

# Hanna Cho

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## Skills

<b>Programming</b>	Python (PySCF, PyTorch, NumPy, Jupyter notebook, etc.), Julia, SQL, ML, R, HTML, JavaScript.
<b>Laboratory</b>	HPLC, Spectroscopy, NMR, Centrifuging, Multistep synthesis, purification, separation, extraction.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Linux, Shell (Bash/Zsh), $\text{\LaTeX}$ (Overleaf/R Markdown), Microsoft Office, Git, ChemDraw.

## Education

### Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

MS, Chemistry; Advisor: Nicholas Mayhall

Blacksburg, Virginia

Aug 2021 - May 2024

- **Courses:** Advanced Quantum Optics Qubit Processors, Advanced Quantum Information Technologies, Numerical Analysis and Software, Electronic Structure Theory, Chemical Thermodynamics, Quantum Chemistry and Spectrometry, Advanced Inorganic Chemistry

### Seoul National University of Science and Technology

MS, Chemistry; Advisor: Cheal Kim

Seoul, South Korea

Mar. 2017 - Mar. 2020

- **Thesis:** Synthesis and application of a chemosensor for detecting various metal ions with high selectivity

BS, Chemistry

Mar. 2013 - Mar. 2017

## Research Experience

### Singlet-fission; *Ab Initio* methods and quantum information science

Research Assistant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Blacksburg, VA

Dec 2021 - Mar 2024

- Utilizing IBM Qiskit to demonstrate quantum algorithms such as phase estimation or Grover's algorithm, alongside a study of the singlet fission process in organic molecules with a model Hamiltonian in various environments, including processed magnetic fields, for potential applications in quantum information.
- Quantum chemistry *Ab Initio* calculations for large molecules, using PySCF and Python codes to find the active space that can capture most of the energy related to the singlet fission process.
- **Technical Skills:** Python, Julia, Bash, Overleaf, LaTeX.

### Structural biology: preparation of protein sample and graphene oxide

Visiting scholar, University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Jan 2019 - Jan 2020

- Conducted surface functionalization of graphene oxide to capture target protein samples using Cryogenic Electron Microscopy (cryo-EM), collaborating with the chemical engineering department.
- Collaborated with post-docs in a research group on an ongoing project, focusing on preparing proteins for the study of the histone complex structure. My role involved optimizing multi-step cell culture and purification conditions to ensure maximum efficacy.
- **Technical Skills:** Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), HPLC, autoclave, various chromatography methods including size exclusion, ion exchange, and affinity.

### Study of the molecular sensor

Research Assistant, Seoul National University of Science and Technology

Seoul, South Korea

Jan 2017 - Mar 2018

- Designed and developed a novel organic molecule with selective binding properties for environmental contaminants in water, including metal ions and anions.
- Performed analysis on ligands and ligand-analyte complexes using spectrometers and Density Functional Theory (DFT) with software (Gaussian) and further applied the findings in in vivo conditions.
- **Technical Skills:** fluorescence, UV-vis, FT-IR,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and ESI-mass spectroscopy, DFT.

## Work Experience

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### Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Blacksburg, Virginia

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Physical Chemistry Laboratory

Aug 2021-May 2022,

Jan 2023-May 2023

- This senior-level physical chemistry laboratory class consisted of one week of lectures followed by a week of laboratory experiments. Responsibilities included preparing and delivering lectures, creating and supervising laboratory activities for students, evaluating student performance, and maintaining classroom records.

### Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Blacksburg, Virginia

Graduate Teaching Assistant: General Chemistry Laboratory

Aug 2023-May 2024

- Instructed a freshman-level general chemistry laboratory class, assisting students in acclimating to the lab setup, enforcing safety protocols, and providing motivation throughout the sessions.

### Jeju Research Institute: Marine Policy

Jeju, South Korea

Research Assistant

Mar 2020-Jun 2020

- Researching legal cases worldwide concerning the marine environment. Collaborated closely with the team to develop case theories and propose new policies tailored to specific situations.

## Additional Experience

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### MQM 2022

Blacksburg, Virginia

Volunteer Conference Organizer

June 26 - July 1, 2022

- Set up and organized the 10th Triennial Conference on Molecular Quantum Mechanics. Assisted visitors and speakers throughout the event.

## Languages

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**English** Professional proficiency

**Korean** Native proficiency