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Competitively Awarded Research Grants

- **Ministry of Science and Technology of China** 67,000 RMB 11/2022 – 10/2025
“Research and development of biodiesel and pharmaceutical intermediates production from straw biomass”
(PI: Qi Zhang, Southeast University (China), Consultant: Wei Fan UMass Amherst)
Travelling grant: 69K RMB; Visit China four times during the project period and consult the project. No research funding for Fan’s research group. Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, MOST, 2022YFE0207200
- **Department of Energy**, Basic Energy Sciences
PI: Scott Auerbach; CO-PI: Wei Fan,
 - Title: “Integrated Synthesis and Simulation Study on Engineering Defects and Crystallization Kinetics: A 3rd Route to Zeolite Formation”,
Funding: \$680,000, Period: August 2022 – August 2025
- **Department of Energy**, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,
PI: Wei Fan,
 - Title: “*Development of Phosphorus Containing Zeolite Catalysts for Biomass Conversion*”,
Funding: \$321,000, Period: August 2018 - September 2022
- **Department of Energy**, Basic Energy Sciences
PI: Scott Auerbach; CO-PI: Wei Fan,
 - Title: “*Integrated Synthesis and Modeling Study on the Roles of Heteroatoms and Structure-Directing Agents in Zeolite Formation*”,
Funding: \$630,000, Period: August 2018 – August 2022
- **Sinopec Shanghai Petroleum Chemical Engineering Research Institute**
PI: Wei Fan
 - Title: “Fundamental Understanding of Mass Transport in Hierarchical Zeolites”,
Funding: \$210,000, Period: August 2021 – August 2024
- **Nanoblue Inc China**,
 - Title: “*Development of Zeolite Catalysts in Diesel Engine Emission Control*”,
Funding: \$200,000, Period: December 2021 - August 2023
PI: Wei Fan
- **ACS PRF**
PI: Friederike C. Jentoft; CO-PI: Wei Fan
 - Title: “*Identification and Design of Sites for Methane Conversion to Higher Alkanes under Mild Conditions*”,
Funding: \$110,000, Period: August 2018 – August 2020
- **ACS PRF**
PI: Henning H. Winter ; CO-PI: Wei Fan
 - Title: “*Fabrication of Two-dimensional zeolite nanosheets using telechelic liquid polybutadiene*”,
Funding: \$110,000, Period: August 2017 – August 2019
- **National Science Foundation**

PI: Kevin Kittilstved, Co-PI: Dhandapani Venkataraman, Wei Fan, Friederike Jentoft

- Title: “MRI: Acquisition of a modern powder X-ray diffractometer with in-situ capabilities”,
Funding: \$ 259,528, Period: August 2017 - August 2020

- **National Science Foundation**

PI: Kevin Kittilstved, Co-PI: Dhandapani Venkataraman, Wei Fan, Friederike Jentoft

- Title: “S-STEM Overcoming Barriers for Transfer Students in the Engineering Pipeline”,
Funding: \$ 632,369, Period: August 2015 - August 2021

- **Nation Science Foundation of China** 100,000 RMB 09/2019 – 08/2022

“Development of catalytic processing for production of aromatics from cofeeding of methanol with Furan”

(PI: Huiyong Chen, Northwest University (China); Consultant: Wei Fan UMass Amherst)

100K RMB is for travelling grant. Visit China once during the project period, and consult the project. No research funding for Fan’s research group.

- **Ministry of Science and Technology of China** 50,000 RMB 06/2018 – 05/2021

“Mechanism of catalytic production of jet fuel from lignocellulosic biomass using base solid Catalysts”

(PI: Qi Zhang, Guangzhou Institute of Energy (China), Chinese Academy of Sciences Consultant: Wei Fan UMass Amherst)

50 K RMB is for travelling. Visit China once during the project period and consult the project. No research funding for Fan’s research group.

- **Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,**

PI: Wei Fan, Co-PI: Friederike Jentoft

- Title: “*Selective Hydrolysis of Cellulose into Glucose*”,
Funding: \$220,000, Period: August 2014 - September 2018. PI: Wei Fan
- Title: “*Development of Bifunctional Zeolite Catalyst for Production of Aromatics from Biomass*”,
Funding: \$220,000, Period: August 2014 - September 2018. PI: Wei Fan

- **University of Massachusetts Amherst, International Program Office**

- Title: “*Advance Internationalization of UMass Education and Research in Materials Science*”
Funding: \$4000, Period: September 2015 – September 2016
PI: Wei Fan

- **Reliance Inc.**

- Title: “*Cotton Stalk/Straw Bio-Crude for Renewable Biofuels and BTX from Biomass*”
Funding: \$75,000 (80% Fan), Period: September 2014 - August 2015
PI: Wei Fan, Co-PI: Triantafillos J. Mountziaris and Curt Conner

- **National Science Foundation, CBET,**

- Title: “*Developing Dynamic Mean Field Theory to Model Separations with Inorganic Mesoporous Membranes: Combined Theoretical and Experimental Study*”,
Funding: \$ 327,038, Period: August 2014 - August 2018
PI: David Ford, Co-PI: Peter Monson, Wei Fan

- **Joint Program between Anhui province, China, and Act-blue Inc, “Hundred Talents Program of Anhui Province, China”**

- Title: “*Development of Small Pore Zeolites for NO_x Control in Automobile Emission Control*”,
Funding: \$80,000, Period: August 2014 - August 2016
PI: Wei Fan

- **3M Corporation, Nontenured Faculty Award,**

- Title: “*Engineering Porous Materials for Biorefinery and Biomedical applications*”,

Funding: \$45,000, Period: January 2013 - December 2016

PI: Wei Fan

- **CSP Technologies Inc.,**
 - Title: “*Adsorption Capacity of Volatile Organic Compounds*”
Funding: \$6,000, Period: May 2013 - March 2014
PI: Wei Fan
- **CSP Technologies Inc.,**
 - Title: “*Investigation of CO Production from Polymer/4A Zeolite Composite*”
Funding: \$12,000, Period: March 2013 - December 2013.
PI: Wei Fan
- **Rive Technology Inc.**
 - Title: “*Analyzing Mass Transport in Mesoporous Zeolites*”
Funding: \$2,000, Period: May 2013 - December 2013.
PI: Wei Fan
- **Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,**
 - Title: “*Selective Hydrolysis of Cellulose by Solid Catalysts in Water*”
Funding: \$93,227, Period: September 2013 - August 2014
PI: Wei Fan
- **Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,**
 - Title: “*Catalytic Insertion for Conversion of Furans to Alkylated Aromatics*”
Funding: \$223,627(50% Fan), Period: September 2013 - August 2014
PI: Paul J. Dauenhauer, Co-PI: Wei Fan

The grant supports Fan’s group on the development of Lewis zeolites for ultra-high selective production of p-xylene from dimethylfuran.

- **Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,**
 - Title: “*Selective Hydrolysis of Cellulose by Solid Catalysts in Water*”
Funding: \$105,588, Period: September 2012 - August 2013.
PI: Wei Fan
- **Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,**
 - Title: “*Catalytic Insertion for Conversion of Furans to Alkylated Aromatics*”
Funding: \$223,627(50% Fan), Period: September 2012 - August 2013
PI: Paul J. Dauenhauer, Co-PI: Wei Fan

The grant supports Fan’s group on the development of zeolite Beta for ultra high selective production of p-xylene from dimethylfuran.

- **Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences - Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation,**
 - Title: “*Catalytic Insertion for Conversion of Furans to Alkylated Aromatics (e.g. Xylenes)*” Funding: \$ 223,627 (50% Fan), Period: August 2011 - July 2012.
PI: Paul J. Dauenhauer, Co-PI: Wei Fan

The grant supports Fan’s group on the synthesis of zeolites for conversion of furans to alkylated aromatics.

Educational Activities

Teaching Activities

Courses were taught at the University of Massachusetts Amherst:

- iCons 1: Global Challenges, Scientific Solutions, iCons program at UMass Amherst,
 - Teaching from 2022 to 2024 Spring semester
- Chemical Engineering 625, *Graduate course in Reaction Engineering*
 - Teaching from 2015 to 2019
- Chemical Engineering 226, *Undergraduate course in Thermodynamics I*
 - Taught from 2011 to present
- Chemical Engineering 590D, *Graduate and senior undergraduate elective course in Nanomaterials Chemistry and Engineering (Developed by Fan)*
 - Taught from 2011 to 2014, 2021
- Chemical Engineering 290A, *Undergraduate elective course in Introduction to Renewable Energy*
 - Two lectures on Conversion of lignocellulosic biomass into fuels and Chemicals
 - Taught in Fall from 2011 to 2019
- Chemical Engineering 390C, *Design and Testing of the Chemical Engineering Car*
 - Teaching from 2016 to 2018
- Chemical Engineering 401, *Undergraduate Senior Lab*
 - Two experiments were taught in the fall of 2010 (Methanation and Ion exchange)

Mentoring of Graduate & Undergraduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars

Graduate Students Advised (16):

Graduated

1. Ph.D. Yuzhen Hu 7/2022 - 7/2024
Research Topic: *Development of solid catalyst for lignin depolymerization*
2. Ph.D. Kaivalya Gawande 9/2017 - 7/2024
Research Topic: *Synthesis of Hierarchical Zeolites with Improved Mass Transport and Separation in Alkane/Alkene*
3. Ph.D. Song Luo 9/2016 - 9/2022
Research Topic: *Synthesis of Zeolites with Controlled Defects by Understanding the Role of Charge Balance in Zeolite Crystallization*
4. Ph.D. Jason Gulbinski 9/2017 - 9/2022
Research Topic: *Phosphorus-Containing Zeolites for Biofuel Production*
5. Ph.D. Sanket Sabnis 9/2015 - 9/2020
Research Topic: *Synthesis of Zeolite Catalyst with Precisely Controlled Active Site Locations*
6. Ph.D. Vivek Vattipalli 9/2013 - 9/2018
Research Topic: *Mass Transport in Hierarchical Porous Materials and Application in Mesoporous Membrane*
Starting at BASF, USA
7. Ph.D. Xiaoduo Qi 9/2012 - 4/2019
Research Topic: *The Investigation of Surface Barrier During Molecular Transport in Zeolite Nanoparticles*
Starting at BASF, China
8. Ph.D. Hong Je Cho 9/2011- 9/2016
Research Topic: *Development of Lewis/metal Bifunctional Catalysts for Biomass Conversion*
Starting at University of Delaware as a postdoc and working at Intel Corporation, USA
9. Ph.D. Paul Dornath 9/2010 - 8/2015

Research Topic: *Development of Heterogeneous Catalyst for Hydrolysis of Cellulose*,
Starting at *Micromidas*, A renewable plastics company located at West Sacramento, CA

10. Ph.D. Chun-Chih Chang 9/2010 - 8/2015

Research Topic: *Development of Heterogeneous Catalyst for Production of Aromatic Chemicals from Biomass Derived Furans*

Starting at *W.R. Grace, Core R&D*, at Columbia, MD,

11. Ph.D. Qiyu Liu 7/2017-7/2019 (Exchange Student from University of Science and Technology of China)

Research Topic: Selective depolymerization of cellulose into water soluble oligomers and glucose

12. Ph.D. Qiaozhi Ma 7/2017-7/2019 (Exchange Student from University of Science and Technology of China)

Research Topic: *Development of bifunctional catalyst for lignin conversion*

13. Ph.D. Guangyue Xu 5/2017-5/2018 (Exchange Student from University of Science and Technology of China)

Research Topic: *Hydrothermal stability of zeolite catalysts*

14. Ph.D. Chao Li 8/2012 - 8/2014 (Exchange Student from South China University of Technology)

Research Topic: *Development of Hierarchical Zeolites for Biomass Conversion*

15. Ph.D. Chen Yu Hong 3/2013-3/2014 (Exchange Student from National Taiwan University)

Research Topic: *Drug Delivery System with Hierarchical Porous Materials*

16. Ph.D. Huiyong Chen 9/2010 - 9/2011 (Co-advised with Prof. Michael Tsapatsis, UMN)

Research Topic: *Synthesis of Hierarchical Zeolites for Reaction Involving Bulky Molecules*

Current Affiliation: *Associate Professor at Northwest University, Xi'an, China*

In Progress

17. Ph.D. Yachan Liu

Co-advised with Prof. Peng Bai

18. Ph.D. Muhammad Shah

Research Topic: *Understanding the Crystallization Mechanism of Zeolite in the Presence of F*

19. Ph.D. Success Aiwekhoe

Research Topic: *Controlling Aluminum Pairs in Chabazite (CHA) Zeolites Framework Using Acidic Synthesis Method for Carbon dioxide (CO₂) Capture*

20. Ph.D. Majid Lasisi Balogun

Research Topic: *Modification of Extra-large Pore Zeolite for Isomerization and Oxidation Reactions*

Postdoctoral Scholars and Visiting Scholars Advised (9):

1. Visiting Scholar: Dr. Yuzhen, Hu 07/2022-06/2024 (Southeast University (China))

Research Topic: Development of solid catalyst for lignin depolymerization

Current Affiliation: Guangdong University of Petrochemical Technology

2. Post-Doc: Dr. Qiyu Liu 10/2019-10/2020

Research Topic: Selective Depolymerization of Cellulose into Oligomers and Glucose

Current Affiliation: *South China University of Technology, China*

3. Post-Doc: Zhuopeng Wang 4/2011-4/2013

Research Topic: *Development of Hierarchical Zeolites for Biomass Conversion*

Current Affiliation: Jilin University, China

4. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Xiaoli Wang 12/2018-01/2020 (Inner Mongolia University, China)
Research Topic: Development of Natural Zeolites for Removal of Heavy Ions
Current Affiliation: *Inner Mongolia University, China*
5. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Feijian Chen 11/2018-12/2019 (Bengbu Normal College, China)
Research Topic: Synthesis of Hierarchical Zeolites by Rational Design of Organic Structure Directing Agent
Current Affiliation: *Bengbu Normal College, China*
6. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Huiyong Chen 09/2017-08/2018 (Northwest University, China)
Research Topic: Development of Bifunctional Zeolite Catalysts for Biomass Conversion
Current Affiliation: *Northwest University, China*
7. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Xiangke Guo 10/2017-9/2018 (Nanjing University, China)
Research Topic: Synthesis of Phosphorous Containing Zeolite Catalysts
Current Affiliation: *Nanjing University, China*
8. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Hongjuan Wang 8/2016-9/2017 (South China University of Technology, China)
Research Topic: Synthesis of metal oxides for electronic catalysis
Current Affiliation: *South China University of Technology, China*
9. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Junliang Wu 8/2016-9/2017 (South China University of Technology, China)
Research Topic: Synthesis of metal nanoparticles encapsulated zeolite catalysts for oxidation of VOCs
Current Affiliation: *South China University of Technology, China*
3. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Yongfei Li 9/2015-9/2016 (Xiangtan University, China)
Research Topic: *Development of Lewis Acid Zeolites for the Conversion of Biomass into Fuels and Chemicals*
10. Visiting Scholar: Prof. Jinsheng Gou 6/2014-6/2015 (Beijing Forestry University, China)
Research Topic: *Conversion of Furan into Aromatics Using Bifunctional Zeolite Catalysts*
Current Affiliation: *Associate Professor, Beijing Forestry University, China*

Undergraduate Students Advised (33):

Supported REU Students in Summer:

1. B.S. Alexander Engstrom, REU student supported by NSF Chemistry Program in Chemistry Department of UMass, *Analysis of Structure Directing Agent Sizes and Ratios in LTA Zeolite Synthesis*, 2019
2. B.S. Li Zhang, REU student supported by NSF Chemistry Program in Chemistry Department of UMass, *Investigation of Effects of Heteroatoms on The Structure of Zeolite Gel*, 2018
3. B.S. Abdul Mughis Paracha, REU student supported by DOE from University of Delaware, *Synthesis of CHA zeolites for DeNOx application*, 2017
4. B.S. Helen Hua, REU student supported by NSF Chemistry Program in Chemistry Department of UMass, *Depolymerization of crystalline cellulose using ball-milling method*, 2017
5. B.S. Jason Gulbinski, REU student supported by DOE from University of Delaware, *Dehydration of Alcohols Using Lewis Acid Zeolite Catalysts*, 2015
6. B.S. Syed Hussain, REU student supported by NSF Chemistry Program in Chemistry Department of UMass, *Aldo Condensation Reactions Using Bronsted and Lewis Acid Zeolite Catalysts*, 2015
7. B.S. Stephen Ruzycky, REU student supported by DOE from UMass Amherst, *Development of Bifunctional Carbon Catalyst for Hydrolysis of Cellulose*, 2014
8. B.S. Kyle Whitcomb, REU student supported by DOE from UMass Amherst, *Facile Synthesis of*

Hierarchical ZSM-5 for Biomass Conversion, 2013

9. B.S. Sanaz Taghvaii, REU student supported by DOE from University of Delaware, *Synthesis of Hierarchical Zeolites with Controllable Mesoporosity*, 2012

Honor College Research Thesis Students:

10. B.S. Timothy Yesepkin, Honor College Research Thesis: *Effects of Oxidation on Adsorptive Strength of Bovine Serum Albumin on Activated Carbon*
11. B.S. Sydney Foster, Undergraduate Research Thesis: *Inexpensive Synthesis of High-Silica CHA Zeolite*
12. B.S. Tam Nguyen, Honor College Research Thesis: *Ion-exchange of Ag^+ with mesoporous LTA zeolites*
13. B.S. Michael Stellato, Honor College Research Thesis: *Controlled Synthesis of CHA from Zeolite Phase Transformation*
14. B.S. Nicholas Barberio, Honor College Research Thesis: *Understanding of Surface Barrier Phenomena in Hierarchical Zeolites*
15. B.S. Dimitri Livitz, Honor College Research Thesis: *Facile Synthesis of Hierarchical Zeolites without Using Hard Template*

Independent Study in Research Group:

16. B.S. Taras Nagorny, Research Topic: *Rapid synthesis of Siliceous Zeolite Using NH_4F*
Rising Researcher Award 2024
17. B.S. Anshula Kale, Research Topic: *Development of MOF materials of stabilization of Vitamin C*
18. B.S. Kirby Yen, Research Topic: *Investigation of crystal structure of zeolites using XRD*
19. B.S. Mahidhar Lakkavaram, Research Topic: *Development of porous materials for drug delivery*
20. B.S. Jonathan Delaney, Research Topic: *P Zeolite Catalysts for Alcohols Dehydration*
21. B.S. Jonathan Chen, Research Topic: *Rapid Synthesis of SSZ-13 Zeolites*
22. B.S. Neal Chadha, Research Topic: *Synthesis of SSZ-13 Using Dry Gel Conversion Method*
23. B.S. Abdul Mughis Paracha, Research Topic: *Crystallization Process of SSZ-13 Zeolite*
Rising Researcher Award 2018
24. B.S. Sydney Foster, Research Topic: *Synthesis of SSZ-13 Catalyst Using Tetraethylammonium Hydroxide*
25. B.S. Nicholas Lines, Research Topic: *Synthesis of Alkali Supported Clay Catalyst for Combustion of Soots*
26. B.S. Xuanning Wang, Research Topic: *Characterization of Lewis Acid Zeolite Catalysts*
Rising Researcher Award 2015
27. B.S. Miles Sakwa-Novak, Research Topic: *Growth Mechanism of Silica Nanoparticles*
28. B.S. Timothy Coogan, Research Topic: *Zero Length Chromatography* (Co/advised with Prof. Paul Dauenhauer)
29. B.S. Sanaz Taghvaii, Research Topic: *Hydrothermal Stability of Three Dimensionally Ordered Mesoporous Imprinted Zeolites*
30. B.S. Raymond Chan, Research Topic: *Synthesis of Mesoporous LTL and MOR Using Carbon Template*
31. B.S. Hiu Fai Yeung, Research Topic: *Synthesis of Ag Containing Zeolite in Cellulose Nanofiber for Water Purification* (Co/advised with Prof. Jessica Schiffman)
32. B.S. Nathan Abraham, Research Topic: *Synthesis of Solid Lewis Acid Catalyst- Nb_2O_5*
33. B.S. Alex Stephen, Research Topic: *Synthesis of 3D Om Carbon and Ordered Mesoporous ZSM-5*
34. B.S. Anthony Valle, Research Topic: *Effects of Calcination on the Catalytic Activity of Zeolite Catalysts*
35. B.S. Wayne Lee, Research Topic: *Synthesis of 3D Om Carbon with Controlled Morphology*