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## Experience

Assistant Professor, School of Information Science and Technology, ShanghaiTech, 2014–present  
Academic Visitor, CPSE, Imperial College London, Summer 2018  
Visiting Scholar, EECS, University of California, Berkeley, Winter 2016  
Visiting Professor, Institute for Microsystems Engineering, University of Freiburg, Summer 2014  
Visiting Professor, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, Summer 2014  
Research Faculty, Department of Automation, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2013–2014  
Postdoctoral Researcher, CPSE, Imperial College London, 2012–2013  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Optimization in Engineering Center, KU Leuven, 2011

## Education

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, KU Leuven, 2011  
Diploma in Mathematics, University of Heidelberg, 2007

## Research Areas

- Control theory and algorithms, embedded control
- Distributed- and robust optimization, optimal control
- Numerical optimization and control algorithms, cyber-physical systems
- Set-based computing algorithms, applications in robust- and global optimal control
- Optimization and real-time control software

## Honors and Awards

- ShanghaiTech Excellent Professor Award, ShanghaiTech University, 2016.
- SIST Excellence in Research Award, ShanghaiTech University, 2016.
- FRIAS Fellowship (for visiting professors), Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, 2014.

- ICCOPT Best Paper Award for a Young Researcher in Continuous Optimization (Finalist, Top 3) for the paper “Nonlinear Robust Optimization via Sequential Convex Bilevel Programming” by B. Houska and M. Diehl, *Mathematical Programming, Series A*, 2013.
- Marie-Curie Fellowship for the project “Next Generation Algorithms for Robust and Global Optimization of Dynamic Systems”, 2012.

## Plenary and Distinguished Lectures

1. Keynote lecture on “Robust Model Predictive Control”, CPSE Summer School on “Recent advances in robust control”, Imperial College London, September 3–6, 2018. (invited by prof. Wolfram Wiesemann)
2. Keynote lecture (in the form of a workshop) on “Distributed Optimization and Control with ALADIN”, 21st International (IFAC) Conference on Process Control, Štrbské Pleso, Slovakia, June 6–9, 2017. (invited by prof. Miroslav Fikar and prof. Michal Kvasnica)
3. Plenary lecture as a co-author (presented by the first author, Benoît Chachuat) at the 9th International Symposium on Advanced Control of Chemical Processes (ADCHEM), Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, June 2015.
4. Plenary speaker in the best paper award session at the International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), Lisbon, 2013.
5. Plenary lecture (on behalf of prof. Moritz Diehl) at the 2nd International Workshop on Mathematics and Algorithms for Computer-Aided Manufacturing, Engineering and Numerical Control (MAMENC), October 25-26, Beijing, 2012.

## Invited Talks and Seminars

1. B. Houska, M.E. Villanueva. Gram-Charlier expansion methods and their applications in control. Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, October 4, 2018. (invited by prof. Radoslav Paulen)
2. B. Houska and B. Chachuat. Global optimization in Hilbert space. International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP 2018), Bordeaux, France, July 1–6, 2018. (invited by prof. Coralia Cartis)
3. M.E. Villanueva, X. Feng, B. Houska. Backward-forward reach set splitting for differential games. 14th Viennese Conference on Optimal Control and Dynamic Games, Vienna, July 3–6, 2018. (invited by prof. Karl Worthmann)
4. B. Houska. Fighting uncertainty—self reflecting and dual control. Fourth Symposium on Future Innovations in Process Systems Engineering (FIPSE’18), Chakidiki, Greece, June 25–27, 2018.
5. B. Houska. Set Based Computing Methods in Optimization and Control. Institute for Automation Engineering, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, March 7, 2018. (invited by prof. Rolf Findeisen)

6. X. Feng, M.E. Villanueva, B. Houska. Differential games: a reach set approach. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, USA, October 22, 2017.
7. B. Houska. Set Based Computing Methods in Optimization and Control. Automatic Control, Automation and Mechatronics Division, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, September 5, 2017. (invited by Dr. Mario Zanon)
8. Y. Zha, B. Houska. Interval Superposition Arithmetic. Bremen Institute of Industrial Technology, University of Bremen, June 20, 2017. (invited by prof. Jürgen Pannek)
9. B. Houska, X. Feng. Self-reflective model predictive control. Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, June 13, 2017. (invited by prof. Radoslav Paulen)
10. J.C. Li, B. Houska. Robust model predictive control using ellipsoidal robust forward invariant tubes. Bremen Institute of Industrial Technology, University of Bremen, June 13, 2017. (invited by prof. Jürgen Pannek)
11. B. Houska. Set Based Computing Methods in Optimization and Control. Hybrid Systems Group Seminar, EECS, University of California, Berkeley, February 8, 2017. (invited by prof. Claire Tomlin)
12. M.A. Müller, B. Houska. Cost-to-travel functions—a new perspective on economic model predictive control. Joint Annual Meeting of the International Association of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (GAMM), March 6–10, 2017.
13. Y. Jiang, B. Houska. Distributed Optimization and Control with ALADIN. Institute for Microsystems Engineering, University of Freiburg, Germany, September 2, 2016. (invited by prof. Moritz Diehl)
14. B. Houska, X. Feng. Self-reflective model predictive control. Institute for Microsystems Engineering, University of Freiburg, Germany, September 2, 2016. (invited by prof. Moritz Diehl)
15. Y. Jiang, B. Houska. Distributed Optimization and Control with ALADIN. Institute for Systems Theory and Automatic Control, University of Stuttgart, Germany, August 31, 2016. (invited by Dr. Matthias A. Müller)
16. B. Houska, X. Feng. Self-reflective model predictive control. Institute for Systems Theory and Automatic Control, University of Stuttgart, Germany, August 30, 2016. (invited by Dr. Matthias A. Müller)
17. B. Houska, J.C. Li, B. Chachuat. Robust optimal control using generalized higher order moment expansions. 5th International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), Tokyo, Japan, August 8–11, 2016. (invited by prof. Ishan Yanikoglu)
18. B. Houska. Global optimization in control: potential and open problems. Third Symposium on Future Innovations in Process Systems Engineering (FIPSE'16), Rhodes, Greece, June 20–23, 2016.
19. B. Houska. Nonlinear and robust MPC using min-max differential inequalities. Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, June 10, 2016. (invited by prof. Michal Kvasnica and Dr. Juraj Oravec)

20. B. Houska. ALADIN—An Augmented Lagrangian Based Algorithm for Distributed Non-Convex Optimization and Control. Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, June 9, 2016. (invited by prof. Michal Kvasnica and Dr. Juraj Oravec)
21. B. Houska. Nonlinear and robust MPC with applications in robotics. Workshop on Robust Optimization-Based Control and Planning for Legged Robots, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Stockholm, May 16, 2016. (invited by prof. Russ Tedrake and Dr. Andrea Del Prete)
22. B. Houska. ALADIN—An Augmented Lagrangian Based Algorithm for Distributed Non-Convex Optimization and Control. Workshop on Economic and Distributed Model Predictive Control, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, March 21–23, 2016. (invited by prof. Colin Jones and Dr. Timm Faulwasser)
23. B. Houska. Enforcing Asymptotic Orbital Stability of Economic MPC. 1st Symposium on Robotics and Model Predictive Control: Path Following, BIBA, University of Bremen, Germany, September 13–16, 2015. (invited by prof. Karl Worthmann)
24. B. Houska. Nonlinear MPC in the Microsecond Range. 1st Symposium on Robotics and Model Predictive Control: Path Following, BIBA, University of Bremen, Germany, September 13–16, 2015. (invited by prof. Jürgen Pannek)
25. B. Houska. Global Optimal Control Algorithms and Their Application to Biochemical Processes Control. Carnegie Mellon University, USA, July 23, 2015. (invited by prof. Lorenz T. Biegler)
26. B. Houska, J. Frasch, M. Diehl. Augmented Lagrangian Based Algorithm for Distributed Optimal Control. *International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP)*, Pittsburgh, USA, July 17, 2015. (invited by prof. Christian Kirches)
27. B. Houska. Enforcing Asymptotic Orbital Stability of Economic Model Predictive Control. Magdeburg Lectures on Optimization and Control, University of Magdeburg, Germany, 2014. (invited by prof. Rolf Findeisen)
28. B. Houska. Set-Valued Integrators and Their Application in Robust Optimal Control. FRIAS Workshop on Robust Optimization and Control, University of Freiburg, Germany, 2014. (invited by prof. Moritz Diehl)
29. B. Houska, B. Chachuat. Global Optimization in Infinite Dimensional Hilbert Spaces. SIAM Conference on Optimization, San Diego, USA, 2014. (invited by prof. Christopher Thomas Ryan)
30. B. Houska. Global Optimal Control Algorithms and Their Application to Biochemical Processes Control. OPTEC mini symposium—Computer-aided process engineering for modeling, control and optimization in the (bio)chemical industry: the quest for efficient, clean and safe solutions, KU Leuven, Belgium, 2014. (invited by prof. Jan Van Impe)
31. J. Rajyaguru, M.E. Villanueva, B. Houska, B. Chachuat. Higher-Order Inclusions of Nonlinear Systems By Chebyshev Models. AIChE Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov 16–21, 2014.

32. B. Houska. Numerical Methods for Fast Optimal Control of Mechatronic Systems. ShanghaiTech University, February 19, 2014. (invited by prof. Shuguang Cui)
33. B. Houska, M.E. Villanueva, B. Chachuat. Validated Integration of Nonlinear ODEs Using Taylor Models and Ellipsoidal Calculus. AICHE Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 3–8, 2013.
34. B. Houska, B. Chachuat. Branch-and-Lift Algorithm for Deterministic Global Optimization in Nonlinear Optimal Control. AICHE Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 3–8, 2013.
35. B. Houska, B. Chachuat. Branch-and-Lift Algorithm for Deterministic Global Optimization in Nonlinear Optimal Control. 4th International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), Lisbon, Portugal, July 27–August 1, 2013.
36. B. Houska, B. Chachuat. A Direct Method for Deterministic Global Optimization of Nonlinear Optimal Control Problems. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, USA, 2012. (invited by Dr. Polyxeni-Margarita Kleniati)
37. B. Houska, M. Villanueva, M. Diehl, and B. Chachuat. Comparison of Bounding Techniques for Nonlinear ODEs. Computational Management Science Conference, London, 2012.
38. B. Houska, M. Diehl, O. Stein, P. Steuermann. Lifting methods for generalized semi-infinite programs. *International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP)*, Berlin, Germany, 2012. (invited by prof. Daniel Kuhn)
39. B. Houska. Robust Optimization of Dynamic Systems. Workshop on Modeling, Simulation, and Optimization of Uncertain Systems, Heidelberg, Germany, 2012. (invited by prof. Christian Kirches)
40. B. Houska. Lifting Methods for Generalized Semi-Infinite Programs. QUADS Seminar, Imperial College London, March 22, 2012. (invited by prof. Daniel Kuhn)
41. J. Gillis, J. Geebelen, J. Sternberg-Kaletta, S. Gros, B. Houska, M. Diehl. Lyapunov based design of robust linear-feedback for time-optimal periodic quadcopter motion. *Benelux Meeting on Systems and Control*, Heijderbos, Heijen/Nijmegen, The Netherlands, March 27–29, 2012.
42. F. Logist, D. Telen, M. Vallerio, P. Van Erdeghem, B. Houska, M. Diehl, J. Van Impe. Multi-objective optimal control of dynamic industrial processes. *International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making*, Jyväskylä, Finland, June 13–17, 2011.
43. B. Houska and M. Diehl. Robust Optimization of Nonlinear Constrained Dynamic Systems. *SIAM Conference on Optimization*, Darmstadt, Germany, 2011. (invited by prof. Dick Den Hertog)
44. B. Houska, J. Sternberg, and M. Diehl. Numerical Methods to Compute Periodic and Open-Loop Stable Orbits. *International Airborne Windenergy Conference*, Leuven, Belgium, 2011.
45. B. Houska. Solving Robust Optimal Control Problems with ACADO Toolkit. School of Mathematical Sciences, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2009. (invited by prof. Jinyan Fan)

46. M. Diehl and B. Houska. Optimal Control of Large Power Generating Kite Systems. *SIAM Conference on Optimization*, Boston, USA, 2009.
47. B. Houska, H.J. Ferreau, M. Diehl. ACADO—An Open-Source Toolkit for Automatic Control and Dynamic Optimization. *Belgian-French-German Conference on Optimization*, Leuven, Belgium, 2009.
48. B. Houska and M. Diehl. Modeling and Parameter Estimation for Power Generating Kites. *Conference on Modeling, Simulation and Optimization of Complex Processes*, Heidelberg, Germany, 2008.
49. B. Houska and M. Diehl. Robustness and Stability Optimization for Nonlinear Time-Periodic Systems with Inequality State Constraints. *OPTEC Workshop on Distance Measures and Eigenvalue Optimization*, Leuven, Belgium, 2008.
50. B. Houska and M. Diehl. Robust and Nonlinear Model Predictive Control for Power Generating Kites. *Workshop on Robust MPC*, Leuven, Belgium, 2008.

## Poster Awards

- CAST Directors' Award for the poster "Higher-Order Inclusions of Nonlinear Systems" by B. Chachuat, J. Rajyaguru, M.E. Villanueva, and B. Houska, 2015.
- Best Poster Award (3<sup>rd</sup> prize) for the poster "Efficient numerical methods for computation of open-loop stable kite orbits." by J. Sternberg, B. Houska, M. Diehl, Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC), 2011.

## Research Projects and Leadership Roles

- Bilateral Grant Agreement (Slovakia-China, together with prof. Radoslav Paulen) for the project “Verified Estimation and Control of Chemical Processes”, 2018–2020.
- Full member of the Scientific Network on “External Regulation of Mobile Robots using Model Predictive Control: Beyond Set Point Stabilization” funded by German Research Foundation (DFG), 2017–2018.
- Bilateral Grant Agreement (Slovakia-China, together with prof. Michal Kvasnica) for the project “Robust Model Predictive Control meets Robotics”, 2015–2017.
- NSFC Grant for the project “Embedded Optimization Algorithms for Economic Model Predictive Control”, National Natural Science Foundation China, 2015–2018.
- Associated member of the Scientific Network on “External Regulation of Mobile Robots using Model Predictive Control: Set Point Stabilization, Path Following, and Distributed Control” funded by German Research Foundation (DFG), 2015–2016.
- Marie-Curie project (FP7) “Next Generation Algorithms for Robust and Global Optimization of Dynamic Systems”, 2012.
- Various institutional grants (Imperial College London (2013), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (2013/14), ShanghaiTech University (2014–present)).

## URL Links

- Latest version of this CV: [faculty.sist.shanghaitech.edu.cn/faculty/boris/downloads/houska\\_cv.pdf](http://faculty.sist.shanghaitech.edu.cn/faculty/boris/downloads/houska_cv.pdf)
- Orcid ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6761-239X>
- Google Scholar: [scholar.google.com/citations?user=FetRI5cAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=FetRI5cAAAAJ&hl=en)
- Scopus: <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=23008711800>
- ResearchGate: [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Boris\\_Houska](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Boris_Houska)

## Advising

### Postdocs

- Main supervisor of Mario E. Villanueva, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–present.
  - Winner of the 2016 Dudley Newitt Prize

### Graduate Students

- Main supervisor of Jiahe Shi, ShanghaiTech University, 2018–present.
- Main supervisor of Xu (Michael) Du, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–present.
- Main supervisor of Kai Wang, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–present.
- Main supervisor of Xuhui Feng, ShanghaiTech University, 2014–present.
- Main supervisor of Yuning Jiang, ShanghaiTech University, 2014–present.
- Main supervisor of Yanlin Zha, ShanghaiTech University, 2015–2018.
  - Part time intern at ABB Shanghai, 2017
  - Master at ShanghaiTech, 2018
  - Now PhD student at Imperial College London
- Main supervisor of Jiaqi (Catherine) Li, ShanghaiTech University, 2015–2018.
  - Master at ShanghaiTech, 2018
  - Now Engineer at 3M Shanghai

### Undergraduate Students

- Main supervisor of Junyan Su, ShanghaiTech University, 2018–present.
  - Concurrent enrollment student at UC Berkeley, 2018–present
  - Summer school student at CMU (via RISS program), 2018
- Main supervisor of Zhenyang Li, ShanghaiTech University, 2018–present.
- Main supervisor of Haimin Hu, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–2018.
  - Concurrent enrollment student at UC Berkeley, 2017–2018
  - Now with U. Penn, supervised by prof. G.J. Pappas
- Main supervisor of Jiahe Shi, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–2018.
  - Semi-Finalist at Microsoft Imagine Cup, 2017
  - Now with ShanghaiTech University
- Main supervisor of Yi Zheng, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–2018.
  - now with University of Southern California, Los Angeles



## Visiting Faculty

- Host of Colin N. Jones, ShanghaiTech University, Spring 2018.  
(associate professor at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)  
(upcoming sabbatical visit)
- Host of Miroslav Fikar, ShanghaiTech University, July 2018.  
(professor at Slovak Institute of Technology in Bratislava)
- Host of Radoslav Paulen, ShanghaiTech University, July 2018.  
(associate professor at Slovak Institute of Technology in Bratislava)
- Host of Karl Worthmann, ShanghaiTech University, March 2016 and April 2018.  
(junior professor at University of Ilmenau)

## Visiting Postdocs

- Host of Matthias A. Müller, ShanghaiTech University, April 2018.  
(formerly Univ. of Stuttgart, now professor at Univ. of Hannover)
- Host of Juraj Oravec, ShanghaiTech University, September 2016.  
(postdoc at Slovak Institute of Technology in Bratislava)

## Visiting Students

- Host of Petra Artzová, ShanghaiTech University, Spring 2019.  
(PhD student at Slovak Institute of Technology in Bratislava)  
(upcoming)
- Host of Carlos Valero, ShanghaiTech University, Spring 2019.  
(PhD student at Slovak Institute of Technology in Bratislava)  
(upcoming)
- Host of Alexander Engelmann, ShanghaiTech University, Fall 2018.  
(PhD student at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)
- Host of Elena De Lazzari, ShanghaiTech University, 2017–2018.  
(Master from TU Delft)
- Host of Alexander Murray, ShanghaiTech University, Fall 2017.  
(PhD student at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)
- Host of Daniela Paksiova, ShanghaiTech University, September 2016.  
(now with Honeywell, Brno)
- Host of Rien Quirynen, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Spring 2014.  
(now with Mitsubishi Electrical Research Lab)

## Co-supervised Students

- Co-supervisor of Mario E. Villanueva, Imperial College London, 2013–2016.  
(Ph.D. 2016, first position: postdoc at Texas A&M, now with ShanghaiTech)
- Co-supervisor of Jai Rayjaguru, Imperial College London, 2013–2016.

## Awards to my Students

- DAAD Scholarship for a 4 months research stay at the Institute of Industrial Technology, Bremen (via German Academic Exchange Service) for the project “Robust Model Predictive Control for Carrying Glassplates with KUKA Robots”, awarded to Jiaqi C. Li, 2017.
- DAAD Scholarship for a 4 months stay at the Institute of Industrial Technology, Bremen (via German Academic Exchange Service) for the project “Distributed Set-Valued Computation for Traffic Intersection Coordination”, awarded to Yanlin Zha, 2017.
- Scholarship for a 6 months research stay at the Institute for Microsystems Engineering (IMTEK), University of Freiburg (via prof. Moritz Diehl), awarded to Yuning Jiang, 2017.
- 2017 National Scholarship (China), awarded to Xuhui Feng, 2017.
- 2016 National Scholarship (China), awarded to Yuning Jiang, 2016.
- 2015 National Scholarship (China), awarded to Yuning Jiang, 2015.

## Professional Service

### ShanghaiTech Service and Leadership Roles

- Co-chair of SIST Degree Committee, 2018–present.
- Member of SIST Faculty Search Committee, 2015–2018.
- Advisory service for the University Leadership on International Faculty Search, 2017.  
(university-wide committee, invited by Vice President Renchang Hua)
- Chair of SIST Graduate Admission Committee, March 2017.
- Member of SIST Seminar Committee, 2017–2018.
- Member of SIST Public Relations Committee, 2015–2016.

### Technical Meetings—Leadership Roles

- Co-organizer of the invited session “Advances in Stochastic and Set-Based Control and Estimation”, 12th IFAC Symposium on Dynamics and Control of Process Systems, April 23–26, 2019.  
(together with prof. Ali Mesbah, prof. Radoslav Paulen, and Dr. Mario E. Villanueva)  
(upcoming)
- Organizer of the “International Workshop on Advanced Methods for Control and Estimation of Dynamic Systems (AMCEDS 2018)”, ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China, July 23, 2018.  
(together with prof. Radoslav Paulen, Dr. Juraj Oravec, and Dr. Mario E. Villanueva)
- Organizer of the Scientific Network Meeting “Regulation of Mobile Robots using MPC: Beyond Set Point Stabilization”, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden, September 4–6, 2017.  
(together with prof. Karl Worthmann and Dr. Mario Zanon)
- Organizer of the “2015 ShanghaiTech Workshop on Model Predictive Control”, School of Information Science and Technology, ShanghaiTech, China, December 11, 2015.
- Organizer of the “FRIAS Workshop on Robust Optimization and Control”, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, Germany, August 20, 2014.
- Co-organizer of the OPTEC Workshop on Distance Measures and Eigenvalue Optimization, June 19-20, Leuven, 2008.  
(together with prof. W. Michiels, Dr. J. Vanbierfliet, and prof. M. Diehl)
- Co-organizer of the International Workshop on Modelling and Optimization of Power Generating Kites, January 30, Leuven, 2007.  
(together with A. Ilzhöfer and prof. M. Diehl)

## Technical Program Committee

- International program committee member, 58th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, December 11–13, 2019.
- Member of the Technical Program Committee on Process Control, IEEE Control Systems Society, 2018–present.  
<http://process-control.ieeecss.org/industrial-home>
- International program committee member, 12th IFAC Symposium on Dynamics and Control of Process Systems, April 23–26, 2019.
- International program committee member, 6th IFAC International Conference on Nonlinear Model Predictive Control, August 19–22, 2018.
- International program committee member, 15th IEEE International Symposium on Safety, Security, and Rescue Robotics, October 11–13, 2017.
- International program committee member, Airborne Wind Energy Conference, October 5–6, 2017.

## Conference Session Chair/Co-chair

- Chair of the session *Predictive Control of Nonlinear Systems I*, 57th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, Florida, December, 2018.
- Area chair (for the area “optimization”), 6th IFAC International Conference on Nonlinear Model Predictive Control, August, 2018.
- Chair of the outbreak session *Open problems, tools, and methods to handle and tackle uncertainty in large scale systems*, Fourth Symposium on Future Innovations in Process Systems Engineering (FIPSE’18), Chakidiki, Greece, June 25–27, 2018.
- Organizer and chair of the invited session *Global Optimization*, INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, USA, October, 2017.  
(together with Dr. Mario E. Villanueva)
- Chair of the session “Sparse Representation”, ShanghaiTech Symposium on Data Science, Shanghai, June 2015.
- Chair of the session “Large Scale Parallel and Distributed Optimization”, ShanghaiTech Symposium on Data Science, Shanghai, June 2015.
- Chair of the invited session *Topics in Global Optimization*, INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, USA, 2012.
- Chair of the session *Robust Nonlinear Control I*, 7th IFAC Symposium on Robust Control Design, Aalborg, Denmark, 2012.
- Co-chair of the session *Robustness Analysis*, 7th IFAC Symposium on Robust Control Design, Aalborg, Denmark, 2012.

### **Expert Reviewer for Funding Agencies**

- Expert reviewer for Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), 2017.
- Expert reviewer for German Research Foundation (DFG), 2016/17.

### **Editorial Activities**

- Subject Editor, Optimal Control Applications & Methods, 2018–present.
- Associate Editor, IFAC NMPC (Conference Proceedings), 2018.

### **Technical Reviewer**

- Automatica
- IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
- SIAM Journal on Optimization (SIOPT)
- SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization (SICON)
- Journal of Process Control
- Mathematical Programming
- Applied Numerical Mathematics
- Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization
- Journal of Global Optimization (JOGO)
- Optimal Control Applications & Methods (OCAM)
- Systems & Control Letters
- Optimization Letters
- Journal of Control Engineering Practice
- Computers & Chemical Engineering
- Selected international control conferences: CDC, ECC, ACC, IFAC World Congress.

### **Opponent Services**

- External assessor (member of Ph.D. jury committee) of Dries Telen, KU Leuven, 2014.
- Co-examiner of Benedikt Schleusener's Bachelor Defense, University of Freiburg, 2014.

## Teaching

### Summary

Dr. Houska teaches the undergraduate course *Introduction to Control* and two major graduate courses, named *Linear Systems* and *Numerical Analysis*. All three courses have been developed from scratch at ShanghaiTech University. He offers block courses on *Optimal Control* and contributed to the development of his school's flag-ship lecture on *Introduction to Information Science and Technology* for first year students.

### ShanghaiTech University

- Introduction to Control.  
Spring 2017, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018.  
<http://sist.shanghaitech.edu.cn/faculty/boris/EE160.html>
- Optimal Control.  
Summer 2016.  
<http://sist.shanghaitech.edu.cn/faculty/boris/EE263.html>
- Linear Systems.  
Spring 2015 and Spring 2016.  
<http://sist.shanghaitech.edu.cn/faculty/boris/EE550.html>
- Numerical Analysis.  
Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018.  
<http://sist.shanghaitech.edu.cn/faculty/boris/TF502.html>
- Linear Algebra.  
As substitute teacher (2 x 2h): Fall 2017.
- Introduction to Information Science and Technology.  
As assistant teacher: Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2018.

### University of Freiburg

- Organizer of the “TEMPO-Course on Robust Optimal Control” (together with S. Diamond, Stanford), September 3-4, University of Freiburg, 2014.

### Shanghai Jiao Tong University

- Assistant teacher of the course “Basic Principles of Automation” (together with Wei Wang), Fall 2013.

### University of Trento

- Co-organizer and teacher of the “Nonlinear Dynamic Optimization Course” (together with M. Diehl), July 4-8, Trento, 2011.

## **Norwegian University of Science & Technology**

- Co-organizer and teacher of the “Numerical Optimal Control Course” (together with M. Diehl), June 7-11, Trondheim, 2010.

## **KU Leuven**

- Organizer of the OPTEC Tutorial Course on Automatic Control and Dynamic Optimization (together with M. Diehl and H.J. Ferreau), July 14-15, Leuven, 2011.
- Co-organizer and teacher of the ATHENS Course on Embedded and Convex Optimization for Control (together with S. Boyd and M. Diehl), March 15-19, Leuven, 2010.
- Co-organizer and teacher of the ATHENS Course on Numerical Optimal Control Algorithms and Applications in Renewable Energy Systems (together with H.J. Ferreau and M. Diehl), November 16-20, Leuven, 2009.

## Publications

### Summary

Dr. Houska has over 34 journal papers published or in press, one of which has won a best paper award. He has published 43 peer-reviewed conference papers and 2 book chapters. His publications have been cited over 2200 times in Google Scholar with an h-index of 20 as of December 2018. Links to his publications can be found at [scholar.google.com/citations?user=FetRI5cAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=FetRI5cAAAAJ&hl=en)

### Journal Papers

1. A. Engelmann, Y. Jiang, T. Mühlpfordt, B. Houska, T. Faulwasser. Towards distributed OPF using ALADIN. *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 2018. (accepted)
2. B. Houska, B. Chachuat. Global optimization in Hilbert space. *Mathematical Programming, Series A*, 2018. (accepted)
3. X. Feng, B. Houska. Real-time algorithm for self-reflective model predictive control. *Journal of Process Control*, Volume 65, pp. 68–77, 2018.
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