# Language disorders through the lens of biolinguistics

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comorbid disorders

underlying deficit





#### Rapin and Allen (1983)20

Phonologic syntactic syndrome (with or without oromotor dysfunction) Severe expressive syndrome with good comprehension Verbal auditory agnosia (phonetic decoding deficit) Syntactic-pragmatic syndrome Semantic-pragmatic syndrome without autism ("cocktail party" speech) Mute autistic syndrome Autistic syndrome with echolalia



















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#### → Disordered systems are adaptative ← compensations









#### Ontological Incommensurability Problem (OIP):

The units of linguistic computation and the units of neurological computation are incommensurable = the former cannot be reduced or matched up with the latter



	Linguistics		Neuroscien	ce	
principled relationships	Fundamen	tal elements of repres	sentation (at a	a given analytic level)	
	distinctive fe syllable morpheme noun phrase clause	feature	dendrites, s	pines	
		Independent	neuron cell-assemb	ly/ensemble	
		e development	population		
			cortical coli	umn	
	Fundamental operations on primitives (at a given analytic leve				
	concatenation		long-term p	otentiation (LTP)	
	linearization		receptive field	eld	
	phrase-structure generation		oscillation		
	semantic co	omposition	synchronization		
		arbitrary relationships			







The boundaries of the involved areas are different from one subject to another





nonlinguistic disorder/deficit caused by the mutation of the gene







- polygenism
- polimorphism  $\leftarrow$  neurotypical population
- variable penetrance
- phenocopy
- pleiotropy
- different partners → different disorders










# *CNTNAP2* as a candidate for dyslexia

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## Genotype–phenotype correlation in contactin-associated protein-like 2 (*CNTNAP-2*) developmental disorder

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Epilepsy \*\*\*

**ASD \*\*** 

**Other NPsy** 

ID moderate to profound \*

Hyporeflexia \*

**Failure to thrive** 

Comorbidities

Dysmorphysms

Language impairment \*



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Normal population Early communicative behaviour

Early

communicative

behaviour

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(in)specific language disorder/deficit caused by the mutation of the gene nonlinguistic disorder/deficit caused by the mutation of the gene



#### Other (specifically?)



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#### Clinical phenotype of the recurrent 1q21.1 copy-number variant

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#### Chromosome 1











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(Jackendoff)

Grammar (Pollard, Sag)

(Bresnan, Kaplan)

that are computed [in real time] in the minds/brains of speakers

"To understand any developmental syndrome, it is essential to distinguish between the behavioral phenotype (based on scores from standardized tests of overt behavior) and the cognitive phenotype (based on in-depth analyses of the mental processes underlying the overt behavior)"



Karmiloff-Smith (2008: 693)

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Syndrome: The State of the Art

ANNETTE KARMILOFF-SMITH

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Developmental Language Disorders: Nosologic Considerations

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Preschool children who fail to develop effective speech at the expected age and whose behavior is often aberrant present a serious challenge to parents, educators, speech and lagguage pathologists, and physicians. In fact, their problem is so poorly understood, even today, that there is no general agreement on a classification of disorders presenting with these symptoms. We have no firm evidence of their cause, we cannot predict a likely outcome with assurance, and we have few hard data on the effectiveness of our intervention programs.

This chapter is a preliminary attempt by a child neurologist and a developmental psycholinguist to bring some conceptual order to the problem of children with *developmental language disability* (DLD). This attempt is clinically based and does not have the rigor of systematically collected experimental data. It also lacks the underpinnings that could have been provided if neuropsychologic tests, EEGs, and computerized transaxial tomography (CT) scans had been available for all the children. But, as pointed out by Benton (1978), clinical and experimental methods are complementary, and clinical observation is often a necessary first step to later, more focused experimental studies.



#### Theoretical Issues and Clinical Implications



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Rethinking the Diagnosis of Mental Disorders: Data-Driven Psychological Dimensions, Not Categories, as a Framework for Mental-Health Research, Treatment, and Training

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# Distill language (and linguistic theory) into a set of computational and representational primitives!

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- 3. Breakdowns and compensations never occur randomly
  - some aspects of language are particularly vulnerable
  - some aspects of language are particularly resistant to damage









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Canalization of gene expression



Phenotype (e.g., gene expression levels)



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#### **Archival Report**

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# The brain dynamics of linguistic computation

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  - Aspects of human biology known to vary within the species



Table 1. Electrophysiologica	I signatures of ASD and their	potential for biomarker use.
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Biomarker	Simple to Implement	Sensitive	Specific	Scale	Responsive to Treatment	Biological Basis	Predictive
M50/100 Latency Delay	1	~	1	~	✓ (pre-clinical)	✓ (hypothesized)	untested
MMF/N	✓	✓	to RDoC domain but not clinical label	1	untested	less clear	untested
Gamma Band Dysfunction	✓	~	to RDoC domains, but not clinical label	✓	✓	✓	✓











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Review







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Language



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- dysarthria
- dyspraxia
- dysphasia
- aphasia / language regression
- phonological problems
- moderate-to-severe receptive

language impairment








Information Processing Sensory Processing

Verbal & Nonverbal Communication Autism Spectrum Disorder

Social Awareness Repetitive Behaviors

Motor Skills

Perseverative Thinking



### **Problems with structural aspects of language**

- phonological problems
- morphosyntactic problems
  - clitics
  - relative clauses
  - wh-questions
  - passives
  - embedded clauses

## **Problems with pragmatics**

- difficulties for understanding non-literal language
- atypical conversational exchanges





- impaired semantic knowledge and sematic integration during sentence processing
- greater reliance on auditory/phonological cues + reduced reliance on semantics during word learning
- deficit in phonological processing





- increased variability
- delays, asynchronies, and/or deviances



- altered Mental Time Travel abilities
- impaired capacity for cross-modal thinking
- altered Theory of Mind
- increased reliance on rules











Frequency band	Role in the present model of language computation	Observed and predicted differences in Autism Spectrum Disorder
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Alpha (~8-12Hz)	Synchronizes distant cortical regions; embeds $\gamma$ generated cross-cortically to yield inter-modular set-formation; involved in lexical decision making.	Reduced cross-cortically; reduced resting-state $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ phase amplitude coupling; increased in resting state; predicted to be disrupted during certain lexicalisations.
Beta (~10-30Hz)	When $\gamma$ is slowed to $\beta$ and coupled with $\alpha$ via a basal ganglia-thalamic- cortical loop, syntactic objects are labeled; holds objects in memory.	Reduced cross-frequency coupling with $\gamma$ ; predicted to be disrupted in the maintenance of syntactic objects in raising, passives and <i>wh</i> -questions.
Gamma (~30-100Hz)	Generates syntactic objects before $\beta$ holds them in memory; central role in a number of linguistic operations; involved in lexical processing.	Over-connectivity gives rise to increased $\gamma$ ; reduced in rSTG and IIFG during picture naming; predicted to be disrupted quite generally in linguistic cognition.













Combined score

12.32

12.17

11.11

10.09

#### Upregulation



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Dorsal nucleus raphe

Name	P-value	Adjusted p-value	Z-score	Combined score
Medial septal nucleus	0.00007973	0.09919	-1.74	4.02
Thalamus, sensory-motor cortex related	0.005816	0.2128	-1.95	3.02
Agranular insular area, ventral part	0.005816	0.2128	-1.95	3.02
island of Calleja major	0.005816	0.2128	-1.94	3.00
Agranular insular area, dorsal part, layer 5	0.005816	0.2128	-1.90	2.93
intermediate stratum of PalSe	0.0007530	0.2128	-1.90	2.93
Bed nuclei of the stria terminalis	0.005816	0.2128	-1.88	2.90
intermediate stratum of SePal	0.005816	0.2128	-1.87	2.90
superficial stratum of InsCx (cortical plate/marginal zone)	0.005816	0.2128	-1.86	2.89
intermediate part of StrSe	0.005816	0.2128	-1.86	2.87
Name	P-value	Adjusted p-value	Z-score	Combined score
ventral striatum	0.0001034	0.04531	-1.97	6.10
superficial stratum of Str	0.0001034	0.04531	-1.94	6.02
Subiculum, dorsal part	0.00003844	0.04531	-1.91	5.90
Subiculum, dorsal part, pyramidal layer	0.0002660	0.05301	-1.93	5.66
striatal part of olfactory tuberculum	0.0001034	0.04531	-1.77	5.47
sublayer 6b of CCx	0.0002660	0.05301	-1.85	5.44
mantle zone of isBM	0.0002660	0.05301	-1.83	5.39
Midbrain raphe nuclei	0.0006548	0.06834	-1.95	5.24
Orbital area, ventrolateral part, layer 5	0.0002660	0.05301	-1.73	5.08
corticoid layer of TuStr	0.0006548	0.06834	-1.87	5.02
Name	P-value	Adjusted p-value	Z-score	Combined score
Bed nuclei of the stria terminalis	4.657e-10	3.403e-7	-1.92	28.60
Bed nuclei of the stria terminalis, anterior division	1.308e-10	2.867e-7	-1.87	28.24
Pallidum, caudal region	4.657e-10	3.403e-7	-1.79	26.63
Interanteromedial nucleus of the thalamus	1.763e-8	0.000006440	-1.90	22.67
reuniens nucleus, main part	5.569e-8	0.00001221	-1.93	21.89
Bed nuclei of the stria terminalis, posterior division, interfascicular nucleus	1.611e-9	8.829e-7	-1.56	21.78
lateral posterior nucleus	7.875e-9	0.000003452	-1.64	20.67
Nucleus of reunions	1.705e-7	0.00001869	-1.89	20.53
intermediate stratum of SePal	1.705e-7	0.00001869	-1.88	20.51
septopallidal transition area	1.705e-7	0.00001869	-1.88	20.51
Name	P-value	Adjusted p-value	Z-score	Combined score
liminal part of alar p1	0.004205	0.2245	-2.22	3.31
ventrolateral part of alar p1	0.004205	0.2245	-1.93	2.88
Striatum dorsal region	0.04278	0.2347	-1.91	2.77
Submedial nucleus of the thalamus	0.04278	0.2347	-1.91	2.77
Lateral septal nucleus	0.04278	0.2347	-1.91	2.76
r9 part of paragigantocellular nucleus	0.04278	0.2347	-1.91	2.76
riu part of basomedial reticular formation	0.04278	0.2347	-1.90	2.76
Hippocampai region	0.004205	0.2245	-1.84	2.75
central medial nucleus of the thalamus	0.04278	0.2347	-1.89	2.75
supericial stratum of 176M	0.04278	0.2347	-1.69	2.73
Name	P-value	Adjusted p-value	Z-score	Combined score
	0.001634	0.1280	-1.96	4.02
mantle zone of isBL				2.00
mantle zone of isBL mantle zone of m2B	0.001634	0.1280	-1.94	3.99
mantle zone of isBL mantle zone of m2B substantia innominata/basal nucleus	0.001634	0.1280	-1.94	3.74
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#### Downregulation

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Index Name

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cerebellar nuclei of CbV

periventricular stratum of cerebellar vermis

white matter of cerebellar vermis

medial (fastigial) cerebellar nucleus





Adjusted p-value

0.002135

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Z-score

-2.00

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-1.64

P-value

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60 3.71
83 3.48
99 3.35
72 3.35
93 3.25

Index	Name	P-value	Adjusted p-value	Z-score	Combined score
1	Retrosplenial area, ventral part, layer 1	0.001614	0.1147	-1.99	4.31
2	layer 3 of PCx	0.001614	0.1147	-1.96	4.24
3	Frontal pole, cerebral cortex	0.001614	0.1147	-1.92	4.16
4	periventricular stratum of r3Co	0.001614	0.1147	-1.91	4.13
5	r2 part of anteroventral cochlear nucleus	0.001614	0.1147	-1.89	4.09
6	Copula pyramidis, molecular layer	0.001614	0.1147	-1.87	4.05
7	superficial stratum of r2Co	0.001614	0.1147	-1.85	4.01
8	Copula pyramidis	0.001614	0.1147	-1.83	3.97
9	r3 part of dorsal cochlear nucleus	0.001614	0.1147	-1.78	3.86
10	forebrain	0.4021	0.4203	-4.40	3.81



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Gene	Fixed aa change in	Positively selected in AMHs	Differentially methylated in AMH skeletal	Enriched in AMH DMRs	Oscillomic/oscillopathic features
	AMHS	1	samples		
AUTS2		$\checkmark$	T (body gene)		Epilepsy
<i>CACNA1C</i>			↑ (body gene)		β, γ
CNTNAP2	$\checkmark$				α
COMT			↑ (downstream		α
			the gene)		
DYRK1A		$\checkmark$	<i>c</i> ,		Inhibition of neural activity
EGR1				$\checkmark$	Epilepsy
ELP4		$\checkmark$			High amplitude
					centrotemporal sharp waves
FMR1	$\checkmark$				θν
FOXP1		$\checkmark$	$\uparrow$ (body gene)		Epileptiform discharges
PDGFRR			(body gene)		v v
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RUDUI SHANK2		•			Epitepsy
SHANK3			$\downarrow$ (downstream		Seizures, abnormal EEG
			the gene)		

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