### Sebastiaan Van Nuffel

#### PhD in Analytical Chemistry, Specialized in Biological & Clinical Imaging Mass Spectrometry

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## **Recent Appointments**

December 2020 -

Today	Location: Faculty of Science and Engineering as well as the M4I Division of
	Imaging Mass Spectrometry, Maastricht University

Activity: I will start building a research program and group focusing on expanding and connecting ToF-SIMS imaging to other levels of information in order to help us understand disease and biology from atoms to anatomy. I

received tenure on January 28, 2022.

**Assistant Professor (Tenured)** 

January 2020 – Assistant Research Professor (NTT)

December 2020 Location: Materials Characterization Laboratory (MCL), Materials Research

Institute (MRI), Pennsylvania State University

Activity: I established independent collaborations with PSU faculty as well as industrial partners and obtained internal and external funding to sustain this

research.

January 2019 - **Postdoctoral Scholar** 

December 2019 Location: Materials Characterization Laboratory (MCL), Materials Research

Institute (MRI), Pennsylvania State University

Activity: I conducted biological ToF-SIMS research in the Materials Characterization Laboratory (MCL) of the Materials Research Institute (MRI) as well as the research group of Professor Nicholas Winograd within the

Department of Chemistry.

January 2017 - Postdoctoral Researcher

December 2018 Location: Natural Product Chemistry Institute (ICSN), French National Center

for Scientific Research (CNRS) Supervisor: Dr. Alain Brunelle

Activity: I was part of Dr. Alain Brunelle's Mass Spectrometry Group at the Natural Product Chemistry Institute (ICSN) of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). I worked on a variety of different projects within the scope of the DEFIMAGE (Project ID: ANR-15-CE29-0007) and CHEWING (Labex

Ceba Strategic Project 2017-2019) grants.

November 2016 - Research Assistant

December 2016 Location: School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham

Supervisor: Dr. Mischa Zelzer

Activity: Led a two-month project to design and test a new sample holder for

correlative cryo-SEM and cryo-ToF-SIMS imaging of frozen cells.

#### Education

2016 PhD, School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham (UK)

Supervisors: Dr. Mischa Zelzer and Dr. Noah Russell

Thesis title: "Three-dimensional Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry Imaging of Primary Neuronal Cell Cultures"

2013 MSc in Chemistry, University of Antwerp (BE)

Supervisor: Prof. Luc Van Vaeck

Thesis title: "Preliminary Research of Molecular Depth Profiling with ULAM-S-SIMS of Industrial Laminate Systems"

2011 BSc in Chemistry, University of Antwerp (BE)

Supervisors: Prof. Luc Van Vaeck and Prof. Koen Janssens

Thesis titles: "Optimization of the Imaging of coated Fibers with Time-of-flight (TOF) Static Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (S-SIMS)" and "Comparison of the Analysis Possibilities of Paint Samples using various FTIR Techniques"

#### **Honors and Awards**

2020 ACS Editors' Choice

2019 BMSS John Beynon Travel and Conference Fund

2019 Travel Grant for Early Career Scientists from the Analytical Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry

2019 Travel bursary from the Early Career Researchers Fund of the Institute of Physics

2018 Travel Grant for Early Career Scientists from the Analytical Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry

2016 Overseas Conference Travel Grant from the Analytical Chemistry Trust Fund

#### Selected Funding, Grants and Contracts

Ongoing

2023 – 2025 European Commission: MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship (Dr. Caroline Bouvier)

Role: Primary Supervisor

Title: "Synergistic Combination of Immunolabeling and Molecular Imaging

Technologies for Art Research (SCIMITAR)"

Grant agreement ID: 101108506

DOI: 10.3030/101108506

2023 – 2025 CZI: Advancing Imaging Through Collaborative Projects (PI: Dr. Ian Anthony)

Role: Co-PI

Title: "Fast Mass Spectrometry Imaging for Immunohistochemistry"

2022 - Present Atoms2Anatomy Fund (UFL/SWOL)

Role: Trustee

Scope: The Atoms2Anatomy Fund supports the development of Dr. Sebastiaan Van Nuffel's research group at Maastricht University. The general aim of this group is the development and application of imaging mass spectrometry techniques in life sciences research and a specific goal is the development of a multi-scale approach to investigate

biological models and clinical samples from atoms to anatomy.

2021 – Present PhD student (4y) provided by the Sectorplan Bèta en Techniek

Role: Pl

Title: "The Development of Multiscale Multiomic Approaches using ToF-SIMS in the

Context of Biomedical Research Applications"

Completed (within the last 3 years)

2020 – 2022 PSU Pathway to Partnerships (P3) Stage 2 Application (PI: Prof. Neil Christensen)

Role: Co-PI

Title: "Papillomavirus-induced tumor tissue imaging using two novel mass

spectrometry methods: TOF-SIMS and MIBI-TOF"

January 2019 – Management ToF-SIMS Facility, Pennsylvania State University

December 2020 Role: I co-managed the ToF-SIMS core facility at the Materials Characterization

Laboratory.

## **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

192 citations, H-index: 5 (Google Scholar, October 15, 2023)

- 9. Latiş, S., Marschner, C., Baumgartner, J., Prince, S., Biswas, S., Chakraborty, S., Garcia, K.G., Heeren, R.M.A., **Van Nuffel, S.**, Blom, B. (2023) Synthesis and in vitro anticancer studies of arene ruthenium (II) and arene osmium (II) complexes bearing arsine and stibine co-ligands on breast cancer cell-lines. Journal of Organometallic Chemistry, 122891.
- 8. Anderson, H.J., Sahoo, J.K., Wells, J., Van Nuffel, S., Dhowre, H.S., Oreffo, R.O.C., Zelzer, M., Ulijn, R.V., Dalby, M.J. (2022) Cell-controlled dynamic surfaces for skeletal stem cell growth and differentiation. Scientific Reports, 12, 8165.
- 7. Bouvier, C., **Van Nuffel, S.**, Walter, P., Brunelle, A. (2022). TOF-SIMS Imaging in Cultural Heritage: a focus on old paintings. Journal of Mass Spectrometry, e4803.
- 6. Tuck, M., Blanc, L., Touti, R., Patterson, N.H., **Van Nuffel, S.**, Villette, S., Taveau, J.C., Römpp, A., Brunelle, A., Lecomte, S., Desbenoit, N. (2021). Multimodal Imaging Based on Vibrational Spectroscopies and Mass Spectrometry Imaging Applied to Biological Tissue: A Multiscale and Multiomics Review. Analytical Chemistry, 93(1), 445-477.
- 5. **Van Nuffel, S.**, Ang, K.C., Lin, A., Cheng, K. (2021). Chemical Imaging of Retinal Pigment Epithelium in Frozen Sections of Zebrafish Larvae using ToF-SIMS. Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry, 32(1), 255–261.
- 4. Van Nuffel, S., Quatredeniers, M., Pirkl, A., Zakel, J., Le Caer, J.P., Elie, N., Vanbellingen, Q., Dumas, S., Nakhleh, M., Ghigna, M., Fadel, E., Humbert, M., Chaurand, P., Touboul, D., Cohen-Kaminsky, S., Brunelle, A. (2020). Multimodal Imaging Mass Spectrometry to Identify Markers of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in Human Lung Tissue using MALDI-ToF, ToF-SIMS and Hybrid SIMS. Analytical Chemistry, 92(17), 12079–12087.
- 3. **Van Nuffel, S.**, Elie, N., Yang, E., Nouet, J., Touboul, D., Chaurand, P. & Brunelle, A. (2018). Insights into the MALDI Process after Matrix Deposition by Sublimation using 3D ToF-SIMS Imaging. Analytical Chemistry, 90(3), 1907-1914.
- 2. Van Nuffel, S., Parmenter, C., Scurr, D. J., Russell, N. A., & Zelzer, M. (2016). Multivariate analysis of 3D ToF-SIMS images: method validation and application to cultured neuronal networks. Analyst, 141(1), 90-95.
- 1. Vercammen, Y., Moons, N., Van Nuffel, S., Beenaerts, L., & Van Vaeck, L. (2013). Experimental study of the organic ion intensity distribution in the ion imaging of coated polymer fibres with S-SIMS. Applied Surface Science, 284, 354-365.

# **Book Chapters**

3. C. Bouvier, A. Brunelle & **S. Van Nuffel**. Transferable Mass Spectrometry Methods: Examination of Authenticity in Artwork. In Applications of Mass Spectrometry for the Provision of Forensic Intelligence (Chapter 10). Royal Society of Chemistry, London, UK. (Submitted and accepted.)

- 2. L. Blanc, A. Brunelle, C. Courrèges, N. Desbenoit, I. Fournier, J. Franck, L. Labeyrie, S. Mounicou, J.-Y. Salpin, D. Schaumlöffel, M.A. Subirana, D. Touboul, M.D. Tuck, **S. Van Nuffel** & M. Wisztorski. Imagerie par Spectrométrie de Masse: Principes et Applications. ISTE, Encyclopédie Science, Chimie Analytique, Chapitre XXX. (Submitted and accepted.)
- 1. **Van Nuffel, S.** & Brunelle, A. (2022). TOF-SIMS Imaging of Biological Tissue Sections and Structural Determination Using Tandem MS. In Mass Spectrometry Imaging of Small Molecules (pp. 77-86). Humana, New York, NY.

### **Invited Talks**

- 12. "An Anthology of Integrative ToF-SIMS Imaging", SIMS Europe 2023, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, 7-9 September 2023.
- 13. "Integrative ToF-SIMS Imaging: Applications and Outlook", Webinar GDR-MSI, France, 21 October 2022.
- 11. "Answering Biomedical Questions Using Integrative ToF-SIMS Imaging", 23rd International Conference on Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS23), Minneapolis, MN, USA, 18-23 September 2022.
- 10. "Mass Spectrometry and Mass Spectrometry Imaging to Examine Authenticity in Artwork", International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC2022) Focus Group Forensics, Maastricht, The Netherlands, 30 August 2022.
- 9. "ToF-SIMS at Maastricht University: Applications and Future Work", Virtual PHI User Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 21-22 September 2021.
- 8. "Identifying Markers of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in Human Lung Tissue using Multimodal Imaging Mass Spectrometry", Virtual MSIS OurCon MS Imaging Seminar, UK, 16 June 2021.
- 7. "Chemical Imaging of Retinal Pigment Epithelium in Frozen Sections of Zebrafish Larvae Using ToF-SIMS", Webinar: Third Annual Penn State College of Medicine Research Cores Symposium, Hershey, PA, USA, 18-19 November 2020.
- 6. "Chemical Imaging of Retinal Pigment Epithelium in Frozen Sections of Zebrafish Larvae Using ToF-SIMS", PHI's Virtual Fall Workshop, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 17-19 November 2020.
- 5. "Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry: Biological Applications", Making the Best of a Bad Situation characterization webinar series organized by the Pennsylvania State University, the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota, USA, 13 May, 2020.
- 4. "Imaging Mass Spectrometry: Answering Biomedical Questions using Spatially Resolved Chemical Information", Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences Grand Rounds, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, USA, 20 November 2019.
- 3. "Label-Free Chemical Imaging of Tissues and Single Cells using Imaging Mass Spectrometry", Webster Science Café Talk, PSU Post Doc Society, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, USA, 29 August 2019.
- "3D Label-Free Chemical Imaging of Tissues and Single Cells using Imaging Mass Spectrometry", Millennium Café, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA, 23 April 2019.

1. "Understanding MALDI through 3D ToF-SIMS Imaging", NESAC/BIO, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, 16 November 2017.

### **Oral Presentations at Refereed Conferences**

- 7. "ToF-SIMS Imaging of Zebrafish Pigmented Cells", 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS22), Miyakomesse, Kyoto, Japan, 20-25 October 2019.
- 6. "ToF-SIMS Imaging of Biological Tissue: Challenges and Opportunities", 2019 PHI User's Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 10-11 September 2019.
- 5. "Gazing at Titian's Ecce Homo with Imaging Mass Spectrometry", SIMS Europe 2018, Physical Institutes of the University of Münster, Münster, Germany, 16-18 September 2018.
- 4. "Advanced ToF-SIMS Image Analysis: PCA, Random Forests and Applications", 8th Annual French ION-TOF User's Meeting, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg, 15-16 March 2018.
- 3. "Understanding MALDI through 3D ToF-SIMS Imaging", 21st International Conference on Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS21), Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, 10-15 September 2017.
- 2. "3D ToF-SIMS Imaging of Primary Cell Cultures", SIMS Europe 2016, Physical Institutes of the University of Münster, Münster, Germany, 18-20 September 2016.
- 1. "3D ToF-SIMS Imaging of Primary Neuronal Cultures", RSC Biomaterials Chemistry Meeting, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom, 7-8 January 2016.

# **Teaching Experience**

Period 4, 2023	Coordinator, Advanced Image Processing and Artificial Intelligence (MIE1007), Faculty of Science and Engineering, Maastricht University
Period 3, 2023	Coordinator, Research and Engineering Project I (PRO4004), Faculty of Science and Engineering, Maastricht University
Period 3, 2023	Planning Group Member, Pre-clinical Imaging (MBS1501), Faculty of Health, Medicine & Life Sciences, Maastricht University
Period 2, 2022	Coordinator, Imaging Engineering (CEN2005), Faculty of Science and Engineering, Maastricht University
Period 2, 2022	Guest Lecturer, Advances in Biomedical Sciences (SCI3050), Faculty of Health, Medicine & Life Sciences, Maastricht University
Period 4, 2022	Planning Group Member, Pre-clinical Imaging (MBS1501), Faculty of Health, Medicine & Life Sciences, Maastricht University
Period 1, 2021	Co-coordinator, Academic Skills and Project Management (SKI1101), Faculty of Science and Engineering, Maastricht University

Period 6, 2021	Tutor, Critical Appraisal of Biomedical Publication (BBS1006), Faculty of Health, Medicine & Life Sciences, Maastricht University
June 13, 2019	Guest Lecturer, Chemistry Research Experience Undergraduate (REU) Program, Pennsylvania State University Seminar titled: "3D Label-Free Chemical Imaging of Tissues and Single Cells using Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry"
Autumn 2017	Lecturer, Unités d'Enseignements (UE): Méthodologies en Protéomique for the M2 Ingénierie et Chimie des Biomolécules (ICBM) organized by Dr. Virginie Redeker, Université Paris-Saclay Course on the fundamentals and instrumentation of mass spectrometry given to

master's students in class sizes averaging 10 students.

# Mentorship

BSc students	As a PhD student, I co-supervised undergraduate students during their bachelor thesis projects. I compiled reading lists for their literature review and helped them set up experimental plans, analyze data and writing their thesis.
MSc students	During my time as a postdoc with the CNRS, I co-supervised the master thesis project of a foreign exchange student. As an assistant professor at the UM, I organize the first project period of the master Imaging Engineering.
PhD students	As an assistant professor at the UM, I currently supervise one PhD student in my group.
Postdocs	As an assistant professor at the UM, I currently supervise two postdoctoral researchers in my group and co-supervise another. I also co-supervised a postdoctoral researcher during 2021.

# **Reviewer Duties**

For an up-to-date overview of my reviewer duties, please visit my author profile at webofscience.com.

# **Committees and Boards**

2020 - 2022	International scientific committee member of the SIMS-23 conference
2021 - today	M4I Representative for the Platform Scientific Integrity (FHML/MUMC+)
2021 - today	Board of Admissions (BoA) for the MSc Imaging Engineering (FSE)
2022 - today	Trustee of the Atoms2Anatomy Fund (UFL/SWOL)

## **Scientific Memberships**

2023 – today British Mass Spectrometry Society (BMSS)

2023 – today American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS)

2021 – today Nederlandse Vereniging voor Massaspectrometrie (NVMS)

2015 – today Institute of Physics (MInstP)

2015 – today Royal Society of Chemistry (MRSC)

#### **Licenses & Certifications**

Course Small Group Teacher Training (tutor, coach, etc.)

FHML, Maastricht University, June 2021- no expiration date.

Examiner course

FHML, Maastricht University, February 2021- no expiration date.

Introductory course on the principles of PBL

FHML, Maastricht University, January 2021- no expiration date.

**BSAFE** 

UNDSS, ID 2894679, October 2020 - no expiration date.

EMI Professional Development Series

FEMA, October 2020 - no expiration date.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) - Basic

CITI Program, ID 36108122, July 2020 - no expiration date.

IONTOF Level 2 TOF.SIMS 5 Maintenance Certificate

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# Languages

Dutch native proficiency

English bilingual proficiency

French professional working proficiency