

e-INFRASTRUCTURES FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PRAXIS: ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE WAY FORWARD

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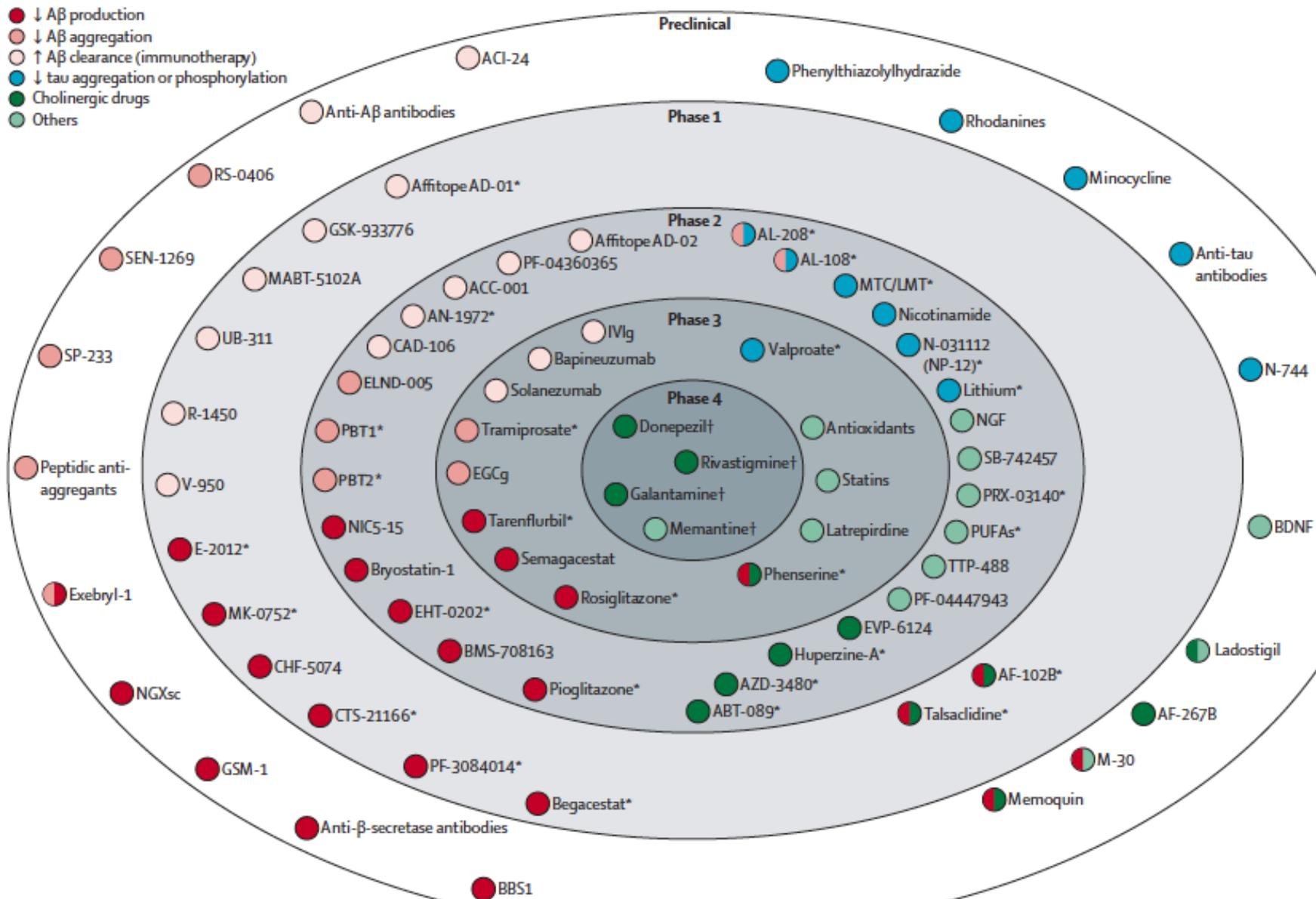


Figure: Drug development in Alzheimer's disease

Advanced biom

STRUCTURAL (GM damage)

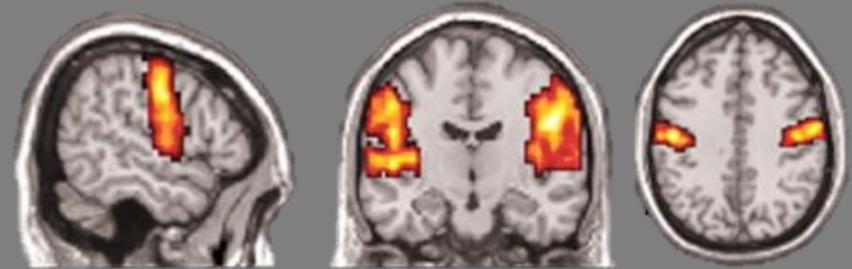
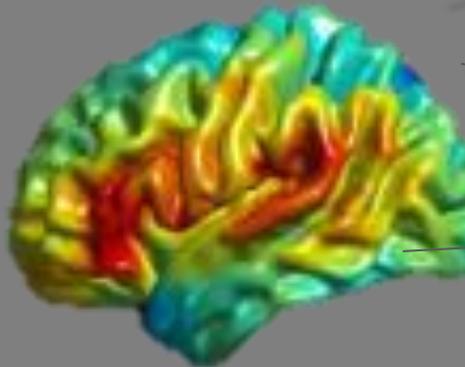
- MR Cortical thickness mapping
- MR Automated segmentation
- MR Voxel-based statistics

MICRO

- MR Tens
- MR Trac

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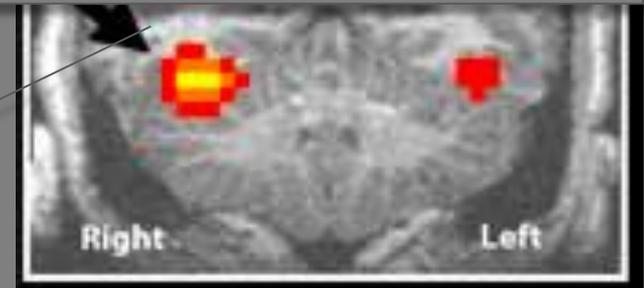
- MR Acti
- MR Res



Sensorimotor network



Default mode network



FM



Large multimodal multicentre datasets (n. scans)

STUDY	Sequence					
	<i>sMR</i>	<i>dMR</i>	<i>rest fMRI</i>	<i>EEG</i>	<i>FDG-PET</i>	<i>Amy PET</i>
Pharmacog/E-ADNI (IMI)	900	900	900	900	---	---
ADNI / ADNI-GO / ADNI2	13'500	1'550	3'950	---	3'750	250
J-ADNI	3'500	---	---	---	1'000	500
AddNeuroMed (IMI)	3'500	---	---	---	---	---
AIBL/Au-ADNI	1'800	1'800	---	---	300	450
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OASIS	2'000	---	---	---	---	---
LADIS (5 th FP)	1'200	---	---	---	---	---
EMIF-AD (IMI)	15'000	5'000	5'000	---	2'000	1'000
AD Without Borders	3'000	---	---	---	200	---



neuGRID for you
N4U
expansion
of neuGRID
services
and outreach
to new user
communities



OVERVIEW

Background, Mission, Achievements. [more >](#)

SERVICES

Image Processing, Datasets, Provenance. [more >](#)

EVENTS

Conferences, publications, deliverables. [more >](#)

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ACCESS >>

News

▶ A new application is now available. This application is a terminal which allows you to get

Highlights

International Science Grid this Week-
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neuGRID: a cloud-based image analysis environment

The screenshot shows the homepage of neuGRID (N4U - neuGRID for you). The navigation menu includes: HOME, OVERVIEW, COLLABORATIONS, DISSEMINATION, PARTNERS, SERVICES, SCIENCE GATEWAY, and a Sign In link.

Four main feature highlights are presented in large brackets:

- Large image datasets:** Accompanied by an image of brain slices with a heatmap overlay.
- Algorithm pipelines for marker extraction:** Accompanied by a mathematical equation: $(\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3})^4 + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$.
- Vast computational resources:** Accompanied by an image of a Microchip processor.
- Help & Training:** Accompanied by a "LEARN" graphic and a "help desk" button with a mouse cursor.

On the left side, there are links to various datasets and studies:

- OASIS:** Read More »
- LADIS:** Read More »
- ADDNEUROMED:** Read More »
- ADNI:** Read More »

Below the "Algorithm pipelines" section, there is a table of processing pipelines:

Pipeline	Biological phenomenon
CIVET Available for processing in	Cortical thickness
FreeSurfer Available for processing in	Cortical/subcortical anatomy
FSL Available for processing in	Structure (sMRI), microstructure (diff MR), function (fMRI)

Below the "Vast computational resources" section, there is a table of node specifications:

Node	Storage (MB)	CPUs (n)
Sweden	3,557	40
Italy	3,170	40
France	4,095	2,600
Maat	1,268	8
Brazil	0	128
EGI	71,793	1,912
TOTAL	83,883	4,728

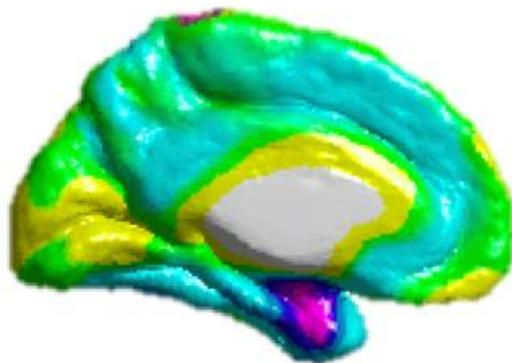
On the right side, there is a "neuGRID4you Help Desk" section with tabs for "Panoramica", "Attività", and "Segnalazioni". The "Attività" tab is active, showing a list of support tickets:

- 23:18 Support #797: desktop fusic If you have openjdk, try to put the or Try to start FF from a termina...
- 21:29 Support #797: desktop fusic Hi Jerome, both gateways. But it's not a problem Luigi Antelmi
- 20:57 Support #797: desktop fusic

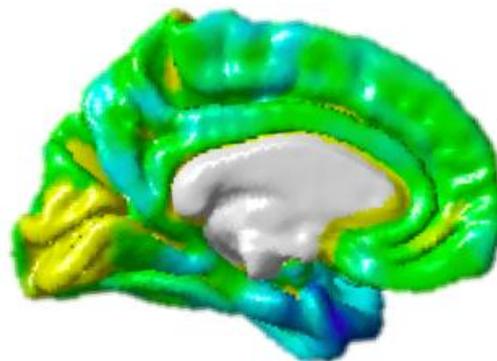
Proof-of-concept of neuGRID: validation of popular cortical thickness extraction algorithms on 3500 ADNI MR scans



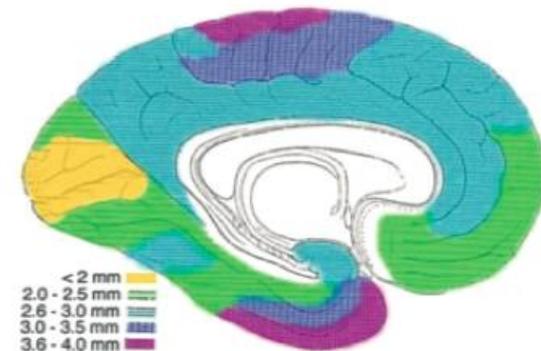
**CIVET
CORTICAL THICKNESS MAP**



**FREESURFER
CORTICAL THICKNESS MAP**



**VON ECONOMO *POST MORTEM*
CORTICAL THICKNESS MAP**



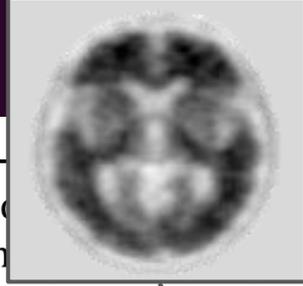
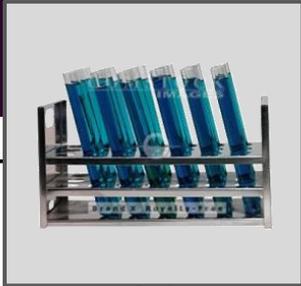
**Redolfi et al., NeuroImage submitted

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Core Alzheimer's biomarkers



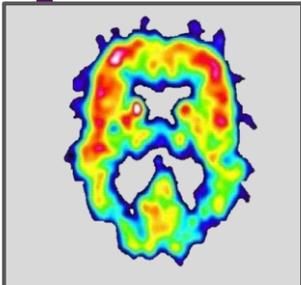
...rs of disease pathophysiology in the revised NINDS-AA diagnostic
 ...eim... Asterisks denote markers included in an early proposal for
 revised criteria by Dubois and colleagues [2].

Biomarkers of brain β -amyloidosis

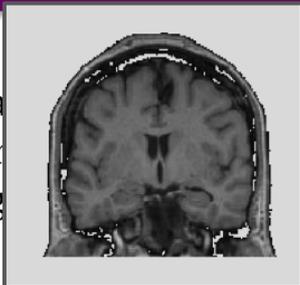
- Increased uptake on amyloid imaging with PET (*)
- Decreased CSF Ab42 (*)

Biomarkers of neuronal injury (synaptic dysfunction and neuronal loss)

- Temporoparietal hypometabolism on 18F-FDG PET (*)
- Medial temporal (hippocampal) atrophy (*)
- Increased CSF tau/phospho-tau (*)
- Temporoparietal hypoperfusion on SPECT



biomarkers



fMRI activation studies, resting BOLD functional connectivity,
 MRI
 spectroscopy, diffusion tensor imaging
 Inflammation (cytokines) and oxidative stress biomarkers



• Rate

Local implementation of core AD biomarkers

Biomarker-based diagnosis in the Memory Clinic in Brescia

Frisoni et al., *Alzheimers Dement* 2009
 **Galluzzi et al., *J Neurol* 2010

Development of diagnostic markers
Validation in pilot diagnostic studies
 **Translational Outpatient Memory Clinic**
Diagnostic biomarkers into clinical reports

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Npsy tests

Abilità Pratico-Costruttive

Attenzione e Funzioni Esecutive

Ragionamento Astratto non verbale

Abnormal Abeta42 and tau

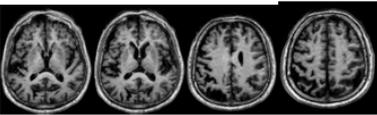
Aspecific cortical atrophy

Hippocampal volume <99th %

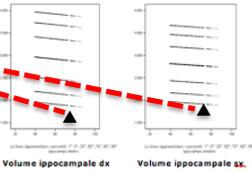
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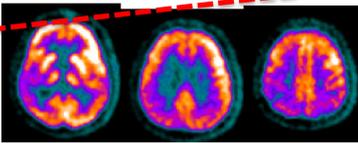
RM cerebrale (02.05.2011):



Volume ippocampale dx **Volume ippocampale sx**



RM cerebrale con F18-PDG (17.05.2011):



Implementing Alzheimer's biomarkers in the clinic for the diagnosis of prodromal and atypical cases: the Italian inter-societal approach to clinical, organizational, and ethical issues

Giovanni B Frisoni, IRCCS Fatebenefratelli, Brescia

Stefano Bastianello, Italian Association of Neuroradiology

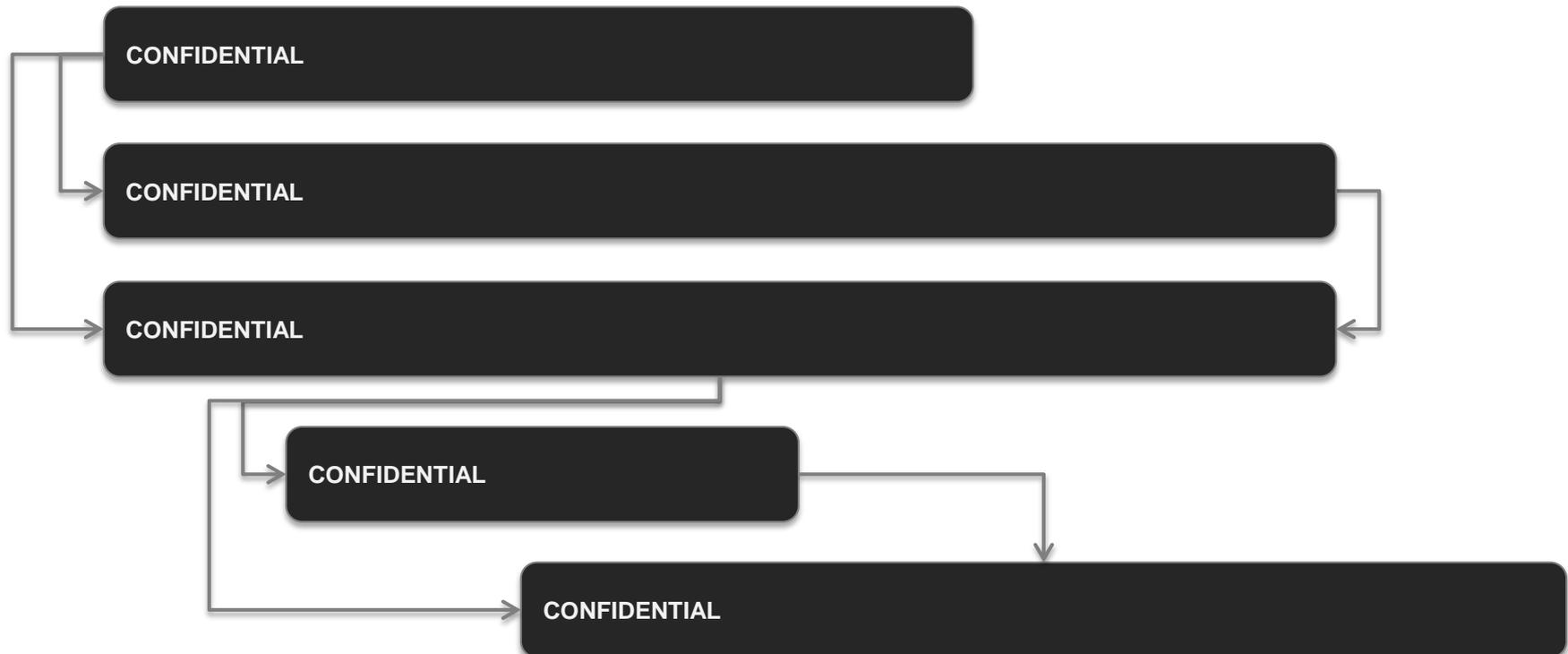
Gaetano Bernardi, Italian Society of Laboratory Medicine

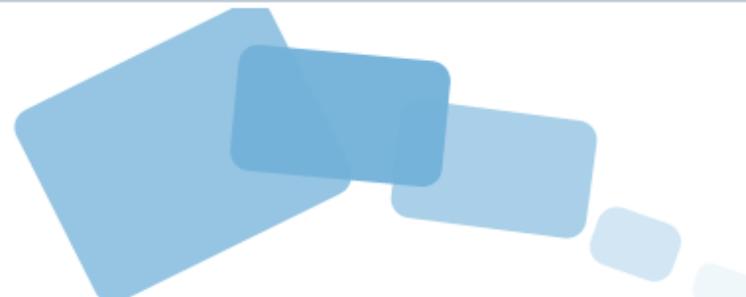
Daniela Perani, Italian Association of Nuclear Medicine

Corinna Porteri, Study Group of Bioethics of the Italian Neurol Society

Marco Trabucchi, Italian Psychogeriatrics Association

Alessandro Padovani, SINDEM, Italian Neurological Society





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In order to create an account on the DECIDE Science Gateway you have to click on the "Register" link which appears on the top right of this page.

Once you are in the registration page, fill the form with all the required information. If you already belong to any of the Identity Federations supported, please select it in the list which appears in the form. Otherwise, leave it blank and choose & confirm a password in the relative box; you will be enrolled in the IDPCT Identity Provider of the GrIDP Identity Federation. Please, do not forget to specify the application you would like to use and the role you would like to have. When complete, submit the web form and confirm your request of registration following the link which appears in the email that you will receive by the portal at the address you have indicated in the web form.

2) Sign In

(If you do not have yet an account on the DECIDE Science Gateway go back to step 1).

Once you receive the email informing you that your request of registration to the DECIDE Science Gateway has been accepted by the administrators of the portal, you are ready to sign in. To do so, you can either click on "Sign In", at the top right of this page, or follow [this link](#). You will be directed to the Identity Federations' discovery service. There you have to specify the Federation and the Organisation you belong to. If you did not indicate any in the registration phase, please select "GrIDP" as Federation and "Identity Provider Catania (IDPCT)" as Organisation which are our "catch-all" services. Once you are done, do not forget to Sign Out clicking on the button which will appear on the right of the top panel in the browser.

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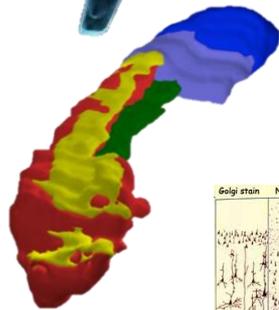
The
**Human
Brain
Project**



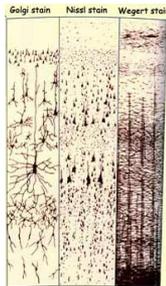
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAOUrsnt8CA>



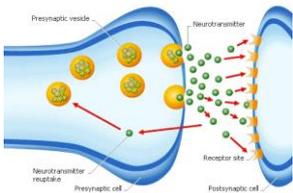
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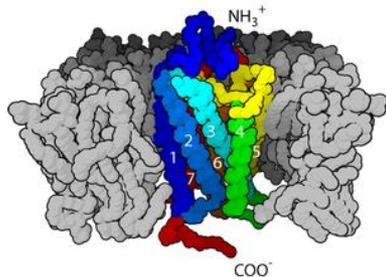
**CORTICAL AREAS &
SUBCORT STRUCTURES**



NEURAL COLUMNS



SYNAPTIC FUNCTION



**NEUROTRANSMITTER-
RECEPTOR**

Obama Seeking to Boost Study of Human Brain

By JOHN MARKOFF

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The Obama administration is planning a decade-long scientific effort to examine the workings of the human brain and build a comprehensive map of its activity, seeking to do for the brain what the [Human Genome Project](#) did for [genetics](#).

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“Every dollar we invested to map the human genome returned \$140 to our economy — every dollar,” he said. “Today our scientists are mapping the human brain to unlock the answers to Alzheimer’s. They’re developing drugs to regenerate damaged organs, devising new materials to make batteries 10 times more powerful. Now is not the time to gut these job-creating investments in science and innovation.”

Budget by country

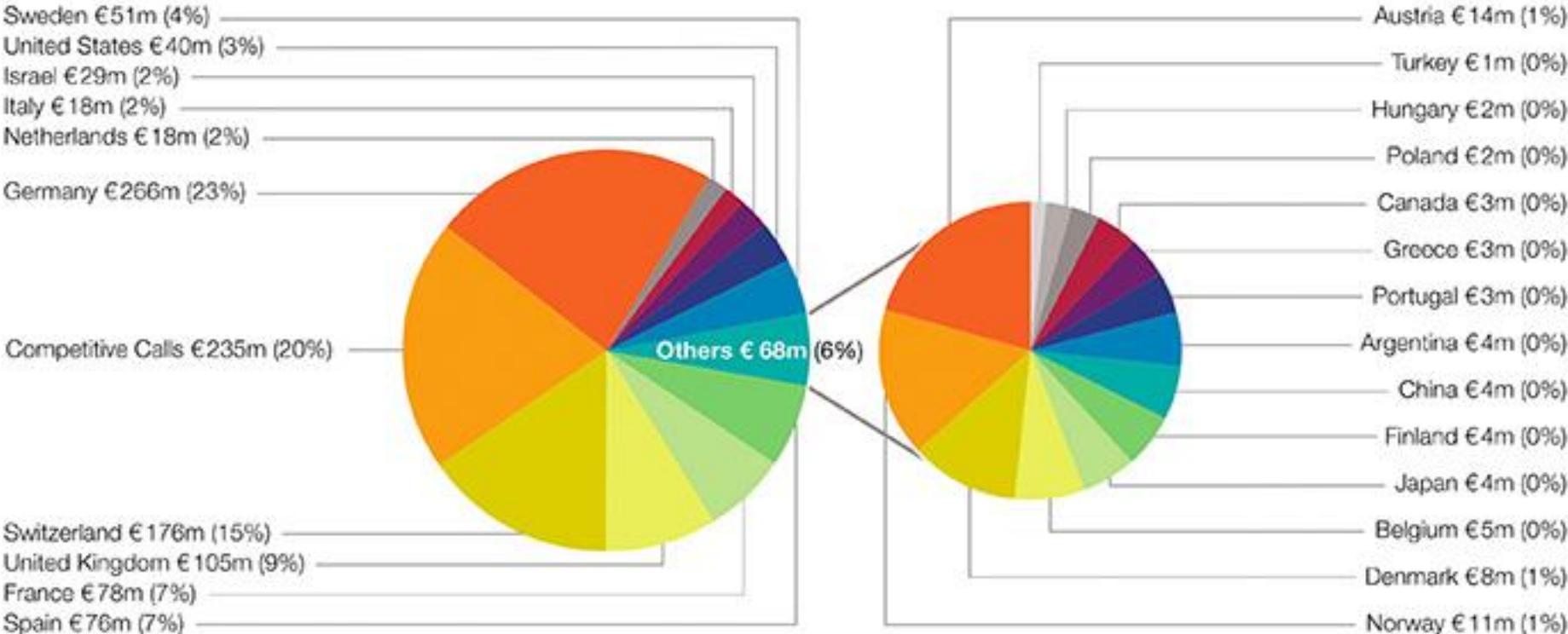


Figure 42: Cost breakdown by country for the whole flagship

WHAT PART WILL ITALY PLAY?