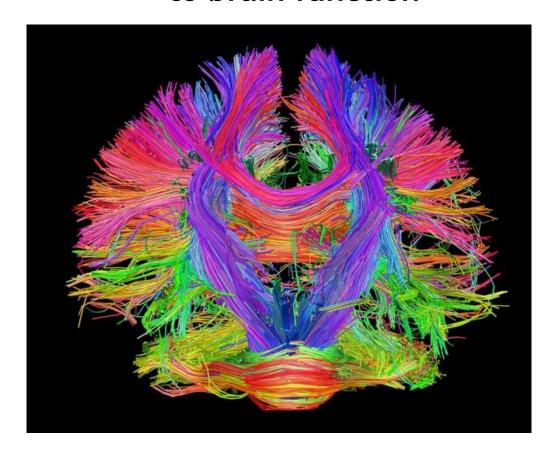
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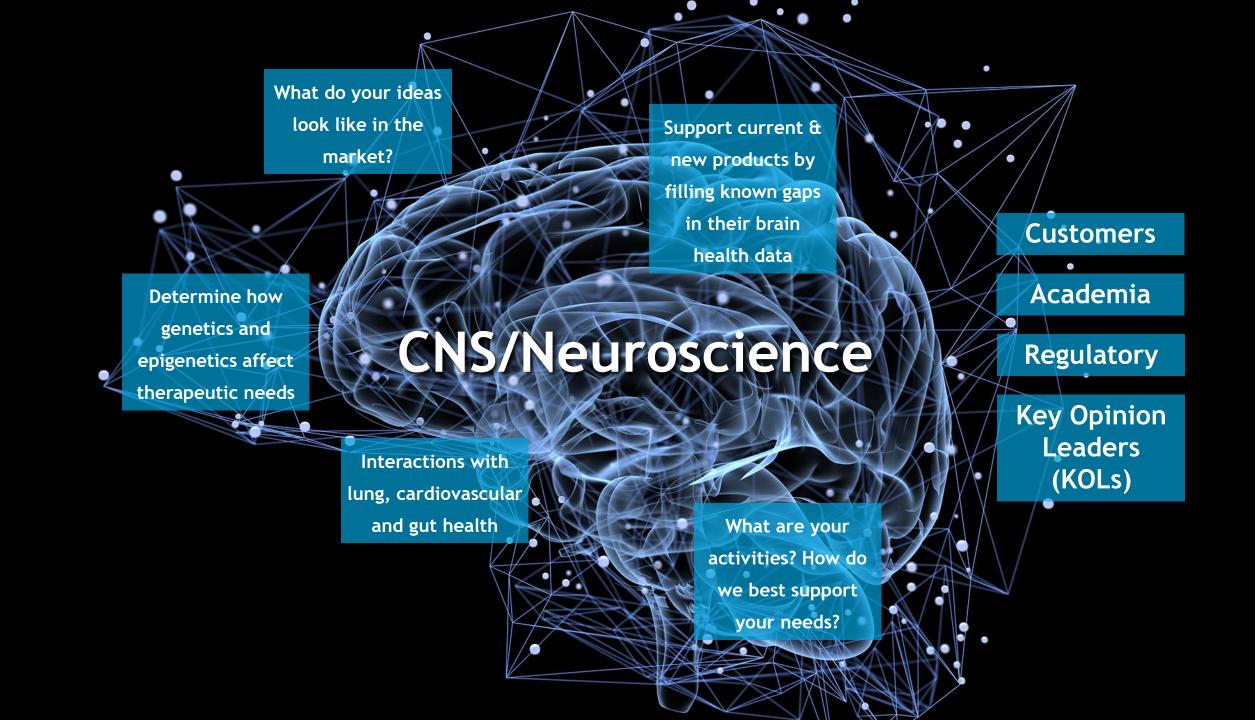
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50% of the Top 10 Health Concerns are directly related to brain function



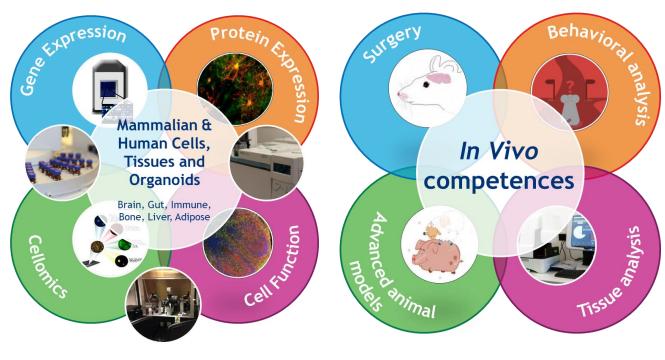
Key growth areas of sports physiology, weight management, mental health, sleep, mood, menopause, sexual health, vision and aging all touch on the brain health space



CNS/NEUROSCIENCE

PROOF-OF-CONCEPT AND EFFICACY FOR YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE PRODUCTS

- 1 Grow & Defend current & future portfolios by acquiring supportive data
- 2 Develop & Support sophisticated collaborations for long-term capabilities
- 3 Improve the understanding of the interactions between treatments, genetics and environmental influences





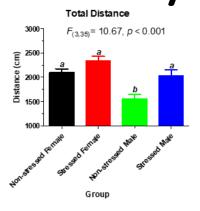


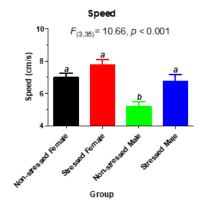


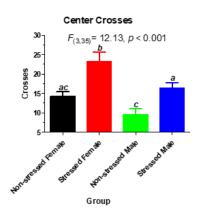
Open field for locomotor and anxiety

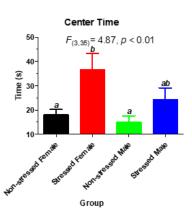


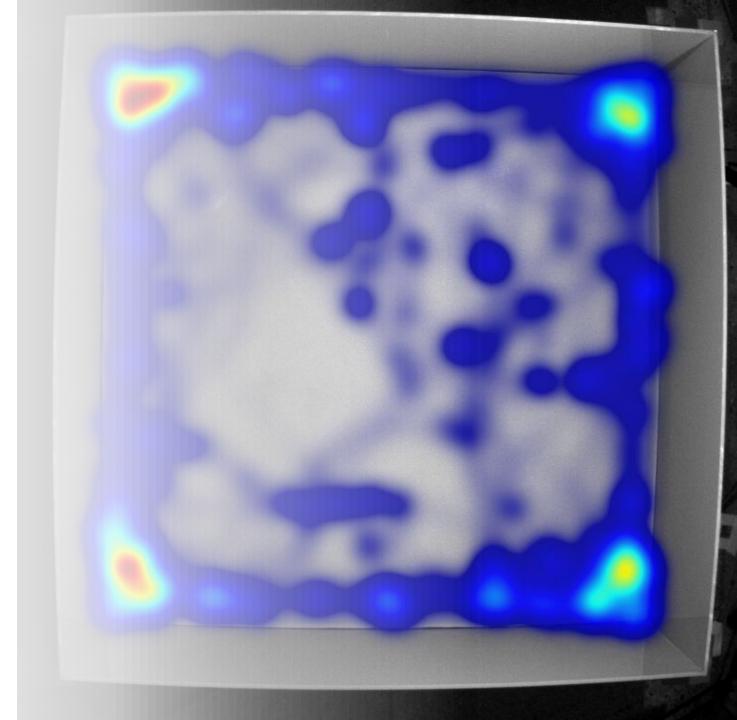
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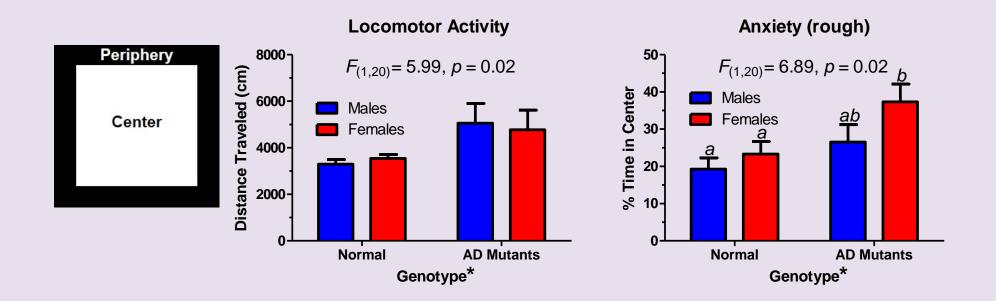








Alzheimer's mice (APPSwe/Tg2576) exhibit altered dopamine neurochemistry at 6 months old

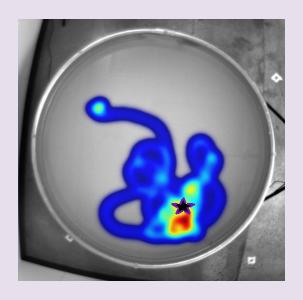


No effect of genotype in the elevated plus maze, a better measure of anxiety, suggesting that the above is a dopamine-related activity effect only; effects stronger in females Morris water maze for cognition

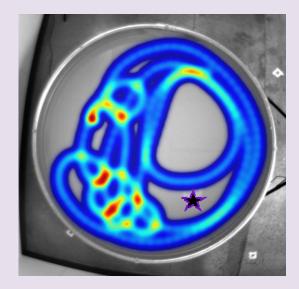


Male AD mutants have learning deficits, while female AD mutants show memory deficits at 7.5 mo

Wild-type mouse



Alzheimer's disease mouse



Female Learning

Normal

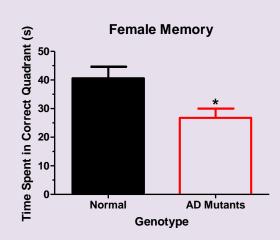
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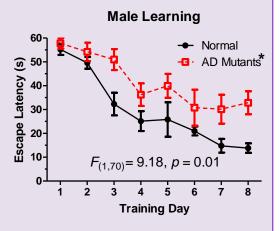
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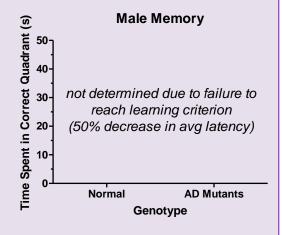
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Training Day

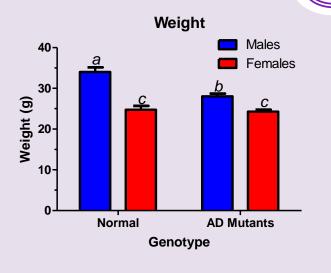


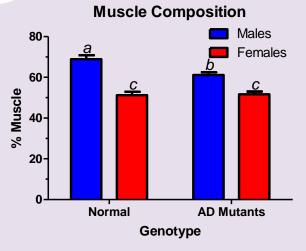


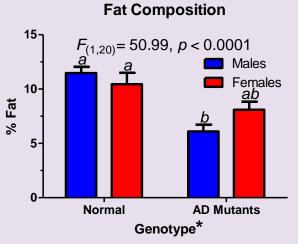


MWM = Morris water maze; similar experiments in the Barnes maze were performed, but the AD mice did not explore

AD mice exhibit reduced fat at 8 months, but effects on weight & muscle are limited to males



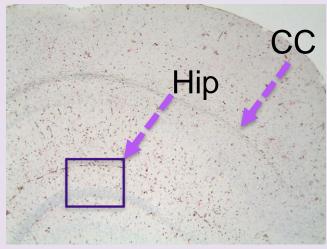


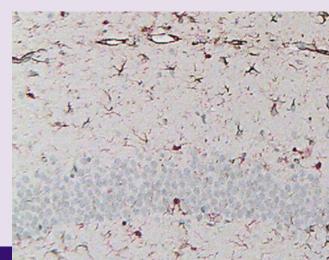




Beginnings of astrogliosis in the corpus callosum and hippocampus of AD mutants at 8 months

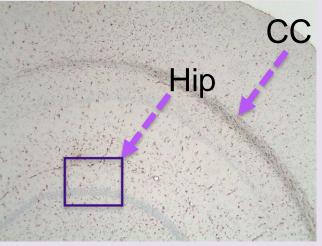
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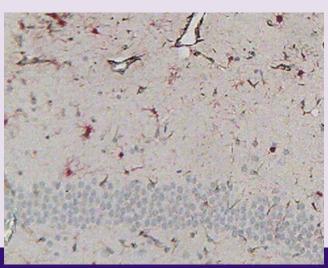




Brown = Astrocytes (GFAP)
Red = Microglia (Iba1)
H&E background stain
CC = corpus callosum
Hip = hippocampus

AD Mutant





Histology at 12 months (data expected by December 2020)

- Amyloid-β (Congo Red)
- Glial marker staining (GFAP & Iba1)
- All expected to be more pronounced than at 8 months

SKILL SET SUMMARY

- In vivo capabilities in rats and mice (piglets and sheep available via 3rd-party collaboration)
 - Surgery (e.g. OVX, ADX, s.c. & i.c. implants, stereotactic, i.v. catheterization, bone defect)
 - Video analysis of gait, exercise and male sexual performance
 - Monitoring of skin & body temperature (model of menopausal hot flash)
 - Open field (locomotor activity and anxiety)
 - Motor coordination (rotarod, etc.)
 - Elevated plus maze (anxiety-like), Forced swim test (depressive-like)
 - Morris Water Maze, Barnes Maze and fear conditioning(cognition)
 - Sociability
 - Sensory gating
 - Tissue harvesting for endpoint of choice
 - Fertility, EEG, Sleep, and Acute & Chronic inflammation in multiple systems available through in-house and 3rd-party collaborations

In vitro capabilities

- Human stem cells and brain organoids derived from them
- Primary neurons, oligodendrocytes, astrocytes and microglia
- Osteoblasts, retinal epithelial cells, cell lines and macrophages

Commonly used endpoints

- *In silico* and proteomic approaches to idea development & hypothesis generation
- Multiplexed ELISA, immunohistochemistry, enzymology, electrophysiology
- Confocal & electron microscopy (TEM and SEM)
- Glutamate challenge, hypoxia challenge, oxidative stress, LPS stimulation
- Biomarkers for viability, proliferation, growth, development/maturation and immune activation

Under development

- Integration with genetics and personalized medicine
- Coordination and integration with other BBP models



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