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Today, there are many skilled and talented research scientists applying their abilities to solve challenging problems of their field and contributing to the scientific literature. It is rare, however, to find a scientist who dynamically combines multiple disciplines (interdisciplinary research), innovative ideas and software approaches to solve complex real-world problems using machine learning and numerical simulations. I am a research scientist with broad and in-depth skills and more than two decades of experience in statistical analysis, numerical modeling of physical processes, data visualization, and software development as well as project management and leadership. I am a software-independent developer who can easily and quickly switch between different platforms and master new solutions. I am trained first in aerospace engineering and earth sciences, and I have developed my skills in programming, mathematics, statistics, and physics to address grand challenges in aerodynamics, hydroclimate, extreme weather events, climate change, infectious diseases, and global health.

Interests

- Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
- Spatiotemporal Analysis of Hydroclimate Variability
- Extreme Weather Events & Climate Change
- Multiscale Hydroclimate Dynamics & Modeling
- Statistical & Dynamical Downscaling
- Satellite Remote Sensing & Earth Observation
- Numerical Modeling & Data Assimilation
- Dynamical & Statistical Downscaling
- Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP)
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- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- High Performance Computing (HPC)
- Environmental Health & Infectious Diseases
- Applications of Big Data in Real Life Problems

Education

2011 – 2016 Ph.D. Earth & Planetary Sciences

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Dissertation: Applications of Climate Regionalization: Statistical Prediction & Patterns of Precipitation Variability in Observations & Global Climate Models

2011 – 2013 M.A. Earth & Planetary Sciences

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

2003 – 2011 M.Sc. Aerospace Engineering

Department of Aerospace Engineering, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt

Thesis: Ensemble Forecasting & Data Assimilation in Numerical Weather Modeling for Egypt

1997 – 2003 B.Sc. Aerospace Engineering

Department of Aerospace Engineering, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt

Employment

- 2020 – 2021** Associate Research Scientist
Department of Civil and Systems Engineering, Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2016 – 2020** Assistant Research Scientist
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2016 – 2016** Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2016** Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2018** Assistant Research Scientist
National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt
- 2005 – 2011** Group Chief Executive
National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Awards

- 2020 – 2021** Co-PI, *COVID-19 Supplement to “Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease”*
Award: NNH16ZDA001N-GEO **Amount:** \$200,000 **Source of Support:** NASA
- 2019 – 2023** Co-PI, *GMELT Ahead: Leveraging Earth Observations for Improved Climate Projections*
Award: NNH19ZDA001N-HMA **Amount:** \$114,708 **Source of Support:** NASA
- 2019 – 2022** Co-PI, *PREEVENTS/T2: Multi-Scale Prediction of Flash Drought in the United States*
Award: NSF 1854902 **Amount:** \$471,929 **Source of Support:** NSF
- 2019 – 2020** Co-PI, *USAID/ICBA: Improved MENA Regional Drought Monitoring System*
Award: ICBA-JHU-19097730 **Amount:** \$161,487 **Source of Support:** ICBA
- 2017 – 2020** Co-PI, *GEO: Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease*
Award: NNH16ZDA001N-GEO **Amount:** \$598,000 **Source of Support:** NASA
- 2016 – 2020** Assistant Research Scientist
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2016 – 2016** Postdoctoral Fellowship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2013 – 2013** Honorable Mention Award
American Meteorological Society (AMS), Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2012 – 2016** Research Assistantship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2012** Morton K. Blaustein Fellowship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2011 – 2018** Research Assistantship
National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Skills

Programming: Python~10 years, R~10 years, Fortran~10 years, C++>3 years, Stan>3 years

Deep Learning: Python~10 years, R~10 years, Keras>3 years, TensorFlow>3 years, Torch>3 years

Big Data: Python~10 years, R~10 years, MATLAB>10 years, Hadoop~1 years, Hive~1 years, Spark~1 years

Visualization: Python~10 years, R~10 years, MATLAB>20 years, NCL~10 years, Ferret~5 years

Numerical Modeling: WRF~20 years, NU-WRF~5 years, LIS~5 years, MM5>5 years

High Performance Computing: Porting>20 years, Parallel Computing (OpenMP & MPI)>20 years

Shell Scripting: BASH>20 years, CSH~3 years, KSH~3 years, MKSH~3 years, TCSH~3 years, ZSH~3 years

Data Tools: MATLAB>20 years, Python~10 years, R~10 years, NCL~10 years, NCO/CDO~7 years, Ferret~7 years,

Version Control: Git~10 years, SVN>3 years, CSV>1-2 years, Other Open-Source Tools

Databases: Python~10 years, R~10 years, MySQL~3 years, PostgreSQL~3 years, Redshift~1 years, Spark~1 years

Productivity: LaTeX>20 years, Office>20 years, Web Design~10 years (HTML/CSS)

Operating Systems: Unix/Linux>20 years, Windows>20 years, MacOS~10 years, Android~5 years

Languages: Arabic Mother Tongue, English Proficient, Turkish Beginner

General Skills: Amazon Web Services (AWS), Android Development, Code Optimization, ...

Software

Lead Author & Maintainer of:

- *additive*: Bindings for Generalized Additive Models (*GAM*)
- *bayesian*: Bindings for Bayesian *TidyModels*
- *HiClimR*: Hierarchical Climate Regionalization

Contributing to:

- *brms*: Bayesian generalized multivariate non-linear multilevel models using *Stan*
- *EpiNow2*: Estimate Realtime Case Counts and Time-varying Epidemiological Parameters
- *projpred*: Projection predictive variable selection
- *RcppParallel*: High-level functions for parallel programming with *Rcpp*
- *rstan*: The R interface to *Stan*
- *Stan*: State-of-the-art platform for statistical modeling and high-performance computing
- *torch*: Tensors and Neural Networks with 'GPU' Acceleration

Some of my contributed opensource software are listed on my GitHub account at <https://github.com/hsbadr>.

Services

- Developer, Contributions to Open-Source Software (OSS) projects
- Peer-review, MDPI Remote Sensing – Deep Learning Applications
- Peer-review, Theoretical and Applied Climatology (TAAC)
- Peer-review, Journal of Climate (JCLI)
- Member, American Meteorological Society (AMS)
- Member, American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Member, Geological Society of America (GSA)
- Session Chair, Geological Society of America (GSA)

Experience

2020 – 2022 **Tracking and Modeling of COVID-19 Pandemic**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

COVID-19 Supplement to the “Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease” is a project to develop an environmentally informed risk monitoring and early warning system to inform decision makers.

Machine learning and epidemic modeling are used for generating risk maps as well as prospective tracking and modeling of the impacts of hydrometeorological factors on COVID-19 pandemic.

2019 – 2023 **Leveraging Earth Observations for Improved Climate Projections**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

GMELT Ahead: Leveraging *Earth Observations* for Improved Climate Projections in High Mountain Asia is a 3-year project to generate high-resolution projections of future climate and hydrology that grounded in best-available historical observations and understanding of atmospheric processes.

Different approaches are used for downscaling, including *regionalization* and *Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)* pattern reconstruction.

2019 – 2022 **Multi-scale Prediction of Flash Drought in the United States**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

PREEVENTS Track 2: Collaborative Research: Flash droughts: process, prediction, and the central role of vegetation in their evolution is a 3-year project to advance efforts to understand and forecast flash droughts (FD) by targeting three characteristic features: (1) land surface memory is a key component of FD, (2) evaporative demand is a leading driver of FD onset, (3) vegetation plays a central role in FD development through its influence on soil moisture and turbulent heat fluxes. *Deep Learning* algorithms are used for the prediction and classification of flash droughts.

2017 – 2020 **Applications of Deep Learning to S2S Prediction & Downscaling**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are implemented and optimized with a custom loss function (based on *objective* climate *regionalization*) to improve and downscale dynamical forecasts at subseasonal to seasonal (S2S) timescales.

2017 – 2020 **Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease: a GEO Platform for Analysis and Risk Assessment is a 3-year project to develop an environmentally informed risk monitoring and early warning application that will inform decision makers for appropriate interventions and investments needed to reduce enteric infectious (EID) diseases. *Regionalization* and *machine learning* are used for generating risk maps.

2017 – 2018 **Instructor: Advanced Seminar in Remote Sensing**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

This seminar focused on the application, interpretation, and *visualization* of Land Data Assimilation Systems (LDAS). Through lectures, exercises, and a semester project, students learnt the theory behind LDAS, run LDAS simulations using the NASA Land Information System (LIS), and built web apps for LDAS output using the *open-source* Tethys scientific *visualization* platform.

2015 – 2018 **Instructor: The NASA Land Information System (LIS)**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Contributions to the *development* and *training* workshops on the NASA Land Information System (LIS) and its applications, including a workshop at the National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS) in Cairo, Egypt in August 2017 and a similar workshop at Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-Water) in Daejeon, South Korea in January 2018.

2015 – 2016 **Porting NU-WRF to HHPC & MARCC**

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Porting NASA-Unified Weather Research & Forecasting (NU-WRF) to JHU Homewood High

Performance Cluster (HHPC) & Maryland Advanced Research Computing Center (MARCC) to facilitate weather prediction and analysis for researcher at JHU and other MARCC users.

2015 – 2016 Climate Regionalization of Africa

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Regionalizing Africa based on interannual variability of precipitation to study the impacts of climate change on patterns of rainfall variability in Africa at different times from geological periods to historical simulations and future climate projections.

2013 – 2015 Objective Climate Regionalization

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Development of an *open-source* software in R for **Hierarchical Climate Regionalization (HiClimR)** to facilitate the application of rigorous *regionalization* for climate studies. *HiClimR* was downloaded more than 25,000 times from over 50 different countries.

HiClimR is applicable to any correlation-based clustering.

2011 – 2013 Seasonal Precipitation Predictions

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Application of different *statistical models*, including *artificial neural network* (ANN, best-performing model), to understand and predict seasonal rainfall anomalies as a function of large-scale variability from indices of surface air temperature anomalies (SATA), sea surface temperature (SST), surface pressure, and other variables.

2010 – 2011 Prediction of Dust Storms

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Development of a framework for dust/sand storms prediction using *numerical weather prediction* and *remote sensing* technology.

2010 – 2010 Porting WRF to EUMEDGRID

Africa 4 2010 - Joint EUMEDGRID-Support / EPIKH School for Application Porting, Cairo, Egypt

Porting the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model to EUMEDGRID.

2010 – 2010 High Performance Computing (HPC)

IBM-Egypt and National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

IBM AIX 5L *system administration* and running *Code_Saturne* Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Solver on NARSS Blue-Gene/L.

2008 – 2010 Ensemble Forecasting

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Development of a preliminary ensemble *forecasting system* for Egypt, designed for operational use.

2008 – 2008 Estimation of Evaporative Rates

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Evaluation of Lake Nasser water loss by evaporation using *numerical weather prediction* and *remote sensing*.

2006 – 2008 Data Assimilation

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Implementation of conventional and remotely-sensed observational data into the numerical weather modeling system for Egypt using Four-Dimensional *Data Assimilation*.

2005 – 2006 ATOVS Data Processing and Visualization

National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences (NARSS), Cairo, Egypt

Development of automatic *processing* and *visualization* framework for NOAA/ATOVS *satellite data*.

2001 – 2003 Terrain Aerodynamics

Department of Aerospace Engineering, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt

Generation of a digital surface grid for Greater Cairo area and Giza plateau from raster maps, measuring the flow over prototypes in a wind tunnel, and comparing the numerical and experimental results.

Publications

Petrone, M. E., J. E. Rothman, M. I. Breban, I. M. Ott, A. Russel, E. Lasek-Nesselquist, **H. S. Badr**, ..., N. D. Grubaugh, **2022**: Combining genomic and epidemiological data to compare the transmissibility of SARS-CoV-2 variants Alpha and Iota. *Communications Biology*, **5**, 439.

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URL: <https://hsbadr.github.io/additive/>

Badr, H. S. and B. C. Bürkner, 2021: bayesian: Bindings for Bayesian TidyModels. *Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN)*, <http://cran.r-project.org/package=bayesian>.

URL: <https://hsbadr.github.io/bayesian/>

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DOI: 10.1016/J.OneHlt.2021.100225

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DOI: 10.1016/J.JHYDROL.2021.125959

Osman, M. A., B. F. Zaitchik, **H. S. Badr**, J. I. Christian, T. Tedesse, J. A. Otkin, and M. C. Anderson, **2021**: Flash drought onset over the Contiguous United States: Sensitivity of inventories and trends to quantitative definitions. *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences (HESS)*, **25(2)**, 565-581.

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Osman, M. A., B. F. Zaitchik, **H. S. Badr**, and S. Hameed, **2021**: North Atlantic Centers of Action and Seasonal to Subseasonal Temperature Variability in Europe and Eastern North America. *International Journal of Climatology (JOC)*, **41**, E1775-E1790.

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Regonda, S. K., B. F. Zaitchik, **H. S. Badr**, and M. Rodell, **2016:** Using Climate Regionalization to Understand Climate Forecast System Version 2 (CFSv2) Precipitation Performance for the Conterminous United States (CONUS). *Geophysical Research Letters (GRL)*, **43**, 6485–6492.
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Presentations

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Badr, H. S., and B. F. Zaitchik, **2018**: On the Coherence of Sahel Region under Different Emissions Scenarios. *31st Conference on Climate Variability and Change, 98th American Meteorological Society (AMS) Annual Meeting*, Austin, Texas, USA.

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Badr, H. S., **2016**: NASA-Unified Weather Research and Forecasting (NU-WRF) Model. *Training Workshop, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA*.

Badr, H. S., **2016**: Applications of Climate Regionalization: Statistical Prediction and Patterns of Precipitation Variability in Observations and Global Climate Models. *Thesis Presentation, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA*.

Badr, H. S., N. M. Deluca, N. E. Levin, and B. F. Zaitchik, **2015**: On the Regionalization of African Precipitation for Paleoclimate Studies. *Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting 2015*, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

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Badr, H. S., 2012: PCA-based Regionalization of Precipitation over Africa. *Journal Club, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University*, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Badr, H. S., 2011: Soil Moisture Response and Memory. *African Climate Group Meeting, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University*, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

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