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He has published about 40 articles in the field of polymer science and engineering, which are cited about 400 times in the Web of Science database of Thomson Co. He has served as the Technical Program Chairman of the 16th Annual Meeting of Polymer Processing Society (PPS-16) in 2000 and the general secretary of the Annual National Polymer Conference of China in 1999.

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