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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests lie in two areas. The first is understanding and quantifying the changes in emissions of greenhouse gases (with a focus on methane (CH₄)) from terrestrial ecosystems at regional to global scale - scales directly relevant to informing climate and policy - primarily through the use of a suite of modelling tools including dynamic global vegetation models, earth system models, and atmospheric models. The second area is assessing the impacts of climate change on global wetlands via its influences on ecosystem services. Overall, my research aims to improve our understanding of the global vegetation-climate interaction in the Anthropocene.

EDUCATION

Nanjing University, China	Geography	Ph.D. 2013
Nanjing Institute of Meteorology, China	Geography	B.Sc. 2006

POSITIONS HELD

Postdoctoral Researcher	2017-present
Department of Geographical Sciences, University of Maryland College Park, United States	

Guest Scientist	2017-present
Dynamic Macroecology Group Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Switzerland	

Postdoctoral Scientist	2014-2017
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Dynamic Macroecology Group
Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Switzerland

Affiliated Assistant Professor 2014-2017

Department of Ecology
Montana State University, United States

Research Faculty 2013-2014

Laboratory of Remote Sensing and Geospatial Science
Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute
Chinese Academy of Science

Graduate Research Assistant 2009-2013

Department of Geography
Nanjing University, China

High Performance Cluster (HPC) Administrator 2009-2013

Department of Geography
Nanjing University, China

MEMBERSHIPS

American Geophysical Union (AGU), Young Earth System Scientist Community, Future Earth Network, Permafrost Carbon Network, FLUXNET Young Scientist Group

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

- Referee for: Environmental Research Letter, Geoscientific Model Development, Biogeosciences, Carbon Balance and Management, Global and Planetary Change, International Journal of Climatology, PLOS ONE, Ecological Research, China Science Bulletins
- Reviewer for: National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) (2017), NSFC 2016, NSFC 2015, NSFC 2014

OUTREACH & PUBLIC SERVICE

- Our study “Emerging role of wetland methane emissions in driving 21st century climate change” was selected to exhibit at United Nations Climate

Change Conference (COP23) in Bonn, Germany, 2017 by Center for Global Sustainability, University of Maryland.

- An interview by China Meteorological Newspaper (in Chinese) “Wetland could play an important role in future climate change” on Sep. 22nd 2017.
- Invited Research News by Chinese Academy of Sciences, “Radiative forcing feedback caused by wetland methane emissions could overwhelm anthropogenic counterpart in 21st century” on Aug 22nd 2017.
- Invited talk “Emerging role of wetland methane emissions in driving 21st century climate change” by NOAA Science Seminar Series, Sep 7th, 2017.
- International Conference on Permafrost ICOP 2016, Potsdam, Germany. Oral presentation. Title: Role of wetlands in projected future permafrost carbon-climate feedbacks: A model analysis with land surface model LPJ-wsl.
- American Geophysical Union Fall meeting 2015, San Francisco, US. Poster presentation. Title: Modeling spatio-temporal dynamics of global wetlands: a TOPMODEL parameterization and uncertainties
- “Mining FLUXNET and other carbon data sources to inform earth system models”, FLUXNET Workshop 2015, Beijing, China.
- Supervising graduate students at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ) for course “Spatial Modeling from Climate & Land Use Change to Biodiversity Conservation”, Aug-Dec, 2016.
- Teaching in a workshop ‘Macroecology, Species Distribution and Climate Change’ held in Peking University, China, 2016, June.
- American Geophysical Union Fall meeting 2014, San Francisco, US.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2017-present Quantifying Sources and Sinks in the Global Methane Cycle. This is international-collaborative project funded by US Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, dedicating to investigate the role of methane in global methane cycle and to estimate the methane source and sink with multiple model technologies.
- 2017-present A Model-Data Integration Framework (MoDIF) for ABoVE Phase I research: simulation, scaling and benchmarking for key indicators of Arctic-boreal ecosystem dynamics.
- 2014-present Global Carbon Project Methane. EU FP7 GEOCARBON Programme (283080) Bottoms-up estimates group using Land surface models
- 2012-2017 MAIOLICA II. ETH-CCES Project. Modelling and experiments on land-surface interactions with atmospheric chemistry and climate II.

- 2013-2016 Joint estimation of states and parameters for simulated effect of heterogeneous rising atmospheric CO₂ on carbon budget of terrestrial ecosystems in China. National Natural Science Foundation of China for Young Scientists (Y411391001).
- 2010-2013 Application of land cover map from remote sensing in land surface ecosystem modeling. State High Technology Funds of China.
- 2009-2013 Changing mechanisms and optimized computing research on the carbon sources and sink of global terrestrial ecosystems, State Key Fundamental Science Funds of China.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Zhang, Z.**, Zimmermann, N.E., Calle L., Hurtt G., Chatterjee A., Poulter, B., Enhanced response of global wetland methane emissions to recent El Niño-Southern Oscillation events, *Environmental Research Letter*. (Submitted).
2. Babst F., Bodesheim P., Charney N., Friend A., Girardin M., Klesse S., Moore D., Seftigen K., Björklund J., Bouriaud O., Dawson A., DeRose R., Dietze M., Eckes A., Enquist B., Frank D., Mahecha M., Poulter B., Record S., Trouel T., Turton R., **Zhang Z.**, Evans M., When tree rings go global: challenges and opportunities for retro- and prospective insight, *Quaternary Science Reviews*. (Submitted)
3. Wang J., Fu X., Ni H., **Zhang Z.**, Li M., Response of soil respiration to nitrogen deposition on the Sanjiang Plain wetland in northeastern China, *PLOS One*. (Submitted)
4. Wang, C., Chen Z., **Zhang Z.**, Tang J., Li J., Brunner I., Zheng X., Zhao T., Geng Z., Li M., Global patterns of dead and living fine root stocks in forest ecosystems, *Journal of Biogeography*. (accepted)
5. **Zhang, Z.**, Zimmermann, N.E., Stenke, A., Li, X., Hodson, E.L., Zhu, G., Huang, C., Poulter, B., 2017. Emerging role of wetland methane emissions in driving 21st century climate change, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 114, 9647-9652.
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8. Poulter, B., Bousquet, P., Canadell, G. J., Ciais, P., Peregon, A., Saunois, M., Arora, K. V., Beerling, J. D., Brovkin, V., Jones, D. C., Joos, F., Gedney, N., Ito, A., Kleinen, T., Koven, D. C., McDonald, K., Melton, R. J., Peng, C., Peng, S., Prigent, C., Schroeder, R., Riley, J. W., Saito, M., Spahni, R., Tian, H., Taylor, L., Viovy, N., Wilton, D., Wiltshire, A., Xu, X., Zhang, B., **Zhang, Z.**, and Zhu, Q., 2017 Global wetland contribution to 2000–2012 atmospheric methane growth rate dynamics, *Environmental Research Letters*, 12, 094013.
9. **Zhang, Z.**, Babst, F., Bellassen, V., Frank, D., Launois, T., Tan, K., Ciais, P., Poulter, B., 2017. Converging Climate Sensitivities of European Forests Between Observed Radial Tree Growth and Vegetation Models, *Ecosystems*.
10. Pandey, S., Houweling, S., Krol, M., Aben, I., Monteil, G., Nechita-Banda, N., Dlugokencky, E.J., Detmers, R., Hasekamp, O., Xu, X., Riley, W.J., Poulter, B., **Zhang, Z.**, McDonald, K.C., White, J.W.C., Bousquet, P., Röckmann, T., 2017. Enhanced methane emissions from tropical wetlands during the 2011 La Niña, *Scientific Reports* 7, 45759.
11. Jin J., Wang Y., **Zhang Z.**, Magliulo V., Jiang H. and Cheng M., 2017. Phenology Plays an Important Role in the Regulation of Terrestrial Ecosystem Water-Use Efficiency in the Northern Hemisphere, *Remote Sensing* 9, 664.
12. Saunois, M., Bousquet, P., Poulter, B., Peregon, A., Ciais, P., Canadell, J.G., Dlugokencky, E.J., Etiope, G., Bastviken, D., Houweling, S., Janssens-Maenhout, G., Tubiello, F.N., Castaldi, S., Jackson, R.B., Alexe, M., Arora, V.K., Beerling, D.J., Bergamaschi, P., Blake, D.R., Brailsford, G., Brovkin, V., Bruhwiler, L., Crevoisier, C., Crill, P., Covey, K., Curry, C., Frankenberg, C.,

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 17. **Zhang, Z.**, Jiang, H., Liu, J., Ju, W., & Zhang, X., 2013. Effect of heterogeneous atmospheric CO₂ on simulated global carbon budget. *Global and Planetary Change*, 101, 33-51.
 18. **Zhang, Z.**, Jiang, H., Liu, J., Han, J., Zhu, Q., & Zhang, X., 2013. Implications of Future Water Use Efficiency for Ecohydrological Responses to Climate Change and Spatial Heterogeneity of Atmospheric CO₂ in China. *Terrestrial, Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences*, 24(3).
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