Design and Control of Reconfigurable <u>Modular Soft Robots</u> (MSoRos)

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Challenge

- **Robot morphology design** for SoRo metamorphosis
- Mobility principles for complex environments

Solution

- Map projections, spherical tessellation, platonic solids for robot morphology design
- Data-driven 'environmentcentric' control using motion primitives, graph theory



Scientific Impact

• Environment awareness and reconfiguration. Task-specific morphing of collective MSoRos

Broader Impact

- MSoRo swarms for disaster relief, precision agriculture
- Motivate youth by correlating to Transformers, Big Hero 6
- Achieve locomotion by learning from the environment



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MSoRo and Metamorphosis

MSoRo Modules

Metamorphosis



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