

1 **Neuronal mechanisms underlying innate and learned olfactory processing in**
2 ***Drosophila***

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18 **Abstract**

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20 Olfaction allows animals to adapt their behavior in response to different chemical cues in
21 their environment. How does the brain efficiently discriminate different odors to drive
22 appropriate behavior, and how does it flexibly assign value to odors to adjust behavior
23 according to experience? This review traces neuronal mechanisms underlying these
24 processes in adult *Drosophila melanogaster* from olfactory receptors to higher brain centers.
25 We highlight neural circuit principles like lateral inhibition, segregation and integration of
26 olfactory channels, temporal accumulation of sensory evidence, and compartmentalized
27 synaptic plasticity underlying associative memory.

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29 **Introduction**

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31 How does the brain translate olfactory input into appropriate innate and learned behavior,
32 such as approach, avoidance, feeding, mating, and reproduction? Recent advances into
33 olfactory discrimination have been enabled by new neurogenetic tools in *Drosophila*,
34 especially highly specific driver lines for specific neurons in the fly brain [1,2]. Because the
35 fly brain has only ~100,000 neurons, many of which are reproducibly identifiable across
36 individuals, genetic access to specific neurons leverages modern neuroscience techniques
37 (optogenetic/thermogenetic manipulation of neural activity; calcium imaging; targeted patch-
38 clamp recordings; connectome reconstruction from electron microscopy volumes) to achieve
39 unprecedented cellular resolution in defining neural mechanisms underlying sensory
40 processing.

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42 **Early neural mechanisms enhancing separation of odor responses**

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44 Differential behavior for different odors requires differential neural activity, and many
45 anatomical and physiological features of the first two layers of the fly olfactory system are
46 best understood as mechanisms for producing reliably different patterns of neural activity for
47 different odors.

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49 Olfactory discrimination begins with the fly's repertoire of ~60 olfactory receptors, each of
50 which binds to a unique profile of odorant molecules [3]. Olfactory receptor neurons (ORNs)
51 typically each express a single olfactory receptor [4-6], allowing distinctive receptor binding
52 for different odors to translate into distinctive ORN activity. ORNs synapse onto second-
53 order projection neurons (PNs) in the antennal lobe in structures called glomeruli, in a
54 roughly one-to-one manner (**Figure 1**). 10-65 ORNs expressing the same receptor converge

55 on a single glomerulus, providing input to 1-8 PNs; likewise, each PN receives input from a
56 single glomerulus [7]. ORN-PN convergence reduces noise (PN activity is less variable than
57 ORN activity) because each PN can average the activity of many ORNs [8]. Reducing noise
58 aids reliable olfactory discrimination, which requires that different odors elicit not just
59 different neural activity, but *reproducibly* different activity across multiple odor encounters.

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61 As in other species [9], odor discrimination in *Drosophila* is enhanced by lateral inhibition. In
62 the fly olfactory system, lateral inhibition begins even before the first synapse: most ORNs
63 are co-housed in the same sensillum with one or more other ORNs expressing a different
64 olfactory receptor [5]. Co-sensillar ORNs inhibit each other through non-synaptic interactions
65 (probably ephaptic coupling) [10], which enhances differences in neural activity for different
66 odors. Ephaptic lateral inhibition might occur faster than synaptic inhibition and therefore
67 work better in turbulent air with rapidly changing odor concentrations [5].

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69 Lateral inhibition also acts at the first synapse in the olfactory system, between ORNs and
70 projection neurons (PNs), where local interneurons inhibit release from ORN presynaptic
71 terminals [11-13]. This ‘input gain control’ normalizes responses by total ORN activity,
72 decreases correlations between odor response profiles of different PNs [12], and improves
73 odor discrimination by a perceptron modelling neurons post-synaptic to PNs [14].

74 Interestingly, some glomeruli are more sensitive to this gain control than others, potentially
75 allowing some glomerular channels to be concentration-sensitive and others to be
76 concentration-insensitive [15]. At the next synapse, between PNs and neurons in the lateral
77 horn (LH), lateral inhibition by inhibitory projection neurons enhances naive discrimination of
78 similar odors by increasing distances in ‘neural activity space’ between PNs’ population
79 responses to different odors [16,17].

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81 **Integrating olfactory channels in the lateral horn**

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83 PNs project to two higher-order brain centres, the mushroom body and the lateral horn,
84 which integrate odor-specific patterns of PN activity to produce appropriate behavior (**Figure**
85 **1**). Traditionally, the mushroom body and lateral horn have been seen as regulating learned
86 and innate behavior, respectively. This division has been complicated recently by findings
87 that the mushroom body regulates some innate behaviors [18,19] and drives learned
88 behavior in part via the lateral horn [20]; it may be more useful to think of the mushroom
89 body as regulating ‘flexible’ or ‘context-dependent’ behaviors [21]. Regardless, in this section
90 we discuss ‘innate’ olfactory processing by the lateral horn; we address mushroom body
91 function in the next section.

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93 Do some glomeruli 'encode attraction' while others 'encode repulsion'? Such dedicated
94 channels, often called 'labeled lines', could wire specific odors directly to neurons in the
95 lateral horn that drive approach or avoidance motor outputs. Indeed, some glomeruli do have
96 clear behavioral functions, especially when their olfactory receptor is extremely selective for
97 an ethologically relevant odor. For example, the male-specific pheromone 11-cis-vaccenyl
98 acetate (cVA) is detected by Or67d-expressing ORNs, which project to glomerulus DA1
99 [22,23]. DA1 PNs form stereotyped synapses in the lateral horn onto the neuron aSP-f in
100 males, and aSP-g in females [24-26]. Presumably, males and females react differently to
101 cVA because aSP-f and aSP-g elicit different downstream behaviors. Other odors activating
102 dedicated channels include repulsive odors from harmful microbes [27] or parasitoid wasps
103 [28]. Less specialized glomeruli may also have clear behavioral roles. For example, Or19a-
104 expressing ORNs respond preferentially to a group of odorants found in citrus fruits, a
105 favored egg-laying site for *Drosophila melanogaster*. This pro-citrus egg-laying preference
106 requires Or19a-expressing ORNs, and artificially activating Or19a-expressing ORNs
107 promotes egg-laying [29]. Taking a broader view, correlating behavior with population activity
108 of ORNs or PNs across many odors reveals that some glomeruli respond primarily to
109 aversive (e.g. DL5/Or7a) or attractive (e.g., DM4/Or59b) odors [30-32], although most
110 glomeruli do not show such a clear division. Interestingly, narrowly tuned glomeruli have
111 more PNs [7], raising the possibility that ethologically important odors are processed
112 differently or over-represented in higher brain areas.

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114 How is activity of different olfactory channels integrated to produce behavioral outputs?
115 Optogenetic activation of one or two classes of ORNs revealed that behavioral effects of
116 single glomerular channels sum, either linearly or sub-linearly depending on which two
117 glomeruli are being combined [33]. The importance of integrating multiple channels of a
118 combinatorial code is reinforced by findings that removing small numbers of PNs from the
119 population generally affects behavior moderately rather than all-or-none, whether through
120 experimental manipulations affecting behavior [16] or through removing PNs from a
121 regression model affecting its prediction accuracy [32].

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123 How does this integration occur at the circuit level? Some inter-channel integration occurs in
124 the antennal lobe. For example, excitatory local neurons in the antennal lobe provide lateral
125 excitation between glomerular channels via electrical synapses [34-37], allowing pheromone
126 responses of DA1 PNs to be enhanced by food odors [38]. Conversely, with mixtures of
127 odors of opposing valence, repellent-responsive glomeruli inhibit attractant-responsive
128 glomeruli via inhibitory interneurons in the antennal lobe [39]. Further integration occurs in

129 the lateral horn, where PNs' projections to particular zones [40-42] and synaptic connections
130 to particular neurons [43-45] are stereotyped (unlike in the PNs' connections to the
131 mushroom body; see below).

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133 These stereotyped connections suggest that glomerular channels may be combined
134 according to behaviorally-relevant categories. Large-scale mapping of PN inputs to identified
135 types of LH neurons revealed that some pairs of glomeruli converge on common LH neurons
136 more often than would be expected by chance. Some of these pairs respond to the same or
137 similar odorants (e.g, DA1 and DL3 both respond to cVA), but other pairs respond to
138 dissimilar odorants that have in common only that they should elicit similar behavioral
139 responses, such as dissimilar odorants that are both found in food sources or both promote
140 social behaviors [44]. Supporting the idea that the LH processes odor categories rather than
141 odor identity, LH neurons respond more broadly to odors than their PN inputs do, but LH
142 odor responses categorize odors by chemical class (amines, esters, etc.) more accurately
143 than PN responses do [45]. Consistent with this, glomerular channels whose activation
144 prevents egg-laying (presumably because their naturally activating odorants signal toxicity or
145 predation) converge on the same ventral-posterior zone of the lateral horn, possibly a zone
146 specialized for negative control of egg-laying behavior [46]. Indeed, EM reconstructions
147 show that DA2 PNs (responding to the toxic mold odorant geosmin) and DL2 PNs
148 (responding to parasitic wasp odors) synapse onto common lateral horn neurons [47].
149 Optogenetic activation of these LH neurons drives avoidance behavior, while blocking them
150 prevents geosmin-evoked inhibition of egg-laying. Conversely, activating other LH neurons
151 drives approach behavior [2]. Together, these results suggest that hard-wired connectivity
152 between PNs and LH neurons determines innate odor preferences.

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154 **Kenyon cells encode odor identity for learned olfactory discrimination**

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156 Beyond innate olfactory discrimination, flies can also *learn* to discriminate between odors: if
157 they experience a specific odor paired with reward (e.g., sugar) or punishment (e.g., electric
158 shock), they learn the association and thereafter approach/avoid the trained odor, but not
159 untrained odors [48]. Such classical conditioning requires flies to (1) hold unique
160 representations of arbitrary odors, (2) assign valence (reward/punishment) to odors, and (3)
161 generate the appropriate approach or avoidance behaviour. We first discuss odor
162 representation.

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164 Theoretical work suggests that learned stimulus discrimination should be aided by encoding
165 stimuli sparsely (i.e., where only a few neurons in a population respond to each stimulus),

166 which should reduce overlap between stimulus representations [49,50]. Such sparse coding
167 occurs in Kenyon cells (KCs), the principal neurons of the mushroom body (MB). While PN
168 inputs to KCs respond broadly to odors [8], only 5-10% of KCs respond to each odor [51].
169 Notably, the KCs' sparse coding scheme still allows flies to generalize learned associations
170 to similar odors (which could be viewed as noisy variations of the same odor) [52-54], a
171 property characteristic of a computer algorithm called locality-sensitive hashing, which
172 resembles KC sparse coding [55].

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174 Sparseness is maintained in part by feedback inhibition from the GABAergic APL neuron;
175 blocking APL output broadens KC population odor responses and increases overlap
176 between odor representations, thereby impairing learned discrimination of similar odors [56].
177 Sparseness is further aided by the fact that KCs require multiple simultaneous inputs from
178 different glomeruli to generate spikes [57]. This connectivity is not stereotyped [58,59], but is
179 also not purely stochastic, as PNs with similar odor tuning profiles, and from the same
180 glomeruli, tend to converge on the same KCs [57,60]. This lack of stereotypy contrasts with
181 the LH and allows the MB to complement the LH's innate responses with learned responses
182 to arbitrary odors.

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184 KCs' integration of dendritic inputs mirrors the fly's integration of sensory inputs, supporting
185 the so-called 'drift-diffusion' model of sensory decision making. The drift-diffusion model
186 posits that neurons accumulate sensory evidence until reaching a threshold that triggers a
187 decision, in order to explain the characteristic reaction times of animals (including flies)
188 choosing between two sensory stimuli: fast for clearly contrasting stimuli where evidence
189 accumulates quickly, slow for noisy or ambiguous stimuli where evidence accumulates
190 slowly [61]. This phenomenon has been elegantly demonstrated in a subset of KCs called
191 $\alpha\beta_c$ KCs, which accumulate information over time through integration of subthreshold
192 synaptic inputs. The more ambiguous the stimulus, the longer $\alpha\beta_c$ KCs accumulate evidence
193 before reaching the firing threshold. A mutation that causes abnormally slow reaction times
194 reduces the intrinsic excitability of $\alpha\beta_c$ KCs, thereby making them depolarize abnormally
195 slowly toward firing threshold. Indeed, the latency between stimulus onset and the first spike
196 in this KC subset accurately predicts reaction times [62]. Through their sparse
197 representations and evidence accumulation of olfactory sensory input, KCs lay the
198 foundation for olfactory discrimination and subsequent learning.

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200 **The mushroom body integrates stimulus identity and valence to allow learned**
201 **olfactory discrimination**

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203 How does the fly brain assign valence to these sparse stimulus representations, and how is
204 stimulus identity and valence read out to guide experience-based decision-making? Current
205 evidence suggests that stimulus valence is assigned by ‘teaching signals’ from MB extrinsic
206 dopaminergic neurons (DANs) that encode punishment or reward. Many DANs respond
207 specifically to punishment (electric shock) or reward (sugar) [63], and blocking DANs
208 prevents memory formation [64-66], while artificial activation of DANs alone during odor
209 stimulus is sufficient to induce memory formation [67-73] (see **Table 1**). The current working
210 hypothesis in the field is that memories are read out by MB output neurons (MBONs), which
211 are activated by KCs and bias the fly towards approach or avoidance [74-76].

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213 The three elements of the mushroom body – stimulus identity, teaching signals, and readout
214 – are coupled together by an ingenious compartmentalized architecture. KC axons running
215 in parallel make up the MB lobes, which are divided into 15 compartments, each of which is
216 typically innervated by one type of DAN and one type of MBON paired according to opposite
217 valence (i.e., reward DAN + avoidance MBON; punishment DAN + approach MBON) [1,77]
218 (**Figure 2**). DANs depress KC-MBON synapses specifically in the same compartment. For
219 example, when odor X coincides with punishment to create an aversive memory,
220 punishment-responsive DANs depress synapses from odor-X-responsive KCs onto
221 ‘approach’ MBONs but not ‘avoidance’ MBONs, thus making the fly avoid odor X in the
222 future. Conversely, ‘reward’ DANs depress KC synapses onto ‘avoidance’ MBONs to create
223 appetitive memories [53,63,78-80].

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225 In other words, the current working hypothesis in the field posits the following: Olfactory
226 learning in *Drosophila* works by suppressing the ‘wrong’ action rather than promoting the
227 ‘correct’ action. This is possible because behavior is driven by the *balance* of competing
228 ‘approach’ and ‘avoidance’ MBONs. MBONs that are depressed during learning are required
229 for memory retrieval, at least for ‘forced-choice’ learning tasks where flies choose between
230 the trained odor and an untrained odor, because it is the difference in MBON activity
231 between the two odors that drives choice. Memories are odor-specific because learning
232 depresses the output synapses of only KCs that responded to the trained odor, not KCs that
233 respond to other odors.

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235 Why are there so many compartments, rather than only 2 (reward/avoidance vs.
236 punishment/approach)? The different compartments store memories that form and decay at
237 different speeds and are differentially sensitive to being overwritten by new information
238 [53,66,70,71]. This diversity in ‘learning rules’ could store multiple memory traces in parallel
239 depending on the intensity and reliability of odor-valence pairing. Indeed, different ‘reward’

240 DANs are differentially required for learning to associate odors with different kinds of
241 rewards (e.g., water vs. sweet taste vs. caloric value of food) that entrain memories of
242 different stability [64-66,68]. In addition, MBONs do not only drive approach and avoidance.
243 One MBON drives 'alerting' behavior and responds only to novel odors because its
244 corresponding DAN depresses its responses to familiar odors [81]. Another MBON reduces
245 flight bout durations, and its activity is reduced by a DAN that prolongs flight [82]. Similarly,
246 MBON signaling is modulated not only by 'reward' and 'punishment', but also by internal
247 states like arousal and hunger. DAN activity correlates with behavioral state even in the
248 absence of external reward/punishment [63], and various DAN/MBON compartments
249 regulate approach toward food odors depending on hunger state [19], or avoidance of
250 carbon dioxide depending on presence of food odors [18]. These findings suggest that the
251 diversity of MBON/DAN compartments allows multidimensional, flexible regulation of
252 behavior.

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254 A few additional features are worth noting. First, compartments communicate with each
255 other. For example, aversive training can increase responses of 'avoidance' MBONs to the
256 trained odor because it suppresses feedforward inhibition from an 'approach' MBON [76,80].
257 Such inter-compartment communication may explain why some MBONs are required for
258 memories of the 'wrong' valence (e.g., MBONs required for appetitive memory even though
259 their matching DANs implant aversive memory [71,75,83,84], or vice versa [74]). Second,
260 odor-valence associations are order-sensitive: odor+punishment only causes learned
261 avoidance if punishment (or artificial activation of punishment-encoding DANs) follows the
262 odor within a few seconds. If punishment *precedes* odor, flies learn to *approach* the trained
263 odor [71,85]. Indeed, DAN activation without odor potentiates KC-MBON synapses rather
264 than depressing them [63,78]. Third, different subpopulations of KCs can be differentially
265 required for aversive vs. appetitive memory, perhaps through different connectivity with
266 DANs or MBONs [86,87]. Fourth, despite the basic picture outlined above, a single
267 compartment can be innervated by multiple types of DANs signaling opposite valence (e.g.,
268 the $\beta 2$ and $\beta'2$ compartments [64-66,69,71]).

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270 Finally, how do MBONs guide motor output? One output path goes through the LH. MBON-
271 $\alpha 2sc$ is an 'approach' MBON required for aversive memory retrieval, whose response to
272 punished odors is reduced after aversive training [53,79]. MBON- $\alpha 2sc$ activates LH neurons
273 called PD2a1 and PD2b1, which also are required for aversive memory retrieval and show
274 reduced responses to punished odors after aversive training. PD2a1/b1 also receive input
275 from PNs and other LH neurons and are required for innate attraction to some odors,

276 suggesting that they integrate both learned and innate pathways to drive behaviour [20]
277 (Figure 1).

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279 **Post-learning mechanisms involve recurrent activity and cross-compartmental** 280 **signaling**

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282 Previously learned olfactory discriminations must be re-evaluated in changing conditions.

283 What happens to memories after they are formed? Short-term memories can be

284 consolidated into protein synthesis-dependent long-term memory (LTM), which can last >24

285 hours, depending on the nature of the training protocol (e.g., odor+food LTM arises from a

286 single pairing, whereas odor+shock LTM requires multiple spaced training trials) [88-90].

287 The need for multiple spaced shock trials for aversive LTM may represent a requirement for

288 more robust or persistent reinforcement, but it is unclear what naturalistic reinforcement this

289 artificial protocol resembles. This consolidation to LTM requires recurrent signaling between

290 DANs and MBONs, for example between the DAN and MBON of the $\alpha 1$ compartment [91].

291 In addition, LTM consolidation requires oscillatory activity in a DAN called MP1 or PPL1-

292 $\gamma 1$ ped for ~30-60 min after training, but no longer [92]. This oscillating activity is shut off after

293 60 min by the MBON in the same compartment ($\gamma 1$), called MVP2 or MBON- $\gamma 1$ ped $>\alpha/\beta$ [93].

294 The crucial LTM-gating oscillating activity in MP1 depends on activity from a pair of

295 serotonergic projection neurons, whose activity in turn is stimulated by 'spaced' aversive

296 training that induces LTM training, but not single aversive training sessions that don't induce

297 LTM [94].

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299 Memories that are acquired but not consolidated rapidly decay, discarding irrelevant

300 information in a brain with limited resources [95]. Remarkably, forgetting, like learning, is

301 triggered by DAN activity [78,96], suggesting that the same dopamine signal can trigger

302 opposing parallel processes (forming and erasing memories), most likely through parallel

303 biochemical pathways in KCs. In learning, dopamine receptor Dop1R1 (aka *dumb*) activates

304 the G protein Gs, triggering cAMP signaling via a Ca^{2+} -dependent adenylyl cyclase,

305 *rutabaga*, that detects the coincidence of odor (Ca^{2+} influx in the KC) and dopamine [97,98].

306 In forgetting, another receptor, Dop1R2 (aka *damb*), activates Rac1 and Scribbled via a

307 different G protein, Gq [98-100]. These pathways likely cause opposing changes to KC-

308 MBON synapses, although this remains to be demonstrated.

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310 What happens when re-exposure to a previously conditioned odor leads to an unexpected

311 outcome? When a fly smells a previously punished odor, now without punishment, the now-

312 obsolete aversive memory undergoes 'extinction'. Yet the aversive memory trace

313 (depression of 'approach' KC-MBON synapses) is not erased. Rather, the unexpected lack
314 of punishment acts as a 'reward', creating a competing appetitive memory trace (depression
315 of 'avoidance' KC-MBON synapses) that behaviorally cancels out the original aversive
316 memory [80]. Similarly, appetitive memory extinction requires signaling by 'punishment'
317 DANs [83]. When a fly instead is re-exposed to partial features of a previous conditioning
318 trial (including the odor not paired with shock or sugar), the memory becomes labile, and can
319 either be reconsolidated or erased, via MBONs signaling to DANs [83].

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321 **Future directions**

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323 Several questions remain under-explored. Certain fly behaviors suggest active sensing:
324 Flies' flapping wings draw odors toward the antennae during flight [101] and flies move their
325 antennae actively during flight [102]. Do flies use active sensing to enhance olfaction (akin to
326 sniffing in mammals)? In addition, recent work has started to reveal how flies integrate
327 olfactory input with wind direction to drive locomotion toward/away from odor sources
328 [33,103-106], but we know little about the neural circuits between the MB/LH and motor
329 outputs, especially about how they translate odor identity into behaviors more complex than
330 attraction and repulsion (e.g., feeding, mating and egg-laying) [47]. Future work will shed
331 light on these and other questions using new tools like whole brain connectomes
332 [60,107,108] and recording from brains of freely behaving flies [109].

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344 **References of special (*) or outstanding (**) interest**

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346 *[2] Dolan et al. describe the anatomy of the lateral horn and the behavioral effects of many
347 of its neurons, by creating a library of split-Gal4 lines for the lateral horn analogous to Aso et
348 al.'s library of mushroom body split-Gal4 lines [1]. Together with ref. [45], this work opens the
349 lateral horn to detailed functional dissection.

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351 **[20] Dolan et al. show that olfactory memory retrieval requires communication from the
352 mushroom body to the lateral horn. An MBON required for aversive memory retrieval drives
353 lateral horn neurons called PD2a1 and PD2b1, which are also required for aversive memory
354 retrieval.

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356 **[44,45] Jeanne et al. and Frechter et al. describe the anatomy and functional properties of
357 LH neurons in unprecedented detail. They show that connectivity between PNs and LH
358 neurons is stereotyped, and that LH neurons integrate olfactory channels to identify odors
359 not by individual odorant but by behaviorally relevant category (e.g., food, pheromone, toxin,
360 etc.).

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362 *[46,47] Chin et al. and Huoviala et al. show that olfactory channels that drive flies to avoid
363 laying eggs converge on a similar areas of the lateral horn, even on the same identified
364 neurons, suggesting that there may be dedicated neurons or anatomical regions in the
365 lateral horn for specific odor-driven behaviors.

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367 **[62] Groschner et al. show that the abnormally slow reaction times of *FoxP* mutants are
368 caused by extra K^+ leak channel expression in $\alpha\beta_c$ KCs that reduce their excitability and
369 therefore slow down their odor-evoked depolarization to spike threshold. This suggests that
370 evidence accumulation may occur through dendritic integration of synaptic inputs.

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372 *[53,63] Hige et al. and Cohn et al. provided key evidence that associative learning in the
373 mushroom body occurs through DANs locally depressing KC-MBON synapses in the same
374 compartment.

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376 *[71] Aso and Rubin show that optogenetic activation of DANs innervating different
377 compartments of the mushroom body can implant artificial memories with different
378 characteristics: different speeds for learning and forgetting and different sensitivities to
379 updating for new information. These parallel memory traces could explain why there are so
380 many MB compartments, and how different aspects of memory could be stored in parallel.

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382 *[80] Felsenberg et al. show that when later experience shows a previously formed memory
383 to be obsolete, the fly brain does not necessarily erase the previously formed memory trace
384 but rather forms an additional opposing memory trace that cancels out the first one.

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386 *[94] Scheunemann et al. show that the classical memory gene *dunce* also gates
387 consolidation of long-term memories (LTM). Beyond its known role in learning, *dunce*'s
388 phosphodiesterase activity inhibits activity of serotonergic projection neurons, thereby
389 preventing the oscillatory activity in dopaminergic MP1 neurons required for LTM
390 consolidation. Spaced training sessions that induce LTM inhibit *dunce* activity, thereby
391 removing this gate and allowing LTM to be consolidated.

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393 **Figure legends**

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395 **Figure 1. Overview of *Drosophila* olfactory system.**

396 Olfactory receptor neurons (ORNs) expressing the same receptor (different receptors
397 indicated here by red, green, blue colors) converge on the same glomerulus in the antennal
398 lobe, where they synapse on projection neurons (PNs). The ORN-PN synapse and the
399 interneurons of the antennal lobe 'pre-process' the olfactory signals that PNs carry in parallel
400 to their two targets in the central brain, the mushroom body (MB) and lateral horn (LH). The
401 MB implements flexible behaviors: Kenyon cells (KCs) carry unique, sparse odor
402 representations and their outputs to mushroom body output neurons (MBONs) can be
403 modified by dopaminergic neurons (DANs), allowing experience or internal state to modify
404 behavioral responses to specific odors (see **Figure 2**). The LH implements innate behaviors:
405 LH neurons integrate PN activity through stereotyped connectivity to encode behaviorally
406 relevant categories of odors (e.g., food, pheromones, toxins). These and other circuit
407 principles from the main text are summarized in the small text on the figure.

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409 **Figure 2. Architecture of the mushroom body.**

410 **(A)** Schematic of the compartmentalized architecture of the mushroom body (MB). KCs
411 (gray) carry sensory identity information to the MB lobes, where they form local synapses
412 with pairs of DANs and MBONs. When an odor is paired with reward, DANs activated by
413 reward weaken KCs' excitatory drive to avoidance-MBONs, thereby biasing the fly's
414 response to the trained odor toward approach. The converse happens when an odor is
415 paired with punishment: punishment DANs weaken KC excitation of approach-MBONs, so
416 the fly later avoids the trained odor.

417 **(B)** Schematic of MB anatomy, showing an example of a γ -KC (which receives input from
418 PNs in the calyx and sends an axon into the lobes) and the $\gamma 1$ compartment innervated by
419 PPL1- $\gamma 1$ pedc (a 'punishment' DAN, also known as MP1) and MBON- $\gamma 1$ pedc $>\alpha/\beta$ (an
420 'approach' MBON, also known as MVP2). Anatomical axes: D, dorsal, P, posterior, M,
421 medial.

422 (C) Schematic of the MB lobes divided into the three KC subsets ($\alpha\beta$, $\alpha'\beta'$, and γ), and
 423 further segregated into compartments according to innervation by DANs signaling
 424 punishment (red), reward (green), or familiarity (blue), or regulating flight (white). The
 425 'familiarity' DAN in $\alpha'3$ suppresses the novelty-encoding MBON- $\alpha'3$. Red/green hatching on
 426 $\beta 2$ and $\beta'2$ indicates multiple DANs that each signal reward or punishment, not a single DAN
 427 that signals both. References: see **Table 1**.
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Compa rment	Dopaminergic neuron (DAN)			Mushroom body output neuron (MBON)		
	Responds to 'training' feature (e.g., reward)	Artificial activation drives learning / plasticity	Required for learning / plasticity	Activity depressed by learning / matching DAN	Artificial activation drives behavior	Required for memory retrieval
$\gamma 1$	[110,111]	[53,70,71]		[53,76,80]	[75]	[75,76]
$\gamma 2$	[63,78,110,111]	[71,78]		[78]	[75]	[75,78,83,87]
$\gamma 3$	[63]				[75]	
$\gamma 4$	[63,64]		[64,65]		[75]	[75]
$\gamma 5$	[63,64]	[71]	[64,65]		[74]	[74,75,87]
$\alpha 1$		[65,66,71]	[66]			[75,91]
$\alpha 2$		[53,71]		[53,79]		[79]
$\alpha 3$		[71]				[75]
$\beta 1$		[65,71]				
$\beta 2$		[65,69,71]		[74]	[74]	[74]
$\alpha'1$	[63,78]	[71]		[78]	[75]	[75,78,83,87]
$\alpha'2$		[71]				[75]
$\alpha'3$	[81]	[81]	[81]	[81]	[81]	[81]
$\beta'1$			[82]	[82]	[82]	
$\beta'2$	[64]	[65,69,71]		[74]	[74]	[74,75,87]

429 **Table 1.** References for different types of evidence for the function of DAN/MBON
 430 compartments in **Figure 2C**. Notes: 1. Some DANs/MBONs innervate more than one
 431 compartment and some compartments are innervated by more than one type of DAN or
 432 MBON. 2. In some cases, the evidence comes from driver lines expressed in more than one
 433 type of DAN or MBON. Sometimes this is because DANs or MBONs have combinatorial
 434 effects such that activating two neurons might be sufficient to drive learning/behavior, while
 435 activating one alone is not; in other cases, it is because sufficiently specific drivers did not
 436 exist at the time of the study. 3. With the exception of [63], most studies have not directly
 437 tested if these DANs/MBONs function *selectively* in memory of only one type (e.g.,
 438 responding to reward vs. punishment or necessary/sufficient for appetitive vs. aversive
 439 memory). 4. It is unclear how the $\beta'1$ compartment fits in the associative memory paradigm
 440 presented in this review but we include it here for completeness.

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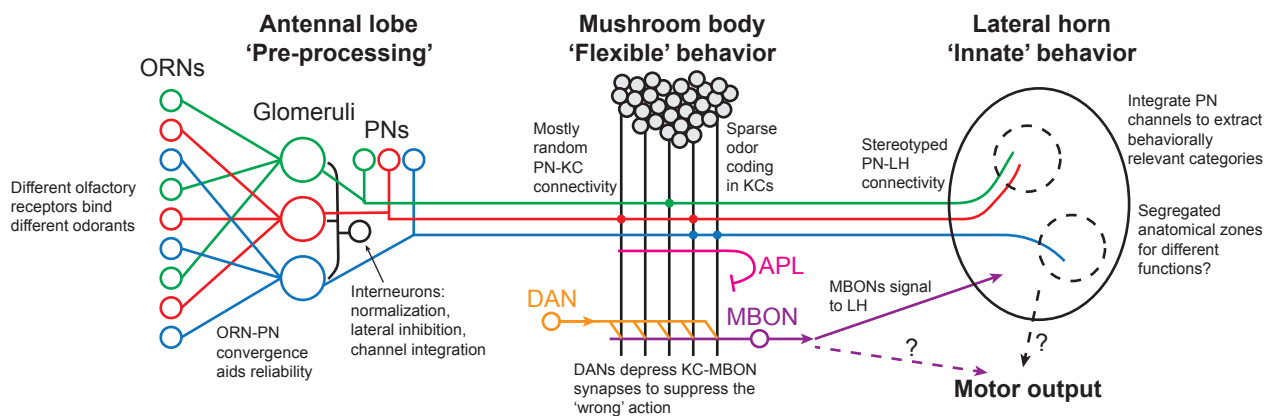


Figure 1. Overview of *Drosophila* olfactory system.

Olfactory receptor neurons (ORNs) expressing the same receptor (different receptors indicated here by red, green, blue colors) converge on the same glomerulus in the antennal lobe, where they synapse on projection neurons (PNs). The ORN-PN synapse and the interneurons of the antennal lobe 'pre-process' the olfactory signals that PNs carry in parallel to their two targets in the central brain, the mushroom body (MB) and lateral horn (LH). The MB implements flexible behaviors: Kenyon cells (KCs) carry unique, sparse odor representations and their outputs to mushroom body output neurons (MBONs) can be modified by dopaminergic neurons (DANs), allowing experience or internal state to modify behavioral responses to specific odors (see **Figure 2**). The LH implements innate behaviors: LH neurons integrate PN activity through stereotyped connectivity to encode behaviorally relevant categories of odors (e.g., food, pheromones, toxins). These and other circuit principles from the main text are summarized in the small text on the figure.

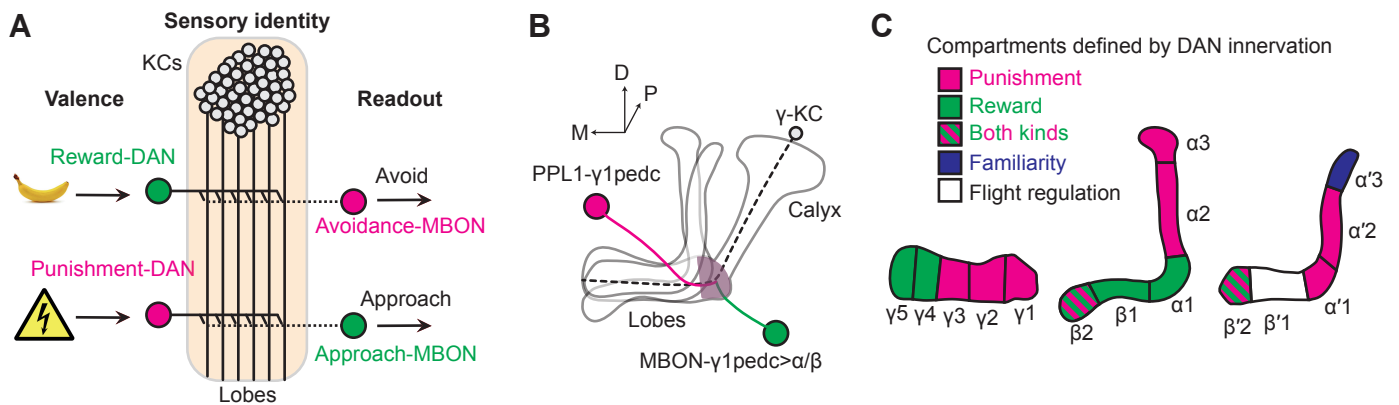


Figure 2. Architecture of the mushroom body.

(A) Schematic of the compartmentalized architecture of the mushroom body (MB). KCs (gray) carry sensory identity information to the MB lobes, where they form local synapses with pairs of DANs and MBONs. When an odor is paired with reward, DANs activated by reward weaken KCs' excitatory drive to avoidance-MBONs, thereby biasing the fly's response to the trained odor toward approach. The converse happens when an odor is paired with punishment: punishment DANs weaken KC excitation of approach-MBONs, so the fly later avoids the trained odor.

(B) Schematic of MB anatomy, showing an example of a γ -KC (which receives input from PNs in the calyx and sends an axon into the lobes) and the $\gamma 1$ compartment innervated by PPL1- $\gamma 1pedc$ (a 'punishment' DAN, also known as MP1) and MBON- $\gamma 1pedc > \alpha/\beta$ (an 'approach' MBON, also known as MVP2). Anatomical axes: D, dorsal, P, posterior, M, medial.

(C) Schematic of the MB lobes divided into the three KC subsets ($\alpha\beta$, $\alpha'\beta'$, and γ), and further segregated into compartments according to innervation by DANs signaling punishment (red), reward (green), familiarity (blue), or regulating flight (white). The 'familiarity' DAN in $\alpha'3$ suppresses the novelty-encoding MBON- $\alpha'3$. Red/green hatching on $\beta 2$ and $\beta'2$ indicates multiple DANs that each signal reward or punishment, not a single DAN that signals both. References: see Table 1.