



MEDPERSYST – "Synaptic networks and Personalized Medicine Approaches to Understand Neurobehavioural Diseases Across the Lifespan"

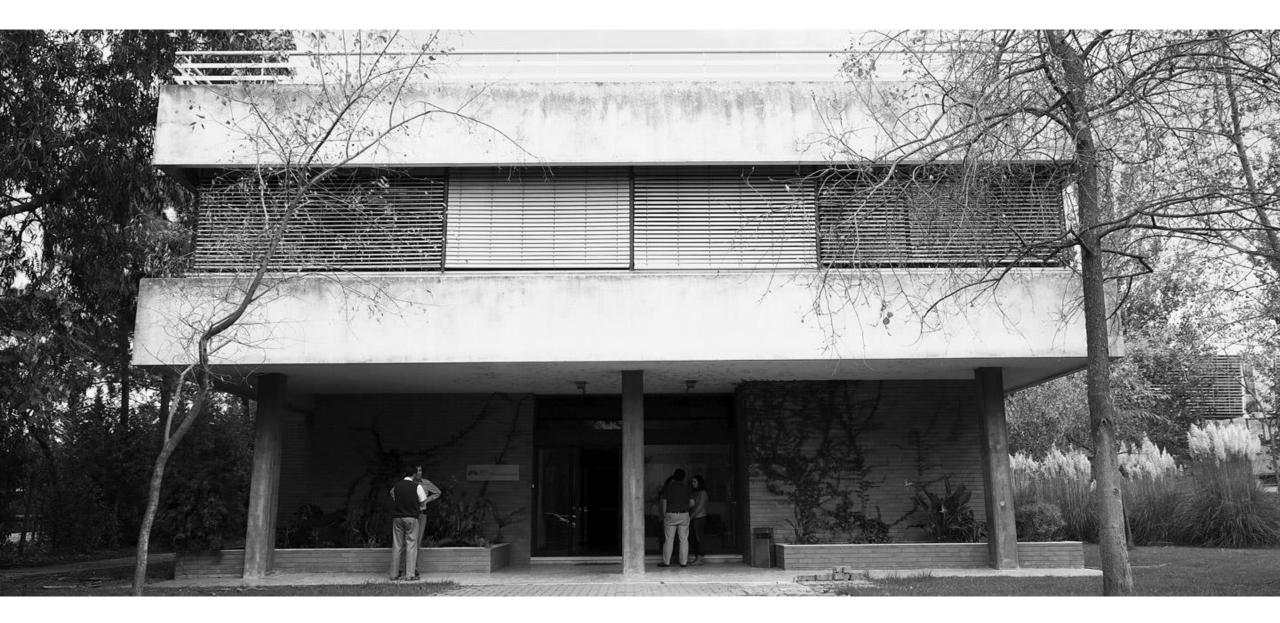




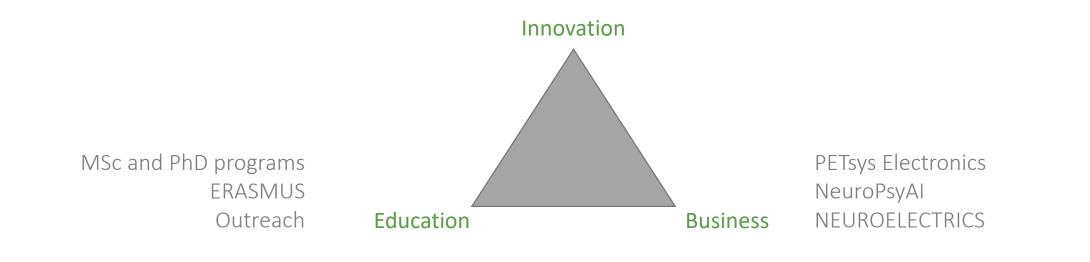














Brain Connectivity and Dynamics



Brain Stimulation and Neuro-Rehabilitation



Cancer Therapy and Drug Delivery



Medical Imaging and Diagnosis

Over a third of the European population suffers from brain diseases.

This are chronic, lifelong conditions that heavily impact individuals and their families.

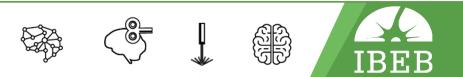
Estimated yearly costs of about 800 billion euros - 35% of Europe's total disease burden

Someone in the world develops dementia every 3 seconds. There were an estimated 46.8 million people worldwide living with dementia in 2015.

This numbers are expected to climb over the coming decades.

The rising prevalence and mounting economic burden of brain disorders pose a large and growing threat to every government in the world.





Synaptic networks and Personalized Medicine Approaches to Understand Neurobehavioural Diseases Across the Lifespan

Synaptic networks are a key target in the vast majority of neurobehavioural disorders across the lifespan.

Evidence from multiple disciplines supports a pivotal role for the synaptic neurotransmitters both in the disease mechanisms or as targets for pharmacological therapy.

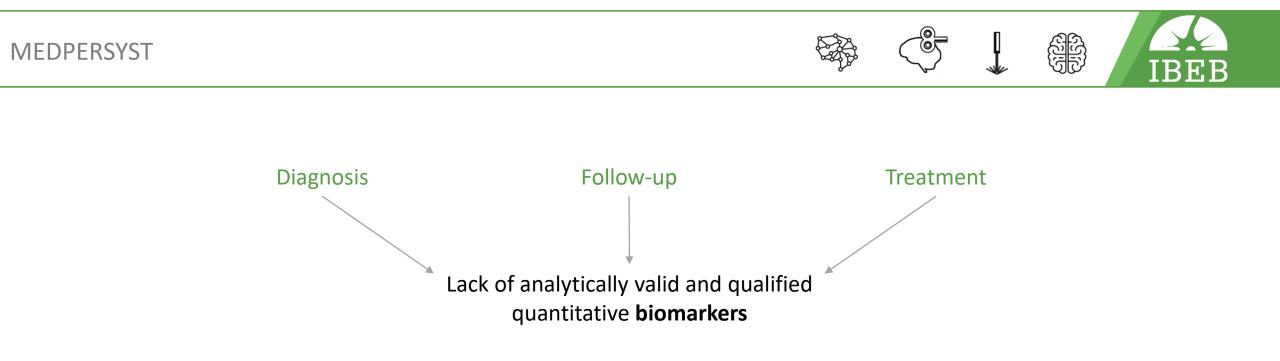
The pathophysiological involvement of various neurotransmitter systems is increasingly recognized, with a central role for dopamine, glutamate, GABA and serotonin.

Focusing at the same processes across diseases, modalities, and academic disciplines...

Target the same synaptic networks, affected in distinct manners, across a consortium, to provide new perspectives and cross-fertilizing approaches





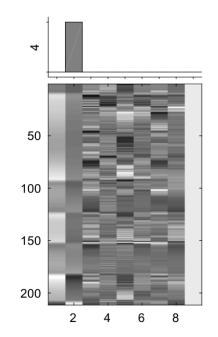


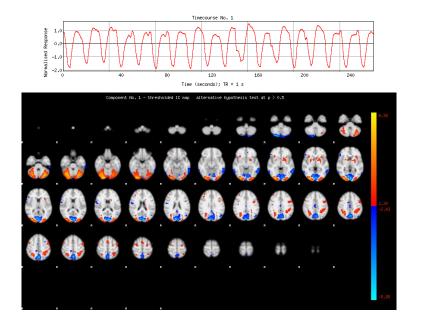
We need to move away from a purely subjective (symptom-based) methodology towards objective quantitative biomarkers

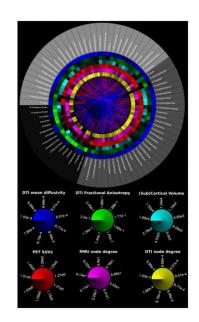
Integration

An integrated approach across diseases affecting similar biological processes will be crossfertilizing - Integrate multimodal approaches; Integrate multidisciplinary know-how









General Linear Model Independent Component Analysis

Functional Connectivity



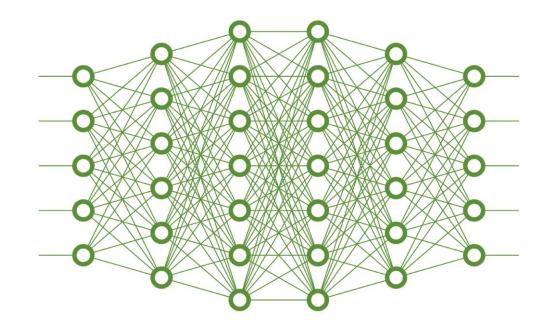
Deep Learning

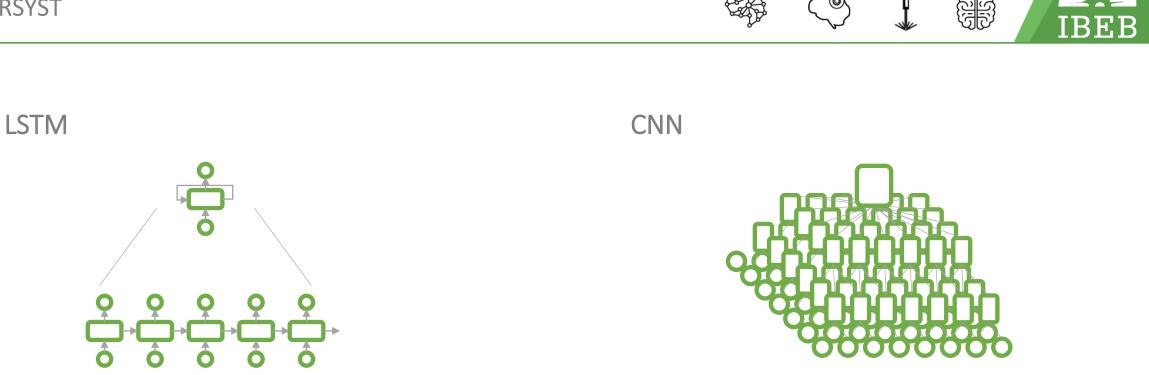
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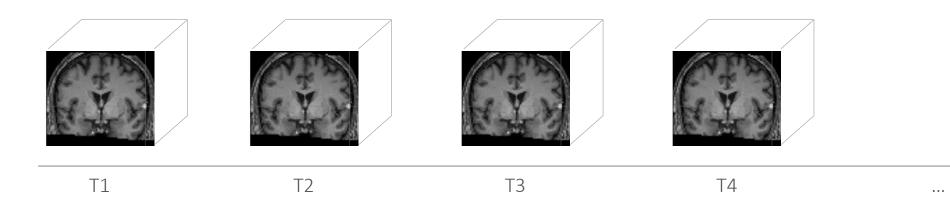
LSTMs allow information to persist between units;

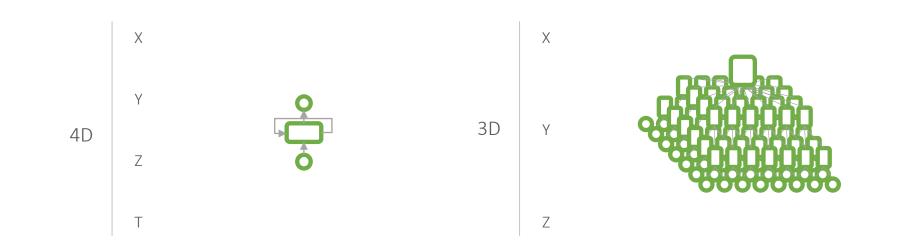
Application to sequences or time-series:

Speech recognition Language models CNNs have the explicit assumption that the inputs are images;

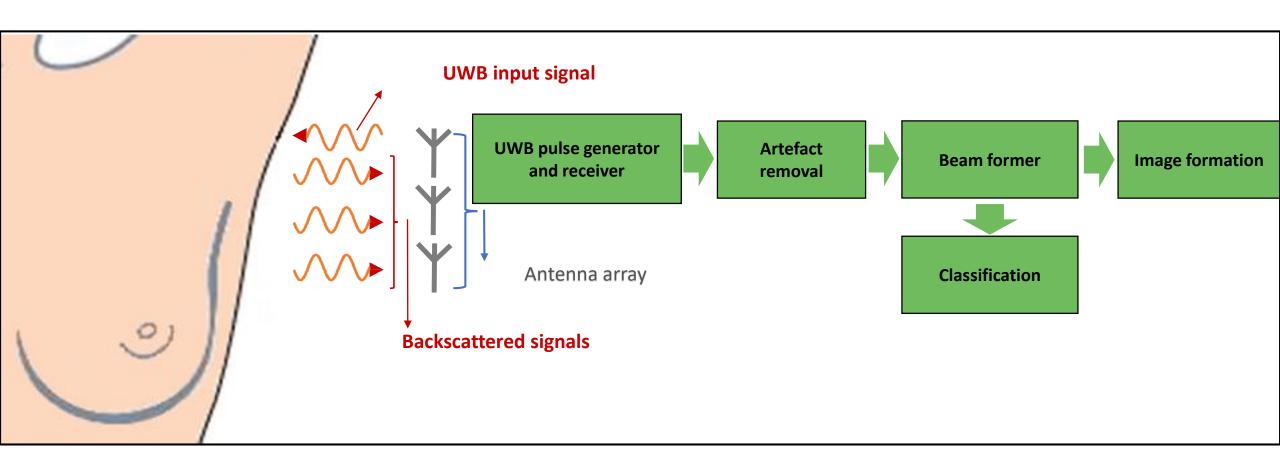
Application in image analysis: Face recognition Image classification













Malign / Benign



→ Classification methods:

Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

Groups with multivariate normal Gaussian distributions and same covariance matrix

Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (QDA)

Groups with multivariate normal Gaussian distributions but different covariance matrices

Support Vector Machines (SVM)

Linearly inseparable data transformed to higherdimensional space, using a Kernel

