

1 **Title: Erasable Hippocampal Neural Signatures Predict Memory Discrimination**

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4 **Summary**

5 Memories involving the hippocampus can take several days to consolidate, challenging efforts  
6 to uncover the neuronal signatures underlying this process. Using calcium imaging in freely  
7 moving mice, we tracked the hippocampal dynamics underlying memory formation across a ten-  
8 day contextual fear conditioning (CFC) task. Following learning, context-specific place field  
9 remapping correlated with memory performance. To causally test whether these hippocampal  
10 dynamics support memory consolidation, we induced amnesia in a group of mice by  
11 pharmacologically blocking protein synthesis immediately following learning. We found that  
12 halting protein synthesis following learning paradoxically accelerated cell turnover and also  
13 arrested learning-related remapping, paralleling the absence of remapping observed in  
14 untreated mice that exhibited poor memory expression. Finally, coordinated neural activity that  
15 emerged following learning was dependent on intact protein synthesis and predicted memory-  
16 related freezing behavior. We conclude that context-specific place field remapping and the  
17 development of coordinated ensemble activity require protein synthesis and underlie contextual  
18 fear memory consolidation.

19 **Introduction**

20 The process of memory consolidation requires protein synthesis following learning to produce  
21 stable long-term memories (Barondes & Cohen, 1968; Davis & Squire, 1984; Squire &  
22 Barondes, 1974). At the synaptic level, protein synthesis is necessary for the formation of late-  
23 phase but not early-phase long-term potentiation (LTP) in hippocampal (HPC) neurons (Frey &  
24 Morris, 1997; Huang et al., 1994; Nguyen et al., 1994). At the behavioral level, blocking protein  
25 synthesis following learning impairs long-term memory for hippocampus-dependent contextual  
26 fear conditioning (CFC) while leaving short term memory intact (Ryan et al., 2015; Schafe et al.,  
27 1999). These studies suggest that memory consolidation requires new proteins to reinforce  
28 learning-related connections which are potentiated during learning. Despite the evidence linking  
29 *in vitro* synaptic potentiation to memory consolidation, little is known about how protein  
30 synthesis *in vivo* influences the functional coding properties of neurons before, during, and after  
31 learning to support memory consolidation. Experience-dependent remapping of place fields in  
32 the hippocampus, which requires NMDA receptor dependent-plasticity (Dupret et al., 2010), is  
33 thought to reflect learning-related reorganization of the hippocampal network (Bostock et al.,

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34 1991; Colgin et al., 2008). Therefore, to causally test the hypothesis that lasting, learning-  
35 related place-cell remapping (Muller & Kubie, 1987) is necessary for consolidation of a CFC  
36 memory (Moita et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2012) we combined *in vivo* calcium imaging in mice  
37 with systemic administration of the protein synthesis inhibitor, anisomycin, and tracked the  
38 evolution, remapping, and stabilization of HPC place fields during and after CFC. Finally, we  
39 leveraged the ability to record from large cell ensembles to investigate whether blocking protein  
40 synthesis disrupted the development of coordinated neural activity predictive of freezing  
41 behavior. Our results indicate that context-specific remapping and coordinated, freeze-  
42 predicting ensemble activity emerge in a protein-synthesis dependent manner following learning  
43 to support CFC memory consolidation.

## 44 Results

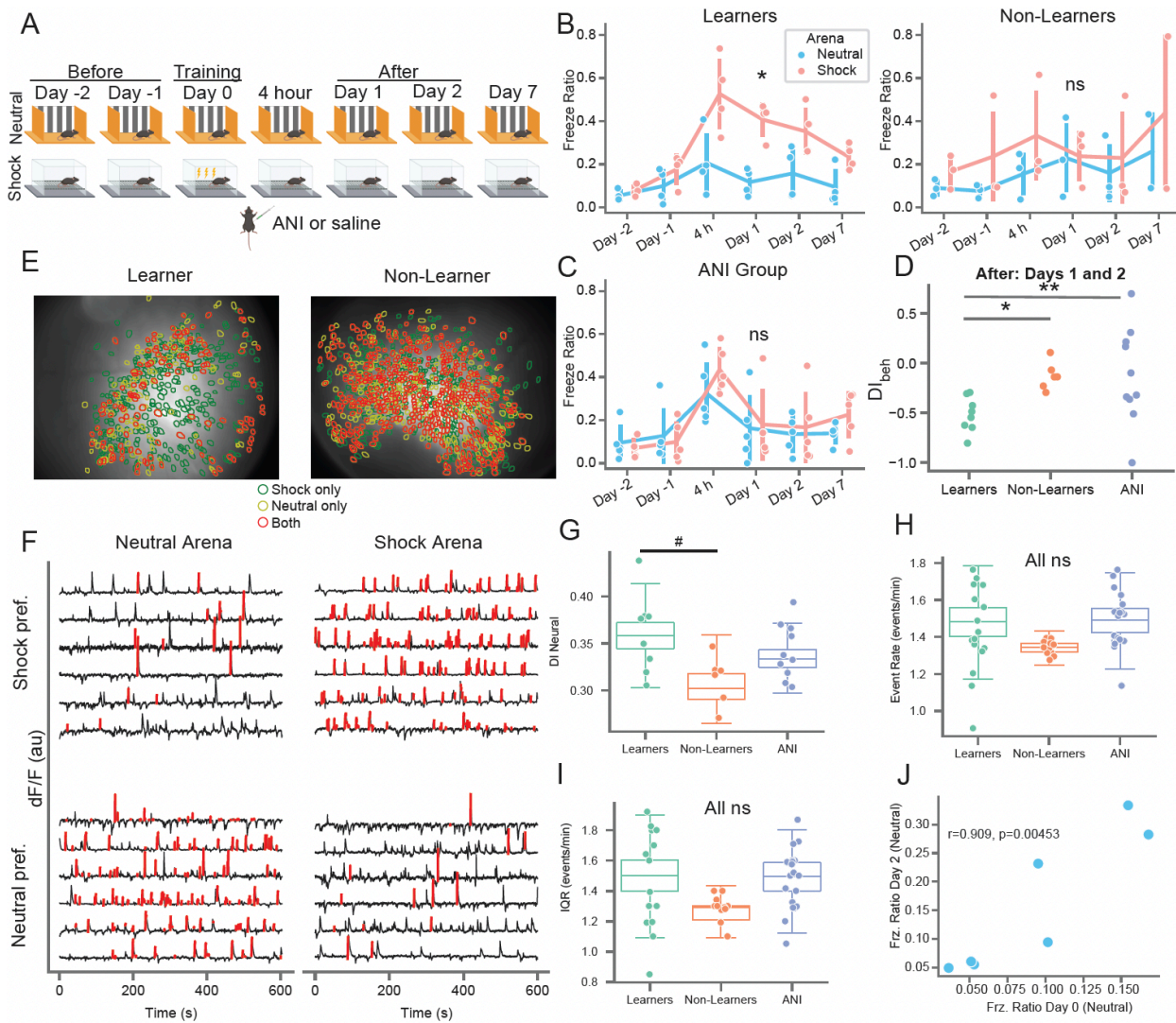
### 45 **Hippocampal neural dynamics between arenas predicts memory specificity**

46 Weeks prior to training, all mice received viral infusions of the genetically encoded calcium  
47 indicator GCaMP6f (Chen et al., 2013) in region CA1 of the dorsal hippocampus. Subsequently,  
48 following two days of pre-exposure (“Before” learning, days -2 and -1) to an open field (neutral  
49 arena) and an operant chamber (shock arena) mice received a mild foot-shock on day 0  
50 (training), after which they were moved to their home cage and immediately given systemic  
51 injections of either anisomycin (ANI group) or vehicle (CTRL group). The shock arena recording  
52 immediately followed each neutral arena recording, separated by approximate 5 minutes to  
53 disconnect the recording camera and move the mouse the other room/arena. We then  
54 performed a test of short-term memory 4 hours later and three tests of long-term memory 1, 2,  
55 and 7 days following training (Figure 1A), each time by measuring freezing behavior. We titrated  
56 the shock level during training such that the mice froze significantly more in the shock arena  
57 relative to the neutral arena following learning while still exploring the majority of both arenas.  
58 Nonetheless, we observed a range of freezing levels during the day 1 and 2 memory tests  
59 (Figure S1A) and subsequently sub-divided CTRL mice into two groups: Learners, who froze  
60 significantly more in the shock arena, and Non-Learners, who either showed generalized  
61 freezing or froze at low levels in both arenas (Figures 1B and Figure S1B,E). Learners exhibited  
62 reduced freezing on day 7, indicative of extinction (Figure 1B). All subsequent analyses related  
63 to long-term memory therefore utilized the day 1 and 2 recall sessions (“After” learning and  
64 consolidation). In contrast, mice in the ANI group exhibited no difference in freezing between  
65 arenas at any time point, indicating that blocking protein synthesis impaired context-specific fear  
66 memory (Figure 1C). To assess memory specificity, we calculated a behavioral discrimination  
67 index ( $DI_{beh}$ ) which quantified how much each animal froze in the shock vs. neutral arenas.  
68 Negative  $DI$  values indicated higher freezing in the shock arena. Learners exhibited negative  
69  $DI_{beh}$  levels on days 1 and 2 that were significantly different from both Non-Learners (by  
70 definition) and from the ANI group as well (Figure 1D). Variability in freezing on the days prior to  
71 shock could indicate heightened anxiety by some mice, which could in turn influence contextual  
72 fear learning. However, we found no difference between groups in thigmotaxis, a metric of  
73 anxiety (Figure S1F-G). Both the CTRL and ANI groups exhibited significant freezing in the  
74 shock arena during the 4 hour test, though we note that the behavior in the ANI group at this  
75 time point could arise from either contextual fear or non-specific aversive effects of anisomycin  
76 treatment (Figure S2) since these mice froze at high levels in both arenas.

77 We visualized the activity of pyramidal neurons in region CA1 of the dorsal hippocampus  
78 (Figure 1E) using a miniaturized epifluorescence microscope (Ghosh et al., 2011; Ziv et al.,

79 2013). We identified a large number of neurons in each 10 minute session ( $n = 128$  to 1216,  
 80 Figure S3), extracted their corresponding calcium traces (Figure 1F), and tracked them between  
 81 sessions throughout the CFC task, which allowed us to determine the long-term evolution of the  
 82 HPC neural code. We noticed that many neurons exhibited strong changes in mean event rate  
 83 between arenas (Figure 1F) and calculated a neural discrimination index ( $DI_{\text{neural}}$ ) to quantify the  
 84 distinctiveness of neural activity between arenas ( $0 = \text{similar}$ ,  $1 = \text{distinct}$ ). Same-day neural  
 85 discrimination between arenas correlated strongly with across-day neural discrimination in the  
 86 same arena (Figure S1D). This indicates that mice exhibit natural variability in neural  
 87 discrimination which is invariant between different arenas and across Day time.

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90 **Figure 1: Mice exhibit variability in memory recall and neural activity prior to learning in a protein-synthesis dependent contextual**  
 91 **fear conditioning task.** **A)** Schematic of the behavioral paradigm. Mice freely explored two distinct arenas (neutral and shock) for 10  
 92 minutes each day. Mice underwent mild contextual fear conditioning on day 0 in the shock arena followed by immediate I.P. administration of  
 93 anisomycin or vehicle in their home cage. Memory recall tests were conducted 4 hours and 1, 2, and 7 days post-shock. The time of each  
 94 session is referenced to the shock session. **B)** (left) Learner (CTRL) mice freezing on all days. Red = shock arena, blue = neutral arena.  
 95 \* $p=4.5e-0.4$  shock – neutral freezing from day-1 to day 1 one-sided paired t-test ( $n=4$  mice,  $t=13.4$ ). (right) Same but for Non-Learner (CTRL)  
 96 mice ( $n=3$  mice,  $p=0.249$ ,  $t=0.819$ ). **C)** Same as B but for ANI group ( $n=5$  mice,  $p=0.219$ ,  $t=0.859$ ). **D)** Behavioral discrimination between  
 97 arenas after shock (Days 1-2) shows formation of a specific fear memory for Learners only, by definition (positive = more freezing in neutral  
 98 arena, negative = more freezing in shock arena,  $0 = \text{equal freezing in both arenas}$ ). \* $p=3.78e^{-4}$  ( $t=4.48$ ), \*\* $p=0.0229$  ( $t=2.17$ ) 1-sided t-test of  
 99 mean DI value from Days 1 & 2,  $n=8/6/10$  sessions for Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group, **E)** (left) Neural overlap plots between neutral and

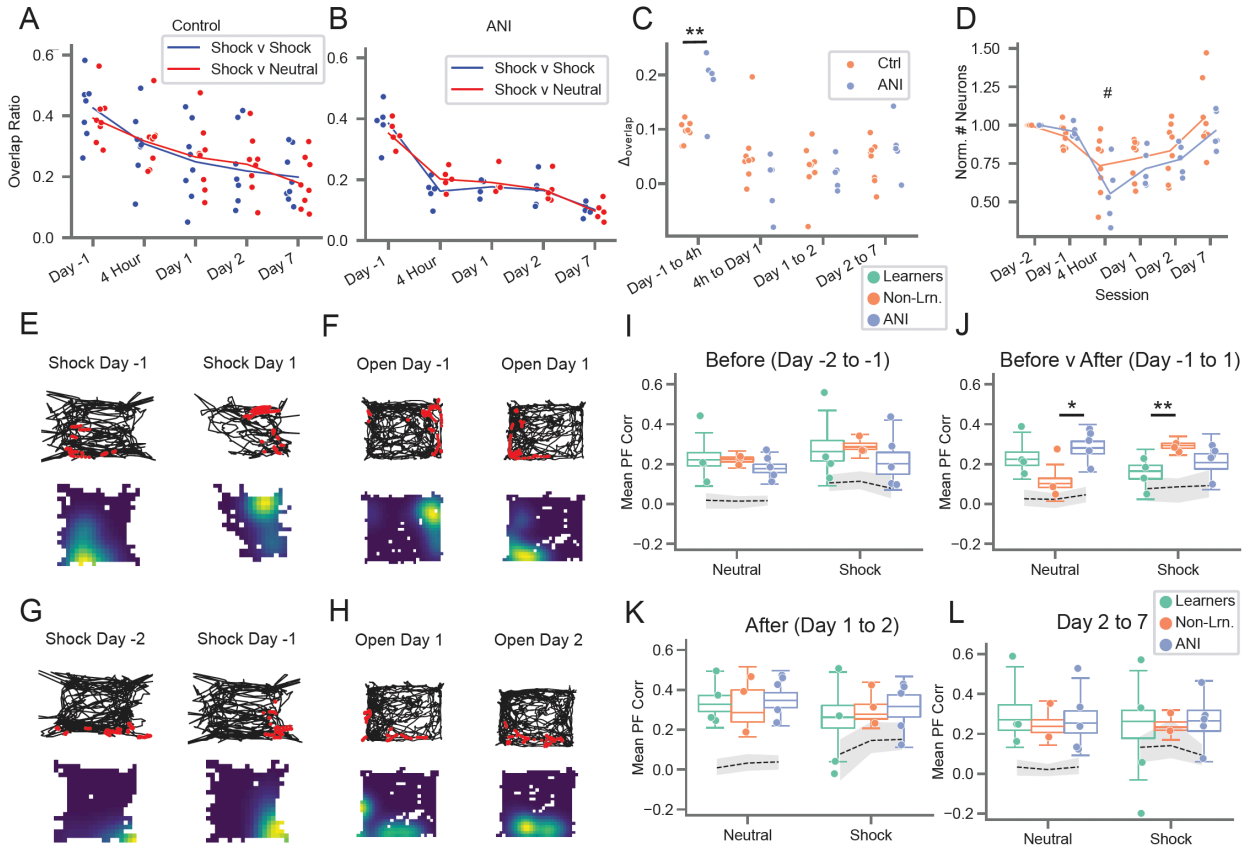
100 shock arenas for an example Learner mouse on day -1, before shock. Green = cells active in the shock arena only, yellow = cells active in  
101 the neutral arena only, orange = cells active in both arenas. (right) Same for example Non-Learner on day -2 showing higher overlap of  
102 active cells between arenas. **F**) Example calcium activity from the Learner mouse shown in C (left) for cells active in both arenas. Black =  
103 calcium trace, red = putative spiking activity during transient rises. Top row shows shock arena preferring cells, bottom row shows neutral  
104 arena preferring cells. **G**) Neural discrimination index ( $DI_{neural}$ ) between groups on Days -2 and -1. Boxplots show population median and  
105 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means overlaid in dots, # $p=0.09$  after  
106 Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons. **H**) Same as G) but for event rate in Shock arena, **I**) Same as G) but for event rate  
107 interquartile range (IQR) in Shock arena. **J**) Freezing in Neutral arena on Day 2 vs. Neutral arena on Day 0. Pearson correlation value and  $p$ -  
108 value (two-sided) shown on plot. Statistics for G-J: un-paired one-sided HB test for days -2 and -1 after Bonferroni correction,  $n=10,000$   
109 bootstraps.

110 Surprisingly, we noticed that Learners exhibited a trend toward higher  $DI_{neural}$  values compared  
111 to Non-Learners in the sessions prior to the shock that did not reach significance (Figure 1G).  
112 This was not due to higher activity rates for Non-Learners since we found no differences  
113 between groups in mean event rate and or distribution of event rates on the days prior to shock  
114 (Figure 1H-I). Finally, we found that freezing behavior the day of training correlated with Neutral  
115 arena freezing during the 4 Hour and Day 2 recall sessions and exhibited a trend toward  
116 correlation on Days 1 and 7 (Figure 1J and Figure S1H). These results indicate that the animal's  
117 behavioral state the day of conditioning, and potentially neural discrimination between arenas  
118 prior to learning, can influence memory specificity.

### 119 **Blocking protein synthesis disrupts persistent neural activity following learning and** 120 **arrests learning-related place field remapping**

121 Next, we probed how arresting protein synthesis impacted HPC dynamics. Previous studies by  
122 us and others have found that hippocampal cells exhibit constant turnover over time such that  
123 the subset of active cells slowly changes over time (Kinsky et al., 2018; Ziv et al., 2013). We  
124 hypothesized that, by preventing plasticity, ANI administration would slow or stop the normal  
125 rate of cell turnover, measured as the overlap of active cells at each timepoint with the first day  
126 recording day (Figure 2A). Surprisingly, ANI administration temporarily accelerated cell turnover  
127 between the Day -1 and 4 hour session after which turnover rate returned to normal (Figure 2B,  
128 C). We noticed that the normalized number of active neurons also appeared to be lower for the  
129 ANI group compared to the CTRL group at the 4 hour session when anisomycin was still on  
130 board, and potentially the following sessions, which could contribute to increased turnover  
131 (Figure 2D). However, diminished cell activity could also result from reduced locomotion (Rich et  
132 al., 2014), which we observed in both groups following conditioning / anisomycin. To  
133 disentangle the effects of anisomycin and locomotion, we therefore fit the normalized number of  
134 cells observed in each recording session to a generalized linear model with arena, freezing  
135 ratio, anisomycin status (acute = 4 hr session, after = Day 1, 2, and 7), experimental group, and  
136 anisomycin status x experimental group as covariates (Methods). Under this framework, we  
137 found a highly significant influence of freezing ratio on active cell number ( $p=2.3 \times 10^{-5}$ ) and a  
138 trend toward fewer active cells for the ANI group at the 4 hour session ( $p=0.056$ ) and following  
139 sessions ( $p=0.094$ ) that did not reach significance (Figure 2D). These results indicate that  
140 reduced locomotion is the primary driver of reduced cell activity observed following anisomycin  
141 administration. To test whether reduced activity resulted from cell death, we injected a separate  
142 cohort of mice with either saline or anisomycin and then performed immunohistochemistry to  
143 stain for apoptosis 4 hours after injection. We found negligible levels of apoptosis overall with no  
144 difference between groups (Figure S4). We also observed no difference in the mean height of  
145 calcium transients (a measure of signal-to-noise ratio) for neurons active before, during, or after  
146 ANI administration, indicating that the observed decrease in the number of active neurons was  
147 not due to differences in  $Ca^{2+}$  levels or depletion of the GCaMP protein (Figure S5D-E). To  
148 confirm that anisomycin administration did not suppress network activities, which was reported

149 for intracranial infusions (but not systemic injections) of protein synthesis inhibitors in  
 150 anesthetized or immobile rodents (Barondes & Cohen, 1966; Sharma et al., 2012; Park et al.,  
 151 2023), we performed extracellular recordings in freely moving rats implanted with a linear probe  
 152 in the CA1 region of the hippocampus following administration of anisomycin. We observed  
 153 preserved theta activity, theta modulation of spiking, and robust sharp wave ripple activity for up  
 154 to 5 hours following anisomycin administration (Figure S5A-C). These observations indicate that  
 155 blocking protein synthesis following learning does not simply abolish all neuronal activity but  
 156 instead acutely accelerates the turnover of cells which may be specifically involved in learning.



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158 **Figure 2: Preventing protein synthesis accelerates cell turnover and stifles learning-related place field remapping.** **A)** Cell  
 159 overlap ratio with Day -2 session, CTRL group. Blue = within shock arena, red = shock v. neutral arena. **B)** Same as A) but for ANI  
 160 group. **C)** Change in overlap ratios from A) and B), dots show values from both arenas for each mouse, \*\* $p=0.00174$  two-sided t-test  
 161 of mean value for each mouse ( $t=4.11$ ,  $n=7$  Ctrl mice and 5 ANI mice). **D)** Number of active neurons observed each day, normalized  
 162 to day -1.  $p=2.e-5$  freeze-ratio, # $p=0.056$  group x 4 hr session interaction,  $p=0.094$  group x after interaction, generalized linear  
 163 model. **E)** and **F)** Example place fields exhibiting learning-related remapping. **E)** Place field in shock arena from Learner mouse.  
 164 (top) Example mouse trajectory (black) with calcium activity (red) overlaid for the same cell from day -2 to -1 in shock arena,  
 165 (bottom) occupancy normalized rate maps for the same cells with warm colors indicating areas of high calcium activity. **F)** Same as  
 166 E) but for Non-Learner mouse in Neutral arena. **G)** and **H)** Example stable place fields. **G)** Same as E) but for a different cell from  
 167 same mouse in the shock arena prior to conditioning. **H)** Same as F) but for a different cell from the same mouse in the neutral  
 168 arena after conditioning. **I)** Place field correlations for all mice before shock (Days -2 and -1), boxplots show population median and  
 169 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means overlaid in dots.  
 170 Dashed line and grey shading show mean and 95% CI of correlations calculated from shuffling cell identify 1000 times between  
 171 sessions. **J)** Same as I) but for Day -1 to Day 1, \* $p=0.0496$ , \*\* $p=0.0034$ . **K)** Same as I) but for Day 1 to Day 2. **L)** Same as I) but for  
 172 Day 2 to Day 7. Statistics for I-L: un-paired one-sided HB test after Bonferroni correction,  $n=10,000$  bootstraps.

173 We next hypothesized that arresting protein synthesis, which disrupts the permanence of newly  
 174 formed place fields (Agnihotri et al., 2004), would likewise impair the long-term stability of CFC-  
 175 related remapping (Moita et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2012). We therefore assessed place field

176 remapping within and across epochs by correlating event rate maps for all neurons active  
177 between two sessions (Figure 2E-L) following administration of anisomycin, compared with  
178 saline. We noticed that place fields recorded in the Learners group exhibited very low across-  
179 session correlations in the neutral arena throughout the experiment (Figure S6), which could  
180 indicate remapping. However, in a separate study, we observed what appeared to be  
181 remapping between two recording sessions, but which was actually a coherent rotation of all  
182 place fields around a singular point (Kinsky et al., 2018), indicative of confusion in an animal's  
183 axis of orientation, such as between west and north (Keinath et al., 2017). Importantly, such  
184 angular disorientation does not impair the ability of mice to identify specific places (Julian et al.,  
185 2015), and between-cell firing relationships are maintained during coherent rotations whereas  
186 they are scrambled following remapping. Coherent rotations match the geometry of the  
187 environment, e.g. producing rotations in 60 degree increments in a triangle versus 90 degrees in  
188 square environments such as our neutral and shock arenas. Therefore, to ensure we were not  
189 mistaking coherent rotations for remapping, we rotated all place field maps from each session in  
190 90 degree increments and used only the orientation that produced the highest correlation  
191 between sessions.

192 We found generally higher correlations compared to using non-rotated maps (Figure 2I-L vs.  
193 Figure S6F), confirming that coherent rotations occurred in many recording sessions. In  
194 particular, place field correlations were high both before learning and after consolidation for all  
195 groups (Figure 2I, K, L and Figure S7), though Learner correlations trended toward lower  
196 stability after shock (Figure 2K, L) which could indicate extinction (Wang et al., 2015). We then  
197 compared place fields between session to assess short-term (Figure S8, 4 hour session to Days  
198 -1 and 1) and long-term (Figure 2J, Day -1 to Day 1) learning-related remapping. In agreement  
199 with previous studies (Moita et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2012), Learner place fields remapped  
200 from Day -1 to Day 1, as indicated by lower correlations in the shock arena compared to the  
201 other groups (Figure 2J, Figure S7B). Interestingly, Non-Learners exhibited lower place map  
202 correlations from Day -1 to Day 1 in the neutral arena compared to the other groups, indicating  
203 paradoxically stable place fields in the shock arena but remapping in the neutral arena (Figure  
204 2J, Figure S7C, Figure S8C). We observed similar results when examining population vector  
205 correlations (Figure S9). If learning causes remapping, this double dissociation indicates that  
206 Non-Learner memory deficits might result from improperly associating the neutral arena with  
207 shock. In contrast, the place maps of mice in the ANI group displayed high correlations in both  
208 arenas across all time points, including after learning (Figure 2I-L, Figure S7E-F). This deficit in  
209 remapping following anisomycin therefore indicates that protein synthesis is required to stabilize  
210 the set of place fields which emerge following learning to support memory consolidation.  
211 Overall, these observations indicate that remapping is necessary for the creation of context-  
212 specific memories and that a lack of remapping, or improperly remapping, may underlie the  
213 memory deficits observed in Non-Learners and in the ANI group.

#### 214 **Coordinated freeze-predictive neural activity emerges following consolidation**

215 In addition to the spatial code, hippocampal neural activity can also reflect non-spatial variables  
216 in a task (McKenzie et al., 2014; Muzzio et al., 2009; Wood et al., 1999). We noticed that, in line  
217 with recent studies (Lee & Han, 2022; Schuette et al., 2020), many hippocampal neurons  
218 reliably produced calcium transients around the time that mice froze (Figure 3A-B, D-F and  
219 S10A-C). We observed similar proportions of peri-freeze tuned cells across all groups and  
220 recording sessions, even before CFC (Figure S10D-E). Examining the +/- 4 seconds around

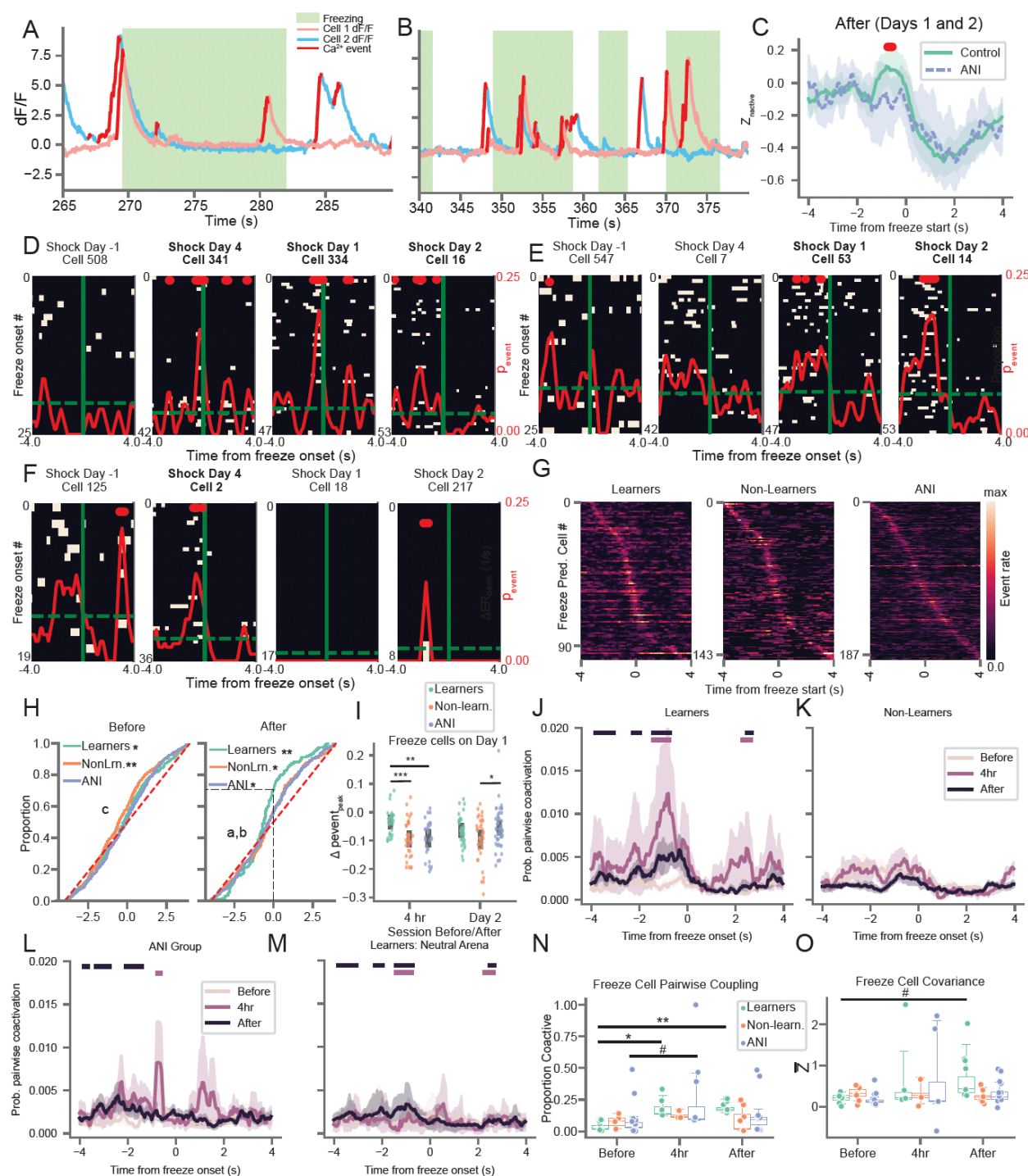
221 freezing events for Days 1-2 (after learning) revealed that population-level neural activity  
222 peaked in the 2 seconds prior to freezing for control mice compared to the ANI group (Figure  
223 3C) but did not differ between Learners and Non-Learners (Figure S10F). This pre-freeze  
224 increase in activity for the CTRL vs. the ANI group was not present before learning or at the 4  
225 hour session (Figure S10L-M). After learning, neurons with significant peri-freeze tuning tiled the  
226 entire +/- 4 seconds around freeze onset (Figure 3G). However, the average peak timing of cells  
227 with significant peri-freeze activity shift shifted to significantly early time points for Learners vs.  
228 Non-Learners and ANI mice after learning (Figure 3H) with ~70% of cells active before freeze  
229 onset. We therefore refer to these neurons as freeze-predictive cells, noting that the predictive  
230 nature of their activity is pronounced in Learners compared to Non-Learners and the ANI group.

231 To quantify the reliability of freeze-predictive tuning within cells, we tracked the peak, peri-  
232 freeze calcium event probability of each freeze cell backwards and forwards in time from the  
233 Day 1 recall session, after putative memory consolidation had occurred. We found that freeze-  
234 predictive cells exhibited much higher tuning stability spanning from the 4 hour recall to the day  
235 1 recall sessions in Learners than did these cells in other groups (Figure 3I). This indicates that  
236 in Learners, reliable freeze-predictive tuning began to emerge between 4 hours and 1 day  
237 following learning and was maintained thereafter (see Figure 3E for exemplar cell). In contrast,  
238 peri-freezing activities in mice from the ANI group and in Non-Learners were more transient and  
239 unreliable during this time span.

240 Next, we investigated whether the higher reliability of freeze-predicting cells in Learners was  
241 related to increased co-activity (see Figure 3A-B) in this neuronal subpopulation by calculating  
242 pairwise coactivation of neurons +/- 4 seconds from freeze onset. We found that pairwise  
243 coactivation increased significantly from 0-2 seconds prior to freezing during the 4 hour and Day  
244 1-2 sessions for Learners but not for Non-Learners or for ANI group mice (Figure 3J-L). We  
245 observed a similar, but much less pronounced, increase for Learners in the Neutral arena for  
246 the after learning recall session (Figure 3M). To account for the overall increase in population-  
247 level activity prior to freezing (Figure 3C), we calculated chance level pairwise coactivation by  
248 shuffling the order of freeze onsets for one cell in each pair 1000 times and determined the  
249 probability that the actual pairwise chance exceeded shuffle for each bin. We found that the  
250 proportion of freeze-predicting cells with significant coactivation (> 3 consecutive bins with  
251 coactivity exceeding 95% of shuffles) increased for Learners, but not Non-Learners or ANI  
252 group mice, from before learning to the 4 hour recall session and before learning to after  
253 learning recall sessions (Figure 3N).

254 We then examined whether we observed similar increases in co-activity in the overall neural  
255 population. To quantify this, we calculated the covariance between all cell pairs. We found that  
256 the covariance of all cell-pairs increased significantly following CFC for Learners for both the 4  
257 hour and after recall sessions (Figure S10H). Furthermore, the observed covariance increase  
258 was not driven by freeze-predictive activity (Figure S10J). We observed a similar increase in  
259 covariance for the ANI group at the 4hr session and a much smaller, but significant, increase  
260 during the after recall sessions (Figure S10H). We observed no such increase for the ANI group  
261 when we excluded freezing times from the covariance calculation (Figure S10I). These  
262 increases were not observed prior to shock in the neutral arena (Figure S10G), suggesting that  
263 the heightened covariance we observed was related to CFC learning. Consistent with our  
264 pairwise coactivity analyses, we found a trend toward increase covariance of freeze-predicting  
265 cells during the after recall sessions for Learners, but not Non-Learners or ANI mice (Figure

266 30). We observed a similar trend in freeze-predicting cell covariance when we downsampled  
 267 the number of freezing events following learning to match that on days -2 and -1 (Figure S10I).



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 269 **Figure 3: Arresting protein synthesis suppresses the development of coordinated freeze-predicting neural activity. A) and**  
 270 **B) Example traces from two freeze-predicting cells which exhibit coordinated activity prior to freezing event during the day 1 memory**  
 271 **recall session in the shock arena. Red = putative spiking activity, pink = cell shown in C, blue = cell shown in E. C) After learning**  
 272 **(Days 1 and 2), z-scored population level calcium activity peaks between 0 and 2 seconds prior to freezing for CTRL relative to the**  
 273 **ANI group. Line/shading = mean +/- 95% CI. Red: bins with  $p < 0.05$ , independent t-test (one-sided,  $n=7$  CTRL mice and 5 ANI**  
 274 **mice). D) and E) Example Learner freeze-predicting cells identified during the 4 hour (D) or day 1 (E) memory test tracked across**



275 sessions. Peri-event calcium activity rasters are centered on freeze onset time (solid green). Dashed green = baseline calcium  
276 event probability, red solid = peri-freeze calcium event probability, bins with  $p < 0.01$  (circular permutation test,  $n=1000$ ) noted with  
277 red bars at top. D/E corresponds to pink/blue cells shown in A-B. Bold = session with significant freeze-tuning. **F)** Same as D and E  
278 but for ANI mouse freeze-predicting cell identified during the 4 hour session. **G)** Peri-freeze calcium event probability for all freeze-  
279 predicting cells detected for each group after learning (Days 1-2), sorted by time of peak activation. **H)** (left) Cumulative distribution  
280 of peak peri-freeze activation times before learning. \* $p=0.49$ , \*\* $p=1e-5$  two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test, c:  $p=0.005$  Non-Learners  
281 v. ANI, 1-sided Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n = 329/458/543$  neurons for Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group) (right) same as left but for  
282 after learning. \* $p < 0.022$ , \*\* $p=2e-7$  two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test. a:  $p=0.022$  Learners v. Non-Learners, b:  $p=0.029$  Learners v.  
283 ANI 1-sided Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n=194/315/366$  neurons for Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group). **I)** Change in peak peri-freeze  
284 calcium event probability for all freeze-predicting cells detected during the Day 1 session and either the 4 hour or Day 2 session.  $p <$   
285  $0.02$  1-way ANOVA each day separately, \* $p=0.02$ , \*\* $p=0.001$ , \*\*\* $p=0.0006$  post-hoc Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n=30/35/29$  4h to Day 1  
286 cells and  $n = 35/37/45$  Day 1 to Day 2 cells for Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group. **J)** Pairwise coactivation probability of all freeze-  
287 predicting cells for Learners during Before, 4 hour, and After sessions in Shock arena. Maroon/Black bars at top indicate significant  
288 increases in coactivation at 4 hour / After time points compared to before,  $p < 0.05$  1-sided Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n= 4$ ). **K)** Same as  
289 J) but for Non-Learners ( $n=3$ ). **L)** Same as K) but for ANI group ( $n= 5$ ). **M)** Same as K) but for Learners in Neutral Arena ( $n=4$ ). **N)**  
290 Proportion of freeze-predictive cells with significant pairwise coactivation compared to chance (trial shuffle). \* $p=4e-8$ , \*\* $p=3.6e-7$ ,  
291 # $p=0.093$ . boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB)  
292 data with session means overlaid in dots. **O)** Freeze-predicting cells exhibit a trend toward increased peri-freeze covariance (z-  
293 scored relative to the Day -2 and -1 covariance values for all cells) for Learners but not Non-Learners or ANI group mice. Mean  
294 covariance of freeze-predictive cells from each session shown. # $p=0.06$ . Statistics for K and O: un-paired one-sided HB test after  
295 Bonferroni correction,  $n=10,000$  shuffles.

296 Finally, we performed additional analyzes focused on the same set of freeze-predictive cells  
297 conditioned on their activity during the Day 1 recall test immediately after putative memory  
298 consolidation was finalized. Freeze-predicting cells identified on the 1 day recall session  
299 displayed a trend toward increased covariance following CFC in Learners but not in Non-  
300 Learners or in the ANI group (Figure S10K). However, these cells did not exhibit increased  
301 covariance during the previous day's 4 hour session, suggesting that even though freeze-  
302 predictive activity begins to emerge immediately following learning, functional cell connections  
303 continue to reorganize up to one day later to form coordinated ensembles. These results  
304 demonstrate that freeze-predictive tuning emerges following learning and continues to take  
305 shape in the ensuing hours until it stabilizes one day later. Importantly, the coordination of these  
306 freeze-predictive cells into neuronal ensembles requires protein synthesis, and they fail to  
307 coactivate under memory consolidation failures.

## 308 Discussion

309 The results of our study provide evidence that HPC spatial and non-spatial representations  
310 support contextual memory formation and consolidation. We first probed how protein-synthesis  
311 influenced learning-related hippocampal dynamics following CFC. We saw that anisomycin  
312 acutely accelerate cell turnover in the 4 hours following learning. In addition to this turnover  
313 acceleration, anisomycin's amnesic effects coincided with a reduction in learning-related  
314 remapping, effectively halting HPC contextual representations in their prior state. This paralleled  
315 the absence of remapping in the shock arena for Non-Learners, providing strong evidence for  
316 the persistence of remapping as a mechanism underlying spatial memory consolidation. Given  
317 that remapping was observed in Learners during this time window, we speculate that arresting  
318 protein synthesis temporarily blocked the formation of new place-fields in the subset of cells that  
319 would otherwise undergo remapping following CFC. By this conjecture, existing synapses were  
320 weakened to enable the formation of new connections between cells, and these new  
321 connections were stifled by anisomycin, diminishing the excitatory drive to these cells to the  
322 point where calcium activity was no longer observable. This idea is resonant with the notion that  
323 more excitable/active neurons are preferentially involved in memory trace formation (Rashid et  
324 al., 2016; Sweis et al., 2021). It also provides an explanation for why we observed accelerated  
325 cell turnover following ANI administration as the cells involved in learning are effectively

326 silenced, allowing for a new set of cells to become active. Reduced activity – which may arise  
327 from non-specific effects of ANI, or the blockage of constitutive protein translation (Scavuzzo et  
328 al., 2019) – could also underlie increased cell turnover. However, our study does not support  
329 this view. Consistent with a recent paper which found that ANI did not silence hippocampal  
330 neuron activity (Park et al., 2023), we did not observe a widespread shutdown of neural activity  
331 as we found that both theta oscillations and sharp-wave ripples were intact in ANI-treated mice.

332 Surprisingly, remapping occurred in untreated mice that exhibited poor memory recall (Non-  
333 Learners); however, this remapping was limited to the neutral arena. This indicates that ANI  
334 induced memory failures and poor learning manifest via the same underlying mechanism – a  
335 failure to remap in the shock arena – but with important differences. ANI impairs memory by  
336 preventing learning-related plasticity which stifles remapping, while poor learning can occur  
337 when the shock is improperly associated with the neutral arena, causing remapping therein. In  
338 line with previous studies, we found that fear conditioning induced place field remapping in  
339 Learners in the shock arena (Wang et al., 2012; Moita et al., 2004). Surprisingly, however, Non-  
340 Learners also exhibited remapping, but in the neutral arena only. If remapping is a neural  
341 substrate for spatial learning, we speculate that this might explain the increased freezing  
342 behavior observed for Non-Learners in the neutral arena: they are improperly associating the  
343 neutral arena with shock. Alternatively, the observed remapping could be an indicator of low  
344 hippocampal engagement during the task, which has been shown to decrease discrimination  
345 between two similar arenas (Wiltgen et al., 2010). However, under either of these situations, we  
346 would also expect to observe remapping in the shock arena since Non-Learners freeze equally  
347 in both contexts. Future studies could shed further light on this phenomenon. Overall, our  
348 findings support the view that the long-term stability of learning-related remapping requires  
349 protein synthesis and underlies CFC memory consolidation.

350 Memory generalization or linking occurs when mice freeze at high levels in a neutral arena. Cai  
351 et al. (2016) demonstrated that exposing mice to two arenas five hours apart compared to  
352 seven days apart increases the likelihood of memory linking. Despite the close temporal  
353 proximity between arena exposures in this experiment, our intent was not to increase contextual  
354 fear memory/generalization. Instead, our protocol was designed to produce a moderate level of  
355 freezing following conditioning, specifically in the shock arena, as too much freezing would  
356 cause insufficient exploration to observe place fields. While close temporal exposure between  
357 the conditioning and neutral arena can increase the likelihood of memory linking, it does not  
358 guarantee it. Many other factors, such as the amount of pre-exposure time (Frankland et al.,  
359 2004) and familiarity with the general experimental procedure can influence contextual memory  
360 generalization. It should also be noted that, even procedures designed specifically to create  
361 linked/generalized memories produce large variability in freezing levels, with many mice  
362 exhibiting low levels of memory linking despite a 5 hour separation between arena exposures  
363 (Shen et al., 2022). In contrast, some mice can exhibit generalized freezing in a neutral arena  
364 which they never seen before (Wiltgen et al., 2010). The observed variability in memory  
365 linking/generalization we observed in our control mice therefore agrees with the high levels of  
366 variability observed in previous studies.

367 Next, we found that a subset of hippocampal cells reliably activated near freezing events during  
368 fear memory recall, consistent with previous reports (Schuette et al., 2020; Mogle et al., 2024).  
369 These cells activities were particularly heightened 1-2 seconds prior to freezing epochs in  
370 animals that exhibited a strong, specific CFC memory but not in the ANI group or untreated

371 mice that exhibited poor memory. The predictive nature of these cells distinguishes them from  
372 previously reported immobility cells which occur primarily in CA2 but also in CA1 (Kay et al.,  
373 2016). We further found that freeze-predictive cells organized into reliable, co-active neuronal  
374 ensembles following learning (Lee & Han, 2022; Rajasethupathy et al., 2015). Importantly, the  
375 covariance of all cells increased incrementally for both ANI and Learner groups at the 4 hour  
376 recall session, a time point at which protein synthesis is not considered to be required for the  
377 induction of (early-phase) long-term potentiation *in vitro* (Frey & Morris, 1997; Nguyen et al.,  
378 1994). However, at later time points, when protein synthesis *is* required to maintain (late-phase)  
379 long-term potentiation (Frey et al., 1993; Nguyen et al., 1994), between-cell covariance  
380 remained high for Learners only, consistent with a recent study demonstrating that the strength  
381 of correlated activity in ventral CA1 neurons responsive to a foot shock predicted the strength of  
382 contextual fear memory retrieval (Jimenez et al., 2020). It is important to note that all Control  
383 mice exhibited heightened calcium activity 1-2 seconds prior to freezing epochs; however,  
384 freeze-predictive neurons exhibited higher stability and coactivity for Learners compared to Non-  
385 Learners and ANI mice. Therefore, in addition to maintaining learning-related synaptic changes  
386 over hours to days, protein synthesis might also be instrumental for producing coordinated firing  
387 of large ensembles of neurons to support memory recall.

388 The synchronous bursts of neuron ensembles we observed prior to freezing may provide a  
389 neuronal basis for memory recall. For example, they could indicate the activation of sharp-wave  
390 ripples (SWRs): transient, high frequency oscillations observable in the hippocamp local field  
391 potential which can facilitate transmitting information throughout the cortex. SWRs are primarily  
392 observed during periods of awake immobility and sleep and are hypothesized support memory  
393 consolidation and planning through reactivation of neuronal activity patterns observed during  
394 learning and active exploration (Buzsáki, 2015). However, SWRs can also occur during periods  
395 of movement; these exploratory SWRs (eSWRs) are posited to strengthen connections between  
396 place cells for reactivation and subsequent stabilization during sleep (O'Neill et al., 2006). In line  
397 with this view, synchronous neuronal activation during eSWRs could strengthen connections  
398 between freeze-predicting cells and stabilize their activity patterns to guide future memory  
399 recall. Alternatively, coordinated activation of these cells could cooccur with other prominent  
400 hippocampal oscillations such as theta or gamma (Colgin, 2016). Whether it occurs with SWRs,  
401 theta, or gamma, coincident firing of freeze-predictive ensembles could be important for guiding  
402 memory recall. In line with this idea, one study demonstrated that synchronous optogenetic  
403 stimulation of engram neurons tagged during learning could artificially reactivate a fear memory  
404 even when normal long-term recall of the fear memory was hindered by arresting protein  
405 synthesis after learning, suggesting that a memory trace still resided in the network (Ryan et al.,  
406 2015). Our findings provide a parsimonious explanation for this previous result by demonstrating  
407 that anisomycin halts the co-activation of freeze-predictive cells, weakening the capacity of  
408 these neurons to transmit behavior-related information to downstream regions through  
409 coincident firing (Lisman, 1997) and impairing their ability to trigger memory recall (Ryan &  
410 Frankland, 2022).

411 Overall, our results provide a bridge between the neuronal activities that underly memory  
412 formation and the protein signaling events that are critical for plastic modification of synapses,  
413 indicating that protein synthesis is necessary for the formation of new stable spatial  
414 representations of an aversive context following learning and for producing coordinated activity  
415 of freeze-predictive neurons.

## 416 Limitations of the study

417 In this study, we casually test how post-learning protein synthesis impacts the neural dynamics  
418 related to contextual memory consolidation and recall in the hippocampus. We find that protein  
419 synthesis is required for place cells to remap following learning and for freeze-predicting  
420 neurons to develop lasting functional connections. We utilized systemic injections of anisomycin  
421 to pharmacologically arrest protein synthesis. While anisomycin has been used for decades to  
422 block memory consolidation and disrupt long-term potentiation, it produces many off target  
423 effects including malaise, which we show in Figure S2, and which could contribute to the  
424 accelerated cell turnover and lower cell activity observed in the ANI group following  
425 administration. Moreover, it lacks temporal, regional, and cell-type specificity. Therefore, we are  
426 unable to determine whether the pharmacologic memory consolidation failure we induce is due  
427 to blocking protein synthesis or due to other, non-specific effects, including an acceleration of  
428 cell turnover or due to disruptive effects in non-hippocampal brain regions. Future studies could  
429 utilize more specific approaches (Shrestha et al., 2020) to disentangle this question.  
430 Nonetheless, this study's finding that anisomycin blocks the coactivity of freeze-predictive cell-  
431 pairs is consistent with previous literature demonstrating that protein synthesis is required to  
432 produce lasting long-term potentiation between different groups of neurons (Frey and Morris,  
433 1997). We also utilize systemic injections rather than local infusions of anisomycin due to  
434 location of a GRIN lens immediately over the hippocampus. The neural and behavioral effects of  
435 anisomycin could therefore be due to disruption of protein synthesis in other, non-hippocampal,  
436 regions. Regardless, our results are consistent with previous behavioral studies using local  
437 hippocampal infusions to block contextual fear memory consolidation and lesion studies  
438 demonstrating that the hippocampus is necessary for contextual fear memory formation and  
439 consolidation (Kim & Fanselow, 1992; Debiec et al., 2002; Rossatto et al., 2007; Ocampo et al.,  
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680 **STAR★Methods**

681 **Key resources table**

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Other		
pAAV (AAV9).Syn.GCaMP6f.WPRE.SV40	Addgene	100837
1 µL syringe	Hamilton	65458-02
Micro Injection pump	WPI	UMP3 + Micro4 Controller
Microendoscope + Data Acquisition Box	Inscopix	V2
1028 ch Recording system	Intan	RHS2000
32 channel headstage	Intan	C3314
32 channel linear probe	NeuroNexus	A1x32-5mm-50-177
32 channel uLED probe	Neurolight	Chronic 32ch Optoelectrode
Recording cable	Intan	Standard SPI cable
Metal microdrive	3D Neuro	R2Drive
Plastic microdrive and rat protective crown	Vöröslakos et al. (2021) <sup>3</sup>	<a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8209229">https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8209229</a>
Software		
Mosaic 1.2 Image Post-processing software	Inscopix	V1.2
nVista Recording software	Inscopix	nVista
OSC1lite Software	This paper	<a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8209373">https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8209373</a>
RHX Recording Software	Intan	RHX
OpenEphys GUI	OpenEphys	GUI
MATLAB	The MathWorks	2019b
TENASPIS: Custom MATLAB code for cell identification and Ca2+ transient extraction	Mau et al. (2018)	<a href="https://github.com/SharpWave/TENASPIS">https://github.com/SharpWave/TENASPIS</a> (v4)
Custom MATLAB code for cell registration and data analysis	Kinsky et al. (2018)	<a href="https://github.com/nkinsky/ImageCamp">https://github.com/nkinsky/ImageCamp</a>
Custom Python code for Ca2+ data analysis	This paper	<a href="https://github.com/nkinsky/Eraser">https://github.com/nkinsky/Eraser</a>

• Python	Python.org	3.9.18
• Numpy	Numpy.org	1.26.3
• Matplotlib	Matplotlib.org	3.8.2
• Seaborn	Seaborn.pydata.org	0.13.2
• Pingouin	Pingouin-stats.org	0.5.4
Custom Python code for electrophysiological data analysis	Kinsky et al. (2024)	<a href="https://github.com/diba-lab/NeuroPy">https://github.com/diba-lab/NeuroPy</a>
• Python	Python.org	3.11.6
• Numpy	Numpy.org	1.24.4
• Matplotlib	Matplotlib.org	3.8.0
• Seaborn	Seaborn.pydata.org	0.13.0
• Pingouin	Pingouin-stats.org	0.5.3

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## 683 Experimental model and study participant details

684 Sixteen (n = 10 controls, 6 anisomycin) male C57/BL6 mice (Jackson Laboratories), age 16 to  
685 22 weeks during behavioral and imaging experiments and weighing 25-32g were used in this  
686 study. Three mice were excluded after performing this study: one mouse after histology  
687 revealed the GRIN lens implant and viral expression to be medial to the intended imaging, while  
688 the other two were excluded due to unstable/overexpression of GCaMP that produced aberrant  
689 calcium activity which emerged toward the end of the experiment. After exclusion of these mice,  
690 we retained 8 mice in the control (CTRL) group and 5 mice in the anisomycin group (ANI) group.  
691 Additionally, behavioral video tracking files for one CTRL mouse were corrupted during  
692 recording during all neutral field recordings from day 0 on: this mouse was excluded from all  
693 analyses which required using behavior in the neutral arena (e.g., place field correlations and  
694 any analyses where the CTRL group was split into Learners and Non-Learners). Mice were  
695 socially housed in a vivarium on a 12 hour light-dark cycle with 1-3 other mice prior to surgery  
696 and were housed singly thereafter. Mice were given free access to food and water throughout  
697 the study. All procedures were performed in compliance with the guidelines of the Boston  
698 University Animal Care and Use Committee.

699 One male Long Evans rat, 10 months old and weighing 480g, and one female Long Evans rat, 5  
700 months old and weighing 240g, were used for the electrophysiological recordings in this study.  
701 Rats were socially housed in a vivarium on an adjusted 12 hour light-dark cycle (lights on at  
702 noon, off at midnight) with 1-3 other rats prior to surgery and given free access to food and  
703 water throughout the study. One week following recovery from the second surgery (see below),  
704 and prior to performing the experiments shown in Figure S5, the second rat was water restricted  
705 and performed a separate set of experiments in which she ran for water reward on a linear track  
706 during which cells were focally inhibited via delivery of light from one of 12  $\mu$ LEDs on the  
707 implanted silicon probe. During water restriction, her health was monitored and she was  
708 weighed daily to ensure she maintained at least 80% of her pre-restriction weight. Following

709 completion of these recordings, the second rat was kept on water restriction while she  
710 performed the experiments outlined below in the “Behavioral Paradigm” section under  
711 administration of saline or anisomycin. All procedures were performed in compliance with the  
712 guidelines of the University of Michigan Animal Care and Use Committee.

## 713 **Method details**

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### 715 **Viral Constructs**

716 For mice experiments we used an AAV9.Syn.GcaMP6f.WPRE.SV40 virus from the University of  
717 Pennsylvania Vector Core/Addgene with an initial titer of  $\sim 4 \times 10^{12}$  GC/mL and diluted it into  
718 sterilized potassium phosphate buffered saline (KPBS) to a final titer of  $\sim 2\text{-}4 \times 10^{12}$  GC/mL for  
719 injection.

720 For rat experiments, we used an pGP.AAV9.Syn.GcaMP7f.WPRE.SV40 virus from the  
721 University of Pennsylvania Vector Core/Addgene with an initial titer of  $2.6 \times 10^{13}$  GC/mL and  
722 diluted it into sterilized phosphate buffered saline (PBS) to a final titer of  $2.6 \times 10^{12}$  GC/mL for  
723 injection. Due to poor expression no imaging was performed.

### 724 **Stereotactic Surgery**

725 We performed two stereotactic surgeries and one base-plate implant on naïve mice, aged 3-8  
726 months, according to previously published procedures (Kinsky et al., 2018; Resendez et al.,  
727 2016). Both surgeries were performed under 1-2% isoflurane mixed with oxygen. Mice were  
728 given 0.05mL/kg buprenorphine (Buprenex) for analgesia (subcutaneously, SC), 5.0mL/kg of  
729 the anti-inflammatory drug Rimadyl (Pfizer, SC), and 400mL/kg of the antibiotic Cefazolin  
730 (Pfizer, SC) immediately after induction. They were carefully monitored to ensure they never  
731 dropped below 80% of their pre-operative weight during convalescence and received the same  
732 dosage of Buprenex, Cefazolin, and Rimadyl twice daily for three days following surgery. In the  
733 first surgery, a small craniotomy was performed at AP -2.0, ML +1.5 (right) and 250nL of  
734 GcaMP6f virus (at the titer noted below) was injected 1.5mm below the brain surface at  
735 40nL/min using a 1 $\mu$ L Hamilton syringe and infusion pump. The needle remained in place a  
736 minimum of 10 minutes after the infusion finished at which point it was slowly removed, the  
737 mouse’s scalp was sutured, and the mouse was removed from anesthesia and allowed to  
738 recover.

739 3-4 weeks after viral infusion, mice underwent second surgery to attach a gradient index (GRIN)  
740 lens (GRINtech, 1mm x 4mm). After performing an  $\sim 2$ mm craniotomy around the implant area,  
741 we carefully aspirated cortex using blunted 25ga and 27ga needles under constant irrigation  
742 with cold, sterile saline until we visually identified the medial-lateral striations of the corpus  
743 callosum. We carefully removed these striations using a blunted 31ga needle while leaving the  
744 underlying anterior-posterior striations intact, after which we applied gelfoam for 5-10 minutes to  
745 stop any bleeding. We then lowered the GRIN lens to 1.1mm below bregma. Note that this  
746 entailed pushing down  $\sim 50\text{-}300\mu\text{m}$  to counteract brain swelling during surgery. We then applied  
747 Kwik-Sil (World Precision Instruments) to provide a seal between skull and GRIN lens and then  
748 cemented the GRIN lens in place with Metabond (Parkell), covered it in a layer of Kwik-Cast  
749 (World Precision Instruments), and then removed the animal from anesthesia and allowed him

750 to recover after removing any sharp edges remaining from dried Metabond with a dental drill  
751 and providing any necessary sutures.

752 Finally, after ~2-4 weeks we performed a procedure in which the mouse was put under  
753 light anesthesia to attach a base plate for easy future attachment of a miniature epifluorescence  
754 microscope (Ghosh et al., 2011, Inscopix, Inc.). Importantly, no tissue was cut during this  
755 procedure. After induction, we attached the base plate to the camera via a set screw, set the  
756 camera's focus level at ~1/3 from the bottom of its range, and carefully lowered the camera  
757 objective and aligned it to the GRIN lens by eye, and visualized fluorescence via nVistaHD until  
758 we observed clear vasculature and putative cell bodies expressing GcaMP6f (Resendez et al.,  
759 2016). To counteract downward shrinking during curing, we then raised the camera up ~50µm  
760 before applying Flow-It ALC Flowable Composite (Pentron) between the underside of the  
761 baseplate and the cured Metabond on the mouse's skull. After light curing, we applied opaque  
762 Metabond over the Flow-It ALC epoxy to the sides of the baseplate to provide additional  
763 strength and to block ambient light infiltration. Mice were allowed to recover for several days  
764 prior to habituation to camera attachment and performance of the behavioral task outlined  
765 below. In the event that we did not observe clear vasculature and cell bodies when we first  
766 visualized fluorescence we covered the GRIN lens with Kwik-Cast and removed the mouse from  
767 anesthesia without attaching the baseplate. We then waited an additional week and repeated  
768 the steps above.

769 For rats, we performed two surgeries in a similar manner as described above for mice.  
770 However, rats were administered pre-operative and post-operative Meloxicam orally for  
771 analgesia (in lieu of Buprenex) and triple-antibiotic was applied locally (in lieu of Cefazolin  
772 injections) to the incision at the end of surgery. Meloxicam was additionally administered for two  
773 days post-surgery during recovery, and animals were monitored daily for a minimum of seven  
774 days during recovery. 0.4mL of a lidocaine/bupivacaine cocktail were given under the scalp to  
775 provide local anesthesia at the incision site. In the first surgery, 1000nL of GCaMP7f virus was  
776 infused in the prelimbic cortex at the center of a 1mm craniotomy (AP + 2.9, ML + 3.6, from  
777 Bregma, DV -3.0 at an 18 degree angle from top of brain). Following infusion, ~1.5 mm of  
778 overlying cortex was removed and a 23ga needle was lowered to ~500µm above the target site.  
779 Then, a 0.6 x 7 mm GRIN lens was lowered to 3.0mm below the top of the brain, the area  
780 between the skull and lens was sealed with Kwik-Sil, and the lens was affixed to the skull with  
781 Vivid-Flow light-curable composite (Pearson Dental) and Metabond (Parkell). The lens was then  
782 covered in Kwik-Sil for protection. During this surgery, ground and reference screws were also  
783 placed over the cerebellum and a 3d printed crown base was attached to the rat's skull  
784 (Vöröslakos et al., 2021) to which crown walls and top were connected and to further protect the  
785 lens and future microdrive/probe implant. The rat was screened for fluorescence 8-12 weeks  
786 later, but no cell dynamics were observed so no imaging equipment was implanted for this rat.

787 16 weeks later, the rat was again given pre-operative Meloxicam and anesthetized under  
788 isoflurane for probe implant (Kinsky et al., 2023). The crown walls were removed and a 1.0mm  
789 craniotomy was performed at AP-4.8, ML+3.6 from bregma. After removing dura and stopping  
790 bleeding with cold, sterile saline, a NeuroNexus A1x32-5mm-50-177 probe, attached to a metal  
791 microdrive, was implanted at 2.3 mm below the brain surface and the metal drive base was  
792 attached to the skull with Unifast light cured dental epoxy (Henry-Schein). The craniotomy was  
793 sealed with Dow-Sil, the probe was protected with dental wax, and the ground and reference  
794 wires were connected to the probe electronic interface board (EIB). The crown walls were re-

795 attached, the EIB was connected to the crown walls, and the rat was removed from isoflurane  
796 and allowed to recovery. The rat was monitored daily for 7 days prior to recording, during which  
797 the probe was lowered ~1mm until sharp wave ripples and spiking activity were visualized  
798 indicating localization of the probe in the CA1 cell layer. Full details including videos  
799 demonstrating the implant process are also documented in Kinsky et al., (2023).

## 800 **Histology procedures**

801 Hippocampal slices were prepared following extraction from mice in accordance with the  
802 standard methods and guidelines of the Boston University Animal Care and Use Committee. In  
803 brief, mice were euthanized with Euthasol (Virbac), transcardially perfused with  
804 paraformaldehyde (PFA), and decapitated. Following extraction, brains were placed in PFA for  
805 approximately 48 hours before undergoing sectioning. Brains that were sliced using a Cryostat  
806 underwent an additional step of sucrose cryoprotection and subsequent freezing in -80C. Brains  
807 were mounted to the slicing platform using Tissue Tek O. C. T. (Sakura) and kept at -30C  
808 throughout sectioning. 50µm slices were collected across the entire aspiration site in the dorsal  
809 hippocampus region. Brains that were sliced using a vibratome were stabilized using super glue  
810 and submerged in 1% PBS. A Leica VT1000 S vibratome was equipped with a platinum coated  
811 double edged blade (Electron Microscopy Sciences , Cat. #72003-01) and set to a maximal  
812 speed of 0.9mm/s for collecting 50 µm slices. Slices prepared from both the cryostat and  
813 microtome were directly mounted onto (type of slides go here) and cover-slipped using DAPI  
814 following sectioning. No histology was performed in the rat study.

815 For cell death (apoptosis) experiments, adult male mice weighing 20.1-25g were injected with  
816 either anisomycin (150mg/kg, IP, ~0.11mL) or saline (IP, ~0.11mL) and perfused 4hr later with  
817 PBS followed by 4% paraformaldehyde. Brain tissue was removed and fixed for 48hr in PFA.  
818 Fixed tissue was sliced into 50µm thick free-floating sections and stored into 0.01% azide.  
819 Tissue was sliced coronally (50um thickness) on a vibratome and stained using Biosensis  
820 (Ready-to-Dilute) Fluoro-Jade C (FJC) staining kit. Hippocampal sections were selected and  
821 mounted on charged slides and left to dry overnight for proper adhesion. Following kit  
822 instructions, slides incubated in a coplin jar with 9 parts of 80% ethanol and 1 part of sodium  
823 hydroxide for 5 minutes. Slides were then rinsed in 70% ethanol for 2 minutes followed by 2  
824 minutes in distilled water. To minimize background fluorescence, slides were submerged in 9  
825 part distilled water and 1 part potassium permanganate for 5 minutes, followed by 2 x 2 minute  
826 rinses in distilled water. Slides were then incubated in 9 parts distilled water and 1 part FJC in  
827 the dark for 15 minutes, followed by 3 x 1 minute rinses in distilled water. Finally, tissue dried for  
828 10-20 minutes before being submerged in xylene for 10 minutes and mounted with DPX.  
829 Fluorescence was visualized using a confocal microscope.

## 830 **Behavioral Paradigm**

831 Prior to surgery mice were handled to habituate them subsequent camera attachment. 3-7 days  
832 following base plate attachment surgery we conditioned mice to the imaging procedures by  
833 further handling them for 5-10 minutes for a minimum three days. During this handling a plastic  
834 “dummy” microscope (Inscopix) of approximately the same size/weight as the imaging camera  
835 was attached to each mouse’s head and remained on his head for 1-2 hours in his home cage.  
836 When it became easy to attach the scope to the mouse’s head a real imaging miniscope was  
837 attached to head and an optimal focus plane chosen. We then recorded three 5 minute imaging  
838 videos at this focus and +/- ¼ turn (~25µm) in the mouse’s home cage. These movies were

839 processed as described in the Image Acquisition and Processing section and an optimal zoom  
840 was chosen based on whichever focus plane maximized cell yield and produced clear looking  
841 cell bodies. Animals were then placed in a novel environment with a different size and shape  
842 compared to the experimental environments for a 10 minute session to habituate them to the  
843 general experimental outline and ensure that they explored novel arenas.

844 Following habituation to the imaging procedures mice performed a contextual fear  
845 conditioning (CFC) task with simultaneous imaging of hippocampus neurons over the course of  
846 10 days. Note that all recording sessions are referred to by their time relative to applying the  
847 mild foot-shock and the arena in which the recording occurred: e.g., Shock Day -2 occurred in  
848 the shock arena two days prior to foot-shock while Neutral 4 hours occurred four hours after  
849 foot-shock in the neutral arena. A typical day (Days -2, -1, 1, 2, and 7) consisted of two separate  
850 10 minute recording blocks/sessions: one in the Neutral arena and one in the shock arena. Mice  
851 first explored a square (neutral) arena, placed in the center of a well-lit room, for 10 minutes.  
852 The neutral arena was a square constructed of 3/8" plywood (25cm x 25cm x 15 cm), which was  
853 painted yellow with sealable paint. Additionally, one wall was painted with black horizontal  
854 stripes for visual orientation purposes. The neutral arena was wiped down with 70% ethanol ~10  
855 minutes prior to recording. After 10 minutes of exploration the experimenter took the mouse out  
856 of the arena, leaving the miniscope camera on their head and placed the mouse in its home  
857 cage on a moveable cart upon which it was immediately transported down a short hallway to  
858 second room. Therefore, the time between the end of the neutral and shock arena recordings  
859 was approximately five minutes.

860 The second room was dimly lit and contained the fear conditioning (shock) arena. The  
861 shock arena (Coulbourn Instruments, Whitehall, PA, USA) consisted of metal-panel side walls,  
862 Plexiglas front and rear walls, and a stainless-steel grid floor composed of 16 grid bars (22cm x  
863 22cm). Following 10 minutes of exploration of the shock arena, mice were removed from the  
864 arena, the camera was removed, and mice were returned to their home cage. Both arenas were  
865 wiped down with 70% ethanol ~10min prior to recording to eliminate any odor cues. Note that  
866 mice always explored the neutral arena first and the shock arena second. For the Day 0  
867 sessions, mice first explored the neutral arena for 10 minutes and were transported to the shock  
868 arena as usual. However, during this session (Shock Day 0) the mouse was immediately given  
869 a single 0.25mA shock and allowed to explore the arena for an additional 60 seconds only  
870 before being removed and returned to his cage. Efficacy of shock was confirmed post-hoc by  
871 eye by the presence of jumping/darting behavior immediately post-shock. The 4 hour session  
872 was identical to the Day -2, 1, 1, 2, and 7 sessions. With the exception of the 4 hour session, all  
873 recording sessions were performed in the first half of the mouse's life cycle while the 4 hour  
874 session occurred in the second half of the light cycle.

875 On day zero, after the camera was removed and prior to returning to their home cage, mice  
876 received an intraperitoneal injection of either anisomycin (150 mg/kg, Sigma-Aldrich A9789) or  
877 the equivalent amount of vehicle. After injection, they were returned to their cage for 4 hours  
878 until the next recording session began.

879 Following extensive habituation to a rest box during the seven day recovery period, rat neural  
880 activity and behavior was recorded across ~ 5 hours. Following a 15-30 minute baseline  
881 recording (PRE) in the rest box, the animal was given an I.P. injection of anisomycin and then  
882 immediately placed on a novel linear track which he explored for 45 minutes (TRACK). The rat  
883 was then placed back into the rest box for 3.5 hours (POST). Following that, the animal was



884 placed on a second novel track for 45 minutes (TRACK2) followed by a brief recording in the  
885 rest box (POST2). The second rat underwent a similar procedure, except that there was a 2  
886 hour POST recording prior to the TRACK recording and no POST2 recording. Similar  
887 procedures were followed the day before and after anisomycin injection but using saline for  
888 injection instead of anisomycin. Data was acquired continuously throughout with the exceptions  
889 of periodic cable disconnections to perform the I.P. injection, start a new recording epoch, and  
890 disconnect/reconnect cables that became twisted.

## 891 **Anisomycin**

892 For mice recordings, 25 mg of anisomycin (Sigma Aldrich) was dissolved into 50  $\mu$ L of 6N HCl  
893 and 500  $\mu$ L of 1.8%NaCl.  $\sim$ 125  $\mu$ L of 1N NaOH was then added to the solution followed by 0.1-  
894 0.5  $\mu$ L of 1N NaOH, testing pH after each addition until a final pH of 7.0 to 7.5 was reached, with  
895 a final concentration of 24-27 mg/mL. In the case that pH rose above 7.5 during titration and  
896 and/or the anisomycin went back into precipitate, small amounts (10-20  $\mu$ L) of 6N HCl were  
897 added until particles were no longer visible and the titration with 1N NaOH was restarted. Mice  
898 were administered 150mg/kg of anisomycin solution via intraperitoneal injection, or  $\sim$ 0.15-  
899 0.18mL for a typical 30g mouse.

900 For rat recordings, 100mg of anisomycin was dissolved into 1.6mL of 0.1N HCl (in 0.9% saline).  
901  $\sim$ 240  $\mu$ L of 1N HCl was added, then 10-12  $\mu$ L of NaOH was added in 1-2  $\mu$ L amounts, testing  
902 pH between each step until a pH of 7-7.5 was reached. 0.9% Saline was then added until the  
903 appropriate concentration was reached to inject 1.5mL of anisomycin at 150mg/kg. In one rat  
904 (Rat1 in Figure S5), due to a small amount of waste, the final amount injected corresponded to  
905 100 mg/kg.

## 906 **Quantification and statistical analysis**

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### 908 **Behavioral Tracking and Fear Metrics**

909 We utilized two different camera/software configurations for tracking animal behavior. Both  
910 configurations generated a TTL pulse at the beginning of behavioral tracking to synchronize with  
911 image acquisition. We utilized Cineplex software (v2, Plexon) to track animal location at 30Hz in  
912 the neutral arena. We used FreezeFrame (Actimetrics) to track animal location in the shock  
913 arena at 3.75Hz. Animal location was obtained post-hoc via custom-written, freely available  
914 Python software ([www.github.com/wmau/FearReinstatement](http://www.github.com/wmau/FearReinstatement)). We observed inconsistent frame  
915 rates and inaccurate acquisition of behavioral video frames for one mouse in the neutral arena  
916 during the day 0, 4 hour, and day 1-2 sessions. These sessions were excluded from analysis.

917 Freezing was calculated by first downsampling neutral position data to 3.75 Hz to match the  
918 sample rate used in the shock arena. We then identified freezing epochs as any periods of 10  
919 consecutive frames (2.67 seconds) or more where the mouse's velocity was less than  
920 1.5cm/second.

### 921 **Neural Discrimination**

922 We evaluated the extent to which each animal's behavior reflected the expression of a context-  
923 specific fear memory through a behavioral discrimination index ( $DI_{beh}$ ), calculated as follows:

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$$DI_{beh} = \frac{Frz_{Neutral} - Frz_{Shock}}{Frz_{Neutral} + Frz_{Shock}}$$

925 Where  $Frz_{Neutral}$  and  $Frz_{Shock}$  are the percentages of time spent freezing in the neutral and shock  
926 arenas, respectively. Thus, a negative  $DI_{beh}$  value indicated more freezing behavior in the shock  
927 arena (indicating successful encoding of a context-specific fear memory), a positive  $DI_{beh}$  value  
928 indicated more freezing behavior in the neutral arena, and a  $DI_{beh}$  value around zero indicated  
929 equal/low freezing behavior in each arena (indicating the formation of a non-specific or weak  
930 fear memory).

### 931 **Imaging Acquisition and Processing**

932 Brain imaging data was obtained using nVista HD (Inscopix) at 720 x 540 pixels and a 20 Hz  
933 sample rate. Note that imaging data for one mouse was obtained at 10 Hz. Prior to  
934 neuron/calcium event identification we first pre-processed each movie using Inscopix Imaging  
935 Suite (Inscopix) software. Preprocessing entailed three steps a) motion corrections, and b)  
936 cropping the motion-corrected movie to eliminate any dead pixels or areas with no calcium  
937 activity, and c) extracting a minimum projection of the pre-processed movie for later neuron  
938 registration. We did not analyze one imaging session in which we had to reconnect the camera  
939 cable mid-session and could not synchronize the imaging data with behavioral data. Maximum  
940 projections of imaging movies were made using the Inscopix Imaging Suite or custom-written  
941 functions based off of an open-source MATLAB library (Muir & Kampa, 2015).

### 942 **Electrophysiological Recordings**

943 Data was acquired using an Intan 1028 channel recording system through OpenEphys software  
944 into binary format and behavior was tracked using Optitrack high resolution cameras and Motive  
945 image acquisition software.

### 946 **Data Analysis**

947 Data analysis was performed in both Python and MATLAB software. Python analysis code is  
948 available at <https://github.com/nkinsky/Eraser>.

### 949 **Spike sorting and analysis**

950 Electrophysiological recordings were automatically clustered using SpyKING CIRCUS software  
951 (Yger et al., 2018) and units were manually curated in phy (<https://github.com/cortex-lab/phy/>).  
952 Units were grouped into single units if they exhibited a clear refractory period and were well-  
953 isolated from other putative spikes. Other units which exhibited a clear waveform but were either  
954 poorly isolated or exhibited refractory period violations were classified as multi-unit activity  
955 (MUA). All single units and MUA were combined and cross-correlograms for the combined  
956 activity were created for each epoch of the recording separately.

### 957 **Tenaspis**

958 Neuron regions-of-interest (ROIs) and calcium events were identified using a custom written,  
959 open source algorithm employed in MATLAB 2016b called A Technique for Extracting Neural  
960 Activity from Single Photon Neural Image Sequences (Tenaspis) (Mau et al., 2018). This  
961 procedure was comprehensively documented in Kinsky et al., 2018:

962 “Tenaspis is open-source and available at: <https://github.com/SharpWave/TENASPIS>. First,  
963 Tenaspis filters each calcium imaging movie with a band-pass filter per (Kitamura et al., 2015)  
964 to accentuate the separation between overlapping calcium events. Specifically, Tenaspis  
965 smooths the movie with a 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  disk filter and divides it by another movie smoothed with a  
966 23.6  $\mu\text{m}$  disk filter. Second, it adaptively thresholds each imaging frame to identify separable  
967 pockets of calcium activity, designated as blobs, on each frame. Blobs of activity are accepted  
968 at this stage of processing only if they approximate the size and shape of a mouse hippocampal  
969 neuron, as measured by their radius (min =  $\sim 6\mu\text{m}$ , max =  $\sim 11\mu\text{m}$ ), the ratio of long to short axes  
970 (max = 2), and solidity (min = 0.95), a metric used by the *regionprops* function of MATLAB we  
971 employ to exclude jagged/strange shaped blobs. Third, Tenaspis strings together blobs on  
972 successive frames to identify potential calcium transients and their spatial activity patterns.  
973 Fourth, Tenaspis searches for any transients that could result from staggered activity of two  
974 neighboring neurons. It rejects any transients whose centroid travels more than 2.5 $\mu\text{m}$  between  
975 frames and whose duration is less than 0.20 seconds. Fifth, Tenaspis identifies the probable  
976 spatial origin of each transient by constructing putative regions-of-interest (ROIs), defined as all  
977 connected pixels that are active on at least 50% of the frames in the transient. Sixth, Tenaspis  
978 creates initial neuron ROIs by merging putative transient ROIs that are discontinuous in time but  
979 occur in the same location. Specifically, it first attempts to merge all ROIs whose centroids are  
980 less than a distance threshold of  $\sim 0.6\mu\text{m}$  from each other. In order to merge two transient ROIs,  
981 the two-dimensional Spearman correlation between the ROIs must yield  $r^2 > 0.2$  and  $p < 0.01$ .  
982 Tenaspis then successively increases the distance threshold and again attempts to merge ROIs  
983 until no more valid merges occur (at a distance threshold of  $\sim 3\mu\text{m}$ , typically). Seventh, Tenaspis  
984 integrates the fluorescence value of each neuron ROI identified in the previous step across all  
985 frames to get that neuron’s calcium trace, and then identifies putative spiking epochs for each  
986 neuron. Specifically, it first identifies the rising epochs of any transients identified in earlier  
987 steps. Then, it attempts to identify any missed transients as regions of the calcium trace that  
988 have a) a minimum peak amplitude  $> 1/3$  of the transients identified in step 3, b) a high  
989 correlation ( $p < 0.00001$ ) between active pixels and the pixels of the average neuron ROI  
990 identified in step 6, and b) a positive slope lasting at least 0.2 seconds. Last, Tenaspis searches  
991 for any neuron ROIs that overlap more than 50% and whose calcium traces are similar and  
992 merges their traces and ROIs.”

### 993 **Between Session Neuron Registration**

994 We utilized custom-written, freely available MATLAB code (available at  
995 <https://github.com/nkinsky/ImageCamp>) to perform neuron registration across sessions in  
996 accordance with previous results (Kinsky et al., 2018). The details of this procedure described in  
997 Kinsky et al. (2018) are reproduced here:

998 “Neuron registration occurred in two steps: session registration and neuron registration.

999 *Session registration* – Prior to mapping neurons between sessions, we determined how  
1000 much the imaging window shifted between sessions. In order to isolate consistent features of  
1001 the imaging plane for each mouse (such as vasculature or coagulated blood), we created a  
1002 minimum projection of all of the frames of the motion-corrected and cropped brain imaging  
1003 movie for each recording session. One session (“registered session”) was then registered to a  
1004 base session using the “imregtform” function from the MATLAB Image Processing Toolbox,  
1005 assuming a rigid geometric transform (rotation and translation only) between images, and the  
1006 calculated transformation object was saved for future use.

1007 *Neuron Registration* – Next, each ROI in the registered session was transformed to its  
1008 corresponding location in the base session. Each neuron in the base session was then mapped  
1009 to the neuron with the closest center-of-mass in the registered session, unless the closest  
1010 neuron exceeded our maximum distance threshold of 3 pixels (3.3  $\mu\text{m}$ ). In this case the base  
1011 session neuron was designated to map to no other neurons in the registered session. If, due to  
1012 high density of neurons in a given area, we found that multiple neurons from the base session  
1013 mapped to the same neuron in the registered session, we then calculated the spatial correlation  
1014 (Spearman) between each pair of ROIs and designated the base session ROI with the highest  
1015 correlation as mapping to the registered session ROI.

1016 For multiple session registrations, the same procedure as above was performed for each  
1017 session in two different ways. First, we registered each session directly to the first session in the  
1018 experiment and updated ROI locations/added new ROIs to set of existing ROIs with each  
1019 registration. This helped account for slight day-to-day drift in neurons ROIs due to shifts in  
1020 vasculature, build-up of fluid underneath the viewing window, creep/shrinkage of dental cement,  
1021 etc. Second, to ensure that neuron ROIs did not drift excessively across sessions we also  
1022 performed all the above steps but did NOT update ROI locations allowing us to register each set  
1023 of ROIs to those furthest away chronologically. The resulting mappings were then compared  
1024 across all sessions, and any neuron mappings that differed between the two methods (e.g.,  
1025 ROIs that moved excessively across the duration of the experiment) were excluded from  
1026 analysis. Those that remained in the same location were included.”

1027 The procedure to assess the quality of across session registration was described in  
1028 Kinsky et al. (2018) and is reproduced here: “We checked the quality of neuron registration  
1029 between each session-pair in two ways: 1) by plotting the distribution of changes in ROI  
1030 orientations between session and comparing it to chance, calculated by shuffling neuron identity  
1031 between session 1000 times, and 2) plotting ROIs of all neurons between two sessions and  
1032 looking for systematic shifts in neuron ROIs that could lead to false negatives/positives in the  
1033 registration.” All session-pairs (except those few in which we could not synchronize imaging  
1034 and behavioral data as noted above) met the above two criteria and were thus included in our  
1035 analysis.

1036 Cells that had calcium activity in the first session (neutral arena) for which we did not identify a  
1037 matching neuron in the second session (shock arena) were classified as OFF cells. Likewise,  
1038 neurons active in the shock arena with no matching partner in the neutral arena were classified  
1039 as ON cells.

1040 All neuron registrations were cross validated by overlaying ROIs from each session and  
1041 evaluating their match by eye. In a few cases, we noticed erroneous registrations and adjusted  
1042 our between-session neuron alignment by calculating the rigid geometric transformation using  
1043 4-5 cell ROIs active in both sessions. Figure S11 provides examples of our between-session  
1044 neuron registration results and quantification procedures.

#### 1045 **Neural Discrimination Metrics**

1046 The extent to which gross hippocampal ensemble activity differed between arenas was  
1047 calculated in two ways. First, we calculated the proportion of cells that turned ON and OFF  
1048 between arenas divided by the total number of cells active in either arena.

1049 Next, we calculated the extent to which each neuron active in both arenas distinguished  
1050 between arenas by changing its event rate in a manner analogous to  $DI_{beh}$ . However, we took  
1051 the absolute value to account for the fact that both positive and negative event rate changes  
1052 could reflect neural differentiation between arenas. Then, we took the mean across all neurons  
1053 to obtain a neural discrimination index ( $DI_{Neuron}$ ):

$$1054 \quad DI_{Neuron} = \left| \frac{ER_{Neutral} - ER_{Shock}}{ER_{Neutral} + ER_{Shock}} \right|$$

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### 1056 **Generalized Linear Model (GLM) to Assess anisomycin effects on the number of active** 1057 **cells**

1058 All GLM analyses were performed using the *GLM* function in the Python *statsmodels* package.  
1059 The dependent variable was the number of neurons recorded in each session, normalized to the  
1060 amount recorded on Day -2. Covariates included were a constant/intercept term, group (ANI  
1061 vs. CTRL), arena (Shock vs. Neutral), anisomycin stage (acute = 4 hour, after = Days 1, 2, and  
1062 7), freezing ratio, and two interaction terms: group x acute and group x after. The GLM was fit  
1063 assuming a gaussian distribution with the identify link function and using the iteratively  
1064 reweighted least squares method.

### 1065 **Placefield Analysis**

1066 Calcium transients occurring when the mouse was running greater than or equal to  
1067 1.5cm/second were spatially binned (1cm by 1cm) and occupancy normalized following which  
1068 place fields were identified and quantified in a manner similar to Kinsky et al. (2018),  
1069 reproduced here:

1070 “Spatial mutual information (SI) was computed from the following equations, adapted from  
1071 (Olypher et al., 2003)

$$1072 \quad I_{pos}(x_i) = \sum_{k=0}^1 P_{k|x_i} \log \left( \frac{P_{k|x_i}}{P_k} \right)$$

$$1073 \quad SI = \sum_{i=1} P_{x_i} I_{pos}(x_i)$$

1074 where:

- 1075 -  $P_{x_i}$  is the probability the mouse is in pixel  $x_i$
- 1076 -  $P_k$  is the probability of observing  $k$  calcium events (0 or 1)
- 1077 -  $P_{k|x_i}$  is the conditional probability of observing  $k$  calcium events in pixel  $x_i$ .

1078 The SI was then calculated 1000 times using shuffled calcium event timestamps, and a neuron  
1079 was classified as a place cell if it 1) had at least 5 calcium transients during the session, and 2)  
1080 the neuron’s SI exceeded 95% of the shuffled SIs...We defined the extent of a place field as all  
1081 connected occupancy bins whose smoothed event rate exceeded 50% of the peak event rate  
1082 occupancy bin.”

1083 Since spatial mutual information is biased by the number of samples (Olypher et al., 2003), we  
1084 re-sampled the behavioral tracking data to match that of the imaging data (20Hz). This required  
1085 up-sampling the shock arena data (3.75Hz->20Hz) and down sampling the neutral arena data  
1086 (30Hz->20Hz).

1087 Placefield similarity between sessions was assessed by first smoothing the 2-d occupancy  
1088 normalized event rate maps with a gaussian kernel (2.5cm std), flattening the smoothed maps  
1089 into a vector, and then performing a Spearman correlation between all neurons active in both  
1090 sessions. To quantify chance-level place field similarity we randomly shuffled the mapping  
1091 between neurons from the first to the second session before performing the Spearman  
1092 correlation. We then repeated this procedure 100 times.

1093 To assess the possibility that the configuration of place fields rotated together coherently  
1094 between sessions (Kinsky et al., 2018), we again performed a Spearman correlation but after  
1095 rotating the 2-d occupancy map in the second session 90 degrees. Since, due to small camera  
1096 distortions, some 2-d occupancy maps were not square, on some occasions we resized  
1097 (minimally) the second map to match the size/shape of the first map using the reshape function  
1098 in Python's *numpy* package prior to correlate the two maps. We repeated this in successive 90  
1099 degree increments and then took the mean correlation of all neurons that were active in both  
1100 sessions to determine the optimal/"best" rotation of the place field map as that which maximized  
1101 the correlation between sessions.

1102 We also performed a "center-out" rotation analysis to assess coherent place field rotations  
1103 between sessions. First, the angle to the pixel with the maximum occupancy normalized event  
1104 rate was identified for each cell. Second, this angle was recalculated for the same cell in a  
1105 different session in the same box. These two angles were subtracted to get the "center-out"  
1106 rotation between sessions. Sessions which exhibited a coherent rotation displayed a peak in a  
1107 histogram of center-out angles at 0, 90, 180, or 270 degrees, while sessions which exhibited  
1108 global remapping exhibited a uniform distribution of rotation angles.

### 1109 **Freeze-predicting Cell Analysis**

1110 Freeze onset and offset times were first identified for each mouse/session as noted in the  
1111 *Behavioral Tracking and Fear Metrics* section above. We then formed calcium event rasters  
1112 using the neural activity for each cell +/- 4 seconds from freeze onset, organizing the data into a  
1113 *nfreeze\_onsets x ntime\_bins* array. We then summed this raster along the 0<sup>th</sup> dimension to get  
1114 a freeze tuning curve. To calculate significance, we randomly, circularly shifted the putative  
1115 spiking activity for a cell and calculated a shuffled tuning curve in a similar manner to the actual  
1116 data. We repeated this procedure 1000 times, and calculated significance for each time bin as  
1117 the number of shuffles where the shuffled tuning exceeded the actual tuning curve divided by  
1118 1000. Last, we designated cells as significantly freeze-tuned if they had 3 or more bins with  $p <$   
1119 0.01 and were active on at least 25% of freezing events.

### 1120 **Covariance Analysis**

1121 Putative spiking activity for each cell was first binned into 0.5 second windows and z-scored  
1122 after binning, forming a *ncells x nbins* array. The covariance of this array was then calculated  
1123 using the *cov* function in *numpy*, returning a *ncells x ncells* array. For between-session  
1124 comparisons, cells active in both sessions were registered and a new array was formed with the  
1125 base (1<sup>st</sup>) session covariance in the lower diagonal and the registered (2<sup>nd</sup>) session in the upper

1126 diagonal. All entries along the main diagonal were ignored. This analysis was also performed  
1127 including only peri-freeze times (to assess peri-freeze covariance), after randomly  
1128 downsampling the number of freeze epochs to match the average from days -2 and -1 (to  
1129 control for increased sampling on days 1 and 2), and after excluding all peri-freeze times (to  
1130 assess non peri-freeze covariance).

### 1131 **Coactivation Analysis**

1132 Putative spiking activity was first binned relative to the start of each freezing epoch (“freeze  
1133 onset”), yielding a  $n_{freeze\_onsets} \times n_{bins}$  array of binarized neural activity (1 = active, 0 =  
1134 inactive). Pairwise coactivation was then calculated by taking the dot product of the binarized  
1135 neural activity arrays between each pair of cells and taking the mean along the first axis,  
1136 yielding the probability that both cells in a given cell-pair were active in each sampling bin. To  
1137 calculate population-level coactivity, the number of active cells was first calculated for each  
1138 recording session. The average number of active cells was then calculated across all peri-  
1139 freeze trials ( $\pm 4$  seconds) and this number was z-scored relative to activity across the entire  
1140 session. To determine which cell-pairs exhibited significant pairwise coactivity beyond chance  
1141 level, we first formed a  $n_{freeze\_onsets} \times n_{bins}$  array of neural activity for each cell in a pair. We  
1142 then randomly permuted the rows of the array for the second cell in the pair and calculated a  
1143 shuffled level coactivation probability for that pair as described above. We repeated this process  
1144 100 times for each cell pair, and then calculated a p-value for each bin as  $1 - (\# \text{ of bins where}$   
1145  $\text{shuffle exceeds actual coactivity}) / 100$ . A cell-pair was designated to have significant pairwise  
1146 coactivation if it had  $> 3$  consecutive bins with  $p < 0.05$ .

### 1147 **Hierarchical Bootstrapping**

1148 We utilized hierarchical bootstrapping (HB, Saravanan et al., 2020) to estimate confidence  
1149 intervals and P-values for different metrics in line with code found at  
1150 <https://github.com/soberlab/Hierarchical-Bootstrap-Paper>. For each metric we generated a  
1151 population of 10,000 values by resampling with replacement at each level of the data hierarchy  
1152 (first mouse, then for each mouse, one session, then the variable measured, e.g. place field  
1153 correlations or freeze-predicting cell covariance). We then pooled all the values and calculated  
1154 the test statistic (typically the mean) and corresponding confidence interval / interquartile range.  
1155 One or two-tailed tests were used with  $\alpha = 0.05$ , and the p-value was calculated by using the  
1156 joint probability distribution of the bootstrapped samples to determine that the mean of one  
1157 group was greater than the mean of the other group. All hierarchical bootstrapped data was  
1158 visualized using boxplots (mean and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles) with whiskers extending to the 95%  
1159 confidence intervals created using the boxplot function from the Python package *Seaborn*.  
1160 Chance level was calculated by shuffling cell identity before calculating each metric, and the  
1161 mean and 95% confidence intervals were visualized using the *matplotlib* package.

### 1162 **Parametric statistics**

1163 Where applicable, all parametric statistics used are noted in the corresponding figure legend.

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1165 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

1166 **Figure 1: Mice exhibit variability in memory recall and neural activity prior to learning in a**  
1167 **contextual fear conditioning task . A)** Schematic of the behavioral paradigm. Mice freely explored two  
1168 distinct arenas (neutral and shock) for 10 minutes each day. Mice underwent mild contextual fear  
1169 conditioning on day 0 in the shock arena followed by immediate I.P. administration of anisomycin or  
1170 vehicle in their home cage. Memory recall tests were conducted 4 hours and 1, 2, and 7 days post-shock.  
1171 The time of each session is referenced to the shock session. **B)** (left) Learner (CTRL) mice freezing on all  
1172 days. Red = shock arena, blue = neutral arena. \* $p=4.5e-0.4$  shock – neutral freezing from day-1 to day 1  
1173 one-sided paired t-test ( $n=4$  mice,  $t=13.4$ ). (right) Same but for Non-Learner (CTRL) mice ( $n=3$  mice,  
1174  $p=0.249$ ,  $t=0.819$ ). **C)** Same as B but for ANI group ( $n=5$  mice,  $p=0.219$ ,  $t=0.859$ ). **D)** Behavioral  
1175 discrimination between arenas after shock (Days 1-2) shows formation of a specific fear memory for  
1176 Learners only, by definition (positive = more freezing in neutral arena, negative = more freezing in shock  
1177 arena, 0 = equal freezing in both arenas). \* $p=0.009$  ( $t=3.56$ ), # $p=0.06$  ( $t=1.83$ ) 1-sided t-test of mean DI  
1178 value from Days 1 & 2,  $n=8/6/10$  sessions for Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group. **E)** (left) Neural overlap  
1179 plots between neutral and shock arenas for an example Learner mouse on day -1, before shock. Green =  
1180 cells active in the shock arena only, yellow = cells active in the neutral arena only, orange = cells active in  
1181 both arenas. (right) Same for example Non-Learner on day -2 showing higher overlap of active cells  
1182 between arenas. **F)** Example calcium activity from the Learner mouse shown in C (left) for cells active in  
1183 both arenas. Black = calcium trace, red = putative spiking activity during transient rises. Top row shows  
1184 shock arena preferring cells, bottom row shows neutral arena preferring cells. **G)** Neural discrimination  
1185 index (DI<sub>neural</sub>) between groups on Days -2 and -1. Boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>  
1186 quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means  
1187 overlaid in dots, # $p=0.09$  after Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons. **H)** Same as G) but for  
1188 event rate in Shock arena, **I)** Same as G) but for event rate interquartile range (IQR) in Shock arena. **J)**  
1189 Freezing in Neutral arena on Day 2 vs. Neutral arena on Day 0. Pearson correlation value and p-value  
1190 (two-sided) shown on plot. Statistics for G-J: un-paired one-sided HB test for days -2 and -1 after  
1191 Bonferroni correction,  $n=10,000$  bootstraps.

1192 **Figure 2: Preventing protein synthesis accelerates cell turnover and stifles learning-related place**  
1193 **field remapping. A)** Cell overlap ratio with Day -2 session, CTRL group. Blue = within shock arena, red =  
1194 shock v. neutral arena. **B)** Same as A) but for ANI group. **C)** Change in overlap ratios from A) and B), dots  
1195 show values from both arenas for each mouse, \*\* $p=0.00174$  two-sided t-test of mean value for each  
1196 mouse ( $t=4.11$ ,  $n=7$  CTRL mice and 5 ANI mice). **D)** Number of active neurons observed each day,  
1197 normalized to day -1.  $p=2.e-5$  freeze-ratio, # $p=0.056$  group x 4 hr session interaction,  $p=0.094$  group x  
1198 after interaction, generalized linear model. **E)** and **F)** Example place fields exhibiting learning-related  
1199 remapping. **E)** Place field in shock arena from Learner mouse. (*top*) Example mouse trajectory (black)  
1200 with calcium activity (red) overlaid for the same cell from day -2 to -1 in shock arena, (*bottom*) occupancy  
1201 normalized rate maps for the same cells with warm colors indicating areas of high calcium activity. **F)**  
1202 Same as E) but for Non-Learner mouse in Neutral arena. **G)** and **H)** Example stable place fields. **G)** Same  
1203 as E) but for a different cell from same mouse in the shock arena prior to conditioning. **H)** Same as F) but  
1204 for a different cell from the same mouse in the neutral arena after conditioning. **I)** Place field correlations  
1205 for all mice before shock (Days -2 and -1), boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles  
1206 (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means overlaid in  
1207 dots. Dashed line and grey shading show mean and 95% CI of correlations calculated from shuffling cell  
1208 identify 1000 times between sessions. **J)** Same as I) but for Day -1 to Day 1, \* $p=0.0496$ , \*\* $p=0.0034$ . **K)**  
1209 Same as I) but for Day 1 to Day 2. **L)** Same as I) but for Day 2 to Day 7. Statistics for I-L: un-paired one-  
1210 sided HB test after Bonferroni correction,  $n=10,000$  bootstraps.

1211 **Figure 3: Arresting protein synthesis suppresses the development of coordinated freeze-**  
1212 **predicting neural activity. A) and B)** Example traces from two freeze-predicting cells which exhibit  
1213 coordinated activity prior to freezing event during the day 1 memory recall session in the shock arena.  
1214 Red = putative spiking activity, pink = cell shown in C, blue = cell shown in E. **C)** After learning (Days 1  
1215 and 2), z-scored population level calcium activity peaks between 0 and 2 seconds prior to freezing for  
1216 CTRL relative to the ANI group. Line/shading = mean +/- 95% CI. Red: bins with  $p < 0.05$ , independent t-  
1217 test (one-sided,  $n=7$  CTRL mice and 5 ANI mice). **D) and E)** Example Learner freeze-predicting cells



1218 identified during the 4 hour (D) or day 1 (E) memory test tracked across sessions. Peri-event calcium  
1219 activity rasters are centered on freeze onset time (solid green). Dashed green = baseline calcium event  
1220 probability, red solid = peri-freeze calcium event probability, bins with  $p < 0.01$  (circular permutation test,  
1221  $n=1000$ ) noted with red bars at top. D/E corresponds to pink/blue cells shown in A-B. Bold = session with  
1222 significant freeze-tuning. **F**) Same as D and E but for ANI mouse freeze-predicting cell identified during  
1223 the 4 hour session. **G**) Peri-freeze calcium event probability for all freeze-predicting cells detected for  
1224 each group after learning (Days 1-2), sorted by time of peak activation. **H**) (left) Cumulative distribution of  
1225 peak peri-freeze activation times before learning.  $*p=0.49$ ,  $**p=1e-5$  two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test,  $c$ :  
1226  $p=0.005$  Non-Learners v. ANI, 1-sided Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n = 329/458/543$  neurons for Learners/Non-  
1227 Learners/ANI group) (right) same as left but for after learning.  $*p < 0.022$ ,  $**p=2e-7$  two-sided Wilcoxon  
1228 rank-sum test. a:  $p=0.022$  Learners v. Non-Learners, b:  $p=0.029$  Learners v. ANI 1-sided Mann-Whitney  
1229 U-test ( $n=194/315/366$  neurons for Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group). **I**) Change in peak peri-freeze  
1230 calcium event probability for all freeze-predicting cells detected during the Day 1 session and either the 4  
1231 hour or Day 2 session.  $p < 0.02$  1-way ANOVA each day separately,  $*p=0.02$ ,  $**p=0.001$ ,  $***p=0.0006$   
1232 post-hoc Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n=30/35/29$  4h to Day 1 cells and  $n = 35/37/45$  Day 1 to Day 2 cells for  
1233 Learners/Non-Learners/ANI group). **J**) Pairwise coactivation probability of all freeze-predicting cells for  
1234 Learners during Before, 4 hour, and After sessions in Shock arena. Maroon/Black bars at top indicate  
1235 significant increases in coactivation at 4 hour / After time points compared to before,  $p < 0.05$  1-sided  
1236 Mann-Whitney U-test ( $n = 4$ ). **K**) Same as J) but for Non-Learners ( $n=3$ ). **L**) Same as K) but for ANI group  
1237 ( $n= 5$ ). **M**) Same as K) but for Learners in Neutral Arena ( $n=4$ ). **N**) Proportion of freeze-predictive cells  
1238 with significant pairwise coactivation compared to chance (trial shuffle).  $*p=4e-8$ ,  $**p=3.6e-7$ ,  $\#p=0.093$ .  
1239 boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical  
1240 bootstrapping (HB) data with session means overlaid in dots. **O**) Freeze-predicting cells exhibit a trend  
1241 toward increased peri-freeze covariance (z-scored relative to the Day -2 and -1 covariance values for all  
1242 cells) for Learners but not Non-Learners or ANI group mice. Mean covariance of freeze-predictive cells  
1243 from each session shown.  $\#p=0.06$ . Statistics for K and O: un-paired one-sided HB test after Bonferroni  
1244 correction,  $n=10,000$  shuffles.

1245 **Figure S1: CTRL animals exhibit behavioral variability following learning and similar rates of cell**  
1246 **turnover between arenas vs. across days.**

1247 **A**) CTRL mice freezing on all days. Red = shock arena, blue = neutral arena. **B**) Distribution of  $DI_{beh}$   
1248 scores for all mice in CTRL group on days 1 and 2. Dashed line indicates cutoff between Learners and  
1249 Non-Learners. **C**) Cell overlap 1 day apart in the same arena (days -2 to -1 and 1 to 2) vs. cell overlap  
1250 between arenas on the same day (days -2, -1, 1, 2) for all mice.  $*p=4.05e-7$ ,  $\rho=0.81$  Spearman  
1251 correlation,  $n=26$  overlap values across 13 mice. **D**) Same as C) but for neural discrimination index.  
1252  $*p=6.29e-7$ ,  $\rho=0.82$  Spearman correlation. **E**) Freeze ratio plots with each mouse's value connected by a  
1253 line. **F**) No difference in thigmotaxis prior to conditioning in Neutral arena, dots show mean thigmotaxis  
1254 ratio for each mouse from Days -2 and -1,  $p=0.23$  ANOVA. **G**) Same as F) but in Shock arena,  $p=0.95$   
1255 ANOVA. **H**) Neutral arena freezing ratio for each session after shock plotted versus Neutral arena  
1256 freezing on day of training (day 0) with Pearson correlation and associated p-value (two-sided) shown,  $n$   
1257 = 7 mice. **I**) Same as H) but for Shock arena freezing versus Neutral arena freezing on day of training.

1258 **Figure S2: Non-specific effects of Anisomycin include a reduction in locomotion**

1259 **A**) 4 mice were given I.P injections of anisomycin only (no shock) and their locomotion was tracked over  
1260 24 hours. Normal activity did not return to baseline until between 6 and 24 hours later. Black solid/dashed  
1261 lines = 4 hour mean +/- std freezing ratio for non-ANI fear conditioned mice shock arena (see B). **B**)  
1262 Freezing ratios for all mice in the Shock arena prior to conditioning and 4 hours after conditioning shown  
1263 for reference. **C**) Freezing ratios in Neutral arena immediately before and one day after conditioning.  
1264 Lines show mean +/- std.

1265 **Figure S3: Absolute cell numbers recorded across all sessions.**

1266 **A)** Total number of neurons recorded across all sessions in Control group. **B)** Same as A but for ANI  
1267 group. **C)** Same as A but for Learners. **D)** Same as A but for Non-Learners. **E)** Histogram of cell counts  
1268 across all sessions with each group mean shown with dashed lines.

1269 **Figure S4: Anisomycin does not cause neuronal cell death at 4hr post injection in the**  
1270 **hippocampus.**

1271 **A)** Experiment schematic. Animals were given I.P. injections of either ANI (n=8) or saline (n=7). 4 hours  
1272 later, brains were extracted and processed for Fluoro-Jade C. **B)** Fluoro-Jade C positive neuronal count  
1273 normalized to area; **C-H)** Representative images of whole hippocampus (HPC), CA1, and dentate gyrus  
1274 (DG) in **C-E)** anisomycin-injected mice or **F-H)** saline- injected mice. Scale bar equals 200 $\mu$ m.

1275 **Figure S5: Reduced activity following anisomycin administration is not an imaging artifact and**  
1276 **does not result from global disruption of electrical neural activity in hippocampal neurons.**

1277 **A-C)** Neural activity was tracked across ~5 hours before and after systemic administration of anisomycin  
1278 in a rat. **A)** Cross correlograms for all single and multi-unit activity combined are shown from the pre  
1279 epoch in a rest box (15 minutes), running on a novel track immediately following anisomycin injection (45  
1280 minutes), post epoch in the rest box (3.5 hours), running on a second novel track (45 minutes), and a  
1281 second post epoch in the rest box (15 minutes). Clear modulation of firing at the theta timescale is  
1282 observed. **B)** Example trace from electrode in pyramidal cell layer of CA1 showing theta activity 10  
1283 minutes and 4 hours 15 minutes post injection anisomycin injection. **C)** Example sharp wave ripple events  
1284 occurring from 25 minutes to 4 hours 15 minutes post anisomycin injection across 9 channels of a linear  
1285 probe spanning above to below the pyramidal cell layer. **D-F)** Same as A-C but for a different rat following  
1286 systemic anisomycin injection. **F)** Shows one trace from an electrode in the cell layer with a raster of  
1287 spiking activity from all units recorded shown below the trace, demonstrating a population burst coincident  
1288 with each sharp wave ripple. **G-I)** Same as D-F but the following day after systemic saline (control)  
1289 injection demonstrating no lasting effects of anisomycin 24 hours after injection. **J-K)** The signal-to-noise  
1290 ratio of all mouse neurons captured using calcium imaging and active between sessions was tracked  
1291 between sessions. **J)** Mean height of calcium transient peaks for all cells matched from day -1 to 4 hour  
1292 session.  $p > 0.63$  both groups, two-sided t-test (n=8 CTRL and 7 ANI, 1 additional CTRL mouse included  
1293 whose video tracking behavioral data was corrupted and could therefore could not be classified as a  
1294 Learner or Non-Learner). **K)** Same as J) but tracking cells from day -1 to day 1,  $p > 0.68$  both groups, two-  
1295 sided t-test.

1296 **Figure S6: Coherent Place Field Rotations Observed Between Sessions**

1297 **A)** Example animal trajectories from neutral arena day -2 (top row) and day -1 (middle row) with calcium  
1298 activity overlaid (red). Each column corresponds to one cell. Bottom row shows data rotated 90 degrees,  
1299 demonstrating a coherent rotation of spatial activity for all neurons. **B)** Smoothed, occupancy normalized  
1300 calcium event maps corresponding to data shown in A). **C)** The angle from the center of the arena to  
1301 each cell's maximum intensity place field center was calculated for each session (center-out angle).  
1302 The distribution of center-out angles plotted, demonstrating a coherent rotation of place fields from Day -2  
1303 to Day -1 by 90 degrees. **D)** Place field correlations (smoothed event maps) between sessions indicate  
1304 apparently low stability across days without considering rotations, giving the false impression that the  
1305 place field map randomly reorganizes between sessions. **E)** High correlations were observed after  
1306 considering a coherent 90 degree rotation between sessions, indicating that place fields retain the same  
1307 relative structure but rotate together as a whole. **F)** Mean correlations for each mouse without considering  
1308 rotations gives the impression of instability before/after shock and heightened remapping for all groups  
1309 from before to after learning. Boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI)  
1310 estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means overlaid in dots. Dashed line  
1311 and grey shading show mean and 95% CI of correlations calculated from shuffling cell identify 1000 times  
1312 between sessions.

1313 **Figure S7: Example stable and remapping place fields across sessions**

1314 **A)** Example place field plots for Learner mouse in Neutral arena Before conditioning (Day -2 to Day -1),  
1315 from Before to After conditioning (Day -1 to Day 1), and After consolidation (Day 1 to Day 2)  
1316 demonstrating high stability in Neutral arena across all time points. **(top row)** Mouse trajectory in black  
1317 with cell calcium activity overlaid in red. **(bottom row)** Smoothed, occupancy normalized calcium event  
1318 spatial maps corresponding to raw trajectory and event data shown in top row, with warmer colors  
1319 indicating high event rates and cool colors indicating low event rates. Spearman correlation value  
1320 between event rate maps shown at top. Dashed lines denote separate different cells at each time point,  
1321 and solid lines separate different comparison times. **B)** Same as A) but for different Learner in Shock  
1322 arena demonstrating remapping. Red box shows two example remapping cells in the Shock arena. **C)**  
1323 and **D)** Same and A) and B) but for two different Non-Learners with red box showing remapping cells in  
1324 the Neutral Arena. **E)** and **F)** Same as A) and B) but for two different ANI group mice showing stable  
1325 place fields between sessions at all time points.

### 1326 **Figure S8: Place field correlations with STM (4 hour) session**

1327 **A)** Place field correlations for all mice combined for Day -1 vs 4 hour session. Boxplots show population  
1328 median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with  
1329 session means overlaid in dots. Dashed line and grey shading show mean and 95% CI of correlations  
1330 calculated from shuffling cell identity 1000 times between sessions. **B)** Same as A) but for 4 hour vs Day  
1331 1 session. All hierarchical bootstrap test comparisons are ns. **C)** Place field correlations for all mice in  
1332 each group from before to after shock (Day -1 to Day 1). Boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>  
1333 quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means  
1334 overlaid in dots. Significant p-values calculated using a one-sided HB permutation test are shown directly  
1335 on each panel.

### 1336 **Figure S9: Population Vector (PV) correlations.**

1337 **A)-E)** 1D PV correlations between sessions including only cells active in BOTH sessions. **A)** Before (Day  
1338 -2 vs -1), \*p=0.042, \*\*\*p<0.0006. **B)** After (Day 1 vs 2) \*p=0.034, #p=0.072. **C)** Before v After (Day -1 vs  
1339 1), \*p<0.039, \*\*p=0.0098. **D)** Day -1 vs 4 hr session. **E)** 4 hr session vs Day 1 \*p=0.0049, #p=0.076. **F)**  
1340 Day 2 vs Day 7, \*p=0.0189, \*\*p=0.0164, #p=0.064. Green = Learners, Orange = Non-Learners, Blue =  
1341 ANI. Boxplots show population median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using  
1342 hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with session means overlaid in dots. Dashed line and grey shading  
1343 show mean and 95% CI of correlations calculated from shuffling cell identify 1000 times between  
1344 sessions. Statistics: un-paired one-sided HB test after Bonferroni correction.

### 1345 **Figure S10: Freeze-cell covariance increases are driven by Learners and not purely a result of less** 1346 **freezing in Non-Learners and the ANI group.**

1347 **A)-C)** Example freeze-predicting cells tracked across sessions forward and backward in time from the day  
1348 indicated in bold. Peri-event calcium activity rasters are centered on freeze onset time (solid green).  
1349 Dashed green = baseline calcium event probability, red solid = peri-freeze calcium event probability, bins  
1350 with p<0.01 (circular permutation test) noted with red bars at top. D/E corresponds to pink/blue cells  
1351 shown in A-B. **A)** Example freeze-predictive cell from Non-Learner **B)-C)** Example freeze-predicting cells  
1352 from two different Learners. **D)** Proportion freeze-predicting cells detected in Neutral arena across days.  
1353 Bars=mean, line=std. **E)** Same as D) but for Shock arena. **F)** After learning (Days 1 and 2), z-scored  
1354 population level calcium activity peaks between 0 and 2 seconds prior to freezing for both Learners and  
1355 Non-Learners. Line/shading = mean +/- 95% CI. Red: bins with p < 0.05, independent t-test (one-sided,  
1356 n=4 Learners and 3 Non-Learners). **G)** Mean covariance of all cells in neutral arena prior to learning  
1357 exhibit small changes, compare y-axis to Figure 3O and S10H, H. \*\*p=0.0048, \*\*\*p<1e-8, #p=0.06. **H)**  
1358 Same as G) but for all cells in shock arena. \*p=0.026, \*\*p=0.00052, \*\*\*p<2.5e-6. **I)** Same as G) but for  
1359 freeze predictive cells only, peri-freeze times only, and after randomly downsampling the number of  
1360 freeze events to match the average number observed during days -2 and -1. #p=0.056 **J)** Same as H) but  
1361 excluding all peri-freeze times. \*p=0.0018\*\*p=1.2e-4, \*\*\*p=2.1e-5. **K)** Mean covariance of freeze-  
1362 predicting cells detected on Day 1 tracked across time. #p=0.068. For G-K, boxplots show population  
1363 median and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles (whiskers, 95% CI) estimated using hierarchical bootstrapping (HB) data with

1364 session means overlaid in dots. Dashed line and grey shading show mean and 95% CI of correlations  
1365 calculated from shuffling cell identify 1000 times between sessions. Statistics: un-paired one-sided HB  
1366 test after Bonferroni correction. **L-M**) There are no significant differences between the proportion of active  
1367 units (z-scored) peaks for Control animals compared to the ANI group between 0 and 2 seconds prior to  
1368 freezing before conditioning (L) and at the 4 hour session (M). Line/shading = mean +/- 95% CI. Red: bins  
1369 with  $p < 0.05$ , independent t-test (two-sided).

### 1370 **Figure S11: Between Session Neuron Registration Metrics**

1371 **A)** Example neuron registration between the Day -1 and 4 Hour session for one mouse in the shock  
1372 arena depicting cell ROIs active during the Day -1 session only (blue), the 4 Hour session only (teal), and  
1373 both the Day -1 and 4 Hour session (yellow) with ROIs which were successfully registered across  
1374 sessions outlined in red. Insets show magnified ROIs and demonstrate that cells registered across days  
1375 exhibit similar shape and orientation. **B)** and **C)** Minimum projections of the imaging movie from the  
1376 sessions shown in A demonstrating high day-to-day stability, evidenced by clear alignment of landmarks  
1377 (e.g. vasculature) between sessions. **D)** Change in ROI orientation for all neurons registered to the Day -2  
1378 session for the mouse shown in A). Note that the majority of registered neurons exhibit very small  
1379 changes in orientation between sessions, even up to 9 days later (Day -2 to Day 7). **E)** and **F)** Similar to  
1380 D) but for all mice in the CTRL and ANI groups separately for Day -1 to Day 4 (from before to after  
1381 anisomycin administration). Note a similar distribution of ROI orientation changes, indicating that the  
1382 observed acceleration of cell turnover following anisomycin administration is not due to poor neuron  
1383 registration. **G)** Side-by-side comparison of all neuron ROI changes for each group shown as a  
1384 cumulative density function.