



Andrzej Udalski



Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Udalski is one of the world's most prominent contemporary astrophysicists, an astronomer, a designer-engineer, and a former Director of the Astronomical Observatory of the University of Warsaw. He has continuously provided modern astronomy with new scientific discoveries, paving the way for new research directions and pioneering new methods of making astronomical observations. Born in Łódź, he obtained his master's degree from the Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw (1980) and his doctoral degree from the same University in 1988. His career was mainly associated with the University of Warsaw, where he received his habilitation in 1996 and the title of professor of physical sciences in 2000.

He is a full member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, a member of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a foreign member of the American National Academy of Sciences. Professor Udalski is the author and co-author of several hundred scientific papers in astronomy and astrophysics. In 1992 he initiated the OGLE project, which runs to the present day and involves a large-scale photometric sky survey focused on the study of the variation in brightness of various objects. He has received many prestigious awards and distinctions for his scientific achievements, including the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, the Dan David Award, the Karl Schwarzschild Medal, and the Tycho Brahe Medal of the European Astronomical Society.