Drosophila, the insect neuropeptide paradise

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The experimental tools available for Drosophila melanogaster has made this the most attractive model for elucidating the functional significance of specific neuropeptides. In the talk I try illustrate this with two examples of neuropeptides effecting behavior and physiology respectively. I will try to illustrate why and how this model is so effective in elucidating the function of a neuropeptide for which no other information is available than its structure and its receptor.