

# Yusuf Yiğit Pilavcı

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## EDUCATION

### PhD Student

*GIPSA-LAB, GAIA Team*  
*Université Grenoble Alpes*

Ongoing Thesis about Wilson's Algorithm for Randomized Linear Algebra

2019  
Dec.- Present

### Research Intern

*GIPSA-LAB*  
*Université Grenoble Alpes*

Master Thesis on Random Spanning Forests, Theory and Applications

2019  
Mar.- Sept.

### Master of Science

*Politecnico di Milano*  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

Final Grade : 108.0 / 110

2017-2019

### Bachelor's degree

*Middle East Technical University*  
*Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering*

CGPA 3.79 / 4.00 (10th/375)

2012-2017

### Minor Degree

*Middle East Technical University*  
*Department of Computer Engineering*

2014-2017

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Wilson's Algorithm for Randomized Linear Algebra

*PhD Student*

Currently working as a PhD student at GIPSA-Lab under supervision of Nicolas Tremblay, Simon Barthelmé and Pierre-Olivier Amblard. The main goal of the thesis is to investigate the applications of the links between algebraic graph theory, random spanning forests (RSF) on the graphs and efficient randomized methods for linear algebra (randomized linear algebra). In previous research, we have already introduced several applications of random forests on graphs, such as estimators for the inverse trace or for graph signal smoothing. The main direction of this thesis is to exploit Wilson's algorithm (a fast way to sample RSFs) in a wider range of linear algebra problems, for example to build estimators for matrix inversion, singular value decomposition, eigendecomposition, etc.

2019  
Dec - Present

### Random Spanning Forests: Theory and Applications

*Research Intern*

Worked as a research intern at GIPSA-Lab, Grenoble/France, under supervision of Nicolas Tremblay, Simon Barthelmé and Pierre-Olivier Amblard. In this research, the links between random spanning

2019  
March - Sept

forests and determinantal point processes are investigated by leveraging the tools of linear algebra. In turn, we proposed a novel and efficient algorithm for smoothing graph signals and presented both theoretical and experimental analyses of the proposed method. Presented at ICASSP 2020.

### Spectral Graph Wavelet Analysis on Brain Signals

2018  
July - Sept

#### Research Intern

Worked as a summer intern at IMT Atlantique, Brest/France, under supervision of Assoc.Prof. Nicolas Farrugia. In this research, worked on spectral graph wavelet (SGW) analysis on brain graphs and signals, specifically using fMRI images. The main motivation is to investigate the possible improvements with SGW analysis for the purpose of extracting more meaningful representation of brain signals in terms of machine learning and decoding problems defined in neuro-science literature. Presented at ICASSP 2019

### Signal Processing and Domain Adaptation on Graphs

2017 - 2019

#### Volunteer Researcher

Worked on graph signal processing. As an undergraduate researcher, conducted researches on wavelet transform and domain adaptation problems with Ass.Prof Elif Vural. In this project, worked intensively on both mathematical modelling and also implementation. Paper under submission.

### 3D Map Reconstruction for the Endoscopic Capsule Robot

2016  
June - Sept

#### Undergraduate Researcher

Conducted research in collaboration with Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems. In this project, 3D Map Reconstruction is applied to videos recorded by robotic endoscopy capsules. Worked on implementation, algorithms and creating a workflow. Paper published in Machine Vision and Applications.

### Control of a 5-DOF Robot Arm (Teachmover)

2015  
July - Aug

#### Volunteer Summer Internship

Worked on design and implementation of a software that controls a robotic arm with 5-DOF.

### Traffic Analysis from Quadrotor Camera

2014 - 2015

#### Undergraduate Researcher

Worked on computer vision algorithms for an automated traffic analysis system. Implemented algorithms for image registration, background - foreground subtraction, optical flow.

## INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

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### ASELSAN, Ankara, Turkey

2017  
Feb - May

#### Candidate Engineer

Trained and worked as software engineer by using C++/C, Unix and Java

### ASELSAN, Ankara, Turkey

2016  
June - July

#### Internship

Studied and observed on Real Time Operating Systems on multi-core processors

### Huawei, Ankara, Turkey

2015  
June - July

#### Internship

Studied and observed on fiber optical transmission systems and signal modulations

## SKILLS

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<i>Languages</i>	English (fluent), Turkish (native)
<i>Programming</i>	C/C++, Python, Julia
<i>Software</i>	MATLAB, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X