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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.** in Physical Oceanography, August 2022, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, USA

**Master of Science** in Marine Geology, June 2018, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China

**Bachelor of Science** in Marine Science, June 2015, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Estuarine and coastal dynamics

Numerical ocean modeling

Physical-biological interactions

Lagrangian particle tracking

Harmful algal blooms

Hypoxia

Environmental DNA

Pollutant transport and diffusion

Water quality modeling

Sediment transport

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoc Scholar (Sep. 2022-present).** Advisor: Dr. Parker MacCready

School of Oceanography, University of Washington, WA.

- Developed a high-resolution ocean model and conducted Lagrangian particle tracking experiments to study the fate and transport of Environmental DNA in Hood Canal. The model has been applied for pre-sampling design to improve the detection probability of eDNA shed from rare targets.
- Constructed tracer budgets, including heat, total nitrogen, and dissolved oxygen in the Salish Sea and its inner basins and assessing the contributions from exchange flow.

**Research Assistant (2018-2022).** Advisor: Dr. Jian Shen

Virginia Institute of Marine Science, William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

- Added biological modules to SCHISM's particle tracking code to simulate harmful algal blooms and investigated the expansion of HAB to coastal area after a tropical storm.
- Modified EFDC model to calculate transport timescales for riverine non-conservative materials and surface-produced particulates.
- Built two high-resolution ocean models to support solving strong rip currents induced safety issues for National Park Service and the channel dredging program of US Coast Guard.

**Research Assistant (2015-2018).** Advisor: Dr. Ya Ping Wang

Nanjing University, Nanjing, China.

- Proposed an empirical equation to estimate significant wave height from shallow to deep waters based on high-frequent pressure and velocity data.
- Synthesized the applicability of various algorithms to estimate wave orbital velocity from different instrumental measurements at various depths.
- Developed MATLAB codes to remove the influence of turbulence when calculating wave orbital velocity from near-bottom high-frequency velocity measurements.
- Proposed mechanisms for maintaining high background suspended sediment concentrations in the

southern Yellow Sea, China

## PUBLICATIONS

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### FIRST-AUTHORED

- Xiong, J., MacCready, P., Brasseale, E. A., Allan, E. A., Ramon-Laca, A., Parsons, K., Shaffer, M., Kelly, P. Ocean transport drives environmental DNA dispersal in a nearshore marine environment (submitted to ES&T).
- Xiong, J., MacCready, P., Lesson, A. Impact of estuarine exchange flow on multi-tracer budgets in the Salish Sea (in revision JGR-Oceans)
- Xiong, J., MacCready, P. (2024). Intercomparisons of Tracker v1. 1 and four other ocean particle-tracking software packages in the Regional Ocean Modeling System. *Geoscientific Model Development*, 17(8), 3341-3356.
- Xiong, J., Shen, J., Qin, Q., Tomlinson, M. C., Zhang, Y. J., Cai, X., Ye, F., Cui, L., Mulholland, M. R. (2023). Biophysical interactions control the progression of harmful algal blooms in Chesapeake Bay: a novel Lagrangian particle tracking model with mixotrophic growth and vertical migration. *Limnology and Oceanography Letters*, 8(3), 498-508.
- Xiong, J., Shen, J., Wang, Q. (2022). Storm-induced coastward expansion of *Margalefidinium polykrikides* in Chesapeake Bay. *Marine Pollution Bulletin*, 184, 114187.
- Xiong, J., Shen, J. (2022). Vertical transport timescale of surface-produced particulate material in the Chesapeake Bay. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 127(2), e2021JC017592.
- Xiong, J., Shen, J., Qin, Q. (2021). Exchange flow and material transport along the salinity gradient in a long estuary. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 126(5), e2021JC017185.
- Xiong, J., Shen, J., Qin, Q., Du, J. (2021). Water exchange and its relationship with external forcings and residence time in Chesapeake Bay. *Journal of Marine Systems*, 215, 103497.
- Xiong, J., You, Z., Li, J., Gao, S., Wang, Q., Wang, Y. P. (2020). Variations of wave parameter statistics as influenced by water depth in coastal and shelf areas. *Coastal Engineering*, 159, 103717.
- Xiong, J., Wang, Y. P., Gao, S., Du, J., Yang, Y. (2018). On estimation of coastal wave parameters and wave-induced shear stress. *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods*, 16(9): 594-606.
- Xiong, J., Wang, X. H., Wang, Y. P., Chen, J., Shi, B., Gao, J., Yang, Y., Yu, Q., Li, M., Yang, L., Gong, X. (2017). Mechanisms of maintaining high suspended sediment concentration over tide-dominated offshore shoals in the Southern Yellow Sea. *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, 191, 221-233.

### CO-AUTHORED

- Brasseale, E., Adams, N., Allan, E. A., Liu, O., MacCready, P., Moore, S., Parsons, K., Shaffer, M., **Xiong, J.**, Kelly R. Marine eDNA production and loss mechanisms (submitted to JGR-Oceans).
- Graham, O. J., Al-Haj, A., Arrington, E. C., Arsenault, E. R., Barbosa, C. C., Bice, K., ... **Xiong, J.** & Xue, T. (2023). Better Together: Early Career Aquatic Scientists Forge New Connections at Eco-DAS XV. *Limnology and Oceanography Bulletin*, 119-121.
- Qin, Q., Shen, J., Tuckey, T. D., Cai, X., **Xiong, J.** (2022). Using Forward and Backward Particle Tracking Approaches to Analyze Impacts of a Water Intake on Ichthyoplankton Mortality in the Appomattox River. *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, 10(9), 1299.
- Wang, Q., Lu, Y., Hu, C., Hu, Y., Zhang, M., Jiao, J., **Xiong, J.**, Liu, Y., Zhang, Z. (2021). Discrimination of biomass-burning smoke from clouds over the ocean using MODIS measurements. *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*.
- Wang, Q., Zhang, Z., Hao, Z., Liu, B., **Xiong, J.** (2021). Optical classification of coastal water body in China using hyperspectral imagery CHRIS/PROBA. In IOP Conference Series: Earth and

- Environmental Science (Vol. 668, No. 1, p. 012017). IOP Publishing.
- Yang, Y., Gao, S., Wang, Y. P., Jia, J., **Xiong, J.**, Zhou, L. (2020). Revisiting the problem of sediment motion threshold. *Continental Shelf Research*, 187, 103960.
- Cheng, G., Wang, Y. P., Voulgaris, G., Du, J., Sheng, J., **Xiong, J.**, Xing, F. (2020). Sediment exchange between channel and sand ridges in the southern Yellow Sea: The importance of tidal asymmetries. *Continental Shelf Research*, 205, 104169.
- Du, J., Shen, J., Park, K., Yu, X., Qin, Q., **Xiong, J.**, Chen, Y. (2020). Using observed bacteria concentration and modeled transit time under an analytical framework to estimate overall removal rate of fecal coliform in an estuary. arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.07603.
- Tang, J., Wang, Y. P., Zhu, Q., Jia, J., **Xiong, J.**, Cheng, P., Wu, H., Chen, D., Wu, H. (2019). Winter storms induced high suspended sediment concentration along the seabed offshore of north Yangtze Estuary. *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, 228, 106351.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- [24] “Introduction of LiveOcean modles”. MG&G seminar, October 2024 (oral).
- [23] “Impact of estuarine exchange flow on multi-tracer budgets in the Salish Sea”. EPOC, September 2024 (oral).
- [22] “Impact of estuarine exchange flow on multi-tracer budgets in the Salish Sea”. WHOI COFDAL seminar, August 2024 (oral).
- [21] “Impact of estuarine exchange flow on multi-tracer budgets in the Salish Sea”. Unifying Innovations in Forecasting Capabilities Workshop (UIFCW24), July 2024 (virtual oral).
- [20] “Impact of exchange flow on multi-tracer budgets in the Salish Sea”. Ocean Science Meeting, New Orleans, Feb. 2024 (oral + poster).
- [19] “Transport dynamics of environmental DNA from a known point source of marine mammals”. CERF2023, Portland, Nov. 2023 (poster)
- [18] “Intercomparisons of five ocean particle tracking software packages”. Gordon Research Conference – Coastal Ocean Dynamics, Rhode Island, Jun. 2023 (poster).
- [17] “Biophysical interactions control the progression of harmful algal blooms in the lower Chesapeake Bay”. Gordon Research Seminar, Jun. 2023 (invited talk).
- [16] Ecological Dissertations in the Aquatic Sciences (Eco-DAS) 2023 March in Honolulu, Hawaii. (invited participant)
- [15] “Biophysical interactions control the progression of harmful algal blooms in the lower Chesapeake Bay”. Seminar at UW Physical Oceanography, Nov. 2022 (Talk).
- [14] “Biophysical interactions control the progression of harmful algal blooms: a novel Lagrangian particle tracking model with mixotrophic growth and vertical migration”. Chesapeake Community Research Symposium, Jun. 2022 (Talk).
- [13] “Vertical transport timescale of surface produced particulate material in the Chesapeake Bay”. Chesapeake Community Research Symposium, Jun. 2022 (Talk).
- [12] “Vertical transport timescale of surface produced particulate material in the Chesapeake Bay”. Ocean Science Meeting, virtual meeting, Mar. 2022 (Talk).
- [11] “Developing an individual-based model for *Margalefidinium Polykrikoides* blooms in the lower Chesapeake Bay via coupled hydrodynamic model, algal behaviors, and satellite data”. Physical Department Seminar of VIMS, Feb. 2022 (Talk).

- [10] “Long-term water exchange and material transport in Chesapeake Bay”. CERF2021, 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, virtual meeting, Nov. 2021 (Talk).
- [9] “Bathymetry controls on water reflux and material transport in Chesapeake Bay”. Physical Department Seminar of VIMS, Mar. 2021 (Talk).
- [8] “Transport pathway and timescale of dissolved and particulate materials from diverse sources in Chesapeake Bay”. Chesapeake Community Research Symposium, virtual meeting, Jun. 2020 (Talk).
- [7] “A study of water exchange and material transport in Chesapeake Bay”. Physical Department Seminar of VIMS, Mar. 2020 (Talk).
- [6] “Origins and transport pathway of deep channel material in Chesapeake Bay”. Ocean Science Meeting, San Diego, California, Feb. 2020 (Poster).
- [5] “Effects of discharge and wind on exchange flow and residence time in Chesapeake Bay”. CERF2019, 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Mobile, Alabama, Nov. 2019 (Talk).
- [4] “Mechanisms of high SSC and its influence on turbulence dissipation in the Southern Yellow Sea”. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Asia Oceania Geosciences Society, Singapore, Aug. 2017 (Talk).
- [3] “Mechanisms of high suspended sediment concentration over a tide-dominated offshore shoal in the southern Yellow Sea”. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Asia Oceania Geosciences Society, Beijing, China, Aug. 2016 (Poster).
- [2] “Mechanisms of high suspended sediment concentration in the southern Jiangsu coast”. 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Earth System Science, Shanghai, China, Jul. 2016 (Talk).
- [1] “Estimation of combined wave and current shear stress over the offshore shoal in the Southern Yellow Sea”. 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Sediment Dynamics of Muddy Coasts and Estuaries, Zhoushan, China, Oct. 2015 (Poster).

## SKILLS

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- Experienced in numerical simulation and well trained in both unstructured grid model (SCHISM) and structured grid models (ROMS, EFDC).
- Experienced in various programming languages: MATLAB, Python, Fortran.
- Familiar with working on HPC and Linux computing environments.

## AWARDS

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Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award at VIMS (2023)  
 Dean’s Fellowship at VIMS (2020-2021)  
 VIMS Commonwealth Coastal Research Fellowship (2020-2021)  
 Norfolk Southern Fellowship at VIMS (2019-2020)  
 William J. Hargis, Jr. Fellowship at VIMS (2019-2020)  
 Zeigler Fellowship at VIMS (2018-2020)  
 Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award of Jiangsu Province, China (2019)  
 CERF 2021 Participation Award (2021)  
 Student Travel Grant, VIMS (2019, 2021, 2022)  
 First-class Yingcai Scholarship, Nanjing University (2017)  
 National Inspiration Scholarship, Nanjing University (2012, 2013, 2014)  
 People’s Scholarship, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Nanjing University (2014)  
 Second-class Guanghua Educational Scholarship, Nanjing University (2012)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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*Journal Review*

Continental Shelf Research

EGUsphere

Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science

Frontiers in Marine Science

Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans

Marine Ecology Progress Series

Marine Geology

Marine Pollution Bulletin

Ocean and Coastal Research

Progress in Oceanography

Scientific Report

*CERF2021 and 2023 student poster and oral presentation judge*

*Moderator for three sessions at Ocean Science Meeting, 2024*