

Curriculum vitae — Trygve Helgaker



Personal Information

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Education

- 1981–1986 *dr. philos.*: theoretical chemistry, disputation date: 13.06.1986
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1975–1980 *cand. scient.*: electron diffraction, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1975–1980 *cand. mag.*: chemistry, mathematics, physics, and Russian, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1974–1975 University of Leningrad (Russian studies)
- 1972–1974 Norwegian Army Language School (Russian studies)

Current and Previous Positions

- 2017– Director, Hylleraas Centre, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo, Norway
- 2013–2017 Director, CTCC, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1992– Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1989–1992 Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1987–1989 Researcher, Department of Chemistry, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 1986–1987 Researcher, Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications, University of Minnesota, USA
- 1985–1986 Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo, Norway
- 1979–1979 Researcher, Department of Slavic Studies, University of Oslo, Norway

Mobility

- 2006 – 2007 Department of Chemistry, University of Durham, UK (12 months)
- 1999 – 2000 Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge, UK (12 months)

Funding

- 2020 – 2023 *Magnetic Chemistry*, RCN 287950, **leader**, MNOK 11,009
- 2017 – 2022 *Hylleraas Centre of Excellence*, RCN 232395, **director**, MNOK 146,000
- 2017 – 2018 *Molecules in Extreme Environments*, Centre Adv. Study, Norway, **leader**, MNOK 3,500
- 2011 – 2016 *Advanced Grant*, ERC Grant No 267683, **leader**, EUR 2,100,000
- 2007 – 2017 *CTCC Centre of Excellence*, RCN 171185, **co-leader**, MNOK 93,863
- 2010 – 2013 *Molecules in Magnetic Fields*, RCN 197446, **leader**, MNOK 4,800
- 2006 – 2009 *SCF Methods for Periodic and Non-Periodic Systems*, RCN 171185, **leader**, MNOK 2,268
- 2004 – 2007 *NANOQUANT*, FP6 MRTN-CT-2003-506842, **partner**, EUR 1,781,000
- 2003 – 2007 *Strategic University Program in Quantum Chemistry*, RCN 154011, **partner**, MNOK 8,650
- 2003 – 2004 *Linear-Scaling Quantum-Chemical Methods for Large Systems*, RCN 155137, MNOK 1,362
- 2003 – 2006 Molecular Modelling in Nanotechnology, RCN 158538, **partner**, MNOK 8,291
- 2000 – 2003 MOLPROP, ETN, FP5 HPRN-2000-00013, **partner**, EUR 1,465,000 (EUR 175,572)
- 1999 – 2002 *Relativistic Corrections to Mol. Magnetic Properties*, RCN 132030, **leader**, MNOK 1,289

Supervision of Graduate Students and Research Fellows

- 1989 – 2016 (19/4) postdocs, (12/4) PhD students, (16/0) master students at the University of Oslo

Teaching Activities

1989 – 2013 undergraduate teaching in physical and theoretical chemistry (except for sabbaticals)

Institutional Responsibilities

2017 – Deputy Board Member, *Department of Chemistry*, University of Oslo
2014 – Advisory Board Member, *Centre for Integrative Neuroplasticity*, University of Oslo
2003 – 2012 Advisory Board Member, *Centre of Mathematics and Applications*, University of Oslo
2004 – 2006 Organiser of Department of Chemistry Seminar Series, University of Oslo
1989 – 1997 IT Committee Chair, Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo

Commissions of Trust

2018 – Bureau Member, International Academy of Quantum Molecules Science
2015 – Hassel Lecture Committee Member, Norwegian Chemical Society, Norway
2015 – Academic Committee Member, Aker Scholarship, Norway
2013 – Editor, *Molecular Physics*, UK.
2011 – Advisory Board Member, WIREs Computational Molecular Science, UK
2010 – 2012 e-Infrastructure Scientific Opportunities Panel Member, Norway
2008 – 2018 Editorial Board Member, *Chemical Physics Letters*, UK
2007 – 2013 Advisory Board Member, *Molecular Physics*, UK
1998 – 2006 Editorial Board Member, *Theoretical Chemistry Accounts*, USA
1996 – Editorial Board Member, *Inter. Journal of Quantum Chemistry*, USA
1989 – opponent and member of 16 assessment committees

Memberships of Scientific Societies

2007 – *Norwegian Chemical Society*, Norway
2005 – Elected Member, *International Academy of Quantum Molecular Sciences*, international
2005 – Elected Member, *Board World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists*
2004 – Elected Member, *Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters*, Norway

Fellowships and Awards

2019 *Nansen Award for Excellence in Science*, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
2017 – *Hylleraas Centre of Quantum Molecular Sciences*, director, Centre of Excellence
2017 – 2018 *Centre for Advanced Study*, group leader, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
2016 *Ede Kapuy Lecture*, Eötvös University, Budapest, Hungary
2013 *Molecular Physics Festschrift*, Molecular Physics, UK
2011 *ERC Advanced Grant*, EU
2011 *Award for Outstanding Research (Möbius Prize)*, Research Council of Norway
2010 *Research Excellence Award*, ICCMSE, Greece
2007 – 2017 *Centre for Theoretical and Computational Chemistry*, Research Centre of Norway
2007 *Centenary Lectureship and Medal*, Royal Society of Chemistry, UK
2007 *Guldberg–Waage Medal*, Norwegian Chemical Society, Norway
2006 *University of Oslo Research Prize*, University of Oslo
1999 *Coulson Lecture*, University of Athens, Georgia, USA
1992 *Den Gyldne Spatel*, Chemistry Students' Teaching Award, University of Oslo
1987 – 1989 *Odd Hassel Scholarship*, Research Council of Norway
1985 *Nansen Award for Young Researchers*, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters

Track Record — Trygve Helgaker

Publications

I have published 346 publications, of which 295 are articles and 7 are reviews in international journals. These publications have received more than 24500 citations on Web of Science (23000 excluding self citations) and 34700 on Google Scholar. My H-index is 74 on Web of Science and 87 on Google Scholar. Three articles have been cited more than 1000 times and 59 articles more than 100 times. In addition, the monograph *Molecular Electronic-Structure Theory* (Helgaker, Jørgensen and Olsen, Wiley, 2000) has been cited more than 3300 times. I have published two translations of Russian fiction to Norwegian. The following are a list of representative publications, including a short description and the number of citations (with/without self citations).

1. [A second-quantization approach to the analytical evaluation of response properties for perturbation-dependent basis sets](#),
T. U. Helgaker and J. Almlöf, *Int. J. Quantum Chem.* **26**, 275–291 (1984)
Introduces a second-quantization formalism for perturbation-dependent basis sets, universally adopted for deriving molecular properties within the second-quantization formalism [65/53 citations].
2. [Configuration-interaction energy derivatives in a fully variational formulation](#),
T. Helgaker and P. Jørgensen, *Theor. Chim. Acta* **75**, 111–127 (1989)
Introduces the now standard Lagrangian technique for nonvariational wave functions, greatly simplifying manipulations and calculations of energies and time-independent and time-dependent molecular properties [165/150 citations].
3. [Integration of the classical equations of motion on ab initio molecular potential energy surfaces using gradients and Hessians: application to translational energy release upon fragmentation](#),
T. Helgaker, E. Uggerud, and H. J. Aa. Jensen, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **173**, 145–150 (1990)
Introduces direct Born–Oppenheimer semi-classical molecular dynamics as an alternative to Car-Parrinello method. This method, which uses second-order trust-region integration scheme is now standard in the Gaussian code- [218/211 citations]
4. [Basis-set convergence of correlated calculations on water](#),
T. Helgaker, W. Klopper, H. Koch, and J. Noga, *J. Chem. Phys.* **106**, 9639–9646 (1997)
This and its equally highly cited follow-up paper introduce an energy extrapolation technique, reducing basis-set correlation errors by an order of magnitude at no extra cost. [1726/1704 citations]
5. [Analytical calculation of nuclear magnetic resonance indirect spin–spin coupling constants at the generalized gradient approximation and hybrid levels of density-functional theory](#),
T. Helgaker, M. Watson, and N. C. Handy, *J. Chem. Phys.* **113**, 9402–9409 (2000)
The first full implementation of indirect nuclear spin–spin coupling constants in DFT, making it possible to calculate spin–spin coupling constants reliably in a routine manner. [323/303 citations]
6. [Excitation energies in density functional theory: An evaluation and a diagnostic test](#),
M. J. G. Peach, P. Benfield, T. Helgaker, and D. J. Tozer, *J. Chem. Phys.* **128**, 044118 (2008)
TDDFT often fails to predict correctly excitation energies that involve charge transfer. This paper introduces a simple test that diagnoses situations when TDDFT excitations are likely to fail. [980/976 citations]
7. [Accurate calculation and modelling of the adiabatic connection in density functional theory](#),
A.M. Teale, S. Coriani and T. Helgaker, *J. Chem. Phys.* **132**, 154102 (2010)
Represents the first use of the Lieb variation principle to calculate the universal density-functional from high-level ab initio theory, providing an invaluable benchmark for density functional construction and analysis [67/53 citations]
8. [A paramagnetic bonding mechanism for diatomics in strong magnetic fields](#),
K. K. Lange, E. I. Tellgren, M. R. Hoffmann, and T. Helgaker, *Science* **337**, 327–331 (2012)
Identifies a fundamentally new chemical bonding mechanism, arising from the interaction of the electrons with an external magnetic field – responsible for zero-bond order bonds [72/63 citations].
9. [Differentiable but exact formulation of density-functional theory](#),
S. Kvaal, U. Ekström, A. M. Teale, and T. Helgaker, *J. Chem. Phys.* **140**, 18A518 (2014)
The exact density functional is discontinuous and nondifferentiable, casting doubts on our ability to model it. Using Moreau-Yosida regularisation, we show that the exact functional is, in a precise sense, infinitesimally close to a differentiable functional and can be modelled accurately but such functions [24/19 citations].
10. [Dalton quantum chemistry program system](#),
K. Aidas, et al. *WIREs Comput. Mol. Sci.* **4**, 269–284 (2014)
The first description of the Dalton program, reflecting more than 30 years of work. Of the 83 authors, 17 are my current/previous group members. I am corresponding author [828/809 citations].

Major Collaborations

J. Gauss (Mainz) molecular properties, coupled-cluster theory, magnetic fields; *P. Jørgensen* (Aarhus) molecular properties, coupled-cluster theory; *W. Klopper* (Karlsruhe) coupled-cluster theory, high accuracy; *J. Olsen* (Aarhus) molecular properties, coupled-cluster theory; *K. Ruud* (Tromsø) molecular properties, *A. Savin* (UPMC, Paris) DFT; *S. Stopkowicz* (Mainz), coupled-cluster theory and strong magnetic fields, *D. Tozer* (Durham) DFT; *A. Teale* (Nottingham) DFT and strong magnetic fields

Selected invited presentations to peer-reviewed, internationally established conferences:

- 2019 *Robust optimization of the density in orbital-free DFT*, MQM (Germany)
- 2018 *Closed-shell molecular paramagnetism*, ICQC (France)
- 2017 *Quantum chemistry in magnetic fields*, WATOC (Germany)
- 2016 *CDFT of molecules in weak and strong magnetic fields*, Sanibel (USA) & MQM (Sweden)
- 2015 *Density-functional theory in magnetic fields*, Pacificchem (USA)
- 2014 *Exact but differentiable formulation of DFT*, WATOC (Chile) and 248st ACS (USA)
- 2013 *Molecular magnetism and DFT in magnetic fields*, DFT2013 (UK)
- 2012 *Chemical bonding in strong magnetic fields*, QSCP (Finland)
- 2011 *Molecules in strong magnetic fields*, WATOC (Spain) & ISTCP (Japan)
- 2010 *Ab Initio studies of the adiabatic connection in DFT*, MQM (USA) and EuChemMS (Germany)

I have given 116 oral presentations at conferences and meetings, 24 at workshops, and 71 during visits.

Presentations at international advanced schools:

I have given more than 300 lectures at international advanced schools. Of these, 205 lectures were given at the *Sostrup Summer School of Quantum Chemistry and Molecular Properties*, organized by *P. Jørgensen*, *J. Olsen*, and myself biennially 2000–2014. In addition, I have given 65 lectures at the *European School of Quantum Chemistry (ESQC)* biennially 2001–2019 and in 2000.

Major contributions to the early careers of excellent researchers:

I have mentored 19 postdocs (of which 5 now hold permanent faculty positions) and supervised 13 PhD students. Three of my previous group members have won ERC Starting and Consolidation Grants and two have won RCN Young Researcher Talent Grants. I have organized 13 summer schools since 1990 and taught at summer schools every year since 1990. I have written one popular textbook for students (recently reprinted as paperback), with one upcoming book.

Organisation of Scientific Meetings

- 2019 *Chemistry 2019: On Hassel's Shoulders*, 100 participants, Norway
- 2018 *Atoms, Molecules and Materials in Extreme Environments*, 65 participants, Norway, **chair**
- 2018 *Mathematical Methods in Quantum Chemistry*, 45 participants, Germany
- 2018 *Adventures from Numerical Quant. Chem. Methods to Biol. Systems*, 70 participants, Norway
- 2017 *50th Anniversary Celebration of IAQMS*, 60 participants, France, **chair**
- 2016 *Magical Mystery Tour of Electron Correlation*, 70 participants, Norway, **chair**
- 2015 *Advances in Electronic-Structure Theory*, France, member, 104 participants
- 2015 *Hylleraas Symposium*, Norway, **chair**, 50 participants.
- 2015 *Fundamental Aspects of density-functional theory*, Norway, **chair**, 57 participants
- 2014 *Promoting Female Excellence in Theor. and Comp. Chem.*, Norway, member, 103 participants
- 2011 *15th European Seminar on Comp. Methods in Quantum Chemistry*, Norway, **chair**, 89 participants
- 2010 *Quantum Chemistry Beyond the Arctic Circle*, Norway, member, 75 participants
- 2009 *Molecular Properties: Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Appl.*, Norway, **chair**, 94 participants
- 2007 *A Coastal Voyage of Current Density Functional Theory*, Norway, member, 43 participants
- 2006 *Nanoquant*, Norway, **chair**, 60 participants