

# Andres Ramirez-Jaime

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## Summary

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Ph.D. Candidate, Electrical and Computer Engineering (University of Delaware; expected Jul 2026) focused on **generative/reconstructive ML for computational imaging and perception (diffusion models, transformers, GANs)** across **3D LiDAR, hyperspectral remote sensing, and gigapixel pathology**. Co-authored **20+ peer-reviewed publications**. Industry research engineering experience at **Apple** (LLM tool-use/agent workflows: **RAG, LoRA** fine-tuning, evaluation pipelines) and **Vertex Pharmaceuticals** (semantic segmentation for whole-slide imaging). Seeking **Research Scientist / AI Researcher / ML Scientist** roles in generative modeling, multimodal learning, and perception.

## Technical Skills

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- **Programming:** Python, C, MATLAB, LabVIEW.
- **ML / Deep Learning:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras; diffusion models, transformers, GANs; LLM fine-tuning (LoRA); retrieval-augmented generation (RAG); multimodal neural networks.
- **Computer Vision / Imaging:** semantic segmentation, super-resolution, denoising, reconstruction; computational imaging; medical and remote-sensing imagery.
- **Data / Systems:** large-scale training and evaluation (gigapixel images; 3D tensors; GPU training); dataset curation; experiment evaluation and test-suite design.
- **Tools:** Linux, Git, GIS, Latex.

## Research Experience

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### University of Delaware

#### Research and Teaching Assistant

Newark, DE, USA

Feb 2022 – Present

- Lead research on generative and multimodal ML for LiDAR and hyperspectral remote sensing (diffusion models, transformers, GANs) within the **NASA CASALS** project.
- Developed reconstruction and super-resolution methods for the **HyperHeight Data Cube (HHDC) 2 m NEON dataset** (~100k 3D tensors); achieved **<1 m MAE** on CHM/DTM and multiple height percentiles under compressive sampling (~25% sampling).
- Built scalable end-to-end pipelines (data processing → training → evaluation) on ~60 GB datasets; ran ~5-day training cycles on a single **A100** and produced inference over ~600 m<sup>2</sup> areas in ~12 min.
- Published and presented research: **17** peer-reviewed papers (**7 first-author**); presented at international venues in remote sensing and computational imaging.
- Mentored 2 Ph.D. students, 1 master's student, and visiting researchers; TA for Statistical Learning, Imaging and Deep Learning, and Probability/Statistics.

### University of Delaware

#### Visiting Scholar

Newark, DE, USA

Jul 2021 – Dec 2021

- Designed the HyperHeight Data Cube (HHDC) representation for efficient storage and processing of compressed 3D satellite LiDAR data, enabling downstream learning and reconstruction workflows.
- Implemented a 3D convolutional autoencoder for HHDC reconstruction, improving reconstruction quality vs. classical image-processing baselines by **+6 dB** on CHM and **+18 dB** on DTM.

## Professional Experience

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### Apple Inc.

#### Large Language Models and Generative AI Engineering Intern

Cupertino, CA, USA

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

- Built a retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) system grounded in the iPhone user manual to generate higher-quality internal tool descriptions; improved descriptions for ~85% of tools by strengthening retrieval and grounding.
- Fine-tuned Apple Intelligence LLMs for iPhone-focused tool usage via dataset curation and LoRA adapters; improved single-turn tool-selection accuracy from **61%** to **90.2%**.

- Created evaluation datasets and hand-crafted test suites (~**2,500** human-created conversations spanning ~**80** tools) to stress-test edge cases; used results to diagnose failure modes and prioritize fixes.
- Optimized the training/evaluation pipeline to increase iteration rate from **1** to **>4** cycles/day, accelerating experimentation and readiness for deployment.
- Reduced tool hallucinations (nonexistent tools) from ~**3%** to **0%** on internal testing by analyzing error patterns and recommending mitigation changes.

## Vertex Pharmaceuticals

*Computer Vision and Machine Learning Engineer*

San Diego, CA, USA

*Jun 2023 – Aug 2023*

- Partnered with biologists, physicians, and chemists on early drug discovery (IPF, ADPKD), translating scientific goals into ML deliverables and evaluation criteria.
- Built a U-Net semantic segmentation model for gigapixel pathology images achieving >90% accuracy; replaced outsourced processing (100 slides; up to 3-month turnaround) with in-house inference (~**15 min** per processed slice/region), reducing vendor dependence and avoiding up to **\$600k/year** external spend.
- Developed an automated pipeline to segment kidney organoids in whole-slide images and estimate morphology (size, wall thickness) with <3% error, improving measurement consistency for downstream analysis.

## Teaching & Leadership

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### University of La Sabana

*Mechanical Engineering Professor*

Chia, Colombia

*Jan 2018 – Dec 2021*

- Supervised 12 undergraduate thesis projects; taught courses in prototypes and manufacturing.
- Designed and programmed embedded control for the UNISABANA HERONS mechanical ventilator deployed in **400+** units during COVID-19; implemented respiratory control and data collection in C and LabVIEW, supporting regulatory approval by the Colombian FDA.
- Led a robotics team for RoboCup 2019 (Sydney); reached the **Community Shield final** as runner-up, owning end-to-end technical execution (perception, control, systems integration) as team leader.

## Education

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### University of Delaware

*Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Newark, DE, USA

*Jul 2026 (Expected)*

- GPA: 3.92; 2022 George W. Laird Fellow; 2024 ECE Signal Processing Award; 2024 Doctoral Fellowship for Excellence.

### University of Los Andes

*M.S. in Computer and Electronic Engineering*

Bogota, Colombia

*Mar 2016*

- Graduated *Cum Laude*.

### University of Los Andes

*B.S. in Electronic Engineering*

Bogota, Colombia

*Oct 2013*

## Selected Publications

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- Full publication list: [Google Scholar](#) (link in header).
- **Super-Resolved 3D Satellite LiDAR Imaging of Earth Via Generative Diffusion Models.** Ramirez-Jaime, A., Porras-Diaz, N., Arce, G. R., Stephen, M., *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, 2025.
- **SpectralCam: High-Resolution Low-Cost Spectral Imaging Using DSLR Cameras.** Paruchuri, A., Ramirez-Jaime, A. et al., in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2025.
- **Super-Resolution of Satellite Lidars for Forest Studies Via Generative Adversarial Networks.** Ramirez-Jaime, A., Porras-Diaz, N., Arce, G. R. et al., in *Proc. IGARSS 2024 – IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium*, 2024.
- **Transformer End-to-End Optimization of Compressive LiDARs Using Imaging Spectroscopy Side Information.** Porras-Diaz, N., Ramirez-Jaime, A., Arce, G. R. et al., *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, 2024.
- **HyperHeight LiDAR Compressive Sampling and Machine Learning Reconstruction of Forested Landscapes.** Ramirez-Jaime, A., Peña-Peña, K., Arce, G. R. et al., *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, 2024.
- **The Development and Implementation of a Low-Cost Mechanical Ventilator in a Low-Middle-Income Country During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Unisabana-HERONS.** Giraldo-Cadavid, L. F., Echeverry, J., Varón, F., Ramirez-Jaime, A. et al., *Heliyon*, 2024.