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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Computer Science and Engineering, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), China, 2021-current
- B.S. Computer Science and Technology (Rank: 2/334), Wuhan University (WHU), China, 2017-2021

RESEARCH AREAS

Data visualization, human-AI collaboration, and decision-making, in particular focusing on how to leverage visual analytics to support decision-making in crucial sectors such as healthcare, science, and e-learning.

RESEARCH

- 2025 **Rui Sheng**, Xingbo Wang, Jiachen Wang, Xiaofu Jin, Zhonghua Sheng, Zhenxing Xu, Suraj Rajendran, Huamin Qu, and Fei Wang. "TrialCompass: Visual Analytics for Enhancing the Eligibility Criteria Design of Clinical Trials." *IEEE VIS*.
- 2025 Shaolun Ruan, **Rui Sheng**, Xiaolin Wen, Jiachen Wang, Tianyi Zhang, Yong Wang, Tim Dwyer, and Jiannan Li. "Qualitative Study for LLM-assisted Design Study Process: Strategies, Challenges, and Roles." *IEEE VIS*.
- 2025 Qipeng Wang, Shaolun Ruan, **Rui Sheng**, Yong Wang, Min Zhu, and Huamin Qu. "TrajLens: Visual Analytics for Constructing Cell Development Trajectories in Cross-Sample Analysis." *IEEE VIS*.
- 2025 Zixin Chen, Sicheng Song, Kashun Shum, Yanna Lin, **Rui Sheng**, Huamin Qu. "Unmasking Deceptive Visuals: Benchmarking Multimodal Large Language Models on Misleading Chart Question Answering." *ACM EMNLP*.
- 2025 Jiachen Wang, Zikun Deng, Dazhen Deng, Xingbo Wang, **Rui Sheng**, Yi Cai, Huamin Qu. "Empowering Multimodal Analysis with Visualization: A Survey." *Computer Science Review*.
- 2025 Qipeng Wang, **Rui Sheng**, Shaolun Ruan, Xiaofu Jin, Chuhan Shi, Min Zhu. "SynthLens: Visual Analytics for Facilitating Multi-step Synthetic Route Design." *IEEE TVCG*.
- 2023 **Rui Sheng**, Leni Yang, Haotian Li, Yan Luo, Ziyang Xu, Zhilan Zhou, David Gotz, and Huamin Qu. "Knowledge Compass: A Question Answering System Guiding Students with Follow-Up Question Recommendations." *ACM UIST Demo*.
- 2023 Junxiu Tang, **Rui Sheng**, Yifang Wang, Xinhuan Shu, Xiaojiao Chen, Tan Tang, Yingcai Wu. "Posts with no Response: The Island of Loneliness." *IEEE VIS Arts Program (accepted in two tracks - Pictorial and Artwork)*.
- 2021 Min Hu, Ruimin Hu, Xiaocheng Wang, **Rui Sheng**. "Unsupervised Temporal Attention Summarization Model for User Created Videos." *IEEE MMM*.
- **Rui Sheng**, Furui Cheng, Chuhan Shi, Sobhan Lotfi, Shiyi Liu, Adam Perer, and Huamin Qu. "Design Patterns of Human-AI Interfaces in Healthcare." *Under review for IJHCS*.

- **Rui Sheng**, Zelin Zang, Jiachen Wang, Yan Luo, Zixin Chen, Yan Zhou, Shaolun Ruan, and Huamin Qu. “CellScout: Visual Analytics for Mining Biomarkers in Cell State Discovery” *Under review for IEEE TVCG fast track*.
- **Rui Sheng**, Dongyu Liu, Yifang Wang, Xingbo Wang, Shun Dai, Qingyu Guo, Tai-Quan Peng, and Huamin Qu. “EMINDS: Understanding User Behavior Progression for Mental Health Exploration on Social Media.” *Under review for IEEE TVCG*.
- Jianben He, **Rui Sheng**, Xingbo Wang, Kam Kwai Wong, Xinhuan Shu, and Huamin Qu. “Engager: A Visual Analytics System for Multi-person and Multimodal Engagement Analysis in Online Teaching Videos.” *Under review for IEEE TVCG*.
- Xingbo Wang, Samantha L. Huey, **Rui Sheng**, Saurabh Mehta, Fei Wang. “SciDaSynth: Interactive Structured Knowledge Extraction and Synthesis from Scientific Literature with Large Language Model.” *Under review for TVCG*.
- Leixian Shen, Yan Luo, **Rui Sheng**, Yujia He, Haotian Li, Leni Yang, and Huamin Qu. “StoryLensEdu: Personalized Learning Report Generation through Narrative-Driven Multi-Agent Systems.” *Under review for AAAI*.
- Yifang Wang, Erzhao Shao, Haotian Li, **Rui Sheng**, Yifan Qian, Nan Cao, and Dashun Wang. “SciSciCanvas: An Interactive Data Exploration Canvas for the Science of Science.” *In submission*.
- Shaolun Ruan, Zhikang Wang, Furui Cheng, **Rui Sheng**, Kai Qian, Jiangning Song, and Yong Wang. “ImaGene: A Multimodal Visualization Tool for Gene-powered Cancer Prognosis.” *In submission*.

PROJECTS

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| 2025-26 | Project member. From Classroom to Career: LLM-Driven Curriculum Design and Talent Development in the Age of AI and Emerging Technologies.
HK\$600K by the Education University of Hong Kong & the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Joint Centre for Artificial Intelligence Application |
| 2024-27 | Project leader. Visual Analytics of Student-AI Interaction Data for Generative AI-Assisted Learning.
HK\$1M by the General Research Fund, the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong |
| 2023-25 | Project leader. AI-Powered, Personalized Analysis and Feedback Platform for K-12 Education in Computational Thinking Skills.
HK\$450K by the ITF project & CUHK project |
| 2021-23 | Project member. AI-powered Audience Engagement Analysis for Virtual Communication.
HK\$2M by the ITF project & industry project |

AWARDS

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| 2021 | Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (HK\$331,200 annually) |
| 2020 | National Scholarship in Wuhan University (6/334, the highest scholarship in WHU) |
| 2019 | National Scholarship in Wuhan University (6/342, the highest scholarship in WHU) |
| 2019 | National College Mathematics Modeling Competition Competition Award M |
| 2019 | The Second Prize of the National College Internet of Things Competition |
| 2018 | The First Prize of the 10th National College Mathematics Competition(Non-math Major) |

SERVICE

Academic Peer Review

- Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis)
- The Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)
- Visual Informatics
- The Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW).
- The Pacific Visualization (PacificVIS - TVCG track).
- The Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems - Late-Breaking Work (CHI-LBW).
- The China Visualization and Visual Analytics Conference (ChinaVis).
- The Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM).

Teaching Assistant

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| 2024 | HKUST COMP 2211 - Exploring Artificial Intelligence |
| 2024 | HKUST COMP 1021 - Introduction to Computer Science |
| 2023 | HKUST COMP 4321 - Search Engines for Web and Enterprise Data |

Lab Service

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| 2024-25 | In charge of the BBS of the group |
| 2022-24 | In charge of the publicity of our group (including WeChat, Zhihu, RedBook, and Twitter) |
| 2021-22 | In charge of maintaining the group homepage |