

# FRANCO FUSCO

## Research & Development Engineer

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### R&D Engineer (CDI)

Neurodec [neurodec.ai](https://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

I3S 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 non-linear 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 Dual-arm 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

Enthusiastic

C++

Python

LaTeX

ROS

ViSP

Nonlinear Control

Applied Linear Algebra

## 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

## MY LIFE PHILOSOPHY

"If life's a movie, be the actor – not a spectator"

## REFEREES

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