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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering (primary), Material Science and Engineering (secondary) Boston University
- 2022-present Core member of Multicellular Design Program
- 2021-present Member of Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology (CMTM)
- 2022-present Member of Pulmonary Center
- 2021-present Member of Neurophotonics Center
- 2023-present Member of Photonics Center
- 2013-2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, [Steele Labs](#), Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. Mentor: Rakesh Jain, PhD.
Research topic: “*Physical Hallmarks of Cancer*”
[Rakesh K. Jain](#), director of Steele Labs, at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School.
- 2013-2021 Visiting Scientist, Center for Biomedical Engineering, MIT, Cambridge, MA. Mentor: Prof. Alan Grodzinsky.
- 2010-2013 Research Assistant, Center for Biomedical Engineering and Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT, Cambridge, MA. Mentors: Profs. Alan Grodzinsky and Christine Ortiz. [Alan Grodzinsky](#) is a professor of Biological, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at MIT. [Christine Ortiz](#) is a professor of Material Science and Engineering at MIT.
- 2004-2005 Visiting Research Student in [Mechanical Systems Design Laboratory](#), Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan. Mentor: Prof. Koichi Sugimoto.

EDUCATION

- 06/2013 PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA. Thesis title: “*Nanomechanics of cartilage at the matrix and molecular levels.*” Supervisors: Profs. Alan Grodzinsky and Christine Ortiz
- 01/2010 MSc, Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA
- 06/2006 MSc, Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran
- 06/2003 BSc, Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

AWARDS

2024-2027	DoD Idea Award
2024-2026	Sloan Research Fellowship
2023-2026	Kilachand Fund Award for Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering
2023	American Thoracic Society Science and Innovation Center Award
2023	Early Career Excellence Award, College of Engineering, Boston University
2023-2028	NSF CAREER
2022-2027	NIH Director's New Innovator Award (DP2)
2022-2026	Beckman Young Investigator Award
2021-2024	NIH-NIBIB Trailblazer Award
2020-2021	Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology (CMTM) Award
2020-2022	Dean's Catalyst Award
2020-2021	ACS-BU pilot Award
2017-2019	NIH-NCI Ruth L. Kirschstein (NRSA) Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32)
2017	Best poster award (3 rd place), Gordon Research Conference on Physical Sciences of Cancer
2016-2017	Tosteson Postdoctoral Fellowship Award
2016	MGPA Travel Award
2011-2013	Whitaker Health Sciences Fellowship Award (covered two years of my doctoral program)
2012	De Florez Travel Award
2011	Finalist in YC FUNG Student Paper Competition in Bio-mechanics and Bio-physics
2008-2011	Office of Naval Research (ONR) Research Fellowship Awards
2004-2005	Japan Student Service Organization Fellowship Award
2003	Finalist in the 8th Iranian National Mechanical Engineering Olympiad
1998	Silver Medal, Iranian National Computer Olympiad

PUBLICATIONS (published and under revision)

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1. Rohin Banerji^{#,*}, Gabrielle N. Grifno^{#,*}, Linzheng Shi[#], Dylan Smolen[#], Rob LeBourdais[#], Johnathan Muhvich[#], Cate Eberman[#], Bradley Hiller, Jisu Lee, Kathryn Regan[#], Siyi Zheng[#], Sue S. Zhang[#], John Jiang, Riley Phil, Katrina Traber, Giovanni Ligresti, Joseph P. Mizgerd, Bela Suki, Hadi T. Nia, "Probing lung function at high spatiotemporal resolution using a novel crystal ribcage," *Nature Methods*, **2023**.
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2. Sue Zhang[#], Rachel Passaro[#], Kathryn Regan[#], Muhamed Hadzipasic[#], Gabrielle Grifno[#], Siyi Zheng[#], Logan O'Connor[#], Vinson Chu[#], Sung Yeon Kim[#], Jiarui Yang, Rohin Banerji[#], Kavon Karrobi, Darren Roblyer, Mark Grinstaff, Hadi T. Nia, In vivo multiscale measurements of solid stresses in tumors reveal scale-dependent stress transmission, *Nature Biomedical Engineering*, **2023**.
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3. Sue Zhang[#], Kathryn Regan[#], Julian Najera, Mark W. Grinstaff, Meenal Datta, Hadi T. Nia, "The peritumor microenvironment: physics and immunity", *Trends in Cancer*, **2023**.
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7. Kathryn Regan#, Robert LeBourdais#, Rohin Banerji#, Johnathan Muhvich#, Siyi Zheng#, Sue Zhang#, Hadi T. Nia, “Multiscale elasticity mapping of biological samples in 3D at optical resolution,” *Acta Biomaterialia*, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actbio.2023.12.036>.
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10. Linzheng Shi#, Jacob Herman, Samer Bou Jawde, Jason HT Bates, Hadi T. Nia; Béla Suki, “Modeling the influence of gravity and the mechanical properties of elastin and collagen fibers on alveolar and lung pressure–volume curves,” *Scientific Reports*, 12 (1), pp. 1-12, **2022**. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-16650-0>
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18. J. B. Sellon, M. Azadi, R. Oftadeh, H. T. Nia, R. Ghaffari, A. J. Grodzinsky, and D. M. Freeman, “Nanoscale Poroelasticity of the Tectorial Membrane Determines Hair Bundle Deflections,” *Physical Review Letters*, 122, 028101, **2019**. <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.122.028101>
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31. G. Scarcelli, W. Polacheck, H. T. Nia, K. Patel, A. J. Grodzinsky, R. Kamm and SH Yun, “Noncontact mapping of intracellular hydromechanical properties by Brillouin confocal microscopy,” *Nature Methods*, 12 (12), 1132-1134, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nmeth.3616>
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PATENTS

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TRANSLATION

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INVITED TALKS (including scheduled)

- 07/28/2024 FASEB Lung Conference, Lung Epithelium in Health and Disease
- 06/03/2024 Pulmonary Immunology Group, Boston University School of Medicine
- 05/19/2024 American Thoracic Society, Session on Mechanical Forces in Lung Disease
- 04/18/2024 Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, Yale University
- 04/02/2024 Basic & Translational Research in Lung Disease Conference, University of Pittsburgh
- 02/23/2024 Center for Engineering in Medicine & Surgery (CEMS) at Massachusetts General Hospital – Harvard Medical School
- 02/16/2024 Mechanobiology Institute (MBI), National University of Singapore
- 01/12/2024 Metastasis Network (MetNet) – MIT group – host: Roger Kamm, PhD
- 01/11/2024 Physical Sciences in Oncology Networks - Cell & Tissue Mechanics SIG
- 11/28/2023 Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, University of Notre Dame
- 11/21/2023 Department of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University
- 11/16/2023 CMTM mini-symposium on Engineering Tools in Mechanobiology, Boston University
- 11/10/2023 Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of North Carolina at Chappell Hill
- 10/25/2023 Neurophotonics Center, Boston University, Faculty Spotlight
- 10/20/2023 Biomedical Engineering Department, University of Virginia
- 10/19/2023 Biomedical Innovations of the Future Symposium, Boston University
- 10/09/2023 Society of Engineering Science, University of Minnesota
- 10/06/2023 Biomedical Engineering Department, Ohio State University
- 10/02/2023 Pulmonary and Critical Care Research Conference, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School
- 07/28/2023 STEM Pathway, Boston University
- 07/10/2023 Institute for the Physics of Living Systems, University College London, UK
- 07/07/2023 School of Biomedical Sciences, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 06/26/2023 Pulmonary Immunology Group, Boston University School of Medicine
- 05/21/2023 American Thoracic Society, American Thoracic Society Science and Innovation Center Rising Star/Abstract Award
- 03/08/2023 Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School
- 02/05/2023 Gordon Research Conference on Physical Science of Cancer, Galveston, TX
- 11/12/2022 Department of Biochemistry, Boston University
- 10/26/2022 Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology
- 06/02/2022 Fibrosis Group, Boston University School of Medicine

05/23/2022 Pulmonary Immunology Group, Boston University School of Medicine

04/08/2022 Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology, Boston University

03/04/2022 Pancreas Center of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

11/05/2021 Rising Star Presentation at Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology, Boston University

08/06/2021 Center for Engineering in Medicine and Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School

12/26/2019 Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences, Tehran

10/11/2019 Department of Mechanical Engineering, Boston University

04/05/2018 Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, USC

03/27/2018 Department of Mechanical Engineering, UT Austin

03/23/2018 Department of Materials Science and Engineering, MIT, invited lecture in Nanomechanics of Materials and Biomaterials

02/20/2018 Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, UPenn

02/11/2018 Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, UMass Amherst

02/01/2018 Department of Biomedical Engineering, Boston University

12/13/2017 Department of Mechanical Engineering, Colorado State University

09/27/2017 Department of Bioengineering, Northeastern University; invited lecture in Multiscale Biomechanics

05/04/2017 Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT

04/07/2017 Department of Biomedical Engineering, Columbia University

02/21/2017 Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT

01/22/2017 Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison

12/14/2016 Squishy Physics, Harvard University

04/2015 Nano-indentation and its Application in Mechanobiology and Soft Materials Workshop at UIUC

09/2015 Overture Council, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (declined)

08/2013 Department of Physics, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

07/2013 School of Biomedical Engineering, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

04/2013 Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

07/2011 Women's Technology Program Workshop, MIT, Cambridge, MA

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REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2023:

- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Jisu Lee, Giovanni Ligresti, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, "*Tumor Micromechanics Probed in Functional Lungs at Cellular Resolution with Novel Crystal Ribcage*", Invited research talk, Gordon Research Seminar, February 2023 Physical Sciences of Cancer, Gavelston, TX.

- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Jisu Lee, Giovanni Ligresti, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Tumor Micromechanics Probed in Functional Lungs at Cellular Resolution with Novel Crystal Ribcage*”, Invited research talk, Gordon Research Conference Physical Sciences of Cancer, February 2023, Gavelston, TX.
- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Linzheng Shi, Dylan Smolen, Rob LeBourdais, Jonathan Muhvich, Cate Eberman, Sarah Mazilli, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Tumor Micromechanics Probed in Functional Lungs at Cellular Resolution with Novel Crystal Ribcage*”, Poster presentation, Gordon Research Conference Physical Sciences of Cancer, February 2023, Gavelston, TX.
- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Linzheng Shi, Dylan Smolen, Rob LeBourdais, Jonathan Muhvich, Cate Eberman, Sarah Mazilli, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Crystal Ribcage: A Platform for Imaging Functional Lungs in Real-time at Cellular Resolution in Health and Disease*”, Lightning talk, Boston University Admitted Students Weekend March 2022, Boston, MA.

2022:

- Sue Zhang, Rachel Passaro, Kathryn Regan, Muhamed Hadzipasic, Gabrielle Grifno, Siyi Zheng, Logan O’Connor, Vinson Chu, Sung Yeon Kim, Jiarui Yang, Rohin Banerji, Kavon Karrobi, Darren Roblyer, Mark W. Grinstaff, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*In vivo multiscale measurements of solid stresses in tumors reveal scale-dependent stress transmission*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio
- Béla Suki, Jae Hun Kim, Yuqing Deng, Joseph Hall, **Hadi T. Nia**, Elizabeth Bartolák-Suki, Ramaswamy Krishnan, “*Mitochondrial Response of Type II Alveolar Epithelial Cells to Cough-induced Stretch*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio.
- Linzheng Shi, Jacob Herrmann, Samer Bou Jawde, Jason HT Bates, **Hadi T. Nia**, Béla Suki, “*The Role of Gravity and Mechanical Properties of Elastin and Collagen on Lung Pressure-Volume Curves*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio.
- Linzheng Shi, Jacob Herrmann, Samer Bou Jawde, Jason HT Bates, **Hadi T. Nia**, Béla Suki, “*The Role of Gravity and Mechanical Properties of Elastin and Collagen on Lung Pressure-Volume Curves*”, Abstract submission, BUSM MD/PhD Retreat 2022.
- Johnathan Muhvich, Linzheng Shi, Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Development of a Programmable Ventilator For Negative and Positive Pressure Ventilation in Mice*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio.
- Kathryn Regan, Robert LeBourdais, Siyi Zheng, Sue Zhang, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Multiscale Mapping of Elasticity in Biological Tissues in 3-D at Optical Resolution*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio
- Siyi Zheng, Sue Zhang, Rohin Banerji, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Evolution of Solid Stresses in Normal Brain by Age*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio.
- Dylan Smolen, Rohin Banerji, Hadi T. Nia, “*Design and Fabrication of Porcine Crystal Ribcage for High Resolution Ex Vivo Imaging*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio.
- Rob LeBourdais, Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Kathryn Regan, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Micro-elastography of the Functioning Lung at Multiple Length Scales in Health and Disease,*” Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio.
- Gabrielle N. Grifno, Rohin Banerji, Riley Pihl, Katrina Traber, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Multiscale, Real-Time Lung Vascular Dynamics Probed via Crystal Ribcage*”, Poster, Boston University Center for Multiscale & Translational Mechanobiology 3rd Annual Symposium 2022, Boston MA.
- Gabrielle N. Grifno, Rohin Banerji, Riley Pihl, Katrina Traber, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Multiscale and Real-Time Vascular Dynamics in the Lung Parenchyma Probed via a Crystal Ribcage*”, Oral talk, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio, TX.
- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Jisu Lee, Giovanni Ligresti, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Development of a Novel Crystal Ribcage to Probe Functional Lungs at Cellular Resolution in Real-Time*”, Oral talk, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio, TX.

- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Jisu Lee, Giovanni Ligresti, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Development of a Novel Crystal Ribcage to Probe Functional Lungs at Cellular Resolution in Real-Time*”, Poster presentation, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Understanding pulmonary disease in mouse models using a novel crystal ribcage*”, Lightning talk, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Understanding pulmonary disease in mouse models using a novel crystal ribcage*”, Lightning talk, Boston University Admitted Students Weekend 2022, Boston, MA.
- Linzheng Shi, **Hadi T. Nia**, Béla Suki, “*The Role of Gravity and Mechanical Properties of Elastin and Collagen on Lung Pressure-Volume Curves*”, Poster Presentation, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Johnathan Muhvich, Linzheng Shi, Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Development of a Programmable Ventilator For Negative and Positive Pressure Ventilation in Mice*”, Poster presentation, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Siyi Zheng, Sue Zhang, Rohin Banerji, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Evolution of Solid Stresses in Normal Brain by Age*”, Poster presentation, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Dylan Smolen, Rohin Banerji, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Design and Fabrication of Porcine Crystal Ribcage for High Resolution Ex Vivo Imaging*”, Poster presentation, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Kathryn Regan, Robert LeBourdais, Siyi Zheng, Sue Zhang, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Multiscale Mapping of Elasticity in Biological Tissues in 3-D at Optical Resolution*”, Poster presentation, Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.
- Rohin Banerji, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Cate Eberman, Jonathan Muhvich, Jisu Lee, Giovanni Ligresti, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Development of a Novel Crystal Ribcage to Probe Functional Lungs at Cellular Resolution in Real-Time*”, Oral presentation, Department of Biomedical Engineering Student Seminar, December 2022, Boston, MA.
- Gabrielle N. Grifno, Rohin Banerji, Lingzheng Shi, Dylan Smolen, Jonathan Muhvich, Siyi Zheng, Bradley Hiller, Riley Pihl, Katrina Traber, Joseph P. Mizgerd, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Real-Time Lung Vascular Dynamics Probed via Crystal Ribcage*”. Poster presentation, Quantitative Biology, Translational Research in Biomaterials, and Synthetic Biology and Biotechnology 19th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, December 2022, Boston MA.
- Gabrielle N. Grifno, Rohin Banerji, Lingzheng Shi, Dylan Smolen, Jonathan Muhvich, Siyi Zheng, Bradley Hiller, Riley Pihl, Katrina Traber, Joseph P. Mizgerd, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Multiscale, Real-Time Lung Vascular Dynamics Probed via Crystal Ribcage*”. Poster presentation, Boston University Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology Annual Symposium 2022, Boston, MA.

2021:

- Sue Zhang, Rachel Passaro, Vinson Chu, Mark W. Grinstaff, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Non-invasive measurement of solid stress in breast tumors in vitro and in vivo*,” Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting, virtual, October 2021.
- Sue Zhang, Rachel Passaro, Mark W. Grinstaff, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Non-invasive measurement of solid stress in breast tumors in vitro and in vivo*”, Poster presented at QBP/TRB/SB2 Graduate Research Symposium, Boston University, December 2021.
- Gabrielle N. Grifno, Rohin Banerji, Cate Eberman, Béla Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Dynamic Deformation of Alveoli during Pulmonary Edema under Mechanical Ventilation*”, Oral talk, Biomedical Society Annual Meeting 2021, virtual.
- Rohin Banerji, Cate Eberman, Gabrielle N. Grifno, Bela Suki, **Hadi T. Nia**, “*Altered Alveolar Micromechanics in the Presence of Metastatic Tumors*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2021, Virtual attendance.

2020:

- Sue Zhang, **H. T. Nia**. 2020. “*In vivo measurement of solid stress in solid tumors.*” Poster presented at Boston University Virtual Graduate Research Symposium, Boston University, December 2020.
- Scott Gaines, Aditya Jain, Rohin Banerji, Elizabeth Hanchar, Sarah Gerard, Jacob Hermann, Bela Suki, Hadi T. Nia, “*Biophysical Contribution to Tumor Progression and Incidence in Lung Cancer*”, Poster presentation, Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting 2020, Virtual attendance.

Prior to 2020:

- **H. T. Nia**, H. Liu, G. Seano, M. Datta, D. Jones, N. Rahbari, J. Incio, V. P. Chauhan, K. Jung, J. D. Martin, V. Askoxylakis, T. P. Padera, D. Fukumura, Y. Boucher, F. J. Hornicek, A. J. Grodzinsky, J. W. Baish, L. Munn, and R.K. Jain, “Solid stress and elastic energy as measures of tumour mechanopathology,” Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting , Phoenix, AZ., October 2017.
- G. Seano*, **H. T. Nia***, K. Emblem*, M. Datta, J. Ren, J. Kloepper, S. Krishnan, M. Ghosh, M. Pinho, V. Askoxylakis, G. Ferraro, L. Riedemann, E. Gerstner, T. Batchelor, P. Wen, N. Lin, A. Grodzinsky, D. Fukumura, P. Huang, J. Baish, T. Padera, L. Munn, R.K. Jain, “Neurological dysfunction induced by brain tumor-generated solid stress is reversed by lithium treatment,” Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting , Phoenix, AZ., October 2017.
- **H. T. Nia**, H. Liu, G. Seano, M. Datta, D. Jones, N. Rahbari, J. Incio, V. P. Chauhan, K. Jung, J. D. Martin, V. Askoxylakis, T. P. Padera, D. Fukumura, Y. Boucher, F. J. Hornicek, A. J. Grodzinsky, J. W. Baish, L. Munn, and R.K. Jain, “Solid stress and elastic energy as measures of tumour mechanopathology,” American Cancer Research, April, Washington D.C., April 2017.
- **H. T. Nia**, H. Liu, G. Seano, M. Datta, D. Jones, N. Rahbari, J. Incio, V. P. Chauhan, K. Jung, J. D. Martin, V. Askoxylakis, T. P. Padera, D. Fukumura, Y. Boucher, F. J. Hornicek, A. J. Grodzinsky, J. W. Baish, L. Munn, and R.K. Jain, “Solid stress and elastic energy as measures of tumour mechanopathology,” Gordon Research Conference on Physical Sciences of Cancer, Galveston, TX., February 2017.
- J. Incio, P. Suboj, S.M. Chin, Y. Huang, **H. T. Nia**, S. Kao, S. Babykutty, N. Rahbari, V. Chauhan, J. Martin, R. Ngo, I. Chen, H. Liu, X. Han, T. Reiberger, J. Gravohac, K. Jung, P. Huang, R. Soares, Y. Boucher, D. Fukumura, R.K. Jain, “Obesity-induced inflammation aggravates desmoplasia in PDAC reducing the efficacy of chemotherapy,” American Cancer Research, April, Washington D.C., April 2017.
- N. Rahbari, D. Kedrin, J. Incio, T. Reiberger, H. Liu, **H. T. Nia**, C. Edrich, J. Dubroix, I. Chen, T. Heishi, J. Martin, Y. Huang, A. J. Grodzinsky, D. G. Duda, R. K. Jain & D. Fukumura, “Extracellular matrix remodeling after anti-VEGF therapy contributes to therapeutic resistance in colorectal cancer liver metastases,” American Cancer Research, April, Washington D.C., April 2017.
- M. Azadi, **H. T. Nia**, A. Grodzinsky, C. Ortiz, “AFM Nanodynamics a complementary tool to conventional Micromechanical AFM-contact assessment for time dependent biomaterial”, Accepted for presentation at AFM BioMed Conference, October 2014.
- **H. T. Nia**, M. Azadi, L. Han, P. Roughley, C. Ortiz, A. Grodzinsky, “Fluid-Solid Interactions within Aggrecan Proteoglycan Networks: Molecular Origins of Tissue-Level Biomechanics and Functioning of Cartilage”, Proceeding of 2014 World Congress of Biomechanics, January 2014.
- M. Azadi, **H. T. Nia**, A. Grodzinsky, C. Ortiz, “Comparison of Nano and Microscale Mechanics of Murine Articular Cartilage,” Proceeding of IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, May 2014.
- M. Azadi, **H. T. Nia**, A. Grodzinsky, A. Ortiz, “Nonlinear nanomechanics of murine articular cartilage”, Proceeding of 2014 World Congress of Biomechanics, Jan 2014.
- **H. T. Nia**, L. Han, I. Bozchalooi, K. Youcef-Toumi, A. Grodzinsky and C. Ortiz, “Frequency-dependent nanomechanical behavior of aggrecan demonstrates that aggrecan is the dominant constituent responsible for the frequency dependence of cartilage poroelasticity,” Transactions of the 59th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society 2013, San Antonio, TX, 2013, poster presentation.

- **H. T. Nia**, L. Han, I. S. Bozchalooi, K. Yousef-Toumi, C. Ortiz and A. Grodzinsky, “Dynamic Nanomechanics of End Grafted Aggrecan Monolayers Reveals Energy Dissipation and Self-stiffening Properties of Cartilage at the Nanoscale,” Materials Research Society, Boston, Nov 25-30, 2012, poster presentation.
- **H. T. Nia**, I. S. Bozchalooi, Y. Li, L. Han, H. Hung, E. Frank, K. Yousef-Toumi, A. Grodzinsky and C. Ortiz, “AFM-Based High-Frequency Rheology of Cartilage as a Sensitive Method to Measure Matrix Degradation,” Materials Research Society, Boston, Nov 25-30, 2012, poster presentation.
- S. A. O’Neill, **H. T. Nia**, A. Grodzinsky, C. Ortiz, “Nanomechanics of Agarose Hydrogel at the Nanoscale Deformation,” SACNAS, San Jose, USA, Oct 28, 2011.
- **H. T. Nia**, L. Han, I. Bozchalooi, K. Youcef-Toumi, A. Grodzinsky and C. Ortiz, “Molecular Level Origins of the Dynamic Mechanical Functioning of Cartilage,” 2nd Global Congress on Nanoengineering for Medicine and Biology, Boston, 2013, podium presentation.
- **H. T. Nia**, Y. Li, Y. Wang, I. Bozchalooi, S. Chubinskaya, K. Youcef-Toumi, C. Ortiz and A. Grodzinsky, “Depth-dependent self-stiffening, energy dissipation and poroelastic properties of normal human cartilage via broad-spectrum dynamic nanoindentation,” Transactions of the 59th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society 2013, San Antonio, TX, 2013, podium presentation.
- Batista, M., **Nia, H.T.**, Cox, K., Grodzinsky, A. J., Ortiz, C., Heinegrd, D., and L. Han. “Effects of Chondroadherin on Cartilage Nanostructure and Biomechanics via Murine Model,” Proceedings of the ASME 2013 Summer Bioengineering Conference, Sunriver, OR, 2013.
- M. Batista, **H. T. Nia**, K. Cox, A. Grodzinsky, C. Ortiz, D. Heinegård and L. Han, “Role of Chondroadherin in Nanoscale Tissue Assembly and Biomechanics of Murine Articular Cartilage,” Transactions of the 59th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society 2013, San Antonio, TX, 2013, podium presentation.
- L. Han, **H. T. Nia**, A. Grodzinsky, C. Ortiz, “Cartilage Dynamic Nanomechanics,” East Lake International Forum on Frontiers of Science and Technology for Outstanding Overseas Young Scholars, Hubei, China Oct. 6-8, 2012.
- **H. T. Nia**, I. Soltani, Y. Li, E. Frank, K. Yousef-Toumi, A. Grodzinsky and C. Ortiz, “The Effect of GAG Depletion on Cartilage Nanoscale Hydraulic Permeability,” Transactions of the 2012 58th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society 2012, San Francisco, CA, 2011.
- **H. T. Nia**, L. Han, Y. Li, C. Ortiz, A. J. Grodzinsky, “Poro/viscoelasticity of Cartilage at the Nanoscale,” The 4th International Conference on Mechanics of Biomaterials Tissues, Marriott Waikoloa Beach Resort and Spa, Waikoloa, HI, Dec 11-14, 2011.
- **H. T. Nia**, L. Han, Y. Li, C. Ortiz and A. J. Grodzinsky, “Poroelasticity is the Dominant Energy Dissipation Mechanism in Cartilage at the Nano-scale,” Transactions of the 57th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Podium Presentation Spotlight Session, Long Beach, California, 36, 2011.
- **H. T. Nia**, L. Han L, A. J. Grodzinsky and C. Ortiz, “Micro- and nanoscale poroelasticity of cartilage,” Materials Research Society, Boston, Nov 29 Dec 3, 2010.
- K. Sugimoto, **H. T. Nia**, and A. Enomoto, 2005, “Reciprocal Spaces and Dual Spaces for the Analysis of Parallel Mechanisms,” Proceeding of the 11th Symposium on Theory of Machines and Mechanisms (Jc-IFTToMM), TIT, Tokyo, Japan (In Japanese).
- **H. T. Nia**, S. H. Alemohamad, S. Bagheri, R. H. A. Khiabani and A. Meghdari “An Approach to Rough Terrain Rovers Dynamic Analysis and Optimization,” Proceeding of IDETC/CIE, Sep. 24-28, 2005, Long Beach, CA, USA.
- **H. T. Nia**, H. N. Pishkenari, A. Meghdari, “Effective Analysis of Snake Robots Using Kane’s Equations,” Proceeding of IDETC/CIE, Sep. 24-28, 2005, Long Beach, CA, USA.

- **H. T. Nia**, H. Pendar, M. Vakil, H. Zohoor, “Closed Form Dynamical Equations of the General Stewart Platform; Part II: Kane Approach,” Proceeding of the 12th ISME International Conference of Mechanical Engineering, 2004, 42.
- M. Vakil, H. Pendar, **H. T. Nia**, H. Zohoor, “Closed Form Dynamical Equations of the General Stewart Platform; Part I: Newton-Euler Approach,” Proceeding of the 12th ISME International Conference of Mechanical Engineering, 2004, 41.
- **H. T. Nia**, H. Zohoor, “Optimal Synthesis of Planar and Spatial Mechanisms for Path Generation Using Regression Deviation,” Proceeding of the 11th ISME International Conference of Mechanical Engineering, 2003 (In Persian).

Grants:

Funding period	Role	Agency	Title
2024-2027	PI: Hadi Nia; co-PI Mohammad Fallahi-Sichiani (UVA)	DoD	Uncovering Cell Intrinsic and Extrinsic Factors Governing Melanoma Dormancy at Single-Cell Resolution
2024-2026	PI	Alfred Sloan Foundation	-
2023-2026	PI (co-PI: J. Mizgerd)	Kilachand Fund for Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering	Crystal ribcage investigation of how age and experience impact pulmonary vs. systemic immune defenses against pneumonia
2023-2028	PI	NSF CAREER	CAREER: LungEx for probing multiscale mechanobiology of pulmonary respiration-circulation coupling in real-time
2022-2027	PI	NIH Director's New Innovator Award (DP2)	Probing functioning lung at the cellular resolution in health and disease
2022-2026	PI	Beckman Young Investigator	Development of Crystal Ribcage for Imaging of Functioning Lung at High resolution
2021-2024	PI	NIH-NIBIB	
2022-2023	PI	Johnson & Johnson	Physical and Immune microenvironment of lung cancer probed in real-time at the cellular resolution
2021-2022	Pi	Johnson & Johnson	Cellular resolution imaging of drug delivery into tumors in functioning ex vivo lung
2020-2021	PI	Johnson & Johnson	Biomechanics-enhanced artificial intelligence in lung cancer detection
2020-2021	PI	Center for Translational and Multiscale Mechanobiology	Mechanical signatures of cell-specific transcriptomics of the lung
2020-2021	PI	American Cancer Society-BU	Tools for Probing Solid Stresses in Fibrotic Tumors
2020-2022	PI	Dean's Catalyst Award	Mechano-immunity of lung cancer in COPD background
2023-2026	Mentor PI: Gabrielle Grifno	NSF GRFP	Fellowship for Gabrielle Grifno
2021-2023	Mentor	Clare Boothe Luce	Fellowship for Gabrielle Grifno
2022-2026	Co-I	NIH-NHLBI	Targeting vascular dysfunction to promote lung repair and fibrosis resolution

2023-2027	Mentor PI: Linzheng Shi	NIH-NHLBI-F30	Probing immunovascular mechanobiology in pneumonia-associated acute lung injury at the single capillary level
			Total

Nia Lab Graduate Students:

No	Student's name	MS or PhD	Title of Thesis	Your role	expected Completion	Student's current position/plan
1	Sue Zhang	PhD	Developing tools and model system to probe solid stress in fibrotic tumors	Primary advisor; co-advised by Mark Grinstaff	2024	Ongoing PhD
2	Rohin Banergji	PhD	Developing crystal ribcage for high spatiotemporal resolution probing of lung in health and disease	Sole advisor	2025	Ongoing
3	Kathryn Regan	PhD	Developing methods to measure stiffness in 3D at the cellular resolution	Sole advisor	2025	ongoing
4	Gabrielle Grifno	PhD	Probing hemodynamics of lung in health and disease in real-time at the cellular resolution	Sole advisor	2026	ongoing
5	Lingzhen Shi	MD/ PhD	Mechanical signature of lung transcriptomics at single cell level	Sole advisor	2026	Ongoing
6	Rob Lebourdais	PhD	Mechanical enhanced artificial intelligence for prediction of lung cancer	Sole advisor	2027	Ongoing
7	Cate Eberman	MSc.	Developing flexible crystal ribcage	Sole advisor	2021	In PhD program at UW Madison
8	Dylan Smolen	MSc. Thesis	Developing crystal ribcage for large animals	Sole advisor	2023	Industry
9	Siyi Zheng	MSc. Thesis	Probing solid stress evolution from development to aging	Sole advisor	2022	PhD program at BU
10	Azeo Torre	MSc. Thesis	Utilizing lung mechanical information to classify the malignancy of lung nodules	Sole advisor	2022	Ongoing
11	Sunny Kapadia	MS Project	Electromechanics of fibrotic tumors	Advisor	2019	Industry
12	Vinson Chu	MS Project	Developing models to apply solid stress	Advisor	2020	Industry
13	Rachel Passaro	MS Project	Solid stress measurement in tumor spheroids	Advisor	2021	Industry

Nia Lab Postdocs:

No	Name	Topic	Publication info	Current position
1	Muhamad Hadzipasic, MD/PhD	Micromechanics of tumors	Two ms submitted	Neurosurgeon resident at MGH

Nia Lab Undergraduate students:

Number	Semester	UG Student name	Award
1	Summer 2019	Sung Yeon Kim	UROP/STARS funded
2	Fall 2019	Scott Gaines	UROP
3	Fall 2019	Logan O'Connor	UROP
4	Spring 2020	Elizabeth Hanchar	-
6	Spring 2020	Tasneem Jivanji	-
7	Summer 2020	Logan O'Connor	UROP
8	Summer 2020	Aditya Jain	Dean's Distinguished Summer Research Fellowship
9	Fall 2020	Logan O'Connor	UROP
10	Fall 2020	Elizabeth Hanchar	UROP
11	Spring 2021	Delaney Dow	UROP
12	Summer 2021	Delaney Dow	UROP
13	Fall 2021	Juncheng Zhang	-
14	Fall 2021	Brian Jung	-
15	Spring 2022	Johnathan Muhvich	Directed study
16	Summer 2022	Johnathan Muhvich	Dean's Distinguished Summer Research Fellowship
17	Fall 2023	Jung Won Park	UROP
18	Fall 2023	Raghavan Ramaswamy	-

TEACHING

Semester	Number of the course	Name of the course	Number of credits	Number of students	Your role	TAs	Graders
Spring 2020	BE436	Fundamentals of fluid mechanics	4	50 UG	Sole instructor	1	1
Fall 2020	BE435	Transport phenomenon in living systems	4	50 UG	Sole instructor	1	1
Spring 2021	BE436	Fundamentals of fluid mechanics	4	66 UG	Sole instructor	2	1
Fall 2021	BE435	Transport phenomenon in living systems	4	37 UG 1 G	Sole instructor	1	1
Spring 2023	BE436	Fundamentals of fluid mechanics	4	39 UG	Sole instructor	2	2
Spring 2023	BE435	Transport phenomenon in living systems	4	37 UG	Sole instructor	2	2
Spring 2024	BE435	Transport phenomenon in living systems	4	70 UG	Sole instructor	2	2

Prior to 2019:

- Teaching Assistant of “Molecular, Cell and Tissue Biomechanics”, Spring 2011, course instructors: Profs. Alan Grodzinsky and Roger Kamm.
- Teaching Assistant of “Acoustics and Sensing”, Spring 2008, course instructor: Nicholas Makris.
- Teaching Dynamics at prep schools to prepare undergraduates for graduate school entrance exam, 2003-2004.
- Teaching Geometry, Combinatorial Techniques, Graph Theory and Physics to Olympiad students 2000-2004.

Service – Thesis committee:

No	Student name	Advisor	Committee type	My role	University Department	Date (range)
1	Keith Gagnon	Chris Chen/Mo Khalil	PhD committee	Chair	BU BME	2020-present
2	Jourdan Ewoldt	Chris Chen	PhD committee	Chair	BU BME	2020-present
3	Julian Tefft	Chris Chen	PhD committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2019-2022
4	Kavon Karrobi	Darren Roblyer	PhD committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2019-2019
5	Anup Tank	Darren Roblyer	PhD committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2020-present
6	Yuying Tan	Ji-Xin Cheng	PhD committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2020-present
7	Neil Fringe	Elise Morgan	PhD committee	Chair	BU BME	2022-present
8	Alex Seibel	Joe Tien	PhD committee		BU BME	2021-present
9	Nicole Wang	Wilson Wong	PhD committee	5 th reader	BU BME	2019-2020
10	Seungee Lee	Wilson Wong	PhD committee	Chair	BU BME	2020-2022
11	Samhita Murthy	Bela Suki	MS Committee	Chair	BU BME	2020-2021
12	Jahn Otto Walderland	Steinar Evje	PhD Committee	1 st opponent	Stavanger University (Norway)	2019-2020
13	Alex Lammers	Chris Chen	PhD Committee	Chair	BU BME	2021-2023
14	-	-	Senior Design Conference	Chair of session for biomechanic		Spring 2022
15	Nikunj Khetan	Jerome Mertz	PhD committee	2 nd reader	BU ME	2022-present
16	Inbo Shim	Wilson Wong	MSc Committee	Chair	BU BME	2021-present
17	Chinmayee Prabhu Dessai	Ji-Xin Cheng	PhD committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2022-present
18	Amish Patel	Allison Dennis	PhD Committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2022-present
19	Joseph Hall	Bela Suki	PhD Committee	Chair	BU BME	2022-present
20	Delaney Gray	Chris Chen	PhD Committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2022-present
21	Menna Siddiqui	Wilson Wong	PhD Committee	3 rd reader	BU BME	2022-present

SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- 03/2024 Serve in NIH Study Section F09C: Fellowships: Oncological Sciences
- 07/2023 Invited to serve in NIH study section ZRG1, Fellowships: Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy
- 09/2022 Session Chair, Annual Meeting of Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), San Antonio
- Fall 2021 Served in NIH study section of Cellular Molecular Technologies (CMT)
- 09/2019 Session Chair, Annual Meeting of Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), Cancer Technologies Track, Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2013 Session Chair, Society of Engineering Science at the 50th Annual Technical Meeting, Brown, RI
- 12/2011 Session Chair, The 4th International Conference on Mechanics of Biomaterials Tissues, Waikoloa, HI

- **Reviewed for** Biophysical Journal, Journal of Biomechanics, BMC Cancer, APL Bioengineering, Acta Biomaterialia, Biomechanics and modeling in mechanobiology, Trends in Cancer, Communication Biology, Science Advances, Scientific Report, PNAS, Cancer Discovery, Journal of Experimental Mechanics, Journal of Biomechanical Engineering, Osteoarthritis and Cartilage, ASME OMEA 2012, Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Biomedical Materials, and multiple NIH grants in collaboration with Steele Labs faculties.
- **Member of:** Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), American Thoracic Society (ATS), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), American Chemical Society (ACS).
- **Organizing member** of the annual course on Critical Issues in Tumor Microenvironment: Angiogenesis, Metastasis and Immunology in 2014, 2015 and 2016; Academia transition seminars for Mass. General Postdoctoral Association (MGPA).

Departmental Service:

- 2019-2020, Admission committee, Chair: Jerome Mertz
- 2020-2021, Admission committee, Chair: Darren Roblyer
- 2021-2022, Search committee, Chair: Muhammad Zaman
- 2022-2023, Search committee, Chair: Chris Chen
- 2022-2023, Member of strategic planning task force in Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology (CMTM) Chairs: Elise Morgan (ENG) and Bob Varelas (BUSM)
- 2024-present, Member of Executive Committee in Center for Multiscale and Translational Mechanobiology (CMTM)
- Member of qualifying exam:
 - Nanotechnology 2019
 - Nanotechnology 2020
 - Nanotechnology 2021
 - Nanotechnology 2022