

## **Delasa Aghamirzaie**

### **Contact information**

- Address: 101L Price Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061
- Phone: 540-200-5273 Email: [delasa@vt.edu](mailto:delasa@vt.edu)

### **Education**

- PhD. student in Genetics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology (GBCB), May 2016, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, Virginia, USA. GPA: 3.9/4  
Major: **Computer Science**, Minor: *Life Sciences*
- M.Sc. in Computer Engineering, Computer Architecture, October 2011, Department of Computer Engineering and Information Technology, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Tehran, Iran. GPA: 3.9/4  
Thesis: Accelerating Protein Secondary Structure Prediction Using Artificial Neural Networks on GPU
- B.Sc. Computer Engineering, September 2009, Hardware, Department of Computer Engineering and Information Technology, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), GPA: 3.51/4  
Thesis: Suppression of Variation Effects on FPGAs Using Multiple Configurations

### **Research Interests**

- Big Data Analysis
- Computational Biology, Computational Genomics, and Bioinformatics
- Machine Learning in Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology
- Developing Computational Tools And Statistical Models for Genomics and Transcriptomics
- Next Generation Sequencing

### **Research Experiences**

- **Research Assistant in Dr. Grene's Laboratory**, Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed sciences (PPWS), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Tech (2012-2016)
  - Analysis of RNA-Seq Data of Developing Soybean Embryos, Arabidopsis seeds, and Arabidopsis GDU mutants Using Tuxedo Suit Protocol
  - Developed Several Methods For Further Analysis And Understanding Of RNA-Seq Data
  - Analysis Of Alternative Splicing Events During Embryo Development
  - Developed A Support Vector Machine (SVM) Classifier For Classifying Transcripts Into Coding And Noncoding Classes Based On Several Sequential And Structural Features
  - Long Noncoding RNA Investigation In RNA-Seq Data
  - Co-Expression Network Analysis Of RNA-Seq Data
  - Bayesian Network Inference Of Gene Expression Data Using Prior Knowledge Incorporation
  - Expresso: Exploring Arabidopsis' Transcription Factors and Target Genes from ChIP-Seq Data
  - Developing a webserver and DB for integrating and browsing available ChIP-seq data for Arabidopsis
- **Remote Research Scholar in Persepolis Group**, Under Supervision of Dr. Amir H. Assadi, Department of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2010-2011)
  - Gene Expression Data Analysis of Arabidopsis on GPU
  - Clustering Gene Expression Data
  - Super Structure Artificial Neural Networks on GPU
- **Research Assistant in FPGA Laboratory**, Department of Computer Engineering, Amirkabir University of Technology (9/2009-10/2011)
  - GPU Programming Using Nvidia CUDA Programming Model
  - Protein Secondary Structure Prediction
  - Multi class Pattern Classification
- **Research Assistant in Design Automation laboratory**, Department of Computer Engineering, Amirkabir University of Technology (2008-2009)

- Variation Effects on FPGAs
- Effects of Multiple Configurations in Variation Suppression

### **Awards and Honors**

- 2014: Molecular Plant Science (MPS) Travel Award Fellowship for 2nd Plant Genomics Conference
- 2013: NIH Fellowship for National Short Course in System Biology, University of California, Irvine
- 2011: Best Master Thesis Award in The Amirkabir University of Technology
- 2011: Ranked 3rd among M.Sc. Students in Computer Engineering
- 2009: Accepted as an Honored/Talented Student to Computer Engineering M.Sc program
- 2005-2009: Ranked 2nd among B.Sc. Students in Computer Hardware Engineering.
- 2007: Cisco Certified Network Associates (CCNA) Degree

### **Selected Conferences, and Workshops**

- Biological Data Science meeting, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, New York (November 2014)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pant Genomics Congress, St. Louis, Missouri (September 2014)
- q-bio conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico (August 2014)
- National Course on System Biology, University of California, Irvine, CA (January 2014)
- Next Generation Sequencing Congress, London, UK (November 2013)
- International Conference on Computational Cell Biology (ICCCB), Blacksburg, VA (August 2013)
- Workshop in Next-Generation Sequence Analysis and Metabolomics (WiNGS), Charlotte, NC (May 2013)

### **Selected Course Projects**

- Computational Biochemistry in Bioinformatics (Spring 2014)  
Investigation of Natural Variation Effect In Insulin Resistance Using Normal Mode Analysis For Diabetes Patients
- Introduction to Machine Learning and Perception (Spring 2013)  
Modeling and Identifying Regulatory Modules in Soybean Time Series Gene Expression Data using Bayesian Networks
- Paradigms in Bioinformatics (Fall 2012)  
Review on “ENISI Visual an agent-based simulator for modeling gut immunity”
- Introduction to Bioinformatics (Fall 2010)  
Comprehensive literature review on “Protein Secondary Structure Prediction Using Artificial Neural Networks

### **Technical skills**

- Next Generation Sequencing:  
RNA-seq analysis: Tuxedo Suit Protocol (Tophat, Cufflinks, Cuffmerge, Cuffcompare, Cuffdiff)  
ChIP-Seq analysis  
DEXseq, Limma R package (Linear Models for Microarray Data)  
Gene Set Enrichment Analysis  
Ontologizer for Gene Ontology Enrichment Analysis
- Machine Learning:  
Naïve Bayes Classifiers, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, Artificial Neural Networks, Bayesian Networks, Time-Course Clustering, SplineCluster, k-means
- Programming languages  
Python, C++: Proficient  
MATLAB, R, Assembly, Pascal, Visual Basic.Net, Java: Intermediate
- Database Programming, and Web Development  
MySQL, SQL Server, HTML, PHP: Intermediate  
Asp.net: Familiar
- Statistics:  
Classical: Hypothesis testing, Classical Regression analysis, ANOVA, One Sample and Two sample t-tests  
Bayesian: Bayesian Regression analysis, MCMC
- GPU programming

## CUDA: Familiar

- Wet Lab Experience:  
RNA Isolation, RT-PCR, Library preparation for RNA-sequencing, Confocal Microscopy: Familiar

**Presentations**

- **Delasa Aghamirzaie**, "An Accurate Support Vector Machine Classifier For Assessing Coding Potential Of Transcripts Using Several Sequential And Structural Features", Biological Data Science Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, New York, November 2014
- Ruth Grene, **Delasa Aghamirzaie**, "Toward a Functional Classification of Splice Variants From Soybean Seed Embryos ", 2<sup>nd</sup> Plant Genomics Congress, St. Louis, USA, September 2014

**Publications**

- **D. Aghamirzaie**, M. Nabiyouni, Y. Fang, C. Klumas, L.S.Heath, R. Grene, E. Collakova, Changes in RNA Splicing in Developing Soybean (Glycine max) Embryos. Biology 2013, 2, 1311-1337.
- E. Collakova, **D. Aghamirzaie**, Y. Fang, C. Klumas, F. Tabataba, A. Kakumanu, E. Myers, L. Heath, R. Grene. (2013). Metabolic and Transcriptional Reprogramming in Developing Soybean (Glycine max) Embryos. Metabolites. May 2013
- M. Nabiyouni, **D. Aghamirzaie**, "A Highly Parallel Multi-Class Pattern Classification on GPU," 12th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing (ccgrid), 2012, Best Paper Candidate.
- **D. Aghamirzaie**, A. Razavi, M. Saheb Zamani, M. Nabiyouni, "Reduction of Process Variation Effect on FPGAs Using Multiple Configurations", IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Very Large-Scale Integration (VLSI-SOC'10), September 2010.

**Selected Poster Presentations**

- **D. Aghamirzaie**, Sh. Wu, K. Raja Vulmugran, R. Grene, "Expresso: Exploring Arabidopsis' Transcription Factors and Target Genes from ChIP-Seq Data", 2<sup>nd</sup> Plant Genomics Congress, St. Louis, USA, September 2014
- **D. Aghamirzaie**, L. Heath, R. Grene, E. Collakova, "Changes in RNA Splicing in Soybean Seed Embryos", 8<sup>th</sup> q-bio Conference, Santa Fe, NM, August 2014
- **D. Aghamirzaie**, D. Batra, E. Collakova, L. Heath, R. Grene, "Modeling and Identifying Regulatory Modules in (Glycine max) Soybean Time Series Gene Expression Data using Bayesian Networks". International Conference on Computational Cell Biology (ICCCB 2013), Blacksburg, Virginia, August 2013.