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Phase Transitions in Grey Matter

Brain Architecture and Mind Dynamics

Phase Transitions in Grey Matter: Brain Architecture and Mind Dynamics relates the complex systems that we know as 'mind' and 'brain' to simple concepts in physics such as 'phase transition' and 'criticality' and establishes a close mathematical link between them. A serious review of live issues in science – from interaction and correlation to emergence, scale invariance, attractors, noise and chaos—this book demonstrates their relevance to intelligence and consciousness. The result is a significant and useful portrait of what 'mind' currently means to science and aggregates widely dispersed and sometimes hard to find topics into one resource.

Key highlights:

- Provides a coherent basis for the existence of criticality in the brain, and shows how some of its main outstanding properties may be understood
- Deeply explores the assumption that phase transition is the most relevant concept to understand the mind
- Offers a strong foundation for those interested in making a complete and useful portrait of the brain

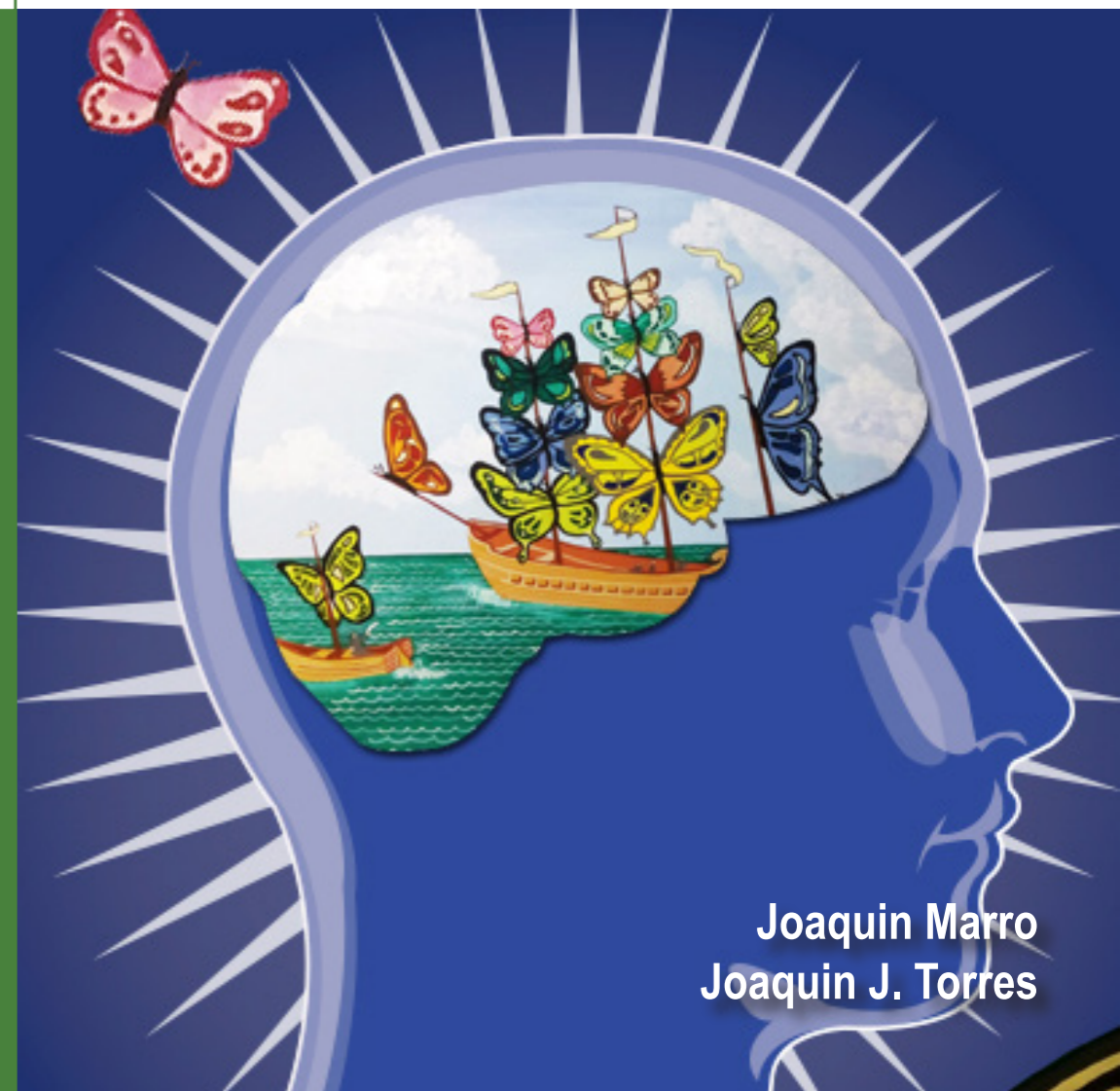
This book is for advanced graduate and graduate students in physics, applied mathematics, biology and medicine. It is an excellent resource for practitioners and those curious about recent advances in neurosciences.

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