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Research Interest

- Small molecule (such as O₂, N₂O, H₂O₂, NH₃, ClO₂⁻, etc.) activation with an emphasis on applying such molecules in efficient synthetic methods
- Developing highly selective and efficient transition-metal-catalyzed C-C, and C-Heteroatom bond formation in syntheses
- Mechanistic and active intermediate studies of chlorite dismutase, cytochrome P450, and peroxidase.

Research Experience:

2005.3- Professor of Wuhan University
2003.8-2005.3, Research Associate, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University, with Professor James, P. Collman
2000.8-2003.8 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Chemistry, the Pennsylvania State University, with Professor Xumu Zhang
1995.9-2000.7 Graduate Studies, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, CAS, China (SIOC)

Awards

- 中国化学会 - 约翰威立出版公司青年化学论文奖, 2008
- Royal Society Chemistry Journal Grant, 2008
- Synthesis & Synlett Journal Award, 2008
- Wuxi Pharmtech Biological & Organic Creative Award, 2007
- LuoJia Scholarship Professor (Wuhan University), 2007-
- Outstanding Young Scientist of Hubei Province, 2006

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