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Research Interests

My research centers on the areas of computer vision and machine learning. I believe the right algorithms and representations are the ones that take into account the contextual influences. Thus, the research objective that my students and I pursue is to incorporate different kinds of context (spatial, temporal and/or cross-modal) into all levels of visual processing from low to intermediate and high-level vision.

Education

November 2008

Ph.D., Dept. of Computer Engineering, METU, Turkey

Title of Thesis: Simultaneous Bottom-up/Top-down Processing in Early and Mid Level Vision

Advisor: Sibel Tari

CGPA: 3.94 / 4.00 (High Honor)

Course Work: In addition to standard CS curriculum, taken courses such as Variational PDE Methods in Image Processing, Computational Vision, Numerical Solutions of PDEs, Optimization.

July 2003

M.Sc., Dept. of Computer Engineering, METU, Turkey

Title of Thesis: Image-based Extraction of Material Reflectance Properties of a 3D Rigid Object

Advisor: Volkan Atalay

CGPA: 3.86 / 4.00 (High Honor)

June 2001

B.Sc., Dept. of Computer Engineering, METU, Turkey

CGPA: 3.68 / 4.00 (High Honor)

Academic Experience

May 2014 –

Asst. Prof.

Department of Computer Engineering,
Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

January 2011 – May 2014

Instructor

Department of Computer Engineering,
Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

April 2009 - March 2010

Postdoctoral Researcher

Département Traitement du Signal et des Images,
TELECOM ParisTech, Paris, France

Dec 2001 - Sep 2008

Teaching Assistant

Department of Computer Engineering,
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

Visiting Positions

Oct 2007 - Dec 2007

Invited Researcher

Department of Mathematics (worked with Luminita A. Vese),
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, USA

Jul 2004 - Aug 2004

Invited Researcher

Virginia Bioinformatics Institute (worked with Volkan Atalay and Rengul Cetin-Atalay)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia, USA

Book Chapters

E. Erdem and S. Tari, *Revisiting Skeletons from Natural Images*, in *Research in Shape Modeling*, K. Leonard and S. Tari (eds.), pp. 101-113, July 2015

Journal Publications

Full articles

C. Bak, A. Kocak, E. Erdem and A. Erdem, *Spatio-Temporal Saliency Networks for Dynamic Saliency Prediction*, *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, *accepted for publication*

L. Karacan, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Alpha Matting with KL-Divergence Based Sparse Sampling*, *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, Vol. 26, No. 9, pp. 4523-4536, September 2017

M. Kilickaya, B. Kerim Akkus, R. Cakici, A. Erdem, E. Erdem and N. Ikizler-Cinbis, *Data-driven Image Captioning via Salient Region Discovery*, *IET Computer Vision*, Vol. 11, No. 6, pp. 398-406, September 2017

Y. Kavak, E. Erdem, and A. Erdem, *A Comparative Study for Feature Integration Strategies in Dynamic Saliency Estimation*, *Signal Processing: Image Communication*, Vol. 51, pp. 13-25, February 2017

E. Erdem, *A Region Covariances-Based Visual Attention Model for RGB-D Images*, *International Journal of Intelligent Systems and Applications in Engineering*, Vol. 4, No. 4, pp. 128-134, October 2016

O. Akin, E. Erdem, A. Erdem, and K. Mikolajczyk, *Deformable Part-based Tracking by Coupled Global and Local Correlation Filters*, *Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation*, Vol. 38, pp. 763-773, July 2016

O. T. Tursun, A. O. Akyuz, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *An Objective Deghosting Quality Metric for HDR Images*, *Computer Graphics Forum (Eurographics 2016)*, Vol. 35, No. 2, pp. 139-152, May 2016

R. Bernardi, R. Cakici, D. Elliott, A. Erdem, E. Erdem, N. Ikizler-Cinbis, F. Keller, A. Muscat, B. Plank, *Automatic Description Generation from Images: A Survey of Models, Datasets, and Evaluation Measures*, *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, Vol. 55, pp. 409-442, February 2016

B. Celikkale, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Predicting Memorability of Images Using Attention-driven Spatial Pooling and Image Semantics*, *Image and Vision Computing*, Vol. 42, pp. 35-46, October 2015 (**Editor's choice article**)

O. T. Tursun, A. O. Akyuz, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *The State of the Art in HDR Deghosting: A Survey and Evaluation*, *Computer Graphics Forum (Eurographics State-of-the-art Report (STAR) 2015)*, Vol. 34, No. 2, pp. 683-707, May 2015

L. Karacan, E. Erdem and A. Erdem, *Structure Preserving Image Smoothing via Region Covariances*, *ACM Transactions on Graphics (Proceedings of SIGGRAPH Asia 2013)*, Vol. 32, No. 6, November 2013

E. Erdem and A. Erdem, *Visual Saliency Estimation by Nonlinearly Integrating Features Using Region Covariances*, *Journal of Vision*, Vol. 13, No. 4, pp. 1-20, March 2013

International Conference/Workshop Publications

Contributions to LNCS/LNAI
books derived from conferences

Contributions to International
Conference/Workshop
Proceedings

- E. Erdem, S. Dubuisson and I. Bloch, *Fragments Based Tracking with Adaptive Cue Integration*, Computer Vision and Image Understanding, Vol. 116, No. 7, pp. 827-841, July 2012
- E. Erdem, S. Dubuisson and I. Bloch, *Visual Tracking by Fusing Multiple Cues with Context-Sensitive Reliabilities*, Pattern Recognition, Vol. 45, No. 5, pp. 1948-1959, May 2012
- E. Erdem and S. Tari, *Mumford-Shah Regularizer with Contextual Feedback*, Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision, Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 67-84, January 2009
- C. Aslan, A. Erdem, E. Erdem and S. Tari, *Disconnected Skeleton: Shape at its Absolute Scale*, IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Vol. 30, No. 12, pp. 2188-2203, December 2008
- A. Erdem, E. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Vision-Based Continuous Graffiti-like Text Entry System*, Optical Engineering, Vol. 43, Issue 3, pp. 553-558, March 2004
- Y. Kavak, E. Erdem and A. Erdem, *Visual Saliency Estimation by Integrating Features Using Multiple Kernel Learning*, 6th International Symposium on Attention in Cognitive Systems (ISACS 2013), IJCAI 2013 Workshops, Beijing, China, August 2013
- A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Multiple-Instance Learning with Instance Selection via Dominant Sets*, 1st International Workshop on Similarity-Based Pattern Analysis and Recognition (SIMBAD 2011), Venice, Italy, Springer LNCS, Vol. 7005, pp. 177-191, September 2011
- E. Erdem, A. Sancar Yilmaz and S. Tari, *Mumford-Shah Regularizer with Spatial Coherence*, 1st International Conference on Scale Space Methods and Variational Methods in Computer Vision (SSVM 2007), Ischia, Italy, Springer LNCS, Vol. 4485, pp. 545-555, May-June 2007
- E. Erdem, A. Erdem and S. Tari, *Edge Strength Functions as Shape Priors in Image Segmentation*, 5th International Workshop on Energy Minimization Methods in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (EMMCVPR 2005), Florida, USA, Springer LNCS, Vol. 3757, pp. 490-502, November 2005
- K. B. Logoglu, H. Lezki, M. K. Yucel, A. Ozturk, A. Kucukkomurler, B. Karagoz, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Feature-Based Efficient Moving Object Detection for Low-Altitude Aerial Platforms*, IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision Workshops (ICCVW), Venice, Italy, October 2017
- M. Kilickaya, A. Erdem, N. Ikizler-Cinbis and E. Erdem, *Re-evaluating Automatic Metrics for Image Captioning*, The 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL 2017), Valencia, Spain, April 2017
- M. Kilickaya, N. Ikizler-Cinbis, E. Erdem and A. Erdem, *Leveraging Captions in the Wild to Improve Object Detection*, The 5th Workshop on Vision and Language (VL'16), Berlin, Germany, August 2016
- L. Karacan, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Image Matting with KL-Divergence Based Sparse Sampling*, IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2015), Santiago, Chile, December 2015
- S. Yagcioglu, E. Erdem, A. Erdem and R. Cakici, *A Distributed Representation Based Query Expansion Approach for Image Captioning*, The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2015), Beijing, China, July 2015
- S. Yagcioglu, E. Erdem and A. Erdem, *City Scale Image Geolocalization via Dense Scene Alignment*, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2015, Hawaii, USA, January 2015
- A. Kocak, K. Cizmeciler, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Top Down Saliency Estimation via Superpixel-Based Discriminative Dictionaries*, British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC) 2014, Nottingham, UK, September 2014

National Conference Publications

- B. Celikkale, A. Erdem, E. Erdem, *Visual Attention-driven Spatial Pooling for Image Memorability*, IEEE Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW), Portland, Oregon, USA, June 2013
- A. Erdem, E. Erdem and S. Tari, *Articulation Prior in an Axial Representation*, International Workshop on the Representation and Use of Prior Knowledge in Computer Vision – in conjunction with ECCV 2006, Graz, Austria, pp. 1-14, May 2006
- E. Erdem, A. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Computer Vision Based Unistroke Keyboard System and Mouse for the Handicapped*, IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo 2003 (ICME 2003), Baltimore, USA, Volume 2, pp. 765-768, July 2003
- A. Erdem, E. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Computer Vision Based Unistroke Keyboards*, 7th International Symposium On Computer and Information Sciences (ISCIS 2002), Florida, USA, pp. 210-214, October 2002
- L. Karacan, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Çekişmeli Üretici Ağlar Kullanarak Dış Mekan Görüntülerinin Geçici Niteliklerini Düzenleme (Adjusting Transient Attributes of Outdoor Images using Generative Adversarial Networks)*, 25. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2017), Antalya, Mayıs 2017
- C. Güngör, F. Baltacı, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Türk Sofrası: Yemek Tanıma için Türk Yemekleri Barındıran Bir Denektaşı Veri Kümesi (Turkish Cuisine: A Benchmark Dataset with Turkish Meals for Food Recognition)*, 25. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2017), Antalya, Mayıs 2017
- M. E. Ünal, B. Çıtamak, S. Yağcıoğlu, A. Erdem, E. Erdem, N. İkizler Cinbiş, R. Çakıcı, *TasvirEt: Görüntülerden Otomatik Türkçe Açıklama Oluşturma İçin Bir Denektaşı Veri Kümesi (TasvirEt: A Benchmark Dataset for Automatic Turkish Description Generation from Images)*, 24. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2016), Zonguldak, Mayıs 2016 (**Alper Atalay Best Student Paper Award - First Prize**)
- G. Erdoğan, B. Çelikkale, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Kişisel Görüntü Kümelerinin İçsel Özellikler Kullanılarak Özetlenmesi (Summarizing Personal Image Collections with Intrinsic Properties)*, 24. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2016), Zonguldak, Mayıs 2016 (**IEEE Best Student Paper Award - Second Prize**)
- Ç. Bak, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *Baskın Kümeler ile Hareket Yörüngelerinin Öbeklenmesi (Clustering Motion Trajectories via Dominant Sets)*, 24. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2016), Zonguldak, Mayıs 2016
- B. Asal, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *İnsan Kalabalıklarının Baskın Kümeler Tabanlı Analizi (Dominant Sets Based Analysis of Human Crowds)*, 24. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2016), Zonguldak, Mayıs 2016
- M. Günel, L. Karacan, A. Erdem, E. Erdem, *Sık Eşleme Yoluyla Görüntü Renklendirme (Image Colorization via Dense Correspondences)*, 22. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2014), Trabzon, Nisan 2014
- M. Kılıçkaya, E. Erdem, A. Erdem, N. İkizler Cinbiş, R. Çakıcı, *Meta-sınıf tabanlı Getirme ile Veriye Dayalı İmge Altyazılama (Data-driven Image Captioning with Meta-class Based Retrieval)*, 22. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2014), Trabzon, Nisan 2014
- O. T. Tursun, A. O. Akyüz, A. Erdem, E. Erdem, *YDA Görüntüler İçin Gölgeleme Giderme Algoritmalarının Karşılaştırılması (Evaluating Deghosting Algorithms for HDR Images)*, 22. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2014), Trabzon, Nisan 2014
- K. Mammadova, E. Erdem, A. Erdem, *Görsel Belirginlik Güdümlü Pozlandırma Birleştirimi (Visual Saliency Guided Exposure Fusion)*, 22. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2014), Trabzon, Nisan 2014

H. T. Erdoğan, Erkut Erdem and Aykut Erdem, *Alan Kovaryansları İçin Grup Seyrekliğine Dayalı Seyrek Kodlama (Group Sparsity Based Sparse Coding for Region Covariances)*, 21. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2013), Girne, K.K.T.C, Nisan 2013

O. Akın, A. Erdem and E. Erdem, *MILIS Çoklu Örnekle Öğrenme Algoritmasının Farklı Bir Örnek Seçme Yöntemiyle Yeniden İncelenmesi (Revisiting MILIS Multiple Instance Learning Algorithm with A Different Instance Selection Mechanism)*, 20. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2012), Ölüdeniz, Fethiye, Nisan 2012

M. E. Erdem, İ. A. Erdem, U. Yılmaz and V. Atalay, *Üç Boyutlu Katı Nesnelerin Yanıtma Özelliklerinin Görüntülerden Çıkarılması*, 12. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2004), pp. 245-248, Kuşadası, Nisan 2004

İ. A. Erdem, M. E. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Engelliler İçin Bilgisayarlı Görmeye Dayalı Klavye ve Fare Sistemi*, 11. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2003), pp. 196-199, İstanbul, Haziran 2003

İ. A. Erdem, M. E. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Kağıt Klavye: Bilgisayarlı Görmeye Dayalı Klavye*, 10. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2002), Pamukkale, Haziran 2002

İ. A. Erdem, M. E. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Bilgisayarlı Görmeye Dayalı Fare Sistemi*, 10. IEEE Sinyal İşleme ve İletişim Uygulamaları Kurultayı (SIU 2002), Pamukkale, Haziran 2002

Other Conference Presentations (abstract only)

E. Erdem and S. Tari, *Mumford-Shah Regularizer with Contextual Feedback*, SIAM Conference on Imaging Science 2008, San Diego, USA, July 2008

M. Iskar, E. Erdem, A. Erdem, S. Akman, A. Dickerman, V. Atalay and R. Cetin-Atalay, *CAPRIS: A Database for Cancer Gene Promoter Related Motif Search*, FEBS journal, Vol. 273, pp. 248, June 2006

E. Erdem, A. Erdem and V. Atalay, *Image-based Extraction of Material Reflectance Properties of a 3D Rigid Object*, Eurographics 2003, Poster Session, Granada, Spain, September 2003

A. Erdem, E. Erdem, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Computer Based Text Entry for Wearable Computing*, 6th IEEE International Symposium on Wearable Computers, Demonstrations, Seattle, USA, October 2002

A. Erdem, E. Erdem, Y. Yardimci, V. Atalay and A. E. Çetin, *Computer Vision Based Mouse*, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics Speech and Signal Processing 2002 (ICASSP 2002), Student Forum Session, Florida, USA, May 2002

Technical Reports

E. Erdem, S. Dubuisson and I. Bloch, *Particle Filter-Based Visual Tracking by Fusing Multiple Cues with Context-Sensitive Reliabilities*, Télécom ParisTech, n° 2010D002, January 2010

Research Grants

As Principal Investigator

Understanding Images and Visualizing Text: Semantic Inference and Retrieval by Integrating Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) The Support Program for Scientific and Technological Research Projects: Award 113E116 - Project Duration: 3 years (10/01/2013-10/01/2016)

The Use of Multiple Cues and Contextual Knowledge in Computer Vision, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Career Development Program: Award 112E146 - Project Duration: 3 years (10/01/2012-10/01/2015)

As Researcher

City-wide Video Surveillance System, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) The Public Institutions Research Funding Program: Award 114G028 – Project Duration: 30 months (03/15/2016-09/15/2018)

Summarization Approaches Towards Interpreting Big Visual Data, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 1003 Primary Subjects R&D Funding Program: Award 116E685 - Project Duration: 3 years (09/15/2017-09/15/2020)

Awards

Hacettepe University The Outstanding Young Scientist Award, November 2016

NVIDIA Academic Research Hardware Grant, February 2016

TUBITAK Graduate Scholarship for visiting doctoral research (October - December 2007)

TUBITAK Graduate Scholarship for doctoral research (2004 - 2008)

Reviewing Activities

Reviewer for Journals

Pattern Recognition

IET Computer Vision

ACM Trans. on Graphics

IEEE Transactions on Multimedia

IEEE Transactions on Image Processing

Computer Vision and Image Understanding

Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision

IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems

IEEE Trans. on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics–Part B: Cybernetics

Reviewer for Conferences

ACL 2015

ICRA 2018

CVPR 2018

SIGGRAPH 2014, 2015

WACV 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017