

# Implicit Neural Head Synthesis via Controllable Local Deformation Field

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# Problem Setup

Monocular video



Reconstructed Head  
Avatar with Details



Tracker



Expression  
Poses  
Facial keypoints

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Expression and pose transfer



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# Previous Methods



Ground Truth



Rignerf\*  
(Athar et al., 2022)

NerFace  
(Gafni et al., 2021)

IM Avatar(-)  
(Zheng et al., 2021)

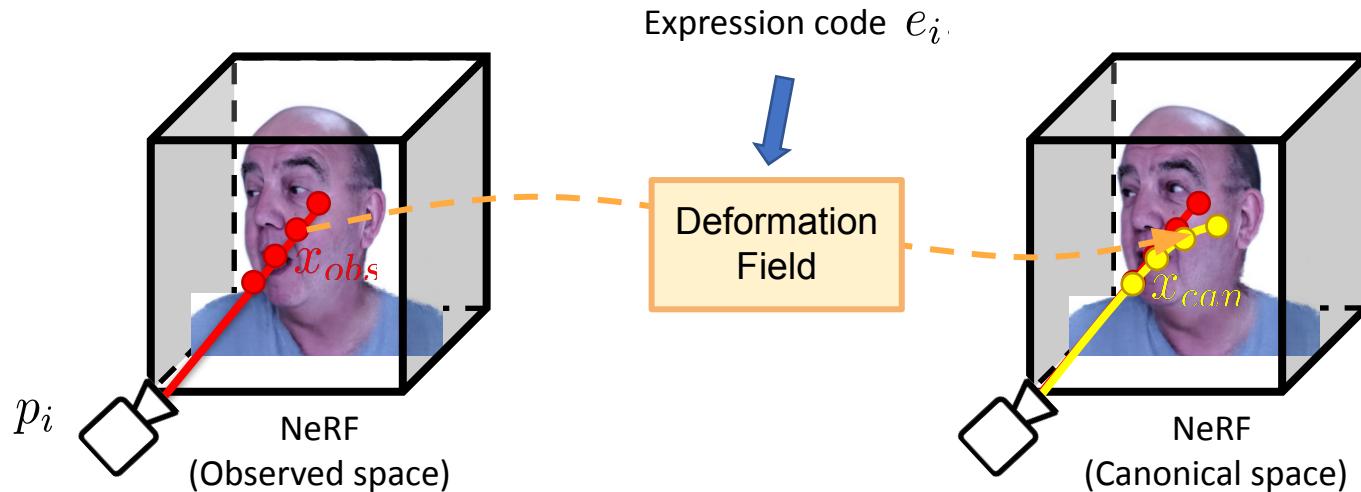
## Global Neural Field representations

Expression-conditioned NeRF (NerFace)  
Backward deformation field + NeRF (Rignerf)  
Forward deformation field + SDF (IM Avatar)

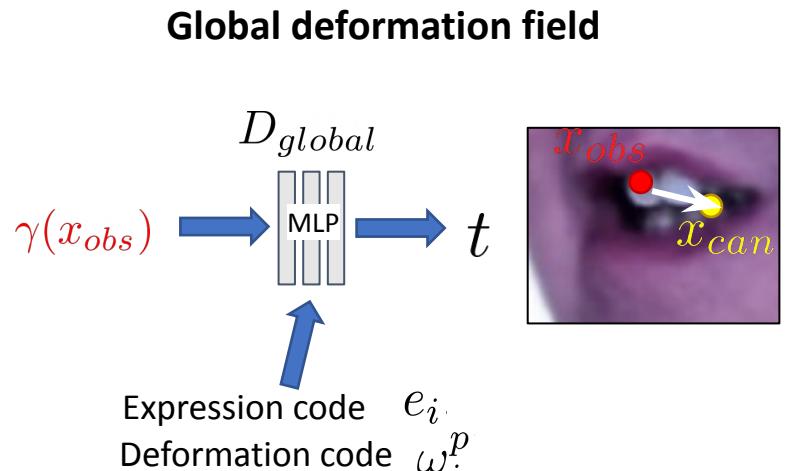
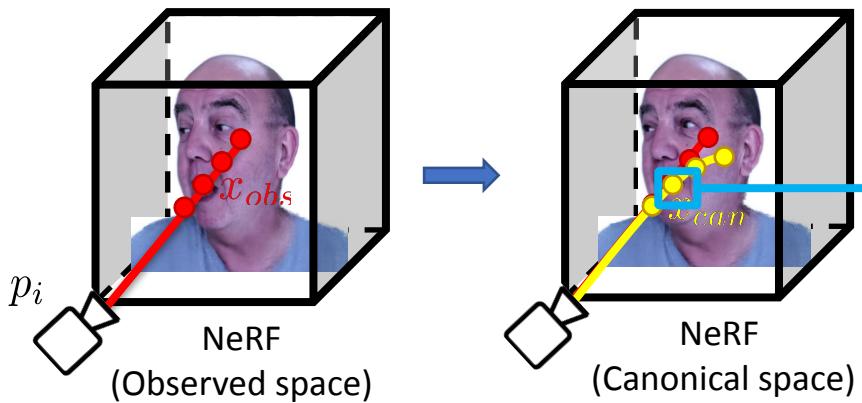
Rignerf\* : our implementation of Rignerf

IM Avatar(-)\* : IM Avatar without mesh supervision to produce sharper details

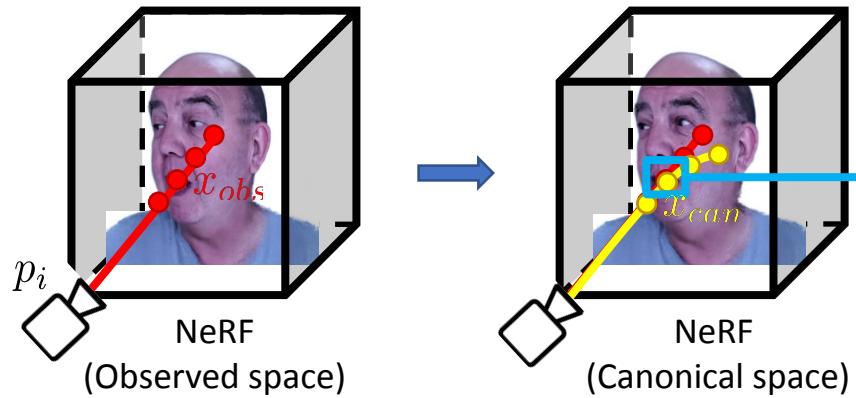
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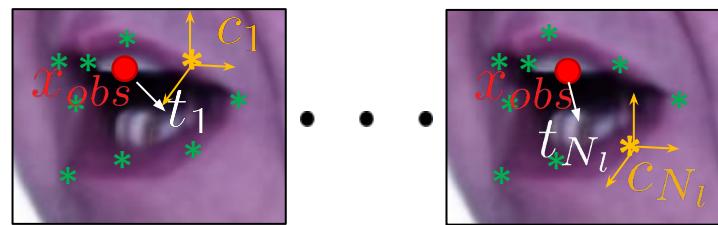
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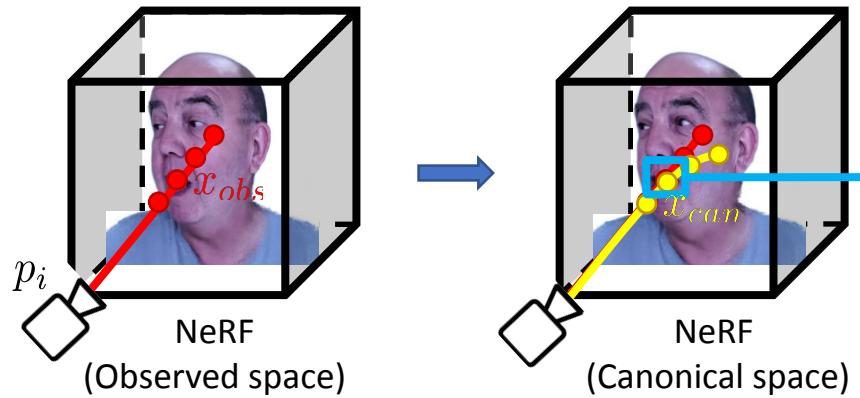
## Local deformation fields (Ours)



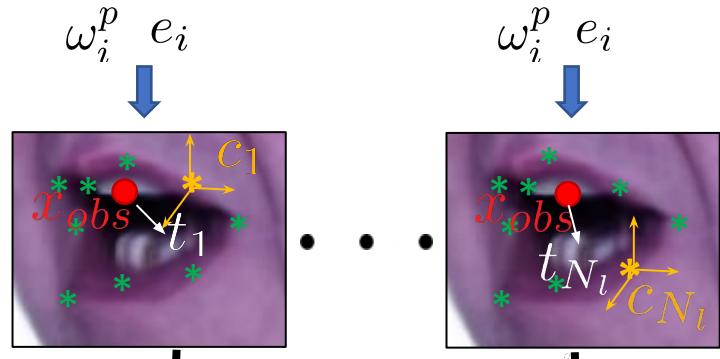
$$\gamma(x_{obs} - c_l) \xrightarrow{\text{MLP}} t_{c_l} \rightarrow t_l$$
$$D_{local,l}$$

- Sampled points in observed space   \* All keypoints
- Sampled points in observed space   \* Keypoint that one local field is centred around

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$$t = \sum_l W(x_{obs} - c_l) t_l$$

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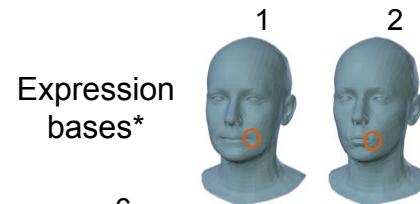
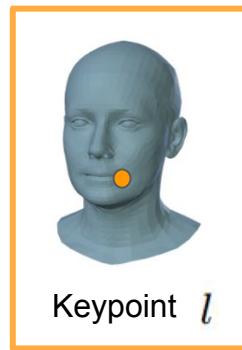
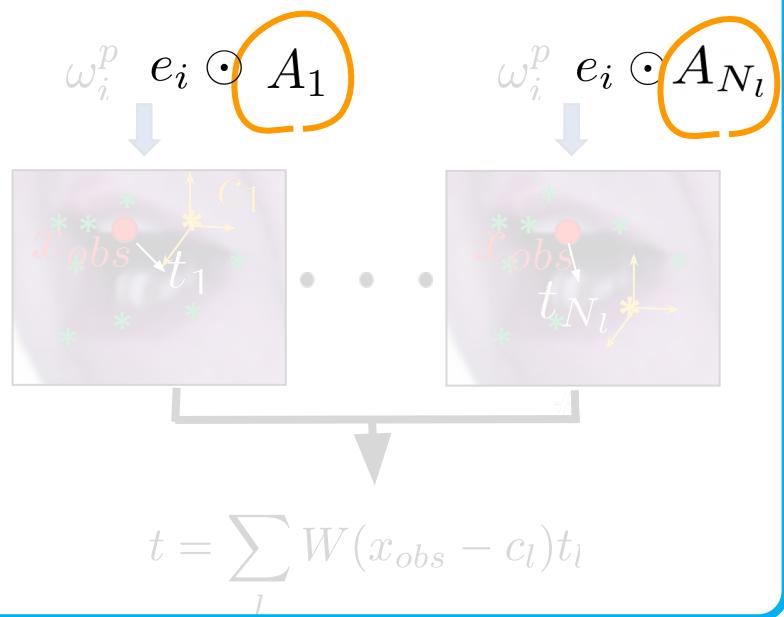
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# Attention Mask

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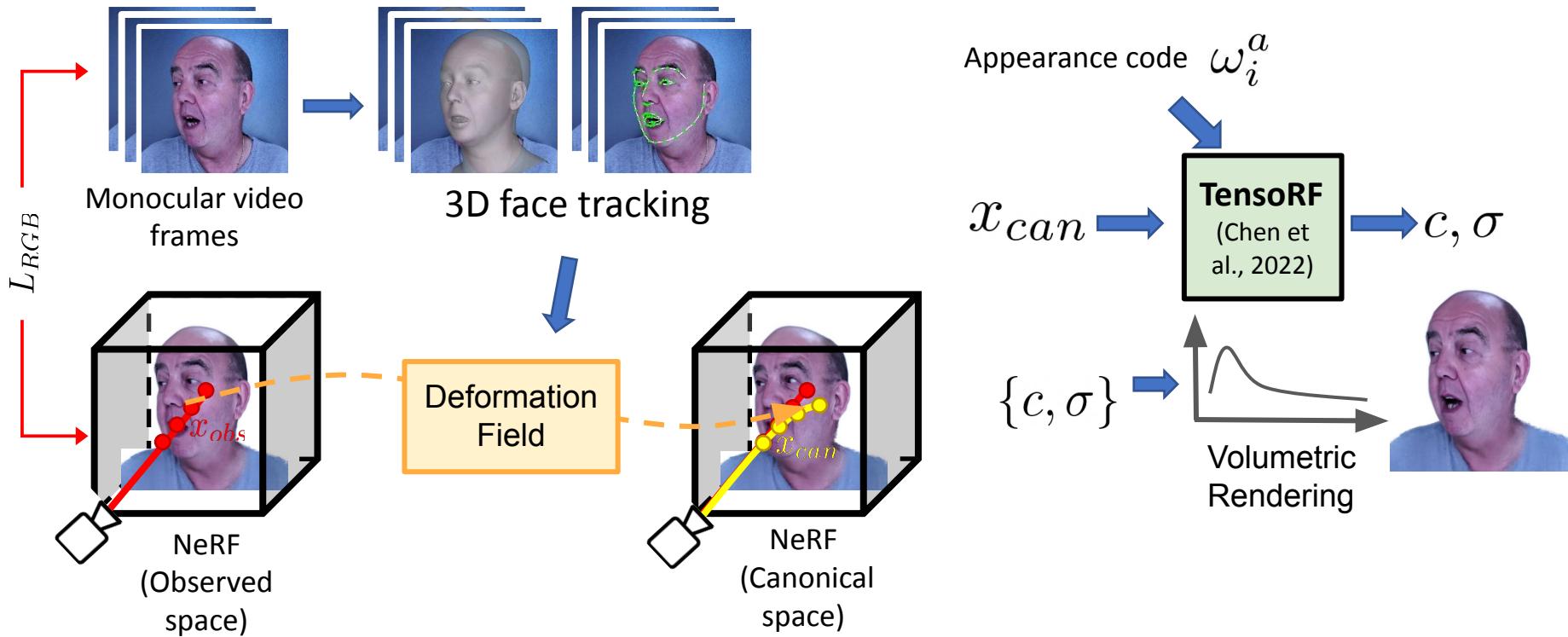
Expression bases\*

$A_l$

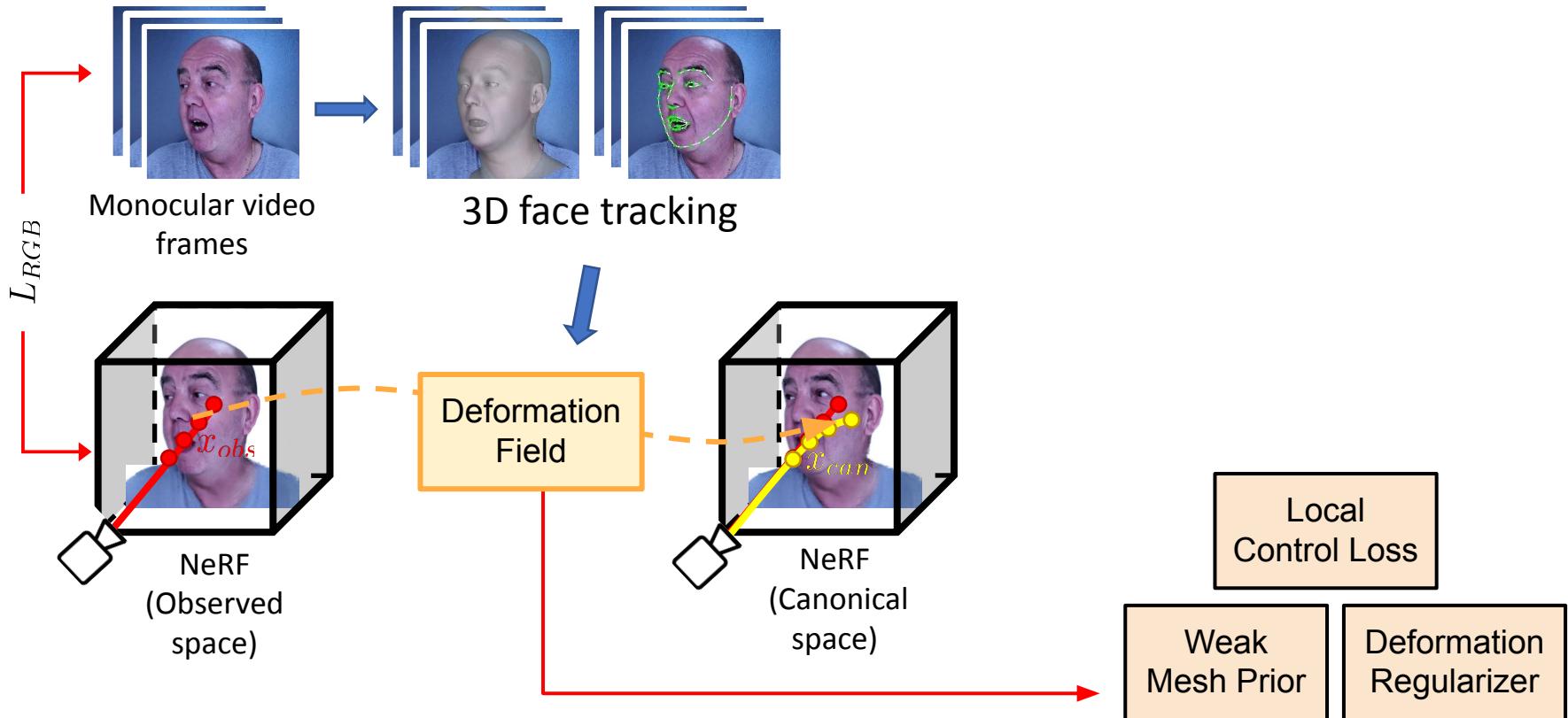
Expression basis	1	2	3	4	5	6
Amount of deformation	0.05	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.2

\* Figure from **Learning a model of facial shape and expression from 4D scans**, Li et al., 2017

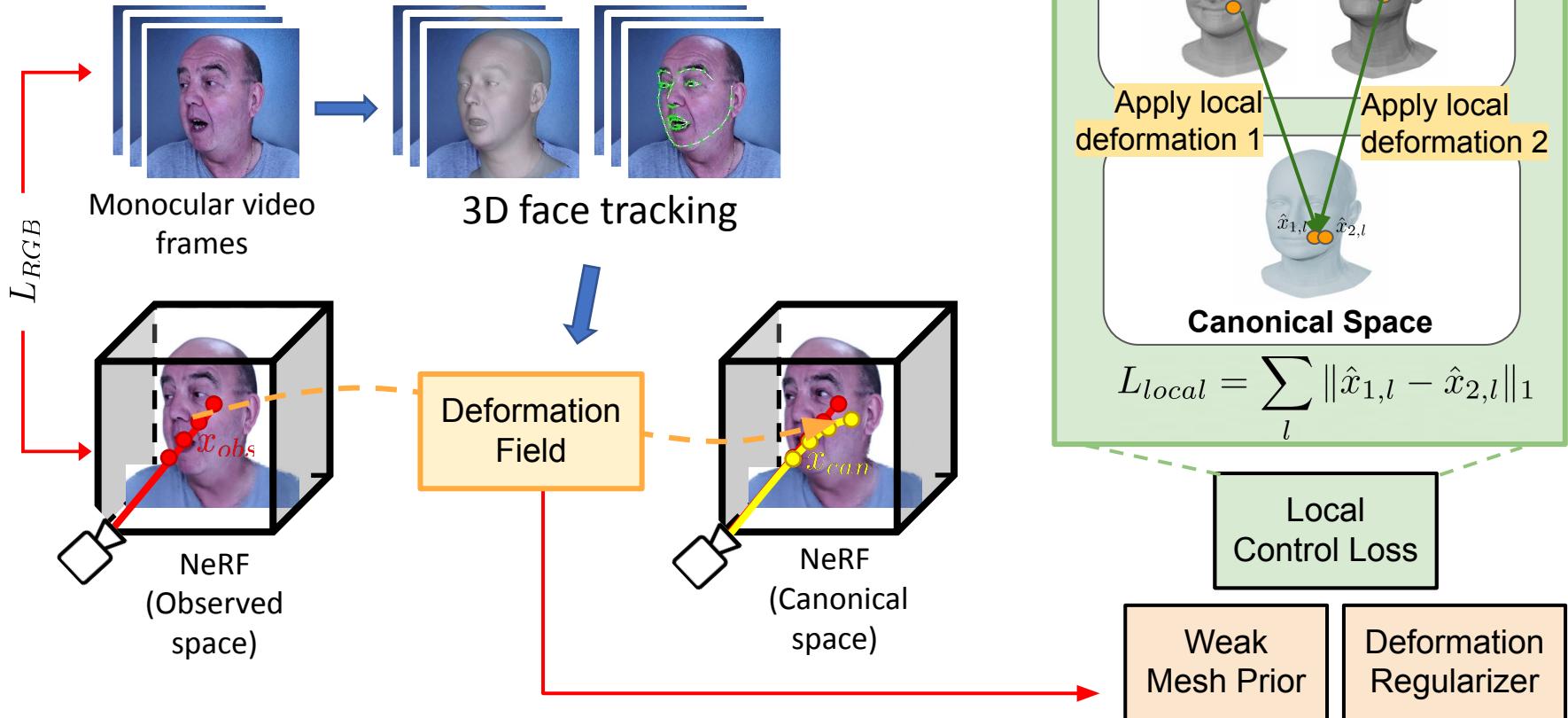
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# More Results

# Test Pose & Expression Reconstruction



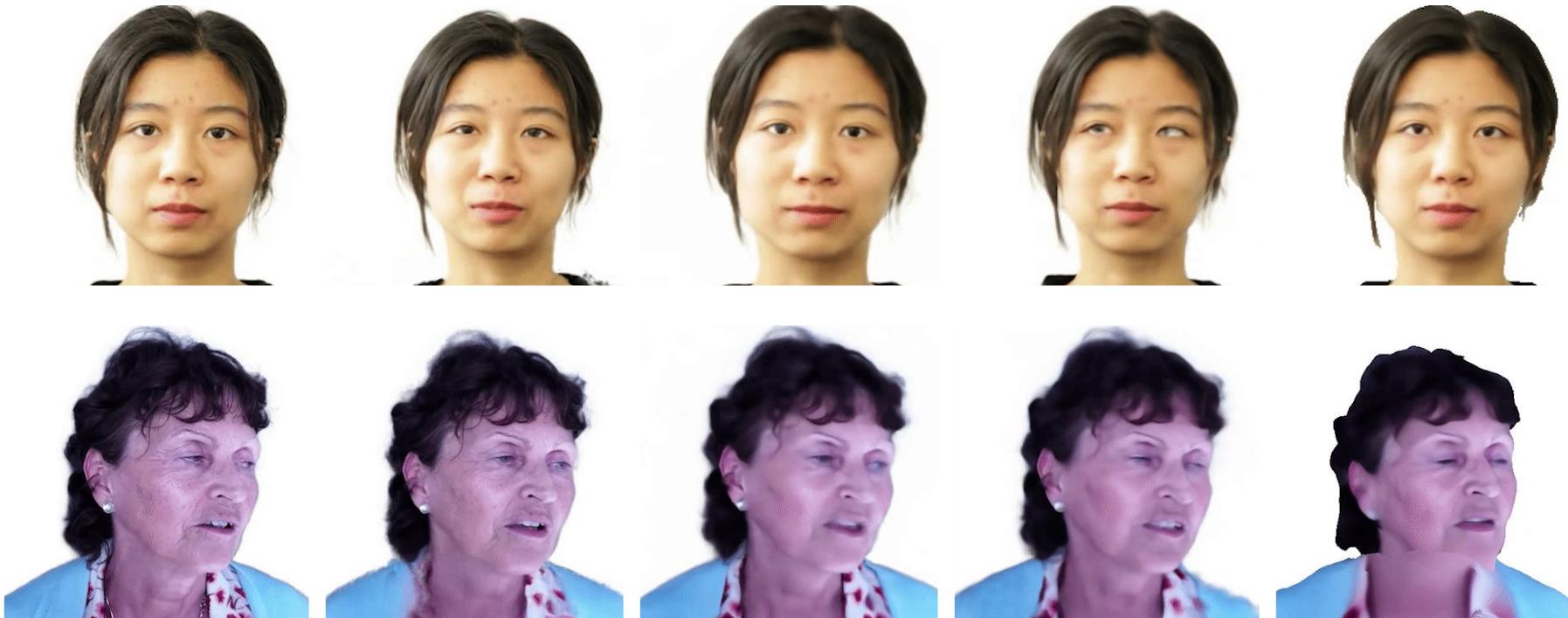
# Expression Transfer



Source

Target

# Comparison with Baselines



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# Thank You!

See paper  
and more  
results



[https://imaging.cs.cmu.edu/local\\_deformation\\_fields/](https://imaging.cs.cmu.edu/local_deformation_fields/)