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# DÉJÀ-VU

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[ZEIT online](#) has an interesting article about déjà-vu – a rare syndrome. Some psychiatrists believe that déjà-vu episodes are the result of a faulty memory that brings up a similar episode. Others believe that there is nothing at all – just electric loops of a petite mals that can also be triggered by electric stimulation of the *gyrus parahippocampus*. ZEIT online also cites a study of Alan Brown that adds evidence for some kind of [implantable memory](#). I have frequently déjà-vus when reading the scientific literature (sometimes I even believe in groundhog days). One of my teachers in Marburg always said that “study of the scientific literature prevents from new discoveries”. Yea, yea.

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