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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D.** *Atmospheric Dynamics* September 1983 – January 1987
 The Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Institute of Atmospheric Physics (IAP),
 Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China
Dissertation: The Design of IAP General Circulation Model (GCM) and the Simulation of Climate and
 Interseasonal Variability
- B.S.** *Meteorology* September 1979 – July 1983
 Hangzhou University (now part of Zhejiang University), Hangzhou, China

EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- Professor** January 2011 – Present
*Department of Atmospheric & Oceanic Science and Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center
 University of Maryland at College Park (UMCP)*
- Professor** February 2010 – December 2010
Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- Senior Professional Scientist** January 2006 – December 2010
- Professional Scientist** May 2001 – December 2005
- Associate Professional Scientist** January 1999 – April 2001
Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute, UIUC
- NCSA Faculty Fellow** March 2002 – January 2004
National Center for Supercomputing Applications, UIUC
- Global and regional climate, hydrology, air quality, water quality, and impact modeling. The lead investigator to develop and apply an integrated Earth modeling system, which currently incorporates global general circulation models (CESM, CFS), global chemical transport models (MOZART, CAM-Chem), mesoscale multi-nested regional climate models (CMM5, CWRF), advanced air quality models (CMAQ, WRF-Chem), a detailed emission inventory model (SMOKE), a state-of-the-art terrestrial hydrology model for conjunctive surface and subsurface processes (CSSP), a comprehensive water quality model (SWAT), and dynamic ecosystem models (GOSSYM, DSSAT).
 - The lead investigator to develop and apply (CMM5, CWRF) for dynamic downscaling to improve seasonal climate prediction, climate change and impact modeling, climate-hydrology-crop interaction, air-sea-land interaction, convection-cloud-radiation interaction, quantitative precipitation forecast...
- Senior Research Scientist** May 1993 – January 1999
- Research Scientist** October 1990 – April 1993
Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, State University of New York at Albany
- Development of GCM treatment for cloud-radiation interaction including subgrid variability
 - Improvement and application of IAP/SUNY, GENESIS, NCAR CCM1-3 and CSM GCMs
 - Investigation on climate change modeling – anthropogenic forcing of CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, CFCs and O₃
 - Study on seasonal to interannual climate variability and predictability – monsoon, ENSO, LFO
- Research Associate** January 1987 – September 1990
Institute for Terrestrial and Planetary Atmospheres, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- Development of the IAP/SUNY global atmospheric GCM, with the entire new physics package
 - Improvement and application of IAP, OSU and IAP/SUNY GCMs

- Research on climate feedbacks and GCMs' analysis

EDITORSHIPS:

- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *the Open Atmospheric Science Journal*, 2007-
- Editorial Board Member, *Frontiers of Environmental Science & Engineering*, 2009-
- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Eos, Transactions, American Geophysical Union*, 2010-

SELECT PANELS AND COMMITTEES:

- WRF (Weather Research and Forecasting model) National-wide Development Teams & Working Groups: Model Physics (WG5) and Regional Climate Modeling (WG16), 2001-
- AGU (American Geophysical Union) GEC (Global Environmental Change) Focus Group, 2013-
- U.S. CLIVAR (Climate Variability and Predictability) Program, PPAI (Predictability, Prediction, and Applications Interface) Panel, 2014-2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- AOSC621: Physics and Chemistry of the Atmosphere (II) – a comprehensive course designed to help students in mastering the fundamental principles, quantitative analysis, and numerical modeling of atmospheric radiation and chemistry. Topics include solar and terrestrial radiative transfer processes, specifically the absorption, scattering and emission resulting from interactions with atmospheric constituents (gases, aerosols, clouds) and the Earth's surface, as well as how radiation drives atmospheric chemistry and climate dynamics. Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Maryland; Spring 2012, 2014, and every spring onward.
- AOSC347: Computing and Data Analysis – a comprehensive introductory course designed to prepare students to identify, interpret, and visualize Earth's climate variations observed in the past and projected into the future. The class emphasizes real-world applications, providing students with essential hands-on experience using MATLAB for data analysis and visualization, developing analytical skills for observational and modeling data, and performing virtual experiments to distinguish data contributing factors. Students will gain an understanding of the scientific issues concerning the modern global warming debate on detection and attribution including: signal vs noise, trend vs periodicity, natural vs anthropogenic forcing, local vs remote response, mean vs extreme changes, and accuracy vs uncertainty. Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Maryland; Fall 2012, Spring 2014, and every spring onward.
- ATMS305: Computing and Data Analysis – a comprehensive introduction to the statistical treatment and graphical representation of atmospheric and geophysical sciences data both in space and time. It emphasizes applications and real-world examples, and discusses relevant data statistics. Students will gain hands-on experience using MATLAB for data analysis, develop analytical skills for observational and modeling data, and perform virtual experiments to identify, interpret and understand the major signals in the data. Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2010.

MAJOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

MODEL DEVELOPMENT

- Global General Circulation Models (GCMs): A lead investigator to develop China's 1st and 2nd generations of GCMs, which are widely used in China for operational seasonal-interannual climate predictions, future climate change projections, as well as major research and higher educational tools. Major improvements to NCAR GCMs include parameterizations for convection, cloud, radiation and their interactions.
- Regional Climate Models (RCMs): A lead investigator to develop CMM5 and CWRF, which becomes the fundamental tools for realistic downscaling of USA regional climate variations, focusing on precipitation and surface temperature. They are used in numerous federal and state funded research projects, national and regional climate change assessments, as well as graduate and Ph.D. thesis studies. In particular, the public release of the most recent CWRF is highly demanded, scheduled in this summer. New development of unique physics representations in the CWRF includes cloud-aerosol-radiation interactions, land surface albedo parameterization, optimized ensemble cumulus parameterization, conjunctive surface-subsurface terrestrial hydrology module, ensemble crop growth module and interactive upper ocean module. The

CWRF currently contains over 10^{24} physics configurations representing cloud, aerosol, radiation, surface, planetary boundary layer, cumulus, and microphysics processes and their nonlinear interactions. This number is expanding as addition of new schemes continues. The CWRF is the most ever complete regional climate modeling system that provides an unprecedented pathway to develop an optimized physics ensemble approach for tackling major roadblocks in weather and climate prediction at regional-local scales. The developed physics ensemble system is readily transferable to any global or regional model for weather forecast and climate prediction at high spatial resolution.

- Cloud-Aerosol-Radiation ensemble modeling system (CAR): A lead investigator to develop the system that consists of 10^{18} free choices of alternative parameterizations for cloud properties (cover, water, radius, optics, geometry), aerosol properties (type, profile, optics), and radiation transfers (solar, infrared) and their interactions currently available in the literature, including those used by the world leading GCMs at NCAR, GFDL, NCEP, NASA, ECMWF, CCCMA, CSIRO, and UKMO. The CAR is the unprecedented collection of most available numerical representations of cloud-aerosol-radiation interactions that are fully selectable and exchangeable. It has been built in the CWRF and is being coupled with the NCAR CESM to embody the most ever complete range of climate sensitivities in existing GCMs. The system has broad, unique applications in physical process understanding, new parameterization development, remote sensing retrieval, climate sensitivity analysis, climate projection uncertainty, optimized physics ensemble design, and inverse physics modeling.
- Integrated Earth modeling system: A lead investigator to develop the system, which currently incorporates global general circulation models (CESM, CFS), global chemical transport models (MOZART, CAM-Chem), mesoscale multi-nested regional climate models (CMM5, CWRF), advanced air quality models (CMAQ, WRF-Chem), a detailed emission inventory model (SMOKE), a state-of-the-art conjunctive surface and subsurface process model (CSSP), a comprehensive water quality model (SWAT), and dynamic ecosystem models (GOSSYM, DSSAT). It has been used as the principal tool to support the national assessments on the impacts of global climate and emissions changes on air quality (ozone, particulate matter, mercury) and water quality (nutrients, pathogens, bacteria, sediments) and the associated projection uncertainty by USEPA, and on agricultural and invasive plant distributions by USDA. The system is continuously expanding and subject to an increasing scope of applications, including seasonal-interannual climate prediction, regional climate and environment change projection and impact assessment, as well as critical interdisciplinary research.

RESEARCH ADVANCE

- The developed or improved GCMs have been applied to study seasonal-interannual-decadal climate variability and predictability (East Asian and North American monsoons, El Niño-Southern Oscillation), climate feedbacks, climatic effects of anthropogenic emissions.
- The developed RCMs (CMM5, CWRF) have been applied to improve regional weather forecast and climate prediction in USA and China, focusing on precipitation and surface temperature; to downscale climate change projections and reduce the corresponding uncertainties.
- The developed integrated Earth modeling system has facilitated interdisciplinary research on climate change and environmental issues. In particular, the study of the impacts of global climate and emissions changes on USA air quality has been well recognized, taking the lead to conduct a national assessment of the challenges facing the future pollutant control.
- The developed new model physics representations of key significance include mosaic treatment of cloud overlap effects on radiation, dynamic-statistical parameterization of land surface albedo, conjunctive surface-subsurface terrestrial hydrology modeling with a scalable parameterization of subgrid topographic control, optimization of ensemble precipitation prediction, interactive climate-crop growth modeling, and grand cloud-aerosol-radiation ensemble modeling system.
- The developed “optimized physics ensemble (OPE)” approach, currently statistical, has been demonstrated to significantly improve model skill in weather forecast and climate prediction, especially for precipitation that is most challenging. The dynamical OPE approach being developed is anticipated to be more powerful.
- The core research is interdisciplinary across a wide range of sciences, including atmosphere/ocean/land physics and chemistry, climate dynamics, terrestrial hydrology, ecosystem, agriculture, numerical prediction and supercomputing. This is well reflected by the numerous research grants from multiple federal agencies (EPA, NOAA, NSF, USDA, DOE, NASA) focusing on different fields.

PUBLICATIONS:

- *Over 100 publications in reviewed literature in the following journals and books:*
Science, Nature, Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Climate, Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, Journal of Geophysical Research, Journal of Atmospheric Sciences, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Climate Dynamics, Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society, Agronomy Journal, Atmospheric Environment, Environmental Health Perspectives, Monthly Weather Review, Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology, Journal of Applied Meteorology, Journal of Hydrometeorology, Water Resources Research, Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, Climate Research, Atmospheric Research, Earth Interactions, Tellus, Global and Planetary Change, Climatic Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change, Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management, Journal of Great Lakes Research, EOS, Frontiers of Earth Sciences, Chinese Journal of Atmospheric Sciences, Advances in Atmospheric Sciences, Advances in Natural Sciences, Acta Meteorologica Sinica, Acta Oceanologica Sinica, Plateau Meteorology, Open Atmospheric Science Journal, NATO Advanced Science Institutes Series, Future Climates of the World, Climate-Biosphere Interactions.
- *Over 50 preprints and other proceedings in non-reviewed literature.*

REFEREED JOURNAL AND BOOK ARTICLES

- [125] Chen, L., X.-Z. Liang, D. DeWitt, A.N. Samel, and J.X.L. Wang, 2014: Seasonal prediction of U.S. precipitation and temperature by the nested CWRP-ECHAM system. *Climate Dynamics* (submitted).
- [124] Liu, S., J.X.L. Wang, X.-Z. Liang, V. Morris, and S.S. Fine, 2014: A hybrid approach to improve U.S. seasonal climate outlook skills at the regional scale. *Climate Dynamics* (submitted).
- [123] Lei, H., D.J. Wuebbles, and X.-Z. Liang, 2014: Physical dust aerosol modeling by CAM-Chem: Model formulation and evaluation. *Geoscientific Model Development* (submitted).
- [122] *He, H., X.-Z. Liang, H. Lei, and D.J. Wuebbles, 2014: Attribution of future U.S. ozone pollution to regional emissions, long-range transport, climate change, and model deficiency. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* (submitted).
- [121] **Qiao, F., and X.-Z. Liang, 2014: Effects of cumulus parameterizations on predictions of summer flood in the Central United States. *Climate Dynamics* (accepted).
- [120] Shafiee-Jood, M., X. Cai, L. Chen, X.-Z. Liang, and P. Kumar, 2014: Assessing the value of seasonal climate forecast information through an end-to-end forecasting framework: Application to U.S. 2012 drought in central Illinois. *Water Resources Research* (accepted).
- [119] Xu, M., X.-Z. Liang, A. Samel, and W. Gao, 2014: MODIS consistent vegetation parameter specifications and their impacts on regional climate simulations. *J. Climate* (accepted).
- [118] *Liu, S., X.-Z. Liang, W. Gao, and T.J. Stohlgren, 2013: Regional climate model downscaling may improve prediction of alien plant species distribution. *Frontiers of Earth Sciences*, 1-15, DOI 10.1007/s11707-014-0457-4.
- [117] Lei, H., D.J. Wuebbles, X.-Z. Liang, Z. Tao, S. Olsen, R. Artz, X. Ren, and M. Cohen, 2014: Projections of atmospheric mercury levels and their effect on air quality in the United States. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, **14**, 783-795.
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- [115] **Lei, H., X.-Z. Liang, D.J. Wuebbles, Z. Tao, and S. Olsen, 2013: Model analyses of atmospheric mercury: Present air quality and effects of transpacific transport on the United States. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, **13**, 10807-10825.
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- [113] Liang, X.-Z., and F. Zhang, 2013: The Cloud-Aerosol-Radiation (CAR) ensemble modeling system. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, **13**, 8335-8364, doi:10.5194/acp-13-8335-2013.
- [112] Li, J., K. von Salzen, Y. Peng, H. Zhang, and X.-Z. Liang, 2013: Evaluation of black carbon semi-direct radiative effect in a climate model. *J. Geophys. Res.*, **118**, 1-14, doi:10.1002/jgrd.50327
- [111] *Zhang, F., X.-Z. Liang, Q.-C. Zeng, Y. Gu, and S. Su, 2013: Cloud-Aerosol-Radiation (CAR) ensemble modeling system: Overall accuracy and efficiency. *Adv. Atmos. Sci.*, **30**, 955-973.
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- [108] **Chen, Q., X.-Z. Liang, M. Xu, T. Lin, and J.X.L. Wang, 2013: Improvement of cloud radiative forcing and its impact on weather forecasts. *Open Atmospheric Science Journal*, **7**, 1-13, DOI: 10.2174/1874282301307010001.
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