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Some stuff about me

- I poisoned myself doing research.
- I was the first woman to win a Nobel prize
- I was the first person and only woman to win a Nobel prize in two different sciences.

Education

Universidad de Concepción

DOCTOR IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING MENTION WATER RESOURCES

Chile

2013-2017

- Dissertation title: 'Agricultural drought in Chile: from the assessment toward prediction using satellite data'

Universidad de Concepción

AGRICULTURAL CIVIL ENGINEER

Chile

2000-2006

- Thesis title: 'Efecto de la aplicacion diferencial de agua y fertilizante sobre la produccion y calidad de la vid cv. Carmenere'

Projects

Fondecyt Regular N°1210526

MULTIVARIATE DROUGHT MONITOR SYSTEM: BIOPHYSICAL MODELLING, REMOTE SENSING AND HYDROCLIMATIC INFORMATION FOR DROUGHT ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING IN AGRICULTURE

2020

Co-Investigator

Fondecyt Iniciación N°11190360

THE IMPACT OF WEATHER VARIABILITY ON WHEAT AND MAIZE PRODUCTION: AN IMPROVED EARLY WARNING MODEL FOR AGRICULTURAL DROUGHT

2019

Principal Investigator

Fondef Idea I+D 2021 (under review)

SISTEMA SATELITAL PARA LA OPTIMIZACIÓN DE RIEGO (SATOR)

2021

Principal Investigator

Fondequip Mediano 2021 (under review)

UAV CON SENSOR HIPERESPECTRAL DE RANGO COMPLETO (400-2500 NM) PARA LA EVALUACIÓN DE LOS CAMBIOS EN LA DINÁMICA VEGETACIONAL Y GEOLÓGICA

2021

Principal Investigator

Selected publications

1. Zambrano, F. (2021). Four decades of satellite data for agricultural drought monitoring throughout the growing season in Central Chile. In *Drought*. CRC Press. <https://doi.org/Accepted>
2. Jopia, A., Zambrano, F., Pérez-Martínez, W., Vidal-Páez, P., Molina, J., & Mardones, F. de la H. (2020). Time-series of vegetation indices (VNIR/SWIR) derived from sentinel-2 (A/B) to assess turgor pressure in Kiwifruit. *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*, 9(11), 641. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi9110641>
3. Zambrano, F., Vrieling, A., Nelson, A., Meroni, M., & Tadesse, T. (2018). Prediction of drought-induced reduction of agricultural productivity in Chile from MODIS, rainfall estimates, and climate oscillation indices. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 219, 15–30. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2018.10.006>
4. Zambrano, F., Wardlow, B., Tadesse, T., Lillo-Saavedra, M., & Lagos, O. (2017). Evaluating satellite-derived long-term historical precipitation datasets for drought monitoring in Chile. *Atmospheric Research*, 186, 26–42. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosres.2016.11.006>
5. Zambrano, F., Lillo-Saavedra, M., Verbist, K., & Lagos, O. (2016). Sixteen years of agricultural drought assessment of the biobío region in Chile using a 250 m resolution vegetation condition index (VCI). *Remote Sensing*, 8(6), 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs8060530>

Research experience

Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente

Enschede, The Netherlands

AGRICULTURAL DROUGHT PREDICTION

Sep. 2016 - Dec. 2016

- We used time-series of satellite dataset MODIS and CHIRPS 2.0 for 2000-2018
- The aim was the prediction of agricultural drought over the 90
- Manuscript published in the journal Remote Sensing of Environment (RSE)

Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (CALMIT), University of Nebraska

Lincoln, NE, USA

SATELLITE DATASET FOR METEOROLOGICAL DROUGHT

Jan. 2016 - Jul. 2016

- We used time series of satellite estimates for precipitation
- The aim was to evaluate the performance of those dataset over Chile
- Manuscript published in the journal Atmospheric Research (ATMOS)

Agricultural Research Institute (INIA)

CRI Quilamapu, Chillán

CONSULTANT

Apr. 2012 - Mar. 2015

- I worked in drought monitoring using satellite and in-situ climatic data
- I proposed, derived and assess an agricultural drought index to be applied in Chile for agricultural drought monitoring
- The assessment of the index over the Bio-Bio Region in Chile was published on June 2016 in the Remote Sensing Journal

Teaching experience

UNIVERSITY TUTORING

2020 S2 **METE133:** Geostatistics (Magister en Teledetección, Universidad Mayor)

2020 S1 **METE132:** Introduction to spatial analysis with R (Magister en Teledetección, Universidad Mayor)

2019-2021 **AGRE1001:** Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (Escuela de Agronomía, Universidad Mayor)