1. Experiments on HRNet-W18[1]

In Table 1, the results of Teacher-only and Student-only baselines on the MOT15 and MOT17 datasets are reported. The performance gap between large and small models in MOT17 is larger than in the MOT15 dataset. The large model’s capability for locating and characterizing small objects in high-resolution images is the primary cause.

Table 1: Performance of Teacher-only and Student-only on MOT15 and MOT17 datasets.

| Baseline | Dataset | MOTA (%) | FPS  |
|----------|---------|----------|------|
| Teacher-only | MOT15  | 64.50    | 12.47|
|           | MOT17  | 64.20    | 12.30|
| Student-only | MOT15  | 61.30    | 19.99|
|           | MOT17  | 55.60    | 19.49|

Table 2 shows AttTrack’s performance with EFM settings. The MOTA gap between $K = 2$ and $K = 6$ on MOT15 is only 1.60% while this metric for MOT17 is 3.40%. We believe these performance differences appear to be related to the corresponding teacher and student baseline models presented in Table 1. Our attention transfer approach can improve the tracking performance of the student model by efficiently extracting and transforming attention to the student model. We substitute Layerwise and Naive-Mix for AttTrack as two different baselines to assess the effectiveness of our attention transmission approach. As shown in Table 2, AttTrack outperforms Layerwise and Naive-Mix approaches.

Table 2: Comparing AttTrack with Layerwise and Naive-Mix on HRNet-W18 architecture

| Dataset | K | AttTrack-EFM | Layerwise | Naive-Mix |
|---------|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| MOT15   | 2 | 63.50        | 62.70     | 62.60     |
|         | 3 | 62.50        | 61.50     | 61.60     |
|         | 4 | 62.10        | 61.50     | 61.40     |
|         | 5 | 62.00        | 61.60     | 61.10     |
|         | 6 | 61.90        | 61.30     | 60.90     |
| MOT17   | 2 | 60.10        | 59.90     | 58.90     |
|         | 3 | 58.10        | 57.30     | 56.20     |
|         | 4 | 57.50        | 56.90     | 56.10     |
|         | 5 | 56.90        | 56.00     | 55.70     |
|         | 6 | 56.70        | 56.70     | 55.80     |

References

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