



DEPARTMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

Department of Infectious Diseases Major Infectious Diseases

Research Groups of the Department of Infectious Diseases

Infectious Diseases - A Brief Description

Although infectious diseases have been known for thousands of years, the understanding of their source emerged only in the past century. Thus, the study of infectious diseases at the molecular and cellular level is a rather new research area, whose origin as an independent scientific discipline can be traced back to the discovery of pathogenic microorganisms in the 19th century.

Today it is common knowledge that infectious diseases are caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites. Although a lot has been learned about human pathogens in the past decades, infectious diseases continue to be a major threat for human health. Not only well known diseases like malaria, AIDS or chronic hepatitis, but also gastrointestinal or respiratory infections result in millions of deaths each year. Rapid evolution of pathogens and a changing environment result in rising threats from multiresistant bacteria or the emergence and spread of pathogens including novel strains of influenza virus, MERS or Dengue virus. Furthermore, advances in medicine have led to an increased number of immunocompromised people who are particularly susceptible to infectious diseases.

Apart from their enormous medical importance, microbes are also important model systems for

molecular and cell biology. For example, RNA splicing was discovered in adenoviruses, oncogenes were found for the first time in retroviruses and the structure of nucleosomes was described initially for DNA viruses.

Current infectious disease research is a highly interdisciplinary topic at the interface between medicine and molecular, cell and structural biology. The Major "Infectious Diseases" within the MSc "Molecular Biosciences" offers the opportunity to study this topic in considerable depth, both in theory and in practice.

Research at the Department of Infectious Diseases

Main research topics of the Department include HIV/Aids, malaria, viral hepatitis and the interaction between pathogens and their host (immunology of infection, pathogen spread) (<https://www.klinikum.uni-heidelberg.de/UEberblick.1208.0.html>).

Researchers from all units are integrated within the new Center for Integrative Infectious Disease Research, where replication and spread of pathogens is studied in systems of increasing complexity, from molecular detail to interaction with the host immune response in 3D culture systems or animal models. Interactions are further strengthened by the new CIID building (INF 344) opened in November 2017, which houses many

groups from the Department of Infectious Diseases and offers state of the art equipment, in particular an Infectious Disease Imaging Platform (<https://www.idip-heidelberg.org/>) for imaging of pathogens by a broad spectrum of advanced methods.

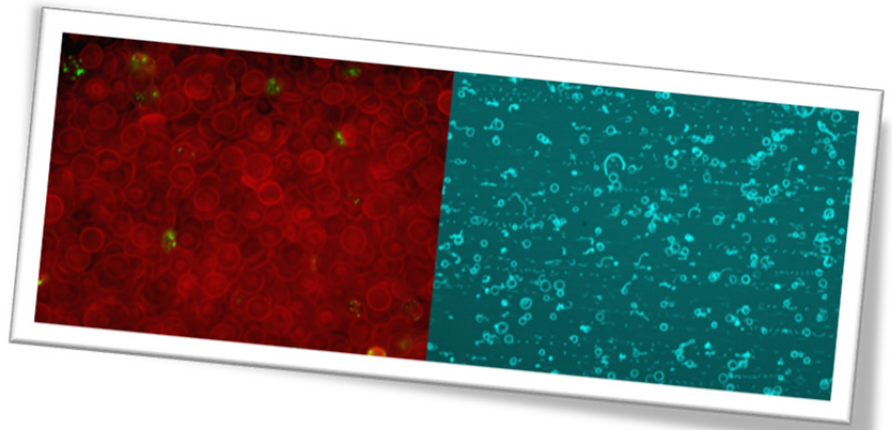
Beyond that, all research groups of the department are connected within local and international research consortia and networks, some of which are coordinated by members of the department. This comprises the Cluster of Excellence "CellNetworks" (<http://www.cellnetworks.uni-hd.de/>), the German Center for Infection Research "DZIF" (<http://www.dzif.de/>) as well as DFG collaborative research centers SFB1129 (<http://www.sfb1129.de/>), SFB-TR179 (web tba) and SFB-TR83 (<http://www.trr83.de/>) and the DFG priority program 1923 (web tba).

We cooperate with numerous institutions from Heidelberg University, the European Laboratory for Molecular Biology (EMBL), the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the Max-Planck-Institute for Medical Research, as well as with international partners. Our research activities are strengthened in particular by close interdisciplinary collaboration with scientists from the fields of physics, chemical biology, proteome and transcriptome analysis, cryo-electron microscopy, image analysis and scientific modelling.

More information on the research activities of the members of the Department of Infectious Diseases, the ZMBH-group and the associated research groups participating in this Major can be found in the profiles provided in the appendix and on the corresponding websites.

Content and Structure of the Major Infectious Diseases

The Major "Infectious Diseases" is intended for students with a good basic knowledge of molecular and cell biology who wish to put their main focus on infectious disease pathogens. In the context of the Major they will deepen their knowledge of the basics of molecular and cell biology and get to know specific aspects of the replication of infectious pathogens and their interactions with their hosts. The participating departments and research groups offer internationally renowned research programs as well as an excellent infrastructure and they are very well connected with other research institutions inside and outside the university. Therefore, they offer ideal conditions for the Major "Infectious Diseases".



interested in this Major are advised to attend the lectures and courses on microbiology, infectious disease immunology, parasitology and virology in Semesters 4 and 5.

websites of the participating departments. Students who are particularly keen to pursue a doctoral degree, and who have sufficiently high grades, may transfer to a doctoral program already after three semesters of Masters studies.

Criteria for admission

We welcome appropriately qualified students from all over the world to this course. Since modern infectious disease research focuses on molecular mechanisms of pathogenesis, a good basic knowledge of molecular and cell biology is a prerequisite for admission. Some prior knowledge of infectious disease biology and immunology is also helpful, but not mandatory. Students in the Heidelberg Bachelor courses "Biology" and "Molecular and Cellular Biology" who are

Acquired Degree

With the successful completion of the course the student acquires the MSc in Biology with the specialization (Major) "Infectious Diseases". This Master's degree qualifies students to enter PhD programs in Europe or could be a starting point for a career in the pharmaceutical industry or a biotech company.

Various doctoral study programs are offered by the institutes involved in the "Infectious Diseases" Major. Further information is to be found on the

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Education at the Department of Infectious Diseases

The Department of Infectious Diseases at the Medical Faculty of Heidelberg represents the subject of Infectious Diseases in research, education and diagnostics, in the fields of bacteriology, virology, parasitology and tropical medicine. There are five units with a large number of research groups, most of which are involved in the educational activities of this Major. These units are:

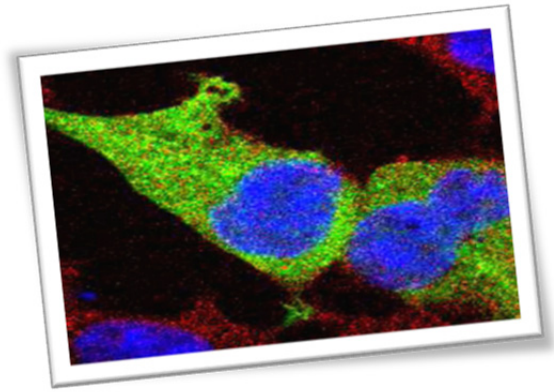
- Medical Microbiology and Hygiene
- Molecular Virology
- Virology
- Integrative Virology
- Parasitology

Medical Microbiology

Fields of Interest

Teams in the Medical Microbiology and Hygiene unit work in the field of Infection & Immunity. Specifically, we are interested to understand how host immunity reacts towards the contact with invading pathogens. A focus over the last years has been innate immunity which comprises the first line of defense against pathogenic microorganisms. Groups within the research unit study the biology of macrophages and dendritic cells which first encounter microbes. Moreover, frontline immunity at mucosal surfaces is analyzed. As the immune system is organized as a cellular network, communication between cells is of crucial importance. Therefore the research unit has a deep interest in signal transduction.

While classical bacteriology focuses on virulence factors and pathogenicity principles it is nowadays obvious that altered immune responses are equally important for infection susceptibility. The research unit analyzes the complex interplay of bacteria and immune cells thereby paving new roads for understanding current problems in infection defense, including sepsis, opportunistic infections in immunocompromised hosts and multi-resistant bacteria.



In order to address these topics we are using a multitude of methods and experimental approaches covering the fields of immunology, microbiology, molecular and cell biology as well as biochemistry.

The following teams belong to Medical Microbiology:

- Prof. Dr. Klaus Heeg (Head of the Medical Microbiology)
- apl. Prof. Dr. Katharina Hieke-Kubatzky
- PD Dr. Tatjana Eigenbrod

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Scientific Vita

2018: Professorship (apl.) at Heidelberg University

2012: Habilitation in "Molecular Medicine" at the University of Heidelberg

2008: Max Kade Grant for a research year at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

2007-present: Group Leader at the Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Heidelberg

2005-2006: Junior Group Leader at the University of Freiburg, Institute of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology

2002-2004: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Brussels, Belgium

2001-2002: Researcher at Alantos Pharmaceuticals, Heidelberg

1997-2000: PhD Thesis at the Max Planck Institute for Immunobiology, Freiburg

1992-1997: Studies in Chemistry at the University of Freiburg

Specific Research Interests

- Signal Transduction
- Bacterial Protein Toxins

- Cytokine receptor signaling, JAK-STAT pathway
- Mechanisms of immune evasion used by *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin
- Osteoclastogenesis: Crosstalk between the skeletal and the immune system

Selected Publications

Kubatzky KF, Uhle F, Eigenbrod T: From macrophage to osteoclast – How metabolism determines function and activity. **Cytokine**. 2018; pii: S1043-4666(18)30261-8. doi: 10.1016/j.cyto.2018.06.013. [Epub ahead of print]

Chakraborty S, Kloos B, Harre U, Schett G, Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin Triggers RANKL-independent Osteoclastogenesis. **Front Immunol** 2017; 8:185

Hildebrand D, Heeg K, Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin Manipulates T Cell Differentiation. **Front Microbiol** 2015; Nov 19; 6:1273

Kloos B, Chakraborty S, Lindner SG, Noack K, Harre U, Schett G, Krämer OH, Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin induced osteoclastogenesis requires mTOR activation. **Cell Commun Signal** 2015; Sep 14; 13:40

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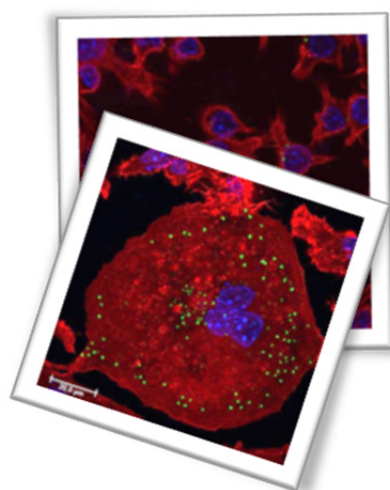
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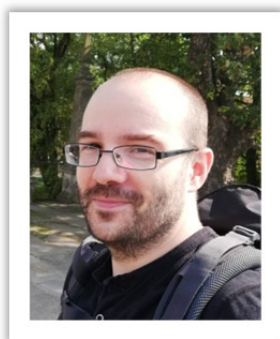
Reipschläger S, Kubatzky K, Taromi S, Burger M, Orth J, Aktories K and Schmidt G: Toxin-induced RhoA activity mediates CCL1-triggered STAT signalling. **J Biol Chem** 2012; 287(14): 11183-94. IF 4.258

Hildebrand D, Heeg K and Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* toxin stimulates B cell dependent osteoclast differentiation. **Infect Immun** 2011; 79(1)

Preuss I, Hildebrand D, Orth JH, Aktories K and Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* toxin is a potent activator of anti-apoptotic signalling pathways. **Cell Microbiol** 2010; 12(8): 1174-85



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Scientific Vita

2014-present: Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Department of Infectious Diseases, University Hospital Heidelberg

2013-2014: Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Université Laval, Canada

2009-2013: PhD student at the Université Laval, Canada

2008-2009: Master degree (second year) at Rennes university, France

2007-2008: Master degree (first year) at Poitiers university, France

2004-2007: Licence degree in Biology: speciality in ecology and evolution. Poitiers university, France

Specific Research Interests

- Human microbiome
- Airways infection
- Host-microbes interactions
- Microbial ecology and evolution
- Next-generation sequencing

Selected Publications

Boutin S, Weitnauer M, Hassel S, Graeber SY, Stahl M, Dittrich AS, Mall M, Dalpke AH: One Time Quantitative PCR Detection of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* to Discriminate Intermittent from Chronic Infection in Cystic Fibrosis. **J Cyst Fibros** 2018; 17(3): 348-55

Boutin S, Dalpke AH: Acquisition and adaptation of the airway microbiota in the early life of cystic fibrosis patients. **Mol Cell Pediatr** 2017; 4(1): 1-9

Boutin S, Graeber SY, Stahl M, Dittrich AS, Mall MA, Dalpke AH: Chronic but not intermittent infection with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is associated with global changes of the lung microbiome in cystic fibrosis. **Eur Respir J** 2017; 50(4)

Boutin S, Depner M, Stahl M, Graeber SY, Dittrich S, Legatski A, Von Mutius E, Mall M, Dalpke AH: Comparison of oropharyngeal microbiota from children with asthma and cystic fibrosis. **Mediators Inflamm** 2017; 2017:5047403

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Boutin S, Alburaki M, Mercier PL, Giovenazzo P, Derome N: Differential Gene Expression between Hygienic and Non-Hygienic Honeybee (*Apis mellifera* L.) Hives. **BMC Genomics** 2015; 16:500

Boutin S, Sauvage C, Bernatchez L, Audet C, Derome N: Inter Individual Variations of the Fish Skin Microbiota: Host Genetics Basis of Mutualism? **PLOS ONE** 2014; 9 (7)

Boutin S, Audet C, Derome N: Probiotic Treatment by Indigenous Bacteria Decreases Mortality without Disturbing the Natural Microbiota of *Salvelinus fontinalis*. **Can J Microbiol** 2013; 59 (10):662-70

Boutin S, Bernatchez L, Audet C, Derome N: Network Analysis Highlights Complex Interactions between Pathogen, Host and Commensal Microbiota. **PLOS ONE** 2013; 8 (12)

Boutin S, Sevellec M, Pavey SA, Bernatchez L, Derome N: A Fast, Highly Sensitive Double-Nested PCR-Based Method to Screen Fish Immunobiomes. **Mol Ecol Resour** 2012; 12(6):1027-39

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Scientific Vita

2016: Habilitation, University lecturer for microbiology, virology and epidemiology of infections. Topic: Activation of the innate immune system by bacterial RNA

2015: Consultant in microbiology, virology and epidemiology of infections

2015-present: Junior Group Leader at the Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Heidelberg

2010-2015: Resident and Research Assistant, Department of Infectious Diseases, Medical Microbiology and Hygiene, University of Heidelberg

2007-2009: Postdoctoral Fellow, Laboratory of Prof. Gabriel Nuñez, Department of Pathology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

2004-2007: Resident, Department of Internal Medicine I, University Regensburg

2005: Graduation (MD), University of Mainz

1997-2004: Medical student, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz; license to practice medicine

Specific Research Interests

- Infection & Immunity
- Innate immunity, Toll-like receptors
- Immunostimulation through bacterial nucleic acids
- RNA modifications
- Physiological implications of RNA-mediated immune activation during bacterial infections

Selected Publications

Schmitt FCF, Freund I, Weigand MA, Helm M, Dalpke AH, Eigenbrod T: Identification of an optimized 2'-O-methylated trinucleotide RNA motif inhibiting Toll-like receptors 7 and 8. **RNA** 2017; 23(9):1344-1351

Eigenbrod T, Dalpke AH: Bacterial RNA - an underestimated stimulus for innate immune responses. **J Immunol** 2015; 195(2):411-8

Rimbach K, Kaiser S, Helm M, Dalpke AH, Eigenbrod T: 2'-O-methylation within bacterial RNA acts as suppressor of TLR7/TLR8 activation in human innate immune cells. **J Innate Immun** 2015; 7:482-493

Eigenbrod T, Pelka K, Latz E, Kreikemeyer B, Dalpke AH: TLR8 Senses Bacterial RNA in Human Monocytes and Plays a Nonredundant Role for Recognition of *Streptococcus pyogenes*. **J Immunol** 2015; 195(3):1092-9

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Eigenbrod T, Bode KA, Dalpke AH: Early inhibition of IL-1β expression by IFN-γ is mediated by impaired binding of NF-κB to the IL-1β promoter but is independent of nitric oxide. **J Immunol** 2013; 190(12):6533-41

Eigenbrod T, Franchi L, Muñoz-Planillo R, Kirschning CJ, Freudenberg MA, Núñez G, Dalpke A: Bacterial RNA mediates activation of caspase-1 and IL-1β release independently of TLRs 3, 7, 9 and TRIF but is dependent on UNC93B. **J Immunol** 2012; 189(1):328-36

Gehrig S, Eberle ME, Botschen F, Rimbach K, Eberle F, Eigenbrod T, Kaiser S, Holmes WM, Erdmann VA, Sprinzl M, Bec G, Keith G, Dalpke AH, Helm M: Identification of modifications in microbial, native tRNA that suppress immunostimulatory activity. **J Exp Med** 2012; 209(2):225-33

Franchi L, Eigenbrod T, Muñoz-Planillo R, Núñez G: The inflammasome: a caspase-1-activation platform that regulates immune responses and disease pathogenesis. **Review Nature Immunology** 2009; 10(3):241-7

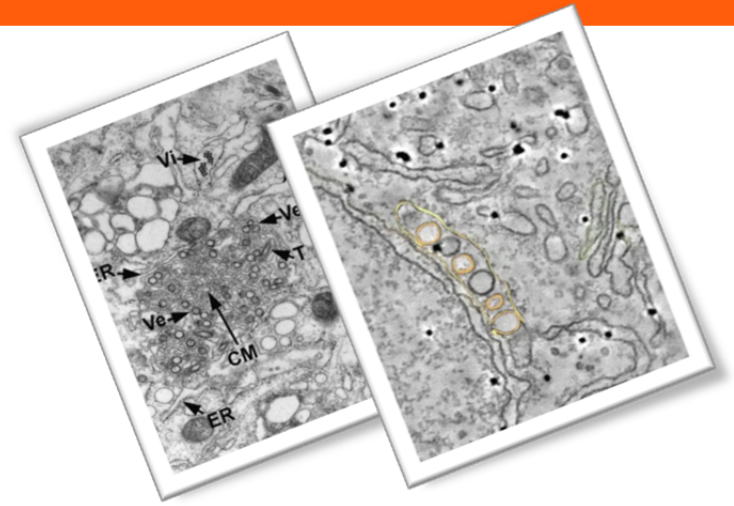
Eigenbrod T, Park JH, Harder J, Iwakura Y, Núñez G: Cutting edge: critical role for mesothelial cells in necrosis-induced inflammation through the recognition of IL-1α released from dying cells. **J Immunol** 2008; 181(12):8194-8

Molecular Virology

Fields of Interest

Teams in the department Molecular Virology work on several highly important human pathogens, namely hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and several flaviviruses, most notably Dengue virus (DENV) and Zikavirus (ZIKV). These viruses are leading causes for death worldwide with about 400 million people suffering from a chronic infection with HBV or HCV and about 400 million new DENV infections occurring each year, especially in tropical countries. Moreover, the recent pandemic spread of ZIKV underscores the medical relevance of this virus family.

As a department that focuses on the molecular and cell biology of these infections, the following topics are studied: virus-host cell interactions, mechanism of host cell infection, morphology, biogenesis and dynamics of viral replication factories, virus assembly and involved host cell factors, viral and cellular factors and their suitability for (broad-spectrum) antiviral therapy, RNA structures and their role for viral replication, mathematical modeling and simulation of virus replication and interaction with innate immune responses, virus-induced host cell alterations, host cell stress response to virus infection, innate immune response and viral counter measures, antiviral therapy and therapy resistance. In order to cover these topics, we are using a broad and diverse array of methods and experimental approaches covering the fields of molecular biology, cell biology, biochemistry and immunology. In addition to



state-of-the-art methods in these fields we use live cell imaging, cutting edge light and electron microscopy as well as 3D reconstructions. The following teams belong to Molecular Virology:

- Prof. Dr. Ralf Bartenschlager (Head of the Molecular Virology)
- Prof. Dr. Stephan Urban
- apl. Prof. Dr. Volker Lohmann
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Scientific Vita

2002-present: Full Professor and head of Department of Infectious Diseases, Molecular Virology, Heidelberg University, Germany; CHS Stiftungsprofessur "Molekulare Virologie"

2001: Full Professor for Molecular Biology, University of Mainz

1999: Habilitation, University of Mainz

1994-1998: Assistant, University of Mainz

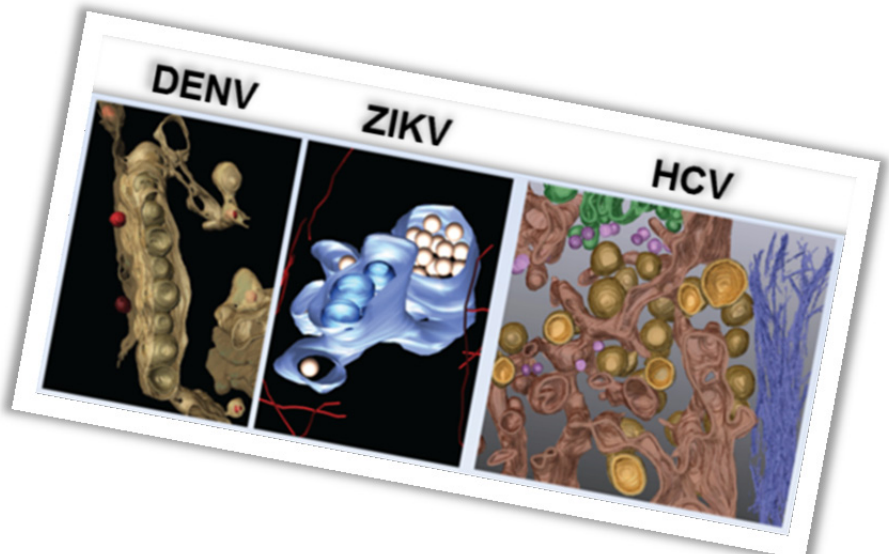
1991-1993: PostDoc, Central Research Unit, Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Basel, Switzerland

1990: PhD in Molecular Biology, Heidelberg University

1981-1987: Studies in Biology, Heidelberg University

Specific Research Interests

- Virus - host cell interaction (HBV, HCV, DENV and ZIKV)
- Structural and functional aspects of viral RNA replication and assembly
- Viral and host targets for antiviral therapy
- Mathematical modeling of virus replication and spread as well as innate immune responses and viral countermeasures
- Strategies of viral persistence



Selected Publications

Lauber C, Seitz S, Mattei S, Suh A, Beck J, Herstein J, Börold J, Salzburger W, Kaderali L, Briggs JAG, Bartenschlager R: Deciphering the Origin and Evolution of Hepatitis B Viruses by Means of a Family of Non-enveloped Fish Viruses. *Cell Host Microbe* 2017; 22(3):387-399

Chatel-Chaix L, Cortese M, Romero-Brey I, Bender S, Neufeldt CJ, Fischl W, Scaturro P, Schieber N, Schwab Y, Fischer B, Ruggieri A, Bartenschlager R: Dengue Virus Perturbs Mitochondrial Morphodynamics to Dampen Innate Immune Responses. *Cell Host Microbe* 2016; 20(3):342-56

Seitz S, Iancu C, Volz T, Mier W, Dandri M, Urban S, Bartenschlager R: A Slow Maturation Process Renders Hepatitis B Virus Infectious. *Cell Host Microbe* 2016; 20(1):25-35

Romero-Brey I, Merz A, Chiramel A, Lee JY, Chlanda P, Haselman U, Santarella-Mellwig R, Habermann A, Hoppe S, Kallis S, Walther P, Antony C, Krijnse-Locker J, Bartenschlager R: Three-dimensional architecture and biogenesis of membrane structures associated with hepatitis C virus replication. *PLoS Pathog* 2012; 8(12)

Ruggieri A, Dazert E, Metz P, Hofmann S, Bergeest JP, Mazur J, Bankhead P, Hiet MS, Kallis S, Alvisi G, Samuel CE, Lohmann V, Kaderali L, Rohr K, Frese M, Stoecklin G, Bartenschlager R: Dynamic oscillation of translation and stress granule formation mark the cellular response to virus infection. *Cell Host Microbe* 2012; 12(1): 71-85

Reiss S, Rebhan I, Backes P, Romero-Brey I, Erfle H, Matula P, Kaderali L, Poenisch M, Blankenburg H, Hiet MS, Longeric T, Diehl S, Ramirez F, Balla T, Rohr K, Kaul A, Bühler S, Pepperkok R, Lengauer T, Albrecht M, Eils R, Schirmacher P, Lohmann V, Bartenschlager R: Recruitment and activation of a lipid kinase by hepatitis C virus NS5A is essential for integrity of the membranous replication compartment. *Cell Host Microbe* 2011; 9(1): 32-45

Welsch S, Miller S, Romero-Brey I, Merz A, Bleck CK, Walther P, Fuller SD, Antony C, Krijnse-Locker J, Bartenschlager R: Composition and three-dimensional architecture of the dengue virus replication and assembly sites. *Cell Host Microbe* 2009; 5(4): 365-75

Meylan E, Curran J, Hofmann K, Moradpour D, Binder M, Bartenschlager R, Tschopp J: Cardif is an adaptor protein in the RIG-I antiviral pathway and is targeted by hepatitis C virus. *Nature* 2005; 437(7062): 1167-72

Wakita T*, Pietschmann T*, Kato T, Date T, Miyamoto M, Zhao Z, Murthy K, Habermann A, Kräusslich HG, Mizokami M, Bartenschlager R*, Liang TJ. (* equal contribution): Production of infectious hepatitis C virus in tissue culture from a cloned viral genome. *Nat Med* 2005; 11(7): 791-6

Lohmann V, Körner F, Koch J, Herian U, Theilmann L, Bartenschlager R: Replication of subgenomic HCV RNAs in a hepatoma cell line. *Science* 1999; 285(5424): 110-3

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Scientific Vita

Since 2014: Full professor (W3) "Translational Virology" at the Medical Faculty of the University of Heidelberg

2008-2014: Professorship (apl.) at the Faculty for Biosciences at the University of Heidelberg

2001-present: Research group leader at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Molecular Virology of the University Hospital Heidelberg

2000-2001: Stipendium at the ZMBH, Heidelberg University

2000: Habilitation at the faculty of Biosciences, Heidelberg University

1995-2000: PostDoc Center for Molecular Biology (ZMBH), Heidelberg University (Prof. Dr. H. Schaller)

1991-1995: PhD, Dept. of Virology (Prof. Dr. P. H. Hofschneider), Max-Planck-Institut für Biochemie, Martinsried

1991: Diploma in Biochemistry, University of Tübingen

Specific Research Interests

- Molecular mechanisms of Hepatitis B- and Hepatitis D Virus/host interactions with a focus on the early events of infection
- Identification of hepadnaviral receptors and structural analyses of virus receptor interactions
- Development of novel cell culture systems and animal models for HBV/HDV

- Clinical development of entry inhibitors (Myrcludex B) for HBV/HDV infection
- Development of hepatotropic drugs for the therapy of liver diseases

Selected Publications

Zhang Z, Filzmayer C, Ni Y, Sültmann H, Mutz P, Hiet MS, Vondran FWR, Bartenschlager R, Urban S: Hepatitis D virus replication is sensed by MDA5 and induces IFN- β / λ responses in hepatocytes. *J Hepatol* 2018; 69(1):25-35

Lempp FA, Ni Y, Urban S: Hepatitis delta virus: insights into a peculiar pathogen and novel treatment options. *Nature Reviews Gastroenterology & Hepatology* 2016; 13(10):580-9

Bogomolov P, Alexandrov A, Voronkova N, Macievich M, Kokina K, Petrachenkova M, Lehr T, Lempp FA, Wedemeyer H, Haag M, Schwab M, Haefeli WE, Blank A, Urban S: Treatment of chronic hepatitis D with the entry inhibitor myrcludex B: First results of a phase Ib/IIa study. *J Hepatol* 2016; pii: S0168-8278(16)30148-9.

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Ni Y, Lempp FA, Mehrle S, Nkongo S, Kaufman C, Fäth M, Stindt J, Königer C, Nassal M, Kubitz R and Urban S: Hepatitis B and D viruses exploit sodium taurocholate co-transporting polypeptide for species-specific entry into hepatocytes. *Gastroenterology* 2014; 146: 1070-1083

Urban S, Bartenschlager R, Kubitz R, Zoulim F: Strategies to inhibit entry of HBV and HDV into hepatocytes. *Gastroenterology* 2014; 7:48-64

Meier A, Mehrle S, Weiss TS, Mier W and Urban S: The myristoylated preS1-domain of the Hepatitis B Virus L-protein mediates specific binding to differentiated hepatocytes. *Hepatology* 2012; doi: 10.1002/hep.26181

Petersen J, Dandri M, Mier W, Lutgehetmann M, Volz T, von Weizsäcker F, Haberkorn U, Fischer L, Pollok JM, Erbes B, Seitz S and Urban S: Prevention of hepatitis B virus infection in vivo by entry inhibitors derived from the large envelope protein. *Nature Biotechnology* 2008; 26: 335-341

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2012: Habilitation, Heidelberg University

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1987-1992: Biology School, University of Mainz

Specific Research Interests

- Replication of hepatitis C virus and hepatitis A virus
- Host cell factors of viral replication
- Lipid kinases and phosphatidylinositides
- Antiviral therapy and mode of action of inhibitors
- Role of the innate immune system in virus control
- Function of norovirus nonstructural proteins

Selected Publications

Grünvogel O, Colasanti O, Lee JY, Klöss V, Belouzard S, Reustle A, Esser-Nobis K, Hesebeck-Brinckmann J, Mutz P, Hoffmann K, Mehrabi A, Koschny R, Vondran FWR, Gotthardt D, Schnitzler P, Neumann-Haefelin C, Thimme R, Binder M, Bartenschlager R, Dubuisson J, Dalpke AH, Lohmann V: Secretion of Hepatitis C Virus Replication Intermediates Reduces Activation of Toll-Like Receptor 3 in Hepatocytes. **Gastroenterology** 2018; 154(8):2237-2251

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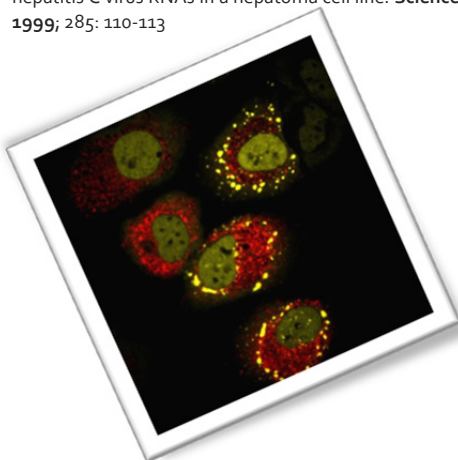
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Specific Research Interests

- Dynamics of the host stress response to RNA virus infection
- Identification of regulators of hepatitis C virus-induced stress granule oscillation
- Mathematical modeling of oscillating host stress response to hepatitis C virus infection
- Interplay of Flaviviruses with the host cell translation machinery
- Innate immune sensing of human endogenous retroviruses

Selected Publications

Roth H, Magg V, Uch F, Mutz P, Klein P, Haneke K, Lohmann V, Bartenschlager R, Fackler OT, Locker N, Stoecklin G, Ruggieri A. Flavivirus infection uncouples

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Bauhofer O, Ruggieri A, Schmid B, Schirmacher P, Bartenschlager R. Persistence of HCV in quiescent hepatic cells under conditions of an interferon-induced antiviral response. *Gastroenterology* **2012**; 143(2): 429-438.

Ruggieri A, Maldener E, Sauter M, Müller-Lantzsch N, Meese E, Fackler O, Mayer J. Human endogenous retrovirus HERV-(HML-2) encodes a stable signal peptide with biological properties distinct from Rec. *Retrovirology* **2009**; 6: 17.

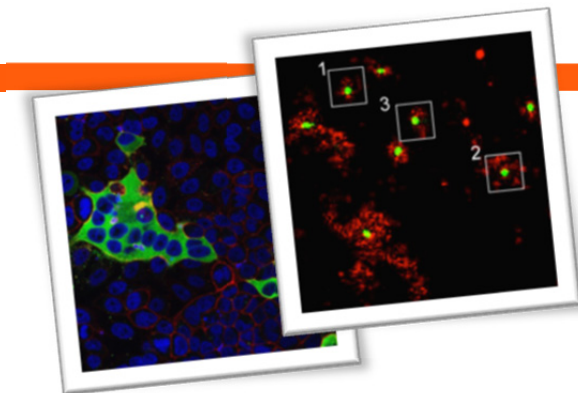
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Fields of Interest

Groups in Virology are interested in the molecular mechanisms leading to viral infection. The broad expertise of the various groups within the department allows us to dissect various steps in the viral life cycle, ranging from receptor binding to assembly and release, and to investigate pathogen-host interactions for a number of medically relevant viruses.

A major focus of our research is human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the causative agent of AIDS (Kräusslich, Müller). In spite of several decades of intense research, many questions concerning the biology of the virus remain unanswered; among these are surprisingly basic questions as 'Where does the virus enter the host cell?' or 'When and how is virus maturation initiated?' Our projects address the molecular and structural biology of the virus and its interaction with the host cell, including the evaluation of novel targets for antiviral therapy. We mainly focus on detailed analyses of virus morphogenesis and structure, as well as on the cell biology and dynamics of HIV entry, assembly and release and the induction of the innate immune response. To address these topics, we combine traditional biochemical and virological approaches with advanced imaging techniques (live-cell imaging, novel fluorescent labeling strategies, various super-resolution fluorescence microscopy, (cryo)electron microscopy and -tomography, correlative microscopy, click chemistry) that we employ alone or together with strong collaborators. By this we aim at a quantitative and time resolved description of HIV-1 entry and morphogenesis, delineating the mechanistic role of viral and cellular factors (proteins and lipids) in these processes.

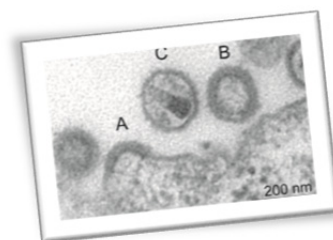
Other viral systems studied include parvoviruses, the enteropathogens norovirus and reovirus, bunyaviruses, influenza virus and hepatitis E virus. We develop and use vectors based on adeno-associated virus for basic research and gene therapy approaches (Grimm) and exploit the CRISPR/Cas system for gene therapeutic and antiviral strategies (Grimm, Kräusslich). The Hansman group investigates the structural biology of the interaction of noroviruses, a major cause of infectious diarrhea, with cellular binding molecules. A further focus of interest is virus entry: the Lozach group is interested in entry pathways of bunyaviruses in the mammalian host and arthropod vector cells, whereas the Boulant group



addresses the induction of innate immune response upon reovirus entry in human polarized intestinal epithelial cells and organoid systems, and the group of Dao Thi studies interactions between Hepatitis E virus and host cells in stem-cell derived culture systems. Finally, we are interested in influenza virus structure, particle formation and entry, and in the role of host proteins and lipids in these processes (Kräusslich, Chlanda). Combination of conventional virological approaches with a wide variety of specialized techniques (e.g. cryo-electron tomography, high throughput approaches, advanced fluorescence microscopy techniques, x-ray crystallography and more) is employed to address our virological questions.

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- apl. Prof. Dr. Barbara Müller
- Dr. Steeve Boulant
- Dr. Petr Chlanda
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1995–1999: Full professor and head of department, Heinrich-Pette-Institute, Hamburg

1996–1999: Director, Heinrich-Pette-Institute, Hamburg

1993–1995: Head of junior department, German Cancer Research Centre, Heidelberg

1990: Habilitation, University of Heidelberg

1989–1993: Group leader, German Cancer Research Centre, Heidelberg

1986–1989: PostDoc, Dept. of Mol. Biology, State Univ. New York at Stony Brook

1985: MD in experimental virology (LMU Munich)

1977–1984: Medical School (LMU Munich)

Specific Research Interests

- Molecular virology
- Cell biology of virus infection
- Assembly, release and molecular architecture of HIV and influenza virus particles
- HIV Protease and antiviral resistance

- HIV-cell interactions
- Cell entry of HIV-1 and influenza virus
- Role of lipids in HIV replication
- Innate response to retroviral infection
- Elimination of latent HIV by genome editing

Selected Publications

Mücksch F, Laketa V, Müller B, Schultz C, Kräusslich HG: Synchronized HIV assembly by tunable PIP2 changes reveals PIP2 requirement for stable Gag anchoring. **Elife** 2017; pii: e25287. doi: 10.7554/eLife.25287.

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2004: Habilitation (Experimental Virology, Heidelberg University)

1995-2000: Postdoctoral fellow/research associate, Heinrich-Pette-Institute, Hamburg

1995: Postdoctoral fellow, German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg

1992-1995: Postdoctoral fellow, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, USA

1991-1992: Postdoctoral associate, MPI for Medical Research, Heidelberg

1991: Dr. rer. nat., Heidelberg University

1988-1991: PhD thesis (MPI for Med. Research Heidelberg, lab of R.S. Goody)

1987: Diploma (Heidelberg University)

1981-1986: Study of Biology (Technical University Darmstadt, Heidelberg University)

Specific Research Interests

- Biology of human immunodeficiency virus
- Fluorescently labeled HIV-1 derivatives
- Dynamics of HIV cell entry and HIV particle formation
- HIV assembly and maturation
- Quantitative analysis of HIV replication steps

Selected Publications

Movie:

<http://www.spektrum.de/video/partner/cellnetworks/virus-cell-interactions-brought-to-light/1471891>

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Sakin V, Paci G, Lemke E, Müller B: Labeling of virus components for advanced quantitative imaging analyses. **FEBS L** 2016; 590, 1896-1914

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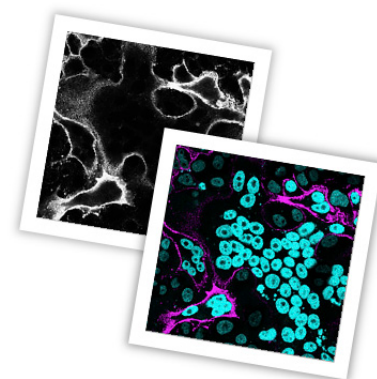
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2005-2006: Postdoctoral associate, MRC Virology
Unit Glasgow, UK

2004-2005: Bridging grant fellow, IBCP-CNRS
Lyon, France

2001-2004: PhD in Molecular Biology and
Biochemistry, IBCP-CNRS, France

2000-2001: DEA in Molecular Biology and
Biochemistry (Master), Lyon, France

1998-2000: Bachelor degree in Molecular Biology
and Biochemistry, Lyon, France

Specific Research Interests

- Characterization of the dynamic uptake, intracellular trafficking and endosomal rupture of non-enveloped viruses using live-cell confocal microscopy
- Evaluation of the forces exerted during viral entry
- Characterization of the kinetics and mechanism of clathrin structures
- Determining the anti-viral innate immune response in intestinal polarized epithelium cells
- Evaluation of the intracellular location and functional aspects of innate immunity sensor proteins (TLR and RLR) in polarized cells

Selected Publications

Fratini MT, Wiegand T, Funaya C, Jiang Z, Shah P, Spatz J, Cavalcanti-Adam A, Boulant S: Surface Immobilization of Viruses and Nanoparticles Elucidates Early Events in Clathrin-mediated Endocytosis. *ACS Inf Disease* 2018; In press

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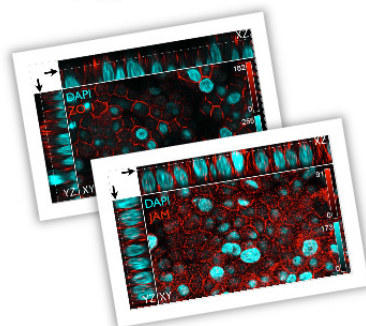
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2005-2012: Senior Scientist, National Institute of
Infectious Diseases, Japan

2001-2005: PhD, The University of Tokyo, Japan

1998-1999: Honors Degree, University of New
South Wales, Australia

1993-1996: BSc, Macquarie University, Australia

Specific Research Interests

- Norovirus and other caliciviruses
- Structural biology of viral proteins (X-ray crystallography and cryo-EM)
- Drug discovery using X-ray crystallography
- Antigenicity using virus-like particles
- Molecular epidemiology of noroviruses
- Zoonosis among caliciviruses
- Human norovirus reverse genetics

Selected Publications

Hansman GS, Taylor DW, McLellan JS, Smith TJ, Georgiev I, Tame JRH, Park SY, Yamazaki M, Gondaïra F, Miki M, Katayama K, Murata K, and Kwong PD: Structural basis for broad detection of genogroup II noroviruses by a monoclonal antibody that binds to a site occluded in the viral particle. *J Virol* 2012; 86: 3635–3646

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2006-2007: Research Associate, Stanford University, School of Medicine, CA, USA

2001-2006: Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, School of Medicine, CA, USA

1999-2001: Postdoctoral Fellow, German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg

1998: PhD (Biology) with Summa cum laude, University of Heidelberg

1994: Diploma (Biology), University of Kaiserslautern

1988-1994: Study of Biology (Universities of Kaiserslautern and Heidelberg)

Specific Research Interests

- Human gene therapy
- Viral and parasitic infections (HIV, hepatitis viruses, Plasmodium)
- Adeno-associated viral (AAV) and bocaviral (BoV) vectors
- Gene/genome engineering (CRISPR, TALENs)
- RNA interference (RNAi)

- Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC)
- Synthetic biology

Selected Publications

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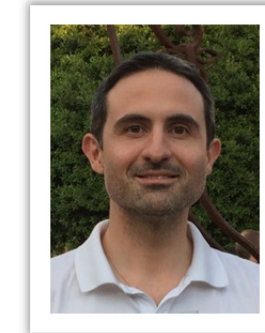
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2001-2004: PhD in Fundamental Virology, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France

2000-2001: MSc in Fundamental Virology, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France

Specific Research Interests

- Arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses) such as Rift Valley fever virus, Uukuniemi virus, and West Nile virus
- Cell biology of tick vector
- Transmission of arboviruses to humans
- Early virus-host cell interactions
- Dynamics of virus-receptor interactions
- Virus intracellular trafficking and entry
- Mechanisms of virus fusion
- Molecular determinants of arbovirus virulence and diseases

Selected Publications

Lozach PY: Early virus-host cell interactions. **J Mol Biol** 2018; 430(17):2555-6

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Specific Research Interests

- Molecular virology, virus-host interaction, virus life cycle
- Hepatotropic viruses with a special focus on hepatitis E virus (HEV)
- Stem cell technology for improved cell culture models
- Personalized models of virus infection, precision medicine
- Antiviral therapy and therapy resistance

Selected Publications

Dao Thi VL, Wu X, Rice CM: Stem Cell-Derived Culture Models of Hepatitis E Virus Infection. **Cold Spring Harb Perspect Med** 2018; pii: a031799

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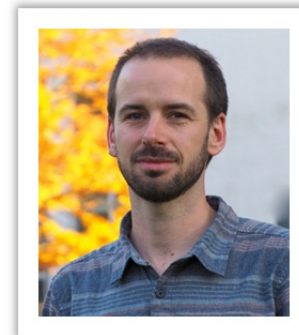
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2000-2006: M.S. at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Specific Research Interests

- virology
- cryo-electron microscopy
- membranes and lipids
- cell biology
- membrane fusion

Selected Publications

Chlanda P, Mekhedov E, Waters H, Sodt A, Schwartz C, Nair V, Blank PS, Zimmerberg J: Palmitoylation contributes to membrane curvature in Influenza A virus assembly and hemagglutinin-mediated membrane fusion. **J Virol** 2017; 91(21)

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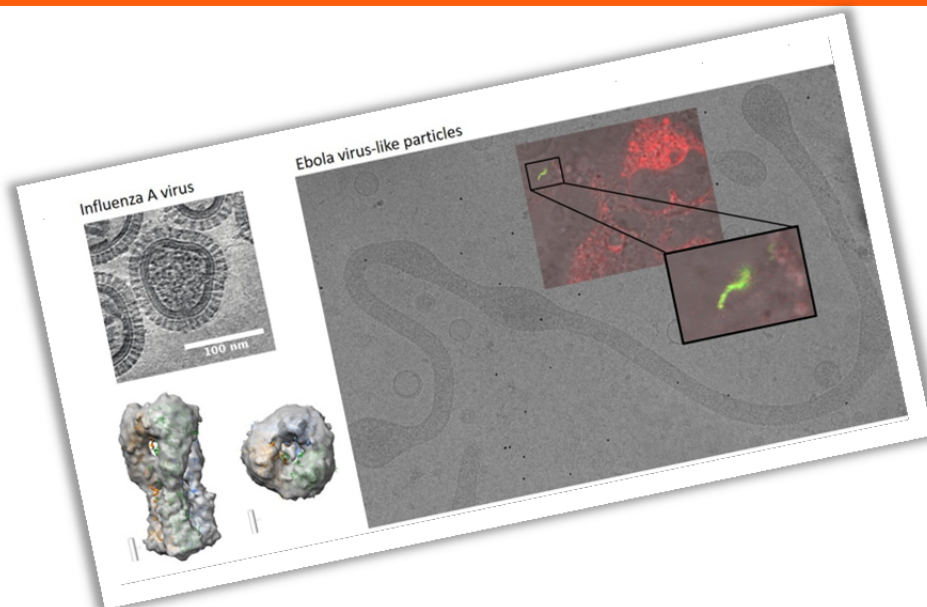
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Integrative Virology

Fields of Interest

The central theme of our laboratories' research is to integrate aspects of virology, host cell biology and immunology to understand basic principles of HIV-1 pathogenesis.

Part Fackler laboratory:

The studies of the Fackler laboratory focus currently on three specific aspects. First, we study the molecular mechanisms of action of the HIV-1 pathogenicity factor Nef. This involves assessing how Nef manipulates central host cell processes such as vesicular transport, signal transduction and cell motility. Second, we investigate how HIV-1 is recognized by the innate immune system of the host and the virus evades this response. These studies focus on intrinsic immunity factors such as CD317/BST-2/thetherin and SAMHD1 as well as the virally encoded antagonists Vpu and Vpx. Finally, we study the underlying mechanisms that confer HIV-1 target cells resistance to infection. These analyses focus on resting CD4+ T lymphocytes that are refractory to productive infection with HIV-1 with the aim to define the barriers to infection but also the potential immunological consequences productive infection of these abundant target cells would have.

Methodology most commonly used in the lab includes flow cytometry, live cell and confocal microscopy, as well as approaches to study protein-protein interactions and virus replication/pathogenesis. These analyses are preferentially conducted in primary HIV-1 target cells.

Part Lusic laboratory:

The studies of the Lusic laboratory focus on deciphering the cellular mechanisms used by the virus to either promote or repress viral gene expression. We investigate which parameters control integration of the viral genome and subsequent gene expression, with a strong focus on reactivation of viral gene expression after a silent phase of latency.

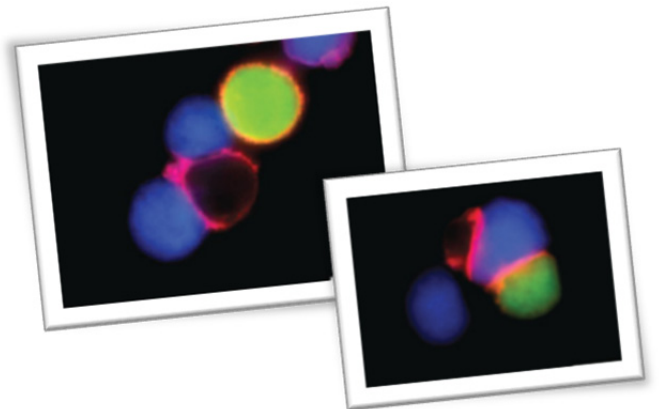
While an overall goal of our laboratory is to explore the specific contributions of nuclear topology and chromatin factors to HIV integration site selection and establishment of latency, we are specifically interested in determining the role of nuclear pore complex proteins in integration site selection. Moreover, we would like to focus on the interactions between nucleoporins with proteins that we previously found to contribute to proviral latency such as TRIM proteins.

Our methodology comprises the visualization of integrated HIV DNA in host cells by using a combination of 3D Immuno DNA FISH and Chromatin Immunoprecipitation technology.

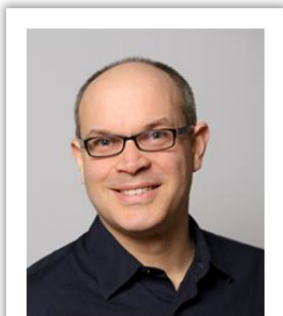
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1994-1997: PhD in molecular virology (Homburg/Saar)

1993-1994: Diploma thesis in molecular virology (Homburg/Saar)

1989-1993: Studies in biology (Saarbrücken)

Specific Research Interests

- Immuno- and cell biology of HIV infection
- Innate and intrinsic immunity against HIV-1 and viral evasion thereof
- HIV accessory genes

Selected Publications

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2004-2009: PostDoc, ICGEB, Trieste, Italy

2003: PhD degree in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Belgrade

1999-2004: Long term ICGEB Fellowship, Molecular Medicine Laboratory, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Trieste, Italy

1998: Magister of Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Belgrade

Specific Research Interests

- Nuclear organization and chromatin changes upon viral infection
- Control of HIV-1 integration and cellular fate
- HIV-1 transcription and latency; role of oxidative stress

Selected Publications

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Parasitology

Fields of Interest

Malaria has remained one of the most important infectious diseases worldwide, causing an estimated 214 million clinical cases and killing approximately 438,000 people every year (WHO, 2015). Hopes of malaria control have been thwarted by widespread drug resistances. Malaria is caused by protozoan parasites of the genus *Plasmodium*, of which *Plasmodium falciparum* is the most virulent form. Infection starts with the bite of an infected *Anopheles* mosquito that transmits infective stages termed sporozoites into the human body. Sporozoites are carried with the blood flow to the liver where they invade hepatocytes. After completing their development within the liver, the parasite is released and now invades erythrocytes. Intra-erythrocytic development of the parasite is responsible for the clinical manifestation of the disease, including intermittent fever, shaking chills, organ dysfunction and the syndromes associated with cerebral and maternal malaria. Severe complications result from the ability of infected erythrocytes to adhere to the endothelial lining of venular capillaries and to sequester in the deep vascular bed.

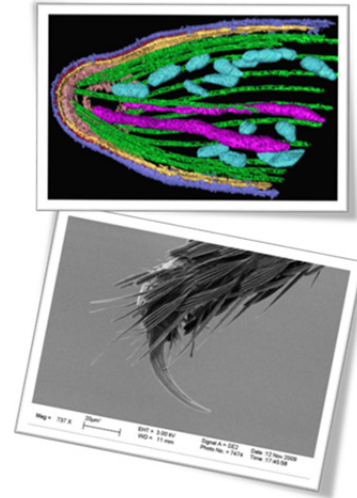
Malaria research conducted by the Parasitology Unit includes the following aspects:

The Lanzer lab addresses key questions related to the molecular and biophysical mechanisms underpinning cytoadhesion of *Plasmodium falciparum*-infected erythrocytes. *P. falciparum* is the most virulent of the 5 *Plasmodium* species that can cause malaria in humans. The group is further interested in understanding how genetic polymorphisms in the human genome, such as those leading to sickle cell haemoglobin or haemoglobin C protect carriers from severe malaria-related disease and death. Another research focus concerns mechanisms of drug resistance and strategies to overcome established resistance mechanisms, including the development of novel antimalarial drugs.

The Frischknecht lab studies the formation and motility of the sporozoite and the intracellular development within the liver using a mix of reverse genetics, imaging and biophysical approaches. Studies are mainly performed using rodent malaria parasites, which can be easier manipulated than the human parasites. The group has many collaboration partners on the Heidelberg campus and around the world.

The Ganter lab investigates the unusual way in which the malaria parasite *Plasmodium* replicates. Cells usually divide themselves into two daughter cells; however, *Plasmodium* forms multinucleated cells, within which nuclei autonomously divide before daughter cells are formed. Using various techniques—including reverse genetics, advanced imaging, and proteomic approaches—the group uses human and rodent malaria parasites to gain insight into the molecular mechanisms that drive this non-canonical replication cycle.

The Guizetti lab studies the unusual cell division mechanisms of the malaria parasite *Plasmodium falciparum*. Rapid mitotic divisions enable proliferation of the parasite in the human blood cells and contribute to disease severity. Even though mitosis in this parasite shows significant differences to what has been described in classical model organisms, it is poorly studied so far. We use super-resolution, electron, and live cell microscopy technologies combined with CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing to describe the dynamics and regulation of chromosomes, centromeres, and the nuclear envelope during division. Thereby we hope to uncover new targets within this essential pathway and contribute to the fight against malaria.



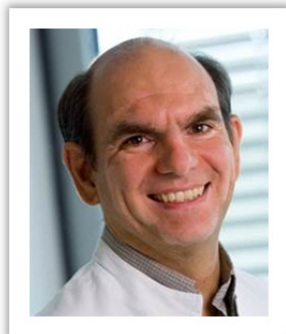
The Osier lab works to identify the antibody targets of naturally acquired immunity against *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria and the antibody-dependent mechanisms that underlie protective immunity. The group also seeks to understand how parasite diversity is overcome in immune persons facing natural challenge, and to test the efficacy of combination malaria vaccines. The group aims to contribute to the development of highly effective vaccines against malaria using the model of naturally acquired protective immunity.

The Portugal lab aims to explore the biology of asymptomatic *P. falciparum* parasites and its interactions with the human host during the dry season that ensure that the parasite is not cleared and can be transmitted in the next transmission season. The main interests are: 1) Compare the properties and function of *P. falciparum* parasites from asymptomatic individuals during the dry season versus symptomatic individuals during the malaria season; 2) Determine the kinetics of gametocyte carriage throughout the dry season; and 3) Scrutinize internal signals and/or environmental cues promoting proliferation and gametocytogenesis when the mosquito vector returns during the rainy season.

The Przyborski lab studies how the malaria parasite *P. falciparum* modifies its host cell, the mature human erythrocyte. In particular, the group is interested in the role of a large number of proteins that the parasite synthesizes and transports to the erythrocyte, and which themselves are involved in further modification of the infected cell. Of particular interest is an expanded family of Dnaj/Hsp40-like proteins that is likely to be important for the transport of virulence factors to the surface of the infected red-blood cell. Additional exported proteins, although important for parasite survival, have no counterparts in other biological systems, and may thus potentially be targeted by future generations of antimalarials. With the eventual goal of identifying potential future drug-targets, and in collaboration with other researchers in Heidelberg and around the world, the group combines a diverse array of cell biology, genetic and biochemical techniques.

The following teams belong to the Parasitology Unit:

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1996: Habilitation in Microbiology, University of Würzburg

1994-1998: Junior Group Leader, Research Center for Infectious Diseases, University of Würzburg

1988-1993: PostDoc, Sloan-Kettering Inst., New York

1985-1988: Graduate Student, Center for Molecular Biology, Heidelberg University

1984-1985: Undergraduate Student, Hoffman LaRoche AG, Basel

Specific Research Interests

- Molecular Parasitology
- Drug resistance mechanisms of the malarial parasite
- Antigenic variation, cytoadherence, protein trafficking in *P. falciparum*
- Membrane transport processes

Selected Publications

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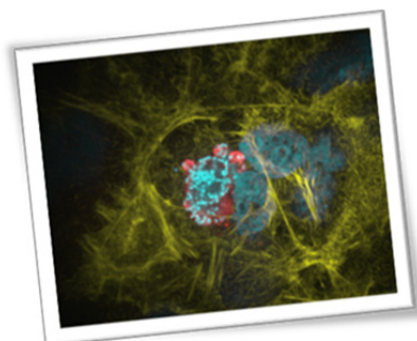
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- Cell biology and biophysics of pathogen infection
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- Live cell imaging
- Cell motility

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- Malaria cell biology of replication
- Cell cycle regulation
- Reverse genetics and inducible knockdown technology
- Advanced imaging and proteomics

Selected Publications

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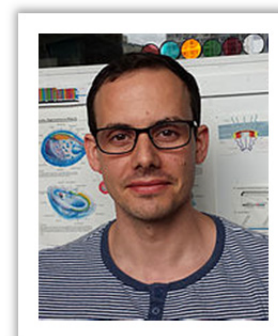
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Specific Research Interests

- Molecular parasitology
- Cell division mechanisms of malaria parasite
- Cellular dynamics of mitotic factors

- Super-resolution and electron microscopy methods
- Genome editing of human blood stage malaria parasites
- Host-pathogen interactions and antigenic variation

Selected Publications

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Specific Research Interests

- Human immunity to *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria
- Parasite-host interactions
- Vaccine Development for malaria
- Epidemiology & Molecular biology of infectious diseases

Selected Publications

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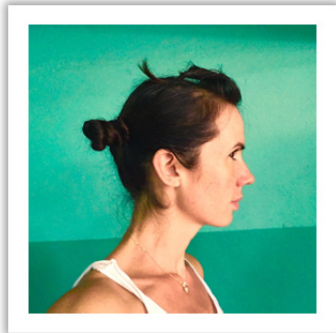
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Specific Research Interests

- *Plasmodium* seasonal transmission
- Survival mechanisms of *P. falciparum* when no vectors are available
- Immune response to asymptomatic *P. falciparum* infections
- *Plasmodium* virulence and variant surface antigens
- *Plasmodium* gametocytogenesis dynamics throughout the dry season
- Transmission capacity of *P. falciparum* kept asymptotically during the dry season

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- Evolution
- Protein traffic
- Protein folding

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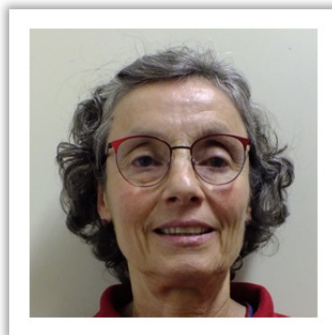
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Specific Research Interests

- Regulation of mRNA decay and translation in trypanosomes
- Control of mRNA processing in trypanosomes
- Inhibition of mRNA processing by trypanocidal benzoxaboroles

Selected Publications

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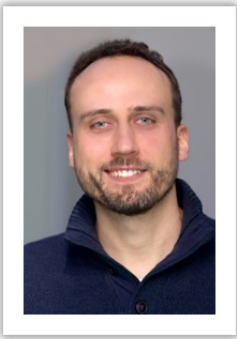
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- Host cell restriction and dependency factors for adeno-associated viruses (AAV) and HP

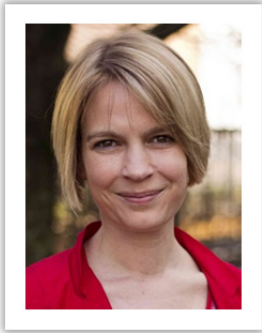


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- Therapeutic vaccine design and formulation
- Directing vaccination-induced T cells to certain body sites
- HPV-induced changes in antigen processing and presentation

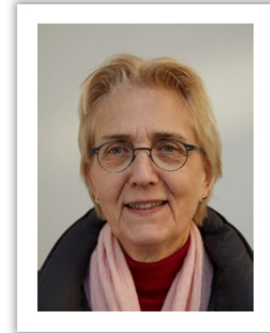


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Specific Research Interests

- Spuma Retroviruses (Foamy Viruses)
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Specific Research Interests

- Human immune responses against *Plasmodium falciparum*
- Malaria vaccine development
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- Antigen-receptor diversity and quality of immune responses

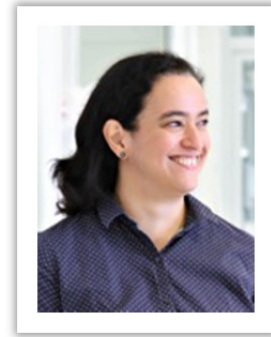


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Specific Research Interests

- Microbial pathogens as they relate to immunology and human carcinogenesis
- Structural biology/X-ray crystallography
- The African trypanosome (*T. brucei*), the causative agent of sleeping sickness
- Genotoxins or agents impacting oncogenic growth regulatory factors in the cell



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Specific Research Interests

- Surface receptor diversification in the African trypanosome (*T. brucei*), the causative agent of sleeping sickness
- The interface between host immunity (antibodies) and the ever changing coat composition of *T. brucei* (also known as antigenic variation)
- Informational diversity through epitranscriptomic mechanisms in host immune cells



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Specific Research Interests

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- Co-stimulatory signaling in T lymphocytes, cytoskeletal remodeling and redox regulation
- Regulation and function of granulocytes
- Allergy and chronic inflammatory diseases (SFB TRR 156)
- Tumor immunology and immune therapy (CAR T-cells, Checkpoint inhibitors)
- Tumor migration and metastasis
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Specific Research Interests

- Molecular mechanism of NK/ILC activation
- Functional Diversification of NK cells
- Interaction of NK/ILCs with other Immune Cells, Endothelial Cells and virus-infected Liver Cells
- novel NK Cell-based Immunotherapies and Combination Therapies in preclinical Mouse Models



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Specific Research Interests

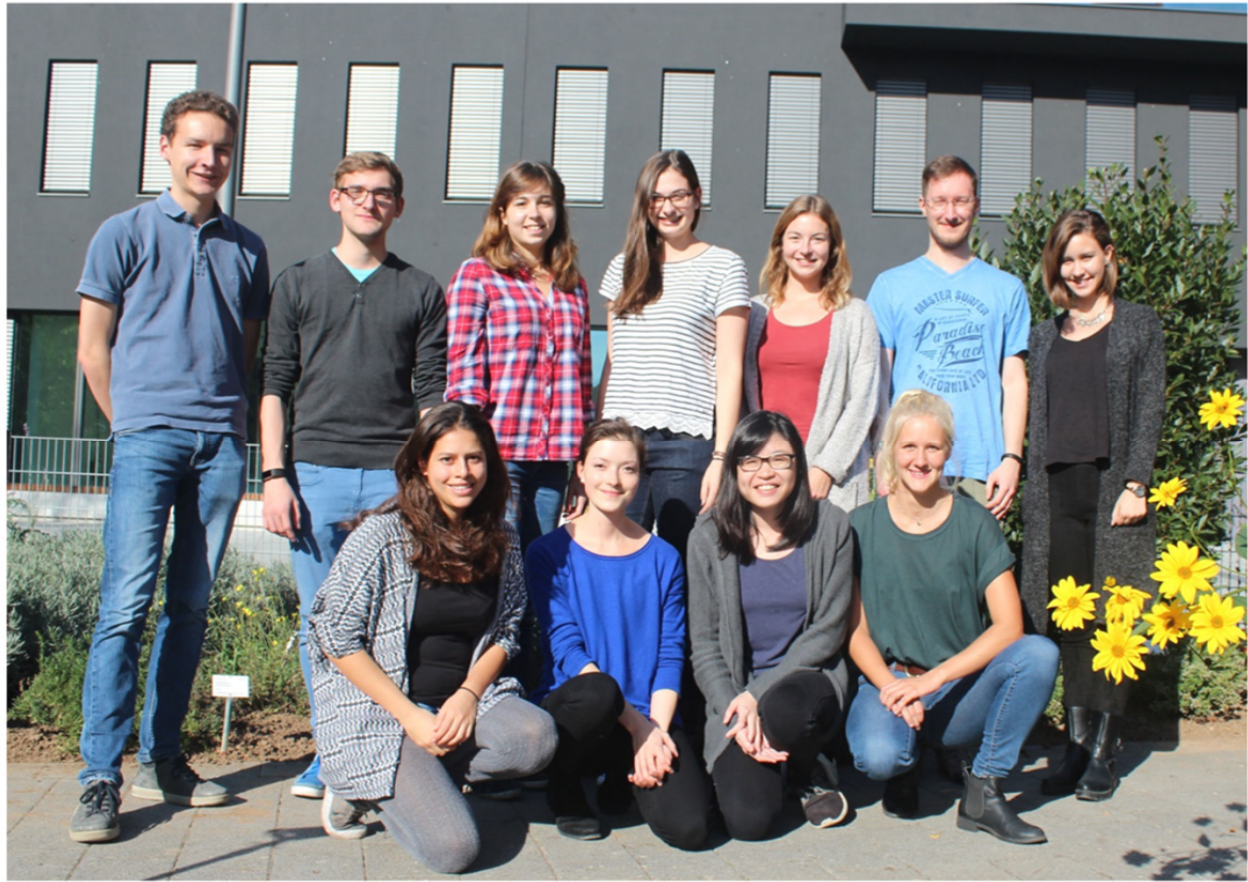
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)-linked cancers: Transformation mechanisms and novel therapeutic strategies
- Crosstalk between HPVs and the host cell metabolism (hypoxia, iron and glucose metabolism)
- Cell biology of HPV-positive cancer cells: Regulation of senescence and apoptosis
- Signal transduction

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