

# Zhehao Li

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## Education

### University of Science and Technology of China

– M.S., Graphics & Geometric Computing Laboratory

Hefei, China  
Sep. 2021 - Present

- Research topic: Differentiable Simulation, Computational Fabrication
- Advisor: Prof. [Ligang Liu](#)

### University of Science and Technology of China

– B.Eng. in Dept. of Computer Science

Hefei, China  
Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2021

- Overall GPA: 91.14/100
- Outstanding Graduate (Top 5%)

## Research Interest

My research interest lies in the intersection of physics-based simulation in computer graphics, robotics and machine learning. My recent research is particularly focused on the following areas:

- **Differentiable simulation for solving inverse design and control challenges**
  - Differentiable fluid-solid coupling
  - Topology optimization and computational fabrication
- **AI + simulation**
  - Accelerating deformable and contact simulations with neural networks

## Publications & Projects

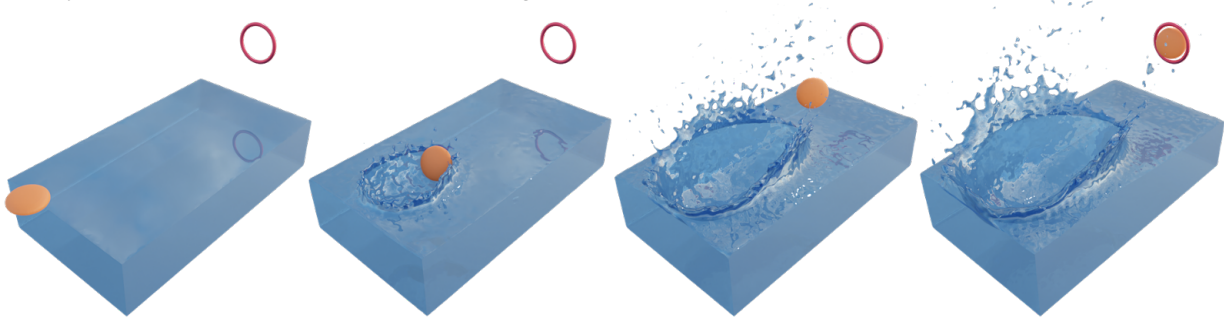
### DiffFR: Differentiable SPH-based Fluid-Rigid Coupling for Rigid Body Control ([link](#))

ACM Transactions on Graphics (Proceedings of SIGGRAPH Asia 2023)

Dec. 2023

Zhehao Li, Qingyu Xu, Xiaohan Ye, Bo Ren, Ligang Liu

- A differentiable SPH-based fluid-rigid coupling simulator addressing the instability issues of gradient, and demonstrating its efficacy, scalability, and extensibility in various challenging rigid body control tasks with diverse fluid-rigid interactions.



### Numerical Coarsening with Neural Shape Functions ([link](#))

Computer Graphics Forum, 2023

Mar. 2023

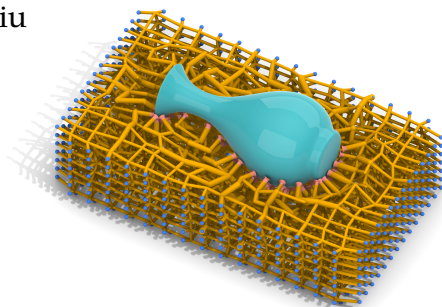
Ning Ni, Qingyu Xu, Zhehao Li, Xiao-Ming Fu, Ligang Liu

- A new numerical coarsening method for accelerating deformable simulation by adopting neural networks as nonlinear shape functions to achieve generalization capability as well as good accuracy.

**Computational Cushioning Package Design** (Submitted to SIGGRAPH 2022) Jan. 2022

Di Zhang, Zhehao Li, Xiaoya Zhai, Xiao-Ming Fu, Ligang Liu

- A computational model for efficient cushioning package design to ensure shipping safety of fragile items by geometric and topological optimization.



## Teaching & Community Service

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**SGI 2022: Summer Geometry Initiative**

– Voluntary Assistant

- Organizer: Prof. [Justin Solomon](#), MIT

Online

July 2022 - Oct. 2022

**GAMES103: Introduction to Physics-based Animation**

– Teaching Assistant

- Lecturer: Prof. [Huamin Wang](#), Ohio State University

Online

Oct. 2021 - Jan. 2022

**Taichi Graphics Course**

– Teaching Assistant

- Lecturer: Dr. [Tiantian Liu](#), Taichi Graphics

Online

Sep. 2021 - Jan. 2022

## Research & Industrial Internship

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**Tsinghua University**

– Research Intern, Shanghai Qi Zhi Institute

- Research Topic: AI + deformable simulation
- Advisor: Prof. [Tao Du](#)

Shanghai, China

July. 2023 - Present

**TikTok, Bytedance Inc.**

– Industry Intern, Product RD and Infrastructure Department

- Intern Topic: collision detection, position-based dynamics

Shenzhen, China

June. 2020 - Aug. 2020

**University of Science and Technology of China**

– Research Intern, Advanced Data System Lab

- Research Topic: generic and extensible performance estimator for data parallel DNN training
- Advisor: Prof. [Cheng Li](#)

Hefei, China

Nov. 2019 - May 2020

**University of Chicago**

– Research Intern, Human Computer Integration Lab

- Research Topic: intellectual medical wearable device
- Advisor: Prof. [Pedro Lopes](#)

Chicago, USA

July. 2019 - Sep. 2019

## Honors & Awards

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- National Scholarship for Graduate Excellence (Top 3%)
- Outstanding Graduate Award, USTC (Top 5%)

Oct. 2023

Jun. 2021

## Skills & Others

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- Programming: C++, Python, Matlab, Taichi, PyTorch
- Hobbies: Frisbee, Swimming, Guitar, Piano