

# Luis Vela Vela PhD

Sr. AI Scientist and Computational Physicist with proven experience in AI/HPC solution architectures, client engagement, and implementing AI/ML solutions in production environments. Passionate about connecting technical complexity with business value, with a track record of managing client relationships throughout implementation and deployment cycles.



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## CORE COMPETENCIES

### Client-Facing Skills

- Technical Sales & Pre-sales ●●●●●
- Client Relationship Mngmt ●●●●●
- Stakeholder Mngmt ●●●●●
- Solution Architecture ●●●●●

### Programming & Development

- Python ●●●●●
- FORTRAN ●●●●●
- Bash ●●●●●

### AI/ML & Cloud Technologies

- ML/DL Frameworks ●●●●●  
(TensorFlow, PyTorch)
- AI-Weather Models ●●●●●  
(Aurora, AIFS, FourCastNet)
- Cloud Platforms ●●●●●  
(AWS-cli)
- DataScience Stack ●●●●●  
(NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn)
- Distributed Computing ●●●●●  
(CuPy, CuDF, CuML, Dask)
- HPC & Optimization ●●●●●  
(JAX, Numba, RAPIDS)

### Development & Integration

- CI/CD ●●●●●  
(Git, GitHub, GitLab)
- DevOps Tools ●●●●●  
(Conda, Docker)

### Languages

- Spanish, English ●●●●●
- French, Serbian ●●●●●
- Czech ●●●●●

## KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ▶ Customer success focused
- ▶ Technical discovery expertise
- ▶ Cross-functional collaboration
- ▶ Business value orientation

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 📅 Nov22' - Present
- Spire Global, Luxembourg

### Sr. AI Weather Scientist

Led cross-functional team developing ML infrastructure for weather forecasting. Presented technical solutions to stakeholders ensuring successful project delivery.

- 📅 Feb21' - Nov22'
- LuxProvide, Luxembourg

### Sr. Solutions Engineer

Conducted technical discovery calls and designed custom HPC/AI solutions during sales cycles. Managed client relationships from assessment through deployment.

- 📅 Oct19' - Jan21'
- Amazon, Luxembourg

### Research Scientist

Applied advanced ML/statistics to provide actionable insights with direct business impact.

## CLIENT ENGAGEMENT & BUSINESS IMPACT

- 🏆 Managed client relationships from discovery to solution and deployment
- 🏆 Led pre-sales presentations leading to HPC solutions
- 🏆 Architected production ready infrastructure for AI weather forecasting
- 🏆 Deployed two AI-based products with measurable business impact

## EDUCATION

- 📅 Sep13'- Feb19'
- UC3M, Madrid | UGent, Ghent

### PhD. in Computational Physics

Specialized in computational methods and their application to complex physical systems. Developed advanced algorithms for high-performance computing environments.

- 📅 Sep11'- Jul13'
- UC3M, Madrid | UGent, Ghent

### MSc. in Plasma Physics

Statistical analysis and modeling of complex dynamic systems.

- 📅 Sep07'- Jul10'
- Charles University, Prague

### BSc. in Physics

Foundation in computational physics and simulation methods.

## ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

- 🏆 Outstanding Colombian Abroad | Award by the Colombian Government
- 🏆 Summa-Cum-Laude | PhD Thesis dissertation
- 🏆 Greatest Distinction | 2013 Erasmus Mundus Master
- 🏆 UNESCO Fellowship | Bachelor Studies Scholarship

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 📄 Magneto-hydrodynamical nonlinear simulations of magnetically confined plasmas using smooth particle hydrodynamics (SPH)
- 📄 A positioning algorithm for SPH in smoothly curved geometries
- 📄 ALARIC: An algorithm for constructing arbitrarily complex initial density distributions with low particle noise for SPH/SPMHD applications