# Spatial and Non-Spatial Information:

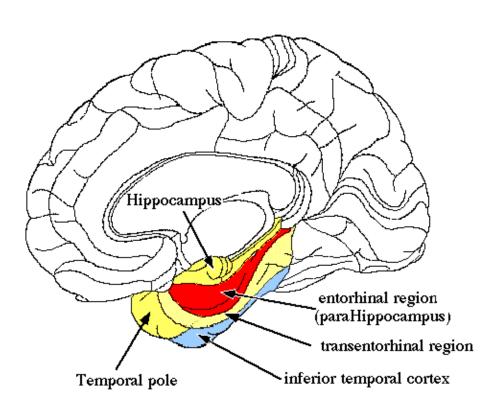
Representation in Lateral Entorhinal Cortex (LEC)

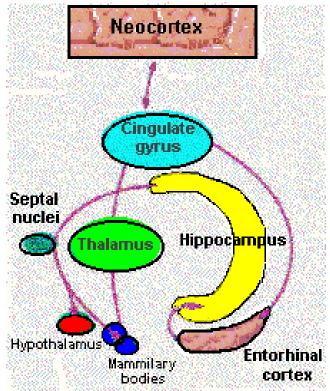
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# **Episodic Memory**

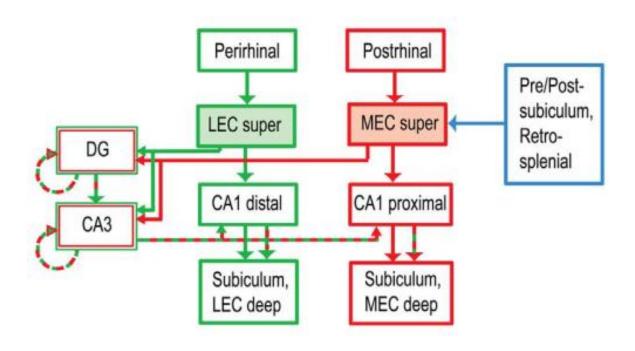
Experience: WHERE-WHAT-WHEN





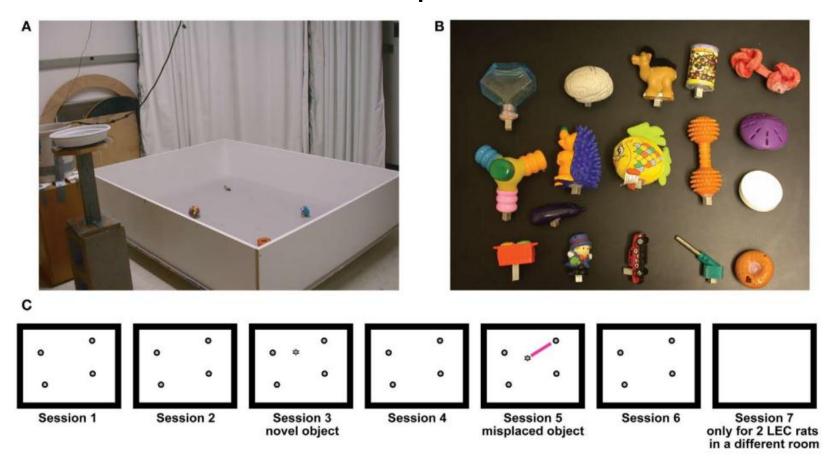
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#### Related Work: MEC and LEC



- MEC: spatial information walls or edges
- <u>LEC</u>: individual objects, odors, pictures etc.

## The Experiment



- Objective: Double dissociate between LEC and MEC
- Conditions: Exploration

#### Measurements

- Firing Rate Map: No. of spikes in the binTime spent in the bin
- Information Score: Amount of information(in bits) per spike
- Object Responsiveness Index:  $\frac{On A}{On + A}$

#### Results

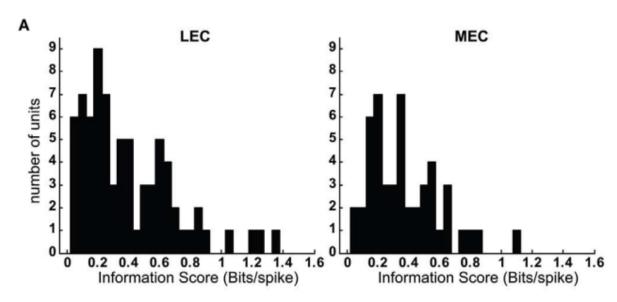


Table 1 | Distribution of cells with putative object-related activity across rats.

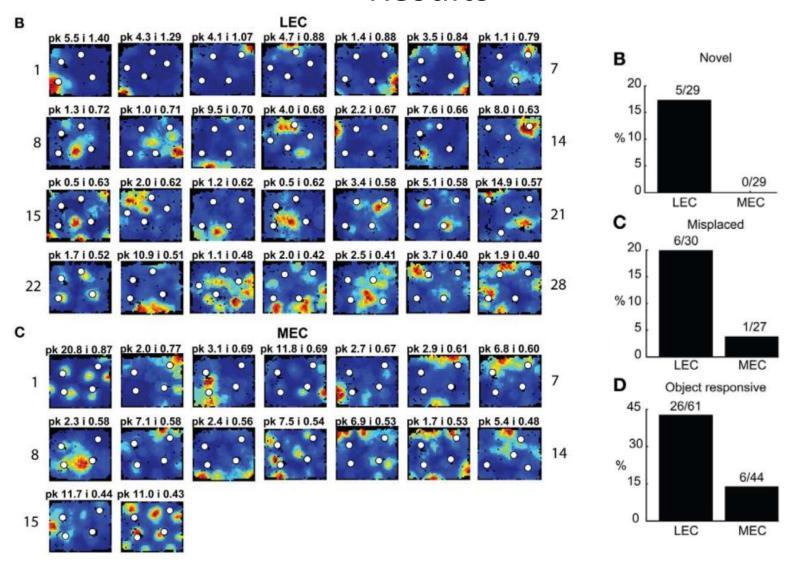
		Rat number						
		177	183	192	194	208	209	211
LEC	Total units <sup>1</sup>	14	14	1	8	36	10	4
	Units included in object-related analyses <sup>2</sup>	13	9	0	4	28	4	3
	Putative object-responsive units	6	5	0	0	13	1	1
	Putative place cells <sup>3</sup>	0	1	0	0	4	1	0
MEC	Total Units <sup>1</sup>			5	40			11
	Units included in object-related analyses <sup>2</sup>			3	33			8
	Putative object-responsive units			0	5			1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Units with good isolation and at least 50 spikes in at least 1 session.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Units with statistically significant (p < 0.01) spatial information score > 0.25 bits/spike in at least 1 session.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This analysis was run only on LEC units.

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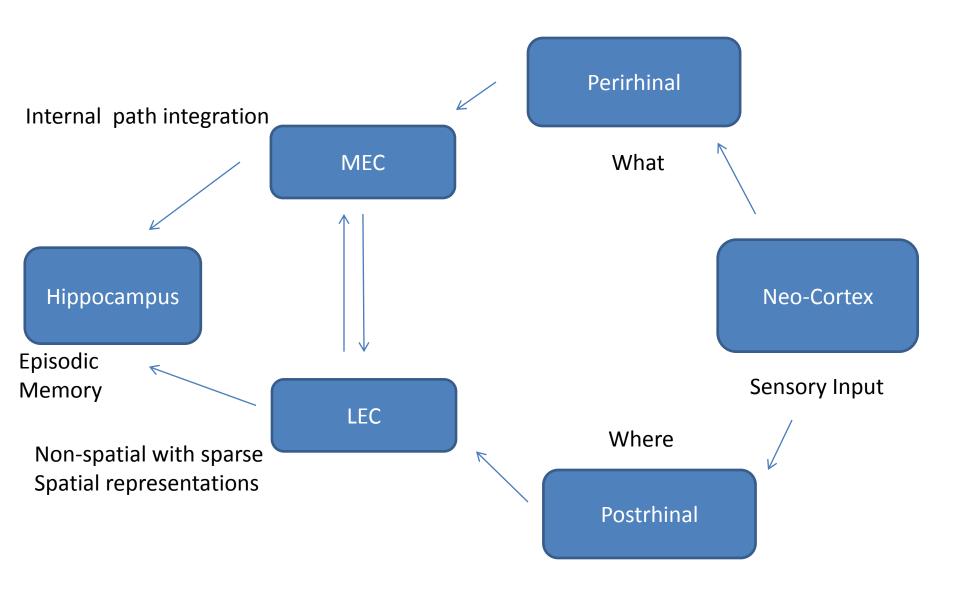
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# Questions? Thank You

#### **Discussions**

- Place-Related activity in LEC in presence of objects
- Object Selectivity in LEC: Saliency encoding
- Influence of objects on functional populations in MEC

## Conclusion



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