# Sibling-Attack: Rethinking Transferable Adversarial Attacks Against Face Recognition

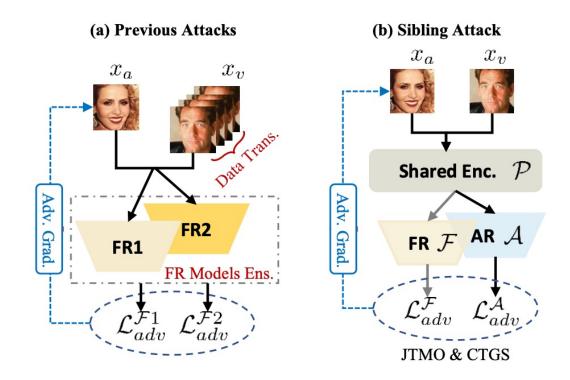
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#### Introduction

- ➢ Transferable adversarial attack against face recognition (FR) task.
- Leverage adversarial information from multiple tasks.





### **Auxiliary Task Selection**

- Theoretical analysis conducted in previous works supports FR and AR are highly correlated tasks.
- Empirical analysis demonstrates that AR exhibits best attacking transferability performance for intuitive multi-task attack.

Dataset	Cel	lebA-HQ	LFW		
Target Model	IR50	ResNet101	IR50	ResNet101	
FR+FR	73.40	76.00	75.80	78.20	
FR+FLD	75.20	78.10	52.00	78.60	
FR+FP	66.50	85.10	71.80	83.40	
FR+AR(Ours)	93.00	93.40	97.60	96.80	

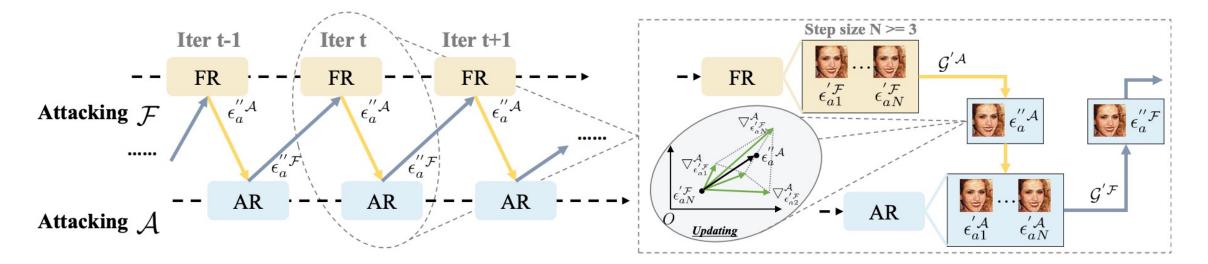


\*FR: face recognition; AR: facial attribute recognition; FP: face parsing; FLD: face landmark detection.

## **Optimization Framework**

Joint Task Meta Optimization (JTMO)

Cross Task Gradient Stabilization (CTGS)





#### **Quantitative Results**

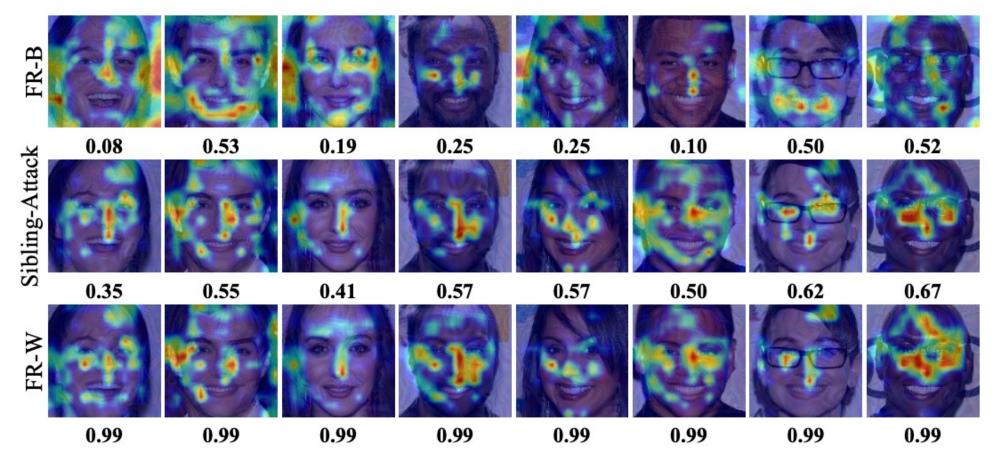
Sibling-Attack improves the attack success rate by 12.61% and 55.77% on average on pre-trained face recognition models and commercial face recognition systems.

	Dataset	LFW								
Methods	Source Model	IR152+FaceNet				IR152+IRSE50				
wiethous	Target Model	Offline Model		Online Model		Offline Model		Online Model		
		IR50	ResNet101	Face++	Microsoft	IR50	ResNet101	Face++	Microsoft	
	Adv-Hat [37]	1.80	9.30	1.80	0.10	5.00	13.40	2.20	0.10	
Methods Face-based Transfer-based Ours	Adv-Glasses [57]	0.80	5.00	3.70	0.00	1.90	4.90	4.70	0.00	
	Adv-Face [13]	13.80	29.70	30.70	0.40	13.80	24.80	19.00	0.40	
	Adv-Makeup [69]	2.40	9.20	5.30	0.20	4.70	12.60	5.50	0.30	
	GenAP [66]	4.20	13.60	15.20	0.30	4.30	14.50	13.90	0.50	
	PGD [45]	75.80	78.20	46.70	19.10	89.30	89.70	60.40	36.50	
Transfer-based	TAP [75]	76.90	81.00	54.10	28.60	89.60	89.60	64.30	45.60	
	MI-FGSM [17]	68.40	71.00	41.90	21.10	92.20	86.30	60.10	38.80	
	VMI-FGSM [62]	76.80	80.80	41.50	10.90	76.40	79.30	40.80	11.90	
Ours	Sibling-Attack	98.70	98.60	96.10	59.30	98.70	98.60	96.10	59.30	
		21.80↑	17.60 ↑	42.00 ↑	30.70↑	6.50 ↑	8.90↑	31.80 ↑	13.70 ↑	



#### **Qualitative Results**

Gradient responses from Sibling-Attack and the target mode (FR-W) both focus more on the similar key facial regions, interprets the stronger transferability.





#### **Ablation Study & Analysis**

Attack success rate gradually increase with adding each proposed component, validating effectiveness of each components.

	Dataset Source Model			LFW				
Methods				Offline Model		Online Model		
	IR152	FaceNet	IRSE50	IR50	ResNet101	Face++	Microsoft	
Single Model	~	-	-	76.50	79.30	43.40	13.10	
	-	$\checkmark$	-	1.30	5.10	4.90	0.20	
	-	2	$\checkmark$	63.40	76.80	56.50	14.20	
Ensemble	~	~	-	75.80	78.20	46.70	19.10	
	1	-	$\checkmark$	89.30	89.70	60.40	36.50	
	7	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	65.80	77.90	59.20	16.80	
Ours	Basic framework			80.90	92.20	69.80	37.20	
	+ Hard P.S.		97.60	96.80	77.40	45.40		
	+ JTMO		98.30	98.40	95.50	51.20		
		+ CTGS		98.70	98.60	96.10	59.30	

Sibling-Attack could generate visuallyindistinguishable adversarial examples competitive to mainstream methods.

Dataset		LFW					
Source Model	IR152-	+FaceNet	IR152+IRSE50				
Metrics	SSIM	MSE	SSIM	MSE			
PGD [45]	0.619	175.915	0.594	193.801			
TAP [75]	0.613	181.279	0.591	196.942			
MI-FGSM [17]	0.473	343.227	0.463	350.162			
VMI-FGSM [62]	0.588	200.418	0.574	215.346			
Sibling-Attack	0.626	187.491	0.626	187.491			



\*Hard P.S.: hard parameter sharing; JTMO: Joint Task Meta Optimization; CTGS: Cross Task Gradient Stabilization.

#### **Discussion & Conclusion**

- ➢ Go beyond face recognition: boost transferability of attacking other tasks.
- Adversarial attack for good: improve model robustness.
- Attack success rate of Sibling-Attack significantly outperforms current SOTA single-task attacks particularly on several online commercial FR systems by a large margin.
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