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Stephan Link is Associate Professor of Chemistry and of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Rice University in Houston. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 2000 from the Georgia Institute of Technology where he worked for Professor Mostafa A. El-Sayed. In 2006, he joined the Rice Chemistry Department after postdoctoral positions at Georgia Tech and the University of Texas at Austin, where he worked for Professor Paul F. Barbara. Link is a leader in the field of plasmonics and nanophotonics. His group applies single-molecule and single-particle spectroscopy techniques to help decipher the physical rules that explain how plasmonic nanoparticles interact with one another and with their environment. His goal is to

better understand how to use plasmons to probe materials and initiate chemical reactions.

Link is the 2015 recipient of the Welch Foundation's Norman Hackerman Award in Chemical Research. Other awards during his independent career include the inaugural Outstanding Young Scientist Award from the NANOSMAT Society, the Elsevier Lectureship Award of the Japanese Photochemistry Association, the 3M Nontenured Faculty Award, and the National Science Foundation's CAREER Award. For outstanding achievements during his PhD, Link was honored with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry's Prize for Young Chemists given to the top five dissertations worldwide. Link is also an outstanding teacher, having received several teaching awards at Rice University, including the Graduate Student Association Faculty Teaching/Mentoring Award and the Charles Duncan Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, which is awarded for excellence in both scholarship and teaching.