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## Education:

- Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography, Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2024  
Thesis Title: Impact of upper ocean heat content variability on the genesis and intensity of tropical cyclones
- M.Sc. in Physical Oceanography, Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2021  
Thesis Title: Impact of ocean subsurface thermodynamic structure on tropical cyclone genesis over the western North Pacific
- B.Sc. in Oceanography, Tongji University 2018  
Thesis Title: Impact of 2015/16 extreme El Niño on mesoscale eddies in the Southern China Sea

## Research Interests:

- Tropical cyclone genesis under climate change
- Interactions between tropical cyclones and ocean

## Research Outputs:

### Journal Articles:

1. **Gao, C.**, Zhou, L., Lin, I.-I., Wang, C., Guan, S., Jin, F.-F., & Murtugudde, R. (2024). Crucial role of subsurface ocean variability in tropical cyclone genesis. *Nature Communications*, under revision.
2. **Gao, C.**, Zhou, L., Wang, C., Lin, I.-I., & Guan, S. (2024). Marine heatwaves fueling tropical cyclone intensification. *Science Advances*, under review.
3. **Gao, C.**, Zhou, L., Wang, C., Lin, I.-I., & Murtugudde, R. (2022). Unexpected limitation of tropical cyclone genesis by subsurface tropical central-north Pacific during El Niño. *Nature Communications*, 13, 7746.

4. **Gao, C., & Zhou, L. (2022).** Tropical cyclone genesis over the western North Pacific simulated by Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 models. *Acta Oceanologica Sinica*, 41(5), 64–77.
5. Li, B., Zhou, L., Wang, C., **Gao, C.**, Qin, J., & Meng, Z. (2020). Modulation of tropical cyclone genesis in the Bay of Bengal by the central Indian Ocean mode. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 125(12), e2020JD032641.

#### Selected Presentations:

1. Gao, C. (2024). Ocean subsurface variability has significant impacts on tropical cyclone genesis. In *Symposium on Hurricane Risk in a Changing Climate*, Poster.
2. Gao, C. (2024). Significant impacts of ocean subsurface variability on tropical cyclone genesis. In *Asia Oceania Geosciences Society Annual Meeting*, Oral.
3. Gao, C. (2023). Unexpected limitation of tropical cyclone genesis by subsurface tropical central-north Pacific during El Niño. In *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, Poster.
4. Gao, C. (2023). Unexpected limitation of tropical cyclone genesis by subsurface tropical central-north Pacific during El Niño. In *Asia Oceania Geosciences Society Annual Meeting*, Oral.
5. Gao, C. (2022). Suppression of tropical cyclone genesis by subsurface environment in the tropical central North Pacific during El Niño. In *Asia Oceania Geosciences Society Annual Meeting*, Oral.
6. Gao, C. (2019). Projections of tropical cyclones in western North Pacific under climate change: Using a new genesis potential index. In *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, Poster.

#### **Awards & Achievements:**

- 2024 | Poster Award (Science Originality), Symposium on Hurricane Risk in a Changing Climate
- 2023 | National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China
- 2021 | Outstanding Graduate, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 2020 | National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China
- 2019 | Second Prize, National Graduate Student Mathematical Contest in Modeling of China

- 2018 | Outstanding Graduate, Tongji University
- 2015 | Second Prize, National College Student Physics Competition of China

### **Professional Services:**

#### Review Activities:

Journals: npj Climate and Atmospheric Science, Journal of Climate, Journal of Geophysical

Research: Oceans, Climate Dynamics, Environmental Research Letters, Environmental

Research Communications, Machine Learning: Science and Technology, Acta Oceanologica

Sinica

#### Memberships:

American Geophysical Union (AGU), American Meteorological Society (AMS), Asia

Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

(IEEE)

### **Technical Skills:**

- Programming Languages: R, MATLAB, Python, NCAR Command Language (NCL), Julia, Shell, Markdown
- Professional Software: Climate Data Operators (CDO), NetCDF Operators (NCO), Panoply
- Graphics Software: Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Blender
- Training: Community Earth System Model (CESM) Tutorial 2024