



Achieving a realistic colour appearance for 3-D printed skin

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PURPOSE OF PROJECT





Advanced Method of Facial Prostheses





IMAGE ACQUISITION



Reliability and repeatability

SPECTRAL RECONSTRUCTION



RGB -> XYZ-> SPECTRA

SKIN COLOUR DATABASE



For different ethnicities

TOLERANCE LIMITS



Perceptual experiments





Problems to consider with skin appearance

- textured = polychromatic
- non-flat material
- 3D facial structure







melanin

dermal melanin

Chromophores

melanin

collagen

blood

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Complicated structure









COLOR SIGNAL = ILLUMINANT * REFLECTANCE

(Source: Wandell; Foundation of Vision)





Problems to consider with skin appearance

Metamerism



Skin changes under changes in illumination is a serious problem for skin prostheses.

Solution: use spectral-based evaluation, instead of colorimetric





Metamerism: two physically different spectra appear the same the observer















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- Nikon D7000 camera with DigiEye imaging system
- Tele-spectroradiometer: PhotoResearch SpectraScan PR650
- **3 D** camera: 3dMDTriosystem
- Spectrophotometer: Konica Minolta CM-700d
- with CM-SA skin analysis software
- Verivide facial imaging lighting booth









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10 locations were measured



- 1. Forehead
- 2. Zygomatic (cheekbone)
- 3. Nose tip
- 4. Chin
- 5. Cheek
- 6. Neck
- 7. Inner forearm
- 8. Ringfinger pulp
- 9. Outer forearm
- 10. Back of hand



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- 4 ethnic groups:
 - Chinese 86
 - Caucasian 79
 - African 10
 - Sub-Asian 13
- Totally measured 188 People
- Collected over 10000 spectra and 900 2D images



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| MCDM | LP-3mm | HP-3mm | LP-6mm | HP-6mm | Mean |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| Subjects | 0.75 | 0.98 | 0.56 | 0.85 | 0.79 |
| Panton | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.07 |





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| Caucasians | Chinese | Kurdish | Thai |
|------------|---------|---------|------|
| 217 | 288 | 146 | 426 |

Spectrophotometer measurement (same protocol)

Location: UK, China, Iraq, Thailand

Body area: facial and arm colours











Arm









Most significant ethnic differences in yellowness; followed by lightness; less so in redness









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| PCA | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| CCP (%) | First Component | Second Component | Third Component | Sum | | | | |
| Chinese | 84.1 | 12.3 | 2.2 | 98.5 | | | | |
| Kurdish | 86.6 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 97.6 | | | | |
| Caucasians | 87.4 | 8.4 | 2.6 | 98.5 | | | | |
| All | 85.4 | 9.4 | 2.3 | 97.1 | | | | |





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Skin spectral prediction Skin Spectral Prediction

- Colour chart for training colours
- Conventional colour chart, skin colour chart
- Mathematic Model
 - Camera rgb to Reflectance
 - Camera rgb to CIE XYZ and to spectral reflectance
 - PCA, ICA, Wiener
- Skin spectral database
 - Local
 - Globe





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Develop a metric optimised for skin colours: Psychophysical experiment to determine thresholds for skin patches - 4AFC – adaptive procedure





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Further improvements of 3D printing of skin?

- Development of pigments with material & spectral properties closer to skin
- Pigments optimised for small skin gamut
- New materials responsive to temperature?



Optimising gamut



Colour Gamut of Z-corp 3D printer





OPTIMISING PIGMENTS' SPECTRA





