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Profile

Education

1990-1993: Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, East China University of Science & Technology.
1987-1990: ME, Chemical Engineering, East China University of Science & Technology.
1983-1987: BE, Chemical Engineering, East China Institute of Chemical Technology.

Academic Experience

1999-present: Professor.
1996-1999: Associate Professor.
1993-1996: Lecturer.

Research Field

Reactor simulation and internals design; multiphase Flow Theory; Interface Engineering and process enhancement; porous media simulation; Catalytic Reaction Engineering for carbon-based energy conversion.

Based on the basic theory of multiphase reactor, the research work includes the model and parameterization of fixed bed reactor, the flow field distribution, the development and simulation of trickle bed reactor, the design of hydrogenation reactor, the design of internal components and the design of fluid mechanics reactor Cold model and CFD of bubbling reactor and fluidized bed reactor; coke cleaning simulation of catalytic cracking regenerator and ethylene cracking furnace; porous Media Network Structure Simulation and particle interface Electrical Properties Research and application; Catalytic Reaction Engineering of carbon-based energy conversion represented by CO₂ conversion and anhydrous ethanol synthesis.

1. chemical engineering

(1) Development, design and theoretical study of a heterogeneous catalytic reactor. This paper mainly includes the fluid mechanics of gas-solid, gas-liquid and gas-liquid-solid, and the method of reactor modeling, and the principle and application of reactor design and Development
(2) The limitations of different chemical processes in heat, mass and reaction were studied, and appropriate measures were adopted to enhance the heat transfer, mass transfer and reaction.

2. Molecular Engineering

(1) The branch of Molecular Reaction Engineering is studied, and the principles of chemical processes and catalysts characterized by Green Chemistry and zero emissions are explored At present, the development of CO electrode materials based on the reduction and conversion of CO₂ and the carboxylation of misfit Louis acid-base system are the focus of the work.
(2) Molecular transfer, wettability and transition states of reaction in porous materials were studied by means of molecular simulation and quantum chemical calculation.

3. Interface engineering

(1) The methods of surface modification of catalyst material, adsorption material and ultrafine particles were studied to improve the reaction rate and selectivity at the molecular level
(2) The mass transfer between gas-solid interface and liquid-solid interface is promoted by external field, and the step interface is constructed to realize the absorption of insoluble gas and the transfer of equilibrium reaction products

Research results and selected published papers

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