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# Mert Kilickaya

Computer Vision and Machine Learning PhD Researcher. I have expertise on: Visual Object/Action Detection, Vision-Language Pre-training, Visual Image Search, Self-Supervised Learning and Continual Learning.

## Experience

| 2022 - 2023 | Post-doc Researcher - TU Eindhoven - Netherlands                           |
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|             | Conducting research on self-supervised continual learning                  |
| 2020 - 2021 | Research Intern - <b>Huawei</b> - Finland                                  |
|             | Conducted research on visual search engine   Published a US Patent         |
| 2017 - 2022 | Graduate Research Assistant - <b>University of Amsterdam</b> - Netherlands |
|             | Conducted research on visual action recognition   Published at BMVC, WACV  |
| 2013 - 2016 | Graduate Research Assistant - <b>Hacettepe University</b> - Turkey         |
|             | Conducted research on vision and language   Published at EACL              |

#### Education

2017 - 2022 **PhD Computer Vision** - University of Amsterdam - Netherlands
Action Recognition • Visual Retrieval • Human-object Interactions
Thesis: Contextual Understanding of Visual Interactions
Advisor: Prof. Arnold Smeulders

2013 - 2016 **MSc Computer Vision** - Hacettepe University - Turkey Computer Vision • Vision and Language

Thesis: Visual Importance with Applications to Vision and Language

Advisor: Prof. Nazli Ikizler-Cinbis

#### **Publications**

#### **Selected Papers**

| 2023 | Towards Label-Efficient Incremental Learning: A Survey - ArXiv |
|------|--|
|      | M. Kilickaya, Joost van de Weijer and Yuki M. Asano            |

2022 Are Labels Needed for Incremental Instance Learning? - ArXiv M. Kilickaya and Joaquin Vanschoren

2021 Human-object Interaction Detection via Weak Supervision - BMVCM. Kilickaya and A.W.M. Smeulders

Structured Visual Search via Composition-aware Learning - WACVM. Kilickaya and A.W.M. Smeulders

2020 Self-Selective Context for Interaction Recognition - *ICPR*M. Kilickaya, N. Hussein, E. Gavves and A.W.M. Smeulders

2017 Re-evaluating Automatic Metrics for Image Captioning - ACL (Oral)M. Kilickaya, A Erdem, N Ikizler-Cinbis, E Erdem

#### **Patents**

- 2022 Visual Search via Conversational Interaction (Con-VIS) Huawei Ref. 92005865
- 2021 Network For Interacted Object Localization Qualcomm Ref. 206518
- 2020 Context-driven Learning of Human-object Interactions Qualcomm Ref. 200249GR1
- 2019 Subject-object Interaction Recognition Model US 20200302232A1

#### Technical Skills

**Platforms** (proficient): PyTorch, TensorFlow, (familiar): HuggingFace **Scientific** (proficient): OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, SciPy, Pandas, Numpy **Languages** (proficient): Python (familiar): HTML/CSS, C/C++

### Miscellaneous

**Grants** TL150k grant from the Scientific Council to start-up our Visual Analytics Platform, 2016 - Turkey \$20k grant from the Scientific Council of Quebec for research internship, 2014 - Canada

**Reviewer** *IEEE ToM, EMNLP (21, 22, 23), ACL (23), ICML (23).*