

## X. San Liang

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### Summary

- Introduced the concept of *scale window*, and invented a new mathematical machinery, *multiscale window transform*, for the challenging multiscale atmosphere/ocean/climate problems.
- Systematic work on multiscale fluid dynamics, including *mean-eddy-turbulence interaction*, *canonical transfer*, *localized hydrodynamic stability*, etc., for the understanding and quantification of the complex nonlinear dynamical processes within realistic atmospheric/oceanic flows and the emergence of coherent structures on different scales such as eddies and cyclones.
- Systematic work on formalization and quantification of *information flow* (and predictability/causality) within dynamical systems, a fundamental notion in general physics which has applications in the diverse disciplines such as atmosphere/ocean/climate science, neuroscience, turbulence, economics, material science, biological/computer network studies, nanotechnology, etc.
- Trained in both science and engineering. Strong multidisciplinary background in Atmosphere-ocean science, applied mathematics, and engineering science.
- Three years of sea-going survey experience; half a year of Antarctic adventure.
- Extensive experience of numerical simulation; a variety of ocean models built since early 90s.

### Education

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| ◦ Harvard University                                | <b>Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics</b> | GPA: 3.92 out of 4                   | 2002 |
| ◦ Harvard University                                | <b>S.M. in Applied Mathematics</b>  | GPA: 3.92 out of 4                   | 1998 |
| ◦ State Oceanic Administration (China)              |                                     | <b>M.S. in Physical Oceanography</b> | 1991 |
| ◦ National University of Defense Technology (China) |                                     | <b>B.E. in Aerospace Engineering</b> | 1988 |

### Major Academic Honors and Awards

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|--|---|-------------|
| ◦ Stanford University - NASA Ames Nat'l Lab: | <i>CTR Research Fellowship</i>                | 2004        |
| ◦ Harvard University:                        | <i>Ernst Habicht Fellowship of Excellence</i> | 1997 - 1998 |

### Employment History

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|---|--|-------------|
| ◦ China Institute for Advanced Study (CIAS)   | <i>Professor</i>                             | 2008 –      |
| ◦ Central University of Finance & Economics (CUFE)                                      | (CIAS Professors are CUFE Tepin Professors)  |             |
| ◦ State Key Lab of Satellite Ocean Env. Dyn., China                                     | <i>Tepin Adjunct Scientist</i>               | 2008 –      |
| ◦ Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, NY  | <i>Principal Investigator Res. Scientist</i> | 2007 –      |
| ◦ Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, NY  | <i>Research Scientist</i>                    | 2005 –2007  |
| ◦ Harvard University:   | <i>Honorary Associate Scientist</i>          | 2005 –2006  |
| ◦ Stanford University - NASA Ames Research Lab:   | <i>Visiting Scholar</i>                      | 2004        |
| ◦ Harvard University:   | <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>                   | 2002 - 2004 |
| ◦ Harvard University:   | <i>Research Assistant</i>                    | 1996 - 2002 |
| ◦ State Oceanic Administration (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inst), Lab of Marine Modelling (China): | <i>Assist. Researcher</i>                    | 1993 - 95   |
| ◦ Chinese Antarctic Research Expedition (CHINARE #9):                                   | <i>Hydrographic Survey Team Leader</i>       | 1992 - 93   |
| ◦ State Oceanic Administration (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inst), Dept Polar Research (China):     | <i>Assist. Researcher</i>                    | 1991 - 92   |

### Service Activities

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|---|-----------------------|
| ◦ Chair: AGU conference meeting session   | December 8 - 12, 2003 |
| ◦ Reviewer: <i>J. Fluid Mech., J. Phys. Oceanogr., Tellus, Nonlin. Progr. Geophys., J. Atmos. &amp; Oceanic Tech., J. Atmos. Sci., Adv. Water Resour., etc.</i> |                       |
| ◦ Deputy Director, Experts Committee, Hong Kong BH Environment Consultants Corp., Ltd.  | 2002 - 2003           |

**Immigration Status:** U.S. Permanent Resident

**Professional Memberships:** ◦ SIAM ◦ Amer. Geophys. Union ◦ Amer. Meteorol. Soc.

## Major Seminars

- Princeton, NJ
- Columbia, NY
- Stanford, CA
- MIT, MA
- Courant Institute, NY
- Caltech/JPL, CA
- UCSD/Scripps, CA
- Rutgers U, NJ
- WHOI, MA
- Old Dominion U, VA
- Florida State U, FL
- U of Delaware, DE
- U of Rhode Island, RI
- HKUST, Hong Kong
- U Mass - Dartmouth, MA
- NC State U, NC

## References

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- Prof. Donald G. Anderson (Applied Math) (617) 495-3994 swelby@seas.harvard.edu (secretary)
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## Representative Publications

- [1] **Liang, X. San**, and A.R. Robinson, 2009: Multiscale processes and nonlinear dynamics of the circulation and upwelling events off Monterey Bay. *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, 39, No. 2, 290-313.
- [2] **Liang, X. San**, 2008: Information flow within stochastic dynamical systems. *Phys. Rev. E*, 78, 031113.
- [3] **Liang, X. San**, and D. Anderson, 2007: Multiscale window transform. *SIAM J. Multiscale Model. Simul.*, Vol. 6, Issue 2, 437-467.
- [4] **Liang, X. San**, and Richard Kleeman, 2007: A rigorous formalism of information transfer between dynamical system components. I. Discrete mapping. *Physica D*, 231, 1-9.
- [5] **Liang, X. San**, and Allan Robinson, 2005: Localized multiscale energy and vorticity analysis. I. Fundamentals. *Dyn. Atmos. Oceans*, 38, 195-230.
- [6] **Liang, X. San**, and Richard Kleeman, 2005: Information transfer between dynamical system components. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 95, 244101.
- [7] **Liang, X. San**, and Allan Robinson, 2004: A study of the Iceland-Faeroe Frontal variability with the multiscale energy and vorticity analysis. *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, Vol. 34, 2571-2591.