

a new standard for
facial rigging™

Expressing and Animating: Making Realistic Facial Animations Easy



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my best science
and art project
- v.orvalho

FCUP

1994 – 2004: IT companies (IBM, Ericsson, Patagonik)

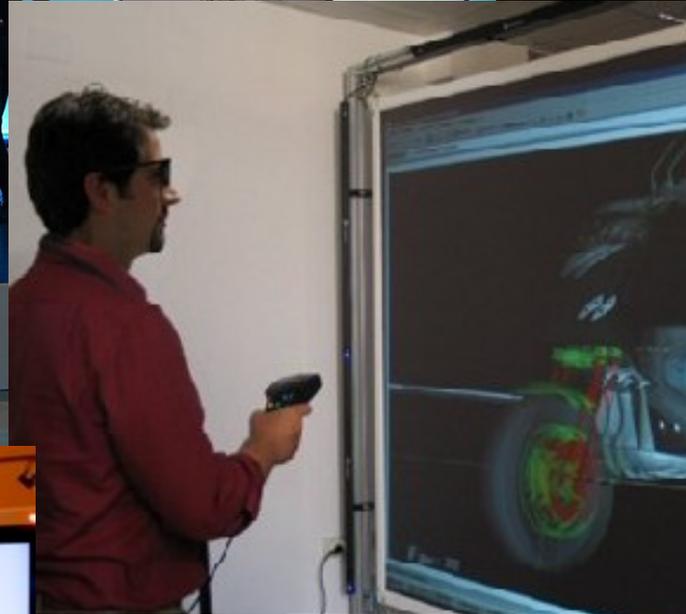
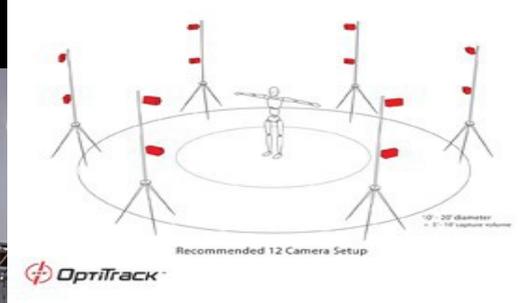
2007: PhD in Software Development (Computer Graphics)
Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya (Barcelona, Spain)

2005: founder of Face in Motion [<http://www.faceinmotion.com>]

2008-...: Assistant Professor of the Computer Science dept.
Faculty of Science of the University of Porto (Portugal)

computer graphics & HCI

Entertainment & rehabilitation



projects & resources

VERE: Virtual Embodiment & Robotic Re-embodiment (CO-PI)
Total Funding: 11.000.000 EUR, PIC Funding: 580.000 EUR

GOLEM: Realistic Virtual Humans (CO-PI)
Total Funding: 650.752 EUR, PIC Funding: 213.484 EUR

LIFEisGAME: LearnIng of Facial Emotions usIng Serious GAMEs (PI)
Total Funding: 230.000 EUR, PIC Funding: 200.000 EUR

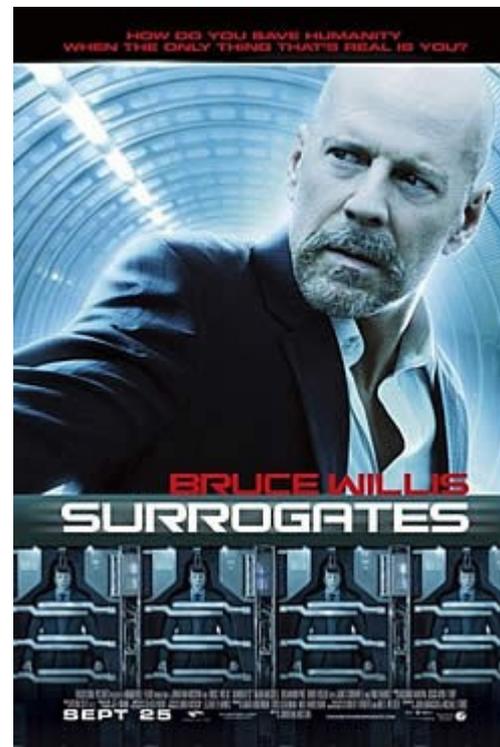
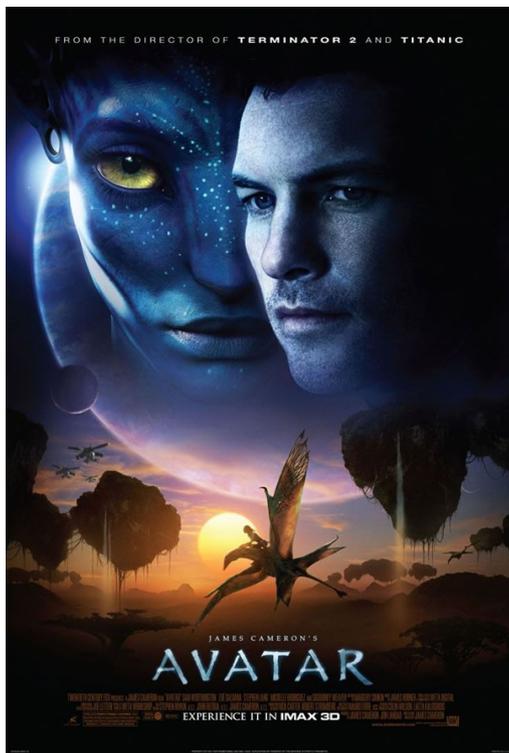
Equipment: 250.000 EUR

Total Funding (aprox): 1.100.000 EUR



VERE

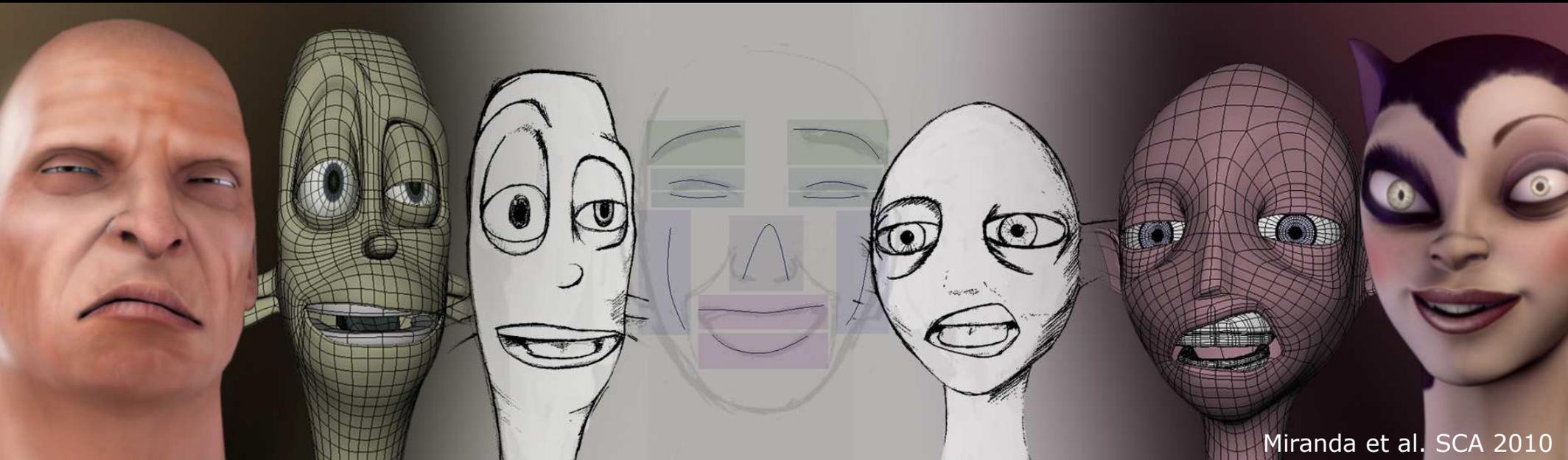
Virtual Embodiment and Robotic Re-Embodiment



dissolve the boundary between the human body and surrogate representations in immersive virtual reality and physical reality.

LIFEisGAME

LearnIng of Facial Emotions usIng Serious GAMEs



Miranda et al. SCA 2010

shows how it is possible to apply a pioneer **serious game** approach to teach people with **Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)** to **recognize facial emotions**, using **real time synthesis** and automatic **facial expression analysis**

GOLEM

Realistic Virtual Humans



Jimenez et al. SIGGRAPH 2010

radically improves the **visual appearance** and behaviour of virtual characters, while **streamlining** the **production pipeline** and keeping them customizable and affordable

technology:

VERE

GOLEM

LIFEisGAME

Markerless Motion Capture (HMD, Low Cost)

Dynamic Skin Shading

Auto-rigging

Sketching

Interactive Device

Muscle System

Real-time Animation Framework