Pedro Marco Achanccaray Diaz

Researcher and Lecturer at IGP/TU Braunschweig

Experienced researcher proficient in machine learning, deep learning, computer vision and remote sensing with expertise in applying these techniques to diverse fields such as agriculture mapping, oil and gas exploration/monitoring/extraction, and building heritage preservation. Exhibits competence in the supervision and orientation of master's and doctoral students during lectures and guiding them through the development of projects.

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Research Interests

Computer vision, Machine learning, Deep learning, Remote sensing

Education

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)
Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, 2019

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)
M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, 2014

National University of Engineering (UNI)
B.Sc. in Mechanical-Electrical Engineering, 2010

Professional/ Research Experience

Institute of Geodesy and Photogrammetry - IGP 2021-2027
Technische Universität Braunschweig – TUBS, Germany
Researcher and Lecturer
Research on projects using machine/deep learning methods and remote sensing data for different applications such as building heritage preservation, concrete damage detection, land use/land cover segmentation, and 3D concrete printing quality assessment. Lecturer on the Deep Learning course in the Master program, and supervision of master and doctoral students.

Applied Computational Intelligence Lab – ICA 2019-2021
Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio, Brazil
Researcher and Developer
Research and development of projects using machine/ deep learning methods and data from different domains (sea surface satellite images, sea floor seismic data, and ROV pipeline inspection videos) in the exploration, extraction, and monitoring tasks in the Oil and Gas industry. Supervisor of master and doctoral students.

Computer Vision Lab - LVC 2015-2018
Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio, Brazil
Researcher
Development of public benchmarks for agricultural applications. My activities involved the pre-processing of sequences of multitemporal Sentinel-1 (SAR) images for agricultural monitoring in two municipalities in Brazil: **Campo Verde** and Luis Eduardo Magalhães (**LEM**). These projects were in cooperation with the National Institute for Space Research – INPE. LEM received financial support from the ISPRS Scientific Initiatives.

Teaching Experience

- Deep learning (IGP/TUBS), *Lecturer – Master program* — 2022-2025
- Deep learning for social sciences and public administration (PUCP), *Lecturer – Specialization course* — 2022-2025
- Machine learning for social sciences (PUCP), *Lecturer – Specialization course* — Jan – Feb 2021

Achievements, Honors and Awards

- TU Braunschweig Lehrpreis 2024: Best international lecture, Deep Learning — 2024
- Scholarship *Science without Borders* from *CAPES,* for visiting researcher at *IPI, LUH (*Germany) — 2016
- Scholarship from *CNPq* for the Ph.D. program at *PUC-Rio* — 2014-2018
- Scholarship *Bolsa Nota 10* from *FAPERJ* — 2013
- Scholarship from *CAPES* for the M.Sc. program at *PUC-Rio* — 2012

Invited Talks

- *Interpretando el mundo a través de imágenes y deep learning*, XI Electronic Week International Conference, 2022.
- *Desafíos del aprendizaje profundo en la visión por computador: Introducción al aprendizaje profundo y aplicaciones en teledetección,* V International Conference on Systems Engineering, 2022.
- *Deep Learning*, Summer School – IBT TU Braunschweig, 2022.
- *Aplicaciones de Deep Learning en Procesamiento Digital de Imágenes: desde el fondo del océano hasta el espacio exterior*, Capitulo de Ingeniería Electrónica CIP Cusco, 2022.
- *Segmentación de tipos de cultivos agrícolas con herramientas de machine learning e imágenes de teledetección,* Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú PUCP, 2021.
- *Reconocimiento de cultivos agrícolas en regiones tropicales usando secuencias de imágenes de teledetección de sensores activos y pasivos*, International Conference on Computer Systems and Sciences, 2020.

Key Skills and Experience

Programming:	Python, MATLAB, C++, C#, R, Bash Script
Frameworks:	TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch
Version Control:	Git, GitLab, GitHub
Containerization Tools:	Docker, Singularity
Software:	QGIS, ESA SNAP, MS Office

Languages

Spanish (native), English (advanced), Portuguese (intermediate)

Students

Co-advisor, M.Sc., Eslam Nagah Sayed Mohamed Sharaawy (March 2025)
Co-advisor, M.Sc., Aditya Murti (April 2025)
Co-advisor, M.Sc., Reiko Lettmoden (December 2024)
Co-advisor, M.Sc., Jose Manuel Gutierrez Castellanos (December 2024)
Co-advisor, M.Sc., Friedrich Hellweg (September 2024)
Co-advisor, M.Sc., David Hunkemöller (March 2024)
Co-advisor, M.Sc., William Alberto Ramirez Ruiz (April 2021)

Publications

Rohrer M, Backhaus J, Bestmann U, De Arriba López V, **Achanccaray P**, Gerke M, et al. *Experimental studies on multi-scale data-driven methods within the framework of structural health monitoring*. Civil Engineering Design. 2025. DOI:10.1002/cend.202400036

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Nyandwi, E., Gerke, M. & **Achanccaray, P**. *Local Evaluation of Large-scale Remote Sensing Machine Learning-generated Building and Road Dataset: The Case of Rwanda*. Journal of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Geoinformation science – PFG (2024), DOI: 10.1007/s41064-024-00297-9

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A. Alamouri, J. Backhaus, V. De Arriba López, **P. M. Achanccaray Diaz**, M. Gerke. *High-Resolution Data Capture and Interpretation in Support of Port Infrastructure Maintenance*, DGPF-Jahrestagung, 2024.

M. Gerke, **P. M. Achanccaray Diaz**, S. Fekete, M. Figge, N. Fohrer, S. Giutronich, P. Keldenich, S. Lutz, M. Perk, A. Reinhardt, C. Richter, C. Rieck, B. Riedel, T. Riedemann, F. Saba, K. Schrader, A. Schröter, D. Szafranski, A. Taghavi, P. Wagner. *Extremwettermanagement mit digitalen Multiskalen-Methoden: Das EXDIMUM-Projekt*, DGPF-Jahrestagung, 2024.

De Arriba López, V., Maboudi, M., **Achanccaray, P.**, Gerke, M. *Automatic non-destructive UAV-based structural health monitoring of steel container cranes*. Applied Geomatics (2023), DOI: 10.1007/s12518-023-00542-7

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Leonhard Wesche, Sebastian Hoyer, Ulrich Knufinke, **Pedro Achanccaray**, Christina Krafczyk, Markus Gerke and Klaus Thiele. *Technologien für die Baudenkmalpflege: Erfassung und Analyse von Systemhallen der Hochmoderne*, in: Berichte zur Denkmalpflege in Niedersachsen 43 (2023), 2, pp. 61-65

Wesche, L., **Achanccaray, P.,** Hoyer, S. (2023). *Serielle Gebäude und wie man sie findet - Eine Methodik der Künstlichen Intelligenz zur Gebäudeerfassung*. In Gisbertz, O., Escherich, M., Hoyer, S., Putz, A., Weber, C. & DFG-Netzwerk Bauforschung Jüngere Baubestände 1945+ (Ed.). Reallabor Nachkriegsmoderne: Zum Umgang mit jüngeren Denkmalen. JOVIS Verlag GmbH

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