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## Projects

- · Guidance Algorithms for Autonomous Ships
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: ASELSAN
  - Date: 2022-Present
- Development of Artificial Intelligence Systems for Swarm to Swarm Engagement
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Defense Industry Agency of Turkey
  - Date: 2022-Present
- New Solution Methods Based on Matrix Norm for Stochastic Games and Artificial Intelligence Applications
  - Position: Researcher
  - Funding: Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
  - Date: 2022-Present
- Human-AI Teaming Platform for Maintaining and Evolving AI Systems in Manufacturing
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: European Commission
  - Date: 2020-Present
- Development of Advanced Artificial Intelligence Methods for Perception and Planning in Swarm Robotics
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: HAVELSAN
  - Date: 2020-Present
- Active Imitation Learning and Inverse Deep Reinforcement Learning Methods for Flight Control
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: TAI
  - Date: 2020-Present
- Advanced Model Compression Methods for Deep Learning Based Vision Systems
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Arcelik
  - Date: 2019-2020
- Graphical Deep Reinforcement Learning for Multiagent Decision Making
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: ASELSAN
  - Date: 2019-2020
- High Accuracy Guidance Navigation and Control System Design for Unmanned Cargo Planes
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Turkish Airlines
  - Date: 2019-2020
- Retail Sales Prediction with Deep Learning
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Migros
  - Date: 2019
- Deep Reinforcement Learning and Perception for Autonomous Driving
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Eatron Technologies
  - Date: 2018-2019
- High Accuracy Guidance Navigation and Control System Design for Launch Vehicles
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Delta V
  - Date: 2019
- Multi UAV Surveillance for Border Security Applications
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Milsoft
  - Date: 2018-2019

- Social Media Engagement Prediction With Deep Learning
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Lisa AI
  - Date: 2017-2020
- · Decision Making Under Uncertainty and Deep Learning for Self-Driving Cars
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: AVL
  - Date: 2018-2019
- Airline Operations Management Using Data-driven Optimization Methods
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: General Electric Aviation
  - Date: 2018-2020
- Structural Health Monitoring and Failure Prediction with Deep Learning
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: General Electric Power
  - Date: 2018-2019
- DUF: Deep Learning UAV Networks for Autonomous Forest Firefighting
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: European Commission
  - Date: 2017-2019
- Fault Tolerant Control System Design for Fighter Aircraft with Probabilistic Sensor and Actuator Failure Models
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI)
  - Date: 2017-2019
- High Accuracy Guidance Navigation and Control System Design for Guided Munitions
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: ASELSAN
  - Date: 2017-2018
- Autonomous Agile Maneuvering Control and Planning Systems for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: TUBITAK
  - Date: 2016-2018
- Combination of Probabilistic Trajectories (COPTRA)
  - Position: Researcher
  - Funding: European Commission
  - Date: 2016-2018
- Threat Modeling for Missile Defense Systems
  - Position: Technical Lead
  - Funding: ASELSAN
  - Date: 2015-2017
- ITUDrone: UAV System for Campus Security
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: ITU
  - Date: 2015-2016
- IHATAR: UAV System for Crop Monitoring
  - Position: Principal Investigator
  - Funding: ITU
  - Date: 2015-2016
- Multiagent Planning and Learning Under Uncertainty with Applications to Forest Fire Management
  - Position: Lead Researcher
  - Funding: NASA
  - Date: 2013-2015

- Health Aware Task Planning for UAV SWARMS, Boeing Research and Technology, Researcher
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  - Funding: Boeing
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- · High Accuracy Platform Development for Nano Satellites with Attitude Control
  - Position: Researcher
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- Chinese Journal of Aeronautics
- Transportation Research Part C
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