

# Curriculum Vitae

## ■ Personal Information

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## ■ Professional Experience

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Oct 2018 – Current **Senior Researcher, Korea Institute of Science and Technology Jeonbuk Institute of Advanced Composite Materials, Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea.**  
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## ■ Academic Experience

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Sep 2016 – Sep 2018 **Postdoctoral Associate, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.**  
Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Christopher J. Ellison

Sep 2015 – Aug 2016 **Postdoctoral Associate, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea.**  
Department of Chemistry  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Byeong-Hyeok Sohn

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## ■ Educational Background

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- Mar 2009 – Aug 2015 **Ph.D. in Chemistry, Seoul National University.**  
Department of Chemistry (division of polymer chemistry)  
Dissertation Title: Arrays of ordered nanostructures synthesized from diblock copolymers and their micelles for large-area graphene nanopatterning  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Byeong-Hyeok Sohn
- Mar 2005 – Feb 2009 **B.S. in Chemistry, Seoul National University.**  
Department of Chemistry  
(double major) **B.S. in Physics, Seoul National University.**  
Department of Physics and Astronomy
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## ■ Theses

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- [1] Kim, S.-S. Arrays of ordered nanostructures synthesized from diblock copolymers and their micelles for large-area graphene nanopatterning. Ph.D. Dissertation, Seoul National University, Seoul, 2015.
- [2] Kim, S.-S. Concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  measured by Cameleon based on fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) spectroscopy. B.S. Thesis (Chemistry), Seoul National University, Seoul, 2009.
- [3] Kim, S.-S. Application of polymer nanocomposite to photovoltaic cells. B.S. Thesis (Physics), Seoul National University, Seoul, 2009.
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## ■ Honors and Awards

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- 2014 Best presenter award, The Polymer Society of Korea.
- 2013 Best poster award, Germany-Korean Polymer Symposium (GKPS).
- 2011 Best poster award, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Nanotechnology Materials and Device Conference (NMDC).
- 2011 Kwanjeong educational foundation scholarship
- 2009 Graduation with honor (*Summa Cum Laude*), Seoul National University.
- 2006, 2009 Prize for exceptional performance, College of Natural Sciences, Seoul National University.
- 2005–2010 National science & technology scholarship, the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, Republic of Korea.
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## ■ List of Peer-Reviewed Publications (latest publication first)

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- [29] Lau, C. M. <sup>†</sup>; Kim, S.-S. <sup>†</sup>; Lillie, L.; Tolman, W. B.\*; Reineke, T. M.\*; Ellison, C. J.\* Structural Basis for the Different Mechanical Behaviors of Two Chemically Analogous, Carbohydrate-derived Thermosets. *ACS Macro Lett.* **2021**, *10* (5), 609-615.
- [28] Choi, S. E.; Kim, S.-S.; Choi, E.; Kim, J. H.; Choi, Y.; Kang, J.; Kwon, O.; Kim, D. W.\* Structural basis for the different mechanical behaviors of two chemically analogous, carbohydrate-derived thermosets. *Sci. Rep.* **2021**, *11*, 9518.
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- [26] Lee, Y.; Lee, D. H.; Kim, B.-J.; Chung, Y.-S.; Kim, S.-S.\*; Lee, S.\* Enhancing physical properties of mesophase pitch-based graphite fibers by modulating initial stabilization temperature. *J. Ind. Eng. Chem.* **2021**, *94*, 397-407.
- [25] Choi, Y.; Kim, S.-S.; Kim, J. H.; Kang, J.; Choi, E.; Choi, S. E.; Kim, J. P.; Kwon, O.; Kim, D. W.\* Graphene oxide nanoribbon hydrogel: viscoelastic behavior and use as a molecular separation membrane. *ACS Nano* **2020**, *14* (9), 12195-12202..
- [24] Koh, J. H.; Zhu, Q.; Asano, Y.; Maher, M. J.; Ha, H.; Kim, S.-S.; Cater, H. L.; Mapesa, E. U.; Sangoro, J. R.; Ellison, C. J.; Lynd, N. A.; Grant Willson, C.\* Unusual thermal properties of certain poly(3,5-disubstituted styrene)s. *Macromolecules* **2020**, *53* (13), 5504-5511.
- [23] Choi, J.; Kim, S.-S.; Chung, Y.-S.; Lee, S.\* Evolution of structural inhomogeneity in polyacrylonitrile fibers by oxidative stabilization. *Carbon* **2020**, *165*, 225-237.
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- [3] Kim, Y.-J.; Tukiman, H.; Lee, C.-H.; Kim, S.-S.; Park, J.; Sohn, B.-H.; Kim, M.; Yi, G.-C.; Jung, R.; Liu, C.\* Hydrothermal growth of ZnO microstructures on Ar plasma treated graphite. *Curr. Appl. Phys.* **2013**, *14* (3), 269-274.
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- [1] Shin, H. Y.; Jo, S. M.; Kim, S.-S.\* Oxidative depolymerization of lignin assisted by potassium *tert*-butoxide and its effect on color and UV absorption. *Submitted*.
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## ■ Conference Presentations

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- [28] Kim, S.-S.; UV-assisted oxidative cross-linking for the efficient manufacturing of lignin-derived carbon fibers. Fall Meeting of the Polymer Society of Korea, Gyeongju, Korea, Oct 21-22, 2021.
- [27] Kim, S.-S.; Lau, C. M.; Lillie, L. M.; Tolman, W. B.; Reineke, T. M.; Ellison, C. J. Degradable thermoset fibers containing renewable carbohydrate-derived diol subunits. The 258th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA, Aug 25-29, 2019.
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- [18] Kim, S.-S.; Sohn, B.-H. Pt nanostructures synthesized from diblock copolymers and their micelles to tailor large-area graphene. Materials Research Society Fall Meetings & Exhibits, Boston, MA, Nov 30-Dec 5, 2014.
- [17] Kim, S.-S.; Sohn, B.-H. Diblock copolymers and their micelles to fabricate catalytic Pt nanostructures for graphene etching. Fall Meeting of the Polymer Society of Korea, Jeju, Korea, Oct 6-8, 2014.
- [16] Kim, S.-S.; Kang, H.; Sohn, B.-H. Reduced graphene oxide films tailored by Pt nanostructures synthesized from diblock copolymers and their micelles. Spring Meeting of the Polymer Society of Korea, Daejeon, Korea, Apr 10-11, 2014.
- [15] Kim, S.-S.; Park, M. J.; Hong, B.H.; Sohn, B.-H. Arrays of Pt nanoparticles synthesized from diblock copolymer micelles for the perforation of graphene films. Korea-Germany International Research Training Group Symposium on Self-Organized Materials for Optoelectronics. Daejeon, Korea, Feb 17-22, 2014.
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- [13] Kim, S.-S.; Sohn, B.-H. Complex arrays of titania nanostructures and metal nanoparticles fabricated by diblock copolymers and their micelles. The 112nd General Meeting of the Korean Chemical Society, Changwon, Korea, Oct 16-18, 2013.
- [12] Kim, S.-S.; Kim, J.-H.; Sohn, B.-H. Nanopatterning of reduced graphene oxide films by arrays of nanoparticles fabricated by diblock copolymer micelles. German-Korean Polymer Symposium, Hamburg, Germany, Aug 26-30, 2013.
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- [10] Kim, S.-S.; Kim, Y.-R.; Sohn, B.-H. Graphene films with arrays of nanoparticles by diblock copolymer micelles and their electrochemical properties. Korea-Germany International Research Training Group Symposium on Self-Organized Materials for Optoelectronics. Seoul, Korea, Feb 25-28, 2013.
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  - [4] Kim, S.-S.; Kim, J.-H.; Chae, S.; Sohn, B.-H. Graphene nanodot arrays by diblock copolymer micelles. Spring Meeting of the Polymer Society of Korea, Daejeon, Korea, Apr 7-8, 2011.
  - [3] Kim, S.-S.; Lee, Y.; Sohn, B.-H. Fabrication of nanostructured inorganic materials by self-assemblies of diblock copolymers. The 241st American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition, Anaheim, CA, Mar 27-31, 2011.
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## ■ Patents

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  - [2] Sohn, B.-H.; Seo, M.-S.; Kim, S.-S.; Han, C.-S. Transferring method of nanorod. KR 10-1754783, Jun 30, 2017.
  - [1] Sohn, B.-H.; Han, C.-S.; Woo, J. Y.; Kim, S.-S. Fabricating method of graphene decorated with nanoparticles. KR 10-1620875-0000, May 9, 2016.
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## ■ Personal Skills

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- Research (polymer)**
- Synthesis of copolymers by free radical polymerization
  - Fabrication and characterization of polymeric thin films
  - Self-assembly of diblock copolymers and their micelles
  - Microscopic characterization
    - atomic force microscope
    - scanning electron microscope
    - transmission electron microscope
  - Mechanical/rheological characterization
    - uniaxial tensile test
    - dynamic mechanical analysis
    - rheometer
  - Thermal characterization
    - differential scanning calorimetry
    - thermogravimetric analysis
  - Small- and wide-angle X-ray scattering technique
  - Electron beam lithography
- Research (chemistry)**
- Functionalization of biorenewable sources and polymers
  - Thiol-ene photopolymerization
  - Chemical characterization
    - one- and two-dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
    - infrared spectroscopy
    - UV-visible light absorption spectroscopy
  - Chemical functionalization of lignin
- Research (carbon)**
- Thermostabilization of precursor fibers (PAN, pitch, and lignin)
  - Accelerated stabilization of plant-derived fibers by irradiation techniques
- Language**
- Korean (native language)
  - English (C1, IELTS: International English Language Testing System)
  - Spanish (A2, DELE: Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera)
  - Japanese (N3, JLPT: 日本語能力試験)
  - Russian and Chinese (basic)
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