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Curriculum Vitae

I was born in Colorado Springs, United States, on July 13th, 1994. As my father used to tell me, it was a very luxurious birth, since he was helping build a house for a well-known doctor. I have no real recollection, however, of those early days.

As far as I'm concerned, I grew up in a town called Morelia, west of Mexico City, where I spent most of my early school years. Back then, I didn't have a clear idea of what I wanted to become; I was, after all, still a child, but I always considered myself good at studying and eager to solve mysteries. In middle school, a few things changed. I started focusing more on my friends, and I realized I wasn't particularly good at pure mathematics, which, looking back, really comes as a surprise. I was, however, drawn to problem-solving courses and history, though the latter path never materialized.

In high school at Liceo Michoacano, I was expected to begin thinking about my future career. I probably should have paid more attention to that decision, but I was too busy focusing on other things. I don't regret at all how I spent those years.

From 2012 to 2017, I studied Electronic Engineering at Instituto Tecnológico de Morelia. I completed a major in biomedical instrumentation, but I realized midway that I wanted to pursue something else. Regardless, I graduated by starting a project on non-invasive glucose monitoring using NIR spectroscopy under the supervision of Dr. Adriana del Carmen Téllez Anguiano, together with my friend and colleague, Ing. Kevin Raúl

Hernández Franco.

After graduation, I decided not to pursue a career in engineering anymore and instead applied for a master's in a field I found more fulfilling. I was fortunate to be accepted into the Master's program in Astrophysics at UNAM, under the supervision of Dr. Carlos Carrasco González. I've always been fascinated by planets and the search for life beyond Earth, so it felt like a natural fit. From 2018 to 2021, I caught up with relevant courses needed as an astrophysicist, worked on and wrote my thesis, and graduated with honors.

Still not ready to leave research behind, I applied for PhD positions in several countries. It was a long and challenging process, but eventually, I landed a position at Leiden University. My friend Kevin, who also helped me graduate and who was living in the Netherlands at the time, encouraged me to apply to Leiden. However, I wasn't sure if anyone there was working on what I did for my master's. Nevertheless, I applied, and to my surprise, Dr. Nienke van der Marel offered me a PhD position in her planet formation group starting on September 13th, 2021.

Though it was difficult to leave my life in Mexico, my PhD has taken me to incredible places, Japan, Belgium, France, and even back to Morelia to present my work. These four years have challenged me and helped me grow in ways I never expected, and I now realize how valuable that growth has been. After completing my PhD, I look forward to a new challenge outside academia, where I can continue to grow and apply everything I've learned, especially during these past four years.

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