

# Ricardo Faúndez-Carrasco

AI - machine learning researcher

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## languages

**ESP** mother tongue  
**ENG** fluent (C1)  
**JPN** basic (N5)

## programming

Python  
Java  
C/C++  
R  
Matlab & Simulink  
Bash  
CSS3 & HTML5  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## skills

Responsability  
Teamwork  
Communication  
Fast learner  
Mathematical skills  
Computer Vision  
Speech Processing  
HPC  
Kalman filters  
State-Space models

## Summary

I am a physicist profoundly interested in Artificial Intelligence. Experience hands-on in Deep Learning in time series analysis both in speech treatment and medical data.

## education

- 2017–Now **PhD. student** Universidad Politécnica de Madrid  
Human knowledge, or the representation we build of the world, comes from the joint understanding of all senses (touch, smell, taste, pain...). Traditional machine learning, and even the most recent papers on multi-task learning always take into account just one main task or input data type. We propose novel architectures that try to replicate in a computational environment the working principles of human brain.
- 2015–2017 **M.Sc. in Automation and Robotics** Universidad Politécnica de Madrid  
*Deep Learning strategies for the enhancement of Automatic Speech Recognition architectures*  
This thesis explored different state-of-the-art techniques such as LSTM cells, word2vec embeddings and convolutional layers and their effect on an HMM-DNN ASR system. Graded 10/10, candidate to Honors.
- 2016–2018 **M.Sc. in Computational and Mathematical Engineering** Universitat Rovira i Virgili & Universitat Oberta de Catalunya  
*Prediction of Breast Cancer survival rates*  
Thesis reporting on data mining and machine learning algorithms predicting the evolution of both survival rates and treatments' effectiveness on breast cancer patients. Pending to be published in *International Journal of Medical Informatics*.
- 2010–2015 **Bachelor in Physics** Universidad Autónoma de Madrid  
*Isotropic-Nematic-Liquid crystal phase transition: a lattice model*  
This thesis reported on Monte-Carlo simulations of liquid crystal's lattices undergoing phase transitions due to temperature or shape modifications. Graded 8.8/10.

## experience

- 2017–2018 **National Institute of Informatics - NII** Tokyo, Japan  
*Research Intern*  
Working on multi-model models trained and designed in a fashion so they can perform at the same time traditionally unrelated tasks, such as Speech Enhancement, Voice Conversion and Text-to-Speech Synthesis.
- 2017 **Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Telecomunicación - UPM** Madrid, Spain  
*Research Assistant*  
Focused Automatic Speech Recognition, doing research on different approaches based on Deep Learning to improve the accuracy of the whole system, at both acoustic and language level.

- 2015-2016 **Medicsen** London, United Kingdom  
*Research & Development*  
 Development of the first fully functional and automatic pancreas for diabetic patients. In charge of building the algorithms and mathematical models of the disease from scratch. Main achievements:
- Glycemic curve predicted with **85%** accuracy on the 2-hours-ahead glycemic level from inputs on meal intake, insulin dose and exercise.
  - **Patent:** MedicSen, 2016. Non-Invasive Artificial Pancreas, U.S. Application 50389, MED-001PR, filed January 2016.
  - Co-speaker with Eduardo Jorgensen (MIT Innovator 2017) in REWORK Deep Learning in Healthcare Summit in London, April 2016.
- 2015 **La Paz Hospital** Madrid, Spain  
*Intern*  
 Worked within the Radio-therapy and Nuclear Medicine Departments. Dealt with cancer treatments using Monte-Carlo simulations and denoising of medical images.

## volunteering

- 2017 **Collaborator in AILoveU** Madrid  
 Speaker at the Business Institute (IE) in AILoveU Vol.2: "Siri's hearing aid" on the limitations of current Deep Learning technologies and its potential.
- 2014 **Collaborator in ESN-UAM** Erasmus Students Network  
 In charge of cultural city tours around the city of Madrid.
- 2012 **Board Member in AEGEE-Madrid** European Students Forum, Brussels  
 Treasurer, Summer University organiser of this student organisation, based on student exchanges and non-formal training.
- 2012 **Board Member of Séptimo Arte UAM** Universidad Autónoma de Madrid  
 Co-founder and Vice-president of this cinema forum student association.

## interests

**professional:** data science, neuroscience, quantum computing. **personal:** karate (1st Dan), meditation, basketball, travelling, beer tasting (awarded in a Prague brewery).