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Personal Details

Date of Birth: 28.09.1961
Place of Birth: Bristol, United Kingdom
Nationality: British
Country of Residence: Permanent residence in Norway
Marital Status: Norwegian partner

Work Experience

September 2021 Professor (II) of Industrial Catalysis (20% position)
Department of Chemical Engineering
NTNU
Trondheim

A teaching and research position with a focus on nitrogen catalysis chemistry related to ammonia and nitric acid production, based on existing processes, and future Green nitrogen fixation

2020 to date Senior Catalyst Expert
Yara International ASA
Ammonia and Nitric Acid Technology Department
Yara Technology Centre
Porsgrunn

Project manager for nitrous oxide abatement catalyst projects involving improvements to catalyst stability and recycling; Project manager for precious metal recovery projects; Project manager for an ammonia SOFC project with SINTEF. Technical resource for high and low temperature WGS catalyst projects; Senior Industrial researcher for the iCSI SFI. Technical resource for NO oxidation catalyst projects

2017 to 2019 Senior Catalyst Expert
Yara International ASA
New Front-End Technology & process Intensification Department
Yara Technology Centre
Porsgrunn

Project manager for an ammonia SOFC project with SINTEF. Technical adviser to TechnoSER and IFE on the scale-up of a production process and design of a production facility for an absorbent for CO₂. Senior industrial researcher for the iCSI SFI.

Technical adviser for catalysts related to hydrogen and nitric acid production, and nitrous oxide abatement.

2013 to 2017

Senior Catalyst Expert
Yara International ASA
Catalyst Systems Core Competence Community
Yara Technology Centre
Porsgrunn

Technical adviser for catalysts related to hydrogen and nitric acid production; and nitrous oxide abatement. Pilot plant Work-package leader for the EU 3d printing project PRINTCR3DIT (2015-2018). Senior industrial researcher for the iCSI SFI (2015 to present)

2007 to 2013

Chief Engineer (Sjefingeniør)
Yara International ASA
Catalyst Systems Core Competence Community
Yara Technology Centre
Porsgrunn

Project manager for development of N₂O abatement catalysts. Responsibility for transfer of an injection moulding production technology of abatement catalysts, to a production facility in Poland. Project manager for development of platinum and oxide-based ammonia combustion catalysts. Project manager for platinum recovery technology. Project manager for the scale-up of production of a vanadia-based de-NO_x catalyst.

2004 to Jun 2007

Principal Scientist (Overingeniør)
Yara International ASA
Section for Nitric Acid Research
(Yara International was formally the Agri Division of Norsk Hydro)

Responsibilities as above

2002 to 2004

Principal Scientist (Overingeniør)
Section for Catalysis and Reactor Technology
Oil & Energy Research Centre
Norsk Hydro ASA
Porsgrunn

Project manager for development of nitric acid emission abatement catalysts. Project manager for the development and transfer of a full-scale production process for the N₂O abatement catalyst to a facility in Poland

2000 to 2002

Materials Scientist
Sandvik Hard Materials
Coventry
United Kingdom

Project manager for development of the new generation of super-hard nano-crystalline tungsten carbide-cobalt composite materials

1998 to 2000

Senior Scientist (Senior Forsker)
Department of Materials Development
Norsk Hydro ASA
Corporate Research Laboratory
Porsgrunn

Development of ion-conducting ceramic membranes for gas separation applications (Specialised in fabrication of dense membrane films, and measurements of cation diffusion). Development of catalysts for N₂O decomposition (Project manager from 1999).

1994 to 1998

Research Associate
Department of Materials
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine
London
United Kingdom

Development of ion-conducting membranes, for fuel cell and gas separation applications. Determination of high temperature cation transport in oxides using dynamic SIMS. Production of oxide thin-films using Pulsed Laser Ablation

1993 to 1994

Process Scientist
I.C.I. Paints
Slough, United Kingdom

Responsible for bulk pigment dispersion and milling

1990 to 1993

Research Assistant
Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory
The Royal Institution of Great Britain
London, United Kingdom

Synchrotron Radiation studies of catalyst activation and operation, at high temperatures and under reactive gas environments. Development of high temperature cells for combined X-ray diffraction and X-ray absorption spectroscopic studies of catalysts. Development of an UHV IR cell for the study of gas adsorption on catalysts

1989 to 1990

Research Assistant
Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
University College,
Torrington Place,
London, United Kingdom

*Fabrication of micro-optical components using sol-gel technology
Funded by U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, as part of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI)*

Education

- 1985 to 1988 Ph.D. Thesis title “Methanol Synthesis Catalysts”
School of Chemistry
University of Bath
United Kingdom
*Supervised by Prof. F. S. Stone F.R.S. and Prof. M.S. Spencer
of I.C.I Agricultural Division, Billingham*
- 1983 to 1984 M.Sc. Surface Chemistry and Colloids
Department of Chemistry
University of Bristol
United Kingdom
Dissertation entitled “A study of periodic precipitation”
- 1980 to 1983 B.Sc. (Hons) Chemistry
Department of Chemistry
University College, Cardiff
United Kingdom
Awarded 1983
First year courses: Chemistry, Physics and Metallurgy
*Second and third year courses: Physical, Inorganic and Organic
Chemistry*

Membership of Organisations and Awards

Member of the American Ceramic Society
Member of Tekna (Norwegian organisation for professional scientists and engineers)
Norsk Hydro-Agri Research Award in 2003 for development of the De-N₂O catalyst for ammonia combustion burners.
The 2007 Glassbjørnen Prize (Main Prize) was awarded to Yara International ASA for the De-N₂O catalyst technology, by the Norwegian Foundation for Sustainable Consumption and Production

Student Supervision

I was, and am the co-supervisor of six PhD students at NTNU, UiO and University College London. In addition I have been the co-supervisor of eight Masters students at NTNU, UiO and the University of Rennes, France.

Publications

Author and co-author of 22 refereed journal articles, 16 conference presentations and 15 patents and patent applications (Full list available on request)