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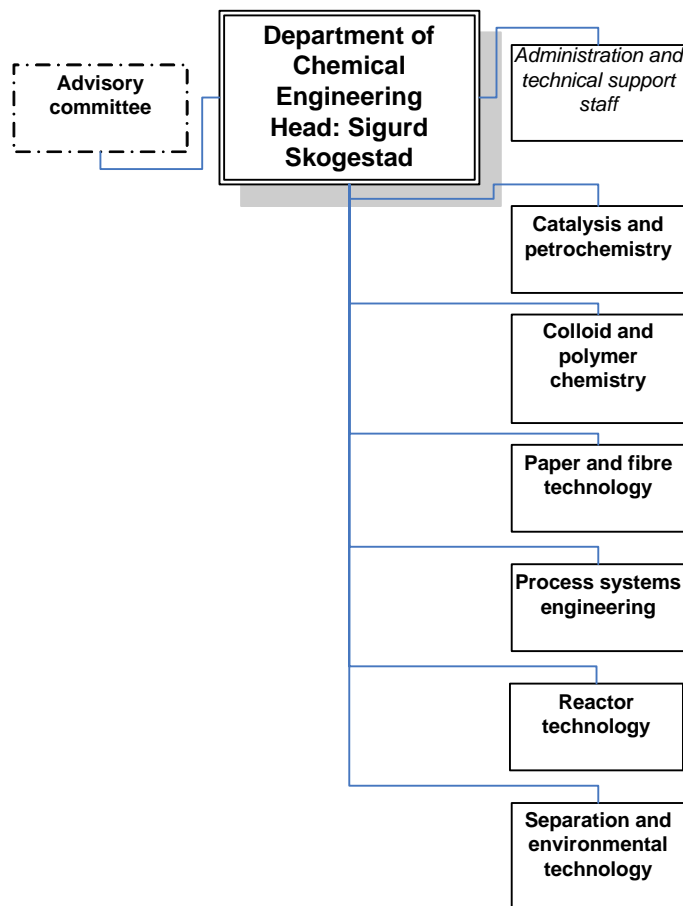
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Archeal C<sub>80</sub> isoprenoid tetraacids responsible for naphthenate deposition in crude oil processing.

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# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

## Introduction to Annual Report 2005

2005 was another successful year for the Department of Chemical Engineering at NTNU. In particular, the research output, for example, as expressed by number of graduated Ph.D. candidates and publications, has increased to a new all time high. The number of publications in international journals soared from about 50 in 2003 and 2004 to about 80 in 2005. 13 Ph.D. graduated in 2005 and this number is expected to increase in 2006 and 2007.

In January 2005 *Førsteamanensis* Dr. Gisle Øye was welcomed as a new permanent member of our faculty in the area of colloid chemistry with emphasis on multifunctional nano structures. In September 2005 Dr. Egil Guldbrandsen (IFE Kjeller) was hired in a temporary Professor II (Adjunct professor) in the area of corrosion inhibitors physical chemistry.

In terms of future plans, we follow quite closely the Departments strategic plan from April 2003, which is available on the Departments home page. The Department has by now almost completed a major change in its academic staff, with 10 new fulltime faculty members being hired since 2001. A position (*førsteamanensis*) in polymer chemistry / nanotechnology was announced in 2005, and a decision has been made to offer the position to Dr. Wilhelm Glomm, who will start in April 2006. At present, we are announcing a position (*førsteamanensis* / *professor*) in process design, which is expected to be filled during 2006. At the end of 2006, we plan to announce a position (*førsteamanensis* / *professor*) in systems biology.

Some important events for the Department in 2005. Dr. Zhixin Yu, who obtained his Ph.D. degree with Professor Anders Holmen as his advisor, was awarded the price for the best Ph.D. thesis for 2004-05 in the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology. Dr. Katrine Hilmen at ABB in Oslo, who got her doctoral degree in our Department in 2000, was announced by MIT to be one of the 35 most important innovators under 35 years in the world. Two books were published in their second edition in 2005. Johan Sjöblom (editor) published "Emulsions and emulsion stability" on Taylor and Francis, and Sigurd Skogestad and Ian Postlethwaite published "Multivariable feedback control" on Wiley.

A little about our building facilities. The Department is housed mainly in Chemistry building 5 (*kjemiblokk 5*), and in addition has about half of Chemistry building 4, two floors in the PFI building, and two large experimental labs in "building 6" where SINTEF is located. Building 5 was recently renovated externally, and we are presently remodelling the labs on the third floor. The cost for this is about 4 million NOK, of which it at present seems that the Department must pay

50% from its own funds. In the mean time, most of the lab activity for the Ugelstad laboratory has been moved to the PFI building. There are almost two floors of empty space in building 4, as the Department of Materials Science has just moved out, but we are awaiting a decision from the Faculty on their future use. A problem in building 4 seems to be the lab ventilation. The mechanics in the Department (Roel, Hovin) moved in December 2005 into a new *Monteringshall* in the premises where the Faculty workshop used to be.

The main problem area for the Department is the low student enrolment and output of Master students. For more than 15 years, until 2002, the Department graduated on average more than 60 MS (diploma) students per year, but since 2004 it has dropped to about 30, and it is expected to remain at this low level at least until 2010. Our Department does not have a separate intake and our main recruitment base is the students entering the first year the 5-year program in *kjemi- og bioteknologi*. About 50% of these students choose our Department for their specialization after the second year. This fraction has remained almost constant over the last 30 years. The main reason for our low student numbers is therefore a drop in the intake to the first year, which is presently at about 60, whereas it historically (over the last 30 years) was around 120. In order to rectify this situation, the Department already in 2000 initiated the formation of *Samarbeidsforum* which deals with student recruitment and is funded by industry. In spite of this significant effort, the numbers have remained low. It is expected that the significantly improved labour marked will give an increase in the intake in 2006, but these candidates will not be available on the marked until 2011. The Department is planning to enlarge its recruitment base by offering an International Master degree in Chemical Engineering starting from 2007.

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## CHAPTER 2: RESEARCH



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#### The Organization

The research and teaching in catalysis, petrochemistry and related subjects (including surface science, adsorption and physical studies of porous materials, reaction kinetics and process engineering) is organised in the Catalysis Group, a joint effort where the university ([NTNU](#), former NTH) and the research company ([SINTEF](#), a large polytechnic research organisation) cooperate and share laboratories and equipment. Personnel from the two organisations work together and participate in teaching and research. About 10-15 students graduate each year (M.Sc.). The group participates extensively in international networks, research programs etc., and cooperates closely with a

number of universities and research groups inside and outside the EU.

#### The group and the laboratories

At present the group comprises about 40 people: 5 professors, about 10 fulltime research scientists holding Ph.D's, 4 Post.doc's and about 16 Ph.D students. The laboratories and equipment include a large number of micro reactors for catalyst studies, several small pilot plants, all the necessary equipment for catalyst and material characterization (chemisorption, physical adsorption, Temperature Programmed techniques (TPR, TPD, thermal analysis), XPS, Auger spectroscopy, STM, FTIR and others). Recently, *in situ* IR/Raman and the TEOM-technique (Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance) have been introduced in the laboratory, and we were the first group in Europe to utilize the TEOM technique in catalyst studies. Cooperation with the departments of [Physics](#) (surface science), the other groups in the department of Chemical Engineering (all aspects of chemical and process engineering, particularly reactor engineering and colloid and polymer chemistry) and other departments ensures a wide scope and a high quality of the work. The research is funded by the Norwegian Research Council and by industry and spans from fundamental studies of ideal surfaces to studies of real catalysts to process development work in small pilot plans.



The KINCAT group

#### The projects

A description of the Group as well as further details of all the projects are given in our Annual Report.

#### Natural Gas Conversion

Natural gas is an abundant hydrocarbon fuel and chemical feedstock, and utilizing this resource with minimum environmental impact is a major challenge to catalysis. It is the main goal of the present programme

to study catalytic processes for conversion of natural gas to chemicals and fuels including hydrogen. The programme includes production of synthesis gas, Fischer-Tropsch synthesis, and dehydrogenation of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanes. The work is carried out in close collaboration with Norwegian industry and SINTEF.

### Hydrogen Technology

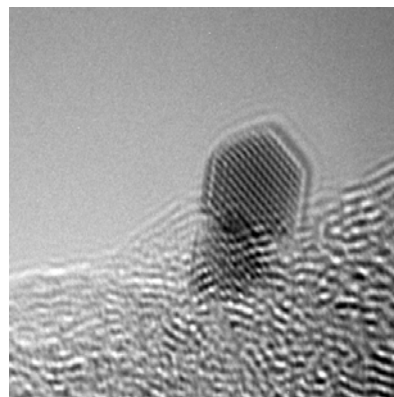
Particular attention is directed towards hydrogen technology: Catalysis is important in the production of hydrogen from hydrocarbons. Natural gas is an important source of hydrogen, and research is thus linked to syngas issues. In addition, the conversion of “transportable” hydrogen carriers such as propane, methanol and (bio) ethanol is studied. Of particular relevance is the integration of CO<sub>2</sub> separation technologies in hydrogen production processes, and this is targeted through sorption enhanced reactions and membrane reactors (see below). The group is also involved in development of improved fuel cell catalysts based on carbon nanofibers (also below). Collaborations include SINTEF as well as Norwegian industry.

### Design and Preparation of New Catalysts and Supports

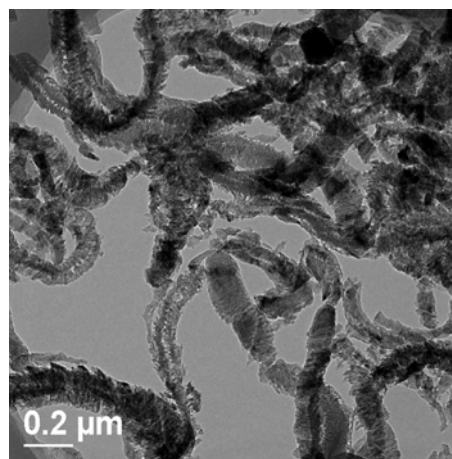
The catalytically active material is the key to any catalytic process, and the preparation of these, highly specialized functional materials is an important industry. Understanding the preparation methods, and developing new techniques is therefore a central research area. This programme deals with new methods to prepare supports and catalysts such as flame spray pyrolysis and spray drying, as well as the preparation and use of structured, mesoporous supports. New hybrid materials are also being synthesized where the active metal is included in the support during production. This work is done in collaboration with the Ugelstad laboratory and SINTEF

### Carbon Nanofibres

Carbon nanofibres (CNF) have several interesting properties such as high resistance to strong acids and bases, high electric conductivity (similar to graphite), relatively high surface area and high mechanical strength. These unique properties lead to a large number of applications, such as catalyst supports, selective sorption agents, energy storage, composite materials, nano-electric and nano-mechanical devices, as well as field emission devices. The programme includes synthesis of carbon nanofibres and nanotubes of different morphology and the use of CNF/CNT in applications such as heterogeneous catalysis, fuel cells and conversion and storage of energy. This is done in collaboration with other groups at NTNU, SINTEF and Norwegian Industry



*Au/CNF (Carbon Nanofiber. TEM image)*



*Carbon Nanofibres (TEM image)*

### Novel Reactor Concepts and Structured Supports

Emerging reactor technologies such as microstructured reactors and (catalytic) membrane reactors are being developed and tested. The use of structured supports such as monoliths and foams is being studied, particularly for short contact time reaction systems such as partial oxidation and oxidative dehydrogenation. The work on microstructured reactors, where channels micrometer dimensions (1-1000 μm) and up-scaling by parallelization is applied to enable new properties/possibilities, is performed in collaboration with Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe in Germany. Membrane reaction concepts based on novel Pd thin film technology are being developed together with SINTEF, and a partnership with MIT, Norsk Hydro and Statoil is directed towards the use of high-temperature proton-conducting membranes in hydrogen production with CO<sub>2</sub> capture.



*Microstructured reactor for hydrogen production – a collaboration with Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe.*



### **Oil Refining**

Upgrading of crude oil and oil fractions is an important subject of research, especially due to new environmental legislation demanding more efficient processes. The programme includes catalytic reforming, isomerization, hydrotreating/ hydrocracking and heavy oil upgrading. The work is carried out in close cooperation with SINTEF and the industry.

### **Fundamental Studies in Heterogeneous Catalysis**

Several experimental techniques are used to study the details of solid catalysts. We are working together with Department of Physics on the use of Transmission Electron Microscopy and Scanning Tunneling Microscopy. We focus on characterisation of catalysts at working conditions and for this purpose we are using the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble and together with the Ugelstad Laboratory we have recently purchased new facilities for IR and Raman spectroscopy. The TEOM (Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance) is also a powerful technique for studying important phenomena like catalyst deactivation, diffusion in porous materials and adsorption, absorption and desorption.



*Examples of industrial catalysts*

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### Overview:

The Ugelstad Laboratory was founded in honour of Professor John Ugelstad at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in January 2002 (Department of Chemical Engineering). The laboratory specializes in surfactant chemistry and its technical applications, emulsions and emulsion technology, preparation of polymers and polymer particles and their technical applications, plasma chemical modification of surfaces and silica-based chemistry.

Applications include crude oil production and processing, pulp and paper, biomedicine, catalysis and materials science.

The main purpose is to raise the national level of colloidal science by establishing a modern educational, research and development laboratory within the field of colloid, polymer and surface chemistry.

Diploma and Ph.D. studies are offered within these topics, often in close collaboration with industrial companies. The aim is to educate highly qualified candidates for industrial positions. In order to attract the best and most motivated students and researchers, the laboratory has invested in new and modern instrumentation. The laboratory also participates in international exchange programmes, and hosts internationally renowned guest researchers and lecturers.

The Ugelstad Laboratory is sponsored by industrial companies, the Research Council of Norway (NFR), research institutes and NTNU. All the members are annually invited to a presentation of the recent research activities at the laboratory. This is combined with the Ugelstad Lecture, where invited scientists lecture within the field of colloid, polymer and surface chemistry.

### Research Activities:

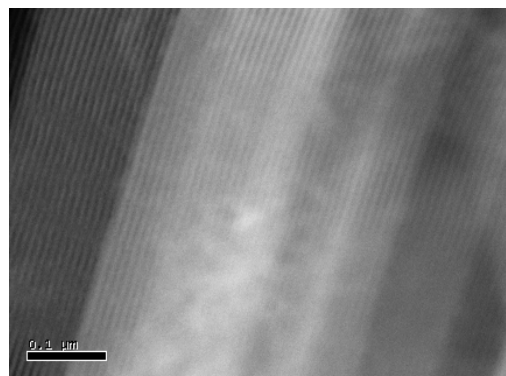
In the following paragraphs, selected ongoing research programs for 2005 are briefly described. For a complete description of the research activities at the Ugelstad Laboratory, please visit our web page:

<http://www.chemeng.ntnu.no/research/polymer/ugelstadlab/>

### Scientific Design and Preparation of New Catalysts and Supports, 2002 - 2005

This Strategic University Program started during 2002 and the main objective is to gain fundamental insight into preparation techniques of inorganic oxides for use as catalysts and catalyst supports. Properties such as particle size, porosity, pore size and so on will be systematically investigated with respect to functionalisation and catalytic performance.

The project is in collaboration with the Catalysis and Petrochemistry group at NTNU (Department of Chemical Engineering) and SINTEF Applied Chemistry (Oslo), and is fully financed by the Research Council of Norway (NFR).



STEM image showing the hexagonal ordering of SBA-15.

### **Strategic Reorganization Plan (SRP) 2003-2006**

Sponsored by The Research Council of Norway (NFR) and the Ugelstad Board members, this strategic reorganization plan aims at establishing the Ugelstad Laboratory as a nationally and internationally recognized laboratory within the field of colloid- and polymer chemistry with an expanded research profile based on the following research themes:

- \* Colloid chemistry within crude oil technology
- \* Colloid chemistry within nanotechnology and materials science
- \* Colloid chemistry within polymer science

This strategy came about as a result of an evaluation of Norwegian scientific research groups done by The Research Council of Norway (NFR).

### **Particle-stabilized emulsions/Heavy crude oils, 2003 - 2006**

The project aims at a better understanding of stabilizing and destabilizing mechanisms of water-in-crude oil emulsions based on heavy and particle-rich crude oils for improved separation and transport. The main technological goals to achieve will be to improve the water/oil/gas separation and sub-sea transport of multiphase systems. Separation: mechanisms of stabilization / destabilization / electrocoalescence / water and oil quality. Transport: energy input / emulsion stability / rheological models.

Technical collaboration: Ugelstad Laboratory, Sintef Energy, Statoil ASA and Vetco.

### **Treatment of Produced Water: Characterization and New Treatment Strategies.**

#### **Petromaks program (NFR).**

The research tasks in this proposal will contribute to the development of new and improved technology for a more efficient and cost effective treatment of produced water from offshore installations. A fundamental necessity of developing and designing any treatment scheme is the knowledge and understanding of the fluid to be treated. Determining characteristics of the major substances in the produced water will therefore be of high priority. The work on treatment strategies will then focus on two areas: treatment of suspended constituents and of dissolved/soluble constituents. A major factor in achieving a zero harmful discharge to sea is the removal of suspended solids and dispersed oil from produced water. Particle separation is a fundamental process in any treatment process for the production of high quality effluent from an aqueous stream. The removal of dissolved constituents in produced water is necessary within the zero harmful discharge network. One of the research tasks in this proposal is to investigate the applicability of biological degradation of specific target compounds.

### **Development of new bio based materials using nanotechnology.**

The main objective of this project, which is a collaboration with SINTEF and PFI is to create new functional biofibre-based materials with industrially attractive properties. Functionalized nano-sized cellulose microfibrils (MFC) will be developed by

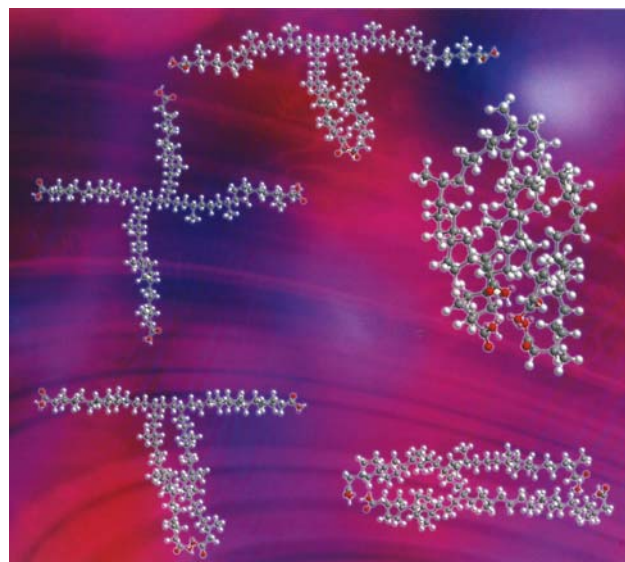
modification of never-dried MFC using tailored chemical coupling reactions.

### **Structure, behaviour and reactivity of tetrameric naphthenic acids (ARN) in bulk and at w/o interfaces 2005-2008**

The naphthenate R&D group at Statoil has done very systematic work during the past years to identify the structure of the naphthenic acid being the most active in forming metalnaphthenate deposits, which is a severe obstacle in processing of acid crudes. The results from the Statoil research in this field are pioneering, and have lead to the discovery of the so-called ARN naphthenic acid, which represents an acid family of C80 tetramers. The results from the Statoil discovery have recently been published, and one can foresee a heavy international scientific follow-up in this area in the years to come.

The objective of this programme is to focus on combining the efforts of the Statoil Naphthenate R&D Group and from our recently completed VISTA project. In the new VISTA programme, we are going to undertake a fundamental study of the ARN family of naphthenic acids with regard to clarify the structure(s), the physico-chemical properties, the interfacial activity and reactivity, selectivity in reaction patterns with multivalent cations, filmforming properties, etc.

- \* Structure and chemistry of ARN
- \* Physico-chemical properties
- \* Interfacial activity
- \* Reactivity
- \* Selectivity in reaction patterns with multivalent cations
- \* Film forming properties



*Archeal C<sub>80</sub> isoprenoid tetraacids responsible for naphthenate deposition in crude oil processing.*



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Process systems engineering deals with the overall system behaviour and how the individual units should be combined to achieve optimal overall performance. Important topics are multi-scale process modelling, operation and control, design and synthesis, and simulation, statistics and optimization. The group presently consists of about 20 people being housed by the Department of Chemical Engineering. The group closely cooperates with other systems-oriented departments at the university, including Engineering Cybernetics, Energy and Process Engineering, and Industrial Ecology, and also with SINTEF. The process systems engineering activity at NTNU (PROST) holds high international standards and was already in 1994 recognized as a "strong spear-point center" both by NTNU and SINTEF.

At present, the main activities in the group are within process control and process modelling including efficient thermodynamic calculations. There are plans to start an activity in systems biology.

Industrial use of advanced process control increases rapidly, and candidates who combine process knowledge and control expertise are in high demand in industry. Control is an enabling technology, thus basic for any industry-based society. The use of advanced control is transforming industries previously regarded as

"low-tech" into "high-tech". In process control (Skogestad, Preisig), the objective of the research is to develop simple yet rigorous tools to solve problems significant to industrial applications (of engineering



*First row: Heidi, Stathis, Vinay, Eduardo, Zhengjie  
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Last row: Terje, Olaf, Jens, Federico, Bjørn Tore, Tore.*

significance). Up to now, the design of the overall "plant-wide" control structure has been based on engineering experience and intuition, whilst the aim has been to develop rigorous techniques. The concept of "self-optimizing control" provides a basis for linking economic optimization and control (Skogestad). For example, for a marathon runner, the heart rate may be a good "self-optimizing" variable that may be kept constant in spite of uncertainty. Control is done in a hierarchical construct. At the bottom of the hierarchy, the main issue is to "stabilize" the operation and follow the setpoints provided by the layer above. Further up in the hierarchy one finds optimising control co-ordinating the control of units and plants. A special case is sequential control, which is used to implement recipes in batch operations but also is the basics of handling start-up and shut-down as well as all fault and emergency handling. Another important concept is controllability, which links control and design. Here the main focus is on applications, which currently include reactor and recycle processes, distillation columns, gas processing plants, cooling cycles including liquefied natural gas (LNG) plants, low-temperature polymer fuel cells and anti-slug control. Small-scale experimental rigs have been built to study anti-slug control and novel distillation arrangements. In most cases, control is an "add-on" to enable and improve operation, but the anti-slug rig demonstrates how control in some cases can be

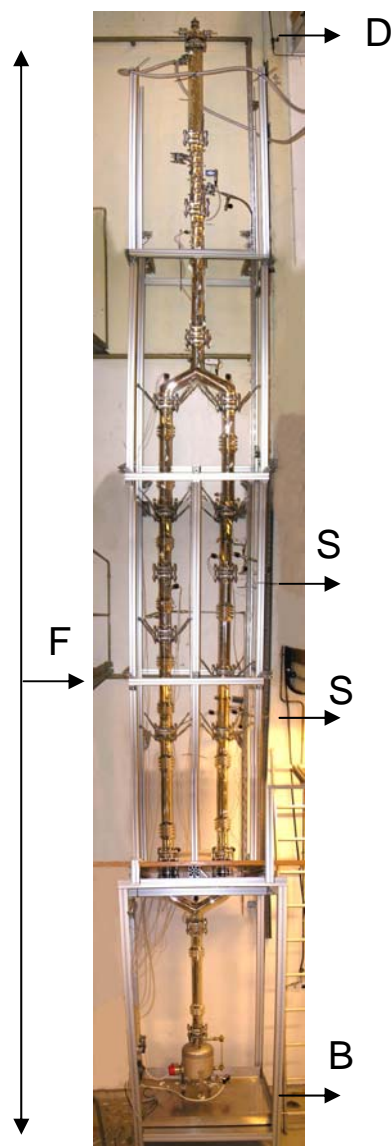
used to operate the system in a completely different manner. The Kaibel distillation column (see picture) is 6 meter high and 5 cm in diameter and can be used to study "thermally coupled" columns, including the three-product Petlyuk column and the four-product Kaibel column. The group also has an automatic drink mixer, which is used for demonstration purposes and to study sequence control based on automata theory (Preisig).

The centre piece of process systems engineering is the model. Modelling is seen as a difficult and time consuming operation. The step-wise approach developed in this group has transformed the art of modelling into a nearly procedural operation, which has been captured in a program environment. The modelling operation is thereby lifted up from writing equations to choosing concepts and mechanism. The equations are then generated and assembled automatically taking the applicable equations from a data base that has been built applying mechanistic descriptions where ever applicable. The overall objective in the group is to develop efficient object-oriented software tools that implement this method and assist in developing consistent and structurally solvable process models. The technology is physics-based with extensions to allow for grey-box modelling. It aims at replacing various graphical interfaces to simulators and generates code for the major chemical engineering simulators such as gProms, Matlab, Modelica, etc. The fourth generation of a high-level modelling tool is presently being developed (Preisig), which we aim to apply to large-scale plants, including the Mongstad refinery. It incorporates object-oriented tools for efficient thermodynamic modelling, which extend into the efficient computation of thermodynamic information. Rather than a traditional implementation of activity or fugacity coefficients, emphasis is put on the use of structured equation sets governed by thermodynamic consistency rules (Haug-Warberg). The thermodynamic models are implemented in symbolic form with automatic differentiation capabilities and serves as the basis of several industrial strength simulations (YASIM, CADAS) and energy accounting tools (HERE) in co-operation with Norsk Hydro and Yara.

The model generally needs to be fitted to experimental data, and the group has always has a strong focus on statistical methods and experimental design (Hertzberg). In 2006 professor Kim Esbensen will join the group as professor II in the area of process chemiometrics.

Financing comes from the Norwegian Research Council, the Gas Technology Center at NTNU and SINTEF, from industry (Statoil, Gassco, Hydro) and from the EU (Promatch program).

H=6 m  
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*Kaibel distillation column.*

## REACTOR TECHNOLOGY GROUP

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The Reactor Technology group has concentrated its activities in fields directly supporting the design and development of chemical reactors and reactive separations. The most important research areas are:

- Mathematical modeling of chemical reactors.
- Experimental analyses of fluid flow and heat transfer phenomena in chemical reactors.
- Multiphase flow modeling.
- Experimental validation of numerical models.
- Environmental technology (e.g., gas cleaning of CO<sub>2</sub>).

The research in these fields comprises both experimental and theoretical studies and we have a large range of well instrumented cold flow multi-phase reactors, as well as in-house software for multi-phase reactor simulations. We are active users of Matlab and have experience with most of the important toolboxes.



*A stirred tank used for studies of heat transpt and flow phenomena.*

However, the computationally demanding models are implemented in FORTRAN 90 and c++.

Application areas are special chemicals reactors, polymer production, synthesis gas and methanol synthesis, membrane reactors, and reactive absorption of acid gases (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>) including membrane contactors.

Educationally the main objective of our group is to educate MSc for the Norwegian industry and to raise the National scientific competence in our field of research through PhD studies.

### Research activities

The most important research projects are described in the following paragraphs. For a more comprehensive description, see our home pages: (<http://www.chemeng.ntnu.no/research/reactmod/>).



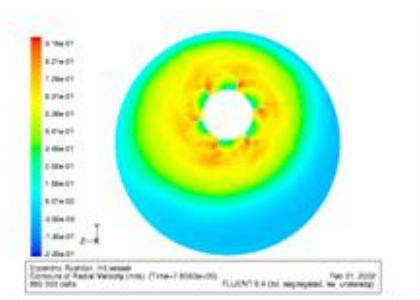
*Bubble column used for studies on solid particle concentration, bubble size and void fraction.*

### Modeling of multi-phase reactors

We have for more than 15 years been developing in-house CFD codes for simulating multiphase flows in chemical reactors. We also license the commercial CFD code FLUENT. Lately, our main focus has been put on developing modules for bubble/droplet break-up and coalescence within the population balance equation (PBE) framework. The PBEs are solved accurately by efficient spectral methods designed for this particular purpose. See the CARPET project, <http://www.CARPET.ntnu.no>.

We are also investigating the performance of chemical reactive systems like fluidized beds, fixed bed reactors and agitated tanks. At present we are working with the design of suitable reactors for sorption enhanced reaction processes (SERP) like steam reforming with absorbents for CO<sub>2</sub>.



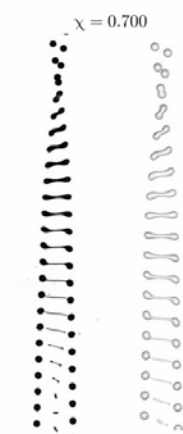


*Simulation of the flow pattern from an off-center turbine impeller.*

The dynamic 2D CFD simulations are normally run on standard PCs whereas the more computationally demanding 3D simulations are run on the national super-computers located at the university.

### **Removal of droplets from high pressure gases**

An area of great importance for the Norwegian gas producing industry is the separating out of droplets from high pressure gases. Downstream process equipment e.g. compressors, separation processes or chemical reactors suffer disturbed operation or break-down if gases are not droplet free. Today's units are not good enough at high pressures, and robust and reliable solutions must be found in particular for sub-sea completions. A project is established for studying the phenomena governing such separations, see <http://www.HiPGaS.ntnu.no>. In collaboration with six industrial partners separation rigs have been established for both low and high (<150 bar) pressures at NTNU and at Statoil. Results from the high pressure rigs are unique and form a basis for model validation. In addition a laser laboratory is built for the study of droplet/droplet and droplet/surface collisions and for studies on the stability and break-up of liquid surfaces leading to re-entrainment of droplets.



*Droplet collision leading to break-up. Experimental result to the left and model right.*

### **CO<sub>2</sub> removal from natural – and exhaust gases** ([http://www.ntnu.no/satsingsomraader/energi\\_miljo/miljogass.htm](http://www.ntnu.no/satsingsomraader/energi_miljo/miljogass.htm)).

The activity in this area comprises several projects, partly funded by the Research Council, industry and the European Union. We are heavily involved in the EU FP6 Integrated Project CASTOR, see <http://www.co2castor.com>. The work is concentrated along two axes, one studying CO<sub>2</sub> capture from off gases from fossil fueled power plant and from the iron and steel-making industry, and the other directed toward the removal of acid gases from natural gas. The aim in CASTOR is to develop new solvents and process equipment that enables us to capture CO<sub>2</sub> at a cost of 20-30€/ton CO<sub>2</sub> and to halve the energy requirement in the process. This work involves all the steps from theoretical screening by use of computational chemistry, through experimental screening, characterization of equilibria, thermal properties, transport properties and kinetic, to testing in a laboratory pilot plant. In parallel we develop models for mass transfer and for the whole absorption/desorption process. Other projects in this area are EU FP6 ULCOS, and the Research Council financed BIGCO<sub>2</sub>.



*Laboratory pilot plant for CO<sub>2</sub> capture by absorption*



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The research in the group of Separation and Environmental Technology is focused upon the two main areas of membrane separations, i.e. gases and liquids, as well as membrane material development, and separation by crystallization.

### 1. Membrane separation of liquids:

#### **Sample project: Developing Pressure Retarded Osmosis (PRO) for power production.**

Membrane separations in liquid media are well established in many processes and expected improvement may often be small and incremental, but still there are many open problems.

Reverse osmosis is today one of the major methods for desalting ocean water into freshwater. Osmotic effects demands that a high pressure on the saltwater side of the membrane modules must be applied to override the osmotic pressure difference between sea water and freshwater. If the applied pressure in the cells is lower than the osmotic pressure the water flow is reversed and freshwater flows into the saltwater compartment, thus increasing the volume of moderately pressurized saltwater. This is the principle of Pressure Retarded Osmosis (PRO), which may be used to produce electric energy as the surplus water on the saltwater side may be run through turbines for power production. The potential for power production at the outlet of every river that flows into the ocean is very large.

To make this principle to work economically, the membrane and its function is of very large importance.

One of the problems to eliminate or reduce is the gradually fouling of the membranes by different impurities in the water and also the possibility of bacterial and algae growth on the membranes. This will gradually reduce the water flux through the membrane. In two doctoral projects in our group these problems have been under investigation for the last few years. The studies are performed in experimental membrane rigs, equipped with automatic cleaning cycles and remote data reading.

One set of experiments is performed in small cells which are designed to uncover the types of fouling that may occur on contacting Norwegian river water with sea water from a fjord. Cleaning procedures and frequencies of are tested during the experiments which are run continuously for several months. Verifying experiments for comparison are run in a local laboratory.

Another set of experiments on a larger rig is aiming at optimizing membrane modules of a new construction for use in salinity power plants. Included in this part of the project is also computer modelling of the flow through the modules.

The experiments are done in cooperation with SINTEF and others, and are partly financed by Statkraft.

### 2. Crystallization

The research within crystallization is focused at kinetics of nucleation, crystal growth, and agglomeration in order to predict and control the particle size distribution and shape of crystalline particulate products for the effect on down-stream processes like solid-liquid separation and powder characteristics.

In 2005 one researcher has been working in a project directly financed by GE Healthcare to analyse the separation and purification in a bottleneck intermediate crystallization step in their production units at Lindesnes, Norway.

Two joint projects have been started up in 2005 employing 2 PhD candidates and 1 Post Doc for the period 2006-2008/2009.

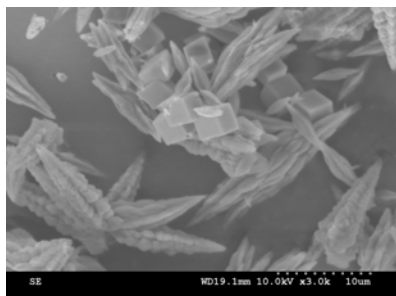
#### **Sample Projects:**

##### **a) Optimisation of Glycol Loop Design and Operation**

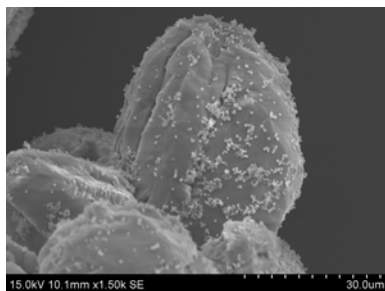
The aim of the project is to develop a simulation tool for glycol loops in processing of natural gas. This necessitates a deep understanding of the precipitation



and crystallization behaviour of salts and scale-forming carbonates in ethylene glycol and water mixtures. Kinetics of calcium carbonate precipitation in the glycol injection point off-shore and the crystallization and separation of salts in the on-shore glycol reclamation units will be the main research tasks. The project is in collaboration with Institute of Energy Technology, Norway (IFE) and financed by several international oil and gas companies and the Research Council of Norway (NFR).



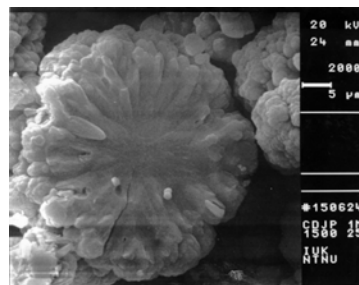
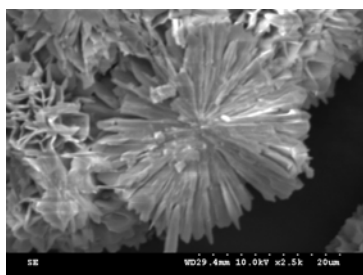
*Different polymorphs of calcium carbonate crystals (2-20 µm) in water-glycol solutions*



*Precipitation of sub-micron calcium carbonate crystals on larger particles of sodium carbonate*

### **b) Industrial Crystallization and Powder Technology**

The goal of this project is to relate filtration and washing characteristics and powder properties to the underlying growth and agglomeration phenomena. It involves studies of inorganic salts and pharmaceuticals, and the primary target for the activity at NTNU is to link the parameter choices in the crystallisation process to the subsequent filtration step by focusing on common mechanisms for these selected systems. The project is in collaboration with POSTEC at Tel-Tek and is financed by the Research Council of Norway (NFR) and Norwegian industry partners.



*The SEM-micrographs reveal similar spherulitic growth pattern in 30 micron particles of an aromatic amine (top) and inorganic calcium carbonate (bottom).*

### **3. Membranes for gas separation**

The Memfo group,

<http://www.chemeng.ntnu.no/memfo>

currently counts 9 members (5 PhD-students, 2 post docs, 1 senior researcher, and the head of the group, professor May-Britt Hägg)

Two PhD-students received their doctoral degree in 2005; one on carbon membranes for biogas upgrading and one on membrane development for chlorine purification. 7 presentations were held at international conferences and 5 papers submitted to high profile journals (4 are published), and one PCT accepted for patent application.

The group has extensive activities both on basic membrane material development, as well as membrane gas separation processes, modelling and simulations. The main focus for the research is CO<sub>2</sub> capture by membranes (from flue gas, natural gas sweetening, biogas upgrading) and hydrogen recovery from various mixed gas streams. In addition to these energy focused applications, the research on membranes for chlorine separation continues. The membrane materials in focus are various types of polymers, nanocomposites, carbon membranes, and modified glass membranes. The international network is extensive, with co-operation both within EU-projects, USA, Japan, the Nordic countries and Russia.

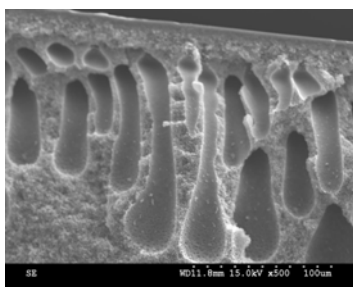
#### **Brief description of sample projects**

##### **a) EU-project NaturalHy** <http://www.naturalhy.net>

The project counts ~40 partners, and the main idea is to investigate the possibility of using the European gas net work for co-transport of hydrogen with natural gas. Realising that the society only slowly will convert to hydrogen based energy, the idea is that hydrogen may be injected into the gas net at various places where it is produced, and then separated from the natural gas at points along the line where pure hydrogen is needed (for fuel cells or storage). The task into which Memfo is doing research, is development of suitable membrane(s) for hydrogen recovery. Carbon molecular sieve membranes as well as mixed matrix materials are investigated for this purpose. One PhD-student and one post doc is engaged in this research. Very promising results have been documented. The project continues for 3 more years; project co-ordinator is Gas Unie in the Netherlands

#### **b) Membrane development for selective CO<sub>2</sub> capture**

The membrane material being developed in this project contains a specific “carrier” which makes it selective for CO<sub>2</sub> while other gas components are being retained. The material is based on a polymer containing fixed amine groups as carriers. A significant progress was achieved during 2005, both with respect to CO<sub>2</sub>-flux and selectivity compared to the other components in a mixed gas. The obtained results have drawn international attention. The membrane is now patented, and there are big expectations for the further development. The project runs for 2 more years; then hopefully the membrane is ready for small scale pilot testing. One senior researcher, one PhD, and one “associated PhD” is working on the project. Next step will be focusing on process development. Project partners are NFR, Statoil and Alstom



**SEM-picture showing a cut through a composite membrane. Thickness of Selective layer is ~2 μm**

#### **c) Two projects within the Nanomat program / NFR**

in cooperation with Sintef and North Carolina State University. In both projects the material development for hydrogen – CO<sub>2</sub> separation are in focus. There are two PhD-students on the US-side; one PhD and one Post doc on the NTNU-side, in addition to one “associated PhD” on the NTNU-side. The materials under development here are nano-composites (so called mixed matrix) and block copolymers – very challenging and very promising. Within this project a NASA award was granted during 2005 for a US patent.

#### **d) Development of hybrid membrane for chlorine purification**

Memfo is one of very few groups in the world doing research on membranes for the purification of chlorine gas. This is probably for security and safety reasons, and the challenge of handling this poisonous gas. The project is extremely challenging, but if successful, it will be a major step towards simplification of expensive and complicated unit operations for recovery of chlorine from various process streams. Chlorine is one of the major chemicals used in chemical process industry worldwide. The materials in focus are glass and perfluorinated polymers. There is co-operation with Japanese research in this project. Small steps forward have been documented during 2005, and one post doc is currently on the project. There is a major interest from industry in this project.

#### **e) Various**

The Memfo group works very much as a team rather than as individual researchers. Hence the simulation of processes is handled whenever needed by those who

have the competence. Likewise; the concern for environmental issues, leads to the focus also on biogas although there is not any large ongoing project on this. Co-operation with Aalborg University, Denmark, is performed through student projects. Carbon membranes has proved to be suitable for upgrading of biogas, and documented by experiments in 2005. Applications for projects with Denmark and Russia (Univ. of St. Petersburg) were filed in 2005 – the co-operation is already active.

Application for a project within the 6<sup>th</sup> FWP, EU, was filed in early 2005; it obtained a very high score, and was granted in December 2005. The project will focus on “Nanomaterials against Global Warming” (=NanoGloWa). Memfo will be a major partner in this project, with focus on both carbon membranes and polymeric materials.

Memfo is also an active partner in the EU-project ENGAS <http://www.ntnu.no/engas> - a special project which promotes the laboratory facilities at NTNU/Sintef within energy, and make them available for international co-operation.

Within the EU-project ULCOS (=Ultra Low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Steel industry) Memfo has, in co-operation with Sintef, investigated the potential for use of selected membranes for CO<sub>2</sub>-capture

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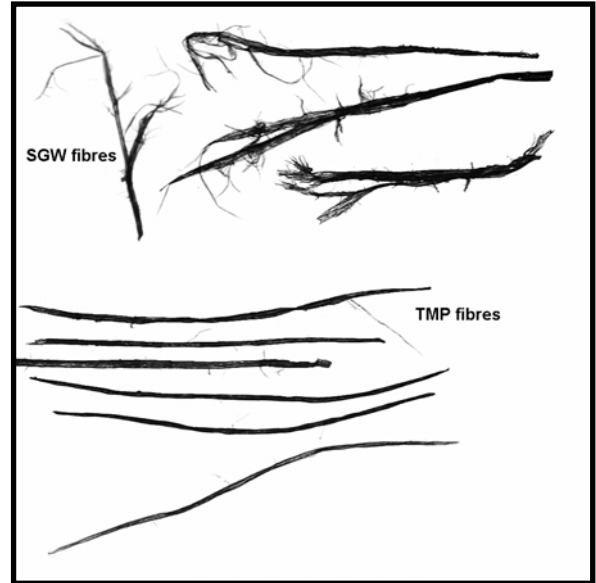
The Paper and Fibre Technology group provides chemical engineers and PhDs for the Norwegian pulp and paper industry. The estimated need from the industry is 8-10 engineering graduates and about 2 PhD candidates per year. The Paper and Fibre group, Paper and Fibre research Institute (PFI) and parts of the Ugelstad laboratory (colloid and surface chemistry) are located in the same building on the NTNU Gløshaugen campus and are working in close cooperation. We also cooperate closely with pulp and paper industry partners such as Norske Skog, Södra Cell, Borregaard, Peterson and Voith.

Our research is focused on improvements in the pulp and paper process and on improved end product quality.

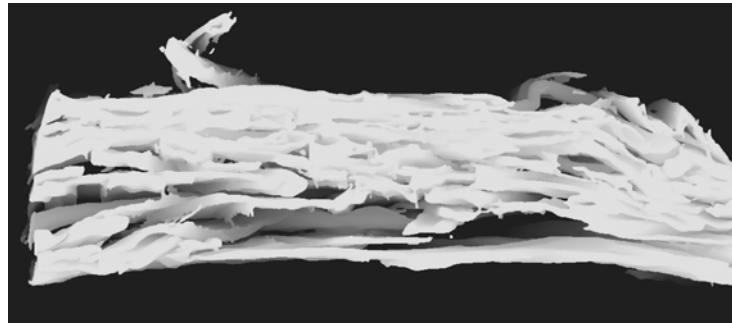
Examples are:

- Reduced energy consumption and/or better fibre properties of mechanical pulp through high intensity refining, co-refining of different raw materials or pretreatment of wood chips.
- Increased brightness or reduced bleaching chemical consumption through separate bleaching of different particle size fractions of mechanical pulp.
- Reduced print through defect in newsprint by optimized sheet structure

The last years a new activity on use of cellulose based particles in composite materials have also started. Goals here are improved strength, barrier and surface properties.



*Improvement of the fibre production process and fibre quality is one central research topic.*



*Quantification of paper structure and design of the optimal structure for different end use properties of paper is another central research topic*

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## CHAPTER 4: EDUCATION

### Chemical Engineering

The specialization in Chemical Engineering starts in the third year through the basic technological courses in Separation Technology, Reaction Engineering, Thermodynamics and Process Design. In the fourth year the students elect further specializations for the

The goal of the education is a Master (MSc) at a high international level in Chemical Engineering.

Students with a bachelor degree in a relevant area from university colleges can be admitted to the fourth year of the MSc-degree programme (2 year MSc

remaining of the studies. The students choose between 6 specializations: Petrochemistry and Catalysis, Colloid and Polymer Chemistry, Separation Technology, Reactor Technology, Process Systems Engineering and Pulp and Paper Chemistry.

programme). The degree provides the candidates qualifications for jobs in a wide range of industries, as well as the public sector and in research. It is also the basis for admission to PhD-studies in Chemical Engineering.

### Master courses given:

Number	Course title	Year	Registered	Passed
TKP4100	Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer	2	83	54
TKP4105	Separation Technology	3	73	44
TKP4110	Chemical Reaction Engineering	3	81	59
TKP4115	Surface and Colloid Chemistry	3	48	33
TKP4120	Process Engineering	2	120	99
TKP4125	Paper and Fibre Technology	4	3	3
TKP4130	Polymer Chemistry	4	8	8
TKP4135	Chemical Process Dynamics and Optimization	4	13	7
TKP4140	Process Control	4	11	8
TKP4145	Reactor Technology	4	10	10
TKP4150	Petrochemistry and Oil Refining	4	12	9
TKP4155	Reaction Kinetics and Catalysis	4	32	23
TKP4160	Transport Phenomena	4	24	20
TKP4165	Process Design	4	25	20
TKP4170	Process Design, Project	4	24	24
TKP4171	Process Design, Project	4	4	4
TKP4700	Catalysis and Petrochemistry, Specialization	5	9	9
TKP4710	Colloid and Polymer Chemistry, Specialization	5	0	0
TKP4720	Process Systems Engineering, Specialization	5	4	4
TKP4730	Reactor Technology, Specialization	5	1	1
TKP4740	Separation and Environmental Technology, Specialization	5	5	5
TKP4750	Paper and Fibre Technology, Specialization	5	4	4
TKP4850	Experts in Team, Interdisciplinary Project	4	21	21
TKP4500	Final Year Design, for Spanish students	5	2	2
		2	2	

### Master students

#### Master thesis 2005

*Bakksjø, Trine-Lise*

Characterization of heavy oils

Supervisor: Edd A. Blekkan

*Berget, Kjetil*

Modelling of fixed Bed Reactor

Supervisor: Hugo A. Jakobsen

*Bysheim, Bjørn Arild*

Preparation of nano-particular crystals of barium- and leadtitanate

Supervisor: Jens-Petter Andreassen

*Elholm, Gunnar*

Dynamic simulation in HYSYS

Supervisor: Terje Hertzberg

*Enger, Bjørn Christian*

Fischer-Tropsch Catalysts on Different Modified Alumina Supports

Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Eriksen, Elise Nordberg*

Drying parameters in atmospheric freeze drying

Supervisor: Norvald Nesse



*Halsen, Siri Line*

Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Ethane

Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Haugen, Geir*

An evaluation of numerical algorithms for the solution of the population balance equation.

Supervisor: Hugo A. Jakobsen

*Haugros, Ingeborg*

A study of catalyst for methanol synthesis

Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Hegdal, Jeanette*

Separation of heavy oils in SARA-fractions

Supervisor: Edd A. Blekkan

*Hellesøy, Steinar*

Viscosity measurements and correlations of mixtures relevant to the processing of reservoir fluids

Supervisor: Hallvard Svendsen

*Hersi, Ahmed*

Treatment of Produced Water

Supervisor: Johan Sjöblom

*Hessen, Erik Troøien*

A Numerical Analysis of Fixed Bed Reactors for SERP Steam Reforming

Supervisor: Hugo A. Jakobsen

*Jonassen, Cecilie*

Absorption properties of gravure printing inks into SC-paper containing Calcium Carbonate

Supervisor: Øyvind W. Gregersen

*Kristensen, Linda Kahtrin*

Membrane dewatering of fish-silage

Supervisor: Norvald Nesse

*Lundberg, Camilla Elisabeth*

Effect of adsorption of various lignosulphonates on the viscosity of concrete paste

Supervisor: Preben C. Mørk

*Mathisen, Guro Malene*

Cleaning of process- and wastewater from industry, by combination of evaporation and oxidation

Supervisor: Norvald Nesse

*Motta, Serena*

Heat transfer experimental studies in stirred tank at different rheologies

Supervisor: Norvald Nesse

*Overgård, Ramona Jeanette*

Development of Cold Flow simulator

Supervisor: Hallvard Svendsen

*Patel, Bijal*

Carbon dioxide absorption: Equilibrium measurements

Supervisor: Hallvard Svendsen

*Pettersen, Hanne E.*

Transport of gas hydrates in oil, effect of polar crude oil fraction

Supervisor: Johan Sjöblom

*Ingela Reppe*

Control of continuous distillation column for training purposes

Supervisor: Sigurd Skogestad

*Rødsten, Marit*

Drying parameters in atmospheric freeze drying

Supervisor: Norvald Nesse

*Valvatne, Vivian Meyer*

Carbondioxide-absorption; modeling of absorber and pilot validation

Supervisor: Hallvard Svendsen

*Vollebakk, Elisabeth*

Catalytic hydrotreatment: model studies

Supervisor: Edd A. Blekkan

## 4<sup>th</sup> year students in our department

Beinset Morten  
Bekkevold Jan Petter  
Berntsen Helene  
Bjørn Christian Melby  
Ekerbakke Hilde  
Fjeldstad Lars Johann  
Fossan Åse-Lill  
Hasanbegovic Nedim  
Haugbråten Kristin  
Haugen Petter Hande  
Haugland Lise  
Haukebø Siv Hustad  
Huynh Dao Bich Thi  
Jacobsen Magnus G  
Jensen Kristian Holm  
Jentoft Gunn Heidi  
Jørgensen Vegard  
Karlsen Mats-Gøran  
Kompalla Thomas  
Kordahl Sina  
Krogstad Marit Kristin

Noreng Lars Erik  
Pettersen Martin Vignes  
Riseggen Henning  
Schønning Magnus  
Sletengen Kine  
Solberg Anette  
Tandstad Ingfrid  
Tjosevik Marie  
Tomter Anne  
Østli Kristian

## 3<sup>rd</sup> year students in our department

Bergstedt Elin  
Braathen Bjarne  
Elde Ingrid Elise  
Ellingsen, Christian  
Evensen Trond  
Fagerbekk Siri Albertsen  
Fahadi Jalal  
Fostenes Siv Monica  
Frøseth Fredrik  
Fævelen Erlend Schou  
Husås Ranveig  
Jonassen Øystein  
Jøndahl Mari  
Karlsen Cathrine Hval

Kleppa Gøril  
Knudsen Agnethe  
Lie Marianne  
Opedal Nils  
Pettersen Tone Sejnæs  
Skogestad Hanne  
Tveten Erik Zakarias  
Vatneberg Stine V.  
Aarhoug Kristin

## Student exchange

During 2005, 12 students from our department (7 females and 5 males) studied in different universities all over the world.

Name	To Institution	Programme	Semester
Beinset, Morten	Universidad de Granada, Spain	Erasmus	05/06
Bekkevold, Jan Petter	Ecole Nationale Supérieure, Paris, France	Erasmus	05/06
Haugbråten, Kristin Sarsten	Royal Melbourne institute, Australia	Individual	05/06
Haugen, Petter Hande	Rheinisch-Westfälische Univ. Aachen, Germany	Erasmus	04/05
Jensen, Kristian Holm	Rheinisch-Westfälische Univ. Aachen, Germany	Erasmus	04/05
Kordahl, Sina	University of Bath, England	Erasmus	05/06
Mellbye, Andrea S	Technische Universität Berlin, Germany	Erasmus	04/05
Nilsen, Silje	Curtin University of Techn. Perth, Australia	Individ	04/04
Næslund, Kathrine	Politecnico di Milano, Italy	Erasmus	04/05
Olsen, Håkon n	Technische Universität Berlin, Germany	Erasmus	04/05
Tjosevik, Marie	University of Newcastle upon Tyne, England	Bilateral	05/06
Tomter, Anne	Vysoká Škola Chemická, Prague, Czech Republ	Erasmus	05/05

During 2005, 20 exchange students (12 females and 8 males) visited our department on different exchange programs.

<b>Name</b>	<b>From Institution</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Ajuria, Olatz	Universidad del Pais Vasco, Spain	Erasmus	05/06
De Vis, Benjamin	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium	Erasmus	05/06
Fernandez D'Arlas Bidegain, Borja	Universidad del Pais Vasco, Spain	Erasmus	04/05
Garcia, José Angel Alcantud	Universidad Granada, Spain	Erasmus	04/05
Hilliard, Marcus	Univ. of Texas, Austin, USA	Bilateral	Spring 05
Indacoechea Vega, Irune	Univeridad deValladolid, Spain	Erasmus	04/05
Izquierdo Peinado, Miguel Angel	Universidad de Granada, Spain	Erasmus	05/06
Jäschke, Johannes	Rheinisch-Westfälische Univ. Aachen, Germany	Erasmus	04/05
Jurova, Eva	Vysoká Skola Chemicko, Prague, Czech Republ	Marie Curie	04/05
Knuutila, Hanna	Tampereen Teknillinen, Finland	Marie Curie	05/06
Lacalle Vilá, Claudia	Universitat de Barcelona, Spain	Erasmus	05/06
Manner, Matti Vili-Pekka	Tampereen teknillinen, Finland	Nordplus	05/06
Motta, Serena	Politecnico di Milano, Italy	Erasmus	04/05
Pellegrinelli, Morgane	ENSIACET, France	Erasmus	Autumn 05
Peña Gómez, Yolanda	Universidad de Granada, Spain	Erasmus	05/06
Peyrelongue, Maylis	ENSIACET, France	Erasmus	Autumn 05
Rojas, Vanesa	Univeridad deValladolid, Spain	Erasmus	04/05
Scorl, Anja	Technische Universität Freiberg, Germany	Erasmus	05/06
Votrubec, Martin	Vysoká Skola Chemicko, Prague, Czech Republ	Erasmus	05/06
Zarubova, Sarka	Vysoká Skola Chemicko, Prague, Czech Republ	Erasmus	05/06

## PhD courses given:

KP8100 Advanced Process Simulation  
 KP8102 Wood Chemistry in Pulping and Paper Making  
 KP8104 Industrial Crystallization and Precipitation  
 KP8105 Methemathical Modelling and Model Fitting  
 KP8106 Gas Cleaning with Chemical Solvents  
 KP8107 Advanced Course in Membrane Separation Process  
 KP8108 Advanced Thermodynamics: With applications to Phase and Reaction Equilibria  
 KP8109 Environmental Catalysis  
 KP8110 Membrane Gas Purification  
 KP8111 Catalytic Conversion of Hydrocarbons  
 KP8112 Applied Heterogeneous Catalysis  
 KP8113 Characterizaton of Heterogeneous Catalysts  
 KP8115 Advanced Process Control  
 KP8116 Colloid Chemistry for Process Industry  
 KP8117 Paper Physics and Paper Chemistry  
 KP8118 Advanced Reactor Modelling  
 KP8119 Surfactants and Polymers in Aquous Soutions  
 KP8120 Colloid Chemistry and Functional Materials

## PhD-Thesis 2005

*Yu, Zhixin*  
 Synthesis of Carbon Nanofibers and Carbon Nanotubes  
 Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Lindbråthen, Arne*  
 Development and modification of glass membranes for aggressive gas separations  
 Supervisor: May-Britt Hägg

*Christensen, Kjersti O.*  
 Steam Reforming of Methane on Different Nickel Catalysts  
 Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Storkaas, Espen*  
 Control solutions to avoid slug flow in piperline-riser system  
 Supervisor: Sigurd Skogestad

*Alstad, Vidar*  
 Studies on Selection of Controlled Variables  
 Supervisor: Sigurd Skogestad

*Aartun, Ingrid*  
 Microstructured reactors for hydrogen production  
 Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Storsæter, Sølvi*

Fischer-Tropsch synthesis over cobalt supported catalysts

Supervisor: Anders Holmen

*Knag, Magne K.*

Surfactant Aggregation in Solution and on Metal

Surfaces and the Impact on Corrosion Rate Supervisor: Johan Sjöblom

*Brandal, Øystein*

Interfacial (o/w) Properties of Naphthenic Acids and Metal Naphthenates, Naphthenic Acid Characterization and Metal Naphthenate Inhibition

Supervisor: Johan Sjöblom

*Da Silva, Eirik Falck*

Computational Chemistry Study of Solvents for Carbon Dioxide Absorption

Supervisor: Hallvard Svendsen

*Lie, Jon Arvid*

Synthesis, performance and regeneration of carbon membranes for biogas upgrading – a future energy carrier

Supervisor: May-Britt Hägg

*Ma'mun, Sholeh*

Selection and Characterization of New Absorbents for Carbon Dioxide Capture

Supervisor: Hallvard Svendsen

*Vrålstad, Torbjørn*

Synthesis and characterization of cobalt-containing mesoporous model catalysts

Supervisor: Johan Sjöblom

5 PhD exchange students visited our department in 2005, (2 female and 4 male).

<b>Name</b>	<b>University/Country</b>	<b>Group located</b>
Nitzsche, Jörg	Freiburg University, Germany	Catalysis and Petrochemistry Group
Saarinen, Tapio		Colloid and polymer Group
Lögdberg, Sara	KTH, Sweden	Catalysis and Petrochemistry Group
Tristantini, Dewi	Chalmers University, Sweden	Catalysis and Petrochemistry Group
Tynys, Antti	HUIT, Finland	Colloid and polymer Group
Schmidt, Kurt	UiB	Reactortechnology Group



## CHAPTER 6: ORGANIZATION - ECONOMY

### Organization (see cover page):

The Head of Department is elected for a four-year period, and has an advisory committee for consultation. The scientific staff is divided into 6 research groups by scope of research. Each group has a representative in the management team. The team that has meetings every second week and discusses running matters. In addition, the Department has 12 persons in technical and administrative staff to support teaching and research of all the research groups.

The department receives contribution from the Government and from external contributors. Our area of research are mainly in applied sciences, and we are getting approx 2/3 of our yearly income of KNOK 72 000 from external sources.

The Governmental funding and overhead from external projects are mainly used to pay salaries to the permanent staff of scientific, technical and administrative personnel. The last year's spendings are shown in the table below:

### Economy:

Accounts	2003	2004	2005
<b>Income</b>			
Public funding	21 309 641	20 556 093	22 129 000
Overhead external projects	1 278 884	2 153 815	2 153 815
Sum income	22 588 525	22 709 908	24 282 815
<b>Expenses</b>			
Wages	19 335 309	17 703 181	19 216 318
Operating expenses	3 878 386	3 937 176	3 660 005
Sum expenses	23 213 695	21 640 358	22 876 323
Result	(625 170)	1 069 551	1 406 492

### External funding

The Department has a yearly income from external contributors of approx KNOK 47 000. Main contributor to the research activity is The Research Council of Norway (NFR). Most of these funds come from The Department's own projects, but the second largest external source are NFR-projects where we contribute as a third party. The industrial contributions are growing rapidly, mainly due to NFR policy of more focus on collaboration between universities and

industry. Therefore a growing portion of projects are partly financed by industry and/or research institutes.

We also have projects solely funded from international industry. We have several ongoing Joint Industrial Programmes (JIP's) with industry partners from countries in Europe, North-America, South-America and Asia. Commissions from national and foreign companies were in 2005 approx 16% of the total external funding.

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