

1 **Robust lesion network mapping reveals genuine symptom-specific networks**

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31 **Abstract**

32 Lesion network mapping (LNM) and its derivatives successfully integrate anatomically distributed
33 brain loci into common symptom-associated functional networks. However, their statistical
34 validity and specificity have recently become topics of debate. Here, we introduce a null model-
35 based robust LNM (rLNM) framework to perform sensitivity and symptom-specificity testing.
36 Across multiple lesion-based (10 conditions, 333 lesions) and task-based (4 conditions, 706
37 experiments) datasets, rLNM reveals biologically meaningful and symptom-specific networks
38 while effectively controlling for false positives.

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40 **Main Text**

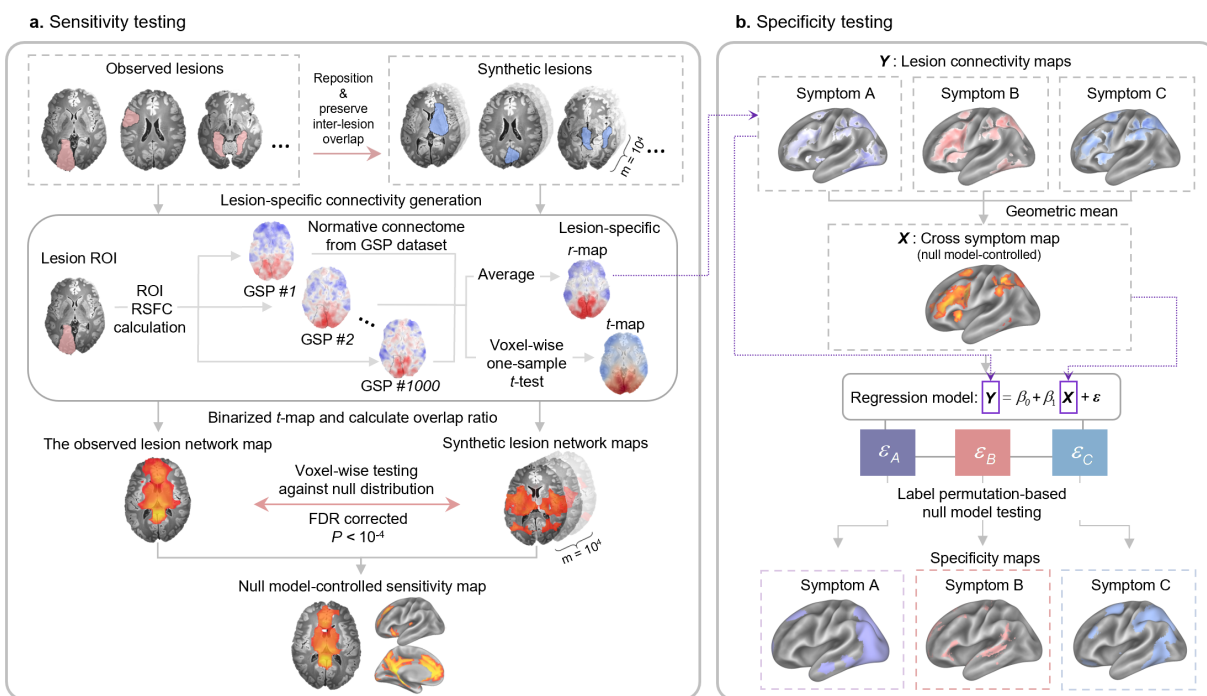
41 Lesion network mapping (LNM) aims to identify the neural substrates underlying specific
42 neuropsychiatric symptoms by associating anatomically heterogeneous lesions with common
43 functional networks¹. This technique has been extended from focal lesions to task activations²,
44 atrophy patterns³, and brain stimulation sites⁴. Despite its broad adoption, LNM has recently come
45 under methodological scrutiny, with critiques suggesting that the network patterns reported across
46 diverse disorders are highly similar, and may primarily reflect the hub architecture of the normative
47 connectome rather than disorder-specific circuitry⁵. Subsequent studies have countered that this
48 similarity is overstated⁶⁻¹⁰, providing evidence that genuine symptom-specific functional networks
49 do exist despite their entanglement with underlying connectome structure. However, conventional
50 LNM still lacks a rigorous statistical framework to distinguish genuine network effects from
51 connectome-driven biases.

52 In most implementations, conventional LNM consists sensitivity⁹ and specificity⁶ testing.
53 Sensitivity testing identifies voxels at which lesion-connectivity overlap, the proportion of lesions
54 showing significant functional connectivity, exceeds an arbitrarily-chosen threshold applied
55 uniformly across the brain (e.g., $\geq 75\%$). However, hub regions inherently show higher overlap
56 than non-hub regions, so this approach inflates false positives at hubs and false negatives elsewhere.
57 Specificity testing is conventionally performed by contrasting the symptom of interest (SOI)
58 against a large, heterogeneous lesion database (e.g., 1,100 lesions¹¹ spanning 26 symptoms such
59 as aphasia, depression and central pain). Because such lesion pools aggregate largely unrelated
60 conditions, the contrast approximates a near-random spatial distribution of lesions across the brain
61 and achieves only “broad specificity”, failing to resolve finer mixtures within a single symptom’s
62 map. For example, motor and visual anosognosia¹² likely engage both an anosognosia-general

63 system (e.g., bodily self-awareness) and modality-specific motor or visual networks, yet
64 conventional LNM yields a single entangled map that cannot disentangle the two¹³. This situation
65 echoes early task neuroimaging^{14,15}, where task-versus-rest contrasts conflated multiple cognitive
66 processes until the field shifted to task-versus-task comparisons with matched controls (e.g.,
67 memory encoding vs. retrieval¹⁶) to isolate specific functions. By analogy, LNM still lacks
68 “selective specificity”, a contrast against meaningfully related symptoms rather than
69 heterogeneous reference pools. Consequently, how sensitivity analyses capture genuine functional
70 networks beyond connectome-driven biases, and how to robustly distinguish symptom-specific
71 patterns from related conditions, remain critical unresolved questions.

72 Here, we propose a “robust LNM” (rLNM) framework as a unified and statistically rigorous
73 approach for sensitivity and specificity testing. First, to replace the arbitrary, whole-brain threshold
74 with a region-specific null reference that accounts for connectome heterogeneity, we implement a
75 spatial null model-based test for sensitivity testing (Fig. 1a, see Methods), similar in concept to
76 that proposed by Zalesky and Cash⁹. If symptoms are genuinely underpinned by network
77 disruptions, observed lesion-connectivity overlap should exceed what would arise from random
78 lesion placements. Specifically, each lesion is randomly repositioned across the brain while
79 preserving lesion size, shape, and inter-lesion overlap distribution via simulated annealing¹⁷,
80 yielding an anatomy-preserved null model of 10,000 synthetic LNM maps. The observed LNM
81 map is then compared against this null distribution using voxel-wise testing to derive a null model-
82 controlled sensitivity map. Second, to achieve selective specificity, rLNM enables hypothesis-
83 driven contrasts between mechanistically or clinically related symptoms, isolating network effects
84 unique to one condition beyond shared components. We formalize this contrast using a regression-
85 based approach (Fig. 1b, see Methods): a cross-symptom map representing the shared component

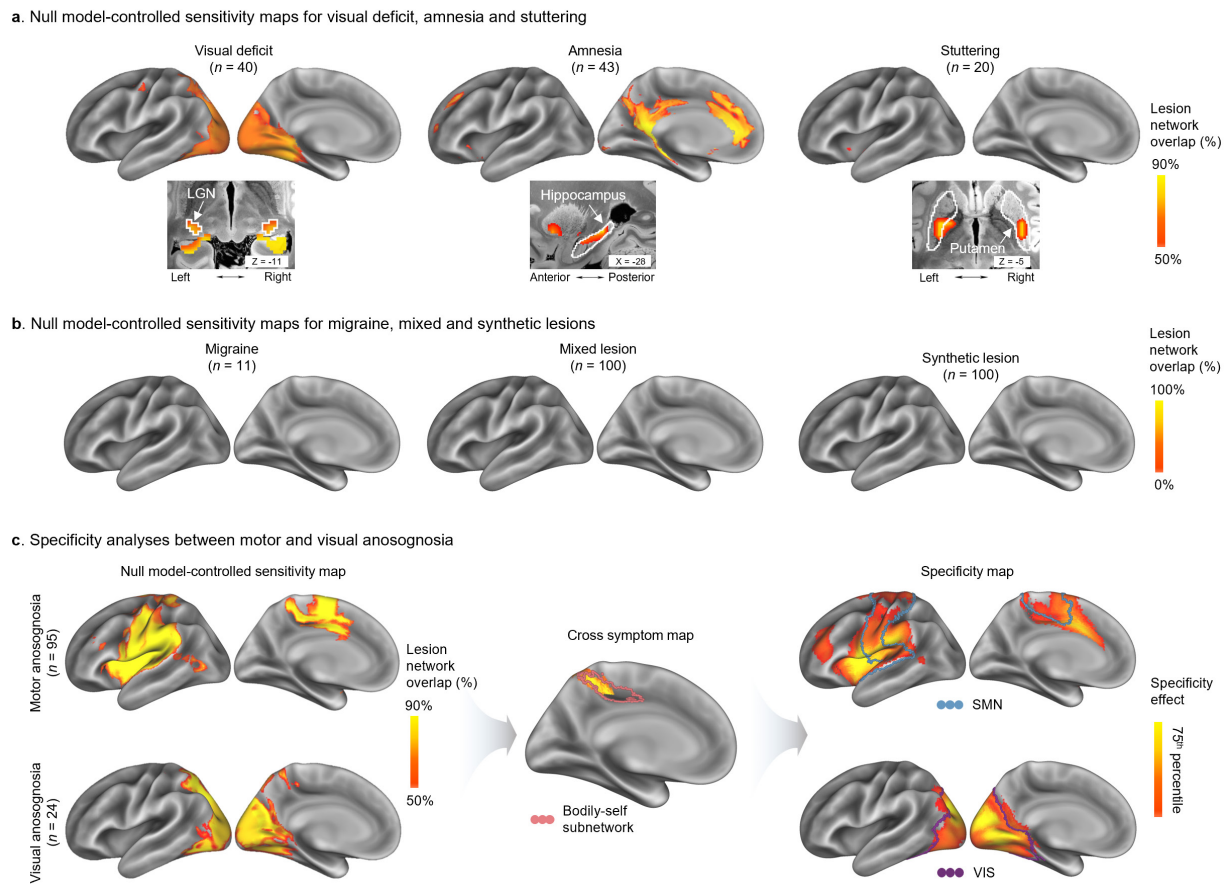
86 is derived from lesion-wise connectivity maps across the contrasted conditions, and then regressed
 87 out from each symptom's connectivity map to obtain symptom-specific residual maps. The
 88 statistical significance of these residuals is then assessed against a label-permutation null
 89 distribution, yielding the final selective specificity maps. Notably, beyond LNM itself, this
 90 framework is applicable to its derivatives, such as atrophy network mapping¹⁸ and causal brain
 91 mapping¹⁹.



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 93 **Fig. 1 | Overview of the robust lesion network mapping approach.** **a**, Sensitivity testing. Observed lesion
 94 locations are first used to generate lesion-specific connectivity maps based on a normative connectome
 95 derived from 1000 healthy participants. The observed lesion network map is obtained by binarizing lesion-
 96 wise functional connectivity and calculating the overlap ratio. To assess statistical significance, a spatial
 97 null model-based testing framework is implemented, in which synthetic lesions are generated by randomly
 98 repositioning lesions across the brain while preserving lesion size, shape, and spatial overlap. For each
 99 repetition, synthetic lesion network maps are computed using the same pipeline as the observed lesions.
 100 Repeating this procedure 10,000 times yields a null distribution of lesion network maps. The observed map
 101 is then compared against this null distribution using voxel-wise testing ($P < 10^{-4}$, false discovery rate (FDR)
 102 corrected) to identify regions showing consistent connectivity across lesions. **b**, Specificity testing. Lesion
 103 connectivity maps (defined as the average functional connectivity across lesions) from contrasted
 104 symptoms are combined to derive a cross-symptom map capturing shared functional network. Using
 105 ordinary least squares regression, this shared component is regressed out from each connectivity map to
 106 obtain symptom-specific effects. Statistical significance is assessed using a label permutation-based null
 107 model, to identify network patterns that are specific to symptoms of interest.

108 To evaluate rLNM's performance, we first applied the rLNM framework to publicly available
109 lesion datasets, including visual deficits²⁰ ($n = 40$), amnesia²¹ ($n = 43$), stuttering²² ($n = 20$), and
110 migraine²³ ($n = 11$) for sensitivity testing (Fig. 2a & b). The null model-controlled sensitivity map
111 of visual deficits predominantly localized to the visual cortex and lateral geniculate nucleus (LGN),
112 as expected (Fig. 2a, left). The amnesia map highlighted the anterior/posterior cingulate cortex and
113 hippocampus, which largely overlap with the DMN and are closely associated with memory
114 function²⁴ (Fig. 2a, middle). In stuttering, significant effects were primarily observed in the
115 putamen, which has been reported to exhibit morphological alterations in this disorder^{25,26} (Fig. 2a
116 right). In contrast, no region survived the null model-based test in migraine (Fig. 2b, left),
117 synthetic lesions ($n = 100$; Fig. 2b, middle) and mixed lesions ($n = 100$; randomly sampled from
118 ten lesion datasets, see Methods; Fig. 2b, right), despite observed high overlap prior to null model-
119 based testing. These results indicate that the rLNM reliably identifies symptom-related networks
120 while robustly controlling for false-positive and false-negative findings.

121 To demonstrate how selective specificity decomposes mixed lesion maps, we examined motor (n
122 = 95) and visual anosognosia ($n = 24$)¹², two conditions sharing an anosognosia-general symptom,
123 while differing in sensory modality. Based on the sensitivity maps for each symptom type (Fig. 2c,
124 left), we derived a cross-symptom map (Fig. 2c, middle), and highlighted a convergent region in
125 the pars marginalis of the cingulate sulcus, overlapping with the previously defined subnetwork of
126 the action mode network implicated in bodily self^{27,28}. We next derived specificity maps for each
127 condition (Fig. 2c, right), which predominantly involved the corresponding motor and visual
128 systems, consistent with their distinct functional symptoms.

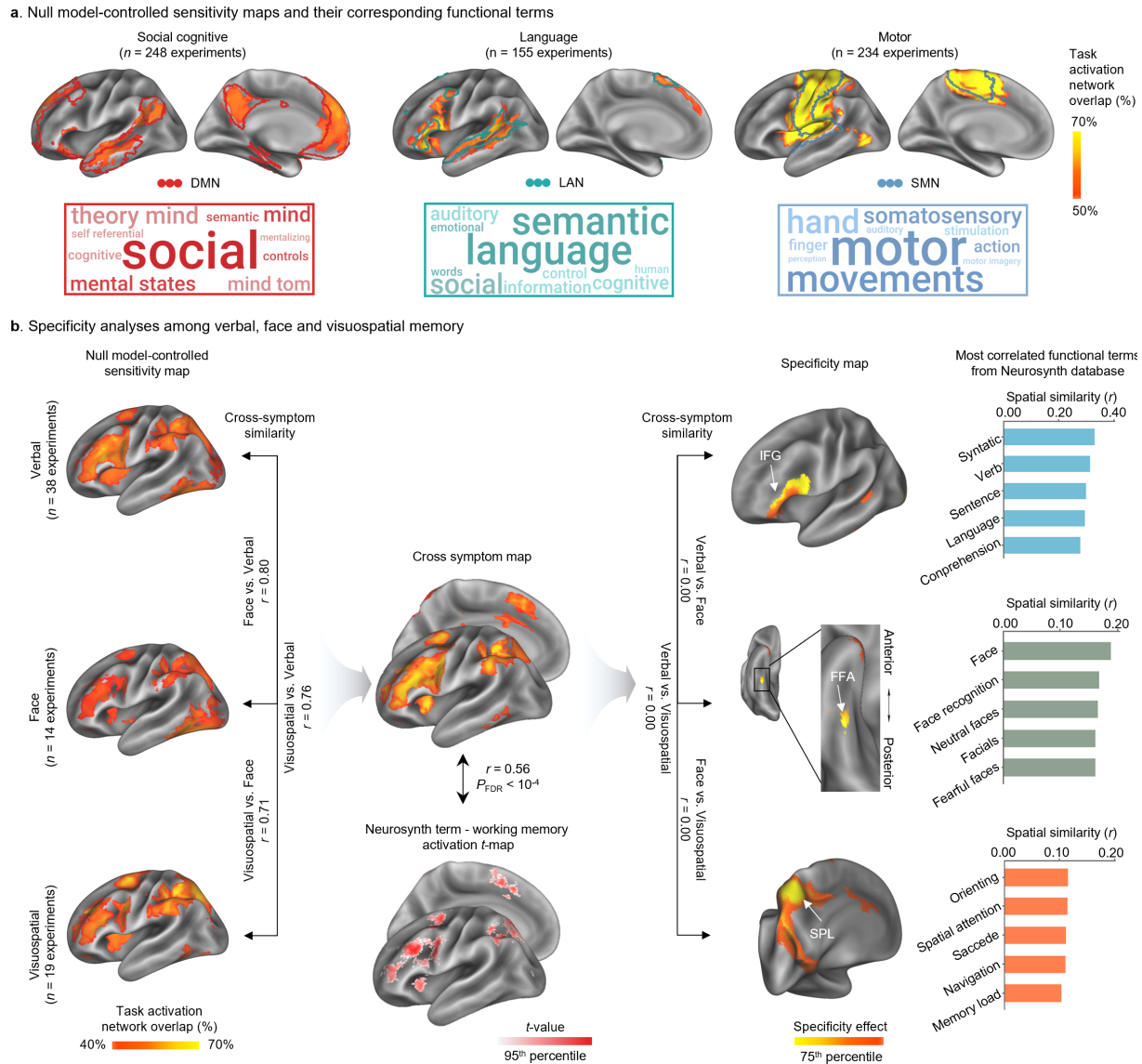


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130 **Fig. 2 | rLNM dissociates functional networks across and within neurological symptoms.** **a**, Cortical
 131 and subcortical visualizations of null model-controlled sensitivity maps across three neurological
 132 conditions. The map for visual deficits ($n = 40$; left) highlights regions within the visual cortex and lateral
 133 geniculate nucleus (LGN). The map for amnesia ($n = 43$; middle) identifies the anterior/posterior cingulate
 134 cortex and hippocampus. The map for stuttering ($n = 20$; right) highlights the putamen. **b**, Cortical
 135 visualization of null model-controlled sensitivity maps derived from migraine ($n = 11$; left), mixed lesions
 136 ($n = 100$; middle), and synthetic lesions ($n = 100$; right). No regions survived null model-based testing in
 137 these conditions. **c**, Dissociation between cross-symptom and symptom-specific effects derived from motor
 138 ($n = 95$) and visual anosognosia ($n = 24$). In specificity analyses, based on the sensitivity maps for each
 139 condition (left), the cross-symptom map (middle) highly overlapped with the bodily-self subnetwork of the
 140 action mode network (pink boundary). The specificity maps for motor (upper right) and visual (lower right)
 141 anosognosia highlights the SMN (blue boundary) and visual (VIS, purple boundary) networks, respectively.

142 Because lesion-based analyses lack a ground-truth reference, we further benchmarked rLNM using
 143 activation network mapping (ANM)², a derivative of LNM in which task activation coordinates
 144 serve as seeds. Task activations from well-designed experiments converge on canonical functional
 145 networks, providing a priori reference against which rLNM's outputs can be judged. Task-based

146 fMRI activation coordinates were sourced from the BrainMap database (see Methods). Null
147 model-controlled sensitivity maps of social cognition ($n = 248$ experiments; Figure 3a, left),
148 language ($n = 155$ experiments; Figure 3a, middle), and motor ($n = 234$ experiments; Figure 3a,
149 right) tasks highlight the default mode network (DMN), language network (LAN), and
150 somatomotor network (SMN), respectively. Comparative functional pattern analytics by the
151 Neurosynth database²⁹ associates these maps with the terms “social” ($r = 0.43$, $P < 10^{-4}$, false
152 discovery rate (FDR) corrected), “language” ($r = 0.57$, $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$) and “motor” ($r = 0.59$, $P_{\text{FDR}} <$
153 10^{-4}). For specificity analyses, we collected three types of working memory (WM) tasks: verbal (n
154 $= 38$ experiments), face ($n = 14$ experiments) and visuospatial ($n = 19$ experiments) WM (Fig. 3b,
155 left column). The cross-symptom map generated by aggregating these three tasks (Fig. 3b, top
156 center) significantly correlated with the “working memory” map derived from the Neurosynth
157 database ($r = 0.56$, $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$; Fig. 3b, bottom center). We then derived specificity maps by
158 regressing out the cross-symptom component, which remarkably reduced the high inter-map
159 similarity observed prior to regression (pairwise $r = 0.80$, 0.71 , and 0.76), resulting in maps with
160 minimal spatial overlap ($r = 0$ for all pairs). These selective working memory specificity maps
161 (right) highlighted regions of inferior frontal gyrus (IFG; verbal WM), fusiform face area (FFA;
162 face WM), superior parietal lobule (SPL, visuospatial WM), respectively. The most associated
163 NeuroSynth terms were “word” ($r = 0.33$, $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$) for the verbal working memory selective
164 specificity map, “face” ($r = 0.19$, $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$) for the face working memory map, and “spatial” (r
165 $= 0.13$, $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$) for the visuospatial working memory map, indicating that the specificity
166 testing effectively captured task-specific effects.



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168 **Fig. 3 | rLNM dissociates functional networks across and within cognitive domains.** **a**, Null model-
 169 controlled sensitivity maps of three canonical cognitive domains and their corresponding functional terms.
 170 In sensitivity analyses, cortical surface visualization (top) of the rLNM-derived ANM maps for social
 171 cognition ($n = 248$ experiments), language ($n = 155$ experiments), and motor ($n = 234$ experiments)
 172 highlight key regions of the default mode network (DMN, red boundary), language network (LAN, green
 173 boundary) and somatomotor network (SMN, blue boundary), respectively. Word clouds (bottom)
 174 summarize their corresponding functional terms in the Neurosynth database, with font size scaled
 175 proportionally to correlation strength. **b**, Dissociation between cross-symptom and symptom-specific
 176 effects derived from working memory tasks. Based on the sensitivity maps (left) from verbal ($n = 38$
 177 experiments), face ($n = 14$ experiments) and visuospatial ($n = 19$ experiments) work memory, the resulting
 178 cross-symptom map (middle) shows a significant spatial correspondence (Pearson's $r = 0.56$, $P_{FDR} < 10^{-4}$)
 179 with the working memory activation map from the Neurosynth database. The specificity maps (right) reveal
 180 distinct patterns for each condition, highlighting regions of inferior frontal gyrus (IFG), fusiform face area
 181 (FFA), and superior parietal lobule (SPL), respectively. Bar plots display the most correlated terms from
 182 the Neurosynth database with each specificity map.

183 Recent debates⁵⁻¹⁰ about the validity of LNM offer an important opportunity to revisit and improve
184 its methodological foundations. Here, our rLNM reformulates the sensitivity testing by replacing
185 arbitrary, whole-brain thresholds with an anatomy-preserving spatial null model. By comparing
186 observed lesion connectivity overlap to region-specific null distributions, this approach provides
187 explicit control over false-positive and false-negative rates, requiring stronger effects in hub
188 regions (e.g., insula) while allowing more moderate overlap elsewhere to remain informative. In
189 effect, this null model largely offers a self-contained alternative to “broad specificity” analyses,
190 without requiring the need for large-scale external lesion datasets as a control.

191 In addition, rLNM reframes specificity testing from broad to selective contrasts (Fig. 1b), enabling
192 direct comparisons between mechanistically or clinically related symptoms. Echoing the late-
193 1990s shift in cognitive neuroimaging toward matched experimental contrasts^{13,16}, rLNM
194 establishes a new paradigm for well-controlled, hypothesis-driven network-pattern inference.
195 Together with rLNM’s sensitivity testing, this reframing may help explain why previously reported
196 LNM maps across diverse conditions often exhibit substantial similarity⁵. Such similarity likely
197 reflects both connectome-driven anatomical biases and an unresolved mixture of symptom-
198 specific and symptom-general components, features that conventional LNM was not originally
199 designed to disentangle. Our results further demonstrate that this framework generalizes from
200 LNM to ANM, and is readily applicable to a broader class of pattern-based network inferences,
201 such as imaging-transcriptomic mapping³⁰ and trans-diagnostic brain mapping³¹. As an open-
202 source framework, rLNM thus provides a practical foundation for re-evaluating existing findings,
203 while promoting transparency and standardization in future analyses.

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205 **Methods**

206 **Lesion Datasets**

207 To assess the validity of the rLNM approach across a range of neuropsychiatric conditions, we
208 assembled lesion datasets spanning 10 disorders from previously published studies and publicly
209 available resources. These included visual deficits²⁰, amnesia²¹, stuttering²², migraine²³, visual and
210 motor anosognosia¹², ataxia³³, alien limb syndrome³⁴, addiction³⁵, and neglect²⁰. Lesion datasets
211 for amnesia, stuttering, migraine, alien limb syndrome, addiction, and neglect were obtained from
212 a previously curated resource⁵. The visual deficit dataset was obtained from an online lesion
213 database (Lesion Bank; <https://lesionbank.org>). For anosognosia, motor anosognosia lesions were
214 obtained from the publicly available data of the original study¹², whereas visual anosognosia
215 lesions were manually delineated by a senior neuroradiologist based on lesion locations reported
216 in the same study. The ataxia dataset was downloaded from the public data from the original
217 study³³.

218 The visual deficit dataset included 40 patients with visual field defects, color agnosia, or both. The
219 amnesia dataset included 43 patients with focal brain lesions associated with clinically evident
220 episodic memory impairment; all cases presented with anterograde amnesia and were identified
221 through a systematic Medline search of case reports describing acquired amnesia following focal
222 brain lesions. The stuttering dataset included 20 participants with persistent developmental
223 stuttering. The migraine dataset included neuroimaging coordinates of decreased gray matter
224 volume derived from a voxel-based morphometry (VBM) meta-analysis ($n = 11$ regions). The
225 anosognosia dataset included lesions associated with visual anosognosia ($n = 24$) and motor
226 anosognosia ($n = 95$). The limb ataxia dataset comprised 35 patients with clinically confirmed
227 newly-onset acute limb ataxia. The alien limb dataset included 48 patients with focal brain lesions

228 associated with alien limb syndrome, identified from published case reports describing involuntary
229 movements attributed to external control. The addiction dataset included 34 patients with focal
230 brain lesions who were active daily smokers at the time of lesion onset. The neglect dataset
231 included 34 patients.

232 To provide control conditions, we constructed mixed lesion datasets by combining lesions across
233 the ten disorders. We also included a synthetic lesion dataset comprising 100 lesions derived from
234 van den Heuvel et al⁵. Synthetic lesions were generated by randomly sampling atlas regions with
235 uniform probability and then expanding each seed to include neighboring regions, and were
236 subsequently mapped to corresponding voxels in standard MNI space for voxel-wise analyses.

237 **Task Activation Coordinates**

238 Following the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses)
239 guidelines (<http://www.prisma-statement.org>), we systematically identified functional
240 neuroimaging studies from the BrainMap database (www.brainmap.org), a large-scale repository
241 encompassing over 130,000 experiments. In this study, we focused on four core cognitive tasks³²:
242 social cognition (theory of mind), language, motor, and working memory.

243 To ensure data quality and homogeneity, we applied the following inclusion criteria across all
244 domains: (1) use of fMRI or PET imaging; (2) involvement of healthy adult participants only
245 (experimental context: normal mapping); (3) reporting of whole-brain results in standard
246 stereotactic space (MNI or Talairach); and (4) inclusion of activation data only (experimental
247 activation: activations only). Beyond these universal standards, we developed task-specific search
248 strategies to capture the unique functional architecture. For language, we combined the
249 “cognition–language” with a specific “language” context. For social cognition, we focused on the

250 “theory of mind” paradigm to isolate core mentalizing processes. For motor function, we restricted
251 analyses to simple “flexion/extension” tasks to minimize contributions from higher-order motor
252 planning. For working memory, we selected the well-established “n-back” paradigm to ensure
253 consistency across studies. The final meta-analytic dataset comprised: social cognition (62 papers,
254 248 experiments, 1,187 participants, 1,736 foci); language (33 papers, 155 experiments, 964
255 participants, 1,075 foci); motor (74 papers, 234 experiments, 2,173 participants, 3,892 foci); and
256 working memory (137 papers, 426 experiments, 4,267 participants, 3,448 foci).

257 To investigate the symptom-specific effects, we performed a sub-stratification of the working
258 memory dataset. Based on detailed inspection of experimental metadata, studies were categorized
259 according to their stimulus modality, and the following categories were included: verbal (e.g.,
260 words or sentences; 38 experiments), face (e.g., human faces; 14 experiments), and visuospatial
261 (e.g., spatial locations or navigation; 19 experiments) working memory.

262 **MRI data and preprocessing**

263 Resting-state fMRI data from 1,000 healthy participants in the Brain Genomics Superstruct Project
264 (GSP)³⁶ were used to construct a normative connectome. Preprocessing of both structural and
265 functional MRI data was performed using DeepPrep³⁷⁻³⁹ with parameters consistent with our
266 previous studies^{40,41}. The fMRI preprocessing pipeline included the following steps: (1) slice
267 timing correction; (2) head motion correction; (3) linear detrending and bandpass filtering within
268 the range of 0.01-0.08 Hz; and (4) regression to account for nuisance variables, which
269 encompassed the six motion parameters, white matter signal, ventricular signal, global signal and
270 their first-order temporal derivatives. Volumetric fMRI data were normalized to a 2-mm isotropic
271 template (the FSL version of the MNI ICBM152 nonlinear template), followed by spatial

272 smoothing using a 6-mm full-width at half-maximum (FWHM) isotropic Gaussian kernel within
273 the brain mask. For rLNM, all lesion masks were first normalized to the same 2-mm isotropic
274 volumetric template using a 12-degree-of-freedom linear transformation (FSL v6.0)⁴². In this study,
275 rLNM analyses were conducted in a downsampled 8-mm isotropic space to reduce computational
276 complexity. For visualization, volumetric data were resampled to 1-mm resolution, and projected
277 onto the surface-based fsaverage standard space using FreeSurfer⁴³. In future applications, we
278 recommend performing rLNM analyses in 2-mm isotropic space to achieve finer spatial resolution.

279 **Sensitivity validation**

280 To evaluate the sensitivity of symptom-related functional networks and control for false-positive
281 and false-negative findings, we incorporated a null model-based testing into conventional LNM
282 framework. We first constructed an observed LNM map using true lesions. Each lesion was treated
283 as an individual region of interest (ROI), and its resting-state functional connectivity (RSFC)
284 profile was estimated using normative rs-fMRI data from 1,000 healthy participants in the GSP
285 dataset³⁶. For each healthy participant, the mean BOLD time series within each ROI was extracted
286 and correlated with the time series of all other brain voxels. Correlation coefficients were
287 normalized using Fisher's *r*-to-*z* transformation, yielding individual RSFC maps. For each ROI,
288 voxel-wise one-sample *t*-tests were performed across the 1,000 RSFC maps and followed by false
289 discovery rate (FDR) correction ($P < 0.01$) to obtain ROI-specific *t*-maps. These maps were
290 thresholded at $|t| > 7$ and binarized (see Supplementary Note for details), then aggregated by
291 computing voxel-wise overlap proportions across all lesions, yielding an observed LNM map.

292 To assess statistical significance of the observed LNM map, we implemented a spatial null model-
293 based testing that constrains lesion size, shape, and spatial overlap⁹. Specifically, synthetic lesions

294 were randomly repositioned across the brains under these constraints. A global optimization
295 procedure based on simulated annealing¹⁷ was used to match the inter-lesion overlap distribution
296 between synthetic and observed lesions, with similarity (quantified via two-sample *t*-test) as the
297 objective function. For each iteration, ROI-specific *t*-maps were then computed for the synthetic
298 lesions using the same pipeline as the observed lesions. This process was repeated 10,000 times to
299 generate a null distribution of LNM maps. The observed LNM map was subsequently compared
300 against this distribution using voxel-wise testing to derive a statistical *P*-map, defined as the
301 proportion of synthetic map values exceeding the observed map at each voxel. After FDR
302 correction, voxels with $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$ were retained to define the final null model-controlled
303 sensitivity map.

304 **Specificity validation**

305 Specificity validation aims to identify functional patterns that distinguish a symptom from related
306 but distinct conditions. This procedure comprises three steps. First, a cross-symptom map was
307 constructed to capture shared functional patterns across symptoms. Specifically, for each symptom,
308 connectivity maps were obtained by averaging ROI-specific connectivity profiles (defined as mean
309 functional connectivity across 1,000 healthy subjects from the GSP dataset) across lesions. Only
310 voxels showing positive functional connectivity across all symptoms were retained. The cross-
311 symptom map was then computed as the voxel-wise geometric mean of these maps, isolating a
312 core network consistently expressed across symptoms. To restrict this network to statistically
313 robust regions, the resulting map was further masked by voxels surviving sensitivity validation
314 (i.e., null model-based permutation testing with 10,000 iterations), yielding the final cross-
315 symptom connectivity map.

316 Second, symptom-specific effects were derived using a regression framework. The cross-symptom
317 map was used as the sole predictor in an ordinary least squares model, and the shared component
318 was regressed out from each symptom connectivity map, respectively. The resulting residuals were
319 standardized using whole-brain Z -scoring, yielding maps of symptom-specific effects.

320 Third, statistical significance of the symptom-specific effects was assessed using a label
321 permutation-based null model. Specifically, lesion labels were randomly reassigned across
322 symptoms while preserving sample size, and synthetic symptom connectivity maps were
323 recomputed. The same regression procedure was applied to obtain null residual maps. This process
324 was repeated 10,000 times to generate a null distribution of symptom-specific effects. Voxel-wise
325 P values were computed as the proportion of null effects exceeding the observed effects. After
326 FDR correction, voxels with $P_{\text{FDR}} < 10^{-4}$ were retained to define the final specificity maps.

327 **Comparative functional pattern analytics**

328 To characterize the cognitive and behavioral correlates of LNM maps, we performed a spatial
329 meta-analytic comparison using the NeuroSynth database (<https://neurosynth.org/>)²⁹. Neurosynth
330 provides whole-brain activation maps for 1,334 functional patterns, which are derived from large-
331 scale meta-analyses of neuroimaging studies. These maps represent how fluctuations in regional
332 brain activity correspond to specific psychological processes. In our analysis, anatomical terms
333 (e.g., “insula” and “cortical”) and repetitive patterns were excluded, restricting the analysis to
334 cognitive and behavioral domains. Spatial similarity between LNM maps and each functional map
335 was quantified using voxel-wise Pearson correlation coefficients.

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338 **Data availability**

339 The normative rs-fMRI data from GSP used for functional connectivity analyses are publicly
340 available at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/GSP>. The cortical parcellation atlas is publicly
341 available at https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/fswiki/CorticalParcellation_Yeo2011. The
342 volumetric brain template is an ultrahigh-resolution ex-vivo brain in MNI space⁴⁴, which is
343 available at https://datadryad.org/stash/downloads/file_stream/182489.

344 **Code availability**

345 The codes for the proposed framework will be available. Software packages incorporated into the
346 above code for data analysis included: Matlab R2020a, <https://www.mathworks.com/>; Python
347 v3.11.6, <https://www.python.org>; MRICroN v1.0; Connectome Workbench v1.5,
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