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## 22 **Abstract**

23 Spontaneous locomotion strongly influences the state of the hippocampal network and is  
24 critically important for spatial information coding. However, the intracellular determinants  
25 of CA1 pyramidal cells activation during locomotion are poorly understood. Here we  
26 recorded the membrane potential of CA1 pyramidal cells (PCs) while non-overtrained mice  
27 spontaneously alternated between periods of movement and immobility during a virtual  
28 spatial navigation task. We found opposite membrane polarization between bursting and  
29 regular firing CA1 PCs during movement. Regular firing CA1 PCs were more depolarized and  
30 fired at higher frequency during movement compared to immobility while bursting CA1 PCs,  
31 located deep in the CA1 pyramidal cell layer and preferentially inhibited during sharp wave  
32 ripples, were hyperpolarized during movement in a speed dependent manner. This speed-  
33 dependent suppression of a subpopulation of CA1 PCs could enhance signal to noise ratio for  
34 efficient spatial coding during locomotion.

## 35 **Keywords**

36 Hippocampus; place cells; CA1 pyramidal cells; locomotion; patch-clamp; in vivo

## 37 **Introduction**

38 Spontaneous locomotion strongly modulates sensory perception and learning. In the  
39 neocortex, active exploration notably through locomotion can modify the response of  
40 neurons to sensory stimuli, and associated task performance (Crochet and Petersen, 2006;  
41 Niell and Stryker, 2010; Polack et al., 2013; McGinley et al., 2015; Vinck et al., 2015;  
42 Albergaria et al., 2018). Locomotion also profoundly modify hippocampal network dynamics  
43 and coding (Vanderwolf, 1969). During movement, the hippocampal local field potential  
44 (LFP) is dominated by theta (7-12 Hz) oscillations and activated hippocampal cells show place  
45 specific activity (O'Keefe and Dostrovsky, 1971; McNaughton et al., 1983; Wilson and  
46 McNaughton, 1993; Moser et al., 2017). This state is often referred to as the "online" state  
47 of the hippocampus when coding of spatial, temporal or contextual information occurs.  
48 During immobility, the hippocampal LFP is interrupted by large negative transients, called  
49 sharp waves during which fast oscillations or ripples (O'Keefe and Nadel, 1978; Buzsáki et al.,  
50 1992) organize the firing of hippocampal cells into sequences representing past or future  
51 locations (Buzsaki, 1989; Foster and Wilson, 2006; Gupta et al., 2010; Pfeiffer and Foster,  
52 2013; Buzsáki, 2015).

53 The cellular mechanisms of hippocampal pyramidal cells' activation during  
54 locomotion are poorly understood. Active exploration is often associated with membrane  
55 potential depolarization of pyramidal cells in the somatosensory and visual cortex (Crochet  
56 and Petersen, 2006; Bennett et al., 2013; Arroyo et al., 2018), which could constitute a  
57 permissive state for sparse sensory coding. In the hippocampus, pyramidal cells active during  
58 locomotion (the place cells) show a systematic bump of depolarization in specific places  
59 leading to place-specific firing (the place field) but remains relatively hyperpolarized outside  
60 the place field (Harvey et al., 2009; Epsztein et al., 2011; Bittner et al., 2015; Cohen et al.,

61 2017; Grienberger et al., 2017) while silent cells have a uniform baseline  $V_m$  far away from  
62 threshold in every part of the environment (Epsztein et al., 2011; Bittner et al., 2015).  
63 However, the baseline  $V_m$  values of place and silent cells during locomotion largely overlap,  
64 ruling out a simple depolarized permissive state as the main difference explaining their  
65 activation. Alternatively, it could result from differences in their intrinsic membrane  
66 properties. Place cells in a new environment have a high intrinsic frequency of action  
67 potential firing (burst firing cells) even before the start of exploration while silent cells fire  
68 more regularly (regular firing cells) (Epsztein et al., 2011). Furthermore, depolarizing a silent  
69 cell by a constant current injection during locomotion is sufficient to induce place cell coding  
70 (Lee et al., 2012). Burst and regular firing cells could also correspond to two different cell  
71 types (Kandel and Spencer, 1961; Graves et al., 2012) that are differently engaged during  
72 locomotion. Finally, hippocampal cells silent during locomotion could be selectively  
73 suppressed through dedicated inhibitory sub circuits (Lapray et al., 2012; Arriaga and Han,  
74 2017).

75 To decipher between these scenarios, we combined whole-cell patch-clamp  
76 recordings of hippocampal CA1 pyramidal cells with extracellular field recordings using a  
77 multi-site linear silicon probe while head-fixed mice alternated spontaneously between  
78 periods of locomotion and immobility during a spatial navigation task in a familiar virtual  
79 reality environment. Intracellular recordings allowed us to probe CA1 pyramidal cells'  
80 intrinsic properties through direct current injections and the effect of locomotion on their  $V_m$   
81 dynamics. We describe an opposite membrane potential polarization of bursting and regular  
82 firing CA1 pyramidal cells during locomotion.

83

## 84 **Results**

### 85 **Whole-cell membrane potential recordings during spatial navigation in virtual reality**

86 Whole-cell current-clamp recordings were obtained from CA1 pyramidal cells in the dorsal  
87 hippocampus of head-restrained mice running on a circular treadmill (Fig. S1A) as they  
88 explored a linear virtual maze (Fig. S1B) enriched with different patterns and virtual 3D  
89 objects for water rewards (Fig. S1C). Because mice were not over trained ( $1.15 \pm 0.26$   
90 reward/min;  $n = 17$  recording sessions) they spontaneously alternated periods of immobility  
91 and movement during exploration (ratio time in immobility vs time in movement =  $0.48 \pm$   
92  $0.04$ ;  $n = 17$  recording sessions). This spontaneous behavior allowed us to analyze CA1  
93 pyramidal cells' membrane potential ( $V_m$ ) and firing during immobility and movement  
94 periods. In a subset of recordings LFP activity was recorded simultaneously to assess  $V_m$   
95 behavior during ripples spontaneously occurring during immobility periods.

96

### 97 **Heterogeneous membrane potential dynamics of CA1 PCs during movement**

98 We analyzed data from 17 whole-cell recordings of CA1 pyramidal cells in 14 mice. To assess  
99 CA1 pyramidal cell  $V_m$  modulation during transitions from immobility to movement we  
100 calculated a modulation index (see methods). The vast majority of CA1 pyramidal cells ( $n =$   
101  $16$  out of  $17$ ;  $94\%$ ) were significantly modulated during switches in behavioral states. Among  
102 those cells, a majority ( $n = 10$  out of  $16$ ;  $62.5\%$ ) was negatively modulated meaning that their  
103 membrane potential was significantly more hyperpolarized during movement compared to  
104 immobility (HypM cells). A trace from a representative HypM CA1 pyramidal cell is illustrated  
105 in Fig. 1A. The membrane potential was consistently more hyperpolarized (Fig. 1A, B) and  
106 firing rate lower (Fig. 1A, C) during periods of movement. We note that this  $V_m$  behavior is

107 opposite to what is observed in layer 2/3 cortical pyramidal cells during movement (Polack  
108 et al., 2013). On the other hand,  $V_m$  variance was consistently lower (Fig. 1A, D) during  
109 movement, which is consistent with cortical pyramidal cells. This decrease was more  
110 pronounced for low frequency oscillations (Fig. 1E). To get an idea of the kinetics of these  
111 changes we focused on the times of transitions between immobility and movement periods  
112 and vice versa. The kinetics of  $V_m$  changes (Fig. 1F, middle) mimicked the kinetics of  
113 behavioral changes (Fig. 1F, top), which were faster for immobility to movement transitions.  
114 The effect was consistent from transition to transition in both directions (Fig. 1F, bottom).  
115 The other type of modulated cells ( $n = 6$  out of 16; 37.5%) was positively modulated meaning  
116 that their membrane potential was significantly more depolarized during movement (DepM  
117 cells). A trace from a representative DepM cell is represented in Fig. 2A. For this cell, the  
118 membrane potential was consistently more depolarized during movement versus immobility  
119 periods (Fig. 2A, B) and the firing rate was higher (Fig. 2A, C). Note that in this cell most  
120 action potentials were driven by underlying spikelets (Epsztein et al., 2010; Fig. 2A, inset).  
121 When focusing on the transition periods (Fig. 2F) we also observed a fast depolarization  
122 (hyperpolarization) upon transition to movement (immobility) but with a small time-lag  
123 compared to HypM cells. The transition by transition visualization (Fig. 2F, bottom) also  
124 revealed the consistency of the modulation.

125 On average, HypM CA1 pyramidal cells displayed a  $\sim 2$  mV hyperpolarization during  
126 movement (Mov:  $-60.5 \pm 3.02$  mV; Imm:  $-58.4 \pm 3.13$  mV;  $n = 10$  cells,  $P < 10^{-3}$ , paired  $t$ -test;  
127 Fig. 3A), reduced variability (Mov:  $4.26 \pm 1.01$  mV<sup>2</sup>; Imm:  $6.44 \pm 1.20$  mV<sup>2</sup>;  $n = 10$  cells,  $P =$   
128  $0.015$ , paired  $t$ -test; Fig. 3C) and reduced firing rate (Mov:  $3.06 \pm 1.80$  Hz; Imm:  $6.37 \pm 1.88$   
129 mV;  $n = 8$  cells,  $P = 6 \times 10^{-3}$ , paired  $t$ -test; Fig. 3B). The same conclusions were reached when  
130 analyzing all the transitions for HypM cells independently (Fig. S2;  $V_m$  expressed as Z-score).

131 For immobility to movement transitions (Fig. S2A-C, top), the  $V_m$  was hyperpolarized (Mov: -  
132  $0.5 \pm 0.06$ ; Imm:  $0.17 \pm 0.06$ ;  $n = 127$  transitions,  $P < 10^{-13}$ , paired  $t$ -test), firing rate was  
133 decreased (Mov:  $2.04 \pm 0.53$  Hz; Imm:  $3.35 \pm 0.48$  Hz;  $n = 127$  transitions with firing,  $P < 10^{-6}$ ,  
134 signed rank test) and variance was decreased (Mov:  $2.24 \pm 0.21$   $mV^2$ ; Imm:  $3.87 \pm 0.26$   $mV^2$ ;  
135  $n = 127$  transitions,  $P < 10^{-8}$ , signed rank test).

136 In DepM CA1 pyramidal cells, the depolarization during movement was smaller  $\sim 0.6$   
137 mV (Mov:  $-62.4 \pm 3.57$  mV; Imm:  $-63.0 \pm 3.61$  mV;  $n = 6$  cells,  $P = 0.006$ , paired  $t$ -test; Fig. 3A)  
138 and the  $V_m$  variance was not significantly different (Mov:  $3.35 \pm 0.81$   $mV^2$ ; Imm:  $2.52 \pm 0.71$   
139  $mV^2$ ;  $n = 6$  cells,  $P = 0.17$ , paired  $t$ -test; Fig. 3C). Accordingly, the firing rate was not  
140 significantly modulated for these cells (Mov:  $2.73 \pm 1.49$  Hz; Imm:  $2.04 \pm 1.3$   $mV^2$ ;  $n = 4$  cells,  
141  $P = 0.13$ , paired  $t$ -test; Fig. 3B). When analyzing all transitions from immobility to movement  
142 (Fig. S2A-C, bottom), qualitatively similar results were observed: a small depolarization  
143 (Mov:  $0.12 \pm 0.04$ ; Imm:  $-0.26 \pm 0.04$  mV;  $n = 180$  transitions,  $P < 10^{-12}$ , paired  $t$ -test)  
144 without significant change in the variance (Mov:  $2.01 \pm 0.13$   $mV^2$ ; Imm:  $2.04 \pm 0.12$   $mV^2$ ;  $n =$   
145  $180$  transitions,  $P < 10^{-12}$ , signed rank test) yielding a small but significant increase in firing  
146 rate (Mov:  $1.98 \pm 0.28$  Hz; Imm:  $1.38 \pm 0.18$  Hz;  $n = 180$  transitions,  $P = 10^{-4}$ , signed rank  
147 test).

148 We note that HypM cells were on average more depolarized than DepM cells during  
149 immobility (HypM:  $-58.4 \pm 3.13$  mV,  $n = 10$  cells; DepM:  $-63.0 \pm 3.61$  mV,  $n = 6$  cells;  $P =$   
150  $0.37$ , unpaired  $t$ -test). To determine if this difference could account for the opposite  
151 modulation between HypM and DepM cells by locomotion we excluded all HypM cells more  
152 depolarized than  $-55$  mV during immobility. This strongly reduced the difference in baseline  
153  $V_m$  between HypM and DepM cells (HypM:  $-64.6 \pm 2.76$  mV,  $n = 6$  cells; DepM:  $-63 \pm 3.61$  mV,

154 n = 6 cells;  $P = 0.73$ , unpaired  $t$ -test). However, HypM cells were still on average  
155 hyperpolarized by  $\sim 1.7$  mV during movement (Mov:  $-66.3 \pm 2.76$  mV; Imm:  $-64.6 \pm 2.76$  mV;  
156 n = 6 cells,  $P = 0.038$ , paired  $t$ -test). Thus, although we cannot exclude a contribution of  
157 baseline  $V_m$  differences between HypM and DepM cells in the effect we observed, the effect  
158 can still be observed when this difference is strongly reduced. The difference between HypM  
159 and DepM cells was also not related to changes in animal performance in terms of number  
160 of reward per minute (HypM:  $1.08 \pm 0.44$ , n = 10 recording sessions; DepM:  $1.2 \pm 0.23$ , n = 6  
161 recording sessions;  $P = 0.18$ , rank sum test; Fig. S3) or ratio of time spent in movement and  
162 immobility (HypM:  $0.44 \pm 0.06$ , n = 10 recording sessions; DepM:  $0.55 \pm 0.04$ , n = 6 recording  
163 sessions;  $P = 0.25$ , rank sum test; Fig. S2).

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### 165 **Heterogeneous speed dependent modulation of membrane potential dynamics in CA1 PCs**

166 Previous extracellular recordings report a speed dependent modulation of CA1 pyramidal  
167 cells firing rate during locomotion (McNaughton et al., 1983; Czurkó et al., 1999). We  
168 wondered whether similar speed dependent modulation could be observed at the  
169 subthreshold level. For each HypM and DepM cells we calculated the correlation between  
170 the Z-scored  $V_m$  and speed binned at  $0.05 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . A majority of HypM (n = 8 out of 10)  
171 showed significant and negative correlations between speed and  $V_m$ . Two example cells are  
172 shown in Fig. 4A (top) for recordings performed in a slow (maximal running speed  $\sim 6 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ )  
173 and a fast (maximal running speed  $\sim 15 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ) animal. In both cases the faster the animal  
174 ran the more the cell got hyperpolarized. As a population, HypM cells were significantly and  
175 negatively modulated by speed ( $r: -0.46 \pm 0.09$ ; n = 10,  $P < 0.001$ , one sample  $t$ -test; Fig. 4B).  
176 Only half of DepM cells showed significant and positive correlation between speed and  $V_m$ .

177 Two example cells are shown in Fig. 4 A (bottom) for recordings performed in a slow  
178 (maximal running speed  $\sim 8 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ) and a fast (maximal running speed  $\sim 15 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ) animal. As  
179 a population, DepM cells showed no significant correlation between  $V_m$  and speed ( $r: 0.27 \pm$   
180  $0.14; n = 6, P = 0.1$ , one sample  $t$ -test).

181

## 182 **Opposite membrane potential modulation of bursting and regular firing CA1 PCs during** 183 **movement**

184 Our initial analysis revealed that CA1 pyramidal cells can be divided into two subgroups  
185 based on their membrane potential and firing rate modulations during locomotion. A first  
186 group (HypM cells) showed a large and speed dependent hyperpolarization together with  
187 reduced variance and firing rate during locomotion while a second group showed more  
188 moderate depolarization without significant change in variance and a smaller increase in  
189 firing rate. Previous *in vivo* whole-cell recordings in freely moving rats exploring a new  
190 environment have revealed differences in CA1 pyramidal cell activation during locomotion  
191 between bursting and regular firing cells (Epsztein et al., 2011). We next thought to  
192 determine if different intrinsic properties could also exist between HypM and DepM CA1  
193 pyramidal cells in head-fixed mice exploring a familiar environment. We thus analyzed the  
194 response of HypM and DepM cells to depolarizing pulses of current injected *via* the patch  
195 pipette before exploration of the virtual environment. As in anesthetized rats, distinct  
196 bursting and regular firing behaviors could be observed among CA1 pyramidal cells recorded  
197 in awake mice (Fig. 5A). Unexpectedly, HypM cells exhibited far more bursting than DepM  
198 cells (fraction of APs in burst or bursting index, HypM:  $0.79 \pm 0.08$ ,  $n = 10$ ; DepM:  $0.21 \pm$   
199  $0.11$ ,  $n = 6, P < 10^{-3}$ , unpaired  $t$ -test; Fig. 5B). Over all recorded cells there was a significant



200 correlation between bursting and modulation indexes ( $r = -0.66$ ;  $P = 0.003$ ; Fig. 5C). Other  
201 pre-exploration intrinsic parameters were not significantly different between HypM and  
202 DepM cells. This was the case for pre-exploration baseline membrane potential (HypM:  $-65.1$   
203  $\pm 2.15$ ,  $n = 10$ ; DepM:  $-68.5 \pm 3.47$ ;  $n = 6$ ,  $P = 0.39$ , unpaired  $t$ -test; Fig. 5D), the firing  
204 threshold (HypM:  $-52.0 \pm 2.02$ ,  $n = 10$ ; DepM:  $-51.8 \pm 3.42$ ,  $n = 6$ ;  $P = 0.36$ , unpaired  $t$ -test;  
205 Fig. 5E), the difference between firing threshold and baseline  $V_m$  (HypM:  $13.1 \pm 1.32$ ,  $n = 10$ ;  
206 DepM:  $16.75 \pm 4.39$ ,  $n = 6$ ;  $P = 0.36$ , ranksum  $t$ -test; Fig. 5F), the input resistance (HypM:  
207  $44.9 \pm 5.06$ ,  $n = 10$ ; DepM:  $43.3 \pm 3.39$ ,  $n = 6$ ;  $P = 0.83$ , unpaired  $t$ -test; Fig. 5G) and the  
208 rheobase (HypM:  $116 \pm 87$ ,  $n = 10$ ; DepM:  $294 \pm 107$ ,  $n = 6$ ;  $P = 0.24$ , unpaired  $t$ -test; Fig.  
209 5H).

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### 211 **Heterogeneous membrane potential modulation of CA1 PCs during sharp-wave ripples**

212 Sharp waves ripple (SWRs) are transient events recorded in the local field potential of CA1  
213 during periods of immobility, slow wave sleep and anesthesia (Girardeau and Zugaro, 2011;  
214 English et al., 2014; Buzsáki, 2015; Roumis and Frank, 2015; Valero et al., 2015; Colgin, 2016;  
215 Hulse et al., 2016; Gan et al., 2017). They result from the dendritic excitation of CA1  
216 pyramidal cells dendrites by the synchronous discharge of upstream CA3 pyramidal neurons.  
217 Recently, different anatomically defined CA1 pyramidal cells were shown to be differently  
218 modulated during SWRs (Valero et al., 2015) with CA1 pyramidal cells located deep in the  
219 pyramidal cell layer (close to stratum oriens) preferentially hyperpolarized and cells located  
220 more superficially in the pyramidal cell layer (closer to stratum radiatum) preferentially  
221 depolarized. To see if similar differential modulation could be observed between HypM and  
222 DepM CA1 pyramidal cells, we analyzed intracellular  $V_m$  modulations during ripples recorded

223 in the LFP using a linear silicon probe. A majority of HypM cells ( $n = 5/8$ ; 62.5%) were  
224 preferentially hyperpolarized during ripples with other HypM cells not significantly  
225 modulated while DepM cells showed a mixed behavior. Overall, HypM and Dep M cells were  
226 differently modulated during ripples (HypM:  $-2.35 \pm 0.88$ ,  $n = 8$ ; DepM:  $0.45 \pm 0.84$  mV,  $n = 6$ ;  
227  $P = 0.046$ , unpaired  $t$ -test; Fig. 6A-C). This difference could not be explained by differences in  
228 pre-ripple baseline  $V_m$  (HypM:  $-59.1 \pm 3.36$  mV,  $n = 8$ ; DepM:  $-62.5 \pm 3.78$  mV,  $n = 6$ ;  $P = 0.52$ ,  
229 unpaired  $t$ -test; Fig. 6D). To see if the preferential hyperpolarization of HypM cells could be  
230 correlated to the position of their cell body in the CA1 pyramidal cell layer we used post-hoc  
231 revelation of biocytin filled neurons. A staining against calbindin was used to mark more  
232 superficially located CA1 pyramidal cells and determine the border between stratum  
233 pyramidale and stratum radiatum (Valero et al., 2015). The cell bodies of the 6 HypM CA1  
234 pyramidal cells successfully labeled were all 20  $\mu\text{m}$  deeper than the border (mean:  $39.2 \pm$   
235  $6.26$   $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 6$ ; range: 23.7 – 68.2  $\mu\text{m}$ ) indicating that they were preferentially located deep  
236 within the CA1 pyramidal cell layer (Valero et al., 2015).

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## 239 Discussion

240 Locomotion is a strong modulator of hippocampal network dynamics (Vanderwolf, 1969) and  
241 is important for the sparse coding of spatial information by hippocampal place cells  
242 (Rowland et al., 2011). To get a better understanding of the cellular mechanisms of  
243 hippocampal cells activation (or silence) during locomotion, we recorded the membrane  
244 potential of CA1 pyramidal cells as head-fixed mice spontaneously alternated between  
245 periods of movement and immobility during a spatial navigation task in a virtual reality  
246 environment. The  $V_m$  of most CA1 pyramidal was modulated during transitions from  
247 immobility to movement and vice versa. The majority ( $\sim 2/3$ ) of CA1 pyramidal cells were  
248 hyperpolarized during movement while the remaining cells were depolarized.  
249 Hyperpolarization of CA1 pyramidal cells during movement was of high magnitude ( $\sim 2$  mV)  
250 and associated with reduced  $V_m$  variance and lower firing rates. However, depolarization of  
251 CA1 pyramidal cells during movement was more moderate ( $\sim 0.6$  mV), not associated with  
252 reduced  $V_m$  variance and only slightly higher baseline firing rates. The proportion of  
253 hyperpolarized cells during movement ( $2/3$ ) in our recordings fits well with the proportion of  
254 silent cells in a given environment estimated by extracellular as well as intracellular  
255 recordings (Thompson and Best, 1989; Wilson and McNaughton, 1993; Epsztein et al., 2011).  
256 Thus, a straightforward interpretation of our results is that locomotion-dependent  
257 hyperpolarization of a majority of CA1 pyramidal cells in a given environment allows them to  
258 stay silent in that environment. In line with this, a recent report highlighted the important  
259 role of baseline  $V_m$  in controlling place cells activation in a given environment (Lee et al.,  
260 2012). In this report a slight depolarization (by a few millivolts) of the baseline  $V_m$  of silent  
261 pyramidal cells was sufficient to induce a spatially modulated bump of depolarization in  
262 these cells and convert them to place cell coding. This suggests that intrinsic properties, and

263 notably voltage-gated conductance activated below the firing threshold such as  $I_{NaP}$  (Hsu et  
264 al., 2018) can rapidly convert a silent cell into a place cell. In this framework, most CA1  
265 pyramidal receive spatially modulated inputs but intrinsic conductances, probably in  
266 conjunction with specific synaptic inhibition, can gate those inputs in the majority of CA1  
267 pyramidal cells such that only a minority of them (the place cells) can respond to these  
268 inputs with spatially modulated firing. In this context, the locomotion-dependent  
269 hyperpolarization of the baseline  $V_m$  of a majority of CA1 pyramidal cells that we describe  
270 could constitute an efficient way to prevent incidental depolarization (and associated place  
271 coding) of silent pyramidal cells, thus preserving the sparse coding scheme of the  
272 hippocampus. On the other hand, the depolarization of a minority of CA1 pyramidal cells  
273 could represent a permissive state for position coding. Alternatively cells hyperpolarized  
274 during movement could represent a recently described population of cells that specifically  
275 code position during immobility (Kay et al., 2016). We think however that this possibility is  
276 unlikely given that immobility place cells represented a small minority of all CA1 pyramidal  
277 cells while HypM cells represented the majority of recorded cells in our study. Unfortunately  
278 the behavior of the mice and short duration of the recordings prevented the analysis of the  
279 spatial modulation of HypM cells' firing. Finally, HypM cells could correspond to transitions  
280 from an internal state dominated by large irregular activities (LIA) when CA1 pyramidal cells'  
281  $V_m$  is on average more depolarized to theta state when CA1 pyramidal cells'  $V_m$  is on average  
282 more hyperpolarized (Hulse et al., 2017). However, in this report the authors found no clear  
283 changes in  $V_m$  or its variability across transitions to theta state and theta periods tended to  
284 occur away from identified periods of LIA making this explanation also unlikely. The  
285 difference with our results where clear modulation in  $V_m$  and its variability (at least for HypM  
286 cells) were observed around transitions to movement (an most probably to a theta state)

287 could lie in the fact that our animals were actively engaged in a spatial navigation task unlike  
288 animals in the previous report (see for instance the difference in running speed values).

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## 290 **Cellular mechanisms of locomotion-dependent bimodal modulation of CA1 pyramidal cells**

### 291 **$V_m$**

292 The bimodal modulation of CA1 pyramidal cells  $V_m$  during locomotion could result from  
293 locomotion dependent modulation of the excitatory/inhibitory synaptic balance. This  
294 balance is however difficult to predict from the existing literature. The overall activity of CA1  
295 pyramidal cells in the hippocampus is reduced during movement compared to periods of  
296 quiet wakefulness or during sleep (Kay and Frank, 2017). However, the firing rate of cells  
297 active during locomotion is positively modulated by speed (McNaughton et al., 1983; Czurkó  
298 et al., 1999). The source of this modulation could be extra-hippocampal. The activity of  
299 glutamatergic cells in the medial septum is positively modulated by speed (Fuhrmann et al.,  
300 2015). These cells mostly contact interneurons so they could influence pyramidal cells'  $V_m$   
301 through feedforward disinhibition. Recent experimental work using juxtacellular recordings  
302 followed by post-hoc identification in freely moving rat have observed that PV basket cells  
303 but not Ivy cells fire more during movement compared to immobility (Lapray et al., 2012).  
304 More recent work using two photon imaging reported that most PV-positive and SOM-  
305 positive interneurons' activity is positively modulated by speed (Arriaga and Han, 2017). This  
306 is consistent with the speed-dependent hyperpolarization of the majority of recorded CA1  
307 pyramidal cells. However, a small population of interneurons showed an opposite behavior  
308 (i.e. their activity was negatively correlated with speed) and could account for the speed  
309 dependent depolarization of a minority of recorded CA1 pyramidal neurons in our study.

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311 **Opposite modulation of bursting and regular firing cells during locomotion and functional**  
312 **implications for hippocampal spatial coding**

313 Intracellular recordings *in vitro* (Graves et al., 2012) and *in vivo* (Kandel and Spencer, 1961;  
314 Epsztein et al., 2011) have revealed that CA1 pyramidal cells can respond to intracellularly  
315 injected steps of current with two different firing behaviors: firing groups of action  
316 potentials with short interspike intervals, also referred to as burst firing cells or action  
317 potentials with larger inter-spike intervals also referred to as regular firing cells. *In vitro*, the  
318 distribution of burst firing and regular firing CA1 pyramidal cells have been shown to vary  
319 along the proximo-distal axis (Jarsky et al., 2008) and to correspond to two different classes  
320 of neurons (Graves et al., 2012). Importantly, bursting and regular firing neurons appears to  
321 be functionally different (Epsztein et al., 2011; Cembrowski et al., 2018). In freely moving  
322 rats, burst firing cells are more readily recruited for spatial coding than regular firing cells  
323 when animals explore a new environment (Epsztein et al., 2011). However, the intracellular  
324 determinants of place cells coding vary between familiar and new environment with a likely  
325 switch from intrinsic to synaptic determinants (Cohen et al., 2017). We observed a  
326 preferential locomotion dependent hyperpolarization of bursting CA1 pyramidal cells during  
327 locomotion when mice explored a familiar environment while regular firing cells were  
328 depolarized. Interestingly, the bursting index, which reflects the propensity of spikes to be  
329 fired as bursts in a given cell, correlated with the strength and sign of the modulation. If  
330 bursting cells are preferentially recruited to be active and code for position as rats moves  
331 around in a new environment, locomotion-dependent hyperpolarization could counter  
332 select them to code in a familiar environment. Future work should examine the spatial  
333 coding of burst and regular firing cells in a familiar environment as well as the locomotion-  
334 dependent modulation of their  $V_m$  in a new environment.

335 Extracellular recordings have also revealed a differential distribution of bursting and  
336 regular firing cells along the deep-superficial axis in CA1, with deep cells located close to  
337 *stratum oriens* preferentially firing in bursts and superficial cells located close to *stratum*  
338 *radiatum* preferentially firing regularly (Mizuseki et al., 2011). While the link between  
339 intrinsic (as determined by intracellular step current injections) and functional (as  
340 determined by extracellular recordings of spontaneous firing) bursting properties are  
341 currently unknown, it is tempting to speculate that some correspondence exists between  
342 these cell classes. Recently, deep CA1 pyramidal cells were shown to be preferentially  
343 inhibited during sharp wave ripples (Valero et al., 2015), a behavior that was also observed  
344 for HypM bursting cells in the present study whose soma were not located superficially  
345 within the CA1 pyramidal cell layer. Interestingly, a recent report have shown that deep and  
346 superficial cells are differently engaged in spatial coding depending on the type of  
347 information available to the animal (Fattahi et al., 2018). Deep cells are recruited to code  
348 positions close to external landmark cues (Geiller et al., 2017) when coding can rely on  
349 allothetic information while superficial cells are recruited to code positions away from  
350 landmarks when coding must rely on idiothetic information (Fattahi et al., 2018). The  
351 opposite membrane potential modulation during locomotion between burst firing and  
352 regular firing cells could also provide a mean to differently recruit deep and superficial cells  
353 for spatial coding depending on external cues available for self-location.

354

## 355 **Material and methods**

### 356 **Animals**

357 All the experiments have been approved by the Institut National de la Santé et de la  
358 Recherche Médicale (INSERM), animal care and use committee and authorized by the  
359 Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche  
360 (agreement n° 02048.02), in agreement with the directives of the European Community  
361 Council (2010/63 / EU). Data were acquired on 13 C57BL6 mice and 1 CD-1 mouse aged from  
362 five to eight weeks weighting between 18 g and 28 g at the first surgery. The mice were  
363 housed 2 or 3 per cages before the first surgery and then individually with 12h inverted  
364 light/dark cycles. Trainings and recordings occurred during the dark phase. Water and food  
365 have been provided *ad libitum* upstream of the surgeries. After recovery from the first  
366 surgery, the mice were restricted to 1 ml/day of water and their weight and health were  
367 monitored daily during the following experiments.

368

### 369 **Surgery**

370 A first surgery is performed to implant a fixation bar used later for the fixation of the head.  
371 The animals were anesthetized with induction of 3% isoflurane followed by an  
372 intraperitoneal injection of Ketamine (100 mg/kg) mixed with Xylazine (10 mg/kg)  
373 supplemented with subcutaneous Buprenorphine injection (0.06 mg/kg). Jeweler's screws  
374 were inserted into the skull above the cerebellum and above the olfactory bulbs to anchor  
375 dental cement. A dental cement cap was then constructed leaving two areas of the skull free  
376 to subsequently perform the craniotomies necessary for registration (in reference to  
377 Bregma: Antero-Posteriority (AP): -2mm, Medio-Laterality (ML): -2.2) for the first target



378 necessary for intracellular recording and AP: -3mm and ML: -3.1 for the second target  
379 necessary for LFP recordings). In 4/14 mice, a LFP electrode (coated tungsten wire) was  
380 placed with an angle of 45° on z axis of an orthogonal reference frame and 45° on x axis until  
381 reaching the CA1 pyramidal layer determined by the presence of sharp wave-ripples. The  
382 electrode was then fixed with dental cement. The cement-free skull was coated with a 2%  
383 agarose layer and sealed with silicon elastomer (Kwik-Cast, World Precision Instruments). A  
384 small titanium bar (0.65 g, 12 x 6 mm) was subsequently inserted into the dental cement cap  
385 above the cerebellum. This bar is continuously present on the animals head and will serve as  
386 a point of attachment to a larger metal plate used only during training and recordings for  
387 fixing the head of the animals on the virtual reality device.

388

### 389 **Virtual reality set up**

390 A commercially available virtual reality system (Phenosys Jetball-TFT) was combined with a  
391 custom designed 3D printed concave plastic wheel (center diameter: 12.5 cm; side diameter:  
392 7.5 cm; width: 14 cm, covered with silicon-based white coating) to allow 1D movement with  
393 a 1/1 coupling between the movements of the mouse on the wheel and the movements of  
394 its avatar in the virtual reality environment. The plastic wheel was preferred to the original  
395 ball which had a more variable coupling due to its lateral rotations. The movement  
396 information is transmitted to the computer which subsequently updates the position of the  
397 avatar in the virtual environment. The wheel was surrounded by six 19-inch TFT monitors  
398 covering a 270-degree angle (Fig.S1A). The monitors were put up so that the level of mouse's  
399 eyes corresponded to the lower third of the height of the screen. This elevation was made to  
400 take into account that the field of view of rodents is generally oriented upwards. A head  
401 fixation system (Luigs and Neumann) was located behind the animal to avoid interfering with

402 the display of the virtual reality environment. The movement of the wheel updated the  
403 position of the mouse. The mouse could only move forward or backward but could not go  
404 back to the middle of the track (see training section).

405

#### 406 **Virtual Environments**

407 The environment used for trainings (10/14 mice, 13/17 cells) and during recording sessions  
408 (14/14 mice, 17/17 cells) was a 200-cm long and 32-cm wide virtual corridor composed of  
409 four successive symmetrical and distinct patterns (respectively black dots on a white  
410 background, black and green squares, black and white strips, green crosses on a black  
411 background) with two target images at the ends (gray circles on a yellow background and  
412 triangles on a yellow background; Fig.S1B,C). Three objects were present in the  
413 environment: a yellow origami crane (dimensions: 9 x 9 x 7 cm: position: 37 cm from the  
414 beginning of the corridor), a gray cube with a blue diamond pattern (dimensions: 5 x 5 x 5  
415 cm, position: 64 cm from the beginning of the corridor) and a tree (dimensions: 15 x 15 x 22  
416 cm, position: 175 cm from the beginning of the corridor), as well as symmetrical columns  
417 present outside the corridor (dimensions: 8 x 8 x 47 cm, positions from the beginning of the  
418 corridor: 58 and 143 cm, patterns: black rhombus on green background, black and white  
419 horizontal stripes). For five recordings, after exploration of this previous maze, mice were  
420 teleported in the same version of that maze except for objects in the environment which  
421 were removed from it. Four mice were trained in a virtual maze which was empty except a  
422 black and grey rhombus floor pattern and with a green circle place at 200 cm on the ground  
423 indicating the reward zone.

424 **Habituation and trainings**

425 The mice were first habituated to the experimenter by at least two daily manipulation  
426 sessions of at least 20 minutes which continued throughout the experiment. After a period  
427 of post-operative recovery of at least 3 days, mice were restricted to water (1 ml/day,  
428 including the amount of water taken during training) and their weight was controlled daily.  
429 Access to *ad libitum* water was restored if the weight of the animals decreased by less than  
430 80% of the pre-operative weight at any stage of training. Then, after 2 or 3 days of water  
431 deprivation, they were gradually trained to run in the virtual reality device. In first place,  
432 mice became familiar with the device by being head fixed on the wheel in a black virtual  
433 environment where it is possible to recover sweet water rewards (5%) of 8  $\mu$ l every 50 cm.  
434 Following at least one training in the black environment, the animals were trained to run in  
435 the virtual environment described in the previous section. When an animal reaches the end  
436 of the labyrinth, a sweet water reward of 5% of 8  $\mu$ l is given *via* an arm that unfolds and a  
437 pump controlled by a tactile licking sensor. Once the reward is taken by the animal, the arm  
438 returns to its original position and the avatar is teleported in the opposite direction until the  
439 next reward at the end of the corridor. Animals were initially trained during 10 minutes daily  
440 sessions in the environment with periods of breaks in a black environment without any task.  
441 During training, the time in the black environment was gradually increased to 60 minutes in  
442 order to better mimic the recording conditions.

443

444 **Recording procedures**

445 When animals reached stable behavioral performances in the training maze (at least 6  
446 training sessions and at least 1 session with 1.2 reward/minute performance), we performed  
447 intracellular recordings of hippocampal pyramidal cells as well as a recording of hippocampal

448 field using either a wire placed during initial surgery or a linear silicon probe (A-32 Buzsaki  
449 Probe, Neuronexus) with 32 recordings channels spaced with 25 or 50  $\mu\text{m}$  placed during  
450 recording day. For 2/17 recorded cells, LFP recordings were too noisy to be analyzed. The  
451 day before the recording, animals were anesthetized (induction: isoflurane 3%, maintenance  
452 with sleep mix: medetomidine (225 mg/kg), midazolam (6 mg/kg), and fentanyl (7.5 mg/kg),  
453 awaken with awake mix: atipamezole (1 mg/kg), flumazenil (600 mg/kg), and naloxone (180  
454 mg/kg)) and craniotomies were performed. Craniotomies were covered with agarose ( $\sim$  3%  
455 in saline) and then sealed with silicon elastomer (Kwik-Cast, World Precision Instruments).  
456 On the day of recording, the back of the silicon probe was covered with a thin layer of a red  
457 fluorescent dye (DiI, Life Technologies) so that the recording location was evaluated post-  
458 hoc histologically. The silicon probe was then descended in the brain with an angle of  $45^\circ$  on  
459 the z axis of an orthogonal reference frame and  $45^\circ$  on the x axis while the animal could  
460 move freely on the wheel with the screens displaying a black environment. The correct  
461 positioning of the probe in the pyramidal cell layer CA1 was verified by the presence of  
462 sharp-wave ripples during the stop of the animal on several channels. From the depth of  
463 CA1, the probe was then lowered with an additional 600-1100  $\mu\text{m}$  depth in order to reach  
464 other structures such as the dentate gyrus and CA3. After positioning the silicon probe, the  
465 intracellular recordings were performed.

466 Patch pipettes were made and visually checked the same morning of recording sessions. The  
467 average resistance of the pipettes was between 5 and 8 MOhm and was filled with an  
468 intracellular solution containing (in mM) K-gluconate: 135, HEPES: 10, Na<sub>2</sub>-phosphocreatine:  
469 10, KCl: 4, MgATP: 4, and Na<sub>3</sub>GTP: 0.3 (pH adjusted to 7.2), plus biocytin (0.05%) to allow the  
470 revelation of the recorded cells. The very first pipette of a recording session was filled with  
471 an extracellular medium (Ringer) and descended above the hippocampus to estimate the

472 depth of the CA1 layer (based on observation in the signal "sharp-wave ripples" during  
473 immobility). Once the CA1 depth was estimated, other pipettes were lowered into a voltage  
474 clamp configuration with a pulse of 10 mV at 20 Hz and a high pressure (> 400 mmPA) to  
475 reach around -100  $\mu$ m ahead the estimated depth of CA1. The pressure of the pipettes was  
476 then decreased to ~30 mmPA to allow clamping of the cells. If a recording pipette was  
477 clogged during the descent, it was replaced. Once the G $\Omega$  seal was obtained, a cell was  
478 opened by a negative pressure deflection to go into full cell configuration and the recording  
479 was set in a current clamp configuration. A discharge pattern was executed (current steps  
480 starting from -400 pA with an increment of 50 pA) upstream of each record in the virtual  
481 environment. Once the discharge pattern was performed, the virtual environment described  
482 previously was displayed and animals went back and forth. For 9/17 recordings,  
483 hyperpolarizing steps of current were injected (-100 pA) every 40 s during exploration. In  
484 case of failure of G $\Omega$ -seal or loss of the cell, the pipette was changed and the procedure was  
485 repeated.

486

#### 487 **Data acquisition**

488 The position of the animal in the virtual environment was digitized by the computer  
489 controlling the virtual reality (Phenosys) and sent to a digital - analogue card (0-4.5V, NI USB-  
490 6008 National Instrument Map) connected to a specialized acquisition card for intracellular  
491 recordings (molecular device, Digidata 1550A) and also connected to an external analog card  
492 (I / O card, Open Ephys) of a 256-channel acquisition card (Open Ephys) specialized in multi-  
493 channel probe recording.

494 The Open Ephys system and linear silicon probe recordings were not available during the  
495 first recordings present in this study so initial recordings (4/14 mice, 6/17 recorded cells)  
496 were carried out on continuous signals acquired on the molecular device card, Digidata  
497 1550A with a frequency of acquisition of 20 kHz. For other recordings (10/14 mice, 11/17  
498 recorded cells), electrophysiological signals were acquired on Open Ephys card at an  
499 acquisition frequency of 25 kHz (Open Ephys, Intan Technologies, RHD2132 amplifier with a  
500 RHD2000 USB card).

501

#### 502 **Histological revelation, labelling and reconstruction:**

503 Biocytin revelation: After patch recording sessions, all animals were perfused with 4% PFA  
504 and brains were collected to put in a 4% PFA solution during 24h - 48h (depending on state  
505 of perfusion), then transferred in a 1X PBS solution before being sliced with 50-100 µm  
506 thickness. All animals received protocol of biocytin revelation. Biocytin was revealed by an  
507 incubation of streptavidin coupled with an Alexa 594 fluorophore (10/14 animals) or coupled  
508 with cyanin 3 (4/10 animals) at 1/1000 concentration in mix of 1X PBS, 0.3% triton and 2%  
509 Normal Goat Serum (NGS) (in order to permeabilize membranes and reduces nonspecific  
510 liaisons) under agitation at 4°C protected from light during 48h-72h. Slices were then  
511 washed during 10 minutes 3 times under agitation protected from light at 4°C with 1X PBS.  
512 Localization of labelled cells was determined with an Olympus SZX 16 stereomicroscope.  
513 Slice within the soma of labeled cell, as well as 2 slices before and 2 slices after, were  
514 identified and received calbindin positive labeling protocol (12/14 animals, 14/17 cells).

515 Calbindin labelling: Interest slices were incubated with a mix of 1X PBS, 0.3% triton and 7%  
516 NGS, during 2h at 4°C protected from light. Then, slices were incubated and agitated during

517 24h at 4°C protected from light with a primary rabbit antibody anti-calbin at 1/1000 in a mix  
518 of 1X PBS, 0.3% triton, 2% NGS added with streptavidin coupled with a fluorophore at  
519 1/1000 (Alexa 594 or cyanine 3) in order to maintain labeling of biocytin. After 3 washes of  
520 10 min in a mix of 1X PBS and triton 0.3%, slices were then incubated and agitated during  
521 24h at 4°C protected from light with a secondary donkey antibody anti-rabbit coupled with  
522 Alexa 488 fluorophore at 1/1000 in mix of 1X PBS, 0.3% triton, 2% NGS added with  
523 streptavidin coupled with a fluorophore at 1/1000 (Alexa 594 or cyanine 3). Finally, slices  
524 were washed during 10min 3 times in a mix of 1X PBS and 0.3% triton with agitation at 4°C  
525 protected from light and then 2 more washes with only 1X PBS in the same condition. Slices  
526 were then mounted between blades and coverslips using Vectashield (containing DAPI) and  
527 then sealed with uncolored nail polish.

528 Microscope & reconstruction: 6 brains were acquired using Leica SP5X streptal microscope in  
529 order to reconstruct labelled cells. Acquisition was made with a resolution of 2048 x 2048  
530 using a x40 lens and done with stacks 0.46 µm of thickness. 2 fully labelled neurons were  
531 reconstructed thanks to Neurolucida® software (Fig. S4). These two neurons were also  
532 acquired with a x10 lens for a wide view and x40 for an isolated view of the neuron using a  
533 Zeiss LSM 800 microscope.

534

### 535 **Data Analysis**

536 Analyzes were performed by custom developed programs written in MATLAB (MathWorks).  
537 17 cells were recorded with duration from 1 to 23 min in the maze (mean: 8 min 25 s ± 1 min  
538 34 s). Animals performed at least one lap in the environment (mean: 6.82 ± 1.3).

539 Intrinsic properties: Intrinsic properties features comes from pattern discharge executed  
540 before exploration of the environment. The resting membrane potential of the cells was  
541 determined as the average of the first 15 milliseconds of the recording. Series and the input  
542 resistances were calculated by fitting a linear curve on all the hyperpolarizing and  
543 depolarizing current steps excluding steps with action potentials. The discharge threshold  
544 has been recovered on the first action potential emitted by the cell in response to a  
545 minimum current. It was defined as the value of the membrane potential where the  
546 derivative of the signal exceeded  $10 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . The spike amplitude was calculated as the  
547 difference between peak of this first action potential and the threshold. The Rheobase was  
548 calculated by fitting a linear regression curve on the firing frequency depending on steps of  
549 current. The value taken was the theoretical minimal injection of current needed to evoke  
550 one spike. Rheobase values were then validated manually if aberrant values were found by  
551 the fit (11/17 values kept). The bursting index was calculated on the first current step with  
552 at least 5 action potentials (AP) and by calculating the ratio of the number of action potential  
553 discharging in bursts (PA with an inter-potential interval less than 10 ms) over the total  
554 number of action potential present during the pulse.

555

556 Subthreshold  $V_m$ : Subthreshold  $V_m$  has been determined using the following steps. First, a  
557 window of stable  $V_m$  were selected on recorded cells. Artifacts (aberrant loss of signal) were  
558 manually selected and removed by linearizing the  $V_m$  between edges (9/17 recordings).  
559 Influence of series resistance on  $V_m$  was automatically corrected following the Ohm law  $U =$   
560  $R_s \cdot I$ , based on series resistance values taken from intrinsic properties. Action potentials from  
561  $V_m$  were detected automatically using a high pass filter (100 Hz) and an adjustable threshold



562 equal to 4 times the  $V_m$  standard deviation (s.d.). Good detection of spikes was then checked  
563 manually. Edges of spikes were defined as 2 ms before and 8 ms after action potential peak.  
564 Complex spikes from  $V_m$  were detected using different filters and thresholds. A vector was  
565 computed in order to detect slow component of a complex spike. This vector corresponds to  
566 a band pass filtered  $V_m$  (0.5-20 Hz), which positive values were squared. The final vector was  
567 z-scored. Putative indexes of complex spike were detected using 2 thresholds. A first  
568 threshold was equal to 10 (value of z-score) and then extended using a lower threshold  
569 equal to 5 when the difference between both threshold indexes did not exceed 30 ms. Short  
570 detected events inferior to 30 ms were then removed. Next, edges of putative events were  
571 asymmetrically extended by 25 ms before and 4 ms after putative complex spikes. Finally, all  
572 putative complex spikes edges were checked and manually corrected if needed. Spikes and  
573 complex spikes were removed by linearizing the  $V_m$  between edges of events. Small  $V_m$  drift  
574 was compensated using a low pass filter (0.1 Hz) in order to realign  $V_m$ . Hyperpolarizing steps  
575 of current were automatically detected on the current trace and removed from the  $V_m$  trace  
576 by linearizing. Current trace was first filtered at 1 Hz, then indexes were found by using a  
577 threshold equal to 5 times the standard deviation of the current trace. Only periods < 200  
578 ms were included. Indexes separated by less than 40 ms were merged. Finally indexes were  
579 extended with 10 ms before and 40 ms after edges of detected periods.

580

581 Locomotion/immobility periods: To detect locomotion and immobility periods, the velocity  
582 vector was calculated on the signal position in the environment (6/17 recordings) or, when  
583 available, directly on the signal of the motion sensor downsampled at 100 Hz and then  
584 smoothed (11/17 recordings). The speed corresponds to the derivative of the smoothed

585 position vector then smoothed again with a half-width Gaussian of 0.5 s. Because the reward  
586 system freezes the virtual environment in the reward zone but did not physically stop the  
587 wheel on which the animal is walking, rewards zone were excluded from the analysis when  
588 the wheel movement signal was not available. Putative periods of locomotion and  
589 immobility were detected by applying a speed threshold of  $0.5 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . Then, periods  
590 separated by less than 0.5 s have been merged. Finally, only periods greater than or equal to  
591 2 s have been preserved, others were unlabeled. Transitions periods were defined as periods  
592 centered on the index for which the animal went from immobility to locomotion or vice  
593 versa. Transitions had a total duration of 4 s (2 s immobility and 2 s locomotion).

594

595 Subthreshold  $V_m$  features during Locomotion/Immobility: Mean subthreshold  $V_m$ ,  
596 subthreshold  $V_m$  variance and mean spontaneous firing rate were calculated for each  
597 locomotion/immobility period. To be able to compare the  $V_m$  of different neurons, the Z-  
598 score was computed on the subthreshold  $V_m$ . Intracellular spectrogram was computed by  
599 using a time-frequency decomposition with complex Morlet wavelets with central  
600 frequencies from 0 to 40 Hz in 0.2 Hz steps on a downsampled signal (250 Hz). Power values  
601 in a given frequency range were normalized by the squared root of the frequency. Then  
602 mean power values were calculated during immobility and locomotion periods. For  
603 scatterplots in Fig.1 and Fig.2, only successive periods of immobility and movement were  
604 considered in order to be able to plot values face to face in scatter plots. For the  
605 supplementary figure 3, scatter plots during transitions periods come from values between -  
606 2 s and -1 s versus values between +1 s and +2 s (0 s being the center of the transition).

607

608 Modulation index computation: Cells were classified as Depolarized (Dep M) or  
609 hyperpolarized (Hyp M) during locomotion depending on a subthreshold  $V_m$  modulation  
610 index. This index was calculated by counting for each period of locomotion occurring before  
611 or after a given period of immobility the percentage of  $V_m$  values higher than the median of  
612 the  $V_m$  during the immobility period. 750 ms before and after each locomotion/immobility  
613 was removed to compute this index. The percentage has been rescaled to get an index from  
614 -1 to 1 used to classify DepM and HypM cells.

615

616 Speed correlation: Z-score Subthreshold  $V_m$  trace was filtered with a lowpass filter at 5Hz,  
617 then downsampled at 100Hz and smoothed with a half-width Gaussian of 1 sec. Next, for  
618 each neuron a correlation coefficient was computed by calculating the correlation  
619 coefficient between averaged Z-score Subth.  $V_m$  values and Speed vector binned in 0.05  
620 cm.s<sup>-1</sup> bins containing at least 4 values. For each neuron a mean coefficient correlation was  
621 also calculated based on the mean of correlation coefficient during each moving periods.

622

623 Ripples detection: Ripples were detected on the CA1 LFP signal when available (15/17  
624 recordings) during immobility. To detect ripples, LFP signal was filtered between 100Hz  
625 and 300Hz, then squared and smoothed with an half Gaussian of 10 ms and finally z-scored.  
626 Putative indexes of ripples were detected using 2 thresholds. A first threshold was equal to 5  
627 times the s.d. of the signal and then extended using a lower threshold equal to 2 times the  
628 signal s.d. when the difference between both threshold indexes did not exceed 18 ms. Then  
629 putative ripples periods were merged if they were separated by an amount of time inferior  
630 to 30 ms. Next, periods of ripples were extended by 5 ms in each direction and then, a time

631 restriction was applied in order to conserve only putative periods of at least 25 ms. Finally,  
632 putative periods of ripples were then checked manually and time of occurrence of ripple was  
633 taken as the index of maximum of signal in the ripple period.

634

635 Ripples modulation features computation: Subthreshold  $V_m$  modulation by ripples was  
636 computed by using a shuffling method repeated 1000 times. At each iteration, a randomized  
637 vector was calculated by shuffling the subthreshold  $V_m$  values within a time window from 2  
638 times the length of the ripple before its start to the end of the ripple. Then the number of  
639 times where subthreshold  $V_m$  was superior or inferior of randomized vector was counted. If  
640 the subthreshold  $V_m$  is superior or inferior to 95% of the 1000 randomized vectors for 10%  
641 of the ripple period duration, then the modulation of the  $V_m$  by the ripple was considered as  
642 significant. Baseline used to calculate  $\Delta V_m$  modulation during ripple was calculated as  
643 the mean of Subthreshold  $V_m$  within a time window from 2 times the length of ripple to its  
644 start.  $\Delta V_m$  was computed as the maximum or minimum significant subthreshold  $V_m$   
645 value minus the Baseline. If two significant  $V_m$  modulations were present in one ripple  
646 period, the first one occurring was taken to calculate the  $\Delta V_m$ .

647

648 Statistical analysis: All statistical analyses were conducted using Matlab codes (MathWorks).  
649 For each distribution, a Lilliefors goodness-of-fit test was used to verify if the data were  
650 normally distributed and a Levene test was used to assess for equal variance. If normality or  
651 equal variance were not verified, we used the Wilcoxon rank sum test otherwise the Student  
652 t-test was used. For paired test, normality was verified by Lilliefors goodness-of-fit test. If

653 normality was not verified, we used the Wilcoxon signed rank test otherwise the Student  
654 paired t-test. In figure or text, all results were given with means  $\pm$  the s.e.m..

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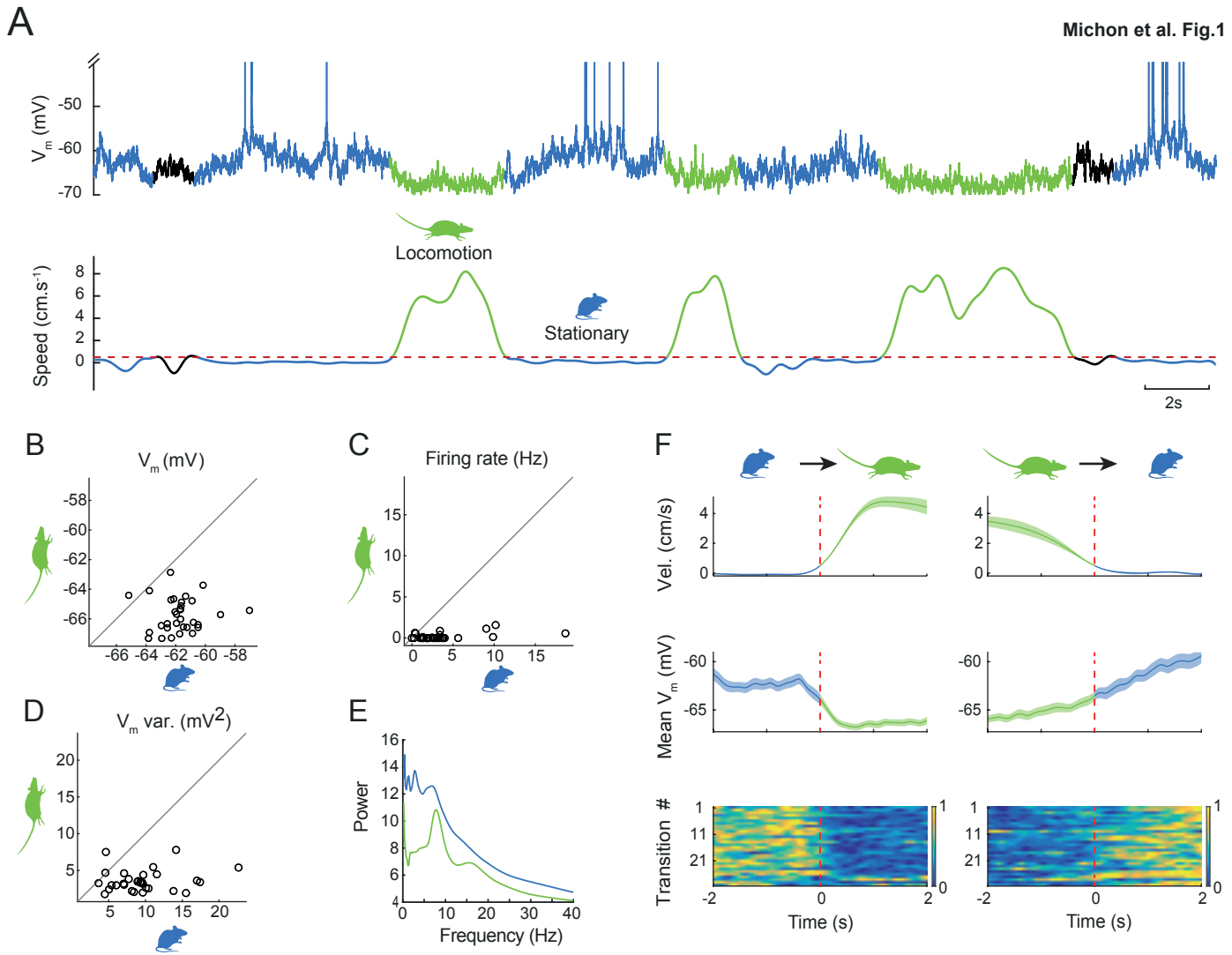
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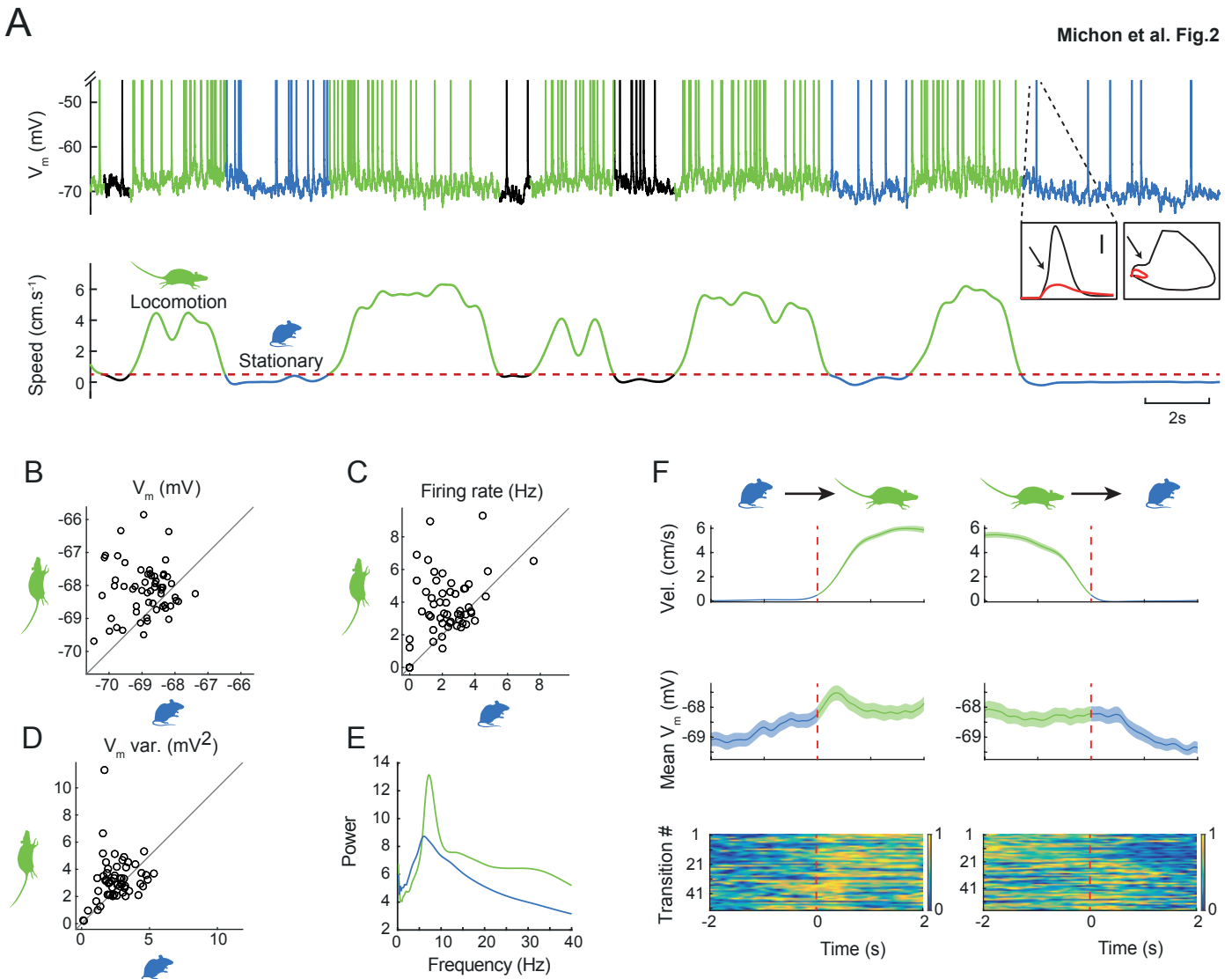


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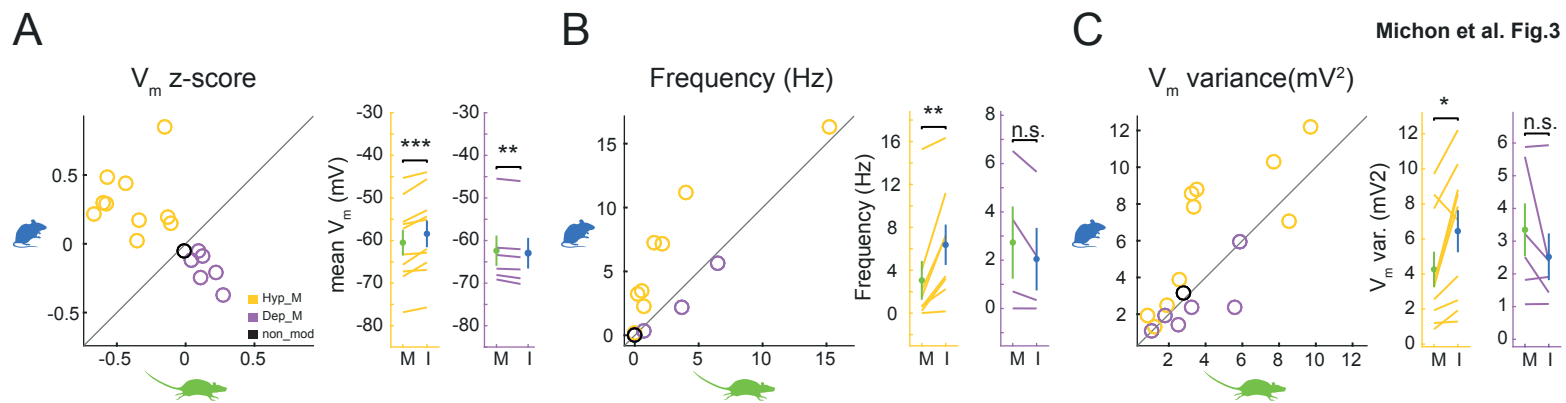
**Fig.1 Hyperpolarized cell during movement:**

**A.** Trace of the  $V_m$  and speed of an animal during movement (green), during immobility (blue) or during an unaffected state (black) in a CA1 pyramidal cell recording. In the  $V_m$  trace, action potentials have been truncated to highlight subthreshold  $V_m$  changes during movement. **B.** Scatterplot of subthreshold  $V_m$  during movement versus immobility periods, each point correspond to mean value of one period **C.** Scatterplot of mean firing frequency during movement versus immobility periods. **D.** Scatterplot of mean subthreshold  $V_m$  variance during movement versus immobility periods. **E.** Intracellular power spectrum during movement (green) and immobility (blue) periods. **F.** top to bottom : mean velocity, mean subthreshold  $V_m$  and normalized subthreshold  $V_m$  of each transition during initiation of movement (left) and for the stop of movement (right)



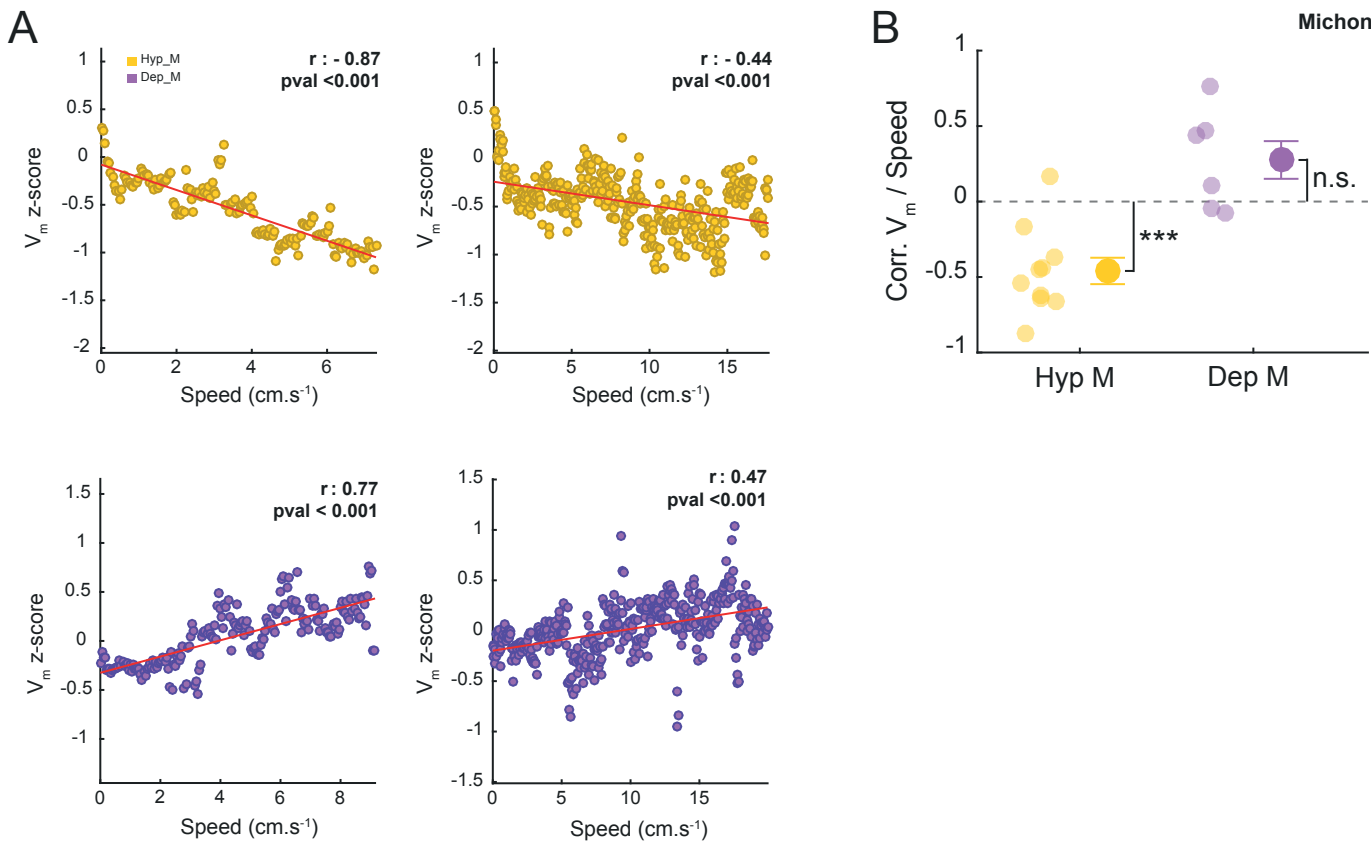
**Fig.2 Depolarized cell during movement:**

**A.** Trace of the  $V_m$  and speed of an animal during movement (green), during immobility (blue) or during an unaffected state (black) in a CA1 pyramidal cell recording. In the  $V_m$  trace, action potentials have been truncated to highlight subthreshold  $V_m$  changes during movement. Magnification: one action potential (black) and a superposed spikelet (red) and associated phase plot, bar = 20mV. In this recording, most of action potentials were generated due to spikelets. **B.** Scatterplot of subthreshold  $V_m$  during movement versus immobility periods, each point correspond to mean value of one period **C.** Scatterplot of mean firing frequency during movement versus immobility periods. **D.** Scatterplot of mean subthreshold  $V_m$  variance during movement versus immobility periods. **E.** Intracellular power spectrum during movement (green) and immobility (blue) periods. **F.** top to bottom : mean velocity, mean subthreshold  $V_m$  and normalized subthreshold  $V_m$  of each transition during initiation of movement (left) and for the stop of movement (right)



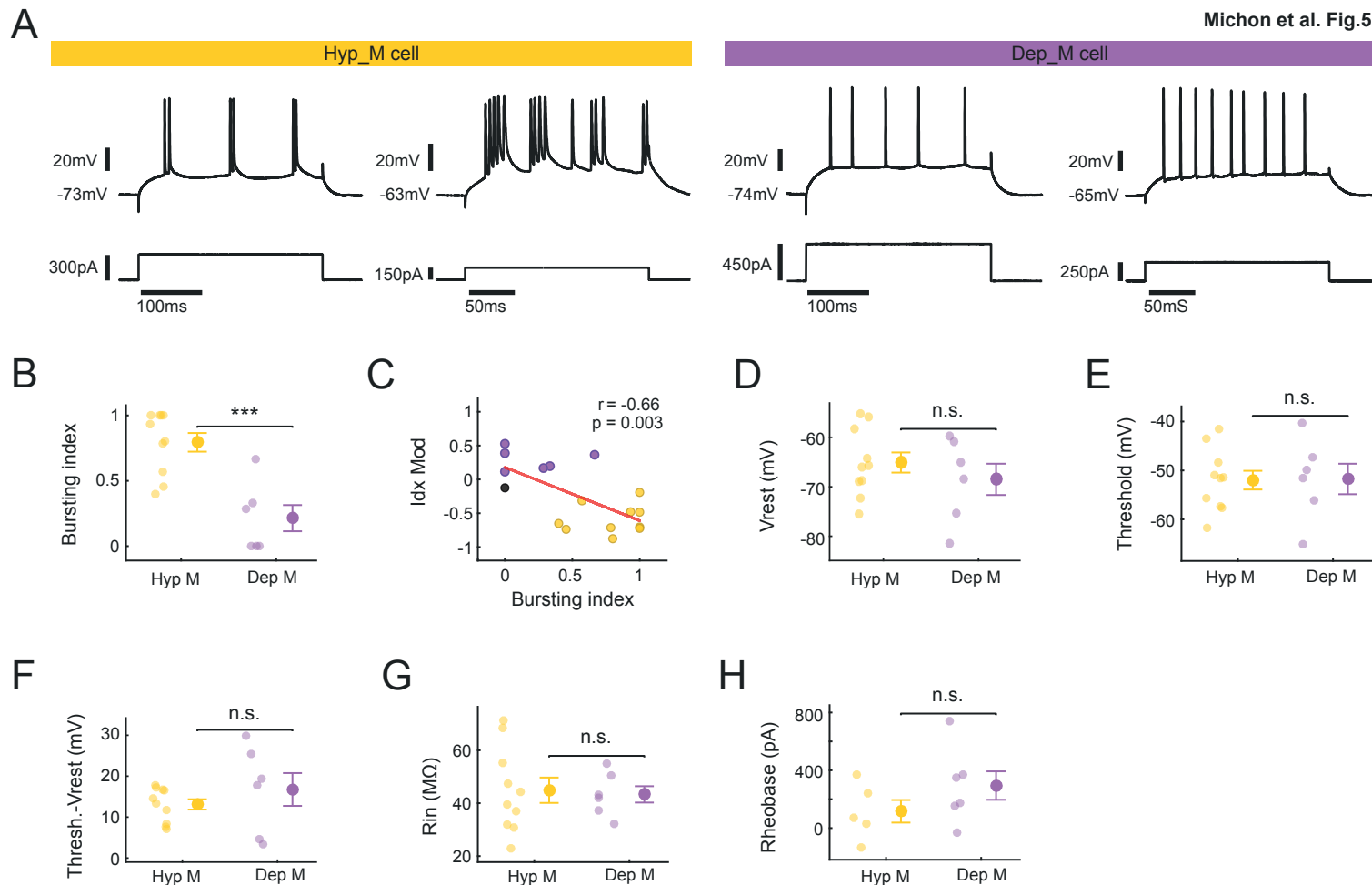
**Fig.3 Opposite modulation of subth.Vm during movement**

**A.** Left: Mean subthreshold  $V_m$  during movement versus immobility of hyperpolarized cells (Hyp M group, in yellow), depolarized cells (Dep M group in purple) and non modulated cells (black) during movement. Right: Mean subthreshold  $V_m$  during movement versus immobility of Hyp M cells ( $\Delta = -2.07 \pm 0.42$  mV,  $n=10$ ,  $p=7.88 \cdot 10^{-4}$ , paired t-test) and Dep M cells ( $\Delta = 0.58 \pm 0.13$  mV,  $n=6$ ,  $p=0.006$ , paired t-test). **B.** Left: Same as A for the firing frequency; cells that are totally silent during movement and during immobility were removed. Right: Mean firing frequency during movement versus immobility of Hyp M cells ( $\Delta = -3.32 \pm 0.87$  Hz,  $n=8$ ,  $p=0.006$ , paired t-test) and Dep M cells ( $\Delta = 0.68 \pm 0.33$  Hz,  $n=4$ ,  $p=0.128$ , paired t-test). **C.** Left: Same as A and B for the subthreshold  $V_m$  variance. Right: Mean subthreshold  $V_m$  variance during movement versus immobility of Hyp M cells ( $\Delta = -2.18 \pm 0.72$   $mV^2$ ,  $n=10$ ,  $p=0.015$ , paired t-test) and Dep M cells ( $\Delta = 0.82 \pm 0.52$   $mV^2$ ,  $n=6$ ,  $p=0.171$ , paired t-test).



**Fig.4 Speed correlation of Hyp M cells and Dep M cells**

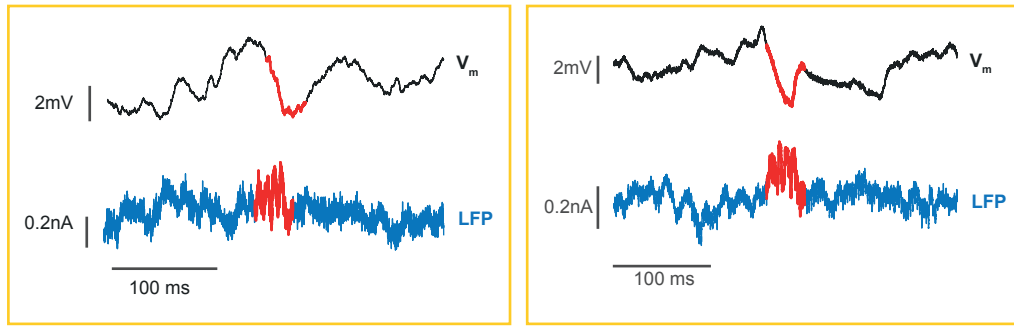
**A.** Example of correlation between speed and subthreshold  $V_m$  z-scored in 2 Hyp M cells (up) and 2 Dep M cells (down). Each point corresponds to the mean value of subthreshold  $V_m$  z-scored value in speed bins (size of bins: 0.05cm.s<sup>-1</sup>). **B.** Mean correlation of speed with subthreshold  $V_m$  z-scored for Hyp M ( $r = -0.46 \pm 0.09$ ,  $n=10$ ,  $p = 7.54 \cdot 10^{-4}$ , t-test) cells and Dep M cells ( $r = 0.27 \pm 0.14$ ,  $n=6$ ,  $p = 0.1$ , t-test).



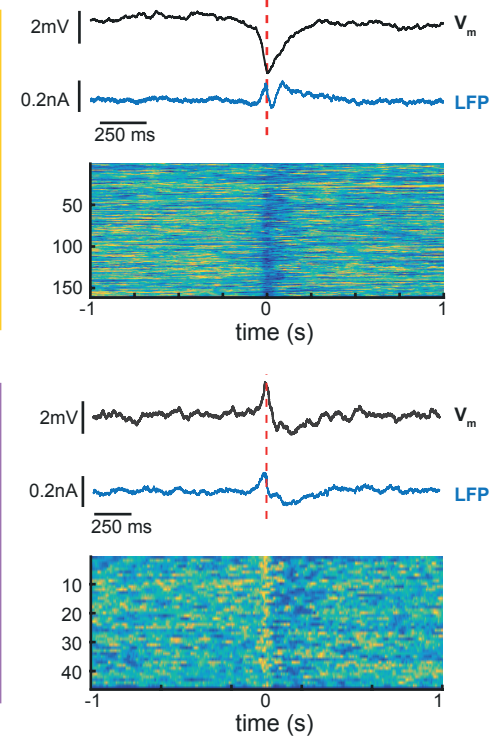
**Fig.5 Intrinsic properties of Hyp M cells vs Dep M cells**

**A.** Firing pattern of two Hyp M and two Dep M cells in response to depolarizing current injection. **B.** Bursting index of Hyp M versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $0.79 \pm 0.08$ , n=10, mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $0.21 \pm 0.11$ , n=6,  $p = 4.95 \cdot 10^{-4}$ , t-test). **C.** Correlation of the bursting index with index ( $r = -0.66$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ). **D.** Vrest of Hyp M versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $-65.09 \pm 2.15$  mV, n=10, mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $-68.49 \pm 3.47$  mV, n=6,  $p = 0.39$ , t-test). **E.** Threshold of Hyp\_M versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $-51.99 \pm 2.02$  mV, n=10, mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $-51.74 \pm 3.42$  mV, n=6,  $p = 0.95$ , t-test). **F.** Thresh.-Vrest of Hyp\_M versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $13.10 \pm 1.32$  mV, n=10, mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $16.74 \pm 4.39$  mV, n=6,  $p = 0.36$ , t-test). **G.** Input resistance of Hyp\_M versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $44.9 \pm 5.06$  MΩ, n=10, mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $43.3 \pm 3.39$  MΩ, n=6,  $p = 0.83$ , t-test). **H.** Rheobase of Hyp M versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $116.19 \pm 87.37$  pA, n=5, mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $294.33 \pm 107.81$  pA, n=6,  $p = 0.24$ , t-test).

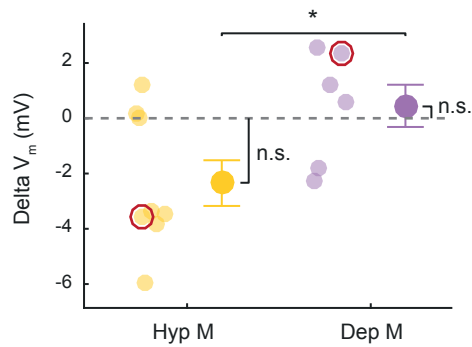
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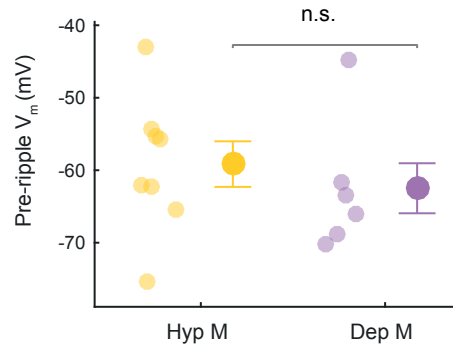
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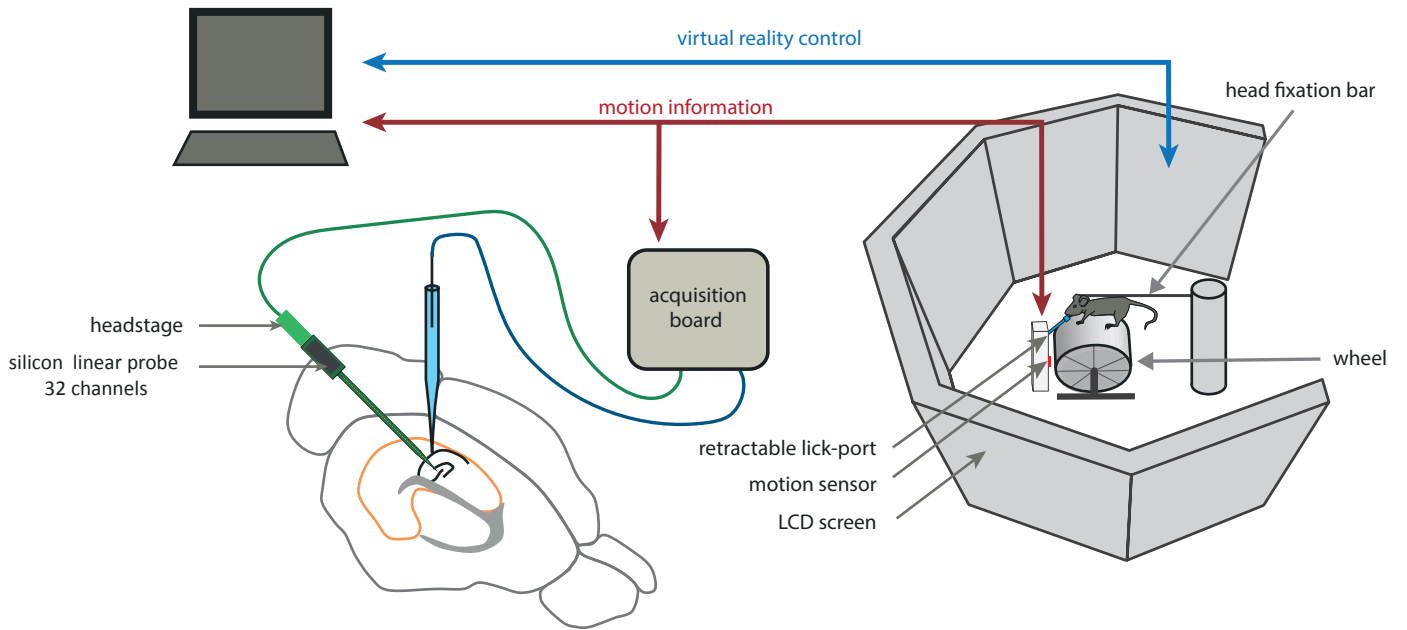


**Fig.6 - V<sub>m</sub> modulation of Hyp M cells and Dep M cells during ripples**

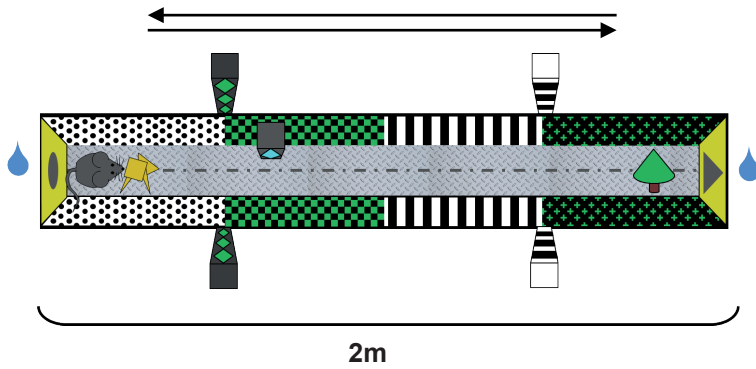
**A.** Examples of subth.V<sub>m</sub> modulation (black trace) during a ripple (red trace) detected in LFP (blue trace). Up: subthreshold V<sub>m</sub> is hyperpolarized during ripple in two Hyp M cell (yellow frame). Down: subthreshold V<sub>m</sub> is depolarized during ripple in two Dep M cell (purple frame). **B.** Mean subthreshold V<sub>m</sub>, associated mean LFP and subthreshold V<sub>m</sub> normalized aligned on ripple occurrence. Up: example of cell hyperpolarized during ripple. Down: Example of a cell depolarized during ripple. **C.** Mean delta subthreshold V<sub>m</sub> modulation during ripple for Hyp M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $-2.35 \pm 0.88$  mV, n=8, p= 0.45, ranksum) versus Dep M cells (mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $0.45 \pm 0.84$  mV, n=6, p= 0.61, t-test) ,(Hyp M vs Dep M, p=0.046, t-test). red circle on Hyp M and Dep M value correspond to mean delta of cell presented respectively in B. **D.** Mean pre-ripple V<sub>m</sub> for Hyp M cells versus Dep\_M cells (mean<sub>Hyp M</sub> =  $-59.15 \pm 3.36$  mV, n=8 , mean<sub>Dep M</sub> =  $-62.49 \pm 3.78$  mV, n=6, p=0.52, t-test)

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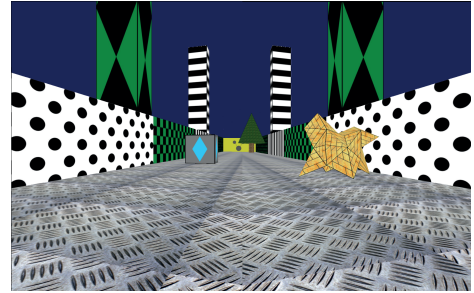
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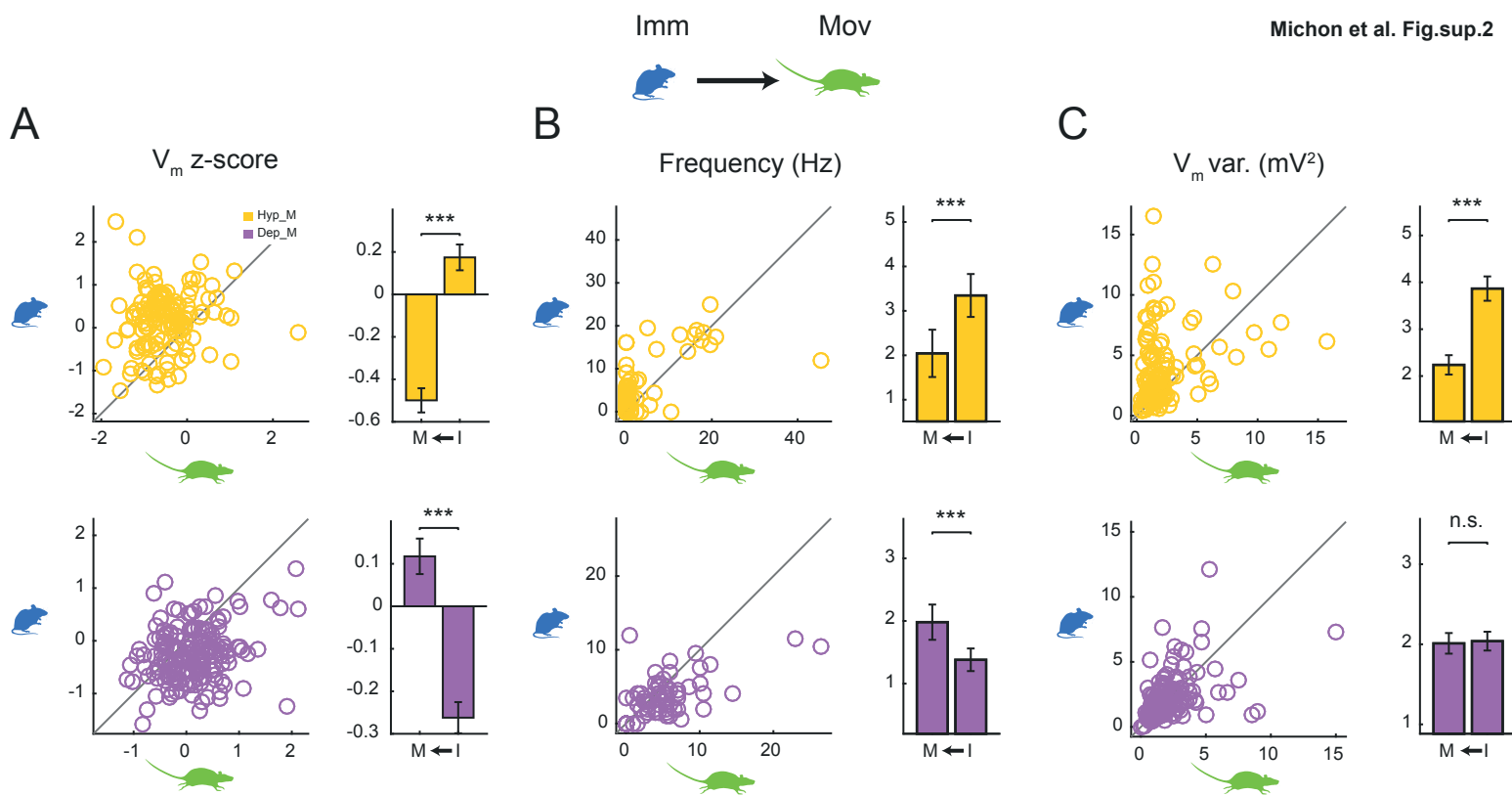
### Article - Figure sup. 1 - Virtual reality setup

**A.** Schema of the virtual reality set up. The mouse is head-fixed and located on a wheel surrounded by LCD screens where a virtual environment is displayed.

**B.** Schema of the top of view of the linear track.

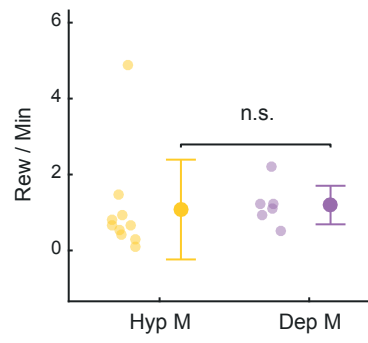
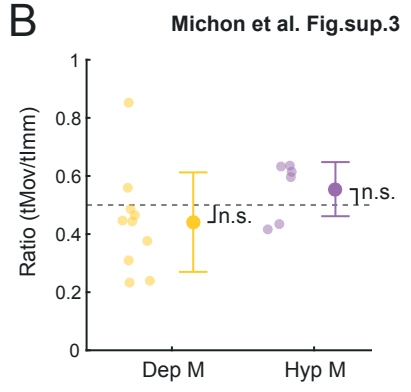
**C.** first person view of the linear track used





**Article - Figure sup. -  $V_m$  modulation of Hyp M cells and Dep M cells during initiation or stop of movement**

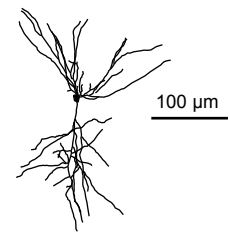
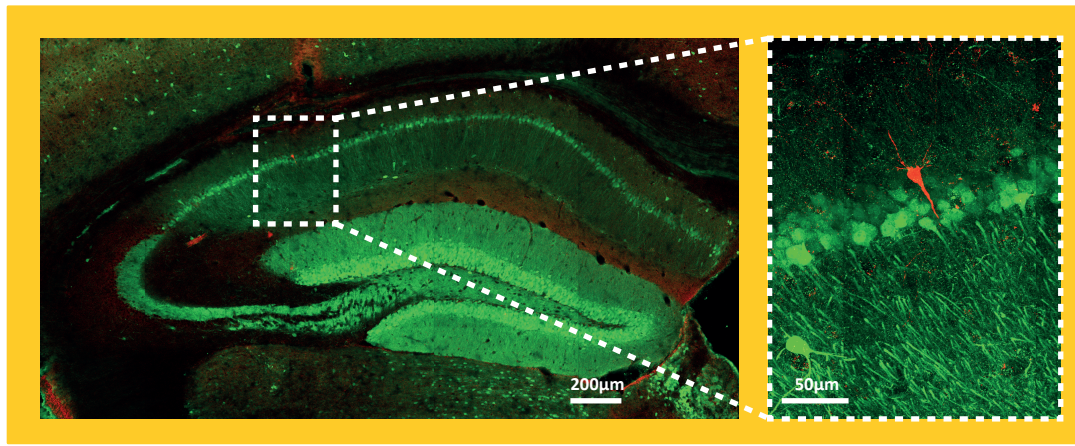
**A.** Scatterplots and barplots of Subthreshold  $V_m$  z-scored before initiation of movement (immobility) and after the transition (movement) for all transitions of Hyp M cells (up) ( $\Delta = -0.67 \pm 0.08$ ,  $n=127$ ,  $p=4.82 \cdot 10^{-14}$ , paired t-test) and Dep M cells (down) cells ( $\Delta = 0.38 \pm 0.05$ ,  $n=180$ ,  $p=4.95 \cdot 10^{-13}$ , paired t-test) **B.** Scatterplots and barplots of Frequency before initiation of movement (immobility) and after the transition (movement) for all transitions of Hyp M cells (up) ( $\Delta = -1.30 \pm 0.41$  Hz,  $n=127$ ,  $p=7.79 \cdot 10^{-7}$ , signed rank test) and Dep M cells (down) ( $\Delta = 0.60 \pm 0.018$  Hz,  $n=180$ ,  $p=5.68 \cdot 10^{-5}$ , signed rank test) **C.** Scatterplots and barplots of Subthreshold  $V_m$  variance before initiation of movement (immobility) and after the transition (movement) for all transitions of Hyp M cells (up) ( $\Delta = -1.63 \pm 0.29$   $mV^2$ ,  $n=127$ ,  $p=2.96 \cdot 10^{-9}$ , signed rank test) and Dep M cells (down) ( $\Delta = -0.03 \pm 0.13$   $mV^2$ ,  $n=180$ ,  $p=0.359$ , signed rank test)

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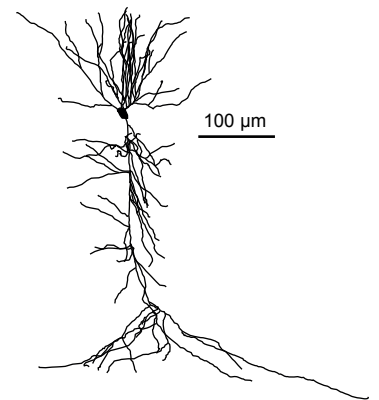
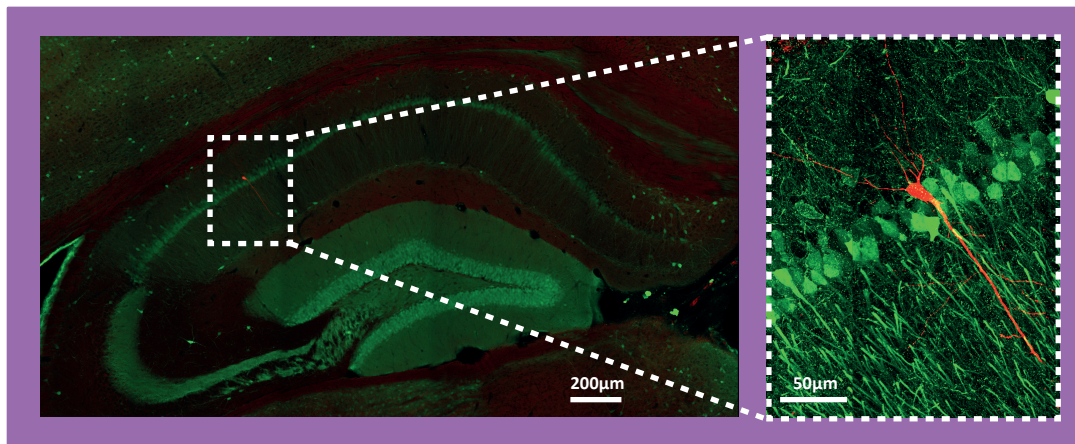
**Article - Figure sup. – Behavior control**

**A.** Mean number of reward per minute for Hyp M cells versus Dep M cells (  $\text{mean}_{\text{Hyp M}} = 1.08 \pm 0.44$ ,  $n=10$ ,  $\text{mean}_{\text{Dep M}} = 1.2 \pm 0.23$ ,  $n=6$ ,  $p=0.18$ , ranksum test). **B.** Ratio of the time spent in movement on time spent in immobility for Hyp M cells ( $\text{mean}_{\text{Hyp M}} = 0.44 \pm 0.06$ ,  $n=10$ ,  $p=0.33$ , t-test) versus Dep M cells ( $\text{mean}_{\text{Dep M}} = 0.55 \pm 0.04$ ,  $n=6$ ,  $p=0.25$ , t-test ).

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### Figure sup.4 Histology

**A.** Left : Location and magnification of the revelation of a Hyp M recorded neuron filled with biocytin (red) and labeling of calbindin positive neurons (green). Right : reconstruction of the same neuron and location on radial axes of CA1 based on calbindin labeling **B.** same as A. but for a Dep M neuron