Neural systems for memory-based value judgment and decision-making

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Abstract

Real life choices often require that we draw inferences about the value of options based on

structured, schematic knowledge about their utility for our current goals. Other times, value

information may be retrieved directly from a specific prior experience with an option. In an

fMRI experiment, we investigated the neural systems involved in retrieving and assessing

information from different memory sources to support value-based choice. Participants

completed a task in which items could be conferred positive or negative value based on

schematic associations (i.e. schema value), or learned directly from experience with

deterministic feedback (i.e. episodic value). We found that ventromedial prefrontal cortex

(vmPFC) activity correlated with the influence of both episodic- and schema-based values on

participants' decisions. Connectivity between vmPFC and middle temporal cortex also

tracked the inferred value of items based on schematic associations on the first presentation

of ingredients, prior to any feedback. In contrast, the striatum responded to participants'

willingness to bet on ingredients as a function of the unsigned strength of their episodic

memory for those ingredients' values. These results argue that striatum and vmPFC play

distinct roles in memory-based value judgment and decision-making. Specifically, the vmPFC

assesses the value of options based on information inferred from schematic knowledge and

retrieved from episodic memory, while the striatum controls a decision to act on options

based on the strength of retrieved episodic information.

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Adaptive decision-making depends on making choices that are in line with our goals.

For example, when shopping for a tool to help build a table, a hammer would be a more

appropriate choice than a ball of yarn. However, the opposite would be true when knitting a

scarf. While it is unlikely you have tried to use yarn to build a table, you can probably infer

its value for this task based on your knowledge of yarn and table construction. Structured

knowledge about the world that can support this kind of inference is often referred to as a

schema (Bartlett, 1932; Ghosh & Gilboa, 2014; Piaget, 1952). Building a table depends on

knowledge about the materials (e.g. wood, nails) and processes (e.g. cutting, hammering)

required, and their relative importance in this task. Judging the value of hammers and yarn

for accomplishing these goals requires an inferential judgment about their utility based on

this kind of schema-level knowledge rather than either feedback-based learning or mere

retrieval of the associations one has with a table or yarn. Thus, the ability to judge the value

of options that have not been directly experienced but that can be inferred based on

knowledge of the situation is essential to prospective and adaptive behavior.

Importantly, value need not be inferred in all situations. Decision-making can also

depend on the direct retrieval of memory for a specific event with arbitrary and selective

significance. In the same shopping example, seeing a certain brand of varnish on display

might remind you that your friend had recommended that varnish for your table last week

— conferring positive expected value to this item. This kind of information does not depend

on any kind of schematic knowledge about varnishes and tables, but instead relies on the

retrieval of some positive association with a specific item from a spatiotemporally specific

episode; in this case, your conversation with your friend (Tulving, 1972). Value in this

example is a memorized feature of one or a few previous episodes, which may be brought to

mind through mechanisms of episodic retrieval.

Recent evidence suggests that distinct neurobiological systems are required for value

judgments that rely on different memory sources. Lesion and temporary inactivation studies

in rodents, non-human primates and human patients have demonstrated that ventromedial

prefrontal cortex (vmPFC) and orbitofrontal cortex (OFC) are necessary for decision-making

when option values must be inferred from knowledge of task structure, but not when values

can be retrieved from directly learned associations (Bradfield, Dezfouli, van Holstein, Chieng,

& Balleine, 2015; Izquierdo, Suda, & Murray, 2004; Jones et al., 2012; Reber et al., 2017;

Rudebeck, Saunders, Prescott, Chau, & Murray, 2013). These findings have been taken as

support for the theory that these regions encode schematic representations of task

environments (Chan, Niv, & Norman, 2016; Schuck, Cai, Wilson, & Niv, 2016; Wilson,

Takahashi, Schoenbaum, & Niv, 2014), and are generally in line with the hypothesis that this

region has a necessary role in schema memory (Ghosh, Moscovitch, Melo Colella, & Gilboa,

2014; Kan, Larocque, Lafleche, Coslett, & Verfaellie, 2010; Moscovitch & Melo, 1997;

Schnider, 2013). These schemas provide a knowledge structure through which value can be

inferred to inform a choice when it is not known from direct experience.

A parallel line of research has begun to explore the role of the basal ganglia, and

particularly the striatum, at the intersection of goal-directed retrieval and value-based

decision-making. Recent work has argued that the striatum is involved in assessing the value

of information stored in episodic memory and using this information to bias cortical

representations of choices with higher value (Shadlen & Shohamy, 2016). A mutually

compatible alternative to valuation of memory is that striatum integrates memory signals

into its basic decision making functions, including those related to memory itself (Han,

Huettel, Raposo, Adcock, & Dobbins, 2010; Scimeca & Badre, 2012), though other work has

suggested that these may be separate signals from those that assess the value of outcomes

(Elward, Vilberg, & Rugg, 2015).

Value judgments based on different memory sources may also depend on pathways

between regions involved in the storage and retrieval of relevant information and those that

utilize this information for value judgment. vmPFC has reciprocal connections with regions

of middle temporal cortex (MTC) and anterior ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (aVLPFC)

(Price, 2007; Saleem, Kondo, & Price, 2008). These latter regions likely play an important

role in semantic memory storage and retrieval, respectively (Badre, Poldrack, Pare-Blagoev,

Insler, & Wagner, 2005b; Badre & Wagner, 2007; Barredo, Oztekin, & Badre, 2015; Barredo,

Verstynen, & Badre, 2016; Binder & Desai, 2011; Jefferies & Lambon Ralph, 2006;

Thompson-Schill, D'Esposito, Aguirre, & Farah, 1997). Both vmPFC and striatum also receive

input from the hippocampus (HPC), a region known to be critical for detailed episodic

memory (Ergorul & Eichenbaum, 2004; Milner, Corkin, & Teuber, 1968; Moscovitch, Nadel,

Winocur, Gilboa, & Rosenbaum, 2006). These structural and functional interactions are well

placed to serve value judgments based on episodic and schematic memory. However, how

these regions interact during adaptive retrieval and evaluation of information from memory

is not clear.

In the current experiment, we investigated the neural systems involved in making

value judgments based on different memory sources. In a functional magnetic resonance

imaging (fMRI) experiment, we asked participants to complete a task during which they

judged the value of several distinct items based on their associations with a positive and

negative schema. Participants would then learn the value of each item through deterministic

feedback. After this initial experience, they could subsequently remember this outcome to

guide their decision in two repeated presentations of that item. Thus, this task demanded

that participants use both schema-level knowledge about real-world associations and

information "cached" in episodic memory about item values acquired from task feedback.

By manipulating inferred versus cached value in this task, we were able to test three

hypotheses about memory and value-based decision making. (1) vmPFC is preferentially

engaged when value judgments are based on structured knowledge about the world (i.e.

schema memory). (2) Striatum tracks the value of information cached in episodic memory.

(3) vmPFC and striatum interact with different memory stores in accord with their

respective roles in inferred (vmPFC) versus cached (striatum) value.

Results

Participants were told that they were going to take the role of a restaurant chef

choosing whether or not to serve ingredients to a customer. Participants were instructed

that if they fed the customer an ingredient that the customer liked, they would receive 50

points, however if they fed the customer an ingredient that the customer did not like, they

would lose 25 points. If participants chose not to feed an ingredient to the customer, they

would receive 0 points. Thus, participants were asked to make a bet on each trial regarding

their belief that the customer would like or dislike the displayed ingredient. Importantly, the

customer's preference for a given ingredient was always signaled by a cue above the correct

response during feedback, regardless of whether the participant chose to feed the customer

or not, and all customer preferences were deterministic. Thus, participants received

complete information on each trial regardless of their response. The feedback provided a

source for learning a cached value about an individual ingredient in episodic memory. If the

participant did not respond in time, no information about the customer's preferences was

given and participants were shown the word 'slow' in place of feedback about points earned.

In addition to the information about ingredient preferences provided through

feedback, participants were instructed at the start of each block that they were serving a new

customer who liked one recipe (positive recipe) and disliked another (negative recipe). In

this way, the participant could also infer the value of an ingredient on the basis schematic

knowledge about these recipes, without having received feedback. For example, if the

customer liked cake and disliked soup, onions might be conferred a negative value.

Participants were also instructed before the start of the task that each customer liked

and disliked other ingredients that were unrelated to these recipes (i.e. 'independent

ingredients'). The value related to these ingredients could not be anticipated in advance

based on their schematic associations, but rather would have to be acquired through

experience.

Each ingredient was repeated three times throughout a block whether it was a recipe

item or independent item. Thus, the experiment had three factors by design: ingredient

clustering (recipe or independent), value (positive or negative) and presentation number (1,

2, 3). For the purposes of behavioral and fMRI analysis, any missed responses were not

considered in the count of ingredient presentations, as no value information was

communicated to the participant on these trials (e.g. if a participant missed the response

deadline on the first presentation, the second presentation would be considered the first,

and the third presentation would be considered the second in all analyses).

In each trial, participants saw an ingredient and were asked to respond by moving a

slider to either side of a bar to indicate their decision to serve an ingredient and their

confidence in that decision with a single response, similar to (Scimeca, Katzman, & Badre,

2016) (Figure 1). Moving the slider past the midway point to either side was considered a

binary selection of that side's response, while the distance of the slider from the midway

point provided a continuous index of confidence. This slider position could also be

interpreted as a measure of participants' belief about the value of each ingredient by taking

the distance of the slider from either end of bar (i.e. participant-P(yes)).

Figure 1. Task schematic showing instructions at the start of a block and organization of a single example trial. At the start of the block, participants were informed of the recipes that customer liked and disliked. These recipe names were presented in green and red above the ingredient on all trials. In each trial, participants indicated their decision to feed the displayed ingredient to the current customer, and their confidence in this decision, using a slider. Participants then saw whether or not the customer liked the ingredient, signaled by a box above either response cue, and the points earned or lost in each trial. ITI (inter-trial interval), ISI (inter-stimulus interval).

Behavioral data

We first examined whether participants inferred which ingredients were valuable based on customers' recipe preferences (Figure 2a). Indeed, on the first presentation of ingredients, before any feedback, participants accepted ingredients associated with the positive value recipe more often than ingredients associated with the negative value recipe and more often than positive value independent ingredients. This was evident in a significant three-way interaction between value, clustering and presentation number on participants' choices (RM-ANOVA: $F_{2, 44} = 27.20$, $P < 0.0001$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.55$), and direct contrasts between the ingredient types (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: $t(22) \geq 7.79$, P's < 0.0001, d's ≥ 1.62).

Figure 2. Choices and confidence ratings for positive (pos) and negative (neg) ingredients in the recipe and independent conditions across presentations. **a.** Frequency of 'yes' choices, **b.** Confidence ratings for correct responses. Boxes represent 25th, 50th and 75th quantiles of the data. Whiskers are approximately ±2.7 SD.

In contrast, there was no significant difference between acceptance rates for positive and negatively valued independent ingredients on the first presentation. This was as expected, as the ingredients in this condition did not have inferable value based on an association with a positive or negative recipe. The interaction between value and clustering on participants' choices was confirmed with a separate RM-ANOVA on the first presentation

only ($F_{1, 22} = 61.31$, $P < 0.0001$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.73$). Participants accepted ingredients associated with

the negative value recipe numerically less often than negative independent ingredients, but

this difference was not significant after correction for multiple comparisons. Overall, the

choice results indicate that participants successfully inferred value information from recipe

associations, though these effects were stronger for the positively valued recipe.

There was clear evidence that participants learned ingredient values from feedback.

Participants made choices consistent with the values of ingredients more often in the second

and third presentations than in the first in all conditions, demonstrating retention of

feedback from previous trials (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(22) ≥ 4.54, P's < 0.01, d's ≥

0.95). Similarly, participants' rate of value consistent choices increased significantly from the

second presentation to the third in all conditions, except for independent positive

ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(22) ≥ 4.69, P's < 0.01, d's ≥ 0.98).

Participants also tended to reject both positive and negative independent ingredients

in the first presentation significantly more often than chance (One sample, t-tests: t's(22) ≥

8.69, P's < 0.0001, d's ≥ 1.81). Thus, participants appeared to strategically avoid endorsing

independent ingredients before learning their values through feedback.

We next examined how participants' reported confidence changed on correct

responses throughout the task (Figure 2b). Confidence increased with repeated

presentations, and was also greater overall for recipe and positive value ingredients (RM-

ANOVA: F's ≥ 27.88, $P ≤ 0.0001$, $\eta_p^2 ≥ 0.58$). Confidence for positive recipe ingredients was

significantly higher than positive independent ingredients on the first presentation

(Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(20) = 4.57$, P < 0.01, $d = 0.99$) and third presentation

(Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(20) = 4.96$, P < 0.01, $d = 1.08$). However, there was no

difference in confidence for rejections of negative recipe and independent ingredients,

resulting in a significant interaction between clustering and value (RM-ANOVA: $F_{1, 20}$ = 9.28,

P = 0.006, $\eta_p^2 = 0.32$),

Confidence also increased significantly from the first presentation to the second and

third presentations in all conditions (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(20) ≥ 4.57, P's ≤ 0.01,

d's ≥ 1.29), and from the second to the third presentation in all conditions, except for negative

recipe ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(20) ≥ 3.98, P's ≤ 0.05, d's ≥ 0.87), leading

to a modest interaction of value and presentation number ($F_{2, 40}$ = 3.34, P = 0.04, $\eta_p^2 = 0.14$).

Supplementary analysis showed that both RT and confidence depended on response

accuracy. Error trials were marked by reduced confidence for recipe ingredients on the first

presentation, consistent with a failure to retrieve relevant information as a basis for these

decisions (see Supplementary Results). Following the first presentation (on presentations

two and three), errors were associated with reduced confidence and longer RT compared to

correct responses. This pattern is consistent with longer RT on errors reflecting retrieval

failures (Ratcliff, 1978). Participants' RT on correct trials showed a similar pattern to

confidence ratings, speeding with presentation number, with fastest responses for positive

recipe ingredients (Supplementary Figure 2).

In summary, behavioral results established that participants were able to infer the

value of ingredients based on their recipe association and used these inferred values to make

choices. Participants also showed a generally risk averse attitude on this first presentation

by tending to reject independent ingredients. On subsequent presentations of an ingredient,

participants accurately retrieved cached memory of deterministic feedback to make faster,

more confident decisions. This was the case across both recipe and independent items.

However, participants continued to benefit from recipe associations in these later

presentations, with generally faster reaction times and greater confidence for correct

responses in this condition compared to independent ingredients. Finally, they tended to

asymmetrically utilize knowledge about the positive recipe more than the negative recipe

throughout all trials.

Main effects of task conditions in whole-brain analyses

In assessing fMRI effects at a whole-brain level, we first tested how ingredient

clustering, value, presentation number and accuracy affected activity using simple contrasts

from our condition-based general linear model (GLM; Supplementary Table 1). These

analyses were filtered to focus on correct responses, excluding trials where participants may

have made errors due to failure to appropriately recall information relevant to ingredient

values.

Recipe ingredients elicited greater activity than independent ingredients in medial

OFC (Figure 3a), but not elsewhere. Ingredients associated with positive value elicited

greater activity in OFC and medial PFC, as well as the ventral striatum (Figure 3b). Compared

with later ingredient presentations, the first encounter with an ingredient was associated

with widespread activity in lateral PFC, including left VLPFC, inclusive of the aVLPFC, and

the caudate nucleus (Figure 3c). Activity in left MTC, bilateral HPC and putamen was higher

in correct responses compared to errors across all presentations (Figure 3d).

Figure 3. Whole brain contrasts projected onto inflated cortical surfaces and coronal slices for main effects of **a**. ingredient-recipe clustering, **b**. ingredient value, **c**. presentation number and **d**. response accuracy. All images are thresholded at *P* < 0.05, FWE cluster corrected. All main effects, except for accuracy, are filtered to only include correct responses. Cluster extent threshold for each contrast is given by value of k.

Region of interest analyses

To follow-up the whole-brain voxel-wise contrasts, we tested for more specific task-

dependent changes in activity within a set of *a priori* regions of interest (ROIs) defined in

Table 1 using a finite impulse response (FIR) model of the hemodynamic response. We were

primarily interested in how the clustering status of ingredients influenced value-related

activity across ingredient repetitions on correct responses. Here we focused on vmPFC and

the striatum, since we had *a priori* expectations that these regions would differentially

process value related to episodic and schematic memory. As the medial frontal wall is

functionally heterogeneous (Braga & Buckner, 2017; Roy, Shohamy, & Wager, 2012), we

included two ROIs from this region, one that was defined by a meta-analysis of studies of

expected-value (Bartra, McGuire, & Kable, 2013), and a more dorsal ROI (mPFC) that

responded to shared associations between components of a recipe schema in another

experiment (Barron, Dolan, & Behrens, 2013). This dorsal mPFC ROI responded to ingredient

value, but not any other task manipulations and is described in the Supplementary Results.

Table 1. Description of ROIs

Region of interest	Definition	Center of mass (MNI)
vmPFC	Positive>Negative effects of subjective value (Bartra et al., 2013), masked using AAL definition of vmPFC from same reference	-1, 44, -7
mPFC	10 mm sphere around peak activation in a preference construction task (Barron et al., 2013)	-6, 53, 13
HPC	Left and right hippocampal AAL masks (Tzourio-Mazoyer et al., 2002)	
Striatum	Left and right putamen and caudate AAL masks	
aVLPFC	10 mm sphere around peak activation in semantic retrieval task (Badre et al., 2005b)	-54, 27, -9
MTC	10 mm sphere around peak activation in semantic classification task (Thompson-Schill et al., 1997)	-52, -55, 2

vmPFC was more active for positive than negative expected value, evident in a main

effect of value (Figure 4a; RM-ANOVA: $F_{1, 20}$ = 9.13, P = 0.007, η_p^2 = 0.31), consistent with the

whole-brain analysis. Activity in this region was greater for positive compared to negative

recipe ingredients in the third presentation (Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(20)$ = 4.90, P <

0.01, d = 1.07), but there was no comparable value difference for independent ingredients

(Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(20)$ = 1.13, P > 0.05, d = 0.25). However, there was also no

significant difference between vmPFC activity in response to positive and negative recipe

ingredients on the first presentation, leading to a three-way interaction between value,

presentation number and clustering ($F_{1, 20}$ = 5.06, P = 0.01, η_p^2 = 0.20). This null result of

value on the first presentation was not merely due to the ROI selection; an exploratory

whole-brain contrast of positive and negative recipe conditions on the first presentation in

the condition-based GLM was similarly null. vmPFC activity was generally also higher in later

presentations, reflected in a marginal main effect of presentation number ($F_{2, 20}$ = 3.29, P =

0.05, η_p^2 = 0.14), but there was no significant main effect of clustering ($F_{1, 20}$ = 1.42, P = 0.2,

η_p^2 = 0.06).

Figure 4. Region-of-interest analyses of **a.** ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC) and **b.** the bilateral striatum showing percent signal change for correct responses in each condition.

Within the striatum, there was greater activation for positive than negative value,

evident in a strong main effect of value (Figure 4b; $F_{1, 20}$ = 9.17, P = 0.007, η_p^2 = 0.31),

consistent with the observation from the whole brain voxel-wise analysis. However, there

were no other significant main effects or interactions.

We next tested secondary questions regarding how activity in MTC, HPC and aVLPFC

responded to demands on episodic and schema memory, and how these responses were

modulated by the accuracy of participants' choices (see Supplementary Results for details).

In brief, HPC activity was greater on correct responses than errors, unexpectedly more so for

recipe ingredients than independent ingredients. MTC activity appeared to respond to a

reduced need for semantic retrieval in later presentations of independent ingredients. In

contrast, aVLPFC responded principally to the novelty of these ingredients with no

modulatory influence of ingredient clustering or response accuracy.

In summary, ROI-based analyses confirmed whole-brain contrasts demonstrating

that the vmPFC and striatum carried information about ingredient values. Unlike striatum,

value-related activity in vmPFC was greater for recipe ingredients compared to independent

ingredients in later presentations, but not in the first presentation where the demand for

inferring ingredient values from recipe associations was the greatest.

Computational modelling of behavior

Behavioral evidence demonstrated that participants inferred the values of recipe

ingredients on the first presentation before receiving feedback, however whole-brain and

ROI-focused contrasts did not reveal any activity differences reflecting this process. We had

hypothesized that vmPFC would be preferentially engaged by schema-based values, while

the striatum would be involved in evaluating the contents of episodically encoded value

information. While value-related differences in vmPFC activity appeared to grow larger in

later presentations of recipe ingredients compared to independent ingredients, this change

in activity could not be easily differentiated from value information learned from feedback.

Importantly, however, this condition-based analysis ignores the continuous nature of

associations between independent ingredients and recipes. For example, strawberries are

considered part of the 'cake' cluster, but also have some association with 'pie.'

To better separate these components of expected value for testing our first two

hypotheses regarding the neural systems supporting valuation of information from different

memory sources, we developed a computational model of behavior to estimate the

contribution of episodic and schema information to participants' choices in each trial. We

then used these values in a model-based parametric GLM to determine the correlates of this

information during value judgment.

Our computational model of behavior made a few basic assumptions about learning

in this task. Within this model, each ingredient had an 'episodic value' (*EV*), which depended

on feedback and decayed over time, and a 'schema value' (*SV*), which was derived from the

differences in associative strength between an ingredient and the positive and negative

recipes. The associative strength of an ingredient with each recipe was based on a latent

semantic analysis of normative ingredient-recipe associations (Dumais, 2004; Landauer,

Foltz, & Laham, 1998). Each of these value terms were weighted by a temperature parameter

that determined their contribution to the model's output, a continuous estimate of the

probability that it would endorse an ingredient, which we will refer to as model-P(yes).

Starting with these assumptions, we followed a step-wise process of adding

parameters to a model with these features and comparing the Akiake Information Criterion

(AIC) of the new model against the best simpler model. This allowed us to test if the new

model better explained participants' behavior while penalizing for the addition of a new

parameter. The details of comparisons between these alternate models are reported in the

Supplementary Methods.

The final best fitting model allowed for a more sophisticated parameterization of SV

where the number of dimensions in the latent semantic analysis of recipe-ingredient

associations was allowed to vary. This parameter essentially controlled the depth of recipe

information considered in computing *SV* (from simple distinctions like savory-sweet to more

fine-grained information about particular recipes; Supplementary Figure 1). The model also

allowed participants' perception of the similarity of an ingredient's associations with

positive and negative recipes to act as a weight on the respective contributions of the

difference and sum of these associations in the calculation of *SV*. This enabled the model to

determine whether ingredients, like the strawberry example above, would be attributed

positive, negative, or null value if it had a strong association with both the positive and

negative recipes (e.g. cake and pie).

This best fitting model also allowed *unfamiliarity* with an ingredient to influence

decisions about betting or passing. Unfamiliarity was operationalized as the opposite of the

unsigned episodic value of items. In other words, unfamiliarity was highest when ingredients

were seen on the first presentation, or when ingredients had not been seen for many trials

and their episodic value had decayed. This parameter thus effectively accounted for variance

in participants' willingness to bet on ingredients when information about their episodic

values were weaker. Lastly, an additional free parameter acted as an intercept term in the

decision function, which effectively acted as a fixed bias on the model's tendency to bet on

ingredients.

We first examined the covariance between parameters recovered from fitting this

model to participants' behavioral data to test their independence (Table 2). The fixed bias

parameter was negatively correlated with *SV* temperature, the schema similarity

temperature, and the memory bias parameter. There was also a positive correlation between

the recipe dimensions and *SV* temperature parameters, likely due to the cosine similarities

between ingredients growing smaller on average with higher recipe dimensions

(Supplementary Figure 1).

Table 2. Mean parameter values and Pearson correlations between parameters in the
best-fitting behavioral model

	Mean (SD)	Decay 0.02	EV temp. 5.05	SV temp. 2.07	Schema similarity temp.	UF temp.	Fixed bias
Decay	**0.02 (0.01)**	-					
EV temp.	**5.05 (0.32)**	0.35	-				
SV temp.	**2.07 (1.42)**	0.05	0.02	-			
Schema similarity temp.	**0.33 (1.75)**	-0.27	-0.01	0.25	-		
UF temp.	**-0.81 (0.99)**	0.09	0.31	0.31	0.06	-	
Fixed bias	**0.55 (0.83)**	0.15	-0.17	-0.45*	-0.47*	-0.85***	-
Recipe dimensions (log-space)	**2.56 (1.04)**	-0.04	0.07	0.60**	0.21	-0.04	-0.11

373 Episodic value (EV), schema value (SV), unfamiliarity (UF), *$P < 0.05$, **$P < 0.01$, ***$P < 0.001$
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We next tested if there were general tendencies for the two bias and schema

similarity temperature parameters towards positive or negative values by conducting two-

tailed, one-sample t-tests against zero. While the unfamiliarity bias parameter was

significantly lower than zero ($t(22) = 3.91$, $P = 0.0008$, $d = 0.81$), the opposite was true of the

fixed bias parameter ($t(22) = 3.18$, $P = 0.004$, $d = 0.66$). The schema similarity temperature

parameter was not significantly different from zero ($t(22) = 0.90$, $P = 0.4$, $d = 0.19$). Thus,

the unfamiliarity temperature parameter appeared to capture participants' aversion to

betting on ingredients on their first presentation (i.e., before they had not learned the value

of the item), while the fixed bias parameter exerted an inverse tendency across all trials,

biasing the model towards endorsing ingredients in opposition to the unfamiliarity

parameter.

To confirm that all of these parameters could be uniquely recovered in our model

fitting procedure, we generated 100 simulated participants with randomly assigned

parameters using the best fitting model. We also tested if we could recover the same

parameters that were found for participants' actual responses. In both cases we were able to

recover these parameters from simulated data with very high fidelity (Supplementary

Results).

Finally, we examined the simulated behavior of the model to test if it could

recapitulate key features of participants' behavior across task conditions. To directly

compare the model and participants' behavior, we focused on participants' continuous

estimate of whether or not they should endorse an ingredient, based on position of the slider

between the 'yes' and 'no' ends of the bar (i.e. participant-P(yes)). We compared these

ratings to the model-P(yes) measure, and transformed model-P(yes) to confidence based on

the distance from the point of maximum uncertainty (i.e. 0.5). Participant-P(yes) ratings

followed a similar pattern to their averaged binary choices (Figure 5a; Supplementary Figure

4), including key features on the first presentation like higher P(yes) for positive recipe

ingredients compared to negative recipe, and positive independent, ingredients, and a bias

against endorsing independent ingredients.

We next examined the model-P(yes) and confidence ratings in the same way as

participants' responses (Figure 5b). The model's behavior captured many of the same

features observed in participants, including sensitivity to value information based on

schematic associations on the first presentation in absence of feedback, and an aversion to

betting on independent ingredients on the first presentation. In subsequent presentations, the model also followed the values of options learned through feedback, with an advantage for recipe ingredients in model-P(yes) and confidence. However, the model utilized negative recipe associations more than participants, and did not show the same asymmetric greater confidence for positive value ingredients. An alternative model that explicitly gave different weights to positive and negative recipe associations did not pass our model fitting procedure, but marginally improved the model fitness, likely by accounting for this asymmetry.

Figure 5. Model behavior across task conditions. **a.** Model-P(yes), a continuous indicator of the model's estimate of the value of these options. **B.** Model confidence on correct responses only.

In summary, our model captured core aspects of participants' behavior in this task, including utilization of recipe-based values and a bias against endorsing independent ingredients on the first presentation. The model was also able to recreate the basic pattern of participants' reported confidence rising with repeated presentations, with benefits for positive value and recipe associations. However, the model also gave greater weight to the negative value recipe than participants.

Model-based fMRI

As noted above, these model-derived analyses can provide greater sensitivity for

detecting effects in fMRI than the condition-based analysis, and can tie these effects to

interpretable psychological constructs. However, before testing for correlates of different

model-derived aspects of value in the BOLD response, we first assessed whether the fMRI

correlates of the model's predicted behavior were similar to those of participants' real

continuous ratings in this task. These validation analyses found that model-derived terms

for P(yes) and confidence, as well as feedback associated activity, were associated with a

broadly very similar pattern of activity as recovered from terms based on participants' own

ratings (Supplementary Figures 5, 6 and 7). Thus, the internal representations used in this

model were able to reproduce behavior that correlated with a similar pattern of activity as

participants' own ratings.

Having validated our model-based approach, we tested for correlates of the three

terms that influenced value judgment in this behavioral model: schema value, episodic value

and unfamiliarity. These terms were not always in alignment with participants' value

judgments, particularly when the model and participants' behavior diverged (e.g. when

participants failed to recall learned values). To capture activity that corresponded to the

modulation of participants' real value judgments by these model-based terms, we also

included interactions between these three terms and participant-P(yes). This model also

included parametric modulators for participants' confidence ratings and ingredient

subjective value ratings on the response regressor.

Whole-brain cluster corrected analyses found no significant main effects of

participant-P(yes), episodic or schema value, or participants' subjective value ratings. There

were significant correlates for the main effect of unfamiliarity (Figure 6a), with increased

activity in lateral PFC and visual cortex, similar to the main effect of presentation number in

condition-based analysis above.

The interaction of schema value and participant-P(yes) was associated with activity

in the pregenual ACC and medial OFC, as well as the right VLPFC and bilateral supramarginal

gyri (Figure 6b). The interaction of episodic value and participant P(yes) was also associated

with activity in medial OFC and a large area of the medial superior frontal gyrus and left

angular gyrus (Figure 6c). There were no clusters that passed the whole-brain FWE cluster-

corrected threshold for the interaction of unfamiliarity and participant-P(yes). However,

given the challenge of detecting cluster corrected effects in deep brain structures, we applied

a small volume correction using the striatum ROI. This analysis found that two clusters in

the bilateral caudate nucleus responded to the interaction of unfamiliarity with participant-

P(yes) (Figure 6d; FWE-corrected P's ≤ 0.03, MNI: 18, 20, -4; -8, 22, 0). Whole brain peak

activations for this GLM are described in Supplementary Table 4.

We next specifically compared how activity related to participant-P(yes) in vmPFC

and striatum, the two regions we identified *a priori* as being associated with valuation, was

modulated by episodic value, schema value and unfamiliarity. We extracted the mean beta

coefficients for the interaction between participant-P(yes) and these three terms in the

vmPFC and striatum ROIs. The interaction of participant-P(yes) with episodic and schema

value was significant in vmPFC (One-tailed, one sample t-tests against zero: t's(22) ≥ 2.99, P

≤ 0.003, d's ≥ 0.62), but not the striatum ($t(22) \leq 1.25$, $P \geq 0.1$, d's ≤ 0.26), whereas the

interaction of participant-P(yes) with unfamiliarity was significant in the striatum ($t(22) =$

2.65, $P = 0.007$, $d = 0.55$), but not vmPFC ($t(22) = 1.30$, $P = 0.1$, $d = 0.27$). Thus, vmPFC

responded to greater agreement between both episodic and schema values with participant-

P(yes), while striatum activity increased in response to participant-P(yes) when

unfamiliarity was high.

Figure 6. Whole brain t-statistic maps for model-based value terms and their interaction with partcipant-P(yes). **a.** Unfamiliarity, **b.** Interaction of participant-P(yes) and schema value (SV), **c.** Interaction of participant-P(yes) and episodic value (EV), **d.** Interaction of participant-P(yes) and unfamiliarity. All images are thresholded at *P* < 0.05, FWE cluster corrected, except for those shown in **d**. Cluster extent threshold for each map is given by value of k.

To examine whether ROIs differed in their response to these value-related terms, we

then tested an ROI (striatum, vmPFC) by modulator (interactions of participant-P(yes) with

episodic value, schema value and unfamiliarity) interaction on these average beta

coefficients (Figure 7). This interaction was highly significant ($F_{2,44}$ = 12.01, *P* < 0.0001, η_p^2 =

0.35), as was a main effect of ROI ($F_{1,22}$ = 14.09, *P* < 0.01, η_p^2 = 0.39), but not modulator ($F_{2,44}$

= 0.25, P = 0.8, η_p^2 = 0.01). To test for the source of this interaction, we compared the

difference of the betas in the vmPFC and striatum for each modulator. This difference was

significantly greater for the interaction of participant-P(yes) with episodic value compared

to interactions with schema value or unfamiliarity (Bonferroni corrected t-tests t's(22) ≥

3.75, P's < 0.01, d ≥ 0.78), but there was no comparable significant difference between

schema value and unfamiliarity.

Figure 7. Boxplots showing mean beta coefficients from voxels in ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC) and striatum ROIs for interactions of participant-P(yes) with episodic value (EV), schema value (SV) and unfamiliarity (UF). *** P < 0.001, ** P < 0.01, one-tailed one-sample t-test against zero.

To summarize, vmPFC activity reflected the influence of episodic and schema values

on participants' value judgments, and preferentially reflected the influence of episodic values

on participants' value judgments compared to the striatum. Striatal activity reflected the

effect of unfamiliarity on participants' value judgments, but not value information cached in

episodic memory or inferred from schematic associations.

Generalized psychophysical interactions

We hypothesized that differential demand on memory systems during decision-

making would also lead to distinct patterns of functional connectivity, reflecting the

contributions of different memory stores to the assessment of options. Specifically, we were

interested in whether vmPFC and MTC connectivity increased with greater demands on

schema-based decision-making, and whether striatum and HPC connectivity increased

during the assessment of episodically encoded values. To address this hypothesis, we carried

out generalized psychophysical interaction (gPPI) analyses that contrasted how connectivity

between pairs of ROIs listed in Table 1 changed between task conditions, as well as more

exploratory seed-to-voxel whole-brain gPPI analyses focused on vmPFC, MTC, HPC and

striatum.

We first examined whether connectivity with vmPFC and MTC was modulated by

demands on schematic knowledge about ingredients and their value on correct responses in

the first presentation. Within an MTC seed, there was increased connectivity with vmPFC on

the first presentation of positive recipe ingredients compared to negative recipe ingredients

(Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(21) = 4.00$, $P < 0.01$, $d = 0.85$), but not any other ROI ($P \geq 0.2$,

Bonferroni corrected). Similarly, using vmPFC as a seed ROI revealed increased connectivity

with the MTC ROI in the same contrast (Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(21) = 3.68$, $P < 0.05$, d

$= 0.78$), but not any other ROI. An exploratory whole-brain seed-to-voxel analysis on this

contrast with the MTC ROI as a seed found that this region had significantly greater

connectivity with a cluster on the medial frontal wall overlapping with our vmPFC ROI

(Figure 8, MNI: -2, 46, -12), and a second cluster in lateral occipital cortex (MNI: -52, -68, 12).

The same whole-brain ROI-to-voxel contrast with the vmPFC ROI as a seed did not reveal

any significant clusters at an FWE cluster-corrected threshold.

Figure 8. Whole brain t-statistic maps for seed-to-voxel generalized psychophysical interaction analyses contrasting the first presentation of positive recipe ingredients than negative recipe ingredients. Voxels passing the *P* <0.05 FWE cluster corrected threshold for greater connectivity with middle temporal cortex (MTC) seed are shown. Cluster extent threshold is given by k.

These data provide evidence that vmPFC and MTC connectivity changed depending

on the value of recipe ingredients on the first presentation. To examine whether this effect

might depend on successful retrieval of relevant schema-value information, we tested the

interaction of value and accuracy on the first presentation of recipe ingredients. This

interaction was significant when either vmPFC and MTC was used as a seed (Bonferroni

corrected t-tests: $t's(20) \geq 2.95$, $P < 0.05$, $d \geq 0.64$), but not between these seeds and any

other ROIs. We further examined whether this value related increase in vmPFC-MTC

connectivity was higher on the first presentation than subsequent presentations by testing

the interaction of presentation number and value for recipe ingredients, but this interaction

did not reach significance after correction for multiple comparisons in either seed.

We also tested whether connectivity between MTC and vmPFC and any other ROIs

depended on clustering status by contrasting the recipe and independent conditions on the

first presentation, collapsing across value. There was no significant change in connectivity

between MTC, vmPFC and any other ROIs in this contrast. We also contrasted connectivity

for correct and erroneous responses for recipe ingredients on the first presentation and

similarly did not any difference in connectivity between ROIs. Exploratory seed-to-voxel

analyses for both of these contrasts were similarly null.

Next, we investigated if connectivity between with the HPC and striatum depended

on demands on episodic retrieval in the second and third presentations. Contrasting positive

and negative independent ingredients in these trials, we did not find any significant increase

in connectivity between HPC and striatum with each other or any other region in ROI-to-ROI,

or seed-to-voxel analyses. We further examined if connectivity with these ROIs was higher

for positive than negative ingredients in the independent condition relative to the recipe

condition by testing the interaction of value and clustering. This analysis was similarly null

for both seeds.

Finally, we tested if HPC and striatum connectivity was influenced by greater demand

on episodic memory. Collapsing across value conditions, we contrasted independent and

recipe ingredients on the second and third presentations where ingredient values could be

retrieved from episodic memory, with the expectation that demand on episodic memory

would be greater in the independent condition. There was no significant difference in

connectivity between the striatum or HPC with any other ROIs in this contrast. However, a

seed-to-voxel whole-brain analysis with the HPC seed showed significantly greater

connectivity with a cluster in the right putamen and insula (Figure 9a; MNI: 26, 10, 0). The

reverse seed-to-voxel analysis with the striatum ROI as a seed did not reveal significant

clusters within a small-volume corrected HPC ROI.

To test if this increase in HPC and hippocampus connectivity was related to retrieval

success we also contrasted correct and error responses on the second and third presentation

of independent ingredients. Using the HPC as a seed in a seed-to-voxel analysis, we found

increased connectivity with this ROI and the right putamen (MNI: 28, 2, 4) after small volume

correction within the striatum ROI. An exploratory whole-brain analysis also found that HPC

significantly increased connectivity with clusters in bilateral anterior rostrolateral PFC and

right insula (Figure 9b). However, there were no significant differences in connectivity

between these conditions in ROI-to-ROI contrasts with either HPC or striatum as seeds. The

reverse ROI-to-voxel analysis with the striatum ROI as a seed did not reveal significant

increase in connectivity in a small-volume corrected HPC ROI. All peaks from seed-to-voxel

analyses are reported in Supplementary Table 5.

In summary, we found that vmPFC-MTC connectivity depended on recipe value

associations on the first presentation where this information was key to guiding choice.

Meanwhile, HPC appeared to increase connectivity with the right putamen in response to

greater demand on episodic memory compared to conditions where schema memory could

still be used, and in trials where information was successfully retrieved.

Figure 9. Whole brain t-statistic maps for generalized psychophysical interaction analyses showing voxels with increased connectivity with the hippocampus (HPC) during presentations two and three. **a.** Greater HPC connectivity for independent ingredients over recipe ingredients at the P <0.05 FWE cluster corrected threshold. **b.** Greater connectivity on correct than erroneous responses. Voxels in coronal slices are thresholded at P < 0.001, uncorrected. Projections onto cortical surface are thresholded at the P <0.05, cluster corrected threshold. Cluster extend threshold is given by k.

Discussion

Here we evaluated the neural circuitry involved in value judgments based on multiple

memory sources. Functional neuroimaging results implicate the vmPFC in judging options

based on both schema-level knowledge and episodic, cached memory, while striatal activity

correlated with participants willingness to bet on ingredients modulated by the unsigned

strength of their episodic memory for those ingredients' values. Thus, these regions have

distinct roles in memory-based value judgment and decision-making.

Participants clearly used schematic knowledge about recipes to complete this task.

They were able to infer the value of ingredients based on schematic knowledge without

feedback, and continued showing a benefit from recipe information in subsequent

presentations. Our computational model was able to capture this behavior using normative

information about ingredient-recipe associations. Modeling also revealed interesting

variation in how participants used these associations. Notably, freely fitting the number of

dimensions used in reconstructing these recipe-ingredient associations substantially

improved the fit of the model, implying that participants varied in the depth of semantic

knowledge they employed in this task. Participants also differed in how they strategically

evaluated ingredients based on the similarity of an ingredient's associations with both

positive and negative recipes. Some participants attributed associative strength to one

recipe or the other, while others treated these ingredients as having little net schema value.

The positive recipe also generally had a larger influence on behavior than the negative

recipe, indicating that participants prioritized searching associations with this recipe first —

possibly because they adopted a default response to pass on ingredients where they could

not retrieve information that would confer positive value.

Notably, memory strength, expressed as unfamiliarity, had a substantial impact on

participants' willingness to endorse ingredients. Participants demonstrated a general

tendency against betting on independent ingredients on the first presentation. Given that

there was an equal proportion of positive and negative value ingredients, and there was a

2:1 ratio of points gained to lost on a bet, this behavior reflects a deviation from a rational

maximization of expected value, or loss aversion (Kahneman & Tversky, 1979). Whereas

uncertainty is frequently parameterized as descriptive or experienced probabilities in

behavioral economics, here uncertainty depended on the strength of participants' episodic

memory. These results are also consistent with previous work that has suggested that

memory of item identity can make an option a more appealing candidate option (Gluth,

Sommer, Rieskamp, & Buchel, 2015). In our behavioral model, unfamiliarity modulated

option values, as items with weaker memory strength were riskier bets. In real terms, people

appear to apply a meta-cognitive strategy where the strength of evidence from memory

affects option value, regardless of its content. We would thus predict that a strong memory

for a weakly positive or negative value would be more likely to drive a response than a weak

memory for a strongly positive or negative value.

While we predicted that vmPFC would be preferentially engaged by value judgments

based on schema-level knowledge, we found that this region tracked both episodic and

schematic dimensions of option values, as revealed in model-based and model-free analyses.

Past studies have demonstrated that the value function represented in vmPFC can flexibly

bend to accommodate attentional priority toward different option attributes (Hare,

Malmaud, & Rangel, 2011; Hunt, Dolan, & Behrens, 2014; Leong, Radulescu, Daniel,

DeWoskin, & Niv, 2017; Rudorf & Hare, 2014). Our data extend these findings by

demonstrating that activity within this region accommodates value information retrieved

from   different   types   of   memory   stores   within   the   same   task.

The ubiquity of vmPFC value responses to different stimuli and tasks has been taken

as evidence for this region encoding a common currency value representation (Chib, Rangel,

Shimojo, & O'Doherty, 2009; Levy & Glimcher, 2012). However, lesion evidence in humans

has implied that this region is not necessary for value judgment *per se* (Reber et al., 2017;

Vaidya & Fellows, 2015; Yu, Dana, & Kable, 2018), and may have a more nuanced role in some

component of the valuation process (Vaidya, Sefranek, & Fellows, 2017; Xia, Stolle, Gidengil,

& Fellows, 2015). Our initial prediction about the role of vmPFC was informed by this work

and evidence that vmPFC or OFC damage and inactivation in animal models does not affect

decision-making or value judgment in situations where value information can be retrieved

from prior direct experience, but does when this information must be inferred from

structured knowledge about a task (Bradfield et al., 2015; Izquierdo et al., 2004; Jones et al.,

2012; Rudebeck et al., 2013).

There may be a few factors contributing to this discrepancy. While 'cached' values

were learned over many repeated exposures in these lesion experiments, here cached values

depended on just one or two trials. Encoding values through limited, spaced experience may

depend on more flexible systems available in the PFC, while values learned through lots of

continuous experience might become less dependent on these systems and rely instead on

the basal ganglia (Balleine & O'Doherty, 2010; Graybiel, 2008). Recent work has shown that

spaced, brief training over a period of days in a reinforcement learning task increases fMRI

value signals in vmPFC compared to an equivalent number of trials within a single session

(Wimmer, Li, Gorgolewski, & Poldrack, 2018). These findings imply that this region may be

engaged more when value judgments rely on episodic memory rather than massed

experience in a single session.

Importantly, our data cannot speak to the necessity of vmPFC in decisions based on

either episodic or schema value. fMRI can only provide evidence of the association of vmPFC

in this process without making causal claims about its specific contribution. Although these

data suggest the involvement of vmPFC in representing both episodic or schema-based

value, this information may be robustly represented by other regions that do not depend on

vmPFC to influence behavior. Studying the effects of vmPFC damage in this task could help

assess when this region is critical for memory-based value judgment.

Prior studies have also shown that value judgments based on semantic information

are associated with broader network interactions between vmPFC and regions of left middle

and superior temporal cortex, in fMRI functional connectivity (Lim, O'Doherty, & Rangel,

2013). Here, value information was associated with greater vmPFC connectivity with MTC

on the first presentation, and this connectivity was stronger for correct than error trials.

These results are consistent with our hypothesis that the interaction between these regions

has an important role in the judgment of option values based on their schema associations,

as schemas are particularly important on the first presentation, when no episodic

information is available.

This value-based difference in vmPFC-MTC connectivity could reflect the

accumulation of positive or negative value information through the interaction between

these regions. However it may also reflect the differential weight given to positive and

negative recipes, as there was clearer behavioral evidence that participants utilized positive

recipe associations on this first presentation. In either case, these data provide evidence that

engagement between vmPFC and semantic memory stores is involved in inferential value

judgment based on real-world structured knowledge. Connectivity between these regions

did not differ by clustering status (i.e. there was no difference in MTC-vmPFC connectivity

for recipe and independent ingredients on the first presentation). However, this contrast is

complicated by the likely possibility that both these conditions involve attempts at memory

retrieval, while retrieval success is more likely in the recipe condition.

Our prior work has shown that aVLPFC is engaged by controlled retrieval of both

episodic and semantic information via its connections with middle temporal cortex and the

hippocampal formation (Badre, Poldrack, Pare-Blagoev, Insler, & Wagner, 2005a; Badre &

Wagner, 2007; Barredo et al., 2015; Barredo et al., 2016). Here, activity in this region was

principally modulated by presentation number, not by clustering or value, and connectivity

between this region with MTC and HPC did not change based on memory demands. aVLPFC

shares connections with vmPFC and MTC (Saleem et al., 2008), which may be key for

controlled retrieval in memory-based value judgment. While we did not manipulate

demands on controlled retrieval here, we might expect that connectivity between these three

regions to increase when value judgments require retrieving weak semantic associates.

This experiment explicitly crossed two features commonly associated with the

vmPFC, but rarely compared within the same task: value coding and schema-based memory

and inference (Chan et al., 2016; Delgado et al., 2016; Ghosh et al., 2014; Moscovitch & Melo,

1997). While there was no main effect of ingredient clustering in an ROI-based analysis of

vmPFC, there was an overall effect of the recipe clustering status of ingredients in an

overlapping region of medial OFC in a whole-brain analysis. The vmPFC ROI used in this

study was chosen from a meta-analysis of expected value effects in neuroimaging studies

rather than schema memory (Bartra et al., 2013), which may have influenced this difference

between the ROI and whole-brain results. Although there was substantial overlap between

the ROI and voxels responding to clustering in the whole-brain analysis, the effect may have

been washed out by averaging in the ROI volume. Our data are consistent both with schema-

related knowledge playing a role in value construction in vmPFC, and with this region

responding to schema-related knowledge. Recent rodent electrophysiological data also

indicate that value and schematic representations of task co-exist in OFC (Zhou et al., 2019),

indicating that this region may represent value and schematic knowledge with separable

codes.

The role of striatum in memory tasks has been the focus of recent research, with

several hypotheses being considered (Elward et al., 2015; King, Chastelaine, Elward, Wang,

& Rugg, 2018; Schwarze, Bingel, Badre, & Sommer, 2013; Scimeca & Badre, 2012). Here,

activity in the striatum appeared to integrate the influence of episodic strength on

participants' decisions to bet or pass on ingredients, as its activity correlated with the

interaction of participant-P(yes) and unfamiliarity. Relatedly, recent work from our group

has observed that the striatum tracked prediction errors for retrieval success during a

recognition memory task (Scimeca et al., 2016), analogous to its role in action selection and

reinforcement-learning (Garrison, Erdeniz, & Done, 2013; Haber & Knutson, 2010;

Pessiglione, Seymour, Flandin, Dolan, & Frith, 2006). These prediction errors were

correlated with changes in the criterion by which evidence from memory was evaluated.

However, unlike more conventional reinforcement learning settings, in this memory task,

the striatum was sensitive to prediction errors that derived from memory strength rather

than the likely outcome of a response, positive or negative. We expand on those findings

here, demonstrating that the striatum responds to the influence of memory strength on

participants' willingness to make a bet in a value-based decision-making task, independent

of memory valence. Together, these results imply a critical role for the striatum in a cognitive

decision about when to act based on memory strength, equivalent to its role in controlling a

tendency to bet in risky decision-making (Knutson, Wimmer, Kuhnen, & Winkielman, 2008;

Nachev et al., 2015; Zalocusky et al., 2016), or in gating working memory during cognitive

control (Chatham & Badre, 2015).

In several cases, the striatum appeared to principally respond to unsigned

information about memory strength in this task (e.g. memory strength and surprise), rather

than the value of options themselves (i.e. episodic and schema value or RPE), as it has in

many other decision-making and learning experiments (Bartra et al., 2013; Garrison et al.,

2013). While the striatum has also been shown to respond to successful memory retrieval in

many studies (Spaniol et al., 2009), other work has demonstrated that these signals

dynamically depend on the current task, changing with participants' goals (Han et al., 2010),

or has indicated that striatal reward and retrieval signals are distinct (Elward et al., 2015).

Here we found evidence that unsigned episodic memory strength modulates striatal value

signals, but the signed episodic value of options did not. These data indicate that value and

retrieval signals in the striatum may follow a common dimension that corresponds to the

utility of retrieved information based on task demands — possibly biasing cortical

representations of associated actions based on the strength of information recovered from

retrieval.

We also observed that connectivity between HPC and the striatum increased in the

second and third presentations of independent ingredients compared to recipe ingredients,

indicating decisions with greater demand on episodic memory for value judgment increased

communication between these regions. This connectivity was also higher on correct choices

for independent ingredients than on error trials, suggesting that HPC-striatal

communication was involved in the successful retrieval of ingredient-value associations.

However, connectivity between these regions did not depend on the episodic value of these

ingredients. Instead, this increase in connectivity was observed while collapsing across value

conditions, arguing against this change in connectivity being specific to conferring positive

value to previously rewarded ingredients.

This increase in connectivity between the HPC and striatum was only evident in the

right putamen in a whole-brain analysis when the HPC was used as a seed ROI, not in ROI-

to-ROI analyses or with the striatal ROI as a seed. The apparent selectivity of this effect across

analyses may owe to our striatal ROI averaging over functionally distinct subregions. This

ROI was large *a priori*, experiments that have examined reward and retrieval success signals

together have found somewhat variable peak coordinates (Elward et al., 2015; Han et al.,

2010). At a liberal threshold (P <0.01, uncorrected), HPC connectivity was also increased in

the left putamen, but not the caudate.

In conclusion, we studied how people integrate evidence from episodic and semantic

memory during value based decision making. We observed that vmPFC is involved in judging

the value of options based on information retrieved from both schema-based inference and

episodic memory retrieval, while the striatum was implicated in controlling willingness to

take action based on the strength of episodic memory. These functions are supported

through interactions with systems implicated in the storage of both episodic and semantic

memory. Our data provide fresh perspectives into the dynamics of this circuitry, and a view

into the intersection of decision-making and memory that is the seat of much real-world

choice behavior. These results thus have clear implications for understanding the origins of

decision-making impairments in neurodegenerative diseases that affect semantic and

episodic memory such as Alzheimer's disease and frontotemporal dementia (Salmon &

Bondi, 2009), as well as understanding how disruption of dopaminergic circuits in

Parkinson's disease may affect memory (Edelstyn, Shepherd, Mayes, Sherman, & Ellis, 2010).

New insights into the interaction of these circuits may have implications for clinical

interventions or treatments for these disease symptoms.

Materials and Methods

Participants

Twenty-six participants were recruited from the Providence, RI area to participate in

the fMRI experiment. Two participants were excluded due to excessive motion during the

functional scan, and one was excluded for falling asleep during the experiment. Of the

remaining 23 participants, four were male, their mean age was 22.5 years (SD = 4.0), and

their mean years of education was 15.5 (SD = 2.3). All participants were right-handed, had

normal or corrected-to-normal vision, and were screened for the presence of psychiatric or

neurological conditions, psychoactive medication use, and contraindications for MRI. Two

participants rejected all ingredients on the first presentation of the positive independent

condition, prohibiting analysis of their behavior or ROI-level responses in a full 12-condition

ANOVA after filtering for correct responses. One participant did not commit any errors on

the second or third presentation of the positive recipe ingredients, prohibiting analysis of

their error trials in this condition.

Two hundred participants from the United States were recruited through Amazon

Mechanical Turk (AMT) to provide normative naming responses for images of food

ingredients. Four of these subjects were rejected for exceptionally low accuracy in this task

(> 50%). The mean age of the remaining participants was 35.4 years (SD = 10.5), and 107 of

them were male.

A second sample of 221 participants were recruited from the United States through

AMT to provide normative data for ingredient-recipe associations. Twenty-nine of these

participants were rejected for failing to follow task instructions (most often by simply

writing the names of the ingredients rather than associated recipes). The remaining

participants had a mean age of 36.0 years (SD = 11.1), and 71 of them were male.

All participants across experimental and norming studies gave informed consent as

approved by the Human Research Protections Office at Brown University, and were

compensated for their participation. Participants in the fMRI experiment also received a

monetary bonus proportional to the points they earned in the main task.

Stimuli

Ingredient stimuli were obtained from the bank of standardized stimuli (BOSS; N =

65) (Brodeur, Dionne-Dostie, Montreuil, & Lepage, 2010; Brodeur, Guerard, & Bouras, 2014),

food-pics database (N = 50) (Blechert, Meule, Busch, & Ohla, 2014), with a small set of

supplemental food images collected by A.V. from Google Images (N = 4). These images were

selected to include basic food ingredients — i.e. items that might be used as parts of a recipe,

rather than completed meals. For example, an image of cheese would be included rather than

an image of a pizza. All images were scaled to the same size and padded with white pixels or

cropped to fit the same area. Ingredients from the BOSS database were excluded if more than

20% of the normative sample either responded that they did not know the name of the

ingredient or did not recognize the ingredient. Ingredients were also rejected if the modal

name for the ingredient given by respondents was incorrect (indicating low recognition

accuracy), and if the H-value (a measure of naming disagreement across participants, similar

to entropy) was above 3.00.

Because similar naming data were not available for ingredients from food-pics or

Google Images, normative naming data were obtained through an AMT experiment.

Participants were shown ingredient images and asked to write the name of the ingredient in

a text box below, or write "I don't know." Responses that included common variants of

ingredient names were considered correct, while overly general names were marked as

incorrect (e.g. 'nuts' for an image of pecans). Ingredients where more than 20% of

participants did not know the name, or gave incorrect answers, were rejected. Naming

agreement was also examined by calculating an H-value for each ingredient, however this

value did not exceed 3.00 for any ingredient in this set.

Normative recipe associations

Associations between ingredients and recipes were obtained through a norming

experiment conducted on AMT akin to single word generation paradigms used to derive

word associations (Postman & Keppel, 1970). Participants were shown ingredient images

one at a time and were asked to write the name of the first recipe that came to mind using

the ingredient shown on screen. Unique recipe names were then extracted for each

ingredient and two researchers (A.V. and H.J.) manually processed these data. Alternative

names, semantically similar responses and misspellings were all collapsed into single

recipes, and ingredient specific information was removed to facilitate detection of overlap in

ingredient-recipe associations (e.g. responses like 'pumpkin soup' and 'mushroom soup'

were both reclassified as 'soup'). The end result of this process was a matrix with

endorsement counts for 102 ingredients in 1876 recipes. Six ingredients were then dropped

from this set, as they were visually too similar to other ingredients in the experiment, leaving

96 ingredients total.

Of these recipes, many (915) were only named by a single AMT participant for a single

ingredient. As our task design required that each recipe have a large number of associate

ingredients (at least seven recipe ingredients, and some additional ingredients to be used as

independent items), we cycled through different parameters for filtering out recipes. With

each of these filtered lists, ingredients were assigned to hierarchically organized clusters

using the Matlab (Mathworks, Natick, MA) function 'linkage,' which sorted ingredients based

on the mean cosine similarity of their naming frequencies. Through this process we selected

six recipes where the clustering solution provided ingredient cluster sizes that were large

enough for our task design (pasta (N=10), soup (N=13), cake (N=15), pie (N=21), salad

(N=17) and sandwich (N=20)).

fMRI Experimental design

The main experimental task, and all other tasks not administered through AMT were

programmed in Psychtoolbox-3 (Brainard, 1997; Kleiner, Brainard, & Pelli, 2007). At the

start of each block, participants were told that they were about to feed a new customer, and

were given the names of the recipes that the customer liked and disliked. The two recipes in

each block were randomly selected without replacement from a set of six recipes.

The screen was then left blank for 12 s until the start of the first trial. Trials were preceded

by a jittered inter-trial interval (ITI) drawn from a lognormal distribution (0.5-6 s). In each

trial, participants saw a food ingredient centrally displayed for up to 2.7 s, during which time

they could choose whether or not to feed the ingredient to the customer ('yes'/'no'). The

names of the recipes that each customer liked and disliked appeared at the top of the screen

on each trial, color coded to indicate the customer's preference.

Participants indicated both their choice and their confidence using a combined

response on a sliding bar. The slider would start in a random position on each trial and

participants could then drag it toward the left or the right by holding down a button on a

fiber optic response pad (Current Designs, Philadelphia, PA) using their right index or middle

fingers. The slider would stop moving when it reached an end of the bar, or when

participants let the button go. Participants could not change the slider position after letting

go of the button. The side of bar where participants placed the slider signaled their choice,

and the distance of the from the middle of the bar indicated their confidence. After a

response, there was a jittered inter-stimulus interval (ISI) drawn from a uniform distribution

(0.5-5.5 s). The remaining time from the response window and slider movement period was

also added to this interval. Participants then saw feedback about their decision for 1 s. A

square above the correct answer would light up, and the amount of points added or

subtracted from participants' total would be displayed in this period.

Before the fMRI experiment, participants completed a practice task in which they

learned to use the slider while verifying various general knowledge statements (e.g., 'Black

bears are omnivores'), and indicate their confidence in their response. Participants received

further practice outside the scanner by completing a short practice block of the restaurant

task where they fed a customer with recipes and ingredients that did not appear in the fMRI

experiment.

Trial-order, ITI and ISI lengths were drawn from sequences optimized for efficient

estimation of the hemodynamic response across conditions of interest. These sequences

were optimized by generating 5000 random sequences, and using SPM12 to create event-

based design matrices for stimuli and feedback events in each sequence. The average

variance for each regressor explained by all other regressors in the matrix was calculated for

each sequence and multiplied by the total duration of the sequence to approximate design

efficiency. The three sequences with the lowest values in this measure (i.e. least covariance

in regressors with the shortest experiment time) were used for the fMRI experiment and

were randomly ordered for each subject.

Value rating task

876   At the start of the experimental session, participants completed a short rating task

877 where they were asked to provide ratings for how much they would hypothetically want to

878 have each ingredient at the end of the session. Participants provided responses on a seven

879 point Likert scale from -3 to 3, with labels on -3 reading 'Not at all,' 0 reading 'Indifferent'

880 and 3 reading 'Very much.' These subjective value ratings were included as a nuisance

881 variable in each of the parametric GLM analyses. This task also served to visually familiarize

882 participants with all ingredient images.

883 *Computational modelling of behavior*

884   Computational models of behavior were used to characterize the dynamics

885 underlying participants' behavior in this task. In total, 16 alternative models were tested

886 that included combinations of seven main variants that each built off of a base model by

887 adding a new parameter. To briefly summarize, alternative models included different

888 operationalizations of recipe associations, separate parameters for weighing positive and

889 negative recipe associations, trade-offs in the use of episodic and schema value information

890 and a model with a separate recollection process in addition to a graded episodic memory.

891 The details of each of these variants are described in the Supplementary Methods. Here we

892 will summarize the features of the best fitting model that combines some of these features

893 and is the focus of model-based fMRI analyses.

894   Within the best fitting model, the value (*V)* of the ingredient (*i)* on each trial was

895 calculated as:

896      $V_i = \beta_0 + \beta_u(1 - |EV_i|) + \beta_e EV_i + \beta_s SV_i$ (Eq. 1)

897 Where β_0 is an intercept term that captures overall, item-independent biases toward

898 positive or negative value, β_u is a parameter that controls the influence of unfamiliarity, β_e

controls the influence of episodically encoded values (*EV*), and β_s controls the influence of

schema values (*SV*) for the current trial ingredient. The model's willingness to bet on each

trial (i.e. the model-P(yes)) was then calculated by placing *V* in a simple logistic function.

On each trial where participants responded, the episodic value for each ingredient

was updated according to a simple Rescorla-Wagner learning rule (Rescorla & Wagner,

1972):

$$EV_i = EV_i + \alpha(outcome - EV_i) \text{ (Eq. 2)}$$

Where the value for *outcome* could be 1 or -1, depending on whether the feedback was

positive or negative. While this rule is more commonly used in the context of reinforcement

learning, it was adopted here as a simple means of operationalizing a graded form of episodic

memory that is signed and becomes stronger with repetitions of consistent value

associations. The parameter α was a fixed learning rate that was fit for each subject in an

alternate version of the base model where β_e was held at different constant values (1, 2, 5

and 8). The model fit with a constant value of 5 for β_e had the lowest average negative log-

likelihood of constants tested, and so α values from this fit were used in the base model and

all further variations. This procedure to separately fit α was followed because β_e and α could

not be stably estimated within the same model. Estimating these parameters separately

allowed us to roughly capture individual differences in the encoding of *EV,* while separately

estimating the contribution of *EV* to choice behavior through β_e. Allowing α to vary was also

found to reduce the negative log-likelihood of the base model over a variant where α was

fixed to 1.0.

To reflect forgetting, the values for all ingredients also decayed towards zero with

each trial according to:

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$$EV_{t+1} = EV_t - dEV_t \text{ (Eq. 3)}$$

Where d is a parameter that controls the rate of this decay.

Schema values were calculated through a weighted difference of the associative

strength of ingredients with positive and negative recipes. The associative strength of each

ingredient with these recipes was determined through a procedure similar to latent

semantic analysis (LSA) (Dumais, 2004; Landauer et al., 1998). The endorsement

frequencies for ingredients across all recipes in the normative AMT data were weighted by

their entropy across recipes and a singular value decomposition (SVD) was carried out on

this matrix. This matrix was then reconstituted with a smaller number of dimensions set by

a free parameter c (see Supplementary Figure 1 for reconstituted matrices at different values

of c). The association of an ingredient with each recipe was calculated as the mean cosine

similarity between that ingredient and all ingredients in each recipe cluster within this

reconstituted matrix.

The schema similarity model estimated participants' uncertainty about the recipe

associations of each ingredient as the probability that an ingredient was associated with the

same recipe ($P(SR)$).

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$$P(SR)_i = \frac{1}{1+\exp\left(-\beta_{sim}\left(1-\frac{|PR_i-NR_i|}{RRD}\right)\right)} \text{ (Eq. 4)}$$

939   Where RRD corresponds to the range of recipe association differences (i.e. the difference

940   between the maximum and minimum recipe associative strength for all ingredients and

941   recipes). This probability was then used in calculating weights for the sum and difference of

942   the positive and negative recipe associations, where the weight for the sum of these

943   associations was calculated as

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$$w_{same} = 2(P(SR)_i - 0.5) \text{ (Eq. 5)}$$

945 And the weight for the difference of these ingredient associations was calculated as

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$$w_{diff} = 1 - 2 |P(SR)_i - 0.5| \text{ (Eq. 6)}$$

947 SV was then calculated as the weighted combination of the difference and sum of each

948 ingredient's associative strength with the positive and negative recipes:

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$$SV_i = w_{same} (PR_i + NR_i) + w_{diff} (PR_i - NR_i) \text{ (Eq. 7)}$$

The parameter β_{sim} controlled the sensitivity of participants to the similarity of ingredients'

recipe associations, and the relative contribution of the difference or sum of positive and

recipe associations to SV. This parameter also controlled the valence of the additive strength

of these associations: positive or negative values for β_{sim} would give the same valence to the

additive strength of recipe associations, respectively. Alternatively, if the β_{sim} parameter was

zero, participants would rely solely on the difference of the ingredient's associative strength

with the positive and negative recipes.

Participants' responses consisted of two main features: a binary response indicating

whether or not to feed an ingredient to a customer, and a continuous rating of their

confidence in this binary response. This continuous confidence response could also be

transformed into a continuous measure of participants' belief that a customer would like an

ingredient (i.e. P(yes)) by measuring the position of the slider between the 'yes' and 'no'

options rather than the distance of the slider from the middle, similar to (Scimeca et al.,

2016). Models were fit to both participants' continuous and binary choice responses. The

overall model likelihood was calculated as the product of the model likelihood for

participants' binary responses, and the model likelihood of the linear fit between the logit

transformed model-P(yes) and participant-P(yes). The negative log of this likelihood

function served as the objective function to be minimized in the fitting procedure carried out

by Matlab function 'fmincon.'

Computational models were fit to participants' behavior in a step-wise process. At

each step, a simpler preferred model was modified by the addition of new free parameters

and the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) of the simpler model and modified models were

compared with a one-tailed t-test, as the addition of these new parameters was predicted to

reduce AIC. The model with the best improvement in model fitness across subjects (i.e. the

largest t-statistic in this comparison) was then considered the preferred model in the next

step. Additional parameters that significantly reduced AIC were added to the preferred

model and compared in the next step ($P < 0.05$). The search for the best fitting model was

stopped once additional parameters no longer significantly improved model fitness, or when

the parameters to search across were exhausted.

Each model was fit separately for each subject 20 times with randomized starting

positions. The set of parameters with the lowest negative log-likelihood from each set of fits

was saved and the other parameter fits were discarded. These 20 separate fits helped guard

against the influence of idiosyncratic differences in starting point on the recovered

parameters, and the possibility that the model would converge on local minima in the

likelihood function.

To verify that parameters of the best fitting model could be recovered, we generated

100 simulated datasets with randomized parameters. The parameter d was generated from

a uniform random distribution from 0 to 0.05. Parameters β_e and β_s were generated from a

lognormal distribution with a mean of 5 and standard deviation of 0.5. Parameters β_0, β_m and

β_{sim} were all generated from a standard normal distribution (mean 0, standard deviation of

1). The *c* parameter was generated from a random normal distribution ranging from 2 to 58.

Given that these parameters were randomly generated and did not share the covariance of

the real parameters fit to participants' behavior, this test could overestimate their

recoverability. Thus, we further verified the recoverability of these parameters by fitting the

model to data simulated using the parameters fit to participants' real behavior.

fMRI data acquisition and preprocessing

Whole-brain imaging was acquired using a Siemens 3T Magnetom Prisma system

with a 64-channel head coil. First, a high resolution T1 weighted MPRAGE image was

acquired for visualization (repetition time (TR), 1900 ms; echo time (TE), 3.02 ms; flip angle,

9°; 160 sagittal slices; 1 x 1 x 1 mm voxels). Functional volumes were acquired using a

gradient-echo echo planar sequence (TR, 2000 ms; TE, 28 ms; flip angle 90°; 38 interleaved

axial slices tilted approximately 15° from the AC-PC plane; 3 x 3 x 3 mm voxels). Functional

data were acquired over three runs. Each run lasted 16.5 min on average (Mean: 494.8

acquisitions). After the functional runs, a brief in-plane anatomical T1 image was collected,

which was used to define a brain mask that respected the contours of the brain and the space

of the functional runs (TR, 350 ms; TE 2.5 ms; flip angle 70°; 38 axial slices; 1.5 x 1.5 x 3 mm

voxels). Soft padding was used to restrict head motion throughout the experiment. Stimuli

were presented on a 32-inch monitor at the back of the bore of the magnet, and subjects

viewed the screen through a mirror attached to the head coil.

Functional data were preprocessed using SPM12. Quality assurance for the functional

data of each subject was first assessed through visual inspection and TSdiffAna

(https://sourceforge.net/projects/spmtools/)   and   ArtRepair

(http://cibsr.stanford.edu/tools/human-brain-project/artrepair-software.html).   Outlier

volumes (defined by standard deviations from the global average signal) were interpolated

Slice timing correction was then carried by resample all slices to match the first slice. Next,

motion during functional runs was corrected by registering volumes to the mean using rigid-

body transformation. In any case where movement across runs was in excess of the voxel

size in any direction (3 mm), realignment was recalculated run-by-run. Any participants

where motion within a run was larger than a voxel were excluded from further analysis (N =

2). Functional volumes were then normalized to Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI)

stereotaxic space using 4th order B-spline interpolation, and resampled to 2 x 2 x 2 mm voxels

using trilinear interpolation. Finally, volumes were spatially smoothed using an 8 mm full-

width half-maximum isotropic Gaussian kernel. The in-plane anatomical T1 image for each

subject was also normalized to MNI space and a brain mask for functional analysis was

created using the Brain Extraction Tool in FSL (https://fsl.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl/fslwiki/).

fMRI data analysis

Functional data were analyzed under the assumptions of the GLM using SPM12. All

regressors and parametric modulators were convolved with the SPM canonical

hemodynamic response function (HRF). Subject motion (six translational and rotational

components) were also included as nuisance regressors. Beta coefficients for single subject

effects were estimated using a fixed-effects model in a first-level analysis. For whole-brain

contrasts, these estimates were then included in a second-level analysis using a one-sample

t-test against 0 at each voxel. Whole brain t-statistic maps were thresholded at a cluster

defining threshold of $P < 0.001$ uncorrected, and then evaluated for statistical significance at

the cluster corrected FWE threshold of $P < 0.05$ to control for multiple comparisons. The

cluster extent for this threshold varied by test and is reported with each analysis.

fMRI general linear models

Five different GLMs were fit to fMRI data:

(1) Condition-based GLM

First, a condition-based GLM was fit to the functional data. This GLM included

separate regressors at the response and feedback phases for the following factors: clustering

(recipe, independent), value (positive, negative), presentation number (1, 2, 3) and accuracy

(correct, error). The duration of the boxcar for the response regressors was set to the median

of subjects' combined RT and slider movement durations. Trial-by-trial deviation from this

median duration was included as an additional nuisance regressor. This GLM also included

a nuisance regressor for the time the stimulus display was on screen (i.e. the response

window, ISI and feedback).

(2) Finite impulse response GLM

For ROI-based analyses on contrasts of task conditions, a separate finite impulse

response (FIR) GLM was fit to each participant. This model had the identical conditions as

the condition-based GLM described immediately above, but used an FIR model with eight

time points (16 s window) as a basis function for the hemodynamic response function.

(3) Participant-behavior GLM

Participants' responses using the slider were used to estimate participants' beliefs

during value judgment and processing of feedback. We tested for correlates of these putative

processes with a parametric GLM. This model had three boxcar regressors: a response

regressor with onsets at stimulus presentation and durations lasting to the point

participants finished moving the slider, a feedback regressor with onsets and durations

lasting the presentation of feedback, and a nuisance regressor for the stimulus display. Three

parametric modulators of the response regressor were included in this model: participants'

reported P(yes), reported confidence and subjective value ratings for each ingredient from

the original value rating task. The feedback regressor also had two parametric modulators:

RPEs (i.e. the difference between participant-P(yes) and outcomes) and surprise (unsigned

RPEs). Parametric modulators were not orthogonalized in this model, or in any of the

following GLMs.

(4) Model-behavior GLM

A parametric GLM based on the parameters estimated from the computational model

fits to participant behavior was estimated to compare with the parametric GLM based on

participants' raw behavior. This GLM included the same three regressors as the first GLM,

but with parametric modulators derived from the computational model's estimates of

participants' behavior. There were five modulators on the response regressor: model-P(yes),

model confidence, residuals for model-P(yes), residuals for model confidence and subjective

value ratings. There were also four modulators on the feedback regressor: model RPE, model

surprise and residuals on model RPE and surprise. All residuals were calculated by simply

taking the difference of participants' behavior and model-derived estimates.

(5) Model-based value components GLM

The final GLM included parametric modulators based on the model-derived value

signals, and their interaction with participants' responses. This GLM had the same three main

regressors as GLMs 3 and 4. There were eight parametric modulators on the response

regressor: participant-P(yes), participant confidence, episodic value, schema value,

unfamiliarity, interactions between participant-P(yes) and episodic value, schema value and

unfamiliarity, as well as subjective value ratings for ingredients. The feedback regressor had

two parametric modulators: participants' RPEs and surprise.

Region of interest analyses

Regions of interest (ROIs) were defined for testing region-specific hypotheses using

unbiased criteria. These ROIs were either defined using masks from the automated

anatomical labelling atlas (AAL), or using 10 mm spheres around peak coordinates from

independent studies. These spheres were then masked to only include voxels that were more

than 50% likely to be gray matter in SPM's tissue probability map. The coordinates and

references for these ROIs are listed in Table 1.

In ROI analyses contrasting conditions, the time course of activity within each ROI

was estimated using the MarsBar Toolbox (Brett, Anton, Valabregue, & Poline, 2002) from

the FIR GLM. For each ROI, the peak activity was found across conditions and subjects, and

the mean activity ± 1 bin around this time point was extracted and tested using RM-ANOVAs.

In ROI analyses of parametric GLM models, the mean beta weights within ROI voxels were

extracted instead.

Functional connectivity analysis

Functional connectivity analyses were carried out using the CONN toolbox in

conjunction with SPM12 (Whitfield-Gabrieli & Nieto-Castanon, 2012). The same ROIs

described in the ROI-based analyses in Table 1 were used as seeds for focused ROI-ROI

connectivity analyses and exploratory whole-brain analyses. Task-related activity was

regressed out using the condition-based GLM described above, including six regressors for

translational and rotational motion voxels and trial-by-trial deviations from the median of

RT and slider movement durations, as well as additional nuisance regressors including five

principal components for both cerebrospinal fluid voxels and white matter, and a regressor

for linear trends in the signal. The residuals of this model were then high-pass filtered at

0.008 Hz.

Connectivity data were analyzed in a two-step process. In a first-level analysis,

connectivity between *a priori* pairs of ROIs was measured as the bivariate correlation

between the mean residuals of voxel activities. In a second level analysis, correlation

coefficients for each ROI-ROI in each subject were Fisher transformed and subjected to a

one-sample *t*-test against zero. Exploratory seed-to-voxel whole brain connectivity analyses

were similarly carried out by calculating the bivariate correlation of mean residual activity

within an ROI and all other voxels in each subject. These correlations were then Fisher-

transformed and compared to zero with one-sample t-tests. As with above fMRI analyses, all

whole-brain effects were first peak thresholded at $P < 0.001$ and further thresholded at FWE

cluster corrected threshold of $P < 0.05$ to control for multiple comparisons. Cluster

thresholds are reported separately for each analysis.

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Supplementary methods

Alternate models

We developed a simple base model that made a set of assumptions about behavior in

this task that were carried over to all alternative models. Each alternative model made a

modification of this base model, or the next simplest model from the last step. Alternative

models were compared based on their improvement in AIC scores from the last best fitting

model from a previous step. The results of this stepwise fitting procedure are provided in

Supplementary Tables 6-9. Detailed description of the base model and each of these

modifications are below:

(1) <u>Base model</u>

In the base model, the expected value (*V)* of each ingredient (*i)* was the weighted sum

of its episodic value (*EV*) and schema value (*SV*) (these are defined below) as in

$$V_i = \ \beta_e EV_i + \beta_s SV_i \ (\text{Eq. } 8)$$

Where β_e and β_s are free temperature parameters that determine the weight of these

different values to V_i. This ingredient value was then placed in a logistic function to calculate

the model-P(yes) for each trial.

On each trial where participants responded, the episodic value for each ingredient

was updated according to a simple Rescorla-Wagner learning rule, as in Eq. 2., described in

the main methods section. On each trial, the *EV* of all ingredients would decay towards zero

according to Eq. 3.

The *SV* of each ingredient was simply the difference of the associative strength of that

ingredient with the positive recipe (*PR*) and negative recipe (*NR*) in the base model. These

associations were determined using a procedure similar to Latent Semantic Analysis

(Dumais, 2004; Landauer, Foltz, & Laham, 1998). The endorsement frequencies for

ingredients across all recipes in the normative mTurk data were weighted by their entropy

across recipes and a singular value decomposition (SVD) was carried out on this matrix. The

association of an ingredient with each recipe was calculated as the mean cosine similarity

between that ingredient and all ingredients in each recipe cluster within this reconstituted

matrix. In the base model, the number of eigenvalues used to reconstitute the matrix was set

to 58. This was found to be the minimum number of eigenvalues needed to almost perfectly

reconstitute the ingredient-ingredient cosine similarity matrix using the raw recipe

endorsement frequencies in the mTurk data (Pearson *r* = 0.99).

(2) Recipe dimensions model

The recipe dimensions model was identical to the base model, except the number of

dimensions to retain before reconstituting the ingredient-by-recipe endorsement frequency

matrix was allowed to vary according to a free parameter *c* (see Supplementary Figure 1).

This parameter essentially controlled the dimensionality of recipe space that the model

would consider, so that a lower dimensional model would separate ingredients on only

simple features (i.e. savory or sweet), while a higher dimensional model would include

increasingly granular information that separates ingredients along information about

specific recipes.

Supplementary Figure 1. Example ingredient by ingredient cosine similarity matrices from reconstructions of ingredient-recipe associations with increasing dimensions. **a.** Ingredient names and clustering by recipe. **b.** Cosine similarity matrix with two dimensions **c.** with four dimensions, **d.** with 20 dimensions, and **e.** with 58 dimensions.

(3) <u>Asymmetric schemas model</u>

This model included separate temperature parameters for positive and negative

schema values, so that the value of an ingredient was:

$$V_i = \beta_e\, EV_i + \beta_{sp} PR_i - \beta_{sn} NR_i \text{ (Eq. 9)}$$

Where β_{sp} and β_{sn} are temperature parameters that control the influence of ingredient

associations with positive and negative recipes, respectively.

(4) <u>Schema similarity weighting model</u>

The recipes in a block could vary in their similarity, making some ingredients

plausibly associated with both positive or negative recipes. The schema similarity model

estimated participants' uncertainty about the recipe associations of each ingredient as the

probability that an ingredient could be used in both recipes ($P(SR)$), calculated as in Eq. 4.

This probability was calculated using an additional parameter β_{sim}, which controlled the

sensitivity of participants to the similarity of ingredients' recipe associations, and the

relative contribution of the difference or sum of positive and negative recipe associations to

SV. This probability was then used in calculating weights for the sum and difference of

positive and negative recipe associations. These weights were then applied in calculating SV

as in Eq. 7.

(5) <u>Unfamiliarity bias model</u>

The unfamiliarity bias model allowed the willingness to endorse an ingredient vary

according to the strength of the episodic memory for that ingredient's value (i.e. the absolute

value of EV). In this model the value of each ingredient was calculated as:

$$V_i = \beta_u(1 - |EV_i|) + \beta_e \, EV_i + \beta_s SV_i \text{ (Eq. 10)}$$

Where β_u is a free temperature parameter that could be positive or negative and controls

the model's tendency to endorse or reject an ingredient based on the strength of episodic

memory.

(6) <u>Fixed bias model</u>

This model introduced a simple intercept term to the calculation of ingredient values,

so that the value of an ingredient on each trial was:

$$V_i = \beta_0 + \beta_e EV_i + \beta_s SV_i \text{ (Eq. 11)}$$

Where β_0 is a free parameter that could be positive or negative and controls an overall

tendency to endorse or reject ingredients across all trials.

(7) <u>Schema discounting model</u>

As participants learned the deterministic values of ingredients from feedback, it

might be useful to use schema information less. This model assumed that when ingredients

were associated with stronger episodic memories (i.e. the absolute value of EV), the schema

value information would be exponentially discounted. This would suggest that participants

trade off in retrieving information from different memory sources, especially when one is

more reliable. For each ingredient, a discount factor was calculated as:

84                           $discount = \exp(-k|EV_i|)$ (Eq. 12)

85   Where k was a free parameter that determined the steepness of this discounting. This

86   discount factor was then included in the calculation of ingredient values:

87                           $V_i = \beta_e\,EV_i + discount\,\beta_s\,SV_i$ (Eq. 13)

So that the contribution of schema values scaled with this exponential discounting factor.

(8) <u>Dual Process Recollection Model</u>

While the above models assume that episodic memory is a graded process, other

models developed in memory judgment tasks suggest that episodic memory has a graded

component (familiarity) and a discrete component (recollection) (Yonelinas, 1994). To test

whether episodic values in this task may also rely on an additional non-graded recollection

process, ingredient values were calculated as:

95                           $V_i = \beta_e((1 - P_r)EV_i + P_r RV_i) + \beta_s SV_i$ (Eq. 14)

Where RV is the recollected value of an ingredient, i.e. the outcome from previous trials that

does not decay or change over time (-1 or 1), and P_r is a fixed probability of recollection that

does not change over trials. Thus, in this model, values learned through feedback contributed

to the decision as the sum of recalled and graded value information, weighted by the

probability of recall.

Supplementary Results

Confidence and reaction times

Similar to reported confidence, participants' reaction times were also strongly

influenced by experience with ingredients with stronger decrements in subsequent

presentations of positive recipe ingredients (Supplementary Figure 2a). There were

significant interactions between value and clustering (RM-ANOVA: $F_{1, 20} = 4.66$, $P = 0.04$, $\eta_p^2 =$

0.19), and value with presentation number ($F_{2, 40} = 8.50$, $P = 0.0008$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.30$), but there

was no significant three-way interaction. Responses in the first presentation did not

significantly differ by cluster condition or value. In the third presentation, participants were

significantly faster in accepting positive recipe ingredients than positive independent

ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: $t(20) = 4.60$, $P < 0.01$, $d = 1.00$), though there were

no other significant reaction time differences between recipe and independent conditions.

Reaction times were also consistently faster in the second and third presentation compared

to the first presentation across all conditions (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: $t's(20) \geq 4.60$, P's

< 0.01, $d \geq 1.36$), and faster in the third presentation than the second (Bonferroni corrected

t-tests: $t's(20) \geq 3.57$, P's < 0.05, $d's \geq 0.78$).

We separately tested the effects of accuracy on confidence ratings and reaction times,

collapsing across value levels and the second and third presentations to have enough error

trials per participant for this analysis (Supplementary Figure 2cd). Confidence ratings were

influenced by significant interactions between accuracy and clustering (RM-ANOVA: $F_{1, 21} =$

15.43, $P = 0.0007$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.42$), and accuracy and presentation number ($F_{1, 21} = 43.69$, $P <$

0.0001, $\eta_p^2 = 0.67$), but no three-way interaction. On the first presentation, participants were

significantly more confident on correct responses for recipe ingredients than independent

ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: $t(21) = 3.77$, P < 0.05, $d = 0.80$), and error

responses on recipe ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: $t(21) = 5.60$, P < 0.01, $d =$

1.19). There was no comparable significant difference in confidence for correct and error

responses for independent ingredients in the first presentation. We confirmed that the

effects of accuracy differed between clustering conditions on this first presentation by

separately testing this interaction (RM-ANOVA: $F_{1, 21} = 14.34$, $P = 0.001$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.40$).

Confidence was also higher on accurate responses compared to errors on the second and

third presentations of both recipe and independent ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-

tests: t's(21) $\geq$ 6.64, P's < 0.0001, $d = 1.42$).

Supplmentary Figure 2. Confidence and reaction times (RT) across task conditions. **a**. RT for correct responses in recipe and independent conditions, for positive (pos) and negative (neg) ingredients. **b.** Confidence ratings for errors and correct responses in recipe and independent conditions, collapsing across value. Second and third presentations are also collapsed. **c.** RT for correct and error responses in the same conditions as **b**.

Reaction times were influenced by an interaction of accuracy and presentation

number (RM-ANOVA: F $_{1,21}$ = 49.84, P < 0.0001, η_p^2 = 0.70), but there was only a trend toward

an interaction between accuracy and clustering (F $_{1,21}$ = 3.81, P = 0.06, η_p^2 = 0.15), and no

three-way interaction. Participants were significantly faster on correct responses than

errors on the second and third presentations of both recipe and independent ingredients

(Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(21) ≥ 5.03, P's < 0.01, d ≥ 1.07). In contrast, there were no

significant differences in reaction times for correct and error responses in the first

presentation for either clustering condition.

Medial prefrontal cortex ROI
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As a supplement to our tests within the vmPFC ROI defined based on studies of

expected value, we also examined a more dorsal medial PFC (mPFC) ROI centered around a

region previously shown to be involved in inferring the common recipe associations of

ingredients in a separate experiment (Barron, Dolan, & Behrens, 2013) . This ROI also

responded strongly to value (F $_{1,20}$ = 21.19, P = 0.0002, η_p^2 = 0.51), but not to any other factor

or their interaction.

We also included this mPFC ROI in the generalized psychophysical interaction (gPPI)

analysis to test if connectivity between this region and any other ROI differed on the first

presentation of positive and negative value recipe ingredients, but found no significant

difference.

Region of interest analyses — accuracy

We next assessed how ROIs hypothesized to be involved in episodic and semantic

memory were engaged by differential memory demands in this task and by retrieval success

and failure. To do so, we evaluated the effects of clustering status, presentation number and

accuracy in ROI-based analyses of the HPC, MTC and aVLPFC. We collapsed across value

conditions and combined presentations two and three into a single level to have enough

error trials for this analysis.

HPC activity was greater on accurate trials, confirming the whole-brain results

(Supplementary Figure 3a; RM-ANOVA: $F_{1, 21}$ = 13.14, P = 0.002, η_p^2 = 0.38). HPC activity was

also generally lower on later presentations ($F_{1, 21}$ = 6.54, P = 0.02, η_p^2 = 0.24). The effect of

accuracy on HPC activity was modulated marginally by clustering ($F_{1, 21}$ = 4.65, P = 0.04, η_p^2

= 0.18), with greater HPC activity on correct trials than error trials for recipe ingredients,

collapsing across presentations (Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(21)$ = 3.47, P < 0.01, d = 0.74),

but no such accuracy effect for independent ingredients. There was no main effect of

clustering, or three-way interaction of clustering, accuracy and presentation.

MTC activity responded to an interaction of clustering and presentation number

(Supplementary Figure 3b; $F_{1, 21}$ = 5.60, P = 0.03, η_p^2 = 0.21). Posthoc tests collapsed across

accuracy revealed a significantly greater reduction in MTC activity for independent

ingredients in the second and third presentations compared to the first presentation

(Bonferroni corrected t-test: $t(21)$ = 2.87, P < 0.05, d = 0.61), but no significant difference for

recipe ingredients.

aVLPFC activity was larger on the first presentation compared to the second and

third, consistent with the whole-brain analysis, revealed in a main effect of presentation

number (Supplementary Figure 3c; $F_{1, 21}$ = 10.76, P = 0.004, η_p^2 = 0.34). The response of

aVLPFC did not change with accuracy or clustering status, or with any interaction between

task variables.

Supplementary Figure 3. Region-of-interest analyses for correct and erroneous responses for recipe and independent ingredients, collapsing across value. Presentations two and three have been collapsed into one level. Percent signal change in **a.** hippocampus (HPC), **b.** middle temporal cortex (MTC) and **c.** anterior ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (aVLPFC).

183   *Parameter recovery test*

184   To test the recoverability of the parameters of the best fitting behavioral model, we

185   generated 100 simulated datasets with randomized parameters. We then tested if these

186   parameters could be recovered by fitting the same model to these simulated datasets in

187 exactly the same way as real participant data. We were able to reliably and accurately

188 recover all parameters in these data, with high correlations between simulated and

189 recovered parameters (Pearson r's(98) ≥ 0.99, P's < 0.0001). However, as these data were

190 simulated from randomly generated parameters, they did not share the covariance structure

191 of the parameter estimates fit to participants' behavior described above.

192  To test if participants' own parameters could be reliably recovered, we fit the model

193 to simulated data generated using parameter estimates from the model fit to participants'

194 behavior. For all seven parameters, there was a perfect correlation between the parameter

195 estimates from participants' behavior and the simulated data (Pearson r's(21) = 1.00, P's <

196 0.0001).

197 *Participant-P(yes) ratings*

198  We examined how the continuous participant-p(yes) ratings changed as a function of

199 value (positive versus negative), clustering (recipe versus independent) and presentation

200 number (one, two and three; Supplementary Figure 4). There was a three-way interaction

201 between these three factors (RM-ANOVA: $F_{2, 44}$ = 8.82, P = 0.0006, η_p^2 = 0.29). Critically, on

202 the first presentation, participant-P(yes) was significantly higher for positive recipe

203 ingredients than negative recipe ingredients, and positive independent ingredients

204 (Bonferroni corrected t-test: t(22) = 6.57, P < 0.0001, d = 1.37), while there was no such

205 difference between positive and negative independent ingredients. Participant-P(yes) was

206 also lower than chance on the first presentation for positive and negative independent

207 ingredients (One-sample t-tests against chance: t's(22) ≥ 3.15, P's ≤ 0.005, d's ≥ 0.66),

208 indicating a bias to reject options prior to learning their values. These ratings tracked the

209 learned value of ingredients after feedback in presentations two and three compared to one

(Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(22) ≥ 7.20, P's < 0.0001, d's ≥ 1.50), and presentation three

compared to two (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(22) ≥ 5.40, P's < 0.01, d's ≥ 1.13). Both

positive and negative recipe ingredients showed an advantage over independent ingredients

in the second presentation (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(22) ≥ 3.59, P's < 0.05, d's ≥ 1.13),

though only positive ingredients showed a significant advantage in the third presentation

(Bonferroni corrected t-test: t(22) = 4.83, P < 0.01, d = 1.00).

Supplementary Figure 4. Participant-P(yes) ratings across task conditions.

Model behavior analysis

Like with participant-P(yes), there was a strong three-way interaction between value,

clustering and presentation number (RM-ANOVA: F $_{2, 44}$ = 53.82, P < 0.0001, η_p^2 = 0.71). The

model showed evidence of using recipe information to make decisions on the first

presentation, with higher model-P(yes) ratings for positive recipe ingredients over negative

recipe ingredients, and over independent positive ingredients (Bonferroni corrected t-tests:

t's(22) ≥ 7.38, P's < 0.0001, d's ≥ 1.54), and no significant difference in model-P(yes) for

positive and negative independent ingredients on this first presentation.

Unlike participant-P(yes), the model gave significantly lower ratings to negative recipe

ingredients than negative independent ingredients on the first presentation (Bonferroni

corrected t-test: $t(22) = 6.64$, P < 0.0001, $d = 1.38$), suggesting that it used information about

the negative recipe more than participants. The model-P(yes) for independent ingredients

was also significantly lower than 0.5 on the first presentation, indicating a bias against

betting on these ingredients before knowing their value (one-sample t-tests: $t(22) \geq 2.16$, P

≤ 0.04, d's ≥ 0.45) . The model also showed clear evidence of learning ingredient values, with

the model-P(yes) consistently hewing closer to ingredient values in presentation two and

three compared to one (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's$(22) \geq 9.23$, P's < 0.0001, $d \geq 1.93$),

and presentation three compared to two (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's$(22) \geq 5.72$, P's <

0.01, $d \geq 1.19$). Like with control subjects, positive recipe ingredients maintained an

advantage in the second and third presentations over positive independent ingredients, but

the same was not true in the contrast of negative recipe and independent ingredients.

Similarly, we examined whether the model's predicted confidence followed the same

pattern as participants' responses across task conditions on trials where participants

responded correctly. Model confidence rose predictably with presentation number (RM-

ANOVA: $F_{2, 40} = 150.65$, $P < 0.0001$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.88$), and was higher overall for recipe ingredients

than independent ingredients ($F_{1, 20} = 46.18$, $P < 0.0001$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.70$), however there was only

a trend toward a main effect of value ($F_{1, 20} = 3.45$, $P = 0.08$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.15$). There was no

significant three-way interaction between these factors. Like participants' ratings, there was

also a significant two-way interaction of value and presentation number ($F_{2, 40} = 6.59$, $P =$

0.003, $\eta_p^2 = 0.25$). However, unlike participants, there was also a significant interaction of

clustering and presentation number ($F_{2, 40} = 8.65$, $P = 0.0007$, $\eta_p^2 = 0.30$) and no significant

interaction of value and clustering. Model confidence was notably higher for both positive

and negative recipe ingredients compared to independent ingredients on the first

presentation (Bonferroni corrected t-tests: t's(20) ≥ 4.02, P's < 0.05, d's ≥ 0.88), rather than

just positive recipe ingredients. While the model was able to capture most of the key features

of participants' confidence responses, it underestimated the effect of value on confidence

and did not reflect the asymmetric confidence for positive and negative recipe ingredients.

Validation analyses for model-based fMRI

Two parametric GLMs were run on these functional data for this purpose. The first

included parametric modulators of the response regressor for participant-P(yes), confidence

ratings and a nuisance term containing participants' own subjective value ratings for each

ingredient from a separate task. This model also had modulators on the feedback regressor

for the reward prediction error (RPE; based on the difference of the outcome and

participant-P(yes)) and surprise (the absolute value of the RPE). The second GLM included

the same parametric modulators, but were derived from the model-P(yes), as well as

residual terms for model-P(yes), confidence, RPE and surprise, calculated from the

difference of the model's prediction and participants' behavior in each trial. These residual

terms were included to let us examine variance in activity associated with value judgment

and processing of feedback that was not captured by our model.

Supplementary Figure 5 shows the whole-brain cluster-corrected statistical map for

the P(yes) and confidence modulators of both GLMs. vmPFC responded to both participant-

and model-P(yes), which was confirmed by an ROI analysis of the beta coefficients from

these GLMs (one-tailed, one-sample t-tests: t's(22) ≥ 4.20, P ≤ 0.0002, d's = 0.88). The

striatum ROI also showed a significant effect for participant-P(yes) (t(22) = 2.09, P = 0.02, d

= 0.43), though this did not pass whole-brain cluster corrected threshold in the voxel-wise

analysis. The effect of model-P(yes) in the striatum similarly did not reach significance at a

cluster-corrected threshold, though there was a trend in an ROI-level analysis ($t(22) = 1.64$,

$P = 0.06$, $d = 0.34$). There was no significant activity associated with P(yes) residuals in a

whole-brain analysis, either as a cluster corrected threshold or an uncorrected peak

threshold of $P = 0.001$ (Supplementary Figure 6).

Supplementary Figure 5. Whole brain t-statistic maps from parametric models based on participant and model behavior. Top row shows correlates for participant **a.** P(yes) and **b.** confidence. Bottom row shows correlates for model **c.** P(yes) and **d**. confidence. All images are thresholded at $P < 0.05$, FWE cluster corrected. Cluster extent threshold for each map is given by value of k.

277   vmPFC was also significantly associated with participant and model confidence at a

whole-brain cluster corrected threshold and ROI level (one-tail, one-sample t-tests: t's (22)

≥ 3.55, $P ≤ 0.0008$, $d = 0.74$), indicating that value and confidence signals were

simultaneously present within this region, as in previous work (Lebreton, Abitbol,

Daunizeau, & Pessiglione, 2015). Participants' confidence was also significantly associated

with activity in the HPC at an ROI-level (t(22) = 2.70, P = 0.006, d = 0.56), and marginally

with MTC at an ROI-level (t(22) = 1.68, P = 0.05). The model confidence term was

significantly associated with activity in HPC at an ROI-level (t(22) = 1.96, P = 0.03, d = 0.41),

though no clusters in this region survived whole-brain cluster correction. Model confidence

did not reach significance in the MTC ROI (t(22) = 1.05, P = 0.15, d = 0.22). There were

significant effects for confidence residuals at a cluster corrected whole-brain level in several

regions, including vmPFC (Supplementary Figure 6). This residual activity related to

confidence was unsurprising given that the model was fit directly to participants' P(yes)

ratings, and only captured confidence ratings incidentally.

Supplementary Figure 6. Whole brain t-statistic maps showing activations associated with residuals of model-based regressors. **a.** P(yes), **b.** confidence, **c.** Reward prediction error (RPE) and **d**. surprise. P(yes) and RPE maps are thresholded at $P < 0.001$, uncorrected. Maps for surprise are thresholded at $P < 0.05$, FWE cluster corrected. Cluster extent threshold for each map is given by value of k.

In a secondary analysis of feedback-based modulators, we also found good

correspondence between the model and participant RPE and surprise regressors

(Supplementary Figure 7). There were no significant clusters associated with participants'

RPE at a whole-brain level, nor was there any significant effect for the RPE in the striatum in

an ROI analysis ($t(22) = 1.55$, $P = 0.07$, $d = 0.32$). Similarly, there were no significant effects

of model RPE at a whole brain level or in the striatum ROI ($t(22) = 0.18$, $P = 0.4$, $d = 0.04$).

However, at the whole-brain level, there was robust activation in response to both model

and participant surprise in bilateral areas of the striatum, lateral PFC, supplementary motor

area and angular gyrus. There were no significant effects for RPE residuals in a whole-brain

cluster corrected analysis, but some significant effects of surprise that generally followed the

same pattern as participant-derived surprise signals (Supplementary Figure 5).

We also tested if there was any activity related to participants' subjective value for

ingredients, distinct from task-related expected values (i.e. participant-P(yes)) in the

participant-behavior GLM. There were also no clusters of activity associated with subjective

value ratings at a whole-brain cluster corrected threshold, or in ROI analyses in vmPFC and

the striatum (t's(22) ≤ 0.65, P ≥ 0.6, d's ≤ 0.13). Full information about activation peaks for

the participant- and model-behavior parametric GLMs are available in Supplementary

Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

Supplementary Figure 7. Whole brain t-statistic maps from parametric models based on participant and model behavior. Top row shows correlates for participant **a.** reward prediction error (RPE) and **b.** surprise. Bottom row shows correlates for model **c.** RPE and **d**. surprise. RPE maps are thresholded at P < 0.001, uncorrected. Maps for surprise are thresholded at P < 0.05, FWE cluster corrected. Cluster extent threshold for each map is given by value of k.

Supplementary Table 1. fMRI activations for main effects of task conditions shown in Figure 3

Region (AAL2)	MNI Coordinates			Number of voxels	Peak *t*-value
	x	y	z		
Recipe > Independent, correct (k = 148)					
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial orbital	-10	44	-12	240	4.31
Positive > Negative Value, correct (k = 157)					
Right anterior cingulate	12	40	8	4134	7.60
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-10	54	14		7.54
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial orbital	4	34	-14		5.84
Right posterior orbital gyrus	24	26	-14	282	5.78
Right caudate nucleus	6	12	-4	172	4.66
Presentation 1 > 2 > 3 (k = 173)					
Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercularis	-42	4	28	8816	12.39
Left supplementary motor area	-6	22	46		11.67
Left inferior frontal gyrus, triangularis	-46	24	16		11.30
Left inferior temporal gyrus	-48	-52	-16	4672	11.83
Left fusiform gyrus	-22	-86	-12		8.76
Left fusiform gyrus	-36	-70	-12		8.59
Right fusiform gyrus	36	-58	-12	3287	10.21
Right inferior occipital gyrus	34	-88	-6		8.51
Right fusiform gyrus	36	-28	-28		6.24
Right middle frontal gyrus	50	32	22	578	8.27
Left middle occipital gyrus	-24	-68	36		7.59
Left superior parietal gyrus	-30	-62	66		4.14
Right inferior frontal gyrus, orbital	32	30	-10	621	6.91
Left thalamus	-8	-8	4	370	5.36
Correct > error (k = 210)					
Right pallidum	26	-6	-6	4394	8.87
Right superior temporal gyrus	56	-26	4	4394	6.39
Right middle temporal gyrus	62	-2	-18	4394	6.13
Right paracentral lobule	10	-26	68	1065	5.29
Left precentral lobule	-22	-22	60	1065	4.61
Left middle temporal gyrus	-46	2	-28	6667	8.37
Left hippocampus	-24	-10	-22	6667	7.70
Left putamen	-30	-2	2	6667	7.68

Right superior occipital gyrus	24	-90	30	1195	7.21
Left cuneus	-8	-94	22	1195	5.31
Left anterior cingulate	-2	28	-8	241	4.54
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial	6	50	0	241	3.79

313   All reported clusters were significant at the *P* < 0.05, FWE-corrected threshold at the
314   cluster level after peak thresholding at *P* < 0.001. The critical cluster extent threshold for
315   each contrast is given by the value of k.
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Supplementary Table 2. fMRI activations from participant behavior-based GLM, from Figure 7 and supplementary figure 4

Region (AAL2)	MNI Coordinates			Number of voxels	Peak t-value
	x	y	z		
Participant-P(yes) (k = 167)					
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial	8	54	8	2076	5.77
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial	6	64	26		4.93
Left anterior cingulate	-10	36	-4		4.78
Confidence (k = 185)					
Left cuneus	-2	-90	28	3194	8.04
Right cuneus	18	-74	24		4.34
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial orbital	-6	42	-8	3870	7.13
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial	8	60	6		6.25
Right superior temporal gyrus	60	-36	8	5251	6.79
Right superior temporal gyrus	62	2	-12		6.00
Right Rolandic operculum	50	-20	22		5.90
Left superior temporal gyrus	-68	-28	10	3864	6.67
Left temporal pole, middle temporal gyrus	-48	16	-34		5.80
Left middle temporal gyrus	-56	-10	-18		5.78
Left precuneus	-2	-44	38	2929	6.33
Left supplementary motor area	-4	-18	62		5.88
Right precentral gyrus	16	-28	68		5.76
Right lingual gyrus	14	-70	-4	435	5.74
Surprise (k = 169)					
Left middle frontal gyrus	-34	56	12	8393	10.69
Left supplementary motor area	-2	20	52		8.22
Left caudate nucleus	-14	10	8		8.17
Right middle frontal gyrus	48	32	30	4875	10.14
Right superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	30	62	-4		9.93
Right middle frontal gyrus	44	12	48		7.44
Right cerebellum crus I	16	-82	-28	3798	9.65
Left cerebellum crus I	-32	-60	-34		9.20
Left cerebellum crus I	-10	-80	-26		7.90
Right putamen	30	12	-6	1692	6.98
Right pallidum	26	-8	-4		5.20
Right angular gyrus	36	-60	48	2064	8.15
Right inferior parietal gyrus	52	-42	54		6.42
Left inferior parietal gyrus	-34	-52	44	2267	7.18

Left superior parietal gyrus	-22	-72	54		5.40
Left supramarginal gyrus	-56	-54	28		4.95
Right middle temporal gyrus	62	-32	-8	867	6.11
Right inferior temporal gyrus	56	-56	-14		4.27
Right precuneus	8	-60	48	428	5.19

320 All reported clusters were significant at the *P* < 0.05, FWE-corrected threshold at the
321 cluster level after peak thresholding at *P* < 0.001. The critical cluster extent threshold for
322 each contrast is given by the value of k.
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325 **Supplementary Table 3. fMRI activations from model behavior-based GLM, from**
326 **Figure 7 and supplementary figures 4 and 5**

Region (AAL2)	MNI Coordinates			Number of voxels	Peak t-value
	x	y	z		
Model-P(yes) (k = 155)					
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-2	58	14	1739	5.39
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial orbital	8	64	-8		4.80
Model confidence (k = 163)					
Right middle temporal gyrus	46	-38	0	3374	8.71
Right middle temporal gyrus	60	-14	-10		6.06
Right supramarginal gyrus	62	-40	42		5.82
Left cuneus	-4	-92	28	2592	8.18
Left cuneus	-16	-70	22		6.08
Left superior frontal gyrus	-64	-30	18	3107	7.31
Left superior frontal gyrus	-56	4	-14		6.00
Right anterior cingulate	16	48	14	1659	6.28
Right postcentral gyrus	24	-40	64	644	6.35
Right precentral gyrus	18	-18	68		4.45
Right lingual gyrus	14	-66	-6	347	5.95
Right lingual gyrus	16	-46	-6		3.64
Right putamen	28	-2	-4	241	5.17
Confidence residuals (k = 158)					
Left cuneus	-2	-88	26	2558	8.82
Right lingual gyrus	14	-70	-2		6.57
Left anterior cingulate	-6	36	-6	3109	8.32
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-4	62	10		6.57
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-10	48	42		5.87
Right precentral gyrus	14	-28	66	526	6.25
Left paracentral lobule	-14	-30	74		4.36
Left middle temporal gyrus	-64	-6	-18	647	6.13
Left middle temporal gyrus	-64	-26	-8		5.64
Left supramarginal gyrus	-60	-24	14		4.55
Left precuneus	-4	-44	38	252	6.08
Right precuneus	4	-56	24		3.87
Right superior temporal gyrus	54	-32	16	615	5.82
Right middle temporal gyrus	66	-48	12		3.81
Left angular gyrus	-50	-68	30	407	5.56
Right middle temporal gyrus	-34	-58	18		3.53

Right Rolandic operculum	64	0	12	733	4.11
Right precentral gyrus	48	-14	54	173	5.09
Model surprise (k = 152)					
Right middle frontal gyrus	46	30	32	3304	11.06
Right superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	28	56	-10		10.20
Right superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	30	60	12		7.98
Left middle frontal gyrus	-34	56	14	5187	10.06
Left lateral orbital gyrus	-38	48	-14		8.18
Left precentral gyrus	-42	6	48		8.03
Right angular gyrus	36	-62	50	1591	9.01
Right inferior parietal gyrus	50	-44	56		6.70
Right cerebellum crus I	14	-80	-30	3848	8.94
Left cerebellum crus I	-10	-82	-26		8.12
Left putamen	-18	8	10	1556	7.53
Right putamen	24	10	-8		6.11
Left inferior parietal gyrus	-34	-58	50	2809	7.13
Right precuneus	8	-60	46		6.34
Right inferior temporal gyrus	60	-40	-16	413	5.92
Right superior temporal gyrus	52	-26	-4		3.67
Surprise residuals (k = 152)					
Left insula	-38	16	-10	641	7.970
Left inferior frontal gyrus, triangularis	-56	16			5.71
Right insula	38	16	-10	492	7.61
Left cerebellum crus I	-18	-78	-28	715	7.40
Left cerebellum crus I	-34	-58	-32		7.30
Left middle frontal gyrus	-32	54	8	839	7.28
Right angular gyrus	32	-60	40	1304	7.12
Right inferior parietal gyrus	56	-40	50		5.32
Right angular gyrus	54	-58	36		4.48
Right middle cingulate	10	30	32	672	6.86
Left supplementary motor area	-10	22	64		5.44
Right superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	20	52	28	2285	6.73
Right superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	26	58	-10		6.22
Right middle frontal gyrus	50	30	32		6.13
Left inferior parietal gyrus	-42	-54	54	699	6.52
Left middle occipital gyrus	-26	-62	38		4.91
Left angular gyrus	-52	-58	36		4.50
Right middle temporal gyrus	58	-38	-10	205	4.87

327   All reported clusters were significant at the $P < 0.05$, FWE-corrected threshold at the
328   cluster level after peak thresholding at $P < 0.001$. The critical cluster extent threshold for
329   each contrast is given by the value of k.
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334 **Supplementary Table 4. fMRI activations for model-based values GLM, from Figure 9**

Region (AAL2)	MNI Coordinates			Number of voxels	Peak *t*-value
	x	y	z		
Unfamiliarity (k = 164)					
Left fusiform gyrus	-36	-44	-20	5360	11.10
Left inferior occipital gyrus	-28	-84	-10		8.81
Left parahippocampal gyrus	-28	-26	-24		7.25
Right fusiform gyrus	36	-56	-12	4216	11.08
Right lingual gyrus	24	-88	-6		9.38
Right fusiform gyrus	32	-38	-22		7.73
Left inferior frontal gyrus, orbitalis	-40	30	-12	3795	10.97
Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercularis	-40	4	28		9.16
Left inferior frontal gyrus, triangularis	-42	24	14		8.56
Left supplementary motor area	-8	24	48	2195	9.29
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-8	52	44		7.15
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-6	50	24		5.37
Right anterior orbital gyrus	38	40	-18	196	7.37
Left middle occipital gyrus	-24	-66	36	625	6.79
Left gyrus rectus	-4	48	-18	465	6.61
Right gyrus rectus	2	28	-20		3.94
Schema value x participant-P(yes) (k = 175)					
Right Rolandic operculum	52	-24	20	581	6.83
Right supramarginal gyrus	64	-28	38	581	4.27
Right superior temporal gyrus	68	-12	8	581	4.15
Right hippocampus	38	-18	-22	266	6.69
Right inferior temporal gyrus	54	-12	-36	266	3.79
Right inferior frontal gyrus, triangularis	54	34	10	383	6.48
Left paracentral lobule	-16	-12	66	176	6.42
Right middle temporal gyrus	66	-52	-2	616	6.06
Left superior temporal gyrus	-64	-30	20	483	5.88
Left postcentral gyrus	-40	-36	64	593	5.69
Left postcentral gyrus	-20	-36	74	593	5.22
Left paracentral lobule	-6	-18	68	593	3.60
Right gyrus rectus	8	44	-22	330	5.37
Right anterior cingulate	4	38	-2	330	4.42
Left lingual gyrus	-8	-68	-4	196	4.75
Right postcentral gyrus	30	-40	64	282	4.72
Left superior temporal gyrus	-60	2	-12	212	4.42
Right lingual gyrus	8	-60	4	221	4.39
Right calcarine fissure	16	-78	10	221	3.84

Episodic value x participant-P(yes) (k = 194)					
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial	-4	60	12	1439	6.92
Right superior frontal gyrus, medial	14	52	18	1439	5.08
Left gyrus rectus	-8	38	-16	1439	4.88
Left middle occipital gyrus	-34	-86	36	477	4.57
Left superior frontal gyrus	-20	32	36	201	5.01

335   All reported clusters were significant at the *P* < 0.05, FWE-corrected threshold at the
336   cluster level after peak thresholding at *P* < 0.001. The critical cluster extent threshold for
337   each contrast is given by the value of k.
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341 **Supplementary Table 5. Whole brain seed-to-voxel connectivity effects from Figures**
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Region (AAL2)	MNI Coordinates			Number of voxels	Peak *t*-value
	x	y	z		
Recipe Positive > Recipe negative, presentation 1, correct — MTC seed (k = 96)					
Left superior frontal gyrus, medial orbital	-2	46	-12	351	6.42
Left middle temporal gyrus	-52	-68	12	112	5.30
Correct > Error, independent presentations 2 and 3, correct — HPC seed (k = 83)					
Left middle frontal gyrus	-40	52	20	253	6.14
Left superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	-18	54	-4	253	5.66
Right insula	36	18	0	100	5.76
Right superior frontal gyrus, dorsolateral	30	54	14	122	5.76

343 All reported clusters were significant at the *P* < 0.05, FWE-corrected threshold at the
344 cluster level after peak thresholding at *P* < 0.001. The critical cluster extent threshold for
345 each contrast is given by the value of k.
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348 **Supplementary Table 6. Comparison of four parameter models with three parameter**
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Model	Added parameters	Parameter range	Parameter mean (SD)	Mean difference in AIC from base model (SD)	AIC t-test (*P*-value)	Participants with lower AIC (N)
Base model	d (decay)	0-1	0.01 (0.01)			
	β_e (episodic value temperature)	0-80	5.08 (0.23)			
	β_s (schema value temperature)	0-80	2.48 (1.49)			
Log (recipe dimensions)	c (number of eigenvalues to retain – log-transformed)	2-58 (linear space)	2.85 (0.89)	-10.17 (9.65)	0.003	15
Asymmetric schemas	β_{sn} (separate negative schema value temperature)	0-80	1.91 (1.39)	-9.38 (16.32)	0.006	13
Schema similarity weighting	β_r (schema similarity temperature)	-15-15	0.21 (0.46)	-8.89 (15.56)	0.006	10
Unfamiliarity bias	β_m (unfamiliarity bias)	-5-5	0.005 (0.30)	-11.08 (19.93)	0.007	13
Fixed bias	β_0 (intercept term)	-5-5	0.09 (0.22)	-11.16 (20.36)	0.008	13
Schema discounting model	k (exponential discounting factor for schema values)	0-80	4.12 (7.93)	-5.87 (14.57)	0.03	12
Recall model	Pr (fixed probability of recall for cached episodic values)	0-1	0.07 (0.10)	1.17 (1.68)	0.99	3

350 **Supplementary Table 7. Comparison of five parameter models to preferred four**
351 **parameter model**

Model	Added parameters	Parameter range	Parameter mean (SD)	Difference in AIC from best four parameter model (mean (SD))	AIC t-test (P-value)	Participants with lower AIC (N)
Schema similarity weighting*	β_r (schema similarity temperature)	-15-15	0.13 (0.41)	-7.51 (11.04)	0.002	15
Fixed bias*	β_0 (intercept term)	-5-5	0.08 (0.21)	-6.64 (12.29)	0.008	16
Unfamiliarity bias*	β_m (unfamiliarity bias)	-5-5	-0.006 (0.29)	-6.27 (12.19)	0.01	17
Asymmetric schemas	β_{sn} (separate negative schema value temperature)	0-80	1.57 (0.97)	-4.54 (12.27)	0.04	11
Schema discounting model	k (exponential discounting factor for schema values)	0-80	4.25 (9.13)	-1.57 (5.85)	0.5	12

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354 **Supplementary Table 8. Comparison of six parameter models adding to preferred**
355 **five parameter model**
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Model	Added parameters	Parameter range	Parameter mean (SD)	Difference in AIC from best five parameter model (mean (SD))	AIC t-test (P-value)	Participants with lower AIC (N)
Unfamiliarity bias*	β_m (unfamiliarity bias)	-5-5	-0.33 (0.63)	-9.31 (17.48)	0.009	17
Fixed bias	β_0 (intercept term)	-5-5	-0.02 (0.38)	-2.53 (6.31)	0.03	13
Asymmetric schemas	β_{sn} (separate negative schema value temperature)	0-80	1.51 (1.03)	-0.71 (4.16)	0.2	17

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359 **Supplementary Table 9. Comparison of seven parameter model adding to preferred**
360 **six parameter model**
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Model	Added parameters	Parameter range	Parameter mean (SD)	Difference in AIC from best five parameter model (mean (SD))	AIC t-test (P-value)	Participants with lower AIC (N)
Memory bias*	β_m (memory strength bias)	-5-5	0.55 (0.83)	-6.58 (10.28)	0.003	14

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