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EDUCATION

• Uppsala University
Ph.D. Student in Embedded Systems

• KTH Royal Institute of Technology

M.Sc. Mechatronics

• City University of Hong Kong B.Eng. Mechanical Engineering

National University of Singapore

Academic Exchange

2021–2023 Stockholm, Sweden 2017–2021

Hong Kong SAR, China

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Cyber-Physical Systems

• Reinforcement Learning

• Control & Dynamics

• Heterogeneous Robots Collaboration

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

• Tan, K., Niu, X., Q. Ji, L. Feng, and M. Törngren, "Optimal gait design for a soft quadruped robot via multi-fidelity Bayesian optimization," *Applied Soft Computing*, vol. 169, p. 112568, 2025.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- Niu, X. and Broo, D. G. Investigating Symbiosis in Robotic Ecosystems: A Case Study for Multi-Robot Reinforcement Learning Reward Shaping. In 2025 9th International Conference on Robotics and Automation Sciences (ICRAS). IEEE
- Niu, X., Calvo, N., and Broo, D. G. Enabling Symbiosis in Multi-Robot Systems through Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning. In 2025 IEEE 8th International Conference on Industrial Cyber-Physical Systems (ICPS). IEEE
- Niu, X.*, Tan, K.*, Broo, D. G. and Feng, L.. Optimal Gait Control for a Tendon-driven Soft Quadruped Robot by Model-based Reinforcement Learning. In 2025 International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA). IEEE

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Maser Thesis: Xuezhi, N. (2023). Optimal Gait Control of Soft Quadruped Robot by Model-based Reinforcement Learning. Thesis, 2023. Available: DiVA, id: diva2:1810127.
- HK project: C. Egenäs, F. Ekman, C. Ma, T. Naser, **X. Niu**, A. Sernelin, S. Stenow, and B. Ström, "Electronically Vacuum Regulated Shut-off Valve for Milking System," Report (Refereed), 2023. [Online]. Available: DiVA, id: diva2:1738909.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer for IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids), IEEE International Conference on Industrial Cyber-Physical Systems (ICPS), Reviewer for IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (ROMAN)
- Teaching assistant for master level courses at KTH (MF2007) and Uppsala (1DT106, 1DT108, 1DT054, 1RT495, 1DT104, 1DT059)
- · Master thesis supervision

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Travel Grant Awardee for ICRA	2025.5
Talent Development Scholarship, Hong Kong SAR, China	2020.6
Second Prize in National Finals of the Challenge Cup Competition, Beijing, China	2019.11
• Silver Prize in National Finals of Internet + Competition, Hangzhou, China	2019.10
Second Prize in HK University Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition	2019.4