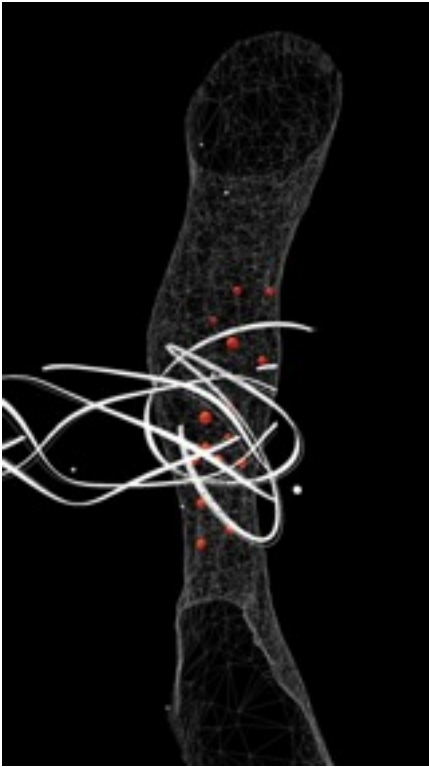


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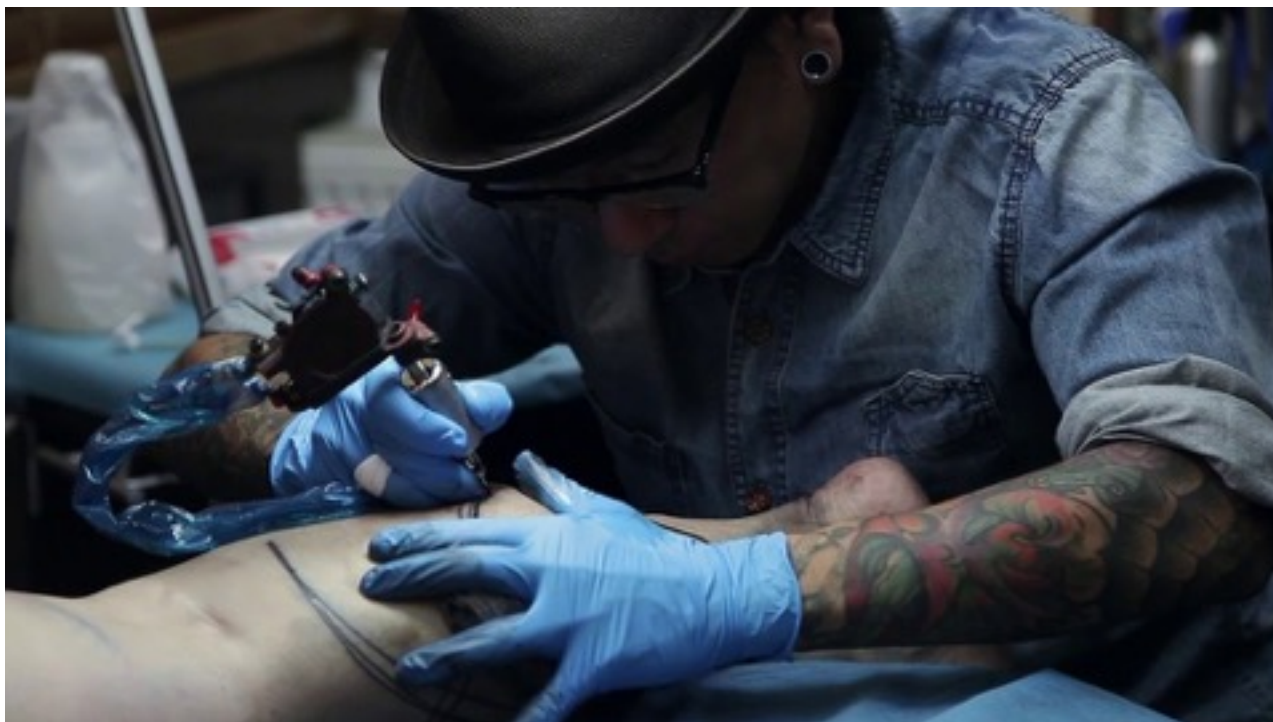


## Xu Wenkai

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*Body Shadow, Generated*  
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A computer scientist-cum-artist whose work comprises algorithms, virtual landscapes, and digital renderings, Xu (better known by his internet handle, *aaajiao*) is already a fixture in China, and increasingly making waves abroad. While he's currently enjoying a solo at OCAT's newest space in his native Xi'an, this fall he'll participate in two shows in the U.S.—a group exhibition at Spencer Museum of Art as well as the Hans Ulrich Obrist and artist Christian Boltanski-curated "Take Me (I'm Yours)" at New York's Jewish Museum. Most recently, the Shanghai-based new media artist, blogger, and programmer has been applying state-of-the-art technology to seemingly unrelated fields, including traditional science. Take *Body Shadow* (2014), for example, in which the artist presents the meridian system of traditional Chinese medicine first as a 3D rendering of his leg, then made tangible by way of a very real tattoo.