

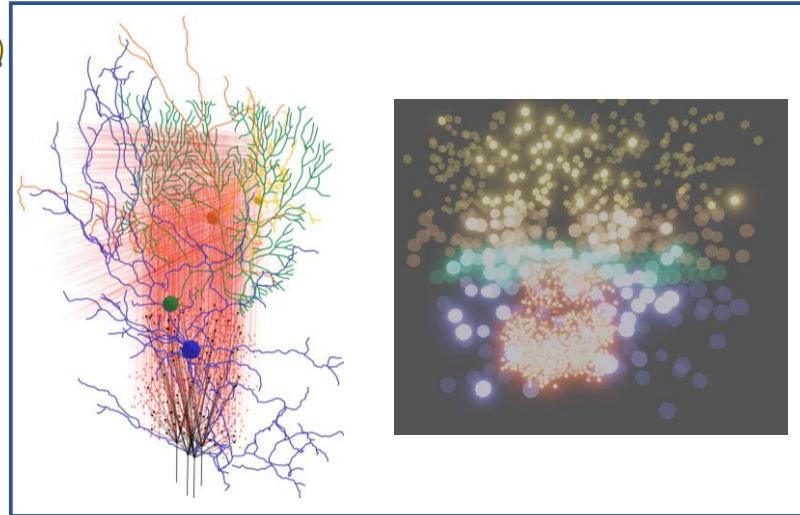
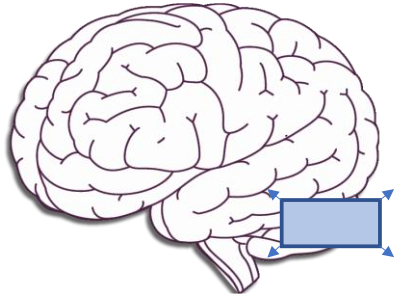


# BSB design and usecases

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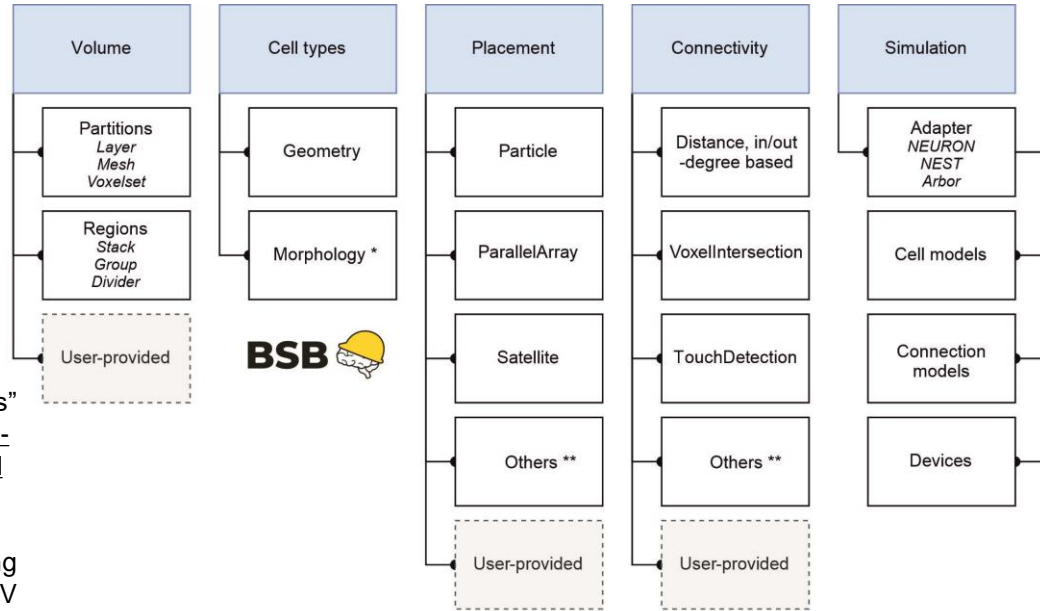


EBRAINS

# Network reconstruction and simulation

the **Brain Scaffold Builder**, a flexible software package to build and simulate brain models at different levels of complexity, constrained on data

*pip install bsb*



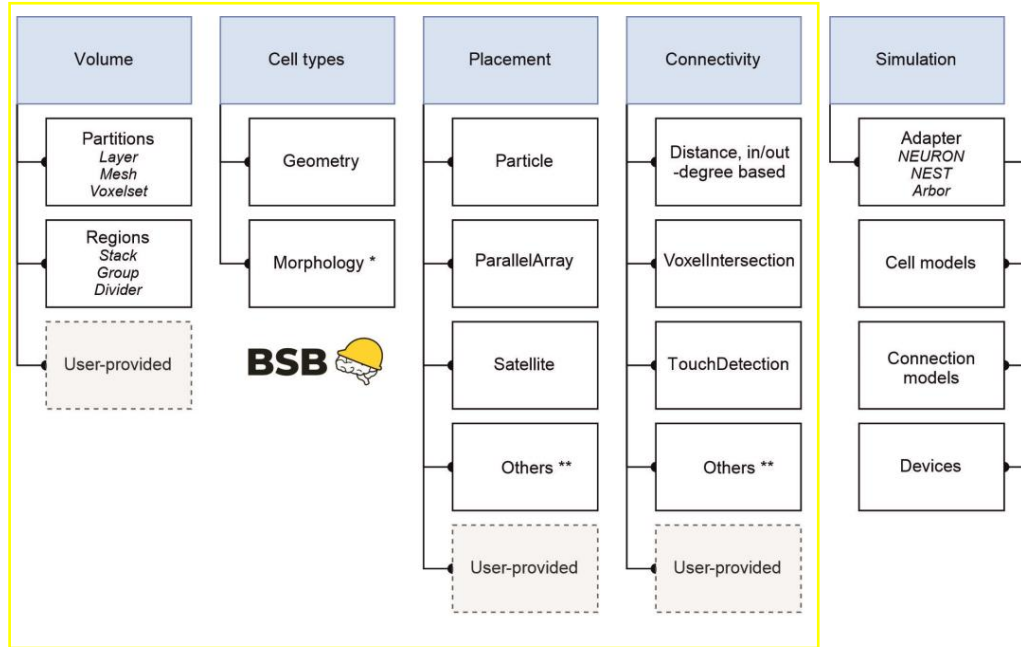
<https://github.com/dbbs-lab/bsb>;  
<https://bsb.readthedocs.io/>

component in "EBRAINS Modelling Workflows"  
<https://wiki.ebrains.eu/bin/view/Collabs/technical-coordination/EBRAINS%20components/Scaffold%20package%20codebase/?srid=ZqoazFyV>

one of the main tools of the "Cerebellar Modelling Hub" at UNIPV  
[<https://www.humanbrainproject.eu/en/collaborate/facility-hubs/>]

Cerebellar usecase: *De Schepper et al.*,  
<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.07.30.454314v1>

# Network reconstruction

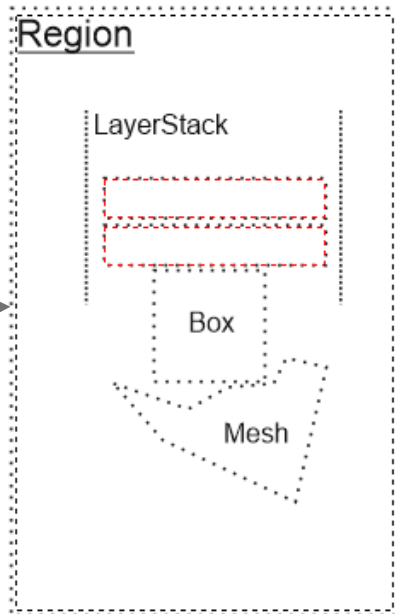
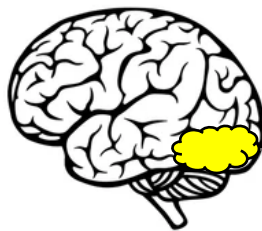


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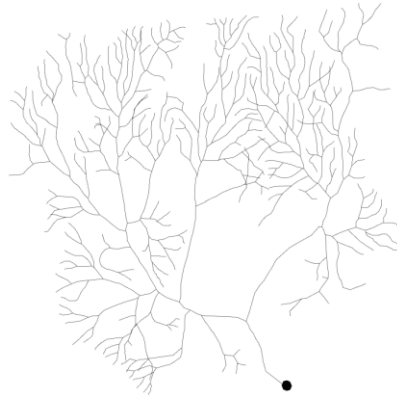
x-y (sagittal plane), x-z (horizontal plane), z-y (coronal plane),  
z-axis (major lamellar axis, along which parallel fibers elongate)



## Cell types

- Glomerulus (glom)
- Granule cell (GrC)
- Golgi cell (GoC)
- Purkinje cell (PC)
- Stellate cell (SC)
- Basket cell (BC)

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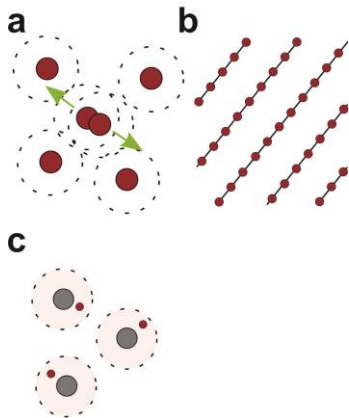


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## Placement

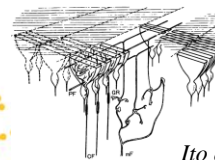
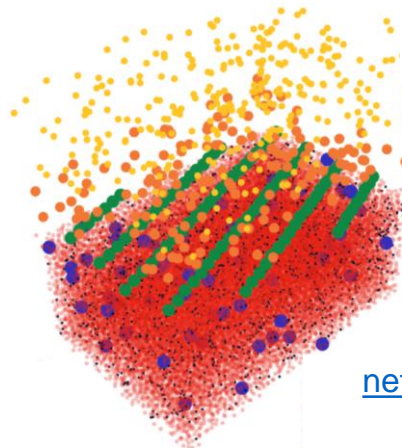
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- Neuron densities
- Neuron geometry



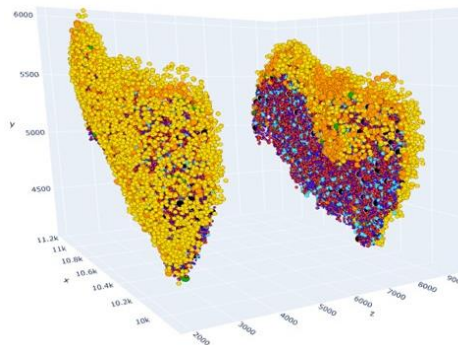
- Particle Placement algorithm for all cell types except for PCs (random placement, collisions/replacement, pruning)
- Planar arrays placement algorithm for PCs

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mossy fibers	117
glomeruli	2336
granule cells	28615
golgi cells	70
purkinje cells	99
basket cells	147
stellate cells	299
tot cells	29230
tot entities/relays	2453
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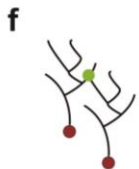
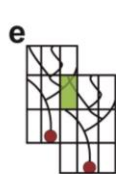
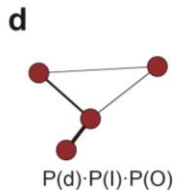


*Ito et al., 1984*

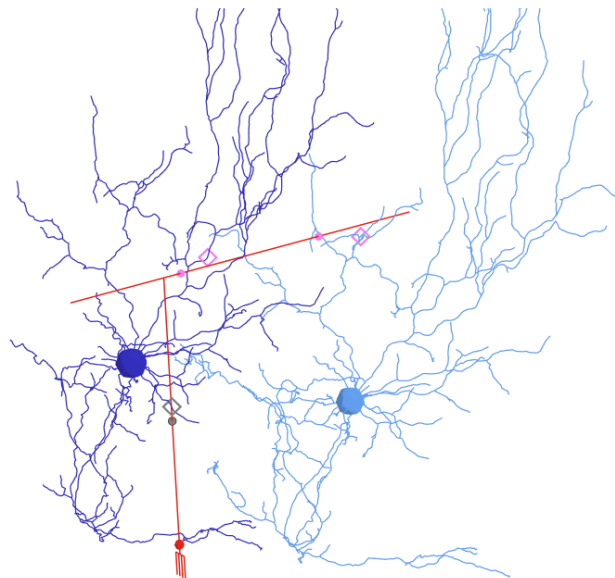
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## Connectivity



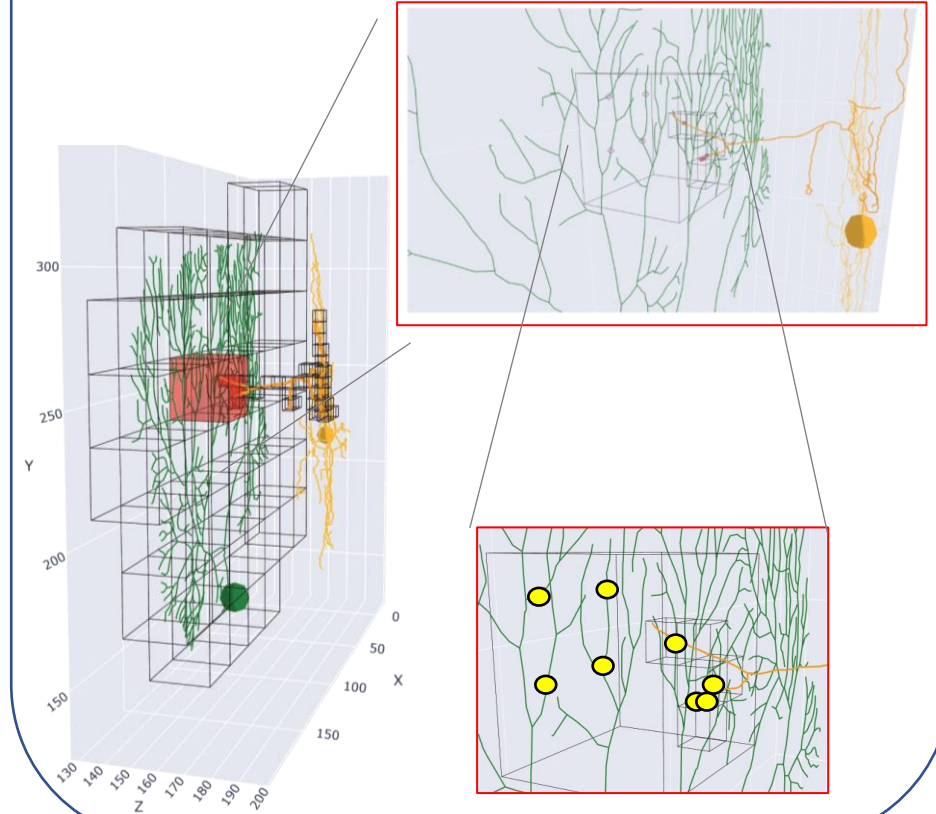
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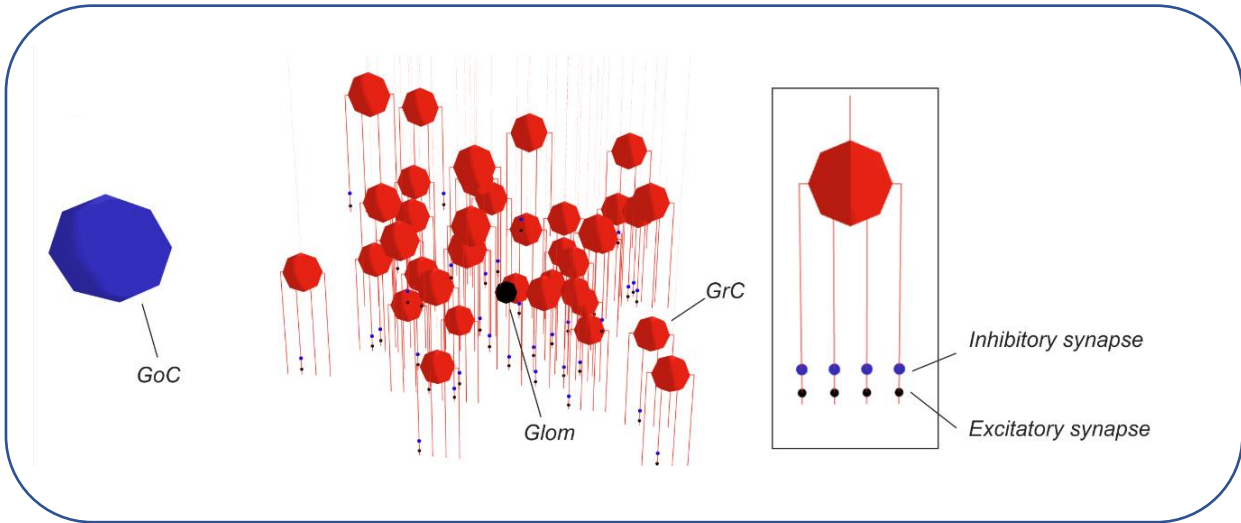
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Connectivity



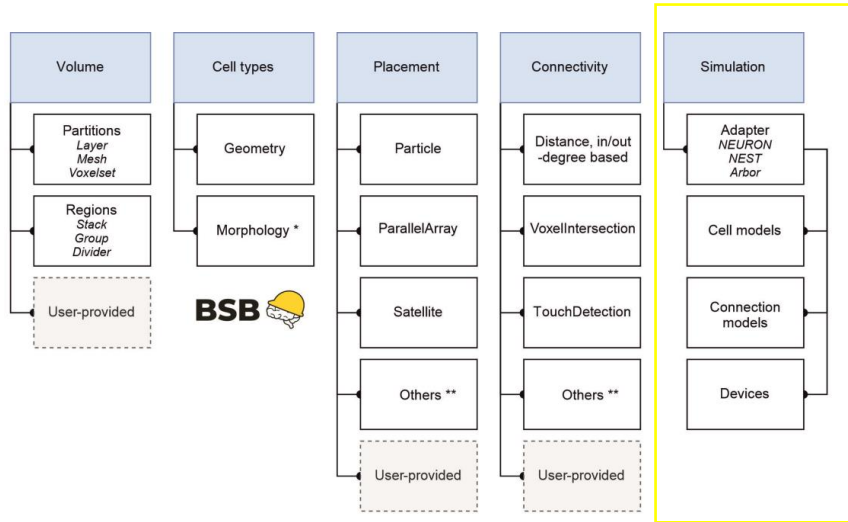
*Ad-hoc* algorithms, based on experimental evidences (divergence and convergence ratios, and geometrical neuronal features)

	Convergence	Divergence	Synapses	Synapses/pair
mf-Glom	1 ± 0	20 ± 8	2300	1 ± 0
Glom-GrC	4 ± 0	49 ± 26	110000	1 ± 0
Glom-GoC	56 ± 21	1.7 ± 1.4	3900	1 ± 0
GoC-GrC	2.4 ± 0.88	1000 ± 460	97000	1.4 ± 0.66
GoC-Glom	0.84 ± 0.37	28 ± 14	2000	1 ± 0
GoC-GoC	16 ± 6.5	16 ± 7.1	180000	160 ± 5
GrC ( <i>aa</i> )-GoC	320 ± 230	0.78 ± 1.1	22000	1 ± 0
GrC ( <i>aa</i> )-PC	82 ± 24	0.28 ± 0.52	20000	2.4 ± 1.1
GrC ( <i>pf</i> )-GoC	910 ± 360	2.2 ± 1.6	64000	1 ± 0
GrC ( <i>pf</i> )-PC	1500 ± 300	5.1 ± 2.6	140000	1 ± 0
GrC ( <i>pf</i> )-SC	480 ± 160	5.1 ± 3.2	140000	1 ± 0
GrC ( <i>pf</i> )-BC	740 ± 130	3.8 ± 2.1	110000	1 ± 0
SC-PC	5.4 ± 2.7	1.8 ± 1.5	530	1 ± 0
BC-PC	20 ± 9.9	14 ± 8	2000	1 ± 0
SC-SC	14 ± 6.1	14 ± 5.9	430000	100 ± 4
BC-BC	14 ± 6.7	14 ± 6.6	200000	100 ± 4
GoC-GoC ( <i>gap</i> )	8.4 ± 3.5	8.4 ± 3.5	2100	3.5 ± 1.6

~ 1'500'000 chemical synapses and 2'100 electrical synapses

The **cerebellar connectome** was generated through appropriate connection rules, unifying a collection of scattered experimental data into a coherent construct and providing a **new model-based ground-truth** about circuit organization.

# Network simulation



*detailed or point-neuron networks*

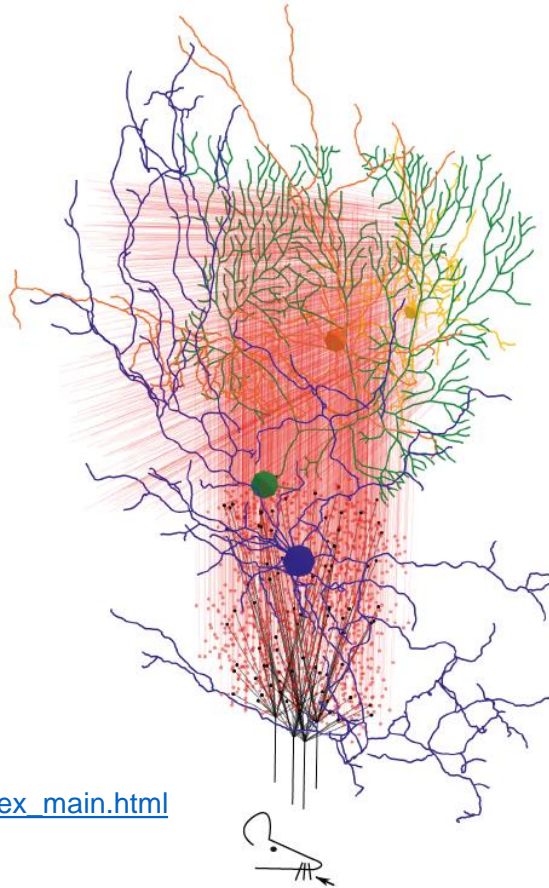


## Release probabilities at mf-GrC synapses

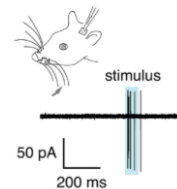
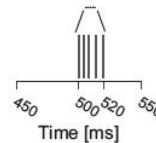
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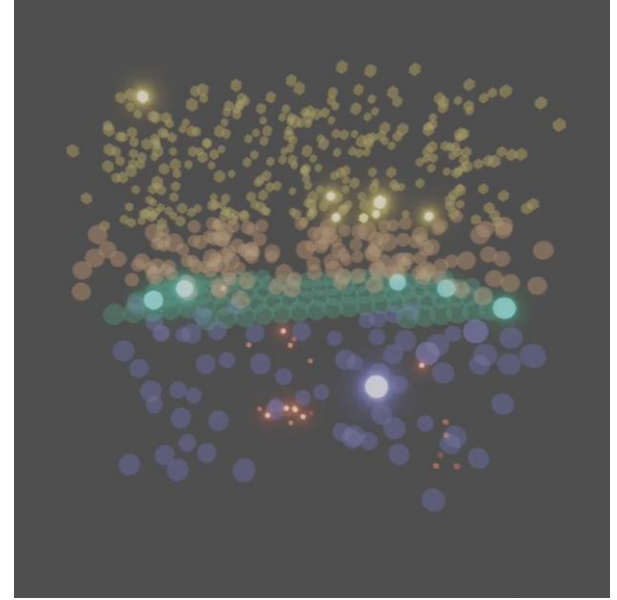
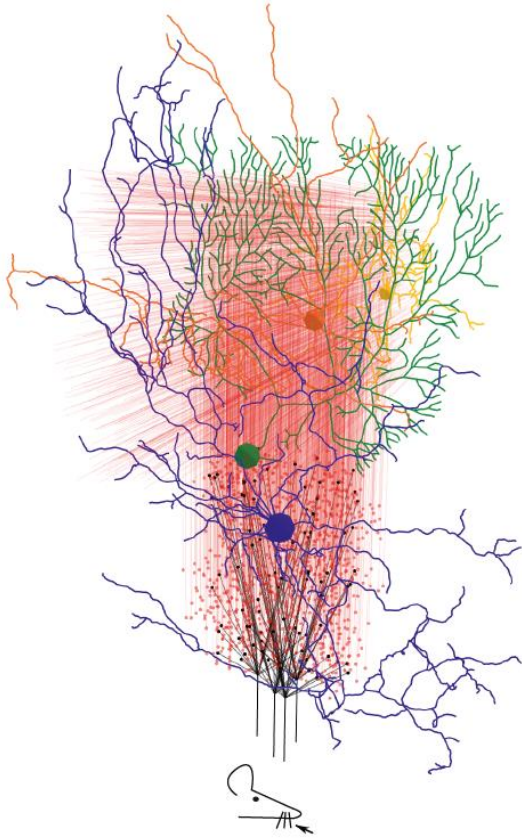
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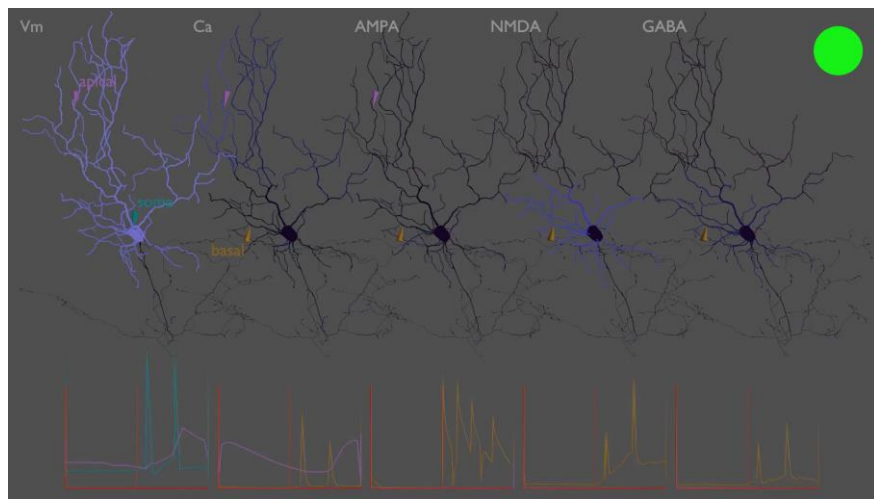
**Functional validation** against *in vivo* data, monitoring the impact of subcellular and cellular mechanisms on **spatio-temporal signal processing**

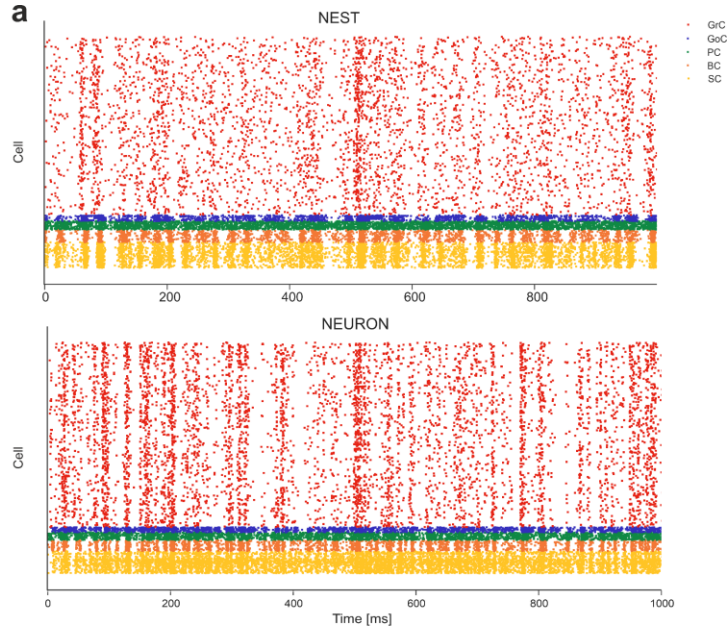
- ✓ Background frequency of all cerebellar neuron types
- ✓ Synchronous oscillatory behaviour in theta band of granular layer in resting state
- ✓ Impulsive responses of all cerebellar neuron types
- ✓ Burst-pause response of Purkinje Cells (PCs)
- ✓ Feedforward and lateral inhibition from Molecular Layer Interneurons (MLIs, i.e. Stellate Cells (SCs) and Basket Cells (BCs)) to Purkinje Cells

Background noise + whisker air-puff  
[Rancz et al. Nature 2007]

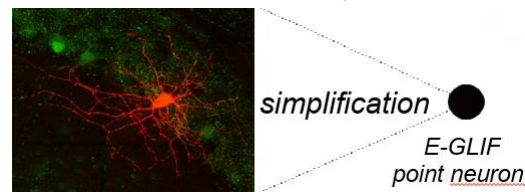
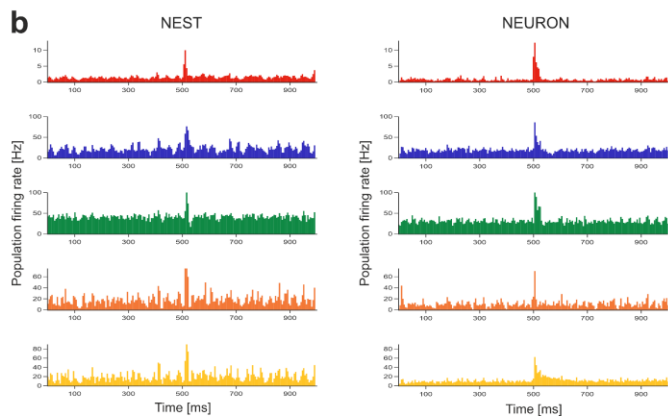


- Formation of **columns of activity** travelling from the granular to the molecular layer
- Prediction of the impact of cellular mechanisms on signal propagation and **spatio-temporal processing**





The reconstructed cerebellar network was simulated using the BSB NEST and NEURON Adapters. The simulation lasted 1 second, with background at 4Hz on all mfs and a burst on 4 adjacent mfs starting at 500 ms and lasting 20 ms. For NEST version, optimized E-GLIF neuron models and alpha-based conductance synapses (Geminiani et al., 2019a) were inserted. a) Raster plot of all cells; GrCs are undersampled (random 10%) for clarity. b) Peri-Stimulus-Time-Histogram (PSTH) of each population (number of spikes in 5 ms time bins, normalized on the total number of cells)





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