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"Synaptic recognition specificity in neural circuit formation"

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Abstract:

Neural circuits in the brain are characterized by stereotyped synaptic connections between distinct neuron types. Given the enormous cellular complexity, a central question in neuroscience is how growing neurons find and recognize matching synaptic partners. We are using the genetic model system Drosophila to identify the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying neural circuit formation.