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- 2 Parallel processing of olfactory and mechanosensory information in the honeybee antennal
- 3 lobe.
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### 21 Abstract

- 22 We report that airflow produces a complex activation pattern in the antennal lobes of the
- 23 honeybee Apis mellifera. Glomerular response maps provide a stereotypical code for the
- 24 intensity and the dynamics of mechanical stimuli that is superimposed on the olfactory code.
- 25 We show responses to modulated stimuli suggesting that this combinatorial code could
- 26 provide information about the intensity, direction, and dynamics of the airflow during flight
- 27 and waggle dance communication.

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### 33 Introduction

- 34 The antennal lobe (AL) is the insect neuropil associated with the encoding of odour
- information received via the antennas<sup>1</sup>. Odour molecules bind to the olfactory receptors in the
- 36 dendrites of olfactory receptor neurons (ORNs). In the honeybee *Apis mellifera*, each class of
- 37 ORNs projects into a single of the 160 nodes of the AL network, called glomeruli. Those are
- 38 interlinked by local neurons and project a stereotypical activation pattern, coding for odour
- identity and concentration<sup>2</sup> to higher-order brain centres like the mushroom bodies (MBs) and the lateral horns  $(LHs)^1$ . Besides the odour receptors located in the sensilla, hair-like
- the lateral horns (LHs)<sup>1</sup>. Besides the odour receptors located in the sensilla, hair-like
  structures exposed to ambient airflow, the antenna houses further receptors involved in
- 41 structures exposed to amolent annow, the antenna houses further receptors involved in
   42 sensing humidity, temperature<sup>3</sup>, and mechanosensory stimuli<sup>4</sup>. The latter are known to be
- 42 detected in the pedicel of the antenna by Johnston's organ, whose neurons project into the
- 44 dorsal lobe<sup>5</sup>. A limited mechanosensitivity in the antennal lobe of moths<sup>6-11</sup> was already
- 45 reported. To clarify the involvement of the antennal lobe in mechanosensation, we
- 46 systematically investigated glomerular responses during exposure to different air currents
- 47 with or without additional odour stimuli using two-photon calcium imaging.

### 48 **Results**

- Flow rates were chosen to simulate what a bee would typically experience during flight (high flux, HF) and what wing beating during the waggle dance would produce (low flux, LF)<sup>12</sup>.
- 51 Exposed to repeated airflow stimuli (Fig. 1a), we observed in most of the imaged glomeruli
- 52 clear and consistent responses (Fig. 1b, c, 5a, Supplementary Video S1). This confirms a
- hypothesis of Tuckman *et al.*<sup>11</sup> that the glomerular mechanosensory response might be
- 54 broader than that to single odours. But beyond previously reported activation<sup>11</sup>, we also found
- 55 strong inhibition in several glomeruli (Fig. 1c, e). This suggests that the mechanosensitivity
- 56 of receptor neurons is non-uniform and that probably the same inhibitory local neurons
- 57 involved in odour coding generate these combinatorial patterns encoding airflow stimuli.
- 58 To test the stereotypy of this code, the individual glomeruli were identified via the AL atlas<sup>13</sup>
- and the experiment was repeated in 7 subjects. Results show that the response patterns are
- 60 highly preserved across individuals (Fig. 1e, Extended Data Fig.1a, b). Comparing the
- 61 distributions of glomerular responses between the stimuli and to the pre-stimulus activity, we
- 62 found statistically significant differences between all of them (a PCA of the response
- 63 distributions and statistical results are shown in Extended Data Fig. 2).
- 64 We also observed that glomerular activation is proportional to the airflow intensity whereas
- 65 glomerular inhibition is not (Fig. 1d). The glomerular response to the airflow rarely
- 66 attenuates during the 6 s of exposure (Fig. 1e), in contrast to odour responses which usually
- 67 decrease over time. This lack of habituation suggests that continuous monitoring of wind
- 68 speed during flight could be based on this code.
- 69 A particular case of signal modulation is shown in Fig. 1f, where the glomerular response
- 70 shows an oscillatory modulation, which is consistently reproduced during the 15 trials.
- 71 Comparing this modulation with the angular motion of the flagellum obtained by high-speed
- video tracking (Fig. 1g, h), we found good agreement between the frequency spectra of
- 73 neuronal activity and motion in the region that characterizes the oscillatory modulation
- 74 (Fig.1i). The reorientation of the flagella changes the direction under which the airflow hits
- 75 the sensilla. This seems to produce a direction-dependent signal modulation. Bees might use
- 76 this direction-sensitivity not only to detect odour gradients, as observed in cockroaches<sup>14</sup>, but
- also to sample the wind direction during flight.
- 78 We then studied the responses elicited by a superposition of mechanical and odour stimuli by
- 79 injecting 3-Hexanol (3Hex) into the air stream (Fig. 2a, b), an odour that is known to excite
- glomeruli 28 and  $36^{15}$ . In this experiment, the odour stimulus lasted 3 s and was added after

1.5 s to the airflow stimulus, without changing the overall flux (Fig. 2c, d, Extended Data Fig. 81

2b, c). Both glomeruli, which are initially inhibited by the airflow, show a reversal of this 82

inhibition into a strong activation (Fig.2c, d, e, Supplementary Video 2). This shows that 83

mechanosensory responses do not necessarily reduce the odour signal contrast. At realistic 84

airflow velocities, chemosensation was found to be dominant, which can be expected since 85

86 airflow is a rather continuous stimulus during flight, whereas olfactory stimuli are sparse,

highly variant, and of great relevance and therefore require precedence in perception. 87

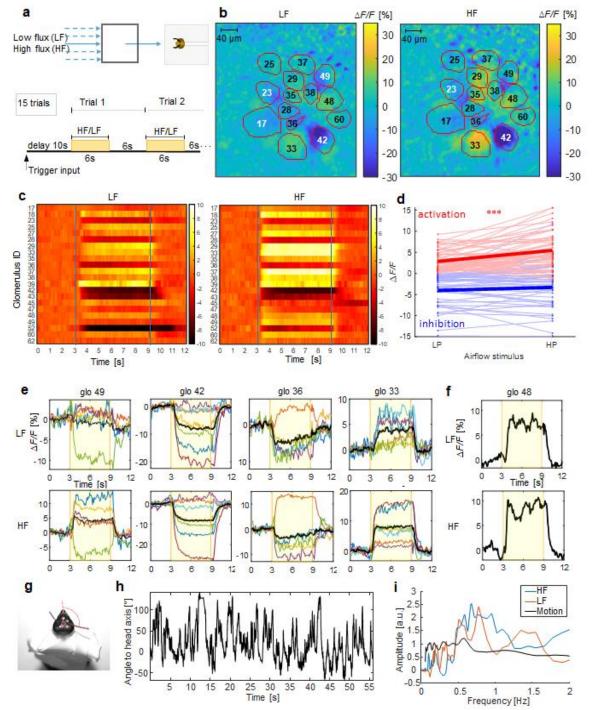




Fig. 1| Response patterns to airflow stimuli, a. Setup scheme and stimulus protocol. Stimuli start after 10 s of 90 background acquisition, lasting 6 s (yellow area), inter-trial distance 6 s. b, Example for the relative 91 fluorescence change ( $\Delta F/F$  [%]) in the imaging plane across the AL, outlines and labels show the identified glomeruli. c, Heatmaps show subject-averaged (N=7) responses of all imaged glomerulus to low flux (LF) and 92 93 high flux (HF) delivered after 3 s. d, Change of the glomerular activation between LF and HF, activated 94 glomeruli (red dots) increase responses significantly (paired t-test: t(56) = -5.51,  $p = 10^{-7}$ ), inhibited glomeruli 95 (blue dots) don't (t(49) = -1.65, p = 0.11) e, Temporal response curves of 4 selected glomeruli to low flux (LF) 96 and high flux (HF) airflow. Coloured curves show single subject responses, averaged over 15 repetitions. Black 97 curve is the subject-averaged response. The yellow background marks the stimulus interval. f, Example of 98 glomeruli showing an oscillatory modulation of the activity signal, which was well conserved across the 15 99 trials. g, Bee mounted with the head and the antennas free to move for high-speed antenna motion imaging,

- current angle of the right flagellum is marked in red. h, Example for an antenna tracking curve during 1 min of
   recording. i, Averaged spectra of the oscillatory activity in (f) (red LF, blue HF) and spectrum of the antenna
- 101 recording. i, Average102 motion in (h).
- To verify the origin of both signals, we coated the flagellum with a thin layer of silicone, but leaving it free to move, and repeated the experiment. The observed mechanosensory response was now highly attenuated, whereas the odour response was as strong as before although with slower response dynamics (Fig. 2f). Silicone slows down the diffusion of the odour molecules toward the chemoreceptors and strongly impairs mechanoreceptors activation. This rules out that the mechanosensory signal in the glomeruli originates from Johnston's organ,
- as the flagellum could move freely. We hypothesize that it is rather the motion of the sensilla
- 110 which was damped by the silicone coating that mediates the mechanosensitivity.

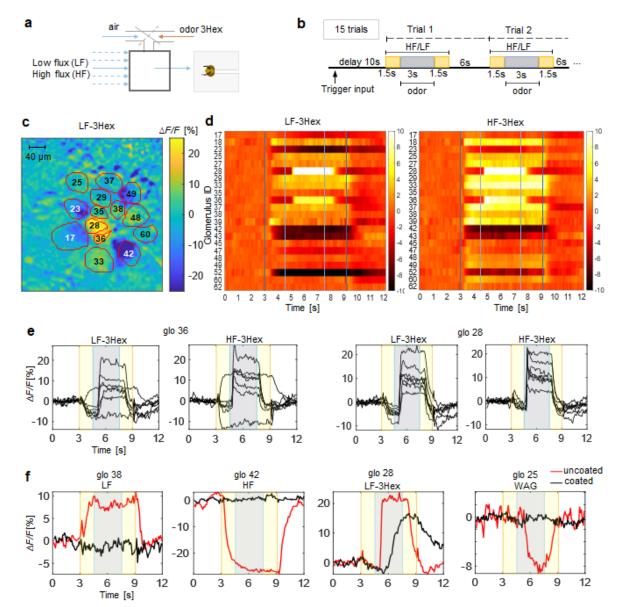
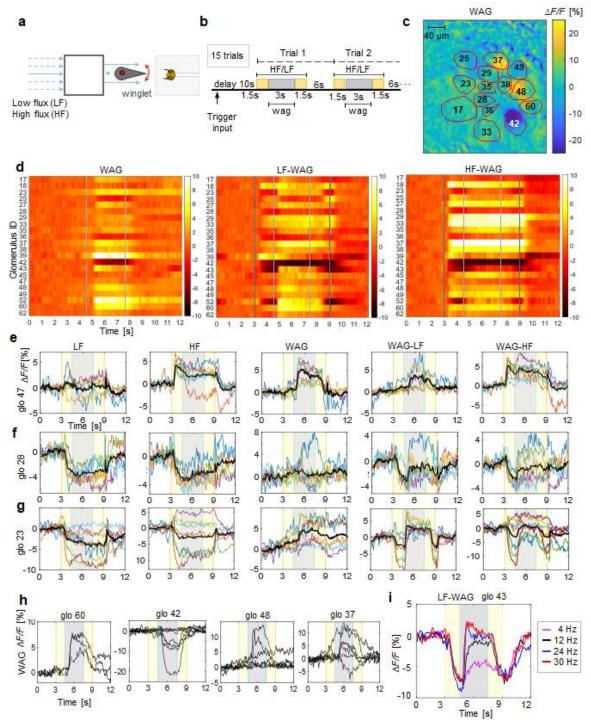




Fig. 2 | Response patterns to mechanical and chemical stimuli. a, Scheme of the setup where either clean air 112 113 or 3-hexanol (3Hex) is injected into the carrier flux. b, Scheme of the stimulation protocol: To the airflow 114 stimulus starting after 10 s (yellow area), the 3-Hex odour stimulus is added after another 1.5 s lasting 3 s (grey 115 area), interstimulus interval 6 s. c, Relative fluorescence change in the imaging plane during the low air flux 116 plus odour stimulus (LF-3Hex), outlines and labels show the identified glomeruli. d, Heatmaps show subjectaveraged responses of all imaged glomerulus to low flux (LF) and high flux (HF) delivered after 3 s and air plus 117 odour after 4.5 s e, Temporal response curves of the two glomeruli (28,36) that showed responses to the odour 118 119 stimulus, yellow areas mark the air only periods, grey boxes the air plus odour periods. f, Temporal response 120 curves of 4 selected glomeruli to odour, weak flow, high flow and waggling for bees with antennas coated with 121 fluid silicon (black) and uncoated antennas (red).

Next, we tested whether the AL mechanosensation has the potential to play a role in the 122 waggle dance communication, where dancer bees communicate angle and distance of a food 123 source by wing beating and abdominal oscillations to dance followers<sup>16</sup>. Michelsen *et al.*<sup>12</sup> 124 reported an airflow elicited by the wing beating from 0.15 to 0.3 m/s modulated by 125 abdominal oscillations at a frequency of 24-25 Hz. We reproduced a waggle-dance-like 126 stimulus (WAG) by oscillating a winglet at 24 Hz in a laminar airflow of 0.25 m/s (Fig. 3a, 127 b). Already the oscillating winglet by itself elicited a stereotypical response in most 128 glomeruli, either activating or inhibiting them (Fig. 3c, d, Extended Data Fig. 1c, d, 129 Supplementary Video 3). The airflow generated by the winglet is very weak (average speed 130 0-0.03 m/s) however being very turbulent, it may generate strong local gradients leading to a 131 pulsed-like stimulation of vibrational movements of the sensilla. We then embedded the 132 133 waggle stimulus in a laminar airflow, reproducing precisely the airflow felt by a bee that is following the dancer. The results clearly show that this modulation of the laminar airflow is 134 effectively detected by the glomeruli (Fig. 3c, d). The waggle stimulus is more effective in a 135 136 slow airflow and we observed different characteristics in the glomerular responses. We found 137 glomeruli sensitive already to the waggle stimulus without an airstream (Fig. 3e, g, h), others were sensitive only to a combined waggling/airflow stimulus (Fig. 3f). Some were tuned to 138 139 detect waggling in a weak flow but not in the strong flow (Fig. 3e) and others again were

- 140 modulated either in a weak or strong flow (Fig. 3f, g). This rich repertoire of responses
- suggests a high dynamic range of the mechanoreception mechanism which would allow for
- 142 coding of complex temporal patterns (Extended Data Fig. 3, 4 show the complete spatio-
- temporal response pattern to all stimuli in a representative bee).
- 144 We finally asked how the modulation of glomerular activity varied with the winglet
- 145 oscillation frequency. We, therefore, repeated the experiment in a weak airflow and tested
- 146 frequencies of 4, 12, 24, and 30 Hz. The results show that the strongest modulatory effect is
- observed already at 24 Hz with no further improvements at 30 Hz, whereas for lower
- 148 frequencies the effect is proportionally reduced (Fig. 3i, Supplementary Video 4).
- 149 Since during waggle dance a bee produces oscillations also at higher frequencies at 200-400
- 150 Hz via wing beating, we tested the sensitivity of the AL also to these signals. We exposed the
- bees to comparable stimuli produced by a loudspeaker ramping frequencies from 40 up to
- 152 6000 Hz. We never observed a glomerular response to these signals.





154 Fig.3 | Response patterns to waggle motion. a, Stimulus generator scheme for laminar airflow and waggle-155 dance-like stimuli via an oscillating winglet. b, Stimulation protocol with laminar flow stimuli starting after 10 s of background acquisition, lasting 6 s (yellow area) and a waggle motion added to it after 1.5 s lasting 3 s (grey 156 157 areas), inter-stimulus interval 6 s. c, Relative fluorescence change in the imaging plane during stimulus only by 158 the waggle motion (WAG) without additional airflow, outlines and labels show the identified glomeruli. d, 159 Heatmaps show the subject-averaged glomerular responses to the waggle only stimulus (WAG) and combined stimuli where waggling is added after 4.5 s to the low flux (LF-WAG) or the high flux (HF-WAG). e, Temporal 160 161 response curves to single and combined stimuli of glomerulus 47 which is sensitive already to waggling only. f, Temporal response curves to single and combined stimuli of glomerulus 28 not sensitive to waggling only, 162 163 where waggling stronger modulates the LF stimulus. g, Temporal response curves to single and combined 164 stimuli of glomerulus 23 sensitive to waggling and where waggling stronger modulates the HF stimulus. h, 165 Temporal response curves of 4 selected glomeruli to waggle motion only. i, Response of a selected glomerulus 166 to a low flux stimulus with superimposed waggle motion at different frequencies.

#### 167 Discussion

168 In summary, these findings provide the first evidence of parallel coding of chemical and

169 mechanical stimuli in the honeybee AL. So far studies have suggested Johnston's organ as

the major contributor to mechanosensation. We hypothesize that the glomerular code is likely 170 contributing considerably to it. The observed response patterns show that mechanosensitive 171 responses do not just amplify an odour signal but are, due to the broad response spectrum, 172 their complex dynamics and, above all, their stereotypy, capable of encoding information 173 relative to wind speed and direction. The tonic nature of the responses suggests that glomeruli 174 record this information persistently but without reducing neither contrast nor the dynamic 175 range of the chemical signals that are perceived in parallel. One type of stimuli to which the 176 AL was found to be particularly sensitive, was periodic low-frequency modulations of the 177 airflow, as they occur during the waggle dance communication. Interestingly, the response to 178 oscillations reaches a maximum at 24 Hz, a frequency that was reported to provide the most 179 efficient transfer of information during the waggle dance<sup>12</sup>. This happens when the follower 180 bees are aligned within 30° to the dancer bee's body axis. If instead the receiver bee is 181 located laterally to the dancer, the oscillation frequency drops by one half to ca. 12 Hz and 182 the information transfer was found to be less effective<sup>12</sup>. Our study supports this observation 183 since at 12 Hz the modulatory effect on the activity was strongly reduced. On the other hand, 184 it did not increase considerably at frequencies beyond 24 Hz. This potential involvement of 185 the antennal lobe in waggle motion detection adds a further option by which higher brain 186 187 centres might decipher the numerical information about the distance of a food source. Further studies could bring us closer to answering one of the most interesting questions in animal 188

189 communication.

190 Overall, this study contributes to a new understanding of the olfactory system, as a network

involved in the processing of a much broader spectrum of airborne information beyond odour 17

identification<sup>17</sup>. The findings should also provide additional arguments for the importance of
 the honeybee as a neuroethological model for olfaction, as mechanosensitivity in olfactory

the honeybee as a neuroethological model for olfaction, as mechanosensitivity in olfactory neurons has recently also been discovered in mammals<sup>18</sup>. There are legitimate hopes that

195 studies in a network of a few thousand neurons will contribute significantly to the

understanding of the underlying mechanisms.

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#### 198 Methods

### 199 Specimen preparation for *in vivo* calcium imaging

Honeybees were prepared following a well-established protocol<sup>19</sup>. The bees were exposed to

201  $CO_2$  for 30 s. The immobilized bees were then fixed onto a custom-made imaging stage,

- using soft dental wax (Deiberit 502, Siladent). A small rectangular window was cut into the
- 203 cuticula. The glands and trachea covering the AL were moved aside and fura2-dextran, a
- 204 calcium-sensitive fluorescent dye (Thermo-Fisher Scientific) dissolved in distilled water was
- 205 injected into the antenno-cerebralis tracts, postero-lateral to the  $\alpha$ -lobe using a pulled glass
- capillary. After the injection, the cuticula was fixed in its original position using n-eicosane(Sigma Aldrich). The bees were stored in a dark, cool, and humid place for 15 20 h to let the
- 207 (Sigma Aldrich). The bees were stored in a dark, cool, and humid p208 dye diffuse into the AL.
- 209 Just before the imaging session, antennas were blocked with a drop of n-eicosane on the
- 210 pedicel leaving the flagellum free to move. The cuticular window, the trachea, and the glands
- 211 were removed from the antennal lobe region. A silicone adhesive (Kwik-Sil, WPI) was used
- to cover the brain and a rectangular plastic foil was attached frontal to the window to separate
- the antennas from the immersion water for the objective lens.
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### 215 **Two-photon microscope**

- 216 The two-photon microscope (Ultima IV, Bruker) was illuminated by a Ti:Sa laser (Mai Tai
- 217 Deep See HP, Spectra-Physics). The laser was tuned to 780 nm for fura-2 excitation. All
- images were acquired with a water immersion objective ( $10\times$ , NA 0.3, Olympus).
- 219 Fluorescence was collected in epi-configuration, selected by a dichroic mirror, filtered with a
- band-pass filter centred at 525 nm and with a 70 nm bandwidth (Chroma Technology), and
- detected by a photomultiplier tube (Hamamatsu Photonics). The laser power was limited to

- about 10 mW to reduce photodamage on the specimen, maintaining a good signal-to-noise
- 223 (SNR) ratio.
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### 225 Mechanosensory and odour stimulation

We built a custom device for delivering controlled odour and mechanosensory stimuli. Pure 226 air from a pressure-controlled source passed a charcoal filter and was then humidified by a 227 water flask. The airflow is switched with two solenoid valves in a serial configuration. The 228 first valve opens and closes the airstream. When closed, the airstream is diverted into an 229 230 exhaust channel to prevent pressure from building up in the system, which creates a rectangular stimulus profile without an initial spike after opening the valve. The second valve 231 determines the flow rate by switching between a large or narrow duct. The airstream speed 232 can be varied between 1.8 m/s (HF) and 0.25 m/s (LF) via a mechanical airflow meter 233 (ANALYT-MTC) and is measured at the position of the antennas with a thermo-anemometer 234 (testo 405i, Testo). Upstream there is a 3-way valve (LHDA0531115, The Lee Company) 235 236 adding either the oil-immersed odour or pure air to the carrier stream, such that the overall airflow remains constant during the entire stimulation protocol (Fig. 2a). The airstream is 237 aimed at the bee's head via a steel tube of 15 cm length and 10 mm cross-section, centred in 238 239 front of the steel tube is a vertical winglet (10×10 mm, L×H) which can oscillate laterally driven by a DC motor to produce a waggle stimulus. The winglet is coated with aluminium 240 foil and grounded to earth to prevent electrostatic charges in the airstream. The distance 241 between the winglet tip and the head of the bee is about 15 mm. The solenoid valves and the 242 DC motor are controlled with an Arduino Uno board (Arduino) through custom software. 243 Sound stimuli were generated using the Arduino Uno board, an audio amplifier board module 244 (HiLetgo TDA2822M), and a speaker of 28 mm diameter, 8  $\Omega$ , and 2 W placed 15 mm 245 frontally to the bee. Stimulation protocols were generated through MATLAB (R2019b, 246 MathWorks) scripts and delivered to the Arduino board through a PCIe-6321 multifunction 247 board (National Instruments). A recording session started with 10 s of background signal 248 249 acquisition followed by alternating different types of stimuli in a pseudorandom order up to 15 trials per stimulus. The duration of the main mechanical stimulus was 6 sec, during which 250 an airstream of different intensities, LF (0.25 m/s) HF (1.8 m/s) and no-air (0 m/s), was 251 252 delivered. In the middle of this time window, a secondary stimulus of 3 s could be added (waggling WAG or odour 3Hex). The main stimulus period is followed by an interstimulus 253 interval of 6 s. For the odour stimulus, we used 3-hexanol (W335118, Sigma-Aldrich), 254 diluted 1:25 in mineral oil. Only the head of the bee is exposed to air/odour stimuli as the 255 body is enclosed in the mounting stage to minimize mechanosensory stimulation of the insect 256 257 body.

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### 259 Image acquisition

The image acquisition was synchronized to the stimulus protocol at a frame rate of 10.083 fps. The image of  $128 \times 128$  pixels with a digital zoom factor of 3.8 covers a field of view of  $280 \mu$ m. The fluorescence intensity was recorded with a depth of 13 bits. In addition to the functional images, a *z*-stack of the antennal lobe was acquired at a spatial resolution of  $512 \times 512$  pixels and a layer interval of 2 µm to perform the morphological identification of glomeruli.

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### 267 Image analysis

- 268 A total of 7 bees were recorded and analyzed. Data post-processing and analysis were
- 269 performed employing custom scripts in MATLAB. In each bee, the recorded glomeruli were
- identified using the AL atlas<sup>13</sup> and associated with regions of interest (ROI) over which the
- 271 fluorescence signals were spatially averaged. From these raw data the relative change of
- fluorescence during the stimulus and expressed in %:  $\Delta F/F = -[F(t) F_b]/F_b \times 100$ , where  $F_b$  is
- the average fluorescence signal in the 3 s pre-stimulus period. This is a measure for the
- 274 neuronal firing rate in each glomeruli<sup>20</sup>. Finally, for each stimulus,  $\Delta F/F$  was averaged over
- the 15 trials to obtain the mean response for each glomerulus to a stimulus.

- To identify glomeruli with the highest variance during the stimuli, a PCA was performed on the pixels as variables with frames as observations (Extended Data Fig. 5)
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## 279 Statistical analysis of the stereotypy

- A principal component analysis was performed on the full dataset using as features the
- averaged glomerular response in the first 1.5 s of each stimulus for the LF vs. HF vs. no-air
- comparison whereas for the LF vs. LF-3Hex the average over the last 2 s of the odour
- stimulus was used. The glomerular responses for no-air were computed averaging over 1.5 s
- before the stimulus. Every single recording corresponds to an observation. Statistical
- differences in the distribution of each group were evaluated using the statistical energy test.
- The multiple comparisons were corrected for familywise errors via the Bonferroni method.
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## 288 Antenna tracking

- 289 The antenna motion was recorded with a JVC GC-PX100BE Camcorder. A frame rate of 200
- Hz turned out to be the best compromise between temporal and spatial resolution  $(640 \times 360)$  pixels). Recordings were analyzed via custom python scripts. Images were background
- pixels). Recordings were analyzed via custom python scripts. Images were background
   subtracted and binarized, and the antennas were identified via connected component analysis.
- Antenna images were then skeletonized, and the flagellum axis was obtained via the Hough
- transform. Its angle was measured against the head axis, which was obtained by polygonal
- 294 fitting the head contour.
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# 307 Declaration of Interests

308 The authors declare no competing interests.

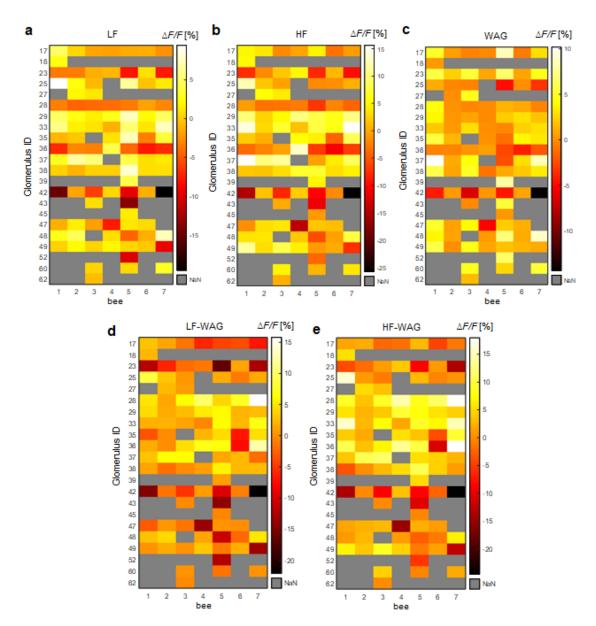
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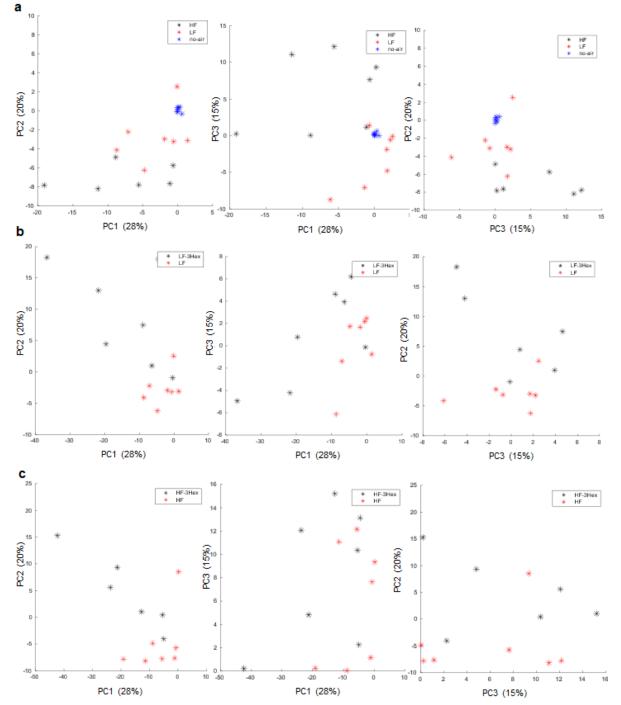
#### 363 Supplementary Information

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Fig. 1 Maps of the glomerular responses to the different stimuli, for each recorded bee. Shown is
the trial-averaged activity from 2 - 4 s after stimulus onset. Grey areas mark glomeruli that could not
be recorded.



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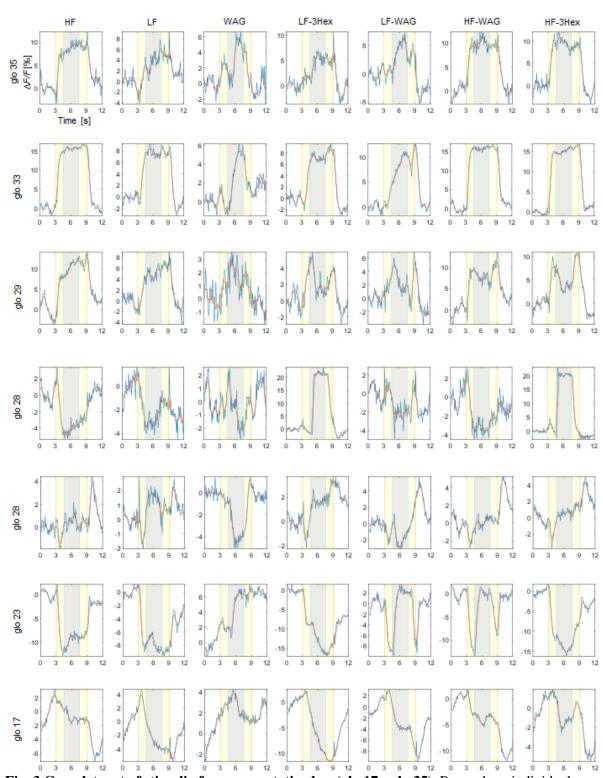
Fig. 2 PCA of the glomerular response space. Each individual bee response to the stimuli is
described in terms of the 3 first PCs. a, Comparisons between LF-HF-no-air stimuli. A statistical

energy test<sup>22</sup> gives HF vs. LF ( $\varphi(7) = 22.0, p = 0.022$ ), no\_air vs. LF ( $\varphi(7) = 18.9, p = 0.001$ ), no-air

374 *vs.* HF ( $\varphi(7) = 50.1$ , p = 0.001). **b**, Comparisons between LF and LF-3Hex ( $\varphi(7) = 51.3$ , p = 0.004). **c**,

375 Comparisons between HF and HF-3Hex ( $\varphi(7) = 42.3, p = 0.037$ ). All differences are significant

including the Bonferroni correction for family-wise errors.

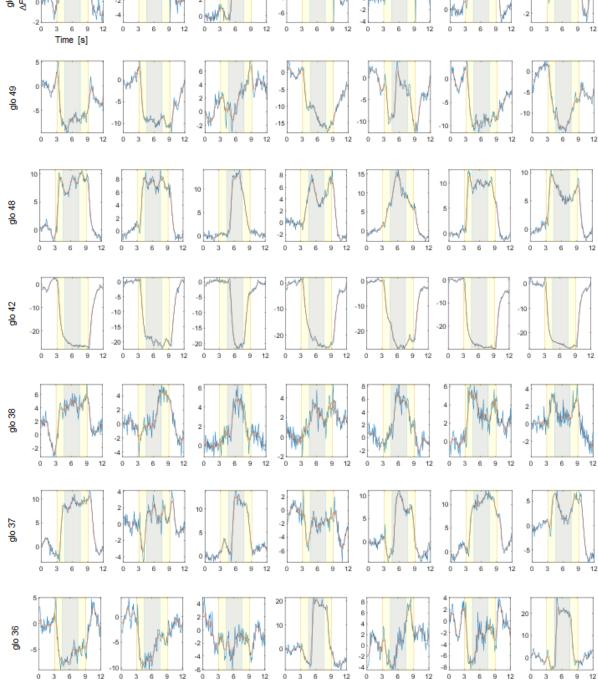


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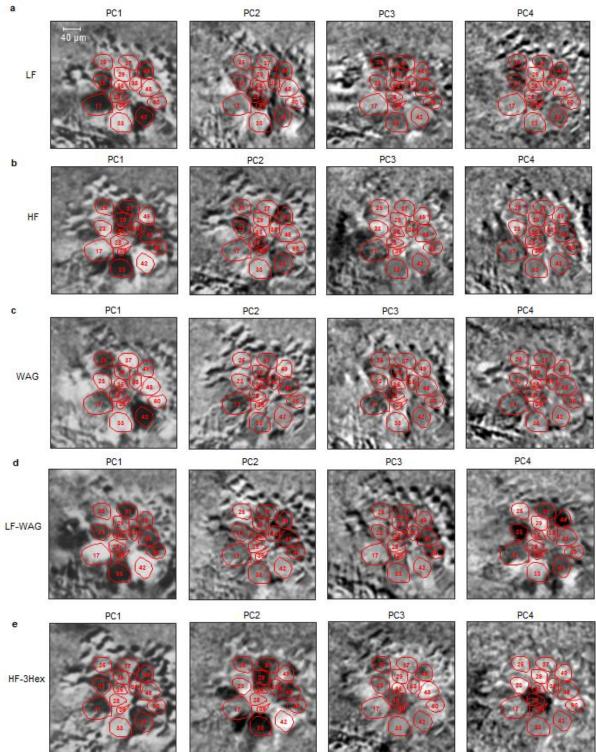
Fig. 3 Complete set of stimuli of a representative bee (glo 17 - glo 35). Rows show individual glomeruli, columns the different stimuli. Blue lines represent the response averaged over all 15 trials, 379 380 the red line shows the low-pass filtered response. The yellow areas highlight the airstream stimulus 381 period, the grey area the additional odour or waggle stimuli. The stimulus order is the same as 382 provided during the experiment. The signal intensity expressed as  $\Delta F/F$  [%].





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Fig. 4 Complete set of stimuli of a representative bee (glo 36-glo 60). Rows show individual glomeruli, columns the different stimuli. Blue lines represent the response averaged over all 15 trials, 386 the red line shows the low-pass filtered response. The yellow areas highlight the airstream stimulus 387 period, the grey area the additional odour or waggle stimuli. The stimulus order is the same as 388 provided during the experiment. The signal intensity expressed as  $\Delta F/F$  [%]. 389



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392 Fig. 5 Principal components highlight glomeruli with the greatest signal variance during a 393 stimulus. The frames of a stimulus period were averaged over trials, normalized, and converted into vectors. A PCA was then performed with pixels as variables and time frames as observations. The 394 395 first PC is the variance-maximising projection of stimulus-related signals, spontaneous activity, and sample movements<sup>21</sup>. The strongest glomerular responses show high eigenvalues in the first principal 396 component. Signals in the periphery are due to highly active neuronal somata and sample motion. The 397 398 maps evidence the broad involvements of several glomeruli to stimuli encoding. a, Glomerular pattern 399 elicited by LF stimulation. **b**, Glomerular pattern elicited by HF stimulation. **c**, Glomerular pattern elicited by waggling stimulation. d, Glomerular pattern elicited by LF airstream modulated by 400 401 waggling. e, Glomerular pattern elicited by the odour 3-Hexanol.



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405 Fig. 5 Stimuli generator. Bees are mounted on the stage facing the winglet. The airflow is directed
406 through the steel tube straight toward the antennae. The winglet is activated by a motor whose speed
407 is detected through a rotary encoder.

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418 **Movie S1. Movie of the Glomerular responses to HF and LF stimuli.** Real-time trial-averaged 419 response of a bee to the LF stimulus (left window) and the HF stimulus (right window), showing the 420 higher response to the HF stimulus with respect to LF. The appearance of the red label indicates the 421 stimulus period and type. Outlines and numbers indicate the glomeruli according to the bee atlas. The 422 signal intensity is showing  $\Delta F/F$  [%].

### 423 Movie S2. Movie of the Glomerular responses to overlapping mechanical and olfactory stimuli.

- 424 Real-time trial-averaged glomerular responses to the LF-3Hex stimulus (left window) and the HF-
- 3Hex stimulus (right window). The movie highlights the faster response to the odour (3-Hexanol) of
- glo28 compared to glo36 and shows the strong inhibition in glo17 and glo48 during odour stimulation
- 427 in the LF but not in the HF airstream. This is an example of the complexity of the interaction between
- 428 the mechano- and chemosensory encoding. The appearance of the red label indicates the stimulus

- 429 period and type. The cyan label indicates the period of the odour delivery. Outlines and numbers 430 indicate the glomeruli according to the bee atlas. The signal intensity is showing  $\Delta F/F$  [%].
- 431 Movie S3. Movie of the Glomerular responses to HF, LF and WAG stimulation. Real-time trial-
- 432 averaged responses of a bee to the LF-WAG stimulus (left window), the HF-WAG stimulus (right
  433 window) and to a simple WAG stimulus (central window). The central window shows the glomeruli
- 433 window) and to a simple wAG stimulus (central window). The central window shows the glomerul 434 which are modulated by simply oscillating the winglet at 24Hz. The appearance of the red label
- 434 which are modulated by simply oscillating the winglet at 2442. The appearance of the red label435 indicates the stimulus period and type. The cyan label indicates the waggling period of the winglet.
- 436 Outlines and numbers indicate the glomeruli according to the bee atlas. The signal intensity is
- 437 showing  $\Delta F/F$  [%].

#### 438 Movie S4. Movie of the Glomerular responses to LF and WAG stimulation at different

- 439 frequencies. Real-time trial-averaged response recorded in the antennal lobe of a bee to the LF-WAG
- stimulus at 4 Hz (left window) and the LF-WAG stimulus at 24 Hz (right window). The appearance of
- the red label indicates the stimulus period and type. The cyan label indicates the waggling period.
- 442 Outlines and numbers indicate the glomeruli according to the bee atlas. The signal intensity is
- 443 showing  $\Delta F/F$  [%].