

# Jorge Alejandro Preciado López



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## SKILLS

Three years of experience developing software for international scientific collaborations, and core developer of the parameter estimation software used to study the [first image of a black hole](#) obtained by the Event Horizon Telescope.

**Programming.** 5+ years of programming experience using Python (Scikit-learn, Pandas, Seaborn, Matplotlib, NumPy), MATLAB, C++, shell scripting. Familiar with SQL, HTML/CSS, SPSS, Fortran.

**Machine Learning.** Multiple projects using regression, classification, time series analysis and Bayesian parameter estimation. Familiar with Natural Language Processing.

**Tools.** Version control (Git, Gitflow), web scrapping (Selenium, BeautifulSoup), web deployment (Flask, Dash), software documentation (Doxygen, Sphinx), Linux/UNIX systems.

**High Performance Computing.** 2.5 years of experience developing parallelized software with MPI in HPC systems.

**Teaching.** 7 years of teaching experience. Trained medal winners of several Physics competitions and Olympiads.

## EXPERIENCE

### Data Scientist

Aug 2019 – Present

*HelloFresh Canada (Toronto, Canada)*

- Supporting demand Forecasting efforts during COVID-19 crisis.
- Building predictive models to guide new product development.
- Implementing Machine Learning models to improve customer retention.
- Using recipe feedback to track and improve product performance.

### Data Science Fellow

Jan 2019 – April 2019

*Insight Data Science (Toronto, Canada)*

- Developed a Python module to track crowdfunding campaigns (see CwdProphet in projects section).
- Tracked 10,000 projects and built a SQL database with campaign data from crowdfunder.co.uk.
- Estimated campaign success rate using kNN classifiers and time series analysis.
- Documented Python software using *Sphinx*.

### Postdoctoral Researcher

Nov 2016 – Jan 2019

*Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics (Waterloo, Canada)*

*Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration*

- Captured the first-ever image of a black hole with a global collaboration of 200+ members.
- Co-developed a C++ parameter estimation software for the EHT (see THEMIS in projects section).
- Devised and coded parametrized models used by the EHT to estimate black hole parameters.
- Validated and tested analytical/numerical models using High-Performance Computing (HPC) systems.
- Developed Python software to simulate and analyze astrophysical data and black hole images.

## PROJECTS

- **THEMIS.** Parallelized Bayesian parameter estimation framework to analyze astrophysical data and estimate black hole parameters using Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods (C++, MPI, High Performance Computing, Doxygen).
- **CwdProphet.** Module to track and analyze historical donation data from crowdfunding campaigns using classifiers and time series analysis (Python, web scrapping, time series & software documentation).
- **Predictors of Self-Rated Health.** Identified predictors and used regression models to predict the self-rated health status of individuals using socio-economic, physical and nutritional data (IBM SPSS, statistical analysis).
- **Fault Prediction of Induction Motors.** Harmonic analysis of electrical current signals to predict electro-mechanical faults (MATLAB, anomaly detection, time series analysis).

## EDUCATION

PhD, Physics	University of Guanajuato (Mexico)	2010 – 2015
Masters, Physics	University of Guanajuato (Mexico)	2008 – 2010
B. Eng., Electrical Engineering	University of Guanajuato (Mexico)	2002 – 2008

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Albert Einstein Medal**, for the first image of a supermassive black hole (May 2020).
- **The 2020 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics**, for the first image of a supermassive black hole (Nov 2019).
- **Diamond Achievement Award of the National Science Foundation**. Presented to the team of researchers who captured the first-ever image of a black hole (May 2019).
- **Bronze Medal** in the VII Iberoamerican Physics Olympiads (2002).
- **Gold medal** in the XII National Physics Olympiads (Mexico 2001).
- Graduate Researcher with best academic record of the PhD and MSc in Physics programs.

## PUBLICATIONS

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With the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration *et al* in *The Astrophysical Journal (ApJ)*:

- First M87 EHT Results. [I. The Shadow of the Supermassive Black Hole](#), *ApJ Letters*, 875 (2019) L1.
- First M87 EHT Results. [II. Array and Instrumentation](#), *ApJ Letters*, 875 (2019) L2.
- First M87 EHT Results. [III. Data Processing and Calibration](#), *ApJ Letters*, 875 (2019) L3.
- First M87 EHT Results. [IV. Imaging the Central Supermassive Black Hole](#), *ApJ Letters*, 875 (2019) L4.
- First M87 EHT Results. [V. Physical Origin of the Asymmetric Ring](#), *ApJ Letters*, 875 (2019) L5.
- First M87 EHT Results [VI. The Shadow and Mass of the Central Black Hole](#), *ApJ Letters*, 875 (2019) L6.
- The EHT Collaboration. [The EHT General Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamic Code Comparison Project](#), *ApJ Supplement Series*, 243, 26 (2019).
- The EHT Collaboration. [SYMBA: An end-to-end VLBI synthetic data generation pipeline](#). Simulating Event Horizon Telescope observations of M87. *Astronomy and Astrophysics*, 636, A5 (2020).
- The EHT Collaboration. [Event Horizon Telescope imaging of the archetypal blazar 3C 279 at an extreme 20 microarcsecond resolution](#). *Astronomy and Astrophysics* (2020).
- The EHT Collaboration. Verification of Radiative Transfer Schemes for the EHT. Submitted to *ApJ*.

Other publications:

- THEMIS: A Parameter Estimation Framework for the Event Horizon Telescope (*Submitted to ApJ*).
- The EHT Collaboration. [Spacetime Tomography Using the Event Horizon Telescope](#), *ApJ*, 892, 132 (2020).
- [Well-posed Cauchy formulation for Einstein-æther theory](#), *Classical and Quantum Gravity*, 36, 16 (2019).
- [Quantum cosmology in Hořava-Lifshitz gravity](#), *Phys. Rev. D* 86, 063502 (2012).
- [A quantum cosmological model in Hořava-Lifshitz gravity](#), *AIP Conference Proceedings* 1396, 151 (2011).