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## **Architected Design and Fabrication** of Soft Mechanical Metamaterials

Advanced Intelligent Systems

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Nature showcases numerous examples of ParaSym (Parallel Symmetric) arrangements—vertical structures aligned in parallel to maximize surface area. For instance, the leaves of rice plants exhibit a similar structure that guides water droplets along their surfaces. However, replicating these complex, hierarchically organized structures presents significant challenges, necessitating innovative fabrication techniques.

Prof. Pablo Valdivia y Alvarado and his research team have pioneered a new design and extrusion-based fabrication approach to create soft metamaterials for applications in soft robotics and wearable technologies. Their work in additive manufacturing advances the design and production of metamaterial structures, unlocking engineered solutions with unique properties for a wide range of applications.



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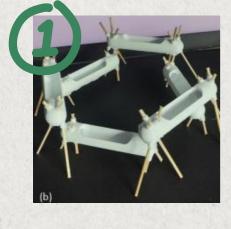




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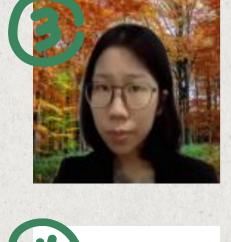
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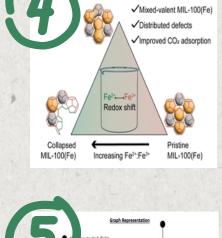
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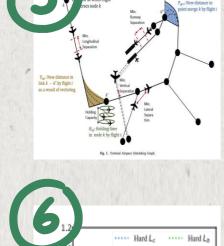
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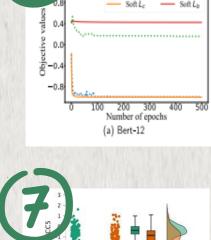
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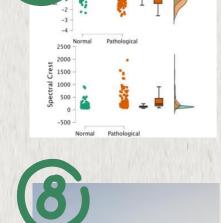
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