

## Xiaoling Hu

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**Current Position** • **Harvard Medical School, Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging, USA** Aug. 2023 - Present  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
- Hosted by Prof. Juan Eugenio Iglesias and Prof. Bruce Fischl

**Research Interests** My research interest is **Machine Learning for Healthcare**, and I am focusing on developing core machine learning algorithms applied to medical imaging problems. In particular, I am interested in:

- **Topology-Driven Deep Image Analysis**
- **Learning with Reliability, Interpretability, and Robustness**
- **Empowering Clinical and Biomedical Applications**

**Education** • **Stony Brook University, Department of CS, USA** Jan. 2018 - June 2023  
*Doctor of Philosophy*  
- Advisor: Chao Chen  
- Thesis: Learning Topological Representations for Deep Image Understanding  
- Committee: Chao Chen, Dimitris Samaras, Haibin Ling, Li Fuxin

• **Tsinghua University, Department of EE, China** Sep. 2014 - June 2017  
*Master of Science*

• **Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Department of EE, China** Sep. 2010 - June 2014  
*Bachelor of Science*

**Selected Publications** (\* indicates equal contribution, <sup>†</sup> denotes students (co-)mentored by me, <sup>‡</sup> denotes co-senior supervision)

- [1] **TopoSemiSeg: Enforcing Topological Consistency for Semi-Supervised Segmentation of Histopathology Images**  
Meilong Xu<sup>†</sup>, Xiaoling Hu, Saumya Gupta, Shahira Abousamra, Chao Chen  
*European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2024
- [2] **Brain-ID: Learning Robust Feature Representations for Brain Imaging**  
Peirong Liu, Oula Puonti, Xiaoling Hu, Daniel C. Alexander, Juan Eugenio Iglesias  
*European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2024
- [3] **Registration by Regression (RbR): a framework for interpretable and flexible atlas registration**  
Karthik Gopinath\*, Xiaoling Hu\*, Malte Hoffmann, Oula Puonti<sup>‡</sup>, Juan Eugenio Iglesias<sup>‡</sup>  
*Workshop on Biomedical Image Registration-MICCAI (WBIR)*, 2024
- [4] **P-Count: Persistence-based Counting of White Matter Hyperintensities in Brain MRI**  
Xiaoling Hu, Annabel Sorby-Adams, Frederik Barkhof, William Kimberly, Oula Puonti, Juan Eugenio Iglesias

*Workshop on Topology- and Graph-Informed Imaging Informatics-MICCAI (TGI3)*, 2024

- [5] **Semi-Supervised Contrastive VAE for Disentanglement of Digital Pathology Images**

Mahmudul Hasan<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Shahira Abousamra, Prateek Prasanna, Joel Saltz, Chao Chen

*International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, 2024

- [6] **Hard Negative Sample Mining for Whole Slide Image Classification**

Wentao Huang<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Shahira Abousamra, Prateek Prasanna, Chao Chen

*International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, 2024

- [7] **Spatial Diffusion for Cell Layout Generation**

Chen Li<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Shahira Abousamra, Meilong Xu, Chao Chen

*International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, 2024

- [8] **Anomaly-Guided Weakly Supervised Lesion Segmentation on Retinal OCT Images**

Jiaqi Yang<sup>†</sup>, Nitish Mehta, Gozde Merve Demirci<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Meera Ramakrishnan, Mina Naguib, Chao Chen, Chialing Tsai

*Medical Image Analysis (MedIA)*, 2024

- [9] **Topology-Aware Uncertainty for Image Segmentation**

Saumya Gupta<sup>†</sup>, Yikai Zhang, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Prateek Prasanna, Chao Chen

*Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2023

- [10] **Calibrating Uncertainty for Semi-Supervised Crowd Counting**

Chen Li<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Shahira Abousamra, Chao Chen

*International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2023

- [11] **Enhancing Modality-Agnostic Representations via Meta-Learning for Brain Tumor Segmentation**

Aishik Konwer<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Xuan Xu, Joseph Bae, Chao Chen, Prateek Prasanna

*International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2023

- [12] **Learning Probabilistic Topological Representations Using Discrete Morse Theory**

[Xiaoling Hu](#), Dimitris Samaras, Chao Chen

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023 (**Spotlight, notable-top-25%**)

Short version is selected as **Oral presentation** at Medical Imaging meets NeurIPS Workshop, 2023

- [13] **Confidence Estimation Using Unlabeled Data**

Chen Li<sup>†</sup>, [Xiaoling Hu](#), Chao Chen

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023

- [14] **Structure-Aware Image Segmentation with Homotopy Warping**

[Xiaoling Hu](#)

*Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022

- [15] **Learning Topological Interactions for Multi-Class Medical Image Segmentation**  
 Saumya Gupta<sup>\*†</sup>, Xiaoling Hu<sup>\*</sup>, James Kaan, Michael Jin, Mutshipay Mpoy, Katherine Chung, Gagandeep Singh, Mary Saltz, Tahsin Kurc, Joel Saltz, Apostolos Tassiopoulos, Prateek Prasanna, Chao Chen  
*European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2022 (**Oral, 2.7%**)
- [16] **Trigger Hunting with a Topological Prior for Trojan Detection**  
 Xiaoling Hu, Xiao Lin, Michael Cogswell, Yi Yao, Susmit Jha, Chao Chen  
*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022
- [17] **A Manifold View of Adversarial Risk**  
 Wenjia Zhang, Yikai Zhang, Xiaoling Hu, Mayank Goswami, Chao Chen, Dimitris Metaxas  
*International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2022
- [18] **Topology-Attention ConvLSTM Network for 3D Image Segmentation**  
 Jiaqi Yang<sup>\*†</sup>, Xiaoling Hu<sup>\*</sup>, Chao Chen, Chialing Tsai  
*International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, 2021
- [19] **Topology-Aware Segmentation Using Discrete Morse Theory**  
 Xiaoling Hu, Yusu Wang, Li Fuxin, Dimitris Samaras, Chao Chen  
*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2021 (**Spotlight, 5.6%**)
- [20] **3D Topology-Preserving Segmentation with Compound Multi-Slice Representation**  
 Jiaqi Yang<sup>\*†</sup>, Xiaoling Hu<sup>\*</sup>, Chao Chen, Chialing Tsai  
*IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, 2021
- [21] **Topology-Preserving Deep Image Segmentation**  
 Xiaoling Hu, Li Fuxin, Dimitris Samaras, Chao Chen  
*Thirty-third Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2019
- [22] **Saliency Detection based on Integration of Central Bias, Reweighting and Multi-Scale for Superpixels**  
 Xiaoling Hu, Wenming Yang, Fei Zhou, Qingmin Liao  
*IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2016

## Preprints

- [1] **Hierarchical Uncertainty Estimation for Learning-based Registration in Neuroimaging**  
 Xiaoling Hu, Karthik Gopinath, Peirong Liu, Malte Hoffmann, Koen Van Leemput, Oula Puonti<sup>‡</sup>, Juan Eugenio Iglesias<sup>‡</sup>  
*Tech Report*
- [2] **Learn2Synth: Learning Optimal Data Synthesis Using Hypergradients**  
 Xiaoling Hu, Oula Puonti, Juan Eugenio Iglesias, Bruce Fischl<sup>‡</sup>, Yaël Balbastre<sup>‡</sup>  
*Tech Report*
- [3] **TopoCellGen: Generating Histopathology Cell Topology with a Diffusion Model**  
 Meilong Xu<sup>†</sup>, Saumya Gupta, Xiaoling Hu, Chen Li, Shahira Abousamra, Dimitris Samaras, Prateek Prasanna, Chao Chen  
*Tech Report*

- [4] **RankByGene: Gene-Guided Histopathology Representation Learning Through Cross-Modal Ranking Consistency**  
Wentao Huang<sup>†</sup>, Meilong Xu<sup>†</sup>, Xiaoling Hu, Shahira Abousamra, Aniruddha Ganguly, Saarthak Kapse, Alisa Yurovsky, Prateek Prasanna, Tahsin Kurc, Joel Saltz, Michael L. Miller, Chao Chen  
*Tech Report*
- [5] **Adversarial Vessel-Unveiling Semi-Supervised Segmentation for Retinopathy of Prematurity Diagnosis**  
Gozde Merve Demirci, Jiachen Yao, Ming-Chih Ho, Xiaoling Hu, Wei-Chi Wu, Chao Chen, and Chia-Ling Tsai  
*Tech Report*
- [6] **A Multimodal Approach Combining Structural and Cross-Domain Textual Guidance for Weakly Supervised OCT Segmentation**  
Jiaqi Yang<sup>†</sup>, Nitish Mehta, Xiaoling Hu, Chao Chen, Chia-Ling Tsai  
*Tech Report*
- [7] **Deep Statistic Shape Model for Myocardium Segmentation**  
Xiaoling Hu, Xiao Chen, Terrence Chen, Shanhui Sun  
*Tech Report*

#### Selected Honors and Awards

- Catacosinos Fellowship (2 out of 200+ PhD students in SBU CS Department), 2023
- NeurIPS Travel Award, 2019
- First-class Scholarship, Tsinghua University, 2016 (5%)

#### Industry Experiences

- **Allen Institute, USA** May 2022 - Aug. 2022  
*Research Intern*  
Mentor: *Dr. Matheus Viana*  
Topic: Topology-Aware Image Segmentation
- **United Imaging Intelligence (UII), USA** May 2021 - Aug. 2021  
*Research Intern*  
Mentor: *Dr. Shanhui Sun*  
Topic: Deep Shape Model Based Network
- **Tencent Youtu Lab, China** Jun. 2017 - Jan. 2018  
*Research Intern*  
Mentor: *Dr. Yuwing Tai*  
Topic: Clothes Detection, Attribute Prediction

#### Mentoring

- Jiaqi Yang (**MICCAI'21, ISBI'21, MedIA'24**), Ph.D. student at Department of CS, CUNY Since Spring 2020
- Chen Li (**ICLR'23, ICCV'23, MICCAI'24**), Ph.D. student at Department of BMI, Stony Brook University Since Fall 2021
- Meilong Xu (**ECCV'24**), Ph.D. student at Department of CS, Stony Brook University Since Summer 2023
- Wentao Huang (**MICCAI'24**), Ph.D. student at Department of CS, Stony Brook University Since Summer 2023
- Mahmudul Hasan (**MICCAI'24**), Ph.D. student at Department of CS, Stony Brook University Since Summer 2023

- Saumya Gupta (**ECCV'22**, **NeurIPS'23**), Ph.D. student at Department of CS, Stony Brook University Fall 2021 – Summer 2023
- John Xie, High School student → University of Michigan Summer 2021

## Professional Organizer Service

- MICCAI'24 workshop on *The First Workshop on Topology- and Graph-Informed Imaging Informatics (TGI3)* 2024
- MICCAI'23 tutorial on *Topology-Driven Image Analysis* 2023

## Reviewing

- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Since 2022
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) Since 2022
- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Since 2021
- Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Since 2021
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) Since 2021
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) Since 2022
- Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) Since 2022
- Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) Since 2022
- Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG) Since 2022
- Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL) Since 2022
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Since 2022
- International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI) Since 2020
- Pattern Recognition (PR)
- IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (TMI)

## Talks

### Deep Structural Reasoning for Biomedical Imaging

- School of CAI, Arizona State University Feb. 2024

### Topology-Aware Deep Image Segmentation

- MICCAI'23 tutorial on *Topology-Driven Image Analysis*, Vancouver Oct. 2023

### Learning Topological Representations for Deep Image Understanding

- Department of CS, Florida State University Apr. 2023
- Department of BMI, Ohio State University Mar. 2023
- Department of CS, Rochester Institute of Technology Feb. 2023
- Department of ECE, University of California, Riverside Feb. 2023
- Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging, MGH/Harvard Medical School Nov. 2022

## Learning Probabilistic Topological Representations Using Discrete Morse Theory

- Medical Imaging meets NeurIPS Workshop, New Orleans Dec. 2022

## Topology-Informed Image Analysis

- Center for Computational Neuroscience, Flatiron Institute Oct. 2022

## Topology-Aware Deep Image Segmentation

- Geometry and Topology meet Data Analysis and Machine Learning Aug. 2021

## Topology-aware Segmentation Using Discrete Morse Theory

- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) May 2021

## References

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