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Education

Ph.D. in Resources, Environment and Sustainability, **The University of British Columbia (UBC)** [2022]

Thesis title: Interactions between the land surface and the near-surface atmosphere: implications for evaporative demand and evapotranspiration under a changing climate.

Supervisory committee: Mark Johnson (supervisor), T. Andrew Black, Sara Knox, Monica Garcia, and Paulo Brando

BSc. in Rural Systems Engineering (*Cum laude*), **Seoul National University (SNU)** [2016]

Thesis title: Interannual variations in methane emission from an irrigated rice paddy caused by rainfall during the aeration period.

Professional experience

Postdoctoral Research fellow, UBC (PI: Mark Johnson) [2022.12 – present]

Graduate Research Assistant, UBC (PI: Mark Johnson) [2017 – 2022]

Research Associate, National Center for Agro-Meteorology [2016 Fall]

Undergraduate Research Assistant, National Center for Agro-Meteorology [2014 – 2015]

Teaching experiences

Module developer and delivery. ENVR 420: Ecohydrology of Watersheds and Water Systems,

Guest lecture topic: Evapotranspiration theory and applications [2019 – 2023]

Mentor of Research Experience program (REX) for UBC undergraduate students [2022 – 2023]

Mentor of a graduate student project. CPSC 532L: Artificial Intelligence for Social Impact [2020]

Teaching Assistant. ENVR 420: Ecohydrology of Watersheds and Water Systems [2018]

Teaching Assistant. LFS 250: Land, Food and Community 1 [2017 – 2018]

Research interests

Ecohydrology, biometeorology, soil hydrology, land-atmosphere coupling, evapotranspiration, satellite remote sensing, machine learning applications, and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Honors and awards

Graduate program

President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award. UBC [2020 – 2022]

Four Years Doctoral Fellowships. UBC [2018 – 2022]

International Tuition Award. UBC [2017 – 2022]

Faculty of Science Graduate Award. UBC [2017 – 2018]

Mitacs Globalink research internship in Technical University of Denmark (DTU) [2019]

Award by President of Korea Water Resources Corporation. Idea contest for sustainable water management in South Korea [2018]

Undergraduate program

Excellent Degree Thesis Award. College of Agriculture and Life Science, SNU [2017]

Grand Prize (Award by President of SNU). SNU Undergraduate Research Program, SNU [2015]

Evergreen Scholarship. SNU Evergreen Scholarship Foundation [2015]

Agricultural Engineering Scholarship. Alumni Association of Agricultural Engineering [2014 – 2015]

Merit Based Scholarship (Scholarship of Superior Academic Performance). SNU [2011, 2014 – 2015]

National Scholarship for Science and Engineering. Korea Student Aid Foundation [2009]

Research projects

Current projects

Improving Estimates of Evapotranspiration and Land Surface Relative Humidity Using Satellite-Derived Soil Moisture and Vegetation Optical Depth from SMAP-SMOS and Land Surface Temperature from Sentinel-3, C\$ 250,000 from *Canadian Space Agency*. **Co-Investigator** on project and **Co-author** of grant proposal [2021 – 2024]

Previous projects

Agricultural Water Innovation in the Tropics (AgWIT) project funded by the EU Joint Call for the Water Joint Programming Initiative 2016, *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada*. Graduate Research Assistant [2017 – 2020]

Constructing the foundation of core technologies for custom-made agricultural & forest meteorological services, *Korea Meteorological Administration*. Research Associate [2016]

Constructing the terrestrial ecosystem carbon database for the Carbon-Tracker-Asia improvement, *Korea Meteorological Administration*. Undergraduate Research Assistant [2015]

Development of time series database for CO₂ fluxes and investigation of ecosystem carbon dynamics, *Korea Meteorological Administration*. Undergraduate Research Assistant [2014 – 2015]

Publications

1. **Kim, Y.**, García, M., & Johnson, M. S. (2023). Land-atmosphere coupling constrains increases to potential evaporation in a warming climate: Implications at local and global scales. *Earth's Future*. 11 (2). doi: 10.1029/2022EF002886
※ SCI. 2021 IF=8.852, Rank=7/202 (Geoscience, multidisciplinary). Time Cited: 0.
2. **Kim, Y.**, Morillas, L., Garcia, M., Weber, U., Black, T. A. & Johnson, M. S. (2021). Relative humidity gradients as a key constraint on terrestrial water and energy fluxes. *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*. 25 (9), 5175-5191. doi: 10.5194/hess-25-5175-2021
※ SCI. 2021 IF=6.617, Rank=14/202 (Geoscience, multidisciplinary). Time Cited: 4.
※ This article was selected as EGU highlights by European Geosciences Union.
3. **Kim, Y.**, Johnson, M. S., Knox, S., Black, T. A., Dalmagro, H. J., Kang, M., Kim, J. & Baldocchi, D. (2020). Gap-filling approaches for eddy covariance methane flux: a comparison of three machine learning algorithms and a traditional method with and without principal component analysis. *Global Change Biology*. 26 (3), 1499-1518. doi:10.1111/gcb.14845.
※ SCI. 2021 IF=13.212, Rank=17/279 (Environmental Sciences). Time Cited: 79.
4. **Kim, Y.**, Talucder, M. S. A., Kang, M., Shim, K. -M., Kang, N. & Kim, J. (2016). Interannual variations in methane emission from an irrigated rice paddy caused by rainfall during the aeration period. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment*. 223, 67-75. doi: 10.1016/j.agee.2016.02.032
※ SCI. 2021 IF=6.576, Rank=5/59 (Agriculture, Multidisciplinary). Time Cited: 39.

Korean journal

5. Choi, S.W., Kim, H., **Kim, Y.**, Kang, M. & Kim, J. (2016). Estimation and mapping of methane emission from rice paddies in Gyunggi-do using the modified water management scaling factor. *Korean Journal of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*. 18(4), 320-326

Under review and in preparation

1. **Kim, Y.**, García, M., Black, T. A. & Johnson, M. S. (under second round review in *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*). Assessing the complementary role of Surface Flux Equilibrium (SFE) theory and Maximum Entropy Production (MEP) principle in the estimation of actual evapotranspiration. Preprint available in: *Earth and Space Science Open Archive*. doi:10.1002/essoar.10511856.1

2. **Kim, Y.** & Johnson, M. S. (in preparation, 90% complete). Differential runoff, soil moisture, and near-surface humidity responses to changes in precipitation and temperature.
3. **Kim, Y.**, García, M., Black, T. A. & Johnson, M. S. (in preparation, 90% complete). Comparing three hybrid evapotranspiration models with satellite-derived inputs using different physical constraints.

Presentation and posters (underlined = mentored by Kim)

1. **Kim, Y.** & Johnson, M. S. (2023). Satellite observations-derived inputs for hybrid evapotranspiration models: towards physically sound integration of machine learning approaches. *2023 SMAP Canada Workshop*. Montreal, Canada (Invited)
2. Ren, Y., Nambiar, R. & **Kim, Y.** (2023). Alternative aridity index for dryland expansion prediction model. *2023 Multidisciplinary Undergrad Research Conference*. Vancouver, Canada (Poster)
3. **Kim, Y.** (2022). Improving Estimates of Evapotranspiration Using Satellite-Derived Soil Moisture. *Canadian Space Agency*. online (Invited)
4. **Kim, Y.** & Johnson, M. S. (2022). The sensitivity of evaporation to soil moisture: the role of relative humidity gradient. *2022 SMAP Canada Workshop*. online (Invited)
5. **Kim, Y.**, Johnson, M. S., Knox, S., Black, T. A., Dalmagro, H. J., Kang, M., Kim, J., Ryu, Y., Baldocchi, D. (2019). CH₄ flux gap-filling approaches for eddy covariance data: a comparison of three machine learning algorithms and marginal distribution sampling method with and without principal component analysis. *2019 EGU General Assembly*. Vienna, Austria (Poster)
6. **Kim, Y.** & Johnson, M. S. (2017). Spectral entropy as a mean to quantify water stress history for natural vegetation and irrigated agriculture in a water-stressed tropical environment. *2017 AGU Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (Poster)
7. Johnson, M. S., Lathuilliere, M. J., Morillas, L., Dalmagro, H. J., D'Acunha, B., **Kim, Y.**, Suarez, A. & Couto, E. G. (2017). Carbon and water fluxes and footprints in tropical agricultural systems under rainfed and irrigated conditions. *2017 AGU Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (invited)
8. Choi, S.W., Kang, M., Indrawati, Y.M., Kim, H., **Kim, Y.** & Kim, J. (2016). Carbon footprint estimation using long-term flux measurement in Haenam, Korea: Implication for climate-smart agriculture. *EcoSummit 2016*. Le Corum, Montpellier, France (Poster)
9. **Kim, Y.**, Talucder, M. S. A., Kang, M., Kang, N., Shim, K. -M. & Kim, J. (2015). Changes in methane emission from rice paddy triggered by rainfall during the mid-season Drainage (in Korean). *The 2015 Korean Meteorological Society Fall Conf*. Jeju, Korea (Oral)

Journal referee

Agricultural and Forest Meteorology; Earth's Future; Hydrology and Earth System Sciences; Journal of Hydrology; Remote Sensing of Environment

Other professional development

Visiting PhD student. Dr. Monica García's group at Department of Environmental Engineering, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), funded by Mitacs [2019 Summer]

Invited workshop participant. 2019 AmeriFlux Early Career Workshop, Boulder, CO, USA [2019]

Workshop participant. CLM (Community Land Model) / CTSM (Community Terrestrial Systems Model) tutorial, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Mesa Lab, Boulder, CO, USA [2019]

TA development program of LFS 250 course, UBC [2017 – 2018]

Workshop participant. The International Workshop on Agromet and GIS Applications for Agricultural Decision Making (AgMP, WMO), Jeju, South Korea [2016]