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Curriculum Vitae

I was born in Mexico city approximately 32 years ago. When I was a child, I was curious about everything, and always asked myself how the things work?. In particular, I was fascinated with one story that my parents used to tell me: *The mystery of the three stars on the sky*, that mysteriously appeared only during Christmas. For so many years, I tried to find the answer to such an event but did not succeed (although I was very close). When finally I entered to the secondary school, I asked my physics teacher, and his answer was: “To disentangle such a mystery you have to become an Astronomer, but in order to do that you have to study first a bachelor degree in Physics, a master degree in Astrophysics and finally a PhD in Astrophysics”, and then the journey who brought me here began.

In 2006 I enrolled in the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) to study Physics. The first years were tough, but quickly I adapted to the rhythm. In my second year, I went to the Institute of Astronomy to offer my services as a student. The result of that visit completely changed my life. I met Barbara Pichardo, who after a small interview offered me to supervise my bachelor thesis and more important her friendship. With Barbara’s support, I participated in several international projects like APOGEE and TAOS-II. In 2012 I moved to Taipei as part of the scientific team of TAOS-II at the Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics (ASIAA). After a successful internship in Taiwan and as a part of the next step in the list to become an Astronomer. At the end of 2012, I won a scholarship from the Spanish government to enrol in the master in Astrophysics at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid - Universidad Complutense de Madrid where I worked closely with Eva Villaver.

Curriculum Vitae

In the fall of 2015, I was notified that I was awarded a fellowship from the Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) for PhD studies abroad. After several meetings with Anthony Brown and a lot of bureaucracy finally, in November 2015, I landed in Schiphol. Full of dreams and enthusiasm I started my PhD in Astrophysics (and the last step in my list) at Leiden Observatory under the supervision of Anthony Brown and Simon Portegies Zwart. During four years, I travelled the world, talked, collaborated and shared with wonderful people and scientists, and I explored the origin and evolution of the outer solar system.

In February 2020, I accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in USA. I will join Smadar Naoz's research group, and I will continue the journey that I started many years ago: discover the universe.

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