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🎓 Education

08/2022-Present Hong Kong, China	Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. Major : Mechanical and Automation Engineering Supervisor : Prof. Wei-Hsin Liao Research Direction : 3D/4D Printing, Smart Materials & Adaptive Structures, Soft Robotics. Award : Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)
09/2018-06/2022 Chengdu, China	Sichuan University - Pittsburgh Institute (SCUPI), Bachelor of Engineering - BE GPA : 4.0/4.0 Weighted Average Mark : 96.29/100 Major : Mechanical Engineering Ranking : 1/79

💻 Experiences

- 09/2025 - Present, California Institute of Technology (CalTech), Visiting Scholar.
Supervisor : Prof. Chiara Daraio. Program : CUHK Overseas Research Attachment Programme.
- 08/2024 - Present, Shenzhen University, Visiting Scholar.
Supervisor : Prof. Shitong Fang and Zhihui Lai. Program : Shenzhen University Fellowship Program.
- 08/2023 - 09/2025, Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), Visiting Scholar.
Supervisor : Prof. Qi Ge. Program : SUSTech Fellowship Program.
- 08/2022 - 07/2025, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Teaching Assistant.
- 06/2021 - 09/2021, McGill University, Research Assistant.
Supervisor : Prof. Abdolhamid Akbarzadeh Shafaroudi. Program : Mitacs Globalink Research Internship.
- 07/2021 - 08/2021, Westlake University, Research Assistant.
Supervisor : Prof. Weicheng Cui. Program : Westlake University Summer Graduate Research Internship.
- 02/2020 - 06/2022, Sichuan University - Pittsburgh Institute, Teaching Assistant.

☰ Honors & Awards

07/2025	Honorary Alumni Mentor of Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute
05/2025	CUHK PhD International Mobility for Partnerships and Collaborations Award (PhD IMPAC Award)
02/2025	Outstanding Students Award at The Chinese University of Hong Kong
11/2022	Outstanding Senior Project Award in Sichuan University
10/2022	Best Paper Award in 2022 IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Systems (ICUS)
06/2022	Outstanding Senior Project Award in Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute
05/2022	First Prize in The 7th National Academic English Vocabulary Competition (NAEV)
05/2022	Outstanding Senior Project Poster Award in Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute
03/2022	Outstanding Graduate of Sichuan Province
01/2022	A-level Certificate in Comprehensive Quality of University Students in Sichuan Province
12/2021	2020-2021 Academic Year National Scholarship (China) (¥8,000)
10/2021	Outstanding Graduate of Sichuan University
10/2021	2020-2021 Academic Year Outstanding Student of Sichuan University
10/2021	2020-2021 Academic Year Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute Best Academic Achiever Award (¥60,000)
09/2021	First Prize in Chinese Tale - English Talk
06/2021	Second Prize in Videos and Voices Short Video Contest
05/2021	Second Prize in The 6th National Academic English Vocabulary Competition (NAEV)
04/2021	Honorable Mention in 2021 Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM)
12/2020	2019-2020 Academic Year National Scholarship (China) (¥8,000)
10/2020	2019-2020 Academic Year Outstanding Student of Sichuan University
09/2020	Excellent Teaching Assistant Award for Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute
09/2020	2019-2020 Academic Year Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute Academic Star (¥10,000)
12/2019	2018-2019 Academic Year National Scholarship (China) (¥8,000)
10/2019	2018-2019 Academic Year Outstanding Student of Sichuan University
09/2019	2018-2019 Academic Year Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute Best Academic Achiever Award (¥60,000)
07/2019	First Prize in the Special Category of the 9th "Video Friends Cup" China University TV Awards
02/2019	Student Ambassador of Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute

Publications & Patents

- **Liuchao Jin**, Shouyi Yu, Jianxiang Cheng, Zhigang Liu, Kang Zhang, Sicong Zhou, Xiangnan He, Guoquan Xie, Mahdi Bodaghi, Qi Ge, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2025). Machine learning powered inverse design of strain fields of hierarchical architectures. *Composites Part B : Engineering*, 299, 112372.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Xiaoya Zhai, Wenbo Xue, Kang Zhang, Jingchao Jiang, Mahdi Bodaghi, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2025). Finite element analysis, machine learning, and digital twins for soft robots : State-of-arts and perspectives. *Smart Materials and Structures*, 34(3), 033002.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Kang Zhang, Sicong Zhou, Guoquan Xie, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2025). Modulus tunability in hierarchical architectures : A machine learning-enabled approach. In *Multifunctional Materials and Structures 2025*, 13433, 133-143. SPIE.
- Wenpeng Xu, Mengyu Zhang, Hao Xu, **Liuchao Jin***, Xiaoya Zhai*, Jingchao Jiang. (2025). INPR-connector : Interlocking negative Poisson's ratio connectors design for deployable energy absorption structures. *Composites Part B : Engineering*, 297, 112243.
- Wenpeng Xu, Ning Zhang, Hao Xu, **Liuchao Jin***, Jingchao Jiang*. (2025). Stress-guided lightweight design and optimization for 3D printing sacrificial molds. *Materials & Design*, 255, 114161.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Shouyi Yu, Jianxiang Cheng, Haitao Ye, Xiaoya Zhai, Jingchao Jiang, Kang Zhang, Bingcong Jian, Mahdi Bodaghi, Qi Ge, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2024). Machine learning-driven forward prediction and inverse design for 4D printed hierarchical architecture with arbitrary shapes. *Applied Materials Today*, 40, 102373.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Xiaoya Zhai, Kang Wang, Kang Zhang, Dazhong Wu, Aamer Nazir, Jingchao Jiang, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2024). Big data, machine learning, and digital twin assisted additive manufacturing : A review. *Materials & Design*, 244, 113086. (ESI Highly Cited Paper, Cover Paper, Top Cited, Top Downloaded)
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- **Liuchao Jin**, Xiaoya Zhai, Kang Zhang, Jingchao Jiang. (2024). Unlocking the potential of low-melting-point alloys integrated extrusion additive manufacturing : Insights into mechanical behavior, energy absorption, and electrical conductivity. *Progress in Additive Manufacturing*, 10(4), 2733–2745.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Xiaoya Zhai, Kang Zhang, Jingchao Jiang, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2024). 3D printing low-melting-point alloys integrated soft robots. *Materials Science in Additive Manufacturing*, 3(3), 4144. (Top Cited, Most Downloaded)
- **Liuchao Jin**, Xiaoya Zhai, Kang Zhang, Jingchao Jiang, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2024). Spider web-inspired additive manufacturing : Unleashing the potential of lightweight support structures. In *21st International Conference on Manufacturing Research*.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Weicheng Cui. (2024). On technical issues for underwater charging of robotic fish schools using ocean renewable energy. *Ships and Offshore Structures*, 19(9), 1465-1475.
- **Liuchao Jin**, Yuchen Lou, Lu-An Chen, Qi Lu. (2022). 6 Degree of freedom unified tracking controller for tilt-rotor multi-rotor unmanned aerial vehicles based on unit dual quaternion. In *2022 5th IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Systems (ICUS)*, 1356-1363. IEEE.
- Wenbo Xue, **Liuchao Jin**, Bingcong Jian, Qi Ge. (2025). Origami-based flexible robotic grippers via hard-soft coupled multi-material 3D printing for soft robotics. *Soft Robotics*.
- Kiandokht Mirasadi, M Amin Yousefi, **Liuchao Jin**, Davood Rahmatabadi, Majid Baniassadi, Wei-Hsin Liao, Mahdi Bodaghi, Mostafa Baghani. (2025). 4D printing of magnetically responsive shape memory polymers : Toward sustainable solutions in soft robotics, wearables, and biomedical devices. *Advanced Science*, e13091.
- Kang Zhang, Jingchao Jiang, **Liuchao Jin**, Qiang Gao, Xiaoya Zhai, Sicong Zhou, Zhenhong Li, Jifan Li and Wei-Hsin Liao. (2025). Low-melting-point alloy / polyurethane auxetic composite foam for outstanding impact protection with favorable shape memory effect. *Smart Materials and Structures*, 34(4), 045025.
- Sicong Zhou, Kang Zhang, **Liuchao Jin**, Qiang Gao, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2025). Efficient data driven optimization framework for designing B-spline honeycombs with excellent energy absorption. *Thin-Walled Structures*, 209, 112941.
- Wenbo Xue, Bingcong Jian, **Liuchao Jin**, Rong Wang, Qi Ge. (2025). Origami robots : Design, actuation, and 3D printing methods. *Advanced Materials Technologies*, e00278.
- Changyue Liu, **Liuchao Jin**, Wei-Hsin Liao, Zhijian Wang, Qiguang He. (2025). Achieving rapid actuation in liquid crystal elastomers. *National Science Open*, 4(2), 20240013.
- Tielin Dai, **Liuchao Jin**, Chen Shang, Xiaoya Zhai, Xiao-Ming Fu, Ligang Liu. (2025). Advances in Intelligent Design of Metamaterials. *Journal of Computer-Aided Design & Computer Graphics*, 37(1), 1-27.
- Linlin Wang, Jingchao Jiang, Yanyan Tian, Yicheng Dong, Haobing Li, **Liuchao Jin**, Voicu Ion Sucala. (2025). Prediction of process parameters based on stress-strain behaviour in 3D printing using deep neural network. In *2025 International Conference on Intelligent Digitization of Systems and Services (IDSS)*. IEEE.
- Kang Zhang, Qiang Gao, Jingchao Jiang, Meishan Chan, Xiaoya Zhai, **Liuchao Jin**, Jiangfan Zhang, Jifan Li, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2024). High energy dissipation and self-healing auxetic foam by integrating shear thickening gel. *Composites Science and Technology*, 249, 110475.
- Jingchao Jiang, **Liuchao Jin**, Xiaoya Zhai, Kang Zhang, Jun Chen, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2023). A novel strategy to fabricate low-melting-point alloy and its composite parts using extrusion additive manufacturing. In *The 50th International Conference on Computers and Industrial Engineering*.
- Xiaoya Zhai, Yundong Gai, **Liuchao Jin**, Wei-Hsin Liao, Falai Chen, Ping Hu. (2023). Isogeometric topology optimization of auxetic materials based on moving morphable method. In *Materials Research Proceedings*, 31, 172-186.

- › Jingchao Jiang, Xiaoya Zhai, Kang Zhang, **Liuchao Jin**, Qitao Lu, Zhichao Shen, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2023). Low-melting-point alloys integrated extrusion additive manufacturing. *Additive Manufacturing*, 72, 103633.
- › Jingchao Jiang, Xiaoya Zhai, **Liuchao Jin**, Kang Zhang, Jun Chen, Qitao Lu, Wei-Hsin Liao. (2023). Design for reversed additive manufacturing low-melting-point alloys. *Journal of Engineering Design*, 1-14.
- › Xiaoya Zhai, **Liuchao Jin**, Jingchao Jiang. (2022). A survey of additive manufacturing reviews. *Materials Science in Additive Manufacturing*, 1(4), 21. (Most Downloaded)
- › China Invention Grant Patent : Tracking Control Method for Tilt-Rotor Multi-Rotor UAV Based on Dual Quaternion. Patent number : ZL 2022 1 0739442.2.
- › China Utility Model Patent : Air Purification Device. Patent number : ZL 2021 2 2679101.4.

Conferences & Talks

- › 2025/10/12–10/15. 2025 SES Annual Technical Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia, United States.
- › 2025/09/08–09/10. ASME's Premier Conference on Smart Materials, Adaptive Structures, and Intelligent Systems. St. Louis, Missouri, United States.
- › 2025/07/08–07/10. 4D Materials Design and Additive Manufacturing Conference. Singapore.
- › 2025/03/17–03/20. SPIE Smart Structures + NDE 2025. Vancouver, Canada.
- › 2025/01/06–01/10. 13th edition of the Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS). Singapore.
- › 2024/09/25. SCUPI Alumni Sharing Session. Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute, Chengdu, China.
- › 2024/07/04–07/05. 4D Materials Design and Additive Manufacturing Conference 2024. Ajaccio, Corsica, France.
- › 2024/03/25–03/28. SPIE Smart Structures + NDE 2024. Long Beach, California, United States.
- › 2023/07/08. Seminar on Frontiers of Mathematics and Interdisciplinarity. University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China.
- › 2022/10/28–10/30. 2022 5th IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Systems. Guangzhou, China.

Leadership & Extracurricular Activities

- › 06/2024 - Present, Sichuan University - Pittsburgh Institute Alumni Association, Alumni Mentor.
- › 09/2022 - 09/2023, The Postgraduate Halls Residents' Association, General Administrator.
- › 03/2022 - 03/2023, Mitacs Globalink, Ambassador.
- › 09/2019 - 09/2020, Sichuan University The 31st Student Congress, Representative.
- › 03/2019 - 06/2020, Sichuan University Student Television Station, Deputy Director.
- › 09/2018 - 06/2019, Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute Student Council, Member.

Community Contributions

- › 05/2021 & 11/2019, Chengdu Blood Center, Blood Donor.
- › 02/2021, UNESCO, Disaster Risk Management at UNESCO Designated Sites, Volunteer.
- › 07/2020-08/2020, GREENPEACE, Blue Planet Rescue Plan, Volunteer.
- › 02/2019, SCU – Return to Alma Mater, Social Practice of Winter Vacation, Participant.

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