



Lund Memory Lab

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Methodological approach

- Behavioral paradigms (experimental paradigms, standardized tests)
- Structural and functional MRI
- Electrophysiological methods (EEG/ERP)
- Healthy subjects and patients with focal brain lesions or psychiatric disorders (depression, anxiety, PTSD)
- Animal studies (rodents, great apes)
- Virtual reality
- Eye tracking
- Machine learning
 - Multivariate Pattern Analysis (MVPA)
 - Representational Similarity Analysis (RSA)

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Undergraduate and postgraduate students

Collaborations

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Stanford University, USA
Lund University

eSENSE The E-Science Collaboration
Lund University Bioimaging Center
Psychiatric Neuromodulation Unit (PMU)
Thinking in Time: Cognition, Communication and Learning
AIM@LU

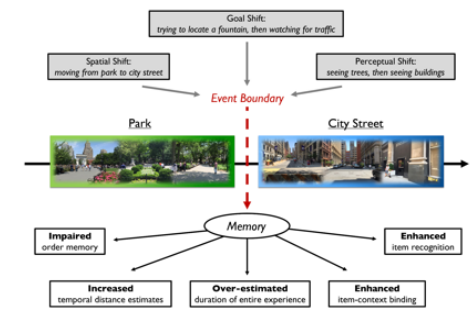
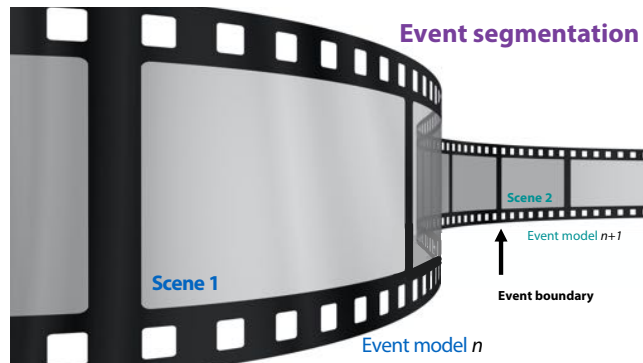
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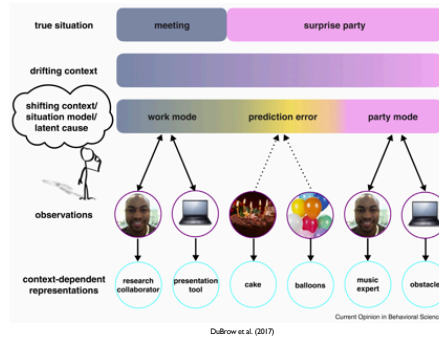
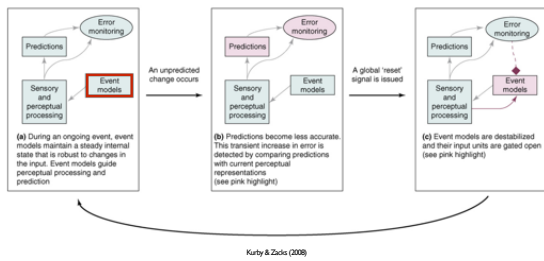
Minne och verklighet



Konstruktion och rekonstruktion



Event Segmentation Theory



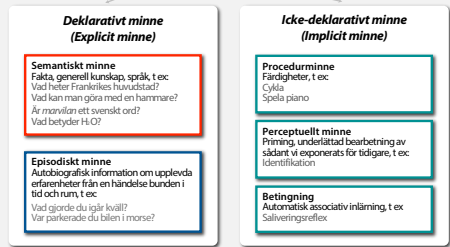
Basic memory components

Inkodning → Lagring → Framlockning

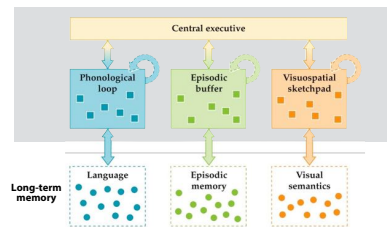
Atkinson & Shiffrin (1968)

Minnet

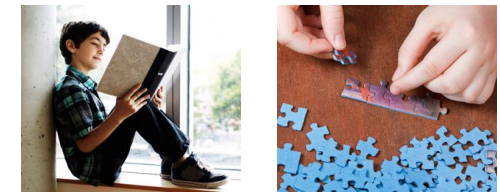
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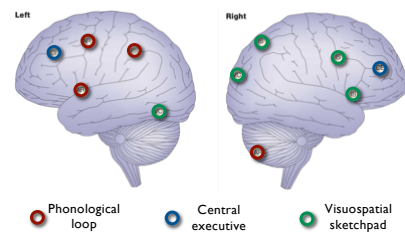
Working Memory



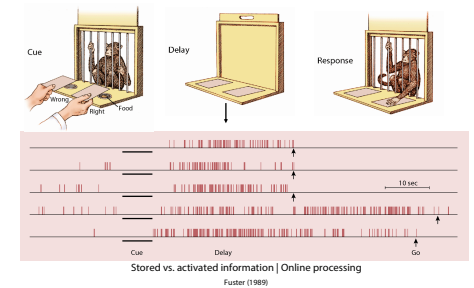
Baddeley & Hitch (1974), Baddeley (2000, 2003)



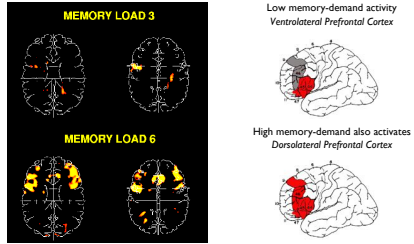
Neuroimaging results



PFC: Delay-selective activity



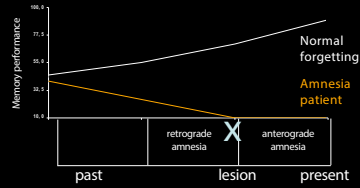
Working memory – Sternberg task



Rypma et al. (1999)

Memory and the Brain - Amnesia

Deficits in memory as a function of brain injury or deterioration, disease, or psychological trauma

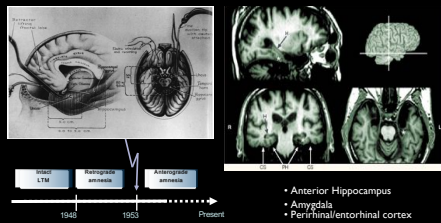


Henry Molaison (H.M.)

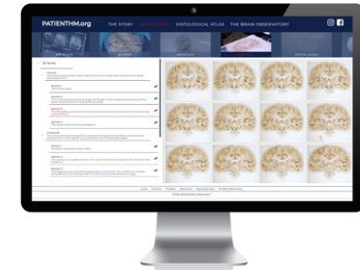


Miner & Scoville (1957)

Medial Temporal Lobe (MTL)



Project H.M. 2009



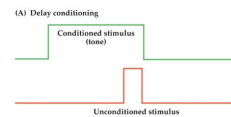
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Långtidsminne Korttidsminne/ arbetsminne

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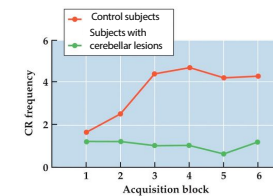
Nondeclarative memory

Conditioning



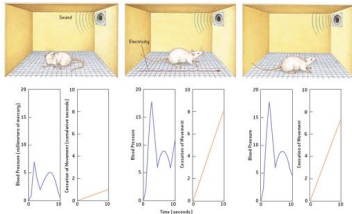
Nondeclarative memory

Eyeblink conditioning

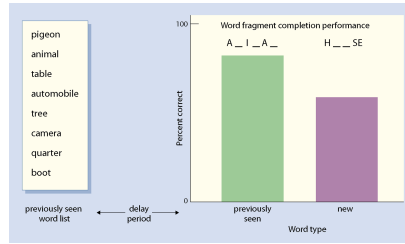


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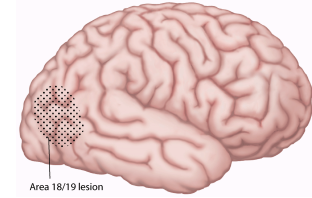
Fear conditioning



Perceptual priming

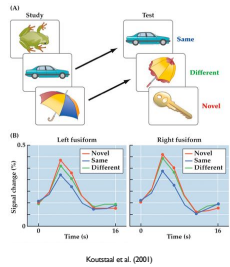


Perceptual representation system



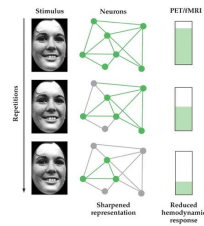
Patient M.S.
Normal declarative/explicit memory
No perceptual priming!

Repetition suppression



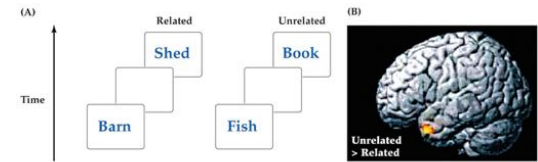
Koussoul et al. (2001)

Sharpening theory



e.g. Henson & Rugg (2003); O'Reilly & Norman (2001)

Semantic priming

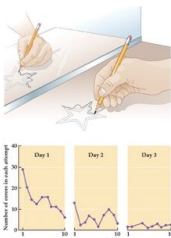


Russell et al. (2003)

Nondeclarative memory

Procedural memory

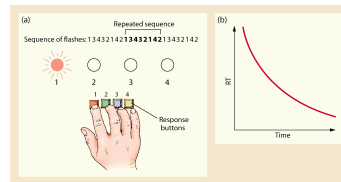
Mirror drawing task



Nondeclarative memory

Procedural memory

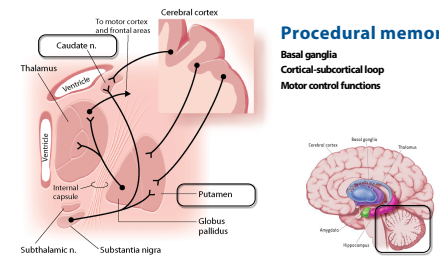
Sequence learning



Nondeclarative memory

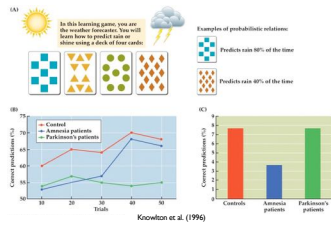
Procedural memory

Basal ganglia
Cortical-subcortical loop
Motor control functions

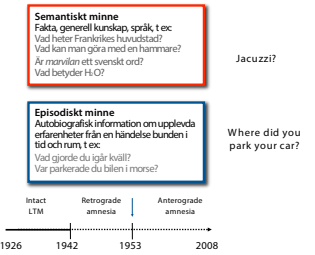
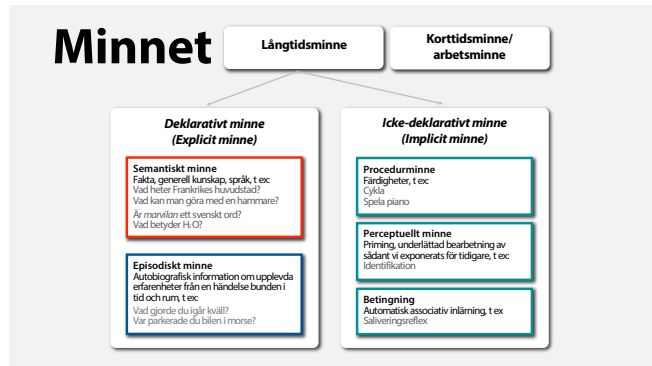


Nondeclarative memory

Cognitive skill learning



Minnet



Episodic vs semantic memory

Characteristics of episodic memory

"Its dependence on a special kind of awareness that all healthy adults can identify. It is the type of awareness experienced when one thinks back to a specific moment in one's personal past and consciously recollects some prior episode or state as it was previously experienced." (Wheeler, Stuss, & Tulving, 1997, p. 333).

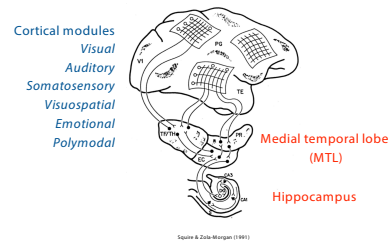
- Autonoetic awareness
- First person perspective
- Mental time travel - "What, where, when"



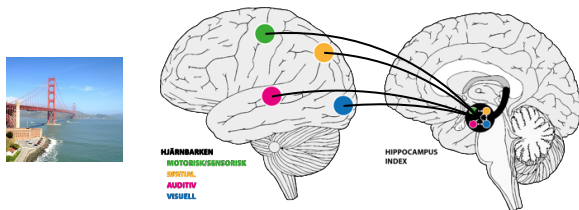
Semantic memory

Noetic awareness; acontextual

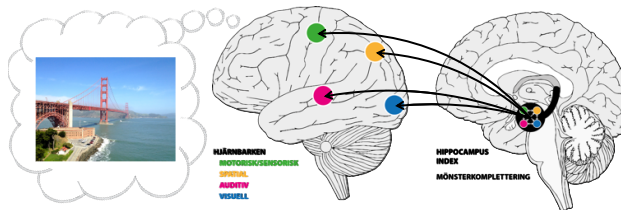
Cortical reinstatement theory



codning av en händelse



Framlockning av en händelse

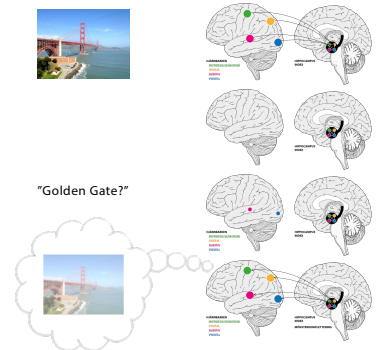


Inkodning

Aktivering

Framlockning

Ledtråd
Reaktivering



Danker & Anderson (2010); Rissman & Wagner (2012); Rugg, Johnson, Park, & Uncapher (2008); Xue (2018)

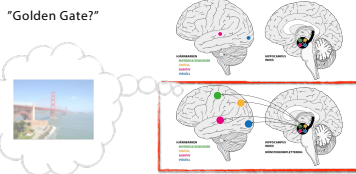
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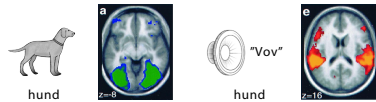


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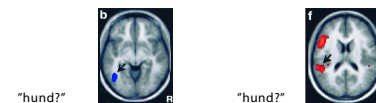


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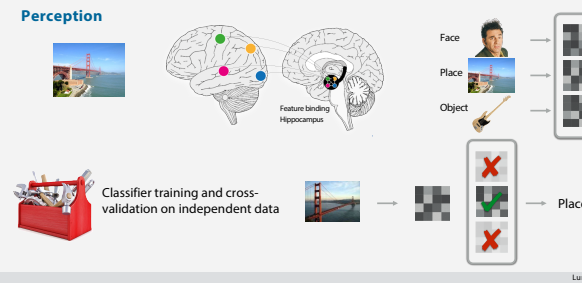
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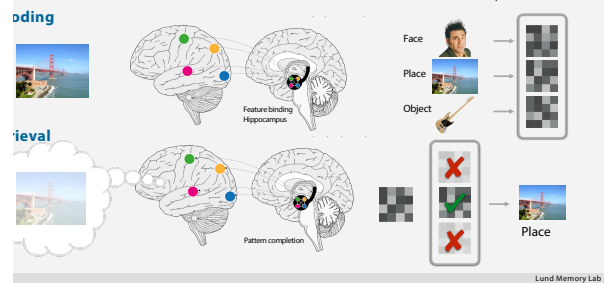
Decoding mental states

Multivariate pattern analysis (MVPA)

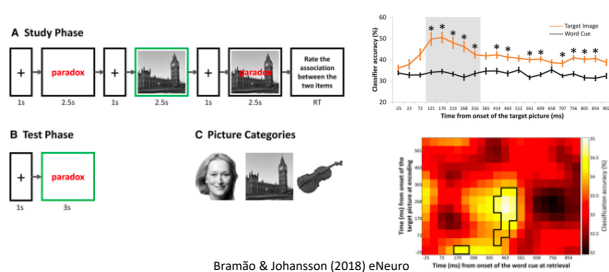


Decoding memory reactivation

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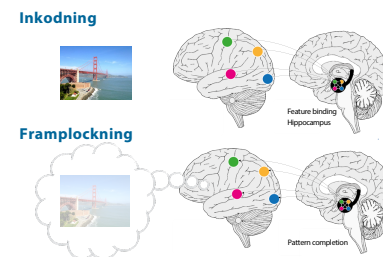


Decoding memory retrieval

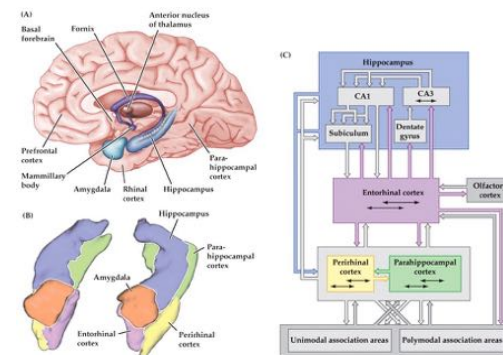
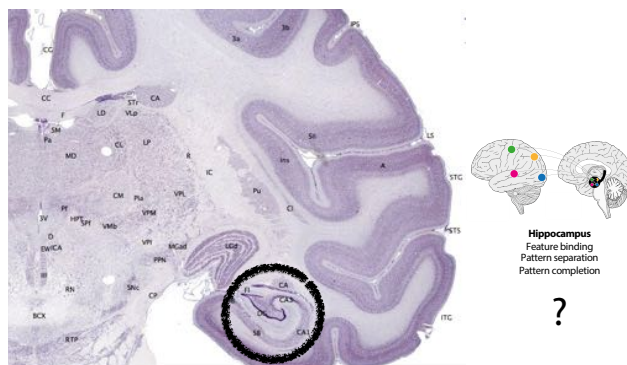
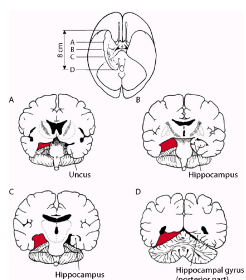


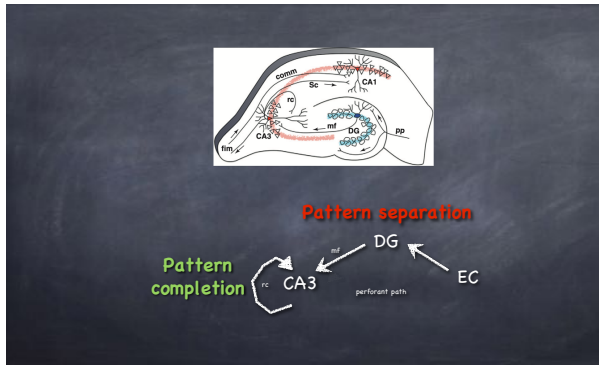
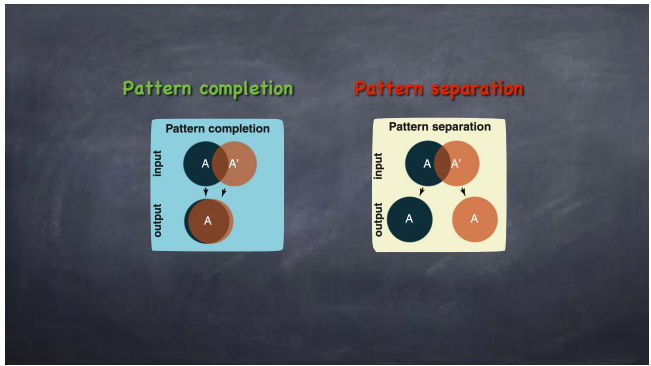
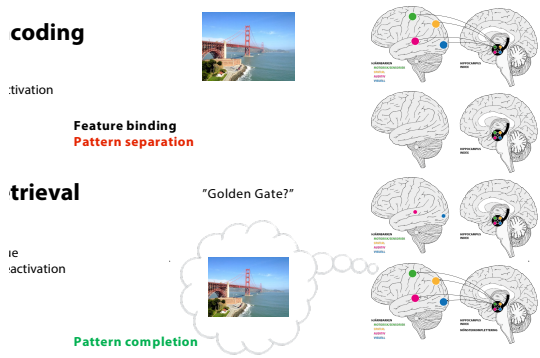
Bramão & Johansson (2018) eNeuro

Mental Time Travel

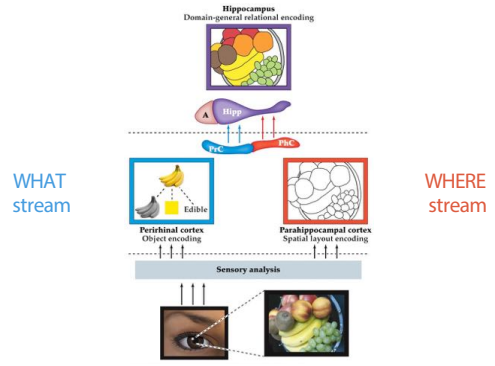
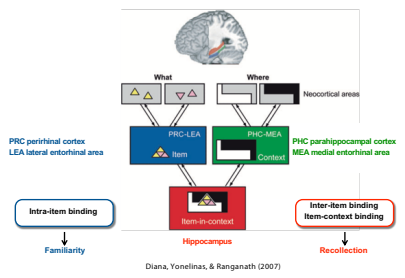


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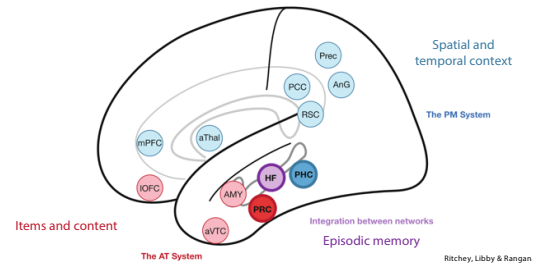




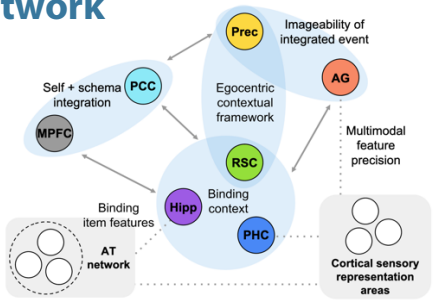
MTL Memory Model



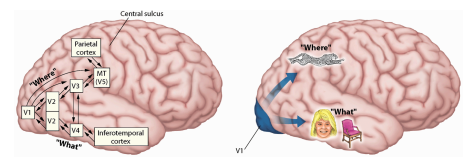
The PMAT framework



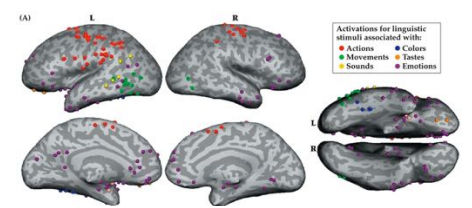
PM network



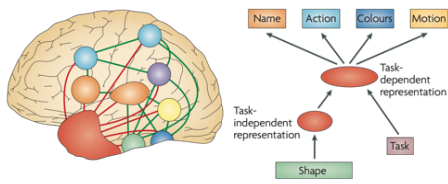
AT network Semantic memory



Multiple property models



Semantic memory



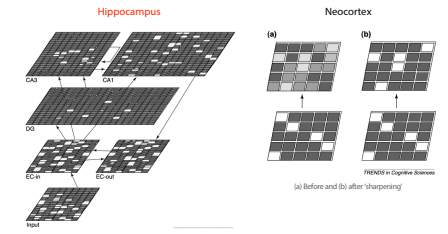
Patterson et al. (2007). Nat Rev Neurosci

Complementary Learning Systems Framework

Two incompatible goals	Remember specifics	Extract generalities
Example: Need to:	Where is car parked? Avoid interference	Best parking strategy? Accumulate experience
Solution:	(1) Separate representations (keep days separate) (D1) (D2) (D3) ... (D1) (D2) (D3) ...	(1) Overlapping representations (integrate over days) (D1) (D2) (D3) ... (D1) (D2) (D3) ...
	(2) Fast learning (encode immediately) (3) Learn automatically (encode everything)	(2) Slow learning (integrate over days) Task-driven learning (extract relevant stuff)
System:	Hippocampus	Neocortex

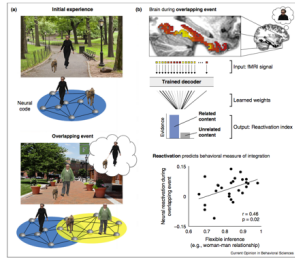
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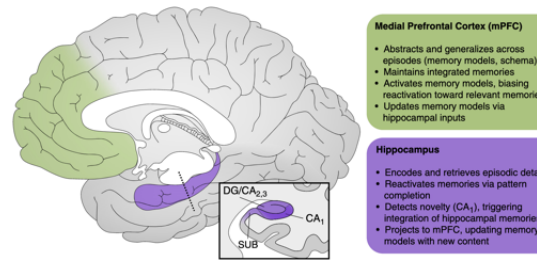


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Memory integration

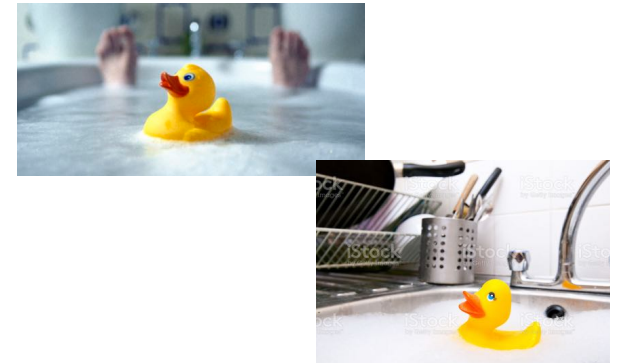


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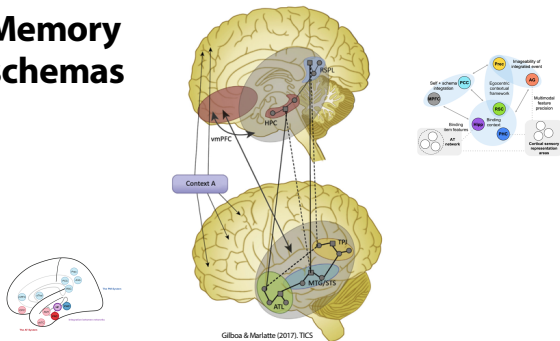


Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences

Schlichting & Preston (2015). Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences



Memory schemas



Gilboa & Marlatte (2017). TICS

PFC-MTL Mnemonic Control Mechanisms

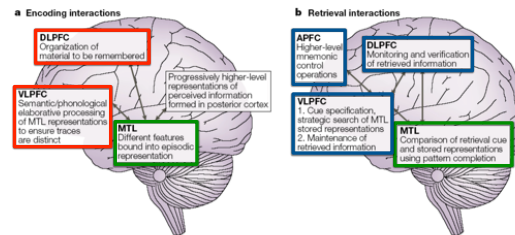
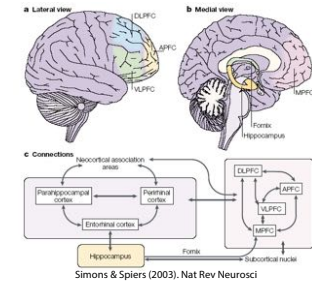


Figure 6 | Summary of principal interactions between prefrontal cortex (PFC) and medial temporal lobe (MTL) in recollection.

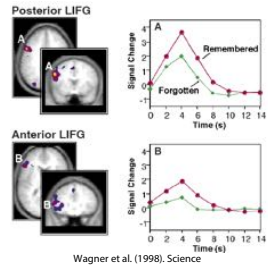
Simons & Spiers (2003). Nat Rev Neurosci

PFC-MTL interactions



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Subsequent memory effects in PFC



Retrieval Mode

A tonically maintained state (or 'set') entered when there is a need to engage in a particular type of retrieval (e.g. episodic)

Neural correlates should:

- be time-locked to task onset and maintained throughout the task
- be revealed by contrasts between classes of tasks (episodic vs. non-episodic)
- be task invariant (i.e. irrespective of episodic task)

Tulving 1983; Rugg & Wilding, 2000

Design

Encoding

bike
horse
toast
apple
car
lion

Test

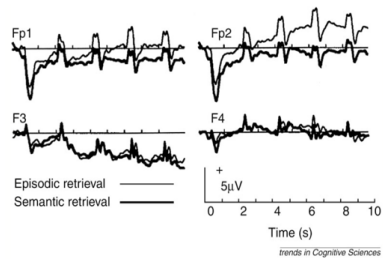
Episodic (old/new discrimination)
lion
horse
phone

Semantic (living/non-living)

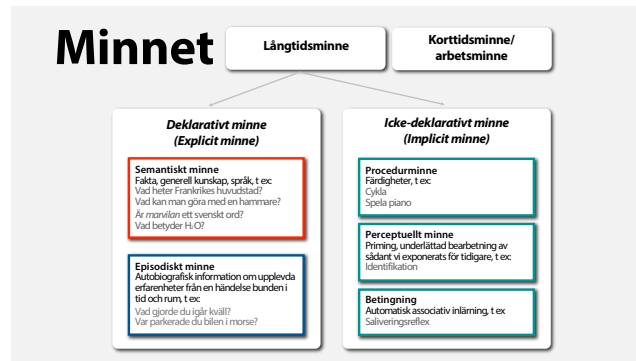
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lion
pillow

Dunn et al. (1998)

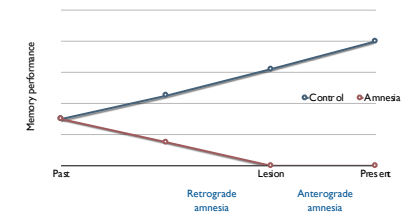
Retrieval mode



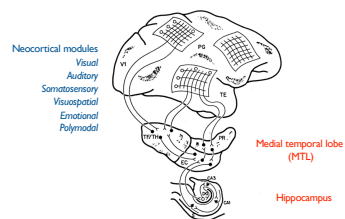
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Retrograde amnesia

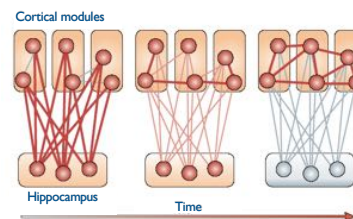


Time-limited role of the hippocampus?



e.g. Squire & Zola-Morgan (1991); Alvarez and Squire (1994); Rolls (2000); Shadmehr (2002); Norman and O'Reilly (2003).

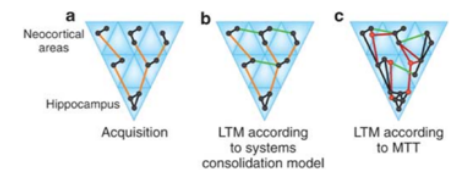
Standard consolidation model



e.g. Squire and Alvarez (1995)

Multiple Trace Theory

Hippocampus always involved in the retrieval and storage of episodic memories



e.g. Nadel & Moscovitch (1997)

Minnet

Långtidsminne

Korttidsminne/
arbetsminne

Deklarativt minne (Explicit minne)

Semantiskt minne
Fakta, generell kunskap, språk, t.ex.
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Vad kan man göra med en hammare?
Är marivår ett svenskt ord?
Vad betyder H₂O?

Episodiskt minne
Autobiografisk information om upplevda
erfarenheter från en händelse bunden i
tid och rum, t.ex.
Vad gjorde du igår kväll?
Var parkerade du bilen i morse?

Icke-deklarativt minne (Implicit minne)

Procedurminne
Färdigheter, t.ex.
Cykla
Spela piano

Perceptuellt minne
Priming, underlättad bearbetning av
sådant vi exponerats för tidigare, t.ex.
Identifikation

Betingning
Automatisk associering, t.ex.
Sallveringsreflex

Minnets åtkomlighet och tillförlitlighet

Om glömska, falska minnen och annat elände

Professor Mikael Johansson
Department of Psychology
Lund University

Encoding



Activation

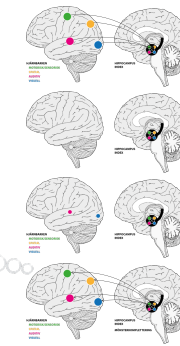
Feature binding
Pattern separation

Retrieval

"Golden Gate?"

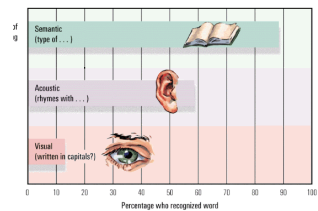
Cue
Reactivation

Pattern completion



Åtkomlighet

Kodning: t.ex. bearbetningsdjup, imagery



Lockhart (1972)

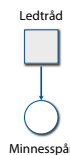
1. Bell
2. Duck
3. Heart
4. Sailboat
5. Hand
6. Frog
7. Horse
8. Clown
9. Key
10. Fork

Åtkomlighet

Framplöckning är ledtrådsberoende



Interna



Åtkomliga vs tillgängliga



Externa

Tulving & Pearlstone (1966)

Åtkomlighet

Minnet gynnas av likhet mellan inkodnings- och framplöcknings-situationer



Extern miljö



Minnesspår



Sinnestillstånd

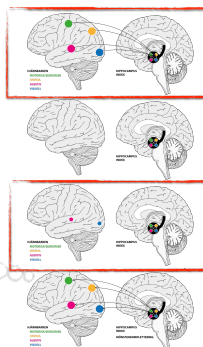
Encoding- retrieval Överlap

Encoding specificity principle
Morton E. H. Eysenck & Michael J. M. Baddeley (1975)
Transfer appropriate processing
Richard M. G. Morris, David G. Bransford, & Robert M. Franks (1977)

State-dependent memory
Context congruency
Mood congruency



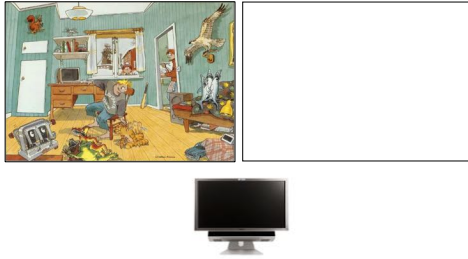
"Golden Gate?"



Relationen mellan ögonrörelser och episodiskt minne

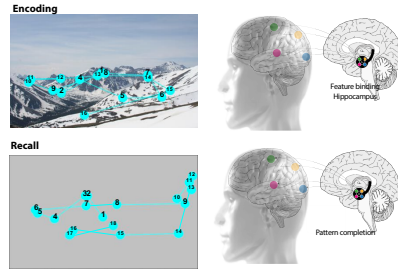


Tracking the mind's eye



sson et al. (2006), Cognitive Science

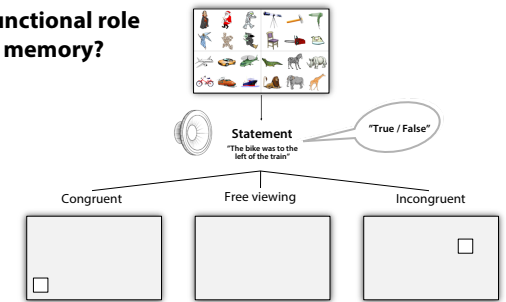
Episodic remembering involves the reinstatement of eye movements



Interesting epiphenomenon?
or
An active role for memory retrieval?

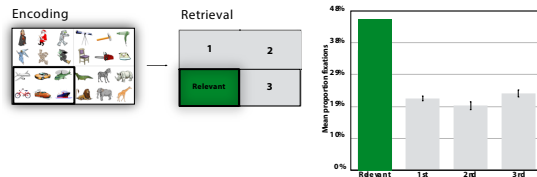
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Johansson et al. (2012), JEP:HPP

Functional role in memory?



Johansson & Johansson (2012)

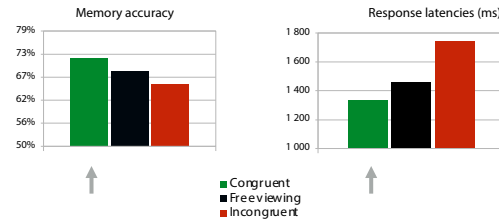
ontaneous eye movements



Johansson & Johansson (2014), Psych Sci

Eye movements

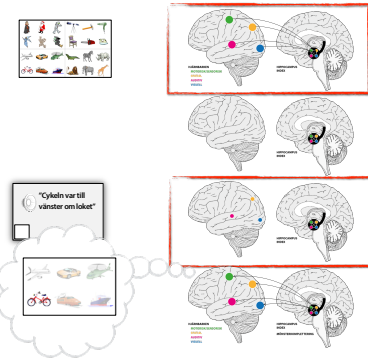
Play a Functional Role in Memory Retrieval!



Johansson & Johansson (2014), Psych Sci

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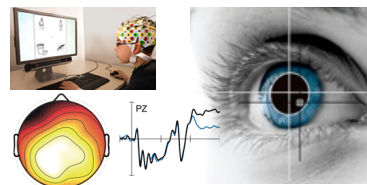
Aktivering



Framlockning

Ledtråd
Reaktivering

Relationship between eye movements and episodic remembering

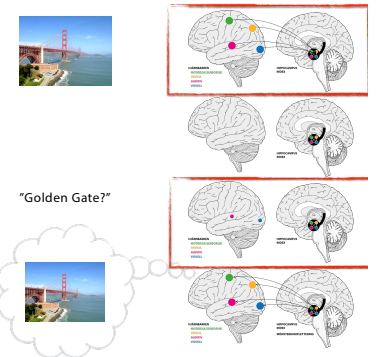


Combined eye tracking and EEG/ERP recording

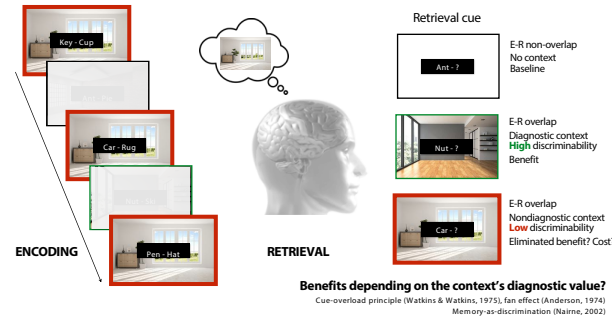
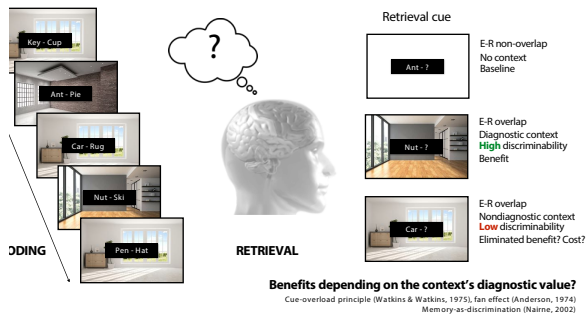
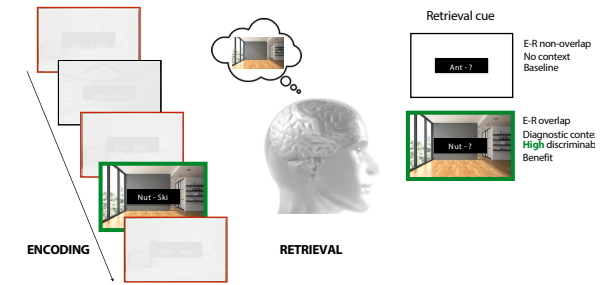
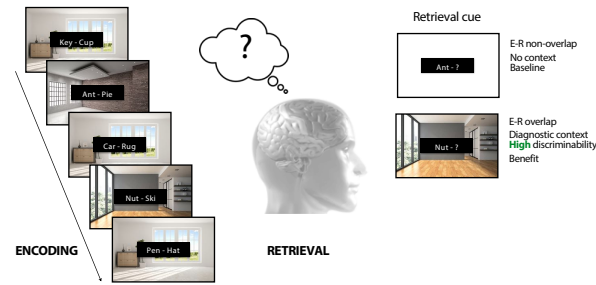
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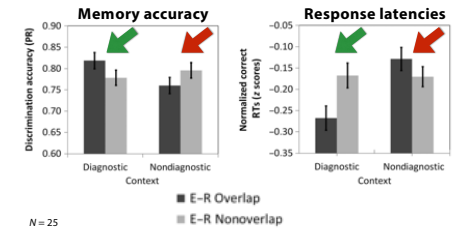
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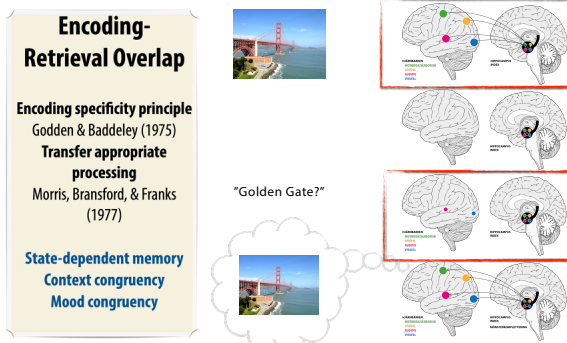
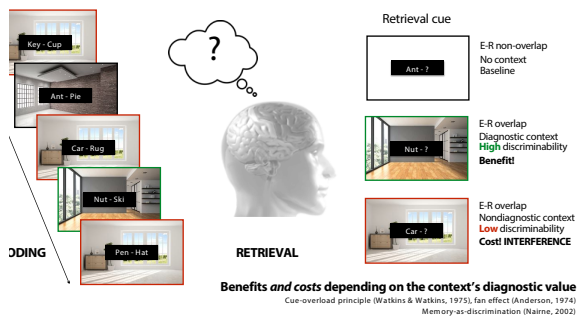
Is an encoding-retrieval overlap always beneficial? The discriminability of the context



The discriminability of the context



Bramão & Johansson (2016). Journal of Cognitive

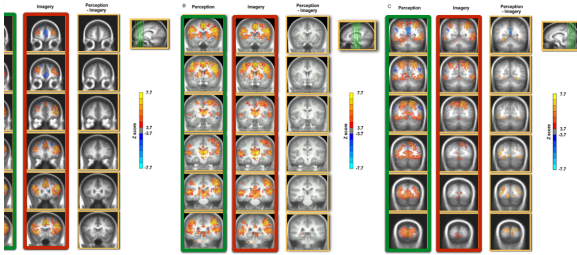


Perception vs imagery

Mental imagery is mediated by the same brain regions as perception

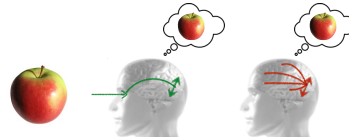


ception
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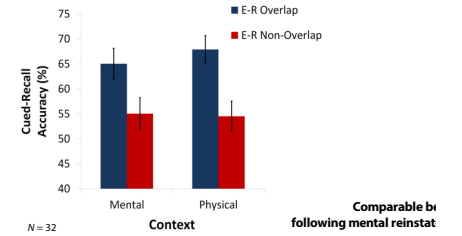


et al., (2004), Cognitive Brain Research

Encoding-retrieval overlap promotes memory
Mental vs physical reinstatement of encoding context



Mental vs physical reinstatement of encoding context



Comparable b following mental reinstat

Bramão, Karlsson, & Johansson (2011)

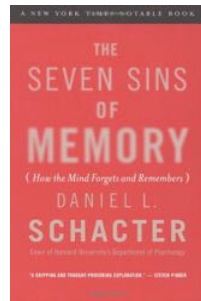
illförlitlighet

stematiska förvrängningar



Elizabeth Loftus

“Many people believe that memory works like recording device, but decades of research has shown that’s not the case. Memory is constructed and reconstructed. It’s more like a Wikipedia page — you can go change it, but so can other people.”



1. Transience
2. Absent-mindedness
3. Blocking
4. Misattribution
5. Suggestibility
6. Bias
7. Persistence

Vi konstruerar vår verklighet



Minnesexperiment

Memorera följande ord!

- mörk stearin
- lampa
- sol
- blond dag
- värme
- advent
- låga
- sken
- tändsticka
- levande
- veke
- brinna
- paraffin

Minnestest

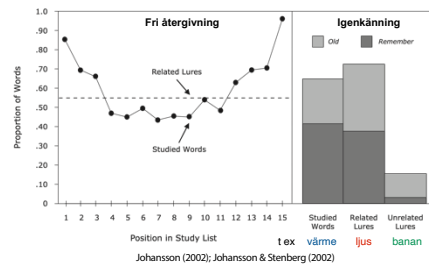
i) Fri återgivning ?

- värme
- banan
- ljus
- advent
- tjuv
- stearin

← Ljus?

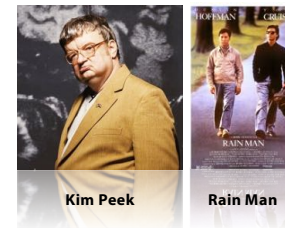
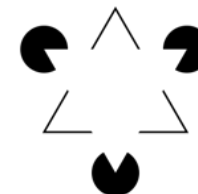
Roediger & McDermott (1995)

Falska minnen



Johansson (2002); Johansson & Stenberg (2002)

Brister i designen?



Kim Peek

Rain Man

Tillförlitlighet

minns händelser så som vi förstår dem!

Deklarativt minne (Explicit minne)

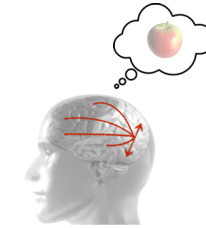
Semantiskt minne
Fakta, generell kunskap, språk, t. etc.
Vad heter Frankrikes huvudstad?
Vad kan man göra med en hammare?
Är manilav ett svenskt ord?
Vad betyder H₂O?

Episodiskt minne
Autobiografisk information om upplevda erfarenheter från en händelse bunden i tid och rum, t. etc.
Vad gjorde du igår kväll?
Var parkerade du bilen i morse?



Tillförlitlighet

Vilken är konsekvensen av att vi fantiserar och föreställer oss saker?

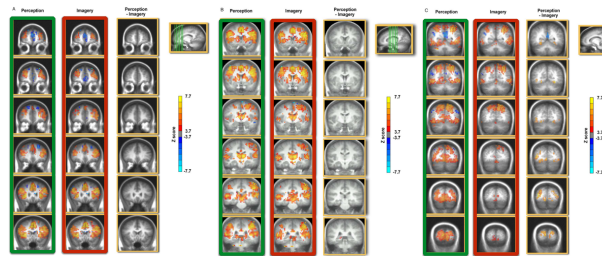


Tillförlitlighet

mental föreställning aktiverar huvudsakligen samma områden som perception



Perception Mental föreställning



Ganis et al., (2004). Cognitive Brain Research

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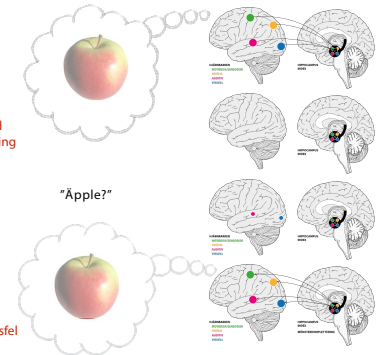
Aktivering

Upprepad föreställning

Framplockning

Ledtråd
Reaktivering

Ökad risk för minnesfel



Föreställa sig handlingar

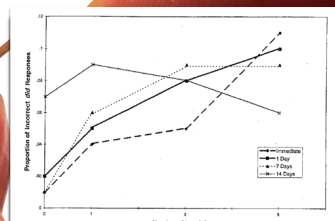


Figure 3. Imaginative rehearsal as assessed by the proportion of correct responses to a final test of knowledge and accuracy of remembering after between Session 1 and 2, condition, as to condition of Experiment 2. (1 Day, Experiment 2; 10 days, middle condition of Experiment 2; 14 Days, the condition of Experiment 2.)

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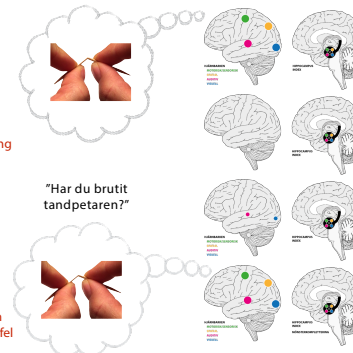
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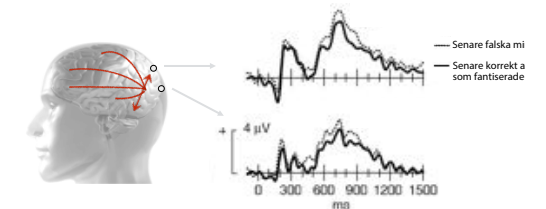
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Ökar risken för minnesfel

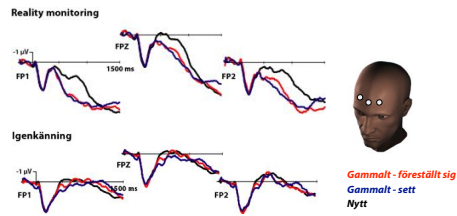


Hjärnaktivitet vid mental föreställning predicerar senare minnesfel



Gonsalves & Paller (2002). Nature Neuroscience

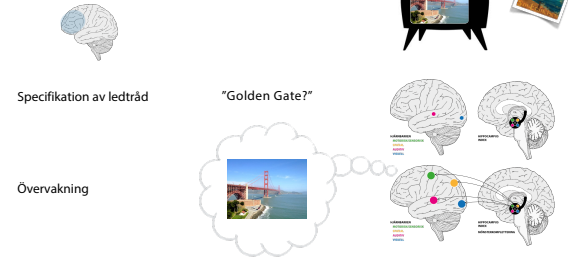
Att skilja fantasi från verklighet



Johnson et al. (2003). Neuropsychologia

Att skilja fantasi från verklighet

Prefrontala regioner



Vilseledande information

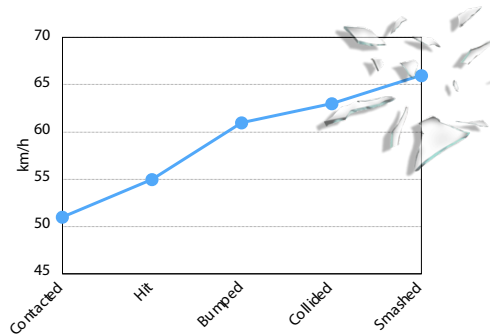


Minnet är känsligt för påverkan

Film av bilolycka. Därefter frågan:
"How fast were the cars going when they -----
smashed, collided, bumped, hit, contacted?"



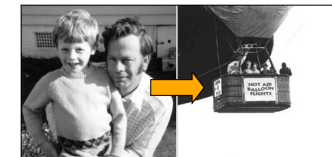
Loftus and Palmer (1974)



Loftus and Palmer (1974)

Suggestibility

Implanting False Memories v. 2.0



Wade et al (2003)

Illförlitlighet

Mental föreställning aktiverar huvudsakligen samma områden som perception

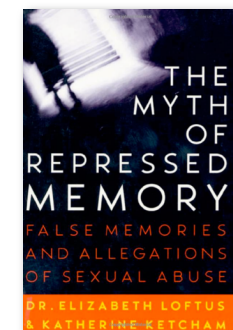


Bortträngda minnen

Mental föreställning aktiverar huvudsakligen samma områden som perception

Spend time imagining that you were sexually abused, without worrying about accuracy, proving anything, or having your ideas make sense ... ask yourself these questions: What time of day is it? Where are you? Indoors or outdoors? What kind of things are happening? Is there one or more people with you? ... then Who would have been likely perpetrators? When were you most vulnerable to sexual abuse in your life?

Wendy Maltz (psykoterapeut)

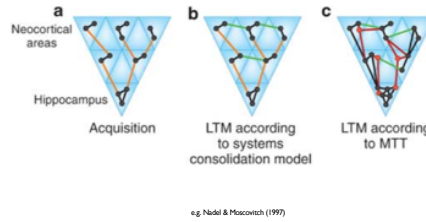


ramplockning förändrar minnet

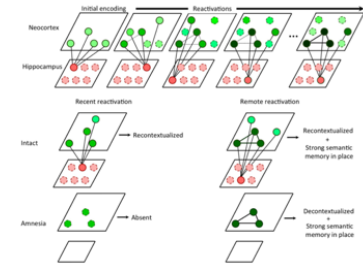


Multiple Trace Theory

Hippocampus always involved in the retrieval and storage of episodic memories

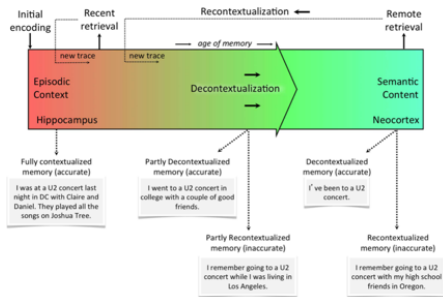
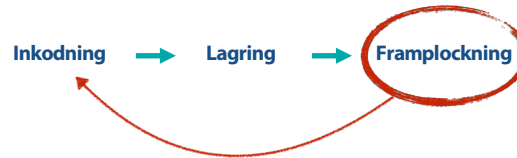


Competitive Trace Theory

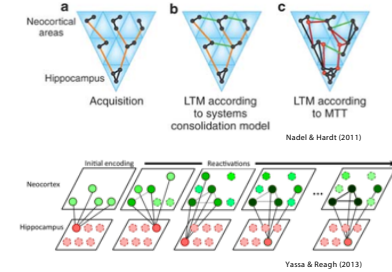


Yassa & Reagh (2013)

Framlockning förändrar minnet



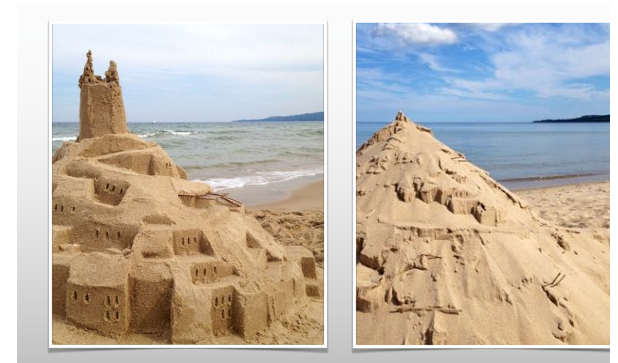
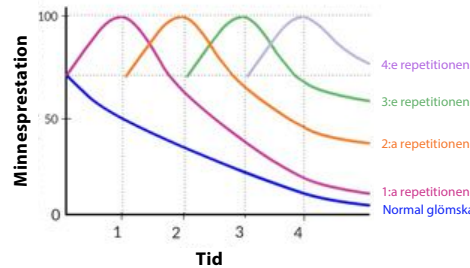
Reconsolidation



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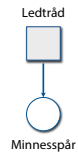


Glömska och gynnsamma konsekvenser av repetition



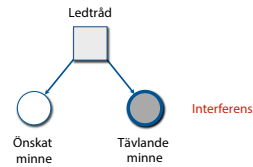
Lur när vi våra minnen?

amplockning är ledtrådsberoende



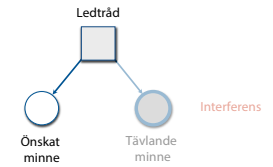
Interferens

Ledtråden aktiverar ofta flera relaterade minnen



Selektiv framplockning

Tävlande minnen trycks undan för att reducera interferens

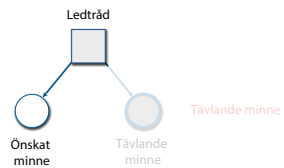


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Anderson et al. (1994). JEP:LMC

Inhibition

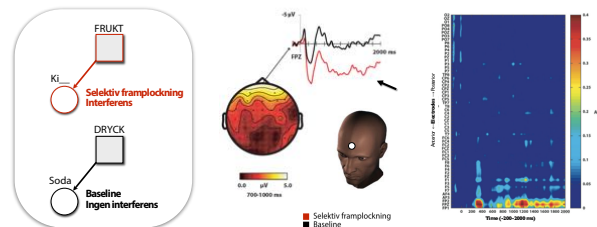
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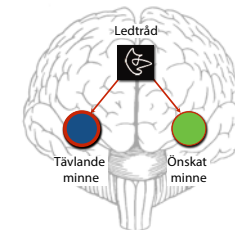
Inhibitorisk kontroll



Johansson et al. (2007). Cerebral Cortex

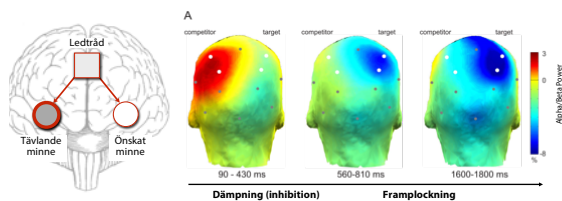
Godartad glömska

Kan vi observera när framplockning leder till glömska?



Godartad glömska

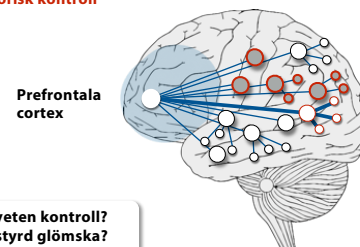
Impningen föregår framplockningen av det önskade minnet



Causer et al. (2013). Journal of Neuroscience

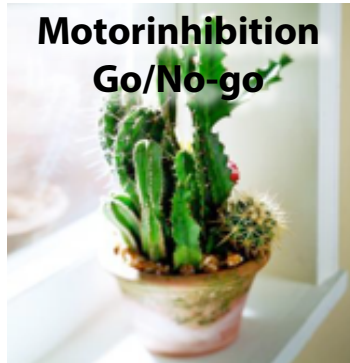
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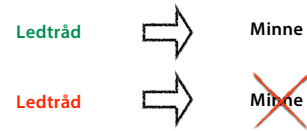


Medveten kontroll?
Viljestyr glömska?





Avbryta/undertrycka minnesframplockning?



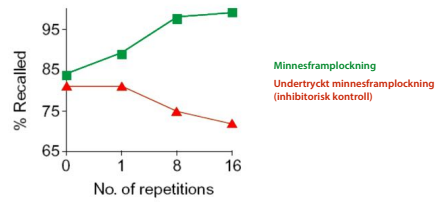
Kan vi glömma med viljekraft?

Think/No-Think Paradigmat

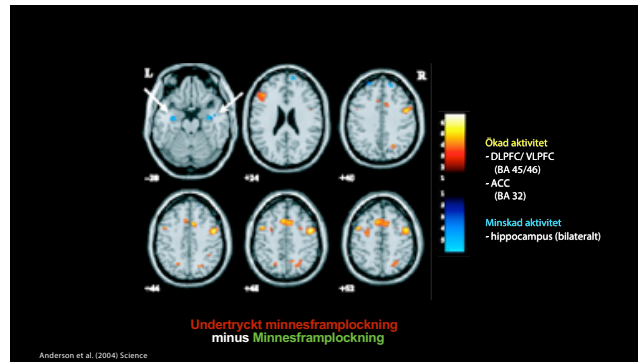
	Inlärnin	Think/No-Think	Test
Minnesframplockning	Deg-Salt	Deg	Deg
Undertryckt minnesframplockning	Vitamin-Citron	Vitamin	Vitamin
Baseline	Vila-Säng	Vila	Vila

Anderson & Greene (2001). Science

Hjestyrd glömska



son & Greene (2001). Science



Godartad glömska

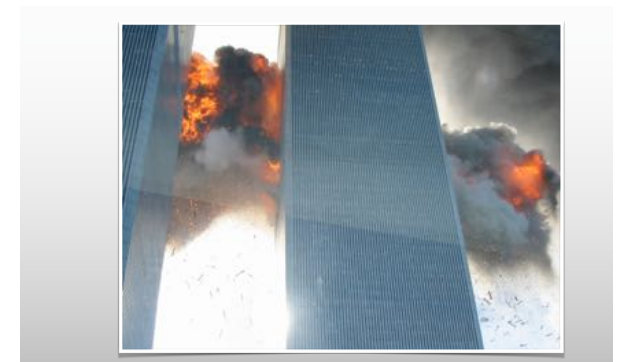
Selection is the very keel on which our mental ship is built. And in the case of memory its utility is obvious. If we remembered everything, we should on most occasions be as ill off as if we remembered nothing
 William James (1890)

Glömska hjälper oss att minnas



Emotion och minne

An impression may be so exciting emotionally as almost to leave a scar upon the cerebral tissues
 William James (1890)



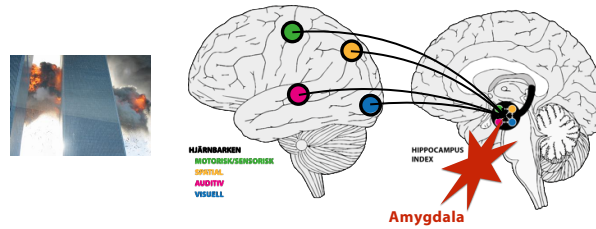
Minnet

Långtidsminne

Korttidsminne/arbetsminne

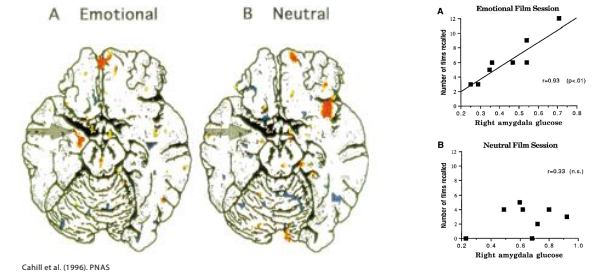


Inkodning av en emotionell händelse

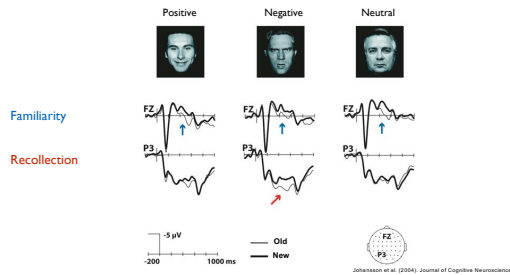


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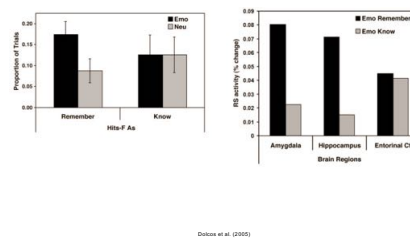
Memory



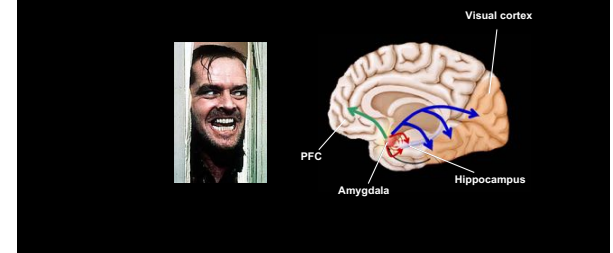
ERP memory effects



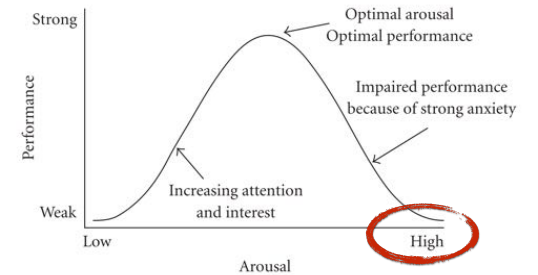
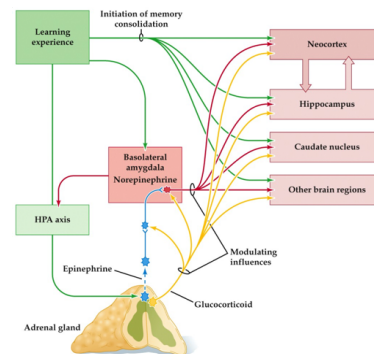
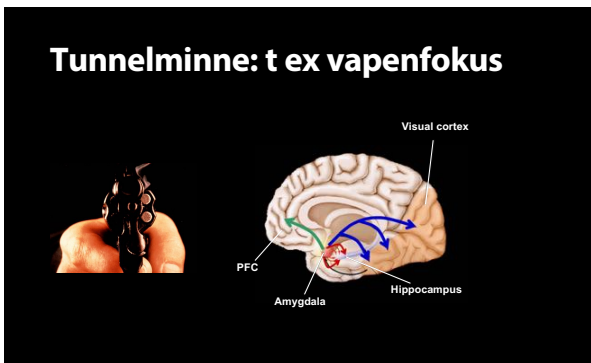
Framlockning efter 1 år



Emotion-induced memory enhancement

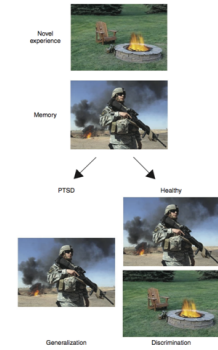
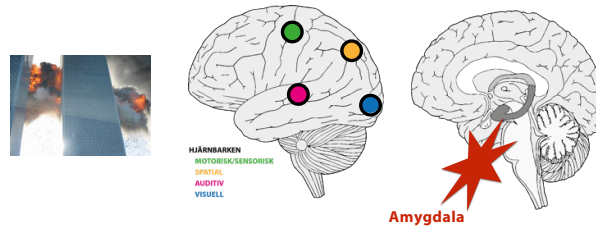


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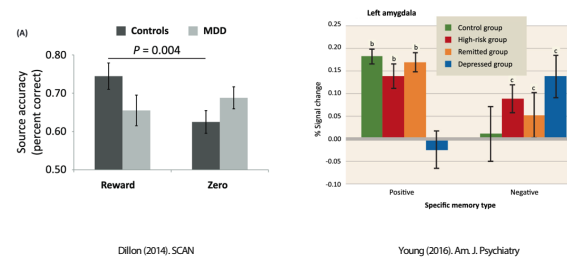




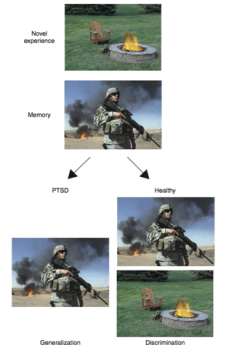
Inkodning av en traumatisk händelse



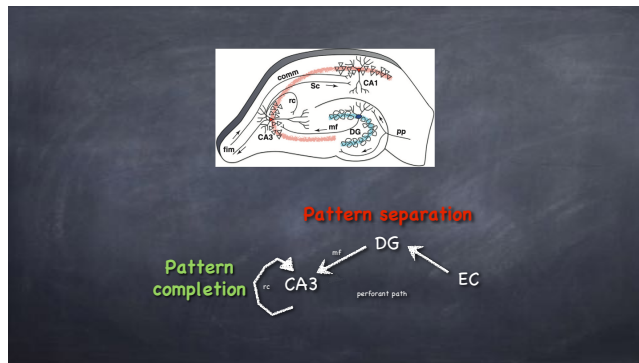
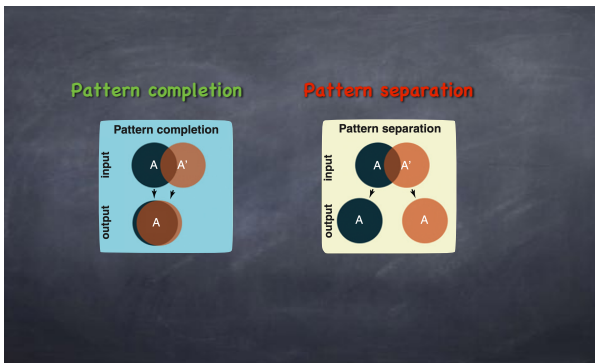
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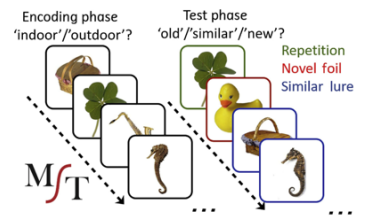
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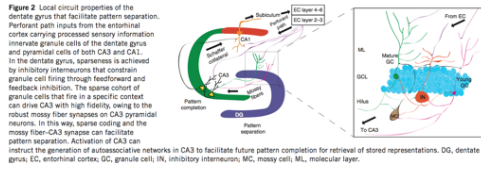
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The Mnemonic Similarity Task



Dentate Gyrus - Neurogenesis Pattern Separation



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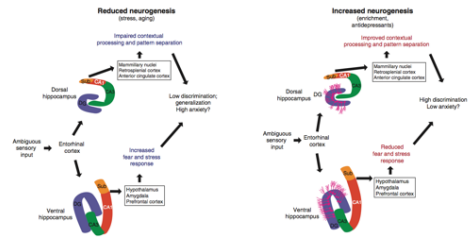


Figure 4. Modulation of pattern separation by adult neurogenesis and its impact on mood. Novel sensory representations can be disambiguated from stored representations through pattern separation on inputs from entorhinal cortex. Under stressful conditions, neurogenesis is low, leading to low discrimination and generalization of contexts with substantial emotional valence. This may lead to increased anxiety owing to impaired contextual processing through modulation of exploration through dorsal outputs and increased stress responses by influencing outputs from the ventral pole. In conditions with high neurogenesis, such as enrichment or antidepressant treatment, enhanced pattern separation leads to high discrimination and greater ability to disambiguate similar contexts with differing emotional valence. This may influence output of the dorsal hippocampus to increase exploration and contextual encoding, and the ventral hippocampus to modulate stress responses. DG, dentate gyrus; Sub, subiculum.

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Mnemonic discrimination of object and context is differentially associated with mental health

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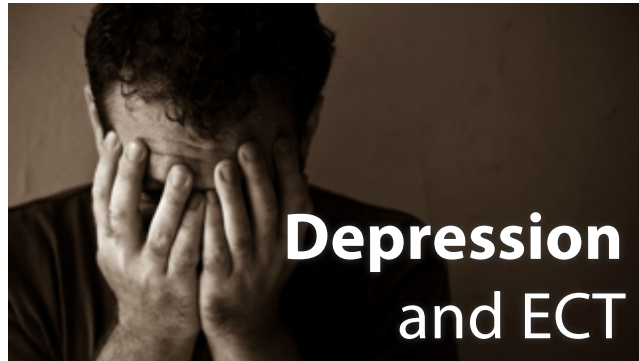
ABSTRACT

Episodic memories are formed by hippocampal binding of the "what" and "where" features of everyday events. The hippocampus maintains interference between related similar episodic memories by pattern separation. Stress and psychopathology are associated with lowered pattern separation. While current behavioral paradigms typically use correct repetitions of single-object or context items rather than composite stimuli, it is not known if object and context pattern separation differentially associate with mental health. We reasoned that an object-context paradigm would be more sensitive to mental health state than current implementations, given increased task demands. We found that non-clinical depression and anxiety symptom severity were associated with reduced item rejection for both object and context and that only the object domain was associated with a consistent increase in item overgeneralization. Therefore, we argue that reduced item rejection and increased overgeneralization must not be conflated. Although our object-to-context paradigm was not more sensitive to variation in mental health, we show that item rejection and overgeneralization rate in our domain (e.g. object) was affected by the status of the other domain (e.g. context length versus here). Finally, as several metrics of pattern separation exist in the literature, we evaluated the association of different metrics with mental health.

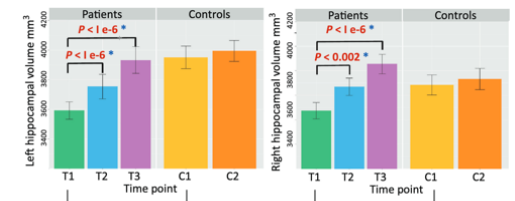
Depression and anxiety – orer pattern separation and more overgeneralization

	BDI			BAI		
	Object	Context	OiC	Object	Context	OiC
P_r	0.044	-0.183	0.058	-0.021	-0.209	-0.015
LDI_{similar}	-0.235*	-0.175	-0.221*	-0.260*	-0.238*	-0.256*
LDI_{old}	-0.165	-0.177	0.020	-0.159	-0.169	-0.044
LDI_{new}	-0.165	-0.177	-0.171	-0.159	-0.169	-0.190
OI	0.278**	0.054	-	0.249*	0.006	-

Note. * $p < 0.05$ (two-tailed); ** $p < 0.01$ (two-tailed). The OI OiC scores were excluded due to a floor effect. BAI: Beck Anxiety Inventory. BDI: Beck Depression Inventory. LDI: Lure Discrimination Index. OI: Overgeneralization Index. OiC: Object-in-Context. P_r : corrected recognition. For object and context, LDI_{new} and LDI_{old} produce equivalent outputs.



Hippocampal volume increases after ECT



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Effect of Electroconvulsive Seizures on Cognitive Flexibility

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ABSTRACT. Electroconvulsive seizures (ECS), an animal model of electroconvulsive therapy, strongly stimulate hippocampal neurogenesis, but it is not known how this relates to the therapeutic effect or to the unwanted cognitive side effects. Recent findings suggest that neurogenesis might be important for flexible learning in changing environments. We hypothesize that animals receiving ECS treatment, which induces hippocampal neurogenesis, will show enhanced cognitive flexibility compared with controls. We have utilized a touch screen-based cognitive test (location discrimination (LD) task) to assess how five consecutive ECS treatments affect cognitive flexibility (measured as reversal of cognitive strategy) as well as spatial pattern separation ability. ECS-treated animals performed more reversals in the LD task earlier than controls over the experimental weeks irrespective of spatial separation of visual stimuli, indicating an enhanced cognitive flexibility but unaffected pattern separation ability after ECS. We observed no correlation between hippocampal neurogenesis and the number of performed reversals during the last experimental week. This is the first study to elucidate the effect of ECS on cognitive flexibility. Our results indicate that ECS improves cognitive flexibility without affecting spatial pattern separation ability. Whether cognitive flexibility is enhanced via neurogenesis or other ECS-mediated processes, remains unknown. © 2015 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

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stimulate adult hippocampal neurogenesis (Maden et al., 2006; Malberg et al., 2006; Saxe et al., 2009). It was recently shown that the antidepressant effect of ECS requires adult hippocampal neurogenesis (Schäfer et al., 2015). This is in line with previous findings where the antidepressant effect of monoamine drugs appeared to require neurogenesis in both mice (Santarelli et al., 2003) and primates (Drevets et al., 2011).

Adult hippocampal neurogenesis has also been extensively studied in relation to memory function, for example pattern separation ability and cognitive flexibility. Pattern separation is traditionally defined as the process by which similar neuronal inputs are stored as distinct, orthogonal memory representations. This concept was first outlined in a mathematical model by David Marr (1971), and has since been evaluated both in computer simulations and in animal experiments (e.g. Kenner et al., 2004; Rolls and Kenner, 2006; Loughg et al., 2007; Hansulder and Kenner, 2013). The general interpretation is that the granule cells of the hippocampal dentate gyrus (DG) perform

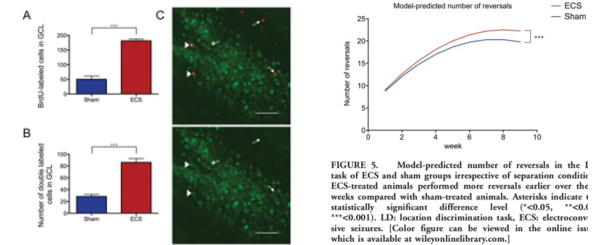
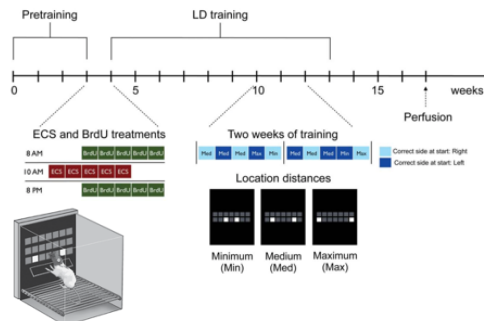
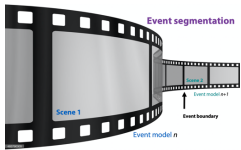
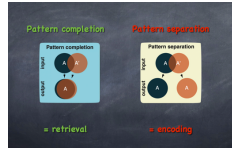
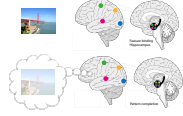


FIGURE 5. Model-predicted number of reversals in the LD task of ECS and sham groups irrespective of separation condition. ECS-treated animals performed more reversals earlier over the weeks compared with sham-treated animals. Asterisks indicate statistically significant difference level (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$). LD: location discrimination task; ECS: electroconvulsive seizures. (Color figure can be viewed in the online issue which is available at wileyonlinelibrary.com.)

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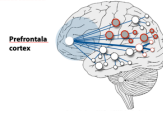


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Nostalgia was better in the old days

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