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EDUCATION

PhD. in Astrophysics University of Edinburgh

2011-2017

Thesis title: A broad-band study of the emission-line properties of galaxies.

- I explored a structured dataset of multi-wavelength photometry to discover patterns in multi-dimensional data by applying dimensional reduction techniques and supervised learning with spectroscopic samples.
- In my PhD project I learned to manage my time and to work independently, while integrating constructive feedback in the process.

MSc. in Astronomy Utrecht University

2009-2011

Thesis title: Radiative transfer of Fibrils on the Solar Chromosphere

• In this MSc. I was introduced to high-performance computing in a cluster and parallel programming of ray-tracing 3D radiative transfer to understand the causes of space weather.

BSc. in Physics University of Lisbon

2006-2009

Thesis title: Modelling the tidal heating of Jupiter's moon Io

• This degree constitutes a solid basis to understand simple and complex systems from a conceptual and practical point of view; this as well as the mathematical and computational tools necessary to model and analyse them.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Tutor University of Edinburgh, Part-time

2011-2017

- I have tutored courses across a broad range of disciplines, from Dynamics and Relativity to Computer Modelling in Python.
- This experience enables me to communicate complex ideas clearly and adequately transmit them to people from a variety of backgrounds.
- Working in a team of tutors, I have learned how to share a workload and delegate responsibilities

SKILLS

Software Python, emacs, GNU/Linux, Git, IATEX, Beamer, BASH, IDL, MPI,

FORTRAN, C/C++, Haskell, R, SQL, HTML+CSS, JavaScript,

Office/Libreoffice Suite, GIMP, Blender, OpenShot

Techniques Principal component analysis, Exploratory data analysis

Nonparametric statistics, Machine Learning, semi-analytic models

Interests Physical Computing with Arduino and Raspberry Pi,

Blockchain analysis and trading, web crawlers and IRC/reddit bots,

free software, complex systems, Bioinformatics

Languages Portuguese, English, Spanish, French, German and Dutch

References available upon request.