

Feelings, emotions and cognition

Some input from neuropsychiatry



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Let me start with the conclusion

Phenomenology

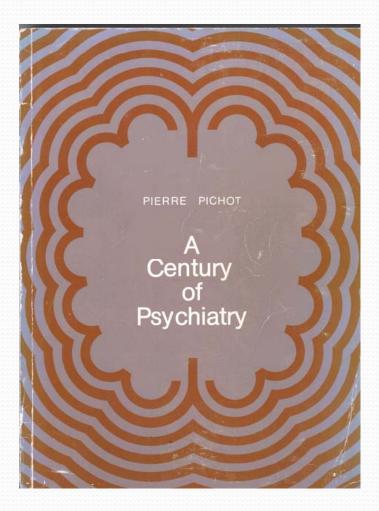
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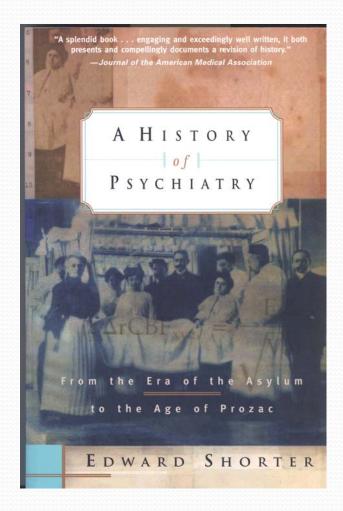
ANXIETY

Cognition

Behaviour

History of psychiatry 1800-







A TREATISE

ON

INSANITY,

IN WHICH ARE CONTAINED

THE

PRINCIPLES OF A NEW AND MORE PRACTICAL NOSOLOGY
OF MANIACAL DISORDERS

THAN HAS YET BEEN OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

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NUMEROUS AND ACCURATE HISTORICAL RELATIONS OF CASES FROM THE AUTHOR'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRACTICE: WITH PLATES ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE CRANIOLOGY OF MANIAC: AND IDEOTS.

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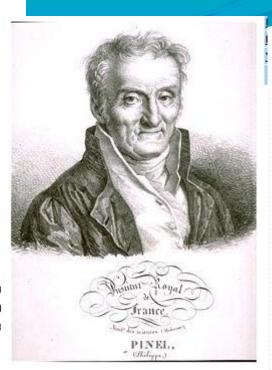
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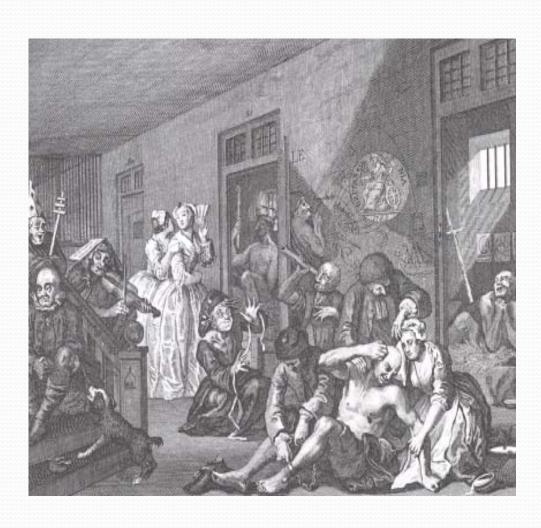
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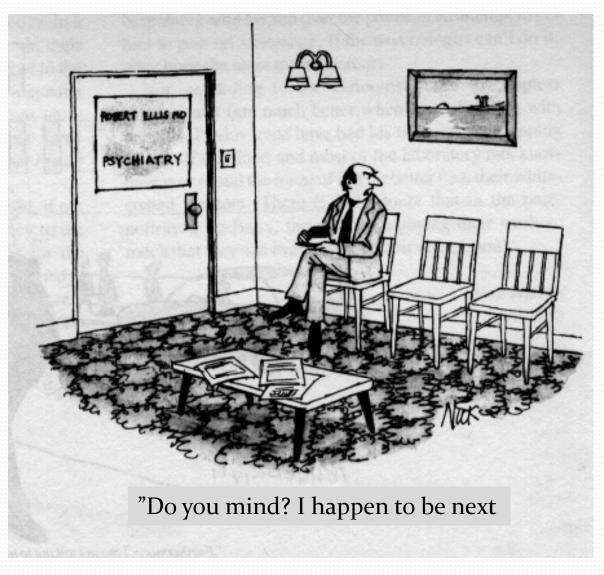
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The golden era of psychopathology Delusions

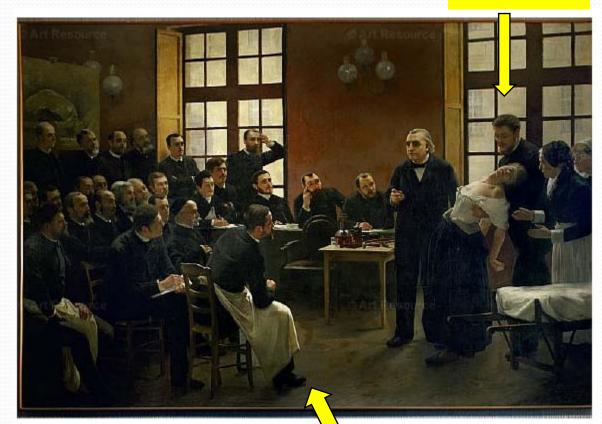


Visual hallucination



Blanche Wittmann in opistotonus

"Grand Hysterie" Babinski



A Brouillet: A clinical lecture at the Salpêtriere 1887

Gilles de la Tourette

Jean-Martin Charcot



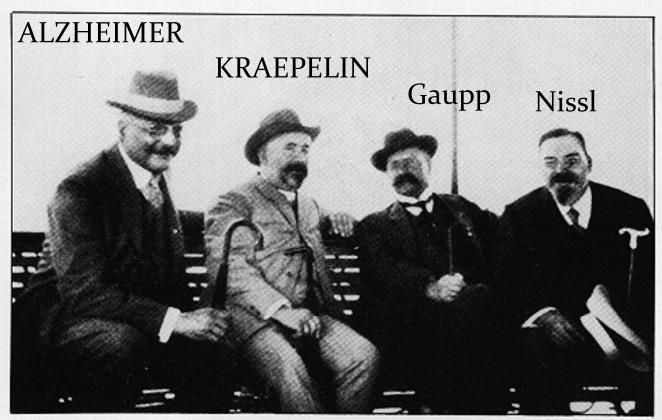
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Germany: Psychic diseases are brain disease



Wilhelm Griesinger, professor of psychiatry in Berlin 1865–1868, who is considered to be the founder of "the first biological psychiatry" (courtesy of National Library of Medicine).

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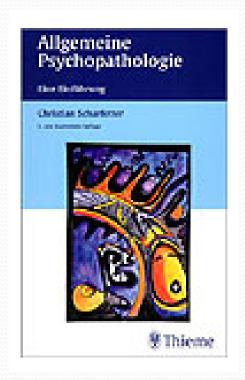
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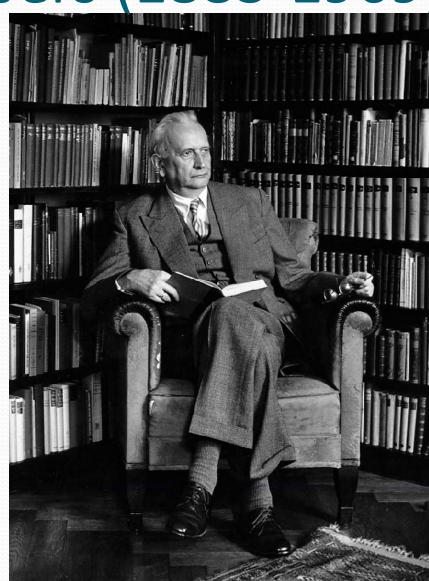
K Birnbaum (1878-1950) Exogenic reactionstypes



Figur 18-1. Tegning af erindringen om oplevelser under delirium tremens (45-årig mand). Vistnok første danske eksempel på tegning anvendt til at belyse en patients tilstand. (Efter Brünniche, E.: Erindringsbilleder fra akut, alkoholisk delirium. I: Festskrift til professor Friedenreich, Bibliotek for læger 1919, 111, 199-214. Originalen findes nu på Medicinsk-historisk museum, København).

Karl Jaspers (1883-1969)





Some basic concepts (Jaspers)

- Phenomenology (p.25-26)
 - ..the first step towards scientific knowledge of the psyche is the selection, delimitation, differentiation and description of particular phenomena of experience
 - ..the only concern is with the actual experience
 - ..Individual facts emerge out of the living flow of psychic reality
- Psychopathology is concerned with the ill person as a whole, in so far as he suffers from a psychic illness (p.6)

CHAPTER I

SUBJECTIVE PHENOMENA OF MORBID PSYCHIC LIFE

(PHENOMENOLOGY—PHENOMENOLOGIE)

Introduction

Phenomenology¹ sets out on a number of tasks: it gives a concrete description of the psychic states which patients actually experience and presents them for observation. It reviews the inter-relations of these, delineates them as sharply as possible, differentiates them and creates a suitable terminology. Since we never can perceive the psychic experiences of others in any direct fashion, as with physical phenomena, we can only make some kind of representation of them. There has to be an act of empathy, of understanding, to which may be added as the case demands an enumeration of the external characteristics of the psychic state or of the conditions under which the phenomena occur, or we may make sharp comparisons or resort to the use of symbols or fall back on a kind of suggestive handling of the data. Our chief help in all this comes from the patients' own self-descriptions, which can be evoked and tested out in the course of personal conversation. From this we get out best-defined and clearest data. Written descriptions by the patient may have a richer content but in this form we can do nothing else but accept them. An experience is best described by the person who has undergone it. Detached psychiatric observation with its own formulation of what the patient is suffering is not any substitute for this.

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r, psychologists¹ have et an orientation from which will help us to usive analysis of every ulities.² First therefore

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level, see Hoffding and Psychologie der Gefühle (a) Feelings that are an aspect of conscious personality, and define the self; these are broadly contrasted with feelings that lend colour to object-awareness, e.g. my own sadness in contrast to the sadness of a landscape (Geiger).

(b) Feelings that can to some extent be grouped in opposities; Wundt, for instance,

(b) Feelings that can to some extent be grouped in opposites; Wundt, for instance, distinguished pleasure and displeasure, tension and relaxation, excitement and calm. There are a number of such opposites: e.g. profound and shallow feelings (Lipps); feelings of shatterment, deep pain on the one hand and feelings of petulance or for the comic on the other.

(c) Feelings may be without an object and contentless (i.e. how one feels) or they may be directed upon some object and classified accordingly.

According to their object (Meinong, Witasek). Here the contrast is between phantasy feelings directed on to suppositions and reality feelings directed upon actual objects. Feelings of value may be directed on the subject himself or on to someone else; they may be positive or negative (pride-submissiveness, love-hate). Any classification by content, e.g. social feelings, patriotic feelings, family or religious feelings etc., leads not so much to a classification of feelings as to a classification of the innumerable contents, to which feelings of value may be attached. Language has uncounted resources at its disposal for this end but these are better suited for concrete description than for the purpose of a general phenomenological analysis.

(3) According to source. The classification is made in accordance with different levels of psychic life, i.e. a distinction is made between localised feeling-sensations, vital feelings involving the whole body, psychic feelings (e.g. sadness, joy), and spiritual feelings (a state of grace) (Scheler, Kurt Schneider).

(4) According to the biological purpose, the vital significance of the feelings, e.g. pleasurable feelings express the advancement of biological purposes, displeasurable feelings their frustration.

(5.) Particular feelings directed on specific objects or partial aspects of the whole are distinguished from <u>all-inclusive feelings</u>, where the separate elements are fused into some temporary whole, which is then called the <u>feeling-state</u>. Such feeling-states are characterised in various ways; for instance, there are <u>irritable feeling-states</u>, states of sensibility and of diminished or increased excitability. A 'feeling of being alive' arises on the basis of organic sensations as an expression of the vital state, of drives, needs, tendencies and of the organism as a whole.

6. The old and useful classification into feeling, affect and mood is based on the difference of <u>intensity</u> and <u>duration</u> of feeling. <u>Feelings</u> are individual, unique, and radical commotions of the psyche. <u>Affects</u> are <u>momentary</u> and complex emotional processes of great <u>intensity</u> with conspicuous bodily accompaniments and sequelae. <u>Moods</u> are states of feeling or frames of mind that come about with prolonged emotion which while it lasts colours the whole psychic life.

7. Feelings are distinguished from sensations. Feelings are states of the self (sad or cheerful); sensations are elements in the perception of the environment and of one's own body (colour, pitch, temperature, organic sensations). Sensations, however, show a whole scale of differences; they range from those that are purely object-bound to subjective bodily states. Vision and hearing are purely object-bound while organic sensations, vital sensations, sensations of stance and balance all predominantly refer to subjective bodily states. Between these two poles we find sensations referable to bodily states at the same time as they are object-bound, e.g. sensations of skin,

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Moods

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Abnormal feelings and affective states (Jaspers)

- Changes in bodily feelings
- Changes in feelings and capacity
- Apathy
- The feeling of lost feeling

- Changes in the feelingtone of perception
 - Increase
 - Acute psychosis
 - Abnormal feeling of happiness
 - Experience of God, purpose of life etc
- Unattached feelings (free-floating feeling)
 - Anxiety
 - Agitation

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EASE: Examination of Anomalous Self-Experience

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The Examination of Anomalous Self-Experience (EASE) is a symptom checklist for semi-structured, phenomenological exploration of experiential or subjective anomalies that may be considered as disorders of basic or 'minimal' self-awareness. The EASE is developed on the basis of self-descriptions obtained from patients suffering from schizophrenia spectrum disorders. The scale

for a detailed account of phenomena that have in common a somehow deformed sense of first-person perspective – in brief, a disorder or deficiency in the sense of being a subject, a self-coinciding center of action, thought, and experience¹.

The scale is mainly designed for conditions in the schizophrenia spectrum, but it cannot be used alone as a

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Man as a whole: a modern view

from mild distress to depersonalization, derealisation or agitation

Phenomenology

Bodily symptoms

Cardial, respiratory etc

ANXIETY

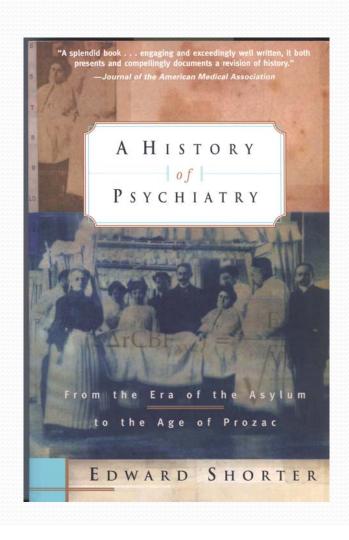
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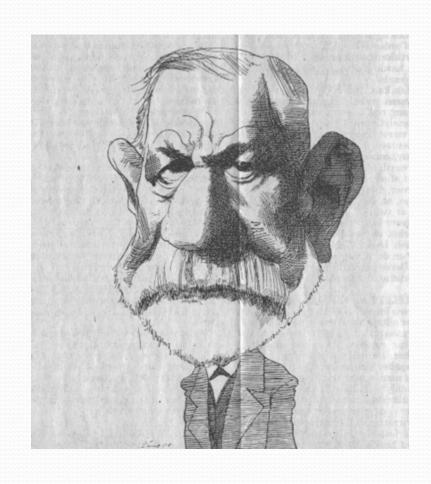
Cognition

Behaviour

Frightened appearance Immobilization Fight/flight

The psychoanalytic hiatus 1940-70

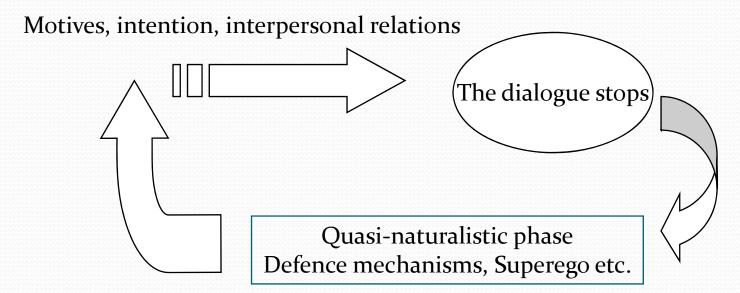




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Phenomenology

Psychological understanding

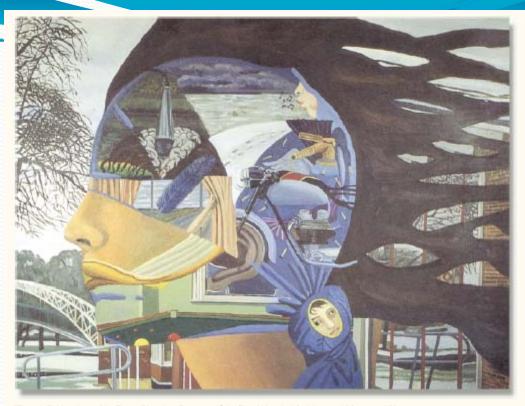


Meta-hermeneutic theory, i.e.

Psychoanalysis

1970-

- Feeling, emotions & cognition
 - Phenomenology →
 - Neuropsychology
 - Brain function →
 - Neurobiology



"Broach Schizophrene" by Bryan Charnley. Courtesy of the Royal Hospital Archives and Museum, UK.

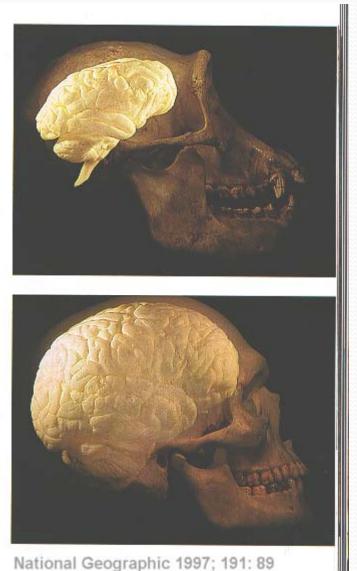
OPINION

Cognitive neuropsychiatry: towards a scientific psychopathology

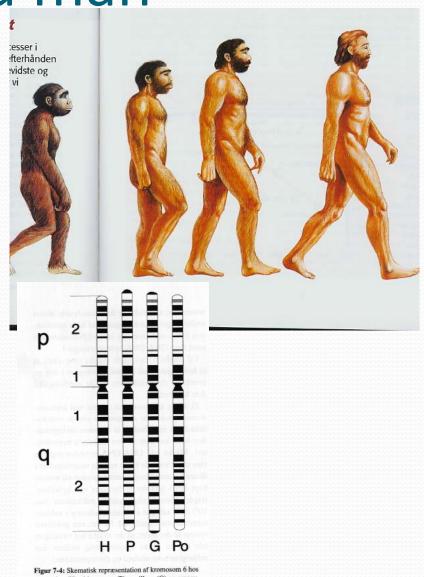
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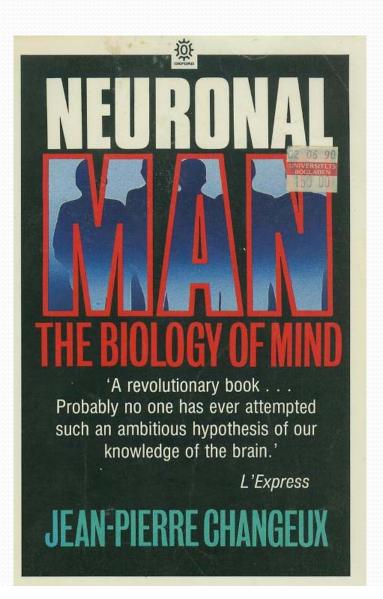






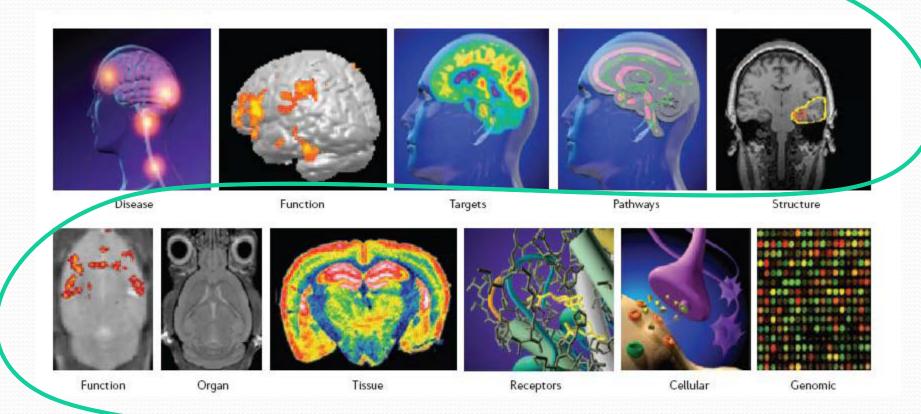
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Neuroscience revolution



1985

Emergentism



Emergentism

- Ontological physicalism
 - All that exist in the spacetime world are the basic principles recognized in physics and their aggregates
- Property emergence
 - When aggregates of material particles attain an appropriate level of structural complexicity, genuinely novel properties emerge to characterize these structured systems
- Irreducibility
 - Emergent properties are irreducible to, and unpredictable from, the lower level phenomena from which they emerge

Kim: philosophy of mind 1998, p.226ff

Consciousness – cognitive science

- The human brain in an organ to represent and process salient information about the environment
- All human mental events occur as the results of neural information processing
- All human (nonreflexive) overt behavior occur as the results of neural information processing

The frontal lobes

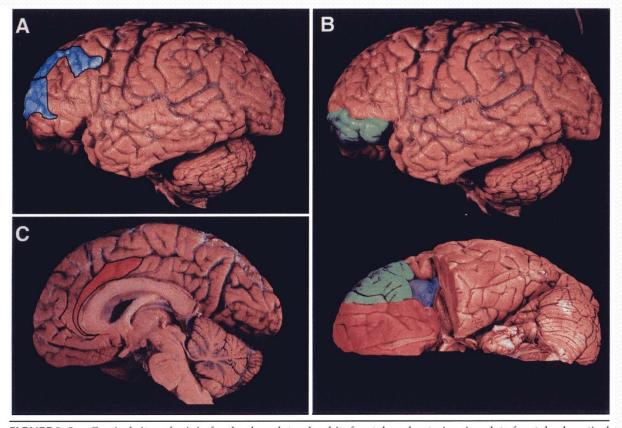


FIGURE 3–2. Cortical sites of origin for the dorsolateral, orbitofrontal, and anterior cingulate frontal subcortical circuits.

A: Origin of the dorsolateral circuit. Brodmann's areas 9 and 10 are colored blue on the superior and inferior dorsolateral prefrontal cortex. B: Origin of the orbitofrontal circuit. The medial division is in red and includes Brodmann's area 14 and the medial portion of areas 11 and 13 in monkeys—all equivalent to the gyrus rectus and medial orbital gyrus of area 11 in human. The lateral division is in green and includes the lateral portion of Brodmann's areas 11 and 13 and all of 12 in monkey—all equivalent to the lateral orbital gyrus of area 11 and the medial inferior frontal gyrus of areas 10 and 47 in human. The insula is shown in purple. C: Origin of the anterior cingulate circuit. The anterior portion of Brodmann's area 24 is colored red on the medial frontal cortex.

Cognition in neuropsychology

Problemsolving - conceptual thinking

Learning & memory

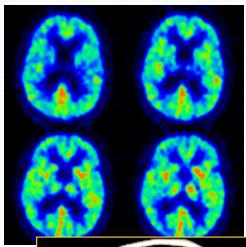
Attention & concentration

Sensory perception

Motivation

Technical innovations: PET- & MR-Scanning







Function

Structure

Anxiety

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Man as a whole: a modern view

Phenomenology

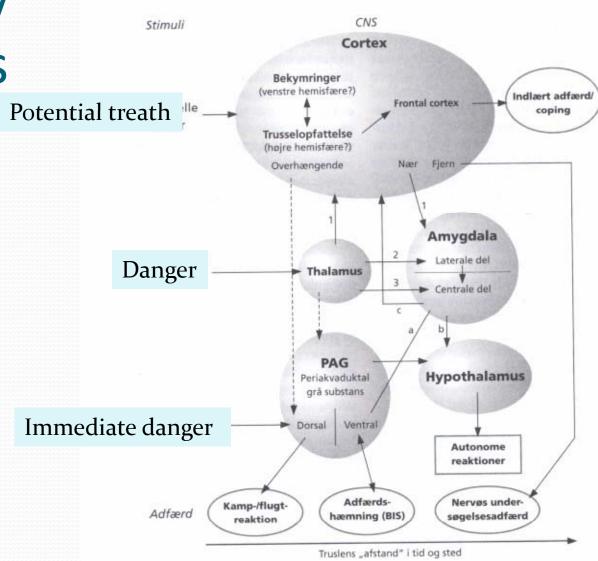
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Anxiety regions

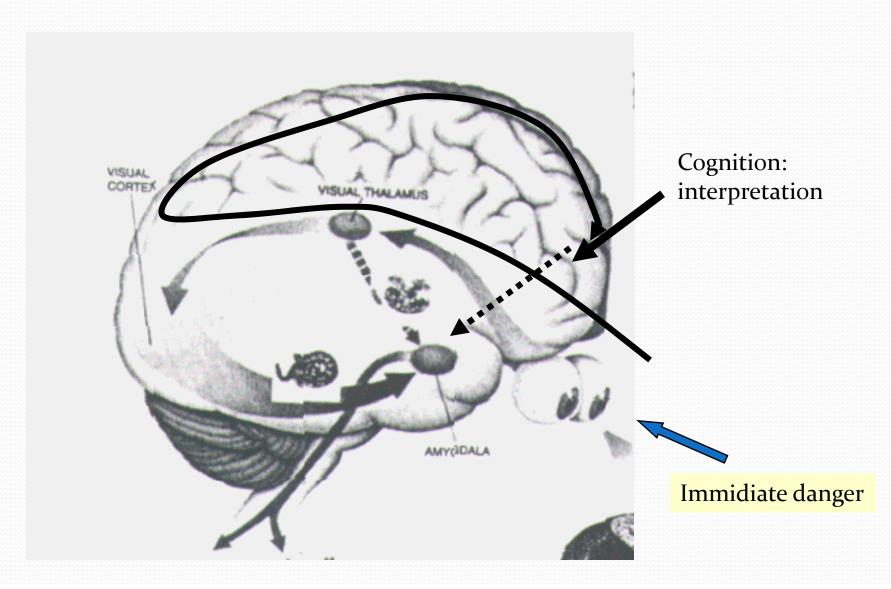


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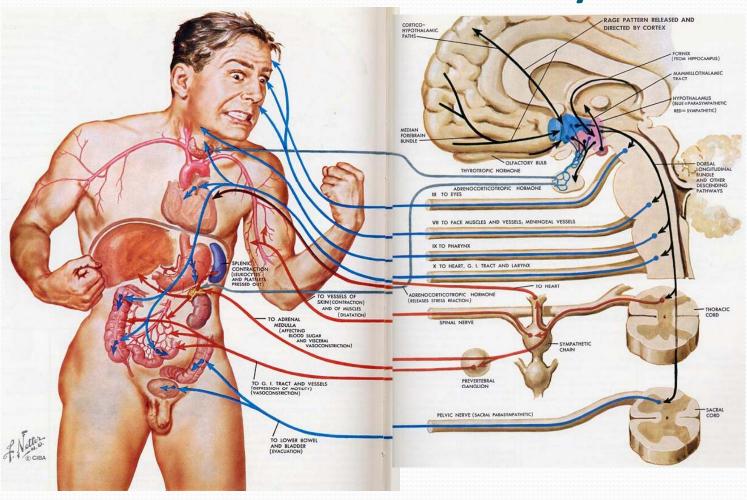
Flight, fight --- or reflexion?



The brain as a whole



The autonomic nervesystem



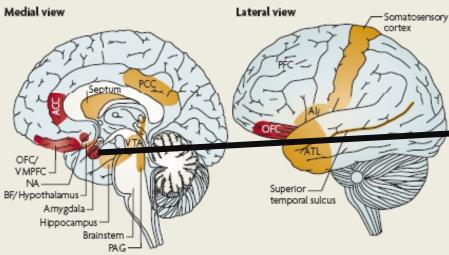
Social phobia

- A.
 - (1) Marked fear of being the focus of attention, or fear of behaving in a way that will be embarrassing or humiliating.
 - (2) Marked avoidance of being the focus of attention, or of situations in which there is fear of behaving in an embarrassing or humiliating way
- C. The individual recognizes hat these are excessive or unreasonable
- D. Symptoms restricted to the feared situations or contemplation of the feared situation



The emotional brain

Box 1 | The emotional brain: core and extended regions



Summarizing the set of brain regions that comprise the emotional brain is plagued by possibly insurmountable conceptual difficulties. Nevertheless, some regions feature prominently in the discourse surrounding affective neuroscience. They are listed here based on an informal assessment of the frequency with which they appear in the literature; regions appearing with greater frequency will be labelled 'core', and less frequent ones as 'extended'. The core emotional regions (dark red areas in figure) include, subcortically, the amygdala, the nucleus accumbens (NA) and the hypothalamus, and cortically, the orbitofrontal cortex (OFC), the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) (especially the rostral part) and the ventromedial prefrontal cortex (VMPFC). Extended regions (brown areas) include, subcortically, the brain stem, the ventral tegmental area (VTA) (and associated mesolimbic dopamine system), the hippocampus, the periaquaeductal grey (PAG), the septum and the basal forebrain (BF) (including the nucleus basalis of Meynert); and cortically, the anterior insula (AI), the prefrontal cortex (PFC), the anterior temporal lobe (ATL), the posterior cingulate cortex (PCC), superior temporal sulcus, and somatosensory cortex. Although one could attempt to link the core and extended regions to specific affective functions, such an attempt would be largely problematic because none of the regions is best viewed as 'purely affective'.

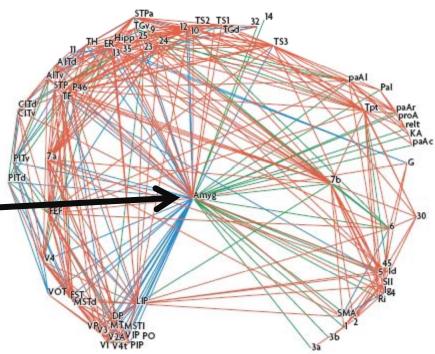


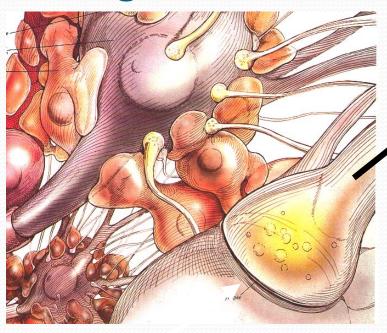
Figure 1 | Brain connectivity graph. Quantitative analysis of brain connectivity reveals several clusters of highly interconnected regions (represented by different colours). In this analysis by Young and collaborators⁶⁰, the amygdala (Amyg, centre of figure) was connected to all but 8 cortical areas. These connections involved multiple region clusters, suggesting that the amygdala is not only highly connected, but that its connectivity topology might be consistent with that of a connector hub that links multiple provincial hubs, each of which links regions within separate functional clusters. In this manner, the amygdala is hypothesized to be a strong candidate for integrating cognitive and emotional information. Figure labels represent different cortical areas with the exception of Hipp (hippocampus) and Amyg, which represent subcortical areas. Figure reproduced, with permission, from REF. 82 © (1994) Freund Publishing.

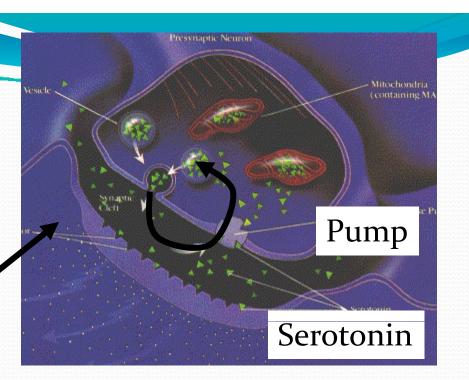
Treatment of anxiety

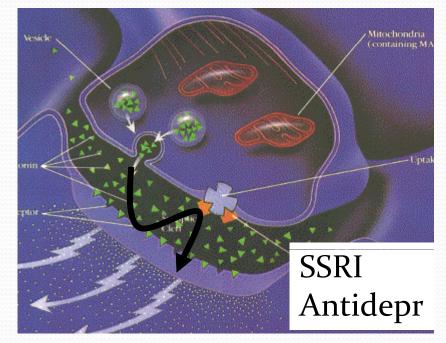
Drugs

Cognitive therapy

Synaptic transmission & drugs







Socialfobia: treatment cognitive terapy - citalopram

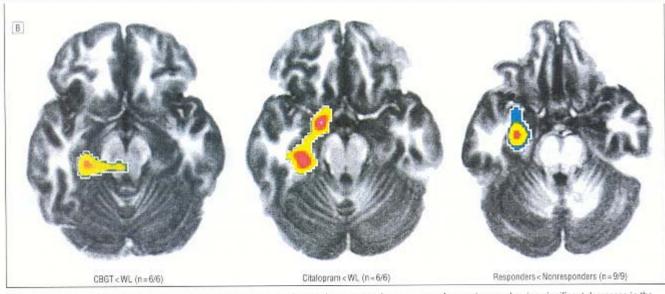
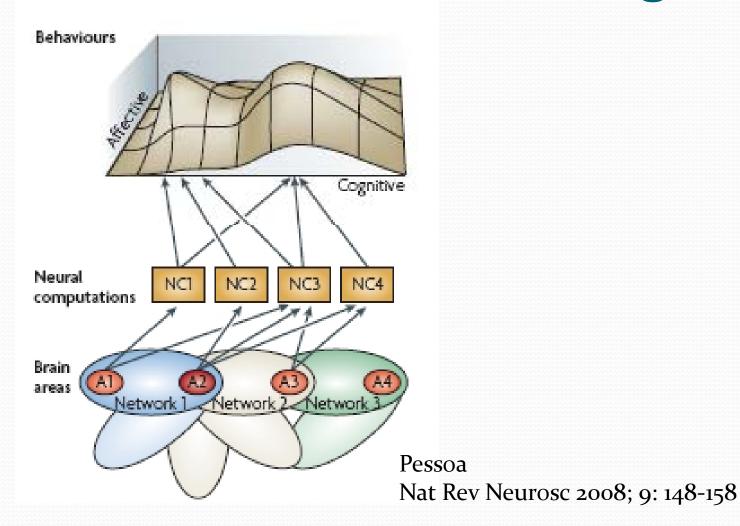


Figure 2. A, Transverse positron emission tomographic images, superimposed on a magnetic resonance reference image, showing significant decreases in the regional cerebral blood flow response to an anxiogenic public speaking task as a function of cognitive-behavioral group therapy (CBGT; left) or citalopram treatment (middle), and for responders regardless of treatment approach (right). Points of neural convergence were observed in the amygdala, hippocampus, and surrounding temporal cortical regions. B, Corresponding between-group differences in the amount of change in regional cerebral blood flow with treatment. Images show a greater reduction in the neural response to public speaking in CBGT relative to the waiting-list (WL) group (left), citalopram relative to the WL group (middle), and responders relative to nonresponders (right).

Some recent lines of reasoning



Philosophy bypassed?

