

# Jaime A Castro-Mondragon

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I am a computational biologist with 11 years of experience in research, sequence analysis, methods development, and data visualisation. I have worked in both the academic and private sector. My main expertise is the development of algorithms to analyze multivariate data and apply these methods in a wider range of biomedical fields such as vaccine design or gene expression.

## Working Experience \_\_\_\_\_

#### Akershus Universitetssykehus (Ahus)

Oslo, Norway 2025 - Present

BIOINFORMATICIAN

- · Development, and maintenance of bioinformatic workflows (prediction of single nucleotide variants, structural variants, copy number alterations and gene fusions).
- · Development of reports to be shared with molecular biologist, pathologists and oncologists with the summary of the mutational status of cancer samples.

**Nykode Therapeutics AS** Oslo, Norway

BIOINFORMATICIAN (SCIENTIST II)

2022 - 2025

- Design and analysis of RNA-seq experiments to detect statistically significant changes in gene expression in human and mouse cells transfected with a vaccine candidate.
- · Development, establishment, and maintenance of bioinformatic analysis pipelines (prediction of MHC-binding peptides, protease cleavage sites, RNA secondary structure).
- Train ML models to highlight protein features explaining experimental observations.
- Computational design of vaccine candidates (protein sequences) in 5 projects.
- Design of a NoSQL (JSON) protein sequence database.

**University of Oslo** Oslo, Norway

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

2017 - 2022

- · Co-lead the JASPAR database team ( 20 people) in the 2020 and 2022 releases (data QC, manual curation of results, development of motif analysis pipeline (R/python/Snakemake) and added motif clusters to the website).
- Development of a multi-omics (WES, WGS, RNA-seq, sRNA-seq, CNAs) integration method (written in R/Snakemake) to calculate the likely association of single-nucleotide variants with changes in gene expression in gene regulatory networks.
- +30 verified peer-reviews for scientific journals.
- · Mentoring of 2 PhD and 3 master students.
- Supervisor: Anthony Matelier.

### **Toolkit**

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Python	Proficient	Programming language
R	Proficient	
Perl	Proficient	
Bash	Intermediate	
HTML / CSS	Intermediate	
D3	Intermediate	
SQL	Beginner	Databases
Snakemake	Proficient	Pipeline Development
GNU make	Intermediate	
nextflow	Beginner	
Docker	Intermediate	Containerization
Git	Proficient	Version Control
aws S3	Beginner	Cloud
CI/CD	Beginner	Automation

Category

**Technical Skills**: clustering, dimensionality reduction, exploratory data analysis (EDA), data wrangling, multivariate analysis, statistical tests, Markov chains, ML (Random Forest, Linear Regression, Logistic Regression), Deep Learning (neural networks), Data Curation, ROC and Precision-Recall curves, pattern discovery, pattern matching.

Tools: jupyter notebooks, Rstudio, emacs, VS code, google docs, Linux (Ubuntu).

## **Education**

Aix-Marseille Universite

Marseille, France

PHD IN BIOINFORMATICS

- Development of a computational methods to cluster transcription factor motifs.
- · Development of a computational methods to detect enrichment of sequences.
- Design and implementation of software to create negative controls in DNA sequences.
- Supervisor: PhD Jacques van Helden.
- 6 publication derived from this thesis.

#### Institute de biology de l'Ecole Normale Superieure

Paris, France

2013 - 2014

2014 - 2017

MASTER IN SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

- Development of a method to cluster transcription factor binding motifs.
- Supervisor: PhD Jacques van Helden.

#### Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

Cuernavaca, Mexico

2009 - 2013

BACHELOR IN GENOMIC SCIENCES

- Detection of transcription factor binding motifs for uncharacterized transcritpion factors using sequence homology.
- Supervisors: PhD Julio Collado-Vides and PhD Alejandra Medina-Rivera.

## **Publications**\_

Co-author of 23 peer-reviewed publications (6 as first author).

See the complete list of publications (including preprints) and citations in my google scholar profile: pcevKkOAAAA

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## Personalia.

#### **Date of birth**

13/02/90

#### Citizenship

MEXICAN

#### Languages

Spanish (native speaker), English (fluent), French (fluent), Norwegian (intermediate, A2 level)