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#### **EDUCATION**

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1976.03 – 1980.02 Dept. of Chem. Eng. Seoul National Univ., BS

1984.12 – 1987.08 Dept. of Chem. Eng. Auburn University (USA), MS

1987.09 – 1992.05 Dept. of Chem. and Biochem. Eng. Rutgers, The State Univ. of New Jersey,

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – present Professor, Dept. of Energy and Biotechnology

2009.09.01 – present Director, Energy and Environmental Fusion Technology Center (E<sup>2</sup>FTC):

supported and certified by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

of Korea for the development of fusion technologies for the production of

	biofuels (i.e., biobutanol and biogasoline) and biorefinery products through
	biological and chemical processes
1999 – present	Professor, Dept. of Environmental Eng. and Energy, Myongji Univ.
1999 – 2003	Director, Kyonggi Environmental Technology Center (KENTEC)
1998 – present	Director, Research Institute for Clean Technology (RICT)
1993 – 1998	Assistant/Associate Professor, Dept. of Chem. Eng., Myongji Univ.
1992 – 1993	Post Doctoral Research Associate, Dept. of Chem. and Biochem. Eng. Rutgers,
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## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

1996 – present	The Korean Society for Biotechnology and Bioengineering
1994 – present	The Korean Society for Applied Microbiology
1994 – present	The Korean Society for Environmental Engineering
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

#### <METAL RECOVERY FROM THE SOLID WASTE>

- 1. Development of smart materials and green process for the recovery of precious (Pt, Pd, Au, Ag) and heavy metals(Hg, Pb) from the electronic waste and wastewater
- 2. Development of smart adsorbents for the recovery of rare-earth elements from the coal waste and electronic wastes
- 3. Development of composite nanofiber membrane for the recovery of lithium from the seawater
- 4. Development of MIP adsorbents and battery system for the separation of Co and Li ions from the electronic wastes and spent catalysts.
- 5. Removal of Cesium and Strontium ions through the ligand-metal complex mechanism

#### < WATER MEMBRANE>

- Synthesis of composite FO membranes with modified GO and silicene and magnetic-PIL draw solutes
- 7. Development of supported ionic liquid/liquid membrane for the recovery of alcohol
- 8. Investigation of the biofouling mechanism and development of anti-biofouling membrane using modified hydrophilic composite membrane

- 9. Development of extractive composite membrane and investigation of the transport mechanism for the removal of HAs and VOCs from surface water
- 10. Membrane gas separation using PDMS hollow fiber composite membrane for the separation of VOCs (i.e., BTEX and TCE compounds) and strategy optimization for the mass production of hollow fiber membrane
- 11. Development of hollow fiber composite membrane for the separation of CO<sub>2</sub> from biogas produced by the anaerobic digestion of food (organic) waste

### <BIOREFINERY PRODUCTS IN E. COLI>

12. Production and recovery of bioalcohol and biorefinery products from seaweed: (1) pretreatment of biomass, such as brown and red algae using noble nanocatalyst and ionic liquids; (2) chemical conversion of carbohydrates using ionic liquid and bifunctional catalyst; (3) One-pot production of AHG and galactose using immobilized beta-agarases from *Gelidium*; (4) Biorefinery production of ethanol, 1,2,4-butanediol, ethylene glycol, glycolic acid from C<sub>5</sub> xylose carbon through Dahms and Weimberg pathways using recombinant *E. coli*; (5) CCR study using cellobiose and xylose in *E. coli*; (6) integration of fermentation and membrane separation, (7) catalytic hydrogenation of fatty acid into alcohol, and (8) production of biorefinery fuels/chemicals through combined biological and chemical processes

### <u> < ENVIRONMENTAL BIOREMEDIATION></u>

- 13. Establishment of lab and pilot scales biofiltration for the treatment of odorous and halogenated VOCs (gas absorption combined with biofiltration, biotrickling, bioscrubbing filter)
- 14. Nitrification/denitrification of high nitrate-containing wastewater using sulfur-oxidizing bacteria (production of advanced matrix for the removal of N and P), and characterization of microbial communities by FISH
- 15. Development of aerated membrane reactor system for the treatment of wastewater and production of potable water
- 16. Development of automatic control processing technology for the composting of food wastes and sewage sludge, and anaerobic digestion technology using food waste washing solution and sludge (Microbes to accelerate the fermentation rate and reduce the odor during composting, optimum processing strategies using sensor, pilot scale of technology)
- 17. Investigation of the total water basin pollution for the Seoul metropolitan area, including point and nonpoint sources
- 18. Scale up of Grease Trap Cleaner (GTC) with lipid-degrading microbes and utilization of GTC for the treatment of wastewater from small restaurants
- 19. Bioremediation of oil- or grease-polluted soils using oil-degrading microbes and determination of field operating conditions

20. Environmental assessment of the toxicity of effluents/wastewater using *Daphnia* and molecular biology tools

#### PUBLICATIONS (2010-2019)

- "Ionophore-Decorated Phosphazene-Functionalized Magnetic Graphene Oxide as a Composite Adsorbent Material for Selective Lithium Ion Recovery from Seawater" Journal of Material Chemistry A (in preparation)
- 2. "Regioselective functionalization of GO: magnetic functionalization and CE decoration via click chemistry and diazonium chemistry" ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces (in preparation)
- 3. "Hydrophilic polysulfides as composite microfibers for high-performance Hg<sup>2+</sup>sequestration" Chemical Engineering Journal (in preparation)
- 4. "Ionic liquid pretreatment in tandem with recombinant agarase cocktail saccharification of *Gelidium amansii* for D-Galactose and 3,6-Anhydro-L-Galactose production" ACS Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering (accepted 2019)
- 5. "Aqueous Synthesis of 14-15-Membered Crown Ethers with Mixed O, N and S Heteroatoms: Experimental and Theoretical Binding Studies with Platinum-Group Metals" ChemPlusChem, vol 84(2), pp 210-221, (February 2019) DOI: 10.1002/cplu.201800541
- "Improved cell growth and biosynthesis of glycolic acid by overexpression of membrane-bound pyridine nucleotide transhydrogenase" Journal of Industrial Microbiology & Biotechnology, vol 46(2), pp 159-169,(Dec 15, 2018) doi: 10.1007/s10295-018-2117-2
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- 11. " $Li_{1-x}Ni_{0.33}Co_{1/3}Mn_{1/3}O_2/Ag$  for electrochemical lithium recovery from brine" Chemical Engineering Journal, vol 348, pp 1000-1011, (September 15, 2018) DOI: 10.1016/j.cej.2018.05.030
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- 13. "Draft genome sequence of newly isolated agarolytic bacteria *Cellulophaga omnivescoria* sp. nov. W5C carrying several gene loci for marine polysaccharide degradation" Current Microbiology, vol 75(7), pp 925-933, (July 2018) doi: 10.1007/s00284-018-1467-3
- 14. . "Performance Evaluation of Poly-Urethane Foam Packed-Bed Chemical Scrubber for the Oxidative Absorption of  $NH_3$  and  $H_2S$  Gases" Journal of Environmental Science and Health Part, vol 53(1), pp 25-32, (Jan 2018). doi.org/10.1080/10934529.2017.1366243
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