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Current Appointments

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Education and Training

Jan. 2013 – May. 2017 B.Sc., Summa Cum Laude, Computer Engineering, North Carolina State University
Jan. 2013 – May. 2017 B.Sc., Summa Cum Laude, Electrical Engineering, North Carolina State University
May. 2017 – May. 2019 M.S.E., Electrical and Computer Engineering, Johns Hopkins University,
Advised by: Dr. Eric C. Frey
May. 2019 – Oct. 2022 Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering, Johns Hopkins University,
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Professional Experience

Jun. 2015 – Aug. 2015 Application Engineer Intern, Analog Devices, Inc.
Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2016 Undergraduate Research Fellow, The NSF Research Center for ASSIST, NC State University
May. 2016 – Jun. 2017 Undergraduate Research Assistant, ARoS Lab, NC State University,
Advised by: Dr. Edger Lobaton
Jun. 2020 – Oct. 2021 PET Image Reconstruction and Quality Scientist Intern, Canon Medical Research USA, Inc.,
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Sep. 2017 – Dec. 2022 Research Assistant, Radiological Physics Division, Dept. of Radiology and Radiological Science,
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Advised by: Dr. Eric C. Frey
Jan. 2023 – Mar. 2024 Faculty Research Associate, Radiological Physics Division, Dept. of Radiology and Radiological
Science, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes

PUBLICATIONS ([Follow Junyu Chen on Google Scholar](#))

Original Research

1. **Chen, J.**, Li, Y., Du, Y., & Frey, E. C. (2020). Generating Anthropomorphic Phantoms Using Fully Unsupervised Deformable Image Registration with Convolutional Neural Networks. *Medical Physics*, 47: 6366-6380. [IF=4.5, Editor's Choice]
2. Li, Y., **Chen, J.**, Brown, J. L., Treves, S. T., Cao, X., Fahey, F. H., ... & Frey, E. C. (2021). DeepAMO: a multi-slice, multi-view anthropomorphic model observer for visual detection tasks performed on volume images. *Journal of Medical Imaging*, 8(4), 041204. [IF=2.4]
3. **Chen, J.**, Li, Y., Luna, L. P., Chung, H. W., Rowe, S. P., Du, Y., Solnes, L. B., & Frey, E. C. (2021). Learning Fuzzy Clustering for SPECT/CT Segmentation via Convolutional Neural Networks. *Medical Physics*. [IF=4.5]
4. **Chen, J.**, Frey, E. C., He, Y., Segars, W. P., Li, Y., & Du, Y. (2022). Transmorph: Transformer for unsupervised medical image registration. *Medical Image Analysis*, 82, 102615. [IF=13.8, 424 citations to date]
5. Li, J.*, **Chen, J.* (Co-first author)**, Tang, Y.*, Wang, C., Landman, B. A., & Zhou, S. K. (2023). Transforming medical imaging with Transformers? A comparative review of key properties, current progresses, and future perspectives. *Medical Image Analysis*, 102762. [IF=13.8, 209 citations to date]
6. Li, Y., Brown, J. L., Xu, J., **Chen, J.**, Ghaly, M., ... & Frey, E. C. (2023). Girth-based Administered Activity for Pediatric ^{99m}Tc-DMSA SPECT. *Medical Physics*. [IF=4.5]
7. Li, Y., **Chen, J.**, Jang, S., Gong, K., & Li, Q. (2023). SwinCross: Cross-modal Swin Transformer for Head-and-Neck Tumor Segmentation in PET/CT Images. *Medical Physics*. [IF=4.5]
8. Jang, S. I., Pan, T., Li, Y., Heidari, P., **Chen, J.**, Li, Q., & Gong, K. (2023). Spach Transformer: Spatial and Channel-wise Transformer Based on Local and Global Self-attentions for PET Image Denoising. *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*, 43(6). [IF=11.56]

9. **Chen, J.* (Co-first author)**, Liu, Y.*, Wei, S.*, Bian, Z., Subramanian, S., Carass, A., Prince, J. L., & Du, Y. (2025). A survey on deep learning in medical image registration: New technologies, uncertainty, evaluation metrics, and beyond. *Medical Image Analysis*, 85, 103385. [IF=13.8]
10. Liu, Y., **Chen, J.**, Wei, S., Carass, A., & Prince, J.L. (2024). On Finite Difference Jacobian Computation in Deformable Image Registration. *International Journal of Computer Vision*, 1-11. [IF=19.5]
11. Li, Y., Imami, M. R., Zhao, L., Amindarolzari, A., Mena, E., Leal, J., **Chen, J.**, ... & Bai, H. X. (2024). An Automated Deep Learning-Based Framework for Uptake Segmentation and Classification on PSMA PET/CT Imaging of Patients with Prostate Cancer. *Journal of Imaging Informatics in Medicine*, 1-10. [IF=4.4]
12. Zhao, L., Imami, M., Wang, Y., Mao, Y., Hsu, W. C., Chen, R., ... **Chen, J.**, ... & Bai, H. X. (2024). Deep learning-based lesion characterization and outcome prediction of prostate cancer on [18 F] DCFPyL PSMA imaging. [Submitted]
13. Liu, Y., **Chen, J.**, Zuo, L., Carass, A., & Prince, J. L. (2024). Vector field attention for deformable image registration. *Journal of Medical Imaging*, 11(6), 064001-064001. [IF=2.4]
14. **Chen, J.**, Wei, S., Liu, Y., Bian, Z., He, Y., Carass, A., ... & Du, Y. (2024). Unsupervised learning of spatially varying regularization for diffeomorphic image registration. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2412.17982*. [Submitted to Medical Image Analysis]

Conference Proceedings

1. Zhong, B., Qin, Z., Yang, S., **Chen, J.**, Mudrick, N., Taub, M., ... & Lobaton, E. (2017, December). Emotion recognition with facial expressions and physiological signals. In *2017 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (SSCI)* (pp. 1-8). IEEE.
2. Li, X., Chen, L., & **Chen, J.**, (2017, December). A visual saliency-based method for automatic lung regions extraction in chest radiographs. In *2017 14th International Computer Conference on Wavelet Active Media Technology and Information Processing (ICCWAMTIP)* (pp. 162-165). IEEE.
3. Li, X., Yang, F., Cheng, H., **Chen, J.**, Guo, Y., & Chen, L. (2017, October). Multi-scale cascade network for salient object detection. In *Proceedings of the 25th ACM international conference on Multimedia* (pp. 439-447).
4. **Chen, J.**, Jha, A. L., & Frey, E. C. (2019). Incorporating CT prior information in the robust fuzzy C-means algorithm for QSPECT image segmentation. *Proc. SPIE 10949, Medical Imaging 2019: Image Processing*.
5. **Chen, J.**, & Frey, E. C. (2020, January). Medical Image Segmentation via Unsupervised Convolutional Neural Network. In *Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL)*. [Oral presentation]
6. **Chen, J.**, Li, Y., Du, Y., & Frey, E. (2021). Creating Anthropomorphic Phantoms via Unsupervised Convolutional Neural Networks. In *Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL)*. [Oral presentation]
7. **Chen, J.**, He, Y., Frey, E. C., Li, Y., & Du, Y. (2021). ViT-V-Net: Vision Transformer for Unsupervised Volumetric Medical Image Registration. In *Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL)*. [Oral presentation, 249 citations to date]
8. **Chen, J.**, Asma, E., & Chan, C. (2021). Targeted Gradient Descent: A Novel Method for Convolutional Neural Networks Fine-tuning and Online-learning. In *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*. [Oral presentation, provisionally accepted, top 13% of 1630 papers]
9. Li, Y., Cui, J., **Chen, J.**, Zeng, G., Wollenweber, S., Jansen, F., ... & Li, Q. (2022). A Noise-level-aware Framework for PET Image Denoising. *International Workshop on Machine Learning for Medical Image Reconstruction*. Springer, Cham.
10. **Chen, J.**, Frey, E., & Du, Y. (2022, May). Unsupervised Learning of Diffeomorphic Image Registration via TransMorph. In *10th International Workshop on Biomedical Image Registration*. [Oral presentation]
11. Li, Y., **Chen, J.**, Jang, S., Gong, K., & Li, Q. (2022). Investigation of Network Architecture for Multimodal Head-and-Neck Tumor Segmentation. In *2022 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference (NSS/MIC)*. IEEE.
12. Bian, Z., Wei, S., Liu, Y., **Chen, J.**, Zhuo, J., Xing, F., ... & Prince, J. L. (2023). MomentaMorph: Unsupervised Spatial-Temporal Registration with Momenta, Shooting, and Correction. In *International Workshop on Time-Series Data Analytics and Learning*.
13. **Chen, J.**, Liu, Y., He, Y., & Du, Y. (2023). Spatially-varying regularization with conditional transformer for unsupervised image registration. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.06168*.
14. **Chen, J.**, Liu, Y., He, Y., & Du, Y. (2023). Deformable Cross-Attention Transformer for Medical Image Registration. In *13th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MLMI)*. [Oral presentation]
15. **Chen, J.**, Jiang, Z., Coughlin, J. M., Pomper, M. G., & Du, Y. (2023). Estimating Arterial Input Function for Dynamic PET via Deep Regression. In *2023 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium, Medical Imaging Conference and International Symposium on Room-Temperature Semiconductor Detectors (NSS MIC RTSD)* (pp. 1-1). IEEE.
16. Bian, Z., Alshareef, A., Wei, S., **Chen, J.**, Wang, Y., Woo, J., ... & Prince, J. L. (2024, April). Is registering raw tagged-MR enough for strain estimation in the era of deep learning?. In *Medical Imaging 2024: Image Processing (Vol. 12926, pp. 79-85)*. SPIE.
17. **Chen, J.**, Liu, Y., Wei, S., Bian, Z., Carass, A., & Du, Y. (2024). From Registration Uncertainty to Segmentation Uncertainty. In *2024 IEEE 21th international symposium on biomedical imaging (ISBI 2024)*. IEEE.
18. **Chen, J.**, Liu, Y., Wei, S., Carass, A., & Du, Y. (2024, October). Unsupervised Learning of Multi-modal Affine Registration for PET/CT. In *2024 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium (NSS), Medical Imaging Conference (MIC) and Room Temperature Semiconductor Detector Conference (RTSD)* (pp. 1-2). IEEE.

Abstract Publications

1. **Chen, J.**, Frey, E. C., & Lodge, M. A. (2019). Accuracy of PET/CT quantification in bone. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 60 (supplement 1), 1201-1201.

2. Li, Y., **Chen, J.**, Brown, J., Treves, S. T., Cao, X., Fahey, F., ... & Frey, E. (2020). DeepAMO: An Anthropomorphic Model Observer for Visual Detection Tasks in Volume Images. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, 61(supplement 1), 1427-1427.
3. **Chen, J.**, Li, Y., & Frey, E. (2020). A fully unsupervised approach to create patient-like phantoms via convolutional neural networks. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, 61(supplement 1), 522-522. [Oral presentation]
4. **Chen, J.**, Li, Y., Du, Y., Luna, L., Rowe, S., & Frey, E. (2021). Semi-supervised SPECT segmentation using convolutional neural networks. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 62 (supplement 1), 1423-1423.
5. Li, Y., Brown, J., Xu, J., **Chen, J.**, Ghaly, M., Cao, X., Du, Y., Fahey, F., Bolch, W., Sgouros, G., & Frey, E. (2022). Justification for and In Silico Evaluation of a New Local-body-morphometry Based Dosing Method for Pediatric 99mTc-DMSA SPECT. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 63 (supplement 1). [Oral presentation]
6. Jang, S., Pan, T., Li, Y., **Chen, J.**, Li, Q., & Gong, K. (2022). PET image denoising based on transformer: evaluations on datasets of multiple tracers. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 63 (supplement 1). [Oral presentation]
7. **Chen, J.**, Frey, E., & Du, Y. (2022). Class-incremental learning for multi-organ segmentation. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 63 (supplement 1). [Oral presentation]
8. **Chen, J.**, Leal, J., Rowe, S., Pomper, M., & Du, Y. (2023). Constructing PET/CT Atlas for PSMA Dosimetry. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 64 (supplement 1). [Oral presentation]

FUNDING

INTRAMURAL Funding

2023 Constructing Whole-body PET/CT Atlas for PSMA Therapy Dosimetry
 Johns Hopkins Discovery Award
 Johns Hopkins University
 100,000
 Junyu Chen (Radiology, PI), Aaron Carass (ECE), Steven Rowe (Radiology), Yong Du (Radiology)

EXTRAMURAL Funding

2022 Class-incremental Bayesian Segmentation of Organs and Tumors for PSMA Therapy Dosimetry
 SNMMI Medical & Science Student Research Grant
 Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
 5,000
 Junyu Chen (Radiology, PI)

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching

Teaching Assistantship

Jan. 2017 – May. 2017 Teaching Assistant, ECE 211 Electric Circuits, NC State University
 Jan. 2019 – May. 2019 Course Assistant, EN520.623 Medical Image Analysis, Johns Hopkins University,
 Course taught by: Dr. Jerry Prince
 Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019 Teaching Assistant, EN520.632 Medical Imaging Systems, Johns Hopkins University
 Course taught by: Dr. Muyinatu A. Bell
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 Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2021 Teaching Assistant, EN520.632 Medical Imaging Systems, Johns Hopkins University
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 Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022 Teaching Assistant, EN520.632 Medical Imaging Systems, Johns Hopkins University
 Course taught by: Dr. Muyinatu A. Bell

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research Focus

Junyu's research focuses on image analysis and deep learning applied to nuclear medicine imaging. He is currently working on developing quantitative imaging methods for assessing the response of metastatic bone diseases to therapy.

Research Assistantship

Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2016 Undergraduate Research Fellow, The NSF Research Center for ASSIST, NC State University
 ○ Developed real-time QRS-Complex detection in an Android app (Java)
 May. 2016 – Jun. 2017 Undergraduate Research Assistant, ARoS Lab, NC State University,
 Advised by: Dr. Edger Lobaton
 ○ Developed Empirical Mode Decomposition adaptive filter for removing motion artifacts from ECG signal
 Jun. 2020 – Oct. 2021 PET Image Reconstruction and Quality Scientist Intern, Canon Medical Research USA, Inc.,

Supervised by: Dr. Evren Asma, Mentored by: Dr. Chung Chan

- Developed novel network transfer learning techniques for PET image denoising
 - Developed deep-learning-based PET image resolution improvement methods
- Sep. 2017 – Oct. 2022 Research Assistant, Radiological Physics Division, Johns Hopkins University
- Developed image segmentation methods for prostate cancer bone metastases in SPECT/CT image
 - Developed image registration methods for generating anatomical variations of digital phantoms (XCAT phantom)
 - Developed physical phantom that mimics the attenuation and density properties of human bone
 - Assessed the quantitative accuracy of PET/CT and SPECT/CT methods for evaluating tumor response to therapy

Inventions, Patents, Copyrights

Jul. 2021 Chan, C., **Chen, J.**, Evren, A., & Kolthammer, J. (2023).
Targeted Gradient Descent for Convolutional Neural Networks Fine-tuning and Online-learning
U.S. Patent Application No.17/469,144.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES ([Follow Junyu Chen on Publons](#))

Journal Peer Review Activities

1. Medical Physics
2. Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine
3. IEEE Access
4. Quantitative Imaging in Medicine and Surgery
5. IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging
6. IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control
7. IEEE Transactions on Radiation and Plasma Medical Sciences
8. IEEE Transactions on Image Processing
9. IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics
10. Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing
11. Medical Image Analysis
12. European Radiology
13. Pattern Recognition
14. Nature Biomedical Engineering

Conference Peer Review Activities

1. International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL)
2. International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)

Professional Societies

2018 – Present Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI), Member
2018 – Present Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Member
2018 – Present Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE), Member
2018 – Present Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), Member
2020 – Present The Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention Society (MICCAI), Member
2024 – Present MICCAI – Special Interest Group for Biomedical Image Registration (SIG-BIR), Treasurer

RECOGNITION

Invited talks

Feb. 2022 “Deep learning for medical image analysis” @ [PlenaryAI](#)
Jun. 2022 “Deep learning for medical image analysis” @ [CAMCA at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School](#)
Jun. 2022 “Deep learning for medical image analysis” @ [RPD at Johns Hopkins Medical Institute](#)
Jan. 2023 “Transforming medical imaging with Transformers?” @ [Cleerly Health](#)
Apr. 2024 “Transformers for medical image registration” @ [SIAT, Chinese Academy of Sciences](#)

Awards, Honors

2015 – 2017 Dean’s list with 4.0 GPA, North Carolina State University
2019 – 2022 Fully Funded Graduate Assistantship, Radiological Physics Division, Johns Hopkins Medical Institute
2021 Most Downloaded Articles List of [Medical Physics](#)
2022 [SNMMI Student Research Grant Award](#): Discovering Molecular Imaging
2023 IEEE NSS MIC RTSD Trainee Grant

2023 Johns Hopkins Discovery Award (PI)
 2023 [Honorable Mention](#) for MICCAI 2023 Reviewer (out of 1,659 reviewers)
 2023 – 2024 [Gold-level Distinguished Reviewer](#) for IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging
 2023 Most Downloaded Articles List of [Medical Image Analysis](#)
 2024 [Forbes 30 Under 30 in Healthcare](#)
 2025 Most Cited Articles List of [Medical Image Analysis](#)

In News

Oct. 2021 Featured on [MICCAI daily](#)
 Dec. 2023 Becker's Healthcare ([Becker's ASC Review](#))
 Aug. 2024 Profiled by [Lifestyles Magazine](#)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Posters

Mar. 2019 "Incorporating CT prior information in the robust fuzzy C-means algorithm for QSPECT image segmentation" @ SPIE Medical Imaging
 Jun. 2019 "Accuracy of PET/CT quantification in bone" @ SNMMI Annual Meeting
 Jun. 2021 "Semi-supervised SPECT segmentation using convolutional neural networks" @ SNMMI Annual Meeting
 Nov. 2023 "Estimating Arterial Input Function for Dynamic PET via Deep Regression" @ IEEE NSS/MIC
 May. 2024 "From Registration Uncertainty to Segmentation Uncertainty" @ IEEE ISBI
 Nov. 2024 "Unsupervised Learning of Multi-modal Affine Registration for PET/CT" @ IEEE NSS/MIC

Oral Presentations

Jun. 2020 "A fully unsupervised approach to create patient-like phantoms via convolutional neural networks" @ SNMMI Annual Meeting
 Jul. 2020 "Medical Image Segmentation via Unsupervised Convolutional Neural Network" @ Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
 Jul. 2021 "Creating Anthropomorphic Phantoms via Unsupervised Convolutional Neural Networks" @ Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
 Jul. 2021 "ViT-V-Net: Vision Transformer for Unsupervised Volumetric Medical Image Registration" @ Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
 Oct. 2021 "Targeted Gradient Descent: A Novel Method for Convolutional Neural Networks Fine-tuning and Online-learning." @ International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention
 Jun. 2022 "Class-incremental learning for multi-organ segmentation." @ SNMMI Annual Meeting
 July. 2022 "Unsupervised Learning of Diffeomorphic Image Registration via TransMorph." @ Workshop on Biomedical Image Registration
 Oct. 2022 "A Novel Decoder for Learning-based Diffeomorphic Image Registration." @ MICCAI Workshop on Learn2Reg
 Jun. 2023 "Constructing PET/CT Atlas for PSMA Dosimetry." @ SNMMI Annual Meeting
 Oct. 2023 "Deformable Cross-Attention Transformer for Medical Image Registration." @ MICCAI Workshop on MLMI