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Education

Tsinghua University	Chemical Engineering	Ph.D. Candidate, GPA 91.7/100, rank 2/98	2010-2015
Tsinghua University	Economics, second Major	B.S., excellent thesis (Economics division), 10/152	2007-2010
Tsinghua University	Chemical Engineering	B.S., excellent thesis (Ch. E. division), 5/118; outstanding graduate, 5%	2006-2010

Research/Project

- **Bifurcation control and nonlinear analysis of complex chemical systems** Aug. 2012- Dec. 2013
 - Process simulation and optimization of Controlled/Living Radical Polymerization including NMRP and ATRP
 - Local stabilization of Hopf bifurcation based on eigenstructure assignment/restructuring
 - Eliminate unfavorable oscillation/introducing desired artificial bifurcation points in nonlinear control systems
- **CFD simulation of cracking furnace** Sep. 2010- Nov. 2012
 - Using Computational Fluid Dynamics and the platform of ANSYS Fluent to simulate plant-level cracking furnace
 - CFD Simulation of Propane Cracking Tube Using Detailed Radical Kinetic Mechanism
 - Effectiveness of twisted slices: CFD simulation of cracking tube with internal twisted slices
- **Pricing strategy and quality control in market of contact lens** Nov. 2009 - Apr. 2010
 - Provide strategies for entrant (Johnson & Johnson) with vertical product differentiation
 - Based on industry organization theory and behavioral economics: excellent thesis

Work Experience

- **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia** Nov. 2012- Nov. 2013 **Research associate**
 - Modelling of CLRP (Controlled/Living Radical Polymerization) processes
 - Operating Strategies to yield highly controlled micro-structure, polydispersity, and superior mechanical properties
 - Model simplification based on Computational Singular Perturbation theory
- **Jingzhou Bureau of High-tech Zone, Hubei** June 2012- Aug. 2012 **Student intern**
 - Submitted the report "intellectual property management of micro-business" based on data analysis to the Government
 - Interviewed and visited more than 80 High-tech enterprises in Jingzhou High-tech Zone
 - Selected as the representative of the Dept. of Ch. E. and awarded as First prize of social practice, Tsinghua Univ.

Extra Curriculum Activities

- Secretary of the Party branch, Chem. 5, Dept. of Ch.E., Oct. 2010- May. 2011
- Secretary of the League branch, Chem. 61, Dept. of Ch.E., Sep. 2009- Nov. 2012
- Investigation of low-rent housing system in Hong Kong, Jul. 2009- Aug. 2009
- Investigation of industrial restructuring in Pearl River Delta, Jul. 2008- Aug. 2008
- Office administrator of the Youth League Committee, Dept. of Ch.E., May. 2007- May. 2008
- Voluntary teaching in Zhongcheng High School, Wenshui, Shanxi, Jul. 2007- Aug. 2007

Awards

- Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) Scholarship (2013) First-class Scholarship of Social Practices, Tsinghua Univ.(2012, 20/800)
- First-class Scholarship of Dow Chemicals (2011, 2/98) Outstanding Thesis of Dept. of Ch.E., Tsinghua Univ. (2010, 5/18)
- Outstanding Graduates of Tsinghua Univ. (2010, 5%) First-Class Scholarship of Petro China (2008, 5/18)
- First-Class Scholarship of Mitsui Chemicals(2007, 2/118) First Prize in the National High School Mathematics Competition(2006)

Publications

- 1. **Zhang, N.,** Qiu, T., Chen, BZ. CFD simulation of propane cracking tube using detailed radical kinetic mechanism. *Chinese Journal of Chemical Engineering*, 2013, 21(12): 1319-1331 (Featured on cover)
- 2. **Zhang, N.,** Chen, BZ., Qiu, T. CFD simulation of cracking tube with internal twisted slices. *Computer Aided Chemical Engineering*, 2012, 31: 905-909
- 3. **Zhang, N.,** Seider, WD., Chen, BZ. Nonlinear dynamics and hopf bifurcation in controlled/"living" radical polymerization of styrene. (217ap) In: *AIChE Annual meeting*, 2013, San Francisco
- 4. Wang, HZ., **Zhang, N.,** Qiu, T., Zhao, JS., He, XR., Chen, BZ. Optimization of a continuous fermentation process producing 1,3-propane diol with Hopf singularity and unstable operating points as constraints. *Chemical Engineering Science*, (just accepted)
- 5. Wang, HZ., **Zhang, N.,** Qiu, T., Zhao, JS., He, XR., Chen, BZ. A process design framework for considering the stability of steady state operating points and Hopf singularity points in chemical processes. *Chemical Engineering Science*, 2013, 99(9): 252-264
- 6. Wang, HZ., **Zhang, N.,** Qiu, T., Zhao, JS., He, XR., Chen, BZ. Analysis of Hopf Points for a Zymomonas mobilis Continuous Fermentation Process Producing Ethanol. *Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research*, 2013, 52: 1645-1655
- 7. Yuan, ZH., **Zhang, N.,** Qiu, T., Chen, BZ., Zhao, JS. Systematic Controllability Analysis for Chemical Processes. *AIChE Journal*. 2013, 58: 3096-3109