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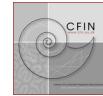
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 - ▶ Anatomical measure (e.g. fiber track)
 - ▶ Functional measure (i.e. statistical)

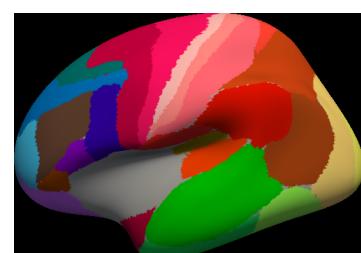
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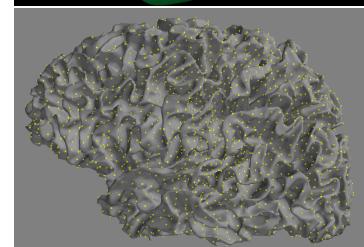
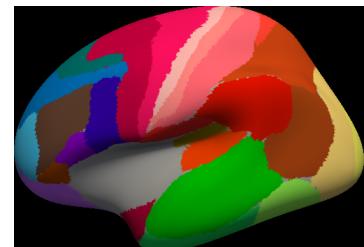
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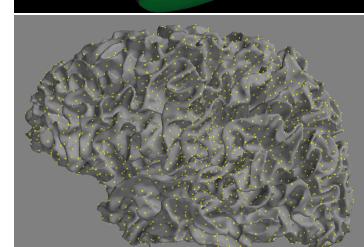
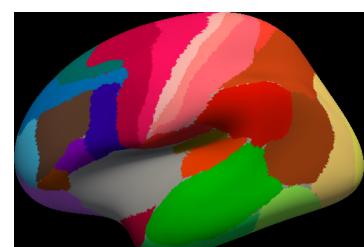
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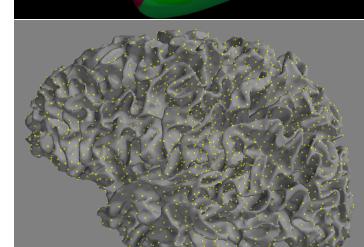
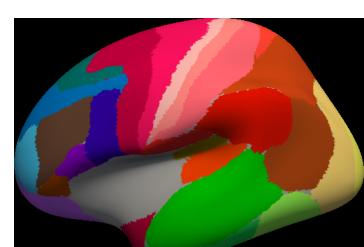
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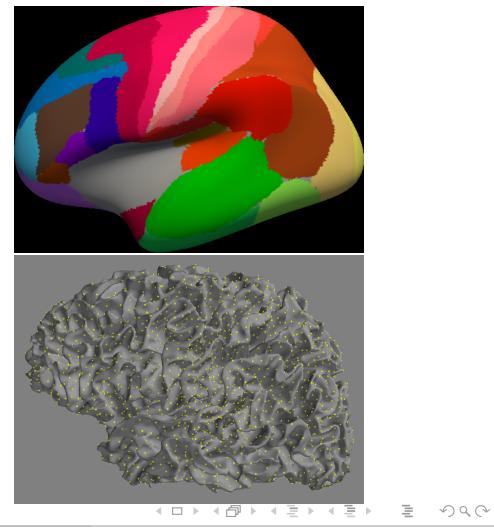
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Functionally defined:

- From previous studies
 - ▶ Meta-analyses
 - ▶ Previous data from similar study/studies

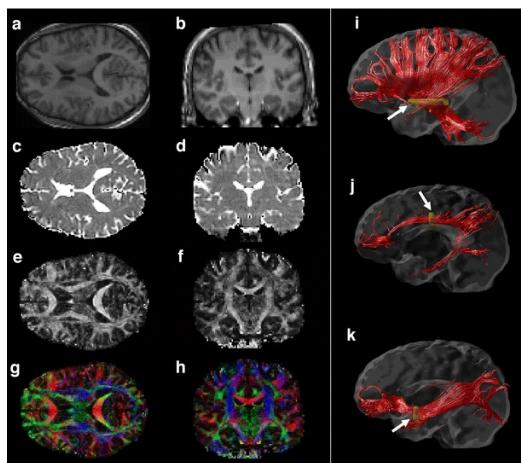


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Measuring connectivity: anatomical measures



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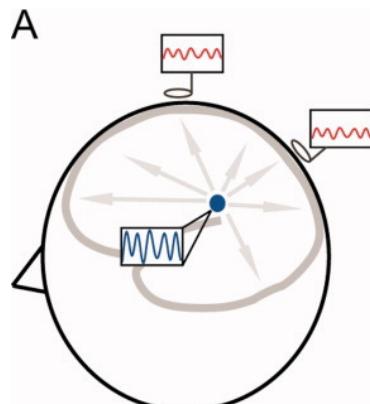
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Measuring connectivity: statistical measures



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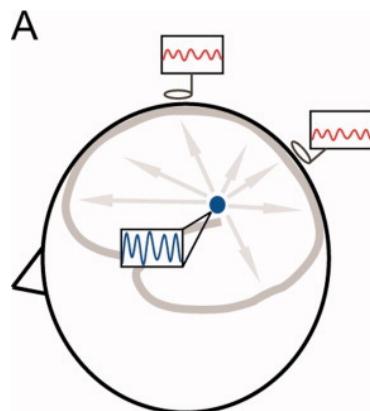
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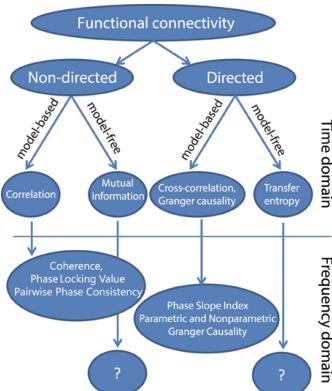


Options in MNE-python:

- Coherence
- Coherency
- Imaginary coherence
- Phase-Locking Value (PLV)
- Corrected imaginary PLV (icPLV)
- Pairwise Phase Consistency (PPC)
- Phase Lag Index (PLI)
- Unbiased estimator of squared PLI
- Weighted Phase Lag Index (WPLI)
- Debiased estimator of squared WPLI
- Mutual information

(Figure from Schoffelen & Gross, 2009)

Taxonomy of functional connectivity analysis method



(Figure from Bastos & Schoffelen, 2016)

Granger causality

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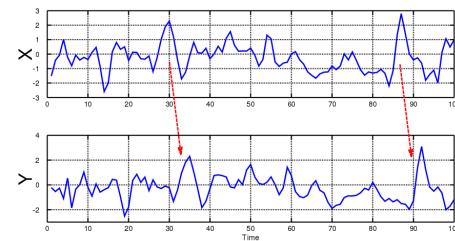
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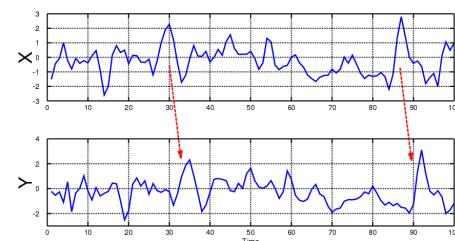


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Shannon entropy:

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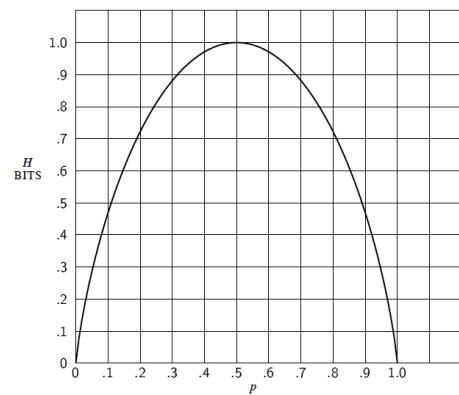
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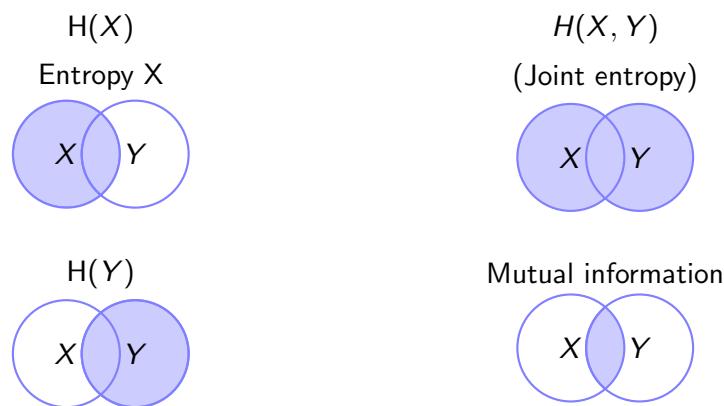
(Figure from Shannon, 1948)

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What is information?

[T]he difference that makes a difference.

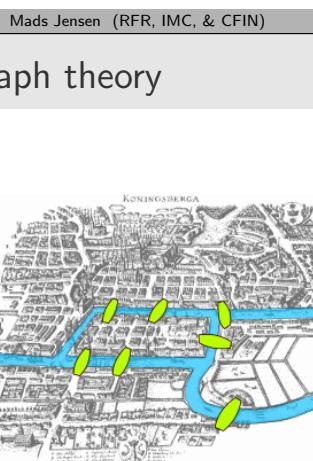
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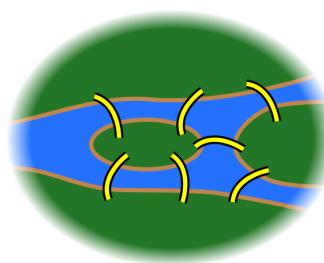
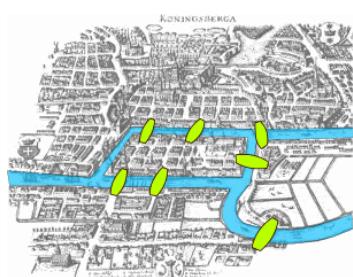
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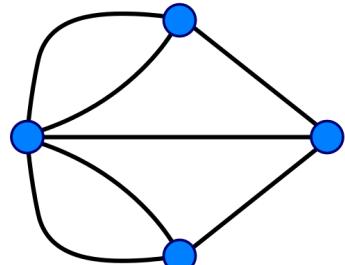
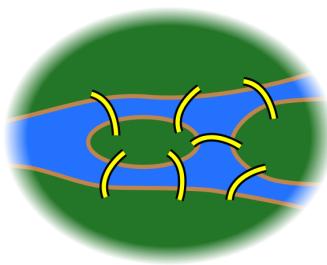
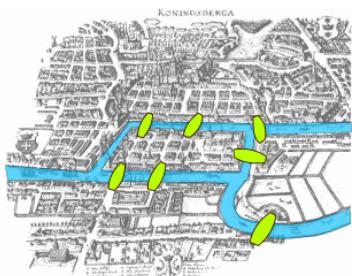
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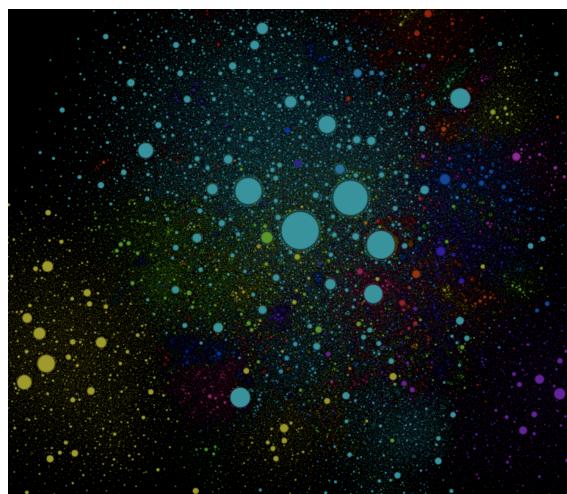
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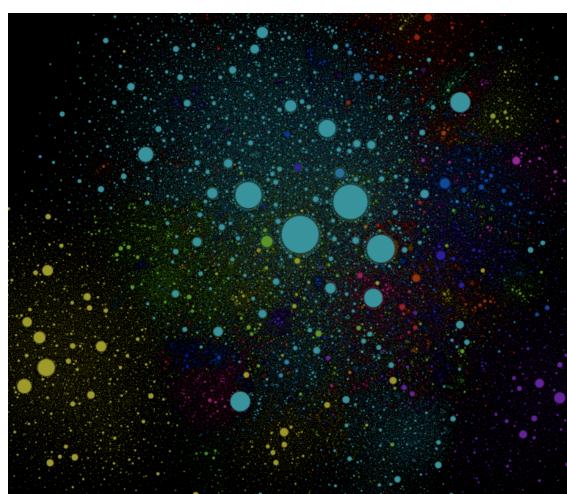


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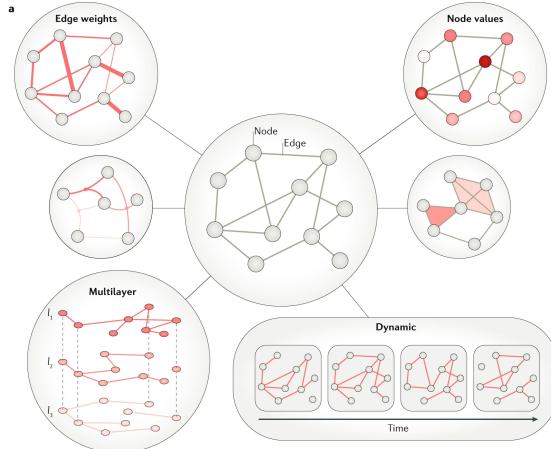
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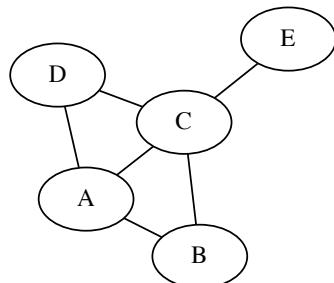
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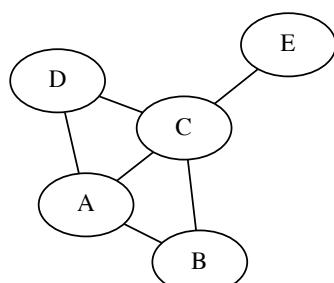
Representation of graphs

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Adjacency matrix

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	1	1	0	0
B	1	0	1	0	0
C	1	1	0	1	1
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Graph theory measures

Measures of functional segregation

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Measures of centrality

"Important brain regions (hubs) often interact with many other regions, facilitate functional integration, and play a key role in network resilience to insult. Measures of node centrality variously assess importance of individual nodes on the above criteria." (Rubinov & Sporns, 2010, p. 1064)

Graph theory measures

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Graph theory measures

Measures of functional segregation

- Clustering coefficient
- Transitivity

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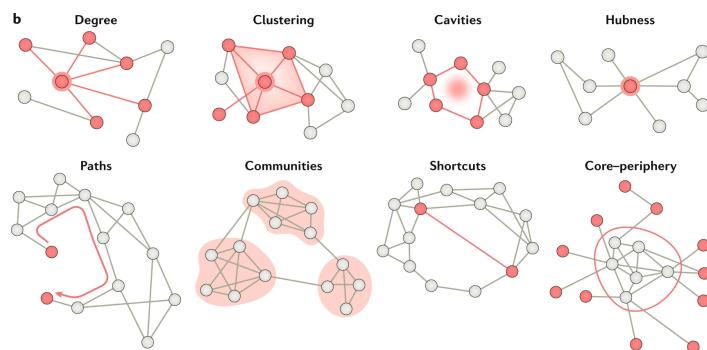
- Degree
- Closeness centrality
- PageRank

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Graph theory measures



(Figure from Bassett et al., 2018)

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Small-world networks

Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks

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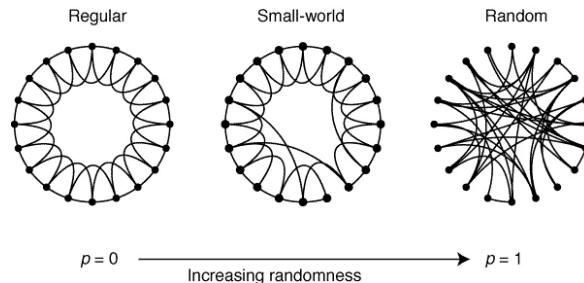


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(Figure from Watts & Strogatz, 1998)

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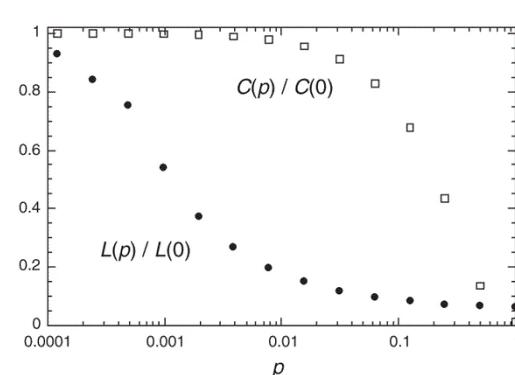
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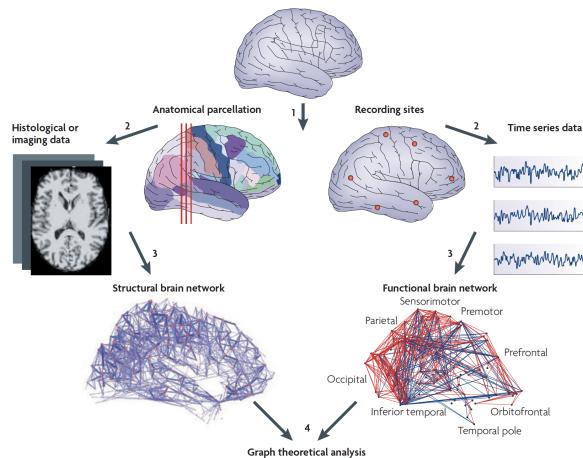


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Graph theory and brain data

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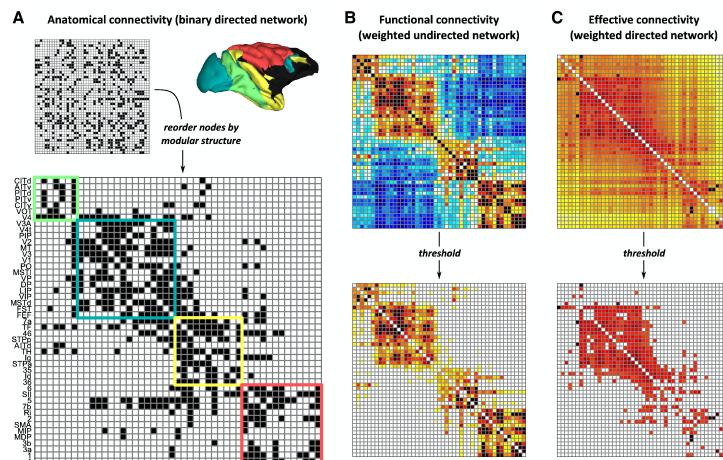
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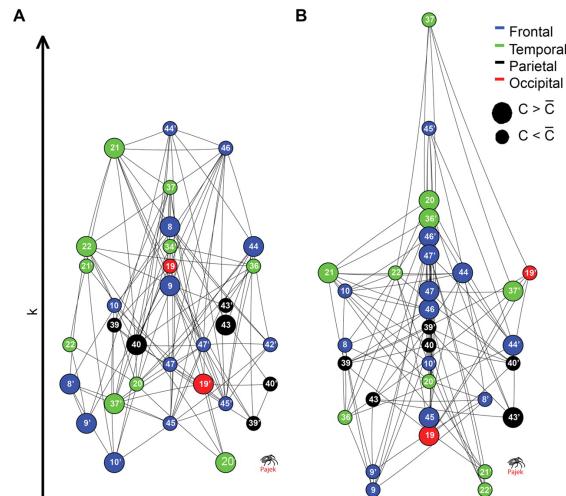
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Human cortical networks in health and schizophrenia



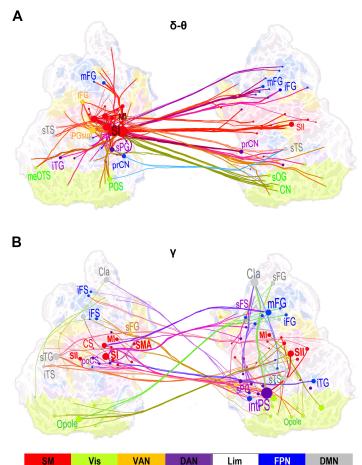
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Dynamic large-scale network synchronization from perception to action



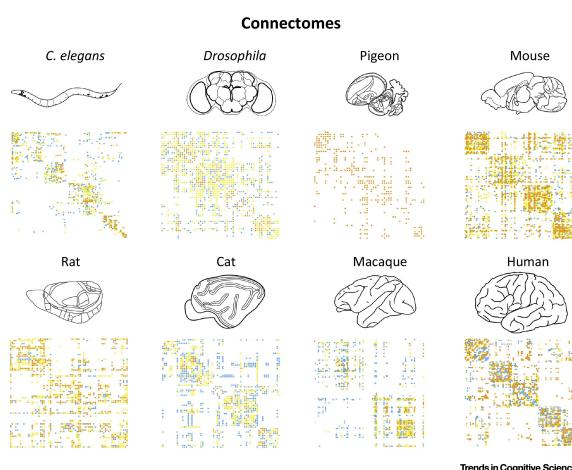
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Connectome across species



Trends in Cognitive Sciences

(Figure from van den Heuvel et al., 2016)

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Dynamic representations in networked neural systems

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"Our goal is to offer a holistic framework for understanding and describing neural information representation and transmission while revealing exciting frontiers for future research."

(Ju & Bassett, 2020, p. 908)

Neural representation

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"The encoding of representations in neural populations offers a computational advantage over encoding in individual neurons, especially in complex cognitive tasks"

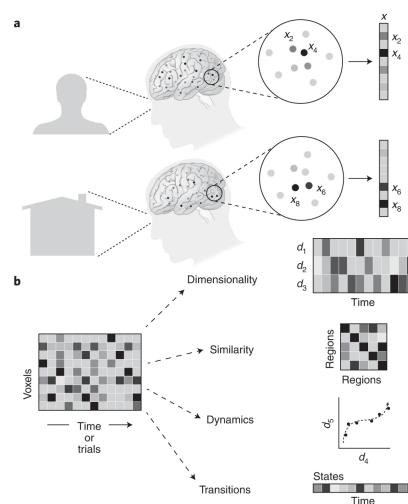
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Neural representations and tools to analyze them



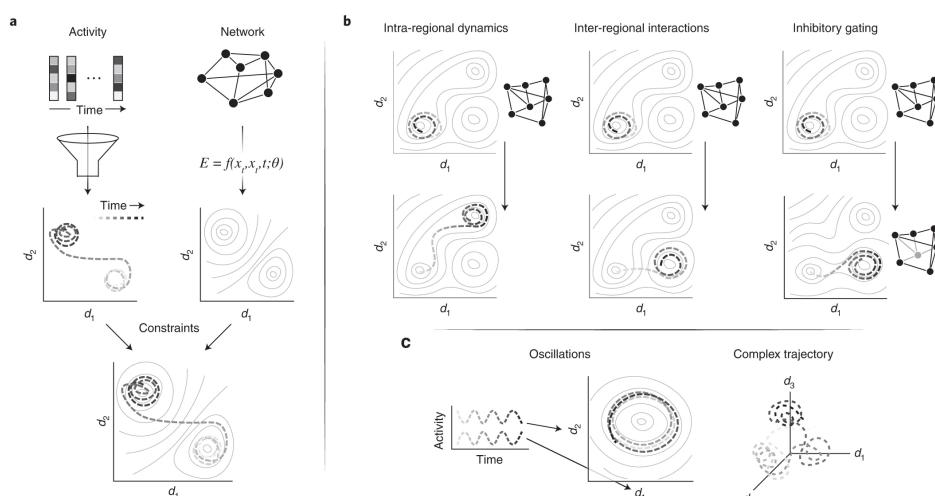
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Network models abstract neural systems



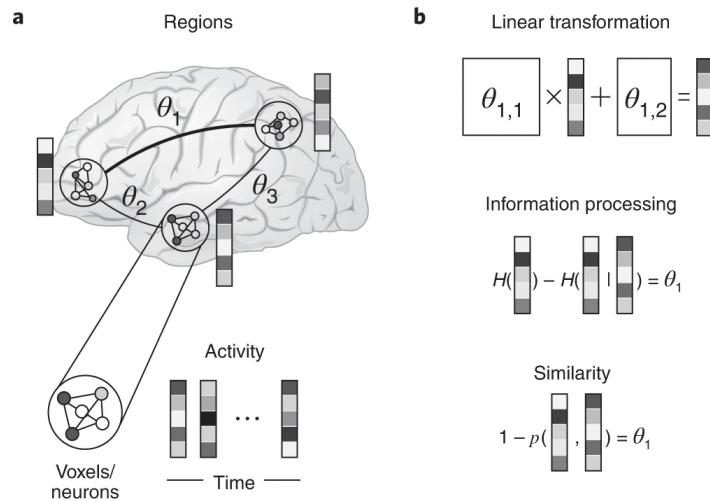
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Integrating network models and neural representations



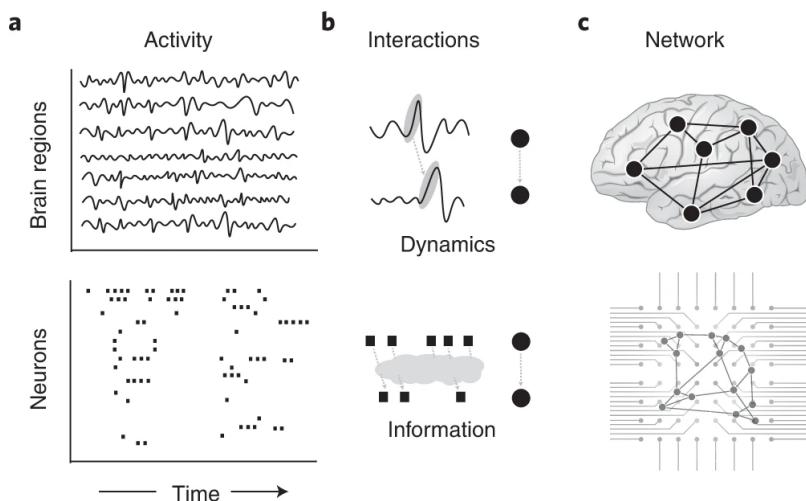
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Summary: Dynamic representations in networked neural systems

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