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Curriculum Vitae

I was born in Lavras, Minas Gerais, Brazil, on June 10, 1992. However, I grew and lived the majority of my life in a small countryside village called Ijaci, situated ~ 12 km away from Lavras.

As far as I remember, I liked maths and science. For this reason, I decided to study physics as my undergrad. My BSc was done mainly at *Universidade Federal de Lavras* with one year at *Universidad de Valladolid* as part of the government project “science without borders”. My BSc’s final year project was associated with the study of specific heat of crystalline solids supervised by Prof. Antônio Silva.

By the end of my BSc, I decided to start a Master’s. I receive a scholarship from *Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Spaciais* for a two-year MCs program in space geophysics. This was when I had more contact with astrophysics and started to appreciate the subject more. During my MCs, I worked with solar coronal mass ejections observed by the LASCO instrument under the supervision of Prof. Alisson Dal Lago. My research focused on the prediction of coronal mass ejection’s arrival at Earth using an algorithm to track and calculate the kinematic properties of these ejections.

I had a good experience during my MCs and decided to do a PhD. Initially, I started a PhD at *Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Spaciais* for almost a year to extend my Master’s project. I was then offered a scholarship to do a PhD abroad at Trinity College Dublin and decided it would be better for my career. During three of the four-year PhD program, my PhD was at Trinity College. However, for my last year, with my research group, I relocated to Leiden. Under the supervisor Dr. Aline Vidotto and Dr. Donna Rodgers-Lee, I worked with numerical simulations of stellar winds and cosmic rays. I focused on M dwarfs and the effects of Galactic cosmic rays within their environment.

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