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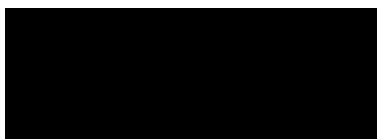
Re. Habilitation thesis of Dr. Martin Setvin

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is a pleasure to provide a reference for Dr. Setvin's Habilitation thesis. (Note that I also provided this reference for the Habilitation thesis Dr. Setvin submitted to TU Wien, Vienna.) This is an exceptional body of work that very clearly demonstrates the candidate's mastery of essential areas of nanoscience and surface science, with a particular focus on challenging aspects of scanning probe microscopy and surface structure determination. The papers are well-written and have already had a major impact in the field. There is no question that the work has been carried out methodically. Indeed, the careful systematic nature of his research is a signature characteristic of Dr. Setvin's career to date.

What is particularly impressive about the work contained in the thesis is both the breadth and depth of the research, alongside the state-of-the-art quality of the data. I have absolutely no doubt that Dr. Setvin's work more than meets the criteria for the award of a Docent position.

Yours sincerely,



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