Curriculum Vitae
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Career summary: With a PhD in biogeochemical oceanography, I mostly devoted my career in coastal ecosystem and water quality modeling and responses to climate change and anthropogenic stresses. The scientific scope of my research ranges from biogeochemical cycles of organic substances, dissolved oxygen, nutrient dynamics, ecosystem function at the primary and secondary production levels, fish larvae, salt marshes and submerged aquatic vegetation, with over 50 peer-reviewed papers.

Professional experience

04/2012–present: Research scientist, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Subject: Modeling of ecosystem function and water quality response to anthropogenic stressors, climate change and restoration effort in Chesapeake Bay. Multiple models have been used, including the Finite-Volume Coastal Model (FVCOM), Curvilinear-grid Hydrodynamics 3D model (CH3D), Semi-implicit Cross-scale Hydroscience Integrated System Model (SCHISM) and the Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS) have been used as the physical simulation platform and the Army Corps of Engineers Integrated Compartment Water Quality Model (CIM), The Generalized Biological Model (GBM) and the Row Column Advance Ecological Systems Model (RCA) used as ecosystem simulation. Tidal wetland, SAV, benthic algae, shellfish and shoreline erosion are implemented in the model.

02/2005-04/2012: Research Scientist, School for Marine Science and Technology University of Massachusetts. Subject: Ecosystem and water quality simulation in the Gulf of Maine, Massachusetts Bay and Boston Harbor; Development and application of the Generalized Biological Model (GBM) and participating in the coupling of the HydroQual water quality mode RCA and FVCOM; Development of individual-based population dynamics model of Sea Scallop and application on Georges Bank and Mid Atlantic Bight.

06/2002-02/2005: Research scientist, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University. Subject: Adaptive physical-biological modeling and ecological forecasts. I have developed a generalized and flexible biological model coupled with the Harvard Ocean Prediction Systems (HOPS) for adaptive simulation and real-time ecosystem forecasts. The generalized biological model consists of 7 functional groups, including nutrients, bacteria, autotrophs, heterotrophs, dissolved organic matter, biogenic detritus, and auxiliary state variables (e.g. chlorophyll, DO, CO_2, toxins, optics, acoustic properties).

9/96-6/2002: Research associate. Ocean Science Center, Memorial University, Canada. Subject: Ecological-biogeochemical modeling. I have developed a prognostic, physical-biological model of partial differential equations. The physical model is based on the Mellor-Yamada level 2.5 turbulence closure scheme and driven by meteorological data. The biological model consists of 10 state variables including the mesoplankton food web (diatom, mesozooplankton and large detritus) and the microbial food web (picophytoplankton, microzooplankton, suspended particles, dissolved organic matter and bacteria). Data assimilation, C:N ratio and zooplankton vertical migration were implemented as well.

8/91-9/96: **Research assistant**. Oceanographic Observatory, University of Pierre and Marie Curie (Villefranche/Mer, France). Subject: Biogeochemical modeling and analyses. I conducted modeling analysis on the biogeochemical cycles and prediction of anthropogenic lead in the Mediterranean Sea. Meanwhile I developed a method to evaluate new production versus regenerated production based on iodine speciation.

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