# Mert Kilickaya

PhD in Deep Learning with expertise in Computer Vision, Self-Supervised Learning, and Efficient Learning. Proven track record in developing new models, contributing to 4 patents and over 10 publications. Seeking to leverage strong research acumen to drive innovation as an industrial Research Scientist.

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2022 - 2024	Postdoc Researcher - TU Eindhoven - Netherlands
	Self-supervised Learning & Efficient Learning
2020 - 2021	Research Scientist Intern - <b>Huawei</b> - Finland
	Visual Image Search
2017 - 2022	Graduate Research Assistant - <b>Qualcomm (QUVA) Labs</b> - Netherlands
	Action and Object Detection
2013 - 2016	Graduate Research Assistant - Hacettepe University - Turkey
	Vision-and-Language Models

# Education

2017 - 2022 **PhD Deep Learning** - University of Amsterdam - Netherlands Computer Vision • Object Detection • Scene Understanding 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 Locality Aware Hyperspectral Imaging *BMVC* F. Zhou, M. Kilickaya and J. Vanschoren
- 2023 Are Labels Needed for Incremental Instance Learning? *CVPRW (Oral)*M. Kilickaya and J. Vanschoren
- 2021 Human-object Interaction Detection via Weak Supervision *BMVC*M. Kilickaya and A.W.M. Smeulders
- 2020 Structured Visual Search via Composition-aware Learning *WACV* M. Kilickaya and A.W.M. Smeulders
- 2017 Re-evaluating Automatic Metrics for Image Captioning *EACL (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, Jax Scientific (proficient): OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, SciPy, Pandas, Numpy (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** ECCV (24), EMNLP (21, 22, 23), ACL (23), ICML (23, 24), NeurIPS (23, 24), ICLR (23, 24).