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### 2. Education and Professional Experience

1978-1982 East China Normal University, B.S. in Physics  
1982-1987 University of Houston, Ph. D in Chemical Physics  
1987-1990 Research Associate, Department of Chemistry, UC Berkeley  
1990-1994 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, New York University  
1994-1997 Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, New York University  
1997- Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, New York University  
1997 Visiting Professor, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology  
2001 Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore  
2001-2008 Founding Director, Institute of Theoretical & Computational Chemistry,  
Nanjing University  
2005 Visiting Professor, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Science, Taiwan  
2009- Professor of Physics, East China Normal University  
2013- Professor of Chemistry, NYU Shanghai  
2013- Director, NYU-ECNU Center for Computational Chemistry, NYU  
Shanghai

### 3. Professional Service

#### Journal Editorship

2019- Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, **Associate Editor**  
2018- *Molecular Based Mathematical Biology*, Editorial board  
2015- *Scientific Reports*, Editorial board  
2015- *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences*, Associate Editor  
2015- *Interdisciplinary Sciences: Computational Life Sciences*, Editorial board  
2008- *Journal of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry*, Advisory editor  
2002- *Chinese Journal of Chemical Physics*, Editorial board

### 4. Awards/Fellowships

1990 Camille and Henry Dreyfus New Faculty Award  
1994 National Science Foundation Presidential Faculty Fellow  
1995 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar  
1995 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow  
1999 Overseas Assessor of Chinese Academy of Science (中科院首批海外评审专家)  
2000 Outstanding Overseas Young Investigator of NSFC (基金委海外杰出青年基金)

## 5. Current Research Interest

Develop novel computational methods for accurate and efficient study of biological systems. Develop quantum and classical methods, including new polarized force field, to accurately predict protein structure, free energy in protein-drug and protein-protein bindings, conformational dynamics of membrane proteins, structure and dynamics of metalloproteins, drug design, etc.

## 6. Citations of Publications

Number of Publications: ~350  
Number of times cited: >10,000  
h-index: 52

## 7. Books

1. *Dynamics of Molecules and Chemical Reaction*, edited by R. E. Wyatt and John Zeng Hui Zhang, (Marcel Dekker, New York, 1996).
2. *Theory and Application of Quantum Molecular Dynamics*, John Zeng Hui Zhang, (World Scientific Publishing, Singapore, 1999).

## Recent Research Publications:

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2. X.Y. Jia, M.T. Wang, Y.H. Shao, G. König, B.R. Brooks, J.Z.H. Zhang, Y. Mei, "Calculations of Solvation Free Energy through Energy Reweighting from Molecular Mechanics to Quantum Mechanics", *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 12, 499-511 (2016).
3. M. Li, J.Z.H. Zhang, F. Xia, "A new algorithm for construction of coarse-grained sites of large biomolecules", *J. Comput. Chem.*, 37, 795-804 (2016).
4. X. Liu, J.F. Liu, T. Zhu, L.J. Zhang, X. He, and J.Z.H. Zhang, "PBSA\_E: A PBSA-Based Free Energy Estimator for Protein-Ligand Binding Affinity", *J. Chem. Inf. Model.*, 56, 854-861 (2016).
5. L.L. Duan, X. Liu, J.Z.H. Zhang, "Interaction Entropy: A New Paradigm for Highly Efficient and Reliable Computation of Protein-Ligand Binding Free Energy", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 138, 5722-5728 (2016).
6. Y. Liu, Z.Z. Yu, J.Z.H. Zhang, L. Liu, F. Xia, J.L. Zhang, "Origins of unique gold-catalysed chemo- and site-selective C-H functionalization of phenols with diazo compounds", *Chem. Sci.*, 7, 1988-1995 (2016).
7. Y. Liu, Z.Z. Yu, Z.J. Luo, J.Z.H. Zhang, L. Liu, F. Xia, "Mechanistic Investigation of Aromatic C (sp<sup>2</sup>)-H and Alkyl C (sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Bond Insertion by Gold Carbenes", *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 120(11), 1925-1932 (2016).
8. M. Li, J.Z.H. Zhang, F. Xia, "Constructing Optimal Coarse-Grained Sites of Huge Biomolecules by Fluctuation Maximization", *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 12(4), 2091-2100

(2016).

9. X.W. Wang, X. He, J.Z.H. Zhang, "Accurate Calculation of Electric Fields Inside Enzymes", *Methods in Enzymology*, 578, 45-72 (2016).
10. Y. Wang, J.F. Liu, T. Zhu, L.J. Zhang, X. He, J.Z.H. Zhang, "Predicted PAR1 inhibitors from multiple computational methods", *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 659, 295-303 (2016).
11. M. Li, F.J. Liu, J.Z.H. Zhang, "TMFF-A Two-Bead Multipole Force Field for Coarse-Grained Molecular Dynamics Simulation of Protein", *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 12, 6147-6156 (2016).
12. F.J. Liu, J.Z.H. Zhang, Y. Mei, "The origin of the cooperativity in the streptavidin-biotin system: A computational investigation through molecular dynamics simulations", *Sci. Rep.*, 6, 27190 (2016).
13. Y.X. Li, S.Q. Zhang, J.Z.H. Zhang, X. He, "Assessing the performance of popular QM methods for calculation of conformational energies of trialanine", *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 652, 136-141 (2016).
14. Z.Q. Yao, L.J. Zhang, B. Gao, D.B. Cui, F.Q. Wang, X. He, J.Z.H. Zhang, D.Z. Wei, "A Semiautomated Structure-Based Method to Predict Substrates of Enzymes via Molecular Docking: A Case Study with *Candida antarctica* Lipase B", *J. Chem. Inf. Model.*, 56, 1979-1994 (2016).
15. J. Zeng, Y.X. Li, J.Z.H. Zhang, Y. Mei, "Examination of the quality of various force fields and solvation models for the equilibrium simulations of GA88 and GB88", *J. Mol. Model.*, 22, 177 (2016).
16. B. Peng, X.Y. Ding, C. Sun, W. Liu, J.Z.H. Zhang, X. Zhao, "The effect of POPC acyl chains packing by aromatic amino acid methyl esters investigated by ATR-FTIR combined with QM calculations", *RSC Adv.*, 6, 45569-45577 (2016).
17. Y. Liu, Z.J. Luo, J.Z.H. Zhang, F. Xia, "DFT Calculations on the Mechanism of Transition-Metal-Catalyzed Reaction of Diazo Compounds with Phenols: O-H Insertion versus C-H Insertion", *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 120, 6485-6492 (2016).
18. J.F. Liu, Y.Q. Wang, Z.H. Zhang, X. He, "Quantum mechanical mechanism of binding of 4-anilinoquinazoline inhibitors to the epidermal growth factor receptor based on MFCC computation", *China Sciencepaper*, 11(18), 2050-2056 (2016).
19. X.S. Jin, T. Zhu, J.Z.H. Zhang, X. He, "A systematic study on RNA NMR chemical shift calculation based on the automated fragmentation QM/MM approach", *RSC Adv.*, 6, 108590-108602 (2016).
20. Z.X. Sun, X.H. Wang and John Z. H. Zhang, "BAR-based optimum adaptive sampling regime for variance minimization in alchemical transformation", *Phys.Chem.Chem.Phys.*, 19, 15005 (2017).
21. Y. Wang, J.F. Liu, L.J. Zhang, X. He, John Z.H. Zhang, "Computational search for aflatoxin binding proteins", *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 685, 1-8 (2017).

22. L.L. Duan, T. Zhu, C.G. Ji, Q.G. Zhang, John Z.H. Zhang, "Direct folding simulation of helical proteins using an effective polarizable bond force field", *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 19(23), 15273-15284 (2017).
23. L.L. Duan, T. Zhu, Y.C. Li, Q.G. Zhang, John Z.H. Zhang, "Effect of polarization on HIV-1 protease and fluoro-substituted inhibitors binding energies by large scale molecular dynamics simulations", *Sci. Rep.*, 7, 42223 (2017).
24. J.F. Liu, L.W. Qi, John Z.H. Zhang, X. He, "Fragment Quantum Mechanical Method for Large-Sized Ion-Water Clusters", *J. Chem. Theory. Comput.* 13(5), 2021-2034 (2017).
25. X.S. Jin, John Z.H. Zhang, X. He, "Full QM Calculation of RNA Energy Using Electrostatically Embedded Generalized Molecular Fractionation with Conjugate Caps Method", *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 121(12), 2503-2514 (2017).
26. Y.N. Yan, M.Y. Yang, C.G. Ji, John Z.H. Zhang, "Interaction Entropy for Computational Alanine Scanning", *J. Chem. Inf. Model.*, 57(5), 1112-1122 (2017).
27. M. Li, John Z.H. Zhang, "Protein simulation using coarse-grained two-bead multipole force field with polarizable water models", *J. Chem. Phys.*, 146(6), 065101 (2017).
28. Y.N. Yan, W.J. Wang, Z.X. Sun, John Z.H. Zhang, C.G. Ji, "Protein-Ligand Empirical Interaction Components for Virtual Screening", *J. Chem. Inf. Model.*, 57(8), 1793-1806 (2017).
29. J.F. Liu, X. He, John Z.H. Zhang, "Structure of liquid water - a dynamical mixture of tetrahedral and 'ring-and-chain' like structures", *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 19(19), 11931-11936 (2017).
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32. Z.X. Sun, T. Zhu, X.H. Wang, Y. Mei, John Z.H. Zhang, "Optimization of convergence criteria for fragmentation methods", *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 687, 163-170 (2017).
33. Z.X. Sun, X.H. Wang, John Z.H. Zhang, "Protonation-dependent base flipping in the catalytic triad of a small RNA", *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 684, 239-244 (2017).
34. M.M. Huang, Z.J. Luo, T. Zhu, J. Chen, John Z.H. Zhang, F. Xia, "A theoretical study of the substituent effect on reactions of amines, carbon dioxide and ethylene oxide catalyzed by binary ionic liquids", *RSC Adv.*, 7(81), 51521-51527 (2017).
35. L. Liu, F. Zhao, W. Liu, T. Zhu, John Z.H. Zhang, C. Chen, Z.H. Dai, H.S. Peng, J.L. Huang, Q. Hu, W.B. Bu, and Y. Tian, "An Electrochemical Biosensor with Dual Signal Outputs: Toward Simultaneous Quantification of pH and O<sub>2</sub> in the Brain upon Ischemia and in a Tumor during Cancer Starvation Therapy", *Angew. Chem.-Int. Edit.*, 56, 35, 10471-10475 (2017).

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38. L.Q. Qiu, Y.N. Yan, Z.X. Sun, J.N. Song, John Z.H. Zhang, "Interaction entropy for computational alanine scanning in protein–protein binding", *WIREs Comput. Mol. Sci.*, doi: 10.1002/wcms.1342 (2017).
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42. Wang, Jingxue; Cao, Huali; Zhang, John Z. H.; et al. "Computational Protein Design with Deep Learning Neural Networks", *SCIENTIFIC REPORTS*, 8, 6349 (2018).
43. Liu, Xiao; Peng, Long; Zhou, Yifan, Zhang, Youzhi, Zhang, John Z.H., "Computational Alanine Scanning with Interaction Entropy for Protein-Ligand Binding Free Energies", *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 14, 1772-1780 (2018).
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45. Liu, Jinfeng; He, Xiao; Zhang, John Z. H.; et al. "Hydrogen-bond structure dynamics in bulk water: insights from ab initio simulations with coupled cluster theory". *Chem. Sci.* 9, 2065-2073 (2018).
46. Liu, Jinfeng; Swails, Jason; Zhang, John Z. H.; et al. "A Coupled Ionization-Conformational Equilibrium Is Required To Understand the Properties of Ionizable Residues in the Hydrophobic Interior of Staphylococcal Nuclease", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 140, 1639-1648 (2018).
47. Wang, Xiaohui; Tu, Xingzhao; Zhang, John Z. H.; et al. BAR-based optimum adaptive sampling regime for variance minimization in alchemical transformation: the nonequilibrium stratification", *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 20, 2009-2021 (2018).
48. Song, Jianing; Qiu, Linqiong; Zhang, John Z. H. "An efficient method for computing excess

free energy of liquid”, *Sci. Chi. Chem.*, 61, 135-140 (2018).