Education

2018–2023 Ph.D. in Natural Sciences, Advisor: Prof. Deliang Chen,

Regional Climate group, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden,

Project: Observing and Modeling Precipitation in the Tibetan Plateau region.

2017–2018 M. Sc. in Atmospheric Sciences, Final grade: VG (Excellent),

Department of Earth Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden,

Project: Temporal and spatial variability of convection, clouds and precipitation over the Tibetan

Plateau derived from recent satellite retrievals.

2013–2016 B. Sc. in Earth Sciences with Major in Climatology, Final grade: VG (Excellent),

Department of Earth Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden,

Project: Major ion deposition in the accumulated winter snowpack in northern Sweden.

Research positions

Oct 2023–Oct 2025 ASP Postdoctoral Fellow, Meso- and Microscale Meteorology Lab,

National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado...

Mar-Jul 2023 Research assistant in Mesoscale Meteorology, Regional Climate Group,

Department of Earth Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Research visits

Oct 2021-May 2022 National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, USA,

ASP Graduate visitor program, Host: Dr. Andreas Franz Prein,

Project: Ensemble-based convection-permitting simulations in the Third Pole region.

Sep-Dec 2017 School of Atmospheric Sciences, Nanjing University, China,

Research visit in Aerosol-cloud research group, Host: Prof. Minghuai Wang,

Project: Satellite observations of convective clouds over the Tibetan Plateau.

Jun-Sep 2016 Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Hamburg, Germany,

Internship in Hydrological group, Host: Dr. Tobias Stacke,

Project: Validation of a global dynamical wetland scheme in land-atmosphere coupled simulations.

Jun-Aug 2014 Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research, Kiel, Germany,

Internship in Paleoclimatology and Natural Resources, Host: Dr. rer. nat. Warner Brückmann.

Awards and Grants

2023 Faculty of Science Doctoral Thesis Award,

Gothenburg, Sweden.

2022 SciPy Financial Aid Scholarship,

Texas, USA.

2021 NCAR Advanced Study Program for graduate visitors,

Colorado, USA.

2019 Travel fund to International Conference on Regional Climate-CORDEX 2019,

China

2018 Research Fund Adlerbertska Stiftelse,

Sweden.

2018 Sven Lindqvists forskningsstiftelse,

Sweden.

Outreach and Engagement

- 2018–2021 Coordinator in GAC (Gothenburg Air and Climate Network) Board.
- 2018–2021 Executive Secretary of APECS (Association of Polar and Alpine Early Career Scientists).

Contributions to research community

Reviewer for the following scientific journals,

JGR Atmosphere, Journal of Climate, Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology, International Journal of Climatology.

Presentations at conferences

- 2022 Process-oriented evaluation of kilometer-scale simulations of mesoscale convective systems, Swedish Climate Symposium, Sweden.
- The Role of Mesoscale convective systems in Precipitation in the Tibetan Plateau region, American Meteorological Society Annual meeting, Texas, USA.
- 2021 Mesoscale weather systems and their interaction in the Tibetan Plateau region, European Geoscience Union, Austria.
- 2019 Convective precipitation cells over the Tibetan Plateau in a high-resolution regional reanalysis, International Conference on Regional Climate-CORDEX, China.
- 2019 Spatial and temporal dynamics of convective precipitation cells on the Tibetan Plateau, European Meteorological Society, Denmark.
- 2019 Vertical cloud structures over the Tibetan Plateau as seen by spaceborne cloud radar measurements,

8th Third Pole Environment workshop, Sweden.

International research schools

- Jan 2020 **ERCA: European Research School on Atmospheres**, *Grenoble, France*.
- Sep 2019 Max Planck Research School on Earth System Modeling, Hamburg, Germany.
- Mar 2019 Arctic in a changing climate (ClimbEco course), Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Oct 2018 **NEGI course on E-Science tools for Climate Research**, *Andoya, Norway*.
- Aug 2018 Helsinki Summer school on Air quality in China, Helsinki, Finland.
- Jun 2018 ITPCAS Summer School on Climate Modeling, Beijing, China.
- Sep 2016 Baltic Earth Summer school on Atmosphere-Ocean climate models, *Asko, Sweden.*

Skills

Computer Python (Advanced), Linux and Bash scripting (Good), NCO/CDO (Good), R (Basic), Matlab (Basic)

Utilities Anaconda, Git, Jupyter Notebook, Slurm

Languages German (Mothertongue), English (Fluent), Swedish (Fluent), French (Good), Spanish (Basic)

Numerical Models Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model, Model Prediction Across Scales (MPAS)

Research Interests

Convective storms and their impact on precipitation

Climate change effects on mesoscale atmospheric processes

Process-oriented model evaluation

- Minola, L., Zhang, G., Ou, T., **Kukulies, J.**, Curio, J., Guijarro, J. A. and Chen, D. (2023). Climatology of near-surface wind speed from observational, reanalysis and high-resolution regional climate model data over the Tibetan Plateau. *Climate Dynamics*, 1-21.
- Freeman, S. W., Brunner, K., Jones, W. K., **Kukulies, J.**, Senf, F., Stier, P. and van den Heever, S. C., (2023). Advancing our Understanding of Cloud Processes and Their Role in the Earth System through Cloud Object Tracking. *Bulletin of the AMS*.
- **Kukulies, J.**, Lai, H. W., Curio, J., Feng, Z., Lin, C., Li, P., Sugimoto, S., and Chen, D. Mesoscale convective systems in the Third Pole region: Characteristics, mechanisms and impact on precipitation. *Frontiers in Earth Science*, 11, 469.
- Ou, T., Chen, D., Tang, J., Lin, C., Wang X., **Kukulies, J.** and Lai, H (2023). Wet bias of summer precipitation in the northwestern Tibetan Plateau in ERA5 is linked to weakened lower-level southerly wind over the plateau. *Climate Dynamics*, 1-1
- Prein, A. F., Ban, N., Ou, T., Tang, J., Sakaguchi, K., Collier, E., Jayanarayanan, S., Sobolowski, S., Li, L., Chen, X., Zhou, X., Lai, H., Sugimoto, S., Zhou, L., Hasson, S., Ekstrom, M., Pothapakula, P., Ahrens, B., Stuart, R., Steen-Larsen, H. C., Leung, R. Belusic, D., **Kukulies, J.**, Curio, J. and Chen, D. (2022). Towards Ensemble-Based Kilometer-Scale Climate Simulations over the Third Pole region. *Climate Dynamics*, 1-27.
- **Kukulies, J.**, Chen, D. and Curio, J. (2021). The Role of Mesoscale Convective Systems in Precipitation in the Tibetan Plateau Region. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 126(23), e2021JD035279.
- Zhang, X., Yin, Y., **Kukulies, J.**, Li, Y., Kuang, X., He, C., and Chen, J. (2021). Revisiting Lightning Activity and Parameterization Using Geostationary Satellite Observations. *Remote Sensing*, 13(19).
- Lai, H. W., Chen, H. W., **Kukulies, J.**, Ou, T. and Chen, D. (2020). Regionalization of seasonal precipitation over the Tibetan Plateau and associated large-scale atmospheric systems. *Journal of Climate*, 1-45.
- **Kukulies, J.**, Chen, D. and Wang, M. (2020). Temporal and spatial variations of convection and precipitation over the Tibetan Plateau based on recent satellite observations. Part II: Precipitation climatology derived from GPM. *International Journal of Climatology*.
- **Kukulies, J.**, Chen, D. and Wang, M. (2019). Temporal and spatial variations of convection and precipitation over the Tibetan Plateau based on recent satellite observations. Part I: Cloud climatology derived from CloudSat and CALIPSO. *International Journal of Climatology.*