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# FaceChannel

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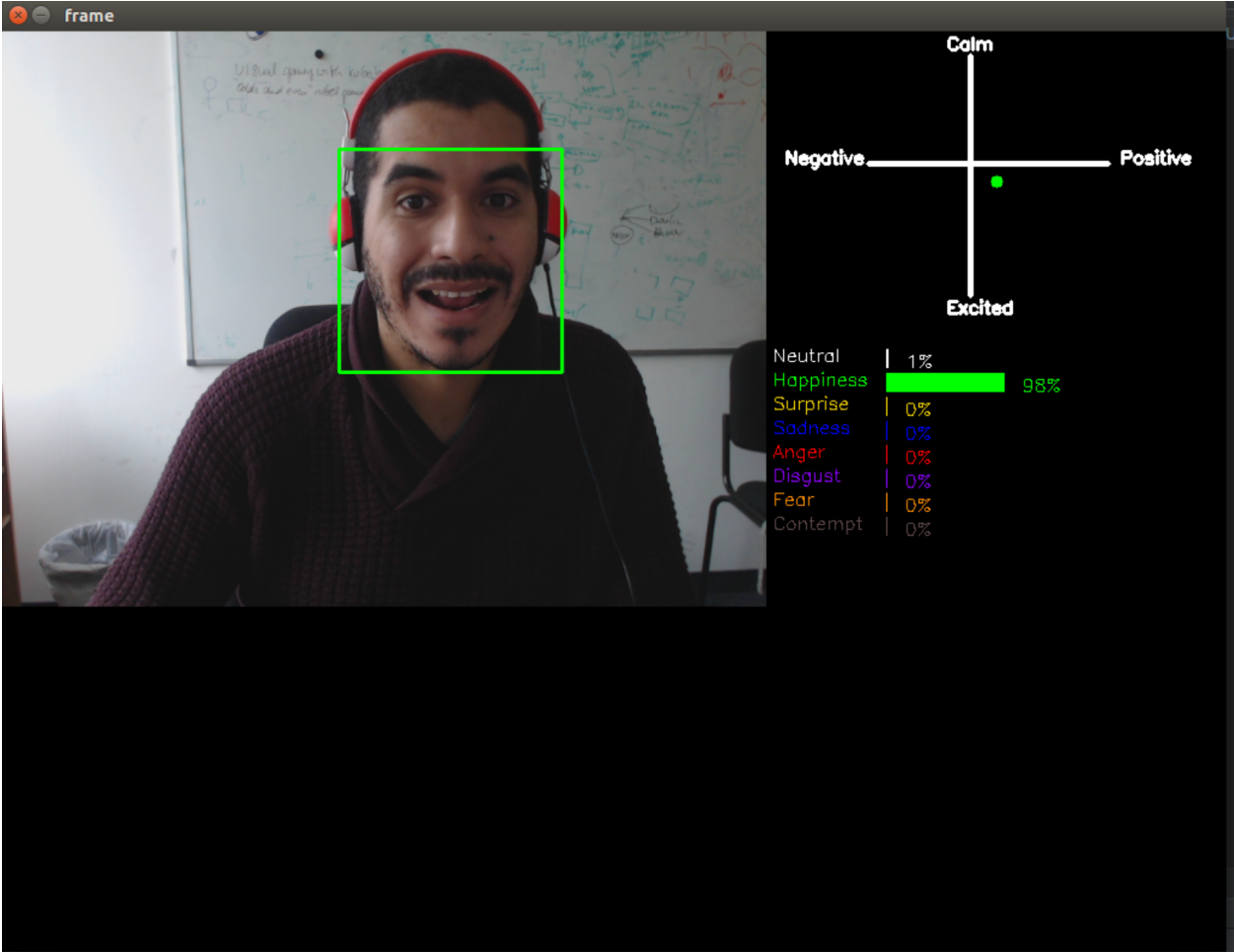
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This project aims at providing a ready-to-use solution for facial expression recognition. The models available here are free to be used for personal and academic purpose.



## QUICKSTART GUIDE

Here you will find instructions regarding how to install the library and run your first demo!

### 1.1 Instalation

To install the FaceChannel library, you will need python  $\geq 3.6$ . The environment has a list of [requirements](#) that will be installed automatically if you run:

```
pip install facechannel
```

### 1.2 Facial Expression Recognition in Your Hand

FaceChannel is a python library that holds several facial expression recognition models. The main idea behind the FaceChannel is to facilitate the use of this technology by reducing the deployment effort. This is the current list of available models:

Table 1: Title

Model	Input Type	Output Type
FaceChannelV1 - Cat	(64x64x1)	["Neutral", "Happiness", "Surprise", "Sadness", "Anger", "Disgust", "Fear", "Contempt"]
FaceChannelV1 - Dim	(64x64x1)	["Arousal", "Valence"]
Self Affective Memory	(64x64x1)	["Arousal", "Valence"]

- FaceChannelV1 - Barros, P., Churamani, N., & Sciutti, A. (2020). The facechannel: A fast and furious deep neural network for facial expression recognition. *SN Computer Science*, 1(6), 1-10.
- Self Affective Memory - Barros, P., & Wermter, S. (2017, May). A self-organizing model for affective memory. In *2017 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)* (pp. 31-38). IEEE.

## 1.3 Recognizing Facial Expression

To start the facial expression recognition is simple and painless:

```
"""Facial Expression Recognition"""
import cv2
from FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1.FaceChannelV1 import FaceChannelV1

faceChannelCat = FaceChannelV1("Cat", loadModel=True)

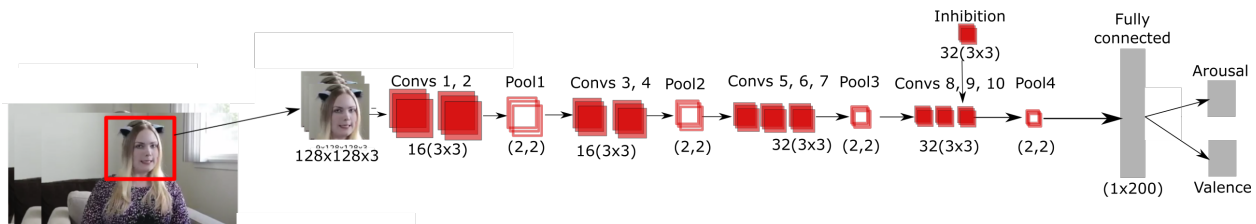
categoricalRecognition = faceChannelCat.predict(cv2.imread("image.png"))

print categoricalRecognition
```

For more examples on how to use, and to see our pre-made demos, check the examples folder.



## FACECHANNELV1



FaceChannelV1 is a smaller version of the FaceChannel model, with 800 thousand parameters. It was trained on the FER+ dataset, and for the dimensional version fine-tuned on the AffectNet dataset. It is available in two types: Cat, for categorical output with 8 different emotions, and Dim, for a dimensional output representing arousal and valence. FaceChannelV1 works on a frame-level, so for every input frame, it produces one output.

## 2.1 FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1 Model Definition

### 2.1.1 FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1.FaceChannelV1 module

#### FaceChannelV1.py

Version1 of the FaceChannel model.

```
class FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1.FaceChannelV1(FaceChannelV1(type='Cat', loadModel=True,
                                                         numberClasses=7)

    Bases: object

    BATCH_SIZE = 32
        Batch size used by FaceChannelV1

    CAT_CLASS_COLOR = [(255, 255, 255), (0, 255, 0), (0, 222, 255), (255, 0, 0), (0, 0,
    255), (255, 0, 144), (0, 144, 255), (75, 75, 96)]
        Color associated with each output of the pre-trained categorical model

    CAT_CLASS_ORDER = ['Neutral', 'Happiness', 'Surprise', 'Sadness', 'Anger',
    'Disgust', 'Fear', 'Contempt']
        Order of the pre-trained categorical model's output

    DIM_CLASS_COLOR = [(0, 255, 0), (255, 0, 0)]
        Color associated with each output of the pre-trained dimensional model

    DIM_CLASS_ORDER = ['Arousal', 'Valence']
        Order of the pre-trained dimensional model's output
```

**DOWNLOAD\_FROM** = 'https://github.com/pablovin/FaceChannel/raw/master/src/FaceChannel/FaceChannelV1/trainedNetworks.tar.xz'

URL where the model is stored

**IMAGE\_SIZE** = (64, 64)

Image size used as input used by FaceChannelV1

**buildFaceChannel()**

This method returns a Keras model of the FaceChannelV1.rst feature extractor.

**Returns** a Keras model of the FaceChannelV1.rst feature extractor

**Return type** tensorflow model

**getCategoricalModel(*numberClasses*)**

This method returns a categorical FaceChannelV1.rst.

**Returns** a dimensional FaceChannelV1.rst

**Return type** tensorflow model

**getDimensionalModel()**

This method returns a dimensional FaceChannelV1.rst.

**Returns** a dimensional FaceChannelV1.rst

**Return type** tensorflow model

**loadModel(*modelDirectory*)**

This method returns a loaded FaceChannelV1.rst.

**Parameters** **modelDirectory** – The directory where the loaded model is.

**Returns** The loaded model as a tensorflow-keras model

**Return type** tensorflow model

**predict(*images*, *preprocess=True*)**

This method returns the prediction for one or more images.

**Parameters**

- **images** – The images as one or a list of ndarray.
- **preprocess** – If the image is already pre-processed or not. a pre-processed image has a format of (64,64,1).

**Returns** The prediction of the given image(s) as a ndarray

**Return type** ndarray

## 2.2 FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1 Image Processing Util Definition

### 2.2.1 FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1.imageProcessingUtil module

**imageProcessingUtil.py**

Image processing module used by the FaceChannelV1

**class** FaceChannel.FaceChannelV1.imageProcessingUtil.**imageProcessingUtil**

Bases: object

**currentFaceDetectionFrequency = -1**

A counter to identify which is the current frame for face detection

**detectFace**(*image*, *multiple=False*)

Detect a face using the cv2 face detector. It detects a face every “faceDetectionMaximumFrequency” frames.

**Parameters**

- **image** – ndarray with the image to be processed.
- **multiple** – allows the code to detect multiple faces in one single frame

**Returns** dets: the tuple of the position of the recognized face. using the format: startX, startY, endX, endY. A list if multiple faces are detected.

**Return type** ndarray

**Returns** face: the image of the detected face. A list if multiple faces are detected.

**Return type** ndarray

**faceDetectionMaximumFrequency = 10**

Search for a new face every x frames.

**property faceDetector**

get the cv2 face detector

**preProcess**(*image*, *imageSize=(64, 64)*)

Pre-process an image to make it ready to be used as input to the FaceChannelV1

**Parameters**

- **image** – ndarray with the image to be processed.
- **imageSize** – tuple with the final image size, default is (64x64)

**Returns** The pre-processed image

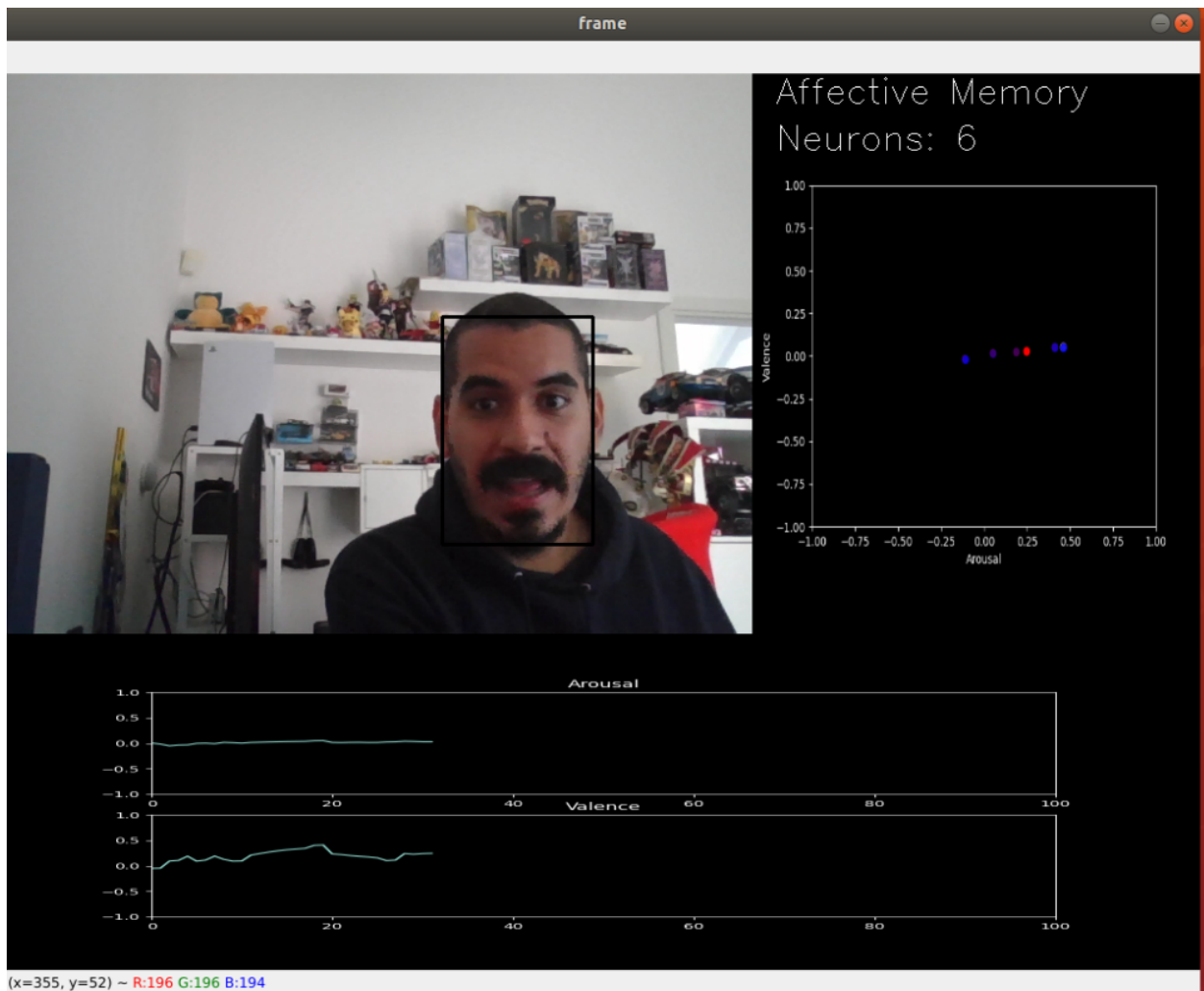
**Return type** ndarray

**previouslyDetectedface = None**

Identify if in the previous frame, a face was detected



## SELF-AFFECTIVE MEMORY



The Self-Affective Memory is an online learning model that uses the FaceChannelV1 predictions combined with a Growing-When-Required (GWR) network to produce a temporal classification of frames. It expects that each frame sent to it happens after the previously sent frame. It is able to predict arousal and valence, by reading the average of the current nodes of the GWR.

## 3.1 FaceChannel.SelfAffectiveMemory Model Definition

### 3.1.1 FaceChannel.SelfAffectiveMemory.SelfAffectiveMemory module

#### SelfAffectiveMemory.py

Self-Affective memory model.

```
class FaceChannel.SelfAffectiveMemory.SelfAffectiveMemory(numberOfEpochs=5,  
                                                         insertion-  
                                                         Thresh-  
                                                         old=0.9,  
                                                         learn-  
                                                         ingRateBMU=0.35,  
                                                         learn-  
                                                         ingRateNeigh-  
                                                         bors=0.76)
```

Bases: object

**buildAffectiveMemory**(*dataTrain*)

Method that activey builds the current affective memory

**Parameters** *dataTrain* – initial training data as an ndarray.

**getNodes**()

Method that returns all the current nodes of the affective memory :return: a tuple of nodes and ages of each node. :rtype: ndarray tuple

**insertionThreshold** = 0.9

Activation threshold for node insertion

**learningRateBMU** = 0.35

Learning rate of the best-matching unit (BMU)

**learningRateNeighbors** = 0.76

Learning rate of the BMU's topological neighbors

**numberOfEpochs** = 5

Number of traning epoches for the GWR

**predict**(*images, preprocess=False*)

**Method that predicts the current arousal and valence of a given image or set of images.** as the affective memory is an online learning method, every given frame must be temporaly subsequent to the previous ones. It relies on the FaceChannelV1 for feature extraction.

**Parameters**

- **images** – The images as one or a list of ndarray.
- **preprocess** – If the image is already pre-processed or not. a pre-processed image has a format of (64,64,1).

**Returns** The prediction of the given image(s) as a ndarray

**Return type** ndarray

**train**(*dataPointsTrain*)

Method that trains the affective memory online :param dataTrain: initial training data as an ndarray.

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