THE RISE OF A NEW ASSOCIATIONIST SCHOOL FOR LESION-SYMPOTOM MAPPING

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Patients with brain lesions provide a unique opportunity to understand the functioning of the human mind. However, even when focal, brain lesions have local and remote effects that impact functionally and structurally connected circuits. Similarly, function emerges from the interaction between brain areas rather than their sole activity. For instance, category fluency requires the association between executive, semantic and language production functions.

We will discuss a set of complementary solutions to measure the impact of a given lesion upon the neuronal circuits.

Taken together, these neuroimaging measures will help discern the natural history of events occurring in the brain after a lesion, as well as assist in the localization of functions.

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