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Education

California Institute of Technology – Ph.D. in Control & Dynamical Systems 09/2018 – *Present*

Advisor: John C. Doyle

University of Toronto – B.A.Sc. in Engineering Science, Electrical Engineering Major 09/2013 – 06/2018

Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.0

Papers

- [1] **J. S. Li** and J. C. Doyle, “Distributed Robust Control for Systems with Structured Uncertainties”. Submitted. Preprint available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.02493>
- [2] L. Conger, **J. S. Li**, E. Mazumdar, S. L. Brunton, “Nonlinear System Level Synthesis for Polynomial Dynamical Systems”. Submitted. Preprint available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02187>
- [3] C. Amo Alonso, **J. S. Li**, N. Matni, J. Anderson, “Distributed and Localized Model Predictive Control. Part II: Theoretical Guarantees”. Submitted. Preprint available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.00780>
- [4] C. Amo Alonso, **J. S. Li**, J. Anderson, N. Matni, “Distributed and Localized Model Predictive Control. Part I: Synthesis and Implementation”. Submitted. Preprint available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07010>
- [5] **J. S. Li**, “Internal Feedback in Biological Control: Locality and System Level Synthesis”, to appear in *IEEE American Control Conference*, 2022. Also available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.11757>. **Best student paper finalist (1 of 5)**.
- [6] J. Stenberg, **J. S. Li**, A. A. Sarma, J. C. Doyle, “Internal Feedback in Biological Control: Diversity, Delays, and Standard Theory”, to appear in *IEEE American Control Conference*, 2022. Also available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.11752>
- [7] A. A. Sarma, **J. S. Li**, J. Stenberg, G. Card, E. S. Heckscher, N. Kasthuri, T. Sejnowski, J. C. Doyle, “Internal Feedback in Biological Control: Constraints and Layered Architectures”, to appear in *IEEE American Control Conference*, 2022. Also available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.05029>
- [8] **J. S. Li**, C. Amo Alonso, J. C. Doyle, “Frontiers in Scalable Distributed Control: SLS, MPC, and Beyond”, in *Proc. IEEE American Control Conference*, 2021, pp.2720–2725. Also available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.01292>
- [9] **J. S. Li** and D. Ho, “Separating Controller Design from Closed-Loop Design: A New Perspective on System-Level Controller Synthesis”, in *Proc. IEEE American Control Conference*, 2020, pp. 3529–3534. Also available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.05040>

Posters, Talks, Toolboxes

J. C. Doyle, C. Amo Alonso, **J. S. Li**, F. Xiao, “Rule-Based Systems Theory for Regulation in Networks of Biomolecules, Microbial Cells and Populations”. Poster @ 8th Build-a-Cell Workshop, Mar 2022

J. S. Li, “Internal Feedback Pathways: From Control Theory to Sensorimotor Systems (and beyond)”. Invited seminar talk @ Center for Computational Neuroscience, Flatiron Institute (Simons Foundation), Nov 2021

J. S. Li, “Internal Feedback: From Optimal Control to the Sensorimotor System”. Poster @ Chen Institute for Neuroscience Poster Session, Mar 2021

S. H. Tseng and **J. S. Li**, “SLSpy: Python-Based System-Level Controller Synthesis Framework”. Preprint available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.12565>, toolbox available at <https://github.com/sls-caltech/sls-code>

J. S. Li and S. H. Tseng, “SLS-MATLAB Toolbox: Do-It-Yourself System Level Synthesis”. Poster @ American Control Conference 2020. Toolbox available at <https://github.com/sls-caltech/sls-code>

J. S. Li, J. Yu, C. Amo Alonso, J. C. Doyle, “System Level Synthesis: Distributed Control Made Easy”. Poster @ Center for Autonomous Systems and Technologies (CAST) Scientific Showcase, Feb 2020

Funding

NSERC PGS – Doctoral (63K CAD over 36 months)	<i>Awarded 05/2021</i>
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NSERC CGS – Doctoral (105K CAD over 36 months)	<i>Offered 04/2021, declined</i>
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NSERC USRA (6K CAD over 4 months)	<i>Awarded twice: 05/2015, 05/2016</i>
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Teaching

Teaching assistant, Robust Control Theory (CDS 231)	<i>Spring 2022</i>
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Teaching assistant, Introduction to Distributed Algorithms (CS 142)	<i>Fall 2021</i>
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Teaching assistant, Introduction to Feedback Control Systems (CDS 110)	<i>Spring 2021</i>
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Head teaching assistant, Relational Databases (CS 121)	<i>Winter 2021</i>
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Teaching assistant, Robust Control Theory (CDS 231)	<i>Winter 2020</i>
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Teaching assistant, Network Control Systems (CDS 141)	<i>Spring 2020</i>
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Academic Service

Conference reviewer: IEEE Conference on Decision and Control 2021, 2022

Journal reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology

Community Activities

Treasurer, Caltech Canadian Club	05/2021 – Present
Catalina Community Associate	11/2020 – Present
Mentor for international, departmental, and diversity programs	10/2020 – Present
Chair, Graduate Women in CMS	02/2020 – Present
Member (1 of 9), departmental Graduate Advisory Council	10/2019 – 10/2021
Organizer (1 of 2), departmental PhD Preliminary Exam Prep Sessions	10/2019 – 08/2020
Orientation leader and peer panelist, international and departmental orientation	09/2019, 09/2020

Additional Experience

Piano and Voice Instructor, Lippert Music Center	09/2012 – 06/2018
Taught private music lessons and prepared students for Royal Conservatory exams and competitions	
Undergraduate Thesis, Reconfigurable Antenna Lab (with Prof. Sean Hum)	09/2017 – 04/2018
Project: Neural network inverse models for electromagnetic metasurface design	
Full-Time Software Engineering Intern, Verity Studios AG	09/2016 – 08/2017
Wrote code in Python, C++, and SQL to support drone flight planning, evaluation, and simulation	
Student Researcher, Reconfigurable Antenna Lab (with Prof. Sean Hum)	05/2016 – 08/2016
Project: C++ simulation tool for periodic electromagnetic scatterers	
Student Researcher, Lab for Advanced Power Conversion (with Prof. Peter Lehn)	05/2015 – 08/2015
Project: Wireless energy harvester for smart-grid monitoring applications	
Student Researcher, Nanomaterials Lab (with Prof. Ho Ghim Wei)	05/2014 – 07/2014
Project: Copper-based nanostructures for photocatalytic hydrogen production	

Additional Skills

Programming and scripting: MATLAB, Python, C++, SQL

Foreign languages: Mandarin Chinese (fluent), French (basic)

Software: Unreal Engine, COMSOL Multiphysics, Altium Designer

Instruments: piano, voice (classical, musical theatre, pop), cello, guitar

Certifications from the Royal Conservatory of Music

Associate (ARCT) in Piano Performance, 1st Class Honours (practical only)

Grade 10 comprehensive certificate in Piano Performance, 1st Class Honours

Grade 10 comprehensive certificate in Vocal Performance, 1st Class Honours