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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
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Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
Master of Science, Computer Science, GPA: 3.96/4.0	December 2022
China University of Mining and Technology	Beijing, China
Bachelor of Science, Information Engineering	June 2019
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AWARDS AND HONORS

- Doctoral Dissertation Award, Association for Pathology Informatics May 2026
- Distinguished Reviewer Award (Platinum Level, top 8), IEEE TMI Dec 2025
- Conference Travel Grant, Medical Image with Deep Learning July 2025
- CTSC Pilot Award, Weill Cornell Medicine June 2025
- Outstanding Graduate Award (top 2%), Vanderbilt Graduate School May 2025
- Gold-level Distinguished Reviewer Certificate (top 20), IEEE TMI Oct 2024
- C.F. Chen Best Paper Runner-up, Vanderbilt May 2024
- Cornell NYC AIMI Fellowship, Weill Cornell Medicine Apr 2024
- All-Conference Best Student Paper Award Finalist, SPIE Medical Imaging Feb 2024
- Student Conference Travel Grant, SPIE Medical Imaging Feb 2023
- Graduate School Travel Award, Vanderbilt Feb 2022, Feb 2023, Feb 2024
- First-class Scholarship of the University (top 2%), CUMTB Nov 2016, Nov 2017
- Outstanding Graduate Award (top 4%), CUMTB June 2019
- Outstanding Graduation Thesis Award (top 8%), CUMTB June 2019

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Weill Cornell Medicine	New York, NY
• Instructor of Artificial Intelligence (Advisor: Mert R. Sabuncu)	Nov 2024 – Present
Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
• AI scholar, Vanderbilt Lab for Immersive AI Translation	May 2024 – Nov 2024
• Student, Vanderbilt Institute for Surgery and Engineering	Mar 2020 – Nov 2024
• Ph.D. Student, Biomedical Data Representation and Learning Lab	Mar 2020 – Nov 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Assistant 	Mar 2020 – Nov 2024
Guangdong Provincial Cardiovascular Institute	Guangzhou, China
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Staff 	June 2019 – Aug 2019
University of Notre Dame	South Bend, IN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visiting Student (Advisor: Dr. Yiyu Shi) 	Jul 2018 – Sep 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aalto University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecturer, AI in Health Technologies 	Fall 2025
Weill Cornell Medicine	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecturer, BME MS AI in Medical Imaging 	Summer 2025
Cornell Tech	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecturer, CS 5304 Data Science in the Wild 	Spring 2025
Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecturer, DS-5660 Deep Learning 	Fall 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecturer, CS-4267 Deep Learning 	Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Program Staff Member, Vanderbilt Center of Language 	Fall 2021 – Fall 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Assistant, CS-3891 Deep Learning 	Spring 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Assistant, DS-5660 Modeling and Machine Learning II 	Fall 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grader, EECE-5353-01 Image Processing 	Fall 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Roche	Santa Clara, CA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imaging Scientist Intern (Supervisor: Dr. Yao Nie) 	May 2023 – Aug 2023
Bridge Investment Group	Charlotte, NC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software Engineer Intern 	May 2020 – Aug 2020

PUBLICATION

Journal (First & corresponding author)

- [J24] Guo, Z., Saluja, R., Yao, T., Liu, Q., Zhu, J., Wang, H., ... & **Deng, R.** (2025). *From Classification to Cross-Modal Understanding: Leveraging Vision-Language Models for Fine-Grained Renal Pathology*. Under review.

- [J23] **Deng, R.**, Zhu, J., Xiong, J., Cui, C., Yao, T., Guo, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *IRS: Incremental Relationship-guided Segmentation for Digital Pathology*. Under review.
- [J22] **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Tang, Y., Guo, J., Lu, S., Xiong, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *KPIs 2024 Challenge: Advancing Glomerular Segmentation from Patch-to Slide-Level*. Under review.
- [J21] **Deng, R.**, Cui, C., Remedios, L. W., Bao, S., Womick, R. M., Chiron, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Cross-scale Multi-instance Learning for Pathological Image Diagnosis*. Medical Image Analysis, 2024 103124.
- [J20] **Deng, R.**, Liu, Q., Cui, C., Yao, T., Long, J., Asad, Z., ... & Huo, Y. (2023). *Omni-seg: A scale-aware dynamic network for renal pathological image segmentation*. IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering, 2023. 70(9): p. 2623-2644.
- [J19] **Deng, R.**, Yang, H., Jha, A., Lu, Y., Chu, P., Fogo, A. B., & Huo, Y. (2021). *Map3D: Registration-Based Multi-Object Tracking on 3D Serial Whole Slide Images*. IEEE transactions on medical imaging, 40(7), 1924-1933.

Journal (Co-author)

- [J18] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.**, Guo, J., Yao, T., Lu, S., Qu, C., ... & Huo, Y. (2026). *A comprehensive survey of computer vision methods for spatial transcriptomics*. Briefings in Bioinformatics, 27(3), bbag255.
- [J17] Li, X., Cui, C., **Deng, R.**, Tang, Y., Liu, Q., Yao, T., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *Fine-grained multiclass nuclei segmentation with molecular empowered all-in-SAM model*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 12(5), 057501-057501.
- [J16] Wang, Y., Yang, H., **Deng, R.**, Huo, Y., Liu, Q., Shyr, Y., & Zhao, S. (2025). *stImage: a versatile framework for optimizing spatial transcriptomic analysis through customizable deep histology and location informed integration*. Briefings in Bioinformatics, 26(5), bbaf429.
- [J15] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.**, Guo, J., Yao, T., Xiong, J., Qu, C., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *Img2ST-Net: efficient high-resolution spatial omics prediction from whole-slide histology images via fully convolutional image-to-image learning*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 12(6), 061410-061410.
- [J14] Xiong, J., **Deng, R.**, Yue, J., Lu, S., Guo, J., Lionts, M., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *ZeroReg3D: a zero-shot registration pipeline for 3D consecutive histopathology image reconstruction*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 12(4), 044002-044002.
- [J13] Cui, C., Zheng, X., **Deng, R.**, Liu, Q., Yao, T., Wilson, K. T., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *Quantitative benchmarking of anomaly detection methods in digital pathology images*. Machine Learning: Health, 1(1), 010502.
- [J12] Guo, J., Zimmer-Dauphinee, J. R., Nieusma, J. M., Lu, S., Liu, Q., **Deng, R.**, ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *DeepAndes: A Self-Supervised Vision Foundation Model for Multi-Spectral Remote Sensing Imagery of the Andes*. IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing.
- [J11] Yue, J., Yao, T., **Deng, R.**, Lu, S., Guo, J., Liu, Q., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *GloFinder: AI-*

- empowered QuPath Plugin for WSI-level Glomerular Detection, Visualization, and Curation*. Journal of Pathology Informatics, 17, 100433.
- [J10] Yu, L., Yin, M., **Deng, R.**, Liu, Q., Yao, T., Cui, C., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Glo-In-One-v2: Holistic Identification of Glomerular Cells, Tissues, and Lesions in Human and Mouse Histopathology*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 12(6), 061406-061406.
- [J9] Remedios, L. W., Bao, S., Remedios, S. W., Lee, H. H., Cai, L. Y., Li, T., ... **Deng, R.**, ... & Landman, B. A. (2024). *Data-driven nucleus subclassification on colon hematoxylin and eosin using style-transferred digital pathology*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 11(6), 067501-067501.
- [J8] Guo, J., Lu, S., Cui, C., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Tao, Z., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). Evaluating cell AI foundation models in kidney pathology with human-in-the-loop enrichment. Communications Medicine, 5(1), 495.
- [J7] Xiong, J., Nguyen, E. H., Liu, Y., **Deng, R.**, Tyree, R. N., Correa, H., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Circle Representation for Medical Instance Object Segmentation*. Under review.
- [J6] Yao, T., Rheault, F., Cai, L. Y., Nath, V., Asad, Z., Newlin, N., ... **Deng, R.**, ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Robust fiber orientation distribution function estimation using deep constrained spherical deconvolution for diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 11(1), 014005-014005.
- [J5] Yao, T., Qu, C., Long, J., Liu, Q., **Deng, R.**, Tian, Y., ... & Huo, Y. (2022). *Compound Figure Separation of Biomedical Images: Mining Large Datasets for Self-supervised Learning*. The journal of machine learning for biomedical imaging, 1.
- [J4] Nguyen, E. H., Yang, H., **Deng, R.**, Lu, Y., Zhu, Z., Roland, J. T., ... & Huo, Y. (2021). *Circle representation for medical object detection*. IEEE transactions on medical imaging, 41(3), 746-754.
- [J3] Liu, Q., Gaeta, I. M., Zhao, M., **Deng, R.**, Jha, A., Millis, B. A., ... & Huo, Y. (2021). *ASIST: annotation-free synthetic instance segmentation and tracking by adversarial simulations*. Computers in biology and medicine, 134, 104501.
- [J2] Huo, Y., **Deng, R.**, Liu, Q., Fogo, A. B., & Yang, H. (2021). *AI applications in renal pathology*. Kidney international, 99(6), 1309-1320.
- [J1] Jha, A., Yang, H., **Deng, R.**, Kapp, M. E., Fogo, A. B., & Huo, Y. (2021). *Instance segmentation for whole slide imaging: end-to-end or detect-then-segment*. Journal of Medical Imaging, 8(1), 014001-014001.

Highly Selective Conference

- [C82] Zhao, L., Shi, T., Reisenbüchler, D., He, X., Zhu, J., Yao, T., ... & **Deng, R.** (2026). *MORI-Seg: Learning Morphological Geometry for Instance Segmentation without Instance Annotations*. In International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention. **(Early accept, top 9%)**
- [C81] Nizam, N. B., Liu, F., Kwak, S., Nguyen, M., **Deng, R.**, & Sabuncu, M. R. (2026). *ShapKO: Shapley-Adaptive Modality Knockout for Robust Multimodal Learning*. In International

- Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention.
- [C80] Saluja, R., Cihangir, A., **Deng, R.**, Paetzold, J. C., Liu, F., & Sabuncu, M. R. (2026). *BackSplit: The Importance of Sub-dividing the Background in Biomedical Lesion Segmentation*. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition.
- [C79] Reisenbüchler, D., **Deng, R.**, Matek, C., Feuerhake, F., & Merhof, D. (2025). *Top-Down Attention-Based Multiple Instance Learning for Whole Slide Image Analysis*. In International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (pp. 651-660). Springer.
- [C78] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Xiong, J., Qu, C., Guo, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *ASIGN: An Anatomy-aware Spatial Imputation Graphic Network for 3D Spatial Transcriptomics*. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition.
- [C77] **Deng, R.**, Liu, Q., Cui, C., Yao, T., Xiong, J., Bao, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2024, October). *HATs: Hierarchical Adaptive Taxonomy Segmentation for Panoramic Pathology Image Analysis*. In International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (pp. 155-166). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- [C76] **Deng, R.**, Liu Q., Cui C., Yao T., Yue J., Xiong J., Yu L., Wu Y., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *PrPSeg: Universal Proposition Learning for Panoramic Renal Pathology Segmentation*. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (pp. 11736-11746).
- [C75] **Deng, R.**, Li, Y., Li, P., Wang, J., Remedios, L. W., Agzamkhodjaev, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2023, October). *Democratizing Pathological Image Segmentation with Lay Annotators via Molecular-Empowered Learning*. In International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (pp. 497-507). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- [C74] Cui, C., Liu, H., Liu, Q., **Deng, R.**, Asad, Z., Wang, Y., ... & Huo, Y. (2022, September). *Survival Prediction of Brain Cancer with Incomplete Radiology, Pathology, Genomic, and Demographic Data*. In International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (pp. 626-635). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- [C73] Liu, Q., Louis, P. C., Lu, Y., Jha, A., Zhao, M., **Deng, R.**, ... & Huo, Y. (2021). *Simtriplet: Simple triplet representation learning with a single gpu*. In Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention–MICCAI 2021: 24th International Conference, Strasbourg, France, September 27–October 1, 2021, Proceedings, Part II 24 (pp. 102-112). Springer International Publishing.
- [C72] Yang, H., **Deng, R.**, Lu, Y., Zhu, Z., Chen, Y., Roland, J. T., ... & Huo, Y. (2020). *CircleNet: Anchor-free glomerulus detection with circle representation*. In Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention–MICCAI 2020: 23rd International Conference, Lima, Peru, October 4–8, 2020, Proceedings, Part IV 23 (pp. 35-44). Springer International Publishing.

Full Length Conference (First & corresponding author)

- [C71] Fang, H., Reisenbüchler, D., Ikemura, K., Sabuncu, M., Yang, Y., & **Deng, R.** (2026). *CoFi: a fast coarse-to-fine few-shot pipeline for glomerular basement membrane segmentation*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13932, pp. 218-225). SPIE.
- [C70] Zhao, L., Yang, Y., Zhu, Y., Guo, J., Yang, H., Huo, Y., Simonson, P. D., Ikemura, K., Sabuncu, M. R., Yang, Y., & **Deng, R.** (2026). *DyMorph-B2I: dynamic and morphology-guided binary-to-instance segmentation for renal pathology*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13932, pp. 208-217). SPIE.
- [C69] Guo, Z., Saluja, R., Fang, H., Yao, T., Liu, Q., Huo, Y., Liechty, B., Pisapia, D. J., Ikemura, K., Sabuncu, M. R., Yang, Y., & **Deng, R.** (2026). *Glo-VLMs: leveraging vision-language models for fine-grained diseased glomerulus classification*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13932, pp. 54-61). SPIE.
- [C68] Shi, T., He, X., Fang, H., Ikemura, K., Sabuncu, M. R., Yang, Y., & **Deng, R.** (2026). *M³-GloDets: Multi-region and multi-scale analysis of fine-grained diseased glomerular detection*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13932, pp. 258-266). SPIE.
- [C67] **Deng, R.**, Yang, Y., Pisapia, D. J., Liechty, B., Zhu, J., Xiong, J., ... & Sabuncu, M. R. (2025). *CASC-AI: Consensus-aware Self-corrective Learning for Cell Segmentation with Noisy Labels*. In International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning 2025.
- [C66] **Deng, R.**, Shaikh, N., Shannon, G., & Nie, Y. (2024, April). *Cross-modality Attention-based Multimodal Fusion for Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) Patient Survival Prediction*. In Medical Imaging 2024: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 12933, pp. 46-50). SPIE. (**SPIE Medical Imaging All-Conference Best Student Paper Award Finalist**)
- [C65] Li, X., **Deng, R.**, Tang, Y., Bao, S., Yang, H., & Huo, Y. (2024, April). *Leverage Weakly Annotation to Pixel-wise Annotation via Zero-shot Segment Anything Model for Molecular-empowered Learning*. In Medical Imaging 2024: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 12933, pp. 133-139). SPIE. (**Co-first author, SPIE Medical Imaging All-Conference Best Student Paper Award Finalist**)
- [C64] Hu, F., **Deng, R.**, Bao, S., Yang, H., & Huo, Y. (2024, April). *Multi-scale Multi-site Renal Microvascular Structures Segmentation for Whole Slide Imaging in Renal Pathology*. In Medical Imaging 2024: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 12933, pp. 310-316). SPIE. (**Co-first author**)
- [C63] **Deng, R.**, Cui, C., Liu, Q., Yao, T., Remedios, L. W., Bao, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2023). *Segment anything model (sam) for digital pathology: Assess zero-shot segmentation on whole slide imaging*. In International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning Short Paper Track. (**Co-first author**)
- [C62] Leng, H., **Deng, R.**, Asad, Z., Womick, R. M., Yang, H., Wan, L., & Huo, Y. (2023, April). *An accelerated pipeline for multi-label renal pathology image segmentation at the whole*

- slide image level*. In Medical Imaging 2023: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 12471, pp. 174-179). SPIE. **(Co-first author)**
- [C61] **Li, P., Deng, R.,** & Huo, Y. (2023, April). *An end-to-end pipeline for 3D slide-wise multi-stain renal pathology registration*. In Medical Imaging 2023: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 12471, pp. 96-101). SPIE. **(Co-first author)**
- [C60] **Deng, R.,** Liu, Q., Cui, C., Asad, Z., & Huo, Y. (2022, December). *Single Dynamic Network for Multi-label Renal Pathology Image Segmentation*. In International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (pp. 304-314). PMLR.
- [C59] **Deng, R.,** Cui, C., Remedios, L. W., Bao, S., Womick, R. M., Chiron, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2022, September). *Cross-Scale Attention Guided Multi-instance Learning for Crohn's Disease Diagnosis with Pathological Images*. In International Workshop on Multiscale Multimodal Medical Imaging (pp. 24-33). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- [C58] **Deng, R.,** Yang, H., Asad, Z., Zhu, Z., Wang, S., Wheless, L. E., ... & Huo, Y. (2022, April). *Dense multi-object 3D glomerular reconstruction and quantification on 2D serial section whole slide images*. In Medical Imaging 2022: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 12039, pp. 83-90). SPIE.
- [C57] **Deng, R.,** Liu, Q., Bao, S., Jha, A., Chang, C., Millis, B. A., ... & Huo, Y. (2021). *CaCL: Class-Aware Codebook Learning for Weakly Supervised Segmentation on Diffuse Image Patterns*. In Deep Generative Models, and Data Augmentation, Labelling, and Imperfections: First Workshop, DGM4MICCAI 2021, and First Workshop, DALI 2021, Held in Conjunction with MICCAI 2021, Strasbourg, France, October 1, 2021, Proceedings 1 (pp. 93-102). Springer International Publishing.

Full Length Conference (Co-author)

- [C56] Liu, F., Saluja, R., Kwak, S., Wang, R., **Deng, R.,** Kim, H., ... & Sabuncu, M. R. (2026). *MAdam: Metric-Aware Multi-Objective Adam*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2606.03904.
- [C55] Wang, R., Guo, J., Lu, S., **Deng, R.,** Lu, Z., Zhu, Y., ... & Huo, Y. (2026, April). *Evaluating new AI cell foundation models on challenging kidney pathology cases unaddressed by previous foundation models*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13932, pp. 69-78). SPIE.
- [C54] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.,** Guo, J., Yao, T., Qu, C., Xiong, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *SCR2-ST: Combine Single Cell with Spatial Transcriptomics for Efficient Active Sampling via Reinforcement Learning*. In International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL), 2026.
- [C53] Yang, Y., Guo, J., **Deng, R.,** Zhu, J., Lu, Z., Qu, C., ... & Huo, Y. (2026). *Explainable Pathomics Feature Visualization via Correlation-aware Conditional Feature Editing*. In International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning (MIDL), 2026.
- [C52] Li, X., Zhu, Y., **Deng, R.,** Wei, W. Q., Wang, Y., Zhao, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2026, April). *MedFoundationHub: a lightweight and secure toolkit for deploying medical vision language foundation models*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Image Perception, Observer

- Performance, and Technology Assessment (Vol. 13928, pp. 238-247). SPIE.
- [C51] Zhu, Y., Xiong, J., **Deng, R.**, Wang, Y., Wang, Y., Zhao, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2026, April). *How close are we? Limitations and progress of AI models in Banff lesion scoring*. In Medical Imaging 2026: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13932, pp. 6-15). SPIE.
- [C50] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.**, Guo, J., Yao, T., Qu, C., Xiong, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2026). *DUET: Dual-Paradigm Adaptive Expert Triage with Single-cell Inductive Prior for Spatial Transcriptomics Prediction*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2605.14104.
- [C49] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Xiong, J., Qu, C., Guo, J., ... & Huo, Y. *MagNet: Multi-Level Attention Graph Network for Predicting High-Resolution Spatial Transcriptomics*. In Medical Imaging with Deep Learning.
- [C48] Li, M., Xiong, J., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Tyree, R. N., Hiremath, G., & Huo, Y. (2025, April). *Automatic image unfolding and stitching framework for esophageal lining video based on density-weighted feature matching*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Image Processing (Vol. 13406, pp. 636-642). SPIE.
- [C47] Li, M., Cui, C., Liu, Q., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Lionts, M., & Huo, Y. (2024). *Dataset Distillation in Medical Imaging: A Feasibility Study*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Technology Assessment (Vol. 13409, pp. 172-179). SPIE.
- [C46] Yu, L., Yin, M., **Deng, R.**, Liu, Q., Yao, T., Cui, C., ... & Huo, Y. (2025, April). *GLAM: glomeruli segmentation for human pathological lesions using adapted mouse model*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13413, pp. 240-248). SPIE.
- [C45] Bao, S., Wang, Y., Rudravaram, G., Zhang, R., **Deng, R.**, Yu, X., ... & Huo, Y. (2025, April). *Quantitative analysis of colonic epithelial cell aging in a cell-cycle-like model: changes in nucleus and cytoplasm along the crypt axis*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13413, pp. 197-204). SPIE.
- [C44] Wu, Y., Xiong, J., Yao, T., **Deng, R.**, Guo, J., Yue, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Cross-organ Deployment of EOS Detection AI without Retraining: Feasibility and Limitation*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13413, pp. 249-256). SPIE.
- [C43] Zhu, J., Yin, M., **Deng, R.**, Long, Y., Wang, Y., Wang, Y., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Cross-Species Data Integration for Enhanced Layer Segmentation in Kidney Pathology*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Digital and Computational Pathology (Vol. 13413, pp. 49-56). SPIE.
- [C42] Guo, J., Lu, S., Cui, C., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Tao, Z., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Assessment of Cell Nuclei AI Foundation Models in Kidney Pathology*. In Medical Imaging 2025: Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Technology Assessment (Vol. 13409, pp. 76-82). SPIE.
- [C41] Xiong, J., Li, M., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Bao, S., Tyree, R. N., ... & Huo, Y. (2025, April). *Enhanced feature-based image stitching for endoscopic videos in pediatric eosinophilic*

- esophagitis*. In *Medical Imaging 2025: Image-Guided Procedures, Robotic Interventions, and Modeling* (Vol. 13408, pp. 99-105). SPIE.
- [C40] Zhu, J., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Xiong, J., Qu, C., Guo, J., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *MagNet: Multi-Level Attention Graph Network for Predicting High-Resolution Spatial Transcriptomics*. In *International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning 2025*.
- [C39] Long, Y., Wu, Z., Su, X., Yu, L., **Deng, R.**, Yang, H., & Huo, Y. (2025). *Towards Fine-grained Renal Vasculature Segmentation: Full-Scale Hierarchical Learning with FH-Seg*. SPIE Medical Imaging 2025.
- [C38] Xiong, J., Xiong, H., Liu, Q., **Deng, R.**, Tyree, R. N., Hiremath, G., & Huo, Y. (2025). *Expanding Training Data for Endoscopic Phenotyping of Eosinophilic Esophagitis*. SPIE Medical Imaging 2025
- [C37] Liu, Q., Cui, C., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Yang, Y., Tang, Y., & Huo, Y. (2025). *Write Sentence with Images: Revisit the Large Vision Model with Visual Sentence*. *Electronic Imaging*, 37, 1-5.
- [C36] Yang, Y., Wang, Y., Yao, T., **Deng, R.**, Yin, M., Zhao, S., ... & Huo, Y. (2025). *PySpatial: A high-speed whole slide image pathomics toolkit*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2501.06151.
- [C35] Li, M., Xiong, J., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., Tyree, R. N., Hiremath, G., & Huo, Y. (2024). *Automatic Image Unfolding and Stitching Framework for Esophageal Lining Video Based on Density-Weighted Feature Matching*. SPIE Medical Imaging 2025.
- [C34] Cui, C., **Deng, R.**, Guo, J., Liu, Q., Yao, T., Yang, H., & Huo, Y. (2024). *PFPs: Prompt-guided Flexible Pathological Segmentation for Diverse Potential Outcomes Using Large Vision and Language Models*. IEEE-EMBS International Conference on Biomedical and Health Informatics
- [C33] Tang, Y., He, Y., Nath, V., Guo, P., **Deng, R.**, Yao, T., ... & Huo, Y. (2024). *Holohisto: End-to-end gigapixel wsi segmentation with 4k resolution sequential tokenization*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2407.03307.
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PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- *Knowledge-infused Learning In Computational Pathology.*
Histopathological Image Analysis workshop, **Association for Pathology Informatics summit**, Minneapolis, MN, 2026
- *CASC-AI: Consensus-aware Self-corrective Learning for Cell Segmentation with Noisy Labels*
Journal Club at Intelligent Clinical Care Center, **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL, 2025.
- *Knowledge-infused Learning In Computational Pathology.*
AI Fellowship Seminar, **Weill Cornell Medicine**, New York, NY, 2024.
- *Knowledge-infused Efficient Learning For Giga-pixel Virtual Microscopy Image.*
PhD Thesis Madness, **MICCAI**, Vancouver, Canada, 2023
- *Multimodal Learning & Cross-modality Attention-based Multimodal Fusion Patient Survival Prediction*
Knowledge Sharing Workshop, **Roche Diagnostics Solutions**, Santa Clara, CA, 2023.
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CAMCA AIxMed Seminar, **Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School**, Boston, MA, 2022.

Conference Oral Presentations

- *CASC-AI: Consensus-aware Self-corrective Learning for Cell Segmentation with Noisy Labels*
Medical Imaging with Deep Learning, Salt Lake City, 2025.
- *Cross-modality Attention-based Multimodal Fusion for Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) Patient Survival Prediction.*
SPIE Medical Imaging, San Diego, 2024.
- *Leverage Weakly Annotation to Pixel-wise Annotation via Zero-shot Segment Anything Model for Molecular-empowered Learning.*
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- *High-performance data management for whole slide image analysis in digital pathology.*
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- *Cell Spatial Analysis in Crohn's Disease: Unveiling Local Cell Arrangement Pattern with Graph-based Signatures.*
SPIE Medical Imaging, San Diego, 2024.
- *An accelerated pipeline for multi-label renal pathology image segmentation at the whole slide image level.*
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- *An end-to-end pipeline for 3D slide-wise multi-stain renal pathology registration.*
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- *Cross-Scale Attention Guided Multi-instance Learning for Crohn's Disease Diagnosis with Pathological Images.*
MICCAI MMMI Workshop, Singapore, 2022.
- *Dense multi-object 3D glomerular reconstruction and quantification on 2D serial section whole slide images.*
SPIE Medical Imaging, San Diego, 2022.
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SPIE Medical Imaging, San Diego, 2022.
- *CaCL: Class-Aware Codebook Learning for Weakly Supervised Segmentation on Diffuse Image Patterns.*
DGM4MICCAI Workshop, Strasbourg, France, 2021.

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 Zhenhao Guo, BS CS, Fine-tuning VLMs for digital pathology
 Hongjin Fang, BS BME, Few-shot segmentation for renal pathology
 Leiyue Zhao, BS CS, Instance segmentation for renal pathology
 Tianyu Shi, BS CS, Fine-grained diseased glomerular detection
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 Xueyuan Li, MS DS, Foundation model in cell annotation
 Lining Yu, MS CS, Multi-class segmentation for glomerular lesion
 Zheyu Zhu, BS CS, Feature embedding for whole slide imaging
 Peize Li, BS CS, Multi-stain whole slide imaging registration
 Haoju Leng, BS CS, Accelerated segmentation pipeline for kidney whole slide images
 Yanwei Li, BS CS, Molecular-empowered cell annotation
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 Yilin Liu, BS CS, Cell detection on pathological images
 Ethan Nguyen, BS CS, Nuclei detection on pathological images
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