The paper titled "Analyzing Biases in AU Activation Estimation Toward Fairer Facial Expression Recognition" by Miguel Monares, Yuan Tang, Ritik Raina, and Virginia R. de Sa, presented at the KDD '23 conference, explores potential racial biases in facial expression analysis using synthetically generated faces². The authors specifically investigate disparities in the performance of an action unit estimation network across different skin tones².

The research highlights the presence of skin color biases in an action unit estimation network and demonstrates the impact and importance of dataset diversity and variety in achieving robust models². Furthermore, the authors show that these biases vary across different action units and skin tones and these model biases interact with the biases caused by dataset differences².

This work is an important step towards the eventual goal of understanding the basis of these combined biases and removing them from facial expression models². The authors believe that their findings will contribute significantly to the field of affective computing and computer vision².

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