

# Doğa Yılmaz

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# **EDUCATION**

#### 2024 - Present

#### PhD in Computer Science - University College London

- · Faculty of Engineering Sciences, Department of Computer Science
- · Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. He Wang and Prof. Tobias Ritschel
- Research Interests: Computer Graphics, Physics Based Large Scale Scene Animation

#### MSc in Artificial Intelligence - Özyeğin University 2021 - 2023

- Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Science Awarded Fellowship GPA: 3.81/4.00
- Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Furkan Kıraç
- · Research Interests: Computer Vision, Computer Graphics, 3D Reconstruction, Inverse Rendering
- · Thesis: Illumination-Guided Inverse Rendering Benchmark: Learning Real Objects with Few Cameras

#### BSc in Computer Science — Özyeğin University 2016 - 2020

- · Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Science
- · Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Furkan Kıraç
- Thesis: Deep Residual Autoencoder for Real Image Denoising

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Yılmaz D., Takikawa T., Ceylan D. and Akşit, K., Learned Single-Pass Multitasking Perceptual Graphics for Immersive Displays, arXiv 2024 preprint arXiv:2408.07836
- 2023 Kınlı F., Yılmaz D., Özcan B., and Kıraç F., DeNIM: Deterministic Neural Illuminant Mapping for Efficient Auto-White Balance Correction, IEEE ICCV Workshop on Resource Efficient Deep Learning for Computer Vision, 2023.
- Yılmaz D. and Kıraç F., Illumination-guided inverse rendering benchmark: Learning real objects with few cameras. Computers & 2023 Graphics, 115, 107-121.
- Kınlı F., Yılmaz D., Özcan B., and Kıraç F., Modeling the Lighting in Scenes as Style for Auto White-Balance Correction, IEEE/CVF Winter 2023 Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2023.
- 2022 Yılmaz, D., Kınlı, F., Özcan, B., and Kıraç, F., "[Re] Lifting 2D StyleGAN for 3D-Aware Face Generation", ReScience C, 8(2), 2022. Presented at NeurIPS 2022 Journal Track

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### 08/2022 - Present

### **Research Engineer**

Fishency Innovation – Stavanger, Norway (Remote)

- · Key contributor to the development of an inverse rendering-based state-of-the-art fish biomass estimation project, leading to a peer-reviewed and published algorithm, and a highly accurate system with over 90% accuracy in biomass estimation. Employed software tools, including Mitsuba 3, PyTorch, and Python.
- · Deployed and scaled the underwater fish biomass estimation software to the existing hybrid infrastructure.
- Developed 2D/3D visualization tools to validate and debug several machine learning pipelines.

#### 11/2023 - 10/2024

University College London Computational Light Laboratory (CLL) - London, UK

- · Conducted research in perceptual graphics and vision under Dr. Kaan Akşit's mentorship, in collaboration with Adobe Research.
- · Contributed to the development of "Odak," an open-source scientific computing framework for optical sciences, computer graphics, and visual perception.

## 02/2021 - 10/2023 Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant

Özyeğin University Vision and Graphics Laboratory (VGL) - Istanbul, Turkey

- · Actively participated in research mainly on inverse rendering and auto-white balance correction, yielding multiple publications.
- · Contributed as a teaching assistant across a range of university courses, offering academic support and guidance to students.
- Courses Assisted: Advanced C++ Programming, Programming Paradigms, Data Structures and Algorithms, Object-Oriented Programming, Agile Software Development
- · Academic Service: Reviewer, RCV Workshop ICCV; Reviewer, ReScience C Journal

### AWARDS AND **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Received a financial award from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey<sup>1</sup> for international publications. 02/2024

Ranked 1st in Turkey and 172nd globally out of 2155 teams in IEEEXtreme<sup>2</sup> 14 programming competition. 10/2020

#### **SKILLS**

English: Advanced (IELTS: 7.5/9), German: Beginner, Turkish: Native Languages

**Programming** Python, Modern C++(17/20), Java

**Technologies** PyTorch/LibTorch, Mitsuba 3, Kornia, OpenCV, OpenMP, AWS(S3, EC2, Rekognition), Docker, Blender3D

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Led the organization of Global Game Jam (GGJ)<sup>3</sup> 2020 at Özyeğin University. 2020

2019 Coordinated the IEEE Computer Society Özyeğin University Student Branch in the 2019 academic year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) serves as the governmental agency responsible for the scientific and technological affairs of Turkey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>IEEEXtreme is a global challenge in which teams compete in a 24-hour time span against each other to solve a set of programming problems.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Global Game Jam® (GGJ) is the world's largest game jam (game creation) event taking place around the world.