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Abbreviations: ALE = Activation likelihood estimation, BA = Brodmann area.

## Abstract

A core brain network has been proposed to underlie a number of different processes, including remembering, prospection, navigation and theory-of-mind (Buckner RL, Carroll DC. 2007. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 11: 49–57). This purported network—medial prefrontal, medial temporal, and medial and lateral parietal regions—is similar to that observed during default-mode processing and has been argued to represent self-projection (Buckner & Carroll, 2007) or scene-construction (Hassabis D. Maguire EA. 2007. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 11: 299-306). To date, no systematic and quantitative demonstration of evidence for this common network has been presented. Using the activation likelihood estimation (ALE) approach, we conducted four separate quantitative meta-analyses of neuroimaging studies on: (a) autobiographical memory, (b) navigation, (c) theory-of-mind, and (d) default mode. A conjunction analysis between these domains demonstrated a high degree of correspondence. We compared these findings to a separate ALE analysis of prospection studies and found additional correspondence. Across all domains, and consistent with the proposed network, correspondence was found within the medial temporal lobe, precuneus, posterior cingulate, retrosplenial cortex and the temporoparietal junction. Additionally, this study revealed that the core network extends to lateral prefrontal and occipital cortices. Autobiographical memory, prospection, theory-of-mind and default mode demonstrated further reliable involvement of the medial prefrontal cortex and lateral temporal cortices. Autobiographical memory and theory-of-mind, previously studied as distinct, exhibited the most extensive functional overlap. These findings represent quantitative evidence for a core network underlying a variety of cognitive domains.

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A single core network has recently been proposed to underlie a number of cognitive domains previously seen as distinct, specifically: (a) remembering, (b) prospection, (c) spatial navigation, and (d) theory-of-mind (Buckner & Carroll, 2007). The network of brain regions hypothesized to be common to these domains comprise the frontopolar and anterior midline structures in addition to the medial temporal lobe, medial parietal and a lateral posterior parietal region, the temporoparietal junction. These authors believe that the core network may support self-projection: the ability to mentally project oneself from the present moment into a simulation of another time, place or perspective. Additionally, the default mode network (Mazoyer et al., 2001; Raichle et al., 2001; Schulman et al., 1997)—the set of brain areas typically found to be associated with stimulus-independent thought (McGuire, Paulesu, Frackowiak, & Frith, 1996; Mason et al., 2007)—may be similar in composition, perhaps indicating that this activation pattern signals a shift from the processing of external stimuli to internal and imagined situations (Buckner & Carroll, 2007).

This intriguing proposal has generated a great deal of interest, evidenced in part by a prompt response arguing that scene-construction, and not self-projection, provides a more specific and empirically supported account of the core network (Hassabis & Maguire, 2007). Constructing a complex and coherent scene involves the retrieval and integration of information towards the visualization of a spatial context that can be maintained and manipulated. The position of Hassabis & Maguire (2007) is supported by the observation that the pattern identified by Buckner and Carroll (2007) is also observed when individuals imagine fictitious circumstances that may have no relation to the self or time (Hassabis & Maguire, 2007; Hassabis, Kumaran & Maguire, 2007).

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Missing from both proposals is concrete evidence that a reliable pattern of brain activity is observed across these domains. Both groups (Buckner & Carroll, 2007; Hassabis & Maguire, 2007) rely upon a narrative-based review to present evidence, citing studies suggestive of a similar network rather than employing a systematic and quantitative approach. Before any debate regarding the explanatory depth of self-projection or scene-construction can take place, it is necessary to demonstrate that a core network truly is common to all these domains. Applying a systematic, extensive and quantitative meta-analytic approach that can properly evaluate the evidence for this hypothesized neural system is a necessary undertaking. The domains thought to reflect this common system are described in brief below along with their possible relation to self-projection or scene-construction.

### *Remembering*

Remembering the past appears to be related to both self-projection and scene-construction, especially upon consideration of the theory of auto-noetic awareness (Tulving, 1985; Wheeler, Stuss, & Tulving, 1997). According to this theory, declarative memory is based on two systems that correspond to distinct subjective states of awareness: noetic and auto-noetic. Noetic awareness involves the recall of knowledge or facts, and supports semantic memory. Auto-noetic awareness supports the remembering of contextual and subjective associations from the original experience or episodic memory. Episodic recollection of personal events from one's own life is referred to as autobiographical memory. During autobiographical recall, spatially- and temporally-bound information is retrieved and the relevant scene vividly reconstructed. This is accompanied by a feeling of reminiscence, where the self being remembered is the same

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3 self engaged in recollection, and the re-experiencing of these memories may elicit strong  
4 emotions. Remembering thus involves a process of projecting the self back through time,  
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6 as well as constructing a past scene and experience. Auto-noetic awareness, however, may  
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8 also be applied in a more flexible fashion, to other domains such as imagining the future.  
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### 11 12 *Prospection*

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17 planning, allowing one to plot strategic behavior in order to engage in successful goal  
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21 simulation of possible futures and their outcomes we can avoid negative ends and  
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23 maximize positive ones. A number of theorists have hypothesized that remembering and  
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25 future-oriented thinking may reflect a single underlying process (Suddendorf & Corballis,  
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27 1997; Wheeler et al., 1997; Atance & O'Neill, 2001). This idea has only recently been  
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29 supported by empirical data. In one study, for example, the temporal distribution of self-  
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31 generated, probable future events (the “intention function”) maps almost identically onto  
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33 the distribution of recalled past events (the “retention function”); this close similarity  
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35 replicates across individuals at different points in their lifespan (Spreng & Levine, 2006).  
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39 decreasing phenomenological richness with increasing time from the present  
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41 (D’Argembeau & Van der Linden, 2004), and that the episodic specificity of past and  
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43 future events decline with age in an equivalent fashion (Addis, Wong, Schacter, 2008). It  
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45 is thus likely that a shared mechanism for remembering and prospection exist, and  
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### *Navigation*

Topographical orientation involves the capacity to navigate spatial environments (Maguire, 1997), largely by imagining one's current position, the desired endpoint, and possible routes using both egocentric and allocentric perspectives. The latter perspective involves considering the relation between landmarks irrespective of an individual's viewpoint (Aguirre, Zarahn, & D'Esposito, 1998). This may involve either projecting the "mind's eye" into a perspective separate from the immediate environment, or the construction of a scene or map of our environs.

### *Theory-of-Mind*

A key aspect of successful social navigation involves our possession of a theory of mind, that is, an understanding that the behavior of others is motivated by internal states such as thoughts, emotions, and beliefs (a.k.a. mentalizing; Carruthers & Smith, 1996). Understanding others, in part, involves the taking of another's perspective in order to predict their actions and reactions (Garfield, Peterson, & Perry, 2001). Simulation-based accounts of theory-of-mind are broadly consistent with the idea that self-projection is an important aspect of mentalizing, proposing that we take on the mindset of others and use our self to simulate their experience in order to understand them (Blakemore & Decety, 2001; Carruthers & Smith, 1996; cf. Stich & Nichols, 1992 for a propositional account). In constructing simulations of actors' potential actions and reactions, we may employ self-projection or perhaps construct imaginary scenes of potential situations.

### *Default Mode*

The pattern of brain activation observed in participants during rest conditions (Schulman et al., 1997; Mazoyer et al., 2001) has been called the default mode of brain

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3 function (Raichle et al., 2001) and may represent stimulus-independent thought or mind-  
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5 wandering (Mason et al., 2007). Driven not by attention to the external environment, but  
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7 an internal mode of cognition, the default mode may set the stage for self-projection or  
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9 scene-construction by enabling a switch in perspective from the external to the internal  
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11 (Gusnard, Akbudak, Shulman, & Raichle, 2001, see also Raichle & Gusnard, 2005).  
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### 15 *The Current Study*

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17 The aim of the present study is to assess the correspondence of neural activations  
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19 across multiple studies for autobiographical memory, prospection, navigation, theory-of-  
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21 mind and default mode using the activation likelihood estimation (ALE) approach to  
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23 quantitative meta-analysis for neuroimaging data (Laird, Fox et al., 2005; Turkeltaub,  
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25 Eden, Jones, & Zeffiro, 2002). We employed the ALE approach to reveal statistically  
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27 significant concordance of activated voxels across numerous experiments for each  
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29 domain while controlling for chance clustering. By seeking concordance at the voxel  
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31 level, ALE tests for statistically reliable clustering of activations in standardized  
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37 reviews. A subsequent conjunction analysis can then assess correspondence across  
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39 domains by identifying where clusters from different domains either directly overlap or  
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52 Okuda et al., 2003; Sharot, Riccardi, Raio & Phelps, 2007; Botzung, Denkova &  
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54 Manning, 2008; Szpunar, Watson, & McDermott, 2007). Because of this small number of  
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3 studies, prospection was not assessed in the conjunction analysis. However, brain regions  
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5 reliably activated by prospection were compared with the other domains.  
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## 8 Methods

### 9 10 *Selection of Studies*

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12 Studies for autobiographical memory, navigation, theory-of-mind and default  
13 mode were selected using a systematic search process. Peer-reviewed articles published  
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15 three separate databases: (1) PsycInfo, (2) Medline, and (3) Science Citation Index.  
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17 Keyword searches were conducted using the following terms: (1) “neuroimaging” <OR>  
18 “fMRI” <OR> “PET,” and the domain-specific terms (2i) “autobiographical memory,”  
19 (2ii) “navigation,” (2iii) “theory-of-mind” <OR> “mentalizing” <OR> “mindreading,”  
20 and (2iv) “default mode” <OR> “default network” <OR> “default state” <OR>  
21 “stimulus-independent thought.” As a result, 117 unique papers were found on  
22 autobiographical memory, 142 for navigation, 135 for theory-of-mind, and 118 for  
23 default mode. Theoretical papers and reviews were excluded, as were studies that did not  
24 provide data on non-clinical samples (e.g., Castelli, Frith, Happé, & Frith, 2002), studies  
25 that did not report activation foci as 3-D coordinates in stereotaxic space (e.g., Berthoz et  
26 al., 1997), or those that used ‘rest’ or ‘fixation’ as a control condition (which effectively  
27 controlled for default mode, preventing an examination of overlap with stimulus-  
28 independent thought; e.g., Platek, Keenan, Gallup Jr., & Mohamed, 2004; Cabeza et al.,  
29 2004). For studies containing multiple independent samples, all appropriate data were  
30 included (e.g., Walter et al., 2004). The reference lists of these papers were searched for  
31 additional studies that fit these criteria. Domain-specific exclusions are described below.  
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Autobiographical memory papers that did not directly examine the retrieval of an autobiographical memory were excluded (e.g., episodic or semantic memory tasks; Sugiura et al., 2007), or those that employed another type of autobiographical memory as a contrast condition (e.g., recent versus remote; Maguire & Frith, 2003; or sad versus happy, Markowitsch et al., 2003; see Svoboda, McKinnon & Levine, 2006 for a meta-analysis examining autobiographical memory). In total, 19 appropriate studies were included (Table 1).

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A total of 13 studies were included for the navigation domain once studies that did not involve the retrieval of allocentric or egocentric spatial information were excluded (Table 2). Studies that examined encoding were not included in the present study because the process of encoding necessarily involves attention to the present environment (e.g., spatial exploration; Maguire, Frackowiak & Frith 1996). Studies tapping the retrieval of spatial location (e.g., Parslow et al., 2004; Harrison, Duggins & Friston, 2006) were judged not to reflect navigation from one point to another (i.e., wayfinding) and were therefore excluded.

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In the case of theory-of-mind, studies were excluded if they did not involve a basic theory-of-mind task but reported a more narrow investigation (e.g., examination of the role of self-other similarity; Mitchell, Macrae, & Banaji, 2006), or if the task did not clearly involve inferring the mental state of another (e.g., hearing one's own name; Kampe, Frith, & Frith, 2003). Additionally, papers with emotional stimuli (e.g., emotional faces or disturbing pictures; Dolan & Frith, 2004) were excluded in the interests of drawing a more homogeneous sample. In the end, a total of 50 studies met the criteria for inclusion in the theory-of-mind meta-analysis. Due to the relatively large

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number of foci (compared to other domains) and potential inflation of cluster size as a result (Laird, Fox et al., 2005), a randomly determined (via random number generation) subsample of studies was selected that approximately matched the number of foci for this domain with the number of foci in the next most extensive domain (i.e., autobiographical memory). A total of 30 theory-of-mind studies were included (Table 3).

Studies on default mode included those reporting foci for either task-related deactivations (e.g., Schulman et al., 1997) or activations (e.g., Mason et al., 2007) associated with rest or fixation. Studies were excluded if they examined brain deactivations associated with cognitively-demanding tasks relative to another active task (e.g., covert counting vs lexical retrieval; Hutchinson et al., 1999), if the baseline or rest condition involved responding to an external stimulus (e.g., flashing screen; Gilbert, Simons, Frith, & Burgess 2006), or if the study constituted a functional connectivity analysis rather than a typical contrast analysis (e.g., Greicius, Krasnow, Reiss & Menon, 2003). In total, 16 studies of the default network were included in the analysis (Table 4).

A surge in neuroimaging studies examining prospection has begun to unravel the neural underpinnings of future-oriented thinking. In light of these papers, we have elected to loosen the inclusion criteria and incorporate six papers into a separate ALE analysis (Table 5). Unlike the afore-mentioned domains, we included studies with baseline conditions equivalent to our other task domains (e.g., theory-of-mind control task, Szpunar et al., 2007; fixation, Sharot et al., 2007) and contacted the authors for information on unpublished contrasts of interest (Future > Control; Addis et al., 2007; Sharot et al., 2007; Szpunar et al., 2007). Due to the small number of studies, collection of papers outside the designated time window, and reliance upon unpublished results, we

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3 do not include prospection in the conjunction analysis with the other four domains.  
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5 Patterns of brain activity identified by the prospection meta-analysis are, however,  
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### 13 *Creation of ALE Maps for Each Domain*

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17 neuroimaging data (Turkeltaub et al., 2002). The software (BrainMap Search&View  
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21 among several independent experiments. ALE maps are derived based on foci of interest,  
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23 which comprise statistically significant peak activation locations from multiple studies.  
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29 Tables 1-5. Coordinates reported in MNI were converted to Talairach using the Brett  
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31 transformation (Brett, 1999). In the approach taken by ALE, localization probability  
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33 distributions for the foci are modeled at the center of 3-D Gaussian functions, where the  
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35 Gaussian distributions are summed across the experiments to generate a map of inter-  
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37 study consistencies that estimate the likelihood of activation for each voxel, the ALE  
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39 statistic, as determined by the entire set of studies. Voxel sizes were determined at full-  
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43 half-maximum value and for each domain, randomly generated foci (identical in number  
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49 threshold of  $p < .05$  (Laird, Fox et al., 2005). For each of the five domains, ALE maps  
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5 analytic approaches to neuroimaging data, see Wager, Lindquist & Kaplan, 2007).  
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### 10 *Conjunction Analysis*

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12 The ALE maps were imported into AFNI (Cox, 1996) and a conjunction analysis  
13 was undertaken to examine the correspondence of consistently activated regions across  
14 autobiographical memory, navigation, theory-of-mind and default mode. Conjunction  
15 was determined by creating a mask, using 3dcalc, and overlaying the resultant ALE maps  
16 for each domain onto an anatomical template in Talairach space (Talairach & Tournoux,  
17 1988) to visualize cluster overlay (N.B. this does not constitute a statistical test). The  
18 location of overlapping clusters is reported in Talairach coordinates.  
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### 29 Results

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31 Domain-specific ALE results are presented in Figure 1 and Tables 6-10.  
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33 Discussion of the individual meta-analyses performed for each domain is unfortunately  
34 outside the scope of this paper (see Cabeza & St. Jacques, 2007; Spiers & Maguire, 2007;  
35 Gallagher & Frith, 2003; Buckner, Andrews-Hanna & Schacter, in press; Schacter, Addis  
36 & Buckner, in press, for reviews on these topics). The results of the conjunction reveal  
37 correspondence of ALE clusters across four or three cognitive domains in a number of  
38 locations and is described below (also Table 11 and Figure 2) along with their  
39 consistency with propection findings (Table 11). Correspondence across domains is said  
40 to occur if, (a) ALE clusters directly overlapped within 3-D space or, (b) if clusters  
41 converge within the same brain structure. Clusters are said to converge if they fall within  
42 10mm of each other, and are within the same Brodmann Area (BA) or unlabeled region  
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3 (e.g. hippocampus). Prospection is reported to be consistent with the conjunction analysis  
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5 if the ALE output demonstrates a similar cluster in the same brain region. This method of  
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7 determining convergence across domains with prospection is similar to the determination  
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9 of co-activation using a tabular method.  
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13 The conjunction analysis was also utilized to determine differences in cluster  
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15 location among the domains. Domain-specific clusters that are unshared and unique to a  
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17 particular domain are noted in Tables 6-9. Unique clusters are defined as occurring at a  
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19 distance greater than 10mm from any other cluster. Additionally, a cluster that converges  
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21 with another in one BA may extend to an additional region in isolation. These are noted  
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23 in Tables 6-9 as well.  
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29 All four domains demonstrated correspondence within the medial temporal lobe,  
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31 medial parietal regions, the temporoparietal junction, the occipital lobe and lateral  
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33 prefrontal cortex. When considering all domains except for navigation, two additional  
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35 areas showed correspondence: the medial prefrontal and lateral temporal regions.  
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37 Prospection was associated with all of these areas except for the occipital lobe. The  
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39 extent of convergence and overlap within each region is reviewed below.  
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#### 43 *Medial temporal lobe*

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45 All four domains converged within the left medial temporal lobe. Direct overlap  
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47 was observed within the left parahippocampal gyrus (BA 36) [-28, -35, -10] and all  
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49 domains except default mode converged within the left hippocampus. Differences in the  
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51 pattern of medial temporal clusters were also observed. Autobiographical memory  
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53 demonstrated far more expansive left medial temporal clusters compared with the other  
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3 domains (Table 5). Navigation engaged the medial temporal lobes bilaterally and  
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5 extended more posteriorly compared with autobiographical memory (Table 6).  
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Prospection also engaged the parahippocampus and hippocampus bilaterally.

### *Medial Parietal Regions*

Convergence in the precuneus, posterior cingulate and retrosplenial cortex was extensive for all four domains. Within the precuneus and posterior cingulate, direct overlap was observed in the right hemisphere [6, -59, 17] and left hemisphere [-5, -50, 30] for all domains except navigation. On the left, an additional point of convergence was observed with all domains except theory-of-mind [-10, -57, 24]. Retrosplenial cortex clusters were observed bilaterally for autobiographical memory and navigation, on the right for theory-of-mind and on the left for default mode. All three medial parietal areas were reliably involved in prospection, bilaterally.

### *Temporoparietal Junction & Occipital Lobe*

All domains engaged the temporoparietal junction. Within the right hemisphere, all domains converged in the temporoparietal junction. In the left hemisphere, direct overlap was observed for all domains except for navigation [-42, -68, 37], with navigation converging in close proximity. For theory-of-mind, temporoparietal clusters extended anteriorly into BA 40, whereas the other domain clusters extended posteriorly from the temporoparietal junction to occipital cortex (BA 19) where they overlapped in the left hemisphere [-38, -80, 31]. Prospection also involved the left temporoparietal junction but not the occipital lobe.

### *Lateral Prefrontal Cortex*

All four domains reliably involved the left lateral prefrontal cortex. Convergence occurred in left ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (inferior frontal gyrus; BA 47) between all domains save default mode. Prospection also engaged the left ventrolateral prefrontal cortex.

### *Medial Prefrontal Cortex*

Autobiographical memory, theory-of-mind and default mode, but not navigation, demonstrated additional correspondence in the medial prefrontal cortex. Convergence extended throughout the medial prefrontal cortex and rostral anterior cingulate (BA 32) with direct overlap observed within the frontal pole (BA 10) [0, 51, 2]. Prospection clusters were also observed throughout the frontal pole and frontal midline structures.

### *Lateral Temporal Lobe*

Convergence was observed for autobiographical memory, theory-of-mind and default mode throughout the left and right lateral temporal lobe (BAs 21, 22). Prospection also engaged these regions within the left hemisphere.

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## Discussion

The strength of evidence for the presence of a core network that underlies multiple cognitive domains was assessed through quantitative ALE meta-analyses. By examining conjunction across autobiographical memory, navigation, theory-of-mind and default mode, correspondence was found in the predicted regions (Buckner & Carroll, 2007) and areas not originally proposed. A high degree of agreement was also observed between the output of this conjunction and prospection. The results provide evidence in



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3 favor of a core set of brain regions within the default network that underlie remembering,  
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6 prospection, navigation, and theory-of-mind. These results also lend support to both the  
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9 self-projection and scene-construction account of a core network by providing extensive,  
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12 quantitative evidence of a common set of functional neural correlates. The pattern of  
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15 activation across domains demonstrates that far more is shared than unique. Shared  
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21 tended towards lower ALE values. Less than a quarter of clusters were domain-specific.  
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33 domains also engage the lateral prefrontal cortex and the occipital cortex, regions not  
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36 initially predicted to be part of the core network. This finding illustrates the advantages of  
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39 the ALE approach over narrative reviews. The lateral prefrontal cortex potentially serves  
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48 involvement likely supports mental imagery processes (Farah, 1989), useful for visual  
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Autobiographical memory, prospection and theory-of-mind demonstrate further  
functional correspondence, activating the remaining areas of the default network: medial  
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3 autobiographical memory (Svoboda et al., 2006), theory-of-mind (Gallager & Frith,  
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6 2003), default mode (i.e., task-related deactivations; Schulman et al., 1997) and has been  
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8 implicated in prospection as well (Schacter, Addis, & Buckner, 2007).  
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10 Why is less correspondence observed for navigation? While navigation primarily  
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12 involves the retrieval of a detailed visuospatial context, this context does not necessarily  
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14 involve the self or semantic information. Self-related processes engage the medial  
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16 prefrontal cortex (Craig et al., 1999; D'Argembeau et al., 2007; Johnson et al., 2002;  
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18 Mitchell, Banaji, & Macrae, 2005; Northoff & Bermpohl, 2004; Ochsner et al., 2005) and  
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20 appear likely to be involved in autobiographical memory, prospection, theory-of-mind  
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22 and default mode processing. Likewise, navigation appears less likely to involve the  
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24 recollection of semantic information than the other domains, a process tied to the lateral  
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26 temporal cortices (Martin & Choa, 2001). Medial prefrontal and lateral temporal  
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28 involvement may add to the richness of a scene, bringing a range of personal,  
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36 This core network may be involved in more processes than presently reviewed.  
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42 autobiographical memory and theory-of-mind (Mar, 2004). This correspondence was  
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44 interpreted as evidence that theory-of-mind reasoning and autobiographical recollection  
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46 are engaged during story processing. A number of theorists and researchers have argued  
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48 for a close link between social cognition and narrative processing (e.g., Bruner, 1986;  
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52 Oatley, 1999; Palmer, 2004; Peskin & Astington, 2004; Zunshine, 2006). A core network  
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3 involved in simulating different times, different spaces, and other minds (Buckner &  
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6 could thus also play a role in narrative processing as well.  
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10 Beyond exploring the role of a core network that contributes to a broad number of  
11 domains, a more narrow investigation of the parallel between theory-of-mind and  
12 autobiographical memory could prove informative. These two domains displayed the  
13 greatest degree of overlap in the conjunction analysis. Autobiographical memory and  
14 theory-of-mind demonstrated similar patterns of activity from the ventrolateral and  
15 medial prefrontal cortex, to the precuneus, posterior cingulate and retrosplenial cortex;  
16 into the medial temporal region and amygdalae; and from the temporoparietal junction,  
17 down the superior temporal sulcus and middle temporal gyrus to the temporal poles. Both  
18 autobiographical memory and theory-of-mind require meta-representational ability  
19 (Perner, 2000), where there must be an awareness of the relation between knowledge  
20 sources and present knowledge states; one must possess a theory-of-mind for oneself in  
21 order to acknowledge the past self in relation to the present rememberer. Moreover, there  
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44 It has been argued that hominid brain evolution was driven by social selection  
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3 inform cooperative/competitive decision-making and accommodate rapidly changing  
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6 contents of memory and prospection may be necessarily and adaptively tied to things  
7 social in nature, potentially the most behaviorally-relevant stimuli. As such, the  
8 evolutionary advancement of auto-noetic awareness would correspond to the neural  
9 processes of theory-of-mind. The utilization of prospection is arguably of greatest  
10 strategic importance, particularly in the securing of mates, protection, and resources  
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24 Both theories of self-projection and scene construction emphasize the role of the  
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26 temporal lobe involvement in the core network may reflect a common reliance on  
27 mnemonic or relational processes (Moscovitch, Nadel, Winocur, Gilboa, & Rosenbaum,  
28 2006; Squire & Zola-Morgan, 1991; Eichenbaum, 2000). The function of the medial  
29 temporal lobe may also apply more broadly towards the construction of coherent scenes,  
30 events (Hassibis & Maguire, 2007) and mental models (Schacter & Addis, 2007). Rich  
31 memories allow one to find commonalities between current events and the past. Pattern-  
32 matching paired with the flexible reconstruction of information allows for the application  
33 of recollection to social problem-solving. Not all theory-of-mind tasks, however,  
34 necessarily require this mnemonic component. The hippocampus may not be necessary to  
35 support theory-of-mind as it does autobiographical memory and other aspects of scene  
36 construction (Hassibis & Maguire, 2007; Maguire, 1997; Moscovitch et al., 2006; e.g.,  
37 Hassibis Kumaran, Vann, & Maguire, 2007; Rosenbaum et al., 2000) as evidenced in part  
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12 While we believe that our approach has many strengths, particularly over tabular  
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15 direct overlap across all of the domains studied may be due to the relative paucity of  
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17 published neuroimaging investigations of relevant aspects of navigation (i.e., allocentric  
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19 recall) and prospection. The small number of available foci for inclusion in these ALE  
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21 analyses may reduce the probability of identifying reliable clusters. Additionally, because  
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25 undue influence (Wager, Lindquist & Kaplan, 2007). Some limitations are tempered by  
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27 the quantification of cluster coherence provided by the ALE statistic (e.g., few theory-of-  
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31 frontal cortex and the values of the ALE statistic reflects this. See Table 8). Despite its  
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33 limitations, the ALE technique has demonstrated convergent validity with other  
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35 approaches to meta-analysis (e.g., tabular methods in the case of autobiographical  
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37 memory Gilboa, 2004; Svoboda et al., 2006; see also Laird, McMillan et al., 2005) while  
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45 al, 2001; Andreasen et al., 1995) and validates our approach to determining  
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60 correspondence of functional neuroanatomy across domains. Causal inferences with

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15 One alternative explanation for our data is that functional similarities between  
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21 areas, but not be functionally dependent upon the same neurons. One other concern is that  
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23 our analysis relies on group data for each data-point, which means that small differences  
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25 in anatomic localization between individuals are necessarily obscured. In light of this  
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27 fact, it must be acknowledged that this is a somewhat broad approach and there are likely  
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29 subtle distinctions that have not been captured. Despite a correspondence of data across  
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39 In this study, we empirically demonstrated reliable patterns of brain activity  
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41 common across a number of cognitive tasks. In addition to medial prefrontal, medial  
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45 evidence of an extended core network that includes lateral prefrontal cortex, lateral  
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47 temporal cortex and the occipital lobe. The correspondence of functional neuroanatomy  
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49 across domains suggests a core network may be involved in the execution of a broad set  
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51 of domains. This core network may support a set of processes that promote self-  
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6 Figure 1: ALE meta-analysis maps for individual domains demonstrating significant  
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8 concordance across studies ( $p < .05$  corrected for multiple comparisons). ABM =  
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10 Autobiographical memory, NAV = Navigation, TOM = Theory-of-mind, DFM = Default  
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12 mode, PRO = prospection. Images follow radiological convention: Left side of the brain  
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20 Figure 2: Conjunction between ALE maps of four domains. Red and yellow demarcate  
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24 ( $1 \text{ cm}^2$ ) indicates overlap across all four domains. Coronal coordinates for the panel slices  
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26 are: A:  $Y = 51$ ; B:  $Y = -64$ . Images follow radiological convention: Left is right. Sagittal  
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28 coordinates of the left hemisphere panel slices are: C:  $X = -4$ ; D:  $X = -27$ ; E:  $X = -48$ .  
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## Table Captions

Table 1: AB = autobiographical, SMR = semantic memory retrieval, PSK = personal semantic knowledge, fMRI = functional magnetic resonance imaging, PET = positron emission tomography, ROI = region of interest.

Table 2: MN = mental navigation, VE = virtual environment, PM = passive movement, AV = attentive viewing.

Table 3: ToM = theory-of-mind.

Table 4: SIT = stimulus independent thought, Multiple Experimental Conditions A include visual, calculation, imagery, language, and perception processing. Multiple Experimental Conditions B comprises spatial, intentional, pleasantness and belief judgments, and perception of gaze. MA = meta-analysis

Tables 6–10: ALE meta-analysis results demonstrating significant concordance across studies ( $p < .05$  corrected for multiple comparisons). Higher ALE value indicates greater concordance. Coordinates are reported according to the Talairach & Tournoux (1988) atlas. ALE = Activation likelihood estimation, Vol = cluster volume, L = Left, R = Right. † = Clusters greater than 10mm away from any other domain's clusters.

\* = Brain region (BA) showed no ipsilateral correspondence with any other domain.

Note: Some unique clusters (†) were within 10mm of another domain's cluster, but never within the same BA. Some brain regions with no ipsilateral convergence (\*) fell within 10mm of another domain's clusters but never within the same BA.

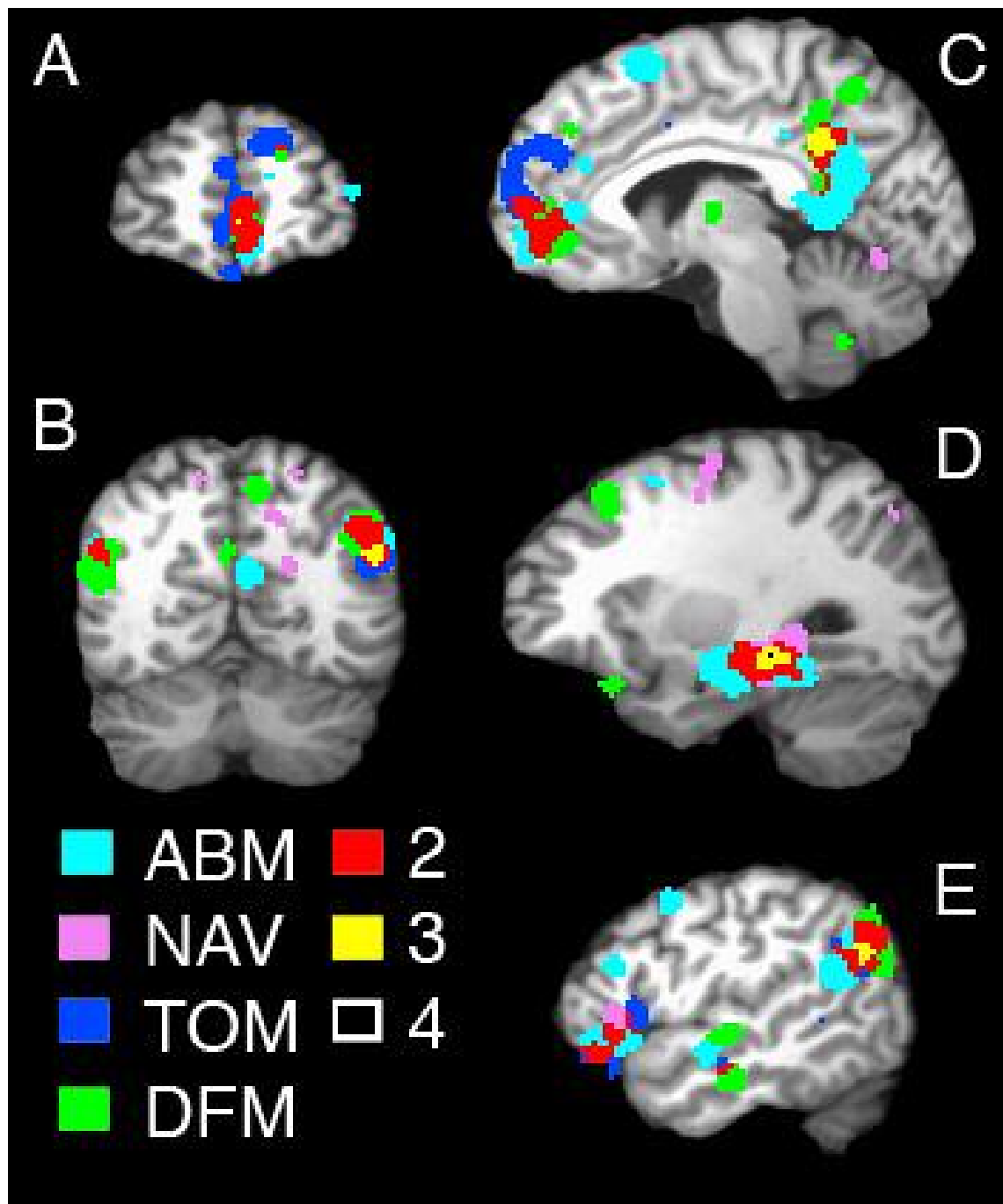
Anatomical Abbreviations: AMG = Amygdala, dACC = dorsal anterior cingulate cortex, HC = Hippocampus, MTG = Middle temporal gyrus, Occ = Occipital lobe, PHC = Parahippocampal cortex, PCC = posterior cingulate cortex, PCu = Precuneus, rACC =

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Figure 2: Conjunction across autobiographical memory, navigation, theory-of-mind and default mode.



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Table 1: Autobiographical memory data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Addis, DR, et al. (2004). <i>Hippocampus</i> , 14, 752-762.	Cued recall from pre-scan interview	Sentence completion, size discrimination	fMRI	14	16	
Andreasen, NC, et al. (1995). <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i> , 152, 1576-1585.	Described personal past events	SMR	PET	13	7	
Denkova, E, et al. (2006). <i>Neuropsychologia</i> , 44, 2783-2791.	Cued recall using famous names	SMR	fMRI	12	15	
Denkova, E, et al. (2006). <i>Brain Research</i> , 1078, 143-150.	Cued recall using old photos	SMR	fMRI	10	26	
Fink, GR, et al. (1996). <i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , 16, 4275-4282.	Listening to AB information	Listening to stranger's information	PET	7	5	
Gilboa, A, et al. (2004). <i>Cerebral Cortex</i> , 14, 1214-1225.	Cued recall using photos of self	Imagined event from stranger's photo	fMRI	9	5	
Graham, KS, et al. (2003). <i>Cognitive, Affective, &amp; Behavioral Neuroscience</i> , 3, 234-254.	Cued recall using concepts (nouns)	SMR	PET	24	10	
Greenberg, DL, et al. (2005). <i>Neuropsychologia</i> , 43, 659-674.	Cued recall using pre-assigned cues	SMR	fMRI	11	18	

Table 1 continued: Autobiographical memory data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Levine, B, et al. (2004). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 16, 1633-1646.	Cued recall using AB audio recordings	PSK, SMR, other's recordings	fMRI	5	14	
Maddock, RF, et al. (2001). <i>Neuroscience</i> , 104, 667-676.	Cued recall using familiar names	SMR	fMRI	8	24	
Maguire, EA, & Mummery, CJ (1999). <i>Hippocampus</i> , 9, 54-61.	True/False judgments for AB sentences	Listening to words, syllable counting	PET	8	8	
Maguire, EA, et al. (2000). <i>Hippocampus</i> , 10, 475-482.	True/False judgments for AB sentences	Listening to words, syllable counting	fMRI	6	9	
Maguire, EA, & Frith, CD (2003). <i>Brain</i> , 126, 1511-1523.	True/False judgments for AB sentences	SMR	fMRI	12	4	young adults
<i>ibid.</i>	True/False judgments for AB sentences	Listening to words, syllable counting	fMRI	12	5	older adults
Markowitsch, HJ, et al. (2000). <i>Behavioural Neurology</i> , 12, 181-190.	Listening to AB information	Listened to fictitious information	PET	8	8	
Piefke, M, et al. (2003). <i>Brain</i> , 126, 650-668.	Cued recall using AB sentences	Reading	fMRI	20	18	



Table 1 continued: Autobiographical memory data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Rekkas, PV & Constable, RT (2005). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 17, 1950-1961.	Cued recall for recent past	SMR	fMRI	12	24	
Tsukiura, T, et al. (2003). <i>Neuroreport</i> , 14, 658-658.	Cued recall for recent past	SMR	PET	9	8	
Vandekerckhove, MMP, et al. (2005). <i>Behavioural Neurology</i> , 16, 203-210.	Cued recall using AB sentences	Item visualization	fMRI	16	18	
Viard, A, et al. (2007). <i>Cerebral Cortex</i> , 17, 2453-2467.	Cued recall using AB sentences	Letter detection	fMRI	12	7	older adults
			total	228	249	

Table 2: Navigation data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Avila, C, et al. (2006). <i>American Journal of Neuroradiology</i> , 27, 498-503.	Hometown-walking task	Number counting	fMRI	12	11	
Ghaem, O, et al. (1997). <i>Neuroreport</i> , 8, 739-744.	Mental simulation of routes	Mental visualization of landmarks	PET	5	3	
Hartley, T, et al. (2003). <i>Neuron</i> , 37, 877-888.	Wayfinding in VE	Trail following in VE	fMRI	16	8	
Iaria, G, et al. (2007). <i>European Journal of Neuroscience</i> , 25, 890-899.	Wayfinding in VE	Trail following in VE	fMRI	9	19	
Jordan, K, et al. (2004). <i>Neuroreport</i> , 15, 135-140.	Wayfinding in VE	PM, cued route, AV in VE	fMRI	8	15	
Kumaran, D & Maguire, EA. (2005). <i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , 25, 7254-7259.	MN between friends' houses	Social relational task	fMRI	18	8	
Maguire, EA, et al. (1997). <i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , 17, 7103-7110.	Mental simulation of routes	Number repetition	PET	11	11	
Maguire, EA, et al. (1998). <i>Science</i> , 280, 921-924.	Wayfinding in VE	Trail following in VE	PET	10	10	

Table 2 continued: Navigation data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Mayes, AR, et al (2004). <i>Neuropsychology</i> , 18, 426-441.	MN of newly learned route	Recall newly learned word definition	fMRI	9	7	
Mellet, E, et al. (2002). <i>Cerebral Cortex</i> , 12, 1322-1330.	Mental simulation of routes	Word pair counting	PET	6	12	
Pine, DS, et al. (2002). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 15, 396-406.	Wayfinding in VE	Trail following in VE	fMRI	20	27	10 adults, 10 adolescents
Rosenbaum, RS, et al. (2004). <i>Hippocampus</i> , 14, 826-835.	Mental simulation of routes	Vowel counting	fMRI	10	7	
Spiers, HJ & Maguire, EA. (2006). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 31, 1826-1840.	Customer-driven route planning in VE	Coasting	fMRI	20	13	
			total	154	151	

Table 3: Theory-of-mind data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Aichhorn, M., et al. (2006). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 30 , 1059-1068.	Adopted perspective of other	Perspective of self	fMRI	18	3	
Berthoz, S., et al. (2002). <i>Brain</i> , 125, 1696-1708.	Intentional social violation story	Unintentional social violation story	fMRI	12	10	
Bhatt, M., & Camerer, C.F. (2005). <i>Games &amp; Economic Behavior</i> , 52 , 424-459.	Second-order belief judgment	Belief judgment	fMRI	16	2	
Brunet, E., et al. (2000). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 11 , 157-166.	Intention attribution	Physical causality attribution	PET	8	17	
Castelli, F, et al. (2000). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 12 , 314-325.	ToM animated shapes	Randomly moving shapes	PET	6	10	
Ferstl, E, & von Cramon, D (2002). <i>NeuroImage</i> , 17 , 1599-1612	Take perspective of person in sentences	Judged non-word sentences	fMRI	9	13	
Finger, E, et al. (2006). <i>NeuroImage</i> , 33 , 414-421	Moral or social transgression stories	Neutral stories	fMRI	16	2	
Fletcher, P, et al. (1995). <i>Cognition</i> , 57 , 109-128	ToM story judgement	Physical causation story judgement	PET	6	4	

Table 3 continued: Theory-of-mind data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Fukui, H, et al. (2006). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 32 , 913-920.	Competed against other in game	Played game independently	fMRI	16	2	
Gallagher, HL & Frith, CD (2004). <i>Neuropsychologia</i> , 42 , 1725-1736.	Expressive gestures	Instrumental gestures	fMRI	12	7	
German, TP, et al. (2004). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 16 , 1805-1817.	Viewing pretense actions	Viewing real actions	fMRI	16	18	
Goel, V, et al. (1995). <i>Neuroreport</i> , 6 , 1741-1746.	Judge if Columbus could classify object	Simple classification of object	PET	10	4	
Grèzes, J, et al. (2004). <i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , 24 , 5500-5505	Judged action as deceptive	Judged action as honest	fMRI	11	11	
Harris, LT, et al. (2005). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 28 , 763-769.	Internal attributions for behavior	Other attributions	fMRI	12	12	
Kobayashi, C, et al. (2006). <i>Brain and Language</i> , 98 , 210-220.	False belief tasks	Sentence previously presented	fMRI	32	7	16 bilinguals, 16 monolinguals
Mitchell, JP, et al. (2005). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 17 , 1306-1315.	Form impression based on behavior	Remember sequence of information	fMRI	18	13	

Table 3 continued: Theory-of-mind data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Ohnishi, T, et al. (2004). <i>Neuroreport</i> , 15 , 1483-1487.	ToM animated shapes	Randomly moving shapes	fMRI	10	13	adolescents
Perner, J, et al. (2006). <i>Social Neuroscience</i> , 1 , 245-258	False belief stories	False photograph stories	fMRI	19	6	
Rilling, JK, et al. (2004). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 22 , 1694-1703.	Competed against putative other in game	Button presses	fMRI	19	10	
Ruby, P & Decety, J (2003). <i>European Journal of Neuroscience</i> , 17 , 2475-2480.	Adopted lay perspective	Perspective of self	PET	10	13	
Russell, T, et al. (2000). <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i> , 157 , 2040-2042	Judge mental state from face	Judge gender from face	fMRI	7	4	
Saxe, R & Kanwisher, N (2003). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 19 , 1835-1842.	ToM story judgment	Physical causality story judgment	fMRI	25	5	
Saxe, R, et al. (2006). <i>Social Neuroscience</i> , 1 , 284-298	False belief stories	False photograph stories	fMRI	12	8	
Saxe, R & Wexler, A (2005). <i>Neuropsychologia</i> , 43 , 1391-1399	False belief stories	False photograph stories	fMRI	12	4	



Table 4: Default mode data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Andreasen, NC, et al (1995) <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i> , 152, 1576-1585.	Rest	Semantic memory retrieval	PET	13	7	
Binder, JR, et al. (1999). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 11, 80-93.	Rest	Active listening	fMRI	30	8	
Christoff, K, et al. (2004). <i>Cortex</i> , 40, 623-630.	Rest	Arrow cued button press	fMRI	12	15	
D'Argembeau, A, et al. (2005). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 25, 616-624.	Rest	Reflecting on self, other and society	PET	12	9	
Fransson, P (2006). <i>Neuropsychologia</i> , 44, 2836-2845.	Rest	Working memory	fMRI	14	21	
Greicius, MD, et al. (2004). <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , 101, 4637-4642	Rest	Button press to flashing screen	fMRI	14	8	young adults
<i>ibid.</i>	Rest	Button press to flashing screen	fMRI	14	17	young adults
<i>ibid.</i>	Rest	Button press to flashing screen	fMRI	13	22	older adults



Table 4 continued: Default mode data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Gould, RL, et al. (2006). <i>Neuroimage</i> , 31 , 818-831.	Rest	Paired associate retrieval and encoding	fMRI	24	18	12 young, 12 older adults
Kennedy, DP, et al. (2006). <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , 103 , 8275-8280.	Fixation	Counting Stroop task	fMRI	14	8	
Mason, MF, et al. (2007). <i>Science</i> , 315 , 393-395.	Rest	Working memory	fMRI	19	20	
Mazoyer, B, et al. (2001). <i>Brain Research Bulletin</i> , 54 , 287-298.	Rest	Multiple Experimental Conditions A	PET	63	24	MA (9 studies)
McGuire, PK, et al. (1996). <i>Neuroreport</i> , 7, 2095-2099.	SITF	Articulation	PET	5	5	
<i>ibid.</i>	SITF	Reading	PET	6	1	ROI
McKiernan, KA, et al. (2003). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 15 , 394-408.	Rest	Target detection	fMRI	30	20	
Persson, et al. (2007). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 19 , 1021-1032.	Fixation	Verb generation	fMRI	60	11	32 young, 28 older adults

Table 4 continued: Default mode data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Raichle, ME, et al. (2001). <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , 98, 676-682.	Rest	ROI regional/global brain oxygen flow	PET	19	6	ROI
<i>ibid.</i>	Rest	ROI regional/global brain oxygen flow	PET	19	7	ROI
Shulman, GL, et al. (1997). <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , 9, 648-663.	Fixation	Visual information processing	PET	132	14	MA (9 studies)
Wicker, B, et al. (2003). <i>Brain Research Reviews</i> , 43, 224-230.	Rest	Multiple Experimental Conditions B	PET	42	6	MA (5 studies)
			total	555	247	

Table 5: Prospection data sources

Study	Task	Comparison Task	Modality	n	foci	Comments
Addis, et al. (2007). <i>Neuropsychologia</i> , 45 , 1363–1377	Cued future event elaboration	Imagery and semantic elaboration	fMRI	14	14	Coordinates provided by author
Botzung, et al. (2008). <i>Brain &amp; Cognition</i> , 66 , 202-212.	Cued 'pre-experiencing' of previously determined event	Judgment of semantic relatedness	fMRI	10	12	
D'Argembeau, et al. (in press). <i>Neuroimage</i> , doi:10.1016/j.neuroimage.2007.11.025	Cued 'pre-experiencing' of previously determined event	Imagining routine activity	fMRI	12	6	
Okuda, et al. (2003). <i>NeuroImage</i> , 19, 1369–1380.	Talking about personal distant future	Talking about the meaning of words	PET	12	14	
Sharot, et al. (2007). <i>Nature</i> , 450 , 102-105.	Cued future event from short description	Fixation	fMRI	15	24	Coordinates provided by author
Szpunar, et al. (2007). <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , 104 , 642–647.	Cued future event of common life experience	Cued imagining of Bill Clinton	fMRI	21	16	Coordinates provided by author
			total	84	86	

Table 6: Autobiographical memory results

Extent of Cluster				Coordinates			ALE (10 <sup>-3</sup> )	Vol (mm <sup>3</sup> )
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z			
L & R	PCu, PCC	7, 31, 23	-2	-53	18	26.4	9256	
L	HC, PHC, AMG	35, 36, 28*	-25	-26	-14	27.0	7776	
L	TPJ	39, 22	-47	-61	26	19.6	3632	
L	Medial prefrontal cortex, rACC (bilateral)	10, 24, 32	-3	47	-1	20.8	2456	
L	STS, MTG, inferior temporal sulcus	20, 21	-56	-8	-14	22.8	2192	
L	Ventrolateral prefrontal cortex, temporal pole	47, 38	-47	25	-5	14.0	1664	
R	HC, PHC	36, 35, 28	23	-31	-12	20.8	1640	
† L & R	Middle frontal gyrus	6	-3	12	57	24.0	1448	
R	TPJ	39	49	-59	27	14.3	1136	
† L	Posterior lateral prefrontal cortex	6	-45	3	45	14.6	704	
† L	Frontal pole (lateral)	10	-40	47	14	16.8	672	

Table 6 continued: Autobiographical memory results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates					
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE ( $10^{-3}$ )	Vol ( $\text{mm}^3$ )	
R	HC, PHC	28	23	-13	-15	15.2	640	
R	Temporal pole, STS, MTG	38*, 21	49	-5	-13	11.8	608	
L	Temporal pole	38	-37	14	-32	14.2	584	
L	Occ	19	-37	-81	30	12.8	568	
†	L	Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex	46*, 45	-46	24	21	13.8	456
	R	Ventrolateral prefrontal cortex	47	50	27	-5	8.9	240
	L	Frontal pole (medial)	10	-11	55	17	9.8	184
	R	Thalamus	n/a	3	-9	5	9.3	184
	L	rACC	32	-5	33	22	10.7	168
	L	PCC	31	-6	-37	33	10.9	152
	L	Superior frontal sulcus	6	-28	9	51	9.6	144
	R	AMG	n/a	28	1	-19	10.1	104

Table 7: Navigation results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates					
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE (10 <sup>-3</sup> )	Vol (mm <sup>3</sup> )	
R	HC, PHC	28, 27*, 35, 36	25	-30	-8	24.3	5928	
L	HC, PHC	27, 35, 36	-25	-34	-8	17.3	4440	
L	RSC, PCC	30, 31	-17	-58	21	20.2	1800	
L	TPJ, Occ	39, 19	-34	-78	34	13.9	1584	
R	RSC, PCC	30, 31	16	-54	17	13.4	1400	
R	TPJ, Occ	39, 19	42	-74	32	13.3	1168	
L	Ventrolateral prefrontal cortex	47, 45	-47	22	1	12.8	1104	
†	R	Superior frontal sulcus	6	27	-3	53	8.8	616
†	L	Superior frontal sulcus	6	-27	-11	55	9.5	448
†	R	Superior parietal lobule	7	13	-68	54	8.8	304
†	L	Cerebellar vermis	n/a*	-6	-69	-10	9.0	296

Table 7 continued: Navigation results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates					
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE ( $10^{-3}$ )	Vol ( $\text{mm}^3$ )	
L	PCu	7	-12	-62	39	8.4	264	
R	Thalamus	n/a	7	-6	7	8.8	264	
†	L	Ventral temporal lobe	20	-37	-8	-35	9.4	256
†	R	Posterior medial prefrontal cortex, dACC	6, 32	13	11	47	7.9	224
L	Superior parietal lobule	7	-20	-67	52	8.4	216	
L	Thalamus	n/a	-13	-24	8	9.0	208	

Table 8: Theory-of-mind results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates					
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE (10 <sup>-3</sup> )	Vol (mm <sup>3</sup> )	
L & R	Anterior medial prefrontal cortex, rACC	10, 9, 32	-3	52	20	20.9	7704	
R	TPJ	39, 40*, 22	54	-49	19	22.9	6944	
L	TPJ	39, 40*, 22	-54	-54	18	16.4	4168	
R	Temporal pole, STS, MTG	38, 21, 20	54	-13	-13	17.1	3024	
L	STS, MTG	21	-55	-17	-10	18.2	1752	
L & R	PCu, PCC	7, 31	-4	-52	31	12.7	1000	
L	Temporal pole, ventrolateral prefrontal cortex,	38, 47	-46	29	-11	20.3	888	
R	Ventrolateral prefrontal cortex	45, 47	50	30	-3	12.1	824	
L	Ventrolateral prefrontal cortex	45, 44, 47	-50	15	3	14.0	616	
L	AMG	n/a	-25	-6	-20	15.4	592	
†	R	Occ	18*	34	-92	1	14.1	568



Table 8 continued: Theory-of-mind results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates				
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE ( $10^{-3}$ )	Vol ( $\text{mm}^3$ )
R	Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex	9, 8	23	46	39	13.9	472
R	AMG	n/a	24	1	-18	13.0	352
L & R	Ventromedial prefrontal cortex	11	3	50	-16	11.7	320
R	PCC, RSC	23, 29, 30	6	-57	15	12.5	312
L	Fusiform gyrus	37	-37	-44	-14	11.4	248
L	TPJ	39	-43	-68	39	12.1	248
L	HC, PHC	36	-30	-31	-9	10.2	224
† R	Occ	19	26	-97	14	9.2	176
† R	Insula	13	46	8	-4	10.8	160
† L & R	dACC	24	-1	4	37	10.3	112
L	PCu	7	-9	-51	42	9.7	112

Table 9: Default mode results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates				
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE ( $10^{-3}$ )	Vol ( $\text{mm}^3$ )
L & R	Medial prefrontal cortex, rACC	10, 11, 32	-1	47	-1	27.4	5976
L	TPJ, Occ	39, 19	-43	-69	32	28.4	4888
L	PCu, PCC, RSC	7, 31, 23, 30, 29	-7	-48	31	19.3	3152
R	TPJ, STS	39, 22	49	-63	20	22.2	2464
L	Insula, superior temporal gyrus, STS	13*, 22	-43	-19	-2	18.7	1464
L	Dorsal prefrontal cortex	9, 8*	-24	27	45	16.5	1408
R	Dorsal prefrontal cortex	9, 8	20	38	40	18.1	1240
L	Dorsal prefrontal cortex	8*	-12	42	39	12.0	784
L	PHC	36, 37, 35, 20	-26	-36	-13	12.4	776
L	Inferior temporal sulcus	20	-49	-18	-18	17.4	760
L	PCu	7	-6	-61	48	15.6	720

Table 9 continued: Default mode results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates				
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE ( $10^{-3}$ )	Vol ( $\text{mm}^3$ )
R	PCu, PCC	7, 31	6	-59	24	11.5	696
† R	Insula	13	40	-11	4	14.3	608
L	Ventral prefrontal cortex, temporal pole	47, 38	-29	24	-21	11.9	464
L	Frontal pole, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex	10, 9	-15	55	26	12.6	288
L	Thalamus	n/a	-3	-12	5	12.6	272
L	Inferior temporal sulcus, MTG	20, 21	-60	-15	-19	9.7	240
R	Inferior temporal sulcus, MTG	20, 21	62	-16	-17	11.0	240
† R	Cerebellum, pyramis	n/a *	41	-76	-33	10.5	232
† L	Cerebellum, inferior semi-lunar lobule	n/a *	-6	-58	-40	11.8	184
L	Superior lateral prefrontal cortex	8*	-35	20	50	10.1	128

Table 10: Prospection results

Extent of Cluster			Coordinates				
Laterality	Anatomic Region(s)	Brodmann Area(s)	x	y	z	ALE ( $10^{-3}$ )	Vol ( $\text{mm}^3$ )
L & R	PCC, PCu	31, 23	-5	-51	29	16.8	2944
L & R	Anterior medial prefrontal cortex	10, 11	-1	59	-4	9.9	1536
L	TPJ	39	-49	-64	29	13.2	1136
L	HC, PHC, tail of caudate	37	-28	-41	-5	9.0	1024
L	Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex	9	-17	45	30	9.7	968
L & R	rACC, ventromedial prefrontal cortex (left only)	32, 11	-1	41	-12	7.7	608
L	STS, MTG	21, 20	-52	-7	-14	10.8	600
R	AMG, PHC	34, 28	21	-9	-13	11.6	600
R	RSC	30, 29	9	-54	9	9.0	496
R	HC, PHC	36	32	-28	-11	8.3	392
L	RSC	30, 29	-5	-53	12	7.0	112
L	rACC	32	-7	46	1	7.0	104

Table 11: Correspondence across domains

Domain	Prefrontal			Medial Temporal			Medial Parietal		Lateral		
	Pole	rACC	Lateral	HC	PHC	AMG	PCu/PCC	RSC	TPJ	STS/MTG	Occ
Autobiographical Memory	L	LR	LR	LR	LR	LR	LR	LR	LR	LR	L
Navigation	-	-	L	LR	LR	-	LR	LR	LR	-	LR
Theory of Mind	LR	LR	LR	L	L	LR	LR	R	LR	LR	R
Default Mode	LR	LR	L	-	L	-	LR	L	LR	LR	L
Prospection	LR	LR	L	LR	LR	R	LR	LR	L	L	-