

# Héctor A. Inda Díaz

Physicist and ocean/atmosphere modeler. Weather and climate extreme events scientist interested in climate risk, big data analysis, and high-performance computing

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## Summary

I am a physicist, physical oceanographer, and atmospheric scientist, working as a postdoctoral scholar at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. My latest research focuses on extreme weather, climate events, and climate change through numerical models, statistics, and big data analysis. I have strong physics, mathematics, and fluid dynamics education. I am a computer science enthusiast, with strong skills and experience in C and Python, and an increasing interest and training in machine learning. I am actively transitioning into climate risk analysis, statistics modeling, and data science.

## Work Experience

### Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Berkeley, CA, USA

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR

Jun. 2022 - May. 2023

- Setup and implementation of the Regionally Refined Energy Exascale Earth System Model (RRM-E3SM).
- Grid design and implementation of RRM-E3SM with a 14 km resolution over Mexico and Southeast US.
- Porting of E3SM to BigRed200 Indiana University's supercomputer.
- Development of a Python library to analyze and plot RRM-E3SM output.

### Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory / UC Davis

Berkeley/Davis, CA, USA

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jun 2016 - Dec 2021

- Statistical analysis of evapotranspiration and heat stress analysis in the central United States under historical and future climates.
- Convective self-aggregation in convection-resolving models (Weather Research and Forecasting model).
- Reducing uncertainty in our understanding of atmospheric rivers (ARs) through use advanced statistical and data analysis techniques.
- Writing of massively parallel data analysis routines to work on large ensembles of climate models, and development of a Python library for self-aggregation data in CRM output. Development of five statistical AR size estimation method, including a 3D Lagrangian backtrajectory model in C/CUDA, with the possibility to run it from python in CPUs or GPUs.
- Analysis of TBs of historical and future climate simulations data from reanalyses and climate models (including CMIP5 and CMIP6).
- Published peer-reviewed literature. As first author: 1 published and 2 in revision. As collaborator: 3 published articles.
- Presented research results in 8 international scientific conferences (4 poster and 4 oral presentations).

## Education

### University of California Davis

Davis, CA, USA

PH.D. IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

October 2015 - April 2021

- Supervisor: **Dr. Travis A. O'Brien** (LBNL, Indiana University Bloomington).
- Data analysis of extreme weather and climate events (extreme wind/precipitation, heat waves, atmospheric rivers). Statistical and numerical analysis tools development. Numerical modeling of the atmosphere.
- Numerical model: running and development. Data analysis toolkits development.
- Use of Python, C, and CUDA for data analysis and numerical modeling; Zoom, Google Docs/Meets, Overleaf, and Slack for team collaborating; and git for version control. High-performance computing centers: DOE's NERSC (Edison and Cori).
- UC Mexus-CONACYT doctoral fellowship recipient.

### Ensenada Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education (CICESE)

Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico

M.S. IN PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY

August 2012 - April 2015

- Supervisor: **Dr. Alejandro F. Parés Sierra** (Department of Physical Oceanography (CICESE).
- Numerical Modeling of the Ocean. Data analysis of Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS).
- Lagrangian Characteristics and Connectivity In the Mexican Pacific Ocean.
- Fortran for ocean modeling. Fortran, Ferret, and Matlab for data analysis.
- CONACYT *Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad* Master Fellowship Recipient.

### National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

Mexico City, Mexico

B.S. IN PHYSICS

August 2006 - July 2012

- Dissertation: Discordant alternans in a ischemic cardiac tissue. Laboratory for Biophysics and Excitable Systems.

## Skills

<b>Programming</b>	Python, C, C++, Fortran, Matlab, Ferret, CUDA, Numerical Methods, Parallel and High-performance computing, Pytorch
<b>Operating Systems</b>	Linux, Mac OS, Windows.
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish (native), English (fluent speaking, writing, and reading), Russian (basic).
<b>Collaborating</b>	Overleaf, GitHub, Bitbucket, Slack, Zoom.
<b>Research</b>	Scientific writing, presentation, and communication, information synthesis, data analysis, statistics, numerical modeling, literature review, problem solving, team collaboration.