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Capacity Planning Forecasting Science
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Today, there are many skilled and talented scientists applying their abilities to solve challenging problems in their field and contributing to the scientific literature. It is rare, however, to find interdisciplinary scientists who dynamically combine multiple disciplines, creative ideas, and innovative approaches to solve complex real-world problems using machine learning and numerical simulations. I am an applied scientist with broad and in-depth skills and over two decades of experience in statistical analysis, numerical modeling of physical processes, data visualization, and software engineering as well as project management and leadership. I am a language-agnostic software developer who can easily and quickly switch between different platforms and master new solutions. I am trained first in aerospace engineering and earth sciences, and I have developed my skills in software engineering, mathematics, statistics, machine learning, and physics to address grand challenges in aerodynamics, hydroclimate, infectious diseases, global health, and business intelligence.

Interests

- Machine Learning (ML) & Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) & Computer Vision
- Interpretable Modeling & Uncertainty Quantification
- Computational Statistics & Bayesian Inference
- High Performance Computing (HPC)
- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP)
- Numerical Modeling & Data Assimilation
- Multiscale Hydroclimate Dynamics & Modeling
- Statistical & Dynamical Downscaling
- Satellite Remote Sensing & Earth Observation
- Spatiotemporal Analysis of Hydroclimate Variability
- Extreme Weather Events & Climate Change
- Environmental Health & Infectious Diseases
- Customer Journey Analytics & Business Intelligence

Education

2011 – 2016 Ph.D. Earth & Planetary Sciences

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Dissertation: Applications of Climate Regionalization: Statistical Prediction & Patterns of Precipitation Variability in Observations & Global Climate Models

2011 – 2013 M.A. Earth & Planetary Sciences

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

2003 – 2011 M.Sc. Aerospace Engineering

Department of Aerospace Engineering, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt

Thesis: Ensemble Forecasting & Data Assimilation in Numerical Weather Modeling for Egypt

1997 – 2003 B.Sc. Aerospace Engineering

Department of Aerospace Engineering, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt

Employment

- 2024 –** Senior Applied Scientist
Forecasting Science, Worldwide Capacity Planning (WWCP), Customer Service (CS)
Amazon, Seattle, Washington, USA
- 2022 – 2024** Senior Applied Scientist
Sales, Marketing & Global Services (SMGS) Ops – Data Platform & Infrastructure (DP&I) Science & Econ,
Amazon Web Services (AWS), Herndon, Virginia, USA
- 2020 – 2022** Associate Research Scientist
Department of Civil and Systems Engineering (CaSE) – Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE),
Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2016 – 2020** Assistant Research Scientist
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS) – Hydroclimate Research Group (HCRG),
Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2016 – 2016** Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS) – Hydroclimate Research Group (HCRG),
Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2016** Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS) – Hydroclimate Research Group (HCRG),
Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2018** Assistant Research Scientist
Data Reception, Analysis, and Receiving Station Affairs Division,
National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt
- 2005 – 2011** Group Chief Executive
Data Reception, Analysis, and Receiving Station Affairs Division,
National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Awards

- 2022 – 2023** AWS Builder Award
Sales, Marketing & Global Services (SMGS) Ops – Data Platform & Infrastructure (DP&I) Science & Econ
- 2020 – 2023** Co-PI, COVID-19 Supplement to “Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease “
Award: NNH16ZDA001N-GEO **Amount:** \$200,000 **Source of Support:** NASA
- 2019 – 2023** Co-PI, GMELT Ahead: Leveraging Earth Observations for Improved Climate Projections
Award: NNH19ZDA001N-HMA **Amount:** \$114,708 **Source of Support:** NASA
- 2019 – 2022** Co-PI, PREEVENTS/T2: Multi-Scale Prediction of Flash Drought in the United States
Award: NSF 1854902 **Amount:** \$471,929 **Source of Support:** NSF
- 2019 – 2020** Co-PI, USAID/ICBA: Improved MENA Regional Drought Monitoring System
Award: ICBA-JHU-19097730 **Amount:** \$161,487 **Source of Support:** ICBA
- 2017 – 2020** Co-PI, GEO: Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease
Award: NNH16ZDA001N-GEO **Amount:** \$598,000 **Source of Support:** NASA
- 2016 – 2016** Postdoctoral Fellowship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2013 – 2013** Honorable Mention Award
American Meteorological Society (AMS), Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2012 – 2016** Research Assistantship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2012** Morton K. Blaustein Fellowship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Skills

Programming: R > 10 years, Python > 10 years, Fortran > 10 years, C++ > 5 years, Stan > 5 years

Deep Learning: R > 10 years, Python > 10 years, Keras > 5 years, TensorFlow > 5 years, Torch > 5 years

Big Data: R > 10 years, Python > 10 years, MATLAB > 10 years, Hadoop > 3 years, Hive > 3 years, Spark > 3 years

Visualization: R > 10 years, Python > 10 years, MATLAB > 20 years, NCL > 10 years, Ferret > 7 years

Numerical Modeling: WRF > 20 years, NU-WRF > 5 years, LIS > 5 years, MM5 > 5 years

High Performance Computing: Porting > 20 years, Parallel Computing (OpenMP & MPI) > 20 years

Shell Scripting: BASH > 20 years, CSH > 5 years, KSH > 5 years, MKSH > 5 years, TCSH > 5 years, ZSH > 5 years

Data Tools: R > 10 years, Python > 10 years, NCL > 10 years, NCO > 10 years, CDO > 10 years, Ferret > 7 years

Version Control: Git > 10 years, SVN > 5 years, CVS > 3 years, Other Open-Source Tools 1-20 years

Databases: R > 10 years, Python > 10 years, MySQL > 5 years, PostgreSQL > 3 years, Redshift > 2 years, Spark > 2 years

Productivity: R Markdown > 10 years, LaTeX > 20 years, Office > 20 years, Web Design (HTML/CSS) > 10 years

Operating Systems: Unix/Linux > 20 years, Windows > 20 years, MacOS > 10 years, Android > 5 years

Languages: Arabic Mother Tongue, English Proficient, Turkish Beginner

General Skills: Amazon Web Services (AWS), Android Development, Code Optimization, ...

Software

Lead Author & Maintainer of:

- *additive*: Bindings for Additive *TidyModels*
- *bayesian*: Bindings for Bayesian *TidyModels*
- *HiClimR*: Hierarchical Climate Regionalization

Contributor of:

- *brms*: Bayesian generalized multivariate non-linear multilevel models using *Stan*
- *EpiNow2*: Estimate Realtime Case Counts and Time-varying Epidemiological Parameters
- *LISF*: NASA Land Information System Framework
- *projpred*: Projection predictive variable selection
- *RcppParallel*: High-level functions for parallel programming with *Rcpp*
- *rstan*: The R interface to *Stan*
- *Stan*: State-of-the-art platform for statistical modeling and high-performance computing
- *tidymodels*: A collection of R packages for machine learning using *tidyverse* principles
- *torch*: Tensors and Neural Networks with 'GPU' Acceleration
- *WRF*: Weather Research and Forecasting

Some of my contributed open-source software is listed on my GitHub account at <https://github.com/hsbadr>.

Services

- Developer, Contributions to Open-Source Software (OSS) projects
- Peer-review, MDPI Remote Sensing – Deep Learning Applications
- Peer-review, Theoretical and Applied Climatology (TAAC)
- Peer-review, Journal of Climate (JCLI)
- Member, American Meteorological Society (AMS)
- Member, American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Member, Geological Society of America (GSA)
- Session Chair, Geological Society of America (GSA)

Experience

2024 – Present Customer Contact Demand Forecasting

*Forecasting Science, Worldwide Capacity Planning (WWCP), Customer Service (CS)
Amazon, Seattle, Washington, USA*

Develop an automated, scalable, scientific workflow, using *Machine Learning (ML)* and *Artificial Intelligence (AI)*, that significantly enhances customer service operational efficiency and decision-making, leading to optimized resource planning and cost management.

2022 – 2024 Customer Journey

*Sales, Marketing & Global Services (SMGS) Ops – Data Platform & Infrastructure (DP&I) Science & Econ,
Amazon Web Services (AWS), Herndon, Virginia, USA*

Customer Journey enables the automation of actionable insights, predictions, and recommendation strategies, using *Machine Learning (ML)* and *Artificial Intelligence (AI)*. I started with a vague idea and delivered high-quality results with long-term vision. My solution uncovered the stages, inflection points, dwell times, insights, and drivers of end-to-end customer journeys.

2020 – 2022 Tracking and Modeling of COVID-19 Pandemic

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

COVID-19 Supplement to the “Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease” is a project to develop an environmentally informed risk monitoring and early warning system to inform decision makers. *Machine learning* and epidemic modeling are used for generating risk maps as well as prospective tracking and modeling of the impacts of hydrometeorological factors on COVID-19 pandemic.

2019 – 2023 Leveraging Earth Observations for Improved Climate Projections

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

GMELT Ahead: Leveraging *Earth Observations* for Improved Climate Projections in High Mountain Asia is a 3-year project to generate high-resolution projections of future climate and hydrology that grounded in best-available historical observations and understanding of atmospheric processes. Different approaches are used for downscaling, including *regionalization* and *Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)* pattern reconstruction.

2019 – 2022 Multi-scale Prediction of Flash Drought in the United States

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

PREEVENTS Track 2: Collaborative Research: Flash droughts: process, prediction, and the central role of vegetation in their evolution is a 3-year project to advance efforts to understand and forecast flash droughts (FD) by targeting three characteristic features: (1) land surface memory is a key component of FD, (2) evaporative demand is a leading driver of FD onset, (3) vegetation plays a central role in FD development through its influence on soil moisture and turbulent heat fluxes. *Deep Learning* algorithms are used for the prediction and classification of flash droughts.

2017 – 2020 Applications of Deep Learning to S2S Prediction & Downscaling

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are implemented and optimized with a custom loss function (based on *objective* climate *regionalization*) to improve and downscale dynamical forecasts at subseasonal to seasonal (S2S) timescales.

2017 – 2020 Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease: a GEO Platform for Analysis and Risk Assessment is a 3-year project to develop an environmentally informed risk monitoring and early warning application that will inform decision makers for appropriate interventions and investments needed to reduce enteric infectious (EID) diseases. *Regionalization* and *Machine Learning (ML)* are used to build a *predictive modeling* framework that generates risk maps and estimates variable importance and effects.

2017 – 2018 Instructor: Advanced Seminar in Remote Sensing

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

This seminar focused on the application, interpretation, and *visualization* of Land Data Assimilation

Systems (LDAS). Through lectures, exercises, and a semester project, students learnt the theory behind LDAS, run LDAS simulations using the NASA Land Information System (LIS).

2015 – 2018 Instructor: The NASA Land Information System (LIS)

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Contributions to the *development* and *training* workshops on the NASA Land Information System (LIS) and its applications, including a workshop at the National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS) in Cairo, Egypt in August 2017 and a similar workshop at Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-Water) in Daejeon, South Korea in January 2018.

2015 – 2016 Porting NU-WRF to HHPC & MARCC

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Porting NASA-Unified Weather Research & Forecasting (NU-WRF) to JHU Homewood High Performance Cluster (HHPC) & Maryland Advanced Research Computing Center (MARCC) to facilitate weather prediction and analysis for researcher at JHU and other MARCC users.

2015 – 2016 Climate Regionalization of Africa

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Regionalizing Africa based on interannual variability of precipitation to study the impacts of climate change on patterns of rainfall variability in Africa at different times from geological periods to historical simulations and future climate projections.

2013 – 2015 Objective Climate Regionalization

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Development of an *open-source* software in R for **H**ierarchical **C**limate **R**egionalization (*HiClimR*) to facilitate the application of rigorous *regionalization* for climate studies.

2011 – 2013 Seasonal Precipitation Predictions

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Application of different *statistical models*, including *artificial neural network* (ANN, best-performing model), to understand and predict seasonal rainfall anomalies as a function of large-scale variability from indices of temperature, pressure, and other variables.

2010 – 2011 Prediction of Dust Storms

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Development of a framework for dust/sand-storms prediction using *numerical weather prediction* and *remote sensing* technology.

2010 – 2010 Porting WRF to EUMEDGRID

Africa 4 2010 - Joint EUMEDGRID-Support / EPIKH School for Application Porting, Cairo, Egypt

Porting the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model to EUMEDGRID.

2010 – 2010 High Performance Computing (HPC)

IBM-Egypt and National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

IBM AIX 5L *system administration* and running *Code_Saturne* Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Solver on NARSS Blue-Gene/L.

2008 – 2010 Ensemble Forecasting

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Development of a preliminary ensemble *forecasting system* for Egypt, designed for operational use.

2008 – 2008 Estimation of Evaporative Rates

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Evaluation of Lake Nasser water loss by evaporation using *numerical weather prediction* and *remote sensing*.

2006 – 2008 Data Assimilation

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Implementation of conventional and remotely-sensed observational data into the numerical weather modeling system for Egypt using Four-Dimensional *Data Assimilation*.

2005 – 2006 ATOVS Data Processing and Visualization*National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt*Development of automatic *processing* and *visualization* framework for NOAA/ATOVS *satellite data*.**2001 – 2003 Terrain Aerodynamics***Department of Aerospace Engineering, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt**Generation of a digital surface grid* for Greater Cairo area and Giza plateau from raster maps, measuring the flow over prototypes in a wind tunnel, and comparing the numerical and experimental results.**Publications**

Colston J., B. Fang, E. Houpt, P. Chernyavskiy, S. Swarup, L. M. Gardner, M. K. Nong, **H. S. Badr**, B. F. Zaitchik, V. Lakshami, M. N. Kosek, **2024**: The Planetary Child Health & Enterics Observatory (Plan-EO): A protocol for an interdisciplinary research initiative and web-based dashboard for mapping enteric infectious diseases and their risk factors and interventions in LMICs. *PLoS ONE*, **19**(2), e0297775.

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DOI: 10.1016/j.ebiom.2023.104482

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Colston et al., **H. S. Badr**, M. N. Kosek, B. F. Zaitchik, **2023**: Effects of hydrometeorological and other factors on SARS-CoV-2 reproduction number in three contiguous countries of tropical Andean South America: a spatiotemporally disaggregated time series analysis. *IJID regions*, **6**, 29-41.

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DOI: 10.1029/2021GH000452
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URL: <https://hsbadr.github.io/bayesian/>
- Kerr, G. H., **H. S. Badr**, Lauren M. Gardner, J. Perez-Saez, and B. F. Zaitchik, **2021**: Associations between meteorology and COVID-19 in early studies: Inconsistencies, uncertainties, and recommendations. *One Health*, **12**, 100225.
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