

Circuit mechanisms underlying the action selections in *Drosophila* larva

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To make optimal decisions and adapt successfully, animals need to make use all of the sensory inputs (e.g., visual, olfactory, tactile, noxious) they can detect, which initially arrive through selective channels. A central question of neuroscience is how nervous systems transform these initially segregated inputs into holistic multisensory representations, and how these representations are then used to guide the selection of actions. Our research is focused on understanding fundamental circuit mechanisms that underlie action selection. To this end, we study escape behaviors in larval *Drosophila melanogaster*. We combine highthroughput behavior analysis, connectome analysis using transmission electron microscopy reconstruction, and live imaging/physiology of neural activity. Using these techniques, my group is currently addressing how the nervous system 1) integrates sensory information to determine the final behavioral output, 2) generates properly ordered action sequences, and 3) mediates experiencedependent changes in behavior.

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