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## Research interests:

- Application and development of data assimilation algorithms to Earth dynamical systems
- Large-scale numerical simulations of nonlinear dynamic systems
- Machine learning
- Remote sensing

## Computing skills:

Fortran 77/90, C/C++, MPI, Matlab, Unix/Linux

## Education:

- PhD** Aug, 2007 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Applied Mathematics  
Advisors: Dr. Weijia Kuang, Dr. Andrew Tangborn & Dr. Matthias K. Gobbert  
*Dissertation: "Geomagnetic Data Assimilation Using Ensemble Methods to Estimate Forecast Error Covariance"*
- MS** May, 2004 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Applied Mathematics
- MS** Jun, 2000 Central South University, China, Applied Mathematics
- BS** Jun, 1997 Central South University, China, Applied Mathematics

## Employment History:

Research Scientist	Colorado State University	Apr, 2014 to present
Research Scientist	Universities Space Research Association	July, 2011 to Aug, 2013
Visiting Research Associate	Goddard Earth Sciences and Technology Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Apr, 2010 to Jun, 2011
Postdoctoral Research Associate	Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Program, Princeton University	Mar, 2008 to Mar, 2010
Postdoctoral Researcher	Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Sep, 2007 to Feb, 2008
Research Assistant	Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Jan, 2004 to Aug, 2007

Teaching Assistant	Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Aug, 2002 to Dec, 2003
Lecturer	School of Computer Engineering and Science, Shanghai University, China	July, 2000 to Jun, 2002

## Publications:

1. Mao, W., Zhao, X., Sun, Z., Felton, A.J., Zhang, T., Li, Y. and Smith, M.D., 2018. Limiting similarity mediates plant community niche hypervolume across a desert-steppe ecotone of Inner Mongolia. *Environmental and Experimental Botany*, 153, pp.320-326.
2. Liu, Yan-An, Zhibin Sun, Maosi Chen, Hung-Lung Allen Huang, and Wei Gao. "Assimilation of atmospheric infrared sounder radiances with WRF-GSI for improving typhoon forecast." *Frontiers of Earth Science* (2018): 1-11.
3. Wang, Y., Zhu, X., Bai, S., Zhu, T., Qiu, W., You, Y., Wu, M., Berninger, F., Sun, Z., Zhang, H. and Zhang, X., 2018. Effects of forest regeneration practices on the flux of soil CO<sub>2</sub> after clear-cutting in subtropical China. *Journal of environmental management*, 212, pp.332-339.
4. Sun, Z., Davis, J. and Gao, W., 2017. Estimating Error Covariance and Correlation Region in UV Irradiance Data Fusion by Combining TOMS-OMI and UVMRP Ground Observations. *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*.
5. Chang, N.B., Mostafiz, C., Sun, Z., Gao, W. and Chen, C.F., 2017, May. Developing a prototype satellite-based cyber-physical system for smart wastewater treatment. In *Networking, Sensing and Control (ICNSC), 2017 IEEE 14th International Conference on* (pp. 339-344). IEEE.
6. Chen, M., Davis, J.M., Liu, C., Sun, Z., Zempila, M.M. and Gao, W., 2017, September. Using deep recurrent neural network for direct beam solar irradiance cloud screening. In *Remote Sensing and Modeling of Ecosystems for Sustainability XIV* (Vol. 10405, p. 1040503). International Society for Optics and Photonics.
7. Sun, Z., Chang, N.B., Gao, W., Chen, M. and Zempila, M., 2017, September. Using input feature information to improve ultraviolet retrieval in neural networks. In *Remote Sensing and Modeling of Ecosystems for Sustainability XIV* (Vol. 10405, p. 1040506). International Society for Optics and Photonics.
8. VoPham, Trang, Jaime E. Hart, Kimberly A. Bertrand, Zhibin Sun, Rulla M. Tamimi, and Francine Laden. "Spatiotemporal exposure modeling of ambient erythemal ultraviolet radiation." *Environmental Health* 15, no. 1 (2016): 111.
9. Yixiang Wang, Cuihua Gu, Shangbin Bai, Zhibin Sun, Tingting Zhu, Xudan Zhu, Dale H. Grit & Luke R. Tembrock (2016) Cadmium accumulation and tolerance of *Lagerstroemia indica* and *Lagerstroemia fauriei* (Lythraceae) seedlings for phytoremediation applications, *International Journal of Phytoremediation*, 18:11, 1104-1112, DOI: 10.1080/15226514.2016.1183581
10. Zhibin Sun, John Davis and Wei Gao. "Analysis of ten years of surface UV observations from data fusion for the continental U.S.," *Proc. SPIE 9975, Remote Sensing and Modeling*

of Ecosystems for Sustainability XIII, 99750B (September 19, 2016); doi:10.1117/12.2238058; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1117/12.2238058>

11. Sun, Z. and W. Kuang, An ensemble algorithm based component for geomagnetic data assimilation. *Terr. Atmos. Ocean. Sci.*, 26, 53-61, doi: 10.3319/TAO.2014.08.19.05(GRT), 2015

12. Sun, Z., Davis, J., and Gao, W., Combined UV Irradiance from TOMS-OMI satellite and UVMRP ground measurements across the continental US, *In SPIE Optical Engineering+ Applications (pp. 961004-961004)*, *International Society for Optics and Photonics*, doi:10.1117/12.2188760, 2015

13. Wang, Y., Sun, Z., and Bai, S., A new method to classify hyperspectral data of Landsat TM image, *In SPIE Optical Engineering+ Applications (pp. 96100P-96100P)*, *International Society for Optics and Photonics*, doi:10.1117/12.2187769, 2015

14. Asao, S., Sun, Z., and Gao, W., Effects of bias in solar radiation inputs on ecosystem model performance, *In SPIE Optical Engineering+ Applications (pp. 96100C-96100C)*, *International Society for Optics and Photonics*, doi:10.1117/12.2188206, 2015

15. Chen, M., Davis, J., Sun, Z., and Gao, W., Two-stage reference channel calibration for collocated UV and VIS Multi-Filter Rotating Shadowband Radiometers, *In SPIE Optical Engineering+ Applications (pp. 96100L-96100L)*, *International Society for Optics and Photonics*, doi:10.1117/12.2185500, 2015

16. Sun, Z., L.-Y. Oey and Y.-H. Zhou, Skill-Assessments of Statistical and Ensemble Kalman-Filter Data Assimilative Analyses using Surface and Deep Observations in the Gulf of Mexico, *Frontiers of Earth Science*, 7, 271-281, doi:10.1007/s11707-013-0377-8, 2013

17. Warner, J. X., Yang, R., Wei, Z., Carminati, F., Tangborn, A., Sun, Z., Lahoz, W., Attié, J.-L., El Amraoui, L., and Duncan, B.: Global carbon monoxide products from combined AIRS, TES and MLS measurements on A-train satellites, *Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss.*, 13, 15409-15441, doi:10.5194/acpd-13-15409-2013, 2013

18. L.-Y. Oey, Y.-L. Chang, Z.-B. Sun and X.-H. Lin, Topocastics, *Ocean Modelling*, 29, 277-286, 2009

19. Tangborn, A., R. Cooper, S. Pawson and Z. Sun, Chemical Source Inversion Using Assimilated Constituent Observations in an Idealized Two-dimensional System, *Monthly Weather Review*, 137, 3013-3025, 2009

20. Kuang, W., A. Tangborn, W. Jiang, D. Liu, Z. Sun, J. Bloxham and Z. Wei, MoSST\_DAS: the first generation geomagnetic data assimilation framework, *Communications in Computational Physics*, 3, 85-108, 2008

Sun, Z., A. Tangborn and W. Kuang, Data Assimilation in a Sparsely Observed MHD System, *Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics*, 14, 1-12, 2007

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22. Sun, Z., C.-I. Chang, H. Ren, JO Jensen, A least-squares approach to fully constrained linear spectral mixture analysis using linear inequality constraints, *Proceedings of SPIE*, 5159, 349, 2004

## Conference and Seminar Presentations:

- 2018 SPIE Meeting** Aug 19-23, 2018  
San Diego, CA
1. Title: *Spatial interpolation of surface ozone observations using deep learning*  
Authors: Chen, M., Sun, Z. & Davis, J.
  2. Title: *Ensemble learning of satellite remote sensing images via integrating deep and fast learning algorithms for water quality monitoring*  
Authors: Chang, N.-B., Sun, Z. & Gao, W.
- 2017 Fall AGU Meeting** Dec 11-15, 2017  
New Orleans, LA
- Title: *Retrieval of Surface Ozone from UV-MFRSR Irradiances using Deep Learning*  
Authors: Chen, M., Sun, Z., Davis, J., Zempila, M., Liu, C. & Gao, W.
- 2017 SPIE Meeting** Aug 6-10, 2017  
San Diego, CA
1. Title: *Using input feature information to improve ultraviolet retrieval in neural networks*  
Authors: Chen, M., Davis, J., Liu, C., Sun, Z., Zempila, M. & Gao, W.
  2. Title: *Using Input Feature Information to Improve Ultraviolet Retrieval in Neural Networks*  
Authors: Sun, Z. Chang, N.-B., Gao, W., Chen, M. & Zempila, M.
- 2016 SPIE Meeting** Aug 28- Sep 1, 2016  
San Diego, CA
- Title: *Analysis of Ten Years of Surface UV Observations from Data Fusion for the Continental U.S.*  
Authors: Sun, Z., Davis, J. & Gao, W
- 2015 SPIE Meeting** Aug 11-12, 2015  
San Diego, CA
1. Title: *Combined UV Irradiance from TOMS-OMI satellite and UVMRP ground measurements across the continental US*  
Authors: Sun, Z., Davis, J. & Gao, W.
  2. Title: *A new method to classify hyperspectral data of Landsat TM image*  
Authors: Wang, Y., Sun, Z. & Bai, S.
  3. Title: *In situ hyperspectral data analysis for canopy chlorophyll content estimation of an invasive species spartina alterniflora based on PROSAIL canopy radiative transfer model*  
Authors: Ai, J., Gao, W., Shi, R., Zhang, C., Sun, Z., Chen, W., Liu, C. & Zeng, Y.
  4. Title: *Influence of canopy biochemical and biophysical variables on reflectance spectra based on canopy radiative transfer model with adding noise*  
Authors: Liu, P., Shi, R., Wang, H., Liu, C., Sun, Z. & Gao, W.
- 2014 SPIE Meeting** Aug 18-20, 2014  
San Diego, CA
1. Title: *Assimilation of remote sensing data into crop growth model to improve the estimation of regional winter wheat yield*

- Authors: Liu, C., W. Gao, P. Liu & Z. Sun
2. Title: *Evaluation of CALIPSO aerosol optical depth using AERONET and MODIS data over China*
- Authors: Liu C., X. Shen, W. Gao, P. Liu & Z. Sun
- 2012 CIG Geodynamo Developer Meeting** Oct 8-10, 2012,  
Boulder, CO
- Title: *Enabling CIG geomagnetic data assimilation: Algorithm, Framework and Implementation*
- Authors: Kuang, W; Sun, Z; Jiang, W & Tangborn, A
- 2011 AGU Fall Meeting** Dec 5 - 9, 2011,  
San Francisco, CA
- Title: *Magnetic fields of the solar system: A comparative planetology toolkit*
- Authors: Joseph B Nicholas, Michael E Purucker, Catherine L Johnson, Terence J Sabaka<sup>1</sup>, Nils Olsen, Zhibin Sun, Manar Al Asad, Brian Jay Anderson, Haje Korth, James A Slavin, Igor I Alexeev, Elena Semenovna Belenkaya, Roger J Phillips, Sean C Solomon, Robert J Lillis, Benoit Langlais, Reka Moldovan Winslow, Christopher T Russell, Michele Karen Dougherty, Maria T Zuber
- 2007 AGU Fall Meeting** Dec 10 - 14, 2007,  
San Francisco, CA
- Title: *Application of Ensemble Techniques in Geomagnetic Data Assimilation*
- Authors: Sun, Z; Tangborn, A & Kuang, W
- NASA/GMAO Seminar at NASA/GSFC (invited talk)** Oct 25, 2007,  
Greenbelt, MD
- Title: *Geomagnetic data Assimilation*
- Differential Equations Seminar at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (invited seminar)** Apr 9, 2007,  
Baltimore, MD
- Title: *Geomagnetic data Assimilation*
- 2006 AGU Fall Meeting** Dec 11 - 15, 2006,  
San Francisco, CA
- Title: *Geomagnetic Data Assimilation (talk)*
- Authors: Sun, Z; Tangborn, A & Kuang, W
- 10th Symposium of SEDI** July 9 -14, 2006,  
Prague, Czech Republic
1. Title: *Error Covariances Derived from MoSST Core Dynamics Model*
- Authors: Zhibin Sun, Andrew Tangborn, Weijia Kuang, Don Liu & Weiyuan Jiang
2. Title: *MoSST<sub>DAS</sub>: The First Generation Geomagnetic Data Assimilation Framework*
- Authors: Weijia Kuang, Andrew Tangborn, Weiyuan Jiang, Don Liu & Zhibin Sun
- 2006 Joint Assembly Meeting** May 23 - 26, 2005,  
Baltimore, MD
1. Title: *Geomagnetic Data Assimilation in MoSST Core Model*
- Authors: Sun, Z; Tangborn, A & Kuang, W
2. Title: *Observing System Simulation Experiments in Geomagnetic Data Assimilation*
- Authors: Liu, D; Kuang, W; Tangborn, A; Sun, Z; Jiang, W & Bloxham, J
- First Swarm International Science Meeting** May 3 - 5, 2006,

- Title: *Geomagnetic Data Assimilation with MoSST Core Model* Nantes, France  
 Authors: Z. Sun, A. Tangborn, W. Kuang & W. Jiang
- 2005 AGU Fall Meeting** Dec 5 - 9, 2005,  
 San Francisco, CA
1. Title: *Geomagnetic Data Assimilation Using Ensemble Error Covariance Estimation*  
 Authors: Sun, Z; Tangborn, A; Kuang, W; Liu, D & Jiang, W
  2. Title: *Scalable Numerical Dynamo Model Developed as a Component of Geomagnetic Data Assimilation Framework*  
 Authors: Jiang, W; Kuang, W; Sun, Z; Liu, D & Tangborn, A
  3. Title: *Studies of Synthetic Observation Data Assimilation into Geodynamo Solutions: Understanding the Effects of Rayleigh Number and Changes in Solution Error Due to Data Assimilation*  
 Authors: Liu, D; Kuang, W; Tangborn, A; Sun, Z; Jiang, W & Bloxham, J
  4. Title: *Development of Geomagnetic Data Assimilation Framework: the Challenges and Progress*  
 Authors: Kuang, W; Tangborn, A; Sun, Z; Liu, D; Jiang, W; Sabaka, T & Bloxham, J
- 2005 Joint Assembly Meeting** May 23 - 27, 2005,  
 New Orleans, LA
- Title: *Ensemble Calculation of Error Covariances in the MoSST Core Dynamics Model*  
 Authors: Sun, Z; Liu, D; Jiang, W; Tangborn, A & Kuang, W
- 2004 AGU Fall Meeting** Dec 13 - 17, 2004,  
 San Francisco, CA
- Title: *Geomagnetic Data Assimilation: A Method for Determining Error Covariances*  
 Authors: Sun, Z; Don, L; Tangborn, A & Kuang, W