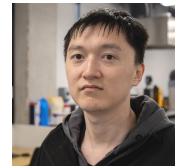


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Research Interests

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Research Publications

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Haibo Wang, **Tao LIU**, Shengjun Liu, Wenyan Wei, Xinru Liu, Pingbo Liu, Yanyu Bai, Yue'an Chen
Journal of Computer-Aided Design & Computer Graphics, 2021

Education

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Honors & Awards

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Academic Service

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Teaching

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