Miguel Espinosa

PHD STUDENT

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My research lies in the intersection of Computer Vision and Earth Observation. Mainly, I am interested in diffusion models for EO. Other topics include: self-supervised methods for data fusion, representation learning, and adapting foundational models for large domain shifts.

Education _____

PhD in Deep Learning for Earth Observation

Edinburgh, UK

University of Edinburgh

October 2022 - present

• Diffusion Models for Earth Observation (supervised by Elliot J. Crowley), part of SENSE CDT.

MSc in Artificial Intelligence

Madrid, Spain

POLYTECNHIC UNIVERSITY OF MADRID ⋅ 1ST CLASS HONOURS (~ 93%)

September 2021 - June 2022

• Research in Computer Vision and Aerial Robotics department: "Facial landmarks detection with deep learning".

BSc in Computer Science (Bilingual)

Madrid, Spain

University Carlos III of Madrid · 1st Class Honours (~ 87%)

September 2017 - May 2021

• BSc project: "Self-awareness in a UAV swarm for the complete coverage of its surroundings" (97%)

Experience _____

European Space Agency, ESA

ESRIN, Rome

VISITING RESEARCHER

January 2025 - April 2025

- Research on multi-modal generative modelling of Copernicus data
- Development of COP-GEN Beta, a generative diffusion model for zero-shot translation between optical, radar, and elevation data from the Major TOM dataset. Working on multi-modal representation learning and model evaluation.

Canon Medical Research Europe Ltd.

Edinburgh

AI RESEARCH INTERN

June 2022 - August 2022

- Research in NLP for Clinical Temporal Relation Extraction.
- Data analysis, exploration, design and implementation of ML models for the extraction of temporal relations from non-structured clinical text.

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ALGORITHM DEVELOPER INTERN

July 2021 - September 2021

- Research in ML for natural language (NLP) to solve open-ended problems.
- Optimisation of the address detection and redaction in the CV pipeline. From research to idea to efficient implementation in C# into production. Received close mentorship from experienced professionals.

Huawei Technologies R&D (UK) Ltd.

Edinburgh Research Center (remote)

RESEARCH INTERN

June 2020 - September 2020

- Responsible for analysis of the DL framework built on Julia programming language.
- Contribution to MindSpore DL framework and its integration with Julia as front-end language. Working on source-to-source code generation for the forward and backwards pass with automatic differentiation.

Publications ____

COP-GEN-Beta: Unified Generative Modelling of COPernicus Imagery Thumbnails

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CVPR MORSE Workshop 2025

Miguel Espinosa*, Valerio Marsocci, Yuru Jia, Elliot Crowley, Mikolaj Czerkawski

No time to train! Training-Free Reference-Based Instance Segmentation

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ARXIV PREPRINT

Miguel Espinosa*, Chenhongyi Yang*, Linus Ericsson, Steven McDonagh, Elliot J Crowley

There is no samantics! exploring sam as a backbone for visual understanding tasks

ARXIV PREPRINT

Miguel Espinosa*, Chenhongyi Yang*, Linus Ericsson, Steven McDonagh, Elliot J Crowley

einspace: Searching for neural architectures from fundamental operations

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NEURIPS 2024

Linus Ericsson*, Miguel Espinosa, Chenhongyi Yang, Antreas Antoniou, Amos J Storkey, Shay Cohen, Steven McDonagh, Elliot J Crowley

PlainMamba: Improving non-hierarchical mamba in visual recognition

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BMVC 2024

Chenhongyi Yang*, Zehui Chen*, Miguel Espinosa*, Linus Ericsson, Zhenyu Wang, Jiaming Liu, Elliot J Crowley

Generate Your Own Scotland: Satellite Image Generation Conditioned on Maps

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NEURIPS 2023 WORKSHOP ON DIFFUSION MODELS

Miguel Espinosa*, Elliot J Crowley

Self-awareness for complete coverage metrology using autonomous systems

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2022 IEEE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON METROLOGY FOR AEROSPACE

Miguel Espinosa*, Pablo Flores Peña, Zhuoyao He, David Martín Gómez

Academic _____

Teaching

University of Edinburgh

• Data Analysis and Machine Learning (2024)

Reviewing

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS

- Conferences: ICCV (2025), CVPR (2025), ICLR (2025), BMVC (2024), ECCV (2024), BMVC (2023)
- Workshops: ICML Workshop TerraBytes (2025), CVPR Workshop MORSE (2025), NeurIPS Diffusion Models (2023), BMVC Workshop ML for EO (2023)

Awards _

Jose Cuena Excellence Award

Madrid, Spain

April 2022

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January 2022 - May 2022

Excellence Grant (x2)

Research Fellowship

Madrid, Spain

COMUNIDAD DE MADRID

2019-2020 | 2020-2021

Languages _

Spanish Native
Catalan Native

English Proficient, fluent

IELTS - 7.5 (Overall Band Score)

[certificate]

Technical Skills _____

Languages Python (Numpy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, Pandas), Java, C++, Shell

Frameworks PyTorch, Tensorflow

Other Git version-control, Latex, Linux OS, Slurm