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Research Interest

My research interest lies in Signal Processing for Wireless/mmWave Sensing and Machine Learning, emphasizing multi-modal sensing for human motion recognition, fall detection, gait analysis, vehicular autonomy, and human-computer interaction.

Educational Background

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| 2018 –2022 | The University of Alabama (UA), Tuscaloosa, AL Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisor: Dr. Sevgi Z. Gurbuz (http://www.sevgigurbuz.com/) Expected to be Graduated by Dec 2022. Coursework: Advanced Radar Signal Processing, Statistical Signal Processing, Digital Signal Processing, Computer Vision and Digital Image Processing, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Electromagnetic Waves, Automotive Radar Signal Processing, Optimal Control & Estimation, and Advanced Cyber Security |
| 2012-2016 B.Sc. | Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET), Khulna, Bangladesh Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Electronics and Communication Engineering GPA: 3.83/4.00 |

Research Experience

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| 2019 –2022 | Graduate Research Assistant Computational Intelligence for Radar (CI4R) LAB <ul style="list-style-type: none">Experiments with Human participants for Indoor activity monitoring, Sign Language recognition, and Gait Analysis.Experiments using RF Sensors (AnkorteK 24 GHz, TI 77 GHz AWR 1443, 1642, 2243 Cascade Radar).Radar Data Processing: Time-Frequency Spectrograms, Range-Doppler, Range-Azimuth, Range-Elevation, Doppler integrated Range-Angle Heatmaps.Multi-Frequency mmWave RADAR fusion for Human activity recognition.Domain Adaptation for Imitation to Native ASL signs.Physics-aware GAN design to generate kinematically accurate Human Micro-Doppler signatures.Human gait parameters estimation using RF sensors and validation with VICON motion capture measurement.Analyzed linguistic features of radar micro-Doppler signatures of ASL signs |
| 2018-2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UA Remote Sensing Centre (Graduate Research Assistant)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed signal processing algorithm for calculation of radar backscatter coefficient for soil moisture estimation using FMCW radar.Developed algorithms for identification of snow and ice layers from airborne FMCW radar data, e.g. pulse compression, stretch processing, 2D SAR fk-migration algorithm with narrow-beam motion compensation, delay-and-sum beamforming, and layer tracking. |

- Developed a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) simulation environment for validation of 3D tomographic SAR imaging algorithms.

2015-2017

Undergrad Research Assistant | Optical Networks Lab | KUET, Bangladesh

- **Bandwidth Allocation in Passive Optical Networks**

- Designed broadband network architecture for smart cities.
- Developed dynamic bandwidth allocation algorithm in ethernet passive optical network to maintain quality of services.

Internship

April-Aug 2022

Research Intern @ **Mitshubishi Electric Research Laboratories (MERL)**, Boston, MA.

Responsibilities:

1. Conduct experiments to collect data for Multi-Modal scene understanding.
2. RADAR and Camera calibration and fusion for Automotive Object Detection.
3. Prepare and Process (Range-Doppler, Range-Azimuth-elevation map, Pointcloud, Micro-Doppler) RADAR data for AI/ML application.
4. Design Novel Deep learning models for Radar Backbone feature extraction.

Publications

Journal:

- **MM Rahman**, SZ Gurbuz, MG Amin, ‘**Physics-aware Generative Adversarial Network for Radar-Based Human Activity Recognition**. IEEE Transaction of Aerospace and Electronic systems. 2022, (Under Review).
- **MM Rahman**, E Malaia, AC Gurbuz, DJ Griffin, SZ Gurbuz, ‘**Effect of Kinematics and Fluency in Adversarial Synthetic Data Generation for ASL Recognition**’. Transaction of Aerospace and Electronic system (TAES), December 21, 2021
- SZ Gurbuz, **MM Rahman**, E Kurtoglu, et.al., ‘**Multi-Frequency RF Sensor Fusion for Word-Level Fluent ASL Recognition**’. IEEE Sensors Journal 2021
- SZ Gurbuz, AC Gurbuz, EA Malaia, DJ Griffin, CS Crawford, **MM Rahman**, et.al., **American sign language recognition using RF sensing**. IEEE Sensors Journal 21 (3), 3763-3775
- S.Z Gurbuz, E. Kurtoglu, **M.M. Rahman**, and D. Martelli, “**Gait Variability Analysis using Continuous RF Data Streams of Human Activity**”. Elsevier Smart Health Journal (accepted), Oct 2022.
- **MM Rahman** and M Hossen, ‘**Bandwidth Allocation and Control Message Scheduling Algorithms for Improving the QoSs of High Priority Traffic in PON**’. Dec. 2018, Journal of Communication and Information Networks 3 (4), 112-120. IEEE Posts and Telecom Press, (PTP)
- Md. Selim Morshed, M Hossen, **MM Rahman**, ‘**Dynamic hybrid slot-size bandwidth allocation algorithm for reducing packet delay and jitter variation of real time traffic in EPON**.’ Optik 183 (April 2019), 523-533

Conference Proceedings:

- **M.M. Rahman**, Dario Martelli, SZ Gurbuz, ‘**Gait Variability Analysis using Multi-channel FMCW Radar for Fall Risk Assessment.**’ IEEE 12th Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop (SAM), Trondheim, Norway, June 20-23, 2022
- SZ Gurbuz, **M.M. Rahman**, Emre Kortuglu, Dario Martelli, “**Continuous Human Activity Recognition and Step-Time Variability Analysis with FMCW Radar**”. IEEE Biomedical and Health Informatics (BHI) Conference, Ioannina, Greece, September 27-30, 2022.
- **M. M. Rahman**, E. Kurtoglu, et.al., ‘**Performance Comparison of Radar and Video for American Sign Language Recognition.**’ IEEE Radar Conference, 22, NY.
- **M. M. Rahman**, Sevgi Gurbuz, Evie Malaia, ‘**Dynamic parameters of signing differences between signers and novice learners.**’, Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research conference (TISLR).
- **MM Rahman**, E Kurtoglu, R Mdrafai, AC Gurbuz et.al., **Word-Level ASL Recognition and Trigger Sign Detection with RF Sensors.** ICASSP 2021-2021
- **MM Rahman**, SZ Gurbuz, MG Amin, ‘**Physics-Aware Design of Multi-Branch GAN for Human RF Micro-Doppler Signature Synthesis.**’ 2021 IEEE Radar Conference (RadarConf21),
- **MM Rahman**, R Mdrafai, AC Gurbuz, et.al., ‘**Word-level sign language recognition using linguistic adaptation of 77 GHz FMCW radar data.**’ 2021 IEEE Radar Conference (RadarConf21)
- **MM Rahman**, SZ Gurbuz, ‘**Multi-frequency RF sensor data adaptation for motion recognition with multi-modal deep learning.**’ 2021 IEEE RadarConf20201
- SZ Gurbuz, AC Gurbuz, EA Malaia, et.al., **ASL Recognition Based on Kinematics Derived from a Multi-Frequency RF Sensor Network.** 2020 IEEE Sensors, 1-4
- R Aksu, **MM Rahman**, SZ Gurbuz , ‘**3D scene reconstruction from multi-sensor EO-SAR data**’, Algorithms for Synthetic Aperture Radar Imagery XXVII 11393, 113930B
- SZ Gurbuz, **MM Rahman**, E Kurtoglu,et.al., ‘**Cross-frequency training with adversarial learning for radar micro-Doppler signature** ’. Radar Sensor Technology XXIV 11408, 114080A
- SZ Gurbuz, AC Gurbuz, EA Malaia, DJ Griffin, C Crawford, **MM Rahman**, et.al., ‘A linguistic perspective on radar micro-doppler analysis of American sign language’. 2020 IEEE International Radar Conference
- D Taylor, S Yan, C O'Neill, P Gogineni, S Gurbuz, et.al., ‘**Airborne Dual-Band Microwave Radar System for Snow Thickness Measurement**’, IGARSS 2020-2020

- R Bushra, M Hossen, MM Rahman, ‘**Online multi-thread polling algorithm with predicted window size for DBA in long reach PON.**’ 2016 3rd International Conference on Electrical Engineering and Information.

Scholarships and Awards

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| 2021 | Won Student paper competition (3 rd place) at IEEE RADAR conference. |
| 2020-2021 | University of Alabama Graduate Council Fellowship |
| 2017 | Best paper award in IEEE International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE), Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh |
| 2013 – 2016 | Vocational Scholarship from Khulna University of Engineering & Technology for outstanding academic achievement during B.Sc. Engineering studies. |

Technical Skills

- **Programming Skills:** MATLAB, Python
- **Deep Learning Framework:** Keras, Tensorflow, PyTorch
- **Simulation Tools:** PSpice, Proteus, CST, LABVIEW, Packet Tracer, Wireshark, Micro-wind

Technical Projects:

University of Alabama:

[ECE 693- Automotive Radar Signal Proc.] Building an FMCW simulator with synthesized virtual antenna array for angle of arrival estimation using FFT, MUSIC and Compressive sensing.

[ECE 593 – Image Processing] Automatic Measurement of Chew Count and Chewing Rate during food intake using Optical flow and face recognition technique from an eating video episode.

[ECE 693 – Deep Learning] Recognizing human activities in an indoor environment from micro-Doppler signatures using Residual Neural Networks.

Undergrad projects @ KUET:

- Accelerometer Based Wireless Hand Gestured Controlled Robots.
- Design and Hardware implementation of an Amplitude and Frequency Modulation Receiver
- Design and Hardware Implementation of Electro-Cardio Graph (ECG) Signal amplifier.
- Design and Hardware implantation of a DC power supply with necessary protection circuitry.

References:

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2. Dr. Moeness G. Amin

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