# **FRANCO FUSCO**

### **Research & Development Engineer**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### R&D Engineer (CDI)

#### Neurodec & neurodec.ai

Mar 2022 - Mar 2025

Valbonne (FR)

Development and maintenance of MDT\*, a Python/C++ simulator for electrical activity during muscular contractions. Employed libraries: PyTorch, SQLAlchemy, Flask, CGAL.

\*Maksymenko et al., "A myoelectric digital twin for fast and realistic modelling in deep learning." Nature Communications 14.1 (2023): 1600. • available online

#### **ATER**

#### 13S Sophia Antipolis & IUT Nice Côte d'Azur

Sep 2021 - Feb 2022

Sophia Antipolis (FR) & Nice (FR)

**Research activities:** investigation of novel control schemes based on a hybrid model-based and data-driven approach, using MPC techniques in conjunction with DNNs.

**Teaching activities:** 180+ hours between lectures and practical sessions (control theory, reinforcement learning, programming).

### Post-doc: Advanced Robot Control

#### **I3S Sophia Antipolis**

Dec 2020 - Aug 2021

Sophia Antipolis (FR)

Study of parameterized MPC algorithms tailored for highly nonlinear systems with fast dynamics and limited computational power.

# **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

#### Ph.D. in Robotics

#### **LS2N Centrale Nantes**

Oct 2017 - Nov2020

Nantes (FR)

Thesis title: Dynamic Visual Servoing for Fast Robotic Arms

### M.Sc. in Robotics

### Università degli studi di Genova & Centrale Nantes

☐ Sep2015 - Aug2017

Genoa (IT) & Nantes (FR)

**Thesis title:** Obstacle and Self-collision Avoidance with a Dualarm Manipulator

### **B.Sc.** in Mechatronics

#### Università degli studi di Padova

☐ Sep2012 - Nov2015

▼ Vicenza (IT)

**Thesis title:** Data Acquisition System for a Line-scan-camera of the Freescale-Cup Vehicle

## **STRENGTHS**

Fast Learner Hard-working Team Player

Detail-oriented Independent Enthusiastic

C++ Python GIT LETEX ROS VISP

Nonlinear Control Applied Linear Algebra

Optimization Techniques Machine Learning

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] Fusco *et al.* (2020), Integrating features acceleration in Visual Predictive Control.
- [2] Fusco *et al.* (2022), Benchmarking nonlinear model predictive control with input parameterizations.
- [3] Isralov *et al.* (2023), Reinforcement learning approach to control an inverted pendulum: A general framework for educational purposes.

# **LANGUAGES**

French	
English	••••
Italian (mother tongue)	••••
Spanish	••••

# **OTHER INTERESTS**

Photography Hiking Scuba-diving

Skiing 3D printing

# REFEREES

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