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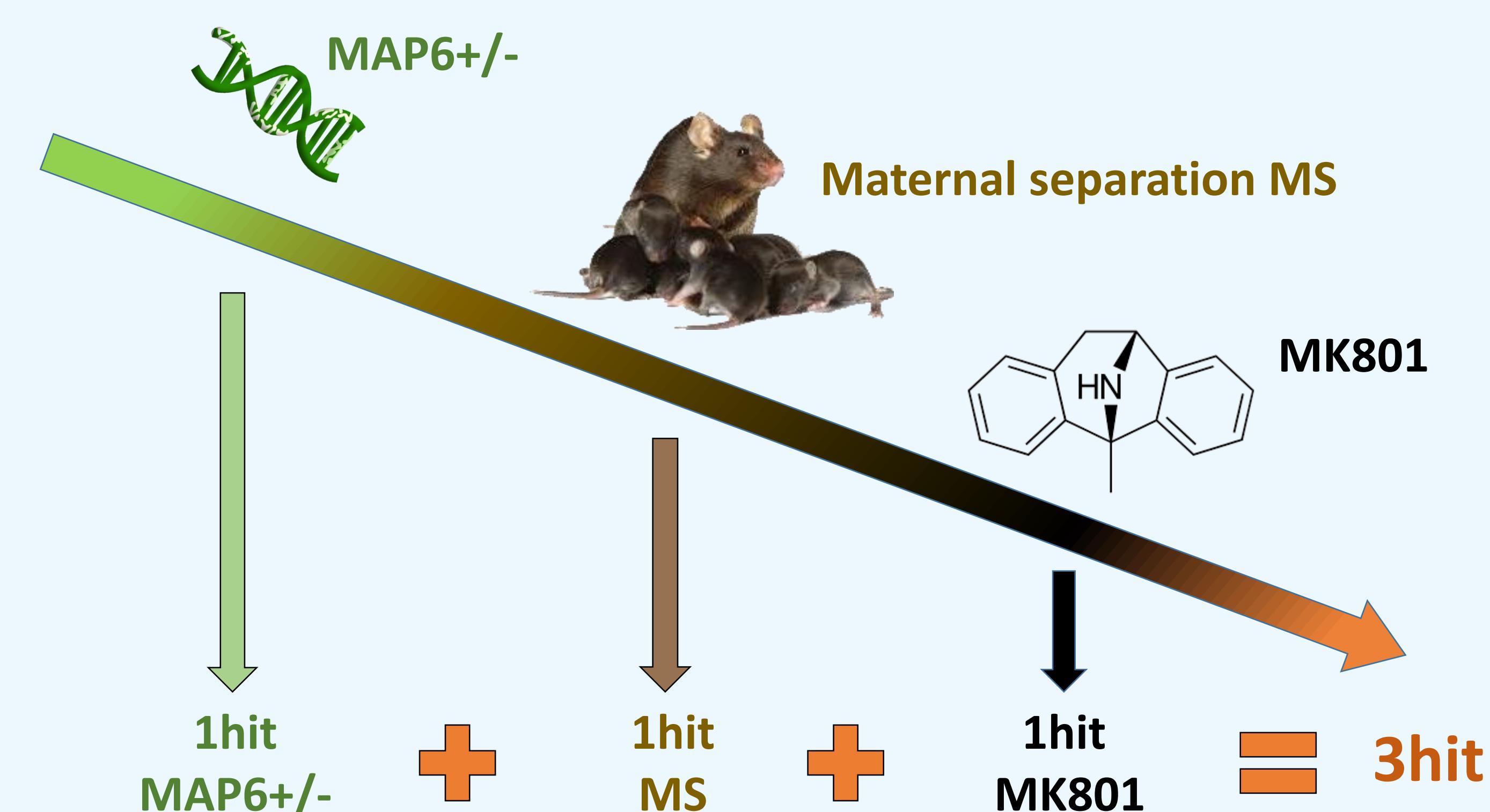
1. Schizophrenia

- Frequent psychiatric disease 1%
- Multifactorial etiology
- Unsatisfactory treatments

Crucial need to refine animal models of schizophrenia

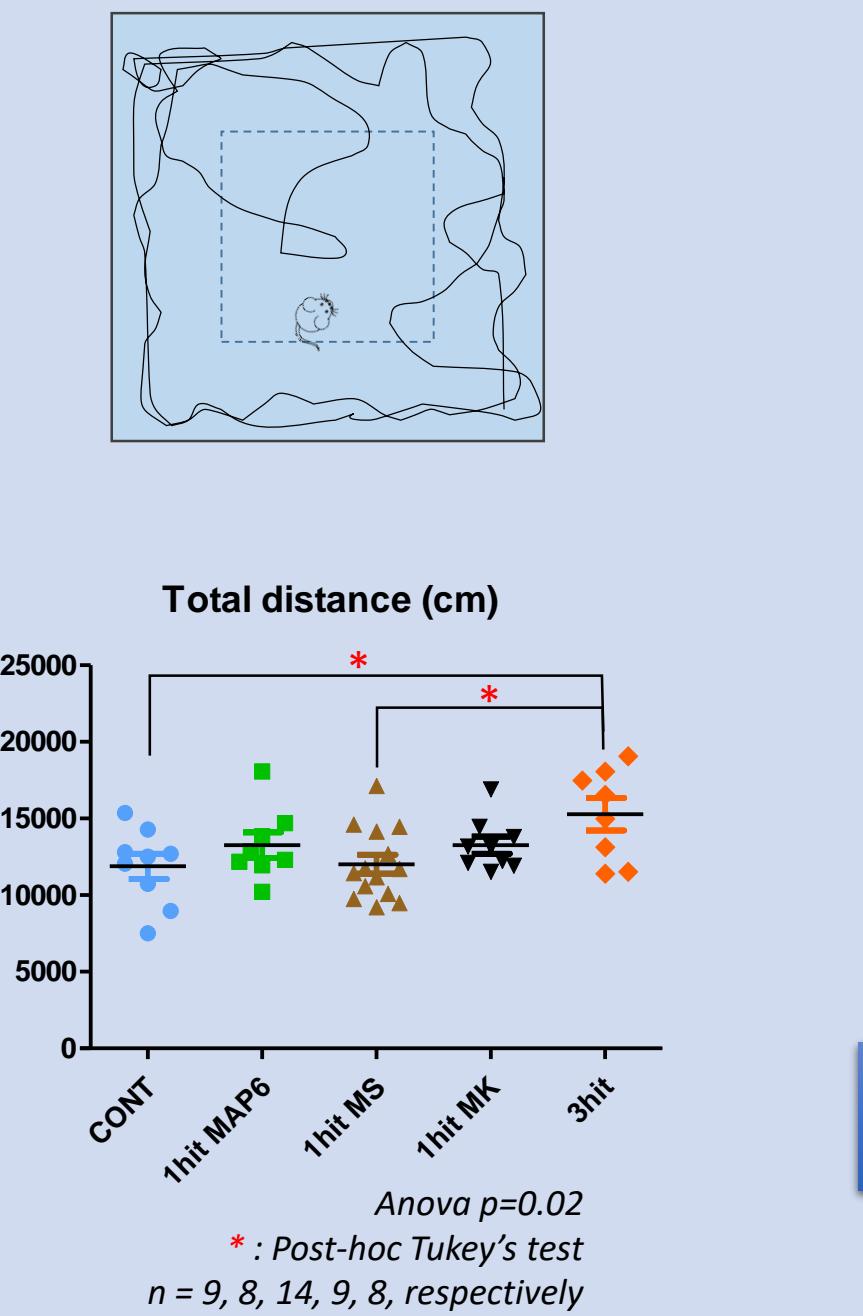
2. Our model

- Partial genetic deletion **MAP6** *Microtubule-Associated Protein 6*
- Maternal Separation
24h in PND9 pups
- Subchronic MK801
0,05 mg/kg, ip, 5 days from PND60

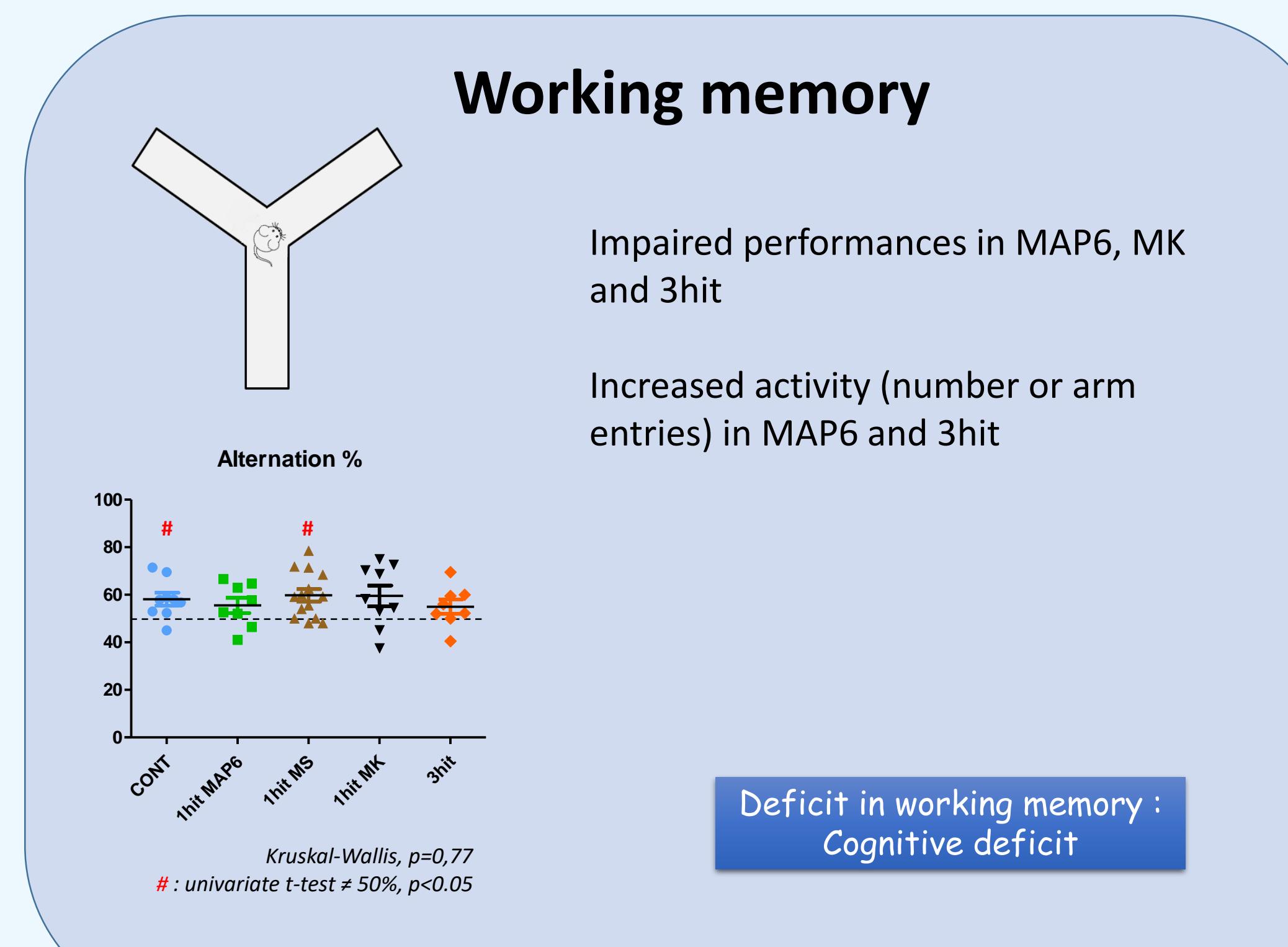


3. Behavior

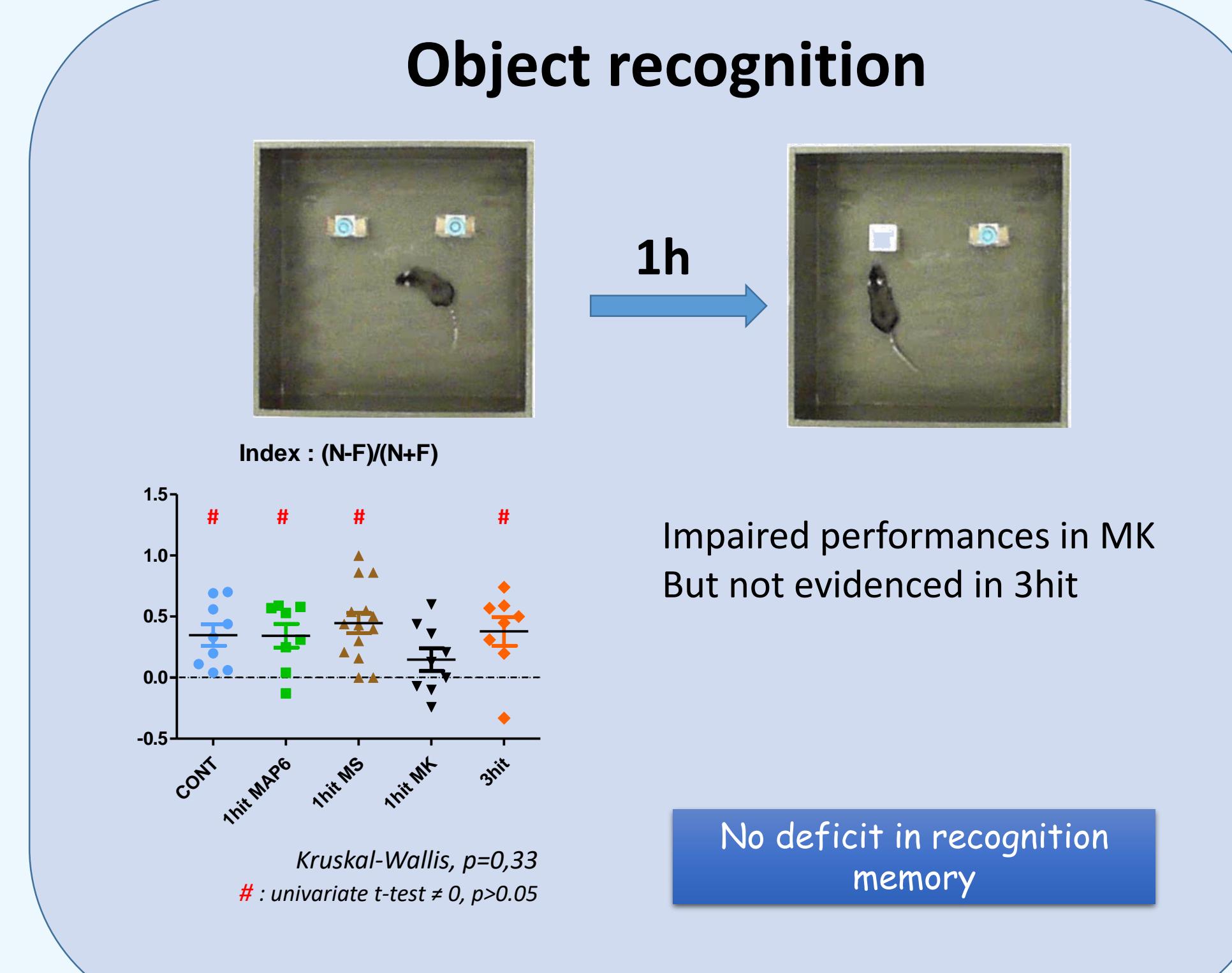
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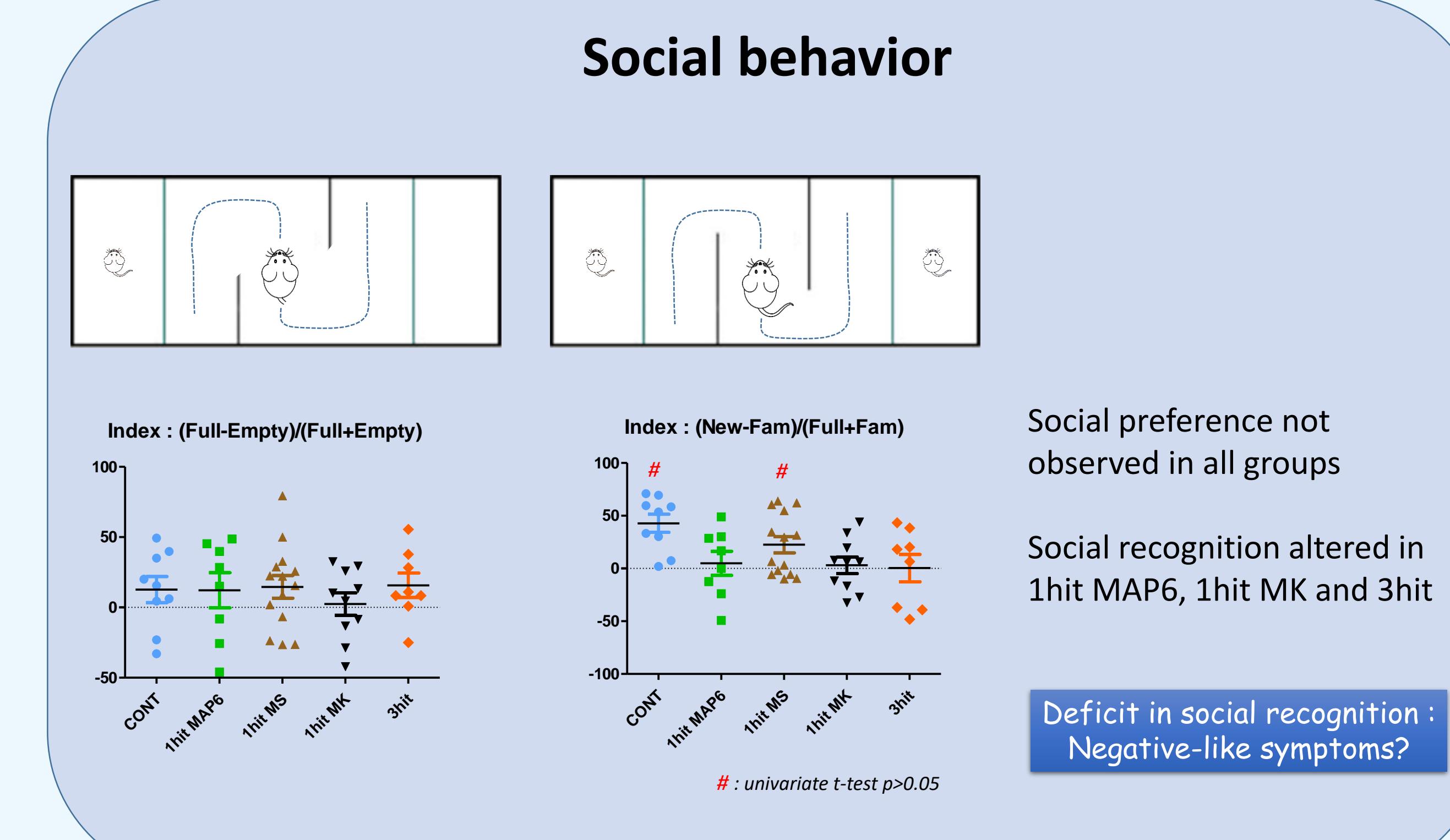
Working memory



Object recognition



Social behavior



3hit model of schizophrenia mimics :
Positive like symptoms (increased spontaneous activity)
Negative like symptoms (decreased social recognition)
Cognitive-like symptoms (decreased working memory performances)

Construct validity ✓
Face validity ✓
Ongoing : parvalbumin+ neurons
To do : predictive validity

