

# MARLIN: Masked Autoencoder for facial video Representation Learning

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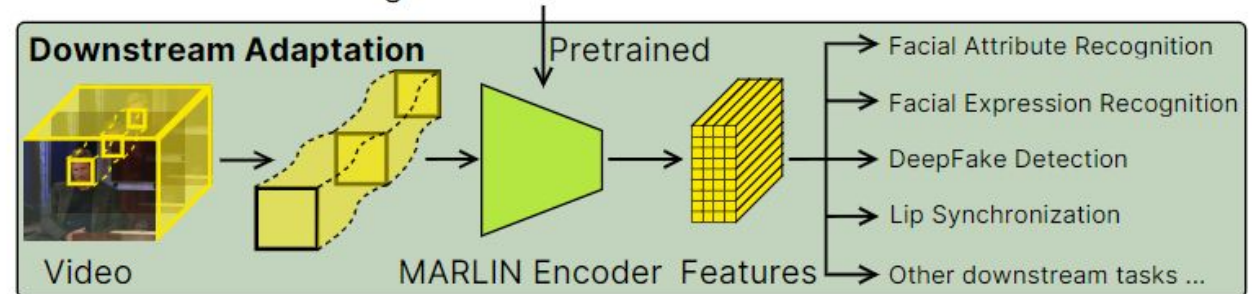
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# Abstract

- Facial representation learning provide important cues for non-verbal human behaviour analysis
- Universal facial representation learning from videos can transfer across
  - Facial Attribute Recognition (FAR)
  - Facial Expression Recognition (FER)
  - DeepFake Detection (DFD)
  - Lip Synchronization (LS)
  - And many more



Large Unlabelled Facial Video Dataset



# Challenges and Prior Work

## Challenges

- Data collection and annotation - resource expensive and time consuming process
- Spatio-temporal modelling for universal representation

## Prior Work

Works closely related to MARLIN are:

- Image-based facial encoding
  - Exploring training dataset properties in terms of size and quality [1]
  - Performing pre-training in visual-linguistic way [2]

[1] Adrian Bulat, Shiyang Cheng, Jing Yang, Andrew Garbett, Enrique Sanchez, and Georgios Tzimiropoulos. Pre-training strategies and datasets for facial representation learning. In ECCV, pages 107-125, 2022.

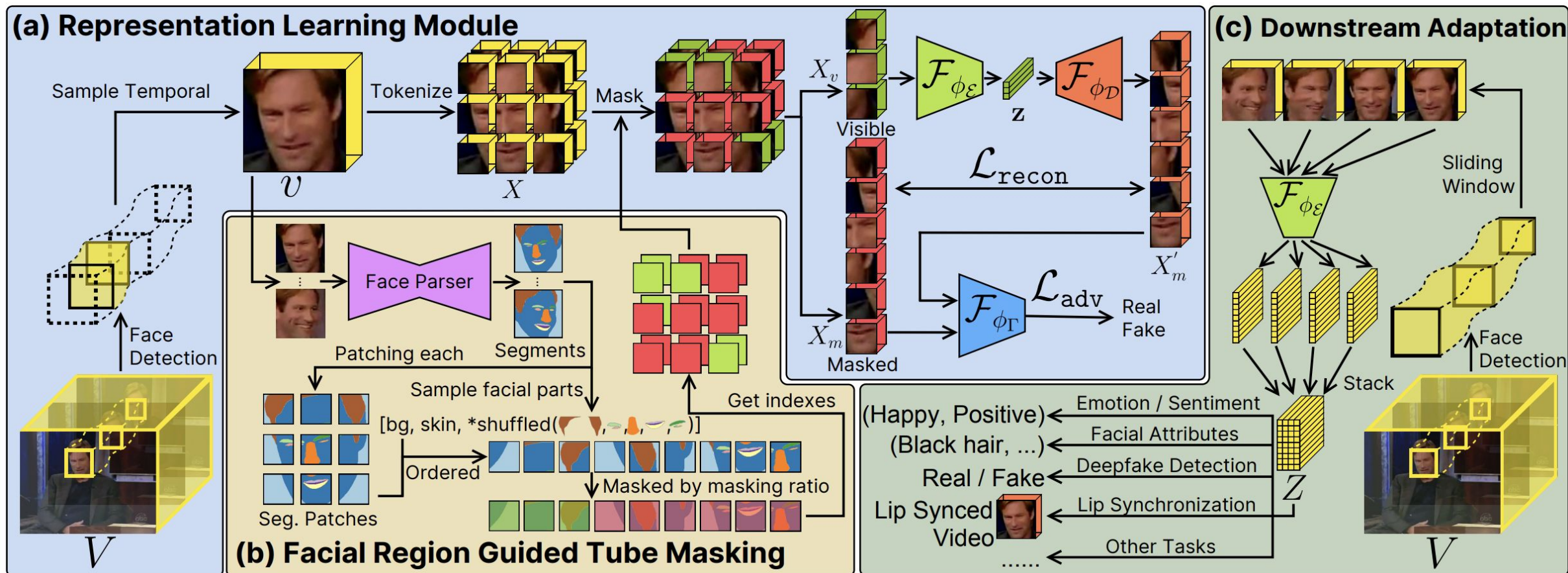
[2] Yinglin Zheng, Hao Yang, Ting Zhang, Jianmin Bao, Dongdong Chen, Yangyu Huang, Lu Yuan, Dong Chen, Ming Zeng, and Fang Wen. General Facial Representation Learning in a Visual-Linguistic Manner. In CVPR, pages 18697–18709, 2022.

# Contributions

1. **MARLIN**, a universal facial encoder that learns robust representations from non-annotated web-crawled facial videos in a self-supervised manner
2. **Fasking**, a facial region-guided tube masking strategy that reconstructs facial regions from densely masked areas. This approach captures both local and global aspects in facial videos, aiding in the acquisition of generic and transferable features
3. Demonstrate generalization capability of MARLIN for **Facial Attribute Recognition**, **Facial Expression Recognition**, **Deepfake Detection**, **Lip Synchronization**, and even in **few shot** settings

# Method Overview

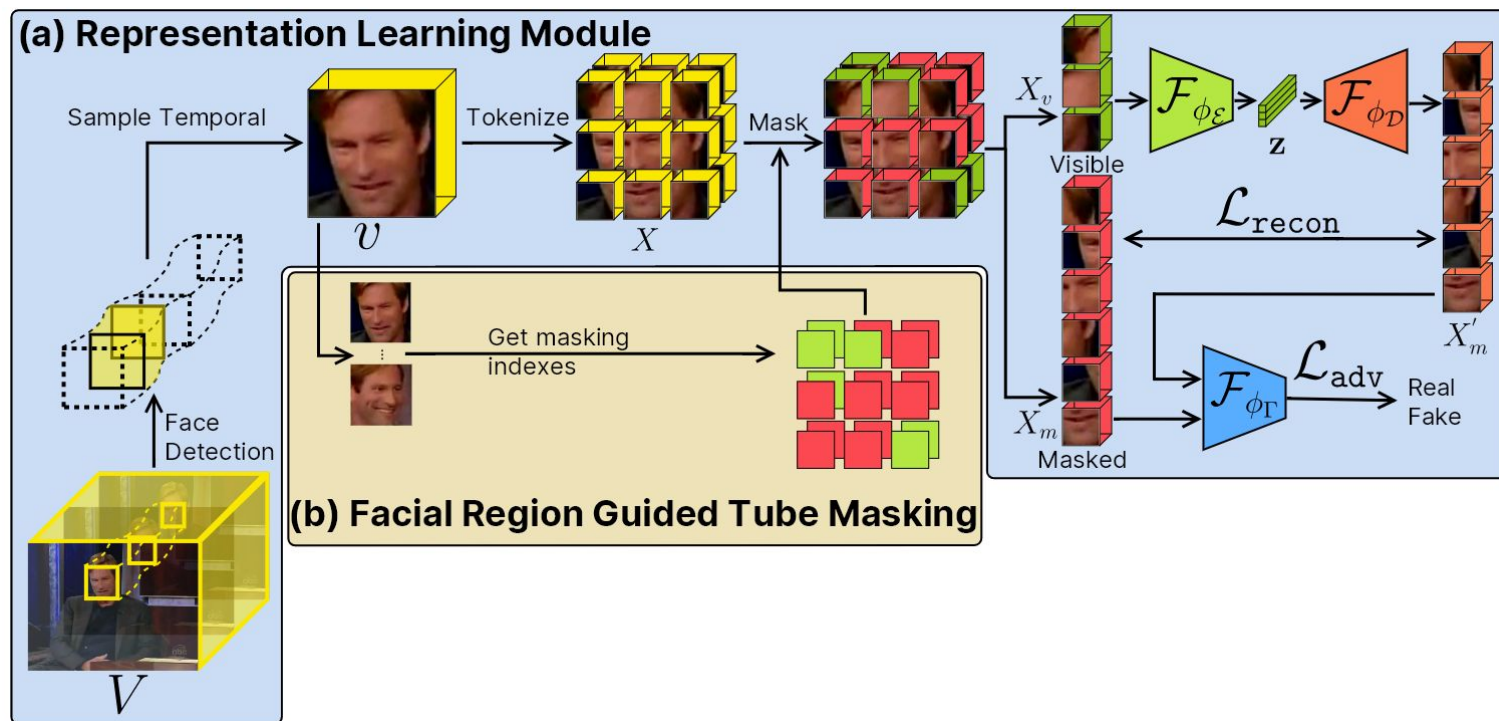
- The pipeline for MARLIN divided into three parts (a), (b) and (c)



# Method

## (a) Representation Learning Module

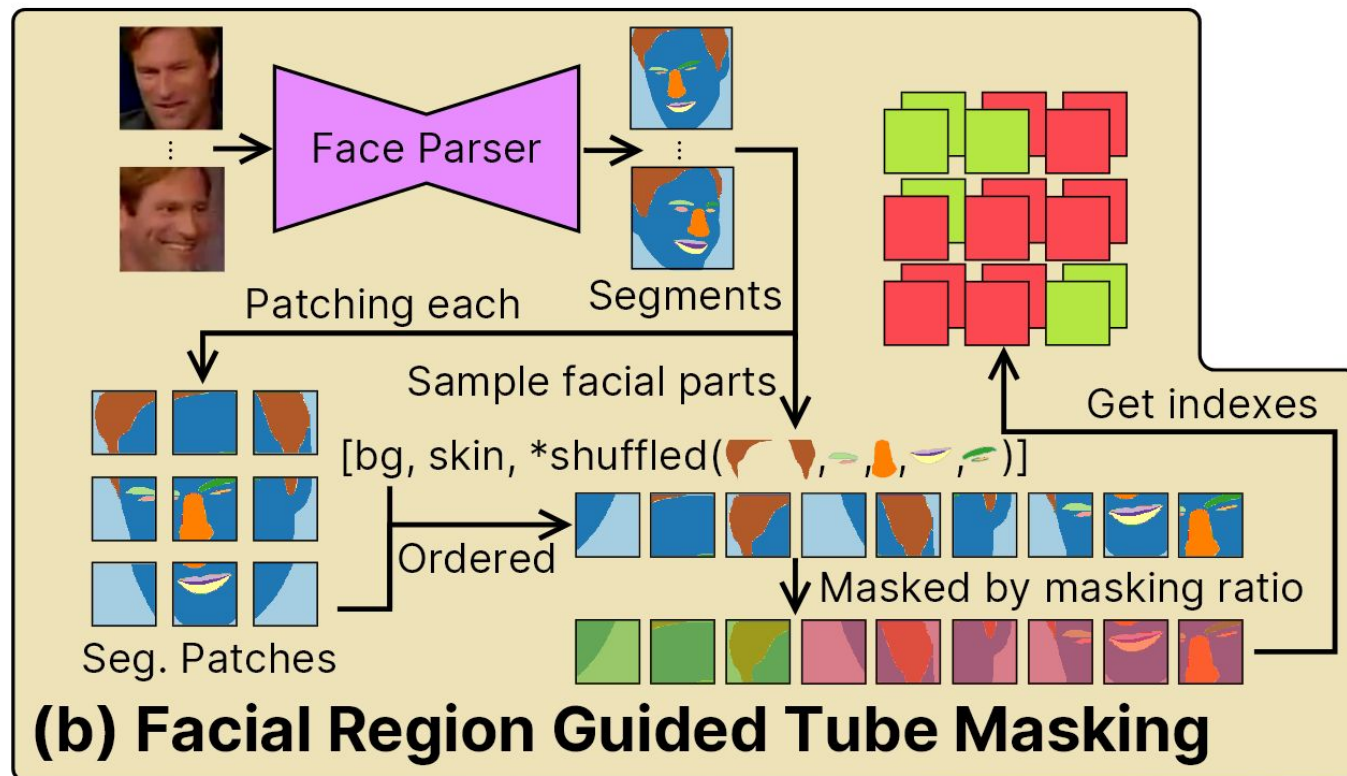
- Masked autoencoder
- Pre-training performed using
  - Reconstruction loss
  - Adversarial loss



# Method

## (b) Facial-region guided tube masking (Fasking)

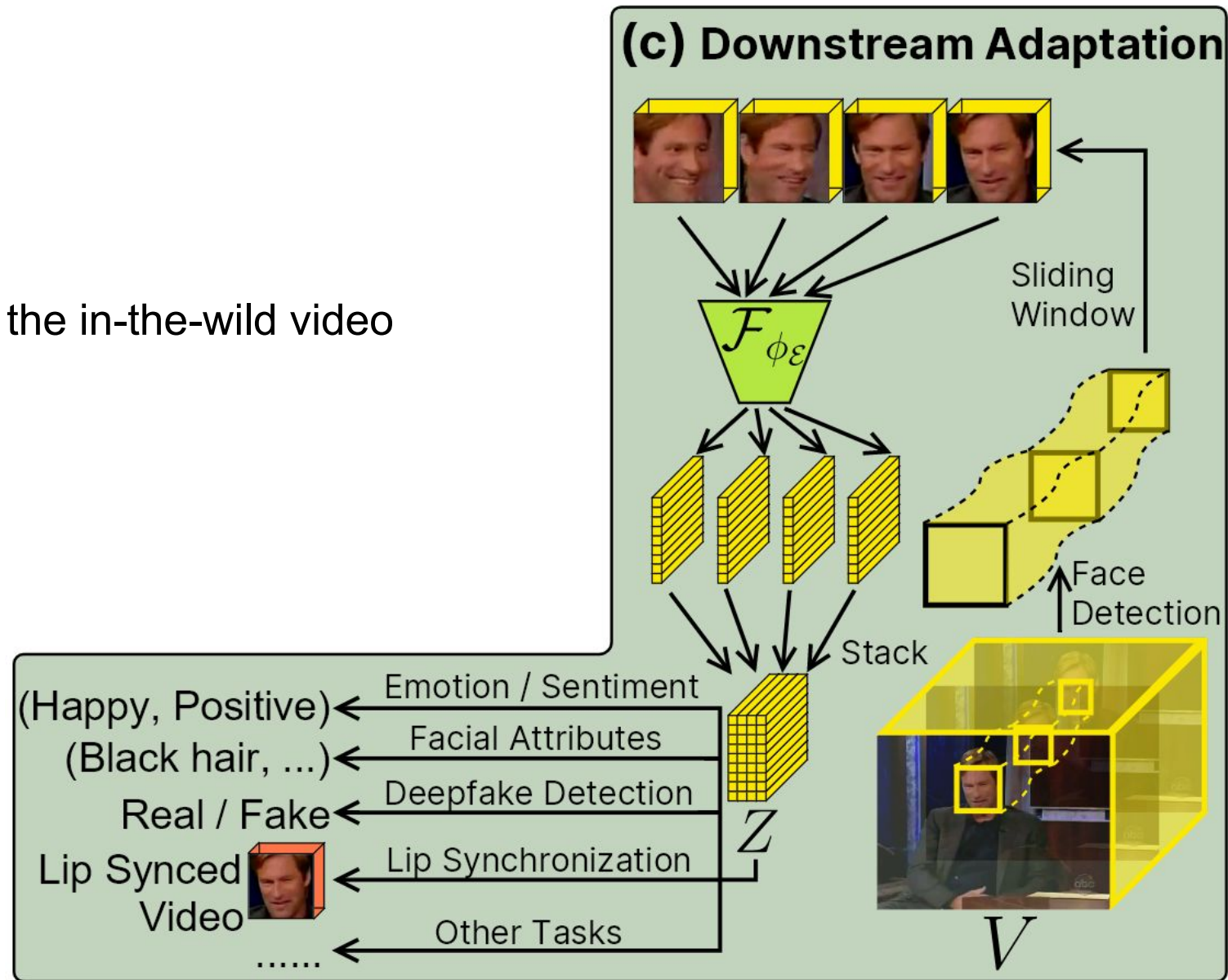
- Used a pre-trained face parser to segment facial components
- Random sample permutation of facial components as a masking priority queue
- Mask the cubes based on the queue



# Method

## (c) Downstream adaptation

- We use sliding window to get clips of the in-the-wild video input for extracting features
- Two modes for adapting
  - Finetune the encoder and classifier head
  - Freeze the encoder and only train the head





# Results

## Deepfake Detection

- Finetune MARLIN for Deepfake Detection
- We evaluate it in FaceForensics++ dataset
- Supervised methods\*

Pre-train	Method	Acc.(%) $\uparrow$	AUC $\uparrow$
–	Steg.Features [32]*	55.98	–
–	LD-CNN [24]*	58.69	–
–	Constraied Conv. [8]*	66.84	–
–	CustomPooling CNN [61]*	61.18	–
–	MesoNet [2]*	70.47	–
–	Face X-ray [47]*	–	0.6160
–	Xception [21]*	86.86	0.8930
–	F <sup>3</sup> -Net [58]*	93.02	0.9580
–	P3D [59]*	–	0.6705
–	R3D [72]*	–	0.8772
–	I3D [15]*	–	0.9318
–	M2TR [76]*	–	0.9395
–	ST-M2TR [76]*	–	0.9531
YTF [78]	VideoMAE [71]	87.57	0.9082
YTF [78]	MARLIN	89.43	0.9305

# Results

## Deepfake Generation

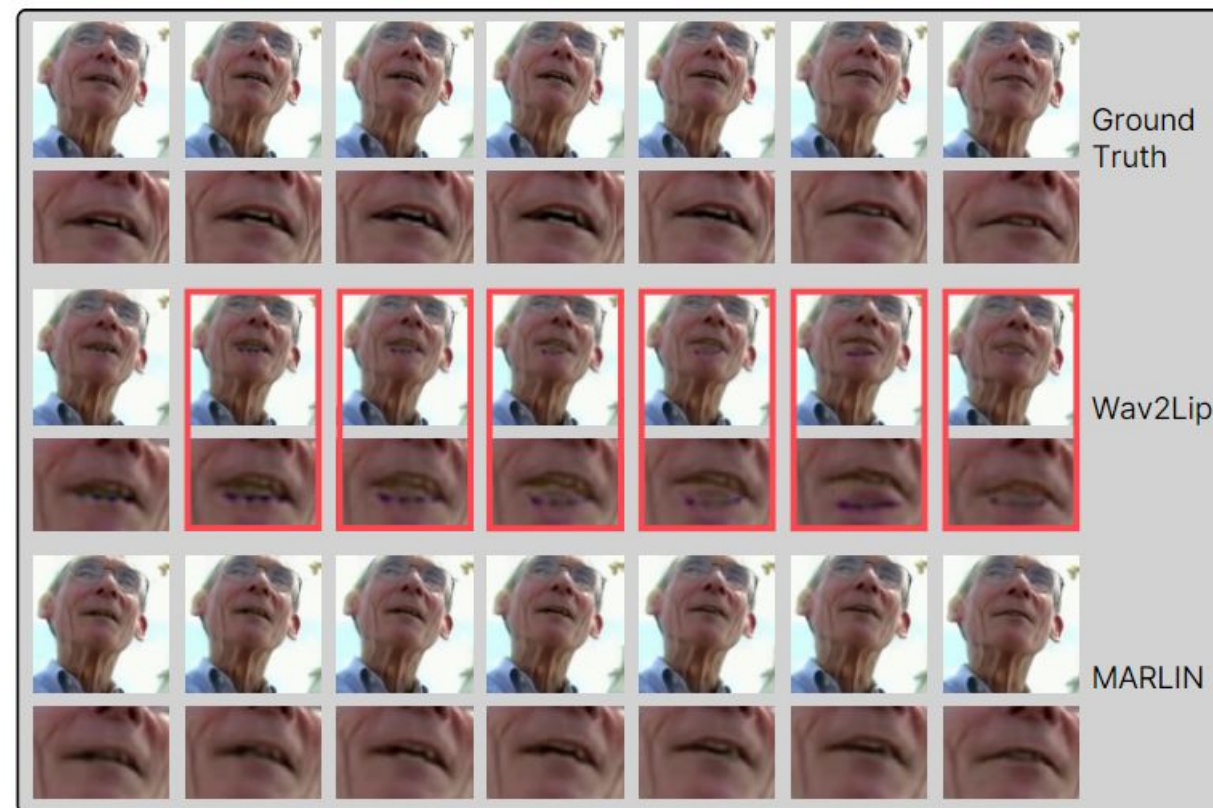
- Adapt MARLIN for Facial Video Generation
- We evaluate it in LRS2 dataset

Method	LSE-D↓	LSE-C ↑	FID↓
Speech2Vid [41]	14.230	1.587	12.320
LipGAN [42]	10.330	3.199	4.861
Wav2Lip [57]	7.521	6.406	4.887
AttnWav2Lip [74]	7.339	6.530	–
Wav2Lip + ViT [28]	8.996	2.807	13.352
Wav2Lip + ViT + VideoMAE [71]	7.316	5.096	4.097
Wav2Lip + ViT + MARLIN	7.127	5.528	3.452

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# Results

## Facial Expression/Sentiment Recognition

- Facial Expression Recognition
- Facial Sentiment Recognition
- Evaluated on MOSEI dataset

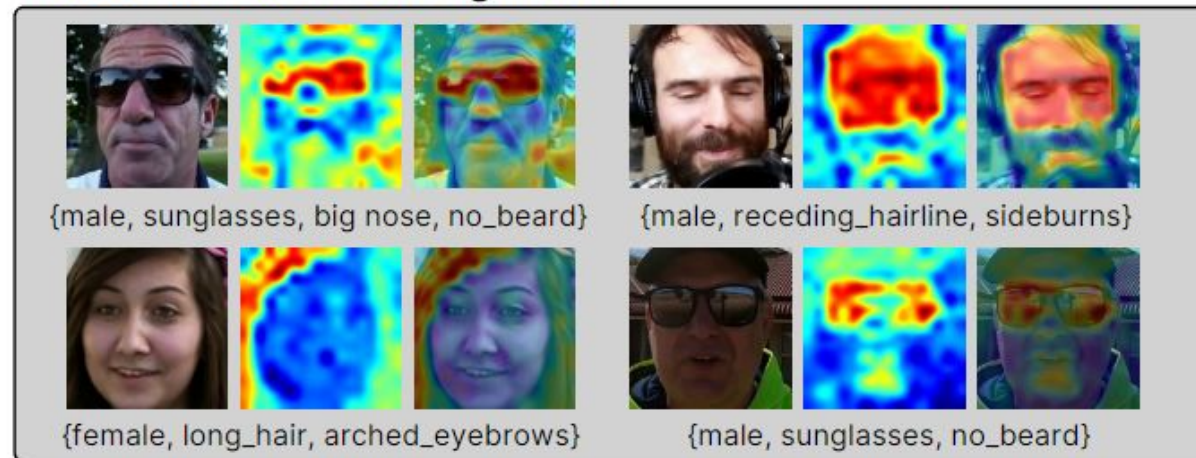
Tasks	Pre-train	Method	Mod.	Acc.↑
Emotion	–	MViTv1 [49]*	V	80.45
	–	UMONS [25]*	LAV	80.68
	–	GMF [4]*	LAV	81.14
	YTF [78]	VideoMAE [71]	V	80.39
	YTF [78]	MARLIN	V	80.60
Sentiment (7-Class)	–	MViTv1 [49]*	V	33.35
	YTF [78]	VideoMAE [71]	V	33.78
	YTF [78]	MARLIN	V	34.63
Sentiment (2-Class)	MOSEI [7] and IEMOCAP [11]	CAE-LR [45]	V	71.06
	YTF [78]	VideoMAE [71]	V	72.96
	YTF [78]	MARLIN	V	73.70

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## Facial Expression/Sentiment Recognition

- Facial Attribute Recognition
- Evaluated on CelebV-HQ dataset
- Grad cam visualization for facial attributes recognition

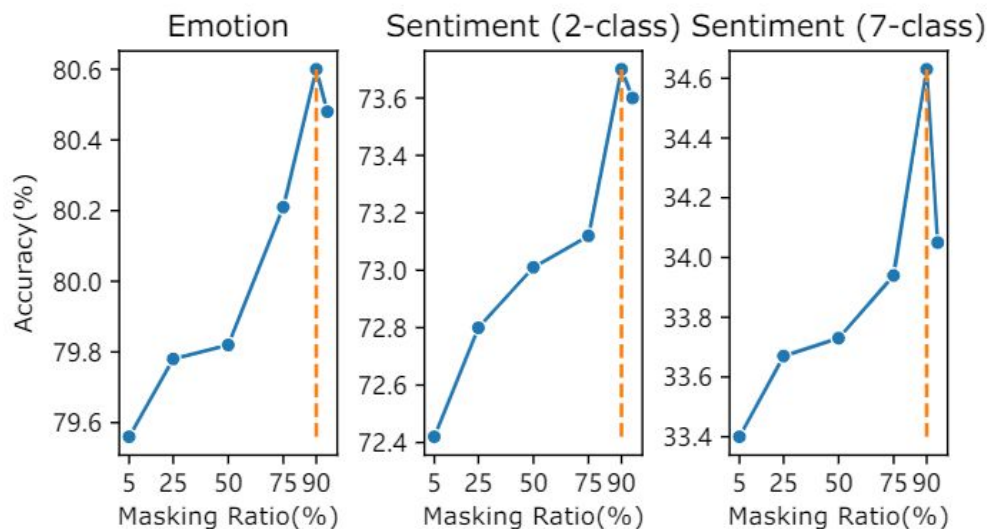
## Facial Attribute Recognition



Method	Appearance		Action		Overall Acc.↑
	Acc.↑	AUC↑	Acc.↑	AUC↑	
R3D [72]*	92.34	0.9424	94.57	0.9173	93.45
MViTv1 [30]*	92.90	0.9452	95.13	0.9233	94.01
MViTv2 [49]*	92.77	0.954	95.15	0.9239	93.96
VideoMAE (FT) [71]	92.91	0.9529	95.37	0.9284	94.14
MARLIN (LP)	91.90	0.9373	95.25	0.9278	93.57
MARLIN (FT)	93.90	0.9561	95.48	0.9406	94.69

# Ablation Studies

- Contribution of different modules
- Encoder architecture
- Masking strategy



Data →	MOSEI [7]			FF++ [58]	CelebV-HQ [81]	
Task →	Emo.	7-Sen.	2-Sen.	DeepFake	Appr.	Act.
Anno. %	Acc. ↑	Acc. ↑	Acc. ↑	AUC ↑	AUC ↑	AUC ↑
100%	80.60	34.63	73.70	0.9305	0.9373	0.9278
50%	80.59	33.73	73.33	0.8681	0.9273	0.9270
10%	79.89	33.56	72.26	0.7459	0.8996	0.9201
1%	78.61	30.09	71.89	0.6252	0.8423	0.9063

Datasets →	MOSEI [7]			FF++ [62]	
	Emo.	7-Sent.	2-Sent.	Acc.	AUC.
	Acc. (%) ↑	Acc. (%) ↑	Acc. (%) ↑	Acc. (%) ↑	AUC. (↑)
<b>Modules ↓</b>					
VideoMAE	80.39	33.78	72.96	87.57	0.9082
+ Fasking	80.55	34.58	73.54	87.29	0.9154
+ AT	80.58	34.05	73.17	88.00	0.9096
+ Both (MARLIN)	<b>80.60</b>	<b>34.63</b>	<b>73.70</b>	<b>89.43</b>	<b>0.9305</b>
<b>Encoder Arch. ↓</b>					
ViT-S	80.38	33.40	72.69	87.43	0.8863
ViT-B	80.60	34.63	73.70	89.43	0.9305
ViT-L	<b>80.63</b>	<b>35.28</b>	<b>74.83</b>	<b>90.71</b>	<b>0.9377</b>
<b>Masking Strategy ↓</b>					
Random	80.40	34.10	72.96	87.29	0.8797
Frame	79.33	33.99	72.90	86.57	0.8835
Tube	80.58	34.05	73.17	88.00	0.9096
Fasking	<b>80.60</b>	<b>34.63</b>	<b>73.70</b>	<b>89.43</b>	<b>0.9305</b>

# Thank You

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**Github:** <https://github.com/ControlNet/MARLIN>