Notes from a unplanned career

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Abstract of the talk

My own career was not the outcome of a carefully considered and executed plan. I will briefly review the stages of my own professional development, and will try to carve out what lessons and principles can perhaps nevertheless be learned from it. I will leave plenty of time for discussion: every career path presents its own choices, constraints and uncertainties, I hope that the webinar will be more useful if participants bring up their own situations and questions.