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In this talk

#brains

#EEG
#MEG

#fruit flies

#simulations

#python

#modelling

About me

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(K - she - minsky)

- Neuroscientists
- Data scientists
- Open source enthusiasts...
- ... and contributor
- Open science advocate



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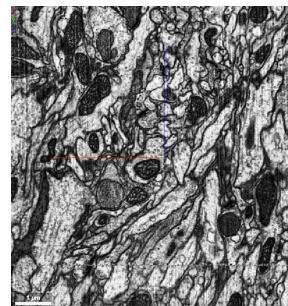
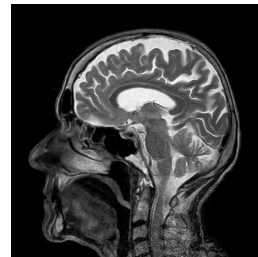
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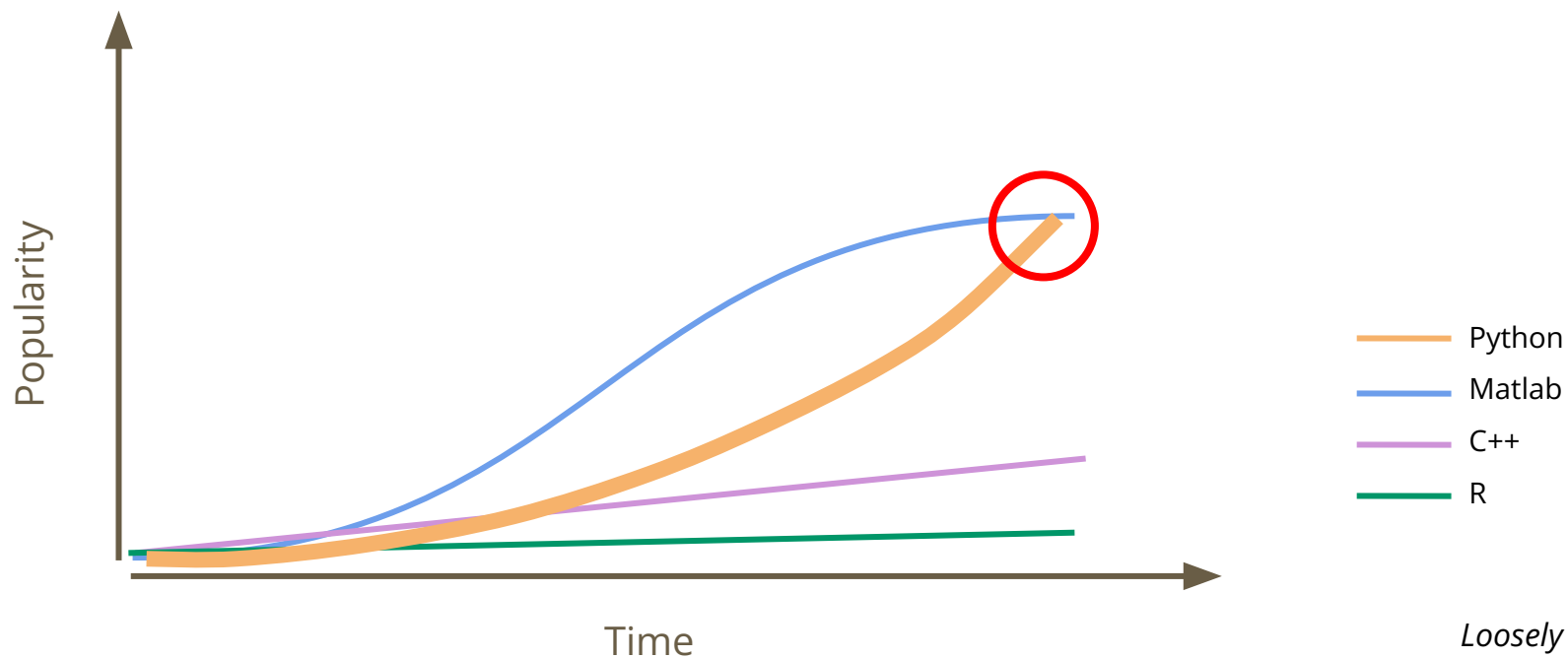


Why Python useful in brain research?

- Large volumes of data
- Computer simulation
- Gentle entry curve
 - A lot of neuroscientists are not trained software engineers
- Matlab
- Code sharing



Why Python useful in neuroscience?



*Loosely based on:
Davison, 2009
and twitter*

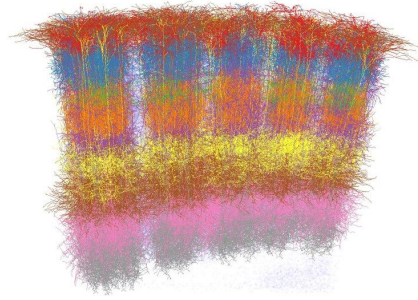
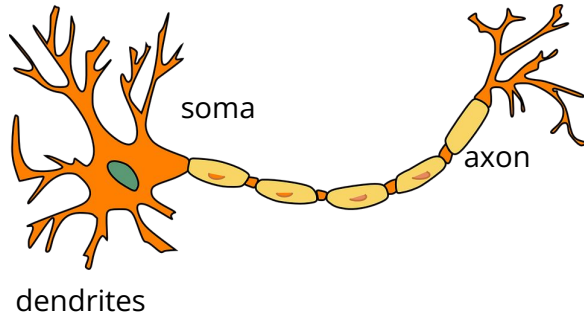
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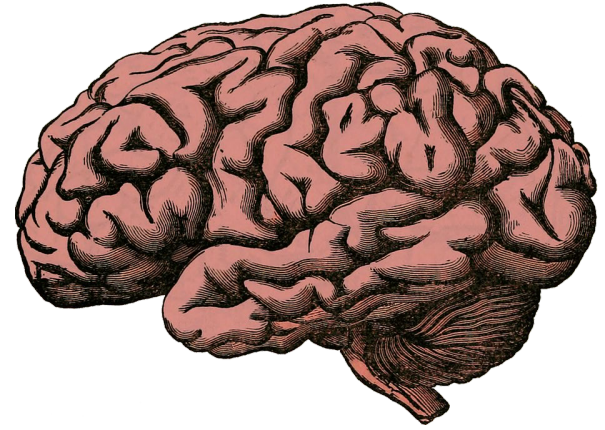
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Scales of brain investigation

Soma : 10–25 μm in diameter
Length: < 1mm



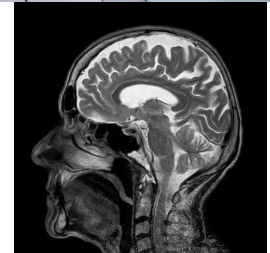
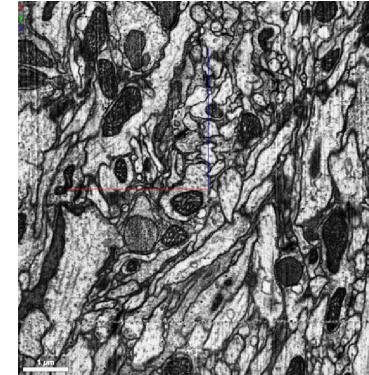
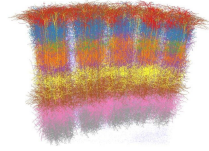
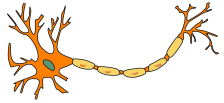
50 μm diameter and
1500 μm depth =
 $3000000 \mu\text{m}^3 =$
 $3\text{e-}6 \text{ cm}^3$
~200 neurons



1400 cm^3
Weight: 1.5 kg

16 billion neurons!

Tools for brain investigation



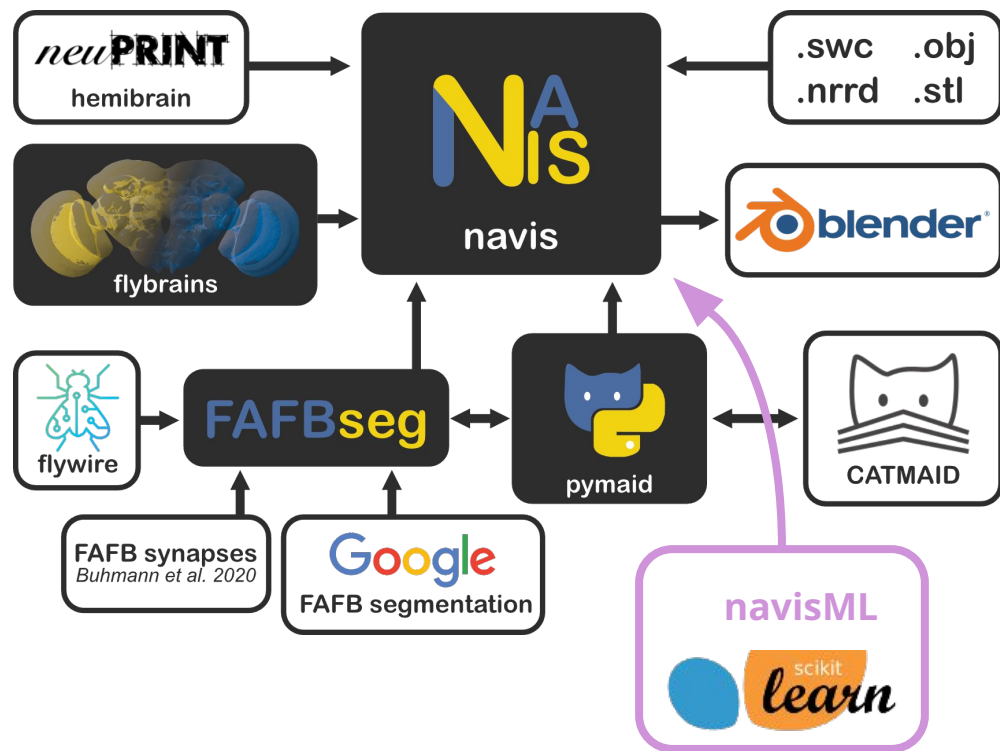
Python + Neurons = 💖

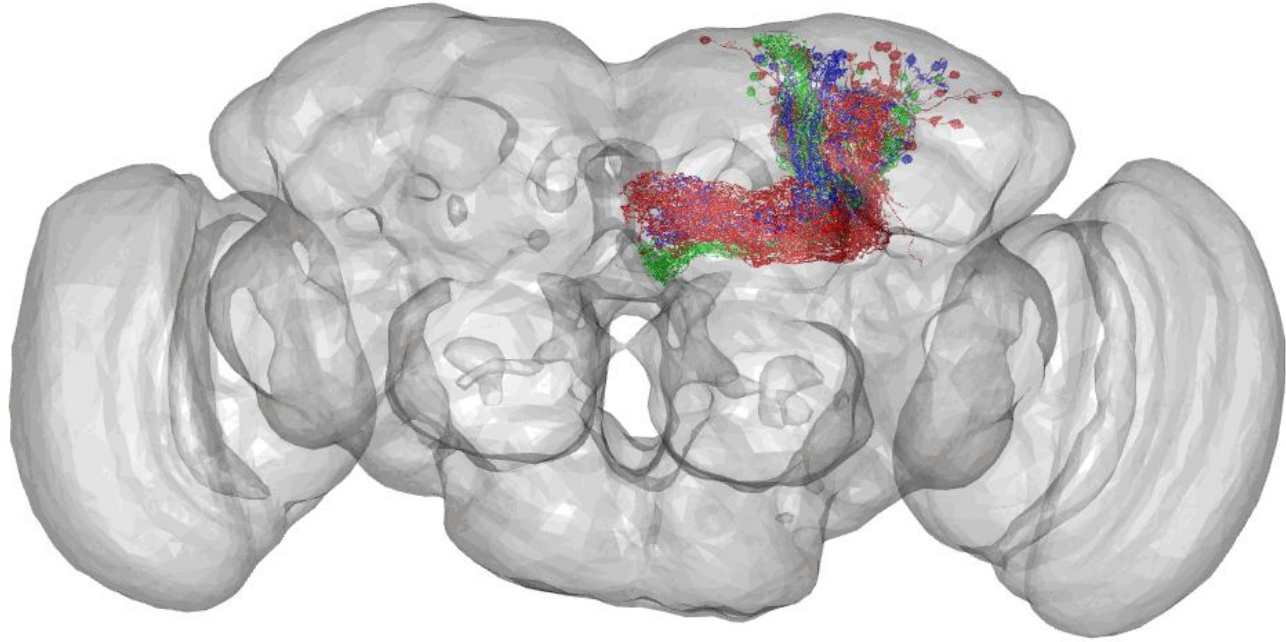


<https://github.com/dokato/life-of-brain>

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- library for **Neuron Analysis** and **Visualization**
- Works in Ipython **notebooks**
- High **performance** computation
- analyze **morphology** and **connectivity** of individual neurons

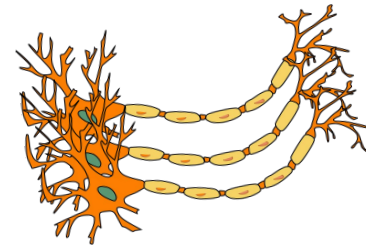
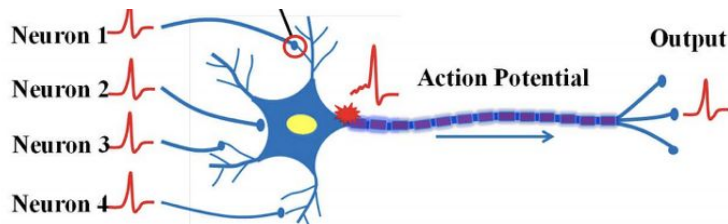




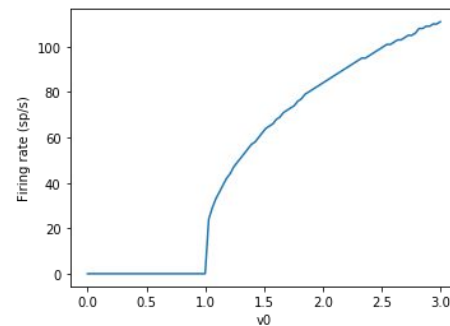
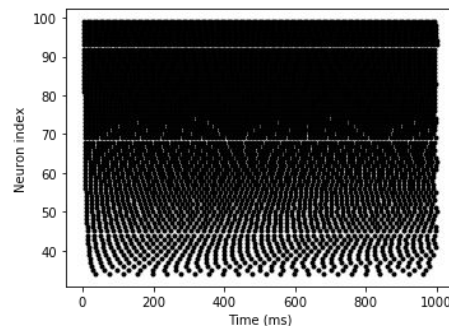
Kenyon cells, *Drosophila*

Brian2

- A **simulator** for **spiking neural networks**
- Designed to **save time** of **processors**, but also **scientists**
- easy to learn and use

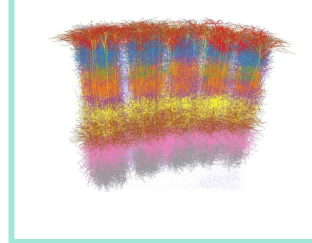


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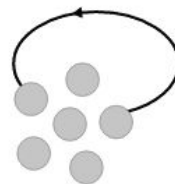
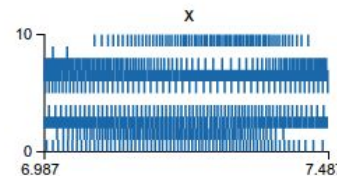
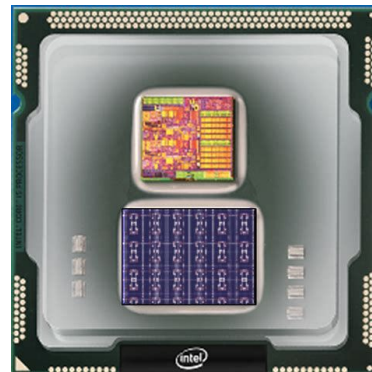


Nengo

- Python package for building, testing, and deploying biologically plausible neural networks
- Spiking neuron models
- Comes with Nengo GUI
- Easily exploit the latest hardware, i.e. NPU



Nengo



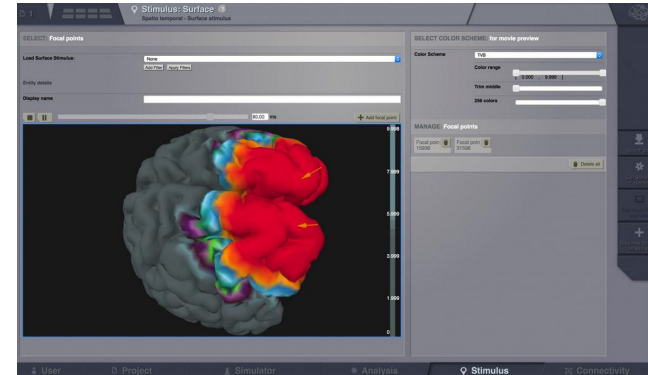
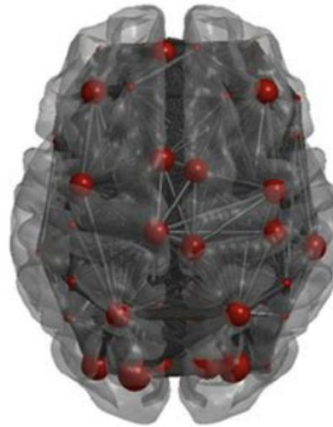
The virtual brain

- Platform for large-scale brain simulations
- Brain regions treated as a node of the graph where the local dynamical models are run

www.thevirtualbrain.org



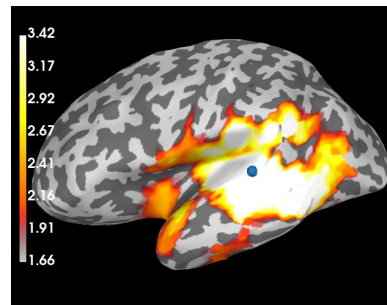
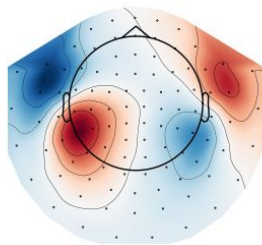
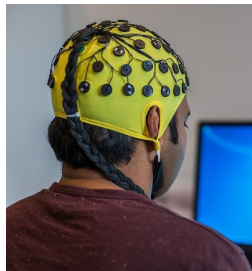
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MNE-python

Package for exploring, visualizing, and analyzing human neurophysiological data such as MEG, EEG, sEEG, ECoG, and more.

- Source estimation
- Connectivity
- Statistics



Other packages

- ★ Nibabel
- ★ PsychoPy
- ★ Neurolib
- ★ Connectivipy

Many more...

What's so special about the cheesemakers?
“Well, obviously it's not meant to be taken literally. It refers to any manufacturer of dairy products.”

Summary

Python becomes more and more popular programming language in the **brain research** field.

- Analysis and modelling on almost any scale of brain
- Increased reproducibility and readability of a scientific software
- Democratization of science

Thank you!
Grazie mille!



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*Always look at the
bright side of brain...
(or something like this)*