

MARTA FOCESATO

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EDUCATION

Sept 2020 - ongoing **PhD at Automatic Control Laboratory, Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology**, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

- Research on Stochastic Optimization and Predictive Control
 - Design of data-driven algorithms for predictive control of stochastic dynamical systems under safety constraints
 - Distributionally robust optimization for risk-aware programs
 - Main application to energy markets
- Courses : Large-scale convex optimization, numerical optimization, Distributed optimization, Optimal Control
- Head Teaching Assistant of Signal and System 2 (200+ students)
- Winner of the “DocMobility” 2022/2023 Fellowship from ETH to support research stay abroad (less than 20 fellowships per year for the entire university).

Sept 2023 - Feb 2024 **Visiting researcher**, University of Oxford, UK

- Visiting at the Oxford Control Group hosted by Prof. Paul Goular working on
 - Co-design of certificates and controllers for safety of stochastic systems via convex optimization
 - Interplay between quality and quantity in data-driven optimization.

Oct 2017 - Dec 2019 **Master in Industrial Engineering - Focus : Process Systems Engineering**, University of Padua, Italy

- Final grade : first-class honors (110/110 Cum Laude)
- Master thesis abroad at University of Eindhoven (NL).
- Awards : “Mille e una Lode” scholarship (2018), MIUR national scholarship for best students in STEM (2018).

Oct 2014 - July 2017 **Bachelor in Industrial Engineering - Focus : Process Systems Engineering**, University of Padua, Italy

- Final grade : first-class honors (110/110 Cum Laude)
- Full scholarship based on academic achievements from University of Padua (2017).

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2024- Sept 2024 **Research intern, MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC RESEARCH LABORATORY, Boston (US)**

Research topic : perception-aware control of autonomous vehicles.

Software development

Data-driven control

Computer vision

- Nov. 2019-
Apr. 2020

Modelling and Simulation Engineer, HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE, Basel (CH)
Development of hybrid (data-based and physics-based) predictive models and control architectures for of pharmaceutical processes.

Predictive modelling Process optimization Data analytics Project management
- Feb. 2019-
Jul. 2019

Visiting researcher, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF EINDHOVEN, The Netherlands (NL)
Implementation of a multiphase computational fluid dynamics numerical scheme for the petrochemical industry.

Numerical analysis CFD C++ Linux
- Jul. 2017-
Sept. 2017

Research intern, PSE LTD., London (UK)
Development of a tool for structure-property prediction of active pharmaceutical ingredient based on density function theory.

Numerical optimization Mathematical programming Consulting

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Key areas** Stochastic optimization, Data analytics, Modelling and Simulation, Advanced control methods
- Programming** Matlab, Python, basics of C/C++ and R Studio
- Libraries** Pytorch, Tensorflow, NumPy
- Modelling** Aspen, Ansys, gPROMS, Proll
- OS** Windows, basics of Linux
- Administration** \LaTeX , Git, Windows Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

LANGUAGES

- Italian** ● ● ● ● ●
- English** ● ● ● ● ○
- German** ● ○ ○ ○ ○

SOFT SKILLS

- > Problem-solving, can-do attitude, goal-oriented, fast learner.
- > Communication skills, team player, leadership.
- > Time management, project management.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- > Selected to be a mentee at “Lead The Future” Mentorship, “Mentors4U” Mentorship and “Nova” Mentorship : non-profit mentorships from for national and international high-potential people (acceptance rate : less than 20 %)
- > DocMobility Fellowship from ETH Zürich (2022)
- > Erasmus+ Scholarship for Master thesis abroad (2019)
- > University of Padova Scholarship for best students in STEM (years : 2016, 2017, 2018)
- > Rotary Club Scholarship for best students in STEM (section of Vicenza, Italy, 2014)
- > Member of the Italian Register of Excellence and candidate for “Alfiere del Lavoro” (2014)