

Armin Hadzic

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Research Interests

Developing unsupervised/self-supervised methods to address challenges in novel class discovery and latent information representation, especially across multiple modalities (e.g., imagery, audio, and point clouds). More generally, I am interested in **deep learning**, **computer vision**, **reinforcement learning**, **NLP**, **remote sensing** and **artificial intelligence**.

Education

University of Kentucky

2018-2020

Master of Science in Computer Science, GPA – 4.0

Advisor: Nathan Jacobs

Thesis: Estimating Free-Flow Speed with LiDAR and Overhead Imagery

University of Kentucky

2016

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, GPA – 3.8

Graduated Magna Cum Laude

University of Kentucky

2009-2013

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, GPA – 3.8

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Minor in Computer Science

Awards

Computer Science Outstanding MS Student 2020.

Dean's List Fall 2010 to Spring 2013.

Professional Experience

Research

Computer Vision Research Scientist

2021-Present

DZYNE TECHNOLOGIES INC.

Fairfax, VA

- Researched and developed scalable supervised and unsupervised learning methods for clustering LiDAR, and segmenting overhead and ground-level imagery.
- Designed a super-resolution method for addressing resolution mismatch between imagery and segmentation annotations.
- Led or contributed to writing 9 proposals (SBIR, STTR, BAA), securing \$3M in funding.

Computer Vision Researcher

2020-2021

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY

Laurel, MD

- Designed and implemented deep learning methods for applied research in computer vision, remote sensing, medical imaging, and neuroscience.
- Developed models robust to bias in classification of skin diseases, reducing skin tone bias by 7% while maintaining 85% accuracy.
- Integrated geospatial products into artificial neural networks for high resolution building damage classification, structure localization, and green house gas regression.

Research Assistant

2018-2020

UK COMPUTER VISION LAB

Lexington, KY

- Advised by Professor Nathan Jacobs.
- Designed multi-modal neural networks to leverage point clouds and satellite imagery to estimate free-flow speeds of roads.
- Developed Natural Language Processing (NLP) temporal convolutional and attention-based neural network models to estimate firm economic performance using public SEC text reports.

Machine Perception Intern

2019

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY

Laurel, MD

- Advised by Ryan Mukherjee and Dr. Gordon Christie.
- Regressed population of displaced communities for disaster relief efforts, utilizing overhead imagery and deep neural networks.

Volunteer Machine Learning Research Assistant

2017-2018

UK COMPUTER VISION LAB

Lexington, KY

- Automated the US Road Assessment Program (usRAP) road safety assessment using a deep convolutional neural network to directly estimate roadway safety based on street-level panorama images, reducing evaluation time to milliseconds per image.
- Integrated the roadway safety estimator into a GPS vehicle routing system to enhance navigation with the capability to identify a balanced, safe and fast, driving route.

Industry.....	
Software Development Engineer BELCAN ENGINEERING GROUP INC.	2017-2018 <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developed, maintained, and tested a jet engine diagnostic and fault resolution system, saving over \$100,000 by automating engine maintenance diagnostics. ○ Integrated and streamlined a legacy cross-platform build system with modern development tools, mitigating build errors and reducing development time. 	
Embedded Software Engineer BELCAN ENGINEERING GROUP INC.	2016-2017 <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Streamlined the user interface and reduced diagnostic time of jet engines by identifying, isolating, and purging Onboard Maintenance System inefficiencies and defects. 	
Software Test Engineer BELCAN ENGINEERING GROUP INC.	2015-2016 <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designed and implemented Control and Diagnostic System Verification and Validation Tests for 4 P&W Turbofan Jet Engines. ○ Discovered mission critical control logic, software, and documentation defects through root-cause analysis, informal testing, regression testing and system testing; leading to best in class, safe, and high performance jet engines. 	
Software Engineering Co-op TEMPUR SEALY INTERNATIONAL INC	2013-2014 <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pioneered and developed a GUI and 3D topography mapping application to visually analyze large datapoint datasets, generating streamlined product testing, seamless user experience, and refined product quality. 	
Software Engineering Intern JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	2012 <i>Florence, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designed and implemented a software algorithm for streamlined Automated Guided Vehicle (AGV) routing, saving \$57,000 per year in scrap reduction and transportation costs. 	

Publications

Conferences.....	
[1]	Connor Greenwell, Jon Crall, Matthew Purri, Kristin Dana, Nathan Jacobs, Armin Hadzic, Scott Workman, and Matt Leotta. "WATCH: Wide-Area Terrestrial Change Hypercube". In: <i>Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision</i> . 2024, pp. 8277–8286.
[2]	Scott Workman, Armin Hadzic, and M. Usman Rafique. "Handling Image and Label Resolution Mismatch in Remote Sensing". In: <i>IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)</i> . January 2023.
[3]	Haolin Yuan, John Aucott, Armin Hadzic, William Paul, Marcia Villegas de Flores, Philip Mathew, Philippe Burlina, and Yinzhi Cao. "EdgeMixup: Embarrassingly Simple Data Alteration to Improve Lyme Disease Lesion Segmentation and Diagnosis Fairness". In: <i>International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)</i> . October 2023, pp. 374–384.
[4]	Elise Buckley, Joseph D Monaco, Kevin M Schultz, Robert Chalmers, Armin Hadzic, Kechen Zhang, Grace M Hwang, and M Dwight Carr. "An interdisciplinary approach to high school curriculum development: Swarming Powered by Neuroscience". In: <i>Proceedings 2022 IEEE Integrated STEM Education Conference (ISEC)</i> . Best Paper Award . March 2022.
[5]	Armin Hadzic, Gordon Christie, Jeffrey Freeman, Amber Dismer, Stevan Bullard, Ashley Greiner, Nathan Jacobs, and Ryan Mukherjee. "Estimation Displaced Populations from Overhead". In: <i>IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS)</i> . September 2020.
[6]	Weilian Song, Scott Workman, Armin Hadzic, Xu Zhang, Eric Green, Mei Chen, Reginald Souleyrette, and Nathan Jacobs. "FARSA: Fully Automated Roadway Safety Assessment". In: <i>IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)</i> . March 2018.

Journals.....	
[1]	Armin Hadzic, Grace M Hwang, Kechen Zhang, Kevin M Schultz, and Joseph D Monaco. "Bayesian optimization of distributed neurodynamical controller models for spatial navigation". In: <i>Array</i> (2022), p. 100218.
[2]	William Paul, Armin Hadzic, Neil Joshi, Fady Alajaji, and Philippe Burlina. "TARA: Training and Representation Alteration for AI Fairness and Domain Generalization". In: <i>Neural Computation</i> (2022), pp. 1–38.

Workshops.....

- [1] Mei Chen, Armin Hadzic, Weilian Song, and Nathan Jacobs. "Applications of Deep Machine Learning to Highway Safety and Usage Assessment". In: *Transportation Research Board Workshop*. (oral). January 2021.
- [2] Ryan Mukherjee, Derek Rollend, Gordon Christie, Armin Hadzic, Sally Matson, Anshu Saksena, and Marisa Hughes. "Towards Indirect Top-Down Road Transport Emissions Estimation". In: *IEEE/ISPRS Workshop: Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION)*. **Best Paper Award**. June 2021.
- [3] Armin Hadzic, Hunter Blanton, Weilian Song, Mei Chen, Scott Workman, and Nathan Jacobs. "RasterNet: Modeling Free-Flow Speed using LiDAR and Overhead Imagery". In: *IEEE/ISPRS Workshop: Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION)*. June 2020.

Technical skills

Programming Languages	Python, C/C++, Verilog, Java, L ^A T _E X, Assembly, Make
Deep Learning Frameworks	PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, Keras, Tensorflow
Operating Systems	Unix/Linux, Windows, OSX, Android
Development Environments	Linux Toolchain, PyCharm, Visual Studio, Android Studio, Xilinx

Service

Technical Committee.....

- 2021 University of Maryland Honor's program Gemstone thesis defense.

Program Committee/Reviewing.....

- CVPR: 2023, 2024
- ECCV: 2022, 2024
- ICCV: 2023
- ICLR: 2024
- NeurIPS: 2023
- WACV Round 1 and 2: 2023, 2024
- CVPR Workshop EARTHVISION: 2022, 2023