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## Education

**Ph.D., Oceanography, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego.** Sept. 2020 – present  
**Committee:** Shang-Ping Xie (co-chair), Nicholas J. Lutsko (co-chair), Ian Eisenman, Katharine L. Ricke, and Yuko M. Okumura.

**B.S., Atmospheric Sciences, School of Physics, Peking University.** Sept. 2016 – Jul. 2020  
**Thesis:** *Dynamics of Coastal Low-Level Jets*.  
**Advisors:** Yongyun Hu and Eli Tziperman.

## Publications

6. **Zhang, P.**, Lutsko, N.J., Hill, S.A., and Xie, S.-P. Hadley Cell Responses to Parameterized Eddies in an Axisymmetric Single-Layer Model. In preparation.
5. Xie, S.-P.<sup>†</sup>, Miyamoto, A.<sup>†</sup>, **Zhang, P.**<sup>†</sup>, Kosaka, Y., Liang, Y., and Lutsko, N. J. (2025). What Makes 2023 and 2024 the Hottest Years in a Row? *npj Climate and Atmospheric Science*, accepted.
4. Peng, Q., Xie, S.-P., Miyamoto, A., Deser, C., **Zhang, P.**, and Luongo, M.T. (2025). Unusual Growth of the 2023-24 El Niño Against the Odds of Indo-Atlantic Warming. *Nature Geoscience*, accepted.
3. **Zhang, P.**, Xie, S.-P., Kosaka, Y., Lutsko, N.J., Okumura, Y.M., and Miyamoto A. (2024). Why East Asian Monsoon Anomalies Are More Robust in Post El Niño than in Post La Niña Summers. *Nature Communications*, 15, 7401. doi: [10.1038/s41467-024-51885-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-024-51885-7)
2. **Zhang, P.**, Xie, S.-P., Kosaka, Y., and Lutsko, N.J. (2024). Non-ENSO Precursors for Northwestern Pacific Summer Monsoon Variability with Implications for Predictability. *Journal of Climate*, 37(1), 199-212. doi: [10.1175/JCLI-D-23-0169.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-23-0169.1)
1. **Zhang, P.** and Lutsko, N.J. (2022). Seasonal Superrotation in Earth's Troposphere. *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, 79(12), 3297-3314. doi: [10.1175/JAS-D-22-0066.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JAS-D-22-0066.1)

## Selected Presentations

### Conference talks:

- American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, Washington, D.C. (December 2024): Hadley Cell Responses to Parameterized Eddies in an Axisymmetric Single-Layer Model.
- 24th Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics (AOFD), Burlington, VT (June 2024): Hadley Cell Responses to Parameterized Eddies in an Axisymmetric Single-Layer Model.

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<sup>†</sup> Authors contributing equally.

- CLIVAR/TBI Science Meeting, Guangzhou, China and Online (November 2023): Role of Tropical Basin Interaction on East Asian Summer Monsoon: ENSO and Non-ENSO variability.
- American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL (December 2022): Non-ENSO precursors for a coherent mode of summer monsoon variability with implications for predictability.
- California Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (CalGFD) Meeting, Pasadena, CA (August 2022): Seasonal Superrotation in Earth's Troposphere.
- California Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (CalGFD) Meeting, online (August 2020): New Insights into the Dynamics of Coastal Low-Level Jets: A Vorticity Perspective.

#### **Conference posters:**

- American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA (December 2023): Why are East Asian monsoon anomalies more robust in post El Nino than post La Nina summers?
- American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL (December 2022): Seasonal Superrotation in Earth's Troposphere.
- 23rd Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics (AOFD), Breckenridge, CO (June 2022): Seasonal Superrotation in Earth's Troposphere.
- American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, online (December 2020): Dynamics of Coastal Low-Level Jets.

#### **Schools and workshops:**

- Workshop on Confronting Earth System Model Trends with Observations: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. March 2024, Boulder, CO.
- 4th Summer School on Theory, Mechanisms and Hierarchical Modeling of Climate Dynamics: Atlantic Variability and Tropical Basin Interactions at Interannual to Multi-Decadal Time Scales. July – August 2023, Trieste, Italy.

### **Teaching**

Winter 2023	<b>Tutor</b> SIO 217B: Atmospheric and Climate Science II
Summer 2022	<b>Instructor</b> Math 7, Math 9 and LaTeX for Math & Computing Workshop
Spring 2022	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> SIO 173: Dynamics of the Atmosphere and Climate

### **Department Seminars**

Autumn 2023	Climate Journal Club at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Winter 2023	Climate Journal Club at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Winter 2023	Physical Oceanography Seminar at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Autumn 2022	Climate Journal Club at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Autumn 2022	Scripps Student Symposium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Spring 2022	Climate Journal Club at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

### **Selected Awards and Honors**

**Regents Fellowship**, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 2020.

**PKU Scholar in Physics**, Peking University, 2020.

**Merit Student**, Peking University, 2019.

**Founder Scholarship**, Peking University, 2019.

First Prize, **34<sup>th</sup> Physics Competition for Undergraduates**, China, 2017.

First Prize (Top 100 in China), **32<sup>nd</sup> Chinese Physics Olympiad, Final**, China, 2015.

## **Professional Activities and Service**

### **Department service:**

SIO Graduate Peer Mentor Program: Mentor (2022 – 2023).

SIO Climate Journal Club: Co-organizer (2022 – 2023).

SIO Open House: Student host (2021, 2023).

### **Field:**

Peer review: *Nature Communications*, *Journal of Climate*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Earth's Future*, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*.

California Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (CalGFD) Meeting Organizing Committee (2023).

24th Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics, Student Assistant (2024).

## **Additional Information**

### **Languages:**

Mandarin (native), English (fluent).

### **Programming/Computer Skills:**

Python, Julia, NCL, C/C++, FORTRAN; GFDL CM2.1, CESM.