# Aneesh Rangnekar



## **EDUCATION**

## Rochester Institute of Technology, Ph.D. Imaging Science

August 2015 - August 2022

Thesis: Learning Representations in the hyperspectral domain in aerial imagery Advisors: Dr. Matthew Hoffman, Dr. Christopher Kanan, Dr. Emmett Ientilucci

# Rochester Institute of Technology, M.S. Electrical Engineering

August 2013 - August 2015

Advisor: Dr. Eli Saber

#### EXPERIENCE

## Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Research Fellow

August 2022 - Present

- Curated large-scale clinical imaging datasets and developed self-supervised pretraining pipelines for 2D and 3D transformer-based architectures on the team led by Dr. Harini Veeraraghavan
- Development of classification and segmentation models across multiple cancer types using standalone and multimodal vision-language architectures; collaborated closely with radiation oncologists, medical physicists, and neuro-oncologists to align models with clinical workflows
- Led development of out-of-distribution detection and sparsity formulation techniques for safe and efficient clinical deployment of our methods to medical data collected by other hospitals
- Students mentored: Jorge T Gomez, Nishant Nadkarni, Shiqin Tan

#### **SRI International**, Research Intern

Summer 2018

- Modified and fine-tuned Faster RCNN object detection pipeline for infrared imagery under limited data constraints
- Designed continual self-supervised approaches for object counting in aerial imagery with efficient data labeling

#### Conduent Labs, Software Research Intern

Summer 2017

• Built GAN-based models with categorical conditioning to enhance synthetic vehicle occupancy imagery to improve automated passenger counting at toll booths

## Rochester Institute of Technology, Graduate Research Assistant

May 2016 - August 2022

- Curated large-scale hyperspectral remote sensing datasets and designed self-supervised learning algorithms to extract meaningful representations for labeled data fine-tuning
- Developed semi-supervised learning frameworks for enhancing segmentation accuracy in natural and remote sensing imagery
- Students mentored: Henry Ye, Varun Mondaiyka, Parikshit Shembekar

## Hewlett Packard, Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2015

• Developed demosaicing algorithms for improved color scanning speeds with trade-off efficiency [US Patent App]

#### **Publications**

## **Pre-prints in Submission / Under Preparation**

- 1. **A Rangnekar**, H Veeraraghavan. Random forest-based out-of-distribution detection for robust lung cancer segmentation. [Link]
- 2. J Jiang, **A Rangnekar**, C Choi, H Veeraraghavan. Self-distilled masked attention guided masked image modeling with noise regularized teacher (SMART) for medical image analysis. [Link]
- 3. **A Rangnekar**, N Mankuzhy, J Willmann, C Choi, A Wu, M Thor, A Rimner, H Veeraraghavan. Pretrained hybrid transformer for generalizable cardiac substructures segmentation from contrast and non-contrast CTs in lung and breast cancers. [Under review] [Link]
- 4. M Kayser, M Gridnev, W Wang, M Bain, **A Rangnekar**, A Chatterjee, A Petrov, H Veeraraghavan, N Swinburne. brat: Aligned multi-view embeddings for brain MRI analysis. [Under review] [Link]
- 5. A Rangnekar, K Boehm, E Aherne, I Nikolovski, N Gangai, Y Liu, D Zamarin, K Roche, S Shah, Y Lakhman, H

Veeraraghavan. Medical foundation models helps combat noisy labels: a study on ovarian cancer tumor autosegmentation. [Under review] [Link]

## Accepted Peer Reviewed Journal, Conference and Workshop Papers

- A Rangnekar, N Nadkarni, J Jiang, H Veeraraghavan. Quantifying uncertainty in lung cancer segmentation
  with foundation models applied to mixed-domain datasets. [Link]
  SPIE Conference on Medical Imaging, 2025.
- 7. JT Gomez, **A Rangnekar**, H Williams, HM Thompson, J Garcia-Aguilar, J Smith, H Veeraraghavan. Swin transformers are robust to distribution and concept drift in endoscopy-based longitudinal rectal cancer assessment. [Link]
  - SPIE Conference on Medical Imaging, 2025.
- 8. J Jiang, A Rangnekar, H Veeraraghavan. Self-supervised learning improves robustness of deep learning lung tumor segmentation models to CT imaging differences. [Link] *Journal of Medical Physics*, 2025.
- 9. J Jiang, A Rangnekar, H Veeraraghavan. Co-distilled attention guided masked image modeling with noisy teacher for self-supervised learning on medical images. [Link]

  International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL), 2025.
- 10. F Reinders, M Savenije, M de Ridder, M Maspero, P Doornaert, C Terhaard, C Raaijmakers, K Zakeri, N Lee, E Aliotta, A Rangnekar, H Veeraraghavan, M Philippens. Automatic segmentation for magnetic resonance imaging guided individual elective lymph node irradiation in head and neck cancer patients. [Link] Journal of Physics and Imaging in Radiation Oncology, 2024.
- 11. H Williams, HM Thompson, C Lee, **A Rangnekar**, JT Gomez, M Widmar, I Wei, E Pappou, G Nash, M Weiser, P Paty, J Smith, H Veeraraghavan, J Garcia-Aguilar. Assessing endoscopic response in locally advanced rectal cancer treated with total neoadjuvant therapy: development and validation of a highly accurate convolutional neural network.

  [Link]

  Annals of Surgical Oncology, 2024.
- 12. **A Rangnekar**, J Jiang, H Veeraraghavan. 3D Swin transformer for partial medical auto segmentation. [Link] *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI) Workshops*, 2023.
- 13. MJ Hoffman, **A Rangnekar**, Z Mulhollan, A Vodacek. DDDAS-based remote sensing. [Link] *Book Chapter: Handbook of Dynamic Data Driven Applications Systems*, Volume 2, 2023.
- 14. **A Rangnekar**, C Kanan, MJ Hoffman. Semantic segmentation with active semi-supervised learning. [Link] *Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 2023.
- 15. **A Rangnekar**, C Kanan, MJ Hoffman. Semantic segmentation with active semi-supervised representation learning.

  [Link]

  British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), 2022.
- A Rangnekar, E Ientilucci, C Kanan, MJ Hoffman. SpecAL: Towards active learning for semantic segmentation of hyperspectral imagery.
   [Link]
   International Conference on Dynamic Data Driven Applications Systems, 2022.
- 17. A Rangnekar, Z Mulhollan, A Vodacek, MJ Hoffman, A Sappa, E Blasch, J Yu, L Zhang, S Du, H Chang, K Lu, Z Zhang, F Gao, Y Yu, F Shuang, L Wang, Q Ling, P Shyam, KJ Yoon, KS Kim. Semi-supervised hyperspectral object detection challenge results PBVS 2022. [Link]
  IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops, 2022.
- A Rangnekar, Y Yao, MJ Hoffman, A Divakaran. Fine-tuning for one-look regression vehicle counting in low-shot aerial datasets.
   [Link]
   International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2021.

- 19. **A Rangnekar**, N Mokashi, E J Ientilucci, C Kanan, MJ Hoffman. AeroRIT: A new scene for hyperspectral image analysis. [Link]
  - IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, 2020.
- 20. **A Rangnekar**, E J Ientilucci, C Kanan, MJ Hoffman. Uncertainty estimation for semantic segmentation of hyperspectral imagery. [Link]
  - International Conference on Dynamic Data Driven Applications Systems, 2020.
- 21. Z Mulhollan, **A Rangnekar**, T Bauch, MJ Hoffman, A Vodacek. Calibrated vehicle paint signatures for simulating hyperspectral imagery. [Link]
  - Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops, 2020.
- 22. B Uzkent, **A Rangnekar**, MJ Hoffman. Tracking in aerial hyperspectral videos using deep kernelized correlation filters. [Link]
  - IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, 2018.
- 23. B Uzkent, **A Rangnekar**, MJ Hoffman. Aerial vehicle tracking by adaptive fusion of hyperspectral likelihood maps. [Link]
  - Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops, 2017.

#### **Abstracts and Posters at Medical Conferences**

- 24. **A Rangnekar**, N Mankuzhy, M Thor, A Wu, A Rimner, H Veeraraghavan. Foundation models with balanced data sampling enhance auto-segmentation for cardiac substructures. [Link] *AAPM Annual Meeting*, 2025.
- 25. C Choi, J Jiang, **A Rangnekar**, N Mankuzhy, Y Cho, J Kim, A Rimner, M Thor, J Deasy, A Wu, H Veeraraghavan. Multimodal framework for predicting radiation-induced severe acute esophagitis in esophageal cancer. [Link] *AAPM Annual Meeting*, 2025.
- 26. S Tan, J Jiang, **A Rangnekar**, H Veeraraghavan. Integrating multiple modalities with pretrained Swin foundation model for head and neck tumor segmentation. [Link] *AAPM Annual Meeting*, 2025.
- 27. NF Silverio, A Couwenberg, **A Rangnekar**, H Veeraraghavan, T Janssen. Zero-shot auto-segmentation of rectal cancer CTV for MRI-guided online adaptive radiotherapy prompted with pre-treatment delineations. [Link] *Radiotherapy and Oncology*, 2025.
- 28. **A Rangnekar**, N Nadkarni, J Jiang, H Veeraraghavan. Robustness of pretrained transformers on lung cancer segmentation with computed tomography scans. [Link] *AAPM Annual Meeting*, 2024.
- A Rangnekar, J Jiang, H Veeraraghavan. Enhancing Swin transformer with semantic attention for explainable prediction: a case study with lung cancer CT images. [Link]
   AAPM Annual Meeting, 2024.
- 30. **A Rangnekar**, NP Mankuzhy, M Thor, A Rimner, H Veeraraghavan. Balancing prevalence of contrast and non-contrast computed tomography examples in a limited set and training transformer-based great vessel segmentation. [Link]
  - International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics, 2024.
- 31. J Jiang, **A Rangnekar**, S Elguindi, L Cervino, J Moran, J Deasy, H Veeraraghavan. Organs at risk segmentations using foundational models.

  [Link]

  AAPM Annual Meeting, 2023.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest lecture: "Semantic Segmentation" for graduate course of Dr. Christopher Kanan	Dec 2021
• Guest lecture: "Transformers for vision" for graduate course of Dr. Emmett Ientilucci	Dec 2021
• Guest lecture: "Transformers for vision" for graduate course of Dr. Emmett Ientilucci	Dec 2020
• Guest lecture: "Reinforcement learning" for graduate course of Dr. Emmett Ientilucci	Dec 2020

Guest lecture: "Reinforcement learning" for graduate course of Dr. Christopher Kanan
 Teaching assistant: Linear and Fourier methods for imaging
 Guest lecture: "Reinforcement learning" at PARC, Xerox
 Teaching assistant: Introduction to computing and control
 Teaching assistant: Advanced engineering mathematics
 Fall 2015
 Fall 2014

## REVIEWER

- Journals: Medical Physics and IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing
- Conferences: IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), and International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: Python, C++, MATLAB
- Frameworks and packages: PyTorch, JAX, OpenCV