

# Shuran Song | Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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### Princeton University

*Ph.D. in Computer Science*

2018

### Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

*B.Eng. in Computer Engineering*

2013

## Appointments

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### Columbia University

*Assistant Professor*

2019-now

### Samsung AI Center

*Research Consultant*

2021-now

### Google Brain

*Student Researcher*

2018-2019

## Awards and Honors

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### Paper Awards.....

**2022 RSS : Best Paper Award, Best Student Paper Finalist**, Iterative Residual Policy for Goal-Conditioned Dynamic Manipulation of Deformable Objects

**2022 RSS : Best System Paper Finalist**, DextAIRity: Deformable Manipulation Can be a Breeze

**2021 CoRL: Best System Paper**, FlingBot: The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Dynamic Manipulations for Cloth Unfolding

**2021 Japan Factory Automation: Foundation Paper Award** What are the important technologies for bin picking? Technology analysis of robots in competitions based on a set of performance metrics

**2020 TRO: Best Paper Award**, TossingBot: Learning to Throw Arbitrary Objects with Residual Physics

**2020 ICRA: Best Paper in Automation Finalist**, Form2Fit: Learning Shape Priors for Generalizable Assembly from Disassembly

**2019 RSS: Best System Paper**, TossingBot: Learning to Throw Arbitrary Objects with Residual Physics

**2019 CVPR: Best Paper Finalist**, Neural Illumination: Lighting Prediction for Indoor Environments

**2018 IROS: Best Cognitive Robotics Paper Award Finalist**, Learning Synergies between Pushing and Grasping with Self-supervised Deep Reinforcement

**2018 Amazon: Best Systems Paper Award in Manipulation**, Robotic Pick-And-Place of Novel Objects in Clutter with Multi-Affordance Grasping and Cross-Domain Image Matching

**2018 SGP: Best Dataset Award**, ShapeNet: An Information-Rich 3D Model Repository

### Faculty Research Awards.....

**2022:** NSF CAREER Award

**2022:** Microsoft Research Award

**2022:** Sloan Research Fellows

**2022:** Google Research Scholar Award

**2021:** Microsoft Research Faculty Fellows

**2021:** JP Morgan Faculty Research Award

**20/21/22:** Amazon Research Award

**2021:** TRI Young Faculty Researcher Award

**2020:** Columbia Junior Faculty Award

## Awards as Students.....

**2017:** Wallace Fellowship

**2017:** Princeton School of Engineering and Applied Science Award for Excellence

**2017:** 1st Place Winners (Stow Task) at the worldwide Amazon Robotics Challenge 2017

**2016:** Siebel Scholar, Class of 2017

**2016:** 3rd and 4th Place Winners at the worldwide Amazon Picking Challenge 2016

**2015:** Facebook Ph.D. Fellowship

**2013:** Princeton Ph.D. Student Fellowship

## Publications (Conference and Journals)

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A list of publications is also available on my [Google Scholar page](#).

Huy Ha, Shuran Song

Semantic Abstraction: Open-World 3D Scene Understanding from 2D Vision-Language Models  
Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Zeyi Liu, Zhenjia Xu, Shuran Song

BusyBot: Learning to Interact, Reason, and Plan in a BusyBoard Environment  
Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Mengda Xu, Manuela Veloso, Shuran Song

ASPiRe: Adaptive Skill Priors for Reinforcement Learning  
Neural Information Processing Systems, **NeurIPS** 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Gabriel Ilharco\*, Mitchell Wortsman\*, Samir Yitzhak Gadre\*, Shuran Song, Hannaneh Hajishirzi Simon Kornblith, Ali Farhadi, Ludwig Schmidt

Patching open-vocabulary models by interpolating weights  
Neural Information Processing Systems, **NeurIPS** 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Cheng Chi, Benjamin Burchfiel, Eric Cousineau, Siyuan Feng, Shuran Song

Iterative Residual Policy for Goal-Conditioned Dynamic Manipulation of Deformable Objects  
Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2022

**Best Paper Award. Best Student Paper Finalist.** [Project Webpage](#)

Zhenjia Xu, Cheng Chi, Benjamin Burchfiel, Eric Cousineau, Siyuan Feng, Shuran Song

DextAIRity: Deformable Manipulation Can be a Breeze  
Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2022

**Best System Paper Finalist** [Project Webpage](#)

Jimmy Wu, Xingyuan Sun, Andy Zeng, Shuran Song, Szymon Rusinkiewicz, Thomas Funkhouser

Learning Pneumatic Non-Prehensile Manipulation with a Mobile Blower  
Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), 2022

Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Jingxi Xu, Shuran Song, Matei Ciocarlie

TANDEM: Learning Joint Exploration and Decision Making with Tactile Sensors  
Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), 2022

Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Shubham Agrawal\*, Yulong Li\*, Jen-Shuo Liu, Steven K. Feiner, Shuran Song

Scene Editing as Teleoperation: A Case Study in 6DoF Kit Assembly  
Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022 [Project Webpage](#)

Samir Yitzhak Gadre, Kiana Ehsani, Shuran Song, Roozbeh Mottaghi

Continuous Scene Representations for Embodied AI  
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2022

Wenji Liu, Kai Bai, Xuming He, Shuran Song, Changxi Zheng, and Xiaopei Liu  
FishGym: A High-Performance Physics-based Simulation Framework for Underwater Robot Learning  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2022 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Zhenjia Xu, Zhanpeng He, Shuran Song  
UMPNet: Universal Manipulation Policy Network for Articulated Objects  
Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), 2022  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2022 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Xiaolong Li, Yijia Weng, Li Yi, Leonidas Guibas, A. Lynn Abbott, Shuran Song, He Wang  
Leveraging SE(3) Equivariance for Self-Supervised Category-Level Object Pose Estimation  
Neural Information Processing Systems, NeurIPS 2021 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Huy Ha, Shuran Song  
FlingBot: The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Dynamic Manipulations for Cloth Unfolding  
Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL 2021)  
**Best System Paper** [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Cheng Chi, Shuran Song  
GarmentNets: Category-Level Pose Estimation for Garments via Canonical Space Shape Completion  
IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2021, [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Samir Yitzhak Gadre, Kiana Ehsani, Shuran Song  
Act the Part: Learning Interaction Strategies for Articulated Object Part Discovery  
IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2021, [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Iretiayo Akinola\*, Jingxi Xu\*, Shuran Song, and Peter Allen  
Dynamic Grasping with Reachability and Motion Awareness  
International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2021 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Zhenjia Xu, Beichun Qi, Shubham Agrawal, Shuran Song  
AdaGrasp: Learning an Adaptive Gripper-Aware Grasping Policy  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Jimmy Wu, Xingyuan Sun, Andy Zeng, Shuran Song, Szymon Rusinkiewicz, Thomas Funkhouser  
Spatial Intention Maps for Multi-Agent Mobile Manipulation  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Boyuan Chen, Yuhang Hu, Robert Kwiatkowski, Shuran Song, Hod Lipson  
Visual Perspective Taking for Opponent Behavior Modeling  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Yiqing Liang, Boyuan Chen, Shuran Song  
SSCNav: Confidence-Aware Semantic Scene Completion for Visual Semantic Navigation  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Zhenjia Xu\*, Zhanpeng He\*, Jiajun Wu, Shuran Song  
Learning 3D Dynamic Scene Representations for Robot Manipulation  
Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Huy Ha\*, Shubham Agrawal\*, Shuran Song  
Fit2Form: 3D Generative Model for Robot Gripper Form Design  
Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Huy Ha, Jingxi Xu, Shuran Song  
Learning a Decentralized Multi-arm Motion Planner  
Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Sebastian Hofer, Kostas E. Bekris, Ankur Handa, Juan Camilo Gamboa, Melissa Mozifian, Florian Golemo, Christopher G. Atkeson, Dieter Fox, Ken Goldberg, John Leonard, C. Karen Liu, Jan Peters, Shuran Song, Peter Welinder, Martha White.

Sim2Real in Robotics and Automation: Applications and Challenges.  
IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering 2020.

Chengzhi Mao, Amogh Gupta, Vikram Nitin, Baishakhi Ray, Shuran Song, Junfeng Yang, Carl Vondrick  
Multi-task Learning Increases Adversarial Robustness  
European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2020 [📄 Paper](#)

Shuran Song, Andy Zeng, Johnny Lee, Thomas Funkhouser  
Grasping in the Wild: Learning 6DoF Closed-Loop Grasping from Low-Cost Demonstrations  
Robotics and Automation Letters (**RA-L**) 2020  
International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems(**IROS**) 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Jimmy Wu, Xingyuan Sun, Andy Zeng, Shuran Song, Johnny Lee, Szymon Rusinkiewicz, Thomas Funkhouser  
Spatial Action Maps for Mobile Manipulation  
Robotics: Science and Systems (**RSS**), 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Xiaolong Li, He Wang, Li Yi, Leonidas Guibas, A. Lynn Abbott, Shuran Song  
Category-Level Articulated Object Pose Estimation  
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**) 2020  
**Oral presentation** [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Shreeyak S. Sajjan, Matthew Moore, Mike Pan, Ganesh Nagaraja, Johnny Lee, Andy Zeng, Shuran Song  
ClearGrasp: 3D Shape Estimation of Transparent Objects for Manipulation  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation, (**ICRA**), 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Kevin Zakka, Andy Zeng, Johnny Lee, Shuran Song  
Form2Fit: Learning Shape Priors for Generalizable Assembly from Disassembly  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation, (**ICRA**), 2020  
**Best Paper in Automation Finalist** [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Yen-Chen Lin, Andy Zeng, Shuran Song, Phillip Isola, TY Lin  
Learning to See before Learning to Act: Visual Pre-training for Manipulation  
International Conference on Robotics and Automation, (**ICRA**), 2020 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Andy Zeng, Shuran Song, Johnny Lee, Alberto Rodriguez, Thomas Funkhouser  
TossingBot: Learning to Throw Arbitrary Objects with Residual Physics  
IEEE Transactions on Robotics (**TRO**), 2020  
Robotics: Science and Systems (**RSS**), 2019  
**Best System Paper** [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Zhenjia Xu, Jiajun Wu, Andy Zeng, Joshua Tenenbaum, **Shuran Song**  
DensePhysNet: Learning Dense Physical Object Representations via Multi-step Dynamic Interactions  
Robotics: Science and Systems (**RSS**), 2019 [📄 Project Webpage](#)

He Wang, Srinath Sridhar, Jingwei Huang, Julien Valentin, **Shuran Song**, Leonidas J. Guibas  
Normalized Object Coordinate Space for Category-Level 6D Object Pose and Size Estimation  
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**) 2019  
**Oral presentation** [📄 Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song** and Thomas Funkhouser.  
Neural Illumination: Lighting Prediction for Indoor Environments  
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**) 2019  
**Best Paper Finalist, Oral presentation** [📄 Project Webpage](#)

Fujita, M., Domae, Y., Noda, A., Garcia Ricardez, G.A., Nagatani, T., Zeng, A., Song, S., Rodriguez, A., Causo, A., Chen, I.M. and Ogasawara, T.

What are the important technologies for bin picking? Technology analysis of robots in competitions based on a set of performance metrics.

**Advanced Robotics**, 2019

Michelle Guo, Edward Chou, **Shuran Song**, De-An Huang, Serena Yeung, Li Fei-Fei

Neural Graph Matching Networks for Fewshot 3D Action Recognition

European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2018 [Project Webpage](#)

A. Zeng, **S. Song**, S. Welker, J. Lee, A. Rodriguez, T. Funkhouser

Learning Synergies between Pushing and Grasping with Self-supervised Deep Reinforcement Learning International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems(**IROS**), 2018

**Best Cognitive Robotics Paper Award Finalist** [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Andy Zeng, Angel X. Chang, Manolis Savva, Silvio Savarese, Thomas Funkhouser.

Im2Pano3D: Extrapolating 360 Structure and Semantics Beyond the Field of View.

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2018.

**Oral presentation** [Project Webpage](#)

Andy Zeng, **Shuran Song**, Kuan-Ting Yu, Elliott Donlon, Francois R. Hogan, Maria Bauza, Daolin Ma, Orion Taylor, Melody Liu, Eudald Romo, Nima Fazeli, Ferran Alet, Nikhil Chavan Dafle, Rachel Holladay, Isabella Morona, Prem Qu Nair, Druck Green, Ian Taylor, Weber Liu, Thomas Funkhouser, Alberto Rodriguez

Robotic Pick-and-Place of Novel Objects in Clutter with Multi-Affordance Grasping and Cross-Domain Image Matching. International Journal of Robotics Research (**IJRR**), August 2019

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (**ICRA**), 2018. [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Fisher Yu, Andy Zeng, Angel X. Chang, Manolis Savva, Thomas Funkhouser.

Semantic Scene Completion from a Single Depth Image.

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2017.

**Oral presentation** [Project Webpage](#)

Andy Zeng, **Shuran Song**, Matthias Niessner, Matthew Fisher, Jianxiong Xiao, Thomas Funkhouser

3DMatch: Learning Local Geometric Descriptors from RGB-D Reconstructions.

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2017.

**Oral presentation** [Project Webpage](#)

Yinda Zhang\*, **Shuran Song**\*, Ersin Yumer, Manolis Savva, Joon-Young Lee, Hailin Jin, Thomas Funkhouser

Physically-Based Rendering for Indoor Scene Understanding Using Convolutional Neural Networks. IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2017.

\* indicates equal contribution. [Project Webpage](#)

Andy Zeng, Kuan-Ting Yu, **Shuran Song**, Daniel Suo, Ed Walker Jr., Alberto Rodriguez and Jianxiong Xiao

Multi-view Self-supervised Deep Learning for 6D Pose Estimation in the Amazon Picking Challenge

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (**ICRA**), 2017. [Project Webpage](#)

Angel X. Chang, Angela Dai, Thomas Funkhouser, Maciej Halber, Matthias Niessner, Manolis Savva, **Shuran Song**, Andy Zeng, Yinda Zhang

Matterport3D: Learning from RGB-D Data in Indoor Environments.

IEEE International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV) (**3DV**), 2017. [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Jianxiong Xiao.

Deep Sliding Shapes for Amodal 3D Object Detection in RGB-D Images.

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2016.

**Spotlight presentation** [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Samuel P. Lichtenberg, Jianxiong Xiao.

SUN RGB-D: A RGB-D Scene Understanding Benchmark Suite.

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2015.

**Oral presentation** [Project Webpage](#)

Zhirong Wu, **Shuran Song**, Aditya Khosla, Fisher Yu, Linguang Zhang, Xiaoou Tang, Jianxiong Xiao.  
3D ShapeNets: A Deep Representation for Volumetric Shapes.  
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2015.

[Oral presentation](#) [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Jianxiong Xiao.

Sliding Shapes for 3D Object Detection in Depth Images.

Proceedings of the 13th European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2014.

[Oral presentation](#) [Project Webpage](#)

Yinda Zhang, **Shuran Song**, Ping Tan, Jianxiong Xiao.

PanoContext: A Whole-room 3D Context Model for Panoramic Scene Understanding.

Proceedings of the 13th European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2014.

[Oral presentation](#) [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Jianxiong Xiao.

Tracking Revisited using RGBD Camera: Unified Benchmark and Baselines.

Proceedings of 14th IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2013. [Project Webpage](#)

## Manuscripts

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Angel X. Chang, Thomas Funkhouser, Leonidas Guibas, Pat Hanrahan, Qixing Huang, Zimo Li, Silvio Savarese, Manolis Savva, **Shuran Song**, Hao Su, Jianxiong Xiao, Li Yi, Fisher Yu

ShapeNet: An Information-Rich 3D Model Repository.

arXiv:1512.03012 [cs.CV] [Project Webpage](#)

Fisher Yu, Yinda Zhang, **Shuran Song**, Ari Seff, Jianxiong Xiao.

Construction of a Large-scale Image Dataset using Deep Learning with Humans in the Loop.

arXiv:1506.03365 [cs.CV] [Project Webpage](#)

**Shuran Song**, Linguang Zhang, Jianxiong Xiao.

Robot In a Room: Toward Perfect Object Recognition in Closed Environments.

arXiv:1507.02703 [cs.CV] [Project Webpage](#)

## Teaching

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**Columbia COMS 4733**: Computational Aspects of Robotics

**Columbia COMS 6998**: Topics in Robot Learning

**Princeton COS429**: Computer Vision – Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer

**Princeton COS126**: General Computer Science – Teaching Assistant

**HKUST ELEC125**: Introduction to Electro-Robot Design – Teaching Assistant

**HKUST ELEC121**: A System View of Communications: from Signals to Packets – Teaching Assistant

## Academic Service

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Chairs: CVPR 2022

Workshop Chair: Robotics: Science and System (RSS) 2022

Co-director: AI4All in Columbia University, 2022

Program committee: Grace Hopper Celebration of Women

Area Chair: CoRL 2022, CVPR 2020, 2021

Program Committee: Siggraph Asia 2020, Siggraph 2021

Mentor: Women in Machine Learning Workshop (WiML) in NeurIPS.

Mentor: Women in Computer Vision Workshop (WiCV) in CVPR.

Conference Reviewer: CoRL, RSS, IROS, ICRA, ECCV, ICCV, CVPR, 3DV, CVIU, IVC, NIPS, PAMI, IJCV, Siggraph, Siggraph Asia, IJRR, Multimedia, Neurocomputing



## Funding

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Individual share 4.5M+ (total 7M+)

**NSF:** CAREER: Active Scene Understanding By and For Robot Manipulation (PI, \$600,000)

**NSF:** NRI: Hierarchical Representation Learning for Robot Assistants (PI, \$500,000 = 33% total)

**NSF:** FMRG: Adaptable and Scalable Robot Teleoperation for Human-in-the-Loop Assembly (PI, \$2M =50% of total)

**NSF:** FMNet: NYC Future Manufacturing Collective (co-PI, \$15,623 = 3% total)

**TRI:** Learning Sequential Interactions for Dynamic Cloth Manipulation (PI \$750,000)

**Sloan Research Fellowship:** (PI \$75,000)

**Microsoft Research Fellowship:** (PI \$200,000)

**JP Morgan Research Award:** (PI \$75,000)

**Amazon Robotics Gift:** (PI \$120,000)

**Amazon Research Award:** (PI \$80,000)

**Google Research Scholar :** (PI \$60,000 )

**Google Research Award Gift :** (PI \$200,000 )