

Biographical information

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Professional preparation, education and personal data:

- Professor of Physics at Michigan State University, USA and the University of Oslo, Norway
- Norwegian citizen, born in Haugesund, July 29, 1961
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, Siv.Ing. in Theoretical Physics (Master of Science equivalent), 1988
- University of Oslo, Norway, Ph.D in Theoretical Nuclear Physics, 1993
- ECT*, Trento, Italy, Postdoctoral Researcher in Theoretical Nuclear Physics, 1994-1996
- Nordita, Copenhagen, Denmark, Postdoctoral Researcher in Theoretical Nuclear Physics, 1996-1998

Appointments:

Position	Institution	Dates
Associate Professor of Physics	University of Oslo	1999-2001
Professor of Physics	University of Oslo	2001-present
Adjunct Professor of Physics	Michigan State University	2003-2011
Professor of Physics	Michigan State University	2012-present

Brief research overview

I am a theoretical physicist with a strong interest in computational physics and many-body theory in general, and the nuclear many-body problem and nuclear structure problems in particular. This means that I study various methods for solving either Schrödinger's equation or Dirac's equation for many interacting particles, spanning from algorithmic aspects to the mathematical properties of such methods. The latter also leads to a strong interest in computational physics as well as computational aspects of quantum mechanical methods.

Awards:

1. University of Oslo award for excellence in teaching, 2000
2. Fellow of the American Physical Society, 2007
3. Oak Ridge National Laboratory excellence in research award, 2008
4. Outstanding referee award of the American Physical Society, 2008
5. University of Oslo award for excellence in teaching for the **Computing in Science Education** project, 2011
6. NOKUT (Norwegian entity of quality assessment in higher education) award for excellence in teaching for the **Computing in Science Education** project, 2012
7. Elected member of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters, 2013
8. Elected member of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters, 2015
9. University of Oslo award for excellence in teaching for developing the Computational Physics group, 2015
10. Favorite graduate teacher at the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Michigan State University, 2016

Highly cited articles, and additional research highlights:

1. **Realistic effective interactions for nuclear systems**, M Hjorth-Jensen, TTS Kuo, E Osnes, [Physics Reports 261, 125-270 \(1995\)](#)
2. **Phases of dense matter in neutron stars**, H Heiselberg, M Hjorth-Jensen, [Physics Reports 328, 237-327 \(2000\)](#)
3. **Pairing in nuclear systems: from neutron stars to finite nuclei**, DJ Dean, M Hjorth-Jensen, [Reviews of Modern Physics 75, 607 \(2003\)](#)
4. A total of 148 peer reviewed articles and four books to be published.

5. Authored and co-authored 22 Physical Review Letters articles, 17 Rapid communications in Physical Review C, seven Physics Letters B articles, one Astrophysical Journal Letters article and one Nature Physics article
6. Written two Physics viewpoints and been highlighted in one other.
7. Taught and developed several courses in Computational Physics and many-body physics, courses in nuclear structure and quantum physics and mechanics and statistical mechanics.
8. More than two hundred invited talks, seminars, colloquia and lectures given worldwide.
9. Organized more than 30 conferences, workshops and schools and advanced courses.
10. Supervised and co-supervised 63 graduate students (51 Master of Science and 12 PhD students)
11. Presently supervising 12 Master of Science students (University of Oslo) and five PhD students (MSU)

Synergistic Activities and service through the years:

- Since 1999 I have established an activity in computational physics at the Department of Physics at the University of Oslo. I have also started from scratch and developed several courses on computational physics and many-body physics. This activity was recognized with the Excellence in Teaching award from the University of Oslo in 2015. During the last fifteen years I have guided 51 Master of Science students (29 have continued with PhD studies) and twelve PhD students. I currently supervise twelve Master of Science students at the University of Oslo. I supervise five PhD students at Michigan State University.
- With colleagues at the University of Oslo, I have been strongly involved in the development of a totally new teaching philosophy which merges computation with the traditional science and mathematics curriculum. This project is called [Computing in Science Education](#) and has received considerable support from the University of Oslo and the Norwegian Ministry of research and education. It received the University of Oslo award for excellence in teaching in 2011 and the NOKUT award in 2012.
- With colleagues from the USA and other European countries, we have started the Nuclear Talent initiative: "<http://www.nucleartalent.org>", where we aim at providing an advanced and comprehensive training to graduate students and young researchers in low-energy nuclear theory. The network aims at developing a broad curriculum that will provide the platform for a cutting-edge theory for understanding nuclei and nuclear reactions. Within

2017 the initiative has run and developed twelve courses. I chaired the steering committee from its beginning in 2010 till 2015. I have taught and organized three of these courses and been one of the organizers on five of the twelve courses.

- I initiated and lead the new [Master of Science program on Computational Science at the University of Oslo](#). This is a new and multi-disciplinary program across several disciplines at the College of Natural Science of the University of Oslo. It includes now seven departments at the faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Oslo.

Books:

1. Morten Hjorth-Jensen, *Computational Physics, an introduction*, to be published by IOP in 2017.
2. Morten Hjorth-Jensen, *Computational Physics, an advanced course*, to be published by IOP in 2017.
3. Morten Hjorth-Jensen, *Nuclear many-body physics, a computational perspective*, in preparation for Taylor Francis.
4. [Morten Hjorth-Jensen](#), [M.P. Lombardo](#) and [U. van Kolck](#), *Computational Nuclear Physics-Bridging the scales, from quarks to neutron stars*, Lectures Notes in Physics by Springer, Volume **936** (2017).

Collaborators (2012-2017)

On theory I collaborate with Scott Bogner, Alex Brown, Heiko Hergert, Witek Nazarewicz, Filomena Nunes, Luke Roberts and Andrea Shindler at MSU, David Dean, Gaute Hagen and Thomas Papenbrock at UTK and ORNL, Wick Haxton at Berkeley, Mihai Horoi at Central Michigan University, Christian Forssen and Andreas Ekström at Chalmers, Sweden, Carlo Barbieri at Surrey, UK, Sweden, Francesco Pederiva at University of Trento, Takaharu Otsuka and Kazuo Takayanagi at Tokyo University, Japan, and Artur Polls at the University of Barcelona, Spain. On Computing in Science education I collaborate with Professor Danny Caballero at Michigan State Univeristy, in addition to many colleagues at the University of Oslo. Furthermore, I collaborate closely with many experimental groups nationally and internationally.

Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisors

Eivind Osnes (University of Oslo, Norway, PhD advisor), Ben Mottelson (ECT, postdoctoral advisor)

Thesis Advisor and Postgraduate-Scholar Sponsor

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