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Glutamatergic drive along the septo-temporal axis of hippocampus boosts prelimbic oscillations in the neonatal mouse

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34 **SUMMARY**

35 The long-range coupling within prefrontal-hippocampal networks that account for cognitive
36 performance emerges early in life. The discontinuous hippocampal theta bursts have been
37 proposed to drive the generation of neonatal prefrontal oscillations, yet the cellular substrate
38 of these early interactions is still unresolved. Here, we selectively target optogenetic
39 manipulation of glutamatergic projection neurons in the CA1 area of either dorsal or
40 intermediate/ventral hippocampus at neonatal age to elucidate their contribution to the
41 emergence of prefrontal oscillatory entrainment. We show that despite stronger theta and
42 ripples power in dorsal hippocampus, the prefrontal cortex is mainly coupled with
43 intermediate/ventral hippocampus by phase-locking of neuronal firing via dense direct axonal
44 projections. Theta band-confined activation by light of pyramidal neurons in
45 intermediate/ventral but not dorsal CA1 that were transfected by *in utero* electroporation with
46 high-efficiency channelrhodopsin boosts prefrontal oscillations. Our data causally elucidates
47 the cellular origin of the long-range coupling in the developing brain.

48 **Running title:**

49 Optogenetic interrogation of early long-range coupling

50 **Highlights:**

- 51 • Neonatal theta bursts, sharp waves and ripples vary along septo-temporal axis
- 52 • Hippocampal activity times prefrontal oscillations via direct axonal projections
- 53 • Selective hippocampal targeting along septo-temporal axis causes precise firing
- 54 • Light stimulation of hippocampal neurons at 8 Hz boosts prefrontal oscillations

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56 **INTRODUCTION**

57 In the adult rodent brain, coordinated patterns of oscillatory activity code in a frequency
58 specific manner for sensory and cognitive performance. For example, learning and memory
59 critically depend on oscillations within theta frequency band (4-12 Hz) that functionally couple
60 the medial prefrontal cortex (PFC) and hippocampus (HP) (Siapas and Wilson, 1998;
61 Benchenane et al., 2010; Brincat and Miller, 2015; Backus et al., 2016; Eichenbaum, 2017;
62 Wirt and Hyman, 2017). These frequency-tuned brain states are present already during early
63 development, long before the emergence of cognitive abilities, and have been extensively
64 characterized and categorized according to their spatial and temporal structure (Lindemann
65 et al., 2016). Network oscillations during development have a highly discontinuous and
66 fragmented structure with bursts of activity alternating with “silent” periods (Hanganu et al.,
67 2006; Seelke and Blumberg, 2010; Shen and Colonnese, 2016; Luhmann and Khazipov,
68 2017). The most common oscillatory pattern, spindle bursts, synchronizes large cortical and
69 subcortical networks within theta-alpha frequency range. It is accompanied by slow delta
70 waves as well as by faster discharges (beta and gamma oscillations) that account for local
71 activation of circuits.

72 In the absence of direct behavioral correlates, a mechanistic understanding of
73 oscillatory rhythms in the developing brain is currently lacking. In sensory systems, spindle
74 bursts have been proposed to act as a template facilitating the formation of cortical maps
75 (Dupont et al., 2006; Hanganu et al., 2006; Tolner et al., 2012), whereas early gamma
76 oscillations seem to control the organization of thalamocortical topography (Minlebaev et al.,
77 2011; Khazipov et al., 2013). In limbic systems dedicated to mnemonic and executive
78 abilities, the knowledge on the relevance of early network oscillations is even sparser. Few
79 lesion studies, yet without selectivity for specific activity patterns, suggested that prefrontal-
80 hippocampal communication during development might be necessary for the maturation of
81 episodic memory (Kruger et al., 2012). Temporal associations between the firing and
82 synaptic discharges of individual neurons and network oscillations in different frequency
83 bands gave first insights into the cellular substrate of coordinated activity in neonates.

84 Whereas in sensory systems, endogenous activation of sensory periphery drives entrainment
85 of local circuitry through gap junction coupling as well as glutamatergic and GABAergic
86 transmission (Dupont et al., 2006; Hanganu et al., 2006; Minlebaev et al., 2009), in
87 developing prefrontal-hippocampal networks, the excitatory drive from the HP has been
88 proposed to activate a complex layer- and frequency-specific interplay in the PFC
89 (Brockmann et al., 2011; Bitzenhofer and Hanganu-Opatz, 2014; Bitzenhofer et al., 2015).

90 While most of this correlative evidence put forward the relevance of early oscillations
91 beyond a simple epiphenomenal signature of developing networks, direct evidence for their
92 causal contribution to circuit maturation is still missing. This is mainly due to the absence of a
93 causal interrogation of developing networks, similarly to the investigations done in adult
94 ones. Only recently the methodological difficulties related to area-, layer- and cell type-
95 specific manipulations at neonatal age have been overcome (Bitzenhofer et al., 2017a;
96 Bitzenhofer et al., 2017b). By these means, the local neuronal interplay generating beta-
97 gamma oscillations in the PFC has been elucidated. However, the long-range coupling
98 causing the activation of local prefrontal circuits is still unresolved. We previously proposed
99 that the hippocampal CA1 area drives the oscillatory entrainment of PFC at neonatal age
100 (Brockmann et al., 2011). Here, we developed a methodological approach to optically
101 manipulate the neonatal HP along its septo-temporal axis. We provide causal evidence that
102 theta frequency-specific activation of pyramidal neurons in the CA1 area of intermediate and
103 ventral (i/vHP), but not of dorsal HP (dHP) elicits broad band oscillations in the PFC of
104 neonatal mice via dense axonal projections.

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106 **RESULTS**

107 ***Neonatal dorsal and intermediate / ventral hippocampus are differently entrained in*** 108 ***discontinuous patterns of oscillatory activity***

109 While different organization and function of dHP vs. i/vHP of adults have been extensively
110 characterized (Thompson et al., 2008; Dong et al., 2009; Patel et al., 2013), their patterns of
111 structural and functional maturation are still poorly understood. To fill this knowledge gap, we

112 firstly examined the network oscillatory and firing activity of CA1 area of either dHP or i/vHP
113 by performing extracellular recordings of the local field potential (LFP) and multiple unit
114 activity (MUA) in neonatal [postnatal day (P) 8-10] non-anesthetized and urethane-
115 anesthetized mice (n=153). While urethane anesthesia led to an overall decrease of
116 amplitude and power of oscillatory activity when compared to the non-anesthetized state of
117 the same group of pups, the firing rate and timing as well as the synchrony and interactions
118 within prefrontal-hippocampal networks were similar during both states (Figure S1). Due to
119 the close proximity and the absence of reliable anatomical and functional borders between
120 iHP and vHP at neonatal age, data from the two areas were pooled and referred as from
121 i/vHP. The entire investigation was performed at the age of initiation of coupling between HP
122 and PFC, i.e. P8-10 (Brockmann et al., 2011). Independent of the position along the dorsal-
123 ventral axis, the CA1 area was characterized by discontinuous oscillations with main
124 frequency in theta band (4-12 Hz) and irregular low amplitude beta-gamma band
125 components, which have been previously categorized as theta oscillations (Brockmann et al.,
126 2011). They were accompanied by prominent sharp-waves (SPWs) reversing across the
127 pyramidal layer (str. pyr.) and by strong MUA discharge (Figures 1A, 1E). While the general
128 patterns of activity were similar in dHP and i/vHP, their properties significantly differed
129 between the sub-divisions. The theta bursts in i/vHP had significantly higher occurrence
130 (i/vHP: 8.1 ± 0.2 oscillations/min, n=103 mice vs. dHP: 5.2 ± 0.3 oscillations/min, n=41 mice;
131 $p < 0.001$), larger amplitude (i/vHP: 110.6 ± 5.6 μ V vs. dHP: 92.9 ± 2.6 μ V; $p = 0.015$), and
132 shorter duration (i/vHP: 3.5 ± 0.1 s vs. dHP: 4.3 ± 0.1 s, $p < 0.001$) when compared with dHP
133 (Figures 1B, S2A). Investigation of the spectral composition of theta bursts revealed
134 significant differences within theta band with a stronger activation of dHP (relative power:
135 dHP: 13.0 ± 1.3 , n=41 mice; i/vHP: 10.3 ± 0.5 , n=103 mice; $p = 0.026$), whereas the faster
136 frequency components were similar along the septo-temporal axis (relative power: 12-30 Hz:
137 dHP, 15.0 ± 1.6 , n=41 mice; i/vHP, 13.2 ± 0.7 , n=103 mice, $p = 0.22$; 30-100 Hz: dHP, $6.3 \pm$
138 0.6 , n=41 mice; i/vHP: 5.2 ± 0.3 , n=103 mice; $p = 0.073$) (Figures 1C, S2B).

139 Differences along the septo-temporal axis were detected both in hippocampal spiking
140 and population events SPWs. Overall, pyramidal neurons in i/vHP fired at higher rates (0.45
141 ± 0.01 Hz, $n=557$ units from 103 mice) than in the dHP (0.35 ± 0.02 Hz, $n=158$ units from 41
142 mice; $p=0.025$) (Figure 1D). Similar to adult HP (Patel et al., 2013), SPW in neonatal HP
143 were more prominent in the dHP (712.8 ± 31.5 μ V, $n=41$ mice) when compared with those
144 occurring in the i/vHP (223.8 ± 6.3 μ V, $n=103$ mice, $p<0.001$), yet their occurrence increased
145 along the septo-temporal axis (dHP: 6.6 ± 0.5 , $n=41$ mice; i/vHP: 8.6 ± 0.2 , $n=103$ mice,
146 $p<0.001$) (Figures 1E, 1F). In line with our previous results (Brockmann et al., 2011), SPWs
147 were accompanied by prominent firing centered around the SPW peak (dHP, 232 units;
148 i/vHP, 670 units) that were phase-locked to hippocampal ripples (Figure S2C). The power of
149 ripples decreased along the septo-temporal axis (relative power: dHP, 24.4 ± 3.3 , $n=41$ mice;
150 i/vHP, 6.1 ± 0.60 , $n=103$ mice, $p<0.001$) (Figures 1G, H). Similarly, the ripple-related spiking
151 was stronger in dHP when compared with i/vHP (peak firing: dHP: 1.13 ± 0.09 Hz, $n=232$
152 units; i/vHP 0.84 ± 0.03 , $n=670$, $p<0.001$) (Figures 1I, 1J).

153 These data show that the activity patterns in the dorsal and intermediate / ventral CA1
154 area differ in their properties and spectral structure.

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156 ***Theta activity within dorsal and intermediate / ventral hippocampus differently***
157 ***entrains the neonatal prelimbic cortex***

158 The different properties of network and neuronal activity in dHP vs. i/vHP led us to question
159 their outcome for the long-range coupling in the developing brain. Past studies identified tight
160 interactions between HP and PFC, which emerge already at neonatal age (Brockmann et al.,
161 2011; Hartung et al., 2016) and are in support of memory at adulthood (Kruger et al., 2012;
162 Spellman et al., 2015; Place et al., 2016). The discontinuous theta oscillations in HP have
163 been proposed to drive the activation of local circuits in the PFC. To assess the coupling of
164 dHP and i/vHP with PFC, we recorded simultaneously LFP and MUA in the corresponding
165 hippocampal CA1 area and the prelimbic subdivision (PL) of the PFC of P8-10 mice. The
166 entire investigation focused on PL, since in adults it is the prefrontal subdivision with the
167 most dense innervation from HP (Jay and Witter, 1991; Vertes et al., 2007). In a first step, we

168 examined the temporal correspondence of discontinuous oscillations recorded
169 simultaneously in the PL and dHP, as well as in the PL and i/vHP. We previously
170 characterized the network activity in the PL and showed that spindle-shaped oscillations
171 switching between theta (4-12 Hz) and beta-gamma (12-40 Hz) frequency components
172 alternate with periods of silence (Brockmann et al., 2011; Cichon et al., 2014; Bitzenhofer et
173 al., 2015). The majority of prelimbic and hippocampal oscillations co-occurred within a
174 narrow time window (Figure 2A). The temporal synchrony between prelimbic and
175 hippocampal oscillations was assessed by performing spectral coherence analysis (Figure
176 2B). The results revealed a stronger coupling for PL-i/vHP (4-12 Hz: 0.17 ± 0.0069 ; 12-30
177 Hz: 0.31 ± 0.011 ; 30-100 Hz: 0.11 ± 0.0069 , $n=103$ mice) when compared with PL-dHP (4-12
178 Hz: 0.12 ± 0.0081 ; 12-30 Hz: 0.18 ± 0.0094 ; 30-100 Hz: 0.084 ± 0.004 , $n=41$ mice). In line
179 with previous investigations, this level of coherence is a genuine feature of investigated
180 neonatal networks and not the result of non-specific and conduction synchrony, since we
181 considered only the imaginary component of the coherence spectrum, which excludes zero
182 time-lag synchronization (Nolte et al., 2004).

183 Due to the symmetric interdependence of coherence, it does not offer reliable insights
184 into the information flow between two brain areas. Therefore, in a second step, we estimated
185 the strength of directed interactions between PL and HP by calculating the generalized
186 partial directed coherence (gPDC) (Baccala et al., 2007; Rodrigues and Baccala, 2016)
187 (Figure 2C). The method bases on the notion of Granger causality (Granger, 1980) and
188 avoids distorted connectivity results due to different scaling of data in HP and PL (Baccala et
189 al., 2007; Taxidis et al., 2010). Independent of the position along the septo-temporal axis, the
190 information flow in theta or beta frequency band from either dorsal or intermediate/ventral HP
191 to PL was significantly stronger than in the opposite direction. However, mean gPDC values
192 for i/vHP \rightarrow PL were significantly ($p<0.001$) higher (0.069 ± 0.003 , $n=103$ mice) when
193 compared with those for dHP \rightarrow PL (0.053 ± 0.003 , $n=41$ mice). The stronger information
194 flow from i/vHP to PL was confined to theta frequency range and was not detected for 12-30
195 Hz frequencies (i/vHP \rightarrow PL: 0.048 ± 0.001 ; dHP \rightarrow PL: 0.043 ± 0.002 , $p=0.16$).

196 Correspondingly, the firing of individual prelimbic neurons was precisely timed by the phase
197 of oscillations in i/vHP but not dHP (Figure 2D). Almost 20% of clustered units (52 out of 310
198 units) were locked to theta phase in i/vHP, whereas only 6.5% of units (3 out of 46 units)
199 were timed by dHP. The low number of locked cells in dHP precluded the comparison of
200 coupling strength between the two hippocampal sub-divisions.

201 These results indicate that the distinct activity patterns in dHP and i/vHP at neonatal
202 age have different outcomes in their coupling with the PL. Despite higher power, theta
203 oscillations in dHP do not substantially account for prelimbic activity. In contrast, i/vHP
204 seems to drive neuronal firing and network entrainment in the PL.

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206 ***SPWs-mediated output of intermediate / ventral but not dorsal hippocampus times***
207 ***network oscillations and spiking response in the neonatal prelimbic cortex***

208 Since SPWs and ripples in dHP significantly differ from those in i/vHP, they might have a
209 distinct impact on the developing PFC. While abundant literature documented the
210 contribution of SPWs-spindles complex to memory-relevant processing in downstream
211 targets, such as PFC (Colgin, 2011; Buzsaki, 2015; Colgin, 2016), it is unknown how these
212 complexes affect the development of cortical activation. Simultaneous recordings from
213 neonatal CA1 area either in dHP or i/vHP and PL showed that already at neonatal age,
214 prefrontal oscillations are generated shortly (~100 ms) after hippocampal SPWs - ripples.
215 This prelimbic activation is significantly stronger when induced by SPWs-ripples emerging in
216 i/vHP than in dHP as reflected by the significantly higher power of oscillatory activity in theta
217 (PL for dHP: $186.9 \pm 12.5 \mu\text{V}^2$; PL for i/vHP: $249.5 \pm 14.5 \mu\text{V}^2$, $p=0.0088$), beta (PL for dHP:
218 $34.3 \pm 3.3 \mu\text{V}^2$; PL for i/vHP: $48.1 \pm 2.8 \mu\text{V}^2$, $p=0.0049$), and gamma (PL for dHP: 11.3 ± 0.9
219 μV^2 ; PL for i/vHP: $17.4 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{V}^2$, $p=0.0026$) frequency band (Figure 3A). The SPWs-ripple-
220 induced oscillatory activity in the PL of neonatal mice was accompanied by augmentation of
221 firing rates. While the induced firing in i/vHP peaked (≈ 90 ms) after SPWs-ripples and
222 remained significantly ($p<0.001$) elevated for several seconds, a less prominent peak was
223 observed following SPW-ripples in dHP (Figures 3B, 3C).

224 These data reveal that SPWs-ripples from intermediate / ventral but less from the
225 dorsal part of hippocampal CA1 correlate with pronounced neuronal firing and local
226 entrainment in the PL of neonatal mice.

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228 ***Pyramidal neurons in intermediate / ventral but not dorsal hippocampus densely***
229 ***project to the prefrontal cortex at neonatal age***

230 To identify the anatomical substrate of different coupling strength between i/vHP - PL and
231 dHP - PL, we monitored the projections that originate from the CA1 area in both hippocampal
232 subdivisions and target the PFC. The direct unilateral projections from hippocampal CA1
233 area to PL have been extensively investigated in adult brain (Swanson, 1981; Jay and Witter,
234 1991; Vertes et al., 2007) and are present already at neonatal age (Brockmann et al., 2011;
235 Hartung et al., 2016). We tested for sub-division specific differences by using retrograde and
236 anterograde tracing. First, we injected unilaterally small amounts of the retrograde tracer
237 Fluorogold (FG) into the PL of P7 mice (n=8 mice). Three days after FG injections, labeled
238 cells were found in str. pyr. of CA1 in both dHP and i/vHP (Figure 4A). However, their density
239 was significantly different ($p < 0.001$); whereas in dHP very few cells were retrogradely labeled
240 ($0.15 \cdot 10^3 \pm 0.074 \cdot 10^3$ cells/mm²), a large proportion of pyramidal-shaped cells in the CA1
241 area of i/vHP projects to PL ($3.29 \cdot 10^3 \pm 0.19 \cdot 10^3$ cells/mm²).

242 Second, the preferential innervation of PL by pyramidal neurons from CA1 area of
243 i/vHP was confirmed by anterograde staining with BDA (n=9 mice). Small amounts of BDA
244 were injected into the CA1 area of i/vHP (Figure 4B). They led to labeling of the soma and
245 arborized dendritic tree of pyramidal neurons in str. pyr. with the characteristic orientation of
246 axons. In 7 out of 9 mice anterogradely-labeled axons were found in the PL, preferentially
247 within its deep layers V and VI.

248 Thus, the dense axonal projections from CA1 area of i/vHP might represent the
249 substrate of HP-induced oscillatory entrainment of prelimbic circuits.

250 **Selective light activation of pyramidal neurons in CA1 area of intermediate / ventral**
251 **but not dorsal hippocampus causes frequency-specific entrainment of neonatal**
252 **prelimbic circuits**

253 The tight coupling by synchrony and the directed information flow from hippocampal CA1
254 area to PL via direct axonal projections suggest that the HP acts already at neonatal age as
255 a drive for prelimbic activation. Moreover, the differences identified between the dHP – PL
256 and i/vHP – PL communication argue for prominent augmentation of driving force along the
257 septo-temporal hippocampal axis. To causally confirm these correlative evidences, we
258 selectively activated by light the pyramidal neurons in the CA1 area of either dHP or i/vHP
259 that had been transfected with a highly efficient fast-kinetics double mutant ChR2E123T/
260 T159C (ET/TC) (Berndt et al., 2011) and the red fluorescent protein tDimer2 by *in utero*
261 electroporation (IUE) (Figure S3A). This method enables stable area and cell type-specific
262 transfection of neurons already prenatally without the need of cell-type specific promoters of
263 a sufficiently small size (Baumgart and Grebe, 2015; Szczurkowska et al., 2016). To target
264 neurons along the septo-temporal axis, distinct transfection protocols were used. When the
265 IUE was performed with two paddles placed 25° leftward angle from the midline and a 0°
266 angle downward from anterior to posterior, tDimer-positive neurons were mainly found in the
267 CA1 area of the dHP, as revealed by the analysis of consecutive coronal sections from IUE-
268 transfected P8-10 mice. Targeting of i/vHP succeeded only when three paddles were used,
269 with both positive poles located at 90° leftward angle from the midline and the third negative
270 pole at 0° angle downward from anterior to posterior (Figures 5A, S2B). Staining with NeuN
271 showed that a substantial proportion of neurons in str. pyr. of CA1 area (dHP: $18.3 \pm 1.0\%$;
272 $n=36$ slices from 13 mice; i/vHP: $14.5 \pm 1.5\%$, $n=12$ slices from 11 mice) were transfected by
273 IUE. The shape of tDimer2-positive neurons, the orientation of primary dendrites, and the
274 absence of positive staining for GABA confirmed that the light-sensitive protein ChR2(ET/TC)
275 was integrated exclusively into cell lineages of pyramidal neurons (Figure 5A). Omission of
276 ChR2(ET/TC) from the expression construct (i.e. opsin-free) yielded similar expression rates
277 and distribution of tDimer2-positive neurons (Figure S3C).

278 To exclude non-specific effects of transfection procedure by IUE on the overall
279 development of mice, we assessed the developmental milestones and reflexes of
280 electroporated opsin-expressing and opsin-free mice (Figure S3D). While IUE caused
281 significant reduction of litter size (non-electroporated 6.5 ± 0.7 pups/litter, electroporated: 4.5
282 ± 0.5 pups/litter, $p=0.017$), all investigated pups had similar body length, tail length, and
283 weight during early postnatal period. Vibrissa placing, surface righting and cliff aversion
284 reflexes were also not affected by IUE or transfection of neurons with opsins. These data
285 indicate that the overall somatic development during embryonic and postnatal stage of
286 ChR2(ET/TC)-transfected mice is unaltered.

287 We first assessed the efficiency of light stimulation in evoking action potentials in
288 neonatal hippocampal neurons *in vivo*. Blue light pulses (473 nm, 20-40 mW/mm²) at
289 different frequencies (4, 8, 16 Hz) led shortly (<10 ms) after the stimulus to precisely timed
290 firing of transfected neurons in both dHP and i/vHP. Our previous experimental data and
291 modeling work showed that the used light power did not cause local tissue heating that might
292 interfere with neuronal spiking (Stujenske et al., 2015; Bitzenhofer et al., 2017b). For both
293 hippocampal sub-divisions the efficiency of firing similarly decreased with augmenting
294 frequency (Figure 5B). For stimulation frequencies >16 Hz, the firing lost the precise timing
295 by light, most likely due to the immaturity of neurons and their projections.

296 To decide whether activation of HP drives frequency-specific oscillatory activity and
297 boosts the entrainment of prelimbic circuits, we simultaneously performed multi-site
298 recordings of LFP and MUA in PL and HP during pulsed light stimulation of CA1 area of dHP
299 ($n=22$ mice) or i/vHP ($n=9$ mice) (Figure 5C). The firing in i/vHP timed by light at 8 Hz, but not
300 at 4 Hz or 16 Hz, caused significant (theta: $p=0.039$, beta: $p=0.030$, gamma: $p=0.0036$)
301 augmentation of oscillatory activity in all frequency bands as reflected by the higher power in
302 the PL during the stimulation when compared with the time window before the train of pulses
303 (Figure 5D, table 1). In contrast, stimulation by light of dHP left the prelimbic activity
304 unaffected. In opsin-free animals, stimulation of dHP and i/vHP led to no significant changes
305 in the oscillatory activity (Figure S4A, table 1). Rhythmic firing of prelimbic neurons was not

306 detected after light activation of hippocampal subdivisions, most likely because hippocampal
307 axons mainly target the deep layers of PL (s. above) and the recordings were performed from
308 layer II/III.

309 Thus, theta band entrainment of pyramidal neurons in the CA1 area of i/vHP but not
310 dHP caused broad activation of local circuits in PL.

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312 **DISCUSSION**

313 Combining selective optogenetic activation with extracellular recordings and tracing of
314 projections in neonatal mice *in vivo*, we provide causal evidence that theta activity in the CA1
315 area of i/vHP but not dHP drives network oscillations within developing prefrontal cortex.

316 Despite stronger theta power in the dHP, solely optical activation of the pyramidal neurons in
317 i/vHP at theta frequency range (8 Hz) boosted the emergence of discontinuous oscillatory
318 activity in theta and beta-gamma bands in the neonatal PFC. These data identifies the
319 cellular substrate of the directed interactions between neonatal hippocampus and prefrontal
320 cortex and offer new perspectives for the interrogation of long-range coupling in the
321 developing brain and its behavioral readout.

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323 ***Distinct patterns of functional maturation in dorsal and intermediate / ventral*** 324 ***hippocampus***

325 The abundant literature dedicated to the adult hippocampus mainly deals with a single
326 cortical module (Amaral et al., 2007). However, an increasing number of studies in recent
327 years revealed distinct organization, processing mechanisms and behavioral relevance for
328 dHP vs. i/vHP (Fanselow and Dong, 2010; Bannerman et al., 2014; Strange et al., 2014). For
329 example, the dHP, which receives dense projections from the entorhinal cortex (Witter and
330 Amaral, 2004), is mainly involved in spatial navigation (O'Keefe and Nadel, 1978; Moser et
331 al., 1995; Moser, 1998). In contrast, the ventral part receives strong cholinergic and
332 dopaminergic innervation (Witter et al., 1989; Pitkanen et al., 2000) and contributes to
333 processing of non-spatial information (Bannerman et al., 2003; Bast et al., 2009).
334 Correspondingly, the network and neuronal activity changes along the septo-temporal axis.

335 The power of the most prominent activity pattern in the adult HP, the theta oscillations, as
336 well as the theta timing of the neuronal firing was found to be substantially reduced in the
337 i/vHP when compared with dHP (Royer et al., 2010). By these means, the precise spatial
338 representation deteriorates along the septo-temporal axis, since theta activity is directly
339 linked to place cell representation (O'Keefe and Recce, 1993; Geisler et al., 2007). In
340 contrast, SPWs are more prominent and ripples have higher amplitude and frequency in the
341 ventral HP than in the dHP (Patel et al., 2013).

342 Our data uncovered that some of these differences in the activity patterns along the
343 septo-temporal axis emerge already during early neonatal development. Similar to findings
344 from adult rodents, the power of theta bursts at neonatal age was higher in dHP than in
345 i/vHP. The amplitude of SPWs and the power of ripples decreased along the septo-temporal
346 axis. These findings give insights into the mechanisms underlying the early generation of
347 activity patterns. It has been proposed that the differences in theta dynamics along the septo-
348 temporal axis result from distinct innervation, on the one hand, and from specific intrinsic
349 properties of hippocampal neurons, on the other hand. Cholinergic projections of different
350 origin in the dHP and i/vHP (Stewart and Fox, 1990; Amaral et al., 2007) as well as
351 maturational differences in the intrinsic resonant properties of hippocampal neurons and
352 notable gradients of parvalbumin immunoreactivity along the septo-temporal axis (Honeycutt
353 et al., 2016) may contribute to the observed differences.

354 Quantification along the septo-temporal axis revealed that, similar to adults, the
355 occurrence of SPWs was higher in the i/vHP and their amplitude was larger in the neonatal
356 dHP (Patel et al., 2013). It is still an issue of debate when exactly ripples emerge in the
357 developing hippocampus, although it is obvious that they appear later than theta bursts and
358 SPWs, most likely towards the end of the first and during second postnatal week (Buhl and
359 Buzsaki, 2005; Brockmann et al., 2011). Their underlying mechanisms at neonatal age
360 remain also largely unknown and need to be related to age-dependent changes in gap
361 junctional coupling and GABA switch (Ben-Ari et al., 1989; Zhang et al., 1990; Yuste et al.,
362 1995). The organization of SPWs and ripples is of particular relevance when considering

363 their impact on the early activity of PFC. Already at neonatal age, the prelimbic firing and
364 oscillatory entrainment is timed by SPWs-ripples. Of note, the degree of timing varies along
365 the septo-temporal axis and is much higher for the i/vHP.

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367 ***Optogenetic interrogation of long-range coupling in the developing brain***

368 At adult age the communication between PFC and HP has been investigated in relationship
369 with memory tasks both under physiological and disease-related conditions (Sirota et al.,
370 2008; Adhikari et al., 2010; Sigurdsson et al., 2010; Eichenbaum, 2017). Depending on the
371 phase of memory processing, the prefrontal-hippocampal coupling via oscillatory synchrony
372 has been found to be either unidirectional from the HP to PFC or bidirectional (Siapas et al.,
373 2005; Hallock et al., 2016; Place et al., 2016). Both theta and gamma network oscillations
374 contribute to the functional long-range coupling. The model of prefrontal-hippocampal
375 communication has been initially built based on experimental evidence correlating the
376 temporal organization of neuronal and network activity in the two brain areas. The time delay
377 between spike trains and oscillatory phase or between oscillations enabled to propose that
378 the information flows in one direction or the other via mono- or polysynaptic axonal
379 projections. More recently, a direct causal assessment of the coupling became possible
380 through optogenetic interrogation of neural circuits. In a seminal study, Spellman and
381 colleagues used light-driven inhibition of axonal terminals for dissecting the directionality of
382 interactions between PFC and HP during different phases of memory retrieval (Spellman et
383 al., 2015).

384 We previously showed that at neonatal age, long before the maturation of cognitive
385 abilities, discontinuous theta bursts in i/vHP are temporally correlated to the network
386 oscillations in the PFC and time the prefrontal firing (Brockmann et al., 2011; Hartung et al.,
387 2016). Moreover, the temporal delay of 10-20 ms between prefrontal and hippocampal spike
388 trains as well as the estimated directionality of information flow between the two areas
389 suggested that hippocampal theta drives the oscillatory entrainment of the local circuits in the
390 PFC. The present data directly prove this hypothesis, taking advantage of the recently

391 developed protocol for optogenetic manipulation of neuronal networks at neonatal age
392 (Bitzenhofer et al., 2017a; Bitzenhofer et al., 2017b).

393 Several considerations regarding the technical challenges of optogenetic
394 manipulation of HP along the septo-temporal axis need to be made. Besides the inherent
395 difficulties related to the specificity of promoters for selective transfection and the targeting
396 procedure that are ubiquitous for all developing networks and have been addressed
397 elsewhere (Bitzenhofer et al., 2017a), confinement of light-sensitive proteins to pyramidal
398 neurons of either dHP or i/vHP required special attention. In a previous study (Bitzenhofer et
399 al., 2017b), we developed a selective targeting protocol of neonatal neurons that relies on
400 the combination of CAG promoter and IUE. By these means, the expression of light-sensitive
401 proteins in the neurons located in the neocortical layer and area of interest was sufficiently
402 high to ensure their reliable activation. Similarly, the expression of ChR2(ET/TC) in the
403 pyramidal neurons of hippocampal CA1 area under the CAG promoter was sufficiently high
404 to reliably cause network and neuronal activity. Taking into account that viral transduction,
405 which usually requires 10-14 days for stable expression, is only of limited usability to
406 investigate local network interactions during development, IUE seems to represent the
407 method of choice for manipulating circuits at this early age. IUE enables targeting of
408 precursor cells of neuronal and glial subpopulations, based on their distinct spatial and
409 temporal patterns of generation in the ventricular zone (Tabata and Nakajima, 2001; Borrell
410 et al., 2005; Niwa et al., 2010; Hoerder-Suabedissen and Molnar, 2015). IUE based on 2
411 electrode paddles enabled selective targeting of pyramidal neurons in the CA1 area of dHP
412 in more than half of the pups per litter (Figure S3(i)), but it completely failed (0 out of 32
413 mice) to target these neurons in i/vHP. Therefore, it was necessary to use a modified IUE
414 protocol based on three electrodes. This protocol, although more complicated and time
415 consuming, allows reliable transfection at brain locations that are only able to be sporadically
416 targeted by two electrodes. The high IUE-induced expression of light sensitive proteins
417 enables the reliable firing of neurons in both dHP and i/vHP in response to light pulses. One
418 intriguing question is how many pyramidal neurons in str. pyr. of CA1 area must be

419 synchronously activated to drive the oscillatory entrainment of prelimbic circuitry.
420 Anterograde and retrograde tracing demonstrated the density increase along the septo-
421 temporal axis of hippocampal axons targeting the PL. Light activation / inhibition of these
422 axonal terminals paired with monitoring of network oscillations in the PFC might offer
423 valuable insights into the patterns of coupling sufficient for activation.

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425 ***Functional relevance of frequency-specific drive within developing prefrontal-***
426 ***hippocampal networks***

427 Abundant literature links theta frequency coupling within prefrontal-hippocampal networks to
428 cognitive performance and emotional states of adults (Adhikari et al., 2010; Xu and Sudhof,
429 2013; Spellman et al., 2015; Hallock et al., 2016; Place et al., 2016; Ye et al., 2017). The
430 early emergence of directed communication between PFC and i/vHP raises the question of
431 functional relevance of this early coupling during development and at adulthood.

432 The maturation of cognitive abilities is a process even more protracted than sensory
433 development and starts during second-third postnatal week (Hanganu-Opatz, 2010; Cirelli
434 and Tononi, 2015). Some of these abilities, such as recognition memory, can be easily
435 monitored at early age and seems to critically rely on structurally and functionally intact
436 prefrontal-hippocampal networks (Kruger et al., 2012). Direct assessment of the role of
437 neonatal communication for memory performance as performed for adult circuits is
438 impossible due to the temporal delay of the two processes. The alternative is to manipulate
439 the activity of either PFC, HP or the connectivity between them during defined developmental
440 time windows and monitor the juvenile and adult consequences at structural, functional and
441 behavioral levels. The present data and optogenetic protocol represent the pre-requisite of
442 this investigation, opening new perspectives for assessing the adult behavioral readout of
443 long-range communication in the developing brain.

444 One question that remains to be addressed is how the hippocampal theta drive
445 shapes the maturation of prefrontal-hippocampal networks. Following the general rules of
446 activity-dependent plasticity (Hubel et al., 1977; Huberman et al., 2006); (Xu et al., 2011;

447 Yasuda et al., 2011), the precisely timed excitatory inputs from the i/vHP to the PL might
448 facilitate the wiring of local prefrontal circuitry and enable the refinement of behaviorally
449 relevant communication scaffold between the two regions. By these means, the prefrontal
450 activity driven by projection neurons in the HP act as a template, having a pre-adaptive
451 function that facilitates the tuning of circuits with regard to future conditions. This instructive
452 role of theta activity for the prefrontal circuits needs to be proven by manipulation of temporal
453 structure of the hippocampal drive without affecting the overall level of activity.
454 Understanding the rules that govern the early organization of large-scale networks
455 represents the pre-requisite for identifying the structural and functional deficits related to
456 abnormal behavior and disease.

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458 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

459 **Experimental model and subject details**

460 *Mice.* All experiments were performed in compliance with the German laws and the
461 guidelines of the European Community for the use of animals in research and were approved
462 by the local ethical committee (111/12, 132/12). Timed-pregnant C57Bl/6J mice from the
463 animal facility of the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf were housed individually
464 in breeding cages at a 12 h light / 12 h dark cycle and fed *ad libitum*. The day of vaginal plug
465 detection was defined E0.5, while the day of birth was assigned as P0. Both female and male
466 mice underwent light stimulation and multi-site electrophysiological recordings at P8-10 after
467 transfection with light-sensitive proteins by IUE at E15.5. For monitoring of projections,
468 tracers were injected at P7 and monitored in their distribution along the axonal tracts at P10.

469 **Methods details**

470 ***Surgical procedures***

471 *In utero electroporation.* Starting one day before and until two days after surgery, timed-
472 pregnant C57Bl/6J mice received on a daily basis additional wet food supplemented with 2-4
473 drops Metacam (0.5 mg/ml, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Germany). At E15.5 randomly assigned
474 pregnant mice were injected subcutaneously with buprenorphine (0.05 mg/kg body weight)

475 30 min before surgery. The surgery was performed on a heating blanket and toe pinch and
476 breathing were monitored throughout. Under isoflurane anesthesia (induction: 5%,
477 maintenance: 3.5%) the eyes of the dam were covered with eye ointment to prevent damage
478 before the uterine horns were exposed and moistened with warm sterile phosphate buffered
479 saline (PBS, 37°C). Solution containing 1.25 µg/µl DNA [pAAV-CAG-ChR2(E123T/T159C)-
480 2A-tDimer2, or pAAV-CAG-tDimer2)] (Figure S3A) and 0.1% fast green dye at a volume of
481 0.75-1.25 µl were injected into the right lateral ventricle of individual embryos using pulled
482 borosilicate glass capillaries with a sharp and long tip. Plasmid DNA was purified with
483 NucleoBond (Macherey-Nagel, Germany). 2A encodes for a ribosomal skip sentence,
484 splitting the fluorescent protein tDimer2 from the opsin during gene translation. Two different
485 IUE protocols were used to target pyramidal neurons in CA1 area of either dHP or i/vHP. To
486 target dHP, each embryo within the uterus was placed between the electroporation tweezer-
487 type paddles (5 mm diameter, Protech, TX, USA) that were oriented at a 25° leftward angle
488 from the midline and a 0° angle downward from anterior to posterior. Electrode pulses (35 V,
489 50 ms) were applied five times at intervals of 950 ms controlled by an electroporator
490 (CU21EX, BEX, Japan) (Figure S3B(i)) (Baumgart and Grebe, 2015). To target i/vHP, a tri-
491 polar approach was used (Szczyrkowska et al., 2016). Each embryo within the uterus was
492 placed between the electroporation tweezer-type paddles (5 mm diameter, both positive
493 poles, Protech, TX, USA) that were oriented at 90° leftward angle from the midline and a 0°
494 angle downward from anterior to posterior. A third custom build negative pole was positioned
495 on top of the head roughly between the eyes. Electrode pulses (30 V, 50 ms) were applied
496 six times at intervals of 950 ms controlled by an electroporator (CU21EX, BEX, Japan)
497 (Figure S3B(ii)). By these means, neural precursor cells from the subventricular zone, which
498 radially migrate into the HP, were transfected. Uterine horns were placed back into the
499 abdominal cavity after electroporation. The abdominal cavity was filled with warm sterile PBS
500 (37°C) and abdominal muscles and skin were sutured individually with absorbable and non-
501 absorbable suture thread, respectively. After recovery, pregnant mice were returned to their
502 home cages, which were half placed on a heating blanket for two days after surgery.

503 *Retrograde and anterograde tracing.* For retrograde tracing, mice were injected at P7 with
504 Fluorogold (Fluorochrome, LLC, USA) unilaterally into the PFC using iontophoresis. The
505 pups were placed in a stereotactic apparatus and kept under anesthesia with isoflurane
506 (induction: 5%, maintenance: 2.5%) for the entire procedure. A 10 mm incision of the skin on
507 the head was performed with small scissors. The bone above the PFC (0.5 mm anterior to
508 bregma, 0.3 mm right to the midline) was carefully removed using a syringe. A glass capillary
509 (≈ 20 μm tip diameter) was filled with ≈ 1 μL of 5% Fluorogold diluted in sterile water by
510 capillary forces, and a silver wire was inserted such that it was in contact with the Fluorogold
511 solution. For anterograde tracing, mice were injected at P7 with the anterograde tracer
512 biotinylated dextran amine (BDA) (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) unilaterally into i/vHP
513 using iontophoresis and surgery protocols as described above. The bone above i/vHP (0.7
514 mm anterior to lambda, 2-3 mm right to the midline) was carefully removed using a syringe. A
515 glass capillary (≈ 30 μm tip diameter) was filled with ≈ 1 μL of 5% BDA diluted in 0.125 M
516 phosphate buffer by capillary forces, and a silver wire was inserted such that it was in contact
517 with the BDA solution. For both anterograde and retrograde tracing, the positive pole of the
518 iontophoresis device was attached to the silver wire, the negative one was attached to the
519 skin of the neck. The capillary was carefully lowered into the PFC (≈ 1.5 mm dorsal from the
520 dura) or HP (≈ 1.5 mm dorsal from the dura). Iontophoretically injection by applying anodal
521 current to the pipette (6s on/off current pulses of 6 μA) was done for 5 min. Following
522 injection, the pipette was left in place for at least 5 min and then slowly retracted. The scalp
523 was closed by application of tissue adhesive glue and the pups were left on a heating pad for
524 10-15 minutes to fully recover before they were given back to the mother. The pups were
525 perfused at P10.

526 *Surgical preparation for acute electrophysiological recording and light delivery.* For
527 recordings in non-anesthetized state, 0.5% bupivacain / 1% lidocaine was locally applied on
528 the neck muscles. For recordings under anesthesia, mice were injected i.p. with urethane (1
529 mg/g body weight; Sigma-Aldrich, MO, USA) prior to surgery. For both groups, under
530 isoflurane anesthesia (induction: 5%, maintenance: 2.5%) the head of the pup was fixed into

531 a stereotaxic apparatus using two plastic bars mounted on the nasal and occipital bones with
532 dental cement. The bone above the PFC (0.5 mm anterior to bregma, 0.5 mm right to the
533 midline for layer V/VI), hippocampus (2.0 mm posterior to bregma, 1.0 mm right to the
534 midline for dHP, 3.5 mm posterior to bregma, 3.5 mm right to the midline for i/vHP) was
535 carefully removed by drilling a hole of <0.5 mm in diameter. After a 10-20 min recovery
536 period on a heating blanket mice were moved to the setup for electrophysiological recording.
537 Throughout the surgery and recording session the mouse was positioned on a heating pad
538 with the temperature kept at 37°C.

539 *Perfusion.* Mice were anesthetized with 10% ketamine (aniMedica, Germany) / 2% xylazine
540 (WDT, Germany) in 0.9% NaCl solution (10 µg/g body weight, i.p.) and transcardially
541 perfused with Histofix (Carl Roth, Germany) containing 4% paraformaldehyde for 30-40
542 minutes. Brains were postfixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 24 h.

543 ***Behavioral testing***

544 *Examination of developmental milestones.* Mouse pups were tested for their somatic
545 development and reflexes at P2, P5 and P8. Weight, body and tail length were assessed.
546 Surface righting reflex was quantified as time (max 30 s) until the pup turned over with all
547 four feet on the ground after being placed on its back. Cliff aversion reflex was quantified as
548 time (max 30 s) until the pup withdrew after snout and forepaws were positioned over an
549 elevated edge. Vibrissa placing was rated positive if the pup turned its head after gently
550 touching the whiskers with a toothpick.

551 ***Electrophysiology***

552 *Electrophysiological recording.* A one-shank electrode (NeuroNexus, MI, USA) containing
553 1x16 recording sites (0.4-0.8MΩ impedance, 100 µm spacing) was inserted into the PFC.
554 One-shank optoelectrodes (NeuroNexus, MI, USA) containing 1x16 recordings sites (0.4-0.8
555 MΩ impedance, 50 µm spacing) aligned with an optical fiber (105 µm diameter) ending 200
556 µm above the top recording site was inserted into either dHP or i/vHP. A silver wire was
557 inserted into the cerebellum and served as ground and reference electrode. A recovery
558 period of 10 min following insertion of electrodes before acquisition of data was provided.

559 Extracellular signals were band-pass filtered (0.1-9,000 Hz) and digitized (32 kHz) with a
560 multichannel extracellular amplifier (Digital Lynx SX; Neuralynx, Bozeman, MO, USA) and
561 the Cheetah acquisition software (Neuralynx). Spontaneous (i.e. not induced by light
562 stimulation) activity was recorded for 15 min at the beginning and end of each recording
563 session as baseline activity. Only the baseline prior to stimulation epochs was used for data
564 analysis.

565 *Light stimulation.* Pulsed (laser on-off) light stimulations were performed with an arduino uno
566 (Arduino, Italy) controlled diode laser (473 nm; Omicron, Austria). Laser power was adjusted
567 to trigger neuronal spiking in response to >25% of 3-ms-long light pulses at 16 Hz. Resulting
568 light power was in the range of 20-40mW/mm² at the fiber tip. For each frequency used (4, 8
569 and 16 Hz), stimuli (3 ms pulse length, 3 s stimulation duration, 6 s inter stimulation interval)
570 were repeated (30 times) in a randomized order.

571 **Histology**

572 *Immunohistochemistry.* Brains were sectioned coronally at 50 µm. Free-floating slices were
573 permeabilized and blocked with PBS containing 0.2 % Triton X 100 (Sigma-Aldrich, MO,
574 USA), 10 % normal bovine serum (Jackson Immuno Research, PA, USA) and 0.02% sodium
575 azide. Subsequently, slices were incubated overnight with mouse monoclonal Alexa Fluor-
576 488 conjugated antibody against NeuN (1:200, MAB377X, Merck Millipore, MA, USA) or
577 rabbit polyclonal primary antibody against GABA (1:1,000, A2052; Sigma-Aldrich), followed
578 by 2 h incubation with Alexa Fluor-488 goat anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody (1:500,
579 A11008; Merck Millipore). Slices were transferred to glass slides and covered with
580 Fluoromount (Sigma-Aldrich, MO, USA).

581 For 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (DAB) staining sections (prepared as described above) were rinsed
582 in PBS (0.125 M, pH 7.4–7.6) for 10 min, treated with peroxide solution (3% peroxide, 10%
583 methanol in 0.125 M PB) for 10 min to quench any endogenous peroxidases within the
584 tissue, and rinsed again. Subsequently, the sections were washed in PBS containing 0.5%
585 Triton-X and incubated with avidin biotinylated enzyme complex (ABC, VECTASTAIN ABC
586 Kit, USA) at room temperature or overnight at 4°C. After rinsing in Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), the

587 sections were further incubated with DAB working buffer (DAB peroxidase substrate kit,
588 Vector Laboratories, USA) at room temperature for 2-10 min. After the signal was detected,
589 all sections were rinsed with Tris-HCl.

590 *Imaging.* Wide field fluorescence was performed to reconstruct the recording electrode
591 position in brain slices of electrophysiologically investigated pups and to localize tDimer2
592 expression in pups after IUE. High magnification images were acquired with a confocal
593 microscope (DM IRBE, Leica, Germany) to quantify tDimer2 expression and immunopositive
594 cells (1-4 brain slices / investigated mouse). For DAB staining, brightfield images were
595 obtained using Zeiss imager M1 microscope (Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany) and enhanced
596 using the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Image program.

597 **Quantification and statistical analysis**

598 *Immunohistochemistry quantification.* All images were similarly analyzed with ImageJ. For
599 quantification of fluorogold tracing automatic cell counting was done using custom-written
600 tools. To quantify tDimer2, NeuN and GABA-positive neurons, manual counting was
601 performed, since the high neuronal density in str. pyr. prevented reliable automatic counting.

602 *Spectral analysis of LFP.* Data were imported and analyzed offline using custom-written tools
603 in the Matlab environment (MathWorks). Data were processed as following: band-pass
604 filtered (500–5,000 Hz) to analyze MUA and low-pass filtered (<1,400 Hz) using a third-order
605 Butterworth filter before downsampling to 3.2 kHz to analyze LFP. All filtering procedures
606 were performed in a manner preserving phase information.

607 *Detection of oscillatory activity.* The detection and of discontinuous patterns of activity in the
608 neonatal PL and HP were performed using a modified version of the previously developed
609 algorithm for unsupervised analysis of neonatal oscillations (Cichon et al., 2014) and
610 confirmed by visual inspection. Briefly, deflections of the root mean square of band-pass
611 filtered signals (1–100 Hz) exceeding a variance-dependent threshold were assigned as
612 network oscillations. The threshold was determined by a Gaussian fit to the values ranging
613 from 0 to the global maximum of the root-mean-square histogram. If two oscillations occurred

614 within 200 ms of each other they were considered as one. Only oscillations lasting > 1 s was
615 included.

616 *Detection of sharpwaves.* Sharpwaves were detected by subtracting the filtered signal (1-300
617 Hz) from the recording sites 100 μm above and 100 μm below the recording site in str. pyr.
618 Sharpwaves were then detected as peaks above 5 times the standard deviation of the
619 subtracted signal.

620 *Power spectral density.* Power spectral density was calculated using the Welch's method.
621 Briefly, segments of the recorded signal were glued together (1 s segments for oscillatory
622 activity; 300 ms segments for sharpwave pre/post comparison; 100 ms segments for ripple
623 comparison; 3 s for light evoked activity) and power were then calculated using non-
624 overlapping windows. Time–frequency plots were calculated by transforming the data using
625 Morlet continuous wavelet.

626 *Coherence.* Coherence was calculated using the imaginary coherency method (Nolte et al.,
627 2004). Briefly, the imaginary coherence was calculated by taking the imaginary component of
628 the cross-spectral density between the two signals and normalized by the power spectral
629 density of each. The computation of the imaginary coherence C over frequency (f) for the
630 power spectral density P of signal X and Y was performed according to the formula:

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$$C_{XY}(f) = \text{Im} \left(\frac{|P_{XY}(f)|^2}{P_{XX}(f)P_{YY}(f)} \right)$$

632 *General partial directed coherence.* gPDC is based on linear Granger causality measure.
633 The method attempts to describe the causal relationship between multivariate time series
634 based on the decomposition of multivariate partial coherences computed from multivariate
635 autoregressive models. The LFP signal was divided into segments containing the oscillatory
636 activity. Signal was de-noised using wavelets with the Matlab wavelet toolbox. After de-
637 noising, gPDC was calculated using the gPDC algorithm previously described (Baccala et al.,
638 2007).

639 *Single unit activity analysis.* SUA was detected and clustered using Offline Sorter (Plexon,
640 TC, USA). 1–4 single units were detected at each recording site. Subsequently, data were
641 imported and analyzed using custom-written tools in the Matlab software (MathWorks). The
642 firing rate temporally related to SPWs was calculated by aligning all units to the detected
643 SPWs. For assessing the phase locking of units to LFP, we firstly used the Rayleigh test for
644 non-uniformity of circular data to identify the units significantly locked to network oscillations.
645 The phase was calculated by extracting the phase component using the Hilbert transform of
646 the filtered signal at each detected spike. Spikes occurring in a 15 ms-long time window after
647 the start of a light pulse were considered to be light-evoked. Stimulation efficacy was
648 calculated as the probability of at least one spike occurring in this period.

649 *Statistical analysis.* Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS Statistics 21 (IBM, NY,
650 USA) or Matlab. Data were tested for normal distribution by the Shapiro–Wilk test. Normally
651 distributed data were tested for significant differences (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$ and *** $p < 0.001$)
652 using paired t-test, unpaired t-test or one-way repeated-measures analysis of variance with
653 Bonferroni-corrected post hoc analysis. Not normally distributed data were tested with the
654 nonparametric Mann–Whitney U-test. The circular statistics toolbox was used to test for
655 significant differences in the phase locking data. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM. No
656 statistical measures were used to estimate sample size since effect size was unknown.
657 Investigators were not blinded to the group allocation during the experiments. Unsupervised
658 analysis software was used if possible to preclude investigator biases. Summary of
659 performed statistical analysis is summarized in table S1.

660 **Major datasets**

Author	Year	Dataset title	Dataset URL	Database, license and accessibility information
Ahlbeck et al.,	2017	Data from: Glutamatergic drive along the septo-temporal axis of hippocampus boosts prelimbic oscillations in the neonatal mouse	https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.52fh7	Available at Dryad Digital Repository under a CC0 Public Domain Dedication

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929 **Figure legends**

930 **Figure 1.** Patterns of discontinuous oscillatory activity in the CA1 area of the neonatal dHP
931 and i/vHP *in vivo*. **(A)** Characteristic theta burst activity recorded in the CA1 area of the dHP
932 (left) and i/vHP (right) of a P9 mouse displayed after band-pass filtering (4-100 Hz) and the
933 corresponding MUA (500-5000 Hz). Color-coded frequency plots show the wavelet spectrum
934 of LFP at identical time scale. **(B)** Bar diagram (mean \pm SEM) displaying the occurrence of
935 discontinuous theta bursts in dHP (n=41 mice) and i/vHP (n=103 mice). **(C)** Power analysis
936 of discontinuous oscillatory activity $P(f)$ normalized to the non-oscillatory period $P_0(f)$ in dHP
937 and i/vHP. (i) Power spectra (4-100 Hz) averaged for all investigated mice. (ii) Bar diagrams
938 quantifying the mean power within theta frequency band (4-12 Hz) in dHP (n=41 mice) and
939 i/vHP (n=103 mice) **(D)** Bar diagram displaying the SUA of dHP (n=158 units) and i/vHP
940 (n=557 units) after clustering of spike shapes. **(E)** Characteristic SPWs and ripple events
941 recorded in dHP (left) and i/vHP (right). **(F)** Bar diagrams (mean \pm SEM) displaying the SPWs
942 occurrence in dHP and i/vHP. **(G)** Characteristic SPW-ripple events recorded in dHP (left)
943 and i/vHP (right). **(H)** Bar diagram displaying the mean power of ripples in dHP and i/vHP. **(I)**
944 Spike trains from neurons in dHP (left) and i/vHP (right) aligned to SPWs. **(J)** Histograms of
945 SUA aligned to SPWs (n=232 units for dHP, n=670 for i/vHP). Data are represented as mean
946 \pm SEM. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

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948 **Figure 2.** Dynamic coupling of hippocampal and prefrontal oscillatory activity along septo-
949 temporal axis during neonatal development. **(A)** Simultaneous LFP recordings of
950 discontinuous oscillatory activity in dHP and PL (top) and i/vHP and PL (bottom). **(B)** Long-
951 range synchrony within prefrontal-hippocampal networks. (i) Average coherence spectra for
952 simultaneously recorded oscillatory events in dHP and PL as well as i/vHP and PL. (ii) Bar
953 diagrams (mean \pm SEM) displaying the coherence in theta (4-12 Hz), beta (12-30 Hz), and
954 gamma (30-100 Hz) band when averaged for all investigated mice. **(C)** Directed interactions
955 between PL and either dHP or i/vHP monitored by general Partial Directed Coherence
956 (gPDC). Bar diagrams displaying the gPDC calculated for theta (4-12 Hz, left) and beta (12-

957 30 Hz, right) frequency and averaged for all investigated animals (n=41 mice for dHP and PL,
958 n=103 mice for i/vHP & PL). **(D)** Histograms displaying the phase-locking of prelimbic spikes
959 to theta oscillations in dHP (left) and i/vHP (right). Note the different proportion of spikes
960 significantly locked along the septo-temporal axis (dHP, 3 of 46 units; i/vHP, 52 of 310 units).
961 Data are represented as mean \pm SEM. *p < 0.05, ***p < 0.001.

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963 **Figure 3.** Coupling between neonatal PFC and HP during hippocampal SPWs. **(A)** Power
964 changes in the PL during hippocampal SPWs. (i) Color-coded frequency plot showing the
965 relative power in the PL aligned to the onset of SPWs detected in i/vHP when normalized to
966 the power change caused in the PL by SPWs in the dHP. All other colors than green
967 represent power augmentation (red) or decrease (blue). (ii) Bar diagrams displaying mean
968 power changes of prelimbic activity in different frequency bands (left, theta; middle, beta;
969 right, gamma) before (pre) and after (post) hippocampal SPWs in the dHP and i/vHP (n=41
970 mice for dHP, n=103 mice for i/vHP). **(B)** Spike trains recorded in the PL before and after
971 SPWs occurring either in the dHP (left) or i/vHP (right). **(C)** Histograms of prelimbic spiking in
972 relationship with hippocampal SPWs (n=148 units for dHP, n=560 units for i/vHP). Data are
973 represented as mean \pm SEM. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

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975 **Figure 4.** Long-range monosynaptic axonal projections connecting the neonatal PFC and
976 hippocampal CA1 area along the septo-temporal axis. **(A)** Photomicrographs depicting dense
977 retrogradely labelled neurons in the CA1 area of i/vHP (right) but not dHP (middle) after FG
978 injection into PL at P1 (left). Bar diagram displays the overall density of retrogradely stained
979 neurons when averaged for all investigated pups (n=8 mice). **(B)** Photomicrographs depicting
980 anterogradely labeled axons targeting the PL of a P10 mouse (right) after iontophoretic BDA
981 injection into the CA1 area of i/vHP at P7 (left). The site of injection and the area with the
982 highest axonal density are depicted at higher magnification. Data are represented as mean \pm
983 SEM. ***p < 0.001.

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986 **Figure 5.** Optogenetic activation of pyramidal neurons in the CA1 area of dHP and i/vHP has
987 different effects on the network activity of neonatal PL. **(A)** Cell- and layer-specific
988 transfection of dHP or i/vHP with CAG-ChR2(ET/TC)-2A-tDimer2 by site-directed IUE. (i)
989 Photomicrographs depicting tDimer2-expressing pyramidal neurons (red) in the CA1 region
990 of dHP (left) and i/vHP (right) when stained for NeuN (green, top panels) or GABA (green,
991 bottom panels). (ii) Photomicrographs depicting the transfected hippocampal neurons when
992 co-stained for NeuN and displayed at larger magnification. (iii) Photomicrographs depicting
993 transfected hippocampal neurons when co-stained for GABA and displayed at larger
994 magnification. **(B)** Optogenetic activation of pyramidal neurons in CA1 area along septo-
995 temporal axis. (i) Representative raster plot and corresponding spike probability histogram
996 for dHP (left) and i/vHP (right) in response to 30 sweeps of 8 Hz pulse stimulation (3 ms
997 pulse length, 473 nm). (ii) Bar diagram displaying the efficacy of inducing spiking in dHP and
998 i/vHP of different stimulation frequencies. **(C)** Characteristic light-induced discontinuous
999 oscillatory activity in the PL of a P10 mouse after transfection of pyramidal neurons in the
1000 CA1 area of the dHP (left) or i/vHP (right) with ChR2(ET/TC) by IUE. The LFP is displayed
1001 after band-pass filtering (4-100 Hz) together with the corresponding color-coded wavelet
1002 spectrum at identical time scale. **(D)** Power analysis of prelimbic oscillatory activity $P_{stim}(f)$
1003 after light stimulation of dHP (green) and i/v HP (orange) at different frequencies (4, 8, 16 Hz)
1004 normalized to the activity before stimulus $P_{pre}(f)$. (i) Power spectra (0-100 Hz) averaged for all
1005 investigated mice. (ii) Bar diagrams displaying mean power changes in PL during stimulation
1006 of either dHP (top panels) or i/vHP (bottom panels). Data are represented as mean \pm SEM.
1007 * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$.

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1009 **Table legends**

1010 **Table 1.**

1011 Mean power changes in PL after light stimulation of dHP or i/vHP in ChR2(ET/TC)-containing
1012 and opsin-free animals. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$.

1013 **Supplementary figure legends**

1014 **Figure S1 (Figure Supplement 1 for Figure 1).** Properties of network and neuronal activity
1015 in i/vHP of neonatal non-anesthetized and urethane-anesthetized mice. **(A)** Plots displaying
1016 the mean power of oscillatory events for theta, beta and gamma frequencies before and after
1017 urethane anesthesia (n=9 mice). **(B)** Same as (A) for mean coherence between oscillatory
1018 events in i/vHP and PL. **(C)** Same as (A) for directed interactions between i/vHP and PL
1019 measured by mean gPDC in theta and beta frequency bands. **(D)** Impact of urethane
1020 anesthesia on the firing rate (i) and phase locking to theta, beta, and gamma oscillatory
1021 network activity. Each line corresponds to one investigated pup. Error bars represent SEM.
1022 *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01.

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1024 **Figure S2 (Figure supplement 2 for Figure 1).** Properties of network and neuronal activity
1025 in dHP vs. i/vHP of neonatal mice. **(A)** Bar diagrams displaying the amplitude and duration of
1026 discontinuous oscillatory events in dHP (n=41 mice) and i/vHP (n=103 mice). **(B)** Bar
1027 diagrams displaying the power spectrum of discontinuous oscillatory activity P(f) normalized
1028 to the non-oscillatory period P0(f) when averaged for beta (12-30 Hz) and gamma (30-100
1029 Hz) frequency bands in dHP (left, n=41 mice) and i/vHP (right, n=103 mice). **(C)** Histograms
1030 displaying the phase-locking of hippocampal spikes to ripple activity in dHP (left) and i/vHP
1031 (right). Error bars represent SEM. **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

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1033 **Figure S3 (Figure supplement 1 for figure 5).** Experimental protocol for in utero
1034 electroporation of the hippocampus. **(A)** Structure of the ChR2(ET/TC)-containing and opsin-
1035 free constructs. **(B)** Schematic drawing illustrating the orientation of electrode paddles for
1036 specific targeting of either (i) dHP or (ii) i/vHP pyramidal neurons. **(C)** Bar diagram displaying
1037 the mean number of embryos, electroporated embryos, surviving pups, and positively
1038 transfected pups when ChR2(ET/TC)-containing and opsin-free constructs for (i) dHP (n=8
1039 litters for opsin-containing group, n=5 for opsin-free group) and (ii) i/vHP (n=8 litters for
1040 opsin-containing group, n=3 litters for opsin-free group). **(D)** Line plots displaying the

1041 developmental profile of somatic growth [body length, tail length, weight] and reflexes
1042 [vibrissa placing, cliff aversion and surface righting reflexes] of P2-8 pups expressing
1043 ChR2(ET/TC) or opsin-free constructs in (i) dHP (n=17 for opsin-containing pups, n=14 for
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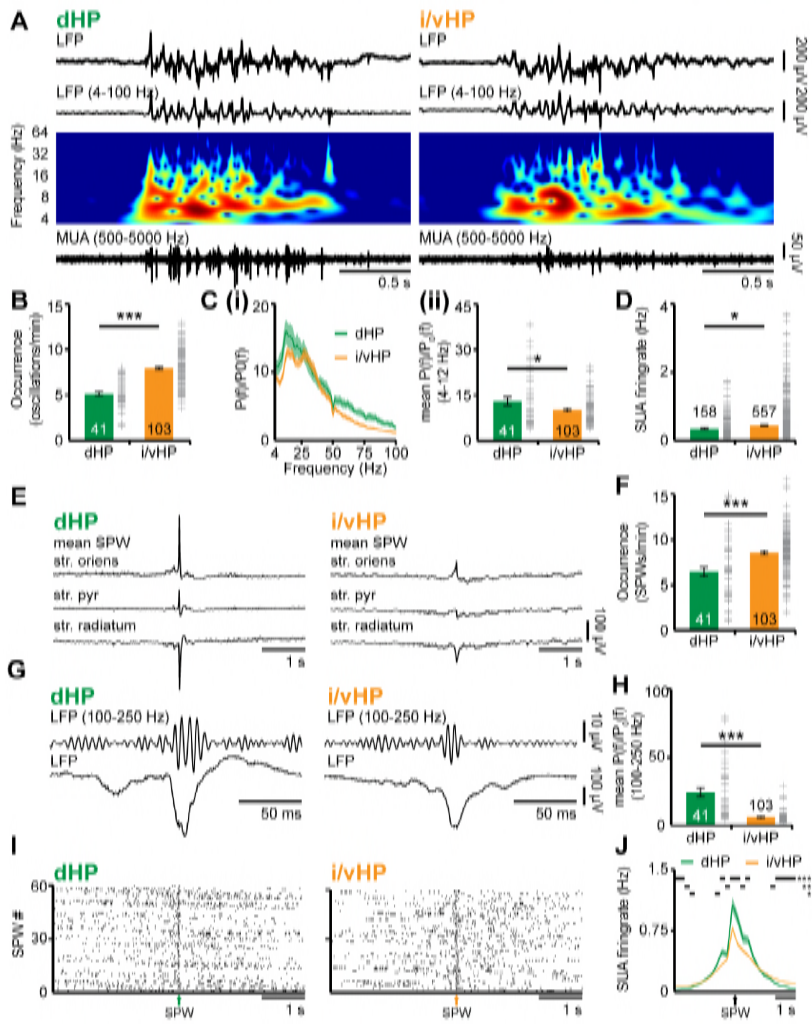
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1047 **Figure S4 (Figure supplement 2 for figure 5).** Response in prelimbic cortex for opsin-free
1048 animals. Bar diagrams displaying the power changes in PL during light stimulation of
1049 pyramidal neurons in the CA1 area of dHP (top panels) or i/vHP (bottom panels) when
1050 normalized to the values before hippocampal stimulation for opsin-free animals. Error bars
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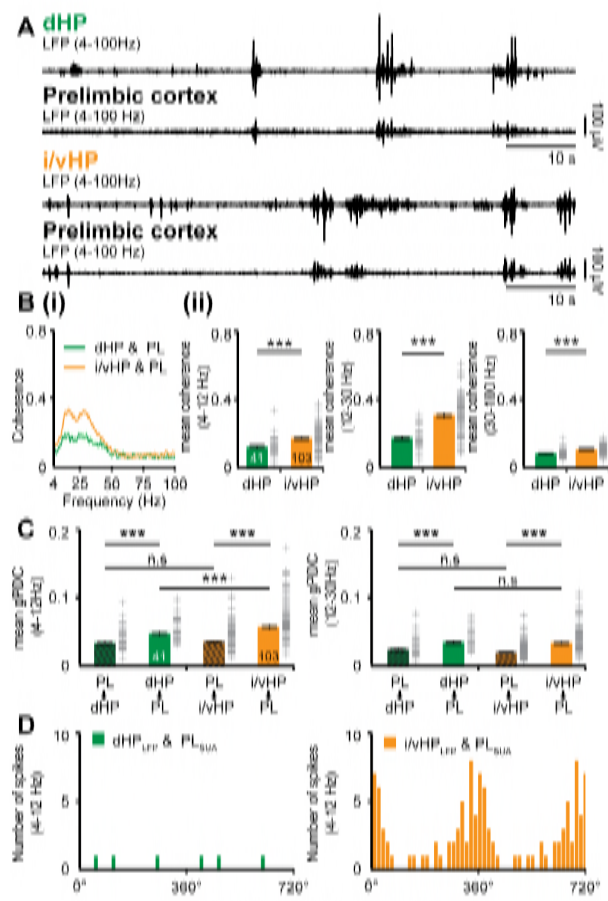
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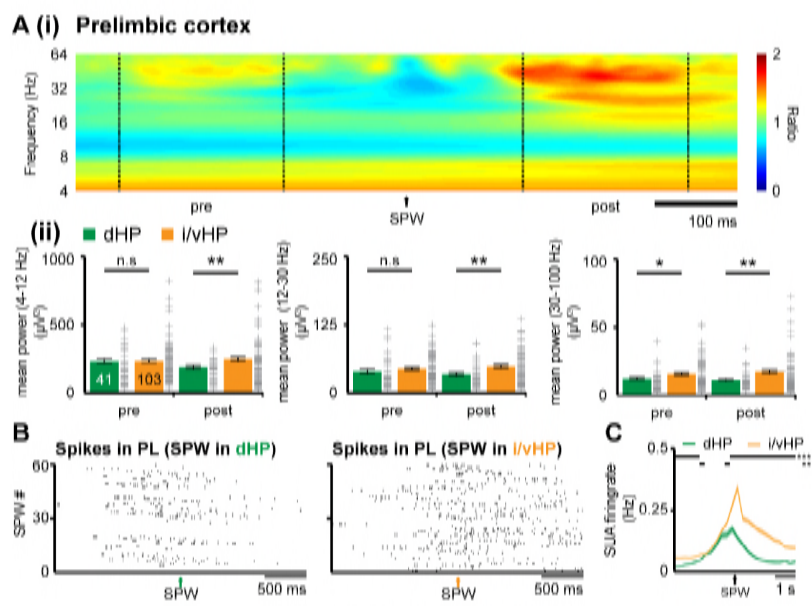
1054 **Table S1 (table supplement 1 for figures 1-5 & supplementary figures 1-4)** Summary of
1055 statistics for all experiments. (A) Statistical testing, number of investigated mice and p-values
1056 for the analyses displayed in figure 1. (B)–(H) Same as (A) for analyses in figures 2–5, S1-4.



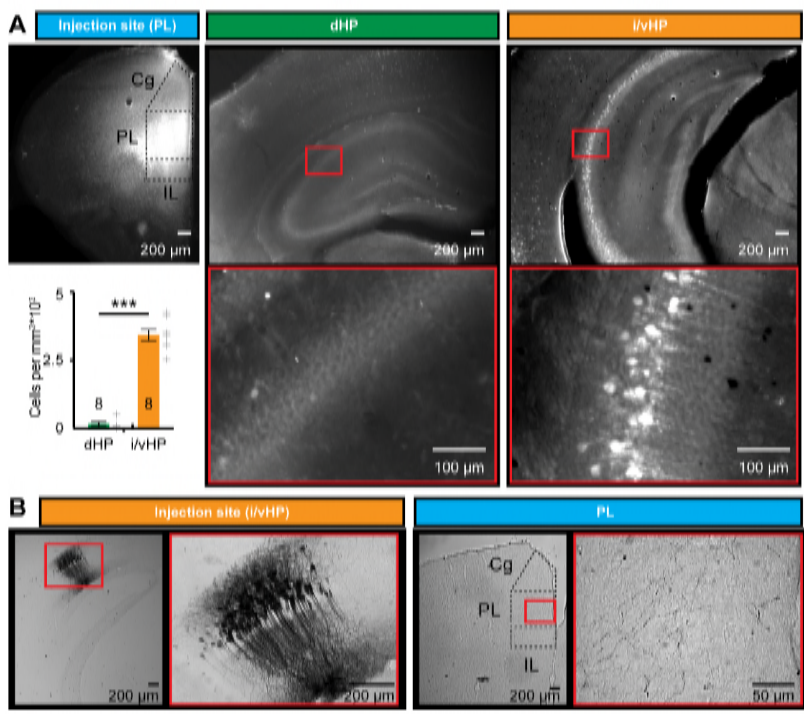
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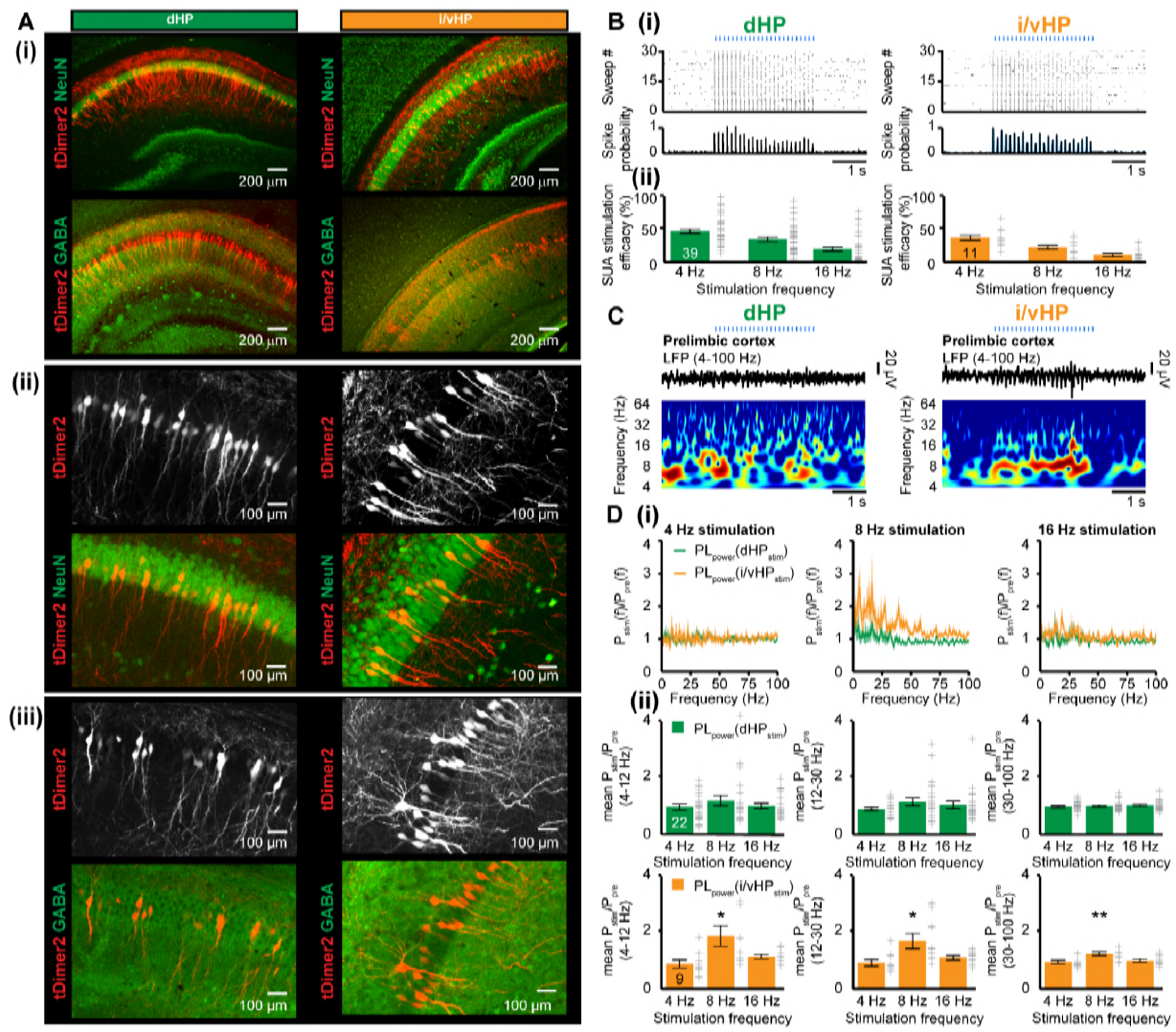
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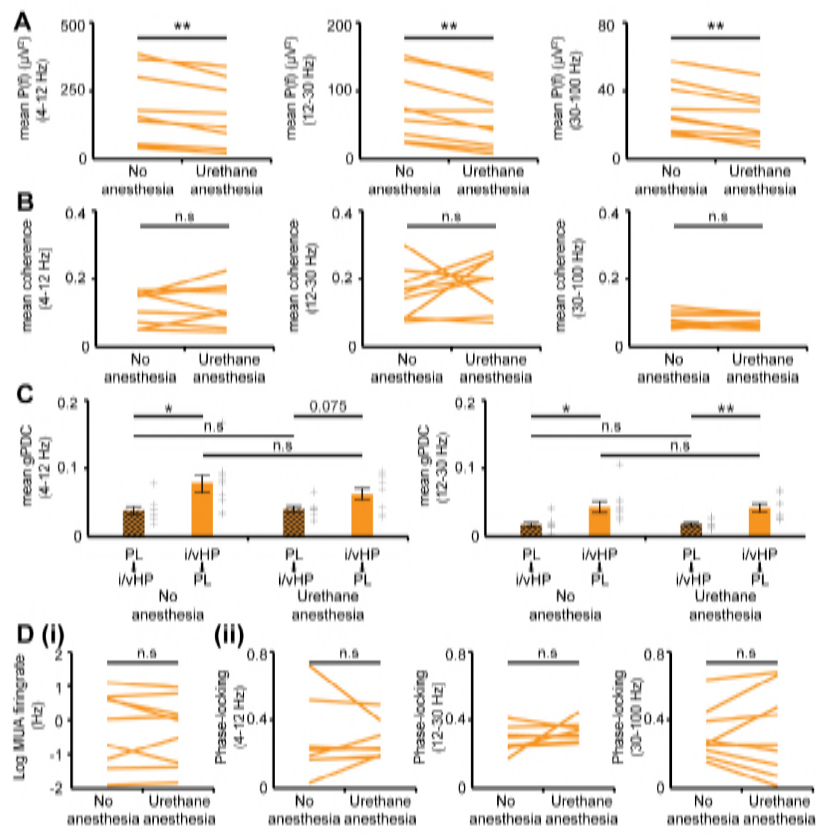
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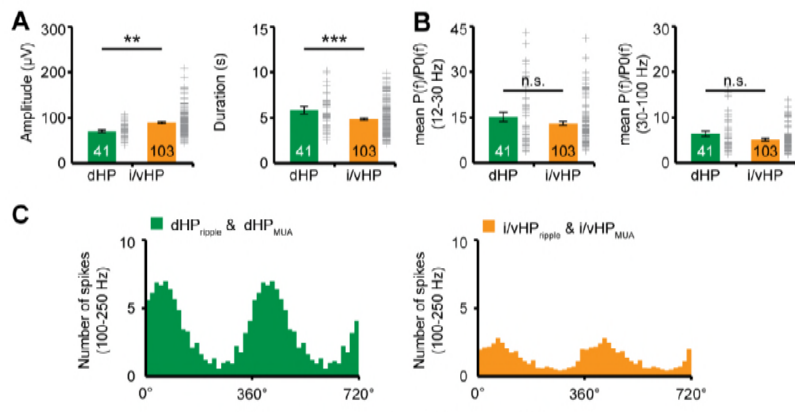
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ChR2(ET/TC)	dHP			i/vHP		
	Stimulation Frequency			Stimulation Frequency		
	4 Hz	8 Hz	16 Hz	4 Hz	8 Hz	16hz
Theta	0.97±0.10	1.19±0.19	1.0±0.093	0.90±0.15	1.89±0.36 (*)	1.16±0.08
Beta	0.91±0.06	1.17±0.15	1.06±0.13	0.94±0.12	1.72±0.27 (*)	1.12±0.08
Gamma	1.0±0.035	1.00±0.19	1.04±0.38	0.97±0.06	1.26±0.06 (**)	1.02±0.06
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Theta	1.11±0.14	1.09±0.19	1.14±0.22	1.17±0.27	1.17±0.20	1.16±0.12
Beta	1.13±0.15	0.99±0.16	1.11±0.11	1.05±0.22	0.95±0.18	1.08±0.13
Gamma	1.08±0.06	0.93±0.04	1.03±0.03	0.89±0.09	0.94±0.07	0.97±0.04

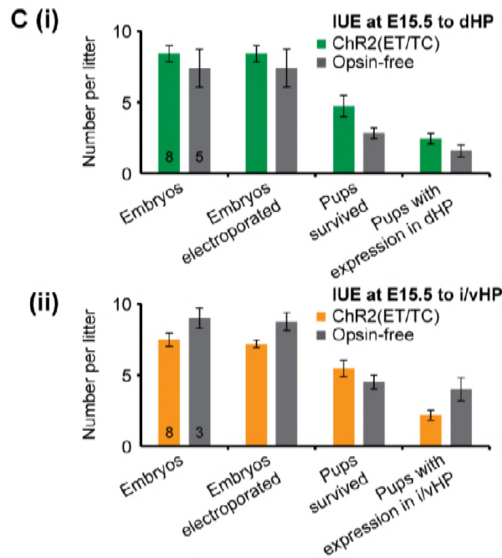
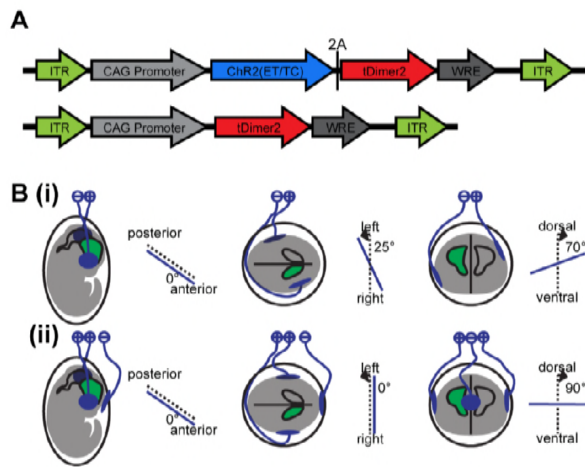
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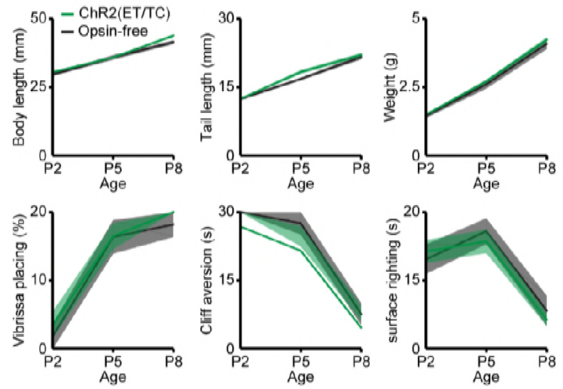
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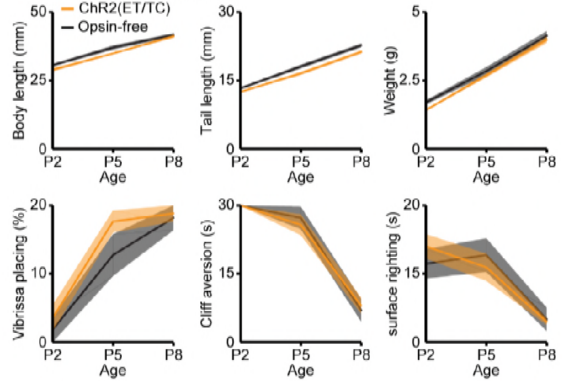
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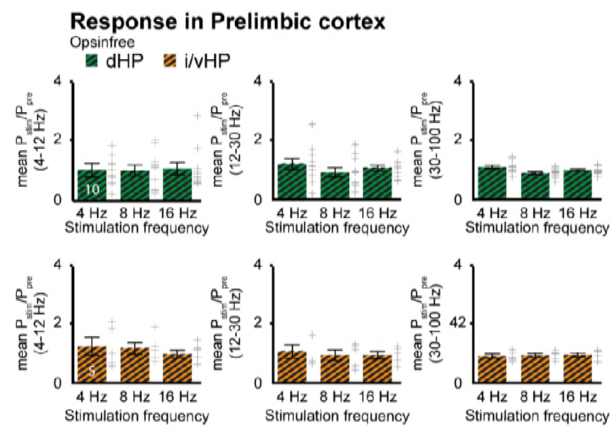
D (i) IUE at E15.5 to dHP



D (ii) IUE at E15.5 to i/vHP



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Supplementary table 1

A

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
1	B	Occurrence	Occurrence of theta burst oscillations in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
	C(ii)	Power	Theta power in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.026
	D	SUA firingrate	SUA firingrate in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 158 units; i/vHP 557 units	0.025
	F	Occurrence	Occurrence of sharpwave-ripple complex in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
	H	Power	Ripple power in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
	J	SUA firingrate	SUA firingrate in hippocampus aligned to sharpwave-ripple complex	0-250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	<0.001
				250-500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	<0.001
				500-750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.0022
				750-1000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.17
				1000-1250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.28
				1250-1500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.72
				1500-1750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.29
				1750-2000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.42
				2000-2250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.01
2250-2500 ms				One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	<0.001	
2500-2750 ms				One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.093	
2750-3000 ms				One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	<0.001	
3000-3250 ms				One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	<0.001	
3250-3500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	0.0063				
3500-3750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP 670 units	<0.001				

				3750-4000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	0.083
				4000-4250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	0.99
				4250-4500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	0.83
				4500-4750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	0.27
				4750-5000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	0.0021
				5000-5250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	<0.001
				5250-5500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	<0.001
				5500-5750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	<0.001
				5750-6000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 232 units; i/vHP: 670 units	<0.001

B

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
2	B(ii)	Coherence	Coherence between hippocampus and prefrontal cortex	4-12 Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
				12-30 Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
				30-100Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
	C	gPDC	gPDC between hippocampus and prefrontal cortex	4-12 Hz, PL→dHP & dHP→PL	paired t-test	41 mice	<0.001
				4-12 Hz, PL→i/vHP & i/vHP→PL	paired t-test	103 mice	<0.001
				4-12 Hz, PL→dHP & PL→i/vHP	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.065
				4-12 Hz, dHP→PL & i/vHP→PL	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
				12-30 Hz, PL→dHP & dHP→PL	paired t-test	41 mice	<0.001

				12-30 Hz, PL→i/vHP & i/vHP→PL	paired t-test	103 mice	<0.001
				12-30 Hz, PL→dHP & PL→i/vHP	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.66
				12-30 Hz, dHP→PL & i/vHP→PL	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.16

C

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
3	A(ii)	Power	Power between hippocampus and prefrontal cortex aligned to sharpwave-ripple complex	4-12 Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
				12-30 Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
				30-100Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
	C	SUA firingrate	SUA firingrate in prefrontal cortex aligned to sharpwave-ripple complex	0-250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				250-500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				500-750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				750-1000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				1000-1250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				1250-1500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	0.0042
				1500-1750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	0.96
				1750-2000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	0.09
				2000-2250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	0.16
				2250-2500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	0.39
2500-2750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	0.009				
2750-3000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001				

				3000-3250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				3250-3500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				3500-3750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				3750-4000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				4000-4250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				4250-4500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				4500-4750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				4750-5000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				5000-5250 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				5250-5500 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				5500-5750 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001
				5750-6000 ms	One-way ANOVA – Bonferroni-Holm corrected	dHP: 148 units; i/vHP 561 units	<0.001

D

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
4	A	retrograde tracing	Retrograde labelled neurons in dHP & i/vHP		paired t-test	8 mice	<0.001

E

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
5	D(ii)	Power	power response in PL during light stimulation in HP	PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.76
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.33
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.95

				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.17
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.28
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.64
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 30-100 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	1
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 30-100 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.64
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 30-100 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	22 mice	0.28
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.51
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.039
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.096
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.61
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.03

				PL_Power(i/vHPH P stimulation); 12- 30 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.17
				PL_Power(i/vHPH P stimulation); 30- 100 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.58
				PL_Power(i/vHPH P stimulation); 30- 100 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.0036
				PL_Power(i/vHPH stimulation); 30- 100 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	9 mice	0.80

F

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
S1	A	Power	Power in hippocampus with and without anesthesia	4-12 Hz	paired t-test	9 mice	0.0039
				12-30 Hz	paired t-test	9 mice	0.0078
				30-100 Hz	paired t-test	9 mice	0.0039
	B	Coherence	Coherence between hippocampus and prefrontal cortex with and without anesthesia	4-12 Hz	paired t-test	9 mice	0.61
				12-30 Hz	paired t-test	9 mice	0.39
				30-100 Hz	paired t-test	9 mice	0.48
	C	gPDC	gPDC between hippocampus and prefrontal cortex with and without anesthesia	4-12 Hz, No Anesthesia PL→i/vHP & i/vHP→PL	paired t-test	9 mice	0.027
				4-12 Hz, Urethane anesthesia PL→i/vHP & i/vHP→PL	paired t-test	9 mice	0.075
				4-12 Hz, PL→i/vHP anesthesia & urethane anesthesia	paired t-test	9 mice	0.18

				4-12 Hz, i/vHP→PL anesthesia & urethane anesthesia	paired t-test	9 mice	0.78
				12-30 Hz, PL→dHP & dHP→PL	paired t-test	9 mice	0.045
				12-30 Hz, PL→i/vHP & i/vHP→PL	paired t-test	9 mice	0.0088
				12-30 Hz, PL→dHP & PL→i/vHP	paired t-test	9 mice	0.093
				12-30 Hz, dHP→PL & i/vHP→PL	paired t-test	9 mice	0.77
	D(i)	Log MUA firingrate	Firingrate of MUA in hippocampus		paired t-test	9 mice	0.65
	D(ii)	Phase-locking	Phase-locking of hippocampal MUA to local field potential in hippocampus	4-12 Hz	Wilcoxon rank sumtest for equal medians	9 mice	0.16
12-30 Hz				Wilcoxon rank sumtest for equal medians	9 mice	0.91	
30-100 Hz				Wilcoxon rank sumtest for equal medians	9 mice	1	

G

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
S2	A	Amplitude	Theta burst amplitude in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.015
		Duration	Theta burst duration in hippocampus		t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	<0.001
	B	Power	beta power in hippocampus	12-30 Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.22
			gamma power in hippocampus	30-100 Hz	t-test	dHP: 41 mice; i/vHP: 103 mice	0.073

H

Figure	Panel	Title	Description	Detail	Test	n	p
S4		Power	power response in PL during light stimulation in HP	PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.46

				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.65
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.55
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.39
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.98
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.32
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 30-100 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.22
				PL_Power(dHP stimulation); 30-100 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	10 mice	0.11
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				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	5 mice	0.46
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 8 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	5 mice	0.35
				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 4-12 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	5 mice	0.24

				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 12-30 Hz, 4 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	5 mice	0.74
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				PL_Power(i/vHP stimulation); 30-100 Hz, 16 Hz stimulation	One-sample t-test	5 mice	0.49