



# A Quality-Guided Mixture of Score-Fusion Experts Framework for Human Recognition

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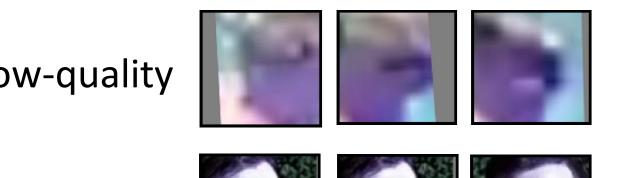
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### Motivation

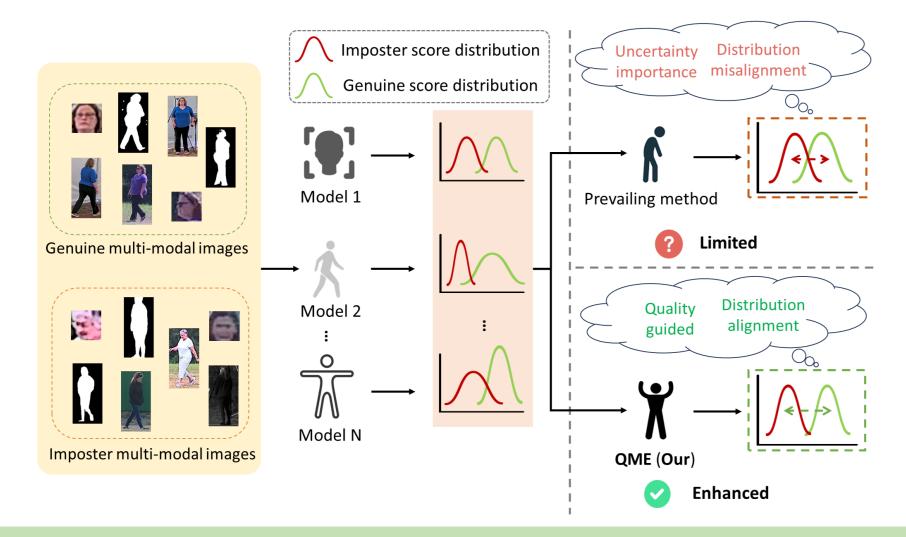
#### 1. Low quality vs high quality modality:



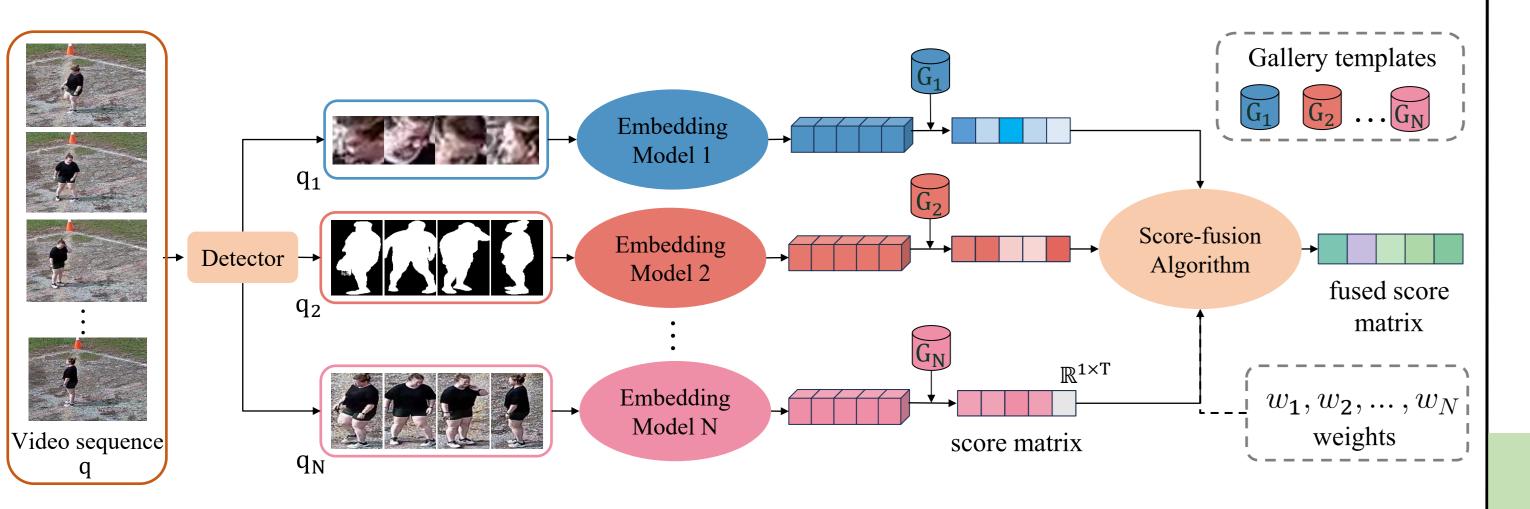
For a probe with **low-quality**, we should give a **lower weight.** 

For a probe with high-quality, we should give a higher weight.

#### 2. Distribution misalignment & uncertainty importance:

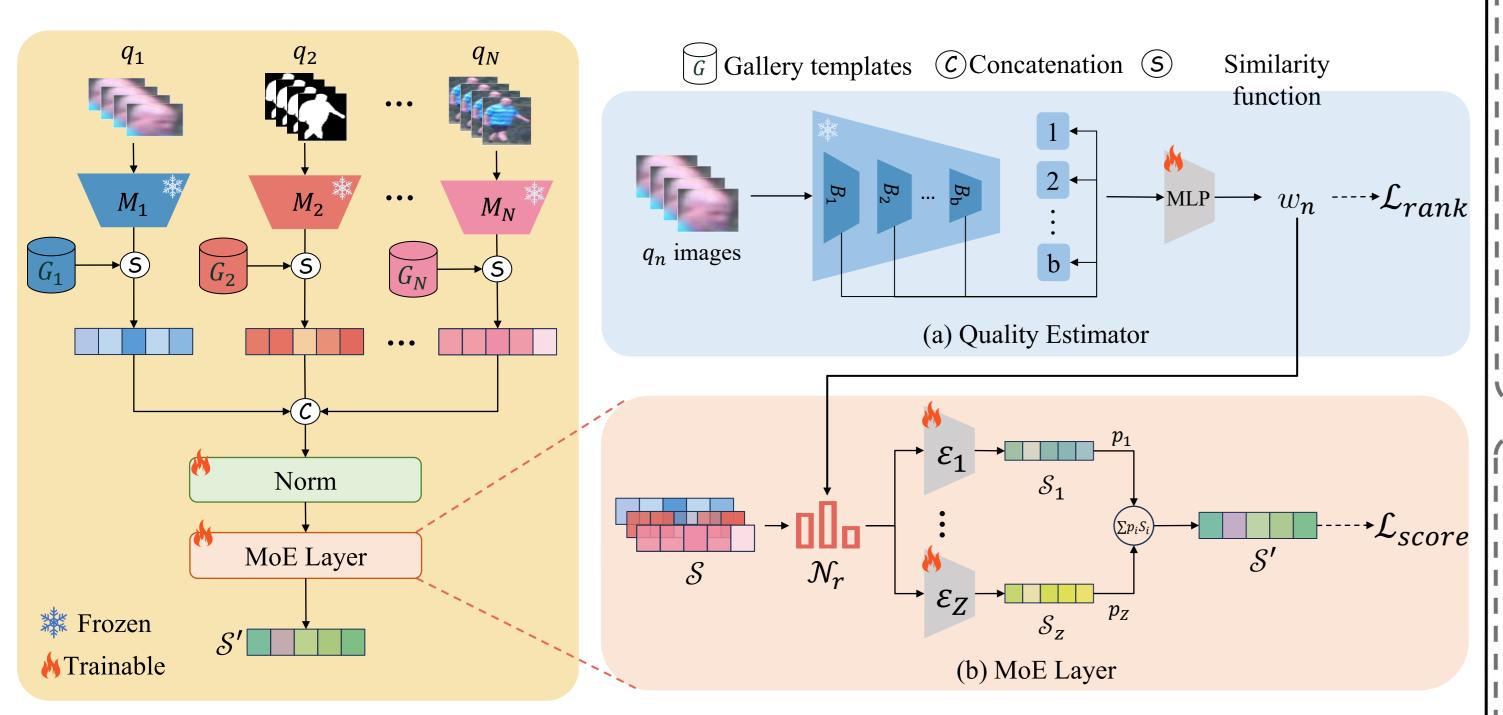


# Systematic Whole-body Biometric Recognition



### QME Framework

We propose a Quality-Guided Mixture of Score-Fusion Experts (QME) framework to fused the score matrices.

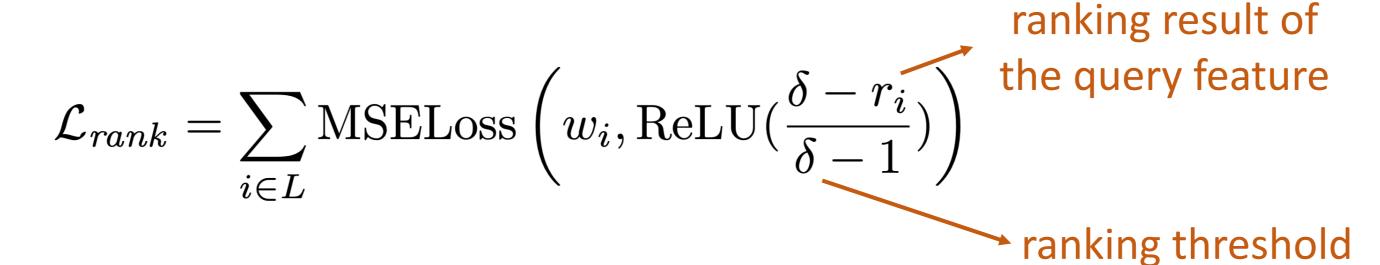


QME dynamically assigns weights to each expert based on input quality, encouraging diverse specializations.

### **Loss Functions**

# **Pseudo Quality Loss**

Provide pseudo quality labels based on the ranking result of the sample:



#### Examples:

Farsight [31]

Ours

 $r_i$ =1,  $\delta$ =10, Pseudo quality label: 1  $r_i$ =5,  $\delta$ =10, Pseudo quality label: 0.56  $r_i$ =20,  $\delta$ =10, Pseudo quality label: 0

### **Score Triplet Loss**

Traditional triplet loss optimizes relative distances between samples:

$$\mathcal{L}_{tri} = \text{ReLU}(d(a, p) - d(a, n) + m),$$

but it does not constrain the values of negative samples, which are crucial for calculating the threshold in verification and open-set search metrics.

To optimize these metrics, we introduce the score triplet loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_{score} = \text{ReLU}(\mathcal{S}'_{nm}) + \text{ReLU}(m - \mathcal{S}'_{mat})$$

# **Experiments**

Our method consistently outperforms existing approaches across all four benchmarks, achieving SoTA performance in challenging metrics.

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Method	Comb.	Rank1↑	mAP <sup>↑</sup>	TAR↑	FNIF	₹	Method	Comb.	Rank1↑	mAP†	TAR↑	FNIR↓
AdaFace* [22]	•	25.0	8.1	5.4	$98.8 \pm$	1.2	AdaFace* [22]	•	94.0	87.9	75.7	$13.0 \pm 3.5$
CAL [15]	<b>^</b>	52.5	27.1	34.7	$67.8 \pm$	7.3	CAL [15]	<b>^</b>	81.4	74.7	66.3	$52.8 \pm 13.$
AGRL [53]		51.9	25.5	30.7	$69.4 \pm$	8.9	BigGait* [57]	*	76.7	61.0	49.7	$71.1 \pm 6.1$
Z-score [47]		54.1	27.4	30.7	$66.5 \pm$	7.0	Z-score [47]		92.2	90.6	73.9	$15.1 \pm 1.5$
Min-max [47]		52.8	24.7	25.0	$71.3 \pm$	6.1	Min-max [47]		91.8	90.9	73.9	$15.4 \pm 2.5$
RHE [17]		52.8	24.8	25.3	$71.2 \pm$	6.2	<i>RHE</i> [17]		91.7	90.2	73.1	$16.6 \pm 2.5$
Weigthed-sum [35]		54.1	27.3	30.3	$66.3 \pm$	7.0	Weigthed-sum [35]		91.7	90.6	73.6	$15.4 \pm 1.8$
Asym-AO1 [18]		52.5	22.9	23.6	$71.7 \pm$	5.8	Asym-AO1 [18]		92.3	90.0	74.0	$15.9 \pm 1.7$
BSSF [49]		53.5	27.4	30.5	$65.9 \pm$	7.2	BSSF [49]		91.8	91.1	73.9	$14.1 \pm 1.3$
Farsight [32]		53.8	25.4	26.6	$69.8 \pm$	6.4	Farsight [31]		92.0	91.2	73.9	$13.9 \pm 1.1$
Ours (AdaFace-QE)	)	55.7	28.2	32.9	$64.6 \pm$	8.2	Ours (AdaFace-QE	)	92.6	91.6	<u>75.0</u>	$13.3 \pm 1.2$
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Method Co	TA	R↑ R201 5.5 80.5		TAR↑ 31.5	R20↑ 44.5	FNIR↓   1   81.3		•				

BSSF [49]

Farsight [31]

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### **Ablation Studies**

(1) Effects of proposed component.

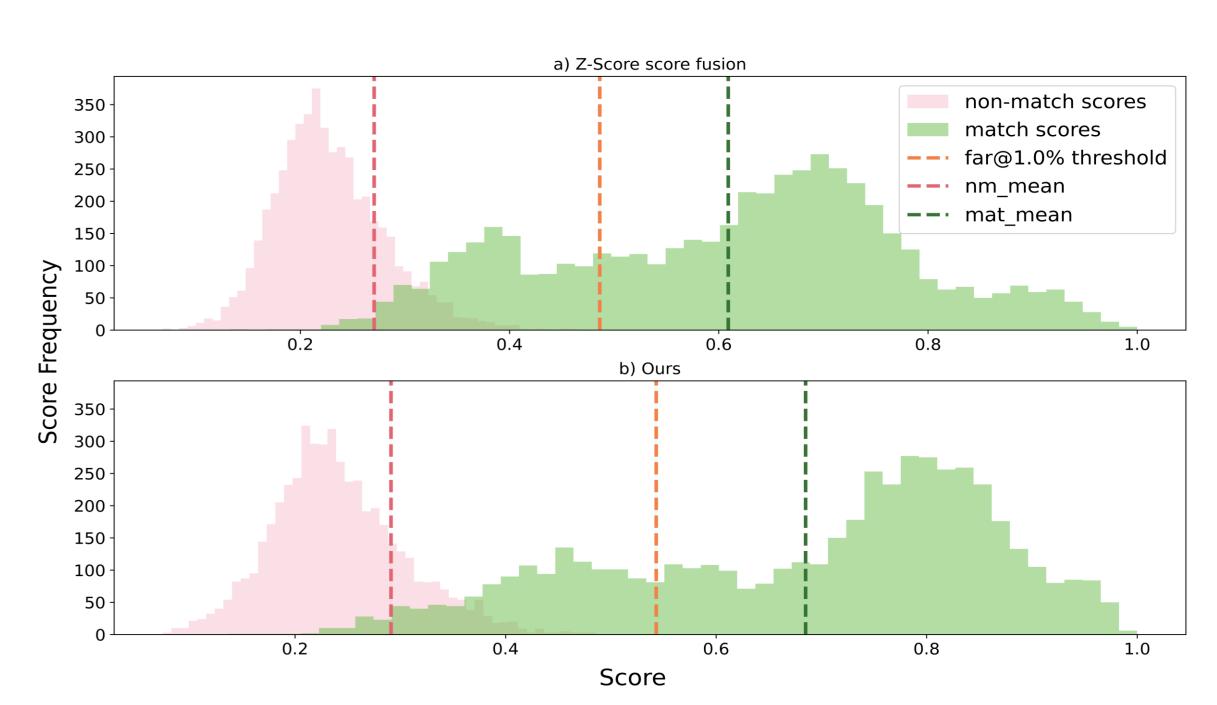
$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{sco}}$	re QE	Z	Rank1↑	mAP↑	TAR↑	FNIR↓
X	X	1	49.4	21.6	23.3	84.0
✓	X	1	53.8	24.5	25.3	70.4
X	X	2	54.1	25.5	30.8	65.4
✓	X	2	55.1	27.0	31.3	66.5
<b>√</b>	✓	2	<b>55.7</b>	28.2	32.9	64.6

(2) Effects of expert aggregation. Each expert specializes in specific data scenarios and metrics, and their aggregation leads to the best overall performance.

	Expert	Fa	ce Incl.	Trt.	Face Restr. Trt.			
	•	TAR↑	R20↑	FNIR↓	TAR↓	R20↑	FNIR↓	
	$arepsilon_1$	<u>83.6</u>	<u>95.5</u>	<u>41.7</u>	62.0	90.6	<u>66.7</u>	
	$arepsilon_2$	81.8	<u>95.5</u>	46.6	<u>65.0</u>	90.6	68.4	
_	Ours $(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)$	<b>84.5</b>	95.7	<b>41.2</b>	67.9	90.6	64.1	

#### Visualizations

QME has a clearer boundary between match scores and non-match scores.



The predicted quality weight can dynamically reflect the quality of the input sample:

