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Curriculum Vitae

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Associate Professor

Department of Applied Physical Chemistry
Autonoma University Madrid (UAM), Spain

Education

- 2005 **European PhD**,
UAM/Institute of Fundamental Physics (IFF-CSIC)
Supervisors: Prof. Miguel Paniagua Caparrós (UAM), Dr. Octavio Roncero Villa (CSIC)
Title: *Probing ground and excited electronic states of LiHF and CaHCl systems to understand the harpoon mechanisms in collision and photoinitiated processes*
- 1998 **Bachelor degree in Chemistry**, UAM
Specialisation in Physical Chemistry

Academic/Scientific positions

- 2019- **Associate Professor**, Dept. Applied Physical Chemistry, UAM. Madrid, Spain
- 2013-2018 **Assistant Professor**, Dept. Applied Physical Chemistry, UAM. Madrid, Spain
- 2010-2013 **Researcher under the Spanish National project "CONSOLIDER"**, IFF, CSIC. Madrid, Spain
- 2010-2013 **Researcher, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council Fellowship**, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
- 2010-2013 **Researcher, Spanish Ministry of Education and Science Fellowship**, University of Bristol, United Kingdom
- 2005-2006 **Interim Associate Professor**, Dept. Applied Physical Chemistry, UAM. Spain

Scientific projects (last 5 years)

- 2025-2028 **Electronic structure, molecular collisions and ultrafast photoinduced processes - PID2024-155352NB-C22**, IPs: Dr. Manuel Lara Garrido and Dr. Alexandre Zanchet, Funded by Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
- 2025-2028 **Innovation in sustainable solid oxide electrolyzers for green hydrogen generation - TEC-2024/ECO-121**, IPs: Dr. Sandra Rodríguez González and Alberto Pablo Sánchez Muzas, Funded by the Madrid regional office for education, science and universities

- 2022-2025 **Interaction potentials of poliatomic systems - PID2021-122549NB-C22**, IPs: Dr. Cristina Sanz Sanz and Dr. Alfredo Aguado Gómez, Funded by Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
- 2018-2021 **Collisions and photodissociation of astrophysics interest in gas phase and ices and surface dynamics - FIS2017-83473-C2-2-P**, IP: Dr. Alfredo Aguado Gómez, Funded by Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities

Student supervision

PhD supervision

- 2023- Co-supervision: Mr Jorge Alonso de la Fuente.
Theoretical studies of Phosphine and its fragments.
Co-supervisor: Dr. Alexandre Zanchet (CSIC)
- 2022- Co-supervision: Mr Javier Hernández Rodríguez.
Dynamics of spin-forbidden mechanisms
Co-supervisor: Dr. Susana Gómez-Carrasco (USAL)

Master projects supervision (last 5 years)

- 2023 Co-supervisor of the master project of Mr Jorge Alonso de la Fuente.
Title: *Phosphorous hydrides: where are they in the atmospheres of AGB stars?*
Co-supervisor: Dr. Alexandre Zanchet
- 2022 Co-supervisor of the master project of Mr Javier Hernández Rodríguez.
Title: *Dynamics of spin-forbidden reactions.*
Co-supervisor: Dr. Susana Gómez Carrasco
- 2020 Co-supervisor of the master project of Ms Cristina Ordás González.
Title: *Study of the weak interactions of noble gases adsorbed in PAHs surfaces: comparison between canonical CCSD models and DLPNO variants.*
Co-supervisor: Dr. Daniel Arismendi Arrieta

Undergraduate projects (last 5 years)

- 2025 Co-supervisor of undergraduate project of Iván Jesús Melero López.
Title: *Exploring quantum effects in nuclear physics through electron spectroscopy.*
Co-supervisor: Dr. Javier Cerezo Bastida
- 2025 Co-supervisor of undergraduate project of Iván Jesús Melero López.
Title: *Zero carbon emissions target. Tritium, fuel for nuclear fusion with a very special chemistry. Monitoring of Q₂ and CQ₄ through Raman Spectroscopy.*
Co-supervisor: Dr. Deseada Díaz Barrero
- 2023 Supervisor of undergraduate project of Alejandro Barroso de la Fuente.
Title: *Collision of atomic and molecular systems of astrophysical interest.*
- 2023 Co-supervisor of undergraduate project of Javier Dueñas Díez.
Title: *Chasing orbitals.*
Co-supervisor: Dr. Jose Luis Pascual Robledo
- 2021 Supervisor of undergraduate project of Jorge Alonso de la Fuente.
Title: *Inelastic quantum dynamics collisions between the CH⁺ molecule and He atom under interstellar conditions.*

- 2021 Co-supervisor of undergraduate project of David Varas Rubio.
Title: *Potential energy surface of Al+O₂*.
Co-supervisor: Prof. Miguel Paniagua Caparrós
- 2020 Co-supervisora del Trabajo de fin de Grado de Cristina Todorov Nikolaeva.
Título: *Estudio del largo rango en los canales de la superficie de energía potencial del sistema OH₂⁺*.
Codirector: Prof. Miguel Paniagua Caparrós

Publications (last 5 years)

1. J. Alonso de la Fuente, L. González-Sánchez, E. Yurtsever, C. Sanz-Sanz, R. Wester, M. Satta, and F. A. Gianturco. Quantum dynamics of C₁₀H⁺ in the interstellar medium: Inelastic collisions with He and formation reaction from the HC₁₀H/H⁺ reactants. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, doi: 10.1039/D5CP02685G, 2025.
2. L. González-Sánchez, C. Sanz-Sanz, S. V. Jerosimić, P. del Mazo-Sevillano, K. Dulitz, and F. A. Gianturco. Quantum dynamics and cooling kinetics of BN[−] anions via buffer gases in ion traps. *J. Chem. Phys.*, 163:054308, 2025.
3. C. Sanz-Sanz and G.A. Worth. The strong-field control of ibr photodissociation revisited. *Chem. Phys. Phys. Chem.*, 27:16428, 2025.
4. K. Dulitz, S. V. Jerosimić, P. del Mazo-Sevillano, J. Alonso de la Fuente, C. Sanz-Sanz, L. González-Sánchez, and F. A. Gianturco. Laser-optical cycling of cryogenically cooled BN[−] molecular anion. *Phys. Scr.*, 100:055411, 2025.
5. C. Sanz-Sanz, B. Mandal, P. G. Jambrina, F. Javier Aoiz, and N. Balakrishnan. Cold collisions of highly vibrationally excited and aligned D₂ with Ne. *J. Chem. Phys.*, 162:164307, 2025.
6. P. del Mazo-Sevillano, D. Félix-González, A. Aguado, C. Sanz-Sanz, D.-H. Kwon, and O. Roncero. Vibrational, non-adiabatic and isotopic effects in the dynamics of the H₂ + H₂⁺ → H₃⁺ + H reaction: application to plasma modelling. *Mol. Phys.*, 122:e2183071, 1 2024.
7. J. Hernández-Rodríguez, C. Sanz-Sanz, P. Alberto Enríquez, M. González, and M. Paniagua. Potential energy surfaces for singlet and triplet states of the LiH₂⁺ system and quasi-classical trajectory cross sections for H + LiH⁺ and H⁺ + LiH. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 25:28052, 2023.
8. L. González-Sánchez, E. Yurtsever, J. Alonso de la Fuente, C. Sanz-Sanz, R. Wester, and F. A. Gianturco. Collision-induced state-changing rate coefficients for cyanogen backbones NCN ³Σ[−] and CNN ³Σ[−] in astrophysical environments. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 25:30330, 2023.
9. J. Alonso de la Fuente, C. Sanz-Sanz, L. González-Sánchez, E. Yurtsever, R. Wester, and F. A. Gianturco. The CH[−] ³Σ⁺ anion: Inelastic rate coefficients from collisions with He at interstellar conditions. *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 127:765, 2023.
10. P. Ortega, S. Gil-Guerrero, L. González-Sánchez, C. Sanz-Sanz, and Pablo G. Jambrina. Spin-forbidden addition of molecular oxygen to stable enol intermediates. decarboxylation of 2-methyl-1-tetralone-2-carboxylic acid. *Int. J. Mol. Sci.*, 24:7424, 2023.

11. J. Alonso De La Fuente, C. Sanz-Sanz, L. Gonzalez-Sanchez, E. Yurtsever, R. Wester, and F. A. Gianturco. The CH^- anion: Inelastic rate coefficients from collisions with He at interstellar conditions. *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 127:55, 1 2022.
12. J. Coonjobeeharry, K. E. Spinlove, C. Sanz-Sanz, M. Sapunar, N. Došlić, and G. A. Worth. Mixed-quantum-classical or fully-quantized dynamics? a unified code to compare methods. *Philos. Trans. Royal Soc. A*, 380, 2022.
13. C. Sanz-Sanz, A. Aguado, and O. Roncero. Near-resonant effects in the quantum dynamics of the $\text{H} + \text{H}_2^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H}^+$ charge transfer reaction and isotopic variants. *J. Chem. Phys.*, 154:104104, 3 2021.
14. P. Ortega, A. Zanchet, C. Sanz-Sanz, S. Gómez-Carrasco, L. González-Sánchez, and P. G. Jambrina. Dpgc-catalyzed peroxidation of 3,5-dihydroxyphenylacetyl-coA (DPA-CoA): Insights into the spin-forbidden transition and charge transfer mechanisms. *Chem. Eur. J.*, 27:1700–1712, 1 2021.
15. O. Roncero, V. Andrianarijaona, A. Aguado, and C. Sanz-Sanz. Vibrational effects in the quantum dynamics of the $\text{H} + \text{D}_2^+$ charge transfer reaction. *Mol. Phys.*, page e1948125, 7 2021.
16. A. Aguado, O. Roncero, and C. Sanz-Sanz. Three states global fittings with improved long range: singlet and triplet states of H_3^+ . *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 23:7735–7747, 4 2021.
17. P. Ortega, S. Gil-Guerrero, A. Veselinova, A. Zanchet, L. González-Sánchez, P. G. Jambrina, and C. Sanz-Sanz. Multi- and single-reference methods for the analysis of multi-state peroxidation of enolates. *J. Chem. Phys.*, 154:144303, 4 2021.

--- Visits to academic institutions

- 2024 **University College London, United Kingdom**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Graham A. Worth,
Duration: 3 months
- 2018 **University of Groningen, Netherlands**,
Research visit to the group of Dr. Shirin Faraji,
Duration: 3 days
- 2017 **Ruder Boskovic Institute Zagreb, Croacia**,
Research visit to the group of Prof.^a Nadja Döslić,
Duration: 10 days
- 2009 **National Research Council, Ottawa-Canada**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Albert Stolow,
Duration: 1 week
- 2009 **Universidad de Alberta, Canada**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Albert Stolow,
Duration: 3 weeks
- 2006 **CNRS, Laboratoire Francis Perrin, France**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Benoit Soep,
Duration: 1 week

- 2005 **CNRS, Laboratoire Francis Perrin, France**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Benoit Soep,
Duration: 3 months
- 2004 **University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Francesco A. Gianturco,
Duration: 1 month
- 2001-2022 **Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands**,
Research visit to the group of Prof. Ad van der Avoird,
Duration: 1 year

International conferences organisation

- 2026 **High Dimensional Quantum Dynamics (HDQD2026)**,
Organising committee: Cristina Sanz Sanz and Sandra Gómez (USAL),
Venue: Autonoma University Madrid (Spain)
<https://hdqd2026.wordpress.com>
- 2019 **10th International Meeting on Atomic and Molecular Physics and Chemistry (IMAMPC2019)**,
Organising committee: Cristina Sanz Sanz, Sergio Díaz-Tendero and Daniel Arismendi Arrieta (DIPC),
Venue: Spanish National Research Council, Madrid (España)
<https://imampc2019.wordpress.com>

Oral presentations in international conferences (last 5 years)

- 2025 *Non-ionizing strong-field quantum control: from simplified models to realistic dynamics*
Flagship workshop on the Future directions in non-adiabatic dynamics: towards complex systems and long time scales. Zaragoza (Spain).
- 2024 *Multi-state coupled driven photodissociation*
High Dimensional Quantum dynamics (HDQD2024). Hamburg (Germany).
- 2022 *Stark effect control or pulse delayed excitation/de-excitation effect in the photodissociation of IBr molecule?*
High Dimensional Quantum dynamics (HDQD2022). Groningen (Netherlands).
- 2021 *Control of the dissociation of IBr: Stark effect or pulse delayed excitation/de-excitation effect?*
International Chemical congress of pacific basin societies (PACIFICHEM2021). Hawái (United States of America). Virtual Conference

Other merits

- **Editor of the special issue in Quantum and Classical Molecular Dynamics - International Journal of Molecular Sciences (MDPI)**
- **Reviewer of scientific papers:** Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., Mol. Phys., Chem. Phys. Lett., Theor. Chem. Acc., Symmetry, Astrophys. J. Lett., Phys. Rev. Lett.
- **Deputy head of the Applied Physical Chemistry (2019 - currently)**
- **PhD committee member**
9 theses evaluated