

Face modeling

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Why Human Faces?

- Face is an important subject.
 - We are humans.
 - Many commercial applications.
- Lots of useful tools
 - 3D data: geometry-based synthesis.
 - 2D/3D Computer vision works for faces.



“100 Special Moments” by Jason Salavon



Little Leaguer



Kids with Santa



The Graduate



Newlyweds

Why
blurry?

Object-Centric Averages by Torralba (2001)



Manual Annotation and Alignment



Average Image

Computing Means

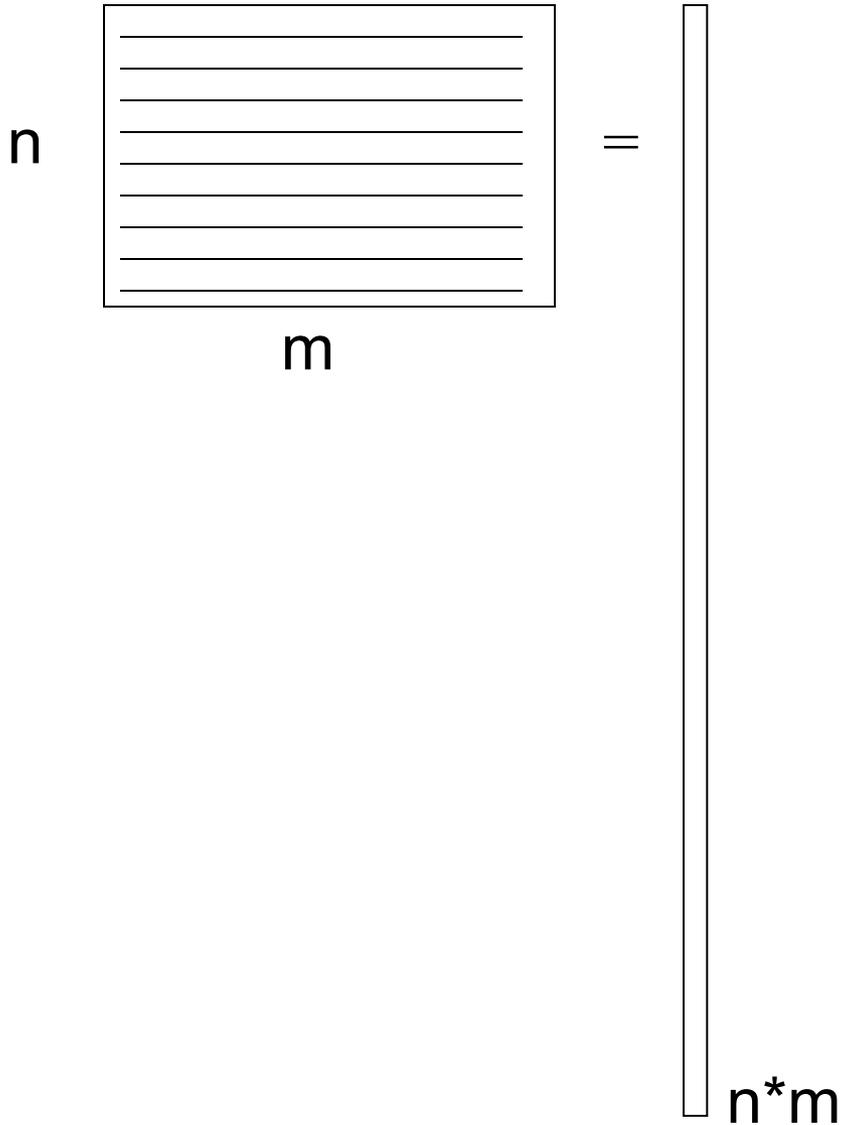
Two Requirements:

- Alignment of objects
- Objects must span a subspace

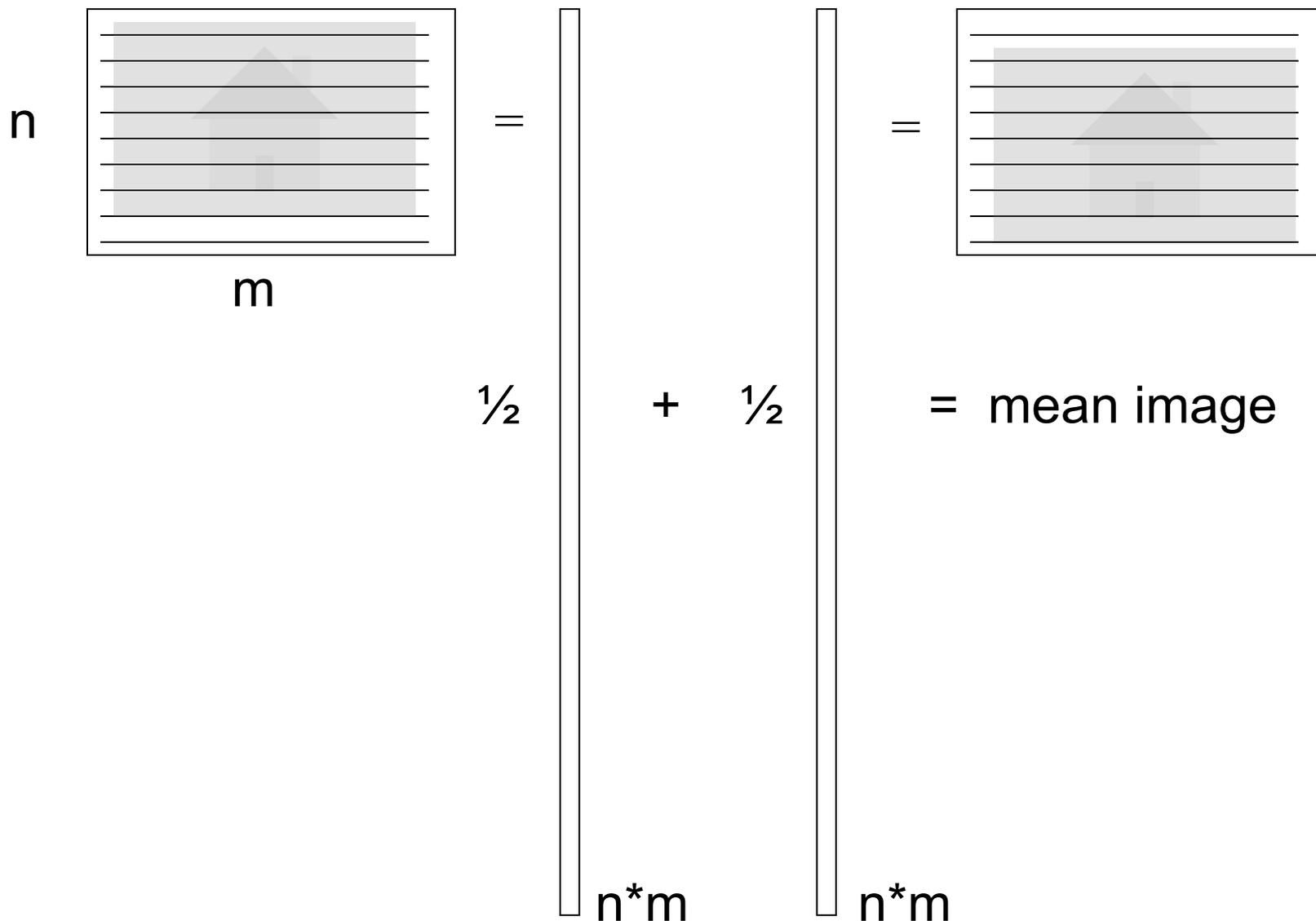
Useful concepts:

- Subpopulation means
- Deviations from the mean

Images as Vectors



Vector Mean: Importance of Alignment



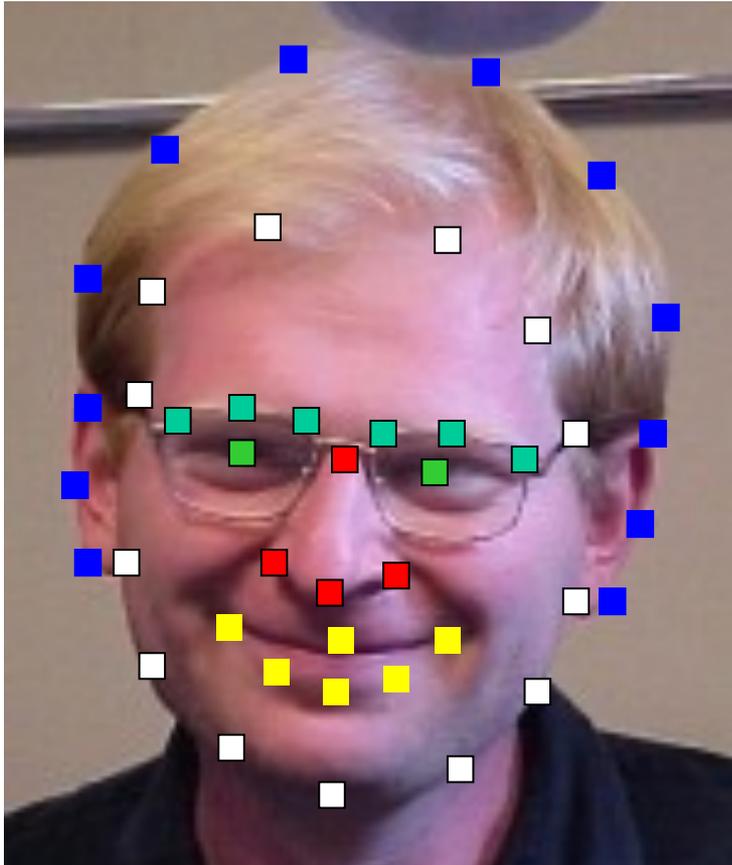
How to align faces?



Students and staff from Technical University of Denmark

<http://www2.imm.dtu.dk/~aam/datasets/datasets.html>

Shape Vector



Landmark annotation

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Appearance Vectors vs. Shape Vectors

Appearance
Vector

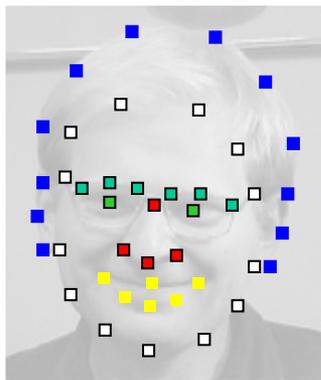


200*150 pixels (RGB)



Vector of
200*150*3
Dimensions

Shape
Vector



43 coordinates (x,y)



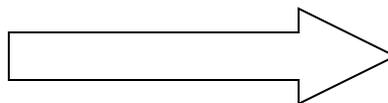
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- Manual annotation.
- OR
- Face landmark detection.

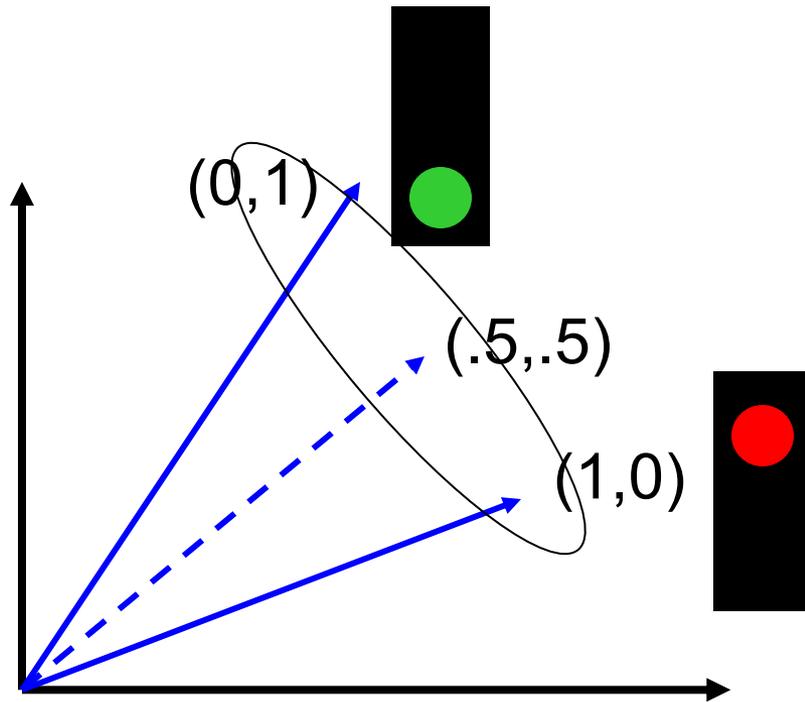
Average Face



1. Warp to mean shape
2. Average pixels



Objects must span a subspace



Subpopulation means

Examples:

- Male vs. female
- Happy vs. said
- Average Kids
- Happy Males
- Etc.
- <http://www.faceresearch.org>



Average female



Average kid

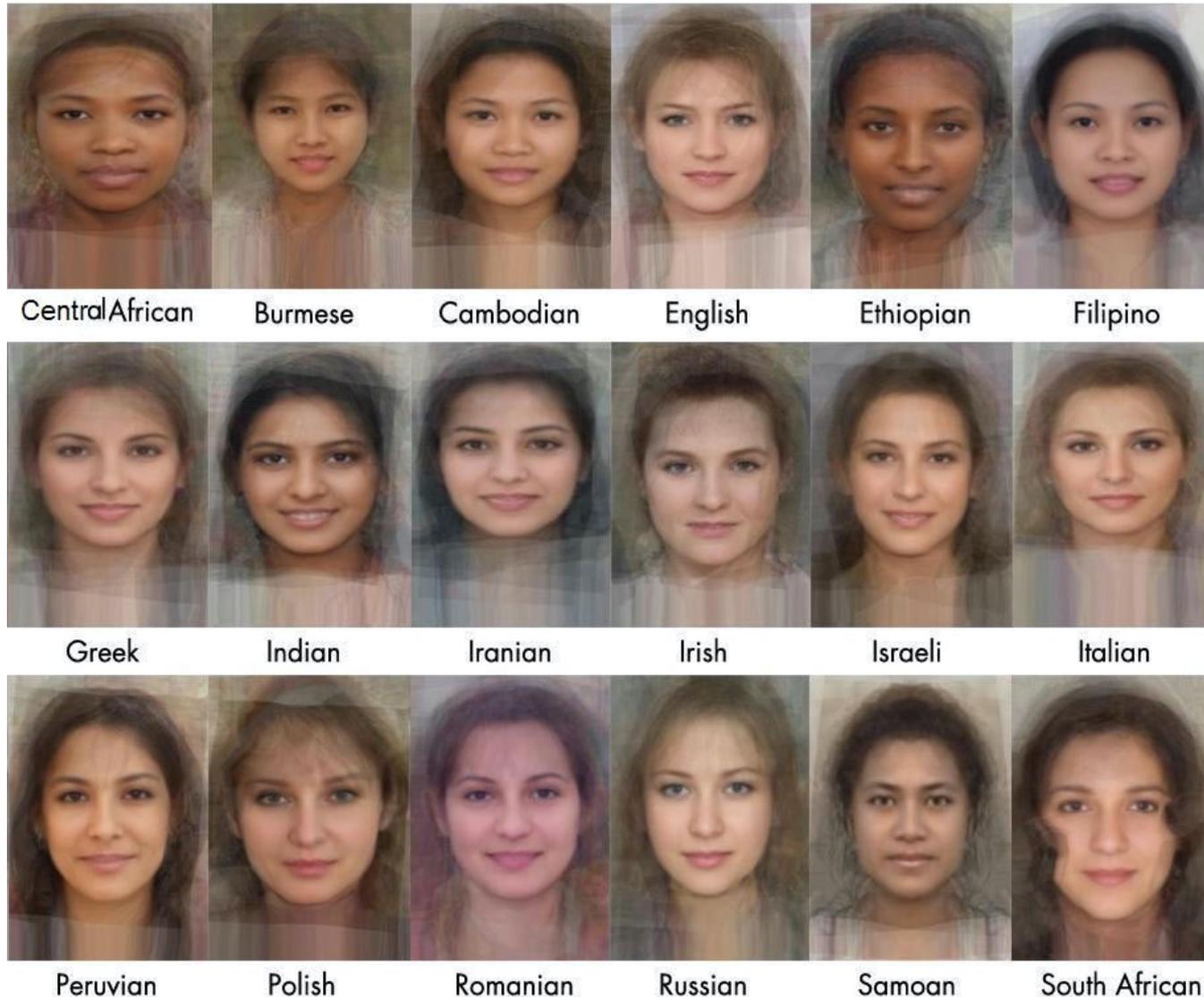


Average happy male



Average male¹³

Average Women of the world



Average Men of the world



AUSTRIA



AFGHANISTAN



ARGENTINA



BURMA (MYANMAR)



GERMANY



GREECE



CAMBODIA



ENGLAND



ETHIOPIA



FRANCE



IRAQ



IRELAND



MONGOLIA



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POLAND



PUERTO RICO



UZBEKISTAN



AFRICAN AMERICAN

Deviations from the mean



Image X



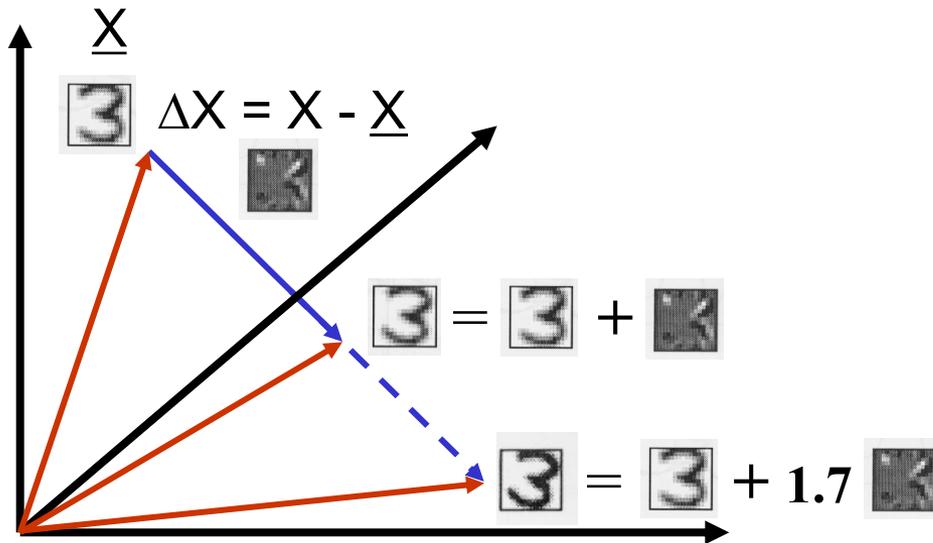
Mean \bar{X}

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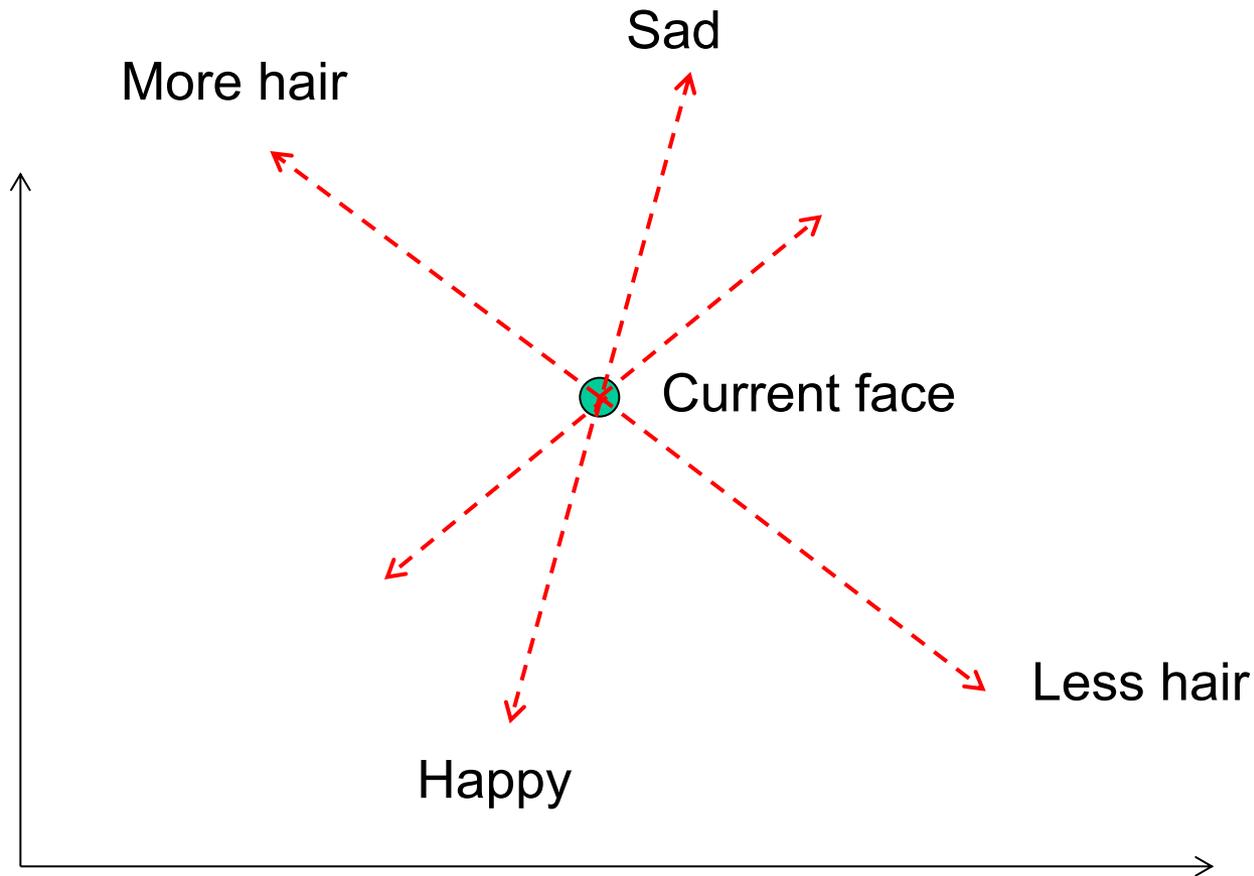
$$\Delta X = X - \bar{X}$$

Deviations from the mean



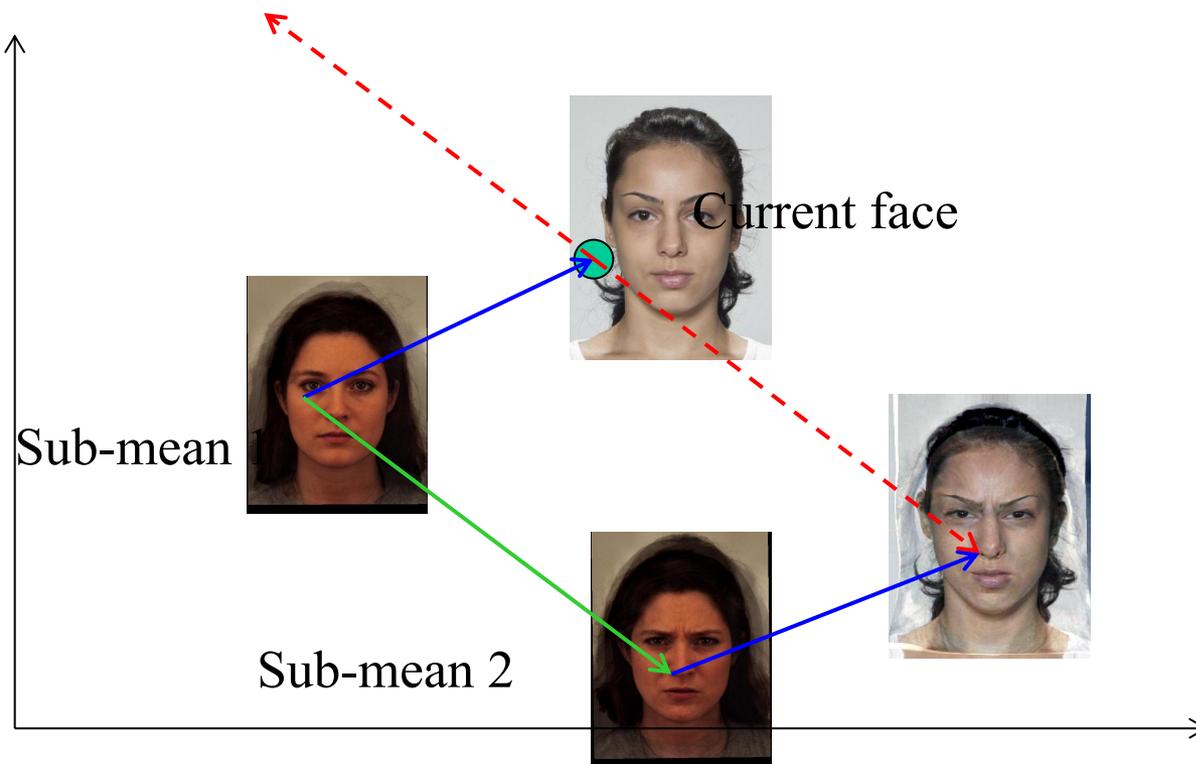
Extrapolating faces

- We can imagine various meaningful directions.

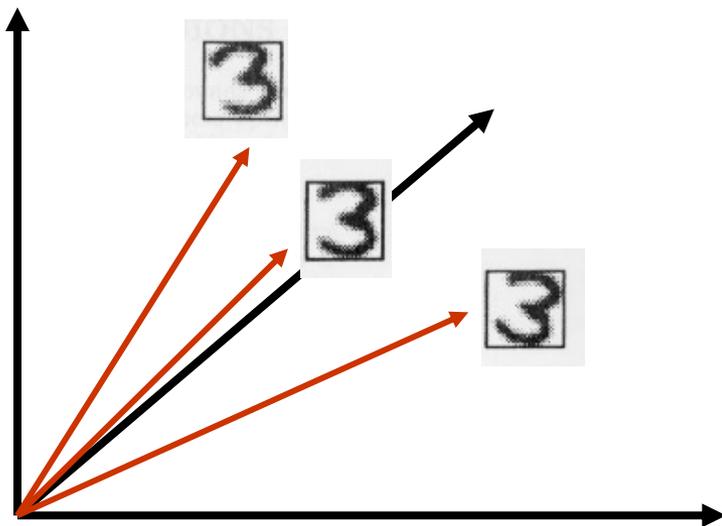


Manipulating faces

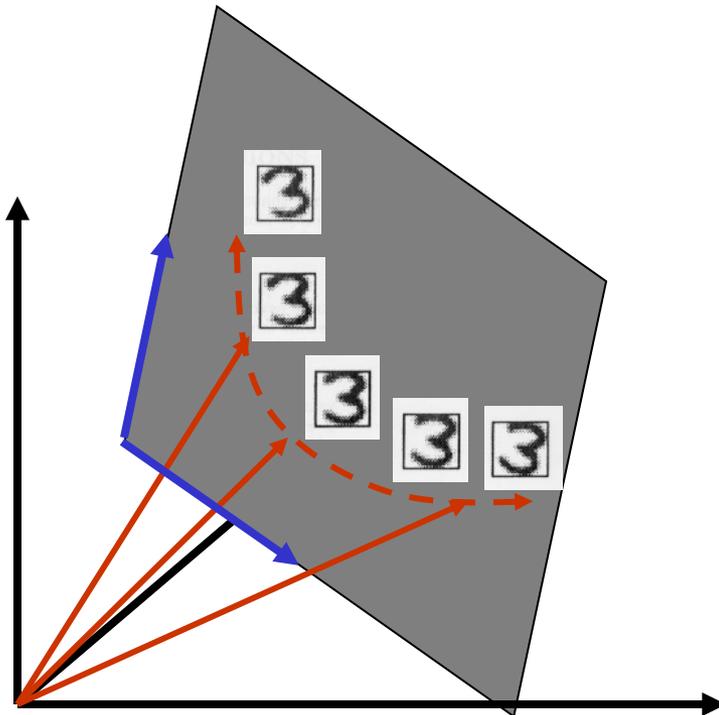
- How can we make a face look younger/older, or happy/sad, etc.?
- <http://www.faceresearch.org/demos/transform>



Back to the Subspace



Linear Subspace: convex combinations



Any new image X can be obtained as weighted sum of stored “basis” images.

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i X_i$$

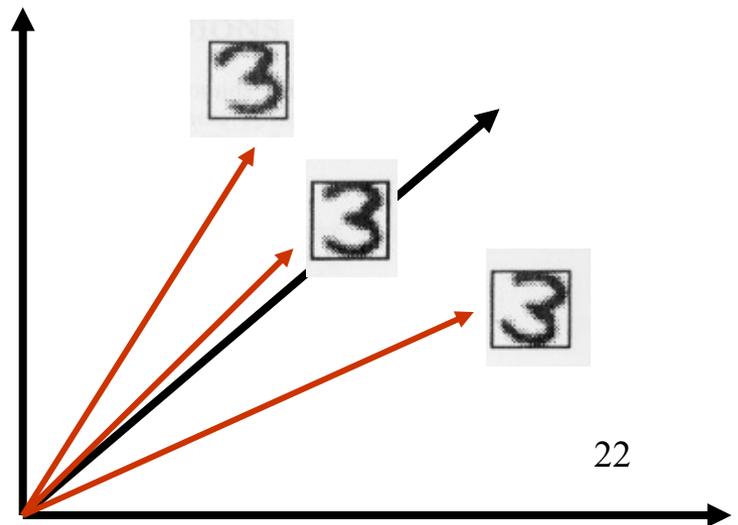
Our old friend, change of basis!
What are the new coordinates of X ?

Issues:

1. How many basis images is enough?
2. Which ones should they be?
3. What if some variations are more important than others?
 - E.g. corners of mouth carry much more information than haircut

Need a way to obtain basis images automatically, in order of importance!

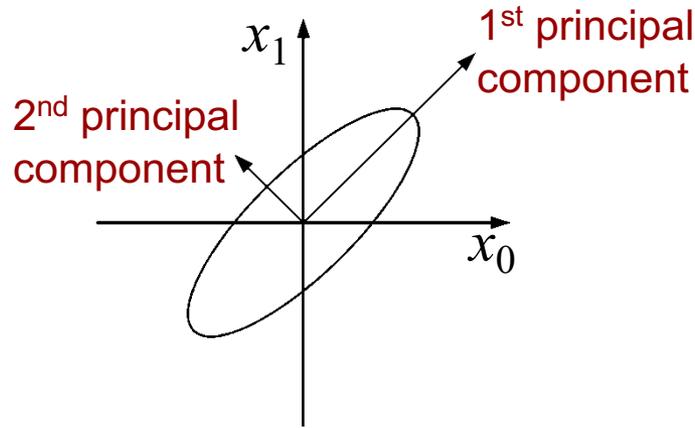
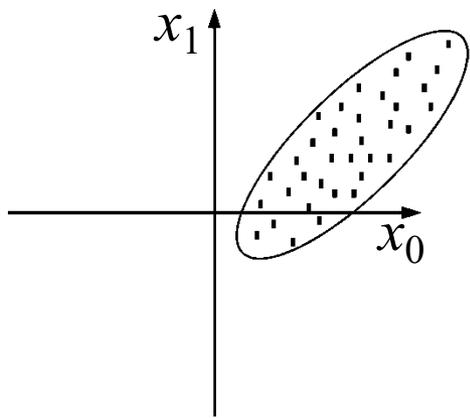
But what's important?



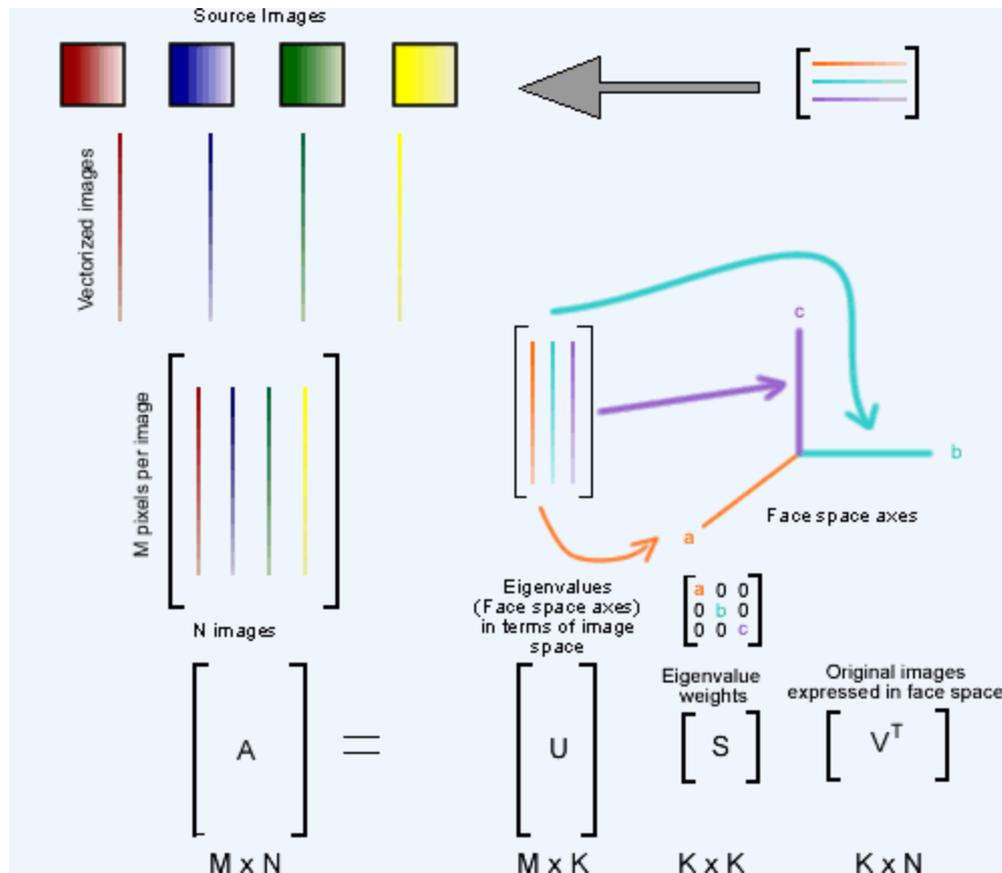
Principal Component Analysis

Given a point set $\{\vec{p}_j\}_{j=1\dots P}$, in an M -dim space, PCA finds a basis such that

- coefficients of the point set in that basis are uncorrelated
- first $r < M$ basis vectors provide an approximate basis that minimizes the mean-squared-error (MSE) in the approximation (over all bases with dimension r)



PCA via Singular Value Decomposition

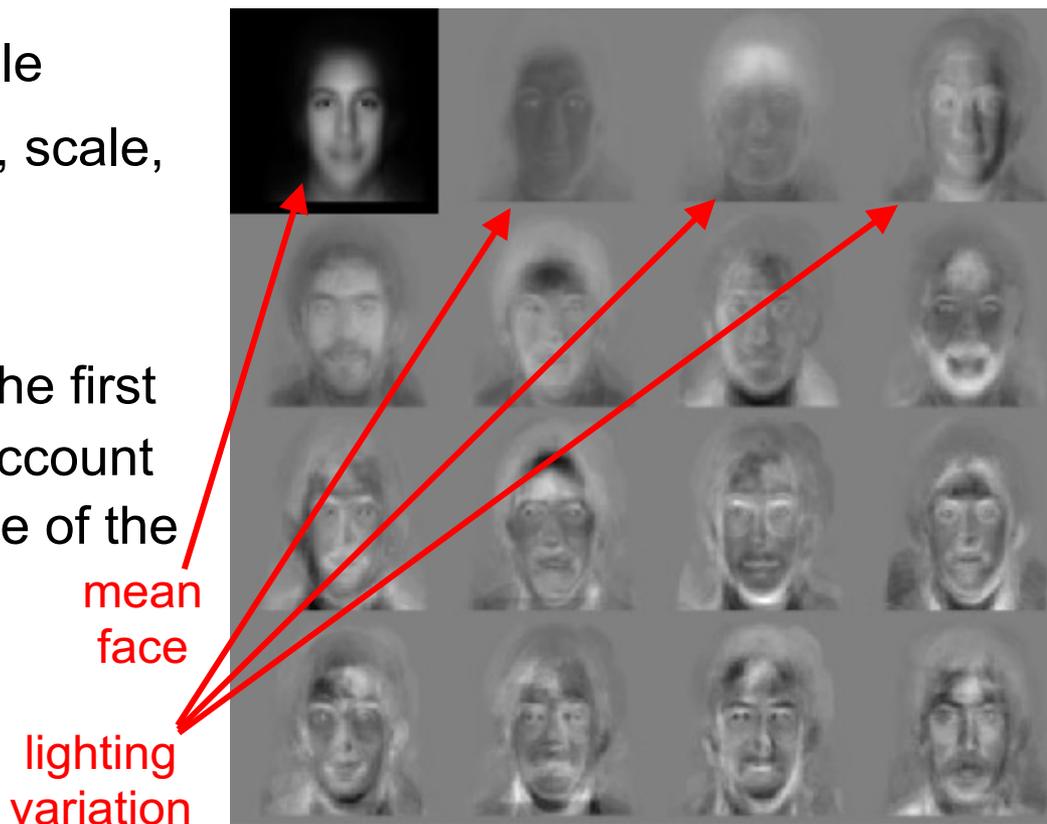


$$[u,s,v] = \text{svd}(A);$$

EigenFaces

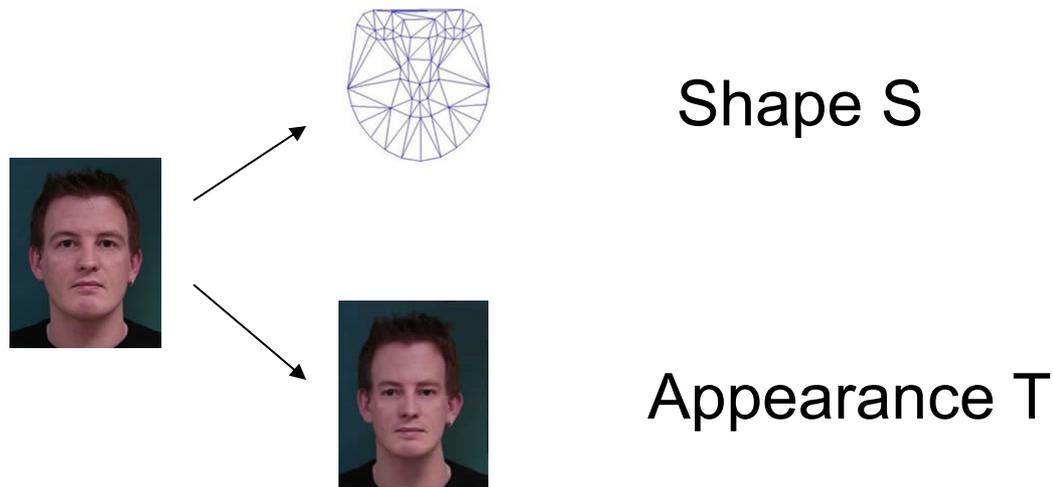
First popular use of PCA on images was for modeling and recognition of faces [Kirby and Sirovich, 1990, Turk and Pentland, 1991]

- Collect a face ensemble
- Normalize for contrast, scale, & orientation.
- Remove backgrounds
- Apply PCA & choose the first N eigen-images that account for most of the variance of the data.



The Morphable Face Model

The actual structure of a face is captured in the shape vector $\mathbf{S} = (x_1, y_1, x_2, \dots, y_n)^T$, containing the (x, y) coordinates of the n vertices of a face, and the appearance (texture) vector $\mathbf{T} = (R_1, G_1, B_1, R_2, \dots, G_n, B_n)^T$, containing the color values of the mean-warped face image.



First 3 Shape Basis



Mean appearance



The 3D Morphable Face Model

Again, assuming that we have m such vector pairs in full correspondence, we can form new shapes \mathbf{S}_{model} and new appearances \mathbf{T}_{model} as:

$$\mathbf{S}_{model} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{S}_i \quad \mathbf{T}_{model} = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \mathbf{T}_i$$

$$s = \alpha_1 \cdot \text{[face 1]} + \alpha_2 \cdot \text{[face 2]} + \alpha_3 \cdot \text{[face 3]} + \alpha_4 \cdot \text{[face 4]} + \dots = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

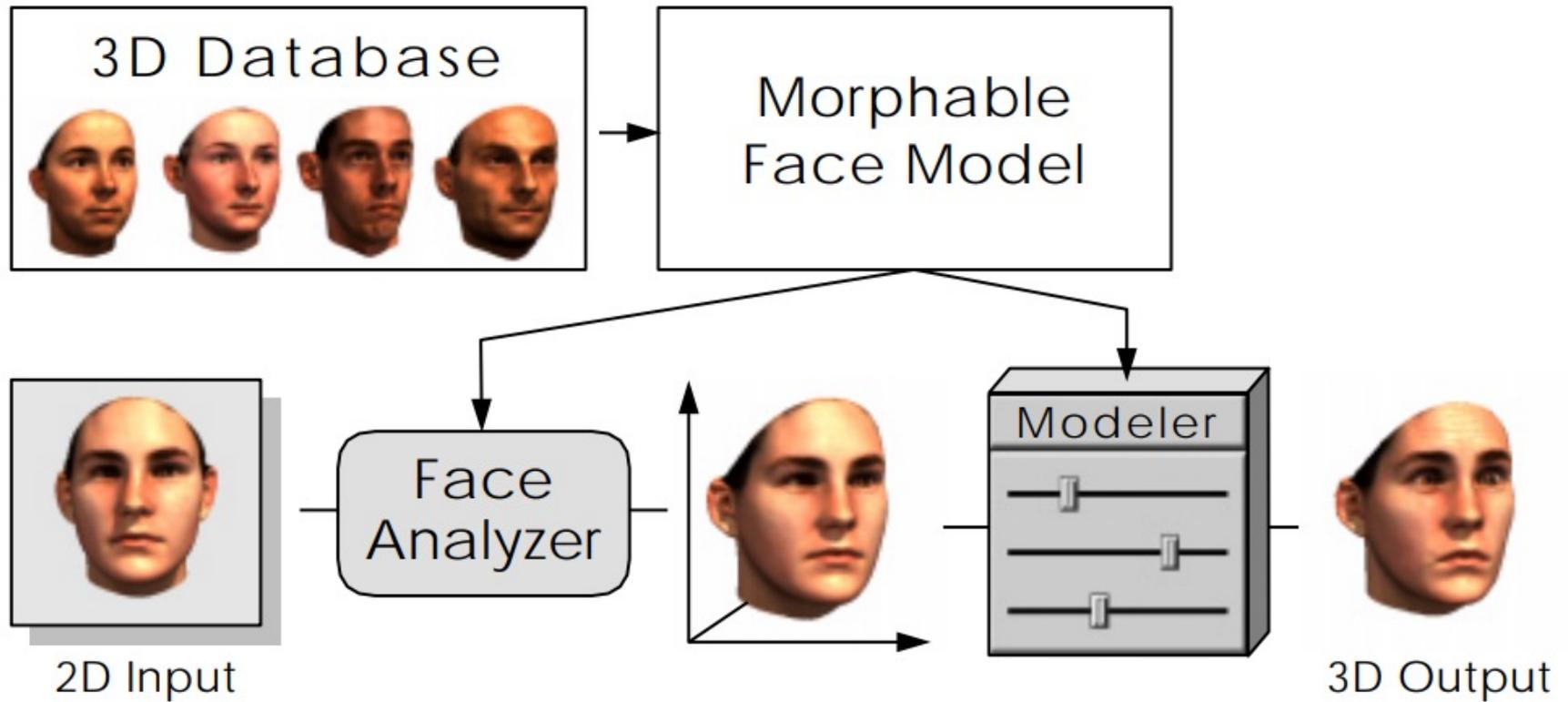
$$t = \beta_1 \cdot \text{[face 1]} + \beta_2 \cdot \text{[face 2]} + \beta_3 \cdot \text{[face 3]} + \beta_4 \cdot \text{[face 4]} + \dots = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

If number of basis faces m is large enough to span the face subspace then:

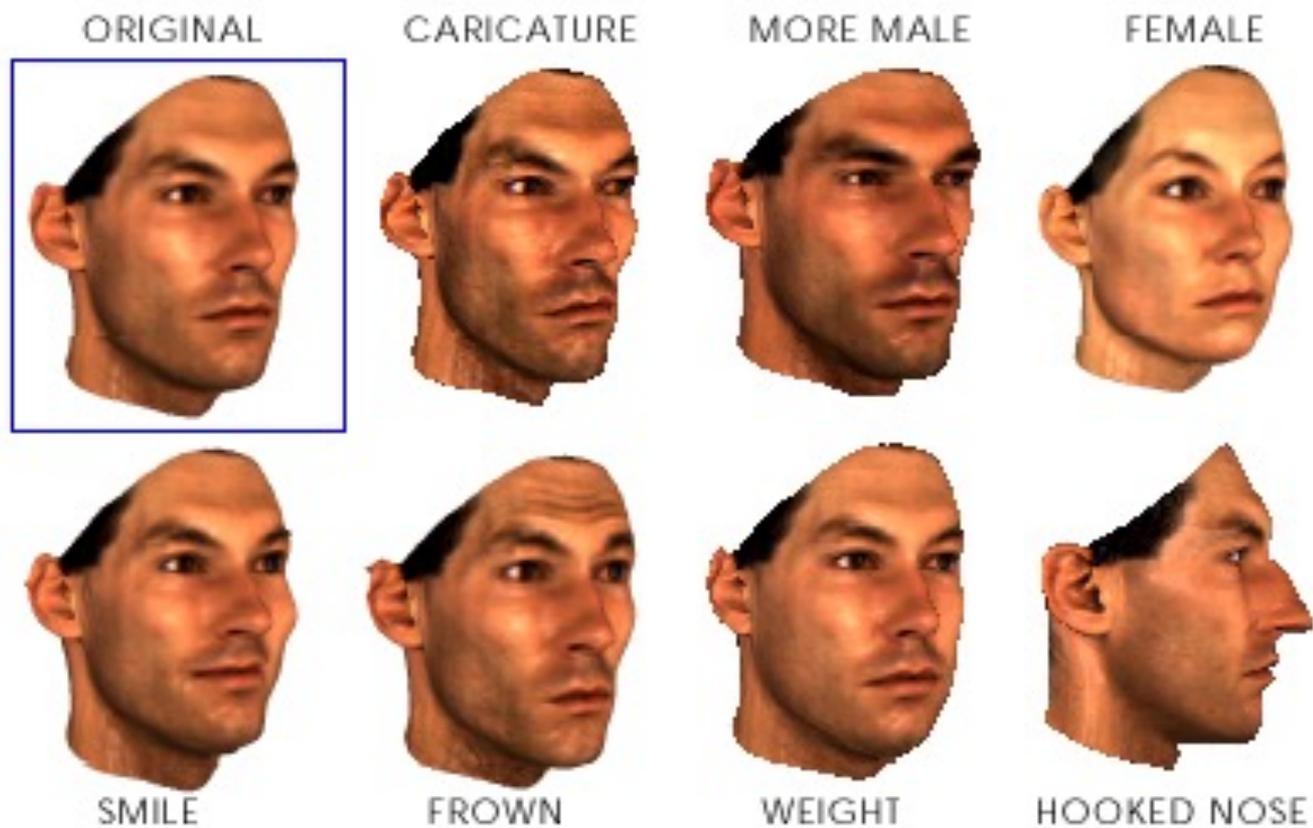
Any new face can be represented as a pair of vectors

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)^T \text{ and } (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)^T !$$

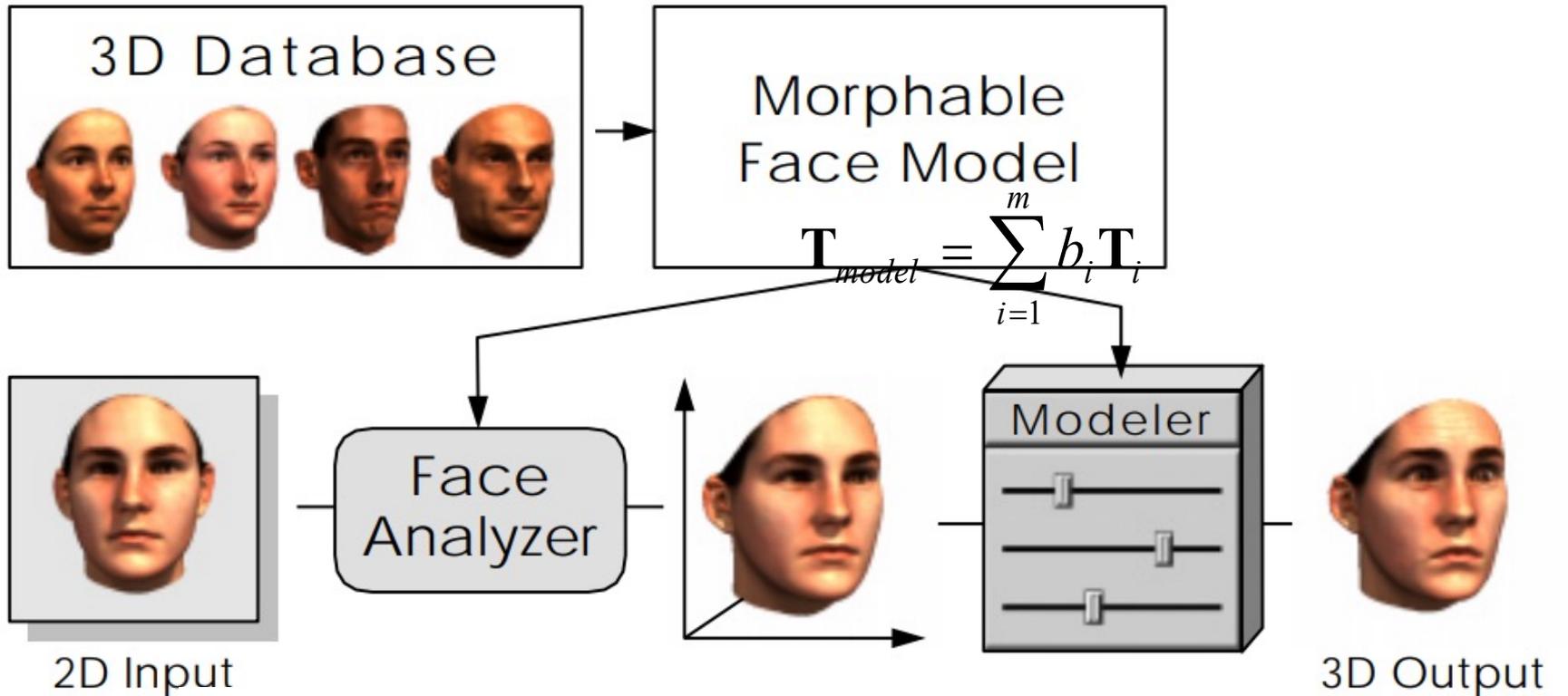
Using 3D Geometry: Blinz & Vetter, 1999



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$$E_I = \sum_{x,y} \|\mathbf{I}_{input}(x,y) - \mathbf{I}_{model}(x,y)\|^2.$$

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Input image

Phong illumination model

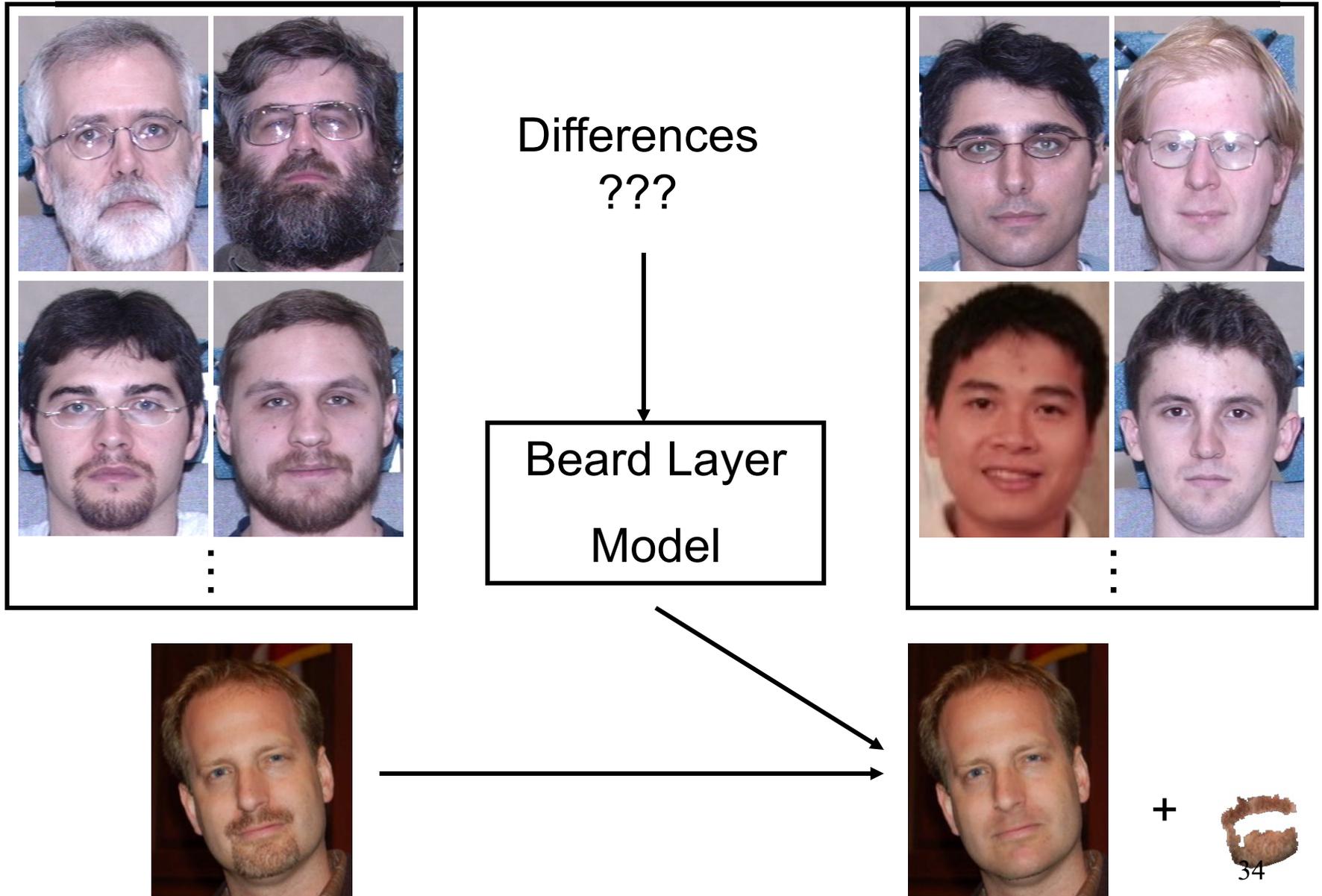
Using 3D Geometry: Blinz & Vetter, 1999



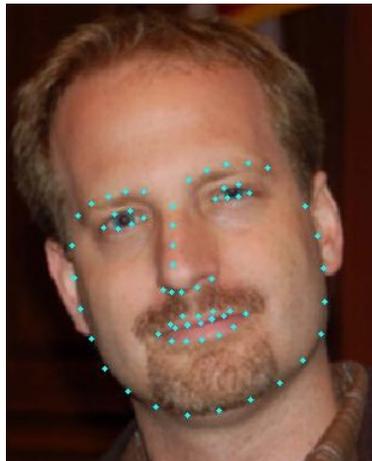
Image-Based Shaving



The idea



Processing steps



68 landmarks

a



b



c



d



Some results

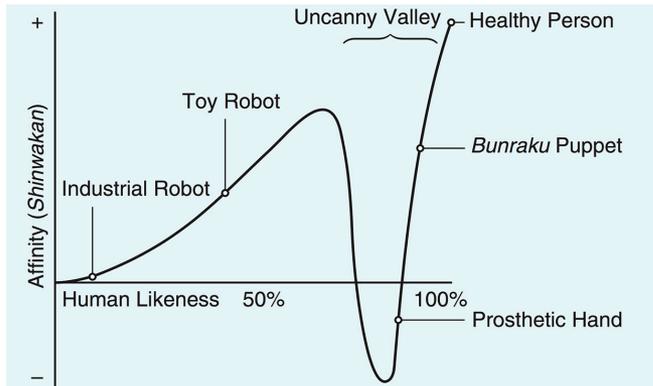


Classic Face Pipeline

- Alignment (2D and 3D): 3D is better than 2D.
- Shape + Texture representation.
- Subpopulation mean \bar{x} and deviation Δx
- 3D data and 3D shape representation helps!
 - Easy to change the viewpoint.
- Standard face pipeline:
 - Given: Input Image
 - Step 1: warp it to canonical pose (2D or 3D)
 - Step 2: Calculate distances between faces OR apply image manipulation operations.
 - Step 3: Unwarp the result back to the original image
 - Step 4: Post-processing (e.g., Poisson blending)

Is Face Modeling Easy/Hard?

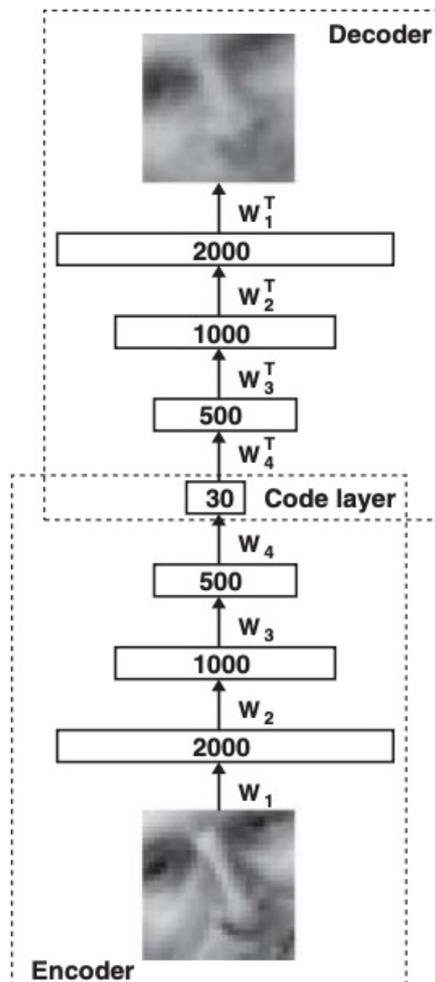
- Face modeling is easy?
 - Plenty of aligned 3D face data.
 - 2D and 3D computer vision methods.
- Face modeling is hard?
 - Uncanny valley: Human eyes are extremely sensitive to any imperfections on faces.



How to Improve the results?

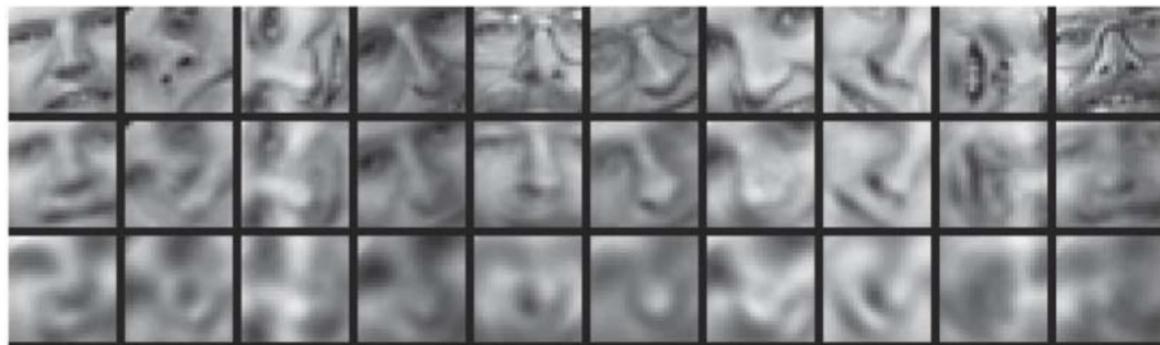
- Using Deep Learning?
- But how?
- Deep learning vision methods:
 - 2D/3D landmark detection
 - 3D pose estimation
 - Face shape reconstruction
- Deep learning graphics models
 - generative models
 - 3D-aware generative models

Autoencoder vs. PCA



Training objective: E encoder, G decoder/generator

$$\arg \min_{E, G} \mathbb{E}_x ||G(E(x)) - x||_2$$

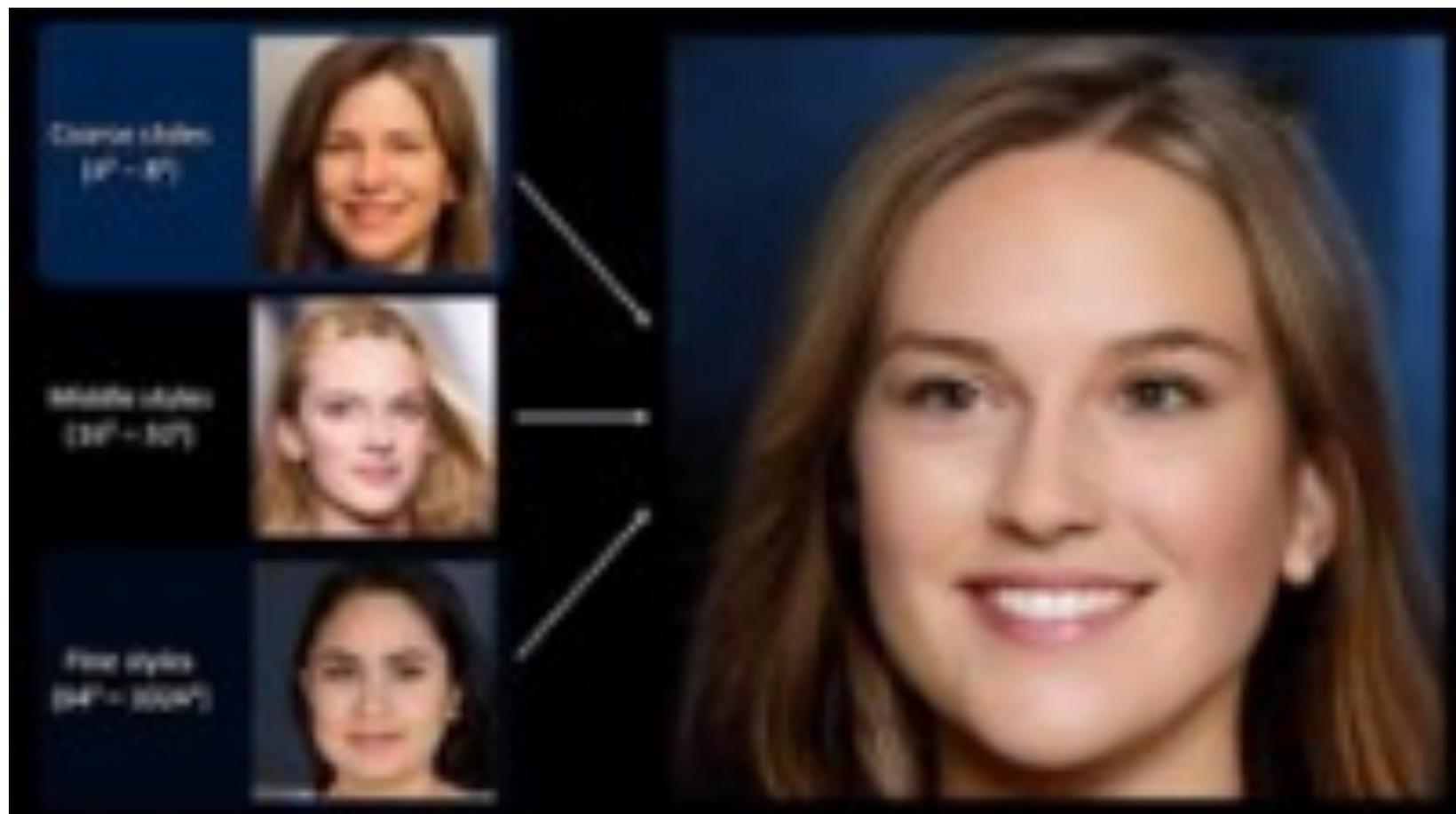


Top: Input. Middle: Autoencoder. Bottom: PCA

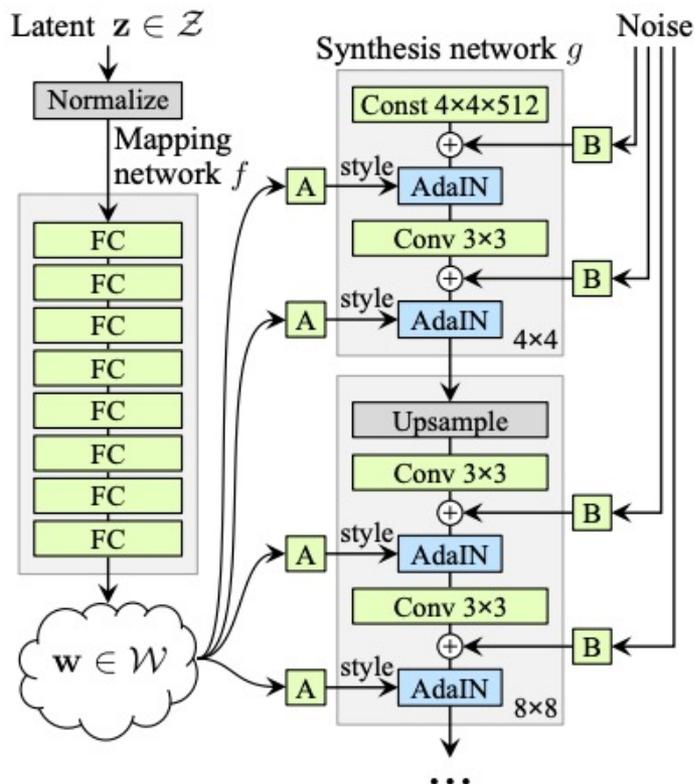
Deep learning method

PCA → Generative Model

StyleGAN Face Results



Face Editing with GANs Projection



Optimizing the latent code

$$z^* = \arg \min_z \mathcal{L}(G(z), x)$$

Optimizing the style code

$$w^* = \arg \min_w \mathcal{L}(g(w), x)$$

Optimizing the extended style code

$$w_+^* = \arg \min_{w_+} \mathcal{L}(g(w_+), x)$$

Face Editing = latent space editing

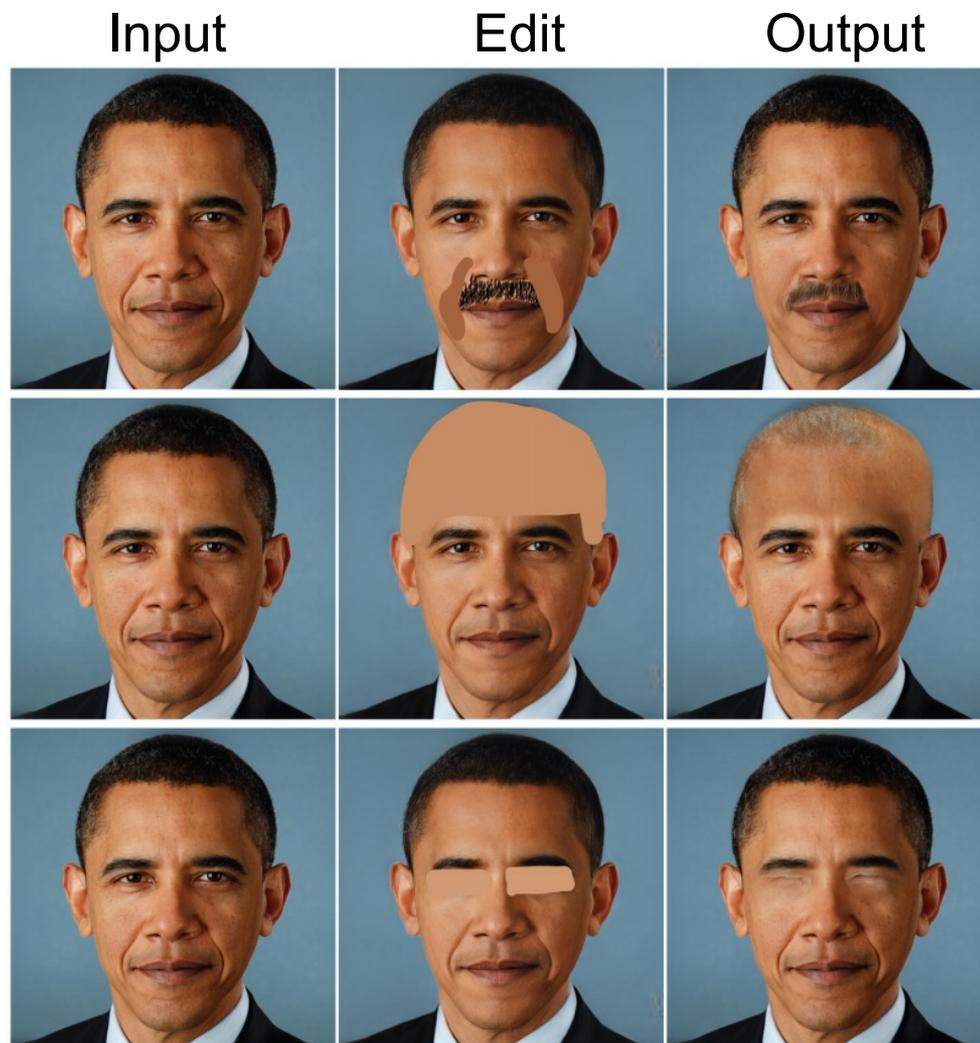


Interpolation between two faces in the $w+$ space

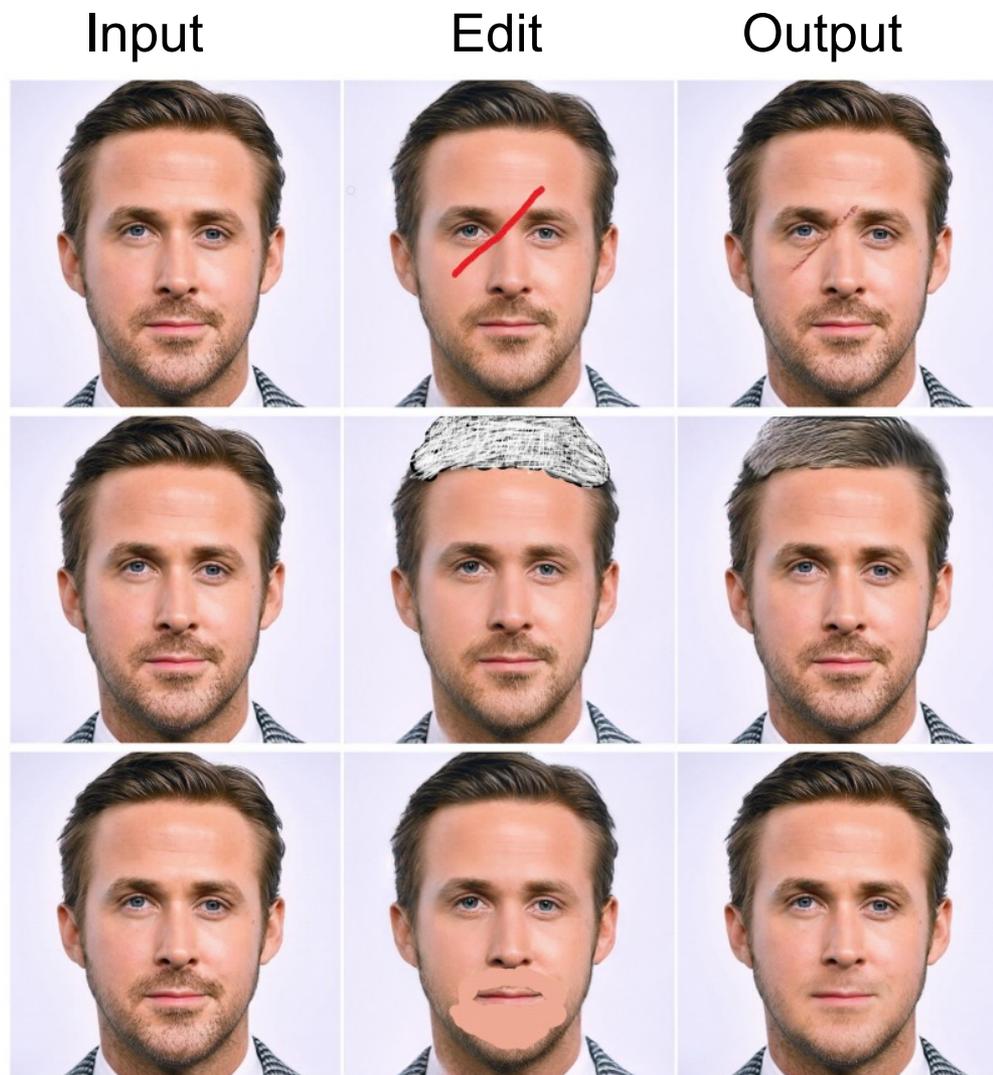
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Face Editing with GANs Projection



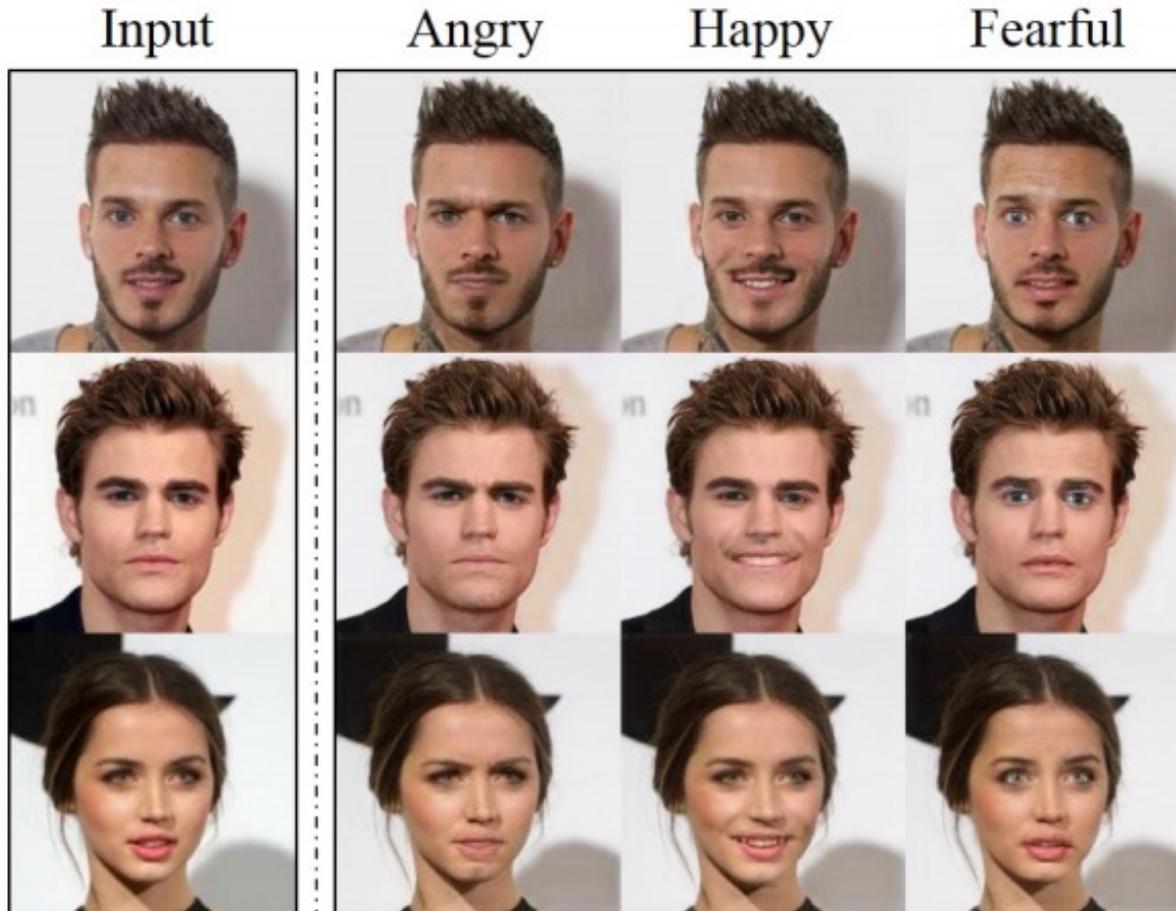
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Deep learning method

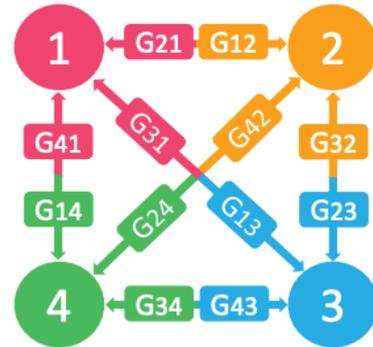
Image-to-Image Translation

Face Translation with StarGAN

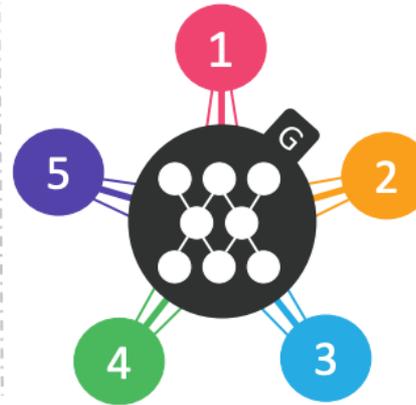


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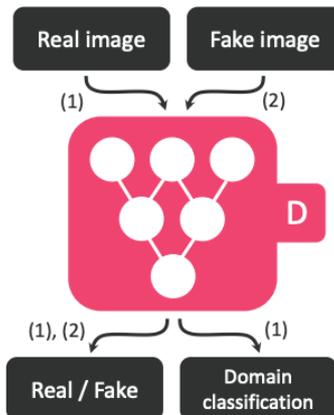
(a) Cross-domain models



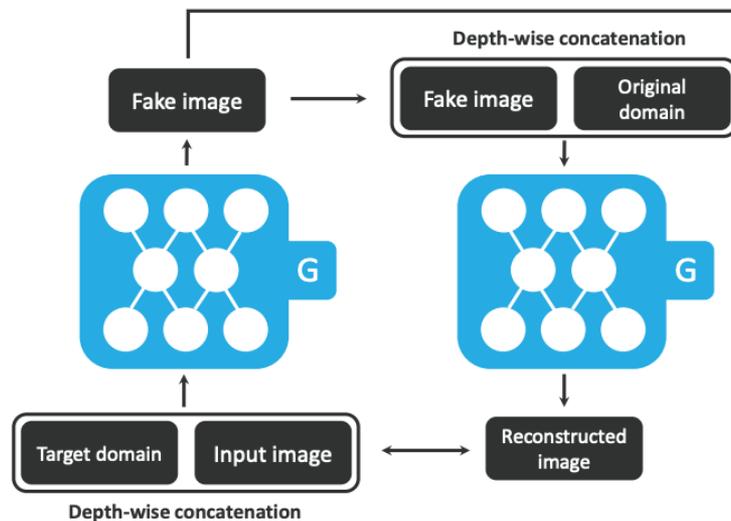
(b) StarGAN



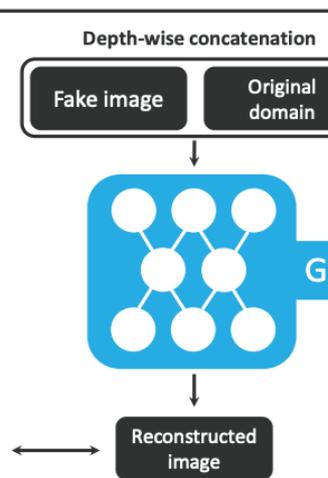
(a) Training the discriminator



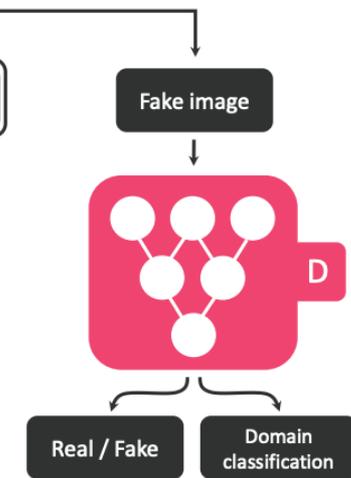
(b) Original-to-target domain



(c) Target-to-original domain



(d) Fooling the discriminator



Face Translation with StarGAN v2



Multi-modal synthesis; supports a reference image

3D + Deep Learning

3D representation+ image-to-image

CGI Face Editing



Professional video

CGI Face Editing



Personal video

Video: ©
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Flvkn2quLY>

Applications



Original video

Pose editing

Expression editing

- Editing of head pose, rotation, face expression and eye gaze
- Combination of model-based face capture and CNN

Video: courtesy of UK government
(Open Government Licence)

3D + CNN

Model-based face capture and reenactment



Garrido et al., ToG 2016

Kemelmacher-Shlizerman et al., ECCV 2010
Shi et al., ToG 2014
Suwajanakorn et al., ICCV 2015
Thies et al., CVPR 2016
Averbuch-Elor et al., ToG 2017
Thies et al., SIGGRAPH 2018

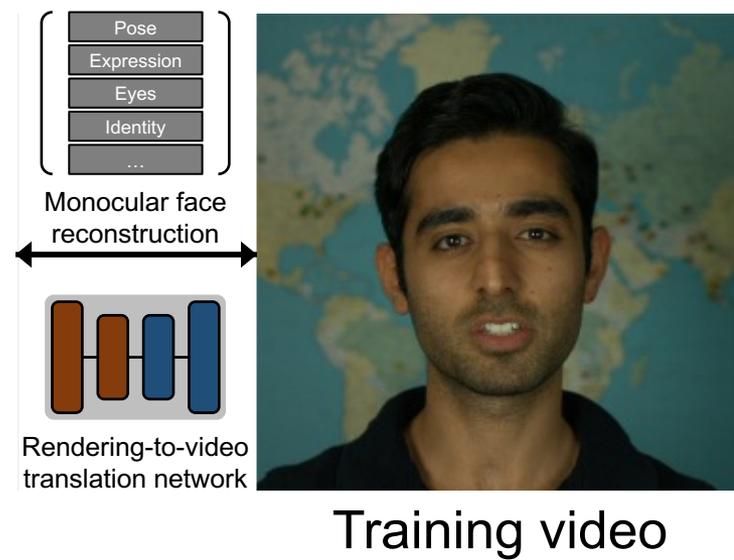
CNN-based methods



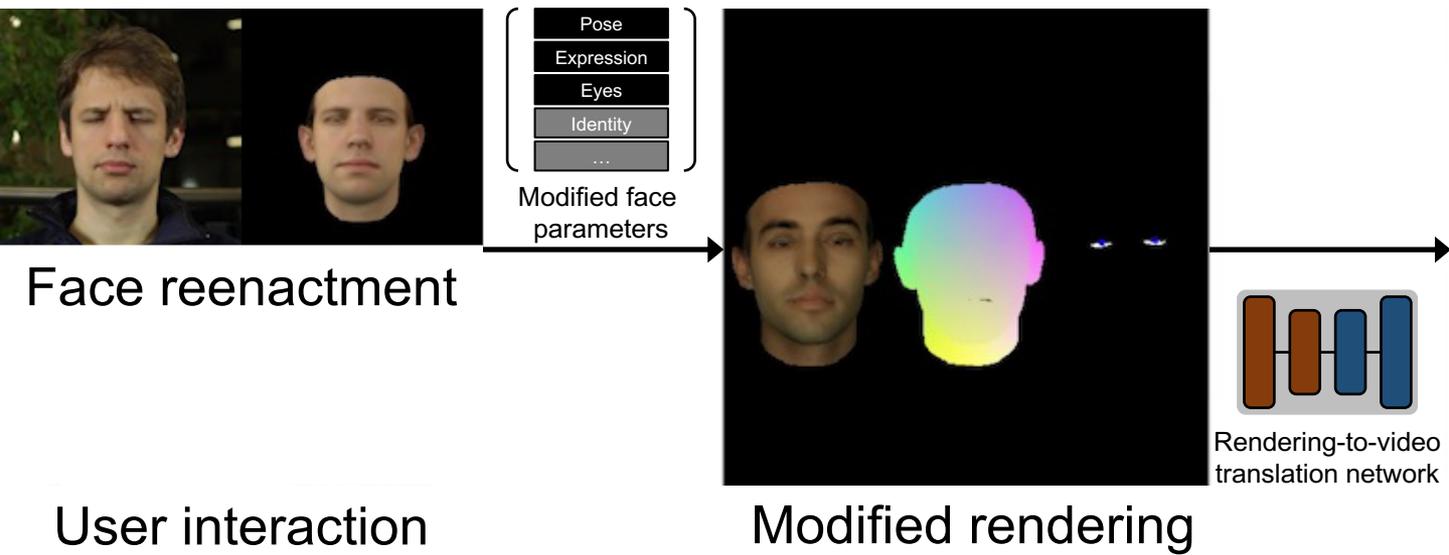
Karras et al., ICLR 2018

Goodfellow et al., NIPS 2014
Isola et al., CVPR 2017
Chen and Koltun, ICCV 2017
Tewari et al., ICCV 2017
Olszewski et al., ICCV 2018
Wang et al., CVPR 2018

Overview



Overview



Monocular 3D Face Reconstruction

- Parametric 3D face model

$$p = (\text{Pose} , \text{Expression} , \text{Identity} , \text{Lighting}) \in \mathbb{R}^{257}$$

Pose Expression Identity Lighting

$$\min_p E(p) = E_{\text{photo}}(p) + E_{\text{land}}(p) + E_{\text{reg}}(p)$$

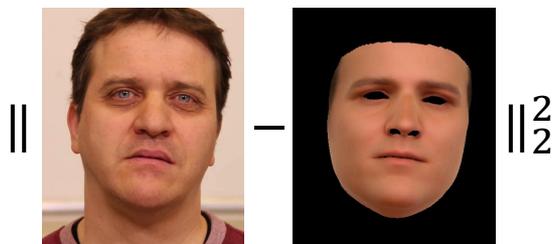
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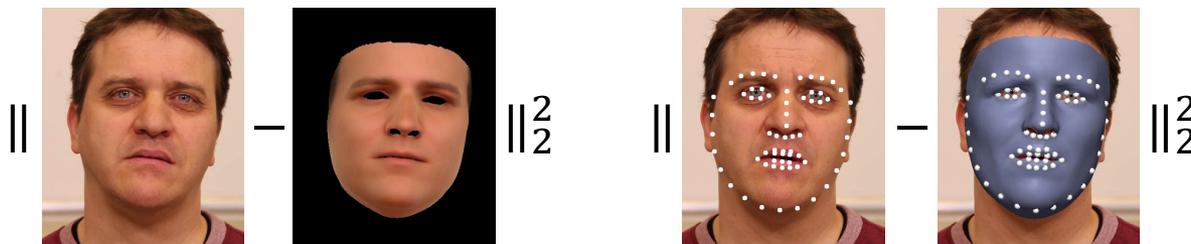
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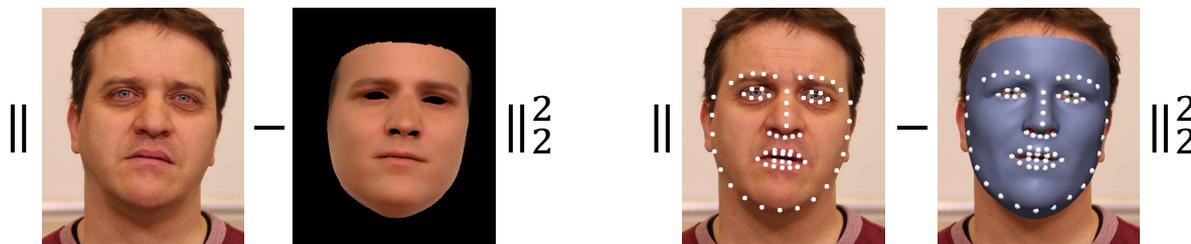
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Statistical and temporal regularization

Garrido et al., ToG 2016

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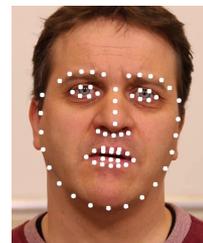
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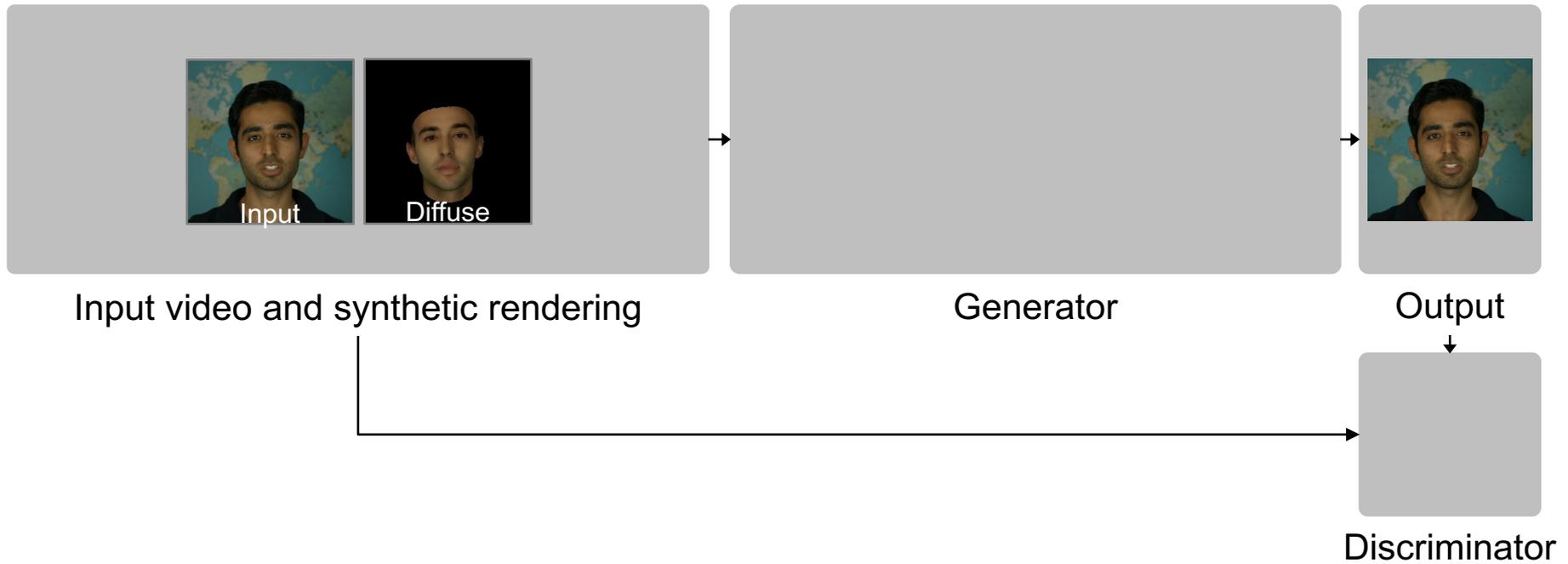
- Eye model

$$e = (\text{Eye Model}) \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

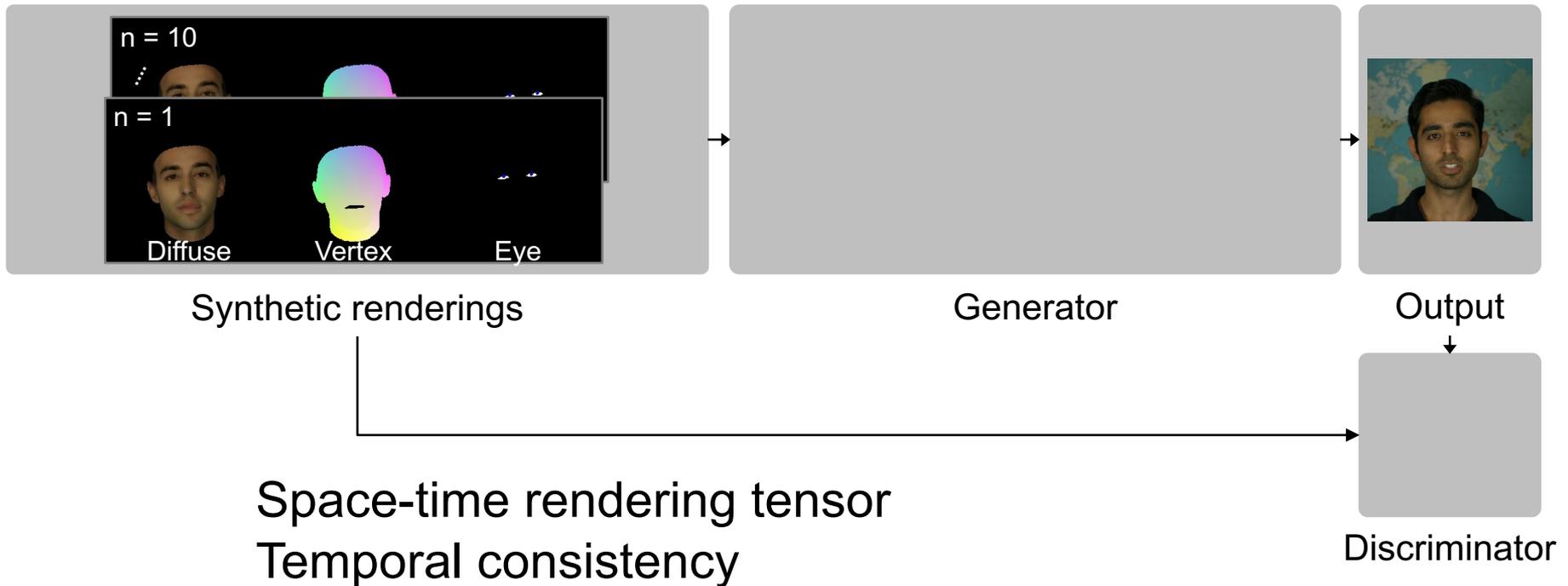


Saragih et al.,
FG 2011

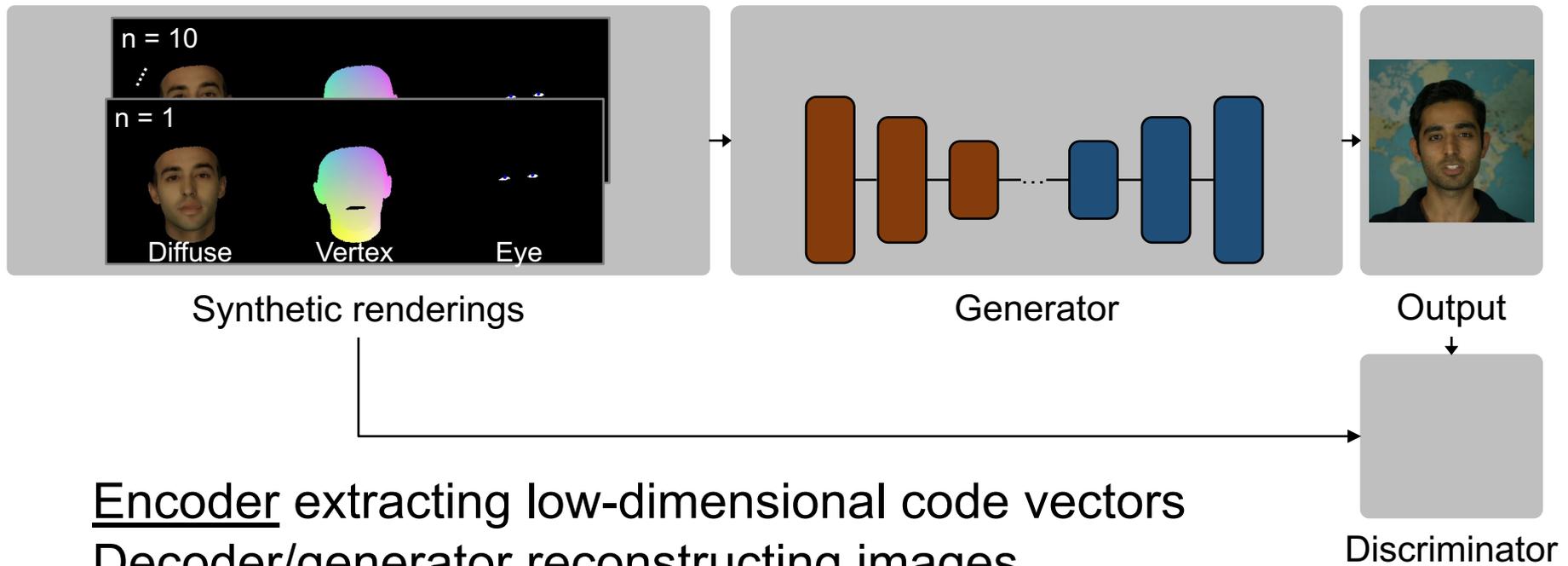
Rendering-to-Video Translation Network



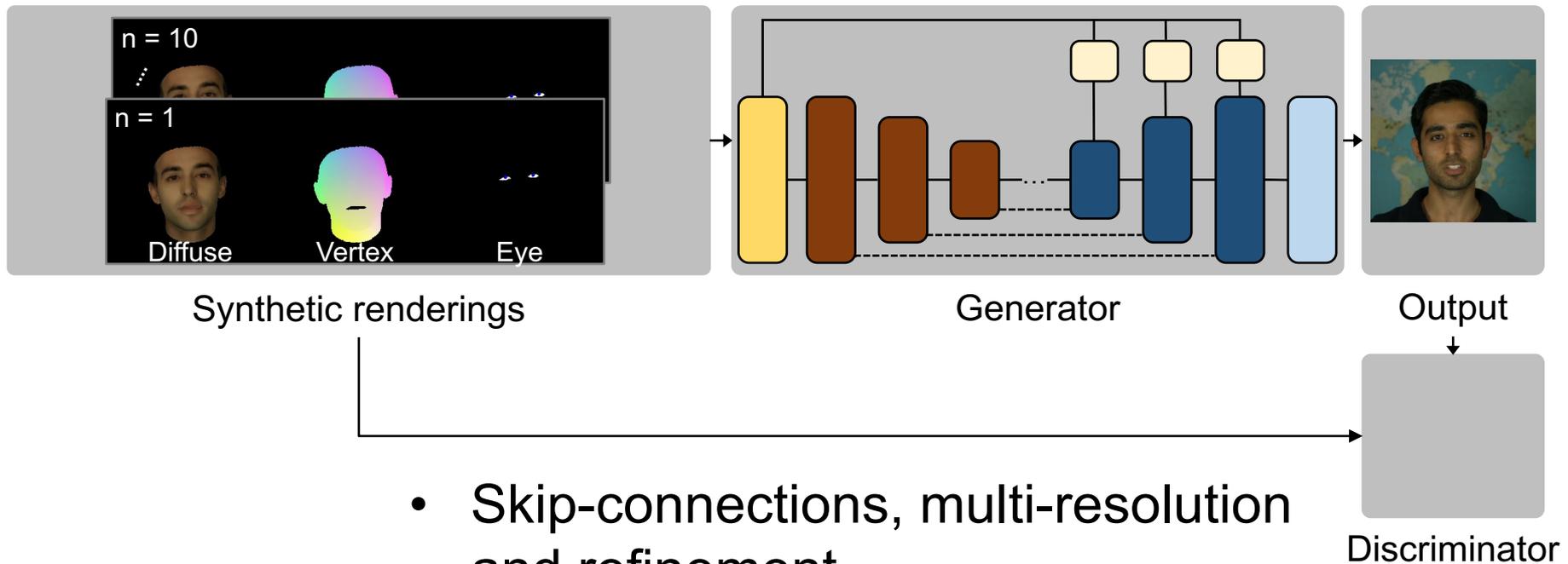
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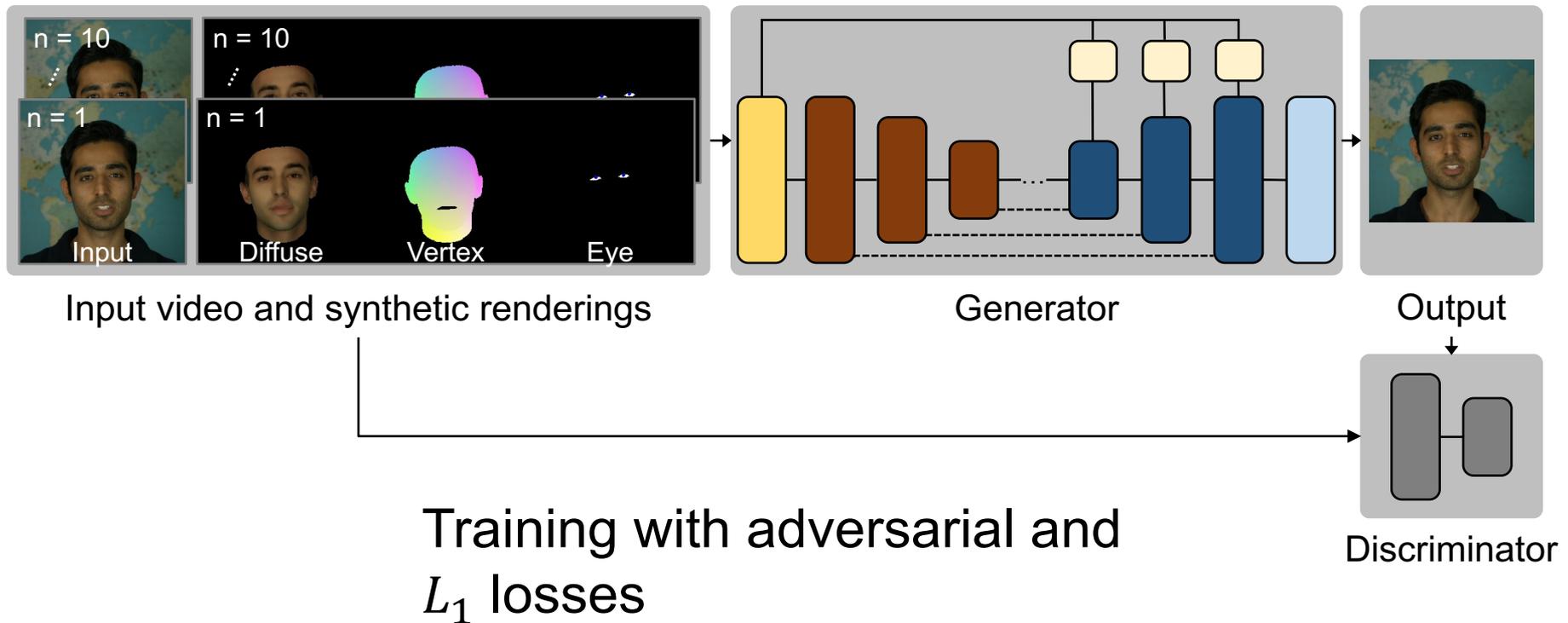


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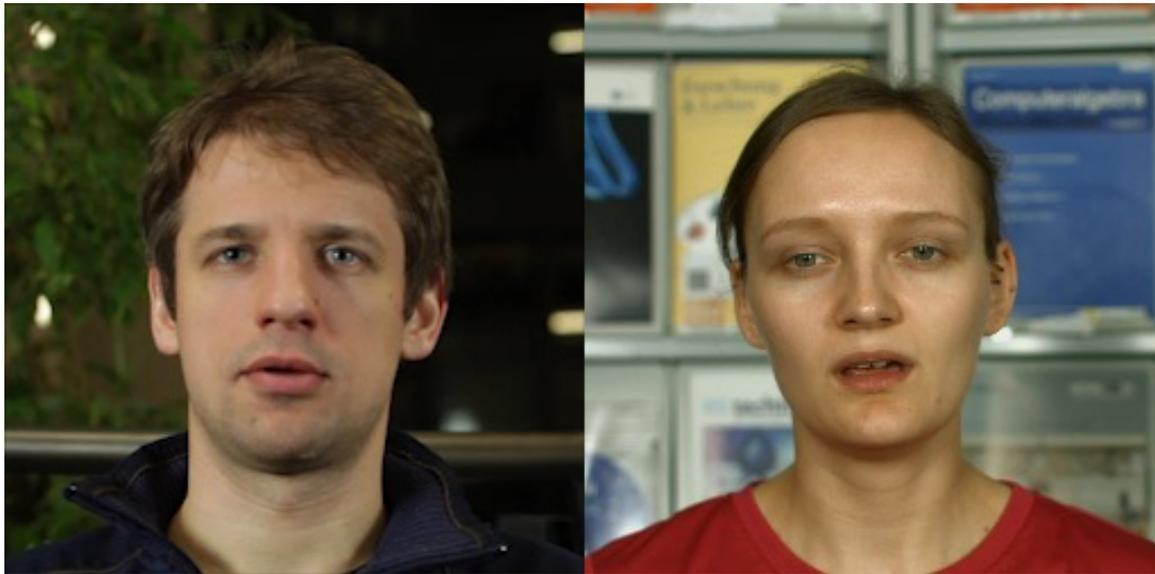
- Skip-connections, multi-resolution and refinement
- Fine-scale details

Rendering-to-Video Translation Network



Result: Facial Reenactment

Retargeting portraits videos from source to target

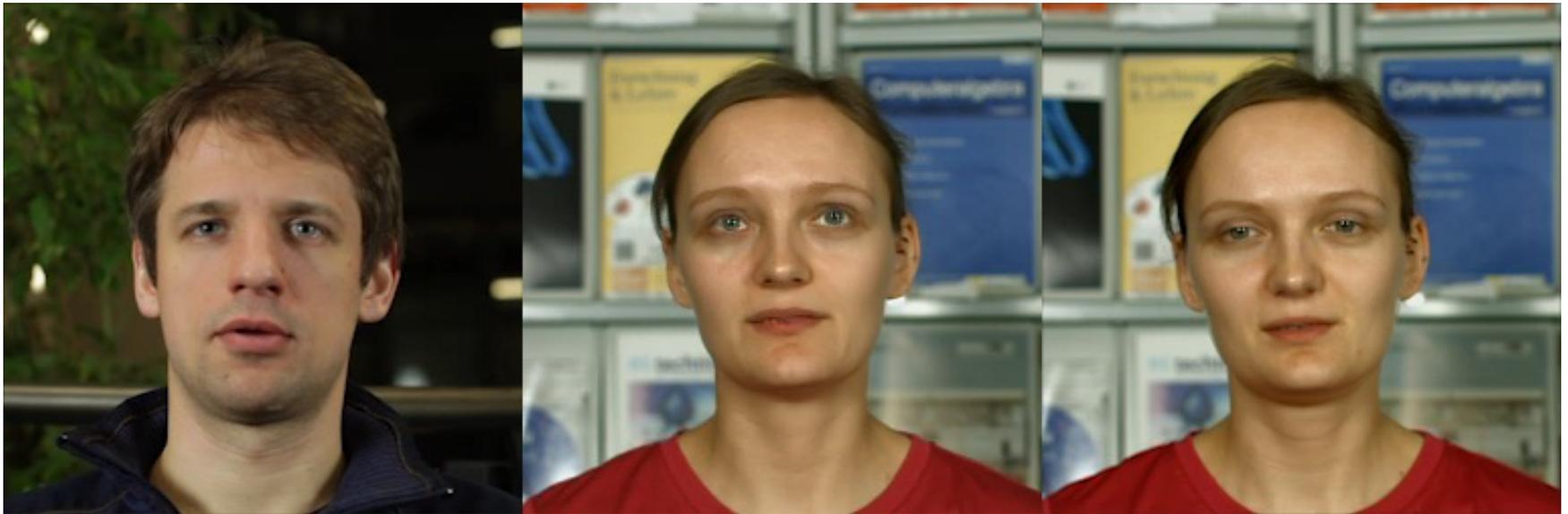


Source

Result

Result: Facial Reenactment

Full reenactment of head pose, head rotation, face expression and eye gaze



Source

Result

Face2Face

(Thies et al., 2016)

Result: Facial Reenactment



Source

Target

Result

Result: Visual Dubbing

Visual discomfort due to the discrepancy between video and audio tracks



Dubbing actor video

Original video

Result: Visual Dubbing

Modification of mouth motion to match audio tracks



Dubbing actor video

Dubbed video

Garrido et al., 2015

Result: Interactive Editing



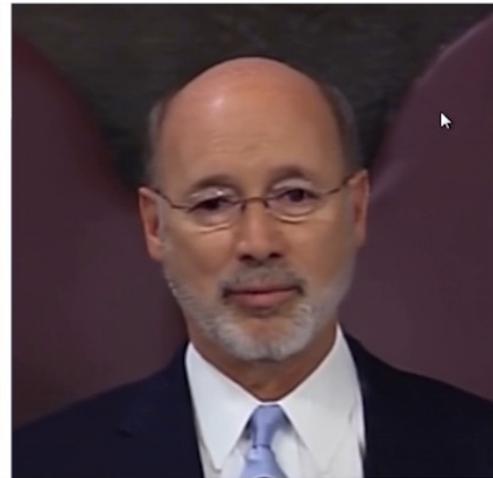
Pose

Expression

Shape

Approximately 9 fps

Result: Interactive Editing



YouTube videos

2× speed

Approximately 9 fps

Reagan video courtesy of NARA
(public domain)

Obama video courtesy of the White
House (public domain)

Wolf video courtesy of Tom Wolf
(CC BY)

Result: Post-Production



Face reshaping

Subtle expression editing

*The Curious Case of Benjamin
Button*
video courtesy of Lola Visual Effects

Result: Pose Correction in Teleconferencing

Modification of head pose to match camera views



Setup



Camera view

Rotating up

Result: Multi-View Teleconferencing



Rotating up + side to side

Model-based video coding: 31 KB/s
h.264 (e.g., Skype): 192 KB/s