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#### A. Full CV

#### **Education**

- Ph.D.: Environmental Engineering, National Central University, Taiwan, 1996
- B.S.: Environmental Science, Tung-Hai University, Taiwan, 1990

#### **Appointments**

- **CEO of Air Quality Research Center**, Research Center for Environmental Changes, Academia Sinica (January 2021 – present)
- Research Fellow, Research Center for Environmental Changes, Academia Sinica (March 2012 present)
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, National Taiwan University (August 2013 present)
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, National Central University (August 2013 present)

#### Honors & Awards

- Invited Speaker, The 2nd Topical Workshop on Transport and Transformation of Pollutants from European and Asian Major Population Centres. Bremen, Germany, 2018.
- Invited Speaker, 2017 Joint IAPSO-IAMAS-IAGA Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Topical Workshop on Transport and Transformation of Pollutants from European and Asian Major Population Centres. Bremen, Germany, 2017.
- Significant Research Achievement of Academia Sinica, 2015
- Significant Research Achievement of Academia Sinica, 2013
- Significant Research Achievement of Academia Sinica, 2011
- Invited Speaker, 6th Annual Meeting of AOGS, Singapore, 2009
- TAO Most Cited Article Award, Chinese Geoscience Union, 2009
- TAAR Chiu-Sen Award, Taiwan Aerosol Research Association, 2008
- Significant Research Achievement of Academia Sinica, 2005

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### **Other Activities**

- SSC member, the International Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution (iCACGP) (2019 present)
- International SSC member, the Effect of Megacities on the transport and transformation of pollutants on the Regional and Global scales (EMeRGe,) (2017 – present)
- Associate Editor, Atmospheric Research (2013 present)
- Committee Member, Panel committee of Earth Science Research Promotion Center, MOST, Taiwan (2016 2020)
- Committee Member, Panel committee of Atmospheric Sciences, MOST, Taiwan (2016 2018)

#### **B.** Major Achievements and Contributions (2016-present)

• Long-term study on the East-Asian pollution outflows and background air quality around Taiwan

The East-Asia (EA), in particular the eastern and northern China, is one of the major source regions of air pollutants in the world. The pollutants transported on the EA continental outflows could have significant impacts to the air quality and radiation budget in this region. Thus, I have started investigation on the physico-chemical properties of EA outflow aerosols since I joined RCEC in 2001. One of the major tasks was to establish a long-term research station at a representative site. Cape Fuguei locates exactly at the northern tip of Taiwan (25°17'52.8" N, 121°32'16.8" E). This advantage allows the Cape Fuguei Research Station (CAFÉ) to be representative for investigation of Asian outflow air-mass under northeasterly monsoons without contamination of local pollution. I setup research facilities and started regular measurement of aerosol concentration and composition at CAFÉ Station since 2003. Observation of air pollutants have been performed at the CAFÉ research station for ~ 20 years, which is essential to studies on the changes of regional atmospheric composition. Moreover, this station is now serving as the national monitoring station of background air quality.

Recent research outcomes of this research station include: 1.) Cheung et al. (2020) indicated that gas-to-particle conversion processes could have played a significant role in the budget of aerosols in the study area. Based on our observation, this study raised hypothesis to elucidate how the newly formed nano-particles influence the activity of CCN, which has further evidenced the scientific argument of aerosol-cloud interaction. 2.) Droste et al., (2020) revealed that surface PFCs levels were enhanced around Taiwan, which evidenced the special climate impacts of electronic industry in the East Asia. This is the first publication showing this impact with high quality data. 3.) Adcock et al. (2020) assessed the emission of CFC-11 in China. We estimated CFC-11 emissions from China to have increased by  $7 \pm 5$  Gg year<sup>-1</sup> from the 2008–2011 average to the 2014–2018 average, which was  $50 \pm 40\%$  of the estimated increase in global CFC-11 emission.

# • Physico-chemical characterization of urban aerosols with implications for air pollution control strategies

Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) are the major air pollutants in not only Taiwan but also most of the urban areas in the world. Formulation of an effective control strategy for the ambient levels of PM2.5 and O<sub>3</sub> is thereby a great challenge. In the context, physico-chemical studies are critically important to air quality improvement because both O3 and a large fraction of PM2.5 are known as secondary pollutants, which are products of atmospheric chemical reactions among the gaseous precursors emitted from respective pollution sources. I have been dedicated to studies on the formation of ozone and PM2.5 since I joined RCEC, and the research outcomes have helped elucidating the key processes governing the photochemical production of surface ozone and warned the issue of PM2.5 in Central/Southern Taiwan caused by photochemical production of secondary aerosols. Recent major outcomes include: 1.) Salvador et al. (2016) revealed that low molecular weight carboxylic acids (LMWCA, phthalic acid and glutaric acid for instance) constituted a major fraction of secondary organic aerosols in Taipei. This study demonstrated the substantial influences of photochemical oxidation of gaseous hydrocarbons and fatty acids in urban air quality with evidences of fundamental molecular chemistry. 2.) Cheung et al. (2016) revealed that the condensable organic molecules produced from photochemical reactions could have played critical roles in stabilization of the clusters of sulfuric acid and, consequently, formation of new particles in urban environment. This study provided new experimental data to explain the occurrence of new particle burst events in a polluted urban area, which was thought confined in remote clean atmosphere. 3.) Salvador et al. (2020) found that the submicron particles in a forested area contained a significant amount of organonitrate, which were characterized by the molecular skeletons of either isoprene or monoterpenes. This finding evidenced the intrusion of urban air pollution into the forest ecosystem in the downwind area of a major city in Taiwan.

#### C. Future Plan

I am now serving as leading scientist of the newly established Air Quality Research Center (AQRC), a sub-center of RCEC. AQRC is charged by the President of Academia Sinica and the Director of RCEC with the duty of investigation on causes of air pollution in Taiwan and to publish recommendations for a more effective control strategy. To achieve this goal, I'll coordinate the research teams of AQRC to perform the following studies.

• Diagnosis and attribution of air pollution in Central-Western Taiwan: From physical and chemical mechanism to mitigation strategy

This is the flagship project of AQRC, which is supported by the Grand Challenge Program of Academia Sinica. We have identified some knowledge and/or technical issues that prevented us from formulation of an effective air pollution control strategy in Taiwan, which include uncertainties in emission inventory, poor understandings in local circulations and the photochemical production of secondary air pollutants. An integrated approach is proposed accordingly to investigate emissions, transport, and production/transformation of air pollutants. The data will support in-depth studies on the emission inventory, PBL structure and dynamics, and production of secondary air pollutants (O<sub>3</sub> and PM2.5). The outcomes of this study will contribute crucial data and knowledge to the formulation of effective mitigation strategies of air pollution in the Central-Western Taiwan.

• Leading the national mission-oriented project on the development of high resolution air quality forecast and diagnosis model

This is a representative project that bridges our scientific capability to the needs of the society. In order to improve the air quality forecast service in Taiwan, the Ministry of Science and Technology launched a mission-oriented program in 2017. Dr. Charles Chou was assigned to lead the main project of this program. During the last four years, the outcomes of this project have significantly improved the operational forecast of Air Quality Index over Taiwan. In the next 4 years, our on-going tasks aim at further improvement in the spatial resolution of air quality forecast and development of tools for management of urban air quality.

• Long-term study on the East-Asian pollution outflows and background air quality around Taiwan

Observation of air pollutants have been performed at the Cape Fuguei Research Station for nearly 20 years, which is essential to not only studies on the long-term impacts of air pollution to the regional atmospheric composition but also the impacts of transboundary air pollution to Taiwan. International collaboration projects on investigation of regional atmospheric chemistry will keep running at this unique site.