

Information Webinar: EBRAINS 2.0 Open Calls

July 11th - 10:00 – 11:30



Agenda

- 10:05 10:15: Presentation by Open Call Management about process
- 10:15 10:30: OC1 Integrating Spatial Omics Data into the EBRAINS Human **Brain Atlas**
- 10:30 10:45: OC2 Clinical Neuroscience
- 10:45 11:00: OC3 Promoting the neuroscientific use of EBRAINS 2.0 digital brain twins and simulation services
- 11:00— 11:15: OC4 Recruiting large data collections for FAIR data sharing and analysis in EBRAINS
- 11:15 11:30: Questions



Open Call Process

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EBRAINS 2.0 Open Calls

- **EBRAINS**: a collaborative digital European Research Infrastructure that enhances and accelerates progress in neuroscience and brain health.
- Open Calls: enabling researchers and consortia outside the project to receive funding and contribute to the project as third parties by integrating data and workflows into EBRAINS.

EBRAINS 2.0 Open Calls

- 1) Who can apply?
 - a) Researchers, institutions, or companies (or consortia) with a solid record of accomplishment in the open call's respective topics.
 - b) Applicants must be established in the EU Member States or Horizon Europe-Associated Countries
 - c) Beneficiary institutions in the EBRAINS 2.0 project will not be eligible to apply.
- 2) 4 calls, 8 proposals selected for funding
- 3) Amount of funding per proposal: 60.000,- EUR.
- 4) Project duration: 12 or 18 months

Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)

- 1) FSTP
 - a) Contractual agreement between selected parties and WP
 - b) Selected parties will not become a part of the EBRAINS 2.0 Consortium
- 2) Only direct costs
 - a) Personnel costs
 - b) Purchase costs (travel and subsistence, equipment, other goods, works and services)

Timeline

Opening of calls:	Thursday June 20 th , 10:00 CEST
Closing of calls:	Monday September 2 nd , 14:00 CEST
Proposal evaluation:	September - October
Panel consensus meeting:	First half of November
Endorsement of decision by leadership board/EC:	November
Communication of decision:	Second half of November
Start of projects:	January 2025



Submission Process

- 1) Submission via EBRAINS Open Calls Grant Platform
- 2) Be aware that you may have to submit many forms → start on time!
- 3) All communication will go via Grants Platform



My applications → Application form EBRAINS Open Calls ﷺ → Start application

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.



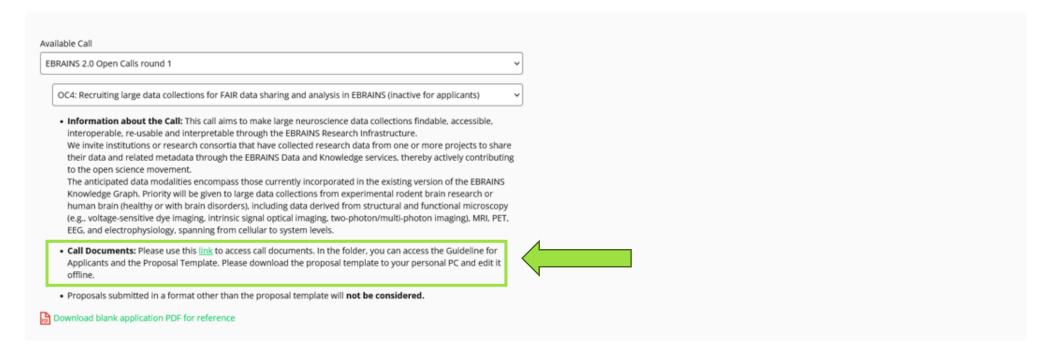


Welcome to the application form of EBRAINS Open Calls. In this form, you can upload your proposal for one of the four open calls. After uploading your proposal, you need to go through this form to upload a number of documents. Please be aware that your proposal will only be taken into consideration if you submit the entire application form.

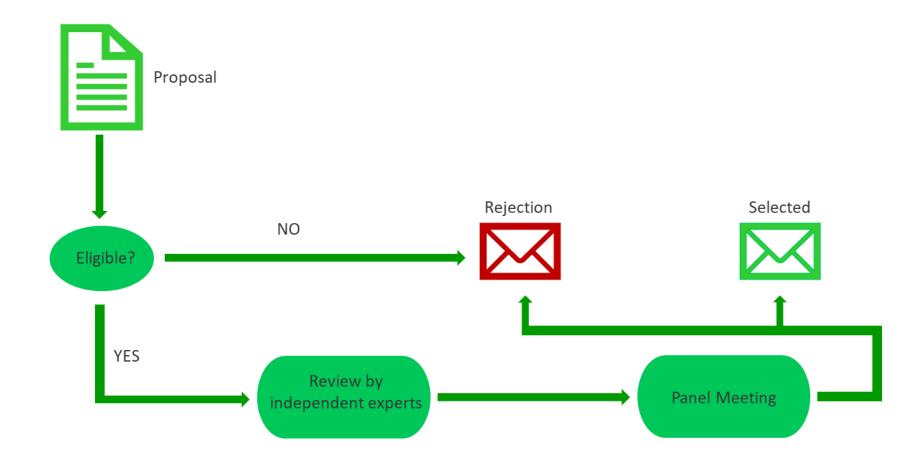
Material may be supplied as follows:

- 1. Upload PDF files. Maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of two files can be uploaded with your application. You are allowed to upload your budget table as a seperate file.
- 2. Please do not upload more documents than asked for, these will not be taken into consideration.

Please choose the Call you want to apply for in the drop-down field.



Evaluation process



Help during application process

- Technical questions related to Open Calls platform
 - 'Need Help?' button on Platform
 - opencalls@ebrains.eu
- Website for more information: https://www.ebrains.eu/page/open-calls



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OC1: Integrating Spatial Omics Data into the EBRAINS Human Brain Atlas.

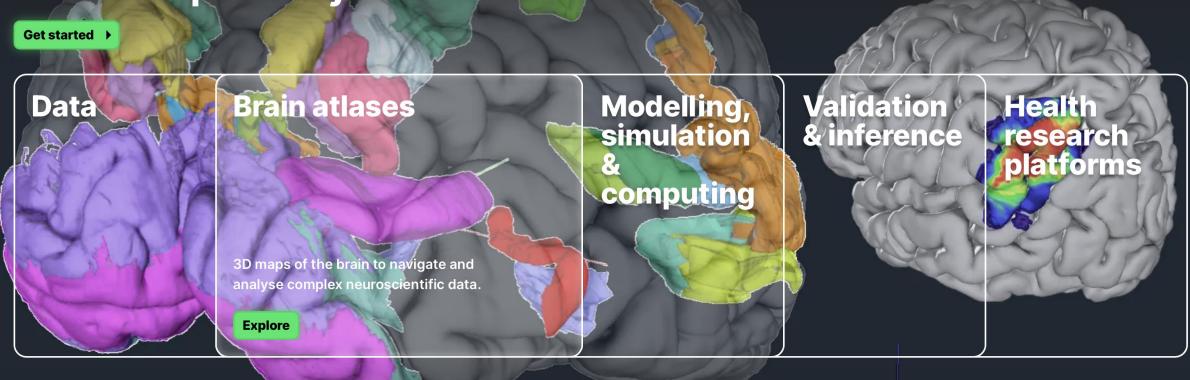
Timo Dikscheid

Forschungszentrum Jülich Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf





An open research infrastructure that gathers data, tools and computing facilities for brain-related research, built with interoperability at the core.



EBRAINS reference brain atlases

Human multilevel atlas

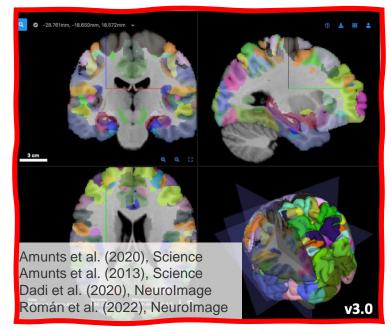
- Volumetric, surface & microscopic templates
- >200 cytoarchitectonic structures
- Deep & superficial fibre bundles
- Functional maps

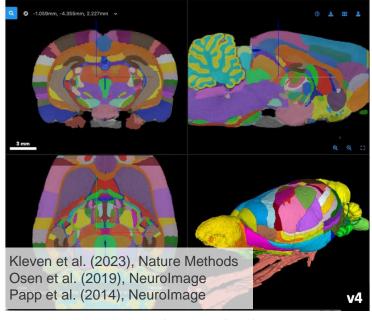
Waxholm space rat atlas

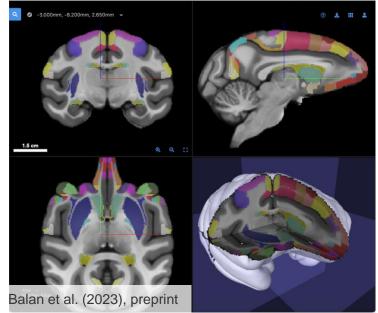
- 222 regions delineated in V4
- Commercial uptake by Mbf Bioscience and Gubra A/S

Macaque atlas

- New development in SGA3
- High-resolution template
- Cytoarchitectonic maps





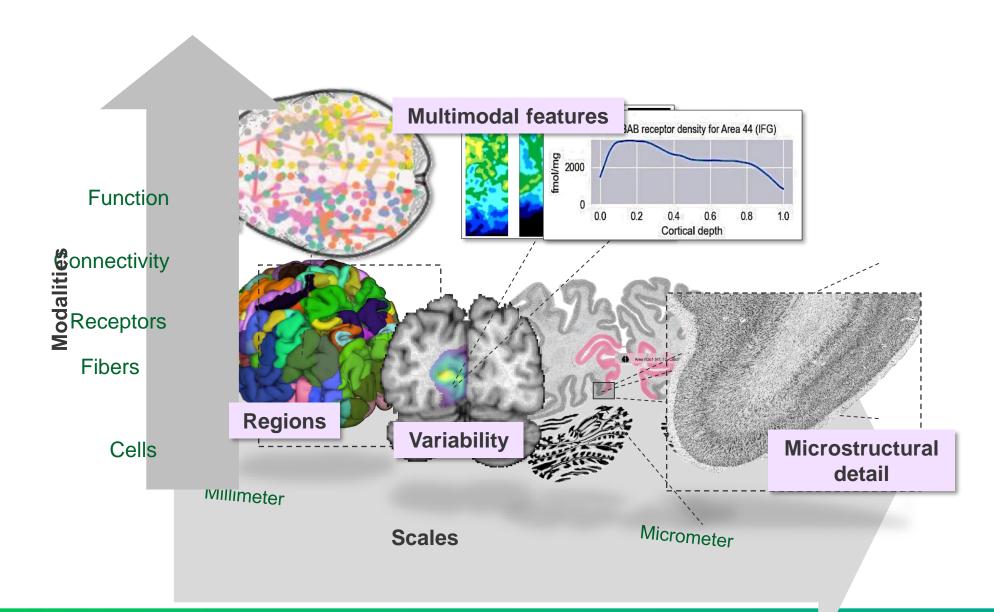






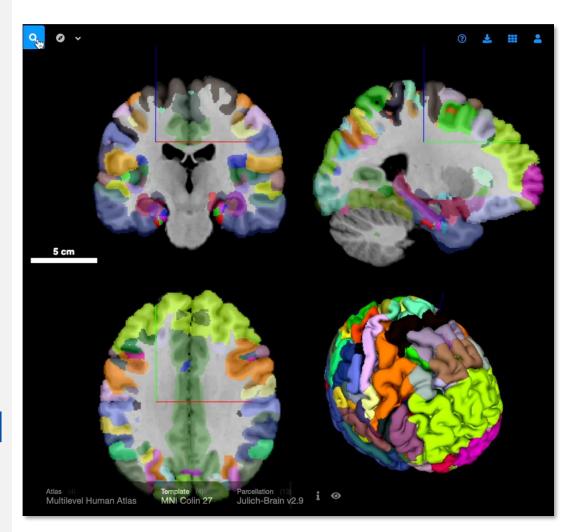


Connecting scales and modalities of the human brain

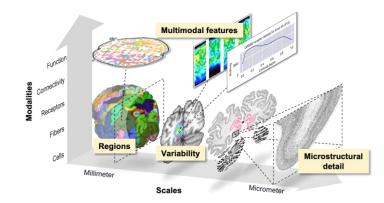


siibra-explorer - interactive exploration





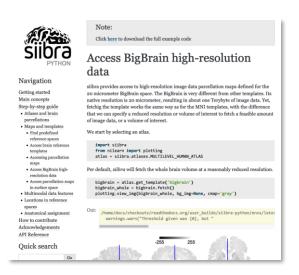
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siibra-python – reproducible computational workflows

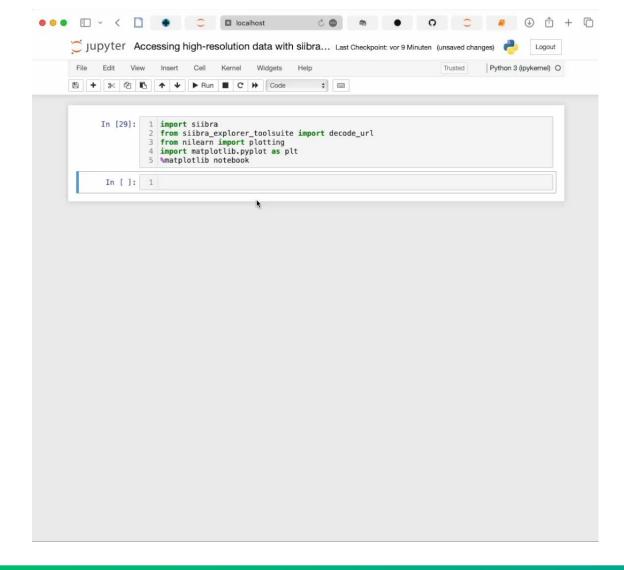




Fully functional Python client

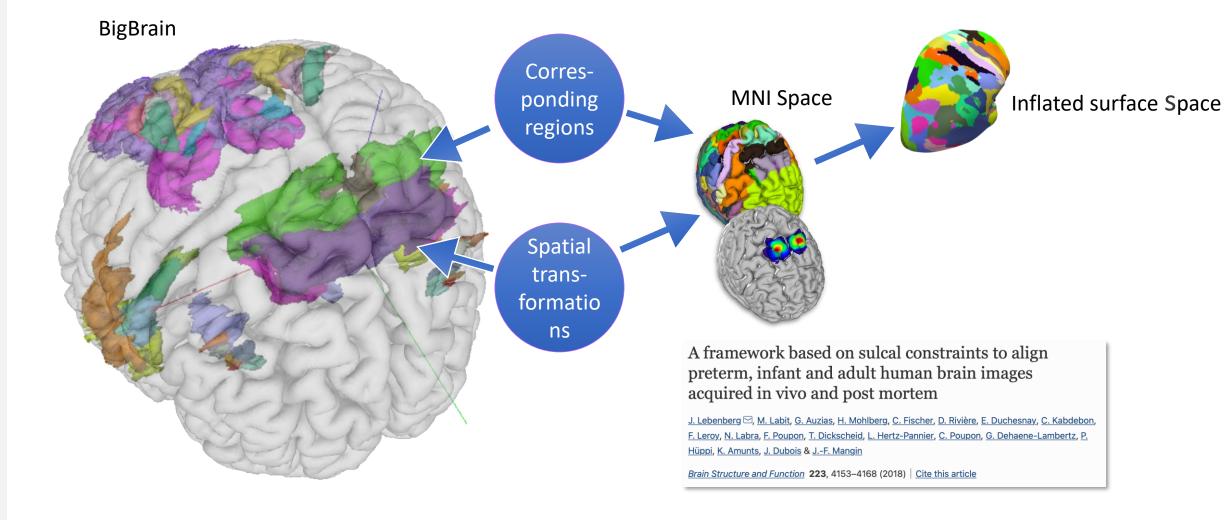
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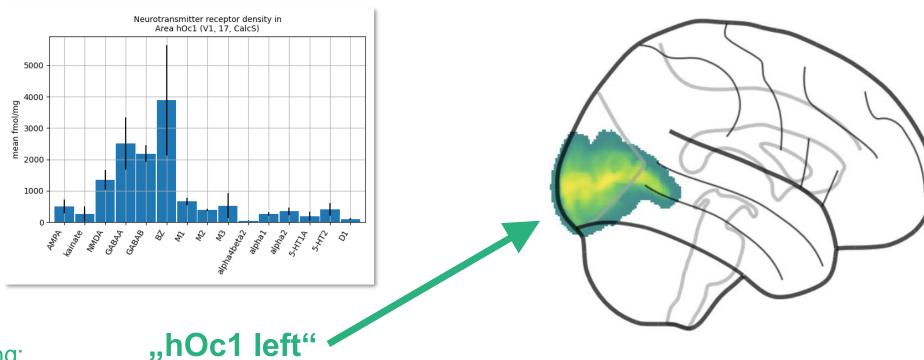
Bridging scales



How features are linked to brain structures

Use parcellation

map to localize



Semantic tagging: name of brain region

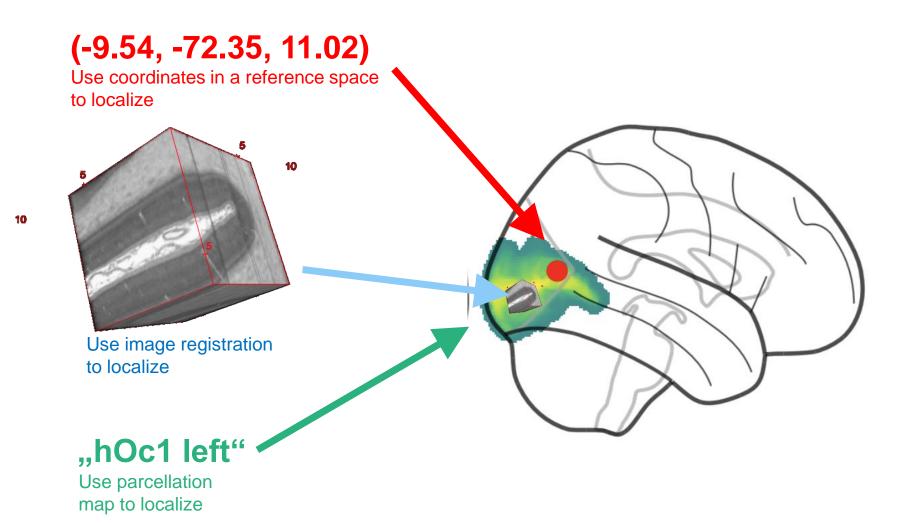


How features are linked to brain structures

Spatial primitives: coordinates, bounding boxes, polylines, ...

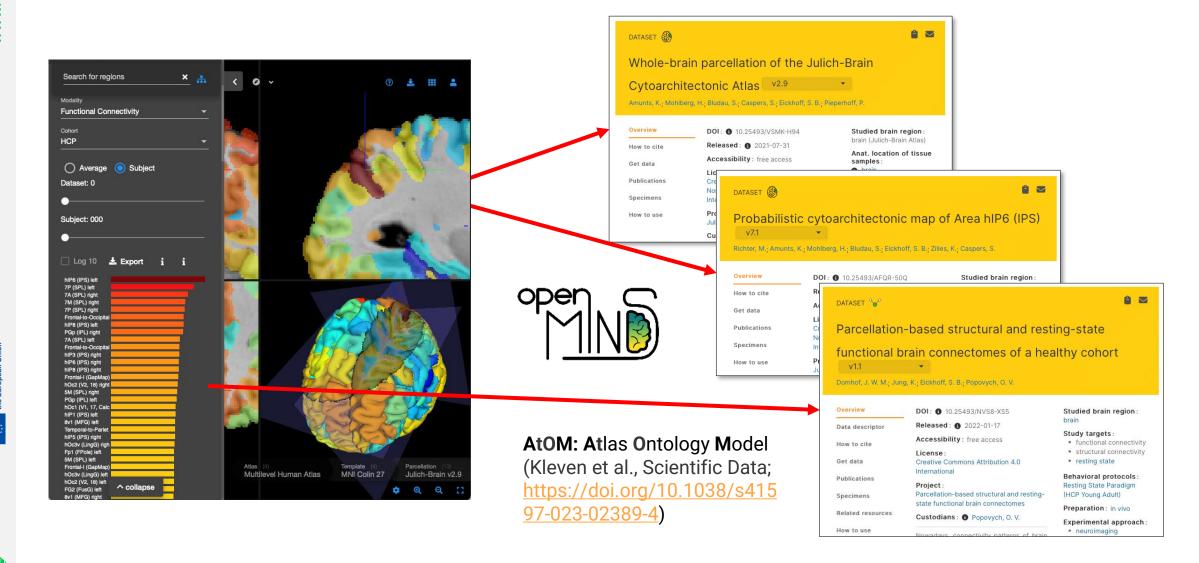
Images: 2D sections, 3D volumes of interest

Semantic tagging: name of brain region





All atlas content is modeled as FAIR datasets



Aim & scope of the call

- Link spatial omics resources to the human atlas in order to
 - increase the comprehensiveness and utility of the atlas
 - increase accessibility of the data
 - facilitate more precise anatomical localization of the data
 - compare omics data to other multimodal resources
- Data may cover expressions of genes, proteins, or lipids; preferably with singlecell detail
- Not intended for data acquisition data should have been already collected
- The data may be shared directly on EBRAINS, but implementation of a software interface is expressively welcome
- 18 months foreseen for preparation and integration



Expectations

- Data has already been aquired
- Sufficient availability of provenance information and image material for the underlying tissue samples to realise adequate spatial anchoring
 - Please explain in the application, we suggest to show examples as figures
- A convincing strategy for spatial anchoring (we are happy to discuss some possibilities)
- Please include:
 - Overview of the available data
 - Plan for the methodology of integrating the data
 - Projected timeline
- Submission deadline: September 2, 2024 14:00 CEST

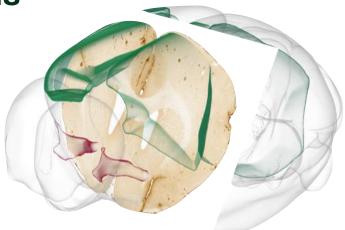


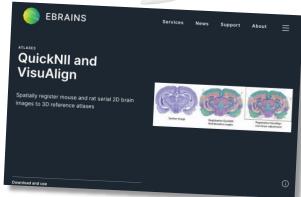
What we offer

- Support in curating metadata for your data
- Support in implementing a software interface to the atlas (if your data repository is suitable) this could incude automatic metadata conversion
- Budget: 60K € of direct costs for data preparation, standardisation efforts as well as necessary software developments on the applicant's side

Tools for integrating data to the atlas framework

2D sections – QuickNII

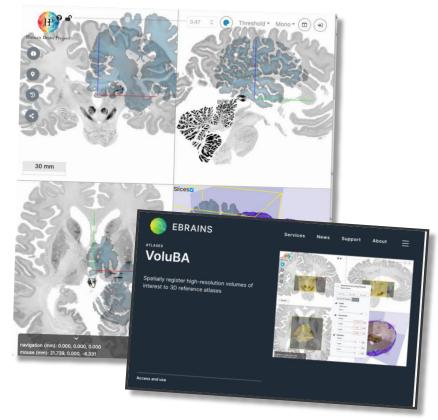




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3D volumes of interest -

VoluBA



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OC2: Clinical Neuroscience

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Uniklinik Freiburg & University of Padova



WP2 - CORE ACTIVITIES

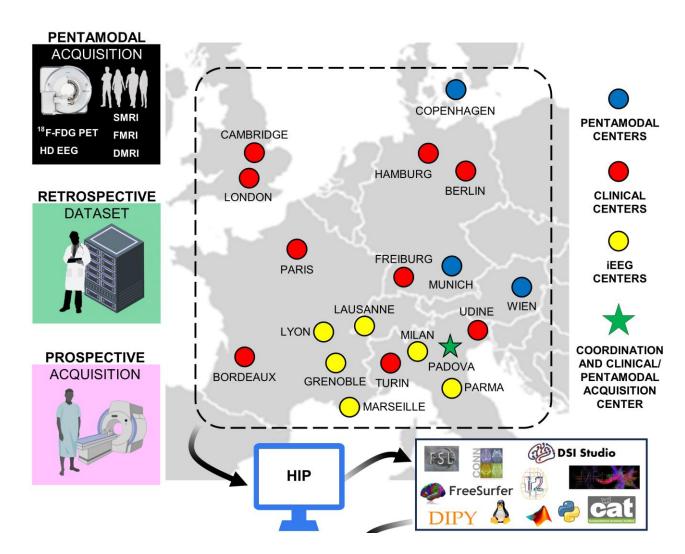
EXTENSION of an existing platform (the HIP) for MRI, PET, cognitive and clinical data

Prospective **ACQUISITION** of a multimodal dataset in healthy (the 5M foundational dataset: sMRI, fMRI, dMRI, hdEEG, PET)

Retrospective/prospective **CENTRALIZATION** of multicenter MRI, iEEG, clinical, and cognitive data in stroke, epilepsy, glioma, Parkinson



THE WP2 PARTNERS





Medizinische Universitaet Wien, Germany (MUW)

Technische Universitaet Muenchen, Germany (TUM)

Region Hovedstaden, Danmark (REGIONH)

Universitaetsklinikum Freiburg, Germania (UKLFR)

Azienda Sanitaria Universitaria Friuli Centrale, Italy (ASUFC)

Universitaetsklinikum hamburg-eppendorf, Germany (UKE)

> Universite de bordeaux, France (Ubx)

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Università Degli Studi di Milano, Italy (UMIL)

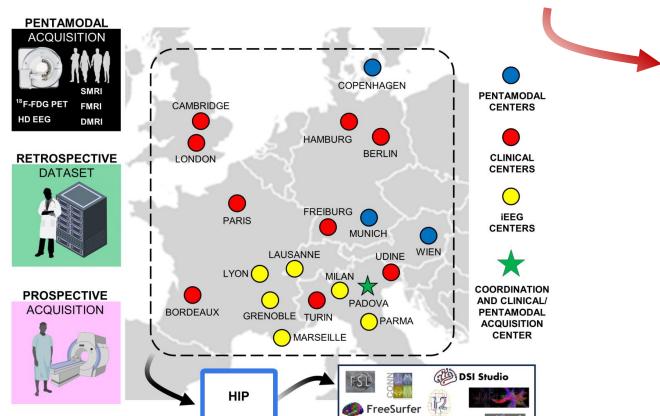
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Number	Description
Task 2.1	INTEGRATION of imaging data within the HIP
Task 2.2	ACQUISITION of a comprehensive multicentre 5M connectome in healthy controls
Task 2.3	5M connectome imaging features EXTRACTION
Task 2.4	COLLECTION, CURATION, HARMONIZATION, and relative feature EXTRACTION of retrospective multicentric clinical data for focal and degenerative conditions
Task 2.5	COLLECTION, CURATION and HARMONIZATION of iEEG data
Task 2.6	Expanding health data federation to national registries: a stroke Medical Information Platform (MIP) use-case (MIP FERES)
Task 2.7	PUBLIC release
Task 2.8	Open calls, Open access clinical neuroscience
Task 2.9	Dissemination and community engagement



TASK 2.1

INTEGRATION of imaging data within the HIP

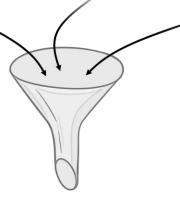
The HIP platform

MRI PET hdEEG iEEG











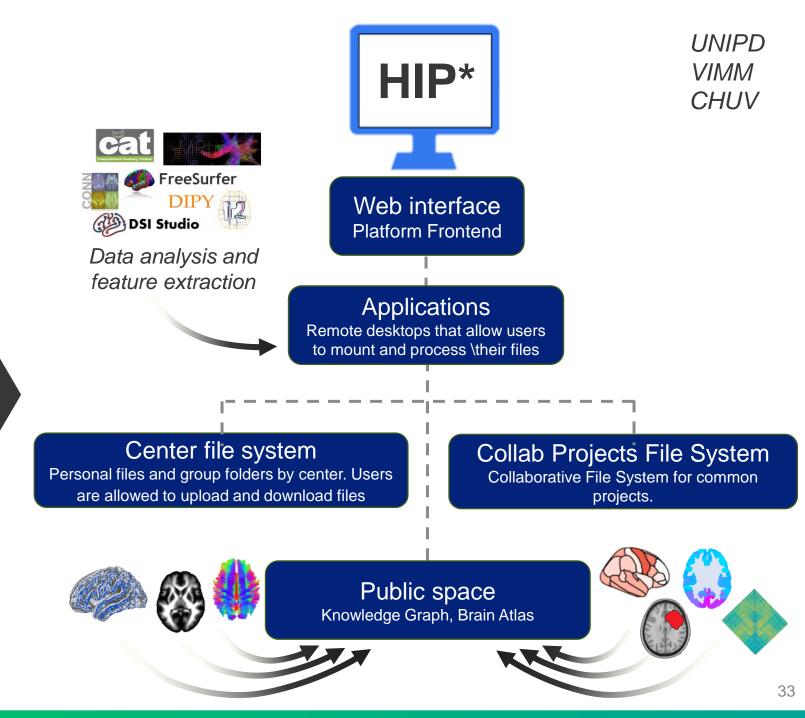


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TASK 2.2 - 2.3

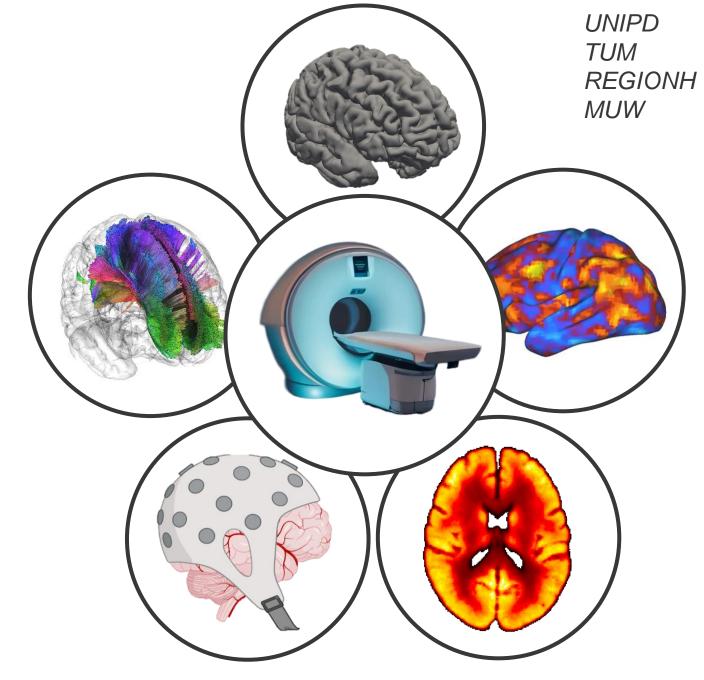
ACQUISITION and PROCESSING of the 5M connectome

The 5M connectome



Structural MRI Functional MRI Diffusion MRI hdEEG Metabolism

COGNITIVELY HEALTHY CONTROLS

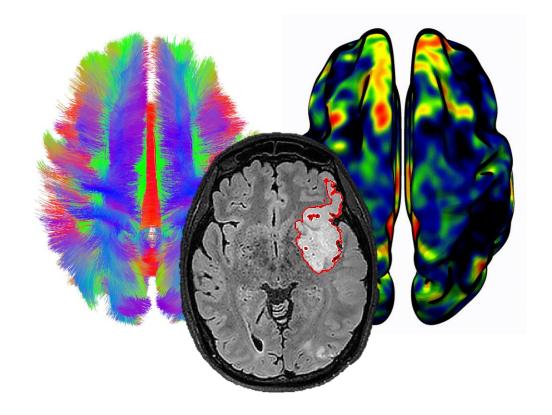




TASK 2.4

collection, curation, harmonization, and feature extraction of **RETROSPECTIVE** data*





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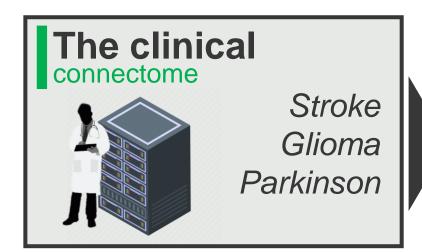
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*clinical and cognitive scores, structural MRI (T1w, T2w, Flair), diffusion imaging, functional imaging, lesion masks The more data is available (and of good quality), the better.





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Centralization of large retrospective clinical datasets across EU clinical/research centers

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Harmonization of brain features extraction from highly heterogeneous clinical datasets

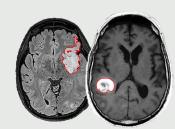
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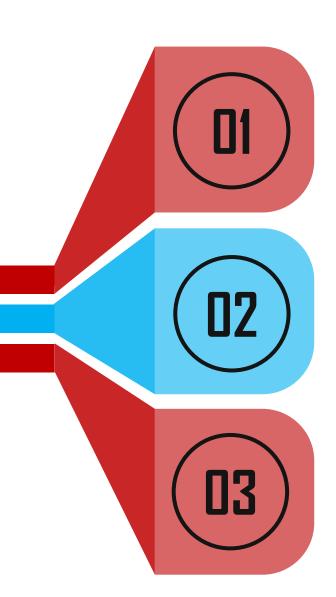
TASK 2.4 - 2.5 PROSPECTIVE collection of

PROSPECTIVE collection of clinical, cognitive and neuroimaging data based on **HARMONIZED PROTOCOL**

prospective acquisition







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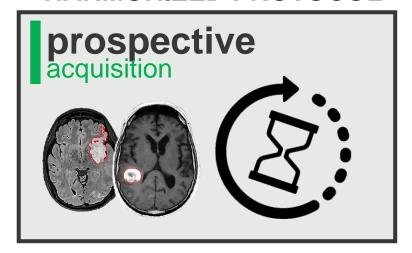
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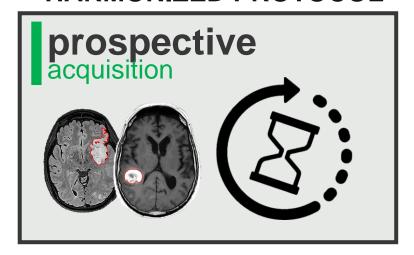






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Clinical and MRI acquisition protocol PROPOSAL from WP2 consortium

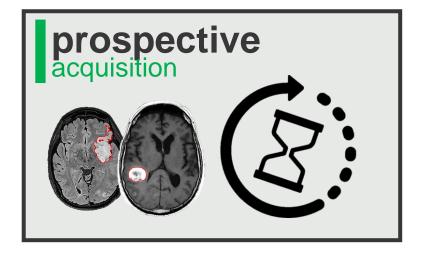


Protocol shared with EAN for a Delphi panel



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Protocol DECISION and SHARING with clinical centres for data acquisition

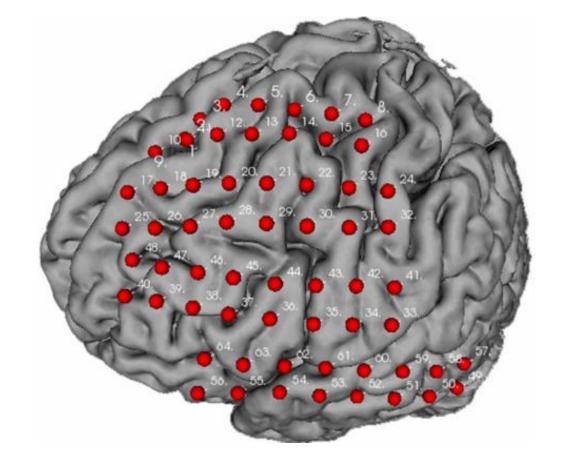


TASK 2.5

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COLLECTION, CURATION and HARMONIZATION of iEEG data









TASK 2.6 - 2.7 - 2.8 - 2.9



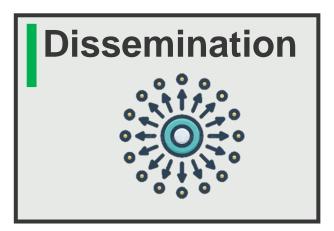


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Open access clinical neuroscience



Dissemination and community engagement





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OC3: Promoting the neuroscientific use of EBRAINS 2.0 digital brain twins and simulation services

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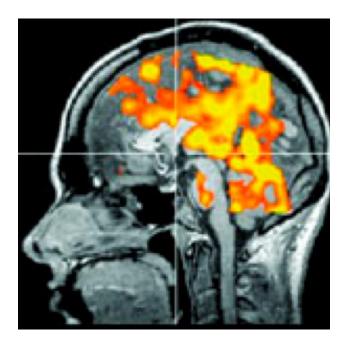
WP3 Open Calls

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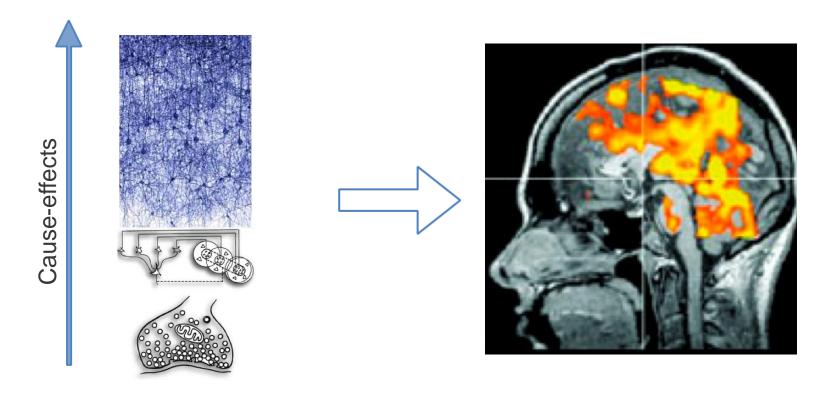
WP3 Creating digital twins through modelling and simulation

- Aim of the WP3 Open Calls:
 - to promote the use of EBRAINS through the development of a convincing neuroscientific use case of the **digital twin** modeling framework.

Scope of the Call: Use the standard brain models and EBRAINS workflows to respond to a challenge in brain medicine and/or brain understanding

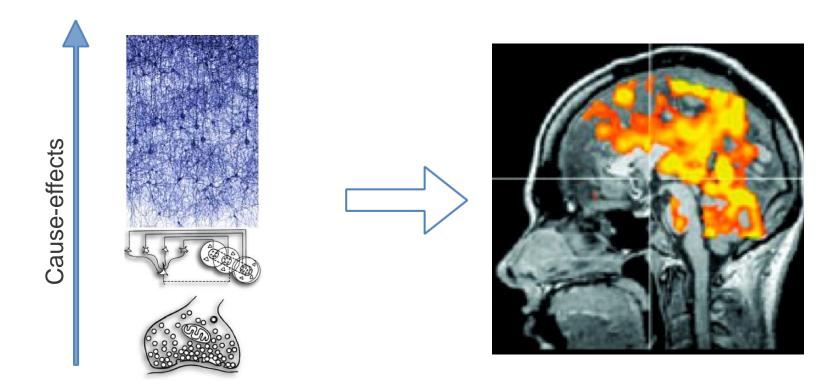


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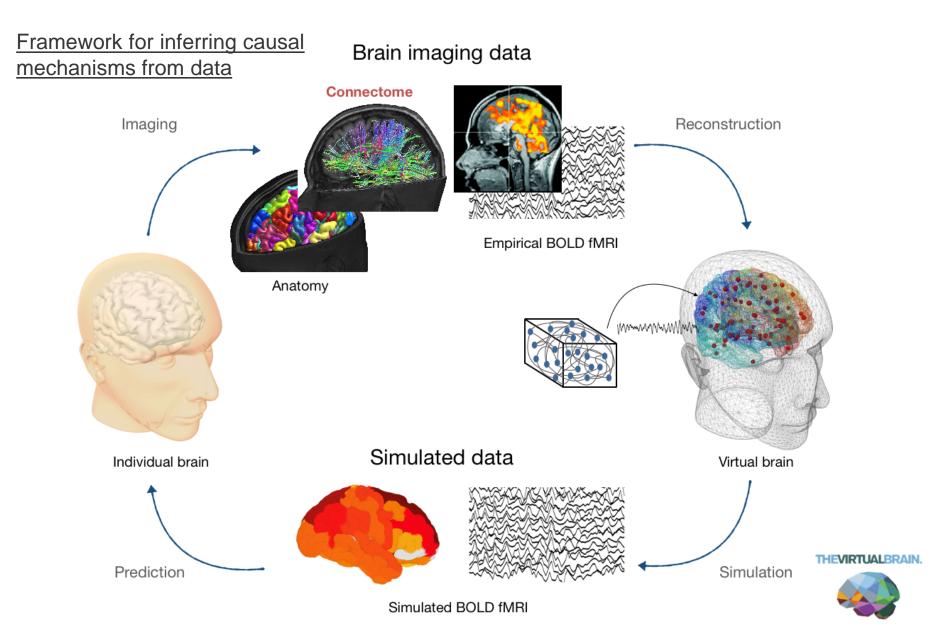
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- Development of more effective treatments, new drugs, diagnostics, or preventive measures for neuro-psychiatric disorders;
- Innovative approaches in simulation of brain activity, simulation-based inference and support for clinicians wishing to integrate digital twin approaches in their practice.
- Providing feedback on the quality of tools and make suggestions for their improvement;
- Integration of the own tools into the modelling and simulation workflows of WP3.

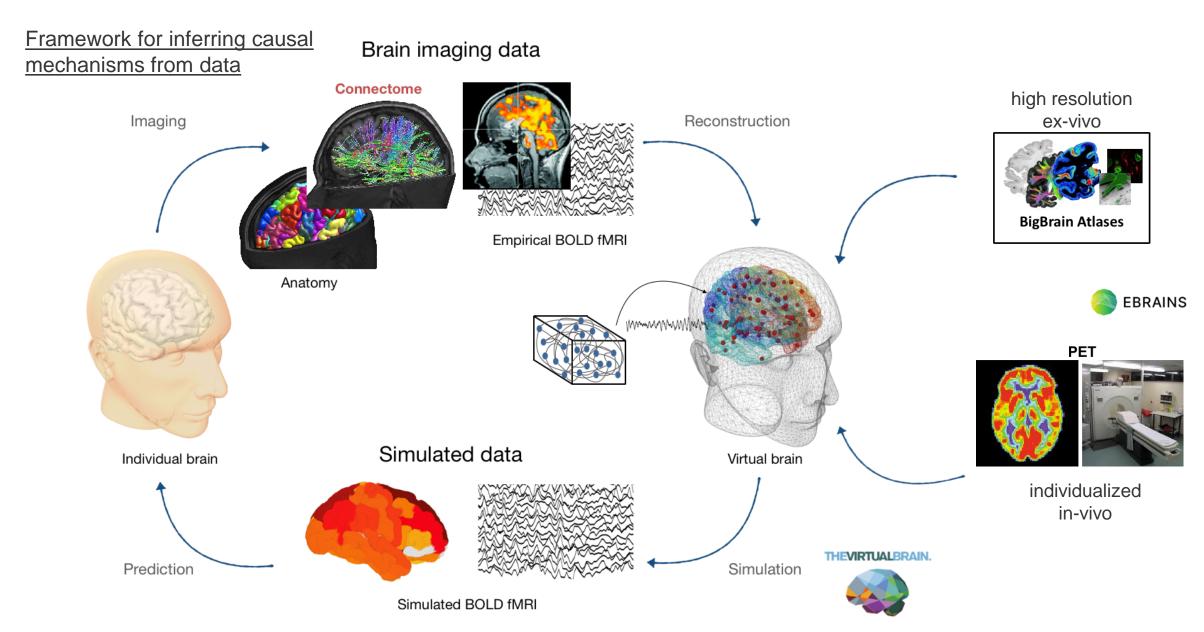


Example: Brain Network Models with The Virtual Brain (TVB)



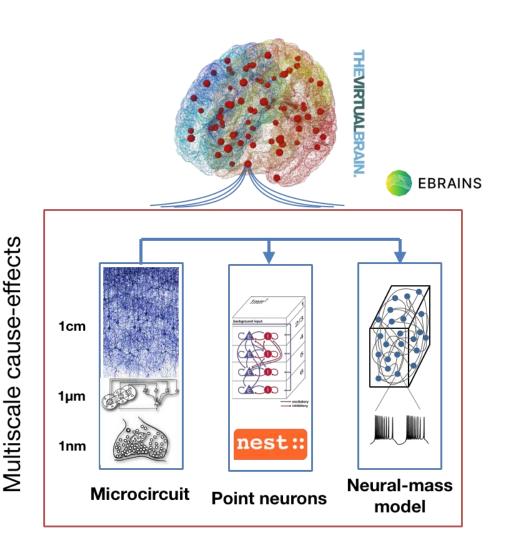


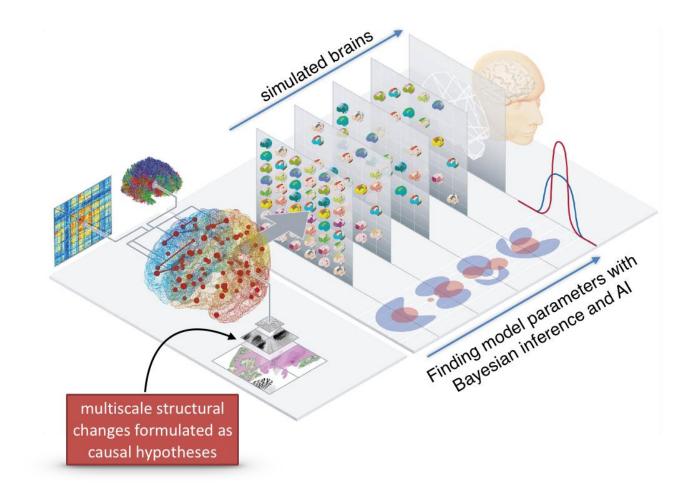
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Linking biomarkers with underlying multiscale causes







Expected Contributions include

- Theory and tools to extract data features to be modelled
- Workflows to transfer multimodal features into digital twin models
- Strategies for model validation and inference
- Data processing pipelines
- Workflows to be used by clinicians
- Integration of existing data with EBRAINS
- No support for new data acquisitions



OC4: Recruiting large data collections for FAIR data sharing and analysis in EBRAINS

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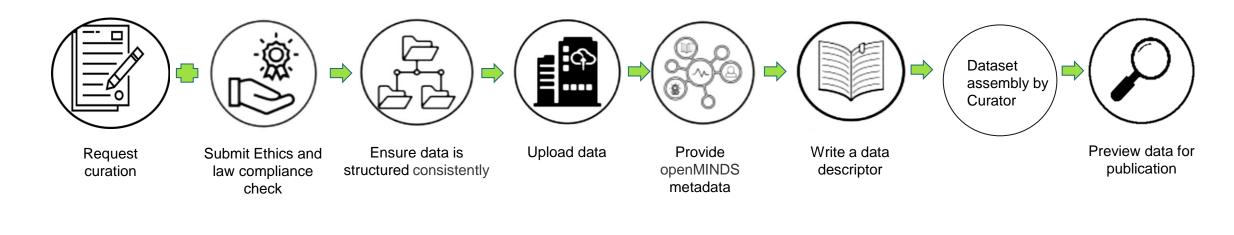


Topic

Increase the FAIRness of large neuroscience data collection through the EBRAINS RI

- already acquired data with related metadata
- all modalities, priority to experimental rodent brain research and human data (from healthy subjects or subjects with brain disorders), including derived data from structural and functional microscopy, MRI, PET, EEG, and electrophysiology
- compatible for analysis using EBRAINS tools and services, and/or external widely used analysis pipelines that are not yet integrated into EBRAINS
- four proposals will be selected, estimated timeline of one year starting in January 2025

Data publication process



Provide information

Check your data

Deliver data, metadata and data descriptor

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The openMINDS metadata framework

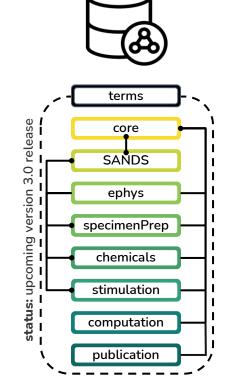


Upcoming extension:

- neuroimaging
- microscopy

Major updates planned:

- ephys
- specimenPrep
- stimulation



metadata

models













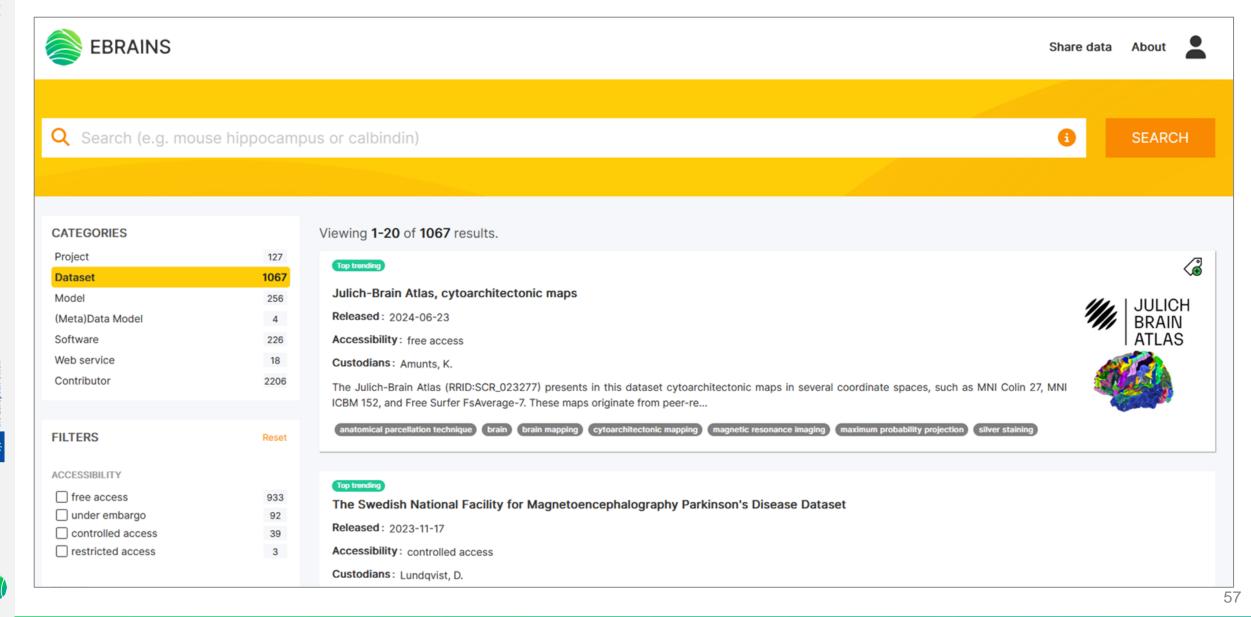


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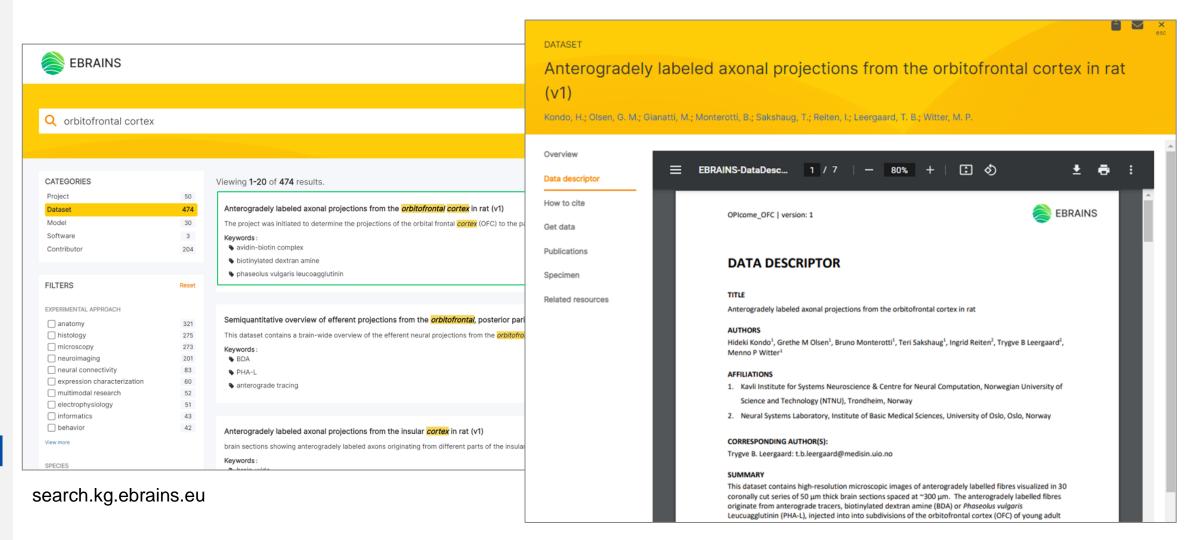
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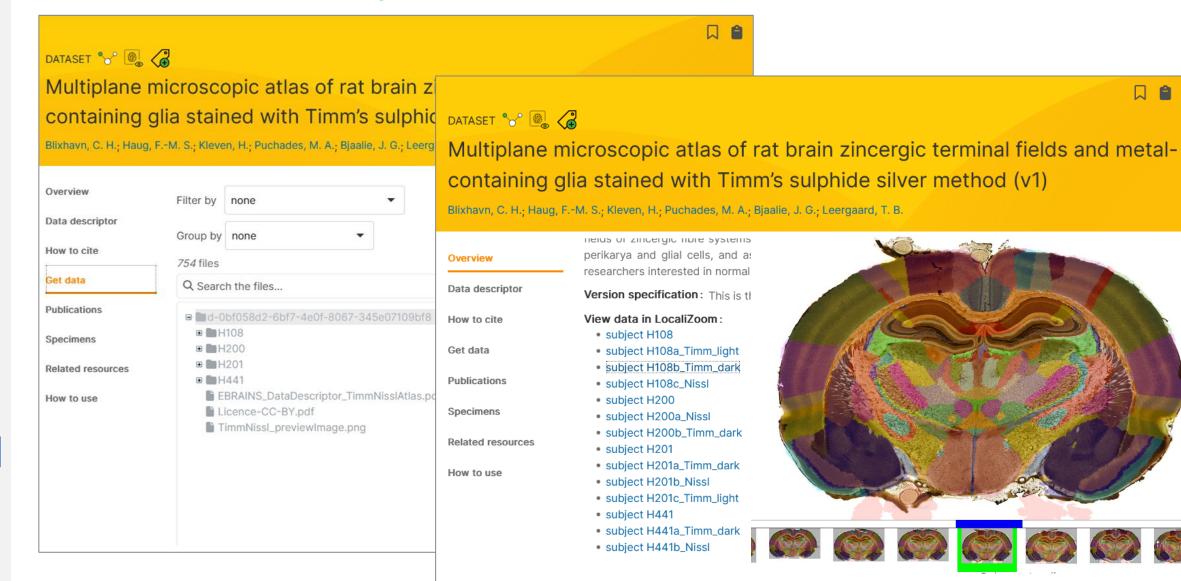


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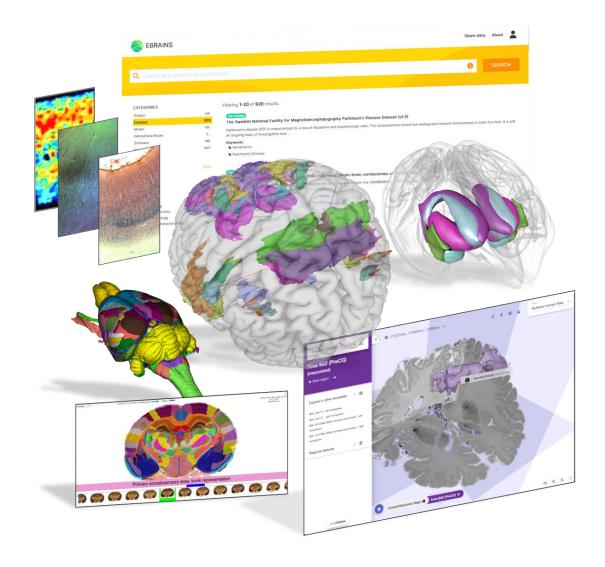


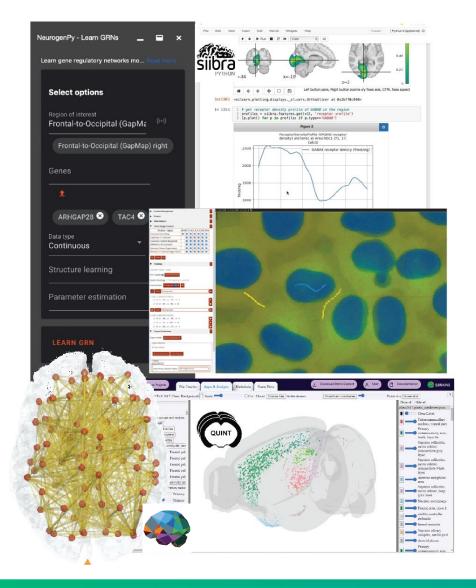
Datafiles directly downloadable and viewer links





Data integration and analysis







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