Title: Recent odor experience selectively modulates olfactory sensitivity across the glomerular output in the mouse olfactory bulb

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Abstract: Although animals can reliably locate and recognize odorants embedded in complex environments, the neural circuits for accomplishing these tasks remain incompletely understood. Adaptation is likely to be important in this process as it could allow neurons in a brain area to adjust to the broader sensory environment. Adaptive processes must be flexible enough to allow the brain to make dynamic adjustments, while also maintaining sufficient stability such that organisms do not forget important olfactory associations. Processing within the mouse olfactory bulb is likely involved in generating adaptation, although there are conflicting models of how it transforms the glomerular output of the mouse olfactory bulb. Here we performed 2-photon Ca^{2+} imaging in awake mice to determine the time course of recovery from adaptation, and whether it acts broadly or selectively acts across the glomerular population. Individual glomerular responses, as well as the overall population odor representation was similar across imaging sessions. However, odor-concentration pairings presented with interstimulus intervals upwards of 30-s could evoke heterogeneous adaptation across the glomerular population. This adaptation was strongest at higher concentrations, unrelated to variations in respiration, and measurements from olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli indicate that it is unlikely to be inherited from the periphery. Our results indicate that the olfactory bulb output reliably transmits stable odor representations, although dynamic processes exist by which recent odor exposure can selectively impact odor sensitivity for upwards of 30 seconds. We propose that dynamic adaptation in subsets of glomeruli is necessary for making dynamic adjustments to complex odor environments.

Introduction.

Although animals can reliably locate and recognize odorants embedded in complex chemical contexts, the neural circuits for accomplishing these tasks remain incompletely understood [1-3]. The ability to attend to, and segment different kinds of odorant information would be facilitated by adaptive processes within the brain that could adjust responsiveness based on an organism's sensory environment and internal state [4-8]. Such adaptive processes should be flexible enough to allow the brain to make dynamic adjustments to different sensory environments, while also maintaining sufficient stability such that organisms do not forget important olfactory associations. Defining the brain areas and understanding how adaptation transforms olfactory representations remains an area of strong interest within the neuroscience community [9-11].

Odors evoke varying degrees of neural activity across the olfactory receptor neuron population, yielding a combinatorial code that is transmitted to the olfactory bulb [12-17]. Each olfactory receptor type typically maps to one or two regions of neuropil called glomeruli in the olfactory bulb [18, 19]. Mitral and tufted cells each innervate a single glomerulus where they receive olfactory receptor input, and send a transformed sensory representation to the rest of the brain [15, 20-22]. Recent work has shown that processing within the mouse olfactory bulb is involved in generating adaptation in the glomerular output of the mouse olfactory bulb [22]. However, there are conflicting models of how adaptation impacts the transmission of olfactory sensory information from the bulb to the rest of the brain. There currently exists data to support the presence of adaptation that occurs gradually over days and broadly impacts the output of the bulb, as well as adaptation that is shorter-lasting and selective in which glomerular output channels are affected [22-25].

We tested these models using *in vivo* 2-photon Ca^{2+} imaging from the apical dendrites of mitral/tufted cells innervating the olfactory bulb glomerular layer in awake mice. A panel of odors at different concentrations were delivered at different interstimulus intervals on the same day, or during imaging sessions performed on different days. Odor representations across the mitral/tufted glomerular population had similar amplitudes and were well correlated across trials taken on the

same day separated by a minimum of 3 minutes, and in trials on different imaging days. However, adaptation was present in response to odors delivered with a 6-s interstimulus interval that was highly selective across the mitral/tufted glomerular population. Within the same imaging field of view, some glomeruli responded similarly to each odor presentation, while others changed significantly. This adaptation was strongly concentration-dependent with higher concentrations evoking significantly more adaptation across the glomerular population. Extending the interstimulus interval to 30-s resulted in an incomplete recovery from adaptation. Measurements of animal respiration and odor-evoked activity in olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli suggest that adaptation is unlikely to reflect variations in the organismal state or sensory input. Our results indicate that the mouse olfactory bulb transmits reliable representations of olfactory stimuli across time, although there exist neural processes that can selectively mediate sensitivity adjustments based on recent odor exposure for upwards of 30 seconds. We propose that dynamic adaptation in subsets of glomeruli would be useful for making dynamic adjustments to complex odor environments [9].

Results

Odors evoke similar responses in mitral/tufted glomeruli when measured during the same imaging session or across different days.

To selectively image from mitral/tufted glomeruli, the Tbx21-Cre transgenic mouse line (that expresses cre recombinase in mitral/tufted cells) was mated to the Ai148 cre-dependent GCaMP6f

Figure 1: (**A**) Histological section illustrating endogenous GCaMP6f fluorescence from the olfactory bulb in a Tbx21::Ai148 transgenic mouse. (**B**) Mean fluorescence (*top*) and corresponding frame subtraction images (*bottom*) from 5 different imaging days in response to two different odors. The colorscales are fixed to the same range for the responses to methyl valerate and isoamyl acetate, respectively. The colorscale on the right side of the panel applies to all the frame subtraction images, and the minimum and maximum $\Delta F/F$ pixel value for each image are listed in the bottom right of each panel. (**C-E**) Response to odor methyl valerate. (**C**) (*top*) Single trial responses from multiple trials to the same odor-concentration pairing. The four regions of interest were measured in the same trials. Heat maps are scaled to the maximum response amplitude across all imaging trials for that glomerulus. The colorbar next to the rightmost panel of **C** applies to all single trial heat maps. The $\Delta F/F$ range for each glomerulus is indicated as white text in each panel. (*Middle*) Mean fluorescence time course from the single trials for each glomerulus. (*Bottom*) Correlation of individual trials for each region of interest before and during the odor stimulus. The colorbar next to the rightmost panel applies to all correlation matrices. (**D**) Mean fluorescence from all single trials across different imaging sessions. (**E**) Mean glomerular correlation across all imaging trials on the same and different days. (**F-H**) Panels follow the same arrangement as in **C-E** for responses to the odor isoamyl acetate in the same preparation. The single trial colorscale in panel **C** also applies to the single trials in panel **F**. gl, glomerular layer; epl, external plexiform layer; mcl, mitral cell layer.

reporter line [26, 27]. The resulting transgenic offspring that expressed both genes were confirmed to express GCaMP6f in mitral/tufted cells in the mouse olfactory bulb in histological sections (**Fig 1A**). During *in vivo* imaging in awake mice, mitral/tufted glomeruli were clearly visible in the *in vivo* mean fluorescence, and odors evoked activity in different glomeruli within the field of view (**Fig 1B**, *day 1*). The strong and stable GCaMP6f expression levels allowed for routine imaging from the glomerular layer using moderate laser power (< 150 mW) in thinned skull preparations as well as cranial window preparations. The results from both kinds of preparations were not qualitatively different from one another.

The GCaMP6f expression facilitated the ability to image from the same glomerular population across multiple experimental sessions (**Fig 1B**, each image illustrates the mean fluorescence from a different imaging day in one preparation). Different odors evoked different patterns of activity across the glomerular population that were similar in spatial arrangement and amplitude across different imaging sessions (**Fig 1B**, bottom row, compare methyl valerate measured on days 1, 6, and 21 to isoamyl acetate measured on days 8 and 9). Fluorescence time course measurements from trials separated by at least 3 minutes during the same recording session, and trials carried out on different imaging days had similar time course dynamics and response amplitudes (**Fig 1C**, **F**, single trial heat maps are scaled to the maximum $\Delta F/F$ response from each glomerulus). Although some individual glomeruli exhibited variability on different days (e.g., **Fig 1C**, ROI 14), the mean response across the glomerular population was not significantly different across the different imaging sessions (**Fig 1D, G**, thin lines are measurements from individual glomeruli, methyl valerate $p = 0.58$; isoamyl acetate $p = 0.9$, analysis only includes glomeruli in the field of view that responded to odor stimulation with at least a 3 standard deviation change from baseline).

Odor responses from individual glomeruli measured on the same, or on different days were highly correlated during (but not prior to) odor stimulation (**Fig 1C, F**, bottom panels). The mean correlation of individual glomeruli in this preparation in response to methyl valerate before and during odor stimulation was 0.08 ± 0.01 and 0.62 ± 0.02, respectively (range air: $-0.02 - 0.34$, odor: 0.04-0.95, N = 29 glomeruli). Similar results were obtained from individual glomeruli in response to isoamyl acetate in this preparation (air: 0.11 ± 0.04, range -0.06-0.5; odor: 0.34 ± 0.08, range $-0.02 - 0.9$). The correlation of the glomerular population mean was not statistically different whether the trials were from the same day or from different imaging sessions (**Fig 1E**, methyl valerate: same day trials $r = 0.95 \pm 0.01$ N = 24; different day trials $r = 0.93 \pm 0.01$, N = 153; $p = 0.06$, **Fig 1H**, isoamyl acetate, same day trials $r = 0.39 \pm 0.1$ N = 7; different day $r = 0.43 \pm 0.05$, N = 15; $p = 0.9$). Because there were more samples for the same odor-concentration pairings measured on different days than on the same day (e.g., typically 2-4 were taken during each imaging session), 100000 random distributions

were generated from the across day correlations of the same sample size as the within day

comparisons. Relatively few of the randomly sampled across day distributions were statistically

different from the same day correlations (16% and 0.02% for methyl valerate and isoamyl acetate,

respectively). Therefore, the responses of individual mitral/tufted glomeruli as well as the population

mean are similar in amplitude and highly correlated with themselves during odor stimulation whether

the measurements are from different trials separated by a minimum of 3 minutes, or from trials taken

on different days.

In each preparation-odor pairing, imaging was carried out on up to 5 different days (4 ± 0.3

imaging sessions per preparation; N = 16), separated by an average of 2.6 ± 0.5 days (range

included 1-18 days between imaging sessions within the same preparation-odor pairings). To

determine whether the population

average changed across imaging

sessions, all responsive glomeruli in

each field of view were averaged

together across each imaging session

performed for each preparation-odor

pairing. The population glomerular mean

amplitude (ΔF/F) was not significantly

different when imaging sessions were

binned sequentially (**Fig 2A**, p = 0.77),

binned relative to the absolute number of

days between imaging sessions (**Fig 2B**,

p = 0.83 using a Kruskal-wallis test), nor

in a separate analysis restricted to

preparations imaged on two consecutive

days (**Fig 2B**, comparison between data

Figure 2: (**A**) Mean glomerulus-odor response for individual preparation-odor pairings (*thin lines*) and the population average (*thick line*) for different imaging sessions. The numbers at the bottom of the plot indicate the number of preparation-odor pairings on each imaging day. (**B**) The results from panel **A** binned based on the absolute number of days since the 1st imaging session. The number of preparation-odor pairing included in each mean is indicated at the bottom of each bar. (**C**) Mean correlation for different preparation-odor pairings for trials recorded on the same (*left bar*) or different days (*right bar*). (**D**) The percent of 1000 randomly sampled trials from all preparation-odor pairings that came within 1 standard deviation of the unsampled mean.

points on days 1-2, p = 0.47; 10/16 preparation-odor pairings). Consistent with these analyses, the

mean correlation coefficient for trials recorded on the same day was not significantly different than

those measured during different imaging sessions (**Fig 2C**, same day: 0.72 ± 0.05, different day: 0.72

± 0.05, p = 0.77).

Although glomerular responses are stable across days, there is variability independent of

adaptation effects (e.g., **Fig 1C**, *ROI29*). To identify the minimum number of trials required to obtain a

representative response for a given glomerulus, we generated 1000 distributions (with replacement)

of the glomerular population response by randomly selecting between 1-6 trials in response to the

same preparation-odor pairing at 3.5% of saturated vapor. The data set included preparation-odor

pairings in which responses were measured to 3.5% of saturated vapor in 11.43 ± 1.76 trials (range of

4-31 total trials across all imaging sessions). The 1000 distributions were averaged to create a

sampled glomerular mean as a function of random samples. Randomly sampling at least 3 trials

resulted in distributions with a mean that came within 1 standard deviation of the unsampled mean in

94.5% of the sampled distributions (**Fig 2D**, thin lines are from different preparation-odor pairings).

This result suggests that 3 repetitions of a stimulus provide sufficient information to characterize the

odor response of a single glomerulus.

Adaptation is present in subsets of MTC glomeruli in response to 6-s interstimulus intervals.

2-photon imaging was previously used to demonstrate that mitral/tufted cell glomeruli exhibit

adaptation in response to odors presented with an interstimulus intervals of 6-s in anesthetized mice

[22]. Because mitral/tufted cell activity and respiratory patterns can vary substantially in awake and

anesthetized states, we tested whether it is present in awake mice [23, 28, 29]. The impact of

repeated odor presentation is visualized in a frame subtraction analysis in which the frames during

the 1st and 3rd odor presentation were subtracted (**Fig 3A-B**, Difference map, gray and black pixels

indicate non-adapting and adapting glomeruli), and in which the frames during the 1st and 3rd odor

presentation were subtracted from those preceding the odor stimulus (**Fig 3A-B**, 1st and 3rd odor

presentation). Both analyses

illustrate that odors evoked

adaptation in subsets of

glomeruli within the imaging

field of view (**Fig 3A-B**). This

heterogeneity of adaptation

is further illustrated in single

trial fluorescence time course

measurements from

glomeruli simultaneously

imaged in the same field of

view (**Fig 3C-D,** regions of

interest are taken from red

polygons in panels **A**-**B**).

Some glomeruli exhibit

similar response amplitudes

to repeated odor stimulation

(**Fig 3C**, top row), while

others exhibited varying

degrees of decline (**Fig 3C**,

middle and bottom row).

Figure 3: Some mitral/tufted glomeruli respond similarly to repeated odor presentations, while others exhibit declining responses to repeated odor presentations. (**A-B**) Mean fluorescence (*top left*) and frame subtraction analysis from two different preparation-odor pairings. The difference map (*top right*) illustrates the subtraction of the frames during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation, respectively (*bottom right panels*). The left and right preparation-odor pairings illustrate the response to isoamyl acetate and acetophenone at 3.5% and 6% of saturated vapor, respectively. The scalebar in the bottom right panel of **B** applies to all panels in **A-B**. The minimum and maximum ΔF/F frames in each frame subtraction image is indicated in the bottom left of each panel. The intensity-scaling for the frame subtraction images are both scaled to the min-max range evoked by the 1st odor presentation. (**C-D**) Single trial fluorescence time course measurements from the preparation-odor pairings in panels **A-B**. The entire recording is in the left column and the middle and right columns illustrate expanded time views of the 1st and 3rd odor presentation. The red circles in the respiration trace indicate local peaks used to determine inhalation timing. The gray bar indicates the timing of the odor command, and the vertical dashed lines indicate respiration measured during the odor presentations.

The rate and the numbers of odor inhalations can alter the amount of odor that enters the

olfactory epithelium and drive adaptation in olfactory receptor neurons [8]. We tested this possibility

by comparing respiratory patterns across the 1st and 3rd odor presentation within individual trials.

Although respiration varied across preparations, the number of inhalations and inhalation rate within

trials and across odor presentations was relatively similar (**Fig 3C-D**, dashed lines). Four additional

representative example

recordings of respiration in

different preparation-odor

pairings illustrate that

respiration activity did not

consistently change

throughout our odor

stimulation paradigm (**Fig**

4A). The mean number of

inhalations in a single

exemplar preparation was

Figure 4: (**A**) Respiration measurements in four different awake mice. The left column illustrates a complete single trial; the middle and right columns illustrate expanded views during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation. The odor command signal is illustrated by the gray bars and the red circles indicate the inhalation timing values used for quantification. (**B**) Numbers of inhalations during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation from one preparation. Inhalation counts within the same trial are connected with a line. The total number of inhalations during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was not significantly different. (**C**) Number of inhalations per trial for the population of respiratory recordings. (**D**) Mean inhalations per trial for 8 preparations. Each line indicates the number of inhalations within a trial for that preparation. (**E**) Inter-inhalation interval for the same preparation from panel **B**. (**F**) Intersniff interval for all inhalation-pairs included in panel **C**. (**G**) Mean inter-inhalation interval for inhalations during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation for 8 different preparations.

not significantly different in response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation (**Fig 4B**, 67 trials, p = 0.3;

counts from the same trial are connected with a thin line). The number of inhalations during the 1st

and 3rd odor presentation for all trials in this data set was not significantly different when comparing

across all trials in the data set (**Fig 4C**, 1st: 10.4 ± 0.5; 3rd: 10.2 ± 0.5, p = 0.75, N = 186 trials in 8

preparations), and for comparisons of trials within individual preparations (**Fig 4D**; p-values range

between 0.08-0.62 for individual preparation comparisons). Similarly, the inter-inhalation interval,

which quantifies the time between two subsequent inhalations was not significantly different in the

exemplar preparation (**Fig 4E**, p = 0.47) [30]. Although there was a small increase in the inter-

inhalation interval between the 1st and 3rd presentation when collapsing all inhalation pairs in the data

set (**Fig 4F**, P1: 284.7 ± 3.2, N = 1751; P3: 290.5 ± 2.9, N = 1723, p < 0.05), comparisons within

individual preparations were not different (**Fig 4G**, p-values range between 0.09-0.84 for individual

preparations). The presence of both adapting and non-adapting glomeruli measured simultaneously,

and the analysis that respiratory patterns were similar in response to repeated odor presentations

indicates that the mitral/tufted glomerular adaptation described here cannot be explained as

variations in the odor delivery or the animals' state.

Heterogeneous adaptation

across the mitral/tufted

glomerular population is

stable across trials*.*

We confirmed the

reproducibility of the adaptation

evoked by odors delivered with

a 6-s interstimulus interval in

trials imaged on the same or on

different days. Glomeruli

imaged simultaneously in the

same field of view in four

different preparation-odor

Figure 5: (**A-D**) Single trial and mean fluorescence time course measurements illustrating the presence of stable and adapting responses in the same field of view. Each column includes a pair of glomeruli simultaneously imaged from a different preparation-odor pairing. (*Top row*) Glomeruli exhibiting stable responses to repeated odor stimulation. (*Bottom row*) Glomeruli exhibiting significant adaptation. Single trial fluorescence time course from individual trials (*heat maps*) and mean (*black traces*) are illustrated for each glomerulus. The colorscale for each heatmap is fixed to the minimum and maximum response for that glomerulus and is indicated as the white text overlaid on each heat map. The response amplitude measured in each trial for the 1st and 3rd odor presentation is illustrated in the inset bar graphs with measurements from the same trial connected by a line. The comparisons for the top row are not significant (p > 0.8); the comparisons for the bottom row are all significant (p < 0.005).

pairings illustrate the presence of a non-adapting glomerulus recorded simultaneously in the same

field of view as a glomerulus exhibiting adaptation to odors presented with a 6-s interstimulus interval

(**Fig 5A-D**, top versus bottom row). Non-adapting glomeruli typically returned to baseline after the

odor was removed. Adapting glomeruli exhibited different kinds of offset dynamics including a

straightforward return to baseline (**Fig 5A**), offset responses (**Fig 5B-C**), and slow prolonged decays

(**Fig 5D**). Adaptation was notable in a subset of glomeruli that exhibited a slowly decaying offset and

in which subsequent odor presentations evoked suppression that increased following removal of the

stimulus (**Fig 5B-C**, bottom traces). The magnitude and time course dynamics of stable and adapting

glomeruli in response to the same odor-concentration pairing was remarkably stable across different

trials (**Fig 5A-D**, the color scale range for the single trial heat maps are set to the minimum and

maximum ΔF/F measured for each glomerulus across all trials*)*. For the non-adapting glomeruli, the

response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was not significantly different across trials, while the four

adapting glomeruli exhibited significant declines (**Fig 5**, *top versus bottom rows, inset bar graphs*).

Adaptation is a

complicated function

of concentration and

interstimulus interval.

The mean

fluorescence time

course from four

different glomeruli

simultaneously imaged

in the same field of

view illustrates the

relationship between

Figure 6: (**A**) Mean fluorescence time course measurements from four different glomeruli recorded simultaneously in the same field of view. Each glomerulus was measured in response to the same odor (methyl valerate) presented at different concentrations (*rows/colors*) and interstimulus intervals (*columns*). (**B**) Mean odor response amplitudes to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation across the entire glomerular population for the preparation used for the traces in panel **A**. Glomeruli are only included if they exhibited a significant response to the 1st odor presentation. Red markers indicate a glomerulus with a significantly different response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentations. The number of trials for each of the concentration and interstimulus interval conditions are indicated in the bottom right of panel **B**.

odor concentration and interstimulus interval on adaptation (**Fig 6**). For odors delivered with an

interstimulus interval of 6-s, the lowest concentration typically evoked minimal adaptation regardless

of the interstimulus interval (**Fig 6A**, *blue traces*). Increasing the odor concentration resulted in non-

uniform changes across the glomerular population. Repeated presentations of odor at 0.8% of

saturated vapor evoked progressively weaker responses in glomerulus 1, while glomeruli 2-4

remained stable (**Fig 6A**, green traces). Increases in odor concentration evoked progressively

stronger adaptation in glomerulus 1, while glomeruli 2-3 transitioned to increasingly adapted and

complex responses (**Fig 6A**, green, orange, and red traces). Glomerulus 2 responded to lower

concentrations with an increase in calcium to the odor onset, which dipped below the baseline after

the stimulus offset (**Fig 6A**, glomerulus 2 green trace). Higher concentrations evoked an excitatory

offset response that decayed slowly, and subsequent odor presentations evoked progressively

weaker responses (**Fig 6A**, glomerulus 2 orange and red trace). Glomerulus 3 responded to higher

concentrations with an increase in calcium to the onset and offset of the stimulus (**Fig 6A**, glomerulus

3 orange and red traces). Subsequent odor presentations evoked a stimulus locked calcium decrease

that returned to an elevated state following removal of the odor (**Fig 6A**, glomerulus 3 orange and red

traces). Importantly, glomerulus 4 did not adapt at any concentrations that evoked a response (e.g.,

Fig 6A, glomerulus 4). Extending the interstimulus interval to 12-s resulted in a graded, but

incomplete recovery from adaptation across the glomerular population (**Fig 6A**, 12s ISI, compare

glomerulus 1-3 at 3.2% of saturated vapor). Extending the interstimulus interval to 30-s resulted in

more glomeruli with non-adapting responses even at the highest concentration, although a notable

few remained clearly adapted (**Fig 6A**, 30s ISI, compare glomerulus 1 and 3). The effect of

concentration on adaptation on the mitral/tufted glomerular population from this preparation-odor

pairing is illustrated in scatterplots of the response amplitudes evoked by the 1st and 3rd odor

presentation (**Fig 6B**). More glomeruli fall beneath the diagonal line (indicating adaptation) and exhibit

a significant change between the 1st and 3rd odor presentation at the higher concentrations and 6-s

interstimulus interval (**Fig 6B**, red markers indicate a statistically significant change). Odors delivered

with a 30-s interstimulus interval evoke responses that are closer to the diagonal and with fewer

significant changes (**Fig 6B**, 30-s ISI).

Scatterplots of adaptation in individual glomeruli are illustrated for two additional preparation-odor pairings (**Fig 7A**). The number of glomeruli exhibiting significant adaptation was quantified in all preparation-odor pairings in which adaptation was measured in at least 4 single trials in response to all tested concentrations for both 6-s and 30-s interstimulus intervals (7 preparation-odor pairings; includes responses to methyl valerate, isoamyl

Figure 7: (**A**) Adaptation in individual mitral/tufted glomeruli in two different preparation-odor pairings at different concentrations in response to odors presented with 6-s and 30-s interstimulus intervals. Each marker indicates the mean response of a single glomerulus to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation. Red markers indicate glomeruli with significant adaptation. The number of single trials for each odor-concentration pairing are displayed in the bottom right of each panel. (**B-C**) The mean percent of responsive glomeruli in each preparation that exhibited significant adaptation (*red lines*) or responded similarly (*black lines*) in response to the 1st to the 3rd odor presentation for 6-s (**B**) and 30-s (**C**) interstimulus intervals.

acetate, benzaldehyde, acetophenone and 2-phenylethanol; 7.4 ± 1.3 trials per preparation, range of

4-17). The proportion of significantly adapting glomeruli increased with odor concentration for both 6-s

and 30-s interstimulus intervals (**Fig 7B-C**). For odors delivered with a 6-s interstimulus interval, the

proportion of non-adapting glomeruli was only significantly larger at the lowest tested concentration

(**Fig 7B**, p-values indicated in graph). In contrast, odors delivered with a 30-s interstimulus evoked a

significantly larger proportion of non-adapting glomeruli at all concentrations (**Fig 7C**, p-values

indicated in graph). The number of glomeruli in the 6-s and 30-s percent calculations were not

identical due to the inclusion statistical criteria, however, the mean number of glomeruli included in

the 6-s and 30-s percent calculations were not significantly different from one another (0.2% 13.1 and

13.4; 0.8% 19.3 and 17.4; 3.2% 25.6 and 26.6; 5.5% 27.1 and 29.9; p > 0.55 for all comparisons

using a ranksum test).

We quantified the response

amplitude evoked by the 1st and 3rd

odor presentation for all individual

glomeruli and the mean glomerular

response for each preparation-odor

pairing (**Fig 8A-B**). The results

include data from 19 preparation-

odor pairings in which each odor-

concentration pairing was sampled

in 1-17 trials (mean number of

trials for each odor-concentration

pairing; 6-s interstimulus interval:

4.8 ± 0.3; 30-s interstimulus

interval: 4.5 ± 0.3). At lower

concentrations, individual

Figure 8: (**A**) Response of all individual glomeruli in 19 preparation-odor pairings to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation at 4 different concentrations. (**B**) Mean population response for each preparation- odor pairing at four different concentration pairings. Each point indicates the mean of all glomeruli that responded to the 1st odor presentation for one preparation-odor pairing. (**C**) Mean correlation of glomerular responses to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation. Each marker indicates a different preparation-odor pairing. (**D-E**) Mean response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation as a function of odor concentration across all preparation-odor pairings for 6-s (**D**) and 30-s (**E**) interstimulus intervals.

glomeruli, and the mean response from each preparation fell near the diagonal at both interstimulus intervals (**Fig 8A-B**, 0.2 and 0.8 % sat vapor). However, higher concentrations caused more individual glomeruli, and more mean preparation-odor responses to fall below the diagonal line (**Fig 8A-B**, 3.2 and 5.5% sat vapor). The relationship of the response of individual glomeruli to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was highly correlated at lower concentrations and became increasingly decorrelated at higher concentrations (**Fig 8C**, each marker indicates the mean correlation for one preparation-odor-concentration pairing, p < 0.01 for comparisons of 5.5% vs 0.8% and 5.5% and 0.2 % of saturated vapor*)*.

The impact of concentration and interstimulus interval was further quantified by measuring the mean glomerular response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation across the population of preparation-odor pairing. Odors delivered with a 6-s interstimulus interval evoked significantly smaller responses across the glomerular population when delivered at 0.8%, 3.2% and 5.5% of saturated vapor (**Fig 8D**, the p-values are indicated in the panel; all statistics were calculated using a Wilcoxon ranksum test). Separate trials in which the interstimulus interval was extended to 30-s resulted in similar odor responses to the 1st odor presentation across the glomerular population at each tested concentration (**Fig 8D-E**, comparison of black lines, p-value ranged between 0.35-0.96 for comparisons between the 1st response during the 6-s and 30-s interstimulus interval trials). Although the response to the 3rd odor presentation partly recovered with 30-s interstimulus interval, the mean response was still significantly smaller at the highest tested concentrations (**Fig 8E**, p-values are indicated in the panel). Therefore, adaptation is heterogeneous across the glomerular population, and higher concentrations and shorter interstimulus intervals evoke higher levels of adaptation in more glomeruli.

Olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli exhibit minimal adaptation*.* In principle, mitral/tufted adaptation could reflect changes inherited from the olfactory receptor neuron input. To test this possibility, we carried out an analysis of adaptation in olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli that expressed GCaMP6s using awake *in vivo* 2-photon imaging in a separate cohort of transgenic mice.

GCaMP6s was targeted to olfactory

receptor neurons by mating the OMP-tTA

and tetO-GCaMP6s transgenic lines. The

resulting offspring that expressed both

genes were confirmed in histological

sections to only express GCaMP6s in the

olfactory nerve layer and glomerular layer

(**Fig 9A**) [31].

We restricted adaptation

measurements in olfactory receptor neuron

glomeruli to odors presented with a 6-s

interstimulus interval at the higher

concentrations that evoked the strongest

adaptation in mitral/tufted glomeruli. A frame

subtraction analysis for two different

preparation-odor pairings illustrates that the

overall activity pattern and amplitude were

qualitatively similar in response to the 1st

and 3rd odor presentation (**Fig 9B**). The

response to the 1st and 3rd odor

presentation was similarly quantified for all

individual glomeruli in the data set, as well

Figure 9: (**A**) Endogenous fluorescence from GCaMP6s expression in olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli. (**B**) *In vivo* fluorescence and response to two different odors. The top and bottom rows are the responses to methyl valerate and isoamyl acetate at 2 and 3.5 % of saturated vapor, respectively. The maximum ΔF/F value for each image is indicated in the top right of each panel. The color scale bar in the bottom right panel applies to all the images. (**C-D**) Response of all responsive individual glomeruli (**C**) and mean population response (**D**) for 12 preparation-odor pairings to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation at three concentration pairings. (**E**) The mean percent of responsive glomeruli in each preparation that exhibited significant adaptation (*red lines*) or responded similarly (*black lines*) to the 1st and 3rd presentation. (**F**) Mean correlation of the glomerular population for each preparation-odor pairing. (**G**) Mean response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation as a function of odor concentration across all preparation-odor pairings. onl, olfactory nerve layer; gl, glomerular layer; epl, external plexiform layer; mcl, mitral cell layer.

429 as the overall population mean for each preparation-odor pairing at three different concentrations (**Fig**

430 **9C-D**). Most glomeruli exhibited minimal adaptation, as evidenced by markers being plotted on or

431 near the diagonal line (326 glomerulus-odor pairings in 12 preparation-odor pairings across 8 different

432 animal preparations, includes responses to methyl valerate, isoamyl acetate and acetophenone) (**Fig**

9C-D). The percent of glomeruli exhibiting significant adaptation increased with odor concentration, although the percent of non-adapting unchanging glomeruli was significantly higher at all concentrations (**Fig 9E**). The relationship of the response of individual glomeruli to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was highly correlated (> 0.9) and did not change significantly as a function of concentration (**Fig 9F**). Consistently, the mean response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was not statistically different for the three tested odor concentrations (**Fig 9G**, p-values indicated in the panel). Therefore, odors presented repeatedly with a 6-s interstimulus interval can evoke adaptation in individual olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli, although the population mean is not significantly impacted.

Discussion

We used *in vivo* 2-photon Ca^{2+} imaging in the olfactory bulb of awake mice to measure how adaptation alters the responsiveness of mitral/tufted glomeruli. The same odor-concentration pairings evoked stable responses across different imaging trials separated by a minimum of 3 minutes, and across imaging sessions carried out on different days. However, odors presented with shorter interstimulus intervals evoked adaptation heterogeneously across the glomerular population in a concentration-dependent manner. Within populations of simultaneously recorded glomeruli, some responded similarly, while others significantly adapted. Higher odor-concentration pairings increased the proportion of significantly adapting glomeruli, more strongly decorrelated the glomerular population, and attenuated the mean population response. Extending the interstimulus interval to 30-s reduced the proportion of adapting glomeruli and evoked less adaptation, yet the recovery across the glomerular population was incomplete. Importantly, this partial recovery is unlikely to reflect variations in respiration (**Fig 4**), or adaptation inherited from the periphery (**Fig 9**). Therefore, recent odor exposure can impact the transmission of olfactory sensory processing from the bulb to the rest of the brain for upwards of 30 seconds. Adaptation on this timescale could be useful for mediating dynamic

range adjustments to complex odor environments.

Comparison of our results with previous studies.

Our observation that mitral/tufted glomeruli exhibit relatively stable responses across different

imaging sessions are in contrast with another study indicating that mitral/tufted glomeruli exhibit

modest reductions in responsiveness over time [23]. Although these differences could reflect

methodological variations including a different transgenic mouse line (Pcdh21 versus Tbx21), and the

frequency by which the odor was delivered, our results are consistent with other studies indicating

that mitral/tufted glomeruli exhibit adaptation on a shorter timescale, and take upwards of 4 minutes

to recover from recent odor stimulation [22, 24, 25].

Our observations that mitral/tufted glomeruli exhibit heterogeneous adaptation reconciles past

work indicating that mitral cells exhibit stable responses to odor stimulation [32-35]. It seems likely

that the non-adapting mitral cells previously described are likely connected to the non-adapting

glomeruli reported here (**Fig 5A-D**, top row). The result that adaptation occurs heterogeneously is

also in contrast with another study that found that adaptation occurs uniformly across the mitral/tufted

glomerular population [24]. This difference may reflect the use of epifluorescence imaging where

glomerular measurements can be influenced by out-of-focus fluorescence from neighboring glomeruli.

In comparison, 2-photon imaging provides improved optical sectioning in the lateral and axial

dimensions, minimizing the impact of out-of-focus signal. Indeed, efforts to correct for diffuse

fluorescence in epifluorescence measurements by subtracting the background signal from each

glomerulus yielded less uniform adaptation [22].

Previous studies have reported adaptation in olfactory receptor neuron axon terminals, albeit

either at much higher odor concentrations than used in the present study, or in response to high

frequency sniffing [8, 16, 36, 37]. The mitral/tufted glomerular adaptation described here is unlikely to

be explained by variations in respiration since adaptation often occurred gradually over multiple

inhalations (**Fig 3**), and our paradigm evoked relatively similar respiratory patterns through our

recording trials (**Fig 4**). Although mice will investigate novel stimuli with bursts of high-frequency

sniffing, mice typically respond to non-novel odors with respiratory rates that are consistent to what

we measured (**Fig 4**) [8, 30, 38]. Furthermore, our findings of minimal adaptation in olfactory receptor

neuron axon terminals and high correlation across odor repetitions are consistent with previous work

from our laboratory using other calcium and voltage indicators, and the presence of minimal pattern

separation across time [22, 39, 40].

A recent study imaging mitral/tufted glomeruli reported that the population representation is

significantly decorrelated in response to higher sampling frequencies [41]. Our results extend those

data to show that the mitral/tufted glomerular population is also transformed over time as a function of

odor concentration (**Fig 8C**). Together, these studies provide evidence that processing within the bulb

is involved in significantly transforming sensory input via decorrelation and other adaptive processes.

Relationship between mitral/tufted glomeruli and output signals.

Measurements from olfactory receptor neuron and mitral/tufted glomeruli reflect a kind of

population average of the input from one olfactory receptor type and the apical dendrites of the

mitral/tufted cells innervating a glomerulus. Although measurements from individual mitral and tufted

cells are informative, identifying the neurons connected to a particular glomerulus is challenging.

Consequently, interpreting single cell measurements can be challenging because differences in

neural activity could reflect different sensory input [42-44]. In comparison, glomerular measurements

allow for input-output comparisons in which the olfactory receptor neuron input, and the mitral/tufted

output can be simultaneously measured [15, 21, 22].

Action potentials generated in mitral cell apical dendrites propagate to the soma, and

somatically generated action potentials backpropagate to the apical dendrites [45]. Therefore, the

apical dendrites of mitral/tufted cells innervating a glomerulus in part reflect the anatomical post-

synaptic element of the input-output transformation of a glomerulus. However, subthreshold excitatory

postsynaptic potentials can drive small increases in calcium that are unrelated to the presence of an

action potential, and TTX application incompletely blocks calcium signals measured from their apical

dendrites in response to bath application of glutamate [23, 46]. Therefore, it seems possible that

some proportion of calcium measurement from mitral/tufted glomeruli could reflect subthreshold

activity. Future experiments would benefit from development of genetically encoded voltage indicators

that are specifically tuned to supra-threshold voltage changes to allow for unambiguous optical

measurements of spiking activity from mitral/tufted apical dendrites innervating a glomerulus [47].

Alternatively, improvements in methods to selectively target the neurons associated with a parent

glomerulus would provide the ability to perform calcium and voltage imaging from mitral/tufted cell

bodies to help resolve this issue [42, 44].

Mechanisms underlying adaptation and functional relevance.

The presence of glomeruli that exhibit gradually decreasing responses, while others exhibited

elevated activity levels suggest that multiple mechanisms may be involved in mitral/tufted glomerular

adaptation (e.g., **Fig 6**, ROIs 1 versus 3). Recurrent inhibition can shape the spiking activity of mitral

cells in a manner that depends on the overall activation of the mitral cell itself [32]. The mechanism is

likely to be complex since granule cells exhibit strong paired pulse depression, suggesting that

strongly activated granule cells should provide progressively weaker inhibition onto their synaptic

contacts [48]. The specific combination of receptors expressed on different cell types is also likely to

be important since NMDA antagonism can impair habituation to odor stimuli _in vivo_ [49]. Feedback

from other brain areas is another candidate mechanism since stimulating acetylcholine input to the

bulb dishabituates glomerular and behavioral sensitivity [25]. The presence of a concentration-

dependent form of adaptation is compatible with a model of lateral inhibition whereby higher

concentrations of an odor must drive input to increasing numbers of glomeruli by activating lower

affinity olfactory receptors. This process should increase the magnitude of lateral inhibition in the bulb

[15, 16, 21, 50]. Such a mechanism could account for the heterogeneity of different adapting

responses since each glomerulus is likely to be differently influenced by lateral circuits [51]. This

hypothesis can be tested in future studies by modulating the magnitude of lateral inhibition within the circuit by selectively manipulating specific olfactory receptor neuron or interneuron types within the bulb [50, 52].

Estimating variability within the mitral/tufted glomerular population.

Neural measurements in awake mice are more variable than in anesthetized preparations in part due to the variable nature of respiration in awake mice. Although it is possible to control the frequency of respiration in anesthetized preparations, such methods would be challenging to implement in awake preparations [41, 53]. Here we purposely oversampled the number of trials for each odor-concentration pairing and found that despite minor variations in respiration (**Figs 3-4**), the general response time course dynamics and amplitudes were surprisingly similar (**Fig 5**). Our sampling analysis found that a minimum of 3 samples are needed to recapitulate a reasonable estimate of the response from a glomerulus measured in a larger number of samples. These data demonstrate that mitral/tufted glomerular signals are surprisingly consistent despite respiratory variations and provide a starting point for establishing sample sizes for future experiments.

Conclusions.

Here we extend previous work describing a form of adaptation in mitral/tufted glomeruli that occurs on timescales that could be relevant for the process of odor-background segmentation. Future studies are needed to confirm the functional and behavioral relevance of these processes. Simultaneous comparisons of olfactory receptor neuron input and mitral/tufted glomerular output will provide insight into the nature of how the olfactory bulb can transform a stable sensory input into an adapting output. Comparisons of mitral/tufted glomeruli before and after adaptation has taken place will define whether these adaptive processes alter processing by compressing or shifting the dynamic range of individual neurons [7, 10, 54]. Finally, although there is evidence that mice behaviorally habituate to odors presented on similar timescales, simultaneous imaging from mitral/tufted glomeruli

during a behavioral assay is necessary to clearly link glomerular measurements with perception.

Methods

Transgenic mice.

GCaMP6f was targeted to mitral/tufted glomeruli by mating the Ai148 GCaMP6f transgenic

reporter line (Jax stock #030328) to the Tbx21-cre transgenic line (Jax stock #024507). GCaMP6s

was targeted to olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli by mating the tetO-GCaMP6s transgenic reporter

line (Jax stock #024742) to the OMP-tTA transgenic line (Jac stock #017754) [31]. Offspring that

expressed eGFP and Cre recombinase (mitral/tufted glomeruli), or eGFP and tTA (olfactory receptor

neurons glomeruli) were used for experiments. Genotyping was performed by Transnetyx (Cordova,

TN). Appropriate targeting of either GCaMP to olfactory receptor neurons or mitral/tufted glomeruli

was also confirmed histologically in a subset of the preparations based on endogenous fluorescence

expression.

Surgical procedures.

All procedures were approved by the Florida State University Animal Care and Use

Committee. Male and female adult (> 21 days) transgenic mice were anesthetized using

ketamine/xylazine (90 / 10 mg/kg, Zoetis, Kalamazoo, MI), placed on a heating pad and had

ophthalmic ointment applied to their eyes. Mice were given a pre-operative dose of carprofen (10

mg/kg, Zoetis, Kalamazoo, MI), atropine (0.2 mg/kg, Covetrus, Dublin, OH), dexamethasone (4

mg/kg, Bimeda, La Sueur, MN), and bupivacaine (2.5 mg/kg, Hospira, Lake Forest, IL). Fur was

removed from the top of the skull using a depilatory agent, and the skin was scrubbed with 70%

isopropyl alcohol and iodine (Covidien, Mansfield, MA). An incision was made to remove the skin over

the skull and blunt dissection was used to remove the underlying membrane. Dental cement

(Metabond, Covetrus, Dublin, OH) was used to attach a custom headpost to the skull, which was held

using a custom headpost holder. After the cement finished drying, the bone above the olfactory bulb

was either thinned using a dental drill (Osada, XL-230, Los Angeles, CA) and covered with

cyanoacrylate to improve optical clarity or was removed and replaced with #1 cover glass. Upon

completion of the surgery, the mouse was allowed to recover on a heating pad until they were fully

ambulatory. Animals were given a post-operative analgesic at the end of the day of surgery and for at

least 3 days post-operatively.

Histology.

Mice were euthanized (euthasol) following imaging and either underwent cardiac perfusion

with phosphate buffered saline and 4% paraformaldehyde or had their brains directly extracted and

post-fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde before being cut on a vibratome in 40 µm sections (Leica

VT1000S, Deer Park, IL). Sections through the olfactory bulb were mounted on slides and were

coverslipped using Fluoromount-G containing DAPI (SouthernBiotech, Birmingham, AL). Endogenous

fluorescence expression of GCaMP6f or GCaMP6s was observed using a GFP filter set on either a

Zeiss Axioskop epifluorescence microscope or a Nikon CSU-W1 spinning disk confocal microscope.

2-photon imaging.

Imaging was performed using a Sutter MOM 2-photon microscope equipped with an 8 kHz

(30.9 Hz) resonant scanner (Cambridge Technology, USA) and an emission pathway equipped with a

GaAsP PMT (#H10770PA-40-04, Hamamatsu, Japan). Laser excitation was provided using a

Spectra-Physics DS+ between 940-980 nm with power modulated by a Pockels cell (Model #350-

105-02, Conoptics, Danbury, CT), or an Alcor 920 at 920 nm with power modulated by an internal

acousto-optic modulator. Imaging was performed using a Nikon 16x 0.8 N.A. or a custom 10x 0.5

N.A. objective lens. Laser power was confirmed to be less than 150 mW at the output of the objective

lens measured using a power meter (Newport 843-R) for scanning areas ranging between 711 µm^2

(16 x lens) and 1138 µm^2 (10x lens).

Odorant delivery*.*

      Odorants included: methyl valerate, isoamyl acetate, benzaldehyde, ethyl butyrate, acetophenone (A12727 Lot #10204758), and 2-phenylethanol (77861-250ML, LOT # STBJ1505) (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) were used at concentrations between 0.05 and 6 % of saturated vapor. For mitral/tufted glomerular measurements, the olfactometer design involved air being pushed through vials of pure odor using a syringe pump (NE-1000, PumpSystems, Farmingdale, NY) running at different flow rates (0.25 – 28 ml /min). This odor stream underwent an initial air dilution with a lower flow rate of clean air (30 ml/min). The resulting odorized air stream connected to a dual 3-way solenoid valve (360T041, NResearch, West Caldwell, NJ), which was connected to an exhaust, a clean air stream, and a delivery manifold which served as the final delivery apparatus. The delivery valve was connected to a Teflon delivery manifold placed in front of the mouse's nose, which had a higher flow rate of clean air constantly flowing through it (450 ml/min). Prior to odor triggering, the solenoid sent the odorized air stream to the exhaust, and the clean air into the delivery manifold, while triggering it caused the odor to be injected into the delivery manifold where it underwent a second air dilution. For olfactory receptor neuron glomerular measurements, the olfactometer design was similar except air flow was controlled by mass flow controllers (Alicat, MC-100SCCM and MC-1SLPM), and underwent only a single air dilution step [55]. The odor delivery time-course for both odor delivery systems were confirmed using a photoionization detector (200C, Aurora Scientific, Aurora, ON).

Imaging procedures*.*

      Prior to data collection mice were positioned underneath the microscope and the angle of the headpost holder was adjusted to optimize the imaging field of view. The headpost holder position was then locked into place so that the mouse could be precisely realigned during future imaging sessions. During data collection, awake head-fixed mice were placed underneath the microscope objective with

the olfactometer and a thermocouple (to measure respiration, Omega 5TC-TT-K-36-36, Newark) near

its nose. The signals from the respiration sensor were amplified and low-pass filtered using a

differential amplifier (Model 3000, AM-Systems, Sequim, WA), which was simultaneously recorded by

the imaging system at 1000 Hz. Odor-stimulation trials took place in the form of different odor-

concentration pairings delivered in three consecutive presentations with interstimulus intervals of 6,

12 and 30 seconds. Individual trials were separated by a minimum of 3 minutes. Odor-concentration

pairings included 4 steps between 0.2 – 5.5% of saturated vapor. Measuring the response to the full

range of concentrations for a particular odor was prioritized within a single imaging session for at

least one interstimulus interval. The response to the same odor-concentration-interstimulus interval

pairing was typically measured in at least two consecutive trials to assess within-day, across-trial

repeatability. If time permitted, the response to the same odor-concentration pairings were measured

to a different interstimulus interval. Mitral/tufted glomerular imaging took place on up to 5 different

sessions up to 35 days apart.

Data analysis

Processing and segmentation.

Following data acquisition, the raw image files were spatially and temporally averaged from

512x512 pixels sampled at 30.9 Hz to 256x256 pixels sampled at 7.72 Hz. The resulting data were

exported to TIFF format for all subsequent analysis. Because the mice were typically calm, motion

correction was not used. However, occasional recordings with sufficient motion artifact that made it

impossible to interpret the measurements were discarded from the subsequent analysis pipeline.

Segmentation of image stacks into glomerular regions of interest was manually carried out in custom

software (Turbo-SM, SciMeasure, Decatur, GA). Glomeruli were identified as glomerular sized

regions of interest using the mean fluorescence within a trial, as well as a frame subtraction analysis

that displays the difference between the frames during and prior to the odor stimulation. The pixel

areas containing the regions of interest were saved and the fluorescence time course values from

each region of interest were extracted for subsequent analysis. All fluorescence time course traces

were converted to ΔF/F by dividing each trace by the mean of all the frames prior to odor stimulation

(typically 23).

Image analysis.

The mean fluorescence and frame subtraction images are from the average of at least two

single trials (e.g., **Fig 1B**, **Fig 3A-B, Fig 9B**). The mean fluorescence images are generated from the

average of all the frames during the imaging trial. The frame subtraction images were generated by

subtracting 19 frames during odor stimulation from 9 frames prior to the stimulus (**Fig 1B**, *bottom row*;

Fig 3A-B, *1st and 3rd presentation*). The frame subtraction difference images were generated by

subtracting 20 frames during the 3rd odor presentation from 20 frames during the 1st presentation (**Fig**

3A-B, *difference map*). The frame subtraction images underwent at least two passes of a low-pass

spatial filter and were converted to ΔF/F by dividing the fluorescence value of each pixel by the mean

of at least 60 consecutive frames in the image stack in Turbo-SM.

Calculating response amplitude.

Odor responses (ΔF/F) were calculated as the largest difference between a 1200 msec

temporal window during the peak of the odor response and the time prior to odor stimulation. This

value was calculated independently for each glomerulus.

Correlation analysis methods.

Across trial correlations were calculated by measuring the correlation between the 2.5 seconds

prior to odor stimulation, and during odor stimulation for individual traces (**Fig 1C**, **F**), and for the

mean population response across all glomeruli in a field of view (**Fig 1E**, **H**). The mean glomerular

output correlation analysis (**Fig 2C**) was generated by averaging the correlation coefficients from all

trials on the same day or all trial pairings that took place on different days (**Fig 1E, H**).

Amplitude across time methods*.*

The mean amplitude across imaging sessions was calculated by averaging the odor-evoked response ($\Delta F/F$) of all responsive glomeruli from each imaging session (**Fig 1D, G**). Non-responsive glomeruli were excluded from this analysis to prevent them from biasing the analysis in the direction of not changing. Glomeruli were identified as responsive if odor stimulation evoked a minimum of a 3 standard deviation change from the pre-odor period (thresholds ranged between 3-6, 4.6 ± 0.3, N = 16 preparation-odor pairings). Testing for statistical differences during different imaging sessions was performed using the Wilcoxon rank sum test (ranksum function in MATLAB), and the Kruskal-wallis test (kruskalwallis function in MATLAB). Because the number of imaging sessions, and the time between each imaging session was not the same for each preparation, population responses are illustrated binned across different imaging sessions or based on the number of days since the 1st imaging session (**Fig 2A-B**, the number of preparation-odor pairings included in each bin are indicated at the bottom of each graph).

Datasampling methods*.*

The random sampling analysis was calculated by generating 1000 random distributions (with replacement) of the glomerular mean (**Fig 2D**, datasample function in MATLAB). All trials for each preparation were tested in response to the same odor-concentration pairing (typically 3.2 % of saturated vapor). Larger number of random distributions yielded similar results.

Respiration analysis*.*

Individual inhalations were identified in the respiration traces using the islocalmax function in MATLAB. Inhalation counts were measured by counting the number of inspirations while the odor command was on. Inter-inhalation intervals were calculated by measuring the time between subsequent inhalations using the diff function in MATLAB.

Adaptation analysis.

To avoid biasing the analysis in the direction of non-adapting, glomeruli were only included in

the analysis if they responded to the 1st odor presentation with at least a 3 standard deviation change

from the baseline fluorescence. Consequently, the number of glomeruli is not identical for the 6-s and

30-s analyses due to differences in numbers of trials and signal-to-noise ratio for different

preparation-odor pairings. For single mitral/tufted glomeruli comparisons, statistical significance was

assessed using a non-parametric Wilcoxon rank sum test for measurements in response to the 1st or

3rd odor presentation (**Fig 6B, Fig 7A**). Mitral/tufted glomeruli preparation-odor pairings were only

included in the mean percent analysis if all odor-concentration pairings were sampled in a minimum

of 4 trials (**Fig 7B-C**). The number of significantly adapting glomeruli was calculated by comparing the

responses to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation using a Wilcoxon ranksum test (e.g., the bar graphs in

Fig 5). The correlation between the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was performed by calculating the

correlation of all significantly responsive glomeruli at each odor concentration (**Fig 8C, 9F**). For the

population analysis of the impact of concentration and interstimulus interval on adaptation (**Fig 8D-E,**

9G), the mean glomerular response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was calculated for each

preparation-odor pairing using all glomeruli that responded to the 1st presentation with at least a 3

standard deviation change. A Wilcoxon ranksum test was used to test for significant differences for

each of the different concentrations.

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Figure Legends

Fig 1: (**A**) Histological section illustrating endogenous GCaMP6f fluorescence from the olfactory bulb in a Tbx21::Ai148 transgenic mouse. (**B**) Mean fluorescence (top) and corresponding frame subtraction images (bottom) from 5 different imaging days in response to two different odors. The frame subtraction color scales are fixed to the same range for the responses to methyl valerate and isoamyl acetate, respectively. The color scale on the right side of the panel applies to all the frame subtraction images, and the minimum and maximum $\Delta F/F$ pixel value for each image are listed in the bottom right of each panel. (**C-E**) Response to odor methyl valerate. (**C**) (top) Single trial responses from multiple trials to the same odor-concentration pairing. The four regions of interest were measured in the same trials. Heat maps are scaled to the maximum response amplitude across all imaging trials for that glomerulus. The colorbar next to the rightmost panel of **C** applies to all single trial heat maps. The $\Delta F/F$ range for each glomerulus is indicated as white text in each panel. (Middle) Mean fluorescence time course from the single trials for each glomerulus. (Bottom) Correlation of individual trials for each region of interest before and during the odor stimulus. The colorbar next to the rightmost panel applies to all correlation matrices. (**D**) Mean fluorescence from all single trials across different imaging sessions. (**E**) Mean glomerular correlation across all imaging trials on the same and different days. (**F-H**) Panels follow the same arrangement as in **C-E** for responses to the odor isoamyl acetate in the same preparation. The single trial color scale in panel **C** also applies to the single trials in panel F. gl, glomerular layer; epl, external plexiform layer; mcl, mitral cell layer.

Fig 2: (**A**) Mean glomerulus-odor response for individual preparation-odor pairings (thin lines) and the population average (thick line) for different imaging sessions. The numbers at the bottom of the plot indicate the number of preparation-odor pairings on each imaging day. (**B**) The results from panel A binned based on the absolute number of days since the 1st imaging session. The number of preparation-odor pairings included in each mean is indicated at the bottom of each bar. (**C**) Mean correlation for different preparation-odor pairings for trials recorded on the same (left bar) or different days (right bar). (**D**) The percent of 1000 randomly sampled trials from all preparation-odor pairings that came within 1 standard deviation of the unsampled mean.

Fig 3: Some mitral/tufted glomeruli respond similarly to repeated odor presentations, while others exhibit adaptation to repeated odor presentations. (**A-B**) Mean fluorescence (top left) and frame subtraction analysis from two different preparation-odor pairings. The difference map (top right) illustrates the subtraction of the frames during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation, respectively (bottom right panels). The left and right preparation-odor pairings illustrate the response to isoamyl acetate and acetophenone at 3.5% and 6% of saturated vapor, respectively. The scalebar in the bottom right panel of **B** applies to all panels in **A-B**. The minimum and maximum ΔF/F frames in each frame subtraction image is indicated in the bottom left of each panel. The intensity-scaling for the frame subtraction images are both scaled to the min-max range evoked by the 1st odor presentation. (**C-D**) Single trial fluorescence time course measurements from the preparation-odor pairings in panels **A-B**. The entire recording is in the left column and the middle and right columns illustrate expanded time views of the 1st and 3rd odor presentation. The red circles in the respiration trace indicate local peaks used to determine inhalation timing. The gray bar indicates the timing of the odor command, and the vertical dashed lines indicate respiration signals measured during the odor presentations.

Fig 4: (**A**) Respiration measurements in four different awake mice. The left column illustrates a complete single trial; the middle and right columns illustrate expanded views during the 1st and 3rd

odor presentation. The odor command signal is illustrated by the gray bars and the red circles

indicate the inhalation timing values used for quantification. (**B**) Numbers of inhalations during the 1st

and 3rd odor presentation from one preparation. Inhalation counts within the same trial are connected

with a line. The total number of inhalations during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation was not

significantly different. (**C**) Number of inhalations per trial for the population of respiratory recordings.

(**D**) Mean inhalations per trial for 8 preparations. Each line indicates the number of inhalations within

a trial for that preparation. (**E**) Inter-inhalation interval for the same preparation from panel **B**. (**F**)

Inter-inhalation interval for all inhalation-pairs included in panel **C**. (**G**) Mean inter-inhalation interval

for inhalations during the 1st and 3rd odor presentation for 8 different preparations.

Fig 5: (**A-D**) Single trial and mean fluorescence time course measurements illustrating the presence

of stable and adapting responses in the same field of view. Each column includes a pair of glomeruli

simultaneously imaged from a different preparation-odor pairing. (Top row) Glomeruli exhibiting stable

responses to repeated odor stimulation. (Bottom row) Glomeruli exhibiting significant adaptation.

Single trial fluorescence time course from individual trials (heat maps) and mean (black traces) are

illustrated for each glomerulus. The color scale for each heatmap is fixed to the minimum and

maximum response for that glomerulus and is indicated as the white text overlaid on each heat map.

The response amplitude measured in each trial for the 1st and 3rd odor presentation is illustrated in

the inset bar graphs with measurements from the same trial connected by a line. The comparisons for

the top row are not significant ($p > 0.8$); the comparisons for the bottom row are all significant ($p <$

0.005).

Fig 6: (**A**) Mean fluorescence time course measurements from four different glomeruli recorded

simultaneously in the same field of view. Each glomerulus was measured in response to the same

odor (methyl valerate) presented at different concentrations (rows/colors) and interstimulus intervals

(columns). (**B**) Mean odor response amplitudes to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation across the entire

glomerular population for the preparation used for the traces in panel **A**. Glomeruli are only included if

they exhibited a significant response to the 1st odor presentation. Red markers indicate a glomerulus

with a significantly different response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentations. The number of trials for

each of the concentration and interstimulus interval conditions are indicated in the bottom right of

panel **B**.

Fig 7: (**A**) Adaptation in individual mitral/tufted glomeruli in two different preparation-odor pairings at

different concentrations in response to odors presented with 6-s and 30-s interstimulus intervals.

Each marker indicates the mean response of a single glomerulus to the 1st and 3rd odor

presentation. Red markers indicate glomeruli with significant adaptation. The number of single trials

for each odor-concentration pairing are displayed in the bottom right of each panel. (**B-C**) The mean

percent of responsive glomeruli in each preparation that exhibited significant adaptation (red lines) or

responded similarly (black lines) in response to the 1st to the 3rd odor presentation for 6-s (**B**) and

30-s (**C**) interstimulus intervals.

Fig 8: (**A**) Response of all individual glomeruli in 19 preparation-odor pairings to the 1st and 3rd odor

presentation at 4 different concentrations. (**B**) Mean population response for each preparation- odor

pairing at four different concentration pairings. Each point indicates the mean of all glomeruli that

responded to the 1st odor presentation for one preparation-odor pairing. (**C**) Mean correlation of

glomerular responses to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation. Each marker indicates a different

preparation-odor pairing. (**D-E**) Mean response to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation as a function of

odor concentration across all preparation-odor pairings for 6-s (**D**) and 30-s (**E**) interstimulus intervals.

Fig 9: (**A**) Histological section from the olfactory bulb illustrating the endogenous fluorescence from

GCaMP6s expression in olfactory receptor neuron glomeruli. (**B**) *In vivo* fluorescence and response

to two different odors. The top and bottom rows are the responses to methyl valerate and isoamyl

acetate at 2 and 3.5 % of saturated vapor, respectively. The maximum $\Delta F/F$ value for each image is

indicated in the top right of each panel. The color scale bar in the bottom right panel applies to all the

images. (**C-D**) Response of all responsive individual glomeruli (**C**) and mean population response (**D**)

for 12 preparation-odor pairings to the 1st and 3rd odor presentation at three concentration pairings.

(**E**) The mean percent of responsive glomeruli in each preparation that exhibited significant

adaptation (red lines) or responded similarly (black lines) to the 1st and 3rd presentation. (**F)** Mean

correlation of the glomerular population for each preparation-odor pairing. (**G**) Mean response to the

1st and 3rd odor presentation as a function of odor concentration across all preparation-odor pairings.

onl, olfactory nerve layer; gl, glomerular layer; epl, external plexiform layer; mcl, mitral cell layer.

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