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CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 (NTU), Taipei Chemical Engineering

APPOINTEMENTS

2010 – now	Associate Professor	UCONN
2007 – 2010	Associate Research Officer	National Research Council, Canada (NRC) – Canadian Neutron Beam Centre (CNBC)
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 (NIST) / Penn. State Univ. (PSU)

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Organizing “Metrology of Characterization, Simulation & Theory of Biomembranes” symposium at American Chemical Society (**ACS**) national meeting (2015 Fall) and co-organizing “Biomembrane Synthesis, Structure, Mechanics, & Dynamics” symposium at the ACS national meeting since 2014
 2. Organizing Focus Sessions “Structures and Dynamics of Biomimetic Membranes” at the American Physical Society (**APS**) Annual Meeting (2012, 2013)
 3. Designing and constructing Canadian first small angle neutron scattering (**SANS**) instrument based on the configuration of Triple-Axis Neutron Scattering Spectrometer
 4. Supervised 15 graduate and > 20 undergraduate students
 5. Initiating a webinar about “small angle X-ray scattering” at UCONN for industrial researchers
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EXPERIENCES

Research:

1. Designing self- and directed- assemblies to probe the structure-function relationship of soft nanomaterial composed of polymers, lipids, surfactants and proteins under various environments (controlled temperature, salinity, humidity) and geometries (thin films, porous media).
2. Investigating kinetics of reaction- and diffusion- limited aggregation processes as well as spontaneous lipid transfer mechanism.
3. Establishing the spontaneous structural diagram of magnetically and mechanically alignable phospholipid mixtures (“bicelles”) in solutions, commonly used as substrates for membrane-associated proteins to study their structures – receiving more than *800 total citations* related to the subject
4. Developing low-cost, high-sensitivity, instrument-free pathogen-, cell- or toxin- detecting technology
5. Formulating active therapeutic/diagnostic liposomes suitable for molecular imaging and treatment of Alzheimer, cancer and other diseases, collaborating with scientists at several institutes at NRC (Institute for biological sciences, Institute for Biodiagnostics and Institute for National Measurement Standards).
6. Characterizing the morphology of per-fluorinated comb-shaped proton exchange membranes (**PEM**) for fuel cells
7. Investigating the quenching mechanism of fluorescence-based polymer films for fast explosive detection

Teaching:

1. Offering Courses: “Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I & II” (core courses), “Nano-Structural Characterization” – *UCONN and Lanzhou Univ.*
2. Lecturing “Small Angle Neutron Scattering” course at 2013 National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center Neutron Workshop and 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

EXPERIMENTAL EXPERTISE

Small Angle Scattering, Diffraction, Reflectometry (Neutron, X-ray and Light), Microscopy (Optical and Electron), Fluorescent Spectroscopy, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (Solution and Solid-State)

COMMITTEES

- Editorial board member for Journals, *Sci. Rep.* (Nature Publishing Group), *Chem. Eng. & Proc. Tech.*, *Indian J. Mat. Sci.* and *SOJ Mat. Sci. & Eng.*
- 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.)

SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT (in APPENDICES)

Refereed Publications: 88 Total citations: > 2200 times (h-index: 25 based on scopus); 1 in press
Patents: 2; Book Editing: 1; Invited Talks (after 2000): 68; Book Chapters: 7; Conference Contributions: 89; Project Reports: 5

AWARDS/FUNDINGS

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) ² : 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.
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
2012 – 2013	Director’s Award for Faculty Excellence, IMS, UCONN
2011 – 2012	UConn Faculty Large Grant, “Investigation on structural transformation from nano-discs to unilamellar vesicles” (FRS#443360) - \$ 25,156 as a PI
2008	NRC – Steacie Institute for Molecular Sciences (SIMS) “Significant Partnership” Award
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)

1986 – 1989 3 times of NTU “Book Coupon Awards” (for top 5% academic performance students)

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. 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)
9. 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)
10. 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)
11. F. Huang, W. Zheng, A. T. Rad, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Cornelius "SiO₂-TiO₂ nanocomposites film morphology, solvent swelling, estimated C-parameter, and liquid transport" *Polymer* **123**, 247-257 (2017)
12. 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)
13. 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)
14. R. Dey, Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh**, P. Burkhard: "Molecular design of a minimal peptide nanoparticle" *ACS Biomater. Sci. Eng.* **3**, 724-732 (2017)
15. 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)
16. 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).
17. 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).
18. F. Huang, A. T. Rad, W. Zheng, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Cornelius "The role of TEOS-TIP within a pentablock ionomer: Morphology, physical properties, and ion transport" *J. Polym. Sci. B: Polym. Phys.* **55**, 575-586 (2017)
19. F. Huang, A. T. Rad, W. Zheng, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. J. Cornelius "Hybrid organic-inorganic 6FDA-6pFDA and multi-block 6FDA-DABA polyimide SiO₂-TiO₂ nanocomposites: Synthesis, FFV, FTIR, swelling, stability, and X-ray scattering" *Polymer* **108**, 105-120 (2017)
20. 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)
21. Y. Xia, K. Charubin, D. Marquardt, F. A. Heberle, J. Katsaras, J. Tian, X. Cheng, Y. Liu, **M.-P. Nieh** "Morphology-Induced Defects Enhance Lipid Transfer Rates" *Langmuir* **32**, 9757-9764 (2016).
22. T. Wang, Q. Hu, M. Zhou, Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Luo "Development of "all natural" layer-by-layer redispersible solid lipid nanoparticles by nano spray drying technology" *Eur. J. Pharm. & Biopharm.* **107**, 273-285 (2016).
23. R. R. Oleynik, Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh**, D. Day "Aggregation of Phospholipid Based Vesicle Using Triblock Polymer" *MRS Advances*, **1**, 3749-3754 (2016).
24. 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).

25. C.-F. Lee, G.-M. Zhang, **M.-P. Nieh**, T.-M. Don “Morphology and opto-thermal properties of the thermo-responsive PNIPAAm-protected gold nanorods” *Polymer* **84**, 138-147 (2016)
26. 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).
27. 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).
28. Y. Xia, M. Li, N. Kučerka, S. Li, **M.-P. Nieh** “In-situ temperature-controllable shear flow device for neutron scattering measurement—An example of aligned bicellar mixtures “ *Rev. Sci. Instrum.* **86**, 025112 (2015).
29. 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).
30. X. Sun, C. Brückner, **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Lei “A fluorescent polymer film with self-assembled three-dimensionally ordered nanopores: preparation, characterization and its application for explosives detection “ *J. Mater. Chem. A.* **2**, 14613–14621 (2014).
31. A. Hu, T.-H. Fang, J. Katsaras, Y. Xia, M. Li, **M.-P. Nieh** “Lipid-Based Nanodiscs as Models for Studying Mesoscale Coalescence - A Transport Limited Case” *Soft Matter* **10**, 5019–5222 (2014)
32. 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).
33. X. Sun, Y. Liu, S. Mopidevi, Y. Meng, F. Huang, J. Parisi, **M.-P. Nieh**, C. Cornelius, S. L. Suib, Y. Lei “Super-hydrophobic "smart" sand for buried explosive detection” *Sensors and Actuators, B* **195**, 52-57 (2014).
34. M. Li, H. H. Morales, J. Katsaras, N. Kučerka, Y. Yang, P. M. Macdonald, **M.-P. Nieh** “Morphological Characterization of DMPC/CHAPSO Bicellar Mixtures: A Combined SANS and NMR Study” *Langmuir* **29**, 15943–15957 (2013).
35. H.-S. Jang, Y. Wang, Y. Lei, **M.-P. Nieh** “Controllable Formation of Pyrene (C₁₆H₁₀) Excimers in Polystyrene/Tetrabutylammonium Hexafluorophosphate Films through Solvent Vapor and Temperature Annealing” *J. Phys. Chem. – C.* **117**, 1428–1435 (2013).
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37. C.-Y. Hsu, **M.-P. Nieh**, P.-S. Lai “Facile self-assembly of porphyrin-embedded polymeric vesicles for theranostic applications” *Chem. Comm*, **48**, 9343–9345 (2012).
38. **M.-P. Nieh**, P. Dolinar, N. Kučerka, S. R. Kline, L. M. Debeer-Schmitt, K. C. Littrell, J. Katsaras “Formation of Kinetically Trapped Nanoscopic Unilamellar Vesicles from Metastable Nanodiscs” *Langmuir*, **27**, 14308-14316 (2011)
39. N. Kučerka, **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras “Fluid phase lipid areas and bilayer thicknesses of commonly used phosphatidylcholines as a function of temperature” *Biochim Biophys Acta – Biomembr.* **1808**, 2761-2771 (2011)
40. M. Alexander, **M.-P. Nieh**, M. A. Ferrer, M. Corredig “Changes in the calcium cluster distribution of ultrafiltered and diafiltered fresh skim milk as observed by small angle neutron scattering” *J. Dairy Res.* **78**, 349-356 (2011)
41. **M.-P. Nieh**, V. A. Raghunathan, G. Pabst, T. A. Harroun, K. Nagashima, H. Morales, J. Katsaras, and P. M. Macdonald “Temperature Driven Annealing of Perforations in Bicellar Model Membranes” *Langmuir*, **27**, 4838-4847 (2011)
42. U. Iqbal, H. Albaghdadi, **M.-P. Nieh**, U. I. Tuor, Z. Mester, D. Stanimirovic, J. Katsaras, A. Abulrob “Small unilamellar vesicles: a platform technology for molecular imaging of brain tumors” *Nanotechnology*, **22**, 195102 (2011)
43. Y. Guo, C. Mulligan, **M.-P. Nieh** “An Unusual Morphological Transformation of Rhamnolipid Aggregates Induced by Concentration And Addition of Styrene: A Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) Study” *Colloids Surf. A.*, **373**, 42-50 (2011).

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57. **M.-P. Nieh**, J. Katsaras, X. Qi “Controlled release mechanisms of spontaneously forming unilamellar vesicles”, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta - Biomembranes* **1778**, 1467-1471 (2008).
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INVITED TALKS

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2. Dec. 19, 2017 **National Central University** “How to Prepare Yourself & What to Expect to Study Abroad”, Tamsui, Taiwan ROC.
3. Dec. 11, 2017 **Tamkang University** “Apply Small Angle Scattering for Nanostructural Characterization”, Tamsui, Taiwan ROC.
4. Dec. 11, 2017 **Tamkang University** “How to Prepare Yourself & What to Expect to Study Abroad”, Tamsui, Taiwan ROC.
5. Nov. 30, 2017 **National Chiao-Tung University** “Special Dynamics and Molecular Interactions around the Bilayer Defects”, Hsinchu, Taiwan ROC.
6. Nov. 30, 2017 **National Chiao-Tung University** “How to Prepare Yourself & What to Expect to Study Abroad”, Hsinchu, Taiwan ROC.
7. Oct. 17, 2017 **The 9th Sino-US Joint Conference of Chemical Engineering** “One-Pot Well-Defined NANO² (Nano-in-Nano) – A Potential Platform for High-Efficiency Theranostic Carriers”, Beijing, P.R.C.
8. Sep. 28, 2017 **Korean Institute of Science & Technology** “NANO² (Nano-in-Nano) for Delivering Bioimaging Agents – A Perfect Marriage between Lipid Bicelles and Au-Nanoclusters”, Seoul, Korea
9. 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
10. 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)
11. July 18, 2017 **International Organization of Chinese Physicists and Astronomers 9th Conference** “Implications of the Mismatch of Lipid Hydrophobic Tails on Lipid Transfer Rate and Hydrophobic Interaction”, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

12. June 26, 2017 **Polymer Sci. Eng., National Pusan University** “*Lipid-Based Nanodiscs as Potential Platform as Nanocarriers for Cells*”, Pusan, South Korea
13. 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
14. Feb. 16, 2017 **Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical Inc.** “*A Universal Lipid-Based Platform for Encapsulating Hydrophobic Molecules*”, Ridgefield, CT
15. Oct. 4, 2016 **Moderna Therapeutics** “*Future Prospects for Application of Scattering on Characterization of LNPs*”, Cambridge, MA
16. May 14, 2016 **UCONN Mentor Connection Program (Exploring Expertise)** “*Engineering Lipid Mixtures into Well-Defined Nanoparticles*”, Storrs, CT
17. Jan. 13, 2016 **Moderna Therapeutics** “*A Universal Self-Assembled Delivery Nanoplatfrom – Lipid Nanodiscs (Bicelles)*”, Cambridge, MA
18. Nov. 30, 2015 **New Jersey Institute of Technology** “*Properties and Applications of Well-Defined Self-Assembled Lipid Nanodiscs (Bicelles)*”, Newark, NJ.
19. Aug. 25, 2015 **Pfizer Inc.** “*Small Angle X-ray Scattering*”, Groton, CT.
20. Jul. 25, 2015 **Drug Discovery & Therapy World Congress** “*Single-Step Formation and Cellular Response of Vesicles and Disk-like Bicelles*”, Boston, MA
21. 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
22. 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
23. 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
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25. 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
26. Mar. 3, 2015 **Iona College, Department of Chemistry** “*Building up Lipid-Legos and Their Applications*”, New Rochelle, NY
27. Jun. 3, 2014 **American Conference on Neutron Scattering** “*Self-Assembled Lipid-Based Nanodiscs, Their Characterizations and Applications*”, Knoxville, TN
28. 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
29. Mar. 17, 2014 **American Chemical Society (Colloid and Surface Chemistry)** “*Controlling “stringed” lipid nano-aggregates*”, Houston, TX
30. 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
31. Oct. 19, 2013 **National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center**, “*When Nanodiscs Meet – in the Eyes of Neutrons*”, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan
32. 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
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35. 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**
36. 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
37. 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
38. Nov. 29, 2012 **Emory University**, Department of Chemistry “Self-Assembled Structures, Kinetics & Applications of a Phospholipid Mixture - Bicelle”, Atlanta, GA, USA
39. Nov. 11, 2012 **Shaoxing University**, College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering “Neutron Scattering – an Advanced Tool for Nano-Scaled Structural Characterization” and “Fundamental Understanding of Self-Assembly of Lipid-Based Nanoparticles”, Shaoxing, Zhejiang, China
40. 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
41. Feb. 29, 2012 **American Physical Society** “The Morphology of Lipid Aggregates based on the Interplay among Molecular Architectures, Hydrophobic-Hydrophilic and Coulombic Interactions and their Kinetics”, Boston, MA, USA
42. Nov. 29, 2011 **University of Tennessee**, Physics Department “from Fundamental Understanding of Lipid Mixtures to Their Applications” Knoxville, Tennessee, USA.
43. Nov. 28, 2011 **Oak Ridge National Laboratory**, Joint Institute for Neutron Sciences “Kinetics of the Growth of Lipid-Based Nanodiscs” Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA.
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45. Feb. 7, 2011 **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**, Center for Biotechnology & Interdisciplinary Studies “Bicelle-to-Vesicle Transition – Probed by Small Angle Neutron Scattering” Troy, New York, USA.
46. Jul. 16, 2010 **University of Western Ontario**, Department of Physics, “Small Angle Neutron Scattering – Its Application on Soft Material Research And Recent Development at CNBC” London, Ontario, Canada.
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48. Apr. 22, 2010 **University of Rhode Island**, Department of Chemical Engineering, “Self-Assembled Nano-Liposomes as Diagnostic/Therapeutic Carriers” Kingston, Rhode Island, USA.
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2. 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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5. **M.-P. Nieh**, A. T. Rad, E. Dormidontova, F. Maran, T. J. Lakis Mountziaris, “Aggregation-Induced Emission of Hydrophobically-Modified Metal Clusters in Lipid Nanodiscs” American Institute of Chemical Engineers, San Francisco, CA (Nov. 17, 2016)
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8. 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)
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11. **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)
12. 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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14. 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)
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19. H.-S. Jang, F. Maran, **M.-P. Nieh** “Self-assembly of Unilamellar vesicles (ULV) with lipids and hydrophobated Gold Nanoparticles” 2014 American Chemical Society, Houston, TX (Mar. 20, 2014).
20. 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).
21. 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).
22. A. Hu, T.-H. Fang, J. Katsaras, Y. Xia, M. Li, **M.-P. Nieh** “Coalescence Kinetics of Lipid Based Bicelles” 2014 American Physical Society, Atlanta, GA (Mar. 7, 2014)
23. **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)
24. 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).
25. Y. Xia, **M.-P. Nieh** “Reaction-Limited Fusion Mechanism of Zwitterionic Nanodiscs” 2013 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, San Francisco (Nov. 8, 2013).
26. X. Sun, S. Mopidevi, Y. Liu, C. Silhavy, **M.-P. Nieh**, Y. Lei “‘smart’ Sand for Buried Explosive Detection By Naked Eye Under Handheld UV Light” 2013 American Institute of Chemical Engineering, San Francisco (Nov. 8, 2013).
27. Y. Liu, Noel Cielo, **M.-P. Nieh** “Effect of PEGylated Lipids on Lipid-Based Nanodisc-to-Nanovesicle Mechanism” 2013 American Chemical Society, New Orlean, LA (Apr. 10, 2013).
28. 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).

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38. H.-S. Jang, Y. Wang, Y. Lei, **M.-P. Nieh** "What determines photoluminescence and quenching when fluorophores in a polymer matrix?" 2012 American Physical Society, Boston, MA (Mar. 1, 2012).
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