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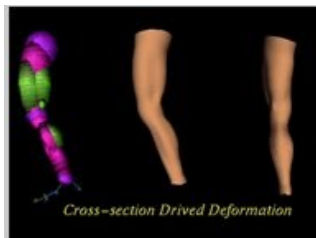
Facial motion capture

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Motivation - Deformation Models



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Facial Deformation Models

Facial deformation is a main issue to generate **realistic facial expressions**.

It involves the study of

- facial anatomy
- and motion and behavior of faces involving the generation of facial expressions

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Anatomy of a face

Skin, muscles and bone

The **skin** is important both

- to the **appearance**
- and to the **movement** of the face

Its purpose is to attach the skin to underlying bone and muscle

Structure in layers: epidermis (outermost), dermis, hypodermis

This structure allows skin to move freely over the muscles and bones underneath

Motion of skin is due to

- mechanical properties of skin
- interaction of layers
- muscle activation

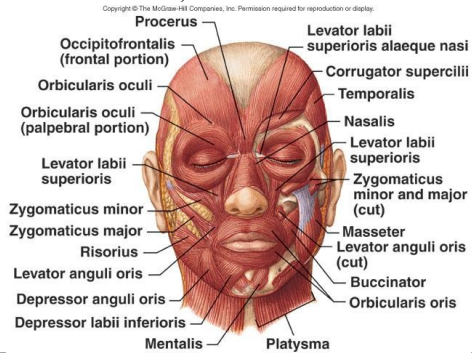
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Anatomy of a face

Skin, muscles and bone



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Anatomy of a face

Skin, muscles and bone

Muscles determine facial movements

Structure – muscles lie between the bone and the skin

(usually, one end connected to the bone and the other to the skin)
(not connected to a bone: muscle orbicularis oris)

– facial muscles occur in pairs (one for each side of the face)

Movement – all facial actions occur as a consequence of muscular contraction

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Anatomy of a face

Skin, muscles and bone



The bones of the head (skull) consist of - cranium
- and mandible (moving)

The skull determines the - proportion
- and shape of the face

The shape of the skull vary with - race
- age
- gender

The **appearance of a face** depends on the **size**, **shape** and **distance** of the bones.
Other facial features are the **eyes**, **tongue** and **teeth**.

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Control Parametrization

Facial animation

is mainly based on the **manipulation of facial parameters**

There are three main schemes of parametrization:

- interpolation
- FACS (Facial Action Coding System)
- FAP (Facial Animation Parameters) from MPEG4

Interpolação

Interpolar corresponde a estimar valores de uma função entre valores conhecidos.

A forma mais simples de interpolação é a **interpolação linear**.

Na **interpolação linear** usa-se a equação da recta, que passa por dois pontos conhecidos, para obter a aproximação dos pontos intermédios

Ou seja, dados os pontos $(x_0, f(x_0))$ e $(x_1, f(x_1))$

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) (f(x_1) - f(x_0)) / (x_1 - x_0)$$

Control Parametrization

Interpolation

Interpolation is used to find an intermediate value between two or more values, usually, positions.

The intermediate value can be obtained through the parameters that combine the extreme values

The result depends on the type of interpolation (linear or non-linear)

Control Parametrization

FACS (Facial Action Coding System)




- This system was developed by **psychologists (Ekman and Friesen 1978)** in order to **describe all possible visually distinguishable facial movements**

- It defined **46** basic actions, known as **Action Units (AU)**
- It was extended and revised in 2002

A **Action Unit** describes the contraction of one facial muscle or a group of related muscles.

- Action Units can be used to compose facial expressions

Control Parametrization FACS (Facial Action Coding System)

AU	Description	Facial muscle	Example image
1	Inner Brow Raiser	<i>Frontalis, pars medialis</i>	
2	Outer Brow Raiser	<i>Frontalis, pars lateralis</i>	
4	Brow Lowerer	<i>Corrugator supercilii, Depressor supercilii</i>	

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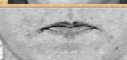
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Control Parametrization FACS (Facial Action Coding System)

22	Lip Funneler	<i>Orbicularis oris</i>	
23	Lip Tightener	<i>Orbicularis oris</i>	
24	Lip Pressor	<i>Orbicularis oris</i>	

The same muscle is used for different expressions

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Control Parametrization FACS (Facial Action Coding System)

Limitations:

- The initial set did not include all the visible actions for the lower part of the face particularly related to oral speech.
- FACS is limited to those muscles that can be controlled voluntarily

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Control Parametrization FACS (Facial Action Coding System)

spontaneous smile
(Duchenne smile)

VS

social smile



(“O Erro de Descartes”, A. Damásio 1995)

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Control Parametrization FACS (Facial Action Coding System)

“A **Duchenne smile** involves contraction of both the zygomatic major muscle (which raises the corners of the mouth) and the orbicularis oculi muscle (which raises the cheeks and forms crow's feet around the eyes).”

“A non-Duchenne smile involves only the zygomatic major muscle.”

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Control Parametrization FAP (Facial Animation Parameters)

MPEG-4

- is an object-based multimedia compression standard
- allows for independent encoding of different audio-visual objects
- uses the FBA (Face and Body Animation) object to describe real persons or synthetic characters

FBA object includes 2 set of parameters

definition parameters → define the geometry of the face (FDP) and body (BDP)

animation parameters → define the animation of the face (FAP) and body (BAP)

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Virtual Characters “can move all muscles” FACS (Facial Action Coding System)

Neutral expression



AU4
Brows brought together
(sobrancelhas franzidas)

AU4 and AU6+12
 (“Duchenne smile”)



AU4 and AU15
AU15 - Lip Corners Down

AU12- Lips up
AU6- Cheek Raiser

(Renato Teixeira
2013/2014)

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Control Parametrization FAP (Facial Animation Parameters)

MPEG-4 specifies

- A face model in its neutral state
- A number of **feature points** on this neutral face as reference points
- A set of **Facial Animation Parameters (FAP)** each corresponding to a particular facial action deforming a face model in its neutral state

FAPs represent a complete set of basic facial animations including head motion, tongue, eyes and mouth control

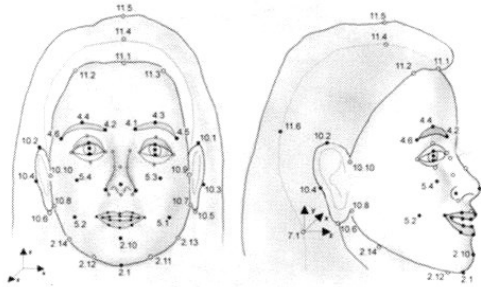
They are based on the study of minimal facial actions and are closely **related to muscle actions**

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Control Parametrization FAP - FDP



84 feature definition points (FDP)

Only the black filled circles are used for animation

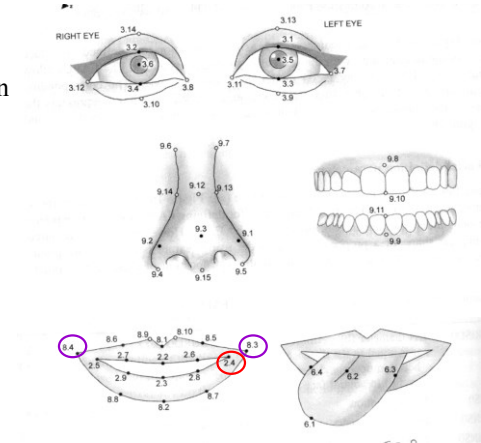
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Control Parametrization FAP - FDP



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Control Parametrization FAP (Facial Animation Parameters)

There are 68 FAP splitted in 10 different groups

A viseme is a visual counterpart of a phoneme

Group	Number of FAPs
1 viseme and expression	2
2 jaw, chin, inner lowerlip, cornerlips, midlip	16
3 eyeballs, pupils, eyelids	12
4 eyebrow	8
5 cheeks	4
6 tongue	5
7 head rotation	3
8 outer lip position	10
9 nose	4
10 ears	4

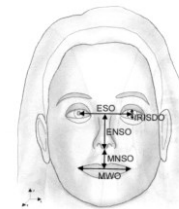
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Control Parametrization FAP - FAPU

FAP are defined in FAPU (Face Animation Parameters Units), i.e., fractions of spatial distances between major facial features on the model and its neutral state



IRISD	Iris diameter (by definition it is equal to the distance between upper and lower eyelid) in neutral face	IRISD = IRISD0/1024	$3.1.y - 3.3.y = 3.2.y - 3.4.y$
ESO	Eye separation	ES = ESO/1024	$3.5.x - 3.6.x$
ENSO	Eye - nose separation	ENS = ENSO/1024	$3.5.y - 9.15.y$
MNSO	Mouth - nose separation	MNS = MNSO/1024	$9.15.y - 2.2.y$
MW	Mouth width	MW = MW0/1024	$8.3.x - 8.4.x$
AU	Angle Unit	10^{-3} rad	

8.3.x means x coordinate of the feature point 8.3

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FAP (Facial Animation Parameter Set)

FAP no	FAP name	FAP description	FAP units	Pos FAP motion	Group	FDP subgrp num
1	viseme	A value determining the viseme for this frame (e.g. pbm, fv, th . . .)	na	na	1	na
2	expression	A value determining the facial expression	na	na	1	na
3	open_jaw	Vertical jaw displacement	MNS	down	2	1
4	lower_t_midlip	Vertical top middle inner lip displacement	MNS	down	2	2
5	raise_b_midlip	Vertical bottom middle inner lip displacement	MNS	up	2	3
6	stretch_l_cornerlip	Horizontal displacement of left inner lip corner	MW	left	2	4
7	stretch_r_cornerlip	Horizontal displacement of right inner lip corner	MW	right	2	5

(Pos FAP motion = Definition of the direction of movement for positive values)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/0470023198.app3/pdf>

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FAP – high level parameters

There are 2 high level parameters in the FAP set

- **viseme** - is a visual counterpart of a phoneme
- **expression** – allows the definition of high-level facial expressions

The facial expression parameter has a textual description

FAP

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FAP - FAT

FATs – Facial Animation Tables – define how a model is spatially deformed as a function of the amplitude of the FAPs

As a facial model is represented by a **set of vertices** and associated triangles joining them,

for each FAP,

the **FAT** determines which vertices are affected and how they are affected

Note:

MPEG-4 defines a parameter set for facial animation, however, **the precise method of deformation is not standardized**

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FAP – basic facial expressions

Textual description and facial expressions

No.	Name	Textual description
1	Joy	The eyebrows are relaxed. The mouth is open and the mouth corners pulled back toward the ears.
2	Sadness	The inner eyebrows are bent upward. The eyes are slightly closed. The mouth is relaxed.
3	Anger	The inner eyebrows are pulled downward and together. The eyes are wide open. The lips are pressed against each other or opened to expose the teeth.

Alegria

Tristeza

Cólera



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FAP – basic facial expressions

<i>Medo</i>	4	Fear	The eyebrows are raised and pulled together. The inner eyebrows are bent upward. The eyes are tense and alert.
<i>Aversão</i>	5	Disgust	The eyebrows and eyelids are relaxed. The upper lip is raised and curled, often asymmetrically.
<i>Surpresa</i>	6	Surprise	The eyebrows are raised. The upper eyelids are wide open, the lower relaxed. The jaw is opened.



Primary facial expressions

Ekman’s model

This 6 primary facial expressions where established by psychologists, namely Paul Ekman

P. Ekman conducted a study to prove that facial expressions of emotion are universal. [Ekman99], [Ekman03]

This idea was already stated by Darwin.

Primary facial expressions

Photos showed to New Guinea people by Paul Ekman in 1966



(a)	joy	alegria
(b)	surprise	surpresa
(c)	fear	medo
(d)	anger	cólera (raiva)
(e)	disgust	aversão (repugnância)
(f)	sadness	tristeza

Primary facial expressions

P. Ekman showed also to americans photos of New Guinea people expressing the same emotions.

In both cases **fear** and **surprise** where the most difficult expressions to identify. They were often mix up.

OCC model of emotions

- The OCC model contains a sufficient level of **complexity** and **detail** to cover most situations an emotional interface character might have to deal with.

- It specifies **22 emotion** categories based on **valenced reactions** to situations constructed either

- as being goal relevant events,
- as acts of an accountable agent (including itself),
- or as attractive or unattractive objects

Positive or negative value

Consequences of events

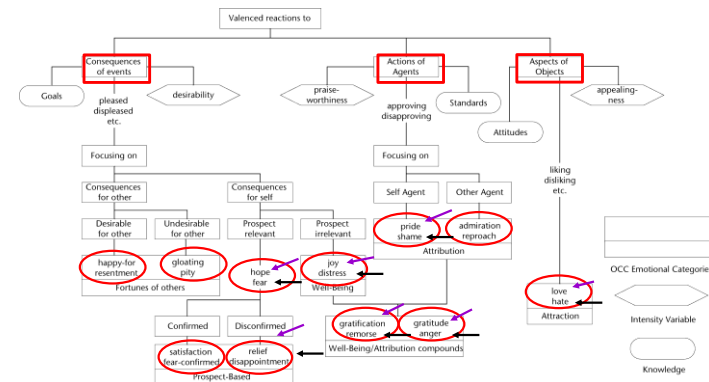
Actions of agents

Aspects of objects

- It also offers a **structure for the variables**, such as likelihood of an event or the familiarity of an object, which determines the **intensity** of the emotion types.

OCC model of emotions (Ortony, Clore and Collins, 1988)

- Another model of emotion** used for virtual characters is the **OCC model**
- Based on the cognitive structure of individual emotions:** the particular emotion a person experiences on some occasion is determined by the way s/he construes the world or changes it
- The intensity of a given emotion primarily depends on the **events**, **agents**, or **objects** in the environment of the agent exhibiting the emotion.





The original OCC model in [Bartneck 2002]

Facial deformation models

The models can be classified according to the mechanism in which the geometry of the face model is manipulated:

- Some models are based on merely creating believable visual effects
- Others are derived using a physical basis comprising forces, muscular contraction and skin bio-mechanics.

Facial deformation models

- Shape interpolation
 - Morph target
- Parametric models
 - Ad-hoc parameters, Skeletal Animation (rigging, skinning)
 - MPEG-4 Based Facial Animation
 - Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS
- Muscle-Based models 
 - Physics-based muscle modeling
 - Pseudo-muscle modeling
- Finite Element Method 

Facial deformation models

Shape interpolation

An interpolation function (linear or non-linear) is applied to the vertex positions of the extreme expressions of faces

the method is simple
but

- the range of expressions obtained is restricted
- it needs explicit geometrical data for each expression

Ex: shapes keys or blend shapes

Shape interpolation Morph Target Animation

Given na original mesh, several **morph targets** are created by deformation of the original mesh.



Shape keys in Blender
Blend shapes in Maya or Unity 3D

Each morph target corresponds to an expression (emotion or viseme)

All morph targets must have the same number of vertices

Shape interpolation Morph Target Animation



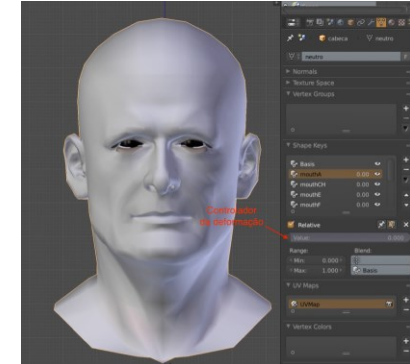
2 expressions and neutral face (Vitor Pinto 14/15)

In Blender,

- Replicate the original mesh
- Some vertices of each replicated mesh are displaced to create a new expression

Blender has a tool (grab) that allows **proportional editing**, ie, displacing a set of vertices proportionally

Shape interpolation Morph Target Animation



In Blender,

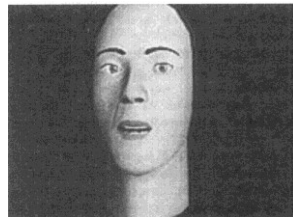
- All the deformed meshes are combined with the original mesh as “Shape keys”

- Using a slider, we can change the intensity of the expression: between the neutral mesh and the defined shape key

Facial deformation models

Parametric model

The vertices that describe the facial mesh are manipulated by a **set of parameters** (e.g., Parke’s model, 1974) [Thalmann04]



- a wide range of faces can be obtained with a small set of appropriate parameters

but

- it is difficult to obtain a complete set of parameters
- it can generate unrealistic movements

Skeletal Animation

In **Skeletal animation** a character is represented in two parts:

- a surface representation used to draw the character (called **skin** or **mesh**) and
- a hierarchical set of interconnected bones (called the **skeleton** or **rig**) used to animate the mesh

Skinning is the technique that defines the deformation of the character skin for every animation frame, according to the current state of skeletal joints

Processo de criação de *rigging animation* no Blender

Passo 1. **Modelação**

- Construção da malha poligonal exterior.

Passo 2. **Rigging**

- Criação de um esqueleto/armação que permite controlar o movimento das personagens.
- O número de ossos influencia o desempenho da aplicação pelo que o seu número deve ser o menor possível.

Passo 3. **Skinning**

- Associação de determinado conjunto de polígonos da malha criada no passo 1 a um osso da armação criado no passo 2.
- O mesmo conjunto de polígonos pode estar associado a ossos diferentes. Nesse caso prevalece o osso que tem maior influência no conjunto.

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Morph Target vs Skeletal animation

Advantage of morph target animation:

- There are more **control** over the movements because the user defines the **individual positions of the vertices** of the mesh,

(not possible with a skeleton where it is more difficult to reproduce the movement of muscles)

Disadvantage of morph target animation:

- It is usually more labour-intensive than skeletal animation because every vertex position must be manually manipulated

(Therefore the number of target morphs is usually limited)

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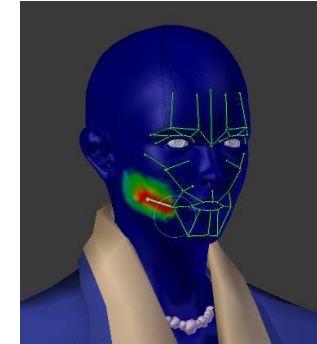
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Skinning, no Blender

O skinning, no Blender, é feito à custa da operação *weight painting*.

A influência de um osso num determinado conjunto de polígonos é representado por cores

- a cor vermelha representa o valor máximo (1) e
- azul o valor mínimo (0)



[RenatoTeixeira 13/14]

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Create Once, Use Many



<http://www.faceinmotion.com/events/SIGGRAPH07/index.html>

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MPEG-4 Based Facial Animation

As stated before

MPEG-4

- defines a parameter set for facial animation
- but does not define the method of deformation

Different deformation methods have been proposed based on

Feature Definition Points (FDP)

or

Facial Animation Tables (FAT)

See slides Facial Motion Capture

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

For each parameter AU the following functions are defined:

$\varphi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ —density function,

$\psi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ —direction function,

$\tau \in [0, 1]$ —the value of the activation intensity of a given AU.

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

Wojdel presents a parameterised model based on FACS:

- Each facial parameter corresponds to one of the AU from FACS

- **Constraints and co-occurrence rules** for parameters are defined to **avoid one disadvantage of parameterization -- the occurrence of unrealistic facial expressions**

(Wojdel05, Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS)

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

Density function:

- defines the range of the visible changes induced by an AU when activated with 100% intensity
- when a given AU is activated, only vertices which are inside the defined area will change their positions

Direction function:

- describes the direction of the movement at a given point on the face when specific AU is activated

Activation intensity:

- a value between 0 (no activation) and 1 (full activation)

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

For each point on the face, $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ $\Delta \mathbf{v} = \psi(\mathbf{v}) \phi(\mathbf{v}) \tau$
 $\Delta \mathbf{v}$ is a vector displacement to be applied to vertex \mathbf{v} for a given AU

The above formula does not hold for AU that incorporate long movements on large areas.

In this case the direction of movement depends on \mathbf{v} coordinates and also on the value of the activation intensity

$$\Delta \mathbf{v} = \psi'(\mathbf{v}, \tau) \phi(\mathbf{v}) \tau$$

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

- Sub-object AU – their activation results in movements of the upper and lower lip in opposite directions.



In this case there are

- 2 independent density functions and
- 2 independent direction functions

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

Based on the kind of movement they inflict and on which facial objects they act

AU are divided in 3 categories:

- Single object AU – contains the majority of AU
- Multiple object AU – the AU activation results in deformation (or translation) of more than one object

Ex: When the head rotates, the facial surface rotates as well as the teeth and the eyes

In this case we have to define appropriate AU components for all of the objects from a facial model that a given AU can affect

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Implementation

1st step:

- 38 control markers on one side of the face
- simultaneous pictures of the frontal and lateral view of the face
- in each case
 - only one AU is activated and
 - this AU has maximal intensity
- measurements were taken that describe facial movement when a given AU is activated



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2nd step

Select function density and function direction

based on the visual inspection;
these functions depend on the AU, but their generic form is independent
of the modeled person

3rd step

Adjust the parameters of function density and function direction
of a given AU

in such a way that the resulting displacement optimally fits the
measured data

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Parametric Generation of Facial Expressions Based on FACS

- Changes on the face resulting from several active AU are different from the changes inflicted by each of them separately
- To combine 2 or more AU, we have to know how they influence each other

Co-occurrence rules

- Domination
- Exclusion
- Opposition

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Facial expressions rarely contain only one single AU activation

Mixing AU

Additive

the resulting vector of movement is a summation of the composite vectors

Successive

the original wireframe is adapted through the successive AU modifiers in a
specific order

In this case the result depends on the order in which AU are mixed

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Co-occurrence rules - AU examples

Domination a dominant AU can cancel the appearance changes of another AU

AU15 lip corner depression **dominates** AU12 lip corner puller



<http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs/project/face/www/facs.htm>

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Co-occurrence rules - AU examples

Exclusion- it not possible to combine both AU

AU18 lip puckerer cannot occur together with AU28 lip suck



Opposition, particular case of exclusion, it corresponds to opposite movements

AU51 head turn left is opposite to AU52 head turn right

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Given a list of AU with their respective activation values



a new list of activation values is produced with activations modified according to co-occurrence rules

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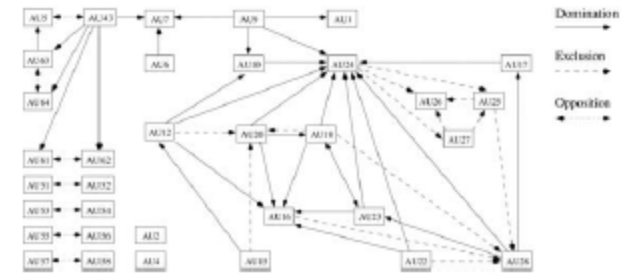
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Dependencies between AU [Wojdel05]

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Muscle-Based models

- The complete anatomical description of a face is complex
- Simplified models have been developed:
 - manipulation of facial geometry is based on **simulating the characteristics of the facial muscles**
 - this approach offers **generality** as the same set of muscles is valid for all faces
- The muscle-based models are usually based on the **FACS** parametrization scheme

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Muscle-Based models

There are **two types** of muscle-based models

- **physics-based muscle modeling**

based on the physics or mechanics of the underlying phenomena that model the muscle behavior.

Spring (*mola*) models

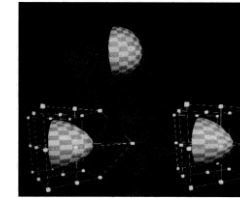
- **pseudo-muscle modeling**

the facial mesh can be deformed in muscle-like fashion but ignoring the complicated underlying anatomy and physics

Free-form deformation
based on control points that produce deformations on the surface

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Pseudo-muscle modeling



Example of rational free form deformation
(incorporates weight factors for each control point)

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Muscle-Based models vs Finite Element models

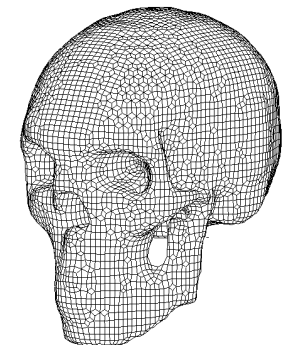
Almost physics-based muscle modeling use **linear models** that are inadequate because

facial soft tissues often undergo large **local rotations** and **straining**

in which nonlinear finite deformation elasticity theory is more appropriate

In Finite Element Analysis applications

the object or system is represented by a geometrically similar model consisting of multiple, linked, simplified representations of discrete regions—i.e., finite elements on an **unstructured grid**.



In Finite Element Analysis applications,

To **simulate object transformations, equations of equilibrium**, in conjunction with applicable **physical** considerations, are applied to each element, and a system of simultaneous equations is constructed.

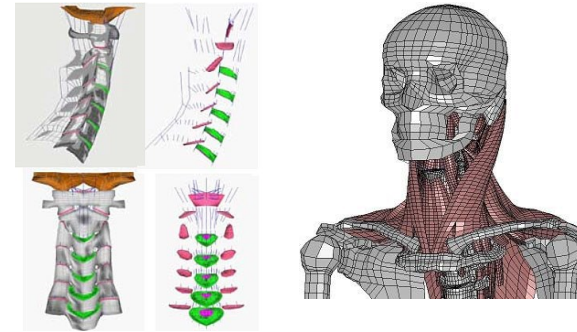
The **system of equations** is solved for unknown values using the techniques of linear algebra or nonlinear numerical schemes, as appropriate.



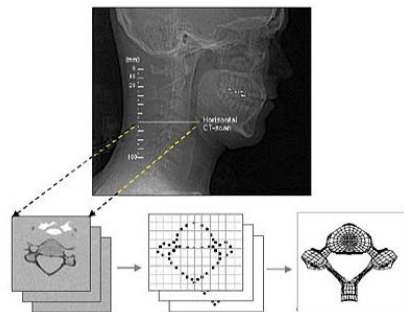
These models can be used, for instance, to predict injuries

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19923034>

FE model of the human neck and head.



Schematic image that describes the generation of the neck's model geometry



The scheme of creating a 3D FE-mesh from 2D images:

- The geometry has been determined by CT, MR and sliced color photos.
- Points on the boundaries of the different tissues were determined and used to determine the lines and surfaces that define the geometry of the scalp, the skull, the dura, the brain tissue etc.



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Finite Element Model for Facial Expressions [Wu2013]

A detailed finite element model of the human head constructed from [anatomical data segmented from MR images](#):

- superficial soft-tissue mesh (skin, subcutaneous layer and superficial musculo-aponeurotic system)
- [finite element meshes of 20 individual muscles of facial expressions](#)
- glands and skeletal bones

(Wu2013, Simulating and Validating Facial Expressions using an Anatomically Accurate Biomechanical Model Derived from MRI Data Towards Fast and Realistic Generation of Animated Characters)

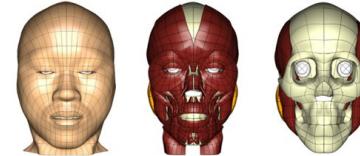
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Left - fitted geometric meshes of the superficial soft tissue continuum
Centre - muscles of facial expression
Right - deep structures

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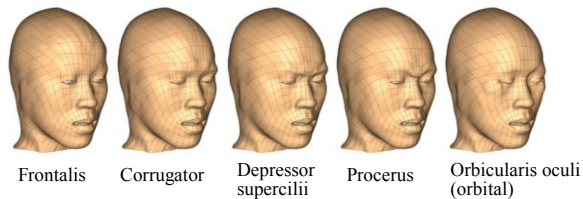
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Exploratory simulations activating one muscle at a time



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Expression	Activated muscles
Smile (mouth closed)	Buccinator, levator anguli oris, orbicularis oculi (orbital part), risorius, zygomaticus major and zygomaticus minor
Smile (mouth opened)	Depressor labii inferioris, levator anguli oris, levator labii superioris alaeque nasi, orbicularis oculi (orbital part), zygomaticus major and zygomaticus minor.
Sad	Corrugator, depressor anguli oris, frontalis, mentalis, orbicularis oris, platysma and risorius.
Terror	Depressor anguli oris, depressor labii inferioris, frontalis, mentalis, platysma and risorius.

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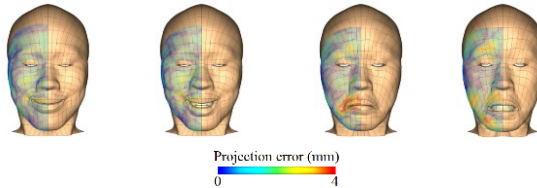
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Numerical simulations of four primary facial expressions, showing the projection errors between the simulated deformed configuration and data obtained from structure-light 3D scanner

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Facial Motion Capture

Motion capture can be referred to as the process of recording objects' motions in a computer relevant form.

The **goal** is to substitute designing the character animation by hand.

With **motion capture** the design of animation is

- easier,
- quicker
- and more realistic

Besides that the animator is free to edit the capture data to modify the animation

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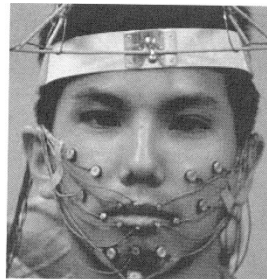
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Optotrack

Optotrack is a motion capture system that

- uses small infra-red markers attached to the skin of a person
- 3D positions of the markers are extracted with opto-electronic techniques



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More recent motion capture systems

- with retro-reflective markers
- tracked with cameras sensitive to light in the red region

(Kshirsagar,2000)

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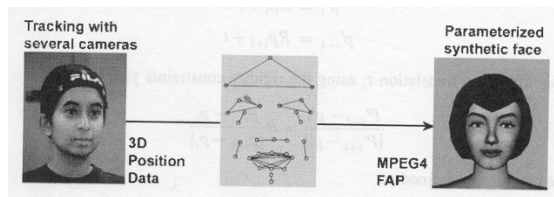
MPEG-4 based Face Capture (Thalmann)

Optical system using (Vicon <http://www.vicon.com/>)

- 8 cameras
- 27 markers corresponding to a subset of MPEG-4 feature point locations related to the Face Animation Parameters (FAP)
- 3 additional markers are used to track the global orientation of the head

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Feature points used for tracking



[Thalmann04]

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Tracking the global orientation of the head

Let (s_i, s'_i) be the **positions of the points** on the surface of a rigid body observed at 2 different instants.

$$s'_i = R \cdot s_i + T \quad i=1,2,\dots,N$$

R, rotation matrix, specifying the rotation angle of the rigid body about an arbitrary 3-D axis

T, translation vector, specifying arbitrary shift after rotation

- It can be proved that a **3 non-collinear point** correspondence is necessary and sufficient to determine R and T uniquely.
- Three markers attached to the head are used to capture the rigid head movements.

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Displacements of feature points

Once extract the global head movements,

the motion trajectories of all **feature point** markers are compensated for the global movements

and the absolute local displacements are calculated

consequently the MPEG-4 FAPs are calculated

Facial Motion Capture

static expressions

As it is not always possible to do motion capture to generate the animation, it is important to capture basic expressions to re-use in other animations:

- Capture an actors's facial movements using the motion capture system to design the static expressions (key-frames)
- These expressions are applied to the facial model using the parameters
- The animator can edit and modify the model.

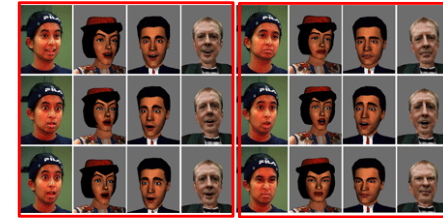
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Facial Motion Capture

6 basic expressions



6 basic facial expressions have been captured from a performer's action and re-targeted to various synthetic faces by extraction of MPEG-4 FAPs

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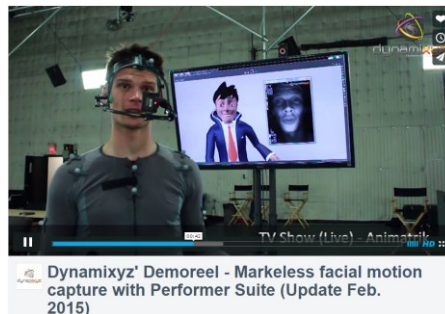
Motion capture Markerless

Dynamixyz' video-based facial capture

Natural features (eyebrows, eyes, mouth) are the markers

<http://www.dynamixyz.com/>

<http://vimeo.com/70540889>



<https://vimeo.com/120797900>

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