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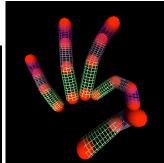
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3D Body Modeling







Articulated models for the body and the hand

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEMONSTRATION

Modeling the human body using articulated shape models constitutes a robust approach for tracking body motion from a set of synchronized video streams. The approach is based on computer vision technique and does not require the use of visual or electromagnetic sensors allowing the user to freely and naturally interact with an information system. We focus on modeling the torso, head and limbs of the user as well as an accurate modeling of the hands.

The articulated models are fitted and tracked to the visual properties of the body shape using Particle Filtering (PF) techniques. It allows the system to robustly track non linear motions commonly observed in body motions.

UNIQUE OR DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS RELATIVE TO STATE-OF-THE-ART

Efficient Particle Filtering technique based on analytical inference. It reduces the complexity of the PF and increases its efficiency by guiding the sampling process

Efficient handling of body parts self-occlusions

Automatic initialization of the articulated model

APPLICATIONS

Motion Capture Computer Aided Training Virtual prototyping Perceptual User Interface, Attentive User Interface

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS, LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, UPCOMING MILESTONES

Hand and body modeling with adaptation of the model to the body proportions Use of motion cue for accurate tracking

Future: Real-time performances, Gesture-based interaction, Multiple people

UNDERLYING TECHNOLOGIES

Particle filtering for fitting and tracking articulated model to body parts
Analytical inference for efficient particle sampling
Large number of degree of freedom for shape variations and tracking body joints

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, REFERENCES, URLs

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