

Honorable guests:

Thank you all for this special celebration in honor of my academic career. On this special day, I want to share some personal thoughts, and express my gratitude to all of you.

My scientific research career began 40 years ago as a young scientist passionately exploring unknown territories. In my career, I have met many talented and intelligent people, (mentors, colleagues, and students), and you have been with me all the way. Your support and encouragement have allowed me to continue to explore and innovate, which has enabled me to make some modest achievements in my academic field.

In this field, there are many people out there who are smarter than me. Adam Ries, winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics, once said that "the extraordinary thing about the universe is that it doesn't care about us at all." For someone as small as dust like me, the universe is even more dismissive. Sometimes when I encounter problems and resistance during the research process, I can only look out with daze in my eyes. After seeing me do this many times, my wife gave me a beautiful nickname - "Stupid Goose". But I don't care, I kind of like this nickname because geese are very protective. Actually, we do raise geese.

In the face of science, we face challenges and opportunities over and over again. We need to expand our thinking and knowledge through continuous practice and experimentation in order to adapt to this era of rapid development. Therefore, I am very grateful to my colleagues and collaborators. Go forward with me, share, and exchange your research ideas and results, and help me better understand and solve the problems we face, so as to guide the future research path. I can clearly see the progress. Of course, difficulties and resistance will inevitably exist, but I deeply believe that with your strong support, there is no difficulty that cannot be overcome.

Thank you again for your support and help in my academic research career. My achievements are inseparable from your support and attention. I will always maintain my enthusiasm and efforts to make greater contributions to this field.

Before I finish there is one very important person that I need to thank, and that is my wife. She has served a critical, but behind the scenes, job polishing me, promoting me, and protecting me. Without her effort and support and care on my behalf I wouldn't be here today. Seriously she saved my life during last heart surgery in 2021. That's a long story, but briefly, after completing the initial heart surgery, I was dying, and no one knew it but her. Because she is Chinese medical doctor, she used her professional medical knowledge to intervene and convince my heart surgeon that I needed a second surgery. It turns out I had large blood clot. Without her intervention, I would have died within 20 minutes. Without her critical care, I wouldn't even be alive today to enjoy this celebration with you. I was almost dust in the wind.

thank you all!