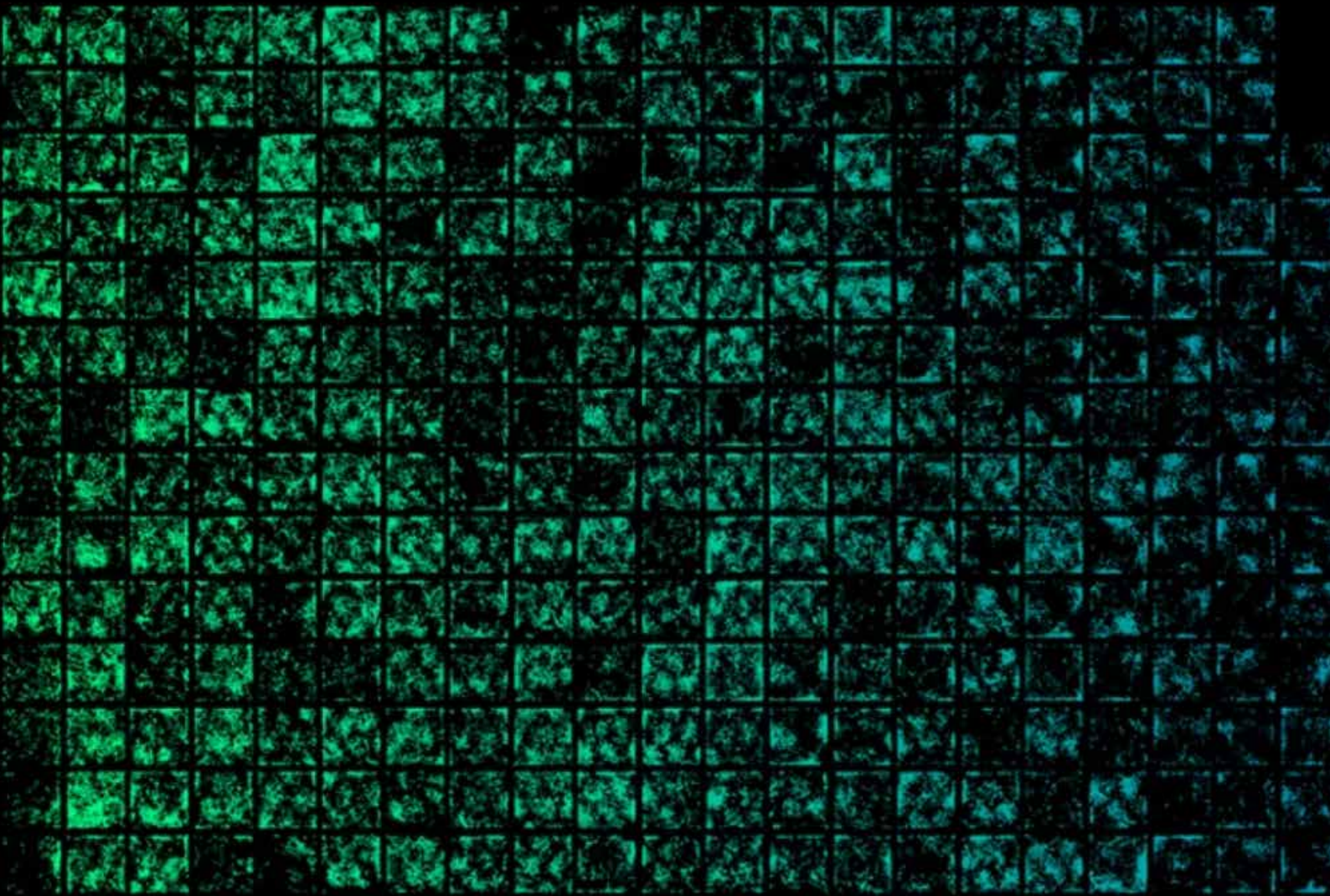




2022 AT A GLANCE

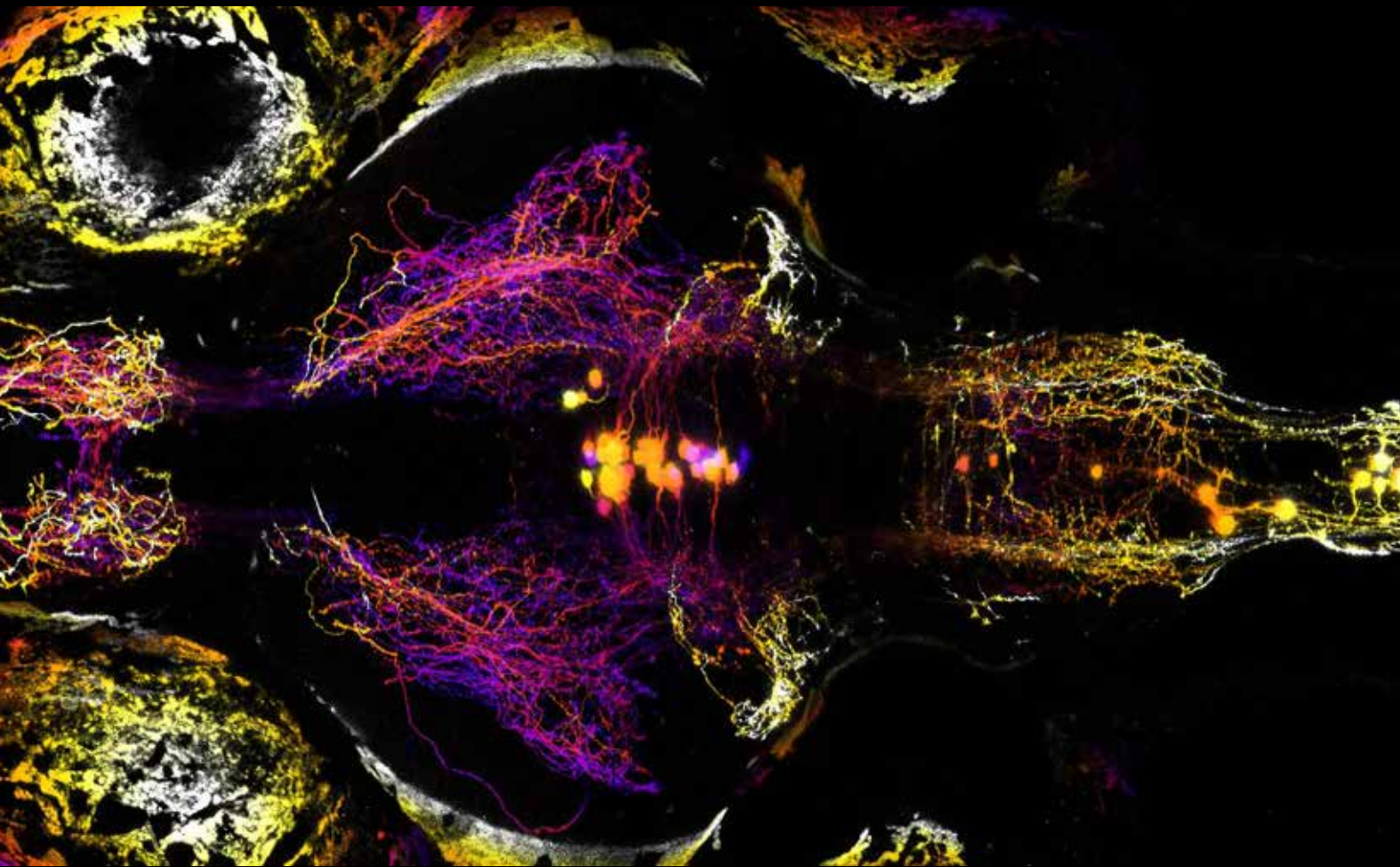
Graphic summary
of the annual report

Kavli Institute
for Systems Neuroscience



Our Vision

*To understand the
emergence of higher brain functions*



Live neurons in the zebrafish brain. Image courtesy by Yaksi Group

Dear reader

2022 marks the final year of the Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience's *Centre for Neural Computation (CNC)*. During its ten years of funding by the Research Council of Norway's Centre of Excellence scheme, the centre has pioneered research on neural networks in the brain. CNC research on how the mammal brain computes space was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2014. Basic science discoveries at CNC are milestones towards an understanding of neurodegenerative afflictions such as Alzheimer's disease. The centre has expanded in personnel and across disciplines by recruitment of new research groups, preparing the community of researchers in Trondheim to take on neuroscience research challenges of the future.

Please enjoy our graphic summary of 2022 with selected highlights from the last ten years.

For first access to the most recent brain discoveries from the Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience, direct your mobile camera at the QR-code on the back cover of this folder and follow the instructions.

May-Britt Moser, Edvard Moser, Bjarne Foss
Directors at the Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

Organisational chart 2022

TRINITY OF DIRECTORS



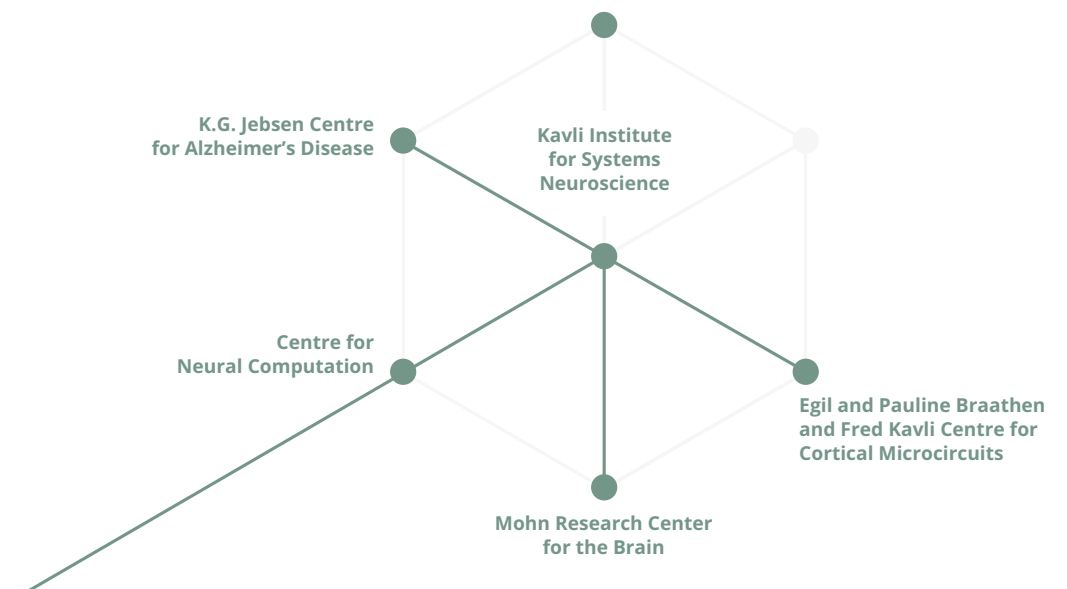
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MAY-BRITT MOSER
Scientific Director



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Ziaei Lab

Institute, centres and infrastructure

“
Understanding the brain is one of the greatest challenges to science, with brain disorders affecting one in three Europeans during their lifetime.”

KAVLI INSTITUTE FOR SYSTEMS NEUROSCIENCE (KISN)

The Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience is a leading research environment in Trondheim. The lab that preceded the institute was founded by Nobel Laureates May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser in 1996 to investigate the emergence of higher brain functions.

Today, the Kavli Institute is an interdisciplinary village of experts with the common desire to understand how complex information is encoded in high-level neural networks and how complex behaviours arise from these codes and systems.

The institute staff is organized in ten research groups and several support groups such as Animal Tech, Technical

Group, Kavli Communication, and an Administrative team.

Centres

The neuroscience research institute, led by Edvard Moser, May-Britt Moser and Bjarne Foss, now comprises four research centres:

- Centre for Neural Computation (CNC)
- Egil and Pauline Braathen and Fred Kavli Centre for Cortical Microcircuits (BKC)
- K.G. Jebsen Centre for Alzheimer’s Disease (JCA)
- Mohn Research Center for the Brain (MCB)

Education

The department is responsible for an international master’s degree programme in neuroscience. It has joint responsibility for the PhD programme in medicine and health sciences

at NTNU. The Norwegian Research School in Neuroscience (NRSN) is organised and run by the institute with support and participation of the major Norwegian universities.

Infrastructure

The institute is the national host of NORBRAIN, a large-scale infrastructure for neuroscience technology, with facilities located at the University of Oslo (UiO), the University of Bergen (UiB), and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim. The institute is also host to the only Viral Vector Core in Norway, supplying labs across the world with state-of-the-art viral research tools.

History

The Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience consists of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) awarded by the Research Council of Norway since 2002, a Kavli Foundation Institute since 2007, a Braathen-Kavli Centre since 2015, a department at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) since 2017, a Foundation Stiftelsen Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Centre since 2020, and a Trond Mohn Foundation Research Centre since 2021.



Centre for Neural Computation

K.G. Jebsen Centre for Alzheimer’s Disease

Braathen and Kavli Centre for Cortical Microcircuits

Mohn Research Center for the Brain

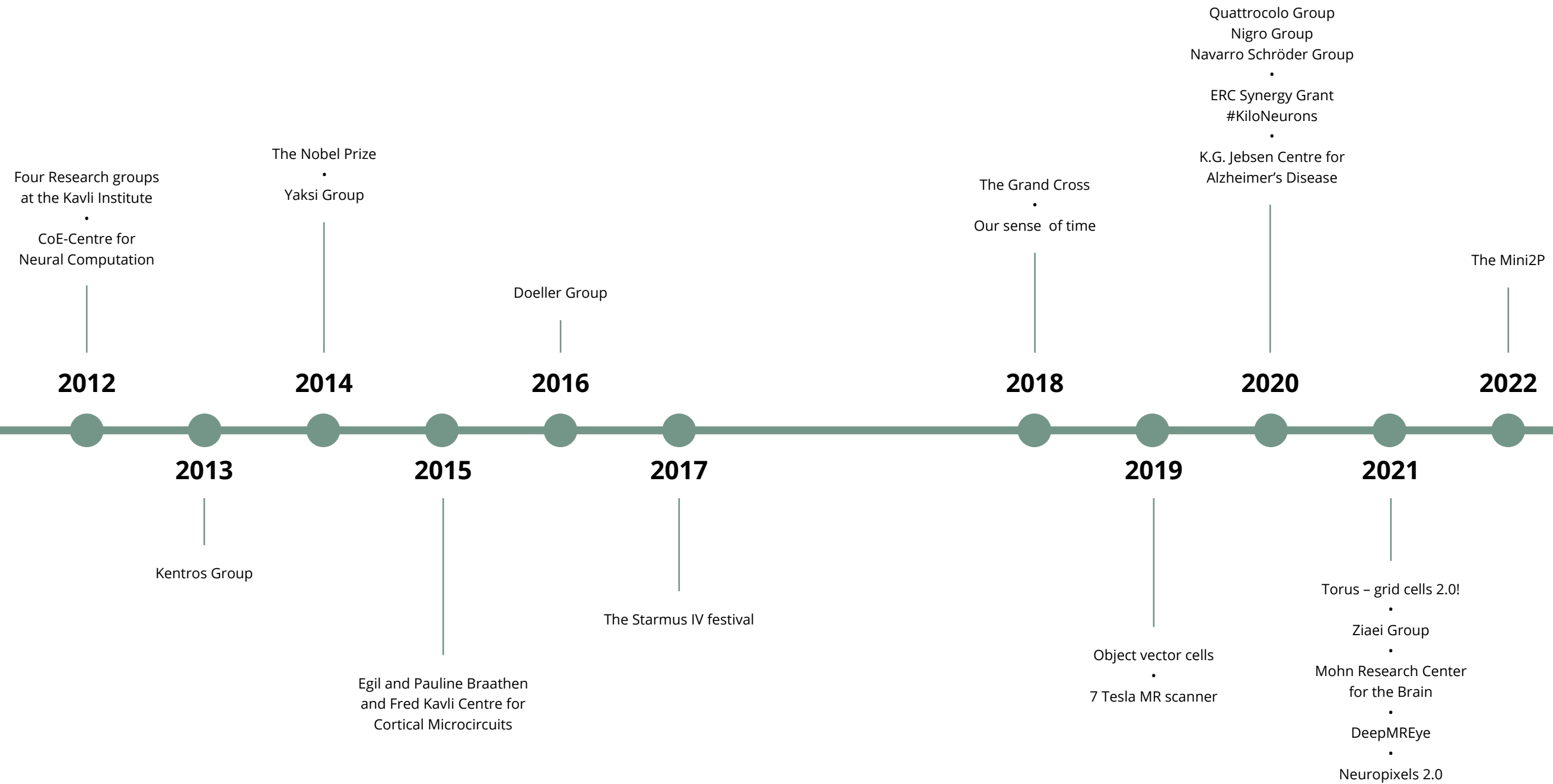
NORBRAIN

VIRAL VECTOR CORE

Norwegian Research School in Neuroscience

TFSR
 The Research Fund of the Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

10 years of Excellence!



2012

CoE – Centre of Excellence: Centre for Neural Computation

The Kavli Institute is awarded a Centre of Excellence at the Research Council of Norway, aiming to extract the algorithms that give rise to an accessible mammalian cognitive function by taking advantage of the recent technological innovations for neural data recording and neural-circuit analysis.



Photo: Thor Nielsen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience.

Research Groups at the Kavli Institute 2012



Moser Group
Principal investigators
Edvard Moser and
May-Britt Moser.
Topic: Space and
memory



Witter Group
Principal investigator
Menno Witter.
Topic: Functional
neuroanatomy



Roudi Group
Principal investigator
Yasser Roudi
Topic: Statistical physics
of interference and
network organization



Whitlock Group
Principal investigator
Jonathan Whitlock
Topic: Cognitive motor
function

2013

Kentros Group

Principal investigator Clifford Kentros starts up new research group – the Kavli Institute’s transgenic investigation of neural circuits group



2014

Yaksi Group

Principal investigator Emre Yaksi starts up new research group – the Kavli Institute’s sensory computations group



2014

The Nobel Prize

May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser receives the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine together with John O'Keefe for their discovery of the brain's navigation system.

May-Britt and Edvard Moser discovered – in the medial entorhinal cortex, a region of the brain next to hippocampus – grid cells that provide the brain with an internal coordinate system essential for navigation.



Photo: Geir Mogen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience



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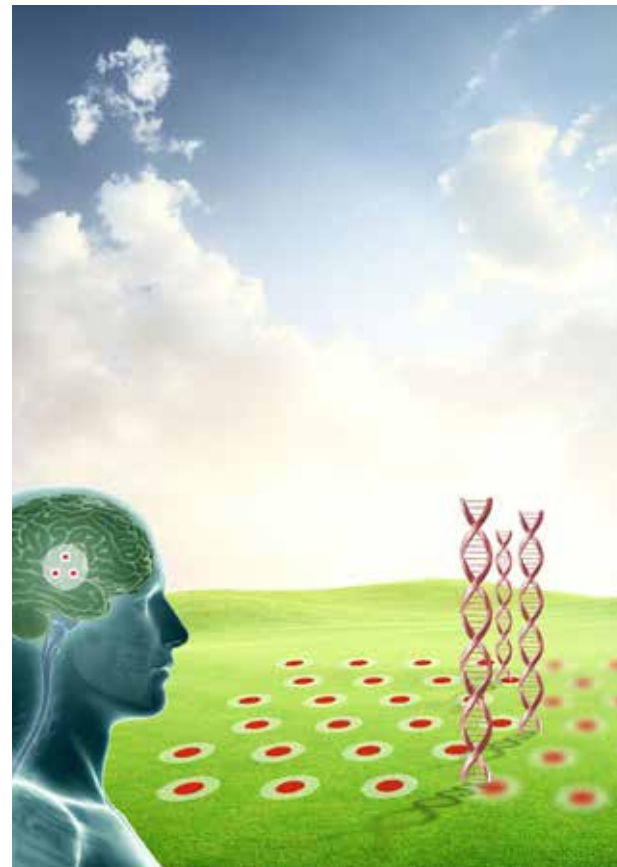
2015

Egil and Pauline Braathen and Fred Kavli Centre for Cortical Microcircuit

Pauline Braathen was married to Egil Braathen for 46 years. He died in 2009 after a prolonged period of advanced Alzheimer's disease. Pauline donated US \$5 million to establish Egil and Pauline Braathen and Fred Kavli Centre for Cortical Microcircuits in cooperation with The Kavli Foundation in USA.



Photo: Private



Ill. Doeller Group / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

2016

Doeller Group

Principal investigator Christian Doeller starts up new research group – the Kavli Institute's translational neuroscience group.



2017

The Starmus festival

The Starmus IV festival: Life and the universe is arranged in Trondheim with NTNU as host.



Photo: Thor Nielsen / NTNU



Photo: Thor Nielsen / NTNU

2018

Our sense of time

Researchers at the Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience discovers a network of brain cells that express our sense of time within experiences and memories.



Ill. Kolbjørn Skarpnæs, Rita Elmkvist Nilsen / NTNU, Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

The Grand Cross

May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser awarded the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav, in recognition of their research, their social involvement, and their commitment to animal welfare in research.



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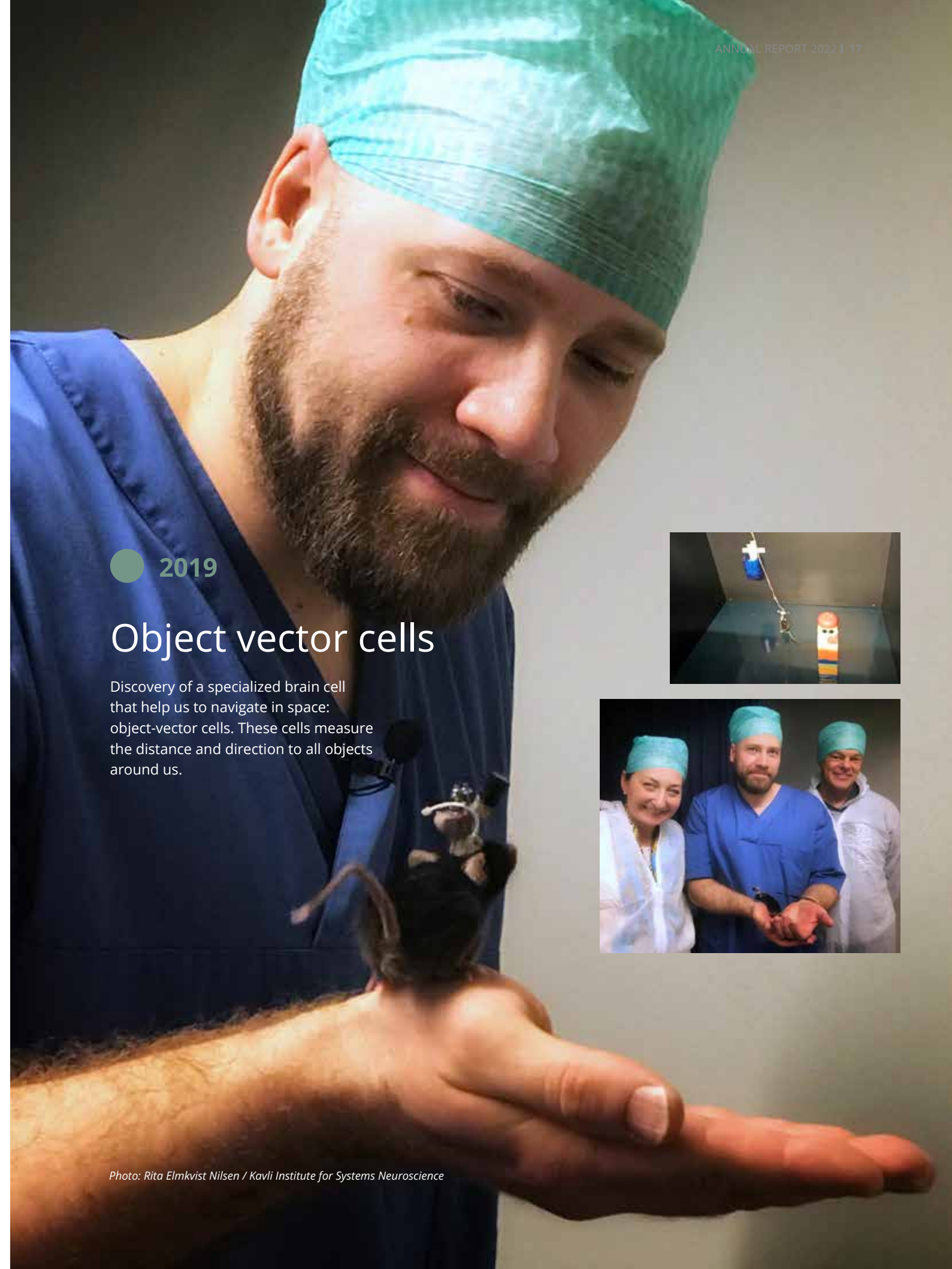
2019

Object vector cells

Discovery of a specialized brain cell that help us to navigate in space: object-vector cells. These cells measure the distance and direction to all objects around us.



Photo: Rita Elmkvist Nilsen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience



2019

7 Tesla MR scanner

Norway's first 7 Tesla MR-scanner arrived in Trondheim September 2019. This new brain scanner is state of the art research tool and provides high resolution mapping of human brain structure and function, it will bridge basic neuroscience research at the Kavli Institute with the Alzheimer clinic at St. Olav's Hospital.

The Siemens MAGNETOM Terra System is part of the infrastructure program NORBRAIN 2 and is managed by the Norwegian 7T MR Center.

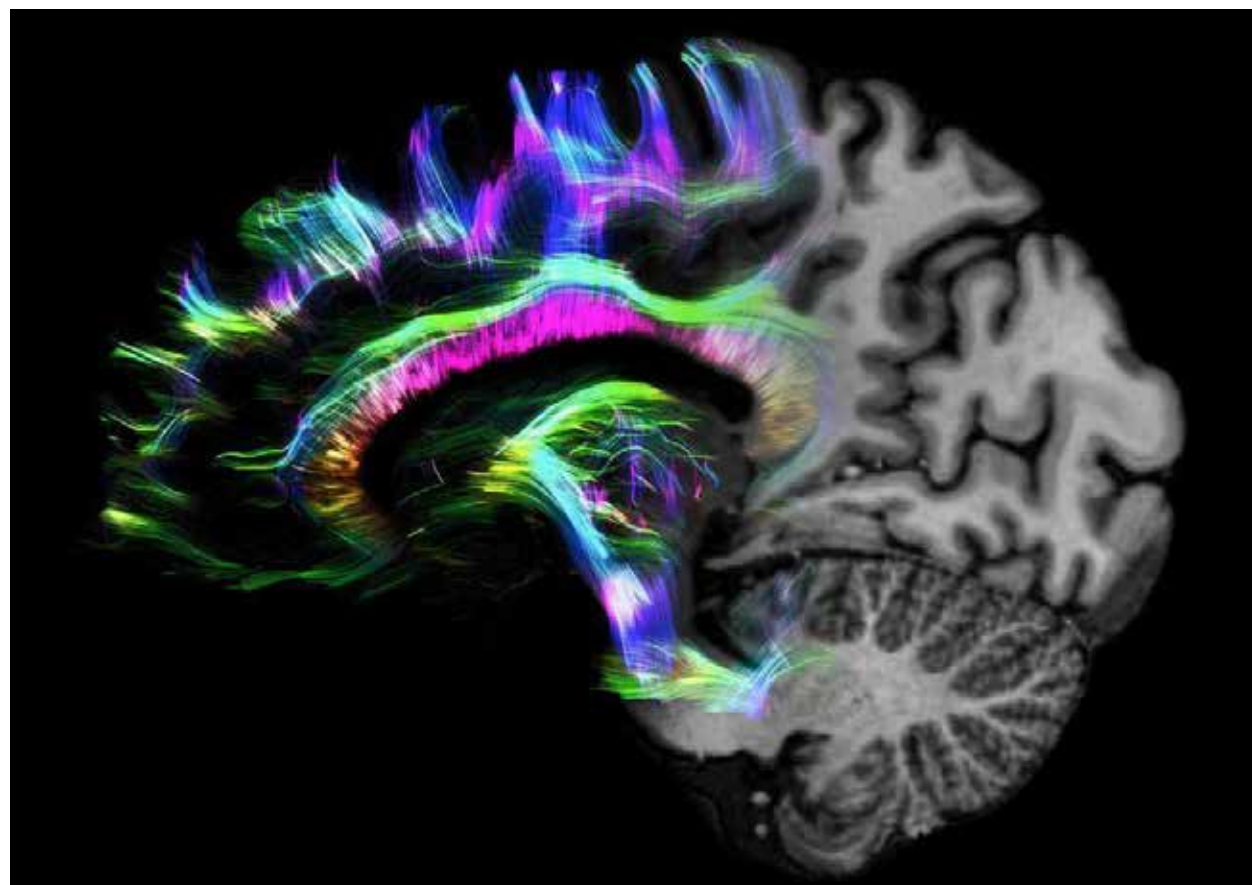


Photo: Siemens Healthineers

2020

K.G. Jebsen Centre for Alzheimer's Disease

K.G. Jebsen Centre for Alzheimer's Disease is a national research centre of interdisciplinary experts united in the common goal of determining the onset of Alzheimer's and the early stages of disease development. The vision of the Jebsen centre is to translate

Nobel Prize winning research from laboratory to patient. To accomplish this, the Jebsen team of experts collaborate on a set of projects designed to bridge the gaps from basic science to clinical implementation.



Photo: Rita Elmkvist Nilsen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

● 2020

ERC Synergy Grant #KiloNeurons

European Research Council awarded 10 million euros to a Synergy Grant for Professors Edvard Moser and Yoram Burak. After decades of investigating single cells, a breakthrough in technology has made it possible to record thousands of neurons interacting during cognitive operations.



New research groups



Navarro Schröder Group

Principal investigator
Tobias Navarro Schröder.
Topic: Vision and navigation



Nigro Group

Principal investigator
Maximiliano Jose Nigro.
Topic: Perception and cognition



Quattrocolo Group

Principal investigator
Giulia Quattrocolo.
Topic: Circuit development

● 2021

Neuropixels 2.0 – a new favorite in neuroscientists' toolboxes



Photo: Rita Elmkvist Nilsen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience



Photo: Rita Elmkvist Nilsen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

Neuropixels 2.0 is a tiny brain probe with several rows of even tinier microphones. These bitsy microphones can listen in on conversations between thousands of brain cells across a brain area. What they actually record, are the very neural conversations from which our intellectual abilities like learning and memory arise.

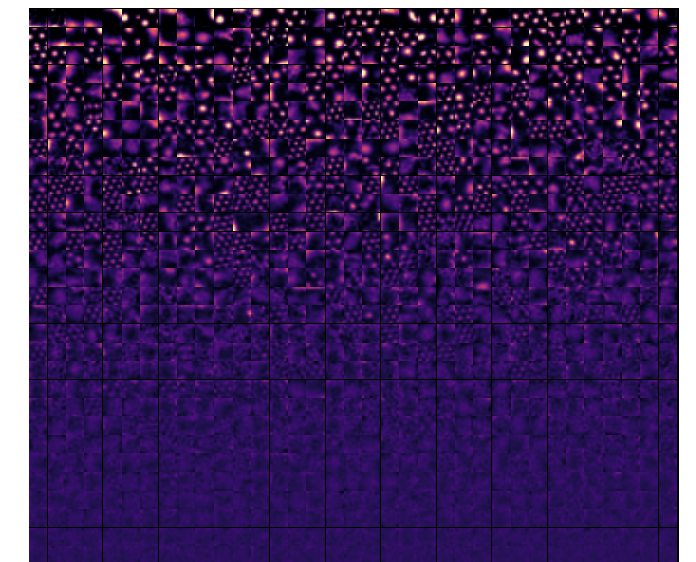


Photo: Richard Gardener / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

2021

Torus – grid cells 2.0!

WE MOVE ALONG THE SURFACE OF A DONUT Whether the rat is exploring, running, dreaming, or resting deeply asleep, its brain's GPS constituted by the joint activity of grid cells always move along the surface of a torus. This first insight into how the mammalian brain organizes high-level brain function in neural networks, also labelled grid cells 2.0, was published on BioRxiv in 2021 by Kavli researchers (peer-reviewed version published in Nature, 2022).

The image to the left is an artistic interpretation of the donut we navigate by, made by Helmet and Kavli Communication. The image at the bottom shows the neural data from a network of grid cells in the brain of Roger the rat, collected by Moser Group researcher Richard Gardner.

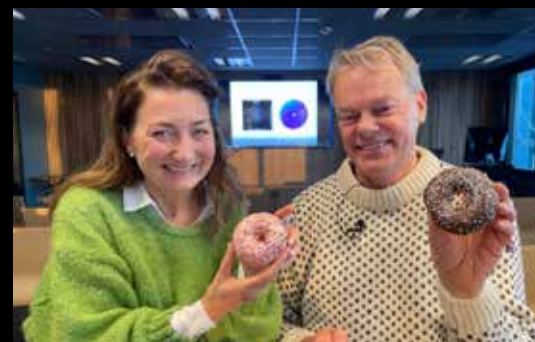


Photo: Rita Elmkvist Nilsen / Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience



DeepMREye for the Brain



Photo: Private

A new tool developed at the Kavli Institute reads your eyes from MRI scans. Your eye movements can reveal your thoughts, your memories, your goals and even brain disease!



Mohn Research Center for the Brain

The university of Bergen and the Kavli Institute at NTNU are joining forces on brain research with support from the Trond Mohn Foundation. The overriding objective of the research center is to identify the core principles of the brain plasticity and neural circuit dynamics in the brain.

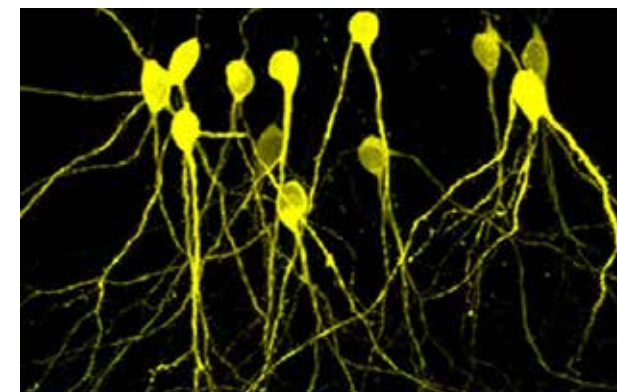
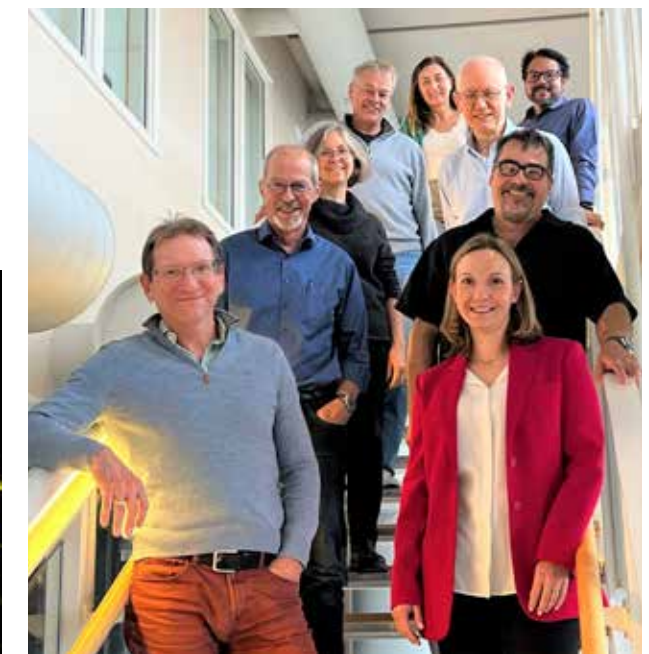


Photo: University of Bergen



Ziaei Group

Principal investigator Maryam Ziaei starts up new research group – the Kavli Institute's aging neuroscience group.



2022

Mini2P – the brain explorer!

An innovation by the Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience.

Mini2P is an open-source miniature 2-photon microscope brain explorer for fast high-resolution calcium imaging in freely-moving mice. Mini2P allows stable simultaneous recording of

more than a thousand cells across multiple planes of densely active cortical regions in a wide spectrum of behavioral tasks without impediment of the animal's behavior.

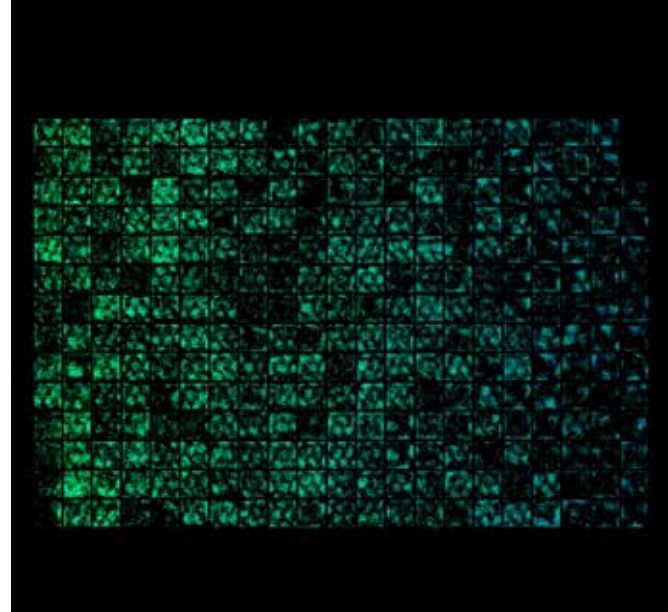
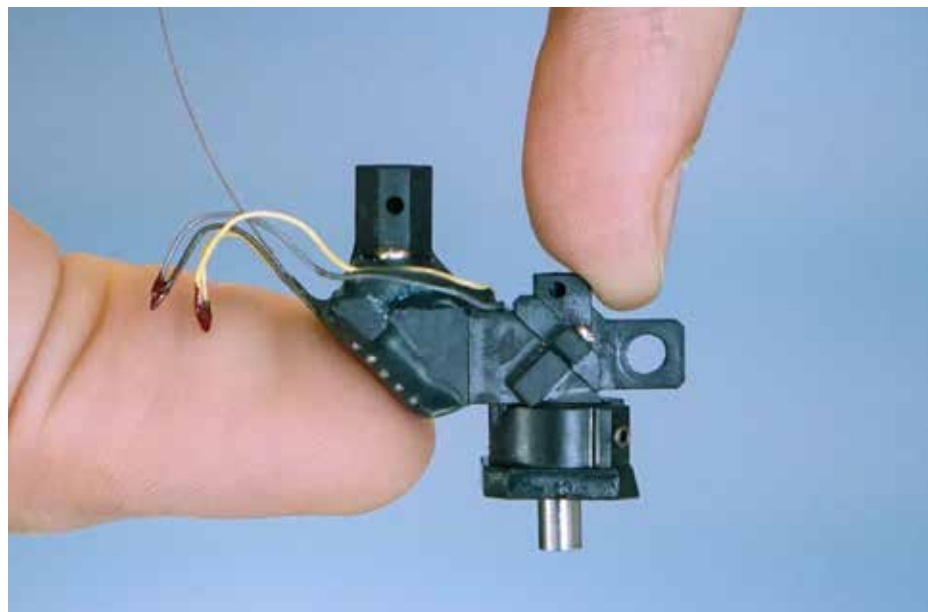
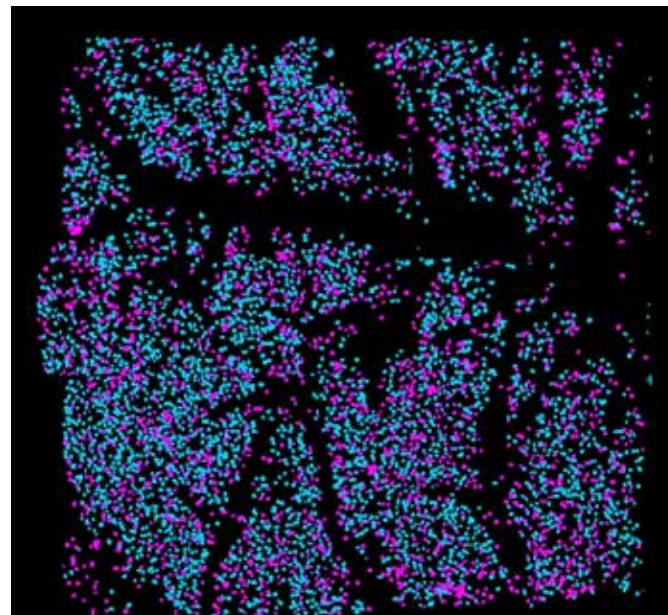


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Image courtesy by Moser Group researcher Weijian Zong

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PRIZES, HONORS, AWARDS, AND ELECTIONS TO REPUTABLE COMMITTEES

Christian Doeller

- Elected member of Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters (official start January 2023).

Asgeir Kobro-Flatmoen

- Elected chair of the Young Academy of the KG. Jebsen Foundation

May-Britt Moser

- Vilhelm Magnus Award Neurosurgery, Nevrokirurgisk avdeling, Universitetet i Oslo
- Julius Axelrod Distinguished Visiting Neuroscientist Lecturer, University of Ontario, virtual
- Mike Hogg Award Lecture, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Edvard Moser

- Honorary doctorate at Caesar Vallejo University, Lima and Trujillo, Peru
- International Steering Committee of the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (SAB)
- International Scientific Advisory Board of Chinese Institute of Brain Research, Beijing (SAB)
- Elected as one of five editors of Principles of Neuroscience VII to appear in 2027

Maximiliano Jose Nigro / Luis Cobar

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship to postdoctoral fellow Dr. Luis Cobar, host supervisor Dr. Maximiliano Jose Nigro

Giulia Quattrocchio

- Selected for the Outstanding Academic Fellow Program at NTNU

Yasser Roudi

- Elected member of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters

Jonathan Whitlock

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence (as supervisor to applicant)
- Named as Director of the Norwegian Research School in Neuroscience (NSRN)
- Named as Review Committee Chair, Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP)
- Reviewing editor for Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience special topic, "Topic "Recording, Analysis and Modeling of Mesoscale Neural Activities"

Menno P. Witter

- Doctor Honoris Causa UCLouvain, Belgium 5 May 2022
- Elected member of the Academia Europaea 2022
- Elected member of the EBRAINS Science and Technology Committee

Maryam Ziaei

- Elected as a subgroup leader of COST Action (CA20104) on the topic of "Impact of exercise on cognitive functions and brain biomarkers"

GRANTS**Tobias Navarro Schröder**

- Helse Midt-Norge, Samarbeidsorganet, PhD and project funds to study patients with "transient global amnesia" (TGA)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**Edvard Moser**

- Co-organizer of Kavli Prize lectures at NTNU

Menno P. Witter and Cliff Kentros

- Tools and the Study of Brain Systems: New Vistas. JANUBET SYMPOSIUM Kyoto University Japan. Organizing committee: Isa T and Takada M, Kyoto Univ; Tsutsui K-I Tohoku Univ; Kentros C and Witter MP NTNU KISN

Yasser Roudi

- Mathematical Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Fred Kavli Science Centre, Eresfjord, Norway 20 July-5 Aug 2022

Maryam Ziaei

- Organized and coordinated a virtual event with participants from 20 different countries across Europe as part of the COST action

PHF DEFENCES CARRIED OUT AT KISN

Ewelina Bartoszek-Kandler (f), Jan Sigurd Blackstad (m), Sverre Myren-Svelstad (m)

Annual accounts 2022

INCOME

Norwegian Research Council: Centre of Excellence	17 500
Norwegian Research Council: Other	11 100
International funding	16 200
Other public/private Funds	12 100
Norwegian University of Science and Technology	88 100**
TOTAL INCOME	145 000

EXPENSES

Payroll and indirect expenses	107 600
Equipment	4 200
Other operating expenses	33 200
TOTAL EXPENSES	145 000

Figures in mNOK

** including 12,5 mNOK of Nobel Prize contribution from The Ministry of Education (Edvard and May-Britt Moser)

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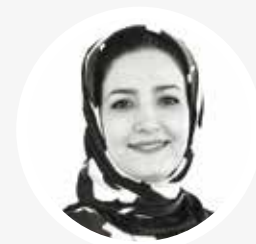
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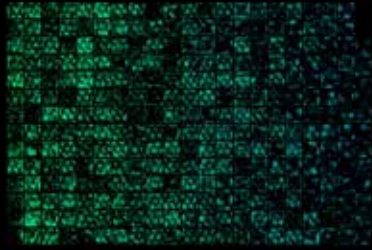
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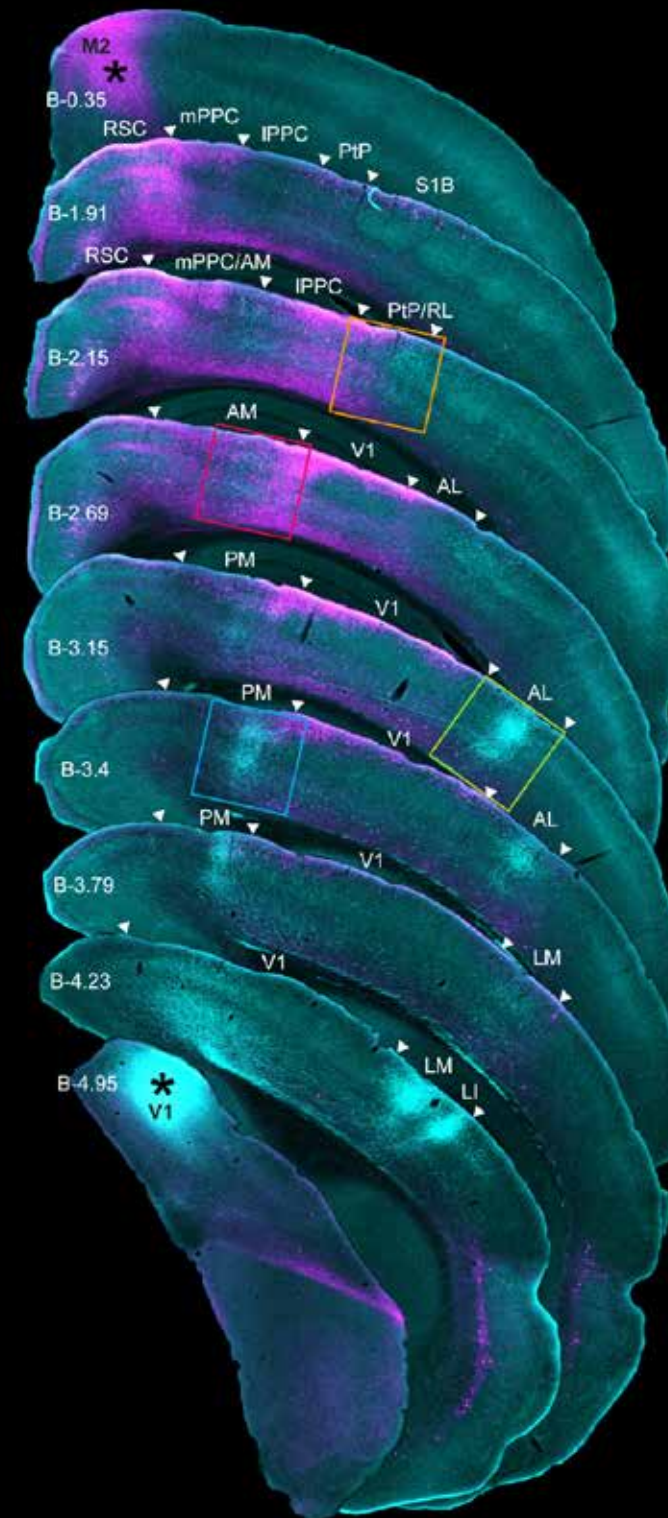
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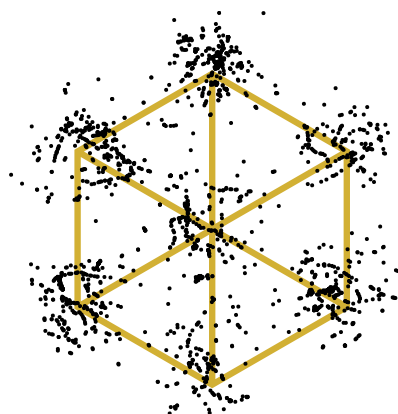
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