

# Real-Time Individualized Virtual Humans


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## Body Creation: 3D body cloning -

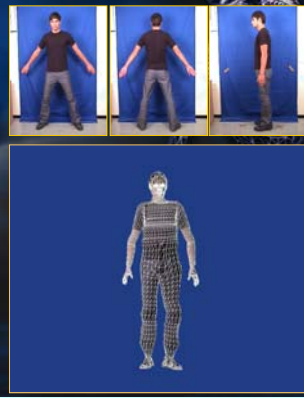
- Structured images input + known topology
- 3D capture techniques
  - from 2D images
  - digitalization



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## Creating textured cloth body

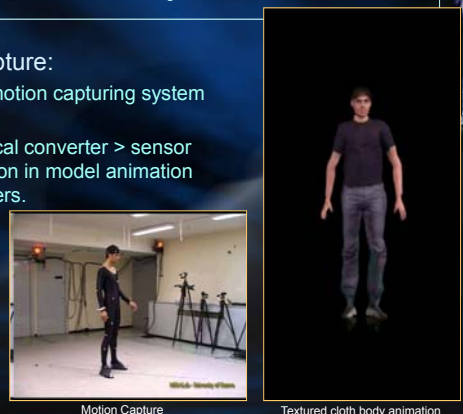
- Body Cloning & textured cloth:
  - Input:
    - Three photographs.
    - H-Anim 1.1 generic body
  - Feature:
    - Edge based.
  - Output:
    - Animatable virtual human.



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## Textured cloth body animation

- Motion capture:
  - Optical motion capturing system (Vicon)
  - Anatomical converter > sensor information in model animation parameters.



Motion Capture      Textured cloth body animation

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## Human body modeling

- One of the most difficult task of animators
  - Realistic body model
    - Accurate geometric surface
    - Appropriate skeleton structure
- Capture of shape and size of real body
  - Range scanner, image-based reconstruction,...
  - Time-consuming to modify
- Interpolation
  - Obtain new models from existing ones
  - Rapid generation, high-level manipulation



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## Articulated Body Deformation

Allen et al introduced Articulated body deformation from range scan data



- Example-based, posable model from high definition shape changes.
  - Capture human body scan
  - Estimate Pose and Kinematics
  - Reconstruct subdivision surfaces at each pose

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## Space of human body shapes

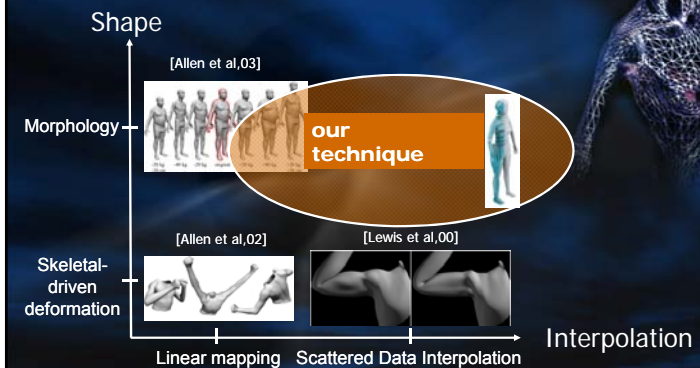
Allen et al extended their work to the reconstruction and parametrization from large range scans

- Fitting high-resolution template meshes (250) to detailed human body range scans with sparse 3D markers
- Able to morph between individuals, and begin to characterize and explore the space of probable body shapes



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Seo, Magnenat-Thalmann, "an automatic modeling of Humans Bodies from sizing parameters", ACM Symposium on 3D graphics, 2003

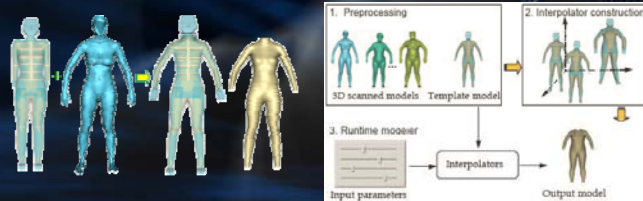


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### Example-based approach

Seo et al used scanned human data and template model

- Design of template model with appropriate skeleton attachment
- Landmarks placement for parametric deformations
- Database search for scanned data
- Template model mapping on the scanned data
- Skeleton adjustment and displacement mapping.



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### Recent method to create VH in RT

#### • Scan *examples*

- Captured geometry of real people provides the best available resource
  - variation, commonality
  - Realistic estimation

#### • Predetermined topology

- Vector representation
  - At a desired level
- Reuse of the skinning data
- Easily handle scan bodies of different postures
  - joint center estimation

#### • Interpolation

- continuous transformation field

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### 3D Scanned Data



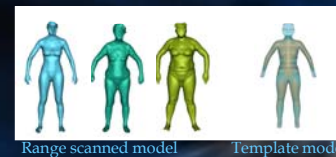
- 100 subjects (European adults)
  - Techmath,AG range scanner
  - Erect posture with arms and legs apart, lightly clothed
  - Without faces, no texture
- Additional processing using commercial packages
  - One single mesh with no holes and no open edges
  - Moderate complexity (# of triangles: <math>\leq 75,000</math>)

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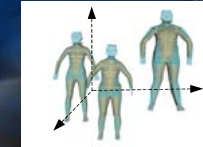
### Overview of bodysizer

H.Seo, N.Magnenat-Thalmann, An Automatic Modeling of Human Bodies from Sizing Parameters. Proc. ACM SIGGRAPH 2003 Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics, May 2003, pp.19-26.

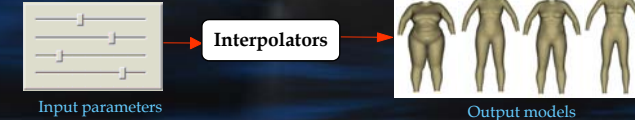
#### 1. Preprocessing



#### 2. Interpolator construction



#### 3. Runtime modeler



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## Template Model

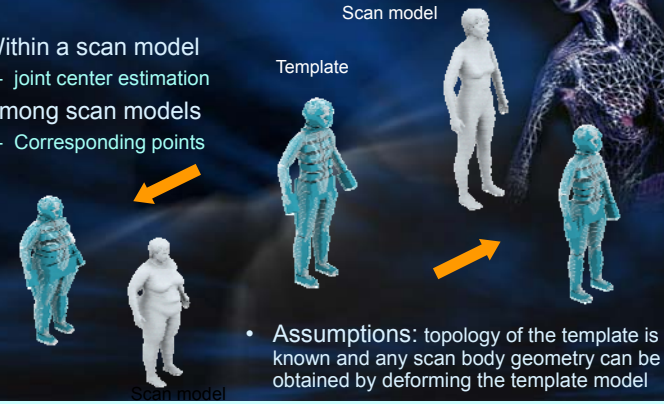


- Skeleton
  - H-Anim standard
  - LoA 2, 33 joints excluding hands and feet
- Template mesh
  - Grid structure
    - Bezier patches
  - Two levels of detail
    - 861 and 3401 vertices
- Skinning setup
  - Using 'BonesPro' [www.digimation.com]

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## Preprocessing : conforming a template model onto each scanned example

- Within a scan model
  - joint center estimation
- Among scan models
  - Corresponding points

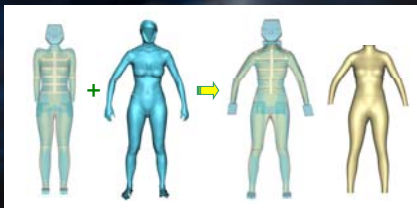


- Assumptions: topology of the template is known and any scan body geometry can be obtained by deforming the template model

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## Skeleton Fitting

- Find posture and proportion of the scanned model by using position, scale and rotation of each bone of the template
- When applying different joint parameters during fitting, **skeleton-driven deformation is used** to calculate new positions of skin surface according to the transformation of the underlying skeleton.



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## Fine skin refinement: deforms the template mesh by computing the displacement vector for each vertex.

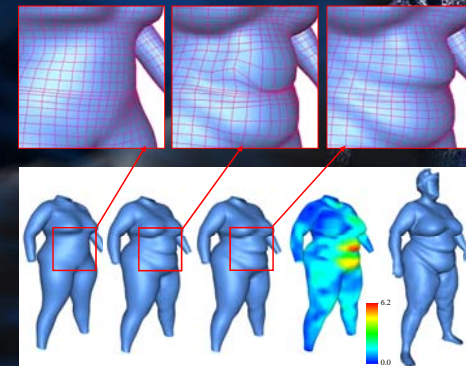
After skeleton fitting

Initial mapping

Relaxation

Re-mapping

Complete displacement map



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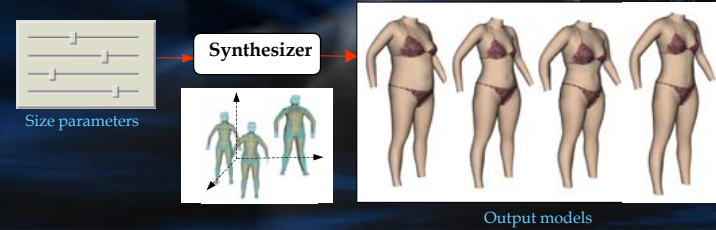
## Synthesizer construction

- Modeling synthesizers (mapping functions):
  - Allow runtime evaluation of the body geometry from the input parameters. The goal is to produce a new deformation of the template model derived through the interpolation of the example shapes.
  - *Joint and displacement synthesizers*
- As we have high dimensional geometry data and relatively small number of examples, it falls into a scattered data interpolation problem.
  - Consider each example as an interpolant
  - We adopted GRBF (Gaussian Radial Basis Function) which is **reputed to behave well in a mild condition**

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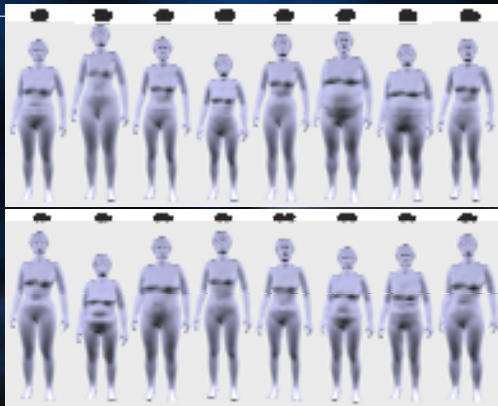
## Runtime modeler

- Once the interpolators are built, the model generation at run-time is essentially function evaluation
  - Less than 0.5 sec, including the skin attachment recalculation



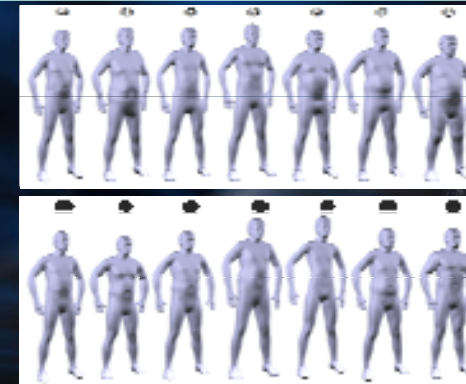
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## Some examples



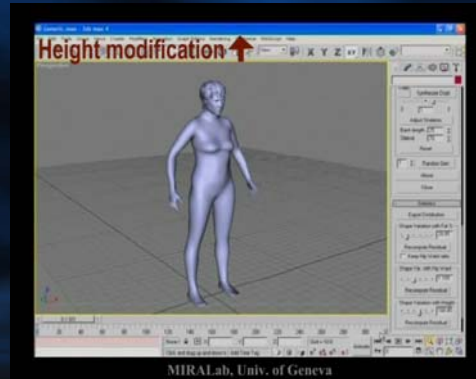
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## More examples



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## Demo1 : User interaction



DEMO2

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## Making them move

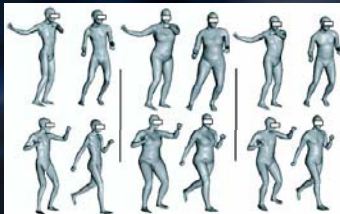


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### Example based approach

**Anguelov** et al introduced a pose space deformation of the body model by using body scanner

- 3D scans of a single person in multiple poses
- Capture details in different poses
- Transfer the deformations between other models.



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### Example based approach

**Park** et al (2006) developed a novel approach for skin deformation with visually realistic results.

- Very large set of markers (approximately 350) placed on the subject
- Using motion capture data, muscles and fleshy part of the virtual model deformed and applied to other models that must have similar properties



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### Skeletal Muscle Simulation

Teran et al have created and Simulated Skeletal Muscle from the Visible Human Data Set

- Physics based muscle modelling
  - Muscle material heterogeneity
  - Segmented from visible human data set
  - Tetrahedral representation for FEM



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### Character Rigging

Pratscher et al introduced geometric muscle deformation using multi-shell structured ellipsoids.

- Each shell has its own level of hardness for deforming the attached skin
- Using number of heuristics, body mesh is partitioned into segments to determine the location of the muscles.
- User can customize the muscle connections, size, etc and those parameters are saved under a musculoskeletal template to be applied on different bodies



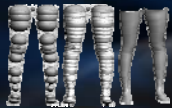
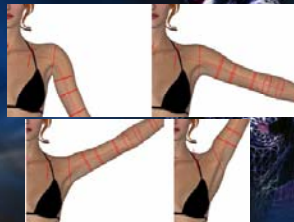
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### Sweep-based Deformation

Hyun extended his previous sweep based approach by adding GPU assisted collision detection for limbs during deformation

- Polygonal mesh approximated by control sweep surfaces.
- According to joint angle changes, sweep surfaces deformed and overlapping parts are blended.
- Anatomical features as elbow-protrusion, skin folding etc are emulated in the GPU



- Transformations of the sweep surfaces for deformation
- The rigid parts of a limb are represented by tubular sweep surfaces.

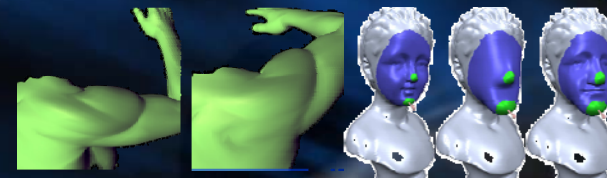
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### GPU based deformation

Rhee et al proposed real-time weighted pose space deformation technique using information skinning deformations parallelized on GPU

- GPU hardware acceleration is used for computations.
- GPU parallel processing capability is used for sample space interpolation.
- From a sufficient set of examples of an articulated model, displacements are interpolated using GPU techniques



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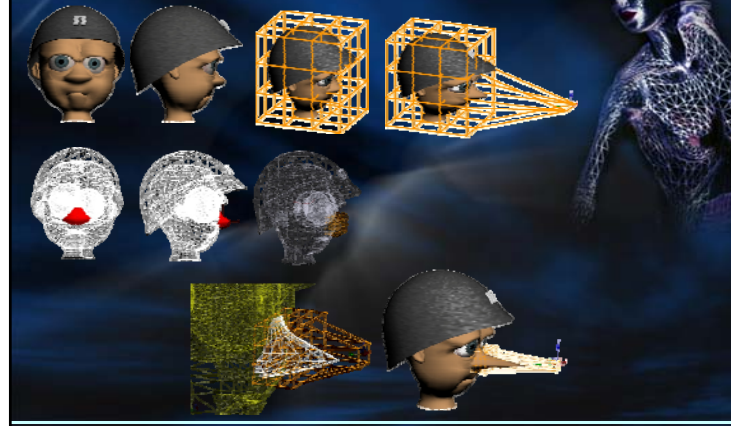
MIRALab recent work Modelling any body size

- Based on **SCODEF et al** method.
- Looks similar to FFD but **have much more deformation control for complex models.**
- Spatial model deformation is possible. This feature is exactly fitting for anthropometric segmentation of the body model.
- **No need to modify all the control points for deformation. Single parameter deforms single segment.**
- Deformed overlapping segments are smoothly blendable. No visual side-effects between segments.
- No need to update surface normals. Displacement is occurred through the existing normal vector direction.

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Basic deformation technique (in our case, no linear

deformation, each vertex can have a different deformation table)



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Recent work - Overview - MIRALab research

Design template model. No geometry constraint. Attach a skeleton.

Apply smoothing on deformation.

Define group of indices by unique ID.

Deform the model with sliders. More control, 24 deformation parameters.

Define deformation schema.

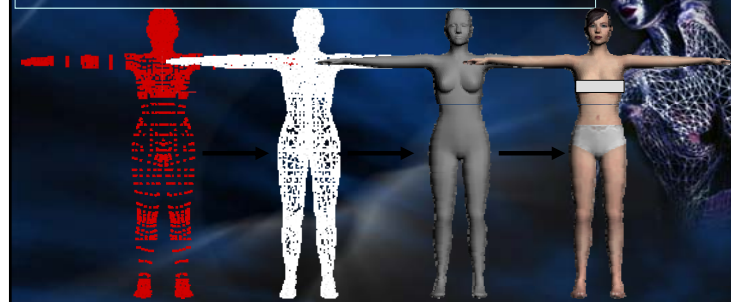
Get immediate result.

Requirements:  
 •Template model without geometric constraint.  
 •Skeleton with any standards.

Steps 1,2,3 are one time process in design stage.

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Recent work - Design

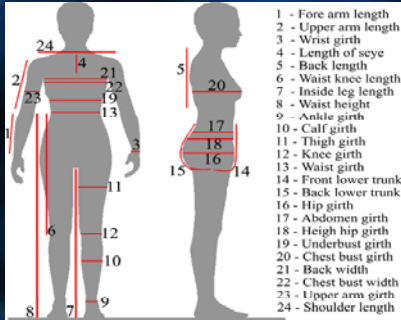


- Design template model(s) with generic body size(s).
  - Geometry of the mesh is not important.
  - Generate high number of triangulation on the joints.
- Export the model as COLLADA file.

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## Anthropometric measurement standards



- 1 - Fore arm length
- 2 - Upper arm length
- 3 - Wrist girth
- 4 - Length of scye
- 5 - Back length
- 6 - Waist knee length
- 7 - Inside leg length
- 8 - Waist height
- 9 - Ankle girth
- 10 - Calf girth
- 11 - Thigh girth
- 12 - Knee girth
- 13 - Waist girth
- 14 - Front lower trunk
- 15 - Back lower trunk
- 16 - Hip girth
- 17 - Abdomen girth
- 18 - Height hip girth
- 19 - Underbust girth
- 20 - Chest bust girth
- 21 - Back width
- 22 - Chest bust width
- 23 - Upper arm girth
- 24 - Shoulder length

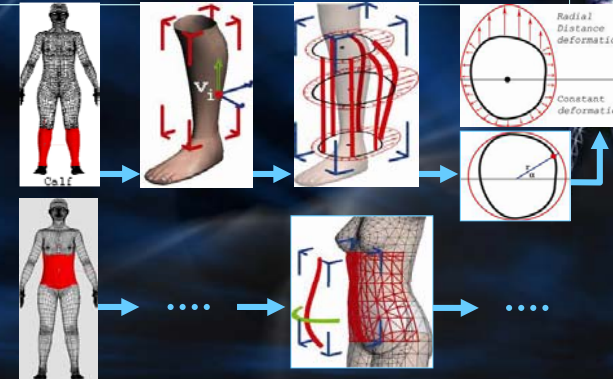


- Regarding to ISO-7250 and ISO-8559 anthropometric measurement landmarks, template body model segmented during the design stage.. Totally 24 parameters.

Kasap, M. & Magnenat-Thalmann, N. Parameterized Human Body Model for Real-Time Applications *Cyberworlds, 2007. CW '07. International Conference on Cyberworlds, 2007*, 160-167

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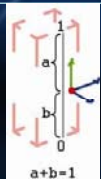
## Recent work – Each region with its own deformation schema



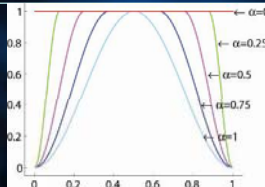
## Deformations on belly and calf regions.

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## Recent work – Smoothing



Each region is represented as a bounding box. Each vertice in this box has its local coordinate within [0, 1] domain.



Tukey window[37] with different parameters as a smoothing function. Domain of this function is [0, 1] which is the same as the local bounding box frame of the corresponding region. Applying this window function will make the deformations to become zero on the boundary parts of the region.

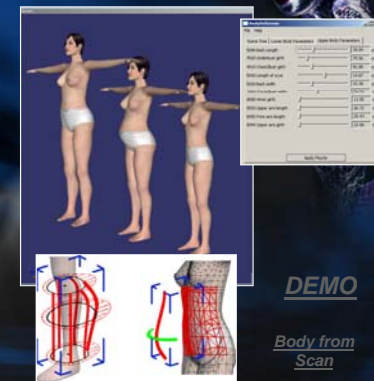


Deformation on the boundary parts of the regions must be zero. Figure shows with and without smoothing the deformations on the boundary parts.

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## Our Deformable Body Model

- Development of a user interface that modifies each indices group



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## Parameterized human body model



- Real-time deformation of animated model.
- Simple anthropometric size range generation.

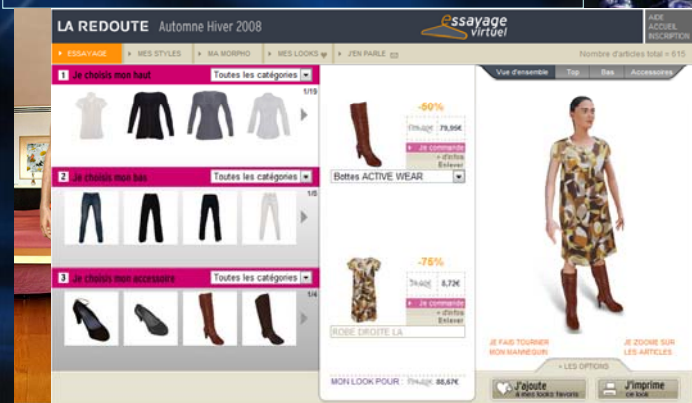
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## What is a “Virtual TryOn”?

- An (online) application, allowing you to try on virtual garments
  - For consumers
    - Online shopping: “I like this garment, but **how does it look** on my body, and **will it fit?**”
  - For designers
    - Rapid prototyping/evaluation of a design in various sizes and with various fabrics

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## Existing Virtual TryOn-s



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## Beyond existing VTOs

- With our VTO we want to provide
  - Realistically deformable models to accurately **match the user's morphology**
    - Based on anthropometric data
  - Real time **animation** of the virtual body
    - Influenced by user's morphology
  - Accurate **simulation** of garments
    - Based on measured physical parameters of fabrics

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## Body Sizing

- An accurate body is essential
  - To “try on” clothing, you need a virtual body that represents your own
- Start from a **template body**
  - Generate a **body with your sizes** based on anthropometric data

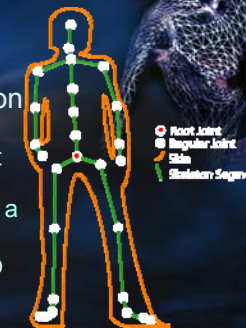


[KMT07] Parameterized Human Body Model for Real-time Application. M. Kasap and N. Magnenat-Thalmann. *Cyberworlds 2007, International Conference, IEEE, pp. 160-167, October 2007*

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## Animation adaptation

- Animation is usually pre-recorded
  - Through the use of motion capture equipment
- Any changes to the body's morphology influence its animation e.g.
  - A heavier set person has a different gait than a lighter person
  - Someone with longer legs will have a longer stride
- The recorded animation needs to be adapted to account for these changes



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## Motion Adaptation Based on Character Shape



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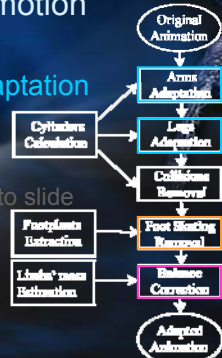
## Motion Adaptation

- Take an existing clip and modify it according to higher level requirements
  - Step here
  - Grasp this object
  - Change the character's size
  - ...
- A widely investigated topic

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## Animation adaptation

- We have developed a motion retargeting system
  - Allows for on-the-fly adaptation of motion
  - Removal of foot skating
    - When the body appears to slide
  - Balance correction
    - Weight distribution

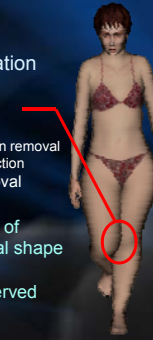


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## Motion Adaptation for VTO

- Virtual Try On Application
  - Deformed avatars
  - Provide Animation
    - Motion adaptation
      - Self penetration removal
      - Balance correction
    - Foot skating removal
- Requirements
  - Skin based (instead of skeleton only) thus real shape of the character
  - Motion mostly preserved
  - No user interaction (automatic)
  - Use of spacetime optimization



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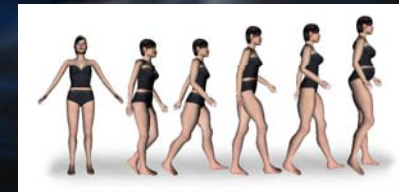
## Foot skating removal for VTO

- Skin Based
  - To account for the shape modifications
- Does not modify the motion
  - Change the root translation instead
- Horizontal drift
- Vertical minimization of the ground penetrations

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## Change the girth of the limbs ?

- Enables to create:
  - Virtual Try On application
  - Crowds with more variety
- Introduces *Shape penetrations*



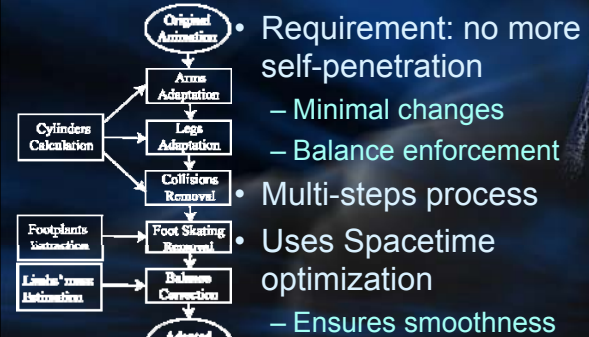
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## Skeleton Design

- Approximate the body shape with cylinders
  - Provides one radius per limb
  - Rough estimate of the mass distribution



## Motion Adaptation



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## Example

White foot prints : foot skating  
Yellow foot prints: no more foot skating



## Example (1) balance Adaptation

(if the motion has changed much, the balance of the character is no longer maintained and the character is allowed to lean)  
Left: modified, badly balanced model. Middle is the corrected one. Right: both models are superimposed



*Etienne Lyard and Nadia Magnenat-Thalmann, Motion Adaptation Based On Characters Shape, CASA 2008, CAVW Journal, Wiley*

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### Example (2) penetration removal

On the left, the hand self penetrates the body and the right arm self penetrates itself. On the right, both penetrations were removed

MOVIE

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### Garment Simulation

- Physical simulation of garments
  - Simulation based on **measured physical parameters** of used fabrics
  - Includes **grading** information
    - Selection of various different garment sizes
    - No need to change to different meshes
- 2 Simulation modes:
  - Real-time (preview) simulation
  - High-Quality simulation

[MTH08] N. Magnenat-Thalmann, E. Lyard, M. Kasap and P. Volino. Adaptive body, motion and cloth. *Proceedings of Motion in Games 2008, Lecture Notes in Computer Science (to appear)*

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### The Virtual TryOn (VTO)

Combines the two applications into a single coherent application

BODY PART	CM
Ankle Girth	19.53
Calf Girth	33.95
Knee Girth	32.98
Thigh Girth	51.89
Inside Leg Length	88.04
Waist Knee Length	51.80
Waist Height	113.03
Hip Girth	95.97
Height Hip Girth	89.93
Abdomen Girth	80.11
Front Lower Thunk Length	35.53
Back Lower Thunk Length	32.17
Waist Girth	68.22
Back Length	40.57
Underbust Girth	76.95
Chest Bust Girth	68.04
Length of Sleeve	79.91
Back Width	32.14
Chest Bust Width	49.78

**Body sizing**

- 23 Parameters
- Animation automatically retargeted to new sizes

**Garment sizing**

- On-the-fly switching between different sizes
- No new files needed

**High quality simulation**

- Highly accurate simulation
- Generates video output

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### The Virtual TryOn: Body Sizing

- Resizing and retargeting a body (Real-time capture)

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## The Virtual TryOn: Grading

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## The Virtual TryOn: HQ Simulation

- High Quality Simulation

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## Ongoing developments

- Optimization of the simulation
  - New approaches to simulation
    - “Drive” high resolution garments through simulation of lower resolution garments
  - Utilization of modern hardware
    - Multi-Core CPUs
    - Graphics Processors (GPGPU)
- Customization through multi-grading
  - Localized deformation of garments
    - Editing without changing topology

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## Ongoing developments

- Server based VTO
  - The VTO as a web service
    - Remote Computation: Allowing the VTO to run on virtually any device with a decent network connection
  - ...

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## Modelling and animating faces

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## Anthropometry-Based Deformation

Douglas developed a system based on anthropometric human face measurements to model the face



From anthropometric measurements to variational face deformation (Douglas et al).

- **Statistical anthropometric measurements are used as geometric constraints on the specific part of the parametric surface.**
- Corresponding measurement landmarks detected on template model.
- Because of its parametric property, variational modelling technique (wavelets) is used to deform the surface which satisfies the underlying constraints.

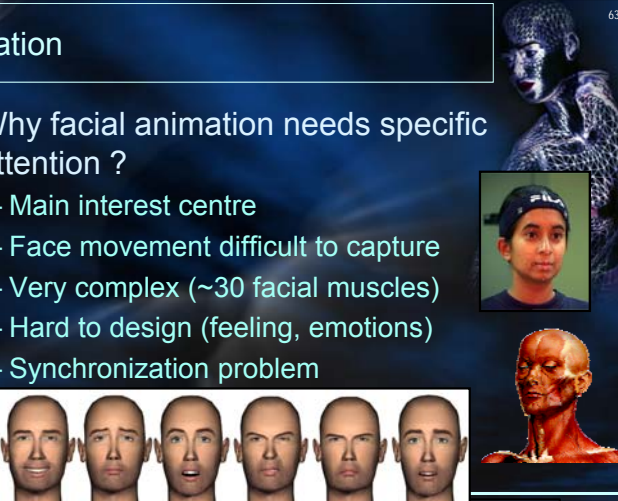
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## Animation

Requires TIME, PRECISION and OBSERVATION

- Why facial animation needs specific attention ?
  - Main interest centre
  - Face movement difficult to capture
  - Very complex (~30 facial muscles)
  - Hard to design (feeling, emotions)
  - Synchronization problem

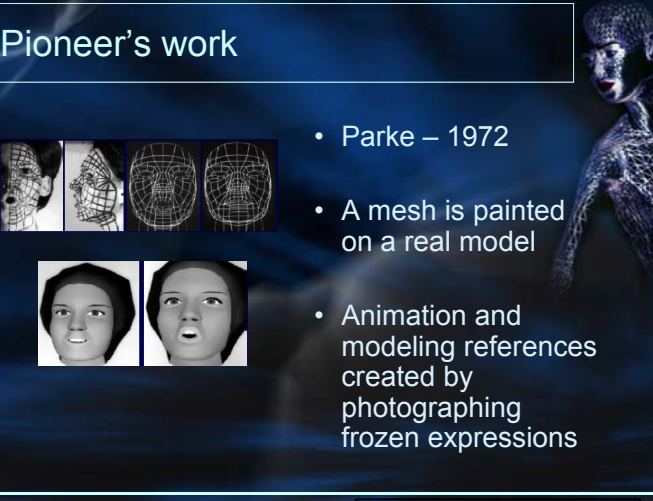


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## Pioneer's work

- Parke – 1972
- A mesh is painted on a real model
- Animation and modeling references created by photographing frozen expressions



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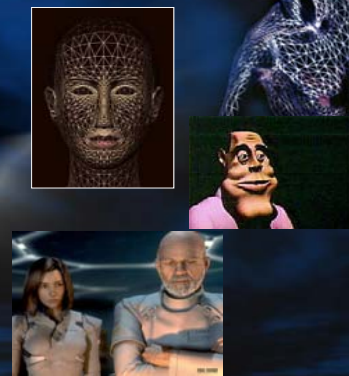
## Facial animation pipeline

1. Define a geometric model
2. Define for the model an animation structure and a parameterization set
3. Animation creation (by vision, optical tracking, AI, manual design)
4. Animation of the model according to animation structure and parameters

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## Facial Animation

- A set of techniques in order to deform a model to reproduce natural facial expressions
- A face is important for
  - Lip animation according to the speech
  - Emotion
- The face is not a body: a face does not have a skeletal structure (except for the jaw)



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## Parameterization

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## Why do we need a parameterization system ?

- What do we have ?
  - Complex mesh topology
  - Different mesh for each character
- What do we want ?
  - Quick and easy facial animation design
  - **Animation working on any character**
  - Suitable for real time applications
  - Reduce amount of data necessary (for animation, storage and network applications)
- One solution
  - Create a topology independent of parameterization
  - Standardization



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## Parameterizations

- 3 main parameterization systems
  - 1978 : Facial Action Coding System (FACS)
  - 1993 : Minimal Perception Action(not shown)
  - 1999: MPEG4 parameterization for facial animation

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## FACS : description of the movement of facial muscles

- Mainly developed for facial analysis
- Based on visual facial anatomical movements
  - Used in psychology to classify face movements and expressions
  - Designed to describe facial expression / visual motion, then exclude
    - Muscle contraction without motion
    - Face morphology
  - Requires a knowledge of muscular face anatomy
- Using FACS for animation synthesis is an extension of the initial goal

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## FACS Action Unit

- Study of face anatomy
- Definition of all muscle actions separately
- Sometimes, more than 1 muscle is responsible for a facial deformation, in this case an AU (Action Unit) includes 2 or 3 muscles
- 1 muscle could create more than 1 AU
- → Action Unit (AU) definition
  - 35 basics AU
  - 11 extended AU (deformations not implying the action of a face muscle, i.e. “tongue out”)

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## FACS Example

AU No.	FACS Name	Muscular Basis
13	Cheek puffer	Caninus
14	Dimpler	Buccinator
15	Lip Corner Depressor	Triangularis
16	Lower Lip Depressor	Depressor Labii
17	Chin Raiser	Mentalis
18	Lip Puckerer	Incisivii Labii Superioris, Incisivii Labii Inferioris
20	Lip Stretcher	Risorius
22	Lip Funneler	Orbicularis Oris
23	Lip Tightner	Orbicularis Oris

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## MPEG-4 for face (1998)

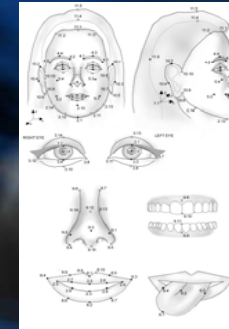
- MPEG-4 allows for independent encoding of different audio-visual objects (AVO).
- The AVO could be video, audio, 2D or 3D objects
- Specifies a compressed binary representation of the AVO.
- IMPORTANT : MPEG4 only specifies the encoder, the "terminal" has the choice to generate an MPEG4 compliant bit stream
- **A special AVO is the Face and Body Animation (FBA)**
- MPEG4 is a parameterization for network applications
- The FBA object encompasses both 2D and 3D models, which can look realistic as well as cartoon-like.

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## MPEG-4 for face

- FBA defines two sets of parameters
  - Definition Parameters (FDP)
    - Specifies the geometrical shape definition of the face model
    - Transmitted only once
    - 88 parameters
  - Animation Parameters (FAP)
    - 68 parameters
    - Transmitted for each frame

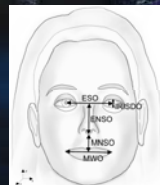


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## MPEG-4 for face

- Each FAP corresponding to a particular facial action deforms the face from its neutral state
- The value of a particular FAP indicates the magnitude of the deformation
- A "terminal" could use its own animation rules in order to animate the face
- **FAP values are defined in facial animation parameter units (FAPU) to be model independent**
- FAPU are computed using spatial distances between major features on the model



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## MPEG-4 for face

- 2 of 68 FAPs can be used as two high level parameters:
  - Visemes
  - Expressions
- High level parameters allow the transmission of fewer parameters
- **FAPs are categorized into 10 groups and represent a complete set of basic facial actions including head, tongue and eye movement**



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### Example of FDP and FAP

**FDP 4.3**

**FAP 33**

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### Concepts of face animation

Different approaches to animate a face

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### Keyframing (1)

- Animation made by interpolating between keyframes or expressions
  - Can be based on mesh deformation or on a parameter set

<b>Advantages</b>	Can provide very realistic animation
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Time consuming process to build animation

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### Keyframing (2)

**Mesh Deformations**  
(mesh deformation controlled by parameters)

**Animation**  
(variation of the static expressions with time)

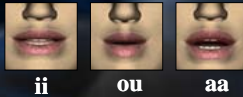
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## Automatic Methods

### Text-to-Speech (Visual)

- Animation and sound are built automatically using phonemes and visemes

- Text → phoneme → viseme → animation parameters

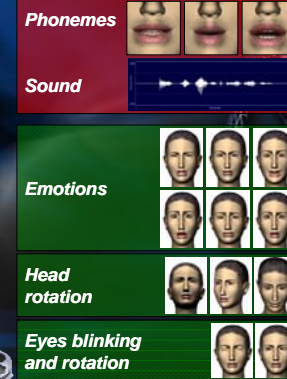


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## Automatic Methods

### Expressive speech

- Different animation layers can be used in order to create an expressive speech animation such as emotions, head rotation and eyes blinking/gaze
- Requires realistic blending of different animation layers
- Requires a high-level control mechanism to define the timing of each expression



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## Facial Animation Languages

- Assure the synchronization between different facial movements
- Provide higher level controls of the animation
- Integrated with an animation player
- Mostly XML based
  - VHML: Virtual Human Markup Language
  - AMPL: Affective Presentation Markup Language
  - FML: Face Modeling Language
  - AML: Avatar Mark-up Language

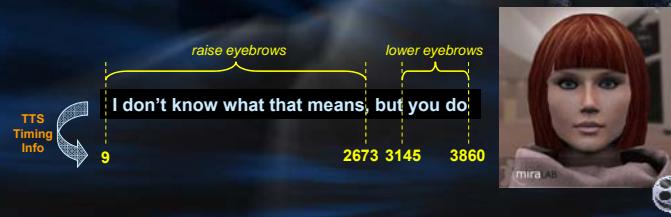
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<vhml>
  <person disposition="angry">
    First I speak with an angry voice and look very angry,
    <surprised intensity="50">
      but suddenly I change to look more surprised.
    </surprised>
  </person>
</vhml>
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## Facial Animation Control

### Creating facial animation from

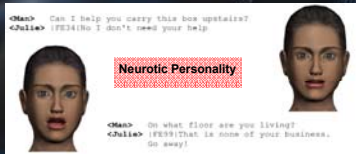
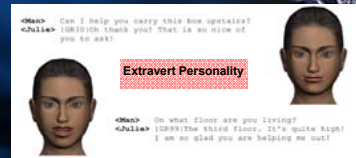
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<begin_gesture id="raise_eyebrows"/>I don't know what that means,<end_gesture id="raise_eyebrows"/> but <begin_gesture id="lower_eyebrows"/> you do.<end_gesture id="lower_eyebrows"/>
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## Personality and emotion simulation for conversational agents

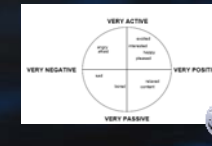
- Ekman's six basic expressions are used for the visual front-end
  - Joy, anger, fear, sadness, disgust and surprise
- OCEAN model is used for personality
  - Openness
  - Conscientiousness
  - Extraversion
  - Agreeableness
  - Neuroticism



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## Emotions with varying intensity

- People normally exhibit a mixture of emotions
  - Not only Ekman's six facial expressions
- Modeling intermediate emotions is not easy
  - One solution: Interpolate between different emotional states considering activation and intensity parameters



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## Motion Capture

- Capturing real people's performances to animate a virtual character
  - performance-driven animation
- Problems such as calibration, occlusion
- Captured data can be used directly or a statistical analysis can be applied (e.g. Principal Component Analysis)

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## Camera and marker set-up

- Camera position
  - 8 Infra-Red High-Resolution Cameras
- Marker placement
  - 30 facial markers



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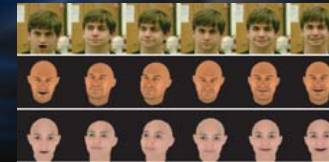
## Active Scanners & Video Cameras

- Active scanners (Laser, structured light)
  - High resolution face capture
  - Capturing subtle changes on face such as wrinkles
- Video cameras (passive scanning)
  - Less expensive and easy capture
  - 2D data needs to be converted to 3D

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## Vision-based Control of 3D Facial Animation

- Interactive expression Control
- Video input is used in order to control the animation of virtual faces in RT. Similar to motion capture since animation control signals from a real performer are **mapped onto a 3D facial model**
  - a user can control 3D facial expressions of an avatar interactively employing a video input



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## New challenges in RT Virtual Humans

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## Communicating with Virtual Characters and Robots: Why and How?

- Why to communicate?
  - A universal interface for communication between human and computer
- How to communicate?\*
- Express and perceive emotions
- Communicate with high-level dialogue
- Establish/maintain social relationships
- Exhibit distinctive personality
- Learn/recognize models of others
- Use natural ways of communication (speech, facial expressions, gesture and gaze)

T. Fong and I. Nourbakhsh and K. Dautenhahn, A survey of socially interactive robots, Robotics and Autonomous Systems, 42, 2002

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## Examples of Interactive Virtual Characters



Greia - University of Paris



MAX - University of Bielefeld



MIRALab - University of Geneva



REA's Virtual Reality



Steve - University of Southern California



Valerie - CMU

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## Examples of Social Robots



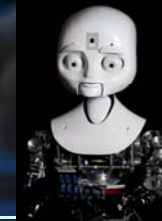
Kismet - MIT



iCAT-Philips



LEGO Mindstorms



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Grace - CMU

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## Limitations

- Far from being **intelligent** and **expressive** enough to **engage** user to a **believable interaction**
- Behaviors not linked very well with content, **repetitive** and **unnatural**

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## Our Research at MIRALab

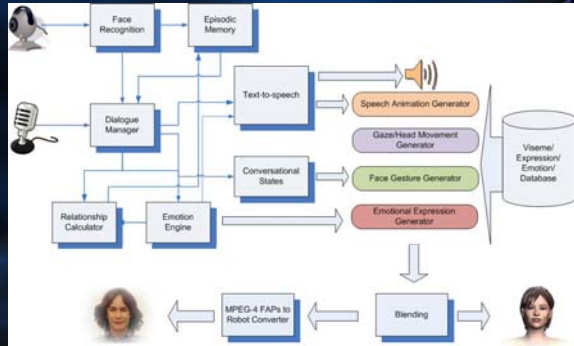
- Interaction with a virtual character and a robot that can
  - speak with us (audio and expressive gestures)
  - understand what we are talking about (content and emotional appraisal)
  - behave emotionally according to predefined personality types
  - establish long-term emotional relationships
  - recognize faces of different people and remember past interactions

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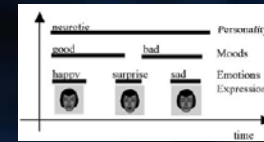
## Common Interaction Architecture for VH and Robot



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## Emotional Interaction

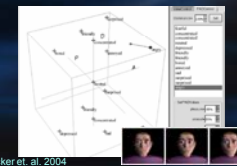
- Examples of some existing emotional models



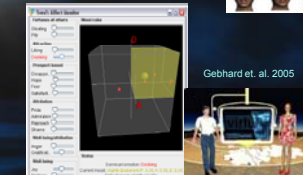
Kshirsagar et al. 2002



Egges et al. 2004



Becker et al. 2004



Gebhard et al. 2005

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## Discussion on Emotion Models

- Most of the systems model personality, mood and emotions
- What is missing?
  - User modeling
    - Long-term component
    - Relationship with user

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## Relational Agents and Long-term Interaction

- Recognize and remember faces of people interacted and information about them
- Establish and maintain long-term relationships
  - Like, dislike, trust, affection
- Complex social behaviour



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## Our Emotional Model

- We model 4 components and their interaction in our emotional model:
  - Personality
  - Emotions
  - Mood
  - Relationships

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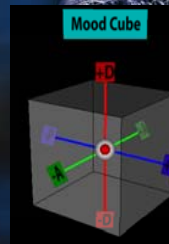
## Personality - OCEAN

<b>Openness</b>	open to experience new things, being imaginative, intelligent and creative
<b>Conscientiousness</b>	indicates responsibility, reliability and tidiness.
<b>Extraversion:</b>	Outgoing, sociable, assertive and energetic to achieve his/her goals.
<b>Agreeableness:</b>	trustable, kind and cooperative considering other people's goals and is ready to surrender his own goals.
<b>Neuroticism:</b>	anxious, nervous, prone to depression and lack of emotional stability.

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## Emotion Engine

- **OCEAN personality** (McCrae & Costa, 1996)
  - Openness, Conscientiousness, Extroversion, Agreeableness, Neuroticism
- **OCC emotions** (Collins, Ortony & Clore, 1988)
  - Positive: Joy, hope, relief, pride, gratitude, love
  - Negative: Distress, fear, disappointment, remorse, anger, hate
- **Mehrabian Mood** (Mehrabian 1996)
  - 3 dimensional: pleasure, arousal, dominance
  - Positive: Exuberant, dependant, relaxed, docile,
  - Negative: Bored, disdainful, anxious, hostile



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## OCC Emotions

Positive Emotions	Negative Emotions
- because something good happened (joy)	- because something bad happened (distress)
- about the possibility of something good happening (hope)	- about the possibility of something bad happening (fear)
- because a feared bad thing didn't happen (relief)	- because a hoped-for good thing didn't happen (disappointment)
- about a self-initiated praiseworthy act (pride)	- about a self-initiated blameworthy act (remorse)
- about an other-initiated praiseworthy act (gratitude)	- about an other-initiated blameworthy act (anger)
- because one finds someone/something appealing or attractive (love)	- because one finds someone/something unappealing or unattractive (hate)
- because something good happened to a liked person (happy-for)	- because something bad happened to a liked person (sorry-for)
liked person (happy-for) unliked person (gloating)	- because something good happened to an unliked person (resentment)

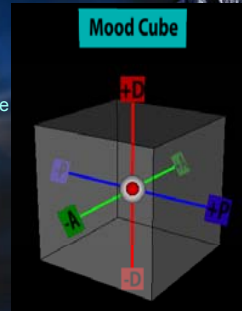
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## Mood (PAD)

### Mehrabian (1996)

- Arousal: level of physical activity
- Dominance: feeling of control
- Pleasure: positivity or negativity of emotional state

+P+A+D	Exuberant	-P-A-D	Bored
+P+A-D	Dependent	-P-A+D	Disdainful
+P-A+D	Relaxed	-P+A-D	Anxious
+P-A-D	Docile	-P+A+D	Hostile

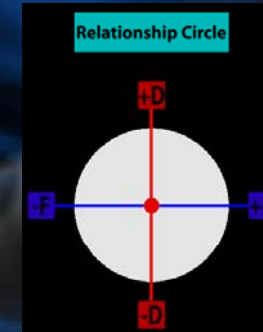


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## Relationship

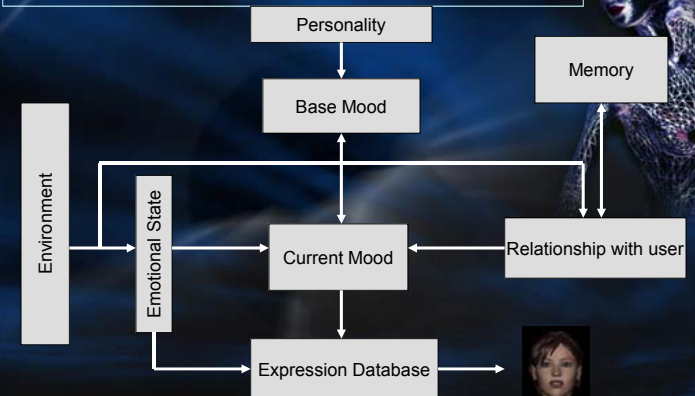
- (Argyle, 1998)

- Two dimensions
- Friendliness
  - Dominance



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## Diagram of Emotional Model



Z. Kasap, M. Ben Moussa, P. Chaudhuri and N. Magnenat-Thalmann. IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, 2008

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## Mood Update

- Mood update is done in four cases:
  - Case 1: Initialization of base mood with personality
  - Case 2: At the beginning of each interaction session when a person is recognized
  - Case 3: At the end of each interaction session when a person leaves
  - Case 4: At each emotional impulse during dialogue

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## Relationship Level

- How do we decide on the relationship level?
  - Based on past interaction sessions

We employ long-term memory modeling to remember past interactions

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## What is Long-term Memory?

- Two types:
  - Procedural Memory (related with learning skills like riding a bicycle)
  - Declarative Memory (important for natural communication)
    - Episodic memory
      - represents our experiences as points on a timeline
    - Semantic memory
      - Derived from episodic memory and it is a structured representation of learned facts and concepts

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## Episodic Memory Structure

- Currently, we focus on episodic memory and store the following pieces of information at each interaction session:

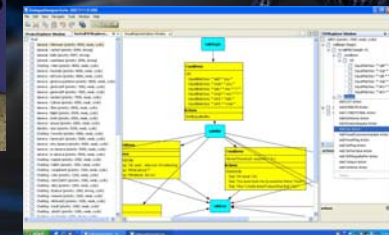
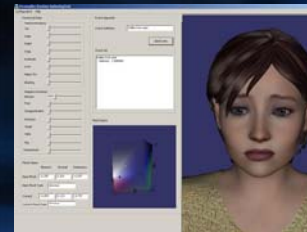
- Name of person interacted  $p_i$
- Time passed since the session started  $t_i$
- Starting relationship at the beginning of session  $R_i^e$
- Ending relationship at the end of session  $R_i$
- Relationship change during the session  $R_i^s$
- Recall probability  $P_i$

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## Quantification Phase

Emotional model and all the parameters can be tested and changed using the Personality/Emotion Authoring Tool

Dialogue Authoring Tool is used to design dialogue scripts with emotional appraisals



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## Scenario

- Eva teaching Geography
- Interaction with two types of students
  - A good and a difficult student
- Eva recognizes them automatically and stores information about them (name, relationship level)
- Eva remembers the level of relationship and answers accordingly

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The screenshot displays a virtual classroom environment. At the top, two student avatars are shown: a male avatar labeled "The good student" and a female avatar labeled "The difficult student". Below them, two rows of interaction sessions are visible. The first row is labeled "Emotional Interaction sessions" and the second row is labeled "Recognition and Remembering sessions". Each session shows a student's perspective of the virtual teacher, Eva, on a screen. The interface is set against a dark blue background with a grid pattern.

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