

# RSS Main Conference Schedule

## Tuesday, June 28: Main Conference, Day 1

Youtube broadcast link: <https://youtu.be/qI0zvRp-UnE>

9:00-9:30am <i>Arledge Aud. Lerner Hall</i>	<b>Opening remarks</b> Kris Hauser (Program Chair), Matei Ciocarlie (Local Arrangements Chair)
9:30-10:00am	<b>Paper Session 1: Long talks</b> Chair: Christoffer Heckmann (University of Colorado, Boulder)
9:30-9:45am	<i>ACID: Action-Conditional Implicit Visual Dynamics for Deformable Object Manipulation</i> Bokui Shen (Stanford University), Zhenyu Jiang (University of Texas at Austin), Christopher Choy (NVIDIA), Leonidas Guibas (Stanford University), Silvio Savarese (Stanford University), Anima Anandkumar (NVIDIA/Caltech), Yuke Zhu (University of Texas, Austin)
9:45-10:00am	<i>Resilient Multi-Sensor Exploration of Multifarious Environments with a Team of Aerial Robots</i> Graeme Best (University of Technology Sydney), Rohit Garg (CMU), John Keller (CMU), Geoff Hollinger (Oregon State University), Sebastian Scherer (CMU)
10:00-10:30am <i>N. Lobby</i>	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30-11:30am <i>Arledge</i>	<b>Paper Session 2: Short talks</b> Chair: David Held (Carnegie Mellon University)
10:30-10:35am	<i>Equivariant Transporter Network</i> Haojie Huang, Dian Wang, Robin Walters, Robert Platt (Northeastern University)
10:35-10:40am	<i>RoboCraft: Learning to See, Simulate, and Shape Elasto-Plastic Objects with Graph Networks</i> Haochen Shi (Stanford University), Huazhe Xu (Stanford University), Zhiao Huang (University of California San Diego), Yunzhu Li (MIT), Jiajun Wu (Stanford University)
10:40-10:45am	<i>Play it by Ear: Learning Skills amidst Occlusion through Audio-Visual Imitation Learning</i> Maximilian Du, Olivia Y Lee, Suraj Nair, Chelsea Finn (Stanford University)
10:45-10:50am	<i>The Surprising Effectiveness of Representation Learning for Visual Imitation</i> Jyothish Pari, Nur Muhammad (Mahi) Shafiullah, Sridhar Pandian Arunachalam, Lerrel Pinto (NYU)
10:50-10:55am	<i>Mesh-based Dynamics with Occlusion Reasoning for Cloth Manipulation</i> Zixuan Huang, Xingyu Lin, David Held (CMU)
10:55-11:00am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:00-11:05am	<i>A Learning-based Iterative Control Framework for Controlling a Robot Arm with Pneumatic Artificial Muscles</i> Hao Ma, Dieter Buehler, Bernhard Schölkopf, Michael Muehlebach (Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems)

11:05-11:10am	<i>iSDF: Real-Time Neural Signed Distance Fields for Robot Perception</i> Joseph Ortiz (Imperial College London), Alexander Clegg (Facebook AI Research), Jing Dong (Facebook), Edgar A Sucar (Imperial College London), David Novotny (Facebook AI Research), Michael Zollhöfer (Facebook Reality Labs), Mustafa Mukadam (Facebook AI Research)
11:10-11:15am	<i>POCD: Probabilistic Object-Level Change Detection and Volumetric Mapping in Semi-Static Scenes</i> Jingxing Qian (University of Toronto), Veronica Chatrath (University of Toronto), Jun Yang (University of Toronto), James Servos (Clearpath Robotics), Angela Schoellig (University of Toronto), Steven L Waslander (University of Toronto)
11:15-11:20am	<i>DICP: Doppler Iterative Closest Point Algorithm</i> Bruno Hexasel, Heethesh Vhavle, Yi Chen (Aeva Inc)
11:20-11:30am	Q&A
11:30-12:30pm	<b>Keynote: Title TBD</b> Raquel Urtasun (University of Toronto, Waabi.ai) Chair: Kris Hauser
12:30-2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Paper Session 3: Long talks</b> Chair: Dmitry Berenson (University of Michigan)
2:00-2:15pm	<i>Iterative Residual Policy for Goal-Conditioned Dynamic Manipulation of Deformable Objects</i> Cheng Chi (Columbia University), Benjamin CM Burchfiel (TRI), Eric Cousineau (TRI), Siyuan Feng (TRI), Shuran Song (Columbia University)
2:15-2:30pm	<i>FlowBot3D: Learning 3D Articulation Flow to Manipulate Articulated Objects</i> Harry Zhang (CMU), David Held (CMU), Benjamin Eisner (CMU)
2:30-2:45pm	<i>ViKiNG: Vision-Based Kilometer-Scale Navigation with Geographic Hints</i> Dhruv Shah, Sergey Levine (UC Berkeley)
2:45-3:00pm	<i>DextAIRity: Deformable Manipulation Can be a Breeze</i> Zhenjia Xu (Columbia University), Cheng Chi (Columbia University), Benjamin CM Burchfiel (TRI), Eric Cousineau (TRI), Siyuan Feng (TRI), Shuran Song (Columbia University)
3:00-3:30pm	<b>Early Career Spotlight Talk</b> Henny Admoni, CMU Chair: Dylan Shell
3:30-4:30pm	<b>Paper Session 4: Short talks</b> Chair: Anirudah Majumdar (Princeton University)
3:30-3:35pm	<i>MIRROR: Differentiable Deep Social Projection for Assistive Human-Robot Communication</i> Kaiqi Chen, Jeffrey Fong, Harold Soh (NUS)
3:35-3:40pm	<i>Robotic Telekinesis: Learning a Robotic Hand Imitator by Watching Humans on YouTube</i> Aravind Sivakumar, Kenneth Shaw, Deepak Pathak (CMU)
3:40-3:45pm	<i>Underwater Robot-To-Human Communication Via Motion: Implementation and Full-Loop Human Interface Evaluation</i>

	Michael S Fulton, Muntaqim Mehtaz, Owen Queeglay, Junaed Sattar (University of Minnesota)
3:45-3:50pm	<i>Gaze Complements Control Input for Goal Prediction During Assisted Teleoperation</i> Reuben M Aronson, Henny Admoni (CMU)
3:50-3:55pm	<i>Negative Result for Learning from Demonstration: Challenges for End-Users Teaching Robots with Task And Motion Planning Abstractions</i> Nakul Gopalan, Nina M Moorman, Manisha Natarajan, Matthew Gombolay (Georgia Tech)
3:55-4:00pm	Q&A
4:00-4:05pm	<i>Human Motion Control of Quadrupedal Robots using Deep Reinforcement Learning</i> Sunwoo Kim (Seoul National University), Maks Sorokin (Georgia Tech), Jehee Lee (Seoul National University), Sehoon Ha (Georgia Tech)
4:05-4:10pm	<i>Rapid Locomotion via Reinforcement Learning</i> Gabriel B Margolis (MIT), Ge Yang (University of Chicago), Kartik Paigwar (ASU), Tao Chen (MIT), Pulkit Agrawal (MIT)
4:10-4:15pm	<i>Human-to-Robot Imitation in the Wild</i> Shikhar Bahl (CMU), Abhinav Gupta (CMU/FAIR), Deepak Pathak (CMU)
4:15-4:20pm	<i>Variational Inference MPC using Normalizing Flows and Out-of-Distribution Projection</i> Thomas J Power, Dmitry Berenson (University of Michigan)
4:20-4:30am	Q&A
4:30-6:00pm Arledge	<b>Poster session</b> Coffee served in North Lobby
6:00-7:30pm Low Rotunda	<b>Welcome reception</b> <i>Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served</i>

## Wednesday, June 27: Main Conference, Day 2

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| 9:00-10:00am<br><i>Arledge Aud.<br/>Lerner Hall</i> | <b>Paper Session 5: Hybrid short / long talks</b><br>Chair: Kostas Bekris (Rutgers University)  |
| 9:00-9:05am   | <i>Embodied Multi-Agent Task Planning from Ambiguous Instruction</i><br>Xinzhu Liu, Xinghang Li, Di Guo, Sinan Tan, Huaping Liu, Sun Fuchun (Tsinghua University)   |
| 9:05-9:10am   | <i>Data Augmentation for Manipulation</i><br>Peter Mitrano, Dmitry Berenson (University of Michigan)  |
| 9:10-9:15am   | <i>Bridging Model-based Safety and Model-free Reinforcement Learning through System Identification of Low Dimensional Linear Models</i><br>Zhongyu Li, Jun Zeng, Akshay Thirugnanam, Koushil Sreenath (UC Berkeley)   |
| 9:15-9:20am   | <i>A Local Optimization Framework for Multi-Objective Ergodic Search</i><br>Zhongqiang Ren (Carnegie Mellon University), Akshaya Kesarimangalam Srinivasan (Carnegie Mellon University), Howard Coffin (Carnegie Mellon University), Ian Abraham (Yale University), Howie Choset (Carnegie Mellon University) |
| 9:20-9:25am   | <i>Aerial Layouting: Design and Control of a Compliant and Actuated End-Effector for Precise In-flight Marking on Ceilings</i><br>Christian Lanegger, Marco Tognon, Lionel Ott (ETH Zurich)   |
| 9:25-9:30am   | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |
| 9:30-9:45am   | <i>Multi-Robot Adversarial Resilience using Control Barrier Functions</i><br>Matthew Cavorsi (Harvard University), Beatrice Capelli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia), Lorenzo Sabattini (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia), Stephanie Gil (Harvard University)                                  |
| 9:45-10:00am  | <i>Autonomously Untangling Long Cables</i><br>Kaushik Shivakumar, Vainavi Viswanath, Justin Kerr, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ellen Novoseller, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Ken Goldberg, Joseph Gonzalez, Michael Laskey, Alejandro Escontrela (UC Berkeley)  |
| 10:00-10:30am<br><i>N. Lobby</i>                    | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 10:30-11:30am<br><i>Arledge</i>                     | <b>Paper Session 6: Short talks</b><br>Chair: <b>TBD</b>  |
| 10:30-10:35am                                       | <i>Proxima: An Approach for Time or Accuracy Budgeted Collision Proximity Queries</i><br>Daniel Rakita, Bilge Mutlu, Michael Gleicher (University of Wisconsin-Madison)   |
| 10:35-10:40am                                       | <i>PROX-QP: Yet another Quadratic Programming Solver for Robotics and Beyond</i><br>Antoine Bambade (INRIA), Sarah El Kazdadi (INRIA), Adrien B Taylor (INRIA/ENS), Justin Carpentier (INRIA)   |
| 10:40-10:45am                                       | <i>SymForce: Symbolic Computation and Code Generation for Robotics</i><br>Hayk Martiros, Aaron Miller (Skydio, Inc.)  |
| 10:45-10:50am                                       | <i>Failure Prediction with Statistical Guarantees for Vision-Based Robot Control</i><br>Alec Farid, David Snyder, Allen Z. Ren, Anirudha Majumdar (Princeton University)  |

10:50-10:55am	<p><i>Factory: Fast Contact for Robotic Assembly</i></p> <p>Yashraj S Narang, Kier Storey, Iretiayo A Akinola, Miles Macklin, Philipp Reist, Lukasz Wawrzyniak, Yunrong Guo, Adam Moravanszky, Gavriel State, Michelle Lu, Ankur Handa, Dieter Fox (NVIDIA)</p>
10:55-11:00am	Q&A
11:00-11:05am	<p><i>Collision Detection Accelerated: An Optimization Perspective</i></p> <p>Louis Montaut (INRIA/CIIIRC), Quentin Le Lidec (INRIA), Vladimír Petrík (Czech Technical University), Josef Sivic (Czech Technical University), Justin Carpentier (INRIA)</p>
11:05-11:10am	<p><i>Fundamental Performance Limits for Sensor-Based Robot Control and Policy Learning</i></p> <p>Anirudha Majumdar, Vincent Pacelli (Princeton University)</p>
11:10-11:15am	<p><i>Certifiable Robot Design Optimization using Differentiable Programming</i></p> <p>Charles B Dawson, Chuchu Fan (MIT)</p>
11:15-11:20am	<p><i>Collocation Methods for Second Order Systems</i></p> <p>Siro Moreno (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas), Lluís Ros (Institut de Robòtica i Informàtica Industrial, CSIC-UPC), Enric Celaya (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)</p>
11:20-11:30am	Q&A
11:30-12:30pm	<p><b>Keynote: Wireless Skin-Conformal Devices for Health Monitoring and Haptic Interactions</b></p> <p>John Rogers (Northwestern University)</p> <p>Chair: Kris Hauser</p>
12:30-2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00-3:00pm	<p><b>Paper Session 7: Long talks</b></p> <p>Chair: Henny Admoni (CMU)</p>
2:00-2:15pm	<p><i>You Only Demonstrate Once: Category-Level Manipulation from Single Visual Demonstration</i></p> <p>Bowen Wen (Rutgers University), Wenzhao Lian (Intrinsic), Kostas Bekris (Rutgers University), Stefan Schaal (University of S. California)</p>
2:15-2:30pm	<p><i>DiPCAN: Distilling Privileged Information for Crowd-Aware Navigation</i></p> <p>Gianluca Monaci, Michel Aractingi, Tomi Silander (NAVER LABS Europe)</p>
2:30-2:45pm	<p><i>Parameterized Differential Dynamic Programming</i></p> <p>Alex Oshin (Georgia Tech), Matthew D Houghton (NASA), Michael Acheson (NASA), Irene Gregory (NASA), Evangelos Theodorou (Georgia Tech)</p>
2:45-3:00pm	<p><i>AK: Attentive Kernel for Information Gathering</i></p> <p>Weizhe Chen, Roni Khardon, Lantao Liu (Indiana University, Bloomington)</p>
3:00-3:30pm	<p><b>Early Career Spotlight Talk</b></p> <p>Jens Kober, TU Delft</p> <p>Chair: Dylan Shell</p>
3:30-4:00pm	<p><b>Paper Session 8: Short talks</b></p> <p>Chair: Abdeslam Boularias (Rutgers University)</p>
3:30-3:35pm	<p><i>SVAM: Saliency-guided Visual Attention Modeling by Autonomous Underwater Robot</i></p>

Md Jahidul Islam (University of Florida), Ruobing Wang (University of Minnesota), Junaed Sattar (University of Minnesota)

- 3:35-3:40pm ***TNS: Terrain Traversability Mapping and Navigation System for Autonomous Excavators***  
Tianrui Guan (University of Maryland, College Park), Zhenpeng He (Baidu Research Institute), Ruitao Song (Baidu Research Institute), Dinesh Manocha (University of Maryland at College Park), Liangjun Zhang (Baidu Research Institute)
- 3:40-3:45pm ***Hydra: A Real-time Spatial Perception System for 3D Scene Graph Construction and Optimization***  
Nathan Hughes, Yun Chang, Luca Carlone (MIT)
- 3:45-3:50pm ***FaDIV-Syn: Fast Depth-Independent View Synthesis using Soft Masks and Implicit Blending***  
Andre Rochow (University of Bonn), Max Schwarz (University of Bonn), Michael Weinmann (TU Delft), Sven Prof. Behnke (University of Bonn)
- 3:50-3:55pm ***CALL: Coarse-to-Fine ALIGNments Based Unsupervised Domain Adaptation of Traversability Prediction for Deployable Autonomous Navigation***  
Zheng Chen, Durgakant Pushp, Lantao Liu (Indiana University, Bloomington)
- 3:55-4:00pm **Q&A**
- 4:00-5:30pm **Poster session**  
*Arledge*  
Coffee served in North Lobby
- 5:30-5:35pm **Banquet travel instructions**  
Matei Ciocarlie
- Travel to banquet**  
We recommend taking the 1 train (a 35-40 minute trip) or an Uber/Yellow Cab (20-30 minutes depending on traffic).
- 7:00-10:00pm **Banquet**  
*Pier 40*  
Boarding starts at 6:30pm, ship leaves dock at 7:00pm

## Thursday, June 30: Main Conference, Day 3

Youtube broadcast link: <https://youtu.be/kA2BeKyqkGs>

9:00-10:00am <i>Arledge Aud. Lerner Hall</i>	<b>Paper Session 9: Hybrid short talks</b> Chair: Elaine Short (Tufts University)
9:00-9:05am	<i>KernelGPA: A Deformable SLAM Back-end</i> Fang Bai, Adrien Bartoli (Université Clermont Auvergne)
9:05-9:10am	<i>CURL: Continuous, Ultra-compact Representation for LiDAR</i> Kaicheng Zhang, Ziyang Hong, Shida Xu, Sen Wang (Heriot-Watt University)
9:10-9:15am	<i>SEER: Unsupervised and sample-efficient environment specialization of image descriptors</i> Peer Neubert, Stefan Schubert (TU Chemnitz)
9:15-9:20am	<i>Sub-1.5 Time-Optimal Multi-Robot Path Planning on Grids in Polynomial Time</i> Teng Guo, Jingjin Yu (Rutgers University)
9:20-9:30am	Q&A
9:30-9:35am	<i>Occupancy-SLAM: Simultaneously Optimizing Robot Poses and Continuous Occupancy Map</i> Liang Zhao, Yingyu Wang, Shoudong Huang (Robotics Institute, University of Technology Sydney)
9:35-9:40am	<i>Conflict-Based Steiner Search for Multi-Agent Combinatorial Path Finding</i> Zhongqiang Ren (CMU), Sivakumar Rathinam (Texas A&M University), Howie Choset (CMU)
9:40-9:45am	<i>Traversing Supervisor Problem: An Approximately Optimal Approach to Multi-Robot Assistance</i> Tianchen Ji, Roy Dong, Katherine Driggs-Campbell (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
9:45-9:50am	<i>Cooperative Multi-Agent Trajectory Generation with Modular Bayesian Optimization</i> Gilhyun Ryou, Ezra Tal, Sertac Karaman (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
9:50-10:00am	Q&A
10:00-10:30am <i>N. Lobby</i>	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30-11:30am <i>Arledge</i>	<b>Paper Session 10: Short talks</b> Chair: Andy Zheng (Google)
10:30-10:35am	<i>Soft Robots Learn to Crawl: Jointly Optimizing Design and Control with Sim-to-Real Transfer</i> Charles Schaff (Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago), Audrey Sedal (McGill University), Matthew Walter (Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago)
10:35-10:40am	<i>End-to-End Learning of Hybrid Inverse Dynamics Models for Precise and Compliant Impedance Control</i> Moritz Reuss (KIT), Niels van Duijkeren (Bosch Corporate Research), Robert Krug (Bosch Corporate Research), Philipp Becker (KIT), Vaisakh Shaj (KIT), Gerhard Neumann (KIT)

10:40-10:45am	<i>FuseBot: RF-Visual Mechanical Search</i> Tara Boroushaki , Laura Dodds, Nazish Naeem, Fadel Adib (MIT)
10:45-10:50am	<i>Learning Interpretable, High-Performing Policies for Autonomous Driving</i> Rohan R Paleja (Georgia Tech), Yaru Niu (Georgia Tech), Andrew Silva (Georgia Tech), Chace O Ritchie (UKY), Sugju Choi (Georgia Tech), Matthew Gombolay (Georgia Tech)
10:50-10:55am	<i>Learning Forward Dynamics Model and Informed Trajectory Sampler for Safe Quadruped Navigation</i> Yunho Kim, Chanyoung Kim, Jemin Hwangbo (KAIST)
10:55-11:00am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:00-11:05am	<i>Meta Value Learning for Fast Policy-Centric Optimal Motion Planning</i> Siyuan Xu, Minghui Zhu (The Pennsylvania State University)
11:05-11:10am	<i>Bridge Data: Boosting Generalization of Robotic Skills with Cross-Domain Datasets</i> Frederik D Ebert (UC Berkeley), Yanlai Yang (UC Berkeley), Karl Schmeckpeper (University of Pennsylvania), Bernadette K Bucher (University of Pennsylvania), Georgios Georgakis (University of Pennsylvania), Kostas Daniilidis (University of Pennsylvania), Chelsea Finn (Stanford), Sergey Levine (UC Berkeley)
11:10-11:15am	<i>Invariance Through Latent Alignment</i> Takuma Yoneda (Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago), Ge Yang (University of Chicago), Matthew Walter (Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago), Bradly C Stadie (Vector Institute)
11:15-11:20am	<i>Correcting Robot Plans with Natural Language Feedback</i> Pratyusha Sharma (MIT), Balakumar Sundaralingam (NVIDIA), Valts Blukis (NVIDIA), Chris Paxton (NVIDIA), Tucker Hermans (University of Utah), Antonio Torralba (MIT), Jacob Andreas (MIT), Dieter Fox (NVIDIA)
11:20-11:30pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:30-12:30pm	<b>Test of Time Award and Panel</b> Chair: Gaurav Sukhatme (University of Southern California)
12:30-2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Tour Columbia Robotics Labs</b> (limited to X attendees, signup sheet at registration desk)
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Paper Session 11: Short talks</b> Chair: Jens Kober (TU Delft)
2:00-2:05pm	<i>Action Conditioned Tactile Prediction: case study on slip prediction</i> Willow Mandil, Amir Ghalamzan, Kiyanoush Nazari (University of Lincoln)
2:05-2:10pm	<i>Sample Efficient Grasp Learning Using Equivariant Models</i> Xupeng Zhu, Dian Wang, Ondrej Biza, Guanang Su, Robin Walters, Robert Platt (Northeastern University)
2:10-2:15pm	<i>Understanding Dynamic Tactile Sensing for Liquid Property Estimation</i> Hung-Jui Huang, Xiaofeng Guo, Wenzhen Yuan (CMU)
2:15-2:20pm	<i>Adaptive Manipulation of Conductive, Nonmagnetic Objects via a Continuous Model of Magnetically Induced Force and Torque</i>



Griffin Tabor (University of Utah), Lan Pham (Relativity Space), Jake Abbott (University of Utah), Tucker Hermans (University of Utah)

2:20-2:30pm

**Q&A**

2:30-2:35pm

*Distributed Optimisation and Deconstruction of Bridges by Self-Assembling Robots*

Edward Bray, Roderich Gross (The University of Sheffield)

2:35-2:40pm

*Learning Mixed Strategies in Trajectory Games*

Lasse Peters (Delft University of Technology), David Fridovich-Keil (Stanford), Laura Ferranti (Delft University of Technology), Cyrill Stachniss (University of Bonn), Javier Alonso-Mora (Delft University of Technology), Forrest J Laine (UC Berkeley)

2:40-2:45pm

*Decentralized Safe Multi-Agent Stochastic Optimal Control using Deep FBSDEs and ADMM*

Marcus A Pereira, Augustinos D Saravanos, Oswin So, Evangelos Theodorou (Georgia Tech)

2:45-2:50pm

*PropEM-L: Radio Propagation Environment Modeling and Learning for Communication-Aware Multi-Robot Exploration*

Lillian Clark (University of Southern California), Jeffrey Edlund (JPL, CalTech), Tiago Stegun Vaquero (JPL, CalTech), Marc Sanchez Net (JPL, CalTech), Ali Agha (JPL)

2:50-3:00pm

**Q&A**

3:00-4:30pm

**Poster session**

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Coffee served in North Lobby

4:30-5:00pm

**Award ceremony**

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Robert Platt (Awards Committee Chair)

5:00-6:00pm

**RSS Town Hall**

Kris Hauser (Program Chair), Dylan Shell (General Chair)

6:00-6:10pm

**Close of Main Conference**