

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Research Interests:

- Satellite-based remote sensing of cloud and aerosol properties
- Light scattering by atmospheric cloud particles and aerosols
- Radiative transfer in cloudy atmosphere
- Aerosol-cloud-precipitation interactions
- Water vapor and cloud radiative feedback

## Education:

Aug. 2008	<i>Texas A&amp;M University, College Station TX</i> Ph.D., Atmospheric Sciences. Advisor: Ping Yang
Aug. 2004:	<i>Texas A&amp;M University, College Station TX</i> M.S., Atmospheric Sciences. Advisor: Ping Yang
Aug. 2001	<i>Nanjing University, China</i> B.S., Atmospheric Sciences

## Research Experiences

Aug. 2011 ~ Present	<i>Assistant Professor</i> Physics Department University of Maryland, Baltimore County
May 2011~Aug. 2011	<i>Assistant Research Scientist</i> Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology University of Maryland, Baltimore County <b>(Work on site at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center)</b> Advisor: Dr. Steven Platnick
Nov 2008 ~ May 2011	<i>Postdoctoral Research Associate</i> Goddard Earth Sci. & Tech. Center University of Maryland, Baltimore County <b>(Work on site at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center)</b> Advisor: Dr. Steven Platnick

Aug. 2008 ~ Nov. 2008      *Postdoctoral Research Associate*  
Texas A&M University  
Advisor: Dr. Ping Yang

Sept. 2002 ~ Aug. 2008      *Graduate Research Assistant*  
Texas A&M University  
Advisor: Dr. Ping Yang

### **Honors and Awards:**

2007   AGU 2007 Fall Meeting Outstanding Student Paper Award  
2005   Geosciences Graduate Excellence Scholarship, Texas A&M University  
2000   People's Scholarship, Nanjing University, China  
1998   People's Scholarship, Nanjing University, China

### **Professional Activities and Affiliations**

Member, American Meteorological Society  
Member, American Geophysical Union

### **Reviewer of the Following Journals**

- *Remote sensing of environment*
- *Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmosphere*
- *Monthly Weather Review*
- *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*
- *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy and Radiative Transfer*
- *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*
- *Atmospheric Research*
- *Applied Optics*
- *Atmospheric Measurement Techniques*
- *Theoretical and Applied Climatology*
- *Advance in Atmospheric Science*
- *Scientific Online Letter on the Atmosphere*

### **Proposal Reviewer for**

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration

### **Courses Taught**

Satellite Data in Meteorology (TexasA&M ATMO 441)

### **Funding**

PI: Principal Investigator; Co-I: Co-Investigator

### **Awarded**

1. **Zhang, Z. (PI)**, Steven Platnick (Co-I), Andrew Ackerman (Co-I), Graham Feingold (Co-I), 2010 “*Toward a better understanding of the vertical structure of marine boundary layer clouds using MODIS observations and large-eddy simulation models*” (NASA “*The Sciences of Terra and Aqua*” ~\$150k/yr 06/0211~05/2013)

**Pending:**

2. **Zhang, Z. (PI)**, Celine Cornet, Laurent, C-Labonnote, Steven Platnick and Jerome Riedi, 2011 “*A modeling study of the capability of space-borne multi-angular multi-spectral polarimeter for water cloud remote sensing in different cloud regimes*” (NASA New (Early-Career) Investigator in Earth Sciences)

**Peer Reviewed Publications:**

1. **Zhang, Z.**, and S. Platnick (2011), An assessment of differences between cloud effective particle radius retrievals for marine water clouds from three MODIS spectral bands, *J. Geophysical. Research*, (In Press).
2. Baum, B. A., P. Yang, A. J. Heymsfield, C. Schmitt, Y. Xie, A. Bansemer, Y. X. Hu, and **Z. Zhang** (2011), Improvements to shortwave bulk scattering and absorption models for the remote sensing of ice clouds. *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, 50, 1037-1056
3. **Zhang, Z.**, S. Platnick, P. Yang, A. K. Heidinger, and J. M. Comstock (2010), Effects of ice particle size vertical inhomogeneity on the passive remote sensing of ice clouds, *J. Geophysical. Research*, 115(D17), D17203.

**Highlighted by American Geophysical Union**

<http://www.agu.org/cgi-bin/highlights/highlights.cgi?action=show&doi=10.1029/2010JD013835&jc=jd>

4. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, G. Kattawar, J. Riedi, L. C.-Labonnote, B. Baum, S. Platnick, and H.-L. Huang (2009), Influence of ice particle model on satellite ice cloud retrieval: lessons learned from MODIS and POLDER cloud product comparison, *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*, 9, 7115-7129.. (www.atmos-chem-phys.net/9/1/2009/)
5. Dessler, A. E., Z. Zhang, and P. Yang (2008), Water-vapor climate feedback inferred from climate fluctuations, 2003-2008, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 35(20), L20704.

**Highlighted by Science in November 2008**

<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/322/5903/twil.full#compilation-1-6-article-title-1>

**Highlighted by Nature in December 2008**

<http://www.nature.com/climate/2008/0812/full/climate.2008.129.html>

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7. Dessler, A. E., P. Yang, J. Lee, J. Solbrig, **Z. Zhang**, K. Minschwaner, N. M. Tech, and N. M. Socorro, (2008): An analysis of the dependence of clear-sky top-of-atmosphere outgoing longwave radiation on atmospheric temperature and water vapor. *J. Geophysical. Research*, 113, doi:10.1029/2008JD010137.
8. Yang, P., **Z. Zhang**, G. W. Kattawar, S. G. Warren, B. A. Baum, H.-L. Huang, Y. X. Hu, D. Winker, and J. Iaquina, (2008): Effect of Cavities on the Optical Properties of Bullet Rosettes: Implications for Active and Passive Remote Sensing of Ice Cloud Properties. *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, 47, 2311-2330.
9. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, G. Kattawar, H. L. Huang, T. Greenwald, J. Li, B. A. Baum, D. K. Zhou, and Y. Hu, (2007): A fast infrared radiative transfer model based on the adding-doubling method for hyperspectral remote-sensing applications. *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy & Radiative Transfer*, 105, 243-263.
10. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, G. W. Kattawar, and W. J. Wiscombe, (2007): Single-scattering properties of Platonic solids in geometrical-optics regime. *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy & Radiative Transfer*, 106, 595-603.
11. Yang, P., **Z. Zhang**, B. A. Baum, H. L. Huang, and Y. Hu, (2004): A new look at anomalous diffraction theory (ADT): Algorithm in cumulative projected-area distribution domain and modified ADT. *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy & Radiative Transfer*, 89, 421-442.
12. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, G. W. Kattawar, S.-C. Tsay, B. A. Baum, Y. Hu, A. J. Heymsfiel, and J. Reichardt, (2004): Geometrical-optics solution to light scattering by droxtal ice crystals. *Applied Optics*, 43, 2490-2499.

## Invited Talks

1. "Scattering of ice clouds in forward radiative transfer models". 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on *Advanced High Spectral Resolution Infrared Observations*, Madison, 2006
2. "Influence of ice particle microphysical model on ice cloud optical thickness retrieval", *Seminar series of The Center for Aerosol Research at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center*, Greenbelt, MD, March 10, 2009
3. "Assessing the information content in MODIS observations on the vertical structure of marine boundary layer clouds", *Seminar series of The Center for Aerosol Research at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center*, Greenbelt, MD, Feb.16, 2010
4. "Influence of ice particle microphysical model on ice cloud optical thickness retrieval", *Seminar series of Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center* College Park, MD, March 29, 2010
5. "Effects of ice particle size vertical inhomogeneity on the passive remote sensing of ice clouds", *Goddard Earth Science and Technology Center 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Science Symposium*, Greenbelt, MD, June 7, 2010

6. “An assessment of MODIS marine boundary layer cloud property retrievals based on a Large-Eddy-simulation” American Meteorological Society 13<sup>th</sup> Cloud Physics & Atmospheric Radiation meeting. Portland, OR June 29<sup>th</sup> ~ July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010
7. “Effects of ice particle size vertical inhomogeneity on the passive remote sensing of ice clouds”, Goddard Earth Science and Technology Center All-hands meeting, Greenbelt, MD, Nov. 4, 2010
8. “Remote Sensing of Global Cloud Properties from MODIS”, *Physics Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*, Feb. 9 2011
9. “Remote sensing of cloud droplet effective radius from space: Open issues and way forward”, *Seminar series of The Center for Aerosol Research at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center*, Greenbelt, MD, May.10, 2011
10. “Evaluating MOD06 marine Stratocumulus cloud products with LES models”, MODIS Science Meeting, College Park, MD, May 19, 2011

## **Selected Conference Proceedings, Presentations, and Posters**

### **2010**

1. **Zhang, Z** and S. Platnick: On the consistency of cloud particle effective radius retrievals from three MODIS shortwave infrared bands for marine water clouds. Oct. 24~28, 2010, A-Train Symposium, New Orleans, LA
2. **Zhang, Z**, S Platnick and B Stevens, An assessment of MODIS marine boundary layer cloud property retrievals based on a Large-Eddy-simulation. Jan. 26~28, 2010, MODIS science meeting, Washington D.C.
3. **Zhang, Z** and S. Platnick, Effects of ice particle size vertical inhomogeneity on the passive remote sensing of ice clouds. Jan. 26~28, 2010, MODIS science meeting, Washington D.C.
4. Bryan A. Baum, Ping Yang, Andrew Heymsfield, Carl Schmitt, Aaron Bansemer, Yu Xie, Lei Bi, and **Zhibo Zhang**. “Recent Progress: Bulk Scattering Models for the Remote Sensing of Ice Clouds” Jan. 26~28, 2010, MODIS science meeting, Washington D.C.
5. Andrew K. Heidinger, Bryan Baum, Michael Pavolonis, Steve Platnick, Ping Yang, and **Zhibo Zhang**, “Studies in Cirrus Microphysics using MODIS-IR Observations” Jan. 26~28, 2010, MODIS science meeting, Washington D.C.,

### **2009**

6. **Zhang, Z.**, S. Platnick and B. Stevens, An assessment of MODIS marine boundary layer cloud property retrievals based on a Large-Eddy-simulation. Dec. 15~19, 2009, AGU 2009 fall meeting, San Francisco, CA
7. **Zhang, Z.** and S. Platnick, Effects of ice particle size vertical inhomogeneity on the passive remote sensing of ice clouds. Gordon Research Conference- Radiation and Climate. July 5-10, 2009 Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH
8. **Zhang, Z.**, K. Meyer P. Yang, S. Platnick, B. Baum, On the influence of ice particle microphysical model on the retrieval of cirrus cloud optical thickness using MODIS 1.38- $\mu\text{m}$  band. AMS 89<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, 10-16 Jan. 2009

## 2008

9. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, J. Riedi, G. Kattwar, B. Baum, and S. Platnick, 2008: Ice particle microphysics and satellite-based cirrus cloud retrieval: Lessons learned from comparison of POLDER and MODIS cirrus retrievals. AGU 2008 Joint Assembly, Fort Landerdale, FL, 27-30 May 2008.
10. **Zhang, Z.** and P. Yang, 2008: How sensitive are radiative properties of ice clouds in CAM3.0 to the ice crystal habit, inclusions and surface roughness? *AMS 88th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, 20-24 January 2008.

## 2007

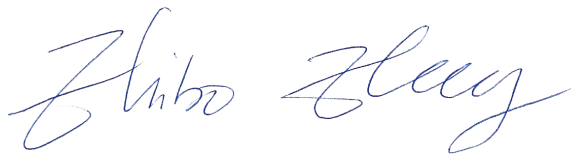
11. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, J. Riedi, and G. Kattawar, 2007: A Comparison of Cirrus Clouds Retrieved From POLDER-3/PARASOL and MODIS/Aqua. *AGU 2007 Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, 10–14 December 2007.
12. Yang, P., G. Hong, J. Niu, **Z. Zhang**, H. L. A. Huang, B. A. Baum, and J. Li, 2007: Hyperspectral Cloud and Aerosol Optical and Radiative Properties Modeling and Applications. *2007 FTS/HISE Topical Meeting and Tabletop Exhibit*, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 11-15, February 2007. (invited talk)
13. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, H.-L. Huang, and J. Li, 2007: A theoretical study of the uncertainties in the remote sensing of ice cloud optical thickness and effective size using high spectral resolution satellite observations. *AMS 87th AMS Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, 13-18 January 2007.

## 2006

14. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, A. Heymsfield, B. A. Baum, Y. X. Hu, and K. M. Xu, 2006: Investigation of the sensitivity of ice cloud radiative properties to the parameterization scheme of ice crystal habit distributions in NCAR Community Atmosphere Model 3.0. *AMS 12th Conference on Atmospheric Radiation*, Madison, WI, 9-14 July 2006.

15. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, H.-L. Huang, B. A. Baum, and D. Zhou, 2006: A fast radiative transfer model for hyperspectral remote sensing. *AMS 12th Conference on Atmospheric Radiation*, Madison, WI, 9-14 July 2006.
16. **Zhang, Z.**, P. Yang, G. W. Kattawar, and W. Wiscomb, 2006: Single-scattering Properties of Platonic solids with Size Parameters in the Geometric-Optics Regime. *AMS 12th Conference on Cloud Physics*, Madison, WI, 9-14 July 2006.

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