

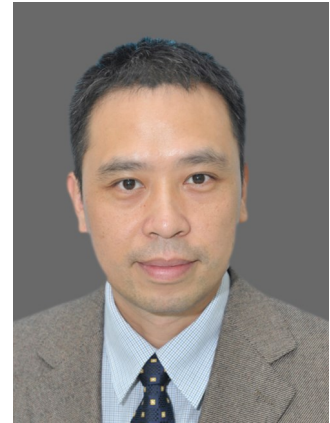


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ABSTRACT (NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS:)

A successful virtual try-on system often requires the modeling of virtual clothing and the measurement on the virtual human body. In our practice, the task of clothing modeling has been divided into two different topics, i.e., dressing and retargeting. For the dressing simulation, we introduce two different approaches. The first solution is to generate the virtual clothing from images, and the other is to reconstruct the three-dimensional clothing from a full-body scanner.

In the image-based approach, we started from taking photos of the flattened real garment and then used the planar shape to obtain "meta-patterns", which were sewn and draped around the virtual human body to generate various dressing results. As an effort to maintain the shape accuracy, Position Based Dynamics (PBD) was employed in the sewing procedure, while strain limitation was emphasized in the draping procedure via global optimization.

For three-dimensional garment/human body scanning using multiple RGB-Depth cameras, the major challenge is to calibrate the extrinsic parameters of each camera. We proposed an improved method to enhance the accuracy based on virtual checkerboards. Laplace coordinates were employed for point-to-point adjustment to further increase the accuracy of shape scanning.

After shape generation, another task of virtual try-on is to retarget the virtual clothing onto various body shapes with various postures. As an effort to probe the possible solutions, two different methods were fully investigated. In the first method, retargeting was regarded as the problem of skin deformation. We scanned the subject with and without layered garments by fitting a statistical body model on it to generate an articulated skin model. The skinned character was controlled based on the motion capture data and the multi-layered garment model was controlled by blending the movements computed by physical simulation and linear blend skinning. In the second method, retargeting was considered as a 'tailoring' problem. Both the virtual garment and the human body were decomposed based on the feature lines defined by automatic landmarking. The patches of the 3D garment were positioned around the human model by setting up the correspondence via feature matching. Virtual sewing was engaged to obtain the final results of retargeting.

Automatic body measurement is the key to tailoring, mass customization, and fit/ease evaluation. The major challenges include finding the landmarks and extracting the sizes accurately. In this work, we also proposed a new method of body measurement based on loop structure. The scanned human model was equally sliced into layers consist of various shapes of loops. The semantic feature analysis was regarded as a problem of finding the points of interest (POI) and the loop of interest (LOI) according to the types of loop connection.

Various virtual dressing results were provided to validate the performance of our solution in tackling the problems faced by virtual try-on. The experimental results on body measurement also proved that the proposed methods can be used to locate the landmarks and to extract sizes on markless human scans robustly and efficiently.