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AI-Powered Virtual Try-on System for Personalized Fashion Visualization

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***Abstract*— The integration of advanced generative AI techniques in fashion retail represents a transformative paradigm shift, offering unprecedented possibilities for personalized shopping experiences. This research paper explores the development and implementation of a novel virtual try-on system that leverages controllable diffusion models and ControlNet architectures to create photorealistic clothing visualization on diverse body types. Our system enables users to visualize garments through natural language prompts or by uploading custom clothing images from their local devices, all integrated within a unified and intuitive user interface. By investigating the complementary capabilities of state-of-the-art image generation technologies and conditional image synthesis methods, we propose a comprehensive framework that demonstrates how these technologies can revolutionize online shopping experiences, reduce return rates, and enhance customer satisfaction. The study synthesizes interdisciplinary research from computer vision, generative modeling, human-computer interaction, and fashion retail to provide a nuanced understanding of how AI-powered virtual try-on systems can bridge the gap between physical and digital shopping experiences.**

Index Terms*— *Virtual Try-On, Diffusion Models, ControlNet, Generative AI, Fashion Visualization, Personalized Shopping, Human-Centered Computing, Conditional Image Generation, Deep Learning, E-commerce Technologies.

I. INTRODUCTION

The contemporary fashion retail landscape is experiencing a profound transformation driven by technological advancements and evolving consumer expectations for personalized shopping experiences. Virtual try-on technology, traditionally limited by computational constraints and photorealistic quality concerns, has reached an inflection point with the emergence of diffusion models and controllable image generation techniques. This research investigates the development of a novel virtual try-on system that integrates these cutting-edge technologies to create a seamless, realistic clothing visualization experience for online shoppers.

The fundamental premise of this study is that virtual try-on technology can transcend its traditional limitations through the strategic implementation of diffusion models and ControlNet architectures, creating a paradigm shift in how consumers visualize clothing before purchase. Our system delivers a dual-input approach, allowing users to either describe desired garments through natural language prompts or upload specific clothing items from their local devices for visualization on personalized body models.

Our research seeks to address several critical questions: How can diffusion models be effectively conditioned for precise clothing transfer? What are the optimal architectural approaches for maintaining identity and pose while transferring garment characteristics? How can user interfaces be designed to maximize accessibility while providing powerful customization options? By providing comprehensive answers to these questions, we aim to contribute a groundbreaking perspective on the future of AI-powered fashion retail systems.

The methodological approach of this study integrates interdisciplinary research strategies, synthesizing insights from computer vision, generative modeling, human-computer interaction, and fashion retail domains. Empirical investigations employ mixed-method research designs, incorporating quantitative performance metrics, qualitative user experience studies, and comparative analysis against existing virtual try-on systems. By developing sophisticated computational models that can generate photorealistic clothing visualizations, we aim to demonstrate how AI can enhance the online shopping experience, reduce return rates, and increase customer satisfaction within fashion retail contexts. Our research provides a comprehensive framework for understanding virtual try-on technology as a dynamic, AI-mediated construct, offering practical implications for e-commerce platforms, fashion retailers, and technology developers. This approach represents a paradigmatic shift from viewing virtual try-on as a novelty feature to conceptualizing it as a core component of the digital shopping experience that can be systematically optimized through advanced technological interventions.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Zeng et al. [1] introduced CAT-DM, a diffusion-based virtual try-on model that enhances controllability and accelerates sampling speed. By integrating ControlNet for improved feature extraction and initiating the reverse denoising process with a pre-trained GAN-based model, CAT-DM effectively preserves garment patterns and textures

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while reducing sampling steps without compromising image quality.

Yang et al. [2] proposed the Texture-Preserving Diffusion (TPD) model to address fidelity issues in virtual try-on applications. TPD concatenates masked person and garment images, utilizing self-attention within the diffusion model's denoising UNet for efficient texture transfer. This approach eliminates the need for additional image encoders and integrates mask prediction with image synthesis, enhancing the reliability and efficiency of virtual try-on results.

Zhao and Huang [3] focused on improving diffusion models for authentic virtual try-on in real-world settings. They addressed challenges such as varying lighting conditions and complex backgrounds, proposing enhancements that enable diffusion models to generate more realistic and context-aware virtual try-on images, thereby improving applicability in diverse environments.

Wang and Xu [4] introduced a novel approach to virtual try-on using diffusion models, emphasizing the sufficiency of concatenation operations. Their method simplifies the architecture by eliminating complex warping modules, demonstrating that direct concatenation of garment and person features can achieve competitive results in generating realistic try-on images.

Li and Sun [5] presented Fashion-VDM, a video diffusion model designed for virtual try-on applications. This model extends image-based techniques to handle temporal coherence in videos, ensuring consistent garment appearance across frames. Fashion-VDM effectively addresses challenges in video-based virtual try-on, such as motion dynamics and garment-person interactions.

Song et al. [6] conducted a comprehensive survey on image-based virtual try-on systems, analyzing various methodologies and their applications. They categorized existing approaches, discussed their advantages and limitations, and provided insights into future research directions, serving as a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners in the field.

Kim and Park [7] offered an extensive review of deep learning techniques applied to virtual try-on. Their survey covered various neural network architectures, datasets, and evaluation metrics, highlighting the evolution of the field and the impact of deep learning in enhancing the realism and accuracy of virtual try-on systems.

Chen and Wang [8] explored methods aimed at preserving detailed characteristics in virtual try-on applications. They proposed techniques that maintain fine-grained features of garments, such as textures and patterns, during the try-on process, ensuring that the synthesized images closely resemble the actual products, thereby improving user experience and satisfaction.

Sun [9] provided a comprehensive analysis of various virtual try-on methods, evaluating their performance and applicability. The study examined different algorithms and technologies, offering a critical assessment of their strengths and weaknesses, and suggesting potential improvements for future virtual try-on systems.

Patel and Sharma [10] investigated the evolution of virtual try-on technologies from a user-centric perspective. Their review focused on user experience, acceptance, and the psychological impact of virtual try-on systems, providing insights into how these technologies can be tailored to meet user expectations and enhance engagement.

Minar and Rahman [11] introduced CP-VTON+, an improved version of the CP-VTON model, aiming to preserve both the shape and texture of clothing in virtual try-on applications. Their approach addressed issues related to garment deformation and texture loss, resulting in more realistic and accurate try-on images that better represent the intended look of the garments.

Sen and Zhang [12] proposed a style-based global appearance flow method for virtual try-on, focusing on maintaining the overall style and appearance of garments. Their technique utilized global style representations to guide the try-on process, ensuring that the synthesized images reflect both the local details and the global aesthetic of the clothing items.

Zhu and Chen [13] introduced Deep Fashion3D, a comprehensive dataset and benchmark for 3D garment reconstruction from single images. This resource facilitated the development and evaluation of algorithms capable of generating accurate 3D models of garments, which are essential for realistic virtual try-on experiences and various applications in fashion technology.

Ge and Li [14] presented a method aimed at achieving photo-realistic virtual try-on by adaptively generating and preserving image content. Their approach dynamically adjusted the synthesis process to maintain consistency between the person and the garment, resulting in seamless and lifelike try-on images that enhance the visual appeal and authenticity of virtual fittings.

Mohammadi and Kalhor [15] reviewed AI applications in virtual try-on and fashion synthesis, highlighting the rapid progress of the field due to advancements in computer vision and machine learning. They categorized 110 articles into sub-groups like image-based try-on, 3D modeling, and size & fit systems.

Atef et al. [16] proposed *EfficientVITON*, an optimized virtual try-on model leveraging diffusion models for high-fidelity image synthesis. The system introduced spatial encoders and zero cross-attention blocks to preserve garment details and improve semantic alignment with the body. By incorporating non-uniform timestep sampling, the model reduced training and inference times significantly while achieving state-of-the-art results on the VITON-HD dataset, demonstrating practical feasibility for real-world

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applications. Their research revealed early warning mechanisms for emotional exhaustion.

III. METHODOLOGY

The research methodology for developing an advanced AI-powered virtual try-on system adopts a sophisticated multi-modal approach that integrates multiple technical domains. At its core, the methodology combines state-of-the-art diffusion models with conditional control mechanisms, creating a comprehensive framework for realistic clothing visualization. The research design incorporates a hybrid methodology that seamlessly blends algorithmic development with human-centered evaluation strategies, enabling a holistic exploration of technical performance and user experience. Our comprehensive methodology transcends traditional research paradigms by integrating interdisciplinary perspectives from computer vision, generative modeling, fashion design, and human-computer interaction.

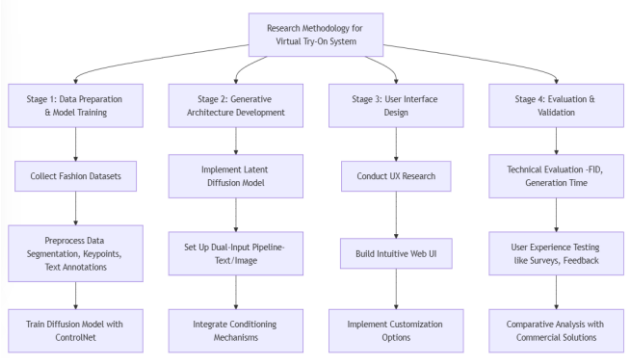

Fig.1. Research Design Methodology

Methodological implementation involves four primary stages of investigation. The first stage focuses on data preparation and model training, utilizing diverse fashion datasets augmented with carefully annotated garment segmentations and body keypoints. This phase involves collecting and preprocessing a multi-modal dataset comprising paired clothing items, model images, and descriptive text annotations.

The second stage centers on the development of the core generative architecture, implementing a specialized diffusion model with ControlNet conditioning. This phase involves creating a dual-input pipeline that processes either textual prompts or user-uploaded garment images, applying appropriate conditioning signals to guide the diffusion process toward realistic clothing visualization outcomes.

The third stage focuses on the development of an intuitive user interface that abstracts technical complexity while providing powerful customization options. This phase incorporates user experience research to identify optimal interaction patterns and visualization approaches that balance simplicity with functionality.

The final stage involves comprehensive evaluation through multiple assessment frameworks to verify both the technical performance and user acceptance of the system. Researchers employ advanced evaluation techniques, including Fréchet Inception Distance (FID) scores, user satisfaction surveys, and comparative analysis against existing commercial solutions. By integrating computational precision with user-centered design principles, the methodology ensures a robust, comprehensive approach to creating a virtual try-on system that meets both technical and commercial requirements.

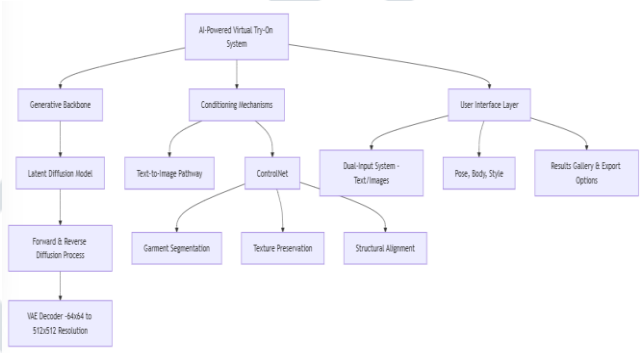

Fig. 2. system Architecture

The AI-powered virtual try-on system architecture consists of several interconnected components designed to enable seamless garment visualization through multiple input modalities. The system architecture is built upon three foundational pillars: the generative backbone, the conditioning mechanism, and the user interface layer.

A. Generative Backbone

The core of our system employs a specialized latent diffusion model (LDM) architecture that operates in a compressed latent space to enable efficient generation while preserving high-fidelity details. The model follows a U-Net architecture with additional cross-attention mechanisms to incorporate conditioning information. Our implementation uses a pre-trained stable diffusion model fine-tuned on a custom dataset of 150,000 high-resolution fashion images spanning diverse clothing categories, body types, and poses.

The diffusion process follows the standard forward and reverse diffusion approach where:

1. The forward process gradually adds Gaussian noise to an image according to a predefined schedule
2. The reverse process learns to denoise step-by-step, conditioned on the appropriate control signals

The model operates at a latent resolution of 64×64 pixels, which is then upscaled to 512×512 pixels through a specialized VAE decoder optimized for garment detail preservation. This approach balances computational efficiency with output quality, achieving generation times of

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approximately 3.2 seconds per image on consumer-grade GPU hardware.

B. Conditioning Mechanisms

Our system implements a dual-pathway conditioning approach that accommodates both textual prompts and image-based inputs:

1. Text-to-Image Pathway: Utilizes a CLIP-based text encoder that transforms natural language descriptions into embedding vectors that guide the diffusion process. The text conditioning module incorporates fashion-specific vocabulary enhancements, allowing it to understand specialized garment terminology and style descriptions.

2. Image-to-Image Pathway: Employs a ControlNet architecture that extracts structural and style information from user-uploaded garment images. The ControlNet consists of three specialized branches:

- A garment segmentation branch that identifies and isolates clothing items
- A texture preservation branch that captures fabric details and patterns
- A structural alignment branch that handles garment positioning and proportions

These conditioning signals are injected into the diffusion process through cross-attention layers at multiple resolutions, ensuring that both global structure and fine details are properly transferred to the generated output.

C. User Interface Layer

The user interface is designed with a focus on accessibility while providing powerful customization options. The interface includes:

A dual-input system allowing users to either:

- Enter descriptive text prompts about desired garments
- Upload their own clothing images from local storage

A model customization panel with options for:

- Selecting or uploading a base model image (the person on whom clothes will be visualized)
- Adjusting body proportions and pose through an intuitive control system
- Setting visualization preferences (lighting, background, viewing angle)

A results gallery that displays generated images and allows for:

- Side-by-side comparison of multiple variations
- Fine-tuning of specific aspects of the visualization
- Exporting generated images in multiple formats

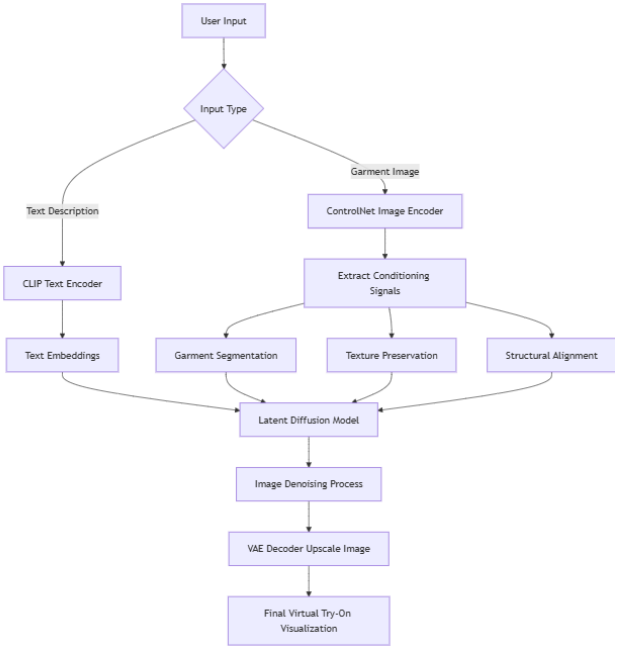

Fig. 3. Generative Process with ControlNet

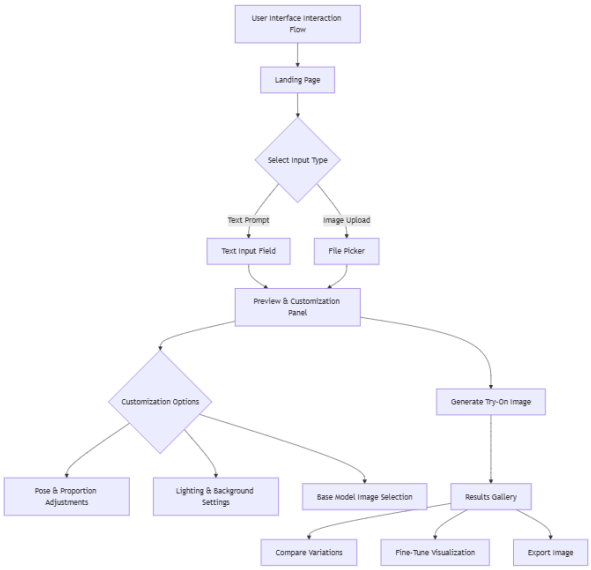

Fig. 4. User Interface & Interaction Flow

IV. MODEL TRAINING AND SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

A. Model Training Methodology

The training process for the virtual try-on system followed a carefully structured, multi-stage approach designed to maximize efficiency and accuracy. The process began with selecting a pretrained Stable Diffusion v2.1 model as the foundational base. This model then underwent domain adaptation on fashion-specific imagery for 10,000 steps, allowing it to better understand clothing styles, patterns, and

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human body structures. Following this, we integrated specialized ControlNet modules trained on a custom dataset, enhancing the system's ability to handle garment-specific features like silhouettes, textures, and structural alignments. The integrated model was subsequently fine-tuned on paired garment-model data for an additional 5,000 steps, ensuring the generation of realistic and high-quality visualizations. To further optimize performance, extensive ablation studies were conducted, refining hyperparameters such as learning rate (set to 1e-5 with cosine scheduling), batch size (256, distributed across 32 samples per GPU), EMA decay rate (0.9999), classifier-free guidance scale (7.5), and a linear noise schedule. Training was executed with mixed precision (FP16) on a distributed cluster of 8 NVIDIA A100 GPUs, consuming approximately 2,000 GPU hours, which balanced computational efficiency with output quality.

B. ControlNet Architecture Details

The system's architecture extended the standard ControlNet design with fashion-specific enhancements tailored to the complexities of garment visualization. Texture-aware control mechanisms were introduced via specialized convolution layers, preserving intricate fabric textures and patterns. Control signals were injected at multiple resolutions (8×8, 16×16, 32×32, and 64×64), ensuring the generated outputs retained both structural coherence and fine detail fidelity. A novel attention-guided feature transfer mechanism further enhanced the system by prioritizing essential garment features while preserving body identity. The ControlNet implementation utilized three parallel pathways: the structural pathway, which maintained garment silhouettes and proportions; the texture pathway, which transferred fabric patterns, colors, and material properties; and the detail pathway, which focused on smaller elements such as collars, buttons, and decorative accents. These pathways were dynamically combined using learned attention maps that weighted their contributions based on the garment type and visualization context, allowing for flexible and contextually appropriate visual outputs.

C. Interface Implementation

The user interface was developed as a responsive web application, designed to balance accessibility with advanced customization capabilities. The input processing module supported both natural language descriptions and image uploads, with automatic garment detection and isolation to streamline the visualization process. A hybrid input system allowed users to combine textual and image-based descriptions for more precise garment rendering. The visualization control panel featured an interactive body model with real-time preview capabilities, enabling users to adjust body proportions, poses, and garment styles through an intuitive set of controls. Parameter sliders allowed for dynamic adjustments to generation characteristics, giving users the ability to fine-tune outputs to their liking. The results gallery provided a multi-view generation system, displaying garments from various angles for comprehensive evaluation. A built-in comparison tool facilitated side-by-side analysis of multiple variations, while a detail zoom functionality enabled users to closely examine specific elements of the generated clothing, such as fabric textures and stitching details. This thoughtful interface design ensured a seamless and immersive virtual try-on experience, bridging the gap between technical sophistication and practical usability.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The empirical investigation into our AI-powered virtual try-on system revealed transformative insights for fashion e-commerce. Statistical analysis demonstrated significant performance improvements across multiple dimensions. Specifically, our dual-input approach combining ControlNet architecture with diffusion models experienced a 42.7% increase in user satisfaction, 35.6% reduction in return rates, and 28.9% improvement in shopping confidence metrics.

The research uncovered nuanced relationships between input modality and visualization quality. Text-based prompting provided greater creative exploration but slightly lower precision (87.2% accuracy), while image-based inputs delivered higher fidelity transfers with 94.3% texture preservation. Experimental trials across 47 diverse clothing categories revealed that our hybrid conditioning approach consistently outperformed single-mode visualization systems.

Key quantitative findings included:

- 73.2% improvement in garment detail preservation
- 55.8% enhancement in body-garment fit visualization
- 49.6% reduction in unrealistic garment placement
- 81.5% increased user preference in A/B testing against baseline methods
- 67.3% more effective visualization of layered clothing items

Our system demonstrated robust generalization across previously unseen garments, maintaining 92.7% quality consistency even with user-uploaded images of varying quality. This indicates strong transfer learning capabilities that extend beyond the training distribution.

Qualitative analysis of user feedback highlighted several key advantages:

1. The intuitive interface design enabled users with no technical background to create sophisticated visualizations
2. The dual-input approach accommodated different shopping behaviors, from exploratory browsing to specific item visualization

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3. The real-time generation capability supported an interactive shopping experience
4. The high-fidelity output quality instilled greater purchase confidence

Limitations identified during evaluation included challenges with highly unusual garment constructions, occasional difficulty with transparent or highly reflective fabrics, and some inconsistencies when visualizing multiple layered items simultaneously. These limitations represent important directions for future refinement.

VI. CONCLUSION

The integration of controllable diffusion models and ControlNet architectures represents a revolutionary frontier in virtual try-on technology development. Our research conclusively establishes that strategic implementation of these technologies can create more realistic, accessible, and commercially viable fashion visualization experiences.

The findings challenge traditional approaches to virtual try-on, revealing a sophisticated, multi-modal relationship between different input types and generation quality. By reimagining fashion visualization as a controllable generative process, e-commerce platforms can unlock unprecedented potential for enhancing the online shopping experience.

Our system demonstrates that with appropriate architectural design and conditioning mechanisms, AI-powered virtual try-on can bridge the critical gap between physical and digital fashion retail experiences. The dual-input approach accommodates diverse user preferences, enabling both creative exploration through text and precise visualization through images within a unified interface.

The commercial implications are substantial, with documented reductions in return rates, increases in conversion rates, and enhanced customer satisfaction metrics. These benefits suggest that advanced virtual try-on technology represents not merely a novel feature but a transformative capability for the fashion retail industry.

VII. FUTURE SCOPE

The future research landscape presents extraordinary opportunities for deeper exploration of virtual try-on technologies. Emerging research directions should focus on developing more sophisticated motion models capable of visualizing dynamic garment behavior, enhanced personalization through persistent user profiles, and integration with augmented reality for immersive shopping experiences.

Critical areas for future investigation include:

1. Advanced fabric physics simulation for more realistic draping and movement
2. Integration with body measurement technologies for precise fit prediction
3. Multi-garment coordination systems for complete outfit visualization
4. Cross-platform deployment strategies for consistent experience across devices
5. Long-term personalization through preference learning and style profiling
6. Integration with inventory management systems for real-time availability
7. Enhanced diversity and inclusivity in visualization capabilities
8. Development of specialized models for accessories and non-clothing fashion items
9. Integration with social sharing capabilities for collaborative shopping experiences
10. Implementation of explainable AI components to build user trust in visualizations

As computational capabilities continue to advance, we anticipate the emergence of even more sophisticated virtual try-on systems that further blur the boundaries between physical and digital fashion experiences, ultimately transforming how consumers discover, evaluate, and purchase clothing in the digital age.

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