PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of Birth: 12.04.1982
Nationality: Switzerland and USA
Languages: English (native), German (B2.2/C1)

Profile: My research investigates sleep-dependent memory consolidation in non-mammalian animal models. I use an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates diverse methods such as:
- **Neurophysiology** to examine brain dynamics during learning and sleep
- **Slice electrophysiology** to map large-scale brain dynamics
- **Behavioral paradigms** to study natural learning
- **Molecular and genetic tools** to perturb neural circuits in real time
- **Computational approaches** to analyze behavior and brain state network dynamics

EDUCATION

2020- **Habilitation in Zoology**
Technical University of Munich, Munich, Germany

2014 **Dr. sc. ETH Zurich – Physics**
ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
PhD Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Richard H.R. Hahnloser

2009 **MSc – Neural Systems and Computation**
University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

2005 **BA – Neuroscience**
Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, USA

CURRENT POSITION

2017- **Lecturer and Postdoctoral Researcher**
Technical University of Munich, Chair of Zoology, Freising, Germany

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2013-2017 **SNSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
MPI for Brain Research, Frankfurt, Germany

2009-2013 **PhD student**
Institute of Neuroinformatics, Zurich, Switzerland

2005-2007 **Research Associate**
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago, IL, USA

CAREER BREAKS

07.04.2020 - 5.10.2020 Parental leave (6 months)
15.07.2022 - 17.08.2023 Parental leave (13 months)

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2021-2022:	**Dr.-Ing. Leonhard Lorenz-Stiftung - Research Grant** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2021-2022	**Bernstein - Computational Neuroscience - Startup Funds** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2021-2022	**International Emerging Actions (CNRS) - Mobility Fellowship** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2020-2021:	**Bayerisch-Französisches Hochschulzentrum - Mobility Fellowship** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2019	**Grass Foundation - Independent Investigator Fellowship** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2019-2021	**Daimler and Benz Foundation - Postdoctoral Scholarship** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2018-2022	**German Research Foundation (DFG) - Research Grant** Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany
2014-2016	**SciMento Hessenweit - Mentoring Program für Wissenschaftlerinnen** MPI for Brain Research, Frankfurt, Germany
2013-2014	**Swiss National Science Foundation - Early Postdoc Mobility Fellowship** ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
2004-2005	**Thomas J. Watson Fellowship** Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, USA

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

MSNE Program Mentor: (2020-) Master of Science in Neuroengineering program, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Technical University of Munich

Technical University of Munich, Freising, Germany (2017-present)

PhD Students:	**N=1**
Bachelor Students:	**N=5**
Master Students:	**N=2**
Research Internships:	**N=20**

MPI for Brain Research, Frankfurt, Germany (2013-2017)

Research Internships:	**N=7**

Member of PhD thesis committees: **N=2**

- 2022 - G. Khot, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands
- 2022 - H. Yeganegi, LMU, Munich, Germany (1st examiner)

Selected Student Projects:

- Identifying sharp wave-ripple activity in avian brain slices using multielectrode arrays
- AAV-mediated delivery of optogenetic constructs to the avian brain
- Spike sorting approaches for multichannel recordings from the avian brain
- Serotonin and parvalbumin immunohistochemistry in the avian brain
- Using DeepLabCut for 3D markerless pose estimation in zebra finches
- Electrophysiological investigation of sleep and behavior in embryonic chickens
- Mathematical modeling of surfacing behavior in sleeping turtles

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Expert Reviewer: Science
Expert Reviewer: Journal of Neural Engineering
Expert Reviewer: Brain Structure and Function
Expert Reviewer: Journal of Smart Materials and Structures

Web of Science profile: https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/AAA-6135-2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academic courses - acting as course coordinator and lecturer (N=4)

2021- Neuroethology of Predation and Escape, Technical University of Munich
2021- Rhythms of the Brain, Technical University of Munich
2018- Neuroscience of Vision, Technical University of Munich
2018- Neurobiology of Birds, Technical University of Munich

Academic courses - acting as lecturer (N=7)

2018- Principles of Neurobiology, Technical University of Munich
2018- Sensory Physiology, Technical University of Munich
2017 Advanced Methods in Neurophysiology, Technical University of Munich
2009-11 Computational Neuroscience, ETH Zurich
2010-11 Laboratory Animal Science (Instructor, Avian Section), ETH Zurich
2010 Neuroscience: From Networks to Systems, ETH Zurich
2009 Auditory Informatics, ETH Zurich

Certificates: ProLehre Intensiv: Certificate for Teaching for the Bavarian Universities (2020)

INVITED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Faculty Interviews (N=2)

2018 Tenure Track Professor, Neurobiology of Vocal Communication, University of Tübingen
2018 Tenure Track Professor, Digital Health and Behaviour Monitoring, Technical University of Munich

Invited Conference Presentations (N=5)

2019 Daimler and Benz Foundation Alumni Meeting, Ladenburg, Germany
2019 European Birdsong Meeting, Cappo Caccia, Italy
2018 Avian Cognitive Neuroscience, Ruhr University Bochum, Bochum, Germany
2018 A Comparative Approach to Cracking Circuit Function II, Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn, USA
2017 Neuroethology Satellite Symposium, German Zoological Society, Bielefeld, Germany

Scientific Colloquiums (N=9)

2019 Flash Talk, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, USA
2019 Grass Laboratory Trustee Meeting, Woods Hole, USA
2018 Biopsychology Research Colloquium, Ruhr University Bochum, Bochum, Germany
2018 GSN Neurolunch, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Munich, Germany
2018 Loren Frank Lab, Center for Integrative Neuroscience, UC San Francisco, USA
2018 Life Sciences and Computation Meetup, Technical University Munich, Munich, Germany
2017 Neurolunch Talk, Cortexlab, University College London, London, UK
2016 Georges Lab, University of Canberra, Canberra, Australia
2016 Lizard Lab, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Name	**Affiliation, Country**
N. Giret	Neuroscience Paris-Saclay Institute, Université Paris Sud, **France**
A. Leblois	Bordeaux Neurocampus, Université de Bordeaux, **France**
M. Shein-Idelson	Sagol School for Neuroscience, Tel-Aviv University, **Israel**
R. Hahnloser	Institute of Neuroinformatics, ETH Zurich, **Switzerland**
M. A. Tosches	Columbia University, Department of Biological Sciences **USA**
D. Vallentin	Max Planck Institute for Biological Intelligence, **Germany**
B. Wolfrum	TUM Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, **Germany**

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

2018- Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience - Munich, Germany
2006- Society for Neuroscience, USA
2010- Federation of European Neuroscience Societies, European Union
2017- German Neuroscience Society, Germany
2017- German Zoological Society, Germany