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## **EDUCATION**

1991 – 1998	Ph.D.	University of Massachusetts, Amherst Chemical Engineering/Polymer Science & Engineering
1985 – 1989	B.Sc.	National Taiwan University ( <b>NTU</b> ), Taipei Chemical Engineering

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## **APPOINTEMENTS**

2010 – now	Associate Professor	UCONN
2007 – 2010	Associate Research Officer	National Research Council, Canada ( <b>NRC</b> ) – Canadian Neutron Beam Centre ( <b>CNBC</b> )
2005 – 2007	Assistant Research Officer	NRC-CNBC
2004 – 2005	Research Associate	NRC-CNBC/ University of Guelph
2001 – 2004	Visiting Fellow	NRC-CNBC, Chalk River Laboratories
1998 – 2001	Postdoctoral Researcher	National Institute of Standards & Technology ( <b>NIST</b> ) / Penn. State Univ. ( <b>PSU</b> )

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## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

1. Organized sessions for the annual conferences of national scientific societies: “Biomembrane Synthesis, Structure, Mechanics, & Dynamics” (2014-now) and “Metrology of Characterization, Simulation & Theory of Biomembranes” (2015), symposia at American Chemical Society (**ACS**); “Structures and Dynamics of Biomimetic Membranes” focus sessions (2012, 2013) at the American Physical Society (**APS**).
  2. Discovered novel aggregation-enhanced emission of atomically precise Au<sub>25</sub>-clusters in nanodiscs.
  3. Discovered that discoidal lipid nanoparticles have higher cellular uptake than liposomes do.
  4. Designed/constructed Canadian first small angle neutron scattering (**SANS**) instrument based on the configuration of Triple-Axis Neutron Scattering Spectrometer.
  5. Supervised 14 graduate and > 30 undergraduate students
  6. Initiated a webinar about “small angle X-ray scattering (**SAXS**)” and organize a workshop of dynamic light scattering (**DLS**) at UCONN for industrial researchers.
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## **EXPERIENCES**

### **Research:**

1. Designing universal nanoparticle-in-nanodisc (NANO<sup>2</sup>) platform for theranostics
2. Probing the structure-function relationship of soft nanomaterial and biomaterials under various environments (controlled temperature, salinity, humidity) and geometries (thin films, porous media)
3. Investigating kinetics of reaction- and diffusion- limited aggregation processes as well as spontaneous lipid transfer mechanism
4. Establishing the spontaneous structural diagram of external-field alignable phospholipid mixtures (“bicelles”) in solutions, commonly used as substrates for structural study on membrane-associated proteins
5. Developing low-cost, high-sensitivity, instrument-free pathogen-, cell- or toxin- detecting technology
6. Applying all-length-scale scattering technology (light, X-ray and neutron) for structural characterization
7. Investigating the quenching mechanism of fluorescence-based polymer films for fast explosive detection

### **Teaching:**

1. Offering Courses: “Intro to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I & II”, “*Polymer Properties*” (core course); “Nano-Structural Characterization” – UCONN, Lanzhou Univ. & Tamkang Univ.,

2. Lecturing “Small Angle Neutron Scattering” (2013) & “High Flux Small-Angle X-ray Scattering on Biological Complex Structures” (2017) @ *Taiwan National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center*. “Small Neutron Scattering” @ 2006, 2009, 2013 *CNBC summer school*
3. Hosting research sites for training high school students to conduct 4-week research projects at the UCONN Mentor Connection program since 2012 as well as for high/middle school STEM teachers (4-weeks) at Joule program (organized by the School of Engineering, SoE, UCONN) since 2015.
4. Presenting the topic “Principle & Application of Nano-Materials in Biomedical Engineering” for middle and high school teachers at da Vinci Project (organized by SoE, UCONN) since 2013

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## EXPERIMENTAL EXPERTISE

Small Angle Scattering, Diffraction (Neutron, X-ray and Light), Microscopy (Optical and Electron), Fluorescent Spectroscopy, Differential Scanning Calorimetry

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## COMMITTEES

- Editorial board member for Journals, **Sci. Rep. (Nature Publishing Group)**, *Chem. Eng. & Proc. Tech.*, *Indian J. Mat. Sci.* and *SOJ Mat. Sci. & Eng.* Guest Editor for “Molecules” on the topic, “Phospholipid: Structures and Functions”.
  - Center for Functional Nanomaterials (**CFN**) at Brookhaven Nat. Lab. (**BNL**) Proposal Review Member
  - Reviewing neutron scattering beamtime proposals for NIST Center for Neutron Research, ORNL (Spallation Neutron Source and High Flux Isotope Reactor) and CNBC.
  - Grant proposal reviewer for National Science Foundation (**NSF**), National Institute of Health (**NIH**) and Department of Energy (**DoE**)
  - Reviewer for publications in international prestigious journals e.g., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, *Angewandte Chemie*, *Adv. Func. Mater.*, *Adv. Mater.*, *Small*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* etc.)
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## SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (in APPENDICES)

**Refereed Publications: 92 Total citations: > 2750 times (h-index: 27 based on scopus); 0 in press**  
**Patents: 2; Book Editing: 1; Invited Talks (after 2000): 82; Book Chapters: 7; Conference Contributions: 91; Project Reports: 5**

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## AWARDS/FUNDINGS

**Funding** (see appendix) Prior to UCONN: **\$105K**

External **7 NSF grants** (5 as a PI and 2 as a co-PI); **2 GAANN grant** (as a co-PI); **3 industrial grants** (Pfizer, Moderna therapeutix and Beohringer Ingelheim), in total: ~ **\$4.0 M** (NSF: \$2.174M, GAANN: \$1.48M, and Industry: \$300K)

Internal **2 UCONN grants as a PI** (Research Excellence Program and Faculty Large Research Grant) - **\$75.2K**

### Awards:

2012 – 2013 Director’s Award for Faculty Excellence, IMS, UCONN  
2008 NRC – Steacie Institute for Molecular Sciences (SIMS) “Significant Partnership” Award  
1986 – 1989 3 times of NTU “Book Coupon Awards” (for top 5% academic performance students)

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## MEMBERSHIPS

APS, American Chemical Society, Biophysical Society, Neutron Scattering Society of America, Canadian Association of Physicists, Chemical Institute of Canada, Storrs Chinese Christian Church



### PATENTS:

- A. Abulrob, D. Stanimirovic; U. Iqbal, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras “Antibody-targeted carrier for contrast agents” **2010** (EP 2367851 A1, WO 2010060217 A1), **2011** (US20110274617 A1).
- X. Qi, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras “Spontaneously formed ellipsoidal phospholipid unilamellar vesicles” **2007** (US2007081880), **2009** (WO 2008051818 A8).

### BOOK EDITING

- G. Pabst, N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras “Liposomes, Lipid Bilayers and Model Membranes – From Basic Research to Application”, 2014, CRC Press (Taylor & Francis Group),

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- Y. Liu, Y. Xia, A. T. Rad, W. Aresh, **M.-P. Nieh** **2017** “Stable Discoidal Bicelles: A Platform of Lipid Nanocarriers for Cellular Delivery” in “**Liposomes: Methods and Protocols**” Ed. Gerard G.M. D'Souza, pp. 273-282 (Springer)
- J. Pan, N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, F. A. Heberle, P. Drazba and J. Katsaras. **2014**. “Lipid Diversity and Its Implications for Membrane Organization” in “**Liposomes, Lipid Bilayers and Model Membranes – From Basic Research to Application**” Ed. G. Pabst, N. Kučerka, M.-P. Nieh, J. Katsaras, pp. 125-142, CRC Press (Taylor & Francis Group)
- N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh** and J. Katsaras. **2010**. “*Small-Angle Scattering from Homogenous and Heterogeneous Lipid Bilayers*” in “**Advances in Planar Lipid Bilayers And Liposomes**” Vol. 12, Ed. A. Iglic and H. T. Tien, pp. 201 – 236. Academic Press (Elsevier Inc.)
- **M.-P. Nieh**, N. Kučerka and J. Katsaras. **2009**. “*Spontaneously Formed Unilamellar Vesicles*” in “**Methods in Enzymology**” Vol. 465, Ed. Nejat Düzgüneş, pp. 3 – 20. Academic Press (Elsevier)
- J. Katsaras, J. Pencer, **M.-P., Nieh**, T. Abraham, N. Kučerka and T. A. Harroun. **2008**. “*Neutron and X-Ray Scattering from Isotropic And Aligned Membranes.*” in “**Structure And Dynamics of Membranous Interfaces**” Ed. K. Nag, pp. 107 – 134. Wiley.
- Pencer, J., T. T. Mills, N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh** and J. Katsaras. **2007**. “*Small-Angle Neutron Scattering to Detect Rafts and Lipid Domains.*” in “**Lipid Rafts**” Ed. T. J. McIntosh, pp. 231 - 244. The Humana Press Inc. (ISBN 13: 978-1-58829-729-7).
- J. Katsaras, V. A. Raghunathan, T. A. Harroun, **M.-P. Nieh**, M. Chakrapani, M. J. Watson. **2005**. “*Neutron Scattering from Biomaterials in Complex Sample Environments.*” in “**Neutron Scattering in Biology - Techniques and Applications**”. Ed. J. Fitter, T. Gutberlet, J. Katsaras, pp.107 – 126. Springer.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **(Review Article)** Z. Shen, **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Li “Decorating nanoparticle surface for targeted drug delivery: Opportunities and challenges” **Polymers** **8**, 1–18 (2016)
2. **(Review Article)** G. Pabst, N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, M. C. Rheinstädter, J. Katsaras “Applications of Neutron And X-ray Scattering to the Study of Biologically Relevant Model Membranes” **Chem. Phys. Lipid.** **163**, 460 – 479 (2010).
3. **(Review Article)** T. A. Harroun, N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh** and J. Katsaras “Neutron and X-ray scattering for biophysics and biotechnology: examples of self-assembled lipid systems” **Soft Matter** **5**, 2694-2703 (2009)
3. **(Review Article)** J. Katsaras, N. Kučerka and **M.-P. Nieh** “Structure from substrate supported lipid bilayers” **Biointerphases** **3**, FB55-63 (2008).
4. **(Review Article)** N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Pencer, T. A. Harroun, J. Katsaras “The study of liposomes, lamellae and membranes using neutrons and X-rays” **Curr. Opin. Colloid & Interf. Sci.**, **12**, 17-22 (2007).
5. **(Review Article)** J. Katsaras, T.A. Harroun, J. Pencer, T. Abraham, N. Kučerka and **M.-P. Nieh** “Small-angle neutron scattering and biomolecules” **Physics in Canada**, **62**, 233-240 (2006).

6. **(Review Article)** J. Katsaras, T. A. Harroun, J. Pencer, **M.-P. Nieh** "Bicellar" lipid mixtures as used in biochemical and biophysical studies" *Naturwissenschaften*, **92**, 355-366 (2005).
7. **(Review Article)** J. Katsaras, **M.-P. Nieh**, T. A. Harroun, M. Chakrapani, M. J. Watson "Neutron and X-ray scattering from biologically relevant materials" *Physics in Canada* March/April Issue 93-100 (2004).
8. A. T. Rad, C.-W. Chen, W. Aresh, Y. Xia, P.-S. Lai, **M.-P. Nieh** "Combinational Effects of Active Targeting, Shape, and Enhanced Permeability and Retention for Cancer Theranostic Nanocarriers" *ACS Appl. Mat. & Interf.* **11**, 10505–10519 (2019).
9. K.-C Shih, Z. Shen, Y. Li, M. Kröger, S.-Y. Chang, Y. Liu, **M.-P. Nieh**, H.-M. Lai "What causes the anomalous aggregation in pluronic aqueous solutions?" *Soft Matter*, **14**, 7653 – 7663 (2018).
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11. H.-S. Jang, H.-S. Cho, D. Uhrig, **M.-P. Nieh** "Insight into the interactions between pyrene and polystyrene for efficient quenching nitroaromatic explosives" *J. Mat. Chem. C*, **5**, 12466--12473 (2017)
12. F. Ding, J. Liu, S. Zeng, Y. Xia, K. M. Wells, **M.-P. Nieh**, L. Sun "Biomimetic nanocoatings with exceptional mechanical, barrier, and flame-retardant properties from large-scale one-step coassembly" *Sci. Adv.* **3**: e1701212 (2017)
13. H. Xia, H. Fu, Y. Zhang, K.-C. Shih, Y. Ren, M. Anuganti, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. J. Cheng, Y. Lin "Supramolecular Assembly of Comb-like Macromolecules Induced by Chemical Reactions that Modulate the Macromolecular Interactions in Situ" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **139**, 11106-11116 (2017)
14. Z. Song, R. Mansbach, H. He , K.-C. Shih, R. Baumgartner, N. Zheng, X. Ba, Y. Huang, D. Mani, Y. Liu , Y. Lin, **M.-P. Nieh**, A. Ferguson, L. Yin, J. Cheng "Modulation of Polypeptide Conformation through Donor-Acceptor Transformation of Side-Chain Hydrogen Bonding Ligands" *Nat. Commun.* **8**, Art. No. 92 (2017)
15. F. Huang, W. Zheng, A. T. Rad, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Cornelius "SiO<sub>2</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites film morphology, solvent swelling, estimated C-parameter, and liquid transport" *Polymer* **123**, 247-257 (2017)
16. Y. Xia, H.-S. Jang, Z. Shen, G. D. Bothun, Y. Li, **M.-P. Nieh** "Effects of Membrane Defects and Polymer Hydrophobicity on Networking Kinetics of Vesicles" *Langmuir* **33**, 5745-5751 (2017)
17. D. S. Lye, Y. Xia, M. Z. Wong, Y. Wang, **M.-P. Nieh**, M. Weck "ABC Supramolecular Triblock Copolymer by ROMP and ATRP" *Macromolecules* **50**, 4244-4255 (2017)
18. R. Dey, Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh**, P. Burkhard: "Molecular design of a minimal peptide nanoparticle" *ACS Biomater. Sci. Eng.* **3**, 724-732 (2017)
19. A. Naderi, A. Koschella, T. Heinze, K.-C. Shih, **M.-P. Nieh**, A. Pfeifer, C.-C. Chang, J. Erlandsson "Sulfoethylated nanofibrillated cellulose: production and properties" *Carbohydrate Polymers* **169**, 515-523 (2017)
20. I. Guryanov, F. Polo, E. V. Ubyvovk, E. Korzhikova-Vlakh, T. Tennikova, A. T. Rad, M.-P. Nieh, F. Maran "Polylysine-grafted Au 144 nanoclusters: birth and growth of a healthy surface-plasmon-resonance-like band" *Chem. Sci.*, **8**, 3228-3238 (2017).
21. D. Jaiswal, A. T. Rad, **M.-P. Nieh**, K. P. Claffey, K. Hoshino "Micromagnetic Cancer Cell Immobilization and Release for Real-Time Single Cell Analysis" *J. Magn. & Magn. Mat.* **427**, 7-13 (2017).
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23. F. Huang, A. T. Rad, W. Zheng, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Cornelius "Hybrid organic-inorganic 6FDA-6pFDA and multi-block 6FDA-DABA polyimide SiO<sub>2</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites: Synthesis, FFV, FTIR, swelling, stability, and X-ray scattering" *Polymer* **108**, 105-120 (2017)
24. W. Aresh, Y. Liu, J. Sine, D. Thayer, A. Puri, Y. Huang, Y. Wang, **M.-P. Nieh** "The Morphology of Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanoparticles Affects Their Uptake by Cancer Cells" *J. Biomed. Nanotechnol.* **12**, 1852–1863 (2016)

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27. R. R. Oleynik, Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh**, D. Day "Aggregation of Phospholipid Based Vesicle Using Triblock Polymer" *MRS Advances*, **1**, 3749-3754 (2016).
28. G. Indelicato, N. Wahome, P. Ringler, S. A. Müller, **M.-P. Nieh**, P. Burkhard, R. Twarock "Principles Governing the Self-Assembly of Coiled-Coil Protein Nanoparticles" *Biophys. J.* **110**, 646–660 (2016).
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30. Y. Xia, M. Li, K. Charubin, Y. Liu, F. A. Heberle, J. Katsaras, B. Jing, Y. Zhu, **M.-P. Nieh** "Effects of Nanoparticle Morphology and Acyl Chain Length on Spontaneous Lipid Transfer Rates" *Langmuir* **31**, 12920–12928 (2015).
31. J. Jin, W. A. Hines, C.-H. Kuo, D. M. Perry, A. S. Poyraz, Y. Xia, T. Zaidi, **M.-P. Nieh**, S. L. Suib "Magnetic Studies of Mesoporous Nanostructured Iron Oxide Materials Synthesized by One-Step Soft-Templating" *Dalton Trans.* **44**, 11943–11953 (2015).
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33. H.-S. Jang, J. Zhao, Y. Lei, **M.-P. Nieh** "Unique Effects of the Chain Lengths and Anions of Tetraalkylammonium Salts on Quenching Pyrene Excimer" *ACS Appl. Mater. Inter.* **6**, 14801–14811 (2014).
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36. Y. Liu, M. Li, Y. Yang, Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh** "The Effects of Temperature, Salinity, Concentrations and PEGylated Lipid on the Spontaneous Nanostructures of Bicellar Mixtures" *Biochim. Biophys. Acta. – Biomembr.* **1838**, 1871–1880 (2014).
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### **INVITED TALKS**

1. Sep. 20, 2018 **Henkel** "General Principle & Applications of Scattering Technology for Nanostructural Characterization of Soft Matter", Rocky Hill, CT
2. Jul. 27, 2018 **National Synchrotron Light Source- II, Brookhaven National Laboratory** "Aggregation Enhanced Emission of A Lipid-Based Nano-in-Nano (NANO<sup>2</sup>) System", Upton, NY
3. Jul. 3, 2018 **Membranes Beyond**, "Twenty Years of Characterization & Development of Bicelles and Beyond", McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
4. May 23, 2018 **National Taiwan University** "Aggregation Enhanced Emission of Self-Assembled Au Nanoclusters in Lipid Nanodiscs (NANO<sup>2</sup>)", Taipei, Taiwan ROC.
5. Feb. 9, 2018 **Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical Inc.** "Self-Assembled Functional Nanomaterials Research & Capabilities", Ridgefield, CT.
6. Jan. 9, 2018 **Fudan University** "Defects on Biomembrane Enhance Spontaneous Lipid Transfer Rate and Hydrophobic Interactions", Shanghai, P.R.C.
7. Jan. 8, 2018 **Shanghai Tech. University** "Small Angle Scattering for Nanostructural Characterization", Shanghai, P.R.C.
8. Jan. 5, 2018 **South China University of Technology** "Small Angle Scattering for Nanostructural Characterization", Guangzhou, Guangdong, P.R.C.



9. Jan. 5, 2018 **South China University of Technology** “Defects on Biomembrane Enhance Spontaneous Lipid Transfer Rate and Hydrophobic Interactions”, Guangzhou, Guangdong, P.R.C.
10. Jan. 4, 2018 **East China University of Science & Technology** “Defects on Biomembrane Enhance Spontaneous Lipid Transfer Rate and Hydrophobic Interactions”, Shanghai, P.R.C.
11. Dec. 22, 2017 **National Taiwan University** “The Effects of Biomembrane “Defects” on Lipid Transfer Rate and Hydrophobic-Hydrophilic Interactions”, Taipei, Taiwan ROC.
12. Dec. 21, 2017 **Biomedical Technology and Device Research Lab., Industrial Tech. Research Institute** “Rational Design for Efficacious Theranostic Nanocarriers”, Hsinchu, Taiwan ROC.
13. Dec. 21, 2017 **Medical & Pharmaceutical Industry Technology and Development** “Rational Design for Efficacious Theranostic Nanocarriers”, Taipei, Taiwan ROC.
14. Dec. 19, 2017 **National Central University** “Rational Design for Efficacious Theranostic Nanocarriers”, Chungli, Taiwan ROC.
15. Dec. 19, 2017 **National Central University** “How to Prepare Yourself & What to Expect to Study Abroad”, Tamsui, Taiwan ROC.
16. Dec. 11, 2017 **Tamkang University** “Apply Small Angle Scattering for Nanostructural Characterization”, Tamsui, Taiwan ROC.
17. Dec. 11, 2017 **Tamkang University** “How to Prepare Yourself & What to Expect to Study Abroad”, Tamsui, Taiwan ROC.
18. Nov. 30, 2017 **National Chiao-Tung University** “Special Dynamics and Molecular Interactions around the Bilayer Defects”, Hsinchu, Taiwan ROC.
19. Nov. 30, 2017 **National Chiao-Tung University** “How to Prepare Yourself & What to Expect to Study Abroad”, Hsinchu, Taiwan ROC.
20. Oct. 17, 2017 **The 9th Sino-US Joint Conference of Chemical Engineering** “One-Pot Well-Defined NANO<sup>2</sup> (Nano-in-Nano) – A Potential Platform for High-Efficiency Theranostic Carriers”, Beijing, P.R.C.
21. Sep. 28, 2017 **Korean Institute of Science & Technology** “NANO<sup>2</sup> (Nano-in-Nano) for Delivering Bioimaging Agents – A Perfect Marriage between Lipid Bicelles and Au-Nanoclusters”, Seoul, Korea
22. Sep. 6, 2017 **National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center User Meeting Workshop II (High Flux Small Angle X-ray on Biological Complex Structures** “Nanostructural Characterization of Au-nanocluster/Lipid Complexes Using SAXS”, Taiwan NSRRC, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan, ROC
23. Sep. 2, 2017 **Taiwan Neutron Science Society Annual Conference** “Neutron Scattering – Utilization of Contrast Variation”, National Chiao-Tung University, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan, ROC (**Keynote Speaker**)
24. July 18, 2017 **International Organization of Chinese Physicists and Astronomers 9<sup>th</sup> Conference** “Implications of the Mismatch of Lipid Hydrophobic Tails on Lipid Transfer Rate and Hydrophobic Interaction”, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
25. June 26, 2017 **Polymer Sci. Eng., National Pusan University** “Lipid-Based Nanodiscs as Potential Platform as Nanocarriers for Cells”, Pusan, South Korea
26. May 24, 2017 **Institute of Basic Science – Center for Soft and Living Matter** “Structures and Dynamics of “Bicelles” – A Potential Self-Assembled Nanocarrier for in vivo Delivery”, Ulsan, South Korea
27. Feb. 16, 2017 **Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical Inc.** “A Universal Lipid-Based Platform for Encapsulating Hydrophobic Molecules”, Ridgefield, CT
28. Oct. 4, 2016 **Moderna Therapeutics** “Future Prospects for Application of Scattering on Characterization of LNPs”, Cambridge, MA
29. May 14, 2016 **UCONN Mentor Connection Program (Exploring Expertise)** “Engineering Lipid Mixtures into Well-Defined Nanoparticles”, Storrs, CT
30. Jan. 13, 2016 **Moderna Therapeutics** “A Universal Self-Assembled Delivery Nanoplatfrom – Lipid Nanodiscs (Bicelles)”, Cambridge, MA

31. Nov. 30, 2015 **New Jersey Institute of Technology** “Properties and Applications of Well-Defined Self-Assembled Lipid Nanodiscs (Bicelles)”, Newark, NJ.
32. Sep. 18, 2015 **Chem. & Biomol. Eng. Tulane University.** “Playground of Phospholipid-Based Self-Assemblies”, New Olean, LA
33. Aug. 25, 2015 **Pfizer Inc.** “Small Angle X-ray Scattering”, Groton, CT.
34. Jul. 25, 2015 **Drug Discovery & Therapy World Congress** “Single-Step Formation and Cellular Response of Vesicles and Disk-like Bicelles”, Boston, MA
35. Jun. 12, 2015 **NCS4: Northeast Complex Fluids and Soft Matter Workshop (Stony Brook University)** “Controlling Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanoparticles for Theranostic and Nanobiosensing Material”, Stony Brook, NY
36. Jun. 1, 2015 **Lanzhou Institute of Chemical Physics (Chinese Academy of Science)** “Properties of Self-Assembled Discoidal Bicelles and Their Potential Applications in Bionanotechnology”, Lanzhou, Gansu, China
37. May 29, 2015 **Lanzhou University, School of Nuclear Science & Technology** “Properties of Self-Assembled Discoidal Bicelles and Their Potential Applications in Bionanotechnology”, Lanzhou, Gansu, China
38. May 16, 2015 **UCONN Mentor Connection Program (Exploring Expertise)** “Engineering Lipid Mixtures into Well-Defined Nanoparticles”, Storrs, CT
39. Mar. 22, 2015 **American Chemical Society (Colloid and Surface Chemistry)** “Cellular uptake mechanisms as controlled by nanostructures of a lipid mixture: Comparison between bicelles and vesicles”, Denver, CO
40. Mar. 3, 2015 **Iona College, Department of Chemistry** “Building up Lipid-Legos and Their Applications”, New Rochelle, NY
41. Jun. 3, 2014 **American Conference on Neutron Scattering** “Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanodiscs, Their Characterizations and Applications”, Knoxville, TN
42. May 17, 2014 **UCONN Mentor Connection Program (Exploring Expertise)** “Having Fun and Making Something Useful from the Amphiphilic Molecules that Have Two ‘Faces’”, Storrs, CT
43. Mar. 17, 2014 **American Chemical Society (Colloid and Surface Chemistry)** “Controlling “stringed” lipid nano-aggregates”, Houston, TX
44. Feb. 7, 2014 **University of Connecticut, Department of Biomedical Engineering** “Novel and Simple Approaches to Make Stable Nanodiscs And Nanovesicles for Theranostic Delivery”, Storrs, CT
45. Oct. 19, 2013 **National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center,** “When Nanodiscs Meet – in the Eyes of Neutrons”, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan
46. Oct. 17, 2013 **National Tsing-Hua University, Department of Chemical Engineering** “Controlling Morphologies of Uniform Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanostructures – The Potential Applications”, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan
47. Oct. 16, 2013 **National Chung-Hsing University, Department of Physics** “Controlling Morphologies of Uniform Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanostructures – The Potential Applications”, Taichung, Taiwan
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49. Oct. 13, 2013 **2013 Joint Conference of Taiwan Neutron Science Society Annual Meeting and NSSRC Neutron User Meeting & Workshop,** “Structures of Bilayered Lipocomplexes as Revealed by Neutron Scattering”, Hengchun, Taiwan – **as a keynote speaker**
50. Apr. 4, 2013 **University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Department of Chemistry** “Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanodiscs and Nanovesicles – Fundamental Understanding, Applications and Manufacturing”, Lowell, MA, USA
51. Feb. 7, 2013 **Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Center for Nanophase and Materials Sciences** “Controlling Nanodisc-to-Nanovesicle Formation and Implication of Its Applications”, Oak Ridge, TN, USA

52. Nov. 29, 2012 **Emory University**, Department of Chemistry “Self-Assembled Structures, Kinetics & Applications of a Phospholipid Mixture - Bicelle”, Atlanta, GA, USA
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54. Nov. 8, 2012 **BIT, Symposium of Drug Delivery Systems**, “Bridging Fundamental Science to Practical Applications of Self-Assembled Targeting Lipid-Based Delivery Nanoparticles”, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China
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2. A. T. Rad, **M.-P. Nieh** “*Self-Assembled Bicelle Platform: A Universal Theranostic Nanocarrier for Cancer*”, BMES 2017 annual conference, Phoenix, AZ. (Oct. 13, 2017)
3. **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Xia, F. Heberle, J. Katsaras “*The Effects of Defects on Lipid Biomembranes*” 2017 American Chemical Society, San Francisco, CA (Apr. 3, 2017)
4. Y. Xia, C. Bowerman, J. Chan, C. Clemente, A. Esposito, E. Miracco, B. Kangarlou, **M.-P. Nieh** “Determining the mRNA Nanoparticle structure using SANS and SAXS” 2017 American Chemical Society, San Francisco, CA (Apr. 2, 2017)
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10. Y. Bao, A. T. Rad, Z. Wang, E. Dormidontova, J. Arora, V. John, F. Maran, **M.-P. Nieh** “Self-Assembled Nanoparticle-in-Nanoparticle Metal/Lipid Complex” 2015 American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Salt Lake City, UT (Nov. 12, 2015)
11. Y. Xia, Hyun-Sook Jang, Ying Liu, Chenlu Yu, **M.-P. Nieh** “Polymer-induced lipid cluster formation: Effects of charge density, curvature, lipid composition and polymer concentration” 2015 American Chemical Society, Boston, MA (Aug. 18, 2015)
12. Y. Xia, K. Charubin, F. Herbele, D. Marquardt, Y. Liu, J. Katsaras, B. Hammouda, **M.-P. Nieh** “New Insights to the Distinct Increase of Spontaneous Lipid Transfer Rate in Bicelles” 2015 American Chemical Society, Boston, MA (Aug. 16, 2015)
13. **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Lei, A. Amalaradjou “Lipid Nanoclusters – a Potential Instrument-Free, Low-Cost, High-Sensitivity Biosensing Platform” 2015 Gordon Research Conference, Waltham, MA (Jun. 7-12, 2015)
14. W. Aresh, Y. Liu, J. Sine, D. Thayer, A. Puri, Y. Huang, Y. Wang, **M.-P. Nieh** “Cellular uptake mechanisms as controlled by nanostructures of a lipid mixture: Comparison between bicelles and vesicles” 2015 American Chemical Society, Denver, Co (Mar. 22, 2015)

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16. W. Aresh, Y. Liu, J. Sine, D. Thayer, A. Puri, Y. Huang, Y. Wang and **M.-P. Nieh** “Enhancement of Cancer Cellular Uptake By the Morphology of Lipid-Based Nanodiscs” 2014 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Altanta, GA (Nov. 20, 2014)
17. K. Charubin, Y. Xia and **M.-P. Nieh** and Y. Lei “The Study of Short-Chain Phosphatidylcholine Effect on the Spontaneous Lipid Transfer in Phospholipid-Based Vesicles Using Differential Scanning Calorimetry” 2014 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Altanta, GA (Nov. 20, 2014)
18. X. Sun, C. Brückner, **M.-P. Nieh** and Y. Lei “Properties of Fluorescent Polymer Film with Three-Dimensionally Ordered Nanopores and Its Application in Explosive Detection” 2014 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Altanta, GA (Nov. 18, 2014)
19. Y. Xia, K. Charubin, Y. Liu, M. Li, F. A. Herberle, D. Marquardt, J. Katsaras and **M.-P. Nieh** “Analysis of Lipid Transfer Rates of Phospholipid Nanodiscs (Bicelles) Using Time-Resolved Differential Scanning Calorimetry and Small Angle Neutron Scattering” 2014 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Altanta, GA (Nov. 18, 2014)
20. W. Aresh, Y. Liu, D. Thayer, A. Puri, J. Sine, **M.-P. Nieh** “Cellular Uptake of Morphological Dependence Lipid-Based Nano-Carriers” 2014 NANOSMAT, Houston, TX (May 2014).
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22. Y. Xia, K. Charubin, F. Heberle, J. Katsaras, **M.-P. Nieh** “Time-Resolved Differential Scanning Calorimetry and Small Angle Neutron Scattering Studies on the Lipid Exchange of Phospholipid Nanodiscs” 2014 American Chemical Society, Houston, TX (Mar. 16, 2014).
23. Y. Liu, P. Molinaro, **M.-P. Nieh** “Study of Nile red exchange between nanodiscs: A kinetics study of hydrophobic molecular transportation” 2014 American Chemical Society, Houston, TX (Mar. 16, 2014).
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25. **M.-P. Nieh**, T.-H. Fan, Y. Wang “Single-Step Manufacture of Affinity Nanodiscs for Drug Delivery” 2013 NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering Grantees Conference, Washington D. C. (Dec. 6, 2013)
26. H.-S. Jang, R. Cersonsky, **M.-P. Nieh** “Fluorescence Quenching Kinetics of Pyrene Excimer in Polystyrene Films” 2013 Material Research Society, Boston, MA (Dec. 4, 2013).
27. Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh** “Reaction-Limited Fusion Mechanism of Zwitterionic Nanodiscs” 2013 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, San Francisco (Nov. 8, 2013).
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30. Y. Liu, H.-S. Jang, **M.-P. Nieh** “The Study of Lipid-based Nanodiscs as a Novel Carrier for Hydrophobic Cargo” 2013 American Physical Society, Baltimore, MD (Mar. 19, 2013).
31. H.-S. Jang, **M.-P. Nieh** “Effects of Manufacturing Processes and Ionic Environment on the Formation of Pyrene Excimers” 2013 American Physical Society, Baltimore, MD (Mar. 19, 2013).
32. **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Xia, M. Li, N. Kučerka “Shear-Induced Alignment of ‘Bicellar’ Phospholipid Membranes” 2013 American Physical Society, Baltimore, MD (Mar. 18, 2013).
33. H.-S. Jang, Y. Wang, Y. Lei, **M.-P. Nieh** “Fluorescence Response of Pyrene/Polystyrene/Organic Salt Thin Films: Materials and Processing for Explosives Detection” 2012 Materials Research Society, Boston, MA (Nov. 25-30, 2012).
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43. **M.-P. Nieh**, P. Dolinar, N. Kučerka, S. R. Kline, K. C. Littrell, J. Katsaras "Kinetically Trapped Uniform Nano-Size Unilamellar Vesicles Made of Thermodynamically Stable Multilamellar Vesicular Phospholipid Solutions" 2011 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Minneapolis, MN (Oct. 18, 2011).
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45. **M.-P. Nieh**, N. Kučerka, J. Katsaras "Can Multilamellar Vesicles Be Transformed into Unilamellar Vesicles?", 2010 American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Jun. 29, 2010).
46. N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras "Lipid Areas Obtained from the Simultaneous Analysis of Neutron and X-ray Scattering", 2010 American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Jun. 29, 2010).
47. N. Kučerka, D. Marquardt, T. A. Harroun, **M.-P. Nieh**, D. de Jong, L. Schafer, S.-J. Marrink, J. Katsaras "Cholesterol in PUFA Bilayers Studied by Small-Angle Neutron Diffraction", 2010 American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Jun. 27, 2010).
48. N. Kučerka, D. Marquardt, T. A. Harroun, **M.-P. Nieh**, S. R. Wassall, D. de Jong, L. Schafer, S.-J. Marrink, J. Katsaras "Cholesterol's Location in Bilayers is Determined by Lipid Composition", 2010 American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Jun. 27, 2010).
49. S. Mahabir, W. K. Wan, N. Kučerka, J. Katsaras, K. Littrell, L. Debeer-Schmitt, **M.-P. Nieh** "Mechanism for the Growth of 'Bicelles' ", 2010 American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Jun. 27, 2010) – **the Best Poster Award**.
50. **M.-P. Nieh**, S. Mahabir, W. Wan, J. Katsaras "Direct Evidence of Formation Mechanism of Self-Assembled Monodisperse Unilamellar Vesicles for Potential Delivery Carriers", 93<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (May 30, 2010).
51. S. Mahabir, W. Wan, J. Katsaras, **M.-P. Nieh** "Investigation of Charge And Heating Rate on Spontaneously Assembled Unilamellar Vesicles Using Small-Angle Neutron Scattering", American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences National Biotechnology Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA (May 16-19, 2010).
52. **M.-P. Nieh** "What Can Neutron And X-Ray Scattering Do for Silk Characterization?", AFMNet transgenic Spider Silk Workshop, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Dec 9, 2009).

53. S. Mahabir, W. Wan, J. Katsaras, **M.-P. Nieh** "Using SANS to Study Unilamellar Vesicles", Canadian Institute of Neutron Scattering, Toronto, Canada (Oct 30, 2009).
54. **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras, E. Nicholson, R. Soong, P. MacDonald "Detailed Structure of A Magnetically Alignable Mixture – "Bicelles"", Canadian Association of Physicists, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada (June 9, 2009).
55. **M.-P. Nieh**, Z. Yamani, N. Kučerka, J. Katsaras "New Development of Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) Capability & Application at Canadian Neutron Beam Centre", Canadian Association of Physicists, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada (June 8, 2009).
56. **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras, E. Nicholson, R. Soong, P. MacDonald "Detailed Structure of A Magnetically Alignable Mixture – "Bicelles"", 92<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (June 3, 2009).
57. **M.-P. Nieh**, G. Yuan, C. N. Mulligan "Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) Study on the Morphological Transformation of Rhamnolipid Aggregates Induced by Styrene", 92<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (June 1, 2009).
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59. **M.-P. Nieh**, Z. Yamani, N. Kučerka, J. Katsaras "Adapting a Triple-Axis Spectrometer for Small Angle Neutron Scattering Measurements", International Conference on Neutron Scattering, Knoxville, Tennessee, Canada (May 5, 2009).
60. S. D. Hudson, J. L. Hutter, L. E. Millon, W. Wan, **M.-P. Nieh** "Anisotropic Poly(Vinyl Alcohol) Hydrogel: Connection Between Structure and Bulk Mechanical Properties" American Physics Society, Pittsburgh, PA, USA (March 19, 2009)
61. **M.-P. Nieh**, M. D. Guiver, D. S. Kim, J. Ding, T. Norsten "Small Angle Neutron Scattering Study on Comb-Shaped Fluorocarbon Copolymer as a Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM)", 58<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (October, 2008).
62. **M.-P. Nieh**, Z. Yamani, N. Kučerka, J. Katsaras "Structural Characterization of Soft Materials with Small Angle Neutron Scattering - General Introduction and New Development at Chalk River Laboratories", 58<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (October, 2008).
63. **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras, U. Iqbal, A. Abulrob, D. Stanimirovic, U. Tuor "A Recent Development of Spontaneously Forming Liposomes for Potential Diagnostic and Therapeutic Carriers", 58<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (October, 2008).
64. S. D. Hudson, J. L. Hutter, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Pencer, L. E. Millon, W. Wan "SANS and USANS of Anisotropic PVA Hydrogel", Canadian Association of Physicists, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (June, 2008).
65. **M.-P. Nieh**, M. D. Guiver, D. S. Kim, T. Norsten "Morphology of Comb-Shaped Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Copolymers Using Small Angle Neutron Scattering", Canadian Association of Physicists, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (June, 2008).
66. N. Kučerka, J. Pencer, V. Anghel, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras "Detection of Lipid Rafts by Neutron Scattering", Canadian Association of Physicists, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (June, 2008).
67. J. Katsaras, N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, T. Harroun, S. Schooling, E. Papp-Szabo, J. Pencer, E. Nicholson, T. Beveridge "Effect of Cations on the Structure of Lipopolysaccharide Bilayers Isolated from *P. aeruginosa* PAO1", Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (June, 2008).
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69. **M.-P. Nieh**, Z. Yamani, J. Katsaras, N. Kučerka "Small Angle Neutron Scattering Development at Canadian Neutron Beam Centre (CNBC) – Chalk River Laboratories" American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA (May, 2008).
70. **M.-P. Nieh**, W. Feng, S. Zhu, J. Katsaras, T. Harroun, J. Brash "Characterization of biocompatible polymer thin films, grafted poly-(methacrylate) with oligo(ethylene glycol) and phosphorylcholine side chains, by neutron reflectometry", Canadian Association of Physicists, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (June, 2007).

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72. **M.-P. Nieh**, N. Kučerka, J. Pencer, J. Kastaras “The morphologies of magnetically alignable bicelle mixtures”, 90<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (May, 2007).
73. **M.-P. Nieh** “Important parameters controlling size, polydispersity and shape of self-assembled unilamellar vesicles”, (*invited*) American Conference on Neutron Scattering, St. Charles, IL, USA (June, 2006).
74. **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Kastaras, J. Pencer, X. Qi “Properties of spontaneously formed unilamellar vesicles and their interactions with Saposin C”, Canadian Association of Physicists, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada (June, 2006).
75. **M.-P. Nieh** “Neutron scattering for characterizing the structure of soft materials”, Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (May, 2006).
76. C. Y. Huang, **M.-P. Nieh**, V. A. Raghunathan, J. Kastaras “Fluctuations of model biomimetic membranes with perforation defects”, American Chemical Soc., San Diego, CA, USA (March, 2005).
77. **M.-P. Nieh**, C. Y. Huang, V. A. Raghunathan, J. Kastaras “Perforation defects on model biomimetic membrane: A neutron scattering study”, American Chemical Soc., San Diego, CA, USA (March, 2005).
78. **M.-P. Nieh**, V. A. Raghunathan, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “Spontaneous Formation of Monodisperse Small Uni-lamellar Vesicles – Kinetically Trapped or Thermodynamically Stable ?”, Canadian Association of Physicists, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (June, 2004).
79. V. A. Raghunathan, **M.-P. Nieh**, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “*Phase Behaviour of Aqueous Solutions of Short and Long Chain Phospholipids*”, Canadian Association of Physicists, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (June, 2004).
80. **M.-P. Nieh**, V. A. Raghunathan, C. J. Glinka, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “Structure Phase Behavior of a Highly Alignable Model Membrane - Bicelles”, American Chemical Society, Anaheim, CA, USA (March, 2004).
81. B. Yue, C. Huang, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Glinka, J. Kastaras “Spontaneously Forming Unilamellar Phospholipid Vesicles”, American Chemical Society, Anaheim, CA, USA (March, 2004).
82. **M.-P. Nieh**, V. A. Raghunathan, C. J. Glinka, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “Structure Phase Behavior of Model Biomimetic Membrane - Bicelles”, American Physical Society, Montreal, QB, Canada (March, 2004).
83. T. A. Harroun, **M.-P. Nieh**, M. Watson, V. A. Raghunathan, G. Pabst, M. R. Morrow, J. Kastaras “Transition Temperatures of Phospholipid Bilayers under Pressure”, American Physical Society, Montreal, QB, Canada (March, 2004).
84. **M.-P. Nieh**, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “Alignable Phospholipid Mixture in Solutions through A Weak Shear” Biophysical Society, Baltimore, MD, USA (February, 2004).
85. T. A. Harroun, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Kastaras, K. Balali-Mood, J. P. Bradshaw “A Study of Basic Membrane Anchoring Switching Domains” Biophysical Society, Baltimore, MD, USA (February, 2004).
86. **M.-P. Nieh**, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “Spontaneous Unilamellar Liposomes of Low Polydispersity and High Stability”, Liposomes Conference, Hamilton, ON, Canada (July, 2003).
87. **M.-P. Nieh**, T. A. Harroun, J. Kastaras “Spontaneous Formation of Monodisperse Unilamellar Vesicles Suitable as Carriers for Drugs and Biomolecules”, Can. Assoc. Phys., Charlottetown, PEI, Canada (June, 2003).
88. **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Glinka, J. Kastaras “Spontaneously Formed Monodispersed Unilamellar Vesicles for Controlled drug delivery”, Biophys. Soc., St. Antonio, TX, USA (March, 2003).
89. **M.-P. Nieh**, V. A. Raghunathan, H. Wang, C. J. Glinka, J. Kastaras “A metastable aligned lamellar phase, populated with defects lying on a two-dimensional lattice and induced by macroscopic confinement”, Biophys. Soc., St. Antonio, TX, USA (March, 2003).



90. **M.-P. Nieh**, S. Kumar, D. Ho, R. M. Briber “Small Angle Neutron Scattering of Polymer Solutions under Strong Confinement in Controlled Pore Glass”, DHPP of American Physics Society, Kansas City, KS, USA (March, 2000).
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- **M.-P. Nieh**, S. Kumar, R. Colby “Structural And Kinetic Study of Aqueous Solutions of Surfynol 400 Series – Experimental Results of Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) and Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)” Reports to Air Products and Chemicals Corp. (2001).
- **M.-P. Nieh**, S. Kumar, R. Colby “DLS Results and Rheological Behavior of Aqueous Solutions of Surfynol 400 Series” Reports to Air Products and Chemicals Corp. (2001).
- **M.-P. Nieh**, S. Kumar, R. Colby “Shear Induced Structure Breakdown and Time Dependence of the Surfynol 400 Series Aqueous Solutions” Reports to Air Products and Chemicals Corp. (2002).
- **M.-P. Nieh**, S. Kumar, R. Colby “Review on Aqueous Solution of Surfynol 400 Series” Reports to Air Products and Chemicals Corp. (2002).

## **Detailed Funding List**

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| 2017 – 2018 | Boehringer-Ingelheim Inc. “Controlling Drug Crystals through Microemulsion” \$50,000.00 as a PI.  |
| 2016 – 2019 | Moderna Therapeutics Inc., “Design and Characterization of RNA lipid nanoparticles” - \$ 255,000.00 as a PI.  |
| 2016 – 2019 | NSF (CBET-Biomedical Engineering), “Collaborative Research: Advanced Biomanufacturing of Functional Bionanoparticles for Biomedical Engineering Applications” (#1604826) - \$ 321,177.00 as a co-PI.                                  |
| 2016 – 2019 | NSF (CBET-Particulate & Multiphase Processes), “(NANO) <sup>2</sup> : gold nanoclusters in lipid nanodiscoidal bicelles as a potential nanodiagnostic platform: experiment and computer modeling” (#1605971) - \$ 369,482.00 as a PI. |
| 2016 – 2017 | UConn Research Excellent Program, “Scalable One-Pot Theranostic Nanodiscs Formulations for Cancer Targeting” - \$ 50,000.00 as a PI.  |
| 2017        | Pfizer Inc. “Characterization of drug in microemulsion” \$10,000 as a PI  |
| 2015 – 2018 | Department of Education (GAANN), “Multi-functional Polymer Based Materials – Derived and Learned from Nature” (P200A150330) - \$ 966,713 (including matching fund) as a co-PI.  |
| 2015 – 2018 | NSF (CBET-Nanobiosensing), “UNS: Signal-Amplification for Instrument-Free, Multiplexed Immunoassay - a Generalized Platform for Biosensing” (#1510468) - \$ 300,413 as a co-PI.   |
| 2014 – 2015 | NSF (CBET-Interfacial Process & Thermodynamics), “EAGER: The Effects of Molecular Architectures on Lipid-Based Nanoparticulate Interaction through Polymer Linkers” (#1433903) - \$ 149,992 as a PI.                                  |
| 2012 – 2014 | NSF (MRI-DMR), “MRI: Acquisition of a State-of-the-Art Small Angle X-Ray Scattering (SAXS) Instrument for Research and Education” (#1228817) – \$568,398 (Total: \$811,997 with 30% cost sharing from UConn) as a PI                  |
| 2012 – 2014 | NSF (CMMI-Nanomanufacturing), “Single-Step Manufacture of Affinity Nanodiscs for Drug Delivery” (#1131587) – \$387,249 as a PI  |
| 2011 – 2012 | UConn Faculty Large Grant, “Investigation on structural transformation from nanodiscs to unilamellar vesicles” (FRS#443360) - \$ 25,156 as a PI   |
| 2004 – 2006 | AFMNet “Developing monodisperse spontaneous unilamellar vesicles of phospholipid mixtures” – (\$ 65,000/ year), as a key researcher   |

2001 – 2004 Visiting Fellowship, Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council, Canada  
(\$40,000/year)