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**Education:** **B.Sc. (Honos)** Minia University, 1985, General Chemistry, major grade: Excellent with the first class Hons. **M. Sc.**, Minia University, 1990, (Interfacial Chemistry and Genesis of Supported Chromia Catalysts). **Ph.D.** Minia University, 1995, (Spectroscopic Studies of adsorption and Surface Reactions on Catalytic Solids), A scientific channel between Minia University (Prof. Dr. M. I. Zaki) and Munich University, (Prof. Dr. H. Knozinger).

**Employment:** 1985-1990 Demonstrator and M.Sc. Student at Minia University  
1990-1992 Assistant Lecturer at Minia University, Egypt  
1992-1994 Ph.D. Student at Munich University, Germany  
1994-1995 Assistant Lecturer at Minia University, Egypt  
1995-2000 Lecturer of Physical Chemistry at Minia University, Egypt  
2000- 2006 Assistant Professor of Physical Chemistry at Minia University.  
2006- till Now Professor of Physical Chemistry at Minia University, Egypt.

**Experience:** Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Physical chemistry, surface chemistry and catalysis, solid state chemistry, statistical thermodynamics, thermochemistry, ceramic materials and paints, methods of chemical analysis, chemistry of liquids, gases and solutions. Co-supervised M. Sc. (5) and Ph.D. (1) students.

### **Research activity:**

Surface Chemistry and Heterogeneous Catalysis.

**Minia University:** Characterization of acidic and basic surfaces of solid metal oxides and supported metal oxide catalysts, bulk and texture, surface chemistry and catalysis of these catalysts were characterized by IR spectroscopy, XRD, UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectroscopy and Nitrogen adsorption at  $-195^{\circ}\text{C}$  and GC. Adsorption and surface reactions of alcohol's over the surface of solid metal oxide catalysts to determine the activity and selectivity of the catalyst, and mechanisms and pathways of surface reactions.

**Munich University:** Structure, characterization of acidic properties and activity of solid superacid catalysts using Laser Raman spectroscopy, XRD, FTIR, DRS, spectroscopies and GC i.e., adsorption of CO at low temperatures (80 K),  $\text{NH}_3$  and isomerization of n-butane.

**Research Interests:** Vibrational spectroscopy and surface chemistry of solid metal oxides, supported metal oxides and solid superacid catalysts as follows:

1. Characterization of the surface acidity and basicity of metal oxides and/or supported oxides through adsorption probes such as: of pyridine, CO,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and acetonitrile, etc., by using IR spectroscopy.
2. Characterization of the surface structure of solid superacids by different probes.
3. Study of the catalytic activity and selectivity of these previously characterized (1,2) samples towards the decomposition of 2-propanol, acetic acid, methylbutynol and n-butane using IR spectroscopy and GC.

## **M.Sc. Thesis:**

*Title* : "Interfacial Chemistry and Genesis of Supported Chromia Catalysts"

*Date* : January 1990; Faculty of Science, Minia University.

## **Ph.D. Thesis**

*Title* : "Spectroscopic Studies of Adsorption and Surface Reactions on Catalytic Solids"

*Date* : March 1995; Faculty of Science, Minia University.

## **List of publications:**

- 1- *Title* : " Chromia on SiO<sub>2</sub> and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Catalysts: Surface Structural Consequences of Interfacial Events in the Impregnation Course of Aquated Cr (III) Ions.  
*Authors*: M. I. Zaki, S. A. A. Mansour, F. Taha and **G. A. H. Mekhemer**,  
*Journal*: **Langmuir**, 8, 1992, 727
- 2- *Title* : " Superacid properties of sulfated ZrO<sub>2</sub> as measured by Raman and <sup>1</sup>H- MAS- NMR"  
*Authors*: T. Riemer, D. Spielbaur, M. Hunger, **G. A. H. Mekhemer** and H. Knozinger  
*Journal*: **J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.**,1994, 1181
- 3- *Title* : " N-butane isomerization on sulfated ZrO<sub>2</sub>. deactivation and regeneration as studied by Raman, UV-Vis diffuse reflectance and ESR spectroscopy"  
*Authors* : D. Spielbaur, **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, E. Bosch and H. Knozinger  
*Journal* : **Catal. Letteres**, 36, 1996, 59
- 4- *Title* : " Acidity of sulfated ZrO<sub>2</sub> as studied by FTIR-Spectroscopy of adsorbed CO and NH<sub>3</sub> as probe molecules"

- Authors* : D. Spielbaur , **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, M. I. Zaki and H. Knozinger  
*Journal* : **Catal. Letters**, 40, 1996, 71
- 5- *Title* : " Characterization and catalytic properties of sulfated zirconia"  
*Authors* : D. Spielbaur, **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, T. Riemer and H. Knozinger  
*Journal* : **DGMK-Conference**, 1996 in Berlin, "Catalysis on Solid acids and bases" pp. 79-86.
- 6- *Title* : " Ceria on silica and alumina catalysts: dispersion and surface acid- base properties as probed by X-ray diffractometry, UV-Vis diffuse reflectance and in situ IR absorption studies"  
*Authors* : M. I. Zaki, G. A. M. Hussien, S. A. A. Mansour, H. M. Ismail and **G. A. H. Mekemer**.  
*Journal* : **Colloids and Surfaces, A: Phys. Chem. & Eng. Aspects** 127, 1997, 47.
- 7- *Title* : " Adsorption of pyridine on pure and supported TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts as studied by Infrared spectroscopy"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**  
*Journal* : Second Inter. Conference. on Basic Sciences and Advanced Technology. **Assiut University**, Assiut, Egypt, Nov. 5-8, 2000.
- 8 - *Title* : " Acidic and basic properties of alumina supported ceria catalysts: An IR spectroscopy"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**  
*Journal* : The 6th Inter. Conf. on Chemistry and Its Role in Development. **Mansoura University**, Mansoura, Egypt, April 16-19, 2001.
- 9- *Title* : " Structure and acidic properties of phosphate modified zirconia"  
*Authors*: D. Spielbaur, **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, T. Riemer, M. I. Zaki and H. Knozinger  
*Journal*: **J. Phys. Chem.**, 101, 1997, 4681.

- 10- *Title* : " Characterization of phosphated zirconia by XRD, Raman and IR spectroscopy"  
*Author* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**  
*Journal* : **Colloids and surfaces**, A: Physicochem. & Eng. Aspects 141, 1998, 227.
- 11 - *Title* : " Low temperature IR spectrsocopy of CO adsorption on calcined supported CeO<sub>2</sub>: Probing adsorbed species and adsorbing sites"  
*Author* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer** and M. I. Zaki  
*Journal* : **Adsorption Sci. and Techn.**, 15, 1997, 377.
- 12 - *Title* : " Structure analysis of phosphated zirconia catalysts using XRD and nitrogen adsorption methods"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer** and H. M. Ismail  
*Journal* : **Colloids and surfaces**, A: Physicochem. & Eng. Aspects 164, 2000, 227.
- 13- *Title* : " Surface characterization of silica supported cobalt oxide catalysts"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, H. M. M. Abd-Allah and S. A. A. Masour  
*Journal*: **Colloids and surfaces**, A: Physicochem. & Eng. Aspects, 160, 1999, 251.
- 14- *Title* : " The influence of phosphate and sulfate ions on the surface texture of alumina"  
*Authors* : A. K. H Nohman, **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, N. E. Fouad and H. A. Khalaf.  
*Journal* : **Adsorption Sci. & Techn.**, 17, 1999, 665..
- 15- *Title* : " Surface to bulk characterization of phosphate modified aluminas"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, A. K. H. Nohman, N. E. Fouad and H. A. Khalaf.

*Journal* : **Colloids and surfaces**, A: Physicochem. & Eng. Aspects, 161, 2000, 439.

16- *Title* : " Laser Raman spectroscopy of supported CeO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts"

*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekheme**

*Journal* : **Bull. Fac. Sci. Assiut Uni.**, 26 (2-B), 1997, 31.

17- *Title* : " Formation and characterization of thulium oxide from hydrated thulium acetate. Thermoanalytical, spectroscopic and microscopic studies"

*Authors* : G. A. M. Hussein, **G. A. H. Mekheme** and B. A. A. Balboul

*Journal*: **Pittsburgh Conference 50th Anniversary**, Pittcon 99, Orange County Convention Center Orlando, Florida, 1999.

18- *Title* : " Pyridine as a probe for characterization of surface sites on Chromium and zirconium oxides: A diffuse reflectance Spectroscopic study "

*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekheme**, N. E. Fouad, A. K. H. Nohman and H. A. Khalaf,

*Journal*: **6th Ibn Sina International Conference**, "Pure and Applied Heterocyclic Chemistry", **Cairo**, 1997.

19- *Title* : " Characterization of ceria and titania supported catalysts by Laser Raman and UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectroscopy"

*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekheme**

*Journal* : **First Symposium of Pure and Applied Chemistry**, Irbid Jordan, 1998.

20- *Title* : " Holmium oxide from holmium acetate, formation and characterization: thermoanalytical studies"

*Authors* : G. A. M. Hussein and B. A. A. Balboul **G. A. H. Mekheme**

*Journal* : **J. Analy. & Appl. Pyrol.**, 56, 2000, 263.

- 21- *Title* : " Formation and surface characterization of thulium oxide catalysts"  
*Authors* : G. A. M. Hussein, **G. A. H. Mekhemer** and B. A. A. Balboul.  
*Journal* : **Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.**, 2, 2000, 2033.
- 22- *Title* : " Thermal genesis course and characterization of lanthnum oxide"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer** and B. A. A. Balboul  
*Journal* : **Colloids and Surfaces, A: Physicochem. & Eng. Aspects**, 181  
2001, 19.
- 23- *Title* : " Surface structure and acid-base properties of lanthanum oxide  
dispersed on silica and alumina catalysts"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**  
*Journal* : **Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.**, 4, 2002, 5400.
- 24- *Title* : " Surface modifications of some catalyst oxides via foreign salt  
additives"  
*Authors* : Rasha A. Fathy, **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, Hamdy M. Ismail and  
Seham A. A. Mansour.  
*Journal* : **Bull. Fac. Sci. Assiut Uni.**, 31(1-B), 2002, 1.
- 25- *Title* : " Holmium and uranium modified NiO/SiO<sub>2</sub> and NiO/TiO<sub>2</sub>  
catalysts"  
*Authors* : Ahmed K. H. Nohman, **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, Mostafa A. Tolba  
and Seham A. A. Mansour.  
*Journal* : **Bull. Fac. Sci. Assiut Uni.**, 32 (2-B), 2003, 1.
- 26- *Title* : " Surface acid-base properties of holmium oxide catalyst: *in  
situ* infrared spectroscopy"  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**  
*Journal* : **Appl. Catal.**, 275, 2004, 1.
- 27- *Title* : " Dispersion of ceria and lanthana on silica and alumina supports  
X-ray diffractometry and nitrogen sorptometry studies "  
*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer** and H. M. Ismail

*Journal* : **Colloids and surfaces, Phys. Chem. & Eng. Aspects**, 235, 2004, 129.

28- *Title* : " Qualitative and quantitative assessments of acid and base sites exposed on polycrystalline MgO surfaces: Thermogravimetric calorimetric and in situ FT-IR spectroscopic study combination"

*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhmer**, S. A. Halawy, M. A. Mohamed and M. I. Zaki.

*Journal* : **J. Phys. Chem. B.**; 108, 2004, 13379.

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*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhmer**, S. A. Halawy, M. A. Mohamed and M. I. Zaki

*Journal* : **J. Catal.** 230, 2005, 109.

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*Authors* : **Gamal. A. H. Mekhmer**, Hussein A. Khalaf, Seham A. A. Mansour and Ahmed K. H. Nohman.

*Journal* : **Monatshefte Für Chemie**, 136, 2005, 2007.

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*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhmer**, Hussein A. Khalaf, Seham A. A. Mansour and Ahmed K. H. Nohman.

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*Authors* : Hussein A. Khalaf, **G. A. H. Mekhmer**, Seham A. A. Mansour and Ahmed K. H. Nohman.

*Journal* : **El-Minia Sci. Bull.** , 16, 2005, 1.



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*Authors* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**

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34- *Title* : " Influence of phosphonation and phosphation on surface acid-base and morphological properties of CaO as investigated by in situ FTIR spectroscopy and electron microscopy "

*Authors* : Mohamed I. Zaki, Helmut Knozinger, Berned Tesche and **Gamal A. H. Mekhemer** .

*Journal* : **J. Colloids and Interface Science**, 303, 2006, 9.

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*Authors* : Seham A. A. Mansour, **Gamal A. H. Mekhemer** and Hanaa M. M. Mahmoud

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36- *Title* : " Surface acid – base properties of lanthana and sulphate ions dispersed on  $\gamma$ -alumina: in situ infrared spectroscopy "

*Authors* : **Gamal A. H. Mekhemer**

*Journal*: **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Rare Earth Development and applications** ", **Baotou, China**, August. 2007.

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*Authors* : Mohamed I. Zaki, Helmut Knozinger, Berned Tesche , **Gamal A. H. Mekhemer** and Hans-Josef Bongard.

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*Author* : A. Bumajdad, M.A. Hasan, M.I. Zaki, **G.A.H. Mekhemer**, L. Pasupulety and A. Mathew  
*Journal* : **Reaction Kinetics, Mechanisms and Catalysis**, 99, 345 (2010).
- 39- *Title* : Surface texture and specific adsorption sites of sol-gel synthesized anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles,  
*Author* : M.I. Zaki, **G.A.H. Mekhemer**, N.E. Fouad, T.C. Jagadale and S.B. Ogale,  
*Journal* : **Materials Research Bulletin**, 45, 1470 (2010).
- 40- *Title* : TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticle size dependence of porosity, adsorption and catalytic activity,  
*Author* : M.I.Zaki, N.E. Fouad, **G.A.H. Mekhemer**, T.C. Jagadale and S. B. Ogale,  
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- 41- *Title* : N<sub>2</sub> Sorptiometric Study of Phosphation and Dispersion of Lanthana on Alumina Catalysts,  
*Author* : **G. A. H. Mekhemer**, A.F. Bukhzam, A.S. El-Towaty and M.I. Zaki,  
*Journal* : **Adsorption Science and Technology**, 29, 927 (2011).
- 42- *Title* : Spectroscopic characterization-catalytic activity correlation of molybdena based catalysts,  
*Author* : H. Al-Kandari, A.M. Mohamed, S. Al-Kandari, F. Al-Kharafi,  
**G. A. H. Mekhemer**, M.I. Zaki and A. Katrib,  
*Journal* : **Journal of Molecular Catalysis A**, 368-369,1(2013).
- 43- *Title* : Particle characteristics and reduction behavior of synthetic magnetite  
*Author* : W. Ramadan, M. I. Zaki, N. E. Fouad and **G. A. H. Mekhemer**,  
*Journal* : **Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials**, Proof, (2013).