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Citizenship: Canadian

Education:

- 1972-1976: University of British Columbia
B.Sc. in Combined Honours Mathematics and Physics
- 1976-1978: University of British Columbia
M.Sc. in Physics
Thesis (supervised by J.M. McMillan): "A new Hamiltonian for systems of nucleons and pions."
- 1978-1981: University of British Columbia
Ph.D. in Physics and Oceanography
Thesis (supervised by L.A. Mysak): "Resonant interactions between continental shelf waves."

Professional Positions:

- 1981-1982: University of Cambridge
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (under A.E. Gill)
- 1983-1985: University of New South Wales
1983: ARGS Research Associate in the School of Mathematics (under V.T. Buchwald).
1984-85: Queen's Fellow in Marine Science.
- 1985-present: University of British Columbia
1985-86: Research Associate
1986-1990: Assistant Professor of Oceanography
1990-93: Assistant Professor of Oceanography and Physics
1993-96: Associate professor of Oceanography and Physics
1996-2001: Associate Professor of Earth & Ocean Sciences, and Physics & Astronomy

2001-2010: Professor of Earth & Ocean Sciences, and Physics & Astronomy
2002-2007, 2008-2010: Chair of the Atmospheric Science Programme
2010-: Professor emeritus of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences

2016-present: Visiting scientist, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria, BC, Canada

1992: Visiting Fellow, Program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Princeton University.

Awards:

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Graduate Student Prize for 1981. Citation: "for outstanding contributions to dynamic oceanography" in my Ph.D. thesis work.

NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship, held at the University of Cambridge, 1981-82.

Australian Queen's Fellowship in Marine Science, held at the University of New South Wales, 1984-85.

UBC Killam Faculty Research Fellowship 1992-93.

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society President's Prize for 1999. Citation: "for his outstanding contribution to global climate research through the development and application of neural network techniques for the analysis and forecasting of climate variability".

Peter Wall Inst. for Advanced Studies: Distinguished UBC Scholar in Residence, 2000

Fellow of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, 2010. Citation: "for his internationally recognized leadership in the application of artificial neural networks to the advancement of our understanding of meteorological, oceanographic and climate variability"

[John Patterson medal](#) (2013), Meteorological Service of Canada.

Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, 2021.

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society President's Prize for 2023. Citation: 'for his 2023 textbook "Introduction to Environmental Data Science," published by Cambridge University Press. Dr. Hsieh's book has already gathered devoted followers because it demystifies complex concepts and techniques, making them accessible to a wide audience.'

Membership in professional societies:

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society
American Meteorological Society
American Geophysical Union
International Neural Network Society

Committees & Miscellaneous Services (outside UBC):

- Member of the Scientific Committee, Canadian Meteorological & Oceanography Society (1988 - 91), Secretary (1990 - 91)
- Member of the Prizes and Awards Committee, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (1991-94)
- Chair of the Scientific Program Committee of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society 1995 Congress (1994-95)
- Member of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence applications to Environmental Science, American Meteorological Society (1999-2002, 2005-2011).
- Member of the Scientific Program Committee of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (1999-2000, 2007-2008, 2014-2015)
- Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society BC Lower Mainland Centre: Treasurer (2000-2010) and Chair (2010-).
- Member of the Prizes and Awards Committee, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (2004-2006)
- Treasurer, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society 2005 Congress (2004-2005).
- Chair of the Prizes and Awards Committee, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (2006-2007)
- Co-editor: Neural Networks: Special issue on “Computational Intelligence in Earth and Environmental Sciences” (2006-07).
- Member of the University and Professional Education Committee, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (2006-2010)
- Member of Technical Committee, IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence, 2008
- Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Oceanography (2008-2011)
- Editor of Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics (2010-2015)
- Editor-in-chief of Atmosphere-Ocean (2010-2013). Associate editor (2013-2019)
- Member of Editorial Advisory Board of the Atmospheric and Oceanographic Sciences Library, Springer (2011-)
- Associate editor of Advances in Statistical Climatology, Meteorology and Oceanography (2019-)
- Member of External Advisory Board for the NSF AI Institute for Research on Trustworthy AI in Weather, Climate, and Coastal Oceanography (AI2ES) (2020-)

Invited Symposia Lectures (since 1997):

- “Neural Networks for Short-term Climate Prediction”. CMOS/CICS 1997 Lecture Tour: Halifax (1997/10/17), Montreal (97/10/20), Ottawa (97/10/22), Toronto (97/10/23), Vancouver

(97/11/27), Sidney (97/12/4), Victoria (97/12/5), Edmonton (97/12/9), Saskatoon (97/12/10), Winnipeg (97/12/11).

- “Nonlinear principal component analysis by neural network models”. European Geophysical Society XXIV General Assembly. 19-23 April 1999, The Hague, Netherlands.
- “Forecasting the equatorial Pacific sea surface temperatures by neural network models”. European Geophysical Society XXIV General Assembly. 19-23 April 1999, The Hague, Netherlands.
- "Neural networks for nonlinear multivariate data analysis", and "Neural networks for nonlinear time series analysis". Amer. Meteorol. Soc. Short Course on Neural Network Applications to Environmental Sciences, 12-13 Jan. 2002. Orlando, Florida.
- “From principal component analysis (PCA), to nonlinear PCA” and “Nonlinear principal component analysis and extensions”. Amer. Meteorol. Soc. Short Course on Artificial Intelligence Methods in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences: Neural Networks, Fuzzy Logic, and Genetic Algorithms, 10-11 Jan., 2004, Seattle, WA.
- “Non-linear modes of climate variability via neural network methods”. European Geophysical Society Congress. 25-29 April, 2005, Vienna, Austria.
- “Nonlinear principal component analysis of noisy data”, Amer. Meteorol. Soc. Annual Meeting, 14-18 Jan., 2007, San Antonio, Texas.
- “Nonlinear principal component analysis of noisy data”. European Geophysical Society Congress. 16-20 April, 2007, Vienna, Austria.
- “Modes of climate variability, their changes, and their detection by machine learning methods”, keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Northern High Performance Computing Spring Conference, Univ. Northern British Columbia, 14 May, 2007, Prince George, B.C.
- “Downscaling by kernel methods”, National Workshop on “Climate Scenarios of Extremes for Impact and Adaptation studies”, 6-8 May, 2008, Montreal, Quebec.
- “Machine learning methods in climate and weather research”. IEEE International Conference on Data Mining, Workshop on “Knowledge discovery from climate data: prediction, extremes, and impacts” keynote speaker, 11 Dec 2011, Vancouver, BC
- “Online learning with extreme learning machines, with applications to environmental sciences” Big Data and the Earth Sciences: Grand Challenges Workshop, 31 May - 2 June, 2017, La Jolla, CA.
- "Machine learning and statistics: the yin and yang of data science". 17th Conference on Artificial and Computational Intelligence and its Applications to the Environment Sciences. 98th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society, Core Science Keynote Speaker. 7-11 Jan 2018, Austin, TX
- "Applying machine learning to the environmental sciences". Solicited speaker in Joint Session JM07, 27th IUGG General Assembly, 8-18 July 2019, Montreal, QC.

Research contributions

My research interests have evolved over the years: I started in low-frequency wave dynamics over the continental shelf, then broadened into ocean circulation and climate variability. Through climate, I became interested in atmospheric sciences, hydrology, fisheries and agricultural science. Interests in modelling and predicting climate variability, especially the El Niño phenomenon, led me to machine learning (a major branch of artificial intelligence) in the early 1990s – this was a lucky

switch since within a few years, the spectacular rise of the internet spurred the wide use of machine learning to extract information from the massive internet data.

My most important research accomplishment has been in the development and application of machine learning methods (esp. neural networks) in climate and meteorological research. My group has been able to show that neural networks offer a nonlinear generalization of the current multivariate data analysis methods (e.g. principal component analysis, canonical correlation analysis and multichannel singular spectrum analysis) used in the environmental sciences. More specifically, my student Alex Cannon and I invented a new neural network architecture for nonlinear canonical correlation analysis. With my research associate Aiming Wu, we invented nonlinear multichannel singular spectrum analysis, and discovered nonlinear atmospheric teleconnections. Together with my student Adam Monahan, we popularized the use of autoencoders in environmental sciences through nonlinear principal component analysis. With my student Youmin Tang, we studied how neural networks can be (i) combined with dynamical models to form hybrid models and (ii) merged with variational data assimilation. With my student Aranildo R. Lima, we developed extremely fast and updatable randomized neural network models (a.k.a. extreme learning machines). With other students and post-docs, machine learning methods were used as nonlinear regression and classification models for post-processing and downscaling numerical model output for climate (esp. extreme climate) and weather, and for data analysis and prediction.

As existing data analysis books in atmospheric and related sciences were entirely based on statistics instead of the newer field of machine learning, I wrote a graduate level text “Machine Learning Methods in the Environmental Sciences” (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2009) (www.cambridge.org/9780521791922), the first single-authored textbook on machine learning for environmental scientists. My second textbook, “Introduction to Environmental Data Science”, for senior undergraduate and graduate students, (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2023) (www.cambridge.org/9781107065550), won me the CMOS President's Prize for 2023.

Our group produced the first El Niño/La Niña forecast model in Canada using neural networks, with the forecasts posted monthly on our web site (www.ocgy.ubc.ca/projects/clim.pred) during 1997-2019. Our forecasts were displayed in the Summary of ENSO Model Forecasts issued monthly by the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction.

Career publication list: (Web of Science researcher ID G-8380-2011, h -index = 33; Google Scholar h -index = 43)

In multi-authored journal publications, the student or post-doc who does most of the hands-on work is the first author. Students are listed in **bold** font.

1. **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

(a) ***Journals***

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- 102* Lima, A.R., W.W. Hsieh and A.J. Cannon, 2017. Variable complexity online sequential extreme learning machine, with applications to streamflow prediction. *J. Hydrology*, 555:983-994. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2017.10.037>
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Postgraduate course in statistical/machine learning methods, including an online version: <http://www.ocgy.ubc.ca/~william/EOSC510/index.html>

Undergraduate courses in Physics.

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1985-86	PHYS 421	2	64	26			

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1989-90	ATSC/OCGY 414	3	18	39			
1989-90	OCGY 526	3	9	18			
1990-91	ATSC/OCGY 414	3	14	39			
1990-91	OCGY 516	2	5	24			
1990-91	PHYS 312	3	29	39			
1990-91	PHYS 153	1	48		12		
1991-92	ATSC/OCGY 414	3	14	39			
1991-92	OCGY 526	3	9	18			
1991-92	PHYS 312	3	34	39			
1991-92	PHYS 153	1 (2 sect.)	48		24		
1993-94	ATSC/OCGY 414	3	21	39			
1993-94	OCGY 308	3	177	35			
1993-94	OCGY 526	3	11	18			
1993-94	PHYS 306	3	20	39			
1993-94	PHYS 349B		1				12
1993-94	PHYS 449		1				12
1994-95	ATSC/OCGY 414	3	10	39			
1994-95	OCGY 308	3	268	35			
1994-95	PHYS 306	3	17	39			

1995-96	OCGY 308	3	254	35			
1995-96	OCGY 449		1				12
1995-96	OCGY 526	3	9	18			
1995-96	PHYS 153	3 (2 sect.)	46, 48			72	
1995-96	PHYS 102	1 (4 sect.)	40,40,40,40		48		
1996-97	OCGY 308	3	244	35			
1996-97	OCGY 405	3	16	39			
1996-97	PHYS 314	3	18	39			
1996-97	PHYS 102	1 (3 sect.)	40, 54, 51		36		
1996-97	PHYS 449		1				12
1997-98	OCGY 308	3	225	35			
1997-98	PHYS 314	3	10	39			
1997-98	OCGY 526	3	6	18			
1997-98	PHYS 102	1 (3 sect.)	40, 40, 40		36		
1997-98	PHYS 449		1				12
1998-99	OCGY 308	3	268	33			
1998-99	PHYS 314	3	24	39			
1998-99	OCGY 505A	2	8	24			
1998-99	PHYS 170	1 (2 sect.)	40, 40		24		
1998-99	PHYS 449		1				12
1998-99	OCGY 449		1				3
1999-00	OCGY 308	3	281	33			
1999-00	PHYS 314	3	27	39			
1999-00	EOSC 502	3	8	35			
1999-00	OCGY 449		1				12
2001-02	EOSC 510	3	13	36			
2001-02	EOSC 114	3 (3 sect.)	132,244,63	15			
2001-02	EOSC 112	3	80	5			
2001-02	EOSC 314	3	289	9			
2001-02	PHYS 314	3	21	36			
2002-03	EOSC 510	3	6	36			
2002-03	EOSC 114	3 (3 sect.)	149,177,244	16			
2002-03	EOSC 112	3	133	17			
2002-03	PHYS 314	3	20	36			

2003-04	ATSC 404	3	17	27			
2003-04	EOSC 112	3 (2 sect.)	75, 82	19, 20			
2003-04	PHYS 314	3	32	39			
2004-05	EOSC 112	3	80	19			
2004-05	EOSC 114	3	211	5			
2004-05	EOSC 510	3	6	36			
2004-05	PHYS 100	1 (2 sect.)	44, 44		24		
2004-05	PHYS 314	3	35	37			
2004-05	PHYS 349		1				6
2005-06	ATSC 404	3	22	37			
2005-06	EOSC 112	3	109	19			
2005-06	PHYS 170	1	53		11		
2005-06	PHYS 314	3	28	36			
2005-06	PHYS 449		1				6
2006-07	PHYS 170	2	~53x2		22		
2006-07	PHYS 314	3	19	36			
2006-07	EOSC 510	3	8	39			
2006-07	ATSC 414/EOSC 477	3	12	26			
2008-09	PHYS 314	3	27	37			
2008-09	EOSC 510	3	9	36			
2008-09	EOSC 112	3	155	20			
2009-10	PHYS 314	3	21	36			
2009-10	ATSC 404	3	17	39			
2009-10	EOSC 112	3	171	19			
2010-11	EOSC 510	1.5	5	20			
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