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Tian-Zhi is a final-year PhD student at School of Advanced Manufacturing and Robotics, Peking University. Also, he is currently a visiting PhD student (Dec-2024 - Dec-2025) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. Prior to that, he received his B.Sc. in Mathematics from Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) in 2021.



His research interest lies in the field of **Dynamics** and **Control** of mechanical systems. He is especially interested in leveraging differential geometry and physical principles to develop computationally efficient algorithms for dynamics, control, estimation, and learning with sound theoretical guarantees. Specifically, they include:

- (a) Geometric Mechanics & Control (especially stochastic & nonholonomic)
- (b) Structure-Preserving Algorithms (variational integrators)
- (c) Geometric Estimation & Filtering (for robotic and flexible systems)
- (d) Physics-Informed Learning on Manifolds (e.g., rigid-body dynamics of robots)

EDUCATION

Peking University, Beijing

Sep 2021 - Jun 2026

Ph.D. Student (Mechanical Systems and Control)

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Dec 2024 - Dec 2025

Visiting Ph.D. Student (Geometric Mechanics and Control)

Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing

Sep 2017 - Jun 2021

Bachelor of Science (Mathematics)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- [J1] Tianzhi Li and Jinzhi Wang, Variational Unscented Kalman Filter on Matrix Lie Groups, Automatica, 172: 111995, 2025 (Regular Paper). [Paper Link]
- [J2] Tianzhi Li and Jinzhi Wang, Physics-Informed Gaussian Process Learning on Lie Groups, **Journal of Guidance**, **Control**, **and Dynamics**, in press, doi: 10.2514/1.G008754. [Paper Link]
- [J3] Tianzhi Li, Rui Fu, and Jinzhi Wang, Reduced Dynamics and Geometric Optimal Control of Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics: Gaussian Case, Automatica, 164: 111626, 2024 (Regular Paper). [Paper Link]
- [J4] Tianzhi Li, Jinzhi Wang, and Zhisheng Duan, Structure-Preserving Unscented Kalman Filter for Planar Mobile Robots, IEEE Control Systems Letters, vol. 9, pp. 2157-2162, 2025. [Paper Link]

Conference Papers

- [C1] Tianzhi Li, François Gay-Balmaz, Donghua Shi, and Jinzhi Wang, Variational Principle for Stochastic Nonholonomic Systems Part I: Continuous-Time Formulation. International Conference on Geometric Science of Information (GSI'25), Saint-Malo, France, in press, 2025.
- [C2] Tianzhi Li, François Gay-Balmaz, Donghua Shi, and Jinzhi Wang, Variational Principle for Stochastic Nonholonomic Systems Part II: Stochastic Nonholonomic Integrator. International Conference on Geometric Science of Information (GSI'25), Saint-Malo, France, in press, 2025.
- [C3] Tianzhi Li and Jinzhi Wang, A Structure-Preserving Learning Scheme on SO(3), 2024 43rd IEEE Chinese Control Conference (CCC'24), Kunming, China, 2024, pp. 5149-5152.
- [C4] Tianzhi Li and Jinzhi Wang, Multisymplectic Unscented Kalman Filter for Geometrically Exact Beams. In: Nielsen, F., Barbaresco, F. (eds) International Conference on Geometric Science of Information (GSI'23). Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Saint-Malo, France, vol. 14072, pp. 60-68, Springer Verlag.

Honors and Awards

- National Scholarship (only 5 awardees at SAMR, PKU), by China Ministry of Education, Sep-2025
- Presidential Doctoral Scholarship, by Peking University, Jun-2025
- College of Engineering Presidential Scholarship First Prize, by Peking University, Oct-2024
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, by Peking University, Mar-2024/Apr-2023 (twice)