





Ventral or "what" stream

Dorsal Stream: Vision beyond identification









Ventral Stream: Identification Hierarchical Organization



Columnar architecture in other visual areas



Direction columns in MT

"Feature" columns in IT

Hierarchical Organization



Single unit recordings in V1: Orientation selectivity



Response selectivity: the "Jennifer Aniston cell"







Ventral Stream



High Level (LOC, IT)



Fusiform gyrus

Occipitotemporal sulcus

Lateral occipitotemporal gyrus

Inferior temporal sulcus

Inferior temporal cortex (IT): all of these regions; lateral occipital cortex (LOC); TE/TEO (monkey)





Lingual gyrus



Parahippocampal gyrus





Collateral sulcus

Medial temporal lobe; PPA; TE/TEO;TF;TH monkey

Neural Communication

"Neurons that fire together, wire together"

Hebbian Theory

- Spatial organization
- Temporal organization

Spatial organization

- cells that are grouped together into functionally unique zones.
- Reflects functional mechanisms
- connected to other brain areas via long and short sets of pathways (axons of nerve cells)

Temporal organization

• Firing rate of neurons carry meaningful information





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Temporal organization

Carried through to levels of fMRI signal



Cognitive Neuroscience Methods



Franz Gall's Phrenology 1796



Franz Gall (1758 –1828)





Wrong about:

- Bumps
- traits

Right about:

Localization

Patient Work/Brain Lesions

Broca's and Wernicke's aphasia – 1870's-ish



Visual Agnosias 1890 – Lissaeuer – Apperceptive and Associative Studies of brain lesions really gained speed in the 1970s

Electrical Stimulation



Figure 7. Human brain labeled as to cortical areas during neurosurgery. From Penfield.

Human neurosurgery

Penfield 1951

Hubel & Weisel – 1950s, 1960s, 1970s – orientation columns

Patient Work/Brain Lesions

- Visual Agnosias 1890
- Studies of brain lesions really gained speed in the 1970s Warrington & Colleagues



• 1980s - neurophysiology

Brain Lesions

As a result of traumas, surgery, infarcts, or diseases

Main advantage: causality

Disadvantages

- Localization uncertainty (affecting connections instead of neural center per se)
- Specificity (multiple/extensive lesions may lead to more than one deficit)
- -Plasticity (neural reorganization complicates interpretation)
- -Rarity (only very few cases may exist)
- -Sufficiency but not necessity

Cognitive Neuroscience Methods

Design experiments – hypothesis driven investigations

Not one ideal technique, but several pretty good ones...



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What kinds of questions can we ask?

Cognitive Neuroscience Methods (non-humans)

• Induced lesions

• Physiology

Intracellular Recording

- Microelectrode
 - Glass micropipette
 - Much smaller tip (<1 micron)
 - Small enough to penetrate the cell wall
- Insert electrode inside of the neuron
- Record changes in resting potential
 - Tells you about the currents entering and exiting the neuron
 - Change voltage of the cell and see how the cell reacts

Intracellular Recording



Single Unit Recording

- Pro
 - Can record from single neurons
 - Can be done in vivo or in vitro
 - Can systematically manipulate the conditions under which the cell will respond
- Con
 - Invasive
 - Anesthesia
 - Difficult to do while animal is awake and behaving
 - Requires responses from a large number of neurons to study a system

Multi-Unit Recording

- Macro electrode
 - Larger diameter electrode is used
- Record the responses of a large number of neurons at the same time
- Local field potentials
 - Changes in the resting potential of the neurons at the dendrites
 - Dipole

Multi Unit Recording

- Pro
 - Can record many neurons at a time
 - Not as invasive
 - Can utilize awake behaving preparations
- Con
 - Not as precise as single unit recording
 - Traces can include artifacts not related to the behavior

Response selectivity: the "Jennifer Aniston cell"





Logothetis, Pauls & Poggio, 1995

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Electroencephalography (EEG/ERP)







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Pros: Temporal Resolution Direct measurement of activity Cons: Spatial Resolution

Magnetoencephalography (MEG)









Pros: Temporal Resolution Direct measurement of activity Better spatial resolution Cons: Still, not great spatial resolution

Questions to ask using MEG/EEG

- Temporal questions
- Neuroimaging questions with very short inter-stimulusintervals