Neural reinstatement reveals divided organization of fear and extinction memories in the human brain

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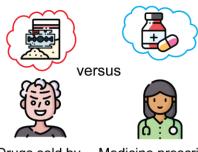
Competing representations of threat and safety



Some things are known to be dangerous...

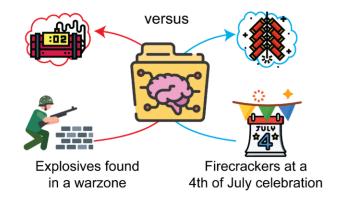
...but other closey related things are known to be safe.

Putting threat and safety in context

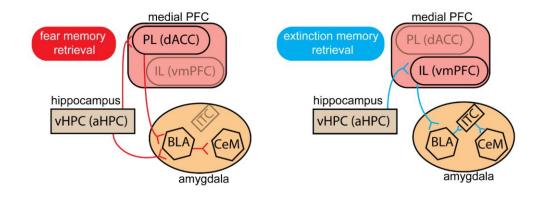


Drugs sold by Medicine prescribed a suspicous by a doctor character

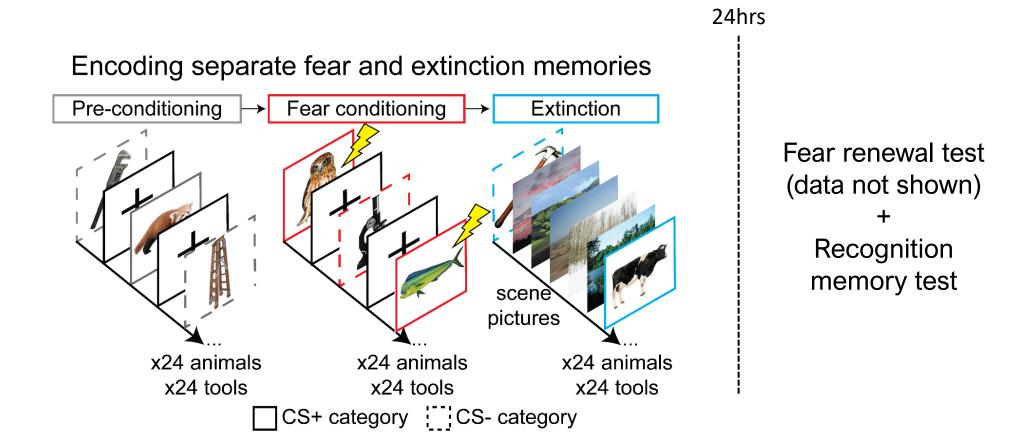
How does the brain organize these competing memories?



Simplified circuit for retrieval of opposing fear and extinction memory



Experimental design

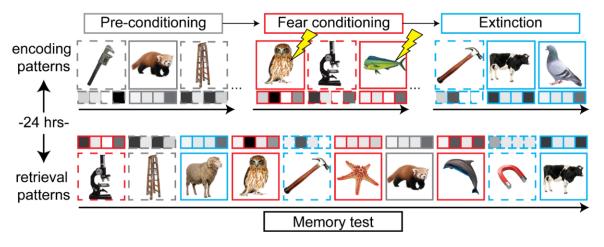


N = 24 Healthy adults

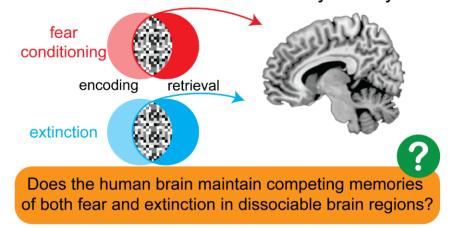
N = 24 Individuals with PTSD symptoms

Quantifying neural reinstatement in humans

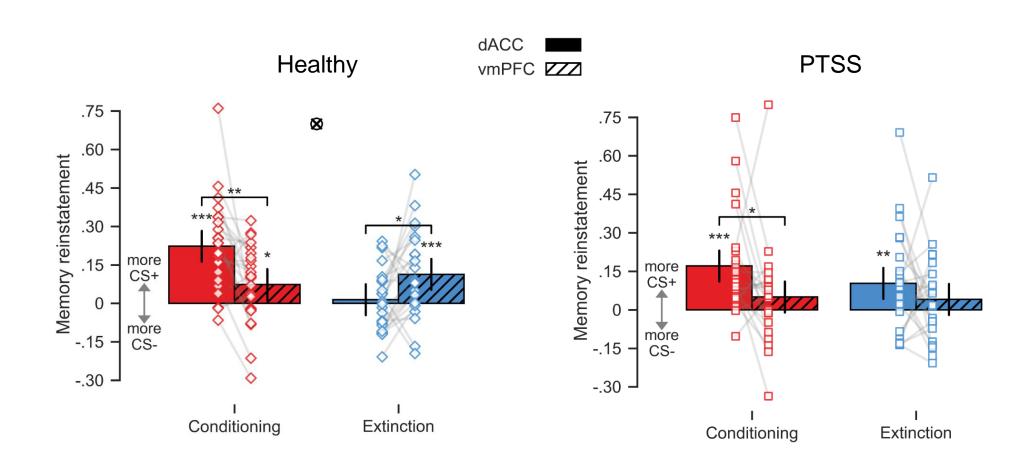
Encoding-Retrieval Similarity



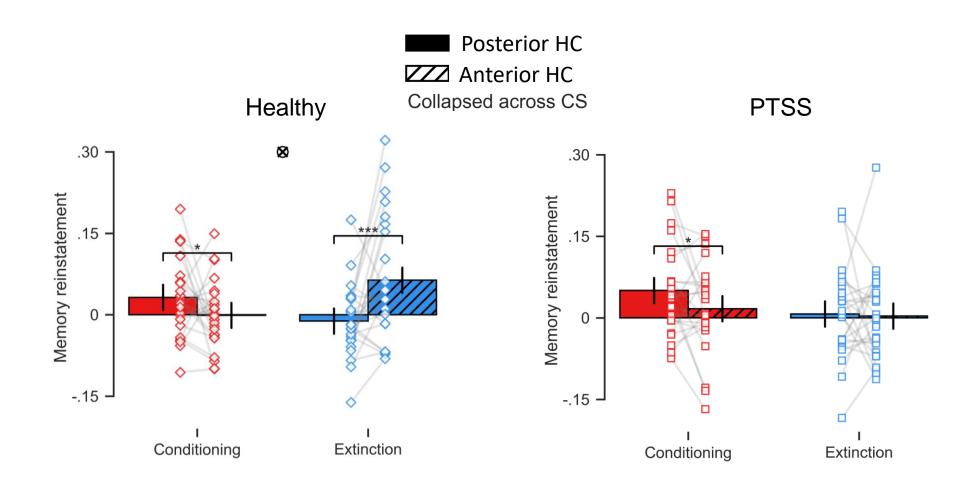
Correlated patterns of encoding-retrieval activity sensitive to **context** in which memory initially formed?



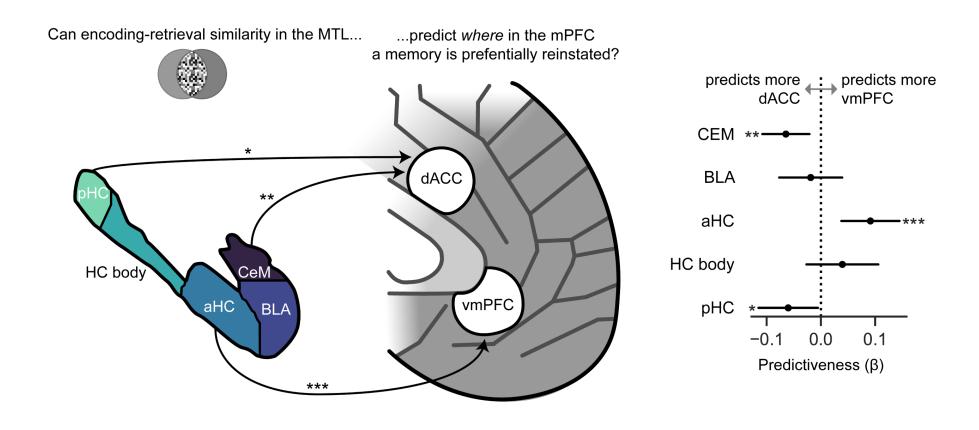
Healthy adults exhibit double dissociation of emotional memories across the mPFC



Fear and extinction are organized along the long-axis of the hippocampus



MTL reinstatement predicts locus of reinstatement in the mPFC



Stay tuned! The full paper is currently in press at *Current Biology*

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