

Virtual Viewpoint Research

¥ Research directed toward a system that will allow a user to observe any viewpoint of a sporting event.

– E.g. From behind the goal participant

¥ Research Questions:

– Analysis of video from sporting events

¥ Construction of models

¥ Provide high level commentary/statistics

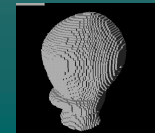
¥ Analyze plays

¥ Modeling of players & the human form

– Including human movement

– Visualization/Presentation of VVR information

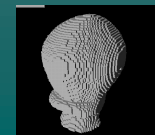
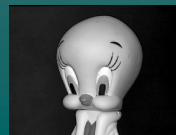
VVR:



Virtual Viewpoint Regression

- ¥ Further definition of goals (with NHTs) in
 - Soccer as the demonstration sport
- ¥ Setup new VVR laboratory
 - 14 computers with framegrabbers
 - Real-time parallel software system
 - Constructed a 3D scanner - to acquire test data
- ¥ Research
 - New approach to 3D reconstruction using technique from Tomography- paper forthcoming
 - Further refinement of this approach using statistical interpretation
 - Adaptation of human tracking system for VV

VVR:



Virtual Viewpoint Reconstruction goals

- ¥ Setup a system of 12-20 cameras working real-time to construct coarse 3D models
 - Using intersection of silhouettes.
- ¥ Further refine our 3D reconstruction algorithm
- ¥ Study the integration of real-time silhouette system with tomographic systems
- ¥ Investigate graphics/rendering of 3D information
- ¥ Begin to analyze 3D human movements

