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Research Interests

- Climate Variability, Dynamics and Predictability
- Wave Dynamics in Atmosphere and Ocean, Atmospheric Teleconnections
- El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO), Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)
- Paleoclimate, Global Warming and Climate Change

Professional Experience (post Ph.D.)

2016.10 – Present ■ **Postdoctoral Fellow.** Department of Atmospheric Sciences, SOEST, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Education

- 2011 – 2016 ■ **Ph.D. Meteorology, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences**
Dissertation: *Theory of Cross-Equatorial Propagation of Planetary Wave in Horizontally Non-Uniform Basic Flow and Its Applications in Atmospheric Teleconnections* (Dissertation adviser: Jianping Li)
- 2007 – 2011 ■ **B.S., College of Atmospheric Sciences, and LONGJI Class in School of Mathematics and Statistics, Lanzhou University**, Thesis: *Evaluation of WRF microphysics and cumulus schemes in simulating Hurricane Katrina* (Thesis adviser: Shuwen Zhang)

Publications

Articles in Preparation or Submitted

- 3 Zhao, S. and F.-F. Jin (2020a): *A Robust Assessment of the Bjerknes-Wyrtki-Jin Indices for ENSO Linear Stability and Periodicity*. in prepagation.
- 2 Zhao, S. and F.-F. Jin (2020b): *ENSO Periodicity and Predictability*. in prepagation.
- 1 Zhao, S., J. Li, F.-F. Jin, J. Feng, and Y. Li (2020): *Rossby Wave Ray and Phase Tracing on a Horizontally Non-Uniform Flow with Application to the Pacific-Japan Teleconnection*. in prepagation.

Total 36 peer-reviewed papers and 1 book chapter, of which 6 are either as first author or with adviser as first author.
[Google Scholar](#) total citations are 409, h-index is 12; [Publons](#) SCI citations are 315, h-index is 10 (as of January 5, 2020)

Journal Articles As Lead Author

- 6 Zhao, S., M. F. Stuecker, F.-F. Jin, J. Feng, H. Ren, W. Zhang, and J. Li (2020): Improved Predictability of the Indian Ocean Dipole using a Stochastic-Dynamical Model compared to the North American Multi-model Ensemble Forecast. *Wea. Forecasting*, in press.
- 5 Zhao, S., F.-F. Jin, and M. F. Stuecker (2019): Improved Predictability of the Indian Ocean Dipole Using Seasonally Modulated ENSO Forcing Forecasts. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 46(16), 9980–9990. doi: [10.1029/2019GL084196](https://doi.org/10.1029/2019GL084196).
- 4 Zhao, S., J. Li, Y. Li, F.-F. Jin, and J. Zheng (2019): Interhemispheric Influence of Indo-Pacific Convection Oscillation on Southern Hemisphere Rainfall through Southward Propagation of Rossby Waves. *Clim. Dyn.*, 52(5), 3203–3221. doi: [10.1007/s00382-018-4324-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-018-4324-y).
- 3 Li, J., S. Zhao, Y. Li, L. Wang, and C. Sun (2016): On the role of perturbation potential energy in variability of the East Asian summer monsoon: Current status and prospects (in Chinese). *Advances in Earth Science*, 31(2), 115–125. doi: [10.11867/j.issn.1001-8166.2016.02.0115](https://doi.org/10.11867/j.issn.1001-8166.2016.02.0115).
- 2 Zhao, S., J. Li, and C. Sun (2016): Decadal Variability in the Occurrence of Wintertime Haze in Central Eastern China Tied to the Pacific Decadal Oscillation. *Sci. Rep.*, 6, 27424. doi: [10.1038/srep27424](https://doi.org/10.1038/srep27424).

- 1 Zhao, S., J. Li, and Y. Li (2015): Dynamics of an Interhemispheric Teleconnection across the Critical Latitude through a Southerly Duct during Boreal Winter. *J. Climate*, 28(19), 7437–7456. doi: [10.1175/JCLI-D-14-00425.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-14-00425.1).

Journal Articles As Co-Author

- 30 Tseng, Y., R. Ding, S. Zhao, Y. Kuo, and Y. Liang (2020): Could the North Pacific Oscillation Be Modified by the Initiation of East Asian Winter Monsoon? *J. Climate*, *in press*. doi: [10.1175/JCLI-D-19-0112.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-19-0112.1).
- 29 Feng, J., J. Li, F.-F. Jin, Z. Liu, and S. Zhao (2019): Effect of El Niño on the Response Ratio of Hadley Circulation to Different SST Meridional Structures. *Clim. Dyn.*, 53, 3877–3891. doi: [10.1007/s00382-019-04756-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-019-04756-7).
- 28 Shi, F., H. Goosse, F. Klein, S. Zhao, T. Liu, and Z. Guo (2019): Monopole mode of precipitation in East Asia modulated by the South China Sea over the last four centuries. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 46(24), 14713–14722. doi: [10.1029/2019GL085320](https://doi.org/10.1029/2019GL085320).
- 27 Wang, Q., J. Li, Y. Li, J. Xue, S. Zhao, Y. Xu, Y. Wang, Y. Zhang, D. Dong, and J. Zhang (2019): Modulation of tropical cyclone tracks over the western North Pacific by intra-seasonal Indo-western Pacific convection oscillation during the boreal extended summer. *Clim. Dyn.*, 52(1-2), 913–927. doi: [10.1007/s00382-018-4264-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-018-4264-6).
- 26 Feng, J., J. Li, F. Jin, S. Zhao, and J. Zhu (2018): Relationship between the Hadley circulation and different tropical meridional SST structures during boreal summer. *J. Climate*, 31(16), 6575–6590. doi: [10.1175/JCLI-D-18-0095.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-18-0095.1).
- 25 Li, Y., J. Feng, J. Li, and S. Zhao (2018): The Circle Diagram in the Group Velocity Domain for Rossby Wave under the Horizontally Non-Uniform Flow. *SOLA*, 14, 121–125. doi: [10.2151/sola.2018-021](https://doi.org/10.2151/sola.2018-021).
- 24 Li, Y., J. Li, F. Kucharski, J. Feng, S. Zhao, and J. Zheng (2018): Two Leading Modes of the Interannual Variability in South American Surface Air Temperature during Austral Winter. *Clim. Dyn.*, 51(5-6), 2141–2156. doi: [10.1007/s00382-017-4004-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-017-4004-3).
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- 22 Stuecker, M. F., C. M. Bitz, K. C. Armour, C. Proistosescu, S. M. Kang, S.-P. Xie, D. Kim, S. McGregor, W. Zhang, S. Zhao, W. Cai, Y. Dong, and F.-F. Jin (2018): Polar Amplification Dominated by Local Forcing and Feedbacks. *Nature Climate Change*, 8(12), 1076–1081. doi: [10.1038/s41558-018-0339-y](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-018-0339-y).
- 21 Xue, J., J. Li, C. Sun, S. Zhao, J. Mao, D. Dong, Y. Li, and J. Feng (2018): Decadal-Scale Teleconnection between South Atlantic SST and Southeast Australia Surface Air Temperature in Austral Summer. *Clim. Dyn.*, 50(7-8), 2687–2703. doi: [10.1007/s00382-017-3764-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-017-3764-0).
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- 18 Huyan, L., J. Li, S. Zhao, C. Sun, D. Dong, T. Liu, and Y. Zhao (2017): The Impact of Layer Perturbation Potential Energy on the East Asian Summer Monsoon. *J. Climate*, 30(17), 7087–7103. doi: [10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0729.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0729.1).
- 17 Qin, J., R. Ding, Z. Wu, J. Li, and S. Zhao (2017): Relationships between the extratropical ENSO precursor and leading modes of atmospheric variability in the Southern Hemisphere. *Adv. Atmos. Sci.*, 34(3), 360–370. doi: [10.1007/s00376-016-6016-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00376-016-6016-z).
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- 15 Stuecker, M. F., A. Timmermann, F.-F. Jin, Y. Chikamoto, W. Zhang, A. T. Wittenberg, E. Widiasih, and S. Zhao (2017): Revisiting ENSO/Indian Ocean Dipole Phase Relationships. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 44(5), 2481–2492. doi: [10.1002/2016GL072308](https://doi.org/10.1002/2016GL072308).
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- 12 Ding, R., J. Li, Y.-h. Tseng, K.-J. Ha, **S. Zhao**, and J.-Y. Lee (2016): Interdecadal change in the lagged relationship between the Pacific–South American pattern and ENSO. *Clim. Dyn.*, 47(9-10), 2867–2884. doi: [10.1007/s00382-016-3002-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-016-3002-1).
- 11 Kazmi, D. H., J. Li, C. Ruan, **S. Zhao**, and Y. Li (2016): A Statistical Downscaling Model for Summer Rainfall over Pakistan. *Clim. Dyn.*, 47(7–8), 2653–2666. doi: [10.1007/s00382-016-2990-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-016-2990-1).
- 10 Lou, P., J. Li, J. Feng, **S. Zhao**, and Y. Li (2016a): Does a monsoon circulation exist in the upper troposphere over the central and eastern tropical Pacific? *Atmos. Oceanic Sci. Lett.*, 9(6), 458–464. doi: [10.1080/16742834.2016.1234330](https://doi.org/10.1080/16742834.2016.1234330).
- 9 Lou, P., J. Li, J. Feng, **S. Zhao**, and Y. Li (2016b): Wind rotation characteristics of the upper tropospheric monsoon over the central and eastern tropical Pacific. *Atmos. Oceanic Sci. Lett.*, 9(6), 479–486. doi: [10.1080/16742834.2016.1235464](https://doi.org/10.1080/16742834.2016.1235464).
- 8 Yang, F., N. Wang, F. Shi, F. C. Ljungqvist, **S. Zhao**, and T. Liu (2016): The spatial distribution of precipitation over the West Qinling region, China, AD 1470–2000. *Palaeogeogr. Palaeoclimatol. Palaeoecol.*, 443, 278–285. doi: [10.1016/j.palaeo.2015.12.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.palaeo.2015.12.003).
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- 4 Shi, F., Q. Ge, B. Yang, J. Li, F. Yang, F. C. Ljungqvist, O. Solomina, T. Nakatsuka, N. Wang, **S. Zhao**, C. Xu, K. Fang, M. Sano, G. Chu, Z. Fan, N. P. Gaire, and M. U. Zafar (2015): A Multi-Proxy Reconstruction of Spatial and Temporal Variations in Asian Summer Temperatures over the Last Millennium. *Climatic Change*, 131(4), 663–676. doi: [10.1007/s10584-015-1413-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-015-1413-3).
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- 2 Zhu, G., W. Lin, **S. Zhao**, and Y. Cao (2015): Spatial and temporal variation characteristics of ocean waves in the South China Sea during the boreal winter. *Acta Oceanol. Sin.*, 34(1), 23–28. doi: [10.1007/s13131-015-0592-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13131-015-0592-0).
- 1 Shi, F., B. Yang, **S. Zhao**, and F. Yang (2014): Spatial pattern reconstruction of typical centennial warm periods of global temperature over the past millennium (in Chinese). *Quaternary Sciences*, 34(6), 1125–1135. doi: [10.3969/j.issn.1001-7410.2014.06.01](https://doi.org/10.3969/j.issn.1001-7410.2014.06.01).

Book and Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- 1 Jin, F.-F., H.-C. Chen, **S. Zhao**, M. Hayashi, C. Karamperidou, M. F. Stuecker, R. Xie, and L. Geng (2020): Simple ENSO Models. In: *El Niño Southern Oscillation in a Changing Climate*. Ed. by A. Santoso, W. Cai, and M. J. McPhaden.

Presentations

Oral

- Improved Predictability of the Indian Ocean Dipole Using Seasonally Modulated ENSO Forcing, *AOGS 15th Annual Meeting*, Honolulu, USA, June 03–08, 2018
- Decadal Variability in the Occurrence of Wintertime Haze in Central Eastern China Tied to the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, *AOGS 15th Annual Meeting*, Honolulu, USA, June 03–08, 2018

Poster

- A robust assessment of the Bjerknes-Wyrtki-Jin indices for ENSO growth rate and periodicity, *AGU Fall Meeting 2019*, San Francisco, USA, December 9–13, 2019
- Interhemispheric influence of the Indo-Pacific convection oscillation on Southern Hemisphere rainfall, *AOGS 13th Annual Meeting*, Beijing, China, July 31–August 5, 2016
- Interhemispheric influence of the Indo-Pacific convection oscillation on Southern Hemisphere rainfall, *The 13th General Circulation Model Simulations of the East Asian Climate (EAC) workshop*, Beijing, China, March 24–25, 2016
- Dynamics of an interhemispheric teleconnection across the critical latitude through a southerly duct during boreal winter, *LASG Annual Meeting*, Beijing, China, December 24–25, 2014

Presentations (continued)

- The Hemispheric Propagation of Stationary waves in Atmosphere, *EGU General Assembly 2013*, Vienna, Austria, April 7–12, 2013
- The Hemispheric Propagation of Stationary waves in Atmosphere, *ICDM Workshop 2012*, Kunming, China, August 6–9, 2012

Teaching

- Guest Lecturer ■ “Applied Atmospheric Dynamics” (ATMO 402), Instructor: Fei-Fei Jin, UH Mānoa spring semester 2020
- Co-Instructor ■ “Dynamics of El Niño–Southern Oscillation Phenomenon” (ATMO 752), Instructor: Fei-Fei Jin, UH Mānoa spring semester 2019
- Guest Lecturer ■ “Applied Atmospheric Dynamics” (ATMO 402), Instructor: Fei-Fei Jin, UH Mānoa spring semester 2019

Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

- 2013 ■ **Postgraduate National Scholarship**, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- 2012–2014 ■ **Outstanding Student Leader**, University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- 2012–2015 ■ **Merit Student**, University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- 2011 ■ **Outstanding Graduate**, Lanzhou University, China.

Skills

- Languages ■ Strong reading, writing and speaking competencies for English and Mandarin Chinese
- Coding ■ Fortran, Python, CDO, NCO, Ferret, NCL, Matlab, Gnuplot, GrADS, R, Linux Shells, \LaTeX
- Numerical Models ■ Coupled General Circulation Models (CESM1, CM2.1, and CM3), WRF
- Simple Models ■ Linear Baroclinic Models (LBM), Zebiak-Cane ENSO Model, Shallow Water Model for Global Ocean, Linear Primitive Models, Barotropic Model, Recharge Oscillator Model, Gill-Matsuno Model
- Misc. ■ Academic research, teaching, training, consultation, and publishing.

Self-Development Toolkit

- Rossby Wave Ray and Phase Tracing** ■ A software package for investigating the Rossby wave propagation and its phase evolution in a **horizontally non-uniform basic flow** (includes both U and V)
- Simple IOD Prediction System** ■ A simple stochastic-dynamical prediction model (SDM) for IOD with dynamical evolution of SST determined by seasonal modulated Indian Ocean feedbacks and seasonal modulated ENSO forcing as well as stochastic forcing. **The SDM exhibits generally higher skill and longer lead times for predicting IOD events than current operational forecast systems**
- iTAO Climate Model** ■ A intermediate Tropical Atmosphere and Ocean coupled model (iTAO) with a Gill-type atmospheric model and a linear continuously stratified dynamical ocean model embedded with a mixed layer SST anomaly model. **This is a improved version of Zebiak-Cane type model in global ocean with consideration of vertical structure of ocean**

Miscellaneous Experience

Professional Service

- Review for Journals: *Journal of Climate*, *Climate Dynamics*, *Scientific Reports*, *Atmosphere*, *Theoretical and Applied Climatology*

Scientific Societies

- American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- European Geosciences Union (EGU)
- Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS)

Other Academic Training

- **Participant**: Joint US-Japan Workshop on Climate Change and Variability, Honolulu, USA, 03/2019

Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

- **Participant:** International Symposium on Tropical Ocean and Climate, Qingdao, China, 06/2015
- **Participant:** The International Commission on Climate (ICCL) Expert Assessment Workshop on "Decadal Climate Variability and Cross-Scale Interactions", Beijing, China, 04/2013

Referees

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