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## Research Interest

2015–now    I am broadly interested in artificial intelligence, especially its applications in healthcare. I have focused on face recognition during the master period in Tsinghua. I'm exploring lung cancer risk estimation with imperfect longitudinal multi-modal data in Vanderbilt, advised by Prof. Bennett Landman.

## Education

Degree	Major	University	Period	GPA (rank)
B.E.	Communication Eng.	Central South University	09/2011 - 07/2015	90.5 (2 / 163)
M.E.	Electronics Eng.	Tsinghua University	09/2015 - 07/2018	3.6 (2 / 54)
Ph.D.	Computer Sci.	Vanderbilt University	08/2018 - 05/2022 (expected)	3.8 (N/A)

## Selected Honors & Awards

2013    First Prize in National Mathematics Competitions (not-math-major) of China (Rank 17 in China, Rank 1 in Hunan Province, <0.02%)

2014    Meritorious in Mathematical Contest in Modeling of USA (team-leader) (10%)  
Pacemaker to Merit Student of CSU (30 selected across all majors, <0.5%)

2015    Member of Outstanding Deeds Report (10 selected across all majors, <0.5%)  
Outstanding Graduate in Hunan Province, China (2%)

2020    RFW Best Student Paper Award Finalist, SPIE-MI (first-author) (<2%)  
Honorable Mention Poster Award, SPIE-MI (Mentor & Presenter) (<5%)

2021    RFW Best Student Paper Award Finalist, SPIE-MI (first-author) (<2%)

2012 – now    Scholarships including Outstanding Scholarship (CSU, <1%), National Scholarship (CSU, <2%), First Prize Scholarship (THU, 10%), University Graduate Fellowship (VU).

## Research Experiences

09/2015 – 06/2018    Research Assistant, *Face Recognition*, Tsinghua University

06/2017 – 09/2017    Research Internship, *Clothes Detection*, YouTu X-Lab of Tencent

03/2018 – 06/2018    Research Internship, *Whole Slide Image Analysis*, Imsight Technology

05/2021 – Now    Research Internship, *Anomaly Detection in Healthcare*, Siemens Healthineers

08/2018 – Now    Research Assistant, *Lung Cancer Risk Estimation*, Vanderbilt University

## Research Publications (Contact Author \*)

### Journal Articles

- 1 **Gao, Riqiang**, Huo, Y., Bao, S., Tang, Y., Antic, S. L., Epstein, E. S., Deppen, S., Paulson, A. B., Sandler, K. L., Massion, P. P., & Landman, B. A. (2020). Multi-path xd recurrent neural networks for collaborative image classification. *Neurocomputing*.
- 2 **Gao, Riqiang**, Tang, Y., Xu, K., Huo, Y., Bao, S., Antic, S. L., Epstein, E. S., Deppen, S., Paulson, A. B., Sandler, K. L., & Landman, B. A. (2020). Time-distanced gates in long short-term memory networks. *Medical Image Analysis (C.F. Chen best paper (VU))*.
- 3 **Gao, Riqiang**, Yang, F., Yang, W., & Liao, Q. (2018). Margin loss: Making faces more separable. *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, 25(2), 308–312.
- 4 Yang, F., Yang, W., **Gao, Riqiang**, & Liao, Q. (2017). Discriminative multidimensional scaling for low-resolution face recognition. *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, 25(3), 388–392.
- 5 Yang, W., **Gao, Riqiang** \*, & Liao, Q. (2017). Weighted voting of discriminative regions for face recognition. *IEICE TRANSACTIONS on Information and Systems*, 100(11), 2734–2737.
- 6 Tang, Y., **Gao, Riqiang**, Han, S., Chen, Y., Gao, D., Nath, V., Bermudez, C., Savona, M. R., Abramson, R. G., Bao, I., Shunxing Lyu, Huo, Y., & Landman, B. A. (2020a). High-resolution 3d abdominal segmentation with random patch network fusion. *Medical Image Analysis*.

## Conference Proceedings




- 1 **Gao, Riqiang**, Tang, Y. e. a., & Landman, B. A. (2021). Lung cancer risk estimation with incomplete data: A joint missing imputation perspective, In *Medical imaging: Image processing*. MICCAI (**early accepted**).
- 2 **Gao, Riqiang**, Tang, Y., Xu, K., Kammer, M. N., Antic, S. L., Deppen, S., Sandler, K. L., Massion, P. P., Huo, Y., & Landman, B. A. (2021). Deep multi-path network integrating incomplete biomarker and chest ct data for evaluating lung cancer risk, In *Medical imaging: Image processing*. SPIE (**RFW all-conference best paper finalist**).
- 3 **Gao, Riqiang**, Li, L., Tang, Y., Antic, S. L., Paulson, A. B., Huo, Y., Sandler, K. L., Massion, P. P., & Landman, B. A. (2020). Deep multi-task prediction of lung cancer and cancer-free progression from censored heterogenous clinical imaging, In *Medical imaging: Image processing*. SPIE (**RFW all-conference best paper finalist**).
- 4 Yang, Y., **Gao, Riqiang** \*, Tang, Y., Antic, S. L., Deppen, S., Huo, Y., Sandler, K. L., Massion, P. P., & Landman, B. A. (2020). Internal-transfer weighting of multi-task learning for lung cancer detection, In *Medical imaging: Image processing*. SPIE (**Honorable Mentioned Poster, \* denotes Mentor**).
- 5 **Gao, Riqiang**, Huo, Y., Bao, S., Tang, Y., Antic, S. L., Epstein, E. S., Balar, A. B., Deppen, S., Paulson, A. B., Sandler, K. L. Et al. (2019). Distanced lstm: Time-distanced gates in long short-term memory models for lung cancer detection. MICCAI-MLMI (**oral**).
- 6 **Gao, Riqiang**, Yang, W., Hu, X., & Liao, Q. (2016). Two-stage patch-based sparse multi-value descriptor for face recognition, In *Visual communications and image processing (vcip)*, IEEE.
- 7 Yang, W., **Gao, Riqiang** \*, Xu, Y., Sun, X., & Liao, Q. (2016). Discriminative patch-based sparse representation for face recognition, In *2016 IEEE International Conference on Signal Processing, Communications and Computing (icspcc)*. IEEE.
- 8 **Gao, Riqiang**, Yang, W., Sun, X., Li, H., & Liao, Q. (2015). Locally collaborative representation in similar subspace for face recognition, In *Chinese conference on biometric recognition*. Springer.

## Mentored Undergraduates

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| 01/2019 - 06/2019 | ■ Yiyuan Yang. First Job: Engineer in Facebook.                     |
| 07/2019 - 09/2019 | ■ Lingfeng Li. First Job: MS student in Northwestern University.    |
| 08/2019 - 12/2019 | ■ Xinmeng Zhang. First Job: Ph.D. student in Vanderbilt University. |

## References

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- Bennett Landman (Ph.D.)  [bennett.landman@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:bennett.landman@vanderbilt.edu), Full Professor of EECS, Vanderbilt University, <https://my.vanderbilt.edu/masi/people/bennett-landman-ph-d>
- Thomas Lasko (M.D., Ph.D.)  [tom.lasko@vumc.org](mailto:tom.lasko@vumc.org), Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, <https://www.vumc.org/dbmi/person/thomas-lasko-md-phd>
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