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Two extensions of our text-to-visualspeech (TTVS) system:

- Learn facial dynamics and coarticulation
- morphing of 3D models of faces to output a 3D model of a speaking face



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Progress Through June 2001

•Obtained low-dimensional for data in our corpus.

•Trained 3-state left-to-right HMMs for each phoneme





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Progress Through June 2001

Neutral face shape was reconstructed from a single image, and animation transfered to new face.

3D face scans were collected.





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Research Plan for the Next Six Months

Develop further approach to deal with the dynamics & coarticulation problem using the trained HMMs.

- Explore a new approach to synthesize 3D models of faces using a realtime 3D scanner.
- Incorporate higher-level communication mechanisms into our talking facial model.
- Assess the realism of the talking face using psychophysical experiments.
- Extend our approach using morphable model from images to audio.