Zefang Li (he/him/his)

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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Baltimore, MD

Aug. 2023- present

PhD in Civil and Systems Engineering

• Advisor: Prof. Jochen Mueller

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Pittsburgh, PA

Aug. 2021- May 2023

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering - Research

• Advisor: Prof. Carmel Majidi

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Shanghai, China

Sept. 2017-Aug. 2021

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Computer Science

• Advisor: Prof. Yongxing Shen, Prof. Yanfeng Shen

PUBLICATIONS (*: equal contribution)

- Zefang Li, Gina Olson, Dinesh K. Patel, Lining Yao, Carmel Majidi, "Electronically Controlled Liquid Crystal Elastomer for Programmable Surface Texture Actuation," submitted to Advanced Intelligent Systems, under revision.
- Yiwen Song, Mason Zadan, Kushaan Misra, **Zefang Li**, Jingxian Wang, Carmel Majidi, Swarun Kumar, "Navigating Soft Robots through Wireless Heating," 2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
- Xufei Suo*, Tingkang Wang*, **Zefang Li**, Yongxing Shen, "Elastic Solution for a Rotating Bi-material Ring with Thermal Mismatch," *Mechanics Research Communications*, Volume 113, 2021, 103695, ISSN 0093-6413.

SELECTED AWARDS

MechE MS Summer Research Fellowship	May 2022
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2019-2020 academic year	June 2021
Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai	May 2021

TEACHING

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA

Aug. 2022-Dec. 2022

Course Assistant

- Work as course assistant for the course "Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence for Engineers".
- Hold recitations and weekly office hours. Set up quiz questions. Grade homework and exams.

Gelfand Outreach Saturday Series Classes, Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA

Oct. 2022

Outreach Teacher

- Co-taught the class "Engineering Materials for Soft Robotics" for grade 7-9 students.
- Designed a curriculum of hands-on activities with soft material and shape-memory actuators.

University of Michigan-Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute Shanghai, China Teaching Assistant

Feb. 2019-Aug. 2020

- Worked as teaching assistant for the courses "Modeling, Analysis and Control of Dynamic Systems," "Introduction to Dynamics and Vibrations," and "Branding and Brand Management".
- Held weekly recitations and office hours. Graded homework and exams.
- Awarded with Basic Teaching Assistant Certificate and Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Haikou Central Elementary School Eryuan, China

Volunteer Teacher

Dec. 2017-Jan. 2018

• Designed interactive teaching plans and taught local pupils of grade 2 to 6 English and math.