

Technology-Driven Innovation and Contextual Adaptation: Research on Multidimensional Applications of Virtual Digital Humans in International Communication

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Abstract. The rapid advancement of technologies such as artificial intelligence, computer graphics, and natural language processing has positioned virtual digital humans (VDHs) as key actors in international communication. This study examines the technological drivers, scenario reconstruction patterns, and multidimensional applications of VDHs in this domain, analyzing practical cases in areas such as intercultural communication, broadcast journalism, and educational entertainment. The research also highlights ethical risks, cultural adaptation challenges, and technological limitations associated with VDH deployment. It indicates that VDHs contribute to technological facilitation, scenario simulation, and cultural adaptation in global communication. However, they also encounter challenges, including cultural differences, misinformation, privacy breaches, and technological constraints. The study proposes corresponding strategies to address these issues. It is anticipated that, in the future, VDHs will assume a more central role in intelligent, personalized, and globalized communication. Strategies such as optimizing design with cultural considerations, establishing ethical frameworks, enhancing technology R&D, and integrating blockchain and localization can improve the deployment of VDHs in international communication.

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1. Introduction

We are now facing a digital tsunami a term that, to be quite honest, is almost too mellow but it is mercilessly dissecting the old maps of the virtual and the real with the two helices of algorithm and data [1]. A spectacle ensues: the generative artificial intelligence is presented as a mass production of hyper-realistic digital creatures with an industrial coolness, and the metaverse as a specter that is over-hyped and cannot be disregarded rewrites the grammar of our communicative spaces and our experience itself.

A technological revolution is going off. It is focused on the digital human, and it is US situated right in the center of the global discourse. The figures, as ever, have their story to tell: of 35,576 patents, filed in this field, throughout the period 1973-2020, USA and China, in a duopoly so terrifying as only they can furnish, jointly shared one-third of the total in the world. The uncrowned

leader, the United States, enjoyed an apparently invulnerable dominance throughout an extended term before, which is a twist of dramatic value in geopolitical terms, in 2017, China suddenly overtook its competitor in patent applications [2]. To China, an entry into the late but savagely intending power, there is no longer a question as to whether or not to move into the race but how to capture and savagely fasten to the neck the initiative in a virtual industry market on the planet where competition is as much a blood game as it is an industry.

This paper therefore throws its scalpel squarely on the application of virtual digital humans on the Chinese international communication battlefield. It tries to dissect the three headed problem of technological invention, scenaric reenactment, and cultural localization. How exactly do these digital objects succeed to jump over the enigmas of language, the oppression of time-zones, and the obstinacy of regional boundaries that takes to justifying themselves in the process of the dissemination? Media intermediaries. Commercial ambassadors. New cultural avatars. To be physically ungentle, scholarly effort into this deployment still lives in an embarrassingly infantile condition.

This is where the desire of this study lies: to rip that untouched land. People are assigned to infuse a new, perhaps even heretical, rush of thinking into the theoretical framework which is already there, its interdisciplinary worth, specifically at that stupefy intersection where communication studies and the philosophy of technology intersect, being self-evident. No, methodologically we do not believe in the docile, descriptive passivity of standard literature review. Instead we will apply an almost aggressive literary analysis, which is intended to filter and sort through the available material on virtual digital human agents critically, sweeping away the rubbish, leaving in its cannot. Live case studies are then introduced into the fray that, although not soft illustrations, they are there to whack brutally against the anvil of feasibility the theoretical findings.

And the last aim is what? It is adamantly not to provide a docile set of "recommendations" to the Chinese state media. The reason is to create a strategic weapon of advancing the role of China, as well as the cultural inclination to the culture of other states and reinforcing international penetration of Chinese civilization. This is also meant to be a navigational map towards the globalization of the virtual human industry itself, to instigate disruptive technological uses within the global communication context, and to initiate the modernisation and long-term livelihood of the whole industry. We need to--it is an inevitable burden--to demolish critically the illusion of the so-called technological neutrality. The ethical regulatory risks and the uncooked and rudimentary constraints of these digital creatures in cross-border use should be plunged to the brink of the lights. Then alone can we start any serious discussion of nurturing this technology to a healthy evolution, and its truly creative application.

2. Literature review

It appears that a cottage industry of academicians has sprung up around the virtual digital human. It has been plunged by academics, representing a dazzled panorama of disciplines, and has been dissected in its technological innards, its thousand and one uses, its cultural reflexes, its dark side of information security. The given paper rejects a matter of themes list. Rather, it splits the literature that is currently in existence down the fault line of technological change which is jagged, but insists that the disruptive changes in technology are the very thing that determines the models of application of these digital phantoms. It is in this time frame nick that three interlaced strands have been brought into play technology-driven mutation and the stitching up of scenes and the betrayal terrain of cross-cultural communication.

Of course, the technological advancement has been catalogued. An example case of this is by Wengrui Liao, who follows the lineage of the grand theories of artificial intelligence (symbolism, connectionism, behaviorism) giving birth to an unexpectedly varied spawn of industry models, each

inducing novel pathways in the channels of multimedia distribution. Next there are Jiayi Shen and Kai Wen who are obsessed with the digital incarnations, the doppelgängs created by volumetric video capture technology, and they declare that their increased immersiveness will enable a blending of objective form and subjective perception and that many boundaries are broken in the process. A marriage that was long promised, but not often fulfilled.

And what of their application? The discussion here revolves round, almost obsessively, embodied communication and narrative power. Yuge Jiang contends that there has been a triple change in body, tech, and boundary by the so-called Chinese-style virtual human, who is an aspiring ambassador to the Chinese civilization. Nevertheless, Jiang is quite right, this aspiration is always shadowed by the image of technological obsolescence and the constantly looming shark of violations of privacy. With a more grainy eye, Xiuduan Ye glorifies the ability of such short-video content performed by such subjects to rebuild aesthetic enclosures of traditional Chinese culture by using an imaginative sort of small visual narrative. The goal? To provoke not only passive viewing, but guttural emotional appeal and, eventually, be valued.

The at stake increases in the field of cross cultural meeting. Much higher. Yihan Li and Lixin Zhou compel us to look at the depth of differences between Western and Eastern body language and here we are in a great deep, that non-verbal cues are not and will never be universal. In an intriguing deep working Mingyi Yang and others examine the technical channels by which the virtual idol Luming establishes the quasi-social connections with the overseas audiences and question the possibility of authentic cultural exchange after all. It is Allahverdiyeva that has the guts to call the endgame: virtual diplomacy, which pumps the discussion into the gray ocean of digital security and international relations. And it is Lane et al., who pose the most tenable, yet the most fundamental, question of all: how do these virtual creatures actually develop cross-cultural competence, zeroing in on the most important processes of feedback and fidelity?

A group of Cassandras has always followed, of course, warning of dangers. Finding the evolutionary path of the technology, Gong Xuandi and associates offer muscular strategic solutions to enhance the competitiveness of China in the global scene- a dispassionate political intervention. Hong Shaohua and other comment that the mainstream media outlets in China are eager to experiment, but at the same time, they are always reinventing pain points. Their prescription entails a radical extension of areas of application, and, an important observation, a shift to radically emotional design. Jianzhe Liu points to the gruesome truth about the media industry: these digital creatures are gaining digital access at a rate of breakneck, yet the barriers to entry are extremely vicious, and the entirety of media might be all the mothership it needs. Layering the eggs even finer, Yu Zhao and Mengqian Li rip up how the anthropomorphic peculiarities of virtual hosts directly boss the human interaction rapport, finding that there is a spectrum of sorts of interactions whilst, inescapably, ringing the warning bell upon the ethical sink-holes and the governance vacuum involved.

Nevertheless, against this flock of intellectual activity, there are glaring gaps in the research world. Two, and especially, two, require our immediate attention. To start with, the fundamental question in the cross-cultural field is exasperatingly unsolved in that how can one make a virtual human that will indeed allow expanding its ritual abilities to accommodate grossly dissimilar cultural grammars, not to prevent gaffes, but to enhance communicative aptitude? Second, the creation of ethical and legal guardrails has trailed dangerously in advance of this technology developing faster. This cannot be discussed later, but is a pressing need to make sure they are deployed in the international arena in a manner that is morally and legally acceptable, lest we end up releasing something that we cannot put a check on anymore. The nexus of technology, scene design and cultural adaptation which is volatile will be the focal point in this paper. It seeks to shape strategies not only in applicability, but also in ethical and legal responsibility to find answers to the questions that were never resolved, but in the process, to become a leader in what could be termed as being a really responsible innovator.

3. The paradigm breakthrough under human-machine intelligent collaboration

This is a history of technological collision, the very origin of the virtual digital human, and its evolutionary history is full of the fossils of each of its developmental periods. It can, and must, bring to bear a clean schema on this messy process, dividing the maturity and depth of application of the technology into three acts: Stage 1.0, when the intelligence of the eye was the fixation, when man was consumed by the idea of realistic skin and by the most primitive kind of interaction; Stage 2.0, the advent of intelligence in its cognitive form, where the machine was a mania of semantic understanding and of responding to situations dynamically; and Stage 3.0, the boldest exploration of it yet, as the intelligence of the machine is proposed to It is not just a history of successive upgrades of code. It points to something much more radical, a peaceful transformation in the very concept of the human-computer interaction, a plunging away, unidirectional display, a grudging bidirectional interaction, to the present day loping at the forms of something that almost resembles intelligent interaction [3].

Interactive ability of these bodies is the decisive measure to their effectiveness in harsh world of international communication, where autonomy is concerned. and here, it is the recent advances that are narrowed down to--almost monomaniacal intensity--the multimodal integration and adaptive interaction. Having reached a terrifying level of verisimilitude within the multimodal field, large language models, led by ChatGPT-4.0, have endowed virtual humans with the ability to imagine and comprehend contexts, as well as with the capacity to feel. Outfitted with this kind of abilities, now they are able to produce unnaturally natural, flowing language and more importantly at the same time, bring about a minor facial expression, in effect creating a creepingly accurate match between words and twitch. The realism is staggering [4]. Concurrently, translating gigantic strides in real-time translation technology have been helpful in destroying the language divide. Such systems as the Akool Live Camera, in example boast of simultaneous translation of over 150 languages, and all with the vocal timbre of the speaker intact, and lips in perfect sync on the other side of the digital magic screen. A virtual man who speaks all the languages, perfectly. This feature is, in itself, the door that opens up to the world whole new horizons of Chinese culture project, possibly with risks involved.

However, what is really subject to scrutiny is the breakthrough in the technology of adaptive interactive. The virtual human being of the next generation, it is argued, can recognize the surrounding world on a real-time basis and can dynamically redefine its strategy of expression. It is able, as an instance, to correct automatically its own facial shading in harsh lighting; it is able to fill the volume of its voice in a noisy hall; it can even modify its own cadence and stress depending upon the change in expression of its human listener or upon a moment of its distracted attention. This environment-emotion feedback loop enables the virtual human to go beyond the role of being a tool. It provides an earlier form of contextual intelligence which serves as a brutishly efficient technical frame of adaptive description in the minefield of cross-cultural communication.

In the re-filtering of scenes, battle is fought mainly with modeling technologies, which in turn are also splitting into the divergent evolutionary paths. It is possible to dubbishly categorize the mainstream strategies into three camps, that is, by how much human intercession is involved: all-manual sculpting, technology-aided modeling, and the emergence of AI-generated generation. Volumetric capture technology, however is one that is ushering in a whole new breed of virtual being. A one-to-one dynamic recreation in which optical scanning is used to create realistic 4D digital images of real individuals, it not only renders the traditional modeling industry obsolete in terms of visual beauty but, what is more vital, in terms of raw efficiency in the transference of emotion [5]. The aforementioned examples of hyper-realistic virtual objects can help to celebrate the culture dissemination not as a one-sided information dumping but an emotional bathtub. Temporarily,

assume that a historical figure has resurrected to tell the history of the Chinese - and the experience is too convincing to break the old paradigms of aesthetics in the cross-cultural communication.

All the technological infrastructure of the virtual human is ultimately based on the foundation of artificial intelligence, with the three major schools of thought all having one or another muscle to flex. The representation of knowledge and the use of logical thinking through symbolism refines the grid of expression of the semantic, which allows configuring the exact distribution of the news and cultural codes. Based on the opaque logic of neural networks, connectionism enhances the emotional anchoring of virtual idols, which encourages the development of the cross-cultural fan base and the feeling of belonging to a particular group. With the crude tool of learning methods of reinforcement, behaviorism makes service-oriented digital assistants more flexible in the environment, which is adaptable enough to respond to culturally foreign situations. It is the cumulative, even disjointed, practice of these paradigms that enables the virtual digital human to at once relay cultural icons and simultaneously shatter emotional instinct-provoking fire-power- a formidable arsenal of multidimensional, and immensely powerful, weaponry of the international communication.

4. Virtualized scenario-based communication transcends spatiotemporal barriers

Within this messing soup of globalized communication, the virtual digital human (VDH) is now a truly inevitable and, yet, almost obnoxious aspect of the global dissemination scene. Its operational implementations which are getting virally spread, may be crudely broken into two broad phyla the service phyla and the identity phyla. The service-oriented VDH with its raw instrumental utility is currently being positionally carved in positions previously occupied by flesh-and-blood agents, which is a specific strategy especially, though not least, in the international exploits of Chinese streaming platforms. Inside the iron cage of ironmasters of artificial intelligences, virtual anchors are becoming increasingly important, not only in the sterile delivery of news but the much more ecclesiastical sphere of social companionship. In this case, it is their anthropomorphism that will play the determining role, which will have a direct influence on the shapes and, finally, the effectiveness of the affective interaction between the human and the machine. The progression is also evident, almost brutally linear, object-simulated, human-simulated and finally the approximation of reality where in all cases the data is obstinately implying that more human-like designs will have more positive interaction [6].

Take as an example the so-called Gu Xiaoyu, who is the service oriented VDH host, the one that was released back in the Hangzhou Asian Games. It was not merely a puppet on the Internet. Its visual outlook was a meticulously and even compulsively designed imitation of the aesthetics of the Southern Song Dynasty. It was much more subversive than simply reading off a teleprompter during the event coverage; it loaded every piece of the broadcast with the unique culture DNA of the Southern Song era. By showing up the way it did, merely clad in historically accurate garb, commenting on the given performance with a highly drying, aristocratic tone of voice and a marvellously dainty way of moving, this entity engaged in a sort of time-travel, hauling its audience back into that already historicistic moment of history. It never merely communicated event information. It would bring the historical context of martial art of the Southern Song to the picture when exhausting the traditional Wushu; when discussing the competitive passion of an athlete, it would cite the inspirational poetry of a Southern Song poet. This was not integration. It was a reaction of cultural-technological fusion, the fusion which thoroughly enriched the broadcasting of the Games worldwide and compelled the spectators to engage in one and inseparable gulp, a gulp, that of course, brought to the process of international communication a certain specific and, indeed, nationalistic touch.

The VDHs with their vanguard technologies are implementing a radical, possibly a violent, reimagining of the models of traditional dissemination in such cross-border terms. One such is Avatar technology that facilitates a radical spatial deterritorialization. It produces placeless spaces of

communication that just wipe out the awkward fiction of geography [7]. The VDH emissary of a particular brand may as well be some sort of kimono clad guide to a virtual Japanese market putting and getting as well as a sarong clad assistant in Indonesia each giving an ideally targeted product advice in its own cultural environment. This placelessness does not just broaden the scope. It breaks the principle of a single stable brand image, substituting it with the constantly shifting, in a state of persistent movement digital representation.

Digital twin technology, on the other hand, is able to provide something more metaphysically disturbing; a continuing, disembodied presence. The physical body is made absolutely unnecessary. The technology is used to ensure that a VDH can have the same functional and visual presence in any virtual space and the information flow and interactivity are preserved. A digital twin, though not operated by its human developer, who has long been logged-out, can continue to exist, and engage in real-time communication with its users in the way it is programmed to do so. Here suppose an expert is a VDH twin who is a member at a dozen international symposiums simultaneously as well as respondent, publishing research results twenty-four hours out the clock. Beside factoring in massively reducing the logistical overheads of the communicator, this mode of communication, also known as disembodied, offers audiences a form of communication experience that is alarmingly efficient and enticing to access. These are not innovative ones. They constitute radical rethoughts of the communication paradigm which create utterly new, and radically ambiguous, prospects of the future of international dissemination.

5. Symbolic communication based on IP improves the connection with emotionality

In the spiny figment of cross-cultural communication, these virtual digital humans are arming their hyper-realism in creating their own distinctive intellectual properties (IP) to coin, out of sheer code, distinctive emotional code that operate as the new, stakeholder-high stakes medium of cultural brokerages and emotional resonance. The identity-oriented VDH, in its turn, is the one that is bent towards this approach as it develops unique personality stereotypes by all means with obsessive care. These creatures are now infesting foreign social media, painstakingly crafted as illustrations or CGI animations, which, although they flagrantly lack physical existence, constantly and continuously play in the virtual realm, building gargantuan fan-followings through the sheer intensity of their charisma power. They are ghosts with cults.

The example of a virtual idol Liu Yexi is a masterpiece in this novel art form. It is a surgical intervention of her campaign on TikTok an auto-prompts of an Eastern aesthetic of digital images, a carefully orchestrated gambit of breaking the wall of cognitive barriers that have long confined the Chinese Xuanhuan (fantasy) culture to an adjacency that remains unnoticed by the global audience. Even her very design a thick collage of traditional Chinese clothing, her makeup, mythological references is contrived such that each movement will bleed a form of cultured oriental desirability. Her short videos are not clips; they are painstakingly crafted dioramas in the ancient Chinese fantasy-scapes that are immortal grottos, mystic forests all inferring with the sounds of classical instrumentation creating a mood of undisclosed, even intoxicating Eastern fantasy. And this conscious, almost suffocating, visual and contextual enframing has, not quite surprisingly, caught international viewers up in a frenzy with a culture which recently was repelling in its enigmas. By the feelings and stories they are relayed through this electronic ship, the world is gradually being trained to understand, and ultimately, adopt, the essence of values and aesthetic reasoning of this type of culture. It is not cultural propagation alone, but, as the reference makes silent insinuations, propagation attained by a deceptive performance of adaptation [8].

An even darker and even deeper example appears in the figure of a Turkish virtual influencer, Berk Vadi that played a disastrously central role in the Middle East crisis coverage. This was not about fantasy. Vadi had an advanced affective computing system that made it approximate micro-

expressions with horrifying precision, in the service of an ethical representation of traumatic narratives. In a topic as serious as the Middle East crisis, the algorithmically generated, subtle facial expressions of Berk Vadi served to vividly direct the passions and the fate of the victims to make the audiences experience the pain of war. Each and every digital shake was made to imply deeper sympathy, making the detached, down-the-line news narration seem like a humanistic conversation full of emotional solemnity. None has ever been so accurately coded a machine to weep. This is a dramatic situation, and a grim and shocking one, that reiterates effectively how VDHs, in a nauseating example of cultural tuning and technological affordance, can qualify the transmission of emotion between cultural divides, making the emotional resonance and persuasive power of communication to a new level. It provides an effective, and highly instructive, paradigm to the practical work of VDHs in the international theater.

6. Discussion and recommendations

For all their demonstrated potential, virtual digital humans (VDHs) in the international arena are now stumbling into a minefield of challenges that demand not just resolution, but radical confrontation. The cultural communication front is a mess. The brute fact is that aesthetic tastes and modes of interaction for these virtual personas vary so wildly across regions that the very effectiveness of communication is constantly sabotaged. A message, meticulously crafted but culturally tone-deaf, can arrive dead on arrival, its intended impact nullified by its alienating form. And this says nothing of the linguistic gauntlet—where the process of translation is less a transfer and more a constant series of semantic betrayals, necessitating a kind of deep, comprehensive localization that goes far beyond mere vocabulary.

The technological risks, however, are even more menacing. One cannot speak of VDHs without confronting the specter of deepfake technology. As an emergent force, deepfake presents not just a "conflict" with civil rights but a direct, existential threat to them, its potential for infringement so profound that most jurisdictions have been forced into a frantic legislative scramble, desperately trying to forge some equilibrium between technological license and civic protection [9]. And then there is the attendant plague of disinformation and identity impersonation, a problem for which we have no good answer. Lurking beneath all this is the technology's original sin: its voracious appetite for data. VDH training is predicated on massive datasets, often harvested from users, creating a permanent, gaping vulnerability to data breaches. The technical limitations are just as stark, particularly in the clumsy domain of affective interaction—the current algorithmic puppetry of voice, face, and gesture remains a crude pantomime, incapable of truly naturalistic human-like engagement, a failure that fatally constrains the outcomes of international communication.

So, what is to be done? Unless they can be streamlined as per global communication, if they can have any future whatsoever, a multilateral, a sort of military approach must be taken. To begin with, and with absolute precedence, there is the savage need of cultural adjustment and localized work. The target market is not a homogenous entity to be carpet-bombed with one message, but its peculiarities require a systematically, indeed ethnographic, study in order to fine-tune the persona of the VDH, its language patterns, its highly interactive procedures, in such a way that it would at least have a hint of congruency with local sensibilities. Engineers are not supposed to do this. Cultural specialists, anthropologists, historians, artists have to be integrated into the design process to prevent the inevitability of cross-cultural faux pas and, maybe, to develop a delicately balanced cultural resonance and acknowledgement by an audience [10].

The second, and perhaps equally important pillar should be the ethical frameworks and industry standards constructions. This cannot be a cobblestone of nation-wide regulations. It needs to provide an overall system of ethical control by long-suffering international cooperation mechanisms, mechanisms that will be able to provide strict lines of responsibility and clear rules of interaction. It

is only by such a compact in the world that we may hope to put the abuses of this technology on the hose and create the atmosphere in which it may just, just, begin to take a soundly directed turn [11].

In the end, however, the secret is the technological innovation. Nothing else will suffice. There is no negotiation over the existence of a tsunami of investment in natural language processing (NLP) and emotion recognition, not to create more believable fakes, but to develop a more sophisticated, adaptive mechanism of understanding the varying needs of people. On its part, blockchain integration could provide an avenue to guaranteeing traceability and security of data and resolve the privacy festering issue. And relentless, grating advances in the simulation algorithms on the vocal, face, and gestures would have to be pursued till they could reach some form of good simulation of an actual non-verbal communication. It is only then, when the digital human is able to communicate across cultures without the very form it is produced of crying out its own artifice and creating a landslide of misunderstanding, that the project can even have success [12].

7. Conclusion

This study systematically examines the technological drivers, scenario adaptation pathways, and cultural mediation strategies of virtual digital humans (VDHs) in international communication, revealing their dual nature as innovative media with both transformative potential and inherent challenges. The research demonstrates how algorithmic and AI technologies are reconstructing communication paradigms through VDHs' "perception-cognition-decision" tri-phase intelligent evolution. Technological breakthroughs in volumetric capture, multimodal interaction, and adaptive response mechanisms collectively dismantle spatiotemporal barriers, establishing a new technological infrastructure for global communication.

The study contributes an original "technology-scenario-culture" triaxial analytical framework, addressing a critical gap in systematic research on VDH-mediated international communication while providing interdisciplinary theoretical linkages between communication studies, artificial intelligence, and cross-cultural research. Limitations include insufficient case coverage from Middle Eastern and African contexts, and the absence of quantitative metrics for evaluating cultural adaptation efficacy thresholds.

Future research should prioritize three dimensions: First, technological humanization through developing cross-cultural affective computing models integrated with brain-computer interfaces to enhance non-verbal symbol recognition accuracy and mitigate the "uncanny valley" effect. Second, narrative localization via constructing global cultural symbol databases and dynamic cultural sensitivity assessment algorithms for autonomous behavioral adaptation. Third, normative standardization by proposing an "Ethical Convention for Virtual Digital Humans" and establishing blockchain-enabled transnational data governance frameworks to balance innovation with risk management.

As strategic vectors for "Digital China's" international communication, VDHs must achieve synergistic evolution in technological controllability, cultural inclusivity, and ethical compliance to truly fulfill their potential as "digital cultural ambassadors" for a shared human future.

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