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- 演題: Place cells, spatial maps and hippocampal memory
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要旨: The hippocampus plays a critical role in memory and its dysfunction can lead to disorders ranging from epilepsy to dementia. Work in both humans and animals has shown that it is crucial for the formation of new episodic and contextual memories, as well as their consolidation, but how dynamic changes in its wellcharacterized neuronal activity map on to these functions and the theories explaining them has remained difficult to address. Over the last 50 years we have gained a considerable understanding of the anatomy, synaptic function, in vivo physiology and behavioral relevance of the rodent hippocampus, particularly in respect to its role in spatial and contextual memory and the existence of place cells, spatially receptive responses of single neurons in the structure. More recently, genetic techniques allow specific access to discrete populations of neurons, both within the hippocampus and in areas projecting to it, permitting us to assess circuit function following the manipulation of neuronal transmission and plasticity on a variety of timescales. In this talk I will introduce these concepts and describe how we combine genetic tools with behavior and in vivo recording to gain a greater understanding of how information is processed in the hippocampus and what that can tell us about the mechanisms of spatial representations and of memory. I will highlight some of the lab's recent efforts, including experiments designed to understand the links between place cell activity and the encoding of memory, as well as work focused on the identification of a dynamic physiological signature of memory age.

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