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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Solar System Exploration · Planetary Interiors and Evolution · Ocean Worlds · Tidal Interactions · Extraterrestrial Seismology · Planet Formation · Gravity Radio Science · Earthquake Mechanics · Earthquake Ground Motion · Tectonic Deformation

EDUCATION

PhD in Planetary Science , Caltech	2022
"Earthquakes and the new paradigm of diluted cores in gas giant planets" (Advisor: David Stevenson)	
MS in Geophysics , Caltech	2019
MS in Earthquake Engineering , Universidad de Chile	2016
"Curvas de atenuación para terremotos intraplaca e interplaca en la zona de subducción chilena" (Advisors: Fabián Rojas and Sergio Ruiz)	
BS in Structural Engineering , Universidad de Chile	2013

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow , UC Santa Cruz, CA	September 2022 — Present
Graduate R/T Assistant , Caltech, Pasadena, CA	June 2017 — August 2022
Research Geophysicist , Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	March 2016 — June 2017

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 13.** Flores-Cuba, J., et al., including **Idini, B.** (In review) Mechanisms and seismological signatures of rupture complexity induced by fault damage zones in fully-dynamic earthquake cycle models.
- 12.** **Idini, B.** & Nimmo, F. (2024). Resonant stratification in Titan's global ocean. The Planetary Science Journal. [[10.3847/PSJ/ad11ef](https://doi.org/10.3847/PSJ/ad11ef)]
- 11.** **Idini, B.**, Ruiz, S., et al. (2024). Double distance dependence in high-frequency ground motion along the plate boundary in Northern Chile. Journal of South American Earth Sciences, 133. [[10.1016/j.jsames.2023.104699](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsames.2023.104699)]
- 10.** Howard, S., et al., including **Idini, B.** (2023). Jupiter's interior from Juno: Equation-of-state uncertainties and dilute core extent. Astronomy and Astrophysics, 672. [[10.1051/0004-6361/202245625](https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361/202245625)]
- 9.** **Idini, B.** & Stevenson D.J. (2022). The gravitational imprint of an interior-orbital resonance in Jupiter-Io. The Planetary Science Journal, 3(4), 89. [[10.3847/PSJ/ac6179](https://doi.org/10.3847/PSJ/ac6179)]
- 8.** **Idini, B.** & Stevenson D.J. (2022). The lost meaning of Jupiter's high-degree Love numbers. The Planetary Science Journal, 3(1), 11. [[10.3847/PSJ/ac4248](https://doi.org/10.3847/PSJ/ac4248)]
- 7.** **Idini, B.** & Stevenson D.J. (2021). Dynamical tides in Jupiter as revealed by Juno. The Planetary Science Journal, 2(2), 69. [[10.3847/PSJ/abe715](https://doi.org/10.3847/PSJ/abe715)]

6. **Idini, B.** & Ampuero J.-P. (2020). Fault-zone damage promotes pulse-like rupture and back-propagating fronts via quasi-static effects. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47(23), e2020GL090736. [[10.1029/2020GL090736](https://doi.org/10.1029/2020GL090736)]
5. Erickson, B., et al., including **Idini, B.** (2020). The community code verification exercise for simulating sequences of earthquakes and aseismic slip (SEAS). *Seismological Research Letters*, 91(2A), 874-890. [[10.1785/0220190248](https://doi.org/10.1785/0220190248)]
4. Ross, Z., **Idini, B.**, et al. (2019). Hierarchical interlocked orthogonal faulting in the 2019 Ridgecrest earthquake sequence. *Science*, 366, 6463. [[10.1126/science.aaz0109](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aaz0109)]
3. Gurnis, M., et al., including **Idini, B.** (2019). Incipient subduction at the contact with stretched continental crust: The Puysegur Trench. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 520, 212-219. [[10.1016/j.epsl.2019.05.044](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2019.05.044)]
2. Leyton, F., et al., including **Idini, B.** (2018). Empirical site classification of CSN network using strong-motion records. *Seismological Research Letters*, 89(2A), 512-518. [[10.1785/0220170167](https://doi.org/10.1785/0220170167)]
1. **Idini, B.**, Rojas, F., et al. (2017). Ground motion prediction equations for the Chilean subduction zone, *Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering*, 15, 5. [[10.1007/s10518-016-0050-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10518-016-0050-1)]

INVITED SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA

UC Merced, Physics Colloquium	February 9, 2024
UC Berkeley, Earth and Planetary Science Department Seminar	January 18, 2024
MIT, Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Science Department Lecture Series	May 17, 2023
UC Santa Cruz, Geophysical and Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics Seminar	May 12, 2023
UC Davis, Earth and Planetary Science Department Seminar	April 19, 2023
UC Santa Cruz, Earth and Planetary Science Department Whole Earth Seminar	April 18, 2023
UC San Diego & San Diego State University, Astrophysics Seminar	March 1, 2023
UC San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, IGPP Seminar	February 28, 2023
UC Berkeley, Center for Integrative Planetary Science Seminar	February 1, 2023
Rice University, EEPs Department Colloquium	January 19, 2023
UCLA, Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences Department Colloquium	October 11, 2022
UC Santa Cruz, Astronomy and Astrophysics Planetary Lunch Seminar	November 7, 2022
Universidad de Chile, Department of Geophysics Seminar (virtual)	June 17, 2022
Caltech, DIX Planetary Science Seminar	April 27, 2021
Caltech, DIX Planetary Science Seminar	June 2, 2020

SOFTWARE PUBLICATIONS

1. Luo, Y., Ampuero, J.P., et al., including **Idini, B.** (2017). QDYN: a Quasi-DYNamic earthquake simulator (v1. 1). Zenodo.(doi: 10.5281/zenodo. 322459).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (O: ORAL, P: POSTER)

13. Resonant stratification in Titan's global ocean and other large ocean worlds, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, 2023 (O).
12. Resonant stratification in Titan and other icy satellites with global oceans, DPS-EPSC Annual Meeting, San Antonio TX, 2023 (O).
11. Future investigations of ocean dynamics in ocean worlds using orbiting spacecraft, Bay Area Planetary Science Conference, Santa Cruz CA, 2023 (O).

10. A tale of two planets: dilute cores in Jupiter and Saturn from in-situ spacecraft observations, UC Santa Cruz Postdocs Association Symposium, Santa Cruz CA, 2023 (O).
9. A tale of two planets: dilute cores in Jupiter and Saturn from in-situ spacecraft observations, UC PPFP Annual Meeting, Lake Arrowhead CA, 2023 (O).
8. The gravitational imprint of dynamical tides in Jupiter (invited), AGU Fall Meeting, Chicago IL, 2022 (O).
7. Tidal constraints on the radial extension and static stability of Jupiter's dilute core, AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans LA, 2021 (P).
6. Dynamical tides in the Jovian System as revealed by Juno, AGU Fall Meeting, remote, 2020 (P).
5. The first three days of the 2019 Ridgecrest earthquake sequence, SCEC Annual meeting, Palm Springs CA, 2019 (P).
4. A Bayesian Image of the 2017 Kermanshah Seismic Sequence in the Northwestern Zagros, AGU Fall Meeting, Washington DC, 2018 (O).
3. Rupture Complexity Promoted by Damaged Fault Zones in Earthquake Cycle Models. In AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans LA, 2017 (P).
2. Empirical dynamic amplification factors for sites based on seismic noise, 16th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Santiago, Chile, 2017 (O).
1. Ground motion prediction equations for the Chilean subduction zone, 2nd Geophysical Signatures of Earthquakes and Volcanoes - 2GSEV, Santiago, Chile, 2016 (P).

MENTORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND OUTREACH

Mentor in Europa Clipper ICONS undergraduate research program, NASA	2024
Speaker at Europa Clipper's educational event, Puerto Rico	2023
Guide in <i>La Noche de las Estrellas</i> outreach event, Lick Observatory	2023
Mentor in <i>Lamat</i> undergraduate research program, UC Santa Cruz	2023
Mentor in the Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship program, UC Santa Cruz	2022 — Present
Primary convener and session organizer at AGU Fall Meeting, session: Giant Planet Interiors	2023
Invited speaker at NASA's Hyperwall Exhibition, AGU Fall Meeting, Chicago IL	2022
Invited speaker at Science Journeys, Caltech (youtube.com/user/caltech)	2021 — 2022
Mentor in the EPS/ESCI Undergraduate program, UC Santa Cruz	2022
Primary convener and session organizer at AGU Fall Meeting, session: Giant Planet Interiors	2022
Invited speaker in Urban Math Collaborative program, Long Beach Unified School District	2021
Host in Caltech's <i>Astronomía en el Bar</i> (Astronomy on tap hosted in Spanish; youtube.com/c/CaltechAstro)	2021
Mentor in Caltech's International Graduate Student Buddy Program	2020 — 2021
Judge in Caltech's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) poster competition	2020 — 2021
Panelist at Science for March Seismological Laboratory booth, Caltech	2018
Director in Student Federation Board, Universidad de Chile	2014
Director in Engineering Student Council Board, Universidad de Chile	2013

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

NASA's Juno mission, Interior Working Group cochair contract (~\$350k USD)	2023
Travel award, EPSC-DPS joint meeting (\$2k USD)	2023
Travel award, USRA-LPI Uranus Flagship Workshop (\$2.5k USD)	2023
Travel award, NASA Outer Planets Assessment Group (\$1k USD)	2022
University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship (~\$600k USD)	2022
AGU Outstanding Student Presentation Award (\$500 USD)	2021
Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences Fellowship, Caltech (~\$70k USD)	2017
Highest Distinction Major Graduate, Universidad de Chile	2016
CONICYT Master of Science Fellowship, Ministry of Education, Chile (~\$17k USD)	2014
Bicentenario Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Chile (~\$10k USD)	2012
Honored Undergraduate Student, Universidad de Chile	2011, 2012

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Planetary Physics, Caltech	2022
Planetary Structure and Evolution, Caltech	2021
Geodynamics, Caltech	2020
Freshman Seminar: Earthquakes, Caltech	2019
Advanced Structural Dynamics, Universidad de Chile	2015
Seismic Design of Structures, Universidad de Chile	2015

PLANETARY EXPLORATION

Europa Clipper Mission, Science Team Affiliate	April 2023 — Present
NASA	United States
Juno Mission, Science Team Member and IWG Cochairman	January 2020 — Present
NASA	United States
KISS Study: Determining the Interior Structure of Uranus	September 11-15, 2023
Keck Institute for Space Studies	Pasadena, CA
Planetary Science Summer School	May 2022 — Aug 2022
NASA – Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Remote, United States
Magnus G. Langseth Transoceanic Research Vessel, Science Crew	March 2018
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory	Puysegur Trench, Pacific Ocean

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Astronomical Society (AAS)	2023 — Present
Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)	2021 — Present
Affiliate to the Keck Institute for Space Studies (KISS)	2019 — Present
American Geophysical Union (AGU)	2017 — Present

APPEARENCES IN NEWS ARTICLES

[Resonant Stratification In Titan's Global Ocean](#), Keith Cowing, Astrobiology December 11, 2023

[Image of ‘violent’ earthly phenomenon captured on Jupiter](#), Ariana Bindman, SFGATE June 20, 2023

[The tides of Jupiter can help scientists understand the history of the Solar System](#), Passant Rabie, Inverse Magazine May 5, 2021

[Raising Tides on Jupiter with Its Moons](#), Susanna Kohler, AAS Nova April 21, 2021

[Lessons from Ridgecrest](#), Robert Perkins, AAAS EurekAlert! October 17, 2019

[Unprecedented movement detected on California earthquake fault capable of 8.0 temblor](#), Rong-Gong Lin II, LA Times October 17, 2019

[Se detecta movimiento sin precedentes en una falla sísmica en California capaz de producir un temblor de 8.0](#), Rong-Gong Lin II, The San Diego Union-Tribune En Español October 17, 2019