

# Research Status of Innovative Industrial Clusters in China Based on Bibliometric Analysis

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**Abstract:** The development of innovative industrial clusters is an important way to promote the development of innovative enterprises in China. At the same time, it also has definite practical significance to encourage regional innovation. This paper uses the CNKI database as the research platform, and selects the literature in the field of innovative industrial clusters from 2002 to March 1, 2021 as the research object, using bibliometrics method and CiteSpace software tools to analyze the number of publications, cooperative institutions, research hotspots, and trends. Perform visual analysis and systematically comb the progress status of innovative industrial clusters and predict future research trends in China. The research results show that the research on the basic theories of innovation industry clusters is not solid enough in China, and the cooperation between scientific research institutions needs to be strengthened; in addition, in this paper, the research process is divided into the embryonic exploration period and the development period for analysis, and then found it Related research hotspots mainly focus on innovative industrial clusters and industrial cluster theory, innovative industrial cluster development areas, innovative enterprises and government policies.

## 1 Introduction

In recent years, the overall capacity of scientific and technological innovation has been constantly improved in China. From the basic innovation to the rise of the development of innovative industries, speeding up the development of innovative industrial clusters has become a key force in the development of innovative enterprises in China. In April 2020, the Torch Center of the Ministry of Science and Technology, based on the pilot and cultivation of existing innovative industrial clusters, and in accordance with the "Opinions on Further Promoting the High-quality Development of Industrial Clusters", proposed to give full play to the industrial agglomeration role of the National High-tech Zone and speed up Build innovative industrial clusters to promote regional collaborative innovation and the development of high-tech industries. Judging from the existing research results, innovative industrial clusters evolved from industrial clusters and innovation clusters, and can be regarded as modern industrial clusters after transformation and upgrading. The concept of industrial clusters was first proposed by Michael. It refers to companies, suppliers, financial institutions, manufacturers and other related institutions that have a competitive and cooperative relationship in a specific area, are geographically concentrated, and has interactions<sup>1</sup>. The innovation cluster is composed of enterprises, research institutions, universities and related intermediary service organizations, in the form of strategic alliances and

cooperation, so as to form a technology-economic network characterized by agglomeration economy and a large number of knowledge spillovers<sup>2</sup>. Based on the existing literature, an innovative industrial cluster refers to the gathering of enterprises, R&D, and service institutions associated with the industrial chain in a specific area, in the form of division of labor and collaborative innovation, and then forming a cross-industry and cross-regional drive Role and international competitiveness of the industrial organization<sup>3</sup>.

At the existing theoretical level, most scholars at home and abroad have conducted research based on the concept, characteristics, interaction mechanism and performance evaluation system of innovative industrial clusters, so as to study the development path and mode of promoting innovative industrial clusters. For example, Lynn et al<sup>4</sup> believe that innovative industrial clusters are an advanced stage of industrial cluster development based on the internal relationships of industrial clusters. Compared with the traditional industrial clusters period, they pay greater attention to the innovative connection between the internal entities of the cluster. Based on the recognized concept of industrial clusters, Wang Jici<sup>5</sup> proposed the importance of upgrading from basic industrial clusters to innovative industrial clusters from multiple perspectives such as globalization, industrial organization, and technological innovation, and mentioned in the article the development and innovation. Industrial clusters have a key role in my country's modern industrialization path, and on this basis. Relevant policy recommendations have also been proposed.

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**Table1.** 2002-2021 The main high-frequency keywords in the research of innovative industrial clusters.

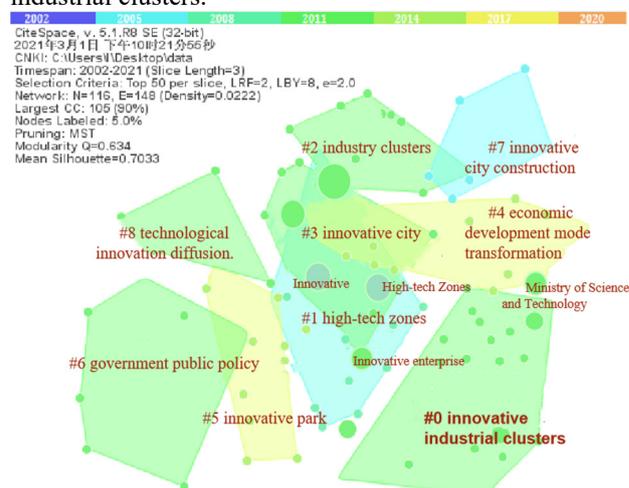
Serial number	Keywords	frequency	Centrality
1	Innovative industrial clusters	203	0.82
2	Industrial clusters	141	0.71
3	Innovative	27	0.08
4	Innovative city	26	0.25
5	High-tech Zones	25	0.2
6	Innovation	20	0.16
7	Innovative enterprise	17	0.17
8	Ministry of Science and Technology	15	0.13
9	Strategic Emerging Industry	12	0.09
10	National High-tech Zone	12	0.04
11	High-tech industrial clusters	10	0.04
12	Industrial cluster development	10	0.01
13	Competitiveness	8	0.08
14	Innovative Technology Park	8	0.18
15	Innovative city construction	6	0.04
16	Cluster construction	5	0.01
17	Economic development mode transformation	5	0.08
18	SMEs	5	0.01
19	Innovation driven	5	0.03
20	Innovative park	4	0.03

### 3.2 Cluster analyses of research hotspots

In order to further cluster analysis of hot keywords, this part will use CiteSpace software and select LSI algorithm for clustering to obtain a keyword clustering map for the research of innovative industrial clusters in my country. According to Figure 2, the clustering module value Q is 0.634 ( $Q > 0.3$ ), and the cluster average contour value S is 0.7033 (greater than 0.5). Therefore, this indicates that the clustering structure is significant and the clustering is reasonable, but some of the clusters are There are intersections and overlaps between the areas, indicating that there is a certain integration and diversion between the research in the field of innovative industrial clusters and other clusters. It can be seen from the document co-citation network that there are 9 clusters of keywords related to the field of innovative industrial clusters, namely #0 innovative industrial clusters, #1 high-tech zones, #2 industry clusters, and #3 innovative city, #4 economic development mode transformation, #5 innovative park, #6 government public policy, #7 innovative city construction and #8 technological innovation diffusion.

Compared with the development of some foreign innovative industrial clusters, China's innovative industrial clusters have developed slowly, especially in terms of development models and mechanisms. Although the term "innovative industrial clusters" appeared earlier in China, there are few related theoretical research

documents. Scholars have not done yet in-depth research on this and have not formed a systematic theoretical relationship system. Therefore, it is clear that innovative industrial clusters and the connection relationship between industrial clusters and innovative city construction are an important issue that needs to be resolved in the research and practice of innovative industrial clusters.

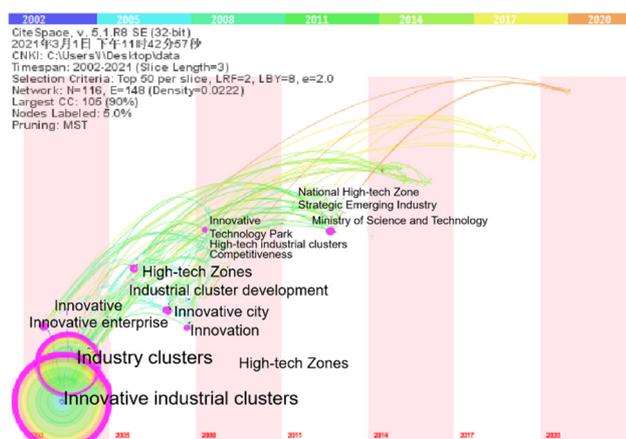


**Fig 2.** Keyword cluster co-occurrence maps of innovative industrial clusters from 2002 to 2021

### 3.3 Research trends analyses

The time zone map mainly represents the knowledge evolution map from the time dimension, and can clearly show the update hotspots of the literature and the interaction between the related literature<sup>12</sup>. Figure 3 is a period zone view of the hot research on innovative industrial clusters from 2002 to 2021. From the figure, it can be found that the evolution of groundbreaking industrial clusters research can be roughly divided into three stages: The first stage (2002-2005) is the embryonic and exploratory period of the research on innovative industrial clusters in China. This stage mainly be focused on the research on the connotation, innovative methods and development paths of innovative industrial clusters, involving industrial clusters, innovative enterprises and core competitiveness. The development paths are mostly focussed on the industry. Upgrade, technology and cultural innovation. The second stage (2006-2014) is the period of rapid development of research on innovative industrial clusters in China. During this stage, there are more literature studies on cluster construction and development regions. Innovative industrial clusters have gradually shown diversified models, and they have gradually become innovative. The proliferation of research on urban construction, strategic emerging industries and government policies. The third stage is taken from 2015 to the present. Due to the in-depth theoretical discussion of innovative industrial clusters and the peripheral radiation effects of related pilot enterprises, the emergent words are slightly reduced, and the number of documents with "innovative industrial clusters" as the key word is also available. And the recent emergence of keywords such as "technological business incubator",

"high-quality development" and "Biomedicine" has become the research frontiers in this field.



**Fig 3.** 2002-2021 Keyword time zone maps of innovative industrial clusters

## 4 Research conclusions

Based on the CiteSpace visualization analysis software, this paper conducted a quantification analysis for the research literature in innovative industrial clusters field in 2002 to 2021, combing research hotspots and topics distributions in the field of innovative industrial clusters in China, and from the angle of evolution path Departure, analyze the emerging trend and focus of future research in China's innovative industrial clusters. The main conclusions are as following:

From the keywords, the centrality and frequency of the keyword, the research hotspot innovative industrial clusters in China mainly involve the research, innovative industrial clusters development regional research and innovative industrial clusters development model and mechanism research three main aspects. Although there are relatively few research hotspots in these three areas at present, in the future progress, due to the advancement of national policies, it is believed that these research hotspots will continue to deepen is enhanced, and get more attention from scholars.

From the perspective of the keyword time zone map, this article divides the evolutionary context of China's innovative industrial cluster research from 2002 to 2021 roughly into three stages, namely, the budding exploration stage from 2002 to 2005, and the rapid development from 2006 to 2014. Stage, the sustainable development stage from 2015 to present. In the follow-up progress, it can be clearly seen that the research focus in the field of innovative industrial clusters have obvious policy inclination, and the emergence of some hot words is also closely following the promotion and implementation of policies. On the whole, the development of innovative industrial clusters in China is still in the deepening construction stage, and the regional development situation is still unstable. It is far from enough to rely on policy guidance. It also requires robust theories as a supporting point for continuous in-depth exploration.

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