### 3D-Aware Expression Flow for 2D Face Compositing

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### Photometric flaws

### Non-desirable expression





### Goal





**Our result** 

Reference

# **Previous work**



- Photo enhancement
  - Joshi et al. [2010]

- Face swapping
  - Bitouk et al. [2008]



Original photographs

After automatic face replacement

### **Face editing**



### Replace whole face







Reference

Target

# Replace whole face

# **Previous work**



- Expression mapping
  - 3D approaches
    - Pighin et al. [1998]
    - Blanz et al. [2003]
    - Metaxas et al. [2004]
  - 2D approaches
    - Williams [1990]
    - Liu et al. [2001]



### **Previous work**



### • Interactive Digital Photomontage

- Agarwala et al. [2004]



### Local component transfer



### • Copy mouth region



Reference

Target

Photomontage (unnatural)

**Our result** 

# **Outline of our approach**



- Overview
- 3D Model Fitting
- Image Compositing
- Results and Evaluation

### **System overview**





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# **Training dataset**



- Vlasic et al. [2005]
  - 16 subjects, 5 expressions, 5 visemes



### **Face model**



#### • Linear span

$$= \gamma_1 \cdot (\gamma_2 + \gamma_2 \cdot (\gamma_3 + \gamma_3 \cdot (\gamma_3 + \cdots + \gamma_N \cdot (\gamma_3 + \cdots + (\gamma_N + \cdots + \gamma_N \cdot (\gamma_3 + \cdots + (\gamma_N + \cdots + (\gamma$$

- PCA subspace
  - Mean shape  $\overline{s}$
  - Eigenvectors  $\mathbf{V} = [v_1, v_1, \dots, v_n]$
  - Eigenvalues  $\Lambda = \operatorname{diag}[\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots, \lambda_n^2]$

- New shape  $s_{new} = \overline{s} + V \cdot \beta$ 

Blanz et al. [1999]

### **Face model**

- Optimization
  - Total energy function:

 $E = E_{fid} + c \cdot E_{pca}$ 

- Fidelity term:

$$E_{fid} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \omega_k ||V_k - X_k||^2$$

- Subspace energy term:

$$E_{pca} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta}$$





*V<sub>k</sub>* : Projections of 3D landmarks



 $X_k$ : Facial features



- Matching features
  - Internal landmarks
  - Face boundary landmarks





- Algorithm
  - 1. Detect landmarks



#### Milborrow and Nicolls [ECCV 2008]



- Algorithm
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After 3 iterations









#### **Target**



### Fitting independently



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 $\min E_a + E_b$ s.t.  $\gamma^a = \gamma^b$ 





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# **2D compositing**



### • Warping with expression flow







Target

Flow

Warped Target

Difference

## **2D compositing**



- Automatic crop region generation
  - "Graph Cuts" image segmentation [Agarwala et al. 2004]



**Crop region** 

### **User assistance**



### • Adjust landmarks





### **User assistance**



### • Adjust crop region



Mark fold region

Copy mouth only C

Copy mouth and fold

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Target

Warped by Expression Flow

Reference

### Warped by 3D rotation







2D Method

Mouth distorted



Mouth too close to chin

**Our Result** 









Target

Warped by Expression Flow

Reference

### Warped by 3D rotation









**2D Method** 

**Our Result** 









Target

Warped by Expression Flow

Reference

#### Warped by 3D rotation









Smiling eyes

Wider cheeks

2D Method

**Our Result** 







Reference

Warped by 3D rotation



Target

Warped by Expression Flow



**Examples** 



**2D Result** 



Smiling eyes

Lower jaw

**Our Result** 







#### Our results





**Question: Which image appears more realistic?** 

### **User study**



### • With vs. without Expression Flow





**Question: Which image appears more realistic?** 

### Comparison



• Expression flow vs. other methods



<sup>1</sup> FaceGen: http://www.facegen.com/

### **Expression flow only**



#### Reference





Target





**Our Result** 





### **From neutral to frown**



#### Beginning









### **From neutral to frown**



#### Reference





Target





**Our Result** 





### **Failure cases**



# • Asymmetric expression

# • Large pose change

#### Reference





#### **Our Result**









### Conclusion

• Local feature compositing

• Expression flow

• Joint 3D fitting

http://www.juew.org/projects/expressionflow.htm















**Our Result** 

#### Reference







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Target

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