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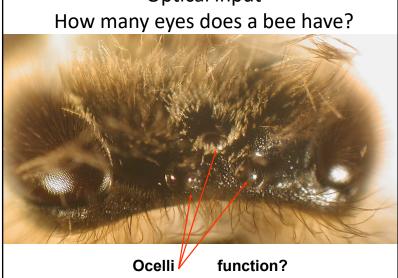
Center of information gathering (can you name at least 3 types?)

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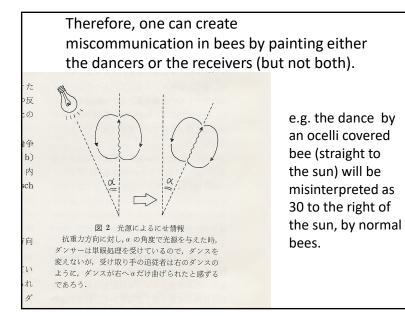
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Optical input



Bees will dance toward the artificial light (light=sun), if it is a point-source (not diffused). Therefore these bees are not using gravity translation.

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This is what Gould did in 1975

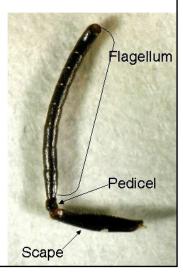
Forager station

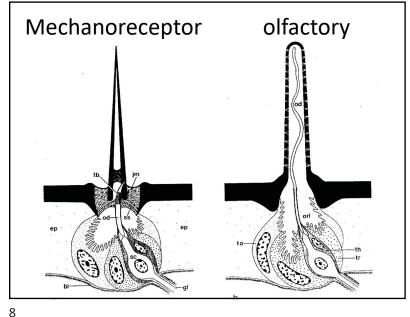
Ocelli-painted foragers were trained to a feeder to the north of their hive, and an array of recruit-capturing stations was set out. Left, a light was used to aim the dances at one station in the array (heavy arrow); recruits arrived predominantly in that direction. Right, when the light was shifted, subsequent recruitment favored the new direction.

Gould therefore proved that bees do use the information encoded in the dance language

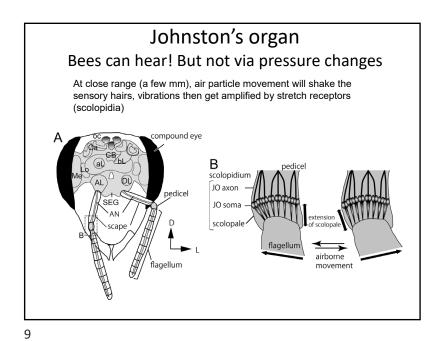
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- Antennae have many functions:
 - Mechanical perception
 - walkingsticks (deadend?)
 - Wind speed
 - Cell-size measurement
 - Hearing (Johnston's organ)
 - Olfaction
 - Tasting





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Food input

Most insects have:
either chewing: grasshoppers,
Or sucking mouthparts:
But bees have both!

Mandible

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Labial palpus

Glossa

Labellum

Mandibular glands Also changes function with age:

Young bees: lipids for royal jelly

Old bees: alarm pheromone (2-haptanone)

What is the other one?

Isopentyl acetate





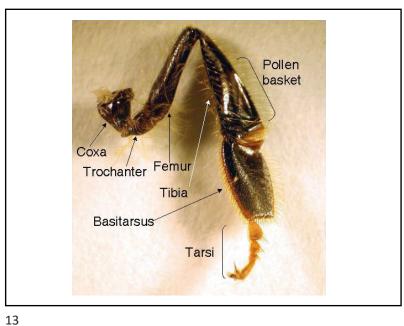
Thorax: flying, walking, pollen collection !(branched hairs)

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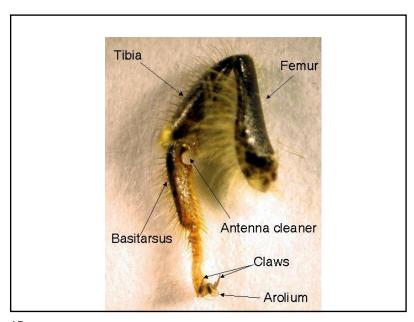


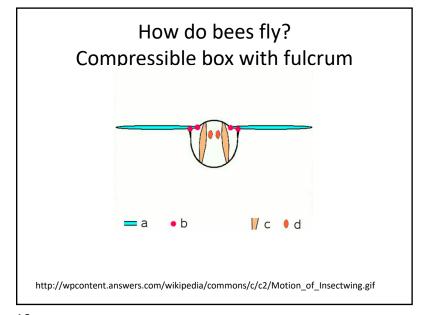
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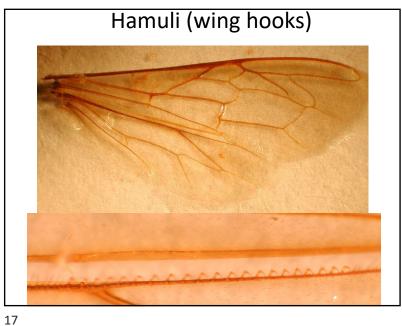
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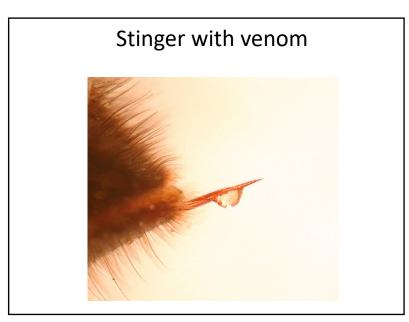


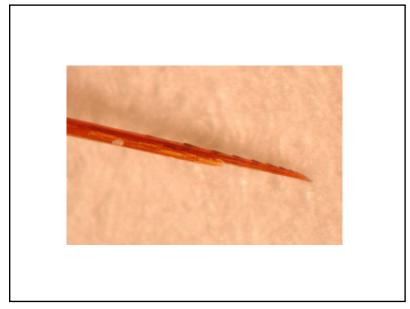


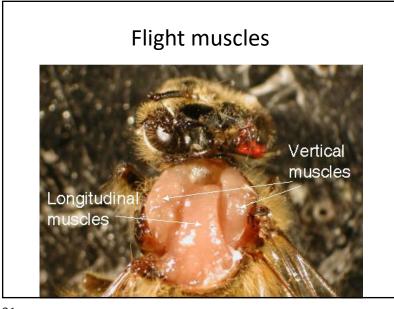


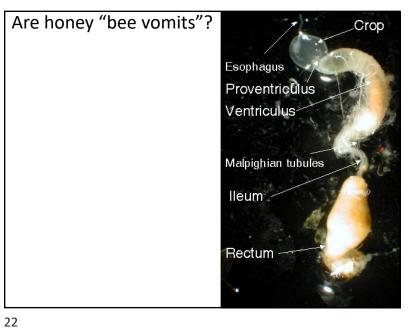




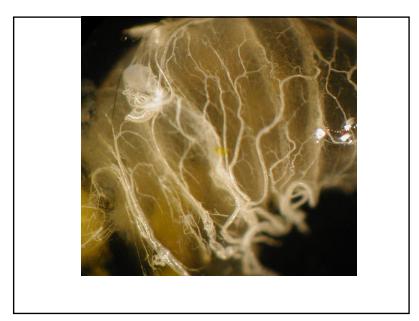


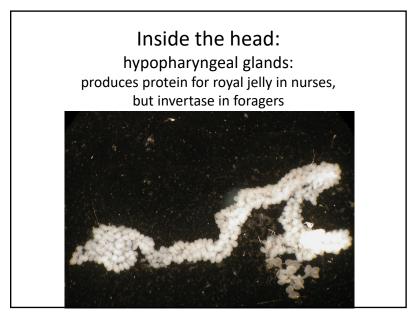






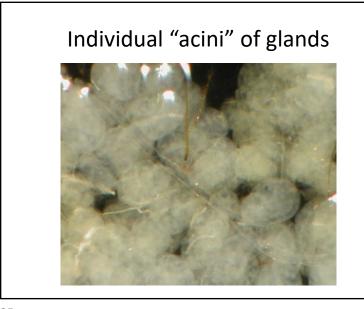
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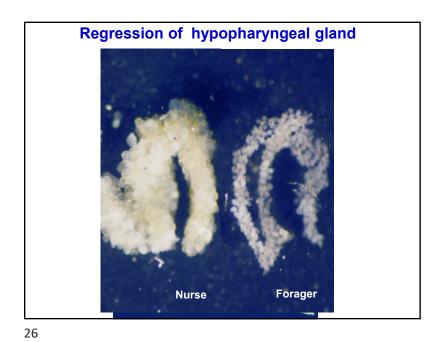




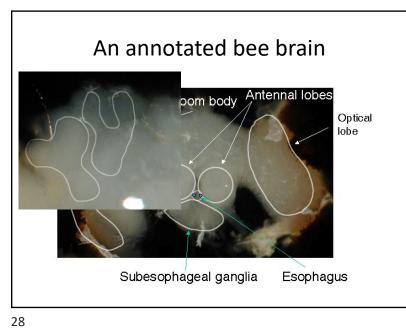
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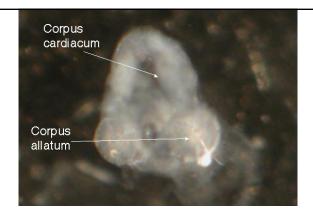
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Corpora allata: the only organ that produces juvenile hormone (caste differentiation, molting, division of labor)

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Ovarioles of Queen

Summary

- Antenna can hear, smell and taste
- Bees do have brains! (1 million neuron)
- Two glands change functions with age
- Thorax is almost all muscles
- Pollen basket is really a dent with hairs
- Hind wings hitch-hike on the front ones
- Honey is not "bee vomit"!

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Huang's websites

All photos available at http://cyberbee.net/gallery

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