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ABOUT

Date of birth: 15th July 1980

Nationality: Belgian

Language skills:

Dutch (native), English (proficient)

French, German, Portuguese (advanced)

Spanish, Polish (basic)

Professional aim:

development of new optics inspired technology for the nanosciences

EMPLOYMENT



Staff Researcher (2013-Present)

Research Fellow (2011-2013)

International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL), Braga, Portugal



Research Fellow (2009 – 2010)

INL, Braga, Portugal

Secondment to

Laboratory of Cellular Dynamics

Max-Planck Institute for Biophysical

Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany



Senior Physicist (2007 – 2008)

Chemical Research Group

Smiths Detection, Watford, UK

Imperial College London

Research Associate (2007)

Physics Department

EDUCATION

Imperial College London

PhD in Physics (2003 – 2006)

Photonics Group

Imperial College London, UK



Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

MSc in Engineering Physics (2000 – 2003)

University of Ghent, Belgium &

Eidgenössische Technische

Hochschule Zürich, Switzerland

BSc in Engineering (1998 – 2000)

University of Ghent, Belgium

SKILLS

Scientific instrumentation development

Scientific project management

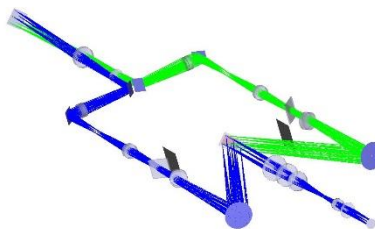
Multidisciplinary Research

Analogue electronics prototyping

Mechanical engineering prototyping



Optical Ray Tracing (ZEMAX)



Software development for instrumentation control and data analysis



KNOWLEDGE

Expert

- Atomic Force Microscopy
- Fluorescence instrumentation
- Optical microscopy
- Polarimetry
- Gas sensing

Basic

- X-ray Photon Scattering
- Gas chromatography

First Aid

Laser, chemical and biological safety

Optical microscopy suite management

MEMBERSHIPS

Biophysical Society (BPS)

Optical Society of America (OSA)

Society of Photo-Optical

Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE)

REFERENCES

Prof. P.M.W. French

Imperial College London, UK

Dr. Donna J. Arndt-Jovin

Max-Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Germany

Further references are available upon request

RESEARCH PROFILE

PLEASE CONSULT [GOOGLE SCHOLAR](#) OR [ORCID](#) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SCIENTIFIC DISSEMINATIONS

Group leader

- Institute:** International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL), Braga, Portugal
Noteworthy achievements:
 JOURNAL ARTICLE
Simultaneous differential spinning disk fluorescence optical sectioning microscopy and nanomechanical mapping atomic force microscopy
 Miranda A., Martins M. and De Beule P. A. A.
 Review of Scientific Instruments, **87**(4): 043701 (2015)

 JOURNAL ARTICLE
Simultaneous differential spinning disk fluorescence optical sectioning microscopy and nanomechanical mapping atomic force microscopy
 Miranda A., Martins M. and De Beule P. A. A.
 Review of Scientific Instruments, **86**(9): 093705 (2015)

 JOURNAL ARTICLE
Surface scattering of core-shell particles with anisotropic shell
 De Beule P. A. A.
 Journal of the Optical Society of America A, **31**(1): 162 (2014)

Post-doctoral Researcher

- Institute:** International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL), Braga, Portugal
Topic: Optical properties of lipids & Gas sensing of volatile organic compounds
Supervisor: Prof. Paulo J. P. Freitas (INL Scientific Director)
Noteworthy achievements:
 PATENT APPLICATION
Transmission window for a vacuum ultraviolet gas discharge lamp
 De Beule P.A.A.
 International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory
 European Patent Office Application (2013)
- Institute:** Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry MPIBpc, Göttingen, Germany
Topic: Development of a novel programmable array microscope for confocal fluorescence microscopy
Supervisors: Dr. Thomas M. Jovin & Dr. Donna J. Arndt-Jovin (Laboratory of Cellular Dynamics)
Noteworthy achievements:
 SPIE PHOTONICS WEST CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
Generation-3 programmable array microscope (PAM) with digital micro-mirror device (DMD)
 De Beule P.A.A., de Vries A.H.B., Arndt-Jovin D. and Jovin T.M.
 Proceedings Vol. 7932 (February 14, 2011)

Industrial R&D Researcher

- Company:** Smiths Detection Ltd, Watford, United Kingdom
Job title: Senior Physicist
Responsibilities: Consolidation of new gas detection technology for military, contraband surveillance and industrial safety
Manager: Dr. Alistair Clark (R&D team manager for chemical gas sensing)
Noteworthy achievements:
 GAS SENSOR PRODUCT VALIDATION
 Experimental validation of prototype instrumentation with Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA) at the Defence and Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), Porton Down, UK

Education

- Type:** Doctor of Philosophy
Institution: Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom
Department: Physics
Topic: Development of Multidimensional Fluorescence Instrumentation for Biomedical Applications
Supervisor: Prof. P.M.W. French (head photonics group) and Prof. M.A.A. Neil (lecturer optical communications)

Noteworthy achievements:

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Rapid Hyperspectral Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging

De Beule P.A.A., Owen D.M., Manning H.B., Talbot C.B., Requejo-Isidro J., Dunsby C., McGinty J., Benninger R.K.P., Elson D.S., Munro I., Lever M.J., Anand P., Neil M.A.A. and French P.M.W.
 Microscopy Research and Technique, **70**: 481 – 484 (2007)

JOURNAL ARTICLE

A hyperspectral fluorescence lifetime probe for skin cancer diagnosis

De Beule P.A.A., Dunsby C., Galletly N.P., Stamp G.W., Chu A., Anand U., Anand P., Benham C.D., Naylor A. and French P.M.W.
 Review of Scientific Instruments, **78**: 123101 (2007)

SPIE PHOTONICS WEST CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

A novel hyperspectral lifetime probe for autofluorescence

De Beule P., Dunsby C., Owen D., et al.
 Proceedings Vol. 6433 (February 14, 2007)

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE AWARD

Functional Imaging in Cell and Developmental Biology
 European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and National Centre for Biological Sciences
 (NCBS, Bangalore, India)
 Bangalore, India (2004)

- Type:** Master of Science in Engineering Physics
Institution: UGent, Ghent, Belgium
Department: Engineering and Architecture
Thesis topic: Measurement of the Ion Temperature in the Scrape-off Layer of a Tokamak with a Tunnel Probe

Thesis supervised by: Prof. Guido Van Oost (department of applied physics)

Noteworthy achievements:

ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Study grant from Swiss Federal Government

Exchange student at the physics department of the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETHZ)
 Academic year 2001-2002

MASTER THESIS

Awarded score (18/20) ranked top 50 university wide for academic year 2002-2003

JOURNAL ARTICLE (master thesis project)

Measurements of the Parallel and Perpendicular Ion Temperatures by Means of an Ion-sensitive Segmented Tunnel Probe

Balan P., Schrittwieser R., Adámek J., Barina O., De Beule P., Duran I, Gunn J.P., Hrach R, Hron M, Ionita C., Martines E, Pánek R., Stöckel J., Van Den Berge G., Van Oost G., Van Rompuy T. and Vicher M.
 Contrib. Plasma Phys. **44**(7-8): 683 – 688 (2004)

SUMMER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Carolus Magnus Summer School on Plasma and Fusion Energy Physics, Brussels, Belgium (2003)