

# Neural Circuit for Fly Mating

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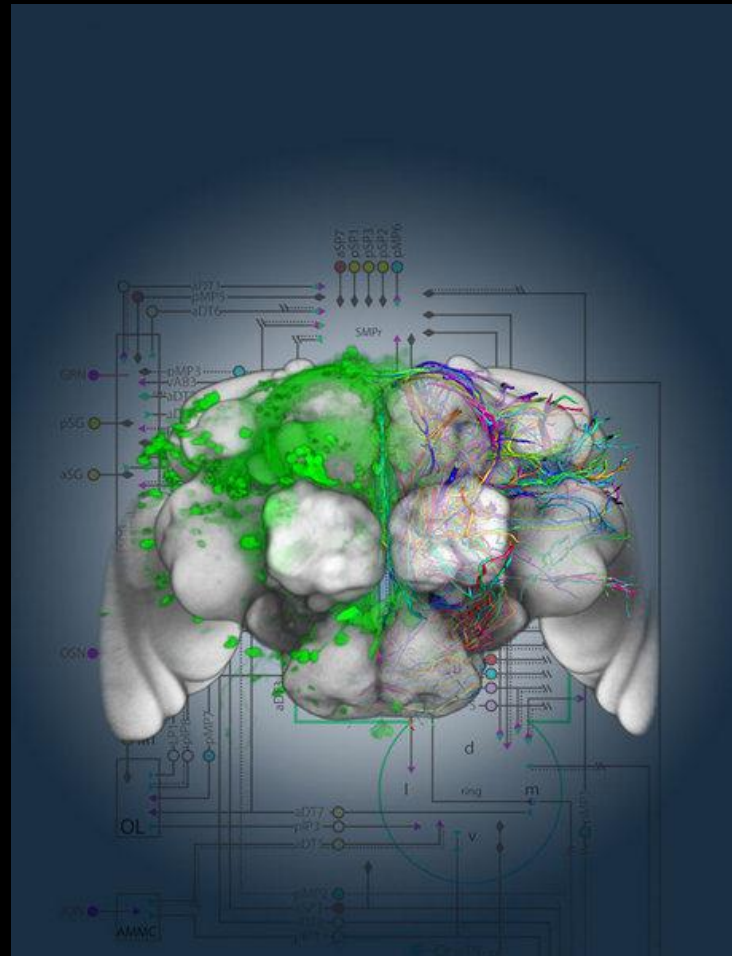
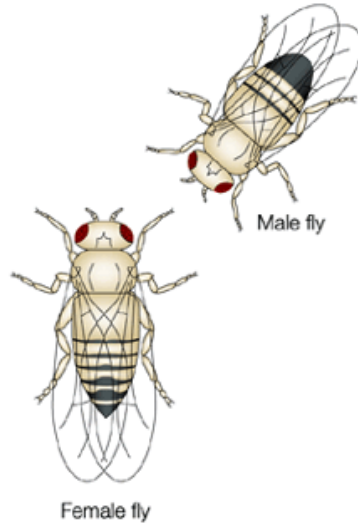


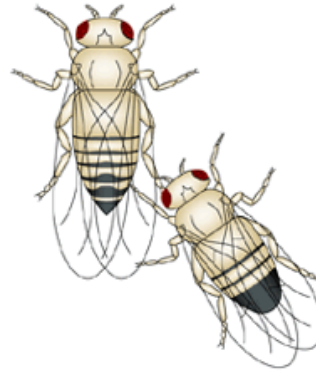
Image: Dickson lab

# Fly mating

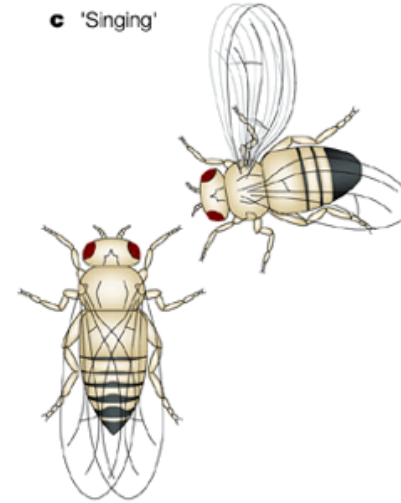
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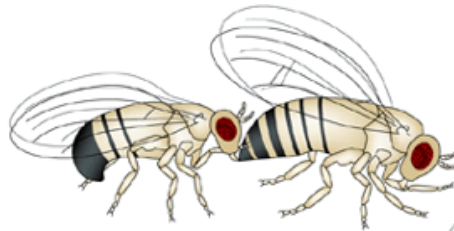
**b** Tapping



**c** 'Singing'



**d** Licking



**e** Attempting copulation



**f** Copulation

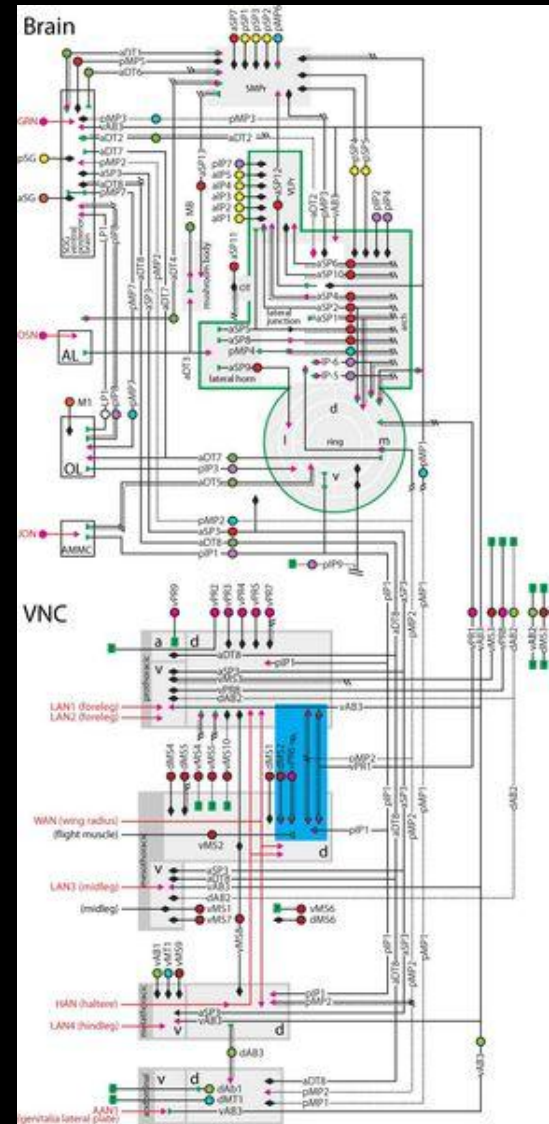
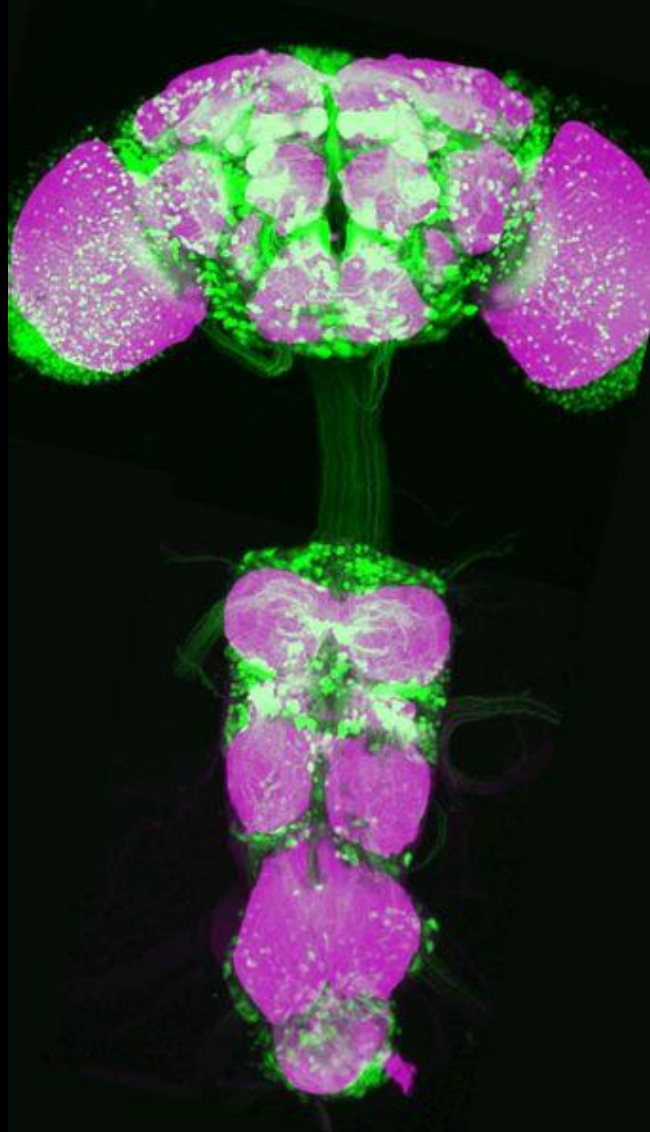


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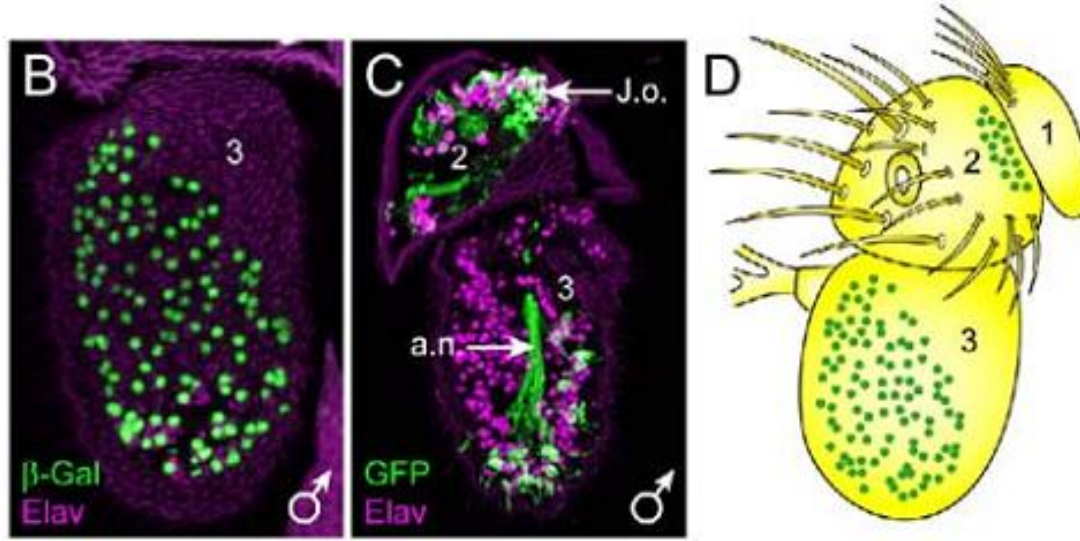
Sokolowski (*Nat Rev Genetics*, 2001)

[Drosophila courtship movie \(Dylan Clyne\)](#)

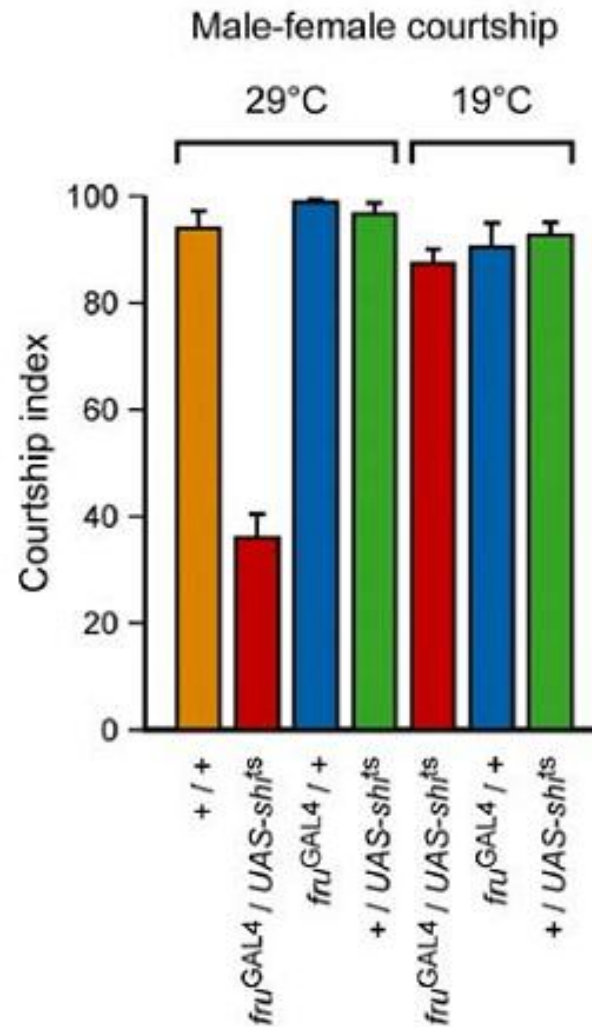
# The Fru circuit



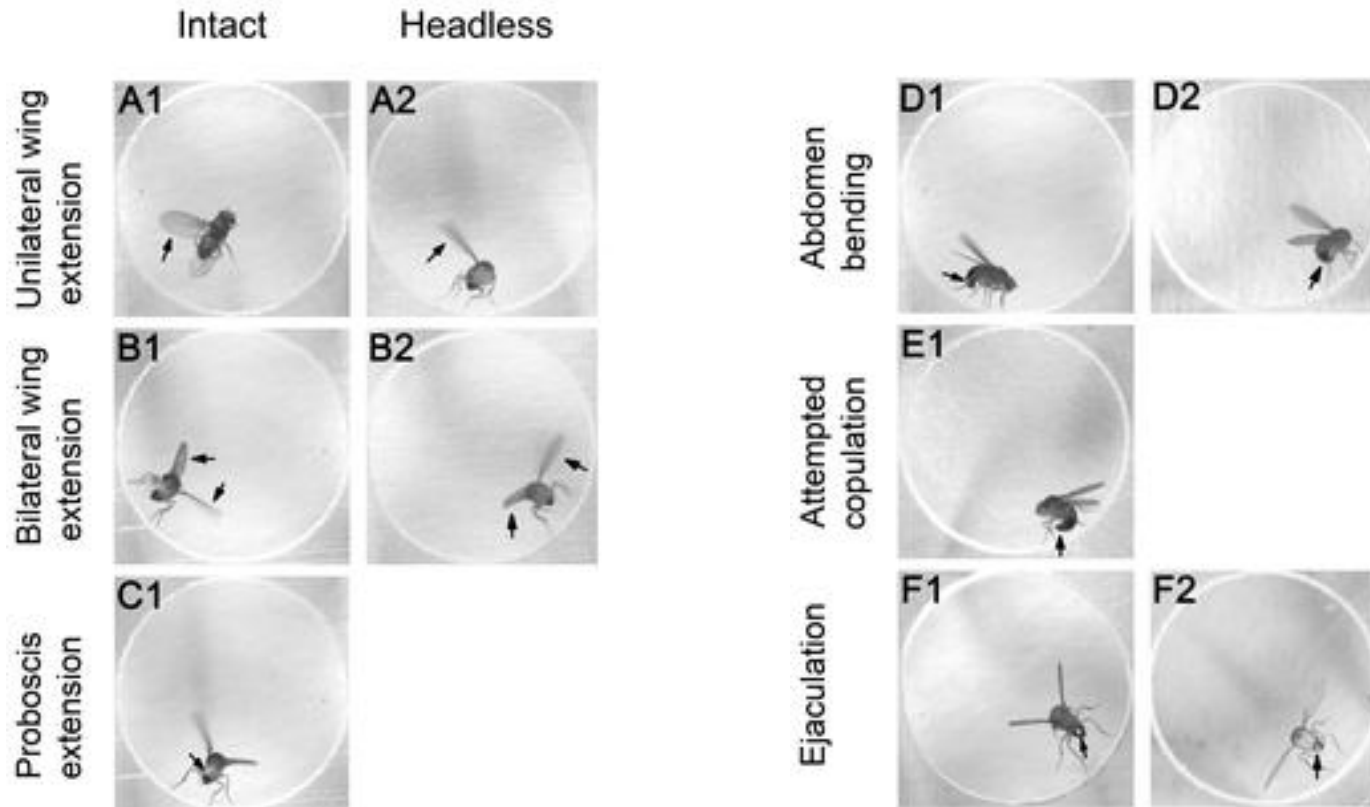
# Fru+ neurons are in the various parts of the body



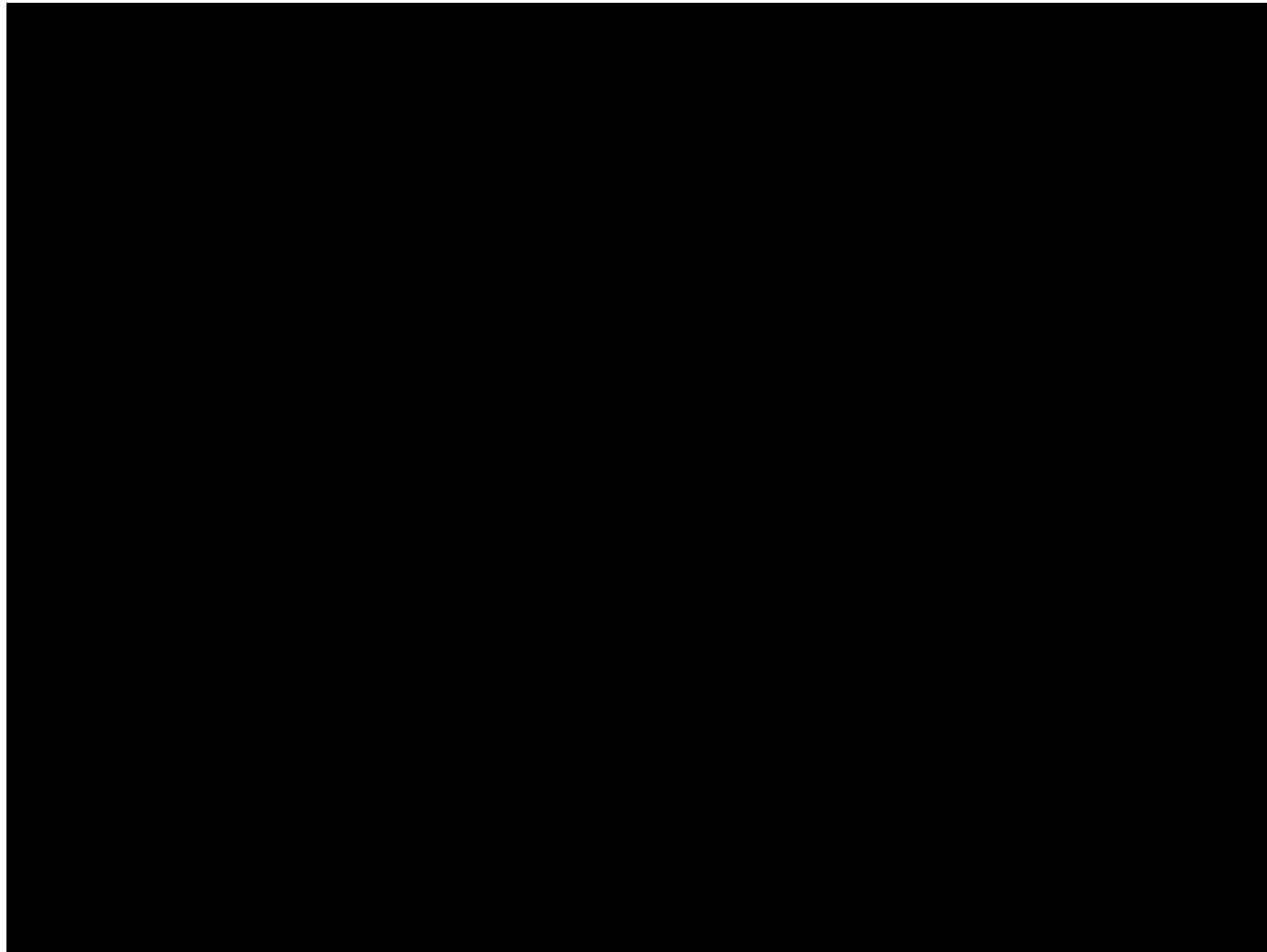
# Fru+ neurons are necessary for mating



# Activation of fru neurons is sufficient for mating



# Activation of fru neurons using dTRPA1

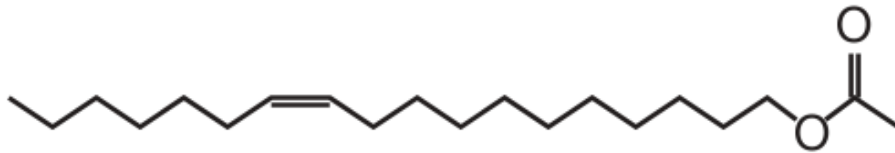


dTRPA1: warmth-activated cation channel

Pan ... Baker (*PLoS One*, 2011)

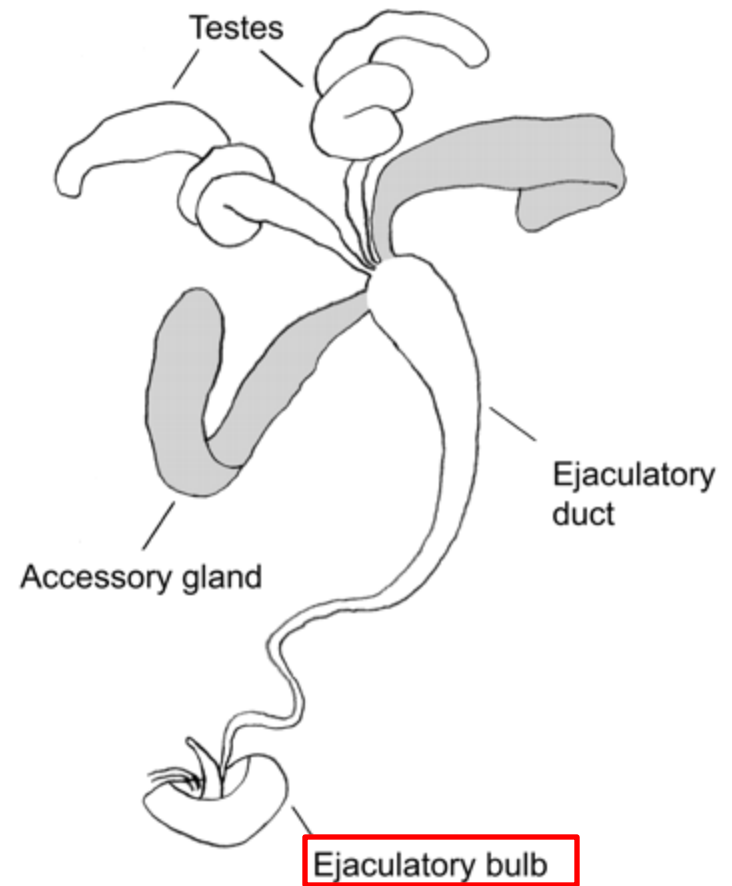


# cVA is a male-specific volatile pheromone



(Z)-11-Octadecenyl acetate  
(cVA)

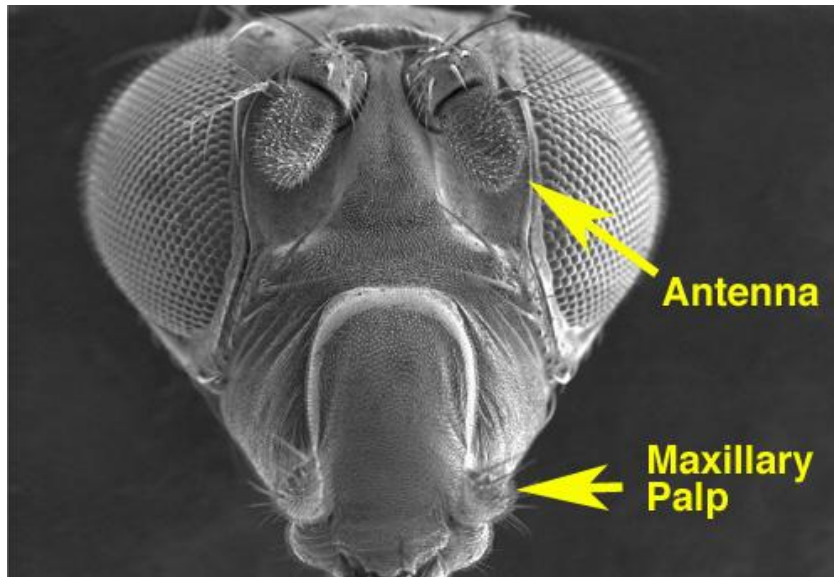
Kurtovic et al. (*Nature*, 2007)



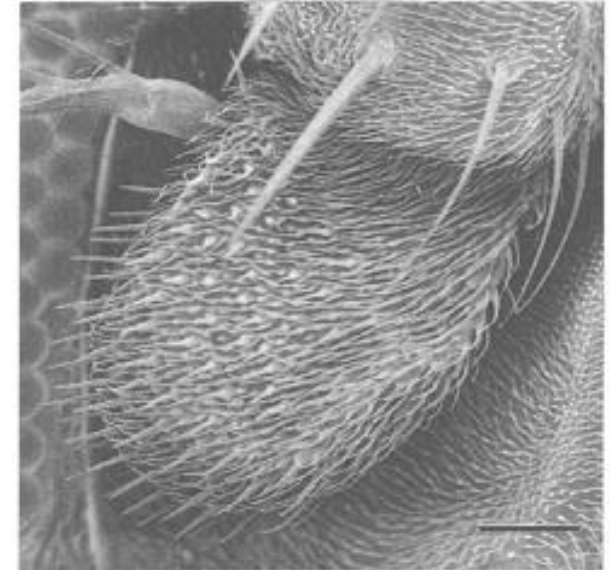
Ram & Wolfner (*Integr Comp Biol*, 2007)



# ORNs are on the antenna and maxillary palps

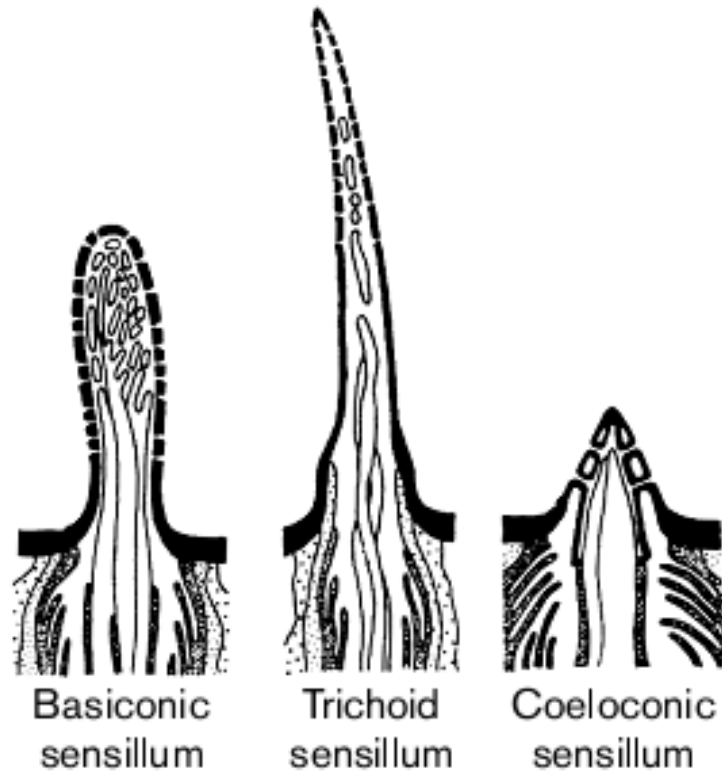


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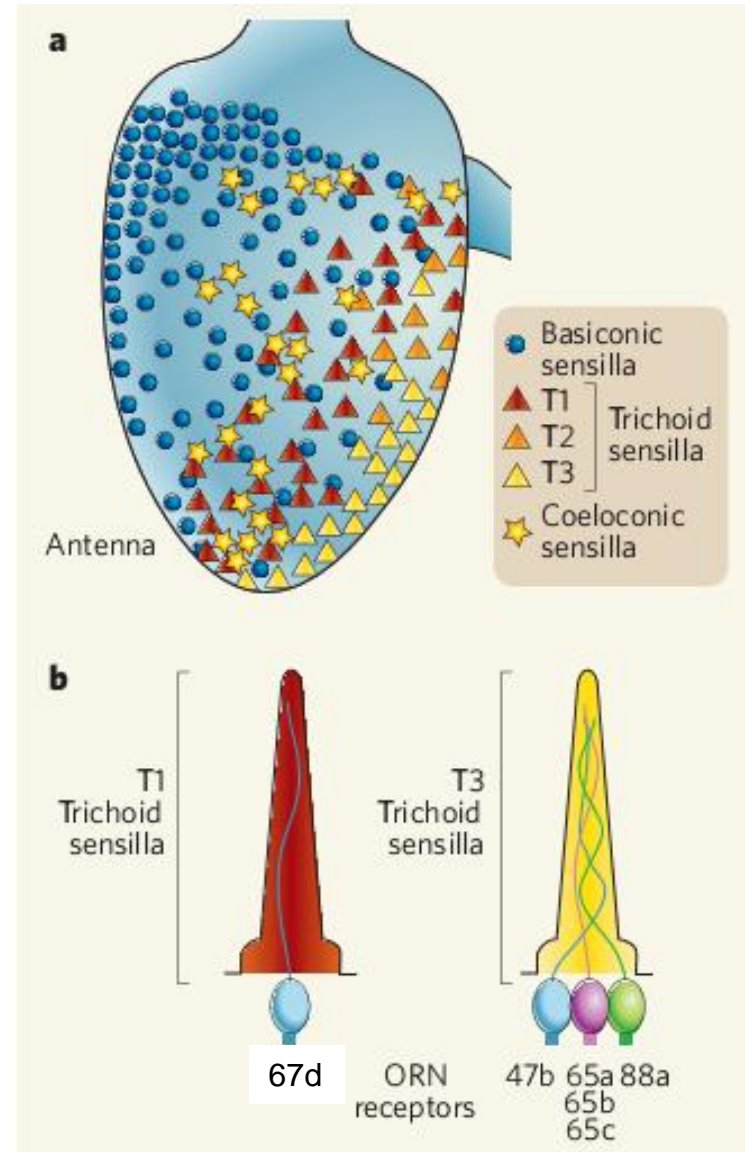


Scanning electron micrograph of  
third antennal segment  
Clyne et al (*Invert Neurosci*, 1997)

# Three types of sensilla

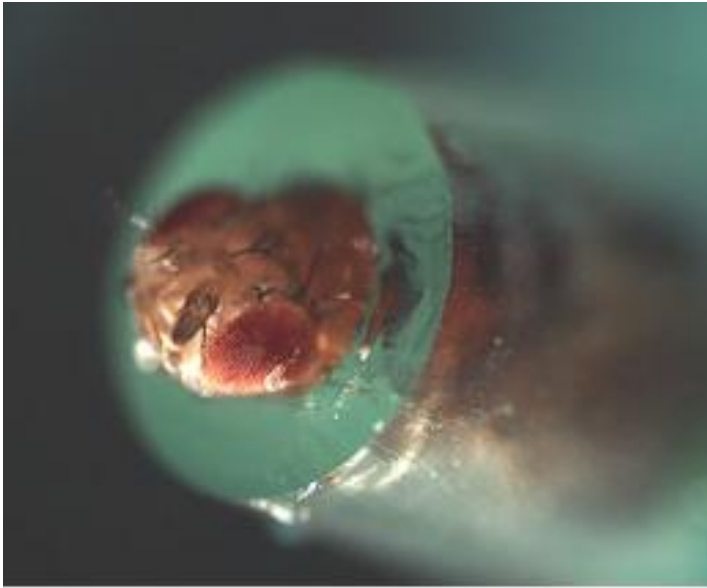


Vosshall (*Curr Op Neurobiol*, 2000)



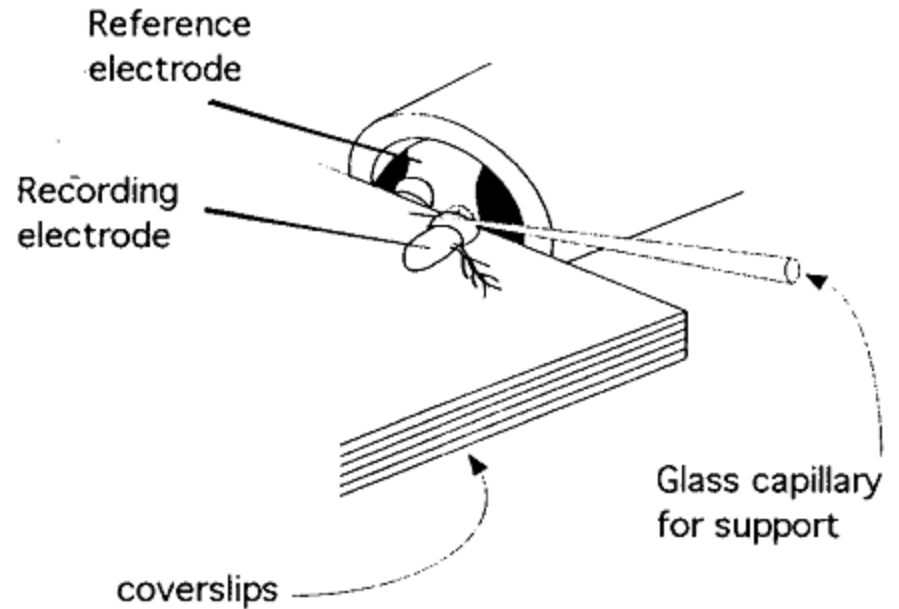
Kyriacou (*News and Views, Nature*, 2007)

# Single sensillum recording



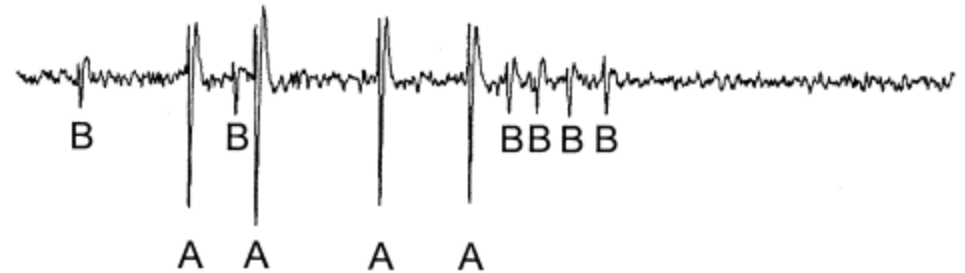
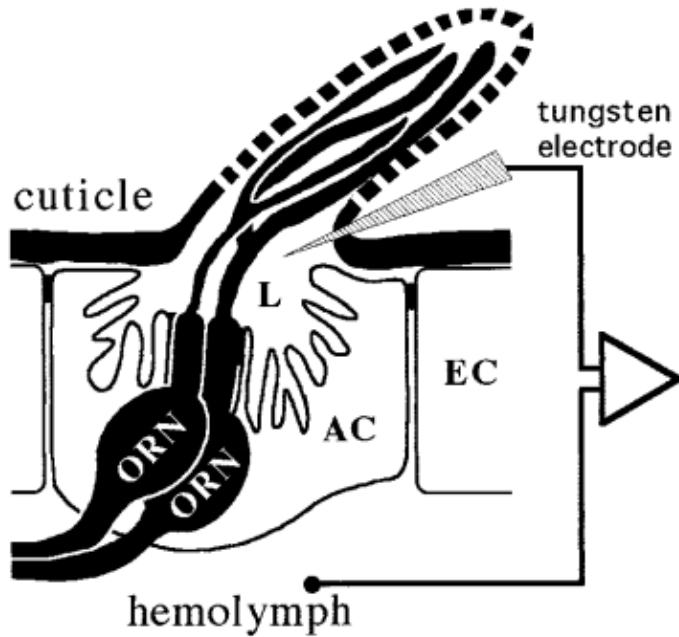
To measure the odor responses of individual olfactory neurons, a fly is immobilized in a pipette tip and an electrode is inserted in its antenna.

John Carlson lab (Yale)



Clyne ... Carlson (*Invert Neurosci*, 1997)

# Single sensillum recordings



de Bruyne ... Carlson (*J Neurosci*, 1999)

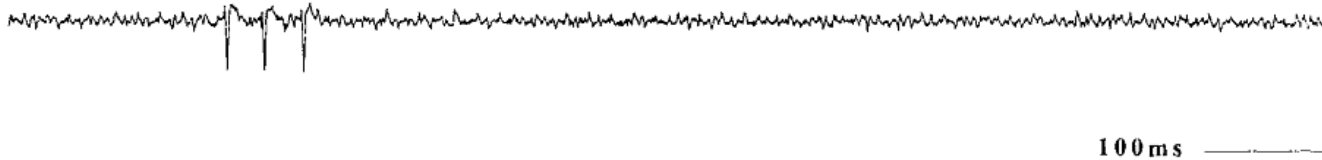
de Bruyne ... Carlson (*Neuron*, 2001)

# T1 trichoid sensilla responds to cVA

cVA



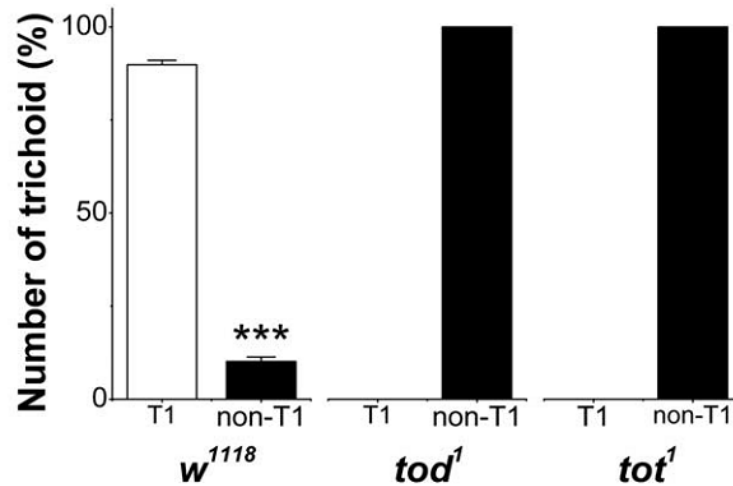
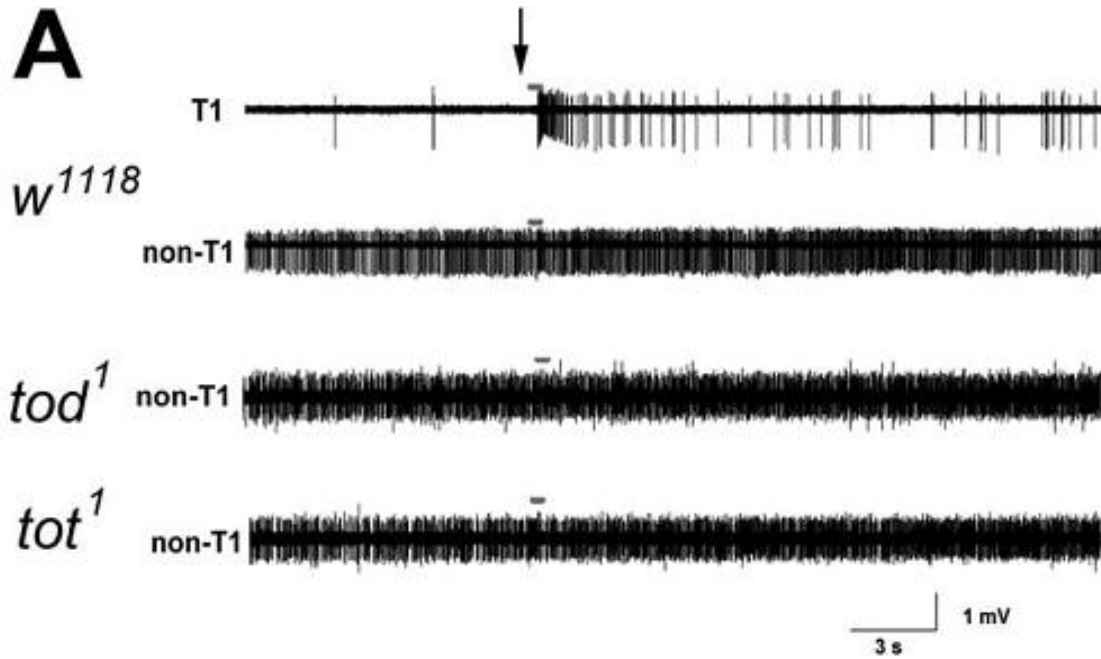
T1 type: low spontaneous activity



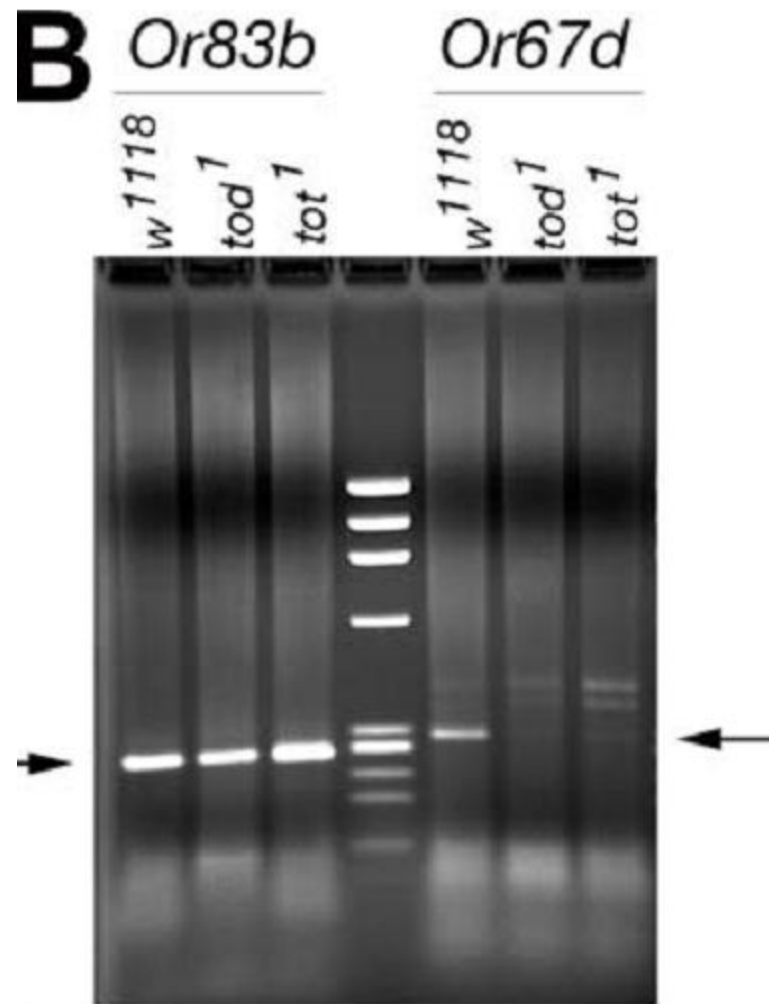
Non-T1 type: high spontaneous activity



# Mutants that do not have cVA response

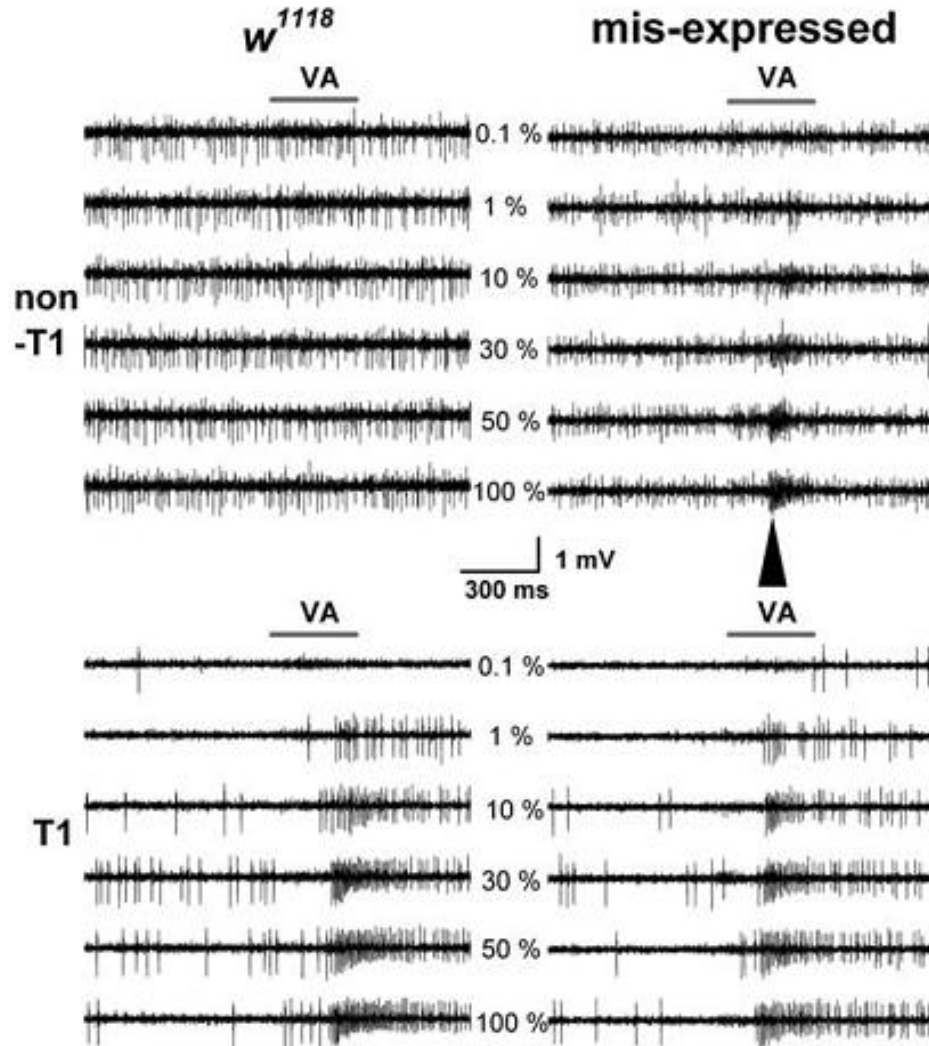


# Both mutants lack Or67d

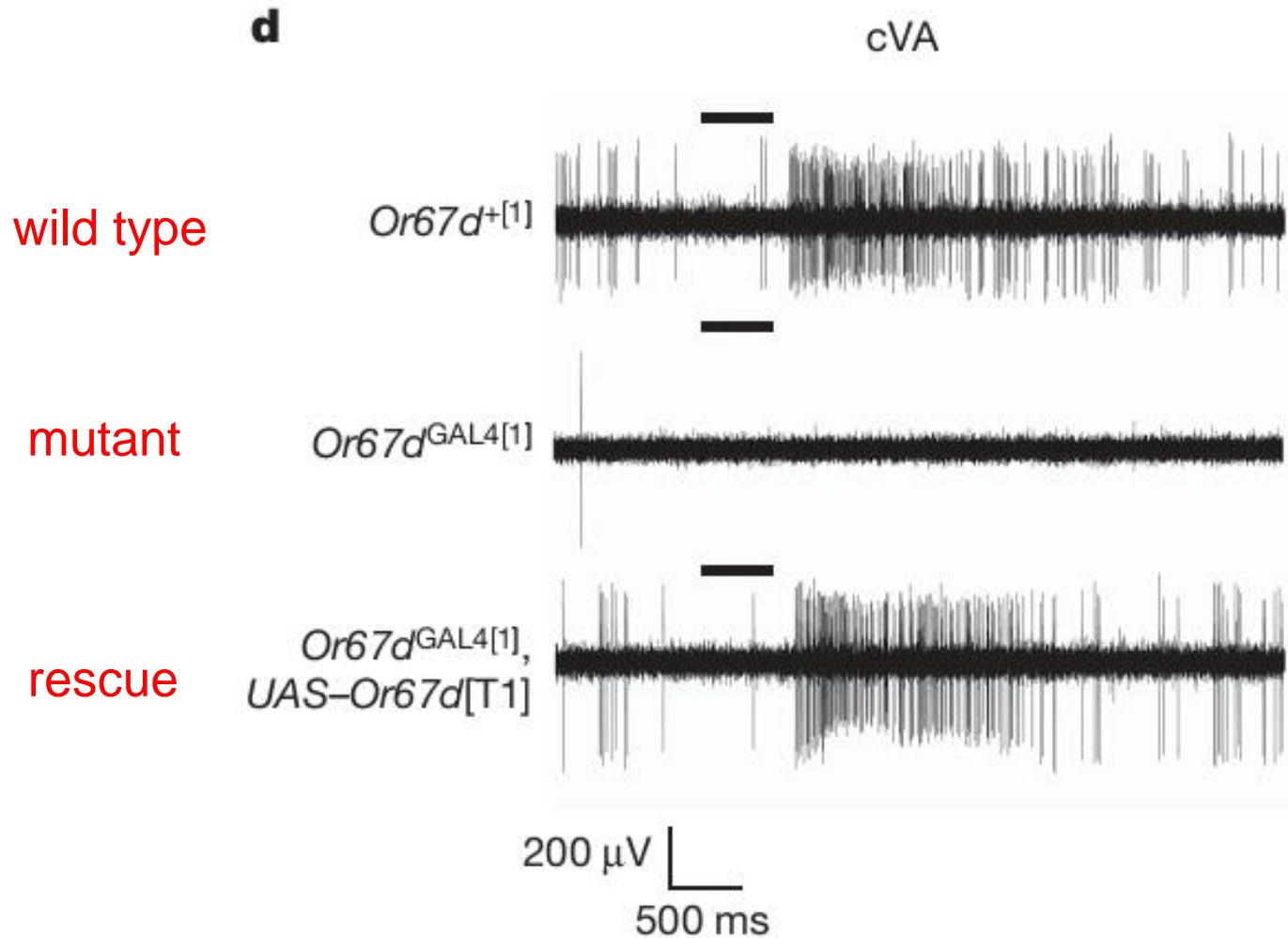




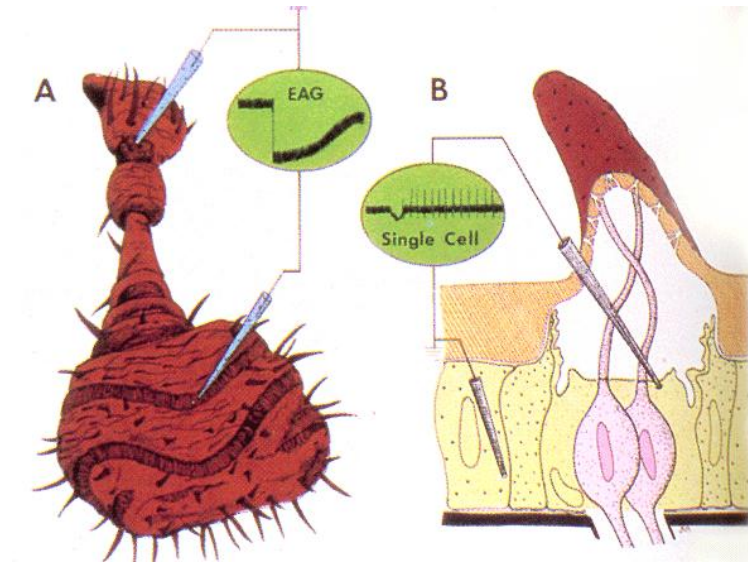
# Misexpression of Or67d in non-T1 makes them responsive to cVA



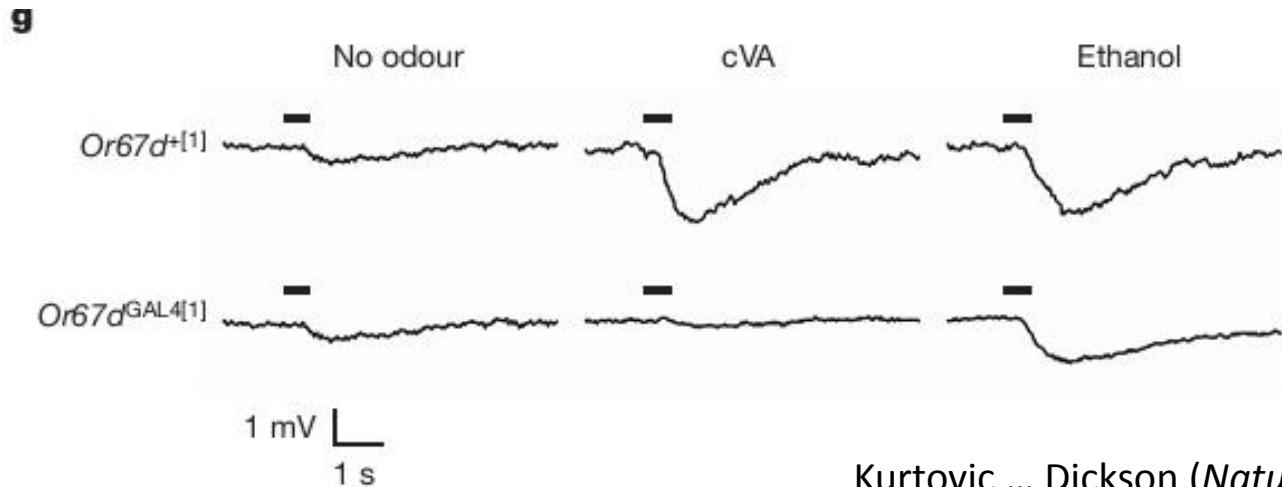
# Or67d-expressing ORNs respond to cVA



# Electroantennogram (EAG)

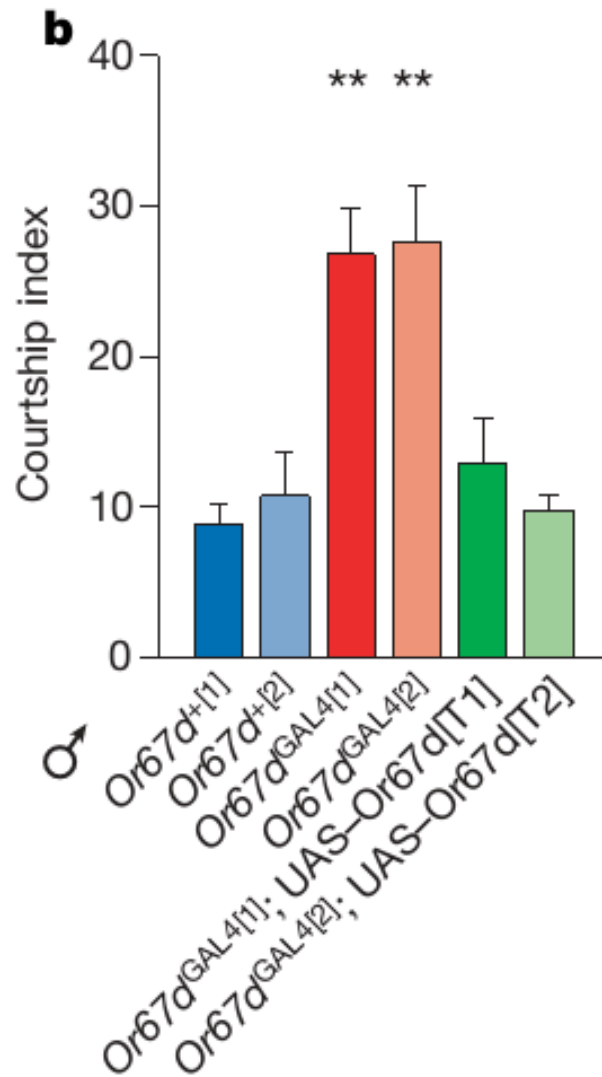


<http://www.barkbeetles.org/spb/spbbook/chapt2.html>

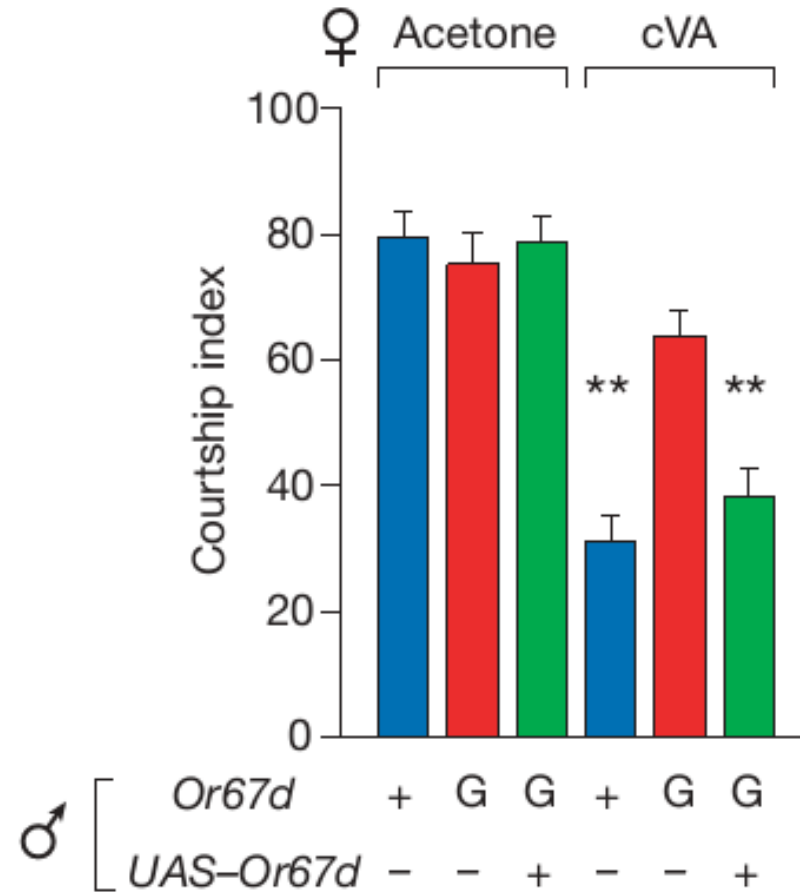


Kurtovic ... Dickson (*Nature*, 2007)

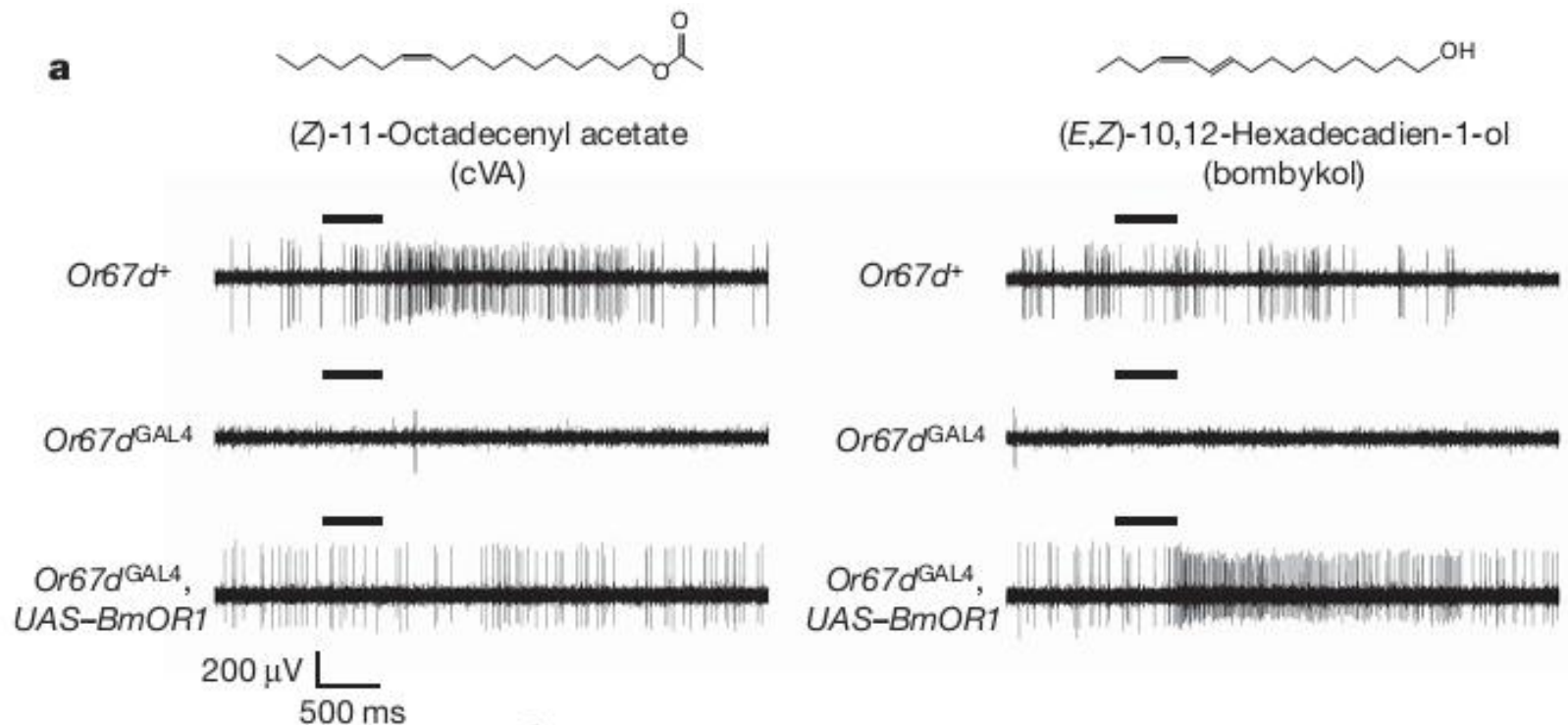
# Or67d is necessary for male-male courtship suppression



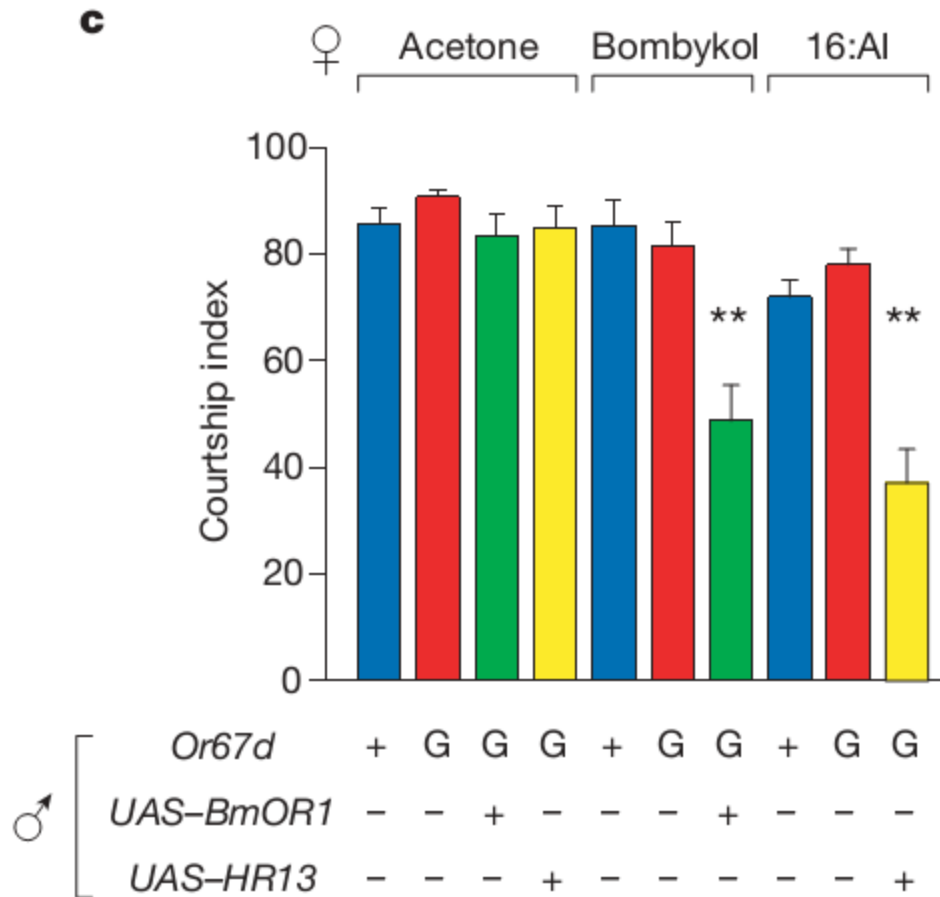
# Or67d mediates cVA induced courtship suppression



# Heterologous expression of moth pheromone receptors



# Activation of Or67d is sufficient for courtship suppression

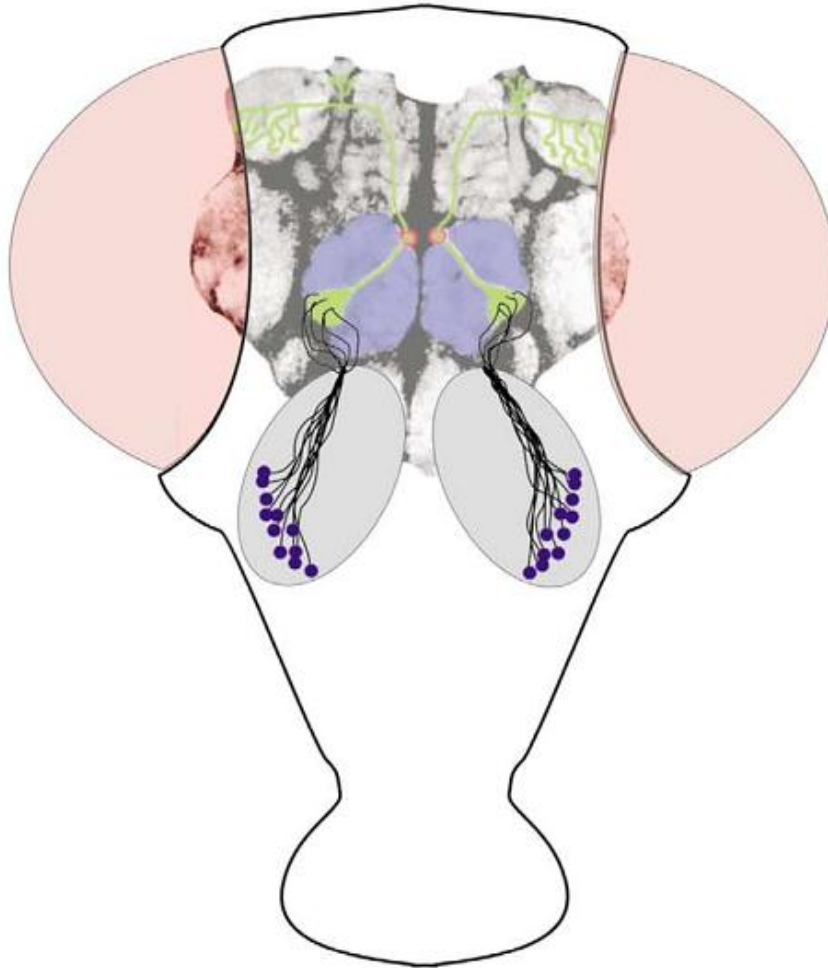


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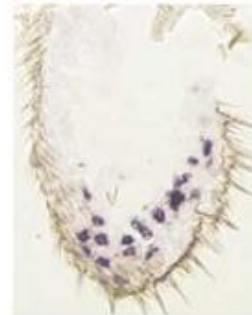


# ORNs project to the antenna lobe

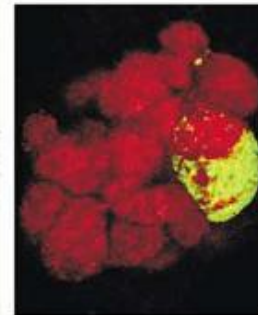
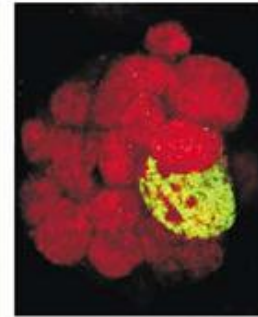
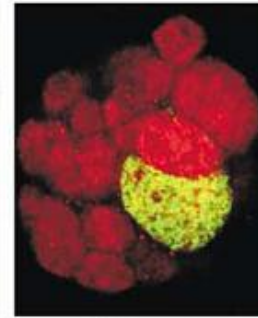
(a) Model of the *Drosophila* olfactory system



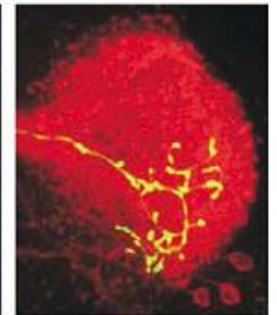
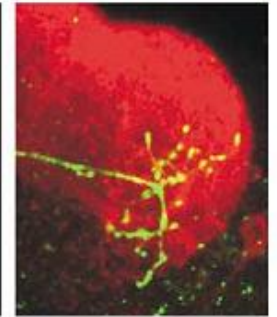
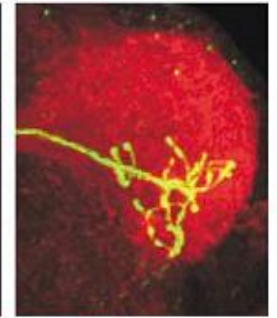
(b) Antenna



(c) Antennal lobe



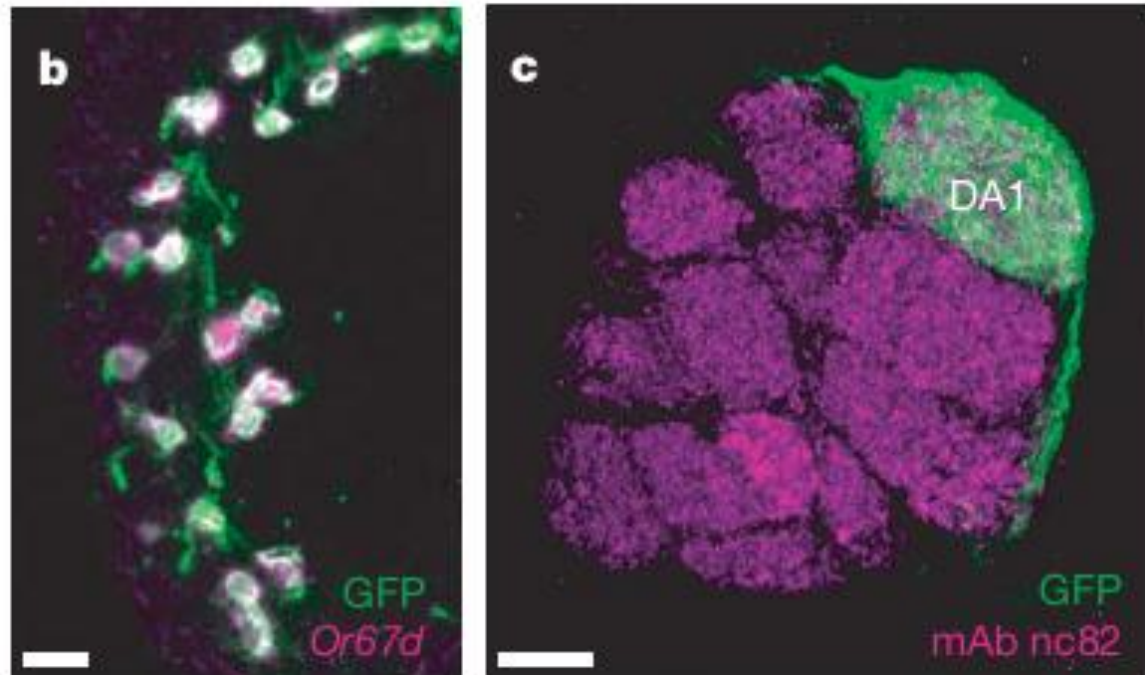
(d) Lateral horn



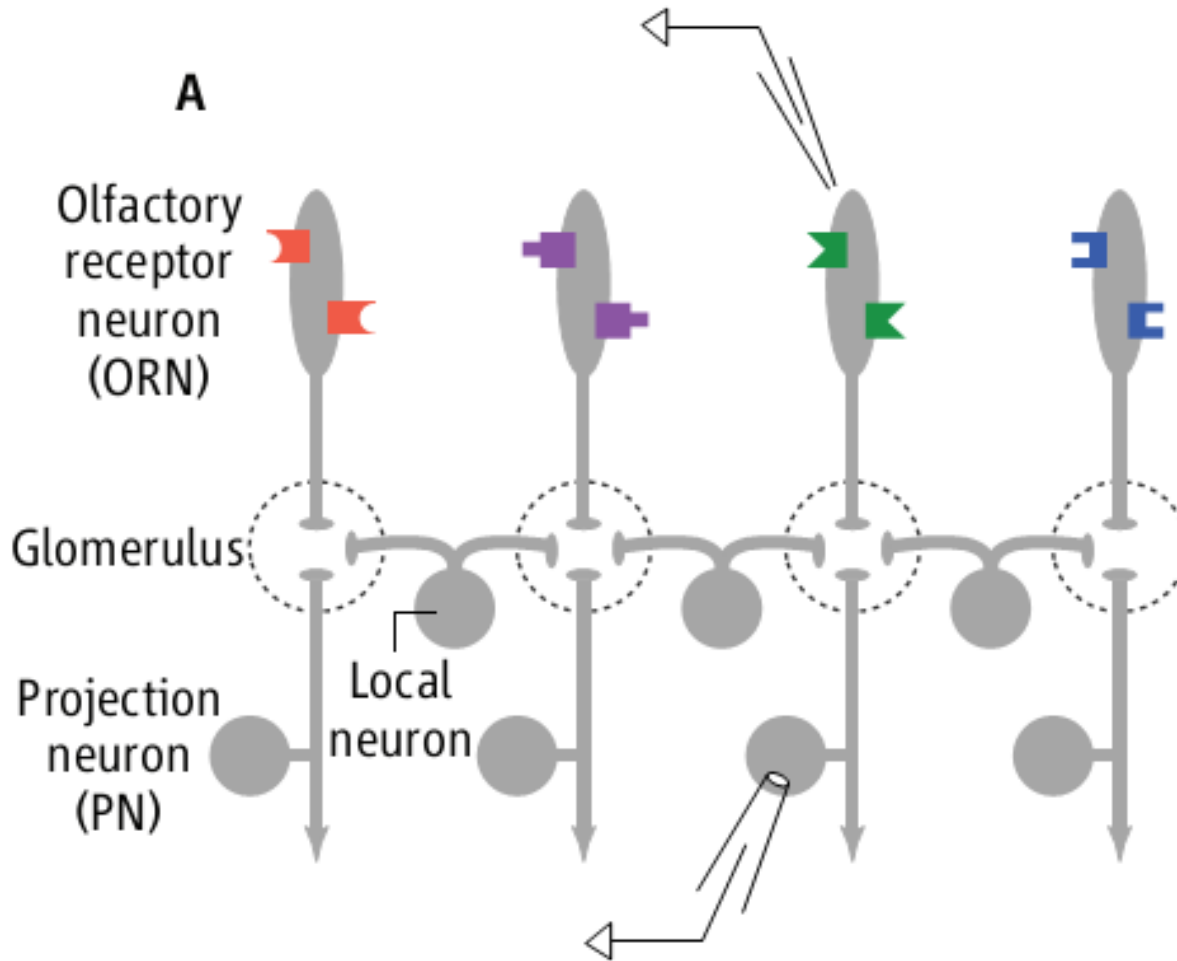
Current Opinion in Neurobiology

Keller & Vosshall (*Curr Opin Neurobiol*, 2003)

# Or67d neurons project to DA1 glomerulus



# Transformation of odor representation from ORN to PN

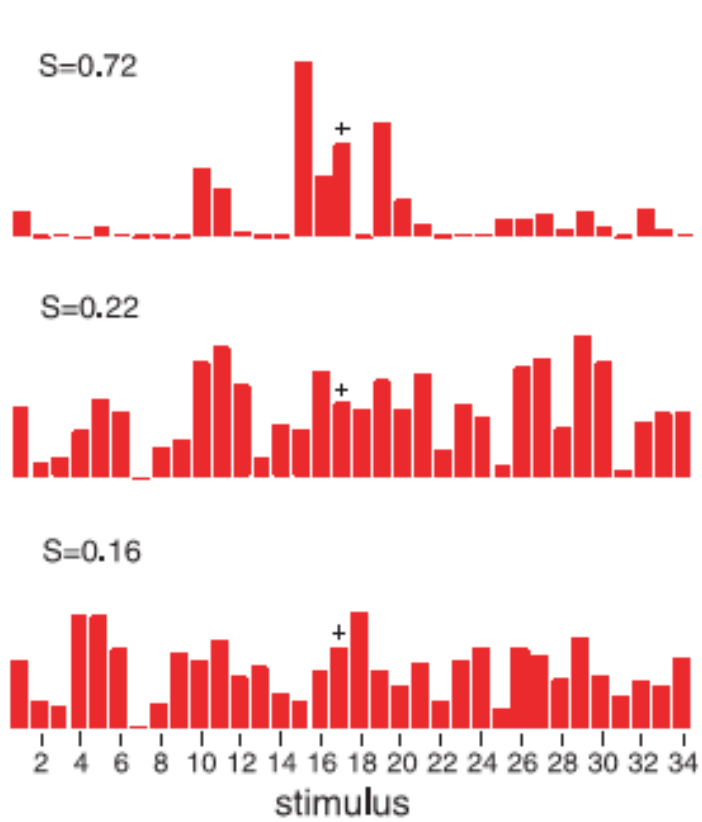
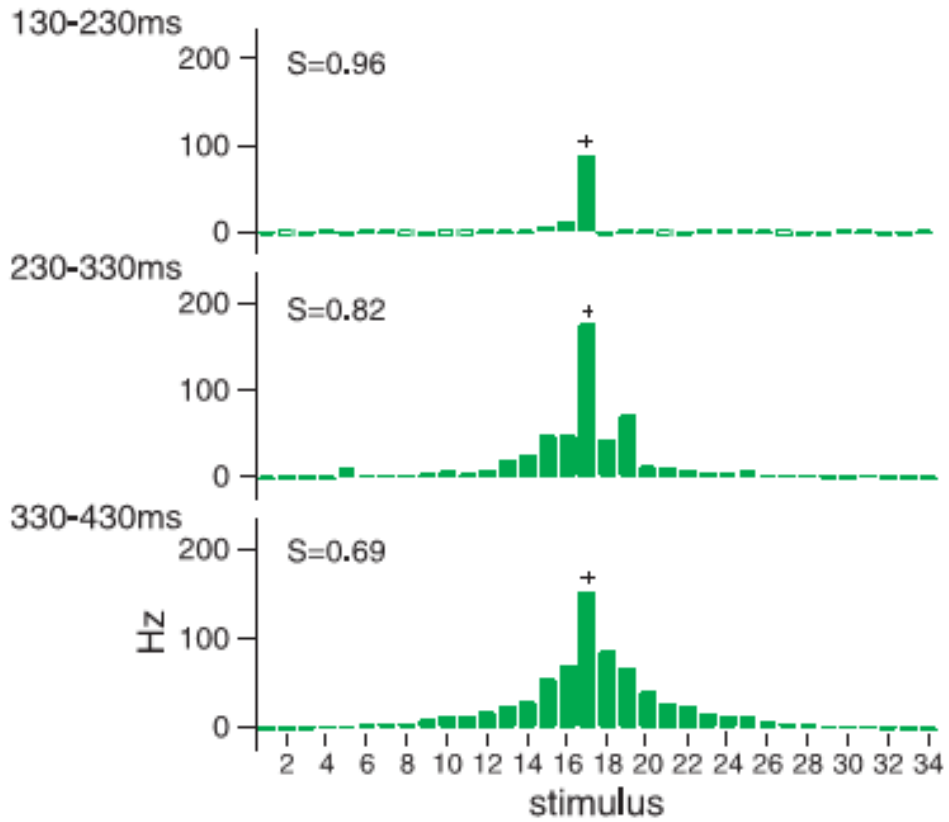




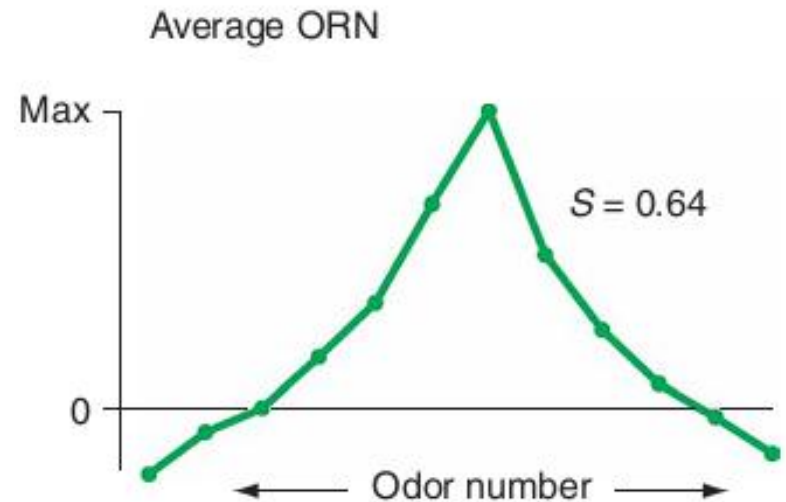
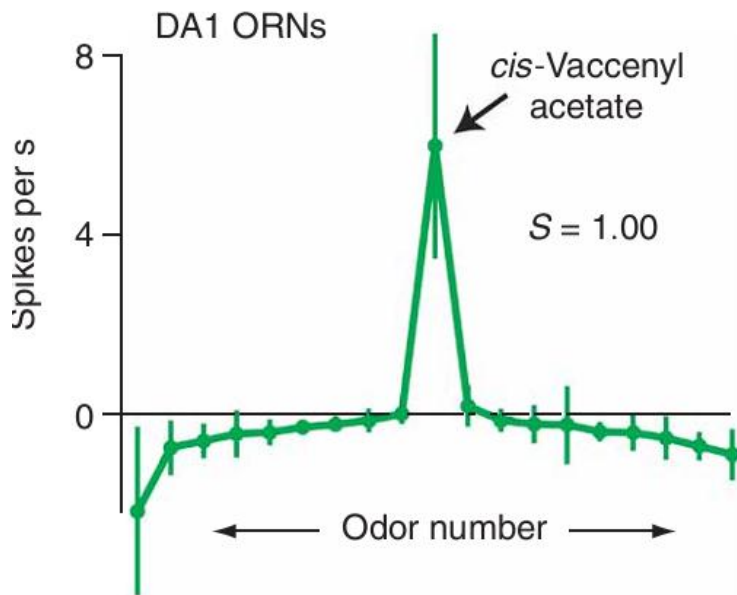
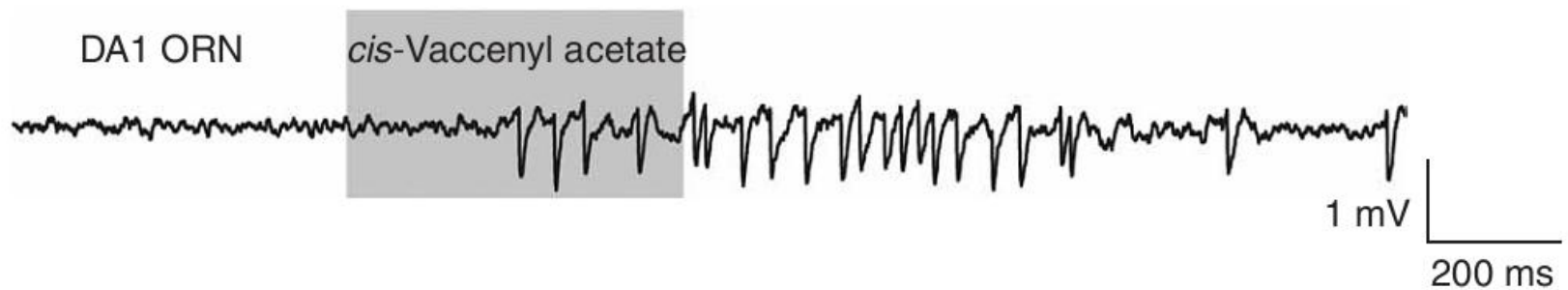
# Broader tuning in PNs compared to ORNs

ORN (Or22a+)

PN (DM2)



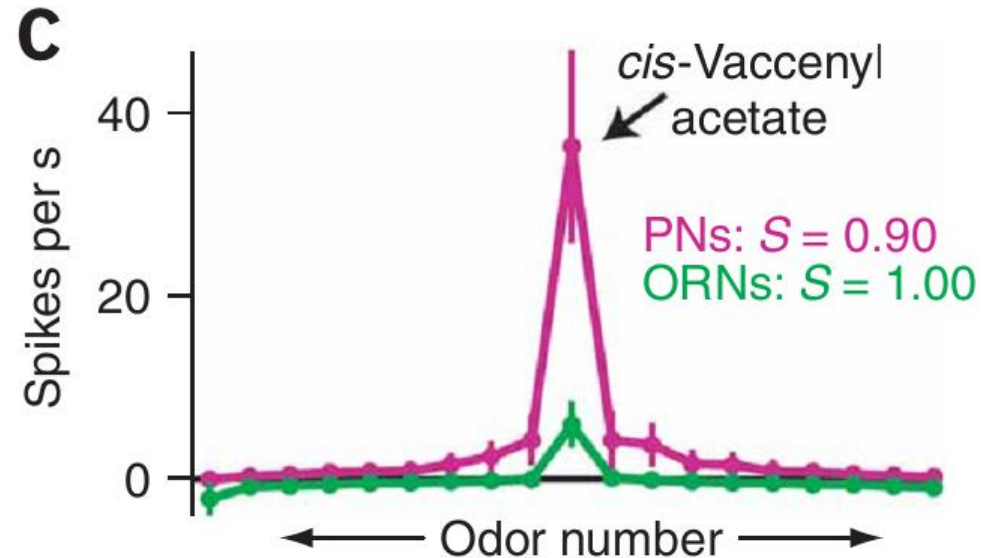
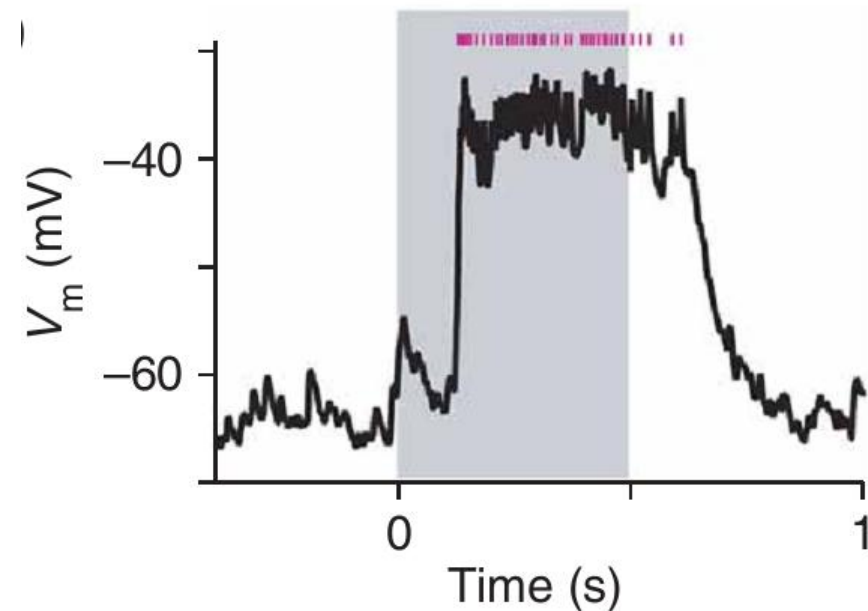
# Or67d ORN response is highly selective to cVA



Schlieff & Wilson (*Nature Neurosci*, 2007)



# DA1 PNs response is also highly selective to cVA

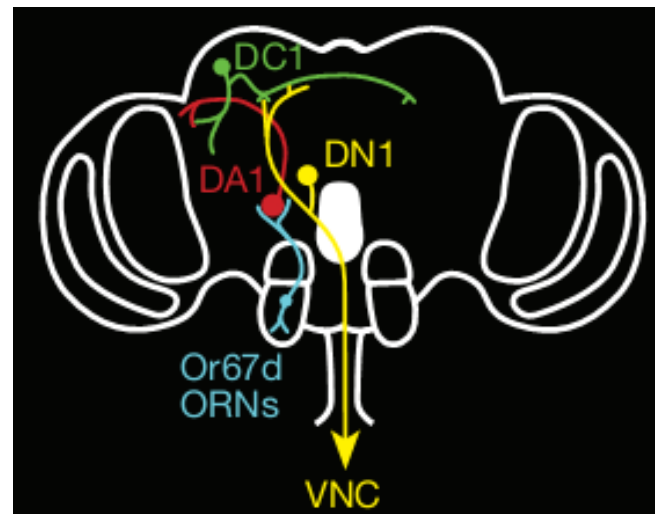




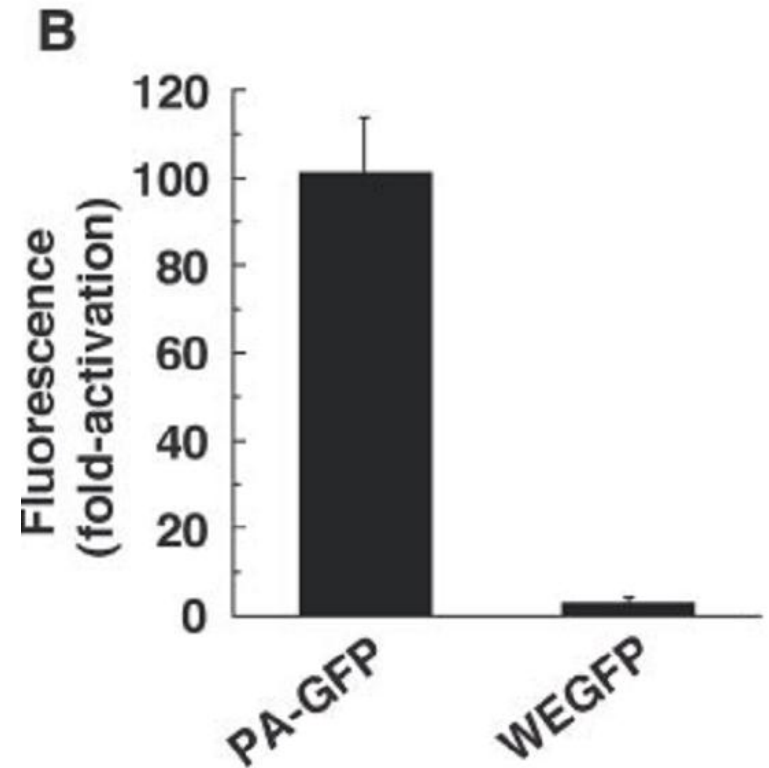
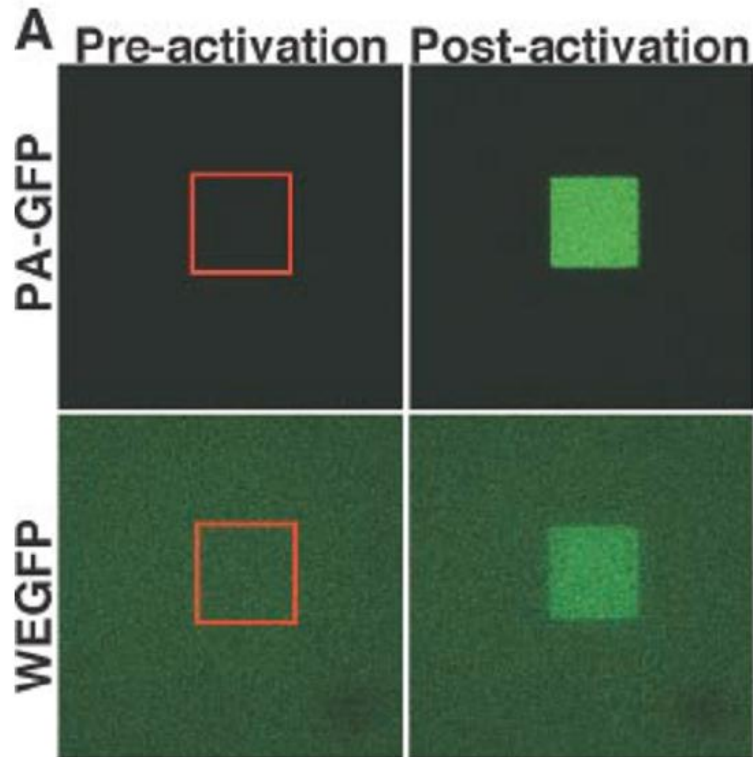
# A dimorphic pheromone circuit in *Drosophila* from sensory input to descending output

Vanessa Ruta<sup>1</sup>, Sandeep Robert Datta<sup>1†</sup>, Maria Luisa Vasconcelos<sup>1†</sup>, Jessica Freeland<sup>1</sup>, Loren L. Looger<sup>2</sup> & Richard Axel<sup>1</sup>

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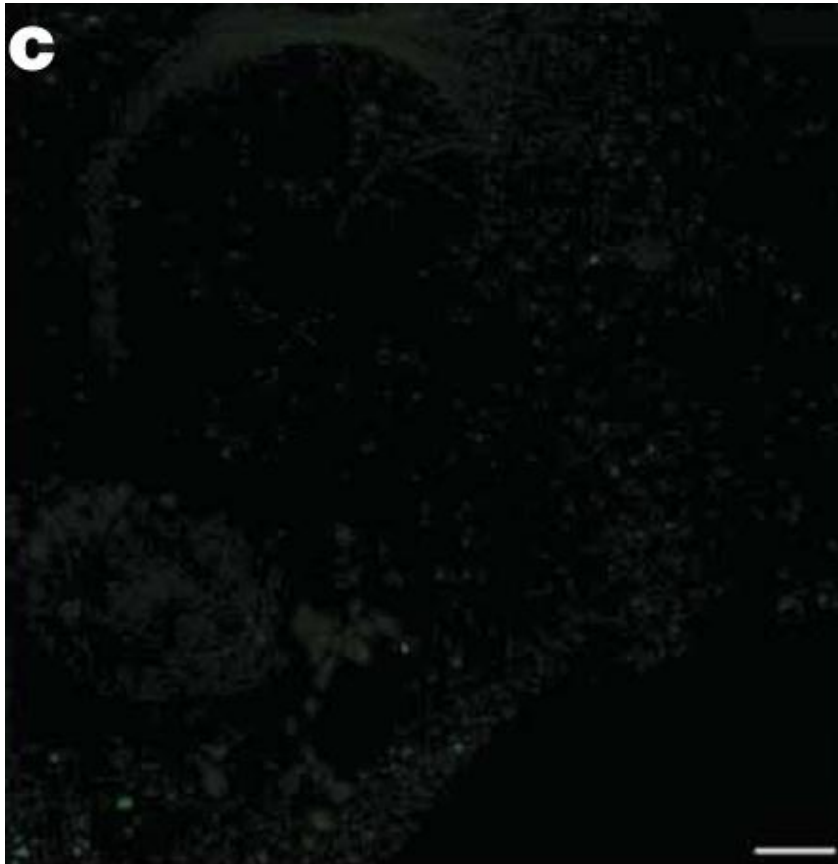


# Photoactivatable-GFP (PA-GFP)

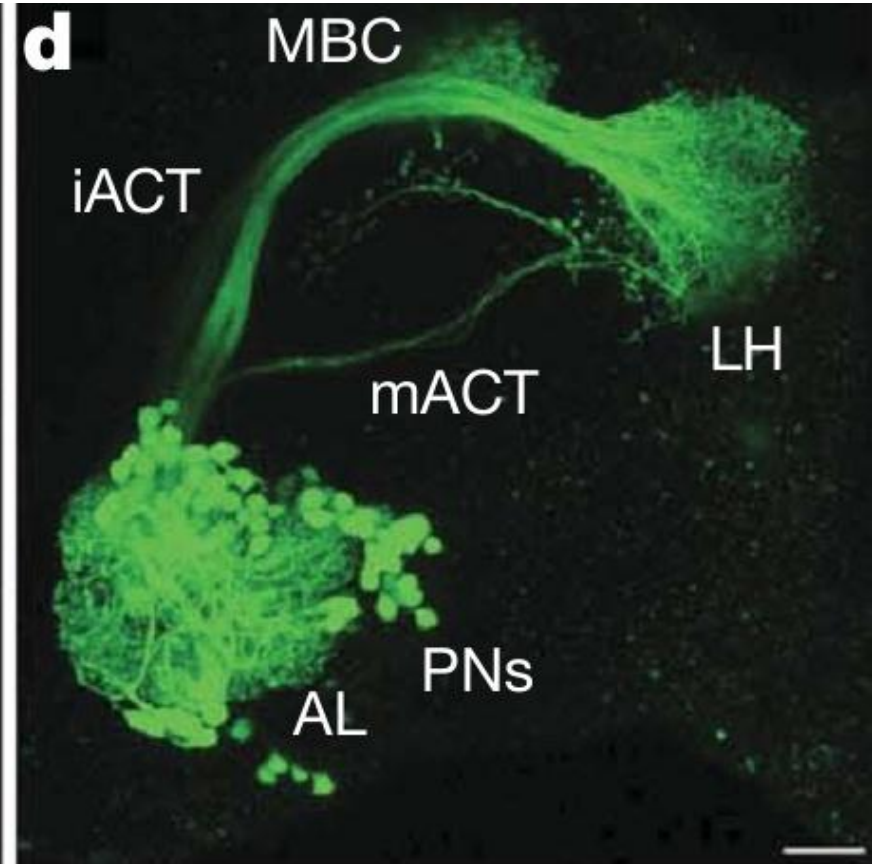


# Using PA-GFP for circuit tracing

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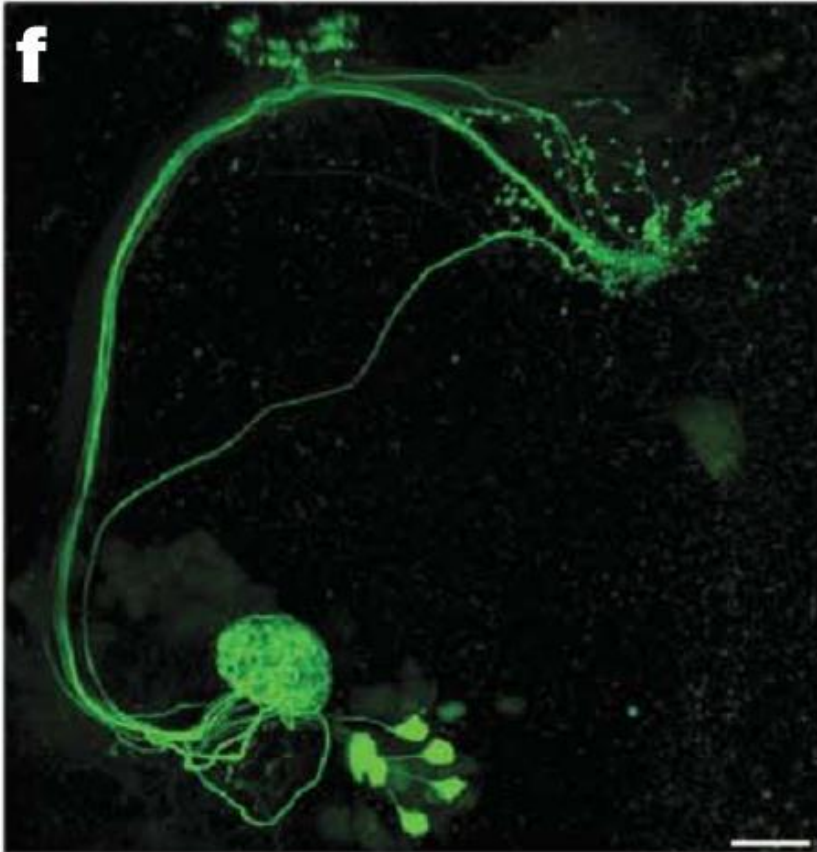


after

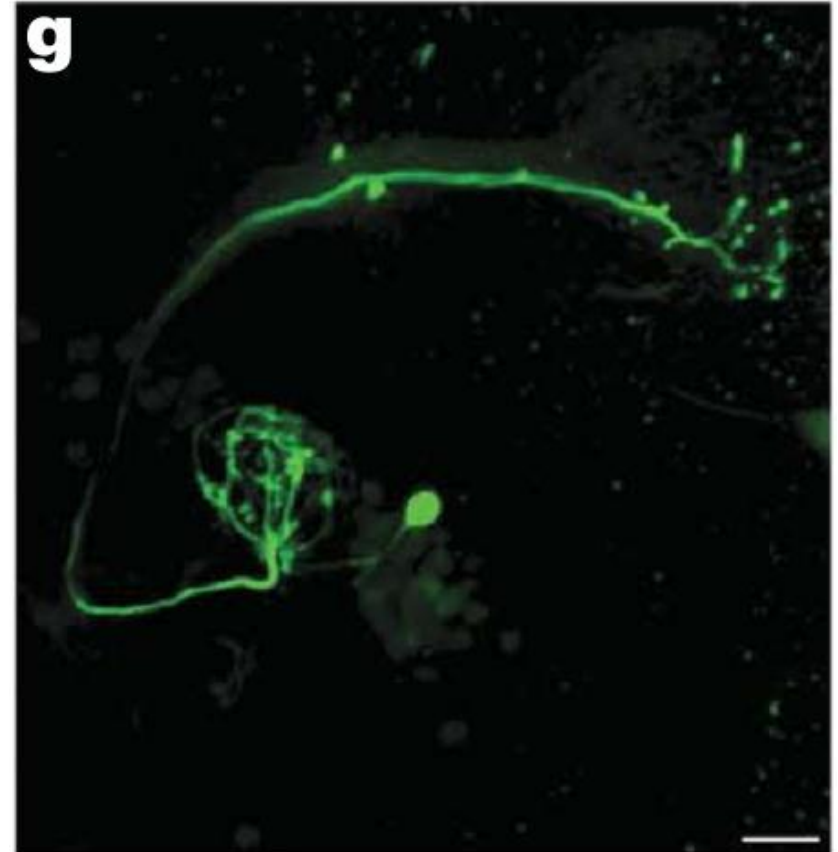


# Photoactivation of a single neuron

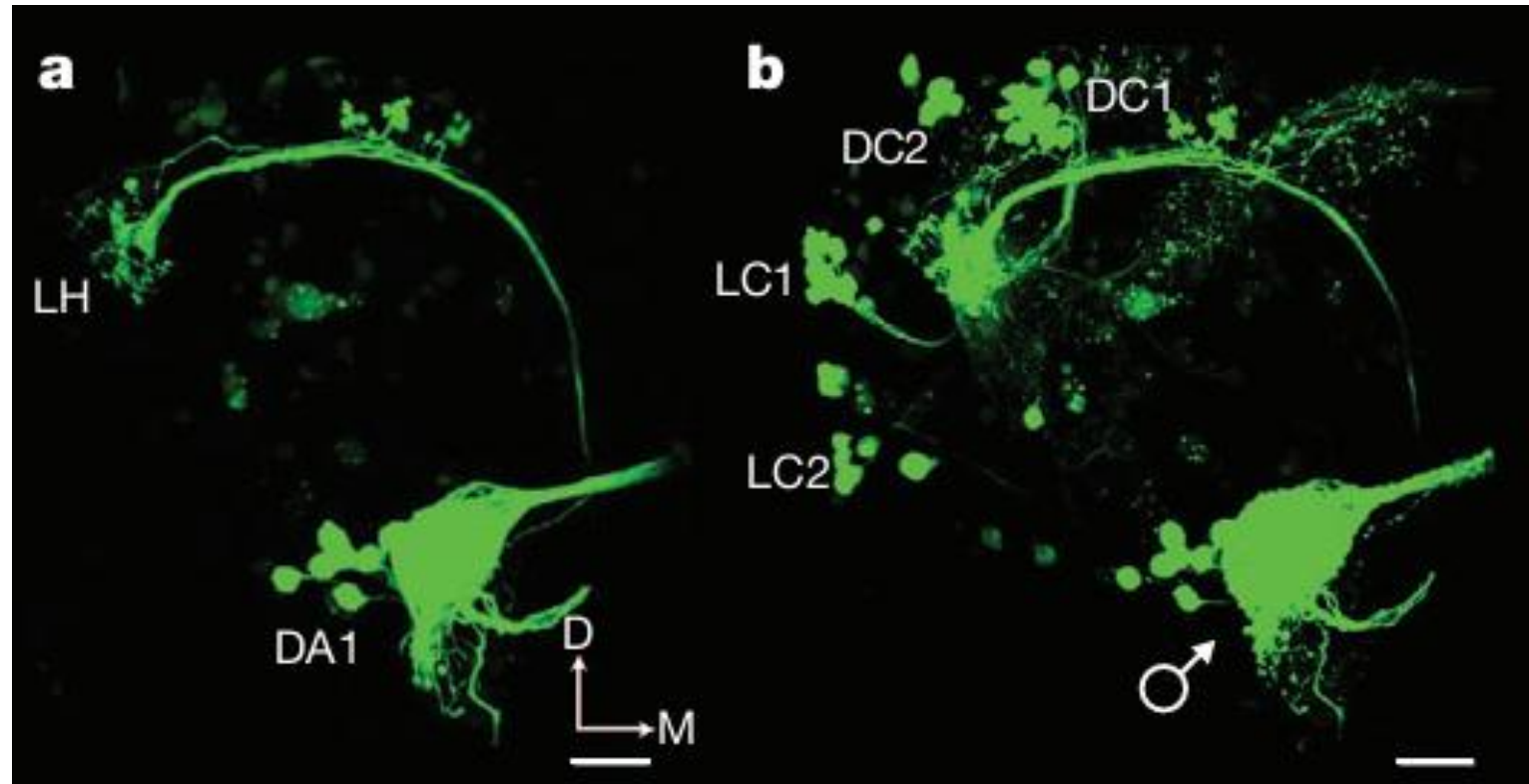
Single glomerulus (DA1)



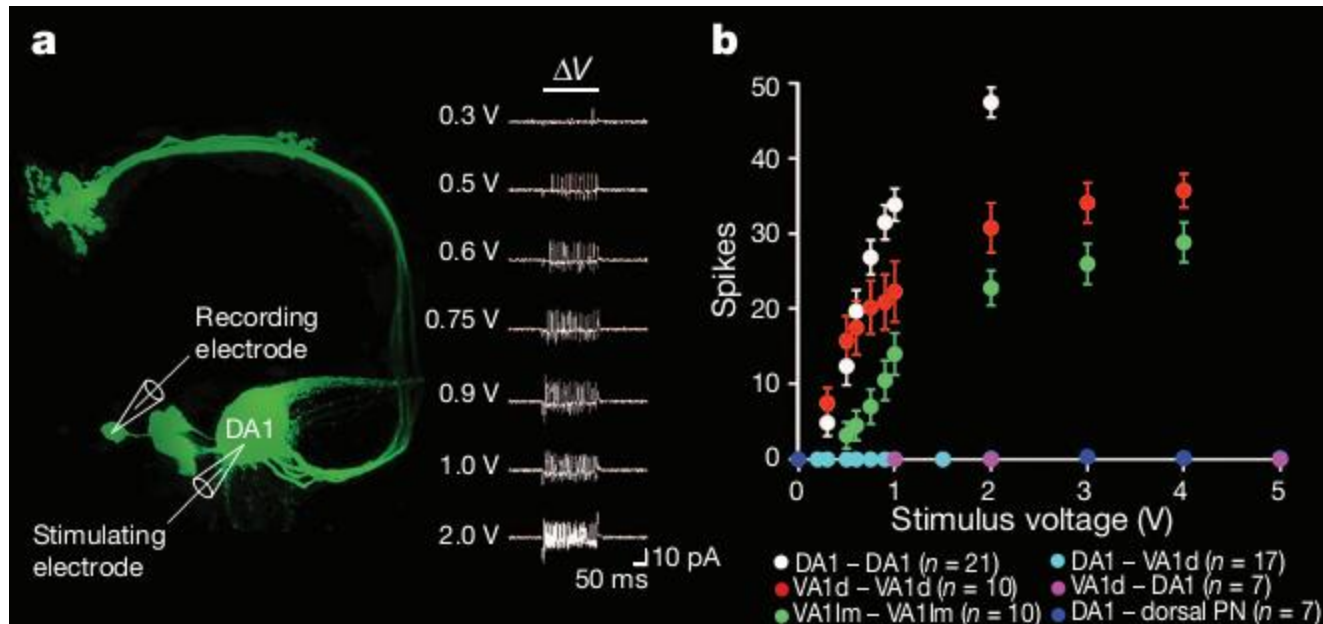
Single neuron (DA1 PN)



# DA1 PNs projects to four areas in the lateral horn

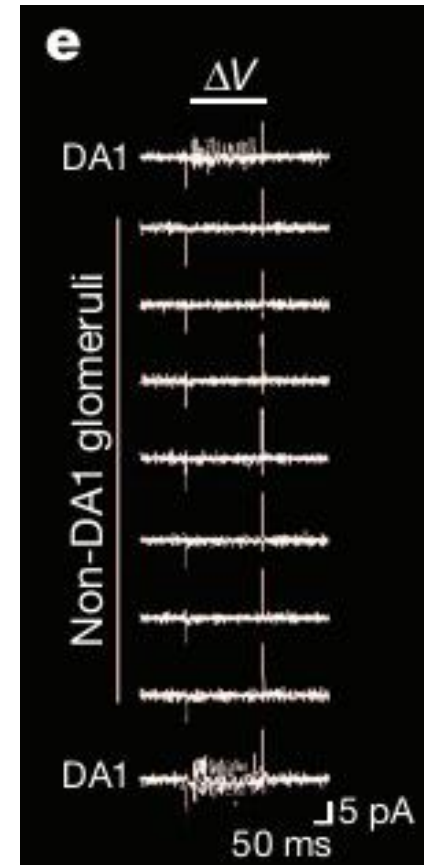
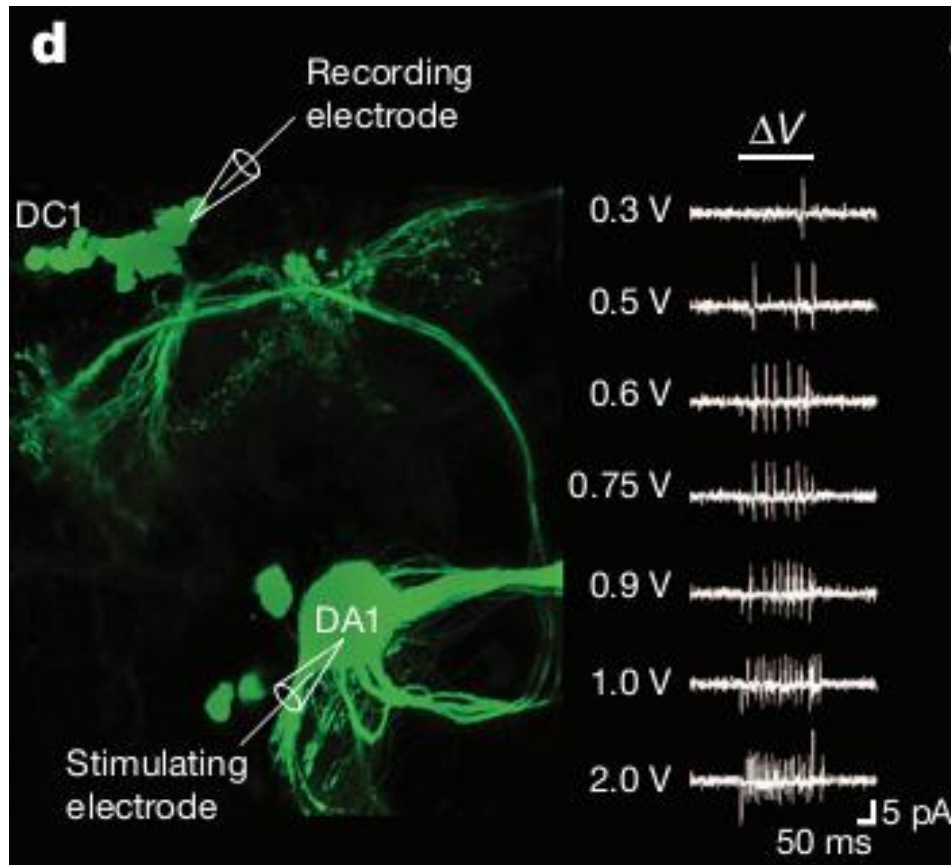


# Activation of specific glomerulus



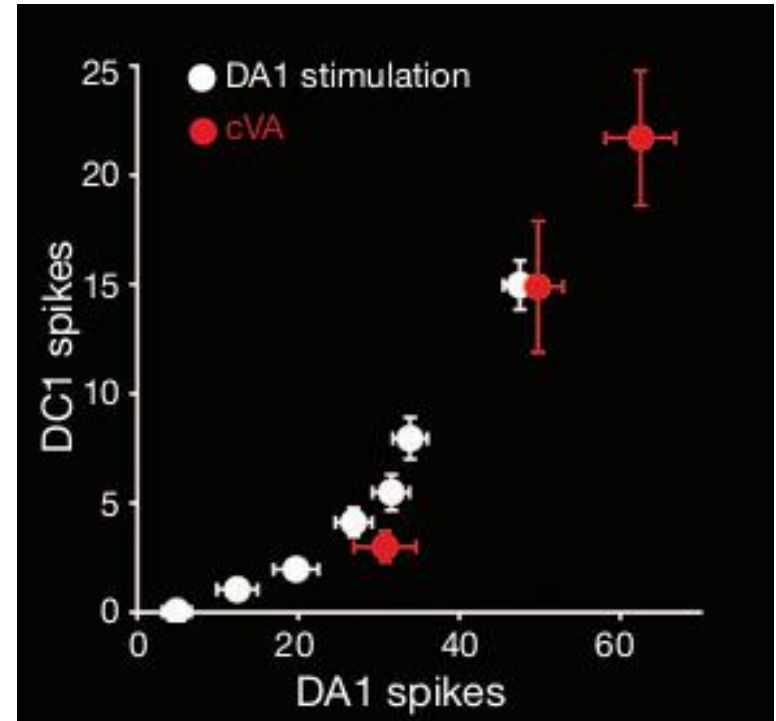
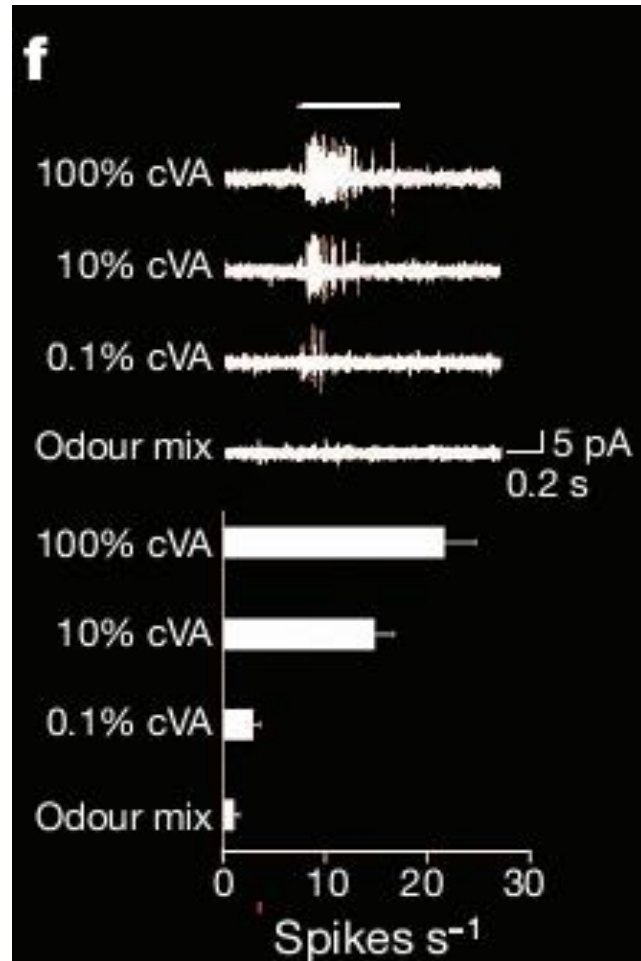


# Functional connectivity between DA1 and DC1

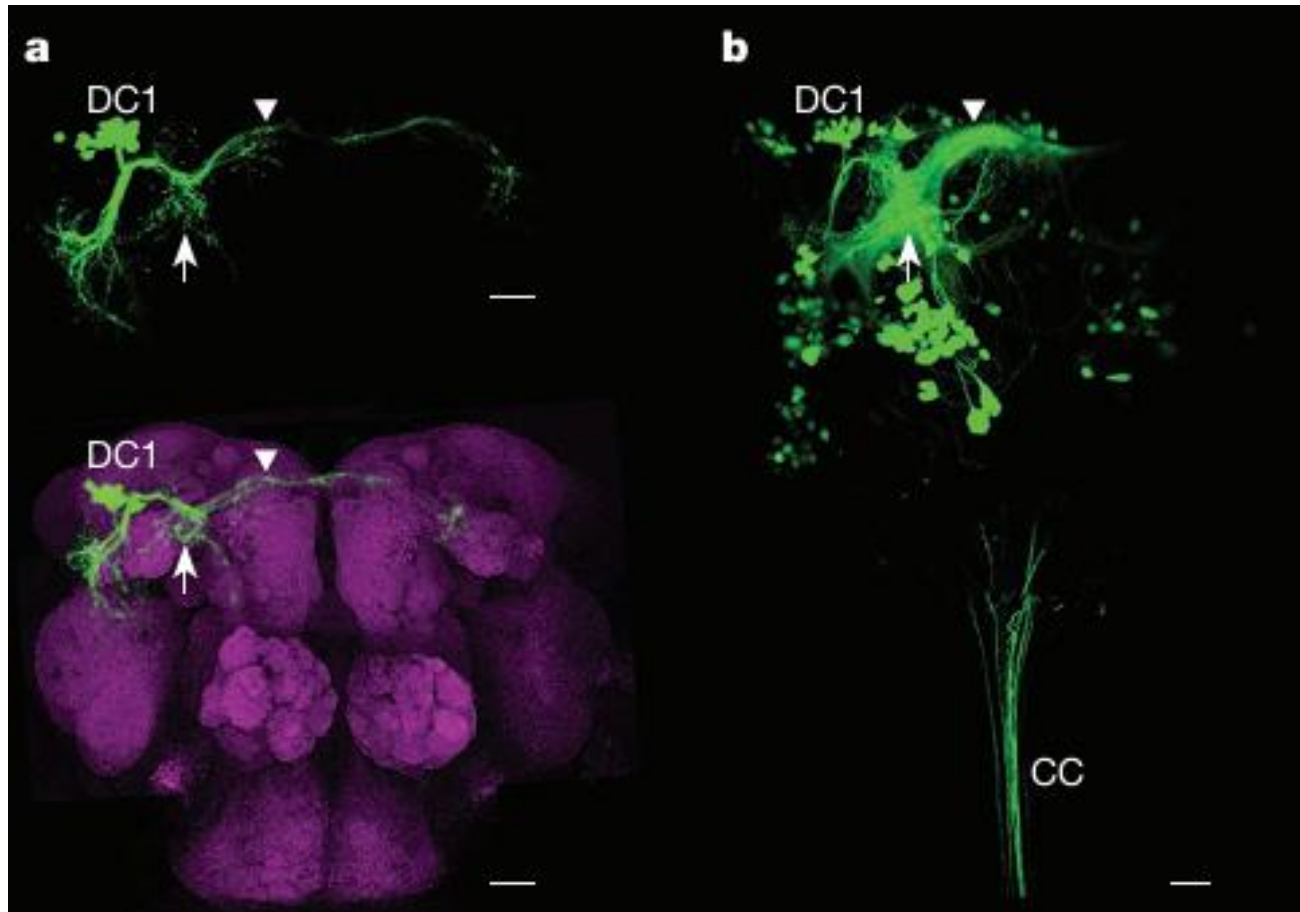




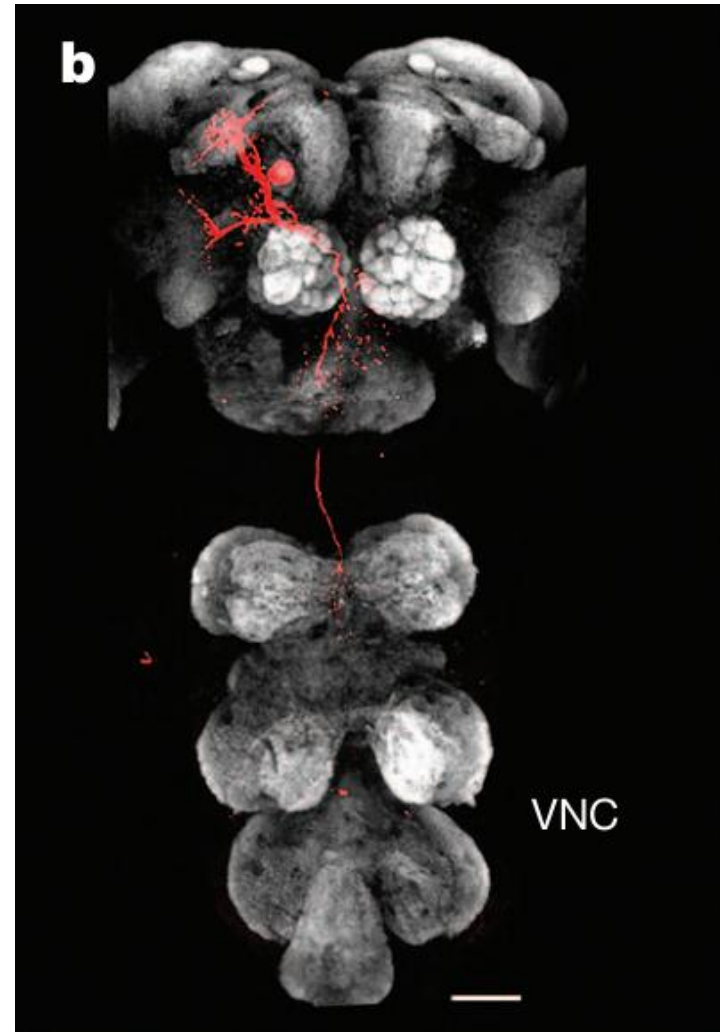
# DC1 neurons respond to cVA



# Finding neurons that connect to DC1

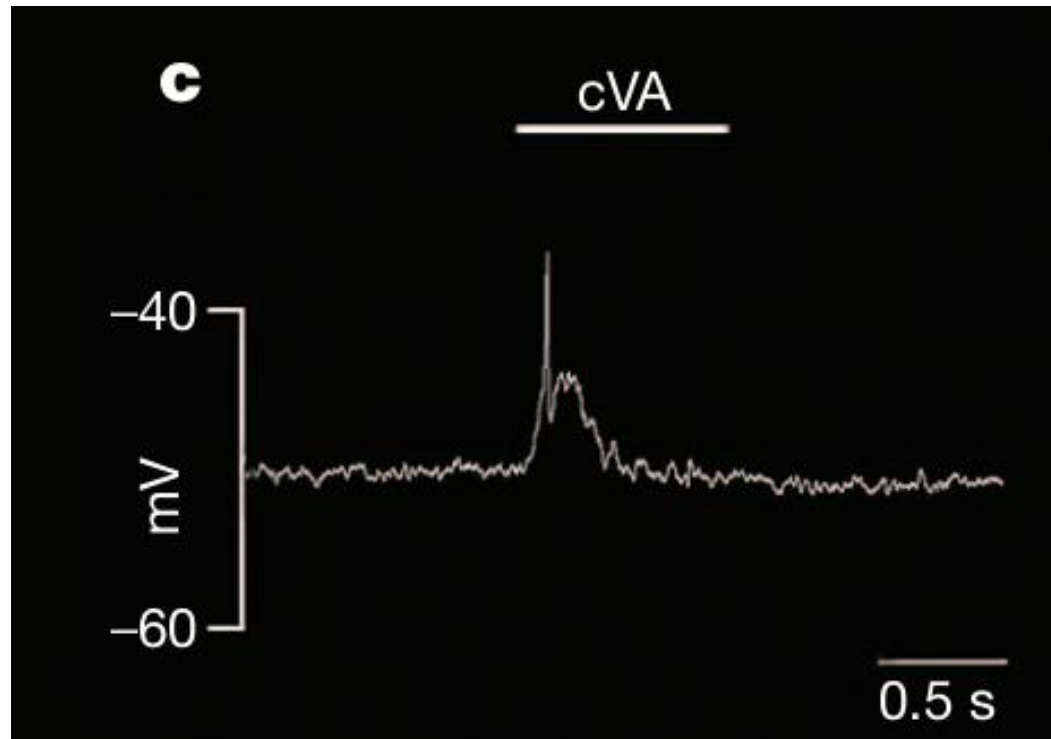


# DC1 and DN1

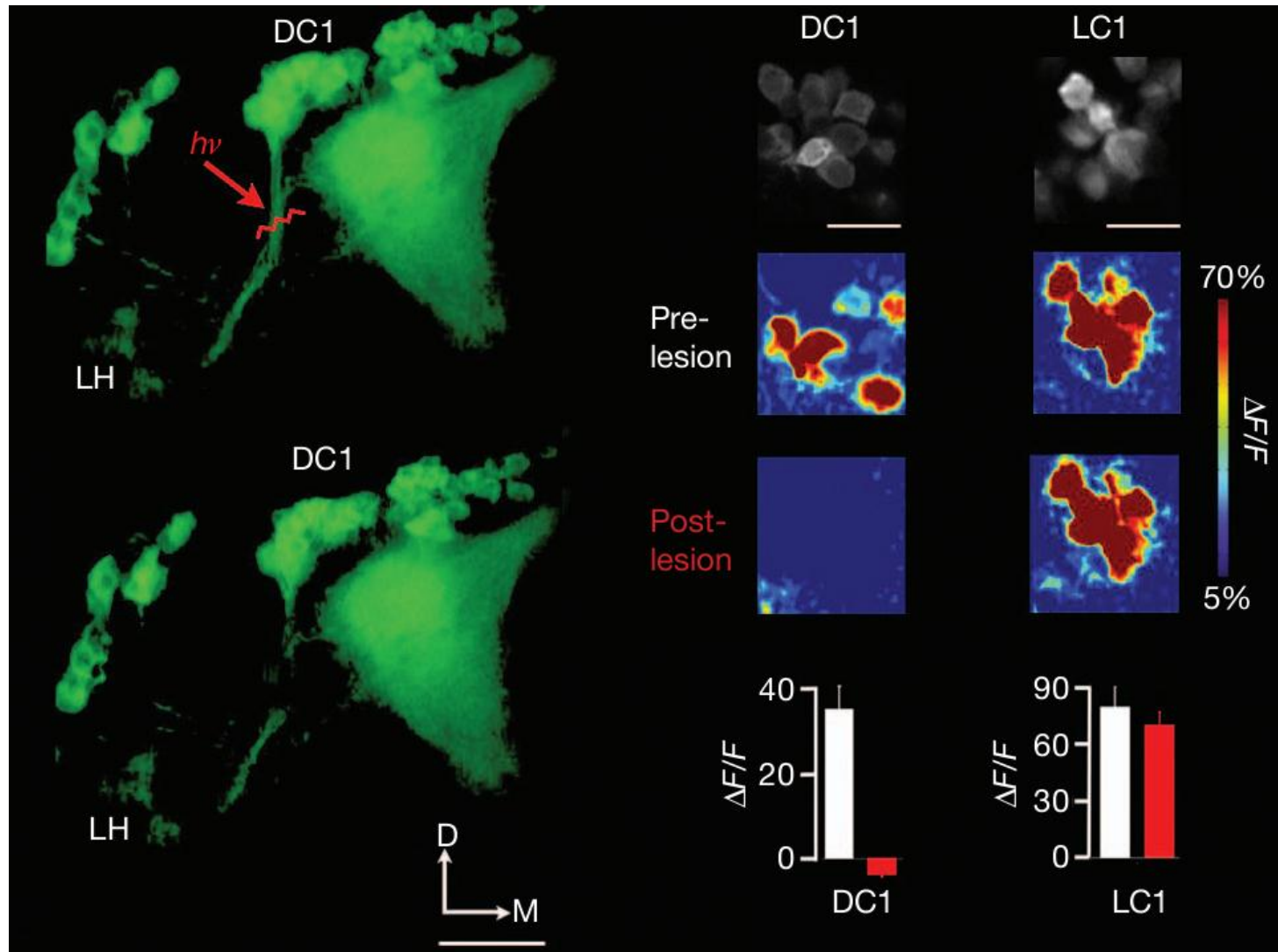


Ruta... Axel (*Nature*, 2010)

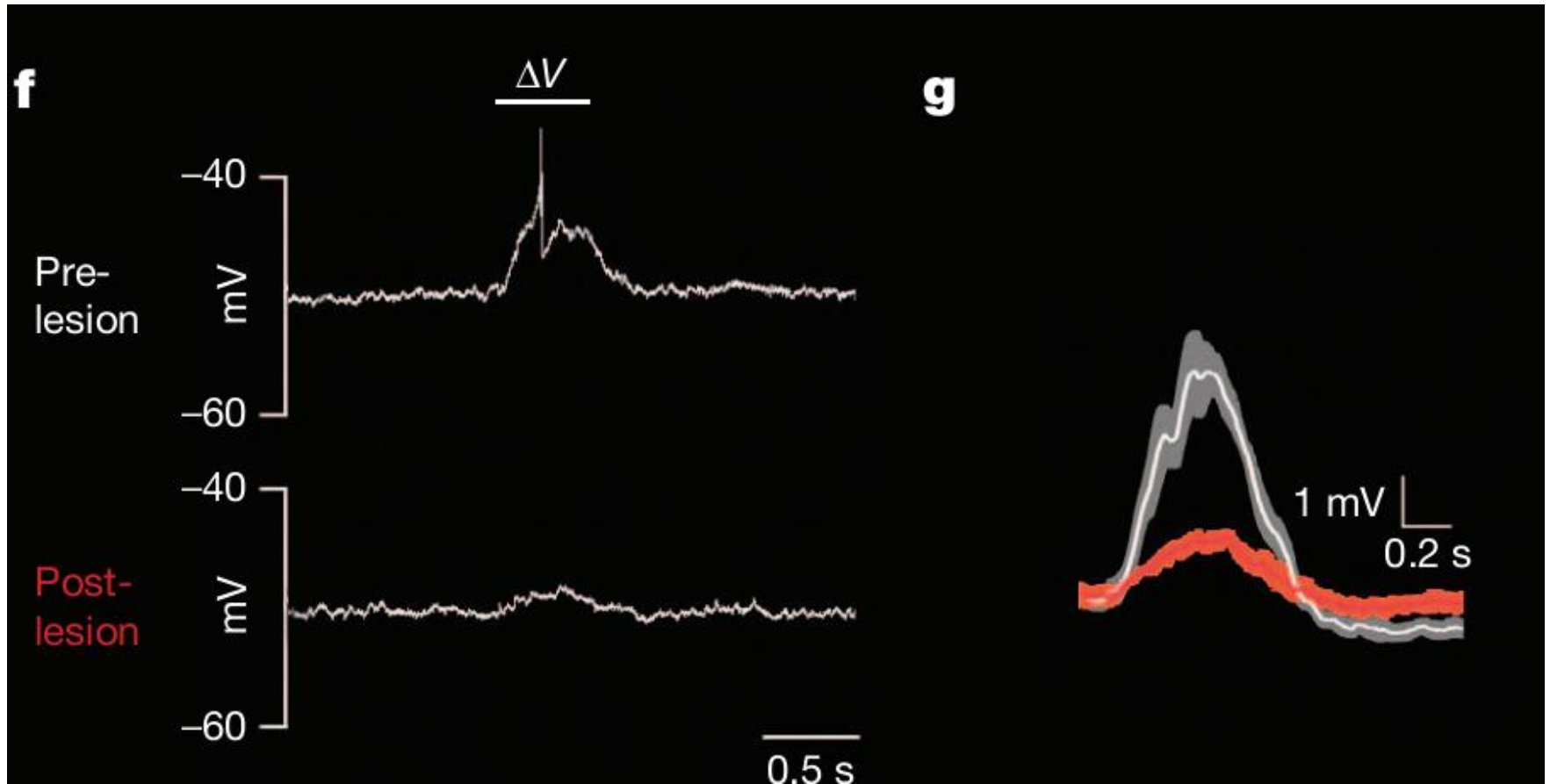
# DN1 responds to cVA weakly



# Laser-mediated microsurgery



# DN1 gets cVA input from DC1



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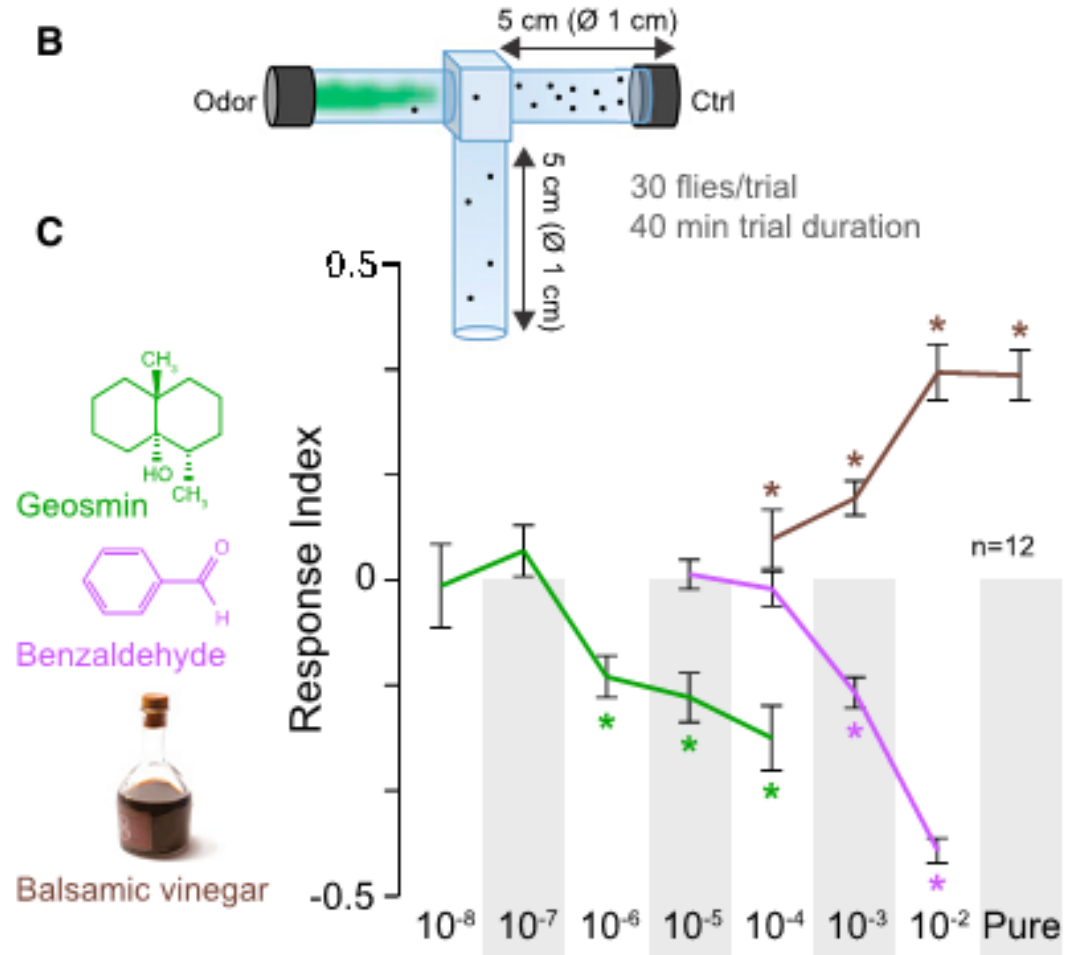


Aversion Trigger  
Nobel Prize Essays

Stensmyr et al.  
(*Cell*, 2012)



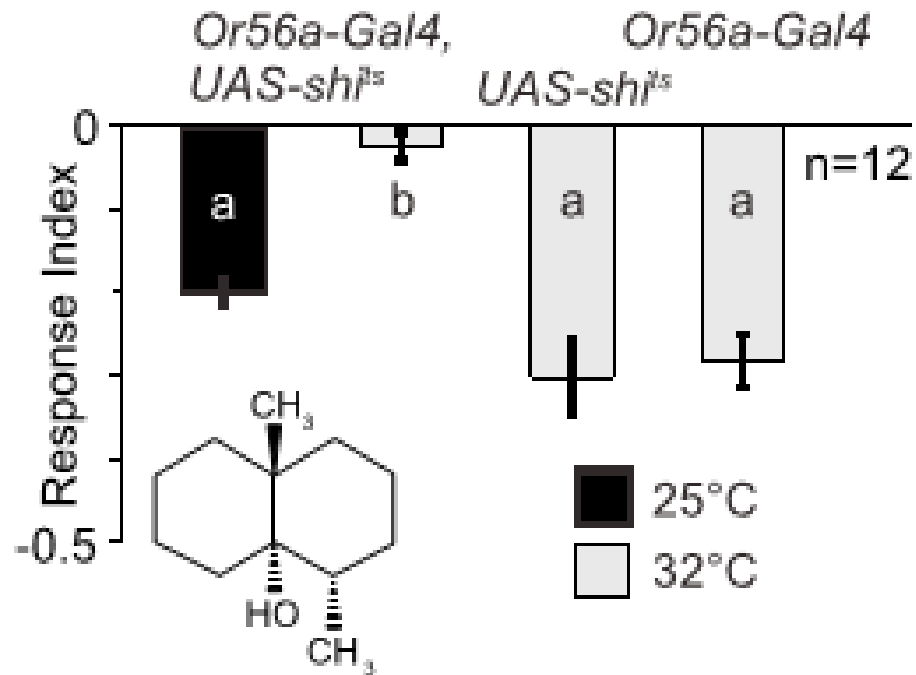
# Geosmin induces avoidance





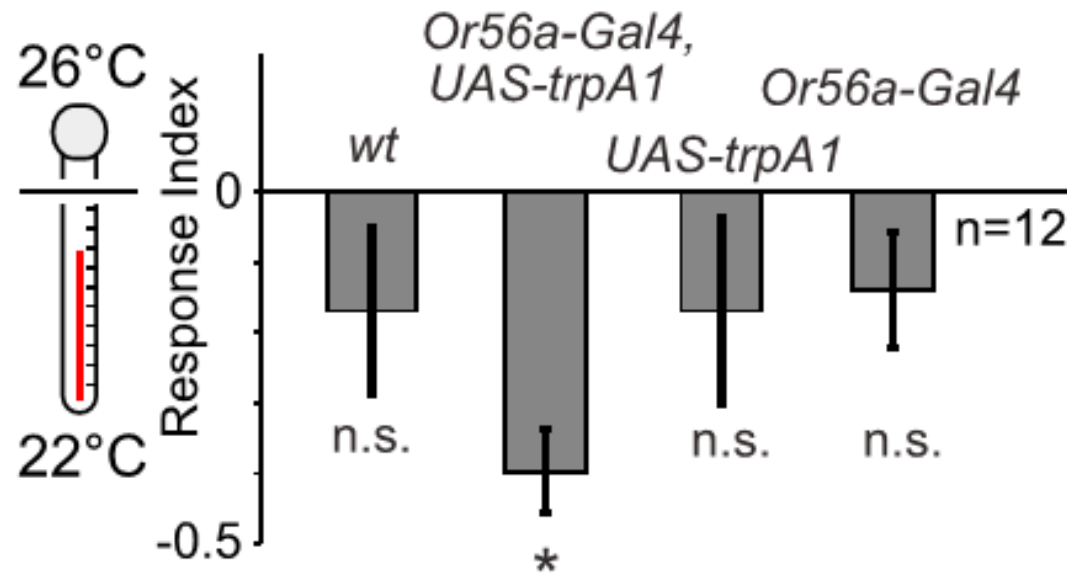


# Or56a is necessary for avoidance



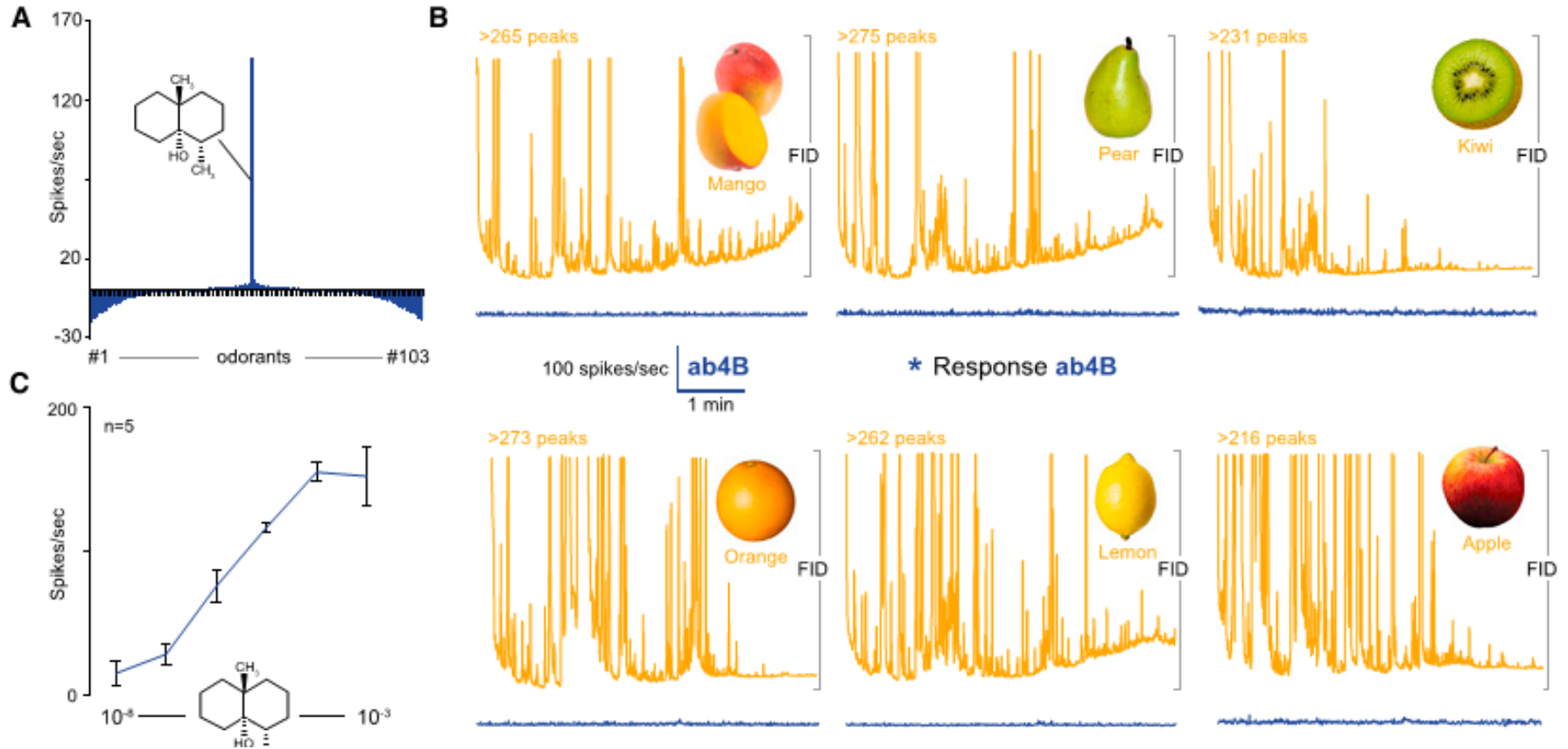
Temperature-sensitive allele of shibire

# Or56a is sufficient for avoidance

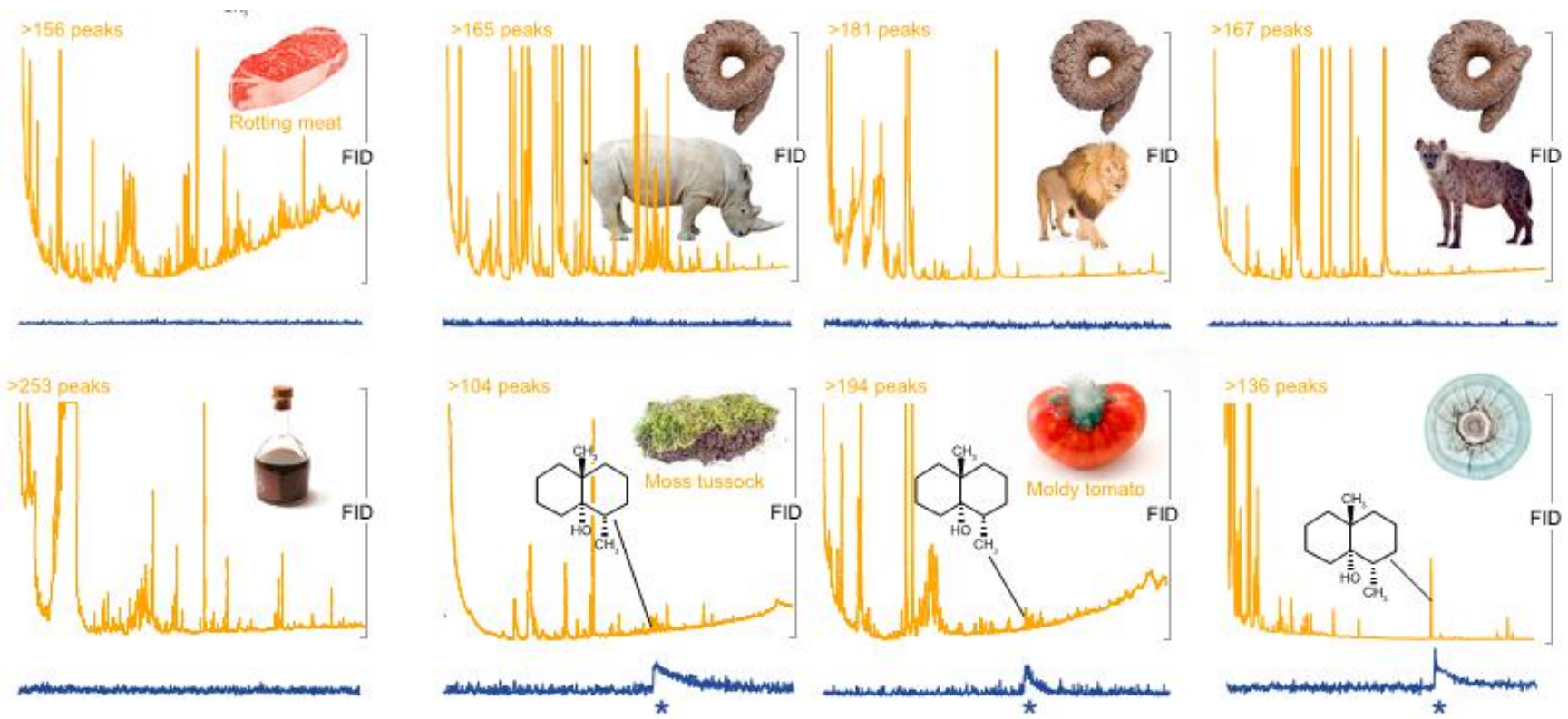


dTRPA1:temperature-sensitive  
cation channel

# Testing natural odors



# More natural odors



# Geosmin activates DA2 glomerulus

