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## Education

- 09/2014 - 05/2018 Ph.D., *Hydrologic Science*, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Wyoming, Laramie, USA  
◊ *Dissertation: Toward Physically-Based Modeling of Snow Sub-grid Variability*
- 09/2010 - 06/2013 M.E., *Hydrology and Water Resources Engineering*, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China  
◊ *Thesis: Meteorological Forcing Data Evaluation and Water Heat Processes Simulation over the Upstream Area of the Heihe River Basin*
- 09/2006 - 06/2010 B.E., *Hydraulic and Hydro-power Engineering*, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Xi'an University of Technology, Xi'an, China
- 09/2011 - 03/2013 Visiting student, Northwest Institute of Eco-environment and Resources, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Lanzhou, China

## Research Interests

Large-scale hydrological modeling, snow hydrology, wildfire impacts, surface-water and groundwater interactions, land-atmosphere interactions, spatio-temporal high-resolution observations

## Research Experience

- 08/2023 - present **Assistant Professor** at Montana State University, Bozeman, USA  
◊ *Teaching graduate and undergraduate level courses on water resources and hydrology.*  
◊ *Conducting research on mountain hydrology, sustainability and resilience, renewable energy, and natural-social relationships.*
- 03/2020 - 08/2023 **Research Scientist** at the University of Colorado Boulder and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Global System Laboratory, Boulder, USA  
◊ *Studied wildfire impacts on hydrological processes and numerical weather prediction.*  
◊ *Evaluated performance of the weather prediction models in simulated near-surface meteorologic variables*  
◊ *Investigated land-atmosphere interactions during the afternoon to evening transition period.*
- 10/2020 - 07/2022 **Visiting Scientist** at National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, USA  
◊ *Tested NOAA next-generation weather forecast system, Unified Forecast System (UFS).*
- 08/2018 - 02/2020 **National Research Council (NRC) Research Associate** with Dr. Stanley Benjamin and Dr. Tatiana Smirnova at the NOAA Global System Laboratory, Boulder, USA  
◊ *Coupled spatial heterogeneity snow model with the weather systems Rapid Refresh (RAP) and High-Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR).*
- 09/2014 - 05/2018 **Research Assistant** with Dr. Noriaki Ohara at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, USA  
◊ *Developed a stochastic model to represent spatial heterogeneity of snow.*  
◊ *Conducted field work to collect data and install in-situ equipments and sensors.*  
◊ *Applied a coupled groundwater and surface-water flow model in a watershed.*  
◊ **Fieldwork** of regular snow survey and installing In-Site sensors for monitoring groundwater and surface water.
- 06/2017 - 07/2017 **Summer Institute Student Research Fellow** with Dr. Fred Ogden at the NOAA National Water Center, Tuscaloosa, USA  
◊ *Compared the coarse and high-resolution hydrological modeling over a mountainous area.*
- 07/2011 - 07/2014 **Research Assistant** with Dr. Zhuotong Nan at the Northwest Institute of Eco-environment and Resources, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Lanzhou, China  
◊ *Applied hydrological models over a cold and arid mountainous area.*

- ◇ *Participated field campaign at the Qinghai-Tibet plateau to measure permafrost distribution using geophysics techniques.*
- ◇ **Fieldwork** of measuring permafrost using geophysical methods on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

### Fellowships and Grants

1. Co-I, \$270,000. Department of Energy (DOE) **Atmospheric Systems Research Program**: Characterizing Boundary Layer Processes During Transition Periods With Observations and Modeling.
2. PI, \$75,000. NOAA Global Systems Laboratory **Director's Directed Research Funds**: Quantify the impact of wildfire on the land-surface biogeophysical properties and weather prediction. May 2022 - April 2023.
3. **National Research Council Research Fellowship**: Improving the Rapid Update Cycle Land Surface Model (RUC LSM) Performance through Considering the Sub-grid Variability of Snow. August 2018 - February 2020.

### Mentoring Experience

- 05/2022 - 12/2022 Mentor of a post-doc in the Postdoc Peer Mentoring Program at the University of Colorado Boulder
- 05/2022 - 08/2022 Mentor of a graduate student in the CIRES/GSL NOAA Summer Research Program at NOAA GSL

### Teaching Experience

- 01/2018 - 05/2018 **Teaching Assistant** at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, USA.  
*A junior level course in civil engineering: host office hours, lab instructor, and grade assignments.*

### Publications

1. He, Siwei, David D. Turner, Stanley G. Benjamin, Joseph B. Olson, Tatiana G. Smirnova, and Tilden Meyers, (2023). Evaluation of the near-surface variables in the HRRR using observations from the ARM SGP site. *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*. (in press.) DOI: 10.1175/JAMC-D-23-0003.1.
2. Benjamin, Stanley G, Tatiana G Smirnova, Eric P James, Liao-Fan Lin, Ming Hu, David D Turner, and Siwei He, (2022). Land-Snow Data Assimilation Including a Moderately Coupled Initialization Method Applied to NWP. *Journal of Hydrometeorology* 23(6), 825–845. DOI: 10.1175/JHM-D-21-0198.1.
3. Ohara, Noriaki, Siwei He, Andrew D Parsekian, Benjamin M Jones, Rodrigo C Rangel, Ian O Nichols, and Kenneth M Hinkel, (2022). Spatial Snowdrift Modeling for an Open Natural Terrain using a Physically-based Linear Particle Distribution Equation. *Hydrological Processes* 36(1), e14468. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.14468.
4. He, Siwei, Tatiana G Smirnova, and Stanley G Benjamin, (2021). Single-Column Validation of a Snow Subgrid Parameterization in the Rapid Update Cycle Land-Surface Model (RUC LSM). *Water Resources Research* 57(8), e2021WR029955. DOI: 10.1029/2021WR029955.
5. He, Siwei and Noriaki Ohara, (2019). Modeling Subgrid Variability of Snow Depth Using the Fokker-Planck Equation Approach. *Water Resources Research* 55(4), 3137–3155. DOI: 10.1029/2017WR022017.
6. He, Siwei, Noriaki Ohara, and Scott N Miller, (2019). Understanding subgrid variability of snow depth at 1-km scale using Lidar measurements. *Hydrological Processes* 33(11), 1525–1537. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.13415.
7. He, Siwei, Tatiana G Smirnova, and Stanley G Benjamin, (2019). A scale-aware parameterization for estimating subgrid variability of downward solar radiation using high-resolution digital elevation model data. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres* 124, 13680–13692. DOI: 10.1029/2019JD031563.
8. He, Siwei and Noriaki Ohara, (2017). A New Formula for Estimating the Threshold Wind Speed for Snow Movement. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems* 9(7), 2514–2525. DOI: 10.1002/2017MS000982.

9. He, Siwei, Zhuotong Nan, and Yuting Hou, (2015). Accuracy evaluation of two precipitation datasets over upper reach of Heihe River Basin, north-western China. *Sciences in Cold and Arid Regions* 7(2), 157–169.
10. He, Siwei, Zhuotong Nan, Ling Zhang, and Wenjun Yu, (2015). Modeling spatial-temporal distribution of water and energy fluxes in the upper reaches of the Heihe River simulated with VIC model. *Journal of Glaciology and Geocryology* 37(1). (in Chinese), 211–225.
11. He, Siwei and Zhuotong Nan, (2013). Application of rank set pair method to predict groundwater dynamics. *Journal of Sichuan University: Engineering Science Edition* 45(S2). (in Chinese), 211–225.
12. He, Siwei, Zhuotong Nan, Shugong Wang, and Yongjian Ding, (2012). Application and comparative analysis of four conceptual hydrological models over the upper reach of Heihe River Basin. *Journal of China Hydrology* 32(3). (in Chinese), 13–19.

## Presentations

1. He, Siwei, (2023). Improving understanding and prediction of mountain hydrology by hydrological models. Invited. Bozeman, MT: Montana State University.
2. He, Siwei, (2023). Modeling subgrid variability of the land-surface properties: potential solutions to snow distribution and downward shortwave radiation. Invited. Canmore, Canada: University of Saskatchewan.
3. He, Siwei, (2023). Modeling subgrid variability of the land-surface properties: potential solutions to snow distribution and downward shortwave radiation. Invited. Beijing, China (Virtual): Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
4. He, Siwei, Tatiana G. Smirnova, Stanley G Benjamin, Joseph B. Olson, and Dave D. Turner, (2022). Quantify the impact of wildfire on the land-surface biogeophysical properties and numerical weather prediction. In: AGU Fall Meeting. Chicago, IL.
5. He, Siwei, Dave D. Turner, Tatiana G. Smirnova, Stanley G Benjamin, and Joseph B. Olson, (2022). Quantifying the contributions from the surface, advection, and entrainment on the evening transition at SGP. In: ARM/ASR Joint Meeting. Rockville, MD.
6. He, Siwei, Dave D. Turner, Tatiana G. Smirnova, Stanley G Benjamin, and Joseph B. Olson, (2021). Evaluation of the near-surface variables in the HRRR forecast model using observations from the ARM SGP sites. In: AGU Fall Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
7. He, Siwei, (2020). A physically-based subgrid snow model and its effects on the performances of land surface models. Invited. Boulder, CO: National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).
8. He, Siwei, (2020). Subgrid variability of snow and its simulation in hydrologic models. Invited. Wuhan, China: Hubei University of Technology.
9. He, Siwei, Tatiana G. Smirnova, and Stanley G Benjamin, (2019). A scale-aware parameterization for estimating subgrid variability of downward solar radiation using high-resolution Digital Elevation Model data. In: AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
10. He, Siwei, Tatiana G. Smirnova, and Stanley G Benjamin, (2019). Integrating the Fokker-Planck approach for sub-grid variability of snow depth into the RUC land-surface model: Preliminary results from off-line ESM-SnowMIP site simulations. In: AMS Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ.
11. He, Siwei, Tatiana G. Smirnova, and Stanley G Benjamin, (2019). Integrating the Fokker-Planck Equation (FPE) subgrid snow model into the Rapid Refresh (RAP) weather prediction system to address snow heterogeneity in surface-atmosphere interactions. In: AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
12. He, Siwei, Tatiana G. Smirnova, Stanley G Benjamin, and Georg Grell, (2018). Integrating the Fokker-Planck approach for sub-grid variability of snow depth into the RUC land-surface model: Preliminary results from off-line ESM-SnowMIP site simulations. In: AGU Fall Meeting. Washington, DC.
13. Garousi-Nejad, Irene, Siwei He, Qicheng Tang, Fred Ogden, and ..., (2017). A Study on the Effects of Spatial Scale on Snow Process in Hyper-Resolution Hydrological Modelling over Mountainous Areas. In: AGU Fall Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
14. He, Siwei and Noriaki Ohara, (2016). A physical based formula for calculating the critical stress of snow movement. In: AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
15. He, Siwei and Noriaki Ohara, (2015). Modeling of sub-grid variability for snow redistribution and ablation processes using Fokker-Planck Equation. In: AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

## Technical Reports

1. Chang, Jason, Irene Garousi-Nejad, Lauren Grimley, Siwei He, Mariam Khanam, Tyler Madsen, and ..., (2017). ADHydro Introduction and Workflow. Tech. rep. Tuscaloosa: National Water Center, NOAA, pp. 6–13. DOI: 10.4211/technical.20171009.
2. Garousi-Nejad, Irene, Siwei He, and Qicheng Tang, (2017). Comparison of coarse and high-resolution hydrologic modeling in mountainous area. Tech. rep. Tuscaloosa: National Water Center, NOAA, pp. 14–22. DOI: 10.4211/technical.20171009.

## Training and Workshops

Sep 6 - 9, 2022	4th NOAA Workshop on Leveraging AI in Environmental Sciences. NOAA Center for Artificial Intelligence (NCAI), Virtual
Nov 4 - 9, 2020	Unified Forecast System (UFS) Medium-Range Weather (MRW) Application users training. Developmental Testbed Center (DTC), Boulder, CO
Jun 22 - 26, 2020	Artificial Intelligence for Earth System Science Summer School. National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, CO
Jun 20 - 22, 2017	Watershed modeling with Gridded Surface Subsurface Hydrologic Analysis (GSSHA). US Army Watershed Modeling Support Center, Tuscaloosa, AL
May 2 - 4, 2017	The Weather Research and Forecasting Model Hydrological (WRF-Hydro) modeling system. NCAR, Boulder, CO

## Services

2023	Reviewer of the NOAA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
2021 - present	Primary convener of the AGU Falling Meeting session "Subgrid parameterization of physical processes in Earth System Models"
2019 - present	Board member of the Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association(COAA) Colorado Chapter
2019 - present	Reviewer of the professional journals ( <i>Water Resource Research</i> , <i>Journal of Geophysical Research</i> , <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i> , <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , <i>Advances in Water Resources</i> , <i>Journal of Hydrologic Engineering</i> , <i>Natural Hazards</i> , <i>Agricultural and Forest Meteorology</i> )
2021	Board member of the Young Hydrologic Society (YHS)
2019, 2020	Ad hoc reviewer of the Hydrologic Sciences Program at National Science Foundation (NSF)
2019	Judge member of the 2019 Colorado Science and Engineering Fair (SCEF)

## Awards and Honors

2021	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator's Award, NOAA <i>The NOAA Administrator's Award recognizes employees who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, skill, and ingenuity in their significant and innovative contributions that bring unusual credit to NOAA, the Department of Commerce, and the Federal Government as a whole.</i>
2018	Paul A Recharad Fellowship, University of Wyoming, US <i>For outstanding graduate student in civil engineering for water resources.</i>
2009	Excellent Student Scholarship of Hydro-power, Shaanxi Society for Hydro-power Engineering, China <i>For senior outstanding undergraduate student in hydro-power engineering.</i>
2009	First Prize for Innovation, Xi'an University of Technology (XAUT), China <i>For outstanding undergraduate student attending Undergraduate Innovative Research Program.</i>
2008	Second Prize of China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM), China
2007	Third Prize in Physics Experimental Contest, XAUT, China

## Professional Memberships

- American Geophysical Union
- American Meteorological Society