# Mahdi Zaman

# Summary

2 years of research experience in developing machine learning models for medical applications, 4 years at the intersection of autonomous driving and cooperative perception.

# Research Experience

University of Central Florida   Research Assistant	05/2023 - present
Ford Motor Company   Research Intern	06/2020 - 08/2020
University of Central Florida   Research Assistant	08/2018 - 05/2020

# Education

University of Central Florida   PhD, Computer Engineering	07/2025
University of Central Florida   MS, Computer Engineering	04/2022
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology   BS, Electrical and Electronic Engineering	02/2017

# **Projects**

#### WaveFormer: A 3D Transformer with Wavelet-driven feature representation for Efficient Medical Image Segmentation

- · developed a neuro-inspired transformer architecture for organ & tumor segmentation
- · improved performance on multiple medical benchmarks at 1/7th compute cost
- · ablation studies confirm the benefits of the proposed learning paradigm

# Gesture and Surgical Activity Detection from Radical Prostatectomy (ongoing, recently started)

developing models for gesture recognition and prediction of post-operative outcomes from robotic prostatectomies

#### Automated Vehicle Marshaling System (ongoing, paper under review)

- generated synthetic warehouse scenarios as testing grounds to assess communication QoS
- · proposed novel application and medium access protocol to support remote driving under V2X coverage
- · incorporating protocol parameters to scale for high-throughput tele-operated driving in larger ground

## Bandwidth-efficient Collaborative Vision Transformer (ongoing)

- working on channel-optimized feature generation under V2X coverage
- experimenting with novel feature fusion for stronger overall perception in multi-agent setting

## Cooperative Steering Control for Autonomous Driving

- · introduced one of the earliest CNN-LSTM network for end-to-end AV control
- · simulated look-ahead at ego vehicle in data-loader to emulate V2X-equipped behavior

# Infrastructure-assisted Tolling

- · prototyped a V2I-based tolling service for tele-operated driving support
- enhanced LTE D2D medium access layer with multi-priority aperiodic packet handling

#### Scalability in Cellular-V2X

- enhanced transmission rate control that reduces latency by upto 25% in congested traffic
- · generated synthetic traffic scenarios on I-405 highway for scalability research
- · co-authored a congestion control algorithm for advanced safety services
- · applied for patent and proposed for 3GPP standardization

# Dynamic-Object-Map-based Architecture for Cooperative Vehicle Safety Systems

- · enabled centralized in-vehicle map to enhance autonomous navigation
- · laid out platform to build advanced vehicular safety protocols

## Point-to-Point Driver Messenger System

- · enabled arbitration in critical driving maneuver via local object map sharing
- · defined a scenario detection and target recognition module to notify driver intent

## Publications &

- · Scalable Cellular-V2X Solution: Large-Scale Deployment Challenges of Connected Vehicle Safety Networks; Automotive Innovation; vol 7
- · Optimized Control-centric Communication in Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control Systems, IEEE VTC 2024
- · Predictive Model-based and Control-aware Communication Strategies for Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control; IEEE 0J-1TS 2023
- · On Batching Acknowledgements in C-V2X Services; *IEEE VTC 2023*
- · Addressing Rare Outages in CV2X with Time-controlled One-shot Resource Scheduling; TechRxiv 2023
- Performance Analysis of V2I Zone Activation and Scalability for C-V2X Transactional Services; IEEE VTC 2022
- Performance Analysis of Cellular-V2X with Adaptive and Selective Power Control; IEEE CAVS 2020
- · Controlling Steering Angle for Cooperative Self-driving Vehicles utilizing CNN and LSTM; IEEE IV Symposium 2019
- · Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in the Deep Learning Era:; IEEE IV Symposium 2019
- · Dynamic Object Map based Architecture for Robust CVS Systems; SAE Technical Paper
- Finite State Markov Modeling of C-V2X Erasure Links for Stability Analysis of Platooning Applications, IEEE Syscon 2022
- · A Maneuver-based Urban Driving Dataset and Model for Cooperative Vehicle Applications; IEEE CAVS 2020, Canada
- · Connected Autonomous Vehicles in the Deep Learning Era: A case study on Computer-guided Steering; *Handbook of Pattern Recognition and Computer Vision*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. p365-384; 2020

# **Patents**

· One-shot Transmission for V2X Messaging 🗸 (under review)

# **Teaching Experience**

# Collaborative Perception | Invited talk, UCF &

· presented current state-of-the-art on collaborative perception

## Algorithms for Machine Learning | Instructor, UCF &

- designed course curriculum and evaluation strategies
- · lectured core-to-advanced ML topics to ~250 students
- · mentored in ideation and development of self-directed projects

#### Digital Systems and Computer Organization | Graduate Teaching Assistant, UCF

· instructed courses and projects on FPGA using Verilog and low-level assembly language

# **Skills**

- · Programming: Python, C, C++
- · Frameworks: PyTorch, MONAI, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, NS3
- · Computation: MATLAB, Simulink
- · DevOps: Kubernetes, Bash scripting, Linux, Git