Melih Can Yesilli

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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI — August 2018 – present
PhD Candidate, Department of Mechanical Engineering — GPA: 3.81/4.0

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey — September 2013 – June 2018
Bachelor of Science, Department of Mechanical Engineering — GPA: 3.47/4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University — East Lansing, MI
Graduate Research Assistant — August, 2018 – present

- Focusing on data-driven analysis of complex dynamical systems
- Combining machine learning with tools from Topological Data Analysis to create new investigative methods to study dynamical systems

Projects

Chatter Detection in Machining Using Machine Learning — January, 2019 – March, 2021

- Developed an approach that can classify unstable and stable time series with 96% accuracy using Topological Data Analysis and machine learning
- Developed the machine learning module of Python package named teaspoon
- Diagnosed chatter in machining signals with 98% accuracy using similarity measures of time series and K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm
- Achieved 95% accuracy using transfer learning approach for detecting unstable machining signals

Surface Texture Analysis Using Machine Learning — September, 2020 – present

- Reduced the time needed to compute surface modes by 99.6% by developing an automatic threshold selection algorithm for Discrete Cosine Transform
- Obtained 95% classification accuracy for surface texture classification using information theory and image processing
- Classified surface images with 96% accuracy using Topological Data Analysis

Roketsan — Ankara, Turkey
Engineering Trainee — November, 2017 – April, 2018

- Worked in Advanced Technologies and Systems department and focused on navigation of aerial vehicles

Intern — June, 2017 – July, 2017

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

TEI -TUSAS Engine Industries — Eskisehir, Turkey
Intern — July, 2016 – August, 2016

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University — East Lansing, MI
Graduate Teaching Assistant — 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

Journal Papers

- **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, "Topological feature vectors for chatter detection in turning processes," *arXiv preprint: 1905.08671*, 2021. (*Accepted for publication in The International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology*)
- **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`

Preprints

- **M. C. Yesilli** and F. A. Khasawneh, "Automated Surface Texture Analysis via Discrete Cosine Transform and Discrete Wavelet Transform," 2021. (*In submission*)

- **M. C. Yesilli**, F. A. Khasawneh, B. P. Mann, "Transfer Learning for Autonomous Chatter Detection in Machining," 2021. (*Under review*)
- **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*)

Conference Papers

- **M. C. Yesilli** and F. A. Khasawneh "Data-driven and Automatic Surface Texture Analysis Using Persistent Homology," ICMLA2021. (*Accepted*)
- **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

Contributed Talks

- **Data-driven and Automatic Surface Texture Analysis Using Persistent Homology**, ICMLA 2021, December 2021
- **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.*

CODE AND DATA REPOSITORIES

- A. Myers, **M. C. Yesilli**, S. Tymochko, F. A. Khasawneh and E. Munch, (2020), Teaspoon: A Topological Signal Processing Package, pypi/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
- 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`
- **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.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- **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 2021
- **Session Chair**, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2019

SERVICE

- **Reviewer**, Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing — July 2021
- **Reviewer**, Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing — May 2021
- **Reviewer**, SoftwareX — February 2021
- **Reviewer**, Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing — September 2020
- **Reviewer**, Measurement — June 2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

- **Member**, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) — March 2021 – present
- **Member**, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) — October 2019 – present
- **Event Coordinator**, Michigan State University Turkish Student Association (MSU-TSA) — June 2021 – present
- **Treasurer**, Michigan State University Turkish Student Association (MSU-TSA) — April 2019 – June 2021
- **Member**, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) — November 2018 – present

LEADERSHIP

Graduate Student Mentor for ACRES-REU May, 2021 – July, 2021

- Co-mentored two undergraduate students who participate in Advanced Computational Research Experience for Undergraduates (ACRES-REU)
- Met with students once a week, provided them with guidance on their research, and answered their questions whenever needed

AWARDS

- MSU Graduate Office Fellowship ($5400) October 2021
- Student Travel Award - SIAM DS21 May 2021
- MSU Graduate Office Fellowship ($5000) February 2020

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, Julia, C/C++, OpenMP, MPI
Software & Tools: Sphinx, LaTeX, Solidworks, Inkscape, Arduino