UNIVERSITÉ DE TECHNOLOGIE DE COMPIÈGNE



Mentoring program

Microrobotics and micromechatronics



Nowadays products development needs to consider the sustainable challenges and the growing need of products miniaturization to integrate more and more functions in a reduced volume. This leads to the development of innovative compact products with a high integration level and a limited energy consumption. In this context, microrobotics and micromechatronics systems play key positions for the development of such products especially for micromanipulation tasks needed for the manufacturing, assembly or characterization.

This proposed study program aims to introduce students to the microrobotics and micromechatronics domain. It provides knowledge and experimental skills in the design, modeling, realization and control of microrobotics or micromechatronics systems. In this program, a focus is done on minimalist and energy efficiency designs via digital actuation and multifunction actuators for micro-conveyance application. The important role of the control and its adaptation to distributed micro-robotics systems are also highlighted as well as the locks and difficulties to conduct experiments at the considered scale.

Mentor



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Student profile

Master in mechanical, mechatronics, or electrical engineering, or final undergraduate in mechanical, mechatronics, or electrical engineering.

Subjects

Digital actuation

Multi-functions actuators for microconveyance application

Microrobots control

Fabrication, integration and instrumentation at micro/meso-scale

