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RESEARCH FOCUSES

- Biocompatible materials for human health
- Neuromodulation, neurostimulation, nerve conduction block
- Wireless energy transfer for implantable medical devices
- Pathogen control with static electricity
- Energy harvesting for sensor applications

DEGREE & EDUCATION

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California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Advisor: Prof. Wei Gao

Postdoctoral Fellow in Advanced Functional Polymers Research Center

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Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT), Advisor: Dr. Yun Ho Kim

Ph.D in Advanced Material Science & Engineering

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Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), Advisor: Prof. Sang-Woo Kim

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B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Mar 2013 – Feb 2019

Hanyang University (HYU), Advisor: Prof. Se-Jin Yook

AWARD & HONORS

- **Sejong Science Fellowship** (Domestic Track, 2024-2029, **100,000,000 KRW/year**)
- PSK-INNOX Young Researcher Award by the Korea Polymer Society of Korea (2024)
- Samsung Humantech Silver Medal (2023)
- The Best Outstanding Master/Ph.D Student Award, BK21 Program (2022)
- Best Presentation Award (NCC 2022)
- Excellent Student Presentation Award (ECS 242nd Meeting, 2022)
- SKKU Research Matters (2021)
- SKKU Best Paper Award (2021)
- Best Paper Award (PVSEC-30 & GPVC 2020)
- Energy Technology Innovation Ideas (Ministry of Commerce Industry and Energy, 2019)
- Outstanding Poster Presentation Award (12th TBIS, 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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First Authored Papers

1. **Y.-J. Kim#**, Y. Chung#, J.-H. Hwang, J.-M. Jeong, B. Kim, D. Kang, B.-O. Choi, H.-J. Yoon*, S.-W. Kim*, [Acoustic Impedance Mismatching for Efficient Ultrasound Energy Harvesting Using Triboelectric Nanogenerators](#), *Advanced Energy Materials*, *in press*
2. **Y.-J. Kim#**, S.-H. Kim#, B.-J. Park#, J. Jeon, D. Kang, Y. Chung, J.-H. Hwang, H.-J. Yoon, K. H. Lee*, B.-O. Choi*, S.-W. Kim*, [Wireless and bioresorbable triboelectric nerve block system for postoperative pain control](#), *Nature Biomedical Engineering* (2026), *Covered by ScienMag, Bioengineer, and domestic news*
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4. **Y.-J. Kim#**, J. Hwang#, B.-J. Park, Y. Chung, S. H. Choi, S.-H. Kim, D. H. Park, Y. Lee, S. Yoo, J. Park, J. C. Won, S. H. Nam, B.-O. Choi, S.-W. Kim*, Y. H. Kim*, [Nanoparticle-Stabilized Porous Composite Architectures for Ultrasound-Driven Triboelectric Energy Harvesters in Soft Implantable Electronics](#), *ACS Nano* 19, 40994–41003 (2025)
5. N. G. Kim#, J. M. Jang#, **Y.-J. Kim#**, J. Y. Kim, D. Kang, J. Park, J. C. Won, S.-W. Kim, D. W. Kim, S. J. Kim, Y. H. Kim, [Scalable and Eco-friendly Production of Flexible, Hierarchical Porous MXene/Polyimide Composites with Superior Electromagnetic Interference Shielding](#), *Composites Part B: Engineering* 304, 112805 (2025)
6. Y. Chung#, H. Yuan#, Z. Wang, J.-M. Jeong, B.-J. Park, J.-H. Hwang, S.-J. Suh, B.-O. Choi, H. Park, **Y.-J. Kim***, K. Dai*, S.-W. Kim*, [Acoustic Tunable Battery-Free Implants Based on Sustainable Triboelectric Nanogenerators with Metal-Polymer Intermixing Layers](#), *Advanced Energy Materials* 15, 2403712 (2025), *selected as a cover image of the journal issue*
7. **Y.-J. Kim#**, Z.-Y. Huo#*, H. Dai, D.-M. Lee, I.-Y. Suh, J.-H. Hwang, Y. Chung, H. Y. Lee, Y. Du, W. Ding, X. Wang, S.-W. Kim*, [Body-coupled energy enabling unrestricted microbial disinfection using polymer nanorods](#), *Nature Water* 2, 360-369 (2024), *Covered by News & Views in Nature Water, Highlighted in Nature* 628, 693 (2024)
8. **Y.-J. Kim#**, J. Lee#, J.-H. Hwang#, Y. Chung, B. J. Park, J. Kim, S.-H. Kim, H.-J. Yoon, S.-M. Park*, S.-W. Kim*, [High-performing and capacitive-matched triboelectric implants driven by ultrasound](#), *Advanced Materials* 36, 2307194 (2024), *Covered by Forbes, Parkinson's News Today, News-medical, etc.*
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10. **Y.-J. Kim#**, H. T. Kim#, J. H. Lee#, I.-Y. Suh, S.-W. Kim*, [Self-powered Fine Dust Filtration System Using Triboelectrification Induced Electric Field](#), *Nanoscale Research Letters* 17, 1-9 (2022)
11. M. Kang#, N.-Y. Jang#, **Y.-J. Kim#**, H.-J. Ro#, D. Kim, Y. Kim, H. T. Kim, H. M. Kwon, J.-H. Ahn, B.-O. Choi, N.-H. Cho*, and S.-W. Kim*, [Virus blocking textile for SARS-CoV-2 using human body triboelectric energy harvesting](#), *Cell Reports Physical Science* 3, 100813 (2022)
12. Z.-Y. Huo#, **Y.-J. Kim#**, I.-Y. Suh, D.-M. Lee, J. H. Lee, Y. Du, S. Wang, H.-J. Yoon, and S.-W. Kim*, [Triboelectrification induced self-powered microbial disinfection using nanowire-enhanced localized electric field](#), *Nature Communications* 12, 1-11 (2021) *Covered by domestic news (Dong-A Ilbo, etc.)*

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14. Y. Chung, S. Choudhury, **Y.-J. Kim**, I.-Y. Suh, K. Dai, S.-W. Kim, [Ultrasound-Powered, Battery-Free](#)

Implants via Triboelectric Energy Harvesting, *Advanced Materials Technologies* early view, e01451 (2025)

15. Z.-Y. Huo, **Y.-J. Kim**, S.-W. Kim, Contact electrification-induced personal sanitation, *Nature Reviews Clean Technology* (2025)
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17. Y. Chung#, J.-M. Jeong#, J.-H. Hwang#, **Y.-J. Kim**, B.-J. Park, D. S. Cho, Y. Cho, S. J. Suh, B.-O. Choi, H. Park*, H.-J. Yoon*, S.-W. Kim*, Gigantic triboelectric power generation overcoming acoustic energy barrier using metal-liquid coupling, *Joule* 8, 1-15 (2024)
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19. I.-Y. Suh#, Z.-Y. Huo#*, J.-H. Jung#, D. Kang, D.-M. Lee, Y.-J. Kim, B. Kim, J. Jeon, P. Zhao, J. Shin, S. Kim, S.-W. Kim*, Highly efficient microbial inactivation enabled by tunneling charges injected through two-dimensional electronics, *Science Advances* 10, ead15067 (2024)
20. J. Kim#, D.-M. Lee#, H. Ryu, **Y.-J. Kim**, H. Kim, H.-J. Yoon, M. Kang, S. S. Kwak*, S.-W. Kim*, Triboelectric Nanogenerators for Battery-Free Wireless Sensor System Using Multi-Degree of Freedom Vibration, *Advanced Materials Technologies* 9, 2301427 (2024)
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30. Z.-Y. Huo, D.-M. Lee, **Y.-J. Kim**, and S.-W. Kim*, Solar-induced hybrid energy harvesters for advanced oxidation water treatment, *iScience* 24, 102808 (2021) (review articles)
31. Z.-Y. Huo, D.-M. Lee, S. Wang, **Y.-J. Kim**, and S.-W. Kim*, Emerging Energy Harvesting Materials and Devices for Self-Powered Water Disinfection, *Small Methods* 5, 2100093 (2021) (review articles)

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1. KR Application No. 10-2020-0062731, No. 10-2020-0140031, **SEMS Co., Ltd., (85,000,000 KRW)**
2. KR Application No. 10-2020-0099247, **SEMS Co., Ltd., (58,000,000 KRW)**
3. KR Application No. 10-2020-0056913, US Application No. 17/110,673, **SEMS Co., Ltd., (79,000,000 KRW)**
4. KR Application No. 10-2020-0145170, US Application No. 17/510,675 **Energymining Co., Ltd., (300,000,000 KRW)**
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