# Bimodal dendritic processing in basket cells drives distinct memory-related oscillations.

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## Abstract

Hippocampal oscillations span from slow to high-frequency bands that are linked to different memory stages and behavioral states. We show that fast spiking basket cells (FSBCs) with bimodal nonlinear dendritic trees modulate these oscillations. Supralinear FSBC dendritic activation enhances high-frequency oscillations, while sublinear activation increases slow oscillatory power, adjusting the Excitation/Inhibition balance in the network. This underscores a new link between FSBCs nonlinear dendritic integration and memory-related oscillations.

## Main

Hippocampal oscillations exhibit a variety of distinct frequency bands[1]. For example, neuronal activity often associates with a slow local field potential (LFP) component, known as theta activity, which ranges from 3 to 10 Hz[1–3]. Additionally, hippocampal activity includes fast-frequency oscillations spanning from 30 to 200 Hz[1–5]. Both experimental and computational studies have linked these slow and fast components to different stages of hippocampal memory formation and distinct behavioral states[3,6,7]. Specifically, slow 3-10 Hz oscillations correlate with memory encoding, spatial navigation, and sensory processing[3]. Conversely, fast oscillations are associated with memory encoding and consolidation[3,6]. Notably, these fast and slow components often occur together in a phenomenon known as oscillation coupling[5,8–11] which has been proposed as a signature of working memory processing and various behavioral states (**Fig.1a**) [3,5].

To understand the cellular mechanisms behind these oscillatory events, significant efforts have been made to delineate the effects of various subclasses of both excitatory and inhibitory hippocampal populations. Among these, PV+ GABAergic interneurons play a crucial role in both slow and fast oscillations as well as in coupled oscillatory activity[10,12–17]. However, the vast majority of research has traditionally focused on the activation or silencing of PV+ interneurons during oscillations through optogenetic and modeling approaches.

Recent computational and experimental studies reveal that PV+ interneurons exhibit diverse
nonlinear dendritic computations, significantly enhancing their computational capabilities and
shaping their input-output (I/O) configurations[18–23]. Notably, a subtype of PV+ interneurons,
the Fast-Spiking Basket Cells (FSBCs), possesses bimodal nonlinear dendritic
integration[18,19,24]. Specifically, multicompartmental biophysical modeling has shown that
FSBCs have two types of co-existing nonlinear dendrites: supralinear dendrites, which can
generate local dendritic spikes, and sublinear dendrites, which integrate excitatory synaptic
input passively (**Figs.1b-c,S1a-d**). While both types of nonlinear dendrites co-exist in the
same tree (**Fig.1b-c,S1**), and share similar active properties, they differ morphologically[19].
Supralinear branches have higher volume, and lower input resistance, enabling local sodium
spikes (**Fig.S1a-e**). Conversely, sublinear branches have lower volume, and higher input
resistance. Thus, coincident synaptic input induces large, fast rising EPSPs that in turn
activate A-type potassium channels leading to a fast repolarization of the membrane, thus
preventing the generation of local sodium spikes (**Fig.S1a-d**). These modeling predictions[19]
are supported by recent experimental findings in PV+ interneurons across different
hippocampal areas[18,20,21].

However, it remains unknown whether the bimodal nonlinear nature of FSBCs dendrites
affects network function by modulating different memory-related oscillations. Given the
involvement of FSBCs in both slow (e.g. theta-frequencies) and fast oscillations[12,25,26], we
hypothesized that the supralinear or sublinear branches of FSBCs would differentially
modulate FSBCs activity and, consequently, their impact on orchestrating the LFP during
mnemonic functions.

To test our hypothesis, we used a previously published biologically plausible hippocampal
microcircuit model[27] that includes compartmental biophysical models of pyramidal cells
(PCs) with reduced morphology[27] and FSBCs with anatomical reconstructions of bimodal
nonlinear dendritic trees, as in[19,27] (**TablesS1-5**, **Fig.1a**). Upon activation with a theta-like
input as per[28,29], our microcircuit exhibited a slow oscillatory component coupled with a fast
one (**Fig.1a,d**).   In our control experiment (bimodal activation), synapses to FSBCs were
placed in randomly chosen both supralinear and sublinear branches (**Fig.1a,d, 2a**). We
investigated how the network would respond when keeping the amount of synaptic contacts
constant but activating either only randomly chosen supralinear branches (**Fig.1e, 2b**) or
only sublinear branches (**Figs.1f, 2c**) of FSBCs trees. Our model predicts that activation of
the supralinear branches of the FSBCs trees supports the fast oscillatory component
(**Fig.1e,2b**). In sharp contrast, activation of only sublinear branches enhances the power of
the slow LFP band (**Figs 1f, 2c**). Specifically, supralinear activation results in a higher fast
frequency and fast peak-frequency power compared to both bimodal and sublinear activation
conditions (**Fig.2d, e**). In contrast, sublinear activation massively decreases the fast peak-
frequency power compared to both bimodal and supralinear activation (**Fig.2d**), as well as
the fast peak-frequency and slow power compared to supralinear activation (**Fig.2e,f**). To
assess the robustness of the differential impact of supralinear vs sublinear dendritic
activation in the LFP bands, we performed a sensitivity analysis on the synaptic parameters
and input features. In all cases supralinear activation enhanced the peak power and peak
frequency power of the fast LFP component whereas sublinear activation resulted in higher
slow power compared to supralinear activation (**Fig.S2**).

***Figure 1. Bimodal dendritic integration in FBCs modulate memory-related***
***hippocampal oscillations.*** *Schematic Illustration of the hippocampal microcircuit model. A*
*population of 20 PCs and 2 FSBCs is activated by a theta (4 Hz) input for 1000 msec. An*

*LFP electrode is positioned nearby the PCs somata. Upon activation the model exhibits slow*
*(bandpassed at 3-10 Hz) and fast (bandpassed at 30-200 Hz) LFP bands. The arrow*
*indicated the in-silico electrode position. FSBCs are equipped with bimodal nonlinear trees*
*as per Tzilivaki et al., 2019.* **b-c.** *Representative input-output curves from supralinear (**b**) and*
*sublinear (**c**) dendritic branches in FSBC models, in response to synaptic stimulation.*
*Increasing numbers of synapses (from 1 to 20 with step☐=☐1) are uniformly distributed in*
*every stimulated branch and are activated with a single pulse. The y-axis shows the*
*amplitude of the dendritic EPSP caused by synaptic activation while the x-axis shows the*
*expected EPSP amplitude that would result from the linear summation of synaptic EPSPs.*
*The dashed line indicates linear summation. Insets show representative traces. Panels were*
*adopted from Tzilivaki et al., 2019.* **d-f.** *Power Spectrum Density (PSD) plots upon bimodal*
*(**d**), supralinear (**e**) and sublinear (**f**) activation. The number of activated synapses remain*
*identical for all conditions. Synapses were placed in randomly chosen supralinear and*
*sublinear branches (**d**) or in either randomly chosen supralinear (**e**) or sublinear (**f**)*
*branches. Activation of the supralinear dendrites (**e**) supports the fast LFP signature while*
*sublinear activation (**f**) promotes slow LFP power. Data from 30 random simulation trials.*

Figure 2. LFP frequency and power are regulated by FSBC nonlinear dendritic activation. (a-c) Schematic illustration of the activation protocols and representative traces of the evoked LFP bandpassed at slow (theta 3-10 Hz) and fast (30-200 Hz) frequences. The same number of synapses targets either both types of nonlinear dendrites (bimodal activation) (a) or only supralinear (b) or only sublinear (c). (d-f) Comparison of the peak fast-frequency (d) and the peak powers of the fast (e) and slow (f) LFP components. Data from 30 random simulation trials. Synaptic activation of supralinear dendrites of the FSBCs bimodal trees results in a higher peak fast-frequency and increased fast-frequency peak power, while reducing the peak power of slow oscillations compared to sublinear dendrite activation. Statistical comparisons across multiple groups were performed using the Kruskal-Wallis test followed by a post-hoc correction for multiple comparisons, suitable for data with unequal variance.

Given that the number of synapses remains consistent across all three activation scenarios
(bimodal, supralinear, and sublinear), we sought to understand the factors driving the
observed LFP modulation. To achieve this, we analyzed the spiking activity of both the PC
and FSBC populations under these conditions. Our analysis revealed that supralinear
activation led to higher spike rates in FSBCs, resulting in decreased firing of the PC
population compared to both bimodal and sublinear activation conditions. Conversely,
activation of sublinear branches in FSBCs reduced their firing rates, thereby disinhibiting the

PC population (**Fig.3**).

***Figure 3. Supralinear and Sublinear FSBC dendrites differentially modulate the E/I***
***balance in the microcircuit. (a-c)****. Representative raster plots showing the spiking activity*
*of PCs (blue) and FSBCs (brown) across indicative theta cycles under different dendritic*
*activation conditions: bimodal (a), supralinear (b), or sublinear (c). (**d**) Activation of a fixed*
*number of synapses on randomly selected supralinear dendrites significantly increases the*
*firing frequency of FSBCs, leading to a reduction in the activity of PCs when compared to*
*bimodal (supralinear and sublinear) or purely sublinear activation. Conversely, activation of*
*randomly selected sublinear dendrites decreases the firing frequency of FSBCs, resulting in*
*disinhibition of the PCs. Data are based on 30 random simulation trials. Pairwise*
*comparisons were performed using the Mann–Whitney U test.*

These observations demonstrate that FSBCs can adapt their firing patterns when activated
through either supralinear or sublinear branches, despite receiving an equivalent synaptic
input. Supralinear dendritic branches are characterized by larger volumes and lower input
resistance[19] which facilitates enhanced forward propagation of signals. In contrast, activation
of sublinear branches, which have smaller volumes and therefore higher input resistance[19],
restricts forward propagation (**Fig.S1f-g**), leading to decreased firing rates of FSBCs.
Consequently, this modulation alters the excitation to inhibition (E/I) balance within the
network, thereby influencing the characteristic oscillatory activity observed in the LFP.

We further explored how altering the dendritic integration profile of FSBCs, specifically by
manipulating them to possess purely supralinear or sublinear trees, impacts network
behavior compared to the control (bimodal) trees (**Fig.S3a-b**). Leveraging the distinct
morphological features of supralinear and sublinear branches in our bimodal FSBCs
reconstructions, we adjusted the dendritic morphologies as per[19]. When FSBCs were

equipped with purely supralinear dendritic trees, we observed enhanced fast frequency and
power compared to both bimodal and sublinear tree configurations. This configuration also
maximized the firing response of FSBCs (**Fig.S3a,c-h**). Conversely, FSBCs with purely
sublinear dendritic trees present reduced spike rate which increased the PCs activity
(**Fig.S3h**). Sublinear FSBC trees exhibited increased slow power and decreased fast power
and lower fast power compared to supralinear trees (**Fig.S3b-g**).

These simulations underscore that FSBCs take advantage of their bimodal nonlinear
dendritic trees by dynamically utilizing their supralinear and sublinear dendrites to regulate
the E/I balance within the network, thereby orchestrating distinct oscillatory behaviors under
equivalent synaptic input conditions. Importantly, activating either only supralinear or only
sublinear branches of a bimodal tree (**Figs.1-2**) exhibits similar phenotypic responses to
hypothetical configurations of purely supralinear or purely sublinear trees (**Fig.S3**). This
further supports the notion that the bimodal nonlinear nature of FSBCs dendrites allows for
flexible modulation of network activity and oscillatory patterns crucial for hippocampal
mnemonic functions.

Apart from the type of dendritic integration, the spatial arrangement of synapses also
influences the firing characteristics[30]. It's well-established that supralinear dendrites tend to
enhance clustered synaptic allocation, whereas sublinear dendrites prefer dispersed
activation. For FSBCs, it has been observed that dispersed synaptic activation leads to
higher firing frequencies compared to clustered[18,19,31]. This phenomenon is influenced by the
co-existence of sublinear along with supralinear branches, coupled with their small size and
the presence of A-type potassium channels[19,22,31], which discourages preference for
clustered inputs. To investigate how synaptic clustering affects the oscillatory behavior of our
network, we simulated the activation of the same number of synapses as in our disperse
protocols (as in **Fig.S3**) but now clustered in a few randomly chosen dendrites (**Fig.S4**). As
anticipated, clustered activation of sublinear FSBC trees significantly reduced their firing
rates while maximizing the E/I balance in the network. Conversely, clustering synapses in
supralinear trees enhanced FSBC firing rates compared to both bimodal and sublinear
clustering configurations, while also decreasing the firing rates of the PCs (**Fig.S4j**). At the
oscillatory level, akin to our simulations with dispersed synaptic activation, clustered
synapses in supralinear FSBC trees enhanced fast LFP components, whereas synaptic
clustering in sublinear trees boosted the slow LFP power (**Fig.S4a-i**). These findings
underscore the dual impact of dendritic morphology and synaptic spatial arrangement on
neuronal firing patterns and network oscillatory dynamics. They highlight the intricate
mechanisms by which FBCs can dynamically modulate their responses and contribute to the
regulation of network excitability and oscillatory activity crucial for hippocampal function.

Finally, we analyzed the Phase-Amplitude Coupling (PAC),[32] to check the slow-fast
oscillation coupling in the LFP across all cases (**Fig.S5**). Indeed, the LFP response aligns
with experimental findings, indicating that slow activity entrains hippocampal networks to
slow-fast coupling (**Fig.S5a**)[5,9,28,33–36]. Activation of either supralinear or sublinear branches
did not alter the coupling between the two oscillatory components (**Fig.S5b-f**). However,
coupling was enhanced when synapses were clustered on fully sublinear dendritic trees of
FSBCs. Conversely, coupling was reduced when similar clustering occurred on supralinear
FSBC dendritic trees (**Fig.S5g-j**). These results indicate that as the power and frequency of
the fast component decrease, it becomes more synchronized with the slower component.

Overall, while the role of interneurons in hippocampal memory-related oscillations is
established[13,16,18,26], there remains a significant gap in understanding the cellular and
subcellular mechanisms that enable these neurons to flexibly control memory-related
rhythms. Recent studies suggest the involvement of PV+ interneuron dendrites in fast

oscillations[20,37,38], yet a direct link between interneuronal dendritic integration and their
impact on slow and fast hippocampal memory-related rhythms is lacking. Our biophysical
modeling provides novel insights showing that hippocampal FSBCs, a prominent subtype of
PV+-positive interneurons, exhibit distinct firing patterns that modulate the excitatory-
inhibitory (E/I) balance in networks independent of synaptic input quantity. Specifically,
activation of supralinear dendritic branches in bimodal FSBCs (**Fig.1,2,S1**) reduces the E/I
balance (**Fig.3**), thereby promoting fast oscillatory activity associated with memory
consolidation (**Fig.1,2**). In contrast, activation of sublinear dendritic branches increases the
E/I balance (**Fig.3**), enhancing the slow LFP signature (**Figs.1,2**), linked to memory
encoding. To fully explore the impact of interneuron dendrites on memory-related
oscillations, it is crucial to investigate the diversity among hippocampal interneurons[12,13,15,26].
Beyond FSBCs, other subclasses of PV+ interneurons and different inhibitory classes (e.g.
SOM+ and VIP+ interneurons) are active during distinct memory-related rhythms[12,13], yet
their specific dendritic integration profiles remain poorly characterized. Future studies should
thus aim to dissect how dendritic nonlinear integration across different interneuron
types[12,13,15,16] and PCs[39] modulate memory-related oscillations. Future experimental efforts
should aim to elucidate whether distinct hippocampal and cortical inputs selectively target
the supralinear or sublinear branches of bimodal FSBCs trees. Although connectivity
patterns between hippocampal (e.g. CA3) and extrahippocampal (e.g. entorhinal
cortices)populations to FSBCs are documented during fast oscillations[12,13,31,40], it remains
unclear whether neurons from the same or different regions preferentially target these two
types of nonlinear dendrites. Investigating the potential differential targeting of FSBCs'
supralinear and sublinear branches during distinct memory stages, such as encoding versus
consolidation, could significantly enhance our understanding of how FSBCs dynamically
regulate memory-related rhythms by leveraging their diverse dendritic architectures across
different oscillatory activity patterns. Our simulations suggest that bimodal nonlinear dendritic
processing in FSBCs could be critical to drive different memory stages and, therefore,
influence behavioral states.

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**Code and Data availability**

Scripts and datasets required to reproduce the results and figures, as well as all statistical
analyses, are publicly accessible in www.github.com/AlexandraTzilivaki/Tzilivakietal2024

## Competing interests

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# Methods

## Model implementation and availability

279 Simulations were conducted using NEURON (v7.6)[41] on a High-Performance Computing
280 Cluster, utilizing 111 CPU cores on a 64-bit CentOS Linux operating system. All
281 codes/scripts and datasets required to reproduce the results and figures, as well as all
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## Neuronal populations

1.  Fast Spiking Basket Cells (FSBCs)

Two multi-compartmental biophysical models of CA3 FSBCs were employed, adopted
from Tzilivaki et al. (2019)[19]. These FSBCs models include detailed anatomical
reconstructions of somata and dendritic trees taken from Neuromorpho database
(originally published in Tukker et al. 2007[42]), (**Figure S1**). Both FSBCs feature bimodal
nonlinear dendritic branches, characterized by both supralinear and sublinear branches.
They are equipped with fast voltage-dependent sodium channels (gnafin), delayed
rectifier potassium channels (gkdrin), slow inactivation potassium channels (gslowin),
slow calcium-dependent potassium channels (gkcain), A-type potassium channels in
proximal and distal dendritic regions (gkadin, gkapin), h-currents (ghin), and L-, N-, and
T-type voltage-activated calcium channels (gcal, gcan, and gcat, respectively). These
models have been extensively validated against experimental data and accurately
capture the intrinsic features and electrophysiological responses of hippocampal FSBCs
(See original reference[19] and Supplementary Information). The mean dendritic diameter
and total dendritic length were measured for the supralinear and sublinear dendrites of
the two FSBCs morphological reconstructions. Dendritic volume was calculated as per
Tzilivaki et al. (2019)[19] using the following formula:

$$V = \pi * \left(\frac{diameter}{2}\right)^2 * length \ (\mu m^3)$$

To causally manipulate the dendritic morphologies of FSBCs to generate fully supralinear or
sublinear trees (Figure S2), we performed causal manipulations according to the approach
described in Tzilivaki et al. (2019)[19]. We fixed the diameter and length of all dendrites to
create trees with average supralinear or sublinear dendritic volume (**Figure S1B**), which
dictated the integration mode as shown in the original modeling publication. Dendritic Input
Resistance was calculated using the following formula:

$$Rin = \frac{DV}{I} \left( \frac{mV}{nA} \right)$$

where I□=□−100□pA injected in each dendritic branch and DV is the generated
IPSP.

For more detailed information about the FSBC models, please refer to the relevant
publication[19] and **Tables S1-2, 4-5**.

2. Pyramidal Cells (PCs)

Biophysically relevant hippocampal PC models (n = 20) were adopted from Hadler et al.
(2024)[27]. These models consist of somata and proximal, distal, and basal dendritic branches.
PCs include a Ca2+ pump and buffering mechanism, Ca2+ activated slow AHP and medium
AHP potassium (K+) currents, an HVA L-type calcium (Ca2+) current, an HVA R-type
Ca2+current, an LVA T-type Ca2+ current, an h-current, a fast sodium (Na+) current, a
delayed rectifier K+ current, a slowly inactivating K+ M-type current, and a fast inactivating
K+ A-type current. These current mechanisms were non-uniformly distributed along the
somatodendritic compartments. They were validated based on *in vitro* data to replicate the
electrophysiological profile and basic dendritic architecture of hippocampal CA3 PCs[27,43].
The PC models do not include detailed nonlinear dendritic trees, as this was beyond the
scope of this study. Incorporating realistic anatomical reconstructions for PCs would have
significantly increased computational complexity and reduced simulation speed. For more
information, see Hadler et al. (2024)[27] and **Tables S3-5**.

**Synaptic properties**

The PC models were equipped with AMPA, NMDA, and γ-aminobutyric acid type A (GABAA)
synapses, while the FSBCs included Ca2+ permeable AMPA (CP-AMPA), NMDA, GABAA,
and autaptic GABAA synapses. The synaptic conductance values for every connection type
were calibrated based on experimental[44–47] and modelling studies[19] and are listed in **Table
S5**
To ensure the robustness of our finding we repeated the simulations upon increased or
decreased synaptic conductance values (15% change) (see sensitivity analysis Figure S2)

**Hippocampal Microcircuit**

The hippocampal microcircuit configuration was adopted from Hadler et al. (2024)[27]. The
model consists of 20 PCs and 2 FSBCs. In each random simulation trial (n = 30), each PC
contacted up to seven (7) randomly chosen PCs with one AMPA and one NMDA synapse
activation per contact. Each FSBC received synaptic input from fifteen (15) randomly chosen
PCs in each simulation trial. Additionally, each PC received thirteen (13) feedback inhibitory
GABAergic inputs from each FSBC per simulation trial. Each FSBC formed five (5)
GABAergic synapses per simulation trial and was self-inhibited through autapses. For further
details, see the Simulation Paradigms chapter and Hadler et al. (2024)[27].

**Simulation Paradigms**

Input

The microcircuit is activated by a theta entrained presynaptic population as per Turi
et al., 2018[48]. The input was modeled as an artificial presynaptic population (N=22)
using NEURON's VecStim function. The spike times of the presynaptic population
were generated using a sinusoidal theta like filter that was applied so to account for
theta like modulated spike times.

Thata like probability formula (as per [48]):

$$p(t) = (\sin\left(2.0 * pi * \frac{f_{theta*spike}}{1000.0} + phi_{theta}\right) + 1.0)/2.0$$

Where:
• spike = the spike time in msec (float)
• f_theta = theta-cycle frequency in Hz. (float)
For the simulations shown in Figures 1-3 and Supplementary Figures 3-5, f_theta=4
Hz. For the sensitivity analysis simulations as shown in Supplementary Figure 2, we
changed the input the theta frequency to f_theta=5Hz.
• phi_theta= theta cycle phase in radians.
For the simulations shown in Figures 1-3 and Supplementary Figures 3-5,
phi_theta=0 (equal to 0 radians). For the sensitivity analysis simulations as shown in
Supplementary Figure 2, we shifted the input phase so phi_theta=0.5 (equal to 180
radians).
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368    If the probability p(t) is greater than 0.7 a spike is generated for the specific artificial
369    neuron (n=22). Every input neuron has its own theta modulated spike train.
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Each PC received input from 5 artificial presynaptic neurons, while each FSBC
received input from 7 artificial presynaptic neurons. Although the input was sufficient
to activate the PC population due to its reduced morphology, 7 artificial presynaptic
neurons were insufficient to evoke spiking activity in the FSBC models, given their
realistic complex anatomical reconstructions. This subthreshold activation was
selected to ensure that FSBCs were primarily engaged in the network due to the
local inputs they received from PCs.
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1. **Simulations**
The microcircuit model was simulated for approximately 12,000 milliseconds (ms)
with a time step of 0.1 ms. The first 200 ms were excluded from the analysis to allow
the model to reach an equilibrium state. For the dispersed protocols, synapses to
FSBCs (both input and local PC-to-FSBC synapses) were randomly assigned to
dendrites, meaning one randomly chosen dendrite received one pair of NMDA and
CP-AMPA synapses. For the clustered protocol (Supplementary Figure S4), the
same total amount of synapses was placed in 4 randomly chosen dendrites (cluster
size: 5-7 synapses (per dendrite) Data represent the results (mean and standard
deviation values (std)) of thirty (30) random simulation trials for each protocol. In
every trial, the total number of synaptic contacts and the connectivity ratios remained
identical, but different randomly chosen neurons (from both PC and FSBC
populations) were connected to different random neurons. Additionally, in each trial,
different dendrites from both PCs and FSBCs were randomly chosen and synapses
were activated at different parts of the chosen dendrites. This approach ensured that
the results reflected the diversity, especially of the FSBCs trees, in bimodal activation
protocols. Furthermore, two different anatomical reconstructions were used for our
FSBC models to account for FSBCs morphological variability (see relevant chapter).
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2. **LFP simulation and Spectral analysis**

To record the Local Field Potential (LFP), an *in silico* electrode was simulated based on
NEURON's extracellular function, following the modelling approach of Vladimirov et al.
(2013)[49]. The electrode was placed close to the PCs somata and remained in the exact
same position throughout the execution of all protocols and simulation trials. The

sampling frequency was set at 10 kHz. Despite the microcircuit model's small size, it
efficiently generated fast and slow oscillations comparable to experimental
observations[5,11,32,35] while maintaining low computational complexity and demands.

The *in silico* LFP datasets were band-passed at two respective bands: slow (3 – 10 Hz)
and fast (30-200 Hz). Slow and fast Peak-Frequency powers and peak Fast frequency
were determined using custom-made MATLAB scripts (MATLAB, The MathWorks Inc.,
Natick, MA; Torrence and Compo 1998) utilizing the p-welch function (0.4 Hz resolution)
and visualized as Power-Frequency plots. Phase-Amplitude Coupling (PAC) analysis
was conducted using Comodulogram generation and the calculation of the modulation
index (MI) metric that were adopted from Tort et al. (2008)[50]. Wavelet phase was
calculated at 15 levels from 1-15 Hz, and the amplitude at 50 levels from 30-180 Hz. The
MI was obtained by measuring the divergence of the observed amplitude distribution
from the uniform distribution.

**Statistical Analysis**

Statistical analyses for multigroup comparisons were performed using the Kruskal-Wallis
test, followed by a post-hoc correction for multiple comparisons (multcompare function
Matlab). For pairwise comparisons where data exhibited unequal variance, p-values
were calculated using the Mann-Whitney U test.

421                              **Supplementary Information**

**a**. Illustration of the morphological characteristics of supralinear and sublinear dendrites in
bimodal FSBC models. Supralinear dendrites (purple) are larger, whereas sublinear
dendrites (blue) are longer and thinner. **b-c**. Discriminative features between dendrite types:
supralinear dendrites have larger volumes (b) and lower input resistance (c) compared to
sublinear dendrites. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney U test.
**d-e**. Supralinear dendrites (purple) are capable of generating local sodium-dependent
spikes, whereas sublinear dendrites (blue) cannot (d). Blocking active sodium conductances
in FSBC dendrites completely abolishes the supralinear mode (e). **f-g**. Forward propagation
efficiency in bimodal nonlinear dendrites of FSBCs: Current injection (100 pA) at randomly
selected dendrites and recording at the soma show that sublinear branches (f) propagate
signals less effectively compared to supralinear branches (g). Panels a,d,e were adopted
from [19]

**Figure S2. Sensitivity Analysis on Synaptic and Input Parameters (Related to Figure**
**2). a-c**. 15% increase in the synaptic conductance values (applied to both input and network
synapses for/from both PCs and FSBCs) do not alter the enhancement of fast peak
frequency and power observed with supralinear activation. **d-f**. 15% reduction of the synaptic
conductance values (for both input and network synapses involving PCs and FSBCs) also
maintain the observed increase in fast peak frequency and power upon supralinear
activation. **g-i**. Modifications to input parameters (input phase shifted 180°, peak frequency 5
Hz) similarly do not affect the enhancement of fast peak frequency and power driven by
supralinear activation. Statistical analyses for multigroup comparisons were performed using
the Kruskal-Wallis test, followed by a post-hoc correction for multiple comparisons.

**Figure S3. Differential Modulation of Slow and Fast LFP Components by Supralinear and Sublinear FSBC Dendritic Trees.**

**a**. Activation of FSBCs equipped with purely supralinear dendritic trees, showcasing representative LFP traces bandpassed at slow (3-10 Hz) and high (30-200 Hz) frequencies. **b**. Similar to **a** but displaying activation of FSBCs with purely sublinear dendritic trees. **c-d**. Power Spectrum Density (PSD) plots of the LFP evoked when FSBCs are equipped with

purely supralinear (c) or purely sublinear (d) dendritic trees, highlighting differences in frequency response. **e-g**. Comparative analysis of the peak fast-frequency (e) and peak power of fast (f) and slow (g) oscillations for FSBCs with bimodal (grey), supralinear (purple), or sublinear (blue) dendritic trees. Data are derived from 30 random simulation trials. **h**. Firing activity of the PCs and FSBCs populations within the microcircuit network across 30 random simulation trials. Activation of supralinear FSBC dendritic trees results in a decreased E/I balance compared to both bimodal (control) and sublinear trees. Statistical analyses for multigroup comparisons were conducted using the Kruskal-Wallis test followed by a post-hoc correction for multiple comparisons. Paired comparisons and p-values were calculated using the Mann-Whitney U test for data with unequal variance.

**Figure S4. Impact of Clustered Synaptic Activation on LFP and E/I Balance in Bimodal, Supralinear, and Sublinear FSBC Dendritic Configurations. a**. Activation of FSBCs with bimodal nonlinear dendrites (control configuration), showing representative LFP traces for slow (3-10 Hz) and fast (30-200 Hz) frequencies. Synapses are clustered in a few randomly chosen supralinear or sublinear branches. **b**. Activation of FSBCs with purely supralinear dendritic trees, showing LFP traces under clustered synaptic activation. **c**. Activation of FSBCs with purely sublinear dendritic trees, similar to conditions in a and b, illustrating the effect of clustered synaptic activation on LFP traces. **d-f**. Power Spectrum Density (PSD) plots for LFPs under clustered synaptic conditions in FSBCs with bimodal (d), supralinear (e), and sublinear (f) dendritic configurations. **g-i**. Comparison of peak frequency (g) and peak power for the fast LFP component (30-200 Hz) (h), and peak power for the slow LFP component (i), across dendritic configurations. **j**. Firing activity of PC and FSBC populations in the microcircuit network from 30 random simulation trials. Clustering in supralinear FSBC dendritic trees decreases the E/I balance in the network compared to bimodal (control) or sublinear trees. Statistical analyses for multigroup comparisons were conducted using the Kruskal-Wallis test followed by a post-hoc correction for multiple comparisons. Paired comparisons and p-values were calculated using the Mann-Whitney U test for data with

unequal variance.

**Figure S5. Slow-Fast Oscillation Coupling in the Microcircuit Model Under Various Dendritic and Synaptic Configurations in FSBCs. a-e**. Representative comodulograms illustrating the slow-fast coupling for the protocols detailed in Figures 2 and S3. These visualizations provide insights into the phase-amplitude coupling dynamics under different synaptic and dendritic configurations. Data from 30 random simulation trials are represented. **f**. Coupling analysis shows that synaptic distribution in a dispersed configuration across bimodal, purely supralinear, or purely sublinear FSBC dendritic trees does not affect slow-fast oscillation coupling. **g-i**. Similar to a-e but showcasing comodulograms for a clustered synaptic arrangement (detailed in Figure S4), using the same number of synapses as in the dispersed experiments. **j**. MI indicates that slow-fast oscillation coupling decreases when synapses are clustered in purely sublinear dendritic trees compared to other configurations. Multigroup comparisons were performed using the Kruskal-Wallis test followed by a post-hoc correction for multiple comparisons for multi-group data with unequal variance. This statistical approach was chosen to accommodate the diversity in the data from 30 random simulation trials.

**Table S1. Active properties of Fast Spiking Basket Cell (FSBC) Models**

| Ion channel ($S/cm^2$) | Soma | Axon | Proximal dendrites | Distal Dendrites |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| $Na_v$ | 0.396 | 1.296 | 0.018 | 0.014 |
| $H_v$ | 0.00001 | X | x | X |

*values as per [19,51,52]

**Table S2. Passive properties of FSBCs**

| | Soma | Axon | Proximal dendrites | Distal Dendrites |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leak conductance (g_pas)[53] | 1.315e-4 $S/cm^2$ | 3.55e-6 $S/cm^2$ | 1.315e-4 $S/cm^2$ | 1.34e-5 $S/cm^2$ |
| Resting Membrane Potential (e_pas)[53,54] | -68 mV | -68 mV | -68 mV | -68 mV |
| Membrane capacitance (cm)[53] | 1.2 $uf/cm^{-2}$ | 1.2 $uf/cm^{-2}$ | 1.2 $uf/cm^{-2}$ | 1.2 $uf/cm^{-2}$ |
| | | X | x | 0.00216 |
| Axial Resistance (Ra)[53] | 172 ohm/cm | 172 ohm/cm | 142 ohm/cm | 142 ohm/cm |
| | | X | 0.00003 | 0.00003 |
| $Can_v$ | x | X | 0.00003 | 0.00003 |
| $Cat_v$ | x | X | 0.0002 | 0.0002 |
| Calcium buffering dynamics | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |

*values as per [19,53,54]

**Table S3. Passive Parameters and Active Conductance Values of the Pyramidal Cell (PC) Model**

| *Mechanism* | Soma | Proximal Apical | Distal Apical | Basal |
|---|---|---|---|---|

| | Dendrite(n=1) | Dendrites (n=2) | Dendrites (n=2) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leak conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0,0002 | 0,0002 | 0,0002 | 0,0002 |
| Na+ conductance [S/cm2] | 0,0105 | 0,0084 | 0,0084 | 0,0084 |
| Delayed rectifier K+ conductance [S/cm2] | 0,00086 | 0,00086 | 0,00086 | 0,00086 |
| Proximal A-type K+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0,0075 | 0,015 | - | 0,0075 |
| Distal A-type K+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | - | - | 0,04875 | - |
| M-type K+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0.06 | 0.06 | - | 0.06 |
| Ih conductance [S/cm2] | 0.00005 | 0.0001 | - | 0.00005 |
| L-type Ca2+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0.0007 | 0.00003 | - | 0.00003 |
| R-type Ca2+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0.0003 | 0.00003 | - | - |
| T-type Ca2+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0.00005 | 0.0001 | - | 0.0001 |
| Ca2+ -dependent sAHP K+ conductance [S/cm2] | 0.0015 | 0.001 | - | 0.0005 |
| Ca2+-dependent mAHP K+ conductance [S/cm2 ] | 0,9 | 0,03 | - | 0,08 |
| Membrane capacitance Cm [µF/cm2] | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Membrane resistance Rm [Ohm cm2] | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 |
| Axial resistance Ra [Ohm cm] | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |

515  *values as per [27]

### Table S4. Electrophysiological properties of the PCs and FSBCs models

| | Value |
|---|---|
| Rheobase (pA) | 200 (PC)  / 150 +/- 10 (FSBC) |
| Input Resistance (MΩ) | 142 (PC)  /   97+/- 30 (FSBC) |
| Spike Threshold (mV) | -43,11 (PC) /   -37 +/-1 (FSBC) |
| Spike Overshoot (mV) | 30 (PC)     /    48 +/- 1 (FSBC) |
| Resting Membrane Potential (mV) | -70 (PC)       /   -68 (FSBC) |
| | |

### Table S5. Synaptic conductance weight values of the PC and FSBC models.

| Synapse Type | Pyramidal model | FSBC model |
|---|---|---|
| INPUT AMPA | 0,00272 | - |
| INPUT NMDA | 0,0053 | 0.00032 |
| INPUT CA++ PERMEABLE (CP)-AMPA | - | 0.00075 |
| AMPA | 0,0017 | - |
| CP-AMPA | - | 0,0034 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| NMDA | 0,0051 | 0.00144 |
| GABA | 0,0068 | 0,0051 |
| Autapse GABA | - | 0,007 |

*values based on[19,27,44,45,47,55]

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**a** *Microcircuit model of hippocampal oscillations*

*PCs*

*FSBCs*

*LFP*

100 mV | 200 msec

**b** *FSBC supralinear dendrites*

Actual EPSP amplitude (mV)

Expected EPSP amplitude (mV)

40 mV | 20 ms

**c** *FSBC sublinear dendrites*

Actual EPSP amplitude (mV)

Expected EPSP amplitude (mV)

40 mV | 20 ms

**d** "Bimodal activation"
Synapses to supralinear and sublinear FSBC dendrites

Power (a.u.)

*Fast LFP band*

Power (a.u.)

Frequency (Hz)

*Slow LFP band*

Frequency (Hz)

**e** "Supralinear Activation"
Synapses to supralinear FSBC dendrites

Power (a.u.)

*Fast LFP band*

Power (a.u.)

Frequency (Hz)

*Slow LFP band*

Frequency (Hz)

**f** "Sublinear Activation"
Synapses to sublinear FSBC dendrites

Power (a.u.)

*Fast LFP band*

Power (a.u.)

Frequency (Hz)

*Slow LFP band*

Frequency (Hz)

**a** "Bimodal activation"
Synapses to supralinear and sublinear FSBC dendrites

**b** "Supralinear Activation"
Synapses to supralinear FSBC dendrites

**c** "Sublinear Activation"
Synapses to sublinear FSBC dendrites

**d**

Peak Fast-Frequency (Hz)

0.9949
3.25083-08    5.7119e-08

Bimodal Activation    Supralinear Activation    Sublinear Activation

**e**

Peak Fast-Frequency Power (mV/Hz)    ×10⁻⁴

0.0012
3.8935 e-05    7.0103e-15

Bimodal Activation    Supralinear Activation    Sublinear Activation

**f**

Peak Slow-Frequency Power (mV/Hz)    ×10⁻⁴

0.4976
0.0027    2.7705e-05

Bimodal Activation    Supralinear Activation    Sublinear Activation

**a** Bimodal Activation

PCs
FS BCs

**b** Supralinear Activation

**c** Sublinear Activation

100 msec

**d**

PCs

FS BCs

Firing Frequency (Hz)

7.0852e-08

5.47773e-11

3.0085e-11

4.7540e-11

3.5016e-11

2.9174e-11

Bimodal Activation

supralinear Activation

sublinear Activation

Bimodal Activation

supralinear Activation

sublinear Activation

**Hippocampal FS BCs with bimodal nonlinear dendrites**

a

supralinear
sublinear

**Morphological properties nonlinear dendrites in FS BCs trees**

b

1.5907e-06

volume (microns³)

sublinear          supralinear

c

1.8778e-16

Input Resistance (mV/nA)

sublinear          supralinear

d

**Control I/O functions**

supralinear dendrites

40 mV  20 ms

Actual EPSP amplitude (mV)

sublinear dendrites

40 mV  20 ms

Expected EPSP amplitude (mV)

e

**I/O function with gNa blockade in dendrites**

40 mV  20 ms

Expected EPSP amplitude (mV)

**Sublinear and Supralinear forward propagation**

f

mV

msec

g

mV

msec