

# John Wong

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2010 – 2013      **Ph.D., Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences**  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Advisors: Dr. Mary Barth (NCAR/ACD), Dr. David Noone (CU)  
*Dissertation: Upper Tropospheric Ozone Enhancement during the North American Monsoon Evaluated using WRF-Chem*  
Defense date: August 23, 2013
- 2008– 2010      **M.S., Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences**  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Advisor: Dr. David Noone
- 2006 – 2007      **M.A., Physics**  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
Advisor: Dr. John Stewart  
*Masters Thesis: Web-based Application for Automated Generation of Physics Concept Inventory*
- 2003 – 2006      **B.S. magna cum laude, Physics** (Computational track)  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
Advisor: Dr. Jiali Li  
*Thesis: DNA Detection with a Nanopore Device*
- 2003 – 2006      **B.S. magna cum laude, Mathematics** (Applied track)  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
*Thesis: Chromatic Polynomial of Torus Networks*
- 2003 – 2006      (minor) **Computer Sci and Computer Engineering**  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

## PROJECTS

2013 – now

### **Metfolio, LLC**

Metfolio (met is for meteorology) is a start-up I bootstrapped with the goal of boosting weather data utilization through innovative designs and delivery. Our first product is a mobile app designed for the iPhone called Nimbus, available on the iTunes App Store since March 4, 2013.

2012 – 2013

### **Nested Regional Climate Model (NRCM)**

Assisting in a project at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) to test and develop the regional chemistry module for a next-generation climate model across scales as well as utilizing climatological simulations to evaluate future pollution scenarios.

2010 – 2012

### **Lightning parameterization at the convective scale**

As part of my ongoing research work with budgeting upper tropospheric summertime ozone enhancement, I have implemented a lightning parameterization module for WRF-Cem that is suitable for models running at resolutions that are transitional between fully-resolved and fully-parameterized convection.

2010

### **Chemical kinetics with OpenCL**

For the class project of High Performance Scientific Computing at the University of Colorado at Boulder, I produced a version of the Regional Acid Deposition Model version 2 with Rosenbrock integration method using OpenCL. The same (identical) kernel has been tested and successfully ran on various CPUs and GPUs on platforms running Mac OS X 10.6.

2008 – 2013

### **Convective-scale transport of trace gases assessed with models and satellite observations**

A collaboration between multiple scientists from NCAR, CU-Boulder, NOAA, and NASA JPL to quantify the contribution of North American summer-time convective transport to the distribution of ozone and carbon monoxide in the upper troposphere using both regional atmospheric chemistry models and satellite observations.

2007 – 2008

### **Technical assistant** at Univ. of Arkansas

Debugged and optimized existing Matlab programs for analyzing signals from solid state nanopore device.

## SOURCECODE CONTRIBUTIONS

### **Lightning NO<sub>x</sub> driver**

in *WRF-Chem v3.5*

Refactored old implementation of lightning nitrous oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emission module of WRF-Chem into two separate modules, each separately handle flash rate prediction and NO<sub>x</sub> emission respectively. Also mediate concurrent contribution from scientists from Florida State University.

### **Lightning-generated NO<sub>x</sub> for convective parameterized models**

in *WRF-Chem v3.4*

Implemented lightning NO<sub>x</sub> emission option into WRF-Chem for convective parameterized scale simulations based on Price and Rind (J. Geophys. Res., 1992) parameterization and Ott et al (J. Geophys. Res., 2010) emission guidelines.

### **Online tendency diagnostics**

in *WRF-Chem v3.2*

Developed module for decoupling tendency diagnostics for chemical species and producing accumulated diagnostic outputs.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Techniques:** Data analytics, machine learning, heuristic optimization, heterogenous architectures

**Languages:** C/C++, Java, Python, Objective-C, Fortran, Javascript, PHP, \*NIX scripting

**Frameworks and libraries:** OpenCL, MPI, OpenMP

**IDEs and tools:** vi(m), Xcode, Instruments, Eclipse; Git

**Data and DBs:** XML, JSON, NetCDF, HDF5, GTFS; SQLs, exposure to MongoDB, Cassandra

**Miscellaneous:** IDL, Matlab; L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; various REGEX; exposure to Hadoop/Pig, AWS

## PUBLICATIONS

**Wong, J.,** M. C. Barth, J. R. Worden, D. C. Noone (2014): Upper tropospheric ozone enhancement during the North American Monsoon in 2006: 1. Model evaluation and tracer analysis. J. Geophys. Res. Submitted.

**Wong, J.,** M. C. Barth, J. R. Worden, D. C. Noone (2014): Upper tropospheric ozone enhancement during the North American Monsoon in 2006: 2. Spatiotemporal structure and sensitivity to lightning-generated NO<sub>x</sub>. J. Geophys. Res. Submitted.

Pfister, G., S. Walters, J.-F. Lamarque, J. Fast, M. Barth, **J. Wong**, J. Done, G. Holland, C. Bruyere (2014). Projections of Future Summertime Ozone over the U.S. *J. Geophys. Res.* Submitted.

**Wong, J.**, M. C. Barth, and D. Noone (2013). Evaluating a lightning parameterization based on cloud-top height for mesoscale numerical model simulations, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 6, 429-443, doi:10.5194/gmd-6-429-2013.

Noone, D., C. Risi, A. Bailey, M. Berkelhammer, D. P. Brown, N. Buening, S. Gregory, J. Nusbaume, D. Schneider, J. Sykes, B. Vanderwende, **J. Wong**, Y. Meiller, and D. Wolfe (2013). Determining water sources in the boundary layer from tall tower profiles of water vapor and surface water isotope ratios after a snowstorm in Colorado. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 13, 1607–1623, doi:10.5194/acp-13-1607-2013.

Barth, M.C., J. Lee, A. Hodzic, G. Pfister, W. C. Skamarock, J. Worden, **J. Wong**, and D. Noone (2012). Thunderstorms and upper tropospheric chemistry during the early stages of the 2006 North American Monsoon. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 12, 11003-11026, doi:10.5194/acp-12-11003-2012.

## SELECTED ORAL PRESENTATIONS

**Wong, J.**, M. Barth, and D. Noone. Lightning NO<sub>x</sub> parameterization in WRF-Chem with emphasis on validation. Invited talk at WRF-Chem Group Meeting, August 23, 2012; Boulder, CO.

**Wong, J.** From gaming to scientific computing: An introduction to General Purpose programming with GPUs (GPGPU). Presentation at Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science student forum, February 16, 2011; Boulder, CO.

**Wong, J.**, D. Noone, M. C. Barth, W. Skamarock, G. Grell, and J. Worden. Budget and structural properties of the UTLS ozone enhancement during North American monsoon. Invited talk at WRF-Chem Group Meeting, October 27, 2010; Boulder, CO.

## SELECTED POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Bela, M., M. Barth, **J. Wong**, O. Toon, H. Morrison, M. Weisman, K. Manning, G. Romine, W. Wang, K. Cummings, K. Pickering, and the DC3 Science Team. (2013) Evaluation of Wet Scavenging for the May 29, 2012 DC3 Severe Storm Case. 14th Annual WRF Workshop; 2013 Jun 24 – 29; Boulder, CO.

**Wong, J.**, M. Barth, and D. Noone. (2012) Parameterizing Lightning-Generated NO<sub>x</sub> at resolutions with Convective Parameterization for Upper Tropospheric Ozone Simulations. 12th Annual WRF Users' Workshop; 2012 Jun 26 – 29; Boulder, CO.

**Wong, J.**, M. Barth, and D. Noone. (2011) Lightning NO<sub>x</sub> Parameterization for Synoptic Meteorological-scale Predictions with Convective Parameterization in WRF-Chem. American Geophysical Union Fall meeting; 2011 Dec 5–9; San Francisco, CA.

Noone, D., C. Risi, A. Bailey, D. Brown, N. Buening, S. Gregory, J. Nusbaumer, J. Sykes, D. Schneider, B. Vanderwende, **J. Wong**, D. Wolfe. (2010) Atmosphere-surface water exchanges from measurements of isotopic composition at a tall tower in Boulder. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting; 2010 Dec 13–17; San Francisco, CA.

**Wong, J.**, D. Noone, M. C. Barth, W. Skamarock, G. Grell, and J. Worden. (2009) A budget of the summertime ozone anomaly of 2006 above southern United States using WRF-Chem. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting; 2009 Dec 14–18; San Francisco, CA.

**Wong, J.**, D. Noone, M. C. Barth, W. Skamarock, G. Grell, and J. Worden. (2008) Coarse-scale convective transport of CO and O<sub>3</sub> over 36 hours above southern United States. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting; 2008 Dec 15–19; San Francisco, CA.

## UPPERLEVEL COURSEWORKS

### Computer Science

Artificial Intelligence, Database Management Systems, Formal Languages and Computability, Graph and Combinatorial Algorithms, High Performance Scientific Computing

### Mathematics

Genetic Algorithms, Advanced Calculus, Numerical Analysis, Numerical Linear Algebra, Ordinary Differential Equations, Partial Differential Equations (PDE), Independent readings in Nonlinear PDE, Stochastic Processes

### Physics

Mathematical Methods in Electromagnetic Theory, Thermal Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Applied Group Theory in Physics, Fluid Instability & Turbulence

### Atmospheric Science

Numerical Weather Prediction, Atmos. Chemistry, Atmospheric Dynamics (I & II), Physical Oceanography, Radiative Transfer & Remote Sensing, Clouds & Aerosols

## CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

3 – 7 Dec, 2012	Amer. Geophys. Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA
26 – 29 Jun, 2012	12th Annual WRF Users' Workshop, Boulder, CO
5 – 9 Dec, 2011	Amer. Geophys. Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA
21 – 25 Jun, 2010	11th Annual WRF Users' Workshop, Boulder, CO
16 – 17 Jun, 2010	TES Science Team Meeting, Pasadena, CA
14 – 18 Dec, 2009	Amer. Geophys. Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA
19 – 22 Oct, 2009	Extra-Tropical UTLS Community Workshop, Boulder, CO
23 – 26 Jun, 2009	10th Annual WRF Users' Workshop, Boulder, CO
23 – 25 Feb, 2009	TES Science Team Meeting, Boulder, CO
15 – 19 Dec, 2008	Amer. Geophys. Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA
23 – 27 Jun, 2008	9th Annual WRF Users' Workshop, Boulder, CO
2005 – 07	Apple's WWDC 2005–2007, San Francisco, CA

## HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2012	Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Best Poster Award
2011	United Government for Graduate Student Travel Grant
2005 – 2007	Apple's Worldwide Developer Conference Student Scholarship
2005 – 2006	Foundation of International Exchange Students Scholarship
2005 – 2006	Droke-Dunn Award for Outstanding Senior Math Major
2005 – 2006	Robert D. Maurer Research Scholarship for Physics Major
2004 – 2006	David P Richardson Math Departmental Scholarship
2004 – 2006	College of Engineering Scholarship
2004 – 2005	Univ. of Arkansas Chartwell's Room and Board Scholarship
2004 – 2005	Physics Departmental Scholarship
2004	First Place in 2004 ACM Collegiate Programming Contest
2003 – 2005	Engineering Dean's List

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

01 – 05/2013	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> for ATOC 1050 Weather and Atmos. University of Colorado at Boulder
2008 – 2013	<b>Lab Instructor</b> for ATOC 1070 Weather and Atmos. Lab University of Colorado at Boulder
2004 – 2006	<b>Supplemental Instructions Leader</b> for Math and Physics Enhanced Learning Center, University of Arkansas