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RESEARCH INTERESTS

AI interpretability, Hyperspectral Imaging, Computer Vision

EDUCATION

- **University of South Florida** Tampa, FL, United States
Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering Engineering
Advisor: Dr. Anshuman Chhabra
Jan 2026 - Current
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** Champaign, IL, United States
M.Sc. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering; CGPA: 3.81 / 4.00
Advisor: Dr. Mohammed Kamruzzaman
Relevant Courses: Machine Learning, Deep Learning for Computer Vision, Data Science for ABE, Advanced Topics in Security, Privacy and Machine Learning, Foundations of CyberGIS and Geospatial Data Science
Jan 2024 - Dec 2025
- **Islamic University of Technology** Gazipur, Bangladesh
B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering; CGPA: 3.57 / 4.00
Thesis: Modifying the internal structure of object detector necks to improve detection and segmentation performance
Jan 2019 - May 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **University of South Florida** Tampa, FL, United States
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Jan 2026 - Present
 - **COP 3515 Advanced Program Design:** In charge of grading assignments, providing feedback to students, and assisting with course administration.
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** Champaign, IL, United States
Graduate Research Assistant
Jan 2024 - Dec 2025
 - **Hyperspectral Image Reconstruction:** Experimenting with different Hyperspectral Image Reconstruction models to convert RGB images into Hyperspectral Images for Agricultural Applications.
 - **Moisture Prediction using Optical Sensing and Machine Learning:** Using optical sensing i.e. Hyperspectral images and Machine Learning to detect current moisture level across different biological samples
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** Champaign, IL, United States
Remote Research Intern
May 2023 - November 2023
 - **Literature Review:** Performed a comprehensive literature review of Hyperspectral Image reconstruction models and selected methods suited for agricultural applications
- **Computer Vision Lab, Islamic University of Technology** Gazipur, Bangladesh
Student Researcher
Nov 2021 - May 2023
 - **Complementarity of ConvNets, Vision Transformers and MLP mixers:** Exploratory analysis of a large combinations of ConvNets, ViTs and MLP mixers to find complementarity characteristics which might increase performance when combined together. This project is supervised by Dr. Niamul Quader
 - **Object Detection and Segmentation:** Experimented with Object Detectors Necks to increase better feature fusion with lower-level high-resolution feature maps and higher-level semantic feature maps to improve performance on small objects.
- **Apurba Technologies Ltd** Mohakhali, Dhaka
Part-Time Machine Learning Engineer
Mar 2023 - May 2023
 - **Maintaining and Updating the OCR pipeline:** My primary job is to keep the Core OCR pipeline operational. Commit changes to the pipeline when required and maintain the servers in which the OCR models operate.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **O.Monjur**, M. T. Ahmed, M. W. Ahmed, and M. Kamruzzaman. Agro-net: A convolution-attention fusion based hyperspectral model for agro-food quality assessment. In *Proceedings of the Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference*, pages 474–481, 2025
2. **O. Monjur**, M. T. Ahmed, G. Chowdhary, and M. Kamruzzaman. Agro-hsr: The first large-scale agricultural-focused hyperspectral dataset for deep learning-based image reconstruction and quality prediction. *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture*, 239:111103, 2025
3. M. T. Ahmed, **O. Monjur**, A. Khaliduzzaman, and M. Kamruzzaman. A comprehensive review of deep learning-based hyperspectral image reconstruction for agri-food quality appraisal. *Artificial Intelligence Review*, 58(4):96, 2025
4. M. T. Ahmed, **O. Monjur**, and M. Kamruzzaman. Deep learning-based hyperspectral image reconstruction for quality assessment of agro-product. *Journal of Food Engineering*, 382:112223, 2024
5. M. T. Ahmed, M. W. Ahmed, **O. Monjur**, J. L. Emmert, G. Chowdhary, and M. Kamruzzaman. Hyperspectral image reconstruction for predicting chick embryo mortality towards advancing egg and hatchery industry. *Smart Agricultural Technology*, 9:100533, 2024
6. **O. Monjur**, R. B. Preo, A. B. Shams, M. Raihan, M. Sarker, and F. Fairoz. Covid-19 prognosis and mortality risk predictions from symptoms: A cloud-based smartphone application. *BioMed*, 1(2):114–125, 2021

PUBLICATIONS - UNDER REVIEW/PREPRINTS

1. M. Bashar, **O. Monjur**, S. Islam, M. G. Shams, and N. Quader. Exploring synergistic ensemble learning: Uniting cnns, mlp-mixers, and vision transformers to enhance image classification. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2504.09076*, 2025
Submitted to a double blinded conference.
2. A. B. Shams, M. Raihan, M. Sarker, M. Khan, M. Uddin, **O. Monjur**, and R. B. Preo. Telehealthcare and telepathology in pandemic: A noninvasive, low-cost micro-invasive and multimodal real-time online application for early diagnosis of covid-19 infection. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2109.07846*, 2021

REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

1. CVPR Workshops V4A 2024, 2025: 5 papers

HONORS AND AWARDS

1. CARD-IAB Meeting May 2024 Poster Presentation Award: 3rd Place
2. CARD-IAB Meeting October 2024 Poster Presentation Award: 2nd Place
3. CARD-IAB Meeting May 2025 Poster Presentation Award: Honorable Mention

PROJECTS

- **Image Classification of Stroke Blood Clot Origin:** Developed an Ensemble of Classifiers of CoAtNet and ResNet-101 for the Kaggle competition. The dataset for this competition comprises over a thousand high-resolution whole-slide digital pathology images. Each slide depicts a blood clot from a patient that had experienced an acute ischemic stroke. Our task is to classify the etiology (CE or LAA) of the slides in the test set for each patient.
- **Automatic Speech Recognition:** Worked on fine tuning automatic speech recognition models to improve Bengali speech recognition for specific local dialects. Finished in the top-10 out of 54 competing teams.

SKILLS SUMMARY

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, Matlab, SQL, Bash Scripting
- **Tools:** Pytorch, Tensorflow, Git, Docker
- **Frameworks:** Django, React