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What is your favorite Madison/campus memory?  
Madison is the most beautiful campus. The lakes, the architecture of campus, and much more is so beautiful.

What has helped you achieve success in your career?  
The main thing is my education at UW. I learned the technical training through my courses, but also I learned a lot from my thesis advisors.

Outside of class, what experiences did you find most meaningful?  
I went to the football and basketball games, even though they were horrible.

What excites you about the future of Engineering?  
I think we are entering a period of rapid innovation. In order for the world economy to continue and grow, we need innovation. Engineering and engineers will be leading this effort.

Besides engineering, do you have another passion you have pursued or would have liked to pursue given the time?  
I have always had some entrepreneurial ambition. When I first started at General Atomics, a few colleagues and I wrote software on the side for a travel agency to book flights. We did not have the experiences to commercialize the company, and at the time, venture capital was not as abundant as it is now.

Who was an influential peer/professor from your time at UW-Madison?  
My thesis advisors Professor Seshadri and Professor Vernon, because I was able to work closely with them. They were always available, supportive, and ready to share their knowledge with me.

What are you most proud of in life?  What is your greatest achievement?  
Through my career I started three different programs with GA. The first one was leading the physics research group where I implemented a strategic method of operations regarding the research. The second group was working on supercomputing, and now the third group is training new scientists to conduct and work in the engineering research industry in China.

What would be your advice to current students?  What do you wish you had known?  
Don’t limit yourself to simply engineering. Explore and gain a deeper knowledge because the world is changing quickly. A student today needs to be able to work in a diverse, global market, and be able to quickly adapt to new trends.