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## EDUCATION

- Tecnológico de Monterrey** - Monterrey, Mexico 2020 - Dec 2024  
BS in Biomedical Engineering (96/100 = 3.9/4.0 GPA)
- International Baccalaureate** - Monterrey, Mexico 2018 - 2020  
Math HL, Psychology SL, Physics SL, ...  
Thesis: [Film & Psychology] *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (2004),  
a Cultural and Ideological Instructor of the Millennial Viewer

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Tecnológico de Monterrey** - Monterrey, Mexico Mar 2021 - Jul 2023, Fall 2024  
*NSF IUCRC BRAIN Center*  
Advisor: Prof. Mauricio A. Ramírez-Moreno, PhD  
Projects: Biometrics (EEG, ECG, CV) and Machine Learning to predict:  
Mental fatigue (2021); engineering interest (2021); emotion (2023).  
- Force prediction through pose estimation keypoints and RNN (2022).  
- Cognitive load in chess (2023); closed-loop BCI for attention (2024).
- Harvard Medical School** - Boston, MA, USA Aug 2023 - Jul 2024  
*Boston Children's Hospital*  
Advisor: Prof. Kiho Im, PhD  
Projects: Fetal MRI subplate segmentation (attention U-Net); non-linear qMRI for  
congenital heart disease classification; MICCAI FeTA Challenge 2024.
- University of Houston** - Houston, TX, USA Spring 2022  
*NSF IUCRC BRAIN Center*  
Advisor: Prof. Jose L. Contreras-Vidal, PhD  
Project: EEG functional connectivity and bispectrum analysis between actors.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

(† indicates equal contribution)

- Mandujano-Granillo, J.A., **Candela-Leal, M.O.**, Ortiz-Vazquez, J.J., ... Lozoya-Santos, J.J. (2024).  
Human-Vehicle Interfaces: A Review for Autonomous Electric Vehicles. *IEEE Access*, 12,  
121635–121658. doi:[10.1109/ACCESS.2024.3450439](https://doi.org/10.1109/ACCESS.2024.3450439)
- Blanco-Ríos, M.A.†, **Candela-Leal, M.O.**†, Orozco-Romo, C., ... Ramírez-Moreno, M.A. (2024). Real-time  
EEG-based Emotion Recognition for Neurohumanities: Perspectives from Principal Component  
Analysis and Tree-based Algorithms. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 18, 1319574.  
doi:[10.3389/fnhum.2024.1319574](https://doi.org/10.3389/fnhum.2024.1319574). PubMed PMID:[38545515](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38545515/)
- Candela-Leal, M.O.**, Gutiérrez-Flores, E.A., Presbítero-Espinosa, G., ... Ramírez-Moreno, M.A. (2022).  
Multi-Output Sequential Deep Learning Model for Athlete Force Prediction on a Treadmill Using 3D  
Markers. *Applied Sciences*, 12(11), 5424. doi:[10.3390/app12115424](https://doi.org/10.3390/app12115424)
- Ramírez-Moreno, M.A., Carrillo-Tijerina, P., **Candela-Leal, M.O.**, ... Lozoya-Santos, J.J. (2021).  
Evaluation of a Fast Test Based on Biometric Signals to Assess Mental Fatigue at the  
Workplace—A Pilot Study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*,  
18(22), 11891. doi:[10.3390/ijerph182211891](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph182211891). PubMed PMID:[34831645](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34831645/)

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Lozoya-Santos, J.J., Ramírez-Moreno, M.A., **Candela-Leal, M.O.**, ... Ramírez-Mendoza, R.A. (2022).  
Current and Future Biometrics: Technology and Applications. In R.A. Ramírez-Mendoza, J.J.  
Lozoya-Santos, R. Zavala-Yoé, ... H.G. Gonzalez-Hernandez (Eds.), *Biometry: Technology, Trends  
and Applications* (1st ed., pp. 1–30). Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. doi:[10.1201/9781003145240-1](https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003145240-1)  
ISBN: 9781003145240

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Candela-Leal, M.O.**, Aguilar-Herrera, A.J., Ramírez-Moreno, M.A., ... Lozoya-Santos, J.J. (2024).  
Conscious Technologies Projects as a Hub for Real Life Challenges in Engineering Education. In  
15<sup>th</sup> EDUCON (pp. 665-675). Kos, Greece: IEEE. doi:[10.1109/EDUCON60312.2024.10578738](https://doi.org/10.1109/EDUCON60312.2024.10578738)
- Candela-Leal, M.O.**, Martínez-Díaz, D., Orozco-Romo, C., ... Ramírez-Moreno, M.A. (2023).  
Biomechanics Digital Twin: Markerless Joint Acceleration Prediction Using Machine Learning and

Computer Vision. In 3<sup>rd</sup> IFE-WS (pp. 142-150). Monterrey, Mexico: IEEE.  
doi:[10.1109/IEEECONF56852.2023.10104757](https://doi.org/10.1109/IEEECONF56852.2023.10104757)

**Candela-Leal, M.O.**, García-Briones, J.M., Olivas-Martínez, G., ... Lozoya-Santos, J.J. (2021). Real-time Biofeedback System for Interactive Learning using Wearables and IoT. In 6<sup>th</sup> North American IEOM (pp. 2959-2970). Monterrey, Mexico: IEOM (**best undergraduate paper award**).  
doi:[10.46254/NA06.20210487](https://doi.org/10.46254/NA06.20210487)

Olivas-Martínez, G., **Candela-Leal, M.O.**, Ocampo-Alvarado, J.C., ... Ramírez-Moreno, M.A. (2021). Detecting Change in Engineering Interest in Children through Machine Learning using Biometric Signals. In 1<sup>st</sup> IFE-WS (pp. 33-40). Monterrey, Mexico: IEEE.  
doi:[10.1109/IEEECONF53024.2021.9733772](https://doi.org/10.1109/IEEECONF53024.2021.9733772)

Aguilar-Herrera, A.J., Delgado-Jimenez, E.A., **Candela-Leal, M.O.**, ... Ramirez-Mendoza, R.A. (2021). Advanced Learner Assistance System's (ALAS) recent results. In 1<sup>st</sup> IFE-WS (pp. 26-33). Monterrey, Mexico: IEEE. doi:[10.1109/IEEECONF53024.2021.9733770](https://doi.org/10.1109/IEEECONF53024.2021.9733770)

## INVITED TALKS

Decoding Cognitive Performance,	2024
<i>Cognitive Neuroscience</i> minor, Tecnológico de Monterrey - School of Humanities and Education	
Computer Vision and Facial Recognition,	2023
<i>Computing Seminar</i> course, UANL - School of Physics and Mathematics	

## PRESENTATIONS

### Oral Presentations

Digital Twins in Education: Enhancing Student Well-being and Academic Performance with Biometric Insights and Machine Learning. <i>U21 Health Sciences Group 2024 Annual Meeting</i> , Amsterdam University Medical Centers (Amsterdam, Netherlands) ( <b>student speaker award</b> )	2024
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High-resolution Fetal Subplate Automatic Segmentation. <i>FNNDSC Research Symposium</i> , Boston Children's Hospital (Boston, MA)	2024
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CHD Fetal Brain Analysis using Combined Quantitative MRI Features and Custom-build Loss Functions. <i>FNNDSC Research Symposium</i> , Boston Children's Hospital (Boston, MA)	2024
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Biomechanics for the Digital Twin of Performance: Study Cases. <i>Conscious Technologies for Smart Communities Workshop</i> (Virtual)	2021
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<i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i> (2004), a Cultural and Ideological Instructor of the Millennial Viewer. <i>51<sup>th</sup> Research and Development Congress</i> (Virtual)	2021
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### Poster Presentations

FALCONS: Fetal Automatic Landmark Computation and Optimization for Neuroimaging Segmentation. <i>27<sup>th</sup> International Conference on MICCAI</i> (Marrakesh, Morocco)	2024
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Real-time Dual-feature Mental Fatigue State SVM Classification using EEG Delta Bandpower. <i>19<sup>th</sup> IEEE-EMBS International Conference on BSN</i> , MIT Media Lab (Boston, MA)	2023
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Talent Detection Tool for Early Engineering Education. <i>NSF IUCRC BRAIN 2023 Annual Meeting</i> , Arizona State University (Phoenix, AZ)	2023
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Human Machine Interface for Fleet Electric Vehicles. <i>NSF IUCRC BRAIN 2023 Annual Meeting</i> , Arizona State University (Phoenix, AZ)	2023
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Biometric Cabin for Neurohumanities Lab. <i>NSF IUCRC BRAIN 2023 Annual Meeting</i> , Arizona State University (Phoenix, AZ)	2023
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Digital Twin modeling for Human Biomechanics and Office Spaces. <i>NSF IUCRC BRAIN 2022 Annual Meeting</i> , University of Houston (Houston, TX)	2022
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Brain on Acting: Neural Dynamics of Actor-Actor Dyads During an Acted Scene. <i>NSF IUCRC BRAIN 2022 Annual Meeting</i> , University of Houston (Houston, TX)	2022
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Identifying Engineering Interest in Children through Machine Learning using Biometric Signals. <i>43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the IEEE-EMBS</i> (Virtual)	2021
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ALAS: Advanced Learner Assistance System for Engineering Education using Wearable Sensors. <i>43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the IEEE-EMBS</i> (Virtual)	2021
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Digital Twin of Biomechanics: Joint Force Prediction using Video and AI. At the <i>NSF IUCRC BRAIN 2021 Annual Meeting</i> (Virtual)	2021
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## HONORS AND AWARDS

<b>Diploma of Excellence Award</b> (5% professional development), Tecnológico de Monterrey	2024
<b>International Diploma</b> (leadership & multilingual proficiency), Tecnológico de Monterrey	2024
<b>Student Speaker Award</b> (\$1600 USD), U21 Health Sciences Group	2024
<b>Outstanding Student Award</b> (1% eng. trajectories) [80/8000], Tecnológico de Monterrey	2023, 2024
1 <sup>st</sup> Place - Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, 6 <sup>th</sup> North American IEOM	2021
1 <sup>st</sup> Place - R&D Improvement Proposals (\$250 USD), 18 <sup>th</sup> Conexión Tec	2021
<b>Academic Talent Scholarship</b> , Tecnológico de Monterrey	2020

## TEACHING

German A2 Teacher, Mentoora MX	2022-2024
Middle School Math and Spanish Teacher, Aprendamos Juntos	2021-2022
Independent High School Physics Teacher	Fall 2019
FIRST® LEGO® League Mentor, Little Minds	Spring 2019

## PRESS

(Spanish) Conecta: <a href="#">They receive recognition for their AI learning project and take it to Amsterdam!</a>	2024
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## SKILLS SUMMARY

<b>Languages</b>	Python (3 years), R (2 years), MATLAB (1 year), Shell (3 months), SQL (3 months) English (C1), German (B1), Spanish
<b>Frameworks</b>	Numpy, Scipy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, TensorFlow, Keras, BrainFlow FreeSurfer, FSL, MRtrix3, NiBabel, ANTs, PyDicom, IRTK, NUC, TochIO, MNE, OSC Lattice, Dplyr, TidyR, Caret, GA, Ggplot, Shiny
<b>Tools</b>	Git, Anaconda, CUDA, CMake, Tableau, Microsoft Excel, G*Power, Overleaf, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Platforms</b>	Linux, Ubuntu, ROS, Windows, Arduino, Raspberry