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Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering, Hiroshima University

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Apr 2024 - **Hiroshima University, Higashi-Hiroshima, Japan**  
Tenure-Track Associate Professor  
School of Informatics and Data Science  
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering
- Aug 2023 - Mar 2024 **Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan**  
Specially Appointed Assistant Professor  
Department of Systems and Control Engineering
- Aug 2022 - Aug 2023 **Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan**  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Systems and Control Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Takeshi Hatanaka
- Feb 2021 - July 2022 **University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK**  
Research Associate, Department of Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Ioannis Lestas
- Oct 2020 - Jan 2021 **The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong**  
Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Li Qiu
- Sept 2019 - Dec 2019 **Osaka University, Osaka, Japan**  
Visiting Researcher, Graduate School of Engineering  
Host: Prof. Takeshi Hatanaka
- Jan 2019 - Mar 2019 **The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong**  
Research Assistant, Department of Electronic and Electronic Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Graziano Chesi
- Oct 2018 - Dec 2018 **Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China**  
Visiting Student, Key Laboratory of Systems and Control  
Host: Prof. Yiguang Hong

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- Sept 2016 - Aug 2020 **The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong**  
PhD, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
Thesis: *Control Approaches to Distributed Optimization and Network Problems*  
Supervisor: Prof. Graziano Chesi
- Sept 2012 - June 2016 **Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China**  
Bachelor of Science, Department of Physics {GPA Rank: 6/84}  
Major in Physics and minor in Japanese
- Sept 2009 - June 2012 **Huizhou No.1 Middle School, Huizhou, China**  
Ranked approximately 422/290000, College Entrance Examination on Science

## SKILLS

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### Research Interests

Optimization, Distributed Control, Robust Stability, Power Systems, Cyber-Physical Systems

### Analytical

Nonlinear Systems, Systems and Control, Convex Optimization, Game Theory

## Languages

English, Mandarin, Japanese (N1), Cantonese, Teochew

## HONORS

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2016 - 2020 UPF Scholarship: HKU Foundation Postgraduate Fellowship  
2015 National Scholarship, Department of Physics, Zhejiang University  
2014 National Scholarship, Department of Physics, Zhejiang University

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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### Chairmanship

2023 Student Activities Co-Chairs, *IFAC World Congress 2023*, Yokohama, Japan

### Referee for Journals and Conferences

Automatica

IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control

IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems

IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology

IEEE Control Systems Letters

IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers

IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II: Express Briefs

International Journal of Control, Automation and Systems

IET Generation, Transmission & Distribution

IEEE Conference on Decision and Control

American Control Conference

European Control Conference

## TEACHING

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### Qualification

Jan, 2017 Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, HKU

### Teaching Assistant

2022	Supervisor	Cambridge - 3F2-Systems and Control
2021	Demonstrator	Cambridge - IB Labs I2 Vehicle motion control/I3 Position control
2019 - 2020	Teaching Assistant	HKU CCST9015 - Electronic Technologies in Everyday Life
2018	Lab demonstrator	HKU ELEC3245 - Control and instrumentation
2017	Lab demonstrator	HKU ELEC3222/4242 - Robotics

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Preprints

1. **M. Li\***, T. Hatanaka, M. Nagahara, "On the Generalization of the Multivariable Popov Criterion for Slope-Restricted Nonlinearities", submitted to *CDC 2024*.
2. A.D. Carnerero, T. Tanaka, **M. Li**, Y. Wasa, K. Hirata, Y. Ushifusa, T. Hatanaka, "Achieving Net-Zero Energy Houses With Photovoltaic Panels and Batteries", submitted to *IEEE Access*.
3. **M. Li\***, K. Laib, T. Hatanaka, I. Lestas, "Convergence Rate Bounds for the Mirror Descent Method: IQCs, the Popov Criterion and Bregman Divergence", provisionally accepted as Regular Paper by *Automatica*.

4. G. Zuo, **M. Li**, L. Zhu, “Prescribed Finite-Time Synchronization of Networked Uncertain Euler-Lagrange Systems”, submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems*.

### Journal Papers

1. **M. Li\***, T. Tanaka, A.D. Carnerero, Y. Wasa, K. Hirata, Y. Fujisaki, Y. Ushifusa, T. Hatanaka, “Stochastic Optimal Investment Strategy for Net-Zero Energy Houses”, *IET Renewable Power Generation*, Early View.
2. **M. Li\***, J. Watson, I. Lestas, “Distributed Optimal Secondary Frequency Control for Power Systems With Delay Independent Stability,” *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, Early Access.
3. **M. Li\***, I. Lestas, L. Qiu, “Parallel Feedforward Compensation for Output Synchronization: Fully Distributed Control and Indefinite Laplacian,” *Systems & Control Letters*, vol. 164, pp. 105250, 2022.
4. L. Su, **M. Li**, V. Gupta, G. Chesi, “Distributed Resource Allocation Over Time-Varying Balanced Digraphs With Discrete-time Communication,” *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems*, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 487–499, 2022.
5. **M. Li\***, G. Chesi, Y. Hong, “Input-Feedforward-Passivity-Based Distributed Optimization Over Jointly Connected Balanced Digraphs,” *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, vol. 66, no. 9, pp. 4117–4131, 2021.
6. **M. Li\***, L. Su, T. Liu, “Distributed Optimization With Event-triggered Communication via Input Feedforward Passivity,” *IEEE Control Systems Letters*, vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 283–288, 2021.
7. **M. Li\***, S. Yamashita, T. Hatanaka, G. Chesi, “Smooth Dynamics for Constrained Distributed Optimization With Heterogeneous Delays,” *IEEE Control Systems Letters*, vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 626–631, 2020.
8. S. Yamashita, **M. Li**, T. Hatanaka, “Robustification of Continuous-Time ADMM Against Communication Delays Under Non-Strict Convexity: A Passivity-Based Approach,” *SICE Journal of Control, Measurement, and System Integration*, vol. 13, no. 6, pp. 299–305, 2020.
9. **M. Li**, L. Su, G. Chesi, “Consensus of Heterogeneous Multi-Agent Systems With Diffusive Couplings via Passivity Indices,” *IEEE Control Systems Letters*, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 434–439, 2019.
10. **M. Li\***, “Generalized Lagrange Multiplier Method and KKT Conditions With an Application to Distributed Optimization,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II: Express Briefs*, vol. 66, no. 2, pp. 252–256, 2019.

### Conference Papers

1. T. W. Nguyen, R. Ito, **M. Li**, K. Hirata, “Toward a Standardized Framework for Developing Zero-Energy House Simulation Environments Using Reproducible Validation Tests”, *11th SICE Multi-Symposium on Control Systems (MCSC)*, 2024.
2. R. Xiong, H. Jing, **M. Li**, Y. Shi, M. Taya, T. Hatanaka, Y. Nakahira and P. Tang, “Optimizing HVAC Systems for Energy Efficiency and Comfort: A Scalable and Robust Multi-Zone Control Approach with Uncertainty Considerations”, *2023 ASCE International Conference on Computing in Civil Engineering (i3CE)*, 2023.
3. **M. Li\***, K. Laib, I. Lestas, “Convergence Rate Bounds for the Mirror Descent Method: IQCs and the Bregman Divergence,” *2022 IEEE 61st Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 6326–6331, 2022.
4. I. Papastaikoudis, **M. Li**, I. Lestas, “Hypergraph Based Distributed Quadratic Optimization”, *25th International Symposium on Mathematical Theory of Networks and Systems (MTNS)*, 2022.

5. L. Zhu, Y. Zeng, **M. Li**, “Distributed Formation Control via Distributed Optimization,” *17th IEEE International Conference on Control & Automation (ICCA)*, 874–879, 2022.
6. **M. Li\***, G. Chesi, Y. Hong, “Input-Feedforward-Passivity-Based Distributed Optimization Over Directed and Switching Topologies,” *58th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 6056–6061, 2019.
7. **M. Li\***, T. Liu, “Distributed Robust Resource Allocation With Convex-Concave Uncertain Objective Functions,” *57th Annual Conference of the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers of Japan (SICE)*, 368–373, 2018.