



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, SARS 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 (www.trr179.de),

SFB-TR83 (<http://www.trr83.de/>)

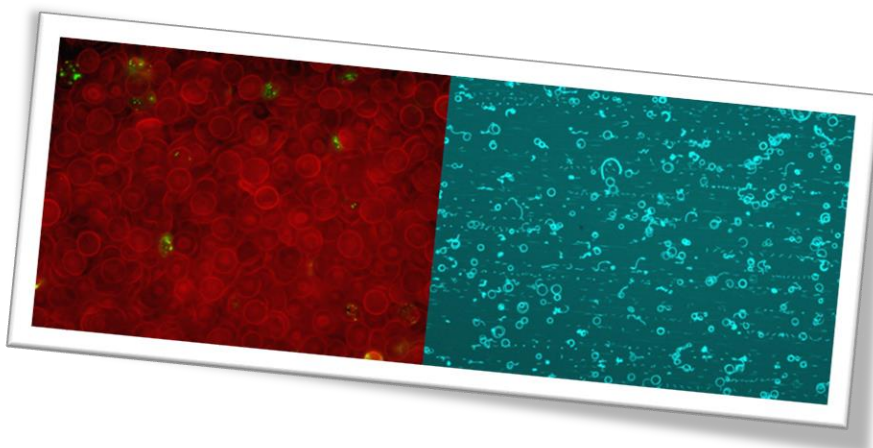
and the DFG priority program 1923 (web tba).

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".



courses on microbiology, infectious disease immunology, parasitology and virology in Semesters 4 and 5.

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 interested in this Major are advised to attend the lectures and

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 websites of the participating departments.

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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

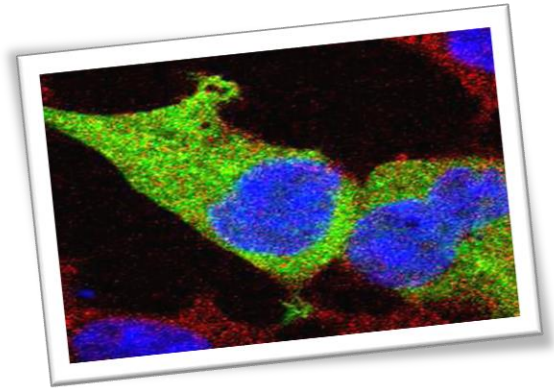


Medical Microbiology

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. Dagmar Hildebrand
- Dr. Sébastien Boutin

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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 Alantox 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.cyt.2018.06.013. [Epub ahead of print]

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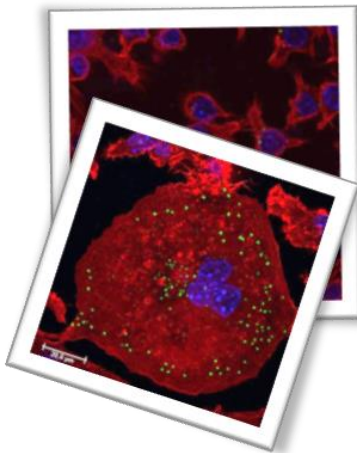
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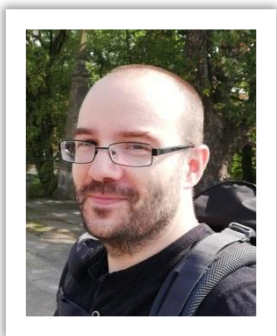
Reipschläger S, Kubatzky K, Taromi S, Burger M, Orth J, Aktories K and Schmidt G: Toxin-induced RhoA activity mediates CCL1-triggered STAT signalling. *J Biol Chem* 2012; 287(14): 11183-94. IF 4.258

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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

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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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Disturbing the Natural Microbiota of *Salvelinus Fontinalis*. *Can J Microbiol* 2013; 59 (10):662–70

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Scientific Vita

2020: Habilitation in “Immunology” at the University of Heidelberg, funded by an Olympia Morata fellowship (Medical Faculty Heidelberg)

2020-present: Research group at the Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Heidelberg

2011-2020: Postdoc at the University of Heidelberg, in parts funded by a Postdoc fellowship (Medical Faculty Heidelberg)

2008-2011: Ph.D. at Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, in parts funded by a fellowship from the Ministeriums für Forschung, Wissenschaft und Kunst Baden-Württemberg

2004-2008: Studies in Biochemistry at the Hochschule Mannheim University of Applied Sciences

2006: Internship at the Van Andel Research Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA funded by DAAD student fellowship

Specific Research Interests

- Bacterial infection and immunity
- Functional phenotype of monocytes during infection
- Notch signalling
- Sepsis
- Endogenous blood-stream infection

Selected Publications

Hildebrand D, Decker SO, Koch C, Schmitt FCF, Ruhrmann S, Schneck E, Sander M, Weigand MA, Brenner T, Heeg K, Uhle F: Host-Derived Delta-Like Canonical Notch Ligand 1 as a Novel Diagnostic Biomarker for Bacterial Sepsis—Results From a Combinational Secondary Analysis. **Front Cell Infect Microbiol** 2019; 9:267

Hildebrand D, Metz-Zumaran C, Jaschkowitz G, Heeg K: Silencing SOCS1 via Liposome-Packed siRNA Sustains TLR4-Ligand Adjuvant. **Front Immunol** 2019; 10:1279

Hildebrand D, Uhle F, Sahin D, Krauser U, Weigand MA, Heeg K: The Interplay of Notch Signaling and STAT3 in TLR-Activated Human Primary Monocytes. **Front Cell Infect Microbiol** 2018; 8:241

Hildebrand D, Eberle ME, Wölfle S, Egler F, Sahin D, Sähr A, Bode KA, Heeg K: Hsa-miR-99b/let-7e/miR-125a cluster regulates pathogen recognition receptor-stimulated suppressive APCs. **Front Immunol** 2018; 9:224

Giesbrecht K, Eberle M, Wölfle S, Sahin D, Sähr A, Oberhardt V, Menne Z, Bode K, Heeg K, Hildebrand D: IL-1 β as mediator of resolution that reprograms human peripheral monocytes towards a suppressive phenotype. **Front Immunol** 2017; 8:899

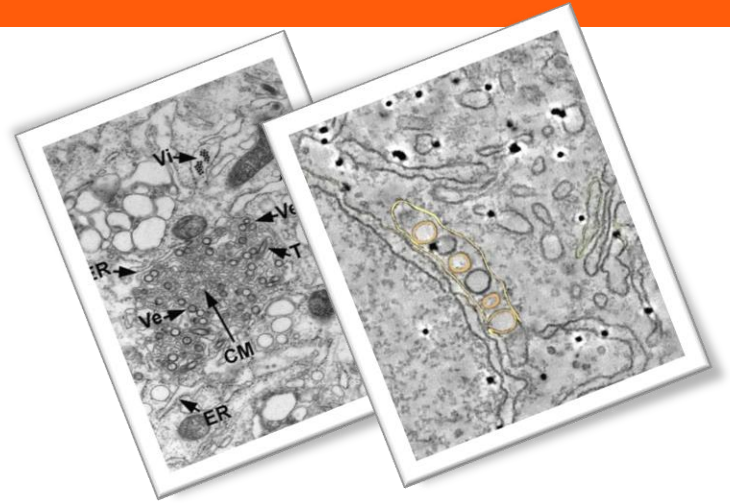


Molecular Virology

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), hepatitis D virus (HDV) and several flaviviruses, most notably Dengue virus (DENV), Zikavirus (ZIKV) and, most recently, coronaviruses such as SARS-CoV-2. These viruses are leading causes for death worldwide with about 400 million people suffering from a chronic infection with HBV/HDV 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 and development of viral diagnostics and antiviral drugs. 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 (DZIF Professorship for Translational Virology)
- apl. Prof. Dr. Volker Lohmann (Head of Section „Virus Host Interactions“)
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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

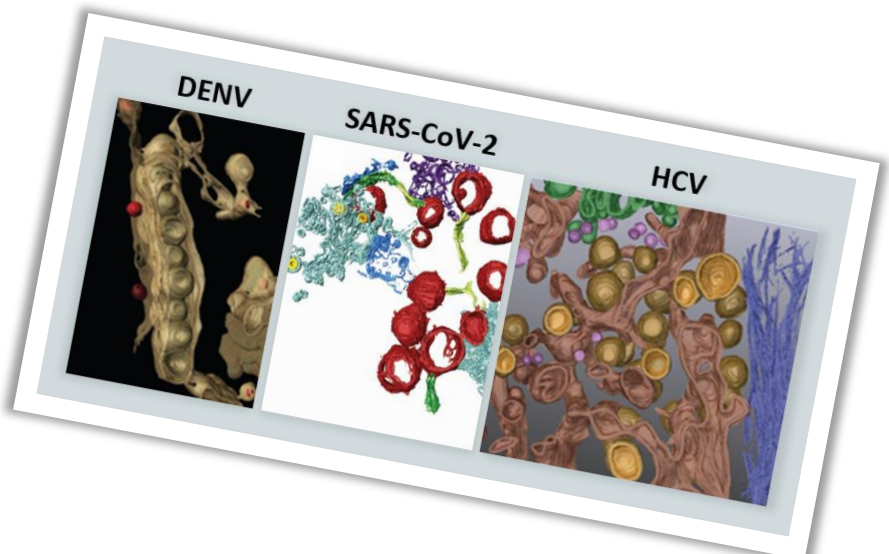
1991-1993: PostDoc, Central Research Unit, Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Basel, Switzerland

1990: PhD in Molecular Biology, Heidelberg University

1981-1987: Studies in Biology, Heidelberg University

Specific Research Interests

- Virus - host cell interaction (HBV, HCV, DENV, ZIKV and SARS-CoV-2)
- Structural and functional aspects of viral RNA replication and assembly
- Viral and host targets for antiviral therapy
- Innate immune responses and viral countermeasures
- Strategies of viral persistence



Selected Publications

Ke Z, Oton J, Qu K, Cortese M, Zila V, McKeane L, Nakane T, Zivanov J, Neufeldt CJ, Cerikan B, Lu JM, Peukes J, Xiong X, Kräusslich HG, Scheres SHW, Bartenschlager R, Briggs JAG: Structures and distributions of SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins on intact virions. **Nature** 2020; doi: 10.1038/s41586-020-2665-2 Epub ahead of print. PMID: 32805734

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

2000-2001: CHS 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
- Development of point of care (POC) test for HDV

Selected Publications

Ni Y, Zhang Z, Engelskircher L, Verch G, Tu T, Lempp F A, Urban S: Generation and characterization of a stable cell line persistently replicating and secreting the human hepatitis delta virus. **Scientific Reports** 2019; 10.1038/s41598-019-46493-1

Lempp FA, Schlund F, Rieble L, Nussbaum L, Link C, Zhang Z, Ni Y, Urban S: Recapitulation of HDV infection in a fully permissive hepatoma cell line allows efficient drug evaluation. **Nat Commun.** 2019; 10.1038/s41467-019-10211-2

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Seitz S*, Urban S*, Antoni C and Böttcher B: Cryo-electron microscopy of hepatitis B virions reveals variability in envelope capsid interactions. **EMBO J** 2007; 26: 4160-4167

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1982-1993: Diploma Thesis, University of Mainz

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

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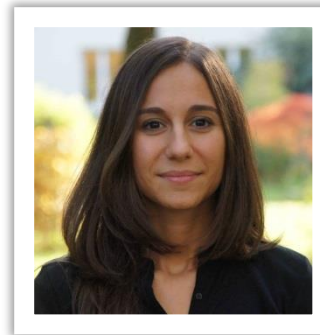
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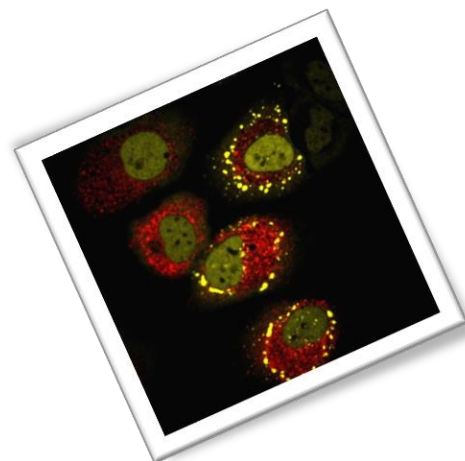
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Specific Research Interests

- 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

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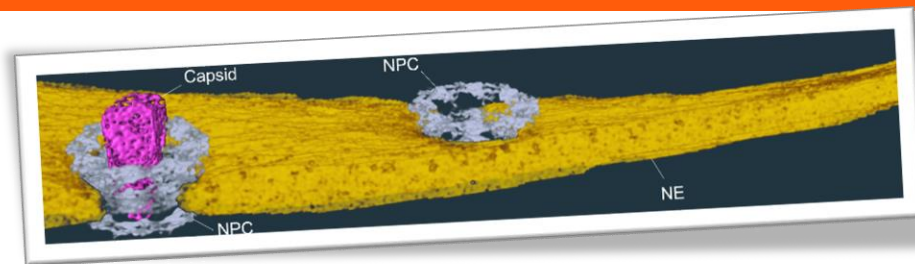
Virology

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.

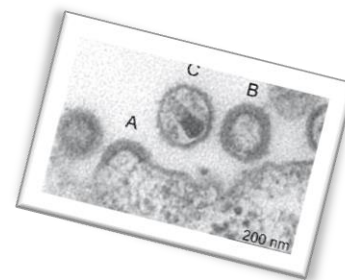
Other viral systems studied include parvoviruses, the enteropathogens norovirus and reovirus, bunyaviruses, influenza virus and hepatitis E virus. We develop and use vectors based on adeno-associated virus for basic research and gene therapy approaches (Grimm) and exploit the CRISPR/Cas system for gene 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
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- 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

- Cell biology of virus infection
- Virus-host interactions in the early post-entry phase of viral replication
- Nuclear import of HIV-1
- Structural and functional analyses of HIV-1 and influenza virus assembly and release
- HIV Protease and antiviral resistance

Selected Publications

Peukes J, Xiong X, Erlendsson S, Qu K, Wan W, Calder LJ, Schraidt O, Kummer S, Freund SMV, Kräusslich HG, Briggs JAG: The native structure of the assembled matrix protein 1 of influenza A virus. **Nature** 2020; 10.1038/s41586-020-2696-8

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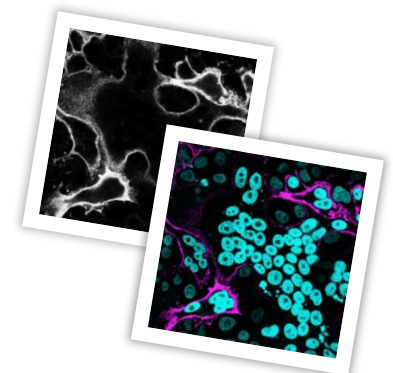
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2001-2006: Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, School of Medicine, CA, USA

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 parasitoid 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

Senis E, Mockenhaupt S, Rupp D, Bauer T, Paramasivam N, Knapp B, Gronych J, Grosse S, Windisch MP, Schmidt F, Theis FJ, Eils R, Lichter P, Schlesner M, Bartenschlager R, Grimm D: TALEN/CRISPR-mediated engineering of a

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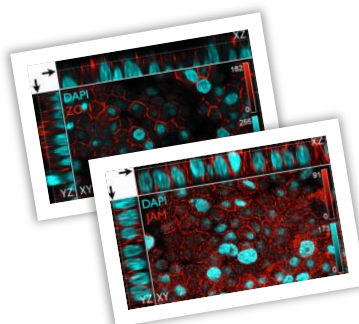
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2007-2011: PhD, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France

2003-2004: MSc, Dongseo University, South Korea

2000-2006: Dipl.-Ing., Berlin Institute of Technology, Germany

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, Belote RL, Andreo U, Takacs CN, Fernandez JP, Vale-Silva LA, Decker CC, Fu RM, Qu B, Uryu K, Molina H, Saeed M, Steinmann E, Urban S, Singarja RR, Schneider WM, Simon SM and Rice CM: Stem cell-derived polarized hepatocytes. **Nature Commun.** 2020; 11(1):1677

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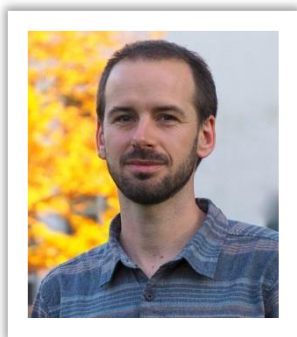
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Specific Research Interests

- 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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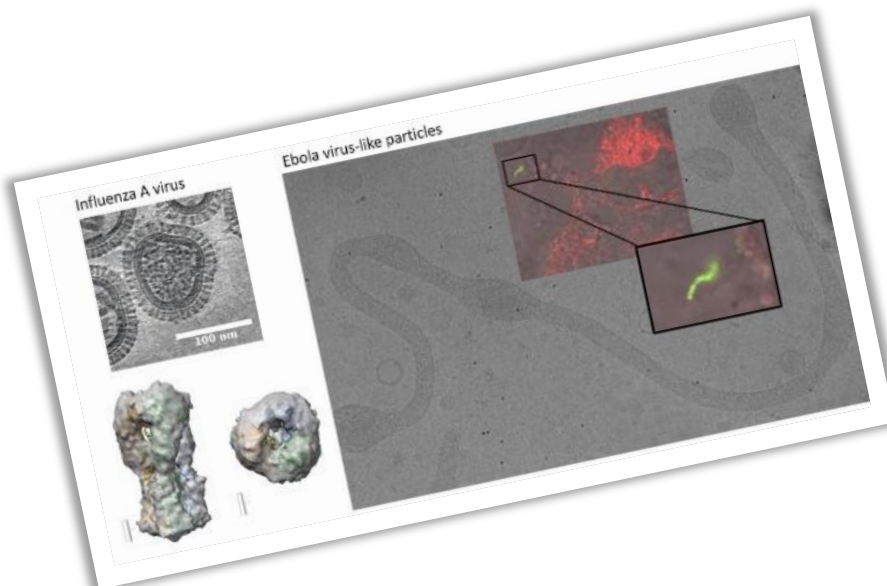
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Integrative Virology

Fields of Interest

Our work aims at dissecting general principles of host cell biology and immunology that are exploited and hijacked by HIV-1 to cause disease. To this end we apply advanced virology, cell biology and molecular biology techniques to cell systems with physiological relevance ranging from individual primary cell types to organoid and organotypic cell cultures to in vivo models.

Part Fackler laboratory:

Our research addresses the cell biology, immunology and pathogenesis of HIV 1 infection with an emphasis on CD4+ T lymphocytes. One focus of our studies is on the molecular mechanisms of action by which the HIV 1 pathogenicity factor Nef reprograms host cell vesicular transport, signal transduction and motility to optimize HIV 1 spread in the host and to accelerate disease progression. Another important aspect of our work is on the host innate immune system in HIV infection and on viral evasion mechanisms. This includes dissecting how the intrinsic immunity factor SERINC5 impairs HIV 1 particle infectivity and how this activity is antagonized by the viral protein Nef, but also studies to elucidate which barriers prevent productive HIV 1 infection of resting CD4+ T lymphocytes. These HIV-related studies involve the development of complex 3D culture systems for studying the relationship between host cell motility and HIV 1 spread in tissue. Finally, we are also interested in the cell biology of CD4 T cell activation and differentiation. In this context, we particularly focus on the newly identified role of nuclear actin filament formation for CD4 T cell help.

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.

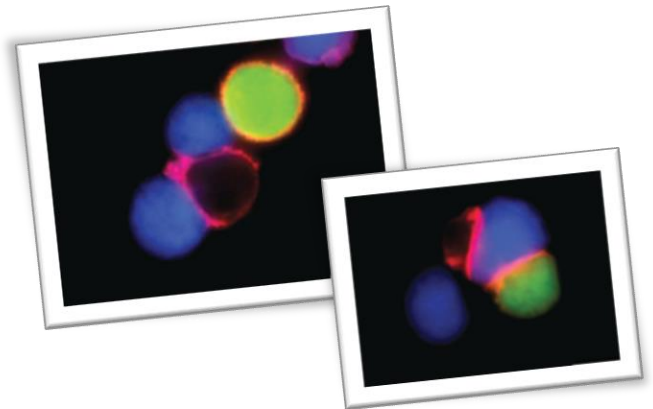
While an overall goal of our laboratory is to explore the specific contributions of nuclear topology and chromatin factors to HIV integration site selection and establishment of latency, we are specifically interested in determining the role of nuclear pore complex proteins in integration site selection. 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)

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Specific Research Interests

- Immuno- and cell biology of HIV infection
- Adaptive and Innate immunity against HIV-1 and viral evasion thereof
- Synthetic and organotypic 3D models of HIV pathogenesis
- CD4 T cell biology

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

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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

Lusic M and Robert F. Siliciano: Nuclear landscape of HIV-1 infection and integration. *Nat Rev Microb* 2016; (in press)

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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.

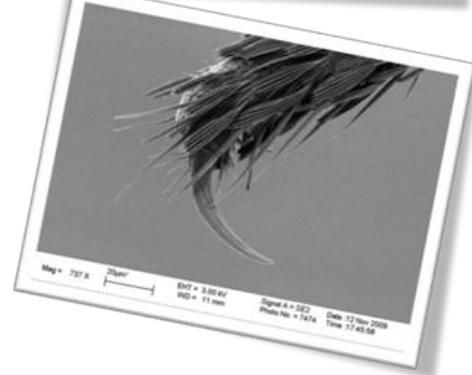
Malaria research conducted by the Parasitology Unit includes the following aspects:

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 Ingham lab aims to explore the interaction between parasite development and insecticide resistance in the major malaria vector *Anopheles coluzzii*. The group will specifically concentrate on the impacts of insecticide exposure and the associated changes in oxidative stress levels on the mosquito and how perturbation of this pathway can potentially be exploited for vector control. To achieve these aims, the group will use a variety of techniques including mosquito/parasite phenotyping, RNAseq, RNAi, molecular biology methods and advanced imaging.

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Scientific Vita

2000: Chair of Parasitology offered by the Seattle Biomedical Institute, USA (declined)

1999: Full Professor & Department Chair of Parasitology, Heidelberg University

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

Pegoraro S, Duffey M, Otto TD, Wang Y, Rosemann R, Baumgartner R, Fehler SK, Lucantoni L, Avery VM, Moreno-Sabater A, Mazier D, Vial HJ, Strobl S, Sanchez CP, Lanzer M: Erratum: SC83288 is a clinical development candidate for the treatment of severe malaria. *Nature communications* 2017; 8, 15273

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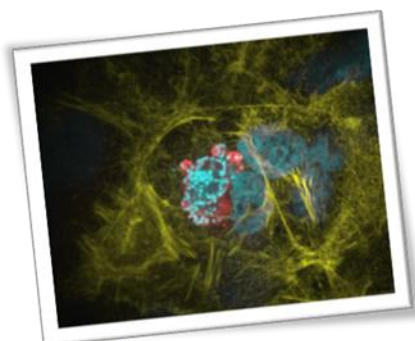
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Scientific Vita

2005-present: Group Leader, Center of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology, Heidelberg University Hospital

2001-2005: Postdoc, Institut Pasteur, Paris, France

2000: PhD, FU Berlin (summa cum laude)

1996-2000: PhD thesis, EMBL, Heidelberg

1995-1996: Research student, Lab of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK

1990-1996: Studies of Biochemistry (FU Berlin)

Specific Research Interests

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

Selected Publications

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2005-2009: PhD student, Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology, Heidelberg University Hospital, Heidelberg

2000-2005: Studies of Biology, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg

Specific Research Interests

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

Selected Publications

Ganter M, Goldberg JM, Dvorin JD, Paulo JA, King JG, Tripathi AK, Paul AS, Yang J, Coppens I, Jiang RHY, Baker DA, Dinglasan RR, Gygi SP, Duraisingh MT. Plasmodium falciparum CRK4 directs continuous rounds of DNA replication during schizogony. **Nature Microbiology** 2017; 2, 17017

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2007-2011: PhD project at Gerlich lab, ETH Zurich (Switzerland).

2006: Diploma thesis project at Vogel lab, McGill University, Montreal (Canada).

2003 – 2005: Studies in Biotechnology, ESBS university, Strasbourg (France).

2001 – 2003: Studies in Biology, University Karlsruhe (Germany).

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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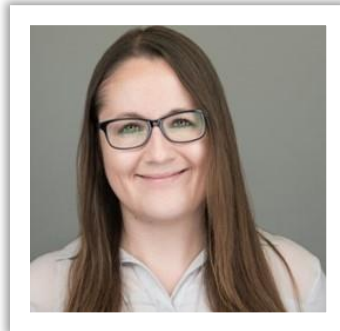
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- Vector – parasite interactions
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- Integration of informatics with molecular biology

Selected Publications

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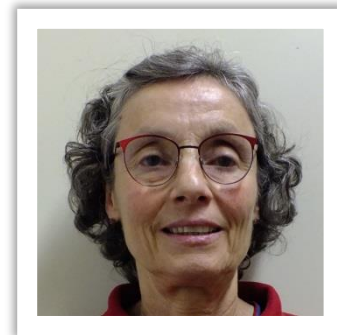
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Specific Research Interests

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- Control of mRNA processing in trypanosomes
- Inhibition of mRNA processing by trypanocidal benzoxaboroles

Selected Publications

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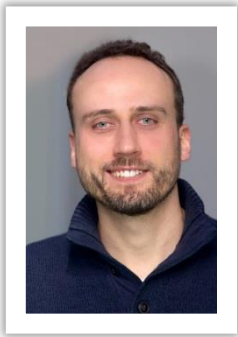
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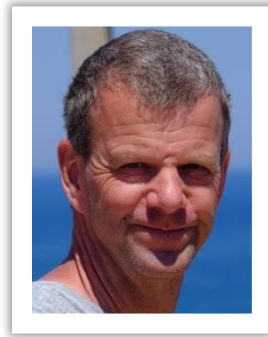


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- Prophylactic and therapeutic vaccination against human papillomaviruses (HPV)
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- Natural and vaccine induced immunity against HPV
- Host cell restriction and dependency factors for adeno-associated viruses (AAV) and HP

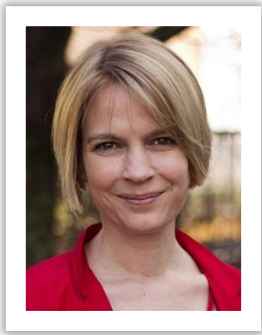


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- Therapeutic vaccine design and formulation
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Specific Research Interests

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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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Specific Research Interests

- Human immune responses against *Plasmodium falciparum*
- Malaria vaccine development
- Immunological memory to infection and vaccination
- Antigen-receptor diversity and quality of immune responses

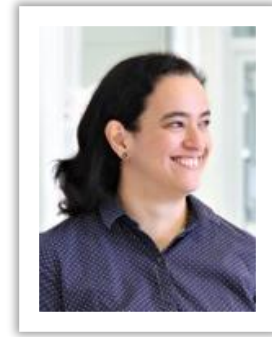


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Specific Research Interests

- 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

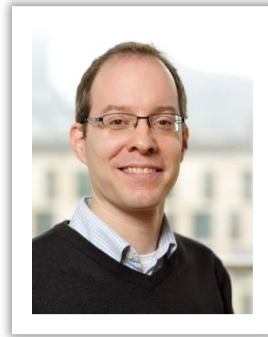


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Specific Research Interests

- Regulation of immune responses by the micromilieu (human and mouse models)
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- Regulation and function of granulocytes
- Allergy and chronic inflammatory diseases (SFB TRR 156)
- Tumor immunology and immune therapy (CAR T-cells, Checkpoint inhibitors)
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- Mathematical modeling of host-pathogen interactions
- Spatio-temporal dynamics of infection and immune processes
- Viral spread within tissues
- Immune cell differentiation and vaccine design

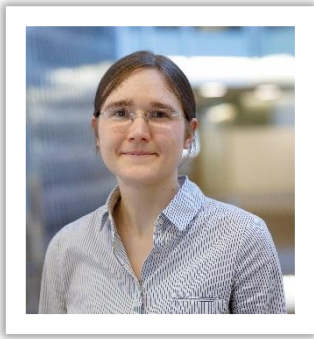


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- measles virus (vaccines) and paramyxoviruses
- virus-host interactions



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- 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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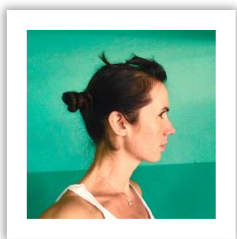
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Specific Research Interests

- Immune mechanisms and pathogen-host interaction of *Staphylococcus aureus* colonization and infection
- Molecular mechanisms and epidemiology of antimicrobial resistance in clinically relevant pathogens
- NGS-based strain typing and (bacterial) outbreak diagnostics
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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

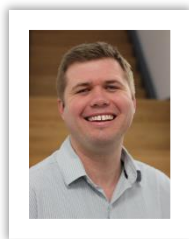


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- Protein folding

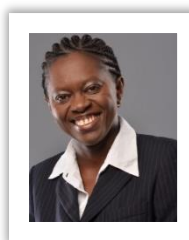


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- Vaccine Development for malaria
- Epidemiology & Molecular biology of infectious diseases

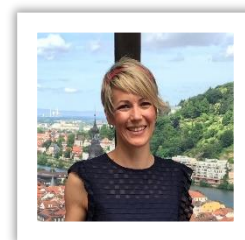


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- emerging zoonotic viruses
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- viral fusion
- virus–receptor interactions



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Specific Research Interests

- Response of epithelial cells (lung and gut) to virus infections
- Role of type I and III interferons in controlling virus infection at mucosal surfaces
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- System virology

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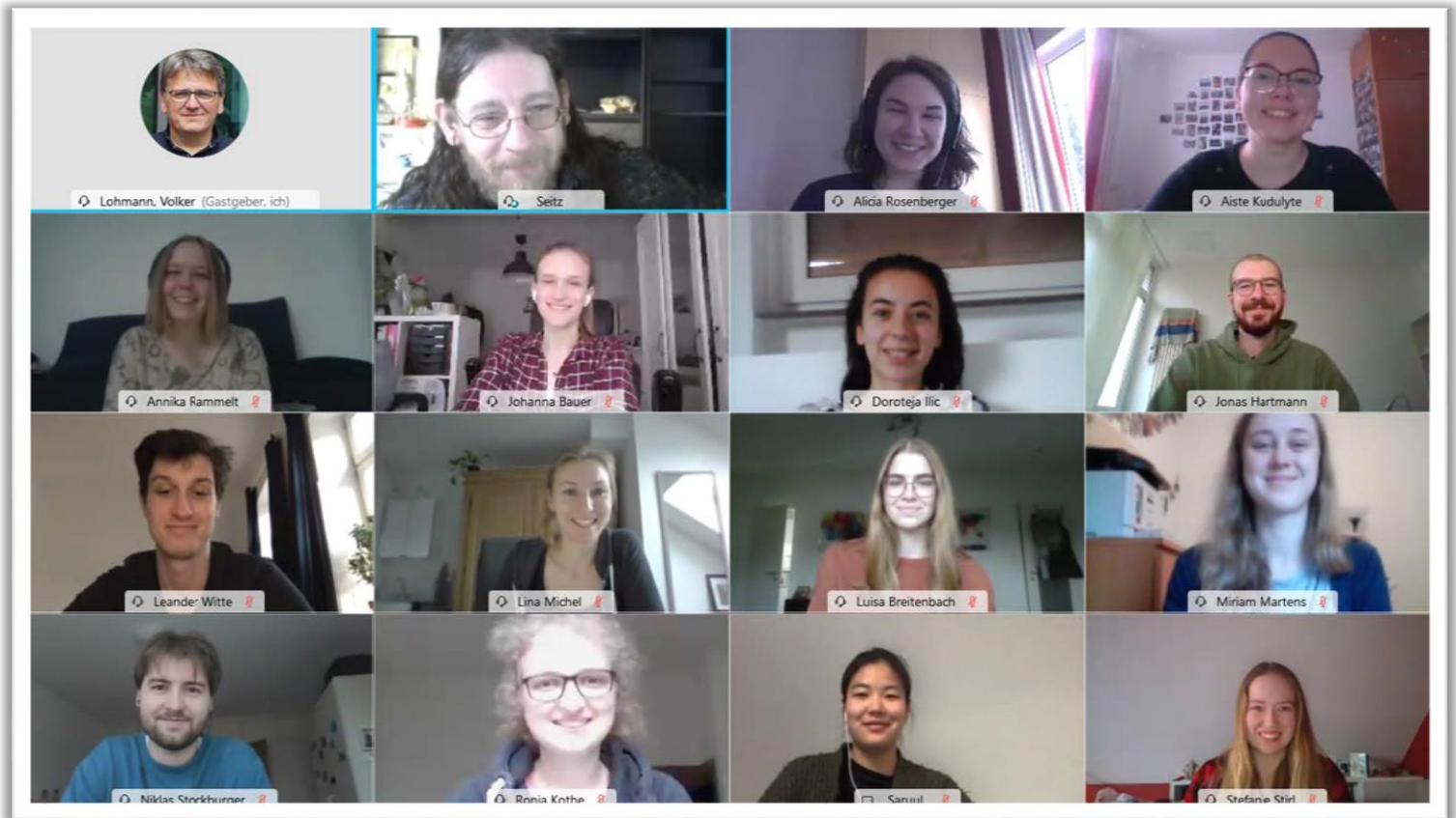
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