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Education

1986 – 1993	Geotech. Eng. (Dr.-Ing.), Karlsruhe University, Germany
1982 – 1985	Geotech. Eng., (MSc), Xian University of Technology, China
1978 – 1982	Civil Eng. (Bachelor), Wuhan University, China

Employment

2003 -	Professor & director, BOKU, Vienna, Austria
2002 - 2003	Project manager, Electrowatt Infra Ltd, Zurich, Switzerland
1993 - 2002	Senior engineer, Lahmeyer International Ltd, Frankfurt, Germany
1992 – 1986	Assistant, Karlsruhe University, Germany

Service to research community

- Editor-in-chief: Acta Geotechnica (founding editor-in-chief)
<https://www.springer.com/journal/11440>
- Editor-in-chief: Springer Series in Geomechanics and Geoengineering
<https://www.springer.com/series/8069>
- Associate editor: Canadian Geotechnical Journal from 2020
- Chairman of Board, Otto Pregl Foundation for Fundamental Geotechnical Research, Vienna, Austria (starting capital about 3 million Euro)
<https://boku.ac.at/en/baunat/igt/otto-pregl-stiftung>
- Convener of several conferences, e.g. China-Europe Conference on Geotechnical Engineering, Vienna, 2018; International Symposium on Particle-Based Continuum Methods and their Applications in Geomechanics, Vienna, 2019
- Editor of 5 books by Springer-Nature

Prize and award

- Advanced Grant, European Research Council, 2024
- Gold medal, Technical University of Brno, Czech Republic, 2024

Patent

A device for charging concrete in tremie pipe, European Patent Office, 2023

Teaching activities in English and German

Undergraduate and graduate courses in German and English: soil mechanics, foundation engineering, advanced soil mechanics, underground constructions, slope engineering, geoenvironmental engineering (landfill). Supervision of three habilitations, more than thirty PhD theses and more than one hundred MSc theses.

Research expertise

I have coordinated several large research projects as PI with project partners across Europe and the world funded by the European Commission. My strength lies in the initiation and coordination of multidisciplinary research projects. My personal expertise includes the following fields:

- Geomechanics, granular materials
- Foundation engineering
- Tunneling and underground construction
- Landslide and debris flow
- Soil bioengineering: interaction between soil and plant
- Geo-energy and energy storage
- Constitutive model and numerical simulations

Engineering practice

I had worked with engineering companies in Germany and Switzerland with experience of more than ten years between 1992 and 2003 as senior engineer and project manager with leading engineering companies in Europe, Lahmeyer International Ltd (now Tractebel) in Germany and Electrowatt Ltd (now Pöyry) in Switzerland. I participated in numerous high profiles projects around the world such as

- High speed rail-link between Frankfurt and Cologne, Germany
- Highway project, Cotapata-Santa Barbara, Bolivia
- Metro and airport Athens, Greece
- Foundation works, Potsdamer Platz, Berlin, Germany
- Egnatia Odos, Greece
- Metro Bangkok, Thailand
- Capital airport rehabilitation, Kuwait
- Gotthard Base Tunnel, Switzerland

Selected research projects

Project title: Modeling transient granular flow

Funding: European Research Council (<https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-04/erc-2023-adg-results-pe.pdf>)

Budget: 2.5 Million Euro (own budget 2.5 M€)

My role: PI

Duration: 2024 – 2029

Project title: Localization in Geophysics, Geohazards and Geoengineering

Funding: European Commission (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101129729>)

Budget: 1.5 Million Euro (own budget 0.5 M€)

Partners: 9 partners from 8 European countries

My role: PI

Duration: 2024 – 2028

Project title: High-fidelity multiscale modelling of debris flows

Funding: Austrian Science Foundation (<https://boku.ac.at/baunat/newsitem/76976>)

Budget: 400,000 Euro

My role: PI

Duration: 2023 – 2027

Project title: Fracture across scales and materials, processes and discipline

Funding: European Commission (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/734485>)

Budget: 1.1 Million Euro (own budget 0.2 M€)

Partners: 11 partners from 8 European countries

My role: Co-PI

Duration: 2017 – 2023

Project title: Towards geohazards resilient infrastructure under changing climates

Funding: European Commission (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/778360>)

Budget: 2.2 Million Euro (own budget 0.4 M€)

Partners: 10 partners from 6 European countries

My role: Co-PI

Duration: 2017 – 2023

Project title: Multiscale Modelling of Landslides and Debris Flows

Funding: European Commission (www.mumolade.com/)

Budget: 4.3 Million Euro (own budget 1.2 M€)

Partners: 13 partners from 7 European countries

My role: PI

Duration: 2012 – 2016

Project title: Geotechnical control in quality and environment during road construction

Funding: Construction Company Porr AG

Budget: 1.2 Million Euro

My role: PI

Duration: 2006 – 2020

Project title: Reinforced Vegetation Numerical Evaluation of Slopes

Funding: European Commission (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/324466>)

Budget: 0.8 Million Euro (own budget 0.4 M€)

Partners: 4 partners from 3 European countries

My role: PI

Duration: 2013 – 2016

Project title: Integrated Risk Assessment of Hydrologically-Driven Landslides
Funding: European Commission (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/295225>)
Budget: 250,000 Euro
Partners: 3 partners from China, India and Mexico
My role: PI
Duration: 2014 – 2017

Project title: Numerical and experimental studies of failure initiation in unsaturated slopes
Funding: Austrian Science Foundation (web.stanford.edu/~borja/nsffwf/)
Budget: 320,000 Euro
Partner: Prof. Borja, Stanford University, USA
My role: PI
Duration: 2009 – 2013

Project title: DEM simulation for industrial and scientific applications
Funding: European Commission (FP7) (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/238577>)
Budget: 3.2 Million Euro (own budget 0.4 M€)
Partners: 12 partners from 7 European countries
My role: Co-PI
Duration: 2009 – 2014

Edited books

- Wu W, Wang YT, Recent Geotechnical Research at BOKU, Springer, 2024
- Wu W, Desiderata Geotechnica, Springer, 2019
- Wu W, Recent Advances in Geotechnical Research, Springer, 2019
- Wu W, Recent Advances in Modeling Landslides and Debris Flows, Springer 2015
- Wu W and Yu HS, Modern Trends in Geomechanics, Springer Berlin, 2006

Publications in peer reviewed journals

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18. Wang Y, Wu W. Hypoplastic model for solid-like and fluid-like granular flows. *Computers and Geotechnics*. 172, 106466. 2024
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