

# **Curriculum vitae**

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Personal data: born 1953 in Remscheid, Germany

## **Professional Experience**

1971-1975 student of mathematics with minor physics at the University of

Münster, Germany

1979 Graduating (Diploma in Mathematics) with a thesis on: The

Douglas Problem for Surfaces of Prescribed Mean Curvature

1975-1978 Ph D student in mathematics at the University of Heidelberg,

Germany

1978 Ph D (Dr. rer. nat.) from University of Heidelberg. With a thesis

on: Regularity for Solutions to Semilinear Elliptic Systems

1978 postdoc at the University of Bonn, Germany

1978-1983 and 1984-1988 postdoc at the University of Heidelberg

1983-1984 Visitor at University of Chicago with a grant from DFG

1988 Habilitation at the University of Heidelberg with a thesis on: The

Parametric Capillarity Problem in Arbitrary Dimension

1988-1997 Professor (C3) for applied mathematics at the University of

Bonn

1997 offers (C4) from the Universities of Bonn, Erlangen and Leipzig

Since 1997 Professor (C4, chair for Mathematical Optimization) at the

University of Leipzig, Germany.

2001 offers from Freie Universität Berlin, and from Georgia Institute

of Technology

2002 External Scientific Member of the Max Planck Institute MIS

2002 Member of the Academy of Science and Literature Mainz



1986 and 1988 Visiting Fellow at ANU, Canberra, Australia

1993 and 1994 Visiting Prof. 1ere cl. at University St Etienne, France

1997 Visiting Scholar at Stanford University

1999 Visiting Professor Scuola Normale Sup Pisa

### Refereeing

DAAD

- DFG
- NATO (scientific programs)
- NSF
- Dutch Science Council
- BMBF (German Ministry for Science and Technology)

#### Professional activities

- "Continuum Mechanics and Thermodynamic"
- Managing editor "Journal of Analysis and its Applications" (ZAA)

### Teaching statement

I have been teaching courses to graduate and undergraduate students of mathematics and to students of other subjects.

Topics include:

PDE (graduate and undergraduate), Semigroups, ODE and bifurcation, Functional analysis, Stochastic differential equations, Numerics (undergraduate), Geometric measure theory, Free boundaries, Mathematical image analysis, Calculus of variations and optimal control. I have organized student seminars - an integral part of the German curriculum - on: Image analysis, Regularity theory for harmonic maps and minimal surfaces, Singular perturbations, Nonlinear functional analysis, Stochastic optimal control, Compactness methods in pde,

I have been teaching calculus to students of computer science, physics and business and computing,

I believe in exposing students in graduate courses to current research topics. Working with my own graduate students one of my main aims is to bridge the gap between hard rigorous mathematics and applications. I try to teach also the weaker students that advanced mathematics can be a useful tool e. g. in engineering and science. I think I have been successful up to a point.