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## EDUCATION

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**Michigan State University, MI, US**

PhD Candidate, Department of Mechanical Engineering

August 2018 - present

GPA: 3.77/4

**Middle East Technical University, Turkey**

Bachelor of Science, Department of Mechanical Engineering

September 2013 - June 2018

GPA: 3.47/4

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Assistant**

*Michigan State University*

August 2018 - present

*Advisor: Dr. Firas Khasawneh*

- Studying data-driven analysis of complex dynamical systems and combining machine learning with tools from Topological Data Analysis to create new investigative methods to study dynamical systems
- Investigating transfer learning performance of learned models

**Engineering Trainee**

*Roketsan Missiles Inc.*

November 2017 - April 2018

- Worked in Advanced Technologies and Systems department and focused on navigation of rockets and missiles

**Intern**

*Roketsan Missiles Inc.*

June 2017 - July 2017

- Designed filters for Attitude and Heading Reference System (AHRS) and tested it on experimental data

**Intern**

*TEI -TUSAS Engine Industries, Inc.*

July 2016 - August 2016

- Worked in Engine Assembly and Testing department and participated in testing of aircraft engines

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Michigan State University*

January 2019 - January 2021

- ME461 - Mechanical Vibrations (Fall 2020)
- ME451L - Control Systems Laboratory (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- ME422 - Introduction to Combustion - (Fall 2019)
- ME416 - Computer Assisted Design of Thermal Systems - (Fall 2019)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Papers

- **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, "On transfer learning for chatter detection in turning using wavelet packet transform and ensemble empirical mode decomposition," *CIRP Journal of Manufacturing Science and Technology*, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cirpj.2019.11.003>

- **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, “Chatter Detection in Turning Using Machine Learning and Similarity Measures of Time Series via Dynamic Time Warping,” *arXiv preprint:1908.01678*, 2019. (*Under review*)
- **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, “Topological feature vectors for chatter detection in turning processes”, *arXiv preprint: 1905.08671*, 2019. (*Under review*)

### Conference Papers

- **M.C., Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, “Data Driven Model Identification for a Chaotic Pendulum with Variable Interaction Potential”. IDETC 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1115/DETC2020-22597>
- **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, “On Transfer Learning of Traditional Frequency and Time Domain Features In Turning,” *15th International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference*, MSEC 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1115/MSEC2020-8274>
- **M. C. Yesilli**, S. Tymochko, F. A. Khasawneh, E. Munch, “Chatter Diagnosis in Milling Using Supervised Learning and Topological Features Vector,” In 2019 *18th IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications*, IEEE, <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICMLA.2019.00200>
- J. R. Tempelman, A. Myers, **M. C. Yesilli**, “Experimental Investigations Into Broadband Vibration of Metastructures with Lattice Designs,” In *Proceedings of the ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference*, IDETC2019, <https://doi.org/10.1115/DETC2019-97673>

## PRESENTED WORK

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### Contributed Talks

- **Chatter Detection in Turning Using Dynamic Time Warping and Approximate and Eliminate Search Algorithm**, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2021
- **On Transfer Learning of Traditional Frequency and Time Domain Features In Turning**, MSEC2020 (Virtual Conference), September 2020
- **Data Driven Model Identification for a Chaotic Pendulum with Variable Interaction Potential**, IDETC/MSNDC (Virtual Conference), August 2020
- **Chatter Classification and Transfer Learning in Turning Using Topological Data Analysis and Dynamic Time Warping**, MSU TDA Seminar, April 2020
- **Topological Feature Vectors for Chatter Detection in Turning Processes**, The 1st Midwest Graduate Student Conference: Geometry and Topology meet Data Analysis and Machine Learning, June 2019
- **Topological Feature Vectors for Chatter Detection in Turning Processes**, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2019
- **Chatter diagnosis in turning using Topological Data Analysis**, SIAM Great Lakes Section Meeting, April 2019

### Poster

- A.D. Myers, **M.C. Yesilli**, S. Tymochko, F. Khasawneh and E. Munch, “Teaspoon: A comprehensive python package for topological signal processing.” *Topological Data Analysis and Beyond Workshop at NeurIPS 2020*.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

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**Minisymposium Co-organizer**, *Topological Signal Processing*, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2021

**Minisymposium Co-organizer**, *Topological Time Series Analysis*, SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, May 2020 (*canceled due to COVID-19*)

**Session Chair**, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2019

## SERVICE

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**SoftwareX** February 2021  
*Reviewer*

**Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing** September 2020  
*Reviewer*

**Measurement** June 2020  
*Reviewer*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

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**Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)** March 2021 - present  
*Member*

**American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** October 2019 - present  
*Member*

**Michigan State University Turkish Student Association(MSU-TSA)** April 2019 - present  
*Treasurer*

**Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)** November 2018 - present  
*Member*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**MSU Graduate Office Fellowship (\$5000)** February 2020

## CODE AND DATA REPOSITORIES

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A. Myers, **M. C. Yesilli**, S. Tymochko, F. A. Khasawneh and E. Munch, (2020), Teaspoon: A Topological Signal Processing Package, [pypi/teaspoon](https://pypi.org/project/teaspoon/).

N. Mork, **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, (2020). Design of chaotic pendulum with a variable interaction potential, Zenodo, DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.3784897](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3784897)

F. A. Khasawneh, A. Otto and **M. C. Yesilli**, (2019), "Turning Dataset for Chatter Diagnosis Using Machine Learning", Mendeley Data, v1, [http://dx.doi.org/10.17632/hvm4wh3jzx.1](https://dx.doi.org/10.17632/hvm4wh3jzx.1)

**M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, (2019), "Machine learning toolbox for Wavelet Packet Transform (WPT) and Ensemble Empirical Mode Decomposition (EEMD)", [Github](#) repository.

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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<b>Programming</b>	Python, MATLAB, Julia, C/C++, OpenMP, MPI
<b>Software &amp; Tools</b>	Sphinx, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Solidworks, Inkscape, Arduino