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## EDUCATION

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- University of Cambridge, UK / HHMI Janelia Research Campus, USA** 2012-2018  
PhD at the Department of Zoology  
Advisors: Berthold Hedwig (University of Cambridge), Vivek Jayaraman (Janelia)  
PhD thesis title: Multisensory navigation in tethered walking insects
- ETH Zürich, Switzerland** 2009-2012  
Master of Science in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics  
Master thesis title: Measurement of *Drosophila*'s phase response curve with mechanosensory stimuli
- Julius Maximilians Universität Würzburg, Germany** 2006-2009  
Bachelor of Science in Biomedicine  
Bachelor thesis title: Operant learning in *Drosophila* larvae?

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Postdoctoral associate** | HHMI Janelia Research Campus Jun 2018 - present  
Supervisor: Vivek Jayaraman  
*Investigation of mechanisms by which visual landmarks can help to calibrate the fly's internal heading estimate using virtual reality and two-photon calcium imaging in behaving flies (in progress).*
- PhD Project** | HHMI Janelia Research Campus Sep 2012 - May 2018  
Supervisor: Vivek Jayaraman  
*Development of a 2D virtual reality for head-fixed flies and conditioning paradigms to study Landmark-guided navigation.*
- PhD Project** | University of Cambridge, Department of Zoology Sep 2011 - Aug 2012  
Supervisor: Berthold Hedwig  
*Integration of auditory and antennal stimulation in tethered walking field crickets.*
- Research Technician** | HHMI Janelia Research Campus Feb - Jul 2012  
Supervisor: Vivek Jayaraman  
*Assembly of 2D virtual reality rig for tethered walking fruit flies.*
- Master thesis project** | Institute of Neuroinformatics, ETH Zürich May 2011 - Jan 2012  
Supervisors: Jan Bartsch, Steven Fry, Ruedi Stoop  
*Measurement of *Drosophila*'s wing-beat response in tethered flight to small mechanosensory disturbances.*
- Rotation** | D-INFK, ETH Zürich Apr - May 2011  
Supervisor: Petros Koumoutsakos  
*Simulation of Juxtacrine signalling using "Subcellular Elements" method.*
- Rotation** | D-BSSE Basel, ETH Zürich Mar - Apr 2011  
Supervisor: Dagmar Iber  
*Development of a parameterization technique for Turing models.*

**Rotation** | Institute of Neuroinformatics, ETH Zürich

Mar 2011

Supervisor: Jan Bartussek

*Investigation of self-induced feedback during tethered flight in Drosophila using a vibrometer.*

**Bachelor thesis project** | Biozentrum, Universität Würzburg

Mar - Jun 2009

Supervisor: Bertram Gerber

*Attempted conditioning of crawling and turn movements of Drosophila larva using vibration stimuli.*

**Internship** | Rudolf Virchow Zentrum, Universität Würzburg

Jul - Aug 2008

Supervisor: Stephan Sigrist

*Complementation analysis with bruchpilot mutants and histological investigation of their neuromuscular junction in Drosophila.*

## PUBLICATIONS

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*In revision at Current Biology: Haberkern H, Basnak MA, Ahanonu B, Schauder D, Cohen JD, Boldstad M, Bruns C, Jayaraman V. A virtual reality paradigm for studying visually guided 2D navigation in head-fixed flies. On the adaptive behavior of head-fixed flies navigating in two-dimensional, visual virtual reality.*

**Haberkern H**, Hedwig B (2016). Behavioural integration of auditory and antennal stimulation during phonotaxis in the field cricket *Gryllus bimaculatus*. *J Exp Biol.* 219(Pt 22):3575-3586.

**Haberkern H**, Jayaraman V (2016). Studying small brains to understand the building blocks of cognition. *Curr Opin Neurobiol.* 37:59-65.

Milde F, Tauriello G, **Haberkern H**, Koumoutsakos P (2014). SEM++: a particle model of cellular growth, signaling and migration. *Computational Particle Mechanics* 1 (2), 211-227

Wang D, Freitag F, Gattin Z, **Haberkern H**, Jaun B, Siwko M, Vyas R, van Gunsteren W F, Dolenc J (2012). Validation of the GROMOS 54A7 Force Field Regarding Mixed  $\alpha/\beta$ -Peptide Molecules. *Helvetica Chimica Acta* 95 (12), 2562- 577

Eschbach C, Cano C, **Haberkern H**, Schraut K, Guan C, Triphan T, Gerber B (2011). Associative learning between odorants and mechanosensory punishment in larval *Drosophila*. *J Exp Biol.* 214(Pt 23):3897-905.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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**Invited talk** | *Visually guided behavior of fruit flies in 2D virtual reality*

Nov 2018

Hosted by Prof. Keram Pfeiffer, PhD, Biozentrum, University of Würzburg

**Poster (Poster Prize)** | *A virtual reality paradigm for studying visually-guided navigation in head-fixed flies.*

Dec 2017

Haberkern H, Jayaraman V; FENS Winter School on Navigation, Obergurgl, Austria

**Invited talk** | *Landmark-guided navigation in a 2D virtual reality environment.*

Dec 2016

Hosted by Andrew Leifer, PhD, Department of Physics & Princeton Neuroscience Institute, Princeton University

**Poster** | *Landmark-guided navigation in a 2D virtual reality environment.*

Nov 2016

Haberkern H, Bruns C, Basnak M, Bifra A, Bolstad M, Cohen J, Jayaraman V; Annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, USA

**Invited talk** | *Dissecting navigation in a visual and virtual thermal landscape.*

Apr 2016

University of Cambridge PDN Department Graduate Symposium, Cambridge, UK

<b>Poster</b>   <i>A virtual reality system for the study of visually guided navigation in head-fixed walking Drosophila.</i> Haber Kern H, Jayaraman V; Flies, worms and robots: combining perspectives on minibrains and behavior, ESF conference, Barcelona, Spain	Nov 2014
<b>Poster</b>   <i>Do crickets integrate polarotaxis and phonotaxis?</i> Haber Kern H, Hedwig B; 10th Göttingen Neuroscience Meeting, Göttingen, Germany	Mar 2013
<b>Poster</b>   <i>Self-induced feedback during tethered flies in Drosophila melanogaster.</i> Haber Kern H, Bartussek J, Medici V, Fry SN; Champalimaud Neuroscience Symposium, Lisbon, Portugal	Sep 2011
<b>Poster</b>   <i>Early lung development: Branching mode selection.</i> Haber Kern H, Menshykau D, Kraemer K, Iber D; 9th [BC] <sup>2</sup> Basel Computational Biology Conference on Multiscale Modeling, Basel, Switzerland	Jun 2011

## SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

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<b>FENS Winter School</b>   <i>Neural control of behaviour - Series 1: Navigation.</i> Oberurgl, Austria.	Dec 10-16 2017
<b>Junior Scientist Workshop</b>   <i>Neural Circuits and Behavior.</i> Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn, USA	Oct 3-8 2016

## SCIENTIFIC SERVICE

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<b>Conference organization:</b> Structure and Function of the Insect Central Complex. Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn, USA, October 28 - 31, 2018. Co-organizers: Marie Dacke, Yvette Fisher, Hannah Haber Kern, Vivek Jayaraman	Feb - Oct 2018
<b>Workshop organization:</b> Junior Scientist Workshop on Mechanistic Cognitive Neuroscience. Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn, USA, October 21 - 26, 2018. Co-organizers: Hannah Haber Kern, Misha Ahrens, Gowan Tervo, Alla Karpova, Josh Dudman and Vivek Jayaraman.	Feb - Oct 2018
<b>Course curriculum design:</b> I helped with reorganizing the bachelor in biomedicine course curriculum based on the Bologna guidelines.	Apr 2008 - Jul 2009
<b>Active member in student associations:</b> Association of biology students and Association of biomedical students at the Universität Würzburg, "Computer officer" of the MCR at Murray Edwards College Cambridge	Sep 2007 - Jul 2009, Oct 2017 - Aug 2012

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

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<b>Supervision of Students:</b> Master thesis project of Laura Porta (University of Pisa; Oct 2017 - Jun 2018); Janelia Undergraduate Scholars summer projects of Dimitra Vardalaki (Jun - Jul 2015), Mélanie Basnak (Jun - Aug 2016), Laura Porta (Jun - Aug 2017). Assistance with science project for high school student Madison Ruschaupt (Dez 2018 – Mar 2019)	2015 - 2018
<b>Teaching Assistant:</b> Supervision of exercises for "Introduction to computer science for biologists and pharmacists" lecture course, ETH Zürich, Switzerland	Sep 2009 - Jul 2010
<b>Teaching Assistant:</b> Exam preparation for "General Biology" lecture course, Universität Würzburg, Germany	May - Jul 2008

## SKILLS

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### Experimental

- Behavioral setup design and paradigm development
- Hardware programming in Arduino, C/C++, Python
- *Drosophila* and cricket (*Gryllus bimaculatus*) handling
- Ex-vivo *Drosophila* dissection and confocal imaging
- In-vivo 2-photon calcium imaging in behaving *Drosophila*

### Computational

- Data analysis and statistics on Python, Matlab, R
- Mathematical modelling

**Languages:** English (fluent), German (fluent), French (basic)

## REFERENCES

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### Vivek Jayaraman, PhD

Group Leader at Janelia Research Campus, PhD advisor

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