JAMES ROBERTS

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Pursuing a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Obtained industry experience through internship at Boeing and collaborated on a project with BASF
- Proficient in aerosol/nanoparticle synthesis, sampling, measurements and instrumentation
- Experience in air filtration, cleanroom technology, engine emission, and flow measurement/CFD
- Knowledgeable about thermal-fluid problems, aerosol physics, and mechanical design

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN College of Science and Engineering Department of Mechanical Engineering Cumulative GPA: 3.87

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI College of Engineering Cumulative GPA: 3.76

Expected Graduation May 2015

May 2013

RELATED INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Intern Summer 2014

Boom Inc., Seattle, WA

- Conducted systematic measurement for flow fields in a smoke test chamber at different heating and ventilation conditions, using Particle Image Velocimetry
- Helped validate CFD simulation results for smoke generation and transport in commercial airplane cabins
- Streamlined a key product characterization procedure, improving reproducibility and turn-around time for manufacturing
- Designed and implemented comparative studies of various standard operating procedures in order to detect areas of improvements
- Collaborated with a multi-disciplinary team of software engineers, electrical engineers, and aerospace engineers
- Interacted with customers, partners, subcontractors and suppliers
- Presented findings and recommendations of project areas that could be developed to the internship coordinator and colleagues

SKILLS

Particle Generation: Nebulizer, Tube Furnace, Fluidized Bed, Diffusion Burner, Electrospray

Laboratory Instruments: Electron Microscopy (TEM, SEM, EDX), Differential Mobility Analyzer, Condensation

Particle Counter, Nanoparticle Surface Area Monitor, Nanometer Aerosol Sampler, Aerodynamic Particle Sizer,

Optical Particle Counter, Liquid Particle Counters

Programs: LabVIEW, Matlab, ANSYS, Fluent, AutoCAD, Pro/ENGINEER, SolidWorks, ImageJ, Macromedia

Computer Languages: C/C++, Fortran, HTML, JavaScript

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Developing Pulsed Aerosol Loading System, Center for Filtration Research (CFR)

Spring Semester 2014

 Designed and built the control hardware and program of an experimental system for pulsed aerosol loading tests on filter media

Upgrading Control Software of UNPA, BASF Company

Fall Semester 2013

• Improved the LabVIEW control software of Universal Nanoparticle Analyzer (UNPA); added new functions, such as particle diffusion loss correction; enhanced program user interface and debugged code errors

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

September 2013–present

Particle Technology Lab, College of Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

- Collaborate with area companies through the Center for Filtration Research (CFR) to study mass loading and pressure drop on Nanofiber filters
- Perform experimental and theoretical studies on the filtration of fractal aggregates
- Measure penetration of silver aggregates across model screens at various sintering temperatures
- Develop an analytical model for predicting effects of particle structure on filter efficiency
- Continue NSF funded research on real-time structure and mass measurements for agglomerated nanoparticles
- Evaluate in situ the particulate mass concentration of diesel engine emissions using a variety of instrumentation and methods
- Apply the Universal Nanoparticle Analyzer (UNPA) to investigate effects of sintering on morphology of metallic nanoparticle agglomerates formed by spark discharge
- Develop new modules for and maintained a web-based software on filter performance evaluation, dust cake loading and filter pleating design
- Conduct numerical study on diffusion-limited aggregation of nanoparticles in laminar shear to find the relation between velocity gradient and aggregate fractal dimension

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Journals

G., Gopher, L. Yang, A.B. Duggard, H. Aleckson (2012). Measurement of Metal Nanoparticle Agglomerates
Generated by Spark Discharge using the Universal Nanoparticle Analyzer (UNPA). Aerosol Sci. & Technol.,
Accepted

Conferences

- Presentation, Effect of Nanofiber Layer on Dust Cake Formation and Structure. XXth AAAR Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, Oct 26-30, 2013
- Presentation, Online Measurements of Structure and Mass Concentration for Airborne Nanoparticle Agglomerates. AIChE 2012 Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, Dec 10-14, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of American Institute of Chemical Engineers2013-presentMember of American Association for Aerosol Research2011-presentMember of American Filtration & Separations Society2011-present