# Research on the Production Mode of Chinese Film and Television Cartoons in the Post 2D Era

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**Abstract:** In recent years, the scale of audiences in China's film and television animation has expanded significantly. Based on this, this paper mainly aims at the analysis of the common cartoon production mode in the post 2D era, from the aspects of culture and aesthetics, figure modeling and environmental design, cost and production time, elaborates the production mode of the film and TV cartoon in the post 2D era, in order to promote the improvement of the production quality of the film and television cartoons in China, and provide a good theoretical reference for the development of the film and TV animation industry in China.

# 1. Introduction

The gap between China's animation production and the United States, Japan and other countries is more obvious. Although the arrival of the post 2D era has brought new challenges to China's animation production industry, at the same time, it has also brought new opportunities for this industry. From the two main production modes or technologies of the post 2D era, the 2.5D production mode and the 3D full CG production model, the advantages of the two are different. How to establish the production mode that meets the requirements of the film and television animation production in China has become the main problem.

#### 2. The Main Animated Cartoon Production Mode in the Post 2D Era

In the post 2D era, the animated cartoon model was based on 2.5D animated cartoon and 3D full computer graphics (CG). The comparison of these two production patterns is shown in Table 1. From table 1, we can see that these two cartoons have different modes of production, and the animation effects produced by them are different.

Table 1 Comparison between 2.5D production mode and 3D computer graphics technology production mode

Production mode	technical characteristics	Advantage
2.5D production mode	Using 2D drawing method to	The introduction of 3D
	create character modeling,	technology highlights the
	and using computer and CG	stereoscopic feeling of the
	modeling environment, props	picture; the retention of 2D
	and so on to synthesize.	technology keeps the
		characters' hand drawn
		charm.
3D full CG production mode	Made up of modeling, special	The animation process is
	effect, rendering, material	continuous and close, and
	and so on	realizes the full integration of
		art and technology.

#### 3. The Production Mode of Chinese Film and Television Cartoons in the Post 2D Era

From the following aspects, this paper analyzes and studies the production mode of China's film and television animation in the post 2D era.

# 3.1 Cultural and aesthetic aspects

The Hollywood 3D animated cartoon of the United States mostly uses the CG mode of 3D production, the main reason is shown in Table 2. In recent years, no lack of 3D all CG film and television cartoon produced by the United States has been widely praised in China, such as the movie cartoons such as "robot mobilization", "taming Dragon Master", "crazy animal city" and so on, all of which have obtained the popular box office [2]. But from the style of film and television cartoons introduced by Disney and Hollywood in the United States, the plot of these cartoons, characters and so on are full of strong Western style. However, the audiences of Chinese film and television animation have some differences with American film and television animations in terms of cultural background and aesthetic preference. Therefore, in the post 2D era, the production of China's film and television animation needs to fully consider the actual needs of the audience. From this point of view, the 2.5D production model (mainly Japanese animated cartoon) has a certain buffer function in the style of film and television animation. Relatively speaking, this mode of production is more compatible with the cultural background and aesthetic preference of the Chinese audience, and its promotion has a good feasibility.

Table 2 reasons for the adoption of the 3D full CG model in the United States

Effect
The production team can determine the best
production plan through a longer production
cycle.
Hollywood has the world's leading 3D all CG
Technology
3D full CG technology fully meets the role of
movie animation production needs.

# 3.2 Figure modeling and environmental design

In the production process of film and television animation, character modeling, props and environmental design are undoubtedly the top priority. In order to ensure the quality of movie and TV animations, we need to design the characters, props and environment according to the content and requirements of animated cartoons.

As far as characters are concerned, 3D full CG technology can highlight the stereoscopic feeling of characters, while 2D technology can reflect the affinity of hand drawn. For example, the characters in the animated cartoon "Qi Jiguang" are all designed by 3D technology, and the characteristics of their main characters are shown in Table 3. Therefore, in the production process of film and television animation, we should fully combine the production needs of animated cartoons and make appropriate selection of production techniques.

Table 3 characteristics of the main characters in "Qi Jiguang"

Dominating figure	Application advantages of 3D Technology
Qi Jiguang	Using 3D technology to deal with Qi Jiguang's
	military uniform, he can create a heroic image
	capable of being able, capable and brave.
Wang Yue Jiao	The integration of the heroes and the beauty
	with 3D Technology
Qi Ji Mei	Using 3D technology to highlight people's
	ingenuity and intelligence

From an environmental point of view, the environment can play a role of rendering atmosphere and theme. In 2D animation techniques, environmental factors such as rain and snow and water flow can be realized by circular skills and layering techniques. But judging from the production effect, 3D technology is obviously more advantageous. The application scope of 3D technology in the production of animation environment elements is shown in Table 4.

Table 4 the application scope of 3D technology in the production of animation environment elements

Application object	Application advantage
blast	3D technology can restore real scenes and
	create a tense atmosphere.
smoke	3D technology can make smog
	environment more lifelike.
Waterfall	Treating waterfalls with 3D technology
	can create a quiet atmosphere

## 3.3 Cost and production time

Plot and character is undoubtedly an important index for audience to evaluate high-quality video and animation. Usually, realistic personas and complex and reasonable plots are more in line with the audience's needs. This requirement makes the production cost of video animation increase significantly. Similarly, the above requirements also put a certain test on the production time of film and television animation.

Therefore, in order to ensure audience ratings of film and television animation, the production team should take into account both the production efficiency and production quality of the animation, and fully integrate the needs of the audience. Elaborately producing characters, plots and props of animated cartoons will lay a good foundation for the development of China's film and television animation.

## 4. Conclusion

To sum up, the advent of the post 2D era has brought rich opportunities and challenges for the production and development of China's film and television animation. In the current background, the production team should make full use of the psychology and demand of the audience and make use of the suitable production mode to create high quality and high efficiency film and television cartoons, and then improve the competitiveness of the film and TV animation industry in China, and make up the blank of the high precision products of the current film and TV animation industry of our country.

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