

Dennis Kätzel, D.Phil(OXON), Dipl.-Humanbiol., Mag. Artium

Occupational Career

Since 2022	Full Professor of Neurophysiology (W3), Ulm University
2015 – 2022	Assistant Professor of Neurophysiology (W1), Ulm University
2012 – 2015	Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellow, UCL, Oxford, MIT
2011 – 2012	Research Associate, Institute of Neurology, UCL
2011 – 2014	Academic Visitor, Centre for Neural Circuits & Behaviour, Oxford

Education

2011	<i>D.Phil:</i> Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, Oxford
2007	<i>Magister Artium:</i> Philosophy (Maj.), Psychology (Min.), Sociology (Min.), Marburg
2007	<i>Diplom:</i> Human Biology, Marburg

Scholarships & Grants

Active: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG); Boehringer-Ingelheim – Ulm University BioCenter (BIU2)

Past: Boehringer Ingelheim; Boehringer-Ingelheim – Ulm University BioCenter (BIU); Federal Ministry of Science and Art Baden-Württemberg (Juniorprofessorenprogramm); Else-Kröner/GSO Förderinitiative für medizinische Spitzenforscher aus dem Ausland; NARSAD Young Investigator Award (BBR); John Fell Fund (Oxford University Press), Roche, Wellcome Trust

Pre-doctoral fellowships: Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds, Christopher Welch Scholarship Fund, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Current teaching: Human Medicine, Dental Medicine, Molecular Medicine

Main neurophysiology lectures: autonomous nervous system, consciousness & attention, function of neocortical areas, language, memory and emotion, methods for measuring neural activity, motor system, motivation, nociception, sleep, visual system

Advanced lectures: optogenetics, neural oscillations, circuit neuroscience & drug discovery

Seminars: motor systems, reward system, skeletal muscle, heart physiology, autonomic nervous system, vision and hearing, biological psychiatry

Practicals: visual system

Research

Interests: translational psychiatry, schizophrenia, ADHD, drug target discovery, organization & function of neuronal circuits, inhibition, inter-regional neural communication, working memory

Methods: optogenetics, chemogenetics, viral vectors, LFP, multi-electrode recordings, miniscope imaging, patch-clamp, mouse models of psychiatric diseases, behavioural testing & pharmacology, machine-learning

Invited reviewer

Grant reviews: Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation, Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), ETH Zurich Grants, Rosetrees Trust, French National Research Agency (ANR), Medical Research Council UK, National Science Centre Poland, Neurological Foundation of New Zealand, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Publication reviews: Advances in Pharmacology, Biological Psychiatry, Br J Pharmacology, Brain, Brain Communications, Brain Research Bulletin, Brain Structure and Function, Cerebral Cortex, Epilepsia, Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience, Frontiers in Molecular Neuroscience, Neuropsych Disease & Treatment, Neuropsychopharmacology, Neuroscientist, Neurotherapeutics, Schizophrenia Research, Translational Psychiatry

Editorial Board Member: Scientific Reports

Publications: Journals / Pre-prints (* corresponding author)

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van der Veen B, Kapanaiiah STK, Kilonzo K, Steele-Perkins P, Jendryka MM, Schulz S, Tasic B, Yao Z, Zeng H, Akam T, Nicholson JR, Liss B, Nissen W, Pekcec A, [Kätzel D*](#): *Control of impulsivity by G_i-protein signalling in layer-5 pyramidal neurons of the anterior cingulate cortex*, **Communications Biology**, 2021.

Kilonzo K, van der Veen B, Teutsch J, Schulz S, Kapanaiiah SKT, Liss B, [Kätzel D*](#): *Delayed-matching-to-position working memory in mice relies on NMDA-receptors in prefrontal pyramidal cells*. **Scientific Reports**, 2021.

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Jendryka M, Palchadhuri M, Ursu D, van der Veen B, Liss B, [Kätzel D](#), Nissen W, Pekcec A*: *Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic actions of clozapine-N-oxide, clozapine, and compound 21 in DREADD-based chemogenetics in mice*. **Scientific Reports**, 2019.

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[Kätzel D](#), Zemelman BV, Buetfering C, Wölfel M, Miesenböck G*: *The columnar and laminar organization of inhibitory connections to neocortical excitatory cells.* **Nature Neuroscience**, 2011.

Publications: Books and Book Chapters

Liss B, [Kätzel D](#): *Kleinhirn*, in Brandes R, Lang F, Schmidt RF: **Physiologie des Menschen: mit Pathophysiologie**, Springer-Verlag, 2019.

Kohl MM, [Kätzel D](#): *Optogenetic mapping of neuronal connections and their plasticity*, in Appasani K (ed.): **Optogenetics: from neuronal function to mapping and disease biology**, Cambridge University Press, 2017.

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