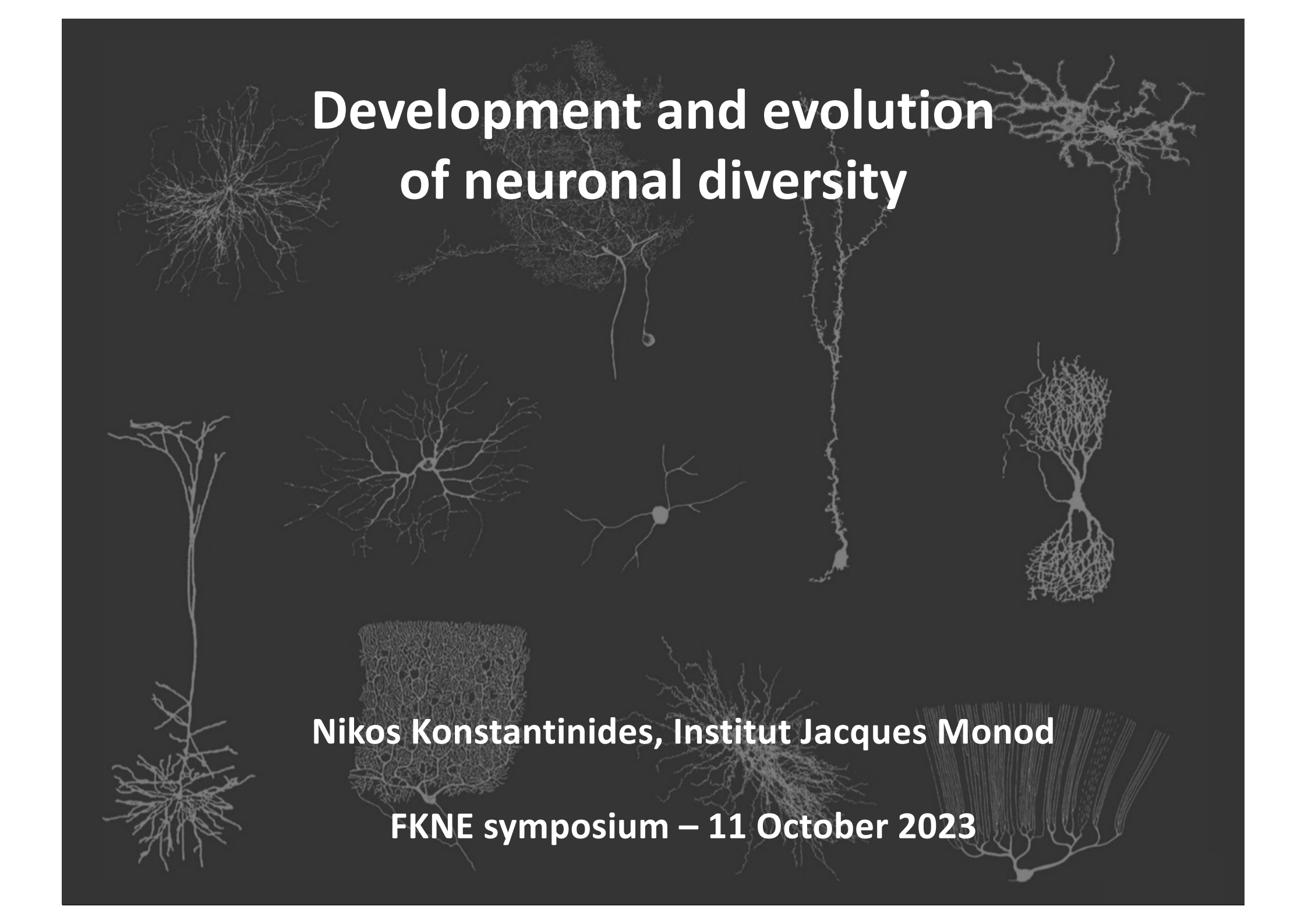


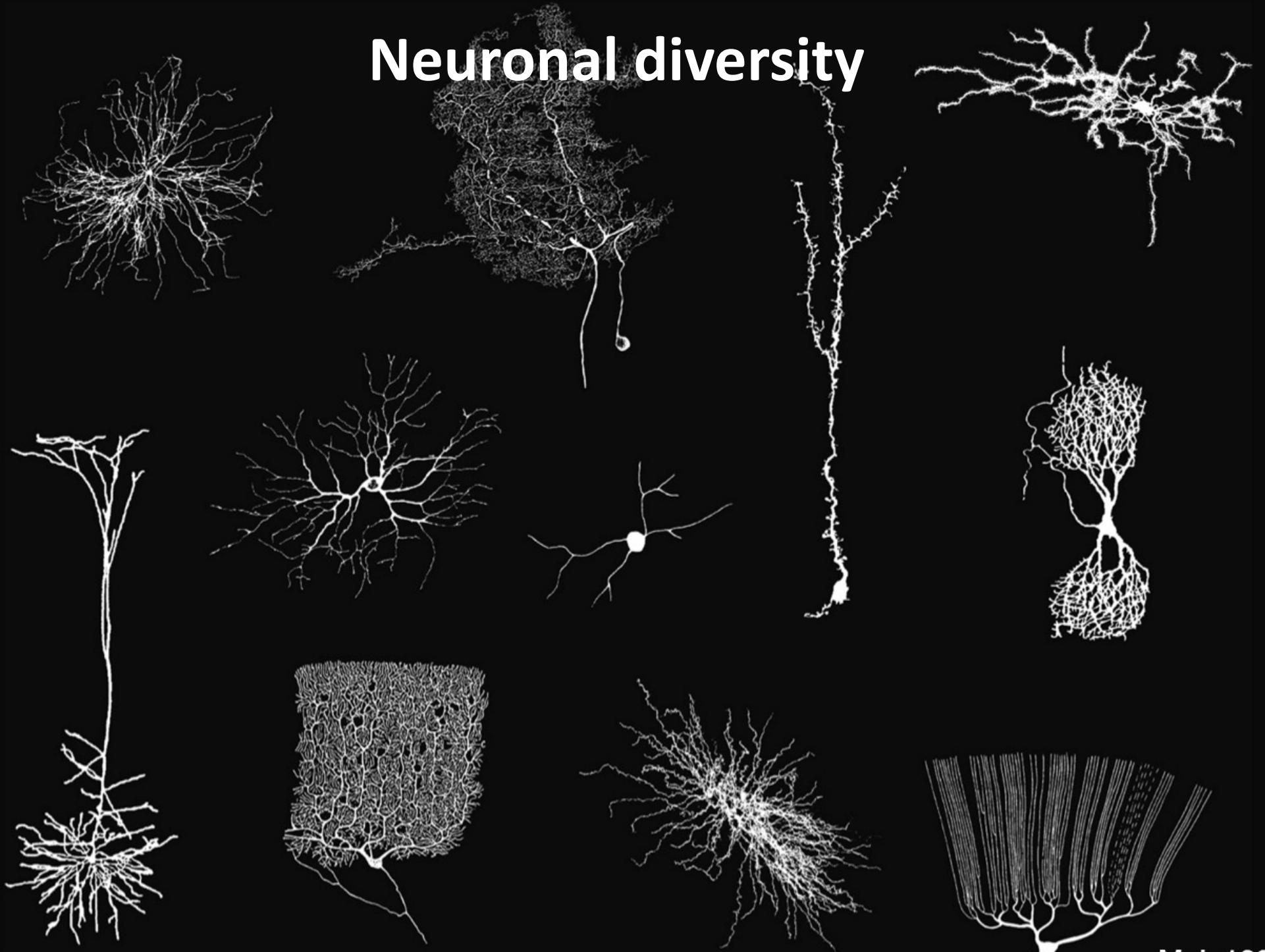
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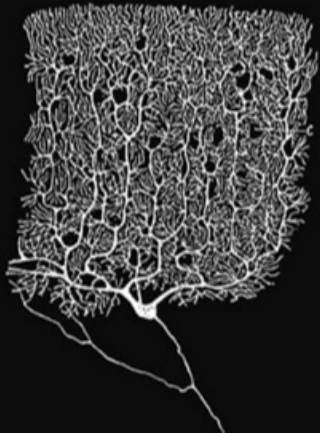


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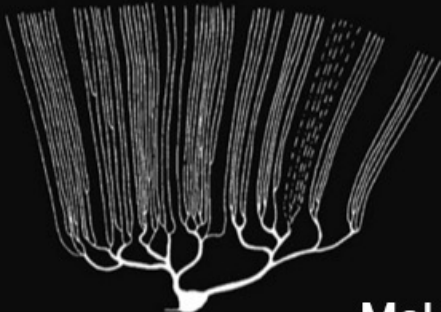
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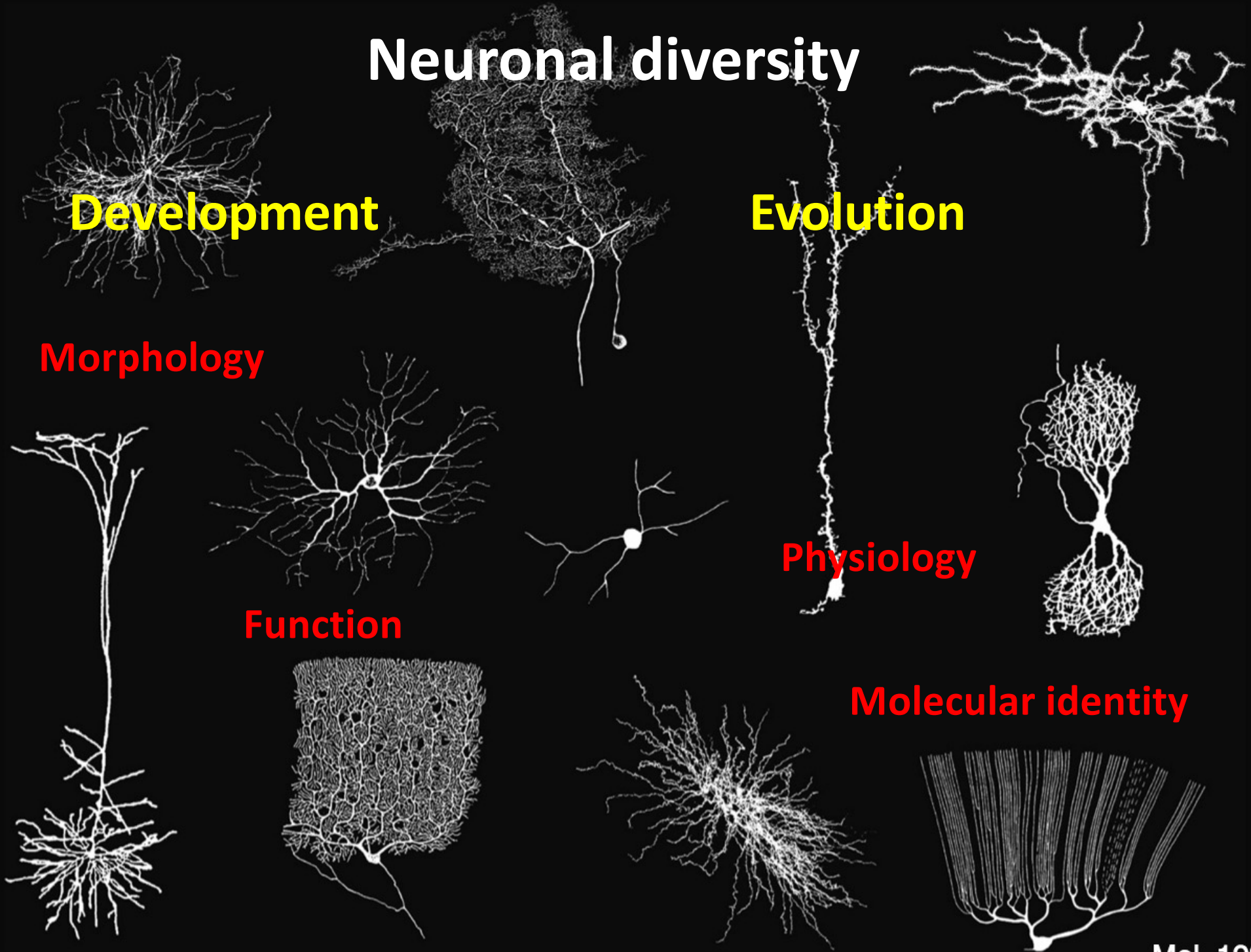
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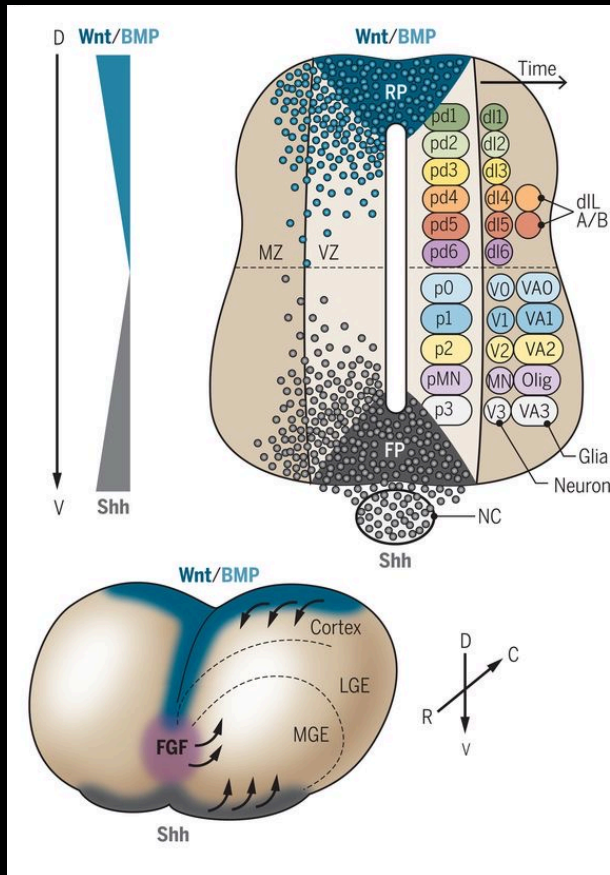
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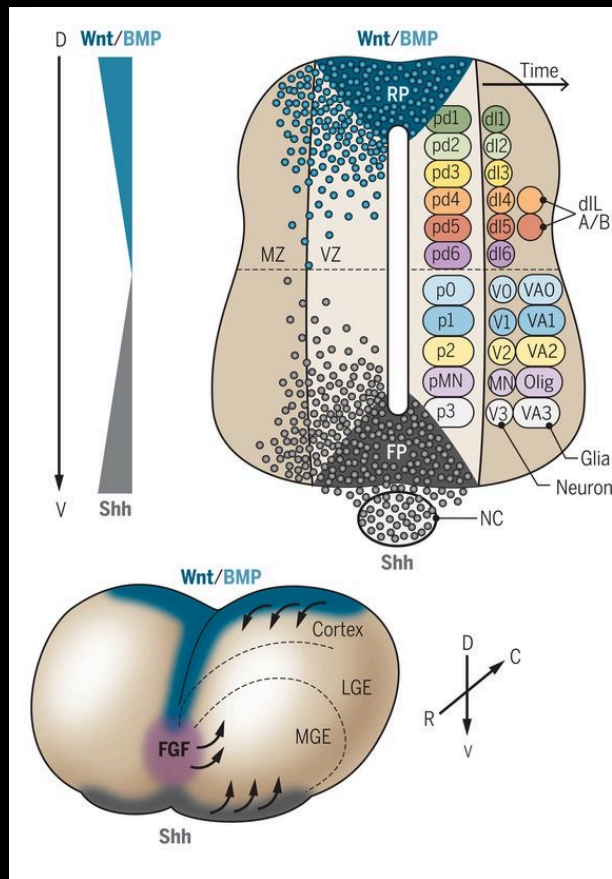
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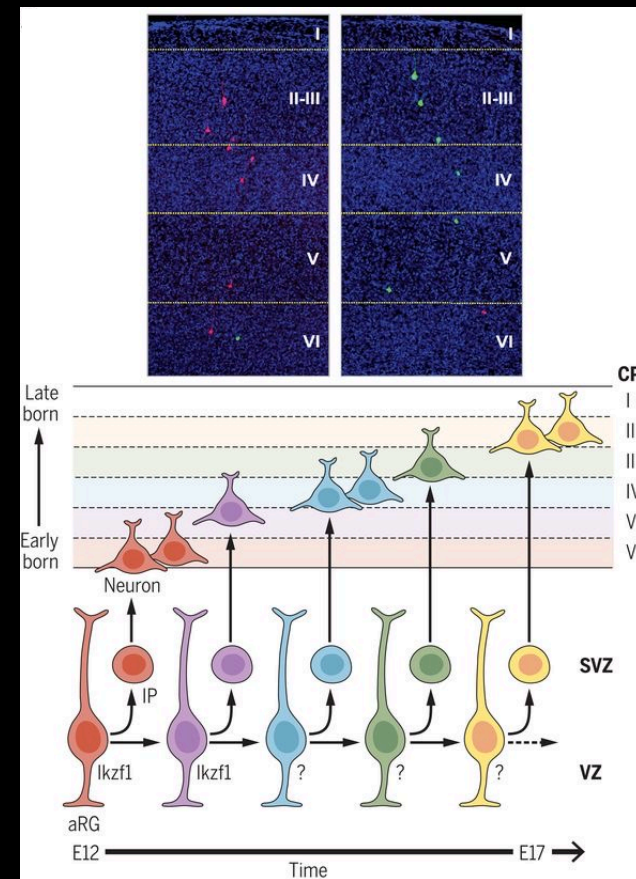
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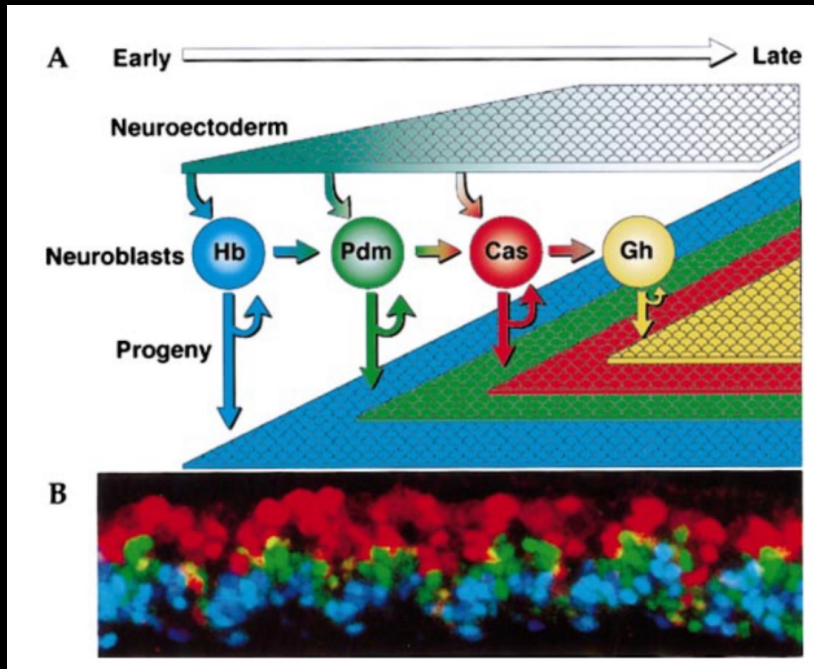


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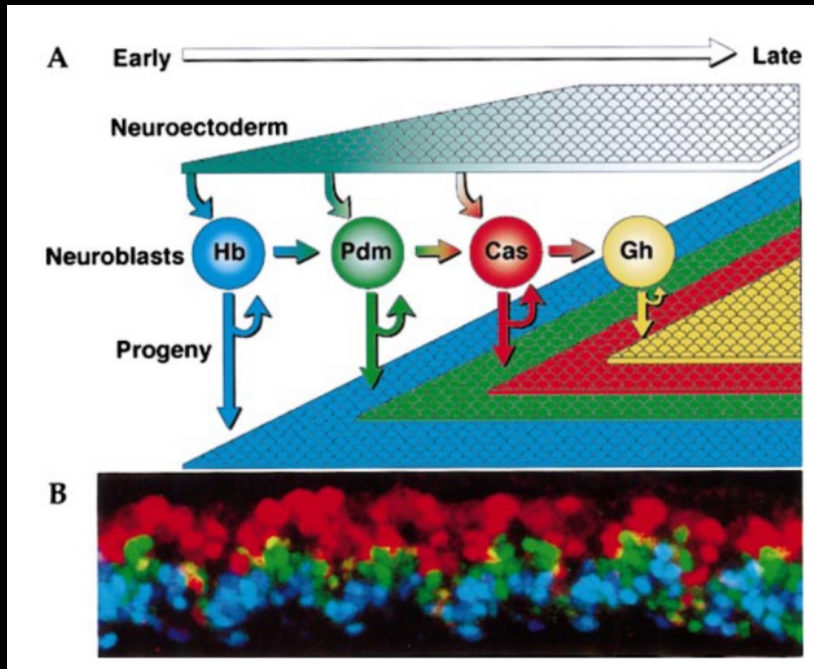
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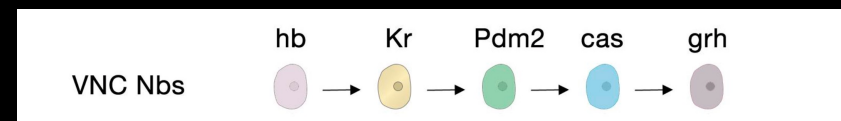


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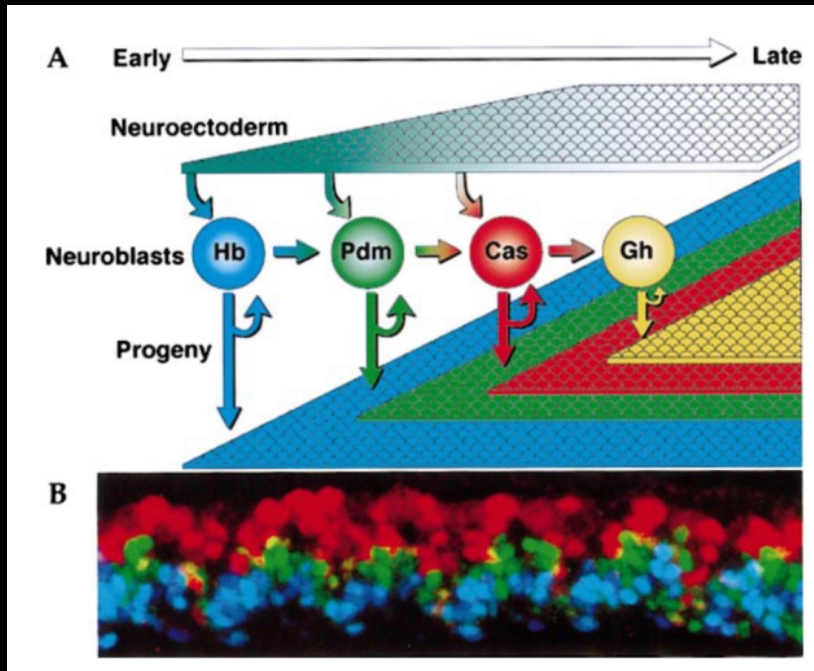
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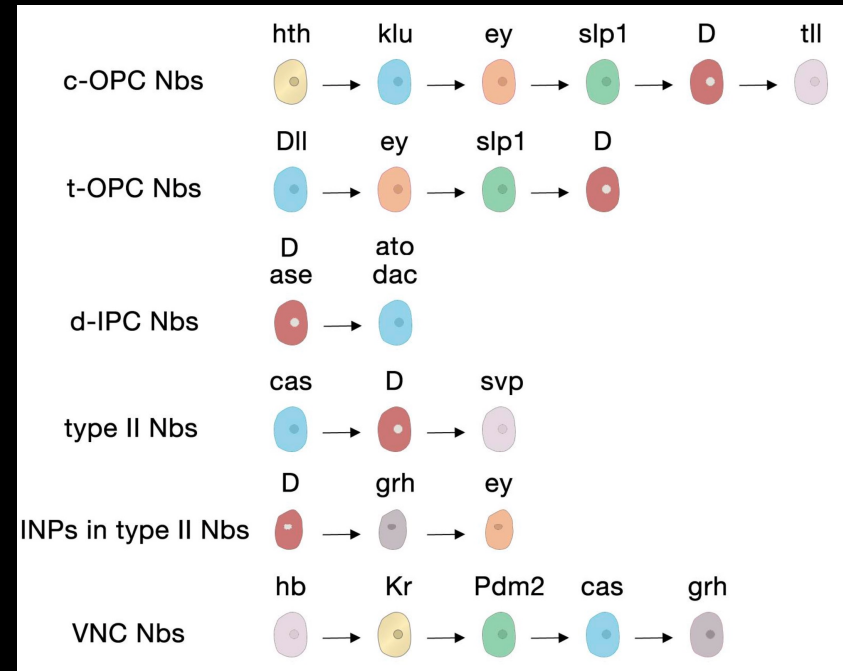
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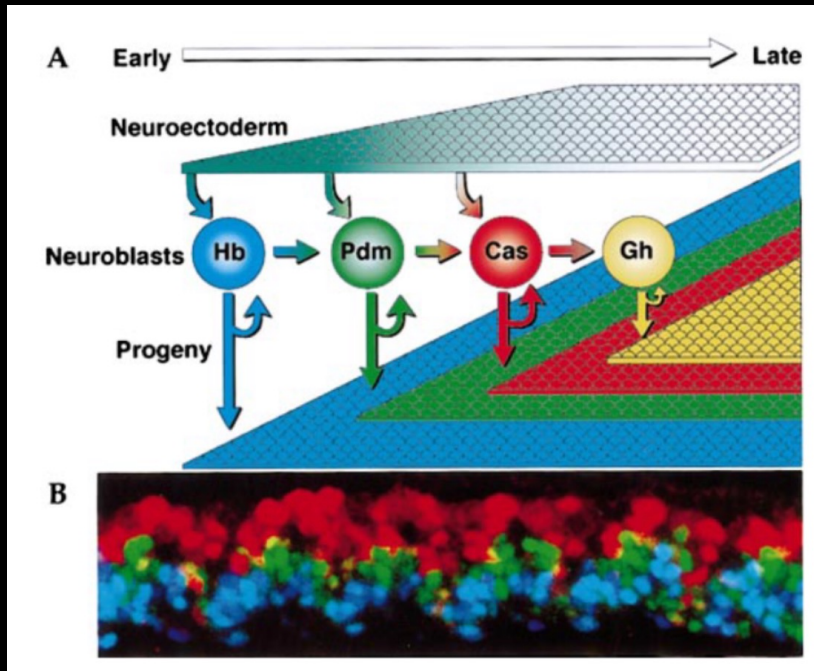


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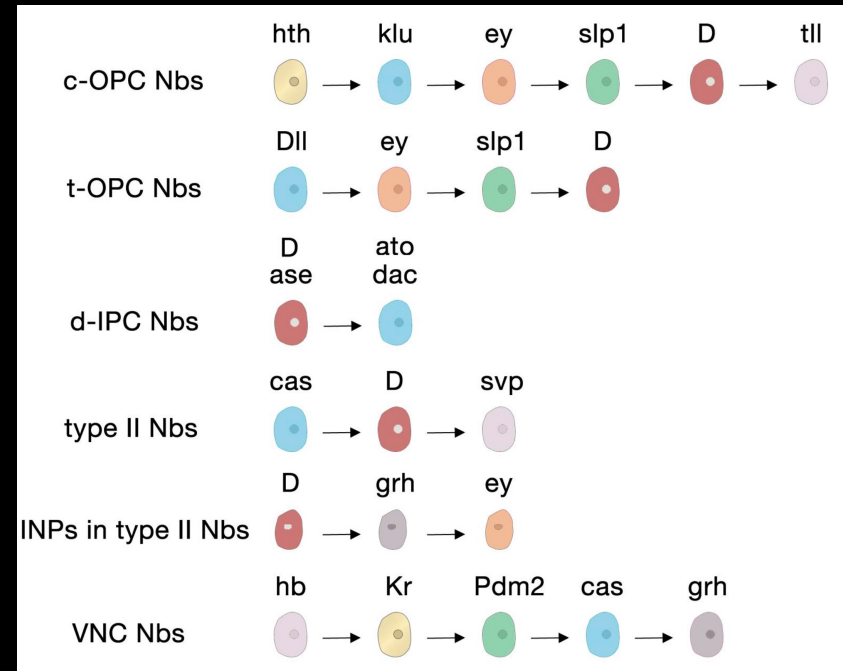


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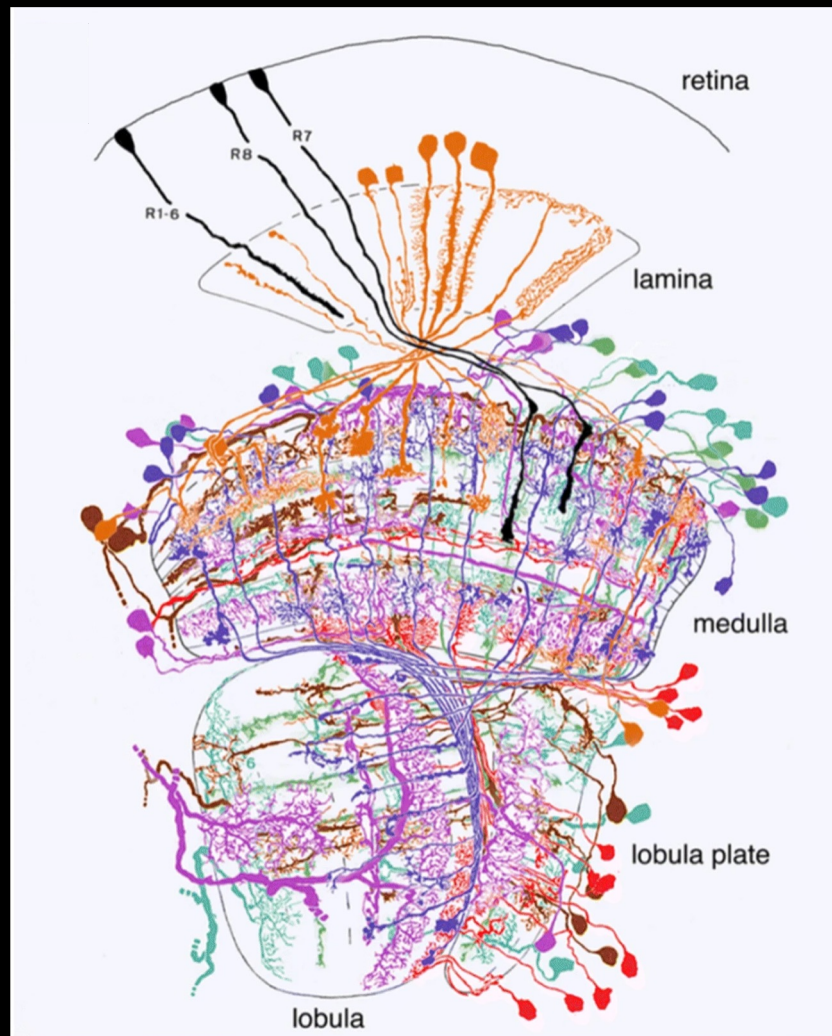
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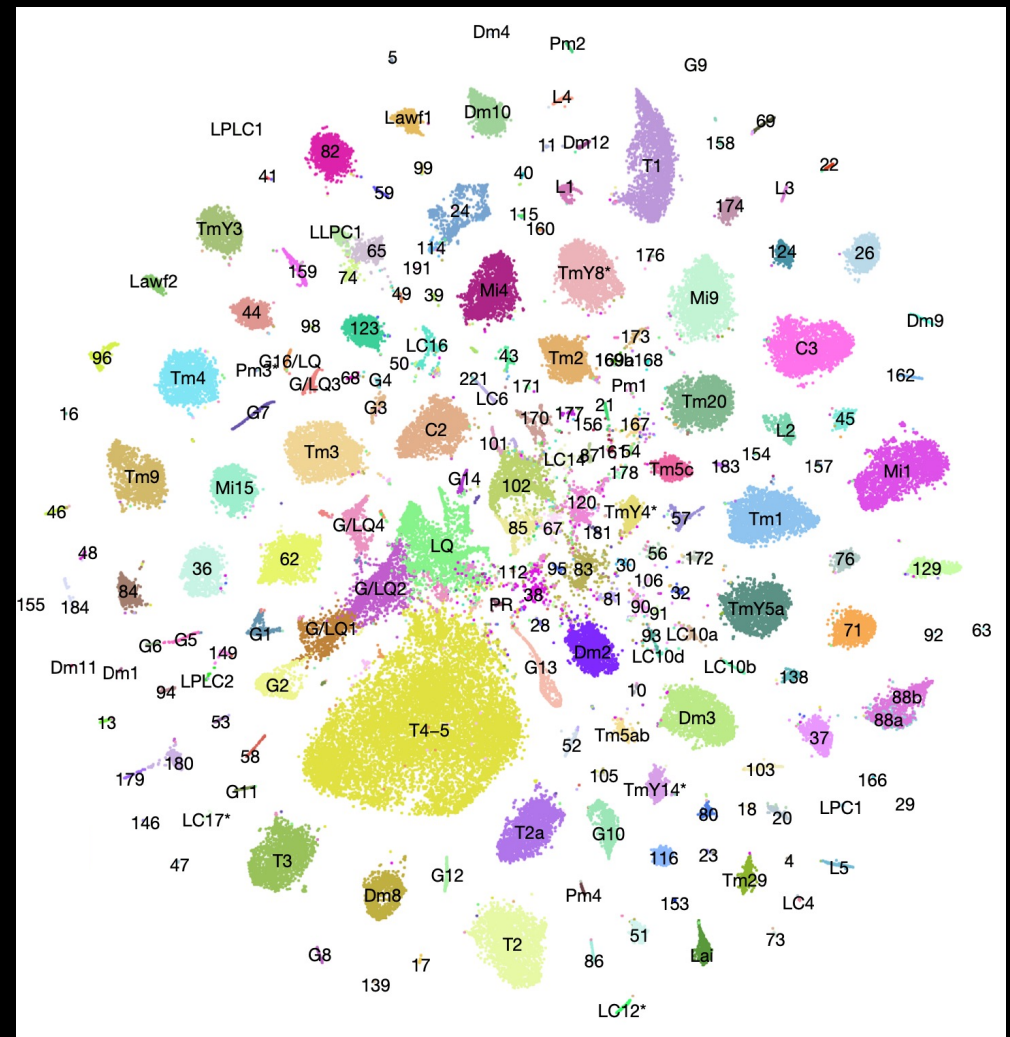
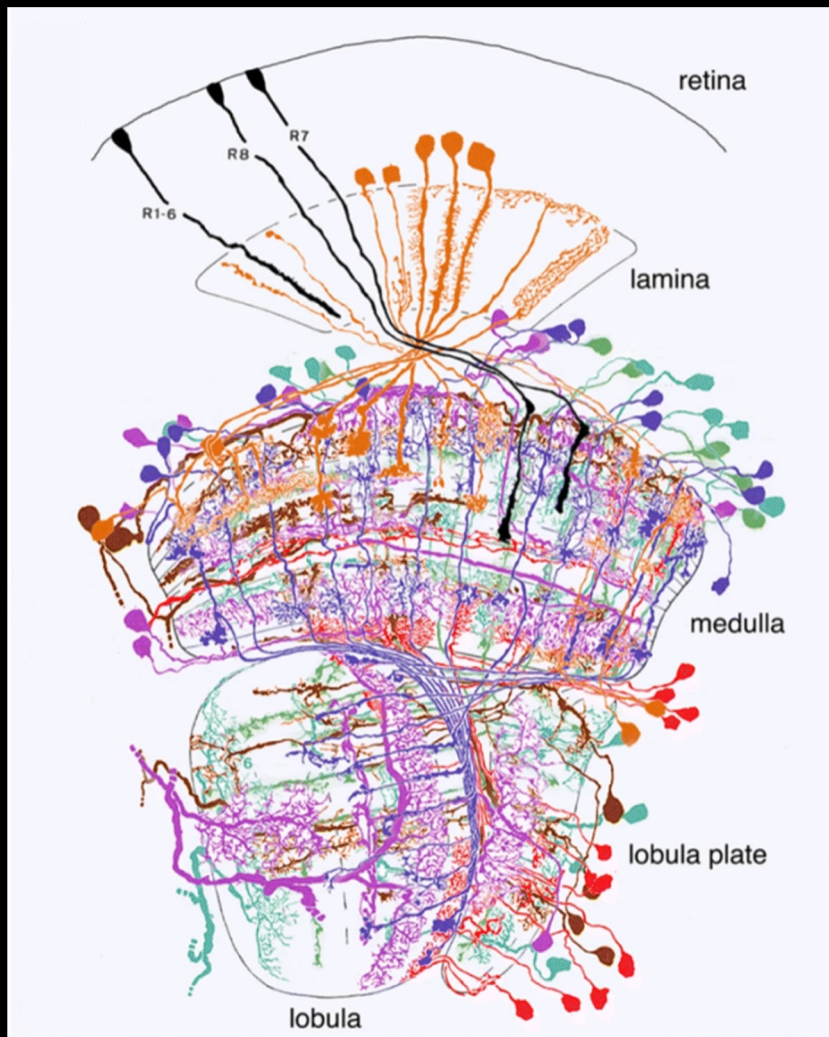
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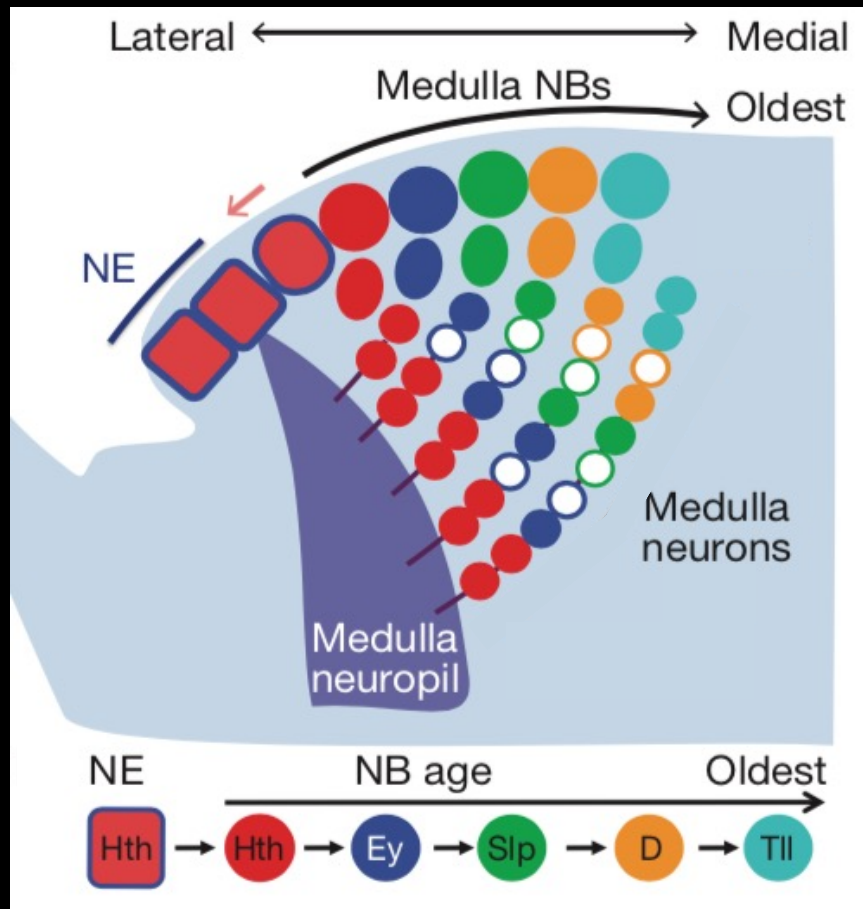
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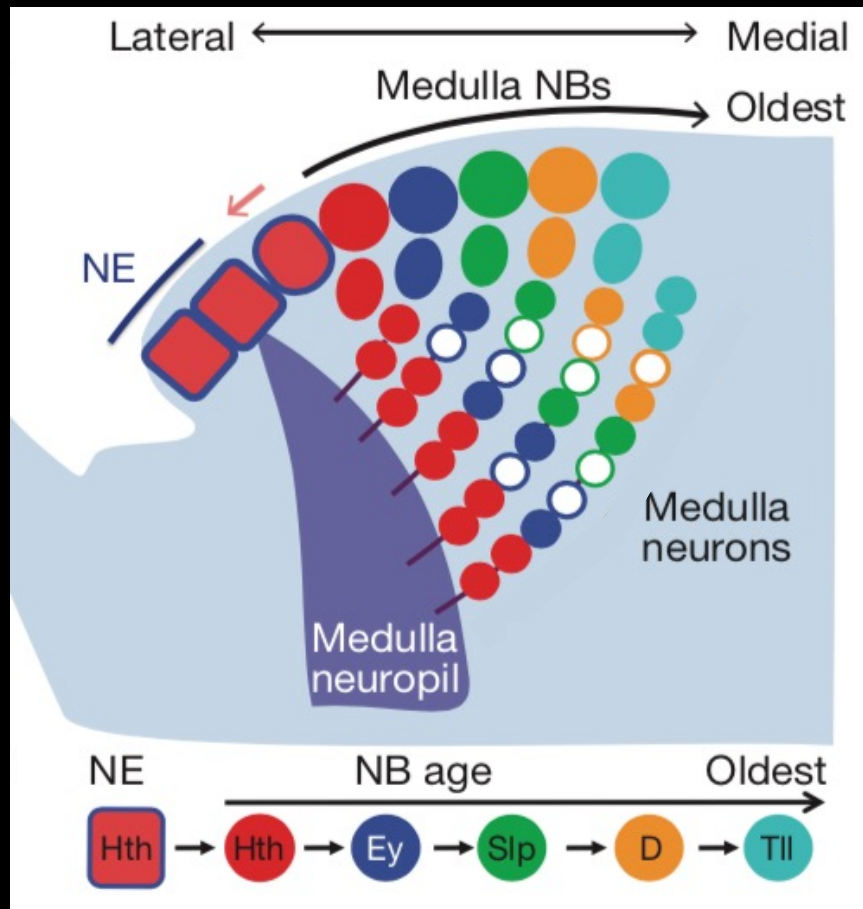
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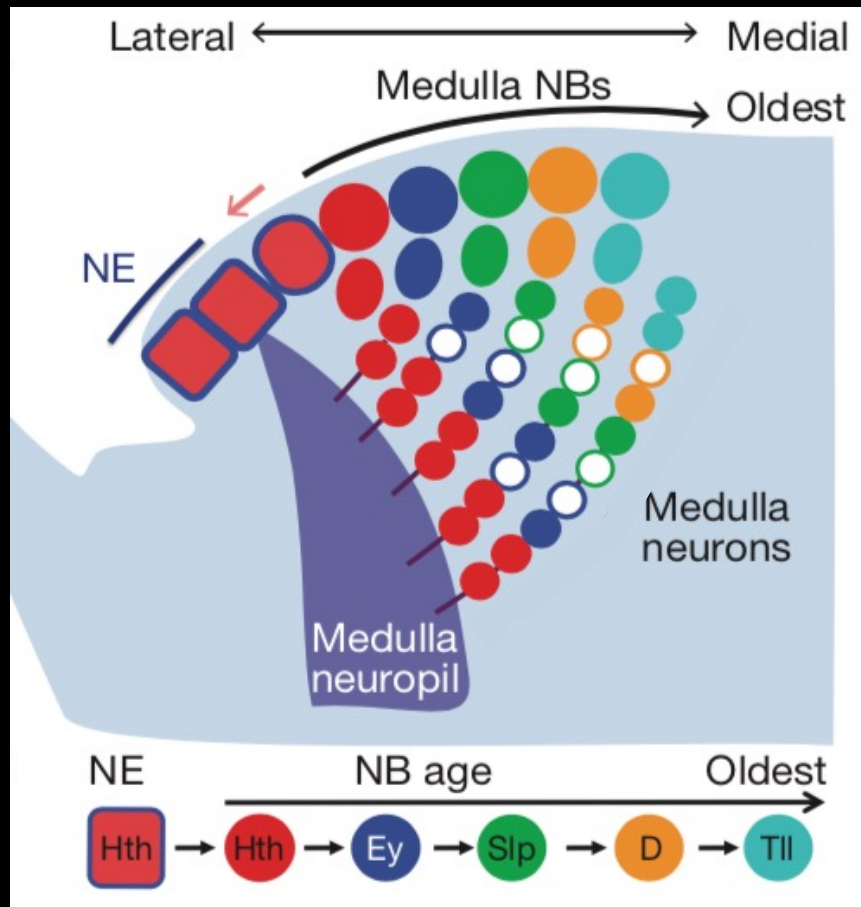
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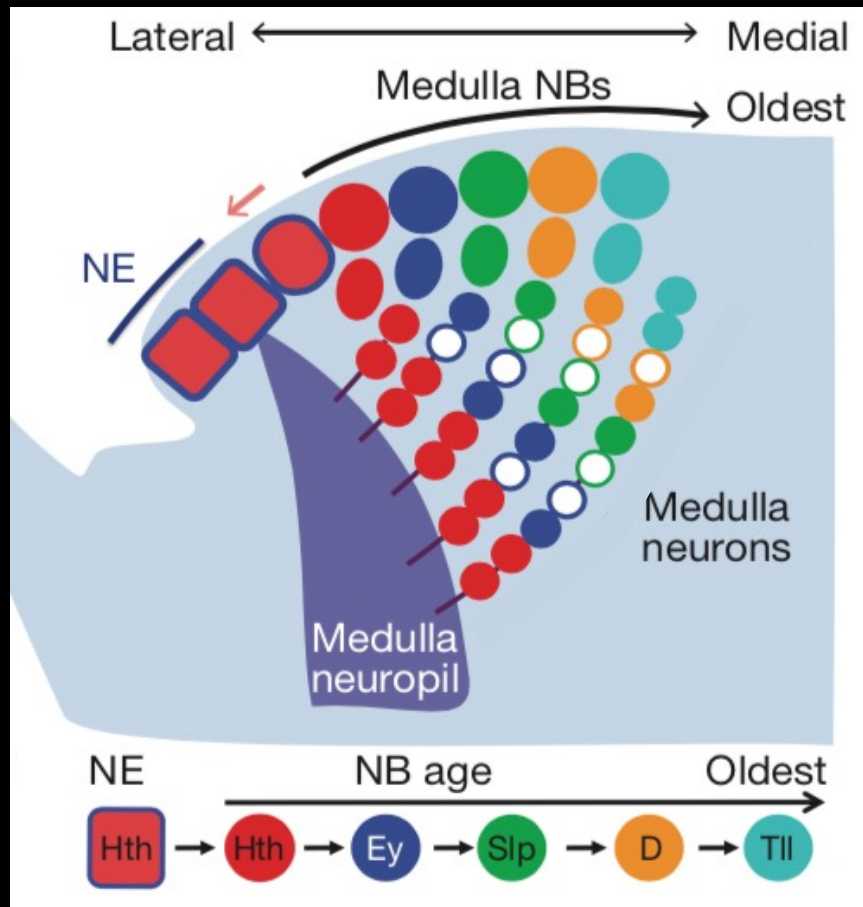


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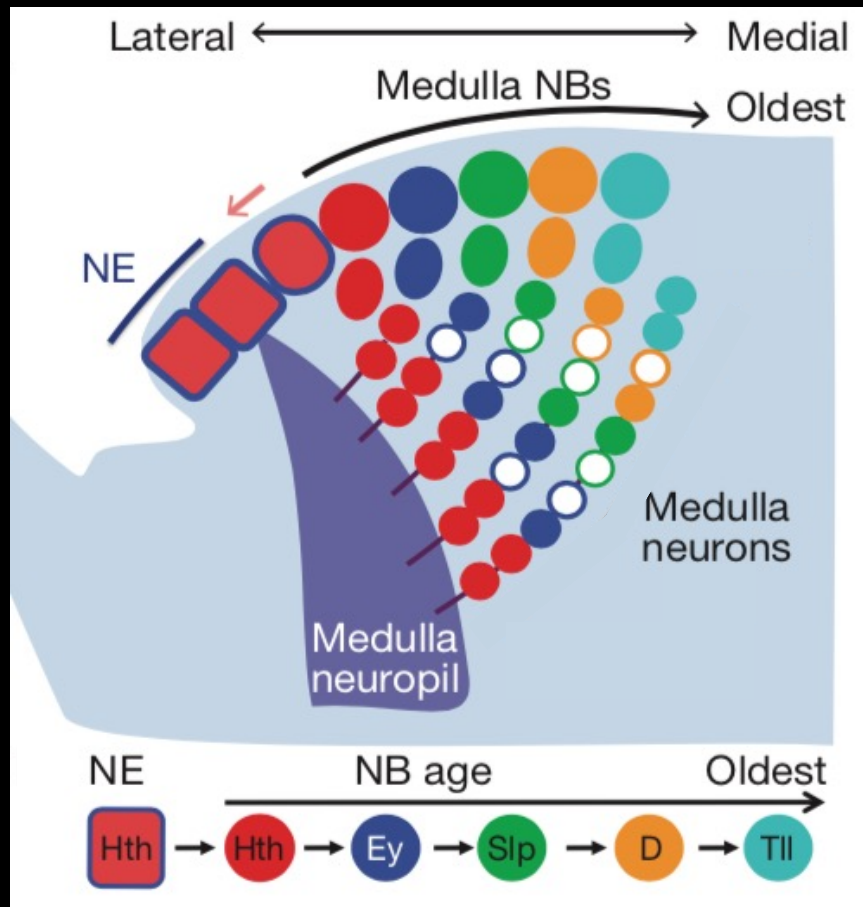
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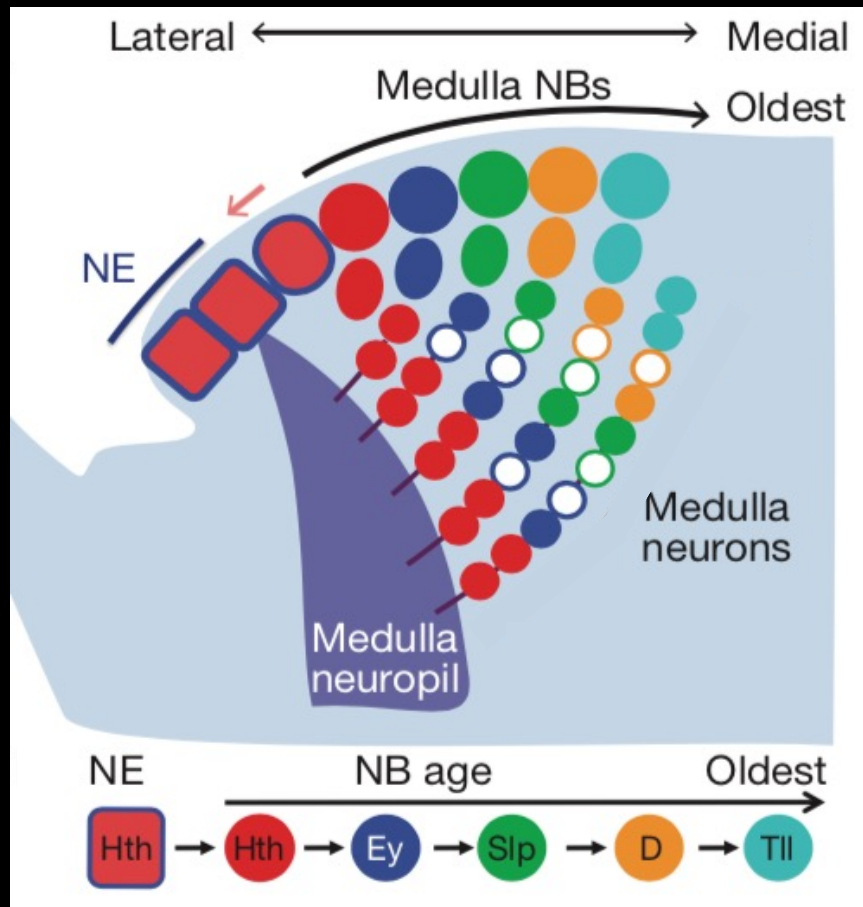
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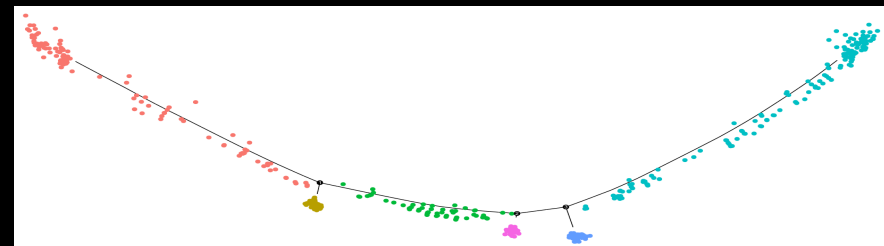
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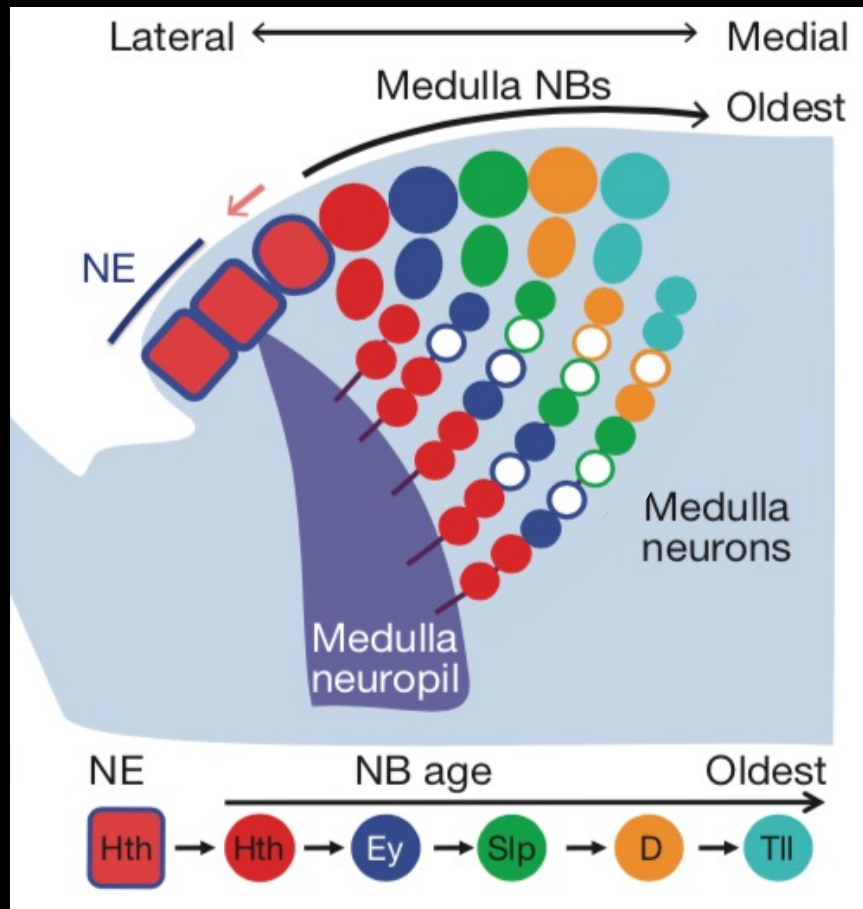


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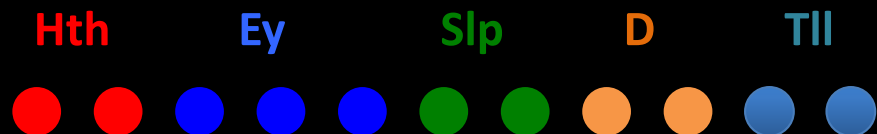
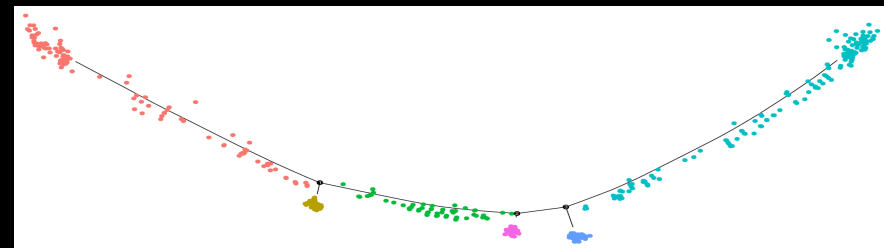


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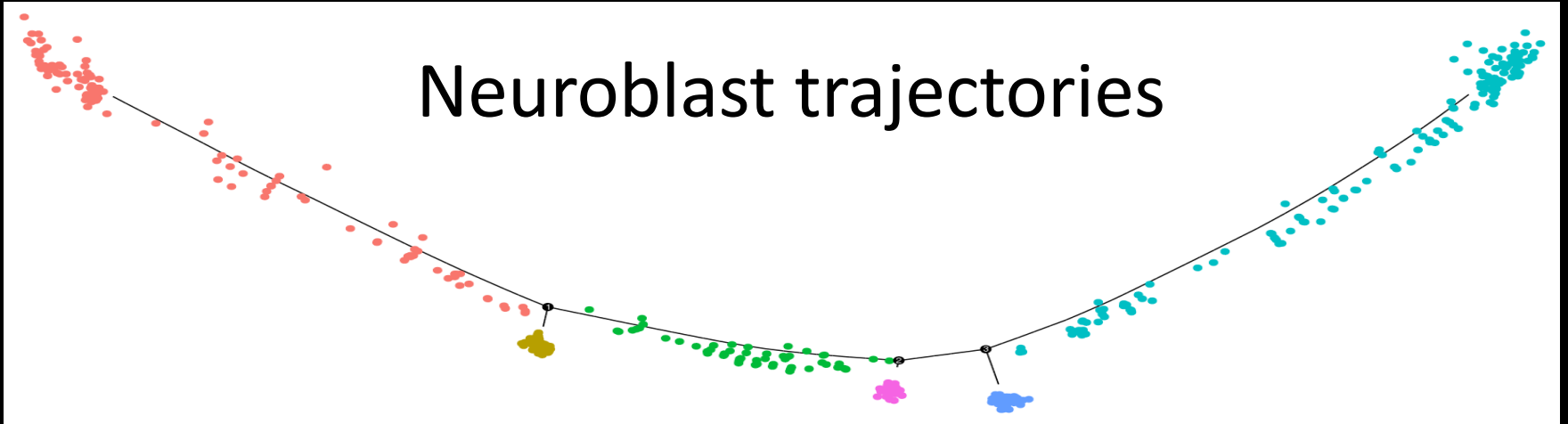
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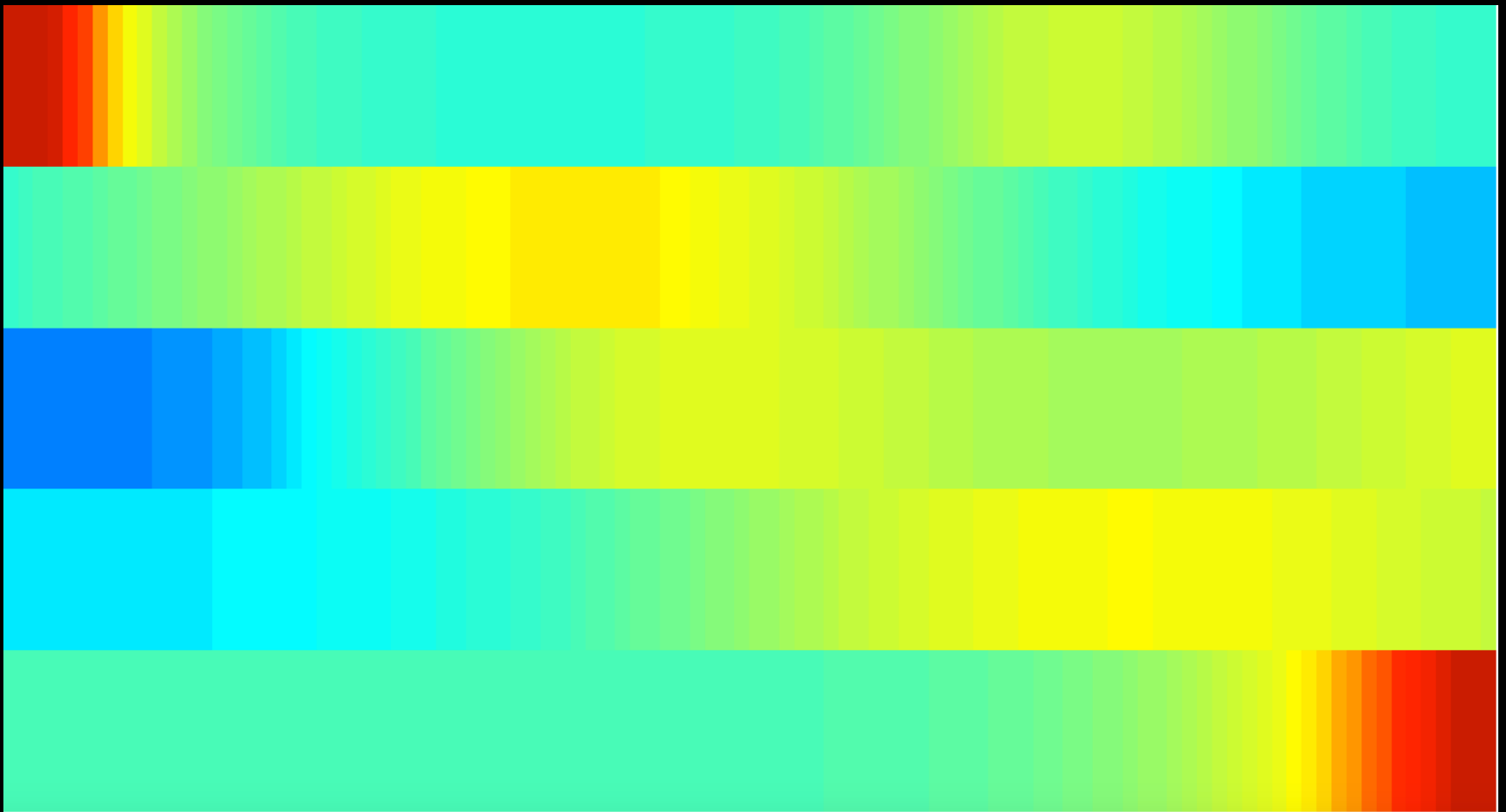
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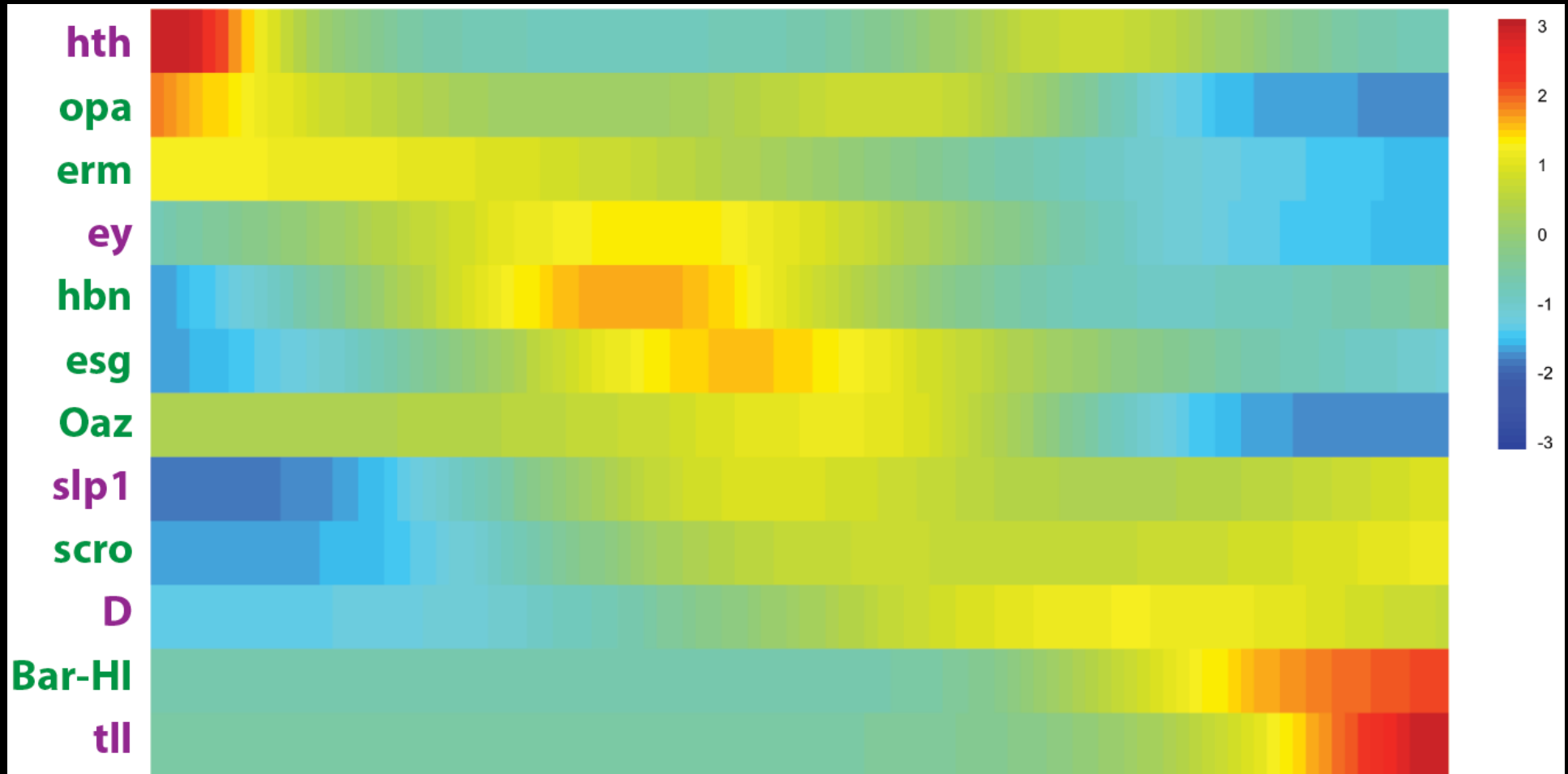
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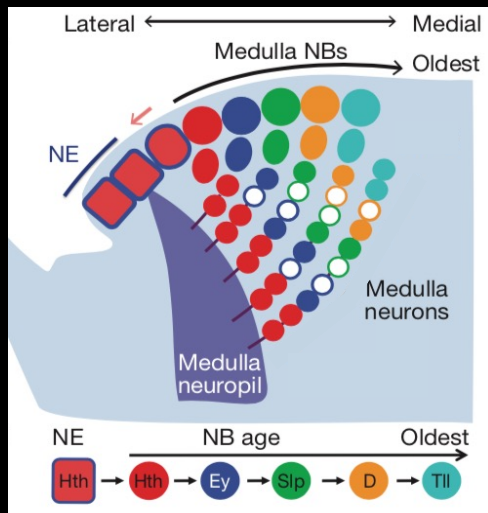
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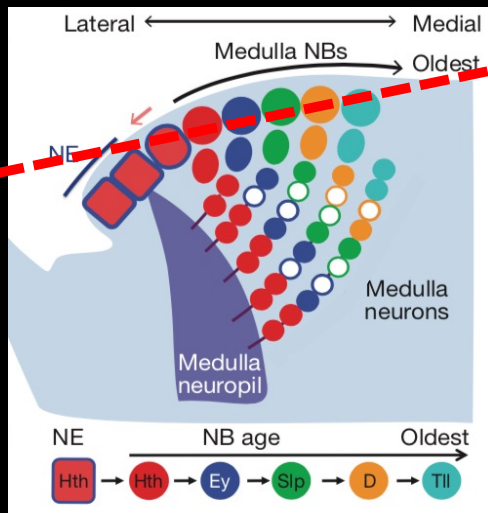
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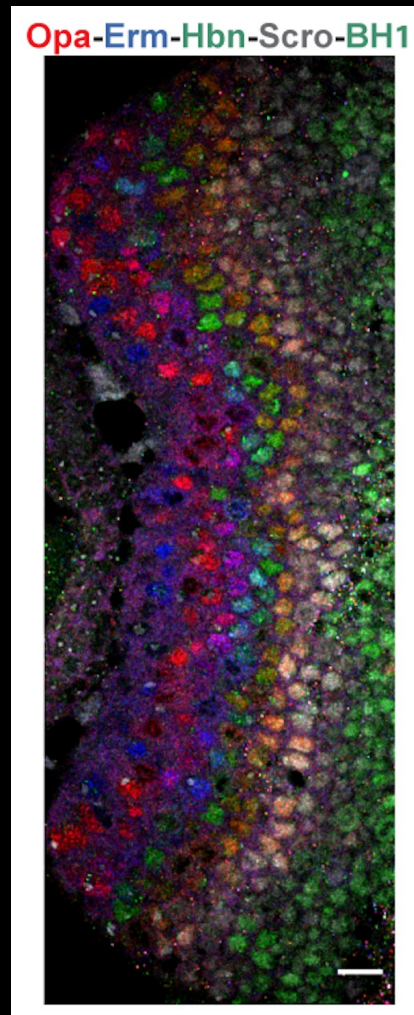
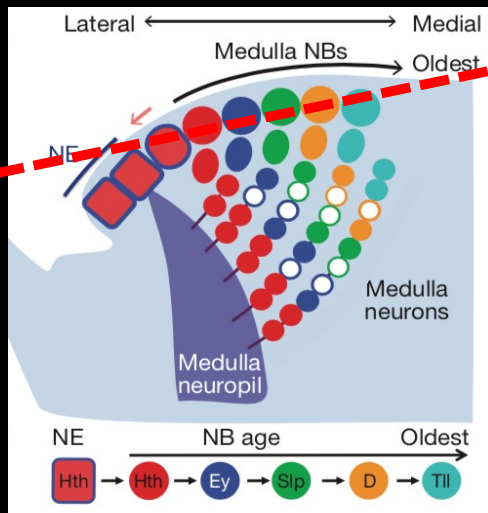


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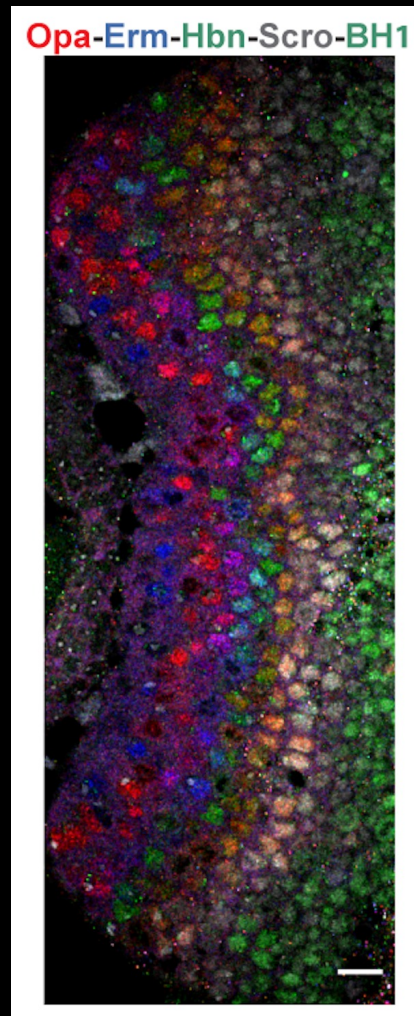
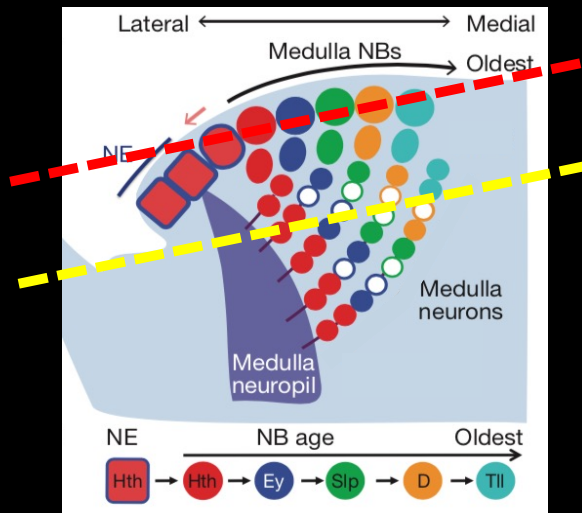
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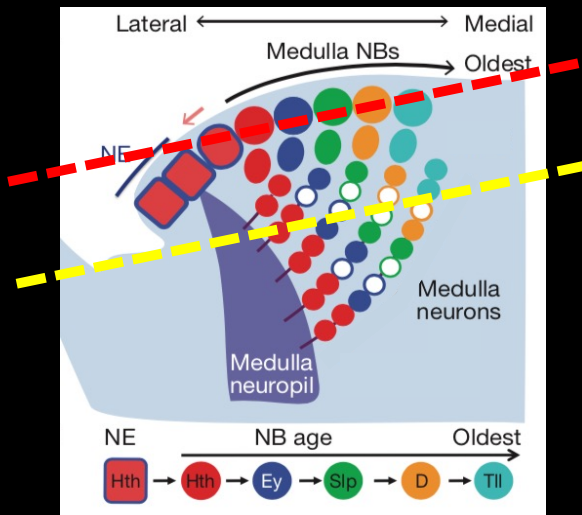


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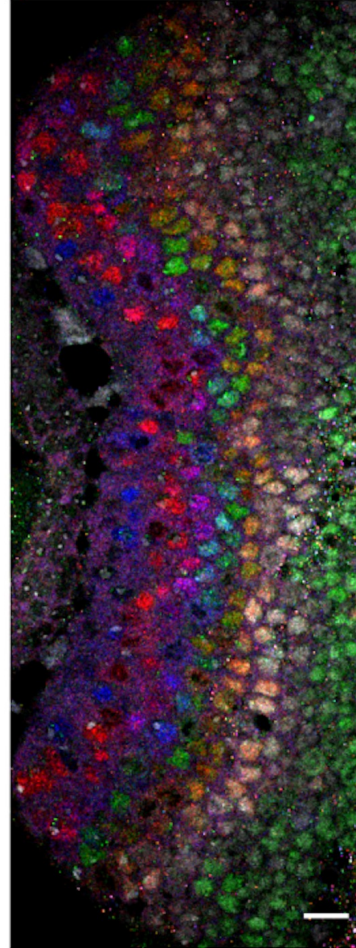
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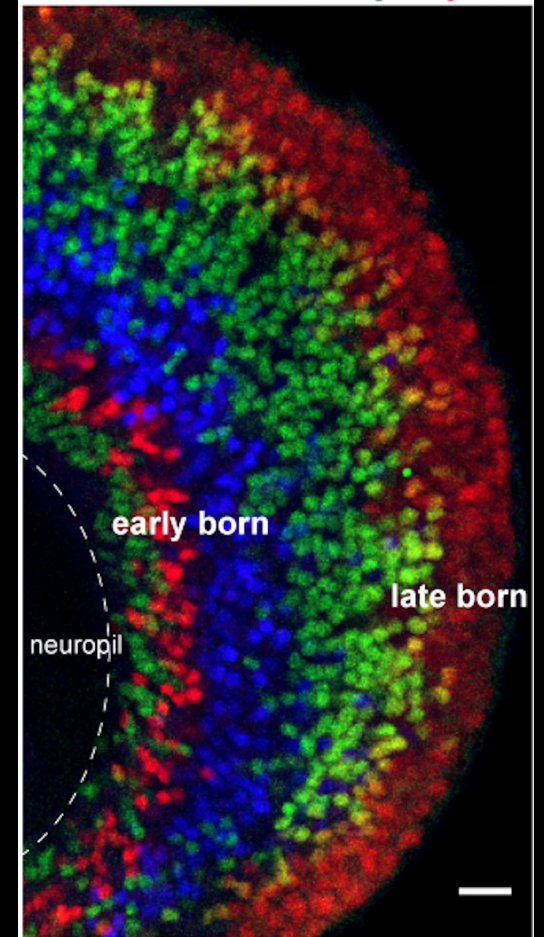
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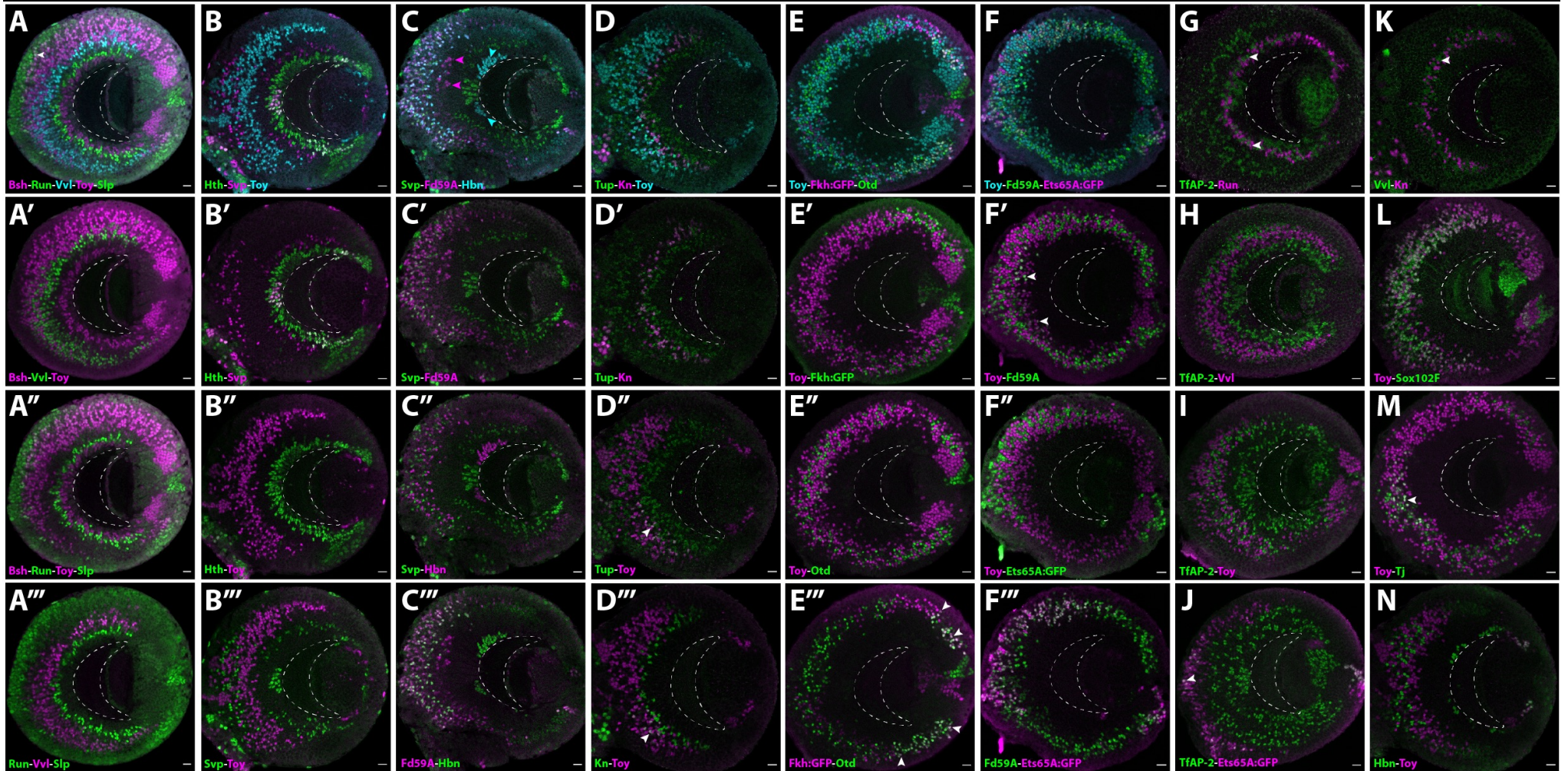
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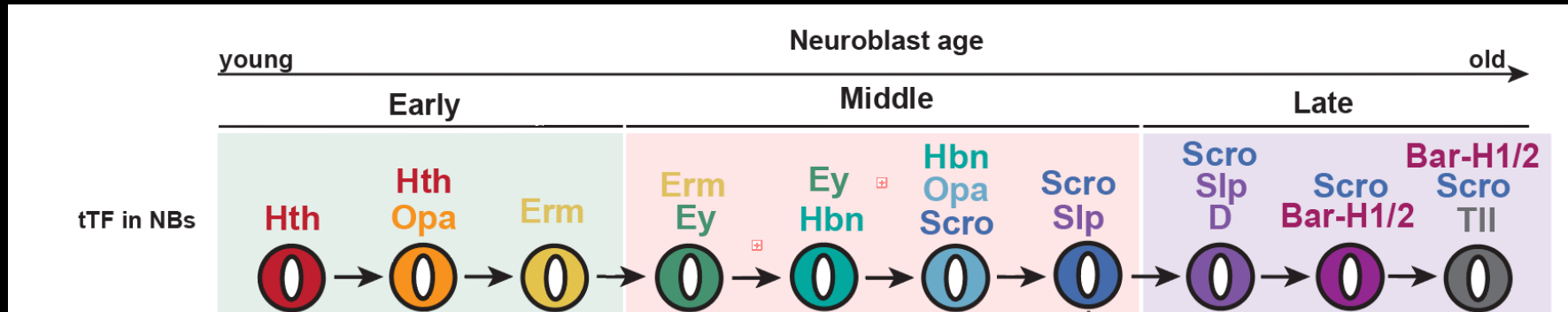
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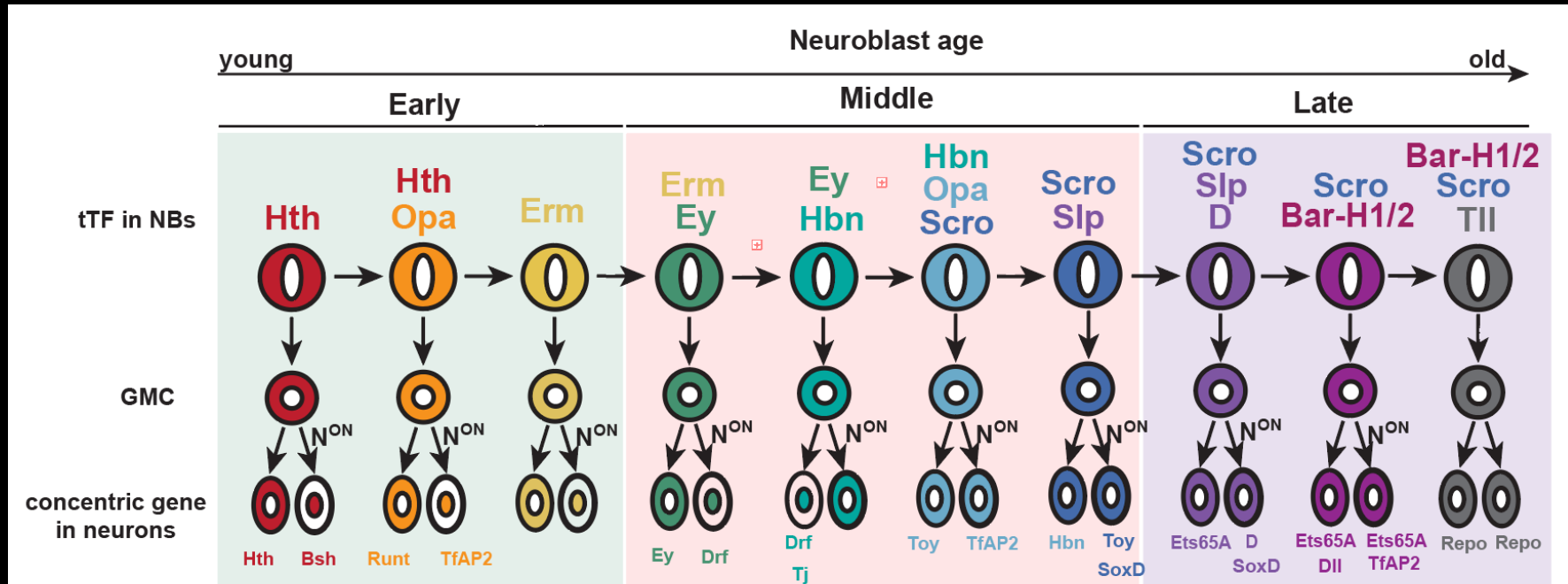
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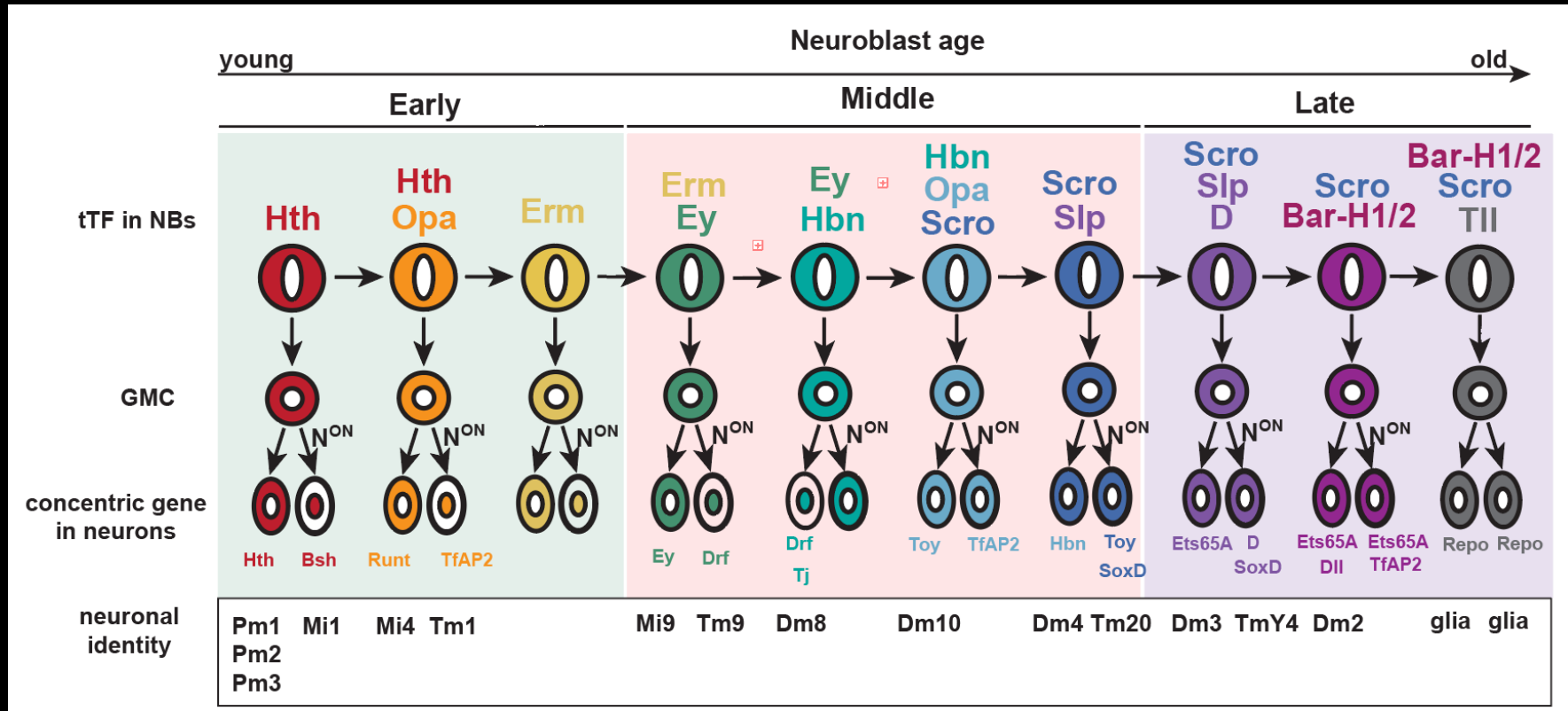
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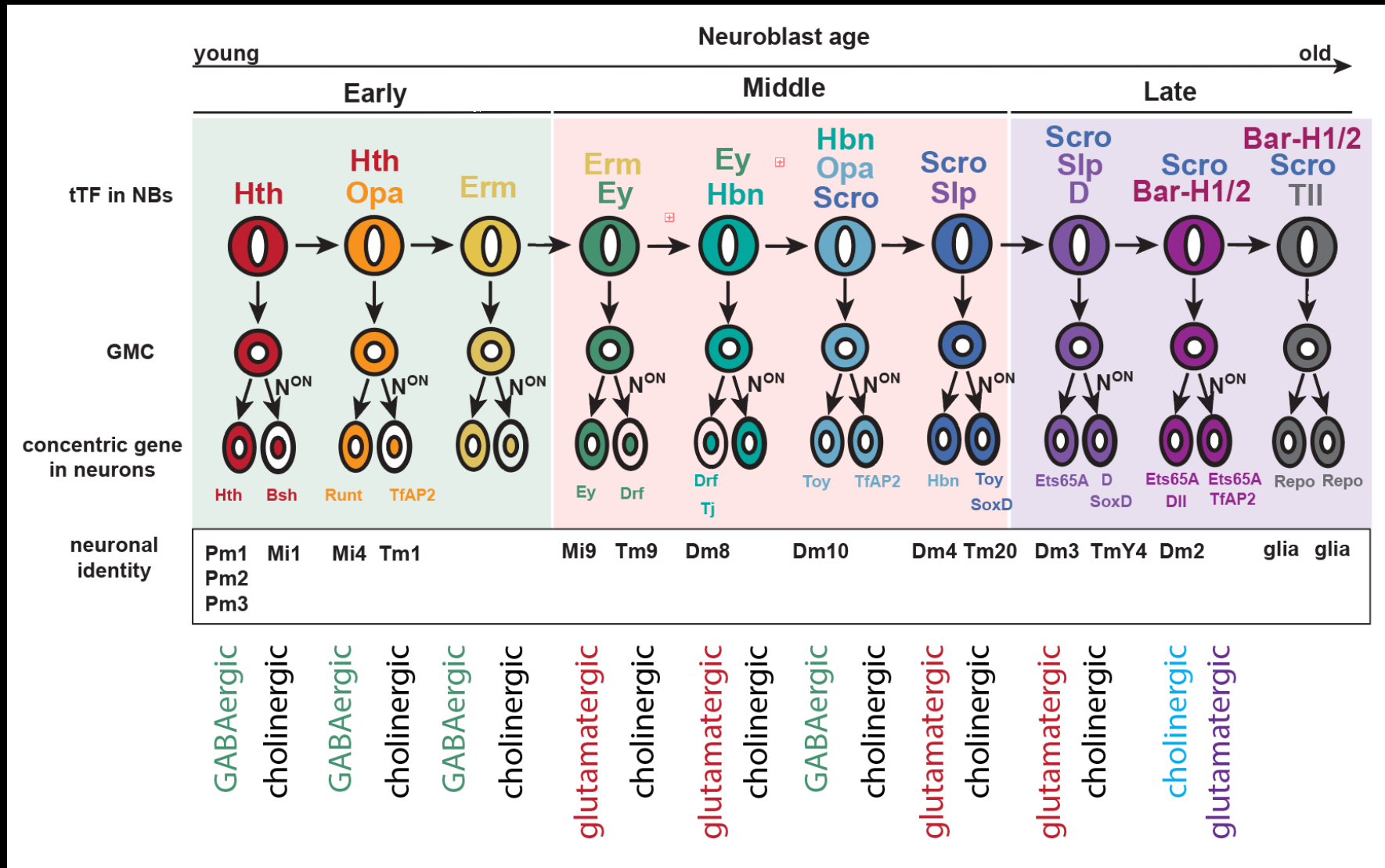
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# Take-home message

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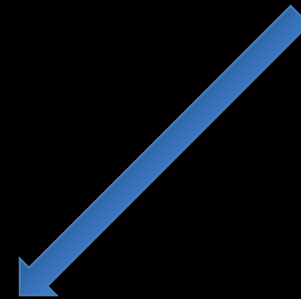
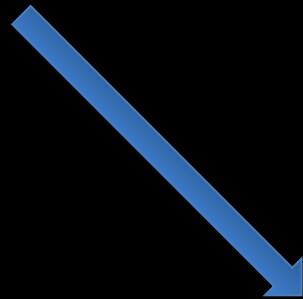
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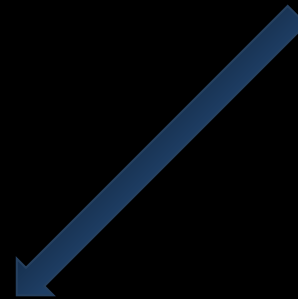
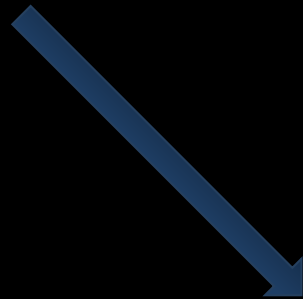


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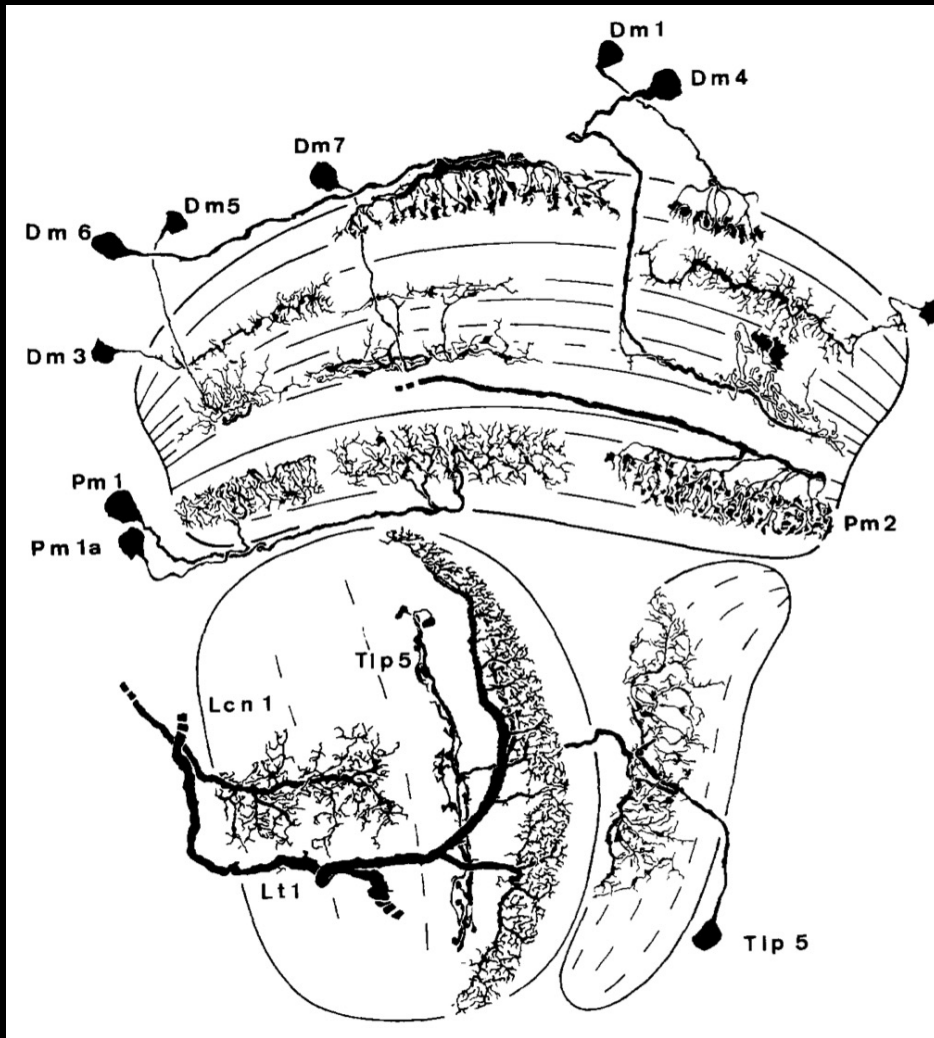
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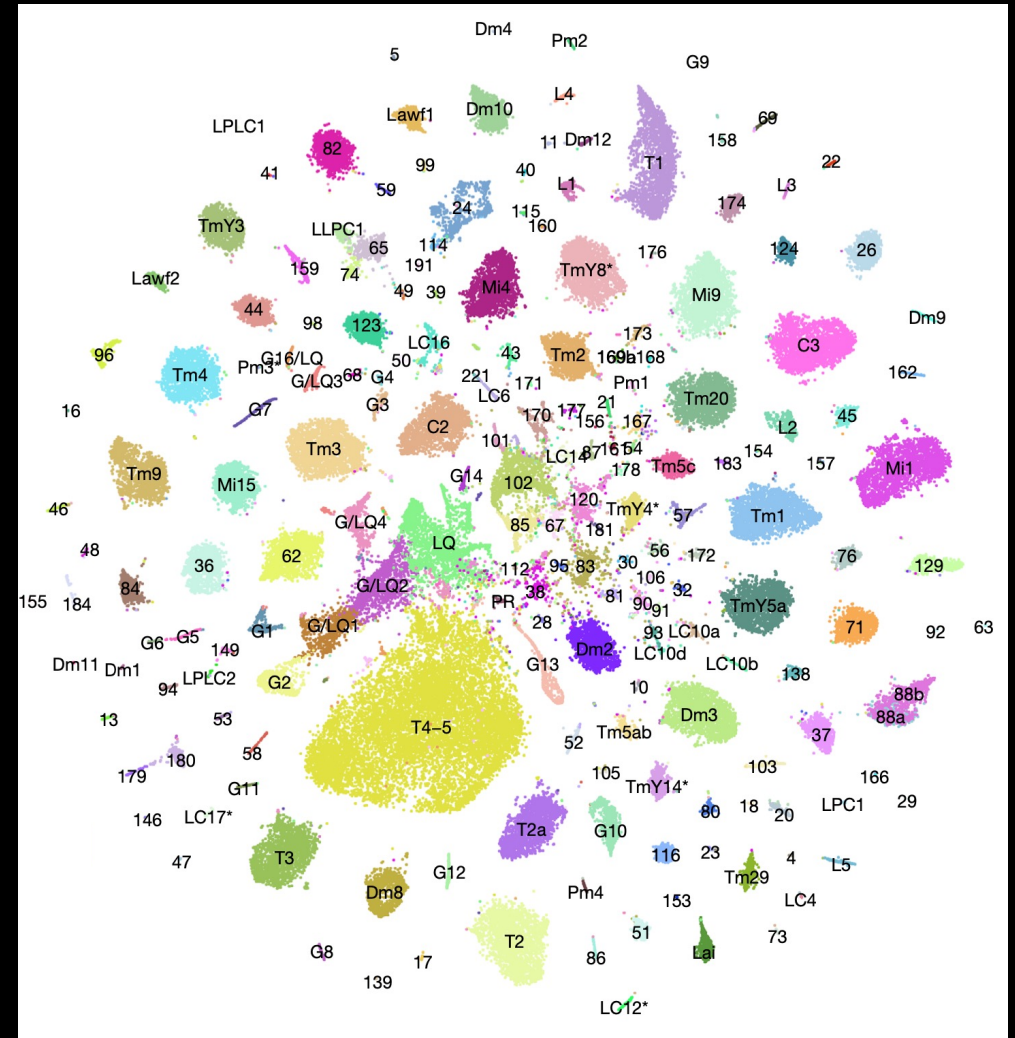
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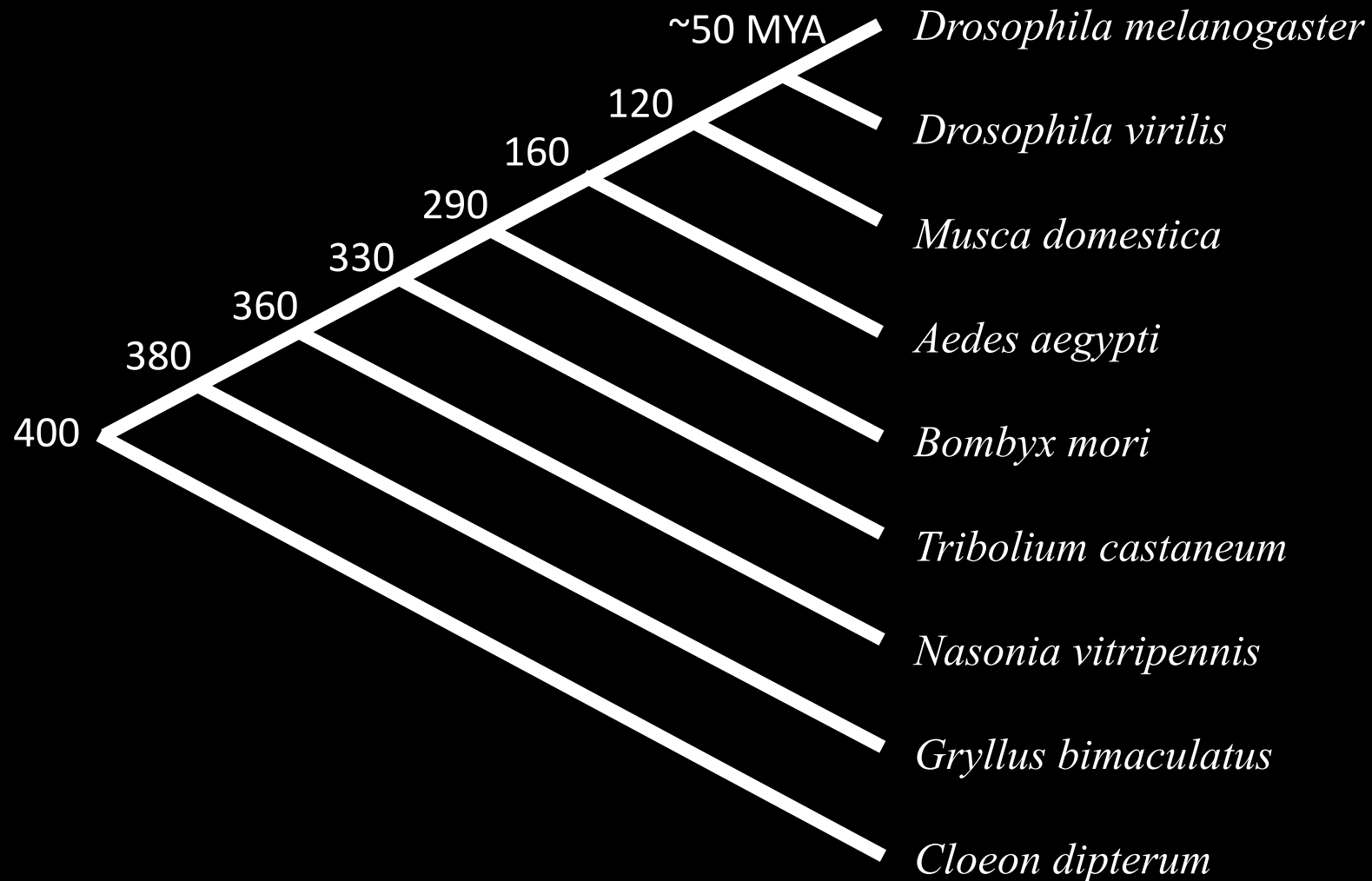


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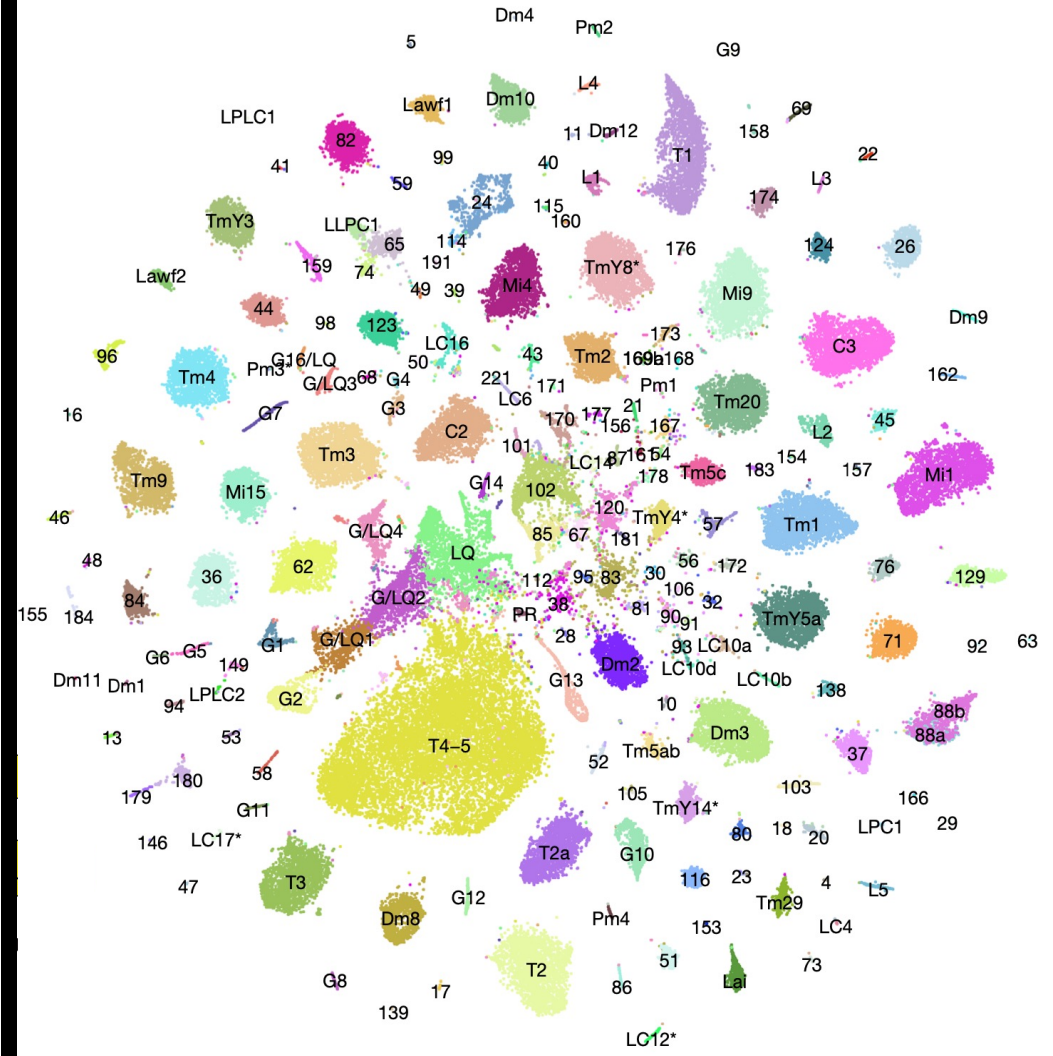
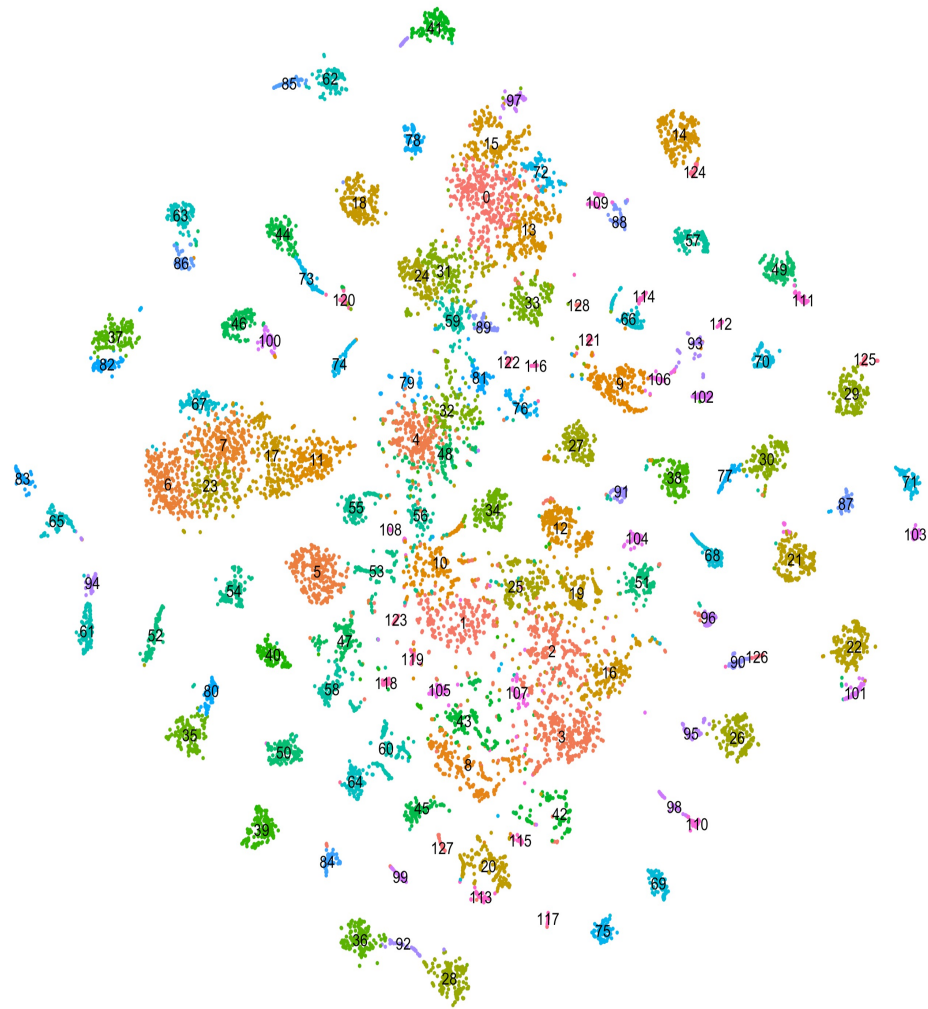




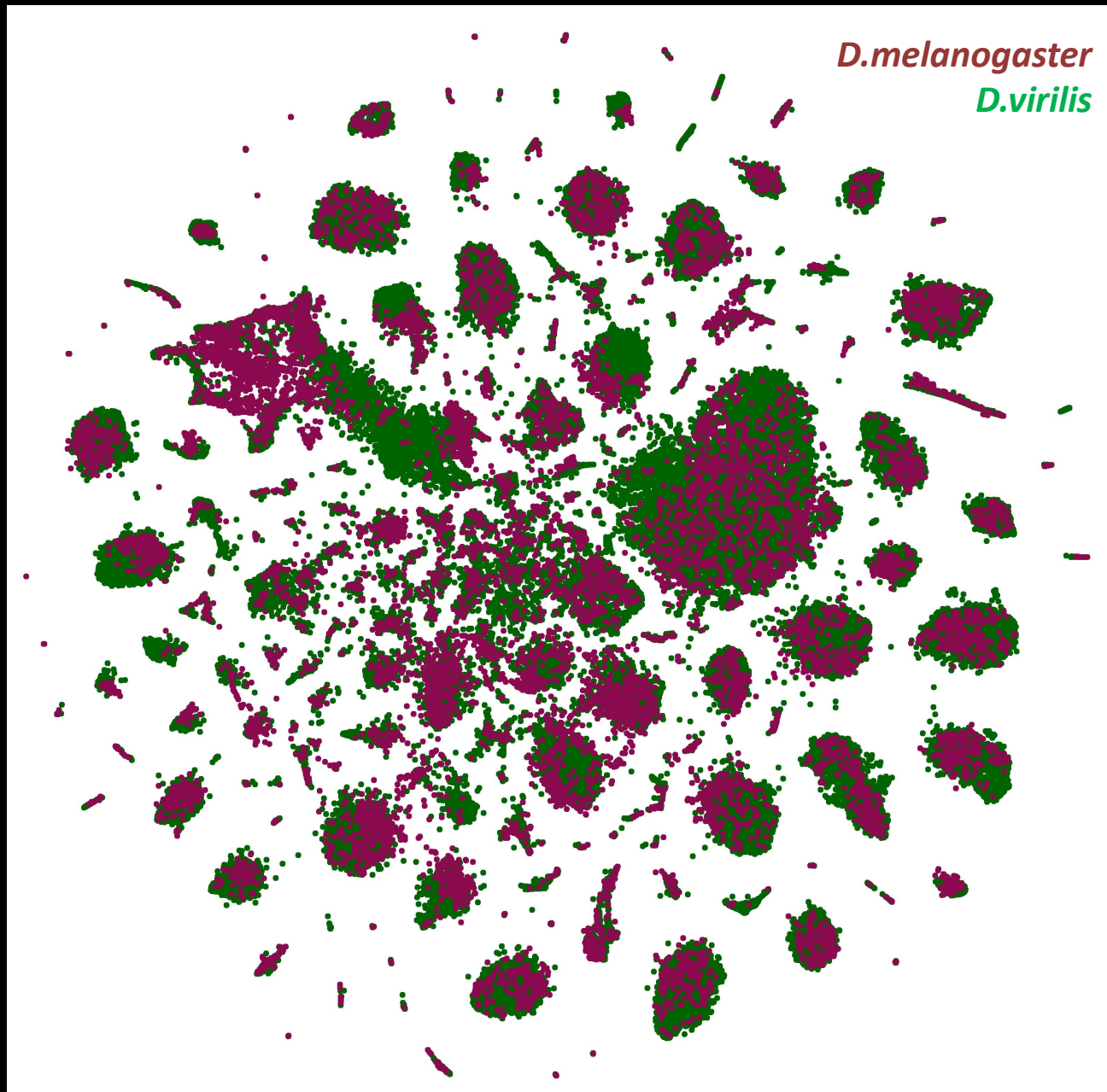
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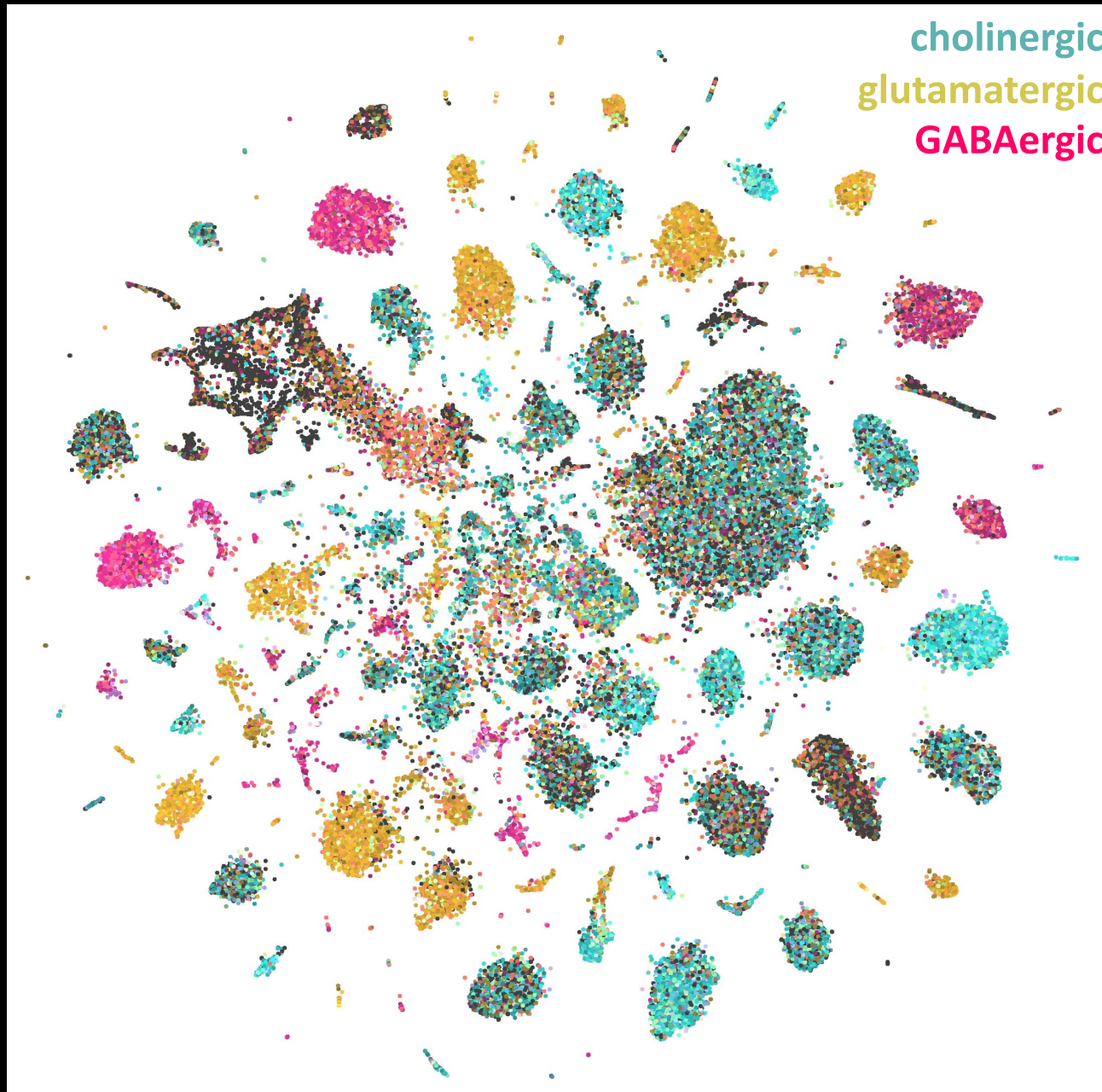
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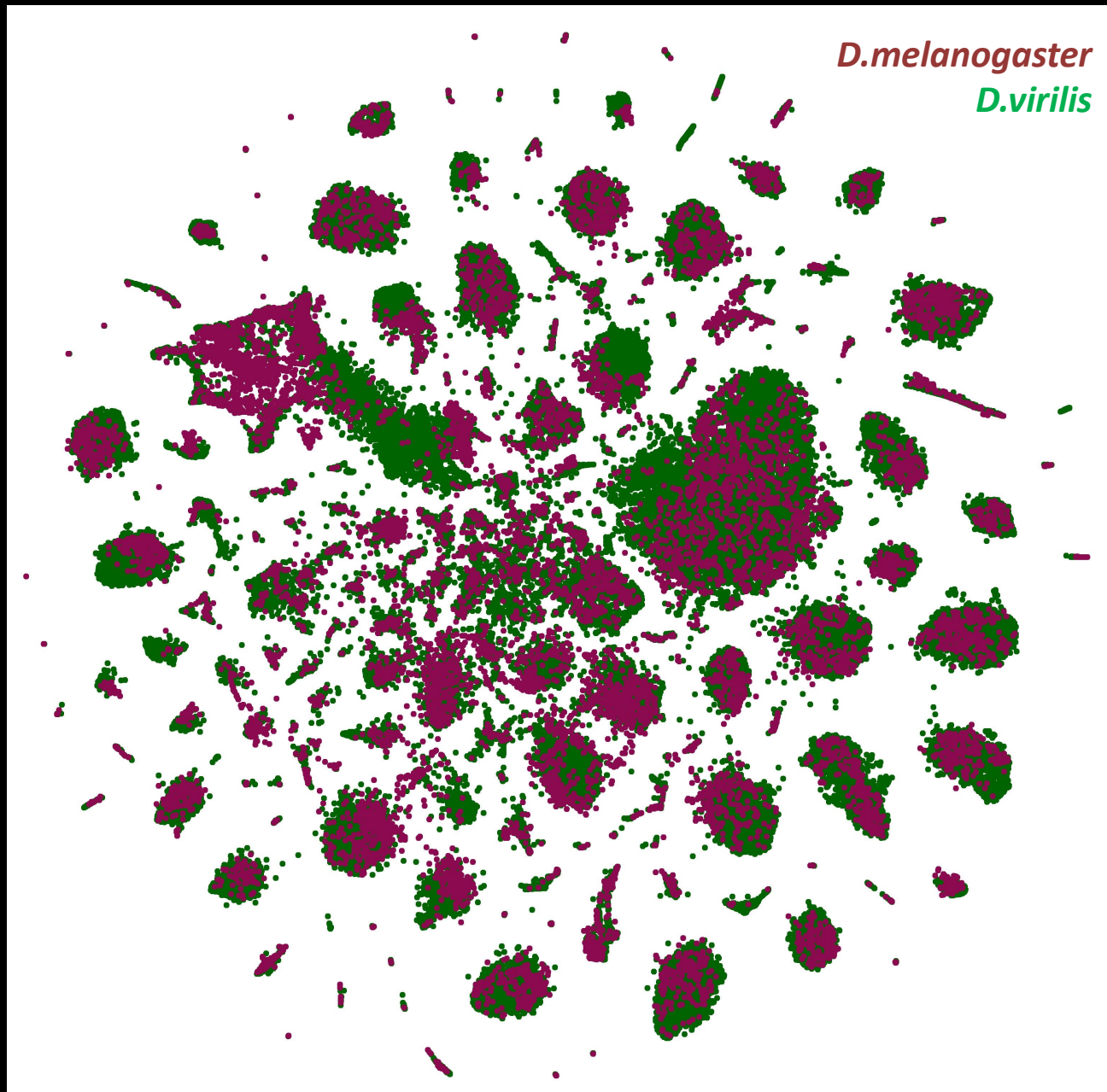
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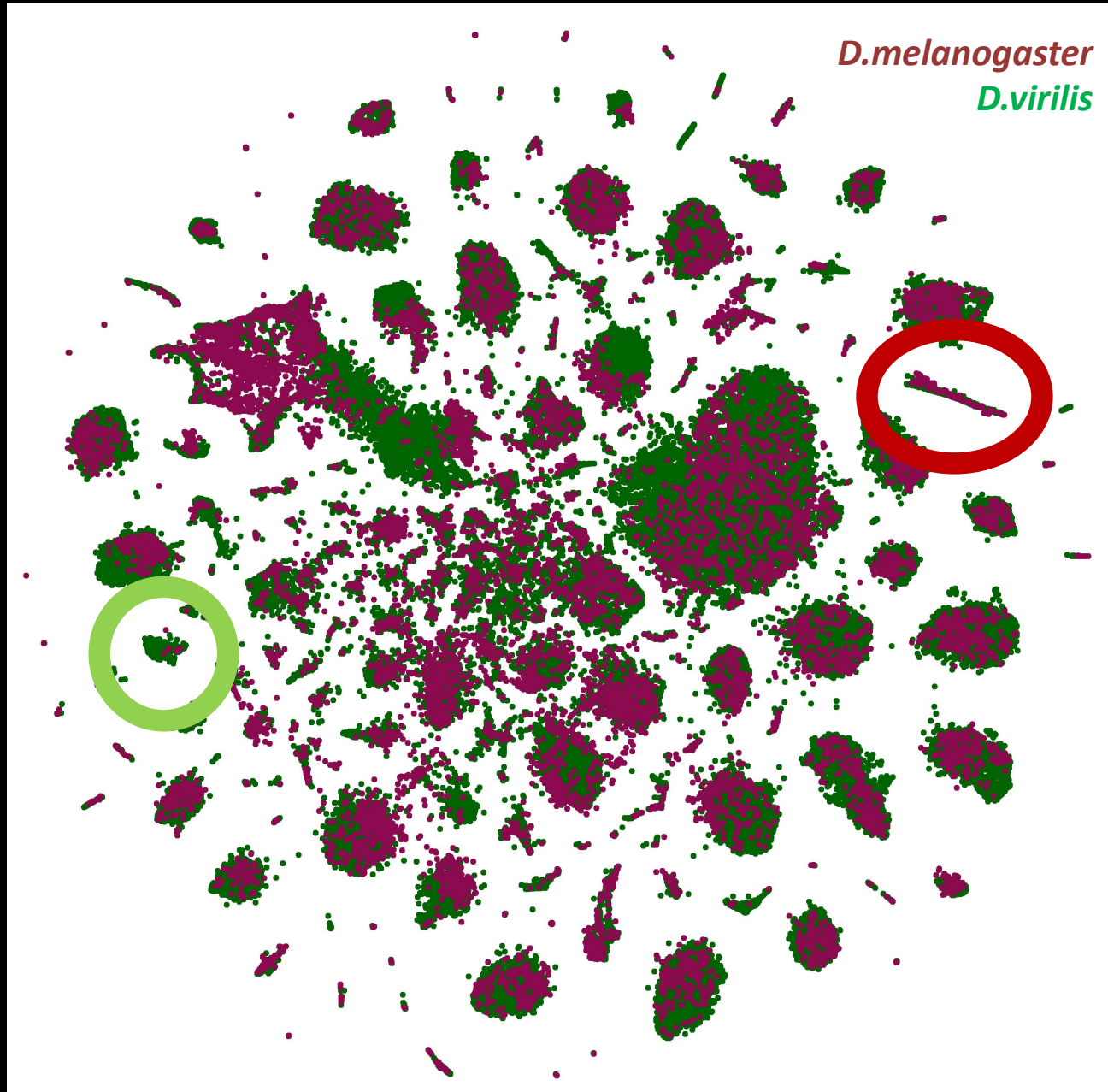
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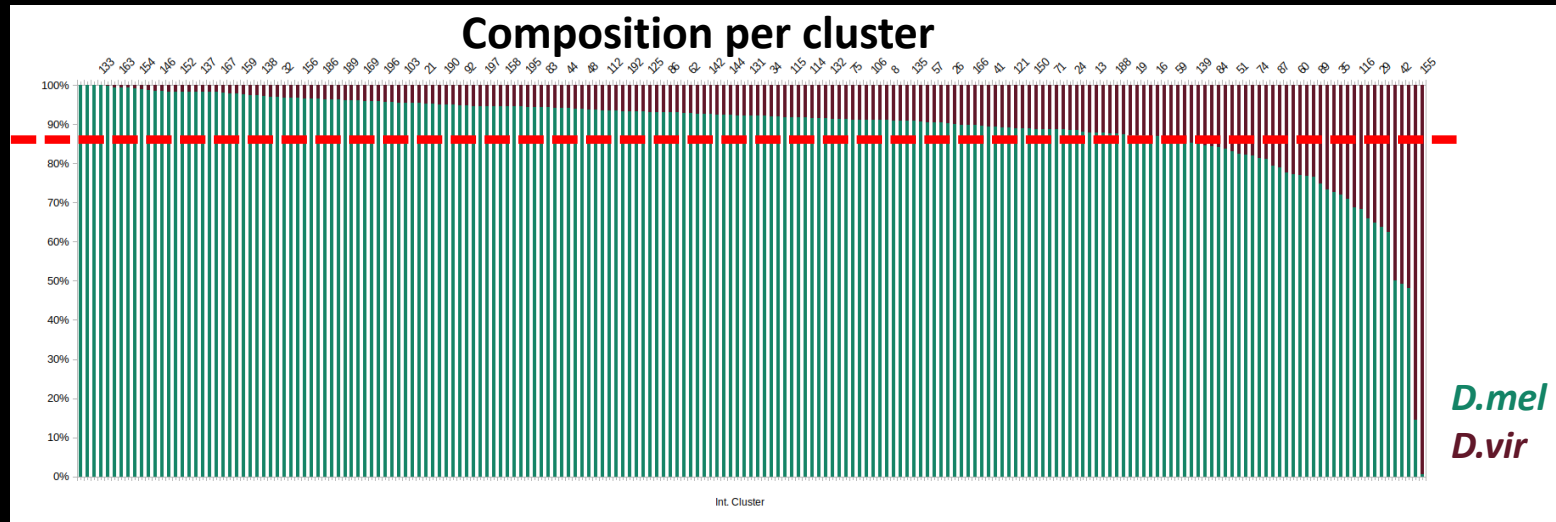


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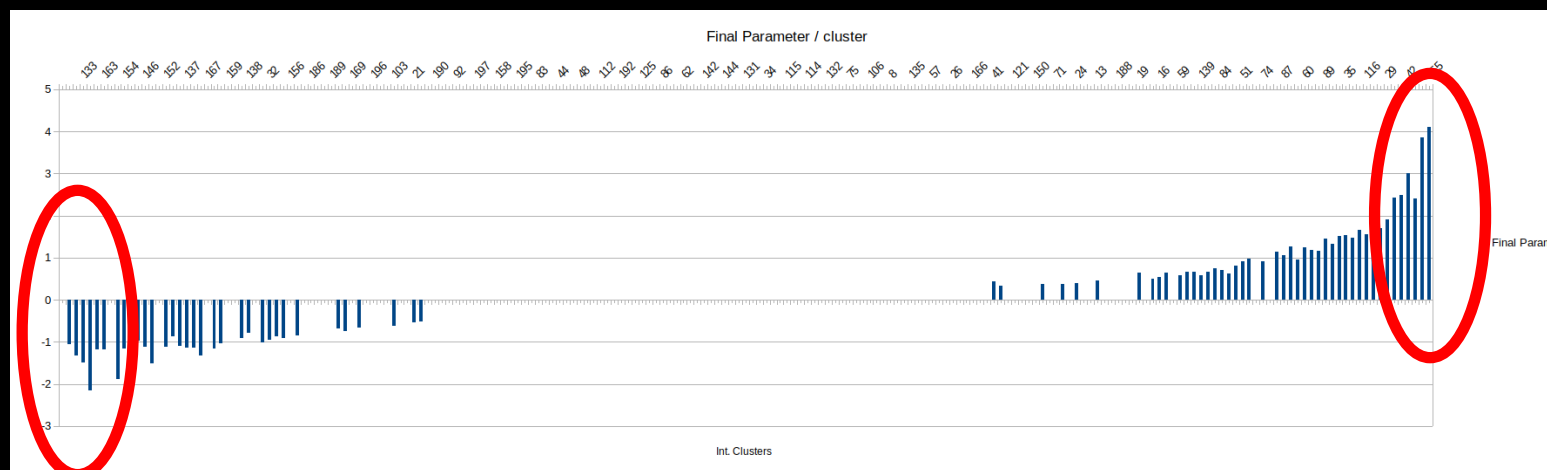
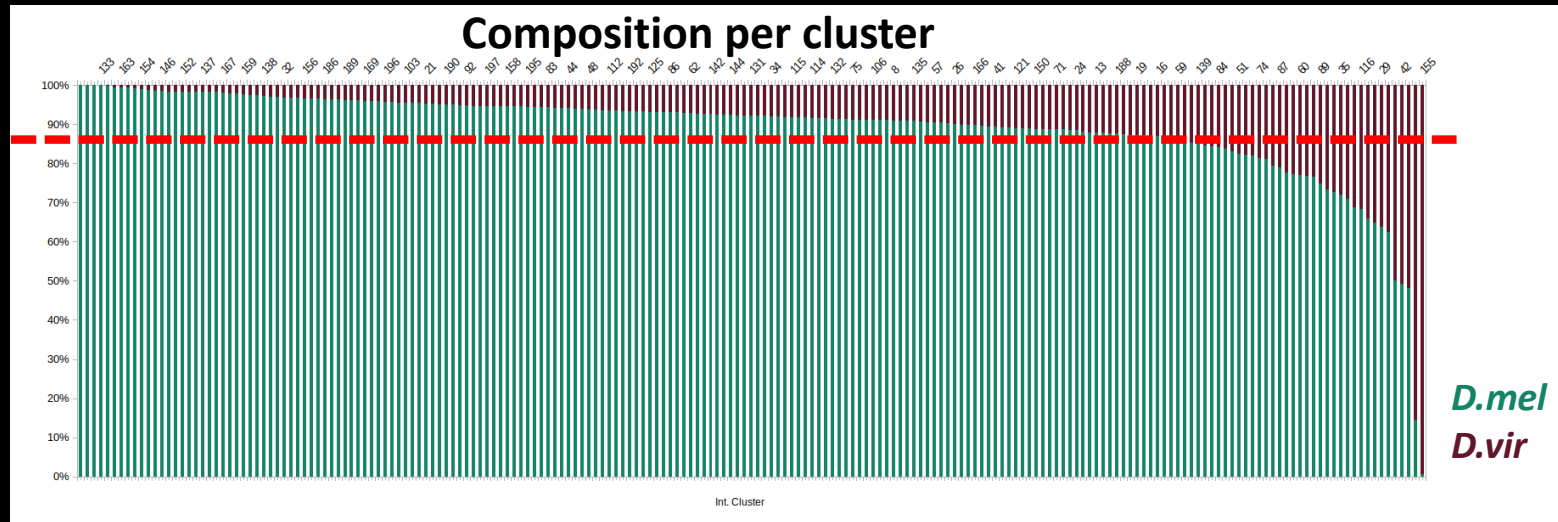
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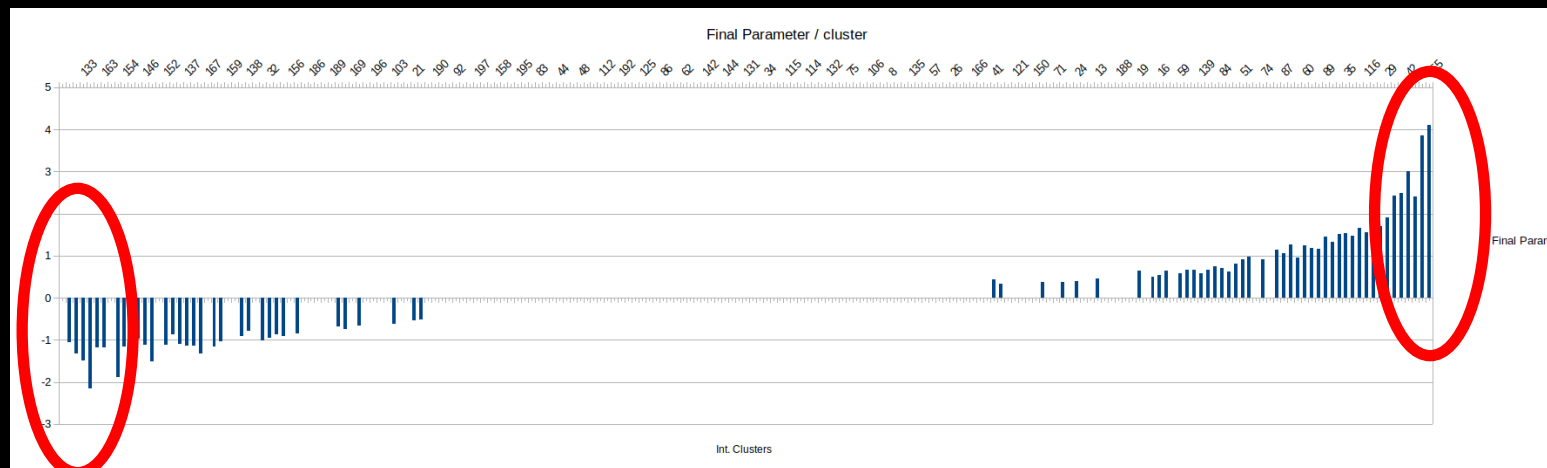
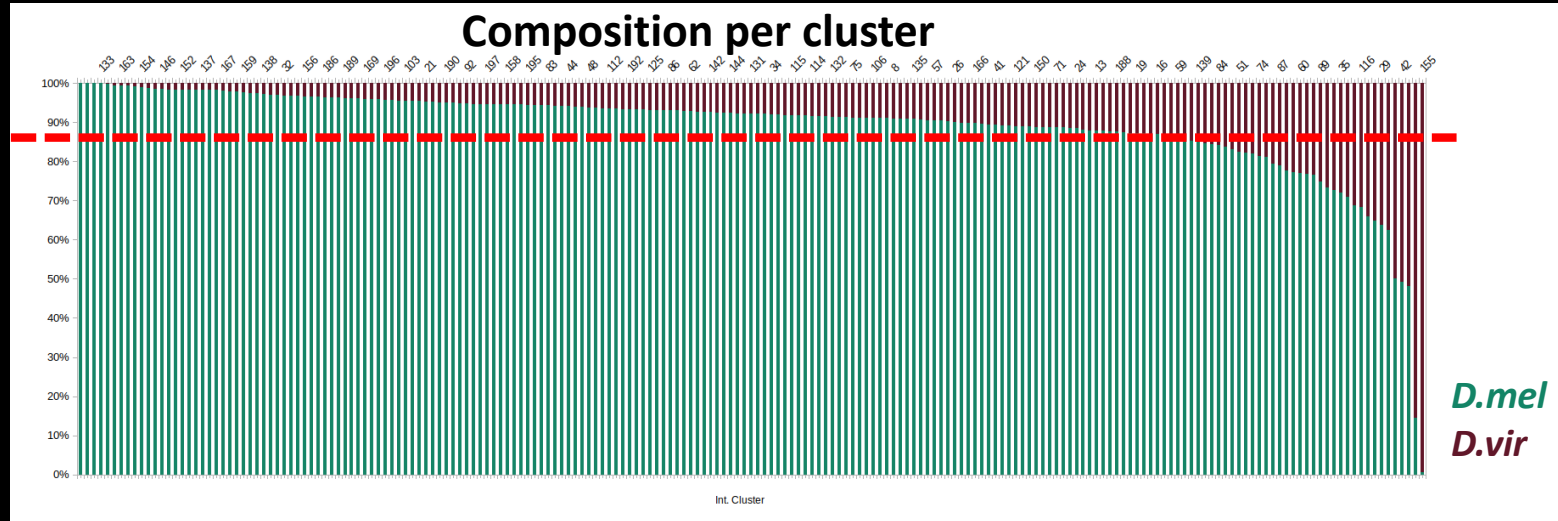
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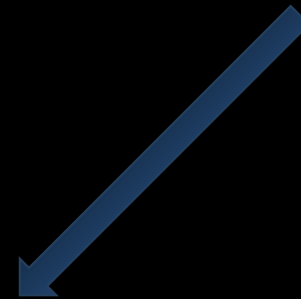
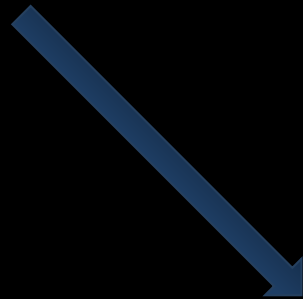




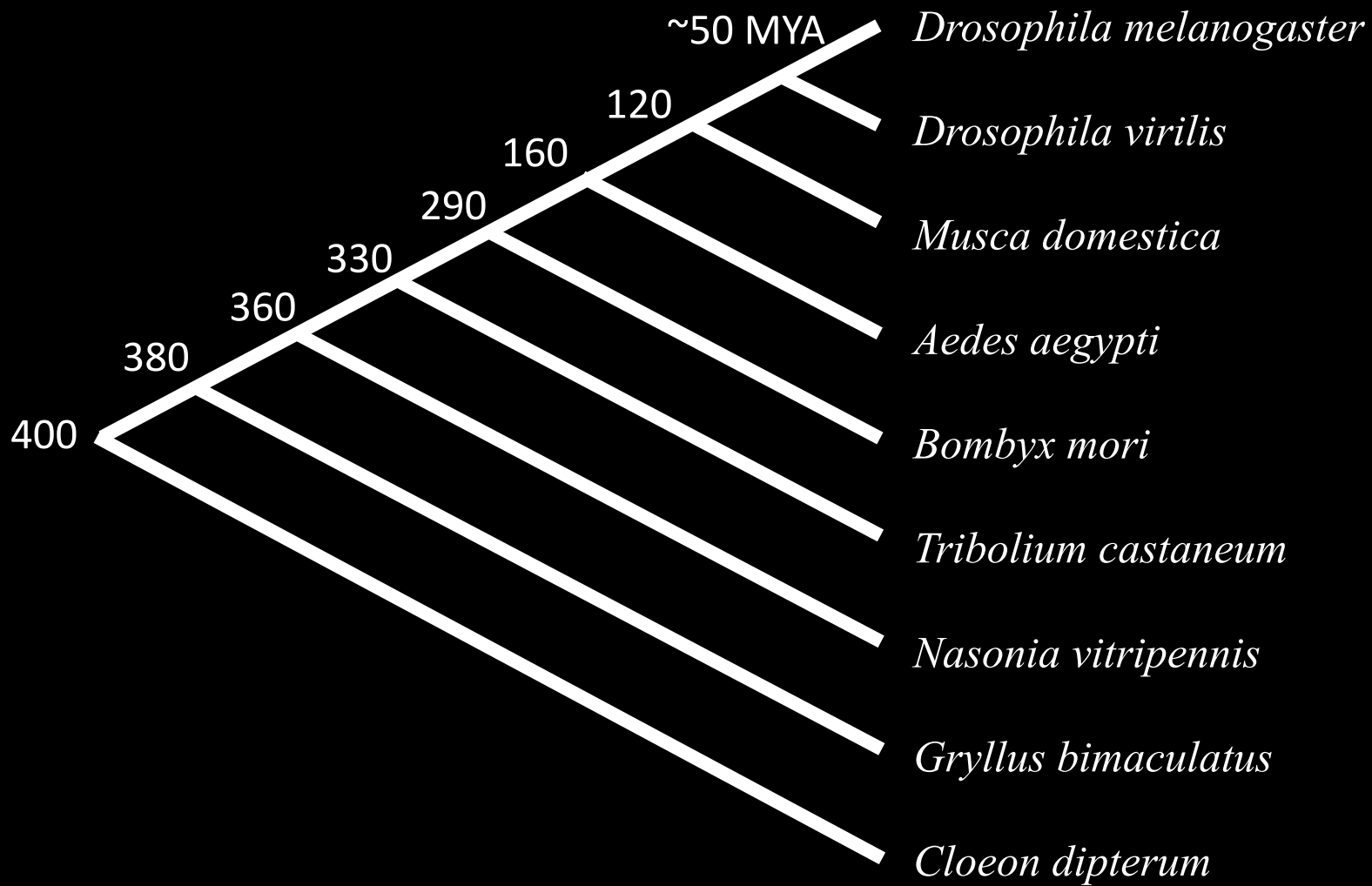
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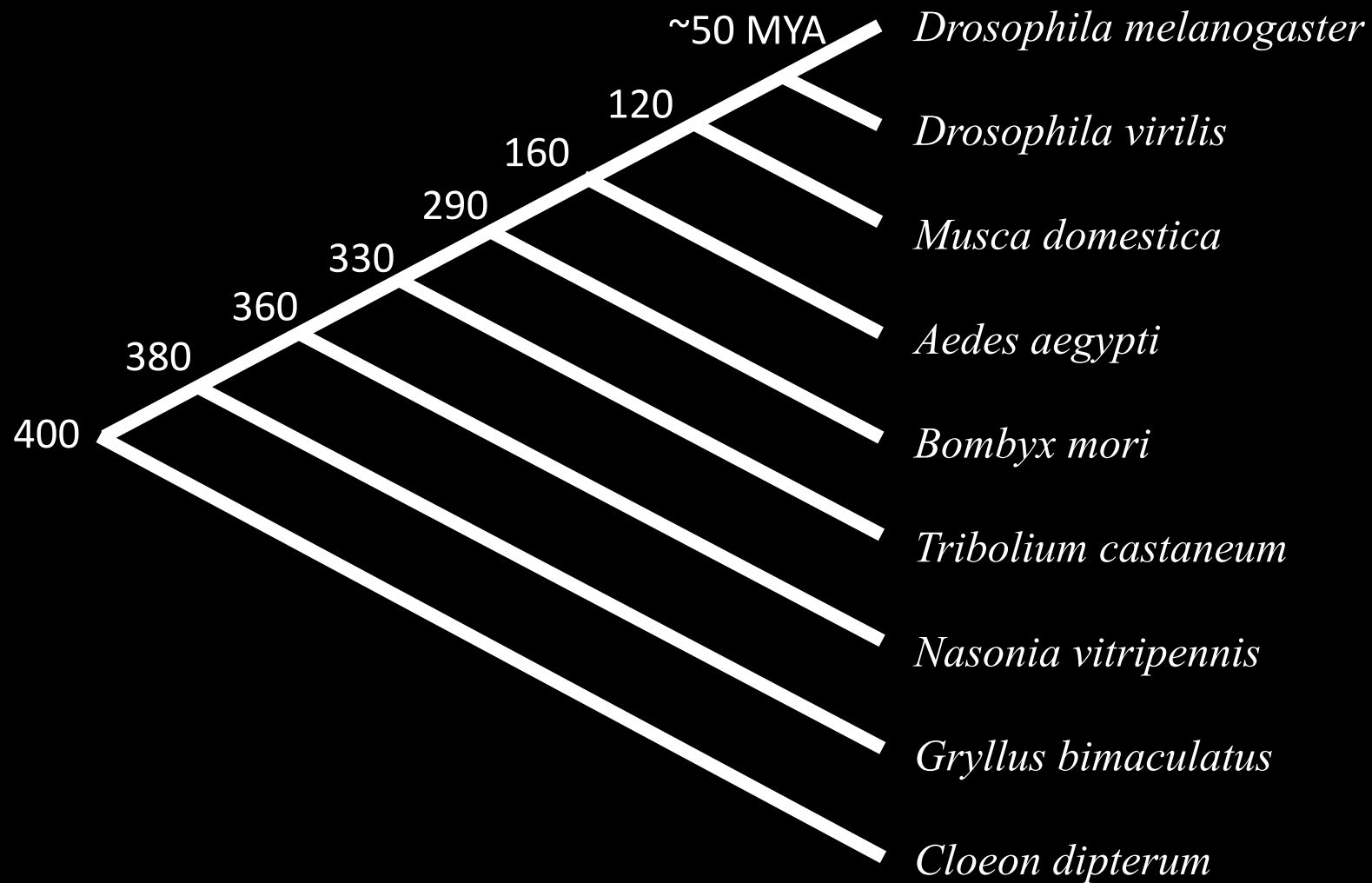
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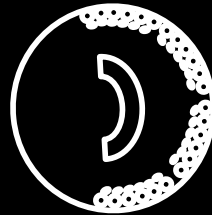


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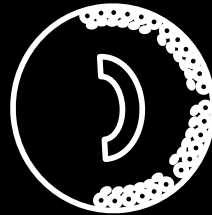
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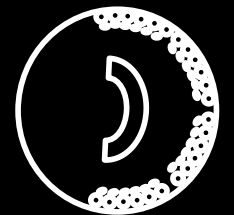


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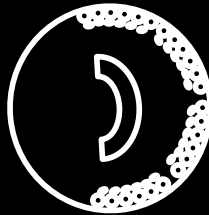


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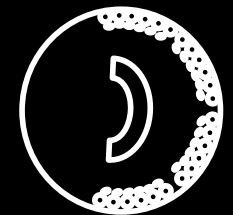


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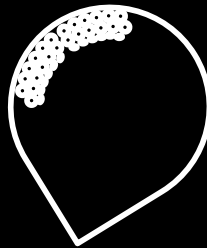
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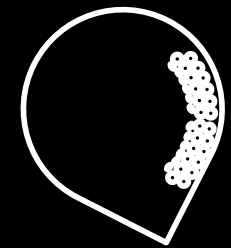
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3rd instar larvae



*Bombyx mori*  
5th instar larvae

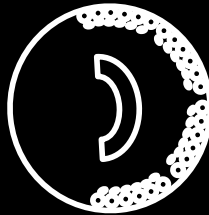


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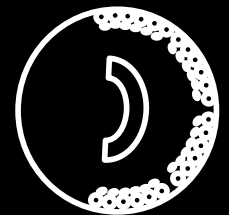


# Edu staining at different stages to identify proliferating cells

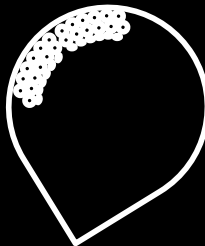
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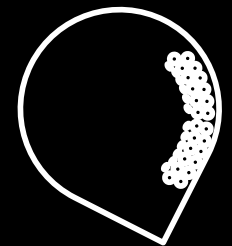
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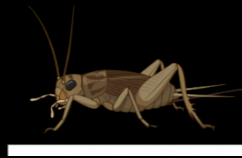
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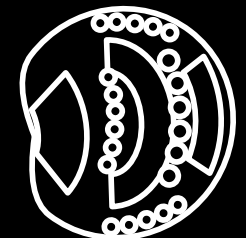
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*Gryllus bimaculatus*  
nymphal stage 1,3,5

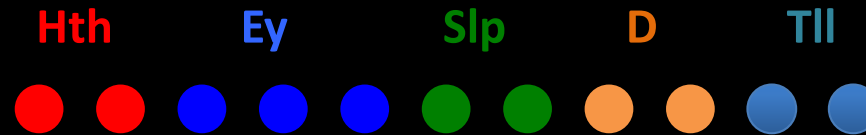


*Cloeon dipterum*  
mid nymphal stage



# Evolution of temporal patterning

## *Drosophila melanogaster*



### Examples of differences

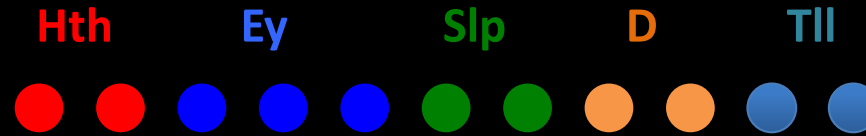
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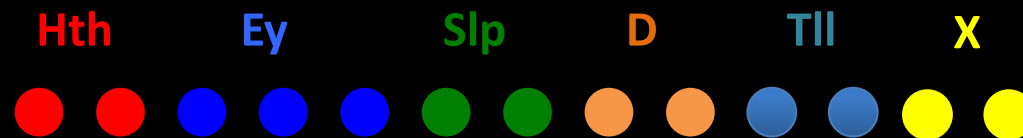
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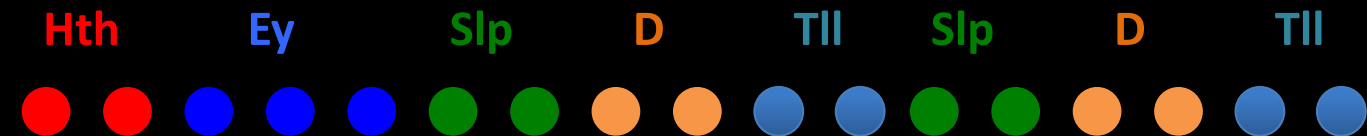
Addition or elimination of a temporal window

## *Drosophila virilis?*



## *Musca domestica?*

Duplication of part or all of the lineage



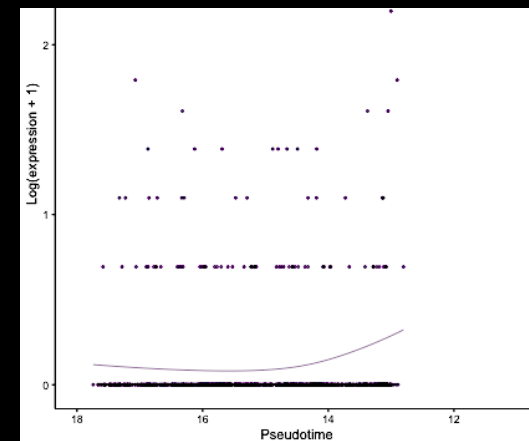
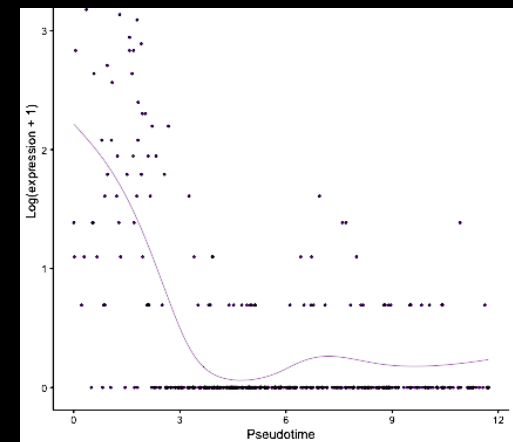
# Experimental procedure

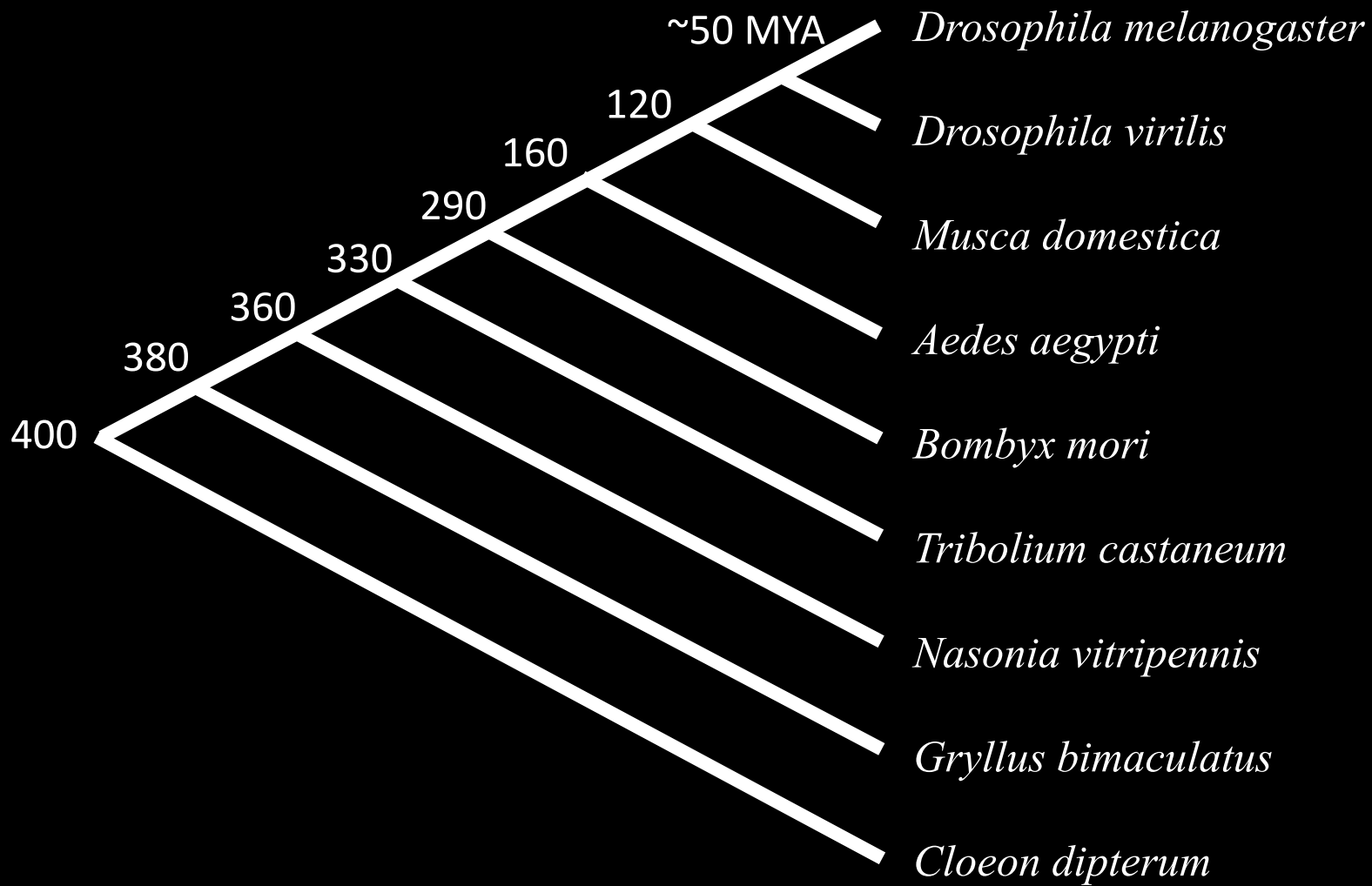
Trajectory inference: Slingshot

Generate transcription factor lists

Assess dynamic expression along pseudotime: Tradeseq

time

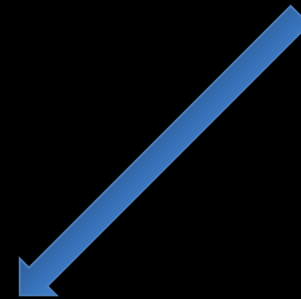
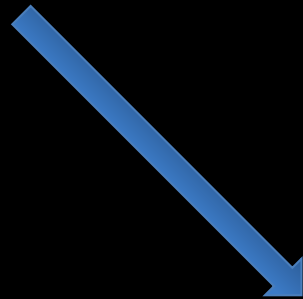




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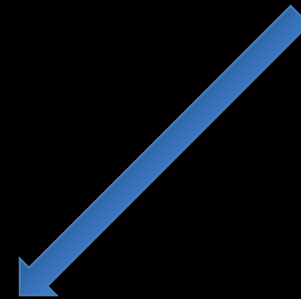
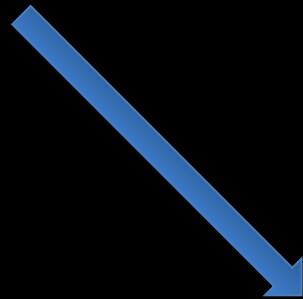


1. Evolution of a new cell type (Pop et al, 2020; Prieto-Godino et al, 2020)
2. Genetic drift - changes in terminal features (Ding et al, 2016)
3. Circuitry change – synaptic partners or synaptic strength (Seeholzer et al, 2018)

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