

Resource Summary Report

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Blue Brain Project

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Resource Information

URL: <http://bluebrain.epfl.ch/>

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Description: A Swiss-led project with the aim of reverse engineering the mammalian brain and achieving a complete virtual human brain. The researchers have demonstrated the validity of their method by developing a realistic model of a rat cortical column, consisting of about 10,000 neurons. The eventual goal is to simulate systems of millions and hundreds of millions of neurons. The virtual brain will be an exceptional tool giving neuroscientists a new understanding of the brain and a better understanding of neurological diseases. In five years of work, Henry Markram's team has perfected a facility that can create realistic models of one of the brain's essential building blocks. This process is entirely data driven and essentially automatically executed on the supercomputer. Meanwhile the generated models show a behavior already observed in years of neuroscientific experiments. These models will be basic building blocks for larger scale models leading towards a complete virtual brain.

Abbreviations: Blue Brain

Synonyms: Bluebrain

Resource Type: data or information resource, portal, topical portal

Keywords: brain, neuron, microcircuit, simulation, cortex, cortical column, model

Related Condition: Neurological disease

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Blue Brain Project.

No alerts have been found for Blue Brain Project.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 22 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [NIF](#) .

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