

Gerald Edelman (1929-)

He investigated patterns of excitation that show up on brain imaging screens. When given uniform instructions the participants' brains light up uniquely as to location and extent or magnitude of neuron activity. My idea of a duck or a horse—my pattern of nervous activation—will differ from everyone else. I find this unsurprising.

My memory contents are bound to be different than yours. Although I speak the same words as other English speakers, I know that the meaning in my language is coloured by my unique and memorized set of life experiences.

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