

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Work experience

- Jan 2023 – present: Assistant Professor – King Juan Carlos University. Madrid, Spain.
 - Conducting research in Neuroscience and soliton formation.
 - First year physics lecturer in Spanish and English degrees.
 - Member of the Commission of Educative Innovation, Promotion and Strategics at the Superior School of Experimental Sciences and Technology.
 - Member of the Theoretical Teaching Innovation group at the Department of Geology, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry.
- Jun 2022 – Jan 2023: Laboratory Manager – University of Tarapacá. Arica, Chile.
 - Carried out software and hardware maintenance and management duties in the laboratory.
 - Edited and translated grant applications and articles to be published by the laboratory.
 - Worked in the parallel computing-based numerical study of a nonlinear dynamical model accounting for the magnetization of magnetic wires.
- Jul 2019 – Feb 2022: Postdoctoral Researcher – University of the Balearic Islands, Palma, Spain.
 - Project funded under H2020-EU.1.2.1 programme. Grant agreement ID: 828841.
 - Proposed and applied algorithms to model spiking neural networks and to analyze and visualize relevant data sets, as part of a European Union-funded project, aiming at the development of optoelectronic neuromorphic hardware.
 - Designed graphical user interfaces for the project website.
 - Worked in a theoretical model based on stochastic differential equations to describe the dynamics of a nano RTD-based circuit, as part of a collaboration between the Schools of Physics and Mathematics at the University. Tools applied include curve parametrization, branch continuation and numerical simulations.
- Jan 2018 – Feb 2019: Data Scientist – Fulcrum3D, Sydney, Australia.
 - Worked in the IEC international certification of the Fulcrum3D SODAR device. Techniques applied include linear, polynomial, power law and cyclic variable data interpolation and regression, data binning and data visualization.
 - Worked in a correction algorithm using Linear Algebra techniques to amend wind velocity data processed by a malfunctioning SODAR acoustic beam array.
 - Analyzed and studied flawed or suspicious SODAR filtering data from several sites.
- Mar 2013 – Dec 2017: Research assistant – UNSW, Sydney, Australia
 - Proposed a theoretical model based on stochastic differential equations to study the dynamics of optically trapped nanowires.
 - Analyzed data from an experiment involving optically trapped nanowires using statistical analysis and spectral techniques.
 - Proposed a theoretical model based on continuous time random walks to describe the dynamics of micro and nanoparticles in subdiffusive media.
- Feb 2012 – Jan 2013: Casual research assistant – University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.
 - Designed and mounted an experiment to study the dynamics of mechanically vibrated glass beads.
 - Took sequential images of the above experiment using high resolution cameras and analyzed them applying image filtering, object boundary detection and Hilbert transform-based techniques.
- Mar 2008 – Nov 2010: Casual research assistant – University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.
 - Designed and mounted an experiment to study the dynamics of fluidized bronze beads.

- Took sequential images of the above experiment using high resolution cameras and analyzed them applying image filtering, object boundary detection and fast Fourier transform-based techniques.
- Proposed a theoretical model based on stochastic nonlinear differential equations to describe the above experiment.

Education

- PhD in Mathematics – UNSW, Sydney, Australia, 2013–2017.
 - Thesis title: “Stochastic Models for optically trapped nanowires”.
- MSc in Physics – University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, 2008–2010.
 - Thesis title: “Subharmonic pattern formation in a fluidized shallow granular layer via a periodic air flow”.
 - Graduated with Maximum Distinction, the highest honour given by the University of Chile.
- BSc in Physics – University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, 2003–2007.
 - Graduated with Distinction.
 - Ranked 3rd out of 547 graduated students from the School of Engineering and Sciences.

Awards and Support

- “Exploring the dynamics of nonlinear complex systems” (Spanish Government State Research Agency, 2024)
- “Acquisition of new computers, RAM cards, GPUs and internal and external storage hard drives” (King Juan Carlos University, 2023).
- Horizon 2020 European Commission 1.2.1. FET Open funding programme (renewal).
- UNSW Postgraduate Research Support Scheme for attendance to the 2017 MISG workshop.
- Becas Chile Scholarship, Government of Chile (2016).
- AustMS Student Support Scheme for attendance to the 2015 AustMS conference.
- CSIRO-ANZIAM Student Support Scheme for attendance to the 2014 ANZIAM conference.
- University International Postgraduate Award, UNSW, Sydney, Australia (2013).
- PhD Top Up Award, UNSW School of Mathematics and Statistics, Sydney, Australia (2013).
- Department of Physics Postgraduate Scholarship. University of Chile, Santiago, Chile (2009).

Key Skills and experience

- Highly proficient in Python, including NumPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, Multiprocessing, Ray and Numba.
- Highly proficient in MATLAB, including DDE-BifTool, GUIDE and App Designer.
- Highly proficient in parallel computing.
- Proficient in Ubuntu.
- Proficient in Mathematica, LaTeX and Lyx.
- Designed, mounted and carried out experiments relevant to Nonlinear Dynamics.
- Skilled in theoretical modelling of complex systems.
- Skilled in complex analysis of large data sets.
- Ample experience in Engineering and Science undergraduate coursework teaching.

Teaching experience

- 2023–present: Assistant Professor, King Juan Carlos University. Madrid, Spain.
 - Fall 2026–27: 1st Year Physics (Biomedical Engineering, English coursework).
 - Fall 2026–27: 1st Year Physics (Engineering of the Energy).
 - Fall 2025–26: 1st Year Physics (Biomedical Engineering, English coursework).
 - Fall 2025–26: 1st Year Physics (Engineering of the Energy).
 - Spring 2024–25: 1st Year Physics (Biomedical Engineering, English coursework).
 - Fall 2024–25: 1st Year Physics (Engineering of the Energy).
 - Spring 2023–24: 1st Year Physics (Biomedical Engineering, English coursework).
 - Fall 2023–24: 1st Year Physics (Engineering of the Energy).
 - Spring 2022–23: 1st Year Physics (Biomedical Engineering, English coursework).
- 2015–2017: Casual tutor, UNSW, Sydney, Australia.
 - Spring 2017: Mathematics 1B (Algebra and Calculus).
 - Fall 2017: Mathematics 1A (Algebra and Calculus).
 - Spring 2016: Mathematics 1B (Algebra).
 - Fall 2016: Mathematics 1A (Algebra).
 - Spring 2015: Mathematics 1A (Calculus).

- Fall 2015: Mathematics 1A (Algebra).
- 2016: Student Support Scheme tutor, UNSW, Sydney, Australia.
- 2013–2016: Maple Lab consultant, UNSW, Sydney, Australia.
- 2011–2012: Lecturer, Central University, Santiago, La Serena, Chile.
 - Summer 2012: Complements of Physics and Chemistry for 1st year Engineering students.
 - Fall 2011: Complements of Physics and Chemistry for 1st year Engineering students.
- 2011: Teaching assistant. Adolfo Ibáñez University, Santiago, Chile.
 - Spring 2011: Modern Physics.
 - Fall 2011: Differential Equations.
- Fall 2009: Teaching assistant, University of The Andes, Santiago, Chile.
 - Fall 2009: Electromagnetism.
- 2005–2010: Teaching assistant, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.
 - Spring 2010: Mechanics.
 - Fall 2010: Electromagnetism.
 - Spring 2009: Thermodynamics.
 - Fall 2009: Electromagnetism.
 - Spring 2008: Contemporary Physics.
 - Fall 2008: Contemporary Physics.
 - Spring 2007: Dynamical Systems.
 - Fall 2007: Electromagnetism.
 - Spring 2006: Multivariable Calculus.
 - Fall 2006: Multivariable Calculus.
 - Spring 2005: Dynamical Systems.

Publications

- I. Ortega Piwonka, J. Used, J. M. Seoane, M. A. F. Sanjuán. Communications in Nonlinear Science and Numerical Simulation **163**, 110839 (2026). DOI: [10.1016/j.cnsns.2026.110839](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cnsns.2026.110839)
- I. Ortega Piwonka, J. Used, J. M. Seoane, M. A. F. Sanjuán. Physical Review E **111**(4), 044217 (2025). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevE.111.044217](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.111.044217)
- C. J. Castro, I. Ortega Piwonka, B. A. Malomed, D. Urzagasti, L. Pedraja-Rejas, P. Díaz, D. Laroze. Symmetry **16**(12), 1565 (2024). DOI: [10.3390/sym16121565](https://doi.org/10.3390/sym16121565)
- L. Pedraja-Rejas, M. A. Garrido-Tamayo, I. Ortega Piwonka, E. Rodríguez-Ponce, D. Laroze. Scientometrics **129**(7), 4189–4230 (2024). DOI: [10.1007/s11192-024-05035-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-024-05035-x)
- B. Romeira, R. Adão, J. Nieder, Q. Al-taai, W. Zhang, R. Hadfield, E. Wasige, M. Hejda, A. Hurtado, E. Malysheva, V. Calzadilla, J. Lourenço, Da. Castro Alves, J. Figueiredo, I. Ortega Piwonka, J. Javaloyes, S. Edwards, J. I. Davies, F. Horst, B. Offrein. Neuromorphic Computing and Engineering **3**(3), 033001 (2023). DOI: [10.1088/2634-4386/acdf17](https://doi.org/10.1088/2634-4386/acdf17)
- M. Hejda, E. Malysheva, D. Owen-Newns, Q. Raghib A. Al-Taai, W. Zhang, I. Ortega Piwonka, J. Javaloyes, E. Wasige, V. Dolores-Calzadilla, J. Figueiredo, B. Romeira, A. Hurtado. Nanophotonics **12**(5), 857–867 (2023). DOI: [10.1515/nanoph-2022-0362](https://doi.org/10.1515/nanoph-2022-0362)
- I. Ortega Piwonka, M. Hejda, J. A. Alanis, J. Lourenço, A. Hurtado, J. Figueiredo, B. Romeira, J. Javaloyes. Optical Materials Express **12**(7), 2679–2696, Feature Issue (2022). DOI: [10.1364/OME.451706](https://doi.org/10.1364/OME.451706)
- M. Hejda, J. A. Alanis, I. Ortega Piwonka, J. Lourenço, J. Figueiredo, J. Javaloyes, B. Romeira, A. Hurtado. Physical Review Applied **17**(2), 024072 (2022). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevApplied.17.024072](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevApplied.17.024072)
- I. Ortega Piwonka, A. Teruel, R. Prohens, C. Vich, J. Javaloyes. Chaos **31**(11), 113128 (2021). DOI: [10.1063/5.0062686](https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0062686)
- B. Romeira, J. B. Nieder, B. Jacob, R. M. R. Adão, F. Camarheiro, J. A. Alanis, M. Hejda, A. Hurtado, J. Lourenço, D. Castro Alves, J. M. L. Figueiredo, I. Ortega Piwonka, J. Javaloyes. Proc. Of SPIE vol. 11804 (2021). DOI: [10.1117/12.2591852](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2591852)
- I. Ortega Piwonka, O. Piro, J. Figueiredo, B. Romeira, J. Javaloyes. Physical Review Applied **15**(3), 034017 (2021). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevApplied.15.034017](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevApplied.15.034017)
- I. Ortega Piwonka, C. N. Angstmann, B. I. Henry, P. J. Reece. Chaos **28**(4), 043101 (2018). DOI: [10.1063/1.5018443](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5018443)
- C. N. Angstmann, B. I. Henry, I. Ortega Piwonka. Computers & Mathematics with Applications **73**(6): 1315–1324 (2017). DOI: [10.1016/j.camwa.2016.11.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.camwa.2016.11.015)
- W. J. Toe, I. Ortega Piwonka, C. N. Angstmann, Q. Gao, H. H. Tan, C. Jagadish, B. I. Henry, P. J. Reece. Physical Review E **93**(2), 022137 (2016). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevE.93.022137](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.93.022137)
- W. J. Toe, I. Ortega Piwonka, A. Andrés-Arroyo, Q. Gao, H. H. Tan, C. Jagadish, B. I. Henry, C. N. Angstmann, P. J. Reece. Proc. Of SPIE vol. 9164 (2014). DOI: [10.1117/12.2062673](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2062673)
- M. G. Clerc, C. Falcón, M. A. García Nústes, V. Odent, I. Ortega Piwonka. Chaos **24**(2), 023133 (2014). DOI: [10.1063/1.4883650](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4883650)

- J. Garay, I. Ortega Piwonka, M. G. Clerc, C. Falcón. Physical Review E **85**(3), 035201(R) (2012). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevE.85.035201](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.85.035201)
- I. Ortega Piwonka, M. G. Clerc, C. Falcón, N. Mujica. Physical Review E **81**(4), 046208 (2010). DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevE.81.046208](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.81.046208)

Conferences and seminars

- Talk at the 5th International Nonlinear Dynamics Conference (NODYCON). Rome, Italy (2026).
- Talk at the 2nd Symposium of novel researchers in complexity (SINC II). Móstoles, Spain (2026).
- Seminar at the King Juan Carlos University Applied Physics Area. Móstoles, Spain (2026).
- Online talk at the 2nd Days of Applied Nonlinearity and Complexity (DANOC) online conference (2026).
- Talk at the XLV Dynamics Days Europe Conference. Thessaloniki, Greece (2025).
- Invited talk at the II Mini Workshop on Computational Physics and Related Topics. University of Tarapacá. Arica, Chile (2024).
- Invited online talk at the 2024 Global Conference in Optics, Photonics and Lasers. Berlin, Germany (2024).
- Invited talk at the 4th International Conference on Materials Science & Nanotechnology. Valencia, Spain (2023).
- Invited talk at the I Mini Workshop on Computational Physics. University of Tarapacá. Arica, Chile (2022).
- Online talk at the XVIII International Workshop on Instabilities and Nonequilibrium Structures. Valparaíso, Chile (2021).
- Online talk at the ChipAI Project 30M consortium meeting (2021).
- Online talk at the 2021 Dynamics Days Europe – XLI Conference. Nice, France.
- 2 Online poster presentations at the 2021 CLEO Europe conference.
- Online seminar at the Laboratory of Matter out of Equilibrium. University of Chile. Santiago, Chile (2021).
- Online seminar at the UIB Applied Mathematics Group. Palma, Spain (2021).
- Online seminar at the Institute of Applied Computing and Community Code (IAC3). Palma, Spain (2021).
- Online seminar at the Millennium Institute for Research in Optics. Concepción, Chile (2021).
- Online seminar at the Laboratory of Matter out of Equilibrium. University of Chile. Santiago, Chile (2021).
- Online talk at the ChipAI Project 18M consortium meeting (2020).
- Online talk at the ChipAI Project First Year Review Meeting (2020).
- Talk at the XVII International Workshop on Instabilities and Nonequilibrium Structures. Curauma, Chile (2019).
- Invited talk at the 2019 Nonlinear Maps and their Applications (NOMA) Congress. Palma, Spain.
- Poster presentation at the V Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Brain-Inspired Information Processing. Konstanz, Germany (2019).
- Talk at the V Meeting of Emergent Researchers. Antofagasta, Chile (2018).
- Seminar at the Institute of Physics. Catholic University of Valparaíso. Curauma, Chile (2018).
- Talk at the XX Conference on Nonequilibrium Statistical Mechanics and Nonlinear Physics (Medyfinol). Santiago, Chile (2018).
- Seminar at the University of the Andes. Santiago, Chile (2018).
- Seminar at the University of Santiago. Santiago, Chile (2018).
- Talk in the XVI International Workshop on Instabilities and Nonequilibrium Structures. Valparaíso, Chile (2017).
- Worked in a DST Group research project at the 2017 Mathematics in Industry Study Group (MISG) Workshop. Adelaide, Australia.
- Talk at the 53rd Australia and New Zealand Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM) Conference. Adelaide, Australia (2017).
- Talk at the 52nd Australia and New Zealand Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM) Conference. Canberra, Australia (2016).
- Talk at the XV International Workshop on Instabilities and Nonequilibrium Structures. Valparaíso, Chile (2015).
- Talk at the 3rd Chilean Graduate Student Conference. Melbourne, Australia (2015).
- Talk at the 59th Australian Mathematical Society (AustMS) Conference. Adelaide, Australia (2015).
- Talk at the UNSW 2015 School Postgraduate Conference. Sydney, Australia.
- Talk at the UNSW 2014 School Postgraduate Conference. Sydney, Australia.
- Talk at the 50th Australia and New Zealand Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM) Conference. Rotorua, New Zealand (2014).
- Poster presentation at the XVII Conference on Nonequilibrium Statistical Mechanics and Nonlinear Physics (Medyfinol). Santiago, Chile (2012).
- Talk at the XVIII Symposium of the Chilean society of Physics (SOCHIFI). La Serena, Chile (2012).
- Talk at the XVII Symposium of the Chilean society of Physics (SOCHIFI). Pucón, Chile (2010).
- Seminar at the Laboratory of Matter out of Equilibrium. University of Chile. Santiago, Chile (2009).
- Poster presentation and talk at the XII International Workshop on Instabilities and Nonequilibrium Structures. Viña Del Mar, Chile (2009).
- Poster at the 2009 Southern Workshop on Granular Materials. Viña Del Mar, Chile.

Membership

- King Juan Carlos University Nonlinear Dynamics Group (miguel.sanjuan@urjc.es) (2023 – present)
- University of the Balearic Islands Nonlinear Waves Group (<https://onl.uib.eu/>) (2019 – 2022)
- Australian Mathematical Society (AustMS) (www.austms.org.au) (2014 – 2024)
- Australia and New Zealand Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM) (www.anziam.org.au) (2024 – 2024)
- Nonlinear Physics group, Chile (marcelclerc@gmail.com) (2008 – present)
- Sydney Dynamics Group (www.maths.usyd.edu.au/SDG) (2013 – 2017)

Referees

- Prof. Miguel Ángel Fernández Sanjuán, PhD. King Juan Carlos University (miguel.sanjuan@urjc.es)
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- Prof. Rafel Prohens, PhD. University of the Balearic Islands (rafel.prohens@uib.es)
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- Prof. Inés Pérez Mariño, PhD. King Juan Carlos University (ines.perez@urjc.es)
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- Dr. Catheryn Gray, PhD. University of New South Wales (catheryn.gray@unsw.edu.au).
- Prof. Marcel Clerc, PhD. University of Chile (marcelclerc@gmail.com)
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