RII Track-4: NSF: Elucidating heterogeneous single chain conformation and dynamics in thin films through optical imaging

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Scientific goal: Developing a comprehensive understanding of single-molecule behaviors of polymer chains through real-time, real-space fluorescence imaging

Broader impacts: Enhancing advanced imaging infrastructures and capabilities in the state of MS and surrounding regions, broadly benefiting research programs across chemistry, life sciences, physics, and materials science.







Leveraging EPSCoR Track 4 Funding

- For graduate student: 1) Acquiring cutting-edge research skills; 2) Exposed to inter disciplinary collaboration and learning environment; 3) Working and networking with peers with diverse background
- For PI: 1) Establishing a robust research infrastructure for the group; 2) Learning group management skills through daily experiences; 3) Developing long-term collaborative relationships with leading scientists in the fields and beyond
- For USM: 1) Enhancing various research and recruitment activities; 2) Assisting in the management and training of users on instruments; 3) Facilitating collaborative efforts across different disciplinaries
- For Mississippi: Supporting various research programs within MS INBRE (NIH program) and CEMOS (EPSCoR Track 1) networks (over 200 users from 30 universities/colleges)



As a result....

Direct scholar outputs: Published four papers and several more to be submitted

Broader impacts: Southern Soft Matter Symposium, over 80 attendees (hands-on training sessions)



Poster Session

Workshop

Career Panel

Secured additional funding support for the PI and state: NSF CAREER, I-Corps, EPSCoR Track 2...

