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#### BIO

Education

Physik Diplom 2001, University of Freiburg, Germany,

Studies in Physics, Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby, Denmark,

Dr. rer. Nat. in Physics 2006, University of Freiburg, Germany

Appointments

2006-2009, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, Postdoctoral Associate

2009-2011 Research Scientist, Center for Free Electron Laser Science, Hamburg, Germany

2011-present SLAC National Accelerator Lab, Staff Scientist, LCLS,

#### CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Lead scientist in the LCLS Laser Science Department.

Group lead for Mid-infrared and THz sources.

Develops and supports THz pump-X-ray probe experiments at LCLS and in-house research on ultrafast spectroscopy with intense THz pulses.

### Professional

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Senior Member, Optical Society of America (2016 - present)

## Publications

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