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Senior Machine Learning Scientist and Manager at Apple

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Education

University of Amsterdam Amsterdam, The Netherlands

PhD in Computer Science Feb 2016 – May 2020

Advisors: Cees Snoek, Arnold Smeulders

Delft University of TechnologyDelft, The Netherlands

MSc. in Computer Science Aug 2013 – Aug 2015

Graduated with distinction

Delft University of TechnologyDelft, The Netherlands

BSc. in Applied Physics Aug 2008 – Jun 2012

Professional Experience

Senior Machine Learning Scientist – Apple Zürich, Switzerland

Computer Vision and Machine Learning

Jun 2020 – present

Research Intern – Amazon Seattle, USA

Computer Vision internship at Amazon AI Jun 2019 – Sep 2019

Research Intern – TomTom Eindhoven, The Netherlands

Computer Vision internship in the Autonomous Driving team

Nov 2014 – Aug 2015

Software Engineer – Dept Delft, The Netherlands

Part-time software engineer during my MSc. study

Oct 2013 – Apr 2015

Research Assistant – Delft Univ. of Technology Delft, The Netherlands

Software engineer in the Quantitative Imaging group

Jun 2012 – Oct 2012

Publications

- T.F.H. Runia, C.G.M. Snoek, A.W.M. Smeulders. Learning Physical Properties and Relationships from Visual Observations. *Under Review*, 2020.
- T.F.H. Runia, A. Berneshawi, R. Rama Varior, U. Bücher, D. Modolo, J. Tighe. Bidirectional GANs for Unsupervised Video Representation Learning. *Under Review*, 2019.
- T.F.H. Runia, K. Gavrilyuk, C.G.M. Snoek, A.W.M. Smeulders. Cloth in the Wind: A Case Study of Physical Measurement Through Simulation. In *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition* (CVPR), 2020.

- T.F.H. Runia, C.G.M. Snoek, A.W.M. Smeulders. Repetition Estimation. In *International Journal of Computer Vision* (IJCV), 2019.
- R. Wever, **T.F.H. Runia**. Subitizing with Variational Autoencoders. In *European Conference on Computer Vision Workshops* (ECCV-W), 2018.
- **T.F.H. Runia**, C.G.M. Snoek, A.W.M. Smeulders. Real-World Repetition Estimation by Div, Grad and Curl. Spotlight presentation. In *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition* (CVPR), 2018.
- T.F.H. Runia, C.G.M. Snoek, A.W.M. Smeulders. Primitive Motion Types for Learning from Instructional Video. In *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops* (CVPR-W), 2018.
- T.F.H. Runia, R. Lukassen, L.Zhang, M.Loog. The System Design of a High-Speed Object Detector. In *The Dutch Conference on Computer Vision* (NCCV), 2015.

Miscellaneous

Teaching

- Deep Learning, Master AI course, University of Amsterdam, 2017 & 2018
- Information Visualization, Bachelor AI course, University of Amsterdam, 2016

Thesis Supervision

- Erik Stammes, "Weakly-supervised Semantic Segmentation" (MSc, 2020)
- Danny Dijkzeul, "Unsupervised Machine Translation" (BSc, 2019)
- Bram Kooiman, "Semi-Supervised Audio Source Separation" (MSc, 2018)
- Rijnder Wever, "Counting with Variational Autoencoders" (BSc, 2018)
- Matthew van Rijn, "Imitation Learning for Drones" (BSc, 2017)

Summer Schools

- International Computer Vision Summer School (Italy, 2017)
- iV&L Summer School on Language and Vision (Malta, 2016)
- Learning from Silicon Valley (USA, 2014)

• Reviewer Activity

- Outstanding Reviewer Award: CVPR 2020
- Conferences: CVPR, ECCV, ICCV, ACM-MM, ICLR, NeurIPS
- Journals: TPAMI, IJCV

• Extracurricular Activities

- Board Member, Study Association for Applied Physics, 2012 2013
- Electronic Committee, Study Association for Applied Physics, 2009 2012
- Editor in Chief, Study Association for Applied Physics, 2010

Technical Expertise

- Programming languages: Python, Java, C++, C#, R, Lua, MatLab, JavaScript, Bash
- Software: PyTorch, JAX, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Git, LaTeX, Blender
- Open source contributions: github.com/tomrunia