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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	2 / 163
M.E.	Electronics Eng.	Tsinghua University	09/2015 - 07/2018	2 / 54
Ph.D.	Computer Sci.	Vanderbilt University	08/2018 - 05/2022 (expected)	N/A

## Selected Honors & Awards

2021    📖 C.F. Chen Best Paper Award (with 5,000 USD), Vanderbilt University (first-author)  
📖 RFW Best Student Paper Award Finalist, SPIE-MI 2021 (first-author) (< 2%)

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

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

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%)

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

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

## Selected Accepted/Published 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., 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**).
- 2 **Gao, Riqiang**, Tang, Y., Xu, K., Lee, H. H., Deppen, S., Sandler, K., Massion, P. P., Lasko, T., & Landman, B. A. (2021). Lung cancer risk estimation with incomplete data: A joint missing imputation perspective. *MICCAI (early accepted)*.
- 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.




## Academic Activities

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- Reviewer      Transactions on Medical Imaging (TMI)  
Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (JBHI)  
PLOS One  
Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB2020)  
Cancers (co-reviewed with Dr. Pierre Massion)
- Program Committee      ICCV2021 Workshop on Computer Vision for Automated Medical Diagnosis  
ICML 2021 Workshop Interpretable ML in Healthcare




## 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.
- 01/2020 - 05/2020      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>
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