Héctor Inda Díaz

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Technical Skills

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: Python | C | C++ | Fortran | Matlab | Ferret | CUDA | Numerical Methods | SQL | R | VirtualBox | Docker | Google Cloud Run

DATA SCIENCE & MACHINE LEARNING: Data Visualization (Plotly, Seaborn, matplotlib) | AWS | Pytorch | scikit-learn | Numerical & Statistical Modelling | Quantitative Analysis

INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE: Languages (English, Spanish, Russian) | Geospatial Data | Scientific Writing | Literature Review

Education

Data Scientist Certification - Fellowship Program, The Data Incubator | August 2023

Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science | University of California Davis | Apr 2021

M.S. in Physical Oceanography | Ensenada Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education | Apr 2015

B.S. in Physics | National Autonomous University of Mexico | Jul 2012

Experience

EAGLE ROCK ANALYTICS

July 2023 - current

Research associate

- Support developing and performing novel research on cloud-based climate and weather data platforms for multiple State of California agencies (e.g., energy and climate-adjacent).
- Support the development of the Cal-Adapt: Analytics Engine, an associated historic data platform of weather station data, and early work to develop a climate risk index with the California Air Resources Board.
- Development of an open-source historical data platform synthesizing surface meteorological observational networks across the western United States from just under 16,000 stations, including the development of robust quality assurance/quality control protocols.
- Sub-consultant for the *UCSD Decarbonization*, *Electrification*, *and Sustainability Planning Study*. Supporting the identification of climate projection data relevant to UCSD's facilities and operations, which is necessary for assessing climate vulnerabilities and potential climate impacts.

LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY

Jun 2022 – June 2023

Postdoctoral Scholar

- Leveraged Indiana University's BigRed200 supercomputer to port and execute the RRM-E3SM model from NERSC, successfully generating 200TB of historical and future projection model output over a period of six months.
- Implemented dask parallel computing and SLURMClustering on BigRed200 supercomputer, enabling parallelized analysis of over 200TB of data across 30 computing nodes (~3840 cores), significantly reducing data analysis time from potential months to just one week.
- Conducted monthly, seasonal, yearly, and climatological analyses of 100 years of model data (more than 20TB) and regridded output and analysis files. Successfully established and executed the Regionally Refined Energy Exascale Earth System Model (RRM-E3SM).
- Designed and implemented a grid for RRM-E3SM at 14 km resolution, targeting Mexico and Southeast US, demonstrating attention to detail and spatial analytics expertise.
- Created a Python library, specifically tailored to analyze and visualize RRM-E3SM output, enhancing data interpretation and reporting.
- Expertly handled and analyzed an extensive dataset of over 400TB, deriving insights from large-scale model output.

Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Conducted statistical analysis on evapotranspiration and heat stress in the central US under varying climates and assessed convective self-aggregation in convection-resolving models.
- Significantly reduced uncertainty in atmospheric rivers (ARs) analysis through advanced statistical and data analysis techniques, including Kernel Density Estimation and extreme value theory, showcasing skills in complex environmental data analysis.
- Developed a Python library for self-aggregation data in CRM output and devised massively parallel data analysis routines for large climate model ensembles, demonstrating expertise in scalable programming and parallel computing.
- Implemented five statistical AR size estimation methods, including a 3D Lagrangian backtrajectory model in C/CUDA with CPU and GPU compatibility.
- Analyzed hundreds of TBs of historical and future climate simulations data from various sources including CMIP5 and CMIP6, demonstrating proficiency in handling and interpreting large datasets.
- Contributed to the scientific community by publishing peer-reviewed literature and presenting findings at international conferences.