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## Dentate spikes and external control of hippocampal function

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### SUMMARY

Mouse hippocampus CA1 place-cell discharge typically encodes current location, but during slow gamma dominance ( $SG_{dom}$ ), when SG oscillations (30–50 Hz) dominate mid-frequency gamma oscillations (70–90 Hz) in CA1 local field potentials, CA1 discharge switches to represent distant recollected locations. We report that dentate spike type 2 ( $DS_M$ ) events initiated by medial entorhinal cortex II (MECII)→dentate gyrus (DG) inputs promote  $SG_{dom}$  and change excitation-inhibition coordinated discharge in DG, CA3, and CA1, whereas type 1 ( $DS_L$ ) events initiated by lateral entorhinal cortex II (LECII)→DG inputs do not. Just before  $SG_{dom}$ , LECII-originating SG oscillations in DG and CA3-originating SG oscillations in CA1 phase and frequency synchronize at the  $DS_M$  peak when discharge within DG and CA3 increases to promote excitation-inhibition cofiring within and across the DG→CA3→CA1 pathway. This optimizes discharge for the 5–10 ms DG-to-CA1 neuro-transmission that  $SG_{dom}$  initiates.  $DS_M$  properties identify extrahippocampal control of  $SG_{dom}$  and a cortico-hippocampal mechanism that switches between memory-related modes of information processing.

### Graphical abstract

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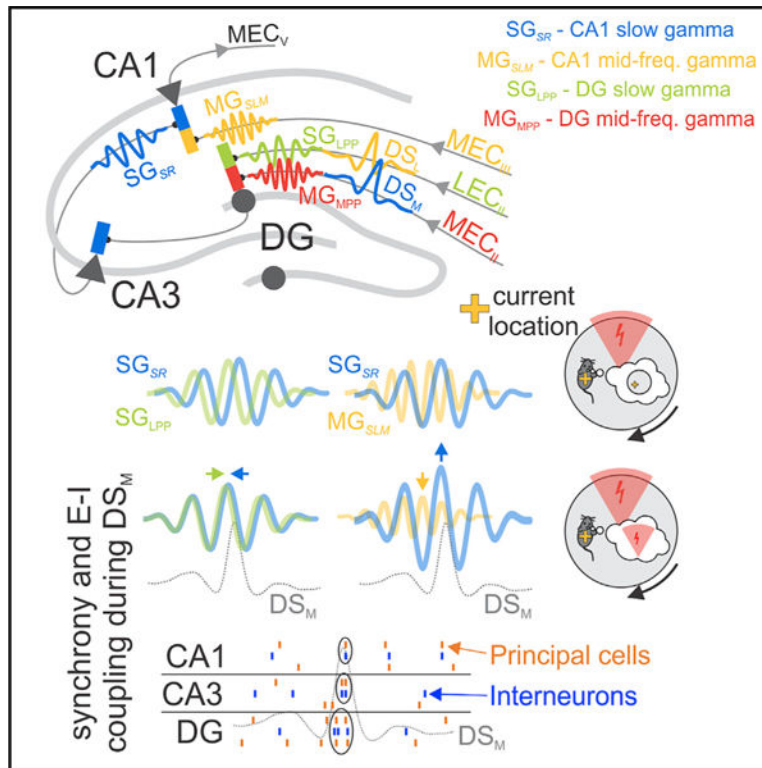
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## In brief

MECII-originating type 2 dentate spikes (DS<sub>M</sub>) promote dominance of CA1 slow (~40-Hz) over mid-frequency (~80-Hz) gamma oscillations when CA1 represents non-local recollections. Dvorak et al. show that DS<sub>M</sub> coordinates cofiring within DG, CA3, and CA1 networks and optimizes discharge timing between DG and CA1 for information transfer during memory recall.

## INTRODUCTION

The hippocampus is critical for long-term memory storage and use, requiring that neural discharge represents both what has occurred and what is happening. How do multifunction neural networks like the hippocampus accomplish mutually incompatible tasks such as recollecting the past and encoding the present? One possibility is that separate neural circuits operate in parallel to perform each information-processing task, but this does not appear to be the case for the hippocampus. Rather, in the hippocampus, the same populations of excitatory and inhibitory neurons are organized such that network discharge patterns, sometimes called cell assemblies (Harris et al., 2003; Hebb, 1949) rapidly switch between different information-processing modes, often in a winner-take-all fashion during vicarious trial-and-error and other choice behaviors (Colgin, 2015; Johnson and Redish, 2007; Kelemen and Fenton, 2010, 2013, 2016; Papale et al., 2016; Pastalkova et al., 2008; van Dijk and Fenton, 2018; Wu et al., 2017). We first reported variability in the discharge of hippocampus place cells that was so extreme, it was incompatible with these cells merely signaling the current location within a single cognitive map (Fenton and Muller, 1998; Jackson and Redish, 2007; Olypher et al., 2002a, 2002b) and we went on to show that

this variability could be explained as multiple spatial representations during tasks with purposeful behaviors that were directed to specific places (Fenton et al., 2010; Kelemen and Fenton, 2010, 2013, 2016). In an alternation task, such variability was organized as place representations that alternate within sequences of ~8-Hz theta oscillations, perhaps reflecting planning between which upcoming alternatives to choose (Kay et al., 2020). We previously reported that position-representing CA1 ensemble spike trains switch between representing the current, local position and distant specific places, which during an active place-avoidance task represented recollected locations of prior foot shock (Dvorak et al., 2018). Specifically, CA1 discharge switched to signaling distant places during slow gamma dominance ( $SG_{dom}$ ), when CA1 SG (30–50 Hz) oscillations dominate CA1 mid-frequency (70–90 Hz) gamma oscillations. Now that it is established that such network transitions occur to change hippocampal cognitive information processing, it is essential to understand how such transitions may occur in the hippocampus as well as other cognitive networks that transiently switch information-processing modes in circumstances that are physically unchanged.

## RESULTS

### **$SG_{dom}$ in the CA1 local field potential (LFP) switches CA1 place-signaling discharge to represent recollection of distant locations**

Well-trained mice on the rotating place-avoidance arena make evasive movements away from the advancing shock zone, as illustrated in the upper portion of Figure 1A. This behavior demonstrates that the mice recollect locations where they were previously shocked. Approximately 1–2 s before mice run away to avoid the location of the shock, we observe  $SG_{dom}$  in the CA1 LFP, which is the result of a relatively increased rate of SG (30–50 Hz) oscillations and a decreased rate of mid-frequency gamma (70–90 Hz) oscillations (Figure 1A, bottom). The likelihood of  $SG_{dom}$  is elevated before mice express active avoidance, with the peak 1.75 s before, when the mice are often inactive (Figures 1A and 1B). In contrast,  $SG_{dom}$  is unlikely during the passive approach to the shock zone if the mice fail to avoid the approaching shock zone and rather run away to escape after receiving a shock (Figure 1B). Such failed avoidances are rare, and most likely occur because the mice did not recollect the location of the shock. Place cells with firing fields in the vicinity of the shock discharge transiently for ~500 ms during  $SG_{dom}$ , despite the mice not being in the vicinity of the shock, which can be seen in a single 5-s example (Figure 1C) and in the group data (Figure 1D), and is confirmed by analysis of place cell overdispersion (Figures S1A–S1D). Conversely, place cell ensemble discharge continues to decode to the current location when mice fail to avoid the shock (Dvorak et al., 2018). Because CA1 ensemble discharge can transiently switch from signaling the current location to signaling a distant, recollected location, we wondered which network mechanisms can cause this switch between information processing modes (Figure 1E).

One way to switch between multiple mutually exclusive tasks is to organize the network so that its intrinsic excitation-inhibition dynamics are so balanced that the network spontaneously transitions between multiple information-processing modes through intrinsic winner-take-all mechanisms (Figures 1E and 1F upper; de Almeida et al., 2009; Rolls and

Treves, 1998). In the alternative scenario explored here,  $SG_{dom}$ -associated switches of the CA1 information-processing mode are controlled by discrete events in the perforant path trisynaptic input from the entorhinal cortex (EC) (Figure 1F, lower).

### Identifying the two types of dentate spike (DS) originating from distinct perforant path inputs

CA1 SG originates in CA3 (Lasztóczy and Klausberger, 2014, 2016; Schomburg et al., 2014), motivating us to seek evidence of extrahippocampal control signals in the perforant path projection from ECII to dentate gyrus (DG). We examine DSs, the underinvestigated, large-amplitude, short-duration field potentials that localize to DG (Figures 2A and S1E). They result from entorhinal activation; DSs disappear after bilateral removal of the EC (Bragin et al., 1995). Similar to sharp-wave ripples (SWRs), DSs are synchronized across hemispheres (Bragin et al., 1995; Headley et al., 2017), but in contrast to SWRs, DSs are thought to cause a synchronized inhibition of granule cells and down-stream CA3 and CA1 networks (Figure 2A, left; Penttonen et al., 1997).

Using current source density (CSD) analysis, we classify two types of DS events (Figure 2B; STAR Methods) as  $DS_L$  (current sink in outer molecular layers of DG) and  $DS_M$  (current sink in middle molecular layers of DG), corresponding to types 1 and 2 identified in the rat (Bragin et al., 1995) and the mouse (Buzsáki et al., 2003). Localization of the outer and middle molecular layers of DG is confirmed by the average CSD of the evoked response to stimulating the medial perforant path (MPP; Figure 2C, right). The  $DS_L$  amplitude is larger than the  $DS_M$  (Figure 2D; paired  $t_8 = 2.87$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ), while the  $DS_M$  width is greater than the  $DS_L$  (paired  $t_8 = 8.56$ ,  $p = 10^{-5}$ ).  $DS_L$  before  $DS_M$  is more likely than vice versa (Figure 2E; paired  $t_8 = 5.61$ ,  $p = 10^{-4}$ ). The average CSDs of  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  during stillness (speed  $< 2$  cm/s) and running (speed  $> 3$  cm/s) do not visibly differ (Figure 2F). Rates of  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  events are not different, but they are differentially modulated by speed (Figure 2G; 2-way type  $\times$  speed ANOVA<sub>r.m.</sub>, type:  $F_{1,14} = 0.02$ ,  $p = 0.88$ ; speed:  $F_{3,12} = 5.53$ ,  $p = 0.013$ ; interaction:  $F_{3,12} = 5.26$ ,  $p = 0.015$ , post hoc tests:  $DS_M > DS_L$  at the greatest speeds of 6–8 cm/s).  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  are distinct in origin and morphology but are not independent and are modulated by behavior, and  $DS_M$  is more likely to follow  $DS_L$ .

### DSs modulate oscillatory activity in CA1

We investigate whether  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  influence the CA1 oscillatory activity components of  $SG_{dom}$ . Analysis of CA1 oscillatory dynamics using LFP spectral power is confounded by the spectral leakage of DS events in the 30- to 50-Hz range (Figure 3A). Accordingly, we use independent component analysis (ICA; STAR Methods), which identifies two ICs in the CA1 LFP below 100 Hz (Figure 3B), a CA3-originating, *stratum radiatum*-localized SG IC ( $SG_{SR}$ ; mean frequency  $34.1 \pm 3.0$  Hz; Figures 3C, left, and S2A) and a medial ECIII (MECIII)-originating, *stratum lacunosum moleculare*-localized mid-frequency gamma IC ( $MG_{SLM}$ ; mean frequency  $68.9 \pm 3.4$  Hz; Figures 3C, right, and S2A).

If DSs modulate CA1 oscillatory activity, then they should systematically co-occur with  $SG_{SR}$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory events.  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory events occur close to the theta trough ( $339.2^\circ \pm 71.4^\circ$ ), whereas the  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory events occur close to the theta peak

( $220.5^\circ \pm 59.9^\circ$ ; Figure 3D, top), in agreement with prior work (Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2017; Laszóczi and Klausberger, 2014).  $DS_M$  events occur at the theta trough, coinciding with  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory events ( $344.0^\circ \pm 59.8^\circ$ ; Watson-Williams multi-sample test  $F_{1,15} = 0.19$ ,  $p = 0.67$ ), whereas the  $DS_L$  events occur close to the theta peak, coinciding with the  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory events ( $233.6^\circ \pm 71.2^\circ$ ; Watson-Williams multi-sample test  $F_{1,15} = 3.48$ ,  $p = 0.08$ ; Figure 3D).

The theta phase alignment of  $DS_L$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  events and the distinct phase alignment of  $DS_M$  and  $SG_{SR}$  events may be expected if DS events control CA1 gamma events, motivating us to determine whether DS events also influence locally generated CA1 gamma power. We compute  $DS_L$ - and  $DS_M$ -triggered IC power profiles by averaging the  $Z$ -scored wavelet spectrogram computed from identified ICs across 25–45 Hz for  $SG_{SR}$  and 45–85 Hz for  $MG_{SLM}$  (Figure 3E). To evaluate whether the potential influence of the DS events on the CA1 ICs is distinct from the theta modulation of IC power (see Figure 3D), we also compare control power profiles triggered by random events that have the same theta phase distribution as the corresponding DS events, but only a chance association with the DS events. Data from 8 of 9 mice are analyzed because 1 mouse did not have CA1 electrode coverage.  $MG_{SLM}$  is increased 36% at the  $DS_L$  peak compared to random (paired  $t_7 = 6.82$ ,  $p = 10^{-4}$ ), while  $SG_{SR}$  is not (paired  $t_7 = 0.35$ ,  $p = 0.7$ ; Figure 3E, left). In contrast,  $SG_{SR}$  is increased 67% at the peak of  $DS_M$  compared to random (paired  $t_7 = 5.0$ ,  $p = 0.002$ ), while  $MG_{SLM}$  is decreased during  $DS_M$  (paired  $t_7 = 2.68$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ; Figure 3E, right).

To examine the co-occurrence of the DS and CA1 gamma oscillatory events, we randomly pick 1,000 times from each 30-min recording and assess whether  $MG_{SLM}$  or  $SG_{SR}$  occurs within a 50-ms coincidence interval of  $DS_L$  or  $DS_M$ . The probability of observing  $SG_{SR}$  is greater if  $DS_M$  is observed (Figure 3F, left;  $F_{3,31} = 9.59$ ,  $p = 10^{-4}$ ,  $p(SG_{SR} | DS_M) > p(SG_{SR} | DS_L) = p(SG_{SR} | \text{non}DS_M) = p(SG_{SR} | \text{non}DS_L)$ ), while the probability of observing  $MG_{SLM}$  is greater if a  $DS_L$  event is observed (Figure 3F, right;  $F_{3,31} = 7.31$ ,  $p = 10^{-4}$ ,  $p(MG_{SLM} | DS_L) > p(MG_{SLM} | DS_M) = p(MG_{SLM} | \text{non}DS_L) = p(MG_{SLM} | \text{non}DS_M)$ ).

Since  $DS_M$  increases the power of CA3-originating  $SG_{SR}$  (Figure 3E) and DSs co-occur with CA3-originating SWRs (Bragin et al., 1995), we computed the probability of a SWR within  $\pm 50$  ms of  $DS_L$ ,  $DS_M$ , and random events during stillness (speed  $< 2$  cm/s; Figure 3G). SWR probability is increased  $\pm 10$  ms of the  $DS_M$  peak, but not  $DS_L$  (Figure 3G; 1 sample test for proportions:  $p(\text{SWR} | DS_L) = 0.012$ ,  $Z = 0.71$ ,  $p = 0.3$ ;  $p(\text{SWR} | DS_M) = 0.018$ ,  $Z = 13.20$ ,  $p = 10^{-39}$ ).

If  $DS_M$  controls the CA1 information-processing mode, these findings of DS modulation of CA1 gamma predict that  $DS_M$  (but not  $DS_L$ ) promotes CA1  $SG_{\text{dom}}$ . We evaluated this prediction using  $SG_{\text{dom}}$  events collected during place-avoidance behavior, in which  $SG_{\text{dom}}$  events identify recollection (Figure 1). The rate of  $DS_M$  but not  $DS_L$  events is elevated at the time of  $SG_{\text{dom}}$  (Figure 3H;  $DS_L$ :  $t_{5,255} = 1.81$ ,  $p = 0.07$ ;  $DS_M$ :  $t_{5,255} = 5.07$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ).

### **DSs modulate individual cycles of CA1 gamma oscillations, $DS_M$ promoting $SG_{\text{dom}}$**

If  $DS_M$  events control CA1 information processing by promoting  $SG_{\text{dom}}$ , then  $DS_M$  should influence CA1 gamma oscillations with a precision comparable to the  $\sim 6$ -ms conduction



time from the DG to CA1 (Figure 2C, white arrows). Because measuring gamma power requires  $\sim 100$  ms (3–5 cycles of an oscillatory burst; Figures 3E and S2C), and spiking is most likely during oscillatory minima (Figure S2B; Dvorak and Fenton, 2014; Lasztóczy and Klausberger, 2016; Schomburg et al., 2012), we measure discrete oscillatory events with  $\sim 15$  ms resolution, as the local minima of oscillatory bursts (Figure 4A, inset; STAR Methods). The findings in Figure 4, data acquired during the place-avoidance task, are essentially similar in home-cage data (Figure S3A).

The probability of observing a  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycle is strongly enhanced  $\pm 10$  ms of the  $DS_L$  peak (paired  $t_7 = 5.43$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ; Figure 4A, left), as well as 15 ms before and 16 ms after the  $DS_L$  peak, corresponding to a  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory frequency of 69 Hz, whereas the probability of observing a  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycle remains unchanged during  $DS_L$  (paired  $t_7 = 0.69$ ,  $p = 0.52$ ; Figure 4A, left). In contrast, the probability of observing a  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycle is enhanced 6 ms after the peak of  $DS_M$ , corresponding to the transmission time between DG and CA1, which is primarily influenced by the CA3 $\rightarrow$ CA1 synaptic delay (Mizuseki et al., 2012; Figure 4A, right; paired  $t_7 = 4.52$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ). The probability of a  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycle is also enhanced 24 ms before and 33 ms after the  $DS_M$  peak corresponding to a  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory frequency of 34 Hz, whereas the probability of observing a  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycle is not different (Figure 4A right; paired  $t_7 = 0.79$ ,  $p = 0.45$ ). There is a non-oscillatory increase in the  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycle probability 30–50 ms before  $DS_M$  (Figure 4A, right; paired  $t_7 = 3.80$ ,  $p = 0.007$ ) and a reduced probability of observing a  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycle 30–50 ms after  $DS_M$  (Figure 4A, right; paired  $t_7 = 7.39$ ,  $p = 10^{-4}$ ).

The consequences of MPP manipulations are not straightforward (Brun et al., 2002; Garner et al., 2012; Kanter et al., 2017; Miao et al., 2015; Schlesiger et al., 2018), which was confirmed by chemogenetic silencing, electrical stimulation of MPP, and anesthesia (Figure S4). Consequently, to rigorously test the hypothesis that  $DS_M$  promotes  $SG_{dom}$ , we examine whether spontaneously strong and weak  $DS_M$  events differentially promote  $SG_{dom}$ . Because  $DS_M$  can both increase the likelihood of  $SG_{SR}$  and attenuate the likelihood of  $MG_{SLM}$  to promote  $SG_{dom}$ ,  $DS_M$ s were classified according to their prominence (Figure 4B), and independently, by the  $\sim 10$ -ms post- $DS_M$  CSD source that suggests increased inhibition, corresponds to the DG $\rightarrow$ CA1 transmission time, and localizes to the vicinity of the hippocampal fissure and CA1 *slm* (red rectangle in Figure 4B). Because the *slm* CSD source accounts for only 8% of the variance in  $DS_M$  prominence (Figures 4C and 4D;  $r^2 = 0.084$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ), we used both features to evaluate the causal predictions that (1)  $DS_M$  events with a large prominence will increase  $SG_{SR}$  and (2) that  $DS_M$  events with a large *slm* CSD source will decrease  $MG_{SLM}$ , each promoting  $SG_{dom}$ .

The probability of observing  $SG_{SR}$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycles was computed in relation to the 10% of  $DS_M$  with the highest and lowest prominence DURING  $\pm 10$  ms of the  $DS_M$  peak (orange bar in Figure 4E), 30–50 ms BEFORE (green bar in Figure 4E), and 30–50 ms AFTER (magenta bar in Figure 4E). CA1  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycles were more likely DURING ( $F_{2,17} = 13.10$ ,  $p = 0.0005$ , high > low = random) and AFTER ( $F_{2,17} = 12.15$ ,  $p = 0.0007$ , high > low = random) the high prominence  $DS_M$  events compared to the low prominence  $DS_M$  and random events. These patterns were not observed in relation to  $DS_L$

events (Figure S3C). CA1  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycles were most probable  $\sim 10$  ms after the high and low prominence  $DS_M$  peaks, similar to the DG  $\rightarrow$  CA1 transmission time. In contrast, CA1  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycles were more likely BEFORE high prominence  $DS_M$  ( $F_{2,17} = 8.32$ ,  $p = 0.004$ , high > low = random) but not AFTER ( $F_{2,17} = 2.73$ ,  $p = 0.09$ ). Both the high and low prominence  $DS_L$  events increased the probability of  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycles during  $DS_L$  (Figure S3D). These findings further support the hypothesis that  $DS_M$  controls  $SG_{SR}$  to promote  $SG_{dom}$  in CA1.

Complementary patterns of promoting  $SG_{dom}$  are evident when  $DS_M$  events are categorized as being the 10% with the largest or smallest *slm* CSD source (Figure 4F). CA1  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillatory cycles were more likely BEFORE ( $F_{2,17} = 9.57$ ,  $p = 0.002$ , large > small = random) and less likely DURING ( $F_{2,17} = 16.93$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ , small > large = random) and AFTER ( $F_{2,17} = 20.68$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ , small > random > large)  $DS_M$  events with large *slm* CSD sources (Figure 4F, right). CA1  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycles were less likely BEFORE ( $F_{2,17} = 5.39$ ,  $p = 0.017$ , small > large = random), DURING ( $F_{2,17} = 11.42$ ,  $p = 0.001$ , small > large > random), and AFTER ( $F_{2,17} = 7.00$ ,  $p = 0.0071$ , small > large > random)  $DS_M$  events with large *slm* CSD sources (Figure 4F, left). These analyses confirm the causal predictions that the prominence of  $DS_M$  and the amplitude of the associated *slm* CSD source together control  $SG_{SR}$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  gamma oscillations to promote  $SG_{dom}$ .

### **$DS_M$ synchronizes DG and CA1 SG band oscillations**

Dentate  $DS_M$  events increase CA3-originating  $SG_{SR}$  to promote  $SG_{dom}$ , but is CA3 activity under enhanced or reduced DG influence during  $DS_M$ ? We start by studying the synchrony of DG and CA1 oscillations during  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$ . ICA combined with CSD-based classification of DS events disentangles DS events and DG oscillatory components that both originate in the perforant path projection to DG (Figures S2D–S2M; Barth et al., 2018; Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2013; McNaughton, 1980). ICA identified a lateral perforant path (LPP) IC localized to the outer molecular layer DG sinks in the CSD (Figure S2M) of the ICA voltage loadings and has a SG peak in the CA1 theta phase comodulogram ( $SG_{LPP}$ ; Figure 5A, bottom left; mean frequency  $43.9 \pm 5.0$  Hz). The MPP IC (Figure 5A, right) localized to the middle molecular layer DG sinks in the CSD (Figure S2M) of the ICA voltage loadings and has a mid-frequency gamma peak in the CA1 theta phase comodulogram ( $MG_{MPP}$ ; Figure 5A, bottom right; mean frequency  $71.0 \pm 2.7$  Hz). While the mean frequency of dentate  $SG_{LPP}$  is higher than the mean frequency of the CA1  $SG_{SR}$  (paired  $t_6 = 3.69$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ), the mean frequencies of dentate  $MG_{MPP}$  and CA1  $MG_{SLM}$  do not differ (paired  $t_6 = 2.17$ ,  $p = 0.07$ ).

CA1 theta is used as an intrinsic network time reference to analyze the phase preference of the dentate  $SG_{LPP}$  and  $MG_{MPP}$  oscillations (Figure 5B). Dentate  $SG_{LPP}$  oscillations occur at a late descending phase, close to the theta trough ( $277.4^\circ \pm 74.3^\circ$ ) that precedes both  $DS_M$  (Watson-Williams multi-sample test  $F_{1,14} = 6.3$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ) and  $SG_{SR}$  (Watson-Williams multi-sample test  $F_{1,14} = 4.5$ ,  $p = 0.05$ ); compare to Figure 3D. Dentate  $MG_{MPP}$  oscillations occur close to the theta peak ( $214.9^\circ \pm 59.8^\circ$ ), similar to  $DS_L$  (Watson-Williams multi-sample test  $F_{1,14} = 1.9$ ,  $p = 0.19$ ) as well as CA1  $MG_{SLM}$  oscillations (Watson-Williams multi-sample test  $F_{1,14} = 0.04$ ,  $p = 0.83$ ); compare to Figure 3D.

Because the DG  $SG_{LPP}$  and the CA1  $SG_{SR}$  oscillations appear at similar phases of the CA1 theta cycle, and the DG  $MG_{MPP}$  and CA1  $MG_{SLM}$  also appear at similar phases of CA1 theta (Figures 3D and 5B), DSs could synchronize the DG and CA1 subfields. We test this possibility by measuring the phase coupling between DG and CA1 SG and mid-frequency gamma oscillations. The frequency-band specific phase locking values (PLVs; Lachaux et al., 1999) time locked to DS events (Figure 5C; STAR Methods) show that the  $SG_{LPP}$  and  $SG_{SR}$  oscillations are not coupled during  $DS_L$  (Figure 5C, top left), whereas  $MG_{MPP}$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  couple during  $DS_L$  (Figure 5C, bottom left). In contrast, the  $SG_{LPP}$  and  $SG_{SR}$  couple strongly after the  $DS_M$  peak (Figure 5C, top right), and  $MG_{MPP}$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  couple  $\sim 50$  ms before and  $\sim 75$  ms after  $DS_M$  (Figure 5C, bottom right). The phase interactions are frequency specific, especially in the case of the  $DS_M$ -triggered events. Consequently, PLV was averaged across SG 25–45 Hz and mid-frequency 45–85 Hz gamma bands (Figure 5D), and to evaluate whether any DS-related phase coupling between the DG and CA1 gamma oscillations is simply a result of the co-occurrence of DS events and gamma oscillations at similar theta phases (Figures 3D and 5B), we also compute PLV around randomly selected time points that are sampled from the theta phase distributions of the  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  events (gray profiles in Figure 5D). The only significant departure from random was during  $DS_M$ , between the  $SG_{LPP}$  and the  $SG_{SR}$  oscillations (Figure 5D, top right; paired  $t_6 = 4.04$ ,  $p = 0.006$ ). The peak of this phase locking occurs 9 ms after the  $DS_M$  peak. Similarly, the  $DS_M$ -locked  $SG_{SR}$  oscillatory cycles lag behind the  $SG_{LPP}$  oscillatory cycles by 6 ms (Figures S3A and S3B), pointing again to the DG→CA1 transmission time that was observed in Figures 2C and 4B.

### CA1 $SG_{SR}$ and DG $SG_{LPP}$ are frequency and phase tuned during $DS_M$

Given a fixed duration of the gamma-generating  $GABA_A$  receptor response, the frequency of a gamma oscillation can be adjusted by changing the level of network excitation, such that greater excitation produces faster oscillations because GABA inhibition can be overcome sooner (Whittington et al., 1995). Because the 44-Hz  $SG_{LPP}$  and the 34-Hz  $SG_{SR}$  oscillate at different frequencies (Figures 3C and 5A), but phase lock during  $DS_M$  (Figure 5D), the gamma-generating mechanism predicts input-driven changes in both the frequency and phase relationships for the phase alignment during  $DS_M$ . We analyze the frequency relationships of  $SG_{LPP}$  and  $SG_{SR}$  during  $DS_M$  to test the predictions. During  $DS_M$ , the frequency of  $SG_{LPP}$  decreases from 43 to 36 Hz at the peak of  $DS_M$ , whereas the frequency of  $SG_{SR}$  increases from 28 to 36 Hz at the peak of  $DS_M$ , effectively aligning the frequencies of the DG and CA1 originating oscillations (Figure 5E). Analysis of the phase relationships of  $SG_{LPP}$  and  $SG_{SR}$  during  $DS_M$  (Figure 5F) shows that the maximum deviation from the mean phase difference occurs 25 ms before the  $DS_M$  peak ( $t_6 = 4.51$ ,  $p = 0.004$ ) and the phase offset reverts to the mean phase difference by 60 ms after the  $DS_M$  peak ( $t_6 = 2.37$ ,  $p = 0.06$ ). At the peak of  $DS_M$ , the phase difference is reduced by  $14.5^\circ \pm 12.8^\circ$  (from 11 to 9 ms), similar to the DG→CA1 transmission time observed in Figures 2C, 4B, 5D, and S3A.

### $DS_M$ increases DG, CA3, and CA1 discharge rates and cofiring

The hypothesis that  $DS_M$  has a causal role in promoting  $SG_{dom}$  (Figures 3 and 4) and synchronizing SG oscillations at the LPP terminals in DG and CA3 terminals in CA1 (Figure 5) predicts that  $DS_M$  organizes DG, CA3, and CA1 discharge. Objectively classified,



presumptive principal cells (Es) and narrow waveform interneurons (INs) were localized and studied to test the prediction (Figures 6A and 6B; STAR Methods). We compute the firing rates of presumptive granule cells (GCs,  $n = 141$ ), mossy cells (MCs,  $n = 140$ ), CA3 ( $n = 104$ ), and CA1 ( $n = 145$ ) Es as well as INs detected in their proximity ( $n = 435$ ) during 10-ms windows shifted relative to  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  events (Figure 6C). These are compared with the firing rates at random times. DS events contaminated by SWR events were excluded to minimize potential SWR bias (Figure 3G). During  $DS_L$  the discharge of GC decreases by 13% ( $t_{140} = 2.92$ ,  $p = 0.004$ ). Similarly, the discharge of MC decreases by 19% ( $t_{139} = 3.54$ ,  $p = 0.0005$ ). CA3 and CA1 Es did not change firing rates (Figure 6C; CA3:  $t_{103} = 1.36$ ,  $p = 0.18$ ; CA1:  $t_{144} = 1.49$ ,  $p = 0.14$ ). In contrast, during  $DS_M$ , GC rates increase by 106%, MC rates increase by 117%, and CA3 rates increase by 47%, whereas CA1 E rates do not significantly increase as observed during  $SG_{dom}$  (Figure 6C; GC:  $t_{140} = 5.82$ ,  $p = 10^{-8}$ ; MC:  $t_{139} = 6.15$ ,  $p = 10^{-9}$ ; CA3:  $t_{103} = 3.02$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ; CA1:  $t_{144} = 1.65$ ,  $p = 0.1$ ). During  $DS_L$ , the discharge of GC-associated ( $n = 96$ ) and MC-associated ( $n = 89$ ) INs reduces by 10% and 8%, respectively (Figure 6C; GC IN:  $t_{95} = 2.65$ ,  $p = 0.009$ ; MC IN:  $t_{88} = 2.00$ ,  $p = 0.05$ ), while discharge of CA3-associated ( $n = 102$ ) and CA1-associated ( $n = 148$ ) INs increases by 16% and 9%, respectively (Figure 6C; CA3 IN:  $t_{101} = 3.72$ ,  $p = 0.0003$ ; CA1 IN:  $t_{147} = 2.40$ ,  $p = 0.017$ ). In contrast, during  $DS_M$ , firing rates of GC-, MC-, CA3-, and CA1-associated INs increase by 263%, 58%, 71%, and 25%, respectively (Figure 6C; GC IN:  $t_{95} = 9.51$ ,  $p = 10^{-15}$ ; MC IN:  $t_{88} = 3.41$ ,  $p = 0.0009$ ; CA3 IN:  $t_{101} = 6.28$ ,  $p = 10^{-9}$ ; CA1 IN:  $t_{147} = 4.39$ ,  $p = 10^{-5}$ ).

These findings suggest that  $DS_L$  events result in the net inactivation of both excitatory and inhibitory cells in the DG and the weak activation of INs in CA3 and CA1, without changing the firing rates of CA3 and CA1 Es, whereas  $DS_M$  events result in strong activation of both excitatory and inhibitory cells along the DG→CA3→CA1 trisynaptic pathway, with the primary effect in CA1 being to activate presumptive INs. The  $DS_M$ -associated increase in both excitatory and inhibitory cells establishes conditions for enhanced temporal control of E discharge through excitation-inhibition coordination, and enhanced opportunities for cofiring that can enhance neural transmission across the DG→CA3→CA1 trisynaptic pathway (Ashhad and Feldman, 2020; Renart et al., 2010).

The hypothesis that  $DS_M$  promotes  $SG_{dom}$  by increasing neural control via CA3 predicts increased excitatory-inhibitory cofiring during  $DS_M$  (Ashhad and Feldman, 2020; Renart et al., 2010), as does a recent finding of increased cofiring between excitatory and inhibitory dentate cell pairs during moments of active and successful discriminative memory recall (van Dijk and Fenton, 2018). We analyze the cofiring of pairs of Es and INs within  $\pm 3$  ms of  $DS_L$ ,  $DS_M$ , and random events (Figure 6D; Table S1); DS events contaminated by SWR events were excluded. During  $DS_M$ , cofiring among the GC and associated IN populations increases relative to chance (Figure 6D, left;  $649\% \pm 734\%$ ,  $t_{464} = 11.23$ ,  $p = 10^{-26}$ ), whereas the cofiring decreases during  $DS_L$  ( $65\% \pm 108\%$ ,  $t_{464} = 4.89$ ,  $p = 10^{-6}$ ). E and IN cofiring also increases during  $DS_M$  within CA3 ( $232\% \pm 299\%$ ,  $t_{518} = 7.18$ ,  $p = 10^{-12}$ ), but does not change during  $DS_L$  ( $88\% \pm 87\%$ ;  $t_{518} = 2.26$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ). Increased cofiring between Es and INs is also observed within CA1 during  $DS_M$  ( $132\% \pm 137\%$ ;  $t_{361} = 5.46$ ,  $p = 10^{-7}$ ), indicating potentially increased inhibitory control of E spiking during  $DS_M$  but not during  $DS_L$  ( $105\% \pm 131\%$ ;  $t_{361} = 2.83$ ,  $p =$  not significant [n.s.] after Bonferroni correction).

Cofiring also increased during  $DS_M$ , but not  $DS_L$ , between MC- and GC-associated INs ( $623\% \pm 676\%$ ,  $t_{121} = 8.90$ ,  $p = 10^{-15}$ ) and between CA3- and CA1-associated INs ( $180\% \pm 214\%$ ,  $t_{196} = 5.53$ ,  $p = 10^{-8}$ ).

These increases in the propensity for cofiring during  $DS_M$  imply that local neurotransmission between excitatory and inhibitory cells is enhanced between synaptically coupled cell pairs during  $DS_M$ . Enhanced spike-transmission strength estimated from cell pair spike time cross-correlograms has been used to identify monosynaptically (excitatory) coupled cell pairs (Figure 6E; English et al., 2017; Stark and Abeles, 2009). Summary of the types of cell-class pairs identified by enhanced short-latency spike-transmission strength highlights a greater likelihood of detecting intraregional coupling, including via common input, and electrical synapses (review in Traub et al., 2018; Figure 6F), as may be the case for IN-IN cell pairs that exhibit zero-lag coupling. The average cross-correlograms confirm that during  $DS_M$ , cofiring is enhanced between excitatory–inhibitory cell pairs that are likely to be monosynaptically connected and possibly involved in rhythmogenesis (Figures 3E, 3F, and 4A) in the DG, CA3, and CA1 (5-ms window; paired t test calculated at maximum cofiring value; GC/E  $\times$  GC/IN:  $DS_M$ :  $t_3 = 3.41$ ,  $p = 0.04$ ;  $DS_L$ :  $t_3 = 0.71$ ,  $p = 0.53$ ; CA3/E  $\times$  CA3/IN:  $DS_M$ :  $t_{50} = 4.62$ ,  $p = 10^{-5}$ ;  $DS_L$ :  $t_{50} = 2.96$ ,  $p = 0.004$ ; CA1/E  $\times$  CA1/IN:  $DS_M$ :  $t_{29} = 4.05$ ,  $p = 0.0003$ ;  $DS_L$ :  $t_{29} = 1.43$ ,  $p = 0.16$ ). Furthermore, cofiring is enhanced during  $DS_M$ , but not  $DS_L$ , between pairs of granule cells (GC/E  $\times$  GC/E;  $DS_M$ :  $t_4 = 5.99$ ,  $p = 0.004$ ;  $DS_L$ :  $t_4 = 1.11$ ,  $p = 0.32$ ), pairs of CA3 INs (CA3/IN  $\times$  CA3/IN;  $DS_M$ :  $t_{13} = 4.49$ ,  $p = 0.0006$ ;  $DS_L$ :  $t_{13} = 0.37$ ,  $p = 0.72$ ), and pairs of CA1 INs (CA1/IN  $\times$  CA1/IN;  $DS_M$ :  $t_9 = 3.68$ ,  $p = 0.005$ ;  $DS_L$ :  $t_9 = 1.61$ ,  $p = 0.14$ ).  $DS_M$  selectively activates local excitation-inhibition network discharge in both DG and CA3, which control neuron cofiring between the DG and CA3 networks, likely to promote  $SG_{dom}$  and increase excitation-inhibition discharge in CA1.

Finally, because  $DS_M$  promotes the synchronization of  $SG_{SR}$  and  $SG_{LPP}$  in the SG frequency range (Figures 5C–5F), neuronal discharge (Figure 6C), and cofiring (Figures 6D, G) within the DG-CA3-CA1 networks, it predicts that the  $DS_M$ -enhanced  $SG_{SR}$  rhythm orchestrates the discharge through spike-field coupling that can maximize the efficiency of information transfer from DG to CA1. To evaluate this hypothesis, we examine the  $SG_{SR}$  and  $SG_{LPP}$  spike-field coupling during DS events (Figure 7). The spiking of DG cells, CA3, and CA1 Es is more organized at the trough of  $SG_{SR}$  oscillations in CA1 during  $DS_M$  compared to  $DS_L$  (Figures 7A–7C; Kuiper test comparing the  $DS_L$ - and  $DS_M$ -associated discharge probability distributions across  $SG_{SR}$  phase at the time of the DS peak; GC/E:  $k = 1,652$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ; CA3/E:  $k = 465$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ; CA1/E:  $k = 836$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ). In contrast, at the time of  $DS_M$ ,  $SG_{LPP}$  oscillations organize the local spiking of dentate GCs but not CA3 and CA1 Es when compared to  $DS_L$  (Figures 7D–7F; GC/E:  $k = 1,508$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ; CA3/E:  $k = 374$ ,  $p = 1$ ; CA1/E:  $k = 516$ ,  $p = 1$ ). Similar relationships were observed for INs recorded in the vicinity of DG granule cells and CA3 and CA1 INs (Figure S6). These findings indicate that  $DS_M$  synchronizes discharge across the DG-CA3-CA1 trisynaptic circuit to  $SG_{SR}$ , which enhances DG-CA1 transmission and promotes  $SG_{dom}$ .

## DISCUSSION

### DS<sub>M</sub> control of information processing in Ammon's horn

Our findings demonstrate entorhinal cortical control of information processing in the hippocampus mediated by DS<sub>M</sub>, the result of the synchronous activation of MPP terminals at the middle molecular layer of the DG (Figure 2; Bragin et al., 1995). The effects of DS<sub>M</sub> on the DG→CA3→CA1 network are in dramatic and consistent contrast to the effects of DS<sub>L</sub> (Figures 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7), making it essential to distinguish them. Conclusions based on work that did not discriminate DS<sub>L</sub> from DS<sub>M</sub> have been hard to interpret (Bramham, 1998; Nokia et al., 2017). We have even observed that place-avoidance training causes synaptic plasticity of the MPP synaptic response in the suprapyramidal molecular layers of the DG with a corresponding change in DS<sub>M</sub> but not DS<sub>L</sub>, corroborating that the two pathways are distinctive and can be altered independently by experience (Chung et al., 2019).

The present findings point to a process of dynamic control of hippocampal information processing marked by transient physiological events across the trisynaptic pathway. During SG<sub>dom</sub>, DG, CA3, and CA1 discharge is transiently elevated along with DG-CA3 cofiring (Figure 6), and there is SG frequency and phase synchronization between LPP inputs to DG and the *stratum radiatum* input from CA3 to CA1 (Figures 5 and 7), indicating involvement of the entire trisynaptic pathway, similar to SWRs (Buzsáki et al., 2003; Sullivan et al., 2011). During DS<sub>M</sub>, SWR probability in a 20-ms window increases from 1.2% to 1.8% (Figure 3G), and place cell discharge is non-local during SWRs (Buzsáki, 2015; O'Neill et al., 2006; Papale et al., 2016; Sullivan et al., 2011) and during SG<sub>dom</sub> (Figure 1; Dvorak et al., 2018).

The qualitative distinction between information signaled by lateral EC (LEC) and MEC is important in this context. The LEC transmits contextual information based on objects and egocentric information that constitutes the content of spatial experience (Knierim et al., 2013; Tsao et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2018), whereas the MEC transmits allocentric spatial signals such as direction, distance, borders, and speed (Hargreaves et al., 2005; Rowland et al., 2018; Sargolini et al., 2006; Ye et al., 2018). Remarkably, the MEC-originating DS<sub>M</sub> signal that promotes SG<sub>dom</sub> and switches CA1 to non-local positional memory processing is coincident with synchronization between CA3-transmitted SG inputs to CA1 and LEC-transmitted SG inputs to DG, rather than from MEC (Figures 5 and 7). Within the ‘‘communication through coherence’’ hypothesis (Fries et al., 2007), the LEC→DG and CA3→CA1 inputs have a privileged opportunity for information transfer via synchronized SG transmission, and so we speculate that perhaps while switching the hippocampal information processing mode, DS<sub>M</sub> loads Ammon's horn with information from the LEC-delivered egocentric contents of experience. In this way, during DS<sub>M</sub>, the consequent activation of CA3 may be preferentially influenced by contextual and egocentric, euphoric retrieval cues delivered by the LEC inputs (Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2021; Kelemen and Fenton, 2013; Tulving et al., 1983). If these manifest as SG<sub>dom</sub> because of the strong DS<sub>M</sub>-associated activation of CA3 (Figures 6 and 7), then the result is control of CA1 output that overrides the default control that is exerted by the mid-frequency gamma-mediated

ECIII input at *slm* (Brun et al., 2002). These *slm* inputs appear necessary for place cell firing (Brun et al., 2008). They also create permissive dendritic depolarization (Jarsky et al., 2005), but in principle, they can be shunted by the SG-associated inputs (Keeley et al., 2017) and are possibly actively inhibited as a consequence of  $DS_M$  (Figure 4F), all of which promote  $SG_{dom}$  (Figure 3H). As we have observed during  $SG_{dom}$ , CA1 discharge will signal non-local positions that, during a memory task, correspond to recollected places (Dvorak et al., 2018), and we observed here a correspondingly reduced local discharge by place cells in their firing fields (Figure 1), despite maintained CA1 firing (Figure 6C). The findings of a hippocampus-wide (Figures 6 and 7),  $DS_M$ -promoted  $SG_{dom}$  change to a non-local mode of information processing identifies a source of the overdispersion that is characteristic of place cells in CA1, CA3, and DG (Fenton et al., 2010; Fenton and Muller, 1998; Hok et al., 2012; Jackson and Redish, 2007; van Dijk and Fenton, 2018), and also grid cells, although we cannot conclude that the mechanism is the same (Nagele et al., 2020). The findings also offer an explanation for the possible utility of CA1's receiving two spatial inputs; the Schaffer collaterals provide place cell inputs that can be non-local and related to mental experience, whereas the temporoammonic pathway provides an input comprising components of place (grid cell distances, directional cells, border cells, and speed cells) more tethered to local, physical experience.

### Limitations of the study

We set out to determine whether recollection-associated  $SG_{dom}$  in CA1 arises spontaneously within the hippocampus, perhaps like sharp waves (Chambers et al., 2021; Sullivan et al., 2011), or whether their occurrence in CA1 is controlled extrinsically (Figures 1E and 1F). The multiple lines of convergent evidence presented here indicate that  $DS_M$ , MEC-originating DS events promote CA1  $SG_{dom}$  as a sequence of events, the earliest of which is a  $DS_M$  at the MEC termination zone in the DG that results  $\sim 7$  ms later in facilitation of  $SG_{SR}$  input to CA1 and attenuation of  $MG_{SLM}$  input to CA1, both promoting  $SG_{dom}$ . Attempts to specifically cause or prevent  $DS_M$  events by manipulation of the MPP were unsuccessful (Figure S4). Accordingly, we do not provide direct causal evidence for the sequence of events, but the results also indicate that  $DS_M$ s are not merely the result of synchronous MPP activation.  $DS_M$ s are more likely the result of complex, robust, and redundant dynamics that may defy the causal inference that has become a popular goal (Jonas and Kording, 2017). Nonetheless, the findings definitively demonstrate external control of  $SG_{dom}$ ; however, they cannot identify whether the controlling event is the  $DS_M$  or some other event that causes both the  $DS_M$  and control of the  $SG_{SR}$  and  $MG_{SLM}$  components that just happen to correspond to the transit time from DG to CA1 across the trisynaptic pathway ( $\sim 7$  ms). The present considerations are relevant to a recent report that the distinct MEC- and LEC-originating gamma oscillations selectively mediate allocentric spatial and object-centered hippocampal information processing, respectively (Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2021). In particular, their optogenetic manipulations targeting  $MG_{MPP}$  and  $SG_{LPP}$  likely also manipulated  $DS_M$  and  $DS_L$ , respectively. Electrical stimulation of the ventral hippocampus commissure activates excitation and inhibition in Ammon's horn, suppressing SWRs (Girardeau et al., 2009; Penttonen et al., 1997) and is sufficient to impair the consolidation of trace eyeblink conditioning specifically when the stimulation coincides with undifferentiated DSs. Not only is this consistent with DSs being part of a complex

of memory-related network operations that extend across the trisynaptic pathway (Nokia et al., 2017), but in light of the present findings, it is possible that the reported effects on memory are the result of the manipulations on  $DS_M$ -mediated control of  $SG_{dom}$ , rather than the effects on gamma per se or SWRs.

## STAR★METHODS

### RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

**Lead contact**—Further information and requests for resources should be directed to the Lead Contact, André A. Fenton (afenton@nyu.edu).

**Materials availability**—This study did not generate new unique materials.

### Data and code availability

- Electrophysiology and location data have been deposited at G-Node and are publicly available as of the date of publication. DOI is listed in the key resources table.
- All original code has been deposited at G-Node and is publicly available as of the date of publication. DOI is listed in the key resources table.
- Any additional information required to reanalyze the data reported in this paper is available from the lead contact upon request.

### EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

**Subjects**—These experiments were conducted under the NYU University Animal Welfare Committee (UAWC) Protocol IDs: 13–1427 and 12–1386. A total of 14 wild-type male mice with a mixed C57BL/6J background were used for the study. The mice were 3–6 months old during surgery. Nine mice were implanted with linear silicon arrays. Three mice were implanted with a metal head plate for head-fixed recording using linear silicon arrays and Neuropixels probes (Jun et al., 2017). Two mice from a previously published dataset were implanted with tetrodes (Dvorak et al., 2018).

### METHOD DETAILS

**Surgery**—LFP recordings were collected using 32-channel (8 mice) and 16-channel (1 mouse) linear silicon array electrodes (Neuronexus, Ann Arbor, MI) with 50  $\mu\text{m}$  spacing and 703  $\mu\text{m}^2$  electrode area. The 32-channel electrodes spanned both CA1 and DG locations, and the 16-channel electrode spanned only DG locations. The electrodes were implanted stereotaxically under isoflurane anesthesia (2%, 1 L/min). The tip was aimed at  $-1.85 \text{ AP}$ ,  $\pm 1.20 \text{ ML}$ ,  $-2.3 \text{ DV}$  relative to bregma. The electrodes spanned the dorso-ventral axis of the dorsal hippocampus. Reference electrodes were aimed at the cerebellar white matter. The electrode assemblies were anchored to the skull using 3–4 bone screws with dental cement (Grip Cement, Dentsply, Milford DE). One anterior screw was used as a ground. A four-wire stimulating electrode bundle was made by twisting together four 75- $\mu\text{m}$  diameter nichrome wires (California Fine Wire, Grover Beach, CA). The bundle was cut at an angle so as to span 0.5 mm. During surgery, the stimulating bundle was placed in the ipsilateral perforant



path +0.5 AP,  $\pm$  4.1 ML, 1.0–1.6 DV from lambda. Evoked response waveforms were carefully checked with different pair combinations of stimulation electrode channels. In the mice that were used for head-fixed recordings, a titanium head plate was attached to the skull using dental cement and the exposed skull was covered with KwikSil, a low toxicity adhesive (World Precision Instruments, Sarasota, FL) and protected by attaching a plastic cup. All mice were allowed at least 1 week to recover. In mice that were used for head-fixed recordings, a secondary surgery was performed immediately before the experiment. The plastic cup and KwikSil were removed and a craniotomy was made at 1.85 AP,  $\pm$  1.20 ML relative to bregma to enable electrode placement. Between consecutive days of recordings, a KwikSil protective cup assembly was reattached to prevent infection.

**Behavioral tasks**—Nine mice with implanted linear silicon probe arrays and 2 mice implanted with tetrodes were trained in the active place avoidance task. Each day consisted of a 30 min rest session in the home-cage, which was placed in the recording chamber, followed by a 30-min place avoidance session. After habituation (shock off), a total of 3 training sessions (shock on) were administered to all animals, one session each day. A retention session with the shock on followed 1 week after. Electrophysiology data from 9 mice implanted with linear silicon probe arrays and recorded during rest were used for Figures 2, 3A–3G, and 5. Electrophysiology data from the same group recorded during place avoidance were used for Figures 1A, 1B, 3H, and 4. Electrophysiology data from the 2 mice implanted with tetrodes were used for Figures 1C and 1D. Two mice were recorded in a custom head-fixed setup using both Neuropixels and Neuronexus linear silicon probe arrays during 59 sessions (average length  $15.7 \pm 3.9$  min) spread over multiple days. Mice were encouraged to walk using a custom water delivery system. Electrophysiology data recorded in head-fixed mice were used for Figures 6 and 7.

**Electrophysiology recording**—An amplifier board with 32 unipolar inputs and 3-axis accelerometer (RHD2132, Intan Technologies, Los Angeles, CA) was connected directly to the Neuronexus probe for signal amplification and digitization. A lightweight, counter-balanced cable (Intan Technologies, Los Angeles, CA) was used to power the amplifier board and the infrared LED used for tracking as well as to transmit digital data to the computer using a custom recording system connected to the USB port of a PC. The cable was connected through a lightweight commutator to enable free movement of the animal. The signal from each electrode was low-pass filtered (500 Hz) and digitized at 2 kHz. Evoked responses were obtained using a constant current stimulus isolation unit (WPI, Sarasota, FL; model: A365RC) that was used to deliver individual unipolar 100  $\mu$ s stimulus pulses across the electrode pair. Evoked responses were low-pass filtered at 4 kHz and sampled at 8.12 kHz. In head-fixed recordings, the signal from a Neuropixels probe was filtered between 0.5 Hz and 1 kHz and sampled at 2.5 kHz for LFP recordings and filtered between 300 Hz and 10 kHz and sampled at 30 kHz for single unit recording. Both electrophysiology systems were synchronized using square TTL pulses generated by the Neuropixels system that was recorded by both systems. The animals were recorded during a 30-minute session in their home-cage during the first exposure to the experimental room. The mouse's movements during recordings were monitored continuously using a

video tracking system (Tracker, Bio-Signal Group, Acton, MA) that was synchronized to the electrophysiology data using the video frame pulses generated by the camera.

## QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**LFP and electrode localization**—LFPs were localized by visual LFP inspection of sharp-wave ripples in CA1 *stratum pyramidale* and dentate spikes in the hilus of the dentate gyrus (Figure S1E). Electrode locations were verified histologically at the end of recordings (Figures S1F and S1G). In the mouse implanted with the 16-ch electrode array, only dentate LFPs were recorded because of the limited spatial span of the electrode.

**Detection of SG<sub>dom</sub> events**—A published algorithm was used to extract oscillatory events from LFP or independent components obtained using ICA (Dvorak and Fenton, 2014). The LFP is transformed into a time-frequency power representation by convolving the LFP/IC signal with a group of complex Morlet wavelets and z-score normalizing each band-specific signal. Oscillatory events are detected as local peaks in the normalized 2-D time-frequency space. Detection of oscillation rates and SG<sub>dom</sub> events was described previously (Dvorak et al., 2018). Oscillation rates (Figure 1A, lower) are computed as the number of detected events in a representative frequency range (30–50 for CA1 slow gamma, 70–90 Hz for CA1 mid-frequency gamma) in a 1 s window advanced by 0.25 s and smoothed using a 2.5 s moving average. SG/MG ratio (Figure 1A, lower) is computed as a ratio of CA1 slow gamma oscillation rate and CA1 mid-frequency gamma oscillation rate. SG<sub>dom</sub> events, are defined as local peaks in the SG/MG ratio with prominence exceeding 1 and SG/MG ratio > 1 (corresponding to SG > MG).

**Detection and classification of dentate spikes**—The LFP channel with the largest visually identified amplitude of dentate spike was band-pass filtered 5–100 Hz and the amplitude was z-score normalized. Next, all local peaks in the band-pass signal were detected, and several features were extracted, including the amplitude difference between the DS maxima and the preceding as well as following minima, and also the spike width that was measured at the level of either the preceding or following minima, whichever was closer to the maxima. The spike amplitude distributions were further normalized by z-score normalization of the log-transformed amplitudes. Putative dentate spikes were selected if their prominence (difference between amplitude of the DS maxima and the smaller of either its preceding or the following minima) > 0.75 and when the width of the event was between 5 and 25 ms. The optimal values were selected based on analysis of the feature histograms.

Dentate spikes were classified as DS<sub>L</sub> and DS<sub>M</sub> based on their CSD profiles (Bragin et al., 1995). CSDs were calculated using the CSDplotter MATLAB toolbox (Pettersen et al., 2006) at the peak of a putative DS event. Independently for each recording, the CSD for each putative DS event was analyzed for local minima, corresponding to CSD sinks (Figure 2B). The histogram of detected local minima of all putative DS events was plotted and the local maxima that represented the highest probability of current sinks were manually identified (color dots in Figure 2B, middle). This analysis resulted in 4 locations corresponding to (from top to bottom) the outer and the middle molecular layers of the suprapyramidal DG blade, and the middle and the outer molecular layers of the

infrapyramidal DG blade.  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  were then identified from the suprapyramidal DG blade as putative DS events with a sink occurring  $\pm 25 \mu\text{m}$  around the location selected in the sink histogram (solid lines in Figure 2B, right). The average CSD profiles of classified DS events did not change when classification from infrapyramidal DG blade was used instead (dashed lines in Figure 2B, right). Putative DS events with sinks in both the outer and middle molecular layers ( $1.7 \pm 1.5\%$ ; mean  $\pm$  SD) as well as those with no sinks detected in either the outer or the middle molecular layers ( $30.5 \pm 17.8\%$ ) were excluded from analyses. Only putative DS events with a sink exclusively in either the outer or the middle molecular layer ( $67.8 \pm 18.3\%$ ) were classified as  $DS_L$  and  $DS_M$  respectively.

**Detection of ripple events**—We followed a previously published algorithm (Csicsvari et al., 1999) with several modifications to detect ripple events. We used the LFP recorded from the CA1 *stratum pyramidale* electrode, where ripples were identified visually. First, the signal was 150–300 Hz band-pass filtered. Next, we computed the sliding root-mean square (RMS) estimate in a 10-ms window. Next, we z-scored normalized the RMS estimate and detected the local maxima with  $z > 3$ . Finally, for each detected event, we computed the wavelet time-frequency representation of the LFP and for each detected event we extracted its frequency as a local peak in the time-frequency wavelet spectrum (similar to detection of gamma oscillations described earlier). Only events with frequencies between 130–250 Hz were selected for further analysis.

**Independent components analysis of the LFP**—We used independent component analysis (ICA) to extract the specific CA1 dendritic components (Fernández-Ruiz and Herreras, 2013; Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2017), which minimizes the impact of volume conducted signals and estimates the components that can be precisely matched to specific dendritic compartments. LFP signals that were recorded using linear silicon array electrodes were decomposed into individual dendritic components using a previously described procedure (Fernández-Ruiz and Herreras, 2013; Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2017; Makarov et al., 2010) with several modifications. First, LFP signals were filtered between 20 Hz and 150 Hz. Next, principal component analysis (PCA) was applied to the filtered LFP data in order to find out how many principal components explain over 99% of the signal variance in the data. Next, independent component analysis (ICA) was applied to the filtered LFP data using the FastICA MATLAB toolbox (Hyvärinen, 1999) by specifying the number of principal components that were obtained in the previous steps for both PCA-based dimensionality reduction and the target number of resulting independent components. Next, components of the unmixing matrix were used to compute CSDs of the individual voltage loadings for component localization and independent components (ICs) were processed using comodulogram analysis for frequency-based classification of components. Here, we took advantage of theta phase coupling of gamma oscillations, which can reveal a specific frequency footprint of each component (Schomburg et al., 2014). Specifically, the LFP from the *stratum pyramidale* electrode was filtered using a set of FIR filters with 2 Hz bandwidth, in the range 5–11 Hz followed by the Hilbert transform to obtain the phase of CA1 theta oscillations. Next, independent components were filtered using 20-Hz wide filters in the range 20–150 Hz followed by the Hilbert transform to obtain amplitude information from individual components. Details of the filters and filtering procedure were

described previously (Dvorak and Fenton, 2014). The phase and amplitude information were then combined between all pairs of frequency bands used to obtain phase and amplitude information and a modulation index (Tort et al., 2010) was computed for each pair resulting in a comodulogram (Figures 3C and 5A) that reveals the peak coupling between the phase of theta and the amplitude of a given IC. We found that the ICA analysis provides better segregation of the independent components if the number of LFP channels is restricted before performing ICA. On the other hand, it is not possible to say which LFP channels to include in the analysis for best IC separation. Consequently, we performed a grid search, where we systematically repeated ICA for different numbers of included contiguous segments of LFP channels referenced either to *stratum pyramidale* for CA1 (Figure 3) or to the *hilus* for DG (Figure 5). The resulting CSD profiles of ICs were then visually compared and selected based on both the CSD profile of voltage loadings and a clearly isolated peak of coupling between theta phase and the amplitude of a given component. While this operation is extremely computationally intensive, it allowed robust detection of the corresponding components in all the mice we studied (Figure S2A).

**Phase locking analysis**—To study the phase coupling between different oscillatory rhythms, we used the phase locking value (PLV) estimate (Lachaux et al., 1999), which provides a good estimate of phase locking for signals where the volume conducted signals have been minimized by ICA (Vinck et al., 2011). To calculate PLV of a pair of signals, we used an array of complex Morlet wavelets spaced by 1 Hz between 20 Hz and 100 Hz convolved with each of the ICs in the pair to obtain the instantaneous phase of both ICs at a given frequency. Next, we computed the instantaneous phase difference between the two ICs,  $IC_1$  and  $IC_2$ . Then, for all pairs of time offsets in the range  $-100$  ms to  $+100$  ms relative to the DS event and each frequency, we computed instantaneous phase differences across all DS events  $\varphi(t, f) = \varphi_1(t, f) - \varphi_2(t, f)$ . Finally, we computed PLV across DS events as  $PLV = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \exp(i \cdot \Delta \varphi(t, f)) \right|$ , where  $i$  is the imaginary unit,  $N$  is number of DS events,  $t$  is the offset relative to DS event and  $f$  is frequency used to filter the signal to obtain its phase. Repeating this algorithm for a range of frequencies and offsets relative to DS events generates a time-frequency PLV estimate that is centered at each type of DS (Figure 5C).

**Detection of oscillatory cycles**—To detect oscillatory cycles of oscillatory bursts (Figure 4), we started by correcting the polarity of ICs, because the polarity of an individual ICs is arbitrary (Hyvärinen, 1999). Here, we took advantage of the known relationship between hippocampal gamma oscillations  $< 100$  Hz and the spectral leakage of spiking activity (Figure S2B), that can be observed  $> 150$  Hz at *stratum pyramidale* (Dvorak and Fenton, 2014; Lasztóczy and Klausberger, 2016; Schomburg et al., 2012). We first created a set of Morlet wavelets covering 20–50 Hz for  $SG_{SR}$  or covering 60–90 Hz for  $MG_{SLM}$  and used them to obtain the instantaneous phase of the IC components at specific frequencies. Next, we filtered the LFP from *stratum pyramidale* in the frequency range 150–250 Hz followed by a Hilbert transform to obtain the amplitude of the high frequency activity that served as a proxy for spiking activity. Next, for each IC, we created a phase-amplitude histogram of 150–250 Hz amplitude distribution relative to the phase of the IC component either in the 20–50 Hz range or the 60–90 Hz range (Figure S2B). Finally, we visually compared the resulting relationships and corrected each component so that the 150–250 Hz

spiking-proxy activity was maximal at the descending phase of the  $SG_{SR}$  close to the trough and the ascending phase of  $MG_{SLM}$  close to the trough (Figure S2B). This step allowed us to reliably correct the polarity of all components from all animals in order to reliably extract local minima of oscillatory bursts. After correcting the polarity of IC components, we detected oscillatory bursts as described earlier and then found local minima in the  $\pm 50$  ms window around an oscillatory peak for  $SG_{SR}$  and in the  $\pm 29$  ms window around the oscillatory peak for  $MG_{SLM}$  corresponding to 3 cycles of oscillatory activity centered at the oscillatory cycle with largest amplitude (Figure S2C). The timestamps of individual oscillatory cycles were recorded and used for later processing.

**Single unit analysis**—Single units were sorted using a published open-source algorithm Kilosort2 (Pachitariu et al., 2016) that is optimized for Neuropixels probes and takes advantage of GPU processing to improve algorithm performance. After automated clustering of the data, we selected only units with  $< 20\%$  estimated contamination rate with spikes from other neurons that were computed from the refractory period violations relative to expected. We also excluded units with non-characteristic or noisy waveforms resulting in identifying a total of 9404 single units.

The units were then localized to neocortex, CA1, DG/CA3 and thalamus using three criteria: 1) the depth of the Neuropixels probe relative to the cortical surface, 2) localization of dentate spikes in the hilus of dentate gyrus and sharp wave ripples in CA1 *stratum pyramidale* and clustering of units along the depth of the linear Neuropixels array. The clustering of units into different regions becomes apparent when we plot the depth of the maximal amplitude of the average action potential waveform for each unit along the length of the probe (Figure S5A). The cluster of single units that overlaps with the detected location of sharp-wave ripples was classified as CA1, whereas the cluster of units that overlaps with the detected location of DS was classified as DG/CA3. The cluster of units between CA1 and the cortical surface was classified as neocortical neurons and the large amplitude units below DG/CA3 were classified as thalamic neurons. To separate CA3 from DG units, we used two additional criteria. First, we used the anatomical location, confirmed by histology, and considered CA3 units to only be from electrodes that were more lateral than  $+1.5$  mm relative to the midline. Second, we took advantage of the asymmetric profile of the perforant path termination in DG that is apparent in the CSD profiles of LFPs that were recorded with Neuropixels probes and triggered by  $DS_M$  events (Figure 6B). ECII projections to the infrapyramidal molecular layers of DG terminate at the mediolateral extent at which CA3 begins, while ECII projections to the suprapyramidal molecular layers of DG continue in parallel with CA3 (Figures 6B and S1F). Electrodes that exhibited only a dorsal current sink were classified as CA3, while electrodes that exhibited a symmetrical pair of current sinks were classified as DG. To further classify DG cells as putative granule cells (GC) and mossy cells (MC) we took advantage of two identified locations, that of the granule cell layer at the CSD reversal between the current sink in the middle molecular layer and the current source in the hilus triggered by  $DS_M$ , and that of the maximal amplitude of the average action potential of a given cell. Cells within  $150 \mu\text{m}$  of the CSD reversal were classified as GC, while cells deeper than  $150 \mu\text{m}$  were classified as MC (Senzai and Buzsáki, 2017). This



procedure resulted in localizing 1413 cells to neocortex, 6422 neurons to thalamus, 492 cells localized to CA1, 696 cells localized to DG and 285 cells localized to CA3.

To classify units into putative excitatory and inhibitory neurons we used a similar approach as in other studies (Jia et al., 2019; Senzai and Buzsáki, 2017; Talbot et al., 2018) and extracted several features associated with the average action potential waveshape and features associated with firing properties (Figure S5B). Datasets were split into DG cells and CA1 + CA3 cells because features of DG action potentials were visually different from those in CA1 + CA3 (Figure S5C). Consequently, the two datasets were independently analyzed using the k-Means algorithm implemented in JMP 14 software to identify three clusters corresponding to three types of neurons classified as principal cells (Es), narrow-waveform interneurons (INs) and wide-waveform interneurons (IWs). Classification of CA1+CA3 cells separately from DG cells led to the best classification results into the selected neuronal subtypes. In the analyses that follow, we only focus on E and In cells because of their maximal separation in the feature space (Figure 6A).

**Peri-DS-event time cofiring histogram**—We assessed the probability that a pair of cells would cofire relative to the occurrence of a dentate spike by computing a cofiring probability for each cell pair. The probability was computed in a 6 ms-long window centered on the dentate spike peak. The co-firing probability was compared to randomly sampled events to obtain a ratio of cofiring change. Statistical validation was computed using a t test between the cofiring probabilities during DS events and randomly sampled times. The significance threshold was corrected using Bonferroni's method.

**Bayesian location decoding**—To obtain estimates of the mouse's location based on single unit data, we used a published algorithm (Zhang et al., 1998), where the probability of the current location is defined as  $P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{n}) = C(\tau, \mathbf{n})P(\mathbf{x})\left(\prod_{i=1}^N f_i(\mathbf{x})^{n_i}\right)\exp\left(-\tau \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(\mathbf{x})\right)$ , where  $C(\tau, \mathbf{n})$  is a normalization factor so that  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{n}) = 1$ ,  $f_i(\mathbf{x})$  are firing rate maps for cells  $i..N$  obtained either by binning the 2-D space into  $32 \times 32$  bins (Figure 1C) or 1-D space (distance to shock zone) into 12 angular bins (Figure 1D),  $P(\mathbf{x})$  is the dwell distribution,  $\tau$  is the length of the time window (500 ms),  $n_j$  is the number of spikes fired by the  $i$ -th cell in a given time window and  $\mathbf{x}$  is the  $(x,y)$  position of the animal in the 2D analysis or the angular position in the 1D analysis. Only recordings with at least five high quality spatial or non-spatial putative pyramidal cells were analyzed. Time windows with no spikes were excluded from analysis. Decoded location probability during  $SG_{\text{dom}}$  (Figure 1D) was normalized by a decoded location probability during  $MG_{\text{dom}}$  ( $SG_{\text{dom}}$  functional counterpart), computed as local peaks in the ratio of CA1 mid-frequency gamma and CA1 slow gamma).

Statistical analyses were performed using JMP version 14 (SAS, Cary, NC) and MATLAB 2019b (Mathworks, Natick, MA). Significance was accepted at  $p < 0.05$ . Exact p values are reported throughout.

## Supplementary Material

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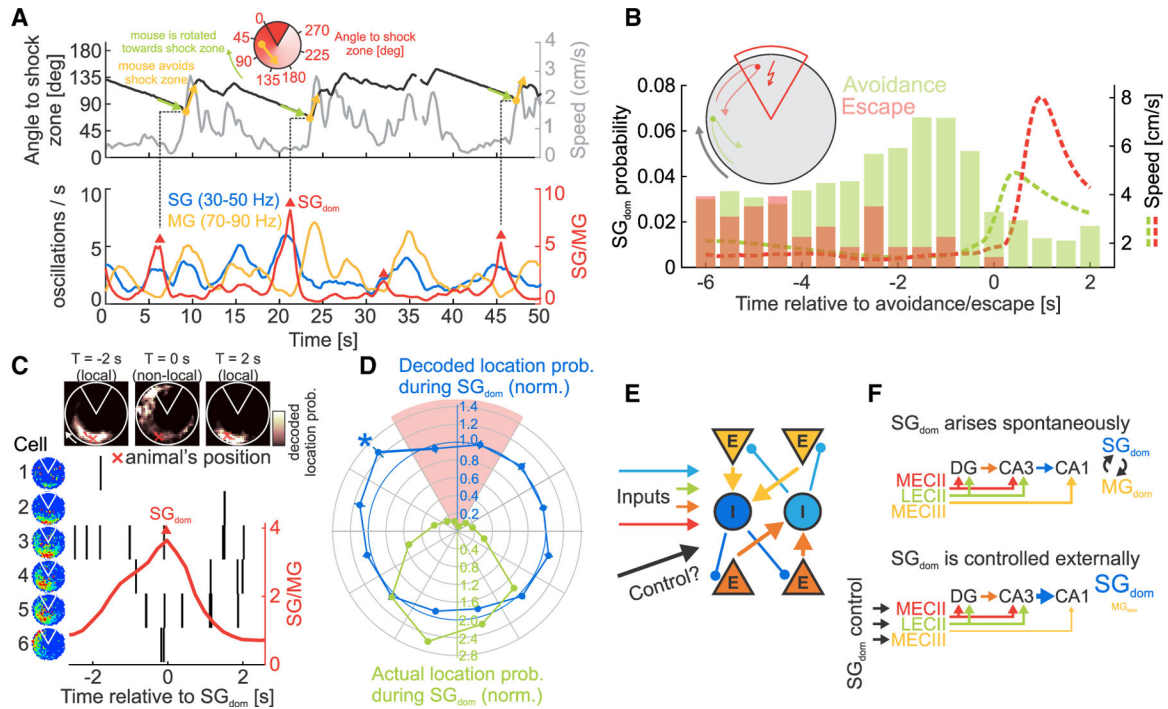
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### Highlights

- CA1 represents distant, recollected locations during slow gamma dominance ( $SG_{dom}$ )
- Medial entorhinal cortex-originating dentate spikes ( $DS_M$ ) promote non-local firing
- $DS_M$  promotes coordinated E-I coupled discharge in DG, CA3, and CA1 leading to  $SG_{dom}$
- DG and CA1 sync during  $DS_M$ , optimizing spike-field timing for information transfer



**Figure 1.  $SG_{dom}$  is a biomarker of memory recollection**

(A) Avoidances (yellow vectors) mark evasive movements with preceding stillness (green vectors) away from the shock zone without receiving shock.  $SG_{dom}$  detected as local maxima (red triangles) in the ratio (red line) of rates of CA1 slow (blue; 30–50 Hz) and mid-frequency (yellow; 70–90 Hz) gamma oscillations, precede avoidance movements by 1–2 s.

(B)  $SG_{dom}$  probability histogram before avoidance (green; success = no shock) and escape (red; failure = shocked).

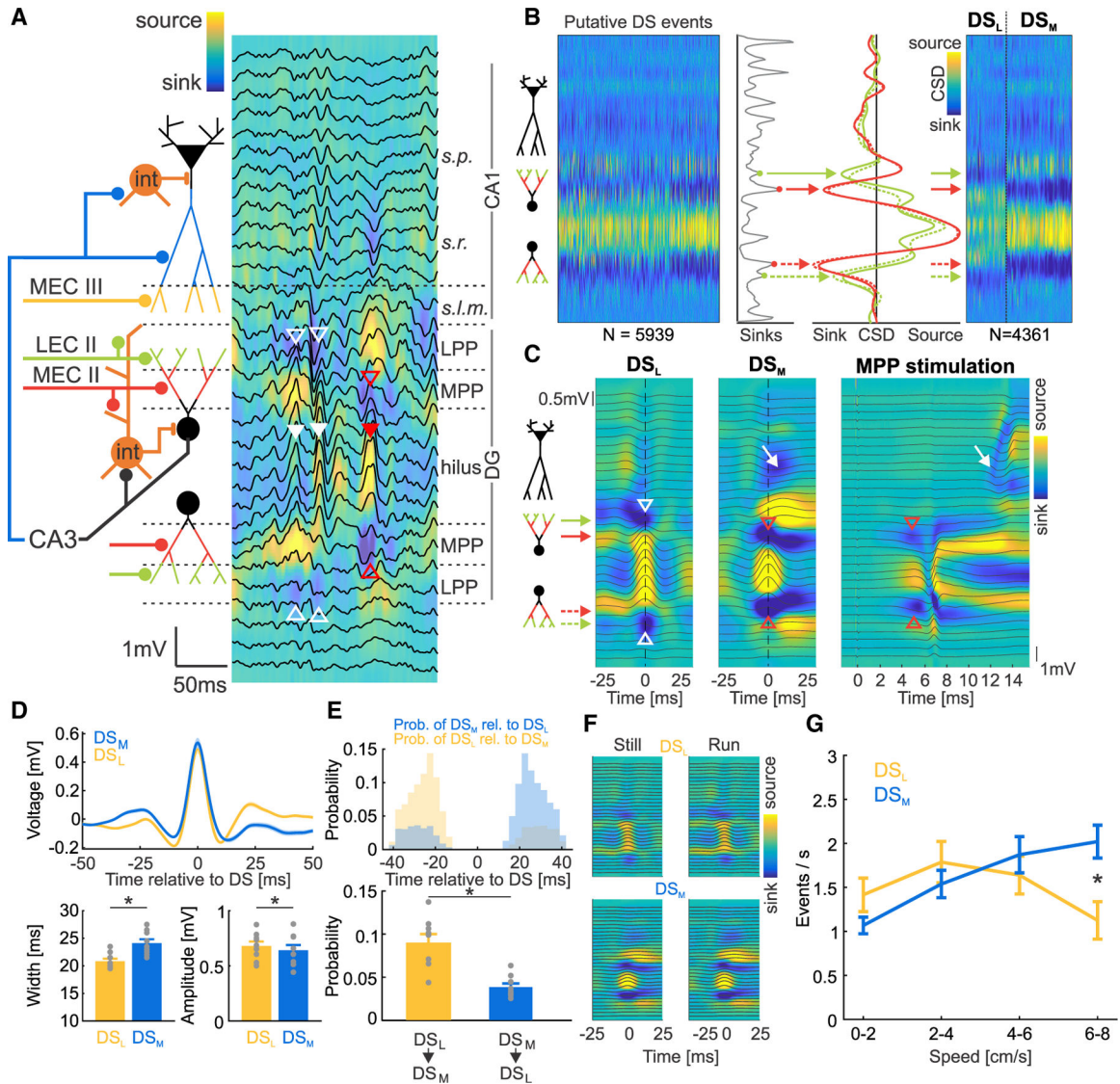
(C) CA1 single-unit discharge (vertical black lines) of a 6-cell ensemble around a  $SG_{dom}$  event (red triangle). The firing rate map of each cell is shown on the left. The 2D posterior probability distributions computed using Bayesian decoding are shown at the top overlaid with the 5-s track of the mouse (red line) and current location (red cross). During  $SG_{dom}$ , the otherwise accurate Bayesian posterior decodes to the shock zone, away from the mouse’s current location.

(D) Normalized circular probability distributions of mouse locations (green) and decoded locations (blue) during  $SG_{dom}$  (normalization using non- $SG_{dom}$  events). \*Significant deviation from 1 ( $t_{778} = 3.10$ ,  $p = 0.002$ , Bonferroni’s correction). While  $SG_{dom}$  happens predominantly when the mouse is opposite the shock zone (green), discharge during  $SG_{dom}$  decodes to locations of shock zone entries (blue).

(E) Schematic network with winner-take-all dynamics, composed of excitatory (E) and inhibitory (I) neurons, excitatory inputs, and a possible external control signal.

(F) Two hypotheses for hippocampal information-processing control (upper) intrinsic, intrahippocampal and (lower) extrinsic, extrahippocampal control.

Data in (B) and (D) from 2 mice.



**Figure 2. Current source density (CSD) analysis classifies 2 types of dentate spikes (DSs) with distinct anatomical, temporal, and behavioral properties**

(A)  $DS_L$  (full white arrowheads) is identified by a pair of CSD sinks in the outer molecular layers of DG (empty white arrowheads) at the LECII projection termination.  $DS_M$  (full red arrowheads) is identified by a pair of CSD sinks in the middle molecular layers of DG (empty red arrowheads) at the MECII projection termination. Background color represents CSD. Black traces represent the LFP. Schematic (left) illustrating hypothesized components of DS generation and mechanism of CA1  $SG_{dom}$  control.

(B) CSD of putative DS events (left) and histogram of local minima in CSD profiles (center) shows peaks aligned with pairs of sink bands in the outer (solid green and dashed green traces) and middle (solid red and dashed red traces) molecular layers. CSD profiles (right) of the 2 types of DS events.

(C) Average CSDs of  $DS_L$  (left) and  $DS_M$  (center), with  $DS_L$  sinks at outer molecular layers (white empty arrowheads) and  $DS_M$  sinks at middle molecular layers (red empty arrowheads). The CSD of the evoked response to medial perforant path (MPP) stimulation

(right) evokes sinks (red empty arrowheads) at the same locations of the  $DS_M$  sinks. A  $\sim 6$ -ms latency sink at CA1 *stratum radiatum* occurs after both the MPP-evoked response and  $DS_M$  (white arrow), but not after  $DS_L$ .

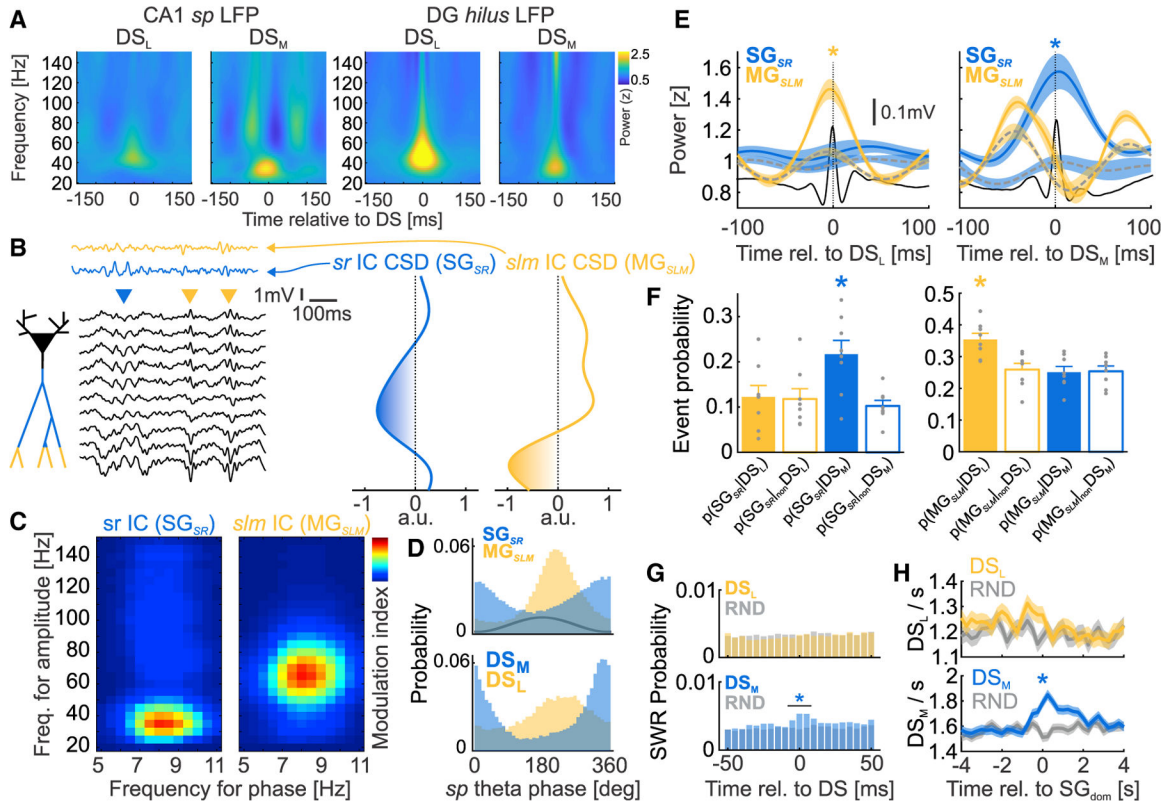
(D) Average LFP of  $DS_L$  (yellow) and  $DS_M$  (blue), with their width and amplitude comparisons (bottom).

(E) Histograms illustrate that  $DS_M$  often follows  $DS_L$  (top) and the probability of observing  $DS_L \rightarrow DS_M$  versus  $DS_M \rightarrow DS_L$  pairs (bottom).

(F) Average CSDs of  $DS_L$  (top) and  $DS_M$  (bottom) during stillness (speed  $< 2$  cm/s; left) and running (speed  $> 3$  cm/s; right).

(G) Relationship between DS rates and running speed.

Averages  $\pm$  SEM are plotted.



**Figure 3. DS<sub>dom</sub> modulate SG<sub>dom</sub> and gamma oscillatory activity in CA1**

(A) Average wavelet spectrogram of CA1 *stratum pyramidale* LFP (left) and DG *hilus* LFP (right), triggered by DS<sub>L</sub> and DS<sub>M</sub> events reveal volume-conducted DS spectral leakage in the 30–50 Hz range, with higher peak frequency associated with narrower DS<sub>L</sub> events and lower peak frequency associated with wider DS<sub>M</sub> events, as expected (compare with Figure 2D).

(B) ICA decomposition of CA1 LFPs identifies 2 ICs <100 Hz that correspond to *stratum radiatum* dendritic input (SG<sub>SR</sub>, CA1 SG, blue), and *stratum lacunosum moleculare* dendritic input (MG<sub>SLM</sub>, CA1 mid-frequency gamma, yellow). Arrowheads mark SG<sub>SR</sub> (blue) and MG<sub>SLM</sub> (yellow) oscillatory events in the LFP. The CSDs of ICA voltage loadings (right) show a SG<sub>SR</sub> sink in *stratum radiatum* and a MG<sub>SLM</sub> sink in *stratum lacunosum moleculare*.

(C) Comodulograms between the phase of CA1 *stratum pyramidale* theta (5–11 Hz) and the SG<sub>SR</sub> and MG<sub>SLM</sub> gamma amplitudes in the 20- to 150-Hz frequency range show slow gamma peaks for SG<sub>SR</sub> and mid-frequency gamma peaks for MG<sub>SLM</sub>.

(D) Theta phase (black line) distribution of SG<sub>SR</sub> (blue) and MG<sub>SLM</sub> (yellow) oscillatory events (top) compared to theta phase distribution of DS<sub>M</sub> (blue) and DS<sub>L</sub> (yellow) events (bottom).

(E) Power averages of SG<sub>SR</sub> (blue) and MG<sub>SLM</sub> (yellow) centered on DS<sub>L</sub> (left) and DS<sub>M</sub> (right). T = 0 marks the DS peak. Gray dashed lines show IC power profiles at random times sampled from the same theta phase distributions as the corresponding DS<sub>L</sub> and DS<sub>M</sub> events. Black lines are DS<sub>L</sub> and DS<sub>M</sub> event averages.

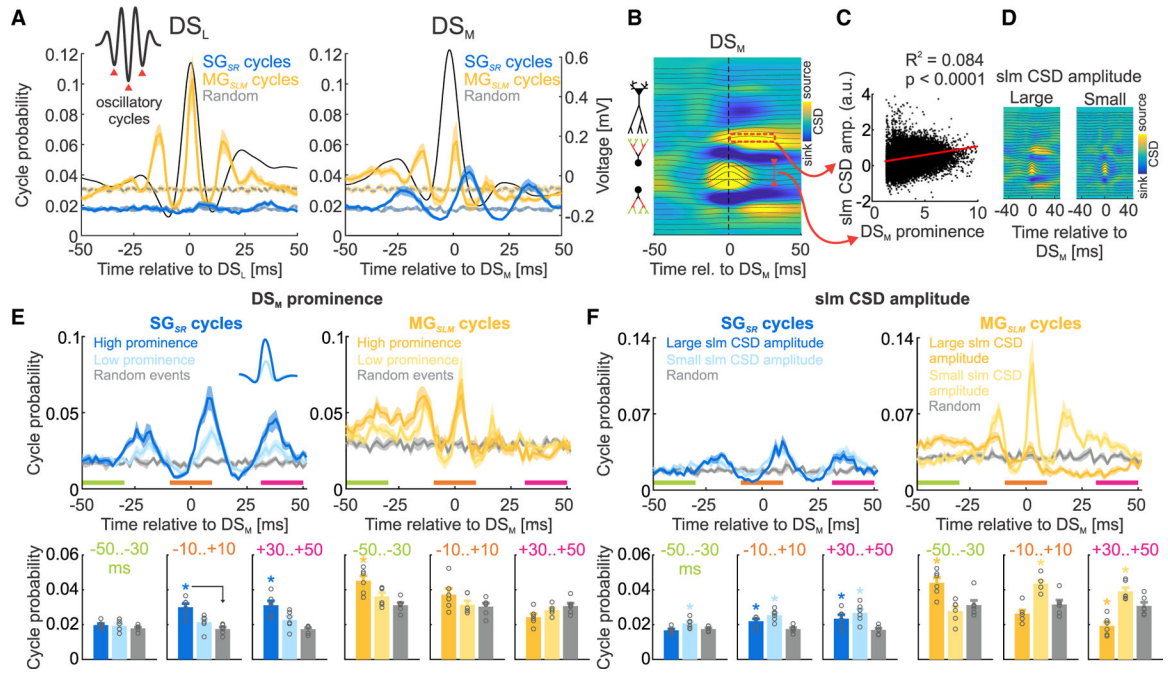


(F) Coincidence of the DS and IC oscillatory events detected from  $SG_{SR}$  (left) and  $MG_{SLM}$  (right) at random times.

(G) SWR probability distribution relative to  $DS_L$  (top),  $DS_M$  (bottom), and random times (gray) during stillness.

(H) Rates of  $DS_L$  (top) and  $DS_M$  (bottom) centered at  $SG_{dom}$  (color) and randomly selected times (gray).

Averages  $\pm$  SEM are plotted.



**Figure 4. DS<sub>M</sub> controls the oscillatory components of SG dominance**

(A) Probability of oscillatory cycles (inset, red arrowheads) detected in SG<sub>SR</sub> (blue) and MG<sub>SLM</sub> (yellow) relative to DS<sub>L</sub> (left), DS<sub>M</sub> (right), and random events (gray). Average DS waveforms are black.

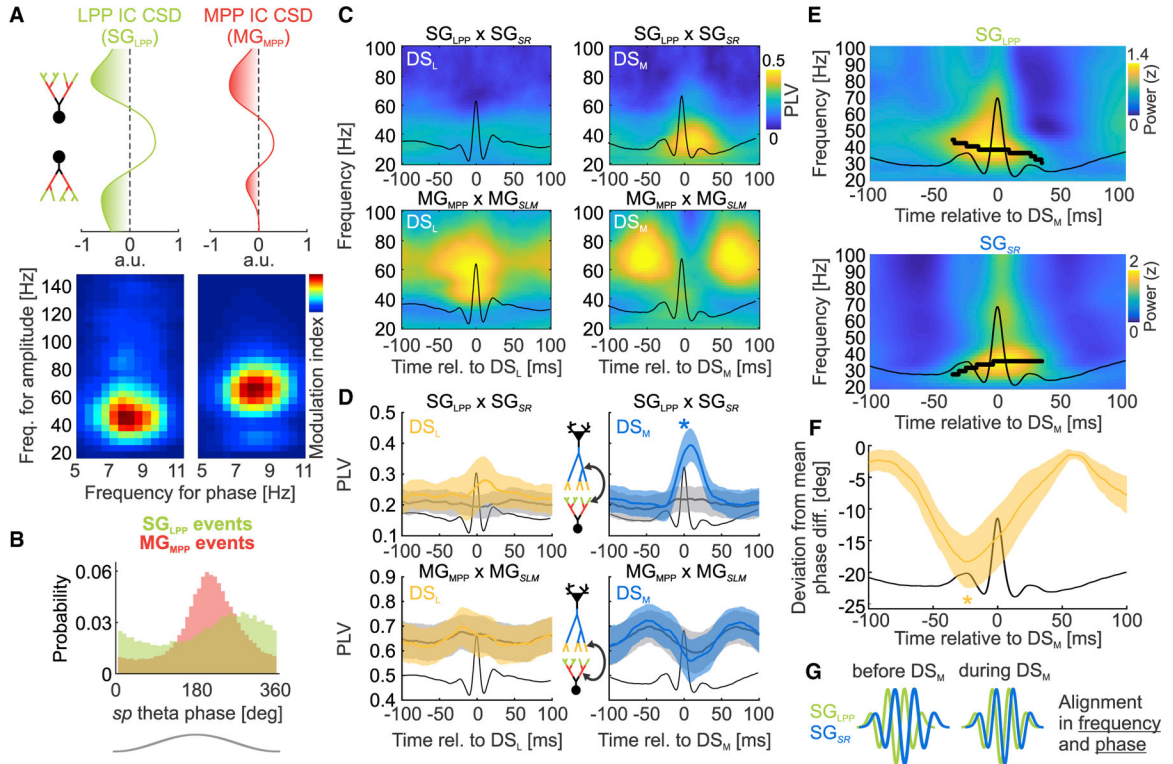
(B) CSD indicating DS<sub>M</sub> prominence (red line with reversed arrows) and amplitude of the *slm* CSD source that follows DS<sub>M</sub> (red rectangle).

(C) Scatterplot of DS<sub>M</sub> prominence versus the *slm* CSD source during DS<sub>M</sub>, with linear fit (red).

(D) Average DS<sub>M</sub> CSD of the 10% largest (left) and smallest (right) *slm* CSD sources; the DS<sub>M</sub> prominence is similar.

(E and F) Probability of SG<sub>SR</sub> cycles (blue; left) and MG<sub>SLM</sub> cycles (yellow; right) during the 10% largest (dark color), and smallest (light color) DS<sub>M</sub> (E) prominence, and (F) *slm* CSD source amplitude; random events (gray) and comparisons BEFORE (–50 to –30 ms), DURING (–10 to +10 ms), and AFTER (30 to 50 ms) the DS<sub>M</sub> events.

Averages ± SEM are plotted.



**Figure 5. DS<sub>M</sub> synchronizes the SG oscillatory inputs from LPP to DG and from CA3 to CA1 stratum radiatum**

(A) CSDs of ICA voltage loadings (top) of the LPP IC (SG<sub>LPP</sub>; green) and the MPP IC (MG<sub>MPP</sub>; red) in the DG. Comodulograms (bottom) between the phase of CA1 theta (5–11 Hz) and the amplitude of both IC components across 20–150 Hz.

(B) Theta phase distribution of SG<sub>LPP</sub> (green) and MG<sub>MPP</sub> (red) oscillatory events.

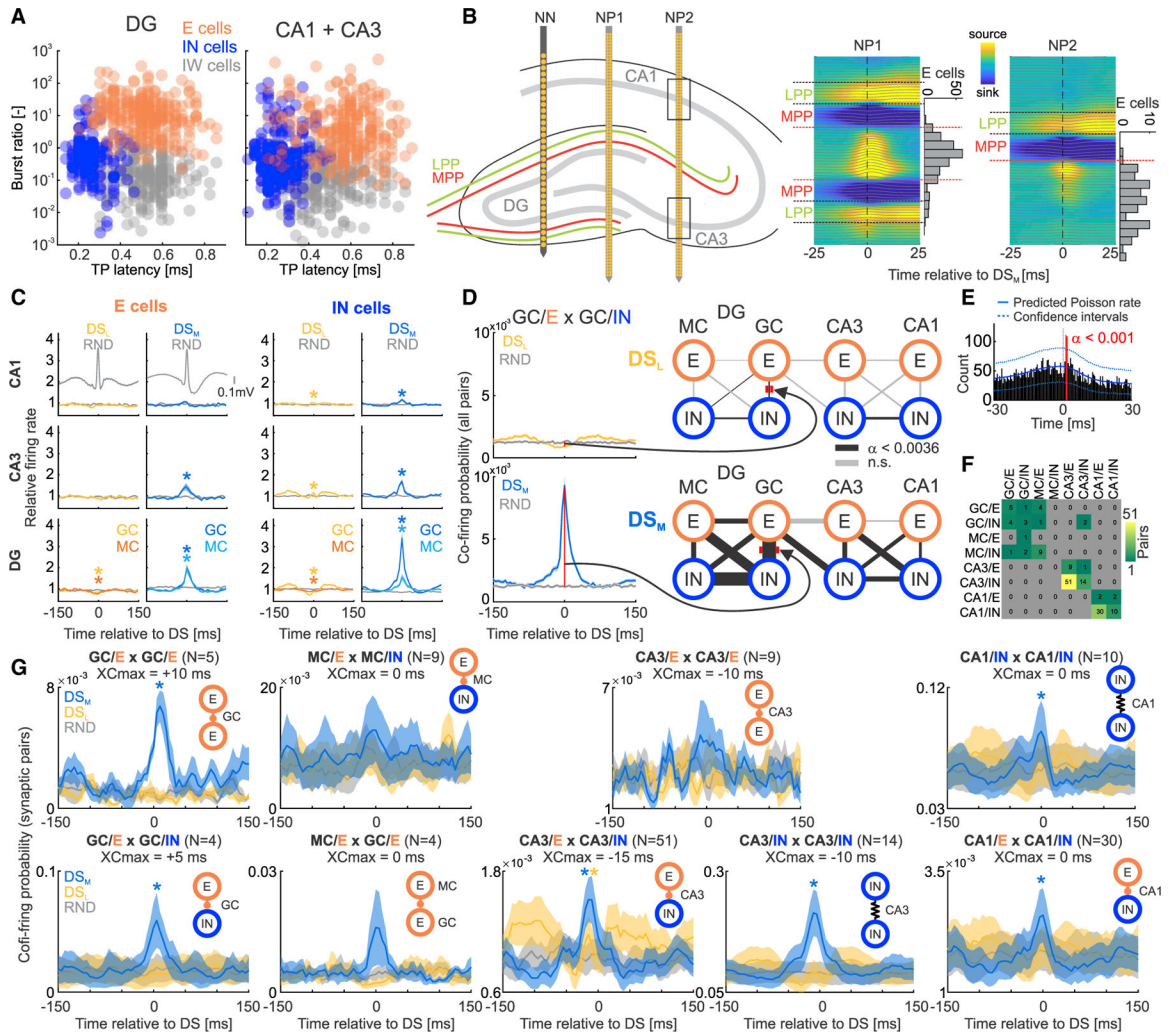
(C) Example of phase locking value (PLV) between DG and CA1 SGs (SG<sub>LPP</sub> × SG<sub>SR</sub>; top) and between DG and CA1 mid-frequency gammas (MG<sub>MPP</sub> × MG<sub>SLM</sub>; bottom) time locked to DS<sub>L</sub> (left) and DS<sub>M</sub> (right).

(D) Group PLV measures averaged across SG (25–45 Hz for SG<sub>LPP</sub> and SG<sub>SR</sub>) and mid-frequency gamma (45–85 Hz for MG<sub>LPP</sub> and MG<sub>SLM</sub>). Gray: PLV profiles of random samples from the corresponding DS<sub>L</sub> and DS<sub>M</sub> theta phase distributions.

(E) Average wavelet spectrogram of SG<sub>LPP</sub> (top) and SG<sub>SR</sub> (bottom) around the time of DS<sub>M</sub> (T = 0 ms). Black dots indicate frequency of peak power at each time point ± 40 ms.

(F) Group average of how much the instantaneous phase differences between SG<sub>LPP</sub> and SG<sub>SR</sub> differ from the mean phase difference. Averages ± SEM and average DS waveforms (black) are plotted.

(G) Schematic of frequency and phase alignment of SG<sub>LPP</sub> and SG<sub>SR</sub> during DS<sub>M</sub>.



**Figure 6.  $DS_M$  increases action potential discharge and cofiring in DG, CA3, and CA1 networks**

(A) Unitary action potentials were classified as being from excitatory cells (Es), narrow-waveform interneurons (IN), and wide-waveform interneurons (IW) using the K-means algorithm on the DG-localized (left), and separately, the CA3- and CA1-localized datasets (right).

(B) Schematic mouse hippocampus (left) with medial placement of Neuronexus linear electrode array (NN) for detection of DS events and 2 example lateral placements of Neuropixels probes, NP1 proximal to DG and NP2 proximal to CA3. Distinctive  $DS_M$ -triggered average CSDs distinguish DG and CA3 localization. Rectangles along NP2 show CA1 and CA3 unit localization (Figure S5A). Corresponding depth distributions of putative excitatory cells are shown on the right of CSDs. Dotted lines: DG borders of granule cell (red) and outer molecular (black) layers.

(C) Normalized firing rates of CA1 (top), CA3 (center), and DG (bottom) units during  $DS_L$  (left) and  $DS_M$  (right) and random (gray) events. DS contaminated by SWR events were excluded. DS averages in gray.

(D) Representative cofiring probability of pairs of GC principal cells (GC/Es) and proximal narrow waveform interneurons (GC/IN) around  $DS_L$  (left, top, yellow) and  $DS_M$  (left,

bottom, blue) and random (gray) events. Ratio of cofiring probability during DS events and random times is represented as line thickness (right) in a DG→CA3→CA1 network schematic; black connections significantly differ from random times, while gray connections do not after Bonferroni corrections (Table S1).

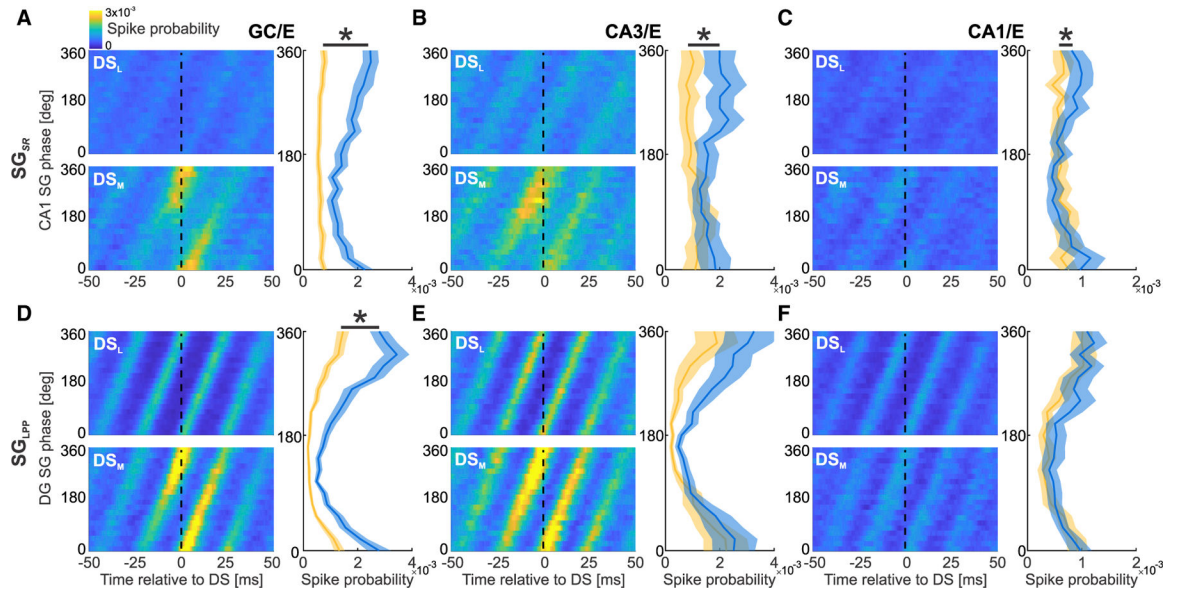
(E) Identification of a putative monosynaptic connection using enhanced spike-transmission strength in spike-time cross-correlogram. Solid blue line is expected cross-correlogram from Poisson model, dotted blue lines indicate confidence intervals, and red bins mark significant deviations from the model.

(F) Summary matrix of counts of all identified monosynaptic pairs.

(G) Cofiring probability during DS<sub>L</sub> (yellow), DS<sub>M</sub> (blue), and random times (gray) in identified pairs with monosynaptic spike-transmission statistics. The title of each subplot shows the time of maximum cross-correlation relative to DS, when statistics were computed. Stars mark significant deviations from random times.

Averages ± SEM are plotted.





**Figure 7. DS<sub>M</sub> phase synchronizes discharge of GC, CA3, and CA1 cells through SG<sub>SR</sub>**  
 (A) Average discharge probability of a granule cell relative to DS times (x axis; DS<sub>L</sub> top; DS<sub>M</sub> bottom) and SG<sub>SR</sub> phase (y axis). Data averaged across cells for DS<sub>L</sub> (yellow) and DS<sub>M</sub> (blue) at DS peak (T = 0) shown at right. Stars mark a significant difference between the DS<sub>L</sub> and DS<sub>M</sub> phase distributions.  
 (B and C) Same as (A), but for (B) CA3 and (C) CA1 Es.  
 (D) Same as (A), but for SG<sub>LPP</sub> gamma phase (y axis).  
 (E and F) Same as (D), but for (E) CA3 and (F) CA1 Es.

## KEY RESOURCES TABLE

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LFP, position and spike-time data	This paper	<a href="https://doi.gin.g-node.org/10.12751/g-node.o1ho0y">https://doi.gin.g-node.org/10.12751/g-node.o1ho0y</a>
Experimental models: organisms/strains		
Mice with a mixed C57BL/6J background	Jackson Laboratory	<a href="https://www.jax.org/strain/000664">https://www.jax.org/strain/000664</a>
Software and algorithms		
MATLAB	Mathworks	<a href="https://www.mathworks.com">https://www.mathworks.com</a>
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FastICA	Aalto University	<a href="https://research.ics.aalto.fi/ica/fastica/">https://research.ics.aalto.fi/ica/fastica/</a>
CSDPlotter	GitHub	<a href="https://github.com/espenhgn/CSDplotter">https://github.com/espenhgn/CSDplotter</a>
Custom MATLAB analysis code	This paper	<a href="https://doi.gin.g-node.org/10.12751/g-node.o1ho0y">https://doi.gin.g-node.org/10.12751/g-node.o1ho0y</a>

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