

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Research interests

- Quantification of the information contents and uncertainty characteristics of aerosol microphysical and optical properties, and the vertical distribution of aerosols using hyperspectral remote sensing measurement
- Retrieval of aerosol optical properties using a multi-channel ocean color sensor onboard a geostationary satellite
- Validation and uncertainty estimation of aerosol optical properties from geostationary satellite using ground-based and other satellite-based observations
- Analysis of aerosol optical properties diurnal variation and long-range transport using a geostationary satellite
- Data assimilation of geostationary satellite aerosol optical properties with air quality modeling
- Relevance between satellite-retrieved aerosol optical properties and ground in-situ particulate matter
- Radiative transfer model calculation

## Professional Records

- 2018-present, Postdoctoral researcher, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, USA
- 2017-2018, Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Yonsei University, Korea, Science advisor: *Prof. Jhoon Kim*, (<http://atrad.yonsei.ac.kr/>)
- 2011-2017, Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Atmospheric Radiation Laboratory, Yonsei University, Korea (<http://atrad.yonsei.ac.kr/>)

## Education

- Ph.D., Department of Atmospheric sciences, Yonsei University, Korea, Aug 2017.  
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Jhoon Kim* (jkim2@yonsei.ac.kr)  
Ph. D thesis title: Retrieval of Aerosol Optical Properties from GOCI: Algorithm Improvement, Analysis and Application to PM  
(Awarded Certificate of Merit from Yonsei University with the Doctoral thesis)
- B.S., Department of Atmospheric sciences, Yonsei University, Korea, Aug 2011.  
(Graduated with High Honors)

## Awards and Scholarship

- Certificate of Merit Award from Yonsei University with the Doctoral thesis, 2018.
- NASA Group Achievement Award for "KORUS-AQ: An International Cooperative Air Quality Field Study in Korea" project, 2017.
- Best Paper Award from BK21-plus research team (Institute of Earth, Atmosphere, and Astronomy), 2017.
- Outstanding Researcher Award for "KORUS-AQ pre-campaign" from the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER), Korea, 2016.
- Graduated with High Honors Award, Yonsei University, 2011.
- Honors Award, Yonsei University, Aug 2008, Aug 2009, Aug 2010, Feb 2011, and Aug 2011.
- BK21 Plus Participation Scholarship (Graduate), Sep 2013-Feb 2017.
- Lotte Scholarship (Graduate), the Lotte Scholarship Foundation, Mar 2012-Feb 2013.
- Lotte Scholarship (Undergraduate), the Lotte Scholarship Foundation, Sep 2009-Aug 2011.

## Visiting experiences and Campaign participations

- Apr 2018, Visiting researcher  
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, USA  
Host: Dr. Dejian Fu ([dejian.fu@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:dejian.fu@jpl.nasa.gov))
- Apr 2018, Visiting researcher  
Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, University of California,  
Los Angeles (UCLA), USA  
Host: Prof. Pablo Saide ([saide@atmos.ucla.edu](mailto:saide@atmos.ucla.edu);  
<https://dept.atmos.ucla.edu/saide>)
- 2015- 2016, KORUS-AQ campaign (2016) and MAPS-Seoul campaign (2015)  
Steering group: *J. Al-Saadi, G. Carmichael, J. Crawford, L. Emmons, S. Kim, C.K. Song, L.S. Chang, G. Lee, J. Kim, and R. Park*  
Task 1: AERONET Korean sites manager  
Task 2: Near-real-time GOCI aerosol optical properties retrieval to support air quality forecasting groups  
<https://espo.nasa.gov/home/korus-aq/content/KORUS-AQ>  
[http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/new\\_web/DRAGON-KORUS-AQ\\_2016.html](http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/new_web/DRAGON-KORUS-AQ_2016.html)
- Jul-Aug 2014, Visiting researcher  
MMM Division, NCAR Earth System Laboratory, Boulder, CO, USA.  
Supervisor: *Dr. Zhiquan Liu*  
Topic: Collaboration in the data assimilation section on the algorithm to improve the accuracy using geostationary satellite-derived aerosol observation
- Jul-Aug 2013, Visiting student  
SSAI and GSFC/NASA, Greenbelt, MD, USA.  
Supervisors: *Dr. P.K. Bhartia, Dr. Omar Torres, Dr. Changwoo Ahn*  
Topic: Improvement of GOCI aerosol retrieval algorithm
- Mar-May 2012, DRAGON-Asia 2012 campaign  
P.I.: *Brent N. Holben*, Korean P.I.: *Jhoon Kim*  
Task: AERONET management

## Technical experiences

- Radiative transfer model
  - User of VLIDORT, libRadtran, 6SV
- Programming language
  - IDL, Fortran, Shell, Perl, Matlab, Python, etc.
- Retrieval experiences
  - Aerosol optical properties retrieval using multi-channel from geostationary satellite
  - Retrieval products: aerosol optical depth, fine-mode fraction, Angstrom exponent, single scattering albedo, dust aerosol index.
- Satellite data
  - GOCI (Geostationary Ocean Color Imager), MODIS, VIIRS, CALIOP, AHI, CAI/GOSAT, etc.
- Ground-based remote sensing data
  - AERONET Cimel sunphotometer, SONET Cimel sunphotometer, SKYNET Skyradiometer, Pandora Spectrophotometer, Dobson Spectrophotometer, Brewer Spectrophotometer

## Volunteered activities

- Reviewer of publications
  - Atmospheric Measurement Techniques, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Remote Sensing-MDPI, Atmospheric Environment, Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics
- Speaker of the Training series titled “High Temporal Resolution Air Quality Observations from Space”, Applied Remote Sensing Training (ARSET) program organized by NASA GSFC, 2018.
  - <https://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/airquality/webinars/2018-geospatial>

## Manuscripts submitted, in review, or in preparation

- Choi, M.** et al., Validation, comparison, and integration of GOCI, AHI, MODIS, MISR, and VIIRS aerosol optical depth over East Asia during 2016 KORUS-AQ campaign, *in prep.*
- Park, S., Shin, M., Im, J., Song, C.-K., **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Lee, S., Park, R., Kim, J., Lee, D.-W., and Kim, S.-K.: Estimation of ground level particulate matter concentrations through the synergistic use of satellite observations and process-based models over South Korea, *Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss.*, [doi:10.5194/acp-2018-647](https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2018-647), *in review.*
- She, Q., **Choi, M.**, Belle, J., Xiao, Q., Bi, J., Huang, K., Meng, X., Geng, G., Kim, J., He, K., Liu, M., and Liu, Y.: Satellite-based estimation of hourly PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels 1 during heavy winter pollution episodes in the Yangtze River Delta, China, *in review.*
- Lee, S., Kim, J., **Choi, M.**, Hong, J., Lim, H., Eck, T. E., Holben, B. N., Ahn, J.-Y., Kim, J., and Koo, J.-H.: Analysis of long-range transboundary transport (LRTT) effect on Korean aerosol pollution during the KORUS-AQ campaign, *submitted.*

## Publications in peer-reviewed international journal

- [14] Goto, D., Kikuchi, M., Suzuki, K., Hayasaki, M., Yoshida, M., Nagao, T. M., **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Sugimoto, N., Shimizu, A., Oikawa, E., and Nakajima, T.: Aerosol model evaluation using two geostationary satellites over East Asia in May 2016, *Atmospheric Research*, 217, 93-113, doi:10.1016/j.atmosres.2018.10.016, 2019.
- [13] Lennartson, E. M., Wang, J., Gu, J., Castro Garcia, L., Ge, C., Gao, M., **Choi, M.**, Saide, P. E., Carmichael, G. R., Kim, J., and Janz, S. J.: Diurnal variation of aerosol optical depth and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in South Korea: a synthesis from AERONET, satellite (GOCI), KORUS-AQ observation, and the WRF-Chem model, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 18, 15125-15144, doi:10.5194/acp-18-15125-2018, 2018.
- [12] Lee, S., Hong, J., Cho, Y., **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Park, S. S., Ahn, J. Y., Kim, S. K., Moon, K. J., Eck, T. F., Holben, B. N., and Koo, J. H.: Characteristics of Classified Aerosol Types in South Korea during the MAPS-Seoul Campaign, *Aerosol and Air Quality Research*, 18, 2195-2206, doi:10.4209/aaqr.2017.11.0474, 2018.
- [11] Eck, T. F., Holben, B. N., Reid, J. S., Xian, P., Giles, D. M., Sinyuk, A., Smirnov, A., Schafer, J. S., Slutsker, I., Kim, J., Koo, J.-H., **Choi, M.**, Kim, K. C., Sano, I., Arola, A., Sayer, A. M., Levy, R. C., Munchak, L. A., O'Neill, N. T., Lyapustin, A., Hsu, N. C., Randles, C. A., Da Silva, A. M., Buchard, V., Govindaraju, R. C., Hyer, E., Crawford, J. H., Wang, P., and Xia, X.: Observations of the Interaction and Transport of Fine Mode Aerosols With Cloud and/or Fog in Northeast Asia From Aerosol Robotic Network and Satellite Remote Sensing, *J Geophys Res-Atmos*, 123, 5560-5587, doi:10.1029/2018JD028313, 2018.
- [10] Lim, H., **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Kasai, Y., and Chan, P.: AHI/Himawari-8 Yonsei Aerosol Retrieval (YAER): Algorithm, Validation and Merged Products, *Remote Sens-Basel*, 10, 699, doi:10.3390/rs10050699, 2018.
- [09] Holben, B. N., Kim, J., Sano, I., Mukai, S., Eck, T. F., Giles, D. M., Schafer, J. S., Sinyuk, A., Slutsker, I., Smirnov, A., Sorokin, M., Anderson, B. E., Che, H., **Choi, M.**, Crawford, J. H., Ferrare, R. A., Garay, M. J., Jeong, U., Kim, M., Kim, W., Knox, N., Li, Z., Lim, H. S., Liu, Y., Maring, H., Nakata, M., Pickering, K. E., Piketh, S., Redemann, J., Reid, J. S., Salinas, S., Seo, S., Tan, F., Tripathi, S. N., Toon, O. B., and Xiao, Q.: An overview of mesoscale aerosol processes, comparisons, and validation studies from DRAGON networks, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 18, 655-671, doi:10.5194/acp-18-655-2018, 2018.
- [08] **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Lee, J., Kim, M., Park, Y.-J., Holben, B., Eck, T. F., Li, Z., and Song, C. H.: GOCI Yonsei aerosol retrieval version 2 products: an improved algorithm and error analysis with uncertainty estimation from 5-year validation over East Asia, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 11, 385-408, doi:10.5194/amt-11385-2018, 2018.
- [07] Lee, S., Kim, M., **Choi, M.**, Go, S., Kim, J., Kim, J.-H., Lim, H.-K., Jeong, U., Goo, T.-Y., Kuze, A., Shiomi, K., and Tatsuya, Y.: Aerosol Property Retrieval Algorithm over Northeast Asia from TANSOCAI Measurements Onboard GOSAT, *Remote Sens.*, 9, 687, doi:10.3390/rs9070687, 2017.
- [06] Go, S., Kim, M., Kim, J., Park, S., Jeong, U., and **Choi, M.**: Detection of Absorbing Aerosol Using Single Near-UV Radiance Measurements from a Cloud and Aerosol Imager, *Remote Sens.*, 9, 378, doi:10.3390/rs9040378, 2017.
- [05] **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Lee, J., Kim, M., Park, Y.-J., Jeong, U., Kim, W., Hong, H., Holben, B., Eck, T. F., Song, C. H., Lim, J.-H., and Song, C.-K.: GOCI Yonsei Aerosol Retrieval (YAER) algorithm and

validation during the DRAGON-NE Asia 2012 campaign, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 9, 1377-1398, [doi:10.5194/amt-9-1377-2016](https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-9-1377-2016), 2016.

- [04] Xiao, Q., Zhang, H., **Choi, M.**, Li, S., Kondragunta, S., Kim, J., Holben, B., Levy, R. C., and Liu, Y.: Evaluation of VIIRS, GOCI, and MODIS Collection 6 AOD retrievals against ground sunphotometer observations over East Asia, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 16, 1255-1269, [doi:10.5194/acp-16-1255-2016](https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-16-1255-2016), 2016.
- [03] Lee, S., Song, C. H., Park, R. S., Park, M. E., Han, K. M., Kim, J., **Choi, M.**, Ghim, Y. S., and Woo, J.-H.: GIST-PM-Asia v1: development of a numerical system to improve particulate matter forecasts in South Korea using geostationary satellite-retrieved aerosol optical data over Northeast Asia, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 9, 17-39, [doi:10.5194/gmd-9-17-2016](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-9-17-2016), 2016.
- [02] Xu, J.-W., Martin, R. V., van Donkelaar, A., Kim, J., **Choi, M.**, Zhang, Q., Geng, G., Liu, Y., Ma, Z., Huang, L., Wang, Y., Chen, H., Che, H., Lin, P., and Lin, N.: Estimating ground-level PM<sub>2.5</sub> in eastern China using aerosol optical depth determined from the GOCI satellite instrument, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 15, 13133-13144, [doi:10.5194/acp-15-13133-2015](https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-15-13133-2015), 2015.
- [01] Saide, P. E., Kim, J., Song, C. H., **Choi, M.**, Cheng, Y., and Carmichael, G. R.: Assimilation of next generation geostationary aerosol optical depth retrievals to improve air quality simulations, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 41, 9188-9196, [doi:10.1002/2014GL062089](https://doi.org/10.1002/2014GL062089), 2014.

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- [3] Kim, D.-R., Choi, W.-J., **Choi, M.**, Kim, J., Cho, A., Kim, S.-K., Kim, J., and Moon, K.-J.: Analysis of Aerosol Optical Properties for High Particulate Matters and Light Asian Dust in Seoul Using GOCI, *J. Korean Soc. Atmos. Environ.*, 33, 233-240, [doi:10.5572/KOSAE.2017.33.3.233](https://doi.org/10.5572/KOSAE.2017.33.3.233), 2017.
- [2] Lim, H., **Choi, M.**, Kim, M., Kim, J., and Chan, P. W.: Retrieval and Validation of Aerosol Optical Properties Using Japanese Next Generation Meteorological Satellite, Himawari-8, *Korean J. Remote Sens.*, 32, 681-691, [doi:10.7780/kjrs.2016.32.6.12](https://doi.org/10.7780/kjrs.2016.32.6.12), 2016.
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- Choi, M.**, J. Kim, M. Kim, and H. Lim, 2016: Aerosol remote sensing in South Korea using geostationary satellites, *15th CAS-TWAS-WMO Forum / 15th AeroCOM / 4th AeroSAT workshops*, Beijing, China.

- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2016: Aerosol retrieval algorithm using the geostationary ocean color imager and validation during the 2012, 2015, and 2016 Campaigns, *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Asia Oceania Geosciences Society*, Beijing, China.
- Choi, M.** and coauthors, 2016: Geostationary Ocean Color Imager (GOCI) Yonsei aerosol retrieval algorithm (YAER) and validation during DRAGON-NE Asia 2012, *2016 International Radiation Symposium*, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Choi, M.** and coauthors, 2015: Analysis of aerosol optical properties over Korea during the 2015 MAPS-Seoul campaign using AERONET, GOCI, and MI, *2015 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2015: GOCI Yonsei aerosol retrievals during 2012 DRAGON-NE Asia and 2015 MAPS-Seoul campaigns, *The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia/Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference*, Tokyo, Japan.
- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2015: Diurnal variation of Aerosol optical depth and Angstrom exponent from Geostationary Ocean Color Imager (GOCI) Yonsei Aerosol Retrieval (YAER) algorithm, *2015 European Geosciences Union General Assembly*, Vienna, Austria.
- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2014: Evaluation of GOCI Yonsei aerosol retrieval (YAER) algorithm products over East Asia, *2014 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2014: Improvement of GOCI Yonsei Aerosol retrieval algorithm and validation during DRAGON campaign: Surface reflectance issue according to land, clear water and turbid water, *The 11th Japan-Korea Workshop on Ocean Color Remote Sensing*, Ansan, Korea.
- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2014: Improvement of AOD retrieval from GOCI over East Asia with obtained from DRAGON-2012 campaign, *2014 International Aerosol Conference*, Busan, Korea.
- Choi, M.,** M. Kim, J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2013: Improvement in AOD retrieval from geostationary measurement over the ASIA with obtained AOP from DRAGON-2012 campaign, *2013 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Choi, M.,** J. Kim, and J. Lee, 2013: Improvement of aerosol retrieval using Geostationary Ocean Color Imager, *2013 European Geosciences Union General Assembly*, Vienna, Austria.