

Pose-Invariant 3D Face Alignment

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Introduction

We proposed a method which

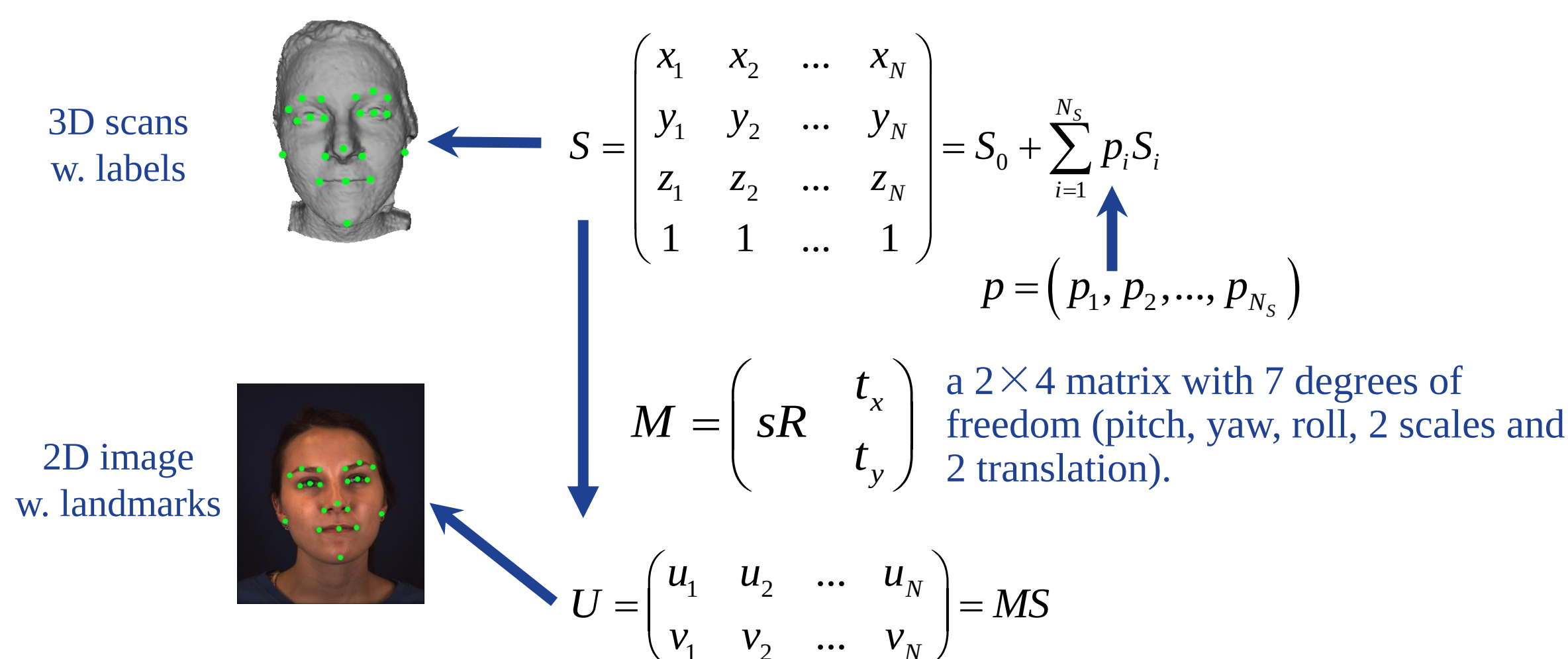
- estimates 2D landmarks and their visibility for a face with **arbitrary** pose.
- estimates both the projection matrix and 3D landmarks.
- achieves superior performances than state of the art methods.



Prior Work

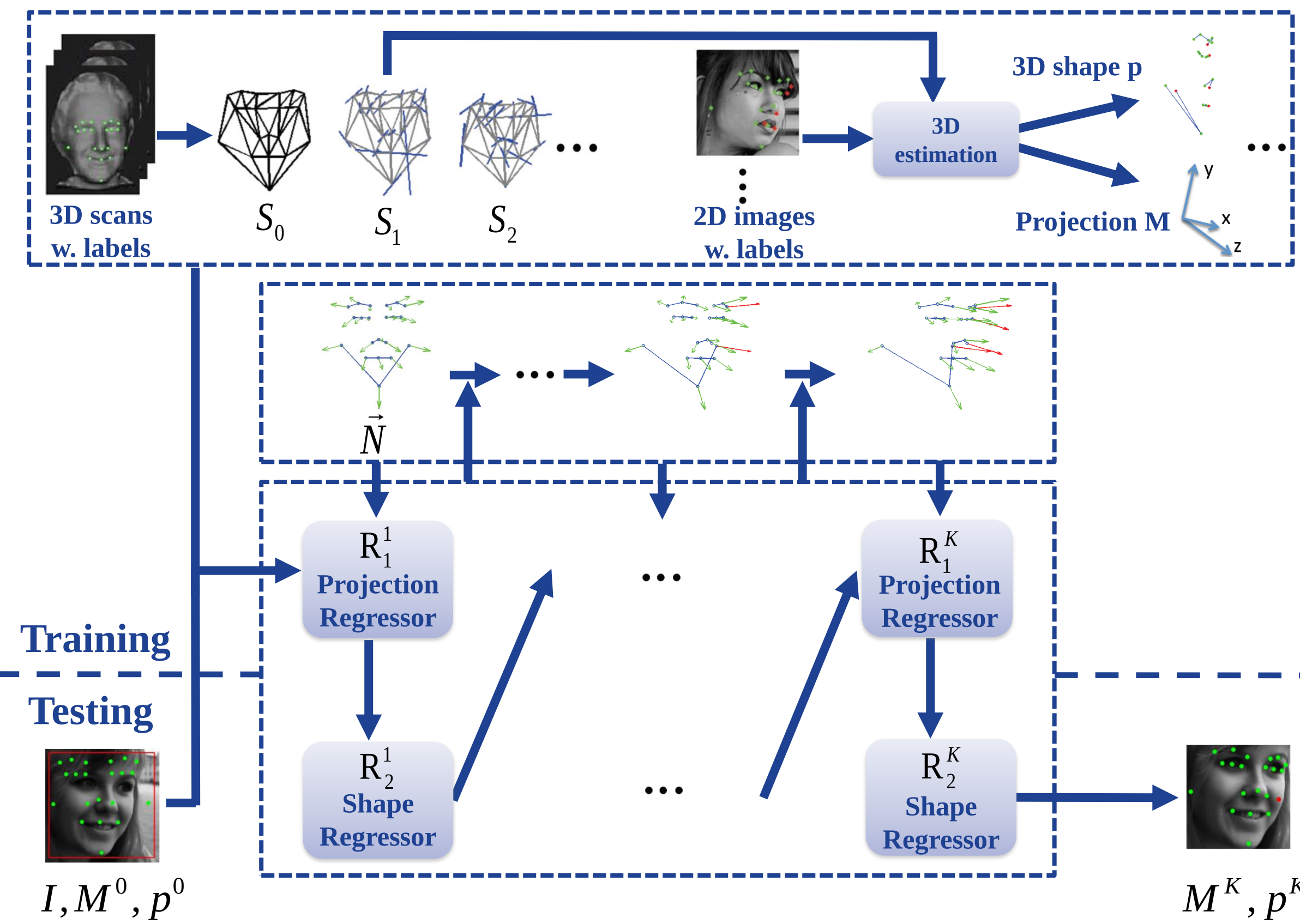
Method	3D landmark	Visibility	Pose-related database	Pose range	Landmark #	Estimation Error
RCPR (ICCV2013)	NO	Yes	COFW	frontal w. occlu	19	8.5
CoR (ECCV2014)	NO	Yes	COFW; LFPW-O; Helen-O	frontal w. occlu	19; 49; 49	8.5
TSPM (CVPR2012)	NO	NO	AFW	all poses	6	11.1
CDM (ICCV2013)	NO	NO	AFW	all poses	6	9.1
OSRD (CVPR2014)	NO	NO	MVFW	< ±40°	68	N/A
TCDCN (ECCV2014)	NO	NO	AFLW, AFW	< ±60°	5	8.0, 8.2
PIFA	Yes	Yes	AFLW, AFW	all poses	21, 6	6.5, 8.6

3D Face Modeling



We represent 2D landmarks U as pair of projection matrix M and 3D shape parameter p .

PIFA Approach



Cascaded Couple-Regressor

K-th Projection Matrix Regressor

$$U_i = M_i^{k-1} \left(S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} p_i^{k-1} S_i \right)$$

$$\theta_1^k = \arg \min_{\theta_1^k} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} \left\| \Delta M_i^k - R_1^k(I_i, U_i, v_i^{k-1}; \theta_1^k) \right\|^2$$

$$M_i^k = M_i^{k-1} + \Delta M_i^k$$

K-th 3D Shape Parameter Regressor

$$U_i = M_i^k \left(S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} p_i^{k-1} S_i \right)$$

$$\theta_2^k = \arg \min_{\theta_2^k} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} \left\| \Delta p_i^k - R_2^k(I_i, U_i, v_i^k; \theta_2^k) \right\|^2$$

$$p_i^k = p_i^{k-1} + \Delta p_i^k$$

Any regressor might be used for R. We used

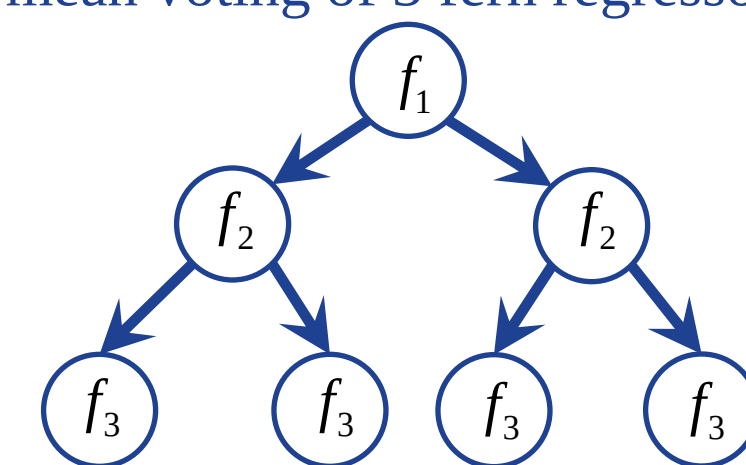
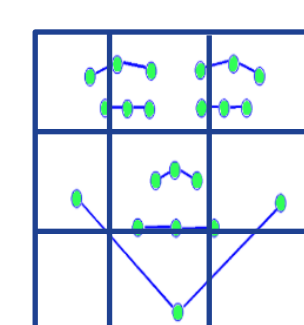
Linear regressor

$$R(\cdot) = \theta^T \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_1 & & & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & v_N & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & v_N \end{pmatrix} f(U_i, U_i)$$

$f(I, U)$ is a function to extract 32 N-dim HOG feature vector.

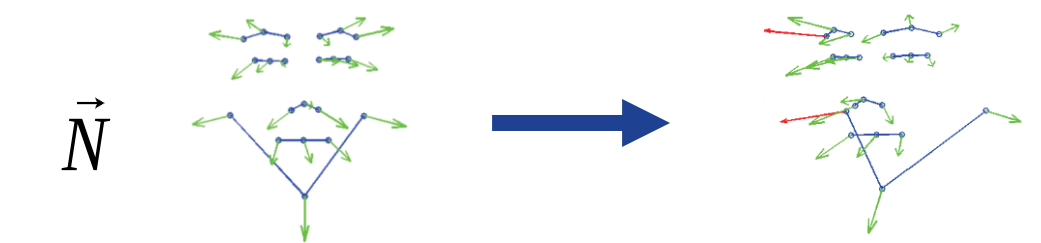
Fern regressor

- 3 out of 9 zones with least occlusion are selected.
- For each selected zone, a depth 5 random fern regressor is learned.
- The final regressor is a weighted mean voting of 3 fern regressors.



3D Surface-Enable Visibility

- We rotate the 3D normal surface vectors according to the rotation angle indicated by projection matrix.



- The sign of z coordinate indicates 2D landmark visibility.

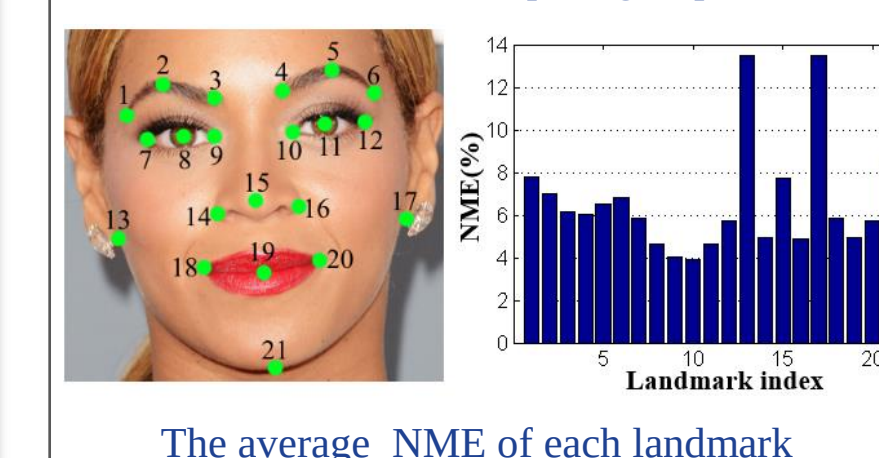
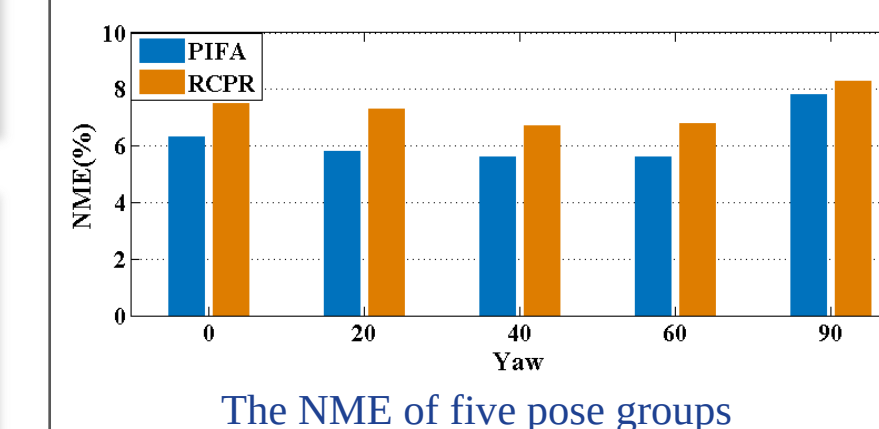
$$v = \vec{N}^T \cdot \left(\frac{m_1}{\|m_1\|} \times \frac{m_2}{\|m_2\|} \right)$$

$$m_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \quad m_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \quad M$$

Experimental Results

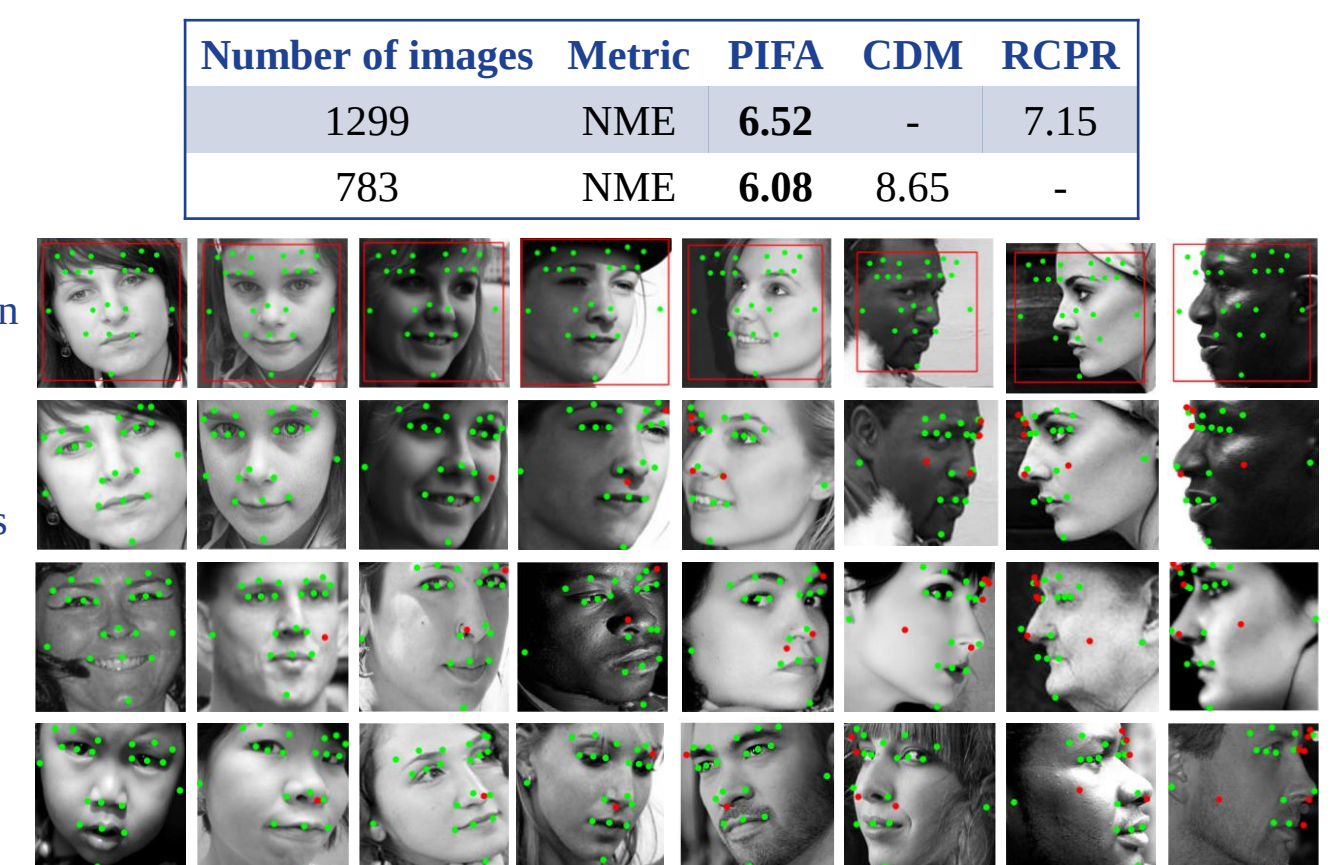
AFLW dataset experiments

- 5200 images selected evenly within [0°, 30°], [30°, 60°], [60°, 90°] yaw angles.
- Randomly partitioned into 3901 training and 1299 testing images.



Initialization

Estimated Landmarks



AFW dataset experiments

- 468 faces in 205 images with poses ±90°.
- Labeled with up to 6 visible landmarks.

Number of images	N	Metric	PIFA	CDM	RCPR	TCDCN
468	6	MAPE	8.61	9.13	-	-
313	5	NME	9.42	-	9.30	8.20

BP4D-S database experiments

- Includes pairs of 2D images and 3D scans of 41 subjects.
- Half of selected 1100 images for training and rest for testing.
- The mean 3D shape is used as a baseline (after global transformation).
- The MAPE of baseline is 5.02, while PIFA is **4.75**.

