

Pol Mestres

PHD STUDENT · SYSTEMS AND CONTROL

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Education

University of California, San Diego

PHD MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

La Jolla, California, USA

09 2020 - present

- Advisor: Dr. Jorge Cortés
- Research topics: safety-critical control, optimization-based controllers, epidemic spreading

University of California, San Diego

MS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

La Jolla, California, USA

09 2020 - 07 2021

- GPA: 3.966.
- Specialization in Dynamical Systems and Control
- Coursework: Linear Systems, Parametric Identification, Cooperative Control of Multiagent Systems, Nonlinear Systems, Optimal Estimation, Convex Optimization, Nonlinear Control, Linear Control Design, Optimal Control, Hybrid Systems.

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

BS MATHEMATICS, BS ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Barcelona, Spain

09 2015 - 06 2020

- 8.34/10 (Mathematics)
- 8.25/10 (Engineering Physics)
- Bachelor's Thesis at the University of California, San Diego, (10/10 with honors).

Publications

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2.- P. Mestres and J. Cortés. Optimization-Based Safe Stabilizing Feedback with Guaranteed Region of Attraction. IEEE Control Systems Letters (with joint submission to 61st IEEE Conference on Decision and Control), submitted.
- 1.- M. Vaquero, P. Mestres, J. Cortés. Resource-Aware Discretization of Accelerated Optimization Flows. IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 68 (4) (2023), to appear.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- 1.- P. Mestres, J. Cortés. 2022. Safe Design for Controlling Epidemic Spreading under Heterogeneous Testing Capabilities. To appear in the 2022 American Control Conference.

Professional Experience

Barcelona Supercomputing Center - Computational Biology Group

RESEARCH INTERN

Barcelona, Spain

06 2019 - 08 2019

- Data Science project in epigenetics. The aim of the project was to reconstruct a certain cell differentiation tree by using epigenetic data: hi-c chromatin contacts, histone marks data, etc.

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DATA SCIENCE INTERN

Barcelona, Spain

06 2018 - 08 2018

- Machine Learning project on attrition (predicting whether a given employee will leave a company)
- Deep Learning project on image classification for an olive oil company

Institut de Robòtica Industrial (IRI)

RESEARCH INTERN

Barcelona, Spain

06 2017 - 08 2017

- Worked on a project called "Detecting variable symmetries on continuous domains" with a researcher from the institute.

Presentations

June 2022. *Optimization-Based Safe Stabilizing Feedback with Guaranteed Region of Attraction*. Poster Session at the SoCal Hub Workshop on Secure Autonomy, University of California, Riverside, USA.

June 2022. *Safe Policy Design for Controlling Epidemic Spreading under Heterogeneous Testing Capabilities* Rapid Interactive Session at the 2022 American Control Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2020-2021 **MAE First Year Fellowship**, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, UCSD

2015-2020 **CFIS Half Tuition and Housing Fellowship**, CFIS-UPC

2018 **Finalist - HackUPC**, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

2018 **Winner - Datathon CFIS**, CFIS

2015 **Excellence Distinction on the University Entrance Exam**, Generalitat de Catalunya

2015 **Silver Medal in Spanish Physics Olympiad**, Real Federación Española de Física

2015 **Silver Medal in Catalan Physics Olympiad**, Societat Catalana de Física

Outreach & Professional Development

PEER REVIEW

IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control

IEEE Conference on Decision and Control

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

IEEE Student Member

Skills

Programming: Python, C++, MATLAB, R, AMPL, Mathematica.

Software: LaTeX, LabVIEW.

Languages: Catalan (native), Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (basic).