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## EDUCATION

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- 2021 – On going – On **PhD in Chemical and Biological Engineering**, University of Porto and MIT Portugal, Portugal
- 2019 – 2019 **Integrated Master in Chemical Engineering**, University of Porto, Portugal - Diploma Recognition
- 2013 – 2019 **Bachelor in Chemical Engineering**, Federal University of Bahia, Bahia, Brazil

## LANGUAGES

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**Portuguese** Mother tongue    **English** Advanced (C1 - IELTS overall score 7.0)  
**German** Basic

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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- Processing Modelling, Simulation and Optimization
- Artificial Intelligence Applied to Process Systems Engineering
- Natural Gas Reforming Process and Technologies
- Blue Hydrogen Economy

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- 2023 going – On Intelligent control system for BCS operation in the field and under maximum flow condition, Petrobras, Brazil  
*Ph.D. Student Fellow*
- 2021 going – On Scientific Machine Learning and Hybrid Modeling Applied to Industrial Engineering - Towards Feasible Industrial AI.  
*Ph.D. Candidate at MIT Portugal Program - Data Science for Digital Transformation in Manufacturing*
- 2021 – 2021 Design of Hybrid - Pressure swing adsorption/Simulated moving bed process for olefin separation, Korean Research Institute of Chemical Technology, South Korea.  
*Master Student Fellow*
- 2019 – 2021 Artificial Intelligent oriented Cyclic Adsorption Separation and Reaction Processes Optimization and Control(AICySPrOC), UPorto, Portugal.  
*Master Student Fellow*
- 2017 – 2019 Transient analysis of true/simulated moving bed reactors: A case study on the synthesis of n-Propyl propionate, UPorto, Portugal.  
*Scientific Initiation Fellow*
- 2015 – 2017 Evaluation of the effects of gas mixtures, numerical methods and equations of state for the characterization of centrifugal compressors with uncertainties.  
*Scientific Initiation Fellow*
- 2014 – 2015 Evaluation of MgO/Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> e Al-SBA 15 catalysts for the production of biofuel from palm oil using membrane reactor.  
*Scientific Initiation Fellow*

## TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

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- 2022 – present *AIKognitos* - A startup to promote the digital and smart transformation of the chemical industry.  
Startup proposal in top 3 in the AINanoTEC Entrepreneurial Program.  
*Co-Creator*

## PUBLICATIONS

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I contributed to the publication of 16 manuscripts, having an h-index of 5. Among these publications, I am a corresponding author in 3 and first author in 6.

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

- 2023 1. **Vinicius V. Santana**; Costa, Erbet A.; Rebello, Carine M.; Ribeiro, Ana Mafalda; Rackauckas, Chris; B. R. Nogueira, Idelfonso. "Efficient hybrid modeling and sorption model discovery for non-linear advection-diffusion-sorption systems: A systematic scientific machine learning approach". ArXiv (2023): doi:<https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.13555>. Pre-print and Submitted to Chemical Engineering Science.

2. Queiroz, Luana P.; Rebello, Carine M.; Costa, Erbet A.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Rodrigues, Bruno C. L.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "Generating Flavor Molecules Using Scientific Machine Learning". *ACS Omega* 8 12 (2023): 10875-10887. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsomega.2c07176>.
  3. Queiroz, Luana P.; Rebello, Carine M.; Costa, Erbet A.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Rodrigues, Bruno C. L.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "A Reinforcement Learning Framework to Discover Natural Flavor Molecules". *Foods* 12 6 (2023): 1147. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/foods12061147>.
  4. **Vinicius V. Santana**; Martins, Márcio A. F.; Loureiro, José M.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Queiroz, Luana P.; Rebello, Carine M.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "Novel Framework for Simulated Moving Bed Reactor Optimization Based on Deep Neural Network Models and Meta-heuristic Optimizers: An Approach with Optimality Guarantee". *ACS Omega* 8 7 (2023): 6463-6475. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsomega.2c06737>.
- 2022
1. B. R. Nogueira, Idelfonso; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.. "Using scientific machine learning to develop universal differential equation for multicomponent adsorption separation systems". *The Canadian Journal of Chemical Engineering* 100 9 (2022): 2279-2290. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cjce>.
  2. B. R. Nogueira, Idelfonso ; Dias, Rafael O.M.; Rebello, Carine M.; Costa, Erbet A.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Ferreira, Alexandre; Ribeiro, Ana M.. "A novel nested loop optimization problem based on deep neural networks and feasible operation regions definition for simultaneous material screening and process optimization". *Chemical Engineering Research and Design* 180 (2022):243-253. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cherd.2022.02.013>.
  3. **Vinicius V. Santana**; Gama, Marlon S.; Loureiro, Jose M.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Tavares, Frederico W.; Barreto, Amaro G.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "A First Approach towards Adsorption-Oriented Physics-Informed Neural Networks: Monoclonal Antibody Adsorption Performance on an Ion-Exchange Column as a Case Study". *ChemEngineering* 6 2 (2022): 21. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/chemengineering6020021>.
  4. Costa, Erbet A.; Rebello, Carine M.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Schnitman, Leizer; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "Mapping Uncertainties of Soft-Sensors Based on Deep Feed forward Neural Networks through a Novel Monte Carlo Uncertainties Training Process". *Processes* 10 2 (2022): 409. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/pr10020409>.
  5. Rebello, Carine M.; Marrocos, Paulo H.; Costa, Erbet A.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "Machine Learning-Based Dynamic Modeling for Process Engineering Applications: A Guideline for Simulation and Prediction from Perceptron to Deep Learning". *Processes* 10 2 (2022): 250. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/pr10020250>.
- 2021
1. Regufe, Maria João; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Ferreira, Alexandre F. P.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Loureiro, José M.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "A Hybrid Modeling Framework for Membrane Separation Processes: Application to Lithium-Ion Recovery from Batteries". *Processes* 9 11(2021): 1939. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/pr9111939>.

2. Regufe, Maria João; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Márcio André Fernandes Martins; Alexandre F.P Ferreira; José Miguel Loureiro; Alírio Egidio Rodrigues; Ana Mafalda Almeida Peixoto Ribeiro; Idelfonso Bessa dos Reis Nogueira. "Adsorption material composition and process optimization, a systematic approach based on Deep Learning". IFAC-PapersOnLine (2021).

3. **Vinicius V. Santana**; Martins, Márcio A.F.; Loureiro, José M.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B.R.. "Optimal fragrances formulation using a deep learning neural network architecture: A novel systematic approach". Computers & Chemical Engineering 150 (2021): 107344. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.compchemeng.2021.107344>.

4. **Vinicius V. Santana**; Martins, Márcio A. F.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Loureiro, José M.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B. R.. "Abnormal Operation Tracking through Big-Data-Based Gram–Schmidt Orthogonalization: Production of n-Propyl Propionate in a Simulated Moving-Bed Reactor: A Case Study". Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research (2021): doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acs.iecr.1c00214>.

2020

1. **Vinicius V. Santana**; Martins, Márcio A.F.; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Loureiro, José M.; Ribeiro, Ana M.; Nogueira, Idelfonso B.R.. "Transient Analysis of True/Simulated Moving Bed Reactors: A Case Study on the Synthesis of n-Propyl Propionate". Computers & Chemical Engineering (2020): 106820. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.compchemeng.2020.106820>.

2. Nogueira, Idelfonso B.R.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Loureiro, José M.; Ribeiro, Ana M.. "Dynamics of a True Moving Bed Reactor: Synthesis of n-Propyl Propionate and an alternative optimization method". Chemical Engineering and Processing - Process Intensification 148 (2020): 107821. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cep.2020.107821>.

3. Nogueira, Idelfonso B.R.; Martins, Márcio A.F.; Requião, Reiner; Oliveira, Amanda R.; **Vinicius V. Santana**; Koivisto, Hannu; Rodrigues, Alírio E.; Loureiro, José M.; Ribeiro, Ana M.. "Optimization of a True Moving Bed unit and determination of its feasible operating region using a novel Sliding Particle Swarm Optimization". Computers & Industrial Engineering 135 (2019): 368-381. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cie.2019.06.020>.

## CONFERENCE PAPER

2019 Vinicius Viena Santana; Márcio A.F. Martins; Ana Mafalda Ribeiro; José M. Loureiro; **Vinicius V. Santana**. Dynamic response to process disturbances – An analysis of TMBR model in transient regime. *I Brazilian Congress on Process Systems Engineering*.

## CONFERENCE POSTER

2022 **Vinicius V. Santana**; Ana Mafalda Ribeiro; Nogueira, Idelfonso B.R.. Advancing Scientific Machine Learning in Physical Sciences: Applications in Process Systems Engineering. *MIT Portugal Annual Conference*.

## DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Award-Winning poster in Data Science at the 2022 MIT Portugal Annual Conference. <https://mitportugal.mit.edu/poster-gallery>

## THESIS/DISSERTATION

2019 Dynamics of Simulated Moving Bed Reactors: Synthesis of n-Propyl Propionate and Transient Analysis *Bachelor, Federal University of Bahia & Master, University of Porto, Faculty of Engineering.*

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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- **Python:** 4 years programming in Python for machine learning (ML) and PSE - personal projects in <https://github.com/viniviena/Projects>
- **Julia Language:** 2 years programming in Julia for ML and PSE - published paper with Julia Lab's co-PI Chris Rackauckas in scientific machine learning ([https://github.com/viniviena/ude\\_chromatography](https://github.com/viniviena/ude_chromatography))

## TEACHING

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2016 – 2017 Chemistry  
Volunteer High-School Teacher - Taached chemistry for socially vulnerable students preparing for high-school national exam.  
*Federal University of Bahia, Brazil*

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

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### MASTER'S

2022 – present Luana Queiroz  
Supervisor  
*Bridging Fundamental and Process Scales by Scientific Machine Learning*  
Master in Chemical Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal.

### UNDERGRADUATE

2021 – present Eduarda Augusto  
Supervisor  
*A data scraping tool for digital documents applied to collect information on perfume descriptors*  
Chemical Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal.

2020 – present Bruno Rodrigues  
Supervisor  
*A web scraping tool to collect information about perfume evaluation by customers.*  
Chemical Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal.

### REVIEWER

- Canadian Journal of Chemical Engineering, Wiley

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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- Feb 2019 – Braskem, S/A. Industrial Innovation Intern. Collaborated with Engineers and Data scientists  
Feb 2020 to create predictive models for PVC quality control and improvement. Performed mass and energy balance of 100kT/year capacity PVC plant for CO2 and energy benchmark. Identified and mitigated brittle fracture risk for designed natural gas facility rigorous simulations.
- May 2021 – SENAI CIMATEC, Brazil. Artificial Intelligence Consultant - High-Performance Computing  
Aug 2021 Center. Collaboration with Engineers, Computer Scientists and Meteorologists to build machine learning models from massive data (1 TB to 10 TB) aiming at short- and medium-term wind and solar energy forecasting using Python libraries (pandas, tensorflow, numpy, Dask) and git for version control.