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Pre-computed Data-driven Free Fall Animation

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Introduction

- Free fall motions of lightweight objects
- Trajectory search tree and pre-computed trajectory database
- Free fall motion graphs
- Data-driven probability model



Related Work

Physical Research

- from Maxwell,1853
- [FIELD 1997]
- [ANDERSEN 2005]
- [RAZAVI 2010]
- [ZHONG 2011]



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Graphical Research

- ▶ [\VEI 2003]
- [VAZUQUEZ 2008]
- ▶ [LI 2010]
- LightWave10









System Overview



Parameter Redefinition

Rigid-body

- the length of object l
- the length and width of the cross section: a, b
- the density of the object
- Released height h
- Released initial angle

Fluid

- the density of the fluid
- the kinematic viscosity of the fluid v

Others

the gravity acceleration g

- Three dimensionless quantities
 - Reynolds number *Re*
 - Aspect ratio of object ε
 - The dimensionless moment of inertia *I**

Average descent velocity



Measured Trajectories

Measured trajectories of six Motion Prototypes



Phase Diagram--Six Motion Prototypes



System Overview



Trajectories of Motion Prototypes

Fluttering, Tumbling and Chaotic



Helix and Spiral Motion

- Top view of motion prototypes
- Unified harmonic function



Force Model of Free Fall in 2D (ODEs) [TANABE 1994]

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}t} = -(A_{\perp}\sin^{2}\theta + A_{\parallel}\cos^{2}\theta)u + (A_{\perp} - A_{\parallel})\sin\theta\cos\theta v - k\pi\rho V^{2}\cos\beta\cos\alpha$



Pre-computed Trajectory Database

Segmentation

- Positions: Harmonic functions
- Orientations
 - Linear interpolation by looking up the segments of ODEs

Clustering



K-means algorithm[REISSELL 2001]



Synthesized Trajectories of Motion Prototypes



System Overview



Motion Groups [RAZAVI 2010]



Probability Model



Probability of different motion prototypes

$$P\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{1} E_{j}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{1} P(E_{j}) = 1$$

Motion Graph with Probability



Optimizations

Smoothen Curves(C1 continuity)

- Positions by linear interpolation
- rotations by spherical linear interpolation

Rotations



- A Fall perpendicular
- **B** Flutter in width axis \rightarrow Rotation in width axis \rightarrow rotation in length axis
- C Flutter in width axis
- D Flutter in width axis→rotation in length axis
- E Irregular
- ► F Flutter in diagonal→rotation in diagonal

Simulate Results

One yen coin



Ground truth



Simulation result

Leaf



Ground truth

Simulation result

Red elliptical paper



Ground truth



Conclusion

- A framework for generating free fall animation by data-driven motion synthesis and pre-computed trajectory database
- First research about the details of free fall motion, looking through physical characteristics
- First research about the motion synthesis of free fall
- Realistic and Controllable animation

Thank you very much!

A slip of paper falls through the air, its motion though undecided and wavering at first, sometimes becomes regular.



James Clerk Maxwell (1831–1879)