

# Aykut Cihan SATICI

## PERSONAL DATA

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PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: Istanbul, Turkey — 05 August 1985  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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1. Geometric mechanics and (mathematical) control theory of (underactuated) mechanical systems
2. Multi-agent robotic systems and cooperative manipulation
3. Control of robots in contact with the environment and/or humans

## EDUCATION

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MAY 17, 2014 Doctor of Philosophy in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
**The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX, USA  
Concentration: Robotics, Control, Multi-Agent Systems,  
Geometric Mechanics  
Dissertation title: “Cooperative Manipulation, Swarming and Connectivity  
Control of Multi-Agent Mechanical Systems”  
Advisor: Prof. Mark W. SPONG  
Committee: Prof. Mark W. Spong (Chair), Prof. Nicholas R. Gans,  
Prof. Viswanath Ramakrishna, Prof. Mathukumalli Vidyasagar  
GPA: 4.0/4.0

DECEMBER 28, 2013 Master of Science in MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES  
**The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX, USA  
Concentration: (Functional) Analysis, Differential Geometry  
Advisor: Prof. Viswanath RAMAKRISHNA  
GPA: 4.0/4.0

JUNE 2010 Master of Science in MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING  
**Sabanci University**, Istanbul, Turkey  
Concentration: Robotics, Control, Parallel Mechanisms  
Thesis title: “Modeling, Implementation and Control of a Forearm-Wrist  
Rehabilitation Device”  
Advisor: Prof. Volkan PATOGLU  
Committee: Prof. Volkan Patoglu, Prof. Mustafa Unel,  
Prof. Kemalettin Erbatur, Prof. Erhan Budak  
GPA: 3.9/4.0

JUNE 2008 Bachelor of Science in MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING  
**Sabanci University**, Istanbul, Turkey  
Concentration: Mechanical Systems, Control  
Graduation project: “Topology Optimization of SuSolar (Solar Car)”  
Advisor: Prof. Gullu KIZILTAS  
GPA: 3.4/4.0

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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JULY 2014 - MARCH 2015	Application Support Engineer at The MathWorks, Inc. Developing a MATLAB-based Robot Simulator: Incorporation of robot size in collision detection, Improving laser scanner simulation, Simulated sensor and odometry noise
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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APRIL 2016 - <i>Current</i>	Postdoctoral researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Member of <a href="#">Robot Locomotion Group</a> Mentor: Russell L. Tedrake  <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid Control of Underactuated Mechanical Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Tractable Analysis and Control of Soft Robotics using Implicit Surface Models
MAY 2015 - MARCH 2016	Postdoctoral researcher at The University of Naples, Federico II Member of <a href="#">Prisma Laboratory</a> working on the <a href="#">RoDyMan Project</a> Mentor: Bruno Siciliano  <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprehensile Dynamic Manipulation <input type="checkbox"/> Energy-Based Control of Robotic Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Tossing and Catching of a Pizza Dough with a Robotic Manipulator <input type="checkbox"/> Trajectory Planning for a Ping-Pong Playing Robot <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamics and Control of the Ballbot
AUG 2010 - MAY 2014	Doctoral Research at The University of Texas at Dallas Laboratory for Autonomous Robotics and Systems Advisor: Mark W. Spong  <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity Preserving Formation Control <input type="checkbox"/> Geometric Reduction Theory Applied to Multi-Agent Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Formation Control with Vision-Based Position Measurements <input type="checkbox"/> Nonholonomic Cooperative Manipulation of Polygonal Objects <input type="checkbox"/> Path-Following Control via Sensor-Fused Visual Homography <input type="checkbox"/> Linear Optimal Robust Control Theory Applied to UAVs
SEP 2008 - JUNE 2010	Masters-Level Research at Sabanci University Human-Machine Interaction Laboratory Advisor: Volkan Patoglu  <input type="checkbox"/> Passive Velocity Field Control of Forearm-Wrist Exoskeleton <input type="checkbox"/> Multiobjective Design Optimization of Parallel Mechanisms <input type="checkbox"/> Characterization of Forearm-Wrist Exoskeleton <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation of Forearm-Wrist Exoskeleton

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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SEPT 2015	A short course on Geometric Mechanics Instructor: Dr. Aykut Cihan Satici
◇	Five 2-hour lectures
◇	Coordinate-free Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Mechanics
◇	Symmetries and Conservation Laws
◇	Derivation of Geometric Control Laws
AUG 2013 - MAY 2014	Teaching Assistant at The University of Texas at Dallas
SYSM 6302	Optimization Theory and Practice Instructor: Prof. James Primbs
MECH 6313	Nonlinear Control Systems Instructor: Prof. Mark W. Spong
◇	Grading homework, exams and projects
◇	Suggestions for the course material
SEP 2008 - JUNE 2010	Teaching Assistant at Sabanci University
ME 303	Control System Design Instructor: Prof. Kemalettin Erbatur
EE 521	Kinematics and Dynamics of Mechanisms Instructor: Prof. Volkan Patoğlu
◇	Grading homework, exams and projects
◇	Suggestions for the course material
◇	Supervising laboratory work

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Chapter

Volkan Patoglu and Aykut Cihan Satici, “*Optimal Design of Haptic Interfaces*”, Advances in Haptics, IN-TECH, 2010. (*This book chapter has been downloaded over 4000 times from unique IP addresses.*)

### Refereed Journal Articles

1. Aykut Cihan Satici, Alejandro Donaire, Bruno Siciliano, , “*Intrinsic Dynamics and Total Energy Shaping Control of the Ballbot System*”, International Journal of Control, *Accepted, to appear*, Nov 2016
2. Aykut C Satici, Mark W. Spong, “*Global Swarming With Connectivity Via Lagrange-Poincaré Equations*,”, Automatica, Volume 71, September 2016
3. Ahmetcan Erdogan, Besir Celebi, Aykut C Satici, and Volkan Patoglu, “*A Reconfigurable Ankle Exoskeleton with Series-Elastic Actuation*”, Springer Autonomous Robots, Assistive and Rehabilitation Robotics, (2015)
4. Hasan Alihusain Poonawala, Aykut C Satici, Hazen Eckert, and Mark W. Spong, “*Collision-Free Formation Control with Decentralized Connectivity Preservation for Nonholonomic-Wheeled*

- Mobile Robots*,” IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems, vol. 2, no. 2, pp.122-130, June, 2015
5. Aykut Cihan Satici, Hasan Poonawala, and Mark W. Spong “*Robust Optimal Control of Quadrotor UAVs*,” Access, IEEE, vol. 1, no., pp.79-93, 2013
  6. David Tick, Aykut Cihan Satici, Jinglin Shen, and Nicholas Gans, “*Tracking Control of Mobile Robots Localized via Chained Fusion of Discrete and Continuous Epipolar Geometry, IMU and Odometry*,” IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics, vol.43, no.4, pp.1237-1250, Aug. 2013
  7. Aykut Cihan Satici, Ahmetcan Erdogan, and Volkan Patoglu, “*A Multi-Lateral Rehabilitation System*,” Turkish Journal of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, vol. 19(5), 2011. (Selected for journal publication by conference PC members.)

## Refereed International Conference Proceedings

1. Aykut Cihan Satici, Robert Katzschmann, Daniela Rus, Russ Tedrake, “*Modeling and Control of a Soft Juggling Robot*”, Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) in preparation, July 2017
2. Diana Serra, Aykut Cihan Satici, Fabio Ruggiero, Vincenzo Lippiello and Bruno Siciliano, “*An Optimal Trajectory Planner for Robotic Batting Task: The Table Tennis Example*”, 13th International Conference on Informatics in Control, Automation and Robotics, (ICINCO), 2016
3. Aykut Cihan Satici, Fabio Ruggiero, Vincenzo Lippiello and Bruno Siciliano, “*Intrinsic Euler-Lagrange Dynamics and Control Analysis of the Ballbot*”, IEEE American Control Conference, (ACC), 2016
4. Aykut Cihan Satici, Fabio Ruggiero, Vincenzo Lippiello and Bruno Siciliano, “*A Coordinate-Free Framework for Robotic Pizza Tossing and Catching*”, IEEE Conference on Robotics and Automation, (ICRA) 2016
5. Aykut Cihan Satici, and Mark W. Spong, “*Global Swarming While Preserving Connectivity via Lagrange-Poincaré Equations*,” World Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control, (IFAC) 2014, 24-29 Aug 2014
6. Aykut Cihan Satici, Hasan Poonawala, Hazen Eckert, and Mark W. Spong, “*Connectivity preserving formation control with collision avoidance for nonholonomic wheeled mobile robots*,” IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2013, vol., no., pp.5080,5086, 3-7 Nov. 2013
7. Hasan Poonawala, Aykut Cihan Satici, and Mark W. Spong, “*Leader-follower formation control of nonholonomic wheeled mobile robots using only position measurements*,” 9th Asian Control Conference (ASCC), 2013, vol., no., pp.1,6, 23-26 June 2013
8. Aykut Cihan Satici, and Mark W. Spong, “*Connectivity control on Lie groups*,” 9th Asian Control Conference (ASCC), 2013, vol., no., pp.1,6, 23-26 June 2013
9. Aykut Cihan Satici, David Tick, Jinglin Shen, Nicholas Gans, “*Path-following control for mobile robots localized via sensor-fused visual homography*,” IEEE American Control Conference, (ACC), 2013, vol., no., pp.6287,6293, 17-19 June 2013
10. Aykut Cihan Satici, and Mark W. Spong, “*Nonholonomic cooperative manipulation of polygonal objects in the plane*,” IEEE 51st Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2012, vol., no., pp.2439,2446, 10-13 Dec. 2012
11. Hasan Poonawala, Aykut Cihan Satici, Nicholas Gans, and Mark W. Spong, “*Formation control of wheeled robots with vision-based position measurement*,” American Control Conference (ACC), 2012, vol., no., pp.3173,3178, 27-29 June 2012

12. Ahmetcan Erdogan, Aykut Cihan Satıcı, and Volkan Patoglu, “*Passive velocity field control of a forearm-wrist rehabilitation robot*,” IEEE International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR), 2011, vol., no., pp.1,8, June 29 2011-July 1 2011
13. M. Alper Ergin, Aykut Cihan Satıcı, and Volkan Patoglu, “*Design optimization, impedance control and characterization of a Modified Delta Robot*,” 2011 IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics (ICM), , vol., no., pp.737,742, 13-15 April 2011
14. Aykut Cihan Satıcı, Ahmetcan Erdogan, and Volkan Patoglu, “*Design of a reconfigurable ankle rehabilitation robot and its use for the estimation of the ankle impedance*,” IEEE International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics, 2009. ICORR 2009., vol., no., pp.257,264, 23-26 June 2009
15. Ahmetcan Erdogan, Aykut Cihan Satıcı, and Volkan Patoglu, “*Design of a reconfigurable force feedback ankle exoskeleton for physical therapy*,” ASME/IFTOMM International Conference on Reconfigurable Mechanisms and Robots, 2009. ReMAR 2009., vol., no., pp.400,408, 22-24 June 2009

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2012-2015 Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)

## REFERENCES

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