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Professional appointments

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

- Presidential Young Professorship**, National University of Singapore 2024
- GLOW 2024 Travel Award**, Nanyang Technological University 2024
Global conference for women leaders and emerging researchers in materials science
- [ACS PHYS Young Investigator Award](#)** 2023
American Chemical Society, physical chemistry division
- [MIT ChemE Rising Stars](#)** 2023
Awarded to top early-stage academic career female researchers
- [Rising Stars in MSE](#)** (Stanford, MIT, CMU) 2023
Workshop for early-career scholars aiming for academic teaching and research positions
- PSK-INNOX Young Investigator Award**, Polymer Society Korea 2023
- Viji Jeganathan Scholarship** 2019
Cross-cultural understanding, International Student Center, University of Kentucky

Selected publications

[†The authors contributed equally, *corresponding author]

- S. M. Park**†, M. Wei†, N. Lempešis†, 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](#) media coverage

2. **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](#) media coverage
3. 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.
4. **S. M. Park**^{*}, E. H. Sargent. Navigating pathways to increase stability in perovskite solar cells. *Matter* 2023, 6, 8, 2488-2490.
5. 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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **S. M. Park**, Y. Yoon, C. W. Jeon, H. Kim, M. J. Kim, D. K. Lee, J. Y. Kim, H. J. Son, S. K. Kwon, Y. H. Kim, B. S. Kim. Synthesis of phenanthro[1,10,9,8-cdefg]carbazole-based conjugated polymers for organic solar cell applications. *Journal of Polymer Science, Part A: Polymer Chemistry* 2014, 52, 796-803. *Selected as front cover*

Teaching

CM4242 Advanced Analytical Techniques, National University of Singapore 2025

CM3261 Environmental Chemistry, National University of Singapore 2026

Pedagogical Training

Teaching in Higher Education THE500, University of Toronto 2022

Teaching Assistant Training Program ESL090, University of Kentucky 2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant

, University of Kentucky

CHE111, CHE113 General Chemistry 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

CHE226 Analytical Chemistry 2015, 2016

CHE446 Physical Chemistry 2019

Advising/Mentoring

Research Fellows

- Dr. Nan Gan, 2024.11-present
- Dr. Jia-Tong Li, 2025.3-present

- Dr. Boxue Zhang, 2025.4-
- Dr. Filip Anies, 2025.8-

Ph.D. students

- Seongbeom Lee, 2025.1-present
- Yoomi Ahn, 2025.1-present
- Jiangnan Li, 2025.8-

Visiting students

- Shibo Lyu, Shandong University, 2024.11-present
- Jeremy Yoon, University of Cambridge, 2025 summer

High school students

- Chloe Lee, Choate Rosemary Hall, 2025 summer

Former visiting students

- Kar Ern Samuel Lim, Northwestern University, undergraduate, 2025 summer-

Professional Academic Service

Independent Journal Reviewer

Nature Energy, Nature Communications, The Journal of Physical Chemistry, Chem Catalysis, Organic Electronics, Journal of Materials Chemistry A, Journal of American Chemical Society, Energy & Environmental Science, Joule, Matter, Nanoscale

Associate Editor *International Journal of Chemical Kinetics*

Session Chair Materials Research Society (MRS) meeting, Boston, US	2023
Vice President of Materials Research Society (MRS) University of Kentucky Chapter	2019
Event Chair of Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association, Kentucky Chapter	2019
President of Korean Scholar Association at University of Kentucky	2018, 2019
Government Scholar of Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK) program	2009

Selected presentations

Invited Talks

1. KSIEC Spring Meeting and International Conference, The Korean Society of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Jeju, South Korea 2025
2. JSAP Autumn Meeting, The Japan Society of Applied Physics, Niigata, Japan 2024
3. GLOW, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Singapore 2024
4. Department of Materials, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland 2024
5. Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland 2023
6. Solution Processed Optoelectronics, University of Michigan, US (Guest lecture) 2023
7. Global Photovoltaic Conference, Gwangju, South Korea 2023

Contributed Presentations

1. American Chemical Society (ACS) Fall meeting, San Francisco, US 2023
2. Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall meeting, Boston, US 2022, 2023
3. Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring meeting, Phoenix, US 2019

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

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

2019

Green planet renewables, University of Kentucky

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 student