

Gas to Liquids, Fischer-Tropsch Advanced Energy Technology, Future's Pathway

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Late 1977, Peter joined the Shell Cressier, Switzerland refinery, initially as technologist, later as member of the refinery operating team.

In 1981, he joined the refinery team at Shell Gothenburg, Sweden, as refinery technologist. Later he was promoted to Chief Technologist, heading the departments of technology, data systems, laboratory, inspection, design and project engineering.

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In 1990, he took the position as group leader, Manufacturing Development, heading the coal gasification design and development group, particularly involved with the design of the 253 MWe coal gasification plant in Buggenum, The Netherlands.

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