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Note: No familial relation to any co-authors in publications

Summary: Medical student with engineering physics background involved in hands-on technical development of artificial intelligence algorithms of medical images, predictive analysis for clinical data, and robotics. End-to-end leader of clinical studies from clinical problem formulation to solution invention to validation analysis. Leading AI education initiatives by creating and instructor AI training programs for medical students and teaching medical imaging physics to undergraduate engineers.

Education

Queen's University

(Expected) May 2023

• Doctor of Medicine (In Progress)

The University of British Columbia

May 2019

• Master of Applied Science, Biomedical Engineering (AI and Ultrasound Physics)

The University of British Columbia

May 2016

- Bachelor of Applied Science, Engineering Physics (Electrical & Computer Specialization)
- Minor in Honours Mathematics

Indexed Publications

Publications by Category

Novel Engineering Development/Basic Sciences: 10 Medical Education: 2

- 1. (Accepted) **Hu R,** Fan K, Pandey P, Hu Z, Yau O, Teng M, Wang P, Li A, Ashraf M, Singla R. (2022) Insights from teaching artificial intelligence to medical students in Canada. Nature Communications Medicine.
- 2. Singla R, Ringstrom C, **Hu R,** Lessoway V, Reid J, Nguan C, Rohling R. Speckle and Shadows: Ultrasound-specific Physics-based Data Augmentation Applied to Kidney Segmentation. (2022). Medical Imagine with Deep Learning. ePub ahead of print.
- 3. Hu Z.*, **Hu R.***, Yan R, Mayer C, Rohling R, Singla R. (2021). Automatic placenta abnormality detection using convolutional neural networks on ultrasound texture. Paediatric and Perinatal Imaging at the International Conference on Medical Image Computer and Computer Assisted Intervention, 147-156.
 - o *Equal contribution and joint first author (no familial relationship)
- 4. Deeba F, **Hu R,** Lessoway V, Terry J, Pugash D, Hutcheon JA, Mayer C, Rohling R. (2021) A Quantitative Ultrasound Approach for Detecting Placenta-Mediated Diseases. IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS), 1-3.
- 5. Deeba F, Schneider C, **Hu R,** Lessoway V, Terry J, Pugash D, Hutcheon JA, Mayer C, Rohling R. (2021) Ultrasonic Attenuation Coefficient Estimate of Placenta is correlated to MRI Proton-Density-Fat Fraction: A Preliminary Ex Vivo Study. IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS), 1-4.

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- 6. Deeba F, **Hu R,** Lessoway V, Terry J, Pugash D, Hutcheon JA, Mayer C, Rohling R. (2021). Project SWAVE 2.0: A multimodal placental imaging study. Placenta, 112, E17-E18.
- 7. Fan K, **Hu R,** Singla R. (2020). Introductory machine learning for medical students: A pilot. Medical Education, 54(11), 1042-1043.
- 8. **Hu R,** Singla R, Deeba F, Rohling RN. (2019). Acoustic shadow detection: study and statistics of B-Mode and radiofrequency data. Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology, 45(8), 2248-2257.
- 9. **Hu R,** Singla R, Yan R, Mayer C, & Rohling RN. (2019). Automated placenta segmentation with a convolutional neural network weighted by acoustic shadow detection. IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC), 6718-6723.
- 10. Deeba F, **Hu R,** Terry J, Pugash D, Hutcheon JA, Mayer C, Salcudean S, Rohling R. (2019). A spatially weighted regularization method for attenuation coefficient estimation. IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS), 2023-2026.
- 11. Jayatilleka H, Murray K, Guillén-Torres MÁ, Caverley M, **Hu R**, Jaeger NAF, Chrostowski L, Shekhar S. (2015). Wavelength tuning and stabilization of microring filters using silicon inresonator photoconductive heaters. Optics Express, 23(19), 25084-25097.
- 12. Ma M, Murray K, Ye M, Lin S, Wang Y, Lu Z, Yun H, **Hu R,** Jaeger NAF, Chrostowski L. (2016). Silicon photonic polarization receiver with automated stabilization for arbitrary input polarizations. CLEO: Science and Innovations, 4-8.

Non-Indexed Conference Oral and Poster Presentations

- **Hu R,** Hu Z, Singla R, Ringstrom C, Hu G, Lessoway V, Reid J, Rohlinh R, Nguan C, Murray T. (2022) Predicting transplant kidney function decline from ultrasound only using an interpretable artificial intelligence model. Canadian Association of Radiologists Annual Scientific Meeting. Oral Presentation.
 - o 1st place winner of Radiologist-In-Training Competition
- Singla R, Ringstrom C, Hu Z, Hu R, Lessoway V, Reid J, Nguan C, Rohling R. (2022) AutoKV-Net: Calculating Single Kidney Volume in Two-Dimensional Ultrasound Automatically by Mimicking Sonographers. Annual Integrative Ultrasound Meeting Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine Supplement. Oral Presentation.
- Hu Z*, Hu R*, Singla R, Yan R, Rohling RN, Mayer C. (2021) Automated AI-based risk stratification of placental disease from ultrasound imaging with a convolutional neural network system. UBC Radiology Research Day, Poster and Oral Presentation.
 - * Equal contribution and joint first author (no familial relationship)
 - o 1st place winner of Canadian Diagnostic Poster Contest
- Crête S, Campbell N, Hu R, Peoples J, Yan M, Olding T, Tyryshkin K, Simpson A, and Ynoe de Moraes F. (2021) Time-dependent machine learning prediction model to estimate survival time of brain metastases with MRI radiomics. European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology Congress.
- **Hu R,** Chen I, Beaulieu K, Zhang Y, Reyngold M, Simpson A. (2020) An artificial intelligence model to predict survival of liver metastases patients. Queen's Medical Student Research Showcase, Oral Presentation.

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- o Winner of Dr. Albert Clark award for excellence in medical student research
- **Hu R,** Mathur P, El-Hariri H, Wyss J, Danaei P, Parhar H, Prisman E, Anderson DW (2018) A low-cost variable frequency vibration device to assist speech generation for laryngectomy latients. UBC Department of Surgery Research Day, Oral Presentation.
 - o Winner of top plenary award at the UBC Department of Surgery Research Day

Selected Extracurricular Activities

Co-Founder and Lead Instructor

Artificial Intelligence for Medical Students Workshop

Kingston, ON Jan 2019 – Present

- Created AI workshop (running 4 times, is ongoing) having 300+ medical students registered and 60+ live attendees, taught AI concepts and custom medical AI programming examples.
- Created and maintained website to deliver content and recordings (http://ubcaimed.github.io)
- Approved to provide Academic Enrichment Program credits at Queen's School of Medicine

Senior Scout Leader

3rd Richmond Scout Troop

Richmond, BC

Sep 2010 - Present

- Trained 300+ scouts aged 5-20 in outdoor survival, leadership, and communication from leading 150+ workshops, 30+ camping trips, and fundraising \$40,000+ for youth programs.
- Earned 7 national awards for service, promoted to head leader of advanced skills.

Water Rescue Head Instructor and Sailing Instructor

Scouts Canada

Vancouver, BC Jun 2010 - Present

• Led team of 6 rescuers (head since 2017) to pilot watercaft and recover sailors in distress, overseeing safety of 150+ sailors and designing protocols for complex storm conditions.

Other Extracurricular Activities

•	Senior Executive, Innovation in Medicine Interest Group	(Sep 2019 – Present)
•	Hackathon Competitor, NW Hacks and Hatching Health	(Mar 2016 – Mar 2019)
•	Startup Co-Venturer, Entrepreneurship@UBC	(Sep 2018 – May 2019)
•	Executive, UBC Biomedical Engineering Grad Association	(Sep 2017 – May 2019)
•	Webmaster, UBC Engineering Undergraduate Society	(Sep 2013 – May 2015)

Academic Honours and Awards

•	Canadian Association of Radiologists Radiologist-In-Training Top Oral Award	2022
•	Image Guided Therapeutics and Diagnostics Symposium Top Abstract Award	2021
•	Canada Diagnostic Centre's Poster Contest Best Poster Award	2021
•	Queen's University Basmajian Research Scholar	2021

• Queen's School of Medicine Dr. Albert Clark Award for

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	Excellence in Medical Student Research	2020
•	UBC Chung Surgery Research Day Top Plenary Talk Award	2018
•	UBC Biomedical Engineering Symposium Best Poster Award	2018
•	UBC Faculty of Applied Science Graduate Student Award	2018
•	UBC School of Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Initiative Award	2018
•	Sun Rise Rotary Club Scholarship	2012
•	UBC President's Entrance Scholarship	2011

Funding and Grants

• Queen's Radiology Research Grant - \$7000 2022 (Role: First author, lead instructor for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine training Workshop)

Resident Doctors of British Columbia Innovation Fund - \$5000
(Role: First author, lead engineer for low-cost electrolarynx invention)

Non-Academic Honours and Awards

•	Scouts Canada Certificate of Commendation	2017, 2018, 2019
•	Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Gold Level	2017
•	Scouts Canada Bar to Good Service	2017
•	Scouts Canada Medal of Good Service	2013
•	Scouts Canada Medal of the Maple	2013
•	Queen's Venturer Award	2010

Work Experience

Electrical and Computer Engineering, UBC

Vancouver, BC

Medical Imaging Physics Teaching Assistant

Sep 2018 – Dec 2018

• Instructed medical imaging tutorials and graded assignments/exams in topics of X-ray, CT, MRI, and ultrasound imaging physics for electrical engineering undergraduate students.

Robotics and Control Laboratory, UBC

Vancouver, BC

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2017 – Aug 2019

• Designed and led 2 clinical studies on humans to develop algorithms to computer tissue properties for automatic detection of disease, resulting in 2 first author publications.

MDA Systems Ltd.

Richmond, BC

Software Engineer

Aug 2016 – April 2017

• Developed algorithms and system integration software for image processing, geodetic mapping, and earth ellipsoid modelling from satellite ephemeris and optical imagery data.

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Pacific Institute of Mathematical Sciences

Vancouver, BC

Data Science Engineer

May 2016 – Aug 2016

• Programmed 15 prototypes of data analytics software using a fully remote python kernel on a web browser, such as an image recognition interface from a user-input image.

Photonics Research Group, UBC

Vancouver, BC

Research Assistant

May 2015 – Sep 2015

• Designed and implemented a microcontroller photocurrent stabilization system to maximize signal power output of a photonic chip, co-authored in two publications for contributions.

Spot Solutions Ltd.

Vancouver, BC

Software Development Intern

May 2014 – Dec 2014

• Programmed C# applications in an Agile environment to monitor real time sensors by processing data to a database through SQL procedures and a C# (.NET) framework.

NORAM Engineering and Constructors

Vancouver, BC

Research Engineering Intern

Jan 2013 – Apr 2013

• Planned, executed, and analyzed chemical yield experiments, utilizing MATLAB signal processing algorithms to filter chemical reactor thermoconductivity data.

Technical Skills

Programming and Software:

C, C++, MATLAB, Python, Jupyter, Bash, SolidWorks, Lumerical, Git

Electrical and Mechanical:

Digital logic, signal processing, Fourier spectral analysis, circuit simulation, information theory, CNC and manual machining, rapid prototyping (3D printing, laser cutting, waterjet)

Mathematics & Physics:

Machine learning, computer vision, statistical modelling, differential error analysis, linear programming, partial differential analysis, statistical mechanics, optics, electrodynamics

Recent Technical Projects

More past projects can be seen online http://ricky-hu.github.io/projects

Project	Supervisor(s)	Contribution
AI Prediction of Renal	Dr. Timothy Murray	Formulated and programmed algorithm
Function from Ultrasound	Dr. Robert Rohling	to compute quantitative texture features
(1 conference award)	Dr. Christopher Nguan	

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		from ultrasound and programmed AI
		classification model
AI Survival Prediction of	Dr. Amber Simpson	Programmed AI prediction algorithm,
Liver Metastases Patients	Dr. Marsha Reyngold	mathematically characterized tumors in
from CT Radiomics	Dr. Paul Romesser	liver CT with radiation oncologists
(1 conference award)		aver or with running one orogical
AI Prediction of Placental	Dr. Robert Rohling,	Programmed AI image analysis
Disease from Fetal	Dr. Chantal Mayer	algorithm, led and designed clinical study
Ultrasound	Di. Chantai Mayer	algorithm, led and designed chinear study
(1 publication)		
Elastography Analysis of	Dr. Denise Pugash, Dr.	Assisted in running ultrasound scans and
Placental Tissue	Robert Rohling, Dr.	building elastography vibration apparatus
(5 publications)	Chantal Mayer	Suitaing classography visitation apparatus
(5 publications)	Dr. Jefferson Terry	
Acoustic Shadow Detection	Dr. Robert Rohling	Develop math from ultrasound phsyics,
from Ultrasound Physics		programmed detection algorithm, led
(1 publication)		and designed clinical study
Low-Cost Voice-Assist	Dr. Donald Anderson,	Designed electronics, designed and 3D-
Device for Laryngectomy	Dr. Harman Parhar	printed mechanical model, developed
Patients		vibrational math model
(2 conference awards)		
Automated Placenta	Dr. Robert Rohling,	Programmed neural network to extract
Segmentation from	Dr. Chantal Mayer	fetal anatomy from scans, led and
Ultrasound		designed clinical study
(1 publication)		,
Photonic Resonance	Dr. Lukas Chrostowksi	Designed, programmed, and fabricated
Controller		laser resonance stabilizer circuits
(1 conference award, 2		
publications)		