

27 **Abstract**

28 The hippocampal place cells encode spatial representation but it remains unclear how they store
29 concurrent positive or negative experiences. Here, we report on place field reconfiguration in
30 response to an innately aversive odor trimethylthiazoline (TMT). The advantage of TMT is the
31 absence of learning curve required for associative fear conditioning. Our study investigated if
32 CA1 place cells, recorded from behaving rats, remap randomly or if their reconfiguration
33 depends on the location of the aversive stimulus perception. Exposure to TMT increased the
34 amplitude of hippocampal beta oscillations in two arms of a maze (TMT arms). We found that
35 a population of place cells with fields located outside the TMT arms increased their activity
36 (extra-field spiking) in the TMT arms during the aversive episodes. These cells exhibited
37 significant shift of the center of mass towards the TMT arms in the subsequent post-TMT
38 recording. The induction of extra-field plasticity was mediated by the basolateral amygdala
39 complex (BLA). Photostimulation of the BLA triggered aversive behavior, synchronized
40 response of hippocampal local field oscillations, augmented theta rhythm amplitude and
41 increased the spiking of place cells for the first 100ms after the light delivery. This occurred
42 only for the extra-field- but not for intra-field spikes. Optogenetic BLA-triggered an increase
43 in extra-field spiking activity correlated to the degree of place field plasticity in the post-ChR2
44 recording session. Our findings demonstrate that the increased extra-field activity during
45 aversive episodes mediates the degree of subsequent field plasticity.

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51 **Introduction**

52 Hippocampus temporally encodes representations of spatial context-dependent experiences
53 (Knierim, 2003) and these memory traces are functionally strengthened in the cortical areas for
54 long-term recollection (Nadel and Moscovitch, 1997; Kitamura et al., 2009; Tayler et al., 2013;
55 Denny et al., 2014). Current theories propose that memory of spatial location is encoded by
56 hippocampal place cells (O'Keefe and Nadel, 1978), but there is scarce information how these
57 neurons encode non-spatial information such as aversive episodes. We know that aversion
58 evokes place field remapping (Moita et al., 2004; Kim et al., 2015) where a subset of neurons
59 in hippocampal area CA1 change their preferred firing locations in response to predator odor
60 (Wang et al., 2012). However, it is still unclear which neurons remap to encode fearful
61 experience and which neurons preserve their spatial fields. Here, we examined the principles
62 governing aversion-induced place field remapping. We tested the hypothesis that the place cells
63 remapping depends on the spatial location of the aversive stimulus perception. The evaluation
64 of change of place field center of mass (Δ COM) is the most sensitive indicator of experience-
65 dependent place field place field reconfiguration (Mehta et al., 1997; Knierim, 2002; Lee et al.,
66 2004; Lee et al., 2006). We evaluated here the aversion-induced long-term shift of the Δ COM
67 for all place fields. Beta frequency band (15-30Hz) has been reported as a reliable indicator for
68 the detection of aversive olfactory signals by the limbic circuitry (Igarashi et al., 2014). We
69 analyzed the amplitude of hippocampal beta frequency to determine which section of the maze
70 was the main location of the aversion odor perception (Trimethylthiazoline - TMT).

71 The amygdala supports aversive associative memories and relates adaptive behavior to the
72 emotional valence of sensory stimuli (Phelps and LeDoux, 2005; Sadrian and Wilson, 2015).
73 Amygdalar signaling of aversion controls the stability of hippocampal place cells and lesioning
74 of the amygdala prevents the effect of fearful experience on the place fields remapping (Kim
75 et al., 2015). Inactivation of amygdala blocks tone-induced fear conditioning that triggers place

76 field remapping (Donzis et al., 2013), while amygdalar activation reduces the field stability of
77 hippocampal place cells (Kim et al., 2012). Aversion-induced activation of the pyramidal
78 neurons in amygdala mediates the formation of spatial context-dependent place aversion and
79 in parallel with new hippocampal engrams (Ramirez et al., 2013; Ryan et al., 2015). However,
80 there have been no direct tests of how new hippocampal ensembles are formed. To understand
81 the mechanism of aversion-induced population response from hippocampal spatial
82 representation we optogenetically activated pyramidal neurons from basolateral complex of
83 amygdala (BLA). We photostimulated BLA to determine if the patterns of ensembles
84 reconfiguration after aversion-induced place field remapping are replicated after optogenetic
85 BLA activation. We investigated if the degree of place field plasticity differs when the spatial
86 optogenetic stimulation was applied to the main place field compared to optogenetic
87 stimulation of the extra-field activity. Extra-field spikes, previously considered to be noise, are
88 now proposed to play an essential role in information processing, learning and memory
89 formation (Johnson and Redish, 2007; Johnson et al., 2009; Epsztein et al., 2011; Ferguson et
90 al., 2011; Wu et al., 2017). Here, we explored if intra- or extra-field spikes mediate experience-
91 dependent encoding of aversive episodes.

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101 **Materials and Methods**

102 *Ethics Statement*

103 We conducted our experiments in accordance with directive 2010/63/EU of the European
104 Parliament and of the council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for
105 scientific purposes and the S.I. No. 543 of 2012, and followed Bioresources Ethics Committee
106 (individual authorization number AE19136/I037; Procedure Numbers 230113-1001, 230113-
107 1002, 230113-1003, 230113-1004 and 230113-1005) and international guidelines of good
108 practice (project authorization number: AE19136/P003).

109 *Animals*

110 Male, 3-6 months old, Lister-Hooded rats were individually housed for at least 7 days before
111 all experiments, under a 12-h light–dark cycle, provided with water *ad libitum*. Prior the
112 experiments restricted feeding diet kept the rats on 80% of their expected weight when fed *ad*
113 *libitum*. Experiments were performed during the light phase.

114 *Surgical implantation of recording electrodes and recording techniques*

115 Eight tetrodes and optic fiber were implanted in hippocampal CA1 area: -3.8 AP, 2.3 ML and
116 1.8 mm dorsoventral to dura. The optic fiber and tetrodes were implanted unilaterally in BLA:
117 2.4 AP, 4.9 ML, and 7.0 mm dorsoventral to dura. After a minimum 1 week recovery, subjects
118 were connected, via a 32-channel headstage (Axona Ltd.) to a recording system, which allowed
119 simultaneous animal position tracking. Signals were amplified (10000- to 30000-fold) and
120 band-pass filtered between 380 Hz and 6 kHz for single-unit detection. To maximize cell
121 separation, only waveforms of sufficient amplitude (at least three times the noise threshold)
122 were recorded. Candidate waveforms were discriminated off-line using graphical software
123 (Tint, Axona Ltd.), which allows waveform separation based on multiple features including
124 spike amplitude, spike duration, maximum and minimum spike voltage, and the time of
125 occurrence of maximum and minimum spike voltages. Autocorrelation histograms were

126 calculated for each unit, and the unit was removed from further analysis if the histogram
127 presented spiking within the first 1 ms (refractory period), inconsistent with good unit isolation.
128 Only stable recordings across consecutive days were further analyzed. The stability of the
129 signal was evaluated by the cross-correlation of spike amplitudes and similarity comparison of
130 the spike clusters between the sessions and cluster distributions. The single unit signals from
131 the last recording session and the probe were compared for waveform similarity, cluster
132 location, size, and boundaries. Peak and trough amplitudes of the averaged spike waveforms
133 were compared using Pearson's r . Values for $r \geq 0.8$ indicated that the same populations of
134 cells were recorded throughout the last recording session and the probe.

135 ***Hippocampal unit identification and spatial firing analysis***

136 Single hippocampal pyramidal cells and interneurons were identified using spike shape and
137 firing frequency characteristics (Ranck, 1973; Wilson and McNaughton, 1993). Firing rate
138 maps allow for visual inspection of neurons preferred areas of firing (i.e. place fields). They
139 were constructed by normalizing the number of spikes which occurred in specific pixelated
140 coordinates by the total trial time the animal spent in that pixel. This produced maps depicting
141 the place fields of each cell. Maps were quantified in Hz (smoothed maps). We defined place
142 field size as the region of the arena in which the firing rate of the place cell was greater than
143 20% of the maximum firing frequency (Brun et al., 2002). Appearance of sharp waves and
144 ripples during immobility, triggers the spiking of multiple place cells (Wu et al., 2017). To
145 avoid spikes reactivation during sharp wave ripple we excluded spikes from epochs with
146 running speeds below 5 cm/s (Alme et al., 2014; Grosmark and Buzsaki, 2016). The place field
147 analysis included only epochs during which the animal's velocity was at least 5 cm/s.

148 ***Extra-field spiking***

149 Place fields were defined as areas of 9 contiguous pixels ($2.5 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{pixel}$) with average activity
150 $>20\%$ of the field maximum rate. Extra-field spiking was defined as spikes occurring outside

151 of the identified place field areas (Huxter et al., 2003; Johnson and Redish, 2007). The extra-
152 field spiking thus included secondary place fields with sizes smaller than 9 contiguous pixels
153 or with averaged firing rate smaller than 20% of the maximum firing rate (Brun et al., 2002;
154 Huxter et al., 2003; Johnson and Redish, 2007).

155 *Measurement of local field activity.*

156 The local field potential (LFP) was sampled at 250 Hz and stored for further off-line analysis.
157 LFP signal frequency analysis was carried out using MATLAB's Signal Processing Toolbox
158 (MATLAB, Natick, MA) where the power was calculated using the Short-Time Fourier
159 Transform of the signal (Hanning window of 2s, with overlap of 1s) and interpolated into color-
160 coded power spectrograms. Information was displayed as the magnitude of the time-dependent
161 Fourier Transform versus time in a color gradient graph with the maximum corresponding to 0
162 dB.

163 *Phase-locking value*

164 To evaluate the effect of optogenetic BLA stimulation we compared the hippocampal local
165 field oscillations of a single electrode between multiple trials (Mamad et al., 2015). Phase-
166 locking statistics measures the significance of the phase covariance between separate signals
167 and allows direct quantification of frequency-specific synchronization (i.e., transient phase-
168 locking) between local field potentials (Lachaux et al., 1999). The phase-locking value is the
169 amplitude of the first circular moment of the measured phase difference between two phases
170 (Lachaux et al., 1999; Canolty et al., 2010). The phase-locking value ranges between 0 and 1;
171 0 signifying purely random rise and fall whereas a value of 1 signifies that one signal perfectly
172 follows the other. To distinguish between noise-related fluctuations of the phase-locking values
173 we compared the observed data with shuffled data (Mamad et al., 2015).

174 *Experimental design*

175 The animals were trained to navigate between the northwest and southeast corners of
176 rectangular-shaped linear track, where two pellets were continuously positioned. The animals
177 were allowed to freely navigate in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions of this
178 rectangular-shaped linear track (10cm width, 85cm length of the arms): via the southwest arms
179 and via the northeast arms. For the TMT experiments one of the filter papers of the track was
180 scented with 50 μ l 10% trimethylthiazoline (Contech). The advantage of trimethylthiazoline
181 (TMT) is the absence of learning curve required for associative fear conditioning. The
182 experimental protocol involving one TMT session with duration of 12 min was designed to
183 evoke long-lasting (>24 hours) but weak place aversion response during the post-TMT
184 recording session. The place aversion was measured only in the first 60 seconds of the post-
185 TMT recording session. In the subsequent 11 minutes of the post-TMT recording session the
186 animals displayed regular navigation in the TMT arms. This protocol allowed for sufficient
187 number of passes, preventing an undersampling path measurement of the post-TMT
188 navigation. During the TMT sessions the TMT filter papers were applied in all locations of the
189 TMT arms for different rats; this protocol was designed to match the ChR2 protocol where the
190 blue light was applied across all locations of the ChR2 arms. For the optic stimulation sessions,
191 the laser was switched on when the animal entered the south arm or the west arm with
192 continuous photostimulation trains (473 nm, 50 Hz, 5 ms pulse duration, 12 pulses per train,
193 0.5 sec inter-train interval) until the animal exited this section of the track. The blue laser was
194 synchronized with the video-tracking and with the recording system through hardware and
195 DACQBASIC scripts (Axona. Ltd). The duration of each session (baseline, TMT, ChR2) was
196 12 min. The TMT zone (ChR2 zone) included the TMT arms (ChR2 arms) and the feeding
197 corners. For control experiments we used filter papers of the track scented with 50 μ l 10%
198 ethanol, which was a familiar odor to the rats. The animals were habituated prior the recording
199 sessions to the scent of ethanol.

200 *Clockwise and counter-clockwise place field analyses*

201 The rat's direction of movement was calculated for each tracker sample from the projection of
202 the relative position of the LEDs onto the horizontal plane. The momentary angular
203 displacement was calculated as the difference in the animal's position between successive 50
204 Hz time samples. The direction time series was first smoothed by calculating a five-point
205 running average. After smoothing, the instantaneous direction of movement was calculated as
206 the angular displacement between successive points per time (Taube, 1995). To restrict the
207 influence of inhomogeneous sampling on directional tuning, we separated the directionality for
208 the pre-TMT(ChR2) and post pre-TMT(ChR2) where the animals exhibited consistent
209 navigation, but not for the TMT(ChR2) sessions where the direction of animal's navigation
210 was highly inconsistent due to the aversive episode. For the linear color-coded representation
211 of the unidirectional place fields the firing rate was normalized for each cell to the cell's
212 baseline maximal firing rate. The unidirectional clockwise / counter-clockwise place fields
213 were defined as areas of 9 contiguous pixels ($2.5 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{pixel}$) with average activity $>10\%$ of
214 the field maximum rate. Although the reduction of the place field firing rate cut-off to 10%
215 increases the extra-field noise this approach also preserves the peripheral spiking activity
216 considered outside the place field with the 20% cut-off approach. The firing rate difference
217 between the pre- TMT(ChR2) and post- TMT(ChR2) recordings was normalized by the ratio
218 of the difference over the sum of the pre- and post-spiking count (see spike ratios).

219 *Optogenetic tools*

220 AAV-CaMKIIa-hChR2(H134R)-eYFP-WPRE-hGH viral construct was serotyped with AAV5
221 coat proteins and packaged by Vector Core at the University of North Carolina with viral titers
222 ranged from $1.5\text{-}8 \times 10^{12}$ particles per mL. For control experiments we used virus bearing only
223 the YFP reporter. Randomization of group allocation (ChR2 versus YFP controls) was
224 performed using an online randomization algorithm (<http://www.randomization.com/>). The

225 virus injection was applied unilaterally in the BLA (2.4 AP, 4.9 ML), with volume of 2 μ l
226 injected on two levels: 1 μ l at 6.5 mm and 1 μ l at 7.5 mm dorsoventral to the dura. Subsequently
227 an optical fiber (200 μ m core diameter, Thorlabs, Inc.) was chronically inserted (2.4 AP, 4.9
228 ML, 6.5 DV). Simultaneous optical stimulation and extracellular recording from CA1 were
229 performed in freely-behaving rats 3 weeks after the surgery. The light power was controlled to
230 be 10-15 mW at the fiber tip. Square-wave pulses of 5 ms were delivered at frequency of 50Hz.

231 *Spiking ratios*

$$232 \quad TMT \text{ spiking ratio} = \frac{\text{firing rate from the preTMT session in the TMT arms}}{\text{firing rate from the TMT session in the TMT arms}}$$

$$233 \quad NonTMT \text{ SR} = \frac{\text{firing rate from the preTMT session in the nonTMT zone}}{\text{firing rate from the TMT session in the nonTMT zone}}$$

$$234 \quad TMT / anti TMT \text{ passes ratio} = \frac{\text{Number of passes in the TMT arms}}{\text{Number of passes in the nonTMT arms}}$$

$$235 \quad ChR2 \text{ spiking ratio} = \frac{\text{firing rate from the preChR2 session in the ChR2 arms}}{\text{firing rate from the ChR2 session in the ChR2 arms}}$$

$$236 \quad NonChR2 \text{ SR} = \frac{\text{firing rate from the preChR2 session in the nonChR2 zone}}{\text{firing rate from the ChR2 session in the nonChR2 zone}}$$

$$237 \quad ChR2 / non ChR2 \text{ passes ratio} = \frac{\text{Number of passes in the ChR2 arms}}{\text{Number of passes in the nonChR2 arms}}$$

$$238 \quad Pre / post \text{ normalized spikes count} = \frac{(\text{spikes count pre} - \text{spikes count post})}{(\text{spikes count pre} + \text{spikes count post})}$$

239 *Center of Mass*

240 The center of mass (COM) was calculated by taking the x and y averages for the rows and
241 columns of the rate map weighted for firing rate. For the unidirectional place field analyses
242 COM included only the spikes located in the place field defined by the field area smaller than
243 10% of the maximum firing rate, while for the bidirectional analyses we used all spikes with
244 20% cut-off. The spatial position of the place cell was defined for all recorded spikes as the

245 center of mass of the firing rate distribution within the maze coordinates. The center of mass
 246 of the place cells' spike distribution is calculated as follows:

$$247 \quad COM_x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} f_{ij} \cdot i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} f_{ij}} \cdot l_{bin} - \frac{l_{bin}}{2}$$

$$248 \quad COM_y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} f_{ij} \cdot j}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} f_{ij}} \cdot l_{bin} - \frac{l_{bin}}{2}$$

249 Where N_x, N_y define the number of bins in the arena in X-, Y- direction; $f_{i,j}$ is firing frequency
 250 in bin i, j ; l_{bin} is the bin-size.

251 Given the origin O (O_x, O_y), which denotes the northwest (SE) corner of the Cartesian
 252 coordinate system, and the direction of the symmetry axis D (D_x, D_y), which denotes the line
 253 between the southwest (SW) and northeast (NE) corners, the distance of the COM
 254 (COM_x, COM_y) to the symmetry axis is calculated as follows:

$$255 \quad dist_{COM/sym} = \frac{\left| \det \begin{bmatrix} D_x - O_x & D_y - O_y \\ COM_x - O_x & COM_y - O_y \end{bmatrix} \right|}{\sqrt{(P_x - O_x)^2 + (D_y - O_y)^2}}$$

256 Where P is the shortest distance between the COM and the symmetry line. For the rectangular-
 257 shaped linear track, the arena borders are defined as the square surrounding all motion tracking
 258 sample points with an equal distance to the real limits of the arena at all sides.

259 Using $dist_{COM}$ we calculate the distance between O and P as follows:

$$260 \quad \overline{OP} = \sqrt{(COM_x^2 + COM_y^2) - dist_{COM}^2}$$

261 The COM distance normalized by the arena width perpendicular to the symmetry axis through
 262 the COM is calculated as:

$$263 \quad dist_{norm} = \begin{cases} \frac{dist_{COM}}{\overline{OP} \cdot C}, \overline{OP} < \frac{\overline{OM}}{2} \\ \frac{dist_{COM}}{(\overline{OM} - \overline{OP}) \cdot C}, \overline{OP} > \frac{\overline{OM}}{2} \end{cases}$$

264 Where \overline{OM} is the diagonal of a square enclosing all motion tracking data points, and C is a
265 motion tracking data factor and in this case set to 0.85 for the linear rectangular track.

266 *Center of Mass Angle*

267 The Center of Mass Angle (COMa) computes the shift of place field COM towards the TMT
268 arms using radial direction in degrees where the axis between the feeding zones denotes 45
269 degrees. COMa is calculated as follows:

$$270 \quad \theta_{COM} = \begin{cases} 45^\circ \cdot (1 - dist_{norm}), & COM_x < COM_y \\ 45^\circ \cdot (1 + dist_{norm}), & COM_x > COM_y \end{cases}$$

271 Where θ_{COM} is center of mass angle; COM_x, COM_y : X-, Y- coordinate of COM, $dist_{norm}$
272 normalized COM distance. The shift in the center of mass (ΔCOM) is the absolute difference
273 between the pre- and post-TMT(ChR2) recordings:

$$274 \quad |\Delta COM| = COM_{(pre-TMT)} - COM_{(post-TMT)}$$

$$275 \quad |\Delta COM| = COM_{(pre-ChR2)} - COM_{(post-ChR2)}$$

276 All algorithms were implemented in MATLAB.

277 *Histology*

278 At the end of the study, brains were removed for histological verification of electrode
279 localization. Rats were deeply anesthetized with sodium pentobarbital (390 mg/kg) and
280 perfused transcardially with ice-cold 0.9% saline followed by 4% paraformaldehyde. Brains
281 were removed, post-fixed in paraformaldehyde for up to 24 hours and cryoprotected in 25%
282 sucrose for >48 hours. Brains were sectioned coronally at 40 μ m on a freezing microtome.
283 Primary antibody incubations were performed overnight at 4°C in PBS with BSA and Triton
284 X-100 (each 0.2%). The concentration for primary antibodies was anti-CamKII α 1:500
285 (Millipore, # 05-532). Sections were then washed and incubated in PBS for 10 minutes and
286 secondary antibodies were added (1:500) conjugated to Alexa Fluor 594 dye (Invitrogen, #
287 A11032) for 2 hours at room temperature.

288 For visualization, the sections were mounted onto microscope slides in phosphate-buffered
289 water and cover-slipped with Vectashield mounting medium. The YFP fluorescence was
290 evaluated within a selected region that was placed below the fiber tip in an area of 1.5mm x
291 1.5mm. Fluorescence was quantified based on the average pixel intensity within the selected
292 region (Witten et al., 2011). The stained sections were examined with an Olympus IX81
293 confocal microscope at 594nm for Alexa Fluor secondary antibody and 488nm for ChR2-YFP.
294 CamKII α -positive neurons were identified based on the expression of red fluorescence,
295 whereas ChR2-positive neurons were identified by the expression of green fluorescence. Co-
296 localization of Alexa Fluor 594 and YFP was determined manually using ImageJ software.

297 *Statistical Analysis*

298 Two different approaches were used to calculate the sample size (Karalis et al., 2016). We
299 performed power analyses to establish the required number of animals for experiments in which
300 we had sufficient data on response variables. For experiments in which the outcome of the
301 intervention could not be predetermined, we employed a sequential stopping rule. This
302 approach allows null-hypothesis tests to be used subsequently by analyzing the data at different
303 experimental stages using *t*-tests against Type II error. The experiment was initiated with four
304 animals per group; if $P < 0.05$, the testing was continued with two or three more animals to
305 increase statistical power. In the case of $P > 0.36$, the experiment was discontinued and the null
306 hypothesis was accepted (Karalis et al., 2016). All data were analyzed using SPSS Software.
307 Statistical significance was estimated by using a two-tailed independent samples *t*-test for non-
308 paired data or a paired samples Student *t*-test for paired data. Repeated measures were
309 evaluated with two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) paired with *post hoc* Bonferroni test.
310 Correlations between data sets were determined using Pearson's correlation coefficient. The
311 probability level interpreted as significant was fixed at $p < 0.05$. Data are plotted as mean \pm sem.
312 Dataset of all experimental files is available at <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.5336026.v1>

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314 **Results**

315 **Increase of hippocampal beta amplitude parallels TMT-mediated aversion episodes**

316 To evoke an aversion episode for rats, chronically implanted with tetrodes in hippocampal CA1
317 region, we used 10% trimethylthiazoline (TMT) applied to a restricted section (10x15 cm²) of
318 a rectangular-shaped linear track (Fig. 1A). TMT, a constituent of fox urine, is an innately
319 aversive odor to rodents (Myers and Rinaman, 2005; Kobayakawa et al., 2007). The
320 experimental design consisted of three recording sessions (12 min each), conducted in the range
321 of 48 hours: baseline recording (pre-TMT), recording with TMT located of one of the arms of
322 the track (TMT) and subsequent recording without TMT (post-TMT). During the TMT session
323 the animals (n = 12 rats) avoided to navigate across the TMT-scented section of the track (Fig.
324 1B, Supplementary Movie 1), resulting in place avoidance (Fig. 1C, paired t-test, n = 12 rats,
325 $t(11) = 10.4$, $P < 0.001$). The experimental design of TMT aversion was designed to evoke in
326 the post-TMT recording session only brief aversive response and subsequent extinction to
327 avoid navigation undersampling in the TMT arms and to identify reliably the place cells' firing
328 properties. The path sampling data of the pre- and post-TMT sessions show sufficient dwell
329 time spent in both TMT- and non-TMT arms with sufficient path sampling for all rats (Fig. 1C,
330 Table 1). The association of the TMT arms with the aversive odor was evident during the first
331 minute of navigation in the post-TMT session (Fig. 1D, paired t-test, n = 12, $t(11) = -4.244$, P
332 = 0.001). The average number of passes (2.58 ± 0.3) was significantly lower for the TMT arms
333 compared to the non-TMT arms (5.16 ± 0.7). To identify if the olfaction-mediated aversion
334 was restricted to the TMT section of the maze or if it was occurring over the entire recording
335 arena we analyzed the amplitude of hippocampal beta frequency band (15-40Hz, Fig. 1E, Fig.
336 1F) for each arm of the track (Fig. 1G). Successful odor discrimination is identified by
337 hippocampal oscillations in beta frequency range (Igarashi et al., 2014) and therefore, the

338 increase of beta amplitude is a reliable indicator of aversive odors processing by the
339 hippocampal network. The hippocampal beta amplitude (Fig. 1H, one-way ANOVA, $n = 12$,
340 $F_{(1,7)} = 3.1$, $P = 0.005$) and frequency (Fig. 1I, one-way ANOVA, $n = 12$, $F_{(1,7)} = 3.8$, $P = 0.002$)
341 expressed dependence on the animal's whole body linear speed. Concurrently, the TMT-
342 induced aversion impacted the animals' linear speed (Supplementary Movie 1). To avoid the
343 bias of speed on beta parameters we analyzed the effect of TMT on beta oscillations for
344 different speed bands. The highest increase of beta amplitude was evident during the passes on
345 the arm with TMT odor (TMT arm 1, Fig. 1J, two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc test,
346 between groups, $n = 12$, $F_{(2,10)} = 17.5$, $P < 0.001$) with significant increase for five speed ranges.
347 Significant beta amplitude increase was present also in the second arm between the food zones,
348 adjacent to the TMT arm (TMT arm 2, Fig. 1K, two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc
349 test, between groups, $F_{(2,10)} = 24.3$, $P < 0.001$). The opposing loop between the food zones
350 including non-TMT arm 1 and non-TMT arm 2 was characterized with non-significant changes
351 of beta amplitude (Fig. 1L,M, two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc test, between
352 groups, $n = 12$, for non-TMT arm 1: $F_{(2,10)} = 3.0$, $P = 0.094$ and for non-TMT arm 2: $F_{(2,10)} =$
353 1.3 , $P = 0.295$). We found no significant effect of TMT on the frequency of beta oscillation
354 (Fig. 1N, O, TMT arm 1: two-way ANOVA, between groups, with Bonferroni post-hoc
355 correction, $n = 12$, $F_{(2,10)} = 0.7$, $P = 0.493$; TMT arm 2: $n = 12$, $F_{(2,10)} = 1.2$, $P = 0.349$; non-
356 TMT arm 1: $n = 12$, $F_{(2,10)} = 2.1$, $P = 0.164$; non-TMT arm 2: $n = 12$, $F_{(2,10)} = 1.8$, $P = 0.213$).
357 These data indicate that the effect of TMT on the hippocampal local field activity was restricted
358 to two arms of the rectangular-shaped linear track (TMT arms).

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360 **The place cell's activity in the TMT arms during aversion episodes correlates to the**
361 **degree of field reconfiguration**

362 We next explored if the exposure to TMT increased remapping propensity of the place cells,
363 measured by the shift of the center of mass (ΔCOM) for all spikes. ΔCOM is an efficient
364 approach for field plasticity evaluation because this parameter represents spiking as a function
365 of the occupancy for each pixel and detects both spatial and rate remapping (Knierim, 2002;
366 Lee et al., 2004). The average ΔCOM between the pre-TMT and post-TMT recordings for the
367 place cells from the TMT group was 12.44 ± 0.8 cm (Fig. 2A). This was a significant increase
368 compared to the ΔCOM , examined from animals undergoing control recordings with
369 indifferent odor: 10% ethanol, with baseline value of 6.32 ± 0.6 cm (unpaired t-test, control
370 group $n = 57$, TMT group $n = 106$, $t(161) = 5.2$, $P < 0.001$). Furthermore, the ratio of the TMT-
371 over non-TMT number of passes for the first 60 seconds significantly correlated to the degree
372 of ΔCOM (Fig. 2B, Pearson's $r = -0.656$, $P = 0.020$, $n = 12$). We investigated if the intra- and
373 extra-field spiking activity of individual place cells during the TMT episodes (Fig. 2C) relates
374 to subsequent shift of the place cell's center of mass angle (ΔCOMa). This parameter estimates
375 the proximity of the center of mass to the TMT zone across the main axis of the track (see
376 Methods & Materials), between 0° for SW corner and 90° for NE corner. The TMT session
377 induced variable ΔCOMa between the pre-TMT and post-TMT sessions for the NE group of
378 animals (Fig. 2D) as well as for the SW group of animals (Fig. 2E). We correlated the degree
379 of ΔCOMa to the change of the firing rate of the place cells within the TMT arms. The change
380 of the firing rate was calculated by the ratio of the baseline over the TMT session firing rate
381 from the recorded spikes. We found significant negative correlation between ΔCOMa and the
382 TMT spiking ratio of the mean firing rate measured for the TMT arms (Fig. 2F, Pearson's $r =$
383 -0.276 , $P = 0.004$, $n = 106$). Concurrently, no significance was evident for the correlation
384 between ΔCOMa and the non-TMT mean spiking ratio measured from the non-TMT zone (Fig.
385 2G, Pearson's $r = -0.016$, $p = 0.871$, $n = 107$). Similarly, the correlation between ΔCOMa and
386 the spiking ratio of the peak firing rate was significant for the TMT arms (Fig. 2H, Pearson's r

387 = -0.271, $P = 0.005$, $n = 106$), but not for the non-TMT zone (Fig. 2I, Pearson's $r = -0.083$, P
388 = 0.394, $n = 107$). In the control group of rats (Fig. 3A,B) we found no significant correlation
389 between ΔCOMa (Fig. 3C,D) and the mean spiking ratio for the ethanol arms (Fig. 3G,
390 Pearson's $r = -0.001$, $P = 0.997$, $n = 31$) and for the non-ethanol zone (Fig. 3H, Pearson's $r = -$
391 0.041, $P = 0.822$, $n = 32$). The correlations between ΔCOMa and peak spiking ratios were also
392 non-significant (3I, Pearson's $r = -0.092$, $P = 0.621$, $n = 31$; Fig. 3J, Pearson's $r = -0.062$, $P =$
393 0.734, $n = 32$). These data demonstrate that the cells' spiking during aversive episodes is related
394 to subsequent place field remapping.

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396 **The extra-field spiking during aversion episodes determines the degree of field plasticity**

397 We compared the field reconfiguration of the place cells with fields located in the TMT arms
398 (with spiking ratio including intra-field spikes, Fig. 4A) to the remapping of the cells with place
399 fields outside the TMT arms (with spiking ratio including only extra-field spikes, Fig. 4B). The
400 place field was defined as the region of the arena in which the firing rate of the place cell was
401 $> 20\%$ of the peak firing frequency (Brun et al., 2002). The extra-field TMT spiking ratio highly
402 correlated to ΔCOMa for both the mean (Fig. 4E, Pearson's $r = -0.465$, $P < 0.001$, $n = 54$) and
403 for the peak firing rate (Fig. 4I, Pearson's $r = -0.453$, $P < 0.001$, $n = 54$). However, the intra-
404 field TMT spiking ratio showed no significant correlation to ΔCOMa for the mean firing rate
405 (Fig. 4F, Pearson's $r = 0.013$, $P = 0.925$, $n = 52$) as well as for the peak firing rate (Fig. 4J,
406 Pearson's $r = -0.055$, $P = 0.698$, $n = 52$). The dissociation of the spikes into TMT extra- and
407 intra-field groups had no effect on the place cells activity outside the TMT arms during the
408 TMT sessions. No significant correlation was evident for the mean and peak firing rate of the
409 intra- (Fig. 4G, Pearson's $r = -0.024$, $P = 0.864$, $n = 55$; Fig. 4K, Pearson's $r = -0.119$, $P =$
410 0.387, $n = 55$) and extra-field spikes (Fig. 4H, Pearson's $r = 0.027$, $P = 0.852$, $n = 52$; Fig. 4L,
411 Pearson's $r = 0.062$, $P = 0.661$, $n = 52$) in the non-TMT zone. These results show that the

412 degree of increase in extra-field spiking during the TMT sessions predicts the degree of place
413 field plasticity. Furthermore, the degree of increase extra-field spiking of these place cells
414 during the TMT sessions predicted the degree of place field remapping.

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416 **The center of mass shift occurs in both directions of navigation along the track**

417 We next aimed to precisely identify the degree of place field COM shift between recording
418 sessions. The angle calculation of COM in 2D space is prone to higher variability compared to
419 the one-directional COM calculation since the distance covered per unit angle varies as a
420 function of the radial distance. For this purpose we computed the degree of field remapping
421 and firing rate remapping after the path of the animals was linearized (Fig. 5). Place fields on
422 linear tracks display differential firing depending on the direction of the animal's movement
423 (McNaughton et al., 1983). Thus, we also separated the place fields into clockwise and counter-
424 clockwise trajectories (Fig. 5A,C,E Fig. 5B,D,F). For the unidirectional place fields we used
425 an alternative place field cut-off, which includes the field bins with firing rate greater than 10%
426 of the maximum firing rate (see Methods & Materials). We compared the spiking parameters
427 of the place fields between: 1) pre-ethanol session (Fig. 5A,B left panels) and post-ethanol
428 session (Fig. 5A,B right panels); between 2) pre-TMT session for the SW group (Fig. 5C,D left
429 panels) and post-TMT session (Fig. 5C,D right panels), and between 3) pre-TMT session for
430 the NE group (Fig. 5E,F left panels) and post-TMT session (Fig. 5E,F right panels). There was
431 no significant difference in the change of the mean firing rate between the ethanol, TMT-NE
432 and TMT-SW groups for the clockwise (Fig. 5G, one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc
433 correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(2,128)} = 0.257$, $P = 0.773$) and counter-clockwise groups (Fig. 5J, one-way
434 ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(2,118)} = 0.164$, $P = 0.849$). Similarly, the
435 change of the peak firing rate between the three groups was not significant for the clockwise
436 (Fig. 5H, one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(2,128)} = 0.886$, $P =$

437 0.886) or for counter-clockwise fields (Fig. 5K, one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc
438 correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(2,118)} = 0.118$, $P = 0.889$). The linearized COM shifted on average with 5.10
439 ± 0.5 cm for the clockwise- (Fig. 5I) and 5.37 ± 0.5 cm for the counter-clockwise fields (Fig.
440 5L) in the ethanol-exposed group. Exposure to TMT evoked Δ COM of 24.24 ± 4.6 cm for
441 clockwise- and 24.47 ± 4.4 cm for counter-clockwise fields for the TMT-NE group, and 21.84
442 ± 3.3 cm for clockwise- (Fig. 5I) and 24.65 ± 4.0 cm for counter-clockwise fields (Fig. 5L) for
443 the TMT-SW group. This shift was significantly higher compared to the control group for
444 clockwise- (one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(2,128)} = 11.52$, $P <$
445 0.001) and counter-clockwise fields (one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc correction,
446 $n = 6$, $F_{(2,118)} = 10.105$, $P < 0.001$). These data show that TMT evokes potent field remapping
447 and negligible rate remapping for both directions of navigation.

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449 **BLA photostimulation mediates aversion-triggered shift of the center of mass**

450 Basolateral amygdala (BLA) activation is known to trigger aversive behavior (Davis, 1992).
451 We investigated if BLA innervation of hippocampal place cells mediates the aversion induced
452 field plasticity and if optogenetic activation BLA excitatory neurons will exert an effect similar
453 to the TMT-evoked pattern of reconfiguration. To exert spatial control of the BLA neuronal
454 activity we injected a viral construct AAV-CaMKII α -hChR2-YFP in the BLA of Lister-
455 Hooded rats (Fig. 6A). Delivery of blue light (473 nm) excited the spiking of neurons infected
456 with AAV-CaMKII α -hChR2-YFP (Fig. 6B,C) and induced concurrently aversive behavior
457 (Supplementary Movies 2, 3). The majority of the photostimulated BLA neurons were
458 CamKII α -positive: $87 \pm 8\%$ of neurons that expressed yellow fluorescent protein (YFP) also
459 expressed CamKII α , while $64 \pm 5\%$ of neurons that expressed CamKII α also expressed YFP.
460 We applied optogenetic stimulation (50Hz, trains of 12 pulses, 0.5Hz inter-train interval) in
461 south and west arms of the track (ChR2 arms, Fig. 6D) and observed place avoidance in the

462 ChR2 arms (Fig. 6E, paired t-test, $n = 6$ rats, $t(5) = 5.0$, $P = 0.004$). The post-ChR2 session
463 recollected the place aversion of the animals in the first minute of the recording (Fig. 6F, paired
464 t-test, $n = 6$, $t(5) = -3.796$, $p = 0.013$). BLA photostimulation affected the synchronization of
465 hippocampal local field oscillations across the stimulation trials (Fig. 6G), where the power of
466 the event-related potential increased in the range of 5 – 8 Hz (Fig. 6H). The phase-locking
467 value is a parameter that measures the degree of local field synchrony between all stimulation
468 epochs (see Materials & Methods). The phase-locking values were significantly higher for
469 BLA light pulse delivery (Fig. 6I, 0.35 ± 0.04) compared to the shuffled BLA data (0.09 ± 0.07 ,
470 paired t-test, $n = 120$ trials, $t(119) = 3.0$, $P = 0.005$), as well as compared to the control YFP
471 group (0.01 ± 0.06 , unpaired t-test, $n = 120$ trials, $t(118) = 4.8$, $P = 0.009$). We next compared
472 the change of the intra-field and extra-field spiking of place cells that fire in both ChR2-arms
473 and non-ChR2 zone. The spike count was examined in epochs of 100, 250, and 500ms pre- and
474 post-BLA stimulation protocol onset. The positive value of the normalized count (0.03 ± 0.03)
475 showed that the activation of the amygdala afferents resulted in a tendency of decreased intra-
476 field spiking rate in the first 100ms post-BLA photostimulation (Fig. 6J). Concurrently, the
477 extra-field spiking increased (represented by the negative value of the normalized count, -0.11
478 ± 0.04), which was significantly different from the extra-field normalized count for the first
479 100ms (paired t-test, $n = 74$ cells, $t(73) = 3.2$, $P = 0.002$), but not the 250ms (paired t-test, $n =$
480 74 cells, $t(73) = 1.1$, $P = 0.254$) and 500ms post-BLA photostimulation (paired t-test, $n = 74$
481 cells, $t(73) = 1.2$, $P = 0.247$). We compared the COM angle shift (ΔCOMa) between the pre-
482 and post-ChR2 sessions for the place cells with fields located in the ChR2 arms (with intra-
483 field spikes) and for the place cells with fields located in the non-ChR2 zone (with extra-field
484 spikes only). The average ΔCOMa of 7.57 ± 1.1 from cells with fields located in the ChR2
485 arms was significantly lower than ΔCOMa of 12.64 ± 1.6 from cells located in the non-ChR2
486 zone (Fig. 6K, unpaired t-test, extra-field group, $n = 38$ cells, intra-field group, $n = 42$ cells,

487 $t(78) = 5.0, P = 0.011$). ΔCOMa for the extra-field spiking cells also differed significantly
488 between the ChR2- and YFP control group of rats (unpaired t-test, ChR2 extra-field group, n
489 = 38 cells, YFP extra -field group, $n = 32$ cells, $t(68) = 5.3, P = 0.010$). The application of
490 AAV-CaMKII α -YFP in control rats (Fig. 7A) evoked no behavioral response (Fig. 7D,E,
491 paired t-test, $n = 6$ rats, $t(5) = 1.0, P = 0.358$), electrophysiological response (Fig. 7B,C,F-H)
492 or remapping (Fig. 8A,B). These data confirm BLA photoactivation as a reliable experimental
493 protocol for behavioral place aversion and place field plasticity.

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495 **The extra-field spiking during BLA photostimulation predicts the center of mass shift**

496 Place fields of the cells located in the non-ChR2 zone that spiked during the photostimulation
497 session (Fig. 9) showed larger place field reconfiguration (Supplementary Movie 4), compared
498 to the cells with little or no spiking activity (Fig. 10). We correlated the COM angle shift
499 (ΔCOMa) to the ratio of the baseline over the TMT session place cells' firing rate from the
500 recorded spikes (ChR2 spiking ratio) for the place cells with fields located in the non-ChR2
501 zone (with extra-field spikes) as well as for the place cells located in the ChR2 arms (with intra-
502 field spikes, Fig. 11A). The mean and the peak extra-field ChR2 spiking ratios significantly
503 correlated to ΔCOMa (Fig. 11C, Pearson's $r = -0.429, P = 0.007$; Fig. 11G, Pearson's $r = -$
504 $0.426, P = 0.009, n = 38$). Concurrently, the mean and the peak intra-field ChR2 spiking ratio
505 showed weak non-significant correlation to ΔCOMa for the ChR2 arms (Fig. 11D, Pearson's r
506 = $-0.261, P = 0.099$; Fig. 11H, Pearson's $r = -0.187, P = 0.241, n = 41$). No significant
507 correlation to ΔCOMa was evident for the mean and peak firing rate of the intra- (Fig. 11E,
508 Pearson's $r = 0.092, P = 0.530, n = 49$; Fig. 11I, Pearson's $r = 0.066, P = 0.651, n = 49$) and
509 extra-field spikes (Fig. 11F, Pearson's $r = 0.099, P = 0.529, n = 42$; Fig. 11J, Pearson's $r =$
510 $0.032, P = 0.842, n = 42$) for the non-ChR2 zone. Similarly to the TMT protocol, the BLA
511 photostimulation evoked significant correlation between the spiking ratio and ΔCOMa only for

512 the Chr2 arms and only for the extra-field spiking cells. These data validate the hypothesis
513 that aversion-evoked place field reconfiguration is mediated by BLA activation.

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515 **The unidirectional field shift after BLA photostimulation is similar to the TMT-induced**
516 **remapping**

517 We compared the spiking parameters of the place fields between pre-YFP session (Fig. 12A,B
518 left panels) and post-YFP session (Fig. 12A,B right panels), as well as pre-ChR2 session (Fig.
519 5C,D left panels) and post-ChR2 session (Fig. 12C,D right panels) of the BLA-photostimulated
520 group. There was no significant difference in the change of the mean firing rate between the
521 YFP and ChR2 groups for the clockwise (Fig. 12E, one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-
522 hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(1,122)} = 0.269$, $P = 0.847$) and counter-clockwise groups (Fig. 12H, one-
523 way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(1,112)} = 0.278$, $P = 0.810$). No
524 significance was evident for the change of the peak firing rate between both groups for the
525 clockwise (Fig. 12F, one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(1,122)} =$
526 0.266 , $P = 0.850$) and for counter-clockwise fields (Fig. 12I, one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni
527 post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(1,112)} = 0.126$, $P = 0.816$). The linearized Δ COM was 5.66 ± 1.1
528 cm for the clockwise- (Fig. 5G) and 5.61 ± 1.1 cm for the counter-clockwise fields (Fig. 5J) in
529 the YFP group, while light delivery to BLA induced Δ COM of 24.60 ± 4.6 cm for clockwise-
530 and 24.10 ± 3.0 cm for (counter-clockwise fields one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-hoc
531 correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(1,122)} = 12.01$, $P < 0.001$; counter-clockwise fields one-way ANOVA with
532 Bonferroni post-hoc correction, $n = 6$, $F_{(1,112)} = 11.07$, $P < 0.001$). These data show that
533 similarly to TMT, BLA excitation results in strong field but insignificant rate remapping for
534 both directions of navigation.

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537 **Discussion**

538 In this study, we demonstrated the reconfiguration pattern of hippocampal place cells evoked
539 by aversive episodes. We report that the place fields located outside the area of aversion express
540 higher propensity for center of mass shift, compared to the fields located with the arms of the
541 track associated with TMT-induced aversion. Our findings show for the first time that the
542 degree of center of mass shift correlates with the firing rate of the extra-field spiking during
543 the aversion. Optogenetic stimulation of extra-field spikes resulted in the same reconfiguration
544 pattern with the exposure to innately aversive odor.

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546 **Beta amplitude increase displays the spatial location of aversive odor perception**

547 The hippocampus is proposed to provide a contextual framework for the encoding of emotional
548 events (Leutgeb et al., 2005). Recent data demonstrate that hippocampal spatial representation
549 is not static but alters in response to non-spatial rewarding stimuli (Mamad et al., 2017).
550 Hippocampal place cells remap also after exposure to stressful or fearful events (Moita et al.,
551 2004; Wang et al., 2012; Kim et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2015). This remapping is a mechanism
552 for the formation of new hippocampal engrams that store the association of spatial context and
553 fearful experience (Ramirez et al., 2013; Tonegawa et al., 2015). Although a population of
554 place cells remap after exposure to stressful or fearful events (Moita et al., 2004; Kim et al.,
555 2015), there is no clear explanation why some neurons alter their place fields to encode fearful
556 experience, while others preserve stable fields. The application of innate aversive
557 trimethylthiazoline (TMT) allowed us to study the transformation of hippocampal population
558 code from indifferent to negative context value for a single environment. The advantage of
559 TMT is the absence of learning curve required for associative fear conditioning (Kobayakawa
560 et al., 2007) and the absence of visible or tactile features of the stressor that might affect the
561 stability of the recorded place cells (Jeffery and O'Keefe, 1999). Beta rhythm (15 – 40 Hz) is a

562 characteristic oscillation in the olfactory bulb during odorant perception (Lowry and Kay,
563 2007; Lepousez and Lledo, 2013). During olfactory-driven behavior beta oscillations sustained
564 long-range interactions between distant brain structures, including the hippocampus (Martin et
565 al., 2007). We measured beta oscillations to identify in which arms of the track the animals
566 perceive the aversive odorant. This approach allowed us to distinguish whether TMT odor was
567 processed by the hippocampal formation of the animals only for particular arms or for the entire
568 rectangular-shaped linear track. Entorhinal–hippocampal coupling was observed specifically
569 in the 20 – 40 Hz frequency band as rats learned to use an odor cue to guide navigational
570 behavior (Igarashi et al., 2014). The essence of beta rhythm in the processing of aversive stimuli
571 across the limbic circuitry was demonstrated with the finding that powerful beta activity
572 predicted the behavioral expression of conditioned odor aversion (Chapuis et al., 2009).
573 Similarly, we showed that beta amplitude increased during the TMT sessions, particularly in
574 the TMT arms but not in the rest of the track. We revealed here that beta rhythm varied as a
575 function of speed: the frequency of beta decreased, while the amplitude increased with the
576 augmentation of the whole body motion of the animal. The frequency dependence on the speed
577 of locomotion is not characteristic only for the beta frequency band but also for slower and
578 faster local field oscillations. Increase of gamma frequency was linked to faster running speed
579 in rats (Ahmed and Mehta, 2012) and this phenomenon was proposed to preserve the spatial
580 specificity of place cells at different running speeds (Ahmed and Mehta, 2012). Further
581 research is needed to clarify the source of the currents underpinning beta. Particularly
582 intriguing is the open question of how the hippocampal pyramidal cells discharge in relation to
583 beta phase during the onset of aversive experience. We need to elucidate the temporal link
584 between beta and theta, as well beta and gamma during the perception of aversive stimuli.

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586 **Aversion experience reconfigures hippocampal place fields**

587 After we identified the TMT arms as a section of the maze where the animals perceived the
588 aversive stimulus, we compared the hippocampal spatial representation across the track axis,
589 dissociating the TMT arms against the opposing arms. The reconfiguration of individual place
590 fields is best evaluated by the center of mass difference (Knierim, 2002). We found that place
591 fields from animals exposed to aversive TMT evoked higher center of mass change compared
592 to control animals. Exposure to predator odor produces only partial remapping and one
593 possibility is that the cells remaining stable encode visuospatial information, while the
594 remapping cells are sensitive to other contextual cues such as olfactory information and/or
595 emotional valence (Wang et al., 2012). Another possibility is that spatial or temporal proximity
596 of the neuronal activity to the perception of the aversive episode determines which place fields
597 reconfigure. To show that the spatial proximity to the olfactory stimulus was essential
598 component of the field plasticity we compared the correlation between the change of the center
599 of mass angle (ΔCOMa) and TMT spiking ratio within the TMT arms versus outside the TMT
600 arms (non-TMT zone). We used ΔCOMa as analytical tool to evaluate the displacement of
601 place fields in relation to aversive event and to measure the change of their spatial proximity
602 to the TMT arms. Surprisingly, we found that the first group (including intra-field spikes)
603 showed no significant correlation, while the second group (including only extra-field spikes)
604 demonstrated high correlation of the spiking activity with the degree of center of mass shift.
605 No significant correlation was evident between ΔCOMa and intra- or extra-field spiking ratio
606 for the non-TMT zone of the track. Although information on the contribution of extra-field
607 spikes to spatial navigation is lacking in the literature, we know that their activity is crucially
608 involved in hippocampus-dependent learning (Ferguson et al., 2011). The significance of the
609 extra-field spikes is largely associated to the sharp-wave ripple replay of recently navigated
610 locations and experiences (Wu et al., 2017), which are important in learning and memory
611 consolidation during inactive behavioural state (Johnson et al., 2009). However, extra-field

612 spikes from place cells have been shown to occur during active navigation (Johnson and
613 Redish, 2007; Epsztein et al., 2011). Here, we present evidence that the extra-field activity
614 encodes salient stimuli and if it is potent enough to evoke place field plasticity related to
615 experience-dependent learning. The TMT protocol allows for instant association between the
616 aversive episode and spatial location, which is easily detected by the avoidance behaviour and
617 validated by the beta rhythm amplitude. The advantage of a snapshot aversion episode is the
618 robust change of the place cells spiking inside and outside their place fields.

619 Not only aversion but also reward and novelty salient stimuli can trigger biased field
620 distribution (Fyhn et al., 2007). Our experimental design included two feeding locations.
621 Therefore, these may have contributed to the observed remapping. The delivery of sugar pellets
622 ensured continuous navigation for 12 minutes for each recording session. To reduce the effect
623 of the reward on the place field remapping we habituated the rats to the feeding locations. The
624 animals were consistently rewarded throughout the baseline (pre-) recordings, TMT/ethanol or
625 YFP/ChR2 recordings and subsequent (post-) recordings for all groups of animals. The
626 unidirectional field analysis revealed that TMT or ChR2 groups of rats revealed significantly
627 greater shift in COM (increased Δ COM) compared to the ethanol or YFP groups, respectively.
628 The observed field plasticity was field but not rate remapping. However, this result does not
629 rule out the possibility that this plasticity results from a change in reward value due to TMT
630 exposure rather than the mere effect of conditioned aversion. A study in behaving rats showed
631 that a decrease in lever pressing for food in the presence of a conditioned tone also led to
632 changes in firing rate in areas associated with fear learning (Sotres-Bayon et al., 2012).
633 Therefore, the perception of known reward value may change due to conflict between aversion
634 and reward. We must acknowledge the likelihood that the COM shift observed in the non-TMT
635 (non-ChR2) arms may be the result of conflict between the rewarding and aversive stimuli.
636 Another factor that can affect place field variability is the speed of navigation. Although the

637 post-TMT(ChR2) sessions were characterized with reduced navigation during the first two
638 minutes, the animals navigation recovered for the remaining 10 minutes. This is of sufficient
639 duration for the reliable formation of stable fields (Frank et al., 2004). Concurrently, we
640 excluded spikes that occurred during epochs with running speeds below 5 cm/s (Alme et al.,
641 2014).

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643 **Amygdala mediates aversion-induced shift of the place field center of mass**

644 The amygdala is a key structure in the acquisition of aversive experience (LeDoux, 2000) and
645 optogenetic stimulation of BLA mediates associative fear learning (Johansen et al., 2010;
646 Klavir et al., 2017). The amygdala sets the emotional valence of sensory stimuli (Phelps and
647 LeDoux, 2005; Moriceau et al., 2006) and the BLA circuitry is particularly involved in the
648 odor-evoked fear conditioning (Wallace and Rosen, 2001; Anderson et al., 2003; de Araujo et
649 al., 2003). The amygdala is critical for stress-induced modulation of hippocampal synaptic
650 plasticity and hippocampus-dependent learning (Kim et al., 2001; Vouimba and Richter-Levin,
651 2005). Aversion-triggered place cell remapping is blocked by amygdala inactivation (Donzis
652 et al., 2013; Kim et al., 2015), while BLA stimulation decreases the stability of CA1 place
653 fields (Kim et al., 2012). Despite recent advances in manipulating engrams (Cai et al., 2016;
654 Rashid et al., 2016), there is no agreement if the place cells remap randomly or their
655 reconfiguration depends on the location of the aversive stimulus perception. We found that the
656 BLA-triggered field plasticity pattern was equivalent to the TMT-induced field
657 reconfiguration, namely, the correlation between the ChR2 spiking ratio and ΔCOMa was
658 significant only for place cells located outside the ChR2 arms. The non-ChR2 zone included
659 non-ChR2 arms and the feeding zones. Elimination of the feeding zones from the data analyses
660 would have excluded spikes from intra- or extra-field activity, affecting the reliability of the
661 place field center of mass calculation and the accuracy of field plasticity identification. The

662 observed field reconfiguration pattern reveals that the increase of extra-field but not intra-field
663 spiking during aversive episode predicts the change in the preferred firing location. Such
664 response can emerge after a small, spatially uniform depolarization (Rickgauer et al., 2014) of
665 the spatially untuned somatic membrane potential of inactive place cell leads to the sudden and
666 reversible emergence of a spatially tuned subthreshold response and novel place field formation
667 (Lee et al., 2012; Bittner et al., 2015). This phenomenon is proposed as a key mechanism for
668 the formation of hippocampal memory representations (Lee et al., 2012). Our data complement
669 these findings by showing that BLA stimulation increases only the extra-field but not the intra-
670 field spiking of the CA1 place cells. It is very likely that extra-field spikes might be highly-
671 susceptible to hippocampal inputs and these spikes mediate spike-timed synaptic plasticity that
672 results in relocation of the place fields' center of mass. Therefore, our data analyses were not
673 restricted only to the main place field, but included also the identification of the extra-field
674 spikes. Early studies showed that amygdala can regulate the induction of hippocampal synaptic
675 plasticity, where the population spike long-term potentiation in the dentate gyrus was
676 attenuated by lesion of the BLA (Ikegaya et al., 1994) or by pharmacological inactivation of
677 BLA (Ikegaya et al., 1995). Priming the BLA inputs 30 seconds prior to performant path
678 stimulation resulted in the facilitation of the excitatory post-synaptic potentials in the dorsal
679 hippocampus (Akirav and Richter-Levin, 1999). Thus, BLA modulates the synaptic plasticity
680 within the hippocampal formation where the amygdala and the hippocampus acts
681 synergistically to form long-term memories of emotional events. The dual activation of the
682 amygdala and the hippocampus and the cross-talk between is proposed to provide contextual
683 information to emotionally based memories (Richter-Levin and Akirav, 2000). The dorsal
684 hippocampus is believed to associate context and fear memories (Ryan et al., 2015; Tonegawa
685 et al., 2015) and our data suggest that this process can be detected in the spatial firing patterns
686 of the place cells, which shift their center of mass towards the aversive section of the

687 environment. While our experimental design involves brief aversion retrieval (during the first
688 minute of the post-TMT/ChR2 sessions) followed by aversion extinction, the observed field
689 reconfiguration may be specific for the extinction phase. The place field remapping pattern
690 between the retrieval and extinction may differ (Wang et al., 2015), however, the long-term
691 measurement of place cell activity during aversion retrieval is challenging due to the risk of
692 navigation undersampling which is a reason for incomplete formation of place fields *per se* and
693 invalidates the evaluation of their properties (Hok et al., 2012; Navratilova et al., 2012).

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695 **Contextual signalling across the hippocampal formation**

696 Although the physiology of dorsal hippocampus is regulated by the aversive amygdalar signals
697 it is still unclear which is the most direct anatomical route from BLA to dorsal hippocampus.
698 The most substantial projection to the hippocampus originates in the basal nucleus and the
699 caudomedial portion of BLA projects heavily to the stratum oriens and stratum radiatum of
700 hippocampal CA3 and CA1 with predominant innervation of the ventral hippocampus
701 (Pikkarainen et al., 1999). Thus, the BLA-dorsal hippocampus signal transmission most likely
702 follows indirect polysynaptic route via the ventral hippocampus (Amaral and Witter, 1989).
703 Lesions of the longitudinal hippocampal pathways demonstrated the functional significance of
704 ventro-dorsal projections in spatial memory formation (Steffenach et al., 2002). Ventral
705 hippocampus is known also to mediate contextual conditioning where ventral hippocampal
706 lesions disrupt contextual freezing (Maren and Holt, 2004; Orsini et al., 2011; Kim and Cho,
707 2017), but see (Huff et al., 2016). Furthermore, studies *in vivo* have shown that cells in the
708 ventral region provide contextual information (Komorowski et al., 2013) and ventral cells
709 respond to odors much more strongly than dorsal cells (Keinath et al., 2014). This line of
710 research reveals the role of ventral hippocampus in fear and contextual conditioning and
711 suggests that aversive signals may propagate across the hippocampal longitudinal axis towards

712 dorsal hippocampus that mediates spatial learning. We found that BLA photostimulation
713 triggered potent oscillatory response in dorsal hippocampus represented by ERPs
714 synchronization after the light pulse delivery and increased power in the range of 5 – 8 Hz. The
715 firing of the hippocampal neurons also changed with higher occurrence of extra-field spikes
716 100 ms after the photostimulation, although we did not find hippocampal spikes that were
717 directly entrained by the light pulses. The electrophysiological data presented in our manuscript
718 report functional relation between the amygdala and dorsal hippocampus, but our histological
719 data were insufficient to conclude whether this effect was mediated by the major indirect
720 ventral projections or by sparse direct dorsal projections. Therefore, we consider that the
721 indirect ventral pathway as the most likely anatomical route that mediated the observed
722 amygdalo-hippocampal signalling. Spike-timed depolarization may underline not only the
723 encoding of aversive but also of rewarding or salient stimuli mediated by the subcortical or
724 entorhinal projections to hippocampus (Harvey et al., 2009).

725 We report here that BLA-induced field remapping follows the place field plasticity patterns
726 after aversive experience, evoked with exposure to TMT. Our data should be also considered
727 in the context of two possible conditions: 1) the remapping patterns may occur not only as a
728 result of the TMT or ChR2 protocol but also due to conflict between the rewarding and aversive
729 stimuli, and 2) the plasticity of dorsal hippocampal place cells may be mediated via different
730 indirect pathways arising from BLA. We propose that this pattern of field reconfiguration
731 serves as a universal mechanism for the generation of multiple context-dependent
732 representations by different salient stimuli, where the animal's behavior is guided by the
733 contextual valence of previous experience.

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982 **Figure Legends**

983 **Figure 1. Hippocampal beta amplitude increase during odor-triggered place avoidance.**

984 **A**, Behavioral set-up of rectangular-shaped linear track. Locations of the TMT are marked with
985 red in the north and east arms of the track. The black dashed line indicates the TMT arms, while
986 grey dashed line marks the non-TMT arms. To match the TMT protocol with the subsequent
987 ChR2 photostimulation protocol we applied the TMT scent papers to all locations across the
988 TMT arms. **B**, Navigation path of sample animal during the TMT session. Note the place
989 avoidance of the TMT arms. The grey dashed line marks the non-TMT zone. **C**, Number of
990 passes (left graph) and duration in seconds (right graph) counted in the TMT arms vs non-TMT
991 arms during the pre-TMT-, TMT- and post-TMT sessions, $***P < 0.001$. Error bars, mean \pm
992 s.e.m. **D**, Number of passes through the TMT- and non-TMT arms for the first 60 seconds of
993 the post-TMT session. $**P < 0.01$. **E**, Representative band pass filtered (15 – 40Hz) local field
994 potential (LFP) recorded during the passes in the TMT arms (top panel) and in the non-TMT
995 arms (bottom panel). Time 0 indicates the onset of the path trajectory starting from pellet
996 delivery location. **F**, Representative averaged band pass filtered (15 – 40Hz) color-coded
997 power spectrogram of all passes in the TMT arms (top panel) and in the non-TMT arms (bottom
998 panel). Time 0 indicates the onset of the path trajectory starting from pellet delivery location.
999 The averaged power-spectrogram includes the variability of passes duration and speed during
1000 the navigation across the arms. **G**, Spatial dissociation of odor perception for in TMT arms (top
1001 panel) and in the non-TMT arms (bottom panel). The arm with TMT scent paper (marked with
1002 red) was named TMT arm 1. The adjacent arm, part of the same food-navigation loop, was
1003 TMT arm 2. The opposite of the TMT arm 1 was named non-TMT arm 1, while the opposite
1004 of the TMT arm 2 was non-TMT arm 2. The scent was detected by the animal at different
1005 locations during the navigation passes across the TMT arms. Black arrows indicate the possible
1006 path trajectories of the animals. **H**, Mean beta amplitude and **I**, mean beta frequency measured

1007 during different whole body speed ranges of 0 – 40 cm/s in bins of 5 cm/s. **J**, Beta amplitude
1008 for TMT arm 1 and **K** TMT arm 2 (right) as percent of the pre-TMT session values for the
1009 entire track. *** $P < 0.001$, ** $P < 0.01$, * $P < 0.05$ Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **L**, Beta amplitude
1010 for non-TMT arm 1 and **M**, non-TMT arm 2 as percent of the pre-TMT session values for the
1011 entire track. The amplitude values are presented as a function of the animal's whole body speed,
1012 where beta amplitude is evaluated for speed range of 0 – 40 cm/s in bins of 5 cm/s. Error bars,
1013 mean \pm s.e.m. **N**, Beta frequency for TMT arm 1 and **O**, TMT arm 2 for speed range of 0 – 40
1014 cm/s in bins of 5 cm/s. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m.

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1016 **Figure 2. Individual place field reconfiguration after exposure to TMT.** **A**, Center of mass
1017 shift (Δ COM) of place cells recorded from baseline group of animals exposed to familiar odor
1018 (10% ethanol) and group of rats exposed to innately aversive odor (10% TMT). *** $P < 0.001$.
1019 Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **B**, Correlation between the average Δ COM for each rat and the ratio
1020 of the TMT- over the non-TMT arms passes for the first 60 seconds of the post-TMT session.
1021 **C**, Left: Color-coded 3D-spatial map of a sample place cell with place field located outside the
1022 TMT arms (the TMT arms are marked with red line), recorded during pre-TMT session. X-
1023 and Y-axes represent the coordinates of the recording arena, while Z-axis represents the firing
1024 rate of the recorded neuron. Blue colors represent low-, while red colors represent high firing
1025 rate. Right: Color-coded 3D-spatial map of a sample place cell with place field located outside
1026 the TMT arms (the TMT arms are marked with red line), recorded during TMT session. The
1027 inset below shows with red line the position of the TMT arms (circles indicate the pellet
1028 delivery corners). The spiking TMT ratio represents the mean (peak) firing rate of the pre-TMT
1029 session over the TMT session. The inset below shows the radial representation of COMa. The
1030 straight purple line starting from the southeast corner of the track and it indicates the COM
1031 position in respect to the main axis of the track positioned between the food zones (marked

1032 with black dots, in the SE and NW corners). Value of 45° indicates COM evenly distributed
1033 across the main axis of the track, 0° indicates COM fully distributed within the SW section and
1034 90° - in the NE section of the track. **D**, Six sample place cells recorded from animal of the NE
1035 group during pre-TMT session (upper panels), TMT session (middle panels) and post-TMT
1036 session (lower panels). The straight purple line denotes the center of mass angle (COMa) for
1037 each cell between SW at 0° and NE at 90° . Note that some of the place cells exhibited higher
1038 firing rate in the TMT arms during the TMT sessions (panels positioned on the right half)
1039 compared to place cells with little or no spiking (panels positioned on the left half). **E**, Six
1040 sample place cells recorded from animal of the SW group during pre-TMT session (upper
1041 panels), TMT session (middle panels) and post-TMT session (lower panels). **F**, Correlation
1042 between Δ COMa and TMT spiking ratio based on the mean firing rate of the place cells' spikes
1043 in the TMT arms. **G**, Correlation between Δ COMa and non-TMT spiking ratio based on the
1044 mean firing rate of the place cells' spikes in the non-TMT zone. **H**, Correlation between
1045 Δ COMa and the spiking ratio based on the peak firing rate for the spikes in the TMT arms. **I**,
1046 Correlation between Δ COMa and the spiking ratio based on the peak firing rate for the spikes
1047 in the non-TMT zone.

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1049 **Figure 3. Place field stability in control conditions.** **A**, Schematic representation of the
1050 application of a familiar scent, ethanol (marked with red) in the SW arms of rectangular-shaped
1051 linear track for the control group of animals. **B**, Number of passes (left panel) and duration in
1052 seconds (right panel) counted in the ethanol arms (left) and non-ethanol arms (right) for the
1053 control group of rats, before (blue) and during (red) the odor exposure. Error bars, mean \pm
1054 s.e.m. **C**, Three place fields from sample animal with fields located outside the ethanol arms
1055 during pre- (top), ethanol (middle) and post-ethanol sessions (bottom). For each session the
1056 upper panels show the animal trajectory with spikes, marked with colored dots, while the lower

1057 panels show color-coded firing rate. **D**, Three place fields from same animal with fields located
1058 inside the ethanol arms during pre- (top), ethanol (middle) and post-ethanol sessions (bottom).
1059 For each session the upper panels show the animal trajectory with spikes, marked with colored
1060 dots, while the lower panels show color-coded firing rate. **E**, Waveforms of the place cells
1061 shown in C, and **F**, waveforms of the cells shown in D, respectively. The solid line shows the
1062 average waveform shape; the dashed lines show the 1 SD confidence intervals. **G**, Correlation
1063 between ΔCOMa and the spiking ratio based on the mean firing rate of the place cells' spikes
1064 in the ethanol arms. **H**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and the spiking ratio based on the mean
1065 firing rate of the place cells' spikes in the non-ethanol zone. **I**, Correlation between ΔCOMa
1066 and the spiking ratio based on the peak firing rate for the spikes in the ethanol arms. **J**,
1067 Correlation between ΔCOMa and the spiking ratio based on the peak firing rate for the spikes
1068 in the non-ethanol zone.

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1070 **Figure 4. Increased extra-field place cell spiking during TMT exposure predicts spatial**
1071 **field reconfiguration.** **A**, Four place fields from sample animal with fields located in the TMT
1072 arms during pre-TMT sessions (top), TMT (middle) and post-TMT sessions (bottom). For each
1073 session the upper panels show the animal trajectory with spikes, marked with colored dots,
1074 while the lower panels show color-coded firing rate. **B**, Four place fields from the same animal
1075 with fields outside the TMT arms. **C**, Waveforms of the place cells from the pre-TMT, TMT
1076 and post-TMT sessions shown in A, and **D**, waveforms of the cells shown B, respectively. The
1077 solid line shows the average waveform shape; the dashed lines show the 1 SD confidence
1078 intervals. **E**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and TMT mean spiking ratio for the place cells
1079 located outside the TMT arms (extra-field spikes), Supplementary Table 1. **F**, Correlation
1080 between ΔCOMa and TMT mean spiking ratio for the place cells located inside the TMT arms
1081 (intra-field spikes), Supplementary Table 2. **G**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-TMT

1082 mean spiking ratio for the place cells located inside the non-TMT arms (intra-field spikes),
1083 Supplementary Table 3. **H**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-TMT mean spiking ratio for
1084 the place cells located outside the non-TMT zone (extra-field spikes), Supplementary Table 4.
1085 **I**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and TMT peak spiking ratio for the place cells located outside
1086 the TMT arms (extra-field spikes), Supplementary Table 1. **J**, Correlation between ΔCOMa
1087 and TMT peak spiking ratio for the place cells located inside the TMT arms (intra-field spikes),
1088 Supplementary Table 2. **K**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-TMT peak spiking ratio for
1089 the place cells located inside the non-TMT zone (intra-field spikes), Supplementary Table 3.
1090 **L**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-TMT peak spiking ratio the place cells located outside
1091 the non-TMT zone (extra-field spikes), Supplementary Table 4.

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1093 **Figure 5. Field but not rate remapping after aversive experience.** **A**, Color-coded linearized
1094 map showing location of CA1 place fields before (left panel) and after (right panel) exposure
1095 to ethanol for clockwise, Supplementary Table 5 and **B**, counter-clockwise direction of
1096 movement, Supplementary Table 6. Each line shows activity of one place cell (86 datasets in
1097 total from 63 place cells). The horizontal grey bar indicates the ethanol zone during the
1098 exposure session, while black vertical arrows indicate the location of the food delivery. **C**,
1099 Linearized map before (left panel) and after (right panel) exposure to TMT in the SW section
1100 of the track for clockwise, Supplementary Table 7 and **D**, counter-clockwise direction of
1101 movement, Supplementary Table 8. Each line shows activity of one place cell (98 datasets in
1102 total from 66 place cells). The horizontal red bar indicates the TMT zone during the exposure
1103 session, while black vertical arrows indicate the location of the food delivery. **E**, Linearized
1104 maps before (left panel) and after (right panel) exposure to TMT in the NE section of the track
1105 for clockwise, Supplementary Table 9 and **F**, counter-clockwise direction of movement,
1106 Supplementary Table 10. Each line shows activity of one place cell (68 datasets in total from

1107 40 place cells). **G**, Comparison of the place field mean spiking before and after exposure to
1108 TMT. The pre/post normalised count represents decrease (positive) and increase (negative
1109 values) for the mean firing rate of clockwise fields for ethanol, TMT-NE- and TMT-SW
1110 groups. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **H**, Comparison of the place field peak spiking before and
1111 after exposure to TMT of clockwise fields for the same groups. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **I**,
1112 Center of mass shift (Δ COM) after exposure to TMT of clockwise fields for ethanol, TMT-
1113 NE- and TMT-SW groups. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. *** $P < 0.001$. **J**, Comparison of the place
1114 field mean spiking before and after exposure to TMT for counter-clockwise fields. Error bars,
1115 mean \pm s.e.m. **K**, Comparison of the place field peak spiking before and after exposure to TMT
1116 for counter-clockwise fields. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **L**, Δ COM after exposure to TMT for
1117 counter-clockwise fields. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. *** $P < 0.001$.

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1119 **Figure 6. Photostimulation of basolateral complex of amygdala evokes spatial aversion.**

1120 **A**, Atlas schematic shows the injection site of AAV-CaMKII α -hChR2-YFP and the optic fiber
1121 location in the basolateral complex of amygdala (BA – basal nucleus, LA – lateral nucleus of
1122 amygdala, CA – central nucleus of amygdala). The confocal images on the right show
1123 increasing levels of magnification of the YFP-expressing neurons (green) in BLA is histology
1124 with DAPI staining (blue). **B**, Raster plot from 40 repetitions and **C**, averaged firing frequency
1125 of optically evoked time-locked excitation of a BLA cell. Time 0 indicates the delivery of the
1126 first train of the stimulation protocol. **D**, Experimental setup: light delivery in the south and
1127 west ChR2 arms, marked with dashed blue line. **E**, Number of passes (left panel) and duration
1128 in seconds (right panel) counted in the ChR2 arms vs non-ChR2 arms during the pre-ChR2,
1129 ChR2- and post-ChR2 sessions. ** $P < 0.01$. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **F**, Number of passes
1130 through the ChR2- and non-ChR2 arms for the first 60 seconds of the post-ChR2 session. **G**,
1131 Event related potentials (ERPs) recorded in dorsal CA1 from of 32 electrodes in a sample

1132 animal. Time 0 indicates the delivery of the onset of the BLA optogenetic stimulation. **H**,
1133 Color-coded power spectrogram of hippocampal low-frequency oscillations (4 – 15Hz) during
1134 the photostimulation protocol. **I**, Representative phase-locking value after BLA
1135 photostimulation for the observed data (blue) and for control shuffled data (green). **J**,
1136 Comparison of the place cell's spiking before and after the photostimulation onset for intra-
1137 and extra-field spikes. The pre/post normalised count represents decrease (positive) and
1138 increase (negative values) for the first 500- (left), 250- (middle) and 100ms (right) after the
1139 optogenetic protocol onset for the intra-field (light blue) and extra-field spikes (blue). $**P <$
1140 0.01 . Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **K**, Δ COMa for place fields located outside the ChR2 arms
1141 (extra-field) and for place cells located inside the ChR2 arms (intra-field) from ChR2
1142 recordings (blue) and control YFP recordings (green). $*P < 0.05$. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m.

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1144 **Figure 7. Photostimulation of control YFP-expressing BLA neurons.** **A**, YFP expression
1145 (left), anti-calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II alfa (anti-CamKII α) staining
1146 (middle) and their overlay in BLA (right). The green asterisks show two YFP-expressing
1147 neurons, while the red asterisks show three CamKII α -marked neurons. The confocal image on
1148 the far right shows YFP-expressing neurons (green) in BLA is histology with DAPI staining
1149 (blue). Raster plot from 40 repetitions **B**, and **C**, firing frequency of time-locked
1150 photostimulation of a BLA cell in control animals injected with AAV-YFP viral construct.
1151 Time 0 indicates the delivery of the first train of the stimulation protocol. **D**, Experimental
1152 setup: light delivery in the south and west arms of the rectangular-shaped linear track (YFP
1153 arms, marked with dashed green line). No photostimulation was applied in the non-ChR2 zone
1154 (marked with dashed gray line). **E**, Number of passes counted from control animals injected
1155 with AVV-YFP construct in the YFP arms vs non-YFP zone during the pre-YFP, YFP-, and
1156 post-YFP sessions. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **F**, Event related potentials (ERPs) recorded in

1157 dorsal CA1 from of 32 electrodes in a sample control animal. Time 0 indicates the delivery of
1158 the onset of the BLA YFP photostimulation. **G**, Color-coded power spectrogram of
1159 hippocampal low-frequency oscillations (4 – 15Hz) during the YFP photostimulation. **H**,
1160 Representative phase-locking value after BLA YFP photostimulation for the observed data
1161 (blue) and for control shuffled data (green).

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1163 **Figure 8. Control place fields during BLA photostimulation.** **A**, Four place fields from two
1164 sample animals with fields located outside the YFP arms during pre-YFP sessions (top), YFP
1165 (middle) and post- YFP sessions (bottom). For each session the upper panels show color-coded
1166 firing rate, while the lower panels show the animal trajectory with spikes, marked with colored
1167 dots. **B**, Four place fields from the same two animals with fields located inside the YFP arms
1168 during pre-YFP sessions (top), YFP (middle) and post-YFP sessions (bottom). **C**, Waveforms
1169 of the place cells shown in **A**, and **D**, waveforms of the cells shown **B**, respectively. The solid
1170 line shows the average waveform shape; the dashed lines show the 1 SD confidence intervals.

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1172 **Figure 9. Place fields of cells with high extra-field spiking during BLA photostimulation.**
1173 **A**, Eight place cells from four rats, with fields located outside the ChR2 arms, with expressed
1174 extra-field spiking activity during the light delivery. Top panels: pre-ChR2 session, middle
1175 panels: ChR2 session, and bottom panels: post-ChR2 session. For each session the upper panels
1176 show color-coded firing rate, while the lower panels show the animal trajectory with spikes,
1177 marked with colored dots. **B**, Waveforms of the place cells above, recorded from the pre-ChR2
1178 (top row), ChR2 (middle row) and post-ChR2 session (bottom row). The solid line shows the
1179 average waveform shape; the dashed lines show the 1 SD confidence intervals.

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1181 **Figure 10. Place fields of cells with low extra-field spiking during BLA photostimulation.**

1182 **A**, Eight place cells from the same four rats, with fields located outside the ChR2 arms, with
1183 little or no extra-field spiking activity during the light delivery. For each session the upper
1184 panels show color-coded firing rate, while the lower panels show the animal trajectory with
1185 spikes, marked with colored dots. **B**, Waveforms of the place cells above, recorded from the
1186 pre-ChR2 (top row), ChR2 (middle row) and post-ChR2 session (bottom row). The solid line
1187 shows the average waveform shape; the dashed lines show the 1 SD confidence intervals.

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1189 **Figure 11. BLA-triggered hippocampal spiking increase correlates to the place field**

1190 **center of mass shift.** **A**, Eight place cells from four rats, with fields located inside the ChR2
1191 arms, with intra-field spiking during the light delivery. Top panels: pre-ChR2 session, middle
1192 panels: ChR2 session, and bottom panels: post-ChR2 session. For each session the upper panels
1193 show color-coded firing rate, while the lower panels show the animal trajectory with spikes,
1194 marked with colored dots. **B**, Waveforms of the place cells above, recorded from the pre-ChR2
1195 (top row), ChR2 (middle row) and post-ChR2 session (bottom row). The solid line shows the
1196 average waveform shape; the dashed lines show the 1 SD confidence intervals. **C**, Correlation
1197 between ΔCOMa and ChR2 mean spiking ratio for the extra-field spikes of the place cells
1198 located outside the ChR2 arms, Supplementary Table 11. **D**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and
1199 ChR2 mean spiking ratio for the intra-field spikes of the place cells located inside the ChR2
1200 arms, Supplementary Table 12. **E**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-ChR2 mean spiking
1201 ratio for the intra-field spikes of the place cells located inside the non-ChR2 zone,
1202 Supplementary Table 13. **F**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-ChR2 mean spiking ratio
1203 for the extra-field spikes of the place cells located outside the non-ChR2 zone, Supplementary
1204 Table 14. **G**, Correlation between ΔCOMa and ChR2 peak spiking ratio for the extra-field
1205 spikes of the place cells located outside the ChR2 arms, Supplementary Table 11. **H**,

1206 Correlation between ΔCOMa and ChR2 peak spiking ratio for the intra-field spikes of the place
1207 cells located inside the ChR2 arms, Supplementary Table 12. *I*, Correlation between ΔCOMa
1208 and non-ChR2 peak spiking ratio for the intra-field spikes of the place cells located inside the
1209 non-ChR2 zone, Supplementary Table 13. *J*, Correlation between ΔCOMa and non-ChR2 peak
1210 spiking ratio for the extra-field spikes of the place cells located outside the non-ChR2 zone,
1211 Supplementary Table 14.

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1213 **Figure 12. Unidirectional field remapping after BLA photostimulation.** *A*, Color-coded
1214 linearized map showing location of CA1 place fields before (left panel) and after (right panel)
1215 light delivery session to the YFP group of rats for clockwise, Supplementary Table 15 and *B*,
1216 counter-clockwise direction of movement, Supplementary Table 16. Each line shows activity
1217 of one place cell (84 datasets in total from 69 place cells). The horizontal green bar indicates
1218 the light delivery YFP zone during the exposure session, while black vertical arrows indicate
1219 the location of the food delivery. *C*, Color-coded linearized map showing location of CA1 place
1220 fields before (left panel) and after (right panel) light delivery session to the ChR2 group of rats
1221 for clockwise, Supplementary Table 17 and *D*, counter-clockwise direction of movement,
1222 Supplementary Table 18. Each line shows activity of one place cell (154 datasets in total from
1223 79 place cells). The horizontal blue bar indicates the light delivery ChR2 zone during the
1224 exposure session, while black vertical arrows indicate the location of the food delivery. *E*,
1225 Comparison of the place field mean spiking before and after BLA photostimulation. The
1226 pre/post normalised count represents decrease (positive) and increase (negative values) for the
1227 mean firing rate of clockwise fields for YFP and ChR2 groups. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. *F*,
1228 Comparison of the place field peak spiking before and after BLA photostimulation of clockwise
1229 fields for the same groups. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. *G*, Center of mass shift (ΔCOM) after
1230 BLA photostimulation of clockwise fields for YFP and ChR2 groups. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m.

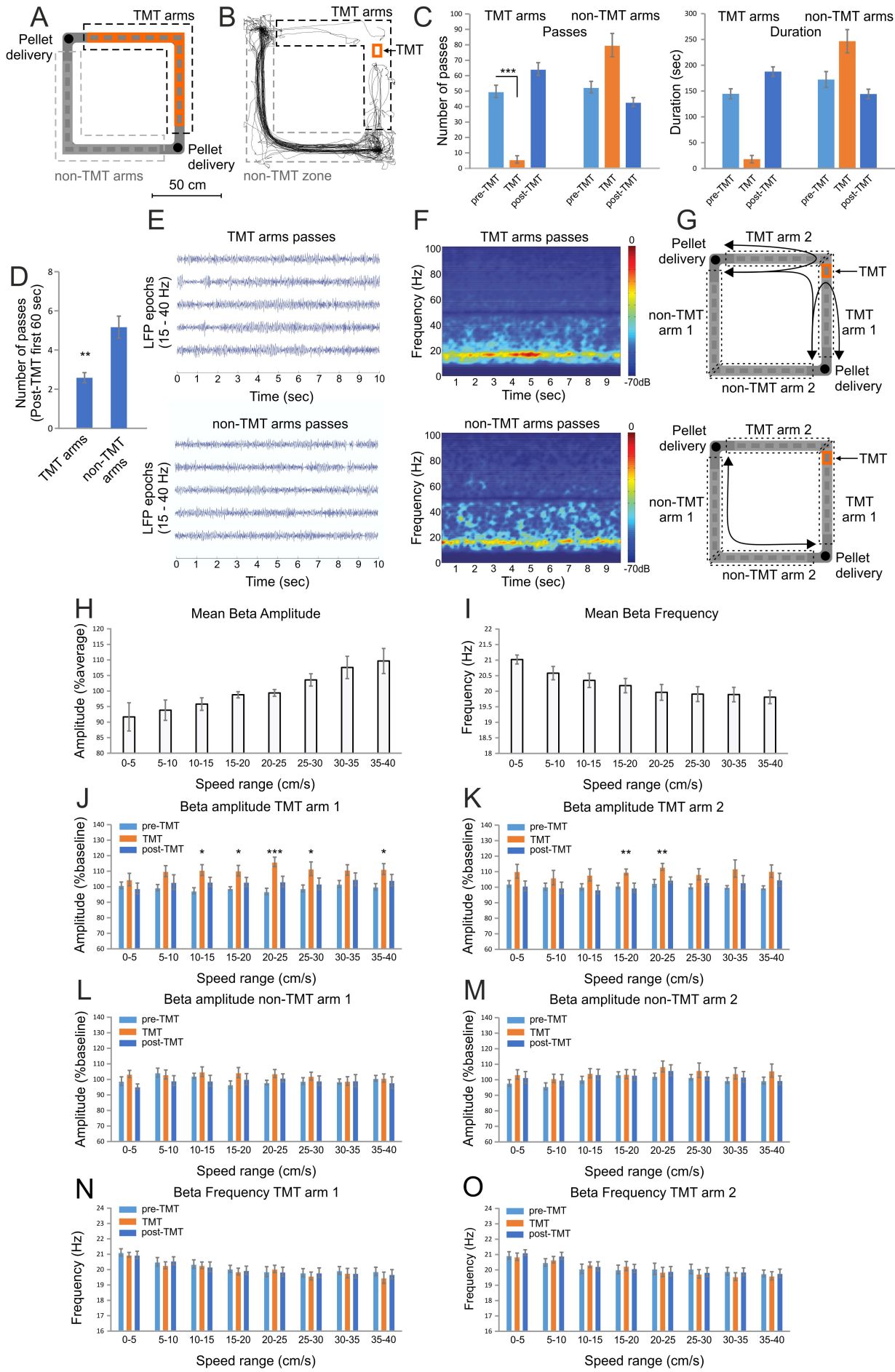
1231 *** $P < 0.001$. **H**, Comparison of the place field mean spiking before and after BLA
 1232 photostimulation for counter-clockwise fields. Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **I**, Comparison of the
 1233 place field peak spiking before and after BLA photostimulation for counter-clockwise fields.
 1234 Error bars, mean \pm s.e.m. **J**, Center of mass shift (Δ COM) after BLA photostimulation for
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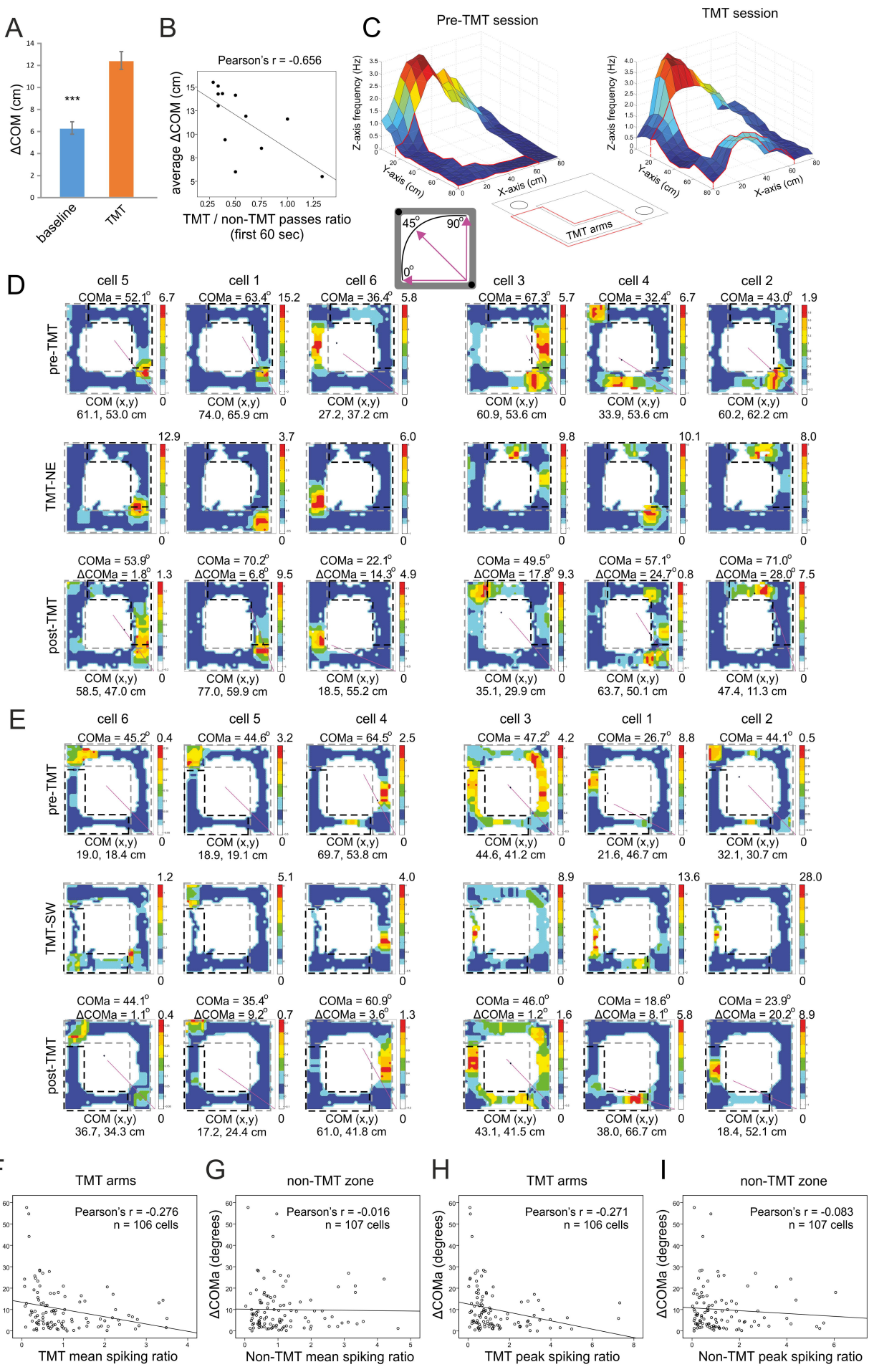
1236 **Tables**

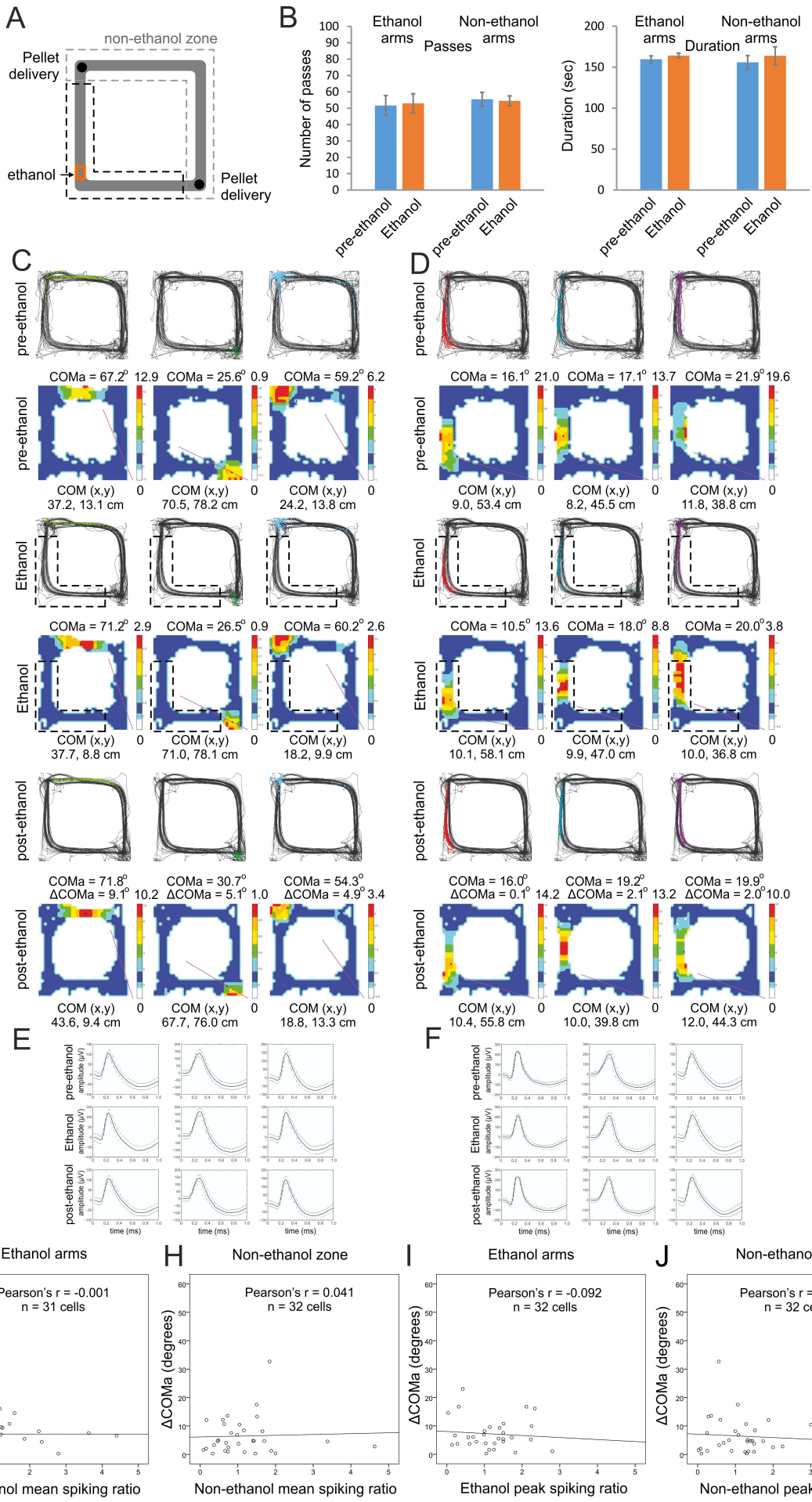
1237 **Table 1: Path sampling from recordings with aversive experimental design.** Number of
 1238 passes and dwell time (duration in seconds) measured in the south and west (SW), and north
 1239 and east (NE) arms for TMT- and ChR2- groups of animals during the pre-TMT(ChR2),
 1240 TMT(ChR2)- and post-TMT(ChR2) recording sessions. The rats exposed to TMT include
 1241 TMT-NE and TMT-SW-groups.

TMT-NE Rat #	Pre-TMT session				TMT-NE session				Post-TMT session			
	Passes		Duration (sec)		Passes		Duration (sec)		Passes		Duration (sec)	
	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE
Rat 1	38	42	102.2	112.7	50	0	150.2	0	42	31	134.6	107.5
Rat 2	33	41	156.9	181.4	91	9	266.4	65.4	60	51	187.5	160.7
Rat 3	31	48	122.8	218.8	62	0	229.4	0	74	24	241.0	91.92
Rat 4	53	59	153.1	183.1	70	0	272.2	0	47	43	189.5	154.9
Rat 5	48	54	150.4	194.3	78	0	260.7	0	75	37	233.2	116.5
Rat 6	64	80	163.1	210.9	101	0	308.8	0	72	60	194.2	189.9
TMT-SW Rat #	Pre-TMT session				TMT-SW session				Post-TMT session			
	Passes		Duration (sec)		Passes		Duration (sec)		Passes		Duration (sec)	
	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE
Rat 7	31	50	105.8	157.9	15	47	50.9	187.9	38	42	112.0	153.0
Rat 8	56	59	170.8	152.5	0	95	0	350.3	41	63	136.5	166.9
Rat 9	40	39	160.7	107.1	0	106	0	258.7	49	87	152.6	159.4
Rat 10	61	51	167.7	132.7	16	46	30.2	79.2	44	73	154.2	180.6
Rat 11	60	52	175.5	138.4	24	82	52.7	248.3	42	65	163.2	188.4
Rat 12	59	80	186.1	198.6	5	130	17.1	346.1	55	72	190.9	224
ChR2-SW Rat #	Pre-ChR2 session				ChR2-SW session				Post-ChR2 session			
	Passes		Duration (sec)		Passes		Duration (sec)		Passes		Duration (sec)	
	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE	SW	NE
Rat 1	46	34	140.7	105.2	27	49	175.4	119.5	29	13	88.0	181.2
Rat 2	31	54	98.4	153.9	23	52	75.4	159.8	36	54	166.1	155.4
Rat 3	26	46	84.7	102.2	21	41	84.3	160.6	31	54	107.8	167.1
Rat 4	35	41	118.3	131.0	11	38	146.1	167.0	45	47	170.1	135.8
Rat 5	33	48	100.3	130.7	15	38	101.6	128.4	47	44	113.6	96.0
Rat 6	36	42	114.6	130.5	13	40	201.7	197.4	38	40	169.7	151.5

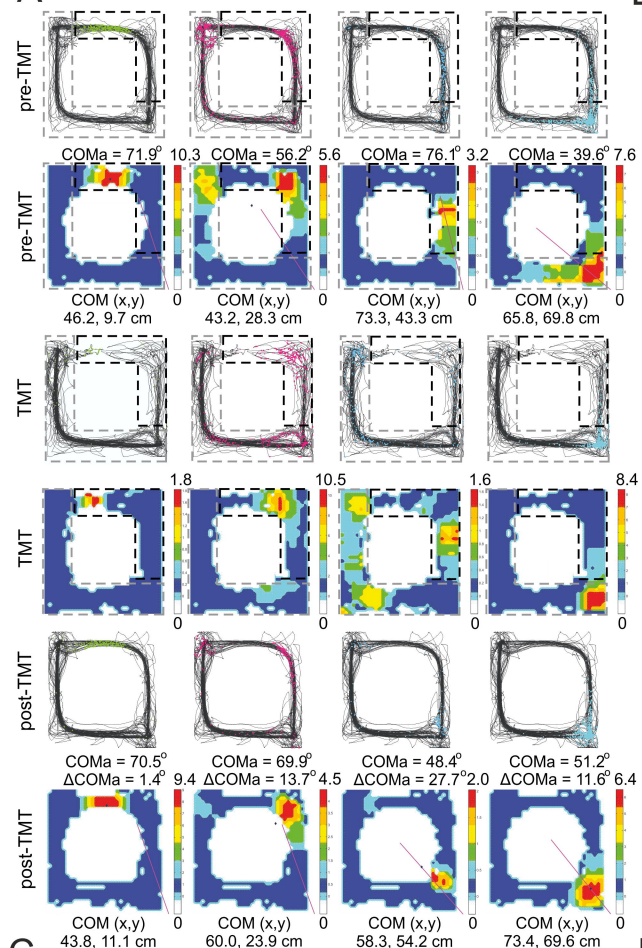
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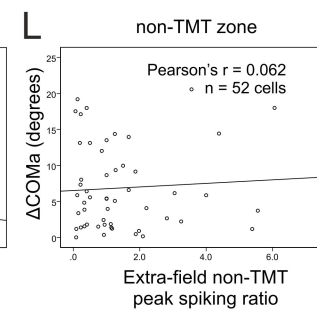
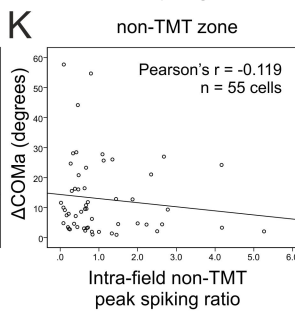
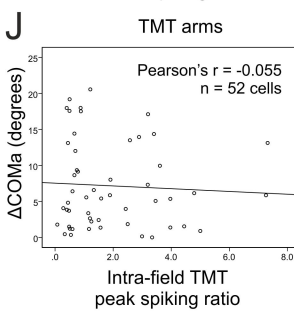
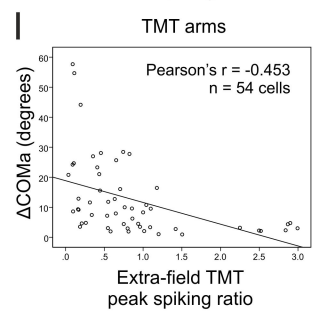
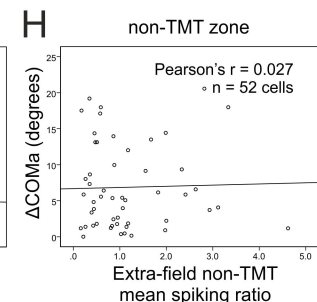
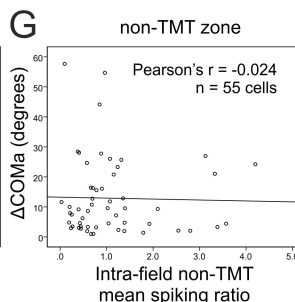
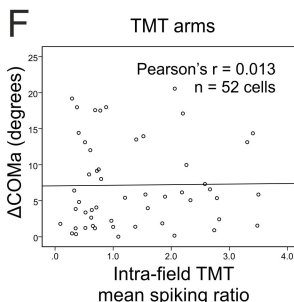
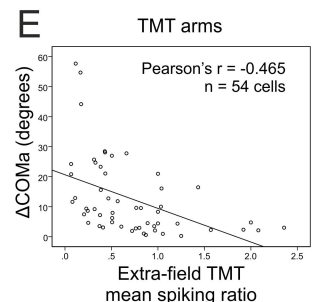
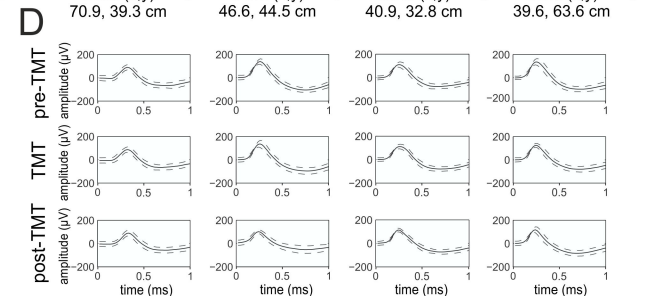
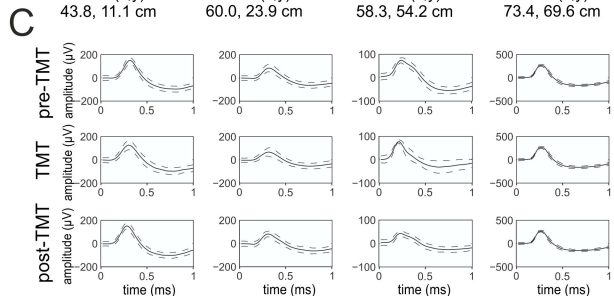
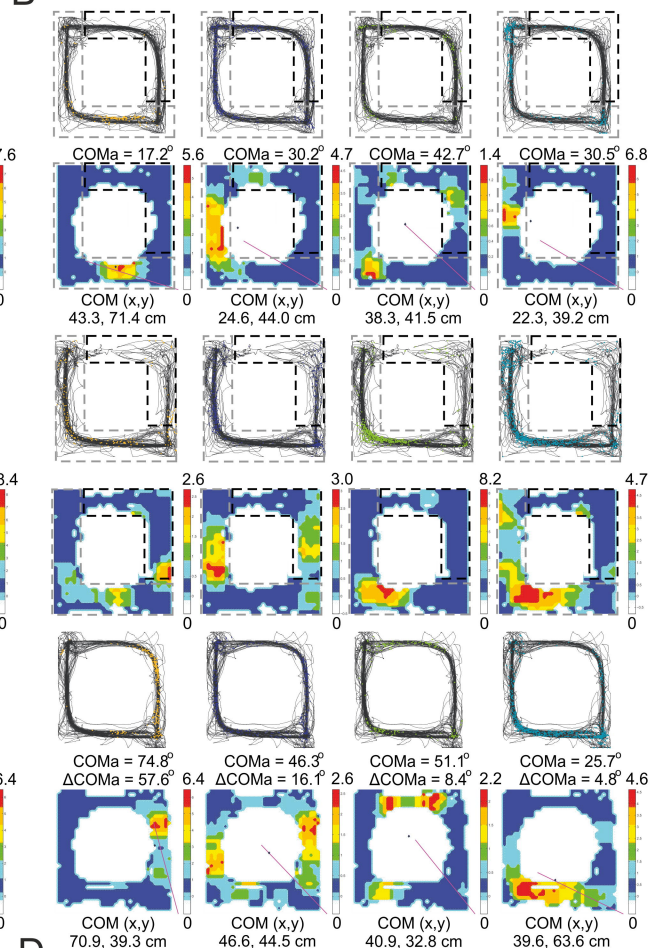


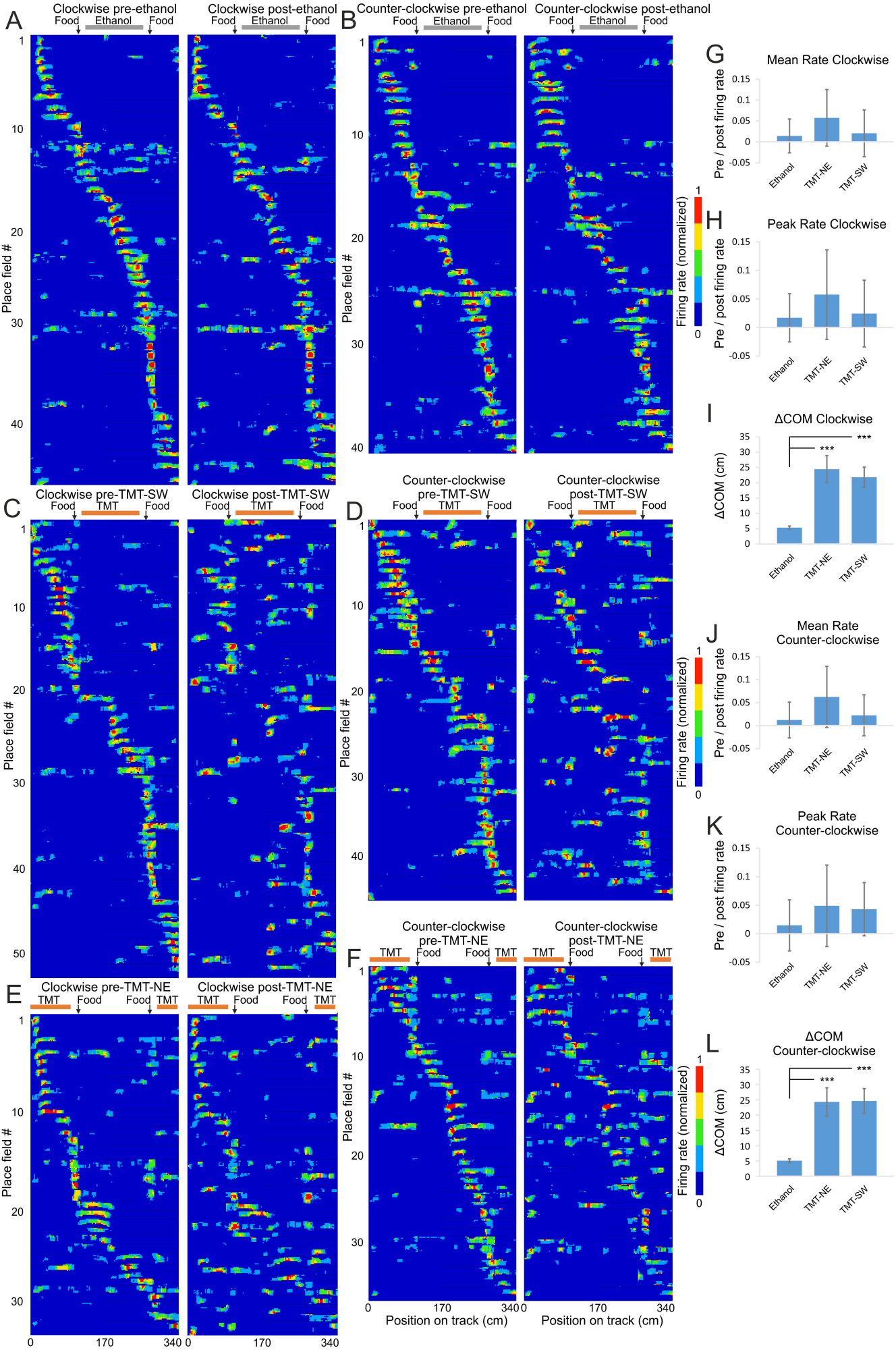


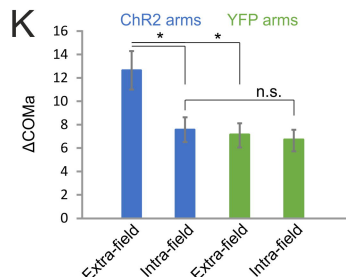
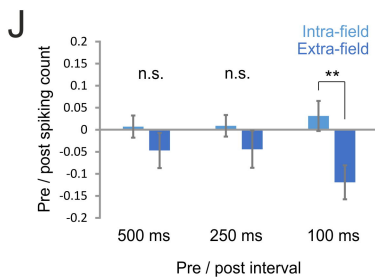
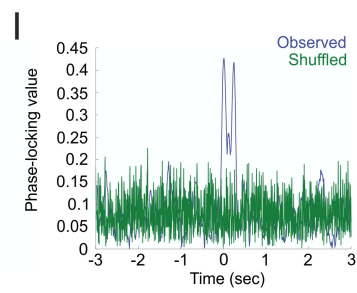
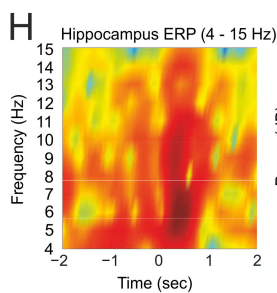
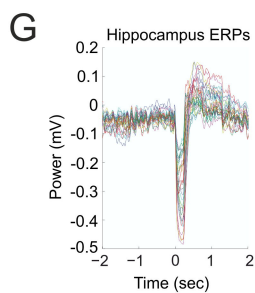
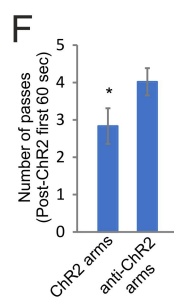
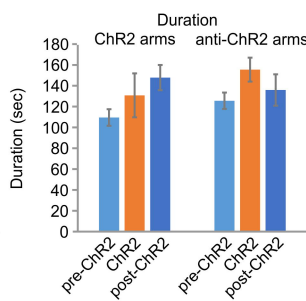
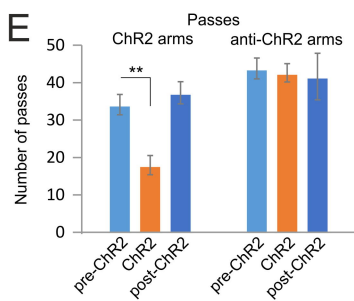
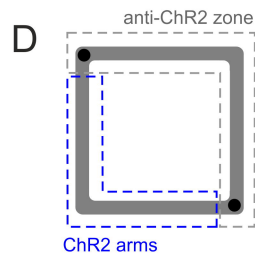
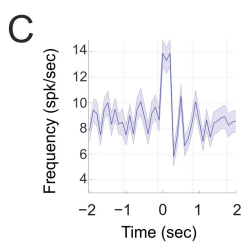
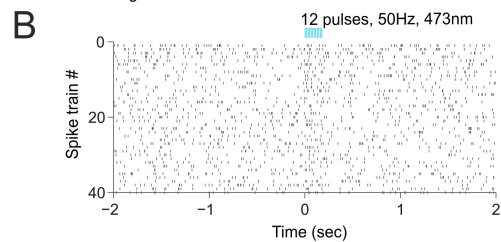
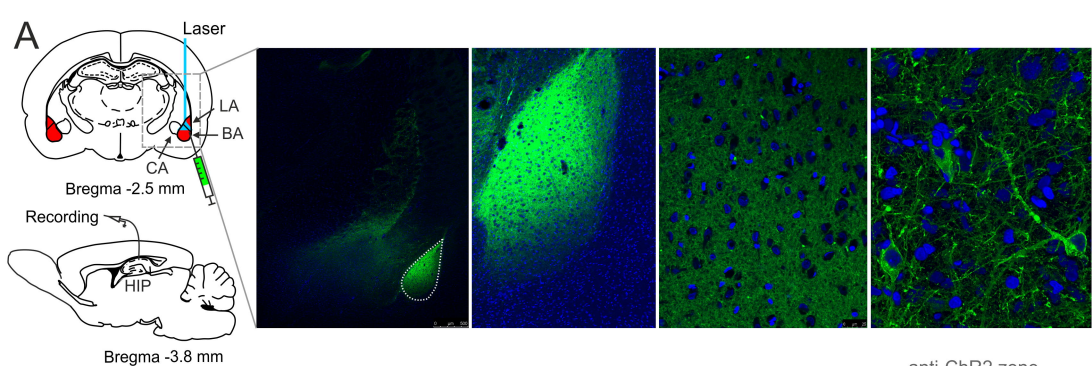
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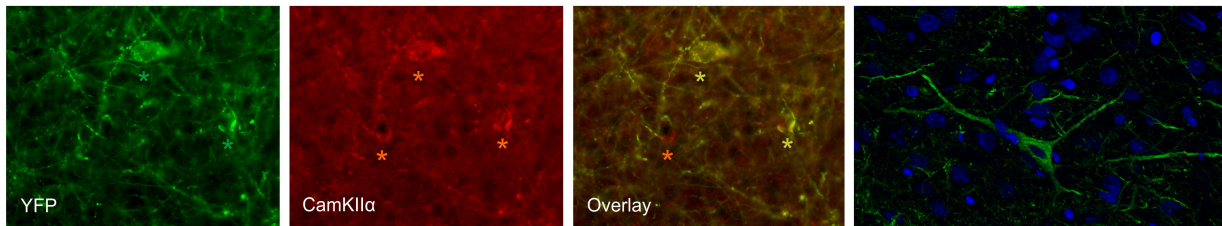
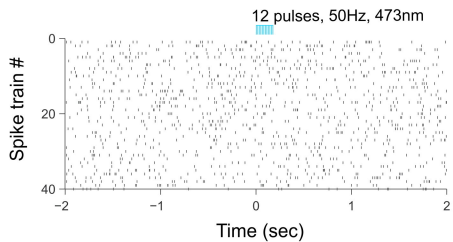
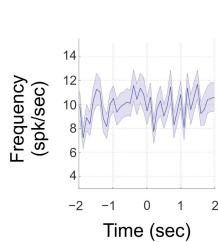
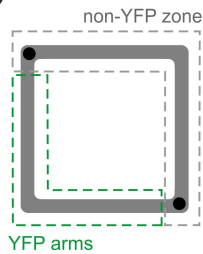
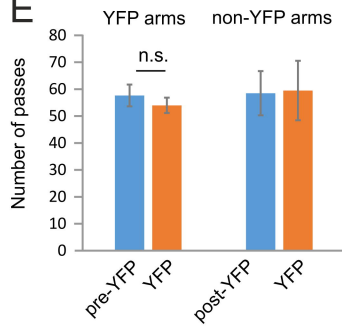
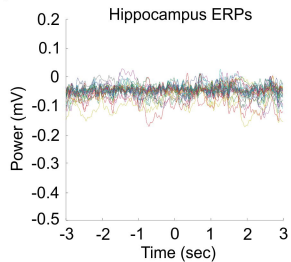
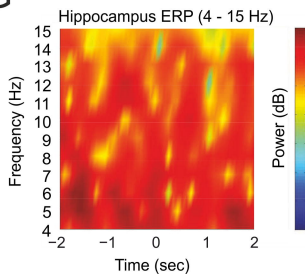


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