# Jerjes Aguirre-Chavez

#### **EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

09 2024 — Present

Ph.D. in Data Science

San Diego, California, USA

- GPA: 4.0/4.0.
- Research interests include responsible machine learning, data mining, and the application of artificial intelligence in clinical decision-making and scientific discovery.

# **TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY**

082018 - 122022

B.Sc. in Engineering Physics

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

- GPA: 97.42/100 (Summa Cum Laude).
- Relevant coursework included Mathematical Methods I & II, Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics I, Computational Physics I & II, and Solid State Physics.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER / GENERATIVE MODELS FOR CLINICAL TIME SERIES

01 2025 — Present

University of California, San Diego. Advisor: Professor Benjamin Smarr

San Diego, CA

• Studying the use of generative AI for understanding the physiological features and their importance for recovery of COVID and long COVID.

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER / SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY WITH LLMS**

092024 - 122024

University of California, San Diego. Advisor: Professor Bradley Voytek

San Diego, CA

- Utilized Neuromaps and NeuroQuery to integrate brain feature maps with semantic term associations, enabling meta-analytic insights into neuroscience data.
- Processed voxel-level data from Neuromaps and linked it to scientific text corpora, establishing region-specific relationships between brain features and published research.
- Explored predictive modeling strategies to map semantic terms onto brain regions, contributing to the development of a scientific discovery tool for neuroscience.

#### DATA SCIENCE RESEARCHER / CLIMATE CHANGE

01 2023 - 08 2024

ClimateAi - R&D. Advisor: Professor Carlos Hoyos, Professor Arik Tashie

San Francisco, CA (remote)

- Post-processed CMIP datasets for climate analysis.
- Developed an infection rate dataset based on Gamma functions and temperature data.
- Implemented Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on sea surface temperature data to study correlations with precipitation in selected regions.

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANT / WATER AVAILABILITY**

 $08\ 2022 - 12\ 2022$ 

Tecnologico de Monterrey. Advisor: Professor Hector Medel

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

- Investigated climate and social factors affecting water availability.
- Developed data augmentation strategies for enhancing climate data analysis.
- Employed data engineering techniques on climate datasets.

# RESEARCH TRAINEE / FETAL BRAIN AGE PREDICTION USING DEEP LEARNING NETWORKS

 $08\,2021 - 08\,2022$ 

FNNDSC, Harvard Medical School. Advisor: Professor Kiho Im

Boston, MA

- Processed raw Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) data, including reconstruction and segmentation of fetal brains.
- Designed a deep learning-based fetal brain age prediction network using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).
- Integrated an image quality assessment tool into our in-house data pipeline.
- Conducted statistical analysis for clinical trial evaluations.

# RESEARCH ASSISTANT / LOW COST 3D DIGITAL HOLOGRAPHY

022021 - 082021

Tecnologico de Monterrey. Advisor: Professor Benjamín García

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

- Deployed Gerchberg–Saxton algorithm in Julia.
- Designed a digital optic array to obtain the phase of digitally build 3D objects.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

• Yun, H., Lee, H., You, S., Lee, J., **Aguirre-Chavez, J.**, Vasung, L., Lee, H., Tarui, T., Feldman, H., Grant, P., Im, K. (Under review). "Deviated Brain Age Prediction in Fetuses with Cerebral Ventriculomegaly". Radiology: Artificial Intelligence

## **Conference Presentations**

- Yun, H., **Aguirre-Chavez, J.**, Nagaraj, U., Feldman, H., Ou, X., Acheson, A., Lin, W., Grewen, K., Jones, H., Grant, P., Merhar, S., Im, K. (2023, July 22-26). "Altered brain development in fetuses with prenatal opioid exposure" [Conference presentation]. Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Montreal, Canada.
- Yun, H., Lee, H., Lee, J., **Aguirre-Chavez, J.**, Vasung, L., Rollins, C., Ortinau, C., Grant, P., Im, K. (2022, September 5-6). "Brain age prediction in fetuses with ventriculomegaly using a deep learning network with fetal brain MRI" [Conference presentation]. Fetal, Infant, and Toddler Neuroimaging Group, Paris, France. FIT'NG abstracts 2022 [p. 41]

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## **SKILLS**

**Tools and Languages Relevant Libraries** Research

Communication

GCP, AWS, Freesurfer, Python, Scala, Julia, SQL, Docker, Git, MATLAB, Mathematica, ŁT-X,

Xarray, Dask, Tensorflow, Keras, Numpy, Pandas

AI in healthcare, Neuroscience, Climate Science, Mathematical modelling, Deep learning

Spanish (native), English (C1 - TOEFL IBT 112), French (DELF B1)

**AWARDS** 

#### HONORABLE MENTION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

12 2022

Tecnologico de Monterrey

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

 Received an Honorable Mention for Academic Excellence, awarded to the top 5% of graduating students in each cohort. This distinction is the highest honor conferred during the graduation ceremony.

**TOP GPA STUDENTS** 12 2021

Tecnologico de Monterrey Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

• Awarded to students with the top 2% highest GPA in the School of Engineering and Sciences.

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS** 12 2021

Tecnologico de Monterrey Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Recognized as one of the most distinguished students in extracurricular activities within the School of Engineering and Sciences.

**ACADEMIC TALENT SCHOLARSHIP** 

08 2018 - 12 2022

Tecnologico de Monterrey

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Awarded a merit-based tuition scholarship for B.Sc. in Engineering Physics studies at Tec de Monterrey.

## **TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

**DATA SCIENTIST II** 01 2023 - Present

ClimateAi San Francisco, CA (remote)

- Developed object-oriented algorithms for post-processing climate datasets.
- Managed and reviewed source code modifications using Git.
- · Utilized Dask and Xarray for efficient chunking and organization of datasets, optimizing data access.

# **SOFTWARE ENGINEER / PLATFORM ENGINEERING**

082022 - 122022

Deal Engine

Miami, FL (remote)

- Developed deep learning algorithms for Natural Language Processing (NLP).
- Managed and controlled source code versions using Git.
- Built, accessed, and maintained databases using SQL.

SIMULATION INTERN 082022 - 122022

Schneider Electric

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

- Conducted static, quasi-static, and dynamic simulations of a cable modeled as a solid copper cylinder.
- Performed static, quasi-static, and dynamic simulations for cables composed of AWG6 gauge wires.

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

# **GENERATION LEADER / ENGINEERING PHYSICS ALUMNI**

12 2022 - Present

Tecnologico de Monterrey

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

- Appointed as the Generation Leader by the 2022 Engineering Physics Alumni.
- Managing relationships between alumni and current students.

# PRESIDENT / SOCIETY OF ENGINEERING PHYSICS STUDENTS

082020 - 082021

Tecnologico de Monterrey

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

- Successfully fundraised over 10 scholarships for B.Sc. Engineering Physics students.
- Coordinated the 40th-anniversary celebration of the B.Sc. Engineering Physics program.
- Spearheaded the XXII International Physics Symposium, featuring notable speakers such as Nobel Prize laureate Dr. William Phillips (1997) and Dr. David Reitze.

072018 - 072018

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

• Participated in a leadership program focused on cross-cultural communication.

## PRESIDENT / EN ACCION POR LA EDUCACION (EAXLE)

082017 - 082018

Civil Society

Summer program

Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

- Established the civil society organization, En Acción por la Educación (EAXLE).
- Developed a study plan to integrate students from marginalized elementary schools.
- Secured sponsorships and contributions to provide scholarships for students to continue their education.