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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D., Atmospheric Chemistry , Harvard University
M.Sc., Applied Mathematics
Secondary field in Computational Science & Engineering
<i>Faculty mentor: Daniel Jacob</i> | 2015 – 2020 |
| B.A., English Literature , McGill University
<i>Faculty mentor: David Hensley</i> | 2010 – 2014 |
| B.Sc., Physics , McGill University
<i>Faculty mentors: Shaun Lovejoy, Tracy Webb</i> | 2009 – 2014 |

EXPERIENCE

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| Assistant Professor , Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics
Institute for Data, Systems, and Society | 2025 – |
| Research Associate , Harvard University
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences | 2023 – 2025 |
| Visiting Postdoctoral Research Associate , Princeton University
School of Public and International Affairs
<i>Faculty host: Denise Mauzerall</i> | 2021 – 2023 |
| Postdoctoral Research Fellow , Harvard University
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
<i>Faculty mentor: Daniel Jacob</i> | 2020 – 2023 |

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS (*SUBMITTED, †ADVISEE)

h-index = 26, total citations = 3321 (as of July 2025 on [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/))

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- *49. Marjani, M., Mahdianpari, M., **Varon, D. J.**, and Mohammadimanesh, F.: The Integration of Vision Transformers and SAM for Automated Methane Super-Emitter Detection using TROPOMI Data, submitted, 2025.
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RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2025 *High-resolution estimates of rice methane emissions using satellite imagery and machine learning*, \$130,000 (1 year), Co-PI
- 2025 *Global quantification of methane emissions at 25-km resolution by inversion of TROPOMI satellite observations using massively parallel cloud computing*, \$295,000 (2 years), Co-PI
- 2025 *Feasibility of observing dimethylsulfide (DMS) from space*, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, \$281,600 (2 years), PI
- 2024 *Quantifying Atmospheric Methane Point Sources with Geostationary Satellite Observations*, NOAA, \$750,000 (3 years), PI
- 2024 *Continuous monitoring of methane emissions with the Integrated Methane Inversion (IMI) and GHGSat point source observations*, GHGSat Inc., \$35,000 (1 year), PI
- 2023 *Continuous weekly monitoring of methane emissions from the Permian Basin*, GHGSat Inc., \$35,000 (1 year), PI

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

- 2025 GHGSat Science and Toolchain Team Meeting
- 2025 SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research seminar, Leiden
- 2025 Sentinel-2 Quality Working Group, European Space Agency
- 2024 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([A11F-01](#))
- 2024 AI Pathways to Energy Sustainability, New York Energy Forum
- 2024 AI4Carbon workshop on atmospheric transport
- 2024 ESA, Optical Mission Performance Cluster (OPT-MPC) Working Group meeting
- 2024 MIT, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics seminar
- 2024 MIT, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering seminar
- 2024 Stanford University, Methane Emissions Technology Alliance (META) seminar
- 2024 Harvard University, Atmospheric & Environmental Chemistry (AEC) seminar
- 2023 NASA GES DISC seminar
- 2023 SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research seminar, Leiden
- 2023 NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

- 2023 NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Atmospheric Chemistry and Dynamics Lab seminar
- 2022 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Satellite Data for Energy Analysis and Policy conference
- 2022 MIT, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) seminar
- 2021 NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Carbon Club seminar
- 2021 University of Washington, Department of Atmospheric Sciences seminar
- 2021 Stanford University, Energy Resources Engineering seminar
- 2019 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([U14C-10](#))
- 2019 SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research seminar, Utrecht

Conference presentations

- 2024 Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) Joint AC/VC-20 Meeting, Maryland
- 2024 Harvard Climate Action Week, Brattle Square Studio [recording](#)
- 2024 20th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-20)
- 2024 NOAA GeoXO ACX Science Team Meeting, College Park, MD
- 2024 American Meteorological Society 104th Annual Meeting (AMS)
- 2023 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([A11A-03](#))
- 2023 Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) Joint AC/VC-19 Meeting, Brussels
- 2023 19th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-19)
- 2023 International Coordination Workshop on Detection of Anthropogenic Methane Emissions from High-Resolution Satellites, Harvard University
- 2022 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([A13E-06](#))
- 2022 American Meteorological Society 102nd Annual Meeting (AMS)
- 2021 17th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-17)
- 2020 MIT A+B Applied Energy Symposium (MITAB)
- 2019 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([A53F-03](#))
- 2019 15th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-15)
- 2019 Industrial Methane Measurements Conference, Rotterdam NL (IMM)
- 2018 14th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-14)
- 2017 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([A32D-07](#))

Selected poster presentations

- 2023 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([INV33A-0886](#))
- 2023 Carbon Monitoring System Meeting, Pasadena, CA
- 2021 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([B25G-1538](#))
- 2018 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting ([A43R-3443](#))

TEACHING

Teaching assistant

Atmospheric Chemistry, Harvard University

2017

- Overall teaching score of 4.7/5.0 based on student reviews
- Awarded Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

MENTORING

Postdocs

- Tailong He (Harvard), 2024– . GOES-ABI methane retrieval.
- Yeseul Cho (University of Maryland), 2024– . VIIRS methane retrieval.

Graduate students

- François Martin-Monier (MSc, ETH Zürich), 2023. ML-based Sentinel-2 methane detection.
- Marc Watine (MSc, ETH Zürich), 2023. Geostationary satellite methane retrievals.

Undergraduate students

- Chevaughn Campbell (Kenyon College), 2022. Landsat methane retrievals.
- Daniel Shen (Harvard University), 2021. Sentinel-2 methane retrievals.

SERVICE

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Convener	Data-Driven Methods for Quantifying Atmospheric Composition: Advances in Computation and Statistical Learning, AGU Fall Meeting 2024 Local to Regional Sources, 20th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-20), 2024 Data-Driven Methods for Quantifying Atmospheric Composition: Advances in Computation and Statistical Learning, (A11C and A12D) AGU Fall Meeting 2023 International Measurements of Methane Emissions from the Fossil Fuel Industries, (A015) AGU Fall Meeting 2020.