

Active Nonrigid JCP Algorithm

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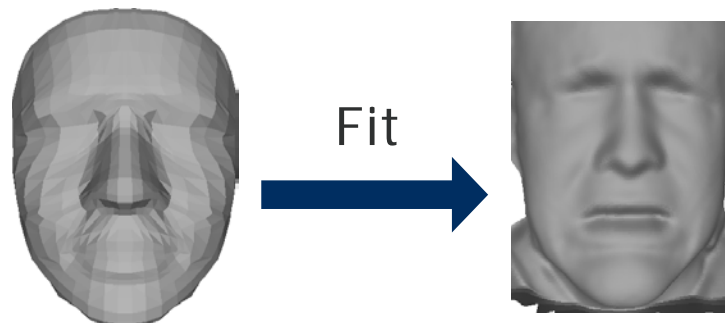
The Problem

Our goal:

- Accurately fit a 3D facial mesh.
- Model facial expression.

Challenges:

- Complex, non-linear and highly deformable facial structure.



Prior Work

- Deformable fitting using annotated face model (AFM) [1]. We refer it to **FEM** in our paper.
- Non-rigid Iterative Closest Point (NICP) [2].
- 3D Morphable Model Fitting with ICP [3].

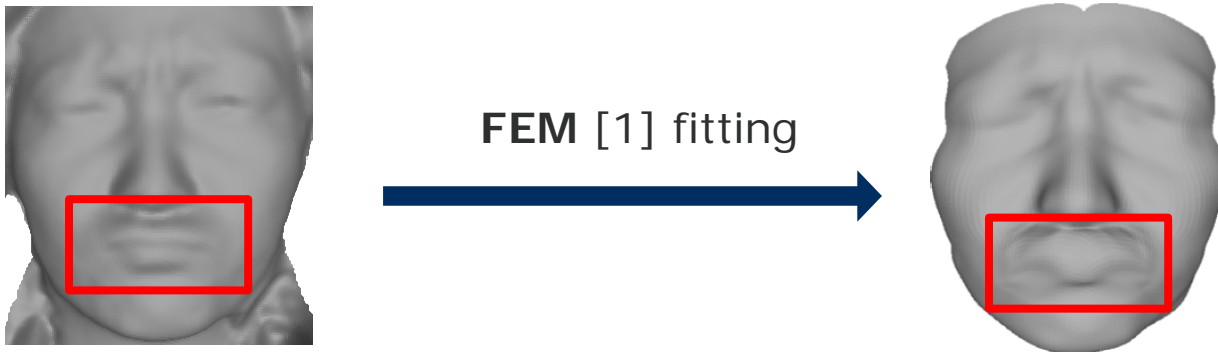
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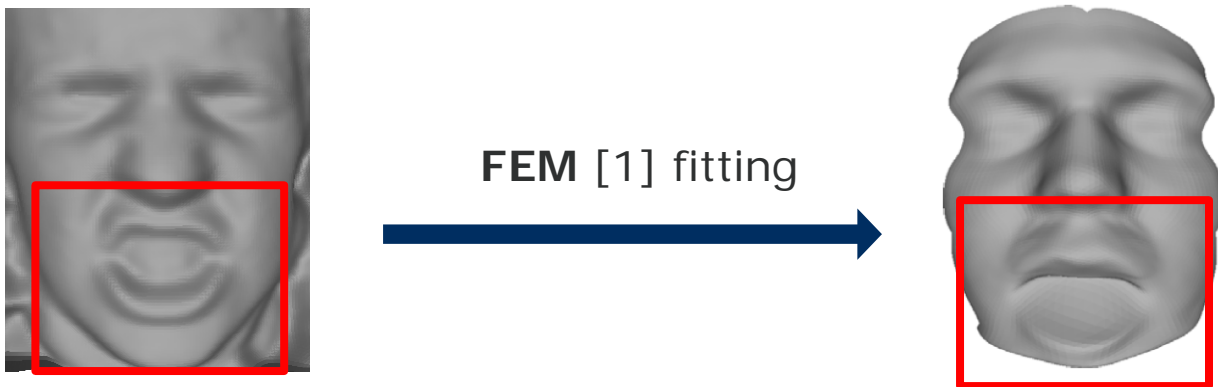
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Motivation

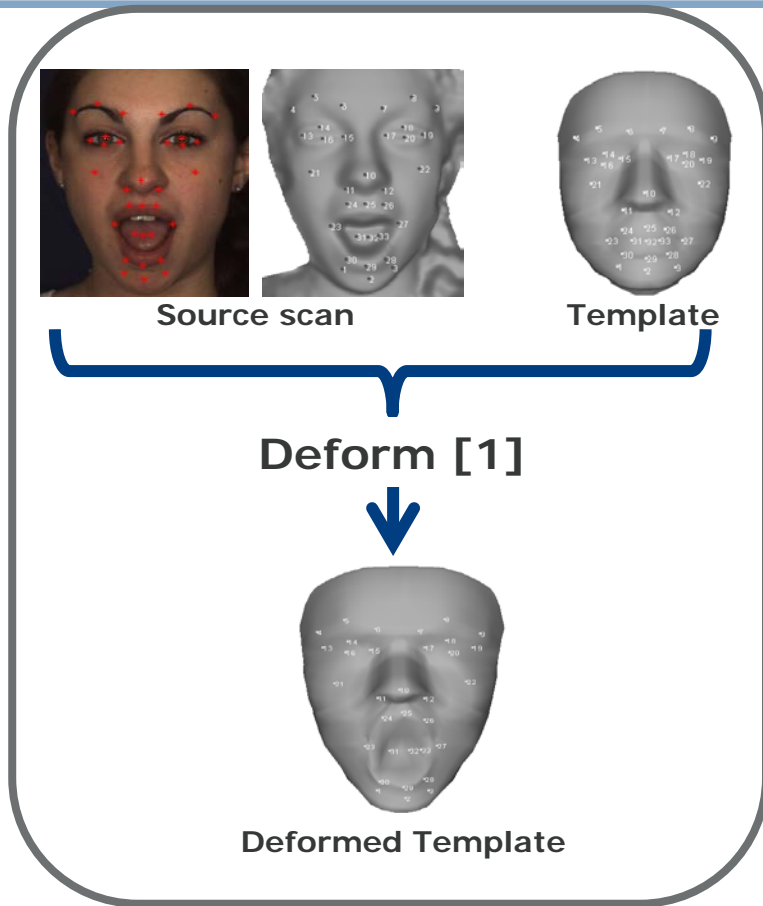
- ❑ To better model facial expression



- ❑ To better capture the face parts

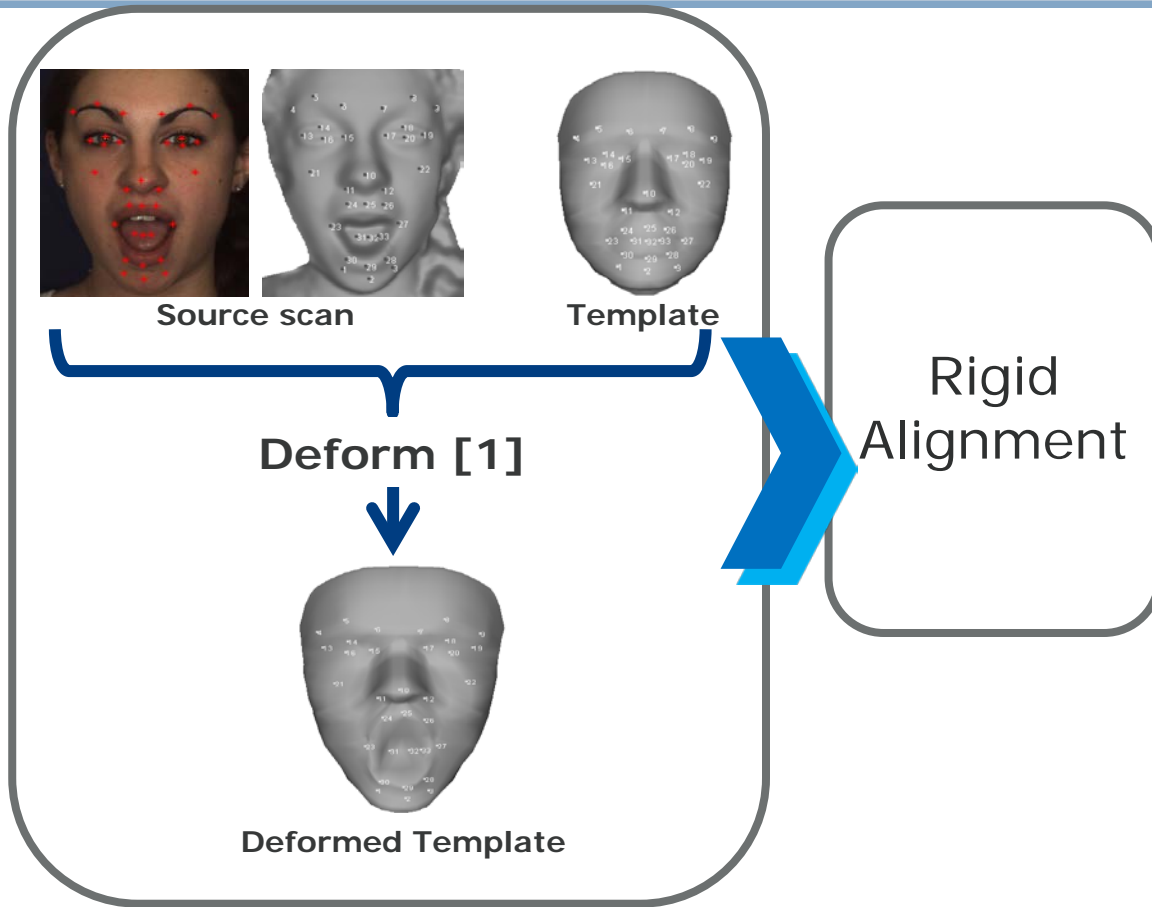


Our Pipeline



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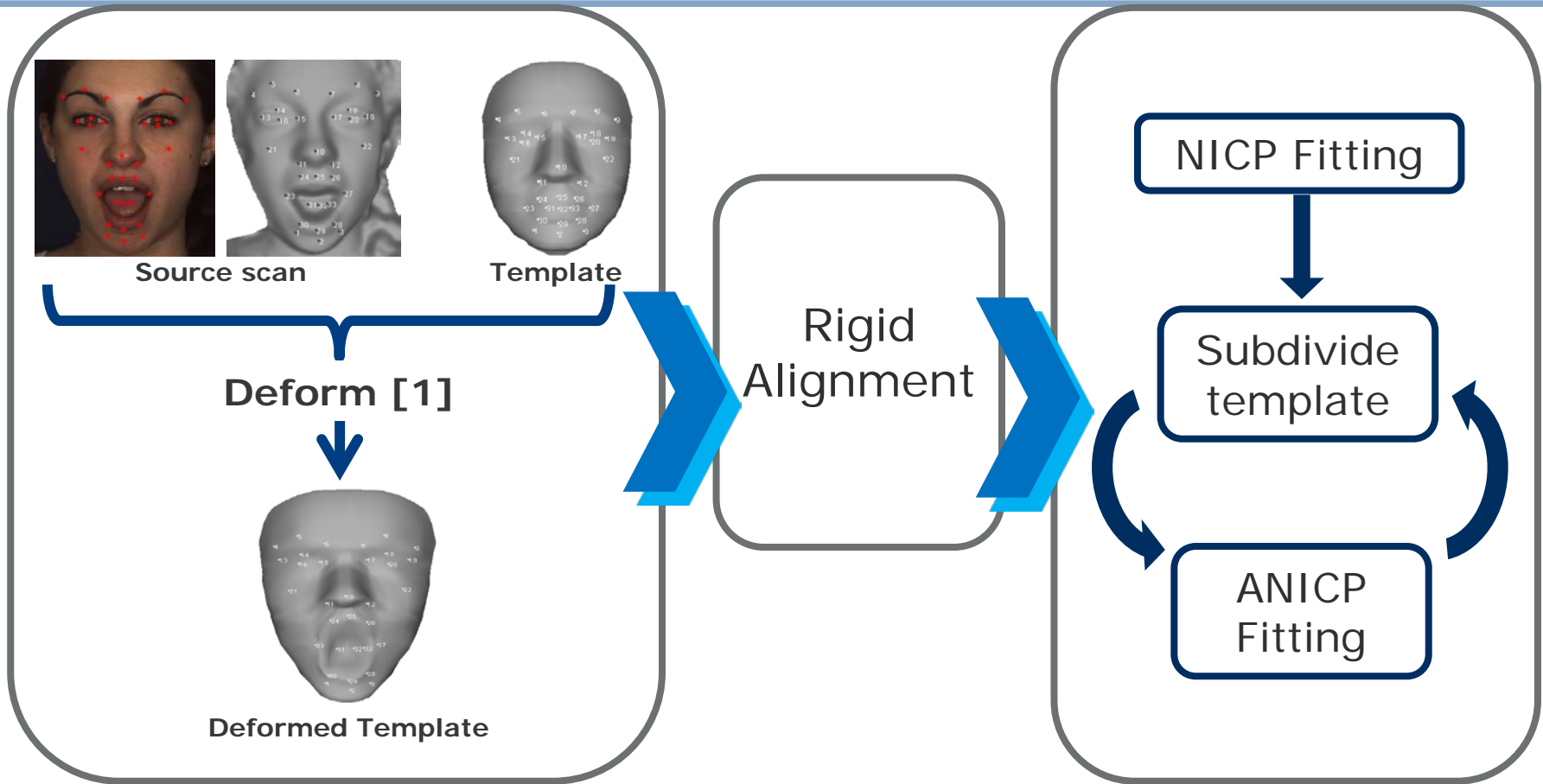
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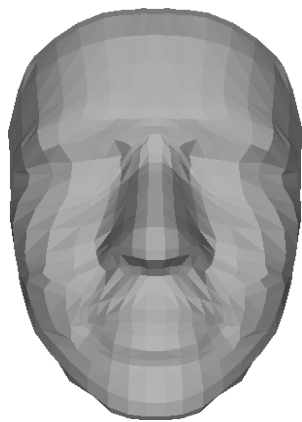
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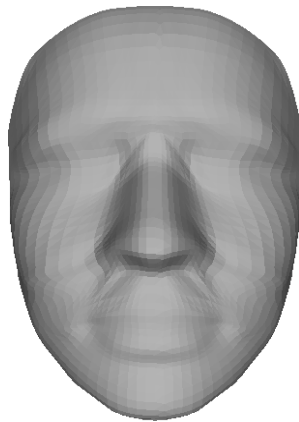
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Dynamic Fitting Procedure

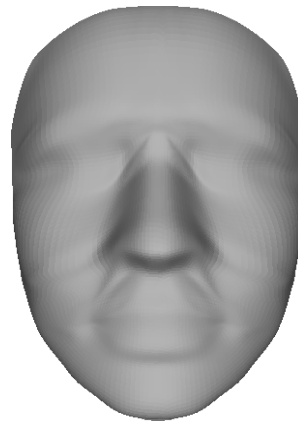
- Coarse-to-fine fitting approach
- Mesh subdivision
 - Loop subdivision.
 - Subdivided mesh captures more facial details.



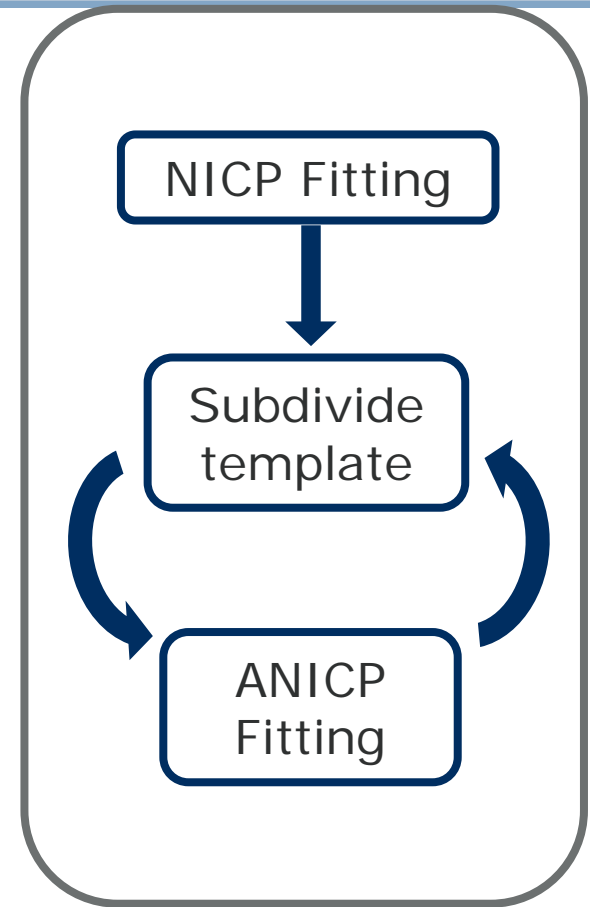
Template



1st
Subdivision



2nd
Subdivision



Step 3: Fitting

Nonrigid Iterative Closest Point

- **V** is the vertex in template, **U** is the vertex from scan, retrieved by closest point matching.
- **X** contains local affine transforms for each vertex.

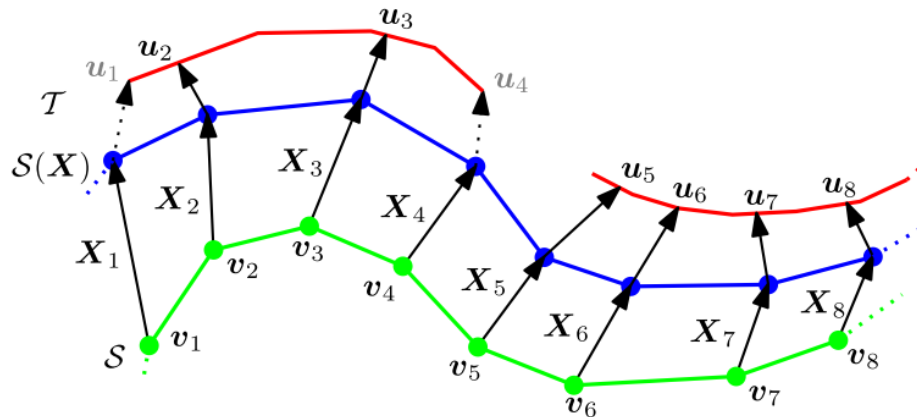


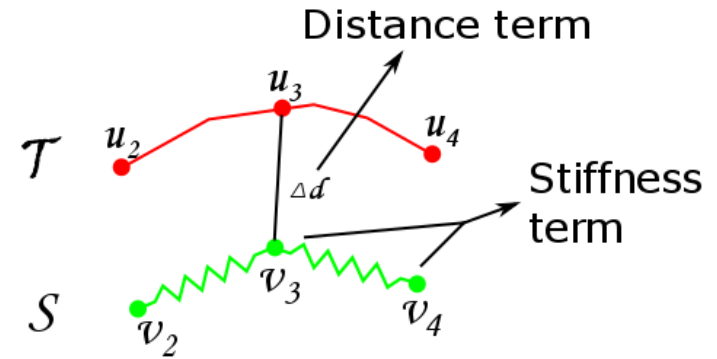
Figure from [1]

Nonrigid JCP

Distance and stiffness terms:

$$E_d(\mathbf{X}) := \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{u}_i\|^2$$

$$E_s(\mathbf{X}) = \|(\mathbf{M} \otimes \mathbf{G})\mathbf{X}\|_F^2$$



Cost function :

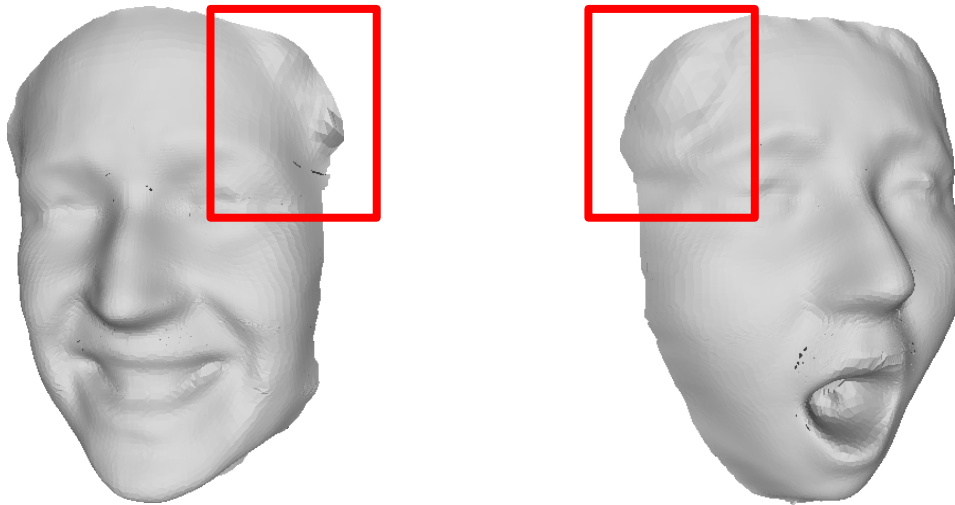
$$E_X(\mathbf{X}) := \alpha E_s + E_d = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{M} \otimes \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{U} \end{bmatrix} \right\|_F^2 = \left\| \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} - \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \right\|_F^2$$

Fitting objective:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{X}} E_X(\mathbf{X}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}} \left\| \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} - \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \right\|_F^2$$

Problem of NJCP

- No hard constraint on template vertex **V**: can lead to anthropomorphically inconsistent fittings.



- Face configuration can be modelled via statistical shape model.

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Replaced by a statistical
shape model!

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{c}_i + \mathbf{m}_i$$

Active Nonrigid JCP

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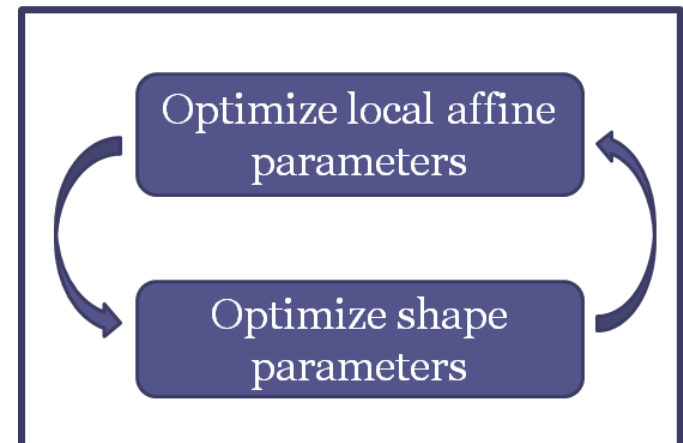
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Two objectives:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}} E(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{c}_0) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}} E_d + \alpha E_s \\ \arg \min_{\mathbf{c}} E(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{c}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{c}} E_d \end{array} \right.$$

Alternating Optimization

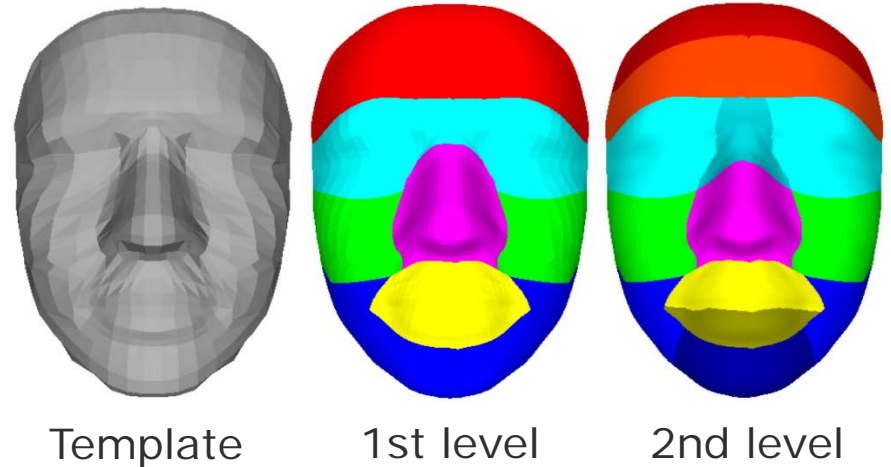


Active Nonrigid JCP

Individual modelling of face parts

- Manual segmentation of face parts.
- The models are built using BU-3DFE [1] database.
- For each part:

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{c}_i + \mathbf{m}_i$$



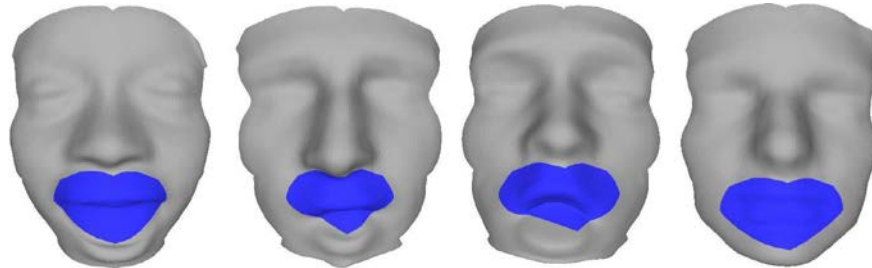
Experiments - Mouth Coverage

- 100 scans from different subjects in BU-4DFE [1] with exaggerated expressions.
- Manual annotation of mouth region.
- Accuracy calculated as: $S = 1 - \frac{A(D \cap \bar{G})}{A(D \cup G)}$

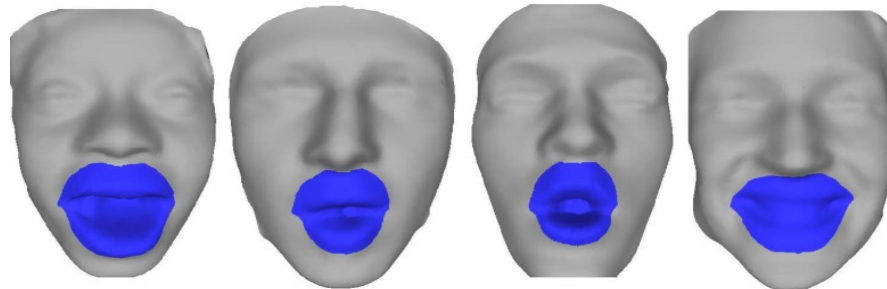
| Method | Mean S value |
|--------------|----------------|
| FEM | 0.4086 |
| C2F-NICP | 0.3841 |
| C2F-ANICP | 0.3688 |
| C2F-NICP-PD | 0.2891 |
| C2F-ANICP-PD | 0.3058 |

- **C2F-** : Coarse-to-fine fitting approach.
- **-PD** : Initialization from 2D face alignment.

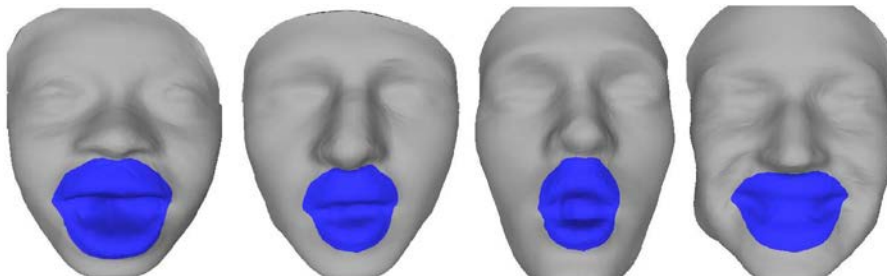
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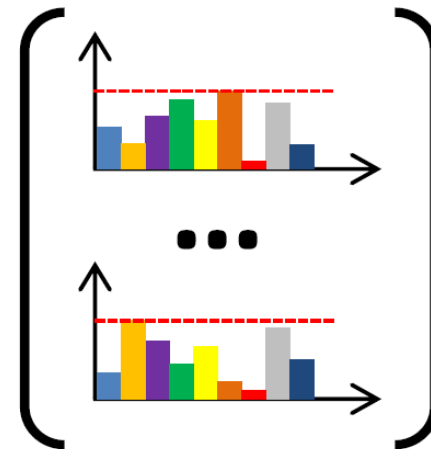
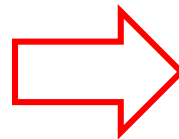
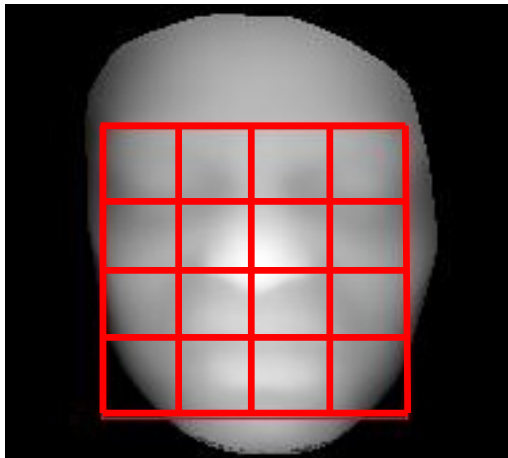
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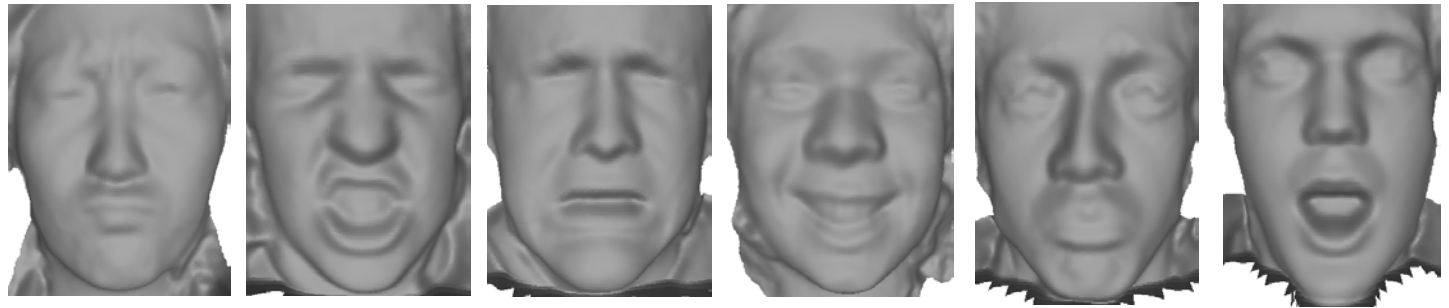
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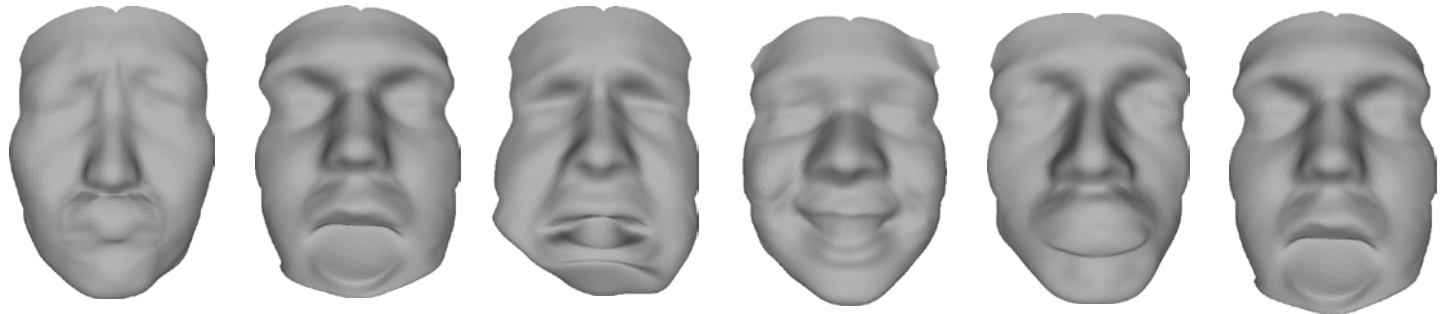
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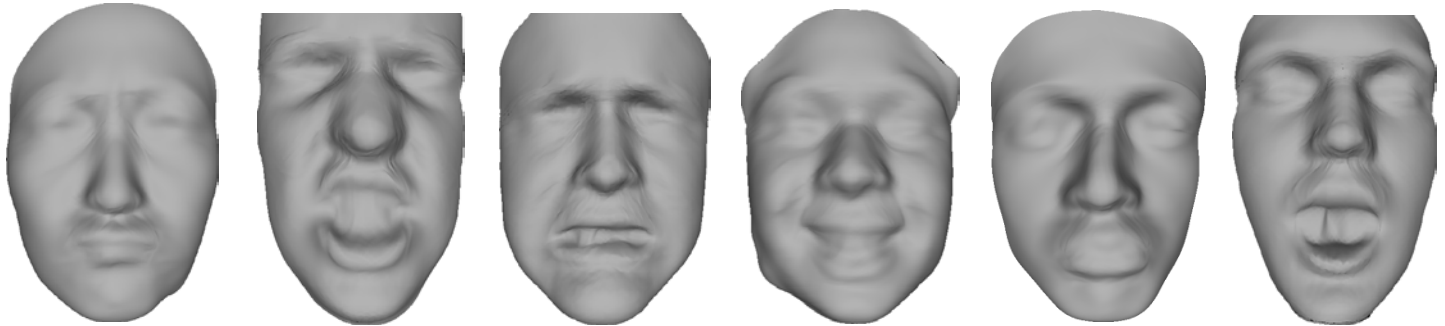
Raw
scan



FEM



C2F-ANICP-PD



Conclusion

- Our coarse-to-fine fitting procedure is shown capable of modelling facial expression.
- The proposed ***Active Nonrigid ICP algorithm*** outperforms state-of-the-art fitting methods, especially in the description and alignment of the mouth region.
- The initialization procedure further increases the performance.

Thank you !