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EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Vancouver

December, 2021

Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics

Thesis: Multi-states inference for analysing noisy single-particle trajectories

Recipient of Graduate Research Award at the Mathematics Department of UBC in 2019

Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife

M.Sc. in Physics

March, 2014

EXPERIENCE

BC CDC

July 2021 - Present

Postdoctoral Fellow

Vancouver, BC

- Develop a model of salmonella transmission dynamics through the poultry sector
- Quantitative microbiology risk assessment of salmonella in chicken products.
- Classification algorithms as source-attribution methods to link human salmonellosis to potential sources using whole-genome sequences.
- Developing short-term predictive models (glm and neural nets) of disease outcomes using multiple datasets.

MNP-Unity-UBC

September 2020 - December 2020

Researcher

Vancouver, BC

- Developed a model to provide personalized risk assessment of SaRS-CoV-2 exposure to business.

BC CDC

March 2020 - August 2020

Mathematical Modeller Student

Vancouver, BC

- Developed a branching stochastic algorithm to estimate the effects of contact tracing and physical distancing in the epidemics curves of SaRS-CoV-2.
- Developed an age-structured SEIR compartment model to predict SaRS-CoV-2 cases number, and hospitalizations.
- Support other projects in the team.

Visier

July 2019 - November 2019

Data Scientist Intern

Vancouver, BC

- Design an algorithm to clean and standardize Visier's data.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“Diffusion analysis of single particle trajectories in a Bayesian nonparametrics framework”, *with Daniel Coombs, Physical Biology, v.17, 2020*

“Quantifying the impact of COVID-19 control measures using a Bayesian model of physical distancing”, *with Sean C Anderson et al., PLOS Computational Biology, 2020*

“Mathematical modeling of COVID-19 in British Columbia: An age-structured model with time-dependent contact rates”, *with Sarafa A. Iyaniwura et al., Epidemics, v. 39, 2022*

“Importance of COVID-19 vaccine efficacy in older age groups”, *with Manish Sadarangani et al., Vaccine, v. 39, number 15, 2021*