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# CLARA - Center for Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing in System Brain Research

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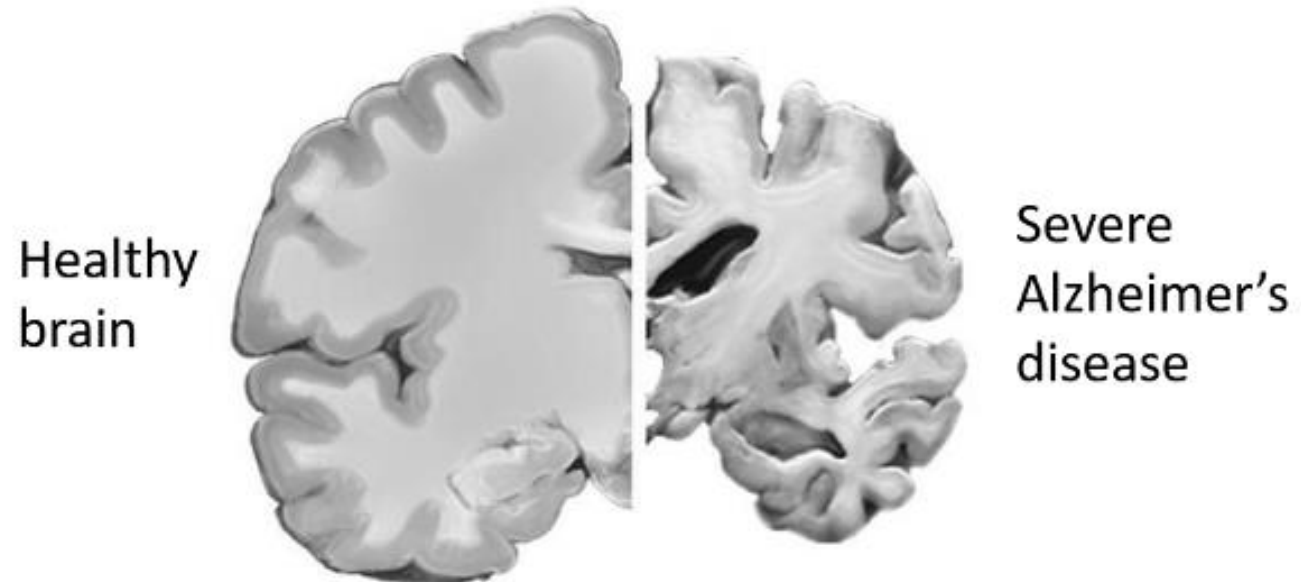
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# CLARA Motivation

- Contribute to finding effective treatment to Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases
- Alzheimer's disease: **\$1.1 trillion** in healthcare costs by 2050
- 7th leading cause of death globally
- No efficient drugs available to date

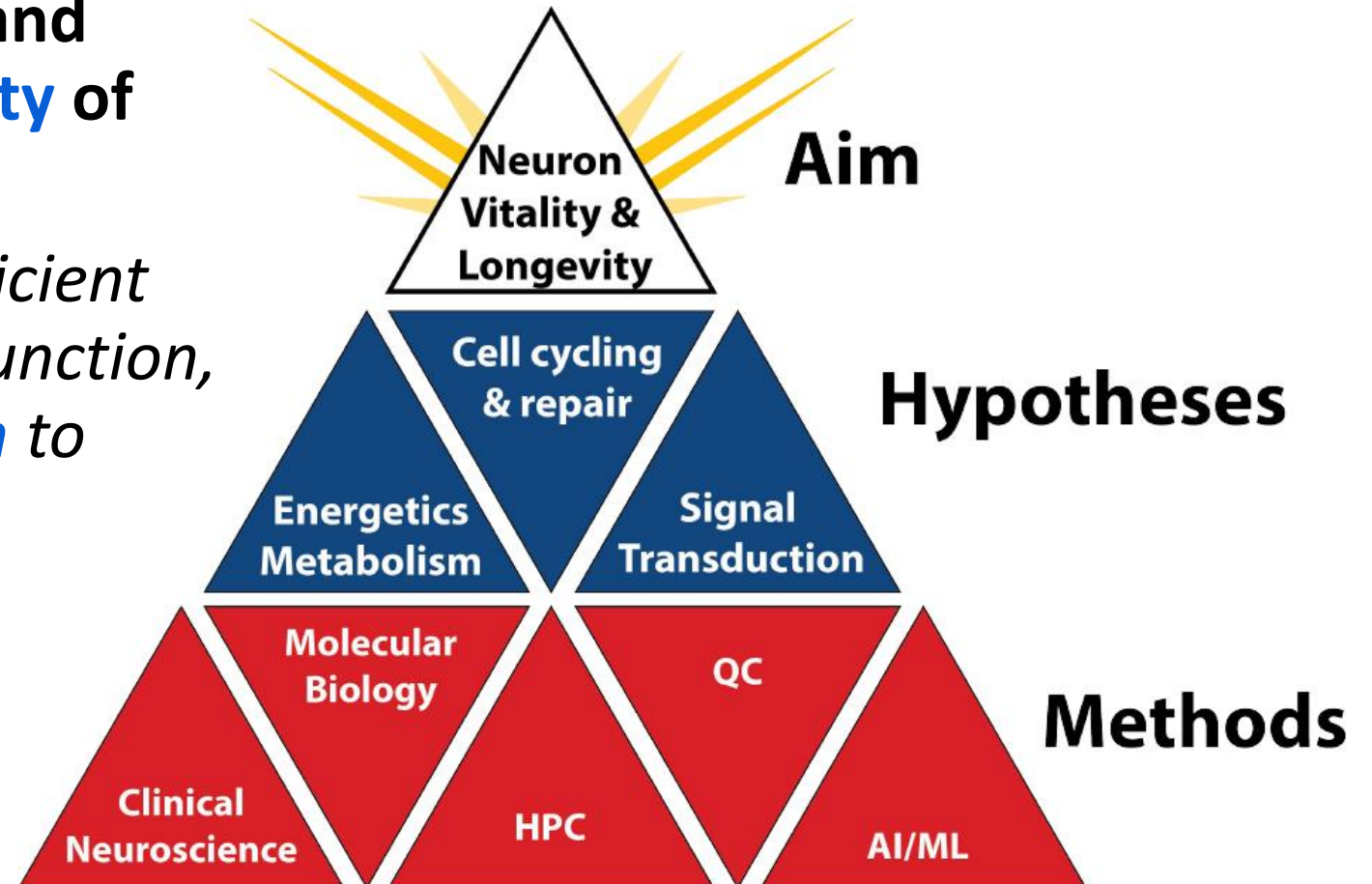
1. WHO Report (2019), The top 10 causes of death  
Image credit: US National Institute on Aging; Mookyung et al. 2015



# CLARA Vision

CLARA strives to address the grand challenge of **vitality** and **longevity** of neurons>

*What are the necessary and sufficient conditions to maintain optimal function, **vitality** and **longevity** of a **neuron** to exceed **100 years**?*

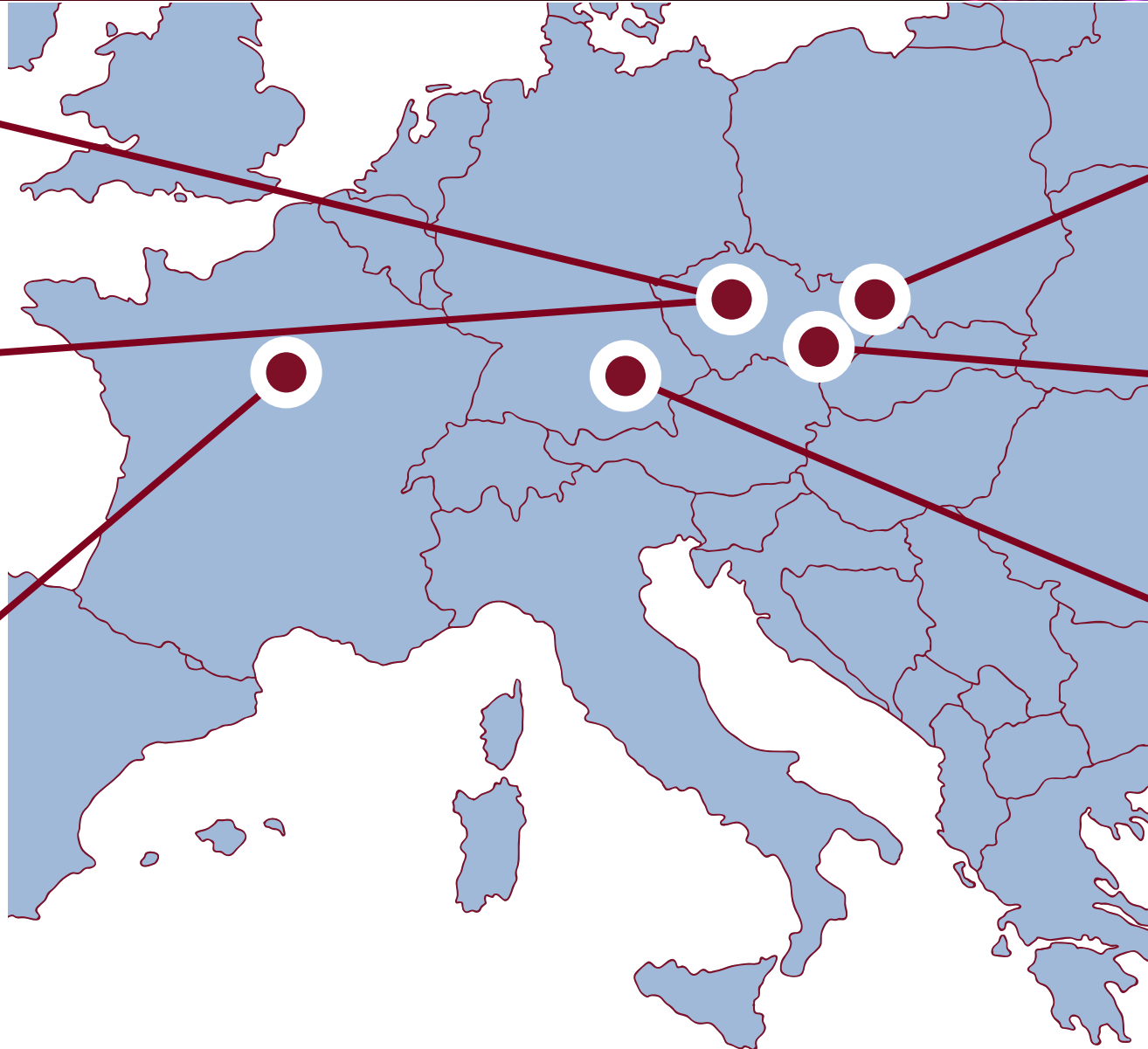




# CLARA Focus

- Builds an **interdisciplinary center of excellence**
- Develops the next generation of **artificial intelligence / machine learning** and **classical / quantum-centric supercomputing** tools
- To power interdisciplinary research programs aimed at understanding the **causes of neurodegenerative diseases and neuron longevity.**

# CLARA Partners



# CLARA Differentiators

## EXCELLENCE FAR BEYOND THE STATE OF THE ART

- Excellent consortium
- Interdisciplinary by design. QL, HPC, AI, protein engineering, clinical research, SSH.

## CLEAR NEED FOR CLARA

- Several levels: EU priority, CZ priority, benefit for the widening countries, (**cohesion**), benefits for all partners, respective regions, EU society and economy.

## SUSTAINIBILITY

- Sound sustainability financial plan and strategy (starts Day 1)

## AUTONOMOUS AND TRUSTED GOVERNANCE

- Coordinator = private non-profit organization. Partnership based on transparent legal set up and friendship.



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# CLARA summary

Project name	Center for Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing in System Brain Research
Acronym	CLARA
ID code	101136607 - call: HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01 CZ.02.01.01/00/23_029/0008437 - OP JAK (in the approval process)
Duration	11/2024 - 10/2030 (72 months/ 6 years)
Total Budget	43 mil. EUR: Horizon Europe: 15 mil. EUR OP JAK: 28 mil. EUR (in the approval process)
Consortium	Czech Republic: INDRC - International Neurodegenerative Disorders Research Center (Coordinator) CIIRC CTU - Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics and Cybernetics CTU in Prague VSB-TUO - Technical University of Ostrava ICRC - International Clinical Research Center, St. Anne's University Hospital Brno PBI - Paris Brain Institute, France LRZ - Leibniz Supercomputing Centre, Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Germany



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