

# Hugo Alberto Ayala Solares

## PhD Physics

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

*Ph.D. physicist that is always trying to learn and apply new knowledge. My current focus is in observational astrophysics. I apply statistical tools and probability to find interesting events in the data. I also use optimization methods to find models that describe the data with frequentist and bayesian statistics. I perform simulations to characterize analyses. I manage and maintain a real-time system that receives and analyze large datasets. I have experience working with large collaborations as well as leading smaller groups within them.*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Python

Numpy, Matplotlib, Scipy, Pandas, TensorFlow, Astropy

### C++

### Bash

### Git

### MySQL

### LaTeX

### Data Structures and Algorithms

Optimization

### Machine Learning

Clustering, Classification

### Probability

Frequentist, Bayesian

### Statistical Analysis

Parameter estimation, regression

### Physics

## BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SKILLS

Effective communicator

Presentation skills

Adaptable to different audiences

Lead collaborative teams

Process oriented

Fast learner

Strategic thinking

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### PostDoctoral Researcher

Pennsylvania State University

May 2017 – Ongoing

State College, PA, United States

- Building and maintaining the Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network (AMON).
  - Develop coincidence analyses between different datasets to find candidate astrophysical multimessenger sources.
  - Search for sources of gamma-ray and neutrino emission by using a multimessenger approach.
- Member of the High Altitude Water Cherenkov (HAWC) Observatory.
  - Study gamma-ray emission from large-scale structures with HAWC data. Calculating credible intervals on the amount of emission of these sources.
  - Extragalactic and Multimessenger/Multiwavelength coordinator in HAWC.
- Associate Member of the IceCube Neutrino Observatory.
- Presented work in more than 10 conferences and collaboration meetings in the past 3 years.

### Ph.D. Researcher

Michigan Technological University

2011-2017

Houghton, MI, United States

- Created and maintained laser calibration system of the HAWC detector.
- Developed optimization algorithms to reconstruct astrophysical events.
- Developed a statistical analysis to search for weak signal in high-level background

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## Research Intern

Photonics and Mathematical-Optics Group, ITESM

📅 Spring 2011

📍 Monterrey, N.L. Mexico

- Studied equations for spiral profiles of light after passing through birefringent objects.

## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. in Physics focused on Astrophysics

Michigan Technological University

📅 September 2011 – April 2017

📍 Houghton, MI, United States

Thesis title: Search for High-Energy Gamma Rays in the Northern Fermi Bubble Region with the HAWC Observatory

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### B.Sc. in Engineering Physics

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

📅 August 2006 – December 2010

📍 Monterrey, N.L., Mexico

## LANGUAGES

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**Spanish**

*Native Language*

**English**

*Fluent*

**German**

*Intermediate*

## LATEST PUBLICATIONS

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### 📄 Journal Articles

- Ayala Solares, H.A. et al. (2021). "Multimessenger Gamma-Ray and Neutrino Coincidence Alerts using HAWC and IceCube sub-threshold Data". In: *ApJ* 906, p. 63. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/abcaa4>.
- Solares, Hugo A. Ayala et al. (2020). "The Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network (AMON): Performance and science program". In: *Astroparticle Physics* 114, pp. 68–76. ISSN: 0927-6505. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.astropartphys.2019.06.007>. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0927650519301227>.
- Ayala Solares, Hugo Alberto (2019). "AMON Multimessenger Alerts: Past and Future". In: *Galaxies* 7.1. ISSN: 2075-4434. DOI: [10.3390/galaxies7010019](https://doi.org/10.3390/galaxies7010019). URL: <https://www.mdpi.com/2075-4434/7/1/19>.
- Solares, H. A. Ayala et al. (2019). "A Search for Cosmic Neutrino and Gamma-Ray Emitting Transients in 7.3 yr of ANTARES and Fermi LAT Data". In: *The Astrophysical Journal* 886.2, p. 98. DOI: [10.3847/1538-4357/ab4a74](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ab4a74). URL: <https://doi.org/10.3847%2F1538-4357%2Fab4a74>.

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