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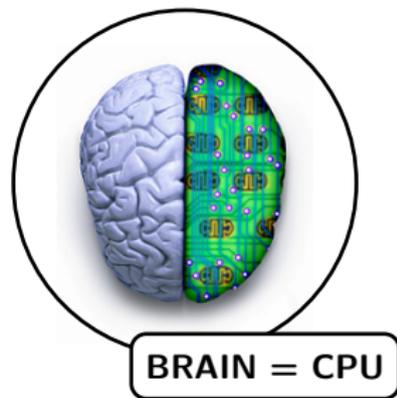
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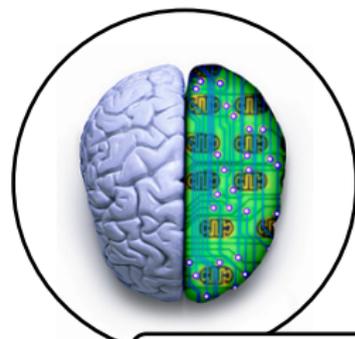
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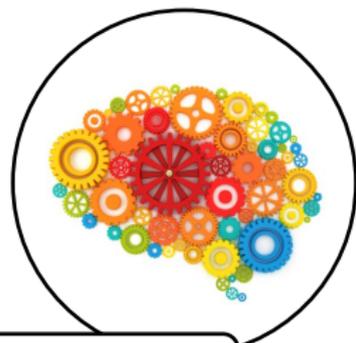




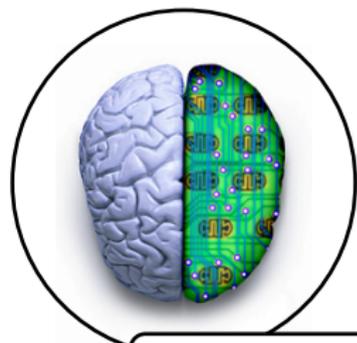
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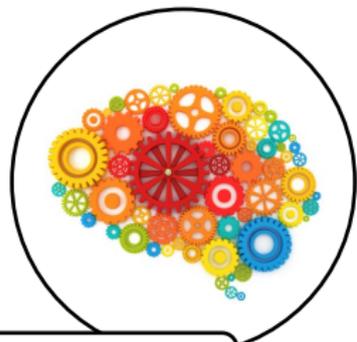
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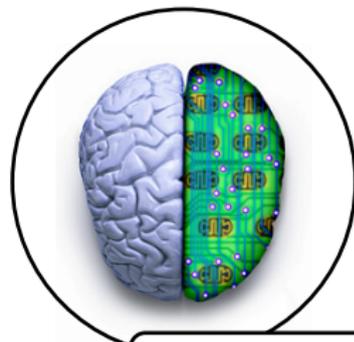
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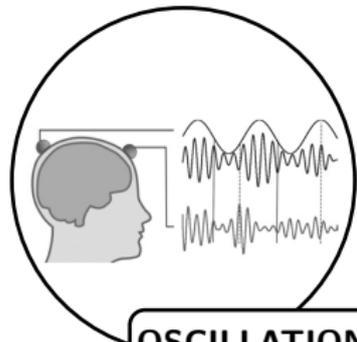
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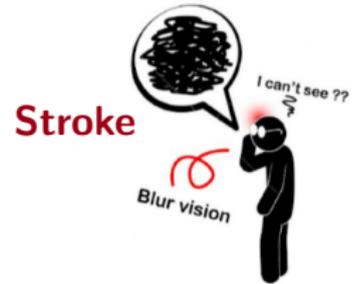
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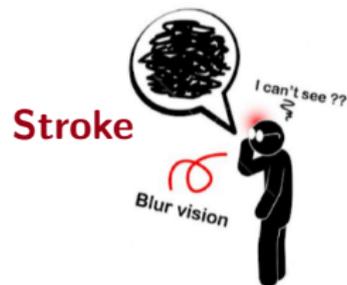


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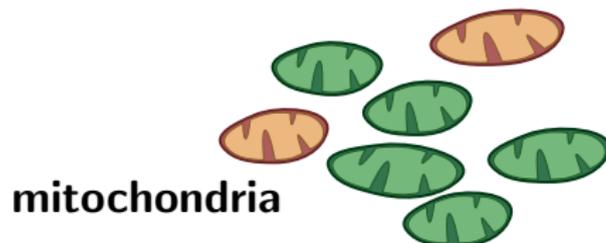
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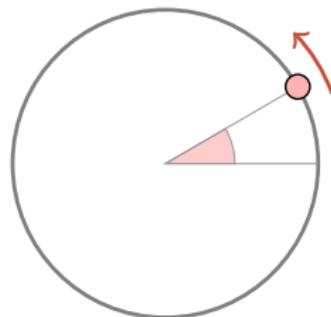
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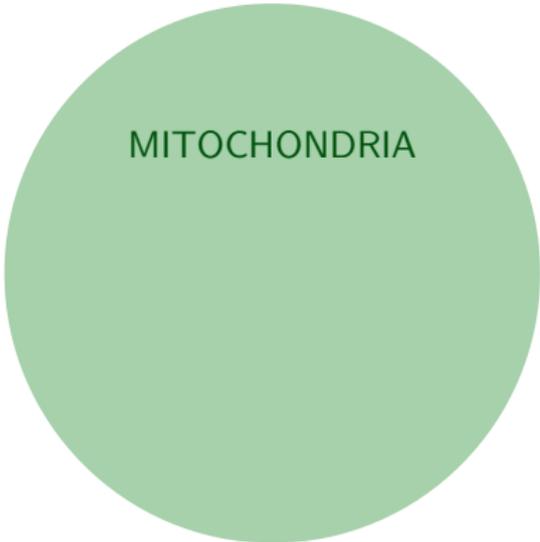
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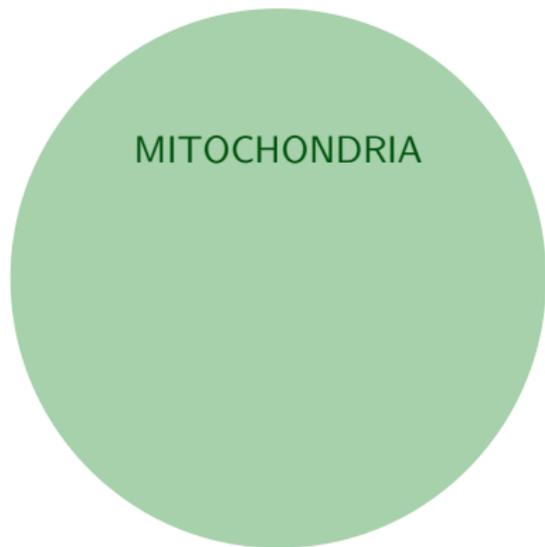
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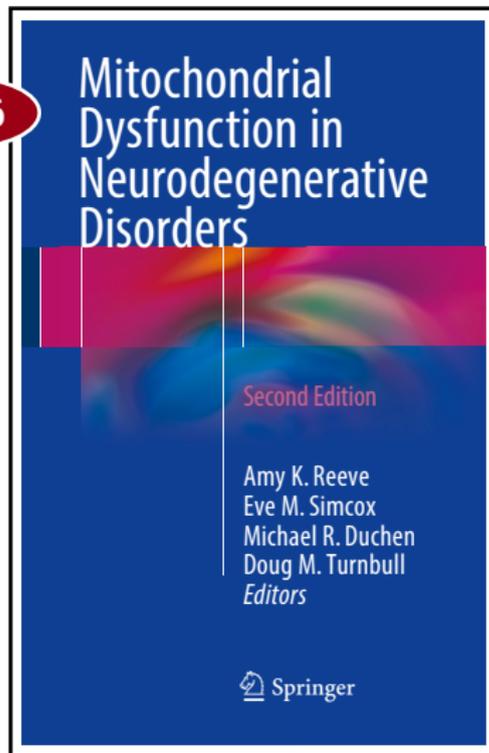
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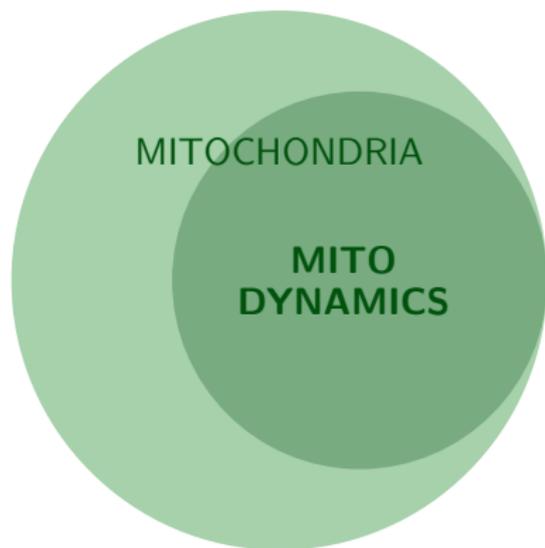


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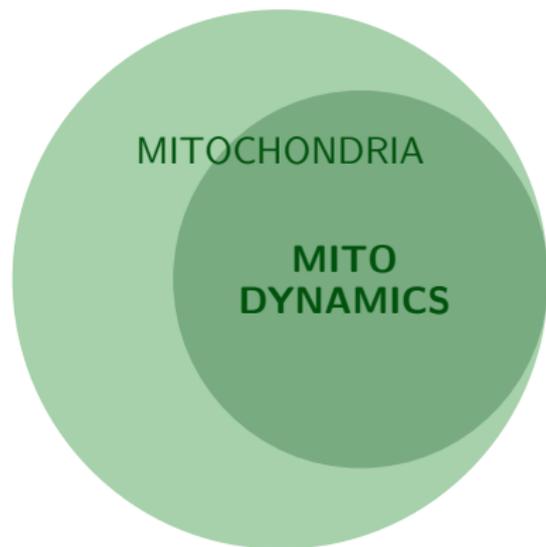
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Disturbed mitochondrial dynamics and neurodegenerative disorders

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in Aging Neuroscience

REVIEW
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Implications of mitochondrial dynamics on neurodegeneration and on hypothalamic dysfunction

Antonio Zorzano^{1,4,*} and Marc Claret^{1,4*}

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COMMENTARY

Mitochondrial dynamics in neuronal injury, development and plasticity

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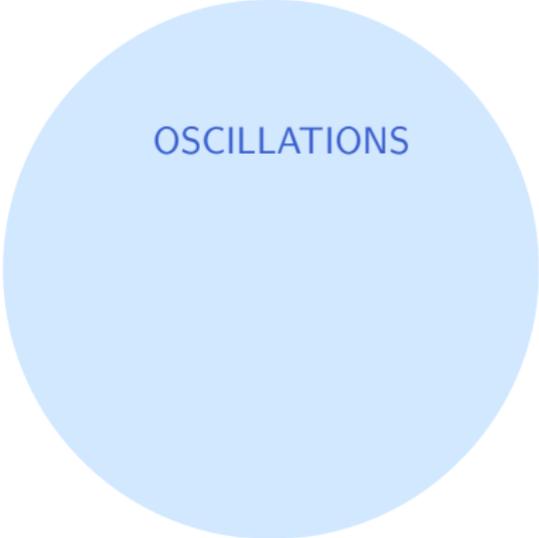
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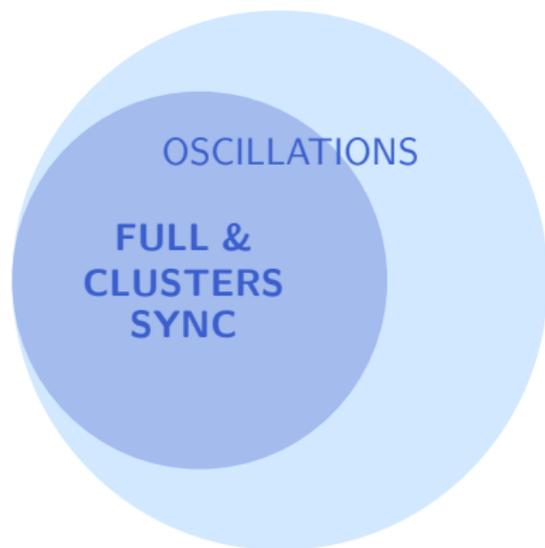
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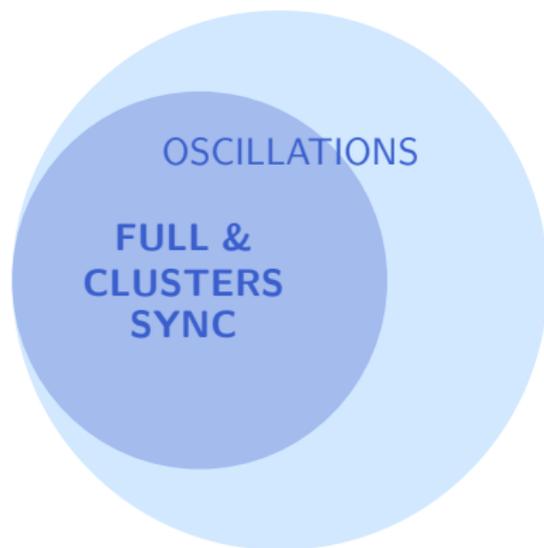
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Alzheimer's disease disrupts alpha and beta-band resting-state oscillatory network connectivity



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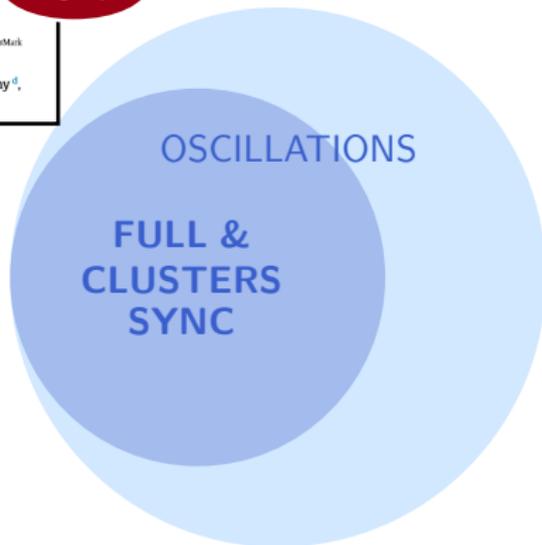
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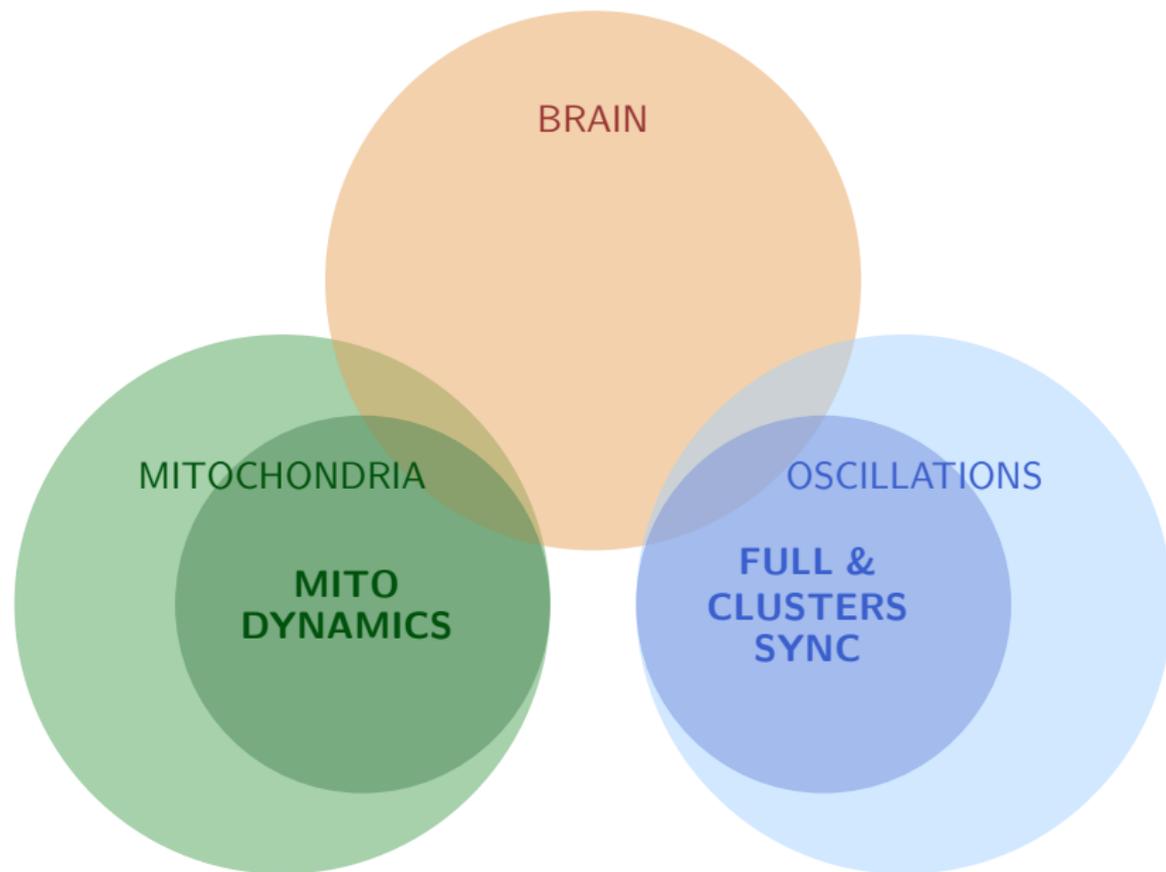
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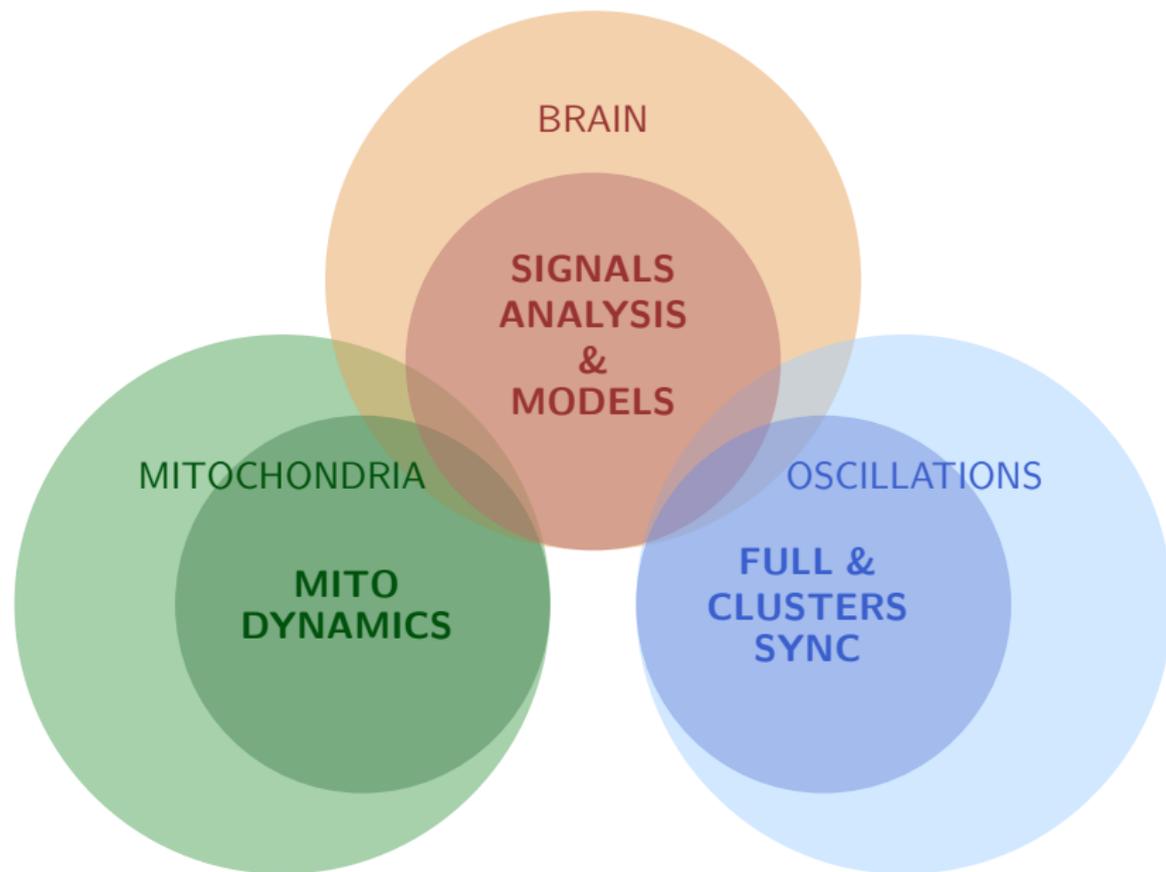
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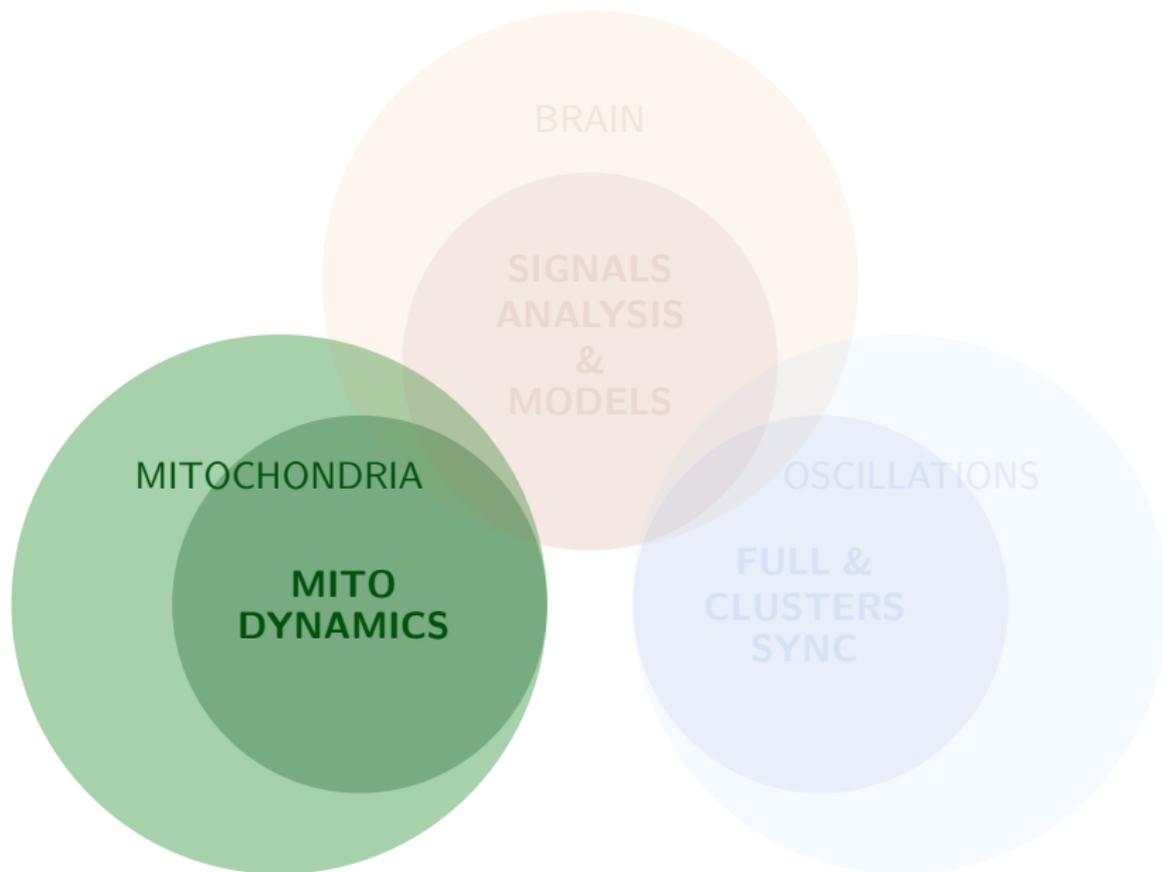


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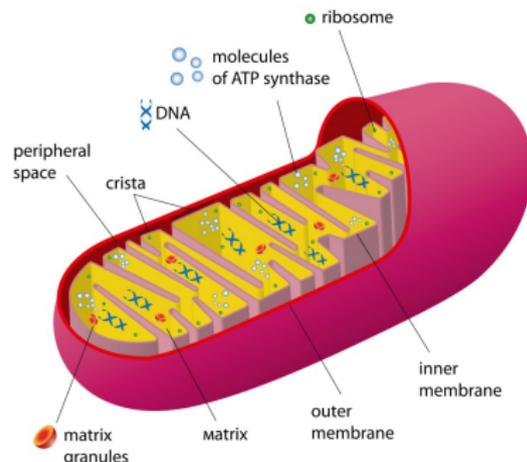
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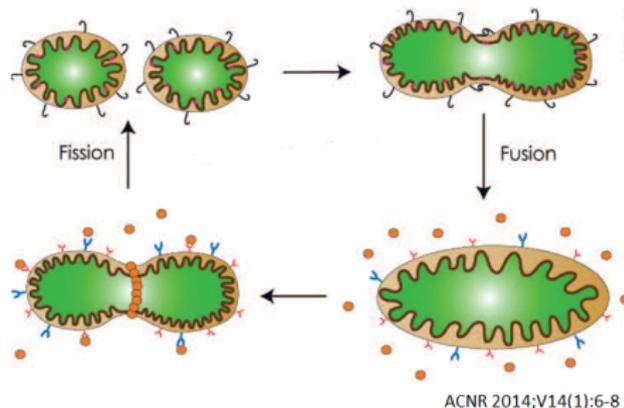
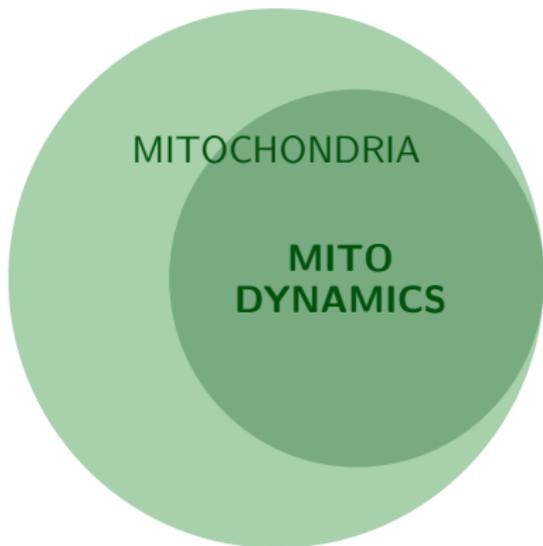
- double membrane-bound organelles found in all eukaryotic organisms
- possess their own genome (mitochondrial DNA)

MITOCHONDRIA



Mitochondrion

- involved in several tasks
- generate most of the cells supply of **ATP** (= energy)



- constant changes in shape, size, number and location
- affected by mitochondrial morphology
- controlled mainly by the processes of **fission** and **fusion**

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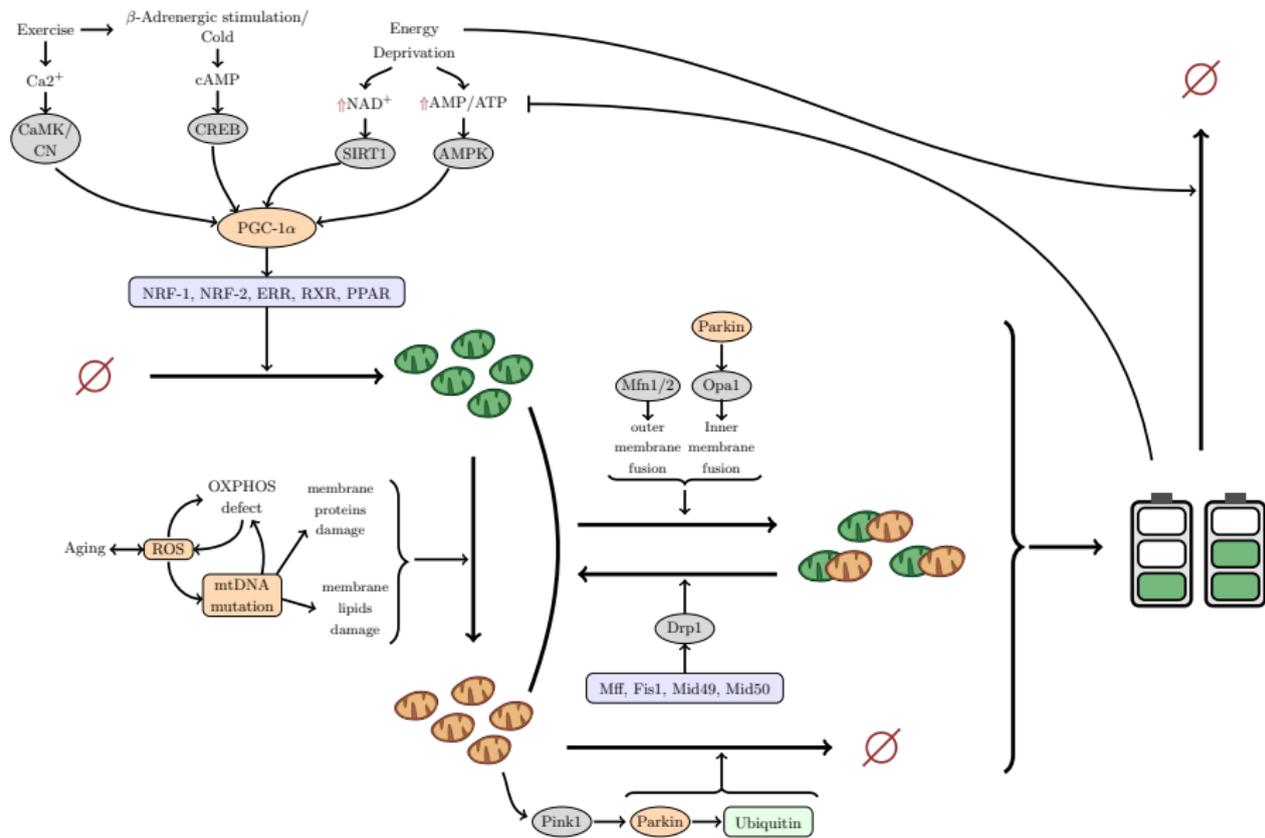


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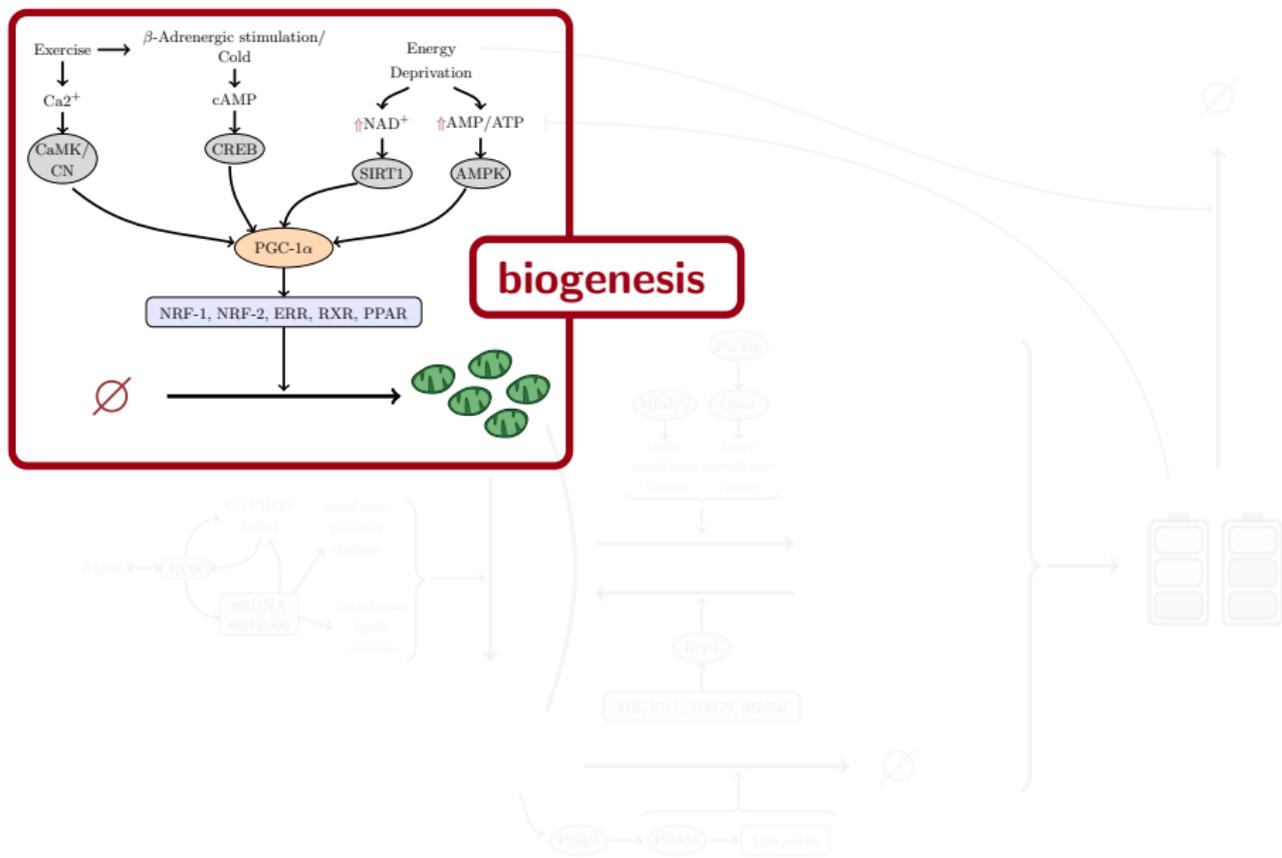
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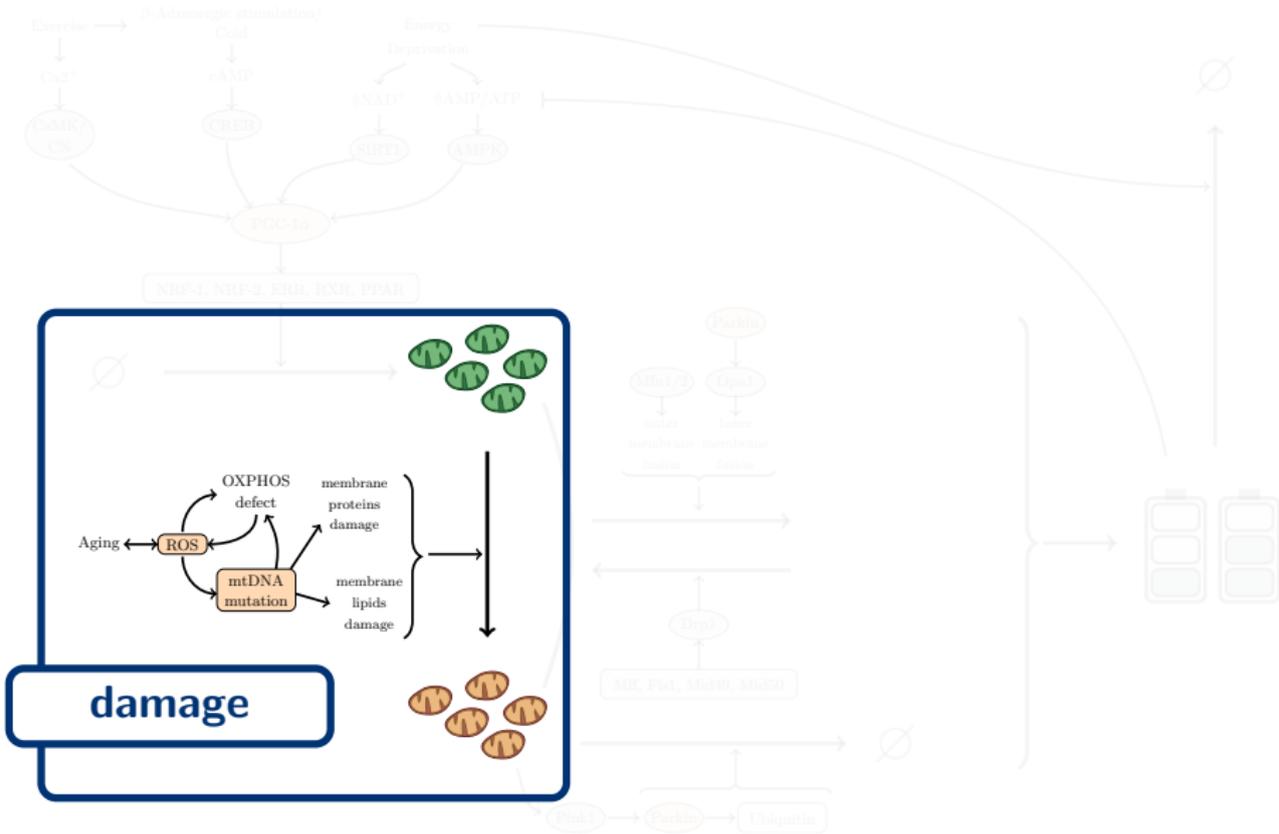
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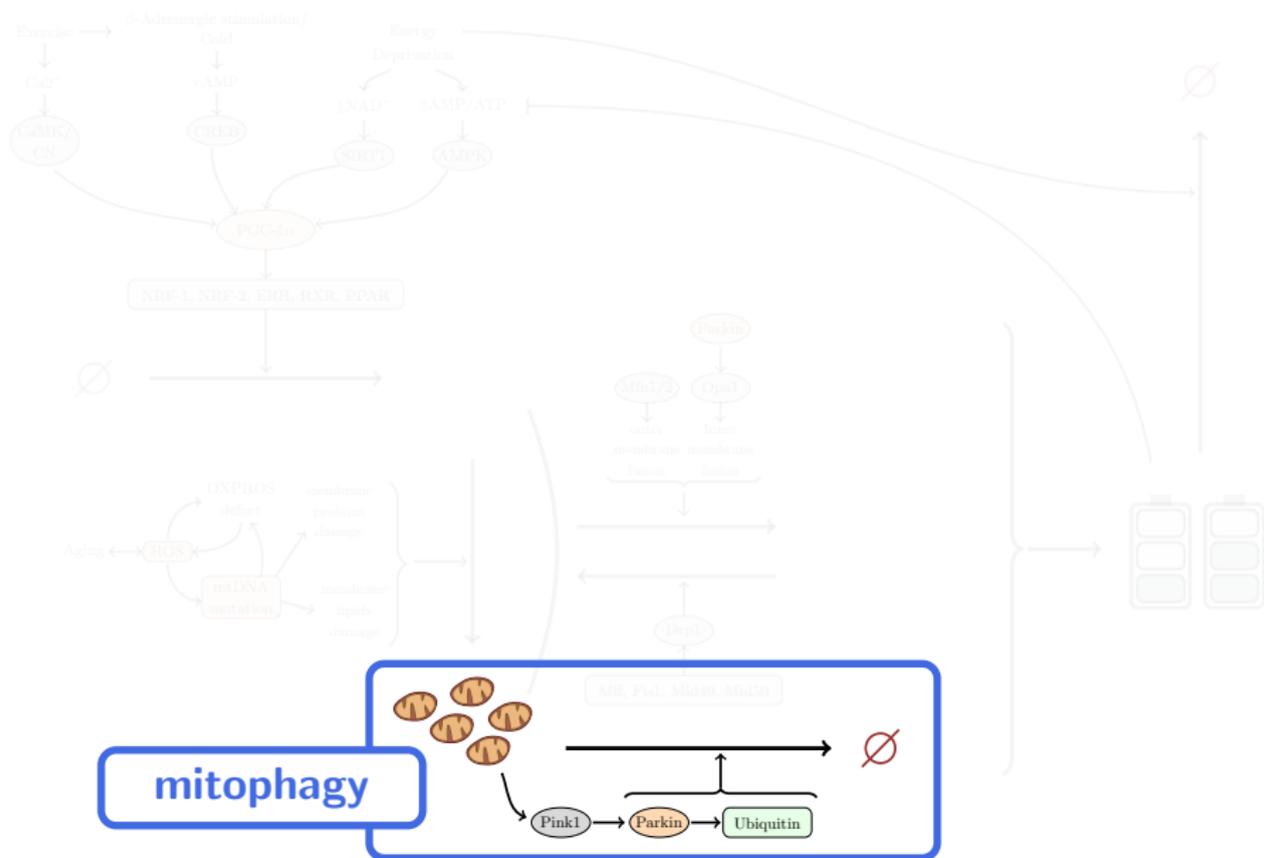
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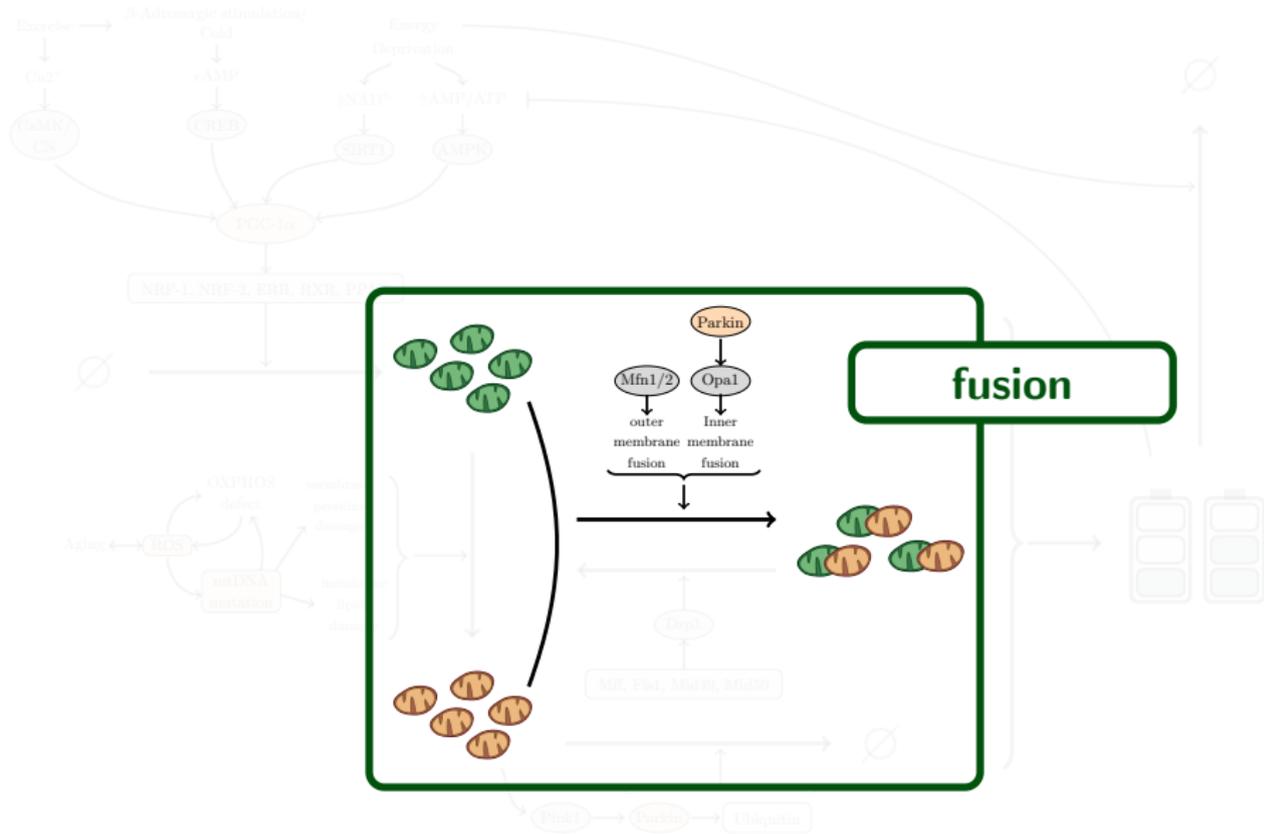
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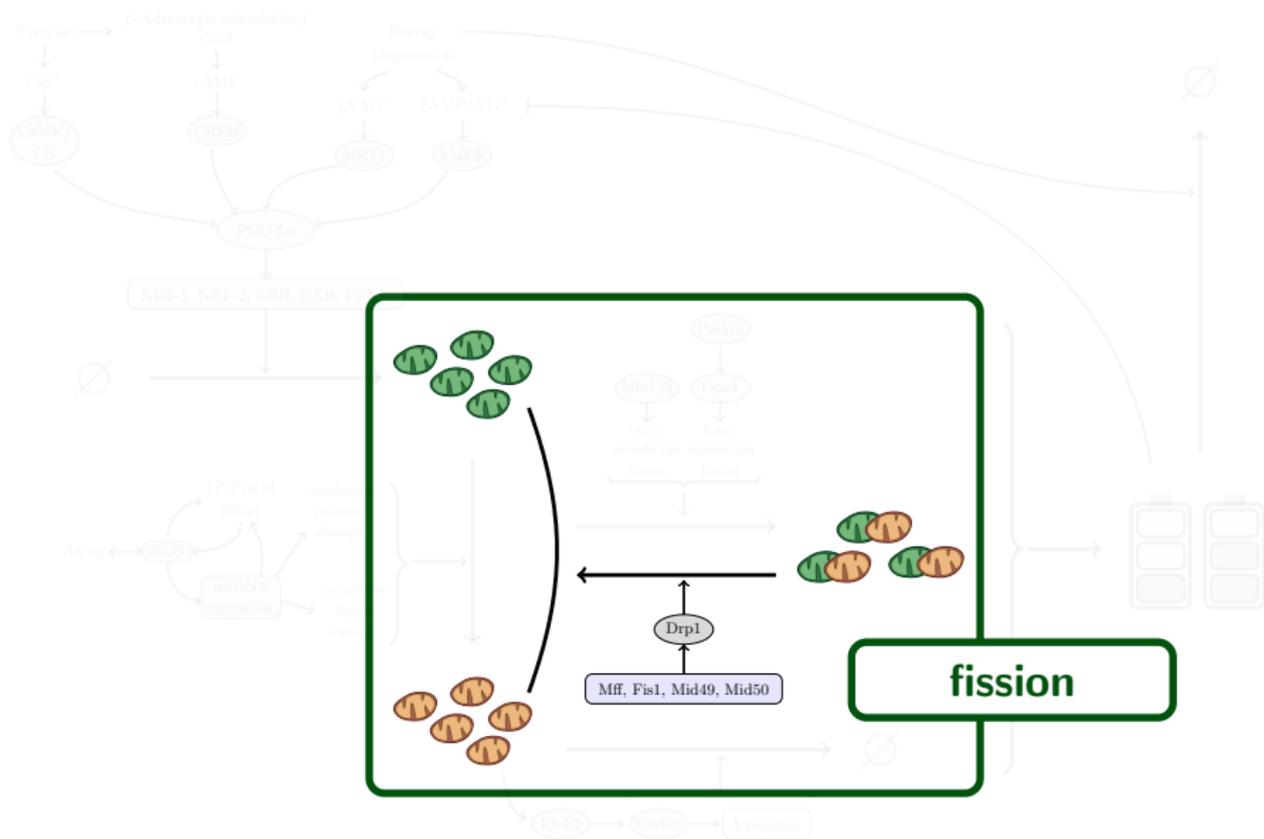
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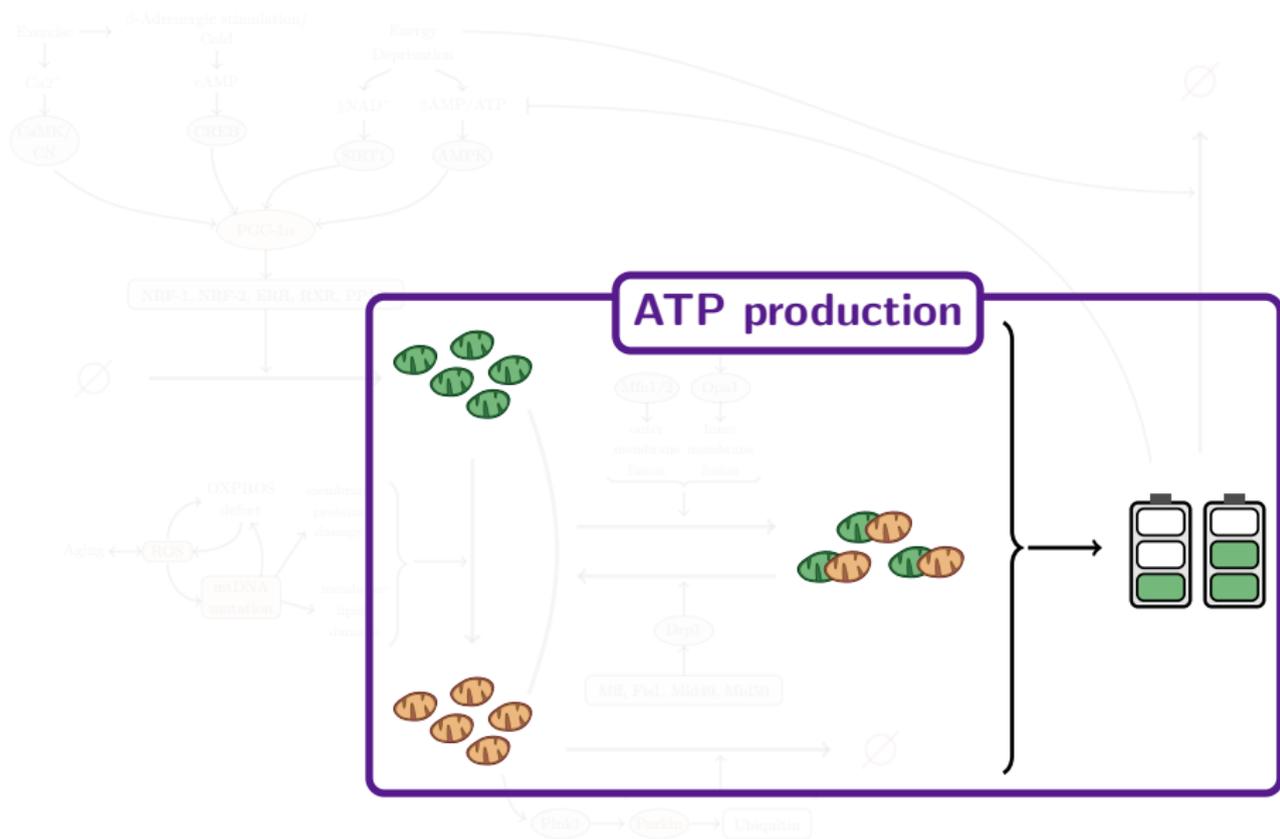
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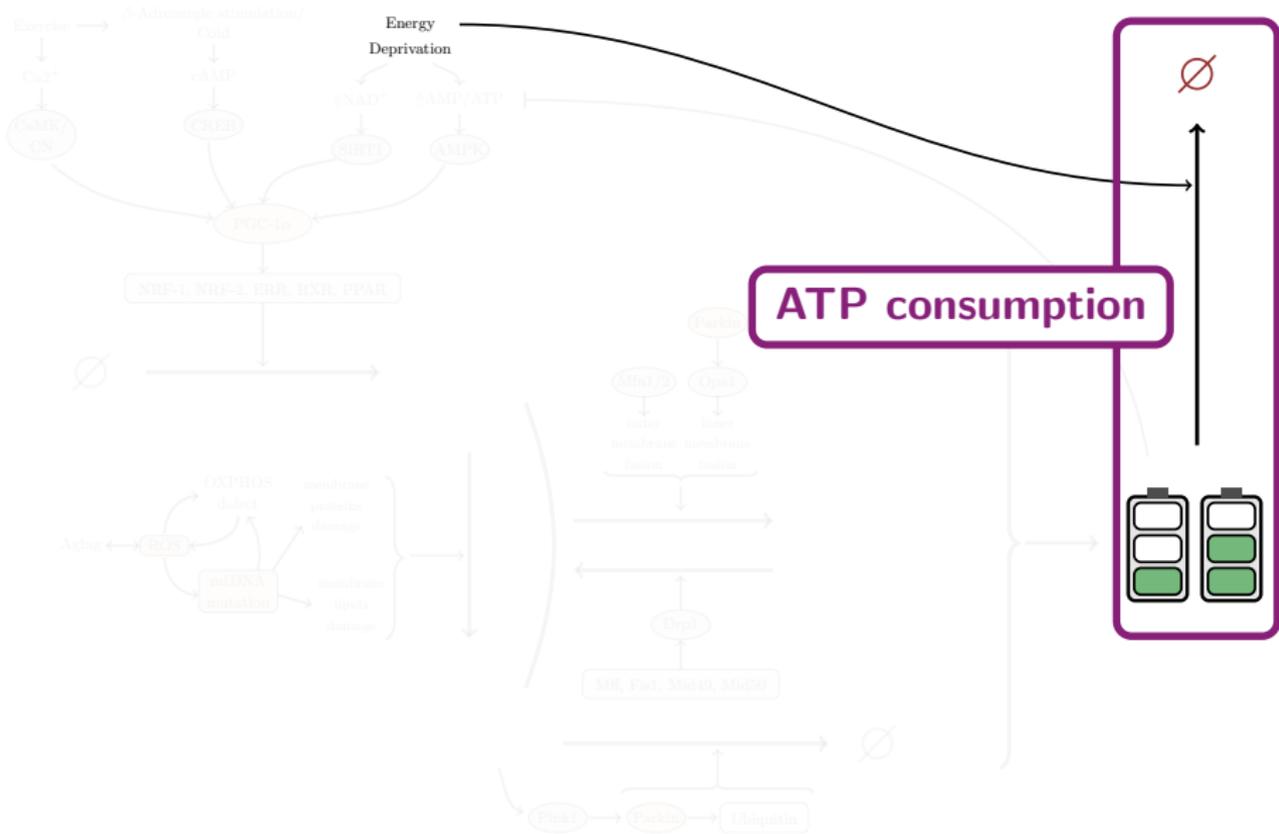
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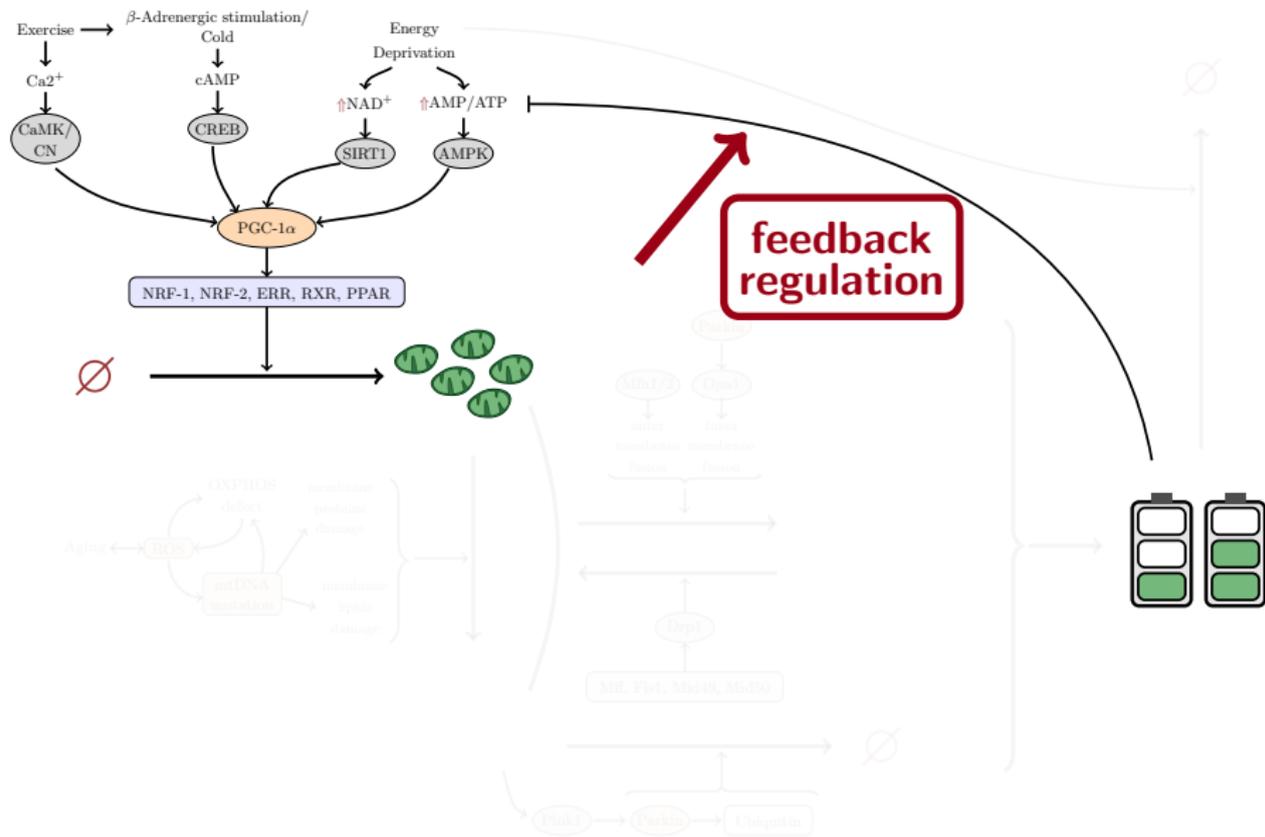
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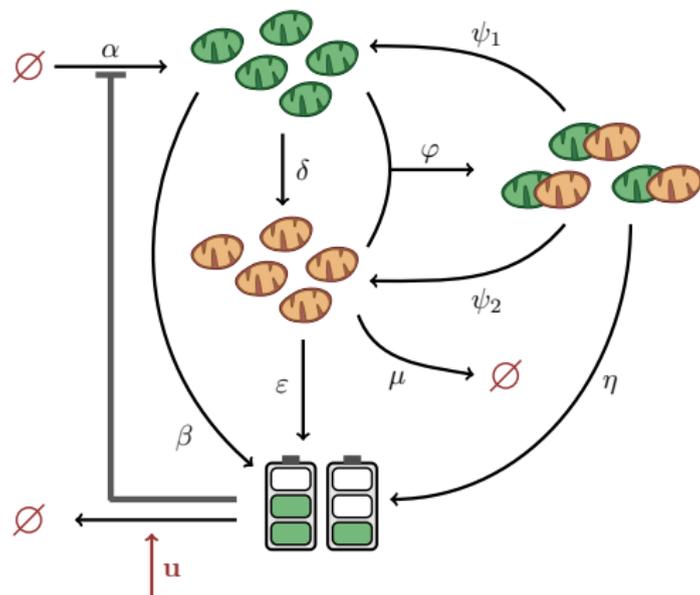
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- α : biogenesis
- δ : damage
- μ : mitophagy
- φ : fusion
- ψ_1, ψ_2 : fission
- β, η, ϵ : atp production
- u : energy stress

Differential equations

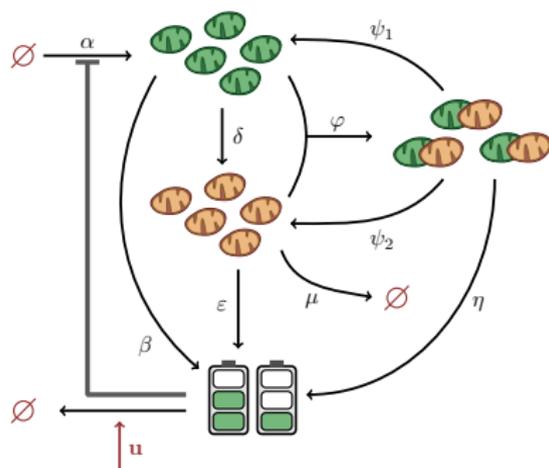
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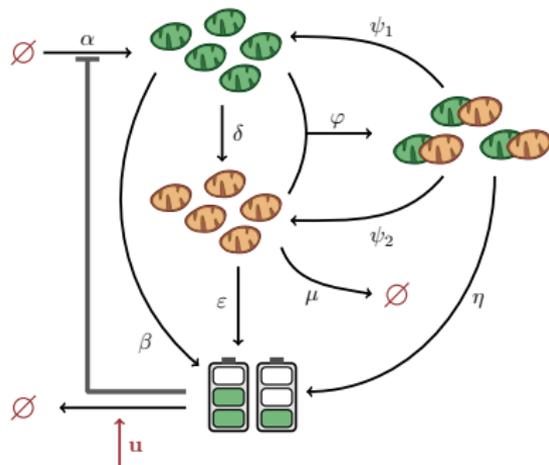
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Main issue:
 nonlinearities \rightarrow complex stability analysis



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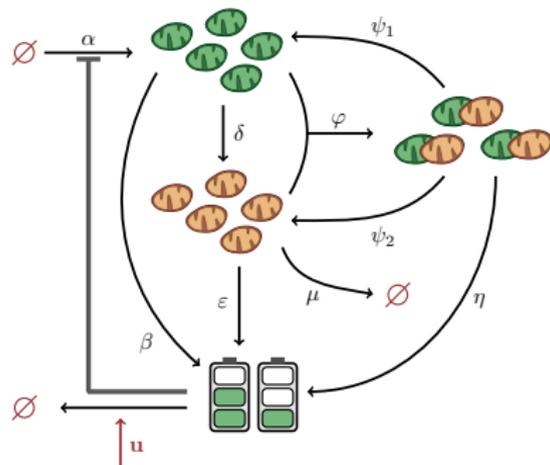
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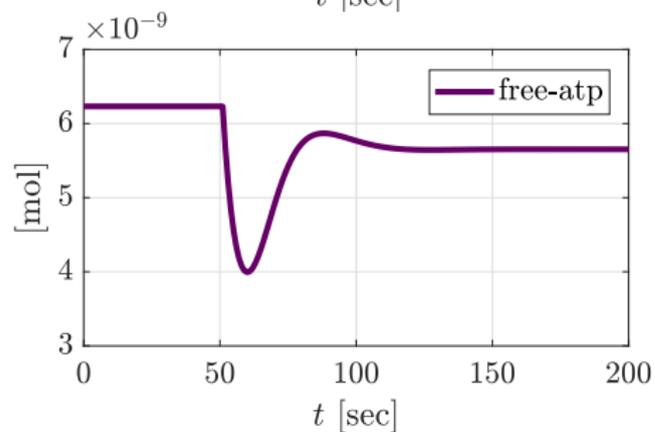
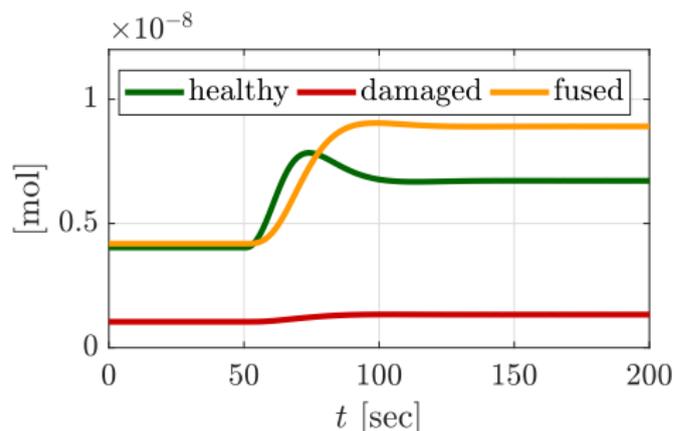
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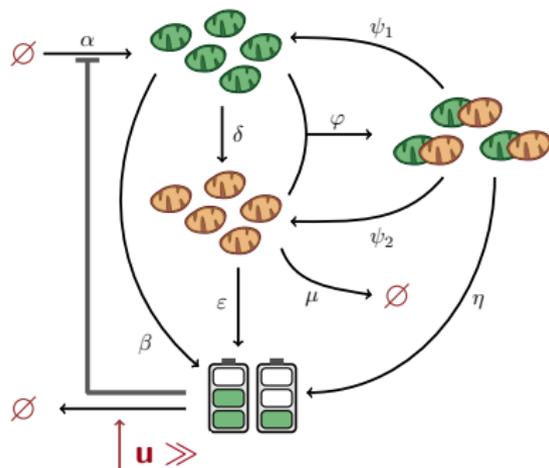
1. atp-dependence
2. opportunity to test several hypotheses



ATP feedback advantage



$t = 50$ sec: energy stress increases
atp-feedback \rightarrow system reactivity



Equilibrium point

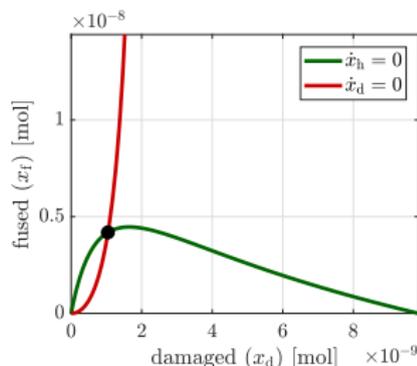
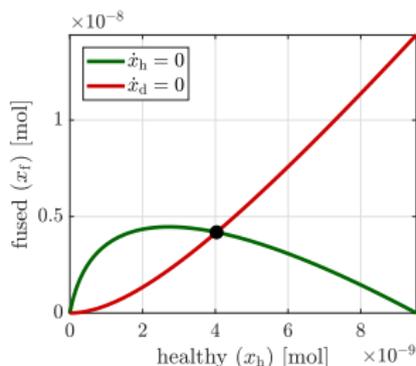
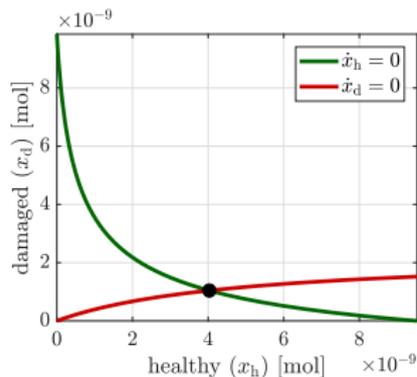
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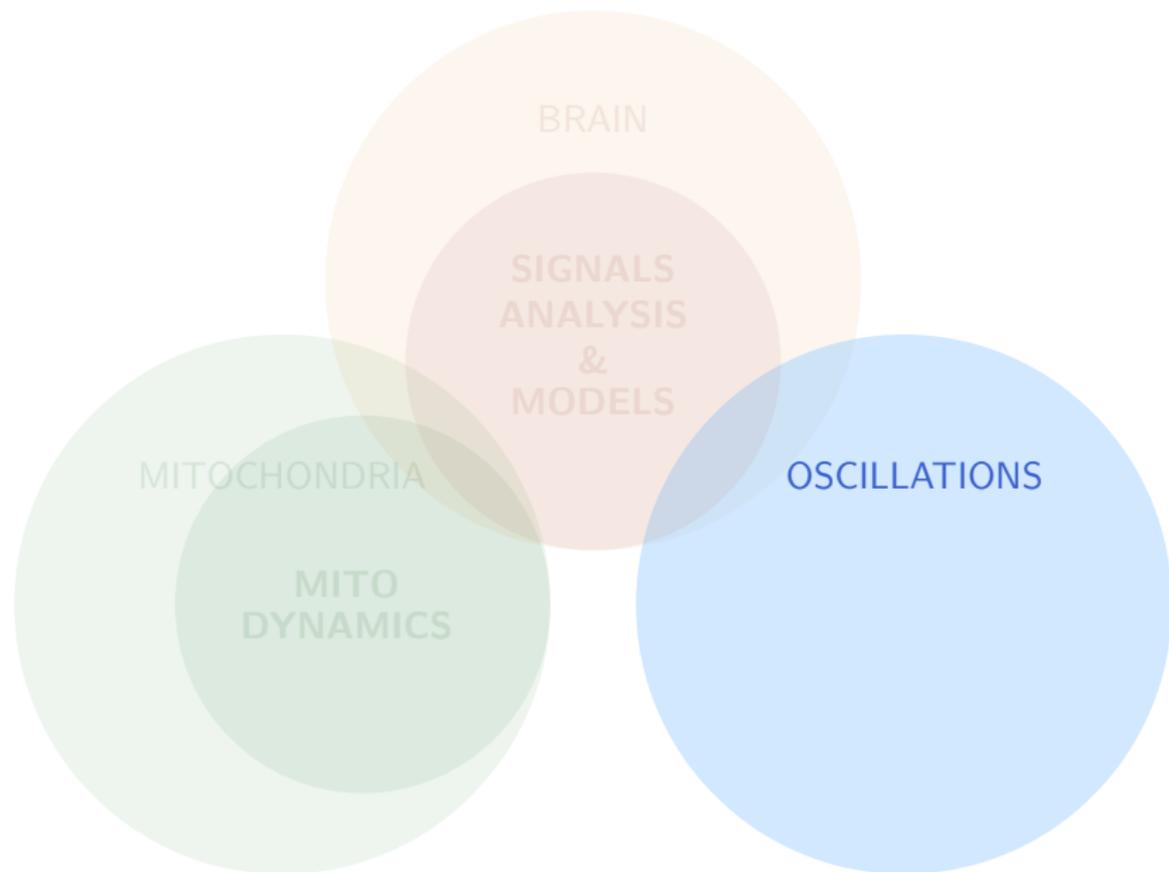
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$$\bar{x}_d = \frac{\psi_1 + \psi_2}{\psi_2 \varphi} \left(\frac{\alpha_1 - k\delta - \delta \bar{x}_{ATP}}{k + \bar{x}_{ATP}} \right) \quad \bar{x}_h = \frac{(\psi_1 + \psi_2)\mu}{\delta(\psi_1 + \psi_2) - \psi_1 \varphi \bar{x}_d} \cdot \bar{x}_d$$

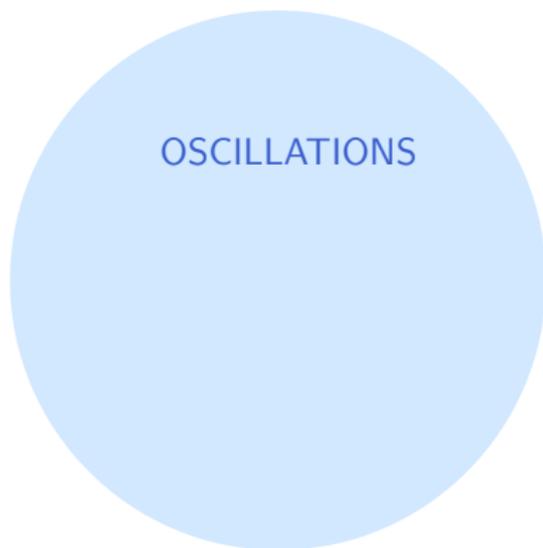
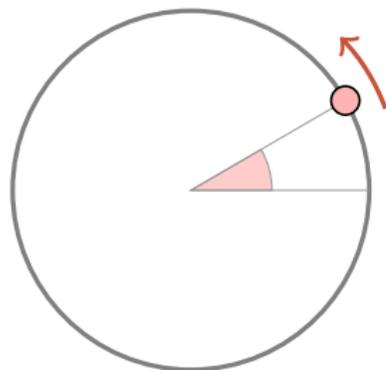
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Nullclines analysis





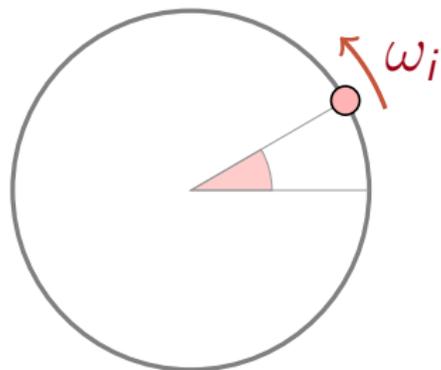
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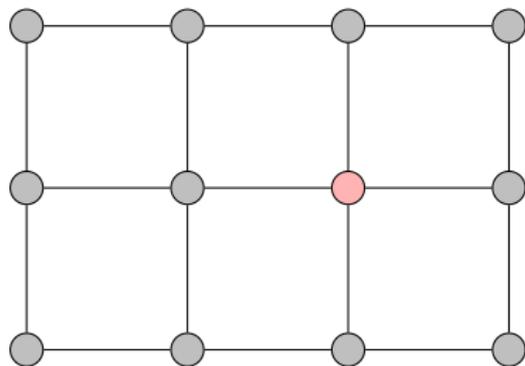


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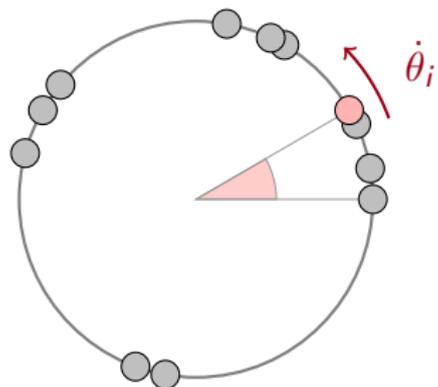
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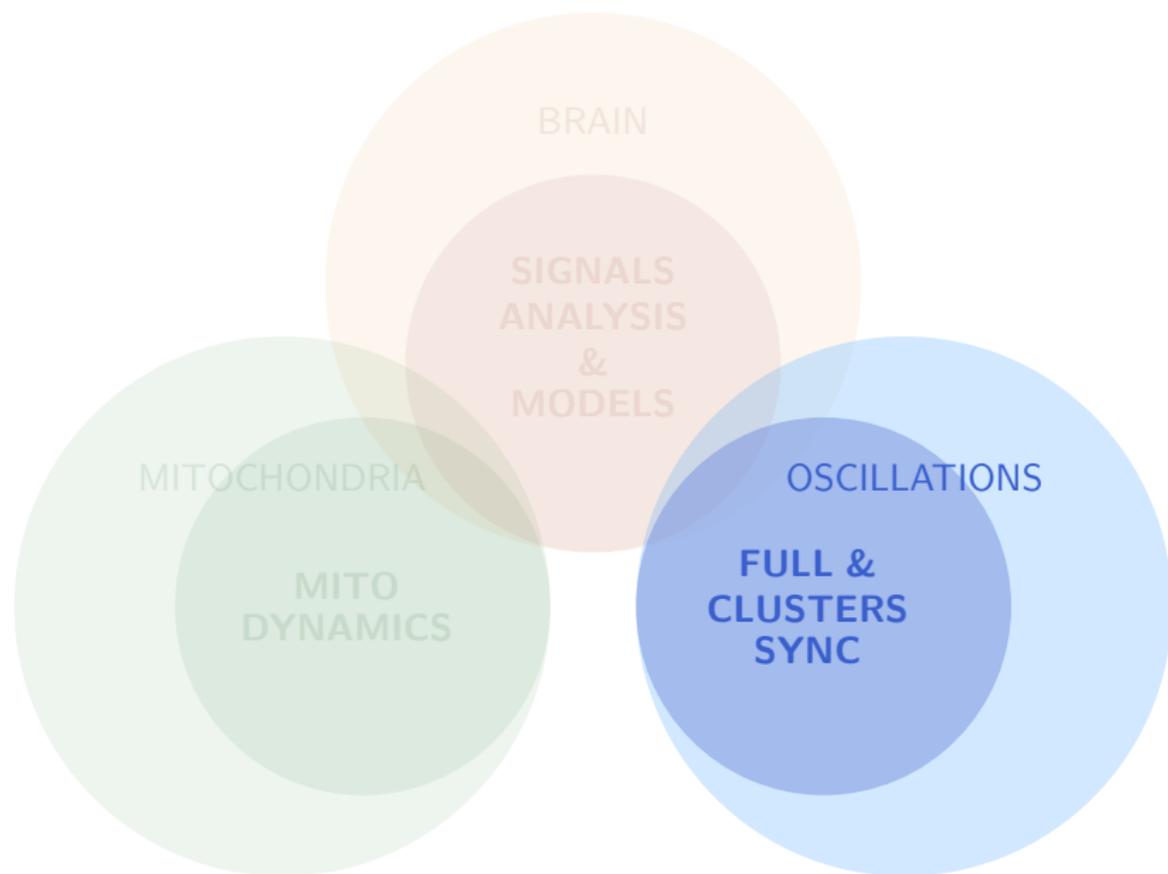
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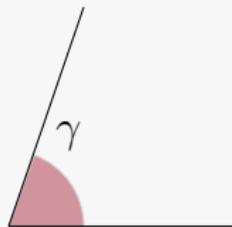


ω_i : isolated dynamics

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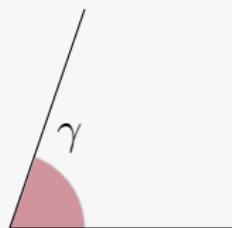
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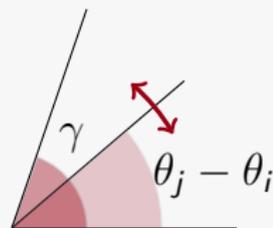
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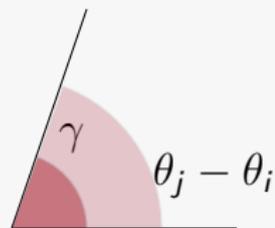


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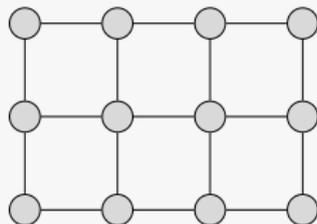
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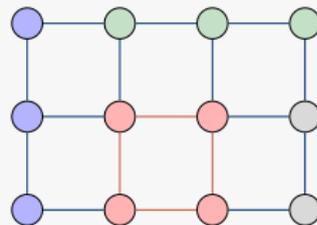
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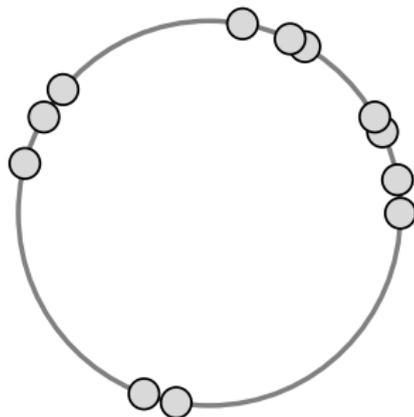
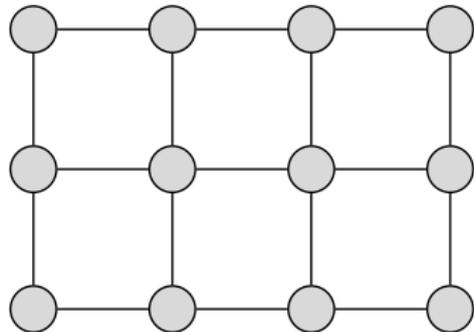
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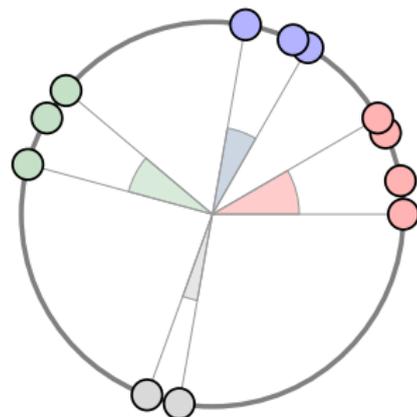
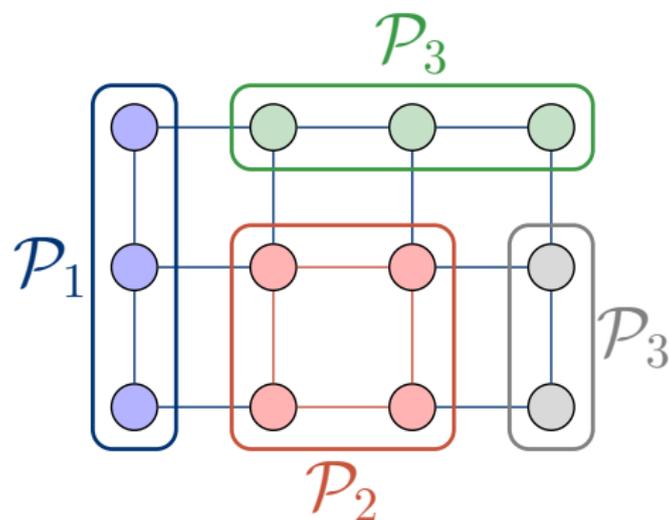
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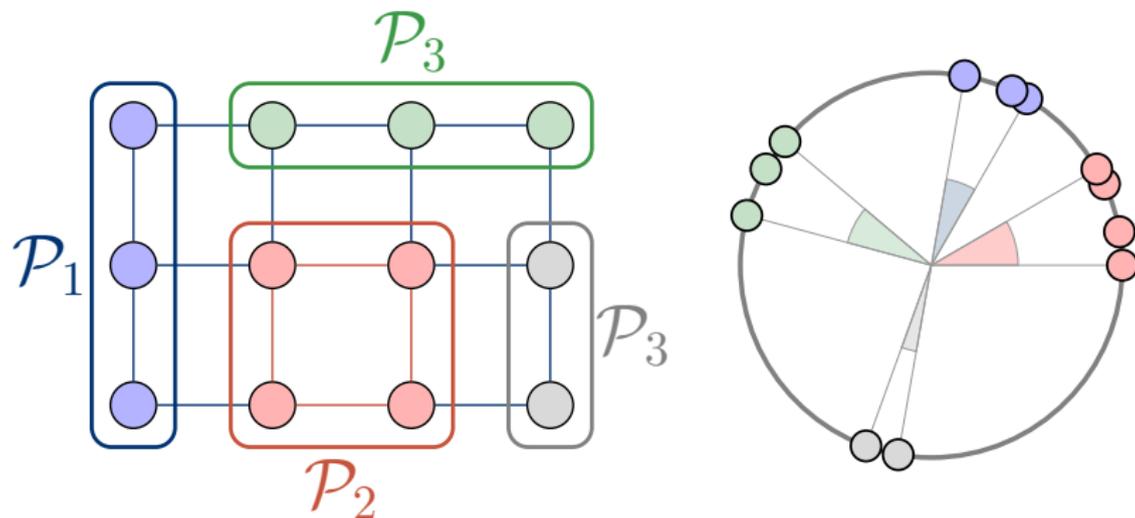
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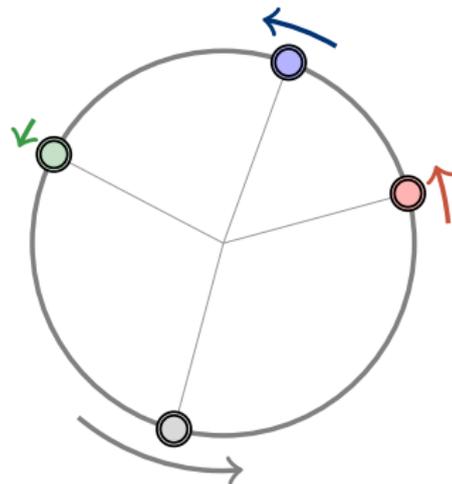
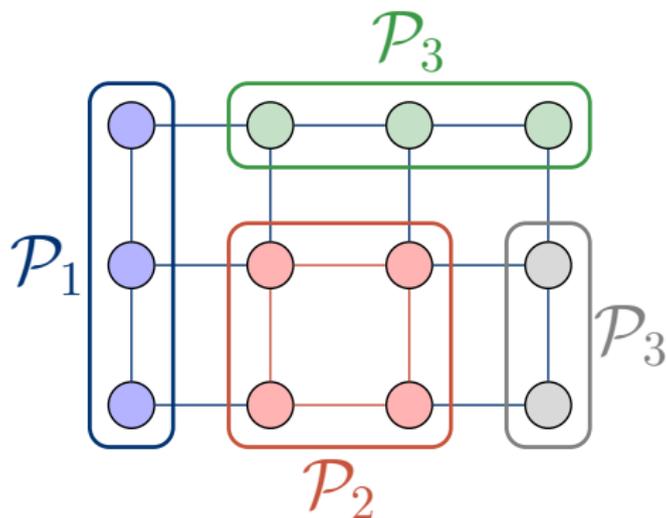


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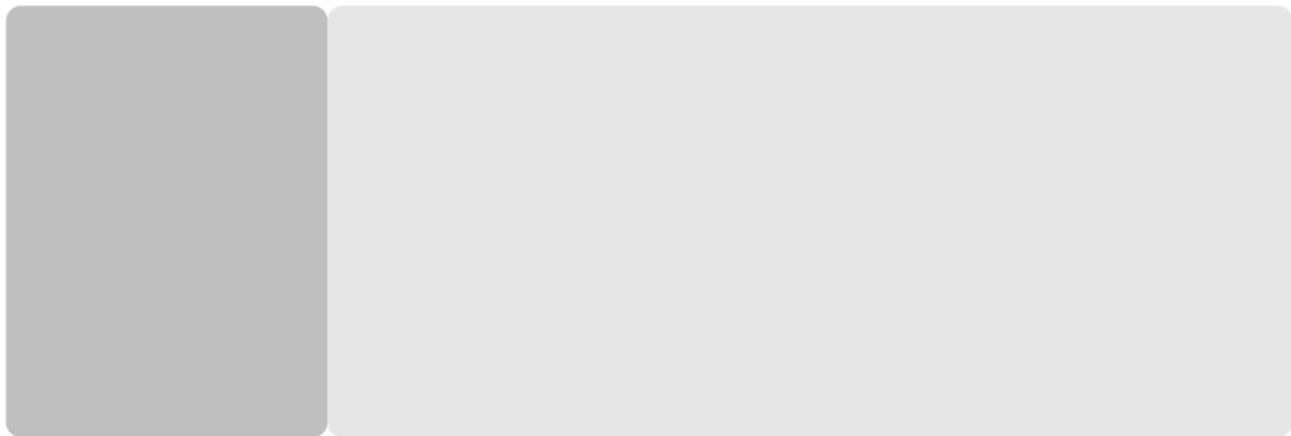
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Clusters synchronization: our contribution

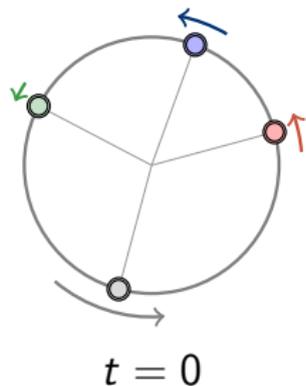


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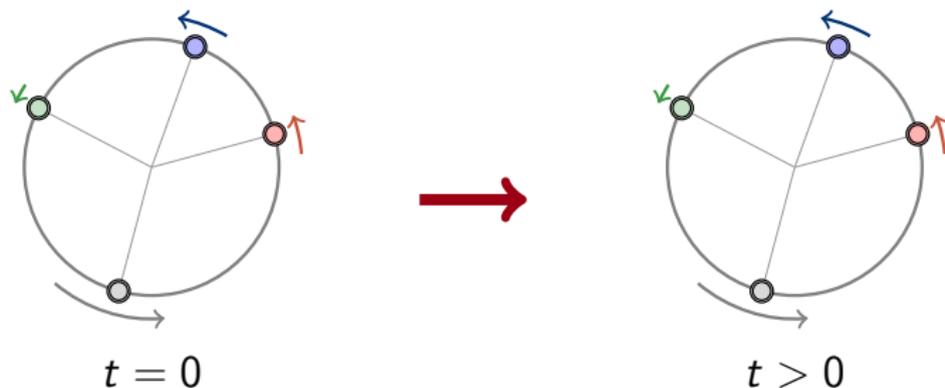
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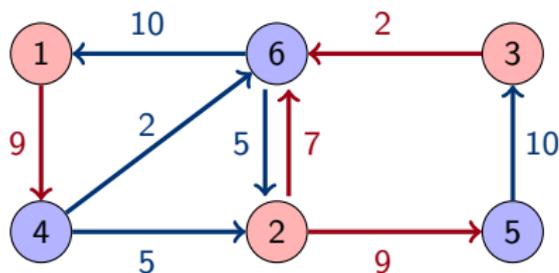
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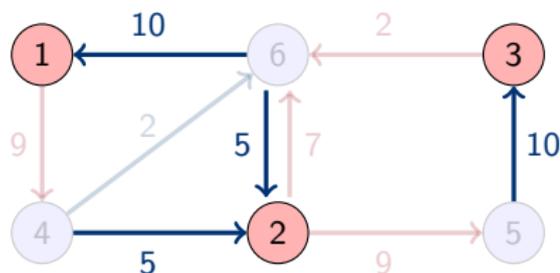
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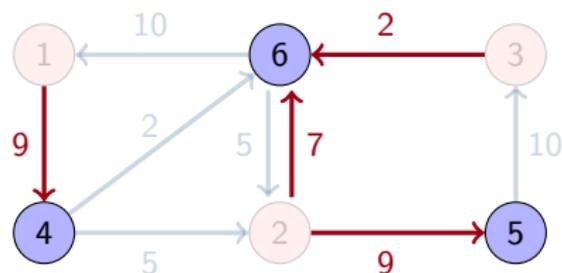
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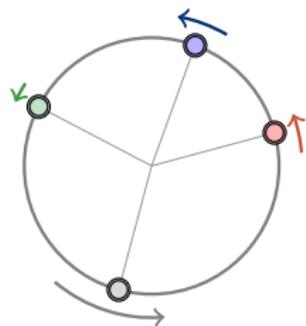
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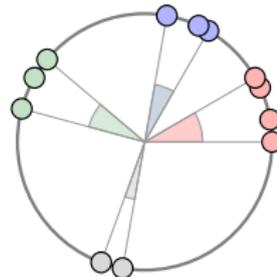
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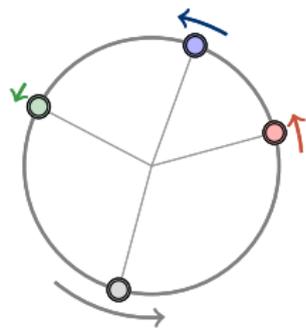
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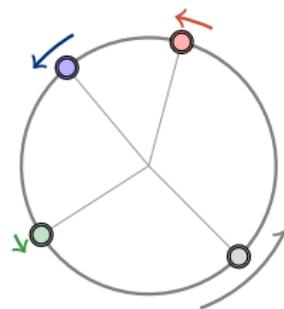
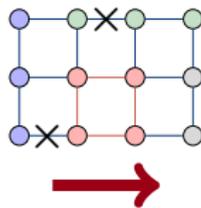
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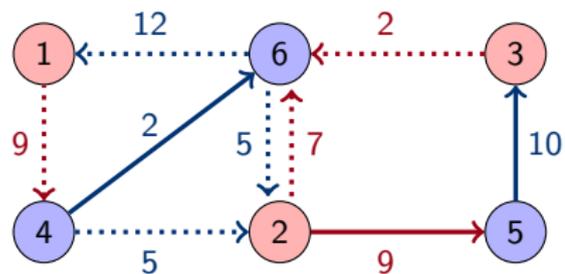


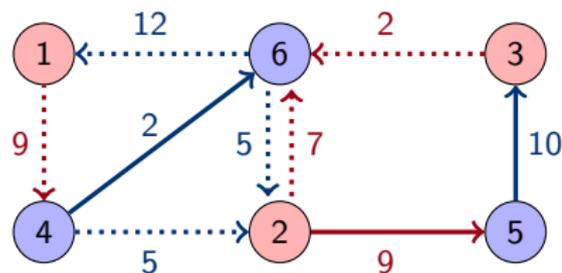
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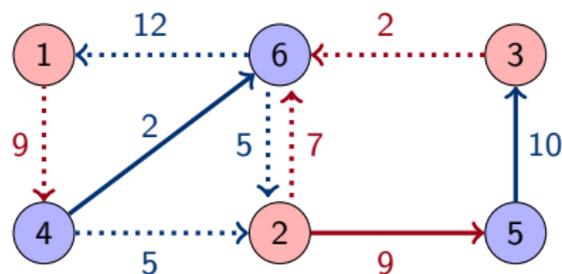
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Clusters synchronization: control





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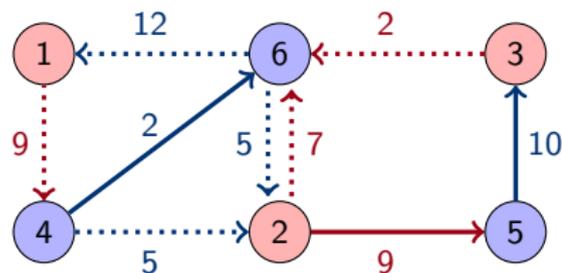


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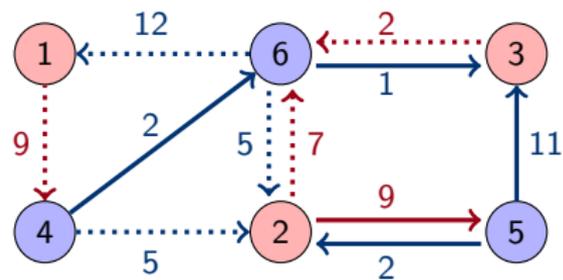
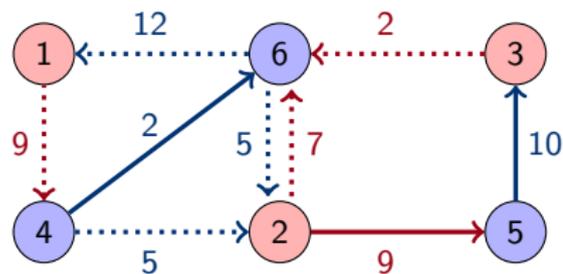
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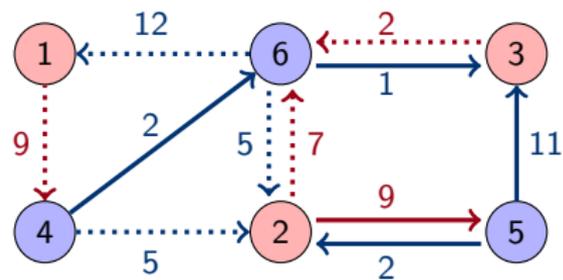
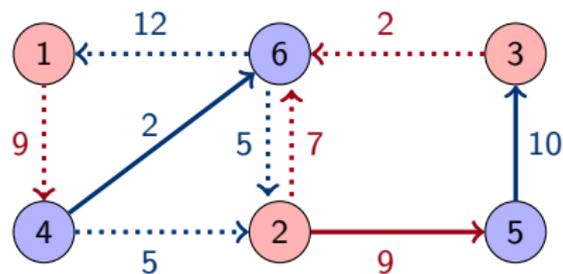
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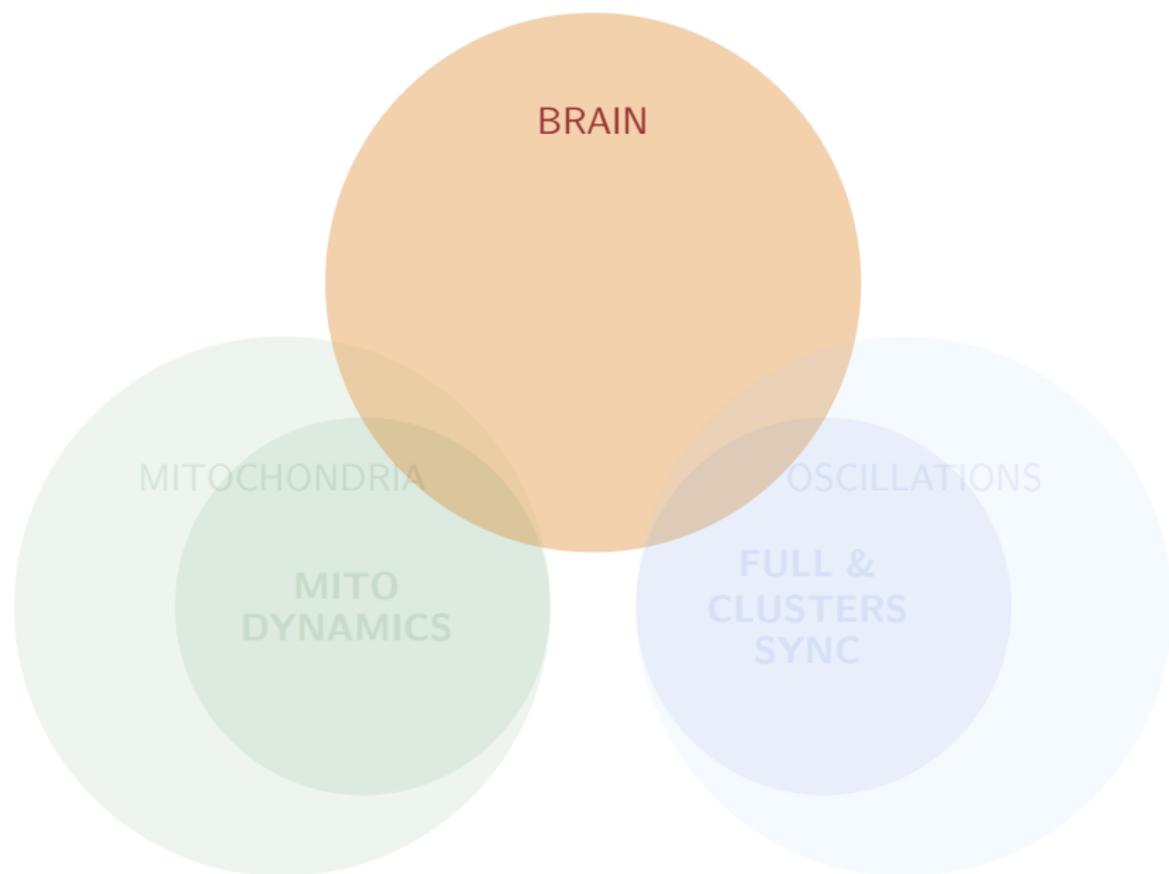
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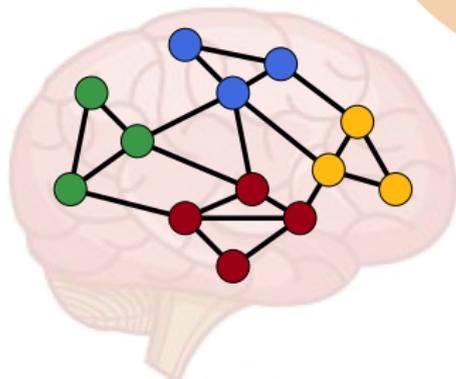
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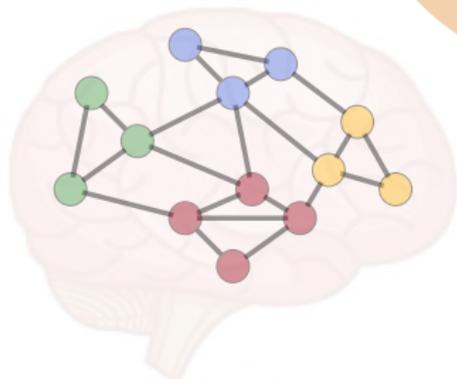
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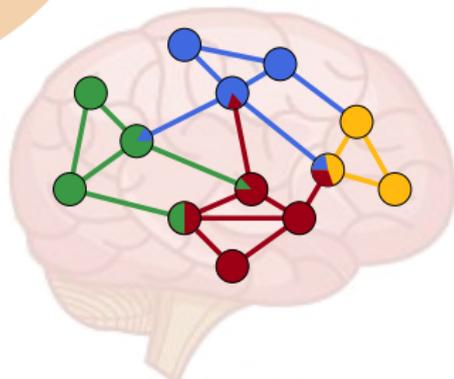


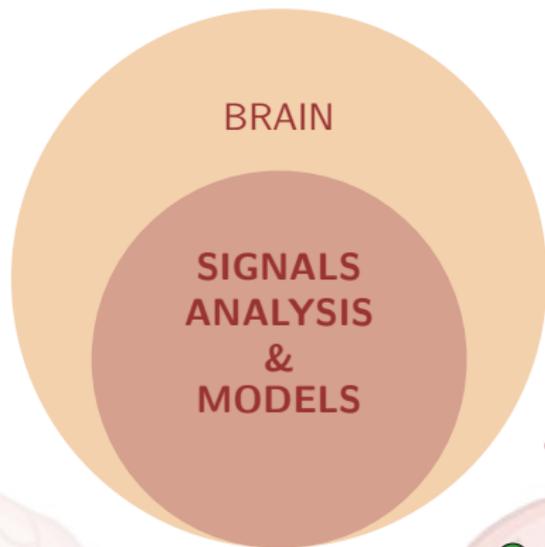
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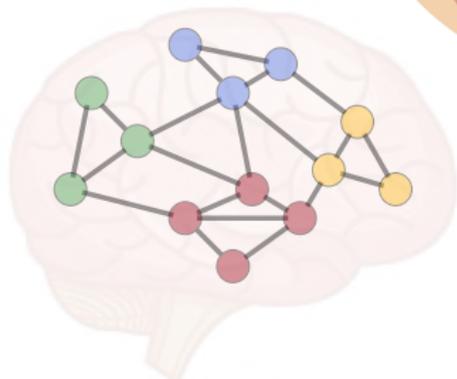


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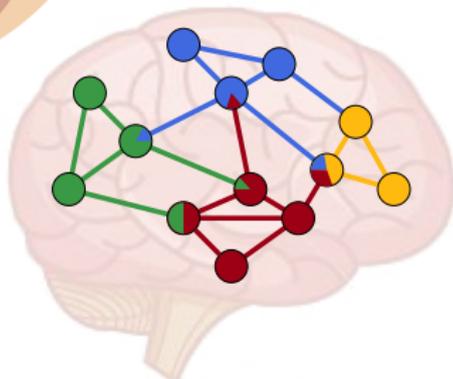




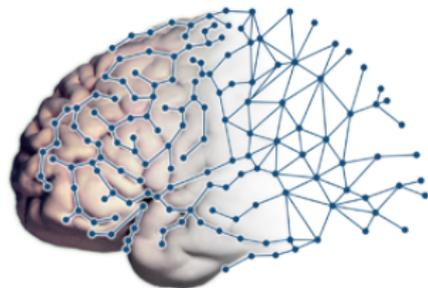
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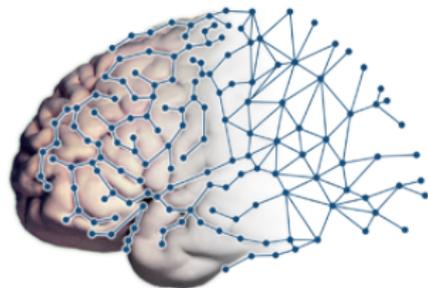
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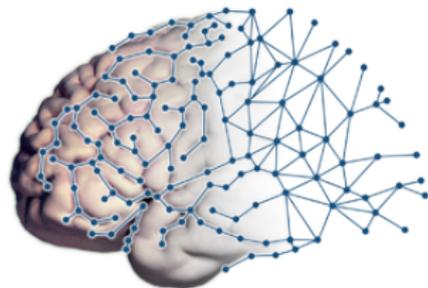


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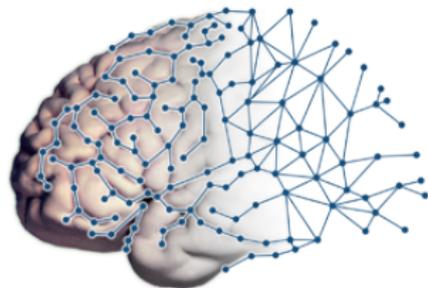
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Structural Connectivity

anatomical connections



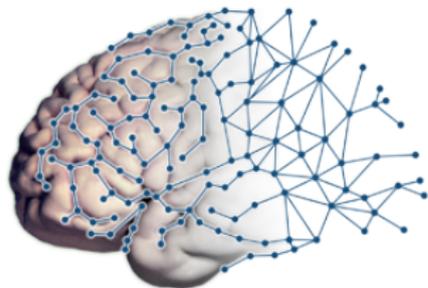
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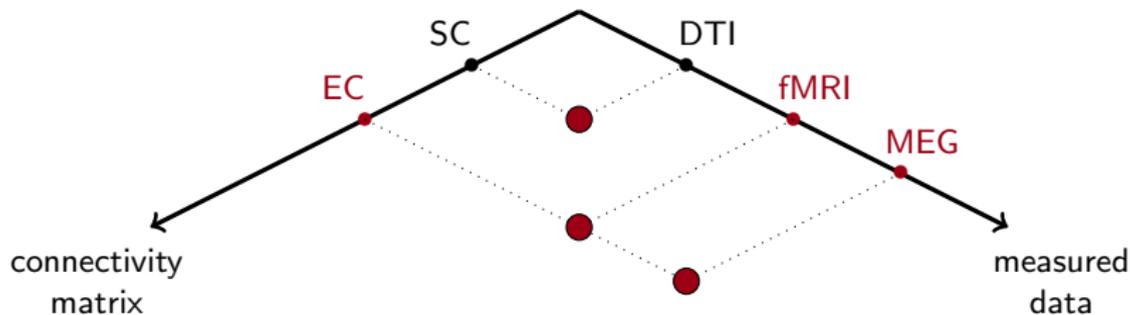


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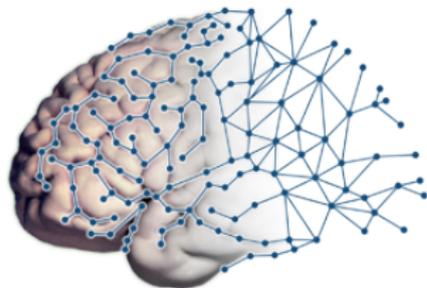
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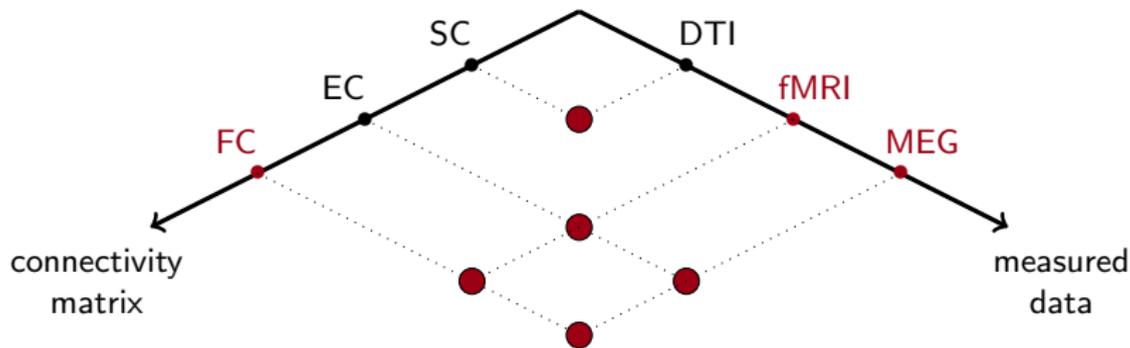
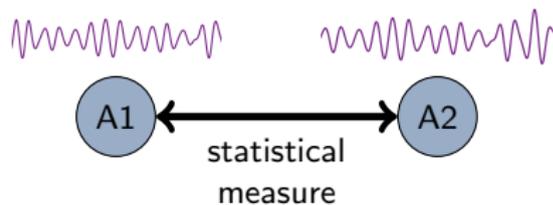


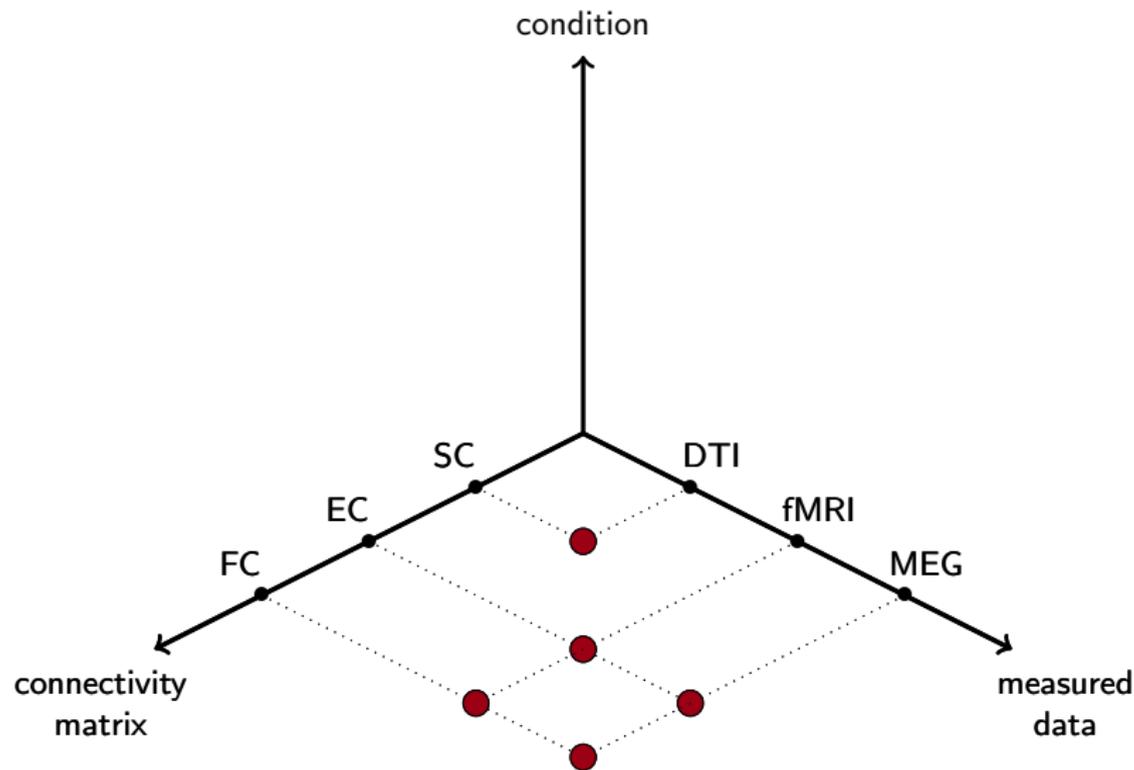
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Functional Connectivity

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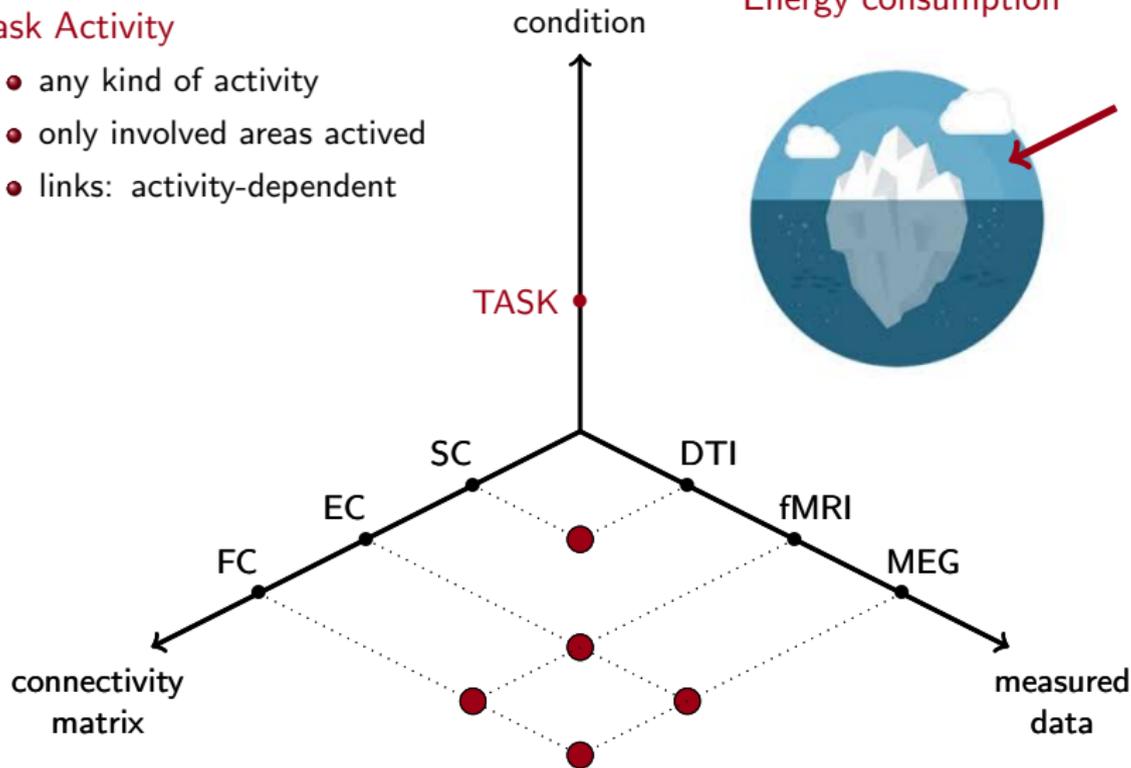


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Task Activity

- any kind of activity
- only involved areas activated
- links: activity-dependent

Energy consumption

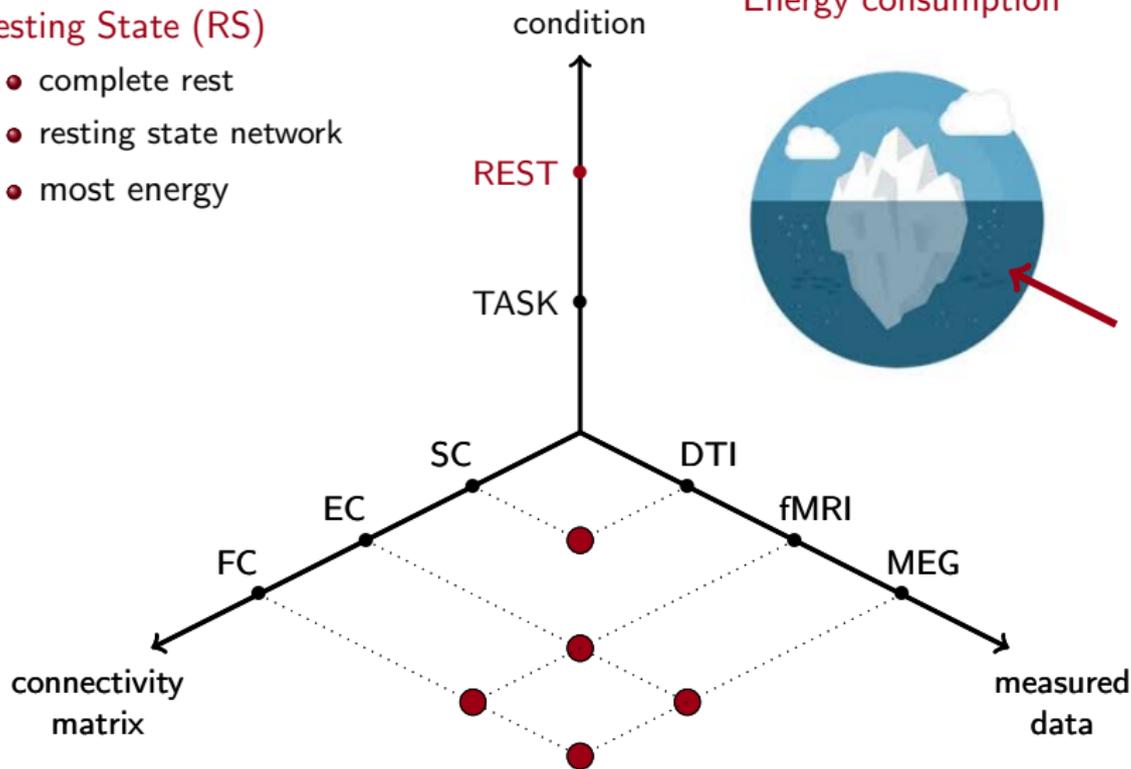


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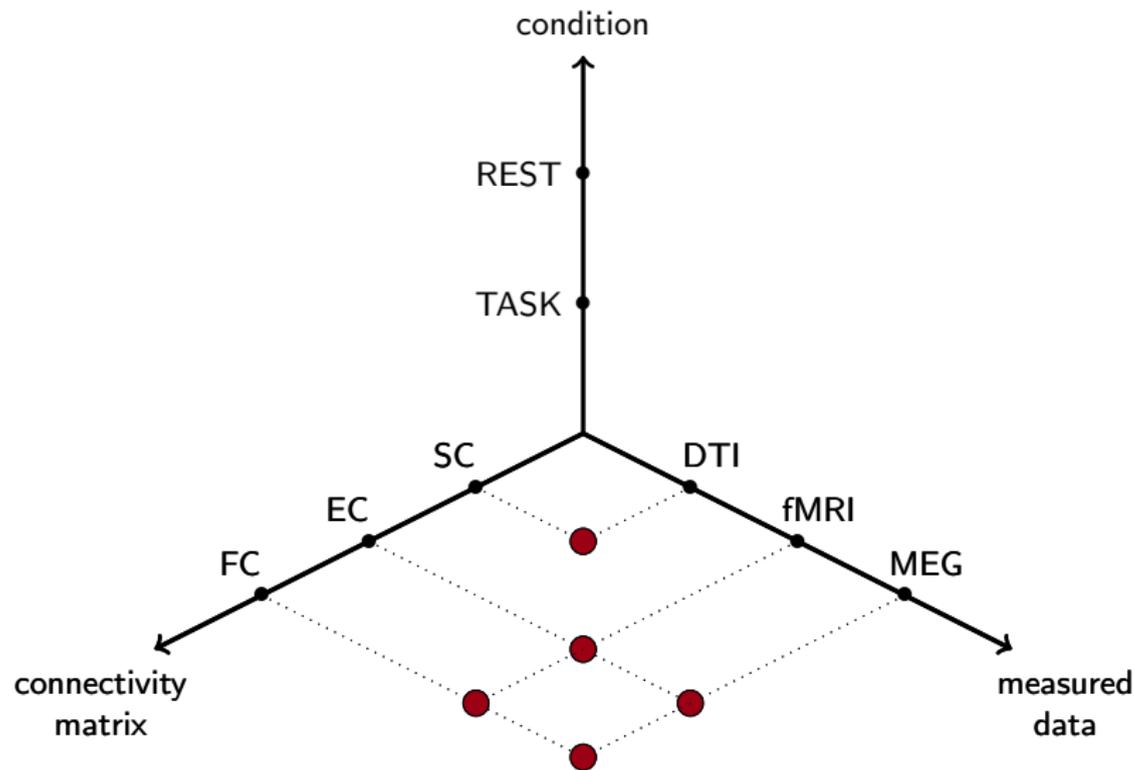
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- complete rest
- resting state network
- most energy

Energy consumption



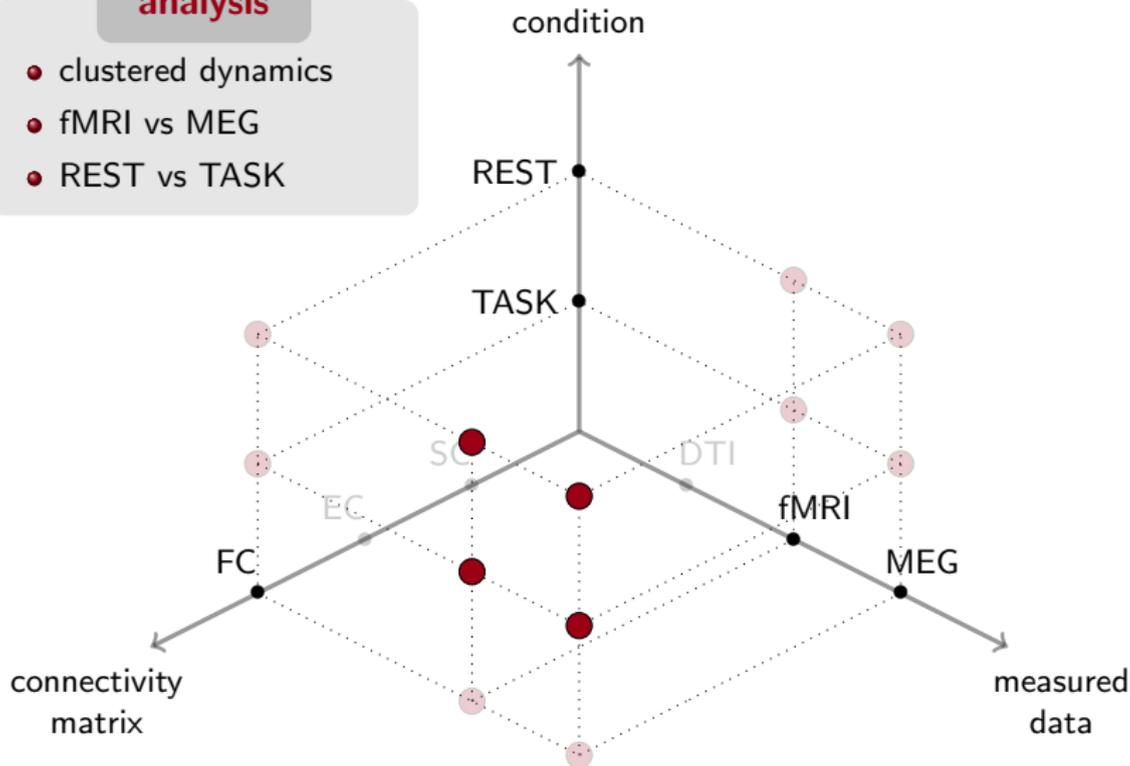
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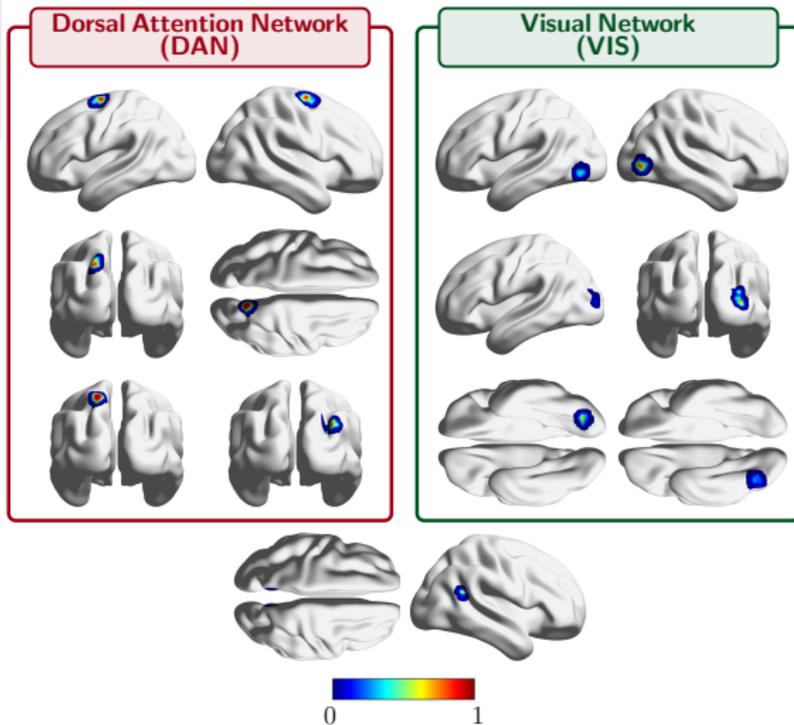
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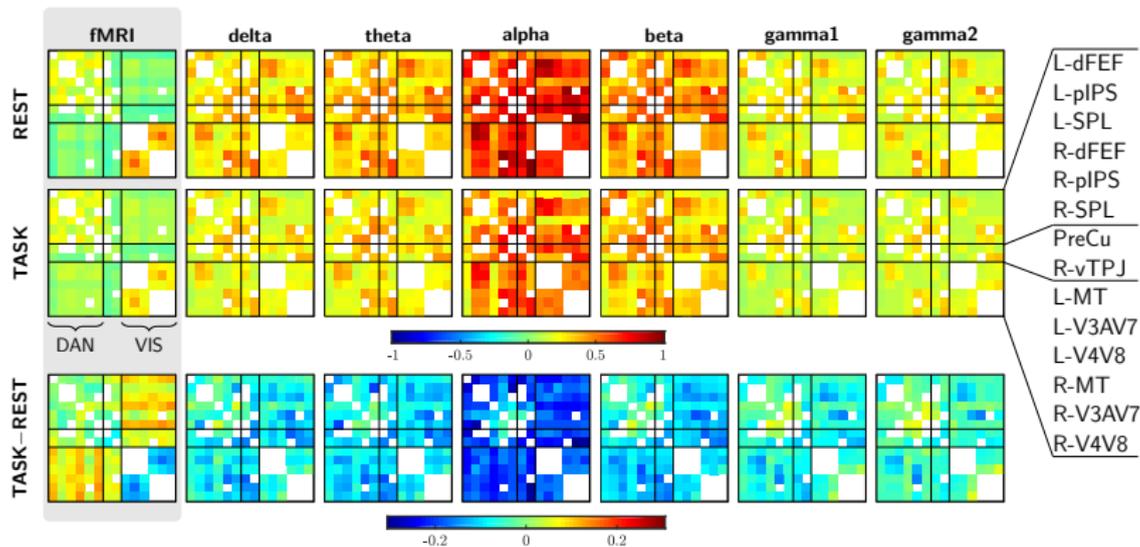
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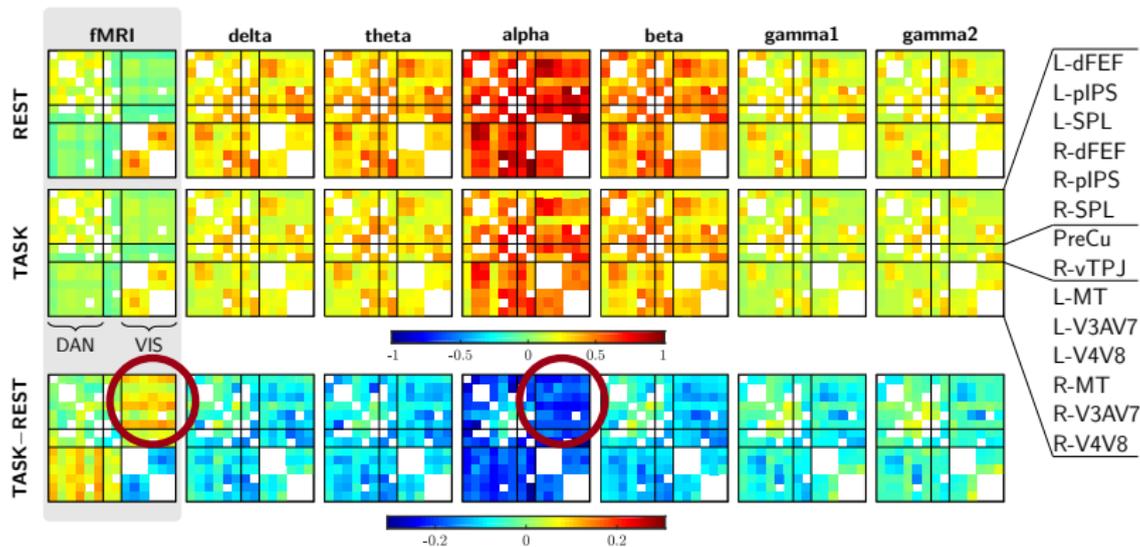
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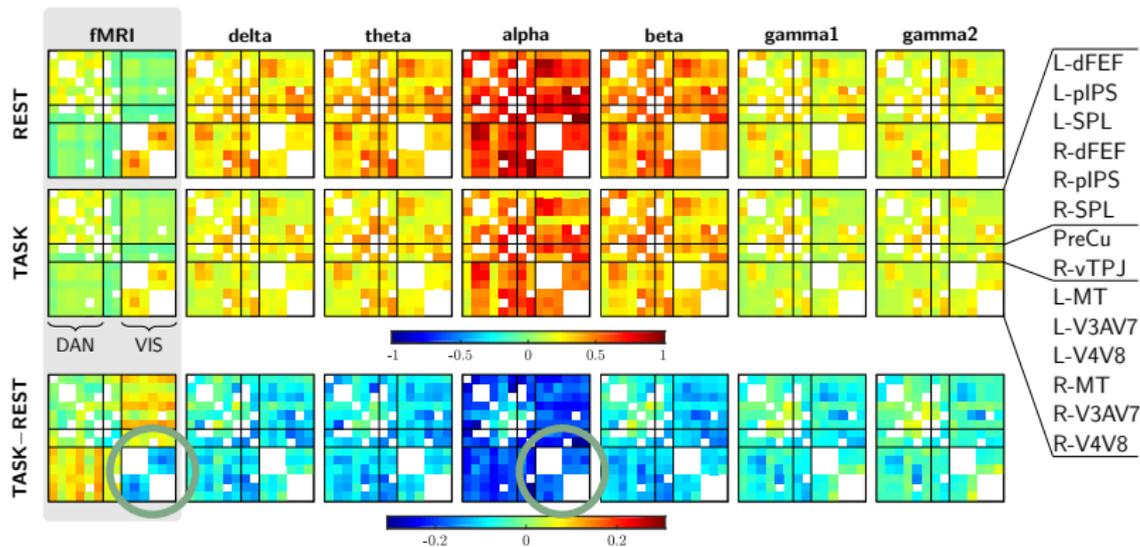
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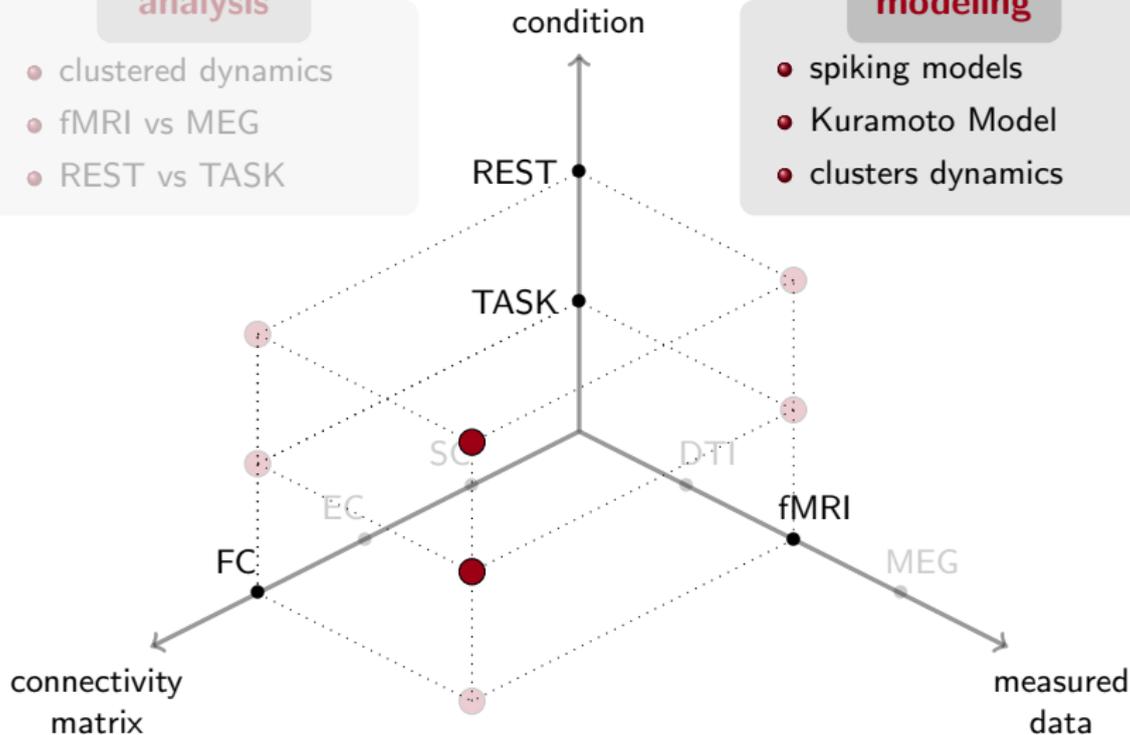
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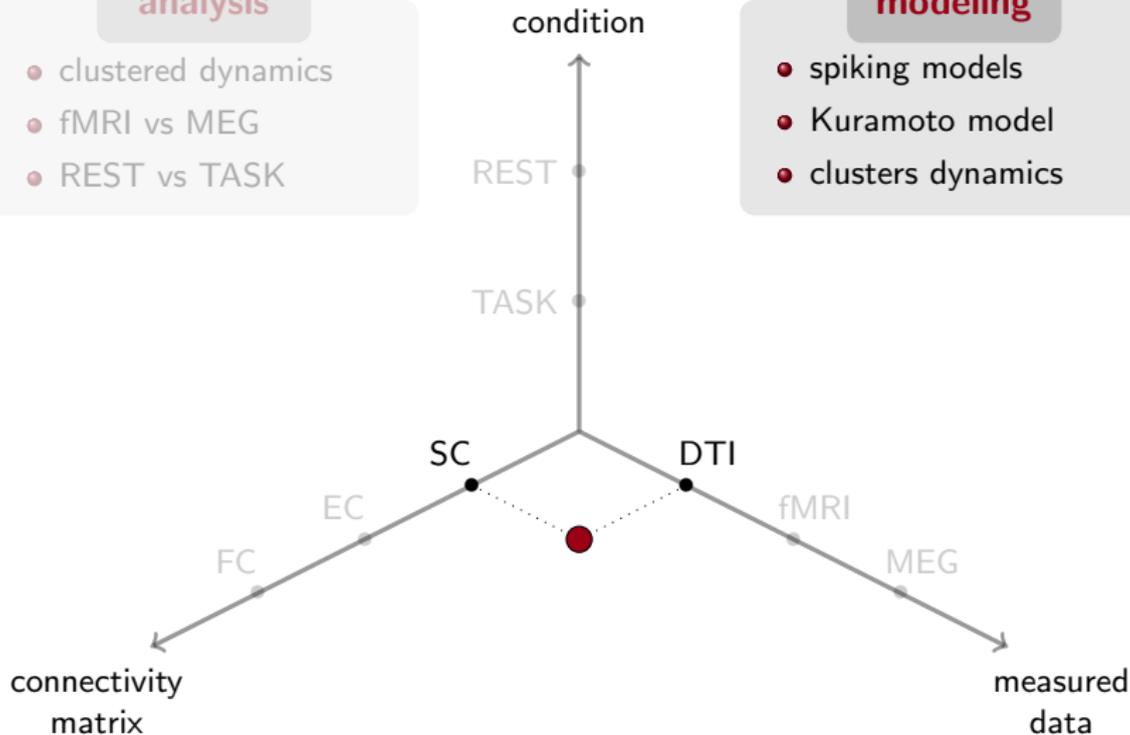
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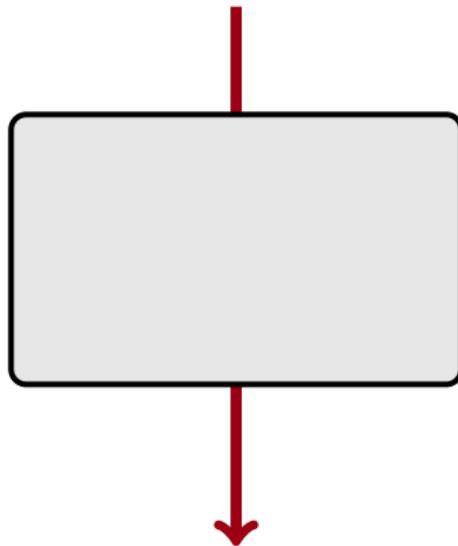
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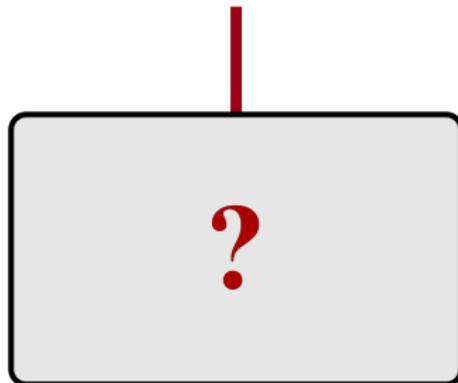
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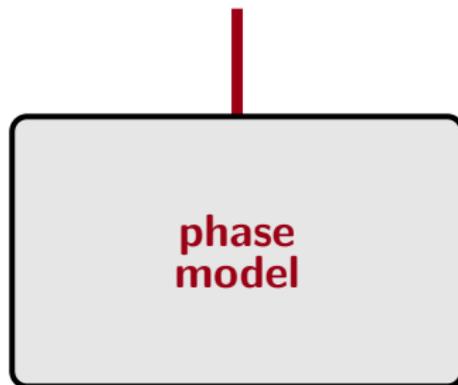
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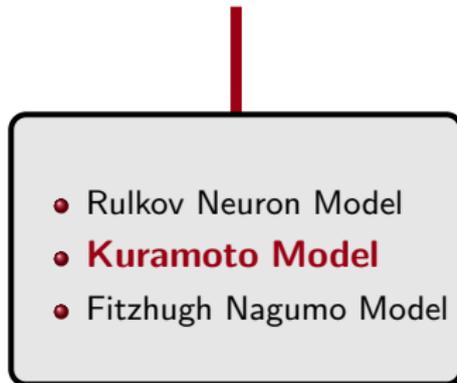
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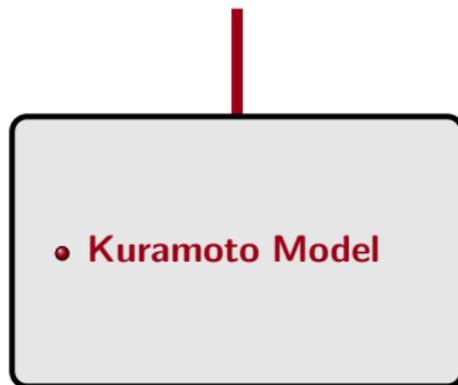
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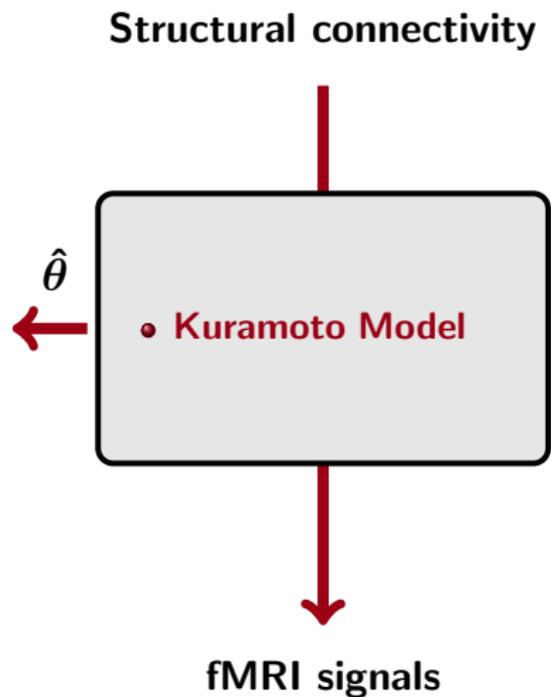
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- **Kuramoto Model**
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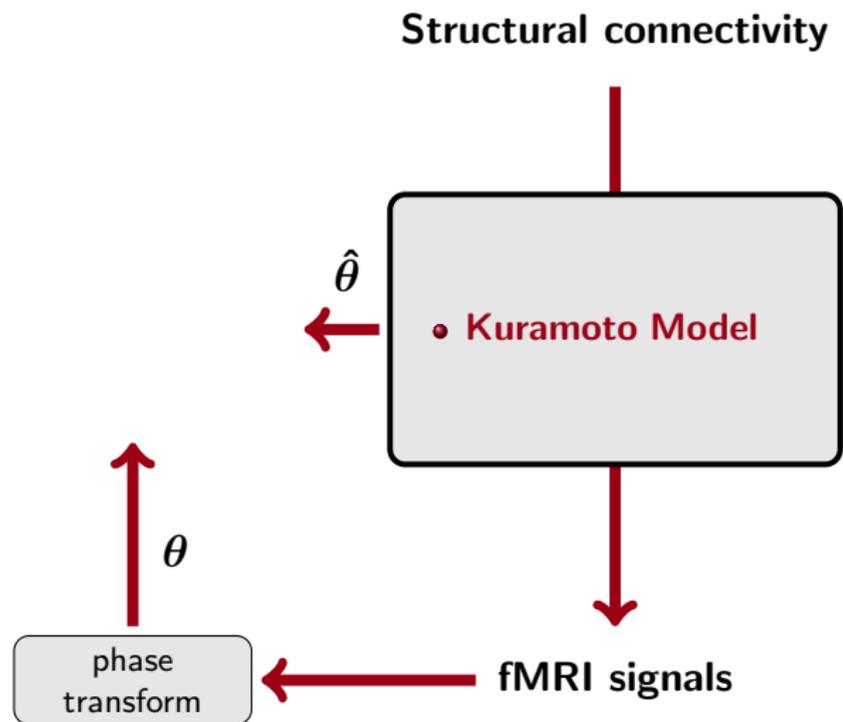
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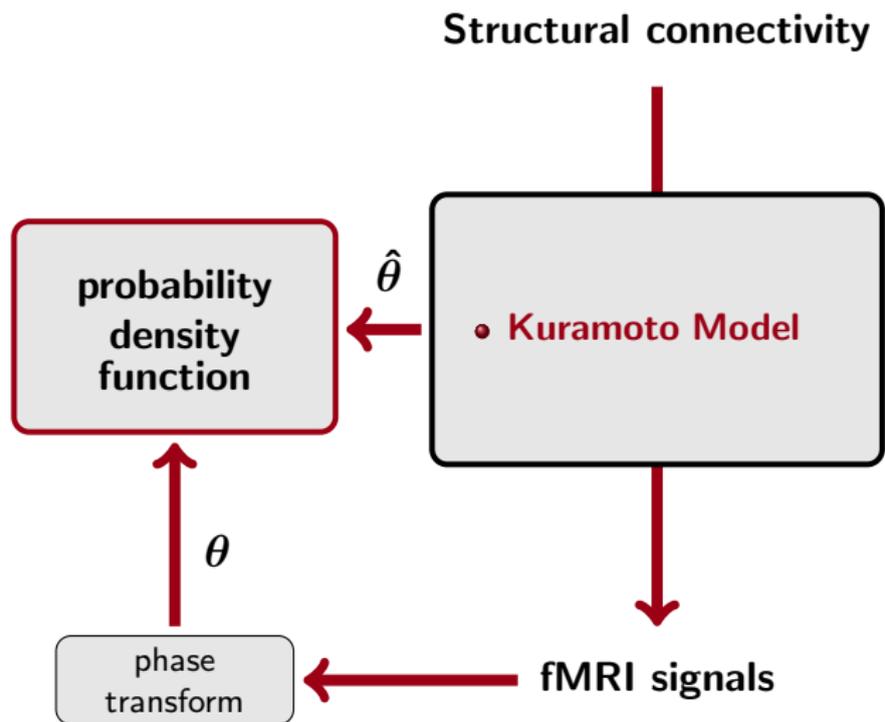
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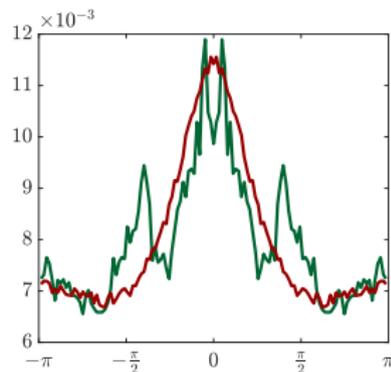
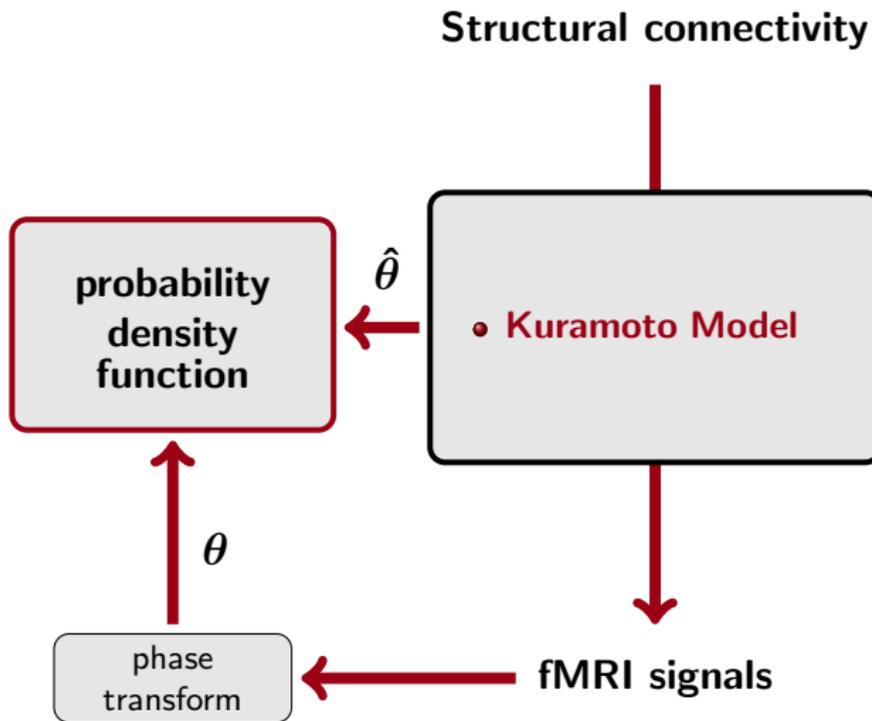


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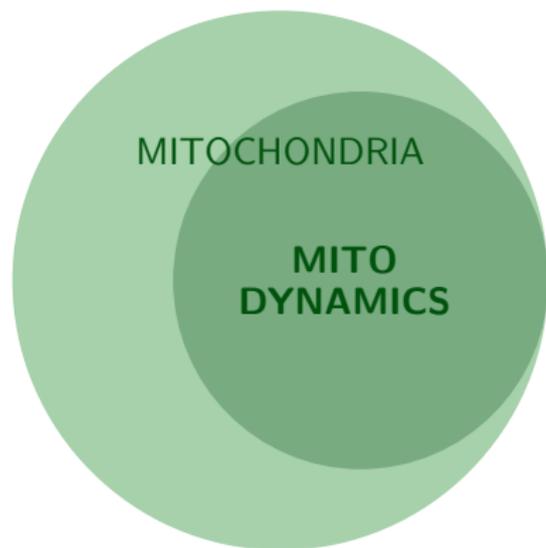


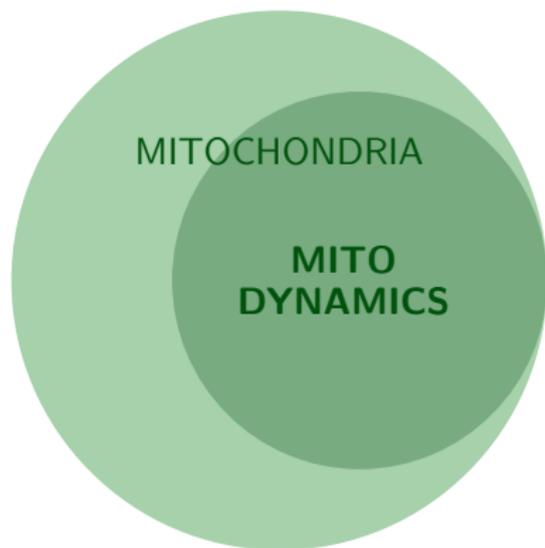


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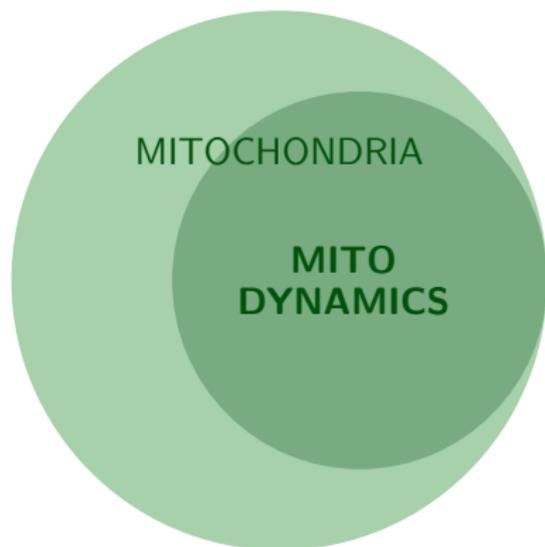
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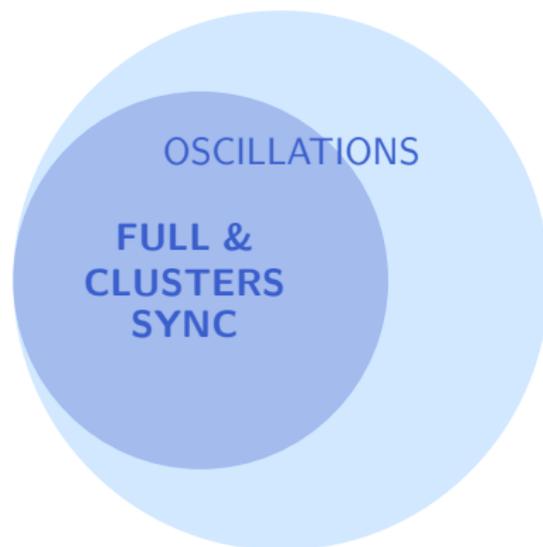
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- damaged vs healthy model
- more classes

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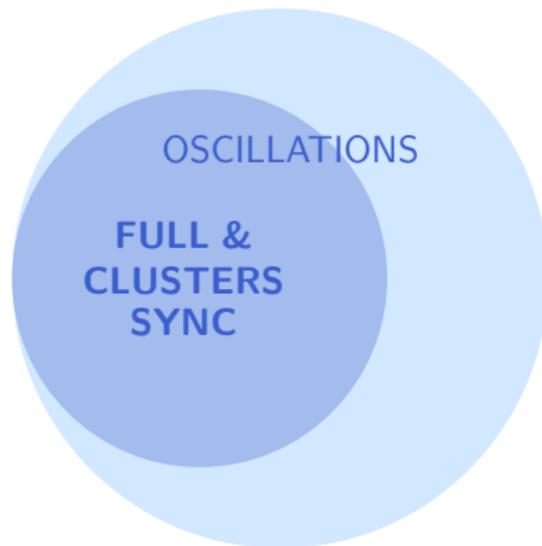


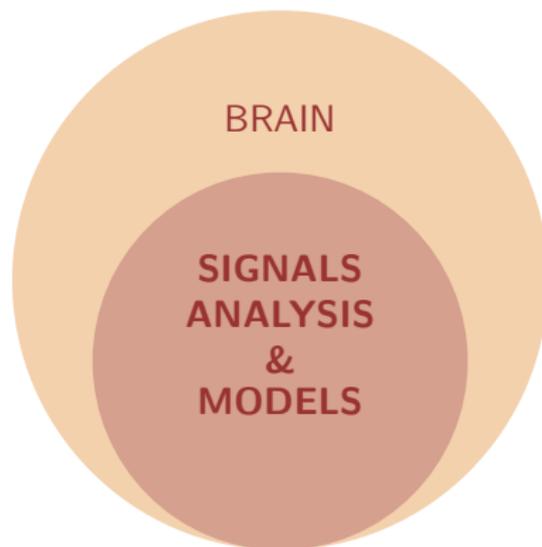
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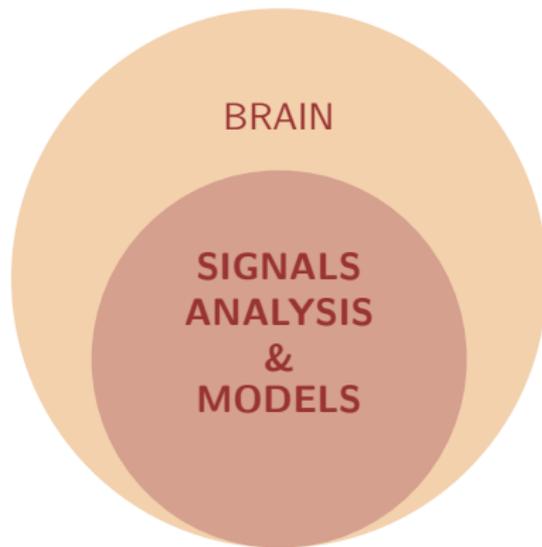
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