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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021–present Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Materials Science and Engineering UIUC
2015–2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
2021–present 0% Faculty Appointment, Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, UIUC
2019–present Faculty Affiliate, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, UIUC
2018–present Part-time Faculty, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, UIUC
2015–present Faculty Affiliate, Department of Chemistry and Materials Research Laboratory, UIUC

EDUCATION

2012–2015 Miller Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
Advisor: Prof. A. Paul Alivisatos
2007–2012 Ph.D. in Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
Advisor: Prof. Steve Granick
Thesis title: Synthesis and Self-Assembly of Multi-Block and Janus Particles
2003–2007 B.S. in Chemistry, Peking University, China

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Research

2022 Hanwha-TotalEnergies IUPAC Young Scientist Award
2022 Dean's Award for Excellence in Research for Associate Professor, College of Engineering, UIUC
2021 Racheff Faculty Scholar, College of Engineering, UIUC
2020 Dean's Award for Excellence in Research for Assistant Professor, College of Engineering, UIUC
2018 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program Award
Department of Defense
2018 Unilever Award, Division of Colloid & Surface Science
American Chemical Society
2018 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Chemistry
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
2018 National Science Foundation CAREER Award
2017 Air Force's Young Investigator Research (YIP) Program Award
Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Arlington, VA
2017 ACS Petroleum Research Foundation Doctoral New Researcher Award
American Chemical Society
2016 The SN 10: Scientists to Watch (feature article [here](#))
Science News Magazine, Washington, DC
2016 Distinguished Visiting Fellow
the Royal Academy of Engineering, United Kingdom
2016 Forbes 30 under 30 Science [List](#)
Forbes Magazine
2015 Victor K. LaMer award, Division of Colloid & Surface Science
American Chemical Society
2012–2015 Miller Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley

Teaching

2020 Selected as a participant of the Illinois Online Teaching Academy
2019 Teachers Ranked as Excellent, campus-level, UIUC (spring and fall)

Other

2012 Outstanding Self-Financed Chinese Students Abroad
Extraordinary Prize (5 worldwide)
2009 Warren Yee Memorial Fellowship (merit-based for Ph.D. students)
College of Engineering, UIUC

Awards of Postdoctoral and Doctoral Research Advisees

2023 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, Schmidt Science Fellow
2022 Advisee: Oliver Lin, Government scholarship for studying aboard
Ministry of Education of Taiwan
2022 Advisee: Oliver Lin, Drickamer Fellowship, Department of Chemistry, UIUC
2022 Advisee: Jiahui Li, PPG-MRL Graduate Research Assistantship, UIUC
2022 Advisee: Falon Kalutantirige, Robert M. Joyce Travel Award
Department of Chemistry, UIUC
2021 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, MRS Gold Graduate Student Award (Spring)
2021 Advisee: Dr. Hyosung An, ACS PMSE Future Faculty Scholar
2021 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, the Graduate College, UIUC
2021 Advisee: Lehan Yao, Warren Yee Memorial Fellowship, College of Engineering, UIUC
2020 Advisee: Chang Liu, Grad College Fall 2020 Conference Presentation Award, UIUC
2020 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, "Rising Stars in Soft and Biological Materials"
University of Chicago MRSEC
2020 Advisee: Dr. Wenxiang Chen
Selected speaker at the inaugural "North American Materials Colloquium Series"
2020 Advisee: Falon Kalutantirige, Lester E. and Kathleen A. Coleman Fellowship
Department of Chemistry, UIUC
2020 Advisee: Zihao Ou, Racheff-Intel Presentation Award
Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
2019–2020 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, PPG-MRL Graduate Research Assistantship, UIUC
2019 Advisee: Dr. Hyosung An, Hanwha Travel Award at the Emerging Junior Investigator
Open Innovation Forum, 2019 AIChE Annual Meeting
2019 Advisee: Zihao Ou, Grad College Spring Travel Award, UIUC
2019 Advisee: Zihao Ou, Dow Presentation Award
Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
2018 Advisee: John W. Smith: 3M Graduate Fellowship, College of Engineering, UIUC
2018 Advisee: Binbin Luo, Dow Presentation Award
Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Conference Organization

2022 MRS fall Meeting & Exhibit, Boston November 27–December 2, 2022
Symposium organizer for "CHO1-Understanding Dynamic Processes of Materials
Synthesis, Self-Assembly and Processing via In Situ Techniques"
2022 Microscopy and Microanalysis annual meeting, Portland July 31–August 4, 2022
Symposium organizer for "PO5 In Situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes
during Materials Synthesis and Processing"
2022 96th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Golden, Colorado July 10–13, 2022

2021	Symposium organizer for the Track on “Self and directed assembly” 95 th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, virtual	June 14–16, 2021
2021	Symposium organizer for the Track on “Advanced Experimental Methods in Colloids and Interface Science” MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, virtual	April 18–23, 2021
2020	Symposium organizer for “SM07: Building Advanced Materials by Self-Assembly” 2020 Virtual AIChE Annual Meeting	November 16–20, 2020
2020	Co-chair for Session of “01C08 Directed and Self Assembly of Colloids” Goldschmidt virtual 2020	June 21, 2020
2019	Organizer for the virtual workshop on “Crystallization via non-classical pathways” M&M 2019 Microscopy & Microanalysis Meeting, Portland, OR	August 4–8, 2019
2019	Session chair for “P01.4 - <i>In situ</i> TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis and Processing” 93 rd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Atlanta, GA	June 16–19, 2019
2019	Symposium organizer for Track C: “Colloidal & Surface Interactions” MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AZ	April 22–26, 2019
2018	Symposium organizer for “CP02: Design and In-Situ TEM for Self-assembling colloidal systems” MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AZ	April 2–6, 2018
	Session Chair for “CM02.02: Crystal Nucleation, Growth, Transformation and Assembly II”	

Advisory and Editorial Board

2022–present	Editorial Advisory Board in ACS Applied Nano Materials
2021–present	Beckman Institute Executive Committee, UIUC
2020–present	Scientific Advisory Board Member for a DOE-EFRC center Center for the Science of Synthesis Across Scales (CSSAS) University of Washington
2020–present	Editorial Advisory Board Member for <i>iScience</i> , interdisciplinary open access journal in Cell Press
2019–2022	Program Advisory Committee Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, UIUC

Community Training, Themed Workshop and Roundtable Participation

2022	Invited Discussion Leader for 2022 Liquid Phase Electron Microscopy Gordon Research Conference
2022	Invited Host and Moderator for MRS webinar on “Probing self-assembly via advanced microscopic techniques”
2021	Invited participant in DOE BES roundtable workshop on “Cryo-Electron Microscopy” engaged in cross-cutting planning and report writing for DOE BES report
2021	Organizer of the Tutorial Session on “Building Advanced Materials by Self-Assembly” MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, virtual
2019	Invited instructor in EM-Situ’19 workshop, Harvard University, Boston, MA
2019	Invited instructor to lecture on GSOFT Short Course on “Structures and Order in Soft Matter Physics,” APS March Meeting 45-min lecture on “Structure and Dynamics Determination by Electron Microscopy”
2017	Invited instructor for the Active Matter workshop at the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN

Services to Broaden Diversity and Inclusion

2021	MatSE Diversity Committee, UIUC
2019	Beckman Open House, UIUC

- Presented demonstrations on “squishy soft materials” to the general public visiting Beckman Institute
- 2019 High School Summer Research program at UIUC
Research host: Provided a 6-week lab experiences for Ms. Autumn Kennedy, a high school student from Rantoul Township High School (Rantoul, IL)
- 2017 Illinois-ChiS&E Alliance for Nurturing Excellence in STEM Education Leadership
Faculty host: Provided demos and tours to Chicago public school middle school students
- 2016–2017 Nano@illinois Research Experience for Teachers (RET) by National Science Foundation
Research host: Hosted STEM teachers (Dr. Nicole Ice, a math teacher at Wheeler High School, Marietta, GA; Valerie Cravens, a science teacher in Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque, NM) for 6 weeks each to conduct research in nanotechnology and develop STEM course modules
- 2016–2017 Illinois Female Engineers in Academia Training program
Panelist: Discussed with female engineering students and postdoctoral researchers on academic career questions (faculty application, life-work balance, etc.)

Review Service

Proposal Reviews

Mailed-in

AFOSR (Biophysics Program); U.S. Army Research Office (Reactive Chemical Systems Program); NSF DMR (Condensed Matter & Materials Theory Program); DOE BES (Materials Chemistry; Biomolecular Materials); ACS Petroleum Research Fund; Ohio State University Research Seed Grant Program; Center for Functional Nanomaterials, Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Panel

NSF DMR (Solid State and Materials Chemistry Program)
Panel Reviewer for DOE BES Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory in 2022

Manuscript Reviews

Science, Nature, Nature Materials, Nature Catalysis, Nature Chemistry, Nature Communications, Science Advances, PNAS, Joule
Journal of American Chemical Society, Advanced Materials, Advanced Energy Materials, Macromolecules, Chemistry of Materials, Nano Letters, ACS Nano, ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces, Langmuir, Nanoscale, ACS Macro Letters, Analytical Chemistry, ACS Applied Nano Materials
Chemical Society Reviews, Soft Matter, Small, Journal of the Royal Society Interface, RSC Advances, Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics, Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter.

National Awards

- 2019 MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AZ
Judge for MRS Graduate Student Award
- 2016 Judge for 2016 Davidson Fellows, Davidson Institute for Talent Development

PUBLICATIONS

Patent

Li, W Huang, Z Yang, MD Kraman, J Ni, Z Ou, Q Chen, JG Eden, “Rolled-up electromagnetic component for on-chip applications and method of making a rolled-up electromagnetic component”, US Patent, 11031456

Book Chapters (Invited)

3. Ahyoung Kim, Lehan Yao, Falon Kalutantirige, Shan Zhou, Qian Chen*, “Patchy nanoparticle

synthesis and self-assembly,” (2020) DOI: 10.5772/intechopen.93374

2. Chang Liu, Zihao Ou, Qian Chen*, “Nonclassical crystallization observed by liquid-phase transmission electron microscopy,” Chapter 6, 115–146 (2020) in the ACS ebook of “Crystallization via non-classical pathways”.
1. Zihao Ou, Binbin Luo, Andreas Neophytou, Dwaipayan Chakrabarti, Qian Chen*, “Synthesis and self-assembly of Janus and triblock patchy particles,” Vol 13, 61–85 (2019) in the book of “Frontier of Nanoscience” by Elsevier.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Papers

78. Binbin Luo, Ziwei Wang, Tine Curk, Garrett Watson, Chang Liu, Ahyoung Kim, Zihao Ou, Erik Luijten,* Qian Chen* “Unravelling crystal growth of nanoparticles,” *Nature Nanotechnology* (2023) DOI: 10.1038/s41565-023-01355-w.
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
77. Dongsheng Li*, Qian Chen, Jaehun Chun, Kristen Fichthorn, James De Yoreo, Haimei Zheng, “Nanoparticle assembly and oriented attachment: Correlating controlling factors to the resulting structures,” *Chemical Reviews* (2023) DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemrev.2c00700
76. Deborah Liu, Samyukta Shrivastav, Soheil Daraydel, Nathan Levandovsky, Hyosung An, Siddhesh Shevade, Qian Chen, Jessica A. Krogstad, Daniel V. Krogstad, “Biofeedstock-induced metal corrosion: Reactions between carbon steel and triacylglycerol-based solutions at elevated temperature,” *Corrosion Science* (2023) DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemrev.2c00700
75. Zhiheng Lyu, Lehan Yao, Wenxiang Chen, Falon Kalutantirige, Qian Chen* “Electron microscopy studies of soft nanomaterials,” *Chemical Reviews* (2023) DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemrev.2c00461
74. Shan Zhou, Jiahui Li, Jun Lu, Haihua Liu, Ji-Young Kim, Ahyoung Kim, Lehan Yao, Chang Liu, Chang Qian, Zachary D. Hood, Xiaoying Lin, Wenxiang Chen, Thomas E. Gage, Ilke Arslan, Alex Travesset, Kai Sun, Nicholas A. Kotov,* Qian Chen* “Chiral assemblies of pinwheel superlattices on substrates,” *Nature* 612, 259 (2022).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
73. Ahyoung Kim, Thi Vo, Hyosung An, Proгна Banerjee, Lehan Yao, Shan Zhou, Chansong Kim, Delia J. Milliron, Sharon C. Glotzer,* Qian Chen* “Symmetry-breaking in patch formation on triangular gold nanoparticles by asymmetric polymer grafting,” *Nature Communications* 13, 6774 (2022).
 - ◆ Selected to Nature Communications editors' [Highlight](#) in Materials Science and Chemistry.
72. Wenxiang Chen, Xun Zhan, Renliang Yuan, Saran Pidaparthi, Adrian Xiao Bin Yong, Hyosung An, Zhichu Tang, Kaijun Yin, Arghya Patra, Heonjae Jeong, Cheng Zhang, Kim Ta, Zachary W. Riedel, Ryan M. Stephens, Daniel P. Shoemaker, Hong Yang, Andrew A. Gewirth, Paul V. Braun, Elif Ertekin, Jian-Min Zuo*, Qian Chen* “Formation and impact of nanoscopic oriented phase domains in electrochemical crystalline electrodes,” *Nature Materials* (2022) DOI: 10.1038/s41563-022-01381-4.
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
71. Hao Yu, Falon C Kalutantirige, Lehan Yao, Charles M Schroeder,* Qian Chen*, Jeffrey S Moore* “Self-assembly of repetitive segment and random segment polymer architectures,” *ACS Macro Letters* 11, 1366 (2022).
70. Lehan Yao, Hyosung An, Shan Zhou, Ahyoung Kim, Erik Luijten, Qian Chen* “Seeking regularity from irregularity: Unveiling the synthesis–nanomorphology relationships of heterogeneous nanomaterials using unsupervised machine learning,” *Nanoscale* 14, 16479 (2022).
 - ◆ Invited to the themed issue of “Nanoscale 2023 Emerging Investigators”.
69. Cheng Zhang, Xun Zhan, Talha Al-Zoubi, Yanling Ma, Pei-Chieh Shih, Fangfang Wang, Wenxiang Chen, Saran Pidaparthi, Ryan M Stephens, Qian Chen, Jian-Min Zuo, Hong Yang* “Electrochemical

- generation of Birnessite MnO₂ nanoflowers for intercalation of Mg²⁺ ions,” *Nano Energy* 102 107679 (2022).
68. Zuo Chen Wang, Chang Liu, Qian Chen* “In-situ imaging of nucleation and growth of superlattices from nanoscale colloidal nanoparticles,” *Journal of Crystal Growth* 601, 126955 (2023).
- ◆ Invited to the special issue dedicated to the scientific achievements of Dr. Alex Chernov.
67. Daniel E Clark, Victoria A Lumsargis, Daria D Blach, Kuixin Zhu, Alexander J Shumski, Lehan Yao, Qian Chen, Libai Huang, Christina W Li* “Quantifying structural heterogeneity in individual CsPbBr₃ quantum dot superlattices,” *Chemistry of Materials* 34, 10200 (2022).
66. Gangbin Yan, George Kim, Renliang Yuan, Eli Hoenig, Fengyuan Shi, Wenxiang Chen, Yu Han, Qian Chen, Jian-Min Zuo, Wei Chen, Chong Liu* “The role of solid solutions in iron phosphate-based electrodes for selective electrochemical lithium extraction,” *Nature Communications* 13, 4579 (2022)
65. Ganggang Zhao, Yun Ling, Yajuan Su, Zanyu Chen, Cherian J Mathai, Oghenebarome Emeje, Alexander Brown, Dinesh Reddy Alla, Jie Huang, Chansong Kim, Qian Chen, Xiaoqing He, David Stalla, Yadong Xu, Zehua Chen, Pai-Yen Chen, Shubhra Gangopadhyay, Jingwei Xie, Zheng Yan, “Laser-scribed conductive, photoactive transition metal oxide on soft elastomers for Janus on-skin electronics and soft actuators,” *Science Advances* 8, eabp9734 (2022).
64. Kyung Sun Park, Zhengyuan Xue, Bijal B. Patel, Hyosung An, Justin J. Kwok, Prapti Kafle, Qian Chen, Diwakar Shukla, Ying Diao* “Chiral emergence in multistep hierarchical assembly of achiral conjugated polymers,” *Nature Communications* 13, 2738 (2022)
63. Wenxiang Chen, Xun Zhan, Reliant Yuan, Saran Pidaparthi, Zhichu Tang, Jian-Min Zuo, Qian Chen* “4D-STEM mapping of nanoscale structural ordering in cathode materials,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 28 (S1), 2608 (2022).
62. Oliver Lin, Chang Liu, Wenxiang Chen, Jian-Min Zuo, Qian Chen* “Structural characterization of gold nanoparticles using liquid-phase 4D-STEM,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 28 (S1), 1860 (2022).
61. Chang Liu, Lehan Yao, Qian Chen* “Machine learning based tracking of single nanoparticle vibrations from a projected 3D moiré lattice,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 28 (S1), 94 (2022).
60. Hyosung An, John W. Smith, Bingqiang Ji, Stephen Cotty, Shan Zhou, Lehan Yao, Falon C. Kalutantrige, Wenxiang Chen, Zihao Ou, Xiao Su, Jie Feng, Qian Chen* “Mechanism and performance relevance of nanomorphogenesis in polyamide films revealed by quantitative 3D imaging and machine learning,” *Science Advances* 8, eabk188 (2022).
- ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
59. Wenxiang Chen, Zhichu Tang, Qian Chen* “Engineering particle size for multivalent ion intercalation: Implications for ion battery systems,” *ACS Applied Nano Materials* 5, 5983 (2022).
- ◆ Invited contribution to “Early career forum forum articles”
58. Zhichu Tang, Wenxiang Chen, Zhiheng Lyu, Qian Chen* “Size-dependent reaction mechanism of λ-MnO₂ particles as cathodes in aqueous zinc-ion batteries,” *Energy Material Advances* 2022, 9765710 (2022)
57. Qian Chen* “Beyond snowflakes: heterogeneity in nanomaterials,” *Nano Letters* 22, 3 (2022).
- ◆ Invited Viewpoint by the Editors.
56. Chang Qian, Lehan Yao, Chang Liu, John W. Smith, Qian Chen* “Integrating machine learning with liquid-phase TEM imaging to study nanoscale crystallization and macromolecular heterogeneity,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, 27 (S2), 37 (2021).
55. John W. Smith, Chang Liu, Qian Chen* “Using molecular dynamics simulations to understand

electron beam interactions with macromolecules in liquid-phase transmission electron microscopy,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, 27 (S1), 2892 (2021).

54. John W. Smith, [Qian Chen](#)* “Enabling low-dose liquid-phase TEM with advanced signal processing, machine learning, and molecular simulation,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, 27 (S1), 1314 (2021).
53. Ahyoung Kim, Chang Liu, Erik Luijten, [Qian Chen](#)* “Formation and surface melting of nanoparticle superlattices in a solution,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, 27 (S1), 1244 (2021).
52. Chang Liu, Zihao Ou, [Qian Chen](#)* “Direct imaging on the deformation and sintering of polymeric particles at the nanoscale by liquid-phase TEM,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, 27 (S1), 2630 (2021).
51. Yingfeng Yang, Hanze Ying, Zhixia Li, Jiang Wang, Yingying Chen, Binbin Luo, Danielle L. Gray, Andrew Ferguson, [Qian Chen](#), Y. Z, Jianjun Cheng* “Near quantitative synthesis of urea macrocycles enabled by bulky N-substituent,” *Nature Communications*, 12, 1572 (2021).

Pre-tenure

50. Zihao Ou, Chang Liu, Lehan Yao, [Qian Chen](#)* “Nanoscale cinematography of soft matter system under liquid-phase TEM,” *Accounts of Materials Research* 1, 41 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the inaugural issue of the journal.
49. Cheongwon Bae, Jaedeok Lee, Lehan Yao, Suhyeon Park, Yeonju Lee, Jieun Lee, [Qian Chen](#), Juyeong Kim* “Mechanistic insight into gold nanorod transformation in nanoscale confinement of ZIF-8,” *Nano Research* 14, 66 (2020)
48. Zihao Ou, Lehan Yao, Hyosung An, Bonan Shen, [Qian Chen](#)* “Imaging how thermal capillary waves and anisotropic interfacial stiffness shape nanoparticle supracrystals,” *Nature Communications* 11, 4555 (2020).
 - ◆ Selected to Nature Communications editors' [Highlight](#) in Inorganic, Nanoscale and Physical Chemistry.
47. [Qian Chen](#), Jong Min Yuk, Matthew R. Hauwiller, Jungjae Park, Kyun Seong Dae, Jae Sung Kim, A. Paul Alivisatos “Nucleation, growth, and superlattice formation of nanocrystals observed in liquid cell transmission electron microscopy,” *MRS Bulletin* 45, 713 (2020).
46. John W. Smith, [Qian Chen](#)* “Liquid-phase electron microscopy imaging of cellular and biomolecular systems,” *Journal of Materials Chemistry B* 8, 8490 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of “Emerging Investigators 2020”.
45. Lehan Yao, Zihao Ou, Binbin Luo, Cong Xu, [Qian Chen](#)* “Machine learning to reveal nanoparticle dynamics from liquid-phase TEM videos,” *ACS Central Science* 6, 1421 (2020).
 - ◆ Selected as front [cover](#) of the issue.
44. Chang Liu, [Qian Chen](#)* “Interfacial crystallization under DNA control,” *Nature Materials* 19, 704 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited News & Views by *Nature Materials*
43. Chang Liu, Zihao Ou, Fucheng Guo, Binbin Luo, Wenxiang Chen, Limin Qi*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Colloid-atom duality in the assembly dynamics of concave gold nanoarrows,” *Journal of American Chemical Society* 142, 11669 (2020).
42. Zihao Ou,¹ Ziwei Wang,¹ Binbin Luo, Erik Luijten*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Kinetic pathways of crystallization at the nanoscale,” *Nature Materials* 19, 450 (2020).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
 - ◆ News & Views by *Nature Materials*: “[Seeing crystal formation one particle at a time](#)”
41. Wen Huang, Zhendong Yang, Mark D. Kraman, Qingyi Wang, Zihao Ou, Miguel Muñoz Rojo,

- Ananth Saran Yalamarthy, Victoria Chen, Feifei Lian, Jimmy H. Ni, Siyu Liu, Haotian Yu, Lei Sang, Julian Michaels, Dane J. Sievers, J. Gary Eden, Paul V. Braun, [Qian Chen](#), Songbin Gong, Debbie G. Senesky, Eric Pop, Xiuling Li* “Monolithic mtesla-level magnetic induction by self-rolled-up membrane technology,” **Science Advances** 6 (3), eaay4508 (2020).
40. Hyosung An, John W. Smith, Wenxiang Chen, Zihao Ou, [Qian Chen](#)* “Charting the quantitative relationship between two-dimensional morphology parameters of polyamide membranes and synthesis conditions,” **Molecular Systems Design & Engineering** 5, 102 (2020).
- ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of “MSDE Emerging Investigators 2020”.
 - ◆ Selected as front [cover](#) of the issue.
39. John W. Smith, Xing Jiang, Hyosung An, Alexander M. Barclay, Giuseppe Licari, Emad Tajkhorshid, Edwin G. Moore, Chad M. Rienstra*, Jeffrey S. Moore*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Polymer–peptide conjugates convert amyloid into protein nanobundles through fragmentation and lateral association,” **ACS Applied Nano Materials** 3, 937 (2020).
- ◆ Invited paper for the special forum celebrating the contributions of Young Investigators in *ACS Applied Nano Materials*.
38. Xing Jiang, Abigail J. Halmes, Giuseppe Licari, John W. Smith, Yang Song, Edwin G. Moore, [Qian Chen](#)*, Emad Tajkhorshid*, Chad M. Rienstra*, Jeffrey S. Moore* “Multivalent polymer–peptide conjugates: a general platform for inhibiting amyloid beta peptide aggregation,” **ACS Macro Letters** 8, 1365 (2019).
37. Ahyoung Kim, Shan Zhou, Lehan Yao, Stacey Ni, Binbin Luo, Charles E Sing, [Qian Chen](#)* “Tip-patched nanoprisms from formation of ligand islands,” **Journal of American Chemical Society** 141, 11796 (2019).
36. John W. Smith, Lauren N. Carnevale, Aditi Das, [Qian Chen](#)* “Real-time electron microscopy of protein nanodiscs using graphene liquid cells,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 25 (S2), 1498 (2019).
35. Xun Zhan, Renliang Yuan, Wenxiang Chen, [Qian Chen](#), Jian-Min Zuo “Determination of crystallinity in $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{Mg}_x\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_4$ nanocrystals based on diffraction patterns correlation analysis and strain mapping,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 25 (S2), 1972 (2019).
34. Zihao Ou, Binbin Luo, Chang Liu, [Qian Chen](#)* “Liquid-phase TEM imaging of self-assembly pathways of anisotropic nanoparticles,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 25 (S2), 1414 (2019).
33. Wenxiang Chen, Xun Zhan, Binbin Luo, Zihao Ou, Pei-Chieh Shih, Lehan Yao, Saran Pidaparthi, Arghya Patra, Hyosung An, Paul V. Braun, Ryan M. Stephens, Hong Yang, Jian-Min Zuo*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Effects of particle size on Mg^{2+} ion intercalation into λ - MnO_2 cathode materials,” **Nano Letters** 19, 4712 (2019).
32. Binbin Luo, Ahyoung Kim, John W. Smith, Zihao Ou, Zixuan Wu, Juyeong Kim, [Qian Chen](#)* “Hierarchical self-assembly of 3D lattices from polydisperse anisometric colloids,” **Nature Communications** 10, 1815 (2019).
- ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau. News by other websites such as phys.org, NSF science news, and nanotech-now.
 - ◆ Selected for the “*Editor’s highlight*”.
31. Xiaohui Song, John W. Smith, Juyeong Kim, Nestor J. Zaluzec, Wenxiang Chen, Hyosung An, Jordan M. Dennison, David G. Cahill, Matthew A. Kulzick, [Qian Chen](#)* “Unraveling the morphology–function relationships of polyamide membranes using quantitative electron tomography,” **ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces** 11, 8517 (2019).
30. Zihao Ou, Ahyoung Kim, Wen Huang, Paul V. Braun, Xiuling Li, [Qian Chen](#)*, “Reconfigurable nanoscale soft materials,” **Current Opinion in Solid State and Materials Science** 23, 41 (2019).
- ◆ Invited paper for the themed issue on “Active and adaptive soft matter”.

29. Zihao Ou, Xiaohui Song, Wen Huang, Xing Jiang, Subing Qu, Qingyi Wang, Paul V. Braun, Jeffrey S. Moore, Xiuling Li, Qian Chen* “Colloidal metal-organic framework hexapods prepared from post-synthesis etching with enhanced catalytic activity and rollable packing,” **ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces** 10, 40990 (2018).
28. Mikhail Ovsyanko, Emrah Yucelen, Evgeniya Pechnikova, Meiken Falke, Qian Chen, Nestor J. Zaluzec “Soft matter X-Ray microanalysis in the analytical electron microscope,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis* 24 (S1), 776 (2018).
27. Juyeong Kim, Xiaohui Song, Ahyoung Kim, John W. Smith, Binbin Luo, Zihao Ou, and Qian Chen* “Reconfigurable polymer shells on shape-anisotropic gold nanoparticle cores,” *Macromolecular Rapid Communications* 39, 1800101 (2018).
- ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of Young Investigators.
26. Nina Sekerak, Kristin M. Hutchins, Binbin Luo, Jin Gu Kang, Paul V. Braun, Qian Chen, Jeffrey S. Moore “Size control of cross-linked carboxy-functionalized polystyrene particles: Four orders of magnitude of dimensional versatility,” *European Polymer Journal* 101, 202 (2018).
25. Juyeong Kim, Zihao Ou, Matthew R. Jones, Xiaohui Song, Qian Chen* “Imaging the polymerization of multivalent nanoparticles in solution,” **Nature Communications** 8, 761 (2017).
- ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
24. Binbin Luo, John W. Smith, Zihao Ou, Qian Chen* “Quantifying the self-assembly behavior of anisotropic nanoparticles using liquid-phase transmission electron microscopy,” **Accounts of Chemical Research** 50, 1125 (2017).
- ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of “Direct visualization of chemical and self-assembly processes with transmission electron microscopy”.
23. Binbin Luo, John W. Smith, Zixuan Wu, Juyeong Kim, Zihao Ou, Qian Chen* “Polymerization-like co-assembly of silver nanoplates and patchy spheres,” **ACS Nano** 11, 7627 (2017).
22. Juyeong Kim, Xiaohui Song, Feiji, Binbin Luo, Nicole F. Ice, Qipeng Liu, Qiao Zhang, Qian Chen* “Polymorphic assembly from beveled gold triangular nanoprisms,” **Nano Letters** 17, 3270 (2017).
- ◆ Click [here](#) for the report on “Playing with nanoparticle legos: polymorphism in nanoantenna arrays”.
21. Kristin M. Hutchins, Chih-Yi Lee, Binbin Luo, Qian Chen, Jeffrey S. Moore*, “Effects of cross-linking density on interfacial polymerization and scaffold formation in functionalized polymer beads,” *Industrial & Engineering Chemical Research* 56, 4883 (2017).
20. Juyeong Kim, Matthew R. Jones, Zihao Ou, Qian Chen* “*In situ* electron microscopy imaging and quantitative structural modulation of nanoparticle superlattices,” **ACS Nano** 10, 9801 (2016).
- ◆ Highlighted and interviewed as the only article selected in November by ACS Nano podcast (Nov. 2016, Episode 112).
 - ◆ [News](#) Report by Alexander Chilton from BP International Center for Advanced Materials about presentations based on this work, “Chen provides a glimpse of the 'Forgotten Nanoscale' during RAEng Fellowship visit”.
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Prior to Independent Faculty Career at UIUC

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS (since April 2015)

Plenary Talks

- 2019 AICHE Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (Nov 12, 2019)
Plenary Talk of “Area 1C, Interfacial Phenomena” on “Cinematography at the nanoscale, from colloidal crystallization to protein transformation”
- 2018 92nd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, State College, PA (Jun 12, 2018)
Plenary Talk on “Direct nanoscopic imaging: from crystallizing of nanoparticles to crumpling of polymer films”
- 2015 89th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA (Jun 17, 2015)
Plenary Talk on “Dynamic colloidal self-assembly: from patchy spheres to anisotropic nanocrystals”

Invited Talks

74. Symposium on “Advances in In Situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes in Materials” and Symposium on “Crystallization and Assembly at Interfaces: Fundamental Breakthroughs Enabled by Data-Centric Analysis and In-Situ/Operando Techniques”, fall 2023 MRS meeting (Nov 2023).
73. Pre-congress workshop & symposium on “Organic Chemistry”, 20th International Microscopy Congress, Busan, Korea (Sep 2023).
72. Symposium on “Surface, Interface and Coating Materials”, Symposium on “Data Analytics and AI for Soft Materials: Manufacturing and Healthcare”, Symposium on “Hybrid Functional Materials of Polymers for Inorganic Nanoparticles”, fall 2023 ACS meeting (Aug 2023).
71. Crystal Growth and Self-assembly Gordon Research Conference (Jun 2023).
70. KITP conference “Structure Design and Emerging Phenomena in Nanoparticle Assemblies: What’s next”, University of California, Santa Barbara (May 2023).
70. ASAXS workshop, Argonne National Laboratory (May 2023)
69. JFI colloquium, University of Chicago (May 2023)
68. Symposium on “Building Advanced Materials via Aggregation and Self-assembly”, Spring 2023 MRS meeting (Apr 2023)
67. ACS National Award for Creative Invention – Symposium in honor of Younan Xia, Spring 2023 ACS meeting (Mar 2023).
66. Purdue University, Department of Materials Science and Engineering (Nov 7, 2022)
67. Invited topical review on “Correlative Methods”, 2022 Liquid phase electron microscopy Gordon Research Conference, Ventura CA (Oct 11, 2022)
66. Symposium “A02 - Beyond Visualization with in situ and Operando TEM”, 2022 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting (Aug 2, 2022).
65. X62 — Real-World Data Analytics & Quantitative Liquid and Gas Environmental Electron Microscopy, Pre-meeting Congresses, 2022 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting, Portland, OR (Jul 31, 2022).
64. MACRO 2022, the 49th World Polymer Congress (Jul 17, 2022).
63. Dow’s Technical Community Organization (TCO) External Seminar Series, Dow Chemical Company, virtual (Apr 21, 2022).
62. Symposium on "Experimental and Computational Methods for Predictive Self-Assembly", 2022 ACS Spring Meeting (Mar 22, 2022).
61. Session N18: Single-Molecule Characterization of Polymers and Soft Matter I: Heterogeneous and

- Crowded Environments, APS March meeting, Chicago IL (Mar 16, 2022).
60. Polymer Colloids workshop, San Diego, CA (Feb 21, 2022).
 59. Materials Research Lecture, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA (Feb 24, 2022).
 58. Invited talks in sessions on “Advances in Colloidal Crystal Engineering”, “In-situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes during Materials Synthesis and Processing”, and “Direct Visualization of Chemical and Self-Assembly Processes with High-resolution Microscopy” 2021 Pacificchem Conference, Honolulu, HI (Dec 2021).
 57. 5th Conference on In Situ and Correlative Electron Microscopy (CISCeM), Paris (Sep 2021).
 56. Symposium on “PO3 - Exploring beam-sample interactions for uncovering the atomic nature of matter”, 2021 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting (Aug 2021).
 55. Symposium on “P10 - Investigating phase transitions in functional materials and devices by in situ/operando TEM”, 2021 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting (Aug 2021).
 54. Symposium on “Hybrid Functional Materials from Controlled Assembly of Polymer and Inorganic Nanoparticles”, 2021 ACS Fall Meeting (Aug 2021).
 53. Midwest Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics conference (Jun 16, 2021).
 52. Symposium on “CTO2-*In Situ* TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis and Processing”, (Apr 18, 2021).
 51. Symposium on “NMO5: Functional Nanoparticle Materials—Synthesis, Property and Applications”, 2021 Spring MRS Meeting (Apr 18, 2021).
 50. ACS GEOC Symposium on “Crystallization pathways: New perspectives on nucleation, growth & dissolution of natural & synthetic materials”, 2021 ACS Spring Meeting (Apr 14, 2021).
 49. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of California, Irvine (Apr 8, 2021).
 48. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Columbia University (Apr 2, 2021).
 47. Department of Chemistry, University of Connecticut (Mar 3, 2021).
 46. Nanoscience Global Lecture by Nano Letters (Feb 22, 2021).
 45. Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Notre Dame (Feb 9, 2021).
 44. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Northwestern University (Feb 2, 2021).
 43. Symposium on “F.MTO1 – Advanced In Situ Characterization of Materials Kinetics”, 2020 Virtual MRS fall meeting (Dec 2, 2020).
 42. Symposium on “S.CTO8 – Crystallization via Nonclassical Pathways in Synthetic, Biogenic and Geologic Environments”, 2020 Virtual MRS spring meeting (Nov 28, 2020).
 41. Beckman Director’s Seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Oct 8, 2020).
 40. MRS OnDemand Webinar Series, Liquid Phase Electron Microscopy (Sep 23, 2020).
 39. Department of Chemistry, Penn State University, State College, PA (Feb 26, 2020).
 38. Liquid Phase Electron Microscopy Gordon Research Conference, Lucca, Italy (Jan 2020).
 37. EM-Situ’19 workshop, Harvard University, Boston, MA (Dec 6, 2019).
 36. Symposium on “Building Advanced Materials via Particle-Based Crystallization and Self-assembly of Molecules with Aggregation-Induced Emission,” MRS Fall Meeting 2019, Boston, MA (Dec 5, 2019).
 35. Plenary Talk, Area 1C “Interfacial Phenomena,” AIChE Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (Nov 12, 2019).
 34. Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Nov 5, 2019).
 33. PPG Seminar, PPG Industries, Pittsburgh, PA (Sep 24, 2019).
 32. Symposium on “PO1 – In situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis and Processing,” Microscopy & Microanalysis 2019 Meeting, Portland, OR (Aug 6, 2019).
 31. “Nano Assembly 2040”, Shanghai, China (Aug 3, 2019)

30. Keynote Speaker, Track C: “Colloidal & Surface Interactions”, 93rd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Atlanta, GA (Jun 18, 2019).
29. Colloid & Interface Symposium, Hong Kong SAR, China (Jun 13, 2019)
28. Dow Discussion Group on Interface Science, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI (May 13, 2019)
27. Symposium on “QNo8 – Colloidal Nanoparticles—From Synthesis to Applications,” MRS Spring Meeting 2019, Phoenix, AZ (Apr 23, 2019).
26. GSOF Short Course on “Structures and Order in Soft Matter Physics,” 2019 APS March Meeting, Denver, CO (Mar 3, 2019).
25. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (Mar 13, 2019).
24. Topics in Bioengineering Seminar, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Feb 7, 2019).
23. International Centre for Advanced Materials in BP Incorporation (Dec 7, 2018).
22. Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of Houston, Houston, TX (Oct 12, 2018).
21. Symposium on “Advances in colloid & surface chemistry enabled by cryogenic and in situ liquid-cell electron microscopy,” 2018 ACS national meeting, Boston, MA (Aug 19, 2018).
20. Noble Metal Nanoparticles Gordon Research Conference, South Hadley, MA (Jun 19, 2018).
19. Plenary Speaker as the Unilever Award Recipient, 92nd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, State College, PA (Jun 12, 2018)
18. Symposium on “NMo5 – Colloidal Nanoparticles—From Synthesis to Applications”, MRS Spring Meeting 2018, Phoenix, AZ (Apr 4, 2018).
17. Symposium on “CMo2 – In situ TEM characterization of dynamic processes during materials synthesis and processing”, MRS Spring Meeting 2018, Phoenix, AZ (Apr 3, 2018).
16. Department of Materials Science and Nanoengineering, Rice University, Houston, TX (Mar 29, 2018).
15. Department of Physics, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA (Oct 23, 2017)
14. Department of Chemistry, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (Sep 25, 2017)
13. ACS COLL Symposium on “Responsive, Programmable Assembly of Active Colloids for Functional Materials”, 2017 ACS Fall National Meeting, Washington, DC (Aug 22, 2017)
12. Active Matter workshop at the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (Jul 31, 2017).
11. 10th Liquid Matter Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia (Jul 17, 2017).
10. New Frontiers in Colloid Science, University of Birmingham, UK (Jul 13, 2017).
9. UK Colloids 2017, Manchester, UK (Jul 11, 2017)
8. CSI2 seminar at the Wyandotte Site of BASF Incorporation (Apr 6, 2017)
7. School of Materials Science, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK (Jan 18, 2017)
6. Condensed Matter Physics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK (Jan 16, 2017)
5. Department Seminar in Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (Sep 27, 2016)
4. CNST 14th Annual Nanotechnology Workshop, Urbana, IL (May 5, 2016)
3. CECAM workshop on “Emergent dynamics of out-of-equilibrium colloidal systems at nano- to microscales”, Lausanne, Switzerland (Apr 20, 2016)
2. Victor LaMer Award Talk, ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA (Jun 17, 2015)
1. ICAM Annual Conference 2015, Argonne National Laboratory, IL (May 12, 2015)