

# Shan-Yuan Teng

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## research: enabling haptic experiences *anywhere, anytime*

My research aims at advancing a new generation of **haptic devices** (e.g., those that can create the sense of touch, forces, etc.) that exhibit properties that we become used to expecting from our mobile phones & wearables, **such as extreme mobility, availability anytime, etc.** To advance haptics into this new territory and grant it these novel properties, I engineer custom-made interactive devices that, for instance: allow to feel touch in mixed reality without encumbering our fingerpads, or even haptic devices with virtually infinite battery life. I have published this work as papers (7 as the leading author) at top Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) conferences including **ACM CHI & UIST**, with **Best Paper Awards** and **Honorable Mention Awards**.

## education

- 2019 **PhD student (Computer Science) at University of Chicago, USA**  
advisor: Pedro Lopes (University of Chicago)  
committee members: Sean Follmer (Stanford University), Kasper Hornbæk (University of Copenhagen), Ken Nakagaki (University of Chicago), Pedro Lopes (University of Chicago)
- 2018 **MS (Degree Computer Science) at National Taiwan University, Taiwan**  
thesis: Shape-changing haptic interfaces for virtual reality  
advisor: Bing-Yu 'Robin' Chen (National Taiwan University)
- 2016 **BS (Degree Electrical Engineering) at National Taiwan University, Taiwan**

## fellowship

Eckhardt Graduate Scholarship (USD 40k total, 2019-2024), University of Chicago  
William Rainey Harper Dissertation Fellowship (2023-2024), University of Chicago

## academic awards

**Best Paper Awards:** UIST 2021, UIST 2020  
**Best Demo Awards:** UIST 2021 (x2)  
**Honorable Mention Awards:** UIST 2022, CHI 2021, CHI 2020, UIST 2019

## publications (ACM CHI, UIST\* & Science Advances)

\* ACM CHI and UIST are the premier venues for technical Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) publications, fully peer-reviewed and at an acceptance rate of 20-25%. These are regarded as top-tier in the field, even when considering HCI journals, and Computer Science is a conference-focused discipline.

- [16] Haptic permeability: adding holes to tactile devices improves dexterity.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Aryan Gupta, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. CHI 2024*.
- [15] ThermalRouter: enabling users to design thermally-sound devices.  
Alex Mazursky, Borui Li, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Daria Shifrina, Joyce E. Passananti, Svitlana Midiako, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. UIST 2023*.
- [14] Prolonging VR haptic experiences by harvesting kinetic energy from the user.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, K. D. Wu, Jacqueline Chen, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. UIST 2022*.  
🏆 **UIST Honorable Mention for Best Paper**
- [13] Touch&Fold: a foldable haptic actuator for rendering touch in mixed reality.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pengyu Li, Romain Nith, Joshua Fonseca, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. CHI 2021*.  
🏆 **CHI Honorable Mention for Best Paper**
- [12] Altering perceived softness of real rigid objects by restricting fingerpad deformation.  
Yujie Tao, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. UIST 2021*.  
🏆 **UIST Best Paper Award** 🏆 **UIST Best Demo Award (jury's award)**

- [11] DextrEMS: increasing dexterity in electrical muscle stimulation by combining it with brakes. Romain Nith, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pengyu Li, Yujie Tao, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. UIST 2021*.  
🏆 **UIST Best Demo Award (people's choice)**
- [10] MagnetIO: passive yet interactive soft haptic patches anywhere. Alex Mazursky, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Romain Nith, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. CHI 2021*.
- [9] Stereo-smell via electrical trigeminal stimulation. Jas Brooks, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Jingxuan Wen, Romain Nith, Jun Nishida, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. CHI 2021*.
- [8] Elevate: a walkable pin-array. Seungwoo Je, Hyunseung Lim, Kongpyung Moon, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Jas Brooks, Pedro Lopes, and Andrea Bianchi. *In Proc. CHI 2021*.
- [7] A stretchable and strain-unperturbed pressure sensor for motion-interference-free tactile monitoring on skins. Qi Su, Q. Zou, Yang Li, Yuzhen Chen, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Jane Tunde Kelleher, Romain Nith, Ping Cheng, Nan Li, Wei Liu, Shilei Dai, Youdi Liu, Alex Mazursky, Jie Xu, Lihua Jin, Pedro Lopes, Sihong Wang. *Science Advances*, 2021.
- [6] HandMorph: a passive exoskeleton that miniaturizes grasp. Jun Nishida, Soichiro Matsuda, Hiroshi Matsui, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Ziwei Liu, Kenji Suzuki, Pedro Lopes. *In Proc. UIST 2020*.  
🏆 **UIST Best Paper Award**
- [5] Wearable microphone jamming. **Shan-Yuan Teng\***, Yuxin Chen\*, Huiying Li\*, Steven Nagels, Zhijing Li, Pedro Lopes, Ben Y. Zhao, Haitao Zheng. (\*equal contribution) *In Proc. CHI 2020*.  
🏆 **CHI Honorable Mention for Best Paper**
- [4] TilePoP: tile-type pop-up prop for virtual reality. **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Cheng-Lung Lin, Chi-huan Chiang, Tzu-Sheng Kuo, Liwei Chan, Da-Yuan Huang, Bing-Yu Chen. *In Proc. UIST 2019*.  
🏆 **UIST Honorable Mention for Best Paper** 🏆 **UIST Honorable Mention for Best Talk**
- [3] Aarnio: passive kinesthetic force output for foreground interactions on an interactive chair. **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Da-Yuan Huang, Chi Wang, Teddy Seyed, Jun Gong, Xing-Dong Yang, Bing-Yu Chen. *In Proc. CHI 2019*.
- [2] PuPoP: pop-up prop on palm for virtual reality. **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Tzu-Sheng Kuo, Chi Wang, Chi-huan Chiang, Da-Yuan Huang, Liwei Chan, Bing-Yu Chen. *In Proc. UIST 2018*.
- [1] Outside-In: visualizing out-of-sight regions-of-interest in a 360 video using spatial picture-in-picture previews. Yung-Ta Lin, Yi-Chi Liao, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Yi-Ju Chung, Liwei Chan, Bing-Yu Chen. *In Proc. UIST 2017*.

## professional services

- Program Committee:** ACM UIST 2024, ACM SUI 2023/2024  
ACM Augmented Humans 2023/2024, ACM ISWC 2022
- Demo Chair:** ACM Augmented Humans 2021
- Paper Session Chair:** ACM CHI 2022/2023
- Paper Reviewer:** ACM CHI, UIST, IMWUT, TEI, DIS, IMX, SIGGRAPH (Technical Paper)  
IEEE VR, IEEE Haptics, IEEE ISMAR, IEEE World Haptics  
International Journal of Human-Computer Studies
- Student Volunteer:** ACM UIST 2022 PC Meeting, IEEE Haptics 2022, ACM UIST 2020

## invited talk

- [8] University of Toronto (2024) *DGP lab talk hosted by Bryan Wang.*
- [7] Stanford University (2023) *HCI lunch organized by Yujie Tao & Matthew Jörke.*
- [6] Eindhoven University of Technology (2023) *Hosted by Rong-Hao Liang.*
- [5] ACM CHI Doctoral Consortium (2023) *Led by Margaret Burnett, Kasper Hornbæk.*
- [4] National Taiwan University (2022) *Hosted by Lung-Pan Cheng.*
- [3] University of Notre Dame (2022) *Hosted by Toby Jia-Jun Li.*
- [2] Simon Fraser University (2022) *Hosted by Xing-Dong Yang.*
- [1] University of California, Los Angeles (2022) *Hosted by Yang Zhang.*

## demonstrations

- [4] Demonstrating haptic permeability: adding holes to tactile devices improves dexterity.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Aryan Gupta, Pedro Lopes. *IEEE Haptics Symposium 2024.*
- [3] Demonstrating touch&fold: a foldable haptic actuator for rendering touch in mixed reality.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pengyu Li, Romain Nith, Joshua Fonseca, Pedro Lopes.  
*SIGGRAPH 2021 Emerging Technologies, IEEE World Haptics 2023*
- [2] Demonstrating magnetIO: passive yet interactive soft haptic patches anywhere.  
Alex Mazursky, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Romain Nith, Pedro Lopes.  
*SIGGRAPH 2021 Emerging Technologies.*
- [1] Stylus assistant: designing dynamic constraints for facilitating stylus inputs on portable displays.  
Long-Fei Lin, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Rong-Hao Liang, Bing-Yu Chen.  
*SIGGRAPH ASIA 2016 Emerging Technologies.*

## workshop

- [4] Enabling haptic experiences anywhere, anytime.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pedro Lopes. *IEEE Haptics Symposium 2024: Cross-cutting Challenges*
- [3] Experience haptics seamlessly across virtual and real worlds.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pedro Lopes. *IEEE VR 2024: 1st Workshop on Seamless Reality.*
- [2] Enabling haptic experiences anywhere, anytime.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**. *SIGGRAPH 2022 Frontiers Workshop.*
- [1] Building miniature and standalone haptic wearables for integrating into the real world.  
Romain Nith, **Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pedro Lopes. *CHI 2022: Sustainable Haptic Design.*

## magazine article

- [1] XR needs “mixed feelings”: engineering haptic devices that work in both virtual and physical realities.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Pedro Lopes. *ACM XRDS 2022: Crossroads Magazine Article.*

## student research projects

- [2] Way out: a multi-layer panorama mobile game using around-body interactions.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Mu-Hsuan Chen, Yung-Ta Lin. *CHI 2017 Student Game Competition*.
- [1] Playing air guitar using electrical muscle stimulation.  
**Shan-Yuan Teng**, Yung-Ta Lin, Yi-Chi Liao. *UIST 2016 Student Innovation Contest*.

## teaching assistant

- [5] "Make Your Own Wearables From Scratch"  
*Workshop for Chicago Public Schools hosted by the University of Chicago, 2023.*
- [4] Inventing, Engineering and Understanding Interactive Devices (CMSC 23220)  
*Spring 2022 course at the University of Chicago.*
- [3] Engineering Interactive Electronics onto Printed Circuit Boards (CMSC 23230/CMSC 33230)  
*Spring 2021 course at the University of Chicago.*
- [2] Emerging Interface Technologies (CMSC 33240/CMSC 23240)  
*Winter 2020 course at the University of Chicago.*
- [1] Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction (CMSC 20300)  
*Fall 2019 course at the University of Chicago.*