

# The Straightened Mouse:

Translating spatial relations between  
ontologies and geometric models

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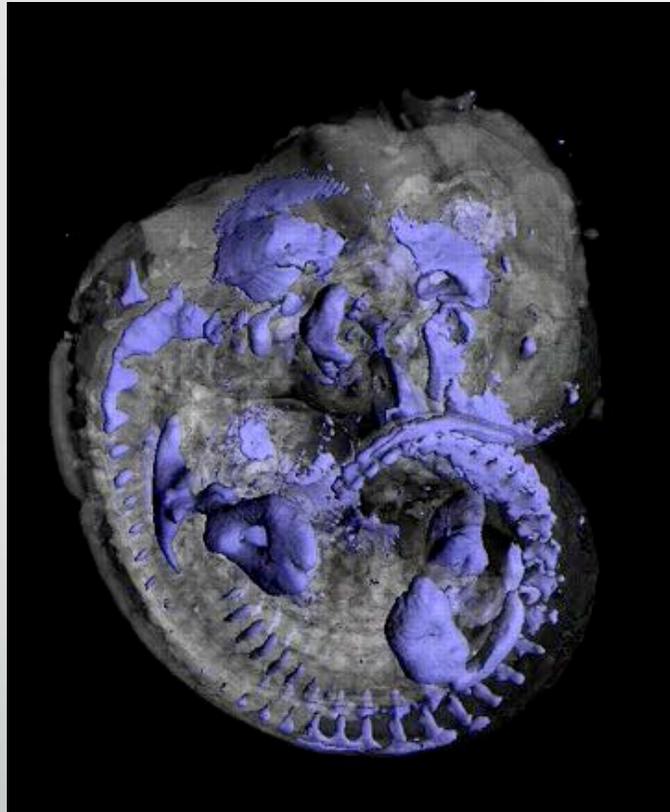
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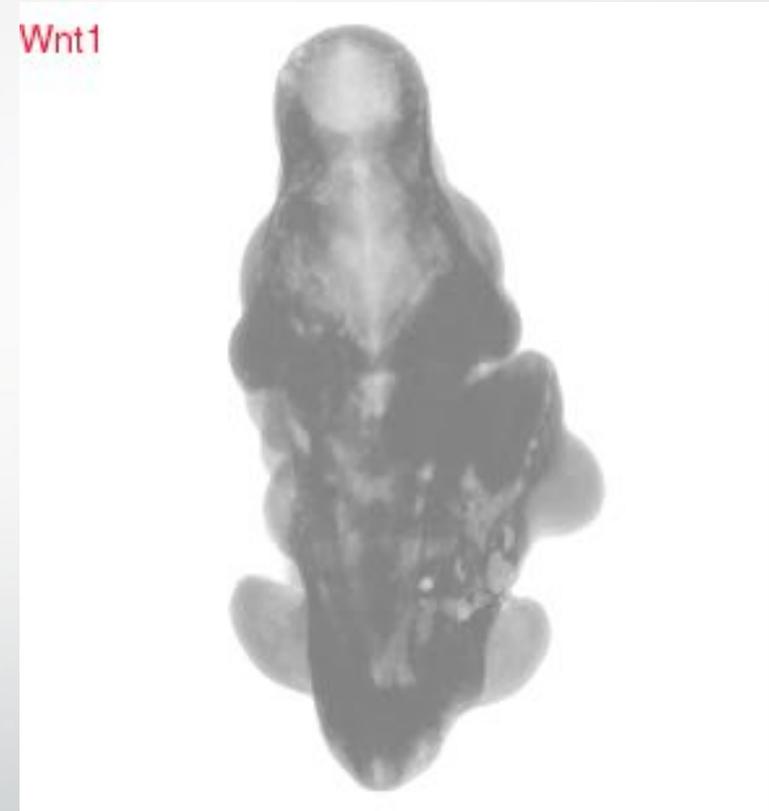
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# Biomedical Atlases: *Spatial Patterns*



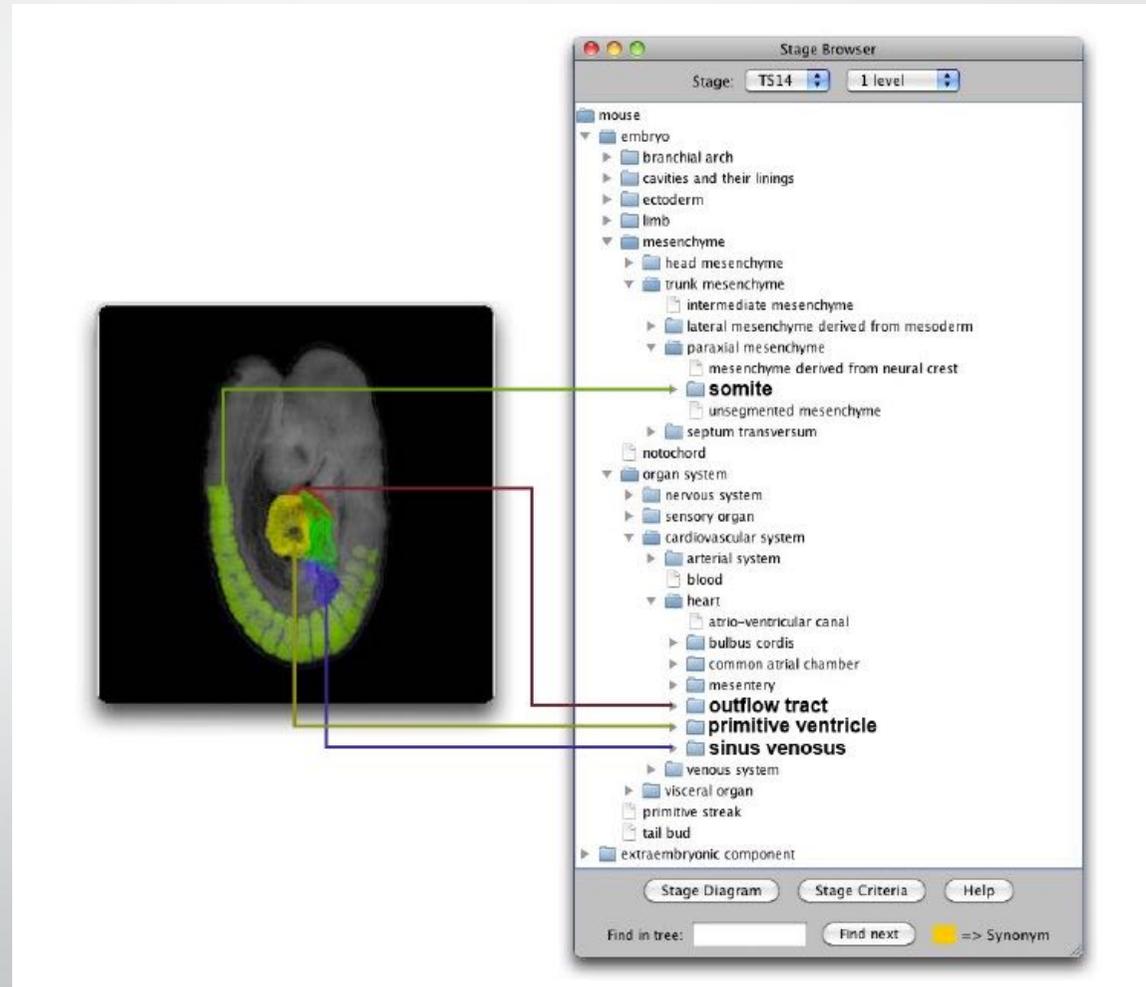
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# Anatomy Ontologies: EMAP

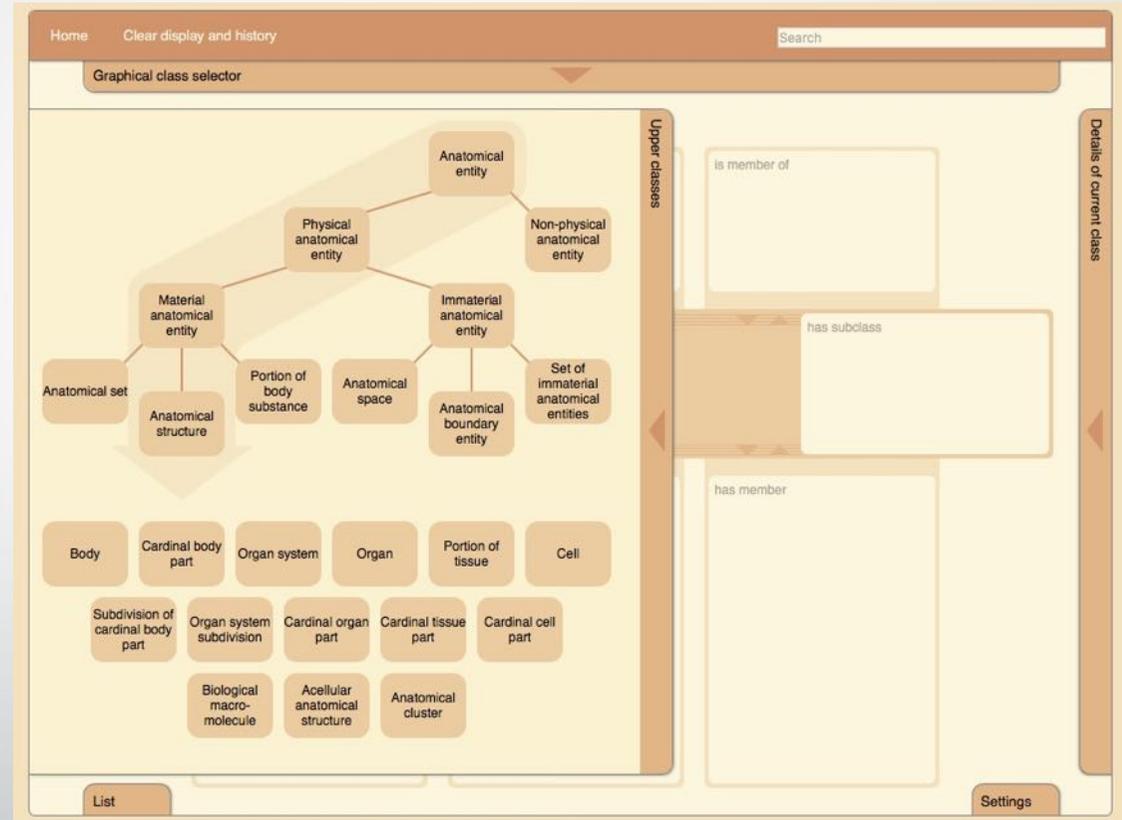
- EMAP
- [www.emouseatlas.org](http://www.emouseatlas.org)
- Primarily a part-of hierarchy of anatomical structures for multiple developmental stages;

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# Anatomy Ontologies: FMA

- Foundational Model of Anatomy
- Human
- [si.washington.edu/projects/fma](http://si.washington.edu/projects/fma)



# Anatomy Ontologies: BSPO

- Biological Spatial Ontology
- Spatial Descriptions
- [www.ontobee.org/ontology/BSPO](http://www.ontobee.org/ontology/BSPO)

## Nose to tail, roots to shoots: spatial descriptors for phenotypic diversity in the Biological Spatial Ontology

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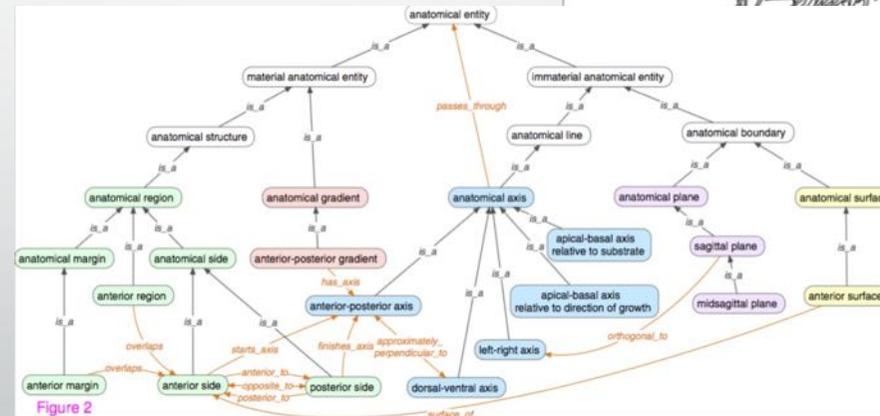
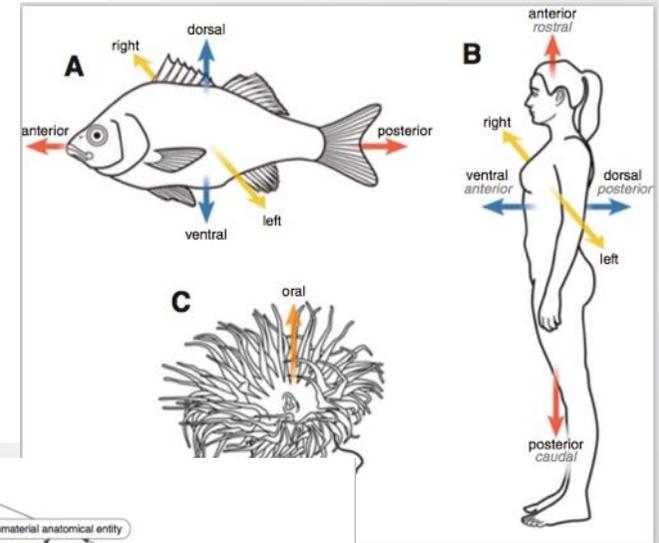
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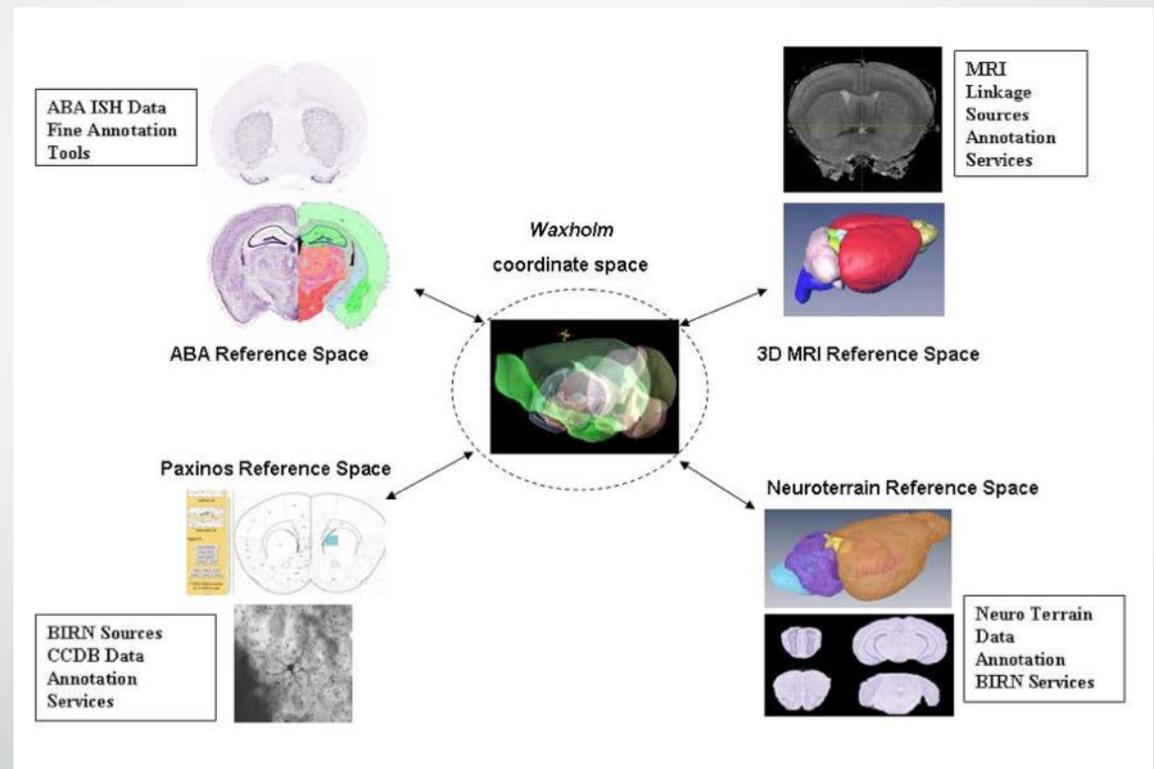
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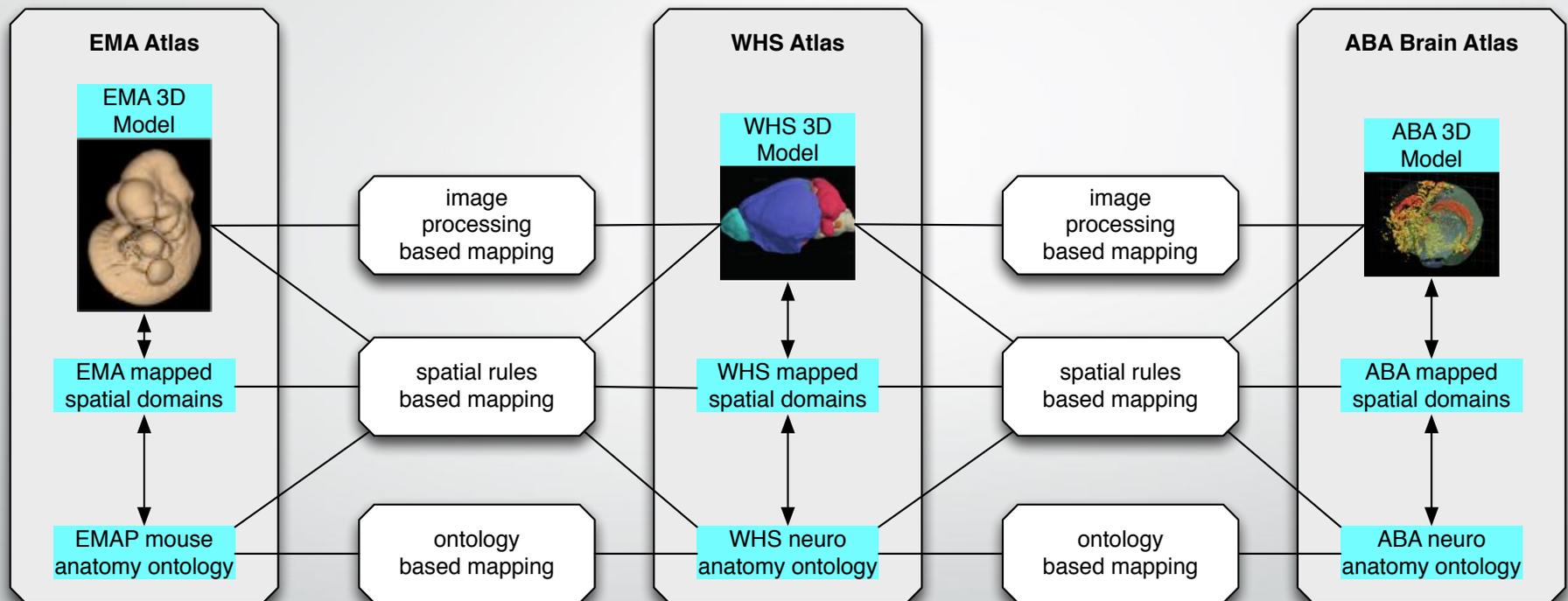
# Atlas-based Data Integration

## Waxholm Space (WHS)

*(From: The INCF Digital Atlas Program: Report on Digital Atlas Standards in the Rodent Brain)*

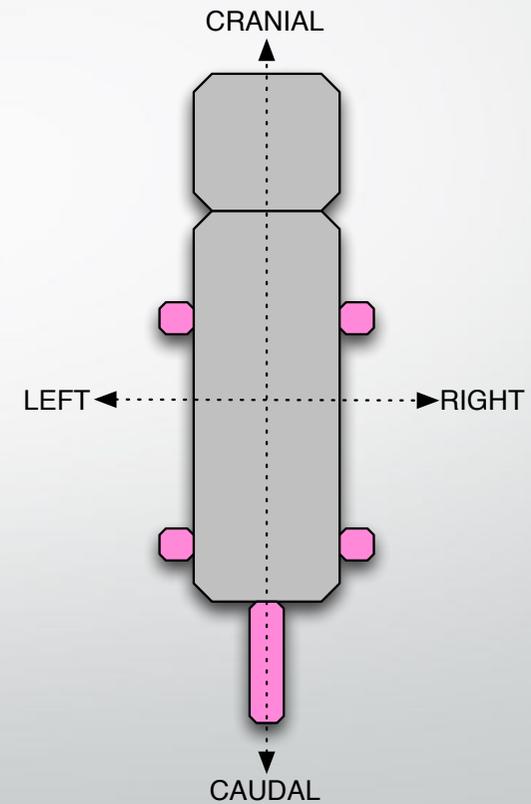


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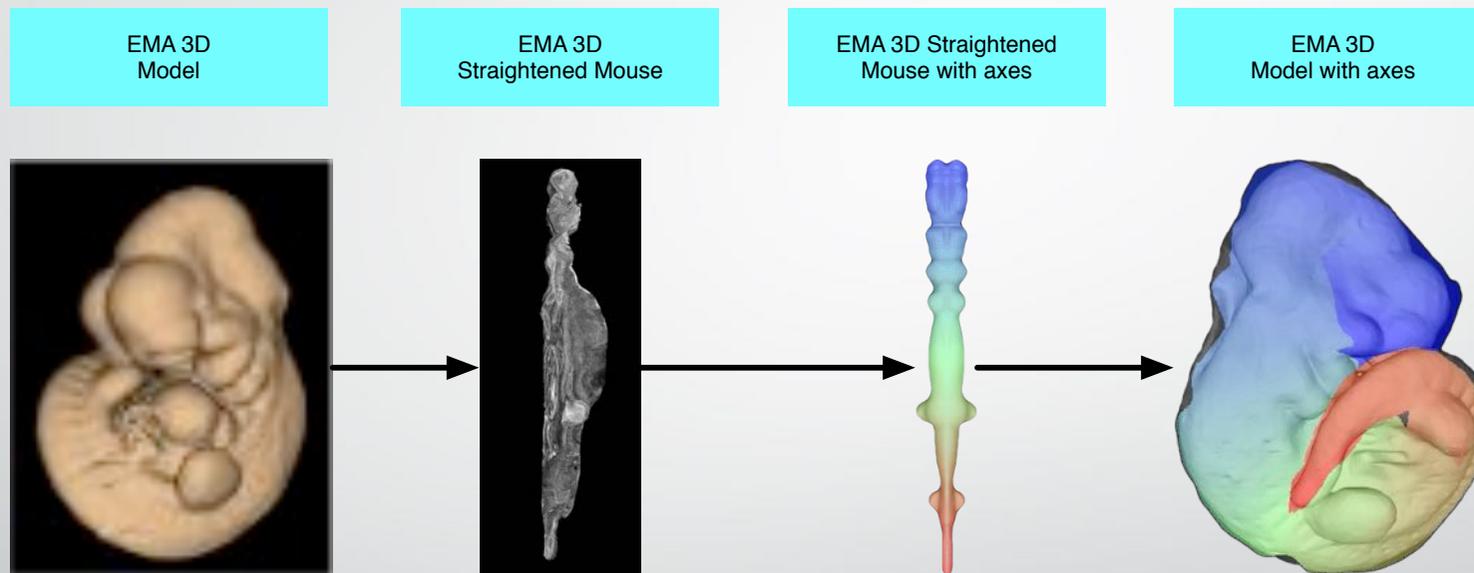
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# The Straightened Mouse: *Cartesian vs Natural Coordinates*



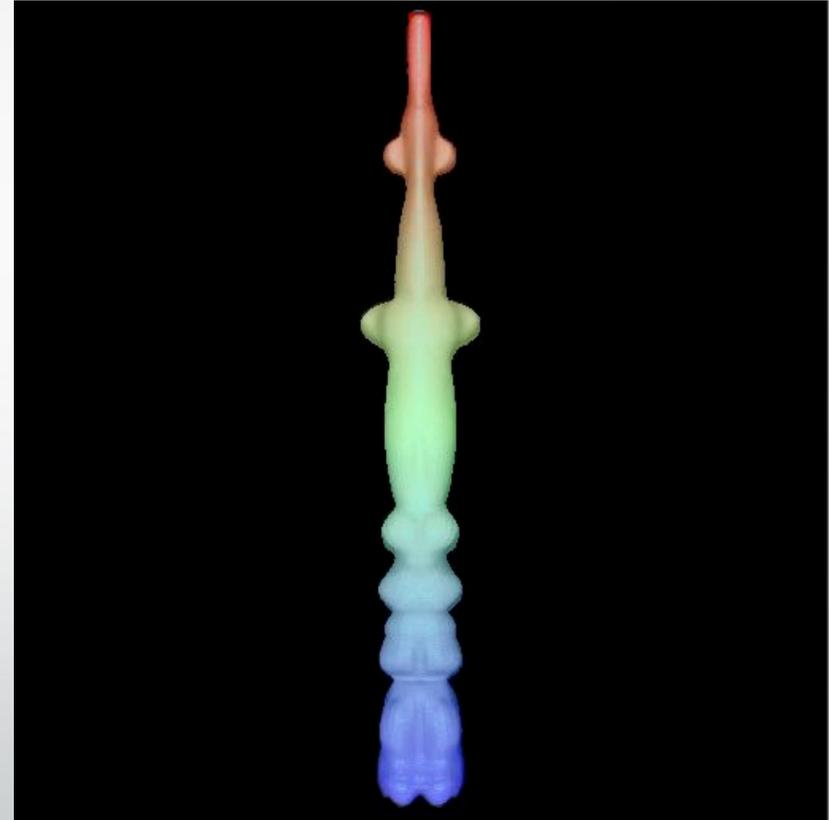
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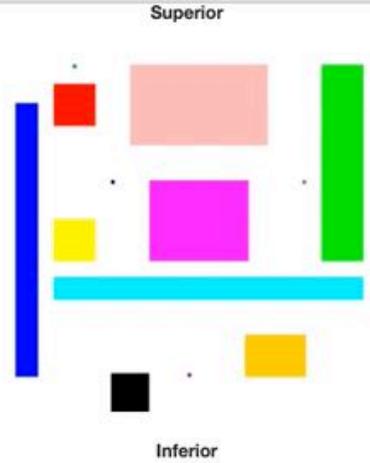
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**BSPO semantics**

One extremity of the block has a relationship to the same extremity of the ROI.  
For example, *pink inferior ROI* means the most inferior point of pink is inferior to the most inferior point of the ROI.

**All semantics**

The entire block (every point) must have the same relationship to the ROI.  
For example, *pink inferior ROI* means ALL of the pink block is inferior to the ROI.

Which semantics do you wish to use?

**Instructions**

Build a spatial description using statements of the form: *colour is relationship* to ROI.  
Click *add* to add your description to the list below.

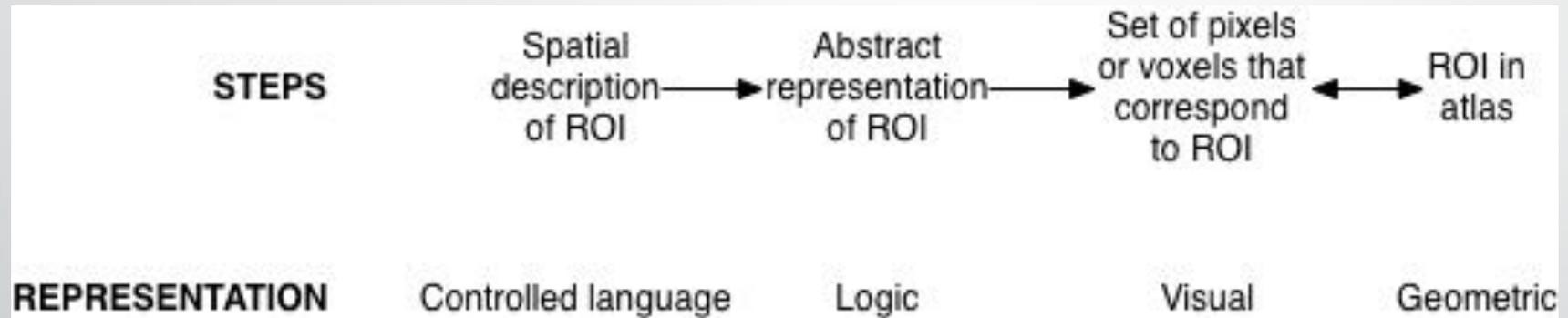
The  block is  ROI

The  point is  ROI

Spatial Description you have built:

No description as yet; use the above form to create one.

# From Literature to Experimental Data



# Ontological Challenges

- Standardisation of ontological to geometric space mapping
- What are the most effective spatial descriptions?
- Can we learn from human-to-human communication? (vs human-2-computer vs computer-2-computer)
- What are the best KR languages? (Prolog vs OWL vs ???)
- What are the best spatial reasoning solutions? (RCC vs ???)



# Questions?