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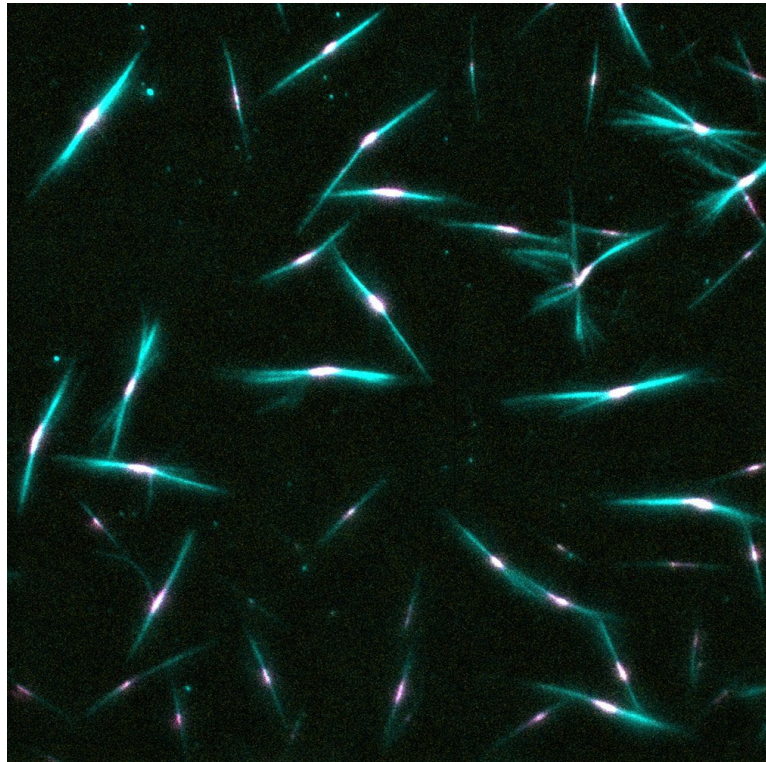
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I. ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 1995 **University of Tübingen, Germany**
Faculty for Chemistry and Pharmacy
Doctorate (Dr rer nat in Biochemistry):
- 1990 - 1995 **Max-Planck-Institute for Biology, Tübingen, Germany**
Department of Membrane Biochemistry
Graduate student (with Fritz Jähnig)
- 1990 **University of Tübingen**
Faculty for Chemistry and Pharmacy
Diploma in Biochemistry
- 1984 - 1990 **University of Tübingen**
Institute for Physiological Chemistry
Undergraduate student

II. POSITIONS HELD

- since 2019 **Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies, Barcelona, Spain**
Research Professor
- since 2019 **Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG), Barcelona Spain**
Quantitative Cell Biology Programme
2024 Co-coordinator of Quantitative Cell Biology department
2019 Senior Group Leader
- 2016 - 2021 **Kings College London, UK**
Honorary Professor
- 2015 - 2019 **The Francis Crick Institute, London, UK**
Senior Group Leader
- 2011 - 2022 **University College London, UK**
Honorary Professor
- 2011 - 2015 **Cancer Research UK (CRUK) - London Research Institute (LRI), UK**
Lincoln's Inn Fields Laboratories
Senior Group Leader
- 1998 - 2010 **European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Heidelberg, Germany**
Cell Biology and Biophysics Unit
2006 Group Leader
2002 Team Leader
2001 Staff Scientist (with Eric Karsenti)
1998 Postdoc (with Eric Karsenti and Stan Leibler):
- 1995 - 1997 **Princeton University, USA**
Departments of Molecular Biology and Physics
Postdoc (with Stan Leibler)

III. RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Awards

- 2021 **ASCB Fellow**, American Society of Cell Biology, USA
- 2020 **ERC Synergy Grant** (with Andrea Musacchio, MPI Dortmund, Germany & Francois Nédélec, University of Cambridge, UK)
- 2018 **Miller Professorship** at UC Berkeley, USA (autumn 2018)
- 2017 **Crick Surrey lab review: grade excellent** (chair: James Spudich, Stanford)
- 2016 **Whitman Center Fellow**, MBL, Woods Hole, USA
- 2015 **Hooke Medal** of the British Society of Cell Biology
- 2013 **ERC Advanced Grant**
- 2012 **EMBO member** (elected)

Invited Editorial Board Memberships

- Member of the Board of Reviewing Editors of 'Elife' (2016-2024)
- Monitoring Editor for the ASCB journal 'Molecular Biology of the Cell' (2014-2024)
- Advisory Editorial Board member for 'Cytoskeleton' (since 2019)
- Advisory Editorial Board member for 'Current Biology' (since 2014)
- Advisory Editorial Board member for 'EMBO Journal' (since 2011)

Membership in Scientific Organizations

- since 2012: European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO)
- since 2011: Biophysical Society
- since 1997: American Society of Cell Biology (ASCB)

IV. ACADEMIC TEACHING

Course Lecturer (last 10 years)

- 2019/2023 Lecturer at the UIMP Summer School on Synthetic Biology, Santander, Spain
- since 2020 Lecturer at the Annual CRG PhD Course
- 2011-2019 Lecturer at University College London for the CoMPLEX (2014-2019) and MRC-LMCB (2011-219) graduate programmes
- 2016 Lecturer at Birkbeck College London for the Wellcome Trust 'Molecular Machines' graduate programme
- 2015 Lecturer and Practical Instructor at the EMBO Practical Course 'Single Molecule and Single Cell Fluorescence Microscopy' at EMBL/Uni Heidelberg, Germany

Thesis Advisor, Post- and Undergraduate Sponsor

a. 17 PhD students (year of degree, university):

Jessica Vaughan (ongoing), Zoë Geraghty (ongoing), Sabina Colombo (ongoing), Julia Grawenhoff (2024, UPF Barcelona), Gil Henkin (2022, University College London (UCL)), Christel Michel (2021, Kings College London), Tanja Consolati (2019, UCL), Jamie Rickman (2019, UCL), Jonathon Hannabus (2017, UCL), Rupam Jha (2017, UCL), Christian Duellberg

(2014, UCL), Hella Baumann (2014, UCL), Martina Trokter (2011, University of Heidelberg), Christian Hentrich (2009, University of Heidelberg), Peter Bieling (2008, University of Heidelberg), Marianne Uteng (2008, University of Oslo), Julie Cahu (2007, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris)

b. 20 Postdoctoral Associates Sponsored (current affiliation):

Jo Judernatz (ongoing), Claudia Brito (ongoing), Wei Xiang Chew (ongoing), Wei Ming Lim (ongoing), Kseniya Ustinova (DIANA Biotechnologies), Juan Estévez-Gallego (PSI Villigen), Jayant Asthana (Sloane Kettering, New York), Johanna Roostalu (BioInnovation Institute, Copenhagen), Nic Cade (UCL London), Einat Schnur, (Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, London), Michael Juniper (Nikon UK), Todd Fallesen (The Francis Crick Institute, London), Franck Fourniol (Royal Society, London), Ivo Telley (IGC, Lisbon), Sebastian Maurer (Eppendorf, Hamburg), Emmanuel Boutant (Uni Strasbourg), Aurelien Olichon (Uni de la Réunion), Surajit Ghosh (IIT Jodhpur), Arne Seitz (EPFL Lausanne), Jan Vos (Bejo Zaden B.V., Harenkapsel), Henry Scheck (Sun Density, Rochester)

c. ~ 26 Diploma, Masters and Visiting Students Advised

V. EXTERNAL FUNDS AWARDED

External Grants:

2023: **Plan Estatal Grant** of the Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation, 3 years, € 487,500

Title: Control of microtubule nucleation, stability and organization - a focus on minus ends (MTMinusReg)

2022: **AUGUR Grant** (SGR-Cat 2021) of the Generalitat de Catalunya, 3 years, € 40,000

2021: **ERC Synergy Grant** (H2020), 6 years, PI, € 4.58 Mio

Network coordinator: Andrea Musacchio, MPI Dortmund, Germany; partner: François Nédélec, University of Cambridge, UK (total award: € 10.61 Mio)

Title: Integration of the Biochemical and Mechanical Networks of Cell Division (BIOMEKANET).

2020: **Plan Estatal Grant** of the Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation, 3 years, € 537,700

Title: Regulation of microtubule cytoskeleton dynamics and organization (MTCytoReg).

2016: **EU International Training Network** (ITN), 4 years, € 273,000

Network coordinator: Isabelle Vernos, CRG, Barcelona, Spain; total award: € 2.8 Mio

Title: A multi-disciplinary approach to cell division: From human oocyte to synthetic biology (DivIDe).

2013: **ERC Advanced Grant** (FP7), 5+1 years, € 2.49 Mio.

Title: Design principles of microtubule cytoskeleton architectures during cell division (Spindle Dynamics).

2010: **DFG**, 2 years, € 120,000.

Title: In vitro reconstitution of a minimal protein interaction network at microtubule ends that controls microtubule dynamics in vertebrates.

2008: **DFG**, 2 years, € 110,000.

Title: Molecular mechanism of the selective recognition of growing microtubule ends by vertebrate +TIPs.

2008: **HFSP**, 3+1 years, US\$ 300,000.

Network coordinator: Carsten Janke, Institut Curie, France; total award: US\$ 1.2 Mio.

Title: Deciphering the microtubule code.

2007: **DFG**, 2+2 years, € 140,000.

Title: Recombinant llama antibodies as sensors and inhibitors of intracellular protein activities during cell division.

2005: **EU STREP** (FP6) 'Active Biomimics', 2+1 years, € 128,000.

Network coordinator: Reinhard Lipowsky, MPI for Colloids and Interfaces, Potsdam, Germany; total award: € 2.4 Mio.

Title: Active biomimetic materials.

2005: **EU Marie Curie Research Training Network** (FP6) "Spindle Dynamics", 3 years, € 383,000.

Network coordinator: Thomas Surrey, EMBL, Germany; total award: € 2.4 Mio.

Title: Understanding the dynamics of cell division.

2003: **DFG**, 2 years, € 107,000.

Title: Motor proteins involved in mitotic spindle assembly: biochemistry of regulation and biophysics of collective mechanics.

2003: **DFG**, 2 years, € 107,000.

Title: Motor proteins involved in mitotic spindle assembly: biochemistry of regulation and biophysics of collective mechanics.

2002: **Volkswagen Foundation**, 3 years, € 311,000.

Title: Regulation of motor protein activities monitored by single molecule fluorescence microscopy.

Early Career Fellowships

1996: postdoc fellowship - Physics Department of Princeton University, 1 year.

1995: DFG postdoc fellowship, 1.5 years.

VI. MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Co-organizer of international conferences (last 15 years):

- 3rd Dynamic Cell Conference of the British Biochemical Society and the British Society for Cell Biology, Manchester, UK (2018)
- Circle Meeting on Biological Physics 2018, London, UK (2018)

- 1st and 2nd CNRS Jacques Monod Conference on the Actin and Microtubule Cytoskeleton, Marine Biology Laboratory, Roscoff, France (2015, 2017)
- Crick Biophysics Symposium (2015)
- ASCB Annual Meeting Program Committee Member (2013)
- 1st and 2nd EMBO Conference on Microtubule Structure, Regulation and Functions, ATC, Heidelberg (2010, 2012)

Home institution (last 10 years):

- CRG Quantitative Cell Biology department co-coordinator
- CRG Graduate Committee (Chair)
- Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology (BIST) Academic Working Group
- CRG External Seminar Committee
- PRBB Microfabrication Workgroup
- Crick Research Degrees Committee
- Crick Image Processing Work Group
- Crick Chemical Biology Work Group
- LRI Graduate Student Advisory Committee

VII. COLLABORATORS:

Current:

- **François Nédélec**, Sainsbury Laboratory, University of Cambridge, UK
- **Andrea Musacchio**, Max-Planck-Institute for Molecular Physiology, Dortmund, Germany
- **Oscar Llorca**, CNIO Madrid, Spain
- **Eva Nogales**, UC Berkeley, USA
- **Isabelle Vernos**, CRG Barcelona, Spain

Recent (last 10 years):

- **Michel Steinmetz**, Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen
- **Philipp Kukura**, University of Oxford, UK
- **Alessandro Costa**, The Francis Crick Institute, London, UK
- **Benoit Gigant**, CNRS, Gif-sur-Yvette, France
- **Joachim Spatz**, MPI Stuttgart, Germany
- **Gunnar Pruessner**, Imperial College, London, UK
- **Takashi Toda**, London Research Institute, UK
- **Lewis Griffin**, University College London, UK
- **Tarun Kapoor**, Rockefeller, New York, USA

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