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**Prof. Dr. Mischa Bonn** joined the Max Planck Society in 2011 as a Director at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, heading the Molecular Spectroscopy Department. Mischa completed his MSc degree in physical chemistry in 1993 at the University of Amsterdam (NL) and performed his PhD research (1993-1996) at the FOM-Institute for Atomic and Molecular Physics in Amsterdam. After postdoctoral stays at the Fritz Haber Institute and Columbia University, New York, he became assistant professor in 1999 at Leiden University, to receive tenure and promotion to associate professor in 2002. In 2004, he returned to the Institute for Atomic and Molecular Physics in Amsterdam as group leader. His scientific interests focus on developing and applying laser-based (ultrafast) spectroscopies to advance our understanding of natural phenomena, specifically at interfaces – often involving Mischa's favorite molecule: water. Mischa has supervised 45 PhD students, has published over 500 papers (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=l3Hyl-kAAAAJ>), and has won several prizes and awards.