Hippocampus: from cells to physiology and human pathology

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Physiology of Cells and Synapses



Forms of Memory



Larry Squire, *Memory systems of the brain: A brief history and current perspective.* Neurobiology of Learning and Memory. (2004) 82:171-177

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Declarative memory / Episodic memory

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Episode - Event in time



Collection of past personal experiences that occurred at a particular place and time.

Explicit: who, what, when, where and why

Memory formation is central to our sense of self and attachment to others.





Goodrich-Hunsaker N J et al. Chem. Senses 2009





Patient H.M.

Henry Molaison (1926 - 2008)



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Very intelligent and agreeable young man.

Suffered from terrible life-threatening epileptic seizures.

In 1953, when he was 27 years old, he underwent experimental brain surgery. Most of both the left and right hippocampus were removed from H.M.'s brain.

Patient H.M.



Larry Squire and John Wixted, "The cognitive neuroscience of human memory since H.M.", *Annual Reviews of Neuroscience*. 2011

Before and after his surgery, he had an above-average I.Q.

After the surgery he had no trouble moving or speaking.

Psychologically, he was very healthy.

Following the surgery, H.M. suffered from severe anterograde amnesia. He lost the ability to form new memories.





















Short Communications

The hippocampus as a spatial map. Preliminary evidence from unit activity in the freely-moving rat



Extensive progress has been made in understanding spatial learning



Extracellular Recording



place field



place field

= Action Potential Firing



Ishizuka et al, Journal of Comparative Neurobiology, 1995.



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Questions:

How do hippocampal neurons become encode information?





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Point neuron Single-node integrating neuron



excitatory input



excitatory input







How does this happen?

Ionic currents and the membrane potential:



Hodgkin AL and Katz B 1949. J physiol. 180:37-77

Electrical properties of cell membranes


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Time after shock (ms)





Hodgkin & Huxley, 1951









Hodgkin & Huxley, 1951

+90 mV

 E_M (mV)





Hodgkin & Huxley, 1951







Resting membrane potential:

Electrical model of the steady-state cell membrane



Other contributors to the resting membrane potential:

Sodium-Potassium ATPase Chloride transporters Leak currents

Ion channels

Ion Selectivity	Rev, mV	Pharmacological nomenclature		Genes
Na+	+40 to +60	I _{Nat} , I _{Nap}	Nav1, Nav2,Nav12.X	<i>scn1a, scn1b, scn2a,</i> ect.
K+	-90 to -100	I _C I _A I _K I _{DR} I _{AHP}	Kv1, Kv2, Kv3, Kv4.X	kcna1, kcna2, kcnb, ect.
Ca ²⁺	+120 to +150	I _T I _L I _N I _R I _{P/Q}	Cav1, Cav2, Cav3.X	cacna1a, cacna1g, etc
Cl-	-70 to -75***	I _{CI}	CLC1, CLC2, CLC3, CLC4	clcn1, clcn2, etc
Na+/K+/Ca ²⁺	-30	l _h	HCN1, HCN2, HCN3, HCN4	hcn1, hcn2, hcn3, hcn4
Na+ or K+	+40 or -90	l _{leak}	NALCN, ect and K2P channels (TREK, ect)	nalcn, kcnk2, ect





Now let's talk about the inputs

Synaptic transmission!!

Chemical Synapses



- 1) Fast, ionotropic transmission
- 2) Slower, metabotropic transmission

Synaptic transmission!!

Chemical Synapses



<u>Neurotransmitters</u>

Transmitter	Receptor	lons	Effect
Glutamate	AMPA-R Kainite-R	Na+, K+, (bit of Ca ²⁺)	Excitatory
	NMDA-R	Na+, K+, Ca ²⁺	
GABA	GABA _A	Cl ⁻ (and HCO ₃)	Inhibitory
Glycine	Gly-R 1-3	Cl-	Inhibitory
Acetylcholine	nAChR1 - 7	Na+, K+, Ca ²⁺	Excitatory
Serotonin (5-HT ₃)	5HTR3	Na+, K+	Excitatory

Communication between cells: Chemical synapses

Glutamate receptors





Communication between cells: Chemical synapses



AMPA and NMDA receptors



B Current-voltage relationship of the synaptic current

excitatory input inhibitory input i

inhibitory input



Communication between cells: Chemical synapses

GABA receptors



Voltage clamp



Excitatory transmission leads to membrane depolarisation

How does inhibition work?

Shunting current

(this is important)



B Reduction of excitatory synaptic potential by inhibition

3 EPSP + IPSP





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Chemical Synapses



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- 2) Slower, metabotropic transmission

B Indirect gating







David McCormick, *Synaptic Organisation of the Brain,* Chapter 2, "Membrane Properties and Neurotransmitter Action," edited by Gordon Shepherd, 2003.



Integration of inputs

Timing, relative strength of inputs



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Cerebellar circuit

(Raymond et al 1996)

Spinal cord

(Raphael et al 2010)

Visual cortex

(Grossberg et al 1997)

Neurons in the hippocampus are typically more complex than single nodes.





Okay, so lets add some dendrites.

What do we gain?

Logic operations - now with dendrites



One button alone is below threshold
Logic operations - now with dendrites



Red buttons together **AND NOT** blue buttons = AP firing

Logic operations - now with branched dendrites



Logic operations - now with branched dendrites with compartments





Ishizuka et al, Journal of Comparative Neurobiology, 1995.



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Cable properties:



Neurons as electrical conductors:



"The tendency for membrane polarization to equalize over the neuron surface during passive decay is analogous to the tendency for temperature to equalize over an unevenly heated metal surface as it cools." Neurons as electrical conductors





 $\Delta V(x) = \Delta V_0 e^{-x/\lambda}$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{(r_{\rm m} / r_{\rm a})}$$

 $r_{\rm m}$ membrane resistance (Ω ·cm) r_a axial resistance (Ω / cm)



(Fat versus skinny dendrites)





Kandel et al, Principles of Neuroscience, 2013





Gulledge et al, J Neurobiology, 2008



distal to proximal proximal to distal simultaneous EPSP alone combined response Relative size of synaptic potentials injected at the soma.



Spruston, Nat Rev Neurosci, 2008

Attenuation of synaptic depolariazations relative to the soma.



Spruston, Nat Rev Neurosci, 2008

Control



Gordon Shepherd, 2003.



Ishizuka et al, Journal of Comparative Neurobiology, 1995.

Patch-clamp recordings from the soma and dendrites of neurons in brain slices using infrared video microscopy

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Layer 5 pyramidal neuron



Ramaswamy & Markram Frontiers Cellular Neuroscience, 2015



H. Lau and L. Jan, Nat Rev Neuroscience, 2006

Dendrites can spike!!



Na_V channels and K_V channels produce **sodium spikes**





Ca_V channels and K_V channels produce calcium spikes



NMDA receptor activation leads to large depolarisation in dendrites

Dendrites as coincidence detectors:





Jarsky, et al, *Nature Neuroscience* 2005

Backpropagation of action potentials to dendritic compartment



Gordon Shepherd, 2003.

Backpropagating action potential in vivo.

Cortical layer 2/3 pyramidal neurons



A Synaptically Controlled, Associative Signal for Hebbian Plasticity in Hippocampal Neurons

Jeffrey C. Magee and Daniel Johnston



Regulation of Synaptic Efficacy by Coincidence of Postsynaptic APs and EPSPs

Henry Markram,* Joachim Lübke, Michael Frotscher, Bert Sakmann



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Spruston, Nat Rev Neurosci, 2008

Morphology

Electrical properties



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Calcium dynamics





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Dendrites consist of *compartments* that are distinct by:

Morphology

Electrical properties

Calcium dynamics

Second messenger pathways

Dynamic processes that change with experience

Synaptic amplification by dendritic spines enhances input cooperativity

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Now it will become interesting

Hippocampal encoding of space





place field



Ishizuka et al, Journal of Comparative Neurobiology, 1995.

Intracellular Determinants of Hippocampal CA1 Place and Silent Cell Activity in a Novel Environment

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Epsztein et al., Neuron, 2011

neuroscience

Conjunctive input processing drives feature selectivity in hippocampal CA1 neurons

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Bittner et al., Nat Neuroscience, 2017



Bittner et al., Nat Neuroscience, 2017



Bittner et al., Nat Neuroscience, 2017







Functional imaging of hippocampal place cells at cellular resolution during virtual navigation

Daniel & Dombeck¹, Christopher D Harvey¹, I in Tian², Loren I. Looger² & David W Tank¹



Dombeck et al., Nat Neuroscience, 2010





Dombeck et al., Nat Neuroscience, 2010



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Calcium transient prevalence across the dendritic arbour predicts place field properties

Mary E. J. Skettidd! & Dariel A. Dambeyk



Sheffield & Dombeck Nature, 2015

mi:10.1598/eato-e18871

Calcium transient prevalence across the dendritic arbour predicts place field properties

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Increased Prevalence of Calcium Transients across the Dendritic Arbor during Place Field Formation

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Signal in soma



Signal in dendrite





Dendritic inhibition



Dendritic inhibition

Somatic inhibition



Ishizuka et al, Journal of Comparative Neurobiology, 1995.



Sheffield & Dombeck *Current Opinion Neurobiology,* 2019

Extra Stuff

Environmental enrichment improves social memory via area CA2.

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CA regions identified by Lorente de Nó



Hippocampal area CA2

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2) Receives unique input from the hypothalamus and projects to numerous brain regions



CA2 receives input from hypothalamus



CA2 projects to several brain regions

Area CA2 was understudied for 70 years by physiologists...



Lorente de Nó J Psychology and Neurologie, 1934.

...but NOT by neuroanatomists

Area CA2 is altered in psychiatric disorders

A Reduction of Nonpyramidal Cells in Sector CA2 of Schizophrenics and Manic Depressives

Francine M. Benes, Esther W. Kwok, Stephen L. Vincent, and Mark S. Todtenkopf

BIOL PSYCHIATRY 1998; 44:88-97



Area CA2 is altered in psychiatric disorders

Molecular abnormalities of the hippocampus in severe psychiatric illness: postmortem findings from the Stanley Neuropathology Consortium

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Out of 224 measures...

Table 2 Post hoc Mann–Whitney U test results and fold change (Δ) for abnormal hippocampal measures after correction for multiple comparisons

Measure	Schizophrenia		Bipolar		Depression	
	Р	Δ	Р	Δ	P	۵
Reelin dentate gyrus molecular layer	0.0002	0.53	0.004	0.73	0.04	0.67
Parvalbumin total CA2	< 0.0001	0.20	0.04	0.80		
Parvalbumin density CA2	< 0.0001	0.27				
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Disruption in hippocampal-prefrontal synchrony that accompanies compromised memory.

Sigurdsson, Stark, Karayiorgou, Gogos and Gordon, Nature 2010.

Several cognitive and behavioral phenotypes, yet no major change in CA1 pyramidal neuron physiology.

Drew LJ, Stark KL, Fénelon K, Karayiorgou M, MacDermott AB, Gogos JA, Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, 2011



Making it extremely difficult to evoke action potentials in CA2 pyramidal cells in the Df(16)A^{-/+} mice.



Two-Pore Domain Potassium Channel (TREK-1) Talley et al, 2001

Leak conductance, open at V_M

Play a role in neuroprotection



The is in increase in TREK-1 conductance in CA2 PNs in the Df(16)A^{-/+} mice.













Summary of changes in area CA2 of the 22q11.2 DS model:

Reduction in CA2 principle cell activity

Compromised social recognition memory

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Next steps:



Using the LgDel mouse model of 22q11.2DS





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Next steps:



Examining area CA2 with environmental enrichment



Standard Environment, SE



Enriched Environment, EE

3 weeks









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There is a reduction in TREK-1 conductance with EE





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VS.





How much does hippocampal CA2 contribute to EE effect?



Altered CA2 activity can potentially far-reaching consequences

What regulates TREK-1?



Next steps:

• Transcriptome analysis of CA2 pyramidal neurons (with Eduardo Gascon, Institute of Neuroscience de la Timone)

• **Phospholipase activity** (with Joëlle Chabry, Institute de Pharmacologie Moleculaire et Cellulaire)

• Inhibitory neuron physiology and synaptic plasticity
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