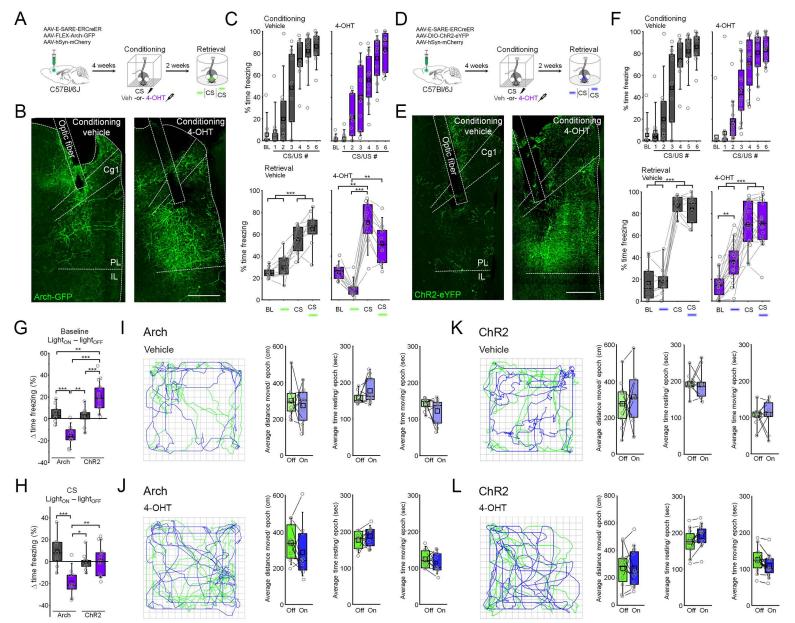
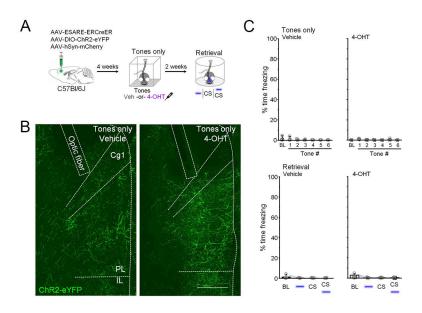


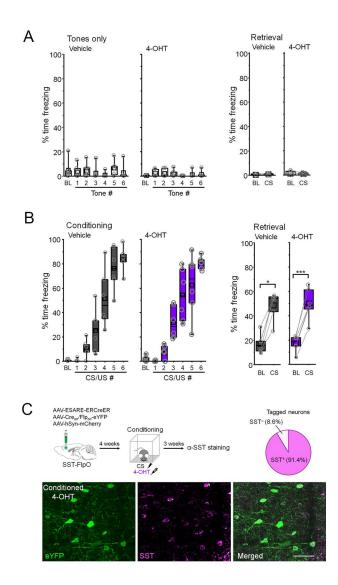
Supplemental Figure 1 - related to Figure 1. Freezing during training and retrieval for mice in Fig 1. (A) Freezing during conditioning and retrieval for mice exposed to tones only. Vehicle retrieval: W = 3, p = 0.58, Wilcoxon signed rank test, n = 8 mice. 4-OHT retrieval: W = 5, p = 1, Wilcoxon signed ranked test, n = 7 mice. (B) Freezing during CS-US pairing and CS-evoked retrieval for conditioned mice. Vehicle retrieval: W = 0, p = 0.014, Wilcoxon signed rank test, n = 8 mice. 4-OHT retrieval: t_6 = -11.4, p = 2.68 x 10⁻⁵, paired t-test, n = 7 mice. Experiment was performed in 3 different cohorts and pooled together. * p < 0.05, *** p < 0.001 by Wilcoxon signed rank (B: vehicle) and paired t-test (B: 4-OHT).



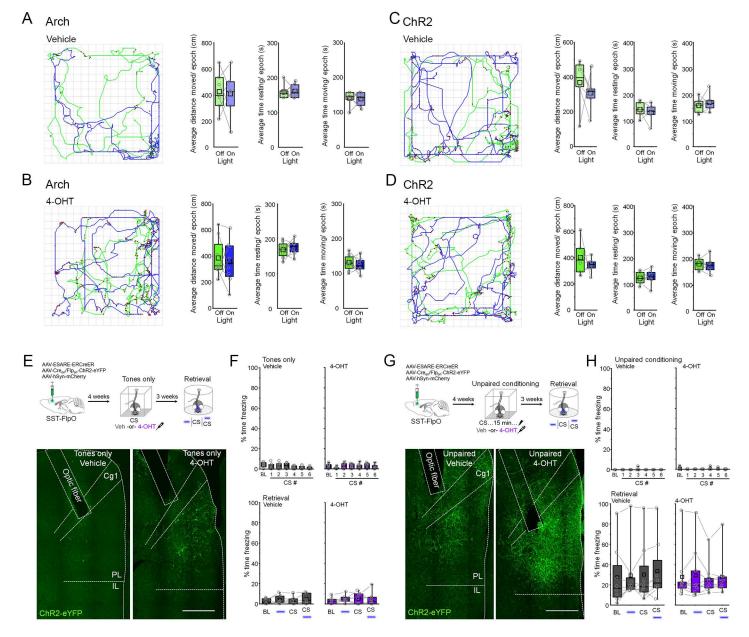
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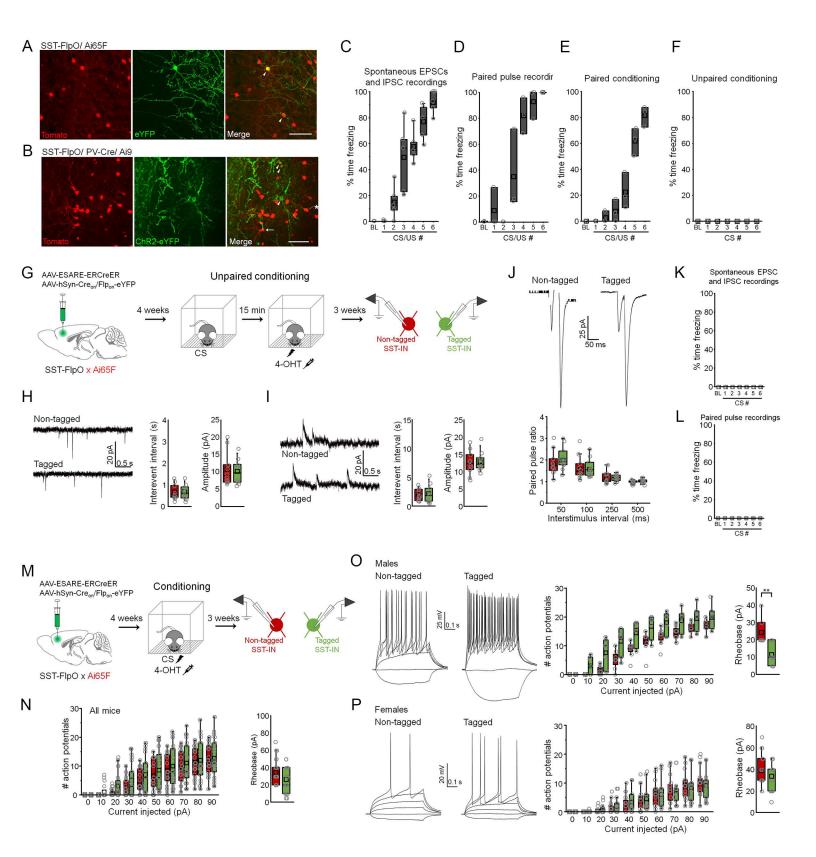
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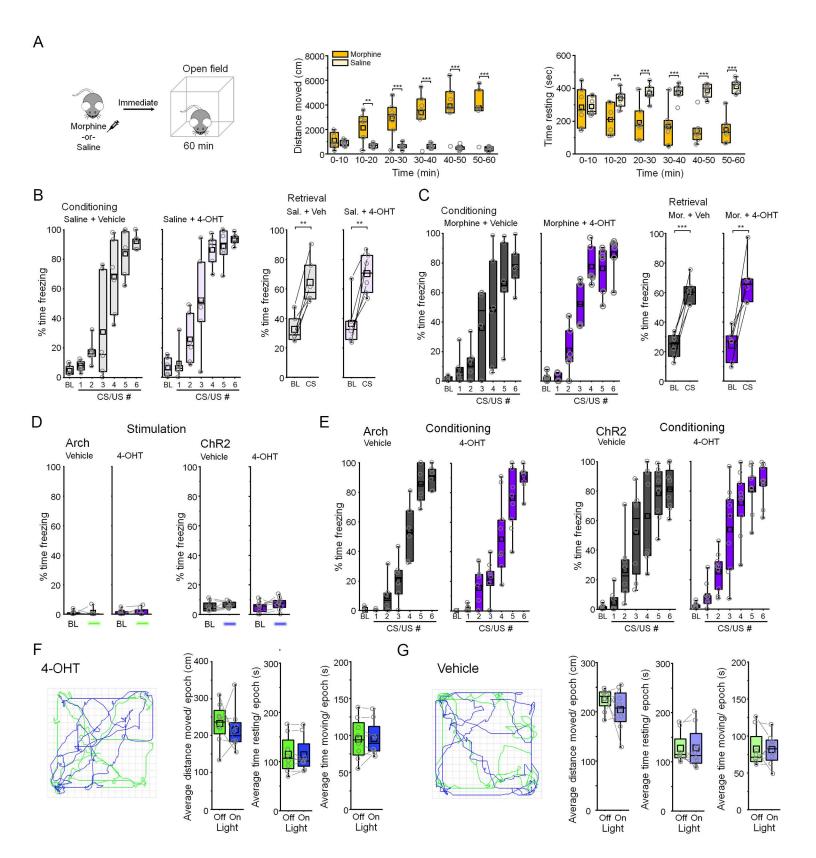
Supplemental Figure 4 – related to Figure 2. Quantification of freezing during training and retrieval and confirmation of intersectional tagging for SST-FIpO mice in Fig 2. (A) Freezing during tone presentation and retrieval for mice exposed to tones only. Vehicle retrieval: W = 3, p = 0.36, Wilcoxon signed rank test, n = 6 mice. 4-OHT retrieval: W = 4, p = 0.79, Wilcoxon signed ranked test, n = 6 mice. (B) Freezing during CS-US pairing and CS-evoked retrieval for conditioned mice. Vehicle retrieval: W = 0, p = 0.036, Wilcoxon signed rank test, n = 6 mice. 4-OHT retrieval: t_s = -9.95, p = 1.75 x 10-4, paired t-test, n = 6 mice. Experiment was performed in 4 different cohorts and pooled together. (C) For a random subset of 4-OHT-injected conditioned mice (n = 4) from Fig. 2, tissue was stained against somatostatin (SST). The percent of tagged neurons positive for SST was quantified and reported as an average across all mice. Scale = 100 μ m. Experiment was performed in 2 different cohorts and pooled together. * p < 0.05, *** p < 0.001 by Wilcoxon signed rank (B: vehicle) and paired t-test (B: 4-OHT).



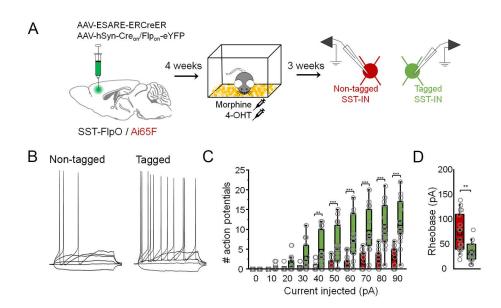
Supplemental Figure 5 - related to Figure 3. Locomotor measures for mice in Fig.3 and no effect of photostimulation of SST-INs tagged during tones only or unpaired training. (A-D) SST-FlpO transgenic mice received bilateral infusions into prelimbic cortex of a cocktail containing vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, Cre- and Flp-dependent Arch, and hSyn-mCherry. Four weeks later, mice were subjected to CS-US pairing and then immediately injected with vehicle (veh) or 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT). (A-B) Three weeks after conditioning, locomotion was tested in a 20-minute open field test during light-on and light-off periods (532 nm, constant). Light on/off epochs were 5 minutes long and were presented in a counterbalanced fashion. Experiments were performed in 2 different cohorts and pooled together. (A) Example activity plot and quantification of locomotor parameters for vehicle mice (n = 7 mice). Distance moved: t₀ = 0.209, p = 0.841, paired t-test. Time resting: W = 13, p = 0.932, n = 7 mice, Wilcoxon signed rank test. Time moving: W = 15, p = 0.932, n = 7 mice, Wilcoxon signed rank test. (B) Example activity plot and quantification of locomotor parameters for 4-OHT mice (n = 8 mice). Distance moved: t_7 = 0.472, p = 0.65, paired t-test. Time resting: t_7 = -0.762, p = 0.47, paired t-test. Time moving: t_7 = 0.763, p = 0.47, paired t-test. (C-D) SST-FlpO transgenic mice received bilateral infusions into prelimbic cortex of a cocktail containing vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, Cre- and Flp-dependent ChR2, and hSyn-mCherry. Four weeks later, mice were subjected to CS-US pairing and then immediately injected with vehicle (veh) or 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT). After three weeks, locomotion was tested in a 20-minute open field test during light-on and light-off periods (473 nm, 10 ms pulses, 20 Hz). Light on/off epochs were 5 minutes long and were presented in a counterbalanced fashion. (C) Example activity plot and quantification of locomotor parameters for vehicle mice (n = 6 mice). Distance moved: t₅ = 0.724, p = 0.50, paired t-test. Time resting: t₅ = 0.795, p = 0.46, paired t-test. Time moving: t₅ = -0.793, p = 0.46, paired t-test. (D) Example activity plot and quantification of locomotor parameters for 4-OHT mice (n = 6 mice). Distance moved: t_5 = 0.822, p = 0.45, paired t-test. Time resting: t_5 = -0.247, p = 0.81, paired t-test. Time moving: t_5 = 0.247, p = 0.81, paired t-test. Experiments were performed in 2 different cohorts and pooled together. (E) For in vivo optogenetic activation of SST-INs activated by tones only experience, SST-FlpO transgenic mice received bilateral infusions into prelimbic cortex of a cocktail of vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, Creand Flp-dependent ChR2, and hSyn-mCherry and were implanted with optic ferrules aimed at PL. Mice were exposed to 6 auditory tones and immediately injected with vehicle (veh) or 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT). Freezing was quantified two weeks later in a neutral context while testing the independent and combined effect of light and tone presentation. Scale = 500 μM. (F) Modulation of freezing by photoexcitation (473 nm, 5 ms pulses, 20 Hz, 20 s epochs) and tone presentation in vehicle (gray) and 4-OHT (purple) injected mice. Vehicle retrieval: F_(3,15) = 0.712, p = 0.56, 1-way repeated measures ANOVA, n = 6 mice. 4-OHT retrieval: χ² = 2.61 (3), p = 0.46, Friedman ANOVA, n = 7 mice. Experiment was performed in 2 different cohorts and pooled together. (G) For in vivo optogenetic activation of SST-INs activated by unpaired conditioning, SST-FIpO transgenic mice underwent surgery as described in (E). After 4 weeks, mice underwent unpaired conditioning followed immediately by injections of vehicle (veh) or 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT). Freezing was quantified two weeks later in a neutral context while testing the independent and combined effect of light and CS presentation. Scale = 500 µm. (H) Quantification of freezing during photoexcitation (473 nm, 5 ms pulses, 20 Hz, 20 s epochs) and CS presentation in vehicle (gray) and 4-OHT (purple) injected mice. Vehicle retrieval: $\chi^2 = 1.99$ (3), p = 0.58, Friedman ANOVA, n = 8 mice. 4-OHT retrieval: $\chi^2 = 1.4$ (3), p = 0.71, Friedman ANOVA, n = 9 mice. Experiment was performed in 3 different cohorts and pooled together.



Supplemental Figure 6 – related to Figure 4. Additional freezing measures and electrophysiological analysis of tagged versus nontagged neurons after unpaired or paired fear conditioning. (A) Discrimination of tagged (eYFP+, tdTomato+) from non-tagged (tdTomato+) SST-INs following intersectional labeling as described in Fig. 4A. Scale = 100 µm. (B) Discrimination of tagged SST-INs (ChR2-eYFP+; arrow heads), PV-INs (tdTomato*; putative PV-IN denoted with arrow) and tagged PNs (tdTomato*; putative tagged PN denoted with asterisk) following intersectional labeling as described in Fig. 4E. (C) Freezing during CS/US pairings for mice used for spontaneous EPSC and IPSC recordings in Fig. 4. (D) Freezing during CS/US pairings for mice used for paired pulse recordings in Fig. 4. (E) Freezing during CS/US pairings for mice used to record light-elicited responses from tagged SST-INs onto neighboring PV-INs, tagged PNs, and non-tagged PNs in Fig. 4. (F) Freezing during CS presentations (training in unpaired mice) for mice used to record light-elicited responses from tagged SST-INs onto neighboring PV-INs, tagged PNs, and non-tagged PNs in Fig. 4. (G-L) No differences in synaptic properties between tagged and nontagged SST-INs following unpaired conditioning. (G) SST-FlpO/ Ai65F double transgenic mice received prelimbic infusions of a cocktail of vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, as well as Cre- and Flp-dependent eYFP. Mice were subjected to unpaired conditioning and immediately injected with 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT). Three weeks later, recordings were obtained from eYFP+/ tdTomato+ (tagged) and eYFP-/ tdTomato+ (non-tagged) SST-INs. (H) Spontaneous excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) were recorded from tagged (n = 10 cells) and non-tagged SST-INs (n = 10 cells) in the same slices (n = 4 slices from 4 mice). Interevent interval: t₁₈ = -0.062, p = 0.95, two-sided unpaired t-test. Amplitude: U = 51, p = 0.97, Mann-Whitney U-test. (I) Spontaneous inhibitory postsynaptic currents (IPSCs) were recorded from tagged (n = 10 cells) and non-tagged SST-INs (n = 10 cells) in the same slices (n = 4 slices from 4 mice). Interevent interval: t₁₈ = -0.269, p = 0.79, two-sided unpaired t-test. Amplitude: t_{18} = -0.243, p = 0.81, two-sided unpaired t-test. (J) EPSC recordings from non-tagged (n = 10 cells) and tagged SST-INs (n = 11 cells) in the same slices (n = 3 slices in 3 mice) during paired pulse stimulation. Paired pulse ratio: F(3,27) = 0.545, p = 0.66, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. (K) Freezing during CS presentation (training) for unpaired mice used for spontaneous EPSC and IPSC recordings. (L) Freezing during CS presentation (training) for unpaired mice used for paired pulse recordings. Experiment was performed in mice from 2 different litters and pooled together. (M-O) Higher excitability of tagged relative to nontagged SST-INs in male mice following paired conditioning. (M) SST-FIPO/ Ai65F double transgenic mice received prelimbic infusions of a cocktail of vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, as well as Cre- and Flp-dependent eYFP. Mice were subjected to CS-US pairing and were immediately injected with 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT). Three weeks later, recordings were obtained from eYFP+/ tdTomato+ (tagged) and eYFP-/ tdTomato+ (non-tagged) SST-INs. (N) Input-output curves and rheobase quantification for tagged (n = 21 cells) and non-tagged (n = 23 cells) SST-INs in the same slices of male and female mice (n = 6 slices from 6 mice). Input-output: F_(9,180) = 1.79, p = 0.072, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. Rheobase: U = 306.5, p = 0.12, Mann-Whitney U-test. (O) Representative spike trains (-20 pA and +10-40 pA current injections), input-output curves, and rheobase quantification for tagged (n = 7 cells) and non-tagged (n = 7 cells) SST-INs in the same slices of male mice (n = 3 slices from 3 mice). Input-output: F_(9,36) = 1.81, p = 0.10, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. Rheobase: U = 44, p = 0.0090, Mann-Whitney U-test. (P) Representative spike trains (-20 pA and +10-40 pA current injections), input-output curves, and rheobase quantification for tagged (n = 14 cells) and non-tagged (n = 16 cells) SST-INs in the same slices of female mice (n = 3 slices from 3 mice). Input-output: F_(9,99) = 0.522, p = 0.86, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. Rheobase: U = 126, p = 0.56, Mann-Whitney U-test. ** p < 0.01 by Mann-Whitney U-test (O: rheobase). Experiments were performed in mice from 2 different litters and pooled together.



Supplemental Figure 7 - related to Figure 5. Additional locomotor and freezing measures for mice that received both morphine and fear conditioning. (A) To obtain a behavioral readout of acute morphine effects, wildtype mice received IP injections of 10 mg/kg morphine in saline or saline alone and were immediately submitted to an open field test for 60 minutes. Quantification of locomotor parameters was conducted for morphine (n = 7 mice) and saline mice (n = 7 mice) in the open field immediately after morphine or saline injections. Distance moved: $F_{(5.30)} = 28.3$, p = 1.68 x 10⁻¹⁰ interaction between drug group and time, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. Time resting: $F_{(5,30)} = 19.4$, $p = 1.35 \times 10^{-8}$, interaction between drug group and time, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. Experiment was performed in 1 cohort of mice. **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001 by Tukey's post-hoc test. (B-C) Freezing during conditioning and retrieval for mice in Fig. 5B-F. (B) Freezing during conditioning and memory retrieval for mice injected with saline. Saline vehicle retrieval: $t_5 = -5.94$, p = 0.002, paired t-test, n = 6 mice. Saline 4-OHT retrieval: $t_5 = -5.94$, p = 0.002, paired t-test, n = 6 mice. (C) Freezing during conditioning and memory retrieval for mice injected with morphine. Morphine vehicle retrieval: t₅ = -9.35, p = 2.36 x 10⁻⁴, paired t-test, n = 6 mice. Morphine 4-OHT retrieval: t₅ = -5.4, p = 0.003, paired t-test, n = 6 mice. Experiment was performed in 2 different cohorts and pooled together. (D-E) Freezing during pre-training photostimulation test and during fear conditioning for mice in Fig. 5G-I. (D) Freezing during the pre-training photostimulation test. Arch vehicle: W = 5, p = 1, Wilcoxon signed rank test. Arch 4-OHT: W = 3, p = 0.62, Wilcoxon signed rank test. ChR2 vehicle: t₇ = -0.788, p = 0.46, paired t-test. ChR2 4-OHT: t₈ = -1.74, p = 0.12, paired t-test (E) Freezing during fear conditioning for morphine-treated mice. (F-G) Photostimulation of morphine-activated SST-INs does not affect general locomotion. SST-FIpO transgenic mice received bilateral prelimbic infusions of a cocktail containing vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, Cre- and Flp-dependent ChR2, and hSyn-mCherry. Four weeks later, mice were injected with morphine (10 mg/kg) followed 10 hours later by injections of vehicle (veh) or 4-hydroxytamonifen (4-OHT). After three weeks, locomotion was tested in a 20-minute open field test during light-on and light-off periods (473 nm, 10 ms pulses, 20 Hz). Light on/off epochs were 5 minutes long and were presented in a counterbalanced fashion. (F) Example activity plot and quantification of locomotor parameters for vehicle mice (n = 8 mice). Distance moved: t₇ = 1.14, p = 0.29, paired t-test. Time resting: W = 18, p = 1, Wilcoxon signed rank test. Time moving: W = 18, p = 1, Wilcoxon signed rank test. (G) Example activity plot and quantification of locomotor parameters for 4-OHT mice (n = 8 mice). Distance moved: t₇ = 0.639, p = 0.54, paired t-test. Time resting: W = 16, p = 0.83, Wilcoxon signed rank test. Time moving: t₇ = -0.159, p = 0.88, paired t-test. Experiments were performed in 2 different cohorts and pooled together. ** p < 0.01, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001 by Tukey's post-hoc (A) or paired t-test (B-C).



Supplemental Figure 8 – related to Figure 8. Comparison of intrinsic excitability between tagged and non-tagged SST-INs after morphine administration. (A) SST-FlpO/ Ai65F double transgenic mice received prelimbic infusions of a cocktail of vectors encoding E-SARE-ERCreER, as well as Cre- and Flp-dependent eYFP. Mice were subjected to IP injections of 10 mg/kg morphine and were injected with 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4-OHT) 10 hours later. Three weeks later, recordings were obtained from eYFP+/ tdTomato+ (tagged) and eYFP-/ tdTomato+ (non-tagged) SST-INs. (B) Representative spike trains (-20 pA and +10-40 pA current injections), input-output curves, and rheobase quantification for tagged (n = 19 cells) and non-tagged (n = 17 cells) SST-INs in the same slices of male and female mice (n = 6 slices from 6 mice). (C) Input-output: F_(9,144) = 36.3, p = 7.72 x 10⁻³³, interaction between cell type and current injected, 2-way repeated measures ANOVA. (D) Rheobase: U = 268, p = 6.71 x 10⁻⁴, Mann-Whitney U-test. ** p < 0.01, **** p < 0.001 by Tukey's post-hoc test in (C) or Mann-Whitney U-test in (D). Experiments were performed in mice from 2 different cohorts and pooled together.