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BIO

Tong Lee is a physical oceanographer with primary research expertise in the variability and physical processes of the ocean and their relationships with climate variability and water cycle using satellite data in conjunction with in-situ observations, models, and data assimilation.

Lee has made significant contributions to broad areas of ocean/climate research, especially in satellite oceanography. He has published some of the pioneering papers on El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) diversity, teleconnections, and impacts. He pioneered the applications of satellite salinity measurements to advance the understanding of oceanic physical processes and ocean-water cycle linkages. His works on decadal variability of sea level and ocean circulations were among the earliest satellite-based studies of decadal variability in the ocean. He has a H-Index of 43 (52) in Web of Science (Google Scholar).

Lee's research has benefited ocean observing system design and development. His theoretical decomposition of meridional overturning circulation (MOC) into various dynamical components established the physical basis for the design and development of the in-situ monitoring systems of MOCs in the subtropical and subpolar North Atlantic as well as the South Atlantic. His research on the horizontal structure of shallow MOC in the Pacific Ocean has spurred the development of the monitoring systems for low-latitude western boundary currents in the northern and southern tropical Pacific, and impacted the design of the Tropical Pacific Observing System-2020.

Lee has also contributed significantly to NASA satellite mission efforts. He served as Project Scientist of NASA's salinity-measuring Aquarius satellite mission and the principal architect and writer of Science Section of the Aquarius mission extension proposal. He is the lead of NASA's Ocean Salinity Science Team to advance salinity science and develop concepts for future salinity missions. He is the project lead for NASA Salinity Continuity Project beyond Aquarius Phase-F to extend NASA salinity record using measurements from NASA's SMAP satellite. He is serving as the Project Scientist of a NASA Earth Venture Mission concept "Butterfly" to measure mesoscale air-sea exchanges of heat and moisture, and the Project Scientist of a NASA Earth System Explorers mission concept "Ocean Dynamics and Surface Exchange with the Atmosphere" (ODYSEA) for simultaneous measurements of ocean-surface winds and currents. He co-leads the NASA-DoD Science Working Group for the DoD-sponsored STP-H8 satellite mission for ocean surface wind, precipitation, and atmospheric profile measurements. He is leading a JPL project to develop a miniaturized upward-pointing microwave sounder to profile atmospheric boundary layer from ocean-surface autonomous platforms that can enhance satellite cal/val. He is funded PI for NASA's Ocean Vector Science Team and Sea Level Change Team.

Lee was one of the principals of the Estimating the Circulation and Climate of the Ocean (ECCO) Consortium (<https://ecco-group.org/>). He developed the first basin-scale ocean state estimation system using the adjoint method based on NOAA/GFDL model prior to ECCO, and an adjoint-based global ocean state estimation system at JPL based on a version of the MITgcm model that resolved tropical ocean dynamics. He has led a JPL project on improving time-varying hydrological and cryospheric forcings in the ECCO system. He is also a principal of the joint NASA-NOAA RISE project on improving services to the community for sea level prediction and projection by leveraging on ECCO capabilities.

Lee has served in numerous committees and panels for international and domestic research programs to foster collaborative community research and observing system design and developments, serving various leadership roles including those within the US and International Climate Variability and

Predictability (CLIVAR) programs, US Atlantic MOC Program, OceanObs'19 decadal ocean observing program, and Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) program.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

General interest: physical oceanography and linkages of the ocean with the water cycle, climate variability, and weather.

Specific foci: intraseasonal-to-decadal variability; ENSO diversity and teleconnections/impacts; upper-ocean heat and salt budgets; meridional overturning circulation and heat transports; Indo-Pacific circulations and their linkages; ocean remote sensing; data assimilation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jet Propulsion Laboratory:
 - Senior Research Scientist (2021-present); Principal Scientist (2006-2021); Scientist (1996-2006)
 - Supervisor, Ocean Circulation and Air-Sea Interaction Group (2015-Jan.2022)
 - Project Scientist for Aquarius satellite mission (2013-2017)
 - Supervisor, Oceans and Ice Group (2011-2015)
- University of California Los Angeles, Joint Institute for Regional Earth System Science and Engineering (JIFRESSE): Project Scientist (2015-present); Visiting Researcher (2012-2014)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Postdoctoral Research Associate (1994-1996)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Oceanography, 1994, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.
- M.S. in Marine Studies, 1989, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
- B.S. in Mechanics, 1984, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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2020:

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SELECTED AWARDS

- 2020 NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal
- 2020 JPL Ed Stone Award for Outstanding Research Publication
- 2015 JPL People Leadership Award
- 2012 NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal
- 2012 JPL Team Achievement Award for contribution to IPCC Fifth Assessment Report
- 2011 JPL Mariner Award for extraordinary scientific productivity
- 2010 NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal
- 2009 NASA Group Achievement Award: PO.DAAC Team
- 2003 and 2008 JPL Team Achievement Award: ECCO Ocean Data Assimilation Team

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NASA/JPL MISSION EFFORTS

- Project Scientist of NASA Aquarius satellite mission (2013-2017) and the principal architect and writer for the Science Section of the 2015 NASA Senior Review Proposal for Aquarius Extended Mission, leading to a selection for the extended mission.
- Project Lead of the NASA Salinity Continuity Project (since 2017) beyond Aquarius Phase-F to extend NASA salinity record using measurements from NASA's SMAP satellite.
- Team Lead for NASA Ocean Salinity Science Team (2019-present).
- NASA Lead for a joint NASA-ESA effort to develop a multi-mission satellite salinity validation and exploitation platform endorsed by the NASA-ESA Joint Program Planning Group (2019-present).
- Ocean Lead for NASA-ESA collaboration on the Copernicus Imaging Microwave Radiometer (CIMR), a Copernicus High Priority Candidates mission.
- Leads for community white papers in response to NRC Decadal Survey in Earth Science and Applications from Space 2017-2027 RFI#1 (2015) and RFI#2 (2016).
- Project Scientist of NASA Earth Venture Mission concept "Butterfly" for air-sea heat and moisture flux measurements (since 2019).
- Project Scientist of NASA Earth System Explorers satellite mission concept "Ocean Dynamics and Surface Exchange with the Atmosphere" (ODYSEA) for simultaneous measurements of ocean-surface winds and currents (since 2022).
- Co-lead of Science Working Group for the DoD-sponsored STP-H8 satellite mission (since 2020).
- Project Lead for in-situ field tests of broad-band low-frequency radiometer to advance next-gen satellite sensors for polar ocean/ice measurements (since 2018).
- Project Lead for development of a miniaturized upward-looking remote-sensing instrument (microwave sounder) to profile atmospheric boundary layer from ocean-surface autonomous platforms for satellite cal/val (since 2020).

AFFILIATION WITH PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Member of American Geophysical Union since 1998
- Member of American Meteorology Society since 2006
- The Oceanography Society since 2018

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICES

- Lead guest editor for *Frontiers in Marine Science* OceanObs'19 Collection of 150 peer-reviewed community perspective papers that chart the course for the next decade of ocean observing (2018-2020)
- Chair of US Climate Variability and Predictability (CLIVAR) Program Scientific Steering Committee (2019) and Executive Committee Member (2017-2019)

- Co-chair of OceanObs'19 Program Committee (2017-2020)
- Chair of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) Sub-commission A2 “Ocean Dynamics, Productivity, and Cryosphere” (2016-2021)
- Co-chair of International Climate Variability and Predictability (CLIVAR) Program’s Global Synthesis and Observations Panel (2012-2016) and member (2010-2016)
- Co-chair of US CLIVAR Phenomena, Observations, and Synthesis Panel (2010-2011) and member (2007-2009)
- Executive Committee and task team leader for US Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) Program (2007-2010)
- Steering Team member of Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE) (2003-2008)
- Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Ocean Observation Panel for Climate (OOPC) and Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Panel for Physics and Climate member (2017-present)
- Tropical Pacific Observing System (TPOS) 2020 Backbone System Task Team member (2015-present).
- International CLIVAR Indonesian Throughflow Task Force member (2011-2014)
- International CLIVAR ENSO in a Changing Climate Task Team member (2013-2019)
- US CLIVAR ENSO Diversity Working Group member (2012-2015)
- International CLIVAR and IOC/GOOS Indian Ocean Panel member (2006-2013)
- US Argo Program panel member (2004-2009)
- Mentor and NASA host for the “Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women for Increasing Retention” (MPOWIR, <https://mpowir.org>) Program (since 2010)

OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Leadership of Community whitepapers

- Lead-authored an International CLIVAR whitepaper on a framework for the evaluation and Intercomparison of global ocean synthesis products (2006).
- Lead-authored a US CLIVAR whitepaper on the strategy for a US Integrated Earth System Analysis (2007).
- Lead-authored an OceanObs'99 community whitepaper on ocean state estimation for climate research (2009).
- Lead-authored a review article in Oceanography Magazine article on ocean state estimation for climate research (2009).
- Lead-authored a review article in Oceanography Magazine on applications of satellite observations for ocean and climate research (2010).
- Co-led two community whitepapers for Tropical Observing System (TPOS) 2020 on ENSO and on satellite observing systems (2014).
- Lead-authored community whitepaper on ocean salinity and water cycle research priorities in response to US National Academy of Sciences 2017-2027 Decadal Survey in Earth Science and Technology from Space RFI#1 (2015).
- Lead-authored community whitepaper on a space-based measurement concept for ocean salinity and sea ice in response to US National Academy of Sciences 2017-2027 Decadal Survey in Earth Science and Technology from Space RFI#2 (2016).
- IPCC Assessment Report 5, Chapter 9 contributing author (2013).

Initiatives

- Leadership role for a US CLIVAR initiative on Integrated Earth System Analysis (IESA); represented ocean assimilation/synthesis community in National Research Council Climate Research Committee meeting in 2006 on IESA.

- Leadership role under International CLIVAR and GODAE to develop a framework and lead an internationally coordinated effort on the evaluation and intercomparison of global ocean synthesis products during 2006-2010 and with a renewed effort from 2013 onward.
- Served as US AMOC Program Executive Committee member to help develop the US AMOC Program Implementation Plan (2007).
- Initiated the US CLIVAR ENSO Diversity Working Group (2012).
- Helped establish “ENSO in a Changing Climate” Research Focus under International CLIVAR and form an international task team for this Research Focus (2013).

Organizations of professional workshops and conference special sessions:

- Co-convended Ocean Sciences Meeting special session on high-wavenumber and high-frequency wind forcing of the ocean (2004).
- Key organizer of Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE) Symposium, Beijing, China (2006).
- Co-convended Fall AGU Meeting special session on earth system data assimilation (2006).
- Co-convended Ocean Sciences Meeting special session on global and regional ocean synthesis (2008).
- Key organizer for US CLIVAR Integrated Earth System Analysis workshop (2008).
- Co-organized a decadal variability workshop (2009).
- Organized and chaired a joint US-Europe AMOC Science Team meeting (2010).
- Co-organized a US CLIVAR ENSO Diversity workshop (2013).
- Co-convended International CLIVAR workshop on surface fluxes and ocean synthesis (2013).
- Served as a key organizer of the COSPAR/WCRP/ESA/IOC sponsored capacity-building workshop for the Indonesian throughflow (2014).
- Served as member of scientific organizing committee for Tropical Pacific Observing System (TPOS) 2020 International workshop (2014).
- Co-convended Ocean Sciences Meeting special session on ocean salinity and water cycle (2014).
- Co-convended two special sessions in 2014 Fall AGU meeting (“Maritime Continent” and “From QuikSCAT to RapidSCAT”).
- Co-organized “Ocean Salinity Science & Salinity Remote Sensing” workshop in UK Met Office, 2014.
- Co-organized International “Global Heat Balance and Ocean Heat Content” workshop in UK Met Office, 2015.
- Co-organized International Conference on “Ocean Salinity and Freshwater Changes” in Hamburg, Germany, 2015.
- Main organizer of Aquarius/SAC-D Science Team Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 2015.
- Co-convener of EGU “Ocean Remote Sensing” Session for 2014-2020.
- Co-convener of EGU “Ocean Salinity and Marine Hydrological Cycle”. 2016-2018.
- Scientific Organizing Committee member, European Space Agency Living Planet Symposium 2016.
- Co-convener of 2016 Fall AGU “Ocean salinity and water cycle” session. 2016.
- Co-convener of 2017 Fall AGU “Ocean salinity and its role in ocean dynamics and the water cycle” session. 2017.
- Lead organizer of COSPAR 2018 session “Scientific Exploitation of Oceanographic Measurements From New Missions and Heritage Data Sets”.
- Scientific Committee member of Liege Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics, Liege, Belgium, May 2018.
- Organizer of 2018 NASA Ocean Salinity Science Team and Salinity Continuity Processing meeting, Santa Rosa, CA, Aug. 2018.
- Scientific Committee member for Ocean Salinity Science Conference, Paris, France, November 2018.
- Scientific Organizing Committee member, European Space Agency Living Planet Symposium 2019.
- Co-Chair and key organizer of decadal ocean observing community conference OceanObs’19.

- Lead organizer of COSPAR 2021 Event “Scientific Exploitation of Oceanographic Measurements From New Missions and Heritage Data Sets”.
- Lead organizer of the International Ocean Salinity Conference, June 2022.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) Conference, Cairns, Australia, 2005 (two invited presentations).
- Ocean Surface Topography Science Team Meeting, Hobart, Australia, 2007.
- Pan Ocean Remote Sensing Conference, Guangzhou, China, 2008.
- Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE) Final Symposium, Nice, France, 2008.
- International Workshop on Decadal Variability and Predictability, St. Michaels, MD, 2009.
- 10th International Conference on Southern-hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography, Noumea, New Caledonia, 2013.
- International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2014.
- Ocean Salinity Science & Salinity Remote Sensing Workshop in UK Met Office, 2014.
- International Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Reflection Conference in Potsdam, Germany, 2015.
- IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (IGARSS) conference, Milan, Italy, 2015.
- International Conference on Ocean Salinity and Freshwater Changes, Hamburg, Germany, 2015.
- European Union Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action Evaluation of Ocean Synthesis Consortium workshop, Porto, Portugal, March 2016.
- EUMETSAT Satellite Meteorology Conference, Darmstadt, Germany, September 2016.
- Global Ocean Salinity and the Water Cycle Workshop, Woods Hole, MA. May 2017.
- ESA/ECMWF Workshop on Using Low Frequency Passive Microwave Measurements in Research and Operational Applications. Reading, UK. December, 2017.
- Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE) OceanView International School, September 2017, Mallorca, Spain.
- Joint American Meteorology Society & Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society’s International Conference on Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography, Sydney, Australia, January 2018.
- ESA Salinity Science and Climate Change Initiative workshop, Hamburg, Germany, September 2019.
- “Earth Explorers for Climate - The contribution from SMOS” Symposium, Cornwall, UK, March 2020 (cancelled).
- WCRP and CLIVAR workshop on Ocean Heat and Freshwater Storage and Transports in Observations and Climate Models. Exeter, UK, Oct., 2020 (cancelled).
- Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) Physical Oceanography Self-formed Team invited virtual seminar, Nov., 2021.
- Remote Sensing for Climate Analysis workshop organized by the Institute of Mathematics and Statistical Innovation, Chicago, USA, Nov., 2022.

REVIEW PANELS:

- Review panel members in various NASA and NOAA review panels and as mail reviewers for NASA, NOAA, NSF (since 1998).
- COSPAR review panel for COSPAR fellowships (2014-2017).
- International Advisory Board member for EU EuroSea Consortium (<https://eurosea.eu/>) (since 2019).

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- University of California Irvine, 2005-2009 (student advised: Hsun-Ying Kao), 2012-2015 (student advised: Yuhao Zhou).
- University of Delaware, 2012-2016 (student advised: Autumn Kidwell).