



Multimodal Approach for Novelty Aware Emotion Recognition with Situational Knowledge

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Agenda

Background and Motivation

**Contribution 1: SAFER (Emotion
Recognition From Face)**

**Contribution 2: EMERSK
(Multimodal Emotion Recognition)**

**Contribution 3: CoNERS (Novelty
Aware Emotion Recognition)**

Question & Answer

Background and Motivation

The USA: in a mental health crisis

How can we help??

Mental health: influences gun violence, school shooting, suicide etc.

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- Purdue track and field
- Northern Light



The New York Times

'It's Life or Death': The Mental Health Crisis Among U.S. Teens

What the Florida school shooting reveals about the gaps in our mental health system - Los Angeles Times

Background and Motivation

- ❑ **Close relation between emotion and mental health**
- ❑ **Changes in emotions over time used for:**
 - Trigger identification
 - Early sign of instability
 - Preventive steps
- ❑ **Our idea of help:**
 - Automated emotion recognition which can be used for:
 - Automated monitoring
 - Advance warning
 - Alarm triggering

Emotion Indicators

Emotions can be conveyed through both visual and non-visual indicators.

Visual

- ☐ Facial expression
- ☐ Posture
- ☐ Gait

Non-visual

- ☐ Speech
- ☐ Text
- ☐ Brain scan



Challenges in Emotion Recognition



Accuracy

- ☐ Providing high accuracy in emotion recognition
- ☐ Most focused area

Explainability

- ☐ Giving transparent explanations of the results
- ☐ Lack of focus

Novelty Handling

- ☐ Detecting and adapting to novel situations
- ☐ Lack of focus

Existing Works

Face Based

☐ Heavily focused on facial emotion recognition (FER)

Unimodal/Bimodal

☐ Use only one or two modes

Not Explainable

☐ Not focused on explainable output

Novelty

☐ Not designed to handle novelty

Contributions



SAFER: Improved facial emotion recognition

EMERSK: Explainable multimodal emotion recognition

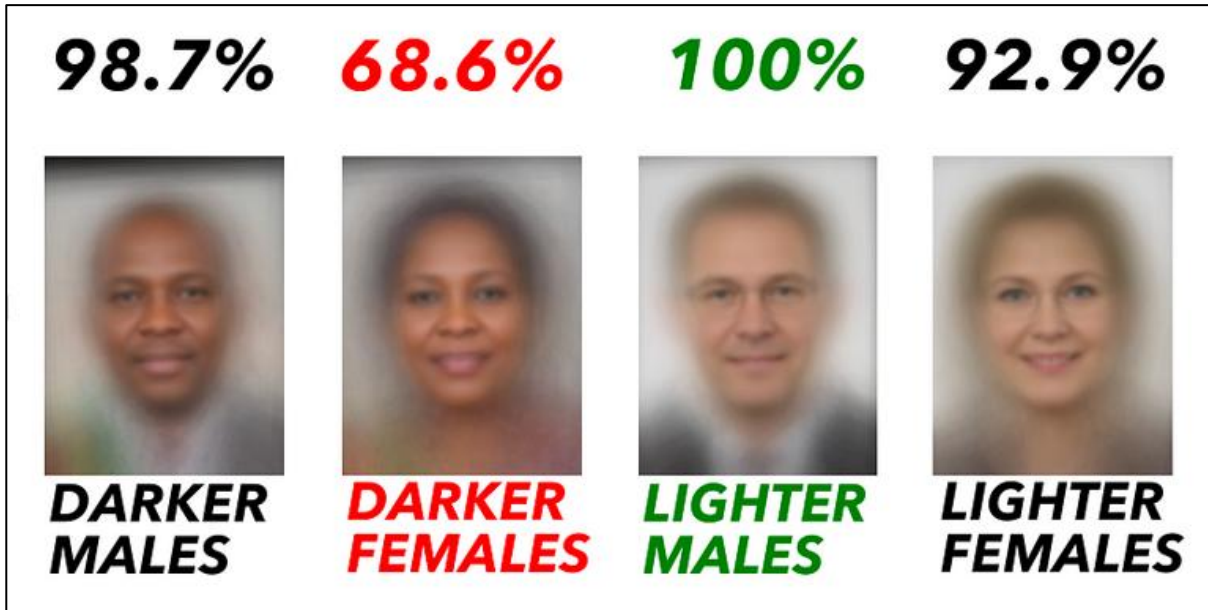
CoNERS: Novelty detection and handling

SAFER: Situation Aware Facial Emotion Recognition

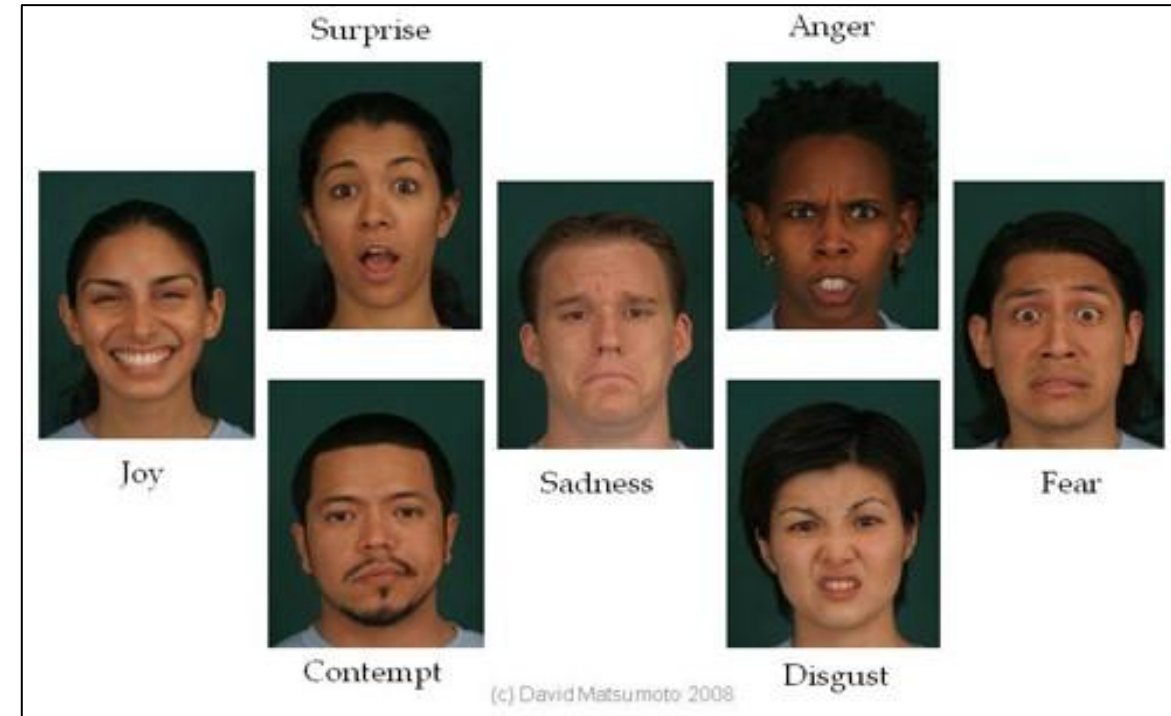


Problem Statement

- ❑ Face: important medium of emotion
- ❑ Subject to bias: need generalization



Bias in Amazon AI gender classification



Facial expression of emotions

Can we improve the facial emotion recognition?

SAFER Architecture



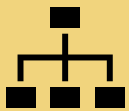
Face feature extraction



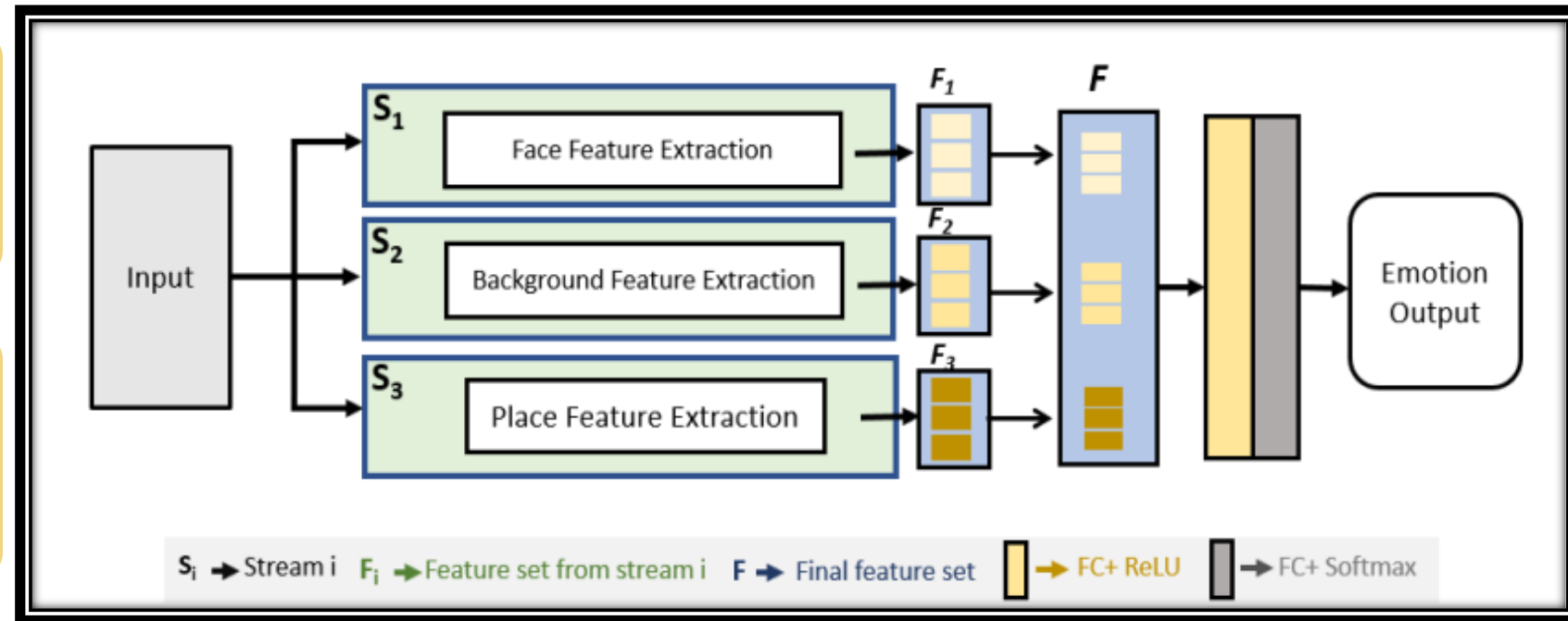
Background feature extraction



Place feature extraction



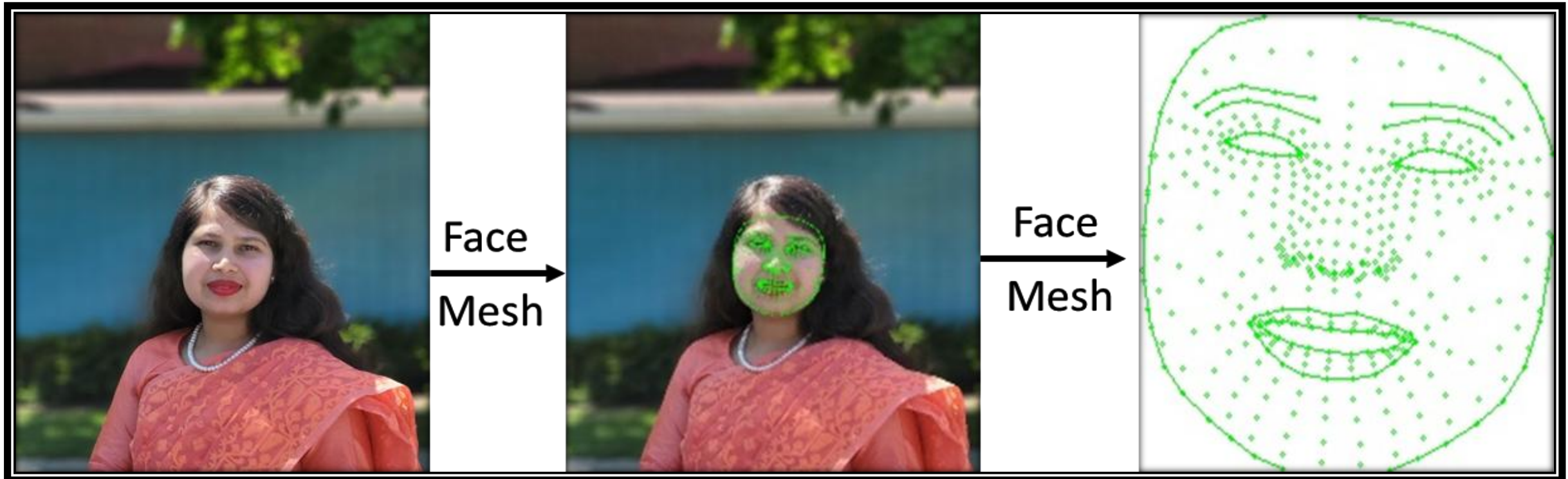
Classification network



Face Feature Extraction: Face Detection

BlazeFace [11] for
face detection

- ❑ Identifies key points
- ❑ Generates face mesh



Face detection

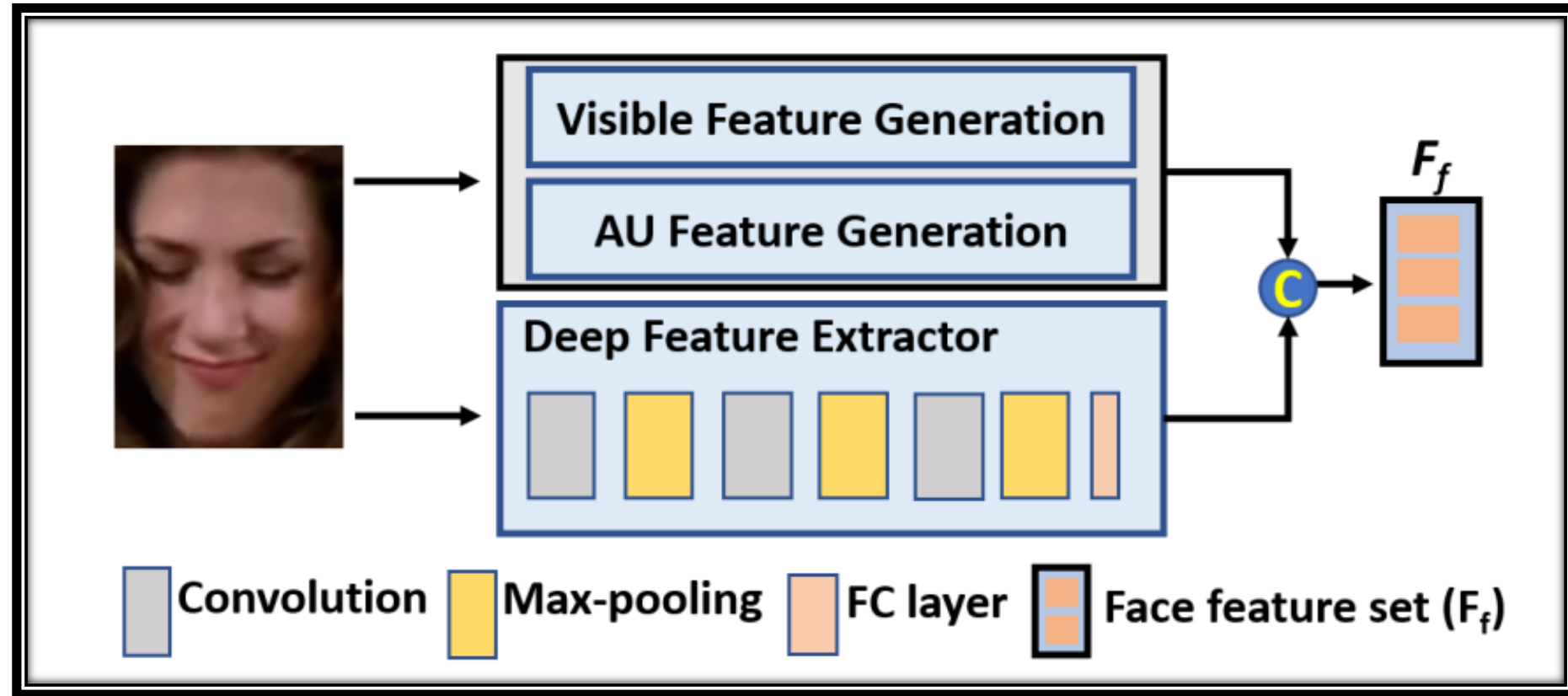
Face Feature Extraction: Feature Types

Face Feature Types

Action unit (AU) features

Visible features

Deep features



Face feature extraction module

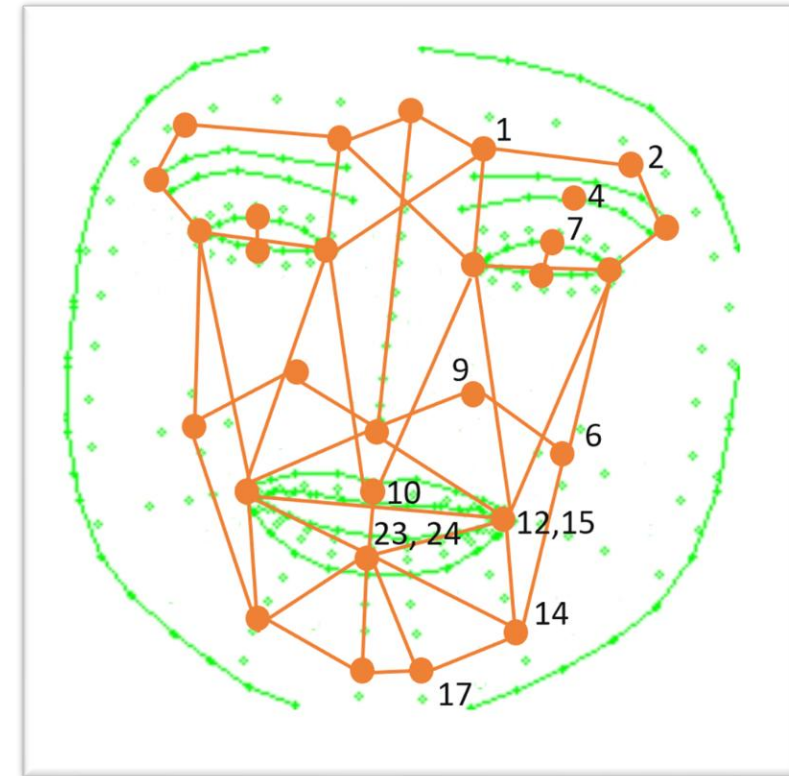
Face Feature Extraction: Action Unit (AU) Features

- ❑ **AUs:** set of face muscles that corresponds to specific expressions
- ❑ **BlazePose:** computer vision model used to detect the centers of the AUs

AU ID	AU Name	Points
1	Inner brow raiser	Above inner brow
6	Cheek raiser	At cheek center
24	Lip pressor	Bottom lip center



Action units for “Sadness”



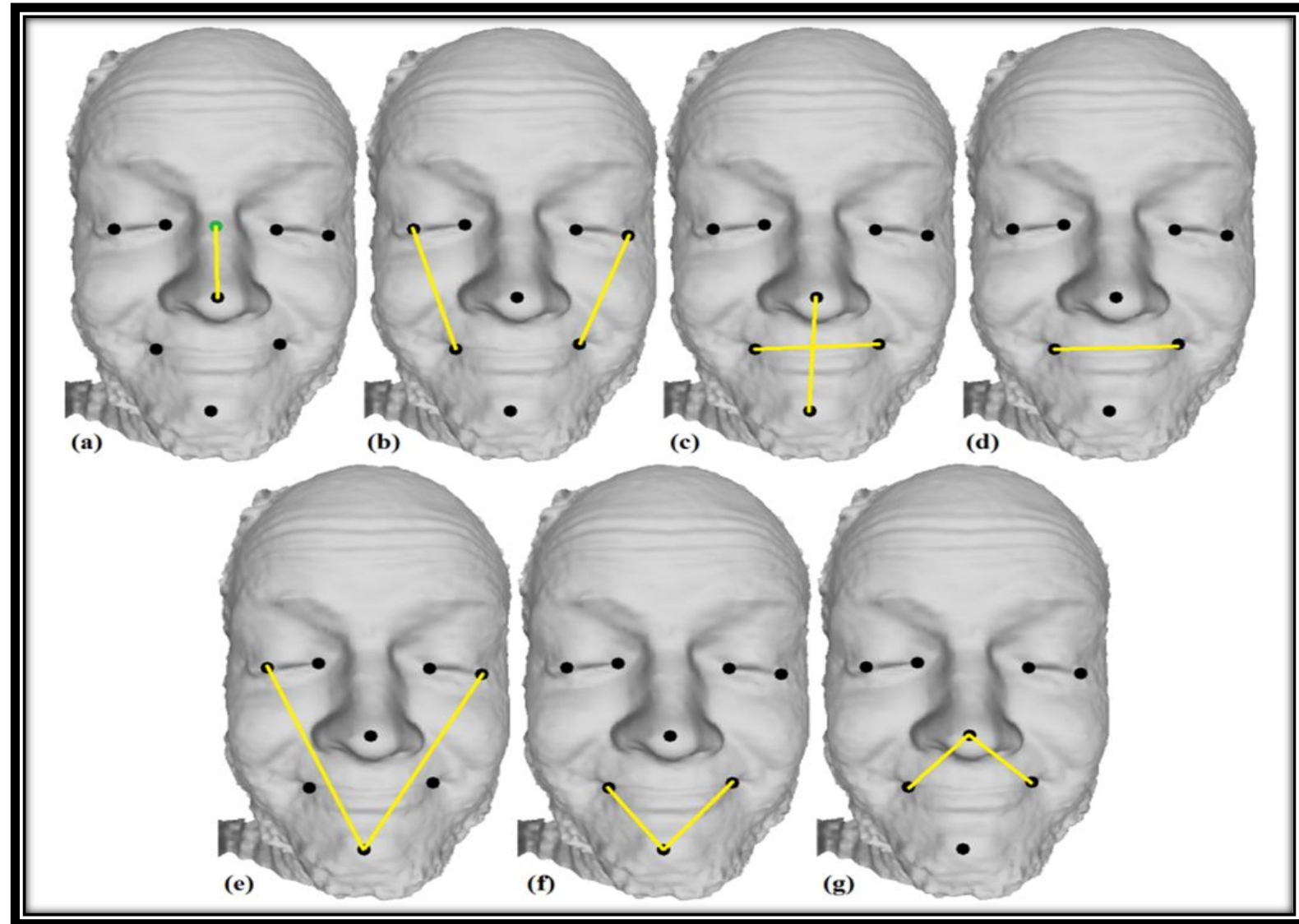
Action unit features generation

Face Feature Extraction: Visible Features

Visible features

- ❑ Reflect physical changes of face parts with emotion
- ❑ Measure as width, distance and angle

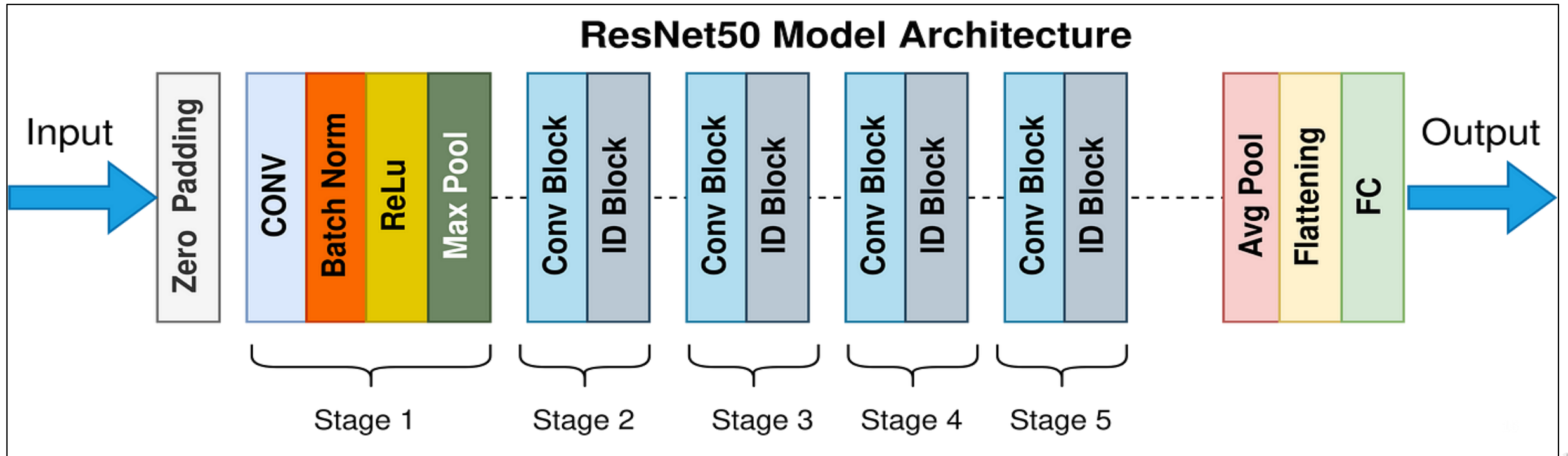
Feature type	Description
Width	Left eye
Distance	Left and right eyes
Angle	Left eye with right eye and mouth



Visible features

Face Feature Extraction: Deep Features

- ❑ **Deep features:** representations from the deeper layers of a CNN
- ❑ **Transfer learning:**
 - Knowledge gained in one task applied to improve the performance of a related but different task
 - Resnet-50 pre-trained on ImageNet dataset (14 million samples)

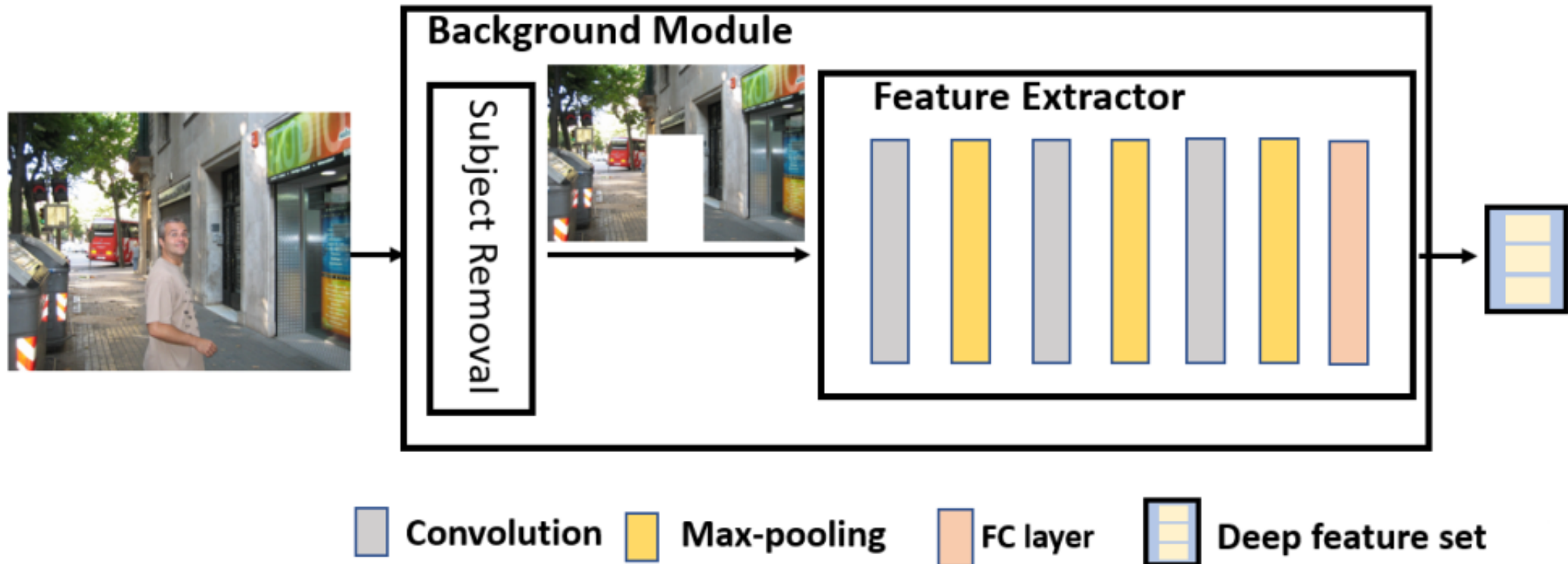


Background Feature Extraction

❑ **Background:** source of important contextual information

❑ **Process:**

- subject removal
- convolutional feature extractor



Place Feature Extraction

- ❑ **Places are associated with emotion:**
 - garden: happiness, cemetery: sadness
- ❑ **Provides additional information in emotion recognition and explanation generation**
- ❑ **Pre-trained Model**
 - AlexNet
- ❑ **Place dataset [23]**
 - 10 million labeled images
 - 205 place categories



Place category: “Bedroom”

Evaluation Setup

❑ PC:

- 2.6 GHz 20 Cores Intel Xeon CPU
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❑ Dataset preparation

- Split into training, validation and test sets in an 80:10:10 ratio
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❑ Evaluation Metrics

- Accuracy (%): $\frac{\text{\#samples correctly predicted}}{\text{\#total samples}} \times 100$

Evaluation Setup: Related Works

Name	Method	Limitations
Wen et al. [34]	Ensemble CNN	Low accuracy
Dhankar et al. [17]	ResNet-50	Low accuracy
Renda et al. [35]	Ensemble CNN	Low accuracy
Gan et al. [16]	Soft Label boosting+ ECNN	Not emphasized on all face points
A-C [18]	Adaptive correlation-based loss	Orthogonal work
Lee et al. [6]	Two stream architecture with adaptive fusion	Not well generalized as mainly focused on CAER-S dataset
Kosti et al. [5]	Dual stream CNN	Not well generalized as mainly focused on EMOTIC dataset
Li et al. [33]	Relational region-level analysis with Body-Object and Body-Part attention+ GCN	Accuracy can be improved

Evaluation Setup: Dataset

FER-2013:
3.2K posed
images

CK+: 593
posed and
spontaneous
videos

AffectNets:
450K
spontaneous
image

CAER-S: 70K
image from
TV shows

RAF-DB: 30K
diverse face
images

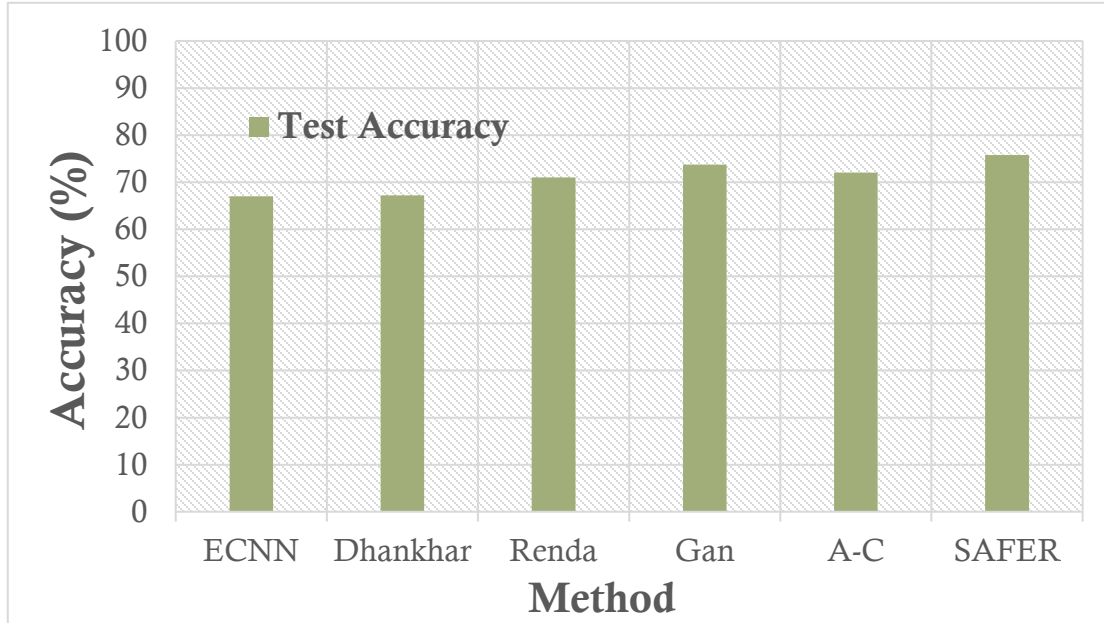
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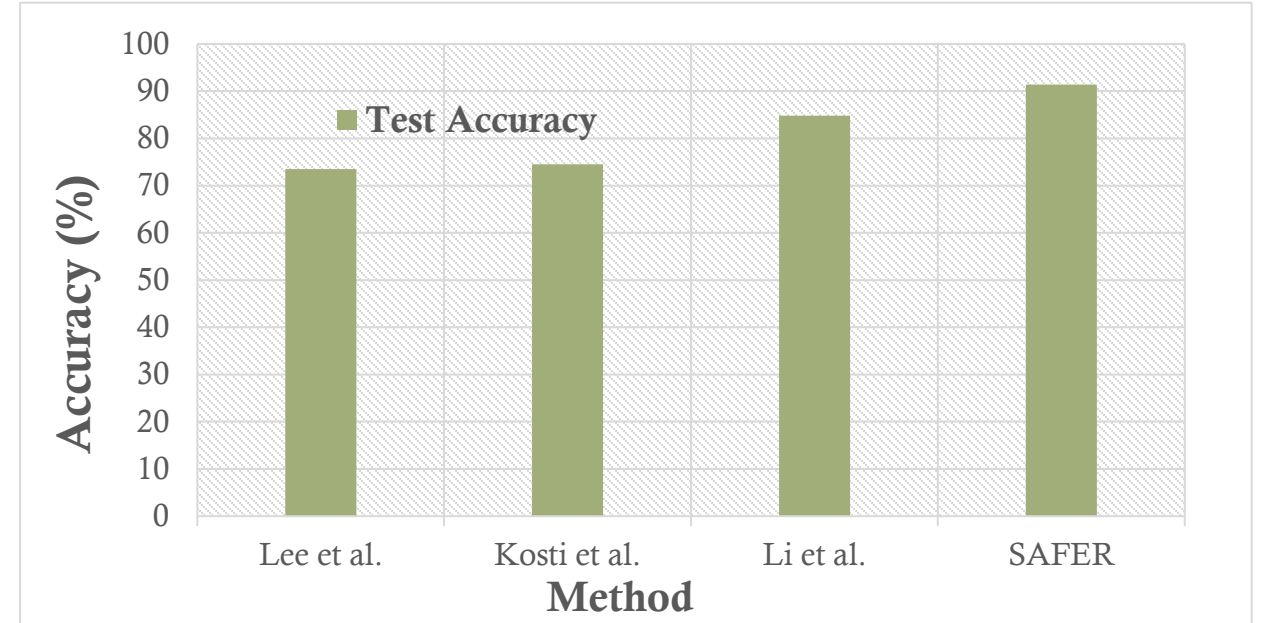
Sample images from the datasets

Experimental Results and Findings

Research question: Does safer improve accuracy?



Results on FER-2013



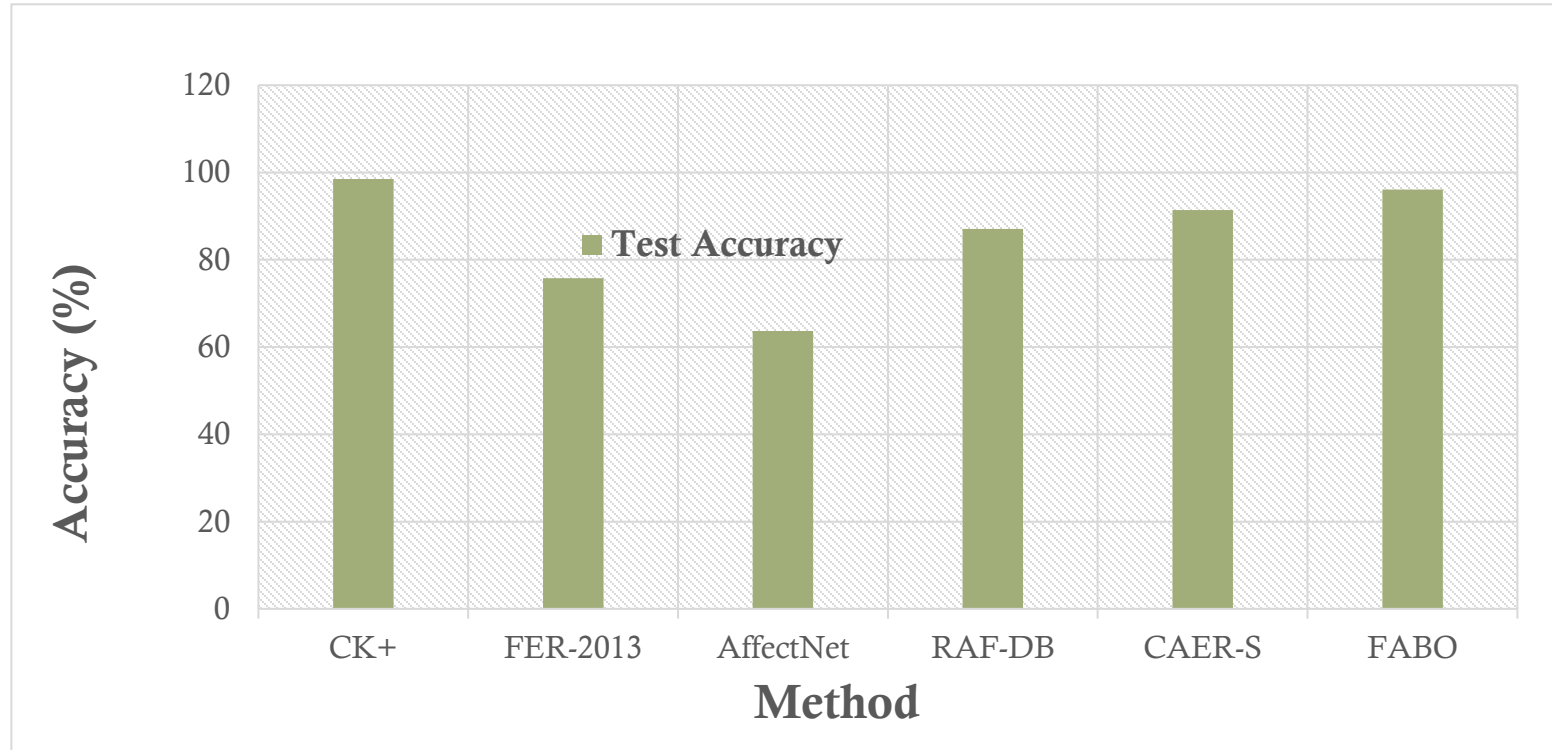
Results on CAER-S

- ❑ X axis: Name of the method ; Y axis: Accuracy reported by them in the dataset
- ❑ The higher the bar, the better!

Findings: SAFER improves accuracy and outperforms state-of-the-art methods.

Experimental Results and Findings

Research question: Does Safer Generalizes Result?



Results on various FER datasets

Findings: SAFER shows high accuracy in all six datasets which proves good generalization.

Experimental Results and Findings

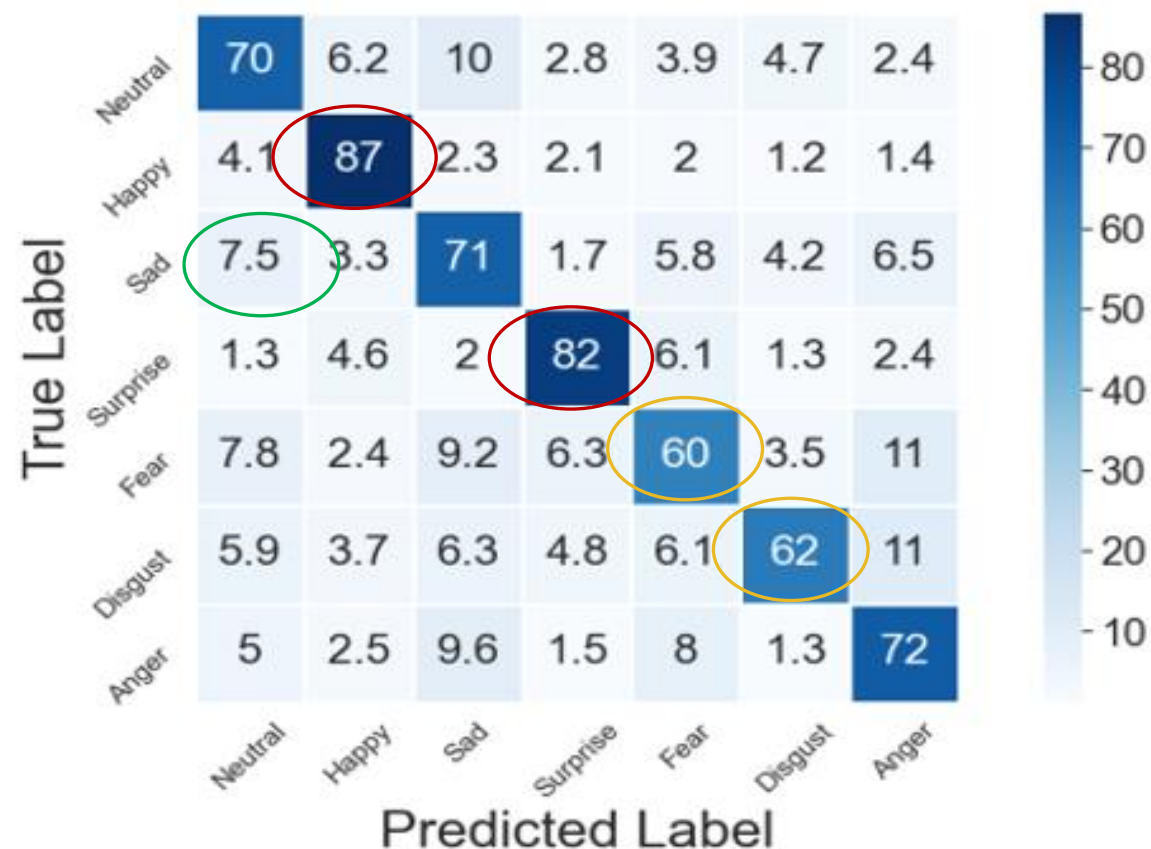
Research question: Which emotions are easy, and which are difficult to identify

Effect of sample numbers

- ❑ Lower sample number, underfitting
- ❑ 'Happiness': High accuracy, 'Disgust': Low accuracy
- ❑ 'Happiness': 7000 samples, 'Disgust': 436 samples

Effect of related classes

- ❑ Share some of the facial expressions
- ❑ 'Disgust' and 'Anger', 'Sad' and 'Neutral'
- ❑ Misclassified for each other



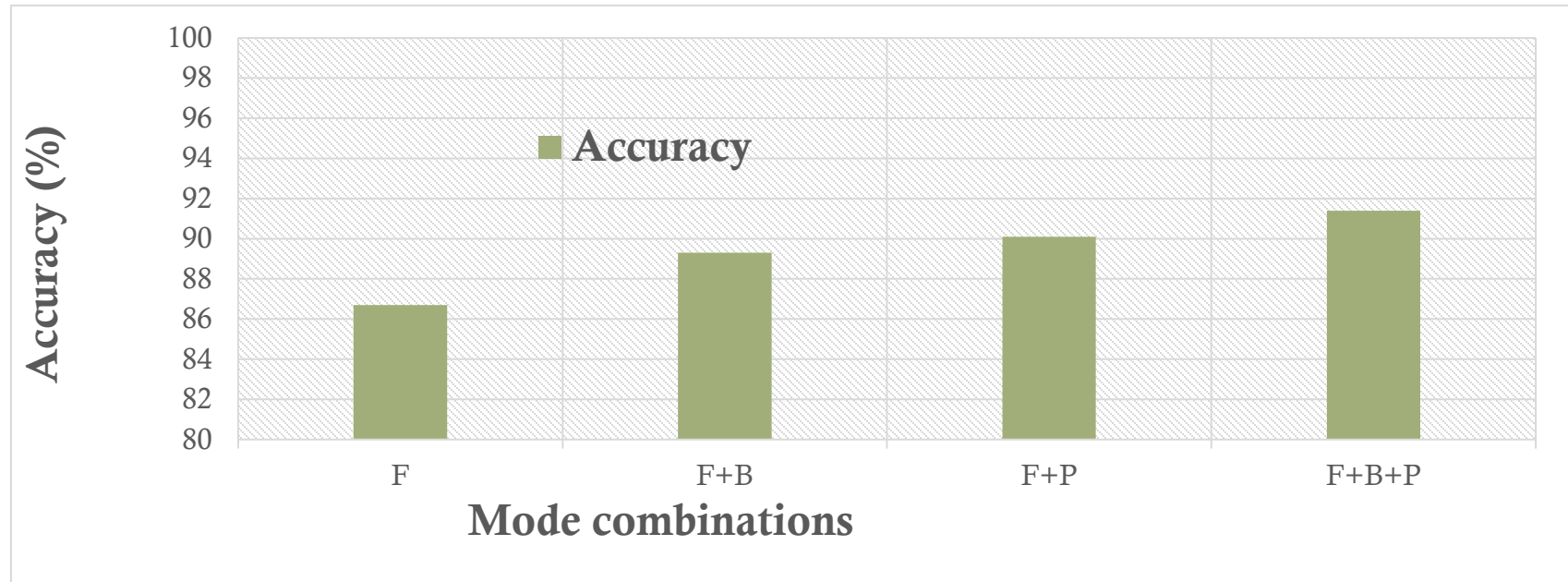
Confusion Matrix on FER-2013

Findings: Unbalanced classes and shared facial expressions degrade performance.

Ablation Study

Research question: Which combination offers best results

F: Face
B: Background
P: Place



Experiments on CAER-S dataset

Findings: Best result is achieved when F,B and P are combined.

Issues with Current Datasets

❑ Bias:

- gender and racial

❑ Quality concern

❑ No face mask

Gender bias in
FER-2013

Class	Sample with male subject
Anger	70%
Happy	60%



Example of bad samples

Proposed Dataset

Research question: How can we improve the FER training?

A new dataset-

- ☐ **Seven emotion classes**
 - **Balanced**
 - **3000+ sample each**
- ☐ **Gender and ethnically diverse**
- ☐ **Section for masked sample**

Research Contribution of SAFER

A novel face feature extraction module

A novel facial emotion recognition system with background and place features

A detailed evaluation framework to prove the high accuracy and generalizability

A novel dataset for FER with masked subjects

Contributions



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EMERSK: Explainable multimodal emotion recognition

CoNERS: Novelty detection and handling

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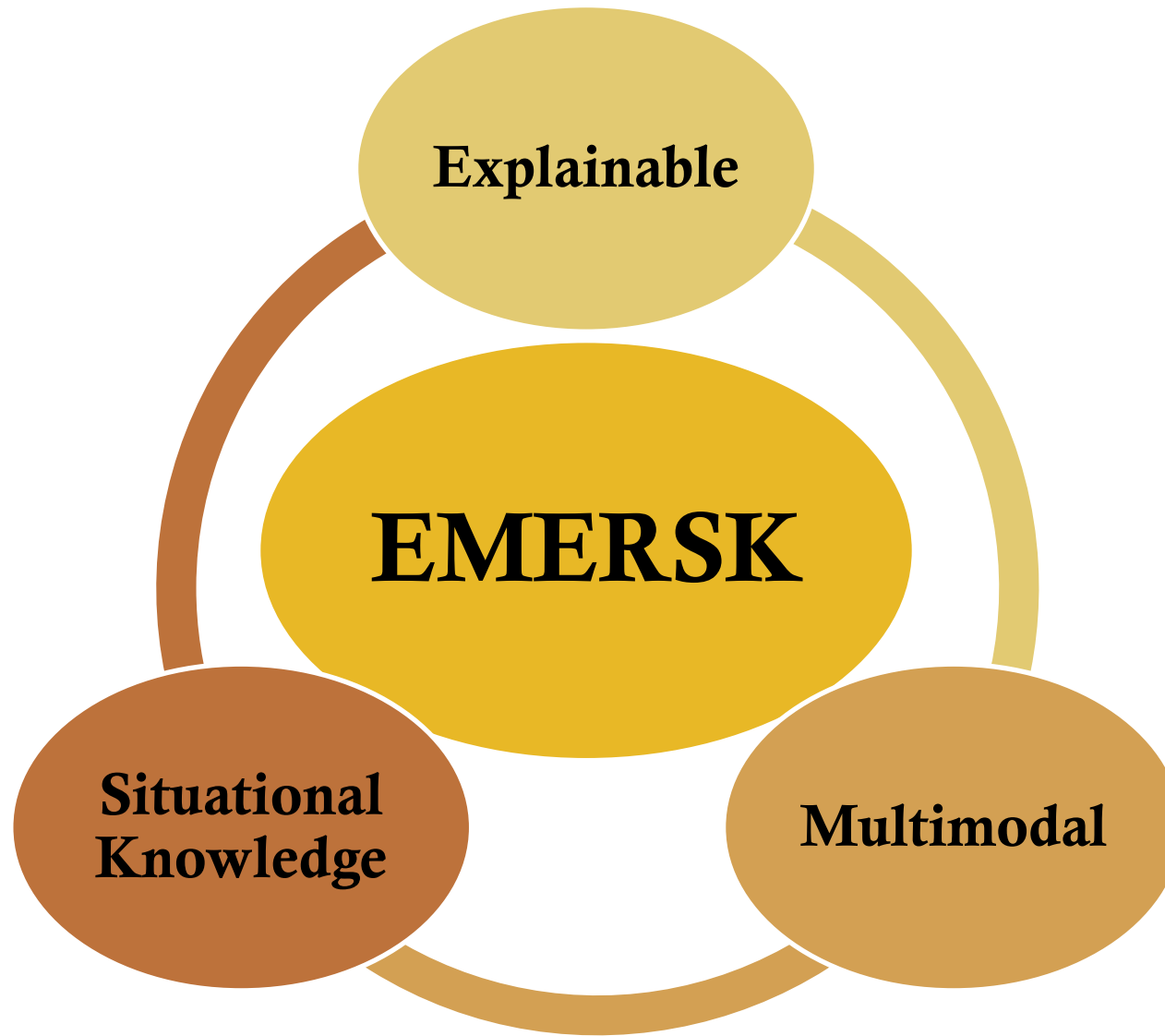
Issues with
the facial
expression

- Face covering
- Intentional misleading



Use of multiple modalities can help!!

EMERSK



EMERSK: Architecture



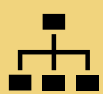
Facial Module



Posture Module



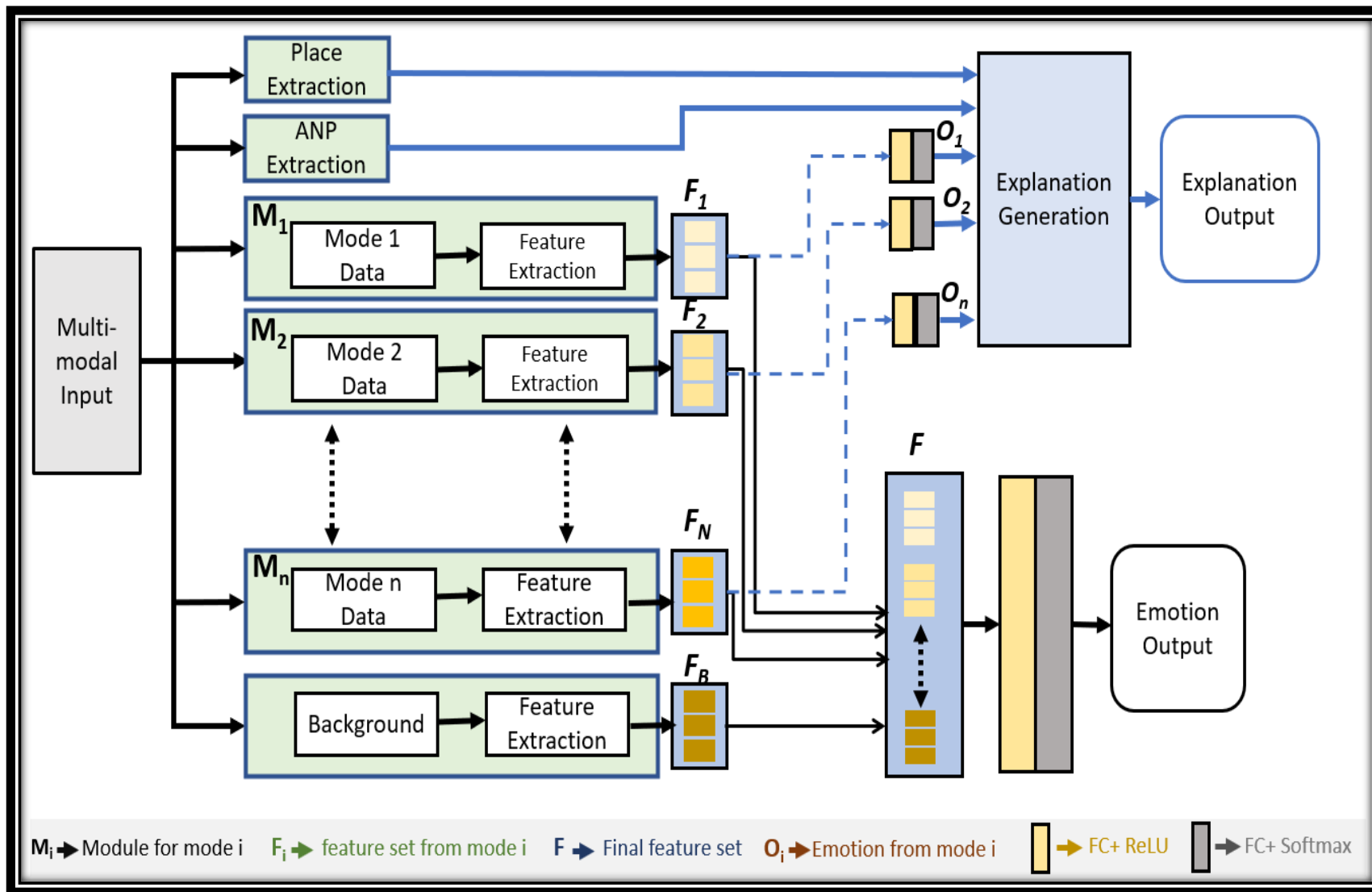
Gait Module



Background Modul



Explanation Module

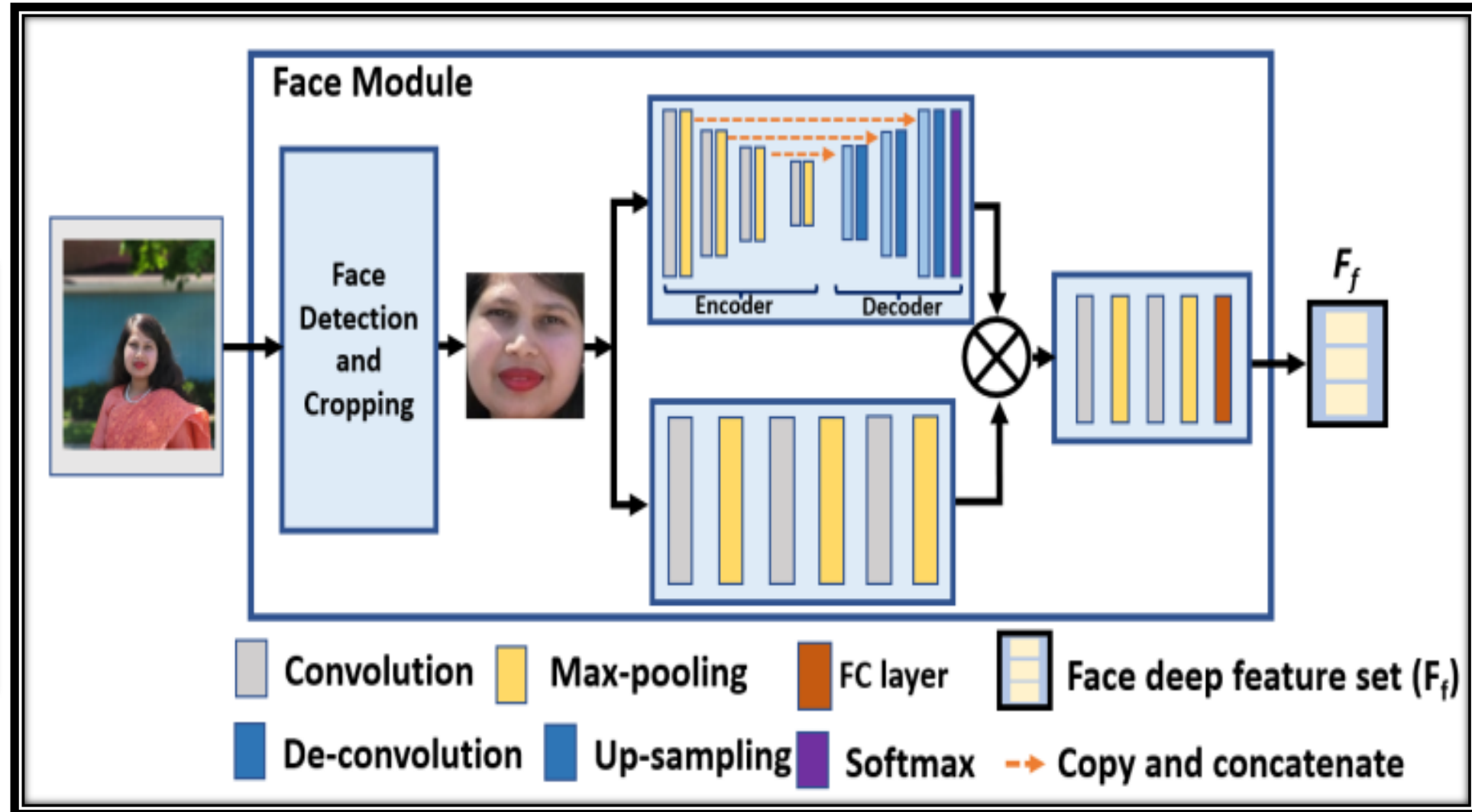


Face Module

Two-stream
architecture

CNN

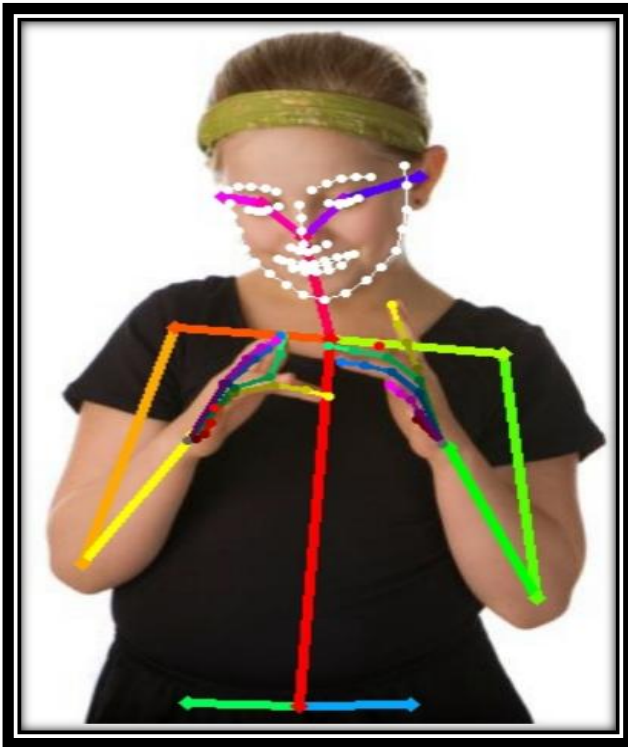
Attention
based
encoder-
decoder
network



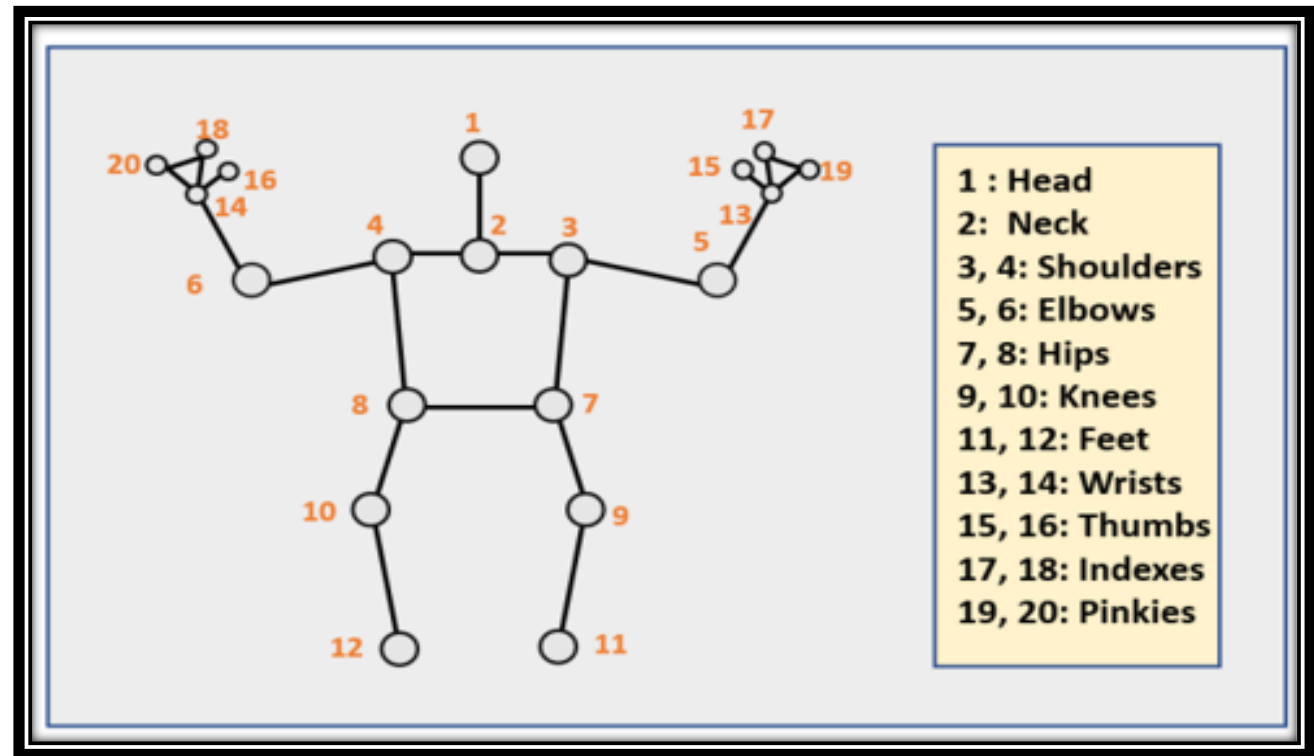
Posture Module

Body modeling
and posture
detection

- ❑ Kinematic representation of human body
 - Collection of joints
- ❑ BlazePose for body point detection



Posture example



Body points

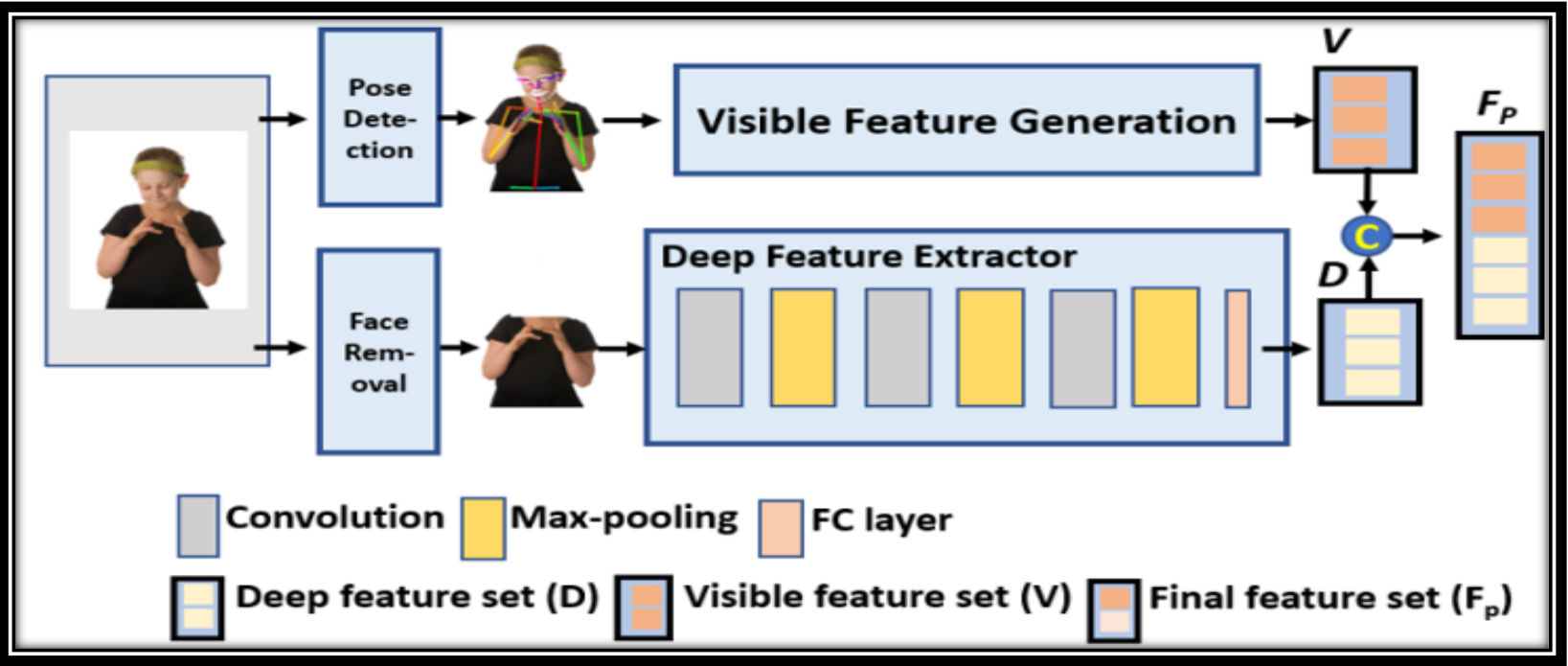
Posture Module

Visible feature generation

- Calculated from the body points in the form of distance, angle, area etc.

Deep feature generation

- Deep representation using convolutional network



Visible feature Type

Description

Angle

At neck by both shoulders

Distance

Between right hand and hips joint

Area

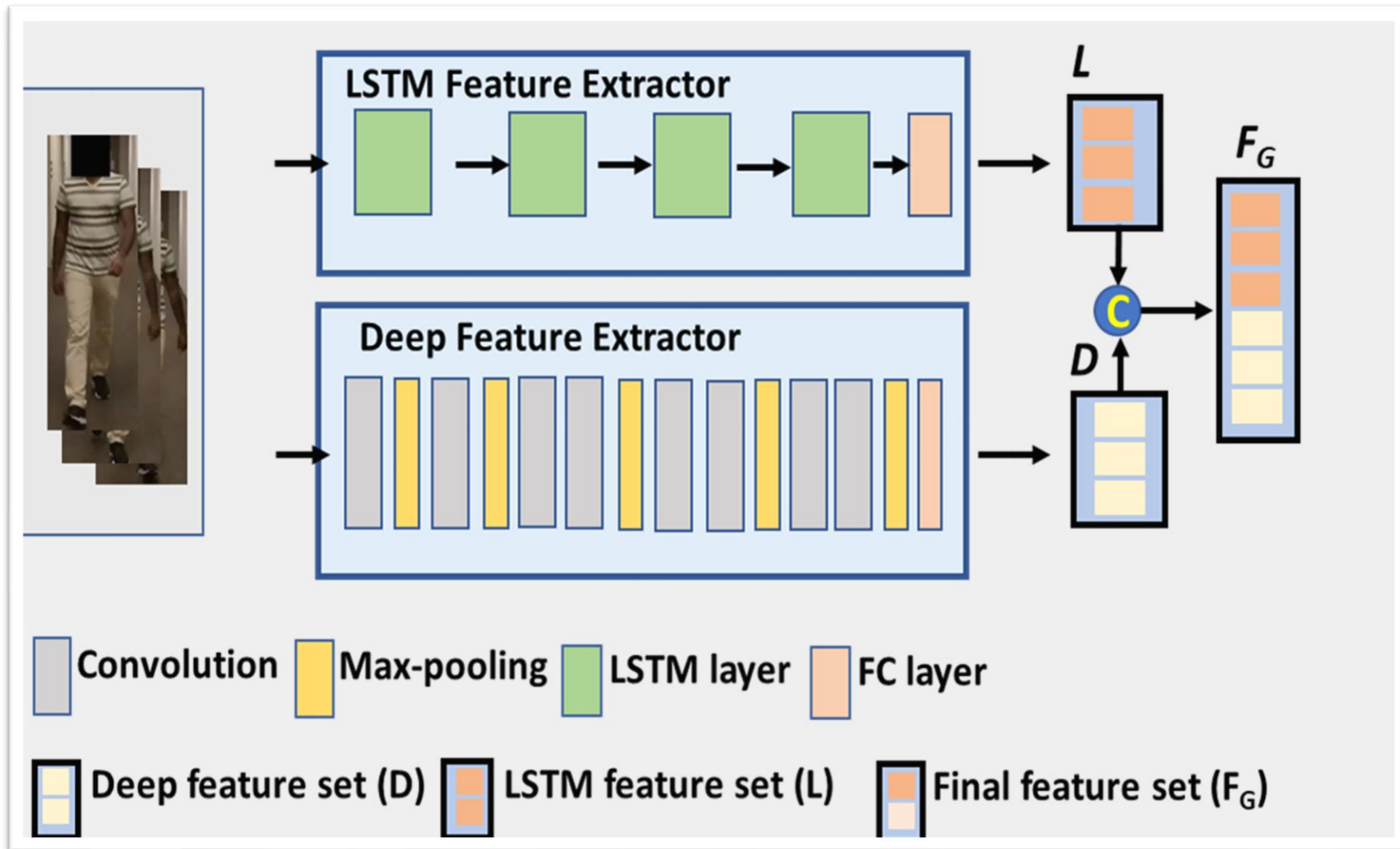
Triangle between both hands and neck

Gait Module

Two-stream architecture

Upper
stream:
LSTM

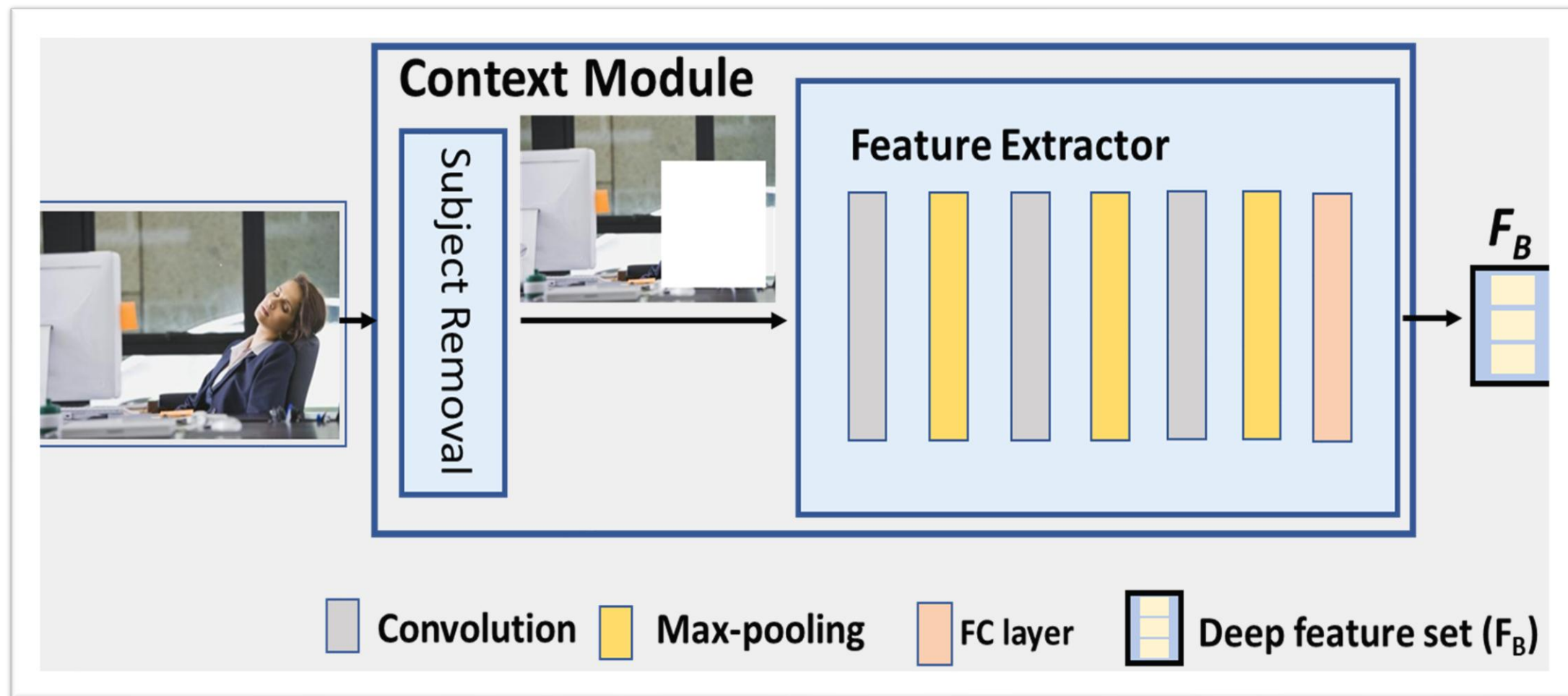
Lower
stream:
3D CNN



Background Module

Subject removal

Deep feature extraction



Place Module

Place
dataset

Pre-
trained
AlexNet



Place category: “Bedroom”

Adjective-Noun Pair (ANP) Module

**SentiBank
2.0: CNN
based ANP
classifier**

**Trained on
one million
images from
Flickr**

Emotion	Top ANPs
joy	happy smile, innocent smile, happy christmas
trust	christian faith, rich history, nutritious food
fear	dangerous road, scary spider, scary ghost
surprise	pleasant surprise, nice surprise, precious gift
sadness	sad goodbye, sad scene, sad eyes
disgust	nasty bugs, dirty feet, ugly bug
anger	angry bull, angry chicken, angry eyes
anticipation	magical garden, tame bird, curious bird



Colorful butterfly



Crying baby

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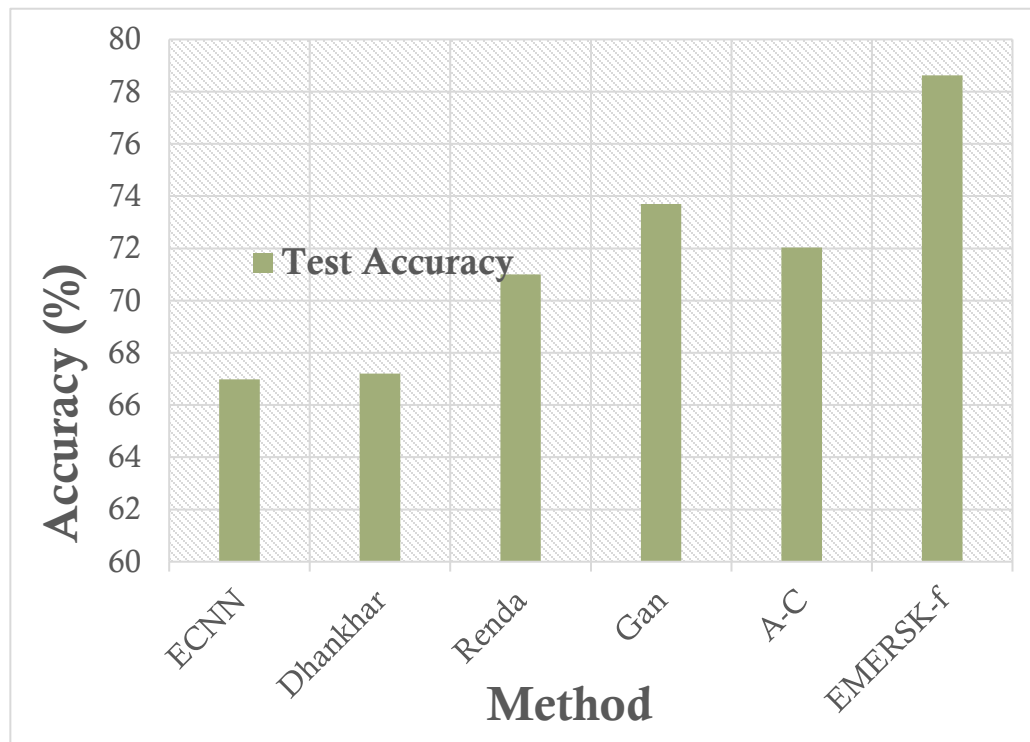
- Accuracy (%): $\frac{\text{\#samples correctly predicted}}{\text{\#total samples}} \times 100$

Evaluation Setup: Similar Works

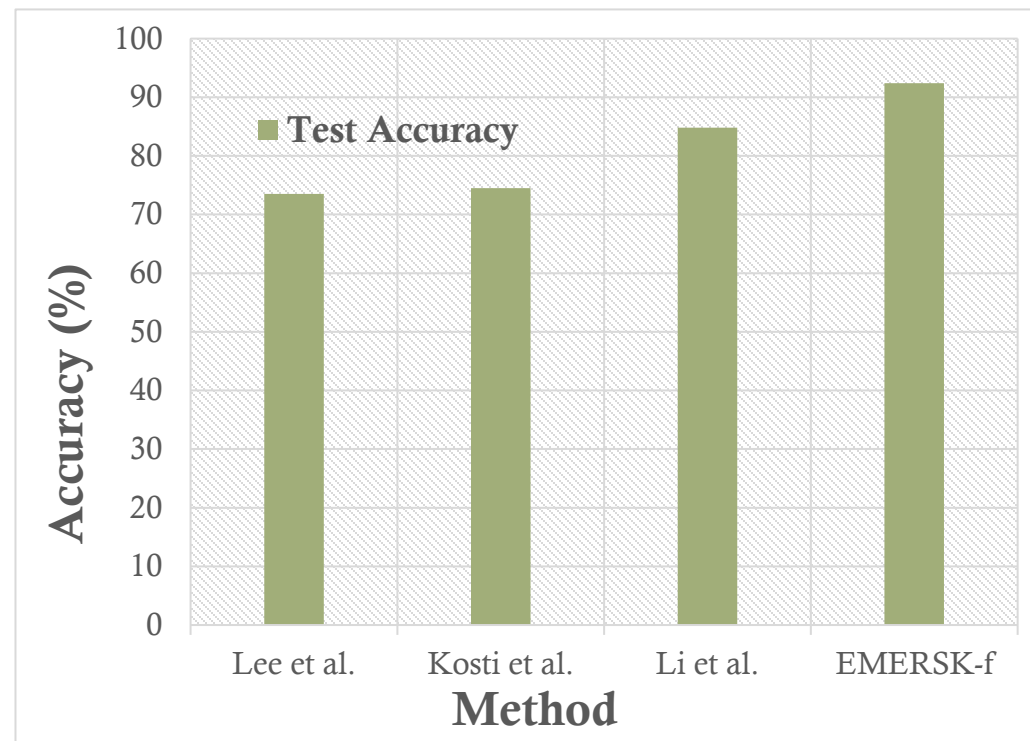
Name	Method	Limitations	Explainable?
CMEFA [52]	Broad deep learning fusion network (BDFN) on Face and Posture	Limited evaluation	No
Bhatia et al. [57]	Layered LSTM on gait	Gait mode only	No
Kosti et al. [5]	Dual stream CNN on body and background	Considers whole body as a single mode	No
Lee et al. [6]	Two stream CNN with adaptive fusion on face and background	Posture and gait not considered	No
Santosh et al. [63]	ConvLSTM	Not modular, treats the video as a single mode	No
Tahghighi et al. [47]	HOG-KLT+ SVM	Considers whole body as a single mode	No

Experimental Results and Findings: Face Module

Research question: Can face module perform standalone?



Results on FER-2013

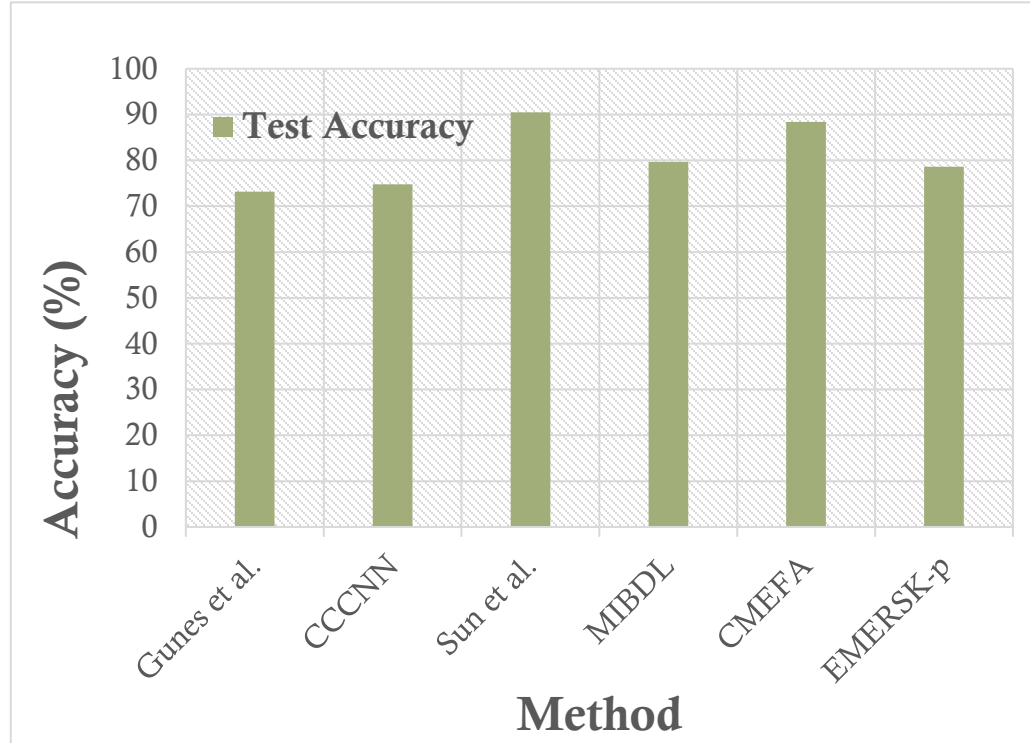


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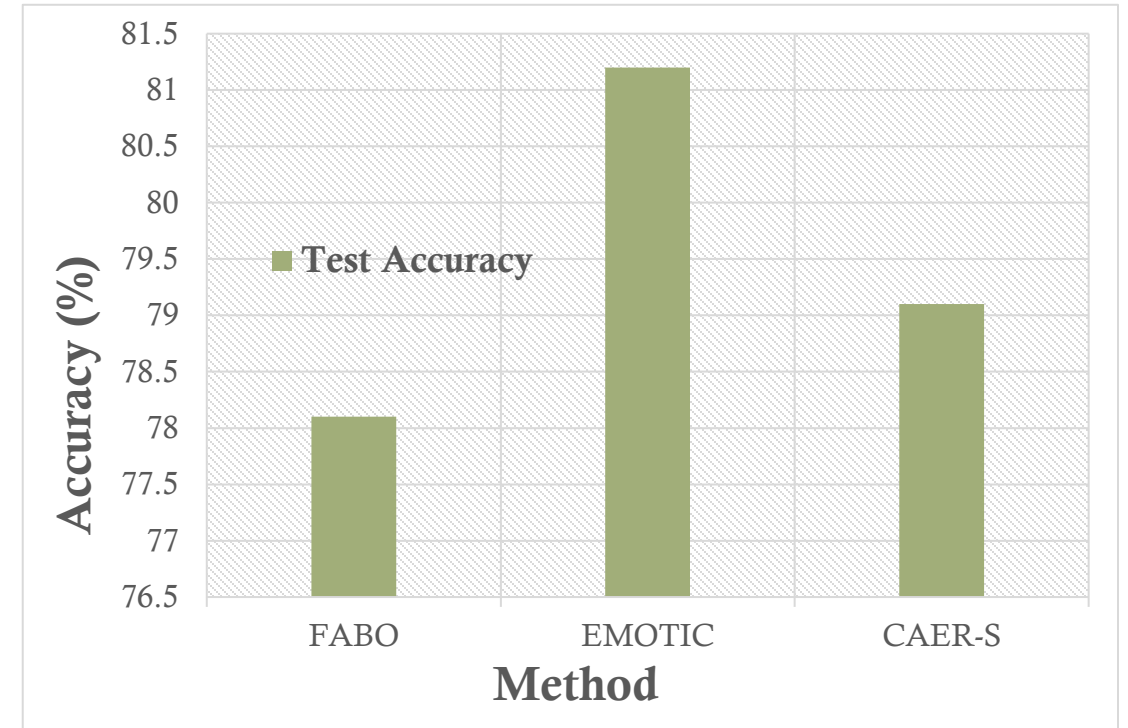
Findings: Face module provide superior standalone performance.

Experimental Results and Findings: Posture Module

Research question: Can posture module perform standalone?



Results on FABO dataset

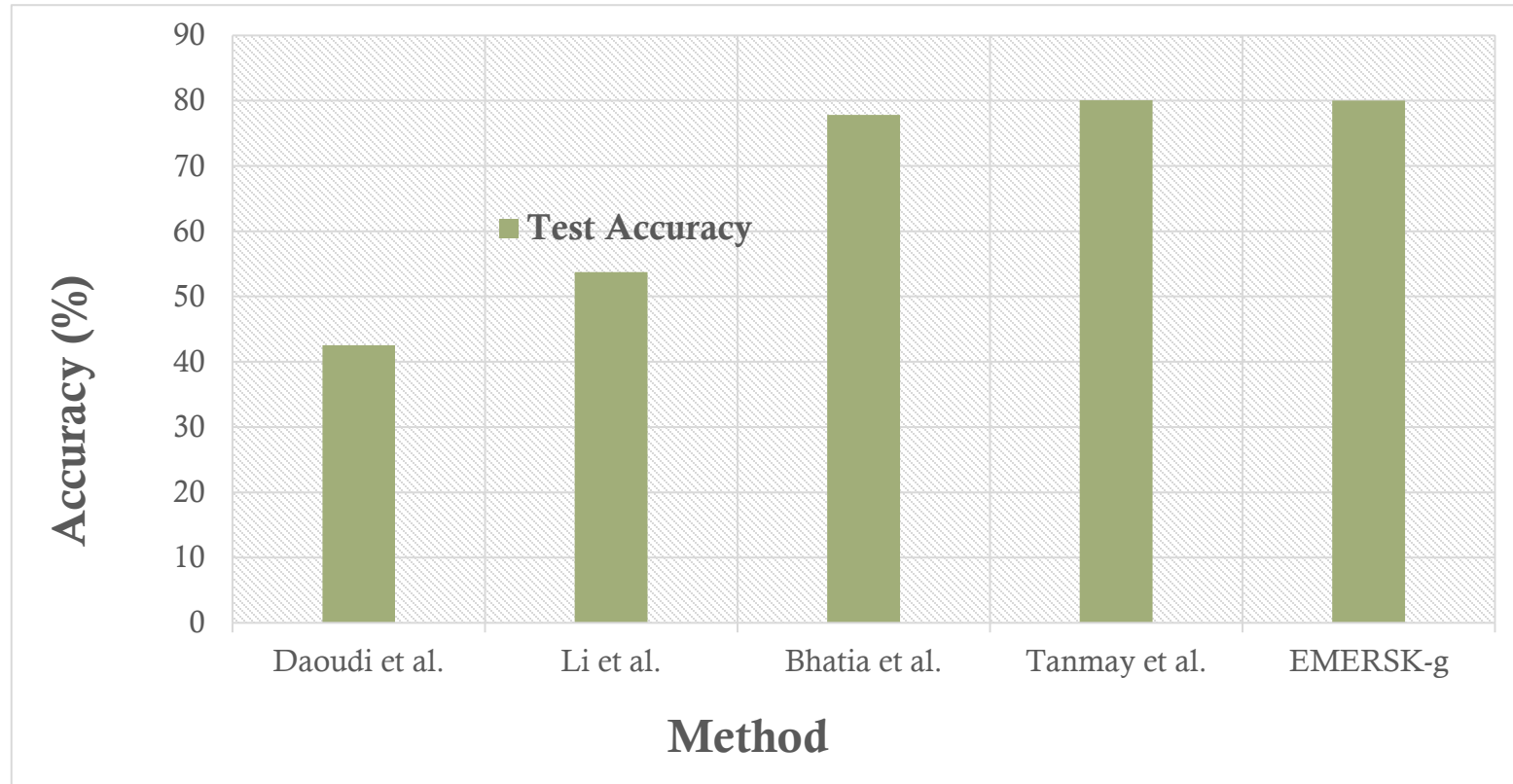


Results on various datasets

Findings: Posture module provide comparable and generalized standalone performance.

Experimental Results and Findings: Gait Module

Research question: Can gait module perform standalone?

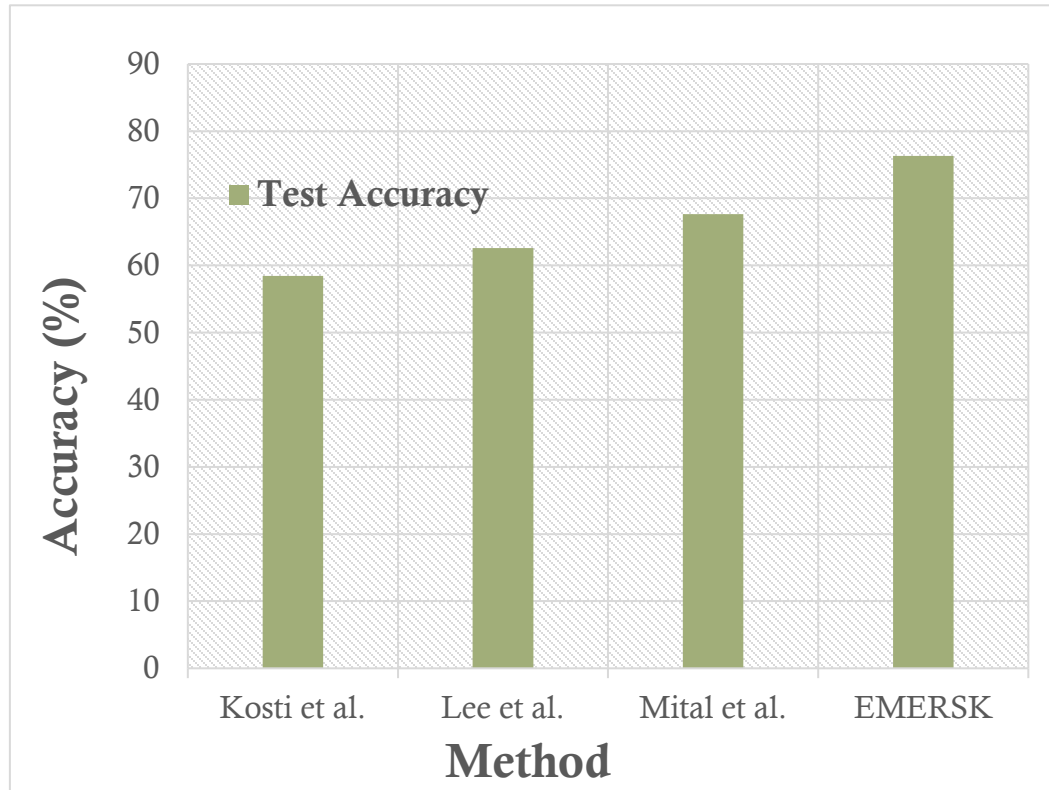


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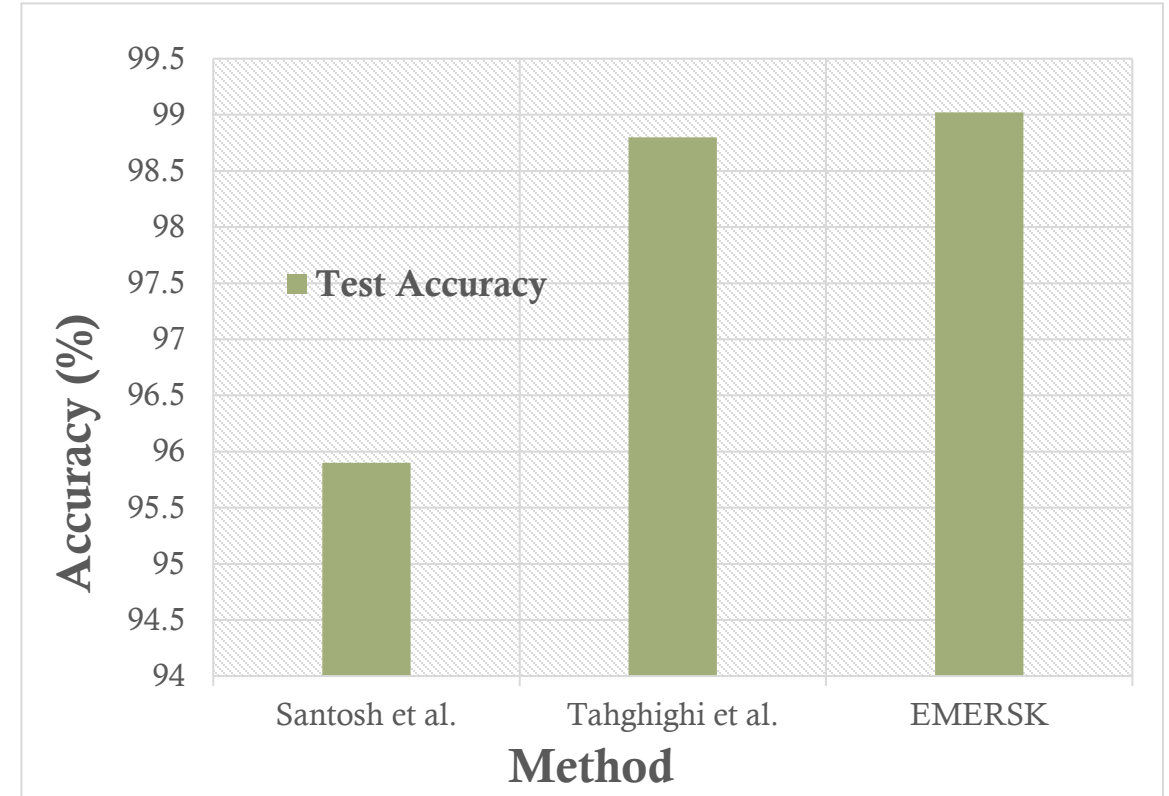
Findings: Gait module provide superior standalone performance.

Experimental Results and Findings: Multimodal Operation

Research question: Does multimodal improve performance?



Experiments on GroupWalk dataset

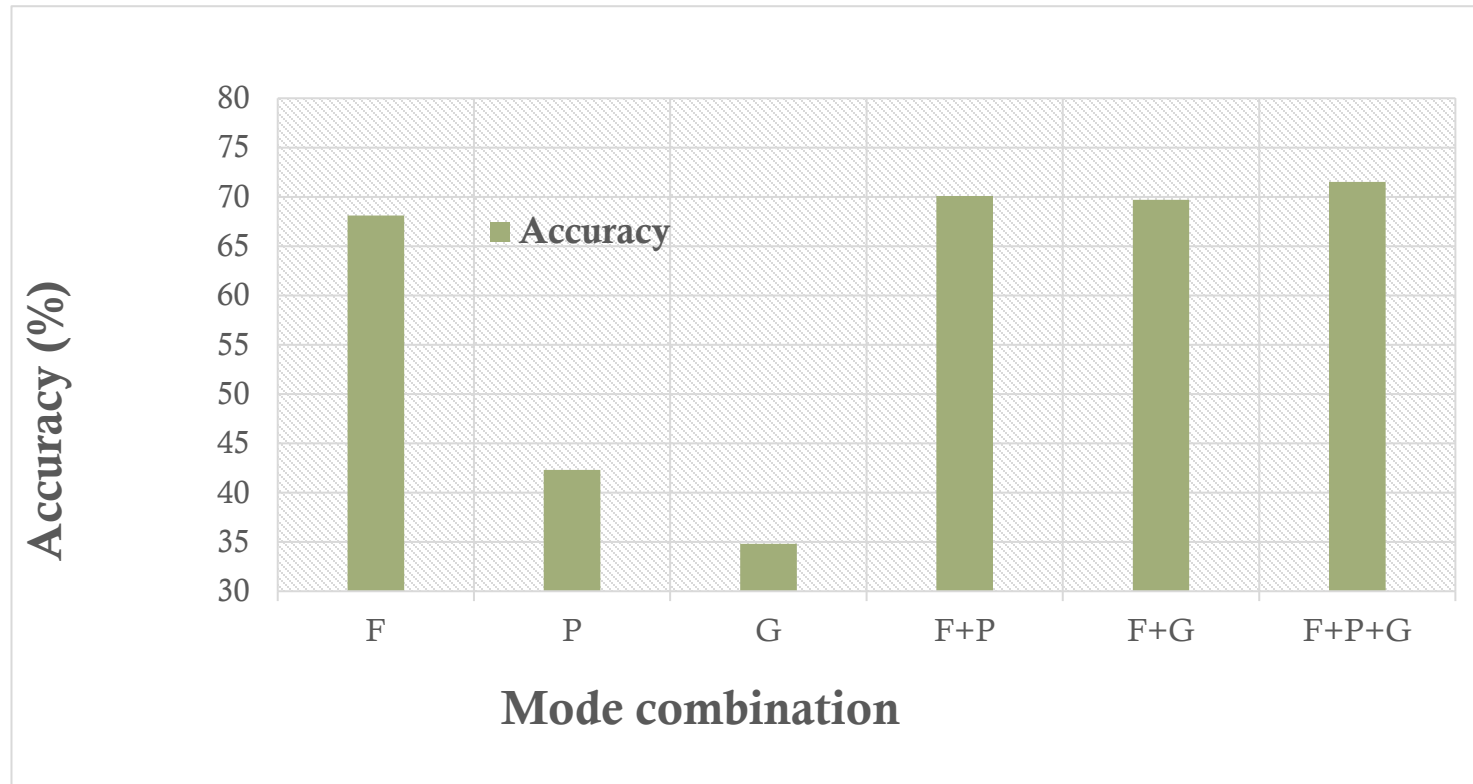


Experiments on GEMEP dataset

Findings: Multimodal provides superior performance than state-of-the-arts.

Ablation Study

Research question: What is the best combination of the modes?

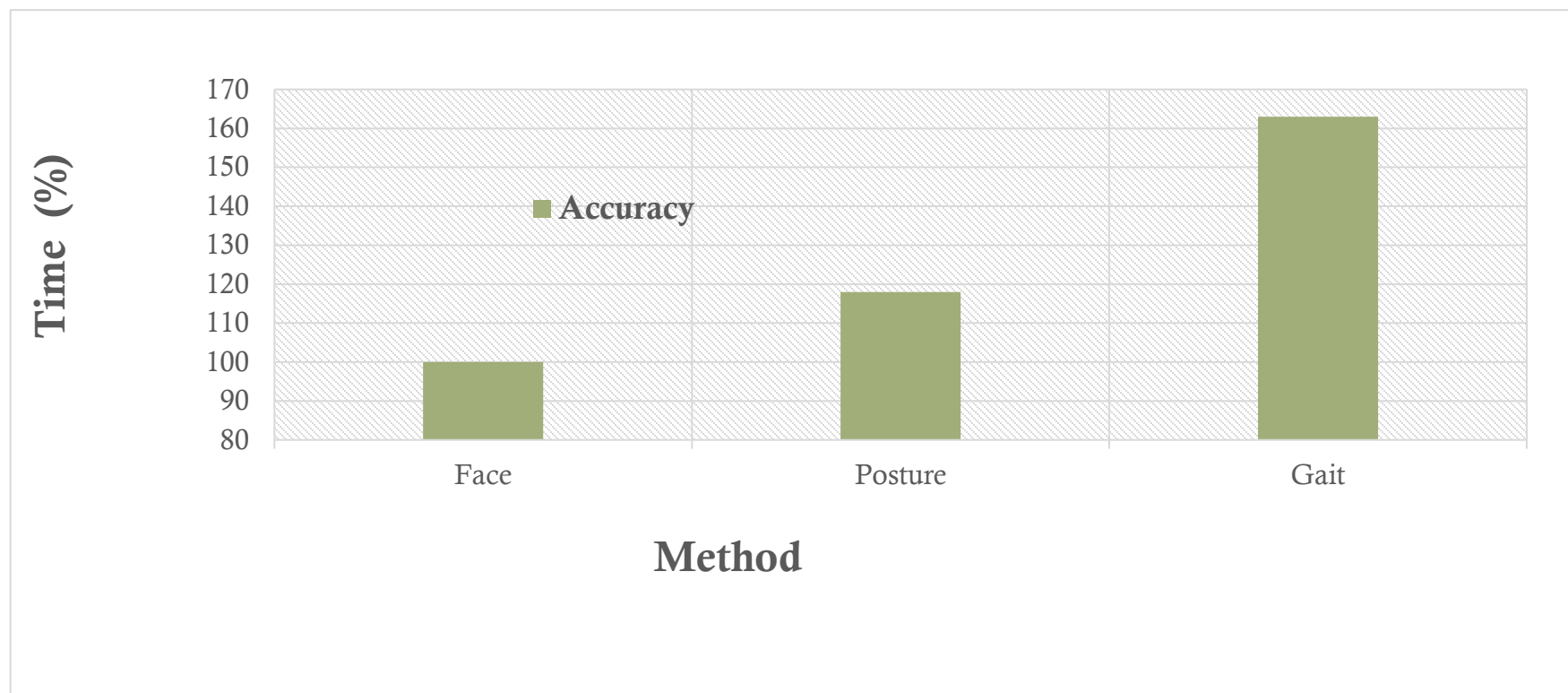


Experiments on GroupWalk dataset

Findings: Face is the most expressive mode and multimodal beats standalone methods.

Computational Cost

Research question: What is the computational cost of going multimodal?



Results on EWALK dataset

Findings: Face is the fastest mode and gait is the slowest.

Explanation Generation

Research question: How do we explain the output?

**Individual
mode result**

Place type

**Adjective-Noun
pair**

**Average
emotion**



Explanation: “Emotion output is “happiness”. The place is “nursery_classroom”, it is “positive” environment, with “creative_work” and “smiling_kid”. Subject face is: “happy”, and posture is: “happy””.

Research Contribution of EMERSK

**A modular architecture for emotion recognition
from multiple modes**

**A novel approach for situational
knowledge generation**

A novel approach for explanation generation

Contributions



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What About Novelty?

Research question: What happens with frequent novel or unexpected samples?

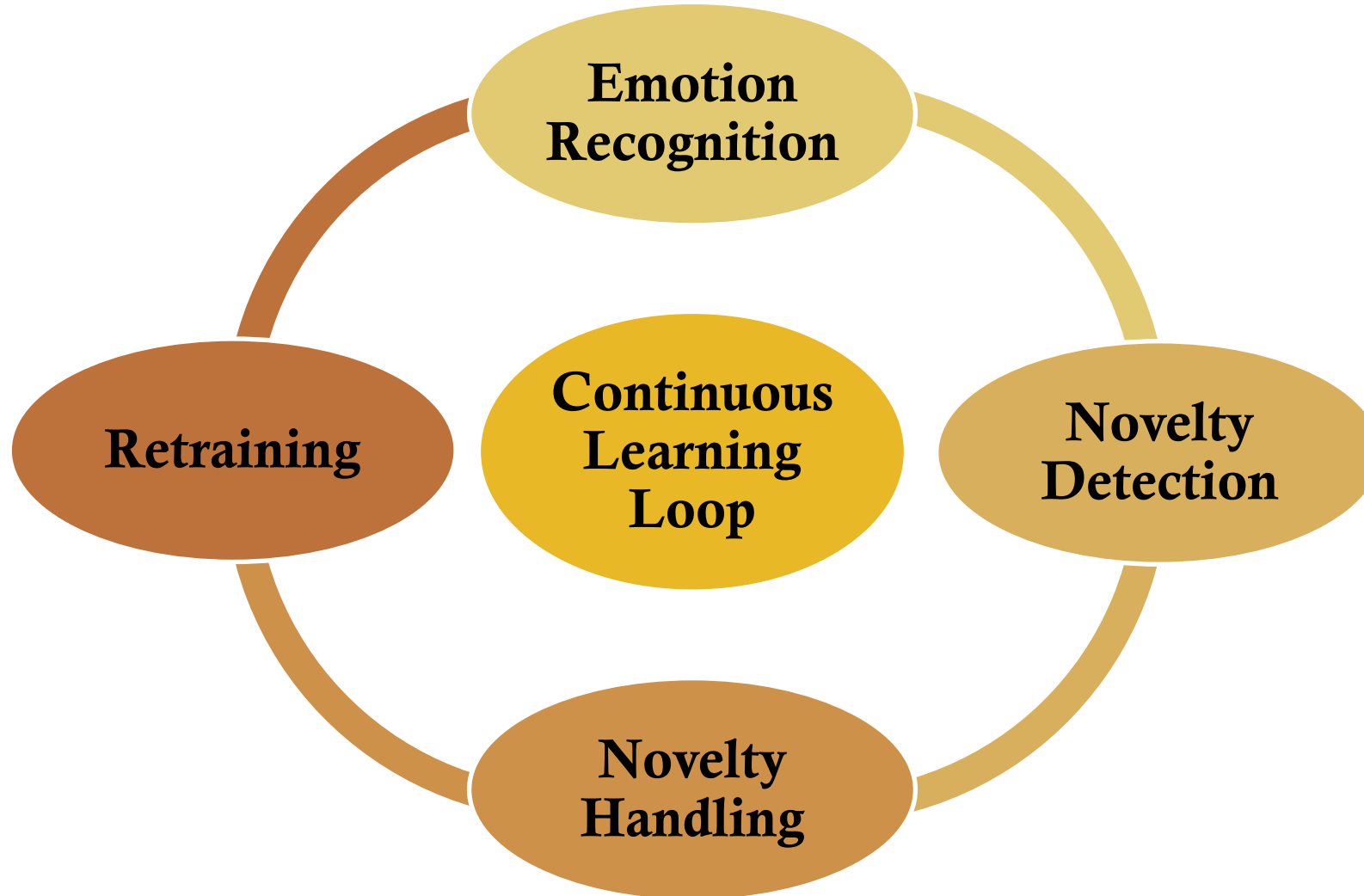
Novelty is defined as a new or unusual instance that deviate from the expected norm!

Example of Novelty: A rhino freely roaming the streets of west Lafayette



Need to detect and handle novelty

CoNERS: Continuous Learning Based Novelty Aware Emotion Recognition System



CoNERS: Architecture



Classification engine



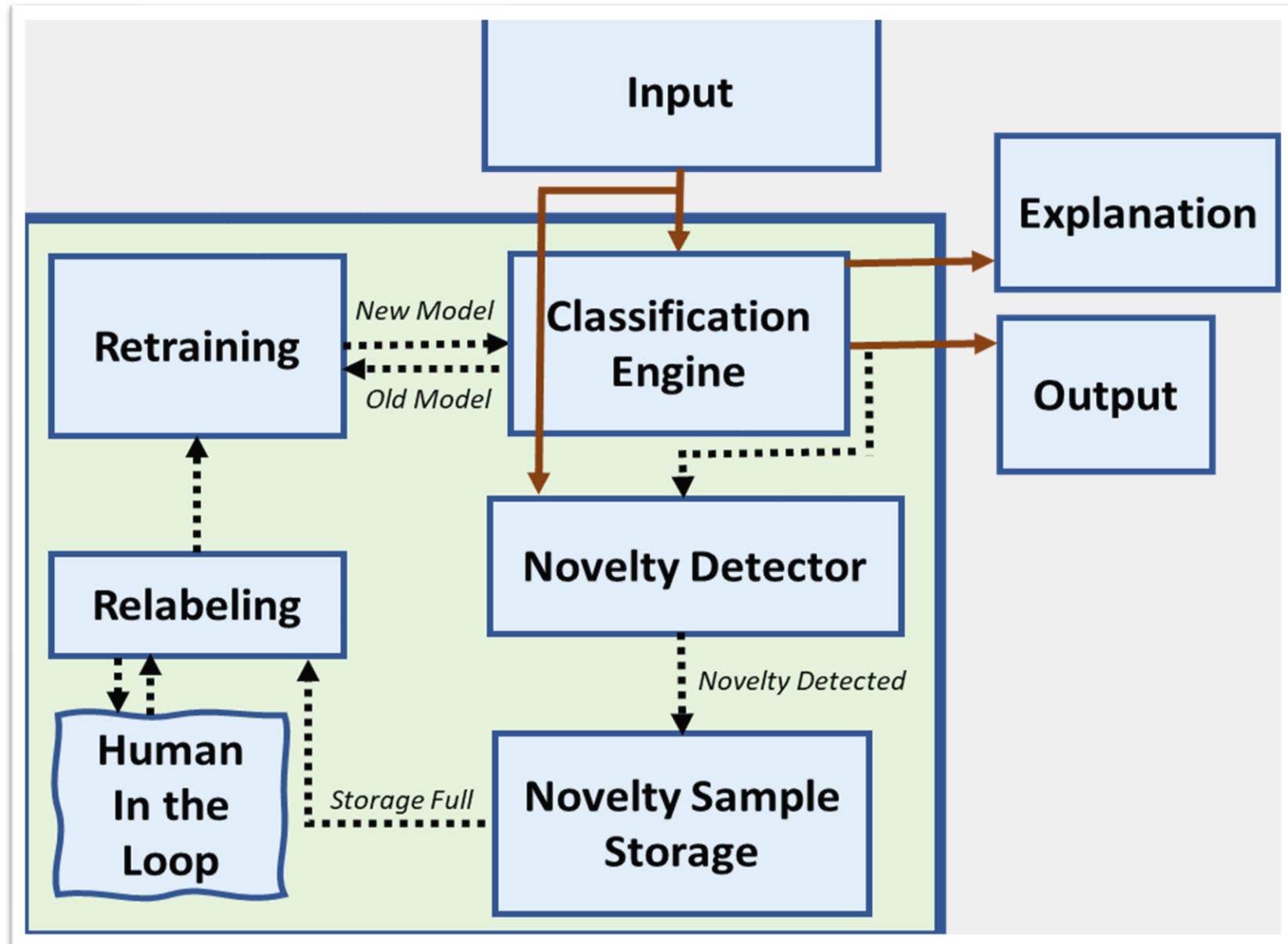
Novelty detector



Re-labeler



Re-trainer



Classification Engine

Recognizes emotion and generates explanation

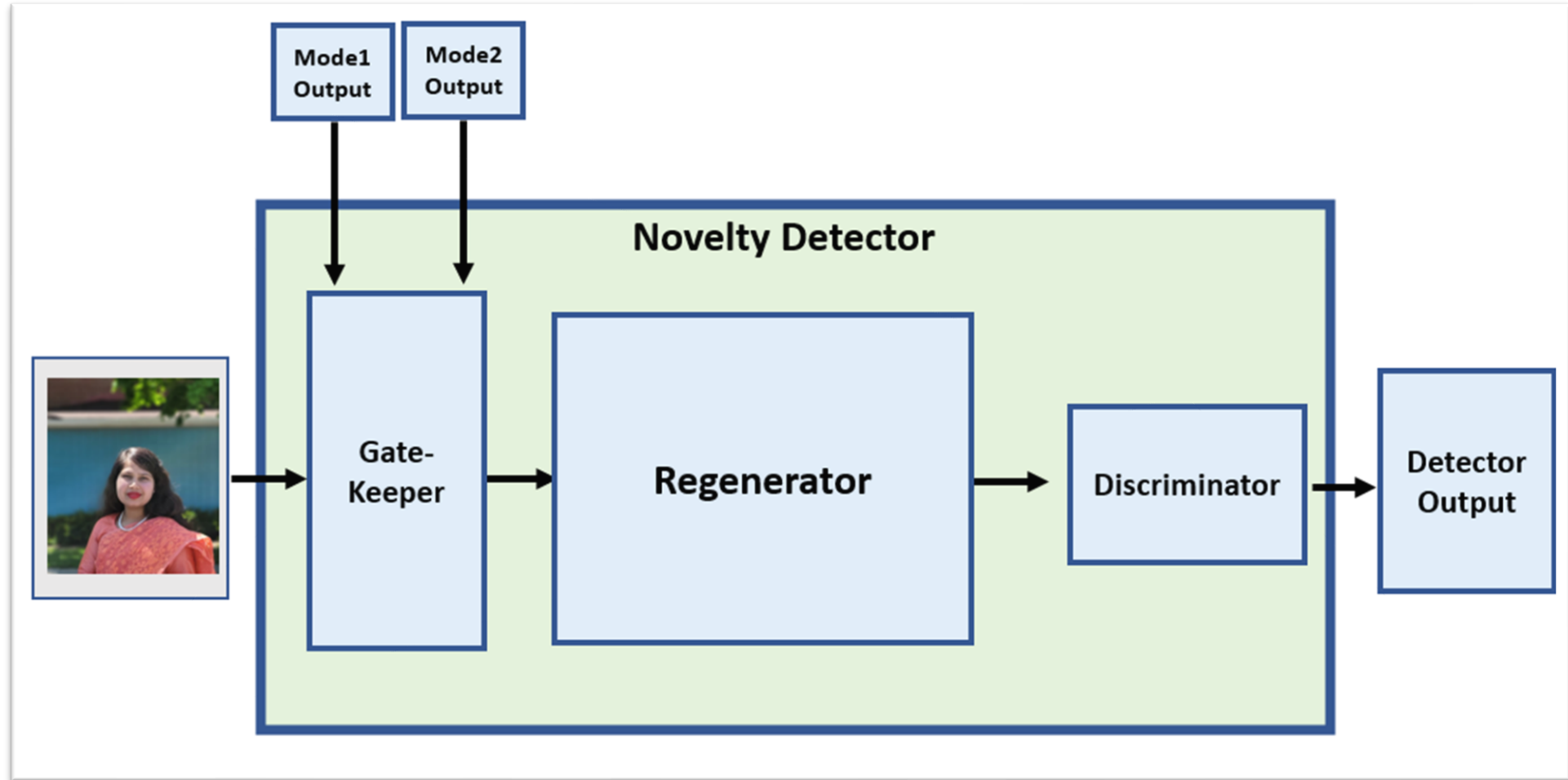
Any multimodal classification model such as EMERSK can be used

Novelty Detector

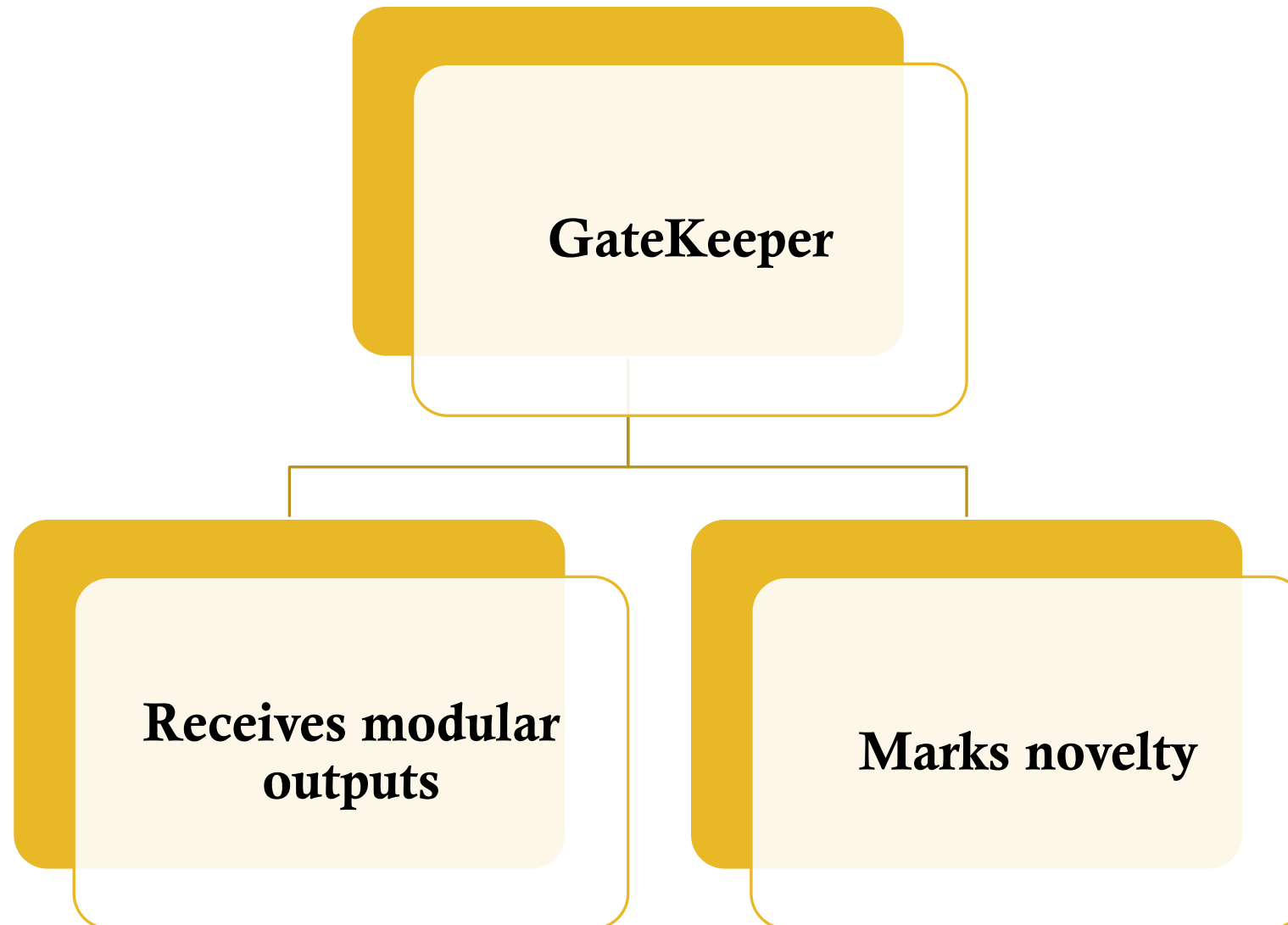
GateKeeper

Regenerator

Discriminator



GateKeeper



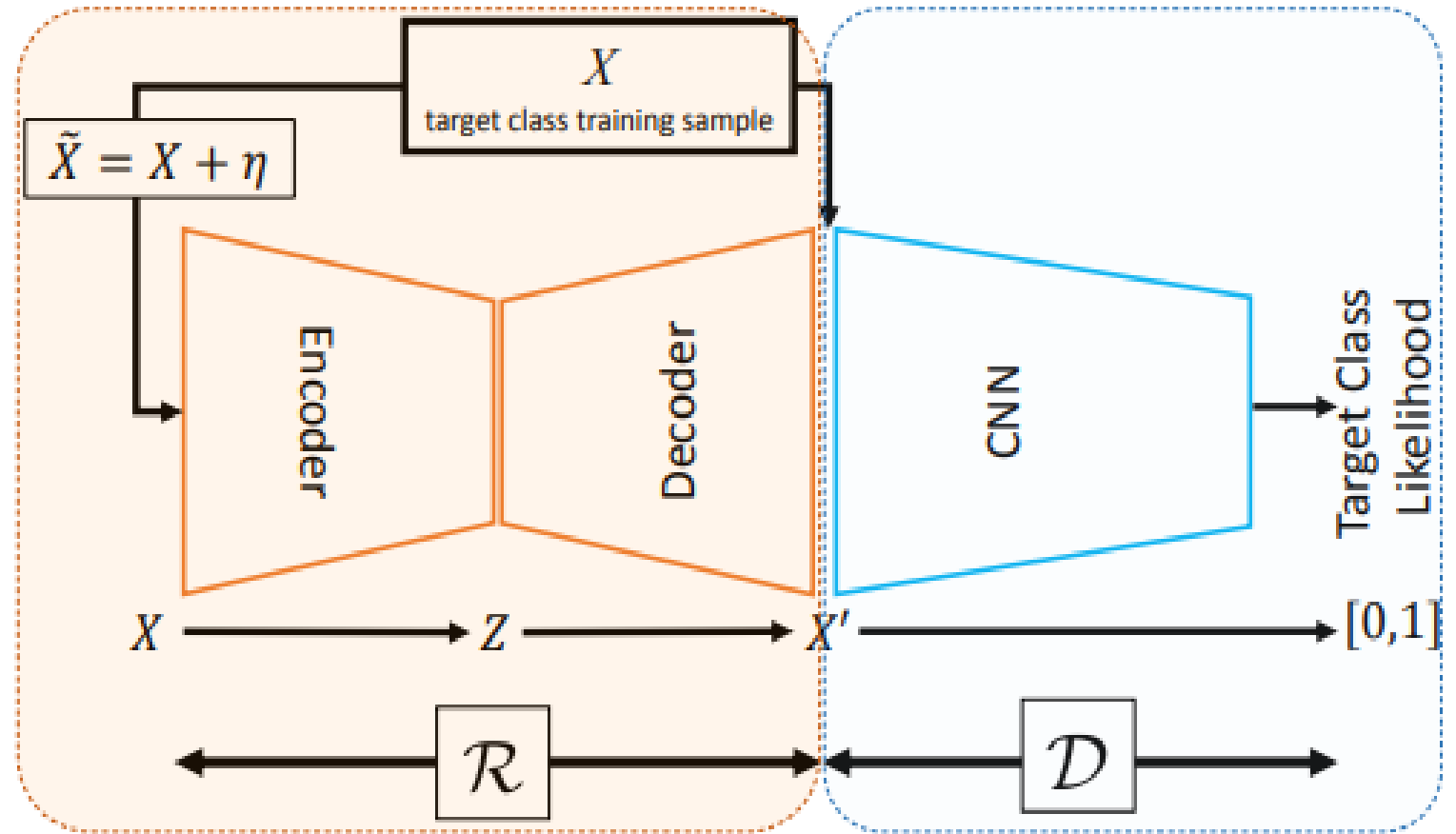
Regenerator and Discriminator

**Autoencoder based
regenerator and CNN based
discriminator**

**Encoder compresses the
sample and Decoder
reconstructs the sample**

**Reconstruction training
with reconstruction loss**

**Adversarial training of
R+D with minimax loss
function**



Reconstruction Loss: $\|X - R(X)\|^2$

Minimax Loss: $E[\log(D(X))] + E[1 - \log(D(R(Z)))]$

Novelty Handling

Relabeling

- ☐ Periodic
- ☐ Label correction
- ☐ New class creation

Retraining

- ☐ Periodic
- ☐ Human in the loop

Evaluation Setup: Similar works

Name	Method	Limitations	Continuous learning loop?
Pix CNN [64]	Gated PixelCNN	Low accuracy	No
AnoGAN [65]	GAN+ coupled mapping	Inefficient	No
DSVDD [66]	Kernel-based one-class classification + minimum volume estimation	Limited generalization	No

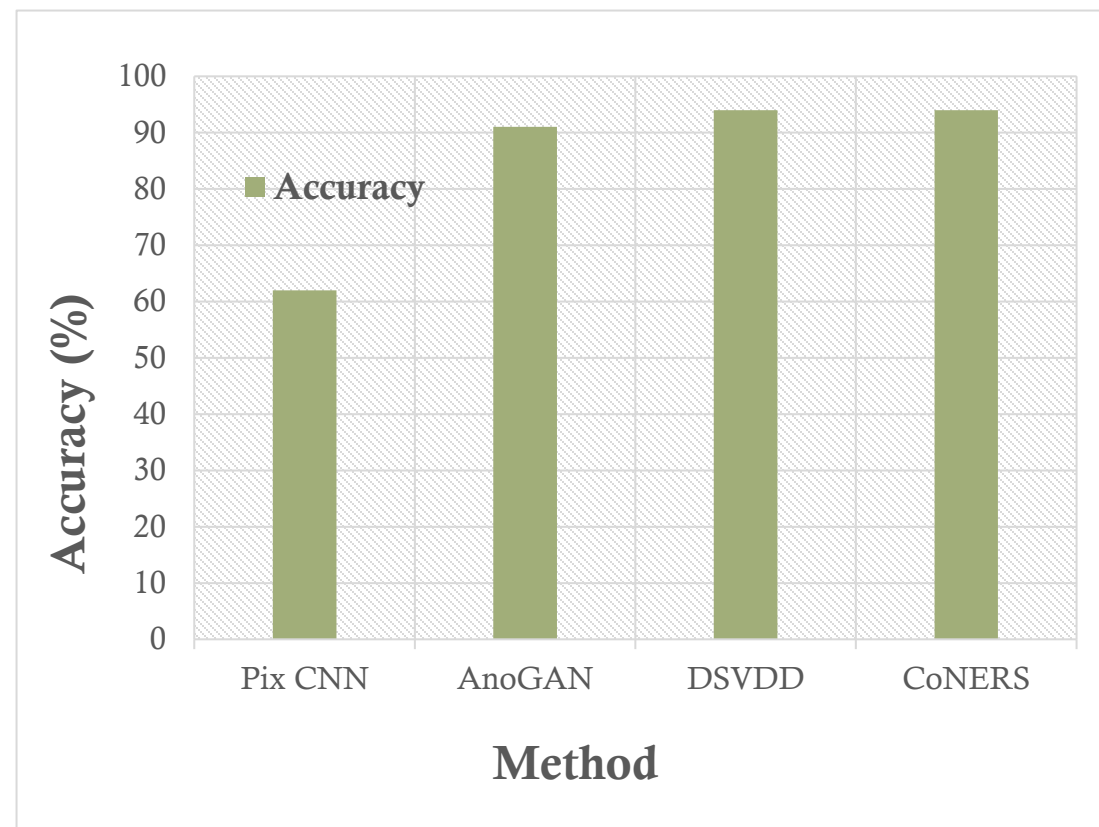
Experimental Results and Findings: Novelty Detection

Research question: Is our detector reliable?

- ❑ Trained in MNIST dataset
- ❑ 50% samples of the test set are novelty
- ❑ Example: Digit “1” to “8” inliers and “9” novelty



MNIST samples



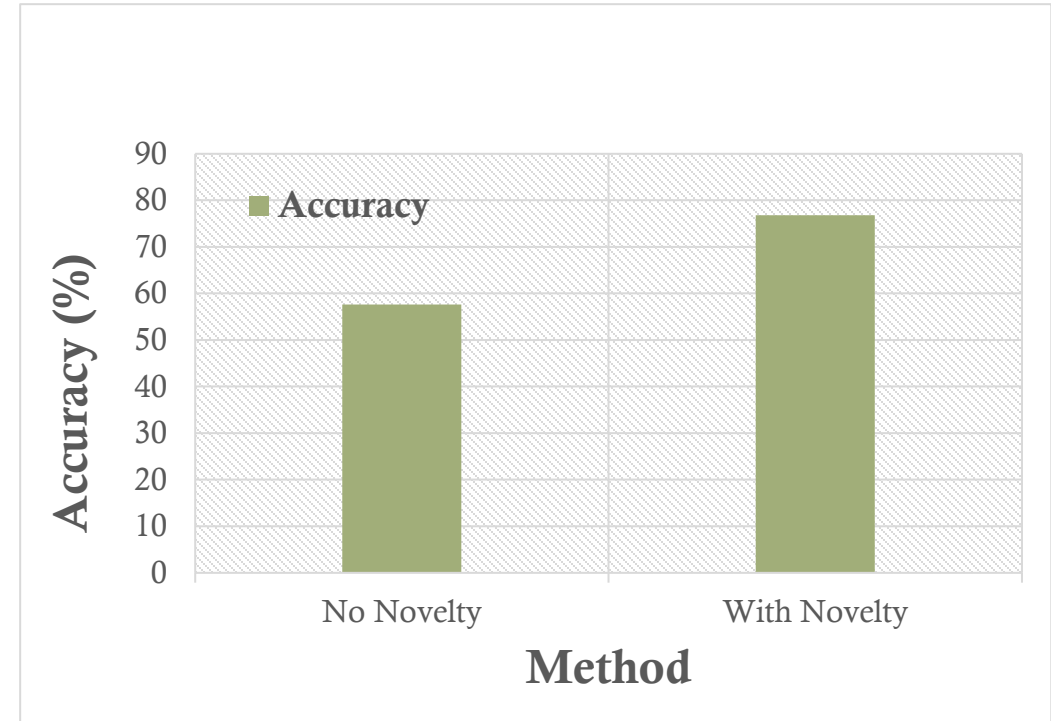
Results on MNIST dataset

Findings: Our novelty detector offers superior detection capability.

Experimental Results and Findings: Retraining

Research question: Does our system improves performance?

- ❑ First cycle (no novelty):
Regular model with 20% novelty samples in the test set---→ **Degraded accuracy!!**
- ❑ Samples detected using the detector and model retrained
- ❑ Second cycle (with novelty):
Updated model--→ **Improvement!!**



Results on FER-2013 dataset with 20% Novelty samples

Findings: In situations with frequent novel samples, our method can adapt and offer improved performance!

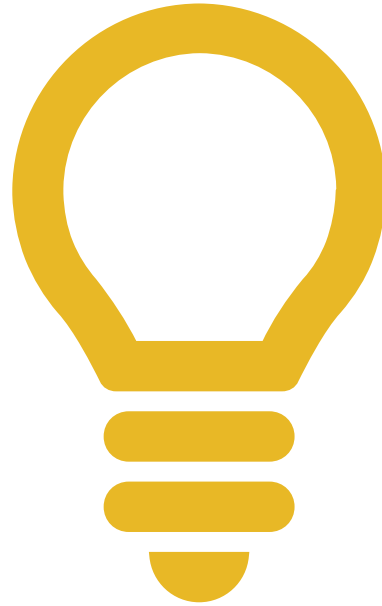
Research Contribution of CoNERS

**Formalization of the novelty in
the automatic emotion recognition task**

**An adversarially trained auto-encoder based detector for
novelty detection**

**A system that addresses novelty in a continuous learning
manner for emotion recognition**

Conclusions and Future Works



Conclusion

Proposed SAFER, a novel system for emotion recognition from facial expressions

Proposed EMERSK, a multimodal emotion recognition for additional reliability and explainable output

Proposed CoNERS, a novelty-aware emotion recognition system for real world situation

Future Works

Enhanced multimodal fusion

Anxiety and depression detection

Fast and light-weight system building for real time operation

Addressing the ethical, security and privacy issues

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Thanks Everyone!





Extra Slides

Publications

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Data Bias

- ▣ How do we deal with bias
 - ◇ Machine learning algorithms can discriminate based on classes like race and gender
 - ◇ A good model is dependent on a good dataset and without proper care a dataset can lack diversity
 - ◇ Biased dataset will perform poorly with minority:
 - ◇ If most of the samples are white males, the model will fail for women and people of color
 - ◇ Researchers (Buolamwini et. al.) showed:
 - ◇ Three commercially released facial-analysis programs from major technology companies demonstrate both skin-type and gender biases
 - ◇ Error rates in determining the gender of light-skinned men were never worse than 0.8 percent
 - ◇ For darker-skinned women, more than 20 percent in one case and more than 34 percent in the other two

Data Bias

- ▣ How bias is introduced in ER
 - ◇ Keyword searching in google is a popular method of collecting visual (image and video) data
 - ◇ In our search with keyword “angry face”- 85% of the acceptable images appeared are male
 - ◇ This pattern holds for other generic keywords like ”sad people”, ”happy human” etc.
 - ◇ Therefore, a dataset prepared by collecting results from these types of keyword search results in bias
 - ◇ Same applies to the volunteer choice for creating an acted dataset
 - ◇ Without careful selection of people from multiple genders and ethnic backgrounds, dataset bias can be easily incorporated into the model



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Data Bias

▣ Bias reduction plan

- ◇ Better representation of minority groups by using specific keywords:
 - ◇ Using both “happy man face” and “happy woman face” instead of “happy face” keyword
- ◇ Choosing volunteers from diverse background
- ◇ To produce new ML models which provide higher importance on less represented data samples
- ◇ Data augmentation
- ◇ Data cleaning algorithms
- ◇ Transfer learning

Data Bias

▣ Bias in the ER datasets

- ◇ Widely used ER dataset
FER-2013 is an example
of keyword search bias

TABLE VII: Gender bias- number of images with male subjects per 100 images returned from gender neutral-keyword searches on Google and number of images with male subjects per 100 images on FER-2013 dataset.

Keyword	# Male in Google(%)	# Male in FER-2013
"Angry people"	84.7	70
"Fear face:"	60.1	52
"Happy human face"	55.8	58
"Sad human face"	40.0	45



▣ Input Image: 226x226x3

▣ Convolutional Layer 1:

CNN

· Filter Size: 2x2

· Stride: 1

· Padding: 0

· Output Dimension: 225x225x3

· Activation: ReLU

▣ Max Pooling Layer 1:

· Pooling Size: 2x2

· Output Dimension: 112x112x3

▣ Convolutional Layer 2:

· Filter Size: 2x2

· Stride: 1

· Padding: 0

· Output Dimension: 111x111x3

· Activation: ReLU

▣ Max Pooling Layer 2:

· Pooling Size: 2x2

· Output Dimension: 55x55x3

▣ Convolutional Layer 3:

CNN

- Filter Size: 2x2
- Stride: 1
- Padding: 0
- Output Dimension: 54x54x3
- Activation: ReLU

▣ Max Pooling Layer 3:

- Pooling Size: 2x2
- Output Dimension: 27x27x3

▣ Fully Connected Layer:

- Input Dimension: 27x27x3
- Output Dimension: 256

Emotion Recognition Use Cases

Public Safety

- Identify mental health issue to prevent school shooting

Law Enforcement

- Identify suspicious behavior and criminal intent

Healthcare

- Detect medical conditions such as depression

Autonomous Car

- Trigger alarm for extreme emotional state (anger, fear etc.) of the driver

Interactive Gaming

- Adjust the gameplay based on the comfort level of the player

