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Basic Information

I am a final-year PhD student at Peking University (PKU), working with Professors [Zhisheng Duan](#) and [Jinzhi Wang](#). From Dec 2024 to Nov 2025, I was fortunate to work as a visiting PhD at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, with Professor [François Gay-Balmaz](#). Prior to that, I received my B.Sc. in Mathematics from Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) in 2021 under the supervision of Professor [Donghua Shi](#).

My research interest lies in the field of **Geometric Modeling & Control**, **Stochastic Mechanics**, and **Physics-Informed Learning** of robotic and mechanical systems. I am broadly interested in leveraging physical principles and differential geometry to develop computationally efficient algorithms for **control**, **estimation**, and **learning** with sound theoretical guarantees.

Education

- **Peking University** Sep 2021 - Jul 2026
PhD Student (Dynamical Systems and Control)
- **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore** Dec 2024 - Nov 2025
Visiting PhD (Mechanics and Control)
- **Beijing Institute of Technology** Sep 2017 - Jun 2021
Bachelor of Science (Mathematics)

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant**, Peking University Sep 2023 - Dec 2023
Ordinary Differential Equations
- Recieved *Excellent Teaching Assistant Award* (second time)
- Teaching Assistant**, Peking University Sep 2022 - Dec 2022
Linear Algebra
- Recieved *Excellent Teaching Assistant Award*
- Teaching Assistant**, Peking University Mar 2022 - Jun 2022
Analytic Mechanics

Publications

- [1] **T. Li** and J. Wang, Variational Unscented Kalman Filter on Matrix Lie Groups, **Automatica** (Regular Paper), 172: 111995, 2025. [[Paper Link](#)]
- [2] **T. Li**, R. Fu, and J. Wang, Reduced Dynamics and Geometric Optimal Control of Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics: Gaussian Case, **Automatica** (Regular Paper), 164: 111626, 2024. [[Paper Link](#)]
- [3] **T. Li** and J. Wang, Physics-Informed Gaussian Process Learning on Lie Groups, **Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics**, 48 (11), pp. 2654-2662, 2025. [[Paper Link](#)]
- [4] **T. Li**, J. Wang, and Z. Duan, Structure-Preserving Unscented Kalman Filter for Planar Mobile Robots, **IEEE Control Systems Letters**, vol. 9, pp. 2157-2162, 2025. [[Paper Link](#)]
- [5] **T. Li**, F. Gay-Balmaz, D. Shi, and J. Wang, Variational Principle for Stochastic Nonholonomic Systems **Part II**: Stochastic Nonholonomic Integrator. In: Nielsen, F., Barbaresco, F. (eds) Geometric Science of Information (**GSI'25**), Saint-Malo, France, vol. 16034, pp. 225-233. Springer, 2026. [[Paper Link](#)]
- [6] **T. Li**, F. Gay-Balmaz, D. Shi, and J. Wang, Variational Principle for Stochastic Nonholonomic Systems **Part I**: Continuous-Time Formulation. In: Nielsen, F., Barbaresco, F. (eds) Geometric

Science of Information (**GSI'25**), France, vol. 16034, pp. 204-213. Springer, 2026. [\[Paper Link\]](#)

- [7] **T. Li** and J. Wang, A Structure-Preserving Learning Scheme on $SO(3)$, 2024 43rd IEEE Chinese Control Conference (**CCC'24**), Kunming, China, 2024, pp. 5149-5152. [\[Paper Link\]](#)
- [8] **T. Li** and J. 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. [\[Paper Link\]](#)
- [9] **T. Li** and J. Wang, A Physics-Informed Gaussian Process Regression Algorithm for The Dynamics of The Planar Pendulum, 2023 42nd IEEE Chinese Control Conference (**CCC'23**), Tianjin, China, pp. 5163-5167, 2023. [\[Paper Link\]](#)
- [10] **T. Li** and J. Wang, A Statistical Dynamical Algorithm for Gaussian Multi-Agent Systems Under Hamel's Formalism, 34th IEEE Chinese Control and Decision Conference (**CCDC'22**), Hefei, China, pp. 1344-1349, 2022. [\[Paper Link\]](#)

Honors and Awards

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| ◦ National Scholarship (top 1%)
Issued by Ministry of Education, China | Sep-2025 |
| ◦ Presidential Doctoral Scholarship
(The most prestigious scholarship issued by Peking University) | Jun-2025 |
| ◦ Merit Student Award (top 1%)
Issued by Peking University | Sep-2025 |
| ◦ Dean's Scholarship - First Prize for PhD Candidates
Issued by College of Engineering, Peking University | Oct-2024 |
| ◦ Yuehua Luo Scholarship
Issued by Peking University | Nov-2024 |
| ◦ Excellent Teaching Assistant Award (two times)
Issued by College of Engineering, Peking University | Mar-2024 / Apr-2023 |

References

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