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Education

- **Bilkent University** Ankara, Türkiye
Master of Science in Computer Engineering 2022-2024
- **Middle East Technical University (METU)** Ankara, Türkiye
Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering 2018-2022

Experience

- **Graduate Researcher** Ankara, Türkiye
Bilkent Generative Deep Learning Lab September 2022 - Present
 - Investigated generative adversarial neural networks (GAN) on image enhancement & restoration problems, under the supervision of Asst. Prof. Ayşegül Dünder. Currently working on 3D GANs and their inversions.
 - Mentored undergraduate students for research work. Voluntarily reviewed manuscripts submitted to respectable conferences and journals (*IEEE TIP, ECCV*, etc.).
- **Research Engineer** Ankara, Türkiye
ASELSAN Research August 2022 - Present
 - Experienced in both low and high-level computer vision. Focused on inverse problems in image processing (denoising, super-resolution), neural network optimization (pruning, knowledge distillation), person re-identification, and object detection.
 - Recently gaining experience in statistical signal processing for distributed acoustic sensing systems, and combining it with computational imaging and computer vision know-how for developing novel solutions.
 - Took part in national defense industry and volunteered in mobility projects, and contributed to the insider knowledge of the company.
 - *ASELSAN Inc.* is among the top 50 defense companies as of 2022.
- **Part-Time Research Engineer** Ankara, Türkiye
ASELSAN Research November 2021 - August 2022
 - Developed mobile device-friendly, deep learning-based super-resolution networks.
 - Participated in CVPR and ECCV workshops as a senior student as author.
- **Undergraduate Researcher** Ankara, Türkiye
METU Center for Image Analysis (OGAM) July 2021 - June 2022
 - Conducted comparative performance analyses on frame-based and event-based optical flow algorithms, under the supervision of Prof. Aydın Alatan.
 - Performed controlled hands-on experiments on a DAVIS event camera, testing its dynamic range and latency.
- **Part-Time Computer Vision Engineer** Ankara, Türkiye
STM Defence October 2020 - April 2021
 - Worked on real-time background subtraction and object-tracking solutions for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
 - Refactored some C++ code for real-time optimization, which is now used in the company's UAV products.
- **Engineering Intern** Ankara, Türkiye
STM Defence August 2020 - September 2020
 - Investigated image signal processing pipelines and image dehazing methods.
 - Performed a literature search on classical image contrast enhancement algorithms and performed controlled experiments to optimize their hyper-parameters.

Projects

• ALKAN WASP & SAKA

March 2020 - September 2021

- Built custom-frame and autonomous quad-copters with ALKAN UAV Team, named Wasp and Saka, as finalists of 5th and 6th TUBITAK (*The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye*) International Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Competitions, respectively. The competition was held under TEKNOFEST.
- Learned the basics of *ArduPilot*, *MAVLink*, *DroneKit*, *ROS*, and *Gazebo*. Led the team with software setups and prepared tutorials. Modified ArduPilot C++ source code to add our custom flight modes.

• University Departmental Projects

2019 - Present

- **Computer Architecture:** Designed a fully custom 16-bit instruction set architecture and a suitable multi-cycle CPU with *Verilog*.
- **Microprocessors:** Designed a frequency-based motor controller with ARM Cortex M4. Wrote the code in *ARM Assembly*, using the Thumb 2 instruction set.
- **Logic Design:** Designed a point-of-sale device using Cyclone V FPGA. Utilized *Verilog* and wrote a VGA protocol handler from scratch.
- **Digital Signal Processing:** Implemented an algorithm in *MATLAB* which embeds any image into a spectrogram using short-time Fourier transforms.
- **Advanced Signal Processing:** Investigated classical and deep priors in inverse problems in image restoration.

Honors & Scholarships

- Given a full scholarship by Bilkent University, including the tuition fee.
- Placed on High Honor and Honor Roll of METU every semester.
- Given a merit scholarship by METU Development Foundation (2018-2022).
- Given a merit scholarship by The Ministry of National Education of Türkiye (2010-2018).

Selected Publications

- **Bahri Batuhan Bilecen**, Yiğit Yalın, Ning Yu, Ayşegül Dündar. "*Reference-Based 3D-Aware Image Editing with Triplanes*". In submission.
- Ahmet Burak Yıldırım, Hamza Pehlivan, **Bahri Batuhan Bilecen**, Ayşegül Dündar. "*Diverse Inpainting and Editing with GAN Inversion*", IEEE/CVF ICCV, 2023.
- Alperen Kalay, **Bahri Batuhan Bilecen**, Mustafa Ayazoğlu. "*Towards Clip-Free Quantized Super-Resolution Networks: How to Tame Representative Images*", BMVC, 2023.
- **Bahri Batuhan Bilecen** and Mustafa Ayazoğlu. "*Bicubic++: Slim, Slimmer, Slimmest - Designing an Industry-Grade Super-Resolution Network*", NTIRE Workshop @ IEEE/CVF CVPR, 2023. **(RTSR Challenge Track 2 Winner)** ([🔗 repository page](#))
- Mustafa Ayazoğlu and **Bahri Batuhan Bilecen**. "*XCAT - Lightweight Quantized Single Image Super-Resolution Using Heterogeneous Group Convolutions and Cross Concatenation*", AIM Workshop @ ECCV, 2022.
- **Bahri Batuhan Bilecen**, Alparslan Fişne, Mustafa Ayazoğlu. "*Efficient Multi-Purpose Cross-Attention Based Image Alignment Block for Edge Devices*", Embedded Vision Workshop @ IEEE/CVF CVPR, 2022.

Skills & Interests

- **Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (TOEFL iBT: 104/120).
- **Tools:** Python, C, C++, MATLAB, Bash, JavaScript, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Robot Operating System (ROS), Verilog, ARM assembly, \LaTeX .
- **Related Academic Courses:** Mathematical Foundations of Data Science, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Deep Generative Networks, Advanced Signal Processing, Signals and Systems, Digital Signal Processing, Computer Architecture, Computer Graphics, Logic Design, Microprocessors, Operating Systems, Data Structures, Digital Electronics, C Programming.
- **Hobbies:** Avid classical guitar player, currently learning Gran Vals by Tarrega. Enjoys reading novels.