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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	<u>Institute of Geodesy and Photogrammetry - IGP</u> Technische Universität Braunschweig – TUBS, Germany <i>Researcher and Lecturer</i> 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.	2021-2027
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	<u>Applied Computational Intelligence Lab - ICA</u> Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio, Brazil <i>Researcher and Developer</i> 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.	2019-2021
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	<u>Computer Vision Lab - LVC</u> Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio, Brazil <i>Researcher</i> 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 .	2015-2018
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Teaching Experience	• Deep learning (IGP/TUBS), <i>Lecturer – Master program</i>	2022-2025
	• Deep learning for social sciences and public administration (PUCP), <i>Lecturer – Specialization course</i>	2022-2025
	• Machine learning for social sciences (PUCP), <i>Lecturer – Specialization course</i>	Jan – Feb 2021
Achievements, Honors and Awards	• TU Braunschweig Lehrpreis 2024: Best international lecture, Deep Learning	2024
	• Scholarship <i>Science without Borders</i> from CAPES, for visiting researcher at IPI, LUH (Germany)	2016
	• Scholarship from CNPq for the Ph.D. program at PUC-Rio	2014-2018
	• Scholarship <i>Bolsa Nota 10</i> from FAPERJ	2013
	• Scholarship from CAPES for the M.Sc. program at PUC-Rio	2012
Invited Talks	• <i>Interpretando el mundo a través de imágenes y deep learning</i> , XI Electronic Week International Conference, 2022.	
	• <i>Desafíos del aprendizaje profundo en la visión por computador: Introducción al aprendizaje profundo y aplicaciones en teledetección</i> , V International Conference on Systems Engineering, 2022.	
	• <i>Deep Learning</i> , Summer School – IBT TU Braunschweig, 2022.	
	• <i>Aplicaciones de Deep Learning en Procesamiento Digital de Imágenes: desde el fondo del océano hasta el espacio exterior</i> , Capitulo de Ingeniería Electrónica CIP Cusco, 2022.	
	• <i>Segmentación de tipos de cultivos agrícolas con herramientas de machine learning e imágenes de teledetección</i> , Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú PUCP, 2021.	
	• <i>Reconocimiento de cultivos agrícolas en regiones tropicales usando secuencias de imágenes de teledetección de sensores activos y pasivos</i> , International Conference on Computer Systems and Sciences, 2020.	
Key Skills and Experience	<i>Programming:</i> Python, MATLAB, C++, C#, R, Bash Script	
	<i>Frameworks:</i> TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch	
	<i>Version Control:</i> Git, GitLab, GitHub	
	<i>Containerization Tools:</i> Docker, Singularity	
	<i>Software:</i> QGIS, ESA SNAP, MS Office	
Languages	Spanish (native), English (advanced), Portuguese (intermediate)	
Students	Co-advisor, M.Sc., Aditya Murti (May 2025)	
	Co-advisor, M.Sc., Eslam Nagah Sayed Mohamed Sharaawy (March 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)	
Publications	Co-advisor, M.Sc., William Alberto Ramirez Ruiz (April 2021)	
	Nyandwi, E., Gerke, M., Achancaray, P. , & Lessmann, C. (2025). <i>Integrating remote sensing and deep learning for mapping urban housing wealth patterns</i> . Geo-Spatial Information Science, 1-19. DOI:10.1080/10095020.2025.2543496	
	R. Lettmoden, P. M. Achancaray Diaz , K. Bittner, M. Gerke. <i>MultiGFM: Multi-temporal Framework for Multi-modal Geospatial Foundation Models</i> , Dreiländertagung der DGPF, der OVG und der SGPF, 2025, 182-200.	
	Saba, F., Achancaray, P. , and Gerke, M. <i>Land use/Land cover mapping to monitor dead tree areas using multi-modal, multi-temporal Remote Sensing imagery and a deep learning model</i> , EGU General Assembly 2025, Vienna, Austria, EGU25-6990. DOI:10.5194/egusphere-egu25-6990	
	Rohrer M, Backhaus J, Bestmann U, De Arriba López V, Achancaray P , Gerke M, et al. <i>Experimental studies on multi-scale data-driven methods within the framework of structural health monitoring</i> . 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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- 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
- Achanccaray, P.**, Gerke, M., Wesche, L., Hoyer, S., Thiele, K., Knufinke, U., and Krafczyk, C.: *On the assessment of instance segmentation for the automatic detection of specific constructions from very high resolution airborne imagery*, Int. Arch. Photogramm. Remote Sens. Spatial Inf. Sci., XLVIII-1/W2-2023, 1303–1309, DOI: 10.5194/isprs-archives-XLVIII-1-W2-2023-1303-2023, 2023
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General Secretary, [*IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society Brazil's Chapter*](#) (2015-2016).

Co-organizer, *IEEE GRSS Young Professionals and ISPRS Summer School 2015*.

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