Maxine Perroni-Scharf

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Email: max1@mit.edu Website: maxineps.com

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering and Computer Science - Advisor: Stefanie Mueller

Sep 2023 -

Graduate courses: Robotic Manipulation, Advances in Computer Vision, Decarbonized Energy Systems (GPA: 5.0/5.0)

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

M.S.E., Computer Science - Advisor: Szymon Rusinkiewicz

Sep 2021 - June 2023

Graduate courses: Advanced Computer Vision, Advanced Computer Graphics, Computational Complexity, Information Theory,

Large Language Models, Recent Advances in Computer Vision (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Dartmouth College

Hanover, NH

A.B. – Majors: Mathematics, Computer Science; Minor: Digital Arts

Sep 2017 - June 2021

Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Siqma Xi, High Honors in Computer Science

Aguincum Institute of Technology

Budapest, Hungary

Computer Science Study Abroad Program

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

Honors and Awards

Mathworks Fellowship, 2025-2026 (full funding 2025

ACM CHI Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, 2025

MIT Morningside Academy for Design (MAD) Fellowship, 2024 (full funding 2024)

American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Doctoral Degree Fellowship Alternate, 2024

Andrew (1956) and Erna Viterbi Fellowship, MIT, 2023 (full funding 2023)

Google CS Research Mentorship Program, 2022

Dartmouth Innovation and Technology Festival Grand Prize, 2022

Assistantship in Instruction, Princeton University, 2021-2023 (full funding 2021-2022)

Adobe Research Women in Technology Scholarship, 2021

Christopher G. Reed Science Competition 3rd Place, Dartmouth College, 2021

Lovelace Research Scholarship, Dartmouth College, 2021

Dartmouth Designation 1st Place, 2021

Junior Research Scholarship, Dartmouth College, 2020

Rewriting the Code Fellowship, 2019, 2020

Research Under Review

Maxine Perroni-Scharf et. al. Anonymous submission. Under review at UIST 2025.

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Publications

Maxine Perroni-Scharf*, Zachary Ferguson*, Thomas Butrille, Carlos Portela, and Mina Konaković Luković. Data-Efficient Discovery of Hyperelastic TPMS Metamaterials with Extreme Energy Dissipation. Accepted to ACM SIGGRAPH, August 2025.

Leonardo Hernandez Cano, Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Neil Dhir, Arun Ramamurthy, Armando Solar-Lezama. Neurosymbolic World Models for Sequential Decision Making. Accepted to ICML, July 2025.

Jiaji Li, Shuyue Feng, Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Yujia Liu, Emily Guan, Guanyun Wang, and Stefanie Mueller. Xstrings: 3D Printing Cable-driven Mechanism for Actuation, Deformation, and Manipulation. ACM CHI Conference Proceedings, 2025 **T** CHI Best Paper Honorable Mention Award.

Faraz Faruqi, Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Jaskaran Singh Walia, Yunyi Zhu, Shuyue Feng, Donald Degraen, and Stefanie Mueller. TactStyle: Enhancing 3D Model Stylization with Realistic Texture Generation for Digital Fabrication. ACM CHI Conference Proceedings, 2025.

Maxine Perroni-Scharf and Szymon Rusinkiewicz. Constructing Printable Surfaces with View-Dependent Appearance. ACM SIGGRAPH Conference Proceedings, 2023.

Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Kalyan Sunkavalli, Jonathan Eisenmann, and Yannick Hold-Geoffroy. Material Swapping for 3D Scenes Using a Learnt Material Similarity Measure. WICV Workshop at IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022.

Luyang Zhao, Yijia Wu, Julien Blanchet, **Maxine Perroni-Scharf**, Xiaonan Huang, Joran Booth, Rebecca Kramer-Bottiglio, and Devin Balkcom. Soft Lattice Modules That Behave Independently and Collectively. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters and IEEE Conference on Soft Robotics (RA-L and RoboSoft)*, 2022.

Charles J. Carver, Qijia Shao, Samuel Lensgraf, Amy Sniffen, **Maxine Perroni-Scharf**, Hunter Gallant, Alberto Quattrini Li, and Xia Zhou. Sunflower: Locating Underwater Robots from the Air. *ACM International Conference on Mobile Systems*, *Applications, and Services (MobiSys)*, 2022. **Dartmouth Innovation and Technology Festival Grand Prize**.

Tianshun Miao, Heather Petroccia, Yunhe Xie, Michael Jermyn, **Maxine Perroni-Scharf**, Namit Kapoor, James Mahoney, Timothy Zhu, Petr Bruza, Benjamin Williams, David Gladstone, and Brian Pogue. Computer Animation Body Surface Analysis of Total Skin Electron Radiation Therapy Dose Homogeneity via Cherenkov Imaging. *Journal of Medical Imaging*, 2020.

PATENTS

Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Kalyan Sunkavalli, Jonathan Eisenmann, Yannick Hold-Geoffroy. *Modifying Materials of Three-dimensional Digital Scenes Utilizing a Visual Neural Network*. US20230141395A1, published 04/30/2024.

SHORT PAPERS/DEMOS

Jiaji Li, Shuyue Feng, Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Yujia Liu, Emily Guan, Guanyun Wang, and Stefanie Mueller. Demonstrating Xstrings: 3D Printing Cable-driven Mechanism for Actuation, Deformation, and Manipulation. ACM CHI 2025.

Faraz Faruqi, Maxine Perroni-Scharf, Jaskaran Singh Walia, Yunyi Zhu, Shuyue Feng, Donald Degraen, and Stefanie Mueller. Demonstration of TactStyle: Enhancing 3D Model Stylization with Realistic Texture Generation for Digital Fabrication. *ACM CHI 2025*.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

3D Printing with Machine Learning

MIT Museum After Dark, 09/12/2024

Fabricating View-Dependent Appearances

Samsung AI Center Montreal, 02/24/2022 and McGill University, 02/25/2022

SERVICE

President

ACM Women in Graphics (WIGRAPH)

Executive Committee Member

Sep 2023 -

Organized and promoted the Rising Stars program, which sponsors SIGGRAPH attendance for early career women researchers in computer graphics and pairs them with faculty and industry mentors.

MIT Sidney-Pacific Graduate Dorm

Elected president of MIT SidPac graduate dorm (over 700 residents).

Feb 2024 -

MIT Morningside Academy for Design (MAD)

Student Advisory Board Member

Sep 2025 -

Active member of the MIT MAD student advisory council.

MIT Graduate Student Council

Voting Council Member

Feb 2024 -

Representative of Sidney Pacific Graduate Dormitory.

MIT Graduate Applicant Assistance Program (GAAP)

Mentor

Sep 2024 - April 2025

Mentored two underrepresented undergrads during the 2024 CS PhD admissions cycle. "Testimonial: Thank you so much Maxine! I really couldn't have done this without her. Best mentor ever".

Research Mentees

Raul Hernandez (MIT Undergrad)

Zhi Ray Wang (MIT Masters)

Cole Paulin (MIT Masters)

Jennifer Xiao (HCI Engineering Group Research Assistant)

Reviewer

ACM SIGGRAPH: 2023, 2024

ACM Symposium on Computational Fabrication: 2024

ACM CHI Late Breaking Work: 2025 (received special recognition for outstanding review)

Novel View Synthesis on Sketches

Used an VAE and a GAN to develop a system that takes in pencil sketches of the same object from different poses and synthesizes novel views in the same sketch style.

Object Manipulation with Modular Planar Tensegrity Robots

Advisor: Devin Balkcom. Part of this work continued in a collaboration with the Dartmouth Reality and Robotics lab for the paper "Soft Lattice Modules That Behave Independently and Collectively" (maxineps.com/tensegrity).

VR Social Interactions

Advisor: James Mahoney. Collaborated with Facebook and Dartmouth College researchers to review and integrate feedback into an online multi-user VR environment, using C# and Unity to create spatialized audio and interactive elements.

Llampaca

Created an Android ML-powered alpaca scavenger hunting application, with Andrei Stanciu (maxineps.com/llampaca).

Cirendell Forest VR

Developed a forest-themed virtual reality game for Oculus Quest (maxineps.com/cirendell-forest-vr).

Industry Experience

Dropbox New York, NY

Software Engineering Intern

May 2022 - August 2022

Implemented the advanced analytics features for Docsend video transfer, deployed in Fall 2022.

Worked on a team of three to design, 3D model, and 3D print a Yubikey cover. This project won the award for best intern Hackweek project at Dropbox.

Adobe Vancouver, Canada

 $Research\ Intern$

June 2021 – August 2021

Developed a data-augmentation pipeline that uses a novel CNN-based material similarity metric to swap out materials in synthetic 3D scenes. Wrote and presented a workshop paper at CVPR 2022, and filed a US patent application for the project.

Bank of America London, UK

Global Technology and Operations Intern

June 2020 - August 2020

Led an intern team to develop a natural language processing powered search phrase application to identify legal clauses in the European Banking Authority Regulations.

Snow Country

Tokyo, Japan

Software Engineering Intern

June 2018 - Oct 2018

Independently made a desktop application for predicting seasonal profits. Designed and built the company's website.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

 $Graduate\ Preceptor$

Sep 2022 - June 2023

Introduction to Programming Systems (COS 217), Fall 2021, Spring 2022 and Fall 2022: Taught precept classes on C and ARM assembly programming and created exam questions for the course.

Computer Vision (COS 429), Spring 2023: Coordinated and released assignments, held office hours and wrote the midterm exam.

Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH
Teaching Assistant
Jan 2018 – June 2021

Projects in Digital Arts (CS 27), Spring 2021.

Applied Computer Science (CS 70.01), Winter 2021.

AR/VR Development (CS 89.25), Fall 2020.

Artificial Intelligence (CS 76/176), Fall 2020: Undergraduate and graduate level course.

GPU Computing (CS 89.22/189.22), Spring 2020: Undergraduate and graduate level course, held office hours and code review sessions for CUDA programming.

Animation (CS 24), Winter 2020.

Introduction to Programming (CS 1), Winter 2018 and Spring 2018: Taught Python tutorial classes.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Painting, sketching and print-making (maxineps.com/fine-art-gallery).

3D modeling and animation (maxineps.com/digital-art-gallery).

Classical solo music (ABRSM Grade 8 Distinction in voice and piano, ABRSM Grade 6 Distinction in pipe-organ).

Music ensembles (MIT CMS Jazz Combos vocalist, Princeton Early Music vocalist, Princeton Glee Club vocalist, Princeton Graduate Jazz Collective founder, vocalist and pianist, Dartmouth Summerphonix music director, Rodolfus Choir vocalist).

Skiing (certified ski instructor).

References

Stefanie Mueller, Szymon Rusinkiewicz, Olga Russakovsky, Kalyan Sunkavalli