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WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present: **Senior manager** (Light Imaging Facility) at the Human Technopole (HT), Milan
- 2017-2022: **Facility leader** (Advanced Imaging Facility) at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics (MPI-CBG), Dresden
- 2012-2017: **Project leader** (staff scientist) in Eugene W. Myers group, at the Center for System Biology Dresden (CSBD), Dresden
- 2006-2012: **Postdoctoral researcher** in Iva Tolić-Nørrelykke, Ph. D. group, MPI-CBG, Dresden
- 2001-2006: **PhD student** in the group of Prof. Othmar Marti, Ulm University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Since 2022 I am managing the Light Imaging Facility (LIF) at the HT. The facility support research at HT by offering the most advanced **commercially available microscopy technologies**. LIF also offers training to its users and organizes microscopy courses. I am also supervising the custom microscopy unit, which develops custom optomechanical solutions at HT.

In 2017 I established the Advanced Imaging Facility (AIF) at MPI-CBG. The facility offered **cutting-edge non-commercial microscopes** to the users of the Dresden campus. The facility operated in a multi-user environment and offered a **lattice lightsheet** microscope and a **single objective lightsheet** microscope. The AIF also supported experimental groups developing their **custom** microscopes, both for what concerns the optics, the mechanics and the software. The AIF was tightly integrated in the research infrastructure of MPI-CBG, collaborating both with internal facilities and with facilities in the Dresden campus. Moreover, AIF was chosen as the go-to place by a commercial company for developing a microscope prototype.

Since 2012 I worked as a project leader at CSBD, where I developed two custom selective plane illumination microscopes (**SPIM**). I have designed the mechanics and the optics, including a long working distance, water immersion microscope objective and several custom doublets used in the relay optics. I have upgraded one of the microscopes with **adaptive optics** to compensate for sample-induced aberrations. During my experience as a postdoc, I designed and built a **two-photon** microscope capable of **laser ablation** and equipped with **optical tweezers**. I designed the hardware, the optics, and the software controlling the system. The setup was used to study cytoskeletal forces in *Zebrafish* and yeast, eventually leading to the development of a model for the self-organization of dynein in *S. pombe*. In addition, the setup allowed for dissecting the role of centrosome in hippocampal rat neurons.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Microscopes developed

- Single objective lightsheet (in collaboration with a commercial partner)
- Software for controlling the FLUCS prototype (in collaboration with a research group at MPI-CBG)
- Lattice lightsheet (part of the Advanced Imaging Facility at MPI-CBG)
- Lightsheet for organoids imaging (part of the Advanced Imaging Facility at MPI-CBG)
- Multiview scanning lightsheet (Developed for the Myers lab at CSBD)
- Single and two-photon Bessel beam scanning lightsheet (Developed for the Myers lab at CSBD)
- Two-photon microscope with integrated laser ablation and optical tweezers (Developed as a postdoctoral researcher in the Tolić group, MPI-CBG)
- Optical tweezers (Developed as a PhD student in the Marti group, University of Ulm)
- Differential atomic force microscope (Developed as a PhD student in the Marti group, University of Ulm)

Furthermore, I have been using and troubleshooting custom **scanning probe** microscopes (atomic force microscopes, scanning near-field microscopes) and I am familiar with virtually any kind of **fluorescence microscopy** technique (confocal, spinning disc confocal, TIRF, STORM, STED, etc.).

Optical and mechanical design

I have designed and built a **multi-immersion, long working distance objective** (20× 0.2 NA). The objective has been successfully used in two of the microscopes I have built. I have designed and built both the optics and the mechanics, as well as the equipment needed to align and test the objective (**autocollimator**).

I am familiar with **optical design** and optimization programs (OSLO, Zemax, etc.) and with **CAD programs** (Autodesk Inventor).

Programming skills

I have written the controlling software for one of the microscopes I have built (two-photon microscope with laser ablation and optical tweezers). The software, developed in **Labview**, allowed for a tight integration of image acquisition, laser ablation, and optical trapping.

I have written several device adapters for Micromanager using **C++**, as well as **Python** and **C** simulations for several optic problems (Bessel beam characterization, adaptive optics, etc.). I have written simple ImageJ plugins in **Java** and ASCOM drivers for optomechanical devices in **Visual Basic** together with their **Arduino**-based firmware.

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