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Head direction cells: pr

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The strong signal carried by head direction ce
postsubiculum complements the positional sig
by hippocampal place cells; together, the dire
positional signals provide the information nece
rats to generate and carry out intelligent, effici
to spatial problems. Our opinion is that the hip
positional system acts as a cognitive map and
of the directional system is to put the map into
the environment. In this way, paths found usin
be properly executed. Head direction cells hav
discovered in parts of the thalamus reciprocal
with the postsubiculum; such cells provide im
the organization of the directional system.

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