# **Etienne Israel Palos** | CV

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#### Education

Academic Qualifications....

Ensenada, BC

#### Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Undergraduate:, Nanotechnology major with emphasis in catalysis and nanostructure physics

2015 -

## **Research Experience**

#### o Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 2017 - Present

Computer-driven materials discovery and theoretical materials physics with a strong focus on 2D-materials, transition metal chalcogenides and carbonitrides. My responsibilities include *ab initio* investigation as well as materials hydrothermal synthesis.

Advisor(s): Donald H. Galván (theory) and Gabriel Alonso-Nuñez (experimental).

#### o University of California at San Diego (STARS) Jun - August 2018

"STARS: Summer Training Academy for Research Success". Theoretical chemistry (chemical physics) focused on the development of simplistic models to describe light-matter interaction in the strong coupling regime. My responsibilities included mathematical derivation as well as numerical computation. Main tools: Classical Electrodynamics and Quantum Mechanics / Solid State Physics. Advisor: Joel Yuen-Zhou.

## o University of California at San Diego (NSF-SSSiN) Jul - August 2017

"SSsiN: Summer School for Silicon Nanotechnology". Electrochemical synthesis and surface chemistry of optically-active nanostructures. My responsibilities included computational wave-guide design for the electrochemical etching of porous silicon (p-Si) photonic crystals as well as organic functionalization of the p-Si surface.

Advisor: Michael J. Sailor

#### o Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (JINyN) Jun - Jul 2017

Computational condensed matter physics focused on the study of solid-state systems. My project consisted of calculating the electronic structure of a transition metal carbonitride using molecular orbital theory. I am a current member of this group. (See above) Advisor: Donald H. Galván.

#### o CIDETEQ Jun - August 2016

CIDETEQ: Centro de Invesitgación y Desarrollo Tecnológico en Electroquímica. Electrochemical synthesis of biopolymer nanoparticles for drug delivery. My responsibilities included the synthesis and characterization of chitosan nanoparticles and their functionalization with various drugs. Advisor: Eduardo López Maldonado.

### **Publications**

o **Etienne I. Palos**, José I. Paez, Armando Reyes-Serrato, Donald H. Galván. Electronic structure calculations of rhenium carbonitride: an extended Hückel tight-binding study. *Phys. Scr.* **93** (11). 115801. doi:10.1088/1402-4896/aae14c

#### **Presentations**

- **Etienne I. Palos**. Semiclassical Kronig-Penney model approach to polaritonic metasurfaces. *UCSD Summer Research Conference. Aug* 17, 2018. *La Jolla, CA*.
- **Etienne I. Palos** and Hunter Pauker. Hydrophobic porous Si based photonic-crystals for the detection of ethanol during fermentation. *NSF SSSiN. Aug 17, 2018. La Jolla, CA.*

#### Honors and awards

- CONACyT Research-Assistantship: Physical chemistry of transition metal chalcogenides with potential applications in catalysis. *G. Alonso-Nuñez* 2018-Present.
- XVII National Prototype Competition: National Champion (Mexico). For developing a computational platform for education in chemistry in Mexico and LatinAmerica. 2015. Aguascalientes, AGS, Mexico.

#### Technical and Personal skills

- o **Programming Languages:** LaTeX, Wolfram Mathematica, MATLAB, Python, C++ (novice)
- Computational chemistry and materials modeling: Quantum Espresso, Wien2K, GAMESS(US), YAeHMOP, XMD
- **Experimental chemistry:** Hydrothermal synthesis of transition-metal chalcogenides and sulfides, electrochemical etching of porous silicon, characterization of materials.
- Computer Aided Design: Solid-Works

#### Outreach and extracurricular activities

- o Computational CondMatt Club at CNyN-UNAM : Club founder and administrator.
- o Matematiké, A.C. Mathematics Instructor, tutor and administrator.