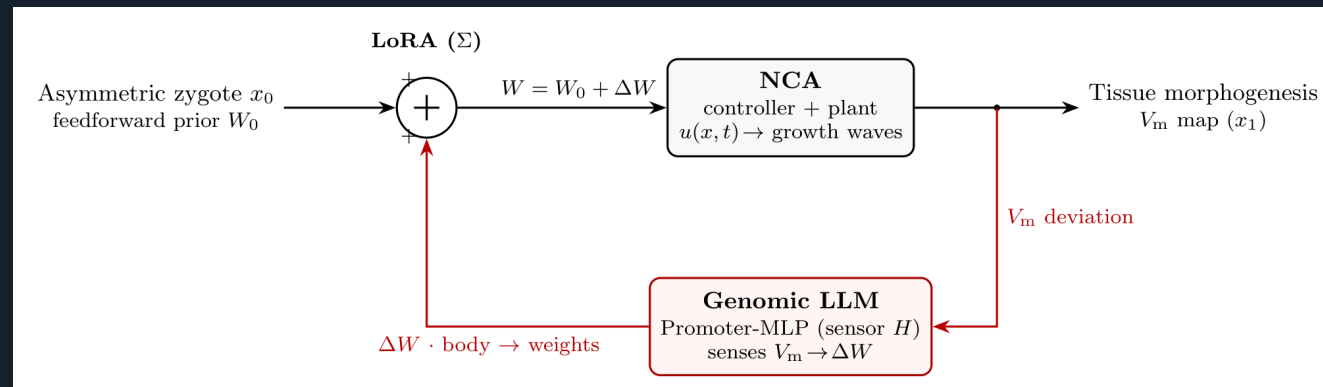


Cognitive Biology: Computing the Body from the Genome

An inner neural cellular automaton driven by a frozen large genomic model.



One engine, nine published results — papers 1–9 here; paper 10 in preparation

#1	Cognitive Biology (Foundational) Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.20722139	The architecture: NCA + genomic LLM as a two-DOF control loop; computes the vertebrate body plan (6/7) at 97.8% atlas fidelity.
#2	Perceptrons and Morphogen Primordia Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21143761	Glass-box genome→weights; QT-interval GWAS conductance signs validated 7/7; connexin matrix computed, not fit.
#3	Across Phyla Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.20746637	One bioelectric operator across 5 species; a substrate reader sets the clade boundary; body-plan topology 3/3.
#4	Organ Formation Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.20925727	Organs = master-TF heads read from an accessibility code ($p=0.0005$); field–form cymatic correspondence $\rho=1.00$ (face/heart/gut).
#5	Inner vs Outer Perceptron Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21143016	Every coefficient traced to genome×literature; ectopic eye, two-headed planaria, limb inverse-design IoU=1.0.
#6	Computing the Embryo Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21221930	Four morphogenetic heads driven forward on a real atlas ($R^2=0.85$); genome→body in one forward pass.
#7	From Mouse to Human, and the Developmental Loop Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21796907	Adult GWAS read BACKWARD as an embryonic assay; the loop closes on real per-allele effects across heart, eye and kidney.
#8	Differentiation Clocks, Organ Formation and the MLP Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21322049	Each morphogenetic head IS a reaction–diffusion PDE; organ formation as frame → spacing → discretize → cohere.
#9	The Mouse Model and the Head Manifold Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21791849	Dense E16.5; the thin-walled luminal heart resolves the loop (match 0.52→0.88); traits collapse onto a ~7-dim head manifold.

The sources: a frozen front-end, real atlases at the back

READING THE GENOME — the frozen regulatory code

ABC Activity-by-Contact

7.7M enhancer–promoter predictions → the Promoter-MLP conditioning: which enhancer drives which gene.

SEdb 2.0 super-enhancer catalogue

The pooled transcriptional attention heads — the cell-identity determinants loaded into the weights.

AlphaGenome learned DNA→regulation model

The frozen front-end encoder: generates accessibility, expression and the heads directly from sequence.

VALIDATING THE BODY — spatiotemporal atlases

ZESTA zebrafish Stereo-seq 4D atlas

The spatiotemporal training target; forward field reconstruction reaches $R^2 = 0.85$.

MOSTA mouse Stereo-seq atlas

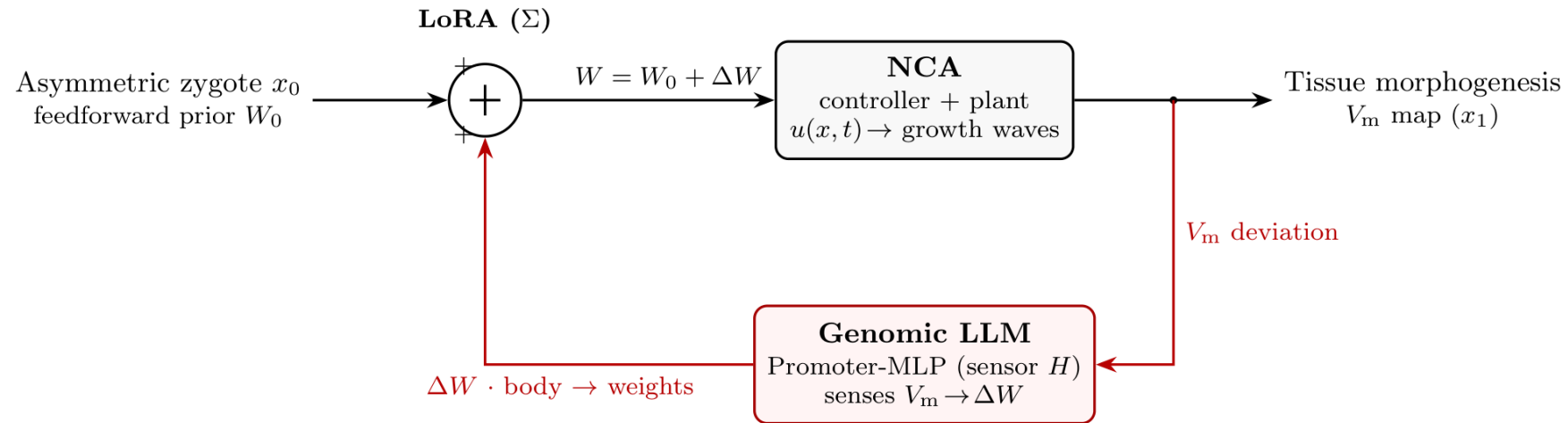
Held-out vertebrate test of the spatial NCA — $R^2 = 0.70$.

HESTA human Stereo-seq atlas

Extension of the same pipeline to human development (in progress).

The genome is read on the left and the body is checked against measured atlases on the right — the glue in between is not hand-tuned.

Development as a closed-loop controller



- ▶ **INNER** perceptron — a Neural Cellular Automaton (NCA): local growth-wave dynamics that integrate cell state to the tissue V_m map.
- ▶ **OUTER** perceptron — a frozen Large Genomic Model (Promoter-MLP): senses the V_m deviation and returns a low-rank weight correction ΔW .
- ▶ The zygote enters as the feedforward prior W_0 ; the LoRA summation junction forms $W = W_0 + \Delta W$. Open the loop $\rightarrow$ the conserved phylotypic body; close it $\rightarrow$ the species- and individual-specific remainder.

The kernel is a methylation fossil record

- ▶ The feedforward prior W_0 is not Gaussian noise — it is a structured, tagged DNA archive the embryo inherits (Jadhav et al. 2019).
- ▶ The archive lives in HYPOMETHYLATED enhancer DNA (low-methylated regions): ~90% of enhancers used in development stay hypomethylated in the adult after every other chromatin mark is erased.
- ▶ So the inherited weight is hypomethylation DEPTH alone — histone marks are a dynamic activity layer (they live in the ABC / SEdb front-end), not the frozen archive.
- ▶ Three strata, read like sediment: adult still active, fetal a faded remnant, embryonic a silent memory that carries no other mark.
- ▶ The telomere→PRC2 clock (next slide) INDEXES into this archive, de-repressing the tagged enhancers in reverse developmental order. The kernel stores WHEN; the V_m field stores WHERE.

ADULT

LMR + H3K4me1 + H3K27ac

active now

13,076

LMRs (29%)

FETAL

LMR + H3K4me1

mid-gestation remnant (E14.5–16.5)

2,843

LMRs (6%)

EMBRYONIC

LMR only — the sole surviving tag

earliest, silent memory (FOX dev TFs)

29,466

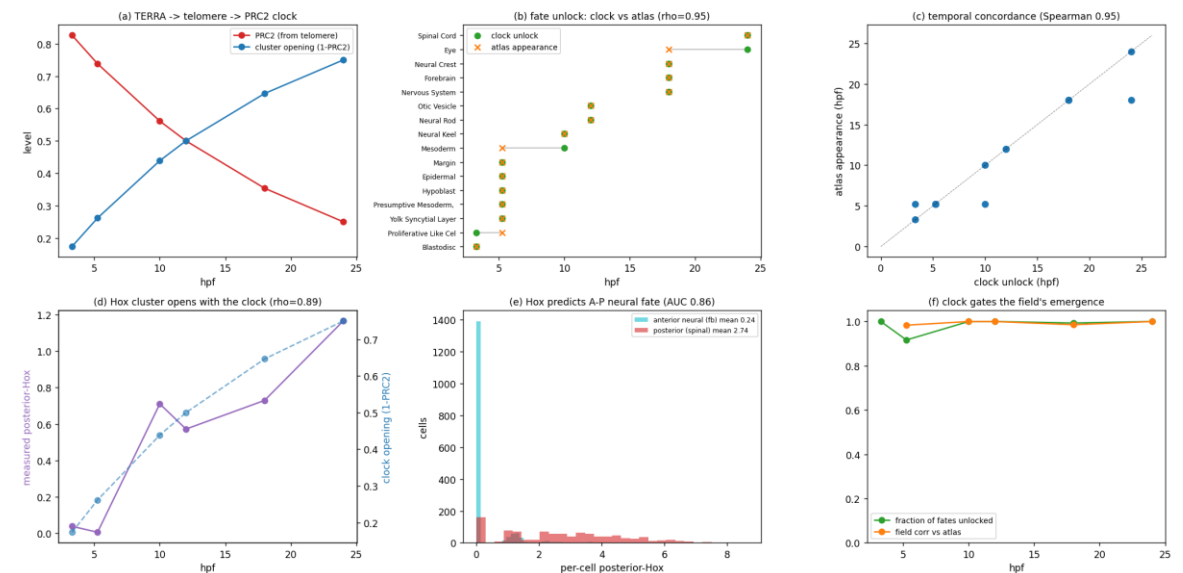
LMRs (65%)

surface / recent → deep / ancient · ~45,385 real adult LMRs (mouse, GSE111024)

Hox · PRC2 · TERRA — the axis of WHEN

- ▶ Development is initialised by a chromosomal CLOCK, not a wiring diagram: a telomere-gated PRC2 withdrawal reading the methylation-tagged zygote kernel (the Jadhav enhancer fossil record).
- ▶ TERRA → telomere → PRC2 withdrawal sets WHEN each fate unlocks — clock order matches the atlas appearance order at Spearman $\rho = 0.95$.
- ▶ Hox colinearity sets WHERE along the body: measured Hox opens with the clock ($\rho = 0.89$) and predicts posterior-neural fate at AUC = 0.86.
- ▶ Two orthogonal control axes: the chromosome is the CLOCK (WHEN); the bioelectric V_m field is the MAP (WHERE).
- ▶ The clock GATES the field — differentiation unlocks in order, reproducing the timeline without reading the annotation.

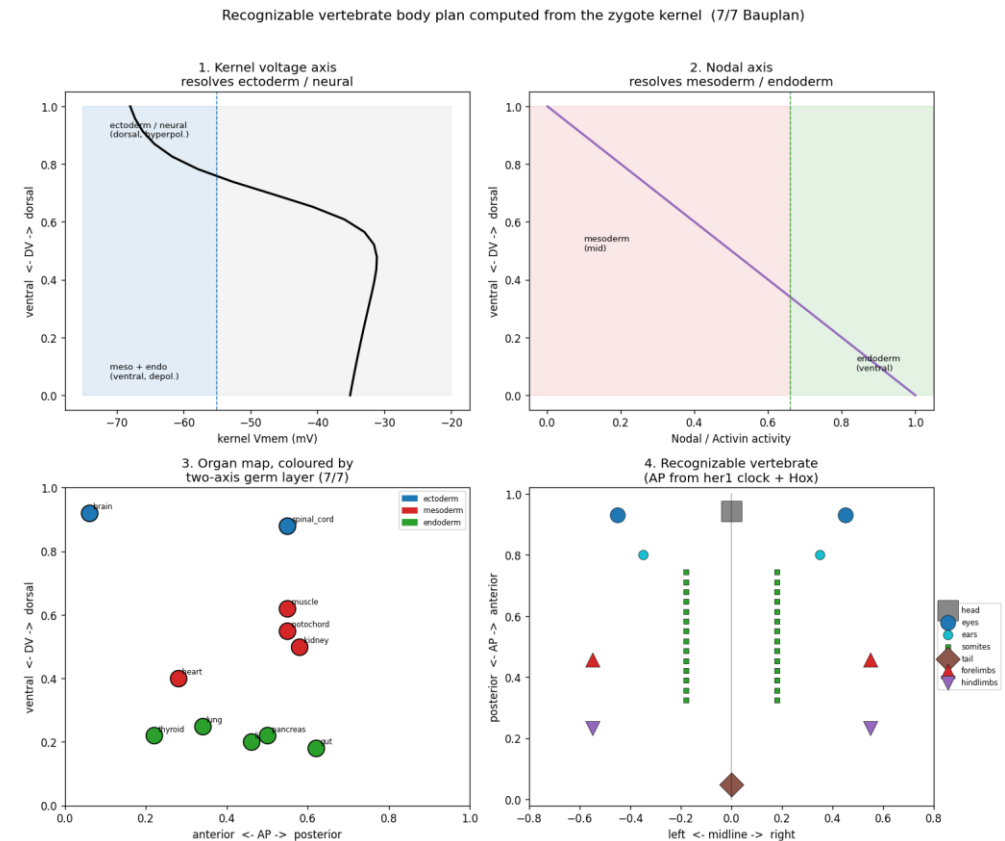
The differentiation head via the TERRA/telomere/PRC2 clock + Hox colinearity: the fate ORDER and the posterior-neural split are emitted by the clock and by measured Hox -- reproducing the ZESTA differentiation timeline without reading the annotation for timing.



Telomere→PRC2 clock ($\rho=0.95$) and Hox colinearity (AUC=0.86) drive the field forward.

The body plan computed from the zygote kernel

- ▶ The developmental AXES — the anterior–posterior, dorsal–ventral and left–right positional gradients — are chosen by hand and supplied to the genome as its positional frame.
- ▶ With those axes set, the frozen zygote kernel + forward loop TURNED UP the correct vertebrate Bauplan — 6 of 7 axes right — computed, not drawn.
- ▶ So the claim is scoped honestly: the genome computes the body plan GIVEN the frame; the axes are an input, not yet derived.
- ▶ Framed as a JEPA: the model predicts the bioelectric V_m latent, never molecular “pixels”; the genomic LLM is the encoder (genes are literal A,T,G,C).
- ▶ Validated against the 12-stage Silic zebrafish atlas at 97.8% in-window agreement.



Right body plan from the kernel, given the chosen axes (6/7).

Body plans as accreted attention heads and axes

Evolution did not rewrite the mechanism — it **accreted attention heads, axes and masks one clade at a time** (a nested LoRA stack over the phylogeny). Complexity tracks head count, not gene count.

Era / clade	Innovation	Component added
Prokaryotes (~3.8 Ga)	ion channels, V_m	Body-Plan Head (1st axis)
Eukaryotes (~2.0 Ga)	histones, PRC2	Chromatin Head + Polycomb Mask
Sponges (~800 Ma)	Wnt signalling	Morphogen Head (2nd; oral–aboral)
Cnidarians (~600 Ma)	gap junctions, 2nd axis	Connexin Head (3rd)
Bilaterians / insects (~550 Ma)	Hox cluster, segments	Polycomb Mask → temporal (clock)
Vertebrates (~500 Ma, 2×WGD)	4 Hox clusters, neural crest	full 6 heads + SE Head + all masks
Amniotes / reptiles (~300 Ma)	elaborate enhancers	Promoter MLP
Mammals (~200 Ma)	diverse ion channels	Channel MLP

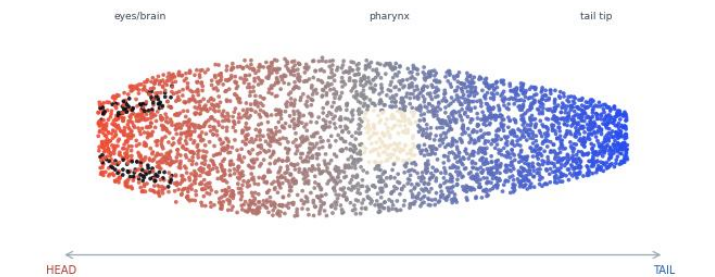
The two vertebrate whole-genome duplications — one Hox cluster to four — are the single largest parameter-expansion event in the history of life.

One operator, many bodies — the reader sets the boundary

The same bioelectric operator, grown forward from the genome into three different phyla:

Planaria from the bioelectric kernel

7.0 days post-amputation • regenerated worm

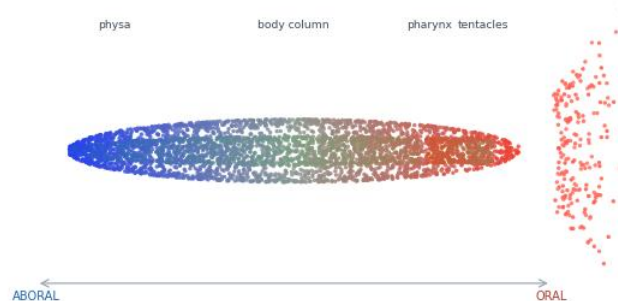


no genomic (methylation) kernel -- flatworms lost CpG 5mC
body plan restored from the bioelectric field (Vm polarity)
head/tail/two-headed Vm operator validated 8/8 (planaria_bioelectric.py)

Planaria — regeneration

Nematostella from the genome

168.0 hpf • primary polyp (one cell field)
cells ~15,000 (drawing 4,000)

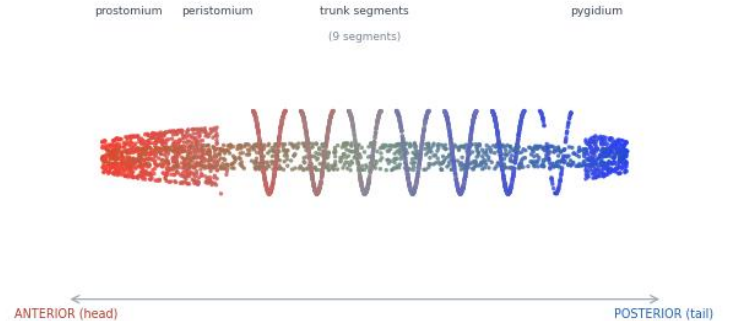


body plan: radial, 2 germ layers, 4 oral-aboral domains
heads (cell types) genome-sourced: N_SE=643
axis polarity = validated bioelectric Vm gradient

Nematostella — anemone

Capitella from the genome

72.0 hpf • segmented juvenile (st7) (one cell field)
cells ~12,000 (drawing 4,000)



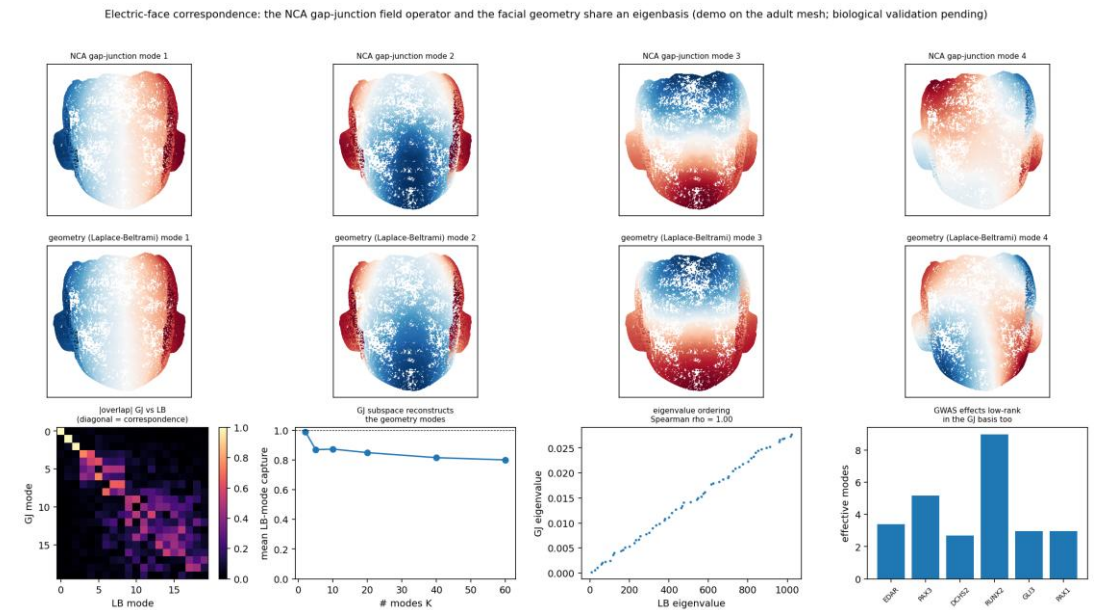
body plan: bilateral, 3 germ layers, 5 AP domains, segmented
masks = 5 sampled dev stages (real ATAC+RNA); heads, atlas-sourced
axis polarity = validated bioelectric Vm gradient

Capitella — segmented worm

- ▶ The same Goldman / gap-junction operator runs across a five-species cycle — only the substrate READER changes (methylation for vertebrates, ATAC universally).
- ▶ Cross-phylum V_m validation: planaria 8/8 • zebrafish 7/7 • Xenopus $p=0.83$ • mouse AUC 0.74. One generator reproduces planaria / Nematostella / zebrafish topology — 3/3.

Organs as master-TF heads — and the field–form correspondence

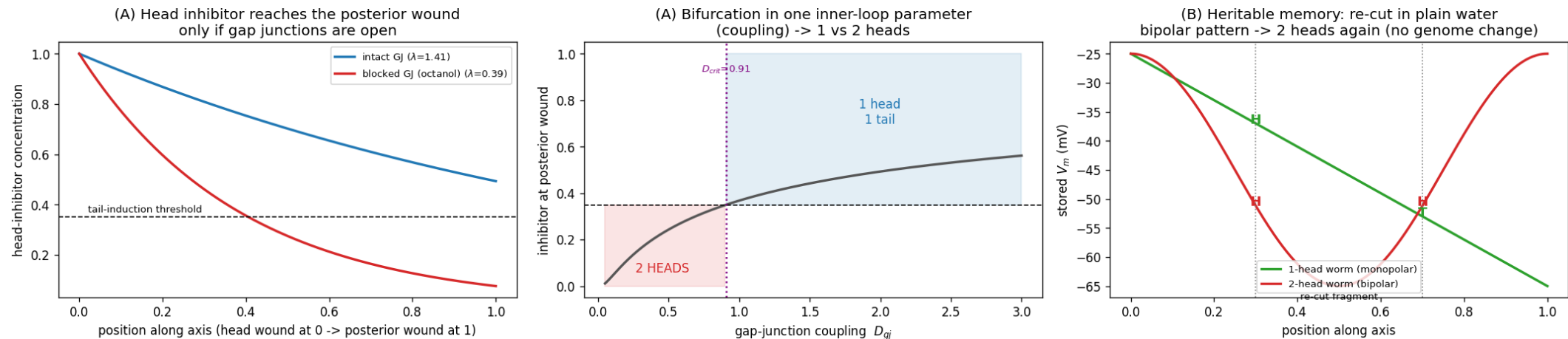
- ▶ Organs modelled as master-transcription-factor heads read from an accessibility code.
- ▶ Stage 1: organ heads self-assign with recall 23.9% vs 4.3% chance — $p = 0.0005$ (8/14 correct).
- ▶ Field–form correspondence: the genome’s bioelectric target is low-rank in the cymatic modes of its OWN gap-junction operator (1.8 effective modes).
- ▶ Those modes ARE the geometry modes of the FaceBase face — correlation $\rho = 1.00$, subspace capture 0.87.
- ▶ Extends to two real electrical syncytia: heart-LV (capture 0.99) and gut-tube slow wave (0.998); mode 1 = each organ’s true activation axis.



Gap-junction field modes = facial geometry modes ($\rho=1.00$).

The two-headed planarian — a bioelectric memory

The two-headed planarian: the anteroposterior axis is an inner-loop bioelectric attractor (flatworms have no genomic kernel)
 (A) Oviedo/Beane/Levin 2010-11 gap-junction induction (B) Durant/Levin 2017 heritable bioelectric memory



► Flatworms regenerate with no genomic “head” kernel — the antero-posterior axis is set by an inner-loop BIOELECTRIC attractor.

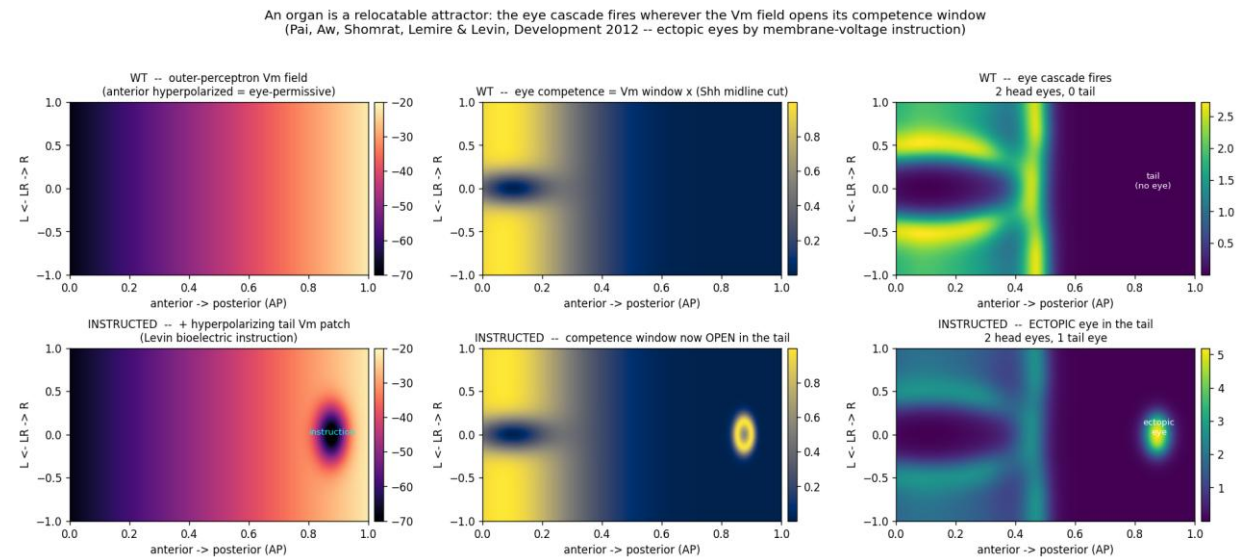
► Oviedo / Beane / Levin (2010–11): briefly lowering gap-junction coupling flips the axis from one head to TWO — a pitchfork bifurcation in the coupling (panels A–B).

► Durant / Levin (2017): the two-headed pattern is HERITABLE — re-cut in plain water it regenerates two heads again, with NO change to the genome (panel C).

► Pure inner-loop multistability: one genome, two stable attractor states of the field — the pattern lives in the bioelectric state, not the sequence.

The ectopic eye — an organ is a field attractor

- ▶ Pai, Aw, Shomrat & Levin (Development 2012): a hyperpolarizing V_m patch in the gut or TAIL of *Xenopus* induces a complete ectopic eye — far outside the head field.
- ▶ In the framework the eye is a RELOCATABLE ATTRACTOR: the outer perceptron fires the eye cascade wherever the V_m field opens its competence window — not where coordinates say.
- ▶ Top row (WT): the window sits in the anterior hyperpolarized zone. Bottom row (instructed): a tail V_m patch opens a second window → an eye grows in the tail.
- ▶ Position is read from the bioelectric map, not from a genomic coordinate — the field is the instruction.

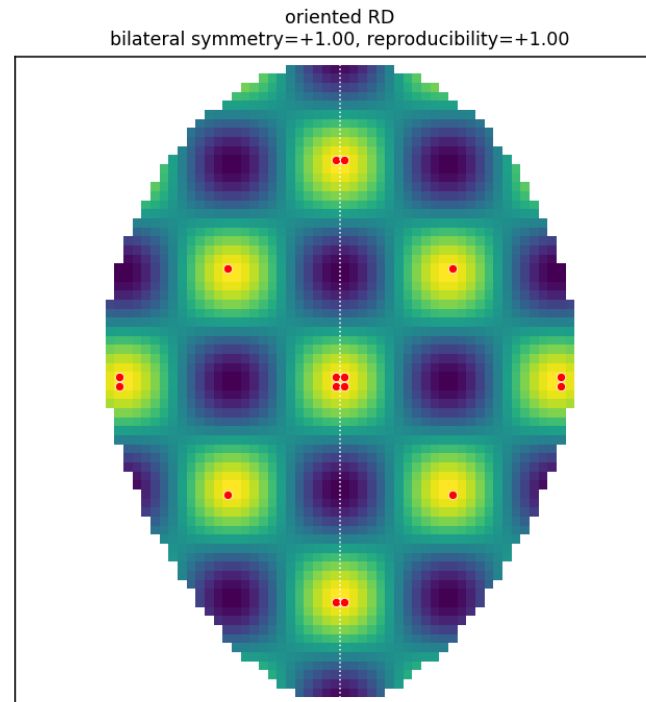
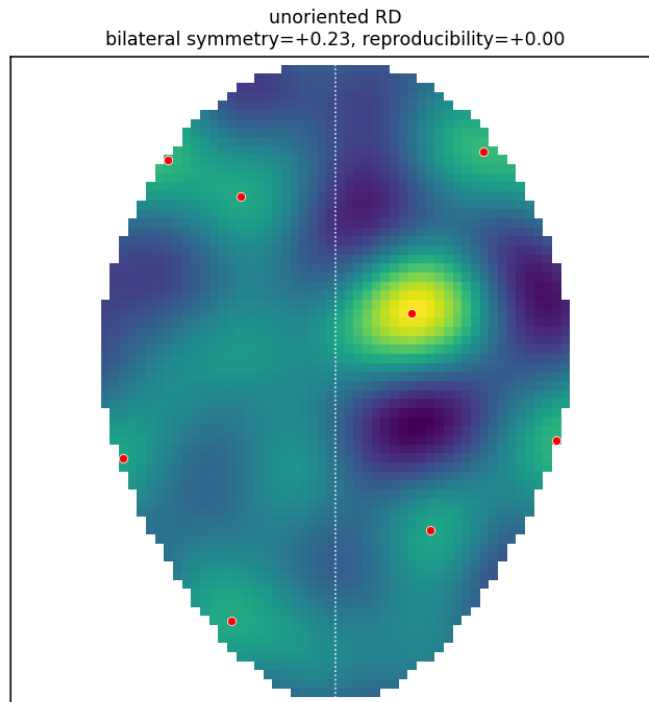


The eye cascade fires wherever the V_m field opens its competence window (Pai et al. 2012).

The “electric face” — primordia placed on the frame

- ▶ The morphogen primordia — the SHH / FGF8 / BMP4 / WNT reaction–diffusion peaks — land on the ANTINODES of the embryo’s low gap-junction eigenmodes (the body-axis frame, next slides).
- ▶ The frame supplies orientation and bilateral symmetry; the reaction–diffusion supplies only spacing. Once oriented, placement reproducibility goes 0.00 → 1.00 — the electric face.

The electric-face eigenmodes orient the morphogen reaction-diffusion: RD spacing + eigenmode orientation = reproducible, bilaterally-symmetric primordium placement



THE FINDING

morphogen primordia = RD peaks (SHH/FGF8/BMP4/WNT), ORIENTED by the low eigenmodes of the ELECTRIC FACE.

Step 1 (real FaceBase electric-face modes):
lateral axis = mode 1 ($|r|=0.98$)
vertical axis = mode 3 ($|r|=0.87$)
→ ϕ_1, ϕ_2 = the superior-inferior + left-right frame; ϕ_2 node = midline.

Step 2 (RD on the face domain):
unoriented: sym 0.23, repro 0.00
ORIENTED : sym 1.00, repro 1.00

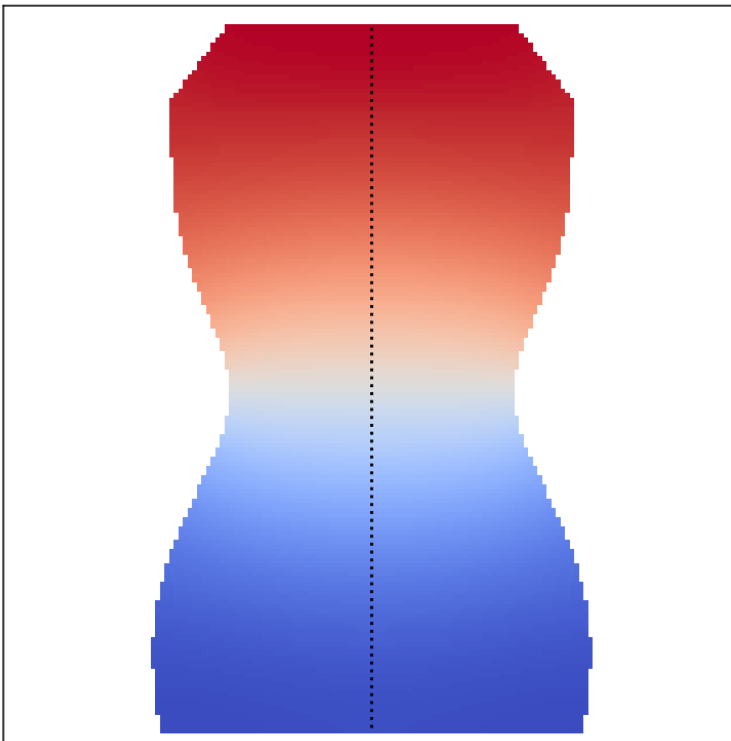
RD sets the SPACING (wavelength); the eigenmodes set the ORIENTATION and the bilateral SYMMETRY. The degenerate Turing phase is pinned by the electric face's axis frame.

VERDICT: frame ORIENTS the RD (finding supported)

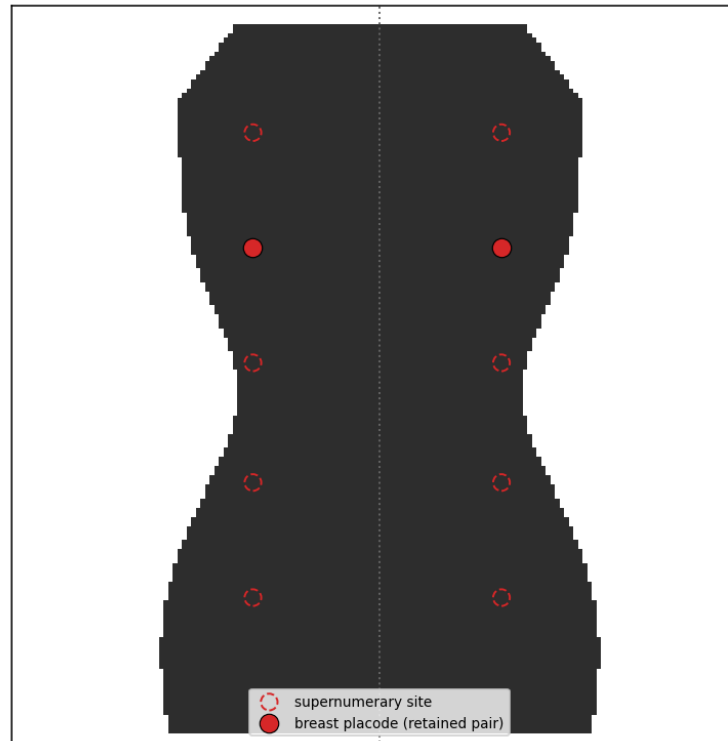
The same frame places the breasts and the six-pack

One frame, many oscillators: the electric-frame low eigenmodes (AP axis + lateral midline) orient different trunk oscillators -- a reaction-diffusion for the breasts, a segmentation clock for the six-pack -- the same bilaterian placement mechanism as the face

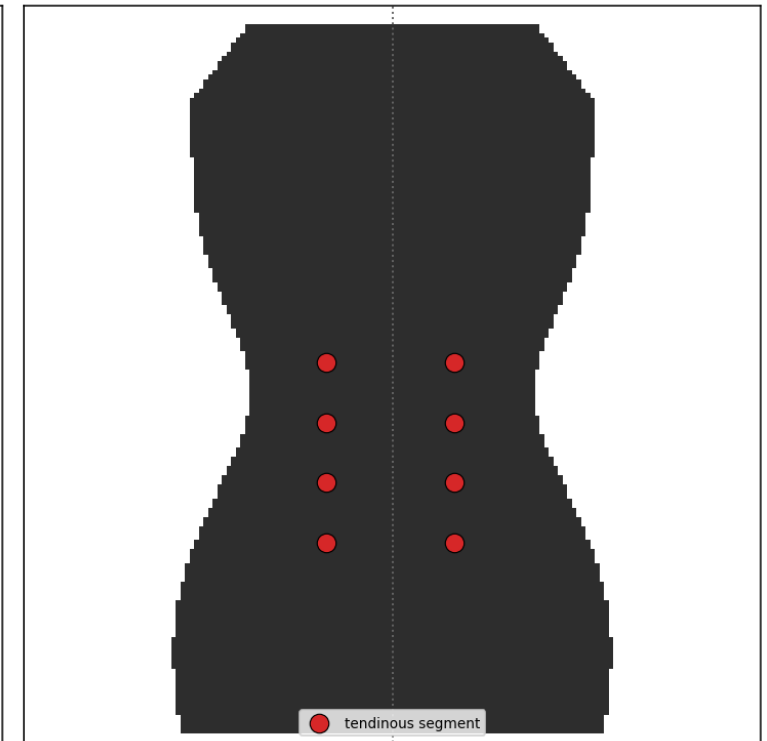
(a) the trunk's electric frame
AP = mode 1 ($|r|=0.99$), lateral = mode 2 ($|r|=0.88$);
dotted = lateral node = the midline



(b) mammary line -> the breasts
bilateral pair flanking the midline (lateral mode),
spaced along AP by a reaction-diffusion



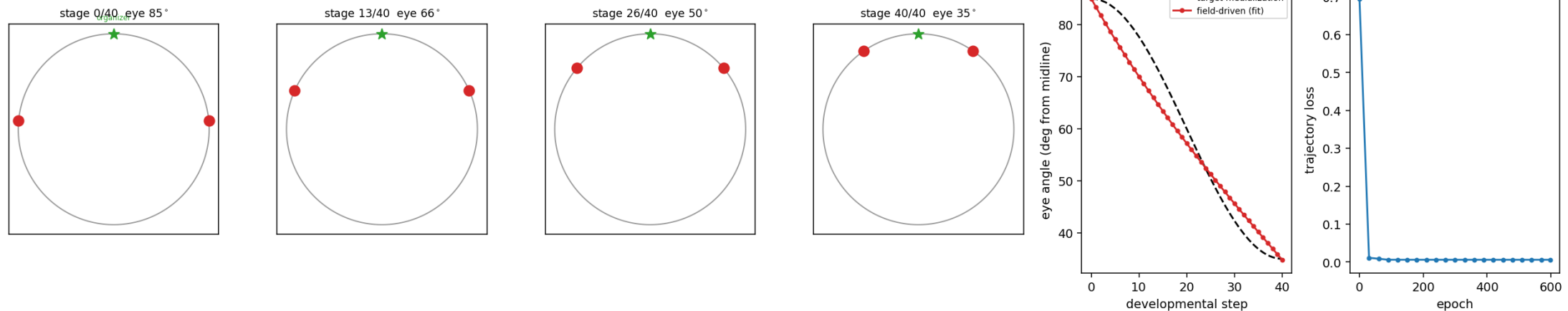
(c) rectus abdominis -> the six-pack
two columns flanking the linea alba (midline node),
segmented along AP by the segmentation clock



The lateral eigenmode's node is the midline, so both features arrive in bilateral pairs; a reaction-diffusion spaces the mammary line, a segmentation clock stripes the rectus abdominis — the same bilaterian placement mechanism as the electric face.

Eye medialization — migration driven by the field

Field-driven eye migration: the eye chemotaxes up a morphogen gradient toward the frontal organizer while the head grows -- the migration EMERGES from the field (not imposed) and the field → shape coupling is TRAINED to the target medialization

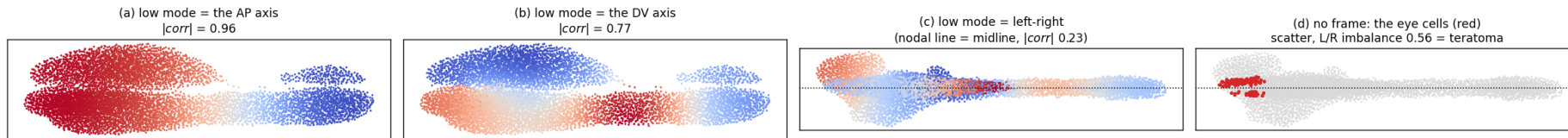


- ▶ In the human atlas (HESTA) the eyes begin LATERAL and rotate FRONTAL as the head grows — the medialization every human face undergoes (the flatfish is the extreme).
- ▶ Cause made explicit: a frontal organizer emits a morphogen; the eye primordium chemotaxes up the gradient and migrates frontally while the head grows underneath it.

- ▶ The trajectory is NOT imposed — it emerges from the field on the growing head; and being a differentiable function of the coupling (motility, morphogen length-scale), the coupling is TRAINED to the target.
- ▶ The eye rotates 85° → 35° from the midline, matching the target to RMSE 4.4°. Under-drive it and the eye stays lateral — hypertelorism.

The embryo's gap-junction eigenmodes ARE the body axes

The electric body: the low eigenmodes of the tissue's own gap-junction operator recover the body axes (a--c)---the same low-mode frame found for the face, trunk and single organs. Without that frame the paired organ scatters (d): the frame is what the morphogen pattern reads for bilateral symmetry, and its absence is a teratoma.



(a) AP axis

low mode = anterior–posterior

$|corr| = 0.96$

(b) DV axis

low mode = dorsal–ventral

$|corr| = 0.77$

(c) Left–Right

the mode's NODE is the midline

$|corr| = 0.23$

(d) No frame

eye cells scatter, L/R imbalance

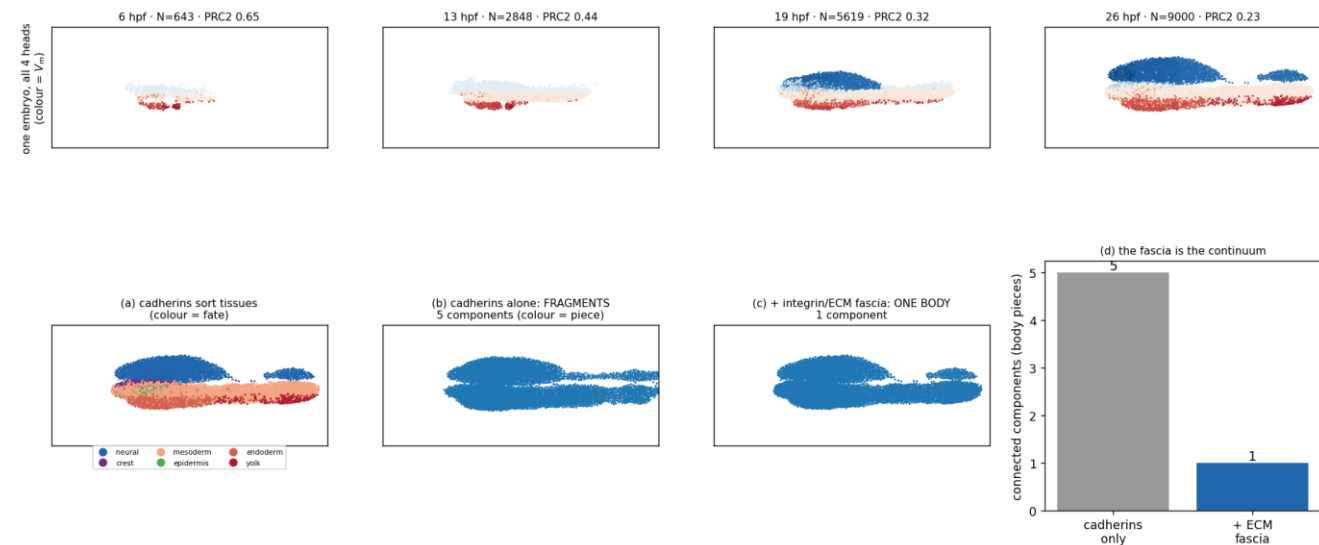
→ a teratoma

The same low-mode frame recurs in the face, trunk and single organs. Without it the paired organs scatter — the frame is what the morphogen pattern reads for bilateral symmetry, and its absence is a teratoma.

Genome to body in one forward pass

- ▶ Four morphogenetic heads wired and driven forward on a real spatiotemporal atlas (ZESTA zebrafish, $R^2 = 0.85$).
- ▶ Differentiation clock (Spearman 0.95) · division (0.94) · migration = convergent extension $\times 3.2$ shape · shape = fold / cleft.
- ▶ The four heads intercalate into ONE grow-from-a-single-cell embryo: 45 $\rightarrow$ 2600 cells, clock-ordered.
- ▶ Shape-head knockdown reproduces neural-tube defect and harelip (Fiedler λ_2 buckling) — the birth-defect / medicine link.
- ▶ The capstone existence-proof: the anatomical compiler, end to end.

The unified embryo: one grow-from-one-cell forward pass with all four heads intercalated per step (division, telomere/PRC2 differentiation, convergent extension, neural fold), and its two mechanical couplings—cadherin sorting into tissues, and the integrin/ECM fascia binding them into one body.

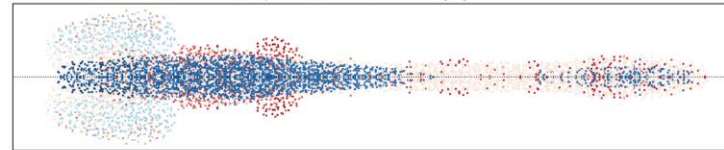


The unified single-forward-pass embryo (4 heads intercalated).

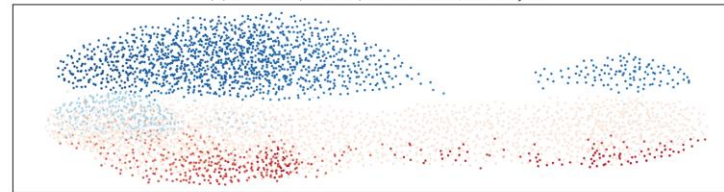
A bilaterally symmetric embryo, computed

The unified embryo with the electric-face frame applied: one grow-from-one-cell forward pass (division, PRC2/Hox differentiation, convergent extension, neural fold, cadherin sorting + ECM fascia), now a bilaterally symmetric body—blue hyperpolarized neural tube on the dorsal midline, depolarized yolk ventral. Colour = V_m ; 8740 cells.

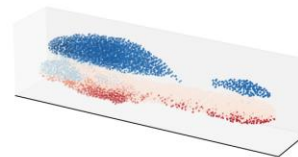
(a) top view (AP × ML): bilaterally symmetric



(b) side view (AP × DV): dorsal neural, ventral yolk



(c) oblique 3D view



The frame sets the axes — but **SYMMETRY** is made by lateral inhibition.

A von Dassow–Odell lateral-inhibition neural field on the electric frame resolves a symmetric eye PAIR — each eye suppressing a second on its own side.

No lateral inhibition → placement stays unresolved.

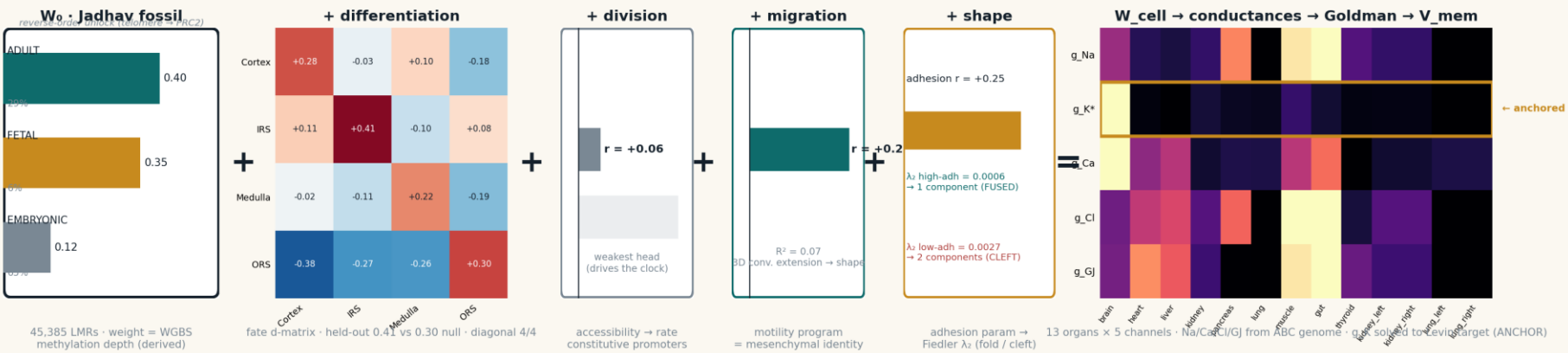
Weaken the frame → the pair collapses to cyclopia.

Building the cell's weights from the genome

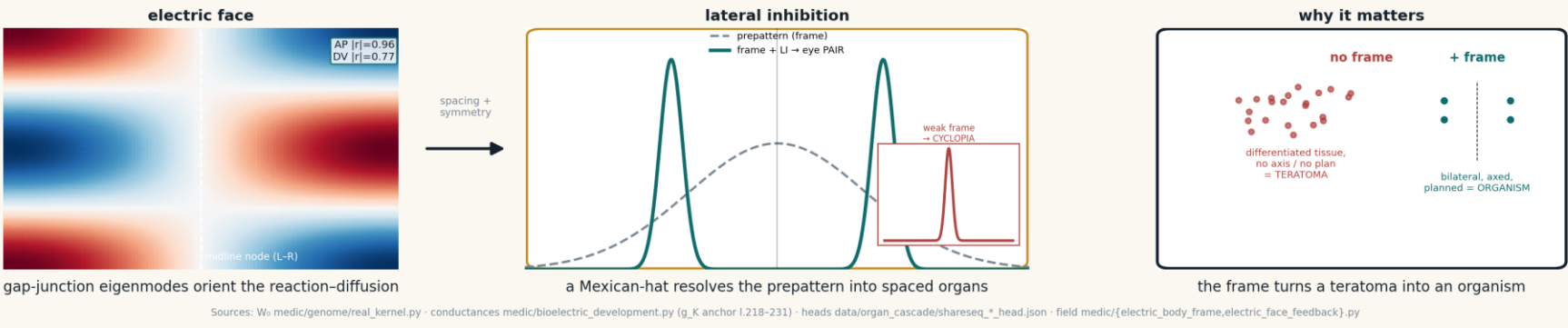
The Weight Cascade

$W_{\text{cell}} = W_0(\text{Jadhav fossil}) + \sum_m a_m \cdot d_m$ (accessibility a_m = how much · direction d_m = which way)

every number traced to data — nothing back-propagated



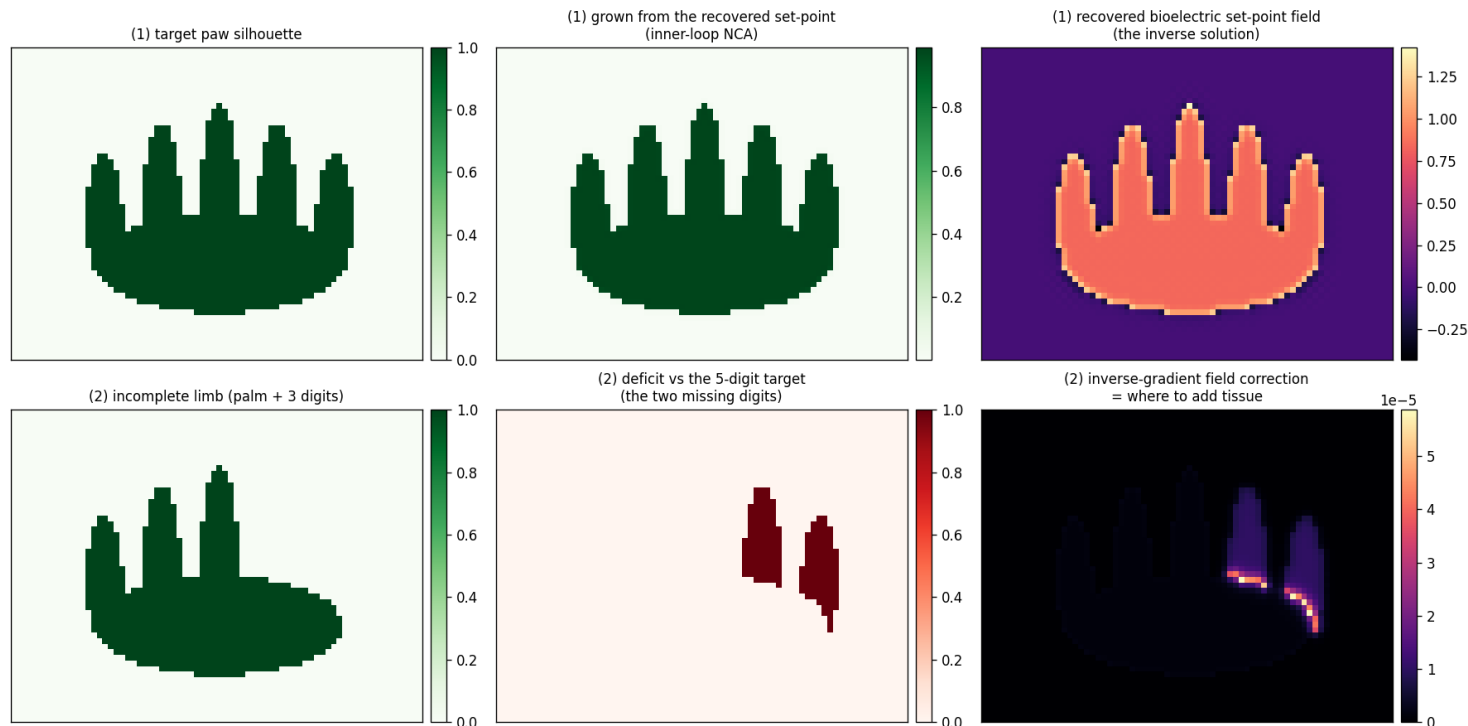
FIELD & GEOMETRY — these do NOT change the weights; they shape the field the weights read into



Inverse design — recreating the limb from its anatomy

THE ANATOMY IS THE INPUT — THE GENOME'S TARGET FIELD IS COMPUTED. **Limb recovered at IoU = 1.0.**

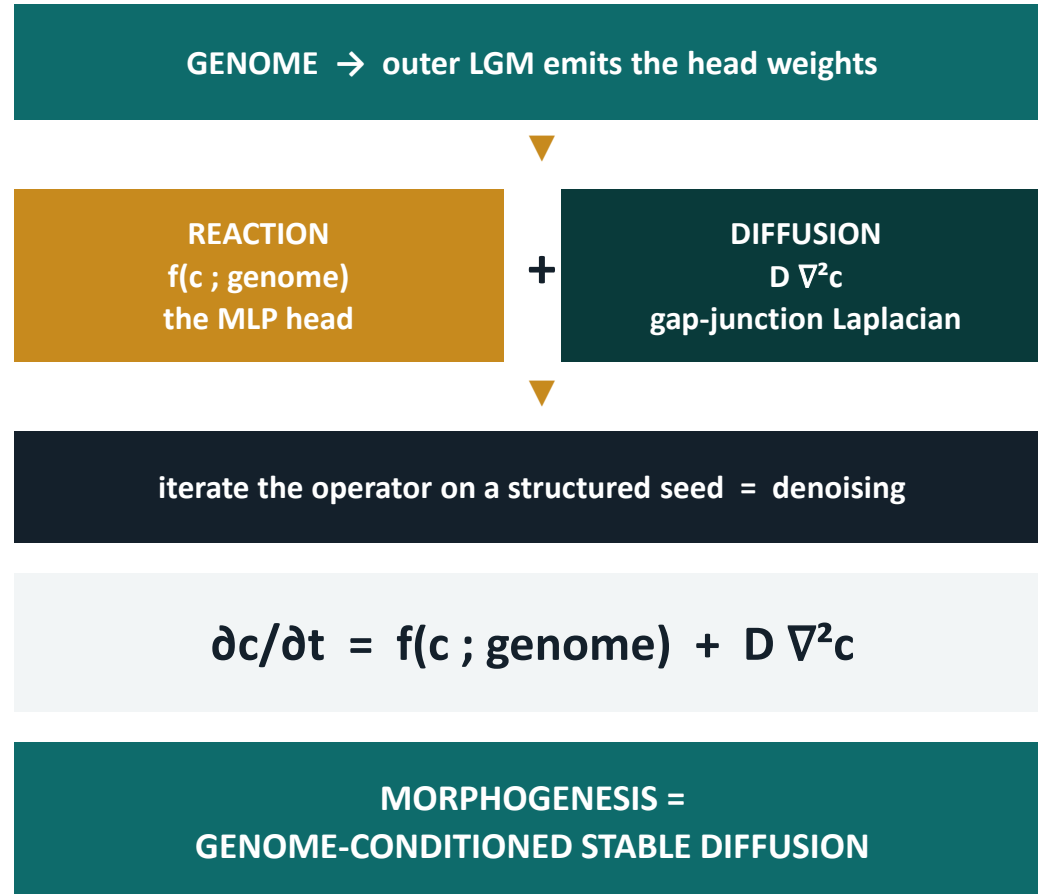
Inverse design of a limb: the differentiable inner perceptron lets the outer perceptron compute the missing target field.
Top: recover the set-point whose grown attractor is the paw. Bottom: the deficit's gradient localizes the fix to the missing digits (the braces loop).



Recover the set-point whose grown attractor is the paw (top); the deficit's gradient localizes the missing digits (bottom). The inverse of growth, computed.

- ▶ The differentiable inner NCA lets the outer perceptron run development BACKWARD: given a target anatomy, solve for the bioelectric set-point whose grown attractor is that shape.
- ▶ Top row: the target paw is recovered and grown back — match at IoU = 1.0.
- ▶ Bottom row: the deficit's gradient says WHERE to add tissue — the regeneration / “braces” loop.
- ▶ Glass box throughout: every coefficient = a genomic parameter $\times$ a literature equation.

Morphogenesis as Stable Diffusion

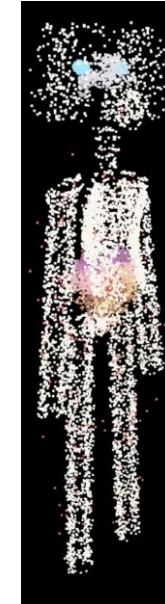


- ▶ Each morphogenetic head is literally a reaction–diffusion PDE: the MLP is the REACTION term (a genome-conditioned per-cell nonlinearity); the gap-junction Laplacian is the DIFFUSION term.
- ▶ Turing (1952) is the foundational special case — here the reaction is READ from the genome, not a fixed cubic, so the same operator paints any pattern.
- ▶ Iterating the operator on a structured seed is denoising — the same computation as Stable Diffusion, but conditioned on the genome and seeded by the Jadhav kernel (a tagged prior, not Gaussian noise).
- ▶ One picture for all four heads: differentiation, division, migration and shape are reaction–diffusion channels on the ONE gap-junction operator.
- ▶ The unifying statement (Papers 6 & 8): morphogenesis is genome-conditioned Stable Diffusion.

One kernel — the vertebrate and the human



The general vertebrate — the homologous atlas decoded from the genome, from the interactive 3D viewer.



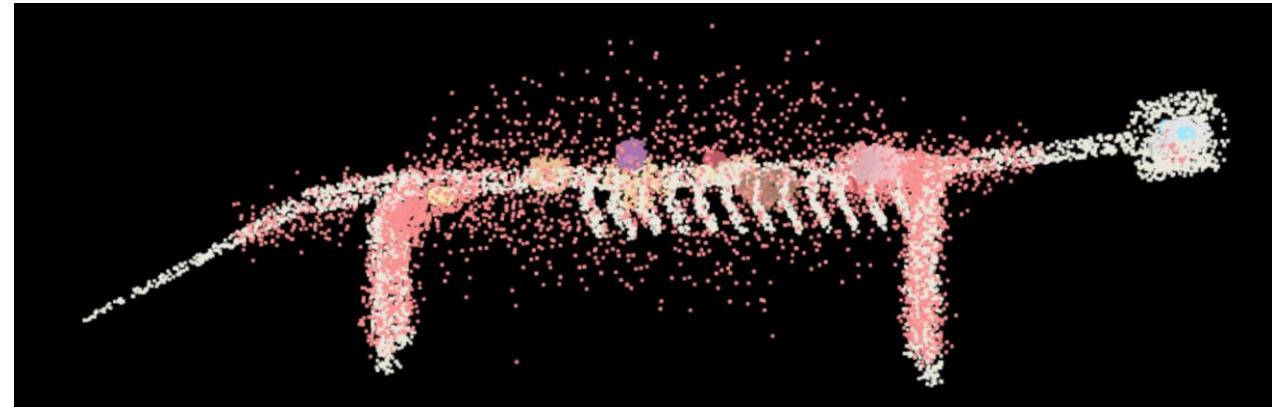
Human male — another low-rank adapter (bipedal, same kernel).

- ▶ The same conserved Bauplan and ONE developmental engine build every body — each species is a low-rank adapter (LoRA) on the shared kernel.
- ▶ Both are the full anatomical atlas — skeleton, Hill-muscles and organs — decoded from the genome and captured from the interactive 3D viewer; the eyes are highlighted in cyan.

- ▶ Left: the general vertebrate — the quadruped archetype. Right: the human male — bipedal posture on the same kernel, the 7 cervicals still frozen.
- ▶ The claim to Artificial Life: one grounded, falsifiable encoding — not the arbitrary L-system / NCA / CPPN encodings.

Hill organs — the homologous parts atlas

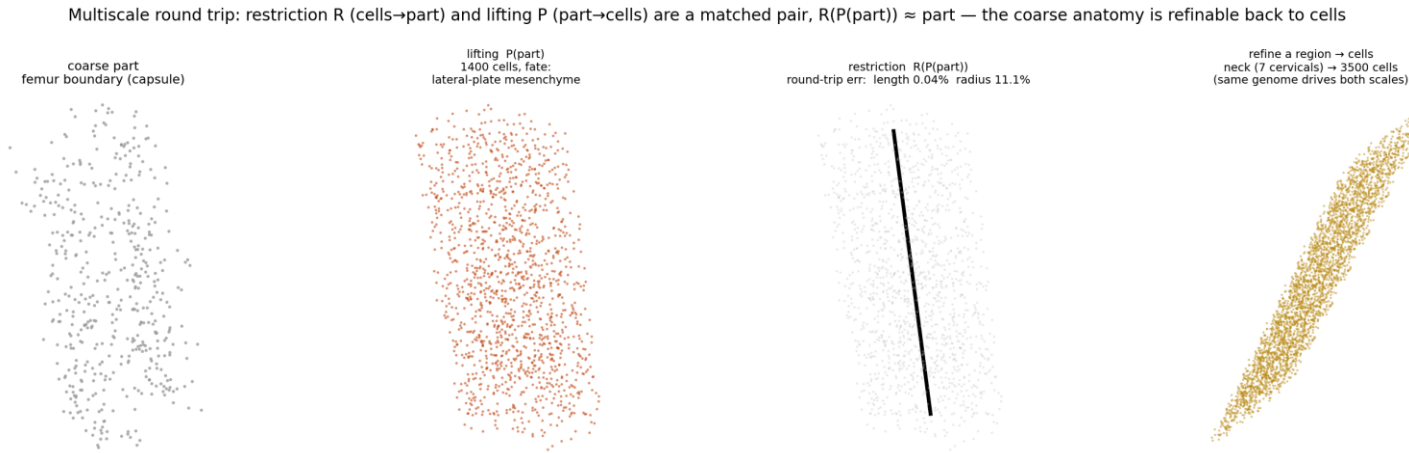
- ▶ Every animal is built from ONE homologous roster: ~112 bones + ~32 Hill-type muscle groups + 15 organs — the “Hill organs” (bones–muscles–viscera; Hill = the muscle-actuator model).
- ▶ The roster is the kernel; each species is a low-rank DEFORMATION of it, placed by the same genome that grew the embryo (the other animals are on the last slide).
- ▶ Muscles are defined functionally — origin + insertion on named bones + the joint they actuate — so the atlas is already the musculoskeletal object a controller drives.



■ bones ■ Hill-muscles ■ organs ■ eyes

The basic vertebrate, side view — bones (ivory), Hill-muscles (red) and organs; the roster every species deforms (3D viewer).

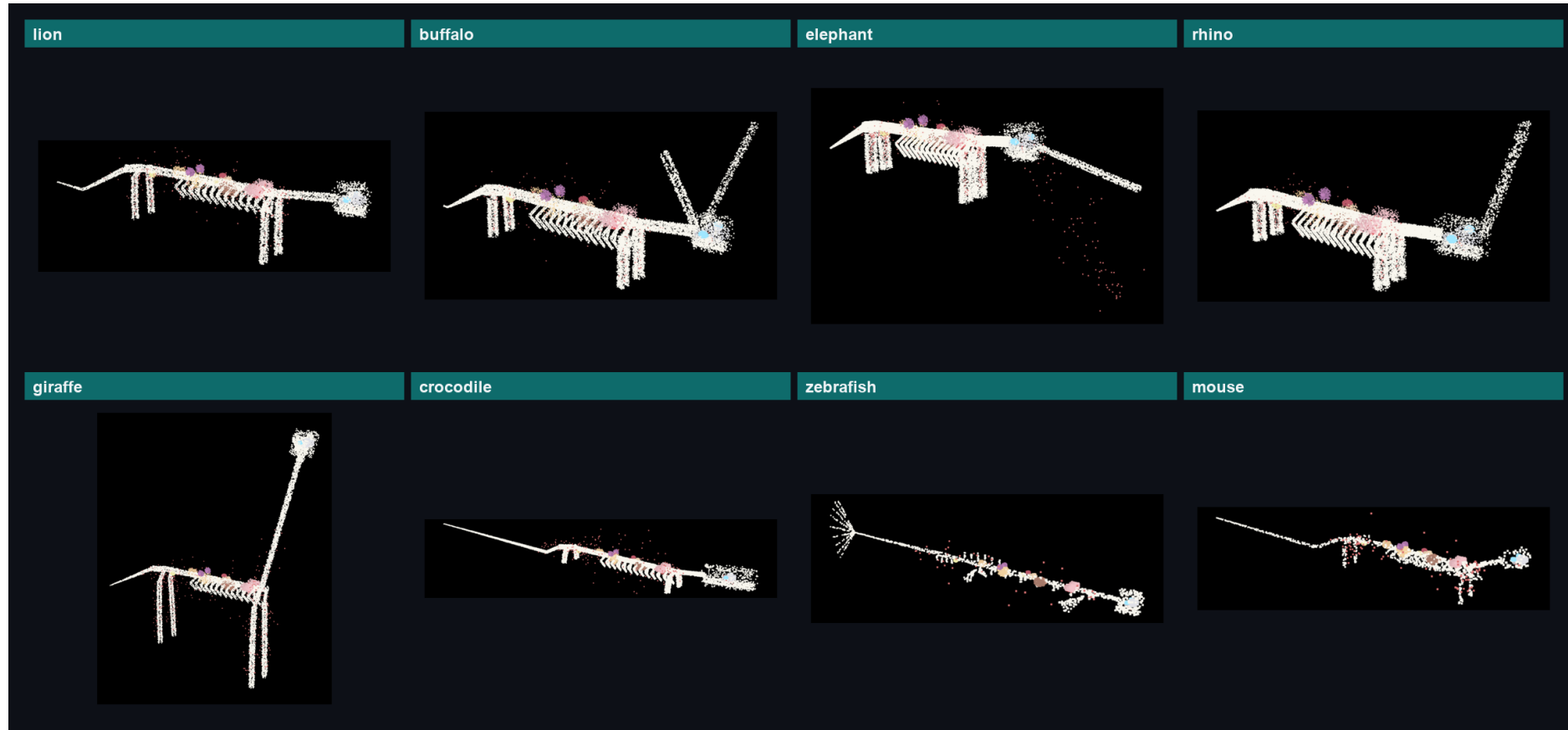
Multiscale modelling - Restriction, lifting and renormalization



- Restriction R (cells → part): coarse-grain a cloud of cells into a named coarse organ (PCA axis-fit → capsule).
- Lifting P (part → cells): solid-fill a part's boundary back with fate-tagged cells — growth's attractor infill, reused as an operator.

- The pair is consistent: $R(P(\text{part})) \approx \text{part}$ — the femur round-trips to 0.04% length error. The genome is the cross-scale invariant that drives BOTH scales.
- This is equation-free / renormalization-by-eigenmodes (E & Engquist; Kevrekidis): the “Engquist organs” are the named coarse-grainings read straight off the NCA + LGM.

The menagerie — one engine, the whole zoo

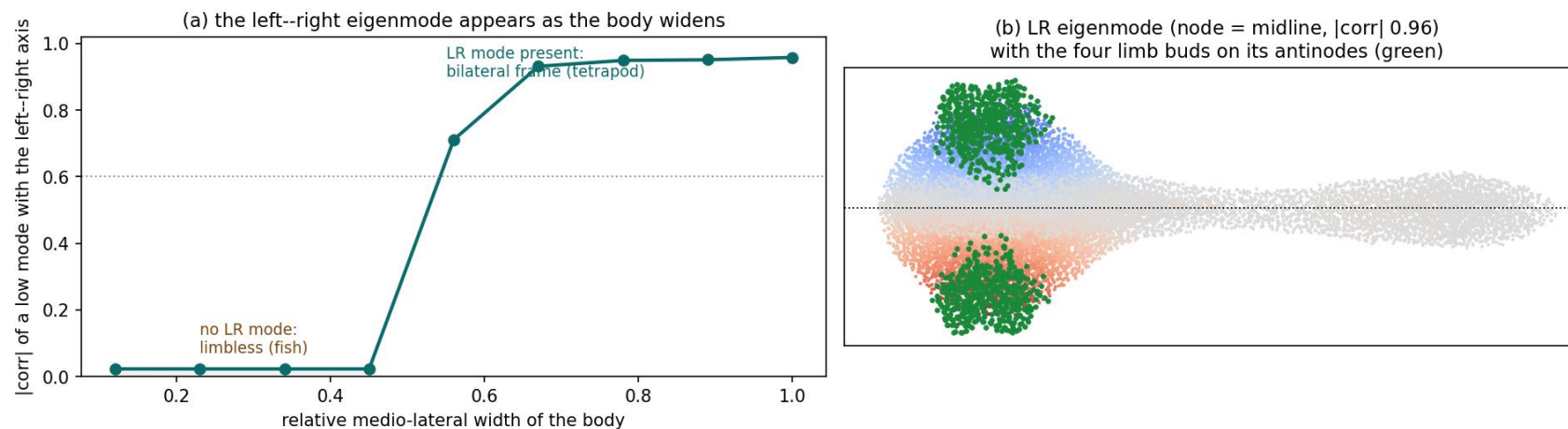


The rest of the zoo — lion, buffalo, elephant, rhino, giraffe and crocodile, plus the mouse (MOSTA) and zebrafish (ZESTA) the model is trained on — eight bodies decoded from one genome by the same method (the vertebrate and the human are on the previous slide).

The zebrafish's fins are the SAME appendage genes as the tetrapod limbs (deep homology). Full anatomical atlas: skeleton (ivory) + Hill-muscles + organs, eyes cyan.

The amphibian threshold — limbs from the electric body

Limbs on the electric-body antinodes, and the amphibian threshold: medio-lateral width brings the left--right eigenmode into the spectrum, and only then can bilateral limbs be placed on it.



- ▶ Limbs are placed on the ANTINODES of the electric-body eigenmodes — the same frame as the face, the mammary line and the six-pack. The AP eigenmode gives the Hox fore/hind levels; the LR eigenmode (node = midline) gives the two bilateral sides.
- ▶ The LR eigenmode exists only if the body has medio-lateral WIDTH — its eigenvalue scales as $1/\text{width}^2$. A thin, convergent-extension-collapsed body has NO LR mode → limbless: a fish.

- ▶ Widen the body and the LR mode drops into the spectrum ($|\text{corr}| 0.02 \rightarrow 0.96$) → the four bilateral limbs appear on its antinodes.
- ▶ That geometric threshold IS the fish→tetrapod transition — the amphibians. Same paired-appendage genes (deep homology, fin ↔ limb); only the frame that positions their output changes.

The series has grown: four more results

The same engine, carried from the embryo to a **scored, detailed, individual human body**. Three published, one in preparation.

#7

From Mouse to Human, and the Developmental Loop

[Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21796907](#)

Adult GWAS read BACKWARD as an embryonic assay; the loop closes on real per-allele effects across heart, eye and kidney.

#8

Differentiation Clocks, Organ Formation and the MLP

[Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21322049](#)

Each morphogenetic head IS a reaction–diffusion PDE; organ formation as frame → spacing → discretize → cohere.

#9

The Mouse Model and the Head Manifold

[Zenodo 10.5281/zenodo.21791849](#)

Dense E16.5; the thin-walled luminal heart resolves the loop (match 0.52→0.88); traits collapse onto a ~7-dim head manifold.

#10

Assembling the Body by Relational Attractors

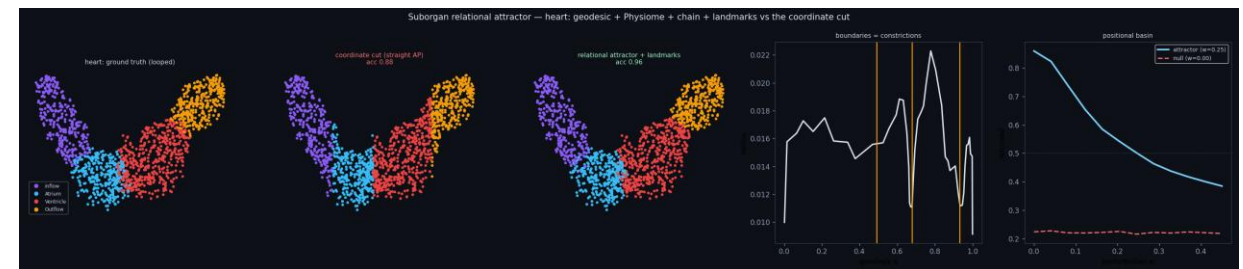
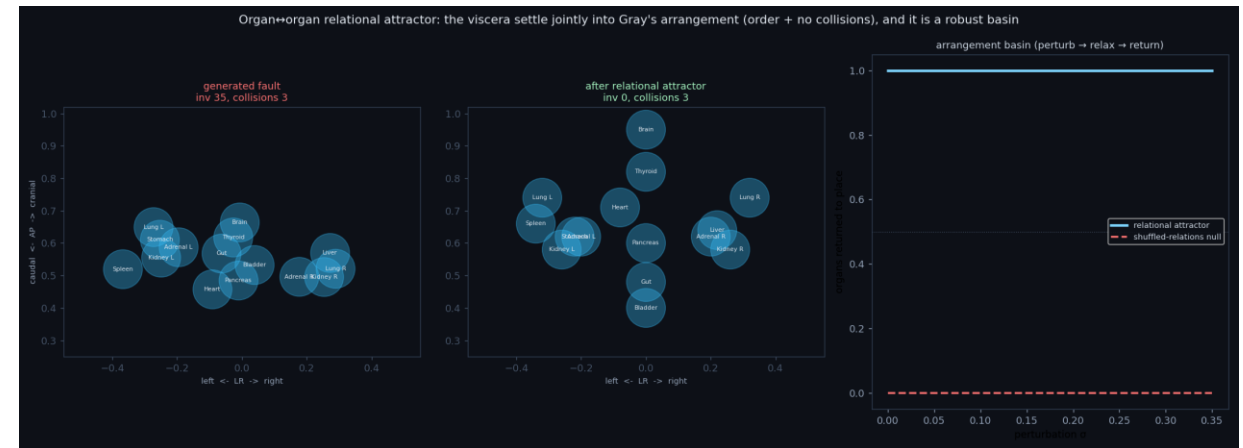
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Suborgan families + organ↔organ rearrangement (inversions 35→0); a Gray's per-part scorecard reaches 0.979 across 294 parts.

Everything that follows is scored part-by-part against real, isolated human anatomy — the bar is to mirror Gray's, structure by structure.

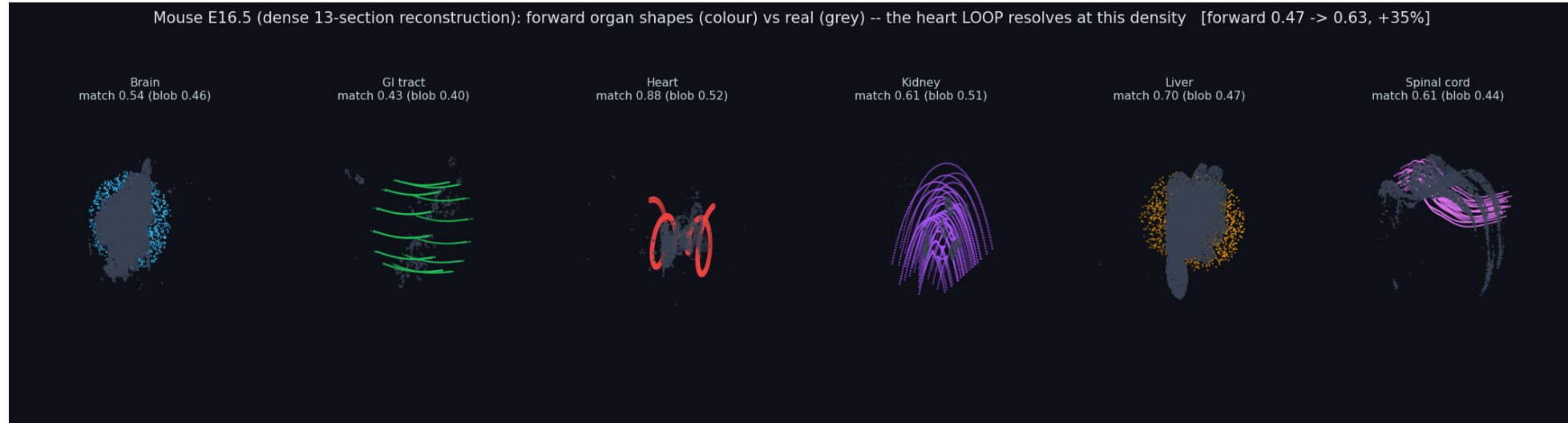
Relational attractors, and mirroring Gray's Anatomy

- ▶ The one thing the model lacked was a RELATIONAL attractor over relative position — placement was a coordinate cut, so organs sagged, collided and inverted.
- ▶ A suborgan FOUNDATION covers every internal topology: chain (heart / gut / cochlea / brain), shell (kidney / adrenal), tree (lung), blob — each recovered to >0.96 from the coordinate cut.
- ▶ Above them, an organ $\leftrightarrow$ organ attractor stores Gray's pairwise offsets and relaxes the 15 viscera jointly: AP inversions $35 \rightarrow 0$, a convex, self-correcting basin.
- ▶ Laterality (Nodal/Pitx2) and the D-looped heart tube are WIRED into the build: arrangement objective $0.75 \rightarrow 0.067$, Gray's integrity holds 13/13.
- ▶ A Gray's per-part scorecard scores every one of 294 named structures in isolation $\rightarrow$ mean 0.979, 281 fully pass.



Viscera relax jointly into Gray's arrangement (inversions $35 \rightarrow 0$); the looped heart chambers, which no coordinate cut can order.

Shape from the genome: the luminal heart resolves the loop

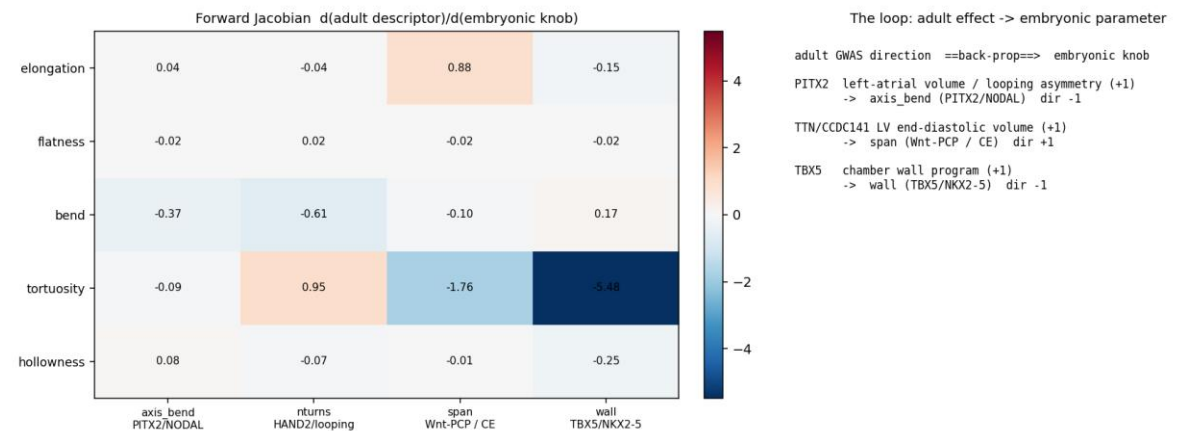


- ▶ Every generated organ is scored against a DENSE 13-section E16.5 reconstruction (~208k real cells) — all six beat a shapeless-cloud null, 0.47 → 0.63 (+35%).
- ▶ The heart is grown as a thin-walled LUMINAL tube, not a solid coil: the winding wall forces the geodesic along the loop → tortuosity 4.8 vs the real 4.5.

- ▶ Growing the LUMEN, not just the mass, is what lets the metric see the loop — heart match 0.52 → 0.88, now the best-matching organ.
- ▶ The many measurable traits are not independent: they collapse onto a low-rank ~7-dimensional head-coupling manifold (measured three ways).

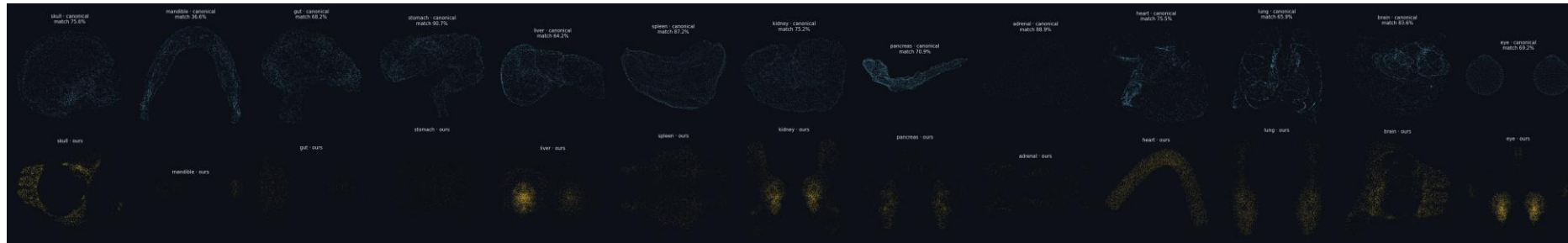
The developmental loop: reading adult GWAS backward

- ▶ The human is a frozen mouse KERNEL + a low-rank species adapter + a low-rank INDIVIDUAL adapter: $\Delta W = \sum \beta_k e_k$ (GWAS gives magnitude, the front-end gives direction).
- ▶ The named principle — the developmental loop: the embryo CAUSES the adult, so data-rich adult GWAS is an indirect assay of data-scarce embryonic regulation, read backward through the forward model.
- ▶ It closes end-to-end on REAL per-allele effects across three embryonic behaviours: heart looping (PITX2/TTN), optic-cup fold and ureteric branch.
- ▶ The liver is the honest contrast — its volume GWAS partitions to the MATURATION layer, so the loop separates the timing of gene action rather than assuming it.



A cardiac forward Jacobian — an adult GWAS direction back-propagates to the embryonic knob that set it.

Every part scored against real, isolated anatomy



87.5%

whole-body silhouette D2 vs the FMA7163 skin

250 / 294

named parts wired to an isolated canonical mesh

0.979

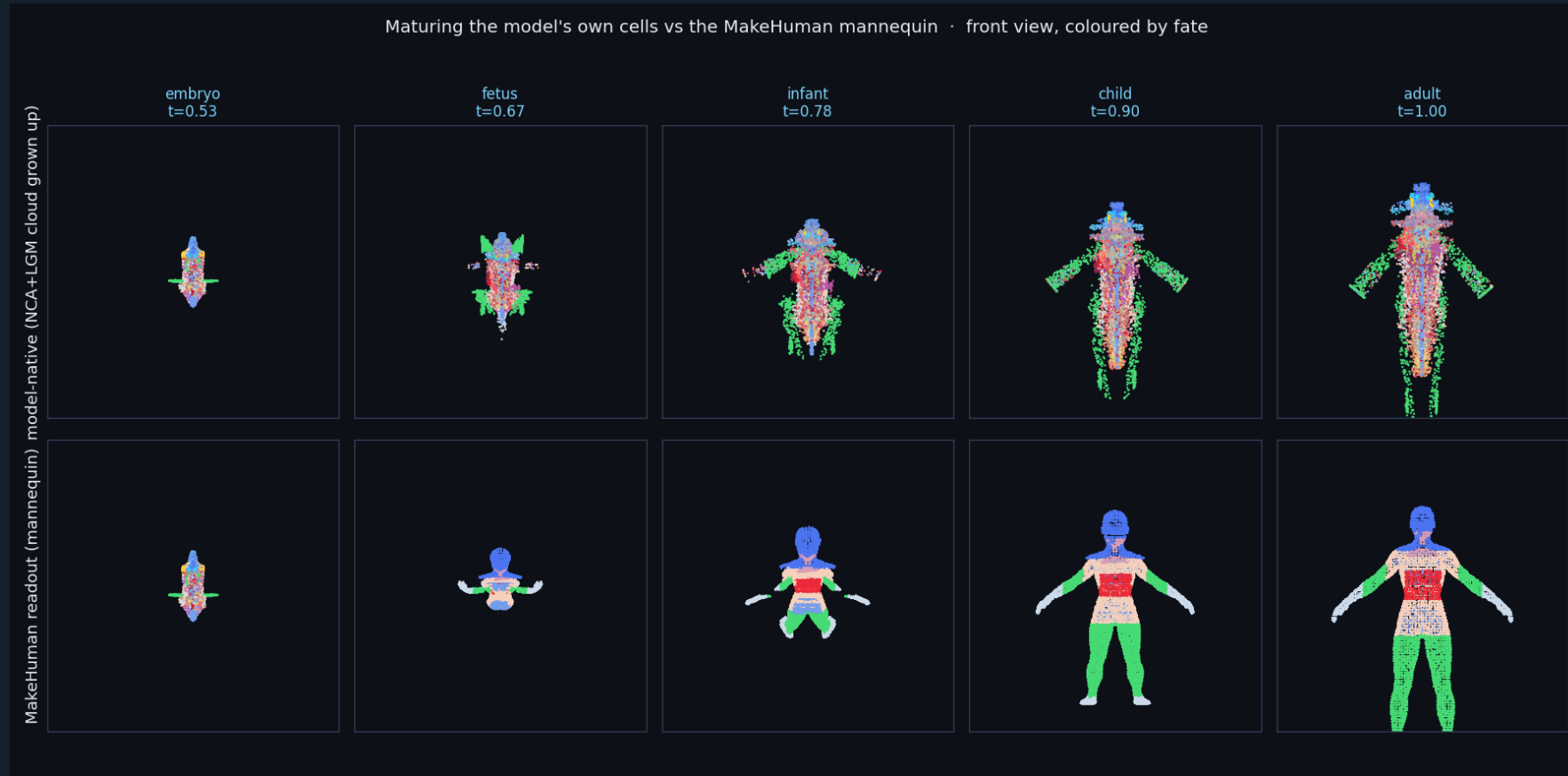
Gray's per-part identity scorecard

73.7 → 80.4

organ shape D2 after the aspect-knob search

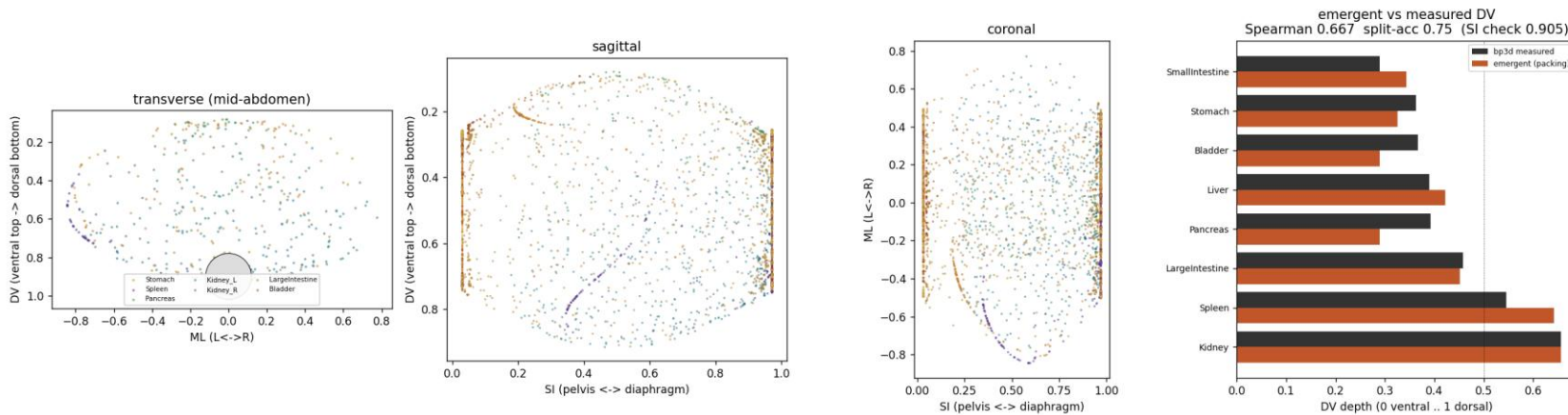
- ▶ Each generated bone, muscle and organ is scored by a rotation/scale-invariant shape signature (D2) against its ISOLATED OpenAnatomy / BodyParts3D mesh — the ruler, not a hand-drawn schematic.
- ▶ Placement is measured too: organ dorso-ventral depth is driven to the REAL in-situ depths measured from BodyParts3D in the whole-body skin frame (kidney dorsal, heart/liver ventral), not a guessed constant.
- ▶ The whole body is the outer surface of a nested flesh stack — skin over fat over muscle over bone — scored against the canonical standing human (BodyParts3D skin, FMA7163).

A detailed human body, grown and matured



Top: the NCA + LGM cell cloud, coloured by fate, matured embryo → fetus → infant → child → adult on the single developmental clock. Bottom: the same stages read out against a MakeHuman mannequin. The adult carries a full skeleton, named muscle bellies, lateralised viscera and a draped skin silhouette — a detailed body generated from the genome, not sculpted.

The physics boundary: information, form, and the packing of organs



- Split the body in two. The INFORMATION — which organ where, the axes, the branching plan, identity — is almost entirely genetic, and that is the half the engine computes.
- The FORM and FIT of soft tissue is co-produced with physics: the abdominal viscera pack like near-incompressible bags in a closed cavity under gravity.

- A soft-body packing solver reproduces the dorso-ventral order from a two- to three-class membrane fact alone (Spearman 0.75) — mechanism replacing a placement.
- Principle: provide the ENVIRONMENT (cavity, gravity, contact, pressure) and let the tissue relax; do not provide the FLOW. Searched knobs are effective parameters for the physics not yet simulated — stated, never hidden.

An anatomical compiler you can read

- ▶ ONE engine — inner NCA + outer frozen genomic model — spans systems, phyla, organs and the whole embryo.
- ▶ It is a GLASS BOX: every layer has an assay and every coefficient traces to genome × literature, not a fitted black box.
- ▶ It computes forward (body plans, organ fields, a full embryo) and inverts (limb IoU 1.0, ectopic organs, planarian axes).
- ▶ The bioelectric field is the shared intermediate — the same operator, re-read per clade and per organ, its eigenmodes the body's own axes.
- ▶ Direct line to the North Star: an in-silico substrate for abundance medicine — birth-defect mechanisms, regeneration, design.

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