

# Faces and Image-Based Lighting

Digital Visual Effects

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## Outline

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- Image-based lighting
- 3D acquisition for faces
- Statistical methods (with application to face super-resolution)
- 3D Face models from single images
- Image-based faces
- Relighting for faces

## Rendering

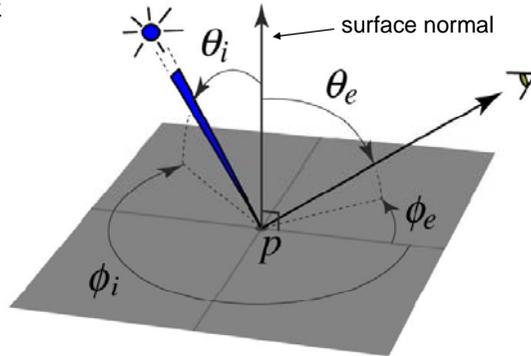
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- Rendering is a function of geometry, reflectance, lighting and viewing.
- To synthesize CGI into real scene, we have to match the above four factors.
- Viewing can be obtained from *calibration* or *structure from motion*.
- Geometry can be captured using *3D photography* or made by hands.
- How to capture lighting and reflectance?

## Image-based lighting

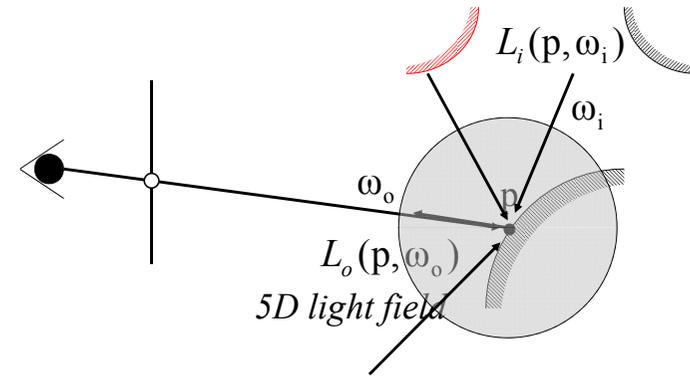
## Reflectance

- The Bidirectional Reflection Distribution Function
  - Given an incoming ray  $(\theta_i, \phi_i)$  and outgoing ray  $(\theta_e, \phi_e)$  what proportion of the incoming light is reflected along out



Answer given by the BRDF:  $\rho(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_e, \phi_e)$

## Rendering equation



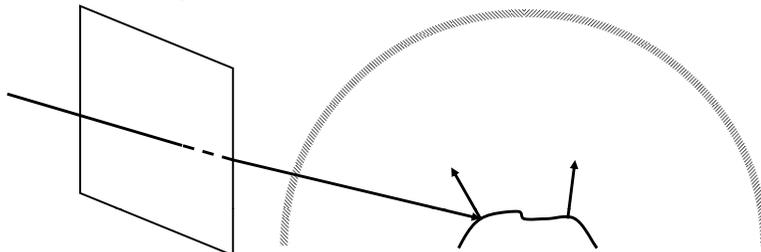
$$L_o(p, \omega_o) = L_e(p, \omega_o) + \int_{s^2} \rho(p, \omega_o, \omega_i) L_i(p, \omega_i) |\cos \theta_i| d\omega_i$$

## Complex illumination

$$L_o(p, \omega_o) = L_e(p, \omega_o) + \int_{s^2} f(p, \omega_o, \omega_i) L_i(p, \omega_i) |\cos \theta_i| d\omega_i$$

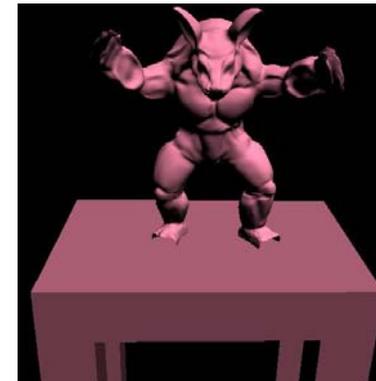
$$B(p, \omega_o) = \int_{s^2} f(p, \omega_o, \omega_i) L_d(p, \omega_i) |\cos \theta_i| d\omega_i$$

$$B_p(\omega_o) = \int_{s^2} f_{p, \omega_o}(\omega_i) L_d(\omega_i) |\cos \theta_i| d\omega_i$$



## Point lights

Classically, rendering is performed assuming point light sources

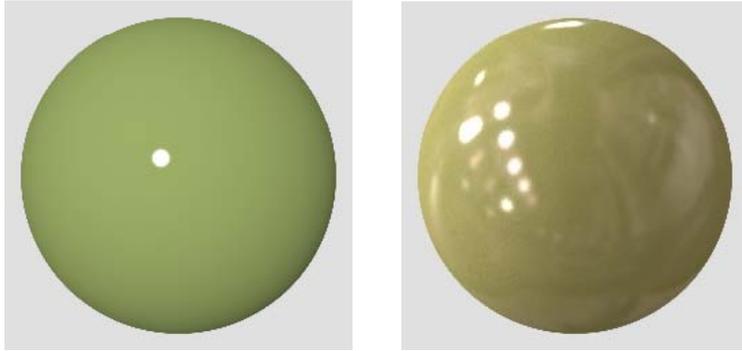


directional source

## Natural illumination

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People perceive materials more easily under natural illumination than simplified illumination.

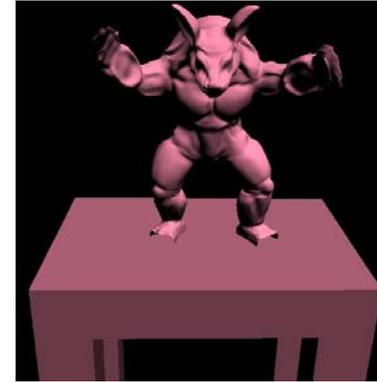


Images courtesy Ron Dror and Ted Adelson

## Natural illumination

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Rendering with natural illumination is more expensive compared to using simplified illumination



directional source



natural illumination

## Environment maps

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Miller and Hoffman, 1984

## HDR lighting

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## Examples of complex environment light DigiVFX



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## Complex illumination DigiVFX

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reflectance    lighting

Both are spherical functions

## Function approximation DigiVFX

- $G(x)$ : the function to approximate
- $B_1(x), B_2(x), \dots, B_n(x)$ : basis functions
- We want

$$G(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i B_i(x)$$

- Storing a finite number of coefficients  $c_i$  gives an approximation of  $G(x)$

## Function approximation

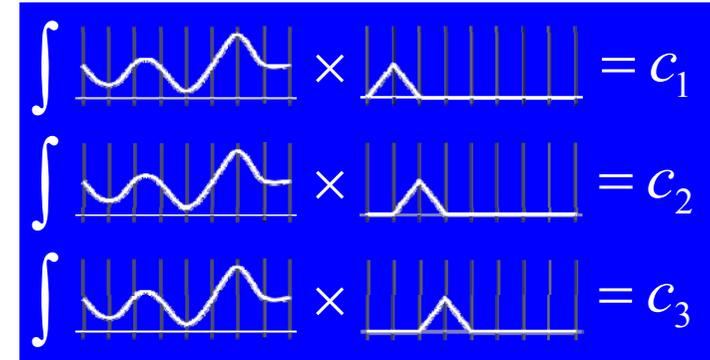
- How to find coefficients  $c_i$ ?
  - Minimize an error measure
- What error measure?
  - $L_2$  error

$$E_{L_2} = \int_I [G(x) - \sum_i c_i B_i(x)]^2$$

- Coefficients  $c_i = \langle G | B_i \rangle = \int_x G(x) B_i(x) dx$

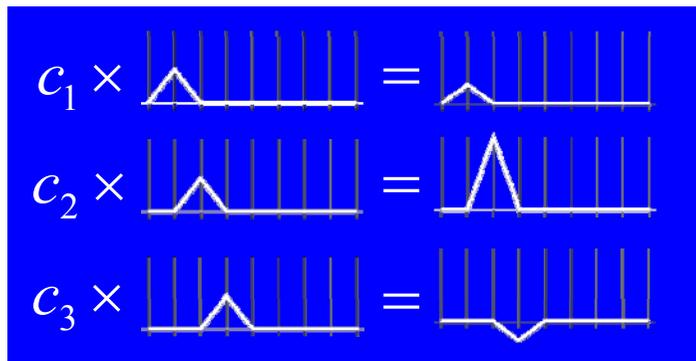
## Function approximation

- Basis Functions are pieces of signal that can be used to produce approximations to a function



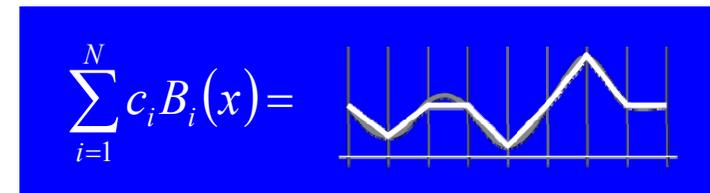
## Function approximation

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## Orthogonal basis functions

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### • Orthogonal Basis Functions

- These are families of functions with special properties

$$\int B_i(x)B_j(x) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

- Intuitively, it's like functions don't overlap each other's footprint
  - A bit like the way a Fourier transform breaks a functions into component sine waves

## Integral of product

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$$I = \int F(x)G(x) dx$$

$$F(x) = \sum_i f_i B_i(x) \quad G(x) = \sum_j g_j B_j(x)$$

$$\int F(x)G(x) dx = \int \left( \sum_i f_i B_i(x) \sum_j g_j B_j(x) \right) dx$$

$$= \int \sum_i \sum_j f_i g_j B_i(x) B_j(x) dx = \int \sum_i f_i g_i dx = \hat{F} \cdot \hat{G}$$

$$B_p(\omega_o) = \int_{s^2} f_{p,\omega_o}(\omega_i) L_d(\omega_i) |\cos \theta_i| d\omega_i$$

## Basis functions

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- Transform data to a space in which we can capture the essence of the data better
- Spherical harmonics, similar to Fourier transform in spherical domain, is used in PRT.

## Real spherical harmonics

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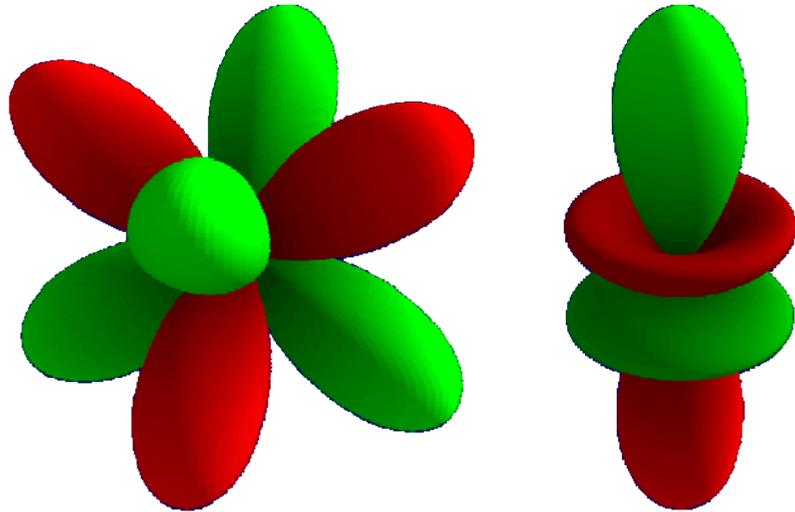
- A system of signed, orthogonal functions over the sphere
- Represented in spherical coordinates by the function

$$y_l^m(\theta, \varphi) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} K_l^m \cos(m\varphi) P_l^m(\cos \theta), & m > 0 \\ \sqrt{2} K_l^m \sin(-m\varphi) P_l^{-m}(\cos \theta), & m < 0 \\ K_l^0 P_l^0(\cos \theta), & m = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $l$  is the band and  $m$  is the index within the band

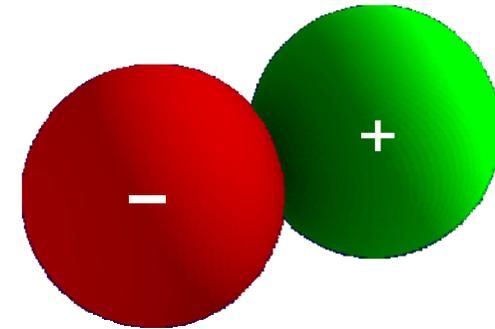
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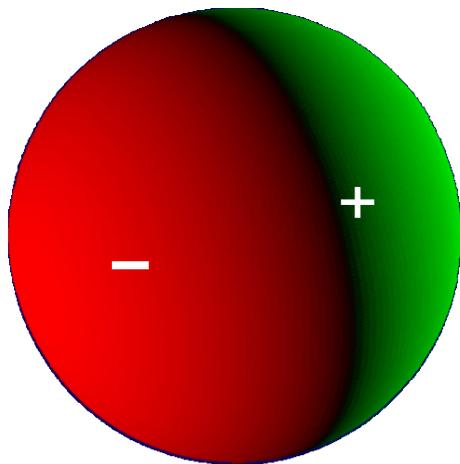
## Reading SH diagrams

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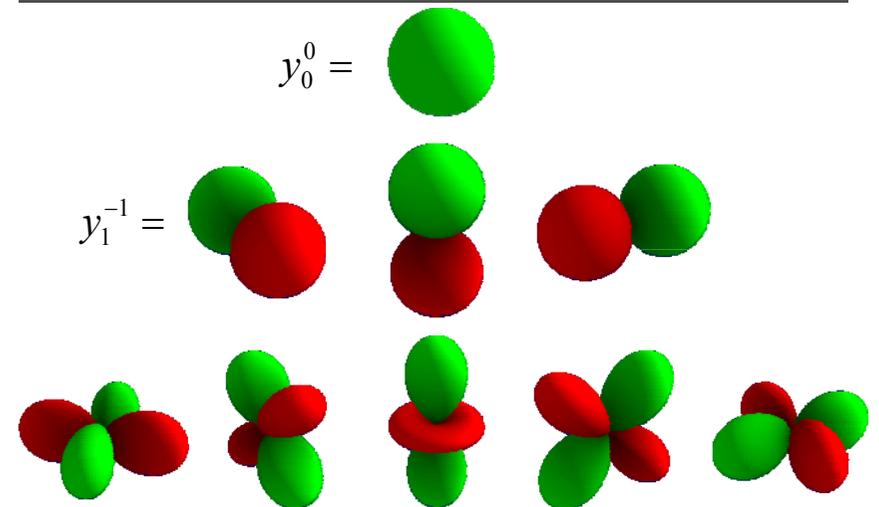
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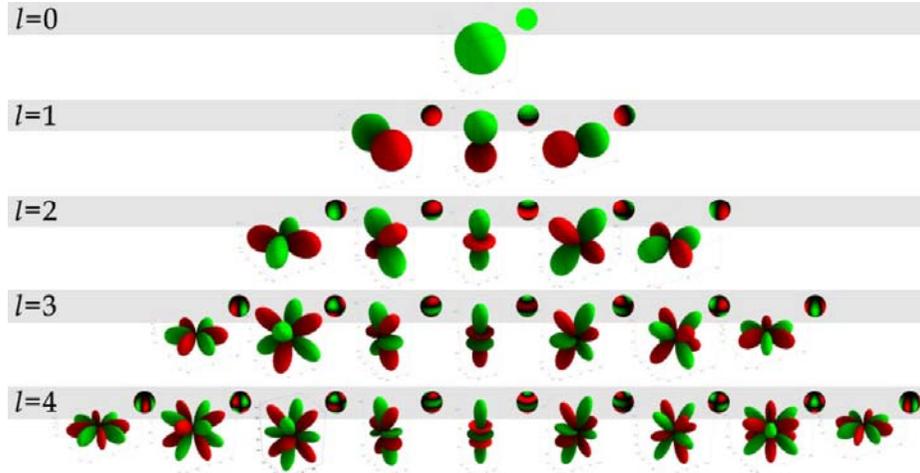
## The SH functions

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## Spherical harmonics

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$$(x, y, z) = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

$$Y_{00}(\theta, \phi) = 0.282095$$

$$(Y_{11}; Y_{10}; Y_{1-1})(\theta, \phi) = 0.488603 (x; z; y)$$

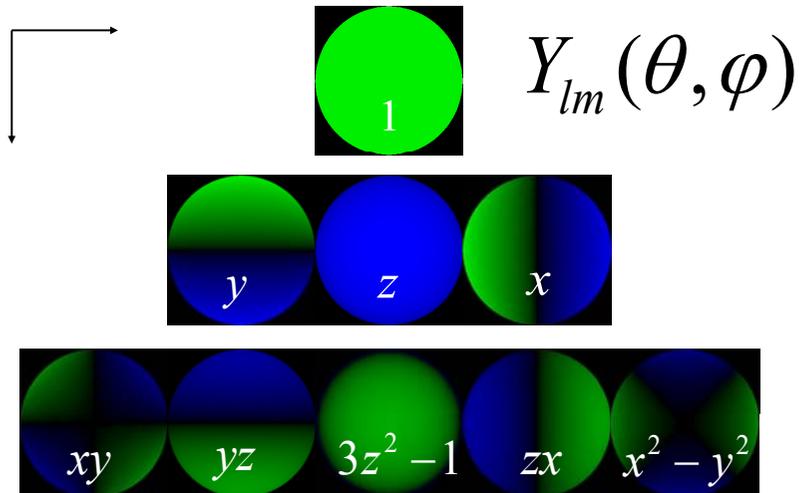
$$(Y_{21}; Y_{2-1}; Y_{2-2})(\theta, \phi) = 1.092548 (xz; yz; xy)$$

$$Y_{20}(\theta, \phi) = 0.315392 (3z^2 - 1)$$

$$Y_{22}(\theta, \phi) = 0.546274 (x^2 - y^2)$$

## Spherical harmonics

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## SH projection

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- First we define a strict order for SH functions

$$i = l(l+1) + m$$

- Project a spherical function into a vector of SH coefficients

$$c_i = \int_S f(s) y_i(s) ds$$

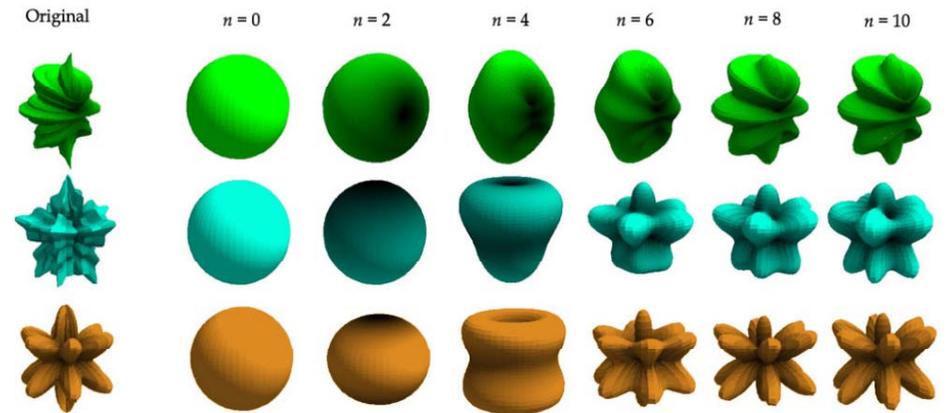
## SH reconstruction

- To reconstruct the approximation to a function

$$\tilde{f}(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{N^2} c_i y_i(s)$$

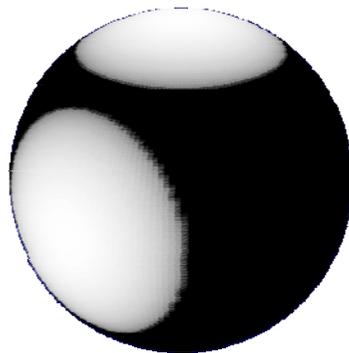
- We truncate the infinite series of SH functions to give a low frequency approximation

## Examples of reconstruction



## An example

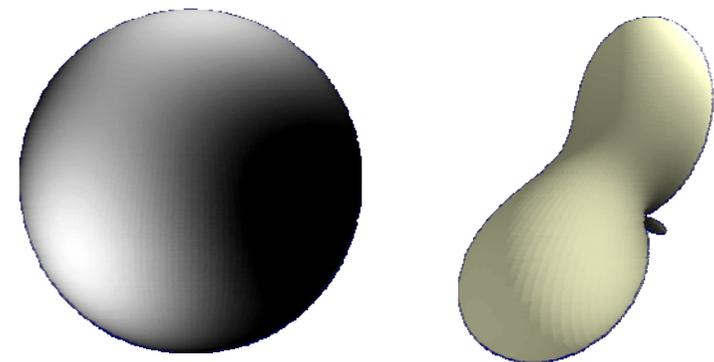
- Take a function comprised of two area light sources
  - SH project them into 4 bands = 16 coefficients



[ 1.329,  
-0.679, 0.930, 0.908,  
-0.940, 0, 0.417, 0, 0.278,  
-0.642, 0.001, 0.317, 0.837,  
-0.425, 0, -0.238 ]

## Low frequency light source

- We reconstruct the signal
  - Using only these coefficients to find a low frequency approximation to the original light source



## SH lighting for diffuse objects

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- *An Efficient Representation for Irradiance Environment Maps*, Ravi Ramamoorthi and Pat Hanrahan, SIGGRAPH 2001

### Assumptions

- Diffuse surfaces
- Distant illumination
- No shadowing, interreflection

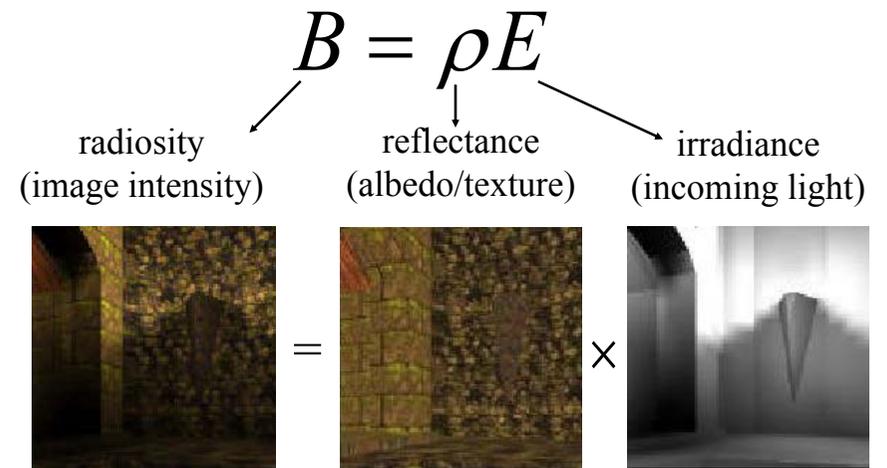
$$B(p, \omega_o) = \int_{s^2} f(p, \omega_o, \omega_i) L_d(p, \omega_i) |\cos \theta_i| d\omega_i$$

$$B(p, n) = \rho(p) E(n)$$

irradiance is a function of surface normal

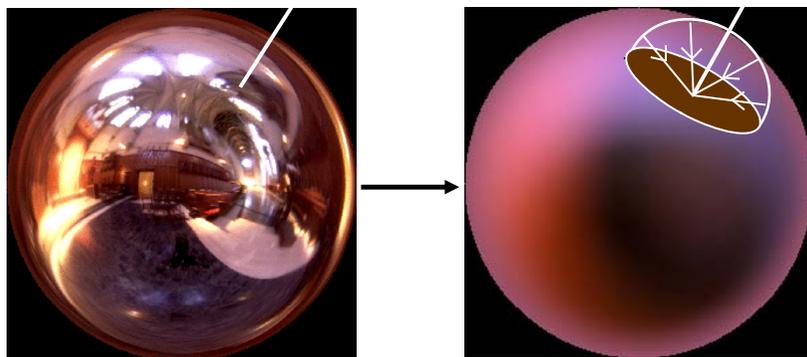
## Diffuse reflection

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## Irradiance environment maps

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$$E(n) = \int_{\Omega} L(\omega) (n \cdot \omega) d\omega$$

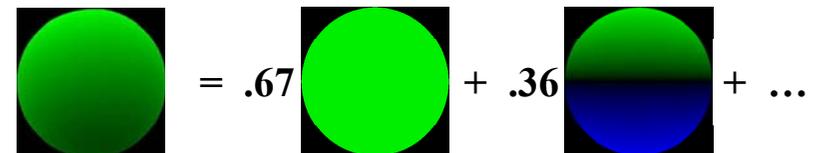
## Spherical harmonic expansion

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Expand lighting (L), irradiance (E) in basis functions

$$L(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} L_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$E(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} E_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

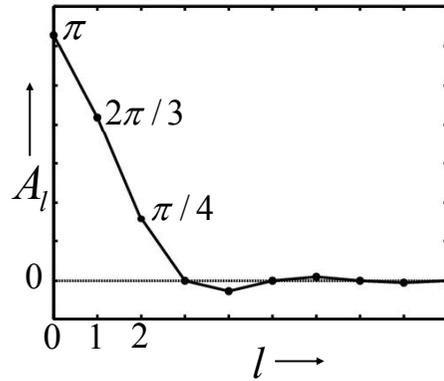


# Analytic irradiance formula

Lambertian surface acts like low-pass filter

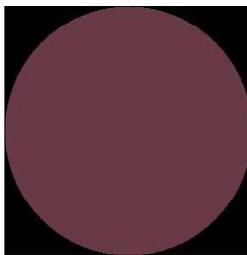
$$E_{lm} = A_l L_{lm}$$

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cosine term



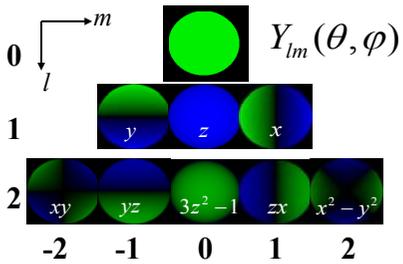
$$A_l = 2\pi \frac{(-1)^{\frac{l-1}{2}}}{(l+2)(l-1)} \left[ \frac{l!}{2^l (\frac{l}{2}!)^2} \right] \quad l \text{ even}$$

# 9 parameter approximation

Exact image   Order 0  
1 term

RMS error = 25 %

$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

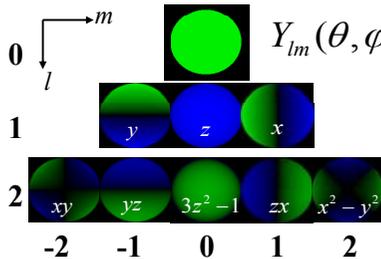


# 9 Parameter Approximation

Exact image   Order 1  
4 terms

RMS Error = 8%

$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$



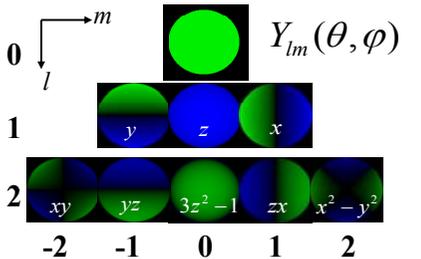
# 9 Parameter Approximation

Exact image   Order 2  
9 terms

RMS Error = 1%

For any illumination, average error < 3% [Basri Jacobs 01]

$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$



## Comparison

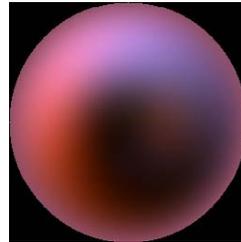
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Incident  
illumination  
300x300



Irradiance map  
Texture: 256x256  
Hemispherical  
Integration 2Hrs



Irradiance map  
Texture: 256x256  
Spherical Harmonic  
Coefficients 1sec

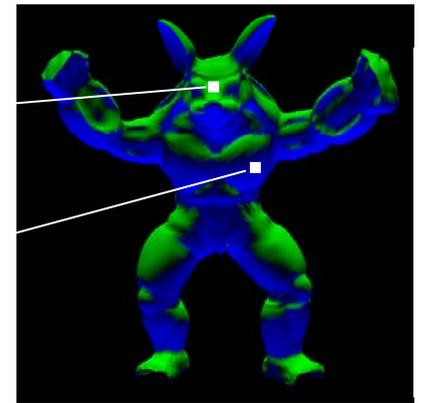
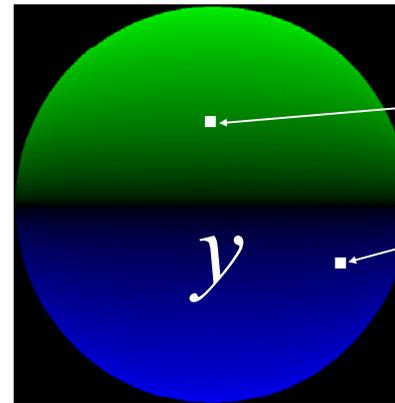
Time  $\propto 300 \times 300 \times 256 \times 256$

Time  $\propto 9 \times 256 \times 256$

## Complex geometry

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Assume no shadowing: Simply use surface normal



## Natural illumination

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For diffuse objects, rendering with natural illumination can be done quickly



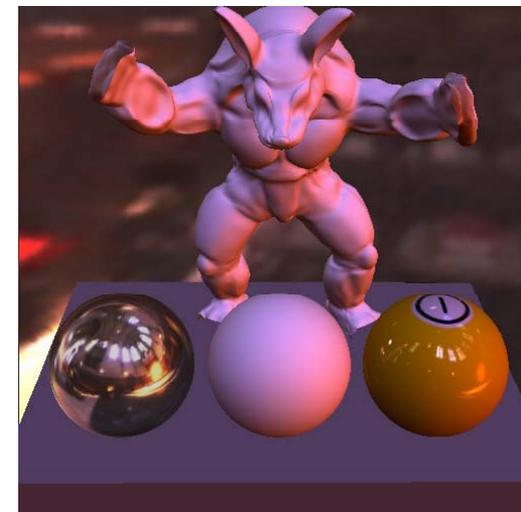
directional source



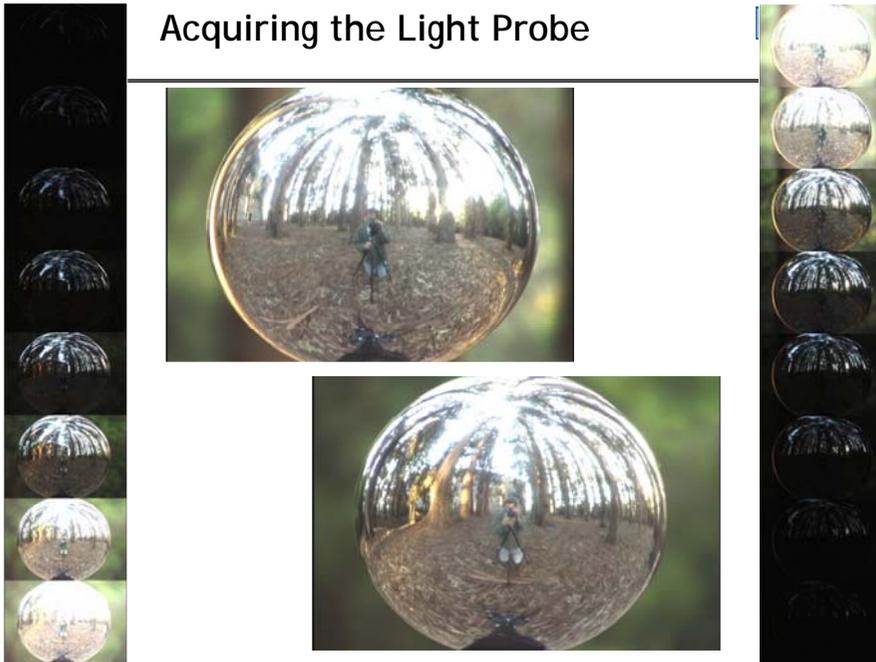
natural illumination

## Video

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## Acquiring the Light Probe



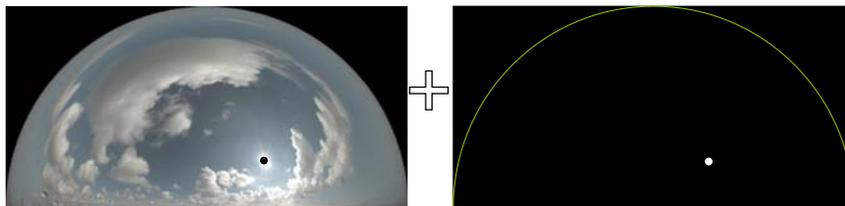
## HDRI Sky Probe

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## Clipped Sky + Sun Source

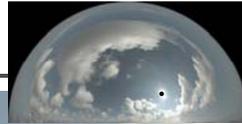
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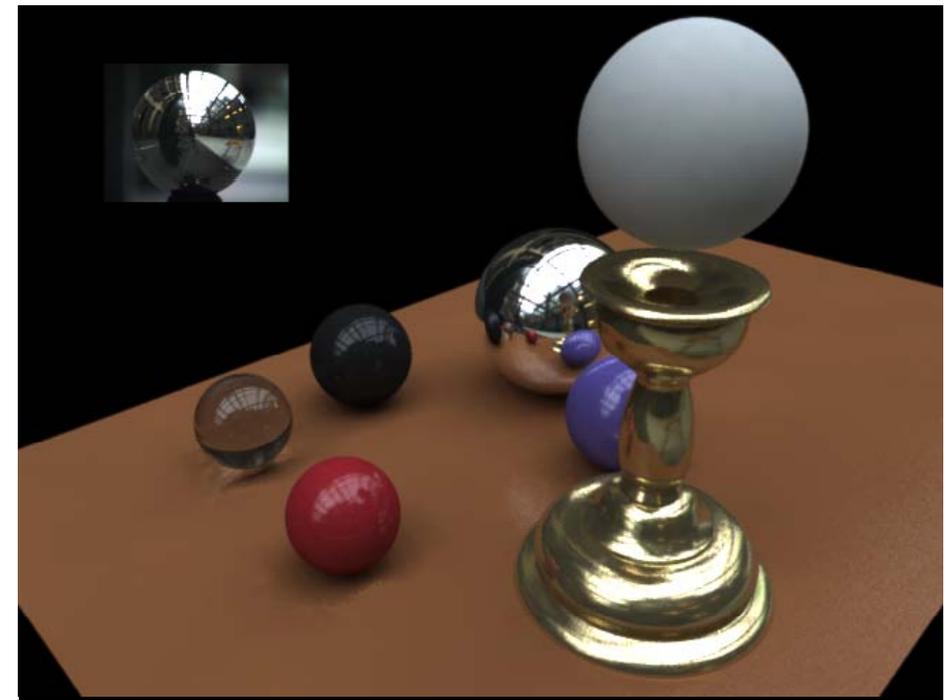
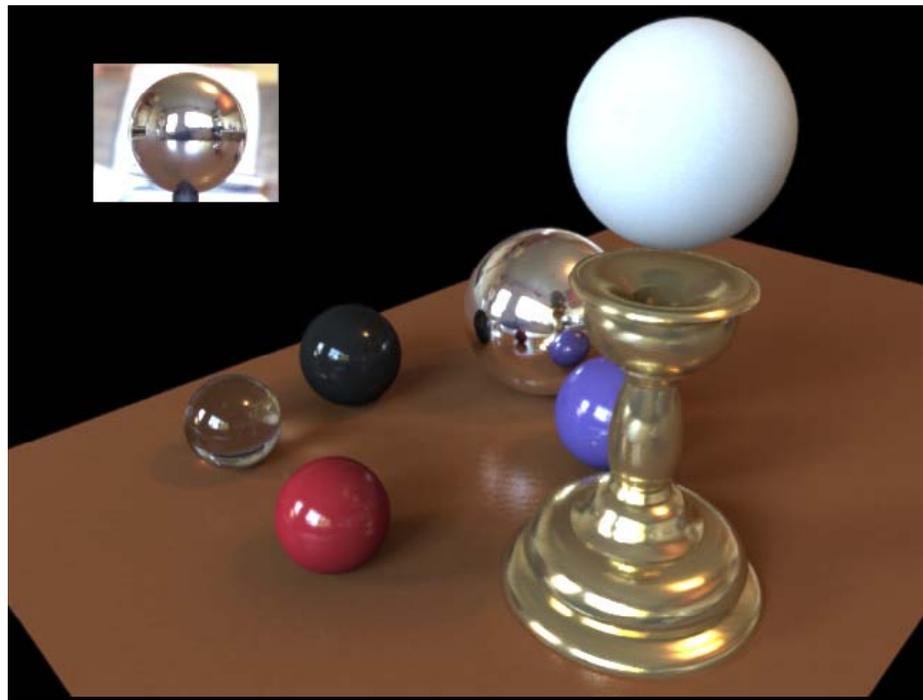
## Lit by sun only



Lit by sky only



Lit by sun and sky



## Real Scene Example

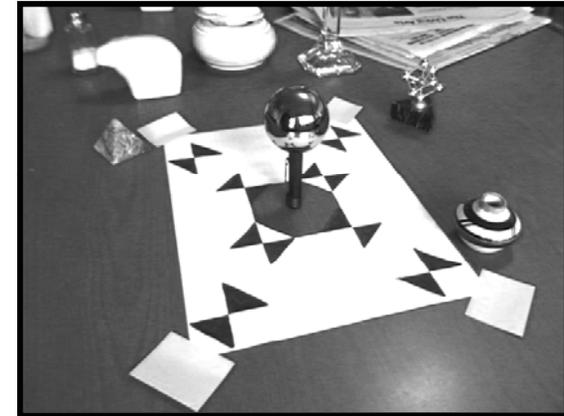
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- Goal: place synthetic objects on table

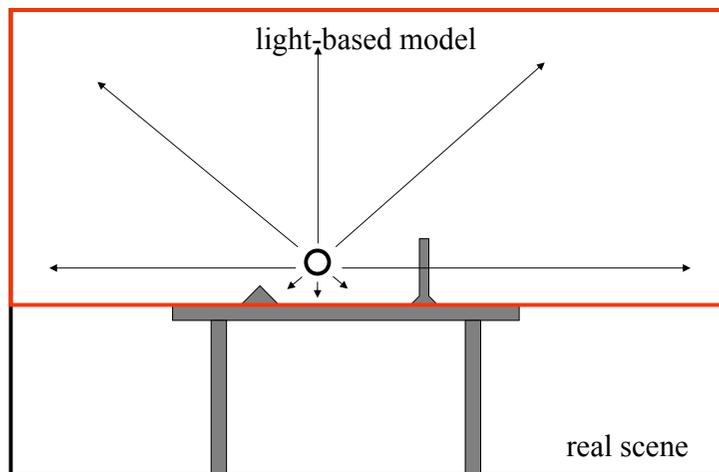
## Light Probe / Calibration Grid

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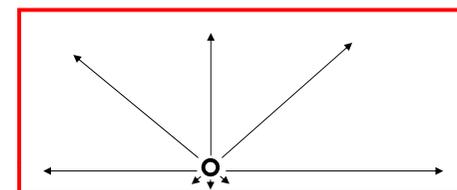
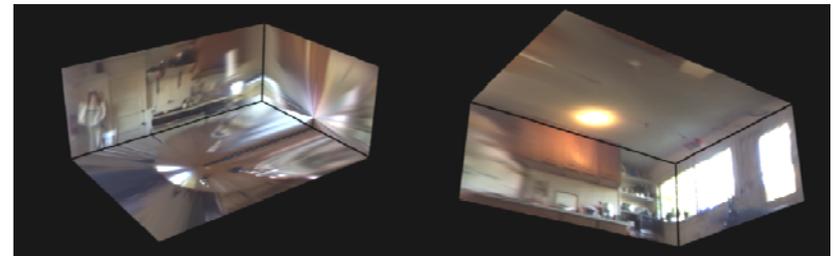
## Modeling the Scene

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## The *Light-Based* Room Model

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## Rendering into the Scene

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- Background Plate

## Rendering into the scene

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- Objects and Local Scene matched to Scene

## Differential rendering

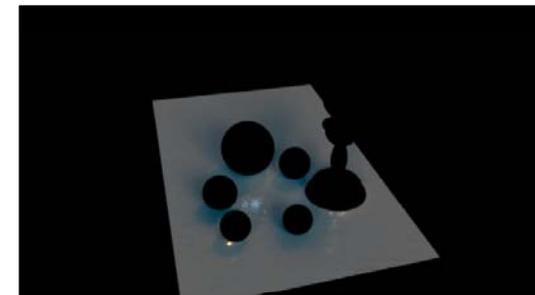
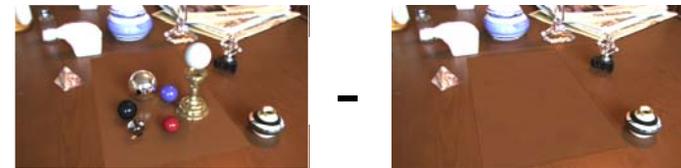
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- Local scene w/o objects, illuminated by model

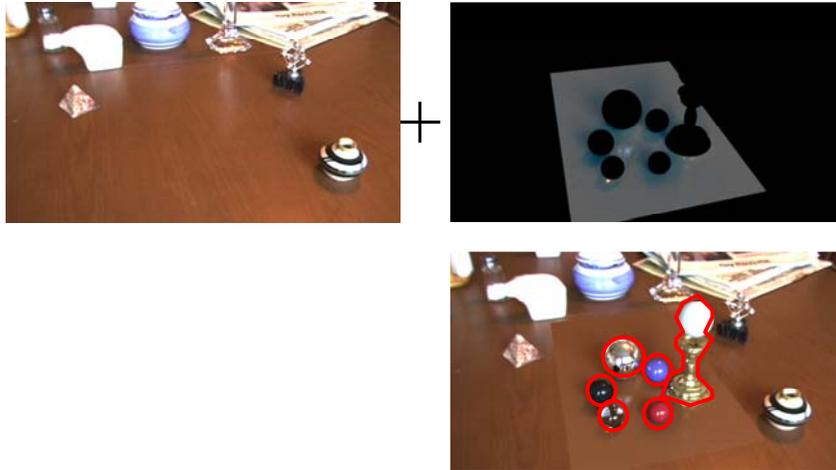
## Differential rendering

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## Differential rendering

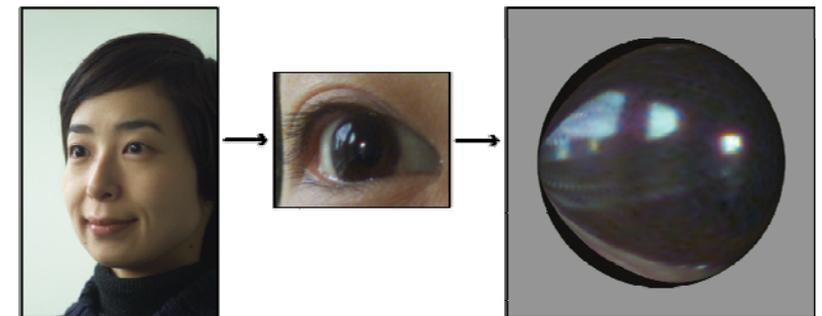
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## Environment map from single image? [DigiVFX](#)

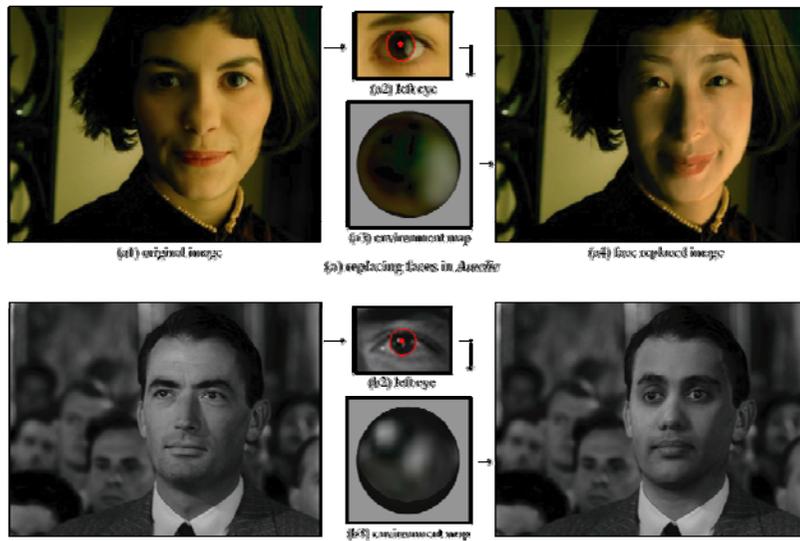


## Eye as light probe! (Nayar et al) [DigiVFX](#)



## Results

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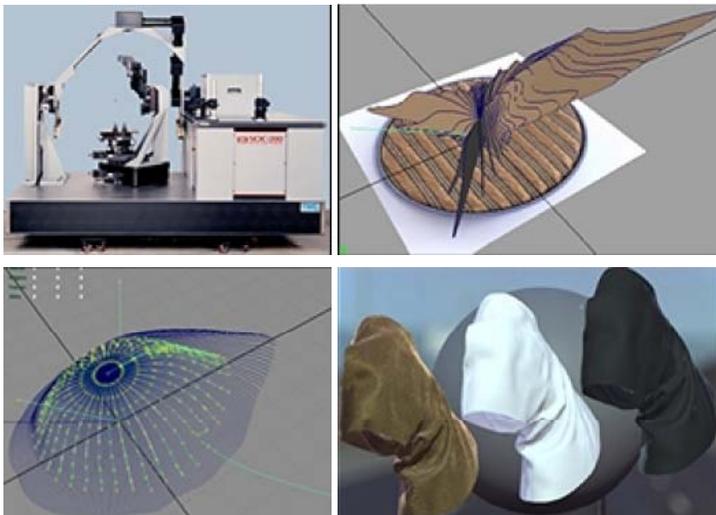
## Application in "Superman returns"

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## Capturing reflectance

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## Application in "The Matrix Reloaded"

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## 3D acquisition for faces

## Cyberware scanners

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face & head scanner



whole body scanner

## Making facial expressions from photos

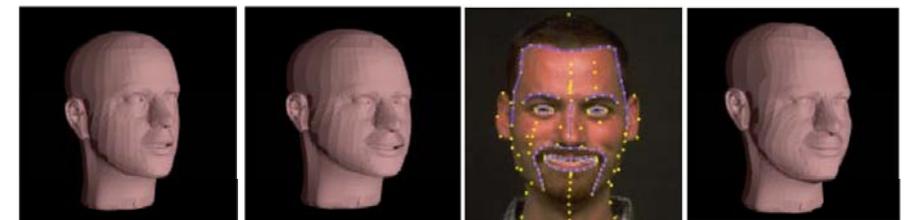
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- Similar to Façade, use a generic face model and view-dependent texture mapping
- Procedure
  1. Take multiple photographs of a person
  2. Establish corresponding feature points
  3. Recover 3D points and camera parameters
  4. Deform the generic face model to fit points
  5. Extract textures from photos

## Reconstruct a 3D model

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input photographs



generic 3D  
face model

pose  
estimation

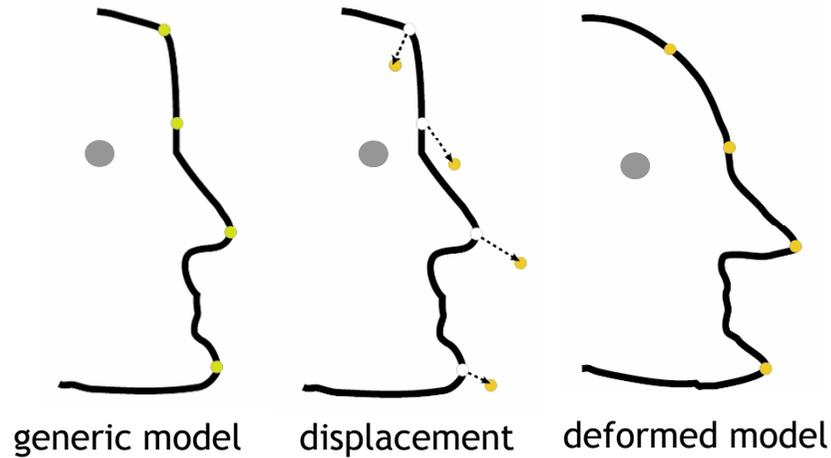
more  
features

deformed  
model

## Mesh deformation

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- Compute displacement of feature points
- Apply scattered data interpolation



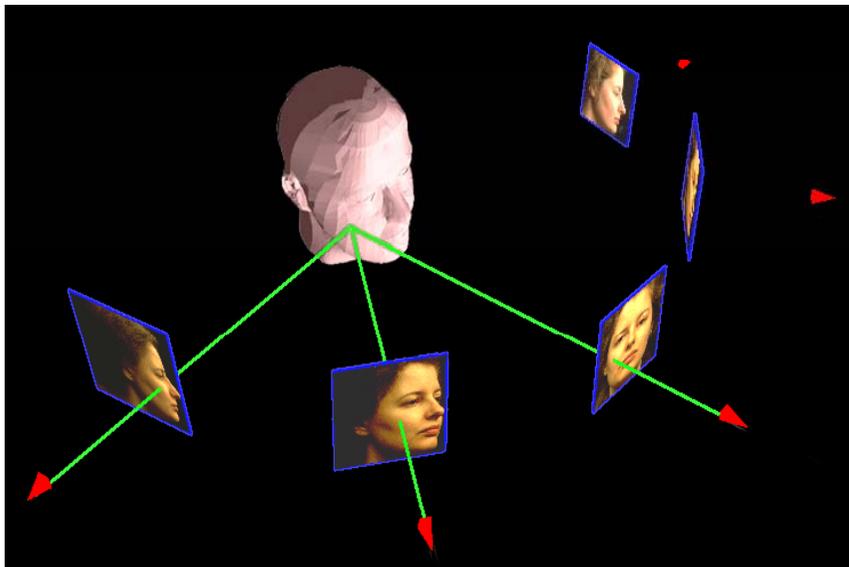
## Texture extraction

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- The color at each point is a weighted combination of the colors in the photos
- Texture can be:
  - view-independent
  - view-dependent
- Considerations for weighting
  - occlusion
  - smoothness
  - positional certainty
  - view similarity

## Texture extraction

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## Texture extraction

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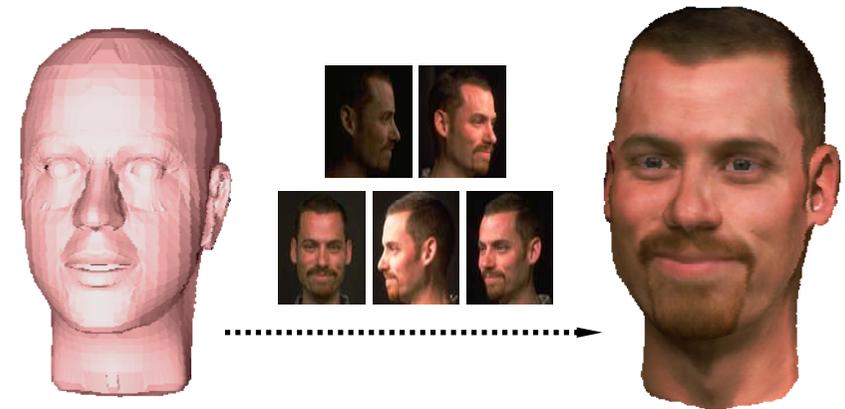


view-independent

view-dependent

## Model reconstruction

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Use images to adapt a generic face model.

## Creating new expressions

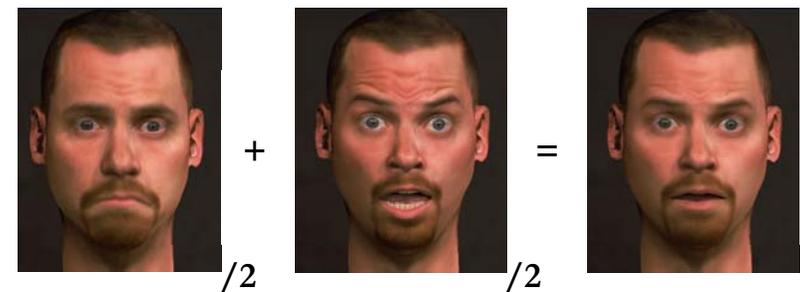
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- In addition to global blending we can use:
  - Regional blending
  - Painterly interface

## Creating new expressions

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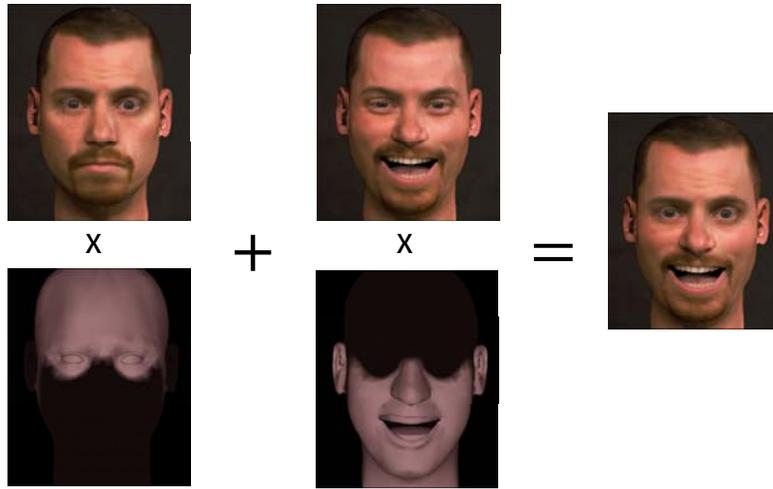
New expressions are created with 3D morphing:



Applying a global blend

## Creating new expressions

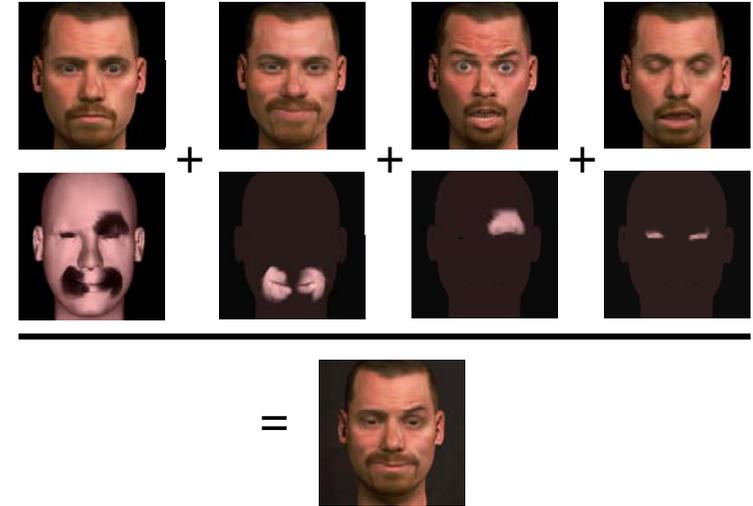
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Applying a region-based blend

## Creating new expressions

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Using a painterly interface

## Drunken smile

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## Animating between expressions

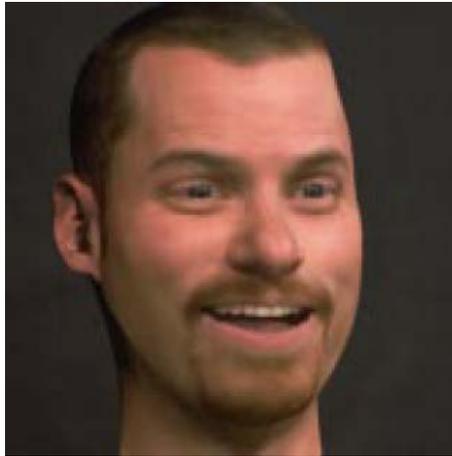
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Morphing over time creates animation:

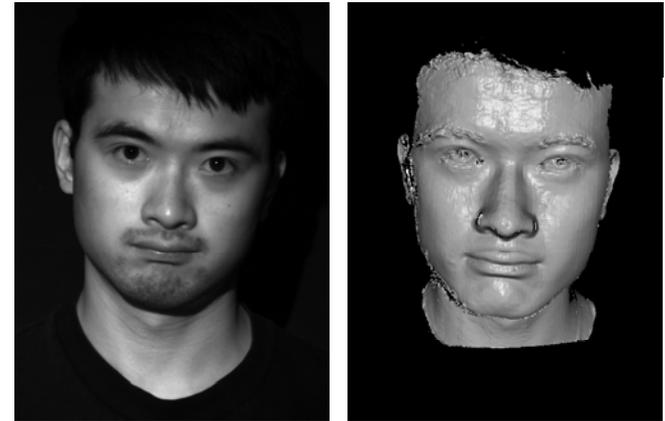


“neutral” → “joy”

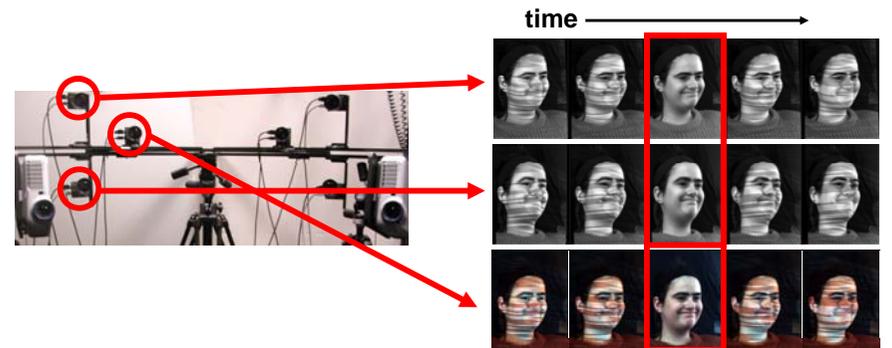
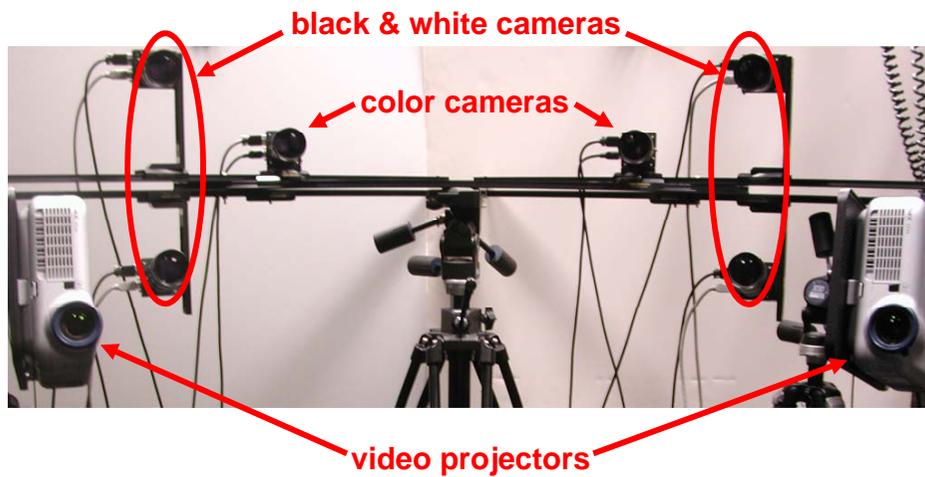
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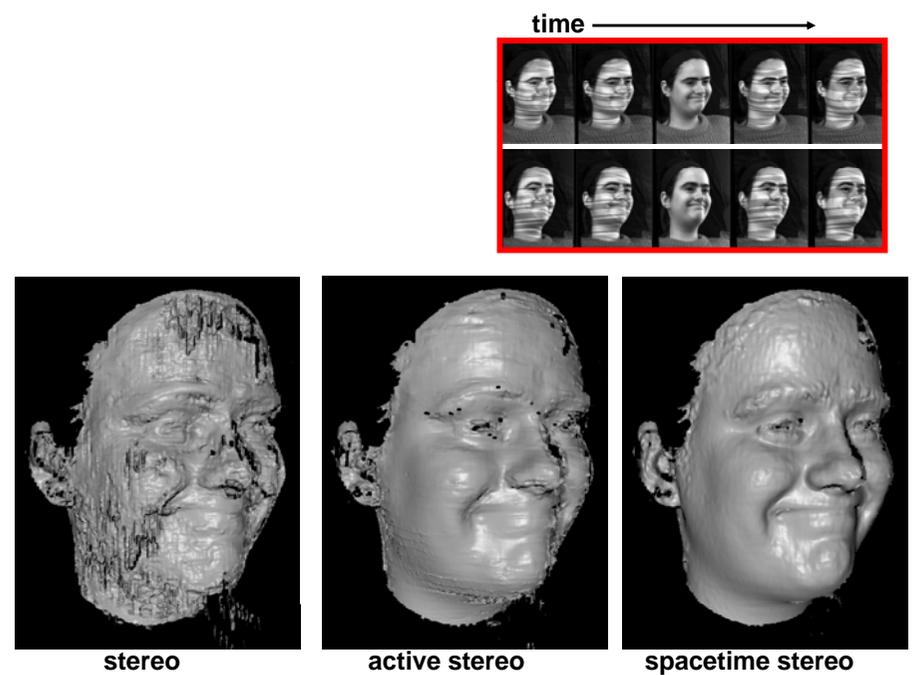
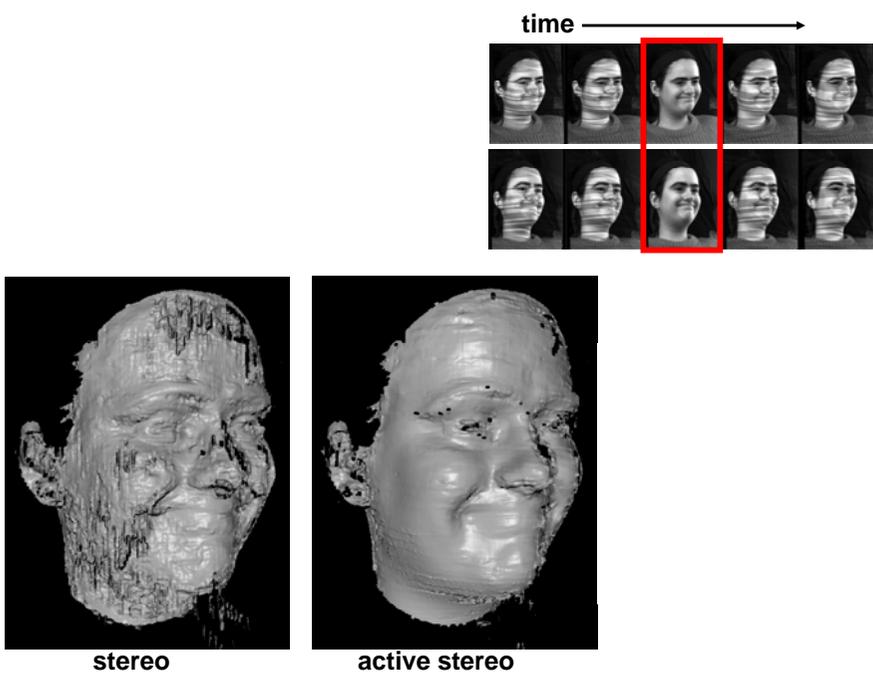
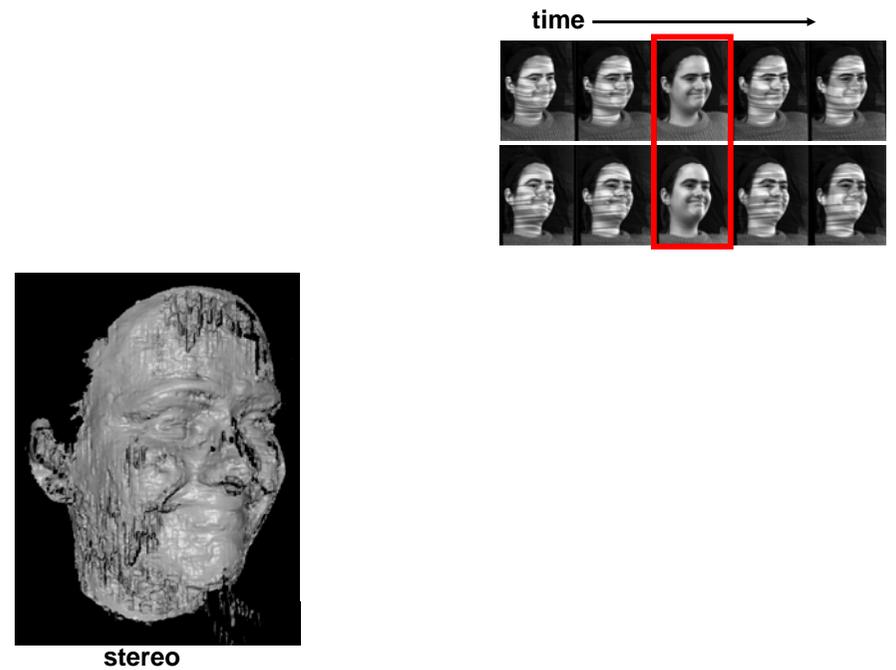
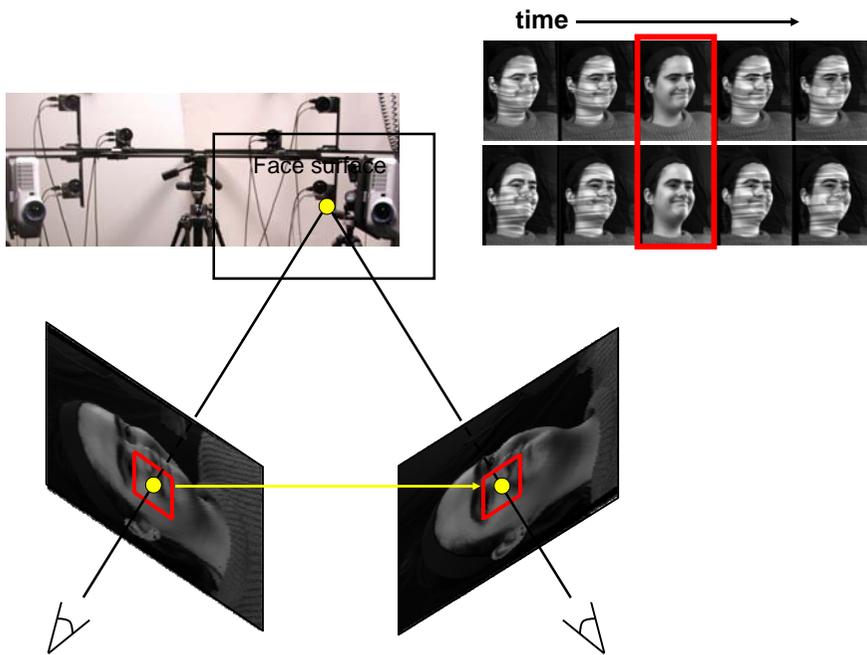


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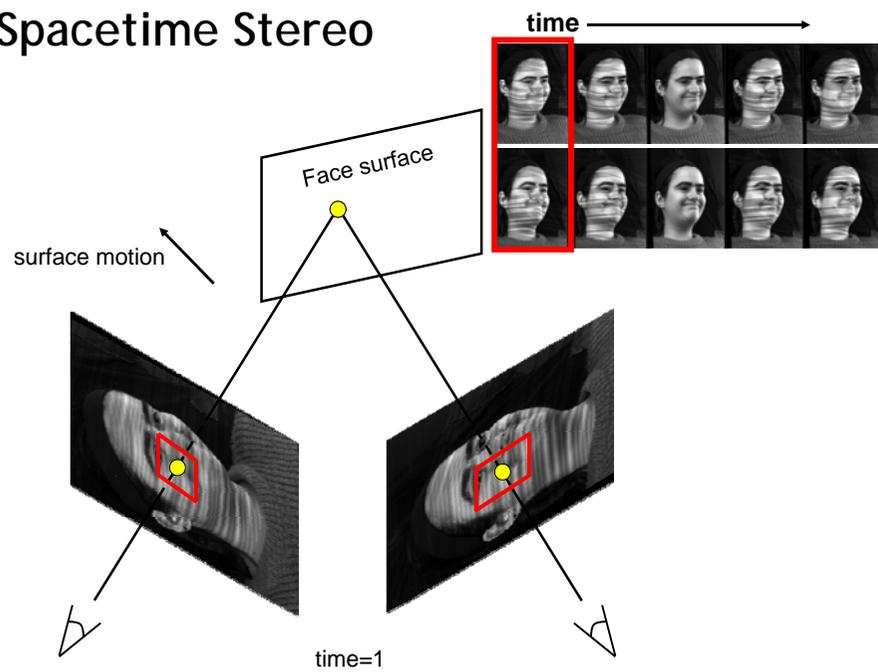


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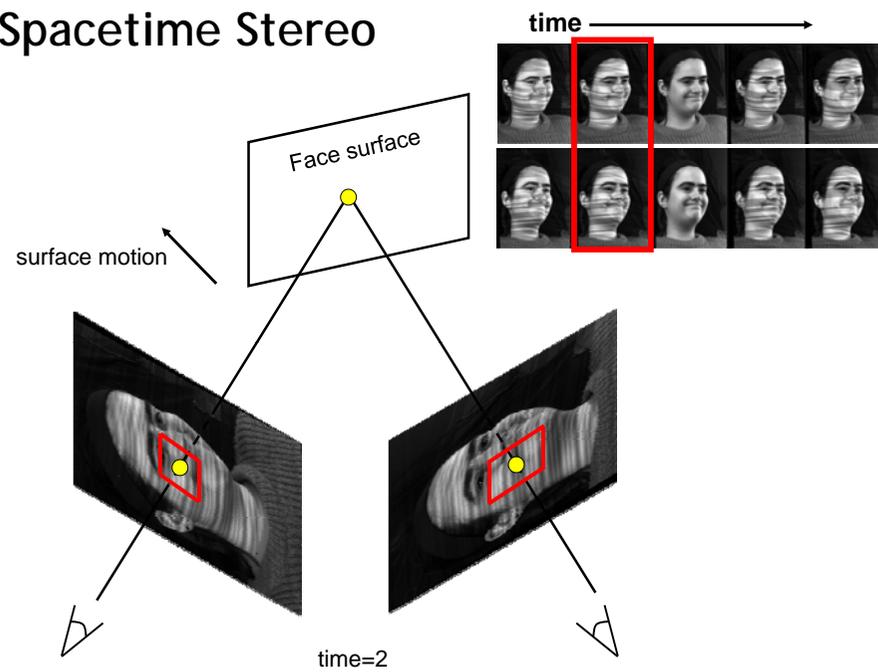




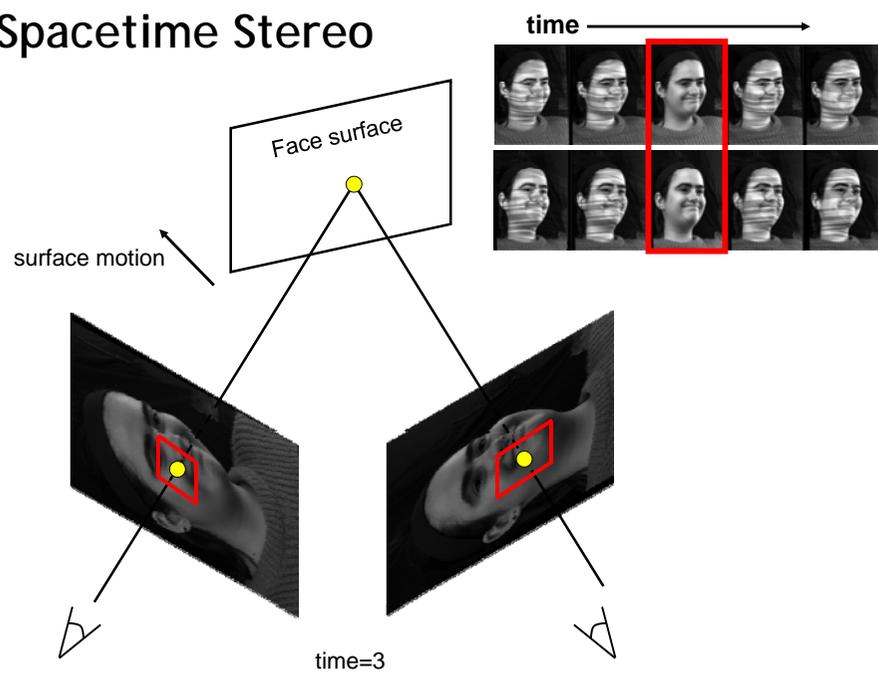
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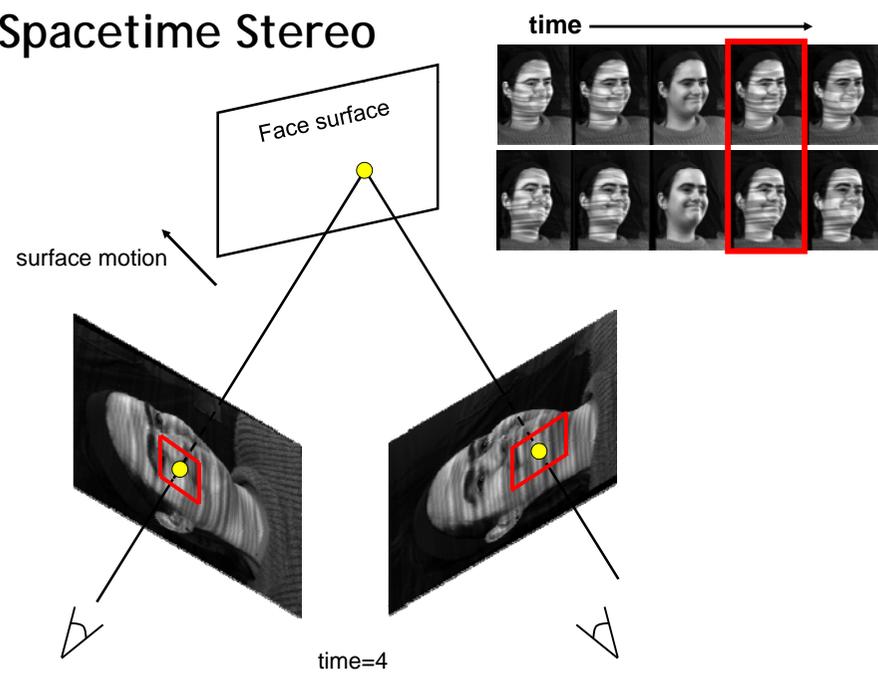
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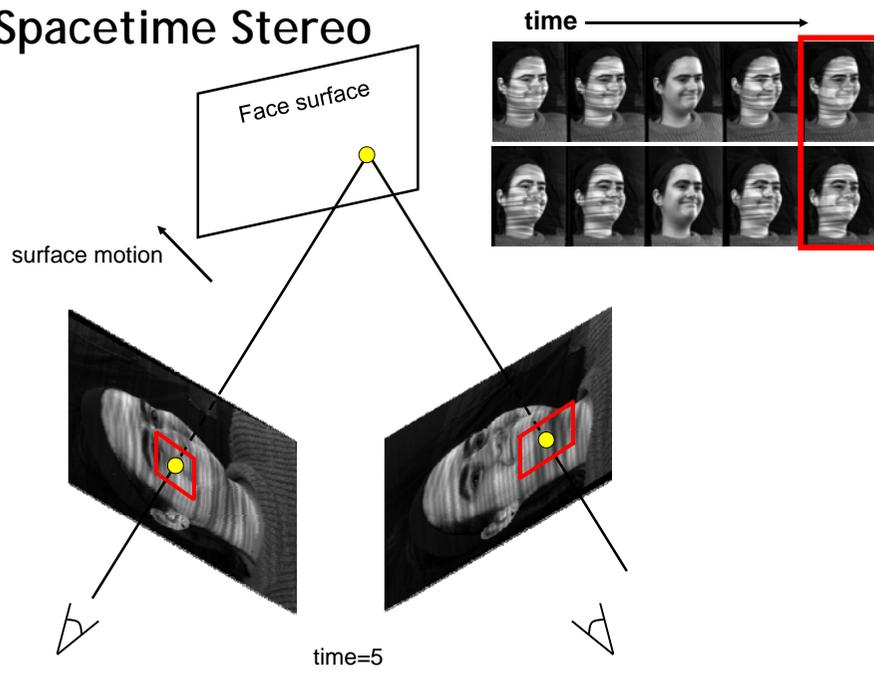
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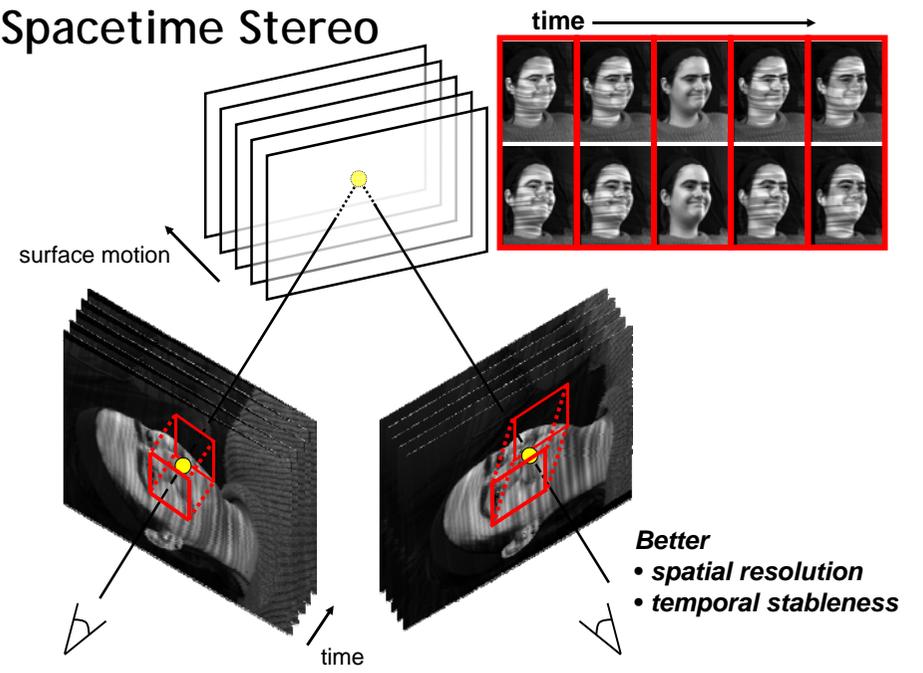
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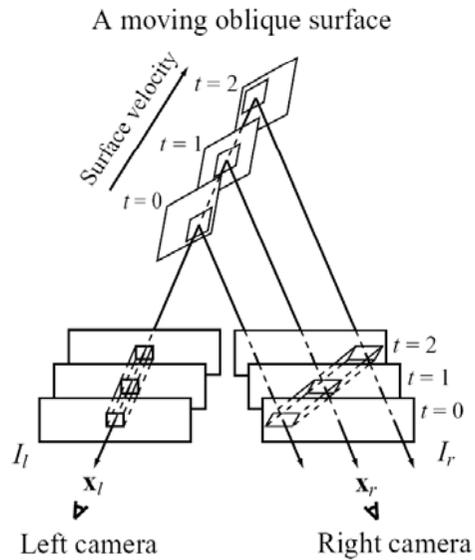
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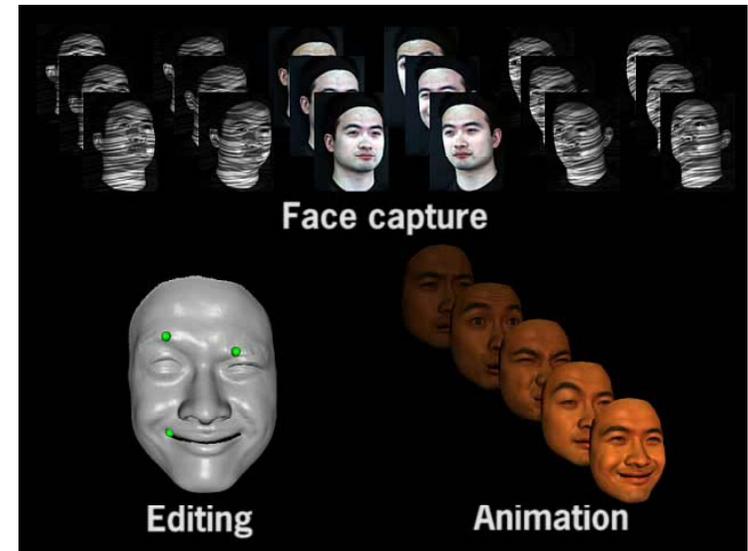
# Spacetime Stereo



# Spacetime stereo matching



# Video



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## 3D face applications: The one

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## 3D face applications: Gladiator

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extra 3M

## Statistical methods

## Statistical methods

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para-  
meters  $z \longrightarrow \boxed{f(z)+\varepsilon} \longrightarrow y$  observed  
signal

$$\begin{aligned} z^* &= \max_z P(z | y) \\ &= \max_z \frac{P(y | z)P(z)}{P(y)} \\ &= \min_z L(y | z) + L(z) \end{aligned}$$

Example:  
super-resolution  
de-noising  
de-blocking  
Inpainting

...

## Statistical methods

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para-  
meters  $z \longrightarrow \boxed{f(z)+\varepsilon} \longrightarrow y$  observed  
signal

$$z^* = \min_z L(y | z) + L(z)$$

data evidence  $\frac{\|y - f(z)\|^2}{\sigma^2}$   $a$ -priori knowledge

## Statistical methods

*There are approximately  $10^{240}$  possible  $10 \times 10$  gray-level images. Even human being has not seen them all yet. There must be a strong statistical bias.*

*Takeo Kanade*

Approximately  $8 \times 10^{11}$  blocks per day per person.

## Generic priors

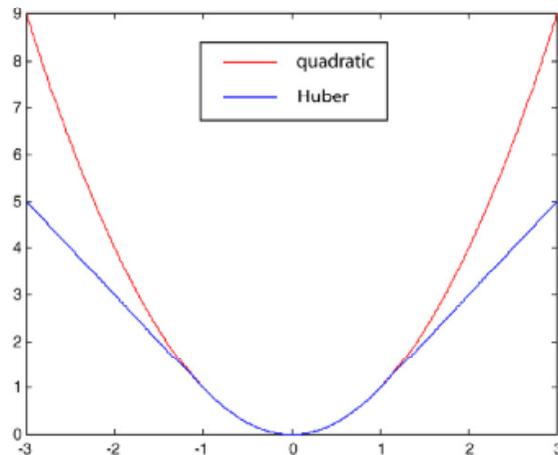
“Smooth images are good images.”

$$L(z) = \sum_x \rho(V(x))$$

Gaussian MRF  $\rho(d) = d^2$

$$\text{Huber MRF } \rho(d) = \begin{cases} d^2 & |d| \leq T \\ T^2 + 2T(|d| - T) & d > T \end{cases}$$

## Generic priors



## Example-based priors

“Existing images are good images.”

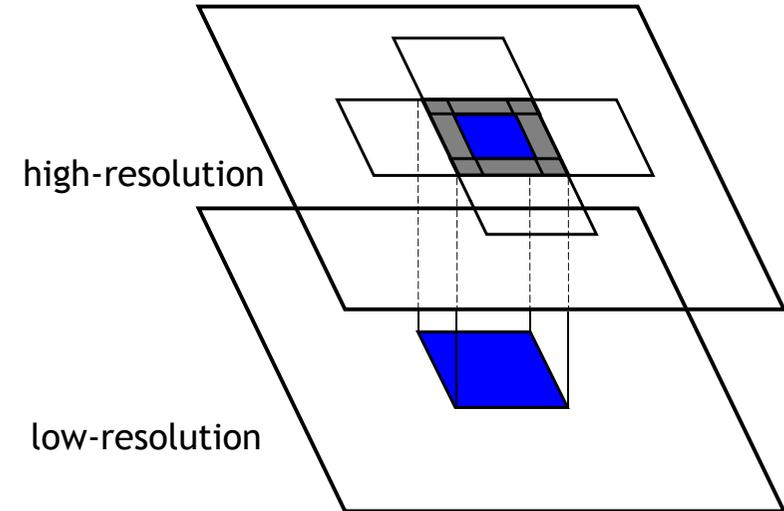


six  $200 \times 200$   
Images  $\Rightarrow$   
2,000,000  
pairs

## Example-based priors



## Example-based priors



## Model-based priors

“Face images are good images when working on face images ...”

Parametric model

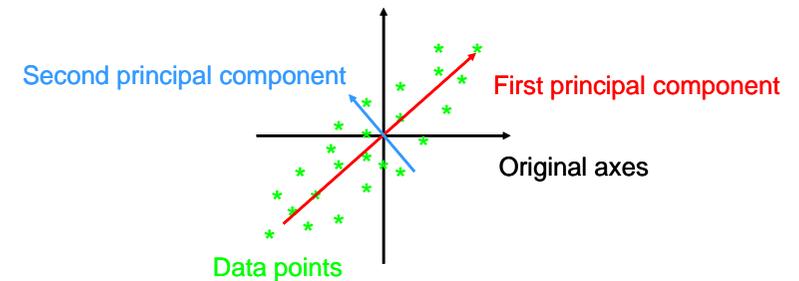
$$Z = WX + \mu \quad L(X)$$

$$z^* = \min_z L(y | z) + L(z)$$

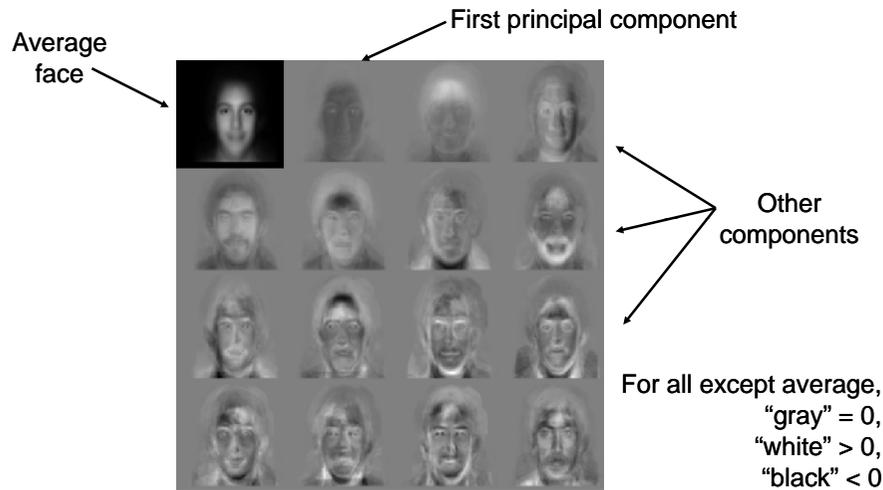
$$\begin{cases} X^* = \min_x L(y | WX + \mu) + L(X) \\ z^* = WX^* + \mu \end{cases}$$

## PCA

- Principal Components Analysis (PCA): approximating a high-dimensional data set with a lower-dimensional subspace



## PCA on faces: "eigenfaces"



## Model-based priors

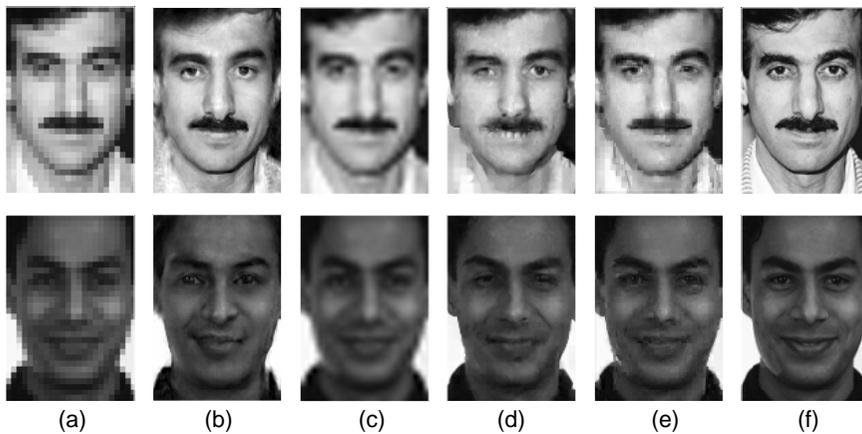
"Face images are good images when working on face images ..."

Parametric model  $Z = WX + \mu$   $L(X)$

$$z^* = \min_z L(y | z) + L(z)$$

$$\begin{cases} X^* = \min_x L(y | WX + \mu) + L(X) \\ z^* = WX^* + \mu \end{cases}$$

## Super-resolution

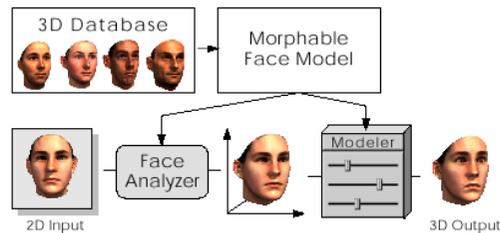


(a) Input low  $24 \times 32$  (b) Our results (c) Cubic B-Spline  
 (d) Freeman et al. (e) Baker et al. (f) Original high  $96 \times 128$

Face models from single images

## Morphable model of 3D faces

- Start with a catalogue of 200 aligned 3D Cyberware scans



- Build a model of *average* shape and texture, and principal *variations* using PCA

## Morphable model

shape exemplars      texture exemplars

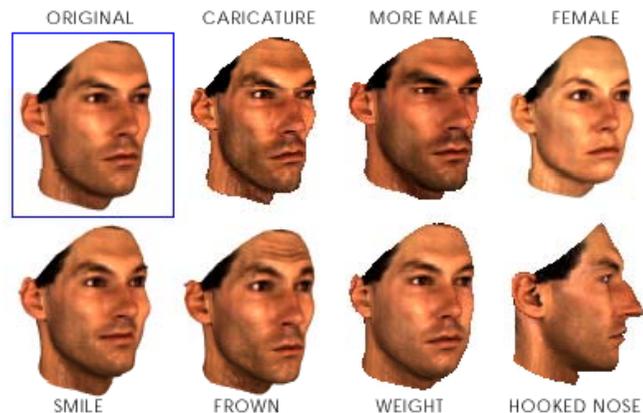
$$S_{model} = \bar{S} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \alpha_i s_i, \quad T_{model} = \bar{T} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \beta_i t_i, \quad (1)$$

$\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$ . The probability for coefficients  $\vec{\alpha}$  is given by

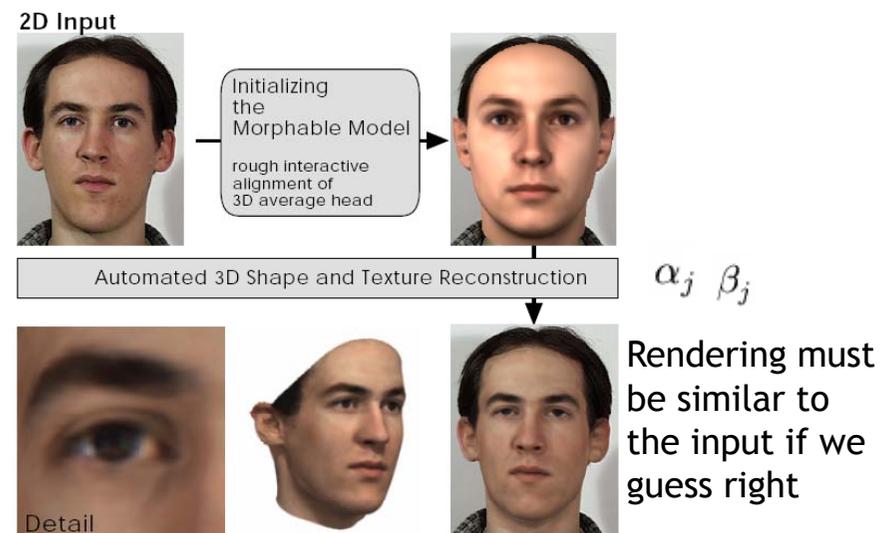
$$p(\vec{\alpha}) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} (\alpha_i / \sigma_i)^2\right], \quad (2)$$

## Morphable model of 3D faces

- Adding some variations



## Reconstruction from single image



## Reconstruction from single image

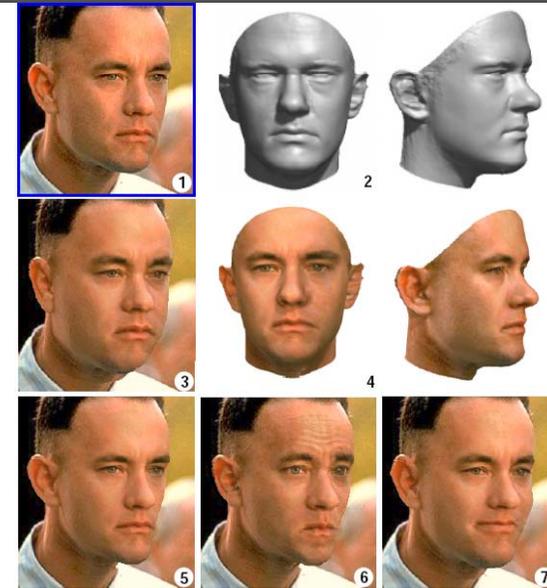
$$E = \frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} E_I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\alpha_j^2}{\sigma_{S,j}^2} + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\beta_j^2}{\sigma_{T,j}^2} + \sum_j \frac{(\rho_j - \bar{\rho}_j)^2}{\sigma_{\rho,j}^2} \text{ prior}$$

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

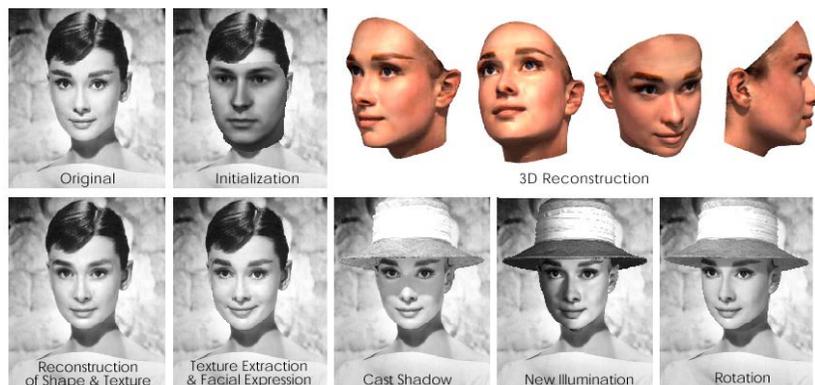
shape and texture priors are learnt from database

$\rho$  is the set of parameters for shading including camera pose, lighting and so on

## Modifying a single image



## Animating from a single image



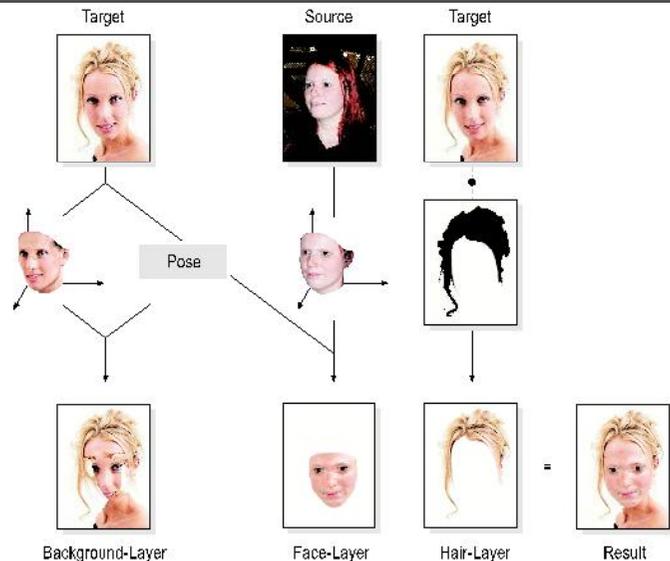
## Video

A Morphable Model  
for the  
Synthesis of 3D Faces

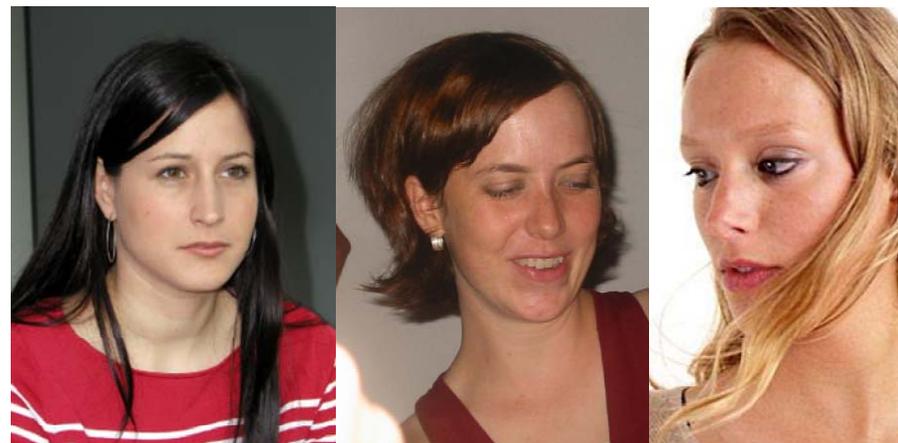
Volker Blanz & Thomas Vetter

MPI for Biological Cybernetics  
Tübingen, Germany

# Exchanging faces in images



# Exchange faces in images



# Exchange faces in images



# Exchange faces in images



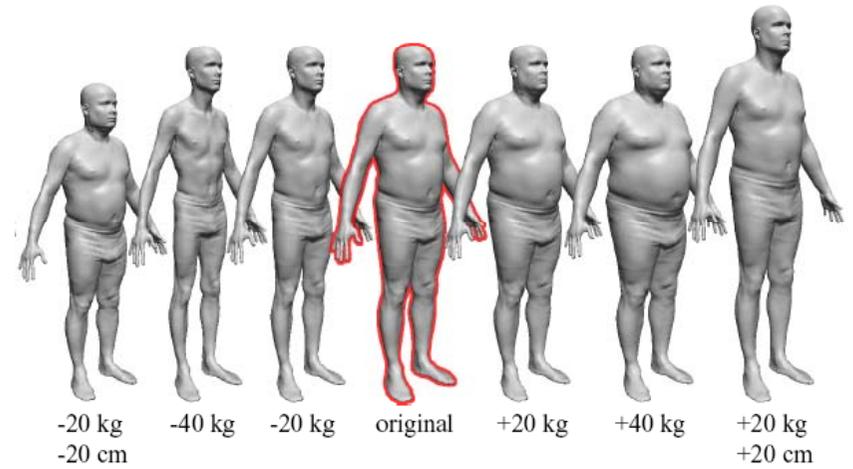
## Exchange faces in images

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## Morphable model for human body

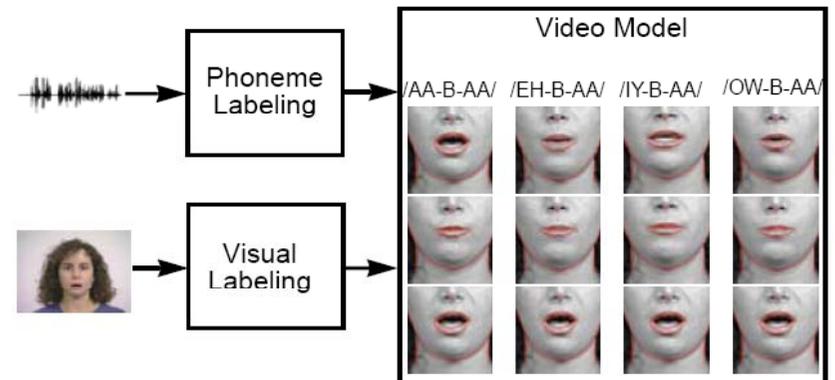
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## Image-based faces (lip sync.)

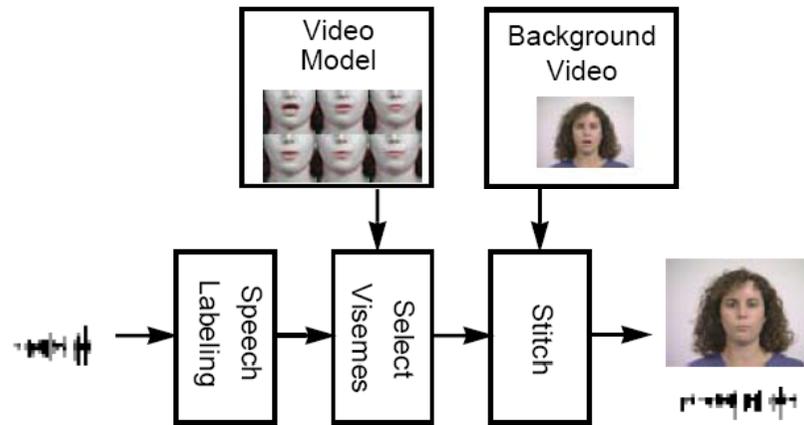
## Video rewrite (analysis)

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## Video rewrite (synthesis)

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## Results

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- Video database
  - 2 minutes of JFK
    - Only half usable
    - Head rotation



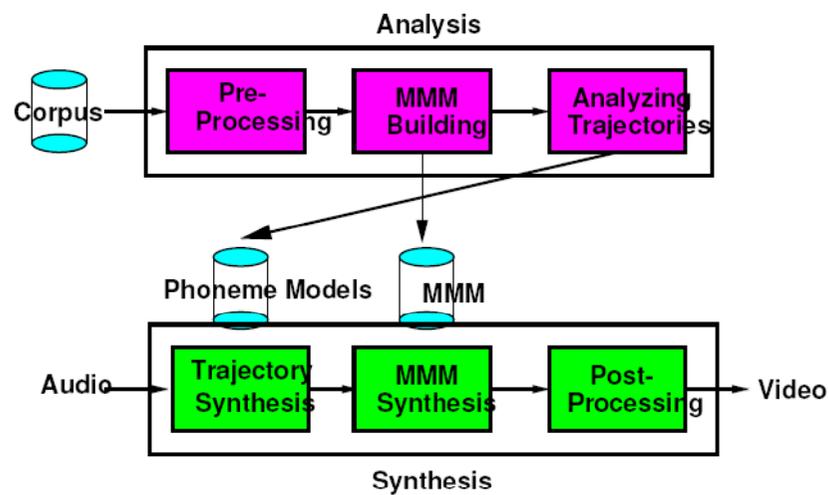
[training video](#)

[Read my lips.](#)

[I never met Forest Gump.](#)

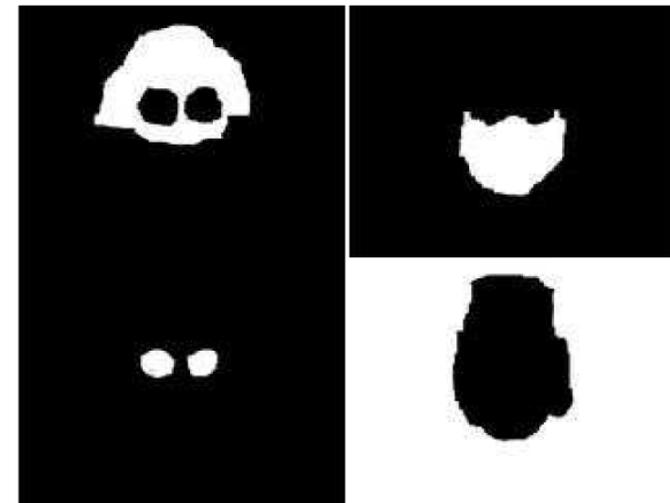
## Morphable speech model

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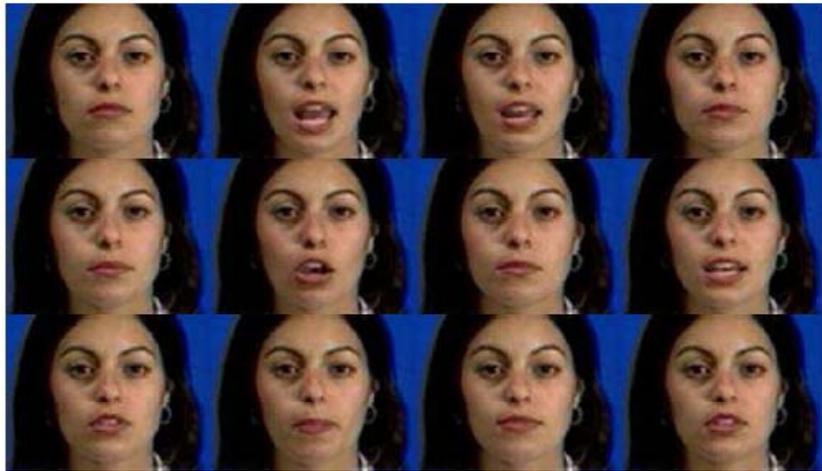


## Preprocessing

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## Prototypes (PCA+k-mean clustering)



We find  $I_i$  and  $C_i$  for each prototype image.

## Morphable model

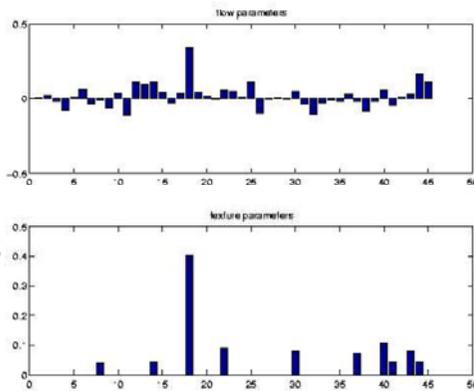
$$I^{morph}(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \mathbf{W}(I_i, \mathbf{W}(\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j C_j - C_i, C_i))$$

analysis  
 $\mathbf{I} \rightleftharpoons \alpha \beta$   
 synthesis

## Morphable model

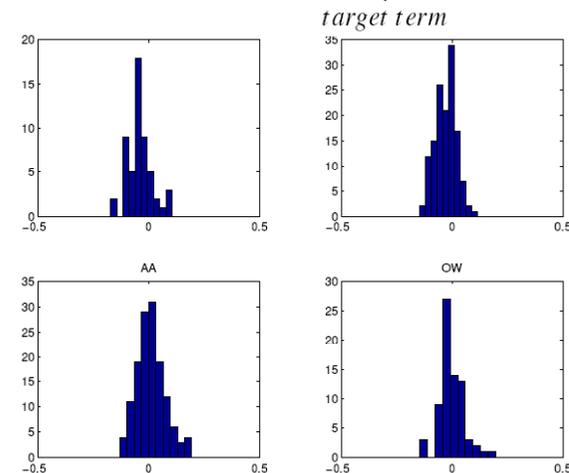


analysis  
 $\rightleftharpoons$   
 synthesis



## Synthesis

$$E = \underbrace{(y - \mu)^T D^T \Sigma^{-1} D (y - \mu)}_{\text{target term}} + \lambda \underbrace{y^T W^T W y}_{\text{smoothness}}$$



## Results

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## Results

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## Relighting faces

## Light is additive

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## Light stage 1.0



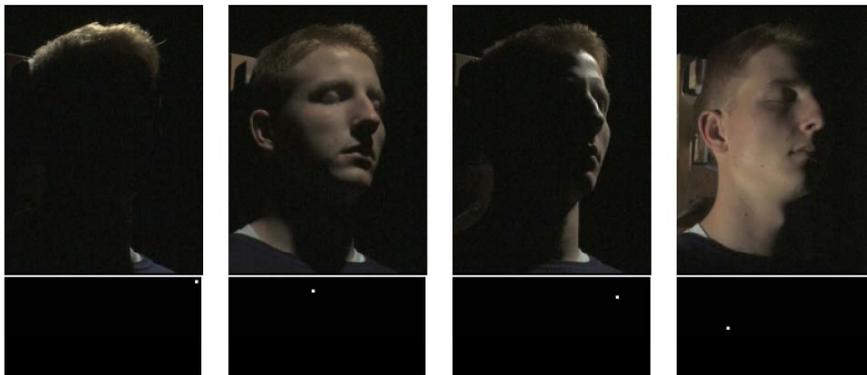
## Light stage 1.0

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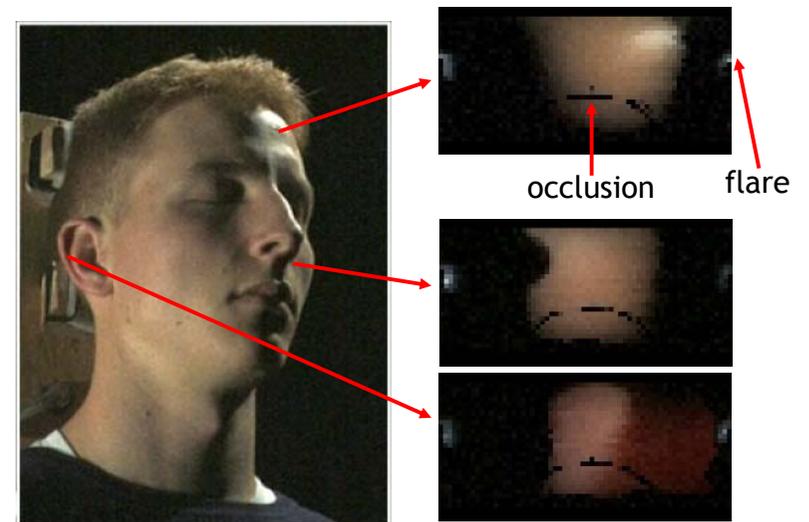
## Input images

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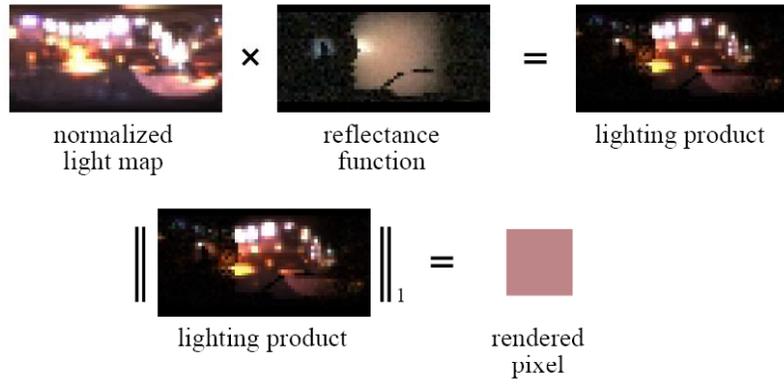


## Reflectance function

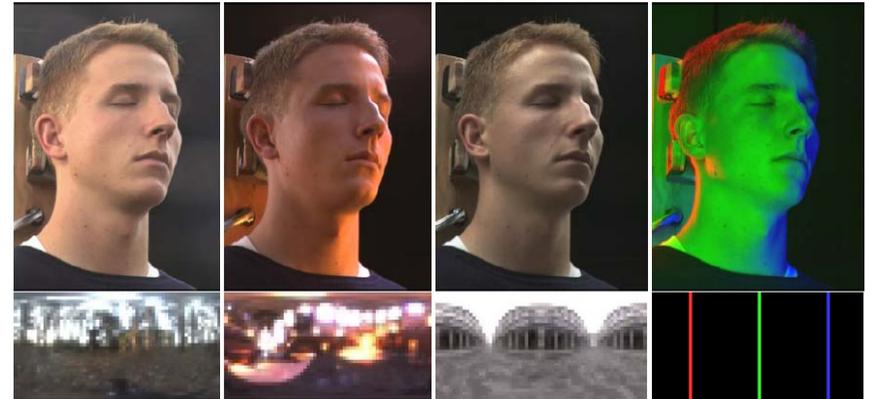
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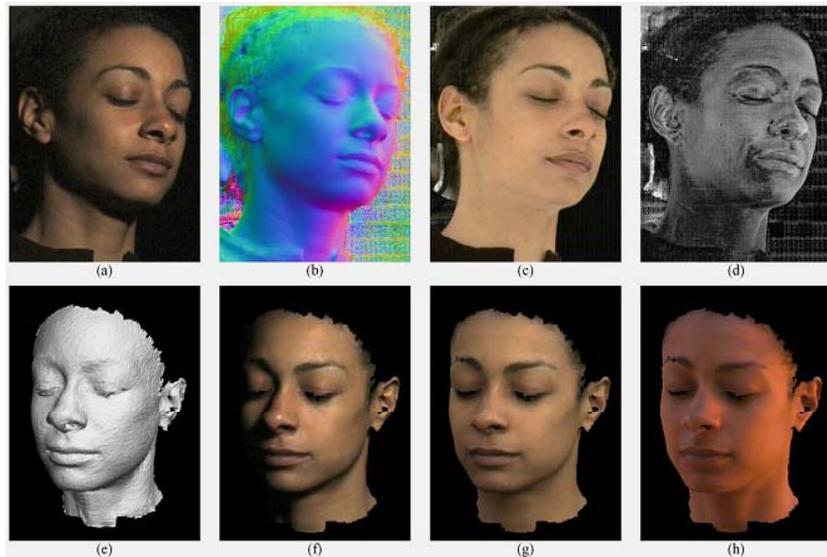
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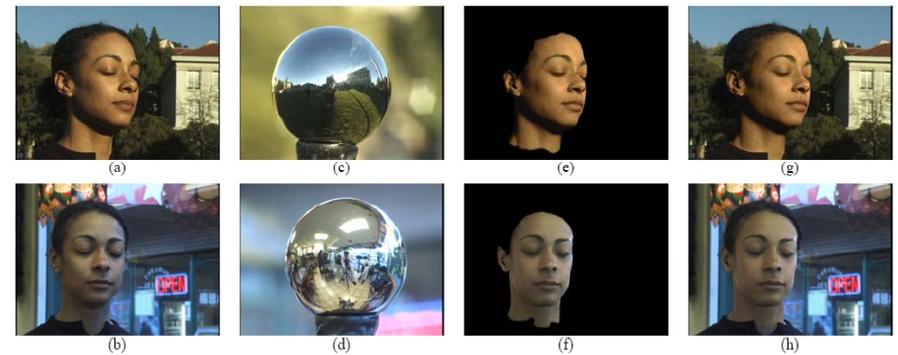
# Results



# Changing viewpoints



# Results



## 3D face applications: Spiderman 2

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## Spiderman 2

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real

synthetic

## Spiderman 2

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video

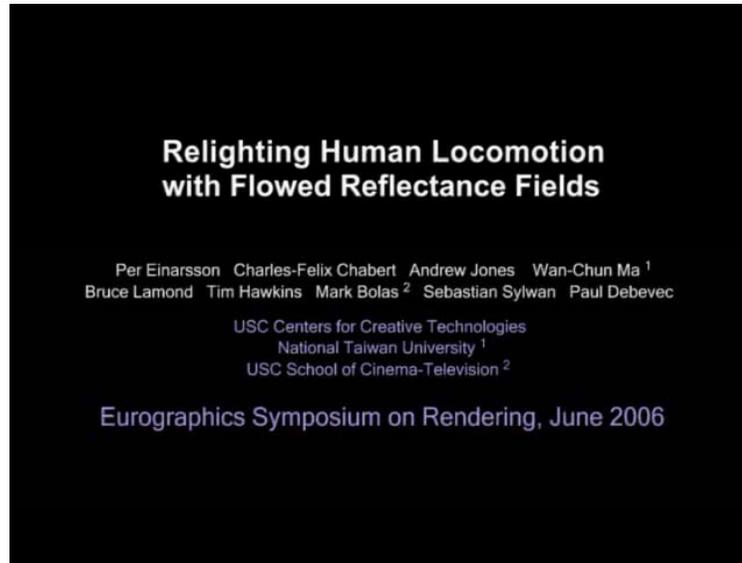
## Light stage 3

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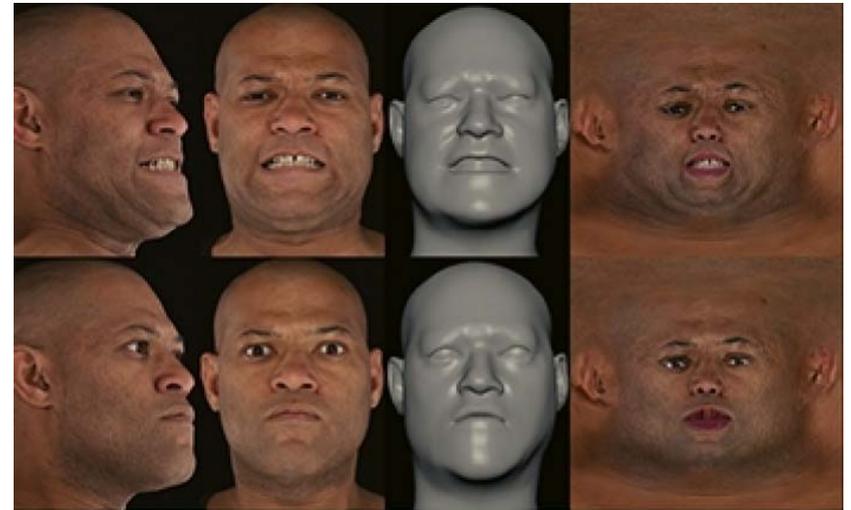
## Light stage 6

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## Application: The Matrix Reloaded

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