



# ERIK AMÉZQUITA

## EDUCATION

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2018


- **PhD Candidate, Computational Mathematics, Science & Engineering**  
Michigan State University  East Lansing, MI
  - Focused in quantifying plant morphology using topological data analysis (TDA) and X-Ray CT scans.
  - Advisors: [Elizabeth Munch](#) and [Dan Chitwood](#)
  - Awarded the [2022 Fitch H. Beach Award](#) by the College of Engineering for most outstanding engineering graduate research.
  - Supported partly by an [IMPACTS Fellowship](#), awarded jointly by MSU and the NRT-NSF program (NSF DGE-1828149).

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2013

- **Bachelor of Science, Mathematics**  
Universidad de Guanajuato  Guanajuato, Gto.
  - [Thesis](#): Efficient object classification using the Euler characteristic
  - Advisor: [Antonio Rieser](#) (CONACYT-CIMAT)
  - Awarded the [2018 Sotero Prieto Medal](#) by the Mexican Mathematics Society for best undergrad math thesis produced in Mexico.
  - Supported by the [CIMAT Academic Excellence Scholarship](#) 2013-2018

## RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2018

- **Graduate Research Assistant**  
[Chitwood-Munch](#) Lab  Michigan State University
  - Explored oil glands distribution of Citrus with directional statistics.
  - Characterized barley spikes morphology with the ECT and TDA.
  - Collected TDA resources in [jupyter notebooks](#). Presented at [NAPPN 2022](#).

## RELEVANT PEER-REVIEWED WORK

2022

- **Measuring hidden phenotype: Quantifying the shape of barley seeds using the Euler Characteristic Transform**  
[E.J. Amézquita](#), M.Y. Quigley, T. Ophelders, J.B. Landis, D. Koenig, E. Munch, D. H. Chitwood  
*in Silico Plants* 4(1) diab033. DOI: [10.1093/insilicoplants/diab033](#)





2020

- **The shape of things to come: Topological data analysis and biology, from molecules to organisms**  
[E.J. Amézquita](#), M.Y. Quigley, T. Ophelders, E. Munch, D.H. Chitwood  
*Developmental Dynamics*. 249(7) pp. 816-833. DOI: [10.1002/dvdy.175](#)



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## SKILLS

**Programming:** Python, R,  
C/C++, bash/unix

**Technologies:**  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ,  
RMarkdown, jupyter, vim,  
html/css

**Languages:** Spanish  
(native), English (fluent),  
French (elementary)

Made with the R package  
[pagedown](#).

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