Yunkai Zhao

Curriculum Vitae



Education

09/2018 - Bachelor of Science in Information and Computational Science, *University of Science and* 06/2022 *Technology of China*, Hefei, China

School of Mathematical Sciences

09/2022 - Master of Science in Information and Computational Science, Specialization in Computer

06/2025 Graphics, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China

(Expected) School of Mathematical Sciences

Publication

1. Guided Diffusion for Fast Inverse Design of Density-based Mechanical Metamaterials. Yanyan Yang, Lili Wang, Xiaoya Zhai, Kai Chen, Wenming Wu, **Yukai Zhao**, Ligang Liu, Xiao-Ming Fu. *Preprint*. [Link].

Research Experience

02/2022 – **Undergraduate Thesis, GPU-Based Surface Subdivision Algorithm Development**, School 06/2022 of Mathematical Sciences, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China Supervisors: Prof. Xiao-Ming Fu

07/2023 - Research Assistant, Rapid Inverse Design of 3D Mechanical Metamaterials using Diffusion 06/2024 Model, GCL Lab, School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Science and Technology of (Expected) China, Hefei, China

Supervisors: Prof. Xiao-Ming Fu, Prof. Xiaoya Zhai

• **Focus:** The project focused on developing advanced metamaterial structures through state-of-the-art generative models.

Objective:

- Establish a pioneering 3D mechanical metamaterial database to explore and optimize the design of metamaterials with desired mechanical properties.
- Use diffusion models to accelerate the discovery and validation of new structures, and conduct interpretability analyses related to the models.

O My Role:

- Conducted early-stage literature review to inform the project's direction.
- Established, organized, and annotated a large dataset of metamaterial structures.
- Implemented data augmentation techniques to enhance the dataset and improve model training.
- Assisted in the validation of initial ideas and methodologies during the early phases of the project.
- Outcomes: The project led to research papers that have been publicly available and are currently under review at *npj* journals, contributing new knowledge to the field of metamaterials.

09/2023 - Research Assistant, Designing 3D Mechanical Metamaterial Sequences Approaching
07/2024 Theoretical Stiffness Limits, GCL Lab, School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China

Supervisors: Prof. Xiao-Ming Fu, Prof. Xiaoya Zhai

 Focus: Design mechanical metamaterial sequences using numerical methods to achieve theoretical stiffness limits.

Objective:

- Develop mechanical metamaterial sequences using innovative numerical methods.
- Simulate multiple properties of the designed structures using commercial software.
- Manufacture the metamaterial sequences using additive manufacturing techniques and design mechanical experiments for validation.

O My Role:

- Proposed the use of innovative techniques to successfully generate sequences with smooth, continuously varying surfaces.
- Directed the numerical simulations and experimental validation processes, ensuring accuracy and reliability of the results.
- Led the drafting of the initial manuscript for publication.
- Outcomes: [todo:1]

Projects

- 02/2022 Basic Exercises in Computer Graphics (Self-study), Self-study, Hefei, China
 - 06/2022 O Digital Image Processing: Image warping, image fusion.
 - O Digital Geometry Processing: 3D geometry representation, common data structures.
 - O Rendering and Simulation: Basics of rendering, simulation, and animation.
- 04/2022 **Digital Geometry Processing**, GCL Lab, School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Science 09/2022 and Technology of China, Hefei, China
 - C/C++ Coding.
 - Mesh Processing: Discrete differential geometry, mesh denoising, parameterization, interpolation, simplification, remeshing.
 - O Surface Processing: Surface reconstruction, registration.
- 10/2022 **Topology Optimization**, GCL Lab, School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Science and 01/2023 Technology of China, Hefei, China
 - MATLAB Programming.
 - Linear Elastic Finite Element Analysis.
 - O **Topology Optimization:** 88-line base code, multi-objective, multi-loading, stress constraints, local volume constraints.
 - O High-Performance 3D Topology Optimization.
 - Microstructure and Metamaterials.

Skills

Technical C/C++: Intermediate; MATLAB: Intermediate; Python: Basic knowledge. For non-algorithmic Skills tasks, I efficiently use LLM assistance. Also skilled in using LLM assisting writing and graphic design.

Software Abaqus: Mechanical simulation for quasi-static processes; HyperMesh: Remeshing and volumetric meshing.

Languages Chinese: Native; English: Fluent.