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12. “Method for Assessment of Friction Properties of Fibers or Substrates upon Mechanical Treatment”, C. K. Yagnik, K. Varoon (Agrawal), US8429963 (2013).
13. “Method for Assessment of Electrostatic Properties of Fibers or Substrates”, K. Varoon (Agrawal), US Patent US8198901 (2012).

Invited Lectures at International Conferences

1. Invited talk in 9th International Conference on Metal-Organic Frameworks and Open Framework Compounds (MOF2024), Singapore, 2024.
2. Invited Lecture at the international conference From Solid-state to Biophysics XI, Croatia, 2024.
3. Invited talk in Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting, Nanoscale Mass Transport Through 2D and 1D Nanomaterials, Seattle, 2024.
4. Invited talk in Gordon Research Conference (GRC) on Nanoporous Materials and Their Applications, Proctor Academy, NH, USA, 2023.
5. Keynote talk in 9th International Zeolite Membrane Meeting (IZMM), Najing, China, 2023.
6. Keynote talk in GBT-SPT 2023 and 2nd GBA-MMP Symposium, 2023.
7. Invited talk in International Nanofluidic Symposium, Singapore, Jan 18-20, 2023.
8. Invited talk in 16th International Conference on Inorganic Membranes (ICIM 16), Taiwan, 2022.
9. Invited talk in MRS Spring Meeting, Nanoscale Mass Transport Through 2D and 1D Nanomaterials, Honolulu, May 2022.
10. Plenary talk (FRI/John G. Kunesh Award), Separation Division, AIChE Annual Meeting 2021, USA.
11. Invited talk in KAUST Research Conference: Advanced materials for energy-efficient separations, Addressing Vision 2030 and beyond, Saudi Arabia, 2020.
12. Invited talk in Summer School by European Membrane Society, University of Edinburg, Scotland, 2019.
13. Invited talk in GRC on “Membranes: Materials and Processes”, USA, 2018.
14. Invited talk in Young Membrane Scientist Award lecture, North American Membrane Society (NAMS), USA, 2018.

Invited Lectures (others)

15. Research Talk, ETH Board, Lausanne, Switzerland June 2024.
16. Seminar, Yonsei University, Jan 2024.
17. Seminar, Tianjin University, Fall 2023.
18. Seminar, Suzhou University, Fall 2023.
19. Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2023.
20. Seminar, Ohio State University, Fall 2023.
21. Seminar, IISc Bangalore, 2023.
22. Seminar, Shell, June 2023.
23. Seminar, Yonsei University, Jan 2023.
24. Invited talk in the thematic session, “Membranes for Gas Separation” in the workshop “Thin Film Nanostructured Membranes for Gas Separation, Storage and Water Desalination” IISc Bangalore, India, Jan 2022.
25. Seminar, University of Minnesota, Jan 2022.
26. Seminar, ETH Zurich, 2021.
27. Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2021.
28. Seminar, John Hopkins University, 2021.
29. Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, 2021.
30. Research Talk, Swiss Parliament Committee for Science, Education and Research, Sion, Switzerland, 2021.
31. Research Talk, ETH Board, Sion, Switzerland 2021.
32. Young Faculty Meeting, Swiss Chemical Society, Bern, Switzerland, 2021.
33. EuroTech Seminar Series, 2021.
34. Seminar, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, 2021.
35. Research Talk, Extended EPFL Energy Event: Carbon capture, utilization and storage, 2021.
36. Seminar, National Graphene Institute, Manchester, UK, 2021.
37. Seminar, IBM Research Center, Brazil, 2021.
38. Seminar, Graphene Center, Cambridge University, 2021.

39. Seminar, Separation Technology Workshop, Yonsei University, 2021.
40. Research Talk, EPFL Alumni Day, 2020.
41. Seminar, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering, Clinton, USA, 2019.
42. Seminar, Stockholm University, Sweden, 2019.
43. Seminar, Eidgenössische Materialprüfungs- und Forschungsanstalt (EMPA), Switzerland, 2019.
44. Seminar, Imperial College London, UK, 2018.
45. Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA, 2018.
46. GAZNAT Global gas conference, EPFL, Lausanne, 2018.
47. Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India, 2018.
48. Raman Microscopy Workshop, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 2017.
49. Seminar, Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, 2017.
50. Inorganic Chemistry Seminar, University of Bayreuth, Germany, 2017.
51. Chemical Engineering Seminar, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, 2016.
52. Chemical and Biological Engineering seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, 2015.
53. Chemical & Biological Engineering seminar, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA, 2015.
54. Special Chemical Engineering Seminar, Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA, 2015.
55. Chemical & Biochemical Seminar, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, 2015.
56. Memento ISIC Seminar, EPFL, Switzerland, 2014.
57. Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA, 2014.
58. CEMS Advanced Doctoral Student Seminar, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, 2013.

Funding (raised ~21 million CHF for the following projects)

- AIChE Inorganic Materials Graduate Student Award funding through Chevron (since 2020)
- EPFL Solutions4Sustainability Grant on CCUS (2023).
- EPFL-UNIL Climact Starting Grant (2023).
- Bridge Proof of Concept Grant with Dr. Mojtaba Rezaei (2022-2023).
- 2022 EPFL FSB Science Seed Grant (2022-2023).
- GAZNAT precombustion carbon capture project (2021-2024).
- Postcombustion carbon capture demonstration project (funded by GAZNAT and Swiss Federal Office of Energy; 2020-2025).
- Advanced in situ TEM for atomic-scale material chemistry and engineering (2020).
- District demonstrator project (funded by Valais administration, Switzerland; 2020-2025).
- Shell postcombustion carbon capture project (2020-2023).
- Swiss National Science Foundation Project (2020-2024).
- Swiss National Supercomputing Center (2019-2020).
- ABB research grant (2019).
- GAZNAT carbon capture project - Phase II (2019-2023).
- Swiss National Supercomputing Center (2018-2019).
- European Research Council (ERC) Starting grant (2019-2023).
- Cooperation and Development Center (CODEV) seed grant (2018).
- Swiss National Science Foundation Assistant Professor Energy grant (2017- 2020).
- GAZNAT carbon capture project (2017-2020).
- Swiss Competence Center of Energy Research – Efficiency in Industrial Processes (SCCER-EIP), Phase II (2017 – 2020).
- EPFL Valais funding on exfoliation chemistry (2017-2020).
- ETH-Board funding on collaborative energy research (2016-2017).

Awards and Academic Honors

1. Journal of Membrane Science Oral Presentation award at International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes (ICOM 2023).
2. Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Membrane Science (2023 onwards).
3. Member of the Early Career Editorial Board of the Separation & Purification Technology (2023)

- onwards).
4. FRI/John G. Kunes Award, AIChE Separation Division, 2021.
 5. Member of the Early Career Editorial Board of the Journal of Membrane Science (2020-2023).
 6. Young Membrane Scientist Award, North American Membrane Society (NAMS), 2018.
 7. European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant, 2018.
 8. Swiss National Science Foundation Assistant Professor Energy Grant (Career Grant, 2017).
 9. Best Poster Award, Gordon Research Conference on Nanoporous Materials and Their Applications, 2015.
 10. Graduate Student Research Award, AIChE Separations Division, 2013.
 11. Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2012-2013), University of Minnesota.
 12. Sigma Xi Award for best student poster presentation during DDF showcase.
 13. Best Poster Award, Gordon Research Conference on Nanoporous Materials and Their Applications, 2011.
 14. CEMS Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (2009-2010), University of Minnesota.
 15. Procter & Gamble R&D Vice President Power of You Gold Award.
 16. Institute Silver Medal for securing 1st rank in Department of Chemical Engineering at IIT Bombay.
 17. Manudhane Best Undergraduate Student Award for overall excellence at IIT Bombay.
 18. IIT Bombay Merit Scholarship (2003-2005).

Professional Activities outside EPFL

1. Co-founder & Scientific Advisor, Divea.
2. Editorial Board Member of Journal of Membrane Science (2023 onwards).
3. Early Career Editorial Board Member of Separations & Purification Technology (2023-24).
4. Early Career Editorial Board Member of Journal of Membrane Science (2020-2022).
5. Member of the GAZNAT Steering Committee for Carbon Capture (2020 onwards).
6. Executive Guest Editor of Journal of Membrane Science for the special issue on “2D Membranes for Molecular Separation”
7. Guest Editor of Separation and Purification Technology for the special issue on “Two Dimensional Membranes”
8. Member of the Swiss Steering Committee for Swiss-Norwegian Beamlines (SNBL, 2021 onwards).

Professional Activities within EPFL

1. Member of the Doctoral School Committee (EDCH, 2024, two-year mandate).
2. Elected member of EPFL Teachers Council (CCE, 2023, two-year mandate).
3. Member of the EPFL Valais Wallis Campus Committee (2021 onwards).
4. Scientific Advisor to the EPFL Student Team on Direct Air Capture (2021 onwards).
5. Member of the EPFL Vision Committee for CO₂ Sequestration (2022).
6. Member of the ISIC Physical Chemistry Faculty Hiring Committee (2021-2023).
7. Member of the Doctoral School Committee (EDCH) of EPFL (2020-2022).
8. Chair of the EPFL Valais Faculty Committee (2018-2020).
9. Member of the ISIC Vision Panel (2019).
10. Member of several ISIC Hiring Committees for NMR Platform Scientist (2019).
11. Member of the SCGC Teaching Committee (2016-2017).

Organization of Conferences

1. International Nanofluidics Conference 2024 with Aleksandra Radenovic and Alex Noy.
2. Conceptualized, organized, and raised funding through sponsor (Chevron) for the Graduate Student Award Session in AIChE Material Engineering and Sciences Division, Inorganic Materials.
3. *Area Chair* (Inorganic Materials, Material Engineering and Sciences Division, MESD), AIChE Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, USA, 2018
4. Chair for multiple sessions at AIChE annual meeting 2021.
5. Session Chair, 12th International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes (ICOM 2020).

6. Chair, Synthesis and Application of Inorganic Materials II: Application/Separations, AIChE Annual Meeting 2020 (online).
7. Co-chair, Inorganic Materials Graduate student award session, AIChE Annual Meeting, 2020 (online).
8. Co-chair, Two-Dimensional Materials and Thin Films, AIChE Annual Meeting, 2020 (online).
9. Chair, Inorganic Materials, North American Membrane Society 2020 (online).
10. Chair, Graduate student award session (area: MESD Inorganic Materials), AIChE Annual Meeting, Orlando, USA 2019
11. Chair, Graduate student award session (area: MESD Inorganic Materials), AIChE Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, USA 2018
12. Chair, MOFs, COFs, and Porous Polymer Materials I: Synthesis, AIChE Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, USA, 2017
13. Chair, MOFs, COFs, and Porous Polymer Materials II: Applications, AIChE Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, USA, 2017
14. Chair, Nanostructured Thin Films, AIChE Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016
15. Co-Chair, Advances in the Synthesis and Application of Porous Materials I, AIChE Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016
16. Chair, Advances in the Synthesis and Application of Porous Materials II, AIChE Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, USA, 2015
17. Participant, Department of Energy's Advance Manufacturing Office Workshop on Membrane Technology, Chicago, USA, 2012

Professional Affiliations

Member of Royal Society of Chemistry (MRSC), Swiss Chemical Society, Swiss Process & Chemical Engineers, European Federation of Chemical Engineering, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Chemical Society, Material Research Society, European Membrane Society, North American Membrane Society, American Association for The Advancement of Science

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Grant proposals: Horizon 2020 (European Research Council (ERC) Grants), ACS PRF

Journal Articles (~40 per year)

Science, Nature, Nature Materials, Nature Nanotechnology, Nature Energy, Advanced Materials, Science Advances, Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences, Nature Communications, Journal of American Chemical Society, Angewandte Chemie, Advanced Functional Materials, Nano Letters, ACS Nano, ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces, Carbon, ACS Applied Nano Materials, ACS Applied Polymer Materials, Chemistry-A European Journal, Chemical Reviews, ACS Sensors, The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, Journal of Membrane Science, Journal of Materials Science, Nano Research, The Journal of Physical Chemistry-C, Microporous and Mesoporous Materials, Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research, ChemPhysChem, Journal of Chemical Technology & Biotechnology, AIChE Journal, Chemical Engineering Science.

- Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research Excellence in Review Award - 2022

Teaching Experience

Lecturer ChE 310: Fundamentals of Separation Processes, EPFL, 2018- Present

Lecturer ChE 402: Diffusion and Mass Transfer, EPFL, 2018 - Present

Project Coach, "ChE 413: Chemical Product Design", EPFL, 2016 – Present

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT, 2016

Guest Lectures

Fall 2009 'Absorption, Adsorption and Extraction', CHEN 2001, University of Minnesota

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Spring 2012 'Structure of Zeolites', CHEN 8501, University of Minnesota
Fall 2015 'Nanoporous Membranes: Zeolite and Graphene', 10.585, Massachusetts Institute of Technology