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Professional appointments

Assistant Professor Department of Chemistry, National University of Singapore, Singapore	Aug 2024 – present
Postdoctoral Fellow , Northwestern University, US	2023 - 2024
Postdoctoral Fellow , University of Toronto, Canada (Advisor: Prof. Edward H. Sargent)	2021 - 2023

Education

Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering	2020
M.S. in Chemistry (Advisor: Prof. Kenneth R. Graham) University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, US	2017
B.S. and M.S. in Materials Science and Engineering Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, South Korea	2013

Awards and Honors

1. **Presidential Young Professorship**, National University of Singapore 2024
2. **GLOW 2024 Travel Award**, Nanyang Technological University 2024
Global conference for women leaders and emerging researchers in materials science
3. **[ACS PHYS Young Investigator Award](#)** 2023
American Chemical Society, Physical Chemistry division
4. **[MIT ChemE Rising Stars](#)** 2023
Awarded to top early-stage academic career female researchers
5. **[Rising Stars in MSE](#)** (Stanford, MIT, CMU) 2023
6. **Polymer Society Korea-INNOX Young Investigator Award** 2023
7. **Viji Jeganathan Scholarship** 2019
Cross-cultural understanding, International Student Center, University of Kentucky

Selected publications

Full list on [Google Scholar](#)

[†The authors contributed equally, *corresponding author]

1. D. Chandrashekhara, N. Gan, F. Anies, **S. M. Park***. Functional Organic Room-Temperature Phosphorescent Materials. *Journal of Materials Chemistry C* 2026, accepted
2. B. Zhang, J. Luo*, H. Yin, Q. Li, S. Sun, N. Zhang, N. Gan, M. Azam, T. W. Park, J. Wan, C. Jia*, M. Wei*, **S. M. Park***. A Cross-linked Molecular Contact for Stable Operation of Perovskite/Silicon Tandem Solar Cells. *Science* 2025, 390, 6775, 837-842.

Highlighted by [NUS News](#), [Faculty of Science news](#), [EurekAlert! AAAS](#), [AZO Materials](#), [Perovskite-info](#), [Interesting Engineering](#), [OpenGov](#), [StatNano](#), [Technology networks](#), [Mirage News](#), [MSN](#) etc.

3. J. Zhang, N. Gan, F. Liu, X. Xie, X. Zhang, C. Wu*, D. Shi, T. Xu, S. Cai, H. Guo, D. Li, G. Shi,

- Y. Wei, J. Li, M. Wei, Y. Guan, Y. Zhang, S. Zheng, B. Li*, **S. M. Park***. Revealing Performance-Limiting Buried Interfaces in Layered Dion–Jacobson Lead–Iodide Perovskites. *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 2025, 147, 34, 30873-30884. (Cover highlight)
4. **S. M. Park**†, M. Wei†, N. Lempesis†, W. Yu, T. Hossain, L. Agosta, V. Carnevali, H. R. Atapattu, P. Serles, F. T. Eickemeyer, H. Shin, M. Vafaie, D. Choi, K. Darabi, E. D. Jung, Y. Yang, D. B. Kim, S. M. Zakeeruddin, B. Chen, A. Amassian, T. Filleter, M. G. Kanatzidis, K. R. Graham, L. Xiao, U. Rothlisberger, M. Graetzel, E. H. Sargent. Low-loss contacts on textured substrates for inverted perovskite solar cells. *Nature* 2023, 624, 289-294.
- Highlighted by [TechXplore](#), [PV magazine](#), [Perovskite-info](#), [AZO Materials](#), [my Science](#), [Northwestern Engineering](#), [EPFL news](#)
5. **S. M. Park**†, M. Wei†, J. Xu†, H. R. Atapattu, F. T. Eickemeyer, K. Darabi, L. Grater, S. Teale, Y. Yang, C. Liu, B. Chen, H. Chen, T. Wang, L. Zeng, A. Maxwell, Z. Wang, K. R. Rao, Z. Cai, S. M. Zakeeruddin, J. T. Pham, C. M. Risko, A. Amassian, M. G. Kanatzidis, K. R. Graham, M. Graetzel, E. H. Sargent. Engineering ligand reactivity enables high-temperature-operating-stable perovskite solar cells. *Science* 2023, 381, 6654, 209-215.
- Highlighted by [Chemistry World](#), [Phys.org](#), [Optica](#), [University of Toronto Engineering](#), [Northwestern Engineering](#), [EPFL news](#)
6. W. S. Shen†, Y. Liu†, L. Grater†, **S. M. Park**†, H. Wan, Y. J. Yu, J. L. Pan, F. C. Kong, Q. S. Tian, D. Y. Zhou, Z. Liu, W. Ma, B. Sun, Y. K. Wang, S. Hoogland, L. S. Liao. Thickness-variation-insensitive near-infrared quantum dot LEDs. *Science Bulletin* 2023, 68, 2954-2961.
7. **S. M. Park***, E. H. Sargent. Navigating pathways to increase stability in perovskite solar cells. *Matter* 2023, 6, 8, 2488-2490.
8. S. Lee†, **S. M. Park**†, E. D. Jung†, T. Zhu†, J. M. Pina, H. Anwar, F. Li, G. Chen, Y. Dong, T. Cui, M. Wei, K. Bertens, Y. Wang, B. Chen, T. Filleter, S. Hung, Y. Won, K. H. Kim, S. Hoogland, E. H. Sargent. Dipole engineering through the orientation of interface molecules for efficient InP quantum dot light-emitting diodes. *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 2022, 144, 20923-20930.
9. **S. M. Park**, A. Abtahi, A. Boehm, K. R. Graham. Surface ligands for methylammonium lead iodide films: surface coverage, energetics, and photovoltaic performance. *ACS Energy Letters* 2020, 5, 799-806.
10. **S. M. Park**, S. Mazza, Z. Liang, A. Abtahi, A. Boehm, S. Parkin, J. Anthony, K. R. Graham. Processing dependent influence of the hole transport layer ionization energy on methylammonium lead iodide perovskite photovoltaics. *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces* 2018, 10, 15548-15557.

Teaching

CM3261 Environmental Chemistry , National University of Singapore	2026
CM4242 Advanced Analytical Techniques , National University of Singapore	2025
Pedagogical Training	
<i>Teaching in Higher Education THE500</i> , University of Toronto	2022
<i>Teaching Assistant Training Program ESL090</i> , University of Kentucky	2014
Graduate Teaching Assistant , University of Kentucky	
<i>CHE111, CHE113 General Chemistry</i>	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
<i>CHE226 Analytical Chemistry</i>	2015, 2016
<i>CHE446 Physical Chemistry</i>	2019

Professional Academic Service

Independent Journal Reviewer

Science, Science Advances, Nature Energy, Nature Photonics, Nature Communications, Journal of Physical Chemistry, Chemistry of Materials, Journal of American Chemical Society, Chem Catalysis, Organic Electronics, Journal of Materials Chemistry A, Energy & Environmental Science, Joule, Matter, Nanoscale, Chemical Engineering Journal, Communications Engineering, Nano Energy, Inorganic Chemistry

Associate Editor <i>International Journal of Chemical Kinetics</i>	2024-2026
Session Chair Materials Research Society (MRS) meeting, Boston, US	2023
Vice President of Materials Research Society (MRS) University of Kentucky Chapter	2019
President of Korean Scholar Association at University of Kentucky	2018, 2019

Selected invited talks

1. American Chemical Society (ACS) Spring meeting, Atlanta, US	2026
2. Quantsol Winter Workshop, Rauris, Austria	2026
3. The 14th International Conference on Advanced Materials and Devices, Busan, South Korea	2025
4. World Laureates Forum, Shanghai, China	2025
5. KSIEC Spring Meeting and International Conference, Jeju, South Korea	2025
6. JSAP Autumn Meeting, The Japan Society of Applied Physics, Niigata, Japan	2024
7. GLOW, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Singapore	2024
8. Department of Materials, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland	2024
9. Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland	2023

Service and Outreach

Committee Activities, National University of Singapore

- Ph.D. graduate school committee, Department of Chemistry 2024-present
- CMMAC committee, Department of Chemistry 2024-present

Chemistry in the Frontiers of Science 2025

Gave a lecture for a cohort of 80 high school and junior college students shortlisted for Chemistry Olympiad national team selection training

NUS Science Summer Institute 2025

Catalyst towards graduate studies in STEM fields, judge for oral presentations

Material Networking Day 2019

Wrote a proposal and received a grant from MRS, University of Kentucky Chapter

Invited keynote speakers and student talks, organized poster session and award ceremony

Engaged nearby universities, industries, and national laboratories in the Midwest local community

Sustainability Pitch Green planet renewables, University of Kentucky 2019

STEM Summer Camp 2017, 2018, 2019

Blackberry solar cell and lemon battery experiments for 5th to 12th grade students

Women in Engineering Explore Camp 2018

Shape memory polymers demonstration for high school female students