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Research interests

- Cold region hydrology, permafrost-hydrology-carbon interactions
- Remote sensing algorithms and modeling development, applications in regional water and carbon cycle studies
- Climate change studies in the high latitude and high-altitude region

Education

- Ph.D. *Hydrology*, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2008
- M.S. *Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, Peking University, China, 2005
- B.E. *Hydrology*, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, 2002

Professional Experience:

- 2021/10-present: Research Professor, Tongji University, China.
- 2020/03-2021/09: Assistant Researcher affiliated with JIFRESSE, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 2018/03-2021/09: NPP senior fellow at NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), USA
- 2009/09-2018/02: Research Scientist, Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, University of Montana, USA
- 2008/09-2009/08: Postdoc, Dept. Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, Canada

Refereed Publications (* indicates corresponding author)

Papers Under Review:

1. Mousong, Wu, et al (including **Yi, Y.**). Soil moisture-atmosphere coupling drives recent vegetation browning across the northern permafrost zone. Submitted to *Nature Climate Change*.
2. Jiang, H., Qiang, D., **Yi, Y.***, Goetz, S., Berner, L., Rogers, B., Liu, L., He, M., Chen, D. Divergent responses of vegetation growth to recent warming and abrupt permafrost thaw across the Qinghai-Tibet plateau. *Catena*, in review.
3. He, M., **Yi, Y.***, Li, X., Wigneron, J.P., Kimball, J.S., Endsley, A., Reichle, R., Fan, L., Chen, H. Divergent responses of multi-frequency vegetation optical depth

- products to climate variations in China. *Journal of Remote Sensing*, in review.
4. Peng, W., **Yi, Y.***, Mishra, U., Bakian-Dogaheh, K., Kimball, J.S., et al. Characterizing spatial variability of soil organic carbon in Alaska through improved machine learning modeling with in-situ data resampling. *IEEE Trans. Geosci. Remote Sensing*, in revision.

Papers published in referred journals:

5. **Yi, Y.***, Wu, T., Wu, M., Jiang, H.*, Yang, Y., Rogers, B.M. Abrupt thaw and its effects on permafrost carbon emissions in the Tibetan Plateau: a remote sensing and modeling perspective. *Earth-Science Reviews*, 2025.
6. Chang, T., **Yi, Y.***, Jiang, H., Li, R., Lu, P., Liu, L., Wang, L., Zhao, L., Zwieback, S., Zhao, J., Chen, J. Unraveling the non-linear relationship between seasonal deformation and active layer thickness. *Npj Climate and Atmospheric Science*, 2024.
7. He, M., Cui, J.*, **Yi, Y.***, et al. Vegetation increases global climate vulnerability risk by shifting climate zones in response to rising atmospheric CO₂. *Science of The Total Environment*, 2024.
8. Jiang, H., **Yi, Y.***, Yang, K., Zhao, L., Chen, D., Kimball, J.S., Lu, F.: Soil Freeze/Thaw Dynamics Strongly Influences Runoff Regime in a Tibetan Permafrost Watershed: Insights from a Process-Based Model. *Catena*, 2024.
9. Zhao, Y., Bakian-Dogaheh, L., Whitcomb, J., Chen, R.H., **Yi, Y.**, Kimball, J.S., Moghaddam, M.: Integrating multi-source remote sensing data for mapping boreal forest canopy height and species in interior Alaska in support of radar modeling. *Environmental Research Letters*, 2024.
10. Liu, L., **Yi, Y.***, Jiang, H., Ran, Y., Chen, D.: ERA5-Land overestimates runoff coefficient but underestimates runoff recession rate in the central Tibetan permafrost region. *Journal of Hydrology: Regional studies*, 53, 101792, 2024.
11. Miller, C. et al (including **Yi, Y.**): The ABoVE L-band and P-band airborne synthetic aperture radar surveys, *Earth Syst. Sci. Data*, 16, 2605–2624, 2024.
12. Whitcomb, J., Chen, R., Clewley, D., Kimball, J. S., Pastick, N. J., **Yi, Y.**, & Moghaddam, M.: Maps of active layer thickness in northern Alaska by upscaling P-band polarimetric synthetic aperture radar retrievals. *Environmental Research Letters*, 19(1), 014046, 2024.
13. Liu, Z., Kimball, J. S., Ballantyne, A., Watts, J. D., Natali, S. M., Rogers, B. M., **Yi, Y.** et al.: Widespread deepening of the active layer in northern permafrost regions from 2003 to 2020. *Environmental Research Letters*, 19(1), 014020, 2024.
14. Jiang, H., **Yi, Y.***, Xu, J., Chen, D., Lu, F., Li, R., Wang, X., Zhou, B.: Characterizing precipitation uncertainties in a high-altitudinal permafrost watershed of the Tibetan Plateau based on regional water balance and hydrological model simulations. *Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies*. 2023.
15. Lu, P., Han, J., **Yi, Y.**, Hao, T., Zhou, F., Meng X., Zhang, Y., Li, R.: InSAR unveils dynamic permafrost disturbances on Tibetan Plateau hinterland. *IEEE Trans. Geosci. Remote Sensing*, 2023.

16. **Yi, Y.**, Bakian-Dogaheh, Moghaddam, M., Mishra, M., Kimball, J.S.: Mapping surface organic soil properties in Arctic tundra using C-band SAR data. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*. 2023.
17. Schiferl, L., Arndt, K., Biraud, S., Euskirchen, E.S., Henderson, J., Larson, E., McKain, K., Munger, J.W., Oechel, W., Sweeney, C., Watts, J.D., **Yi, Y.**, Zona, D., and Commane, R.: Using atmospheric observations to quantify annual biogenic carbon dioxide fluxes on the Alaska North Slope. *Biogeosciences*, 2023.
18. Chang, T., **Yi, Y.***, Wen, Y., Lu, P., Zhou, F., Meng, X., et al.: Bias Correction for ERA5-Land Soil Moisture Product Using Variational Mode Decomposition in the Permafrost Region of Qinghai–Tibet Plateau. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, 15, 7025–7041, 2022.
19. Byrne, B., Liu, J., **Yi, Y.**, Chatterjee, A., Basu, S., Cheng, R., Doughty, R., Chevallier, F., Bowman, K. W., Parazoo, N. C., Crisp, D., Li, X., Xiao, J., Sitch, S., Guenet, B., Deng, F., Johnson, M. S., Philip, S., McGuire, P. C., and Miller, C. E.: Multi-year observations reveal a larger than expected autumn respiration signal across northeast Eurasia, *Biogeosciences*, 2022.
20. **Yi, Y.**, Chen, R. H., Kimball, J. S., Moghaddam, M., Xu, X., Euskirchen, E. S., et al.: Potential Satellite Monitoring of Surface Organic Soil Properties in Arctic Tundra From SMAP. *Water Resources Research*, 58(4), 2022.
21. Bakian-Dogaheh, K., Chen, R. H., **Yi, Y.**, Kimball, J. S., Moghaddam, M., & Tabatabaenejad, A.: A model to characterize soil moisture and organic matter profiles in the permafrost active layer in support of radar remote sensing in Alaskan Arctic tundra. *Environmental Research Letters*, 17(2), 025011, 2022.
22. **Yi, Y.**, Chen, R.H., Moghaddam M., Kimball J.S., et al.: Sensitivity of multi-frequency polarimetric SAR data to post-fire permafrost changes and recovery processes in Arctic tundra. *IEEE Trans. Geosci. Remote Sensing*, doi: 10.1109/TGRS.2021.3125715, 2021.
23. Kim, J., Kim, Y., Zona, D., Oechel, Park, S., Lee, B., **Yi, Y.**, Erb, A., Schaaf, C.: Carbon response of tundra ecosystems to advancing greenup and snowmelt in Alaska. *Nature Communications*, 12(1), 6879, 2021.
24. **Yi, Y.**, Kimball, J.S., Watts, J., Natali, S., Zona, D., Liu, J., Ueyama, M., Kobayashi, H., Oechel, W., and Miller, C.E.: Investigating the sensitivity of soil heterotrophic respiration to recent snow cover changes in Alaska using a satellite-based permafrost carbon model. *Biogeosciences*, 17, 5861-5882, 2020.
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- Central Tibetan Plateau. *Science of the Total Environment*. 734, 129261, 2020.
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Research Projects

Current projects:

- *National Key Research and Development Program of China*, “Satellite Remote Sensing Retrieval of key elements determining land-atmosphere interaction”, 2024/12-2029/11, ¥20,000K, Co-I (¥4,800K to Tongji)
- *The National Natural Science Foundation of China*, “Joint retrieval of soil organic carbon content and soil moisture in the pan-Arctic permafrost region using SMAP Tb data”, 2024/01-2027/12, ¥480K, PI
- *Shanghai 1000-talent program*, China, 2021/10-2026/09, ¥2,000K, PI
- *2023 Shanghai Action Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation Program*, “Potential soil carbon emissions with permafrost degradation in the Tibetan Plateau grasslands”, 2023/09-2026/08, ¥500K, PI.
- *Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute*, “The changing trends of evapotranspiration and fractions of green water resources in the Yangtze river basin”, 2024/07-2025/12, ¥195K, PI.
- *The Second Tibetan Plateau Scientific Expedition and Research Program*, “Understanding the driving processes of runoff production in the Tibetan Permafrost region”. 2022/11-2024/10, ¥8900K, participate (¥900K to Tongji)

Completed projects:

- *The Ministry of Science and Technology International Collaborative Program*, “Estimation of the abrupt permafrost thaw rates and associated soil carbon emissions”, 2022/01-2023/12, ¥290K, PI
- *NASA Terrestrial Hydrology Program*, “Enhancement of High-Resolution Soil Moisture Algorithm and Product for Arctic Region Using the Multi-Sensor Data Fusion Approach”, 2021-2024, \$600K (UCLA), co-I
- *Ministry of Science and Technology Collaborative Program*, “Investigating pan-Arctic abrupt thaw and associated carbon emissions”, 2022-2023, ¥290K, PI
- *NASA Terrestrial Ecology Program*, “Improving Understanding and Prediction of Permafrost Active Layer Processes Using a Coupled Radar Inversion and Soil

Process Model Framework”, Co-PI (JPL), 2019-2022, \$780K

- *NASA NPP fellowship*, “Developing an Integrated Modeling Framework to Characterize Soil Moisture Effects on Boreal-Arctic Soil Freeze/thaw Dynamics and Cold-season Carbon Emissions”, PI, 2018-2020, \$180K

Advising Experiences

- Huiru Jiang, 2023-, Postdoc, Tongji University
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- Tian Chang, 2020-, PhD student (BS/PhD program), Tongji University
- Qianhui Liu, 2023-, PhD student, Tongji University
- Wei Peng, 2023-, Msc student, Tongji University
- Lingbo Su, 2023-, Msc student, Tongji University
- Ziting Chen, 2023-, Msc student, Nanjing University (co-advisor)
- Di Qiang, 2024-, Msc student, Tongji University