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PERSONAL DETAILS

- Date of Birth: 1967
- Nationality: Norwegian (born in Tromsø, Norway)
- Place of Residence: Grimstad, Norway

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

- 1994-1997 Dr.ing. (PhD) in Electrical Power Engineering, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway
- Dissertation: Construction and Assessment of Hierarchical Edge Elements for Three-Dimensional Computations of Eddy Currents
- 1987-1992 Sivilingeniør (Masters degree) in Electrical Power Engineering, Norwegian Institute of Technology, Trondheim, Norway
- Thesis: Design of a New LHC Lattice Quadrupole Magnet (written at CERN – The European Laboratory for Particle Physics, Geneva, Switzerland)

PRESENT POSITION

2004- University of Agder, Faculty of Engineering and Science, Grimstad, Norway

Position: Professor

Research interests in broad terms:

- Electromagnetic modeling and simulation (theory and applications of field calculations and electric circuits)
- Energy conversion (electromechanical, electric-electric and photon-electric)
- “New renewable” energy (photovoltaic and wind)

Courses developed, or under development:

- MAS401: Electric Drives (5 ECTS 4th year Master’s degree course at UiA)
- ENE219 Power Electronics (10 ECTS 3rd year Bachelor’s degree)

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- course at UiA)
- ENE220 Electric Power Systems (10 ECTS 2nd year Bachelor's degree course at UiA)
- EK6106 Power Electronics (5 ECTS 3rd year Bachelor's degree course at Telemark University College)
- MT-602 Electromagnetic modeling (5 ECTS PhD-course at UiA)
- FENxxx Electrical Engineering for Renewable Energy (10 ECTS Master's degree course at UiA)

OTHER POSITIONS AFTER UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1998-2003 ABB, Norway

Position: Senior Research Scientist

- Various R&D-projects @ ABB Corporate Research and ABB Automation Division

1994-1997 Norwegian University of Science and Technology,
Trondheim, Norway

Position: Fellow

- Earned a Doctorate, and had teaching duties in various courses within the area of Electrical Power Engineering

1993 CERN – The European Laboratory for Particle
Physics, Geneva, Switzerland

Position: Technical student

- Performed early design calculations of magnetic fields in the main quadrupoles for The Large Hadron Collider

LANGUAGES

- Norwegian: mother tongue
- English: very good, written and oral

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)
- Member of Tekna (The Norwegian Society of Chartered Technical and Scientific Professionals)
- Elected member of Agder Vitenskapsakademi (Agder Academy of Sciences and Letters)
- Member of Norsk Elektroteknisk Forening (Norwegian Society for Electrical Engineering)

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LIST OF PAPERS, REPORTS, THESES, PATENTS AND
ORIGINAL LECTURE NOTES

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Scientific papers in Conference Proceedings

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