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## Profile

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- 2000/09 – 2004/07 B. S. in chemistry, Shandong University (China)
- 2004/09 – 2010/01 Ph.D. in organic chemistry, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China), Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kuiling Ding
- 2010/04 – 2011/01 Project leader in process chemistry, Shanghai Desano Chemical Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (China)
- 2011/03 – 2014/02 Postdoctoral research associate in homogeneous catalysis, Max-Planck-Institut fuer Kohlenforschung (Germany), Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Benjamin List
- 2014/06 – 2016/10 Postdoctoral research associate in C–H activation, The Scripps Research Institute (United States), Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jin-Quan Yu
- 2016/10 – 2017/10 Postdoctoral research associate in medicinal chemistry, Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation (United States), Supervisor: Dr. Phillip Alper
- 2017/11 – now, Professor, Group Leader, School of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering, East China University of Science and Technology (China)

## Research Field

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Organic Chemistry, homogeneous catalysis, asymmetric catalysis, transition metal catalysis, organocatalysis, C–H activation.

## Research results and selected published papers

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- Z. Zhang, M. Ratnikov, G. Spraggon, P. B. Alper\*, Photoinduced Rearrangement of Dienones and Santonin Rerouted by Amines. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2018, 57, 904–908
- Z. Zhang#, K. Tanaka#, J.-Q. Yu\*, Remote site-selective C–H activation directed by a catalytic bifunctional template. *Nature* 2017, 543, 538–542. (#:equal contribution)
- Z. Zhang, H. Y. Bae, J. Guin, C. Rabalakos, M. van Gemmeren, M. Leutzsch, M. Klussmann, B. List\*, Asymmetric counteranion-directed Lewis acid organocatalysis for the scalable cyanosilylation of aldehydes. *Nat. Commun.* 2016, 7:12478.
- Z. Zhang, Z. Wang, R. Zhang, K. Ding\*, An Efficient Titanium Catalyst for Enantioselective Cyanation of Aldehydes: Cooperative Catalysis. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2010, 49, 6746–6750. (VIP)