Why Not Connectomics?

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Opportunity

- Brain is a huge unknown
- Source of many incurable diseases
- Neurological disorders rising
- Learning more about brain may determine the cause of these diseases
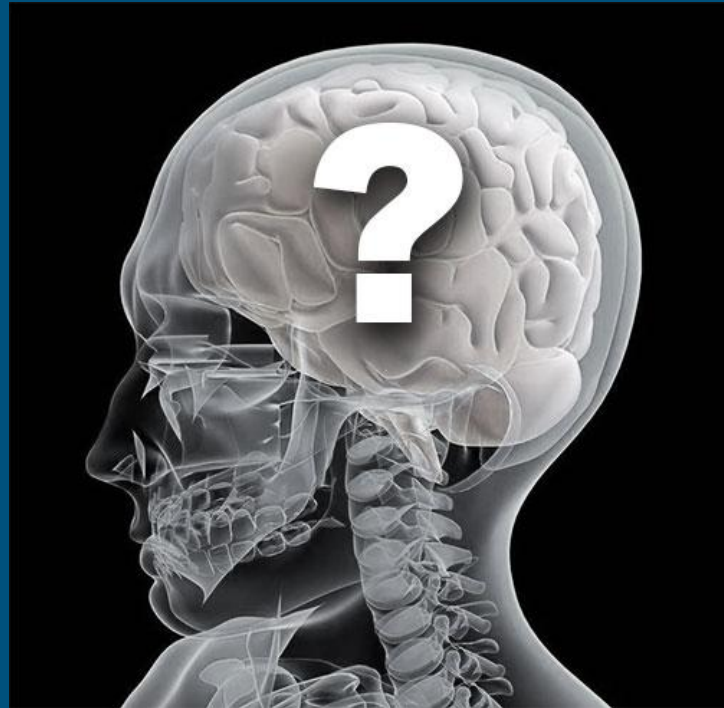
10 Challenges: A Summary

1. Structure does not equate to function
   a. Primary question of connectomics
   b. Connectomics complements physiology
2. Brain is not a perfect map
   a. Not the point of connectomics
3. Connectomics is pointless/not worth it
   a. There is value, progress is growing exponentially

CHALLENGES AHEAD

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Actions

- Graph Theory
  - Pattern recognizing in large graphs
- Faster data collection
  - More cheaper experiments

- Computer Vision
  - Brain image segmentation

Resolutions

Pursue connectomics!

1. Must map whole brain to get *every* synapse
2. Cannot "black box" the brain
3. We will learn a lot from mapping the brain

Feedback

- Good argument by contradiction
- Accessible introduction
- Easy read (6 pgs)
- Could be more technical
- Excited to learn in detail about the actions the paper outlines

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NOW THAT WAS A COMPELLING ARGUMENT !!

Thank You!