

Modular Soft Robots (MSoRos)

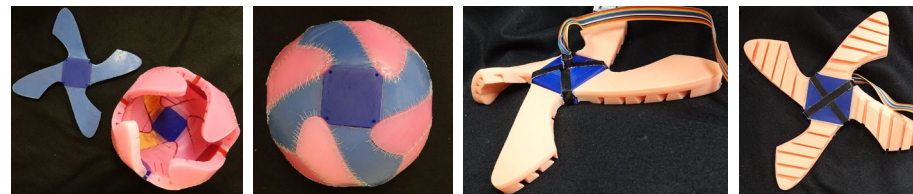
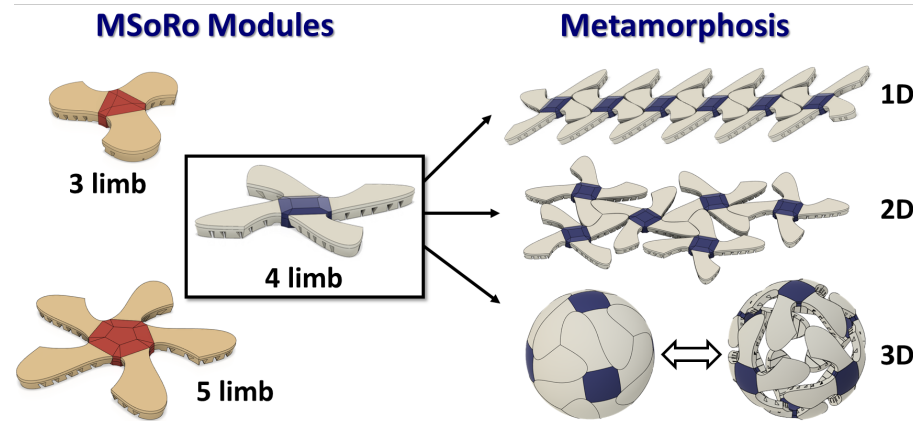
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Challenge

- Robot topology & morphology design for SoRo metamorphosis
- Mobility principles for complex & unknown environments

Solution

- Geometric design approach optimizes ease of locomotion with that of reconfiguration.
- 'Environment-centric' approach uses motion primitives to model robot-environment interactions.



Scientific Impact

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

Broader Impact

- MSoRo swarms for disaster relief, precision agriculture
- Open-source MSoRos design kits for STEM outreach & community
- Achieve locomotion by learning from the environment