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cycle ‘Micro-/nano-structured materials and nanomaterials for sensors, photonics, and energy generation (2004–2018)’. In 2020, he established a start-up company ‘Nanoversa’ focused on the commercialization of the templated self-assembly solutions and diffractive optics technologies developed at the University.