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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tenure-track Assistant Professor at Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS) Thurst, Function Hub, HKUST (GZ) Mar. 2024 - present
Postdoctoral Researcher at Peking University May 2023 - Feb. 2024
Postdoctoral Researcher jointed between Peking University and International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA, Austria) Oct 2020 - Apr. 2023
Postgraduate Research Associate at Princeton School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University Dec. 2019 - Aug. 2020
Short-term consultant at the World Bank July-Oct. 2017

EDUCATION

M.A. and Ph.D. in Public Affairs and Environmental Studies at Princeton School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University 2014 - 2019

Advisor: Denise L. Mauzerall (American Geophysical Union Fellow; William S. Tod Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Public and International Affairs)

Dissertation: *Mitigating Environmental and Health Damages: Opportunities From Changes in Agricultural Production and Food Consumption Practices in China*

B.S. in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at School of Physics, Peking University 2010 - 2014

PUBLICATIONS (*DENOTES CORRESPONDING AUTHOR)

1. Li L., **Guo Y.***, Xu J., Ye X., Li D., Liu Z., Ti C., Liu X., Zhang L.*, Opportunities to Mitigate PM_{2.5} and Nitrogen Deposition through Agricultural NH₃ Control Strategies in China's Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, *Environmental Science and Technology*, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.5c02485>
2. **Guo Y.**, Zhao H., Winiwarter W. *et al.* Aspirational Nitrogen Interventions Accelerate Air Pollution Abatement and Ecosystem Protection, *Science Advances*, <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.ado0112>. (2024) [IIASA news: <https://iiasa.ac.at/news/aug-2024/nitrogen-interventions-as-key-to-better-health-and-robust-ecosystems>]
3. **Guo Y.**, Zhang L., Winiwarter W. *et al.* Ambitious nitrogen abatement is required to mitigate future global PM_{2.5} air pollution towards the World Health Organization air quality targets, *One Earth*, (2024)
4. **Guo Y.**, Tan H., Zhang L., *et al.* Global Food loss and waste embodies unrecognized harms to global air quality and biodiversity hotspots, *Nature Food (IF 20.43)* (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43016-023-00810-0> [Chinese Society for Industrial Ecology 2023 Best Paper Award]
5. J Xu, M Lu, **Guo Y.***, L Zhang*, *et al* Summertime urban ammonia emissions may be substantially underestimated in Beijing, China *Environmental Science and Technology (IF 11.357)*, (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.3c05266>
6. **Guo Y.***, He P, Searchinger, T.D., *et al.* Environmental and human health trade-offs in potential Chinese dietary shifts, *One Earth (IF 14.944)* (2022), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.oneear.2022.02.002>
7. **Guo Y.**, Chen, Y., Searchinger, T.D. *et al.* Air quality, nitrogen use efficiency and food security in China are improved by cost-effective agricultural nitrogen management. *Nature Food (IF 20.43)* 1,

- 648–658 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43016-020-00162-z> [ESI hot and highly cited paper (top 1 percent of citations for given field; Nature Food news: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43016-020-00167-8>]
8. Guo Y, Liu J, Mauzerall D L, *et al.* Long-lived Species Enhance Summertime Attribution of North America Ozone to Upwind Sources, *Environmental Science and Technology (IF 11.357)*, (2017) 51 (9), 5017–5025 DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.6b05664
9. Ma R, Zhang B, Guo Y, *et al.* Mitigation potential of global ammonia emissions and related health impacts in the trade network. *Nature Communications (IF 17.694)* 12, 6308 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-25854-3>
10. Liu Z, Ying H, Chen M, Bai J, Xue Y, Yin Y, Batchelor W, Du M, Guo Y, *et al.* Optimization of China's maize and soy production can ensure feed sufficiency at lower nitrogen and carbon footprints, *Nature Food (IF 20.43)* 2, 426–433 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43016-021-00300-1>
11. Chen Y, Zhang L, Henze D, Zhao Y, Lu X, Winiwarter W, Guo Y, *et al.* Inter-annual variation of reactive nitrogen emissions and their impacts on PM2.5 air pollution in China during 2005–2015, (2021), *Environmental Research Letters (IF 6.947)* <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ac3695>
12. Liu L, Xu W, Lu X, Zhong B, Guo Y *et al.* Exploring global changes in agricultural ammonia emissions and their contribution to nitrogen deposition since 1980 *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (IF 12.777)*, (2022), 119 (14) e2121998119, <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2121998119>
13. Wen Xu, Yuanhong Zhao, Zhang Wen, Yunhua Chang, Yuepeng Pan, Yele Sun, Xin Ma, Zhipeng Sha, Ziyue Li, Jiahui Kang, Lei Liu, Aohan Tang, Kai Wang, Ying Zhang, Yixin Guo, *et al.* Increasing importance of ammonia emission abatement in PM2.5 pollution control, (2022), *Science Bulletin (IF 20.577)* DOI: 10.1016/j.scib.2022.07.021
14. Liu L, *et al.* Modeling global oceanic nitrogen deposition from food systems and its mitigation potential by reducing overuse of fertilizers *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (IF 12.777)*, 120.17 (2023): e2221459120.
15. Liu Z., Rieder H., Schmidt C., Mayer M., Guo Y., *et al.* Optimal reactive nitrogen control pathways identified for cost-effective PM2.5 mitigation in Europe (2023) *Nature Communications* <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-023-39900-9>
16. Pan D., Mauzerall D., Wang R., Guo X., Puchalski M., Guo Y., *et al.* Regime shift in secondary inorganic aerosol formation and nitrogen deposition in the rural United States. *Nature Geosciences* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41561-024-01455-9>
17. Li B, Liao H, Li K, Wang Y, Zhang L, Guo Y, Liu L, Li J, Jin J, Yang Y, Gong C. Unlocking nitrogen management potential via large-scale farming for air quality and substantial Co-benefits. *National Science Review*. 2024 Sep 13:nwae324.
18. Chen, Y., Zhao, Y., Zhang, L. Yixin Guo, *et al.* High-resolution inventories for Reactive Nitrogen Emissions from China's livestock during 2005–2022. *Scientific Data* 12, 1062 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-025-05394-x>

HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

"Nitrogen interventions improve air quality and ecosystem health" selected for the 2024 Top 10 Scientific Achievements in Biogeochemical Nitrogen Cycles by the Nitrogen Working Group of Soil Science Society of China 2025

China Association for Science and Technology 9th Future Female Scientist Program (10 female scientists selected each year) 2025

Guangzhou - HKUST (GZ) joint research funding (rmb 250000; 2025A03J3871), reactive nitrogen emission reduction potentials and benefits for global air pollution management, PI 2025-2027

Guangzhou Municipality Bureau of Science and Technology Qihang Program (rmb 50000; 2025A04J4404), ammonia emissions in global trade networks and their contribution to global PM2.5 pollution: past and future evolvments, PI 2025-2027

Chinese Society for Industrial Ecology 2023 Best Paper Award 2024

Elected to Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society 2024

"Agricultural ammonia mitigation potentials and benefits for PM2.5 air pollution mitigation" selected for the 2023 Top 10 Scientific Achievements in Biogeochemical Nitrogen Cycles by the Nitrogen Working Group of Soil Science Society of China 2024

"Ammonia mitigation opportunities in international trade network" selected for the 2021 Top 10 Scientific Achievements in Biogeochemical Nitrogen Cycles by the Nitrogen Working Group of Soil Science Society of China 2023

IOP Outstanding Reviewer Award 2023

IOP Trusted Reviewer Award 2022

Green Talent Award (25 outstanding young scientists selected globally), German Federal Ministry of Education and Research 2022

Chinese Postdoc Special Support Scientific Grant (rmb 180,000; 2022T150005), China Postdoctoral Science Foundation 2022

International Fellowship for Postdoc Researchers (rmb 600,000; YJ20210002), China Postdoctoral Science Foundation 2021

PKU (Peking University)- IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis) postdoctoral fellowship 2020-2022

Graduate School Dean's Completion Fellowship, Princeton University 2019-2020

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Funding, Princeton University 2018

Princeton School of International and Public Affairs Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University 2014-2019

Award for excellent undergraduate research by Bases for Cultivation of Talents of Geophysical Sciences, Peking University 2013

Samsung Scholarship, for top 3% physics-major students, Peking University 2012-2013

Merit Student, Peking University 2012-2013

Meritorious winner for Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM) 2013

1st Prize of National Olympiad in Chemistry in Provinces, China Chemistry Federation 2009

TEACHING

HKUST(GZ)

Global Environmental Challenges: Science, Technology, and Policy (EOAS6000G) Spring 2025

Princeton University, Teaching Assistant

The Environment: Science and Policy (WWS/ENV350) Spring 2018 and Spring 2019

HKUST(GZ) Doctoral Students (primary adviser)

Ziru Lan, G1

Lingze Meng, G1

Yue Zhang, G1

Doctoral Students (committee member and/or co-advisor)

Lu Li (Peking University)

Jialin Deng (Peking University)

HKUST(GZ) Red Bird Mphil (RBM) Students (primary adviser)

Yulei Yang, G1

HKUST(GZ) Postdoctoral Fellows

Ning Chai (2024-present)

Senior Thesis Advisees

Jinrong Peng (China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), 2024; rising RBM student for 2025 Fall)
[awarded "excellent undergraduate thesis instructor"]

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AT HKUST(GZ)

EOAS Thrust Postgraduate Admission Committee, Member (Fall 2024 - present)

Red Bird Mphil (RBM) Selection and Admission Faculty Advisory Board, Member (Fall 2024 - present)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial board member

Nature Scientific Report;

Journal referee

Nature Climate Change;

Nature Food;

Nature Sustainability;

One Earth;

Proceedings of the National Academy of Science;

Communications Earth and Environment;

Journal of Environmental Management;

Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics;

Environmental Research Letters;

Atmospheric Environment;

Earth Critical Zone;

Scientific Data;

Regional Environmental Change

Conference Session Convener

Convener: 7th International Workshop on Regional Air Quality Management in Rapidly Developing Economic Regions (7RAQM) (Guangzhou) *May 2024*

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(Invited) *Mitigating reactive nitrogen pollution from food systems and integrated environmental and health benefits assessment*, 3rd interdisciplinary research forum for Human Sustainable Development: past, present and future (Guangzhou) *expected August 2025*

(Invited) *Health impacts of food producers' airborne exposure, "Three foci for food to leverage SDGs and beyond"* interdisciplinary workshop (Guangzhou) *expected August 2025*

(Invited) *Managing Nitrogen for Clean Air, Ecosystem Health and Climate Mitigation*, annual meeting of AOGS Asia Oceania Geoscience Society (Singapore) *expected July 2025*

(Invited) *Mitigating reactive nitrogen pollution from food systems for improving air quality and ecosystem health*, Atmospheric Science seminar series at SUSTech (Shenzhen) *May 2025*

(Invited) *Multi-dimensional atmospheric and environmental health benefits of nitrogen abatement strategies*, the 3rd young scientist meeting of China Environmental Society (Hangzhou) *April 2025*

(Invited) *Environmental and health benefits of nitrogen emission controls under future SSP-RCP emission pathways*, the 7th atmospheric ozone pollution mitigation conference (Hefei) *April 2025*

The 3rd Atmospheric chemistry, atmospheric environment and health young scholar forum (Beijing) *Nov 2024*

(Invited) *Potentials of aspirational nitrogen interventions in improving future global air quality under climate mitigation scenarios* at the 2024 International Conference on Air Benefit and Cost and Attainment Assessment and Symposium on Atmospheric Haze Chemistry (ABACAS) (Shanghai) Sep 2024

Nitrogen shares in air pollution and scope of feasible interventions at the 21th annual meeting of AOGS (Asia Oceania Geoscience Society) (Korea) June 2024

Nitrogen abatement opportunities for improving air quality and ecosystem health at the 7th International Workshop on Regional Air Quality Management in Rapidly Developing Economic Regions (7RAQM) (Guangzhou) May 2024

A nitrogen perspective for addressing air pollution and beyond at the Nature Conference on Air Pollution and Climate Change (Beijing) May 2024

(Invited) *Overlooked Opportunities of Nitrogen Abatement For Improving Near-term Global Air Quality, Human and Ecosystem Health* at the American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting (San Francisco) Dec 2023

(Invited) *Mitigating Reactive Nitrogen and Associated Environmental Damages Through Transforming Our Food Systems* at ReCLEAN seminar series (jointed between ETH, EPFL, PSI, WSL and EAWAG Zurich) (online) Oct 2023

(Invited) *Mitigating Reactive Nitrogen pollution: present and future perspectives* at the Earth, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS) Thrust of HongKong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) Sep 2023

(Invited) *Mitigating Reactive Nitrogen Loss and Associated Environmental Damages: Opportunities from Changes in Food Production, Consumption and Supply Chains* at the 20th annual meeting of AOGS (Asia Oceania Geoscience Society) (Singapore) Aug 2023

Food system strategies and their benefits for air quality, climate and ecosystems at the 4th Biogeochemical Nitrogen Cycle Forum (Beijing) 2023

Environmental and Health Co-benefits of Sustainable Food System Strategies at American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting (San Francisco and online) 2022

Poster entitled 'Environmental and Health Co-benefits of Sustainable Food System Strategies in China' for Asian Conference on Meteorology (online) 2022

Mitigating Reactive Nitrogen Losses and Associated Environmental Damages in China at the 8th Global Nitrogen Conference (Berlin and online) 2021

(Invited) *Implications of improving food production and consumption for ammonia emissions and air pollution* at the Center for Agricultural Resources Research in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shijiazhuang, China 2021

(Invited) *Ammonia Emissions and Air Quality Under Various Chinese Diets* at the 25th Annual Meeting For Atmospheric Pollution Management and Controls at Xi'an, China 2021

(Invited) *Effects of cost-effective agricultural nitrogen management on air quality and food security* at the College of Resources and Environmental Sciences of China Agriculture University (online) 2021

(Invited) *Ammonia Emission Mitigation Strategies and Consequent Environmental Effects in China* at the 2nd Sino-Korean Air Quality Forum (online) 2020

(Invited) *Air Quality, Nitrogen Use Efficiency And Food Security in China Are Improved by Cost-effective Agricultural Nitrogen Management* at China Agriculture University (online) 2020

(Invited) *Agricultural Production and Consumption Strategies in China: Benefits for Air Quality, Nitrogen Use Efficiency, Climate and Dietary Health* at Atmospheric and Oceanic Science Seminar series at Peking University, Beijing, China 2019

Mitigating Reactive Nitrogen Loss and Associated Environmental Damages: Opportunities from Changes in Production and Consumption in China at American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2019

Third Plenary Meeting of International Nitrogen Management System, Edinburgh, Scotland 2018

Effectiveness of Agricultural Ammonia Control Strategies for Mitigating PM_{2.5} Pollution in China at Ammonia Workshop hosted by the Environment and Climate Change Agency of the Canadian government, Ottawa, Canada 2018

High-yield High-efficiency Agriculture Conference, Kunming, China 2017

(Invited) *Reducing Nitrogen Pollution from Crop Fertilizer Use and Manure Management* at Atmospheric Science Seminar of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2017
Long-lived Species Enhance Summertime Attribution of North America Ozone to Upwind Sources at American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2016
Chinese Environmental Scholars Forum, Princeton, NJ 2016
Community Earth System Model Annual workshop, Breckenridge, CO 2016
Poster at Princeton E-filiates Partnership second annual Retreat, Princeton, NJ 2015
Poster at American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2014

REFERENCES

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