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History of Employment

- 2018 - Present* **Ocean and Cryosphere Division Head**, GFDL, NOAA
Supervisory Oceanographer, ZP-5, GFDL, NOAA
- 2016 - 2018* **Oceanographer**, ZP-5 (equivalent to university full professor), GFDL, NOAA
- 2006 - 2016* **Oceanographer**, ZP-4, GFDL, NOAA
- 2015 - Present* **Lecturer**, AOS Program, Princeton University
- 2004 - 2006* **Associate Research Scholar**, AOS Program, Princeton University
- 2002 - 2003* **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, AOS Program, Princeton University

Degrees

- 2001 **Ph. D. Climate Physics and Chemistry**, MIT
- 1997 **M. A. Physics**, Boston University
- 1995 **B. E. Electronic Engineering**, Tsinghua University

Research Interests

Abrupt climate change and low frequency variability in the coupled ocean-atmosphere system, global teleconnections of climate change, impact of Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC) on global and regional climate change (such as Sahel, Indian, and East Asian monsoon, Atlantic Hurricane activity, Arctic sea ice, northern hemisphere mean surface temperature, North Pacific climate variability), meridional coherence and fingerprints of AMOC variability, mechanisms of Atlantic multidecadal variability (AMV)

Teaching Experience

- 2014 - Present* Lectures for graduate class AOS 573: Physical Oceanography, AOS Program, Princeton University
- 2008 – 2014* Guest Lectures for graduate class AOS 577: Weather and Climate Dynamics, Climates of the Earth: Present, Past, and Future, AOS Program, Princeton University

Honor and Service to Community

Elected Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, 2018

Editor, Journal of Climate, 2016-Present

Science Advisory Board Member, Bjerknes Climate Prediction Unit, Bergen, Norway,

2018-Present

GFDL Science Board Member, 2018-Present; Research Council Member, 2014-2016
Chair, Scientific Organizing Committee, GFDL 2017 Science Symposium
Scientific Organizing Committee Member, US AMOC Science Team Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, 2017
Chair, US AMOC Task Team IV, 2016-2017; Vice-Chair, US AMOC Task Team IV, 2015-2016
Scientific Organizing Committee Member, International Paleo-AMOC Workshop, Boulder, CO, 2016
Scientific Organizing Committee Member, GFDL 60th Anniversary Symposium, Princeton, NJ, 2015
Scientific Steering Committee Member, RAPID/US AMOC International Science Meeting, Bristol, UK, 2015
US AMOC Executive Committee Member, 2010-2014, 2015-2017
Steering Committee Member, Model Development Team, GFDL, 2012-2017
Chair, US AMOC Task Team II, 2013-2014; Vice-Chair, US AMOC Task Team II, 2010-2013
Scientific Organizing committee Member, US AMOC Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, 2012
US CLIVAR Phenomena, Observations, and Synthesis (POS) Panel Member, 2011-2013
Invited Contributing Author of IPCC AR5, 2011-2012
Convener, EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, 2007
Session Chair/Co-Chair, AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting, Portland, OR, 2004, 2018
AGU Editors' Citation Award for Excellence in Refereeing for GRL, 2012

Professional Memberships

American Geophysical Union
American Meteorological Society

Publications

- Yan, X., **R. Zhang**, and T. R. Knutson, 2018, Underestimated AMOC variability and implications for AMV and predictability in CMIP models. *Geophysical Research Letters*, **45**, DOI:10.1029/2018GL077378 .
- Zhang, R.**, 2017, On the Persistence and Coherence of Subpolar Sea Surface Temperature and Salinity Anomalies Associated with the Atlantic Multidecadal Variability. *Geophysical Research Letters*, DOI:10.1002/2017GL074342.
- Yan, X., **R. Zhang**, and T. R. Knutson, 2017, The role of Atlantic overturning circulation in the recent decline of Atlantic major hurricane frequency. *Nature Communications*, **8**, 1695, DOI:10.1038/s41467-017-01377-8 .

- Li, D., **R. Zhang**, and T. R. Knutson, 2018, Comparison of Mechanisms for Low-Frequency Variability of Summer Arctic Sea Ice in Three Coupled Climate Models. *Journal of Climate*, 31(3), DOI:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0617.1 .
- Li, D., **R. Zhang**, and T. R. Knutson, 2017, On the Discrepancy between Observed and CMIP5 Multi-Model Simulated Barents Sea Winter Sea Ice Decline, *Nature Communications*, 8:14991, doi:10.1038/ncomms14991.
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- Knutson, T. R., **R. Zhang**, and L. Horowitz, 2016, Prospects for a Prolonged Slowdown in Global Warming in the Early 21st Century, *Nature Communications*, 7, doi: 10.1038/ncomms13676.
- Barcikowska, M., T. R. Knutson, and **R. Zhang**, 2016, Observed and simulated fingerprints of multidecadal climate variability, and their contributions to periods of global SST stagnation. *Journal of Climate*, 30, 721-737, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0443.1.
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- Brown, P. T., S Lozier, **R. Zhang**, and W. Li, 2016, The necessity of cloud

feedback for a basin-scale Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 43, doi:10.1002/2016GL068303.

Saba, V. S., S. M. Griffies, W. G. Anderson, M. Winton, M. A. Alexander, T. L. Delworth, J. A. Hare, M. J. Harrison, A. Rosati, G. A. Vecchi, and **R. Zhang**, 2016, Enhanced warming of the northwest Atlantic Ocean under climate change. *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 121, doi:10.1002/2015JC011346.

Sanchez-Franks, A. and **R. Zhang**, 2015, Impact of the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation on the decadal variability of the Gulf Stream path and regional chlorophyll and nutrient concentrations, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 42, doi:10.1002/2015GL066262.

Zhang J. and **R. Zhang**, 2015, On the evolution of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation Fingerprint and implications for decadal predictability in the North Atlantic, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 42, doi:10.1002/2015GL064596.

Zhang, R. 2015, Mechanisms for low frequency variability of summer Arctic sea ice extent, *PNAS*, 112, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1422296112.

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Keenlyside N. S., J. Ba, J. Mecking, N. Omrani, M. Latif, **R. Zhang**, R. Msadek, 2015, North Atlantic Multi-Decadal Variability –Mechanisms and Predictability, Chapter 9 in the book "Climate Change: Multidecadal and Beyond", World Scientific Series on Asia-Pacific Weather and Climate, Vol. 6, pp 141-158.

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Chang, K. W. Dixon, R. Gudgel, W. F. Stern, A. T. Wittenberg, X.-Q. Yang, F. Zeng, **R. Zhang**, and S. Zhang, 2014: Predicting a Decadal Shift in North Atlantic Climate Variability Using the GFDL Forecast System. *Journal of Climate*, 27, DOI:10.1175/JCLI-D-13-00476.1.

Lynch-Stieglitz, J, M Schmidt, L G Henry, W B Curry, L C Skinner, S Mulitza, **R. Zhang**, and P Chang, 2014: Muted change in Atlantic overturning circulation over some glacial-aged Heinrich events. *Nature Geoscience*, 7(2), DOI:10.1038/ngeo2045.

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- Zhang, R.**, and G. K. Vallis, 2006: Impact of Great Salinity Anomalies on the Low Frequency Variability of the North Atlantic Climate. *Journal of Climate*, 19, 470-482.
- Zhang, R.**, and T. L. Delworth, 2005: Simulated Tropical Response to a Substantial Weakening of the Atlantic Thermohaline Circulation. Letter in *Journal of Climate*, 18, 1853-1860.
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A. Klein, T. R. Knutson, P. J. Kushner, A. R. Langenhorst, H. Lee, S. Lin, J. Lu, S. L. Malyshev, P. C. D. Milly, V. Ramaswamy, J. Russell, M. D. Schwarzkopf, E. Shevliakova, J. J. Sirutis, M. J. Spelman, W. F. Stern, M. Winton, A. T. Wittenberg, B. Wyman, F. Zeng, **R. Zhang**, 2006. GFDL's CM2 Global Coupled Climate Models. Part I: Formulation and Simulation Characteristics. *Journal of Climate*, 19, 643-674.

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Conference Talks

Zhang, R., Invited talk: "The Atlantic multidecadal variability: Mechanism, Predictability, and Associated Impact on Hurricane Activity" at the 98th AMS Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, January, 2018.

Zhang, R., "Some Recent Applications of the Observed Extra-Tropical AMOC Fingerprint"

at the 2018 International AMOC Science Meeting, Miami, FL, July, 2018.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “The Atlantic multidecadal variability: Mechanism, Predictability, and the Associated Impact on Hurricane Activity” at Workshop on Atlantic Climate Variability-Dynamics, Prediction and Hurricane Risk, Columbia University, NYC, NY, September, 2017.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “What we’ve learned from AMOC modeling efforts about AMOC processes and its role in weather and climate” at US CLIVAR Summit, Baltimore, MD, August, 2017.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “Decadal variability and potential predictability in the Atlantic” at US CLIVAR Summit, Baltimore, MD, August, 2017.

Zhang, R., “Low-frequency variability in the North Atlantic-Arctic sector” at US AMOC Annual meeting, Santa Fe, NM, May, 2017.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “Low Frequency Variability in the North Atlantic-Arctic Sector”, at the Fourth Santa Fe Climate Conference, Santa Fe, NM, February, 2017.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “Mechanisms for low frequency variability and predictability in the North Atlantic Sector and Arctic” at Workshop on Climate Prediction in the Arctic-Atlantic Sector, Bergen, Norway, June, 2016.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation: Paleo Aspects, Recent Behavior, and Abrupt Climate Change” at the Ronald J. Stouffer Symposium, Princeton, NJ, June, 2016.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “AMOC Impacts on Climate” at International Paleo-AMOC Workshop, Boulder, CO, May, 2016.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “The impact of low-frequency variability of the Atlantic on Arctic sea ice extent” at CLIVAR-ICTP International Workshop on Decadal Climate Variability and Predictability, Trieste, Italy, November, 2015.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “Ocean’s Role in Climate Change” at GFDL 60th Anniversary Symposium, Princeton, NJ, November, 2015.

Zhang, R., Invited talk: “Impact of AMOC on the Low Frequency Variability of Summer Arctic Sea Ice Extent” at RAPID-US AMOC International Science Meeting, Bristol, UK, July, 2015.

- Zhang, R.**, Invited talk: "Impact of AMOC on Arctic sea ice and atmosphere heat transport into the Arctic" at 2014 US AMOC Science Team Meeting, Seattle, WA, September, 2014.
- Zhang, R.**, Invited talk: "Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation and Climate" at forum "The Role of Oceans in Multidecadal Climate Variability" Beijing, China, September, 2013.
- Zhang, R.**, Invited talk: "Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation and Climate" at Davos Atmosphere and Cryosphere Assembly 2013, Davos, Switzerland, July, 2013.
- Zhang, R.**, et al., Have Aerosols Caused the Observed Atlantic Multidecadal Variability? 2013 AMOC/ RAPID Meeting, Baltimore, MD, July, 2013.
- Zhang, R.**, Invited talk of AMOC Fingerprints at the 2012 US AMOC Annual meeting, mini-workshop of AMOC Fingerprints, Boulder, CO, August, 2012.
- Zhang, R.**, Invited talk: "Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation and Climate" at the National Taiwan University (NTU) International Science Conference on Climate Change, Taipei, Taiwan, September, 2012.
- Zhang R.**, Invited talk on the review of US AMOC Program at the 2011 US CLIVAR Summit, July, 2011, Woods Hole, MA.
- Zhang, R.**, et al., Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) Adjustment to an Abrupt Change in the Nordic Sea Overflow in a High Resolution Global Coupled Climate Model, RAPID/USAMOC International Science Meeting, July, 2011, Bristol, UK.
- Zhang R.**, Latitudinal Dependence of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) Variations, 2010 US Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) Annual Meeting, June, 2010, Miami, FL.
- Zhang R.**, Invited talk "Observed and Modeled Fingerprints of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation". First U.S. Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) Annual Meeting, Annapolis, MD, May, 2009.
- Zhang R.** and T. L. Delworth, Invited talk "Impact of the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation on North Pacific Climate Variability". AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting, Orlando, FL, March, 2008.

- Zhang R.**, and T. L. Delworth, The impact of the Atlantic ocean variability on Indian summer monsoon rainfall. EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, April, 2007.
- Zhang R.**, and T. L. Delworth, Simulated Tropical Response to a Substantial Weakening of the Atlantic Thermohaline Circulation. *U.S. CLIVAR Atlantic Science Conference*, Miami, FL, February 2005
- Zhang R.**, and G. Vallis, The Great Salinity Anomalies Events and the Low Frequency Variability in the North Atlantic. *AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting*, Portland, OR, January, 2004.
- Zhang R.**, M. Follows and J. Marshall, Self-sustained Thermohaline Oscillations in Paleo Oceans. *AMS 13th Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics*, Breckenridge, CO, June, 2001.
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