

Deep Learning based Micro-expression Recognition

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What are micro-expressions and what is MER for?

- The universal **facial expressions** include seven emotions – anger, contempt, disgust, fear, joy, sadness, and surprise. Facial expressions typically last between **0.5 to 4 seconds**.
- **Microexpressions**, however, are expressions that go on and off the face in a fraction of a second, sometimes as fast as **1/30 of a second**.
- Microexpression recognition (MER) is widely applied in:



Psychology Diagnosis



Teaching Assessment



Business Negotiations



Criminal Investigation



Roadmap

- **A survey on deep learning based micro-expression recognition**
- **Meta-Learning Based Multi-Model Fusion Network**



Deep learning-based microexpression recognition: a survey

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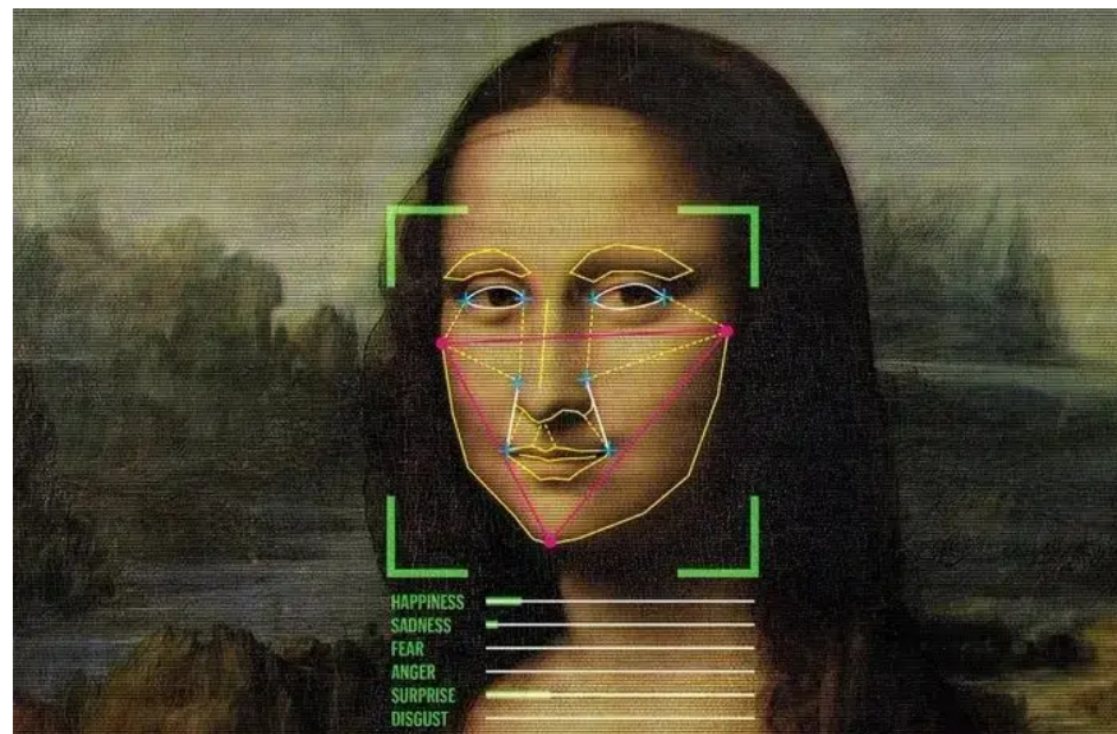
- **Deep learning based micro-expression recognition: a survey**
 1. We studied related works on deep learning based micro-expression recognition
 2. We fused several public datasets to form a composite dataset
 3. We provided a baseline method on the composite dataset



Introduction

Micro-expressions are special facial expressions. Compared with ordinary expressions, micro-expressions mainly have the following characteristics:

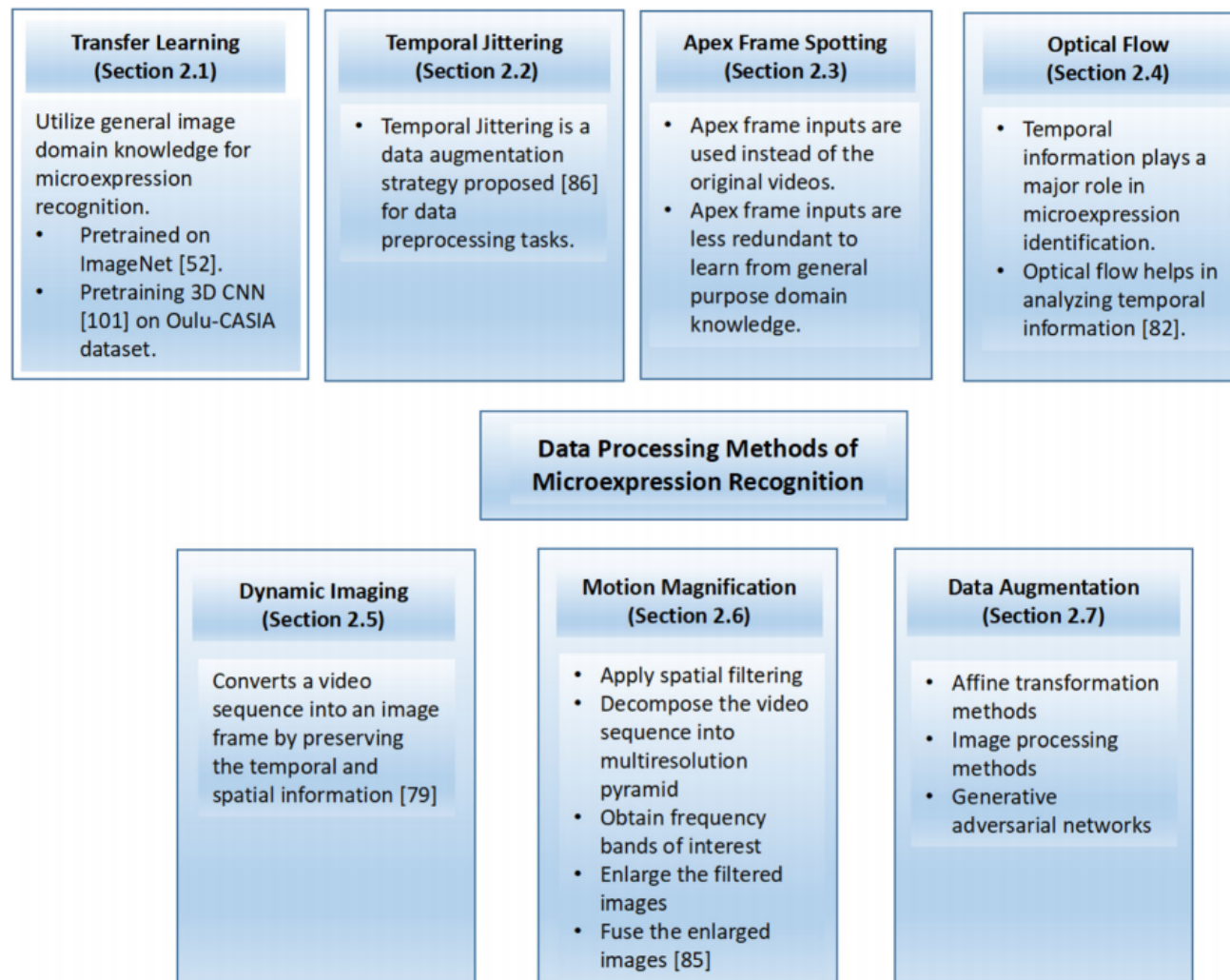
1. The duration is short, usually only $1/25s \sim 1/3s$;
2. The action intensity is low and difficult to detect;
3. Produced in an unconscious state, usually difficult to disguise;
4. The analysis of micro-expression usually needs to be in the video, while the ordinary expression can be analyzed in the image.





Data preprocessing methods

- Due to the short duration and low action intensity of micro-expressions, it is difficult to extract features, so appropriate data preprocessing and feature extraction are required.



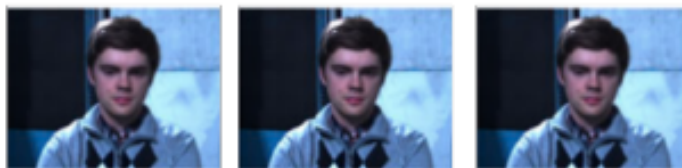


Micro-expression Datasets

- Due to the difficulties in data collection and identification of micro-expressions, there are few existing micro-expression datasets, which makes the application of deep learning in micro-expression recognition difficult.



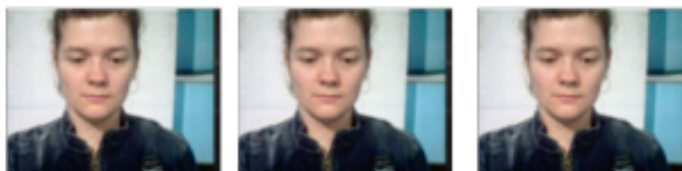
(a) CASME II



(d) SMIC-HS



(b) CAS(ME)²



(e) SMIC-VIS



(c) SAMM



(f) SMIC-NIR



Happiness

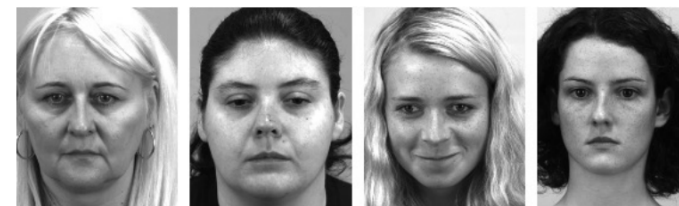
Disgust

Surprise

Repression

Fear

CASME II dataset

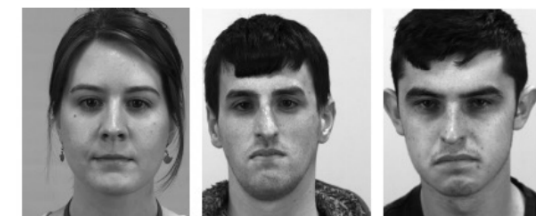


Happiness

Sadness

Disgust

Surprise



Contempt

Fear

Anger

SAMM dataset



Micro-expression Recognition Methods

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Spatial deep learning methods

- Convolutional neural network-based method
- Multi-stream convolutional neural networks based methods

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Temporal deep learning methods

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Spatial-contextual deep learning methods

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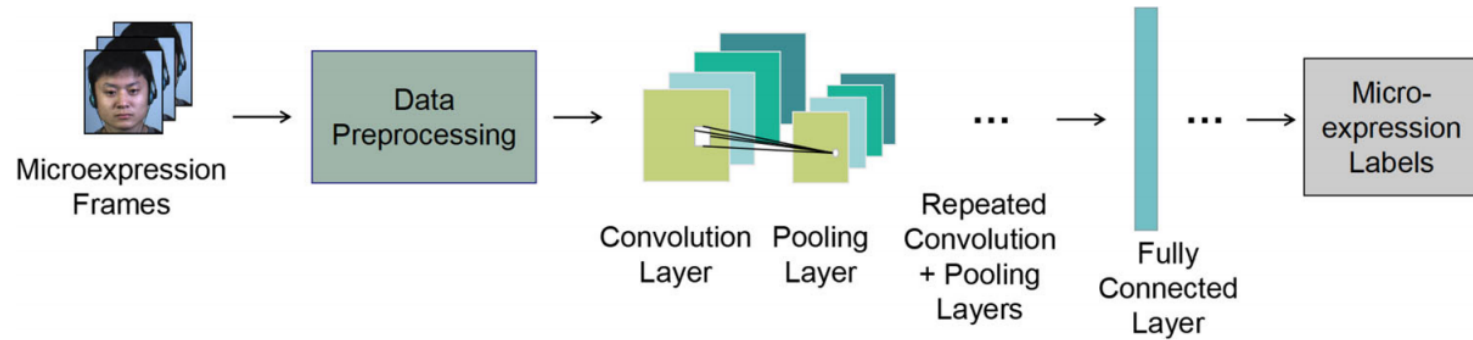
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Hybrid approaches combining traditional and deep learning methods

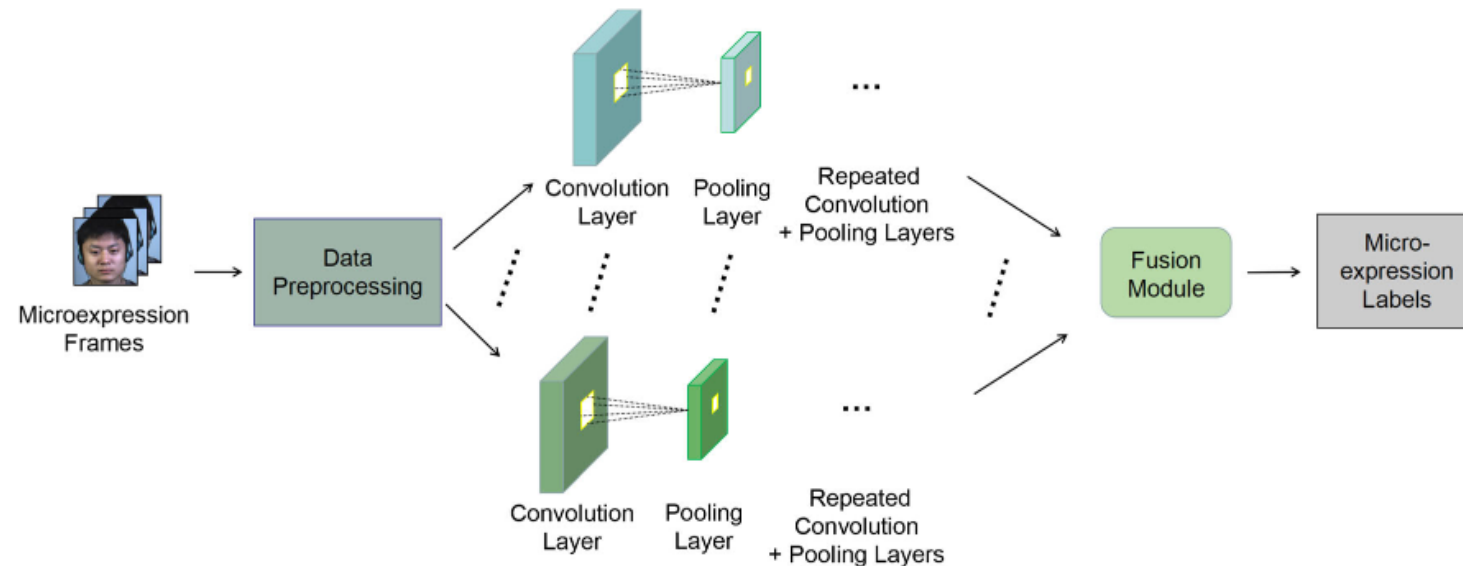


Spatial deep learning methods

➤ The Structure of Convolutional Neural Network based Methods



➤ The structure of multistream convolutional neural network-based methods





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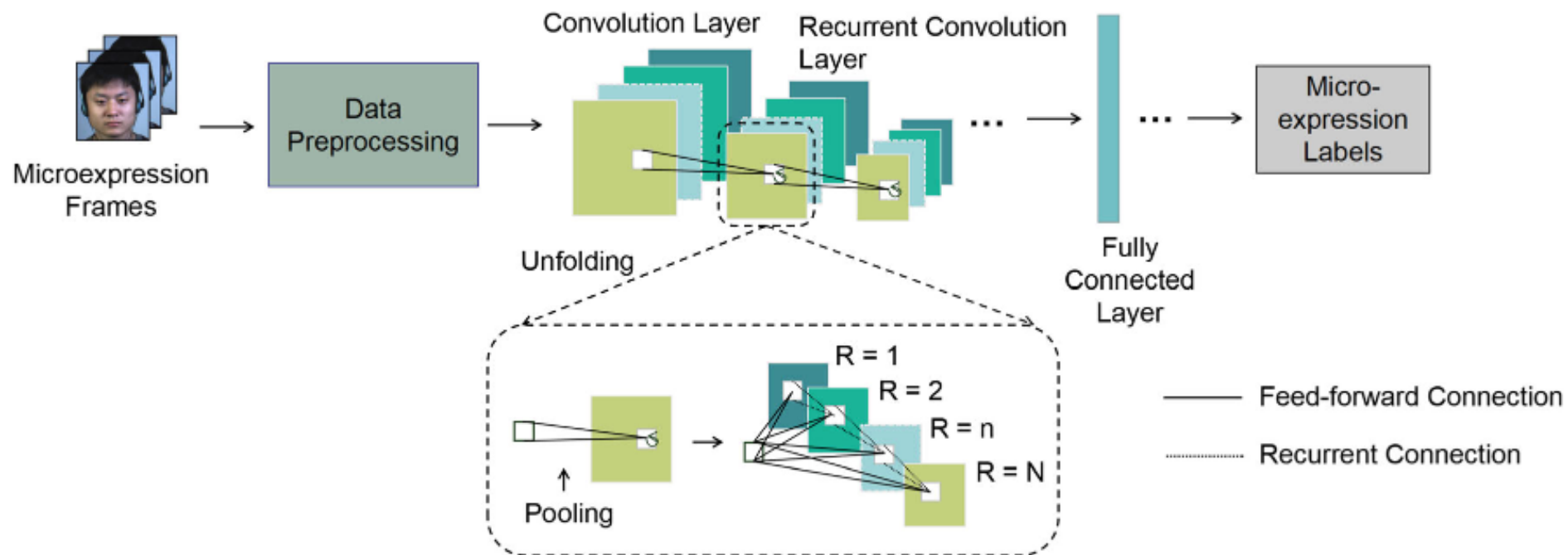
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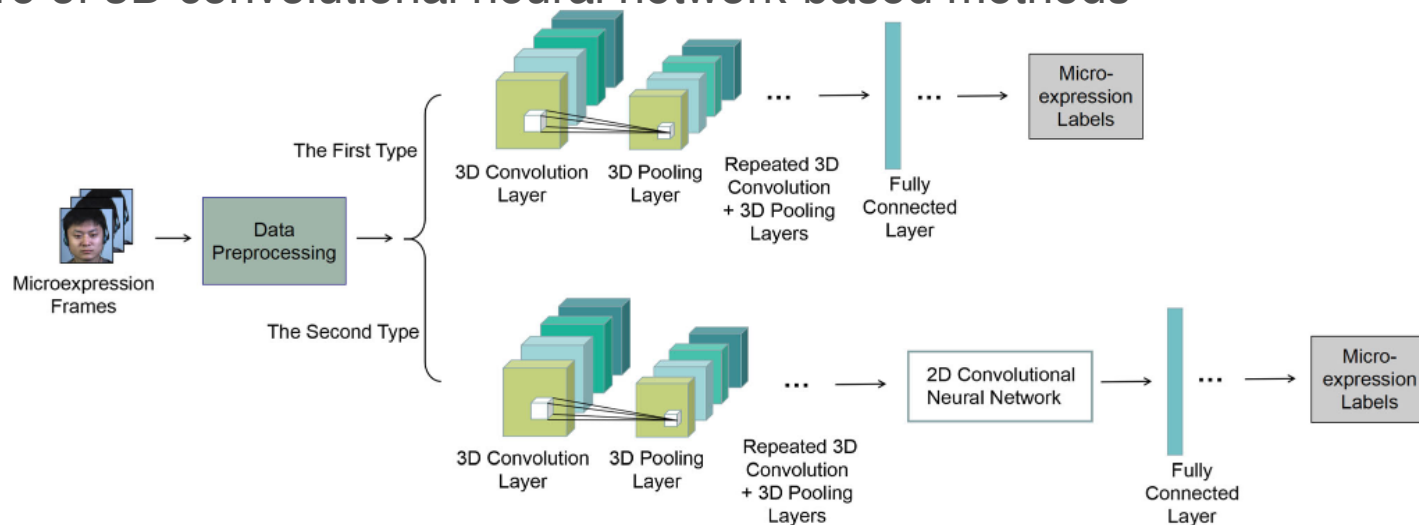
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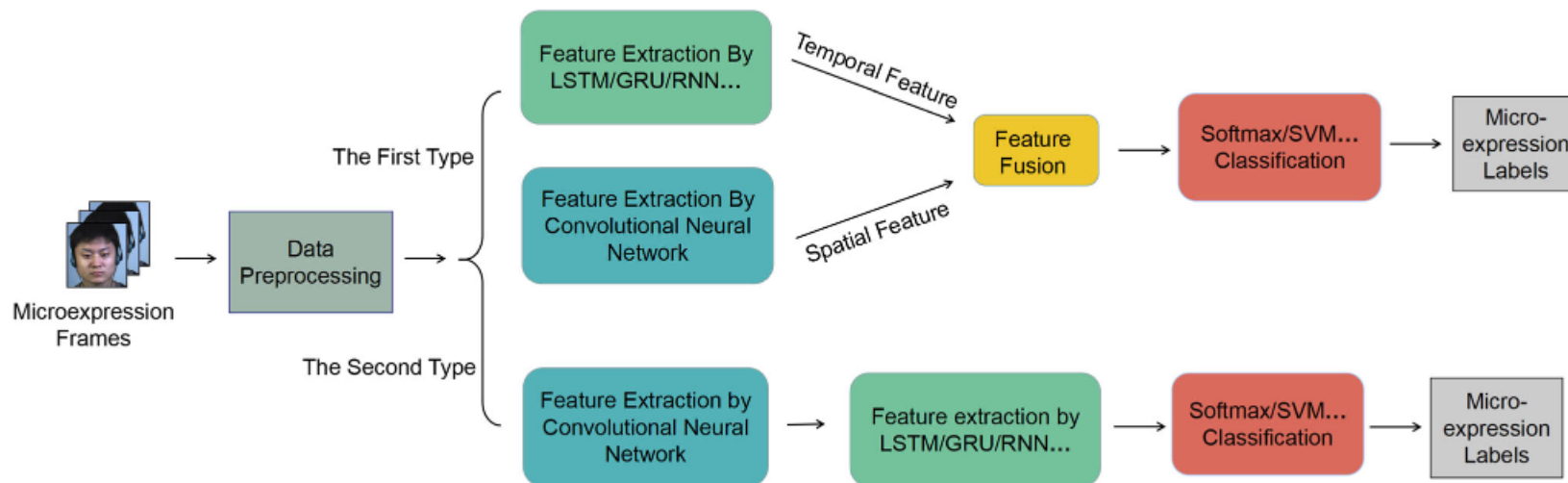


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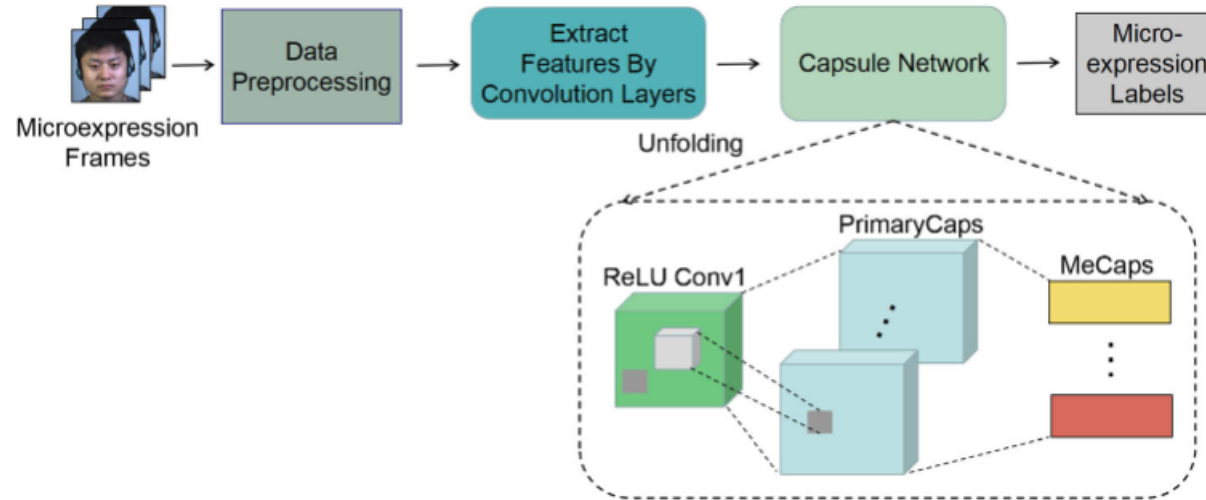
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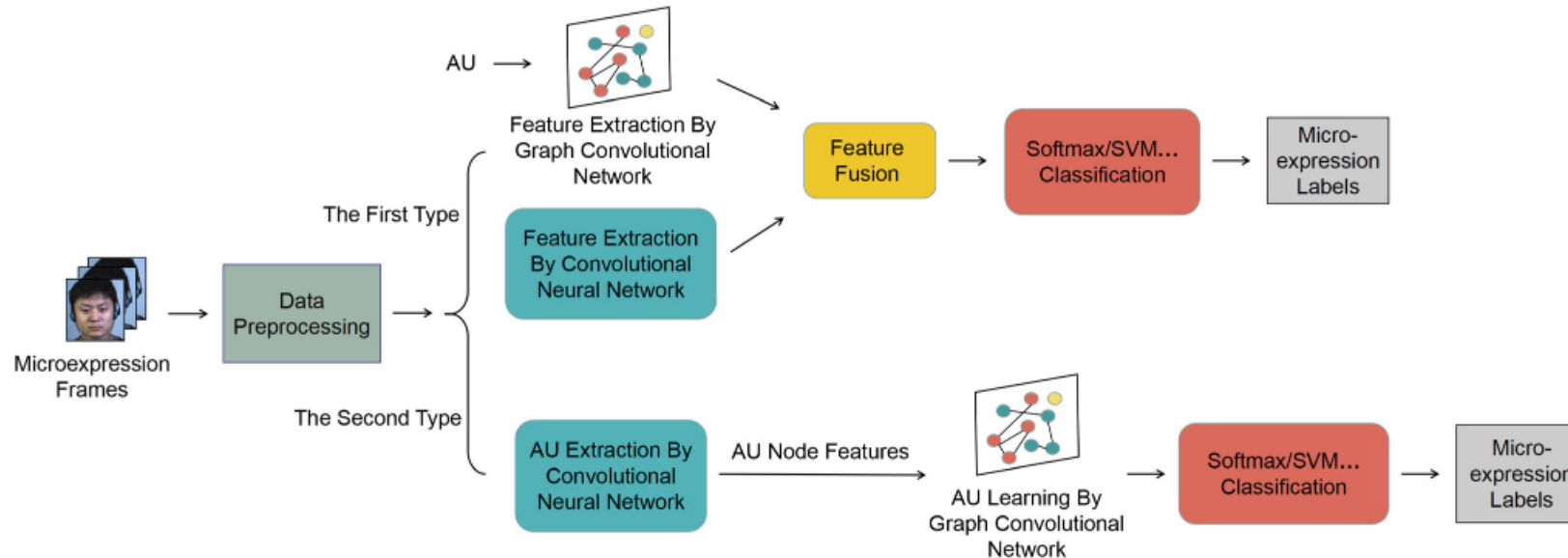


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- The structure of graph convolutional network-based methods





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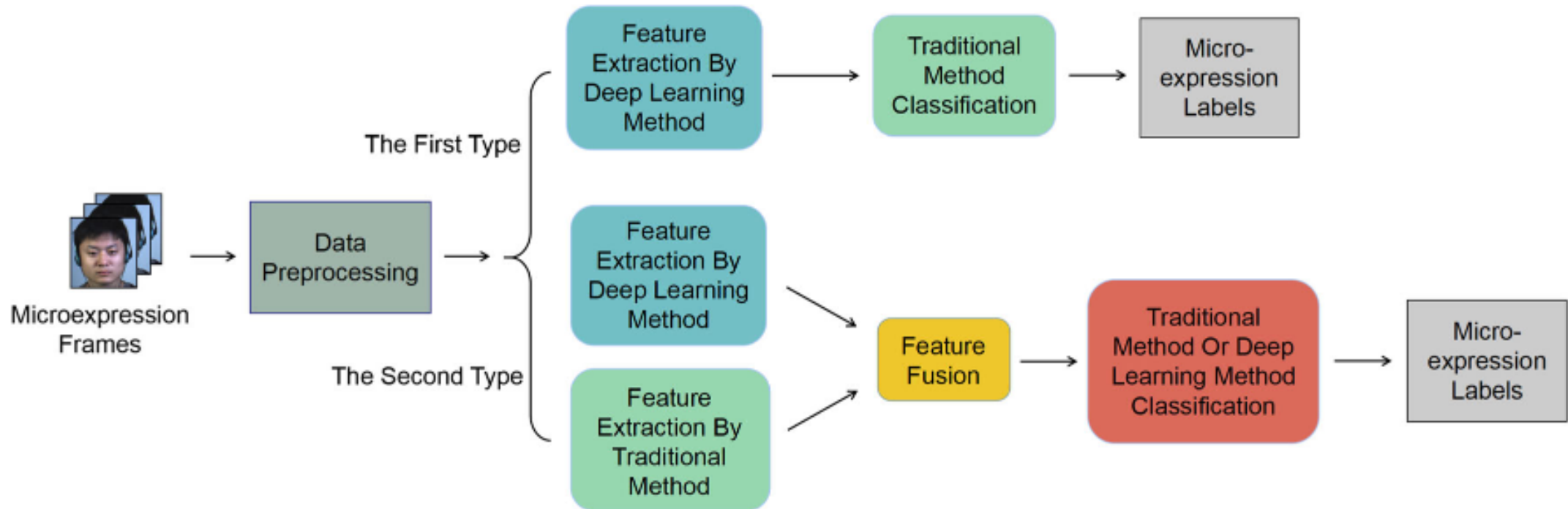
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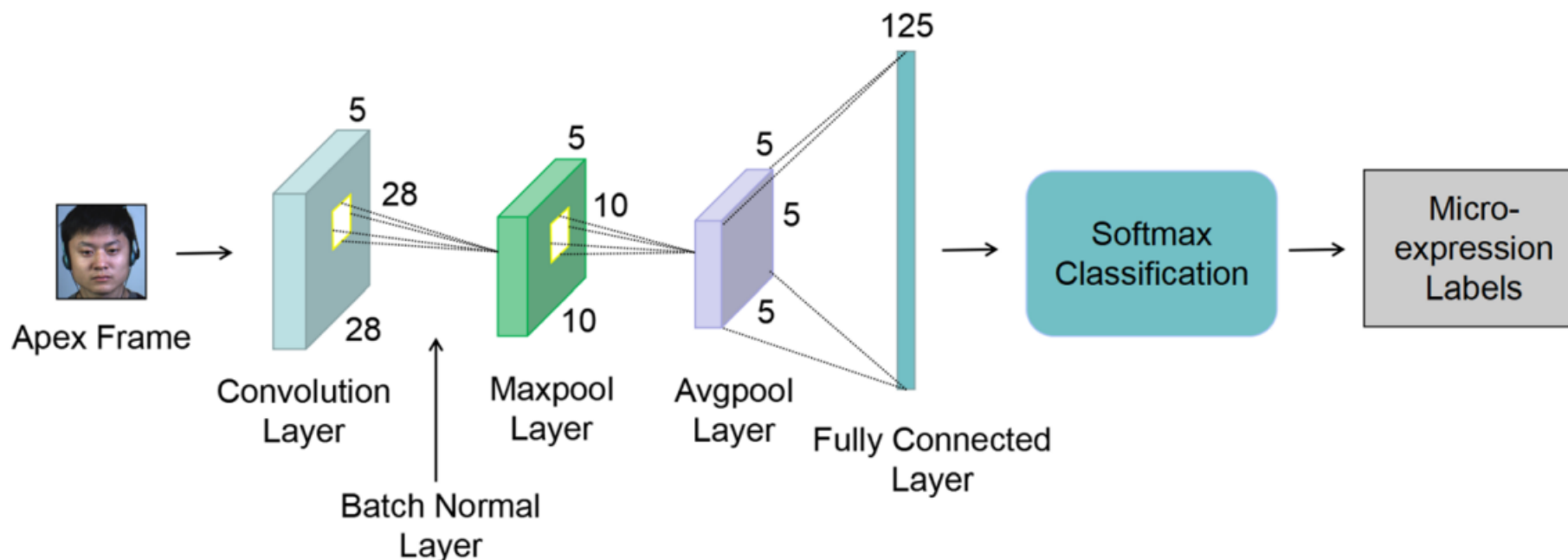
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The baseline method

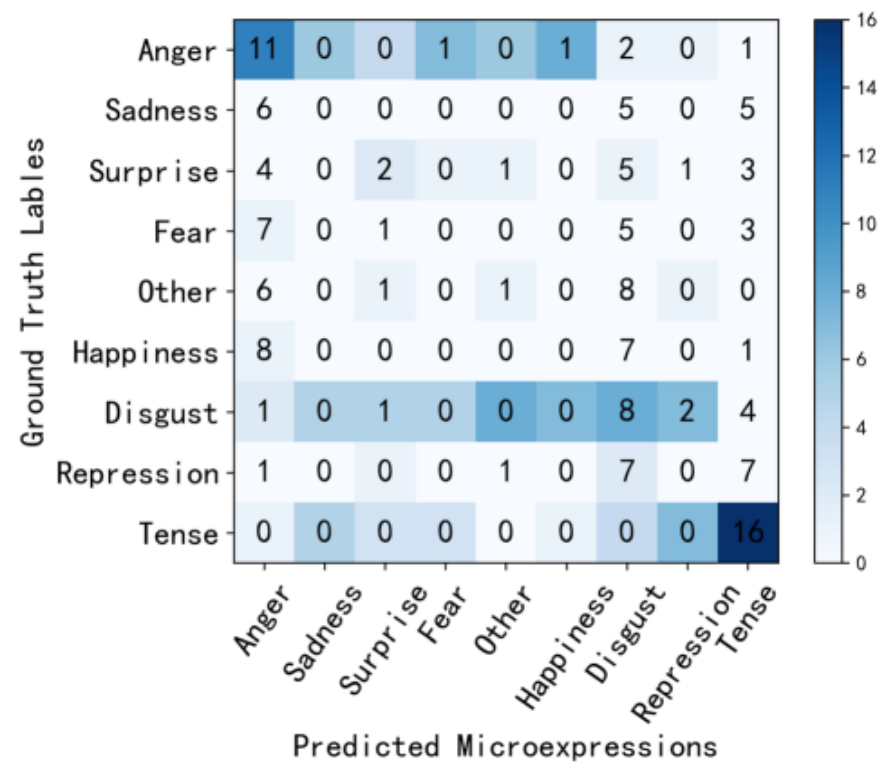
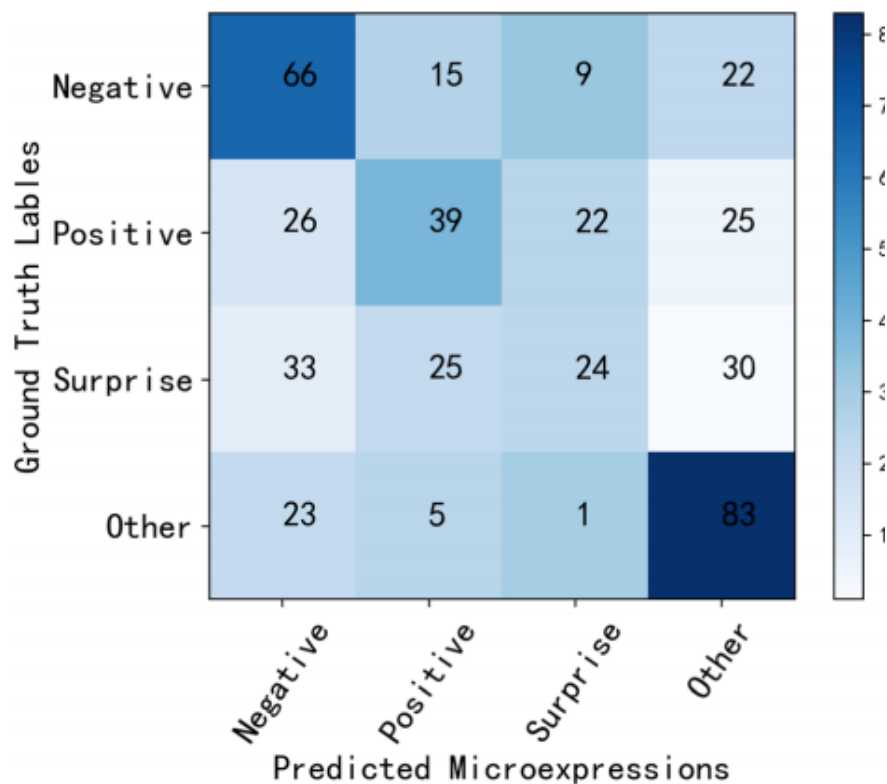
- Five datasets (the CASME database, the CASME II database, the CAS(ME)² database, the SMIC database, and the SAMM dataset) were fused to form two new datasets (the 4-class fused dataset and the 9-class fused dataset), and use these as the baseline model input.





The baseline method

Evaluation Method	4-class Fused Dataset	9-class Fused Dataset
LOVO	47.32%	26.39%





Possible future works

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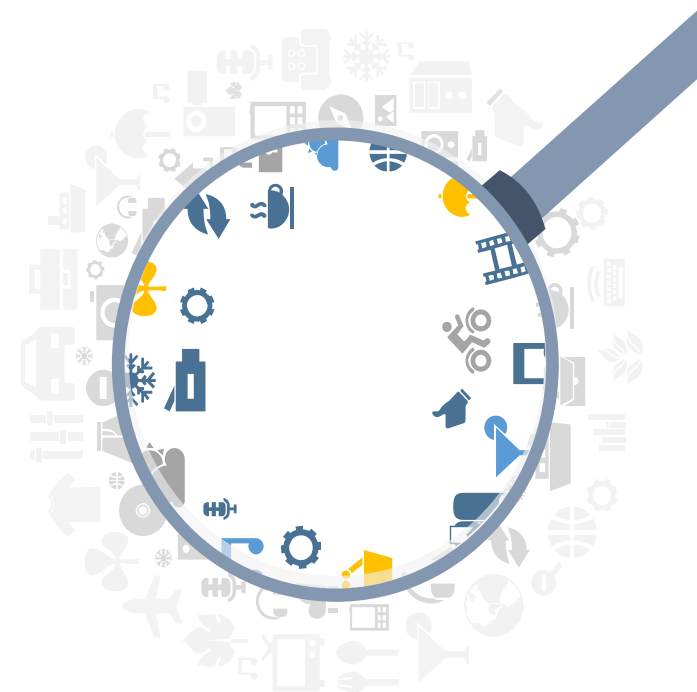
Micro-expression dataset collection

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Optimizing network structure

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Multimodal information for microexpression recognition





Meta-MMFNet: Meta-Learning Based Multi-Model Fusion Network for Micro-Expression Recognition

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- **Meta-Learning Based Multi-Model Fusion Network**

1. Meta-MMFNet fuses optical flow and frame difference features

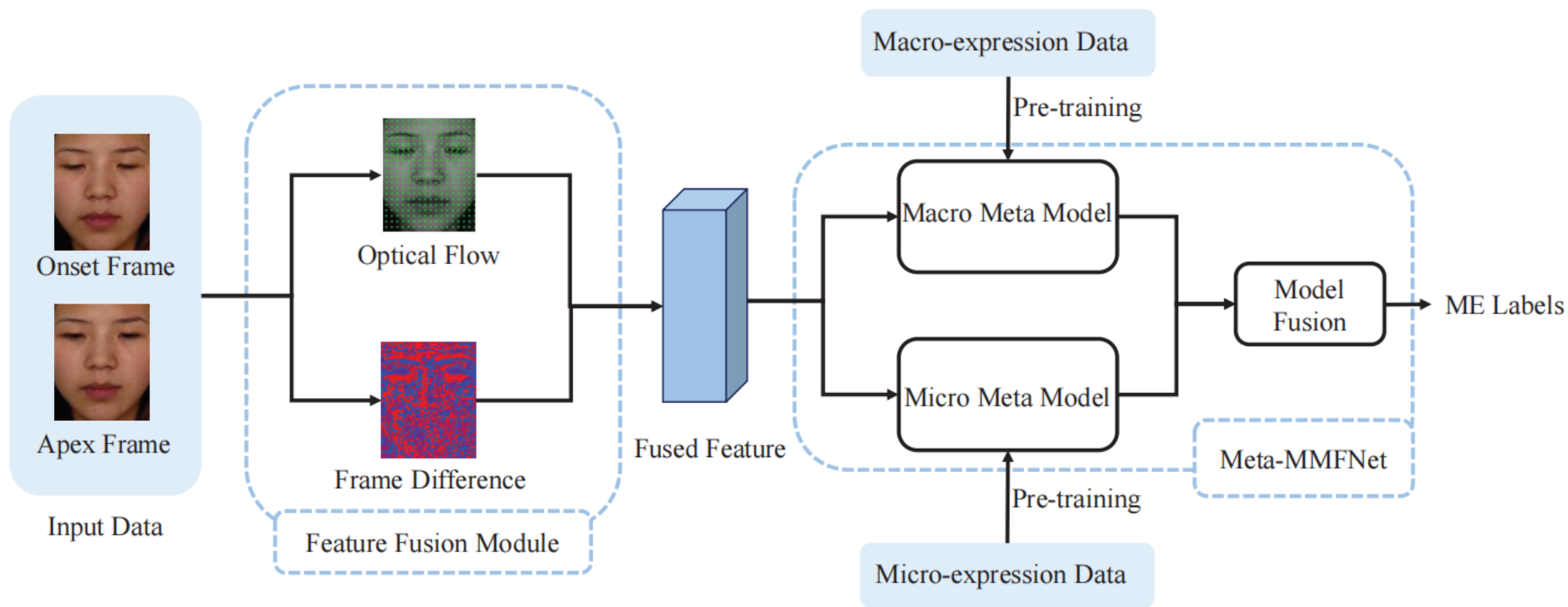
2. Meta-MMFNet fuses micro-expression pretrained model and macro-expression pretrained model

3. Meta-MMFNet achieves state-of-art performances



Meta-Learning Based Multi-Model Fusion Network

- The overall structure of the proposed Meta-learning based Multi-model Fusion Network (Meta-MMFNet) Method.

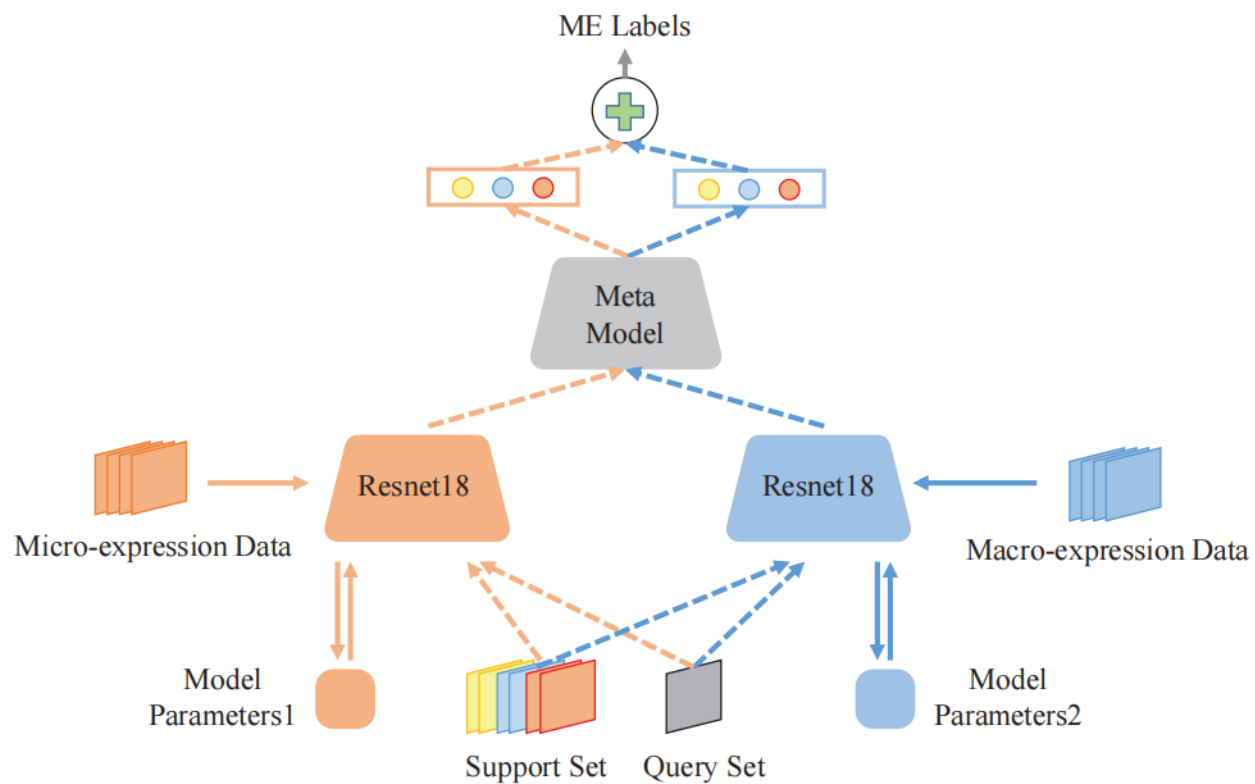




Meta-Learning Based Multi-Model Fusion Network

➤ The Network structure

- Meta-learning framework





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- Loss function:

$$w_c = \frac{1}{|S_c|} \sum_{x \in S_c} f_{\theta}(x),$$

$$p_i^c = p(y = c|x_i) = \frac{\exp(\langle f_{\theta}(x_i), w_c \rangle)}{\sum_{c'} \exp(\langle f_{\theta}(x_i), w_{c'} \rangle)},$$

$$Loss = - \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \log P_i,$$

$$d_{sum}^i = d_{micro}^i + \alpha d_{macro}^i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, c\},$$



Experiments

Table 3. Ablation Study

Models	Dataset		
	CASME	CASME II	SMIC
Micro-model	0.6815	0.7733	0.6220
Macro-model	0.6051	0.7733	0.5244
Meta-MMFNet	0.6959	0.8095	0.6313

Table 4. Performance Comparisons between the Proposed Meta-MMFNet and the State-of-the-art Methods on the CASME Dataset

Methods	CASME Dataset				
	Disgust	Surprise	Repression	Tense	Overall
STCLQP [14]	0.64	0.50	0.53	0.58	0.5731
LBP-SIP [48]	-	-	-	-	0.3684
FHOFO [11]	-	-	-	-	0.6599
MER-RCNN [52]	-	-	-	-	0.632
STLBP-RIP [13]	0.5682	0.6	0.4211	0.8136	0.5906
DiSTLBP-RIP [13]	0.7273	0.6	0.5263	0.6667	0.6433
LGCcon [20]	0.57	0.8	0.21	0.77	0.6082
3DFCNN [17]	-	-	-	-	0.5444
Our Macro-model	0.625	0.8889	0.4242	0.6061	0.6051
Our Micro-model	0.7	0.8889	0.5758	0.6667	0.6815
Our Meta-MMFNet	0.7179	0.9412	0.5357	0.6875	0.6959



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Table 5. Performance Comparisons between the Proposed Meta-MMFNet and the State-of-the-art Methods on the CASME II Dataset

Methods	CASME II Dataset				Overall
	Surprise	Repression	Happiness	Disgust	
DTCM [28]	-	-	-	-	0.7206
Our Macro-model	0.8929	0.5926	0.6563	0.8571	0.7733
Our Micro-model	0.9643	0.5926	0.5313	0.8889	0.7733
Our Meta-MMFNet	0.8929	0.5926	0.6897	0.9206	0.8095

Table 6. Performance Comparisons between the Proposed Meta-MMFNet and the State-of-the-art Methods on the SMIC Dataset

Methods	SMIC Dataset			Overall
	Surprise	Positive	Negative	
LBP-SIP [48]	-	-	-	0.4212
FDM [54]	0.53	0.66	0.41	0.5488
MER-RCNN [52]	-	-	-	0.571
FHOFO [11]	-	-	-	0.5122
Hierarchical STLBP-IP [61]	-	-	-	0.6078
FR [60]	-	-	-	0.579
3DFCNN [17]	-	-	-	0.5549
Our Macro-model	0.6512	0.5686	0.4143	0.5244
Our Micro-model	0.7442	0.5294	0.6143	0.6220
Our Meta-MMFNet	0.7561	0.5600	0.6087	0.6313



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Table 7. Composite Dataset Annotations

Datasets	Composite Database Evaluation (CDE) Dataset Categories		
	Surprise	Positive	Negative
CASME	Surprise	Happiness	Disgust, Repression, Tense, Sadness, Fear, Contempt
CASME II	Surprise	Happiness	Disgust, Repression, Fear, Sadness
SMIC	Surprise	Positive	Negative

“positive,” “negative,” and “surprise.” The relations between the original and composite dataset annotations are listed in Table 7.

Table 8. Experimental Results of the Composite Database Evaluation

Method	Surprise	Positive	Negative	Average Accuracy	Overall Accuracy
LBP-SIP [48]	-	-	-	0.3948	-
FHOFO [11]	-	-	-	0.5861	-
3DFCNN [17]	-	-	-	0.5497	-
Our Meta-MMFNet	-	-	-	0.7122	-
Our Meta-MMFNet_retrain	0.8736	0.5275	0.7855	-	0.7526

Thank You For Listening!

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