

Panel@Spatial Omics 2021: Human Reference Atlas

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DAY TWO: 15 APRIL 2021

Panel Discussion: Human Reference Atlas

PROFILING &
IMAGING

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BERNARD DE BONO, Principal Investigator, Associate Professor, **University of Auckland**

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16:00



James Gee





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Brain Reference Atlases

The **Allen Institute** has a history of making open datasets, standards and reference resources in bioscience

- A planar **human brain reference atlas** was developed to support a brain-wide map of gene expression (2012)
- Refinement of this planar map extended to a **3D volume** as an anatomical common coordinate framework for **brain structure** and **cell types** (2016) - and spatial -omics

An anatomically comprehensive atlas of the adult human brain transcriptome (2012) <https://www.nature.com/articles/nature11405>

ALLEN BRAIN ATLAS
DATA PORTAL

HOME DATA REFERENCE ATLASES

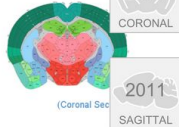
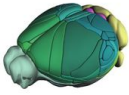
<http://atlas.brain-map.org/>

Allen Brain Reference Atlases

The Allen Institute for Brain Science has generated multiple reference atlases, to use with our online datasets or as stand-alone resources. Refer to our [Citation Policy](#) for information on how you may use these images in your work.

Adult Mouse

These anatomical reference atlases illustrate the adult mouse brain in coronal and sagittal planes of section. They are the spatial framework for datasets such as in situ hybridization, cell projection maps, and in vitro cell characterization.





(3D Viewer) (Coronal Sec) (SAGITTAL)

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Adult Human

These anatomical reference atlases illustrate the adult human brain, using modified Brodmann or gyral annotation.

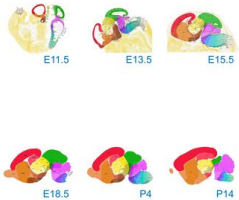


(Modified Brodmann) (Gyral)

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Developing Mouse

These anatomical reference atlases illustrate the developing mouse brain, covering seven stages of embryonic (E) and postnatal (P) development. Dr. Luis Puelles used a custom developmental taxonomy for annotation of the Allen Developing Mouse Brain Reference Atlases.



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Human Brain Atlas

Goals:

- **Computable**
- Accompanied by methods and metadata
- Useful to researchers
- Serve out robust standard references (ontology, taxonomy, spatial)
- Integration or compatibility with **other human and/or neuro datasets & standards**

BRAINSPAN

ATLAS OF THE DEVELOPING HUMAN BRAIN

<https://www.brainspan.org/static/atlas>

Home Developmental Transcriptome Prenatal LMD Microarray ISH **Reference Atlas** Download Documentation Help

BrainSpan Reference Atlases

The BrainSpan Reference Atlases are full-color, high-resolution, Web-based digital brain atlases accompanied by a systematic, hierarchically organized taxonomy of developing human brain structures.

For more information, please refer to the [documentation](#).

Atlas	Annotation	Supporting Data
15 pcw - Whole Brain	46 sections (0.5 - 1.0 mm intervals)	Nissl, AChE, ISH
21 pcw - Cerebrum	81 sections (0.5 - 1.2 mm intervals)	Nissl, AChE, ISH
21 pcw - Brainstem	41 sections (0.25 - 0.5 mm intervals)	Nissl, AChE, ISH
34 yrs - Whole Brain	Featuring two cortical views: Sulcal - Gyral Modified Brodmann 106 sections (0.4 - 3.4 mm intervals)	Nissl, Parvalbumin, 3T structural MRI (47MB), 7T structural MRI (5GB), 3T 1200 micron diffusion (880MB), 3T 900 micron diffusion (1GB)



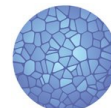
Brain/MINDS



EBRAINS



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HUMAN
CELL
ATLAS

Adult Brain Atlas

Resources

- Open, online atlas portal
- Software development toolkit (SDK and API)
- Applications to build extensible nomenclature from taxonomies ([GitHub](https://github.com))

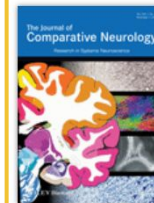
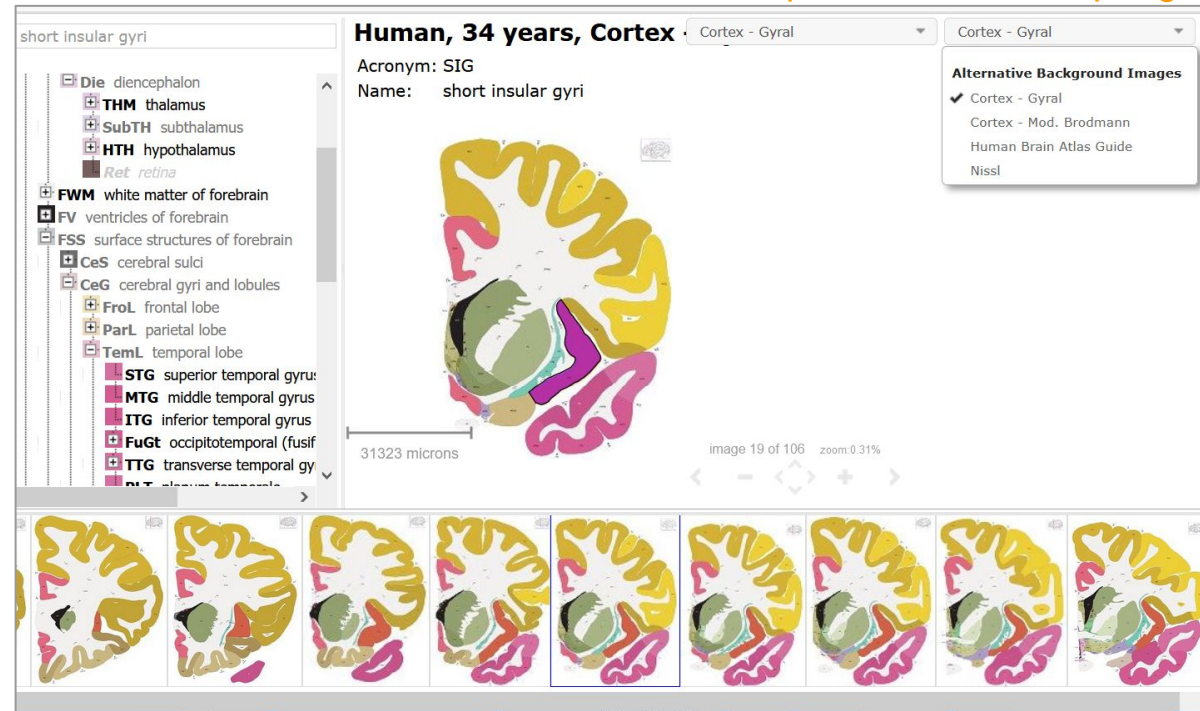
Common cell type nomenclature for the mammalian brain. (2020)

<https://elifesciences.org/articles/59928>

Comprehensive cellular resolution atlas of the adult human brain.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cne.24080>

<https://atlas.brain-map.org/>



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The organization of cell atlases: apparent coordinates vs. latent representations

Multiple apparent coordinates of a cell atlas

- Spatial: anatomic parts, spatial locations, ...
- Temporal: developmental trajectory, cell cycle, ...
- Functional: cell types/states, stemness, malignancy, marker gene expression, ...

The coordinates are of three major types: discrete, continuous, structured

Multifaceted heterogeneity in a cell atlas: multiple intertwined coordinates

Signal or noise?

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When multiple coordinates intertwined, specific studies usually take one as signal and the rest as noise

But they should be all signals in a reference atlas

	Cell types	Cell cycle	Pseudotime	Other
Cell type study	Signal	Confounder	Confounder	Confounder
Cell cycle study	Confounder	Signal	Confounder	Confounder
Development study	Confounder	Confounder	Signal	Confounder
Reference Atlas	Signal	Signal	Signal	Signal

A general representation framework for the information structure is desirable

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- To provide a the full portraiture of cells
- To represent the multifaceted cell heterogeneity in an atlas
- To analyze relations across multiple coordinates
- To measure the intrinsic complexity of a cell population
- To find hints for unknown factors
- ...

UniCoord:

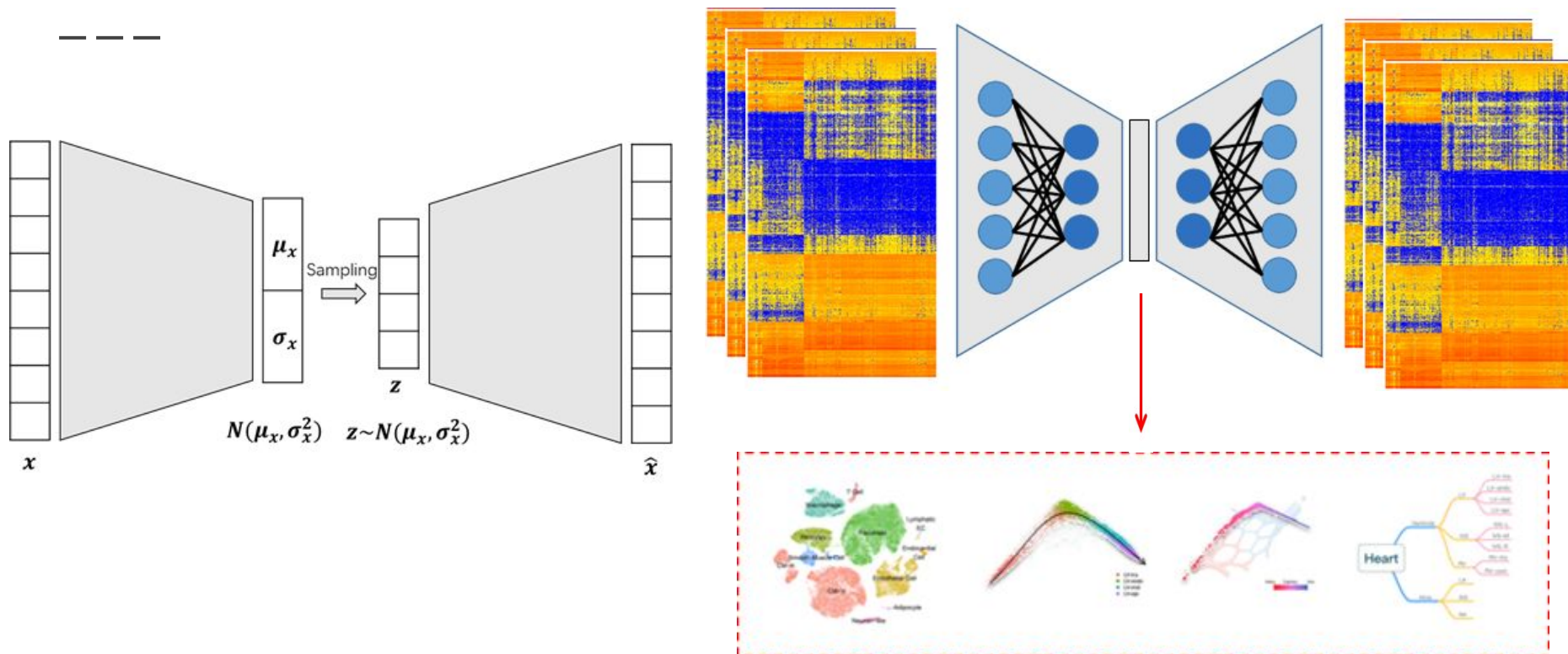
An unified coordinate system for cell atlases

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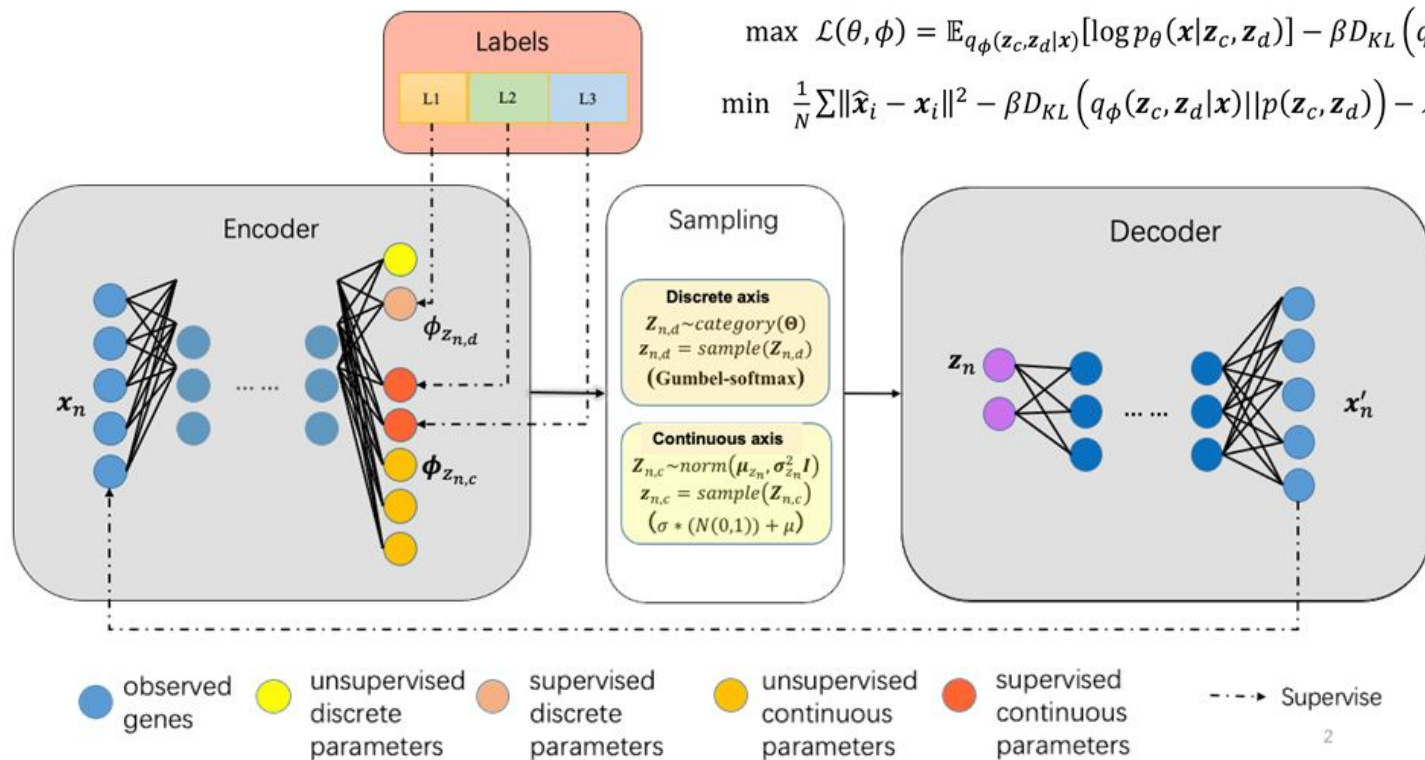
An universal latent CCF (common coordinate framework)

- A low-D vector representation of the hi-D data
- Preserves multifaceted intrinsic coordinates
- Explainable and computable
- Potential for finding unknown heterogeneity
- Individual invariant
- Full annotation of new query cells
- Can generate pseudo-cells

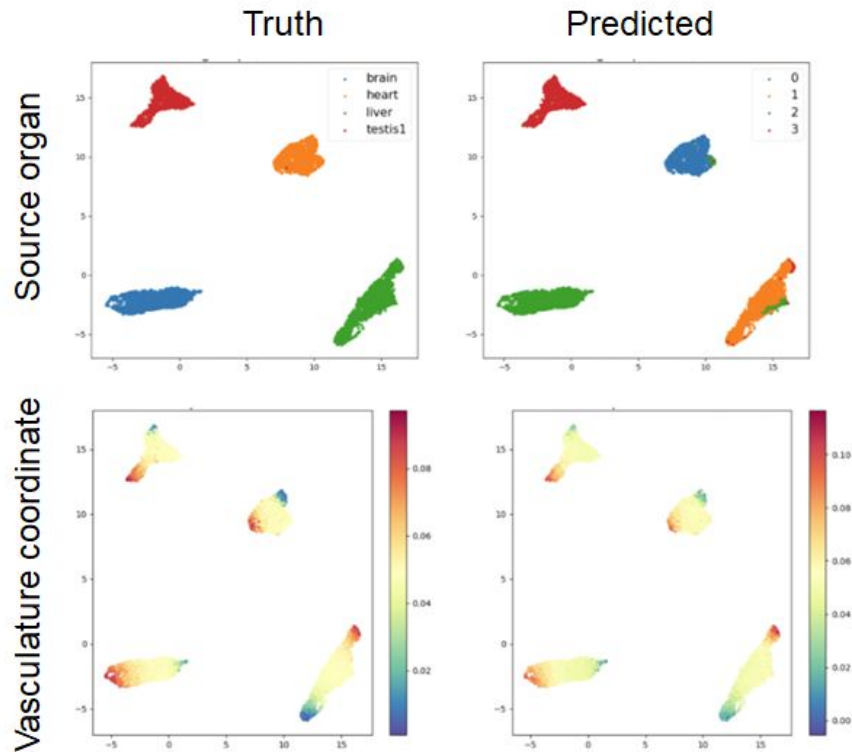
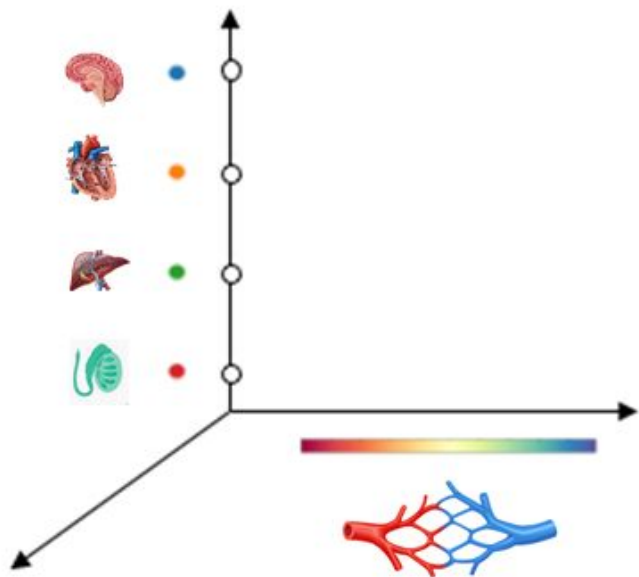
An Expanded VAE Model for Learning Multifaceted Coordinates



The expanded VAE model of UniCoord



Example of UniCoord Experiments





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Connectivity Knowledge

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Science Highlight:

Mapping intrinsic cardiac nervous system (ICN)

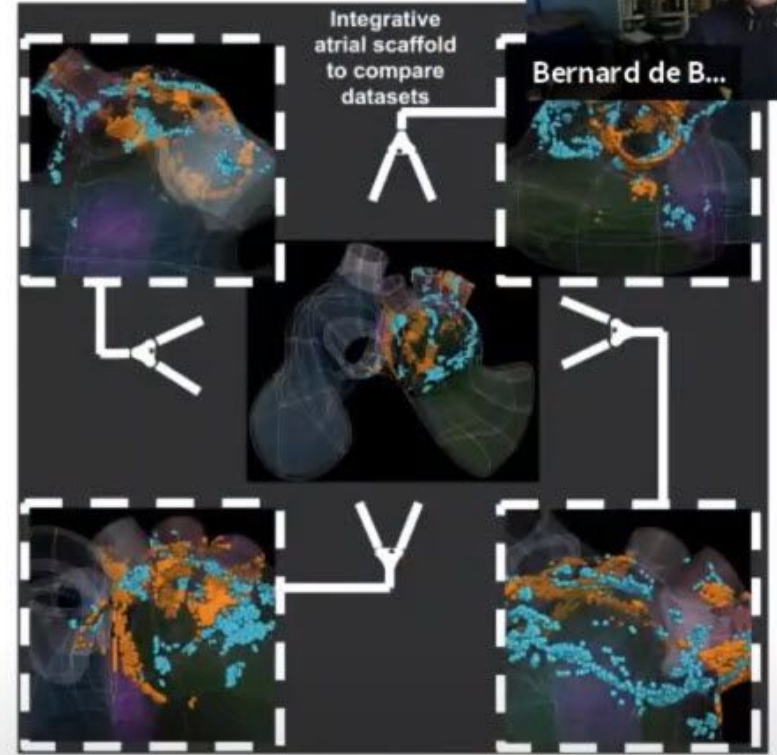
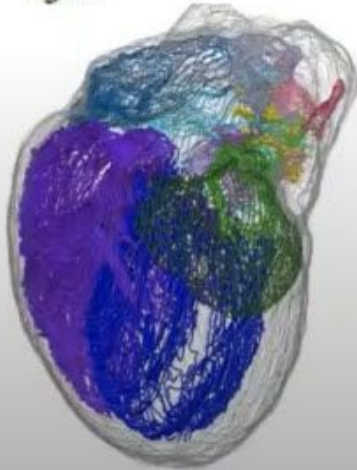
Segmented data with
marked ICN (yellow)



Fitted scaffold with
mapped ICN (yellow)



Transformed scaffold
to un-distorted shape
with **mapped** ICN
(yellow)



"The ICN is "the little brain of the heart" integrating multiple local sensory and autonomic inputs and regulates cardiac function. In this study, we investigated the structural consistency and variability of the rat ICN within and between sexes...This study evaluated rat ICNs for these uses by employing imaging techniques and mathematical scaffolds to create an integrative map of these neurons."-Mahyar Osanlouy



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Knowledge Representation for Multi-Scale Physiology Route Modeling

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We present a framework for the topological and semantic assembly of multiscale physiology route maps. The framework, called ApiNATOMY, consists of a knowledge representation (KR) model and a set of knowledge management (KM) tools. Using examples of ApiNATOMY route maps, we present a KR format that is suitable for the analysis and visualization by KM tools. The conceptual KR model provides a simple method for physiology experts to capture process interactions among anatomical entities. In this paper, we outline the KR model, modeling format, and the KM procedures to translate concise abstraction-based specifications into fully instantiated models of physiology processes.

Keywords: physiology, multi-scale model, knowledge management, anatomy, connectivity, ontology

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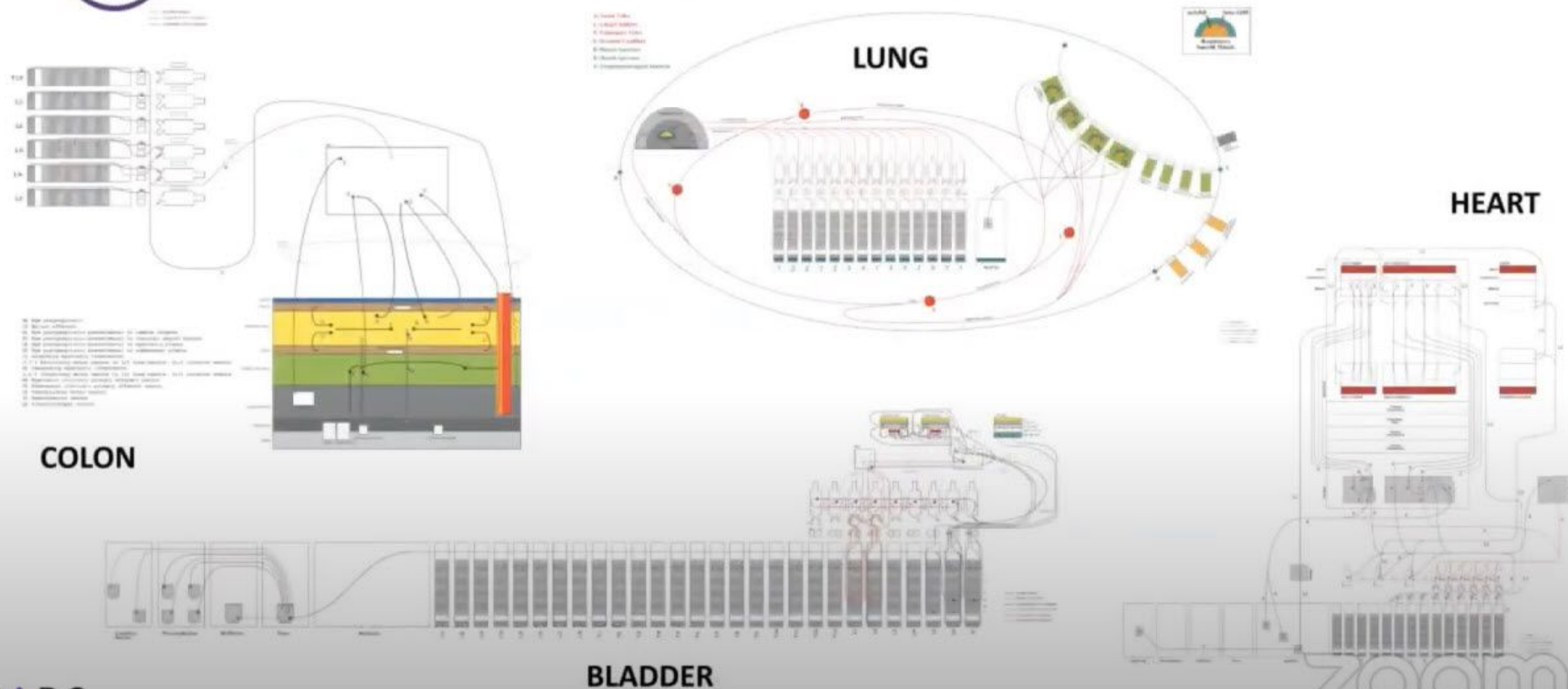
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1. INTRODUCTION

Physiology process models take into account the anatomical routes of communication that are necessary for mechanisms to occur. For example, process models study mechanisms in which:

- an increase in atrial pressure gives rise to an increase in glomerular filtration rate;

SPARC Connectivity KnowledgeBase



Novel Insights Into Complex Conditions

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- HuBMAP
- Kids First
- SPARC

New Drug Targets For Pediatric Cancer Treatments

- GTEx
- Kids First
- LINCS

Data-driven Treatment Planning

- IDG
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- Kids First
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- Metabolomics

Working with Data in the Cloud

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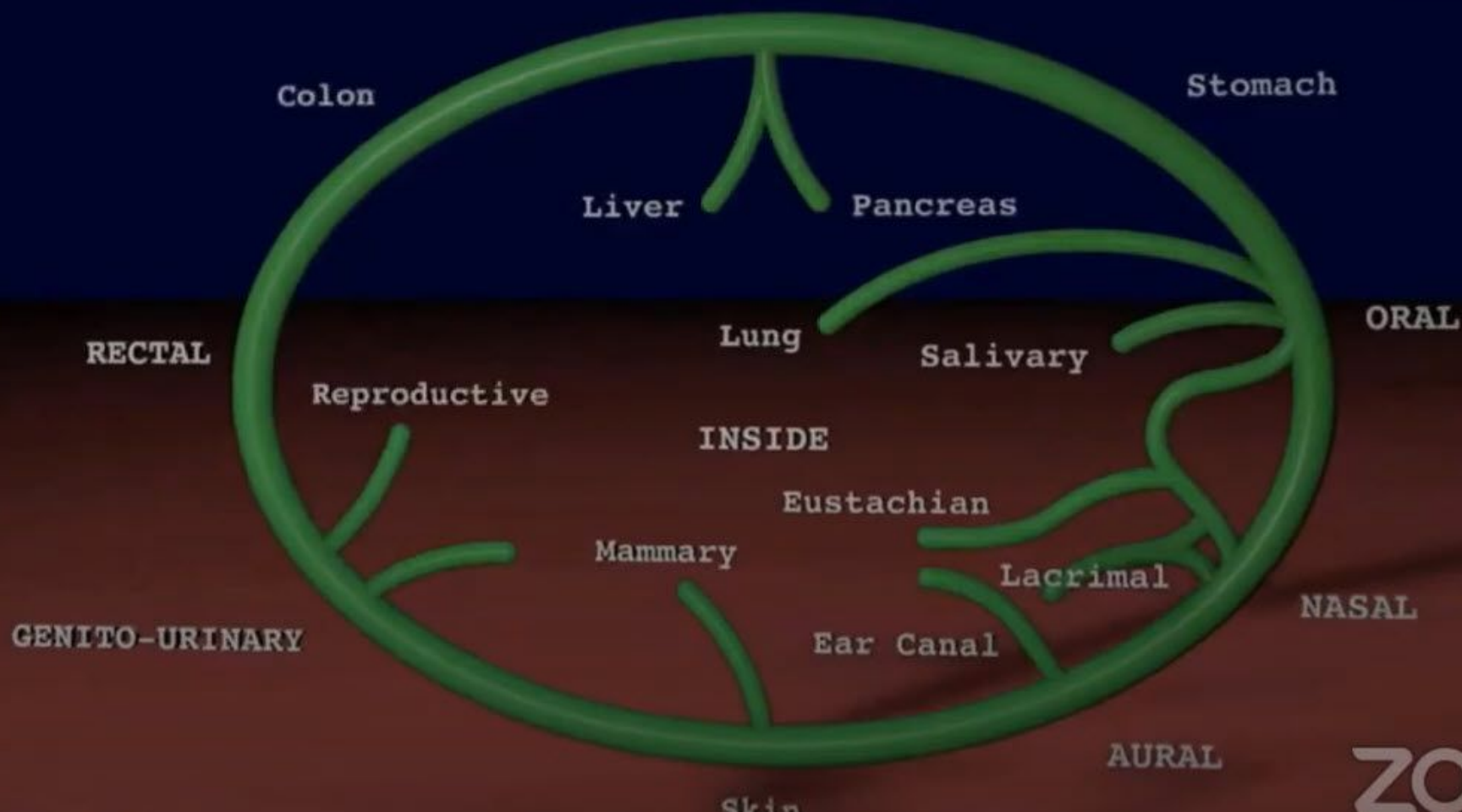
- ☐ Actively Engaged with CFDE
- ☐ Data Included in CFDE
- ☒ Sample Use Cases
- ☐ Additional Eligible Data Coordinating Centers May Participate in CFDE in the Future




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BODY

OUTSIDE
Small Intestine



An anatomical diagram of the human digestive system, showing the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, and large intestine in a semi-transparent blue overlay on a dark blue background.

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