Watching the hippocampal network learn during trace conditioning: sequential activity and correlations

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People and systems



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The system





http://www.brainmuseum.org/

University of Wisconsin and Michigan State Comparative Mammalian Brain Collections; National Museum of Health and Medicine.

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Pattern recognition and completion



Neural Networks as Cybernetic Systems Holk Cruse

Network models: Associative memory



Synaptic weights define contents of this memory



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- What changes occur in activity?
 Readout of what has been stored
- What changes occur in connectivity?
 - Synaptic weights as a network basis for storage
 - Note that excitability and other changes may occur too.
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Hebbian Associations



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Functions, Circuit of the Mammalian Hippocampus

Mouse hippocampus: involved in memory formation, navigation

Multi-modal inputs to CA3 through DG

CA3 forms auto-associative network

CA3-CA1 network heteroassociative, feed-forward



Hippocampal Circuit -Implications

Feed-forward CA3-CA1 connections

Multi-modality coincidence detection

Recurrent CA3 connections

Possibility to form sequences



Eichenbaum, H., Neuron, 44, 109

Time Cells – Sequence of Cell Activity Encoding Time



McDonald, Eichenbaum et al. Neuron, 71, 737

Object – Trace – Odour Paired Associate task ; go/no-go

Space as a confound

Experimental Paradigm

Many neurons (Network phenomenon) 2-Photon Microscopy in hippocampal CA1, *in vivo*, awake

Behavioural task - Head-fixed, trace maintenance through time Trace eyeblink conditioning

Imaging of neural activity (in mouse hippocampus)





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Experimental Paradigm

Trace Eyeblink Conditioning



Behaviour Results – Learning in One Session



- Mice show detectable Conditioned Responses (CRs) within a *single* training session



Behaviour Results (Trial Classification)

Pseudo-Conditioned Mouse

Threshold = Mean(AOC) + 2 SD(AOC)

Classify Each Training Trial based on Threshold



Behavior results



Awake, 2-Photon Imaging of CA1







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Image Processing



$$\Delta F/F_{framei} = \frac{F_{framei} - F_{baseline}}{F_{basline}}$$



Fluorescence before and after learning Same 6 cells



Time Cells in Pseudo-conditioned Mice

Do Time Cells have relevance to the Task?



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Frame Number

Ridge:Background Ratio – Measures time-specific firing of cells



Ridge:Background Ratio = Shaded Area/Area under Rest of the Curve Randomly Offset dF/F Traces



Reliability Score – cells more reliable in Trace than in Pseudo, Spontaneous

Trace Learners have high R:B Ratio, compared to randomly offset control



ANOVA p << 0.01, Tukey Kramer h.s.d.

Time Tuning Change Gradually, with Training

dF/F amplitude at time-Tuning centre increases with training



ANOVA p < 0.01, Tukey Kramer h.s.d.

Does timing improve or firing probability improve?



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There is no spatial organization of time selective cells



Can we decode time from activity in a single frame?

Schematic of Template-Matching Decoder



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Single Trial decoding of time from dF/F population activity

Trace Learners have Higher Decoder Performance Scores than Pseudo-conditioned and Spontaneous Data Scores



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Connectivity and correlations



What happens to correlations between time selective cells?



Background Period Time-Cell Activity Correlations Increase During Training



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p < 0.01, ANOVA followed by Tukey-Kramer h.s.d.

Cells with the same time-tuning become more correlated



Cells cluster into correlated groups before training



Correlations change if network learns



Cell-clusters are Stable Prior to Training



Cell clusters are destabilized only in learners



Cell-clusters are De-stabilised only in Trace Learners



Model of network learning



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Where are the sequences generated?





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Thank you!





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