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Publications	<i>Refereed Journal Articles</i>	
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	J3. Bruce Walter, Shuang Zhao , Nicolas Holzschuch, Kavita Bala. <i>Single Scattering in Refractive Media with Triangle Mesh Boundaries</i> . ACM Transactions on Graphics, 28(3), 92:1–92:8, August 2009. (Presented at SIGGRAPH 2009.)	
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- J25. Lifan Wu, Guangyan Cai, **Shuang Zhao**, Ravi Ramamoorthi. *Analytic Spherical Harmonic Gradients for Real-Time Rendering with Many Polygonal Area Lights*. ACM Transactions on Graphics, 39(4), 134:1–134:14, July 2020. (Presented at SIGGRAPH 2020.)
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- J43. Peiyu Xu, Sai Bangaru, Tzu-Mao Li, **Shuang Zhao**. *Warped-Area Reparameterization of Differential Path Integrals*. ACM Transactions on Graphics, 42(6), 213:1–213:18, December 2023. (Presented at SIGGRAPH Asia 2023 with a **Best Paper Award**.)
- J44. Yu-Chen Wang, Chris Wyman, Lifan Wu, **Shuang Zhao**. *Amortizing Samples in Physics-Based Inverse Rendering using ReSTIR*. ACM Transactions on Graphics, 42(6), 214:1–214:17, December 2023. (Presented at SIGGRAPH Asia 2023.)
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- C18. Kai Yan, Vincent Pegoraro, Marc Droske, Jiří Vorba, **Shuang Zhao**. *Differentiating Variance for Variance-Aware Inverse Rendering*. SIGGRAPH 2024 Asia Conference Papers, 117:1–117:10, December 2024.
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Patents

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Teaching

UCI Courses

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CS 114	Projects in Advanced 3D Computer Graphics	Spring 2017
CS 295	Realistic Image Synthesis	Spring 2017
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CS 295	Realistic Image Synthesis	Spring 2019
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Conference Courses

Kai Schröder, **Shuang Zhao**, Arno Zinke. *Recent Advances in Physically-Based Appearance Modeling of Cloth*. SIGGRAPH Asia 2012 Course.

Shuang Zhao, Wenzel Jakob, Tzu-mao Li. *Physics-Based Differentiable Rendering: A Comprehensive Introduction*. SIGGRAPH 2020 Course.

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Awards

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Professional Activities

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