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# **EDUCATION**

Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering

Evanston, Illinois

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering

June 2022

Advisor: Emily A. Weiss

Committee Members: Mark C. Hersam, James M. Rondinelli, Mercouri G. Kanatzidis

Seoul, South Korea

**Seoul National University** *Master in Bioengineering*Advisor: Ki Tae Nam

February 2016

**Seoul National University** 

Seoul, South Korea

Bachelor of Materials Science and Engineering/Cum Laude

February 2014

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin, McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering

Austin, Texas August 2022 -

Post-Doctoral Fellow Advisor: Delia J. Milliron

Tokyo Institute of Technology, Earth Life Science Institute

Tokyo, Japan

Visiting Researcher

August 2016 - February 2017

Advisor: Shawn E. McGlynn

# RESEARCH INTEREST

Semiconducting Nanocrystal Synthesis and Doping, Time-Resolved Spectroscopic Analysis, Nanocrystal Structure Investigation, Quantum Information, Light Matter Interaction, Solar Energy Conversion

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Milliron Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin

August 2022 -

- Understanding vibration-plasmon coupling between ligand molecules and plasmonic nanocrystals
- Cooperating with coworkers outside of the university to analyze near field optical response of closely packed nanocrystals superlattice

Weiss Research Lab, Northwestern University

*September 2017 – June 2022* 

- Investigated doping chemistry of semiconducting nanocrystals potentially applicable for optical devices
- Applied a lithium-ion battery system to modify the optical response of nanocrystals
- Collaborated with a team of researchers from different departments and national laboratories to analyze the structural-optical relationship between semiconducting nanocrystals and their optical cavity coupling
- Mentored two graduate students, guiding in experimental design, scientific writing, and presentations

Earth Life Science Institute, Tokyo Institute of Technology

August 2016 - February 2017

Nam Research Lab, Seoul National a University

*March* 2014 - *February* 2016

- Optimized a halide perovskite photocatalyst stable under an aqueous solution
- Constructed a solar to hydrogen conversion system with the highest energy efficiency

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Publications**

- 1) **Chang, W.J.**; Zeng, H.; Liu, P.; Terry-Weatherly, C.; Provazza, J.; Tempelaar, R.; Stern, N.P.; Weiss, E.A. "Anisotropic Emission from CdSe Nanoplatelets Based Optical Cavity.", *submitting soon*
- 2) Kim, K.; Sherman, Z. M.; Cleri, A.; **Chang, W. J.**; Maria, J.-P.; Truskett, T. M.; Milliron, D. J. "Hierarchically Doped Nanocrystal Metamaterials", preprint. 10.26434/chemrxiv-2023-1ht31, *submitted*
- 3) Zeng, H.; Liu, P.; Eckdahl, C.; Pérez-Sánchez, J.; **Chang, W. J.**; Weiss, E. A.; Kalow, J.; Yuen-Zhou. J.; Stern, N. P. "Control of Photoswitching Kinetics with Strong Light-Matter Coupling in a Cavity.", *ChemRxiv*, preprint. 10.26434/chemrxiv-2023-m1pj0, *submitted*
- 4) **Chang, W.J.;** Irgen-Gioro, S.; Vong, A.F.; Kim, H.; Mara, M.W.; Chen, L.X.; Weiss, E.A. "Enhancement of Emission from Lanthanide Dopants in Perovskite Nanocrystals through a Temperature-Dependent Phase Transformation of the Perovskite Lattice.", *J. Phys. Chem. C. 126*, 15247–15253 (2022)
- 5) Choo, P.; Arenas-Esteban, D.; Jung, I.; **Chang, W.J.**; Weiss, E.A.; Bals, S.; Odom, T.W. "Investigating Reaction Intermediates During the Seedless Growth of Gold Nanostars using Electron Tomography.", *ACS Nano*, *16*, 4408-4414 (2022)
- 6) **Chang, W.J.**; Irgen-Gioro, S.; Padgaonkar, S.; Lopez-Arteaga, R.; Weiss, E.A. "Photoredox-Mediated Sensitization of Lanthanide Dopants by Perovskite Nanocrystals.", *J. Phys. Chem. C.* 125, 25634-25642 (2021)
- 7) Irgen-Gioro, S.; Yang, M.; Padgaonkar, S.; **Chang, W.J.**; Zhang, Z.; Nagasing, B.; Jiang, Y.; Weiss, E.A. "Charge and Energy Transfer in the Context of Colloidal Nanocrystals." *Chem. Phys. Rev.* 1, 011305 (2020)
- 8) **Chang, W.J.**; Park, K.-Y.; Zhou, Y.; Wolverton, C.; Hersam, M.C.; Weiss, E.A. "n-Doping of Quantum Dots by Lithium Ion Intercalation." *ACS. Appl. Mater. Interf.* 12, 36523-36529 (2020)
- 9) Lee, B.-H.; Park, S.; Kim, M.; Sinha, A. K.; Lee, S. C.; Jung, E.; Chang, W.J.; Lee, K.-S.; Kim, J.H.; Cho, S.-P.; Kim, H.; Nam, K.T.; Hyeon, T. "Reversible and Cooperative Photoactivation of Single-Atom Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub> Photocatalysts." *Nat. Mater.* 18, 620-626 (2019)
- 10) **Chang, W.J.;** Lee, K.-H.; Ha, J.-I.; Nam, K.T. "Hydrogen Production via Water Electrolysis: The Benefits of a Solar Cell-Powered Process." *IEEE Electric. Mag.* 6, 19-25 (2018)
- 11) Lee, J.; Yun, J.; Kwon, S. R.; **Chang, W.J.**; Nam, K.T.; Chung, T.D. "Reverse Electrodialysis-Assisted Solar Water Splitting." *Sci. Rep.* 7, 1-9 (2017)
- 12) Kale, V.S.; Sim, U.; Yang, J.; Jin, K.; Chae, S.I.; **Chang, W.J.**; Sinha, A. K.; Ha, H.; Hwang, C.-C.; An, J.; Kong, H.-K.; Lee, Z.; Nam, K.T.; Hyeon, T. "Sulfur Modified Graphitic Carbon Nitride Nanostructures as an Efficient Electrocatalyst for Water Oxidation." *Small* 13, 1603893 (2017)
- 13) Chang, W.J.; Lee, K.-H.; Ha, H.; Jin, K.; Kim, G.; Hwang, S.-T.; Lee, H.-M.; Ahn, S.-W.; Yoon, W.; Seo, H.; Hong, J.S.; Go, Y.K.; Ha, J.-I..; Nam, K.T. "Design Principle and Loss Engineering for Photovoltaic–Electrolysis Cell System." *ACS Omega* 2, 1009-1018, (2017)
- 14) Park, S.†; **Chang, W.J.**†; (co-1<sup>st</sup> author), Lee, C.W.; Park, S.B.; Ahn, H.-Y.; Nam, K.T. "Photocatalytic Hydrogen Generation from Hydriodic Acid using Methylammonium Lead Iodide in Dynamic Equilibrium with Aqueous Solution." *Nat. Energy* 2, 1-8 (2016) **selected as a cover**
- 15) Kim, Y.; Shin, D.; **Chang, W.J.**; Jang, H.L.; Lee, C.W.; Lee, H.E.; Nam, K.T. "Hybrid Z Scheme Using Photosystem I and BiVO<sub>4</sub> for Hydrogen Production." *Adv. Funct. Mater.* 25, 2369-2377 (2015)

#### In prep

- 16) "Resonant Coupling between Plasmons and Molecular Vibrations for Tilting Physical Properties of Target Molecules."
- 17) "Perfect Absorber Generated By Metal Oxide Nanocrystals."

#### PATENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### **Patents**

• Nam, K.T.; Ha, J.-I.; **Chang, W.J.**; Lee, K.-H.; Real-Time Optimized Solar Energy-Carbon Dioxide Reduction System", Patent No: PCT/KR2018/005793

## **Selected Presentations (3 out of 10)**

- "Polariton Emission Pathway from CdSe Nanoplatelets Based Optical Cavity." American Chemical Society Spring, Oral Presentation, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- "Charge Transfer-Mediated Sensitization of Lanthanide Dopants by Perovskite Quantum Dots." SPIE Nanoscience + Engineering, Oral Presentation, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- "n-doping of Quantum Dots by Lithium Ion Intercalation." Materials Research Society Spring Meeting, Oral Presentation, November 28th, 2020

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# LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# Materials Science Umbrella Society, Northwestern University

Evanston, Illinois Winter 2019 – June 2022

President/Board Member

President of the Materials Research Society at Northwestern University

#### Korean Student Association, Northwestern University

Evanston, Illinois

President

Fall 2020 – Summer 2021

Raised \$2K to fund networking events and seminars for over 200 Korean graduate students and postdocs

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Kwanjeong Educational Foundation Scholarship, 2017 2022 (\$30,000 support per each year)
- KSEA-KUSCO Graduate Scholarship, 2021
- SNU Alumni Association in Chicago Area Scholarship, 2018
- Merit-based Scholarship from Seoul National University, 2011 2014

#### **TEACHING**

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Physics of Materials (Mat\_Sci 351), Northwestern University

Winter 2021

• Supported online-based lab sessions with portable oscilloscopes

Materials Science Principle (Mat\_Sci 301), Northwestern University

Spring 2019

• Instructed lab sessions of 25 students based on the self-designed laboratory section

#### **SKILLS**

#### **Technical skills:**

- **Spectroscopy:** Transient Absorption, Time Correlated Single Photon Counting, Degree of Circular Polarization, Raman Spectroscopy, Infrared Spectroscopy, Spectro-electrochemistry
- Synthetic Techniques: Semiconducting Nanocrystal Synthesis, Metal Nanocrystal Synthesis
- Materials and Device Analysis: X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy, X-ray Diffraction, Total Scattering Analysis, Small-angle X-ray Scattering, Cyclic Voltammetry, Battery Cycler, Solar Simulator
- **Microscopy**: Scanning Electron Microscopy, Transmission Electron Microscopy, Atomic Force Microscopy, Optical Microscopy

Software: Matlab (for data fitting and analysis), Origin, GSAS (X-ray analysis tool), Illustrator