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Research interests

Quantitative biology, bioenergetics, theoretical immunology, and system medicine

Education

Ph.D. in Condensed Matter Physics (Biophysics), Peking University, Beijing, China

Sep 2018 - Jul 2024

• Supervisor: Prof. Fangting Li

B.Sc. in Physics, Xiamen University, Fujian, China

Sep 2014 - Jun 2018

- Thesis: Double-edged Regulation Mechanism of RIP1 in Cell Death Signaling Pathways
- Supervisors: Prof. Jianwei Shuai and Prof. Chenxu Wu

Xiamen Foreign Language School, Xiamen, Fujian, China

Sep 2011 - Jun 2014

Publication

Journals

(* equally contribution)

[6] Z. Zhou*, **D. Li***, Z. Zhao*, S. Shi*, J. Wu*, J. Li, J. Zhang, K. Gui, Y. Zhang, and Q. Ouyang, Dynamical Modelling of Viral Infection and Cooperative Immune Protection in COVID-19 Patients, PLOS Computational Biology 19, e1011383 (2023).

[5] Y. Sun*, **D. Li***, C. Ni, Y. Ge, H. Qian, Q. Ouyang, and F. Li, ATP Hydrolysis Kinetics and Thermodynamics as Determinants of Calcium Oscillation in Pancreatic β Cells, Phys. Rev. Research 4, 043142 (2022).

[4] L. Xu*, **L. Dianjie***, Y. Xu, Z. Zonghao, Z. Shuang, Z. Jingpeng, H. Wuzhe, W. Fuqing, L. Fangting, and C. Guo-Qiang, Rapid Quantification of Polyhydroxyalkanoates Accumulated in Living Cells Based on Green Fluorescence Protein-Labeled Phasins: The qPHA Method, Biomacromolecules 23, 10, 4153–4166 (2022).

[3] Li, X.*, Zhong, C.-Q.*, Wu, R.*, Xu, X., Yang, Z.-H., Cai, S., Wu, X., Chen, X., Yin, Z., He, Q., **Li, D.**, Xu, F., Yan, Y., Qi, H., Xie, C., Shuai, J., Han, J.. RIP1-dependent linear and nonlinear recruitments of caspase-8 and RIP3 respectively to necrosome specify distinct cell death outcomes, Protein Cell 12, 858–876 (2021)

[2] X. Wang*, J.-N. Han*, X. Zhang, Y.-Y. Ma, Y. Lin, H. Wang, **D.-J. Li**, T.-R. Zheng, F.-Q. Wu, and J.-W. Ye, Reversible Thermal Regulation for Bifunctional Dynamic Control of Gene Expression in Escherichia Coli, Nature Communications 12, 1411 (2021).

[1] K. Xiao, **D.-J. Li**, and C.-X. Wu, Theoretical Studies and Molecular Dynamics Simulations on Ion Transport Properties in Nanochannels and Nanopores, Chinese Physics B 27, 024702 (2018).

In Preparation

- [3] **Dianjie Li**, et al. Virus-Immune Efficacy phase diagram as a general framework for predicting viral infection outcomes.
- [2] **Dianjie Li**, et al. The functions of ATP and hydrolysis free energy in biochemical switches: promoting and restraining.
- [1] De Zhao*, Teng Wang*, Jian Zhao*, **Dianjie Li***, et al. Nonequilibrium and nonlinear kinetics as key determinants for bistability in fission yeast G2-M transition.

Patents

[1] Immune efficacy and clinical relative immune efficacy in assessing individual vaccine response, CN115184614A (2023).

Research Experience

Dynamic modelling of SARS-CoV-2 infection, immune response and vaccine protection Jan 2021 - Present

- PhD project, collaborated with Zhengqing Zhou and supervised by Prof. Fangting Li
- Based on immunology, nonlinear dynamics and clinical data analysis, we established a dynamic model of COVID-19 infection and immune response.
- The model can simulate and predict the disease progression of different patients.
- A quantitative index (**immune efficacy ε**) for comprehensive **evaluation of immunity** were proposed.
- A method for **predicting vaccine efficacy** were proposed, which may help accelerate vaccine research and assist doctors in carrying out personalized treatment.

Roles of ATP and hydrolysis free energy (ΔG) in cellular signal transduction Sep 2018 - Feb 2022

- PhD project, supervised by Prof. Fangting Li
- A dynamic model of calcium signal transduction in pancreatic β cells was constructed to analyze the nonlinear effect of ATP hydrolysis free energy on insulin release process.
- Relation between network structures and critical roles of ATP/\$\Delta G\$ in yeast cell cycle regulation network.

An efficient and low-cost method to monitor cellular PHA contents Jan 2019 - Jun 2022

- Collaborated with Dr. Xu Liu and supervised by Prof. Guo-Qiang Chen.
- A fast, efficient, and low-cost real-time monitoring method for the content of intracellular polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) was proposed, which can help optimize PHA production strategies and reduce production costs.

Double-edged Regulation Mechanism of RIP1 in Cell Death Signaling Pathways Oct 2017 - Jun 2018

• BSc thesis, Supervised by Prof. Jianwei Shuai and Prof. Xiang Li

Talks & Presentations

- Aug 2023 **17th annual Q-Bio 2023 Conference**, Shenzhen, China, *Poster: ATP Hydrolysis Kinetics and Thermodynamics as Determinants of Calcium Oscillation in Pancreatic \beta Cells (Best Poster Award)*
- Jul 2023 **7th China Conference on Statistical Physics and Complex Systems**, Kunming, China, Contributed Talk: ATP Hydrolysis Kinetics and Thermodynamics as Determinants of Calcium Oscillation in Pancreatic β Cells
- Nov 2022 **Renji Hospital's "Ji Ji Yi Tang" Academic Forum**, Online, *Invited Talk: Dynamics of SARS-CoV-2* and host immunity in infection and vaccine protection
- Jul 2021 National Vaccine and Serum Institute's "Exploring Science & Science Exploration" Academic Forum, Beijing, China, Invited Talk: Mathematical models of virus infection and immune response: from influenza, AIDS to COVID-19
- Aug 2016 2016 Cambridge Academic Development Seminar, Cambridge, UK, Group Presentation

Teaching

2019 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to biophysics, Peking University.

Selected Awards and Honors

- 2023 President's Scholarship (PhD), Peking University
- 2023 Best Poster Award at the 17th annual Q-Bio 2023 Conference
- 2023 The Second Prize Scholarship, Center for Quantitative Biology, Peking University
- 2018 Outstanding Graduates, Xiamen University
- 2017 Honorable Mention in Mathematical Contest in Modeling
- 2015 China National Scholarship

Skills

- Programing Languages: Famaliar with Python and Matlab, with a focus on solving Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs), training deep learning models, and data analysis/visualization.
- Experimental skills: Have some experience in time-lapse fluorescence microscopy obervations using microfluidics.