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Education

Ph.D. Applied Mathematics, Western University, London, ON, Canada, 2019-Oct 2023

- Supervisor: Xingfu Zou

M.Sc. Computing Mathematics, Shaanxi Normal University, China, 2016-2019

- Supervisor: Sanyi Tang 

B.Sc. Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, South China Normal University, China, 2012-2016





Employment

Postdoctoral fellow, Laboratory for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, Jan 2024-present

- Supervisor: Jianhong Wu
- Project: Epidemic modelling and dynamical systems

Publications

-  **T. Cheng**, and X. Zou, On final and peak sizes of an epidemic with latency and effect of behaviour change, *Journal of Mathematical Biology*, 91(2), (2025), 1-45.
-  **T. Cheng**, and J. Wu, Recurrent patterns of disease spread post the acute phase of a pandemic: insights from a coupled systems of differential equation for disease transmission and a delayed algebraic equation for behavioral adaptation, *Mathematical Biosciences*, 109480, (2025).
- **T. Cheng**, and X. Zou, Modelling the impact of society precaution on disease dynamics and its evolution, *Journal of Mathematical Biology*, 89(1), (2024), 1.
- **T. Cheng**, and X. Zou, A new perspective on infection forces with demonstration by a DDE infectious disease model. *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering*, 19(5), (2022), 4856-4880.
- **T. Cheng**, and X. Zou, Modeling the impact of vaccination strategies dependent on epidemic severity and vaccine efficacy on disease dynamics, preprint, 2023.
- Q. Zhang, B. Tang, **T. Cheng** and S. Tang, Bifurcation Analysis of a Generalized Impulsive Kolmogorov Model With Applications to Pest and Disease Control, *SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics*, 80(4), (2020), 1796–1819.
- **T. Cheng**, S. Tang and R. A. Cheke, Threshold Dynamics and Bifurcation of a State Dependent Feedback Nonlinear Control Susceptible Infected Recovered Model, *Journal of Computational and Nonlinear Dynamics*, 14(7), (2019), 1-14.
- Kim, S., S. Athar, Y. Li, Koumarios, S., **T. Cheng**, ...& J. Wu. Assessing the epidemiological and economic impact of alternative vaccination strategies: a modelling study. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 116, (2022), S60.

Presentations

Recent:

- Minisymposia Talk (Invited), The Third Joint SIAM/CAIMS Annual Meetings (AN25), Montréal, Québec, July 28-Aug 1, 2025.
- Poster, Workshop on Mathematical Ecology-2025 Theme: Phylodynamics, Queen's University, Kingston, July 24-25, 2025.
- Minisymposia Talk, Society for Mathematical Biology Annual Meeting-2025, Edmonton, Canada, July 13-18, 2025.
- Poster Session, "*Modelling and Theory in Population Biology*," National Institute for Theory and Mathematics in Biology — Travel Award Recipient, Chicago, USA, June 2-6, 2025.
- Invited Talk, Workshop on Differential Equations and Mathematical Biology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Nov 23-26, 2024.
- Talk, 2024 MfPH International Collaborative Summer Program in Nonlinear Differential Equations with Application, York University, Toronto, Aug 21, 2024.
- Minisymposia Talk, 2024 Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society Annual Meeting (CAIIMS), Queen's University, June 24-27, 2024.
- Invited Talk, UNL Mathbio seminar, Online, Nov 2, 2023.
- Minisymposia Talk, Society for Mathematical Biology Annual Meeting-2023, Ohio State University, July 16-21, 2023.
- Poster Session, Advance in Mathematical Ecology-2023, Pittsburgh University, June 1-3, 2023.
- Talk, Scientific Session, "*Topics in Mathematical Biology: Theory, Applications and Future Perspectives*," 2022 Canadian Mathematical Society Meeting, Toronto, Canada, Dec 2-5, 2022.
- Poster Session, Fields Workshop on Mathematical Ecology: Modeling Epidemics, Queen's University, Canada, Aug 10-13, 2022.
- Group Presentation, Fields CQAM Thematic Program on Integrative Modeling of Emerging Infectious Disease Outbreaks, Canada, May-June 2021.
- Dynamical Systems Seminar, Western University, every academic term, Sept 2019-present.
- Organizer, Dynamical Systems Seminar, Western University, From 2022-Fall term to 2025 Winter term.

Teaching Experience

Research Assistant, Western University, Fall 2019-Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant, Western University, Fall 2019-Fall 2023

- Courses: Advanced Calculus I/II, Calculus and Probability with Biological Applications, Partial Differential Equation I/II, Special Topics in Mathematics (*Topic: Introduction to Mathematical Biology*).
- Job Duties: marking assignments and exams, lecturing, running tutorials, office hours and help center, and proctoring.

Honours and Awards

- Western Graduate Research Scholarships (2019-2023)
- Excellent Graduate Student Scholarships (2016-2019)

Research Experience

Conferences Attended

- Participant, 4th International Conference on Dynamics of Differential Equations, The Fields Institute, Toronto, August 14–17, 2023.

Skills

- Familiar with Matlab, Maple, Mathematica, Latex
- Programming ability in Mathematica, Python

Relevant background

- **Graduate courses:**

Math Biology, Non-linear Dynamic Systems, Partial Differential Equations, Numerical Analysis, Computer Algebra, Impulsive Differential Equations, Stochastic Processes, Bayes Statistical Inference, Modern Analytics etc.

Research Interest

The dynamical system (ODE, DDE, IDE, PDE etc.), biomathematics, epidemiology, virology and ecology.

During my Ph.D., I focus on modelling the epidemic disease, especially in non-pharmaceutical intervention impact and evolution from different perspectives. Further, I am trying to learn and apply different mathematical tools, like delay/impulsive differential systems, bifurcation theory, and renewal equations. Mastering various mathematical tools will enable me to model biological problems more effectively.