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About

Professor Zhang has built an international reputation for developing original work on micromanipulation of single micro-/nanoparticles and encapsulation/bioencapsulation with applications in chemical, food, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical, household care and human care industries.

Professor Zhang is a member of the Editorial Boards of *Journal of Microencapsulation; Artificial Cells, Blood Substitutes and Biotechnology* and *International Journal of Chemical Engineering*, EPSRC Peer Review College, an Overseas Assessor of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and an Assessor for IChemE Accreditation.

He has authored and co-authored over 100 journal papers and approximately 200 other publications (refereed conference papers, book chapters, conference presentations, patent, etc).

Qualifications

- PhD, Chemical Engineering, East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China, 2.1988
- MSc, Chemical Engineering, East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China, 3.1985
- BSc, Chemical Engineering, 1st Class Equivalent, Hefei University of Technology, Hefei, China, 7.1982

Biography

- Industrial Secondment in Granutec, Germany, 10.2010 & 3.2011
- Industrial Secondment in Procter & Gamble, 7.2007-11.2007
- Professor of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 10.2004-
- Visiting Professor, Ecole des Mines d'Albi-Carmaux, Albi, France, 5.2003-9.2003
- Reader in Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 10.2001-9.2004
- Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering 10.1999-9.2001
- Lecturer, School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 8.1995 -9.1999
- Research Fellow (RF2), School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 10.1994 - 7.1995
- Research Fellow (RA1A), School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 10.1990 - 9.1994
- Honorary Research Fellow, School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 9.1989 - 9.1990
- Lecturer, UNILAB Research Centre for Chemical Reaction Engineering, East China University of Science and Technology, China, 4.1988 - 9.1989
- Researcher Fellow, UNILAB Research Centre for Chemical Reaction Engineering, East China University of Science and Technology, China, 2.1988 - 4.1988

Teaching

Teaching programmes

- Mathematical Modelling of Time Dependent Processes
- System Modelling
- Advanced Reaction Engineering B
- Measurement Techniques
- Molecular Delivery/Encapsulation
- Supervision of MEng and MSc research projects
- Co-ordinator of 4th year MEng research projects

Postgraduate supervision

Principal supervisor of:

- A. Fernandez

- R. Manton
- Wan Rosmiza
- Y. He
- X. Pan
- S. Pancholi
- D. Tanangteerapong
- P. Hudson (EngD)
- Tom Coughlin (EngD)

Co-supervisor of :

- Y. Zhang
- V. Davda

Research

Research themes

- Bioengineering
- Energy and Chemical industries
- Food, Health and Nutrition
- Speciality Products

Research activity

- Formulation of micro- and nano- particles: microencapsulation, bioencapsulation, stabilisation and targeted delivery
- Mechanical characterisation of micro-/nanoparticles
- Manufacture and preservation of probiotics and neutraceuticals
- Particle adhesion on surfaces
- Fouling: biofilm growth and detachment, food fouling and control
- Tissue engineering: cell mechanics, bioencapsulation, biomaterials, cell-substrate interactions and finite element analysis
- Microrheology
- Development of functional products from sustainable resources
- Understanding the contact mechanics between razor blades and skin

Other activities

- Consultancy and technical services to companies

Publications

Select publications

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2. Nguyen, V. B., Wang, C. X., Thomas, C. R. and **Zhang Z**. (2009) Mechanical properties of single alginate microspheres determined by microcompression and finite element modelling, *Chemical Engineering Science* 64: 821 – 829.
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4. Nguyen, B. V., Wang, Q. G., Kuiper, J. J., El Haj, A. J., Thomas, C. R. and **Zhang, Z.** (2009) Strain-dependent viscoelastic behaviour and rupture force of single chondrocytes and chondrons under compression. *Biotechnology Letters* 31:803–809.
5. Yong, P., Paterson-Beedle, M., Liu, W., **Zhang, Z**., D.A. Beauregard, D. A., Johns, M. L. and Macaskie, L. E. (2009) A study of biofilm and non-line-of-sight bio-hydroxyapatite coatings using a Serratia sp. *Advanced Materials Research* 71-73: 741-744
6. Xue J. and **Zhang Z**. (2009) Physical, Structural and mechanical characterization of calcium shellac microspheres as a carrier of carbamide peroxide. *Journal of Applied Polymer Science* 113: 1619-1625.
7. O'Sullivan, M., **Zhang, Z**. and Vincent B. (2009) Silica-shell / oil-core microcapsules with controlled shell thickness and their breakage stress. *Langmuir* 25: 7962-7966.
8. Hu, J., Chen, H. Q. and **Zhang, Z.** (2009) Mechanical properties of melamine formaldehyde microcapsules for self-healing materials. *Materials Chemistry and Physics* 118:63-70.
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11. Bowen, J., Cheneler, D., Walliman, D., Arkless, S. G., **Zhang, Z. B.**, Ward, M. C. L. and Adams, M. J. (2010) On the calibration of rectangular atomic force microscope cantilevers modified by particle attachment and lamination. *Measurement Science & Technology*. 21(11) Article Number: 115106.
12. Stenson, J., Ren, Y., Donald, A. M. and **Zhang, Z.** (2010) Compression testing by nanomanipulation in environmental scanning electron microscope (ESEM). *Experimental Techniques* 34**(**2**):** 60-62.
13. Yan, Y., **Zhang, Z.,** Cheneler, D., Stokes, J. R. and Adams M. J.(2010) The influence of flow confinement on the rheological properties of complex fluids. *Rheologicia Acta* 49**(**3**):** 255-266**.**
14. Wang, Q. G., Nguyen, Thomas, C. R., **Zhang, Z**., El Haj, A. J. and Kuiper N. J. (2010) Molecular profiling of single cells in response to mechanical force: comparison of chondrocytes, chondrons and encapsulated chondrocytes. *Biomaterials* 31**(**7**):** 1619-1625**.**
15. Long, Y., Preece, J. A., York, D. and **Zhang, Z.** (2010) Organic-inorganic double shell composite microcapsules. *Chemical Communications* 46**(**10**):** 1718-1720**.**

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Book chapters

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