

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2016-present: Soft Robotic Matter Group, AMOLF (NL)  
**Principal Investigator**
- 2016-present: Studio Overvelde (NL)  
**Co-founder**
- 2011-2012: Femto Engineering (NL)  
**Consultant**, R&D and FEM engineer
- 2009-2010: Department of Industrial Design, TU Delft (NL)  
**Warehouse and Personnel Manager**

## EDUCATION

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- 2012-2016: School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)  
**PhD** in Applied Mathematics  
PhD dissertation: 'Embracing Compliance and Instabilities to Achieve Function in Mechanical Meta-materials and Devices'. Advisor prof. Katia Bertoldi.
- 2012-2013: School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)  
**SM** in Applied Mathematics
- 2009-2012: TU Delft (NL)  
**MSc** in Mechanical Engineering  
*Cum laude* (GPA 4.0 - 8,7/10).  
Specialization: Solid and Fluid Mechanics.  
Extracurricular graduate course - Collective Intelligence, ParisTech (FR).  
Master's thesis: 'The Moving Node Approach in Topology Optimization - An Exploration to a Flow-inspired Meshless Method-based Topology Optimization Method'. Advisors prof. dr. ir. Fred van Keulen and dr. ir. Matthijs Langelaar. [\[pdf\]](#)  
Research Internship: 'The Effect of Shape on Periodic Structures Undergoing Elastic Instability' and 'Reversible and Reprogrammable Tuning of Two-Dimensional Photonic Structures Triggered by Shape Memory Effect', Harvard University (US).
- 2006-2009: TU Delft (NL)  
**BSc** in Mechanical Engineering  
*Cum laude* (GPA 3.9 - 7,9/10).  
Bachelor's thesis: 'Cavitation-treatment Times of a Liquid'. [\[pdf\]](#)
- 2004-2009: TU Delft (NL)  
**P** (propaedeutic exam) in Applied Physics
- 1998-2004: CSG het Noordik, Almelo (NL)  
**VWO** (preparatory scientific education)

## TEACHING

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- Spring 2014: School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)  
**Teaching Fellow** ES128 Computational Solid and Structural Mechanics
- 2008-2009: Department of Industrial Design, TU Delft (NL)  
**Lab Instructor** WBTP113-07 and WBTP115 drilling, milling, turning and welding
- 2008-2009: Cultural Center Delft (NL)  
**Instructor** weekly juggling workshops

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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2017:	Veni Innovational Research Incentives Scheme, NWO
2017:	H2020-FETOPEN, European Commission
2017:	KIEM Creative Industry, NWO
2017:	Postdoc competition, AMOLF
2015:	1st prize winner of the Gallery of Mechanics at New.Mech 2015, Boston University
2014:	Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Teaching for the course ES128, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University
2014:	Haythornthwaite Foundation Student Travel Award, ASME AMD
2014:	Robert L. Wallace Prize Fellowship, Harvard University
2013:	Robert L. Wallace Prize Fellowship, Harvard University
2012:	UfD-Best Graduate of 3mE Faculty Grant, TU Delft
2012:	Fulbright Grant, The Fulbright Center
2012:	University Fund Delft Grant, TU Delft
2011:	Employee of the Year Award, Femto Engineering
2010:	Justus & Louise van Effen Excellence Scholarship, TU Delft
2009:	Best Research Award, BSc thesis TU Delft

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Ad hoc reviewer

Nature  
Nature Physics  
Nature Communications  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences  
Soft Matter  
PRX  
EML  
IEEE/ASME International Conference on Advanced Intelligent Mechatronics  
SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing

### Professional membership

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)  
American Physical Society (APS)  
Society of Engineering Science (SES)

### MSME Committee member (2014-2016), Harvard University (US)

Social and year-end event committee from the Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering department

### Jury member (2013 & 2014), ENIAC Scholarship, University of Twente (NL)

Scholarship for international purposes for students of the University of Twente

## INVITED TALKS & COLLOQUIA

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2017	Surfnet, Utrecht (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> Van Origami-materialen naar Zachte Robots
2017	Ars and Mathesis, Utrecht (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> Transforming Materials
2017	ARCNL, Amsterdam (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> Embracing compliance and instabilities in mechanical systems
2017	TEDxGroningen, Groningen (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> What can we learn from crumpling a piece of paper?
2017	School of Architecture, TU Delft (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> Guest Lecturer in Robotic Building - Media Studies
2017	AMOLF Open Dag, Amsterdam (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> Van Origami-materialen naar Zachte Robots
2017	HMC Zomeracademie, Rotterdam (NL) <b>Invited talk:</b> Magic Materials make Soft Robots
2017	Soft and Biological Matter Seminar, Leiden (NL)

- 2017 **Invited talk:** Rational Design of Reconfigurable Architected Materials  
PINC.18 Conference, Utrecht (NL)
- 2017 **Invited talk:** Magic Materials make Soft Robots  
SMS Europe, Paris (FR)
- 2017 **Invited talk:** Rational Design of Reconfigurable Architected Materials  
AMOLF, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2016: **public colloquium:** Rational Design of Reconfigurable Devices and Architected Materials  
AMOLF, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2016: **Friday seminar:** Soft Robotic Matter  
3D Printing Materials Conference, Maastricht (NL)
- 2015: **Invited talk:** Embracing Compliance in Robots to Achieve Function  
Designer Matter, AMOLF (NL)
- 2015: **Invited talk:** Controlling Soft Structures and Devices by Embedded Actuation and Sensing  
Aerospace Structures and Computational Mechanics, TU Delft (NL)
- 2015: **Invited talk:** Actuated Materials, Smart Actuated Structures and Devices that Harness Compliance and Instabilities  
Institute Lorentz, Leiden University (NL)
- 2015: **Soft Matter Physics Seminar:** Mechanical Metamaterials that Harness Instabilities and Folding  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)
- 2015: **MSME Year End Event:** From Origami to Transformable Metamaterials  
Graduate School of Design, Harvard University (US)
- 2014: **Guest Lecturer** in Computational Material Distributions and Gradients of Compliance (SCI 0642500)  
Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering, Harvard University (US)
- 2014: **Soft Robotics General Meeting:** Finite Element Analysis of Soft Liquid Embedded Strain Sensors  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)
- 2014: **Mech & Math:** Instabilities in Pressure-Volume relation of inflatable Membranes  
Graduate School of Design, Harvard University (US)
- 2012: **Guest Lecturer** in Computational Material Distributions and Gradients of Compliance (SCI 0642500)  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)
- 2010: **Mech & Math:** Shape Optimization of Soft Periodic Structures  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University (US)
- 2010: **Abaqus Masterclass**

## CONFERENCES

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- (12) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Dykstra, D. M. J., de Rooij, R., Weaver, J., Bertoldi, K., (2016). Tensile Instability in a Thick Elastic Body. Soft Matter Meeting, Netherlands.
- (11) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, de Jong, T. A., Becerra, S. A., Shevchenko, Y., Whitesides, G. M., Weaver, J., Hoberman, C., Bertoldi, K., (2015). Transformable origami-inspired prismatic metamaterials. Wyss retreat. Boston, United States.
- (10) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Bertoldi, K., (2015). Amplifying the Response of Soft Actuators by Harnessing Instability. New England Workshop on the Mechanics of Materials and Structures. Boston, United States.
- (9) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Kloek, T., D'haen J., Bertoldi, K., (2015). Harnessing Instability in Soft Actuators. AMOLF Designer Matter Workshop International Mechanical Engineering Conference. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- (8) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, de Jong, T. A., Weaver, J., Hoberman, C., Bertoldi, K., (2015). Actuated Origami-like Structures with Tunable Volume and Stiffness. APS March Meeting. San Antonio, United States.

- (7) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Kloek, T., D'haen J., Bertoldi, K., (2014). Harnessing Instability in Soft Actuators. ASME International Mechanical Engineering Conference. Montréal, Canada.
- (6) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Bertoldi, K., (2013). Putting Soft Sensors to the Test. New England Workshop on the Mechanics of Materials and Structures. Amherst, United States.
- (5) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Bertoldi, K., (2013). Topology Optimization of Inflatable Stretchable Structures. ASME International Mechanical Engineering Conference. San Diego, United States.
- (4) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Shan, S., Bertoldi, K., (2012). Compaction Through Buckling in 2D Periodic, Soft and Porous Structures: Effect of Pore Shape. New England Workshop on the Mechanics of Materials and Structures. Providence, United States.
- (3) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Langelaar, M., Keulen, F. van, (2012). The Moving Node Approach in Topology Optimization - An Exploration to a Flow-inspired Meshless Method-based Topology Optimization Method. New England Workshop on the Mechanics of Materials and Structures. Providence, United States.
- (2) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Shan, S., Bertoldi, K., (2012). Non-linear Response of Soft Porous Structures: Effect of Pore Shape on their Response. Society of Engineering Science – 49th Annual Technical Meeting. Atlanta, United States.
- (1) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Langelaar, M., Keulen, F. van (2012). Influence of the Nodal Distribution on Element-Free Galerkin Accuracy in a Topology Optimization Context. European Congress on Computational Methods in Applied Sciences and Engineering. Vienna, Austria.

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## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

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- (38) Waterval, Dirk. (2017) “Natuurkundige Bas Overvelde gaat het bouwen: een robotboom die tot bloei komt waar je bij staat.” Trouw 11 November. [\[web\]](#)
- (37) Van Calmthout, Martijn. (2017) “Aan tafel met Frankenstein - De gemaakte natuur.” Talk show Museum Boerhaave - Nacht van Kunst en Kennis 16 September.
- (36) Visscher, Marc-Robin. (2017) “Zacht robotisch kunsthart in de maak.” Radio show NPO1 Nieuws en Co 4 August. [\[web\]](#)
- (35) Ikink, Harm. (2017) “Toekomstmaterialen.” Hypothese 12 May. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (34) Van Calmthout, Martijn. (2017) “Hogere knutselkunde.” De Volkskrant 11 March. [\[web\]](#)[\[web\]](#)
- (33) Beekhuis, Mark. (2016) “Een origami-materiaal dat geluid verandert.” Radio show BNR Wetenschap vandaag 28 November. [\[web\]](#)
- (32) Karhof, Joost. (2016) “Wetenschappers adopteren Origami.” Radio show NPO1 Nieuws en Co 4 November. [\[web\]](#)
- (31) Vives, Francois-Xavier. (2016) “The Origami Code.” Documentary at Inscience Festival 2-6 November. [\[web\]](#)
- (30) Aan de Brugh, Marcel. (2016) “Octopus als Robot.” NRC Handelsblad and NRC Next 3 September. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[pdf\]](#)
- (29) Van Kasteren, Joost. (2016) “Dichte muur krijgt gaten met een keertje vouwen.” NRC Handelsblad 16 April. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (28) Cookson, Clive. (2016) “Origami comes into the tech fold.” Financial Times 26 March. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (27) Hansman, Heather. (2016) “A New Material Could Make Medical Devices That Expand and Collapse.” Smithsonian 18 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (26) Joosten, Carla. (2016) “Zachte Robotica.” Elsevier 17 March. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (25) Knapton, Sarah. (2016) “Bizarre shape-shifting material invented by Harvard.” The Telegraph 11 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (24) Web editor (2016) “Researchers design versatile shapeshifting material.” ResearchGate 11 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (23) Ceurstemont, Sandrine. (2016) “Shape-shifting matter could let houses crumple themselves away.” New Scientist 11 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (22) Reader, Ruth. (2016) “Researchers Have Created a Shapeshifting Material Inspired by Origami.” Mic 11 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (21) Web editor (2016) “Harvard team develops origami-inspired 3D structural material.” The Engineer 11 March. [\[web\]](#)

- (20) Wassink, Jos. (2016) “Transforming materials.” DELTA 11 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (19) Burrows, Leah. (2016) “Transforming materials.” Harvard News and Views 11 March. [\[web\]](#)
- (18) Web editor (2015) “Delft Students Help Make More Dextrous Robots.” TU Delft Robotics Institute 27 August. [\[web\]](#) and other TU Delft web publications [\[EWI\]](#)[\[LR\]](#)[\[3ME\]](#)
- (17) Edelman, Peter. (2015) “Niet-lineair gedrag handig gebruikt in kunstmatige spier.” Mechatronica & Machinebouw 21 August. [\[web\]](#)
- (16) Wassink, Jos. (2015) “Ballooning muscles for robots.” DELTA 20 August. [\[web\]](#)
- (15) Web editor (2015) “Soft actuator could remove need for robotic tethers.” The Engineer 18 August. [\[web\]](#)
- (14) Burrows, Leah. (2015) “Controlling the uncontrollable.” Harvard News and Views 17 August. [\[web\]](#)
- (13) Wright, Katherine. (2015) “Runaway buckling.” APS Physics 21 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (12) Zegers, Gabby. (2015) “Metamaterial undermines 250-year-old construction principles.” FOM 21 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (11) Morad, Renee. (2015) “Jumping, Froglike Robot Takes a Big Leap Forward.” Robotics, Discovery 9 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (10) Ackerman, Evan. (2015) “3D-Printed Explosive Jumping Robot Combines Firm and Squishy Parts.” IEEE Spectrum, 9 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (9) Burrows, Leah. (2015) “Harvard Researchers Create Jumping Soft Robot Using 3-D Printer.” Harvard Gazette 9 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (8) Feltman, Rachel. (2015) “This Jumping, Squishy Robot Looks Like a Tiny UFO.” Speaking of Science, The Washington Post 9 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (7) Herkewitz, William. (2015) “Nearly Unbreakable Soft Robot Ignites Explosions to Jump.” New Technology, Popular Mechanics 9 July. [\[web\]](#)
- (6) Ball, Philip. (2014) “Soft-hearted Robots.” News and Views, Nature Materials Vol. 13 April. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (5) Martiradonna, Luigi. (2014) “Heart Twists.” Research Highlight, Nature Materials Vol. 13 January. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (4) Aan de Brugh, Marcel. (2014) “Een nieuwe hartkamer van zachte kunststof.” NRC Handelsblad 28 February. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (3) Kusek, Kristen. (2014), “Artificial muscles do the twist.” Wyss Institute 26 February. [\[web\]](#)
- (2) Bosman, Annemieke. (2013) “Vliegende Hollander.” Transfer Magazine, 4. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (1) Elshof, Loes. (2009) “Excellence Program.” TU Delft. [\[video\]](#)

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- (16) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Mixe, M., Hoberman, C., Weaver, J., Bertoldi, K., (2017). ReBot: Untethered Reconfigurable Multi-gate Robotic System Constructed from Foldable Building Blocks. *In preparation*.
- (15) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Weaver, J., Hoberman, C., Bertoldi, K., (2017). Rational Design of Reconfigurable Prismatic Architected Materials. *Nature*, 541, 347-352. [\[De Volkskrant\]](#) [\[De Volkskrant online\]](#) [\[News & Views in Nature\]](#) [\[Harvard News\]](#) [\[pdf\]](#)
- (14) Wang, Z., Galloway, K., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Polygerinos, P., Bertoldi, K., Walsh, C. J., (2016). Interaction Forces of Soft Fiber Reinforced Bending Actuators. *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, 99. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (13) Babaei, S., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Chen, E. R., Tournat, V., Bertoldi, K., (2016). Reconfigurable Origami-inspired Acoustic Waveguides. *Science Advances*, 2(11), e1601019. [\[pdf\]](#)
- (12) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Dykstra, D. M. J., de Rooij, R., Weaver, J., Bertoldi, K., (2016). Tensile Instability in a Thick Elastic Body. *Physical Review Letters*. [\[Harvard News\]](#) [\[pdf\]](#)
- (11) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, de Jong, T. A., Becerra S. A., Shevchenko, Y., Whitesides, G. M., Weaver, J., Hoberman, C., Bertoldi, K., (2016). Actuated Three-dimensional Origami-like Metamaterial with Tunable Volume and Stiffness. *Nature Communications*. [\[NRC Handelsblad\]](#) [\[Financial Times\]](#) [\[Tech Insider\]](#) [\[Daily Mail\]](#) [\[The Telegraph\]](#) [\[Smithsonian\]](#) [\[ResearchGate featured article\]](#) [\[New Scientist\]](#) [\[Mic\]](#) [\[The Engineer\]](#) [\[TU Delta\]](#) [\[Harvard News\]](#)[\[pdf\]](#)

- (10) Pouya, C., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Kolle, M., Aizenberg, J., Bertoldi, K., Weaver, J. C., Vukusic, P., (2015). Characterisation of a Mechanically Tuneable Gyroid Photonic Crystal Inspired by the Butterfly *Parides sesostris*. *Advanced Optical Materials*. [[pdf](#)]
- (9) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Kloek, T., D'haen J. J. A., Bertoldi, K., (2015). Amplifying the Response of Soft Actuators by Harnessing Instability. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. [[The Engineer](#)][[TU Delta](#)][[Harvard News](#)][[cover](#)][[pdf](#)]
- (8) Coulais, C., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Lubbers, L. A., Bertoldi, K., van Hecke, M., (2015). Discontinuous Buckling of Wide Beams and Metabeams. *Physical Review Letters*. [[FOM News](#)][[pdf](#)]
- (7) Bartlett, N. W., Tolley, M. T., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Weaver, J., Mosadegh, B., Bertoldi, K., Whitesides, G. M., Wood, R. J., (2015). A 3D Printed, Functionally Graded Soft Robot Powered by Combustion. *Science* [[The Washington Post](#)][[Discovery](#)][[Harvard News](#)][[Popular Mechanics](#)][[pdf](#)]
- (6) Polygerinos, P., Galloway, K., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Wang, Z., Wood, R., Bertoldi, K., Walsh, C. J., (2014). Modeling of Soft Fiber-reinforced Bending Actuators. *IEEE Transactions on Robotics* [[pdf](#)]
- (5) **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Mengüç, Y., Polygerinos, P., Wang, Y., Wang, Z., Walsh, C. J., Wood, R. J., Bertoldi, K., (2014). Numerical Mechanical and Electrical Analysis of Soft Liquid-embedded Deformation Sensors. *Extreme Mechanics Letters*. [[pdf](#)]
- (4) **Overvelde J. T. B.**, Bertoldi K. (2014). Relating Pore Shape to the Non-linear Response of Periodic Elastomeric Structures. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids*. [[pdf](#)]
- (3) Roche, E. T., Wohlfarth, R., **Overvelde, J. T. B.**, Vasilyev, N. V., Pigula, F.A., Mooney, D. J., Bertoldi, K., Walsh, C.J., (2014). Bioinspired Soft Actuated Materials. *Advanced Materials*. [[Research Highlight in Nature Materials](#)][[News & Views in Nature Materials](#)][[NRC Handelsblad](#)][[Harvard News](#)][[cover](#)][[pdf](#)]
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- (1) Li J., Shim J., **Overvelde J. T. B.**, Deng J., Zhu X., Bertoldi K., Yang S. (2012). Switching Photonic Membranes via Pattern Transformation and Shape Memory Effect. *Soft Matter*. [[pdf](#)]