Burak KILIÇ

Ph.D. Candidate Istanbul Technical University



EXPERIENCE

• FMV Isik University
Research Assistant

06/2018 - present

Istanbul

- Assisted in the research of the granted BAP project: Development of an economical and innovative joining concept for hybrid materials that does not require filler material.

- Managed Materials Science Laboratory, Measurements and Instrumentation, and Mechanical Engineering Laboratory courses. Supervised students in the laboratory, and graded laboratory reports.
- Assisted in the development of new course materials and assignments by writing and revising course materials, and developing new assignments and assessments.
- Also taught and supervised students in the Machine Design and Engineering Drawing lab sections.

• Turkish Standards Institution

06/2017 - 01/2019

Inspector

Istanbul

- Planned and executed inspections in accordance with instructions provided by TSE (Turkish Standards Institution), harmonized standards (such as EN 81-1, EN 81-20, EN 81-70, etc.), and applicable legal regulations.
- Conducted thorough inspections to assess the safety, functionality, and compliance of the inspected equipment or systems.
- Documented inspection findings and prepared comprehensive reports.

• Universal Certification

02/2016 - 07/2016

Welding Engineer

Istanbul

- Prepared and approved qualification documents, including Welding Procedure Specifications (WPS), Procedure Qualification Records (PQR), and Welder's Test Certificates.
- Worked extensively with various welding codes and standards, such as AWS D1.1, EN 1090, and ASME BPVC.
- Conducted inspections and assessments to verify compliance with welding standards and codes.

• Merberk Engineering

09/2015 - 02/2016

 $R \& D \ Engineer$

Istanbul

- Involved in an R&D project to create a 3D printer and subsequently a unique 3D Metal Printer.
- Successfully completed the development of the 3D printer, but the project was discontinued before creating the metal 3D printer due to a lack of grants or funding.

• Mast Metal Steel Construction

09/2014 - 09/2015

Quality Control Engineer

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- Contributed to the establishment of the Quality Management System (QMS) at Mast Metal Steel Construction as the Management Representative.
- Conducted inspections after welding, demonstrating a strong interest in quality control.
- Worked closely with customers, primarily from IHI Corp., organizing inspections and planning NDT procedures.
- Delivered accurate quality records in accordance with Inspection and Test Plans (ITPs).
- Upheld high-quality standards and efficiently managed the quality control process throughout the tenure.

EDUCATION

• Istanbul Technical University

2022 - present

Ph.D. Degree in Mechanical Engineering

CGPA: 3.11/4.00

Relevant coursework: Computer Vision, Medical Image Computing, Big Data Technologies and Applications

• Istanbul Technical University

2016 - 2022

M.Sc. Degree in Materials and Manufacture

GPA: 3.13/4.00

Thesis topic: Investigation of joining metals and fiber reinforced thermoplastic composites by hot pressing method

Gedik Educational Foundation

2014 - 2015

IWE (also EWE) Degree certified by the International Institute of Welding (IIW)

• Bulent Ecevit University

2008 - 2014

B.Sc. Degree in Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 2.48/4.00

• SIPA: Smart Integrated Plant Assistant

2025 (ongoing)

Personal Project — Repository 🖸

- Developing an IoT-based precision agriculture system using ESP32 microcontrollers and environmental sensors (YL-69 soil moisture, DHT22 temperature/humidity, BH1750 light intensity, DS3231 RTC) to monitor conditions, enable automated irrigation, and track plant growth via periodic camera captures (ESP32-CAM).
- Implementing real-time data streaming with MQTT/Apache Kafka, storing historical measurements in PostgreSQL, and visualizing trends through Grafana dashboards for data-driven agricultural insights.
- Designing an alert mechanism to notify users of critical environmental changes, improving plant health and optimizing resource usage in alignment with precision farming principles.

• MARS: Marble Analysis and Robotic Slicing

2025 (ongoing)

Personal Project

- Developing an AI-powered marble inspection pipeline integrating a fixed imaging setup (industrial camera, lens, conveyor, lighting system) to preprocess, calibrate, and extract dimensionally accurate images for downstream analysis.
- Implementing deep learning models (UNet, DeepLabV3, ResNet, EfficientNet) for binary defect segmentation, multi-class quality classification, and automated cutting plan generation with minimal waste using OR-Tools.
- Deploying the system with real-time monitoring, feedback-based model updates, and a user interface built on FastAPI, Docker, and Streamlit for industrial integration.

• MOOZE 2024

Personal Project — Repository 🖸

- MOOZE is an open-source CLI app that interacts with OpenAI's API to create and manage an AI assistant.
- The assistant is designed to respond in a user-specified style and help with questions related to a provided document(s).
- Key features include functionalities for managing files, vector stores, and threads to facilitate interactions with the AI assistant.

• ENGR4450 - Applied Artificial Intelligence Course Notes

2024

Creator — Repository 🖸

- ENGR4450 Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI), a course offered at Isık University.
- The repo contains six Jupyter notebooks (tutorials) prepared by me.

• Yet Another Earthquake Project (YAEP) by Team EGAL

2023

Project Coordinator — Repository ♠ / Paper ▮

- Tools & frameworks used: Apache NiFi, Apache Kafka, Apache Spark, AWS S3, Elasticsearch, Kibana
- Coordinated an end-to-end project focused on earthquake visualization and correlation analysis with electric field data. Led the team in utilizing a suite of Big Data Tools to seamlessly acquire, integrate, preprocess, analyze, and visualize the data. Leveraged real-time data streaming, advanced analytics, and interactive visualization techniques to uncover significant relationships between earthquakes and electric field data.

• Segmentation Based on Swin-Unet

2023

Personal Project — Repository $\mathbf{\Omega}$ / Paper

- Tools & frameworks used: PyTorch, Swin-Unet, SimpleITK
- Studied automated medical image segmentation using the Swin-Unet model. Achieved accurate results through data preprocessing, training, and GPU acceleration.

• Age Regression from Brain MRI Images

2023

Personal Project — Repository (7) / Paper

- Tools & frameworks used: Scikit-learn, SimpleITK
- Compared various regression models, this project aims to accurately estimate patients' ages based on their brain MRI images, providing valuable insights into brain development, aging processes, age-related pathologies, and aiding in the early detection of neurodegenerative disorders in medical research and practice.

Weld Defect Detection Using a Small Dataset with U-Net

2022

Personal Project — Repository 🗘 / Paper 🖺

- Tools & frameworks used: PyTorch, U-Net
- Utilized the GDXray dataset, specifically for weld X-ray images, and implemented the U-Net architecture.

• Flaw Detection in Radiographic Weld Images Using Morphological Approach

2016

Personal Project - Paper

- Tools & frameworks used: MATLAB, Image Processing Toolbox
- Implemented an algorithm inspired by RS Anand and P Kumar's research for flaw detection in radiographic weld images using a morphological approach. It aimed to provide an automated and robust method for flaw detection.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)
- Developer Tools: Git, Docker, AWS, Linux, Apache NiFi, Apache Kafka, Apache Spark, Elasticsearch, Kibana
- Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Darknet (YOLO), OpenCV, Scikit-Learn
- Licenses: A+B Class Driver, PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (AOWD), CMAS ** Diver, FAI Beginner Pilot
- Area of Interest: Computer Vision, Medical Images, LLMs, Nondestructive Evaluation, Big Data Applications

CERTIFICATES

• Google Developers Machine Learning Bootcamp & (Google - inzva)	2023
• TensorFlow Developer Certificate § (Google)	2023
• Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) preparation training 6 (PMI TR - ITU)	2023
• Introduction to Big Data with Spark and Hadoop • (IBM, Coursera)	2023
• Introduction to Apache NiFi Cloudera DataFlow - HDF 2.0 • (Udemy)	2023
• Deep Learning Study Group 🚱 (inzva)	2020
• Elevator Inspector Personnel (Turkish Standards Institution)	2017
• Internal Auditor (KYS Consulting)	2014
• IMS (ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004, and OHSAS 18001) (KYS Consulting)	2014