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EDUCATION

- Doctor in Engineering Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, December 2000.
- Master in Engineering Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, August 1995.
- Civil Engineering, Major in Electrical Engineering, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, August 1995.
- Bachelor in Engineering Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, March 1993.

POSITIONS

2018 - Date	Full Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Chile.
2019 - Date	Founding Member, Sub-directorate of Indigenous People, Faculty of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, University of Chile.
2010 - 2018	Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Chile.
2003 - 2010	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Chile.
1997 - Date	Faculty Member, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Chile.

JOURNAL ASSOCIATE EDITOR

2022- Date	Associate Editor <i>IEEE Electrification Magazine</i>
2020- 2022	Associate Editor <i>IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid</i>
2017 - 2020	Associate Editor <i>IEEE Control Systems Magazine</i>
2011 - 2019	Associate Editor <i>IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems</i>
2012-2013	Associate Editor <i>Soft Computing</i>

AWARDS

2025	Top 10 in World's Best Electronics and Electrical Engineering Scientists: H-Index Electronics and Electrical Engineering Science Ranking in Chile 2025 Research.com and Top 20 in the topic ranking EMS Top Scholars by Expertise ScholarGPS
2022	In the ranking stanford's list world top 2% scientists, November 2022.
2018	Outstanding Woman in Energy, Ministry of Energy, March 2018.
2018	Recognition of 10 outstanding UC female engineers, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, November 2018.
2009	MGA-IEEE Achievement Award. For increasing member engagement by implementing and developing an IEEE National Distinguished Lecturer Program in Chile, November 2009.

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2011 - 2013	Chair of Chilean Chapter IEEE Computational Intelligence Society.
2009 - 2010	Vice-Chair of IEEE Chile Section.
2007 - 2008	Chair of IEEE Chile Section.
2008	Member of Ad Hoc Committee on IEEE as a Model Global Association.
2005 - Date	Senior Member IEEE.

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- [2] C. Ahumada, L. Tarisciotti, D. Sepúlveda and **D. Sáez**, "Torsional Vibrations Reduction in More Electric Ships Propellers Using Model Predictive Control," in IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, 2024, doi: 10.1109/TIA.2024.3471974.
- [3] O. Cartagena, F. Trovò, and **D. Sáez**, "A multivariate approach for fuzzy prediction interval design and its application for a climatization system forecasting," Expert Systems with Applications, vol. 255. Elsevier BV, p. 124715, Dec. 2024. doi: 10.1016/j.eswa.2024.124715.
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11. Co-Investigator, **FONDEQUIP** Project EQM160122 “Equipment for the Emulation and Testing of Energy Storage Systems”, 2016-2017.
12. Co-Investigator, **International Cooperation** Project REDES150083 “Control Strategies and Hardware Topologies for the Operation of Energy Storage System in Microgrids”, Academic link AC3E UTFSM-U. of Waterloo, 2016-2017.
13. Principal Investigator, **FONDEF** Project 14I10063 “Design and Implementation of an Experimental Prototype of Microgrid for Mapuche Communities”, 2015-2018.
14. Director, Project from **Ministry of Energy**, Chile “Solar-Wind Energy Supply ‘Nehuen Kurruf Ka Antu’ for Community meeting place José Painecura”, 2015-2016.
15. Sub-director, **FONDEF** Project VIU14E075 “Development of a Real-time Estimator for the Energy Available of Battery Banks in Volcanic Monitoring Stations”, 2015-2016.
16. Principal Investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 1140775 “Design of Robust Predictive Control Strategies for the Operation of Microgrids with High Penetration of Renewable Energy”, 2014-2016.
17. Principal Investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 1110047 “Hybrid Fuzzy Predictive Control for Renewable Energy Plants”, 2011-2013.

18. Co-investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 1100239 “Advanced Modelling and Optimization of Dynamic Transport Systems”, 2010-2013.
19. Principal Investigator, **FONDEQUIP** Project EQM130058 “Microgrid Emulator for Design and Validation of Novel Control Strategies”, 2013-2014.
20. Co-Investigator, **FONDEQUIP** Project EQM120111 “Equipment for Research in Hybrid Generation Systems”, 2013.
21. Principal Investigator, **International Cooperation** Project REDES130053 “Control Strategies for Micro-grids with High Penetration of Renewable Energy”, U. Nottingham- Centre of Energy, U. Chile, 2013-2014.
22. Co-Investigator, **International Cooperation** Project REDES130029 “Control and Management of Energy Storage Systems for Traction and Distributed Generation”, U. Waterloo – Centre of Energy, U. Chile, 2013-2014.
23. Principal Investigator, **International Cooperation** Project REDENERG-0003 “Sustainability for Intelligent Micro-grids”, U. Waterloo – Centre of Energy, U. Chile, 2012-2013.
24. Co-Investigator, **International Cooperation** Project REDENERG-0002 “Efficient applications of Lithium batteries to traction, renewable energies and energy storage”, U. Nottingham– Centre of Energy, U. Chile, 2012-2013.
25. Associate Investigator, **FONDAP** Solar Energy Research Center, 2013-2023.
26. Young Researcher, Complex Engineering Systems Institute, **Millennium Science Initiative** ICM: P-05-004-F, **CONICYT**: FBO16, 2011-date.
27. Associate Investigator, Anillo-Bicentenario Project ACT32. **CONICYT** “Intelligent Real-Time Control for Integrated Transit Systems”. 2006-2010.
28. Principal Investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 1061156 “Design of Predictive Control Strategies Based on Fuzzy Hybrid Modeling”, 2006-2008.
29. Principal Investigator, **International Cooperation FONDECYT** Project 7070293 “Design of Predictive Control Strategies Based on Fuzzy Hybrid Modeling”, 2006.
30. Principal Investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 1040698 “Hybrid Predictive Control Systems with Continuous and Discrete Variables”, 2004 -2006.
31. Principal Investigator, **International Cooperation FONDECYT** Project 7040146 “Hybrid Predictive Control Systems with Continuous and Discrete Variables”. 2005.
32. Investigator. **EPSRC Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council** Project “Towards Multiple-model Based Learning Control Paradigms for Complex Systems”, 2003 – 2004.
33. Principal Investigator, DI N°I2-03/14-2 Project, **University of Chile**, “Design of Supervisory Control Strategies for Non-linear Multivariate Systems and their Application to Thermal Power Plants”. 2004 – 2006.
34. Principal Investigator, FCFM Project, **University of Chile** “Design of Optimal Supervisory Control Strategies for Multivariate Nonlinear Systems”, 2003.
35. Principal Investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 4000026 “Stability of Optimized Supervisory Control Systems considering a Fixed Regulatory Level”. 2000-2002.
36. Principal Investigator, **FONDECYT** Project 2980029 “Design of Predictive Control Strategies based on Nonlinear Models and their Application to the Control of Thermal Power Plants”, 1998 – 2000.

STUDENTS

- **PhD. THESIS ADVISOR**

- 13 graduate students

1. Luis Jiménez, “Energy Management System with Demand Side Management based on Robust Model Predictive Control Strategies for Seaport Microgrids”. Double degree Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile – U. Manchester. (2025 - Date)
2. Karina Montaluisa, *Research title under development*. Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile (2025 - Date)
3. Álvaro Endo, “User Information Capture for Control Design/Decision-Making: Preliminary Proposal”. Double degree Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile – U. Nottingham (2024 - Date)
4. Javier Ocaranza, “Improving sustainability by studying water availability, quality, and pumping coordination in energy-water management systems”. Double degree Ph.D Programme in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile – U. Nottingham (2023 - Date)
5. Oscar Cartagena, “Design of Evolving Fuzzy Prediction Intervals”. Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2024.
6. Alex Navas, “Predictive Control Strategies for EMS & DSM of Microgrids” Double degree Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile – U. Nottingham. Graduated 2022.
7. Jacqueline Llanos, “Design of Control Strategies for Microgrids including Congestion”, Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2020.
8. Juan Sebastián Gómez, “Distributed Predictive Secondary Control Strategies for Microgrids”, Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2020.
9. Claudio Burgos, “Control Strategies for Improving Power Quality and Stability Evaluation in Microgrids” Double degree Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile – U. Nottingham. Graduated 2019.
10. Luis Marín, “Hierarchical Energy Management System Based on Fuzzy Prediction Intervals for Operation and Coordination of Microgrids”, Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2018.
11. Carolina Ponce, “Design of Fuzzy Predictive Control Strategies for Combined Cycle Power Plants with Integrated Solar Collectors”, Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2014.
12. Freddy Milla, “Design of Non-linear Predictive Control Strategies for the Operation of Dynamic Public Transport Systems”, Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2012.
13. Alfredo Núñez, “Design of Hybrid Predictive Control Strategies for Optimization of Operational Processes in Dynamic Transport Systems”, Ph. D in Electrical Engineering, U. Chile. Graduated 2009.

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- 33 graduate students (2024: 4, 2023: 2, 2022: 3, 2021: 2, 2020: 1, 2019: 1, 2017: 2, 2016: 4, 2013: 3, 2012: 2, 2011: 2, 2010: 2, 2009: 1, 2007: 3, 2005: 1).

- **UNDERGRADUATE FINAL PROJECT ADVISOR**
 - 37 undergraduate (2023: 2, 2022: 1, 2019: 1, 2018: 1, 2017: 2, 2016: 5, 2015: 2, 2013: 5, 2012: 1, 2011: 2, 2010: 2, 2009: 1, 2007: 4, 2006: 2, 2005: 2, 2004: 3, 2003: 1).

TEACHING

Below is the list of courses that I have taught since 2001:

- EL4004 Principles of System Control (undergraduate course).
 - EL4105 Advanced Control of Systems (undergraduate course).
 - EL5205 Advanced Control Laboratory (undergraduate course).
 - EL7012 Intelligent Control (graduate course).
 - EL7025 Intelligent Control for Transport Dynamic Systems (graduate course).
 - EL7027 Seminar on Automatic Control (graduate course).
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