



# Federico Berto

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## Social Networks

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- Twitter Profile: [fedebotu](https://twitter.com/fedebotu)
- Slack Workspace: [AI4CO](#)

## About Me

I am a PhD student in the Industrial and Systems Engineering department at KAIST, where I am fortunate to be advised by Prof. Jinkyoo Park in the Systems Intelligence Lab (SILAB). My main research interest is applied deep learning, such as decision-making in discrete and continuous spaces. I have recently been working in mainly two areas: neural combinatorial optimization (NCO) and scientific machine learning (AI4Science). I love to work on open-source projects. I recently co-founded the AI4CO open research group and collaborate with DiffEqML.

## Education

- 2022-2025 **PhD Student** KAIST, South Korea  
PhD student in Industrial and Systems Engineering focusing on applied research in deep learning: neural combinatorial optimization and scientific machine learning.
- 2020-2022 **Master's Degree** KAIST, South Korea  
MSc in Industrial Engineering. Thesis on deep learning for decision-making in continuous dynamical systems.
- 2017-2020 **Double Bachelor's Degree** Tongji University, China  
BSc in Automation Engineering and member of the Almatong program.
- 2016-2019 **Bachelor's Degree** University of Bologna, Italy  
Undergraduate studies in Automation Engineering focusing on control of dynamical systems.






## Research

- 2023 **Efficiently Solving Min-Max Routing Problems via Parallel Autoregressive Policies**  
*F Berto\*, C Hua\*, J Park, J Park*  
AAMAS 2024 (under review)
- RL4CO: a Unified Reinforcement Learning for Combinatorial Optimization Library**  
*F Berto\*, C Hua\*, J Park\*, M Kim, H Kim, J Son, H Kim, J Kim, J Park*  
NeurIPS 2023 GLFrontiers Workshop (Oral)
- Learning Efficient Surrogate Dynamic Models with Graph Spline Networks**  
*C Hua\*, F Berto\*, M Poli, S Massaroli, J Park*  
NeurIPS 2023 (previously Oral in ICML AI4Science WS)
- Bootstrapped Training of Score-Conditioned Generator for Offline Design of Biological Sequences**  
*M Kim, F Berto, S Ahn, J Park*  
NeurIPS 2023
- DevFormer: A Symmetric Transformer for Context-Aware Device Placement**  
*H Kim\*, M Kim\*, F Berto, J Kim, J Park*  
ICML 2023
- 2022 **Transform Once: Efficient Operator Learning in Frequency Domain**  
*M Poli\*, S Massaroli\*, F Berto\*, J Park, T Dao, C Ré, S Ermon*  
NeurIPS 2022
- Meta-SysId: A Meta-Learning Approach for Simultaneous Identification and Prediction**  
*J Park, F Berto, A Jamgochian, MJ Kochenderfer, J Park*  
arXiv preprint arXiv:2206.00694
- Neural Solvers for Fast and Accurate Numerical Optimal Control**  
*F Berto, M Poli, S Massaroli, J Park*  
ICLR 2022 (previously Spotlight in NeurIPS DLDE WS)










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## Languages

 Italian	● ● ● ● ●
 English	● ● ● ● ●
 Chinese	● ● ● ● ●
 Spanish	● ● ● ● ●
 Korean	● ● ● ● ●

## Software Skills

 Python	● ● ● ● ●
 PyTorch library	
 Open-source contributor to related projects	
 Linux	● ● ● ● ●
 Daily user	
 Server management	
 C	● ● ● ● ●
 Arduino and ESP8266	
 Interfacing to HomeAssistant	

## Core Soft Skills

- Problem solving
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Motivation
- Leadership
- Active listening

## Working Experience

2021-now	<b>Researcher</b>	KAIST SILab, South Korea
	Currently focusing on the intersection of deep learning and dynamical systems and working on novel differential equation solvers.	
2021-now	<b>Internship Student</b>	Daewoong Pharmaceuticals
	AI and Big Data research internship on the study and optimization of pharmaceutical production processes.	
2019-2020	<b>Internship</b>	COMAU Robotics, China
	Assistant in designing automated engine assembly lines from the FCA group.	
2015-2020	<b>Private Teacher</b>	Self-employed, Italy
	Private lessons for high school and university students in subjects including Physics, Maths, and Latin.	
2013-2017	<b>Volunteering Work</b>	ODAR Belluno, Italy
	Children entertainer and helping in charity venues for disabled people.	

## Prizes and Achievements

currently	<b>KAIST International Scholarship</b>	South Korea
	Full-tuition scholarship and monthly stipend for academic achievements in Engineering.	
currently	<b>Daewoong Foundation AI and Big Data Scholarship</b>	South Korea
	Monthly allowance granted based on merit and a coding test.	
2022	<b>ICML 2022 Outstanding Reviewer</b>	Online
	Job as peer reviewer for the International Conference of Machine Learning (Top 10%).	
2017	<b>Almatong Program</b>	China
	Award of full scholarship based on academic merits and yearly allowance for a double BSc program with Tongji University.	

## Licenses and Certificates

English	IELTS level 8.0 certification holder
Chinese	Chinese HSK level 3 certification holder
Driving Licenses	Holder of three different driving licenses from Italy, China and South Korea

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Traveler	Daring trying out new experiences and fond of culture exchanges
Tech Nerd	Always looking for the latest developments and trends
Open Source Contributor	I like doing stuff. Sometimes about research, others just for fun - from helper tools to making bots for reserving trains in South Korea. Combining fun and research is my Pareto-optimal choice
Hiker	Multi-day trekking routes lover