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## Overlapping memory trace indispensable for linking, but not recalling, individual memories

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## 要旨

Memories are not stored in isolation from other memories but are integrated into associative networks. However, the mechanisms underlying memory association remains elusive. Using two amygdala-dependent behavioral paradigms, conditioned taste aversion (CTA) and auditory-cued fear conditioning (AFC) in mice, we found presenting the conditioned stimulus used for the CTA task triggered the conditioned response of the AFC task after natural co-reactivation of the memories. This was accompanied by an increase in the overlapping neuronal ensemble in the basolateral amygdala. Silencing of the overlapping ensemble suppressed CTA retrieval-induced freezing. However, retrieval of the original CTA or AFC memory was not affected. A small population of co-shared neurons thus mediates the link between memories. They are not necessary for recalling individual memories.

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