

# Helmut Wahanik, PhD

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**Status in Canada:** Permanent Resident.

## Areas of specialization

*Applied Mathematics:*

Algorithms for Numerical Partial Differential Equations and Inverse problems

Computational Geometry, Numerical Analysis, Computational Tomography, Deep Learning.

*Software Development:*

C#, .NET, C++, Matlab, Python, Fortran, Visual Studio, Matplotlib, TFS Source Control, Linux, OpenMPI.

## Selected publications and talks

*Please find a comprehensive list of publications and talks in the Github account:*

<https://github.com/hwahanik>

## Education

- 2015 - 2016 **Postdoctoral Fellow - Computer Science**  
**University of Calgary, Calgary.**  
Research on Computational Geometry for unstructured autonomous meshing of 3D geology based models, with Aramco Upstream Research Center (URC), Houston, Texas, USA.
- 2007-2011 **PhD in Applied Mathematics**  
**Instituto de Matemática Pura e Aplicada (IMPA), Rio de Janeiro, [www.impa.br](http://www.impa.br)**  
Co-supervised by TUDelft-The Netherlands.  
PhD in numerical PDEs, shock waves and rarefactions of flow dynamics, and thermodynamics. Numerical computing algorithms coded in C++, Matlab, in Linux. For completion of the Ph.D, two exams were presented: the first in Applied Mathematics, Fluid Dynamics, and Numerical Analysis, and the second in Mathematical Analysis.
- 2006-2007 **Scientific Computing Advanced Training**  
**University of Bristol, Bristol-UK.**  
EU grant for young scientists, Department of Mathematics, University of Bristol-UK.  
One-semester program focusing in mesh-less methods for Navier-Stokes equations, modelling large-scale climatic fluids.
- 2005-2006 **MSc in Computational Mathematics and Modelling**  
**IMPA, Rio de Janeiro**  
Applied Mathematics, Partial and Ordinary Differential Equations, Numerical Analysis, and Fluid Dynamics.
- 1999-2004 **BSc in Mathematics, Minor in Biology**  
**Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá-Colombia**

## Professional Experience

Jun 2016 -  
Current

### Software Engineer

**Waterloo Hydrogeologic, Waterloo.** <https://www.waterloohydrogeologic.com>

Coding of the industry standard software for groundwater simulation, Visual MODFLOW Flex; code is based on large OOP architecture (180+ projects), more than 7 million lines of code, in C#, .NET, C++, F#, and Fortran.

2015 - 2016

### Research Project Manager

**University of Calgary, Calgary.**

Member of the Interactive Modelling, Visualization and Analytics (illustraRes) research group, working as a project manager of applied research for industry-wide clients.

2011-2015

### Research Scientist

**Schlumberger Research, Rio de Janeiro.**

Research on parallel deep learning algorithms for Seismic Tomography based on transdimensional Markov chain Monte Carlo - where the dimension of the space of parameters is an unknown stochastic parameter, among other projects in data science and scientific computing.

#### *Highlights:*

- Computational seismic tomography together with Schlumberger Gould Research (SGR), University of Cambridge-UK, and the University of Edinburgh-UK (research in stochastic inverse problems for imaging). [Link to tMCMC publications](#)
- Parallel computing solutions in Fortran, MPI, and Python, in Linux, for Computational Seismic Tomography, together with SGR, Cambridge-UK. [Link to tMCMCTomography CODE](#)
- Statistical study of failures and reliability engineering of deepwater wells in the Gulf of México, for Schlumberger México Operations.
- Data science methods applied to characterization of Carbonates rock samples. [Link here](#)
- Multiphase fluid dynamics research for analyzing wellbore fluid flow jointly with Schlumberger Moscow Research, Moscow-Russia.
- Operations research for optimization of portfolios, and creation of winning strategies for optimal bidding of multimillionaire contracts, for SLB VPs, Rio de Janeiro.

## Teaching

2007-2011

Teaching assistant, IMPA. Mentor for graduate applied mathematics students.

2006-2007

Teaching assistant, Math Dept., U. of Bristol-UK. Mentor for undergraduate science students.

1999-2004

Lecturer, Universidad de los Andes. Lecturer of the courses: Statistics for the Social Sciences, Linear Algebra, and Differential Calculus. Teaching assistant for several undergraduate mathematics courses.

## Awards

2005-2011

PhD and MSc Full Graduate Scholarships, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro-Brazil

2006-2007

SCAT EU Mobility Grant, Dept. of Mathematics, University of Bristol-UK

2000

Henry Yerly Scholarship, Dept. of Mathematics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá-Colombia

## Other

### Hobbies:

Running, swimming, spending time with my family, playing with my beloved daughter and son.

### Languages:

English (*fully proficient*), Spanish (*native*), Portuguese (*fully proficient*).