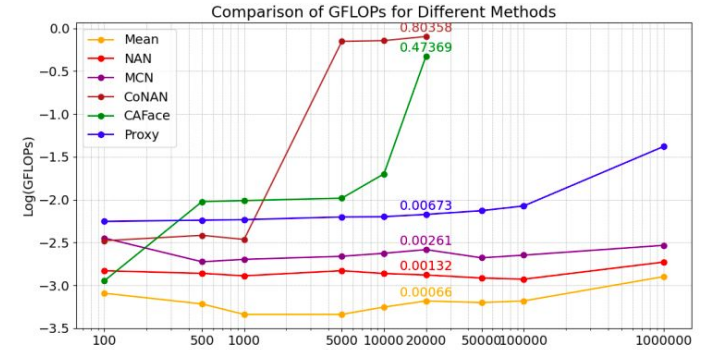
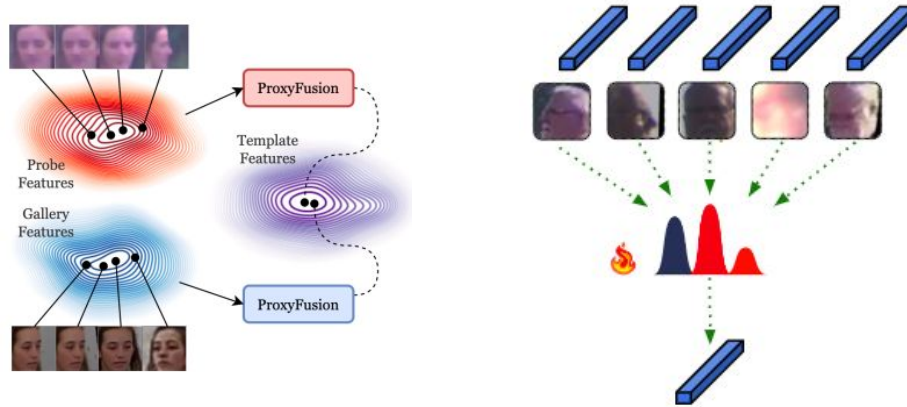


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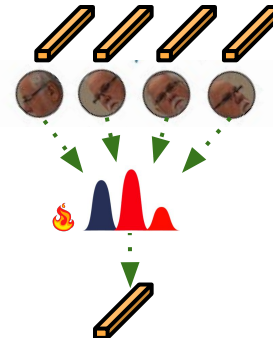
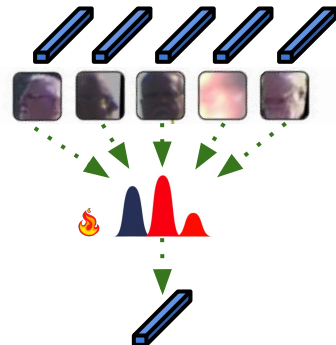
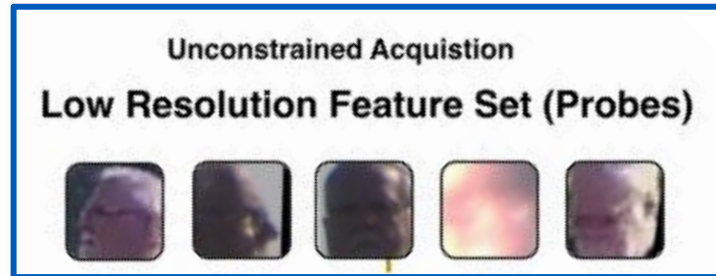
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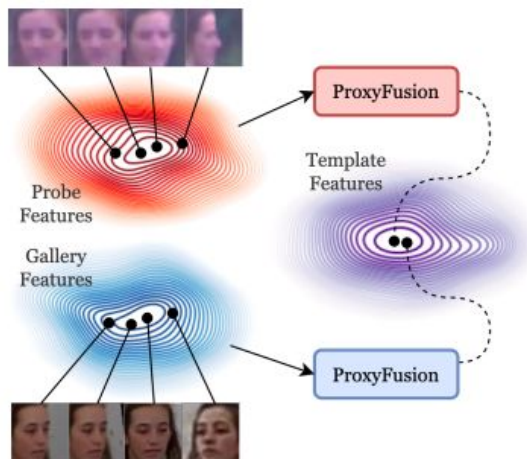
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# Face Feature Aggregation

Given a bunch of **face features**, how do you decide effective **weightages (informativeness)** to fuse these features for robust long range **face recognition**?



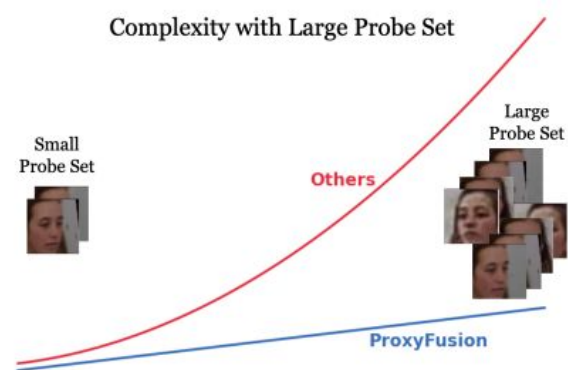
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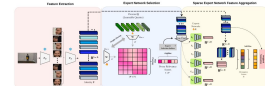
	Linear Complexity	Compatible with Legacy Templates	Cross-Domain Matching
Recurrent Methods [e.g. MARN]	✓	✗	✗
Intra-set Attention [e.g. CoNAN, RSA]	✗	✓	✓
Style Based Methods [e.g. CAFE, PFE]	✗	✗	✓
Metadata Approaches [e.g. TADPool, MFAN]	✗	✗	✗
ProxyFusion (Ours)	✓	✓	✓

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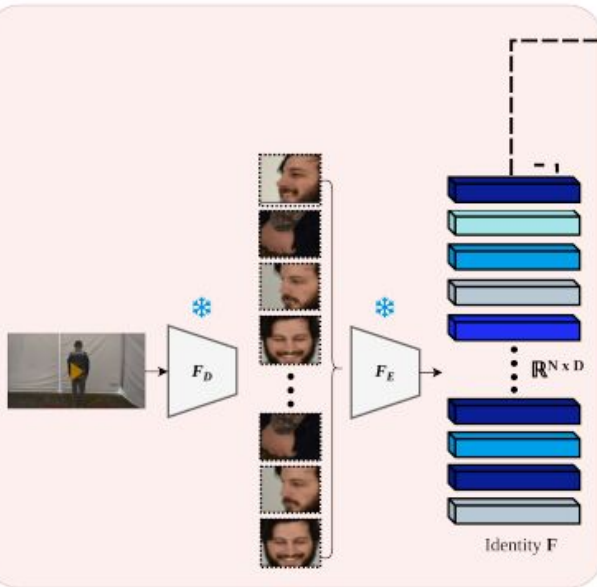


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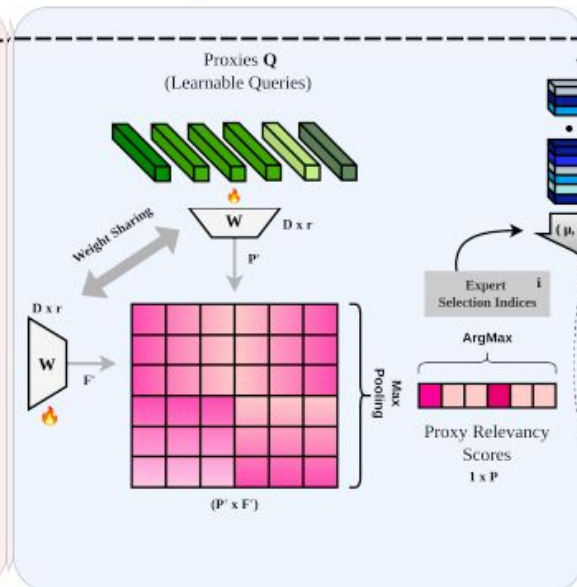
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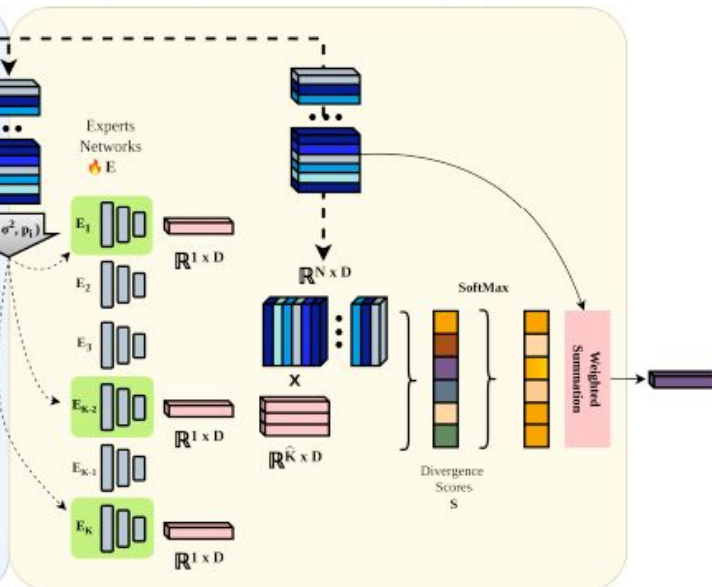
## Feature Extraction



## Expert Network Selection



## Sparse Expert Network Feature Aggregation



Stage 1

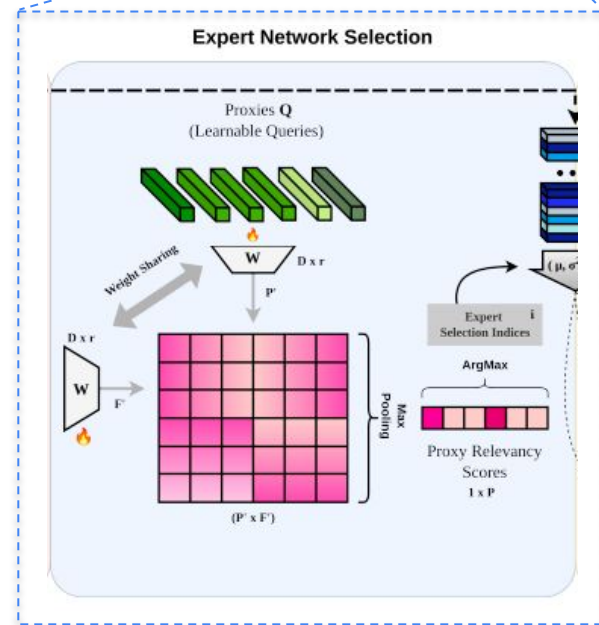
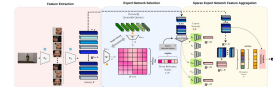
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# Expert Network Selection

- **Learnable proxies** for latent facial attributes
- Proxy **relevancy scores** to sparsely activate expert networks

$$r_j = \sum_{i=1}^N (p'_j \cdot f'_i)$$

- Compute **Top-K** Indices using proxy relevancy scores
- **Activate** the relevant experts



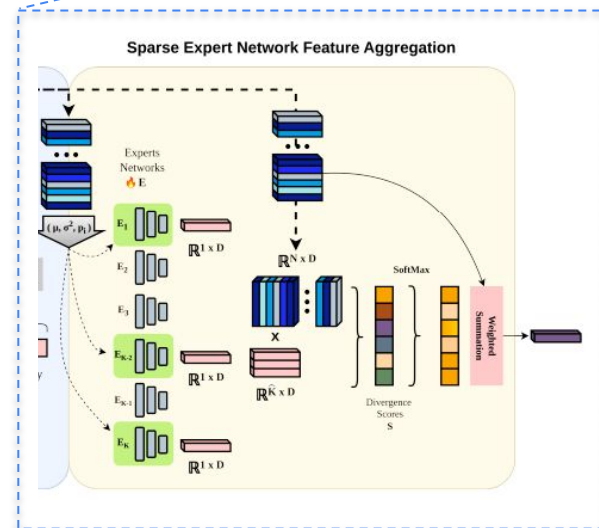
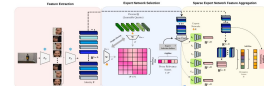
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- **Aggregation** through selected experts
- Experts conditioned on of **mean, variance, and proxies**

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- The outputs of the expert networks - **set-centers**
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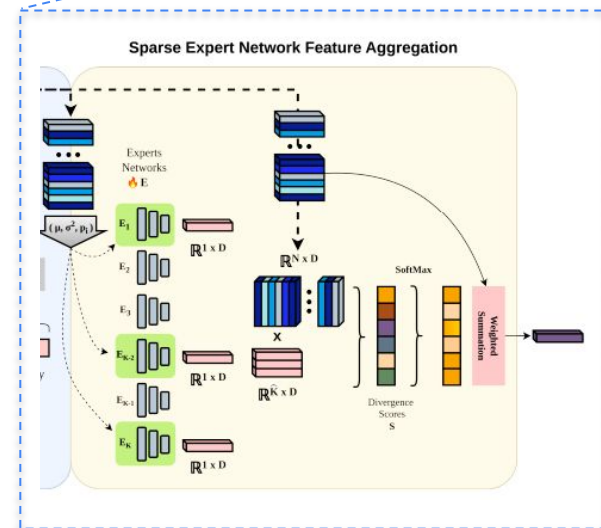
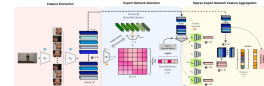
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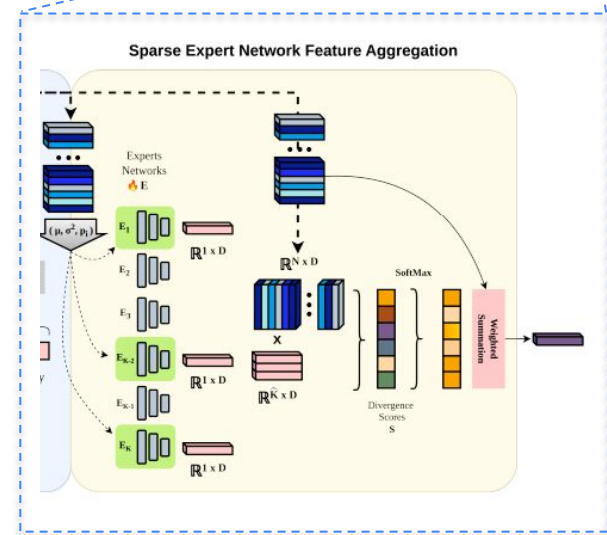
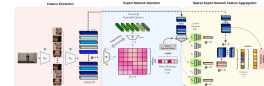
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# Optimization

- **Supervised contrastive loss** for identity matching

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{id}} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}} \frac{-1}{|\mathcal{P}(i)|} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}(i)} \ln \frac{\exp(\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{t}_p^\top / \tau)}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}(i)} \exp(\mathbf{t}_i \cdot \mathbf{t}_j / \tau)}$$

- **Proxy loss** for decorrelation and diversity
  - K uniformly spaced equidistant vectors on the unit hypersphere

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \left( \mathbf{e}_i - \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_j \right) \sqrt{\frac{d}{d-1}},$$

$$L_{\text{Proxy}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \left[ \ln(1 + \exp(-\alpha(s_{ii} - \lambda))) + \frac{1}{|K-1|} \sum_{\substack{k \in K \\ k \neq i}} \ln(1 + \exp(\beta(s_{ik} - \lambda))) \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{ID}} + \gamma \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{Proxy}},$$

# Datasets

## Training:

1. BRIAR Research Set 3 (BRS 3)
2. WebFace 4M

## Evaluation:

1. BTS 3.1
2. DroneSURF

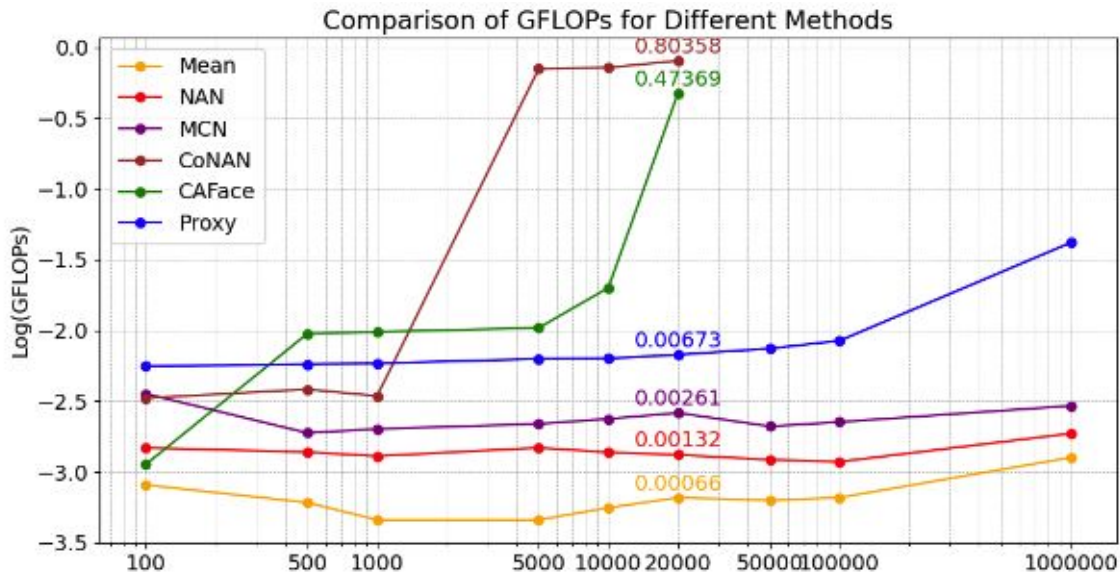
Dataset	Subjects/Identities	Media
BRS 3	170	49,429 clips/images: - 20,780 field clips
WebFace 4M	10,000	813,482 images
BTS 3.1	260 (treatment) 256 (control)	- 5,822 treatment probe videos - 1,914 control probe videos
DroneSURF	58 (34 training/validation, 24 test)	200 videos, 411,000 frames, 786,000+ face annotations

# Comparison To SoTA

Verification Performance (TAR (%) @FAR=%) for face included treatment and control protocols of the BTS 3.1 dataset.

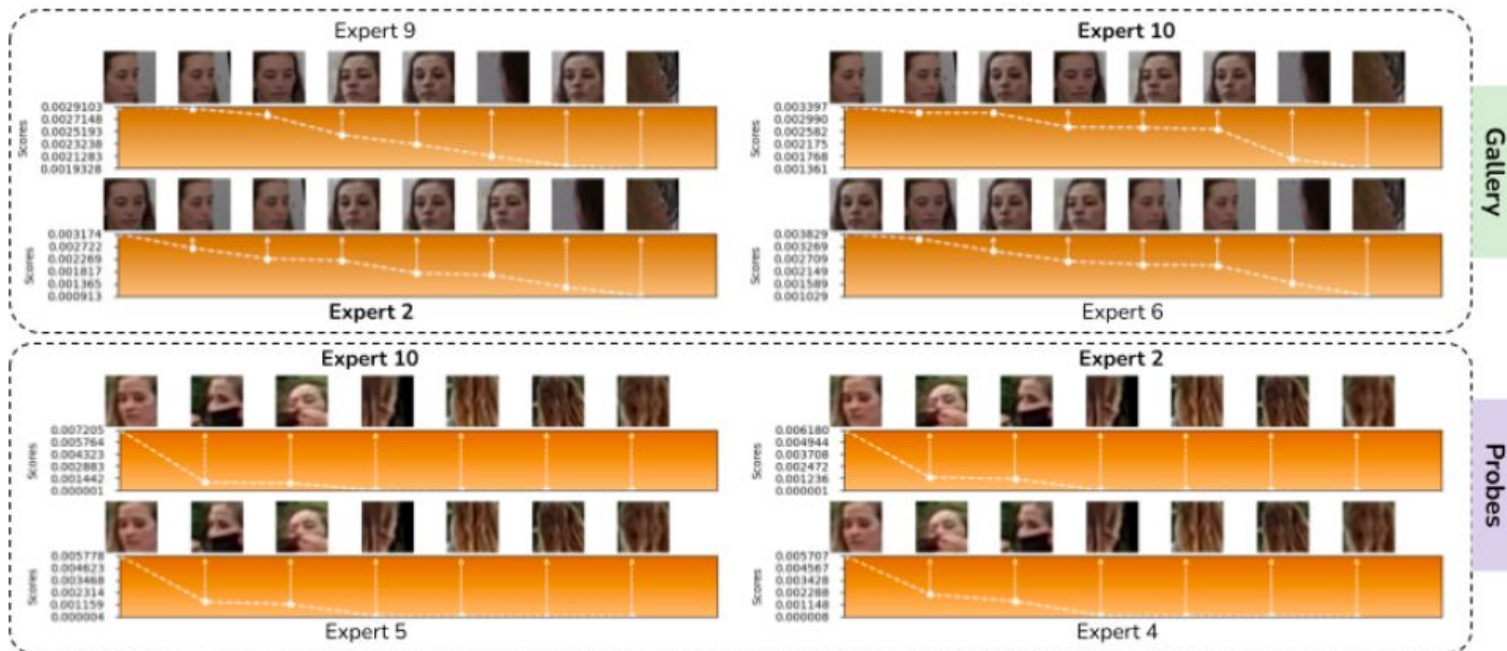
			Face Included Treatment				Face Included Control			
	Feature	Dataset	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$
GAP [11]	Adaface [8]	Briar	76.6	58.4	43.3	32.1	98.5	94.6	88.9	81.2
NAN [20]	Adaface [8]	Briar	78.5	61.2	46.8	33.4	98.5	95.3	89.3	84.8
MCN [19]	Adaface [8]	Briar	79.4	62.9	47.3	35.9	98.5	95.9	90.7	85.7
CoNAN [5]	Adaface [8]	Briar	81.3	64.3	49.6	36.8	98.6	96.2	91.8	86.1
ProxyFusion	Adaface [8]	Briar	<b>83.7</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>88.3</b>

# Inference Time



Time complexity comparison of ProxyFusion approach against SoTA. On the Y-axis we plot the Log of GFLOPs with base 10, and X axis is the number of features in the feature set N

# Visualizing Learned Weights



## More Information

Codebase is available at: <https://github.com/bhavinjawade/ProxyFusion>

Project Page: [https://bhavinjawade.github.io/proxyfusion\\_ub/](https://bhavinjawade.github.io/proxyfusion_ub/)

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