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RESEARCH INTEREST

- Autonomous Vehicles
- Cybersecurity
- AI Safety & Ethics
- Adversarial AI
- Cyber-Physical System

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Artificial Intelligence:** Adversarial AI (FGSM, PGD, UAP, DeepFool); Vision AI (YOLO, UNet, ViT); Context-Aware AI; Reinforcement Learning (Q-Learning, DQN, MDP); Multimodal Sensor Fusion (Camera, LiDAR)
- **Autonomous Systems:** ROS, CARLA, Duckietown; Perception–Control Integration; Control Methods (PID, RL, MPC); CPS Modeling (Smart Homes, Smart Water Distribution)
- **Cybersecurity:** CPS/IoT Security; Game-Theory; Intrusion Detection & Response; Adversarial BSM Detection in CAVs; CTF (Crypto, Cracking, Network, Scanning, Forensics)

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

🔧 **Programming:** Python, C, MATLAB/Simulink, ROS, Bash/Linux

⚙️ **Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Scikit-learn, Docker, Git

📡 **IoT & Robotics:** NVIDIA Jetson (AGX), Raspberry Pi, ZED Stereo Camera; MQTT, TCP/UDP

🔍 **Verification:** Uppaal, PRISM, SPIN (model checking, temporal logic, CPS verification)

🔒 **Security/CTF:** Scapy, Wireshark, Aircrack-ng, John/Hashcat, Metasploit, BurpSuite, Netcat, Volatility

EDUCATION

West Virginia University (Advisor: Dr. Amr El-Wakeel)

Ph.D. in Computer Engineering

August, 2024 – Ongoing

WV, USA

Virginia Commonwealth University (Advisor: Dr. Sherif Abdelwahed)

M.S. in Electrical & Computer Engineering GPA: 4.0/4.0

January, 2021 – May, 2024

VA, USA

University of Dhaka

B.Sc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering GPA: 3.41/4.0

Jan, 2012 – October, 2016

Dhaka, Bangladesh

EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University — iCPS Lab

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2024 – Present

WV, USA

- Adversarial AI, trustworthy autonomy, CPS security for AVs and robotics.
- Resilient perception–control pipelines: context-aware detection, semantic segmentation, adversarial AI, multimodal sensor fusion (ROS/Duckietown testbeds).
- DARPA AI CRAFT (2024–26): Cybersecurity for AI.

Virginia Commonwealth University

Graduate Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant

Jan 2021 – Jul 2024

VA, USA

- **Graduate Research Assistant (CPS, Smart-City, Cybersecurity):**
 - * **OpenCyberCity (OCC) Testbed** — CPS platform for smart-city, adaptive control, cybersecurity.

- * **Temperature-Control Anomaly Detection** — RF, LSTM, PID for resilient control under FDI attack in HVAC.
- * **Smart-Home Intrusion Response** — autonomous IRS agents for IoT-based attacks.
- * **Game-theoretic DDoS Defense** — attacker–defender strategies, local vs. cloud mitigation (AWS).
- * **Uncertainty-Aware Water Distribution** — Bayesian LSTM with epistemic uncertainty for forecasting.
- * **Adaptive CPS Control** — IoT-driven adaptive control for smart water systems.
- * **CAV BSM Anomaly Detection** — anomaly detection of Basic Safety Messages in CAVs.
- **Teaching Assistant (ECE/CS Courses):**
 - * *EGRE 364 Microcomputer Systems* — microcontrollers, USART, motors, line-following robot (Keil).
 - * *EGRE 337 Statistical Information Processing* — statistical modeling assignments.
 - * *EGRE 245 Advanced C Programming* — pointers, structures, linked lists, stacks, binary search.
 - * *EGRE 354 Digital Logic Design* — FPGA/discrete-logic design (Vivado).
 - * *EGRE 454 Automatic Controls* — system stability, pole-zero analysis.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS [GOOGLE SCHOLAR LINK](#)

- [J1] M. Al Islam, A. Srivastava, A. El-Wakeel, "AI in Autonomous Vehicles Under Siege: Vulnerabilities, Challenges, and Path Forward.", IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles. (In Review)
- [C1] M. Al Islam, A. El-Wakeel, "Towards Context-Aware Autonomous Driving in Degraded Urban Environments using LaneNet." IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation 2026. (Submitted)
- [C2] M. Al Islam, A. El-Wakeel, "Integrating Perception and Control for Resilient Autonomous Driving under Vision Adversarial Attacks.", IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV 2026). (In Progress)
- [C3] M. Zaman, M. Al Islam, N. Zohrabi and S. Abdelwahed, "A Machine Learning-Based Temperature Control and Security Protection for Smart Buildings", 2024 IEEE International Conference on Smart Computing (SMARTCOMP), Osaka, Japan, 2024
- [C4] M. Zaman, M. A. Islam, A. Tantawy and S. Abdelwahed, "An Uncertainty Based Predictive Analysis of Smart Water Distribution System Using Bayesian LSTM Approach", 2022 6th International Conference on Universal Village (UV), Boston, MA, USA, 2022
- [C5] M. Al Islam, C. J. Fung, A. Tantawy and S. Abdelwahed, "A Game-Theoretic Model for DDoS Mitigation Strategies with Cloud Services", NOMS 2022-2022 IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium, Budapest, Hungary, 2022
- [C6] Zohrabi, N., Martin, P.J., Al Islam, M., et al., 2021, September. **Opencity: An open architecture testbed for smart cities**. 2021 IEEE International Smart Cities Conference (ISC2)
- [C7] M. Zaman, M. Al Islam, A. Tantawy, C. J. Fung and S. Abdelwahed, "Adaptive Control for Smart Water Distribution Systems", 2021 IEEE International Smart Cities Conference (ISC2), Manchester, UK, 2021

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Diamond Badge** (97th Percentile) – [NCL CTF 2025](#)
- **3rd Place** – [WVU AI Symposium 2025](#)
- **Best Poster Award** – [IEEE SmartComp \(2024\)](#)

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- **President**, WVU Bengali Students' Association (BSA), Aug 2024 – Present
- **Founding President**, Bengali Cultural Association of Graduate Students (BCAGS),
- VCU, Spring 2023 – Fall 2023
- **Event Coordinator**, Engineering Graduate Student Association (EGSA), VCU, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022