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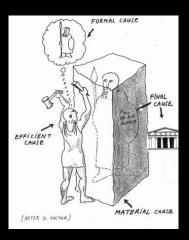
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Timeframe of study

Snap shot:

An explanation of the current form of a behavior in terms of present-day

Story:

An explanation of the current form of the behavior in terms of a sequence

Mechanism

(a.k.a. causation)

Causal explanations in terms of what the behavior is and how the behavior is constructed. These explanations can include physical morphology, molecular mechanisms or other underlying biological factors

Aristotle: efficient cause

Ontogeny

(a.k.a. development)

Developmental explanations for sequential changes across the lifespan of an individual. Often these explanations are concerned with the degree to which the behavior can be changed through learning.

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Adaptive Value

(a.k.a. function)

Functional explanations regarding the utility of the current form of the behavior with regard to increasing an organisms lifetime reproductive success.

Aristotle: final caus

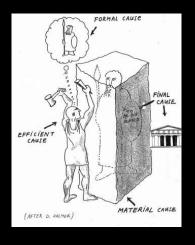
Phylogeny

(a.k.a. evolution)

Evolutionary explanations that describe the history of the behavior, such as which ancestor first possessed this trait, what was the antecedent to this behavior, and what selective pressures in the past have shaped this behavior.

Aristotle: formal cause







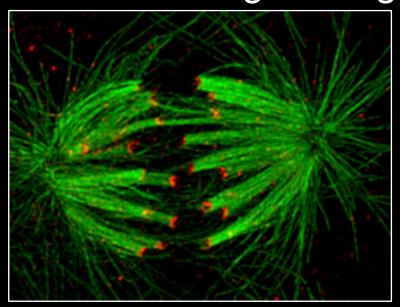
Proximate (how):
An explanation in terms of immediate factors, relevantand

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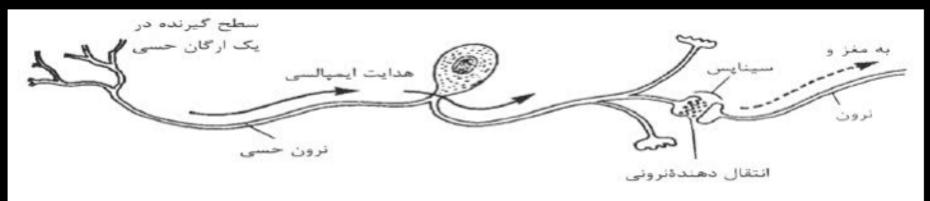
Ultimate (why) An explanation in terms of the process and forces of evolution.

Friday 4:10 September 14th B19 Dr. Derek Applewhite

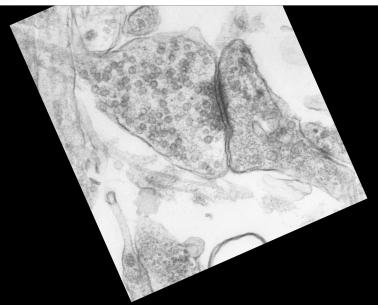
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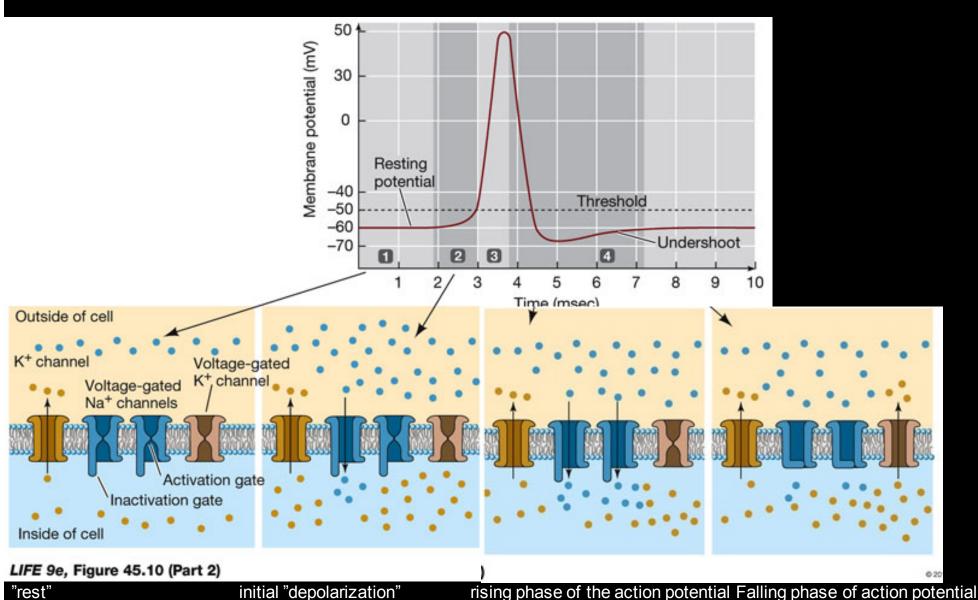






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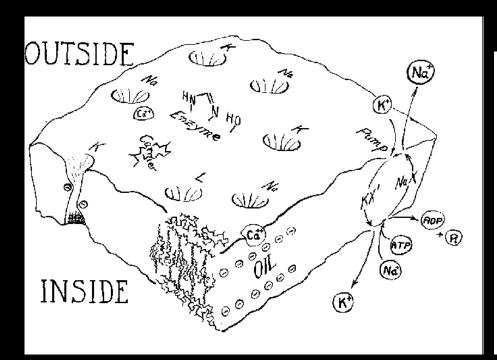
"rest" leak K⁺ open all others closed K⁺ leaks out of cell membrane potential ~-70mV

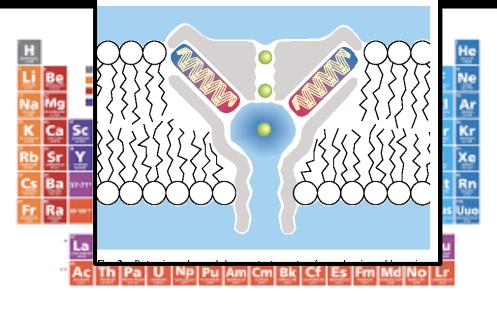
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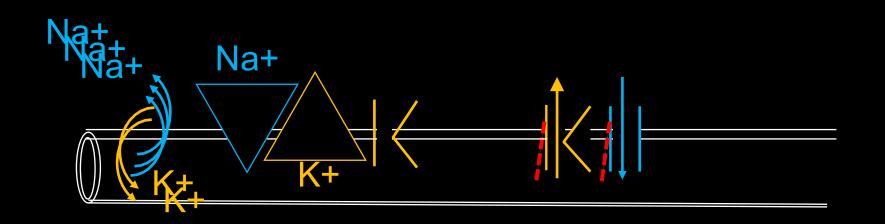
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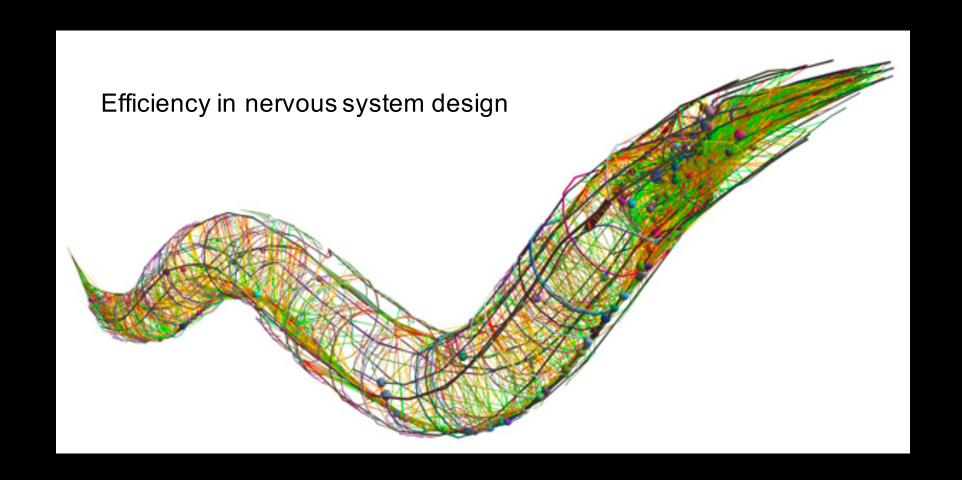
leak K+ open V-gated Na+ open @m.p. = -50mV V-gated Na+ begin to close (inactivate Na⁺ no longer enters V-gated K+ open at their threshold K⁺ rushes out taking + charge with it (while some K+ leaks out)

membrane potential falls toward E_{rev} K





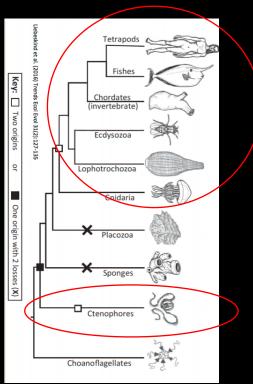




Big neurons = faster signals more neurons = greater detail

N.S. for efficiency but not necessarily "optimal" there are trade offs with performance as well as evolutionary constraint

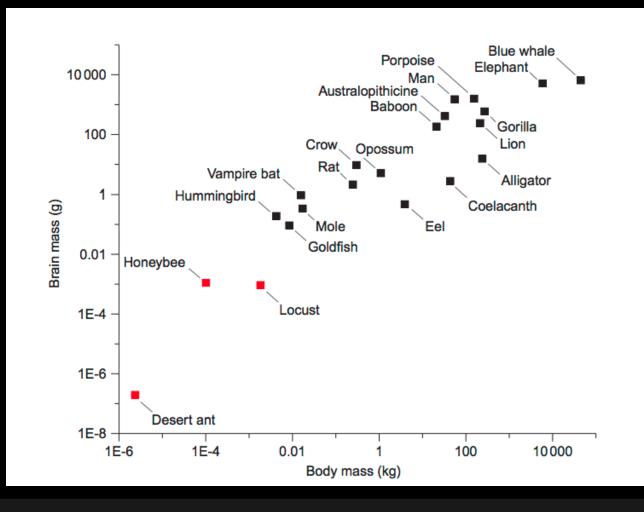


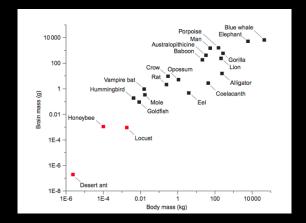


Evolution of Nervous Systems

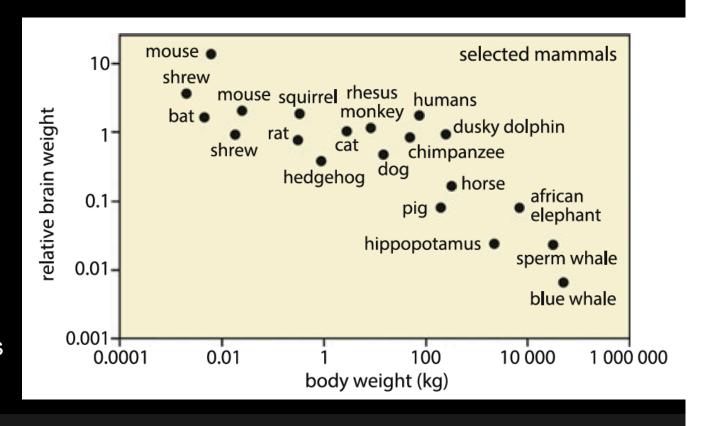


Absolute brain size scales positively with body mass





Relative brain size scales negatively with body mass



Big brains also have big problems, or problems associated with being big. Longer connections, bigger axons, connective complexity, constraint...

Diversity of Sensory Modalities

"Our senses do not deceive us. This is not because they always judge correctly, but because they do not judge at all."

- Immanuel Kant

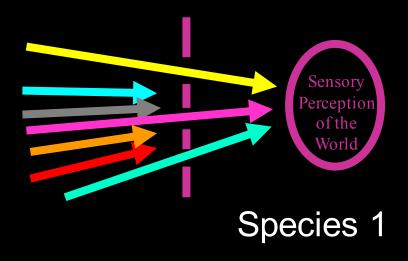


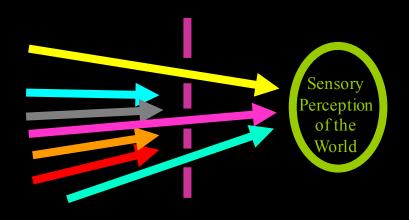
Umwelt or "sensory world"

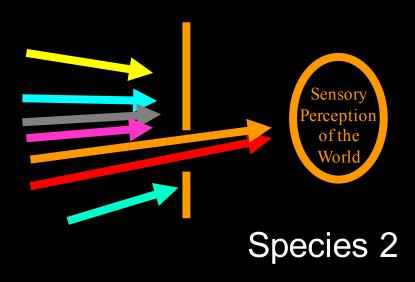
Species have their own unique worlds of sensory perception

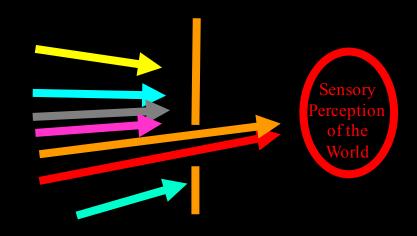
Jakob von Uexküll, 1905



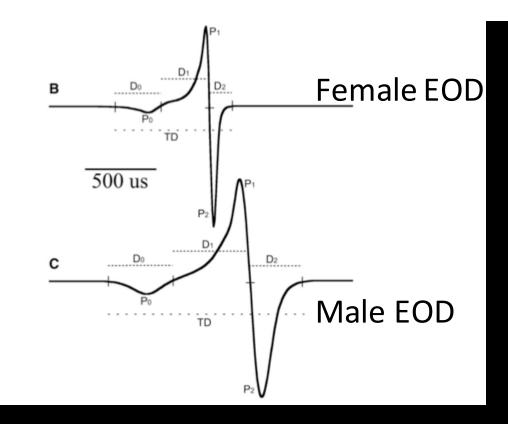




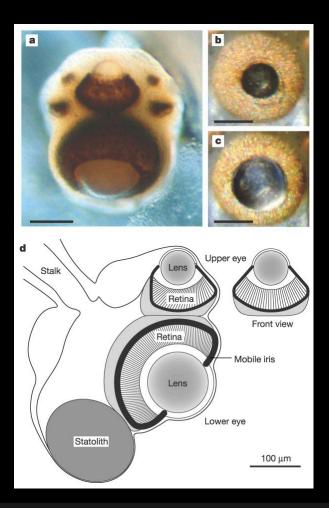


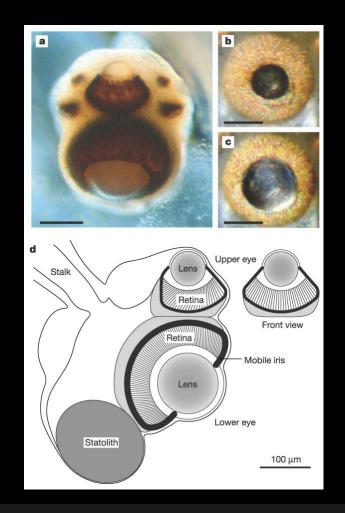


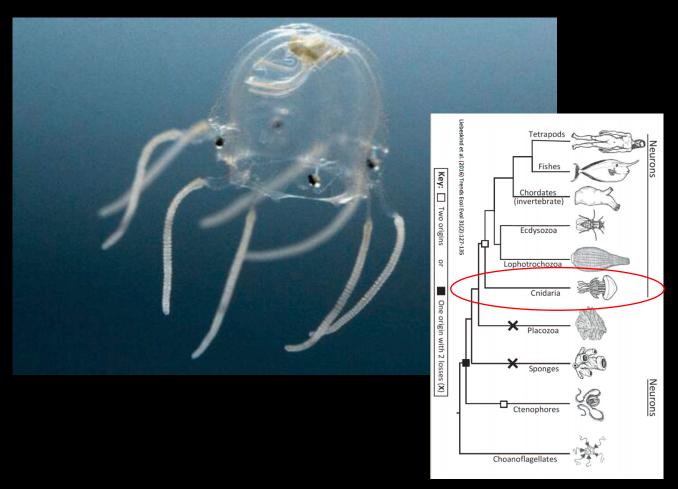


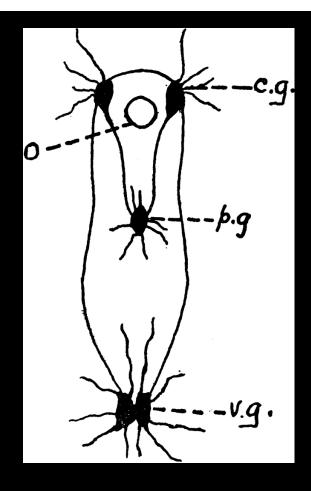


EOD signals can communicate species, sex, and individual status









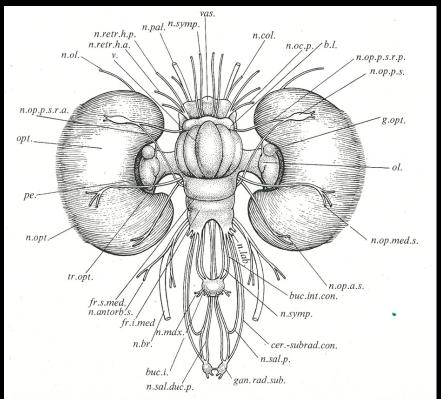
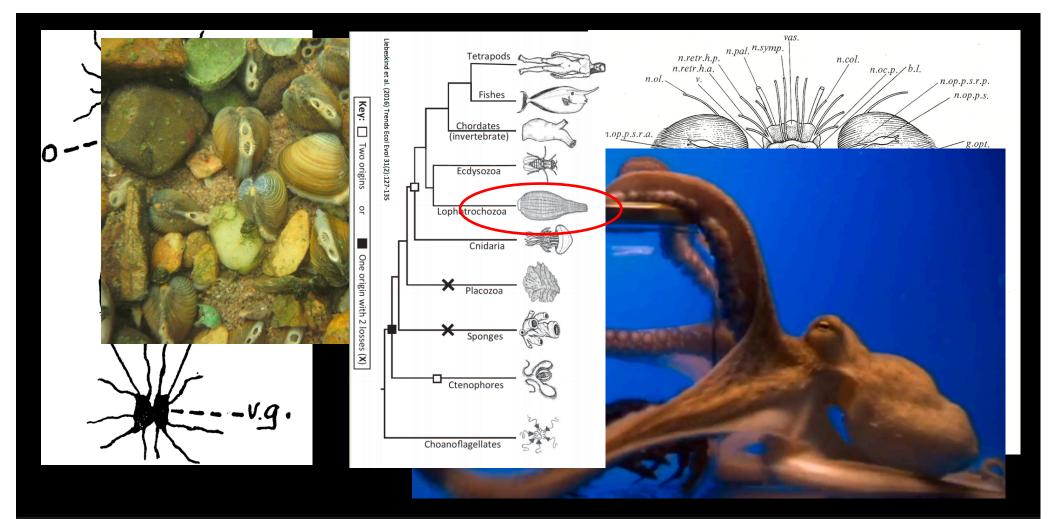
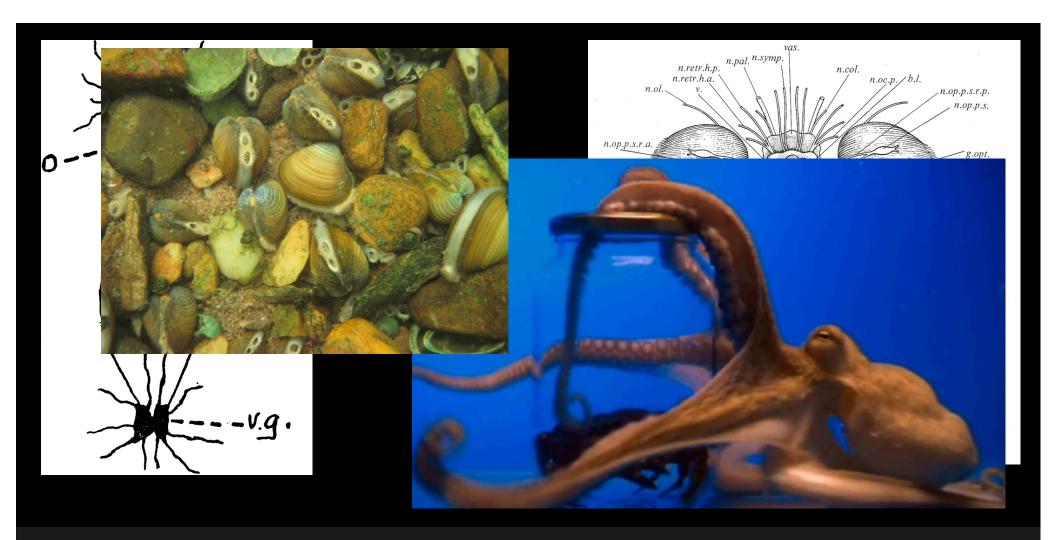
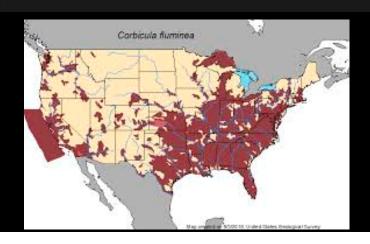


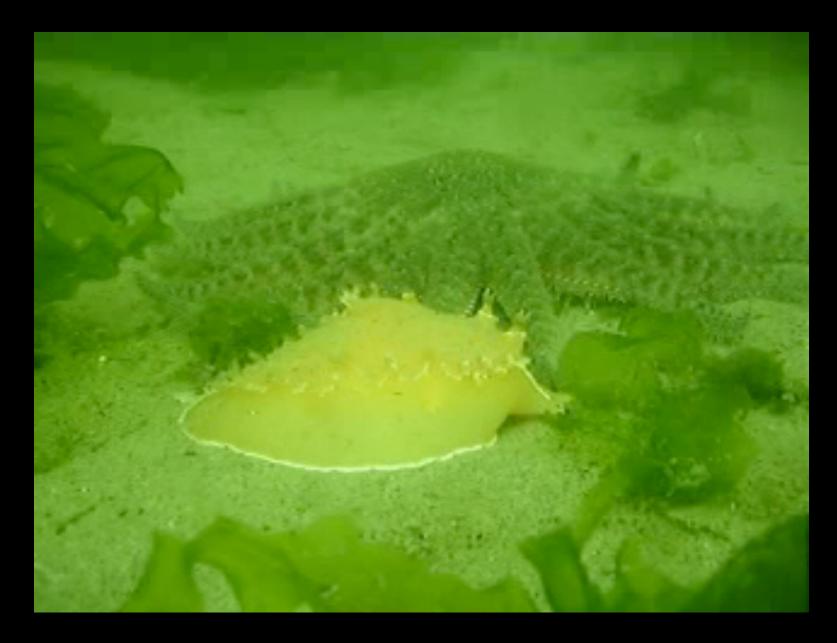
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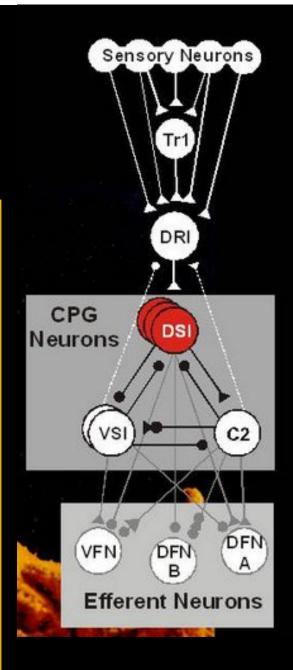
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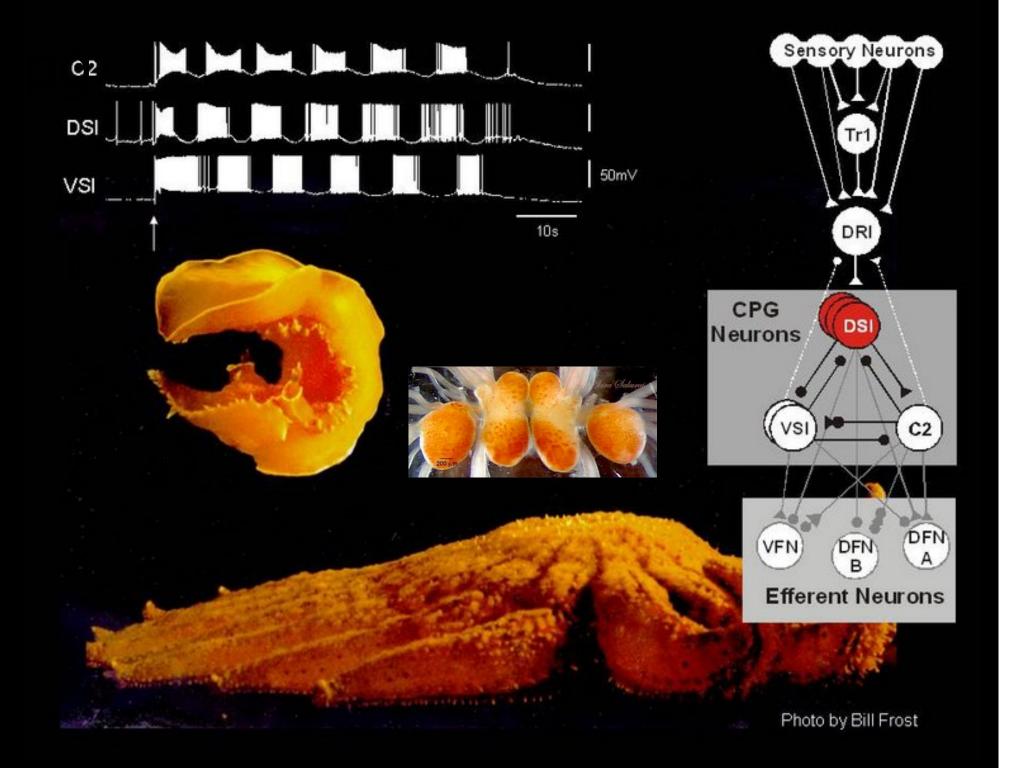


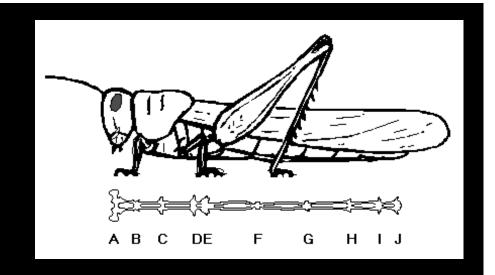
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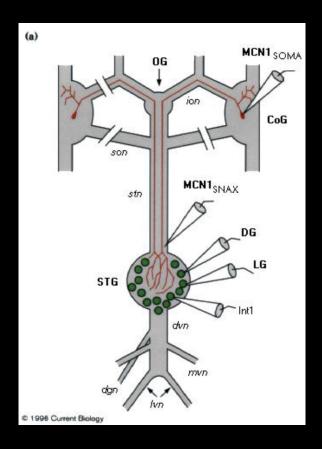
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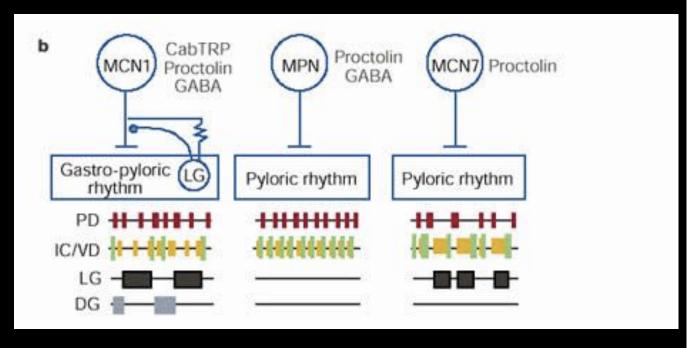








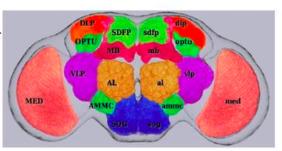


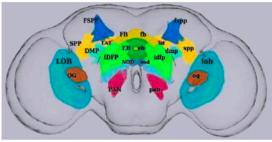


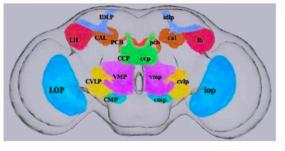
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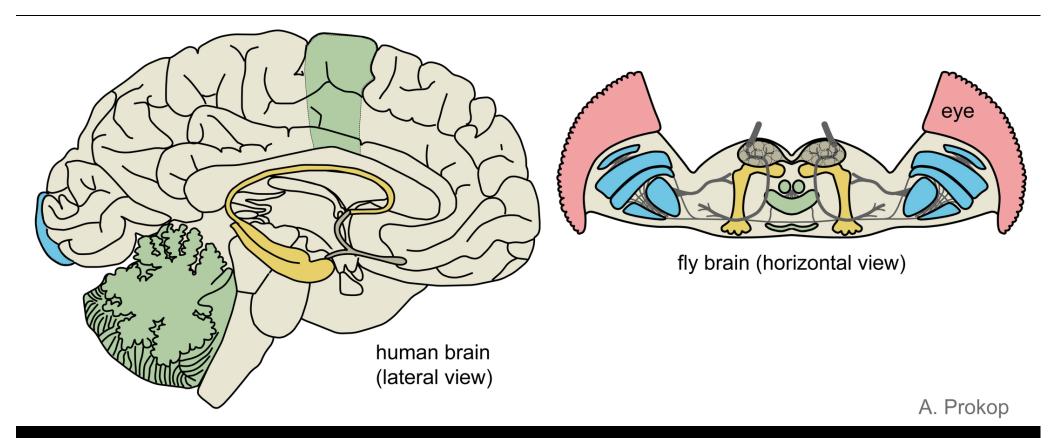




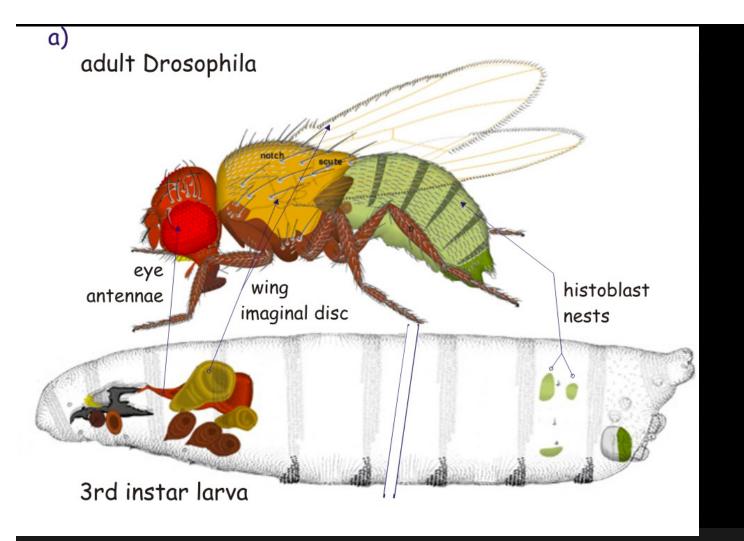


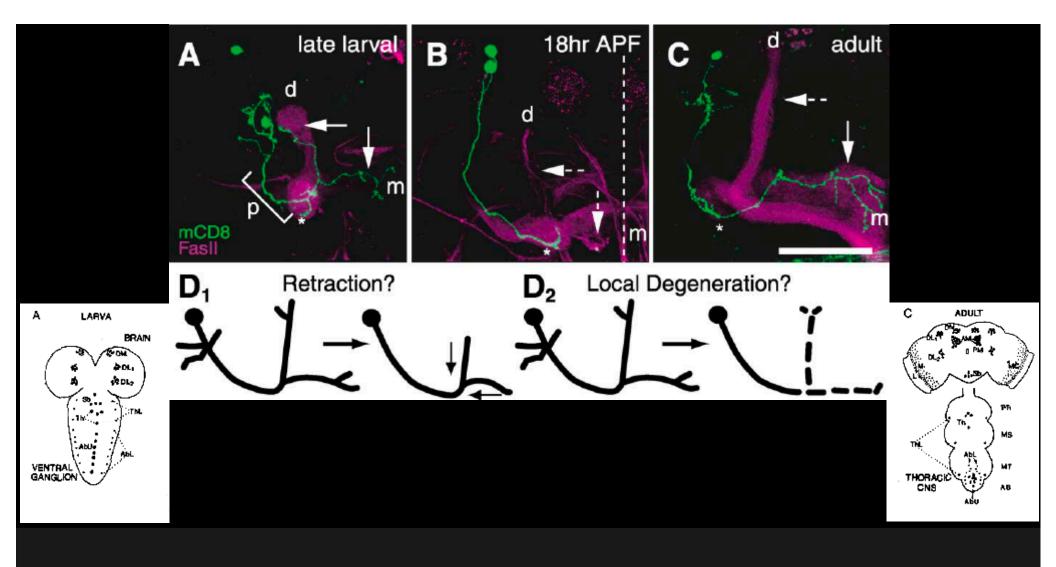






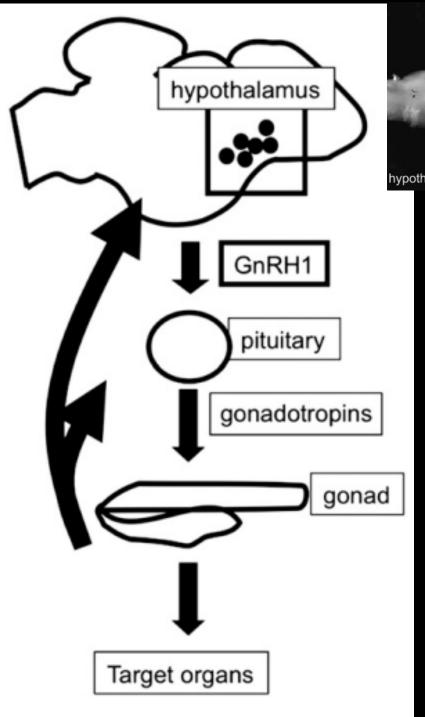
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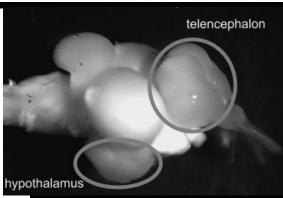


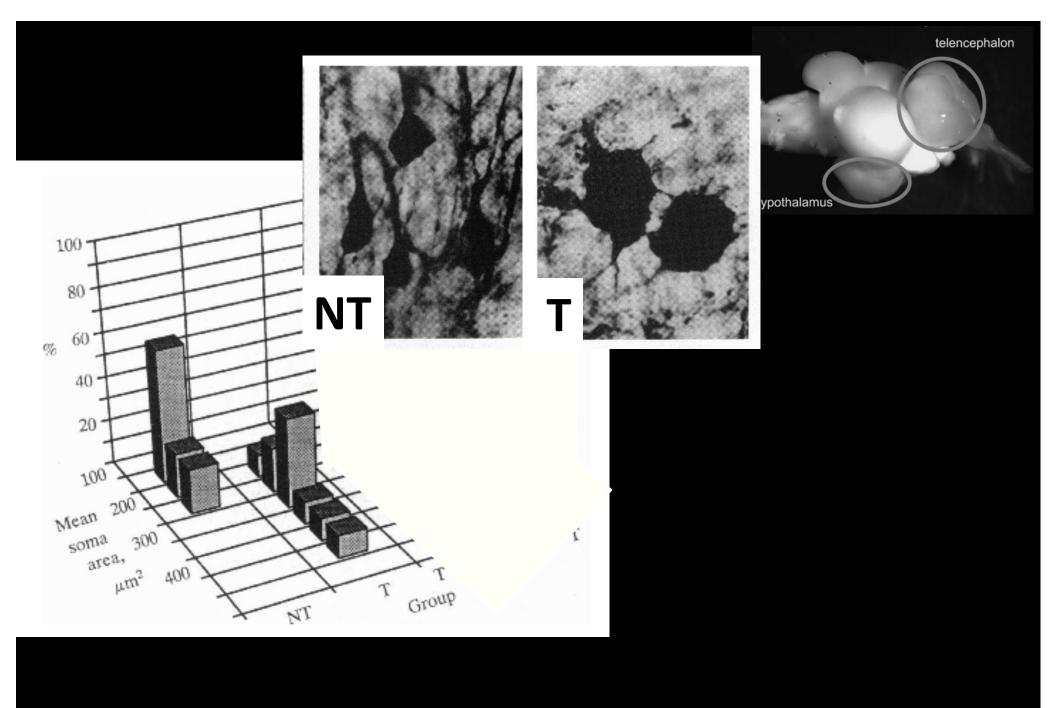


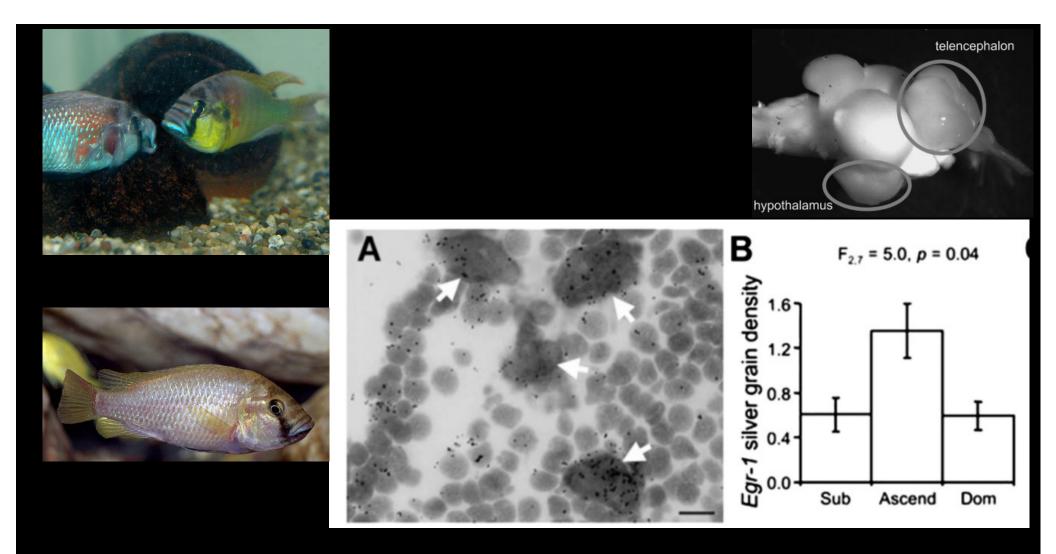




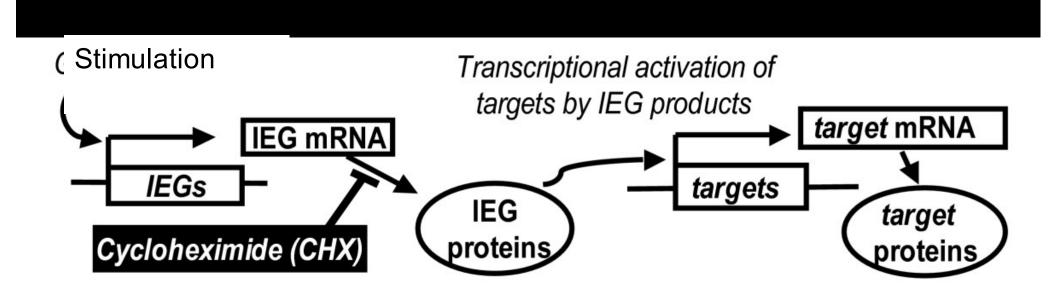


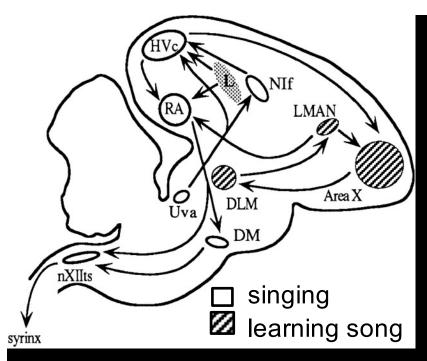


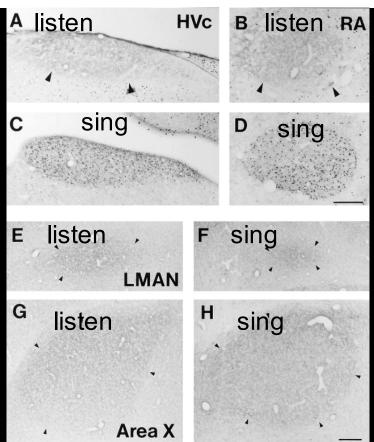


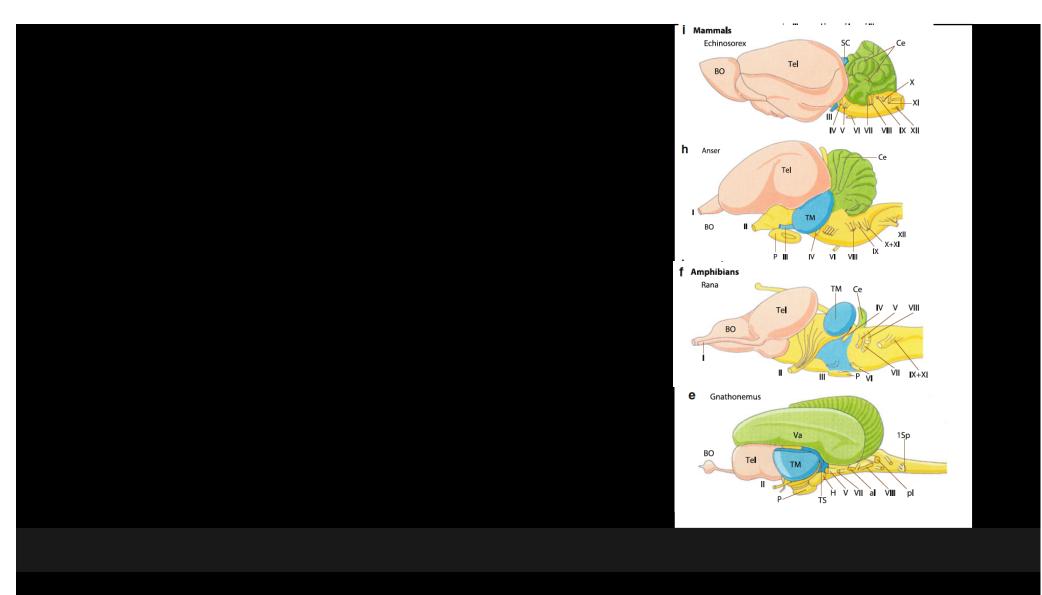


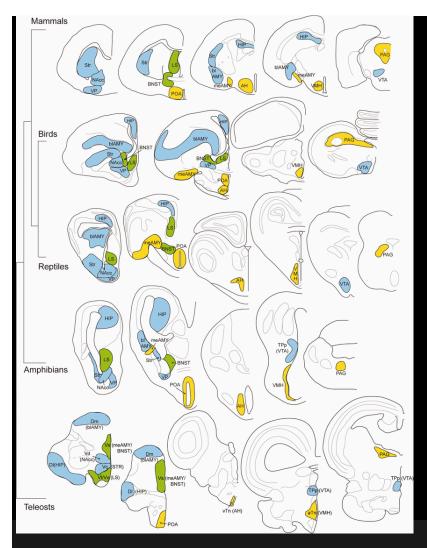
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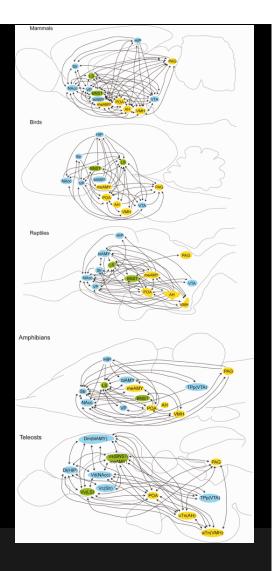






social behavior network mesolimbic reward system shared by both networks

Homoplasy or Deep Homology?



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