

The Neuropharmacological Basis Of Reward

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Review

Architectural Representation of Valence in the Limbic System

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In order to thrive, animals must be able to recognize aversive and appetitive stimuli within the environment and subsequently initiate appropriate behavioral responses. This assignment of positive or negative valence to a stimulus is a key feature of emotional processing, the neural substrates of which have been a topic of study for several decades. Until recently, the result of this work has been the identification of specific brain regions, such as the basolateral amygdala (BLA) and nucleus accumbens (NAc), as important to valence encoding. The advent of modern tools in neuroscience has allowed further dissection of these regions to identify specific populations of neurons signaling the valence of environmental stimuli. In this review, we focus upon recent work examining the mechanisms of valence encoding, and provide a model for the systematic investigation of valence within anatomically-, genetically-, and functionally defined populations of neurons. *Neuropsychopharmacology* (2016) 41, 1697–1715; doi:10.1038/npp.2015.358; published online 3 February 2016

INTRODUCTION

For more than a century following William James' original thesis on emotion (James, 1884), psychologists have attempted to determine whether the diverse range of human affect can be understood using few independent factors. On the basis of self-reported emotional states, early theorists charted emotions in two or more dimensions (Nowlis and Nowlis, 1956; Russell, 1980; Schlosberg, 1954). Popular among these models is the two-dimensional circumplex model of emotion (Russell, 1980), wherein emotions arise from the interaction between two neuropsychological systems—one representing the degree of pleasantness, ranging from aversive to appetitive (valence), and the other representing alertness (arousal; Posner *et al.*, 2005). Identifying and understanding the neurobiological substrates underlying these features of emotion is an active area of neuroscience research.

The idea that anatomically localized regions in the brain drive emotion and emotional behaviors was initially suggested by the finding that lesions to the temporal lobe and amygdala cause affective deficits (Klüver and Bucy, 1939). Following this early work, animal models for studying affect have been instrumental in advancing our

understanding of the neurobiological basis of emotion. Although the subjective aspect of emotions cannot be directly tested in animal models, the behavioral and physiological responses elicited by emotionally relevant stimuli can be objectively assessed.

Arousal is commonly studied in relation to consciousness, sleep, attention, sex, and emotion. Emotional arousal is an important aspect of emotion that is known to enhance emotional memory, either positive or negative. For a detailed review of the neural representation of arousal, refer to (Adolphs *et al.*, 1999; Harris and Aston-Jones, 2006; Lang *et al.*, 1998; McGaugh, 2000, 2004; McIntyre and Roozendaal, 2007).

Monitoring neural activity evoked by emotionally salient stimuli in model organisms, such as non-human primates and rodents, has proved to be an invaluable method to investigate the neurobiological basis of valence. A stimulus that is inherently appetitive or pleasant is said to carry positive valence, whereas a stimulus that is inherently aversive is said to carry negative valence. These stimuli are sufficient to evoke appetitive or aversive responses, and are therefore designated positive or negative unconditioned stimuli (US), respectively. When a previously neutral stimulus (known as a conditioned stimulus or CS), such as a tone, odor, or image, predicts a positive or negative US, it acquires valence. Pavlovian conditioning (Pavlov, 1927; Rescorla, 1988), in which the CS and US are repeatedly paired, is a common behavioral paradigm for teaching an animal a CS-US association. After the acquisition of a successful CS-US pairing, a positive CS is sufficient to evoke appetitive behaviors such as approach toward a food dispenser, and a negative CS is sufficient to evoke fear- or

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