

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
Department of Kinesiology
Concentration: Biomechanics
Graduation: Dec. 2021
Thesis: Repeated bout effect and musculoskeletal loading during prolonged downhill running
Advisors: W. Brent Edwards, PhD., Guillaume.Y. Millet, PhD.

Master of Science University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Concentration: Applied Design
Graduation: Dec. 2014
Thesis: Vibration analysis of human soft tissue for fatigue detection and optimum design of footwear during running
Advisors: Reza Hassannejad, PhD, Mir Mohammad Etefagh, PhD, Vahid Sari-sarraf, PhD.

Bachelor of Science University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Concentration: Solid Design
Graduation: Feb. 2012
Capstone Project: Modeling and control of a car suspension system based on 11 DOF vibration model.
Advisors: Bashir Behjat Khajeh, PhD.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Employment/Appointments

- Feb 2022 - continued **Post-doctoral Associate**, University of Calgary & BIOMECHANIGG Sport & Health Research. Calgary, Canada.
Projects: understanding the effect of hockey equipment on player's motion
- Mar 2016 - Mar 2017 **Researcher**, Biomechanics Lab, Sports Science Research Institute, Tehran, Iran.
Project: Effects of shoe stiffness and damping on biomechanics of walking
- Mar 2016 - Sept 2016 **Research Assistant**, Biomechanics Lab, Faculty of Rehabilitation, Tabriz University of Medical Science, Tabriz, Iran.
Project: Analysis of lower extremities muscle vibration and muscle activity during an exhaustive treadmill run
- Feb 2016 - Mar 2017 **Research & Development Engineer**, Research and Development department of Azar Motor Mobin Co., Tehran, Iran.
Project: Design, development and implementation of column-type electric power steering system on a class B car (TIBA).

Teaching

- Sept 2021- Dec 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Biomedical Engineering, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada.
Course: Mechanics I (BMEN 381)
- Jan 2020 – April 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada.
Course: Quantitative Biomechanics (KNES 263)
- Sept 2018 – Dec 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada.
Course: Statistical Methods in Kinesiology (KNES 609)
- Mar 2016 - Mar 2016 **Instructor**, Faradars Institute, Tehran, Iran.
Course: An online course on Adaptive Signal Processing (EMD Based Method)
- Sept 2013 – June 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran
Course: Engineering Dynamics

AWARDS & HONORS

2021	Kinesiology Leadership Scholarship , Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary, Canada, Jan. 2021 – Apr. 2021.
2020	Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES) - International , Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Calgary. Canada, Sept. 2020, Aug. 2021.
2020	TENET Medical Engineering Graduate Scholarship , Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Calgary. Canada, Sept. 2020, April. 2021. Offered but declined.
2019	Faculty of Kinesiology Presentation Award , Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary, Canada, May. 2019.
2017	Faculty of Kinesiology Dean's Doctoral Studentship , Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary, Canada, Jan. 2017- Aug. 2020.
2015	Best Student Thesis Award in the field of acoustics and vibrations, Iranian Society of Acoustics and Vibration (ISAV), November 2015.
2012	Governmental Full Tuition Waving Fellowship for Master of Science , Sept. 2012- Dec. 2014.
2012	Ranked in the top 2% of the master's degree participants in the national university entrance examination (Konkooor), Iran, 2012.
2008	Governmental Full Tuition Waving Fellowship for Bachelor of Science , Feb. 2008- Feb. 2012.
2007	Ranked in the top 1% of the bachelor's degree participants in the national university entrance examination (Konkooor), Iran, 2007.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **A. Khassestarash**, I. Haider, M. Baggaley, W.B. Edwards, 2022, Effects of prolonged downhill running on tibial strains: a finite element analysis. *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering*. <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4055756>
2. J. Zhang, **A. Khassestarash**, G.Y. Millet, S.J. Aboodarda, Neuromuscular fatigue associated with different pacing strategies during an ultra-endurance pull-up task: a case study. *International Journal of Exercise Science*. <https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/ijes/vol15/iss3/20>

3. O.L. Bruce, M. Baggaley, **A. Khassestarash**, I. Haider, W.B. Edwards, Tibial-fibular geometry and density variations associated with elevated bone strain and sex disparities in young active adults, 2022, *Bone*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bone.2022.116443>
4. **A. Khassestarash**, G. Vernillo, M. Baggaley, G.Y. Millet, W.B. Edwards, 2022, The repeated bout effect influences lower-extremity biomechanics during prolonged downhill running, *European Journal of Sports Science*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17461391.2022.2048083>
5. **A. Khassestarash**, G. Vernillo, R.L. Kruger, W.B. Edwards, G.Y. Millet, Neuromuscular, biomechanical, and energetics adjustments following repeated bouts of downhill running. 2021, *Journal of Sport and Health Science*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jshs.2021.06.001>
6. G. Vernillo, J. Temesi, **A. Khassestarash**, G.Y. Millet, 2020, Use of transcranial magnetic stimulation to assess relaxation rates in unfatigued and fatigued knee-extensor muscles, 2021, *Experimental Brain Research*, 239, 205-216.
7. **A. Khassestarash**, G. Vernillo, A. Martinez, M. Baggaley, M. Giandolini, N. Horvais, G.Y. Millet, W.B. Edwards, Biomechanics of graded running: Part II- Joint kinematics and kinetics, 2020, *Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports*, 30: 1642-1654.
8. G. Vernillo, A. Martinez, M. Baggaley, **A. Khassestarash**, M. Giandolini, N. Horvais, G.Y. Millet, W.B. Edwards, Biomechanics of graded running: Part I- stride parameters, external forces, muscle activations 2020, *Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports*, 30: 1632-1641.
9. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad. M.M. Ettefagh, M.A .Eteraf-Oskuei, Vibration settling time of the gastrocnemius remains constant during an exhaustive run in rear foot strike runners, 2019, *Journal of Biomechanics*, 93: 140-146.
10. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad., Energy dissipation caused by fatigue crack in beam-like cracked structures. 2016, *Journal of Sound and vibration*, 363C: 247-257.
11. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad. M.M. Ettefagh, V.Sari-Sarraf., Fatigue and soft tissue vibration during prolonged running, 2015, *Human Movement Science*, 44: 157-167.
12. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad. Towards optimal design of sport footwear based on muscle activity and minimum loading rate using simplified model. 2015, *Journal of Engineering in Medicine*, 229(8): 537-548.
13. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad, H. Enders, M.M. Ettefagh., Damping and energy dissipation in soft tissue vibrations during running, 2015, *Journal of Biomechanics*, 48(2): 204-209.
14. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad, The role of fatigue on optimal design of sport footwear, 2015, *Modares Mechanical Engineering*, 14(14): 167-176. (In Persian)

Peer Reviewed Conference Papers & Abstract

1. **A. Khassestarash**, G. Vernillo, M. Baggaley, N. Horvais, G.Y. Millet, W. B.Edwards, Lower-extremity Joint Quasi-stiffness in Graded Running, oral presentation in **ISB 2019**, Calgary.

2. **A. Khassestarash**, A. Sharinezhad, M.M. Etefagh, R. Hassannejad, N. Hedayatpour, The Effects of Shoe Stiffness and Damping on the Gastrocnemius vibration during walking, oral presentation in *10th International Congress on Sports Sciences*, 2017, Tehran, Iran.
3. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad, The effect of crack damping on instantaneous frequency of cracked beam-like structures, poster presentation in *5th International Conference on Acoustics and Vibration*, 2015, Tehran, Iran.
4. **A. Khassestarash**, R. Hassannejad, Application of continuous wavelet transform to crack detection in cantilever beam based on increase in damping coefficient. Oral presentation in *4th International Conference on Acoustics and Vibration*, 2014, Tehran, Iran. (In Persian)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biomechanics of Graded Running	Kinematic and kinetics of graded running in comparison to level running. Musculoskeletal loading during prolonged graded running.
Footwear Biomechanics	Optimizing footwear characteristics to enhance performance and reduce sport related injuries.
Neuromuscular Fatigue	Effects of neuromuscular fatigue and muscle damage during prolonged run on running biomechanics and musculoskeletal loading.
Musculoskeletal Modeling & Finite Element Analysis	Investigating the effects of different running conditions (grade, speed, fatigue) and different running patterns on tissue-level loading.

REFEREE FOR JOURNAL PAPERS

Gate & Posture, European Journal of Sport Science, Medicine and Science in Sport and Exercise, Journal of sport and Health Science, Sports Biomechanics, Footwear Science, Plus One

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming Language	MATLAB , Professional coding for time series analyses, optimization, signal processing, and use of visual toolboxes. Python , Familiar with time-series analyses.
Modeling Software	Mimics , Experienced in bone CT image segmentation and material assignment for finite element analysis purposes. Vicon Nexus , Professional use of 3D kinematic recording and tracking.

XSENS MVN, Professional use of 3D kinematic recording and analysis.

Finite Element Analysis

Abaqus, Professional analysis of boundary condition PDEs for stress-strain analysis.

Statistical Analysis & presentation

Excel, Professional use of statistical tests and graphing.
SPSS, Professional use of statistical tests.
Power point, Professional presentation of data.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English: Fluent

Farsi: Native

Azerbaijani: Native