

# Bridging the Gap: Studio-like Avatar Creation from a Monocular Phone Capture

## -Supplementary-

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## 1 Video Results

In Suppmat .mp4 we show a comparison of expression-driven avatars using the phone captured texture map and the high-quality studio-like texture maps generated with our method. We can see that the texture maps generated by our method are not only able to generate plausible facial details but are also able to preserve facial details visible in the phone-captured texture map. Further, we see that our method is able to successfully inpaint missing regions of the texture map to generate a more plausible and life-like avatar.

## 2 Texture and Render Results

In Fig 1, we show more qualitative results of the texture maps generated with our method versus prior art. As can be seen, across all subjects, our method generates texture maps that have better quality illumination, facial details and inpainting of missing regions. In Figs 2-10, we show multiview renders of these subjects (and a few more) using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]. Again, we see that the avatars generated using the texture maps from our method are significantly more photorealistic than prior art.

## 3 Ablation of optimization resolution

As described in Section 3.1 of the paper, we optimize  $\mathcal{G}_{Studio}$  using the following loss:

$$\min_{\mathcal{G}_{Studio}^{\theta(8+)}} \max_{\mathcal{D}_{Studio}} \mathcal{L}_{Adv} + \mathcal{L}_{R1} + \mathcal{L}_{Percp-Recons} + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{Percp} + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{FaceID} \quad (1)$$

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**Fig. 1: Comparisons on Unpaired Phone-Captured Data:** In comparison to prior work, our method excels in generating texture maps with superior preservation of identity, enhanced photorealism in facial details, more uniform illumination, and improved inpainting of missing regions.

where  $\mathcal{G}_{Studio}^{\theta(8+)}$  denotes optimizing the parameters of the generator after the  $8 \times 8$  resolution. The intuition behind this is that identity-specific information is stored in the

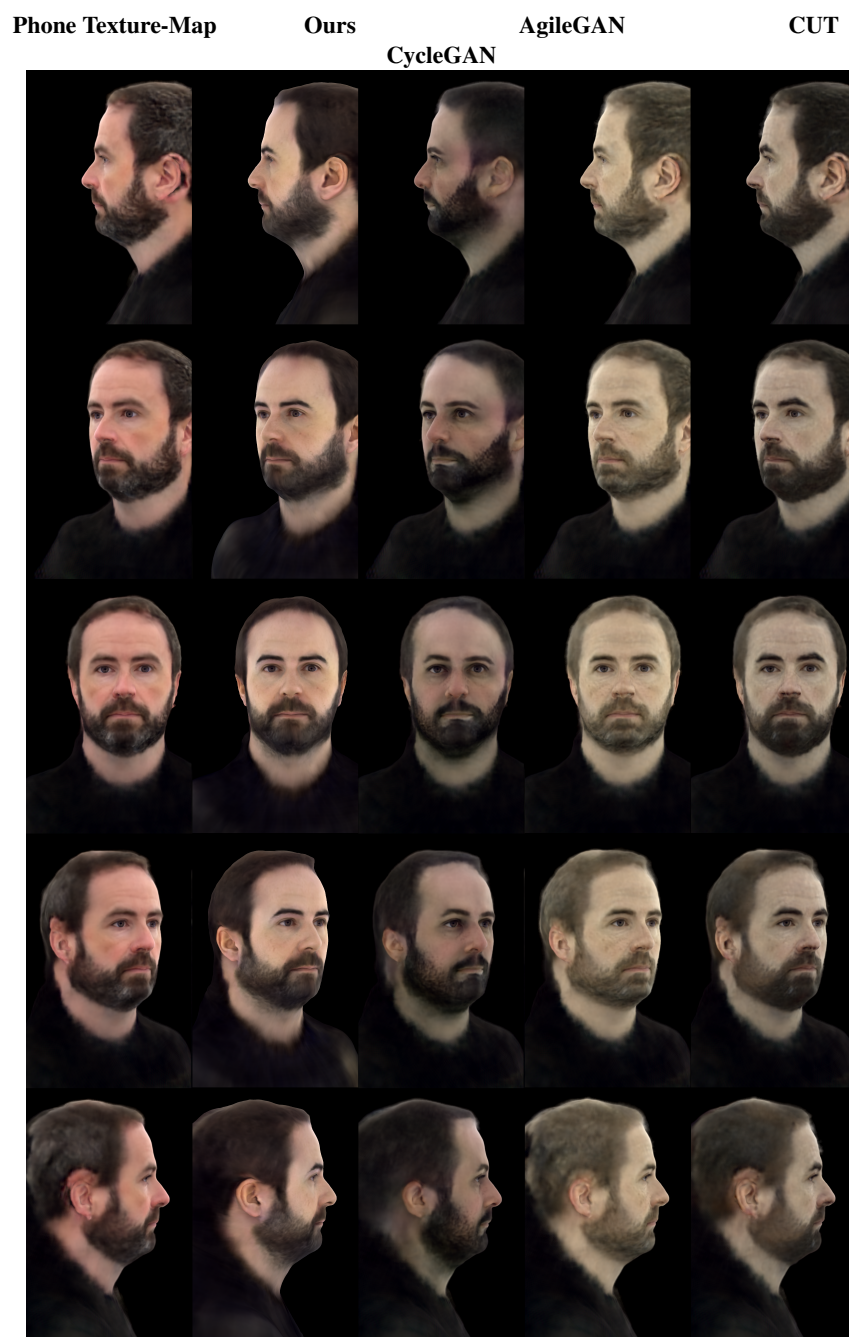


Fig. 2: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]



Fig. 3: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]



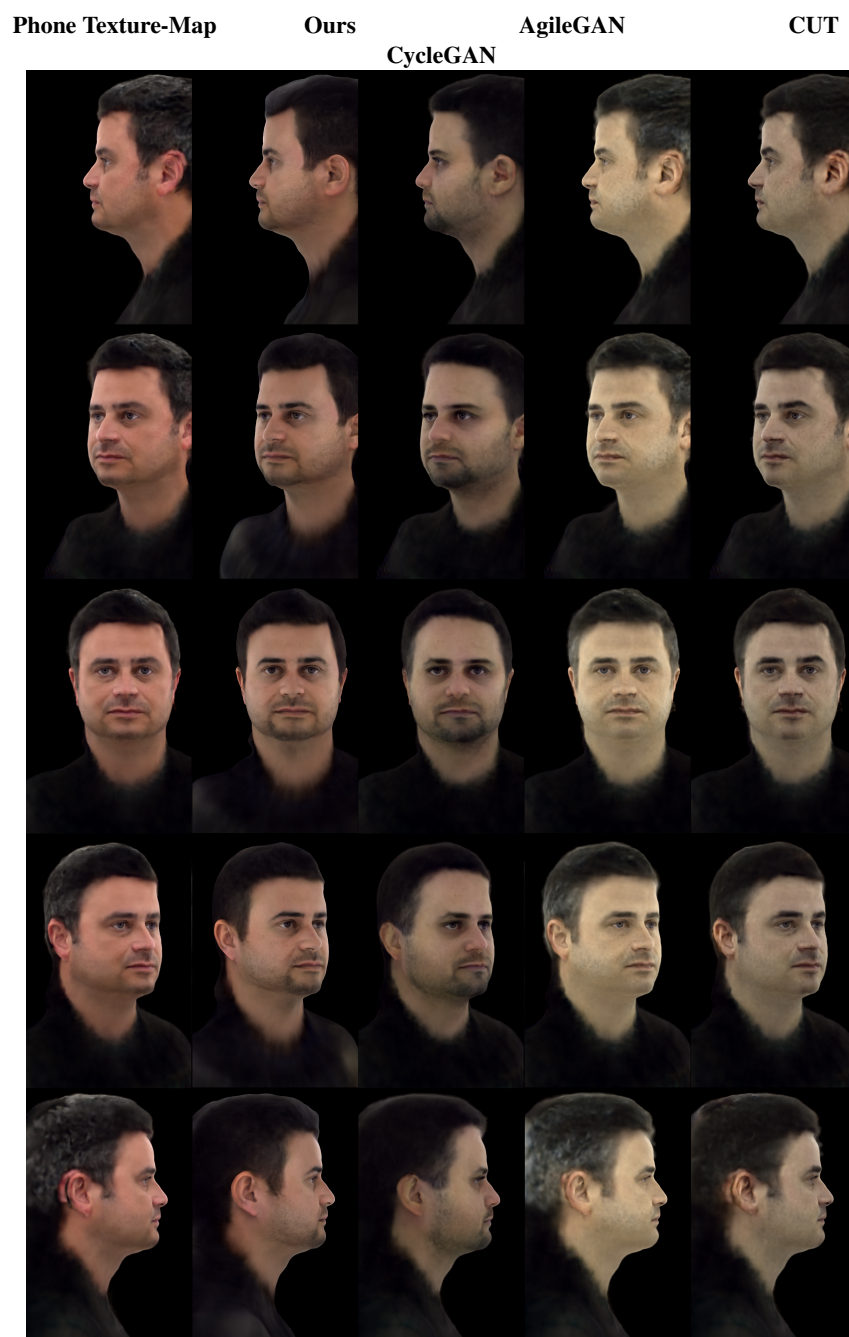


Fig. 4: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]



Fig. 5: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]

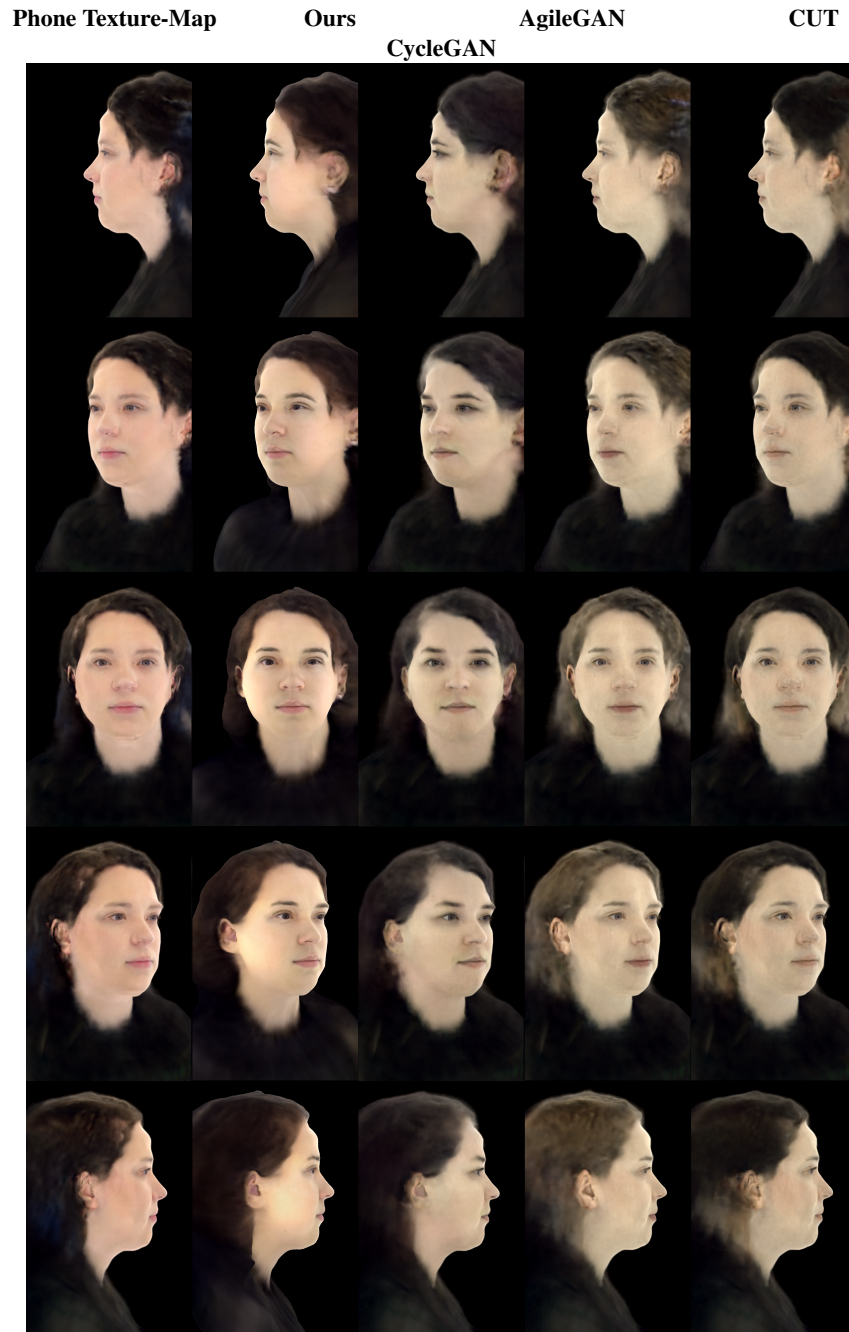


Fig. 6: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]

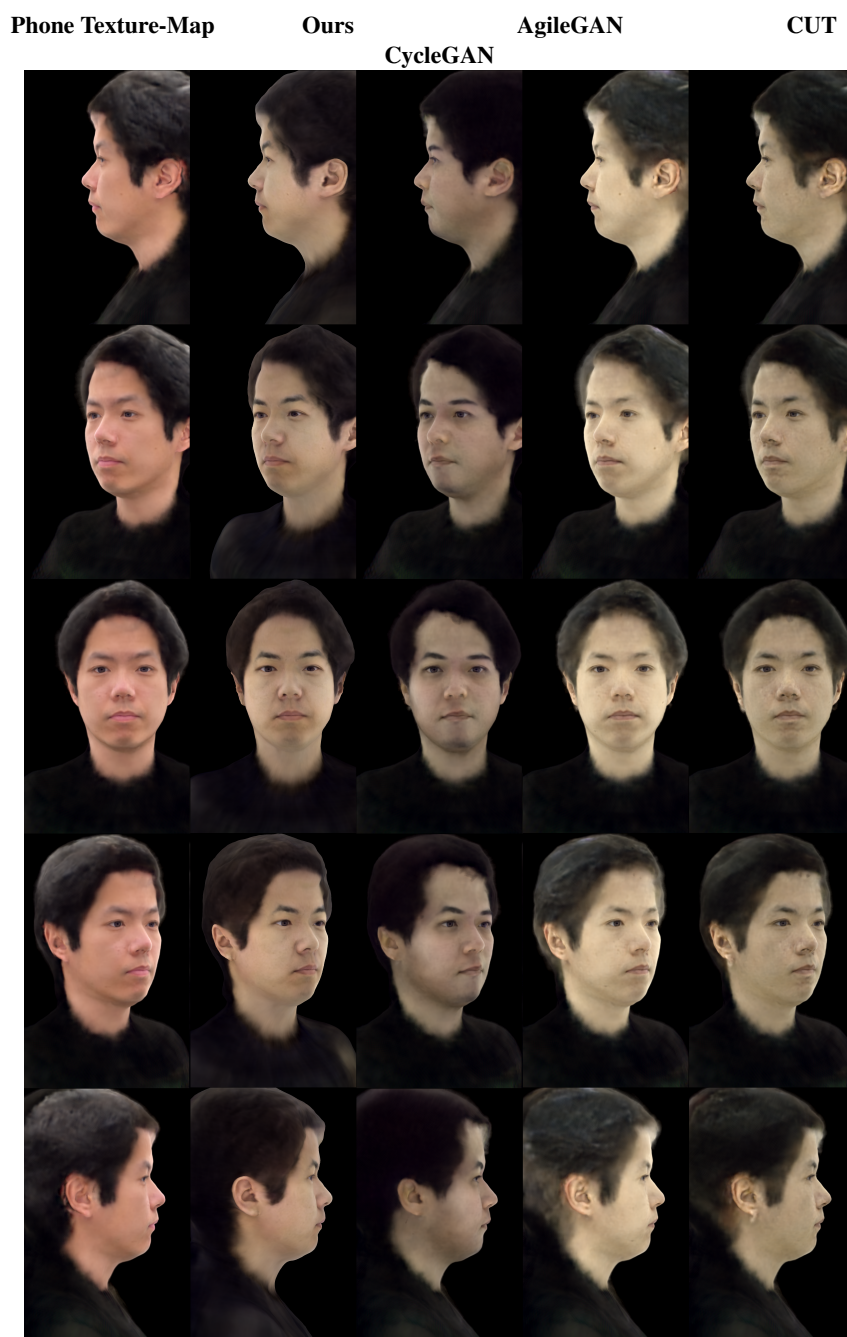


Fig. 7: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]





Fig. 8: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]



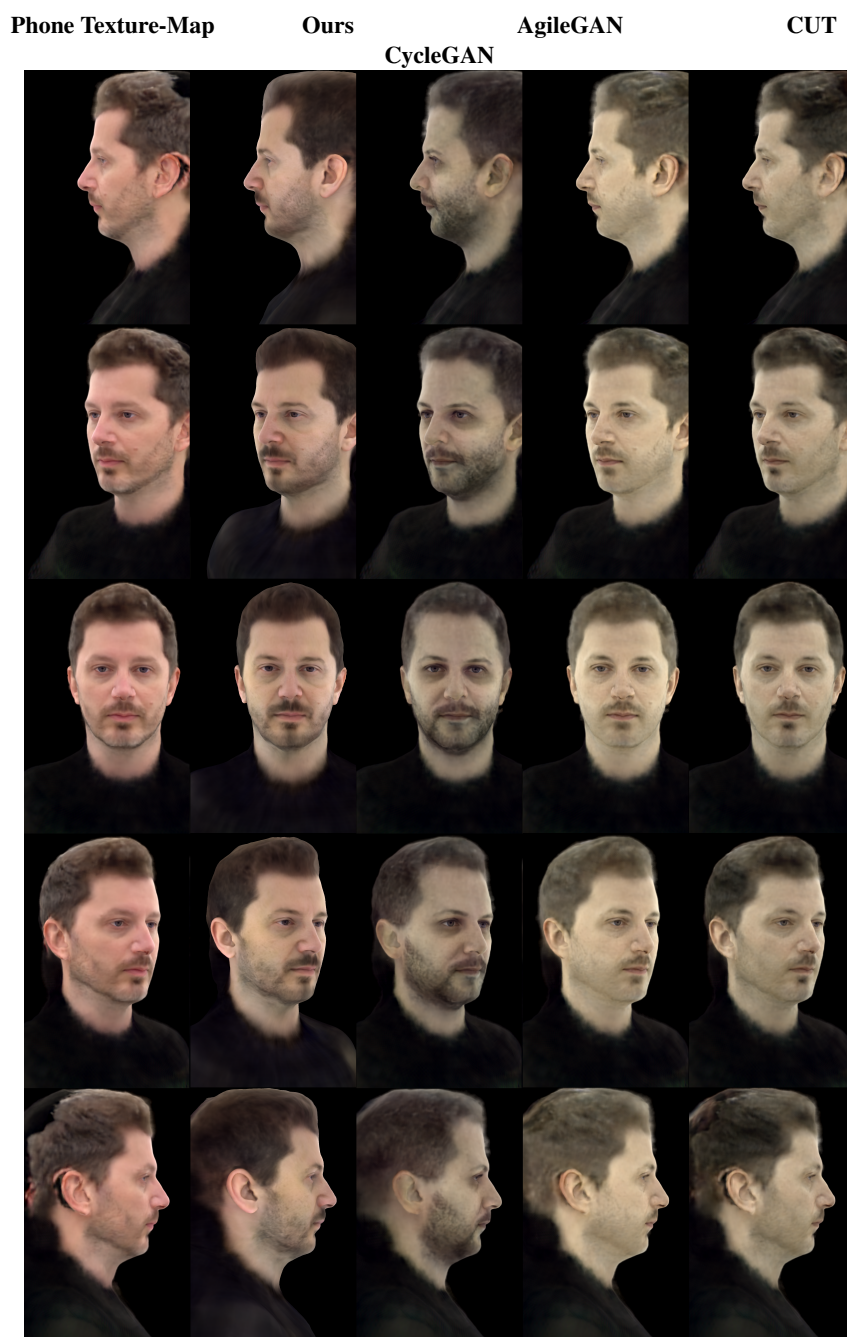


Fig. 9: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]



Fig. 10: Render using the Universal Prior Model from AVA [1]

Models	Full Network opt	Opt8 (Ours)	Opt16
FaceID ↓	$5.01e-4$	$4.31e-4$	$4.30e-4$
KID ↓	$1.36e-3$	$1.42e-3$	$1.63e-3$

**Table 1:** Ablation of optimization resolution. **Best** and **Second Best** scores are highlighted.

low-resolution maps and freezing the parameters of the lower resolution boosts identity preservation. In Table 1, we ablate this intuition. We compare optimizing the full network (‘Full Network Opt’), optimizing after the  $8 \times 8$  resolution and optimizing after the  $16 \times 16$  resolution (‘Opt16’). To measure identity preservation we use the FaceID metric and to measure the fidelity to the target distribution we use the Kernel Inception Distance (KID) [2] metric. As can be seen, optimizing after the  $8 \times 8$  resolution gives us the best balance between identity preservation and fidelity to the target distribution. Optimizing the whole network (‘Full Network Opt’) yields a better KID but at the cost of a significantly worse identity preservation (a higher FaceID). On the flip side, optimizing after the  $16 \times 16$  (‘Opt16’) results in a marginal improvement in FaceID but significantly worse KID.

#### 4 Ablation of $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$

In this section, we ablate  $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$  from Eq. (1). As can be seen in Fig 11 and Table 2, not using  $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$  severely degrades performance and leads to non-convergent results. Using  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$ , leads to significant improvements in training stability and results but there is still an identity shift. Using both  $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$  yields the best results with the identity strongly preserved after the transfer to studio-like lighting and inpainting of the missing regions.

Models	Full Loss	w/o $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$	w/o $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$
FaceID ↓	$5.36e-4$	$1.33e-3$	$2.79e-3$

**Table 2:** Ablation of Losses. **Best** and **Second Best** scores are highlighted. Note: These are the results of  $\mathcal{G}_{Studio}$  without the facial details added by our diffusion model

#### 5 Ablation of $\mathcal{L}_{Percp-Recons}$

In this section, we ablate  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp-Recons}$  from Eq. (1). While  $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$  help preserve identity and lead to more stable training, they do not penalize global skin-tone shifts that may occur when an in-the-wild texture map is transferred to studio-like lighting as can be seen in Fig 12. Using  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp-Recons}$  with a very small amount of data helps prevent this as it forces  $\mathcal{G}_{Studio}$  to maintain skin-tone while transferring from in-the-wild lighting to studio-like lighting.



**Fig. 11: Ablation of FaceID and LPIPS loss:** As can be seen, not using  $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp}$  leads to a serve deterioration in performance. Not using  $\mathcal{L}_{FaceID}$  causes a significant identity shift. Using the full loss leads to the best results. Note: These are the results of  $\mathcal{G}_{Studio}$  without the facial details added by our diffusion model.



**Fig. 12: Ablation of  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp-Recons}$ :** Not using  $\mathcal{L}_{Percp-Recons}$  leads to a minor shift in skin-tone.

## 6 Limitations

As mentioned in the paper, our method only models the head, important regions such as the shoulder and torso and not modelled and are left for future work. Additionally, as shown in Fig 13, our method cannot handle head accessories well, this is because the studio-captured data does not have any head-accessories.

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**Fig. 13: Limitations:** Our method fails to preserve head-accessories