Subjective vividness ratings of pictures predict exemplar-specific similarity between encoding and recall activity patterns Matthew R. Johnson

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# Background

Perceptual activity patterns are reinstantiated during reflection



Ranganath, DeGutis, & D'Esposito, 2004





M.R. Johnson, Mitchell, Raye, D'Esposito, & M.K. Johnson, 2007

# Background

#### • ... for exemplars as well as broader categories





M.R. Johnson & M.K. Johnson, 2014

Lee, Kravitz, & Baker, 2012

# Question

 How does perceptual activity reinstantiation during reflection relate to the subjective vividness of perceiving and/or remembering?

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#### Source Monitoring

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# Source monitoring and vividness



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...etc.

# Design



M.K. Johnson, Kuhl, Mitchell, Ankudowich, & Durbin, 2015

#### SEE





#### THINK

PIER

low





high

















## Pattern similarity results

 Correlations of exemplar pattern reinstantiation with subjective vividness ratings:



see also: St-Laurent, Abdi, & Buchsbaum, 2015

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 Correlations of exemplar pattern reinstantiation with subjective vividness ratings:



## Inter-rating correlations

 Different relationships with pattern similarity emerge despite the fact that See and Think ratings inter-correlate:



# Summary

- Across multiple regions, reflective vividness better predicts exemplar pattern reinstantiation than perceptual vividness
  - In fact, higher perceptual vividness is associated with worse reinstantiation
  - Differential effects emerge despite some degree of correlation between perceptual & reflective vividness

# Questions?

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