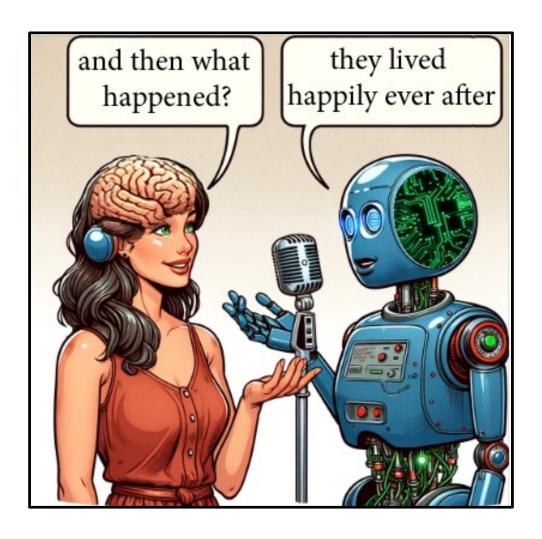
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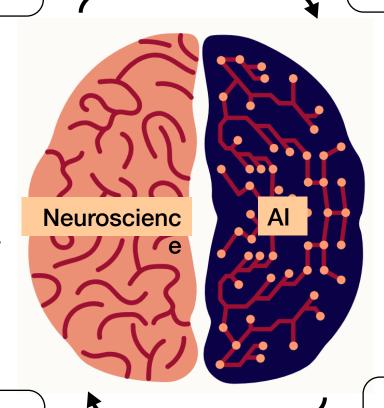
Interchange between human and Artificial Intelligence

How does the human brain understand narratives?

Reverse engineering the brain

Inspiration

Understanding the neural computations that underlie behavior



Building intelligent information processing systems

Example
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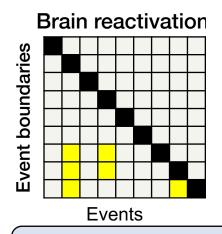
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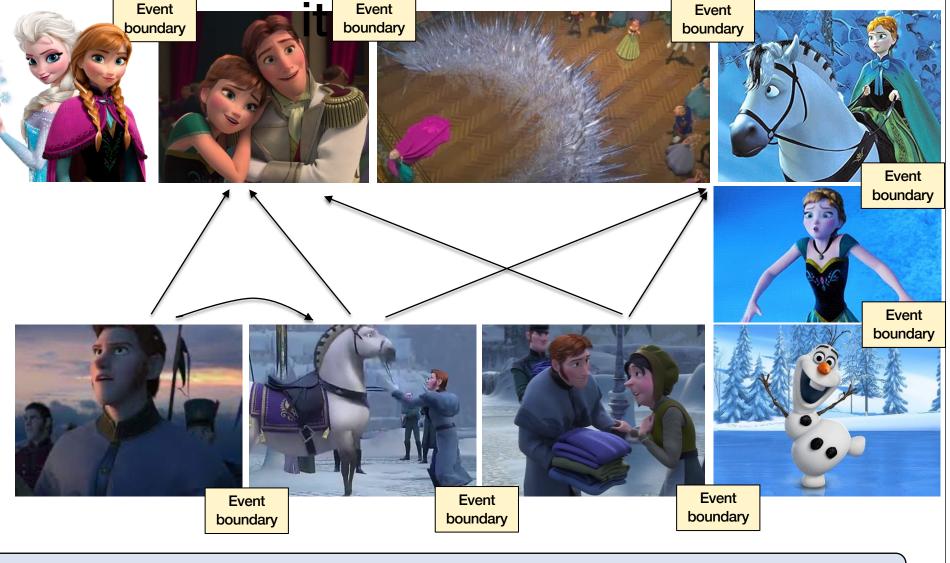
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At event boundaries, your brain stores the just-ended event into memory





Hypothesis: at event boundaries, past events reactivate to help us make sense of the just-ended event

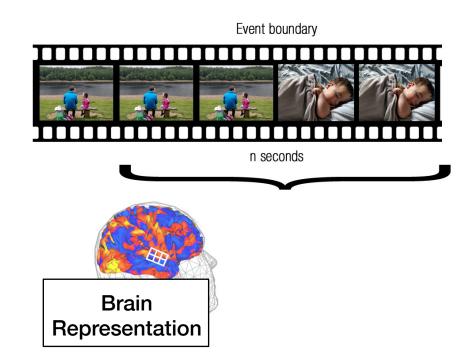
Methodology: studying fMRI brain representations



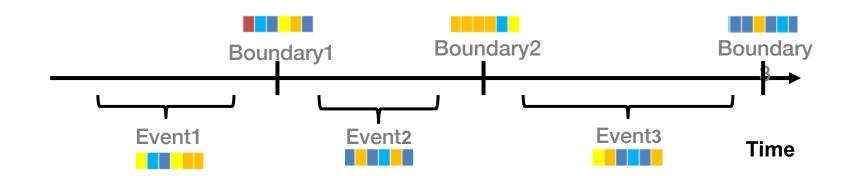
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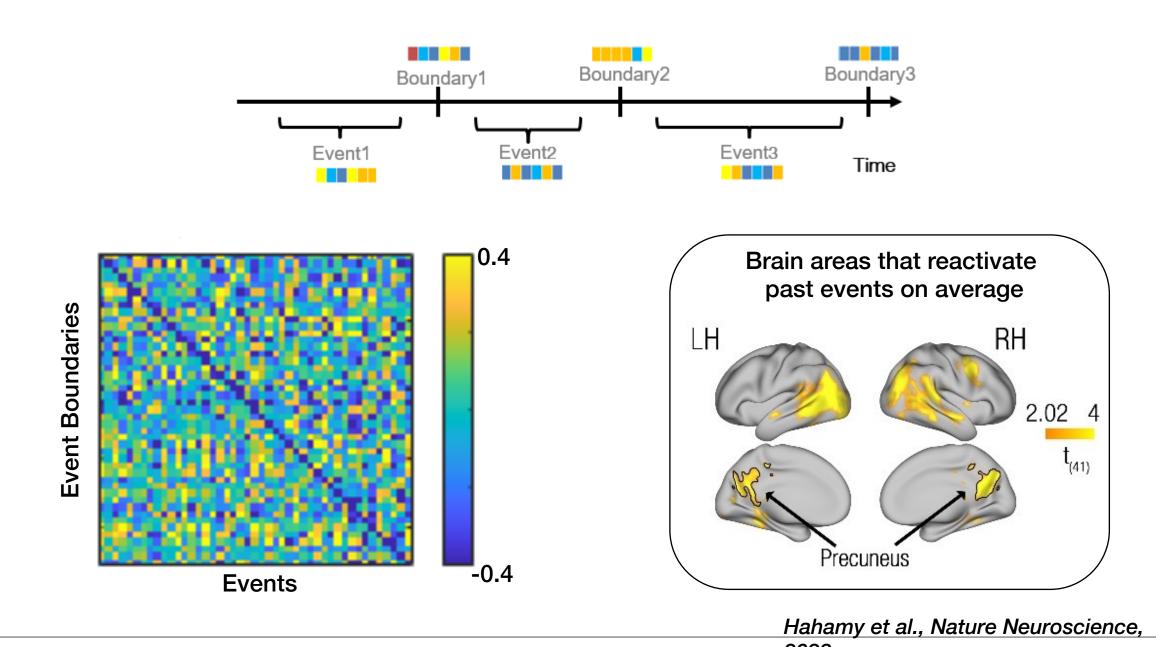






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fMRI reactivation of remote events

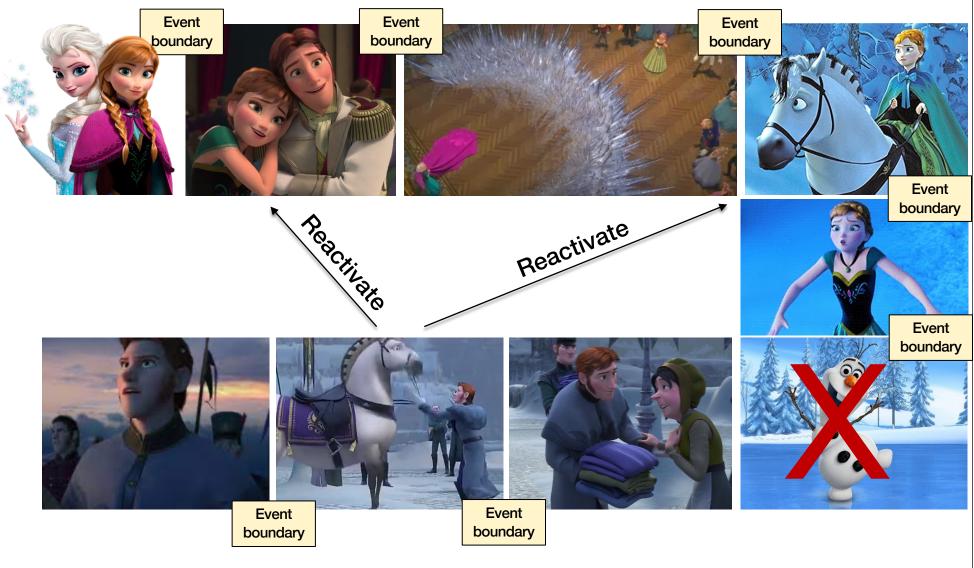


Is the reactivation context-specific?

Brain reactivation

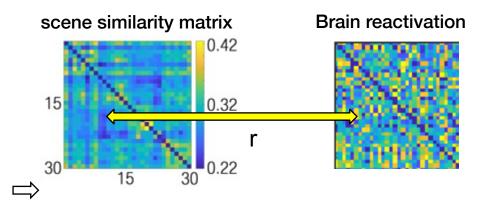
Events

Event boundaries



Modelling context-specific reactivation

Scene Segments	Scene Details - A Level
27 2. War Scene	Gunfire by a soldier along a wall made of stacked stones
28	A bomb or land mine goes off in the middle of a grassy fie
28	A Soldier kicks open a door. Soldiers shooting at a target o
29	Close up view of John tossing in bed while sleeping
30	More gunfire. Two soldiers seen hand signalling to each other in the battlefi
31	Sideways view of john sleeping at night
31	One of the soldiers that was signalling collapses
32	A soldier runs across the batttlefield. Cut to another soldier standing and air
32	Quick shot of John's face in pain as he is lying down on the battlefield and so
33	Random gunfire by a soldier standing nearby and a full body view of John ly
35	First person view of a soldier running in battle with fellow soldiers. Someon
36 3. Watson Wake-Up	John's eyes open at the sound of an echoing voice.
37	John immediately gets up from his bed.
39	John is panting and his breathing is rough from his nightmares.
13	John is slowly calming down, his breathing is getting slower.
55	John lies back down and continues to calm his breathing. He begins to weep
64 4. Watson Morning	John sits upright on his bed contemplatively in the middle of the night with



(a) A storyline

And it's the height of In a small bungalow off of La Cienega, Clara serves nomemade chili and chips

B storyline

At 74th and Columbus. Apartment 9D. Steven Perdue watches his wife get ready for her violin lesson: black clothes, pearl necklace, her controlled, quiet elegance....



scene-similarity matrix 0.24

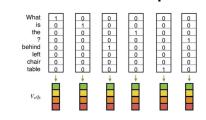
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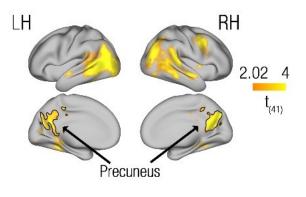


Bag of words scene representation

Brain reactivation



Brain areas that reactivate past events



Reactivation of contextually-relevant events at event boundaries

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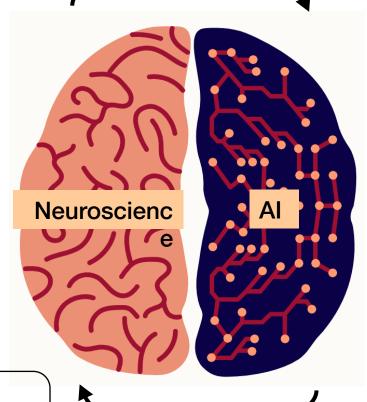
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Is reactivation related to understanding?

Lets manipulate narratives!



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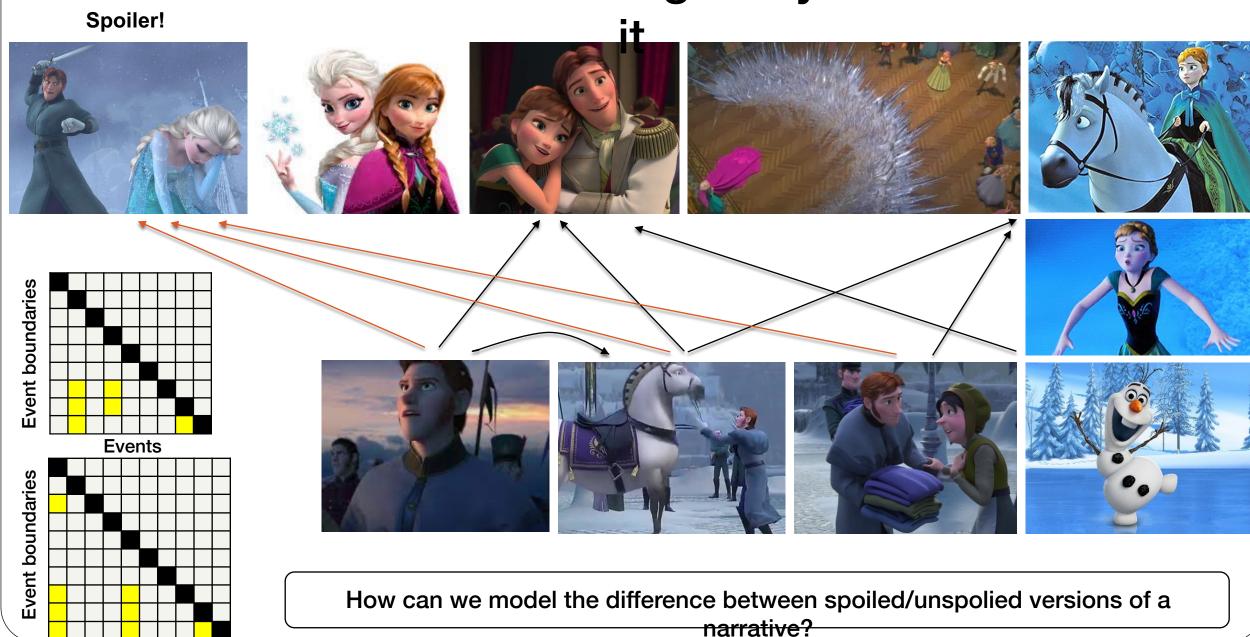




Can we implement a mechanisms in NLP models that

- 1. parcels narratives
- 2. reactivates event?

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Thanks for listening!



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