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Dr. Ping Yang is a University Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and holds the David Bullock Harris Chair in Geosciences. He serves as Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. He holds respective B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in theoretical physics, atmospheric physics and meteorology. Dr. Yang joined the Texas A&M faculty in 2001 as a member of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, where his research focuses on light scattering, radiative transfer and satellite-based remote sensing. He holds joint appointments in Physics and Astronomy and Oceanography. Dr. Yang has supervised 29 doctoral dissertations and 20 master's theses, and his research is supported by the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, Office of Naval Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society, Optical Society of America, Electromagnetics Academy, American Geophysical Union, American Meteorological Society and American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Yang has served as associate dean for research in the College of Geosciences (2019-2022) and Head of Atmospheric Sciences (2012-2018). He received the 2017 NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal and was named the 2022 Distinguished Texas Scientist by the Texas Academy of Science.