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## Research Interest

**Quantitative Immunology, Clinical Pharmacology  
Pharmacometrics (PK/PD), Quantitative System Pharmacology (QSP)  
Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (ML/AI)**

## Current Academic Appointment

**Research Associate, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology  
Temerty Faculty of Medicine, Jan 2024-Present**  
Supervisors: [Dr. Rachel Tyndale](#) (*Professor*)  
Departments of Psychiatry, and Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Toronto  
Canada Research Chair in Pharmacogenomics ([CAMH](#))  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

[Dr. Meghan Chenoweth](#) (*Assistant Professor*)  
Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto  
Scientist in Molecular Science at the [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health \(CAMH\)](#)  
Toronto, ON, Canada

## Former Academic Appointments

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, University of Manitoba, (Université de Montréal)  
Department of Mathematics, **Mar 2022-Jan 2024**  
Supervisors: [Prof. Stephanie Portet](#) (*Associate Professor*)  
[Prof. Julien Arino](#) (*Professor*), [Prof. Kang-Ling Liao](#) (*Assistant Professor*)  
Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics, University of Manitoba  
Winnipeg, MB, Canada  
[Prof. Morgan Craig](#), (*Associate professor*), Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research  
Centre and Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Université de Montréal  
Montréal, Québec, Canada

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, York University  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, **Sep 2020-Feb 2022**  
Supervisor: [Prof. Jane Heffernan](#) , Professor, Faculty of Science  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, Toronto Metropolitan University (Ryerson University)  
Department of Mathematics, **Sep 2018-Aug 2020**  
Supervisor: [Prof. Kathleen Wilkie](#) , Associate Professor  
Department of Mathematics, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON, Canada

## Education

**Exchange Semesters**, Department of Applied mathematics  
**Fall-Winter 2017-2018**, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

**University of Zanjan, Zanjan, Iran**  
Ph.D., Solid State Physics (*Evolutionary Graph Theory*) **2014-2018**  
(defended on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**). *Thesis*: [Evolutionary Dynamics on Complex Networks](#)

*Summary:* We studied the evolutionary properties of mutant and wild type individuals in spatial and temporal fluctuating environments on geographically structured populations. The presence of temporal or spatial variability significantly affects the competition dynamics in populations, and gives rise to some counterintuitive observations. we considered both birth-death (BD) or death–birth (DB) Moran processes on a circular or a complete graph and investigated spatial and temporal variability affecting division and/or death parameters. Assuming that mutant and wild-type fitness parameters are drawn from an identical bimodal distribution, we studied mutant fixation probability and timing. Our results demonstrated that temporal and spatial types of variability possess fundamentally different properties.

Supervisor: [Prof. Amir Hossein Darooneh](#), Professor, Faculty of Sciences  
Department of Physics, University of Zanjan

Co-Supervisor: [Prof. Mohammad Kohandel](#), Associate Professor, Faculty of Sciences,  
Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Waterloo

*Ph.D degree was evaluated by World Education Service, WES, (Reference#4446208/SAA)*

### **Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University, Tabriz, Iran**

M.Sc., Particle Physics (High-Energy Physics), 2009-2012, (defended on January 23<sup>rd</sup>)

*Thesis: [Nambu Structures on Four Dimensional Real Lie Groups](#)*

Supervisor: [Prof. Adel Rezaei-Aghdam](#), Professor, Department of Physics  
Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University

### **University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran**

B.Sc., Solid State Physics, 2005-2008, (July, 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Teaching Experience

**Department of Mathematics and Statistics, [York University](#)**

*Instructor, Calculus I*, May-August, 2020-2021 (summer term)

Toronto, ON, Canada

**[Biomathematics and Fluids Group, Toronto Metropolitan University](#)**

*Covered some sessions, Calculus I and Calculus III*, Mathematical Biology, 2018-2019

Toronto, ON, Canada

**[Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Zanjan](#)**

*Instructor, Elementary Physics*, 2016

*Instructor, English Language, Jihad Institute*, 2014-18

*Co-Instructor, Advanced Mathematical Physics*, 2015

Zanja, Zanjan, Iran

**Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, Azerbaijan Shahid Madani**

**University, Teaching Assistant, Statistical Mechanics**, 2013-2015

Tabriz, East Azarbayjan, Iran

## Skills

**Machine Learning** [Including: **Regression** (*Linear, Multiple, Polynomial, SVR, Decision Tree, Random Forest*), **Classification** (*Logistic Regression, K-NN, SVM, Kernal SVM, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Random Forest*), **Clustering** (*K-Means, Hierarchical*), **Deep Learning** (*ANN, CNN*), **Dimensionality Reduction** (*PCA, LDA, Kernal PCA*)]

**Languages:** C++, parallelizing with OpenMP

**Python** (*Libraries: NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, SciPy, matplotlib.pyplot*)

**Julia** (*DifferentialEquations.jl, Plots.jl, advanced statistical analysis and modelling packages*), Matlab, **Software:** Mathematica, **Design:** Coreldraw. **Others:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office

## Awards & Scholarships

**GSK Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship**, 2024-2026

**Landahl Travel Grant from “Society of Mathematical Biology (SMB)”**  
Annual Meeting, The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio), (July 16-21, 2023)  
Supported by: Prof. Laura S. Kubatko Professor of Statistics and of Evolution,  
Ecology and Organismal Biology

**Travel award from the Moffitt Cancer Center and the Center of Excellence for Evolutionary Therapy**, Integrated Mathematical Oncology (IMO) workshop  
Cancer Communities (Oct29-Nov5, 2022)

**Postdoctoral Fellowship, Khiabani Lab**, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS), The State University of New Jersey, 2020

**Postdoctoral Fellowship, Awarded by Prof. Lennaert Van Veen**, OnTechU  
North Oshawa Campus, Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, 2020

**Grants from University of Waterloo**

Fall-winter, 2017,(Exchange Semester)

*Supported by:* Prof. Mohammad Kohandel

Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo

**Grants from Iran’s Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**,

Fall-winter, 2017,(Exchange Semester)

*Supported by:* Prof. Esmail KaramiDehkordi, Director of

International Scientific Cooperation Office, University of Zanjan 2013-2020

**Ph.D. Education Scholarship, Iran’s Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**, 2014-2018

**M.Sc., Education Scholarship, Iran’s Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**, 2009-2011

## Conference Presentations

*Mechanistic Modeling: From Oncology to Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Immunity*

Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, the University of Toronto

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Virtual presentation, Physics Colloquium, Topic: *Modeling humoral immune response to SARS-CoV2 and machine learning for discriminating COVID-19 and influenza infection: an application approach*, Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences

School of Physics (IPM). Tehran, Iran, September 4<sup>th</sup>

<https://physics.ipm.ac.ir/seminars/2023/4sep23/poster.pdf>, 2023

[The VI AMMCS International Conference](#), Topic: *Mathematical modelling of the adaptive immune response: B-lymphocytes and SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies*  
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 14-18, 2023

[Online Video Flash talk, SMB annual meeting](#), Society for Mathematical Biology, Topic: *Mathematical modelling of the humoral and B cell response to SARS-CoV-2*  
hosted by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA, July 17, 2023

[Virtual presentation, OMNI-RÉUNIS Super-Spreader Seminar Series](#), Topic: *Mathematical Modeling to Identify Optimal Dosing Schedules: From Chemotherapy to COVID-19 vaccines*, hosted by York University, Toronto, Canada, April: 20, 2023

[Virtual presentation, 2022-2023 Centre for Mathematical Medicine Seminar](#)  
Topic: Mechanistic mathematical modelling of the within-host response: from *chemotherapy to COVID-19*, hosted by Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
April: 10, 2023

Virtual presentation, Symposium on Machine Learning and Data Modelling in the Biomedical Sciences, ([MLDMBioMed-2022](#)), Topic: *Pharmaceutical and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions for Controlling the COVID-19 Pandemic*, hosted by York University  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Sep: 27 - 28, 2022

Virtual Poster Presentation, 12<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Mathematical and theoretical Biology (ECMTB), topic: *(1)A Machine Learning Approach to Differentiate Between COVID-19 and Influenza Infection Using Synthetic Data, (2)A Multiscale Immune-Epidemiological Model for Coupling Within-Host and Between-Host Dynamics in COVID-19 Infection*, Heidelberg, 2022

Online Video Flash talk, The Royal Society: Modelling the COVID-19 Pandemic: Achievements and Lessons, topic: *Mathematical Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Immune Escape*  
London, UK, Jun13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Poster Presentation, DLSPH Biostatistics Research Day, topic: *A Machine Learning Approach to Differentiate Between COVID-19 and Influenza Infection Using Synthetic Data*, virtually hosted by Dolla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Poster Presentation, topic: *Chemotherapy-induced cachexia and model informed dosing to preserve lean mass in cancer treatment*, ISoP QSP Virtual Student Symposium  
May11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Virtual Poster Presentation, topic: *Mathematical Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Immune Escape*  
5th Workshop on Virus Dynamics, virtually hosted on behalf of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center & University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, October 4-6, 2021

SMB annual meeting, Society for Mathematical Biology, topic: *Analysis of host Immunological Response of Adenovirus-Based COVID-19 Vaccines*, virtually hosted on behalf of the University of California Riverside (UCR), USA, 2021

University of Waterloo, Math Oncology Seminar, Topic: *Evolutionary Dynamics of Wild Types and Mutants on a Geographically Structured Population in a Temporal And Spatial Variable Environments*, Waterloo, Canada, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Ontario Tech University, MCSC Seminar, topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, Oshawa, Canada, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
<http://mcsc.science.uoit.ca/event/tba-3/>, 2020.

[CMS/SMC, Winter Meeting](#), topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, Canadian Mathematical Society, Toronto, Canada, 2019

Ryerson University, Biomathematics and Fluids Seminar, topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, Toronto, Canada, 2019

SMB annual meeting, Society for Mathematical Biology, topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, University of Montréal, Québec, Canada, 2019

Conferences Organized Mini-symposium on "Mathematical and computational approaches to modelling immunology" in [CMPD6 workshop](#), Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada, 23-27 May 2023

[Workshop on Modelling Immunity](#), virtually hosted by Fields Institute Canada, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Organization [HQP Organizing Committee](#) for "OMNI-RÉUNIS Super Spreader Seminar Series"

Membership of the "[Society of Mathematical Biology \(SMB\)](#)"  
Since Feb 7, 2016

Membership of the "Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society" ([CAIMS/SCMAI](#)), Since May 20, 2023

Membership of "[Cancer Research Network \(RRCancer\)](#), Québec"

Languages Azeri Turks (Mother Tongue), Persian (Advanced), English (Advanced)

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