Brief wide-field photostimuli evoke and modulate oscillatory reverberating activity in cortical networks

Short title: Photo-activated network responses in vitro

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Supplementary Information

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Figure S1. ChR2-LCTC current dynamics. Voltage-clamp experiments were performed under TTX in neurons expressing ChR2-LCTC, in order to explore the inward current dynamics. Varying the stimulus duration modulates the peak current amplitude in four representative neurons (**A-D**).



Figure S2. Light-evoked oscillatory activity is also reflected in single-trial raw voltage traces. Reminiscent of network rhythm signatures in local field potentials *in vivo* or in brain slices, the impact of brief (1msec) photoactivation was apparent also in single trials raw extracellular voltage recordings, low-pass filtered below 110 cycles/sec. For each MEA microelectrode, filtered voltage traces recorded ~200ms preceding (A) or following (B) the stimulus onset are displayed: the apparent transient increase in signal variance, recorded at most microelectrodes, correspond to reverberating network-wide spiking activity (Figs. 2A, 3). Estimating the power spectrum of a sample low-pass filtered raw trace (C-D) reveals light-induced oscillations in the same range as the spike PSTH (Fig. 3C), although with a much worst signal-to-noise ratio (Fig. 3C).