

Holistic recollection and incidental reinstatement of scene context: an fMRI study

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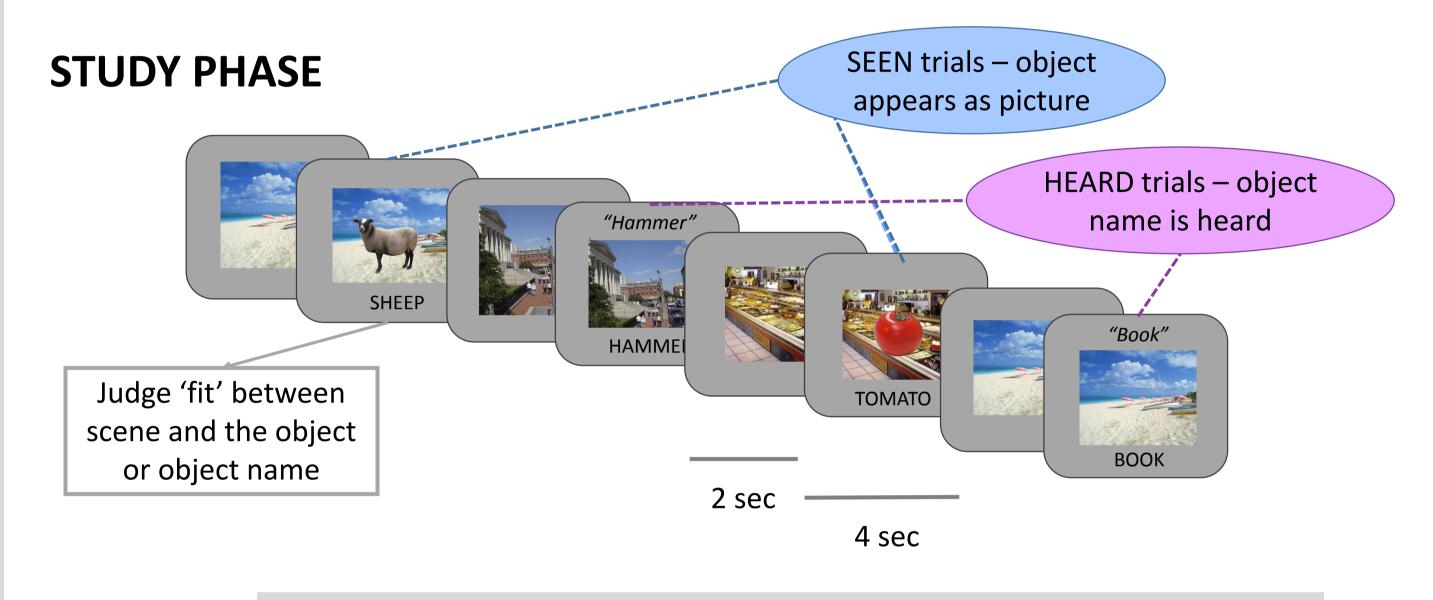




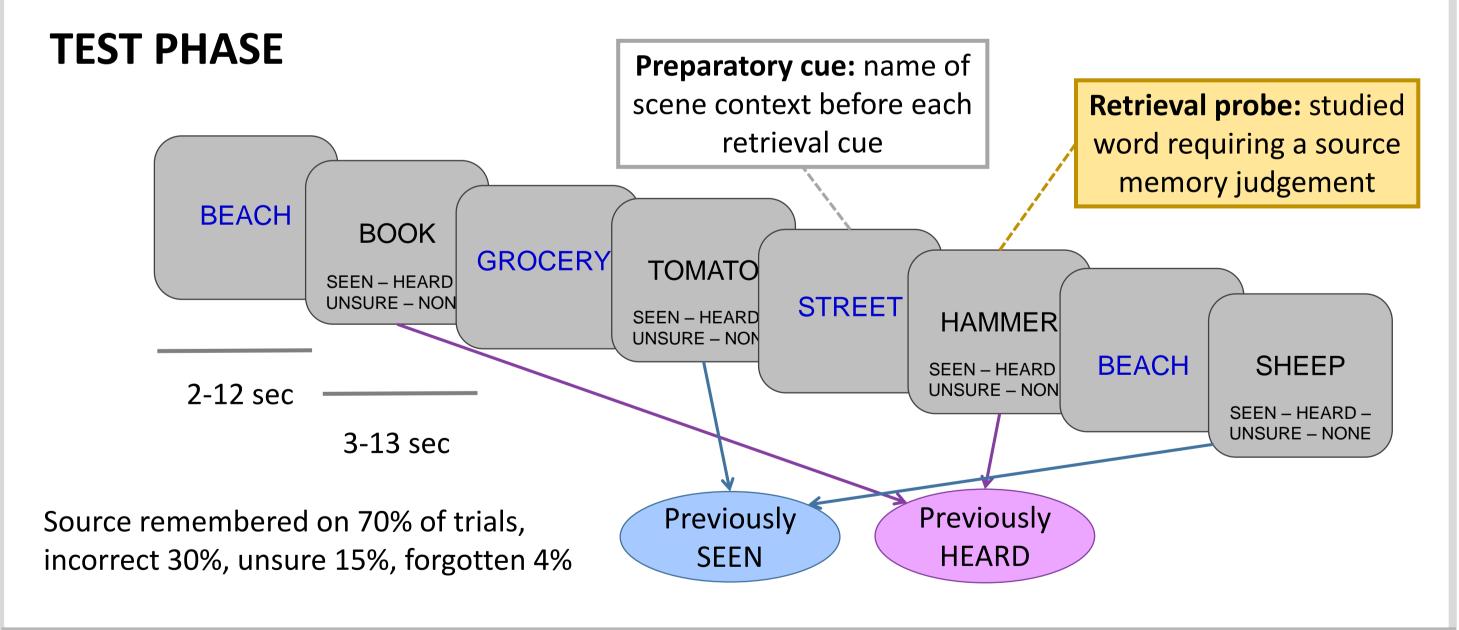
Introduction

- Are events remembered as complete episodes?
- Computational theories of memory [2,3] propose that retrieval cues trigger recollection via hippocampal pattern completion, leading to cortical reinstatement of neural patterns present during the original events.
- Is reinstatement therefore complete = holistic [4,6]? Behavioral and fMRI data suggest yes, at least when reinstated event features are currently task-relevant.
- Here we tested reinstatement of information that is incidental (not required for task) using fMRI & Representational Similarity Analysis (RSA) to test Encoding-Retrieval Similarity (ERS)

Procedure



5 study-test cycles each with 24 trials, 8 unique per each of 3 scenes Interspersed control task with semantic judgements of scene names



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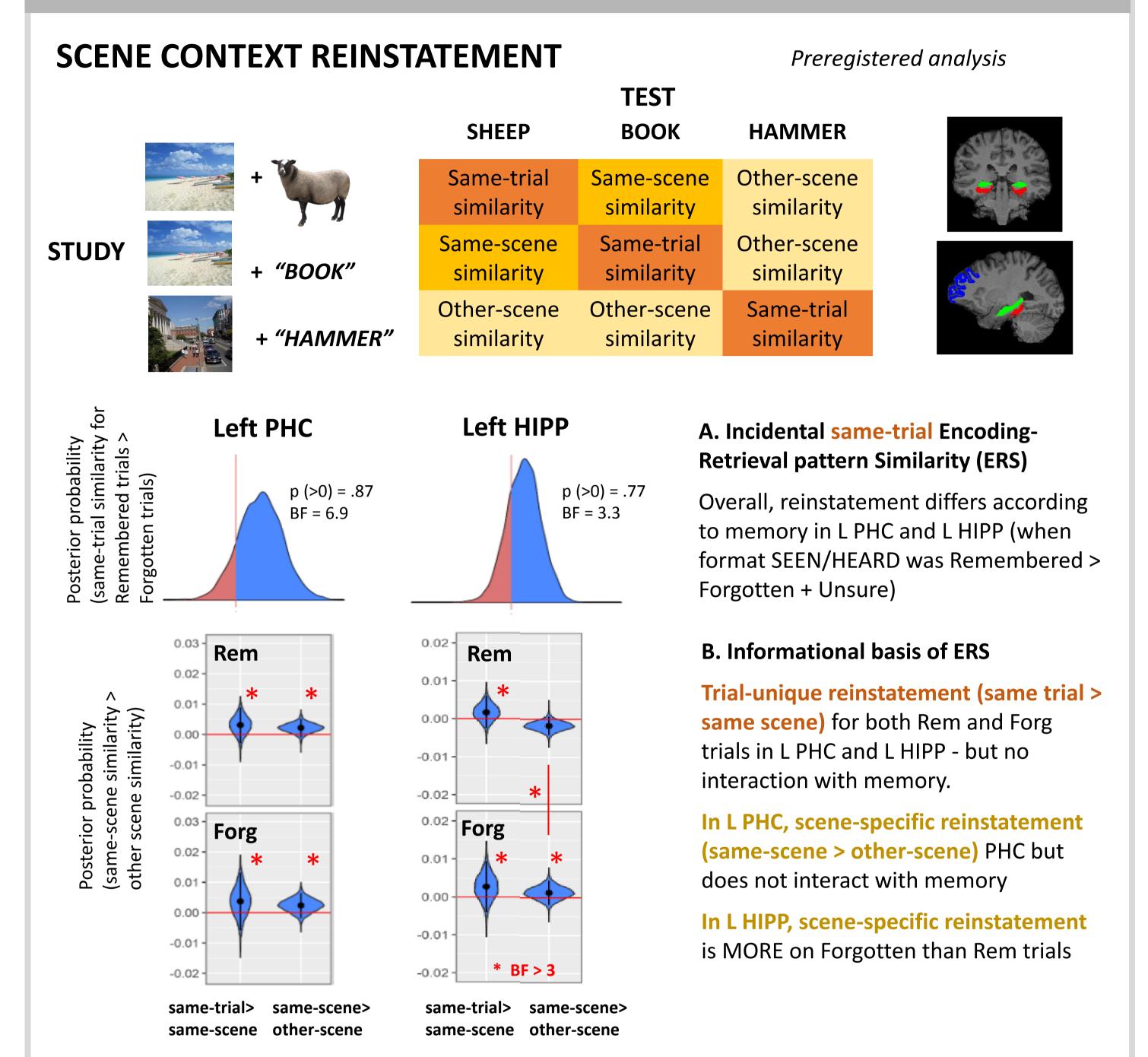
N = **28** young adults (20 F, R-handed), 7 exclusions.

Study protocol, preprocessing pipeline and scene context reinstatement analysis strategy were preregistered at the OSF (https://osf.io/hndbq/) tho' fMRI & similarity model estimation was changed to Bayesian. Study format analysis is exploratory. Preparatory cue phase activity will be reported elsewhere. 5 runs whole brain fMRI, 60 3 mm³ slices, TR 1.25, 3T Prisma, Edinburgh Imaging Facility, Royal Infirmary. Bilateral ROI masks for RSA: 1) Parahippocampal Cortex (PHC) defined semi-manually following same

protocol as Pruessner et al. [5], posterior third of parahippocampal gyrus following [1]; 2)-5) hippocampus (HIPP), middle frontal gyrus (MFG), superior temporal gyrus (STG), fusiform gyrus (FUS) FreeSurfer (v5.3), Desikan-Killany atlas.

Trial-wise betas from Least-Squares-All (LSA) GLM, SPM12 Bayesian estimation with AR-3. Encodingretrieval similarity per trial pairing after univariate noise normalization, Fisher transformed Pearson correlation. Full Bayesian Linear Mixed Effects models for similarity effects in R-Stan; RFX intercepts & slopes for items (scenes), subjects, interaction (not preregistered standard LMMs as better convergence).

RSA: Incidental scene reinstatement



ACTIVATION AND REINSTATEMENT

C. Activation in hippocampus at test is associated with reinstatement in L PHC

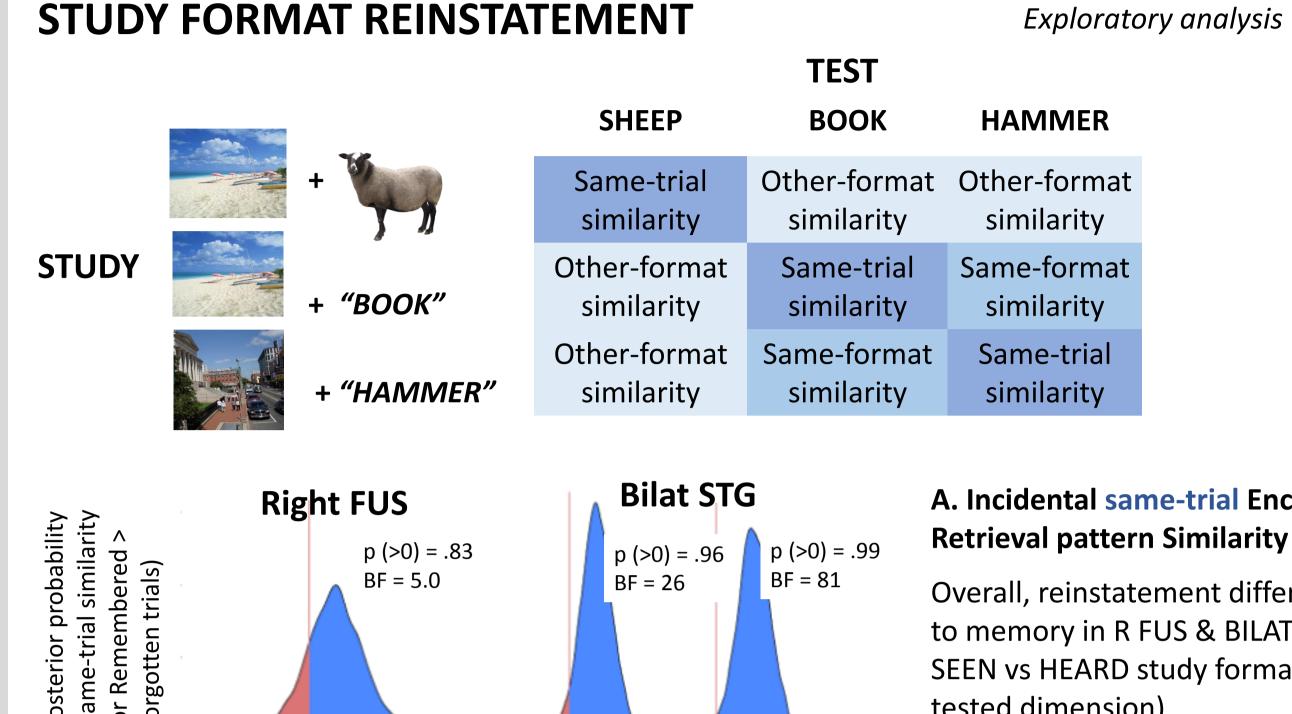
Hippcampal activation increased during successful vs. unsuccessful encoding, and during successful vs. unsuccessful retrieval, i.e. when study format (source) Remembered > Forgotten

- 1. Test of relation between activation at retrieval and strength of reinstatement of scene context over trials [1] shows that L HIPP activation is correlated with same-trial similarity in L PHC.
- 2. This correlation is stronger when format is Remembered > Forgotten

Conclusions

- Data are broadly consistent with idea that recollection is holistic [4,6], i.e. information about incidental encoding context (scenes) is more likely to be reinstated on trials where source memory (for study format) is correct, and reinstatement of these two dimensions in different cortical regions is intercorrelated (though informational basis less clear)
- Findings of parahippocampal incidental trial-unique reinstatement of scene context and correlation of this reinstatement with activation in L HIPP both conceptually replicate [1] even though here, scene recollection was not required for the task [see also 4]
- BUT incidental hippocampal scene-specific reinstatement (not overall) decreases when format remembered, analyses of relation to activation and format reinstatement pending
- Extends earlier findings of holistic reinstatement [4,6] to multimodal event features and to fMRI ERS as well as activation [4] and ECoG ERS [6] measures of reinstatement

RSA: Multiple feature reinstatement



A. Incidental same-trial Encoding-Retrieval pattern Similarity (ERS)

Overall, reinstatement differs according to memory in R FUS & BILAT STG (NB SEEN vs HEARD study format was the tested dimension)

B. Informational basis of ERS

Trial-unique reinstatement (same trial > same format) for both Rem and Forg trials in R FUS and BILAT STG - but weak interaction with memory (BF = 2.96, 2.03).

In R FUS, format-specific reinstatement for SEEN (sameformat > other-format) & weak interaction w/ memory (BF = 2.44)

In STG, format-specific reinstatement greater for Remembered trials

COUPLED CONTEXT REINSTATEMENT

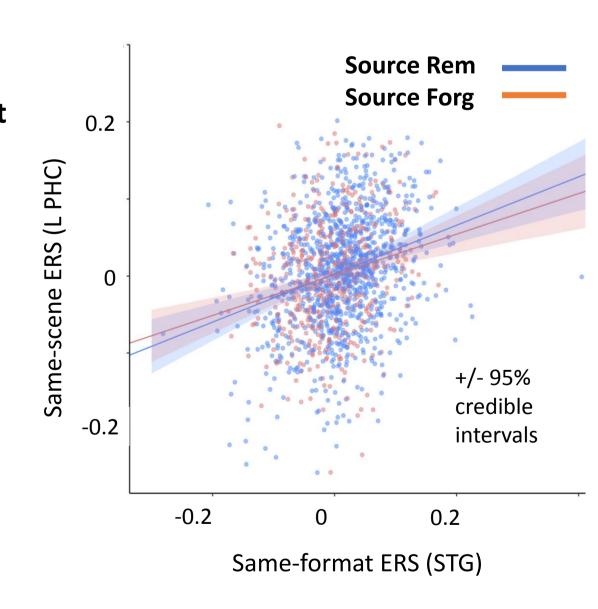
Is reinstatement of scene context and study format context coupled over trials?

Test correlation of ERS in **L PHC and Bilat STG** over retrieval trials within participants using robust Bayesian regression

- 1. When format was Remembered, Same-Format ERS in **Bilat STG predicts Same-Scene ERS in L PHC**
- 2 This correlation is stronger when the format was Remembered > Forgotten

Suggests scene context reinstated alongside format context trial by trial as predicted if holistic reinstatement supports holistic recollection

(NB plot shows similarities by trials and participants)



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NB this plot is

for bilat FUS

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