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## RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

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My main research interest is to understand the influence of sleep on the physiology of synapses and dendrites with specific emphasis on plasticity mechanisms. To address this question, I use a combination of electrophysiology, molecular biology, *in vivo* optical imaging and behavioural manipulations in the rodent model.

**Technical skills:** rodents, *in vivo*, EEG/LFP recordings & analysis, functional Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging & analysis, viral injection, molecular biology (protein, RNA & DNA), behaviour.

## EDUCATION

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- 2005      **PhD in Neurobiology**, Claude Bernard University - Lyon (France)  
            *“Role of the transcription factor Neurogenin2 in the development of thalamo-cortical axons”*
- 2001      **MS in Neuroscience**, Claude Bernard University - Lyon (France)
- 2000      **BS in Cognitive Science**, Provence University - Marseille (France)

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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- 2016-      **Lecturer in Sleep & Plasticity**, University of Surrey
- 2010-2016      **Research Associate**, Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin  
                    *“Imaging dendritic activity across the sleep-wake cycle”*  
                    Laboratory of Prof Matthew E. LARKUM
- 2006-2010      **Post-doctoral fellow**, University of Pennsylvania  
                    *“Role of translation regulation during sleep-dependent cortical plasticity”*  
                    Laboratory of Dr Marcos G. FRANK
- 2005-2006      **Post-doctoral fellow**, University of Brussels  
                    *“Role of imprinted genes during corticogenesis”*  
                    Laboratory of Dr Pierre VANDERHAEGHEN

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2017      Wellcome Trust Seed Award in Science
- 2014      Best Poster Award, Dendrite 2014 - 4<sup>th</sup> NAMASEN Training workshop
- 2014      Excellence Travel Award - Sleep Regulation & Function Gordon Conference
- 2012      SfN Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Award - Neuroscience (SfN) 2012
- 2011      WFSRSMS (World Sleep society) Travel Award
- 2009      Best Basic Research poster Award – 6<sup>th</sup> Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (CSRN)  
            Research Retreat, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007      Best Translational/Clinical Research presentation Award – 4<sup>th</sup> Sleep and Respiratory  
            neurobiology (CSRN) Research Retreat, University of Pennsylvania

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Peyrache A., Seibt J. (2020) *A mechanism for learning with sleep spindles*, **Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B** 375: 20190230. doi: 10.1098/rstb.2019.0230.
  2. Seibt J., Frank M.G. (2019) *Primed to sleep: the dynamics of synaptic plasticity across brain states*, **Front. Syst. Neurosci.** DOI: 10.3389/fnsys.2019.00002
  3. Sigl-Glöckner J., Seibt J. (2018) *Peeking into the sleeping brain: using in vivo imaging in rodents to understand the relationship between sleep and cognition*, **J Neurosci. Methods.** DOI: 10.1016/j.jneumeth.2018.09.011.
  4. Frank M.G., Seibt J. (2018) *Sleep and plasticity: Waking from a fevered dream*, **Sleep Med Rev.** Jun; 39:1-2. DOI: 10.1016/j.smrv.2017.12.006.
  5. Seibt J., Richard C.J., Sigl-Glöckner J., Takahashi N., Kaplan D.I., Doron G., de Limoges D., Bocklisch C., Larkum M.E. (2017) *Cortical dendritic activity correlates with spindle-rich oscillations during sleep in rodents*, **Nat Commun.** Sep 25;8(1):684. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-017-00735-w  
Featured in "Editors' Highlights" of *Nature Communications*
  6. Seibt J., Timofeev I., Carrier J., Peyrache A. (2016) *Role of Spindle Oscillations across Lifespan in Health and Disease*, **Neural Plast.** 2016:8103439. DOI: 10.1155/2016/8103439
  7. Dumoulin Bridi M.C. , Aton S.J. , Seibt J., Renouard L., Coleman T., Frank M.G. (2015) *Rapid eye movement sleep promotes cortical plasticity in the developing cat*, **Sci. Adv.** 1(e1500105). DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.1500105.
  8. Aton S.J., Broussard C., Dumoulin M.C., Seibt J., Watson A., Coleman T., Frank M.G. (2013) *Visual experience and subsequent sleep induce sequential plastic changes in putative inhibitory and excitatory cortical neurons*, **PNAS** 110(8):3101-6. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1208093110
  9. Seibt J., Armant O., Le Digarcher A., Castro D., Ramesh V., Journot L., Guillemot F., Vanderhaeghen P., Bouschet T. (2012) *Expression at the imprinted Dlk1-Gtl2 locus is regulated by proneural genes in the developing telencephalon*, **PLoS ONE** 7(11). DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0048675.
  10. Seibt J. and Frank M.G. (2012) *Translation regulation in sleep: making experience last.* **Communicative & Integrative Biology.** 5(5): 1-5. DOI: 10.4161/cib.21010
  11. Seibt J., Dumoulin M.C., Aton S.J., Coleman T., Watson A., Frank M.G.(2012) *Protein synthesis consolidates sleep-dependent cortical plasticity in vivo*, **Curr Biol.** 22(8): 676 - 682. DOI: 10.1016/j.cub.2012.02.016
  12. Aton S.J.\*, Seibt J.\*, Dumoulin M.C., Coleman T., Shiraishi M., Frank M.G. (2009) *The sedating antidepressant trazodone impairs sleep-dependent cortical plasticity*, **PLoS ONE** 4(7). DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0006078
- \* These two authors contributed equally to this work
13. Uebele V.N., Nuss C.E., Santarelli V.P., Garson S.L., Kraus R.L., Stauffer S.R., Barrow J.C., Koblan K.S., Renger J.J., Aton S., Seibt J., Dumoulin M., Jha SK., Coleman T., Frank M.G.(2009) *T-type*

*calcium channels regulate cortical plasticity in vivo*. **NeuroReport** 20(3): 257- 62. DOI: 10.1097/WNR.0b013e32832f573b

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15. Aton S.J., Seibt J., Dumoulin M.C., Jha S.K., Steinmetz N., Coleman T., Naidoo N., Frank M.G. (2009) *Mechanisms of sleep-dependent consolidation of cortical plasticity*. **Neuron** 61(3): 454-66. DOI: 10.1016/j.neuron.2009.01.007
16. Seibt J., Aton S.J., Jha S.K., Coleman T., Dumoulin M.C., Frank M.G.(2008) *The non-benzodiazepine Zolpidem impairs sleep-dependent cortical plasticity*. **SLEEP** 31(10): 1381-1392.
17. Schuurmans C., Armant O., Nieto M., Stenman J.M., Britz O., Klenin N., Brown C., Langevin L.M., Seibt J., Tang H., Cunningham J.M., Dyck R., Walsh C., Campbell K., Polleux F., Guillemot F. (2004) *Sequential phases of cortical specification involve Neurogenin-dependent and -independent pathways*. **EMBO J.** 23(14):2892-902. DOI: 10.1038/sj.emboj.7600278
18. Dufour A., Seibt J., Passante L., Depaepe V., Ciossek T., Frisé J., Kullander K., Flanagan J.G., Polleux F., Vanderhaeghen P. (2003) *Area specificity and topography of thalamocortical projections are controlled by ephrin/Eph genes*. **Neuron**. 39(3):453-65. DOI: 10.1016/s0896-6273(03)00440-9
19. Seibt J., Schuurmans C., Gradwhol G., Dehay C., Vanderhaeghen P., Guillemot F., Polleux F. (2003) *Neurogenin2 specifies the connectivity of thalamic neurons by controlling axon responsiveness to intermediate target cues*. **Neuron** 39(3):439-52. DOI: 10.1016/s0896-6273(03)00435-5

## FUNDINGS

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### ONGOING:

- 2021-2024** Leverhulme Trust Research Grant (RPG-2020-340, £221,792, PI)  
**2020-2022** Royal Society Research Grant (RGS\R1\201200, £19,426; PI)  
**2016-2021** Research funds from the University of Surrey & the Braithwaite Family Foundation (£105,000; PI)

### COMPLETED:

- 2017-2020** Wellcome Trust Seed Award in Science (209099/Z/17/Z, £95,582; PI)  
*Project: The role of sleep in brain plasticity: focus on the synaptic translome*
- 2018** Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarships to Lucy Collins (211652/Z/18/Z, £1,500; PI)  
*Project: Influence of experience and circadian rhythms on Infra slow oscillations (ISOs) in the rodent brain.*
- 2012-2016** EU Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants - PERISLEEP-268273 (€100,000; PI)  
*Project: Imaging dendrites across wake and sleep: fiberoptic measurements of calcium activity in freely behaving animals*
- 2008-2010** National Sleep Foundation (NFS)/Pickwick Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$58,238; PI)  
*Project: Role of translation and transcription in sleep-dependent cortical plasticity*
- 2005-2006** EMBO Short-Term Fellowship (€6,223.3)  
*Project: "Role of non-coding RNAs in brain development"*
- 2004-2005** French Medical Research Foundation (FRM)/End of PhD Grant (€15,000)  
*Project: Screening of downstream effectors of Neurogenin2 controlling thalamocortical development*

- 2002-2003** Marie Curie Training Site Fellowship (EURON) (€6,000)  
**2001-2004** Merit grant/French Ministry of Research and Technology (€40,612.32)  
Project: *Role of the transcription factor Neurogenin2 in the early development of thalamocortical projections*

## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS (\*invited)**

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1. \* 14th Göttingen Meeting of the German Neuroscience Society (Virtual) – March 2021
2. \* University of Leicester (UK/virtual) – October 2020
3. \* 25<sup>th</sup> European Sleep and Research Society (ESRS) – Seville (Spain) – Sept. 2020
4. \* Institute of Psychiatry and Neuroscience of Paris – Paris (France) – Sept. 2019
5. \* Swiss Society for Sleep Research, Sleep Medicine and Chronobiology (SSSSC) – Fribourg (Switzerland) – June 2019
6. \*Royal Society Meeting “*Memory reactivation: replaying events past, present and future*” – Chicheley (UK) - May 2019
7. \*COSYNE 2019 Workshop on Memory – Cascais (Portugal) – March 2019
8. \* Associated Professional Sleep Societies (APSS), SLEEP 2018 – Baltimore (USA) – June 2018
9. \*11 Minutes of Sleep in Pisa/Pisa Sleep Award ceremony – Pisa (Italy) – June 2016
10. \*Focus Program Translational Neurosciences (FTN) - Universitätsmedizin der Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (Germany) – Feb. 2016
11. \*7th Congress of the World Sleep Federation (WFSRSMS ) - Istanbul (Turkey) - Nov. 2015
12. \*Actual Topics in Sleep and Chronobiology Research - UZH/ETH (Switzerland) - Nov. 2012
13. 6th Congress of the World Sleep Federation (WFSRSMS ) - Kyoto (Japan) - Oct. 2011
14. 19th European Sleep and Research Society (ESRS) - Glasgow (Scotland) - Sept. 2008
15. Associated Professional Sleep Societies (APSS), SLEEP 2008 Baltimore (USA) - June 2008
16. 5th Congress of the World Sleep Federation (WFSRSMS ) - Cairns (Australia) - Sept. 2007
17. 7th EURON Ph.D. Students Days – Free University of Brussels - Brussels (Belgium) – Jan. 2004

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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### **Workshop organisation:**

- 2018** Co-organiser ‘*Neuroplasticity: from bench to machine learning*’ – IAS workshop, University of Surrey

### **Editorial service:**

- 2016** Lead Editor - Neural Plasticity Special Issue on the “*Role of Spindle Oscillations across Lifespan in Health and Disease*”
- 2018-** Review Editor for Frontiers in Sleep and Circadian Rhythms, member of the editorial board for Cellular Signaling

### **Reviewer:**

**Journal:** Frontiers in Neural Circuits, Frontiers in Sleep and Circadian Rhythms, Journal Sleep Research, SLEEP, Current Biology, Cell Report.

**Grant:** BBSRC, MRC

## TEACHING

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**2019** Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching (University of Surrey)

**2016 – present (University of Surrey)**

Neuroscience, from Neurons to Behaviour (BMS2048 - Module convenor since 2017)

Neuroscience, from Molecules to Mind (BMS3064)

## SUPERVISION

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### PhD students

03/2015-12/2019 Johanna Sigl-Glöckner – Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience Berlin

10/2016-present José Luca Santos – University of Surrey

### Undergraduate students

Summer 2018/2019 Lucy Collins (Wellcome Trust Vacation Student), Berta Piqué (Erasmus student)

Since 2016 ~5 students/year (final year project dissertation)

## RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

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[Prof André Gerber](#) – University of Surrey, UK

[Prof Matthew Larkum](#) - Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany

[Dr Jini Naidoo](#) - University of Pennsylvania, US

[Prof Marcos Frank](#) – WSU, US