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He studied organic technology at the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology and joined the Institute of Microbiology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, in 1991. In 1995, he received a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology. He was appointed the Chair of the Laboratory of Molecular Structure Characterization in 2006. Commencing in 2008, his laboratory began applying mass spectrometry imaging and ambient ionization techniques. The lab now owns 12 T FTICR and ion mobility MS instruments, three NMR spectrometers (including a HPLC-NMR-MS instrument), and multiple electron and optical microscopy equipment.