

Active Dendrites Contribute to Hippocampal Place Field Formation Mark Sheffield, Department of Neurobiology, The University of Chicago

#### 2 m linear VR track

#### CA1 somatic population imaging





#### Co-acquired CA1 somatic and basal dendritic imaging



#### Switching the Virtual Environment Causes Remapping of the Hippocampal Cognitive Map

# Linear track 1

Virtual teleportation





Mean place field position



78 Place cells covering linear track 1



#### Mean place field position

Cell number





The majority of place fields appear within the first ~15 laps of exposure to a novel environment

#### Branch spiking throughout the arbor can vary between place field traversals

#### Soma & all branches



#### Place field transient 1

#### Soma & no branches



# Branch spike prevalence across basal dendrites is highest when place fields first appear





## Branch spike prevalence predicts future place field location



### Localized dendritic branch spikes in CA1 basal dendrites

#### Ex-vivo evoked dSpike



10 um

7 spines 0.5 ms laser duration 0.12 ms interstim interval <0.5 ms to stimulate them all

#### In-vivo spontaneous dSpike



## dSpikes occur prior to the formation of delayed place fields



#### Interneurons that target CA1 dendrites could regulate dendritic spikes



Axons in CA1 basal dendritic layer

Nature Reviews | Neuroscience Ethan Goldberg & Douglas Coulter (2013)

# Dendritic inhibition is transiently reduced during novel environment exposure



Inducible knock out of NMDA receptors in CA1 neurons disrupts active dendritic signals



Branch spikes reduced during place field formation in NR1KO



Localized dendritic spikes absent during place field Formation in NR1KO



#### NMDA KO in CA1 neurons decreases the number of place fields that form





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