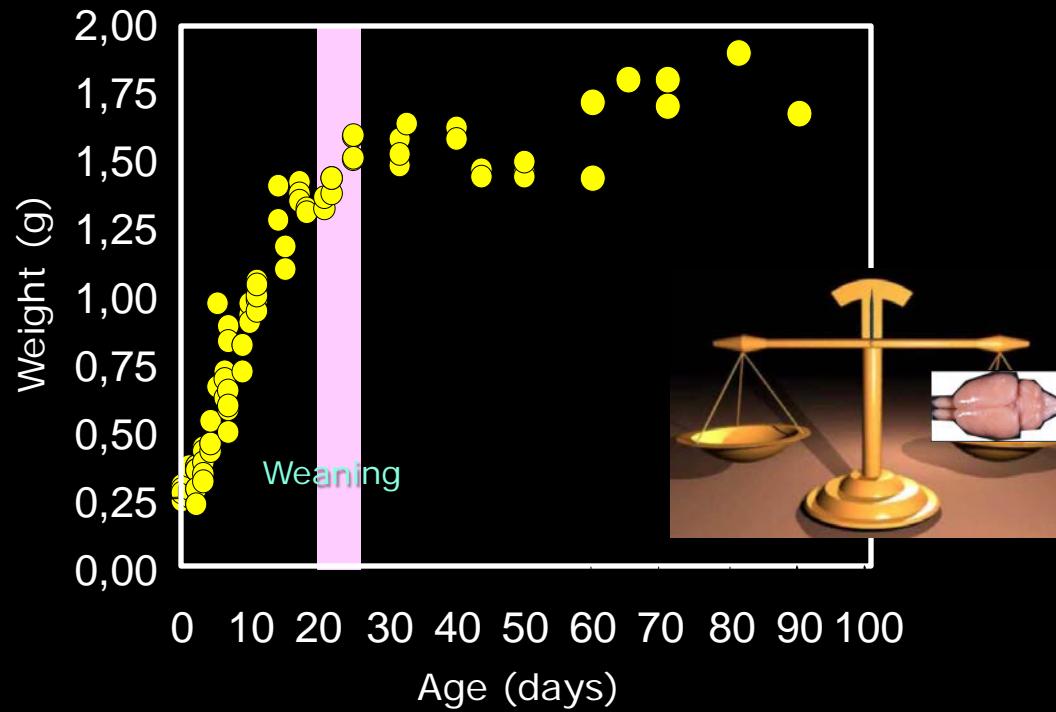


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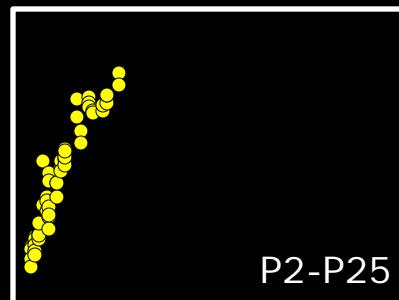
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Fast growth

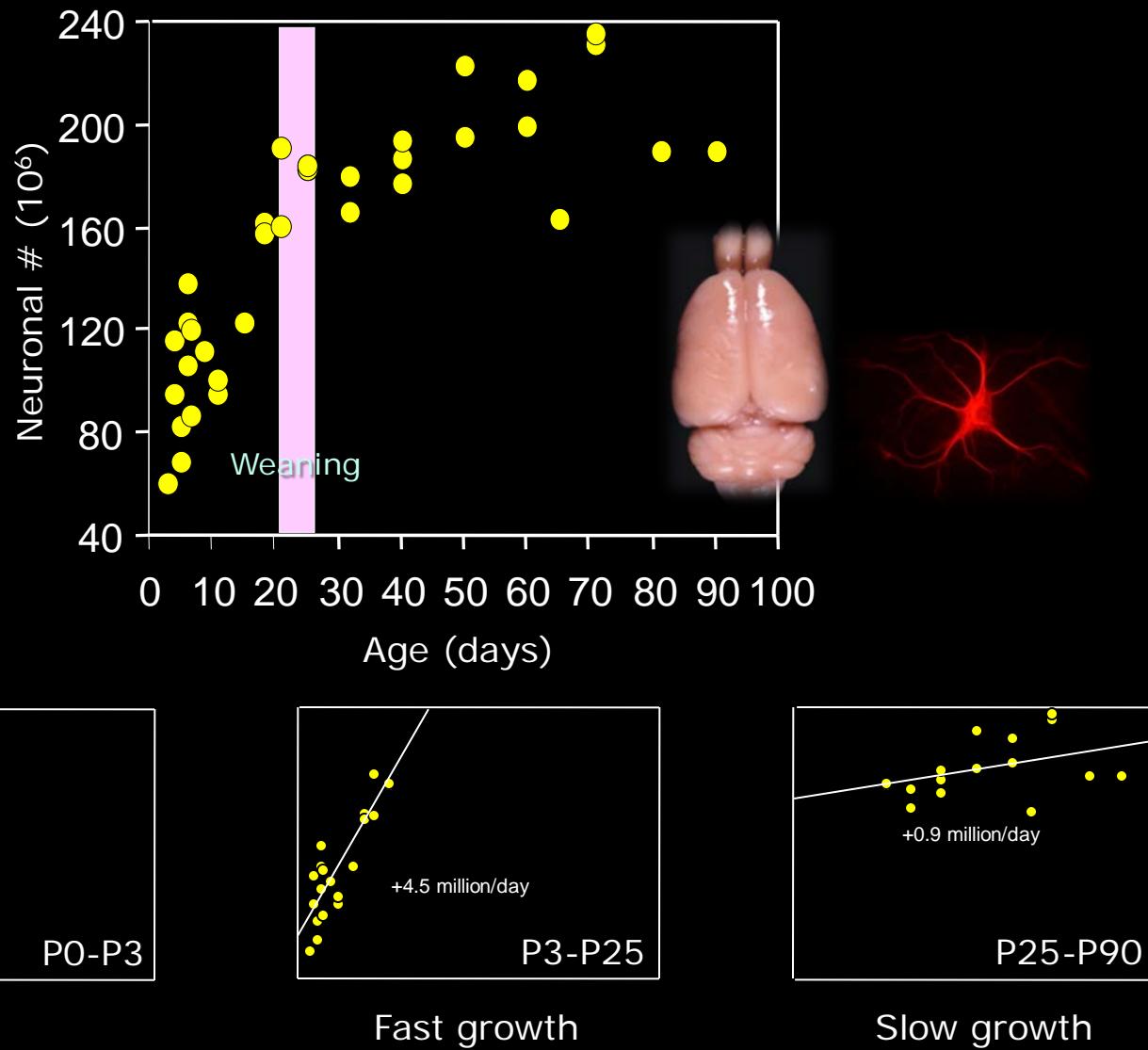


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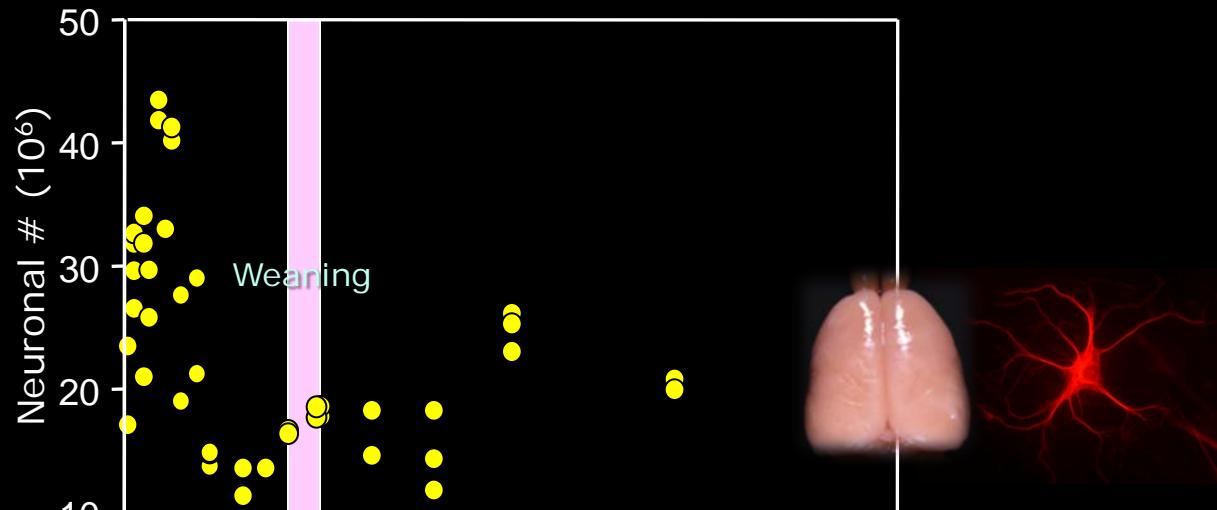


Slow growth

# BRAIN NEURONAL NUMBER



# NEOCORTEX NEURONAL NUMBER

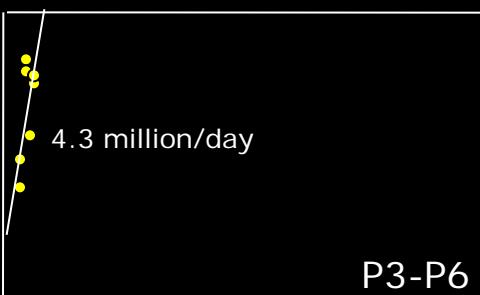


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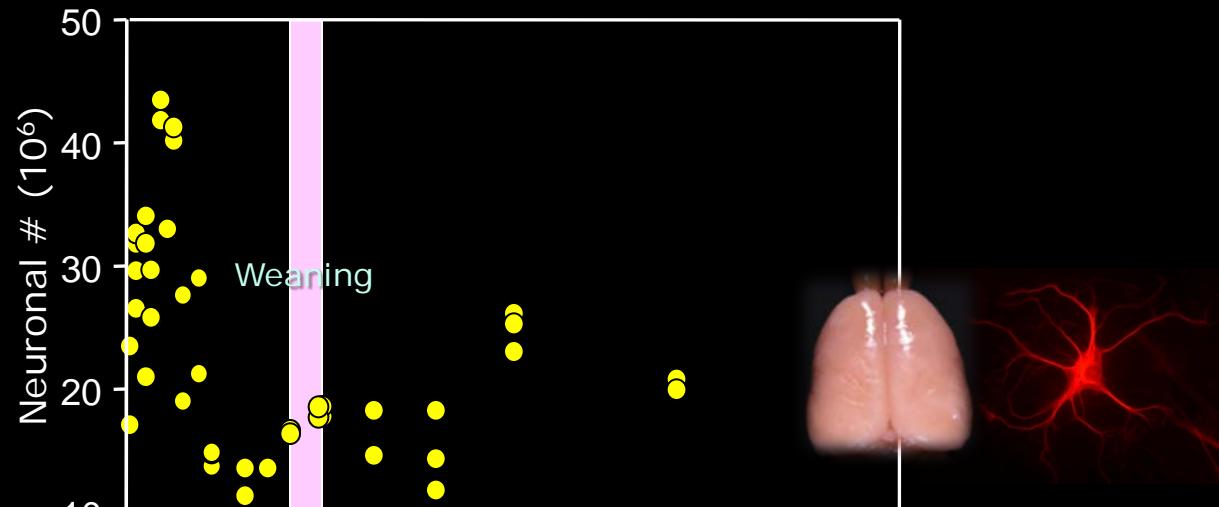
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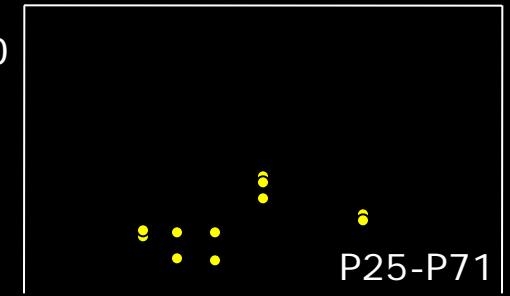
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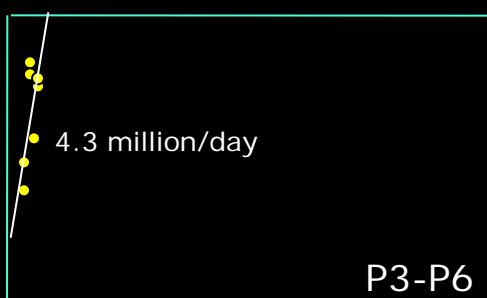


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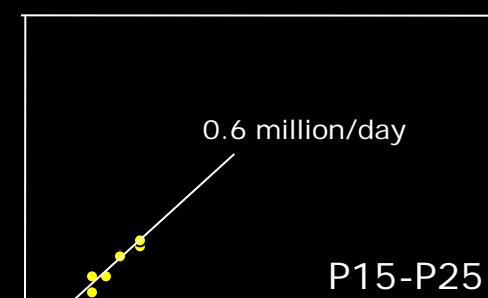
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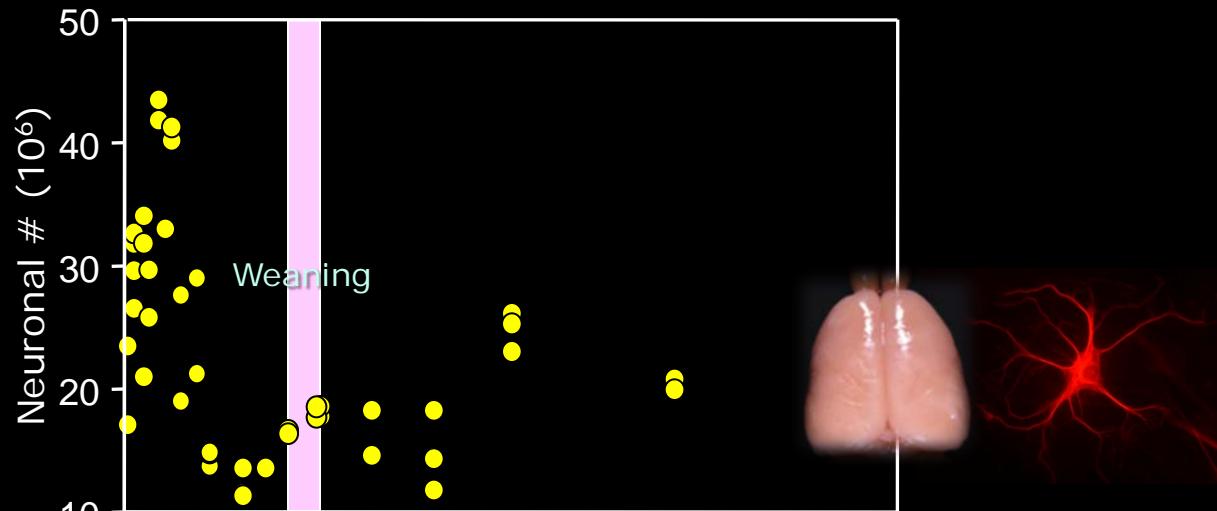
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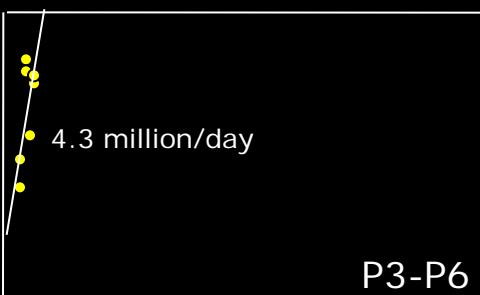


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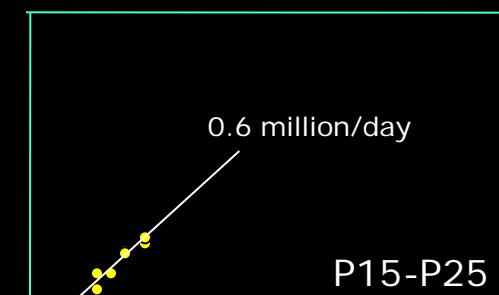
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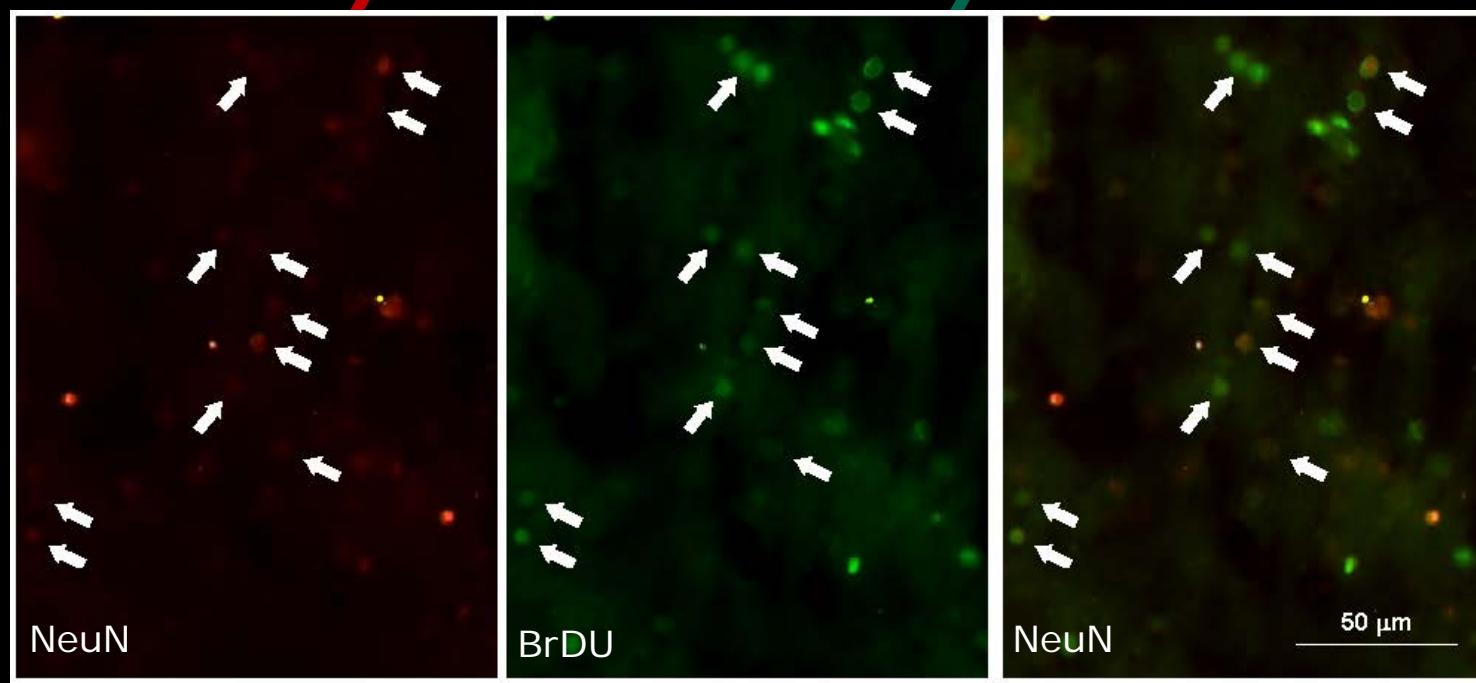
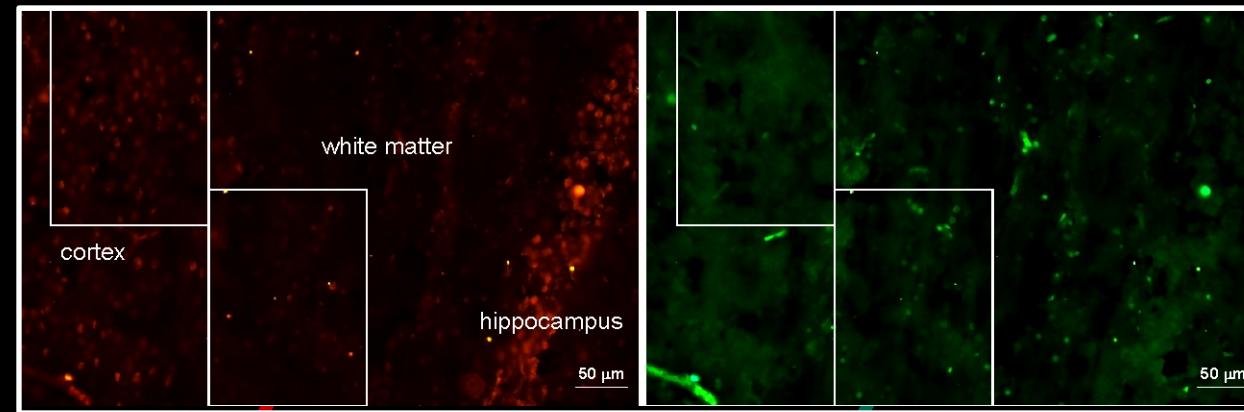
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# YES, THERE IS NEUROGENESIS IN NEOCORTEX



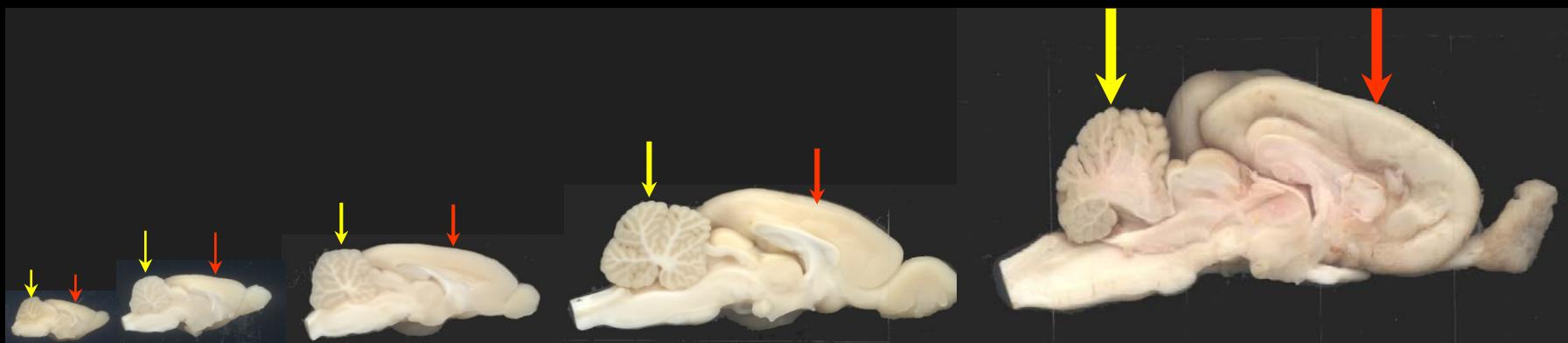
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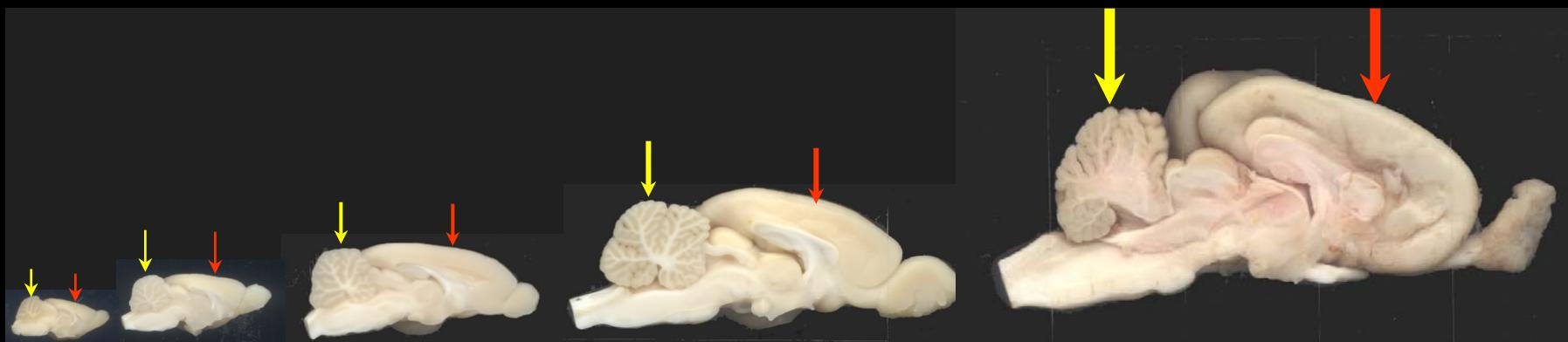
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# CONCLUSIONS

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