Veronica Mas

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"Mathematics is the music for reason" James Joseph Sylvester

Education

09/2002 Chemical Engineer, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires,

Argentina, .

Equivalent to degree plus master

Mark 7.8/10

06/2009 PhD, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, .

General Engineering

Mark 10/10

09/2015 Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education, Aston University, Birmingham, UK.

> Teacher of English language training course (up to second year), Instituto Superior Joaquin V. Gonzalez, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

PhD thesis

Title Steam reforming of ethanol. Kinetic study

Supervisors Miguel Angel Laborde, Norma Amadeo

Description Production of hydrogen from ethanol steam reforming was studied over a range of temperatures and concentration of reactants. In accordance with experimental results, different schemes of reactions were proposed using both power law and Langmuir-Hinshelwood. Kinetic parameters of the non linear problem were fitted. Activation energies found were compared with those obtained by other authors. Matlab simulations showed that the models were able to adjust the trends of variation of molar fractions observed experimentally.

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Other training

- 2015 **Performance Development Review Skills course**, *Aston University*, Birmingham, *UK*.
- 2015 **Risk Assessment training**, Aston University, Birmingham, UK.
- 2014 Fire Warden Course, Aston University, Birmingham, UK.
- 2014 Evacuation Chair Course, Aston University, Birmingham, UK.
- 2007 System Approach to Design of Chemical/Biochemical Membrane Reactors, Pennsylvania State University, Bahia Blanca, Argentina.
- 2006 Acid catalytic reactions of interest in the industry, *University of La Plata*, La plata, *Argentina*.
- 2005 Modelling and discrimination of kinetic models in heterogeneous catalysis, Argentinian School of Catalysis, Santa Fe, Argentina.
- 2004 **Tensor analysis**, *University of Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.
- 2004 **Advance Numerical analysis**, *University of Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.
- 2003 **Catalytic processes course**, *University of Pais Vasco*, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.
- 2003 **Sewage treatment of contaminants from wastewater**, *University of Pais Vasco*, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.
- 2000 **Environmental degradation**, *National technical University*, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.
- 1998 **Course ISO 9000 standards**, *University of Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.

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Experience

08/2021 - Professor at IU International Hochschule.

Present

09/2020- Independent designer and writer.

- 08/2021 Knitwear design, writing and marketing.
 - O Development of "It Fits Like a Glove", an online marketing platform which provides creative ideas for knitters and general designers. The platform offers positive psychology elements aiming to encourage creative thinking by means of mixing elements of knitting and engineering design as well as maths and science.
 - Development and sell of knitting patterns.

06/2019- Manager and Researcher at Kanano GmbH, Neu-Ulm, 09/2020 Germany.

- o Analysing data from spectrums, fitting and identification of contaminant's fingerprints.
- o Planning, delivery and management of research projects.

10/2016- Academic Supervisor and Module leader at Aston Pro-09/2020 fessional Engineering Centre (APEC), Aston University, Birmingham.

- Design and development of distance learning modules:
 - Fundamentals of Water Treatment
 - Maths for Engineers
- o Academic supervisor for students in the BEng Programme.

10/2016 - Manager Gateway Route of entry to Professional Engineer-06/2019 ing Program, Aston University, Birmingham.

- o Management, coordination, design and development of distance learning modules.
- O Design and development of distance learning modules:
 - Material Science
 - Maths for Engineers

10/2018- Project Manager, Aston Institute of Photonics Technologies, 03/2019 Birmingham.

> Engagement with SMEs in order to facilitate collaborative research between academia and business in the topics related to big data. Detailed achievements:

- Delivery of outputs;
- o engagement with SMEs:
 - Workshops
 - Masterclasses
 - Exhibitions and forums

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- 03/2018 Senior Teaching Fellow Engineering Mathematics, Warwick 10/2018 Manufacturer Group, Coventry.
 - o Delivery, planning, design, organisation and development of objectives and materials for courses.
 - o Modules:
 - Applied math (calculus, matrices and numerical methods)
 - Probability and statistics

10/2016- **Teaching Fellow in Energy Systems**, Aston University, 03/2018 Birmingham.

Development of work-based learning programmes with organisations such as National Grid, SSE, E.ON UK, Royal Mail, and BP. Modules taught:

- Maths (calculus, matrices and numerical methods)
- o Probability and statistics.
- Reliability.
- Numerical methods with an application to network analysis: Lineal method, Newton Raphson and Hardy Cross.
- Sustainability for engineers.

07/2015 – **Bioenergy consultant**, *Smart Green-Tech Solutions*, London.

- 11/2016 Market research targeting new potential clients and areas of development for the company.
 - Development and writing of proposals for new clients including estimation of all financial costs, eg, logistics, laboratory services, human resources, etc.
 - Developing of sampling plans in accordance to European and UK standards. Find cost effective services or technologies to deliver the
 - Managing technical staff. Monitoring on regular basis progress of projects and their associated costs to ensure projects do not underspend or overspend.
 - o Preparing spending forecast based on activities planned for the future periods.
 - o Writing of technical reports for clients, interpreting results and informing stages of the projects.

09/2012- Sessional lecturer and laboratory supervisor, Aston Univer-10/2016 sity, Birmingham.

Process Laboratory course consisting of nine bench scale operation units: heat exchangers, pump rig, distillation column, cooling tower, filtration unit, absorption, control unit, reactor unit and fluidised bed. Involvement:

- o Development and designing of experiments for students to perform.
- Briefing and supervising students.
- Marking reports.

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- 06/2013- **Applied Research and Technical Support Officer**, *Aston Uni-* 07/2015 *versity*, Birmingham.
 - Development of projects which provided services to business.
 - One to one support for business in the form of consultancy services for the development of new innovation and technology research.
 - Responsibility for the academic/scientific and technical parts of the projects in collaboration with industry.
 - Support, writing and preparation of bids for collaborative research and development projects.
 - Development of a broad knowledge of bioenergy technologies especially in relation to commercial and market challenges.
 - Develop general knowledge on fundamental research areas like upgrading of pyrolysis oils, pre-treatment of feedstock, catalytic production of chemicals from biomass, anaerobic digestion, gasification, etc.
 - Managing and delivering workshops.
 - o Development of procurement processes related to the project.
- 04/2000- **Teaching assistant**, *University of Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires.
- 10/2010 Probability and Statistics (2010 –2011)
 - Design of chemical reactors I (undergraduate) and II (postgraduate)
 (2001 2011)
 - Unit Operation III (mass transfer) (2000-2001)
- 03/2009- Private English as a second language teacher, *Buenos Aires*, 06/2013 *Leicester*.

Delivery of classes in person and over the internet. Students from Turkey, Russia, Hong Kong, Argentina, Italy and India.

- 04/2000 **Research work**, *Laboratory of Catalytic Process, University of* 07/2008 *Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires.
 - As part of my grant-aided undergraduate thesis program: "Production of ${\cal H}_2$ from ethanol steam reforming" (catalysts preparation) and as part of my doctoral thesis.
- 06/2001– **Junior Process Engineer**, In TECNA S.A., Engineering Com-03/2002 pany, Buenos Aires.

Tecna specializes in the turn-key delivery of gas treatment plants. Main tasks:

- Design of operation units.
- o Develop of specification sheets and interpretation.
- o Examination of P&I diagrams.

Supervised Thesis

- o German Di Batista, Bachelor degree. University of Tres de Febrero (2010). "Control of explosive atmospheres in silos".
- Academic supervision of students under work-based programs: Mohammod, Taher, James Tonks, Sarah Malkin and Gkriziotis, Dimosthenis. Aston University (2017-2019).

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 Assessor for Master thesis. Sena Kalkavan. MSc Innovation and Entrepreneurship, WMG.

Patent

 Catalyst for the decomposition of hydrocarbon, a process to obtained the mentioned catalyst and the process to produce hydrogen and syngas with the mentioned catalyst. Inventors: N. Amadeo, P. Arena, G. Baronetti, M. Jobbagy, M. Laborde, F.Mariño, V. Mas, R. Tejeda. No AR062824. Applicant Institute: CONICET4

Grants awarded

PhD grants Peruilh Foundation and University of Buenos Aires

fully funded PhD

Undergraduate University of Buenos Aires grant

Funding of undergraduate research

Participation in tenders

- Acting as technical advisor in the proposal to develop a methodology for the evaluation of In-Situ performance of solid fuel biomass boilers for the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). Tender Reference TRN29/11/2014.
- Acting as technical advisor in the development of proposal for Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Heat Network Project Manager.

Languages

Spanish Mother tongue

English Bilingual level

French Elementary

German Elementary

Computer skills

Word Latex Eg Writing complex equations

processor

Teaching Blackboard, Moodle Eg: Design online assessments

Platforms

Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, MS Project *Eg:Coding VBA macros* Office

Data analysis Origin Eg:plotting, peak fitting, statistical analysis,

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Eg: Animated visualisation of Teaching Geogebra, Jupyter Notebook

resolution of differential equations tools

Polling Responseware, Kahoot Eg:Use of Power Point with poling interactive sessions platforms

Matlab/simulink, Python, Visual Basic Programming Eg Using ODE45 to Language

solve systems of non linear differential

equations

Simulator Multisim, Aspen-Hysys, Agilent Competent

Competent Other Solis Andor, Basler, Avantes, Stitch Needle

Industrial Freecad Competent

Artistic skills

Knitting Knit and crochet wear design. Pattern making, hand and machine

knitting.

design

Sewing Pattern making, hand and machine sewing. Sustainable fashion

designer.

Instruments Piano, violin, dgembe

Dancer Classical ballet

Writing Short stories, poems and stand up comedy

Other skills

Speed Cuber Fast solving Rubik's Cube

Other interests

- o Maths behind Rubik's cube.
- Maths behind beauty
- Sustainability in fashion.

Publications in international journals

- o Bio-ethanol steam reforming on Ni Based catalyst. Kinetic Study. I. Llera, V. Mas, M.L. Bergamini, M. Laborde, N. Amadeo. Chem. Eng. Sci. 71, (2012) 356-36.
- Ethanol steam reforming using Ni(II)-Al(III) layered double hydroxide as catalyst precursor. Kinetic study. Mas Verónica, Baronetti Graciela, Amadeo Norma, Laborde Miguel. Chem. Eng. J. 138 (2008) 602-607.

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- A kinetic study of ethanol steam reforming using a nickel based catalyst. V. Mas, M.L. Bergamini, G. Baronetti, N. Amadeo, M. Laborde. Top. Catal. 51, (2008) 39-48.
- Ni(II)-Al(III) layered double hydroxide as catalyst precursor for ethanol steam reforming: Activation treatments and kinetic studies. V. Mas, M. L. Dieuzeide, M. Jobbágy, G. Baronetti, N. Amadeo, M. Laborde. Catal. Today 133–135 (2008) 319–323.
- o Thermodynamic analysis of ethanol/water system with the stoichiometric method. V. Mas, R. Kipreos, N. Amadeo, M. Laborde. Int. J Hydrogen Energy, 31 (2006) 21-28.