

# PROF. DR. LUCAS LABADIE

## Curriculum Vitae

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Born March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1977  
French, Italian citizenship  
Languages: French, Italian, English, German, Spanish

### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

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- 2009 **French Habilitation at University of Grenoble to apply to assistant professorship**
- 2006 **PhD in Physics and Astronomy, Université Josphe Fourier, France**  
*Title: Integrated Optics in the thermal infrared – application to nulling interferometry for the search of Earth-like planets*
- 2000 **MSc. in Physics, Optics and Image processing, Université of Marseille, France**
- 1999 **Engineering Degree in Applied Physics, National School of Physics of Marseille, France**  
Now *Ecole centrale de Marseille*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2011 - present **Tenured professor ("Universitätsprofessor") for Experimental Physics**  
Institut für Astrophysik, Universität zu Köln
- 2009 - 2011 **Postdoctoral Consolider-GTC Research fellow with Prof. R. Rebolo**  
Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias, Tenerife, Spain
- 2006 - 2009 **Postdoctoral researcher with Prof. H.-W. Rix and Dr. Th. Herbst**  
Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2002 - 2006 **Graduate student and teaching assistant**  
University of Grenoble, France
- 2001 - 2002 **ESA Young Graduate optical scientist**  
European Space Agency, ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands
- 2000 - 2001 **Industry engineer**  
Matra-Nortel, Paris, France

### RESEARCH AREAS

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Protoplanetary disks, Low- to high-mass young stellar objects, Star and planet formation, Binary stars and sub-stellar companions, Optical and Infrared Interferometry, Infrared instrumentation for the ELT, Astro-photonics and integrated optics

### RESEARCH FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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- 2020 – 2021 Feature Editor on Astrophotonics, Applied Optics (OSA)
- 2019 – 2020 Topical Team Member for the ESA Voyage-2050 Strategic Plan
- 2019 Co-author of the LIFE mission proposal  
*Call for white papers for Voyage 2050*
- 2018 – now Co-Investigator of the METIS/ELT first-light instrument project
- 2017 – now Core member of the VLT/GRAVITY Science working group on Young Stellar Objects  
*The GRAVITY Young Stellar Object survey*
- 2016 – now Associate member of the MATISSE Science Team
- 2016 – now Co-Investigator and then P.I. of the DFG-funded NAIR/APREXIS project
- 2015 Organizer and chair of the VLT Summer School
- 2014 – 2018 Spokesperson and co-PI of the BMBF-funded ALSI project
- 2013 Member of the Kick-Off team of the *Planet Formation Imager* project
- 2012 – 2018 Member of the *Future of Interferometry* Working Group
- 2013 Core participant to the "Exploring Habitable Worlds beyond our Solar System" proposal  
*Call for ESA L-class missions*

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| 2012 – 2023 | Assessor for international funding agencies (ANR, DFG, NWO, ARC)           |
| 2010        | Core proposer of the NEAT mission<br><i>M-class ESA Cosmic Vision call</i> |
| 2009 – 2011 | Member of the CANARICAM Science Team (CCST)                                |
| 2008 – now  | Reviewer for refereed journals (OSA, Nature, MNRAS, A&A, ApJ, RMAs, IEEE)  |
| 2007        | Core proposer of the Darwin mission<br><i>ESA Cosmic Vision call</i>       |

## COMMITTEES

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| 2025-2027   | Member of the Astronomy Working Group (AWG) of the European Space Agency (3-year mandate)  |
| 2024        | Member and President of the Science Council of the Jean-Marie Mariotti Center (5-year mandate)                                     |
| 2024        | Co-chair and SOC member of: <i>GRAVITY+ Workshop: Impact on star and planet formation</i>  |
| 2024        | External referee for the "Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern" (VHB)   |
| 2023 – 2024 | Head of the Search Committee for a Faculty professorship – <i>Universität zu Köln</i>  |
| 2020 – 2021 | Member of the ESO Observing Program Committee (OPC)  |
| 2015 – now  | Head of the Master of Physics Examination Board – <i>Universität zu Köln</i>   |
| 2014 – now  | Chair and co-chair of various SPIE and CLEO international conferences (>6)   |
| 2018        | Rectorate representative in the search committees of the Faculties of Medicine and Arts & Humanities<br><i>Universität zu Köln</i> |
| 2016 – now  | Member of the Advisory Committee, Bonn Cologne Graduate School (BCGS)  |

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| 2005        | European Space Agency External Fellowship   | <i>declined</i> |
| 2008 – now  | >100 h of observing time with VLT, VLTI, WHT  |                 |
| 2009        | Tenure-track 5-year staff position, University of Porto                             | <i>declined</i> |
| 2017 – now  | Grant: The Warm Calibration Unit of METIS (PI)                                      | 2.8 M€          |
| 2014 – 2018 | Grant: Advanced Laser-writing for Stellar Interferometry (PI)                       | 0.4 M€          |
| 2016 – 2020 | Grant: NAIR – Novel Astronomical Instrumentation through Photonic Reformatting (PI) | 0.4 M€          |
| 2023 – 2026 | Grant: NAIR-APREXIS (PI and Spokesperson)   | 1.2 M€          |
| 2023 – 2027 | Grant: A high-resolution view of massive stars in peculiar habitats (PI)            | 0.5 M€          |

## TEACHING AND OUTREACH

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| 2012 – now | Lectures in Experimental Physics and Astrophysics in BSc and MSc ( <a href="#">here</a> ); <a href="#">Blackboard lectures</a> , MPIfR; Lecturer at the Astrophotonics Summer School, September 2012, Potsdam; Invited lecturer at the <a href="#">"Ecole Evry Schatzmann 2024"</a> .                                   |
| 2012 – now | Main advisor for several completed doctoral dissertations (>5), master (>10), and bachelor (>15) theses ( <a href="#">here</a> ); Advisor of 10 Post-docs: Peter Schuller, Rebekka Grellmann, Tarun Sharma, Jan Tepper, Nicola Baccichet, Monika Rutowska, Florian Peissker, Yigit Dallilar, Vipin Kumar, Emma Bordier. |
| 2012 – now | Outreach activities (Astronomy on Tap, Cologne; Public Talk on the Nobel Prize 2019, Bonn; Participation to a TV documentary (ARTE); Press releases in general newspapers and websites (>5).  |

## PUBLICATIONS AND MAIN INVITED TALKS

271 refereed and non-refereed publications, 3794 citations, H-index: 32 (Google scholar) – visit link [publications](#)

2013: Horizon 2020 Workshop – Session Mission Concepts, Madrid, Spain  
 2013: "Improving the performances of current optical interferometers and future designs", OHP Observatory, France  
 2014: "Fiber Optics in Astronomy IV", Cambridge, MA, USA  
 2016: SPIE Review "Astrophotonics in the context of optical/IR interferometry", Edinburgh, UK  
 2017: "The potential of 3-5  $\mu\text{m}$  integrated optics for VLTI interferometry", VLTI Community Days, ESO-Garching, Germany  
 2017: "YSOs and their disk(s) at high-angular resolution at optical and IR wavelengths", Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany  
 2019: Public talk "Exoplaneten: von 51 Peg b zur Suche nach Leben im All", Universität Bonn, Germany  
 2021: "The GRAVITY view of young protoplanetary disks inner regions", Core to disks, Orsay, France  
 2022: SPIE Review "A report on the status of astrophotonics for optical/IR interferometry and beyond", Montreal, Canada  
 2023: "Future instrumental perspectives for the observational study of young stars", Cargèse, France  
 2024: "The GRAVITY view of young protoplanetary disks inner regions", Ringberg Castle Workshop, Germany