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## Education

- **Inria Grenoble Rhône-Alpes & Université Grenoble Alpes** **Grenoble, France**  
09/2020 - present  
*Ph.D. in Computer Science*
  - Advisors: Karteek Alahari, Diane Larlus and Yannis Kalantidis
- **Bilkent University** **Ankara, Turkey**  
09/2016 - 09/2019  
*M.Sc. in Computer Engineering*
  - Advisors: Ramazan Gökberk Cinbis, Selim Aksoy, GPA: 3.71
  - Includes a 6-months internship at NAVER LABS Europe
- **Anadolu (now Eskişehir Technical) University** **Eskişehir, Turkey**  
09/2011 - 05/2016  
*B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering*
  - Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Engineering Faculty, GPA: 3.72
  - Includes a 1-year English language program

## Research and Work Experience

- **NAVER LABS Europe & Inria Grenoble Rhône-Alpes** **Grenoble, France**  
09/2019 - present  
*Doctoral Researcher*  
Working on learning visual representations that can generalize to many tasks and datasets, and evaluating the properties of such representations, under the supervision of Karteek Alahari, Diane Larlus and Yannis Kalantidis.
- **NAVER LABS Europe** **Grenoble, France**  
02/2019 - 08/2019  
*Intern*  
Worked on multi-modal vision and language models under the supervision of Diane Larlus and Julien Perez.
- **Bilkent University and METU ImageLab** **Ankara, Turkey**  
09/2016 - 02/2019  
*Researcher*  
Worked on weakly supervised visual recognition problems and image generative models under the supervision of Gökberk Cinbis. Partially funded by TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), project title: “Learning Visual Recognition Models with Incomplete Supervision” (No: 116E445).
- **Visea Innovative Inc.** **Eskişehir, Turkey**  
09/2015 - 08/2016  
*Project Engineer*  
Worked on developing computer vision algorithms to address several industrial problems under the supervision of Cihan Topal.

## Scientific Achievements

### Journal and Conference Papers, and Preprints:

- Fake it till you make it: Learning(s) from a synthetic ImageNet clone, **arXiv 2022**  
M. B. Sariyildiz, K. Alahari, D. Larlus and Y. Kalantidis.
- No reason for no supervision: Improving the generalization of supervised models, **ICLR 2023** (spotlight)  
M. B. Sariyildiz, Y. Kalantidis, K. Alahari, D. Larlus.
- Concept generalization in visual representation learning, **ICCV 2021**  
M. B. Sariyildiz, Y. Kalantidis, D. Larlus, K. Alahari.
- Hard negative mixing for contrastive learning, **NeurIPS 2020**  
Y. Kalantidis, M. B. Sariyildiz, N. Pion, P. Weinzaepfel, D. Larlus.
- Learning visual representations with caption annotations, **ECCV 2020**  
M. B. Sariyildiz, J. Perez, D. Larlus.
- Key protected classification for collaborative learning, **Pattern Recognition 2020**,  
M. B. Sariyildiz, R. G. Cinbis, E. Ayday.
- Gradient matching generative networks for zero-shot learning, **CVPR 2019** (oral),  
M. B. Sariyildiz, R. G. Cinbis.

**Citations:** 536, **Patents:** 2 US patents, **Awards:** Outstanding reviewer at CVPR 2021, ECCV 2022

## Book Translations

- Derin Öğrenme, Buzdağı Yayınevi 2018, (translation of Deep Learning by Goodfellow et al. 2016), H. Aydın, R. G. Cinbiş, Y. Çetin, B. Demirel, S. Kalkan, H. Moğultay, M. B. Sarıyıldız, G. Sümbül, F. Yarman Vural

## Teaching Experience

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- TA – Bilkent University, CS102 - Algorithms and Programming - 1
- TA – Bilkent University, CS102 - Algorithms and Programming - 2
- TA – Bilkent University, CS113 - Introduction to Computing
- TA – Bilkent University, CS464 - Image Analysis

## Talks

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- **MIAI Days**, 05/2021, “*Concept generalization in visual representation learning*”, PhD students presentations (virtual).
- **METU ImageLab**, 01/2021, “*Learning from captioned images, self-supervised learning and generalization*” (virtual).
- **Element AI**, 01/2021, “*Concept generalization in visual representation learning*” (virtual).
- **METU ImageLab**, 11/2018, “*Generative Models for Zero-shot Learning*”, Ankara, Turkey.
- **Bilkent University**, 11/2017, “*Exploiting Unsupervised Data for Zero-shot Learning*”, Ankara, Turkey.

## Professional Activities

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- Reviewer for IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2019, 2021 (outstanding reviewer), 2022.
- Reviewer for IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2021.
- Reviewer for European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2020, 2022 (outstanding reviewer).
- Reviewer for Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020.

## Honors and Awards

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- NAVER LABS Europe the intern day 2019 session-1 winner award. 07/2019
- Research & teaching assistantship, full tuition award by Bilkent University. 09/2016
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> at graduation from Anadolu University, Engineering Faculty. 05/2016
- 6 certificates of high honor by Anadolu University, Electrical and Electronics Engineering. 2012-2016

## Research Grants

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- *Virtual Eye*, assistive device for visually impaired people. Fundings granted by TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) 2209B Undergraduate Research Project Support and Savronik, 2016.

## Skills

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### Technical

Python, C/C++, JAVA, MATLAB, PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Qt, git

### Language

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)