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## Curriculum Vitae

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#### Education

- 2021** PhD in Thermal Engineering [Excellent, Cum Laude, UPC special doctoral award]  
*Computational modeling of adsorption packed bed reactors and solar-driven adsorption cooling systems*  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya – BarcelonaTech (UPC)**, Barcelona, Spain
- 2013** Master in Environomical Pathways for Sustainable Energy Systems [2 years, 120 ECTS]  
Scholarship granted by the European Union – Double degree awarded individually by:  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)**, Barcelona, Spain (specialization in Solar Energy)  
**Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)**, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2010** Diploma in Mechanical Engineering [5 years, 300 ECTS, equivalent to BSc & MSc]  
Specialization in Energy Engineering  
**National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)**, Greece

#### Professional Experience

- 03/2024-Present** Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Solar Energy Systems  
**The Cyprus Institute**
- 05/2023-01/2024** Scientific Officer  
**Research and Innovation Foundation**, Cyprus
- 10/2013-04/2023** Researcher in the field of Heat & Mass Transfer and Thermal Engineering  
(including 1-year postdoctoral research stay in Cyprus University of Technology)  
**Heat and Mass Transfer Technological Center**  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya – BarcelonaTech (UPC)**, Barcelona, Spain
- 01/2019-11/2019** Building simulation, bioclimatic analysis and Passivhaus design [28h/w]  
**Energiehaus Arquitectos**, Barcelona, Spain
- 03/2012-10/2012** Researcher in the field of Thermal storage and Concentrating Solar Power  
**PROMES laboratory, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)**, France
- 08/2011** Internship: Simulations of a Concentrating Solar Power plant  
**Electricity Authority of Cyprus**
- 06/2009-08/2009** Internship: Research in the field of Aerostructures  
**University of Strathclyde, Glasgow**, United Kingdom

## **Honours and Achievements**

Spanish government	Margarita Salas postdoctoral grant
BarcelonaTech (UPC)	Special Doctoral Award in Industrial Engineering
Leventis foundation	Doctoral scholarship
European Union	Erasmus Mundus master scholarship

## **Research experience (project contribution)**

While in The Cyprus Institute: INDHEAP - Developing optimal solar systems for industrial heat and power (Horizon Europe) • While in Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya: Economic COgeneration by Efficiently COncentrated SUNlight (Solar ERA-NET) • RIS3CAT Sector emergent INDUSTRIA 4.0 (Catalan regional government) • Advanced numerical algorithms for the improvement of energy efficiency in wind and solar-thermal sectors. Development/adaptation of new computational architectures (Spanish Government) • Multiscale modelling and direct numerical simulation of multiphase flows (Spanish Government) • Retrofitting solutions and services for the enhancement of energy efficiency in public edification (EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Program) • Analysis of mass transfer and phase change phenomena in moist air environments: frosting, defrosting and supersaturated stream mixing (Spanish government) • Numerical simulation and experimental validation of DONPER LC series hermetic reciprocating compressor: to optimize the design, improve the COP and price ratio, and reduce noise (University-Company collaboration) • Thermal storage for concentrating solar power plants (EIT-KIC InnoEnergy) • While in PROMES laboratory (CNRS): OPTimization of a Thermal energy Storage system with integrated Steam Generator (EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Program).

## **Journal publications**

6. A.C. Montenon, G. Papakokkinos, K. Ilia, Quantifying the Shading Effects of a Small-Scale Rooftop-Installed Linear Fresnel Reflector in Cyprus, **Energies**, 17, 3269, 2024
5. J. Castro, J. Farnos, G. Papakokkinos, J. Zheng, S. Torras, A multivariable control strategy based on fuzzy logic interference rule for a solar-driven, direct air-cooled H<sub>2</sub>O-LiBr absorption chiller, **Solar Energy**, 274, 112579, 2024
4. G. Papakokkinos, J. Castro, C. Oliet, A. Oliva, Computational investigation of the hexagonal honeycomb adsorption reactor for cooling applications, **Applied Thermal Engineering**, 202, 117807, 2022
3. G. Papakokkinos, J. Castro, R. Capdevila, R. Damle, A comprehensive simulation tool for adsorption-based solar-cooled buildings – Control strategy based on variable cycle duration, **Energy and Buildings**, 231, 110591, 2021
2. J. Castro, J. Farnós, G. Papakokkinos, J. Zheng, C. Oliet, Transient model for the development of an air-cooled LiBr-H<sub>2</sub>O absorption chiller based on heat and mass transfer empirical correlations, **Int Journal of Refrigeration**, 120, 406-419, 2020
1. G. Papakokkinos, J. Castro, J. Lopez, A. Oliva, A generalized computational model for the simulation of adsorption packed bed reactors – Parametric study of five reactor geometries for cooling applications, **Applied Energy**, 235, 409-427, 2019

## **Conference publications**

14. G. Papakokkinos, A.C. Montenon, P. Petrou, M. Papadimitriou, Synergy between biogas and concentrating solar thermal – case study of a dairy industry in Cyprus, **SyNERGY MED - 3rd Int. Conference on Energy Transition in the Mediterranean Area**, 10/2024, Limassol, Cyprus
13. G. Papakokkinos, A.C. Montenon, P. Petrou, M. Papadimitriou, Concentrating solar thermal energy as a substitute of fossil fuels in dairy industry, **Climate Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East** conference, 09/2024, Larnaca, Cyprus
12. G. Papakokkinos, J. Castro, J. Rigola, C.D. Perez-Segarra, C. Oliet, Waste heat and water recovery for an industrial dryer by employing an absorption heat pump, **International Congress of Refrigeration**, 08/2023, Paris, France

11. J. Zheng, J. Castro, G. Papakokkinos, A. Oliva, Sensitivity study to an absorption system performance considering heat and mass transfer enhancements, **International Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Conference**, 09/2022, Purdue, USA
10. J. Farnós, J. Castro, G. Papakokkinos, A. Oliva, Control strategy approach based on the operational results of a small capacity direct air-cooled LiBr-water absorption chiller, **ISES Solar World Congress**, 10/2017, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9. G. Papakokkinos, R. Capdevila, J. Farnós, J. Castro, A. Oliva, An integrated simulation tool for solar adsorption chillers and buildings – Control strategy for a solar cooled office in Barcelona, **International Sorption Heat Pump Conference**, 08/2017, Tokyo, Japan
8. G. Papakokkinos, E. Bartrons, J. Farnós, J. Castro, A. Oliva, A computational model based on parallelizable unstructured meshes for the simulation of the conjugate phenomena in the adsorption reactor, **International Sorption Heat Pump Conference**, 08/2017, Tokyo, Japan
7. J. Farnós, G. Papakokkinos, J. Castro, A. Oliva, Dynamic simulation of an air-cooled LiBr-H<sub>2</sub>O absorption chiller based on variable heat and mass transfer coefficients, **International Sorption Heat Pump Conference**, 08/2017, Tokyo, Japan
6. J. Farnós, J. Castro, G. Papakokkinos, A. Oliva, Towards industrialization of small capacity direct air-cooled LiBr-H<sub>2</sub>O absorption chiller, **Int. Sorption Heat Pump Conference**, 08/2017, Tokyo, Japan
5. E. Bartrons, P. Galione, G. Papakokkinos, C.D. Perez Segarra, Fixed-grid numerical modeling of frost formation, **American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics**, 06/2017, Denver, USA
4. J. Farnós, G. Papakokkinos, J. Castro, S. Morales, A. Oliva, Dynamic modelling of an air-cooled LiBr-H<sub>2</sub>O absorption chiller based on heat and mass transfer empirical correlations, **International Energy Agency Heat Pump Conference**, 05/2017, Rotterdam, Netherlands
3. J. Rigola, J. López, G. Papakokkinos, O. Lehmkuhl, A. Oliva, Numerical analysis of suction mufflers, **International Compressor Engineering Conference**, 07/2014, Purdue, USA
2. G. Papakokkinos, Q. Falcoz, X. Py, Structured bed thermocline thermal energy storage system using recycled industrial wastes as filler materials, **SolarPaces congress**, 07/2012, Marrakesh, Morocco
1. S. Salehin, T. Larriba, G. Papakokkinos, G. Upadhyay, H. Zhang, E. Bowler, J.M.N. van Kasteren, Design of an Emergency Energy Module for relief camp situations: Case study for a Refugee camp in Chad-Sudan Border, **World Congress of Sustainable Technologies**, 11/2011, London, UK

### **Training Attended**

Object-oriented modeling and simulation of building energy systems with Modelica (3ECTS) [3d, 8/2024]  
**Aalborg University**, Copenhagen, Denmark

Bioclimatic Architecture and Certifications LEED, BREEAM, Passivhaus (20 ECTS) [10/2017-02/2018]  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**, Barcelona, Spain

Passivhaus designer course (100h) [11/2018]  
**Energiehaus**

Energy Efficiency for Better Buildings (30h, 4 courses specialization) [10/2017-01/2018]  
**The Institute of Sustainable Energy (EIT - InnoEnergy)**

Energy supply projects in rural areas (60h) [2020]  
**Engineers Without Borders** (Spanish branch)

SMA Solar Technology Training Seminars on inverters & PV systems design [1w, 10/2011]  
**SMA Solar Academy** – Niestetal, Germany

Entrepreneurship and Business Management [3w, 06/2011]

Introductory Crash Course in Entrepreneurship [1w, 04/2011]

Scholarship granted by the European Institute of Technology and Innovation – KIC InnoEnergy  
**ESADE Business School** – Barcelona, Spain

## **Computational skills**

**Fluent in:** Linux, OpenModelica, LaTeX, LibreOffice, MS-Office, Windows, C++ (involved in development of in-house, object-oriented, parallelizable codes for simulations - CFD & multidomain)

**Moderate experience with:** Matlab, Scilab, Fortran, Python, OpenFOAM, Ansys Fluent/ICEM, COMSOL, ParaView, EnergyPlus (IDF/OpenStudio/DB/Ladybug), PHPP, THERM, genopt, HOMER, SAM-NREL, EES, FMI, Solidworks, Autocad, Rhino, Sketchup, Arduino, GIMP, gnuplot, SciDAVis

## **Languages**

Greek	English	Spanish	Catalan	German
Native speaker	IELTS 7.5 [2010]	DELE Diploma B2 [2013]	CPNL B1 [2015]	Goethe Zertifikat B2 [2008]