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1. Education

- 2003: Ph.D., Two-phase flow simulation, including wetting phenomena and phase changes using a new method of cellular automata, Chemical Engineering Dept., Faculty of Engineering, University of Patras
- 2001: MD, Simulation, optimization and process control, Chemical Engineering Dept., Faculty of Engineering, University of Patras
- 1996: B.Sc. in Physics, Faculty of Science, UPatras

2. Research Activity and Work Experience

- Oct 2023-present: Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Dept., UOP
- Sep 2019- Oct 2023: Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Dept., UOP
- Apr 2014-Sep 2019: Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering Department, TEI-WG
- 2003-2014: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ICEHT/FORTH
- 2004-2017: Adjunct Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering Dept., UPATRAS
- 2003-2014: Adjunct Lecturer/Assistant Professor, TEI-WG/TEI_PATRAS

2.1 Research positions

- 2021-present: Director of Laboratory for «Analysis of Materials and Structures» (LAMS-UOP)
- 2015-present: Senior Scientist and Operator of the Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) unit (UOP)
- 2003-present: Research Team Member: Simulation and Design of Processes and Materials (ICE-HT)

2.2 Research interests

Theoretical and experimental modeling and computer simulation of transport phenomena and in particular the phenomena that govern interfaces in natural processes, material modeling. Characterization of nanostructured materials with techniques such as Microscopy (Scanning Electron Microscopy - SEM), Spectroscopy (X-ray Diffraction - XRD) and optical profilometry.

2.3 Participation in research projects:

- Research Project entitled «Development of efficient PV materials and third generation devices to enhance the competitiveness of the productive sector in green energy» (07/09/2023-01/12/2025)
- Research Project entitled «Advanced high-performance thermal insulation cement mortar» (4/01/2021 - 28/10/2023)
- Research project entitled «Simulation of particle flow» (1/11/2015-31/12/2015)
- Research project entitled «Modeling of structure and transport phenomena in fuel cells» (01/04/2015 - 30/06/2015)
- Research project entitled «Particle interactions and separations using two-phase models» (1/10/2014 - 31/12/2014)
- Research Project Archimedes III entitled «Mathematical and Computational Fluid Field Investigation of Biological Fluids for Therapeutic Design in Clinically Important Conditions» (15/02/2013-31/10/2015).
- Research Project Archimedes III entitled «Two-phase flow in porous media: Improvement of the DeProF mechanistic model and its application to solving problems of practical interest» (01/04/2013 - 30/06/2015).
- Research project EURECA entitled «Efficient use of Resources in Energy Converting Applications» (1/1/2013 - 30/06/2014)
- Research project NANOBARRIER entitled «NanoBarrier-Extended shelf-life biopolymers for sustainable and multifunctional food packaging solutions» (1/7/2012 - 31/12/2012)
- Research project C2CA entitled «Advanced Technologies for the Production of Cement and Clean Aggregates from Construction and Demolition Waste» (1/1/2011 – 30/6/2012)

- Research project BIONEXGEN entitled «Development of next generation bioreactor systems» (1/10/2010 - 31/12/2010)
- Research project NANOMEMPRO entitled «Expanding membrane macroscale applications by exploring nanoscale material properties» (1/3/2008 - 31/8/2008 and 16/12/2008 - 28/2/2009)
- Research project AKMΩN-61 entitled «Design and study of heterogeneous materials for applications in energy and environmental technologies» (1/1/2007 - 30/11/2007)
- Research project EPSON/S-4 entitled «Evaporation on a patterned substrate» (1/7/2005 - 31/12/2006)
- Research project EPSON/S-3 entitled «J. D. A. Substrate» (1/2/2003 - 31/3/2005)
- Research project IP-1 (1/1/2002-30/6/2002)
- Research project EOK/EN-4 entitled «Ground water risk assessment at contaminated sites» (1/10/2000-31/12/2001)

3. Teaching Experience

2004-present: Teaching experience in Physics, Numerical Methods, Hydraulics, Programming for Engineers, Heat Transfer, Simulation of Transport Phenomena, Fluid Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Materials, Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Automatic Control Systems.

4. Reviewer

APS Physical Review Journals (Physical Review Letters, Physical Review X, Reviews of Modern Physics, Physical Review A, Physical Review B, Physical Review C, Physical Review D, Physical Review E, Physical Review Applied, Physical Review Fluids, Physical Review Accelerators and Beams, Physical Review Physics Education Research, Physical Review, Physical Review (Series I), Physics)

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5. Patents

Robotic femoral-leg guardian (O.B.I.:1009888/18-12-2020)

6. Publications

His published work consists of 78 publications, in international scientific journals (32), in international (26) and national conferences (18) and in book chapters (2), recognized with more than 536 references.

h index: 15 (Google Scholar), 13 (Scopus), i10 index: 21 (Scholar).

References: 661 (Scholar), 496 (Scopus), 472 (exclude self-citations, Scopus).

7. Selected Publications

1. A.N. Kalarakis, V.N. Burganos and A.C. Payatakes, "Galilean-invariant lattice-Boltzmann simulation of liquid-vapor interface dynamics", *Phys. Rev. E*, 65, 056702 (2002)
2. A.N. Kalarakis, V.N. Burganos and A.C. Payatakes, "Three-dimensional lattice-Boltzmann model of van der Waals fluids", *Phys. Rev. E*, 67, 016702 (2003)
3. V. K. Michalis, A.N. Kalarakis, E. D. Skouras and V.N. Burganos, "Mesoscopic modeling of flow and dispersion phenomena in fractured solids", *Computers Math. Applic.*, 55, 1525-1540 (2008).
4. V. K. Michalis, A.N. Kalarakis, E. D. Skouras and V.N. Burganos, "Mixing within fracture intersections during colloidal suspension flow", *Water Resour. Res.*, 45, W08429 (2009)
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7. J. Petsi, A. N. Kalarakis, E. D. Skouras and V. N. Burganos, «*Flow and Colloidal Particle Deposition in the Interior of Evaporating Sessile Droplets*» AIP Conf. Proc., Volume 1281, pp. 686-689 (2010); <http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.3498571>
8. A. N. Kalarakis, V. K. Michalis, E. D. Skouras, and V. N. Burganos “*Mesoscopic simulation of rarefied flow in narrow channels and porous media*”, Transport Porous Med., 94:385–398 (May 3, 2012);doi:10.1007/s11242-012-0010-4
9. A. N. Kalarakis, G. C. Bourantas, E. D. Skouras, V.C. Loukopoulos, and V. N. Burganos “*Lattice-Boltzmann and Meshless Point Collocation Solvers for Fluid Flow and Conjugate Heat Transfer*”, Int. J. Numer. Meth. Fl. **70**:1428–1442 (2012); doi:10.1002/flid.2755; doi:10.1007/s11242-012-0010-4
10. N. P. Karagiannakis, G. C. Bourantas, A. N. Kalarakis, E. D. Skouras, and V. N. Burganos, “*Efficiency of the meshless local Petrov-Galerkin method with moving least squares approximation for thermal conduction applications*” AIP Conf. Proc., Volume 1558, Pages 2269-2272 (2013) ; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.4825992>
11. N. P. Karagiannakis, G. C. Bourantas, A. N. Kalarakis, E. D. Skouras, and V. N. Burganos, “*Meshless local Petrov-Galerkin method with moving least squares approximation for transient thermal conduction applications with variable conductivity*” AIP Conf. Proc. 1648 , 030009 (2015); <http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.4912326>
12. D. Panagiotaras, D. Koulougliotis, D. Nikolopoulos, A. N. Kalarakis, A. Ch. Yiannopoulos and K. Pikiotis, “*Biogeochemical Cycling of Nutrients and Thermodynamic Aspects*”, Thermodynamics & Catalysis, 6(2); 1000144 (2015); <http://dx.doi.org/10.4172/2157-7544.1000144>
13. N. P. Karagiannakis, G. C. Bourantas, A. N. Kalarakis, E. D. Skouras, and V. N. Burganos, “*Transient Thermal Conduction with Variable Conductivity using the Meshless Local Petrov-Galerkin Method Applied Mathematics and Computation*” Applied Mathematics and Computation, 272(3), Pages 676–686 (2016); doi:10.1016/j.amc.2015.02.084 [JIF 2013: 1.675].
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20. Vasiliki E. Vrakatseli, Alexandros N. Kalarakis, Angelos G. Kalampounias, Eleftherios K. Amanatides, Dimitrios S. Mataras, *Glancing angle deposition effect on structure and light-induced wettability of RF-sputtered TiO₂ thin films*, Micromachines, 9(8), 389 (2018)
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32. D.A.Chalkias, A. Mourtzikou, G. Katsagounos, A.N. Kalarakis and E. Stathatos «Development of Greener and Stable Inkjet-Printable Perovskite Precursor Inks for All-Printed Annealing-Free Perovskite Solar Mini-Modules Manufacturing», *Small Methods* , 7(10), 2300664, (2023) (DOI: 10.1002/smtd.202300664)

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