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Research Interests

Medical Image Computing, Neuroimaging and Machine Learning

Primary area 📌 Semantic Segmentation, Brain MRI, Class Imbalance.
Secondary area 📌 Meta-Learning, Federated Learning, 3D Vision, Image Restoration.

Research Experience

- Feb. 25 – ... 📌 **Associate Professor.** School of Information Science and Technology, Shanghai, China.
He leads a team of graduate students working on advanced AI techniques mainly for healthcare applications.
- Jan. 23 – Jan. 25 📌 **Post-Doctoral Researcher.** Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.
Supervisor: Prof. Saad Jbabdi
He worked on advancing neuroimaging with machine learning algorithms.
- Oct. 18 – Dec. 22 📌 **Research Student.** Department of Computing, Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom.
Supervisors: Prof. Ben Glocker and Prof. Daniel Rueckert
He worked on improving the generalization capability of neural networks for medical imaging, especially under class imbalance.
- Jul. 19 – Mar. 20 📌 **Research Intern.** Noah's Ark Lab, Huawei, London, United Kingdom.
Supervisors: Prof. Greg Slabaugh and Dr. Liang Chen
He worked on exploring AutoML for computational photography.
- Jul. 18 – Sep. 18 📌 **Research Intern.** Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.
Supervisors: Prof. Shaohua Kevin Zhou and Prof. Hu Han
He worked on embedding CT prior knowledge in chest X-ray diagnosis.
- Jun. 14 – Jun. 18 📌 **Research Student.** Department of Electronic Engineering, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
Supervisors: Prof. Yuanyuan Wang and Prof. Jinhua Yu
He worked on brain MR image analysis including tumor segmentation, image reconstruction and disease classification.
He also worked on compressing ultrasound signal.

Education

- 2018 – 2022 📌 **PhD in Computing, Imperial College London, United Kingdom.**
Thesis title: *Learning strategies for improving neural networks for image segmentation under class imbalance.*

Education (continued)

- 2015 – 2018 **MSc in Biomedical Engineering, Fudan University, China.**
Thesis title: *Deep learning based MR images analysis of glioma and its clinical applications.*
- 2011 – 2015 **BSc in Electronic Engineering, Fudan University, China.**
Thesis title: *Fourier domain ultrasound beamforming.*

Research Publications (H-index: 21; Citation: 4067, per Google Scholar on 27 Nov. 2024)

Refereed Journal Articles

- 1 **Li, Z.**, Kamnitsas, K., Dou, Q., Qin, C., & Glocker, B.. (2023). Joint optimization of class-specific training- and test-time data augmentation in segmentation. *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*. doi:10.1109/TMI.2023.3282728
- 2 **Li, Z.**, Kamnitsas, K., Ouyang, C., Chen, C., & Glocker, B.. (2023). Context label learning: improving background class representations in semantic segmentation. *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*. doi:10.1109/TMI.2023.3242838
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- 6 **Li, Z.**, Wang, Y., Yu, J., Shi, Z., Guo, Y., Chen, L., & Mao, Y.. (2017). Low-grade glioma segmentation based on cnn with fully connected crf. *Journal of Healthcare Engineering*. doi:10.1155/2017/9283480
- 7 **Li, Z.**, Wang, Y., Yu, J., Guo, Y., & Zhang, Q.. (2017). Age groups related glioblastoma study based on radiomics approach. *Computer Assisted Surgery*. doi:10.1080/24699322.2017.1378722
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- 9 Ouyang, C., Chen, C., Li, S., **Li, Z.**, Qin, C., Bai, W., & Rueckert, D.. (2022). Causality-inspired single-source domain generalization for medical image segmentation. *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*. doi:10.1109/TMI.2022.3224067
- 10 Qiao, M., Liu, C., **Li, Z.**, Zhou, J., Xiao, Q., Zhou, S., ... Wang, Y.. (2022). Breast tumor classification based on mri-us images by disentangling modality features. *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*. doi:10.1109/JBHI.2022.3140236
- 11 Hering, A., Hansen, L., Mok, T. C., Chung, A. C., Siebert, H., Häger, S., ... Shao, W.. et al. (2022). Learn2reg: comprehensive multi-task medical image registration challenge, dataset and evaluation in the era of deep learning. *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*, 42(3), 697–712. doi:10.1109/TMI.2022.3213983
- 12 Luo, H., Zhuang, Q., Wang, Y., Abudumijiti, A., Shi, K., Rominger, A., ... Wu, G.. et al. (2021). A novel image signature-based radiomics method to achieve precise diagnosis and prognostic stratification of gliomas. *Laboratory investigation*, 101(4), 450–462. doi:10.1038/s41374-020-0472-x

- 13 Dou, Q., So, T. Y., Jiang, M., Liu, Q., Vardhanabhuti, V., Kaissis, G., ... Yu, K. et al. (2021). Federated deep learning for detecting covid-19 lung abnormalities in ct: a privacy-preserving multinational validation study. *NPJ digital medicine*, 4(1), 1–11. doi:10.1038/s41746-021-00431-6
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- 16 Zhou, Z., Wang, Y., Yu, J., Guo, W., & Li, Z.. (2019). Super-resolution reconstruction of plane-wave ultrasound image based on a multi-angle parallel u-net with maxout unit and novel loss function. *Journal of Medical Imaging and Health Informatics*. doi:10.1166/jmih.2019.2548
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- 19 Wu, G., Li, Z., Wang, Y., Yu, J., Chen, Y., & Chen, Z.. (2018). Primary central nervous system lymphoma and glioblastoma image differentiation based on sparse representation system. *Journal of Biomedical Engineering*. doi:10.7507/1001-5515.201705061
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Refereed Conference Proceedings

- 1 Li, Z., Kamnitsas, K., Islam, M., Chen, C., & Glocker, B.. (2022). Estimating model performance under domain shifts with class-specific confidence scores. In *International conference on medical image computing and computer-assisted intervention (miccai 2022)*. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-16449-1_66
- 2 Li, Z., Kamnitsas, K., & Glocker, B.. (2019). Overfitting of neural nets under class imbalance: analysis and improvements for segmentation. In *International conference on medical image computing and computer-assisted intervention (miccai 2019)*. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-32248-9_45
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- 6 Chen, X., Li, Z., Xu, Z., Xu, K., Ouyang, C., & Qin, C.. (2024). FedFDD: federated learning with frequency domain decomposition for low-dose CT denoising. In *Medical imaging with deep learning (midl 2024)*. <https://openreview.net/forum?id=Zg0mfl10o2>
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Under Review Articles

- 1 Li, Z., Zheng, Y.-Q., Chen, C., & Jbabdi, S.. (2024). Learning label refinement and threshold adjustment for imbalanced semi-supervised learning.
- 2 Zheng, Y.-Q., Akram, H., Li, Z., Smith, S. M., & Jbabdi, S.. (2024). An image quality transfer technique to localising deep brain stimulation targets.

Awards and Patents

Awards and Achievements

- 2022  MICCAI UNSURE Workshop Best Paper Award – Runner-Up.
 -  1st place of Fetal Tissue Annotation Challenge.
- 2019  MICCAI 2019 Graduate Student Travel Award.
- 2018  Winner of Huawei UK AI Challenge.
 -  Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai.
 -  National Scholarship.
- 2016  Intel Fellowship.

Patents

-  Li, Z., Chen, L., Slabaugh, G., Liu, L., & Fu, Z.. Device and Method for Image Processing, US20230033458A1, 2023.
-  Wang, Y., Yu, J. & Li, Z.. Thin layer magnetic resonance image reconstruction method based on deep learning, CN108629816A, 2018.
-  Wang, Y., Yu, J. & Li, Z.. Method and system for lossless prediction of low-grade intracranial gliomas isocitrate dehydrogenase based on deep learning, CN108109140A, 2018.
-  Wang, Y., Yu, J., Wu, G. & Li, Z.. Identification method of primary central nervous system lymphoma and glioblastoma based on sparse representation system, CN107016395A, 2017.
-  Yu, J., Shi, Z., Li, Z., Wang, Y., Chen, L. & Mao, Y.. Brain glioma molecular marker nondestructive prediction method and prediction system based on radiomics, CN106683081A, 2017.

Professional Service

Organizer

-  Area Chair, International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL) 2025.
-  Area Chair, International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI) 2024.

Journal Reviewer

-  IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging;
-  Medical Image Analysis;
-  Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics;
-  Neurocomputing;
-  Computer Vision and Image Understanding;
-  IEEE Access;
-  Pattern Recognition;
-  Neural Networks;
-  Knowledge-Based Systems;
-  Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine;
-  Biomedical Signal Processing and Control;
-  Academic Radiology;

Professional Service (continued)

- 📌 Biocybernetics and Biomedical Engineering;
- 📌 Frontiers in Medicine;
- 📌 Scientific Reports;
- 📌 Computers in Biology and Medicine;
- 📌 Artificial Intelligence In Medicine;
- 📌 Frontiers in Oncology;
- 📌 IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems.

Conference Reviewer

- 📌 MICCAI;
- 📌 The IEEE / CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR);
- 📌 The IEEE / CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV);
- 📌 The AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI);
- 📌 European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV);
- 📌 Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer (MICCAI-DART).
- 📌 Data Augmentation, Labeling, and Imperfections (MICCAI-DALI).
- 📌 Advances in Simplifying Medical UltraSound (MICCAI-ASMUS).
- 📌 Computational Mathematics Modeling in Cancer Analysis (MICCAI-CMMCA).
- 📌 Distributed, Collaborative and Federated Learning (MICCAI-DeCaF).
- 📌 Advancing Data Solutions in Medical Imaging AI (MICCAI-ADSMI).

Volunteer

- 📌 MIDL 2019.

Teaching

- Imperial
- 📌 70014 Machine Learning for Imaging [Spring 2021];
 - 📌 70028 Reinforcement Learning [Autumn 2020];
 - 📌 CS 496 Mathematics for Machine Learning [Autumn 2019];
 - 📌 CS 316 Computer Vision [Autumn 2018, Spring 2020];
 - 📌 CS 317 Graphics [Spring 2019].
- Fudan
- 📌 Circuit Laboratory [Spring 2016];
 - 📌 Signal Processing [Spring 2017].

References

Available on Request

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