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Today's Topics

- Wrap-up on [evolution](#)
- The development of the nervous system

Prenatal brain development

Insemination

- 3-4 days before or up to 1-2 days after...
 - Ovulation

Fertilization

- Within ~ 24 hrs of ovulation

Implantation

- ~ 6 days after fertilization

Early embryogenesis

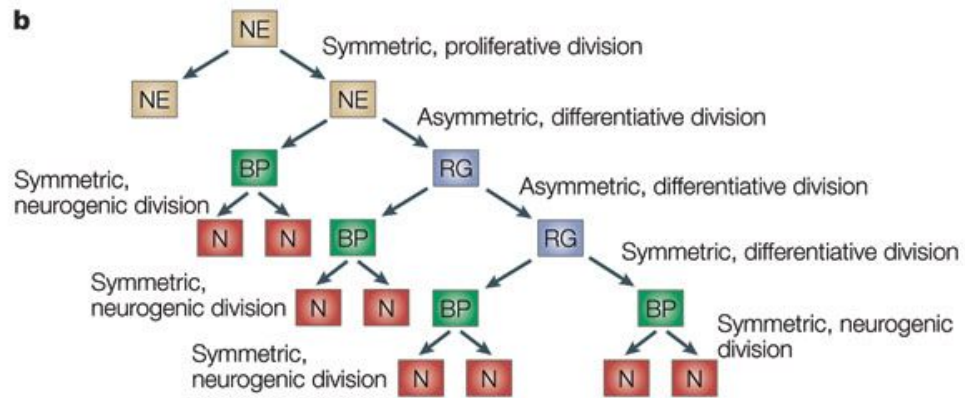
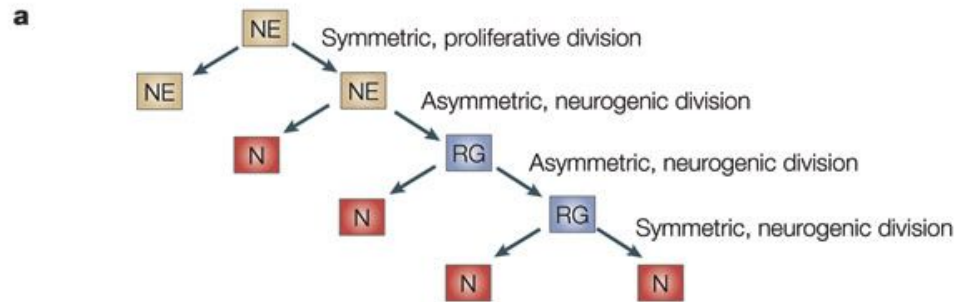


Formation of *neural tube* (neurulation)

- Embryonic layers: ectoderm, mesoderm, endoderm
- ~18-26 days
- Failures of neural tube closure
 - Spina bifida
 - Anencephaly
- Neural tube becomes
 - Ventricles
 - Central canal of spinal cord

Neurogenesis and gliogenesis

- Neuroepithelium cell layer lines neural tube
- Neural stem cells
 - Undergo symmetric & asymmetric cell division
 - Generate glia, neurons, and basal progenitor cells



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(Götz & Huttner, 2005)

Zika and microcephaly



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Facts about Microcephaly

Microcephaly is a birth defect where a baby's head is smaller than expected when compared to babies of the same sex and age. Babies with microcephaly often have smaller brains that might not have developed properly.

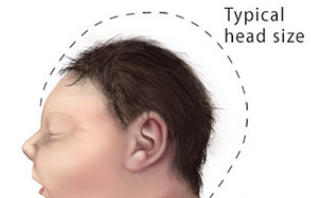
What is microcephaly?

Microcephaly is a condition where a baby's head is much smaller than expected. During pregnancy, a baby's head grows because the baby's brain grows. Microcephaly can occur because a baby's brain has not developed properly during pregnancy or has stopped growing after birth, which results in a smaller head size. Microcephaly can be an isolated condition, meaning that it can occur with no other major birth defects, or it can occur in combination with other major birth defects.

What is severe microcephaly?

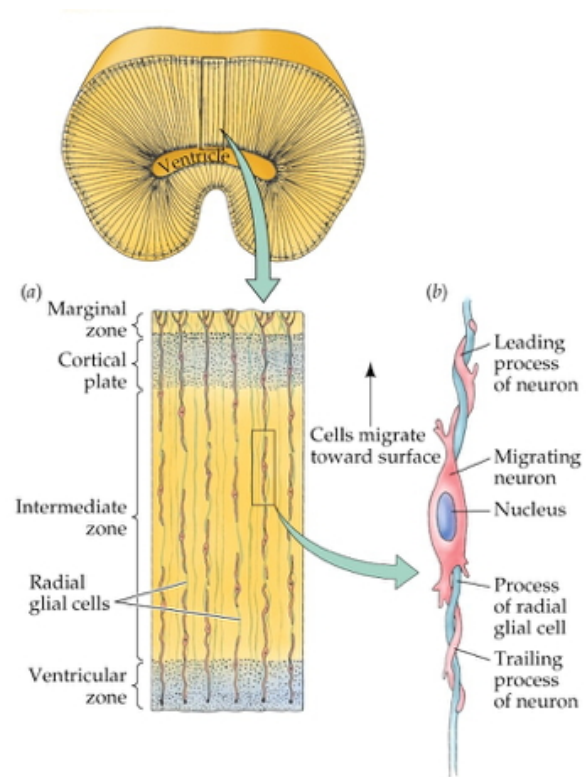


Baby with Typical Head Size

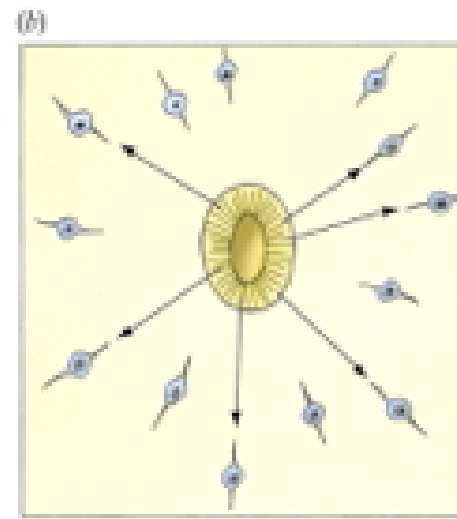
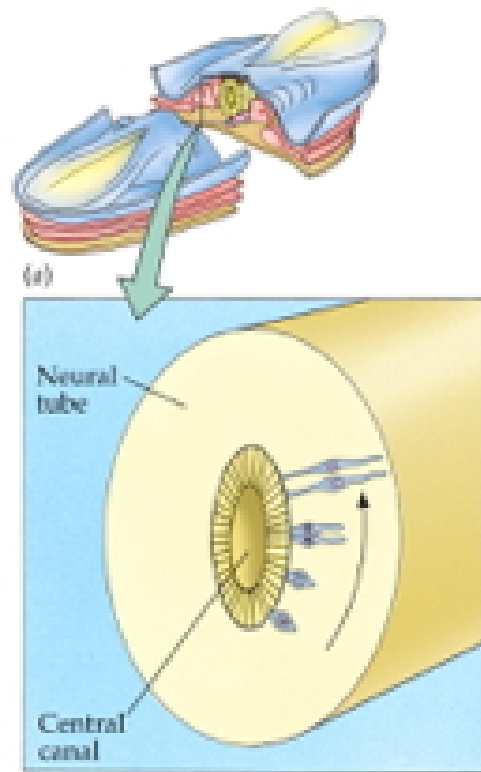


Typical head size

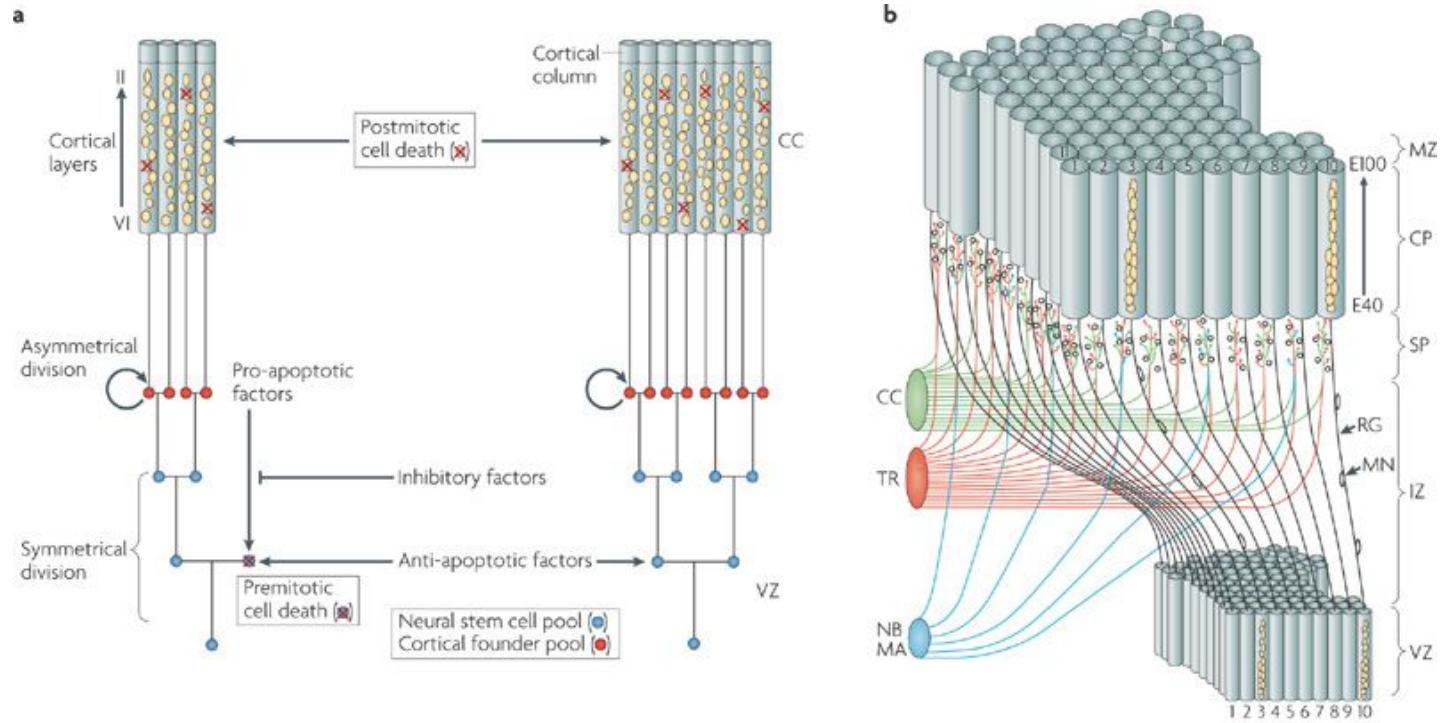
Radial glia



Cell migration



Radial unit hypothesis



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(Rakic, 2009)

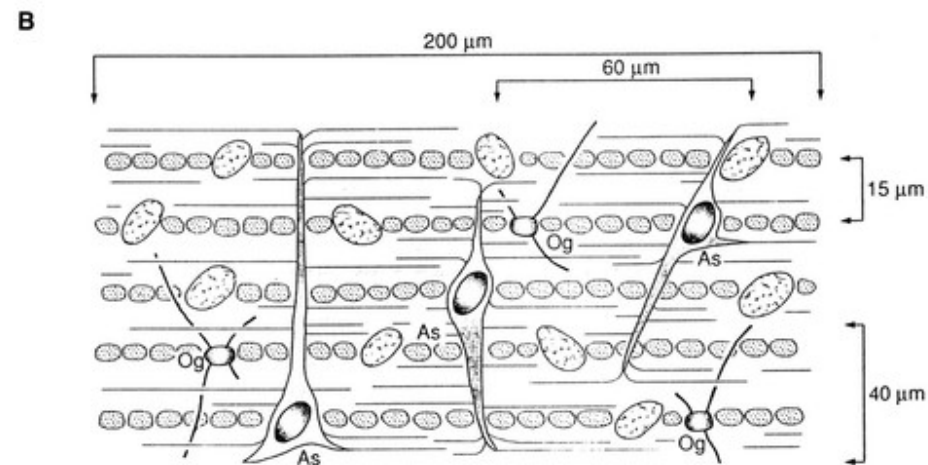
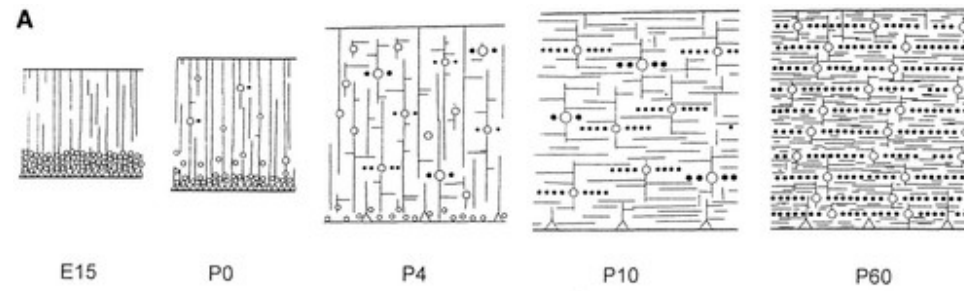
Migration



Migration



Glial migration



[\(Baumann & Pham-Dinh, 2001\)](#)

Axon growth cone



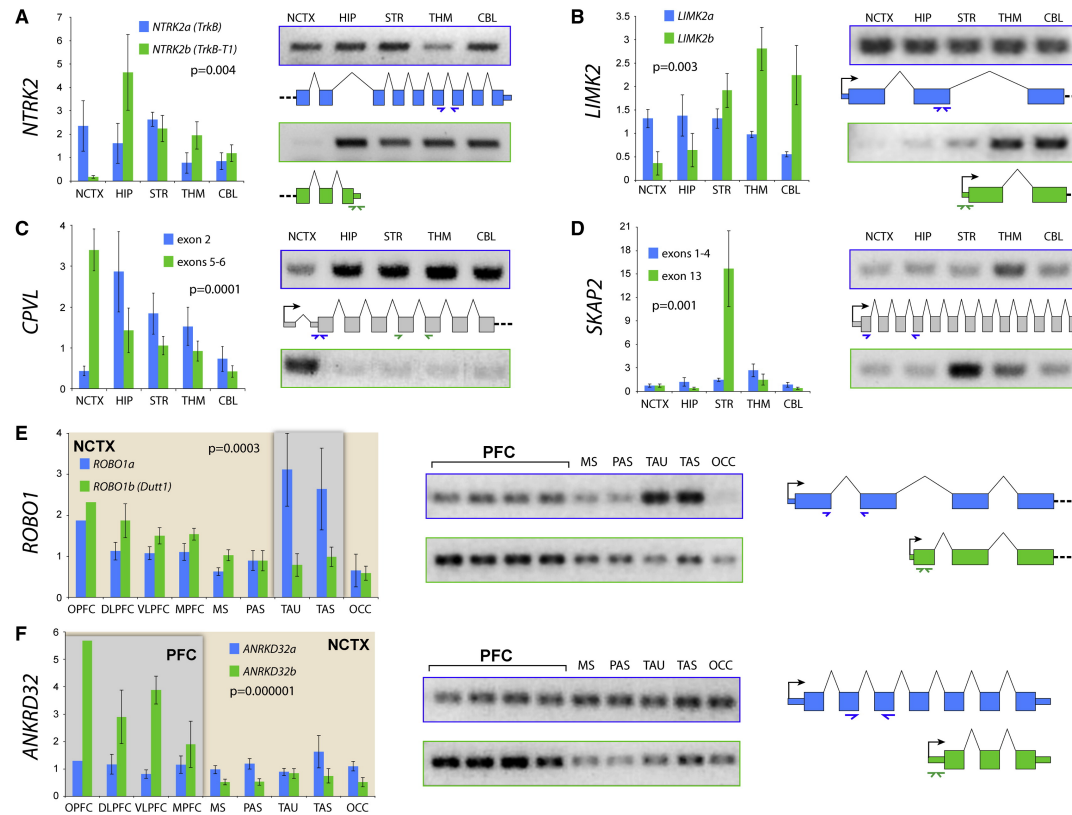
Axons follow

- Chemoattractants
 - e.g., Nerve Growth Factor (NGF)
- Chemorepellents
- Receptors in growth cone detect chemical gradients

Differentiation

- Neuron vs. glial cell
- Cell type
- NTs released
- Where to connect

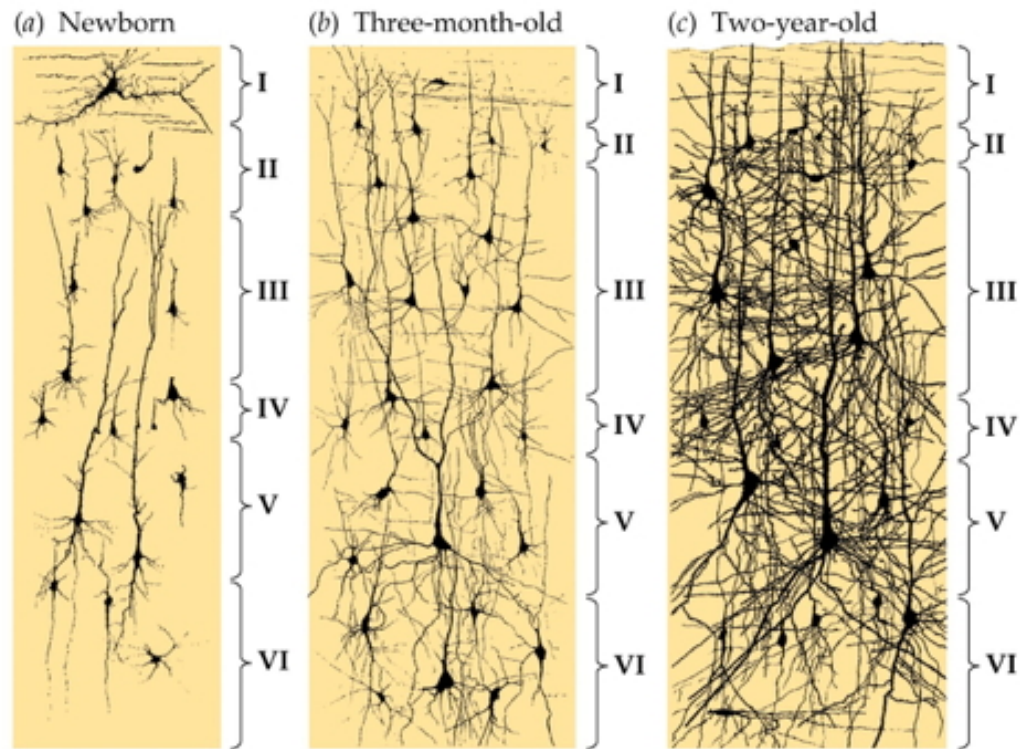
Differential gene expression in PFC vs. other



[johnson2009functional]

Infancy & Early Childhood

Synaptogenesis



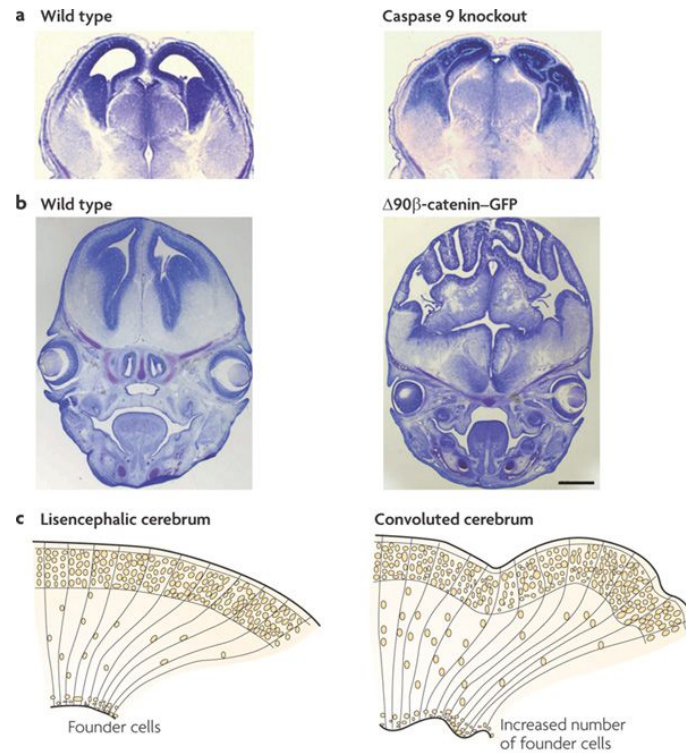
Proliferation, pruning

- Early proliferation
- Later pruning
- Rates, peaks differ by area

Apoptosis

- Programmed cell death
- 20-80%, varies by area
- Spinal cord >> cortex
- Quantity of nerve growth factors (NGF) influences

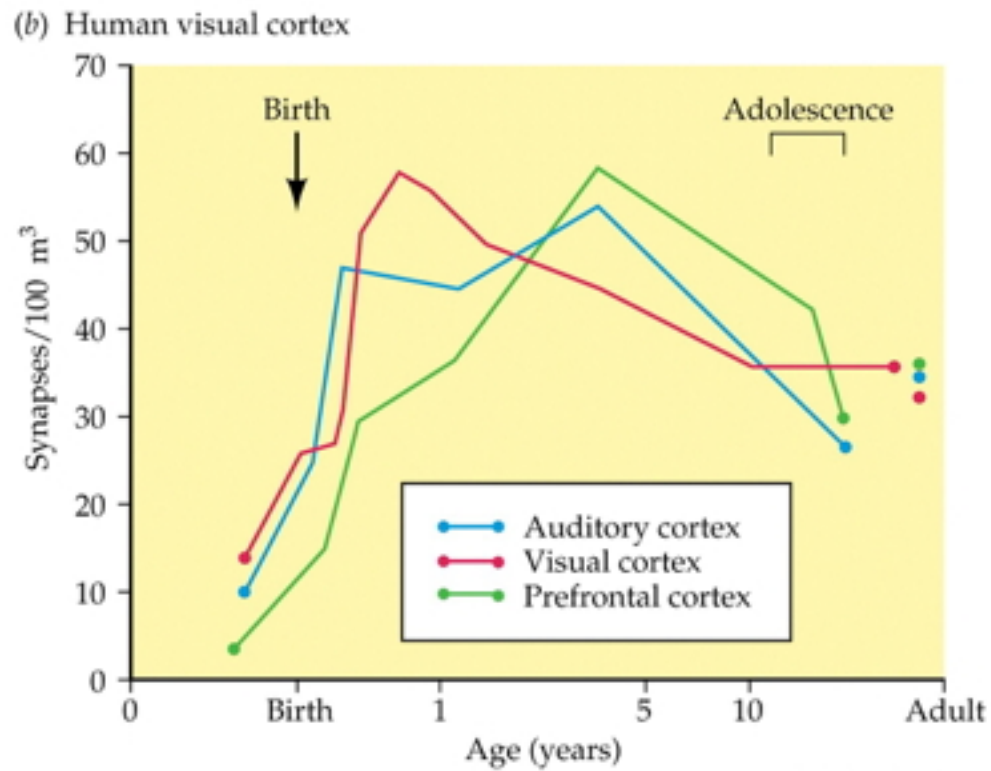
Apoptosis and cortical expansion



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[\(Rakic, 2009\)](#)

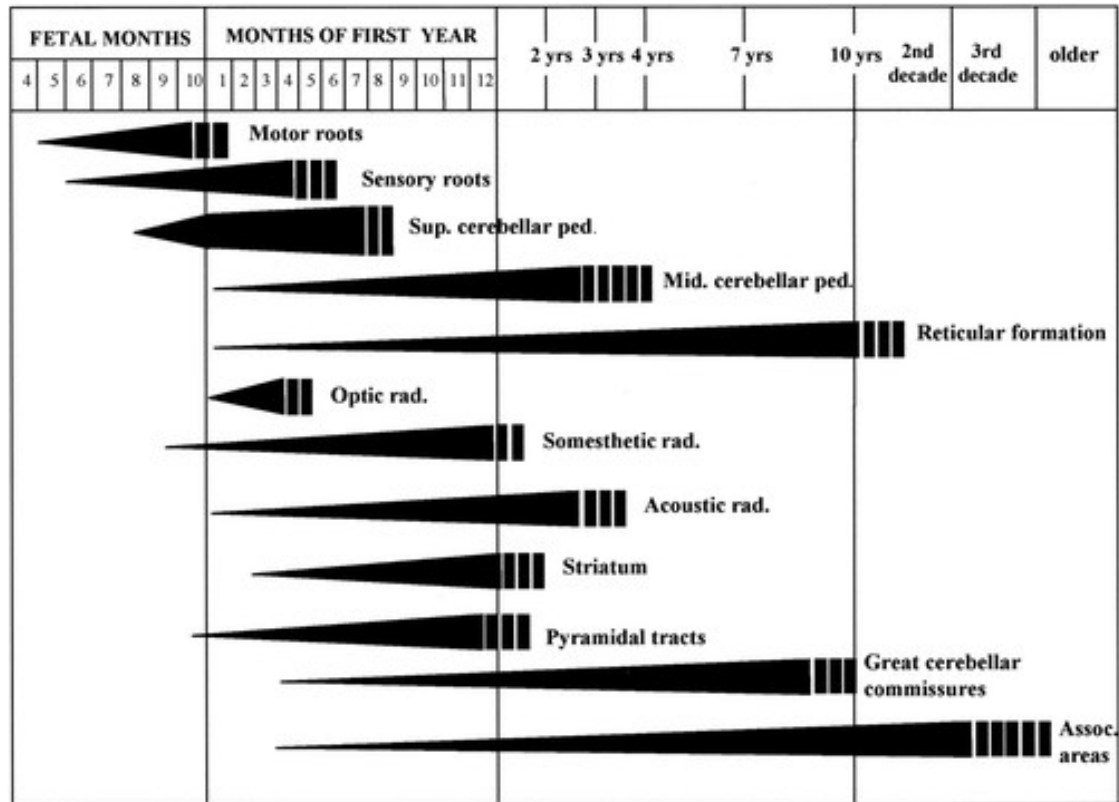
Synaptic rearrangement



Synaptic rearrangement

- Progressive phase: growth rate \gg loss rate
- Regressive phase: growth rate \ll loss rate

Myelination

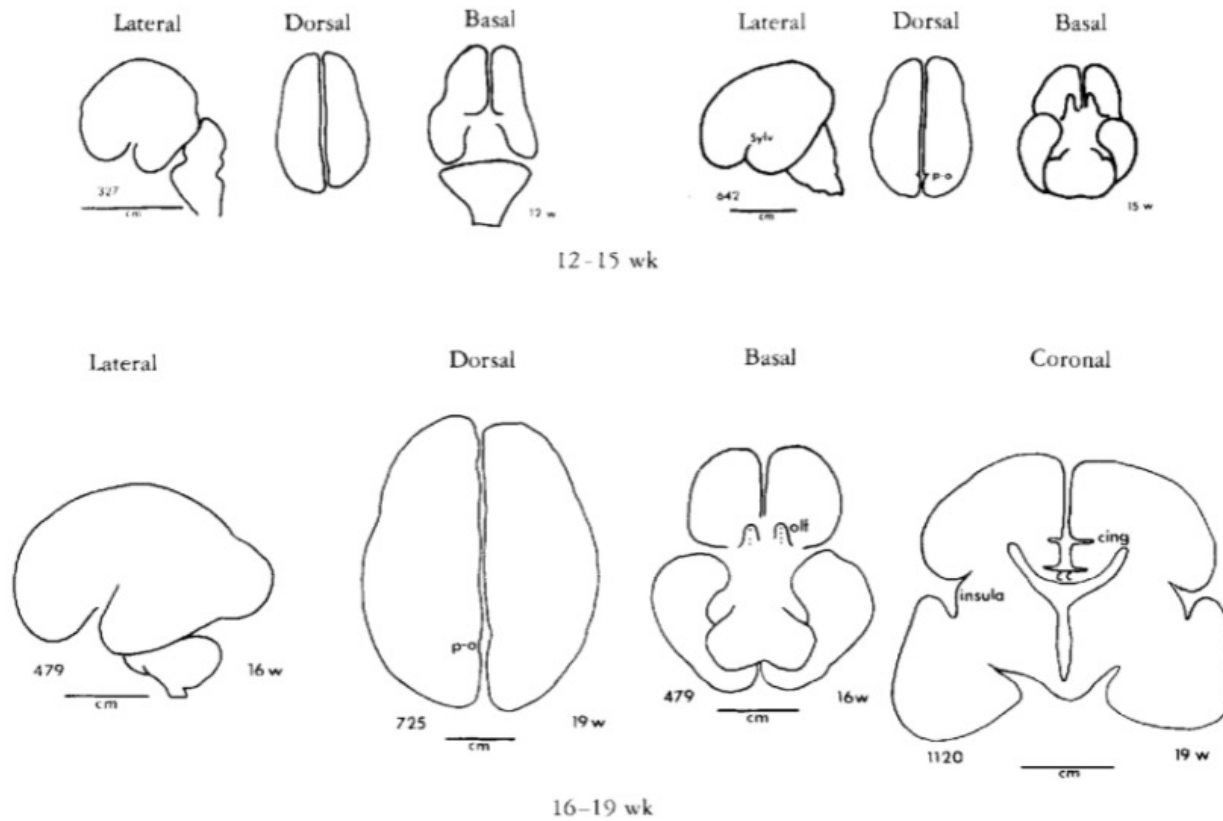


(Baumann & Pham-Dinh, 2001)

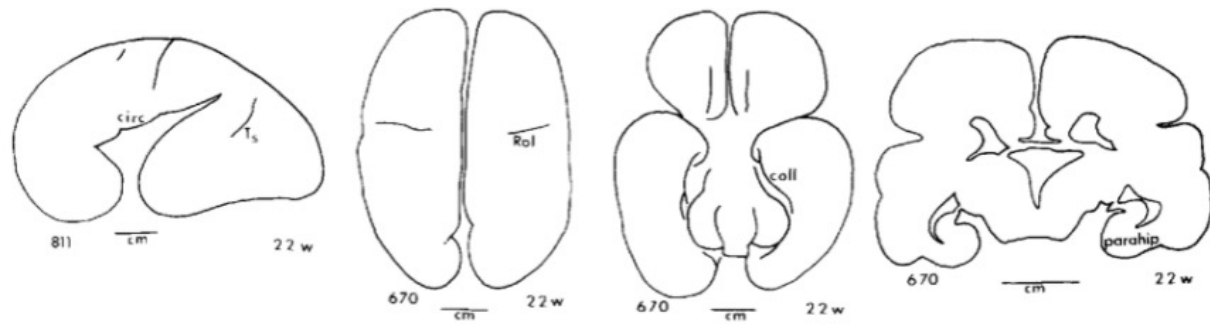
Myelination

- Neonatal brain largely unmyelinated
- Gradual myelination, peaks in mid-20s
- Non-uniform pattern
 - Spinal cord before brain
 - Sensory before motor

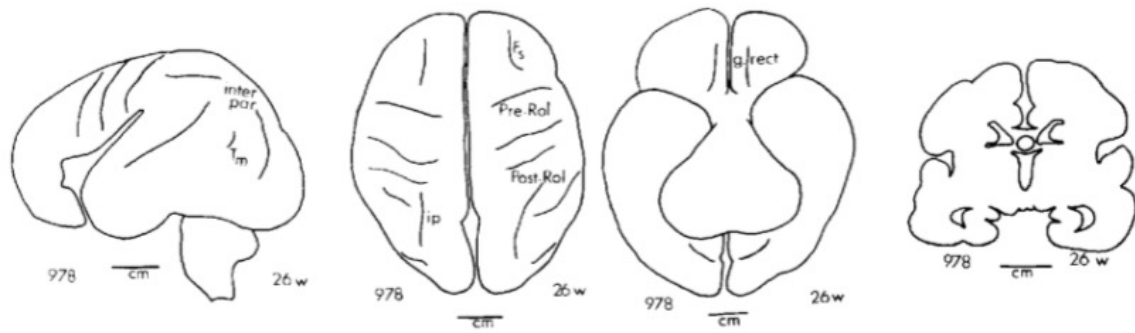
Gyral development



(Chi, Dooling, & Gilles, 1977)

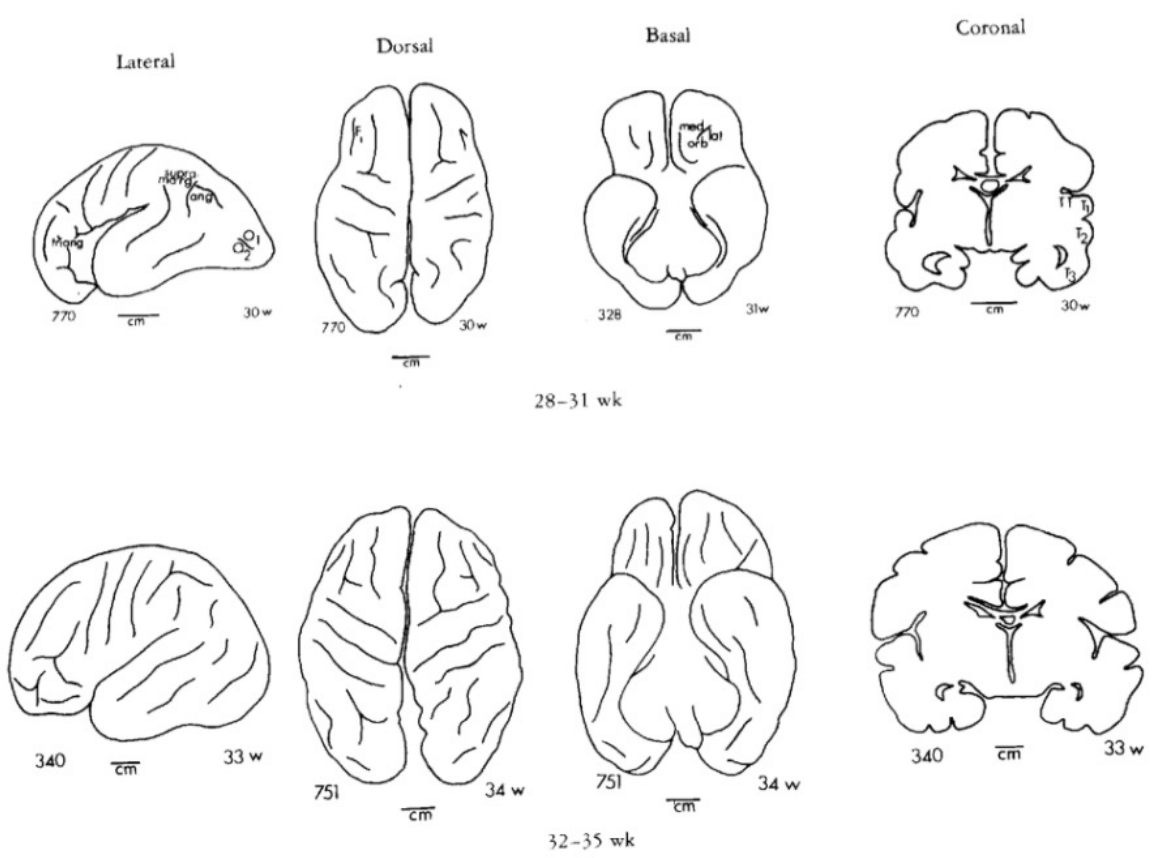


20-23 wk

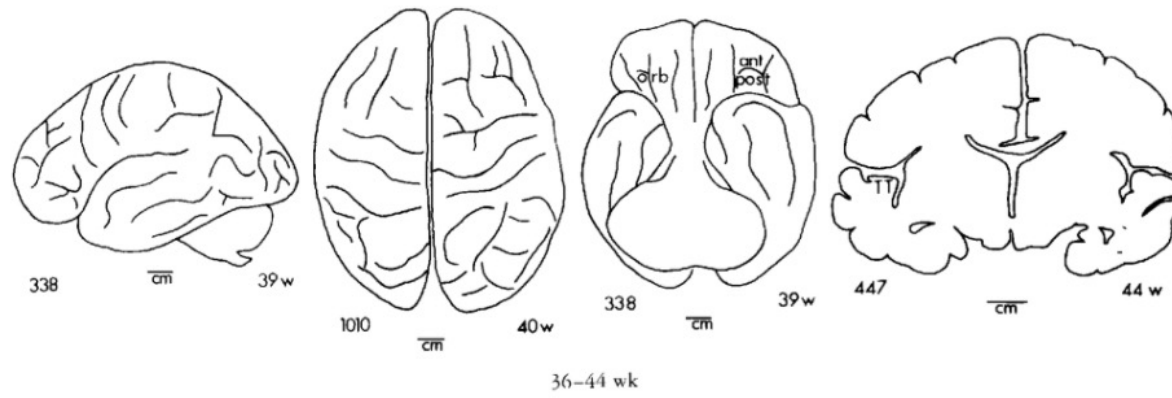


24-27 wk

(Chi et al., 1977)

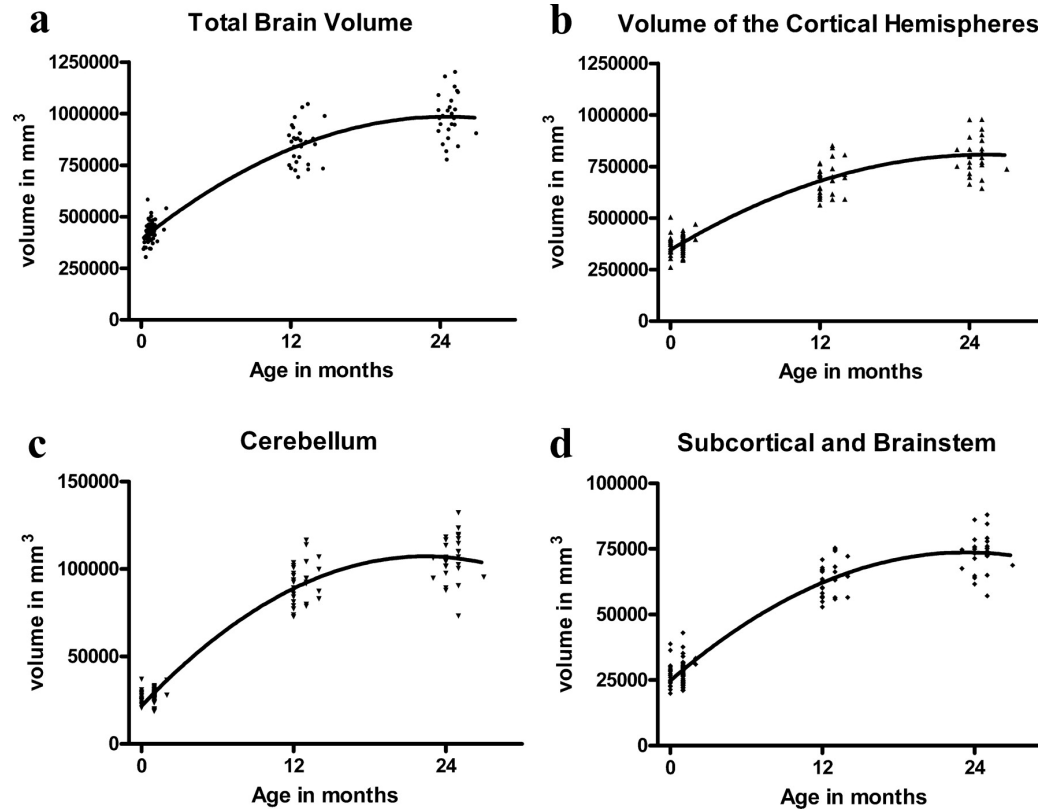


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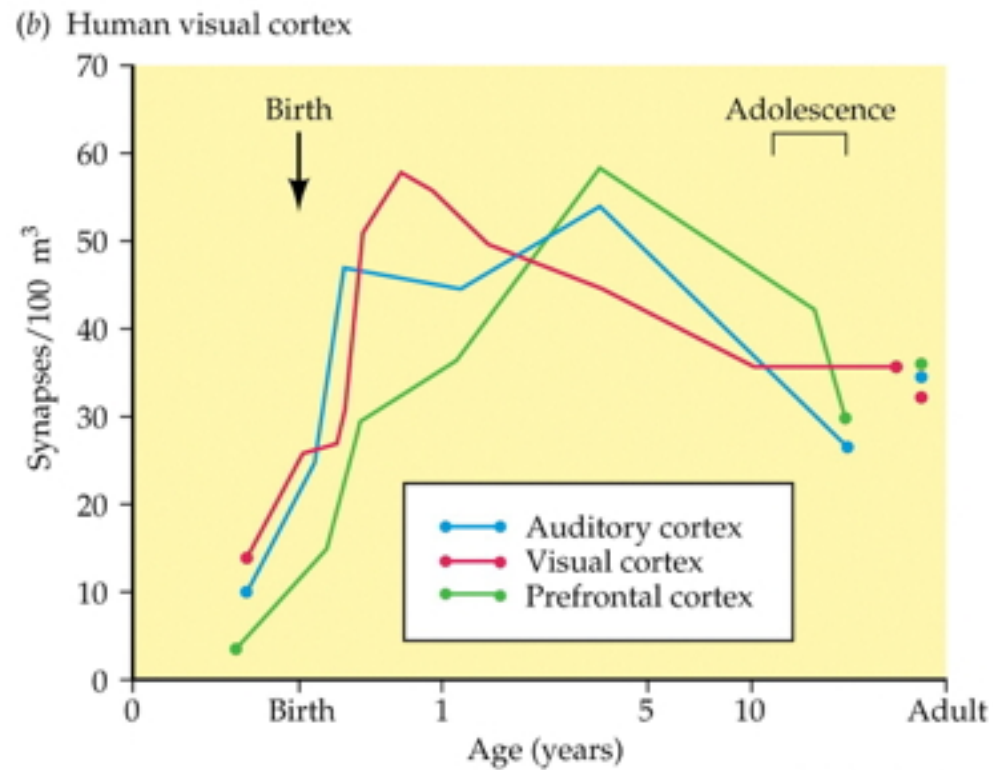
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Structural development

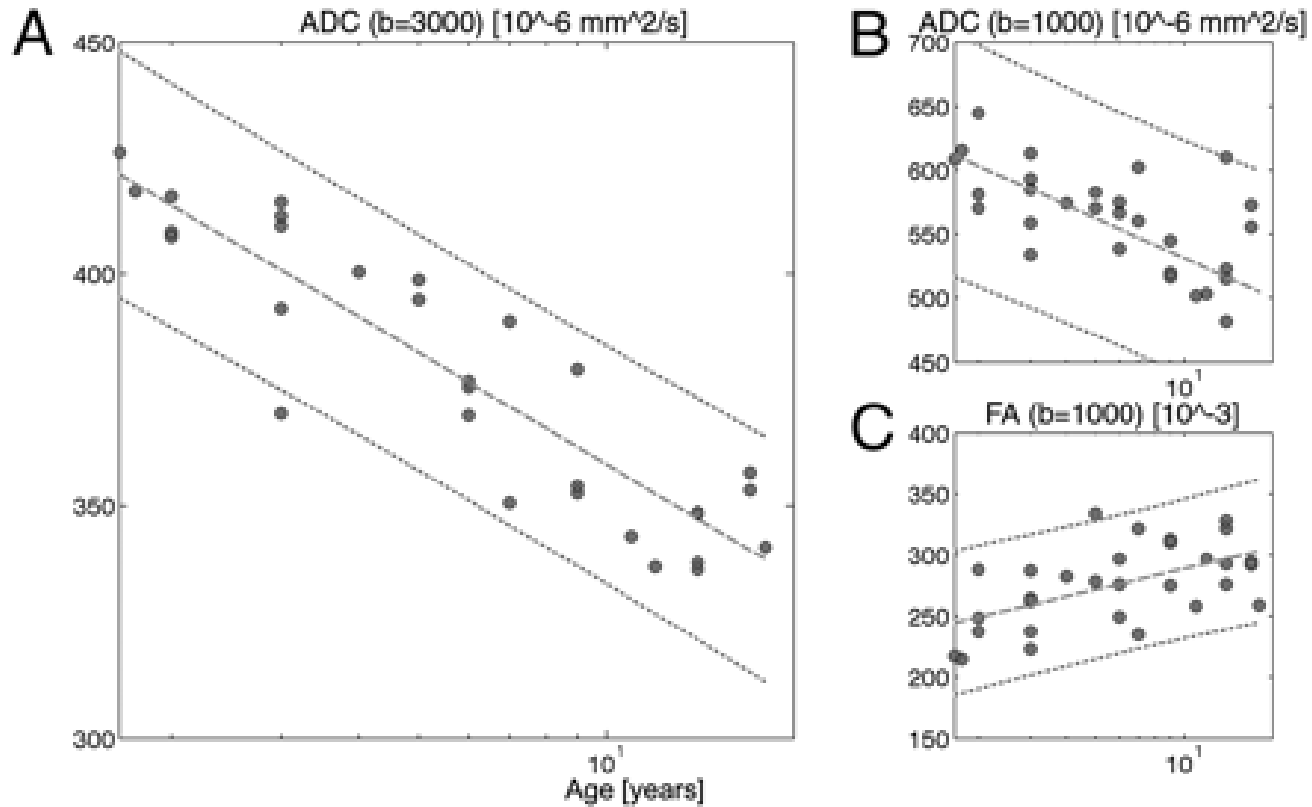


[\(Knickmeyer et al., 2008\)](#)

Postnatal patterns of synaptogenesis

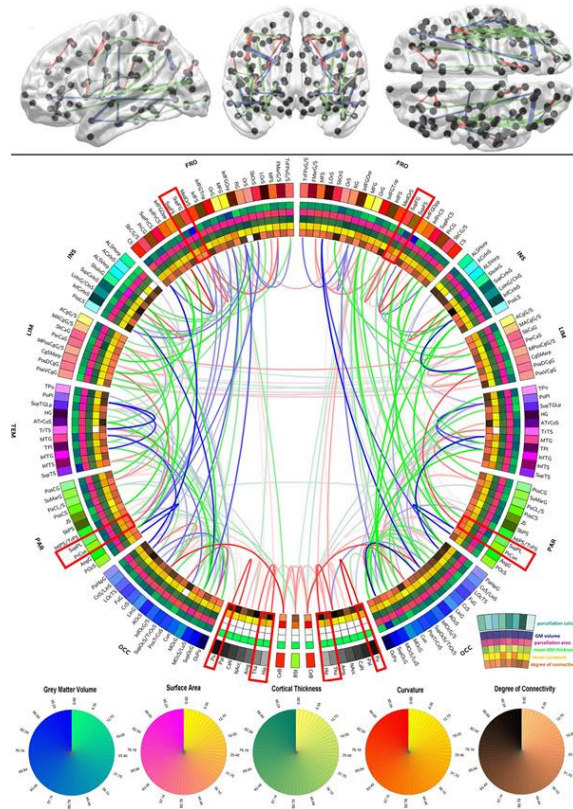


Myelination across human development



([Hagmann et al., 2010](#))

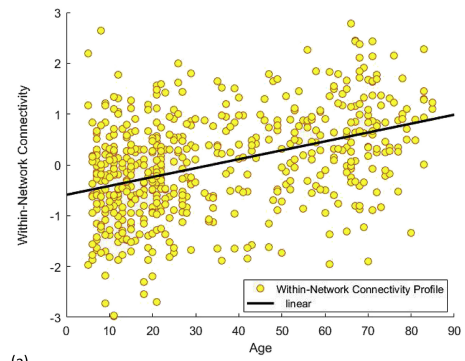
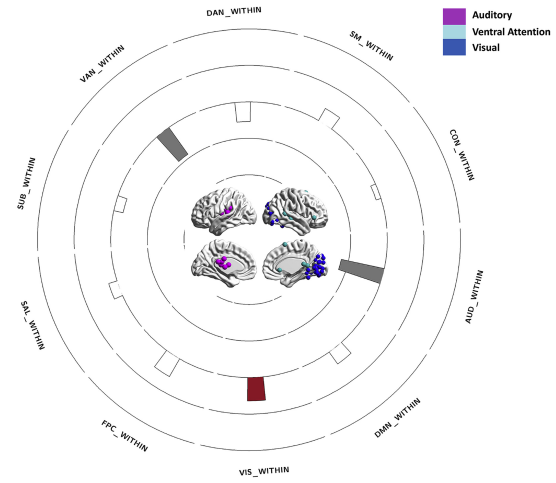
Networks in the brain



(Irimia & Van Horn, 2014)

Functional connectivity

- Age-related increases within visual-related areas ([Petrican, Taylor, & Grady, 2017](#))

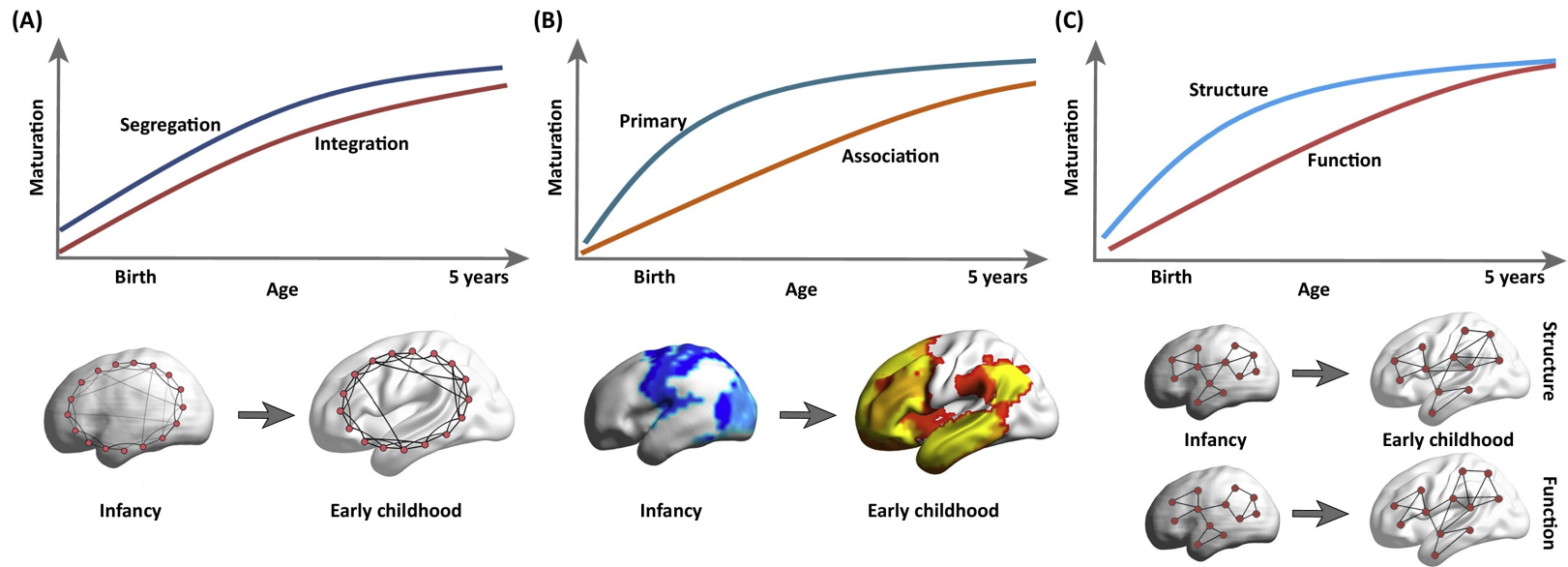


(a)

Age-related profiles in connectivity among
"control networks."

Age-related profiles in connectivity among
"non-control networks."

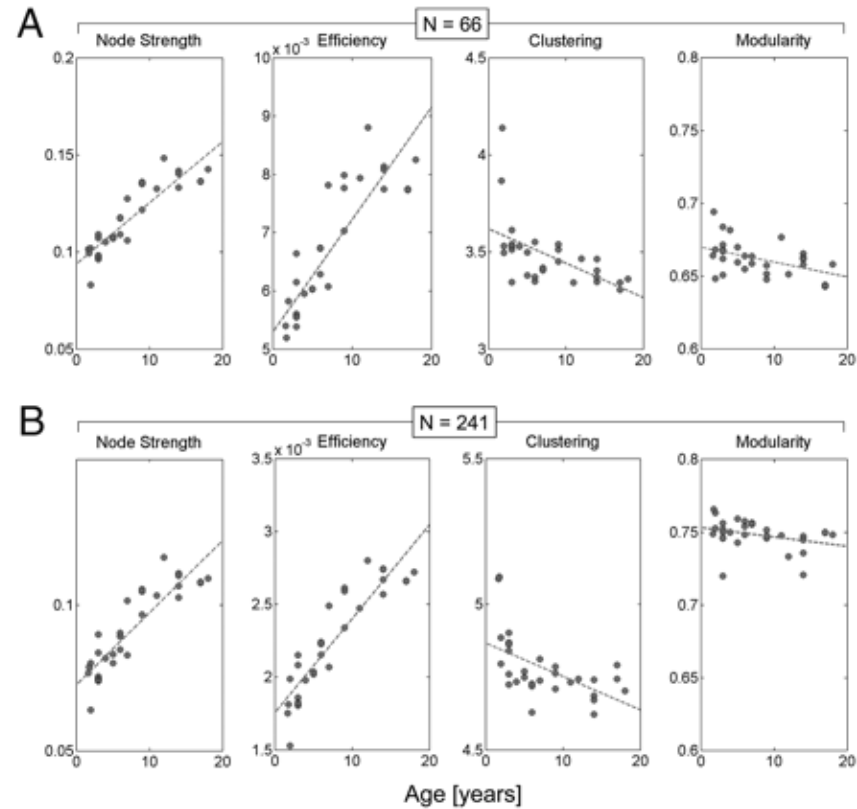
The "development" of developmental connectomics



Trends in Neurosciences

(Cao, Huang, & He, 2017)

Myelination changes "network" properties



([Hagmann et al., 2010](#))

Synaptic rearrangement, myelination change cortical thickness

- [\(Gogtay et al., 2004\)](#)
- Areal differences in cortical thickness change

(Gogtay et al., 2004)



Sampling in Shaw et al 2008 study

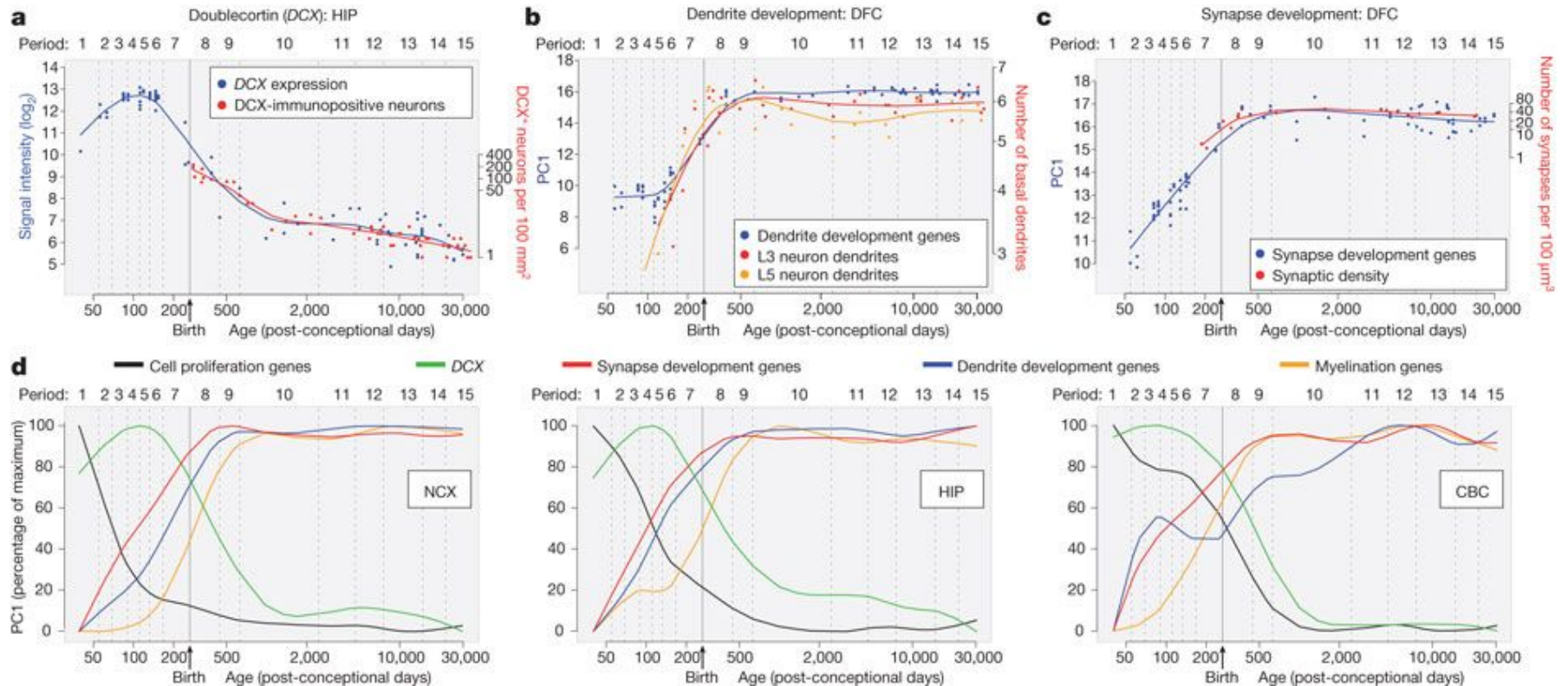
Illustrations of cubic, quadratic, and linear changes in cortical thickness.

Illustrations of cubic, quadratic, and linear changes in cortical thickness from Shaw et al. 2008.

Illustrations of cubic, quadratic, and linear changes in medial frontal lobe cortical thickness from Shaw et al. 2008.

Glucose utilization across age.

Gene expression across development



(H. J. Kang et al., 2011)

Summary of developmental milestones

Prenatal

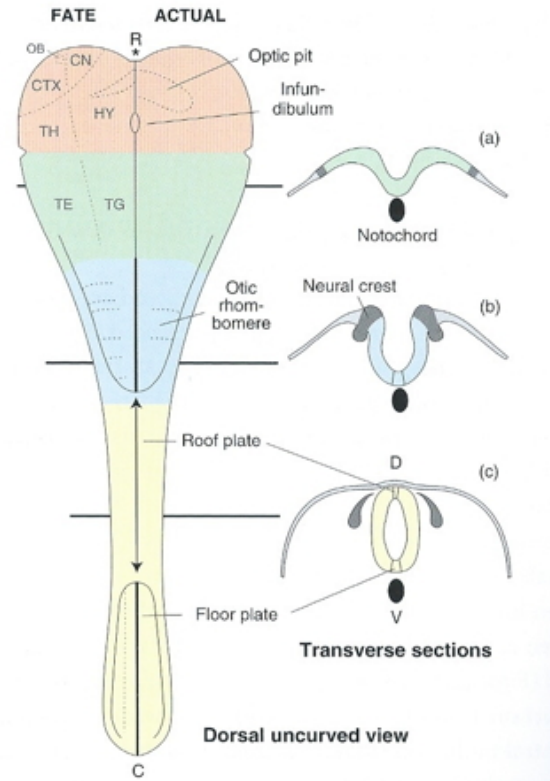
- Neuro- and gliogenesis
- Migration
- Synaptogenesis begins
- Differentiation
- Apoptosis
- Myelination begins
- Infant gene expression \neq Adult

Postnatal

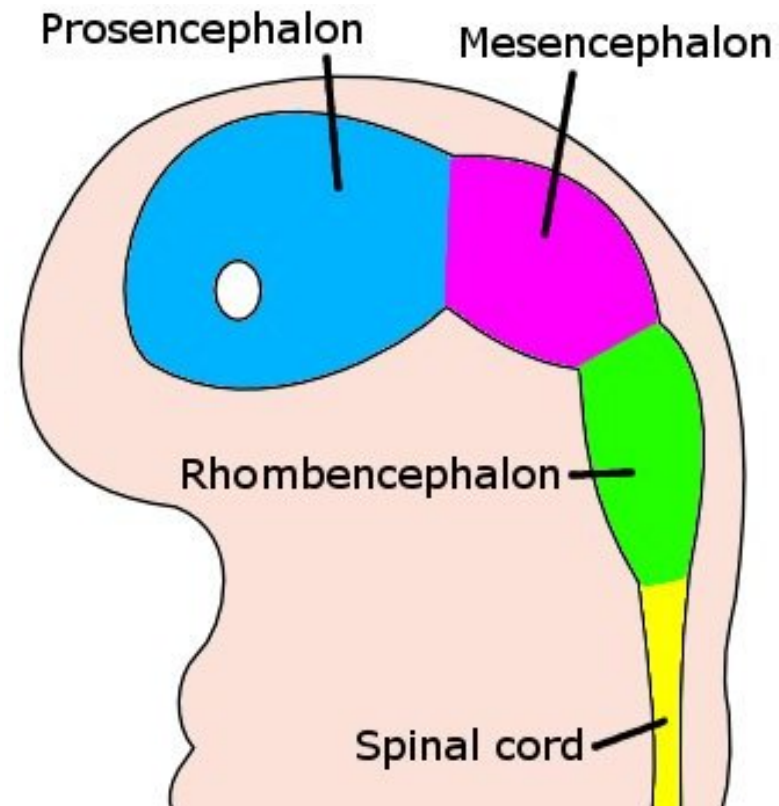
- Synaptogenesis
- Cortical expansion, activity-dependent change
- Then cubic, quadratic, or linear declines in cortical thickness
- Myelination
- Connectivity changes (esp within networks)
- Prolonged period of postnatal/pre-reproductive development
[\(Konner, 2011\)](#)

**How brain development clarifies
anatomical structure**

3-4 weeks

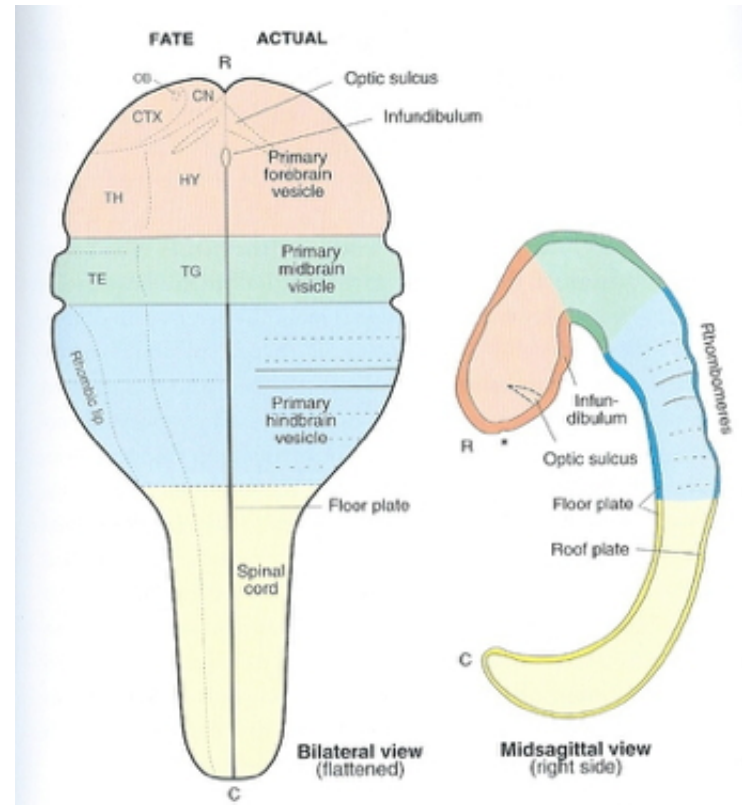


4 weeks

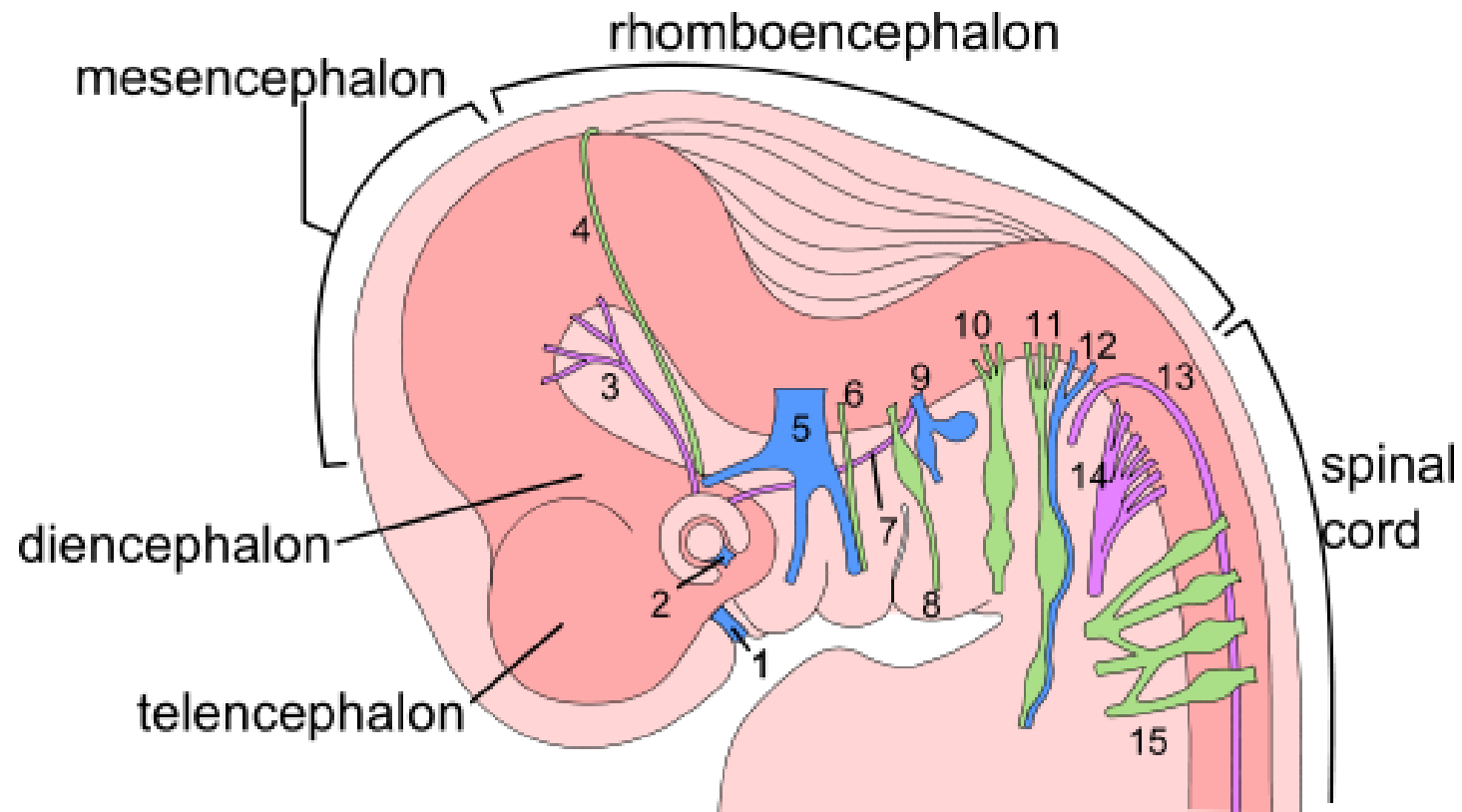


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~4 weeks

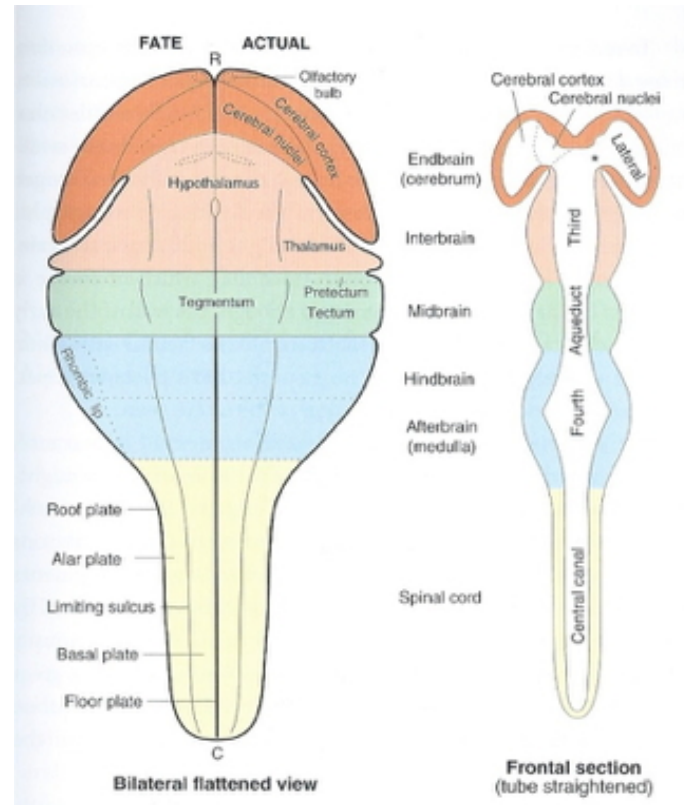


6 weeks

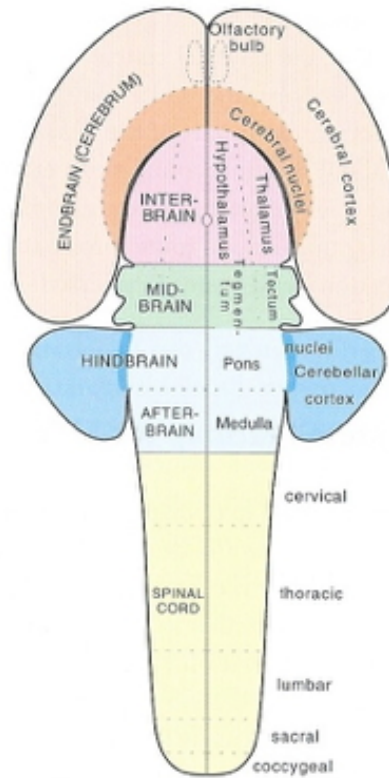


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~6 weeks



Beyond



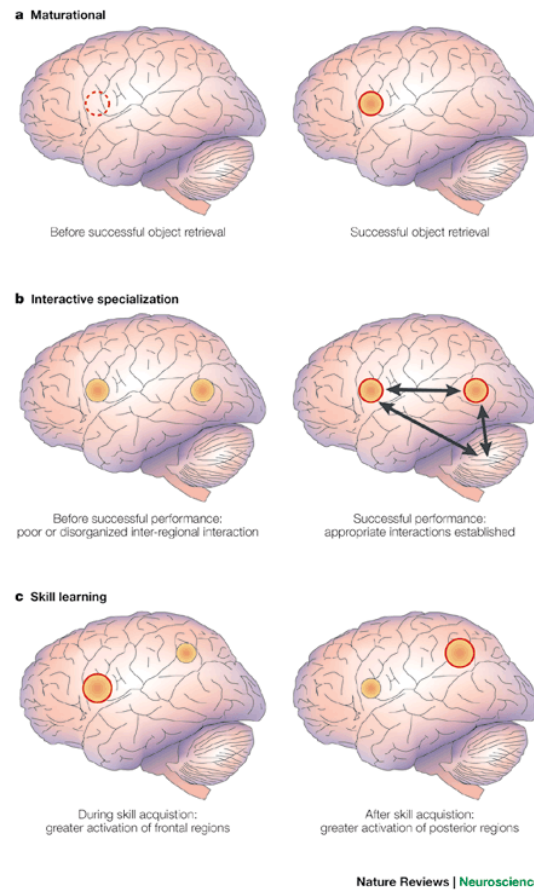
Organization of the brain

Major division	Ventricular Landmark	Embryonic Division	Structure
Forebrain	Lateral	Telencephalon	Cerebral cortex
			Basal ganglia
			Hippocampus, amygdala
	Third	Diencephalon	Thalamus
			Hypothalamus
Midbrain	Cerebral Aqueduct	Mesencephalon	Tectum, tegmentum

Organization of the brain

Major division	Ventricular Landmark	Embryonic Division	Structure
Hindbrain	4th	Metencephalon	Cerebellum, pons
	-	Myelencephalon	Medulla oblongata

From structural development to functional development



(M. H. Johnson, 2001)

Next time...

- Perception

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