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SUMMARY

Chemical engineering graduate passionate about industry decarbonization and sustainable energy solutions. Experienced in process simulation, numerical modelling, and techno-economic analysis, with hands-on research expertise in carbon capture processes and hydrogen economy. Strong background in process optimization, energy storage, and industrial-scale applications of low-carbon technologies.

EDUCATION

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

M.Sc., Chemical Engineering for Energy and Environment

Dec. 2025

Stockholm, Sweden

- Thesis: Dynamic reactor modeling and operational optimization of flexible e-methanol production. ([link](#))
- Fields of interest: Industrial energy processes, combined heat and power, process modelling and optimization, energy storage and conversion, industry decarbonization, carbon capture, and utilization.

Hanyang University

B.S., Chemical Engineering

Feb. 2023

Seoul, South Korea

- Thesis: Simulation and optimization of MDEA-based CO₂ capture process using Aspen HYSYS. ([link](#))
- Fields of interest: Thermodynamics, Reaction engineering, Process optimization.

Nanyang Technological University

Summer Exchange Program

Jul. 2018

Singapore

- Completed “Introduction to Energy” course.

WORK EXPERIENCE

AVEVA

Process Simulation Intern | Solver/Thermo Team, R&D Aveva Process Simulation

Sep. 2024 – Nov. 2024

Lake Forest, California (Remote)

- Expanded the thermodynamic database for AVEVA Process Simulation, enhancing industry adoption of advanced carbon capture technologies (Benfield process, AMP-PZ solvent).
 - Developed electrolyte-NRTL fluid/reaction models for K₂CO₃-CO₂-H₂O and AMP-PZ-CO₂-H₂O systems.
 - Conducted thermophysical property regression using Python scripts to align with experimental data.
- Built process simulation files for headless testing and prepared technical documents on carbon capture processes.

Fraunhofer UMSICHT

Research Assistant | Department of Low Carbon Technologies

Sep. 2022 – Feb. 2023

Oberhausen, Germany

- “Ammonia to Hydrogen” project: a system-level analysis of ammonia decomposition process for hydrogen production.
 - Designed and optimized an Aspen PLUS process simulation for ammonia-to-hydrogen scenarios with techno-economic evaluation.
 - Assembled and tested an electrically heated fixed-bed reactor for ammonia decomposition, optimizing temperature profiles based on activated carbon packing.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS ([link](#))

Techno-economic Analysis of CCUS in Sweden ([link](#))

Dec. 2024

- Modeled MEA-based carbon capture and CO₂ hydrogenation processes using Aspen Plus V14.
- Evaluated economic feasibility for storage and utilization scenarios in Sweden’s cement (Slite) and pulp (Korsnäs) industries.
- Led methanol production process design, optimizing kinetic models and reporting leveled costs for breakeven analysis.

AVEVA Process Simulation Academic Competition 2024 - Hydrogen Economy ([link](#))

Feb. 2024

- Designed a green ammonia synthesis process integrating solar hydrogen production in AVEVA Process Simulation.
- Optimized heat integration using high- and low-pressure steam, comparing EAOC and NPV against pipeline transport.
- The simulation and technical report entries in the three-part project won “Best Overall” prize in Europe.

Metal Recovery Using Supercritical CO₂ ([link](#))

Feb. 2024

- Investigated scCO₂ extraction for recovering rare earth elements and heavy metals from coal fly ash, ores, and batteries.
- Demonstrated industrial potential with recovery rates up to 97% for uranium and 90% for rare earth elements.
- Assessed the technology readiness level (TRL 4) and selectivity challenges for industrial implementation.

Nickel-rich Electrodes for Li-ion Batteries ([link](#))

Dec. 2023

- Reviewed Ni-rich electrodes for lithium-ion batteries, highlighting their structural configurations, degradation mechanisms, and commercial applications.
- Identified performance limitations and degradation during cycling, and challenges in finding suitable electrolytes.
- Addressed the need to replace cobalt in existing electrodes and the overall impact on the commercial viability of Ni-rich materials.

Pressurized Pilot-scale Fluidized Bed Gasifier: A Risk Analysis ([link](#))

Dec. 2023

- Conducted a Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA) and What-if analysis on an existing gasification plant at KTH.
- Provided risk assessments and recommendations for process safety enhancements.

Thermodynamic Analysis of a Biomass-fueled Combined Heat and Power Plant with a Fuel Drier ([link](#))

Oct. 2023

- Thermodynamic analysis of the system components (compressors, turbines, heat exchangers, and a drier).
- Presented graphical results from pinch analysis and heat exchange calculations.
- Economic analysis based on different scenarios varying electricity, fuel, and green certificate prices.

Simulation and Optimization of MDEA-based CO₂ Capture Process ([link](#))

Jun. 2022

- Developed Aspen HYSYS simulations for process optimization and sensitivity analysis.
- Verified the relationship between absorber L/G ratio, CO₂ recovery, lean loading, and specific reboiler duty.

NRTL Parameter Optimization for Alkane/Sulfolane Binary Mixtures ([link](#))

Nov. 2021

- Optimized NRTL parameters to accurately calculate liquid-liquid equilibria using MATLAB.
- Achieved improved accuracy by adding a linear term to the τ term in the conventional model.

Estimation of Energy Penalty in Post-Combustion CCS ([link](#))

Jun. 2021

- Estimated energy consumption of CO₂ compression and refrigeration using Lee-Kesler equation of state programmed in MATLAB.
- Optimized compression processes for high-pressure storage and low-pressure transport pathways.

Eigenfaces: Face Recognition Machine Learning Algorithm ([link](#))

Dec. 2020

- Developed a face recognition machine learning algorithm in MATLAB using PCA and SVD.
- Trained on Yale_B dataset and successfully identified faces outside the training set.
- Applied dimensionality reduction and pattern recognition techniques for real-world image data. Built a face image recognition algorithm using MATLAB.

COMPUTER SKILLS

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- **Programming:** MATLAB, Python, Fortran, MS Excel VBA (Intermediate level); MS Visual C++, C (Basic level)
 - **Application:** AVEVA Process Simulation, Aspen HYSYS, Aspen PLUS, COMSOL; MS Office

LANGUAGES

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- Korean: Native
 - English: Proficient
 - Swedish: Beginner

OTHER

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- Hobbies: Jazz performance/composition, Linux ricing