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After completing his education (B.Ch.E Georgia Tech, M.Sc. Carnegie Mellon University, Ph.D. Case Western Reserve University) he joined Amicon during this company's founding years, working under the likes of Allan Michaels," Pete" Bixler and other membrane pioneers. It was there where he started his membrane technology career which is a major part of his current activities as well.

At Amicon, with Allan Michaels he developed and received early patents on microencapsulation and slow release of drugs - a technology and concepts later capitalized on by Pharmetrics and Alza.

Later, when at Abcor (now Koch Membrane Systems, KMS) he was the first to introduce polyvinylidene fluoride to the membrane industry - still a mainstay there today. Next, at Millipore, he developed and introduced the Durapore^R family of membranes, Millipore's and arguably the industry's flagship membrane for the past thirty years - the first totally surface modified membrane. Before joining Baxter in 1990 he formed a bioseparation and affinity membrane department at Memtek, which was later sold to W.R.Grace.

At Baxter he has been responsible for membrane development and separations sciences, where he contributed in several areas such as dialysis hollow fiber, IV filter membrane, leukocyte filter development and immunoisolation membrane development. In 1994 he was named "Baxter Distinguished Scientists".