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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin	Austin, TX
Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering with Dr. C. Grant Willson and Dr. Nathaniel A. Lynd	2019
Dissertation: “Functional Organic Materials for Directed Self-assembly of Si-containing Block Copolymers”	
Seoul National University	Seoul, Korea
M.S. in Chemical and Biological Engineering with Dr. Kookheon Char	2013
B.S. in Chemical and Biological Engineering, <i>Cum Laude</i>	2011

APPOINTMENTS

Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)	
Senior Research Scientist (PI), Clean Energy Research Center	2020–Present
Research Scientist, Clean Energy Research Center	2013–2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Chemistry and physics of polymers with an emphasis on the design, synthesis, and properties of materials for the conversion of renewable energy; electrochemistry with a focus on ion-conducting polymers as membranes and binders, *in-situ* characterization of electrode–electrolyte interfaces, and catalysts for electrolysis of CO₂ and water.

HONORS AND AWARDS

• Kwanjeong Scholarship (\$30,000 per year), Kwanjeong Educational Foundation	2016–2019
• Graduate Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship, UT Austin	2016–2019
• Superior Academic Performance Scholarship, Seoul National University	2012
• BK21 Scholarship, National Research Foundation of Korea	2011–2012
• Undergraduate Research Grant (\$20,000), Korea Foundation for Science and Creativity	2010
• National Undergraduate S&T Scholarship, Korea Science and Engineering Foundation	2007–2011
• Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology Scholarship	2006
• Bronze Prize, Korean Chemistry Olympiad (KChO)	2005

RESEARCH GROUP

- Current Ph.D. students (total = 4): Jihyun Park, Young In Song, Hyung Rae Kim, Won So
- Current M.S. students (total = 1): Jisoo Park
- Former M.S. students (total = 1): Chanwoo Lee (Hanwha e-ssential, Aug 2023)
- Former undergraduate students (total = 8): Insu Jeong (Incheon Nat’l Univ., Feb 2024), Hyeon Ji Kim (Yonsei Univ., Jun 2023), Su Min Choi (Konkuk Univ., Dec 2022), Hyesu Song (Sogang Univ., Dec 2022), Da Young Shim (Hanyang Univ., Aug 2022), Gyeongjin Kwon (Yonsei Univ., Aug 2022), Minju Kang (Ewha Womans Univ., Feb 2022), Kwanwoo Chun (Hanyang Univ., Feb 2022)

RESEARCH FUNDING

National Research Council of Science & Technology (NST); National Research Foundation (NRF).	
• “Strategic research initiative on carbon capture and utilization,” Research Grant, NST. GTL25021-210. Co-I.	2025–2029
• “Green and scalable routes to single-atom metal catalysts for semiconductor applications,” Research Grant, NRF. RS-2025-25442300. Co-I.	2025–2029

- “Developing carbon-to-liquid process,” Institutional Program Grant, KIST. **Co-I.** 2025–2027
- “Developing polymeric ion-exchange membranes for electrochemical conversion of CO₂,” Early Career Grant for International Networking, NST. **PI.** 2022
- “Developing supercritical artificial photosynthesis technology,” Research Grant, NST. CAP21011-100. **Co-I.** 2021–2026
- “e-Chemical research team,” K-Lab Program Grant, KIST. **Co-I.** 2021–2024
- “Ion-exchange membranes for electrochemical production of value-added chemicals,” Seed Grant, KIST. **PI.** 2020
- “e-Chemical production technology,” Institutional Program Grant, KIST. **Co-I.** 2020–2024

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Polymers (ChE 355), UT Austin Fall 2018
- Organic Chemistry for Chemical Engineers (Chem 328N), UT Austin Spring 2018
- Elementary Lab for Chemical and Biological Engineering, Seoul Nat’l Univ. Fall 2011

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

- *Industrial Liaison Officer*, KICChE, Polymer Division 2024–Present
- *Reviewer* for *ACS Nano*; *J. Ind. Eng. Chem.*; *Int. J. Precis. Eng. Manuf.*
- *Member* of Korean Institute of Chemical Engineers (KICChE), Polymer Society of Korea (PSK), American Chemical Society (ACS), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)

PUBLICATIONS

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Underlined: Student in my lab or myself; [†]: equal contribution; [*]: corresponding author.

28. “Ionomer charge density modulates interfacial water and reaction intermediate for CO₂ electrolysis to C₂ products”, In preparation.
27. J. Park†, Y. Chae†, C. Lee, G. Kwon, W. H. Lee, H. S. Jeon, J. Cho, D. H. Won*, J. H. Koh*, “Ionomer side chains modulate interfacial microenvironments for selective CO₂ electrolysis”, *ACS Catal.* **2025**, *15*, 12222–12230, [[doi](#)].
26. J. Wang, M. H. Han, K. M. G. Langie, D. H. Won, M.-Y. Lee, C. Oh, H. S. Jeon, J. H. Koh, H.-S. Oh, D. K. Lee, W. H. Lee*, “Understanding the dynamics governing electrocatalytic hydrodeoxygenation of lignin bio-oil to hydrocarbons”, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2025**, *147*, 4962–4971, [[doi](#)].
25. Y. I. Song†, B. Yoon†, C. Lee, D. Kim, M. H. Han, H. Han, W. H. Lee, D. H. Won, J. K. Kim*, H. S. Jeon*, J. H. Koh*, “Impact of side chains in 1-*n*-alkylimidazolium ionomers on Cu-catalyzed electrochemical CO₂ reduction”, *Adv. Sci.* **2024**, *11*, 2406281, [[doi](#)].
24. W. Choi, Y. Chae, E. Liu, D. Kim, W. S. Drisdell, H.-S. Oh, J. H. Koh, D. K. Lee, U. Lee, D. H. Won*, “Exploring the influence of cell configurations on Cu catalyst reconstruction during CO₂ electroreduction”, *Nat. Commun.* **2024**, *15*, 8345, [[doi](#)].
23. J. Y. Kim, W. T. Hong, T. K. C. Phu, S. C. Cho, B. Kim, U. Baeck, H.-S. Oh, J. H. Koh, X. Yu, C. H. Choi, J. Park*, S. U. Lee*, C.-H. Chung, J. K. Kim*, “Proton-coupled electron transfer on Cu₂O/Ti₃C₂T_x MXene for propane (C₃H₈) synthesis from electrochemical CO₂ reduction”, *Adv. Sci.* **2024**, *11*, 2405154, [[doi](#)].
22. T. K. C. Phu, W. T. Hong, H. Han, Y. I. Song, J. H. Kim, S. H. Roh, M.-C. Kim, J. H. Koh, B.-K. Oh, J. Y. Kim*, C.-H. Chung, D. H. Lee, J. K. Kim*, “Conformal surface intensive doping of low-valence Bi on Cu₂O for highly efficient electrochemical nitrate reduction to ammonia production”, *Mater. Today* **2024**, *76*, 52–63, [[doi](#)].

21. J. Cho, J. Oh, J. Bang, J. H. Koh, H. Y. Jeong, S. Chung, J. G. Son*, “Roll-to-plate 0.1-second shear-rolling process at elevated temperature for highly aligned nanopatterns”, *Nat. Commun.* **2023**, *14*, 8412, [doi].
20. W. H. Lee, K. Kim, J. H. Koh, D. K. Lee, D. H. Won, H.-S. Oh, U. Lee, B. K. Min*, “The green-ol (green-alcohol) economy”, *Nano Energy* **2023**, *110*, 108373, [doi].
19. G. S. Park, S. Lee, D.-S. Kim, S. Y. Park, J. H. Koh, D. H. Won, P. Lee, Y. R. Do*, B. K. Min*, “Amorphous TiO₂ passivating contacts for Cu(In,Ga)(S,Se)₂ ultrathin solar cells: Defect-state-mediated hole conduction”, *Adv. Energy Mater.* **2023**, *13*, 2203183, [doi].
18. J. Park, Y.-J. Ko, C. Lim, H. Kim, B. K. Min, K.-Y. Lee, J. H. Koh, H.-S. Oh*, W. H. Lee*, “Strategies for CO₂ electroreduction in cation exchange membrane electrode assembly”, *Chem. Eng. J.* **2023**, *453*, 139826, [doi].
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16. M. H. Han, Y.-J. Ko, S. Y. Lee, C. Lim, W. H. Lee, M. W. Pin, J. H. Koh, J. Kim, W. Kim, B. K. Min, H.-S. Oh*, “Thermo-selenized stainless steel as an efficient oxygen evolution electrode for water splitting and CO₂ electrolysis in real water matrices”, *J. Power Sources* **2022**, *521*, 230953, [doi].
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14. J. H. Koh†, Q. Zhu†, Y. Asano, M. J. Maher, H. Ha, S.-S. Kim, H. L. Cater, E. U. Mapesa, J. R. Sangoro, C. J. Ellison, N. A. Lynd, C. G. Willson*, “Unusual thermal properties of certain poly(3,5-disubstituted styrene)s”, *Macromolecules* **2020**, *53*, 5504–5511, [doi].
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4. J. H. Koh, H. S. Jeon, M. S. Jee, E. B. Nursanto, H. Lee, Y. J. Hwang*, B. K. Min*, “Oxygen plasma induced hierarchically structured gold electrocatalyst for selective reduction of carbon dioxide to carbon monoxide”, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2015**, *119*, 883–889, [doi].
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PATENTS

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16. “Silver chloride nanoparticle, catalyst electrode, electrochemical reactor and system for reduction of carbon dioxide,” D. H. Won, U. Lee, H.-S. Oh, D. K. Lee, J. H. Koh, W. H. Lee, B. K. Min, Y. Chae. KR Patent 10-2707019.
15. “Catalyst-electrode structure and electrochemical reactor using the same and system of utilizing carbon dioxide using the same,” U. Lee, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh, D. K. Lee, H.-S. Oh, H. J. Lee, B. K. Min, Y. J. Ko, C. Kim. KR Patent 10-2638399.
14. “Metal-phosphorized catalyst for producing 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid and producing method of 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid using thereof,” D. K. Lee, B. C. Moon, J. Woo, J. H. Koh, D. H. Won, U. Lee, H.-S. Oh, B. K. Min. KR Patent 10-2543047.
13. “Flow plate for electrochemical carbon dioxide reduction device forming unidirectional flow,” U. Lee, C. Kim, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh, H.-S. Oh, D. K. Lee, B. K. Min. KR Patent 10-2524209.
12. “Silver incorporated chalcopyrite thin film and manufacturing method thereof,” B. K. Min, B. W. Kim, Y. J. Hwang, H.-S. Oh, U. Lee, D. K. Lee, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh. KR Patent 10-2512512.
11. “Iridium alloy catalyst having reversible catalytic activity and preparation method thereof,” H.-S. Oh, W. H. Lee, B. K. Min, Y. J. Hwang, U. Lee, D. K. Lee, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh. KR Patent 10-2491462.
10. “A hydrogen production and storage system using solar energy independently operated without external power,” U. Lee, B. K. Min, H. J. Lee, Y. J. Hwang, H.-S. Oh, D. K. Lee, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh, D. G. Han. KR Patent 10-2434620.
9. “Carbon dioxide CO₂ recycling electrochemical device,” U. Lee, H. W. Lee, K. S. Kim, J. H. Koh, D. H. Won, D. K. Lee, H.-S. Oh, Y. J. Hwang, B. K. Min. KR Patent 10-2418964.
8. “Catalyst electrode, method for manufacturing the catalyst electrode, electrochemical reactor comprising the same and system for reduction of carbon dioxide,” D. H. Won, U. Lee, H.-S. Oh, D. K. Lee, J. H. Koh, B. K. Min. KR Patent 10-2409746.
7. “System for reduction of carbon dioxide,” U. Lee, D. H. Won, D. K. Lee, H.-S. Oh, J. H. Koh, B. K. Min. KR Patent 10-2399070.
6. “Self-driving electrochemical cell,” U. Lee, B. K. Min, H. J. Lee, Y. J. Hwang, H.-S. Oh, D. K. Lee, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh, K. S. Kim. KR Patent 10-2386012.

5. "Electrocatalyst for CO₂ reduction and method for manufacturing the same," H.-S. Oh, W. H. Lee, C. Lim, Y. J. Hwang, U. Lee, D. K. Lee, D. H. Won, J. H. Koh. KR Patent 10-2372659.
4. "Photoelectrode for hydrogen generation in solar water splitting and manufacturing method thereof," D. K. Lee, B. K. Min, B. W. Kim, Y. J. Hwang, H.-S. Oh, U. Lee, J. H. Koh. KR Patent 10-2311750.
3. "Photoelectrochemical artificial photosynthesis device," B. K. Min, Y. J. Hwang, J. H. Koh, H. S. Jeon. KR Patent 10-2155231.
2. "Carbon dioxide reduction electrode and the preparation method thereof," B. K. Min, J. H. Koh, Y. J. Hwang. KR Patent 10-1636024.
1. "Selective reducing method of carbon dioxide using silicon nanowire and pyridine," Y. J. Hwang, B. K. Min, O. S. Joo, J. H. Koh, S. J. Sim, H. S. Jeon, M. S. Jee. KR Patent 10-1566471.

RESEARCH TALKS AND SEMINARS

19. 2025 AIChE Annual Meeting, Catalysis and Reaction Engineering Division, "Interfacial engineering with anion-exchange ionomers for selective CO₂ electrolysis," Boston, MA, Nov 6th, 2025.
18. (*Invited*) Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, University of Alabama, "Ion-conducting polymers for selective CO₂ electrolysis," Tuscaloosa, AL, Oct 30th, 2025.
17. (*Invited*) 2025 KICChE Fall Meeting, Symposium on Future CCU Technologies for Carbon-Neutral Growth in the Refining and Petrochemical Industry, "Advancing Electrochemical CO₂ Conversion Through Ion-conducting Polymers," Jeju, Korea, Oct 16th, 2025.
16. 2025 ACS Spring National Meeting, CATL Division, "Engineering of side chains in 1-*n*-alkylimidazolium ionomers for CO₂ electrolysis," San Diego, CA, Mar 27th, 2025.
15. (*Invited*) Seminar, School of Chemical Engineering, Sungkyunkwan University, "Functional ion-containing polymers for selective CO₂ electrolysis," Suwon, Korea, Jan 7th, 2025.
14. (*Invited*) Guest Lecture, Department of Petrochemical Materials Engineering, Chonnam National University, "Functional ion-exchange polymers for CO₂ electrolysis," Yeosu, Korea, Nov 25th, 2024.
13. (*Invited*) Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Korea University, "Functional polymeric materials for CO₂ electrolysis," Seoul, Korea, Nov 20th, 2024.
12. (*Invited*) Guest Lecture, Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, Chung-Ang University, "Carbon capture and utilization via electrochemistry," Seoul, Korea, May 13th, 2024.
11. (*Invited*) 16th Korea-China Bilateral Symposium on Polymer Materials, KICChE, "Design and synthesis of imidazolium ionomers for Cu-catalyzed electrochemical CO₂ reduction," Yeosu, Korea, Nov 14th, 2023.
10. (*Invited*) Guest Lecture, Petrochemical Materials Engineering, Chonnam National University, "Tailoring styrene-based ionomers for enhanced electrochemical CO₂ reduction," Yeosu, Korea, Oct 5th, 2023.
9. (*Invited*) Guest Lecture, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Sookmyung Women's University, "Functional materials for electrochemical CO₂ reduction," Seoul, Korea, Sep 27th, 2023.
8. 2023 ACS Fall National Meeting, ENFL Division, "Design and synthesis of styrene-based ionomers as binders for electrochemical CO₂ reduction," San Francisco, CA, Aug 17th, 2023.
7. (*Invited*) Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical Engineering, Hongik University, "Functional materials for electrochemical CO₂ reduction," Seoul, Korea, Nov 29th, 2022.
6. (*Invited*) 2022 KICChE Spring Meeting, Early Career Investigator Symposium, "Design and synthesis of silicon-containing block copolymers for nanolithography," Jeju, Korea, Apr 21th, 2022.
5. (*Invited*) 2022 Polymer Society of Korea Spring Meeting, Early Career Investigator Symposium, "Functional organic materials for directed self-assembly of block copolymers," Daejeon, Korea, Apr 8th, 2022.

4. (*Invited*) 2019 ACS Fall National Meeting, PMSE Division, “Selective grafting of polymer brushes enables directed self-assembly of high- χ block copolymers,” San Diego, CA, Aug 26th, 2019.
3. 2019 SPIE Advanced Lithography Conference, “Selective grafting of polymer brushes for directed self-assembly of high- χ block copolymers,” San Jose, CA, Feb 27th, 2019.
2. 2015 ACS Fall National Meeting, ENFL Division, “Electrochemical CO₂ conversion catalysts for integrated monolithic solar-fuel generators,” Boston, MA, Aug 16th, 2015.
1. 2014 MRS Spring Meeting, “Photoelectrochemical CO₂ conversion for fuel production powered by monolithic thin-film photovoltaic devices,” San Francisco, CA, Apr 24th, 2014.