

**The Faculty of Medicine of Harvard University
Curriculum Vitae**

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Education:

09/2006	B.E.	Automation	Shanghai Jiaotong University, China
09/2009	Research Assistant	Data modeling and scientific software platform development	Nankai University, China
06/2016	PhD	Computer Science, Distinguished Prof. Tianming Liu	University of Georgia

Postdoctoral Training:

08/2016-07/2019	Research Fellow	Medical Image Analysis, Assoc. Prof. Quanzheng Li and Distinguished Prof. James H. Thrall	Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital
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Faculty Academic Appointments:

08/2019 -	Instructor	Radiology	Harvard Medical School
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Appointments at Hospitals/Affiliated Institutions:

08/2019-	Research Staff	Radiology	Massachusetts General Hospital
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Major Administrative Leadership Positions:

International

2019	Organizer and program chair for the International Workshop on Multiscale Multimodal Medical Imaging	The Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention Society
2021	Organizer and program chair for the International Workshop on Multimodal Learning and Fusion Across Scales for Clinical Decision Support	The Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention Society
2022	Organizer and program chair for the International Workshop on Multiscale Multimodal Medical Imaging	The Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention Society

Committee Service:

International

2015	Program Committee	MICCAI Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MLMI)
2017	Program Committee	International Conference on Brain Informatics
2018	Program Committee	Machine Learning in Computational Biology
2019	Program Committee	NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning in Computational Biology
2019-2022	Program Committee	ACM SIGKDD Workshop on Mining and Learning from Time Series (MILETS)

Professional Societies:

2011-	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), International	Member
2011-	Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS), International	Member
2011-	The Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention Society, International	Member
2017-	American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS), Regional	Member

Editorial Activities:

• Ad hoc Reviewer

Human Brain Mapping

IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing

IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering

IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence
 IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems
 IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering
 IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging
 IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
 JAMA Network Open
 Medical Image Analysis
 Nature Communications
 Neuroimage
 Neuroscience
 Pattern Recognition
 Progress in Neurobiology

• **Other Editorial Roles**

2018-	Editorial Board	Journal of Healthcare Engineering
2021-	Editorial Board	Electronics
2021-	Associate Editor	Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience
2021-	Associate Editor	Frontiers in Oncology
2021-	Associate Editor	Frontiers in Radiology
2021-	Associate Editor	Frontiers in Neuroscience
2022-	Associate Editor	Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine
2022-	Associate Editor	Frontiers in Neuroinformatics

Honors and Prizes:

2011	Best Student Paper Award	IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging	“Brain State Change Detection via Fiber-centered Functional Connectivity Analysis”
2013	Best Student Paper Award	IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging	“Discovering Common Functional Connectomics Signatures”
2015	Paul D. Coverdell Neuroimaging Franklin Foundation Scholars Program Travel Award	Department of Psychology, University of Georgia	
2015	Cover and Feature Paper	IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering	“Holistic atlases of functional networks and interactions reveal reciprocal organizational architecture of cortical function”
2016	Outstanding Graduate Dissertation/Thesis	University of Georgia	

2018	Most Cited Articles	Journal of the American College of Radiology	“Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Radiology: Opportunities, Challenges, Pitfalls, and Criteria for Success”
2020	Best Paper Awards	IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging	“ASCNet: Adaptive-Scale Convolutional Neural Networks for Multi-Scale Feature Learning”
2021	MGH Thrall Innovation Grants Award	Massachusetts General Hospital	“Chest Radiographs-based Lung Cancer Screening by the DeepProjection Technique”
2022	Best Paper Awards	IEEE Transactions on Radiation and Plasma Medical Sciences	“Deep Learning-Based Image Segmentation on Multimodal Medical Imaging”

Report of Funded and Unfunded Projects

Past

08/01/2013-07/31/2018	<p>“Exploring Functional Interactions between Gyri and Sulci”</p> <p>National Science Foundation (NSF), Standard Grant #1263524</p> <p>Graduate student (research assistant) (PI: Tianming Liu)</p> <p>Investigation of functional architectures of gyri and sulci in human brain, in order to lay down solid foundations for brain disorders studies.</p>
09/01/2013-05/31/2016	<p>“Assessing Large-scale Brain Connectivities in Mild Cognitive Impairment”</p> <p>National Institute of Health (NIH), Research Project (R01) #R01AG042599</p> <p>Graduate student (research assistant) (PI: Tianming Liu)</p> <p>Establishment of a fine granularity next-generation brain atlas for studying of brain imaging that rely on accurate functional/structural localizations. The atlas is employed to assess large-scale brain network alterations in MCI/AD patients.</p>
11/01/2014-10/31/2018	<p>“Reciprocal Organizational Architecture of Human Brain Function”</p> <p>National Science Foundation (NSF), Standard Grant #1439051</p> <p>Graduate student (research assistant) (PI: Tianming Liu)</p> <p>Development of novel computational methods to investigate how different brain regions form distinctive networks. The model is used to develop and evaluate a novel theory of reciprocal organizational architecture to explain human brain function.</p>
2016-2018	<p>“Post-Doctoral Scholar in Artificial Intelligence and Image Analysis”</p> <p>Department of Radiology, Massachusetts General Hospital</p> <p>Research fellow in training (PI: James Thrall)</p> <p>Investigation of medical image analysis solutions to address practical challenges in radiology, including overcoming insufficient data samples for deep learning analysis, a fusion of multiple imaging modalities, and developing prescreening protocols to be used in the clinical flow. Training in radiology, especially chest imaging, image analysis, and artificial intelligence.</p>
9/21/2020-03/01/2021	<p>“Pseudo Chest CT from Chest X-RAY, COVID-19 Workstream”</p> <p>GE Precision Healthcare, Industrial Grant</p> <p>Project Leader (PI: Quanzheng Li)</p>

Development of a machine learning model that can generate pseudo-CT from X-rays images to improve diagnosis and management of patients with COVID-19. The model will apply to COVID-19 patients and synthesize chest computed tomography (CT) images from a chest X-ray in COVID-19.

Current

- 06/01/2021- “Aortic Stenosis Clinical Applications”
11/01/2022 GE Precision Healthcare, Industrial Grant
Project Leader (PI: Quanzheng Li)
Developing an application for the intelligent management of aortic stenosis (AS) that aims to predict relevant clinical outcomes from AS patients undergoing surgeries based on electronic health records (EHR), radiological reports, and imaging data.
- 03/15/2022- “Deep Learning-Based Phenotyping and Treatment Optimization of Heart Failure with
02/28/2026 Preserved Ejection Fraction”
NIH R01, 1R01HL159183-01A1
Senior/Key Person (PI: Quanzheng Li)
Development of a multi-modal deep learning model on combined imaging and EHR data for the purpose of holistic HFpEF patient portrayal, disease phenotyping, as well as treatment optimization.
- 07/01/2022- “Identification of Multi-modal Imaging Biomarkers for Early Prediction of MCI-AD
6/30/2024 Conversion via Multigraph Representation”
NIH R03, 1R03AG078625-01
Principal Investigator
Investigation of the interaction among structural, functional, and proteinopathies networks in MCI and AD patients via a contrastive learning-based, multigraph representation framework on the multi-modal neuroimaging data of MRI, fMRI, and PET modalities. The proposed framework will be used to identify and evaluate a multi-modal image biomarker for AD conversion in the MCI population from a multi-site dataset.

Projects Submitted for Funding

- 02/05/
2019 “Identification and characterization of Alzheimer’s disease subtypes using structural, functional, and neuropathological brain networks”
Co-Investigator (PI: Quanzheng Li)
Investigation of possible AD subtypes through computational modeling. The model uses a combination of information describing brain atrophy, functional network organization, AD pathology, and neuropsychological assessment as input and employs a graph embedding approach to perform multi-modal data fusion and subtype discovery.
- 10/05/
2019 “A deep learning-based MEG/EEG biomarker integrated with physiological information for early detection and monitoring of Alzheimer’s disease.”
Senior/Key Person (PI: Quanzheng Li)
Multimodal, deep learning-based integration of macroscale MEG/EEG brain networks with microscale PET amyloid- β and tau proteinopathy networks for identifying structural-functional AD biomarkers. Percentile: 55
- 08/06/
2021 “Development of a Universal Framework for Video Data Acquisition, Standardization, Validation, and Access”
Co-PI (PI: Ozanan Meireles and Quanzheng Li)
Development of a multi-modality universal video and metadata generation framework that is ethically sourced, scalable, and sustainable, addressing data structure, standardization, annotation, validation, and sharing, to allow the creation of large and diverse flagship datasets for research, education, and clinical use.

- 08/22/2022 “iBRAIN: Individualized Brain Representation, Analysis, and INtegration”
NIH U24
Subcontract PI (PI: Gang Li at UNC)
Integrate, refine, enrich, standardize, and disseminate our previously developed cortical surface-based software, toolbox, and computational model libraries, which have been validated and widely used for years, into a unified and comprehensive neuroimaging software suite: the Individualized Brain Representation, Analysis, and Integration (iBRAIN).
- 08/26/2022 “Discover Amyloid- β /Tau Causal Relationship on Personalized Multi-Modal Brain Network”
NIH R01
Principle Investigator
Identification of regional-specific causal relationships between amyloid- β and tau in Alzheimer's disease patients by PET imaging using advanced machine learning approaches.

Report of Local Teaching and Training

Teaching of Students in Courses:

2014-2015	CSCI 4850/6850: “Biomedical Image Analysis” Graduate and undergraduate students	University of Georgia 2-hrs session per week for two weeks
2015	CSCI 8850: “Advanced Biomedical Image Analysis” Graduate students	University of Georgia 3-hrs session per week for one week
2016	CSCI 8360: “Data Science Practicum” Graduate students	University of Georgia 3-hrs session per week for one week

Research Supervisory and Training Responsibilities:

2018-	Supervision of visiting students and graduate research interns (average 2-3 students per year).	Massachusetts General Hospital. Two hours of lab meetings per week; 1:1 supervision, one hour per week per student.
2021-	Administration and coordination of the CAMCA AIXMedicine Biweekly Seminar, the public lab meeting on AI research in medicine of the Center for Advanced Medical Computing and Analysis in MGH.	Massachusetts General Hospital. One hour of meetings per two weeks.

Other Mentored Trainees and Faculty:

2018-2019	Zhe Guo, Ph.D. student, Beijing Institute of Technology Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Accomplishments: Development of multi-modal image fusion strategies. Research published in IEEE-TRPMS journal and 2018 <i>IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging</i> .
2018-2019	Xuandong Zhao, undergraduate student, Zhejiang University Visiting student at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Accomplishments: Development of the Deep Voxel-Graph Convolution Network (DVGCN) model and presented at the 2019 <i>IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging</i> . Graduate student at UC Santa Barbara.
2018-2019	Weichen Wu, undergraduate student, Peking University

	Visiting student at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Accomplishments: Participated in the DeepProjection project. Graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University.
2018-2019	Jiaming Guo, undergraduate student, Peking University Visiting student at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Accomplishments: Development of graph-based modeling for MCI/AD progression (PETNet) and presented at the 2019 <i>IEEE International Conference on Big Data</i> . Graduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles.
2019	Haixing Dai, Ph.D. student, University of Georgia Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising research on developing new models for analyzing brain networks from MEG and PET data.
2019-2020	Mo Zhang, Ph.D. student, Peking University Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising research on image segmentation methodology development. Research published in IEEE JBHI and presented in 2018 <i>International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention</i> and 2020 <i>IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging</i> .
2020-2021	Shan Lin, Ph.D. student, University of Washington Graduate research intern at MGH as her curricular practical training (CPT). Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising research on surgical image analysis.
2021-2021	Mengjin Dong, Ph.D. student, University of Pennsylvania Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Mentoring role: Supervising the research on cardiac image analysis.
2019-2022	Peiting You, Ph.D. student, Peking University Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising research on cortical surface parcellation and SWI data analysis. Research published in BME Frontiers and Frontiers in Human Neuroscience.
2022-	Yongkai Chen, Ph.D. student, University of Georgia Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: cloud team leader. Supervising research on the echocardiogram image segmentation method development.
2022-	Zhiliang Lyu, MS student, University of Georgia Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising the cloud computing projects of deploying models onto Microsoft Azure.
2022-	Zhengliang Liu, Ph.D. student, University of Georgia Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising research on investigating medical text data processing using advanced NLP methods.
2022-	Zahidur Talukder, Ph.D. student, University of Texas Arlington Graduate research intern at MGH. Mentoring role: research advisor. Supervising research on developing multi-hospital image analysis solutions using federated learning.

Local Invited Presentations:

☒ No presentations below were sponsored by 3rd parties/outside entities

2014	“Interactive and Automatic Cell/Synapse Detection by Exemplar Learning and Propagation” Allen Institute for Brain Science, Seattle, WA.
2014	“Introduction to Vaa3D: an open-source platform for 3D visualization-assisted analysis on large-scale bioimages.” The Georgia Advanced Computing Resource Center (GACRC), Athens, GA
2014	“Dictionary Learning in Functional Brain Imaging”

- Network of Greater Georgia Institutions for Neuroimaging and Statistics (NOGGINS) workshop, Athens, GA.
- 2015 “Investigation of Alternated Functional Dynamics in Autism fMRI Data”
Department of Biomedical Engineering, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “Introduction to Functional Brain Imaging”
Department of Statistics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2016 “Brain Imaging and Functional Network Dynamics”
Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics in the Medical School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2016 “Scalable Fast Rank-1 Dictionary Learning for fMRI Big Data Analysis”
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Southeastern Atlantic Section Conference (SIAM-SEAS), Athens, GA.

Report of Regional, National and International Invited Teaching and Presentations

☒ *No presentations below were sponsored by 3rd parties/outside entities*

Regional

- 2015 “Dynamic Functional Connectivity Analysis on 512-Channel LFP long recording data”
Brain and Behavior Discovery Institute, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA.

National

- 2017 “Towards Practical Problems in Deep Learning for Radiology Image Analysis”
Nvidia GPU Technology Conference, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 Deep Learning Algorithm for rapid automatic detection of pneumothorax on chest CT
(selected oral abstract)
Annual Meeting of American Roentgen Ray Society, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 “Personalized Healthcare for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF):
Diagnosis, Phenotyping and Treatment Optimization with Imaging and EHR Data”
Department of Statistics, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- 2022 “Novel Methodologies for Combined Image and EMR Modeling”
Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The University of Texas at Arlington,
Arlington, TX
- 2022 “Data Governance of the SAGES CVS Challenge”
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Houston, TX

International

- 2011 Brain state change detection via fiber-centered functional connectivity analysis (selected
oral full-length paper)
IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 Discovering common functional connectomics signatures (selected oral full-length paper)
IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Dynamic network partition via Bayesian connectivity bi-partition change point model
(selected oral full-length paper)
IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, Beijing, China.

2016	Big Data Strategies on Neuroimaging Analysis: Challenge in Data Availability and Computation (invited talk) International Conference on Brain Informatics and Health, Omaha, NE.
2017	“Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions for Artificial Intelligence in Medical Data Processing” Center for Data Science in Health and Medicine, Peking University, Beijing, China.
2019	“Towards Holistic Machine Intelligence in Healthcare Research and Clinical Practice” School of biomedical engineering, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China.
2019	“Large-Scale Spatial-Temporal Modeling” Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing, China.
2019	Automated Segmentation of Cervical Nuclei in Pap Smear Images using Deformable Multi-path Ensemble Model (selected oral full-length paper) IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, Venice, Italy.
2019	“Holistic Brain Representation for Discovery Science in Neuroimaging” Workshop on Computational Medical Imaging and Artificial Intelligence, Zhejiang University of Technology, China.
2022	“Data Analysis and Clinical Decision Support in Response to COVID-19: Experience from MGH Radiology and ED”, Shanghai Tech University, Shanghai, China (Virtual)

Report of Technological and Other Scientific Innovations

Automatic pre-screening method for pneumothorax detection, 2017	Development of a software system for automatically detecting pneumothorax from CT images. The system has been validated internally by multiple radiologists. The innovation was filed as Invention Disclosure to Partners HealthCare in 2017.
Inference of 3D chest CT images from 2D chest radiographs, 2019	Development of an invention to directly infer 3D chest CT images from 2D radiographs. The technique learns the mapping between the 2D image and the 3D spatial structure information of the corresponding CT image from the teaching dataset, thus achieving trans-dimensional 2D-3D mapping. The innovation was filed as an Invention Disclosure to Partners HealthCare in 2020.
COVID-19 risk score prediction system and its integration into clinical workflow, 2020	Developing a risk assessment model for COVID-19 based on deep learning-based analysis of EHR and chest radiography data in the Emergency Department and facilitating deployment and integration of the model into the clinical workflow via multiple medical informatics solutions (hospital FHIR infrastructure, Epic Cognitive Computing, Nvidia Clara). The system is currently running online, making >4,000 inferences per day.
Predicting Alzheimer’s Disease by Hierarchical Graph Convolution from Positron Emission Tomography Imaging (PETNet), 2021	Lead inventor of the Graph Convolutional Network-based Positron Emission Tomography (PET) image analysis program PETNet. The program can automatically diagnose Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) and Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) from the input PET imaging data. The program features a hierarchical graph inference algorithm for fine-grained analysis of large-scale voxel-wise data and a Neural Architecture Search (NAS) scheme for identifying the optimal graph representing the brain images. The invention has been filed and approved as an Innovation Disclosure to MGB.
Brain Image Analysis by Graph-based	Inventor of the Matched Signal Detection (MSD) algorithm for predicting whether the given signal (e.g., medical images) belongs to a specific graph (e.g.,

Matched Signal Detection (MSD) Algorithm, 2021	graph of disease / normal population). MSD algorithm identifies the subspace for graph-signal by eigenvectors of the Laplacian matrix of the graph, which provides a concise encoding of the graph structure. Graph Fourier transform (GFT) is applied to project the graph signals onto the identified subspace. Based on GFT-based processing of graph signals, we can then test signal models on graphs before with hypothesis tests. The invention has been filed and approved as an Innovation Disclosure to MGB.
Predicting Patient Outcomes of In-hospital Stay and Readmission for Managing Aortic Stenosis with Valve Replacement, 2022	Lead inventor of the Aortic Stenosis Ensemble Risk Prediction (AS-ERP) Model. AS-ERP performs Aortic Stenosis patient outcome (length of stay and readmission) prediction based on the input Electronic Medical Records (EMR) data. The model utilizes an ensemble learning scheme consisting of three machine learning classifiers for patient outcome prediction. Internal validation performance meets the clinical acceptance criteria and is superior to the current risk score system developed by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. The invention has been filed and is under approval as an Innovation Disclosure to MGB.

Report of Scholarship

Peer-Reviewed Scholarship in print or other media:

Research Investigations *indicates co-first authorship, **indicates my mentee

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- 13 Lv J, Jiang X, **Li X**, Zhu D, Zhao S, Zhang T, Hu X, Han J, Guo L, Li Z, Coles C, Hu X, Liu T. Assessing effects of prenatal alcohol exposure using group-wise sparse representation of fMRI data. *Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging*. 2015;233(2):254-68.
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Narrative Report

Area of Excellence – Research Investigation

With more than ten years of experience in algorithm development/implementation and a doctoral degree in computer science, Dr. Xiang Li has been working on novel frameworks for analyzing multimodal medical images and non-imaging medical data. He is specifically interested in identifying functional imaging markers and the characterization of the interactions among multiple imaging modalities in patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI).

Dr. Xiang Li's interdisciplinary computer science and neuroimaging expertise have enabled him to conduct novel AI-driven investigations into the human brain and contribute to the Radiology community as an important researcher. He is on track to establishing his independence with one funded NIH grant application for the multi-modal imaging biomarkers of MCI-AD conversion (1R03AG078625) as Principal Investigator. He also has one NIH R01 grant application in submission as PI on the topics of causal inference for brain imaging, one NIH U24 grant application in submission as subcontract PI on the neuroimaging software tool development, and institutional awards for supporting his research on chest imaging. Dr. Xiang Li has published 40 original research articles in scientific journals, 17 of which are first-authored or co-first-authored. He has also published 49 full-length papers in peer-reviewed scientific conferences. Dr. Xiang Li has an H-index of 26 with 2,722 total citations.

Scientific Research

From his Ph.D. study, Dr. Xiang Li has been investigating the modeling of the human brain via neuroimaging, specifically focused on the analysis of the 4-D (3-D spatial plus 1-D temporal) imaging data. He has developed a series of spatial-temporal modeling frameworks, which were recognized two times as the best student paper award nomination by the IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging conference (ISBI) in 2011 and 2013 (RI #42 and RI #49). Being among the first researchers who utilized mathematic models to characterize abnormalities in brain functional dynamics, his works on the diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD, RI #5) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, RI #6, #15) were the pioneers in this field and inspired a series of later research. His neuroimaging-related works after joining Massachusetts General Hospital include more imaging modalities for capturing brain abnormalities (RI #39), graph modeling of brain structure and function (RI #23, #40), deep learning-based spatial-temporal modeling (RI #31, #83, #85, #86), and cloud computing architectures for fMRI analysis (RI #25).

By extending his research into more types of imaging modalities, Dr. Xiang Li has developed models for multi-modal image analysis. With his mentee, he developed an integrated multi-modal (CT+MR+PET) image fusion architecture (RI #28) which has been the top-cited article in 2019 of *IEEE Transactions on Radiation and Plasma Medical Sciences* and was awarded the Best Paper Award of the journal. Also, extending the modeling technique to multiple scales, Dr. Xiang Li and his mentee have developed a scale-adaptive image feature learning scheme to deal with objects with significant size changes, which are commonly presented in medical images. The work was awarded as the best paper at the 2020 *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging* (RI #84).

Technological Innovation

After joining the Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Xiang Li has worked with physicians, radiologists, and system engineers to deliver novel solutions for medical imaging. Through close collaboration with thoracic radiologists, including Dr. James Thrall and Dr. Mannudeep Kalra, he developed a deep learning-enabled system for pneumothorax prescreening with high sensitivity and very fast running speed after deployment (RI #32). The system is among the four finalists of the 2018 NVIDIA Global Impact Award for its potential impact on the application of AI in healthcare. With a continuous focus on chest radiology, Dr. Xiang Li has developed risk assessment tools at the Emergency Department for COVID-19 patients based on their chest X-ray images and medical records data (RI #36). He then worked with the information system team to integrate the tool into the clinical workflow of the hospital. The system is currently under beta testing in a pseudo-online environment, as well as deployed to over 20 hospitals around the world in a federated learning approach (RI #38). Dr. Xiang Li has submitted 6 Innovation Disclosures.

Service to the Community

Dr. Xiang Li has been serving as a reviewer for multiple top research journals and conferences such as *Nature Communications*, *Pattern Recognition*, *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, and *International Conference on Machine Learning*. He has also served as an editor and program chair for multiple journals and conferences, including *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, *Frontiers in Oncology*, and *ACM SIGKDD Workshop on Mining and Learning from Time Series*, with a specific interest in bridging the communities of medical imaging data science and machine learning. To promote the importance and advancement of multi-modal, multi-scale medical image analysis and facilitate more interactions between clinical and data science experts, Dr. Xiang Li founded and chaired the *International Workshop on Multiscale Multimodal Medical Imaging* in 2019 and 2022. He also co-chaired the *International Workshop on Multimodal Learning for Clinical Decision Support* in 2021.

Teaching and Educational Activities

During his Ph.D. study at the University of Georgia, Dr. Xiang Li has given guest lectures in medical imaging and data science-related courses, both at undergraduate and graduate levels. He has also been actively teaching and promoting the concept, method, and application of dynamic functional connectome in multiple talks over the university system in Georgia. After joining the Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Xiang Li has given multiple lectures on computational modeling and solution development for medical images in the Radiology department. In addition, since 2021, Dr. Xiang Li has been organizing the “AI x Med” bi-weekly seminar, a lecture series on the latest developments of AI applications in medicine, presented by researchers within the hospital and invited speakers from external institutions (<https://xiangli-shaun.github.io/AIxMed.html>).

As an Instructor at Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Xiang Li has supervised and mentored eight visiting students and graduate research interns. Through mentorship and co-working on research projects, all the graduate students have achieved at least one publication in journals or major conferences. All the undergraduate visiting students he has mentored are now pursuing a graduate degree related to data science and medical imaging in the top colleges in the U.S. He is currently mentoring four graduate students (Yongkai Chen, Zhiliang Lyu, Zhengliang Liu, and Zahidur Talukder) who are working on medical image/text modeling and cloud computing infrastructure development.

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