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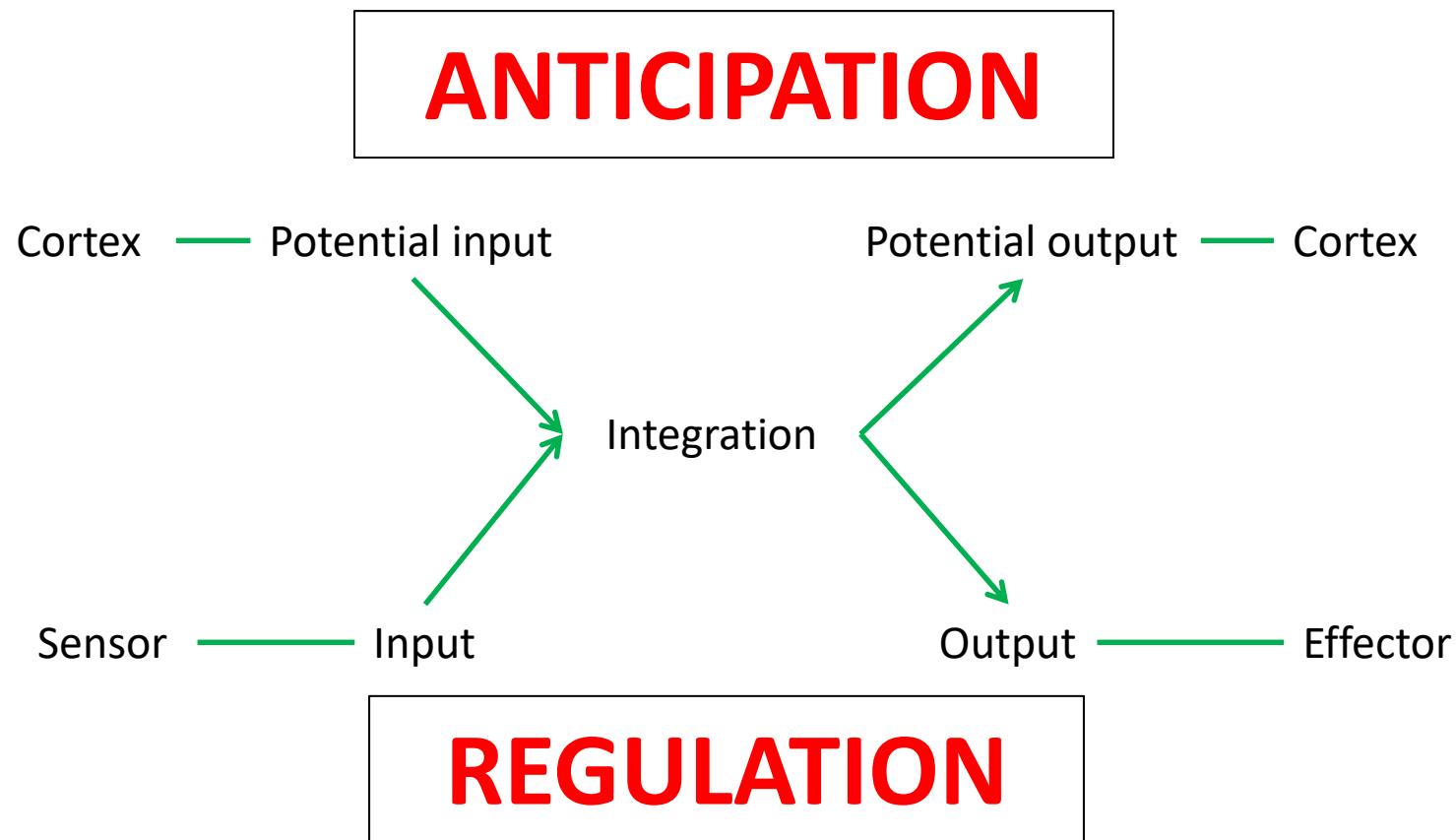
Hierarchy and evolution of nervous system

Evolutionary approach

Evolution is not revolution

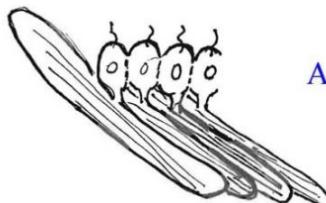


The role of nervous system



Evolution of the nervous system

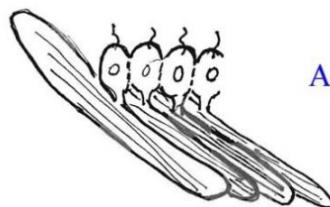
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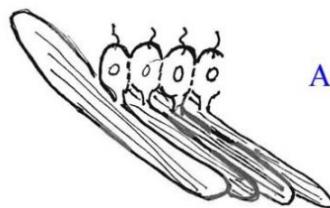
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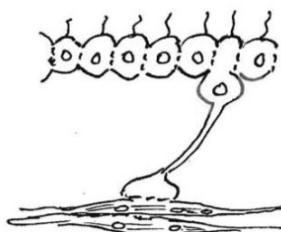
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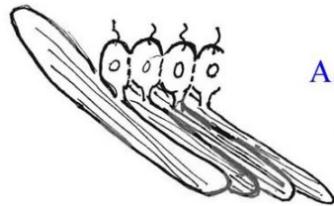
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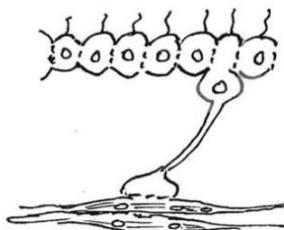
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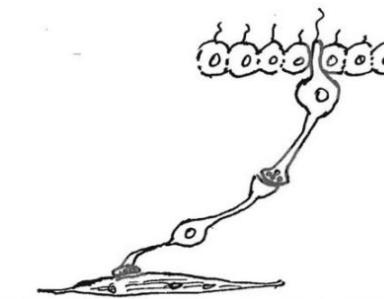
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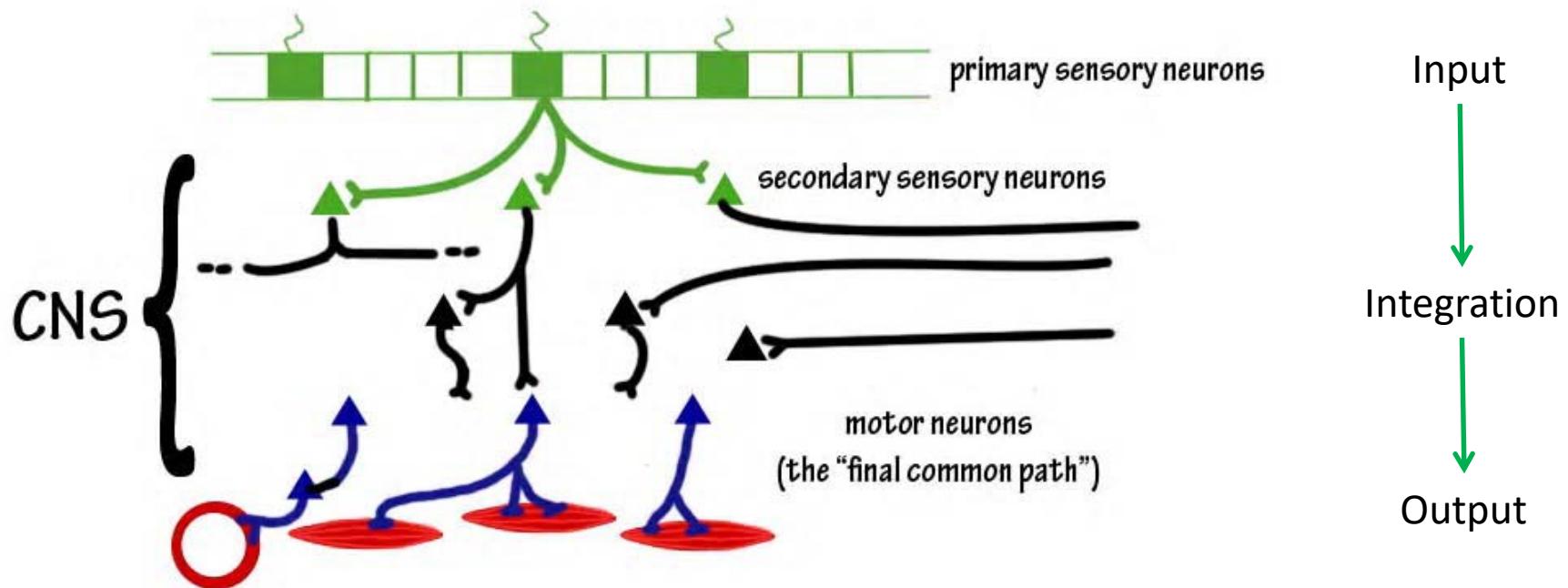


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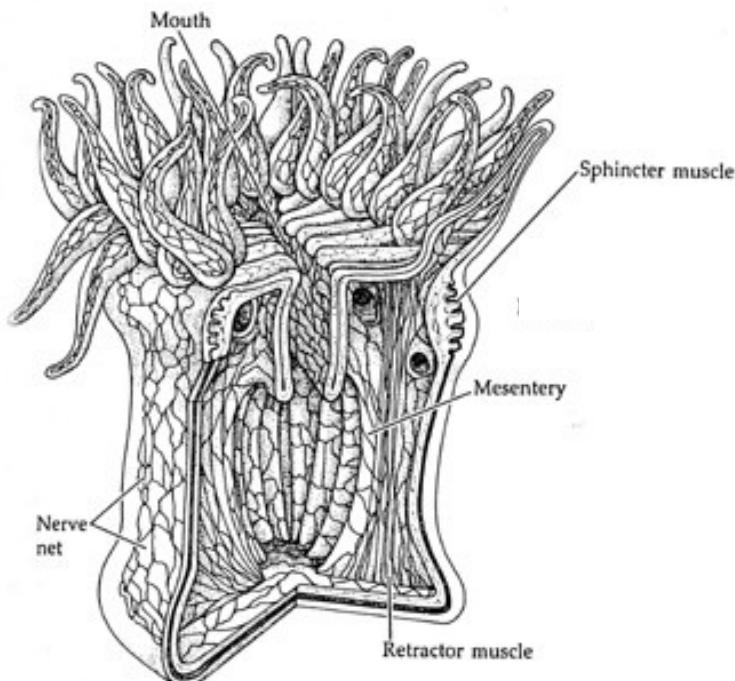
- D. Neurons appear, separate
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and contractile cells.
Chemical synapses appear.

Evolution of the nervous system



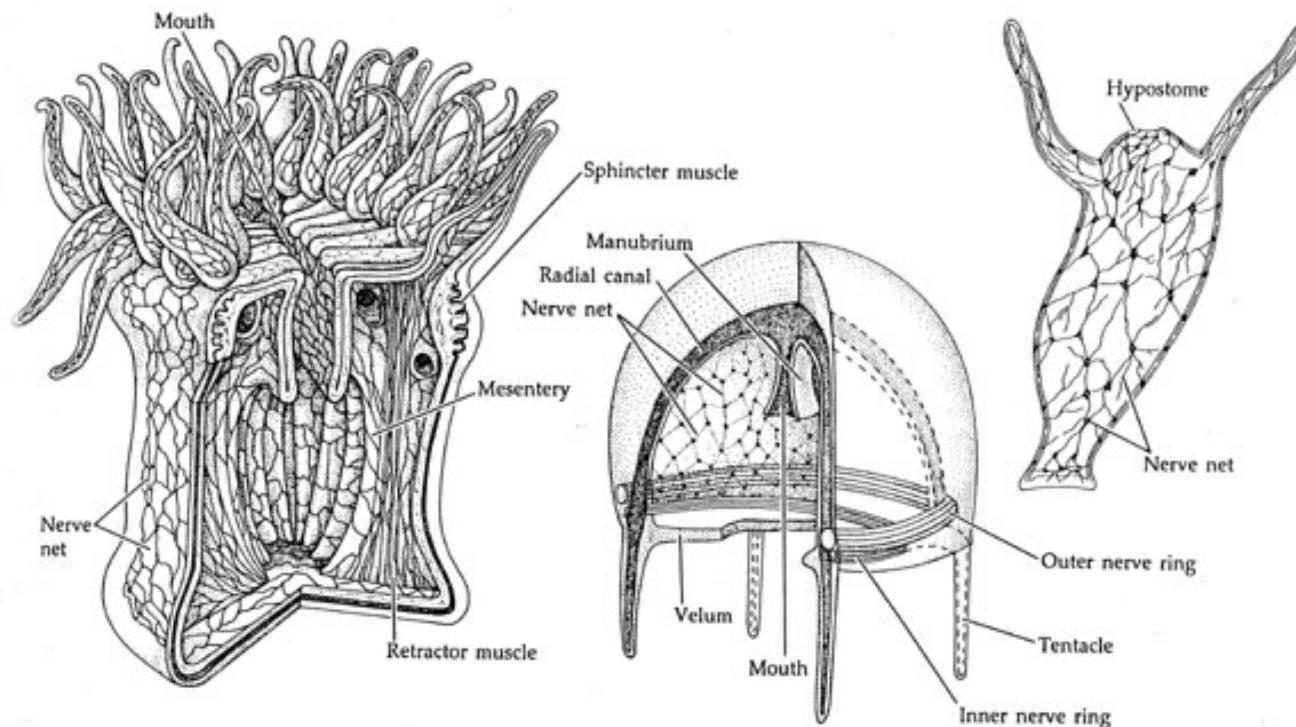
Evolution of the nervous system

- Polyp
 - Reticular NS
 - Nonspecific reaction on irritation



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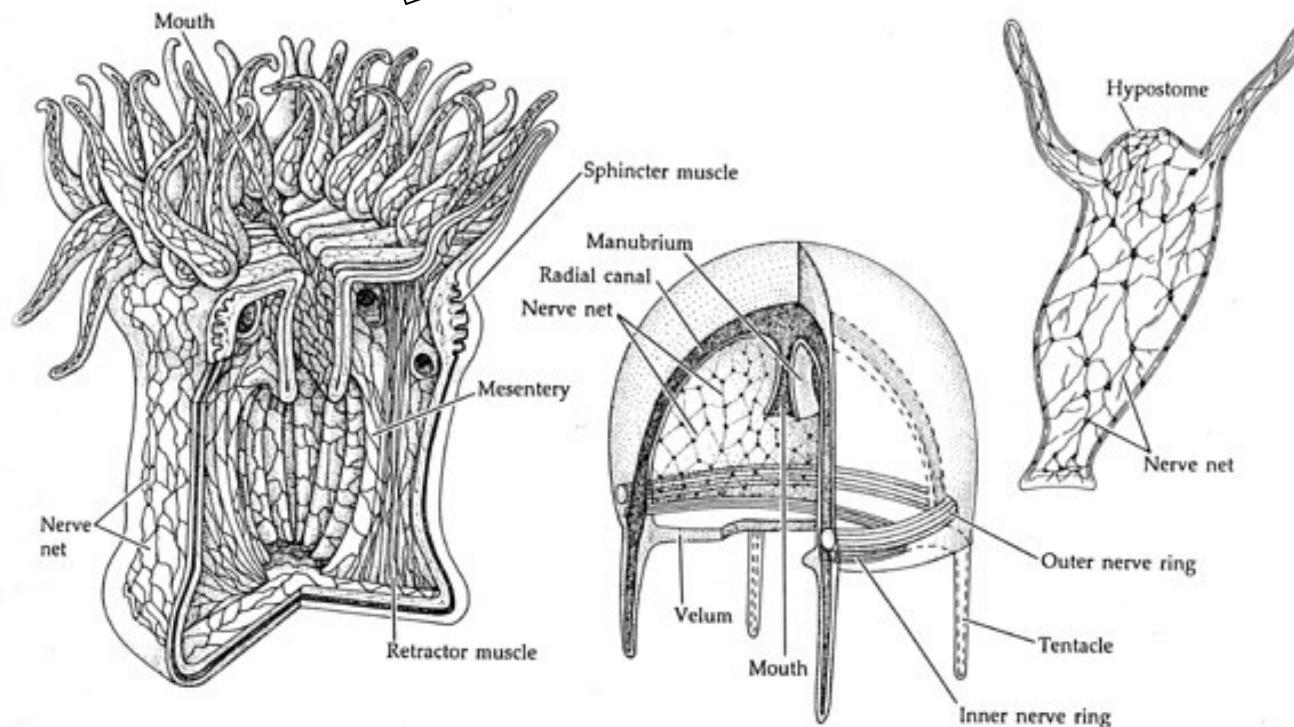
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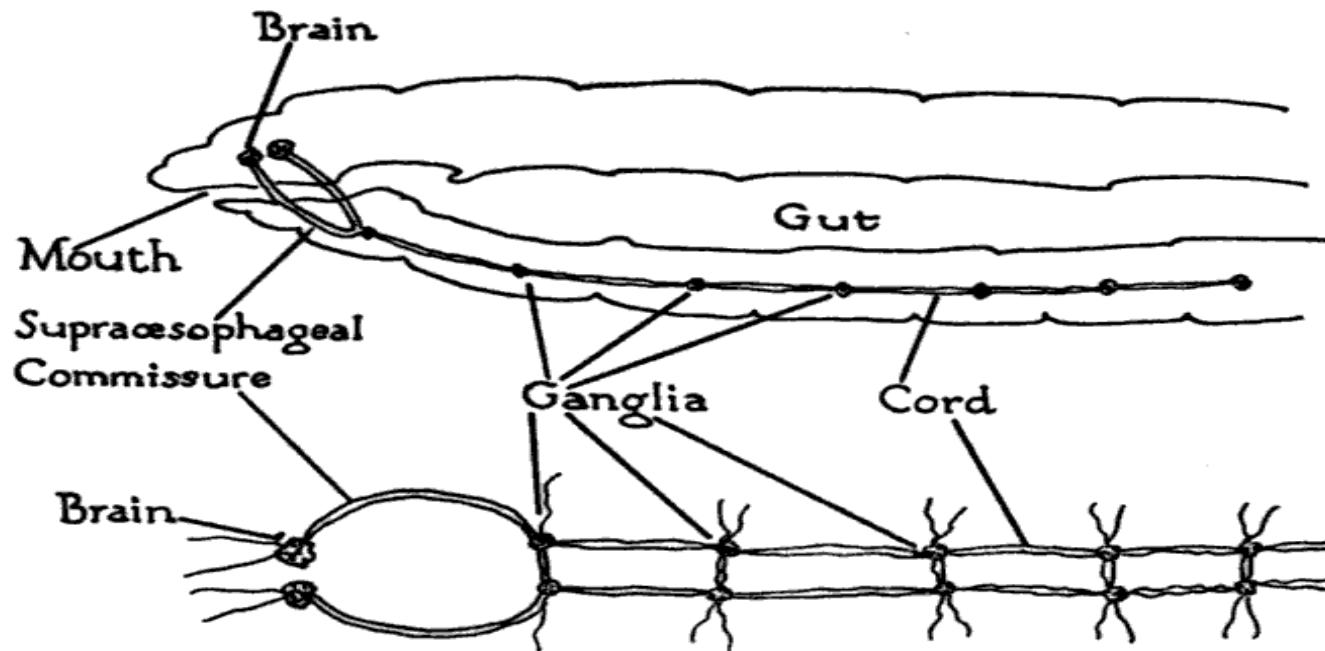
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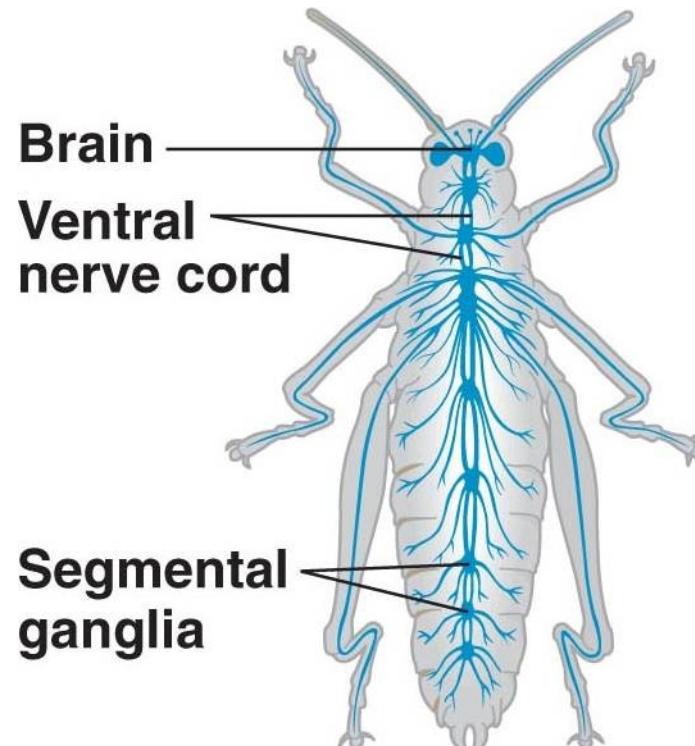
Evolution of the nervous system

- Worms
 - Segmented nervous system
 - Left – right coordination
 - Ganglia
 - „Brain“ ganglion – head – forward locomotion – food intake

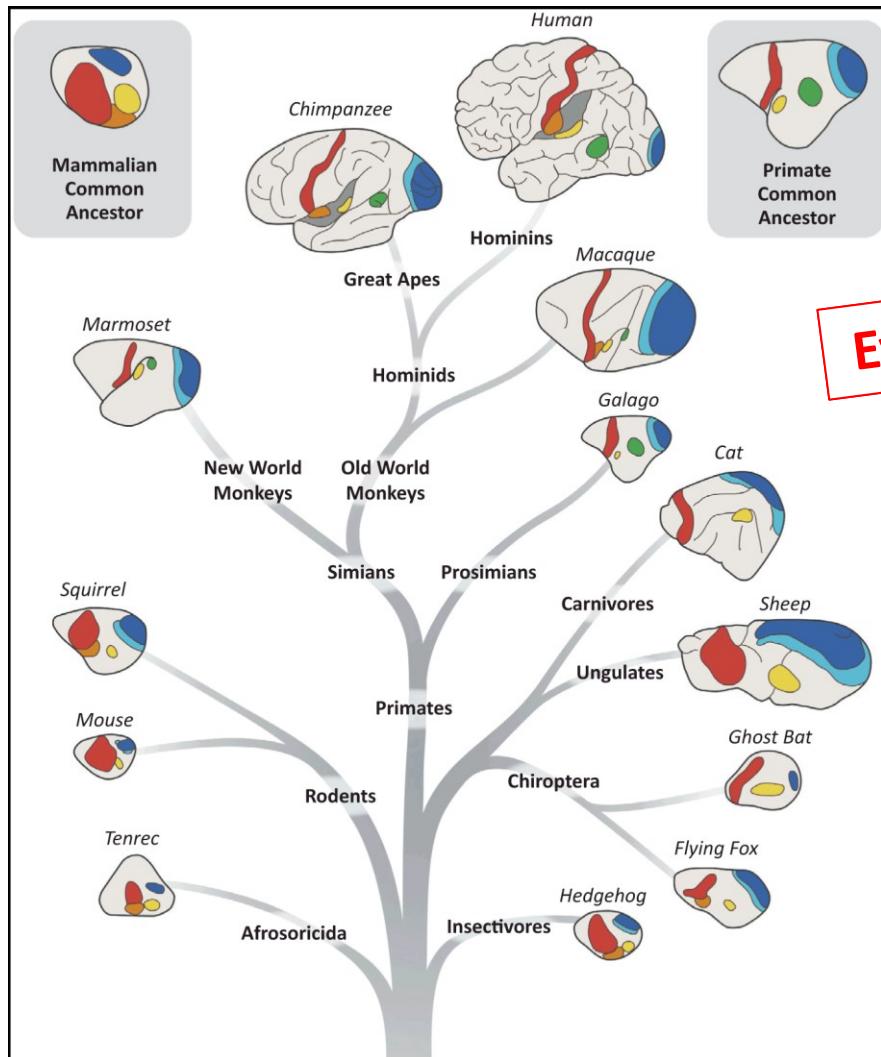


Evolution of the nervous system

- Insect
 - „Sophisticated“ NS
 - Coordinated movement
 - „Developed“ senses
 - Communication skills (bee)

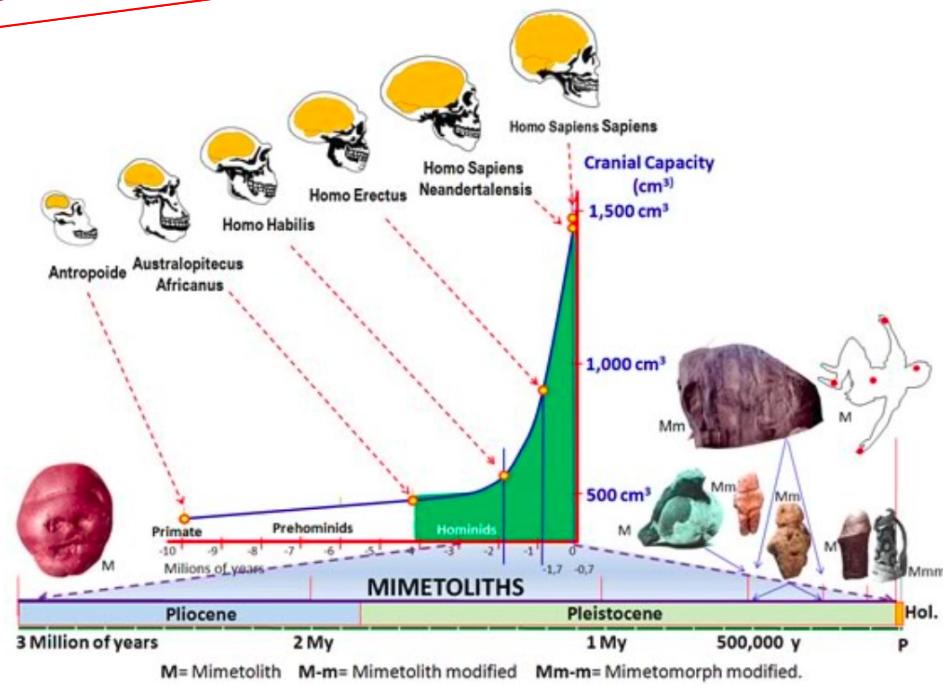


Evolution of the nervous system



- Mammals and humans
 - Peak of NS development

Evolution is shaped by environment



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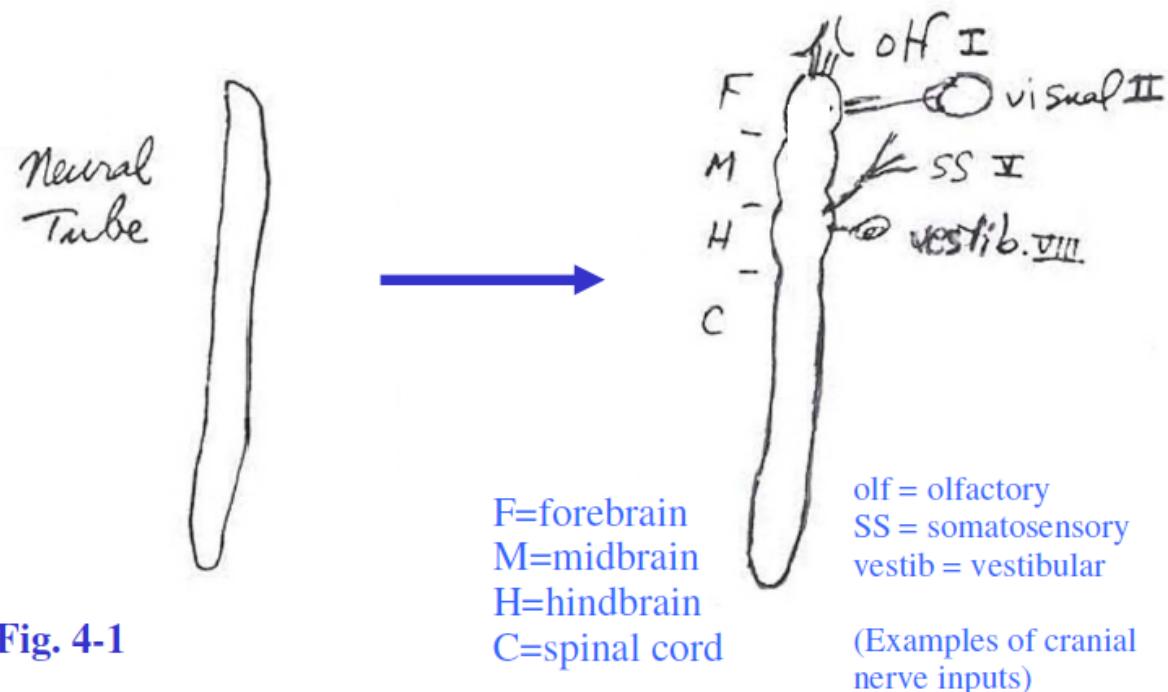
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- **Associated motor apparatus**
 - For directing the receptors (orienting movements)
 - For controlling alterations in posture and locomotion under guidance from these receptors

Evolution of the brain

- Neural tube
- Locomotion
- Rostral receptors



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- **Expansion of hindbrain**

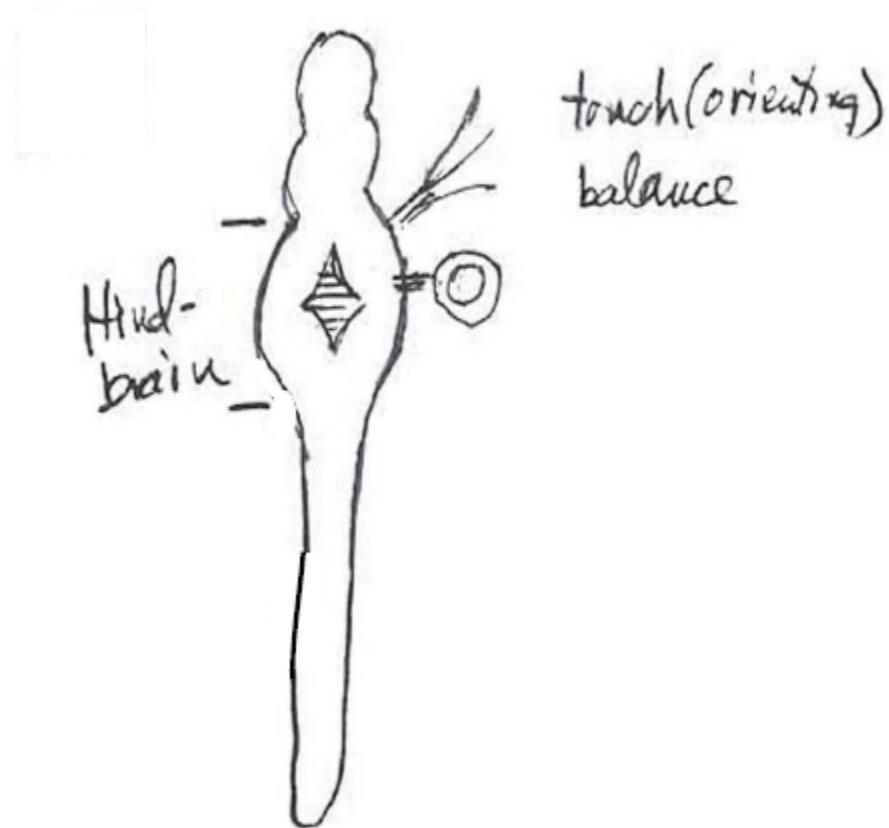
(Rhombencefalon - Medula oblongata, pons Varoli, cerebellum)

- Input

- Information from head sensors

- Output

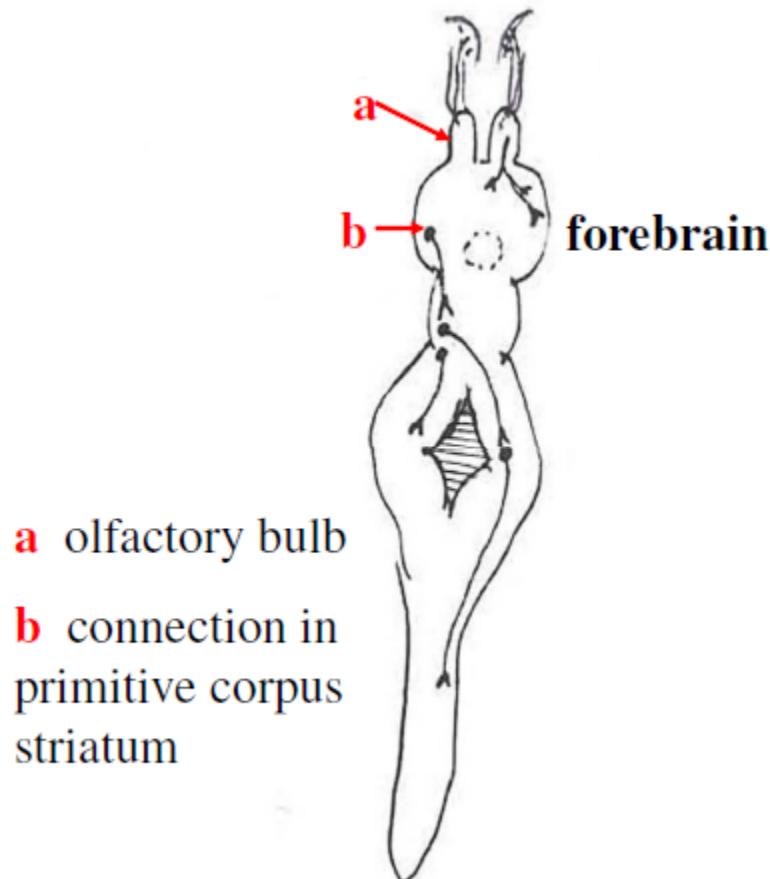
- Motor system
(Fixed action pattern - reflex/instinct behavior)



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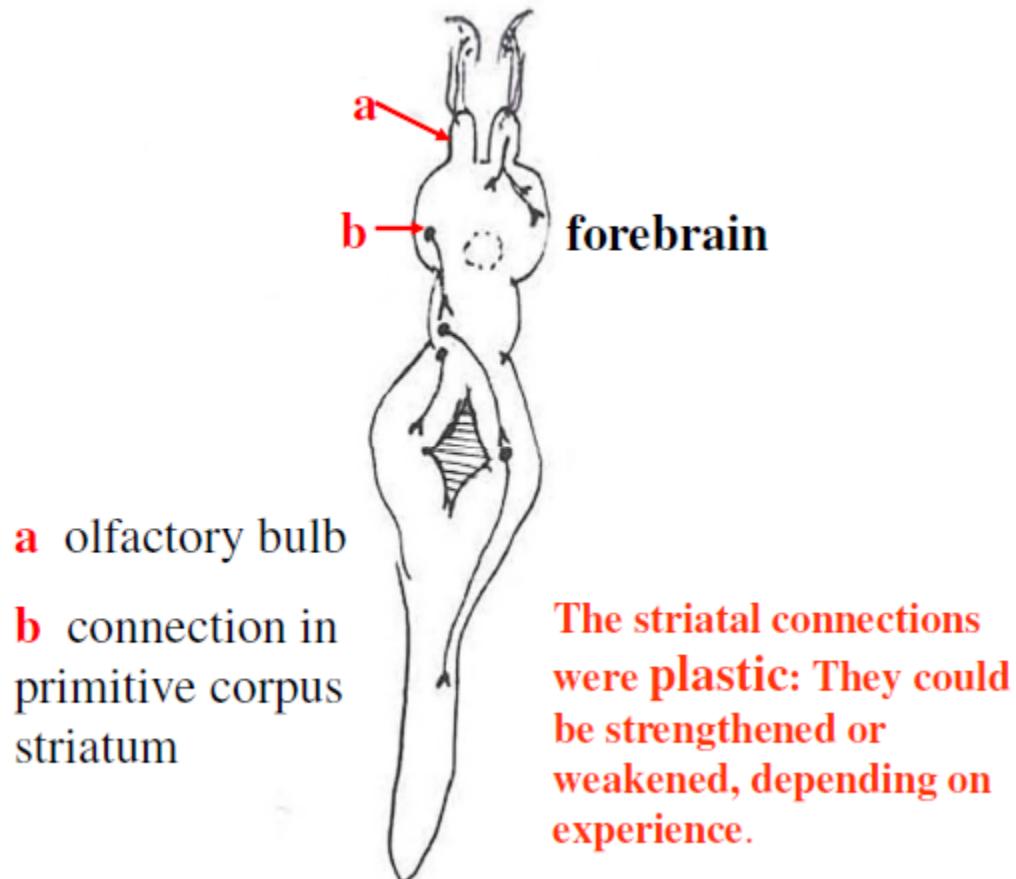
- **Expansion of forebrain 1**
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- Input
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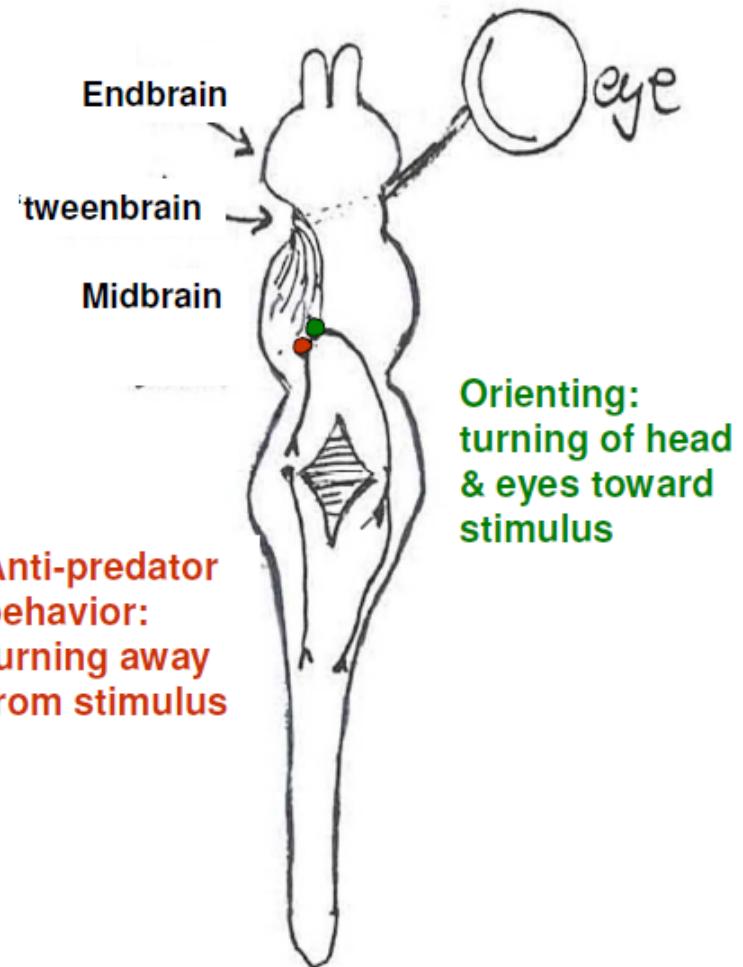
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- **Expansion of midbrain**
- **Input**
 - Vision, sense of hearing
(distant senses)
- **Output**
 - Motor system
 - (Approach – contralateral m.)
 - (Avoidance – ipsilateral m.)
- **Advantage**
 - Speed
 - Acuity

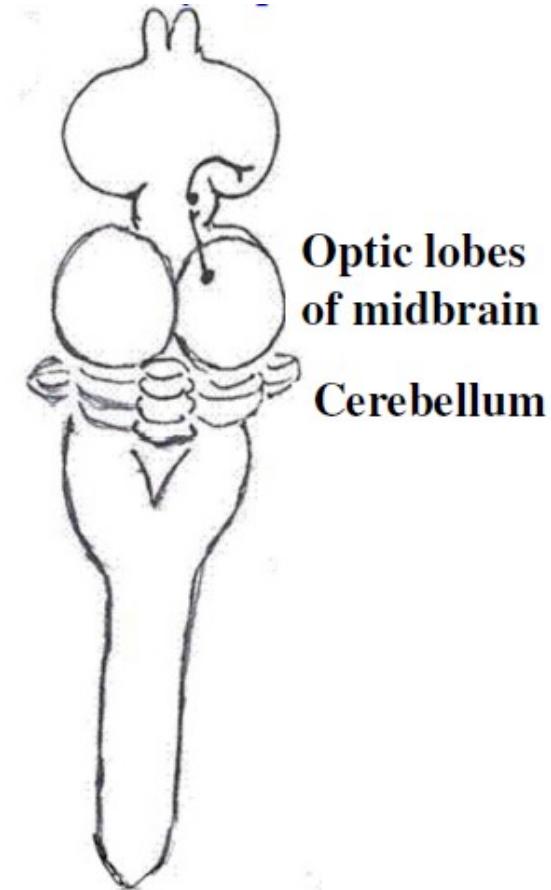


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Evolution of the brain

- **Expansion of forebrain 2**
(Prosencephalon - diencephalon, telencephalon)
- Input
 - Nonolfactory systems connected to forebrain
 - Mainly vision and hearing
- Advantage
 - Plastic connections of forebrain
- Thalamus
 - Gating

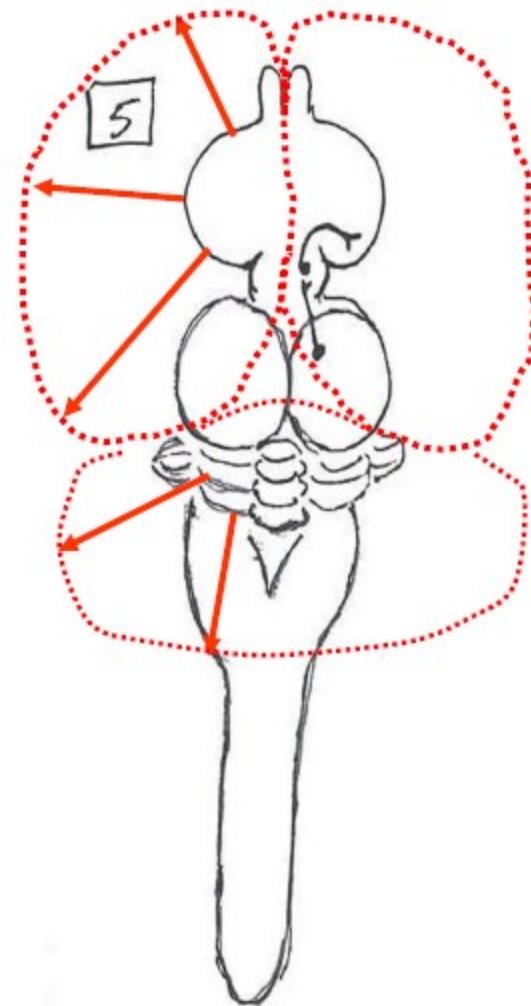
(Corpus striatum and cortex)



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Evolution of the brain

- Expansion of forebrain 3
- Neocortical expansion
- Simultaneous expansion of
 - Neostriatum
 - Neocerebellum
- Advantage
 - „High resolution“ information processing
 - Anticipation

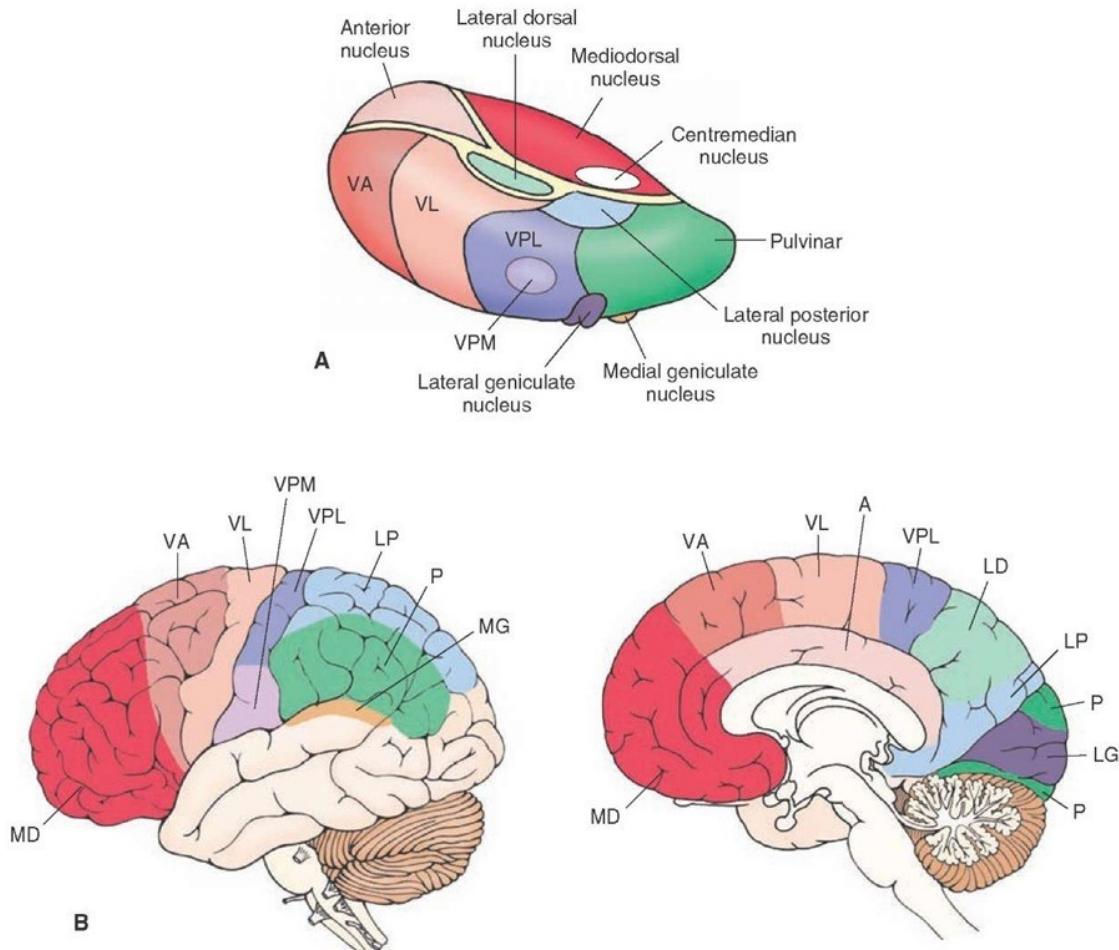


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Thalamus and neocortex

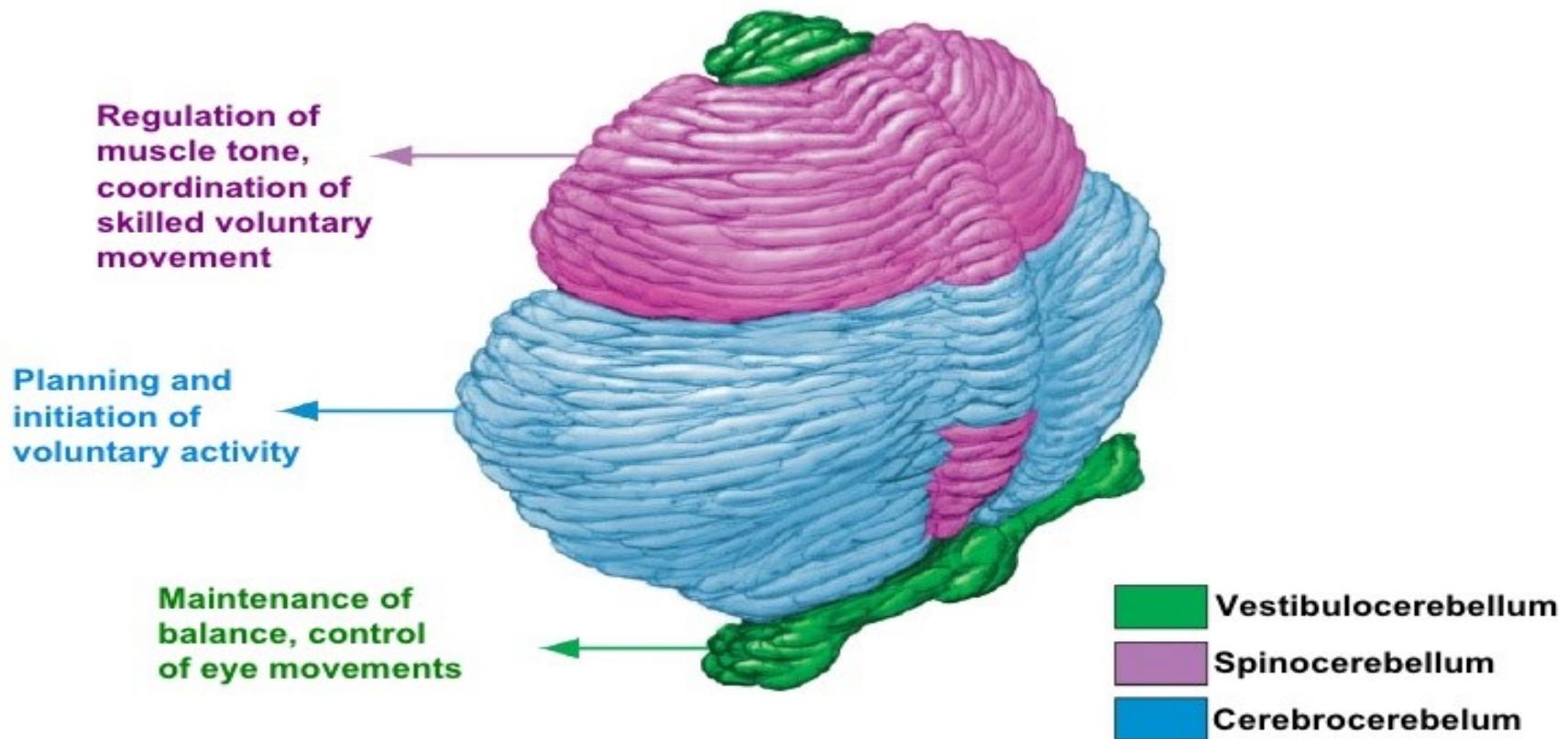
Gating

- Thalamic nuclei
 - Nonspecific
 - Specific
- Reciprocal connections between thalamus and neocortex

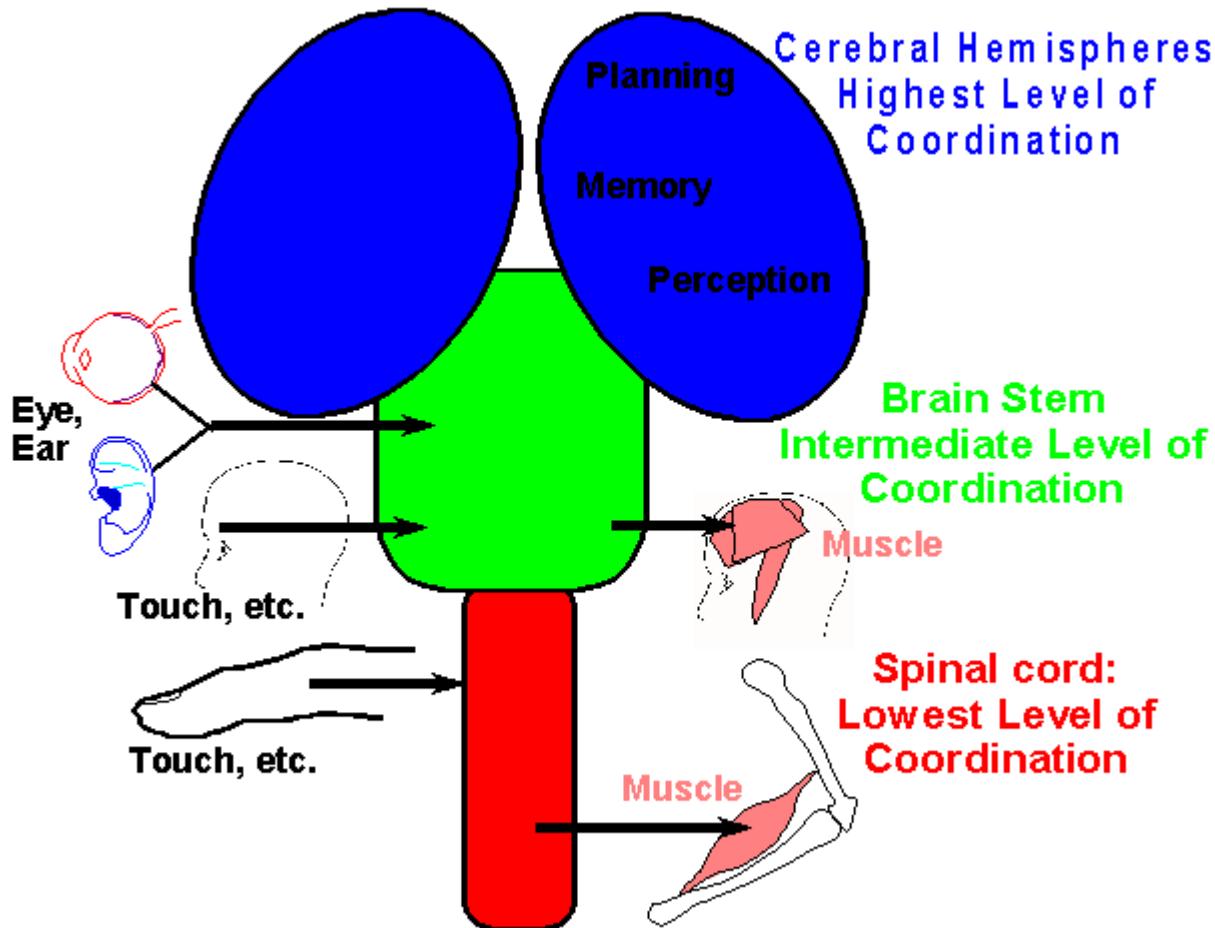


Cerebellum

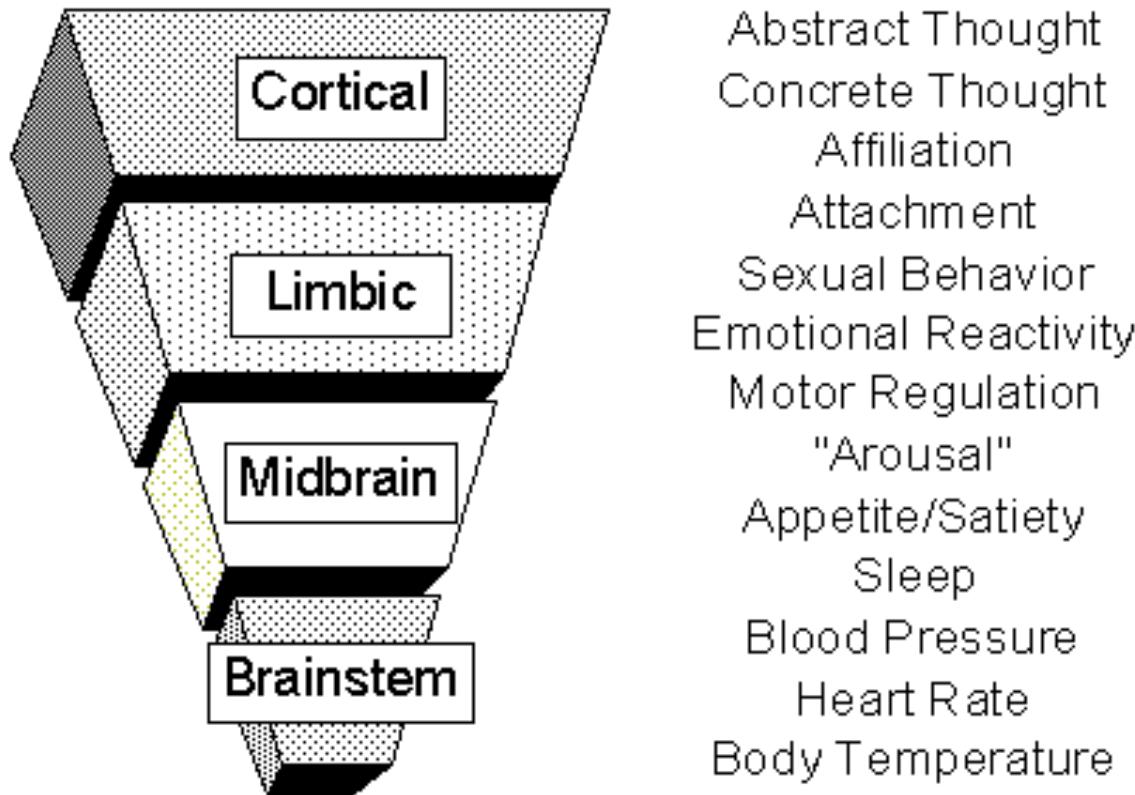
Coordination



Hierarchy of central nervous system



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