1 **Supplements**

 $\frac{2}{3}$ Tables and supplementary figures for "Pattern separation of spiketrains in hippocampal neurons"

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7 8 **Figure S1. Different granule cells process identical inputs differently.**

9 **(A)** The similarity between pairs of spiketrains coming from two different output sets but associated to the 10 same input set and with the same sweep number is assessed with the Pearson's correlation coefficient (τ_w $11 = 10$ ms). The fifty resulting coefficients are then averaged to give $R_{cell-to-cell}$, a single number measuring

12 the overall similarity of all output spiketrains between two output sets. **(B)** Probability distribution of R_{cell-}

13 to-cell (green histogram) across all GC recordings (all combinations of pairs of GC output sets from the

14 same input set were compared). The distribution of $R_{cell-to-cell}$ (black circles) is not dependent on R_{input} .

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simulations and shuffled data

 (A) Cross-occurrence method to measure spike delay, jitter and spiking reliability of a neuron during a given recording session. *Top*: Example histogram of output spikes occurring after input spikes, fitted (red 20 curve) with a Gaussian distribution N(μ ,σ, baseline), where μ is the mean delay and σ is the jitter of this delay. Lag 0 ms corresponds to the input spike time. In this example, output spikes are generated on average 16 ms after a stimulation impulse (delay) with a jitter (σ) of 8.7 ms. *Bottom***:** the baseline is subtracted and the histogram divided by the number of input spikes during the recording session. This gives the distribution of the probability of spiking after an input spike, the sum of probabilities defining the spiking probability (SP) of the cell during the recording session. Here the neuron fires 39 % of the time after an input spike.

(B-D) Delay, jitter and spiking probability (SP) distributions as a function of input sets, for (**B**) the

- 28 original GC recordings, (C) the simulations of binomially random spiking with Gaussian delay ($n = 110$)
- 29 and (D) one spike shuffling dataset $(n = 102)$. Dashed horizontal red lines are means.

Figure S3 related to Figure 7. Spike-wise neural noise characteristics are not good predictors of spiketrain decorrelation by single GCs.

- Plots of the normalized decorrelation, i.e. $(R_{input} R_{output}) / R_{input}$, of each recording set $(\tau_w = 10 \text{ ms})$: 102
- for GC original and shuffled recordings **(A-B)**, 20 for FS **(C)**, and for GC, FS and HMC pooled together (**D**) as a function of spike-wise noise characteristics (spike delay, jitter and probability). Solid green lines
- 36 are the best linear fit, with R^2 and p-values noted in each panel. These plots illustrate **Table S2**. Note that
- 37 decorrelation is poorly explained (low R^2) by either the spike delay or its jitter in all cell-types. In
- 38 contrast, the spiking probability (SP) is a good predictor of decorrelation in shuffled GC recordings ($n =$
- 102 recordings entirely dominated by spike-wise noise. See Figure S2) and even more so in FS recordings
- (for FS, SP was computed from nbFS data. See Figure S7). This suggests that a low SP can be a potent
- mechanism for decorrelation, and that FS show different levels of decorrelation than GCs partly because
- they are more reliable. However, the regression line for FS is lower than for GCs (even FS with low SP
- show less decorrelation than GCs with similar SP), and SP is only an average predictor of decorrelation
- for GCs, thus confirming that temporal pattern separation in single GCs cannot be the result of simple
- neural noise.

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 Figure S4 related to Figure 7. Spike-wise noise characteristics of granule cells are different than those of DG interneurons.

 Mean +/- SEM (bars) and individual recordings (dots). Spike delay, jitter and spiking probability (SP) for FS interneurons compared to GC recordings associated with the same input sets than FS (*top*) (20 FS recordings, 61 GC recordings, see Figure 3A) and HMC interneurons compared to a different set of GC recordings associated with the same input sets than HMC (*bottom*) (18 HMC recordings, 22 GC recordings, see Figure 3B). A U-test was applied to each pair of comparison, showing that FS are much faster and less noisy than GCs, whereas HMC are similar to GCs (slightly larger jitter, but slightly higher SP).

 Figure S5 related to Figure 7. R_{output} and spiketrain reliability are lower for a random spike **generator than for GCs.**

 A Binomial/Gaussian random spike generator with parameters based on the mean spike-wise neural noise measured in GCs leads to more decorrelation but less spiketrain reliability than in GCs.

63 **(A)** R_{output} distribution at $\tau_w = 10$ ms, for simulated and GC recordings. (ANCOVA: $p < 0.0001$). Shaded

areas (green and grey) represent the 95% CI of the regressions.

65 **(B)** R_w distributions are significantly different (unpaired T-test correcting for unequal variances: $p <$ 66 $0.0001, \langle Rw > \text{simul} = 0.14 \rangle$.

 (C) Like in the original data (**Fig 2E**), the average normalized decorrelation ((Rinput-Routput)/Rinput) seems invariant. Bars are SEM.

(A-B) Asterisks: p < 0.05.

Figure S6 related to Figure 8A. Spiketrain reliability in different hippocampal celltypes
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 Figure S7 related to Figure 3. DG interneurons fire bursts and have a higher firing rate than GCs

(A-B) Comparison of the firing rate in all celltypes and conditions. **(A)** For each comparison the GC

dataset is different and matched to the non-GC dataset, as in Figure 3-4. FS and HMC have a higher firing

83 rate than their GC control (U-test: $p < 0.0001$ and $p = 0.0005$ respectively) whereas CA3 and GC

- 84 recordings under gabazine and 30 Hz input trains do not differ (U-test: $p = 0.18$).
- **(B)** Cumulative distributions of the firing rate for all recordings of all celltypes (n = 102 GC, 20 FS, 18 HMC, 15 CA3+gzn, 22 GC+gzn).

(C-D) Same as A-B for the probability of bursting in a recording. Bursting was defined as the occurrence

of at least two action potentials between two input pulses. **(C)** FS and HMC have a higher propensity to

89 fire bursts than their GC control (U-test: $p < 0.0001$) whereas CA3 pyramidal cells and their GC control

- 90 do not differ (U-test: $p = 0.74$).
- **(E)** The distribution of the number of spikes between two input pulses, for all celltypes, show that FS are
- the only neurons that consistently fire large bursts. Note that GCs almost never fire more than twice, and
- when they do it generally corresponds to two preceding input pulses occurring close to each other (the
- first spike being in reality associated to a different input than the next spike).
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Figure S8 related to Figure 3 and 5. Differences in pattern separation between GC and DG interneurons are not solely due to different firing rates and bursting behaviors.

 (A) The relationship between the firing rate and decorrelation levels in all recordings of all celltypes. In contrast to GCs, for FS neurons there is a strong correlation between the firing rate of a recording set and the associated normalized decorrelation. See **Table S3** for more details.

- **(B)** The relationship between the probability of bursting (see Figure S7) and the decorrelation levels in all recordings of all celltypes is less clear, but cells bursting more than 30% of the time have the lowest decorrelation levels.
- **(C)** Example of bursts in a FS recording (*bottom*) in response to input spikes (*top*). To assess the effect of
- 106 bursting on R_{output}, we truncated each recorded spiketrain from FS neurons to keep only the first output
- spike between two input spikes, thus removing any burst without altering the SP of the cell. The blue shaded areas highlight the spikes that were removed. The resulting truncated dataset was termed "nbFS"
- for "non-burst FS".
- 110 **(D)** R_{output} versus R_{input} for nbFS and GC at $\tau_w = 10$ ms (to compare to Figure 3A4). Both distributions are
- still significantly different, suggesting the bursting behavior of FS is not sufficient to explain the
- 112 difference in pattern separation: ANCOVA: $p < 0.0001$. **(E)** Bursts in HMC recordings were truncated to produce an "nbHMC" dataset.
- 114 **(F)** Pairwise analysis on nbHMC and GC recordings at $\tau_w = 250$ ms show that the distributions are still
- different between the two celltypes (to compare to Figure 5D): ANCOVA: p < 0.0001. Under this
- 116 analysis, nbHMCs and GCs are also significantly different at lower timescales (τ_w = 100, 50 and 10 ms)
- 117 but with a lower effect size as τ_w decreases (not shown).
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 Figure S9 related to Figure 5 and 9. Short-term synaptic dynamics differences can drive differences in terms of temporal pattern separation.

 (A) Examples of current-clamp recordings in one GC and one CA3 PC, under partial block of inhibition, in response to a 30 Hz input train (input pulses are noticeable as downward artefacts). EPSPs visually appear quite different between GCs and CA3 PCs, with clear facilitation in CA3 PCs, which leads them to spike mostly during periods of high input frequencies.

- **(B-C)** We designed two models of spiking neurons only differing by a few synaptic parameters. Model 1 is the same as the model presented in Figure 9, with depressing EPSC dynamics, except that the inhibition constant was decreased to match FR observed in real GC+gzn recordings. Model 2 was inspired by GC-to-CA3 mossy fiber synapses that exhibit low initial probability of release and short-term facilitation, and
- the inhibition constant was set so to match the mean FR of real CA3+gzn recordings (~7Hz). Model 1 and
- 2 were thus designed to have different synaptic dynamics but yield similar FR. Spiking responses to the
- 132 pattern separation protocols used on real CA3 PCs and their GC controls (30 Hz input trains: $R_{input} = 0.21$ and 0.76, shown in Figure 4) were then simulated (n = 5 simulated output sets for each model and each
- 134 R_{inout}).
- **(B)** Example of current and voltage responses of model 2 to a 30 Hz input train. Asterisks correspond to spike times of a single sweep from a CA3 PC recording (different than in A).
- **(C)** Pairwise correlation analysis, as in Figure 5, shows that the two models yield visually obvious differences in terms of temporal pattern separation (crosses and bars: mean +/- SEM; solid lines: linear
- regression on data points). Although model 1 and 2 do not reproduce well the pattern separation levels
- observed in real GCs and CA3 PCs (Figure 5E), they qualitatively go in the same direction: the GC-to-
- 141 CA3 inspired model 2 produces visually lower R_{output} than the PP-GC inspired model 1, at short
- 142 timescales (10 ms) and large ones (250 ms, for low R_{input} values). Overall, this analysis shows that differences in terms of synaptic dynamics are sufficient to cause differences in terms of temporal pattern
- separation.
- 145 **Table S1-3**. **Linear regressions goodness-of-fit, p-value and slope.** The predictor variables (x-axis) 146 correspond to columns, and the variables to be explained (y-axis) correspond to rows. Red highlights 147 significant regressions that explain more than 50% of the variance $(R^2 > 50)$. Blue highlights 148 regressions that are significant ($p < 0.01$) but that explain less than 50% of the variance. The values used for Normalized Decorrelation, i.e. $(R_{input} - R_{output})/R_{input}$, and for Spiketrain Reliability (R_w) were 150 computed with a binning window of 10 ms, unless specified. Abbreviations: GC yo = from young mice, \overline{AC} ad = from adult mice, \overline{AL} = dataset pooling all celltypes and conditions recorded in young mice 150 G GC ad = from adult mice, ALL = dataset pooling all celltypes and conditions recorded in young mice 152
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155 x -axis \rightarrow y -axis \blacktriangleright **Membrane Capacitance (Cm) Membrane Resistance (Rm) Membrane Time Constant = Rm.Cm Resting Membrane Potential (Vrest) Normalized Decorrelation GC yo** $R^2 = 4\%$ $p = 0.08$ slope $= -0.2$ $F(1,100) = 3.2$ $R^2 = 5\%$ $p = 0.06$ slope $= -0.03$ $F(1,100) = 3.7$ $R^2 = 8\%$ $p = 0.013$ slope $= -1.2$ $F(1,100) = 6.5$ $R^2 = 3%$ $p = 0.17$ slope $= -0.2$ $F(1,100) = 1.9$ **FS** $R^2 = 47\%$ $p = 0.0008$ slope $= -1.5$ $F(1,18) = 15.8$ $R^2 = 77\%$ p <0.0001 slope $= 0.6$ $F(1,18) = 58.9$ $R^2 = 5\%$ $p = 0.4$ slope $= 13.6$ $F(1,18) = 1.2$ $R^2 = 46%$ $p = 0.0009$ slope $= 1.4$ $F(1,18) = 15.6$ **HMC** $R^2 = 33%$ $p = 0.013$ slope $= -0.4$ $F(1,16) = 7.8$ $R^2 = 3%$ $p = 0.48$ $slope = 0.06$ $F(1,16) = 0.5$ $R^2 = 7%$ $p = 0.3$ slope $= -1.8$ $F(1,16) = 1.6$ $R^2 = 0.5\%$ $p = 0.8$ slope $= 0.1$ $F(1,16) = 0.08$ **CA3 +gzn** $R^2 = 0.1\%$ $p = 0.9$ $slope = -0.05$ $F(1,13) = 0.01$ $R^2 = 2\%$ $p = 0.59$ $slope = 0.03$ $F(1,13) = 0.3$ $R^2 = 4%$ $p = 0.60$ slope $= 1.2$ $F(1,13) = 0.6$ $R^2 = 29%$ $p = 0.04$ slope $= 0.7$ $F(1,13) = 5.4$ **GC +gzn** $R^2 = 30\%$ $p = 0.008$ slope $= 1.6$ $F(1,20) = 8.6$ $R^2 = 0.3\%$ $p = 0.8$ slope = 0.01 $F(1,20) = 0.06$ $R^2 = 2\%$ $p = 0.5$ slope $= 3.5$ $F(1,20) = 4.1$ $R^2 = 13%$ $p = 0.09$ $slope = -0.7$ $F(1,20) = 3.1$ **ALL** $R^2 = 0.6\%$ $p = 0.35$ slope $= -0.09$ $F(1,175) = 0.9$ $R^2 = 3%$ $p = 0.04$ $slope = 0.03$ $F(1,175) = 4.2$ $R^2 = 1\%$ $p = 0.2$ $slope = 0.55$ $F(1,175) = 1.5$ $R^2 = 0.2\%$ $p = 0.55$ slope = -0.08 $F(1,175) = 0.3$ **GC ad** $R^2 = 4\%$ $p = 0.24$ slope $= -0.4$ $F(1,33) = 1.4$ $R^2 = 11\%$ $p = 0.06$ slope $= -0.07$ $F(1,33) = 3.9$ $R^2 = 17\%$ $p = 0.015$ slope $= -4.3$ $F(1,33) = 6.6$ $R^2 = 5\%$ $p = 0.2$ slope $= -0.3$ $F(1,33) = 1.7$ **Spiketrain Reliability** (R_W) **GC yo** $R^2 = 2\%$ $p = 0.2$ $slope = 0.001$ $F(1,100) = 1.8$ $R^2 = 6\%$ $p = 0.03$ slope $= 4e-3$ $F(1,100) = 4.7$ $R^2 = 7%$ $p = 0.02$ $slope = 0.01$ $F(1,100) = 6.1$ $R^2 = 3%$ $p = 0.17$ $slope = 0.002$ $F(1,100) = 1.9$ **FS** $R^2 = 48%$ $p = 0.0006$, slope = 0.01 $F(1,18) = 16.8$ $R^2 = 70%$ $p < 0.0001$ slope $= -0.007$ $F(1,18) = 41.7$ $R^2 = 6\%$ $p = 0.29$ slope = -0.12 $F(1,18) = 0.7$ $R^2 = 39\%$ $p = 0.003$ slope $= -0.014$ $F(1,18) = 11.6$ **HMC** $R^2 = 29\%$ $p = 0.19$ $slope = 0.005$ $F(1,16) = 6.5$ $R^2 = 24\%$ $p = 0.06$ slope = -0.001 $F(1,16) = 5.0$ $R^2 = 9\%$ $p = 0.2$ slope = 0.006 $F(1,16) = 0.3$ $R^2 = 3%$ $p = 0.5$ slope = -0.002 $F(1,16) = 0.5$ **CA3 +gzn** $R^2 = 4\%$ $p = 0.5$ $slope = 0.003$ $F(1,13) = 0.5$ $R^2 = 9\%$ $p = 0.29$ slope $= 6e-4$ $F(1,13) = 1.2$ $R^2 = 4\%$ $p = 0.45$ slope = -0.01 $F(1,13) = 0.45$ $R^2 = 10%$ $p = 0.24$ $slope = -0.004$ $F(1,13) = 1.5$ **GC +gzn** $R^2 = 2\%$ $\rm p = 0.5$ slope $= -0.003$ $F(1,20) = 0.4$ $R^2 = 22%$ $p = 0.03$ $slope = 8e-4$ $F(1,20) = 5.7$ $R^2 = 17\%$ $p = 0.05$ $slope = -0.02$ $F(1,20) = 3.9$ $R^2 = 29%$ $p = 0.01$ slope $= 0.008$ $F(1,20) = 8.0$ **ALL** $R^2 = 0.4\%$ $p = 0.5$ $slope = 7e-4$ $F(1,175) = 0.5$ $R^2 = 7%$ $p = 0.0013$ slope $= -4e-4$ $F(1,175) = 10.7$ $R^2 = 3%$ $p = 0.045$ slope $= -0.008$ $F(1,175) = 4.1$ $R^2 = 1\%$ $p = 0.24$ $slope = 0.001$ $F(1,175) = 1.4$ **GC ad** $R^2 = 13%$ $p = 0.03$ $slope = 0.006$ $F(1,33) = 4.9$ $R^2 = 6\%$ $p = 0.17$ slope $=$ 4e-4 $F(1,33) = 2.0$ $R^2 = 24%$ $p = 0.003$ $slope = 0.04$ $F(1,33) = 10.3$ $R^2 = 8.5\%$ $p = 0.09$ slope $= 0.004$ $F(1,33) = 3.05$

154 **Table S1. Intrinsic electrophysiological cell properties**

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Table S4. Statistics

