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Adaptive Multi-scale Place Cell Representations and Replay for Spatial Navigation
and Learning in Autonomous Robots

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Place cells are one of the most widely studied neurons in the brain hippocampus thought to play a vital role in spatial cognition. Studies show that place cell activity is highly correlated with the animal's location in an environment, forming "place fields" that are highly specific to the animal's location. This dissertation presents a novel approach to place cell representations and replay in autonomous robots, inspired by the structure and function of place cells in the brain. The dissertation is available for viewing in ENB 313 and Online (Microsoft Teams). Please email for more information: pablos@usf.edu

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Publications

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