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## Abstract

Memories benefit from sleep, and sleep loss immediately following learning has a negative impact on subsequent memory storage. Several prominent hypotheses ascribe a central role to hippocampal sharp-wave ripples (SWRs), and the concurrent reactivation and replay of neuronal patterns from waking experience, in the offline memory consolidation process that occurs during sleep. However, little is known about how SWRs, reactivation, and replay are affected when animals are subjected to sleep deprivation. We performed long duration (~12 h), high-density silicon probe recordings from rat hippocampal CA1 neurons, in animals that were either sleeping or sleep deprived following exposure to a novel maze environment. We found that SWRs showed a sustained rate of activity during sleep deprivation, similar to or higher than in natural sleep, but with decreased amplitudes for the sharp-waves combined with higher frequencies for the ripples. Furthermore, while hippocampal pyramidal cells showed a log-normal distribution of firing rates during sleep, these distributions were negatively skewed with a higher mean firing rate in both pyramidal cells and interneurons during sleep deprivation. During SWRs, however, firing rates were remarkably similar between both groups. Despite the abundant quantity of SWRs and the robust firing activity during these events in both groups, we found that reactivation of neurons was either completely abolished or significantly diminished during sleep deprivation compared to sleep. Interestingly, reactivation partially rebounded upon recovery sleep, but failed to reach the levels characteristic of natural sleep. Similarly, the number of replays were significantly lower during sleep deprivation and recovery sleep compared to natural sleep. These results provide a network-level account for the negative impact of sleep loss on hippocampal function and demonstrate that sleep loss impacts memory

36 storage by causing a dissociation between the amount of SWRs and the replays and  
37 reactivations that take place during these events.

### 38 **Main:**

39 Memories undergo continuous refinement following learning, in a process referred to as  
40 memory consolidation in which sleep plays a critical role. Sleep immediately after learning  
41 benefits memories <sup>1</sup> and memories can be disrupted by even a few hours of sleep loss <sup>2</sup>. Studies  
42 have highlighted the particular importance of the hippocampus for sleep-dependent memory  
43 consolidation. However, the mechanisms through which memories are impacted by sleep loss  
44 have yet to be understood. At the cellular level, studies have identified molecular signaling  
45 events that are impacted by sleep loss, particularly in the first several hours. At the circuits  
46 level, oscillatory activities during sleep are hypothesized to strengthen, stabilize, and optimize  
47 memories. Hippocampal sharp-wave ripples (SWRs), which feature sharp-waves in the  
48 dendrites of CA1 pyramidal cells coupled with ripple oscillations (150-250 Hz) near the cell  
49 bodies, are widely considered to play a critical role in sleep-dependent memory processes.  
50 SWRs are observed more frequently in sleep after memory tasks <sup>3</sup>. Disrupting activity during  
51 these oscillations impairs memory <sup>4,5</sup>, while enhancing them improves memory <sup>6</sup>.

52 Why are hippocampal sharp-wave ripples so important to memory? A key characteristic of  
53 these signals is that they are generated in the CA3 region of the hippocampus and then produce  
54 intense spiking activity in the pyramidal cells and interneurons throughout the hippocampal  
55 formation <sup>7,8</sup> and beyond <sup>9,10</sup>. Such synchronized activity drives synaptic plasticity in the  
56 connections between neurons associated with individual memories, thereby enhancing the  
57 signal to noise for storage and recall of those memories in the network <sup>11,12</sup>. In fact, both  
58 synaptic strengthening, via long-term potentiation <sup>13,14</sup> and synaptic weakening, via  
59 depotentiation or long-term depression <sup>15,16</sup>, have been associated with SWRs. Moreover, the  
60 spiking activity during SWRs can be highly patterned to reactivate and replay activities initially  
61 expressed during learning and behavior in a temporally compressed manner akin to rapid  
62 rehearsal <sup>17</sup>. By generating such rapid rehearsals, SWRs can strengthen and stabilize spatial  
63 representations in the hippocampus <sup>5,18</sup>, as well as broadcast this signal to cortical and  
64 subcortical brain regions <sup>8,9,19</sup> to transfer, transform, and consolidate memories <sup>1</sup>. While SWRs  
65 and their associated reactivations and replays are widely considered to play a key role in the  
66 memory consolidation process, remarkably nothing is known about how these events are  
67 impacted by sleep deprivation.

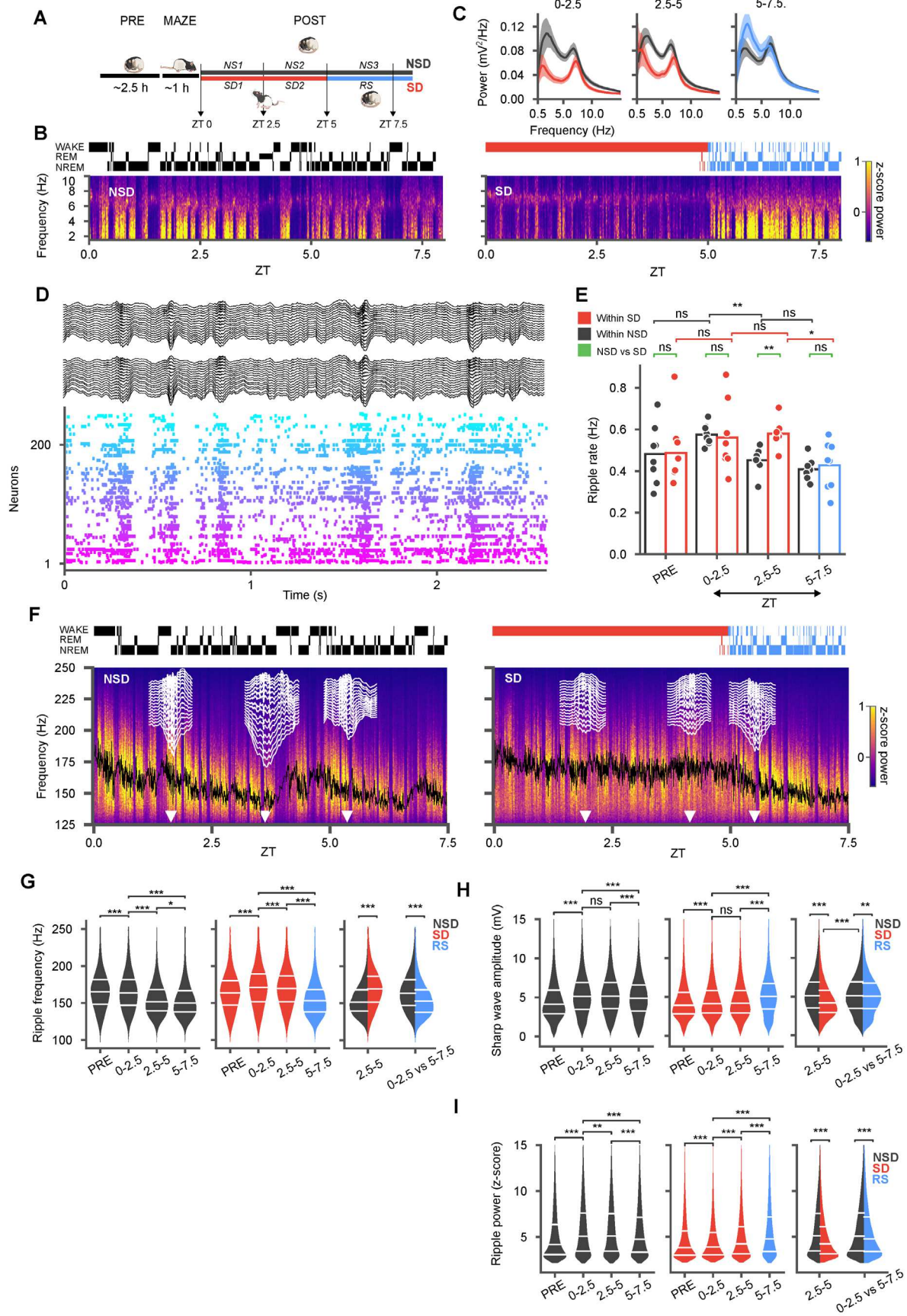
68 Here, we provide a detailed account of the impact of sleep loss on hippocampal oscillations and  
69 firing patterns, including sharp-wave ripples and associated reactivation and replay. We  
70 performed unit and local field recordings from large populations of hippocampal neurons over  
71 unprecedented (~ 12 h) durations, starting during sleep at the end of the dark cycle and

72 extending through to exploration of a novel maze, and sleep or sleep deprivation followed by  
73 recovery sleep. We observed differences in the physiological characteristics of sharp-wave  
74 ripples during sleep deprivation as compared to natural sleep: the amplitude of sharp-wave and  
75 the power of the ripples were higher in natural sleep whereas the frequency of ripple  
76 oscillations was higher during sleep deprivation. However, the rate of sharp-wave ripples during  
77 sleep deprivation was similar or higher compared to natural sleep, indicating that the key  
78 hippocampal mechanisms for memory consolidation remain intact during sleep deprivation.  
79 Analysis of firing rates showed that both pyramidal cells and interneurons fired at higher rates  
80 during sleep deprivation, resulting in a negatively skewed log distribution in pyramidal cells  
81 compared to log-normal distributions typical of natural sleep. Analysis of firing patterns,  
82 however, revealed that reactivation and replay were negatively impacted by sleep loss.  
83 Whereas sleeping animals displayed robust reactivation in sleep following novel maze  
84 exploration, sleep-deprived animals displayed either no reactivation or reactivation that  
85 decayed at a faster rate. A similar impact was observed on multi-neuronal trajectory replays;  
86 fewer significant replays were observed during sleep deprivation compared to natural sleep.  
87 Remarkably, reactivation, but not replay, partially rebounded during the subsequent recovery  
88 sleep, potentially indicating homeostatic maintenance. However, the amount of reactivation in  
89 recovery sleep remained significantly attenuated compared to the levels seen during natural  
90 sleep.

91 Overall, our study reveals the impact of sleep loss on hippocampal sharp-wave ripple events  
92 and associated reactivation and replay, thereby elucidating the mechanism by which sleep loss  
93 can impair hippocampus-dependent memory consolidation.

## 94 **Results**

95 We performed extracellular recordings from units and local field potentials using 128 channel  
96 high-density silicon probes (Diagnostic Biochips, MD) uni- and bilaterally implanted in the CA1  
97 region of the rat hippocampus during behavior and sleep. Recordings initiated  $\approx$  3.5 h before  
98 the onset of the light cycle with  $\approx$  2.5 h of rest and sleep in a homecage (PRE). Animals were  
99 then placed in novel linear maze environments of differing shapes (MAZE) that they had not  
100 previously explored, and allowed to run for  $\sim$ 1h for water reward. Following the maze, animals  
101 were returned to the homecage for POST sessions that involved either natural sleep and rest  
102 (NSD) for  $\sim$ 9 h, or sleep deprivation (SD) via gentle handling for  $\approx$ 5 h followed by recovery sleep  
103 (RS) (**Fig. 1A**). We separated these periods into blocks of 2.5 h (e.g. NS1-NS3 vs SD1-2 & RS). SD  
104 and NSD sessions were carried out in pseudo-random order on different days spaced > 24 h  
105 apart, in the same animals (16 sessions in 7 rats). Units were identified based on automated  
106 and manual clustering and those that met strict criteria for stability were putatively classified  
107 into 754 pyramidal neurons (PN) and 96 interneurons (IN) using standard techniques  
108 (**Methods**). Power spectral calculations (**Fig. 1B, C**) demonstrated strong delta (<4 Hz) power in



110 **Figure 1: Sleep deprivation yields a similar amount of sharp-wave ripples but with lower amplitude**  
111 **sharp waves and higher frequency ripples compared to natural sleep. (A)** After 2.5 h of rest and sleep  
112 in the home cage (PRE), animals were introduced to a novel track (MAZE) then returned to the home  
113 cage for either undisturbed sleep (NS1 and NS2), or 5h sleep deprivation (SD1 and SD2), followed by  
114 recovery sleep (RS). **(B)** Power spectral density (top right) in sample NSD (left) and SD (right) sessions  
115 from one rat with hypnogram (top) and spectrogram (bottom) of bandpass filtered (1-10 Hz) local field  
116 potential from CA1. **(C)** Average power spectral densities across all SD/RS (red/blue with corresponding  
117 shaded confidence intervals) and NSD (black with shaded confidence intervals) sessions in different  
118 blocks demonstrate suppressed spectral power during SD and a rebound in slow oscillations in RS. **(D)**  
119 Sample recording during sleep with local field potentials from two recording shanks (black, 16 channels  
120 each) along with rasters from simultaneously recorded units (arbitrary color and sorting). **(E)** Rate of  
121 ripples in various blocks compared between different NSD (black), SD (red) sessions, and RS (blue).  
122 Individual sessions are superimposed as dots over the bar plots. The rate of ripples decreases with sleep  
123 but remains elevated during sleep loss. **(F)** Power spectral densities in the ripple frequency band for the  
124 same sessions as in (B) with moving average of ripple frequency superimposed (black). Sample sharp-  
125 wave ripples (white traces across a 16-channel shank) at different time points (white arrow heads). **(G)**  
126 Violin plots across NSD (black) and SD/RS (red/blue) blocks show higher frequency of ripples in SD  
127 compared to NSD, with an undershoot in RS. Split violins in rightmost panel highlight cross-group  
128 comparisons for the second block of NSD vs SD and the first block of sleep (NS1 vs RS) in both groups.  
129 **(H, I)** Same as **(G)** for sharp-wave amplitude (H) and ripple band power (I) z-scored relative to session  
130 means (NSD/SD: each 8 sessions from 7 animals). Sharp-wave amplitudes and ripple power were lower  
131 in SD but partially rebounded in RS. (\* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ )

132 the hippocampal local field potential during natural slow-wave sleep and strong theta (5-10 Hz)  
133 during REM sleep. We did not see evidence for either prominent delta during sleep deprivation  
134 nor for prominent theta outside of REM periods<sup>20</sup>. However, we note that delta activity during  
135 sleep can spill over spectral power into neighboring theta frequency bins<sup>21</sup>. In our recordings,  
136 sleep deprivation was characterized by lower spectral power across frequencies. Recovery sleep  
137 following sleep deprivation subsequently featured a robust rebound in delta activity, consistent  
138 with models of sleep homeostasis<sup>22,23</sup>.

### 139 ***A high rate of sharp-wave ripples is preserved during sleep deprivation.***

140 Hippocampal sharp-wave ripple (SWR) complexes—sharp waves in the CA1 stratum radiatum  
141 accompanied by fast ripple oscillations (150-250 Hz) in the stratum pyramidale<sup>24</sup>—are  
142 observable during both awake and sleep states. Given the importance of SWRs for synaptic  
143 modifications of circuits in both the hippocampus and other brain regions<sup>25</sup> and their  
144 hypothesized roles in sleep-dependent memory consolidation processes, we first focused on  
145 evaluating these events during our recordings (**Fig. 1D**). Previous studies have suggested that  
146 the incidence rate of ripples and associated population burst events play important  
147 homeostatic roles in hippocampal dynamics<sup>15,16,26</sup>. We therefore asked how the rate of these  
148 events change during sleep compared to a similar period during extended wakefulness. In  
149 naturally sleeping animals, we found that the incidence rate of SWRs decreased over time (**Fig.**

150 **1E**), consistent with a homeostatic effect from sleep (NS1 median = 0.57 Hz (interquartile range  
151 (IQR) = 0.06) vs NS2 median = 0.46 Hz (IQR = 0.03),  $p = 1.86 \times 10^{-3}$ , paired t-test (df=8)). In  
152 contrast, the rate of SWRs remained high in animals during sleep deprivation (SD1 median = 0.5  
153 Hz (IQR = 0.16) vs SD2 median = 0.57 Hz (IQR = 0.02),  $p = 0.73$ , paired t-test (df = 8)) and was  
154 higher during the second block (zeitgeber time (ZT) = 2.5-5h) of SD compared to NSD (SD2 vs  
155 NS2,  $p = 1.07 \times 10^{-3}$ , t-test (df1 = 8, df2 = 8)). Once the SD animals were permitted recovery  
156 sleep (at ZT = 5 h), the rate of ripples dropped to levels lower than those in the early block of  
157 natural sleep (RS median = 0.45 Hz (IQR = 0.19) vs NS1 median = 0.57 Hz (IQR = 0.06),  
158  $p = 7.87 \times 10^{-3}$ , t-test (df1 = 8, df2 = 8)). Overall, the number of sharp-wave ripples was not  
159 negatively affected by sleep loss but was rather higher during sleep-deprivation compared to  
160 natural sleep.

### 161 ***Sleep loss alters the physiological properties of sharp-wave ripples***

162 Given the prevalence of SWRs during both sleep and sleep deprivation, we hypothesized that  
163 other characteristics of these hippocampal events might differ across these periods. Differences  
164 in the physiological properties of SWRs have been observed in animal models of neurocognitive  
165 disorders<sup>27-29</sup> and could reflect underlying circuit alterations. We therefore leveraged high-  
166 density electrodes in our recordings to measure and track changes in ripple frequency, ripple  
167 power, and the amplitudes of sharp waves across the duration of our recordings (**Fig. 1F**).  
168 Ripple oscillations in stratum pyramidale reflect rapid circuit dynamics that mediated by  
169 coupling between pyramidal cells and inhibitory interneurons<sup>30,31</sup>, see also<sup>32</sup>. The peak  
170 frequency of ripples in our recordings (**Fig. 1G**) decreased over the course of sleep, (NS1,  
171 median = 163.64 Hz (IQR = 34.85) vs NS3 median = 150.00 Hz (IQR = 28.79),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test  
172 (df1 = 41430, df2 = 29361)), but during sleep deprivation, ripple frequency remained elevated  
173 (Ripple frequency: NS1 median = 163.64 Hz (IQR = 34.85) vs SD1 median = 171.21 Hz (IQR =  
174 37.88),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1= 41430, df2 = 40381)) and was significantly higher compared to  
175 natural sleep, (NS2 median = 151.51 Hz (IQR = 28.78) vs SD2 median = 169.69 Hz (IQR = 34.84),  
176  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 32529, df2 = 41658)). The high frequency of ripples during the sleep  
177 deprivation period was also higher than those seen during PRE sleep. While changes in ripple  
178 frequency on the order of several Hz may be expected based on temperature differences across  
179 sleep and awake<sup>33</sup>, we observed larger differences of up to ~18 Hz (e.g. SD2 vs NS2: median =  
180 169.69 Hz vs median = 151.51 Hz). Upon recovery sleep, ripple frequency dropped rapidly, to  
181 levels lower than during the similar sleep period in naturally sleeping animals (NS1 median =  
182 163.64 Hz (IQR = 34.85) vs RS median = 153.03 Hz (IQR = 30.30),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 41430,  
183 df2 = 30767)), potentially reflecting the physiological impact of fatigue on the pyramidal cell-  
184 interneuron interactions that give rise to ripple oscillations.

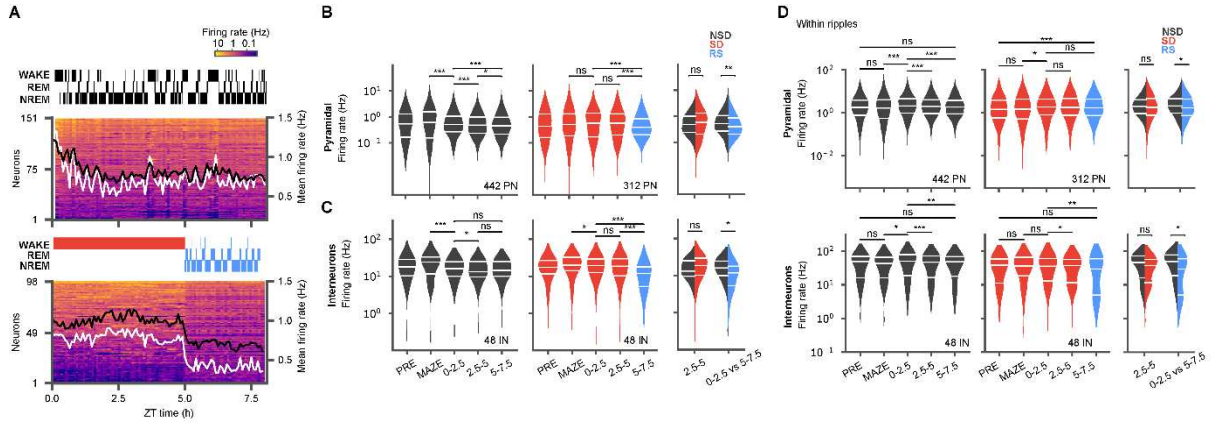
185 The sharp waves concurrent with ripples reflect Schaffer collateral input from CA3 converging  
186 on the apical dendrites of CA1 neurons. The amplitude of these events therefore reflects the

187 capacity of the CA3 network for synchronization. To better understand the impact of sleep and  
188 sleep loss we measured the amplitude of the sharp wave using the difference between the  
189 most negative deflection (typically in stratum radiatum) and the most positive deflection  
190 (typically in stratum oriens) recorded on our electrodes spanning CA1. In POST sleep we found  
191 increased amplitudes of sharp waves compared to PRE (NS1 vs PRE, median = 5.1 (IQR = 3.44)  
192 vs median = 4.13 (IQR = 3.03),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 41430, df2 = 30390)), which  
193 subsequently decreased over the course of natural sleep (NS1 median = 5.1 mV (IQR = 3.44) vs  
194 NS3 median = 4.87 mV (IQR = 3.35),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 41430, df2 = 29361)) (**Fig. 1H**).  
195 During sleep deprivation, on the other hand, the sharp-wave amplitudes were consistently  
196 lower than those in natural sleep (NS1 vs SD1, median = 5.1 mV (IQR = 3.44) vs median = 4.14  
197 mV (IQR = 2.91),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 41430, df2 = 40378); NS2 vs SD2, median = 5.13 (IQR  
198 = 3.34) vs median = 4.18 (IQR = 2.88),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 32529, df2 = 41658)). In recovery  
199 sleep, sharp-wave amplitudes rebounded, but remained slightly lower than in natural sleep  
200 (NS1 median = 5.1 mV (IQR = 3.44) vs RS median = 5.05 (IQR = 3.279),  $p = 1.17 \times 10^{-3}$ , t-test  
201 (df1 = 41430, df2 = 30767)). The power of ripples (**Fig. 1I**) concurrent with the sharp-waves  
202 varied similarly to sharp-wave amplitude, indicating that higher amplitude sharp-waves in the  
203 stratum radiatum produce stronger ripples in the pyramidal layer. Ripple power (z-scored for  
204 relative to each session's mean ) was initially higher at onset of natural sleep (NS1 median =  
205 5.07 (IQR = 4.12) vs PRE median = 4.16 (IQR = 3.26),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 41430, df2 =  
206 30390)) and recovery sleep (RS median = 4.76 (IQR = 3.78) vs SD2 median = 4.22 (IQR = 2.92),  
207  $p < 10^{-10}$ , t-test (df1 = 30767, df2 = 41658)), but decreased over the course of sleep (NS1  
208 median = 5.07 (IQR = 4.12) vs NS2 median = 5.10 (IQR = 4.09),  $p = 8.63 \times 10^{-3}$ , t-test (df1 =  
209 41430, df2 = 32529)). These results demonstrate that while the total number of ripples remains  
210 elevated during sleep deprivation, sleep deprivation manifests with lower amplitude sharp  
211 waves and higher frequency ripples, potentially reflecting alterations in the interactions  
212 between excitatory and inhibitory cell populations during these events.

### 213 ***Sleep loss disturbs firing-rate dynamics in the hippocampal network***

214 The firing rates of neurons are sensitive to changes in sleep states<sup>34-36</sup> and serve as important  
215 signals of the homeostatic function of sleep<sup>26,37,38</sup> and can reflect the strength of synaptic  
216 connectivity among neurons<sup>16,38</sup>. We therefore assessed the effects of sleep and sleep loss on  
217 hippocampal firing rate dynamics. During active exploration on the maze, the firing rates of  
218 pyramidal cells and interneurons increased significantly from PRE (PN  $\Delta$ firing rate =  $233 \pm 35.71$   
219 %,  $p = 1 \times 10^{-4}$ ; IN  $\Delta$ firing rate =  $127 \pm 5.43$  %,  $p = 1.36 \times 10^{-6}$ ). However, following  
220 MAZE, sleep loss produced different dynamics from natural sleep (**Fig. 2**). Pyramidal cell firing  
221 rates (**Fig. 2A, B**) dropped significantly within hours of natural sleep (NS1 median = 0.51 Hz (IQR  
222 = 0.79) vs MAZE median = 0.62 Hz (IQR = 1.40),  $p = 7.72 \times 10^{-5}$ , Wilcoxon signed rank test  
223 (WSRT) (df1 = 442, df2 = 442)) and further over the course of the sleep cycle (NS1 median =





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 225 **Figure 2: Hippocampal firing-rates are elevated and are more dispersed during sleep deprivation.**  
 226 (A) Two example sessions from non-sleep deprivation (NSD, top) and sleep deprivation (SD, bottom)  
 227 with recovery sleep (RS), showing mean firing rates of pyramidal units (5 min bins, sorted by mean firing  
 228 rate) and hypnograms during POST. Mean firing rates (right axis) for pyramidal cells are superimposed  
 229 (white, this session; black, across all sessions). (B) Violin plots of firing rate distributions for pyramidal  
 230 neurons during NSD (black; left, n = 7 sessions, 6 animals) and SD/RS (red/blue; middle, n = 8 sessions,  
 231 7 animals) in different blocks (PRE, MAZE, ZT 0-2.5, ZT 2.5-5, and ZT 5-7.5) show decreasing firing  
 232 rates during sleep but elevated and more dispersed firing rates during SD. The total number of cells is  
 233 noted in the lower right of each panel. Additional comparisons performed (right panel) between the  
 234 second block of sleep deprivation (SD2) and the comparable period in NSD (NS2), as well as between the  
 235 first block of sleep in each session, RS vs NS1, show an undershoot in firing during recovery sleep. (C)  
 236 Same as (B) but for interneurons. (D) Same as (C) but for firing rates restricted to within ripples,  
 237 demonstrating similar within-ripple firing rates in SD and NSD, but lower rates in RS (Wilcoxon signed  
 238 rank tests for within group comparisons (left and middle panels), and Wilcoxon rank-sum tests for across  
 239 group comparisons (right panels), \*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ )

240 0.51 Hz (IQR = 0.79) vs NS2 median = 0.48 Hz (IQR= 0.75),  $p = 2.01 \times 10^{-7}$ , WSRT (df1 = 442,  
 241 df2 = 442)), but in sleep deprivation, they remained elevated throughout the 5 h period (SD2  
 242 median = 0.57 Hz (IQR = 1.13) vs SD1 median = 0.57 Hz (IQR= 1.24),  $p = 0.18$ , WSRT (df1 = 312,  
 243 df2 = 312)). Differences were also evident in the distributions of pyramidal cell firing rate, which  
 244 were approximately log-normal during natural sleep<sup>34,39</sup>, but were heavily skewed away from  
 245 the log-normal during sleep deprivation, with a broader distribution of firing rates compared  
 246 with natural sleep (NS2 IQR = 0.62 log(Hz),  $p = 0.35$ , Shapiro-Wilk test (SWT) on log firing  
 247 rates (df = 442) vs SD2 IQR = 0.82 log(Hz),  $p = 9.61 \times 10^{-3}$ , SWT (df = 312) ); **Fig. 2B**). These  
 248 negatively skewed distributions indicate that during sleep deprivation a few cells were active at  
 249 substantially elevated firing rates, while other cells showed diminished firing, suggestive of  
 250 competition among neurons<sup>34</sup>. In interneurons as well (**Fig. 2C**), firing rates decreased upon  
 251 natural sleep and continued to decrease with further sleep (NS1 median = 16.13 Hz (IQR =  
 252 14.72) vs MAZE median = 24.43 Hz (IQR = 21.27),  $p = 3.97 \times 10^{-5}$ , WSRT (df = 48); NS2  
 253 median = 13.28 Hz (IQR = 15.44) vs NS1 median = 16.13 Hz (IQR = 14.72),  $p = 0.03$ , WSRT (df  
 254 = 48)). Interneuron firing rates also decreased from MAZE to SD, but only slightly compared to

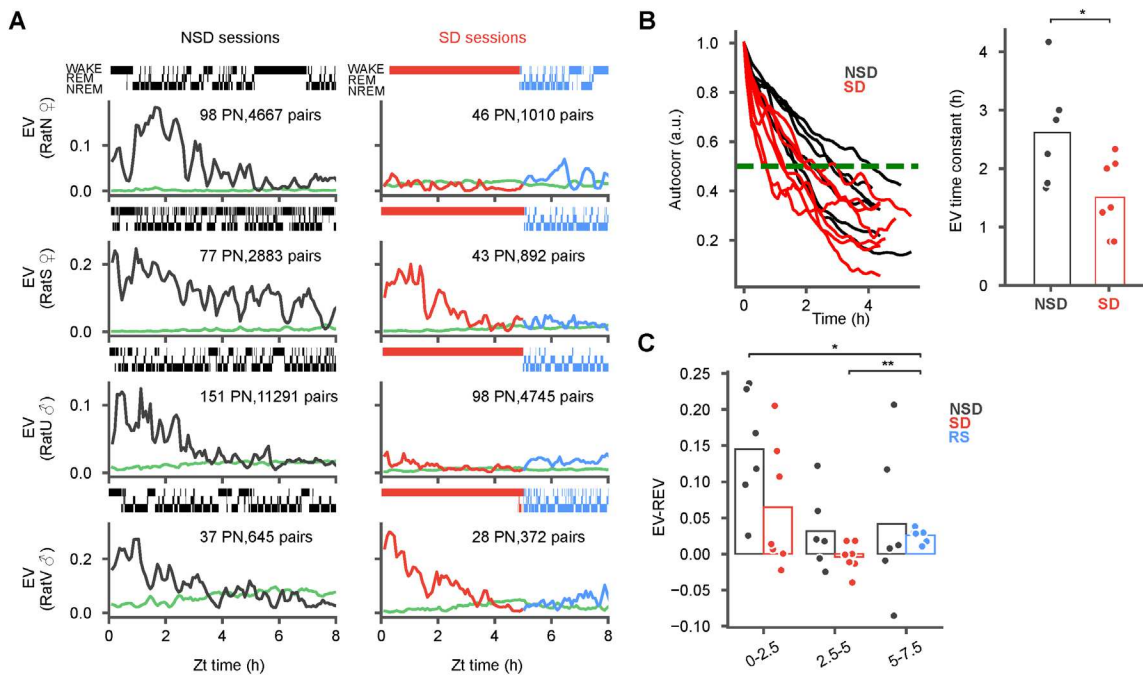
255 NSD (MAZE median = 19.80 Hz (IQR = 18.46) vs SD1 median = 19.52 Hz (IQR = 16.75),  $p =$   
256 0.0143 , WSRT (df = 48)), and remained stable for the remainder of SD. Overall, the increased  
257 firing rates and skewed distributions in sleep deprivation compared to natural sleep indicate a  
258 higher metabolic impact of prolonged waking, relative to sleep, on hippocampal activities,  
259 which confirm and extend previous observations <sup>26,34</sup>.

260 We next examined how these neuronal firing rates responded during recovery sleep. During  
261 recovery sleep, pyramidal cell firing rates decreased rapidly (RS median = 0.39 Hz (IQR = 0.65) vs  
262 SD2 median = 0.57 Hz (IQR = 1.12),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , WSRT (df = 442)), in fact undershooting their  
263 levels compared to the first block of natural sleep sessions (NS1 median = 0.51 Hz (IQR = 0.79)  
264 vs RS median = 0.39 (IQR = 0.65)  $p = 3.20 \times 10^{-3}$ , Wilcoxon rank-sum test (WRT) (df1 = 442  
265 vs df2 = 312) ). A similar rapid firing rate drop was observed in interneurons (RS median = 11.87  
266 Hz (IQR = 12.68) vs SD2 median = 18.76 (IQR = 19.51),  $p < 10^{-10}$ , WSRT (df1 = 48, df2 = 48)),  
267 with significantly lower firing rates than during the first block of natural sleep (NS1 median =  
268 16.13 Hz (IQR = 14.72) vs RS median = 11.87 Hz (IQR = 12.68),  $p = 0.0183$  , WRT (df1 = 48 vs  
269 df2 = 48)).

270 Interneurons of different types display a variety of firing response during SWRs and play an  
271 important role in determining the physiological characteristics of the ripple oscillation.  
272 Therefore, we also examined the firing responses of interneurons, alongside those of pyramidal  
273 cells, specifically within SWRs (**Fig 2D**). Interestingly, while firing rates within ripples varied  
274 across the periods we examined, we generally saw little difference between natural sleep and  
275 sleep deprivation (PN: NS2 median = 1.96 Hz (IQR = 3.16) vs SD2 median = 1.78 Hz (IQR = 3.83)  
276  $p = 0.23$ , WRT (df1 = 442 vs df2 = 312); IN: NS2 median = 46.43 Hz (IQR = 54.79) vs SD2  
277 median = 37.25 Hz (IQR = 45.72)  $p = 0.22$ , WRT (df1 = 48 vs df2 = 48) ). However, we observed  
278 a significant decrease in the ripple firing rates of pyramidal cells and interneurons during  
279 recovery sleep compared to the similar period in natural sleep (PN: RS median = 1.68 Hz (IQR =  
280 3.67) vs NS1 median = 2.09 Hz (IQR = 3.51),  $p = 0.04$ , WRT (df1 = 442 vs df2 = 312); IN: RS  
281 median = 29.34 Hz (IQR = 54.46) vs NS1 median = 49.70 Hz (IQR = 59.37)  $p = 0.01$ , WRT (df1 =  
282 48 vs df2 = 48)). Notably, the interneuron firing rates during ripples appeared bimodal in  
283 recovery sleep, with a skew towards lower firing rates (median = 29.34 Hz (IQR = 54.46),  $p =$   
284  $3.26 \times 10^{-4}$ , SWT on log firing rates (df = 48)). Some studies indicate that somatostatin  
285 positive interneurons generally fire at lower rates during SWRs than do other cells <sup>40,41</sup>. The  
286 firing rate skew we observe may therefore be accounted for by the differential impact of sleep  
287 loss specifically on this class of interneurons, consistent with a recent study employing  
288 immediate early genes <sup>42</sup>.

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 292 **Figure 3: Reactivation attenuates during sleep deprivation and is not rescued by recovery sleep. (A)**  
 293 Explained variance (EV) of pairwise reactivation (NSD, black; SD, red) and its reverse (REV, green)  
 294 during POST in natural sleep (NSD; left column) and sleep deprivation (SD) with recovery sleep (RS;  
 295 right column) sessions from 4 animals (sex indicated on the y-axis). Shaded regions indicate low standard  
 296 deviations. Additional sessions are provided in Extended Data Figure 1. NSD sessions feature robust  
 297 reactivation lasting for hours while SD sessions show either some (rats S and V) or almost reactivation  
 298 (rats N and U). **(B)** The EV auto-correlation (left panel) and corresponding time constants (right panel)  
 299 derived from the half maxima (NSD: 5 animals, 6 sessions; SD: 6 animals, 7 sessions) demonstrate  
 300 significantly faster decay in SD vs NSD. **(C)** Difference of EV and REV were calculated at ZT 0-2.5, ZT  
 301 2.5-5 and ZT 5-7.5, with markers for individual sessions superimposed. Note the significant increase  
 302 between SD2 and RS, but significantly lower RS compared to NS1. (Wilcoxon signed rank tests for  
 303 within group comparisons (panel C), and Wilcoxon rank-sum tests for across group comparisons (panel  
 304 B) \* $p < 0.05$ )

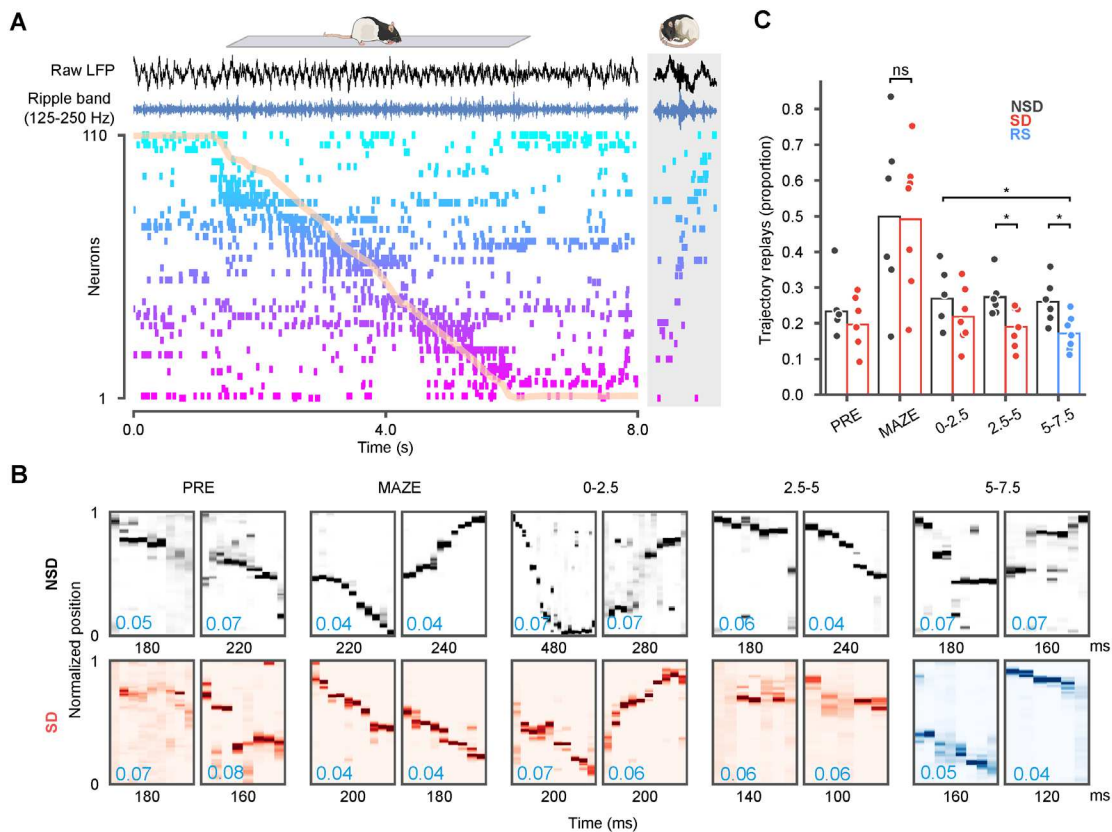
### 305 **Sleep loss attenuates memory reactivation**

306 Given that our results thus far demonstrate that SWRs and their overall population firing rates  
 307 are largely preserved in SD, we next asked whether the specific content of SWRs may be  
 308 impacted by sleep deprivation. We first examined the reactivation of neuronal ensembles,  
 309 which have been linked to the memory function of the hippocampus<sup>17,25</sup>. Such reactivations  
 310 can persist for hours after a novel experience<sup>43</sup> and can broadcast the hippocampal signal to  
 311 cortical regions<sup>8,9,25</sup>. To measure reactivation, we calculated the partial correlation explained  
 312 variance (EV), which measures the similarity of pairwise correlations between MAZE and POST  
 313 while controlling for pre-existing correlations in PRE<sup>43-45</sup> in 250-ms bins in sliding 15-min

314 windows (5 min steps; **Fig. 3A**). A time-reversed EV (REV) was used to estimate the chance level  
315 for reactivation<sup>45,46</sup>. In naturally sleeping animals following exposure to the novel maze we  
316 observed hours long reactivation, consistent with our previous study<sup>43</sup>. During sleep  
317 deprivation, however, we observed one of two scenarios: either virtually no reactivation (e.g.  
318 rats N and U, **Fig. 3A**; seen in 4 out of 7 sessions, **Extended Data Figure 1**) or alternately,  
319 reactivation somewhat similar to natural sleep but with a faster rate of decay (e.g. rats S and V,  
320 **Fig. 3A**; seen in 3 out of 7 sessions, **Extended Data Figure 1**). Pooled across subjects, the overall  
321 timescale of reactivation, estimated from the half-maximum of the EV autocorrelations (**Fig.**  
322 **3B**), was significantly longer in sleep compared to sleep deprivation (NSD mean  $\pm$  standard  
323 error of the mean (SEM) =  $2.6 \pm 0.38$  h vs SD mean  $\pm$  SEM =  $1.5 \pm 0.24$  h,  $p = 0.0376$ , t-test  
324 (df1 = 6, df2 = 7). Remarkably, while reactivation was nearly absent at the end of the sleep  
325 deprivation period (**Fig. 3C**) it increased significantly at the onset of recovery sleep (**Fig. 3C**; RS  
326 mean (EV-REV)  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.026 \pm .003$  vs SD2 mean (EV-REV)  $\pm$  SEM =  $4.06 \times 10^{-3} \pm 7.56 \times$   
327  $10^{-3}$ ,  $p = 5.20 \times 10^{-3}$ , paired t-test (df = 7)). This suggests that the hippocampus is capable  
328 of reprising ensemble patterns reactivation even after a pause, such as during sleep  
329 deprivation. Nevertheless, the observed levels of reactivation during recovery sleep remained  
330 substantially lower compared to a similar period during natural sleep (**Fig. 3C**; RS mean (EV-  
331 REV)  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.026 \pm .003$ , vs NS1 mean (EV-REV)  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.145 \pm .033$ ,  $p = 0.0156$ , t-  
332 test(df1 = 7, df2 = 6)), indicating a lasting outcome of sleep deprivation.

### 333 ***Sequence replay deteriorates during sleep deprivation and recovery sleep***

334 While pairwise measures, such as EV, measure neuronal reactivation, finer scale analysis has  
335 also revealed that neuronal activity during sharp-wave ripples can provide a temporally  
336 compressed replay of sequences of place cells that fired during maze behavior<sup>47,48</sup>. We  
337 observed similar replay sequences in our recordings as well (**Fig. 4A**). Most studies of sequence  
338 replay have been primarily directed at the brief periods of rest and sleep occurring within an  
339 hour of maze exposure. Taking advantage of our long duration recordings, we investigated how  
340 sequential replay unfolds over several hours of sleep in comparison with sleep deprivation. As  
341 quantification of these events can rely on different assumptions about the nature of replay<sup>49,50</sup>,  
342 we focused on using Bayesian methods (**Fig. 4 A-B**) to simply quantify the proportion of ripple  
343 events that decode continuous movement through the maze environment (i.e. “trajectory  
344 replays”). Ripple events featuring  $\geq 5$  active units, animal’s movement speed  $< 8$  cm/s, and  
345 peak ripple power  $> 1$  s.d. were considered candidates for further analyses (see **Methods**). We  
346 assessed trajectory structure using the distance between decoded locations in adjacent time  
347 steps, referred to as “jump distance”<sup>51,52</sup>. Ripple events with jump distance  $< 40$  cm in at least  
348 three consecutive time bins were classified as trajectory replays, and we assessed the  
349 distribution of these events across epochs and conditions. The proportion of ripples that  
350 qualified as trajectory replays was highest on the maze in both experimental groups, consistent



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 352 **Figure 4: Trajectory replays deteriorate over sleep deprivation and recovery sleep.** (A) Hippocampal  
 353 spike raster and local field (LFP) during a sample run on the track (normalized track position overlaid in  
 354 orange). Each row provides spike times for a single neuron, ordered by place field location. Raw LFP  
 355 (black) and ripple-band filtered traces (blue) from one electrode are shown above the raster. The gray box  
 356 on the right provides a sample replay sequence from POST sleep. (B) Two example trajectory replays  
 357 shown for each of the PRE, MAZE, 0-2.5, 2.5-5, and 5-7.5 epochs. In each epoch, the sample events  
 358 shown had traversed distances in the top 10 percentile and mean jump distance (blue text, lower left)  
 359 across sequentially decoded bins in the lowest 10 percentile. (C) The proportion of candidate ripple  
 360 events in different sleep (NSD) or sleep deprivation (SD) and recovery sleep (RS) epochs that decoded  
 361 continuous trajectories. SD sessions featured significantly fewer trajectory replays by the second block.  
 362 The proportion of replays in recovery sleep was significantly lower than the equivalent period in natural  
 363 sleep (Wilcoxon rank-sum tests, \* $p < 0.05$ )

364 with previous reports<sup>53,54</sup>. However, the proportion of trajectory replays was significantly lower  
 365 in SD sessions compared to NSD sessions in the last two blocks (NS2 mean  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.27 \pm 0.023$   
 366 vs SD2 mean  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.19 \pm 0.021$ ,  $p = 0.0213$ , t-test (df1 = 6, df2 = 7); NS3 mean  $\pm$  SEM =  
 367  $0.26 \pm 0.023$  vs RS mean  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.17 \pm 0.018$ ,  $p = 0.0178$ , t-test (df1 = 7, df2 = 6)).  
 368 Importantly, even during recovery sleep, replays did not rebound to the comparative levels in  
 369 natural sleep (Fig. 4C; RS mean  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.17 \pm 0.018$  vs NS1 mean  $\pm$  SEM =  $0.27 \pm 0.033$   $p =$   
 370  $0.0334$ , t-test (df1 = 7, df2 = 6)). These results demonstrate that the loss of sleep immediately

371 following novel experience negatively impacts the hippocampal replay of place cell patterns  
372 following novel maze exposure, which fail to rebound during recovery sleep.

### 373 **Discussion:**

374 Here, we use long-duration recordings to define how sleep loss alters hippocampal firing  
375 patterns. Our observations of the effects of sleep deprivation on hippocampal oscillations and  
376 ensemble firing patterns have important implications for understanding the role of sleep and  
377 the negative impact of sleep loss on hippocampal function.

### 378 **Sleep deprivation induces smaller sharp-waves with higher frequency ripples**

379 We observed distinct effects of sleep deprivation on the electrophysiological features of sharp-  
380 wave ripples. We found lower amplitude sharp waves coupled with lower power ripples during  
381 sleep deprivation compared to natural sleep. The amplitude of sharp-waves and power in the  
382 ripple frequency band are typically considered to reflect the synchrony and coherence of CA3  
383 inputs converging on CA1 neurons. Higher amplitude/higher power events were reported to  
384 produce greater spiking in CA1 neurons<sup>25,55</sup>, and resonate more strongly throughout the  
385 hippocampal formation<sup>8</sup>. However, these studies did not separate effects according to the  
386 background sleep/awake state of the animal, whereas here the differences we report contrast  
387 the effects of enforced wakefulness with natural sleep. One recent study reported that awake  
388 sharp-wave ripples, despite featuring lower amplitude sharp-waves than during sleep,  
389 nevertheless have a larger impact on prefrontal cortical neurons<sup>56</sup>. Similar paradoxical effects  
390 were also recently reported for other brain regions, where lower amplitude sharp-waves  
391 produced larger neuronal responses in extra-hippocampal regions<sup>8</sup>. These observations  
392 therefore indicate that larger sharp-waves do not necessarily translate to greater activation in  
393 target regions. Additionally, at the level of the hippocampus, we note that firing rates during  
394 SWRs remained comparable between sleep deprived and sleeping animals despite differences  
395 in SWR features, suggesting that both low and high amplitude sharp waves generate  
396 approximately similar spiking responses in hippocampal neurons.

397 Alongside these sharp-wave differences, we observed parallel differences in the frequency of  
398 the ripple oscillations at the CA1 pyramidal layer. Higher frequency ripples were present  
399 throughout sleep deprivation and these ripples showed a progressive drop in frequency during  
400 natural sleep and recovery sleep. The ripple oscillation frequency likely reflects temporal  
401 interactions between pyramidal cells and interneurons, presumably basket cells that fire rapidly  
402 during SWRs<sup>30,31</sup>. Brain temperature can also affect ripple frequency by several Hz<sup>33</sup>, though  
403 not quite up to the 18 Hz differences observed in our recordings. These observations suggest  
404 that the frequency of ripple oscillations can serve as a useful proxy for sleep pressure  
405 measurable directly from the hippocampal LFP. In this context, higher frequency ripples  
406 potentially reflect the higher metabolism of the awake state<sup>57</sup> which is progressively lowered

407 and reset in sleep<sup>26</sup>. Differences in ripple frequency can also reflect differences in  
408 neuromodulatory tone, such as activation of GABA-A, 5-HT1A or muscarinic receptors<sup>58-60</sup>, or  
409 different routing of inputs to CA1, with higher frequency ripples reflecting the influence of CA2  
410 during waking<sup>61</sup>, and lower frequency ripples reflecting input from the entorhinal cortex<sup>25,62</sup>.  
411 Interestingly, lower frequency ripples have also been associated with aging<sup>63</sup> and have been  
412 recently reported in a rodent model of Dravet syndrome<sup>64</sup> compared with healthy young  
413 controls, whereas ripple frequency increases after learning<sup>65</sup>, consistent with this postulated  
414 correlation of ripple frequency with higher metabolic cost.

#### 415 **Extended wakefulness increases spiking and broadens firing rate distributions.**

416 We also observed sustained high firing rates of both pyramidal cells and interneurons in the  
417 hippocampus during sleep deprivation, which stood in contrast to decreasing firing rates over  
418 the course of sleep, especially in recovery sleep. This extends upon our previous work by  
419 demonstrating that enforced wakefulness produces a similar effect to spontaneous waking on  
420 hippocampal firing rates<sup>26</sup>. These dynamics are also consistent with the reported effects of  
421 waking to increase and sleep to decrease firing rates in neocortical regions<sup>35,37,38,66</sup>. Moreover,  
422 we found that pyramidal cells displayed a wider negatively skewed distribution of firing rates  
423 during sleep loss compared to sleep. Such broadening of firing-rate distributions have been  
424 associated with higher activity of interneurons<sup>34</sup>, as we also see during sleep loss. These  
425 observations indicate that during enforced wakefulness interneurons actively regulate  
426 competition between pyramidal neurons and suppress the firing of some neurons at the  
427 expense of others<sup>34,67</sup>, whereas the balance shifts towards disinhibition during slow-wave sleep  
428<sup>34,68</sup>. Recovery sleep following sleep deprivation was further characterized by significantly lower  
429 firing rates in both pyramidal cells and interneurons compared with regular sleep, indicating an  
430 enduring effect of enforced wakefulness consistent with fatigue. A recent study further  
431 reported that somatostatin positive neurons, a subset of which are lacunosum-moleculare  
432 projecting interneurons that gate entorhinal cortical input to CA1<sup>69</sup> and fire at lower rates  
433 during SWRs<sup>40</sup>, are distinctly driven during loss of sleep<sup>42</sup>. Intriguingly, we saw negatively  
434 skewed firing rates of interneurons in ripples during sleep deprivation that remained skewed  
435 even in subsequent recovery sleep, which could reflect differential activation of these cell  
436 types.

437 The firing rate patterns we report appear consistent with “the synaptic homeostasis  
438 hypothesis”<sup>70</sup> which conjectures that waking drives strengthened connectivity between  
439 neurons, while sleep drives synaptic downscaling. The progressive decrease in reactivation and  
440 replay over the course sleep may likewise be consistent with this hypothesis as the pathways  
441 providing reverberation of waking patterns are continuously reduced. On the other hand, the  
442 more rapid decline in replay and reactivation during sleep deprivation versus during sleep is not  
443 readily reconciled with a preferential role for waking in synaptic strengthening. If neurons that



444 fire together indeed wire together during waking, they could be expected to show more robust  
445 reactivation (as reflected in co-activity) during this brain state if it is indeed most dedicated to  
446 synaptic strengthening. Another possibility, however, is that the strengthening during awake  
447 activity is promiscuous rather than specific to the firing patterns evidenced on the maze. In this  
448 scenario, waking during sleep deprivation may actively interfere with hippocampal reactivation  
449 by provoking the hippocampus to generate and learn new patterns inconsistent with the maze  
450 experience. Similarly, whereas it has been conjectured that sharp-wave ripples may serve to  
451 downscale synapses<sup>16,26,71</sup>, reactivation and replay were longer lasting during sleep compared  
452 to sleep deprivation, even though both states featured a similar incidence of SWRs. The  
453 background brain states against which SWRs occur, along with the hippocampal activation  
454 patterns that they produce, including the specific content of reactivation and replays, likely play  
455 an role in determining their effects on the hippocampal circuit and other brain regions<sup>8,56,72</sup>.

#### 456 **Sleep loss impairs hippocampal reactivation and replay**

457 Among the most significant findings uncovered in this study is that even though we observed a  
458 similar number of SWRs during sleep and sleep deprivation, the hippocampal reactivations and  
459 replays of the maze experience elicited during these events were diminished during sleep  
460 deprivation compared to sleep. In several influential models of sleep-dependent memory  
461 consolidation, hippocampal reactivations and replays work to consolidate memories by  
462 reprising patterns to strengthen the connections between the neurons associated to a memory  
463<sup>73-77</sup>. In the most recent formulation of the synaptic homeostasis hypothesis, as well,  
464 reactivations and replays play a critical role by sparing indexed memories from synaptic  
465 downscaling to improve the signal to noise of important circuit connections<sup>70</sup>. Despite the  
466 consensus that these neuronal firing patterns play a critical role in the memory function of  
467 sleep, little has been known until now about how they are impacted by sleep loss. We  
468 measured reactivation using the EV measure, which reflects the similarity of pairwise co-firings  
469 of neurons to their co-firings during the novel maze exposure<sup>44</sup>, while controlling for co-  
470 activations that are present prior to maze exposure<sup>43,45</sup>, consistent with the Hebbian principle  
471 that assemblies formed during an experience continue to co-fire thereafter. Trajectory replays,  
472 on the other hand, relate the positions sequentially decoded using Bayesian inference to the  
473 sequence of locations that rats run through on the maze. Thus, replays presuppose the  
474 presence of reactivation, but reactivation could be present in the absence of replay, so long as  
475 active neurons fire in ensembles that are coherent with the maze experience<sup>78,79</sup>. In this study,  
476 we found that reactivation during natural sleep lasted for several hours, consistent with our  
477 recent report<sup>43</sup>. During sleep deprivation, on the other hand, we observed a bimodality, with  
478 some sessions showing virtually no reactivation, while others showed reactivation that decayed  
479 at a faster rate compared to during sleep. An intriguing possibility is that this bimodality reflects  
480 differences in resilience to the effects of sleep deprivation<sup>80,81</sup>. However, we did not see



481 evidence for a similar bimodality in the amount of trajectory replays, which was significantly  
482 lower by the second half of sleep deprivation, compared to natural sleep. This difference could  
483 be due to the methodological differences in the measures used to capture reactivation and  
484 replay, making a direct comparison very difficult<sup>50</sup>. A potential contribution to such differences,  
485 however, could arise if pairwise co-activations during sleep-deprivation are reflective of the  
486 maze experience, without linked into multi-neuronal sequences that decode to trajectories  
487 spanning the maze environment<sup>82,83</sup>. Nevertheless, our study shows that both replay and  
488 reactivation, each associated with the memory function of sleep<sup>77,84,85</sup>, were negatively  
489 impacted by sleep deprivation.

#### 490 **The rebound of reactivation during recovery sleep**

491 Remarkably, we observed a partial rebound in reactivation during recovery sleep following  
492 sleep deprivation. This rebound suggests that despite the diminished reactivation during sleep  
493 deprivation, the hippocampus maintained a latent trace of the maze experience that was  
494 revived when the animals fell asleep. Importantly, however, this rebound was only partial, and  
495 reactivation during the > 2.5 h of recovery sleep did not reach the levels observed during  
496 natural sleep in non-deprived sessions. While it remains conceivable that rebound reactivation  
497 could continue to increase beyond the duration of our recordings, this appears unlikely,  
498 because the greatest synchrony consistent with reactivation is observed at the onset of sleep,  
499 rather than during later stages when rodent sleep tends to be more fragmented and  
500 reactivation patterns become more diffuse<sup>26,43</sup>. Notably, we also did not detect a similar  
501 rebound in trajectory replays. Overall, the absence of a complete rebound in recovery sleep is  
502 remarkable, because while most indices of brain health and function return to homeostatic  
503 levels following sufficient recovery sleep, memories, once impaired by sleep loss or otherwise  
504 do not typically recover<sup>2,86-88</sup>. It is noteworthy that cyclic AMP (cAMP) signaling that is  
505 prominent in the first several hours of sleep and is impaired by sleep deprivation is fully  
506 restored during recovery sleep<sup>87,89</sup>. Similarly full recovery is observed in the transcription of  
507 genes that are differentially impacted by sleep deprivation following recovery sleep<sup>88</sup>, in  
508 contrast to reactivation and replay as we report. An intriguing possibility is that the temporal  
509 overlap between molecular signaling and replays is the key prerequisite for the consolidation of  
510 memory. Sleep loss potentially dissociates these processes either by suppressing one or both  
511 processes during the deprivation period, or by allowing for a full rebound in cAMP or other  
512 molecular pathways but not reactivations and replays in the recovery sleep period.

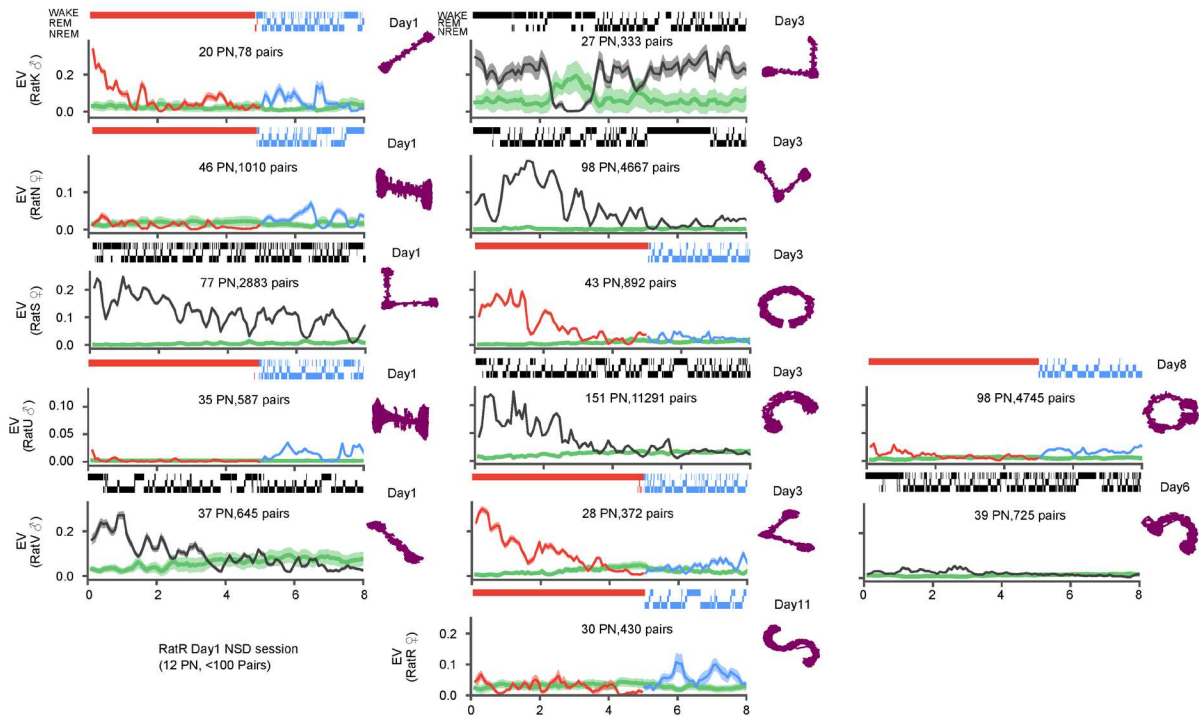
513 Overall, our work calls attention to reactivation and replay as potentially crucial elements  
514 mediating the role of sleep in memory that are negatively impacted by sleep loss. The  
515 impairment of these neuronal firing patterns could destabilize hippocampal spatial  
516 representations<sup>18</sup> and hippocampus-dependent spatial memories<sup>5</sup>. Furthermore, since SWRs  
517 provide privileged windows of communication between the hippocampus and the neocortex<sup>90</sup>,

518 the impaired content of that communication is likely to have widespread impact on networks  
519 distributed throughout the brain <sup>8,91</sup>.

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## Extended Data Figure 1



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523 **Extended Data Figure 1: Temporal evolution of reactivation across all recorded sessions.**  
 524 **Reactivation, measured using the explained variance (EV) metric, in thirteen sessions from six**  
 525 **different animals (3 male and 3 female), as in Figure 3A. Each row provides session(s) from one**  
 526 **animal, with number of putative pyramidal neurons and number of cellpairs used to calculate**  
 527 **EV specified inside each panel. Hypnograms above panels depict sleep/wake history, with sleep**  
 528 **deprivation/recovery sleep in red/blue and natural sleep in black Animals' tracked position on**  
 529 **the novel tracks (purple) are depicted on the right side of the panels with the day of the**  
 530 **recording noted on top.**

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534 **Methods:**

535 *Animals and surgical procedures*

536 Four male and three female Long-Evans rats (300-500 grams) were used in this study. All  
537 surgeries were performed on isoflurane anesthetized animals head fixed on a stereotaxic  
538 frame. After removing hair from the head, the incision area was cleaned using alcohol and  
539 betadine. Next, an incision was made to expose the skull underneath. The skull was cleaned of  
540 tissues and blood, after which hydrogen peroxide was applied. Coordinates for probe  
541 implantation were marked above the dorsal hippocampus (AP: -3.36 , ML:  $\pm 2.2$ ) following  
542 measurement of bregma and lambda. Craniotomies were drilled at the marked location. Using  
543 a blunt needle, the dura was removed carefully to expose the brain surface. After cessation of  
544 bleeding, animals were implanted with 64 channel (8 shank "Buzsaki" probe; Neuronexus, MI; X  
545 animals) or 128 channel (8 shanks, Diagnostic Biochips, MD, 7-X animals) silicon probes. Ground  
546 and reference screws were placed over the cerebellum. Craniotomy was covered with DOWSIL  
547 silicone gel (3-4680, Dow Corning, Midland, MI) and wax. A copper mesh was built around the  
548 implant for protection and electrical shielding. All procedures involving animals were approved  
549 by the Animal Care and Use Committee at the University of Michigan.

550 *Behavior*

551 Prior to the probe implant surgery animals were habituated to the experimenter for  $\geq 40$  mins  
552 for 5 days. Following habituation animals were water restricted and trained to associate water  
553 rewards with plastic wells. During the post-implant recovery period (7 days) animals were  
554 brought to the recording room for monitoring electrophysiology signals and probes were slowly  
555 lowered to the dorsal CA1 region of the hippocampus. In addition, animals were also  
556 habituated to sleep box for  $>1$  h every day. Following this, animals were placed on a water  
557 restriction regiment for 24 h before experiments commenced. Each experimental session began  
558 by transferring animals to their sleep box  $\sim 4$  h before the onset of light cycle. After 3 h of  
559 recording in the home cage, animals were transferred to a novel maze that they had not  
560 previously explored. These maze tracks were made distinct by the shape, color, and  
561 construction materials. Animals alternated for  $\sim 1$  h between two water wells fixed at either  
562 ends of the maze to retrieve rewards from water wells. Following exploration, animals were  
563 transferred to the home cage and the recording continued for  $\geq 10$  h. Animals had access to *ad*  
564 *libitum* food and received *ad libitum* water for 30 mins per day.

565 *Sleep deprivation protocol*

566 Sleep deprivation was performed at the onset of the light cycle in the home cage using a  
567 standard 'gentle handling' procedure<sup>92,93</sup>. Animals were extensively habituated to the  
568 experimenter conducting the sleep deprivation. During the initial hours of sleep deprivation,

569 animals were kept awake by mild noises, tapping or gentle shaking of the cage when animals  
570 displayed signs of sleepiness. As sleep pressure built up over 5h sleep deprivation period, other  
571 techniques such as gently stroking the animal's body with soft brush or disturbing bedding were  
572 increasingly employed to ensure that animals stayed awake. Following sleep deprivation,  
573 animals were allowed to sleep and recover for 48 h before any further experiments.

#### 574 *Data Acquisition*

575 Electrophysiology data was acquired using OpenEphys<sup>94</sup> or an Intan RHD recording controller  
576 sampled at 30 kHz. Analysis of local field potentials (LFP) , was performed on signals  
577 downsampled to 1250 Hz. The animal's position on the maze track was obtained using  
578 Opitrack (NaturalPoint, Inc, OR), which uses infrared cameras to locate a 3d markers that  
579 were clipped to the animal's crown. Position data was sampled at either 60 Hz or 120 Hz and  
580 later interpolated for aligning with electrophysiology. Water rewards during alternation on the  
581 maze track were delivered via solenoids interfaced with custom built hardware using Arduino.  
582 The timestamps for water delivery were recorded via TTLs.

#### 583 *Spike sorting and neuron type classification*

584 All data went through filtering, thresholding and automatically sorting using SpyKING CIRCUS<sup>95</sup>,  
585 followed by manual inspection and reclustering using the Phy package  
586 (<https://github.com/cortex-lab/phy/>). Only well isolated units were used in further analysis.  
587 Putative neurons were classified into pyramidal and interneurons based on peak waveform  
588 shape, firing rate, and interspike-interval. To ensure that a given neuron was reliably tracked  
589 across the recording duration, we divided each session into 5 equally sized bins (~2.5 h) and  
590 excluded any unit that fired below 25% of its overall mean in any given time bin. All LFP and  
591 unit analyses were performed using custom codes written in PYTHON and are available in our  
592 lab's GitHub repository (<https://github.com/diba-lab/NeuroPy>).

#### 593 *Sharp wave ripple detection and related properties*

594 For detecting ripples, one channel from each shank were selected based on the (highest) mean  
595 power in the ripple frequency band (125-250 Hz). The Hilbert amplitude was averaged across all  
596 selected channels, then smoothed using a Gaussian kernel ( $\sigma = 12.5\text{ ms}$ ) and z-scored.  
597 Putative ripple epochs were identified from timepoints exceeding 2.5 standard deviations (s.d.)  
598 and the start/stop was associated with signals  $> 0.5\text{ s.d.}$ . Candidate ripples  $< 50\text{ ms}$  or  $> 450\text{ ms}$   
599 were excluded from further analyses. Sharp wave amplitudes were obtained from a bandpass  
600 (2-30 Hz) filtered LFP using the difference between maximum and minimum value across all  
601 recorded channels within a given ripple. The peak frequency of each ripple was estimated using  
602 a complex wavelet transform. The LFP was first high-pass filtered  $> 100\text{ Hz}$ . This filtered signal  
603 was then convolved with complex Morlet wavelets with central frequencies selected from

604 linearly spaced frequencies in the ripple frequency band (100 to 250 Hz). Within each ripple,  
605 the frequency with maximum absolute wavelet power was designated as the peak ripple  
606 frequency.

### 607 *Sleep scoring*

608 Sleep scoring was performed using correlation EMG, theta, and delta power. Correlation EMG  
609 was estimated by summing pairwise correlations across all channels calculated in 10 s time  
610 windows with a 1 s step<sup>96,97</sup>. For theta power, a recording channel with the highest mean  
611 power in the 5-10 Hz theta frequency band was identified. Following theta channel selection,  
612 the power spectral density was calculated for each window. Periods with low and high EMG  
613 power were labeled as sleep and wake, respectively. The theta (5–10 Hz) over delta (1– 4 Hz)  
614 plus (10 –14 Hz) band ratio of the power spectral density was used to detect transitions  
615 between high theta and low theta, using custom python software based on hidden Markov  
616 models followed by visual inspection. Sleep states with high theta were classified as rapid eye  
617 movement (REM) and the remainder were classified as non-REM (NREM). Wake periods with  
618 high theta were labeled as “active” and the remaining were labeled “quiet”. These labels were  
619 merged in WAKE for the main figures. All detected states went through additional visual  
620 inspection to correct any misclassifications.

### 621 *Explained variance measure for reactivation*

622 Explained variance was calculated using previously described methods<sup>43,44</sup>. Briefly, spike times  
623 were binned into 250 ms time bins, creating an N byT matrix, where N is the number of neurons  
624 and T is the number of time bins. Pearson’s correlations, R, were determined for spike counts  
625 from neuronal pairs in 15 min sliding windows (window length 15 min, sliding 5 min steps) to  
626 produce P, an M-dimensional vector, where M is the number of cell pairs. To reduce spurious  
627 correlations arising from cross contamination of units from the same shank, only pairs with  
628 waveform similarity <0.8 were used. Next, to assess similarity between P vectors from different  
629 windows, the Pearson correlation R of these vectors (i.e., the correlation between cell pair  
630 correlations) was determined (e.g.,  $R_{[PRE, POST]}$ ,  $R_{[PRE, MAZE]}$  and  $R_{[MAZE, POST]}$ ). Controlling for  
631 preexisting correlations in a given window (k) in PRE, the explained variance for a 15 min  
632 window (WIN) was calculated as:

$$633 \quad EV(WIN) = \left( \frac{R_{[MAZE, WIN]} - R_{[MAZE, PRE(k)]} \times R_{[PRE(k), WIN]}}{\sqrt{1 - R_{[MAZE, PRE(k)]}^2} \sqrt{1 - R_{[PRE(k), WIN]}^2}} \right)^2$$

634 averaged over all windows in PRE. To get an estimate of the chance level for EV, we calculated  
635 a time-reversed explained variance (REV) for each WIN<sup>45,46</sup>:

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$$REV(WIN) = \left( \frac{R_{[MAZE, PRE(k)]} - R_{[MAZE, WIN]} \times R_{[PRE(k), WIN]}}{\sqrt{1 - R_{[MAZE, PRE(k)]}^2} \sqrt{1 - R_{[PRE(k), WIN]}^2}} \right)^2$$

637 similarly averaged over PRE. To estimate the time constant of reactivation from each session <sup>43</sup>,  
 638 we used the half-maximum of the autocorrelation function of EV.

639 *Place field calculations*

640 Prior to calculating place fields, animals' 2D positions were linearized using ISOMAP <sup>98</sup> and  
 641 visually inspected to ensure accuracy. For each unit, two firing rate maps were generated  
 642 corresponding to each running direction. Occupancy within 2 cm spatial bins using timepoints  
 643 when animal's speed exceeded 8 cm/s were calculated and smoothed with a Gaussian kernel  
 644 (sigma = 4 cm). For each neuron, spike counts within each spatial bin were determined and also  
 645 smoothed with the Gaussian kernel (sigma = 4 cm). Then, each neuron's firing rate map was  
 646 generated by dividing the smoothed spike counts by the smoothed occupancy map. Neurons  
 647 with peak firing rate < 0.5 Hz were excluded from further analysis.

648 *Decoding and sequence selection*

649 Multiunit activity (MUA) was used to detect population burst events that are concurrent with  
 650 sharp-wave ripples. Within a session, all putative spikes from all clusters were binned in 1 ms  
 651 time bin and smoothed using a Gaussian kernel of  $\sigma = 20$  ms. Candidate ripple events were  
 652 identified if peak MUA activity exceeded 3 s.d.. The start and stop times were defined by  
 653 extending the boundary to MUA above the mean. Two events occurring within 10 ms of each  
 654 other were merged. Events with duration < 80 ms or > 500 ms were discarded.

655 Before decoding, candidate ripple events were required to satisfy 1)  $\geq 5$  active units, 2)  
 656 movement speed < 8 cm/s, and 3) concurrent peak ripple power > 1 s.d.. For these analyses  
 657 alone, to minimize decoding error, we included all stable clusters <sup>99</sup>. Position decoding was  
 658 carried out on ripple events using Bayesian decoding <sup>100</sup>. Probabilities of the animal occupying  
 659 each position bin  $x_p$  on the track were calculated according to:

660 
$$P(x_p | n_t) = K_t \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^N \lambda_i[x_p]^{n_{i,t}} \right\} e^{-\tau \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i[x_p]}$$

661 where  $\tau$  is the duration of the time bin (20 ms) used,  $\lambda_i[x_p]$  is the firing rate of the  $i$ -th neuron  
 662 at  $x_p$  on the maze,  $K_t$  is a normalization constant such that sum of probabilities across all  
 663 position bins equals to 1 for each time bin, and  $n_t$  is the number of spikes fired by each neuron  
 664 in that bin. Location with the maximum posterior probability in a given time bin was termed as  
 665 that time bin's `decoded location`. A candidate ripple event was classified as a `replay` if it

666 decoded a continuous trajectory across space for  $\geq 60$ ms such that the distance between  
667 decoded locations in adjacent time bins was  $< 40$ cm. Posterior probability matrices for all ripple  
668 events that were classified as replay have been compiled in an interactive plot available in our  
669 github repository ([https://github.com/diba-lab/sd\\_paper/trajectory\\_replay\\_events.html](https://github.com/diba-lab/sd_paper/trajectory_replay_events.html)).

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# Figures



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