# Antonio R. Paiva

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#### Professional Experience

## • Principal Data Scientist

March 2022 - present

Allstate, Chicago, IL (Remote - NJ based)

- Established strategic plan, directed external projects, and researched approaches for assessing the overall safety risk of driver-assistance and autonomous driving systems.
- Developed tools for automated extraction of structured information from customer interactions using LLM prompt optimization methods and AI-agentic frameworks.
- Developed models for extraction of property insights from aerial images.

## • Advanced Data Analytics Researcher

Aug. 2015 - March 2022

ExxonMobil, Annandale, NJ

- Led research projects on deep learning probabilistic models, geophysical uncertainty quantification, and occupational safety data analytics.
- Developed framework for preventative occupational safety interventions.
- Developed machine learning models for fault detection in industrial systems.

#### • Technical Team Lead

Jan. 2014 - July 2015

ExxonMobil, Houston, TX

- Managed research deployment and Agile software development and deployment.
- Commercialized two software products and initiated development of 3 new projects.

#### • Pattern Recognition Researcher

Oct. 2010 - Dec. 2013

ExxonMobil, Houston, TX

- Developed pattern recognition and signal processing methods for analysis of geophysical (i.e., seismic) image volumes. Innovations included in 8 patents.
- Contributions include algorithm that produced 100x speed-up of previous approach, enabling the analysis to be deployed and performed on user's workstations.

#### • Post-Doctoral Fellow

Aug. 2008 - Sept. 2010

Scientific Computing and Imaging Institute University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT Advisor: Dr. Tolga Tasdizen

 Developed neural network and image pattern recognition methods, with applications in cell detection, identification, and reconstruction from electron microscope image volumes.

# • Research Assistant

Aug. 2004 - July 2008

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

# **EDUCATION**

• Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA
Advisor: Dr. José C. Príncipe
Dissertation: "Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces for Point Processes

Dissertation: "Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces for Point Processes, with applications to Neural Activity Analysis."

 M.S., Electrical & Computer Engineering University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA Dec. 2005

Aug. 2008

• *Licentiate*, Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal

Sept. 2003

# PATENTS (INCLUDING PATENT APPLICATIONS)

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- [4] L. A. Wahrmund, **Antonio R. C. Paiva**, and S. Hanson-Hedgecock, "Seismic stratigraphic surface classification," U.S. Patent 10,641,915, granted May 2020.
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- [9] M. Imhof, P. Dimitrov, and **Antonio R. C. Paiva**, "Method for decomposing complex objects into simpler components," U.S. Patent 9,824,135, granted Nov. 2017.
- [10] Antonio R. C. Paiva and M. Casey, "Method for analysis of relevance and interdependencies in geoscience data," U.S. Patent 9,014,982, granted Apr. 2015.
- [11] Antonio R. C. Paiva and T. Tasdizen, "Characterizing datasets using sampling, weighting, and approximation of an eigendecomposition," U.S. Patent 8,412,651, granted Apr. 2, 2013.

#### **Publications**

# **Book chapters**

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- [2] Jose C. Principe, Jianwu Xu, Robert Jenssen, Antonio R. C. Paiva, and Il Park. A reproducing kernel Hilbert space framework for information-theoretic learning. In Jose C. Principe, editor, Information Theoretic Learning: Renyi's Entropy and Kernel Perspectives, chapter 9. Springer, 2010.
- [3] Antonio R. C. Paiva, Il Park, and Jose C. Principe. Inner products for representation and learning in the spike train domain. In Karim G. Oweiss, editor, *Statistical Signal Processing for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology*, chapter 8. Academic Press, 2010.
- [4] Antonio R. C. Paiva, Il Park, and Jose C. Principe. Optimization in reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces of spike trains. In Wanpracha Chaovalitwongse, Panos M. Pardalos, and Petros Xanthopoulos, editors, *Computational Neuroscience*, chapter 1. Springer, 2010.

# Refereed journal articles

- [1] Zhonghua Zheng, Arlene M. Fiore, Daniel M. Westervelt, George P. Milly, Jeff Goldsmith, Ruth S. DeFries, Alexandra N. Karambelas, Gabriele Curci, Cynthia A. Randles, **Antonio R. Paiva**, Chi Wang, and Qingyun Wu. Automated machine learning to evaluate the information content of tropospheric trace gas columns for fine particle estimates over India: a modeling testbed. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 15(3), March 2023. (Article featured in EOS review.).
- [2] **Antonio R. Paiva** and Giovanni Pilloni. Inferring microbial biomass yield and cell weight using probabilistic macrochemical modeling. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, 20(1), January 2023.
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- [4] Aaron A. Jones, Giovanni Pilloni, Joshua T. Claypool, **Antonio R. Paiva**, and Zarath M. Summers. Evidence of sporulation capability of the ubiquitous oil reservoir microbe *Halanaerobium congolense*. *Geomicrobiology Journal*, 38(4):283–293, April 2021. Impact factor: 1.989.
- [5] Weike Sun, Antonio R. Paiva, Peng Xu, Anantha Sundaram, and Richard Braatz. Fault detection and identification using Bayesian recurrent neural networks. *Computers & Chemical Engineering*, 141, October 2020. Impact factor: 3.334.

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- [2] Haining Zheng and **Antonio R. Paiva**. Assessing machine learning approaches to address IoT sensor drift. In 4rd Intl. Workshop on Artificial Intelligence of Things, ACM International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), Singapore, August 2021.
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- [26] António J. R. Neves, Armando J. Pinho, and Antonio R. C. Paiva. Lossless bitplane compression of microarray images using 3D context models. In Proceedings of the IASTED International Conference on Visualization, Imaging and Image Processing, VIIP-2005, Benidorm, Spain, September 2005.
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#### Preprints, Technical Reports, and Dissertation

- [1] Han Wang, **Antonio R. Paiva**, Yuneil Yeo, Jean Utke, and Maria Laura Delle Monache. Black-box safety evaluation of autonomous vehicles via monte carlo simulation of realistic scenarios. Technical report, University of California, Berkeley, June 2025.
- [2] Yuneil Yeo, Han Wang, **Antonio R. Paiva**, Jack P. Goodman, Jean Utke, and Maria Laura Delle Monache. Dynamic risk assessment for autonomous vehicles from spatio-temporal probabilistic occupancy heatmaps. Technical report, University of California, Berkeley, June 2025.
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- [4] Han Wang, Yuneil Yeo, Antonio R. Paiva, Jean Utke, and Maria Laura Delle Monache. Modular framework for uncertainty prediction in autonomous vehicle motion forecasting within complex traffic scenarios. Technical report, University of California, Berkeley, January 2025. arXiv: 2501.16480.

- [5] Ashutosh Tewari and Antonio R. Paiva. Modeling and mitigation of occupational safety risks in dynamic industrial environments. Technical report, ExxonMobil Corporate Strategic Research, May 2022. arXiv: 2205.00894.
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#### Abstracts

- [1] Weike Sun, Antonio R. Paiva, Peng Xu, Anantha Sundaram, and Richard Braatz. Fault detection and identification using Bayesian recurrent neural networks. In *Proceedings of the CACHE Conference on Foundations of Process Analytics and Machine learning*, Raleigh, NC, August 2019. Abstract.
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#### Professional memberships and activities

• Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems

Jan. 2017 – present

• Associate Editor, IEEE Signal Processing Journal July 2016 – June 2020

• IEEE Senior Member Apr. 2019 – present

• IEEE Member Jan. 2005 - Mar. 2019

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Artificial Intelligence: AI (LLM-based) Agents; Prompt Engineering and Optimization; Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Machine Learning: Deep Learning/Neural Networks (e.g., Transformers, CNNs, RNNs, VAEs, Normalizing Flows), Probabilistic Graphical Models, Kernel Methods, Signal Processing, Image Processing, Computer Vision
- Programming: Python, Stan, Matlab, Bash, C
- Data Analytics/Machine Learning software: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-learn, Numpy, Pandas, PyStan
- Web development: HTML, PHP, CSS, SQL
- Operating systems: Windows and Linux
- Server management: HTTP (Apache), MySQL, DHCP, DNS
- Productivity software: LATEX and Microsoft Office

# LANGUAGES

Portuguese and English