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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph. D. in Physics

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Cambridge, MA, USA

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Peking University

B. Sc. in Physics

Beijing, China

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Research Interests

I am a statistical physicist working on real life problems. My current interests can be summarized as: Statistical mechanics and stochastic processes. Electrostatics and electrochemistry. Physics of active or disordered systems and applications in engineering/biological materials, such as cement, bacteria or catheters.

Work Experience

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Publications

In prep / Under review:

1. Image charge effects under dielectric and metal boundary conditions, in prep
T. Zhou, Z.G. Wang
2. Nematic interaction between active ellipsoids, in prep
T. Zhou, Z. Peng, J. Brady
3. Activity-induced propulsion of a vesicle, in prep
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4. Theory of freezing point depression in charged porous media, Physical Review E under review.
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6. Blistering Failure of Elastic Coatings with Applications to Corrosion Resistance, Journal of Electrochemical Society under review.
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10. The Effect of Confinement on Capillary Phase Transition In Granular Aggregates, Physical Review Letters (**2020**) 125 (255501)
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15. A scaling law to determine phase morphologies during ion intercalation.
D. Fragedakis, N. Nadkarni, T. Gao, T. Zhou, Y. Zhang, Y. Han, R. M. Stephens, Y. Shao-Horn, and M. Bazant. Energy & Environmental Science (**2020**).
16. Modeling the Metal-Insulator Phase Transition in Li_xCoO_2 for Energy and Information Storage
N. Nadkarni, T. Zhou, D. Fragedakis, T. Gao and M. Bazant, Advanced Functional Materials 29, no. 40 (**2019**): 1902821.
17. Inferring Pore Connectivity from Adsorption/Desorption Isotherms.
M. B. Pinson, T. Zhou, H. Jennings and M. Bazant, Journal of colloid and interface science 532 (**2018**): 118-127.
18. Thermodynamics, Kinetics and Mechanics of Cesium Sorption in Cement Paste: a multi-scale assessment.
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20. On the IMF in a Triggered Star Formation Context.
T. Zhou, X. Huang, D. N.C. Lin, M. Gritschneder and H. Lau, 2015, The Astrophysical Journal 808, no. 1 (**2015**): 10.
21. On the Coagulation and Size Distribution of Pressure Confined Cores.
X. Huang, T. Zhou, T. Kouwenhoven and D. N.C. Lin, 2013, The Astrophysical Journal 769, no. 1 (**2013**): 23.

Honors and Awards

- Cecil and Sally Drinkward Postdoc Fellowship, 2020
- Student paper award, Engineering Mechanics Institute at Caltech, 2019.
- E.A. Boldt (1953) Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2012-2013.
- May 4th Award, Peking University, 2009, 2011.
- 1st Prize, Linbridge Prize for Excellent Undergraduate Research in Astrophysics, Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Peking University, 2010, 2011
- Ming-De Fellowship, Peking University, 2008-2012.

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