# The Center for Hierarchical Emergent Materials (CHEM)







CHEM seeks to understand, control and predict the assembly of multi-hierarchical materials of industrial relevance. Reinforced elastomers, paints, inks, biomaterials, surfactants, detergents and coacervates, semicrystalline polymers, block copolymers, catalysts, filters, membranes, skin. Time dependence in processing/application, 4D.

Synergy: Understanding, simulation methods, dynamic and static properties understood for one field of application could be adapted to another field. Rheology simulation methods from polymers to detergents to paints.

Parallelism and Convergence: Similar solutions for different applications. Aggregate pigments and aggregate reinforcing fillers both rely on micron scale networks in application.





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	Nanocomposites,
	Surfactants
	Pigments
Nick Kotov,	Nanoparticles,
	Hierarchical
	Assembly,
	Surfactants,
	Biomed delivery
Anish Tuteja,	Surfaces, Coatings,
	Adhesives,
	Nanocomposites,
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Molecular Design for Plastic Electronics

# Kim Group Research Projects - Rational Molecular Design & Synthesis

### **Organic Light Absorbers and Emitters**

**Organic Phosphors** nature LED, Sensors, chemistry Solid-state Lighting, Angewandte

Nat. Chem. 2011 J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013 Angew. Chem. 2014 Chem. Mater. 2014 Nat. Commun. 2015 Angew. Chem. 2017



Supercooled Liquid



**Circulating Tumor Cell Detection Platelet Activation Monitoring** miRNA Detection

Chemical Sci 2016 Adv. Mater. 2016



Nature Materials 2015

### **Designer Functional Organic and Polymer**

Heat Management in Polymer ACS Central Sci. 2015 Science Advances 2017



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### Project 1: Thermally Insulating Additives

- Highly branched architecture
- Diverse atomic composition
- Porous hollow nano particles

Project 2: Patternable Surface Functionalization

- Instant robust thin film formation by photochemistry
- High density functional groups
- Patterned surface functionalization via photomasks

## **Designer Polymeric and Organic Materials**

### Computation-aid rational molecular design, chemical synthesis, and fabrication engineering

Project 3: Polymers for Sustainable Pavement

- Interface adhesion engineering
- Versatile dopamine chemistry
- Excellent weatherability

Project 4: Tailor-made Optical Materials

- Instant robust thin film formation by photochemistry
- High density functional groups
- Patterned surface functionalization via photomasks



http://www.ifnh.ethz.ch/vt/research/projects/vivianel

Prof. Ron Larson



## Supraparticles: Hierarchical Assemblies of Nanoparticles

Known: Micelles, organic components, 100 nm assemblies

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Why:

**Emerging:** Supraparticles, inorganic components, 100 nm assemblies made from 100-300 nanoparticles





Prof. Nick Kotov

Versatile, Monodispersed, Robust, Catalytic, Inexpensive Combined organic + inorganic + biological functionalities Dispersable in both hydrophobic and hydrophilic media







## **Omnidispersable Hedgehog Supraparticles**

Numerous catalytic materials can be assembled into spiky shapes: ZnO, FeSe, AuS, CdS, SiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and many others.

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100 nm

tμm

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500 nm

They disperse equally well in hydrophobic and hydrophilic media due to 100 times reduction in inter-particle van der Waals attractive forces.



Dispersions of Hydrophilic ZnO hedgehogs in organic hydrophilic and Hydrophobic solvents

# Surfaces with Extreme Wettability

water

oclane



Prof. Anish Tuteja



## Membranes for Liquid-Liquid Separation

## **Designing Omniphobic Surfaces**

Tuteja et al., Science, 2007; Tuteja et al., PNAS, 2008; Kota et al., Advanced Materials, 2012

Kota et al. Nature Communications, 2012 Kwon et al. Advanced Materials, 2012



Oil droplets on a duck feather with an oleophobic coating.



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# Surfaces with Extreme Wettability



## **Novel Ice-shedding Surfaces**

Golovin *et al., Science Advances,* 2016; *Science Advances,* 2017; Golovin *et al., Science,* 2019





## Monodisperse, multi-phasic particles



Kobaku *et al.*, ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, **2015**.

Kobaku *et al.*, ACS Macro Letters, 2019



https://biointerfaces.umich.edu/







## MICHIGAN ENGINEERING MACROMOLECULAR SCIENCE & ENGINEERING PROGRAM



Electron Microbeam Analysis Laboratory (EMAL)

The University of Michigan Electron Microbeam Analysis Laboratory (EMAL) and X-ray Microanalysis Laboratory (XMAL) is a universitywide user facility for the microstructural and microchemical characterization of materials. This world-class facility now showcases a JEOL 2100F

CS-Corrected Analytical Electron Microscope. FEI Helios 650 Nanolab SEM/FIB, FEI Nova 200 Nanolab SEM/FIB, FEI Quanta 3D SEM/FIB, JEOL



### Center for Ultrafast Optical Science (CUOS)

The Center for Ultrafast Optical Science (CUOS) is an interdisciplinary research center in the College of Engineering. Its mission is to perform multidisciplinary research in the basic science and technological applications of ultrashort laser pulses, to educate students from a wide variety of backgrounds in the field, and to spur the

development of new technologies. CUOS researchers develop optical instrumentation and techniques to generate, manipulate, and detect ultrashort and ultrahigh-peak-power light pulses. They use these ultrashort pulses to study ultrafast physical phenomena in atomic, nuclear, plasma, and materials physics, in solid-state electronics, in high-energy-density physics, and in biomedicine.



### Lurie Nanofabrication Facility (LNF)

The Lurie Nanofabrication Facility (LNF) at the University of Michigan is one of the leading centers worldwide on micro electromechanical systems (MEMS) and microsystems. It provides facilities and processes for the integration of Si integrated circuits and MEMS with

nanotechnology, with applications in biology,

medical systems, chemistry, and environmental monitoring.



### Michigan Nanotechnology Institute for Medicine and Biological Sciences (MNIMBS)

The Michigan Nanotechnology Institute for Medicine and Biological Sciences is a true multidisciplinary team of chemists, physicists, engineers, toxicologists, physicians, biologists, pharmacists, and (bio)informatics specialists collaborating on nanoscience in biology and

medicine. The Institute involves approximately 60 faculty in a "no-walls" model using facilities in the Engineering, Medical and LS&A schools to enhance competitiveness for externally funded grants and contracts.



Center of Solar and Thermal Energy Conversion (CSTEC)

The Center for Solar and Thermal Energy conversion is an Energy Frontier Research Center (EFRC) supported by the US Department of Energy (DOE). The goal of CSTEC is to discover and develop the science necessary to maximize the energy conversion efficiencies of photovoltaic (PV) and thermoelectric (TE) devices through integrated theoretical, experimental, and computational strategies.



### The Michigan Institute of Plasma Science and Engineering (MIPSE)

MIPSE is a community of faculty, staff and students at the University of Michigan whose research and education programs are devoted to

the advancement of the science and technology of plasmas. The breadth of research is impressive, from laser-produced plasmas for particle acceleration to plasmas in the earths magnetosphere. We take pride in the excellence of the research and in the resulting societal benefits.