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Personal Information

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Career development

since 2008	Full Professor of Quantum Nanophysics at University of Vienna,
2004 - 2008	Professor of Quantum Nanophysics at University of Vienna,
2002	Docent / Ao. Univ. Prof. at University of Vienna (Habilitation)
1999 - 2002	Universitätsassistent at University of Vienna, with Anton Zeilinger.
1997 - 1998	Postdoc at University of Innsbruck, with Anton Zeilinger.
1995 - 1997	Postdoc at Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris with Jean Dalibard
1994 - 1995	Postdoc at MPQ, Garching, with A. R. Weis and T. W. Hänsch
1991 - 1994	PhD (LMU, Munich) at MPQ, Garching: with A. R. Weis and T. W. Hänsch
1990 - 1991	Diploma Work at LMU Munich, with Herbert Walther

Professional activities

07/2020 – 9/2026	Scientific Director & V-DSPL, Vienna Doctoral School in Physics
10/2018 – 9/2022	Vice Dean, Faculty of Physics, University of Vienna
01/2020-12/2022	Coordinator, EU FET Open <i>SuperMaMa</i>
Since 9/2016	Speaker, Erwin Schrödinger Center for Quantum Science & Technology ESQ Austria
03/2016 – 06/2020	Speaker, Vienna Doctoral School in Physics
03/2013 – 02/2016	Coordinator, EU FET Open <i>NANOQUESTFIT</i>
2013 - 2015	PI & Founding member, Research Platform <i>QuNaBioS</i>
10/2012 – 09/2014	Dean, Faculty of Physics, University of Vienna
01/2007 – 09/2012	Speaker, Quantum optics, Q-nanophysics and Q-information
2006 - 2013	Speaker, Vienna FWF Graduate Program Complex Quantum Systems
2007 - 2011	Coordinator, ESF network: Molecule Interferometry & Metrology <i>MIME</i>
2008 - 2013	Member, Steering Committee to the ESF Network <i>Casimir</i>

Awards, Distinctions & Research Prizes

2020	Schrödinger Prize of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, ÖAW, with L. Erdős
2019	Robert-Wichard-Pohl Prize, German Physical Society, DPG
2018	Fetzer Pioneer Award, Fetzer Foundation
2014	Outstanding Referee for the journals of the American Physical Society (APS)
2013	Prize for Natural and Technical Sciences, City of Vienna
2012	ERC Advanced Grant, European Research Council
2008	Wittgenstein Prize, Ministry for Science and Research, BMWF & FWF
2006	Science Communication Award (3 rd), Austrian Science Fund, FWF
2001	START Prize, Ministry of Education, Science & Culture & FWF
2000	Fritz-Kohlrausch Prize, Austrian Physical Society, ÖPG
2000	Erich-Schmid-Prize, Austrian Acad. of Sciences, ÖAW, with G. Springholz

5 Distinguished fellowships and memberships

Since 2022	Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts
Since 2014	Corresponding Member, Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
2008-2013	Member Young Curia, Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
1996-1997	DFG research fellowship
1995-1996	Feodor-Lynen fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt foundation
1986-1991	Fellowship, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Research Interests

- **Universal matter-wave interferometry**
with atoms, clusters, tailored molecules, biomolecules and nanoparticles.
- **Quantum physics at the interface to the classical world:**
decoherence and interferometric tests of wave function collapse.
- **Quantum physics at the interface to chemistry:**
Quantum nanorulers to measure electric, magnetic, optical and structural properties of molecules.
- **Quantum physics at the interface to biology:**
Matter-wave experiments with vitamins, antibiotics and polypeptides.
- **Quantum physics at the interface to mass spectrometry technologies**
Quantum nanowire detectors for biomolecular beams
- **Quantum physics at the interface to optomechanics:**
Optical cooling of dielectric nanospheres in high-finesse microcavities as well as rotational cooling

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Probing quantum mechanics with nanoparticle matter-wave interferometry
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