

# Manipulating Natural Images by Learning Relationships between Visual Domains

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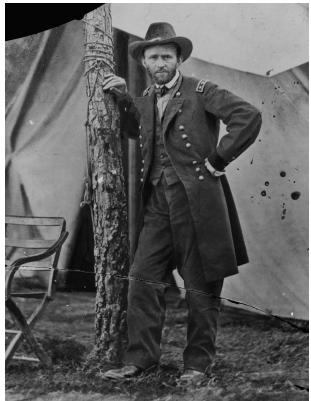
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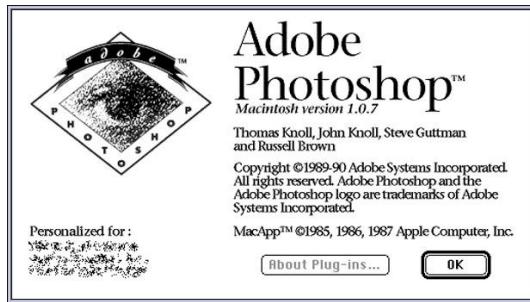
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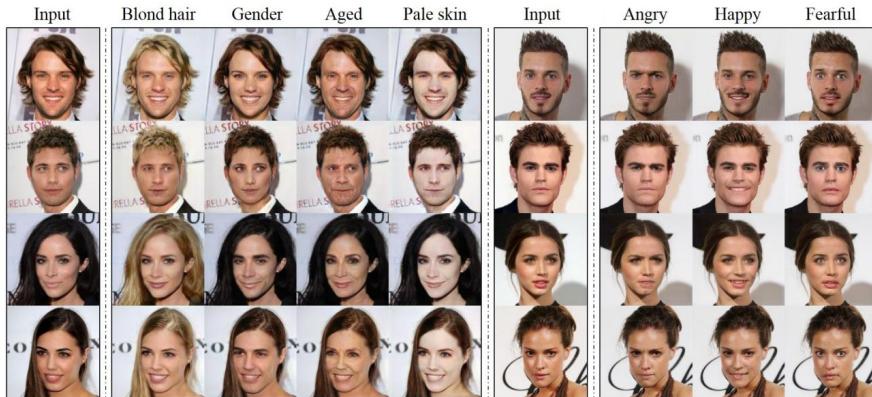
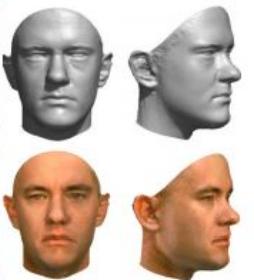


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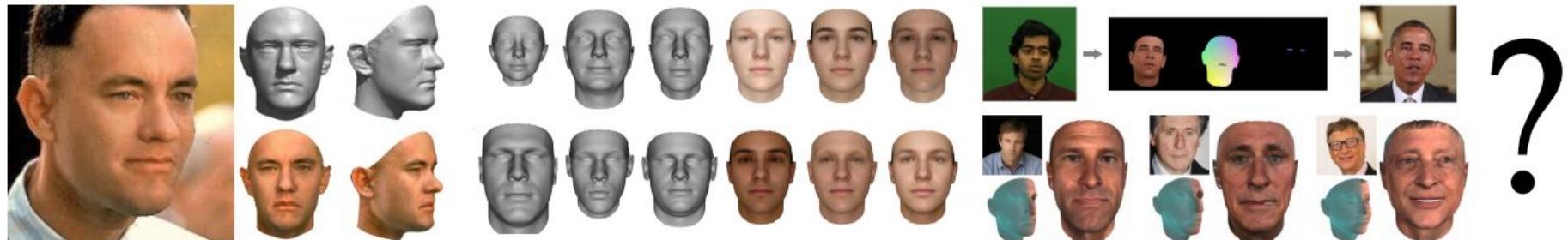


collections of **hand-crafted**  
manipulations

**parametric** models (e.g. face 3DMM)



**supervised neural models**



1999

2009

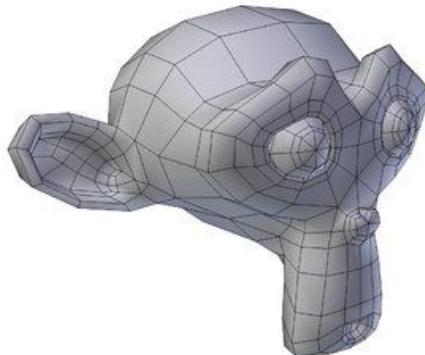
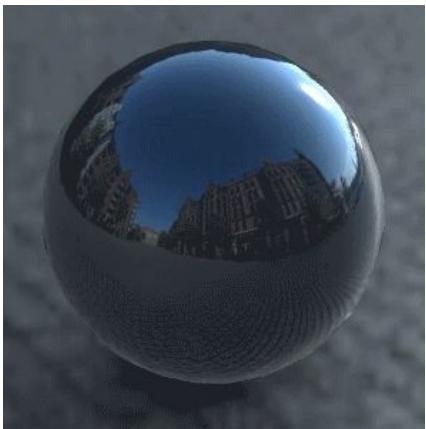
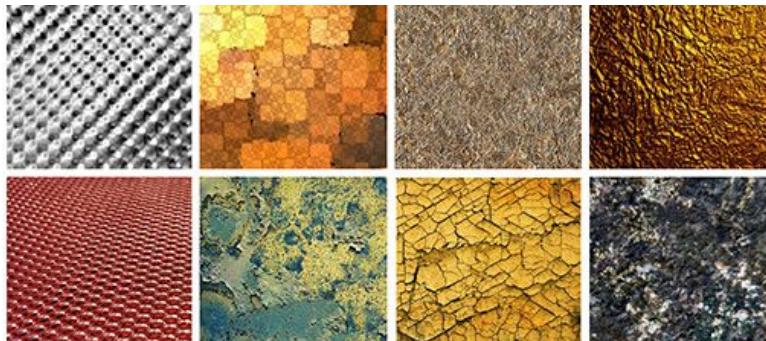
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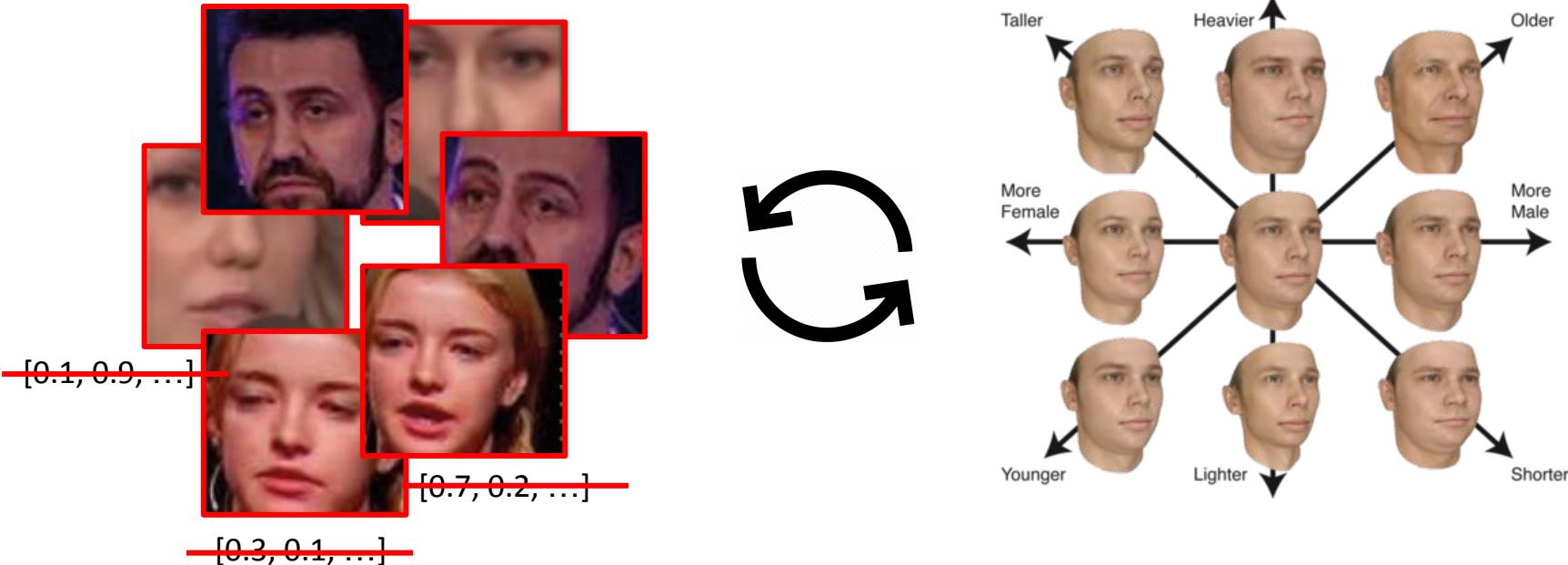
[1] "3D Morphable Face Models - Past, Present and Future", Egger et. al, 2019

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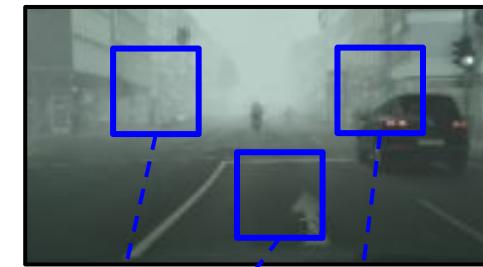
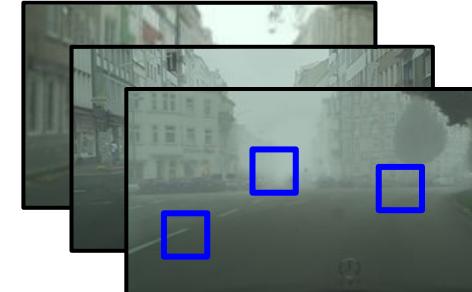
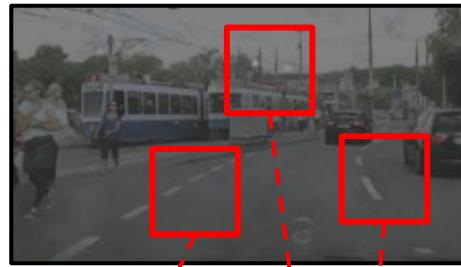
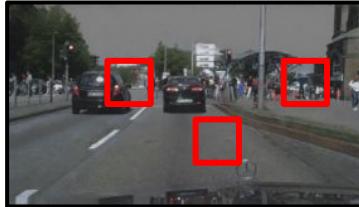


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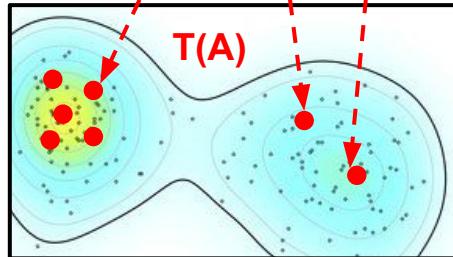
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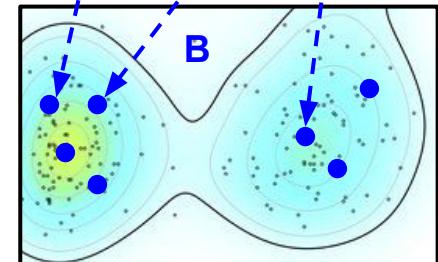
$T(x)$   
→



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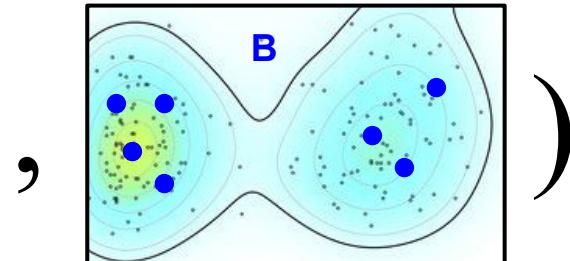
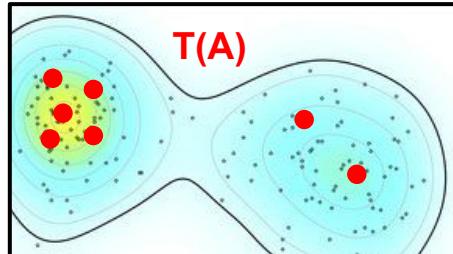
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✓ expressive  
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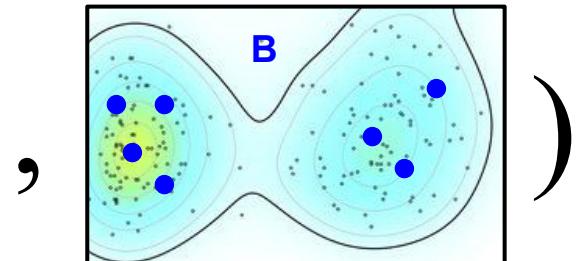
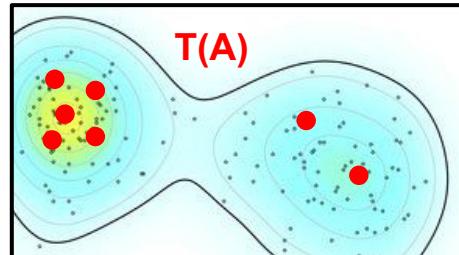


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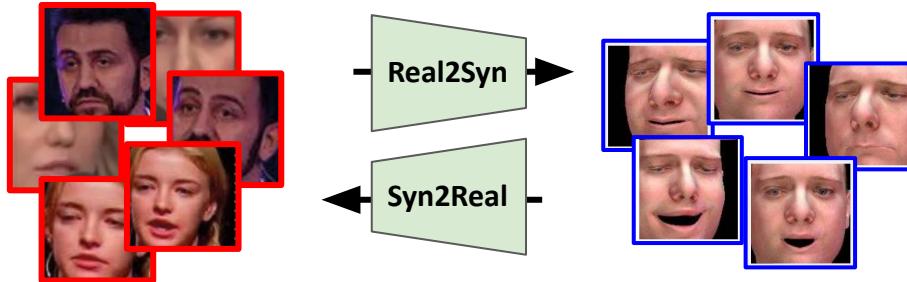
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## Topic 1: Stable and expressive distribution alignment.

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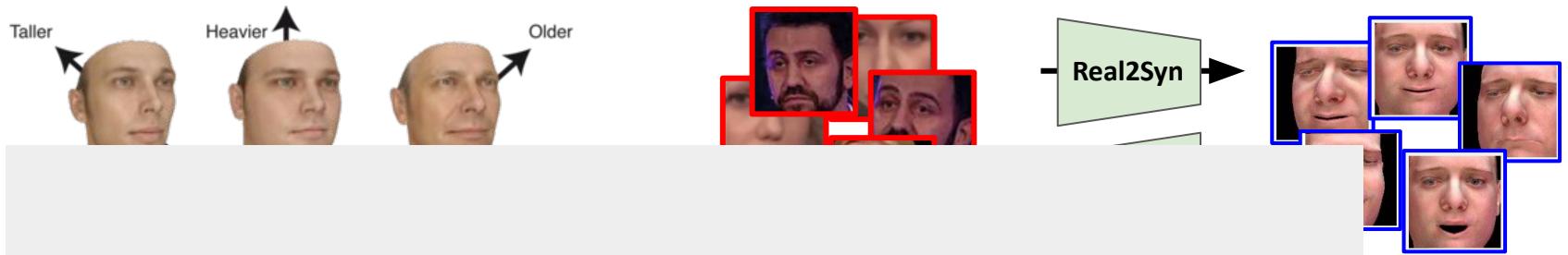


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**Topic 2: Precise manipulation of real  
data using synthetic supervision.**

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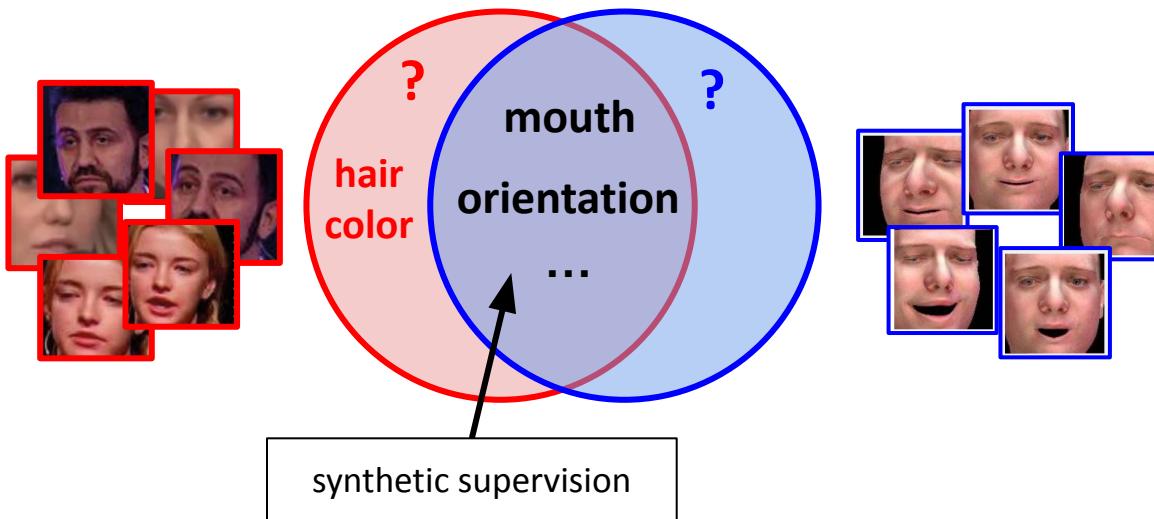
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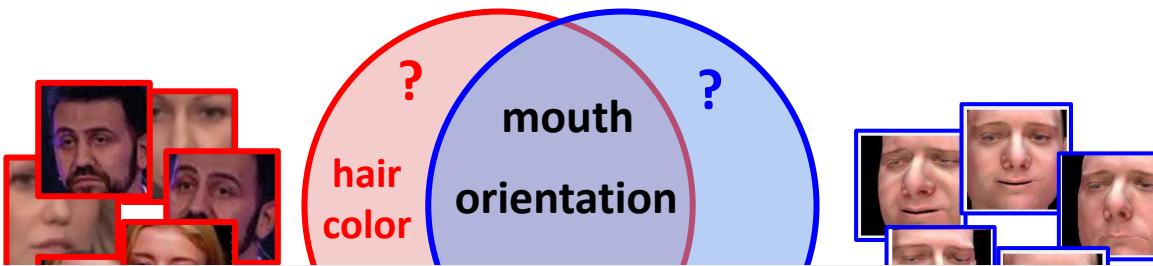
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**Topic 3: Disentanglement and manipulation  
of domain-specific and shared factors  
in isolation without supervision.**

# Task

Source Distribution

Target Distribution

$P_A$

$P_B$

$F$

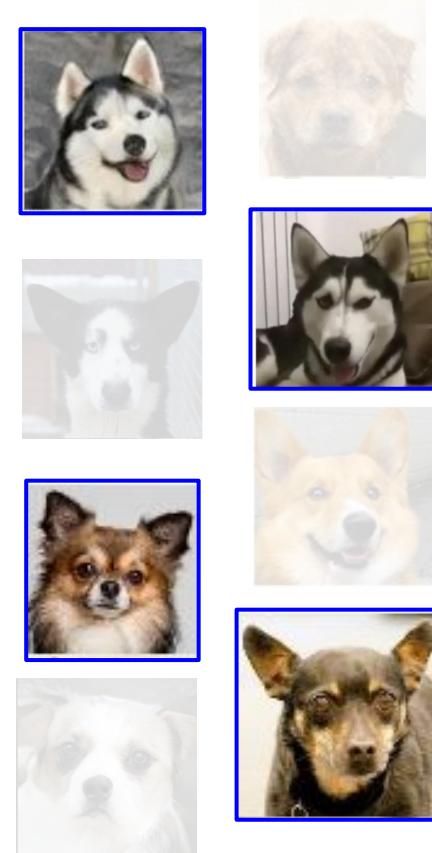
ground truth 1-to-1 cross-domain mapping

# Task

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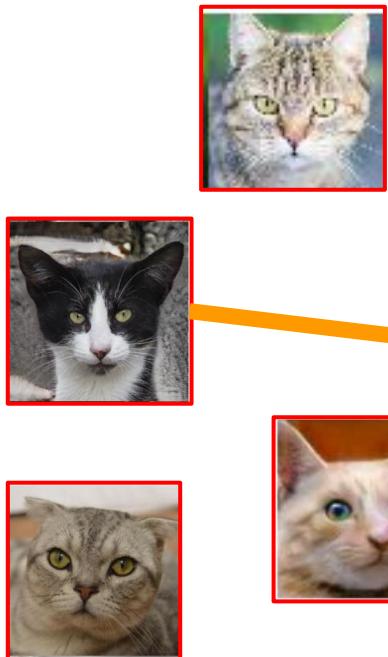
Target Samples



**Goal:**  
reconstruct F from  
unpaired samples

# Task

Source Samples (Cats)



Target Samples (Dogs)



F



- ✓ is a dog
- ✓ same coat color
- ✓ same pose

...

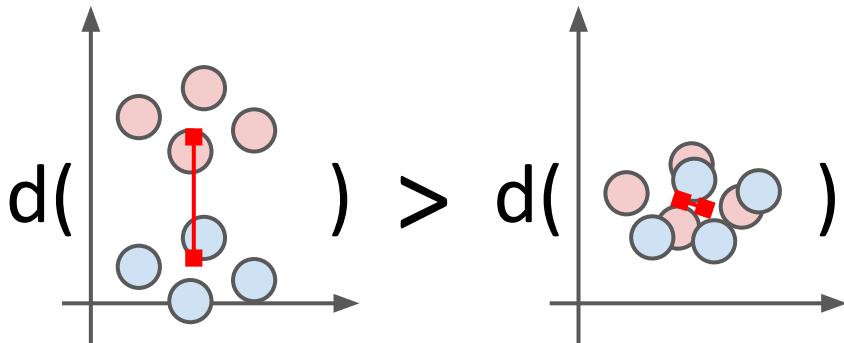


# How to find a good F?

(An empirical estimate of)

a statistical distance

$$d(A, B) : \text{Set, Set} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

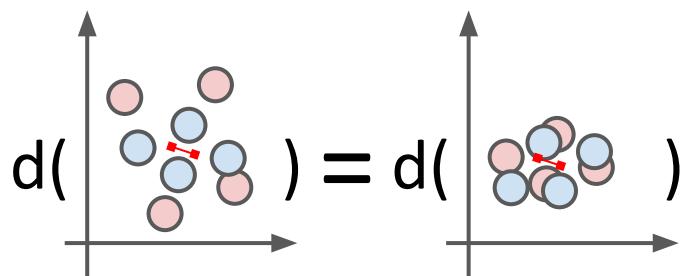


“looks like **A** and **B** are coming from different distributions”

“looks like **A** and **B** might be coming from the same distribution”

**Example:** difference of means

$$d(A, B) = \|\hat{\mu}(A) - \hat{\mu}(B)\|$$



“look same to me”

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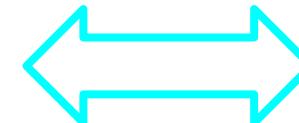


Translated Source Samples



F  
→

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statistical  
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 $d(F(A), B)$



Target Samples



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# How to find a good F? - what we expect

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Translated Source Samples



$F_{t=0}$

... optimizing F ...

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$F_{t=T}$

Target Samples



HIGH  
statistical  
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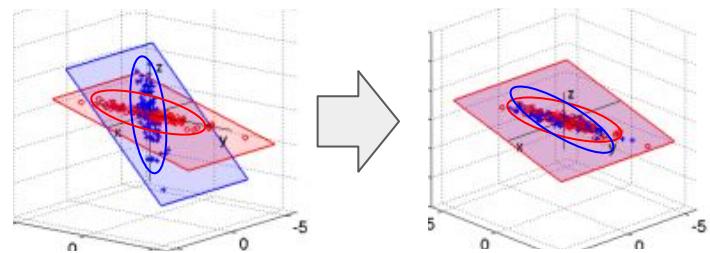


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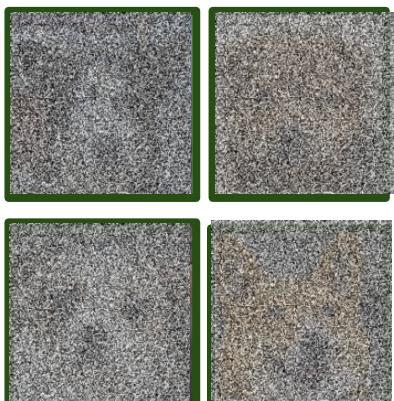
## Simple parametric models are “too weak”



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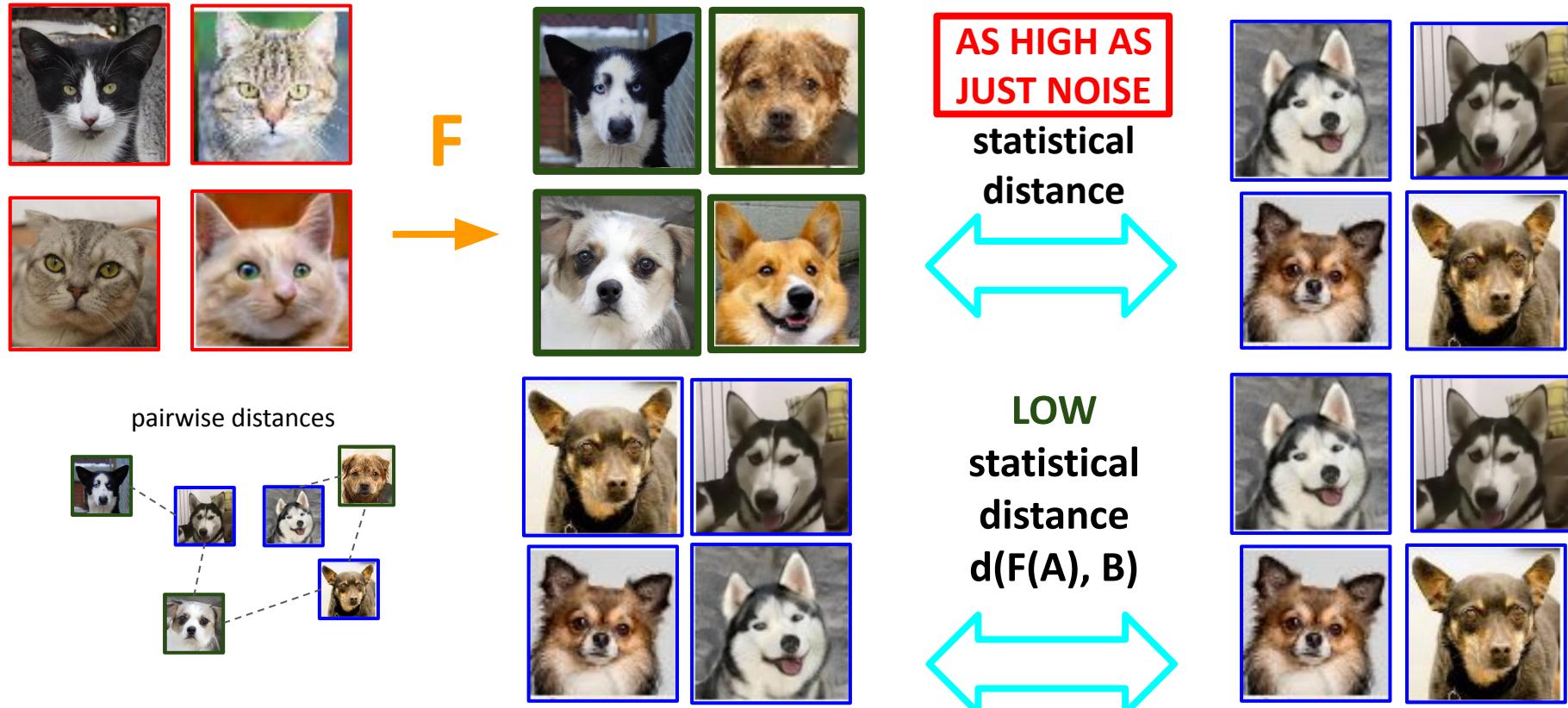
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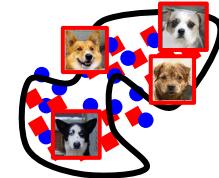
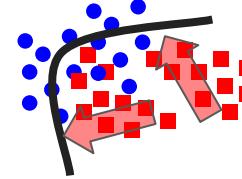
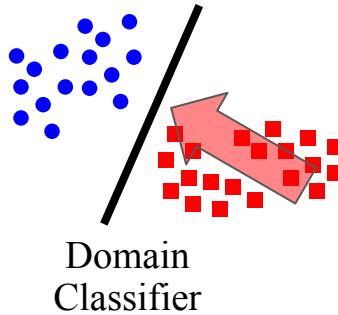
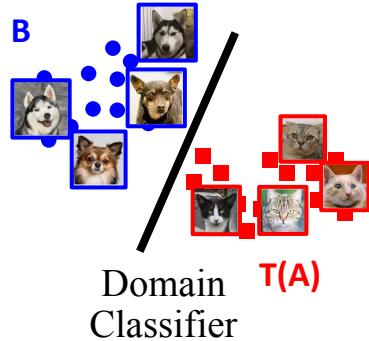
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Adversarial alignment (GANs) are unstable and fail silently



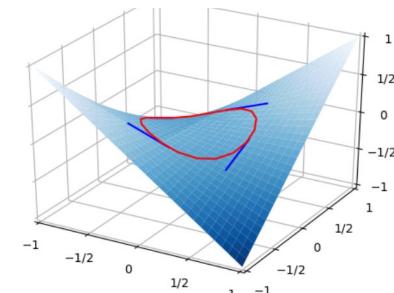
This problem is min-max!

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G)$$

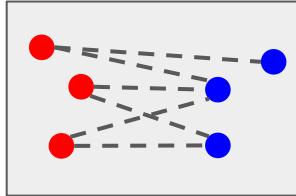
Solving min-max with 1st order methods is **hard**!

$$f(x, y) = xy$$
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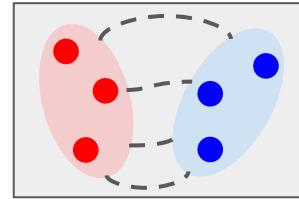
$$g(x, y) = (x, -y)$$
$$x_{t+1} = x_t + \alpha g(x, y)$$



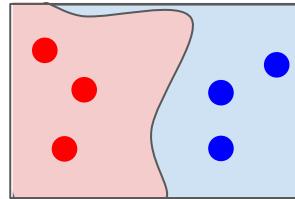
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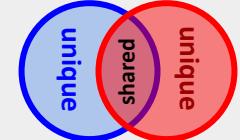
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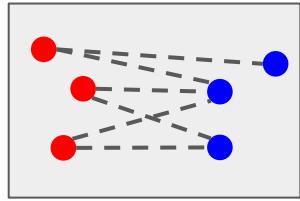


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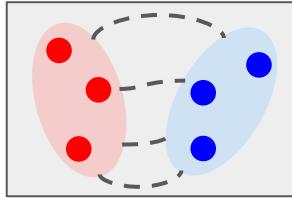


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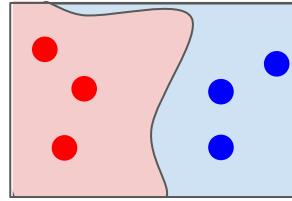


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# Stable Alignment using Dual Adversarial Distance: Our Solution

Adversarial alignment loss **for the logistic discriminator**:

$$d(A, B') = \max_w \sum_{x_i \in A} \log(\sigma(w^T x_i)) + \sum_{x_j \in B'} \log(1 - \sigma(w^T x_j)) - \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w$$

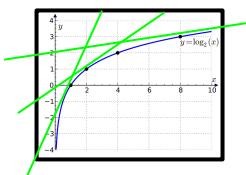
**Contribution: an equivalent dual adversarial alignment loss for the logistic D(x).**

$$\begin{aligned} d(A, B') &= \min_{0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1/\lambda} \frac{1}{2} \alpha_A^T Q_{AA} \alpha_A + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_B^T Q_{BB} \alpha_B - \alpha_A^T Q_{AB} \alpha_B + H(\alpha_A) + H(\alpha_B) \\ &\quad \text{s.t. } \|\alpha_A\|_1 = \|\alpha_B\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\max_{w,b} \sum_{x_i,y_i \in C_\theta} \log(\sigma(y_i(w^T x_i + b))) - \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w$$



$$\begin{aligned} \log(\sigma(u)) &\leq \alpha^T u + H(\alpha), \quad \alpha_i \in [0, 1] \\ H(\alpha) &= \alpha^T \log \alpha + (1 - \alpha)^T \log(1 - \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

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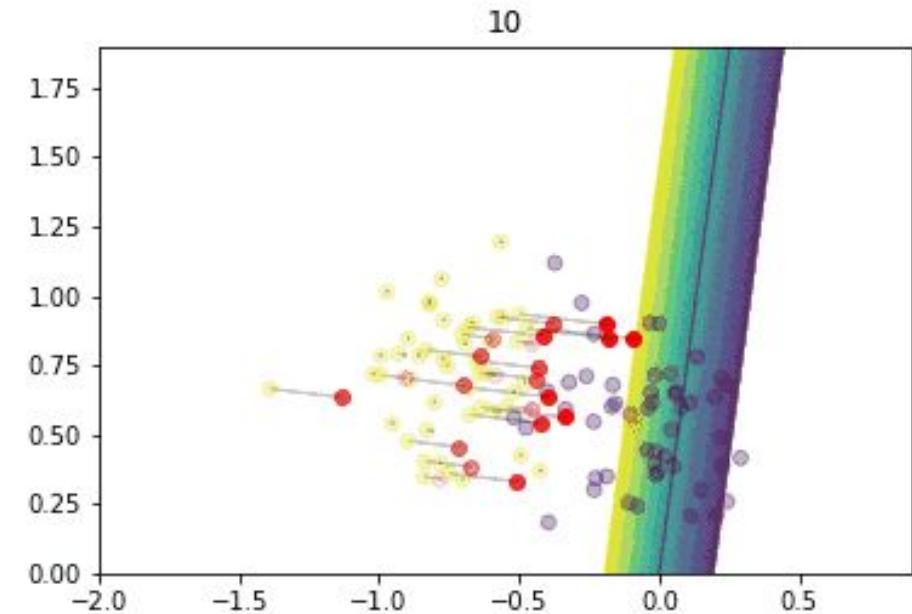
$$= \min_{0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{ij} \alpha_i \alpha_j (y_i x_i)^T (y_j x_j) + H(\alpha) = \min_{0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \alpha^T Q \alpha + H(\alpha) =$$

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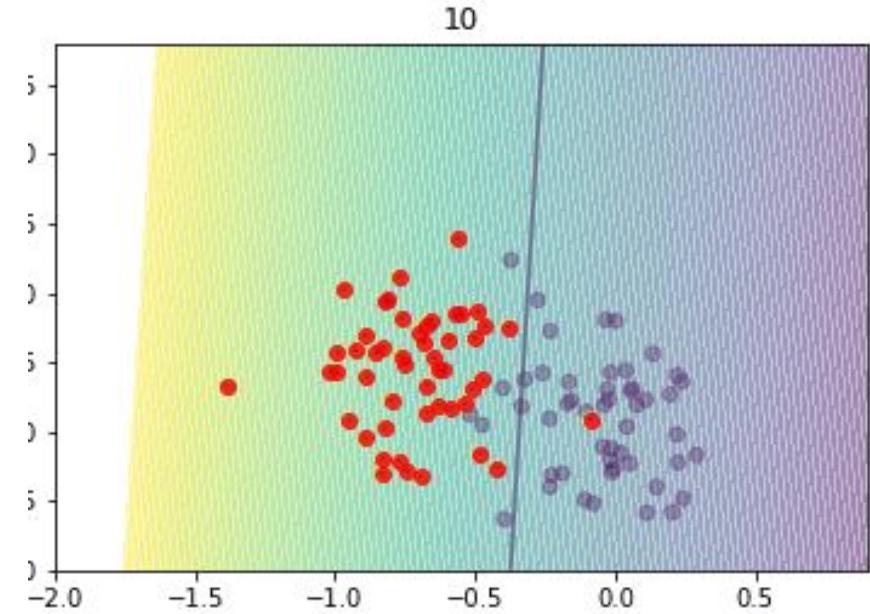
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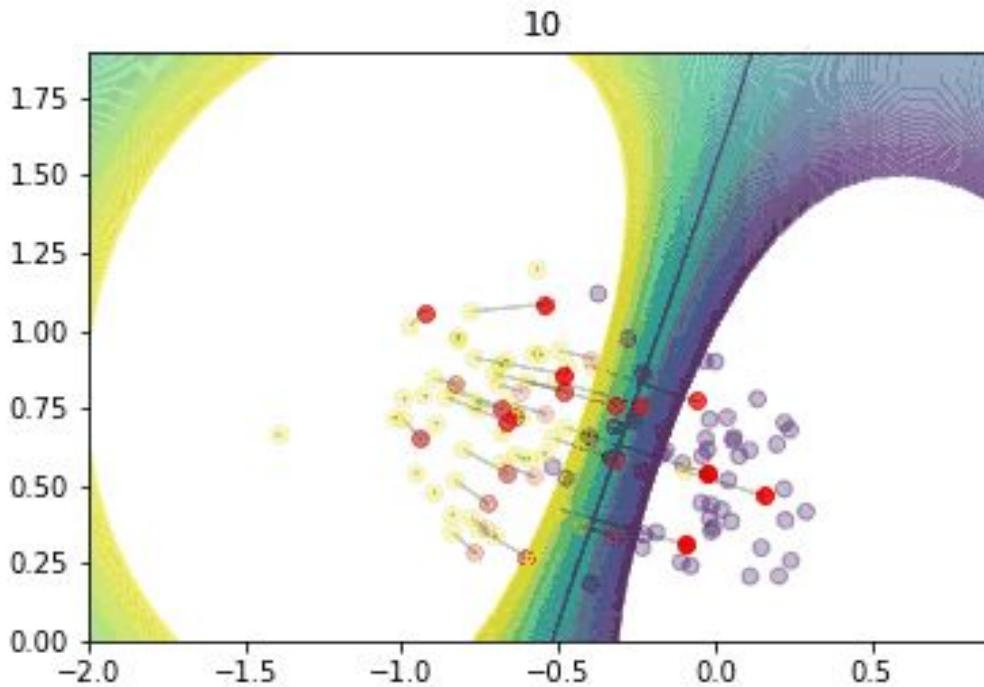


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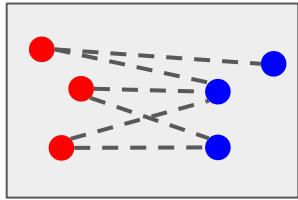


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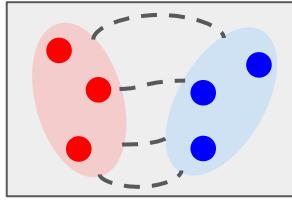


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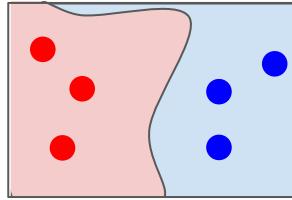


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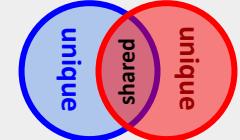
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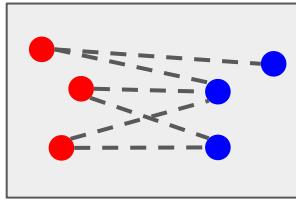


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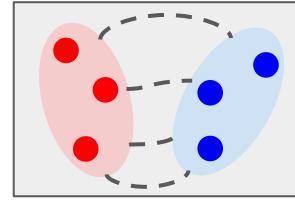
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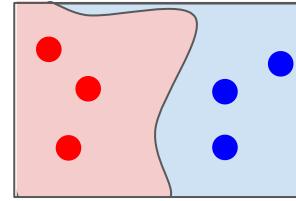
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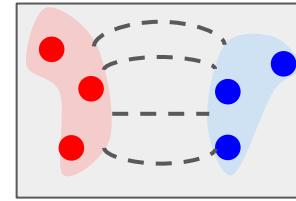
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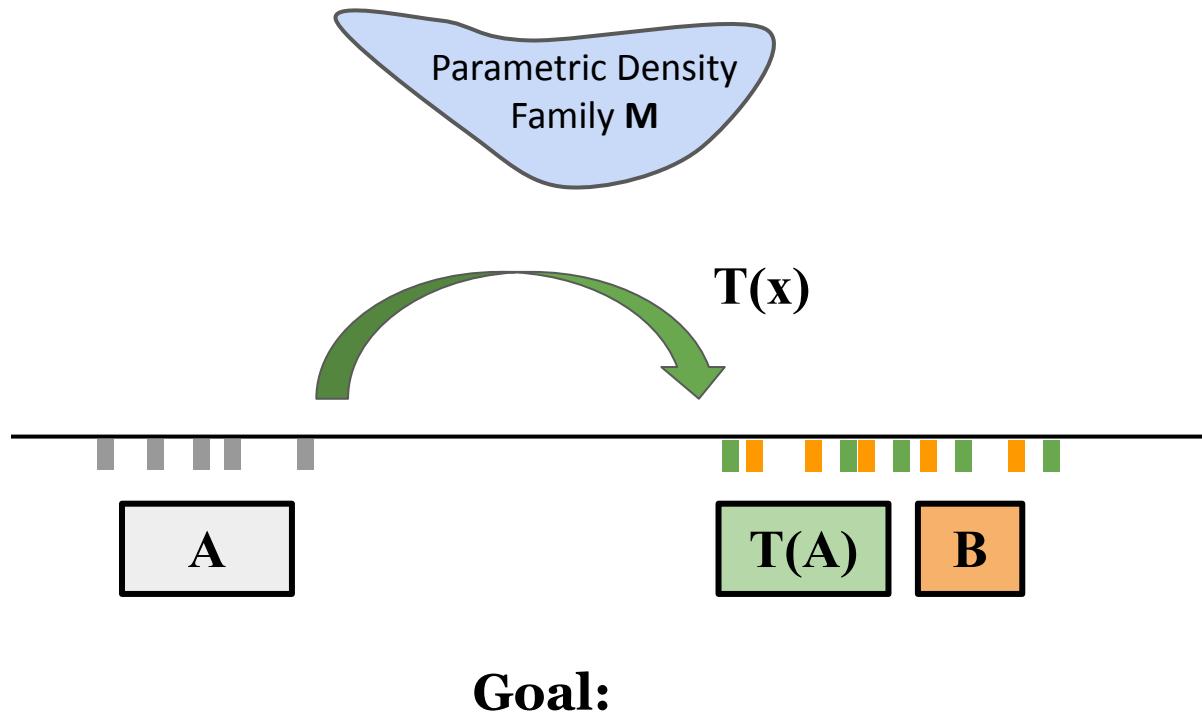
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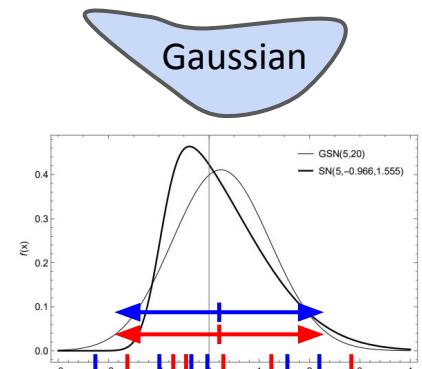
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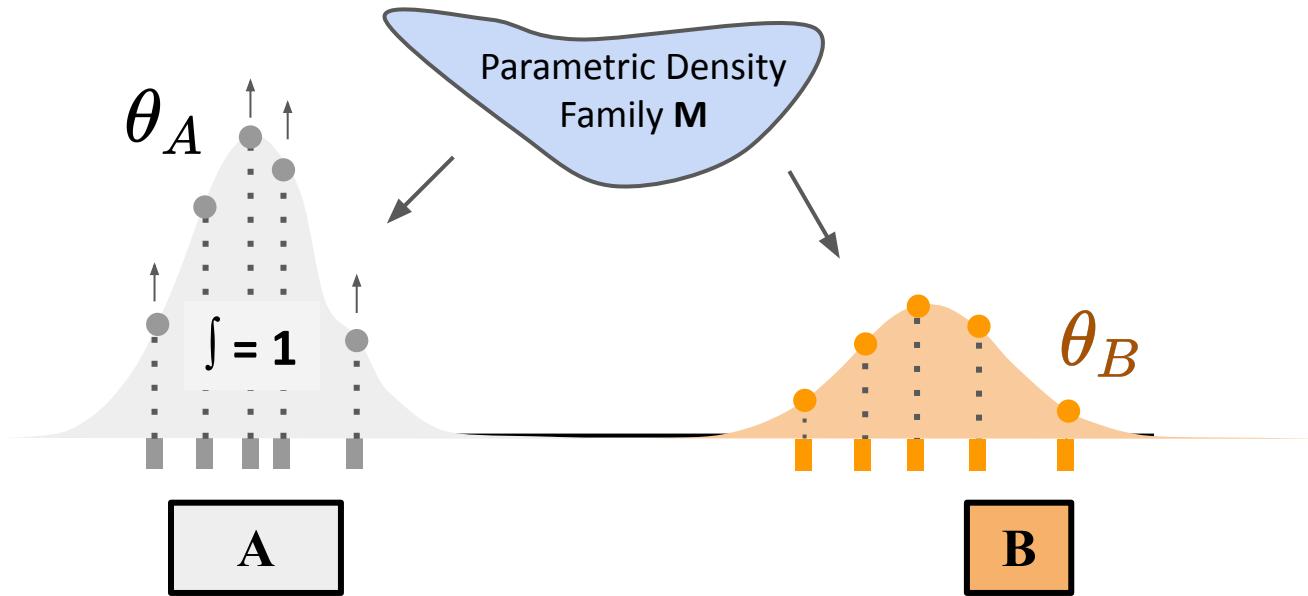


find  $T$  such that  **$T(A)$**  and **B** are **indistinguishable for  $M$** .



"look same to me"

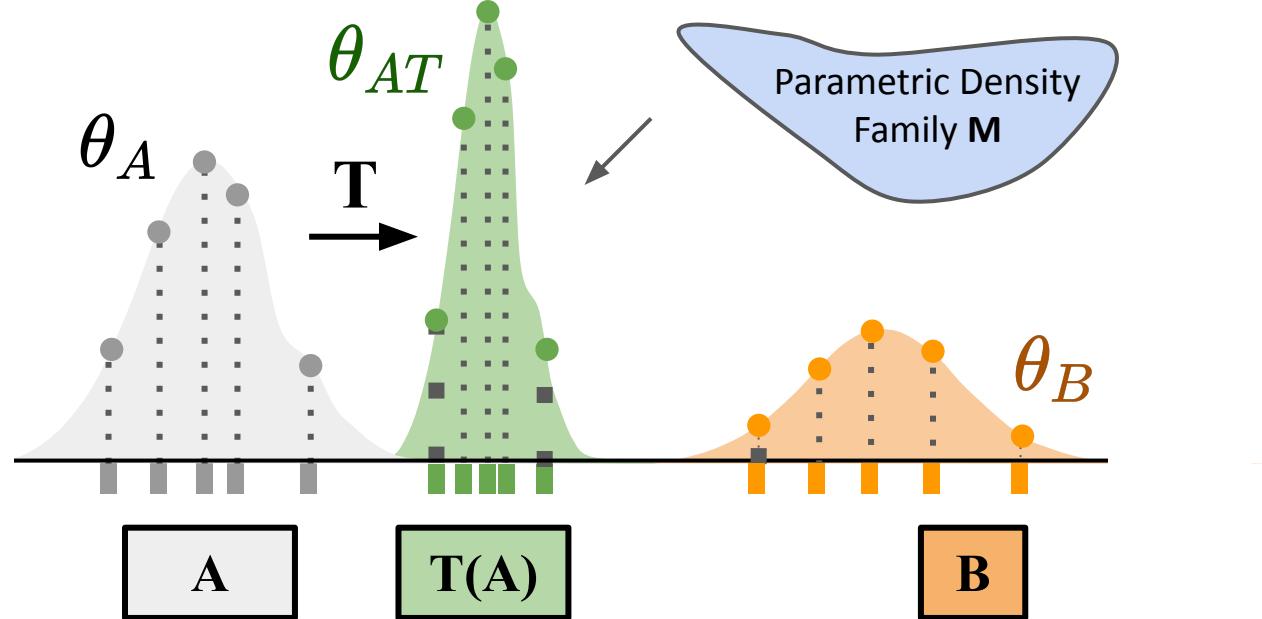
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We start with two dataset **A** and **B** that we want to align.

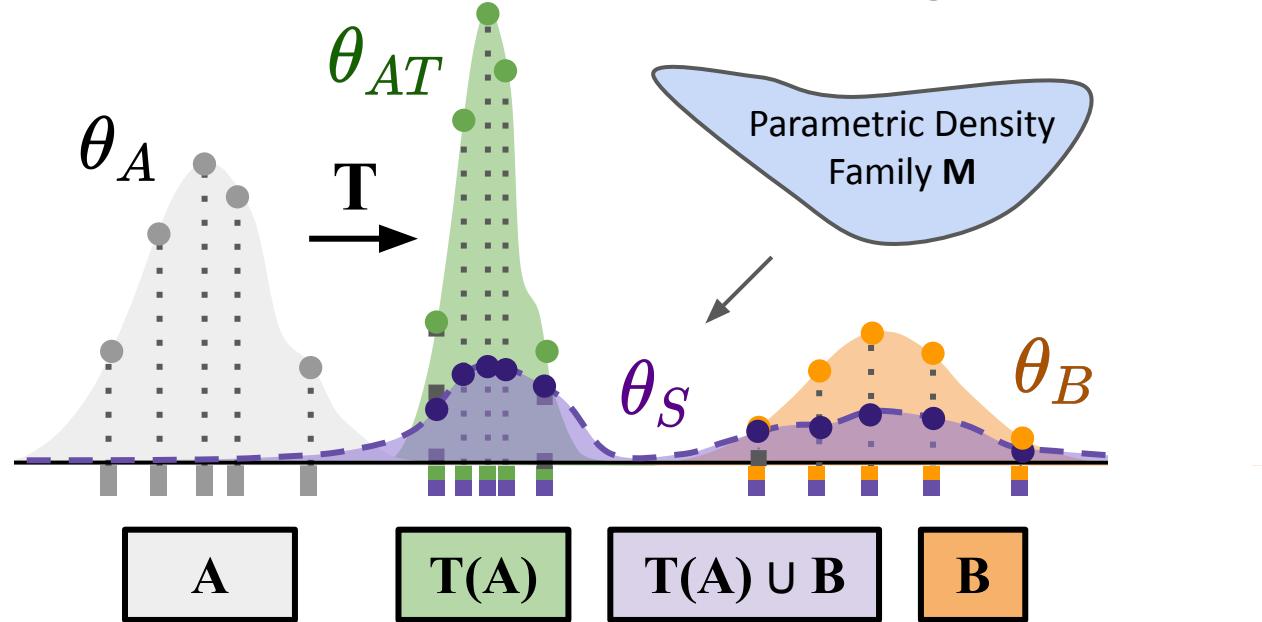
We assume that we fitted two separate density models with parameters  $\theta_A$  and  $\theta_B$  to each dataset individually.

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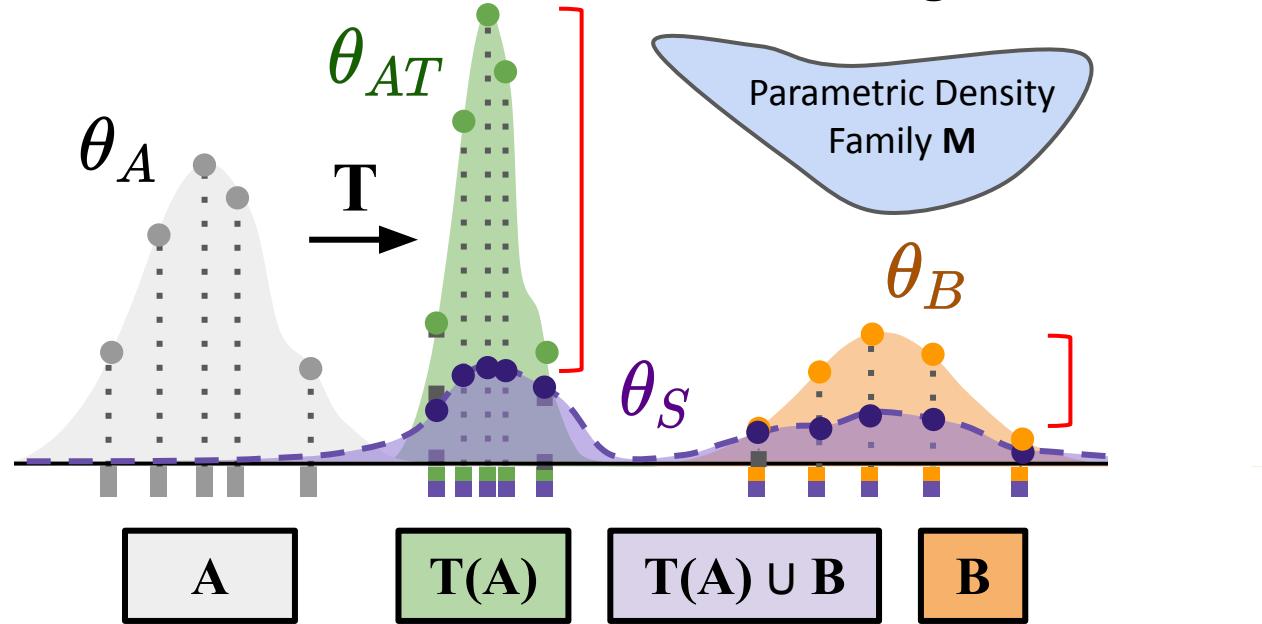
Then we introduce the “transformed” distribution  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{A})$  and fit a density model to it.

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Then we introduce the “shared” density model  $\mathbf{S}$   
fit to the “combined” dataset  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{A}) \cup \mathbf{B}$ .

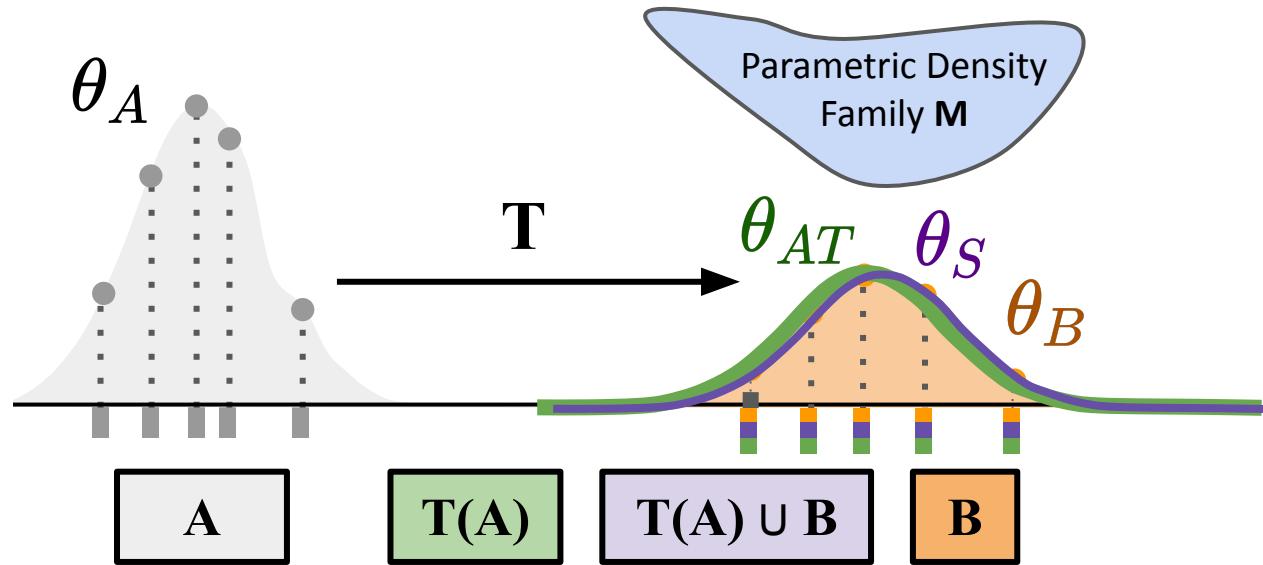
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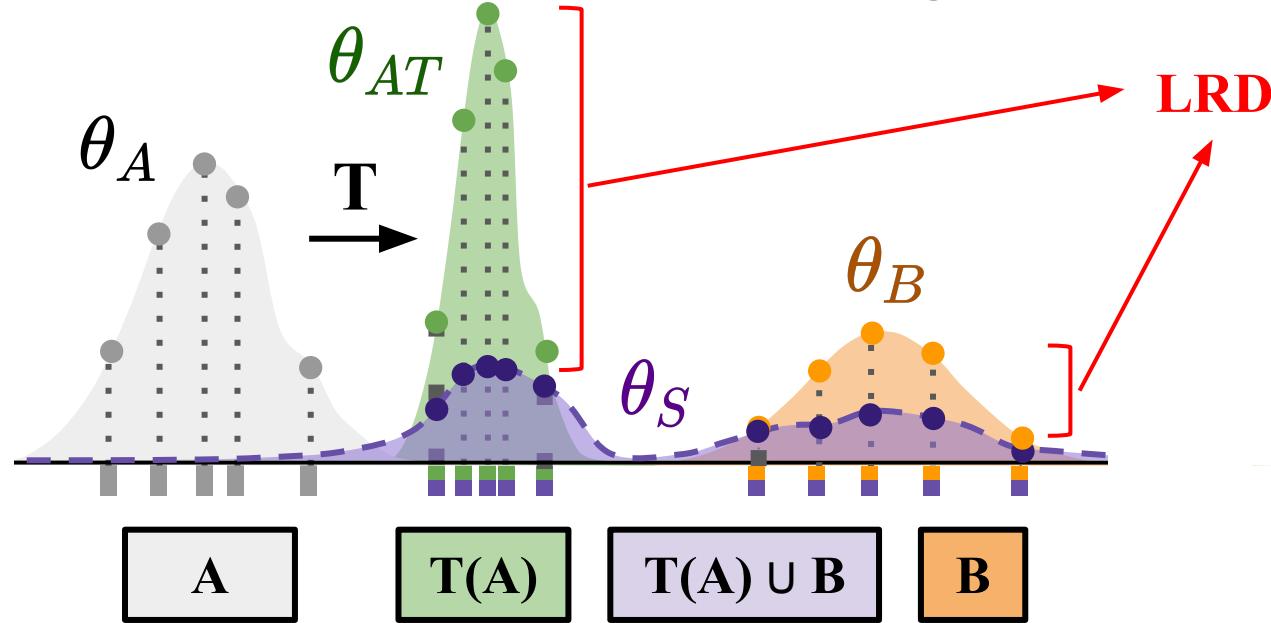
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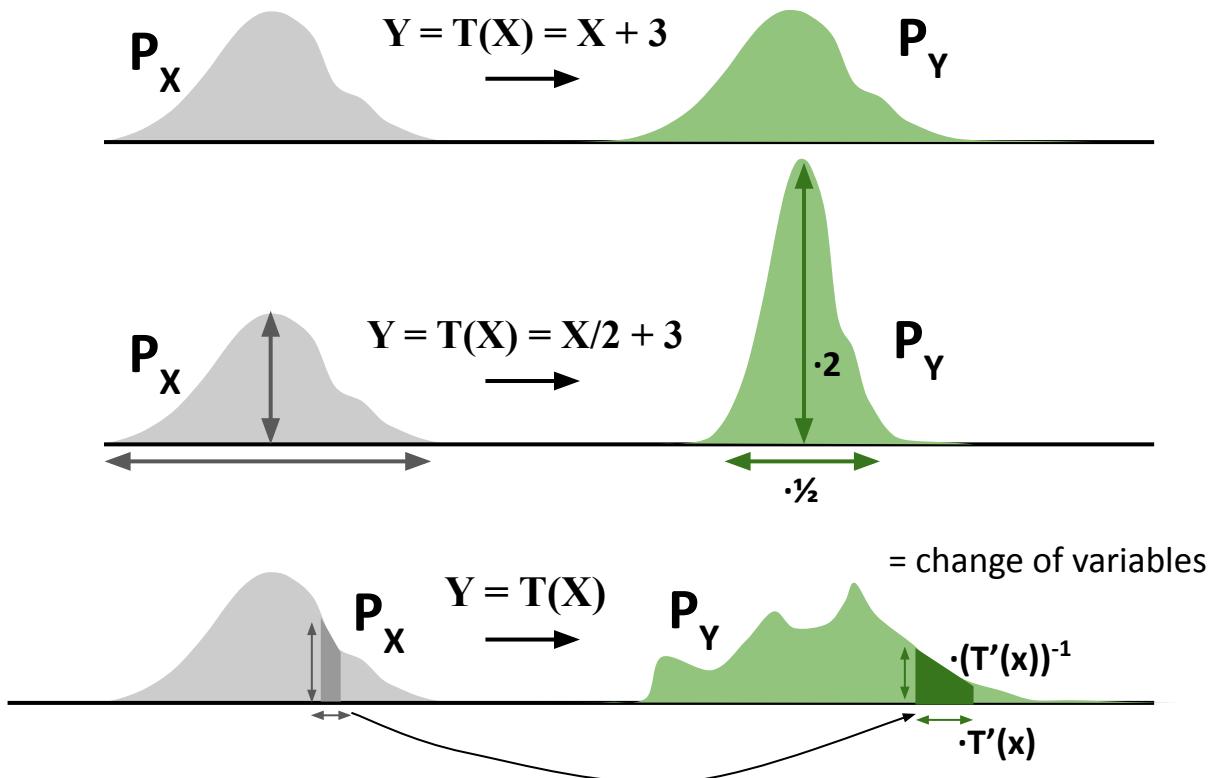
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## Definition 1 (Likelihood-Ratio Distance):

LR-distance between  $\mathbf{T(A)}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  equals the difference between log-likelihoods of the optimal “shared” density  $\mathbf{S}$  fit to the combined  $\mathbf{T(A) \cup B}$  and two optimal “private” densities fit to  $\mathbf{T(A)}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  independently.

# Bounding Likelihood Ratios with Normalizing Flows: Background

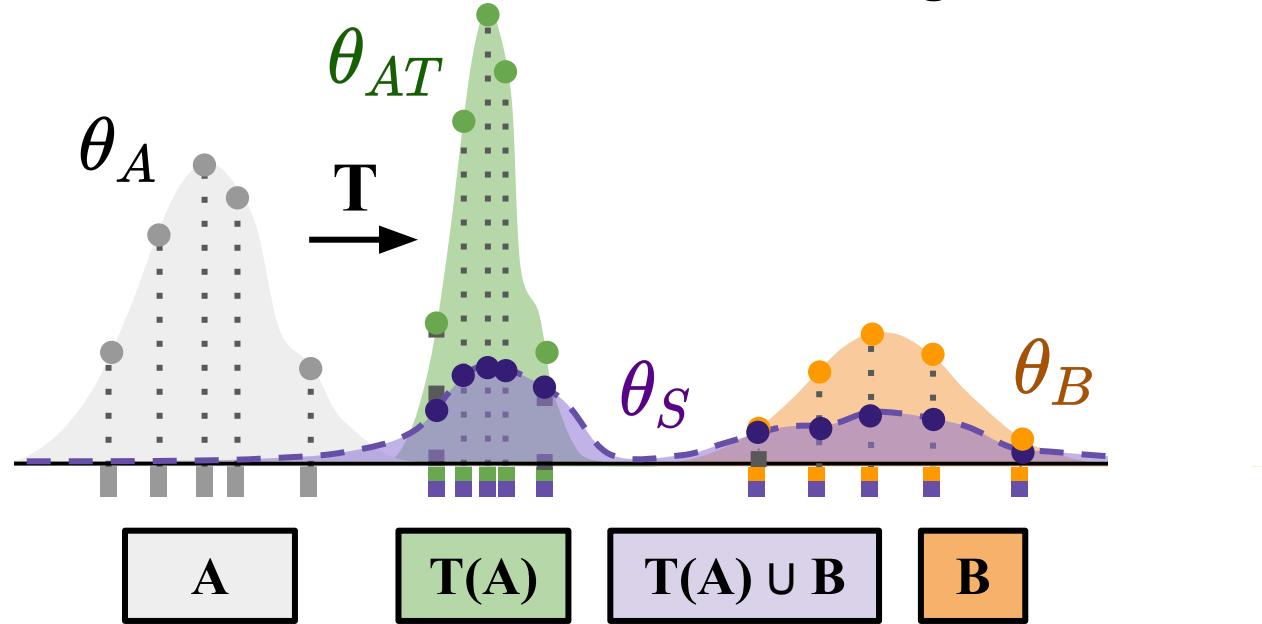


Normalizing flows:

- efficiently invertible
- efficient computation of  $\det \text{Jac}[T](x)$

⇒ can apply change of variables formula efficiently!

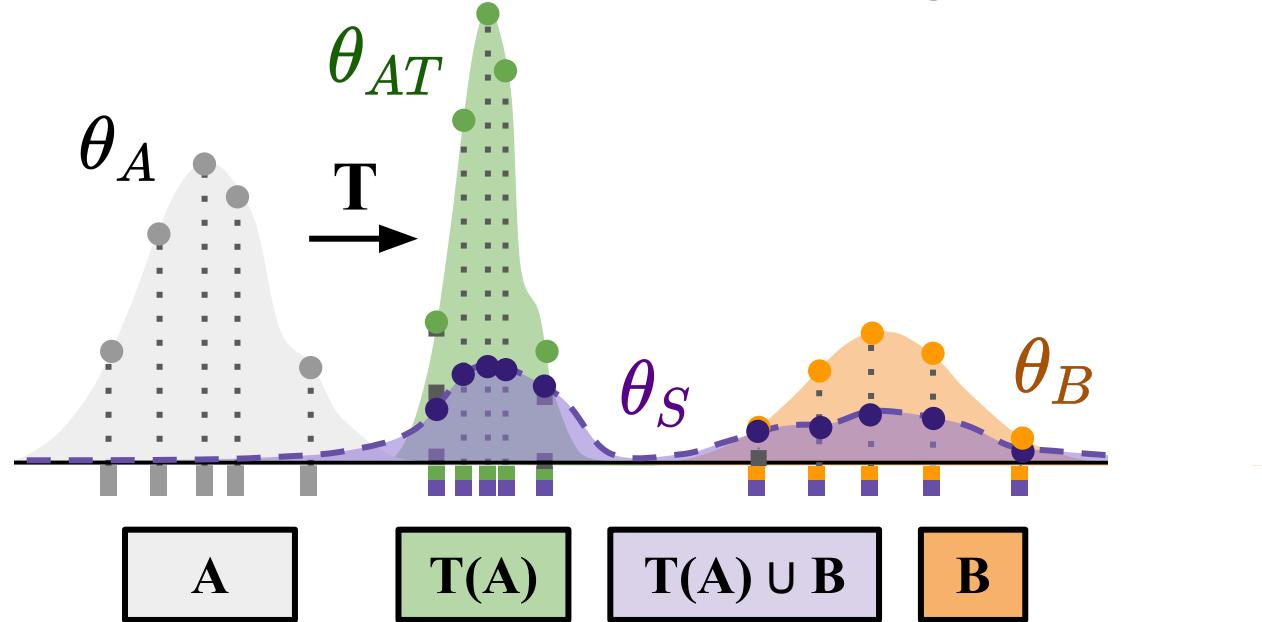
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## Observation 2 ( $\Rightarrow$ Lemma 2.2):

The optimal likelihood of the transformed dataset  $T(A)$  can be approximated in closed-form if  $T(x)$  is a **normalizing flow**.

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**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $T(x; \phi)$  is a normalizing flow, then the first term in the objective (1) can be bounded in closed form as a function of  $\phi$  up to an approximation error  $\mathcal{E}_{bias}$ . The equality in (2) holds when the approximation term vanishes, i.e. if  $M$  approximates both  $A$  and  $T(A; \phi)$  equally well;  $P_A$  is the true distribution of  $A$  and  $T[P_A, \phi]$  is the push-forward distribution of the transformed dataset.*

$$\max_{\theta_{AT}} \log P_M(T(A; \phi); \theta_{AT}) \leq \max_{\theta_A} \log P_M(A; \theta_A) - \log \det |\nabla_x T(A; \phi)| + \mathcal{E}_{bias}(A, T, M) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{bias}(A, T, M) \triangleq \max_{\phi} \left[ \min_{\theta} \mathcal{D}_{KL}(P_A; M(\theta)) - \min_{\theta} \mathcal{D}_{KL}(T[P_A, \phi]; M(\theta)) \right]$$

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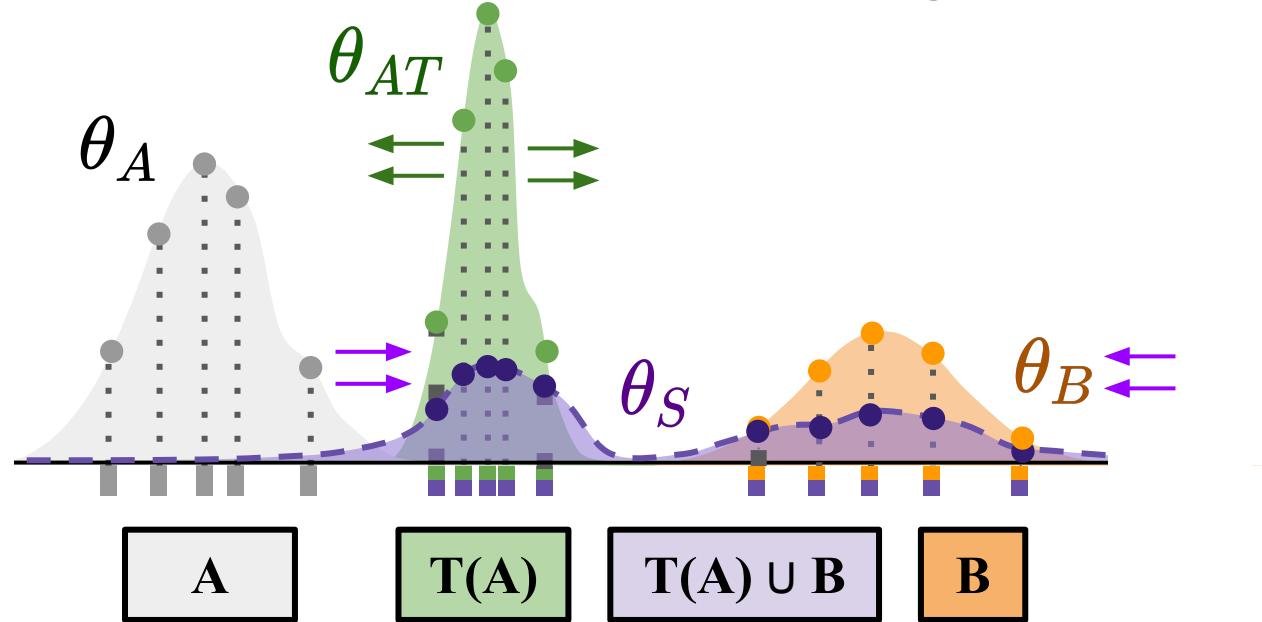
First, we add and remove the true (unknown) entropy  $H[P_A] = -\mathbb{E}_{a \sim P_A} \log P_A(a)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta_A} \mathbb{E}_{a \sim P_A} \log P_M(a; \theta_A) &= \max_{\theta_A} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim P_A} \log P_A(a) - \mathbb{E}_{a \sim P_A} \log \frac{P_A(a)}{P_M(a; \theta_A)} \right] \\ &= H[P_A] - \min_{\theta_A} \mathbb{E}_{a \sim P_A} \left[ \log \frac{P_A(a)}{P_M(a; \theta_A)} \right] = H[P_A] - \min_{\theta} \mathcal{D}_{KL}(P_A; M(\theta)). \end{aligned} \quad (\star)$$

And then add and remove the (unknown) entropy of the transformed distribution  $H[T[P_A, \phi]]$ . We also use the change of variable formula  $T[P_A](x) = P_A(T^{-1}(x)) \cdot \det |\nabla_x T^{-1}(x)|$ , and substitute the expression for  $H[P_A]$  from the previous line  $(\star)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta_{AT}} \log P_M(T(A; \phi); \theta_{AT}) &= \max_{\theta_{AT}} \mathbb{E}_{a' \sim T[P_A, \phi]} \log P_M(a'; \theta_{AT}) \\ &= \max_{\theta_{AT}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a' \sim T[P_A, \phi]} \log T[P_A](a') - \mathbb{E}_{a' \sim T[P_A, \phi]} \log \frac{T[P_A, \phi](a')}{P_M(a'; \theta_{AT})} \right] \\ &= \max_{\theta_{AT}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim P_A} P_A(T^{-1}(T(a, \phi), \phi)) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \log \det |\nabla_x T^{-1}(T(a, \phi), \phi)| - \mathcal{D}_{KL}(T[P_A, \phi]; M(\theta_{AT})) \right] \\ &= H[P_A] - \log \det |\nabla_x T(A, \phi)| - \min_{\theta} \mathcal{D}_{KL}(T[P_A, \phi]; M(\theta)) \\ &\leq \max_{\theta_A} \log P_M(A; \theta_A) - \log \det |\nabla_x T(A, \phi)| + \mathcal{E}_{bias}(A, T, M). \end{aligned}$$

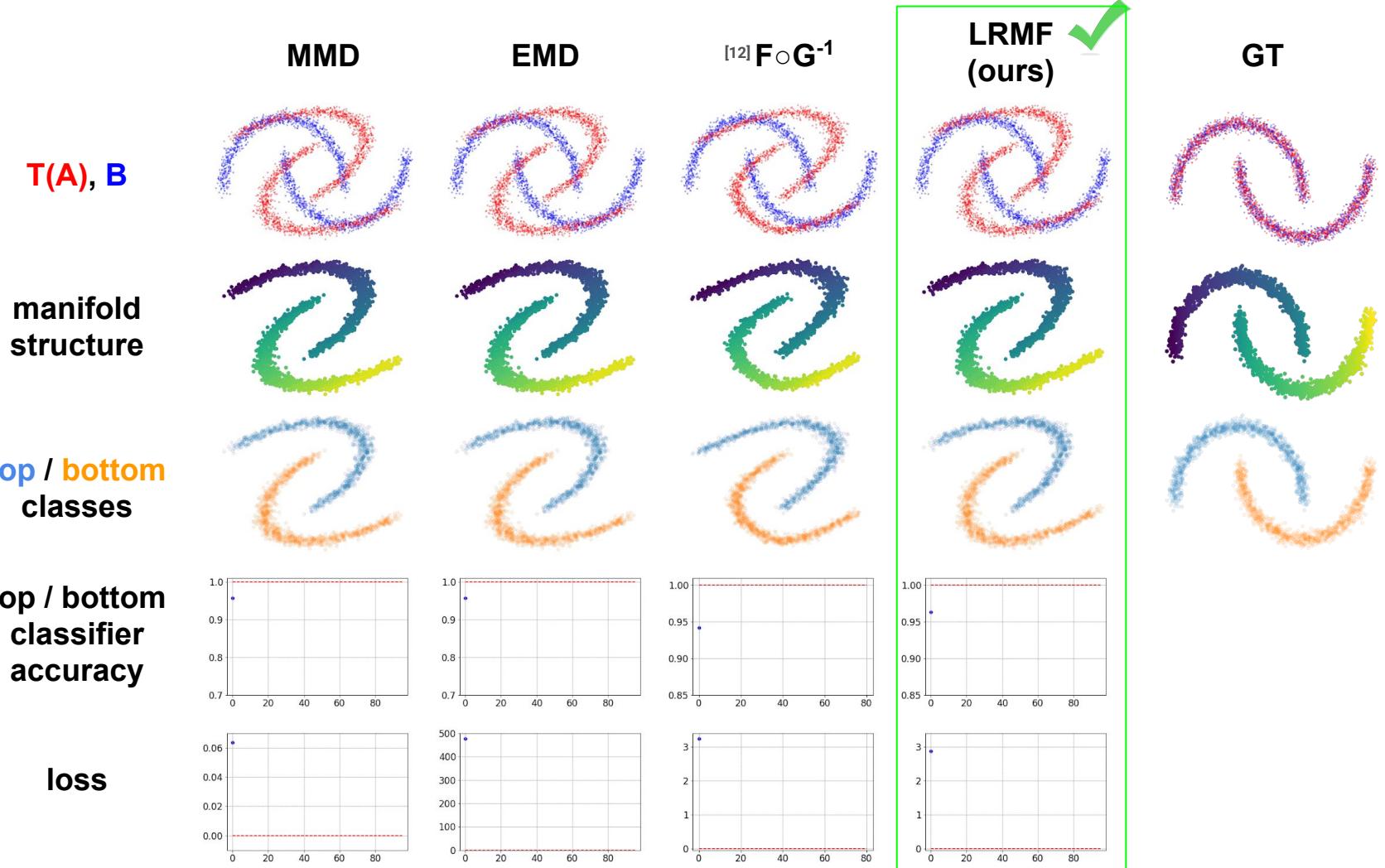
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# Bounding Likelihood Ratios with Normalizing Flows: Special Cases

## Special cases:

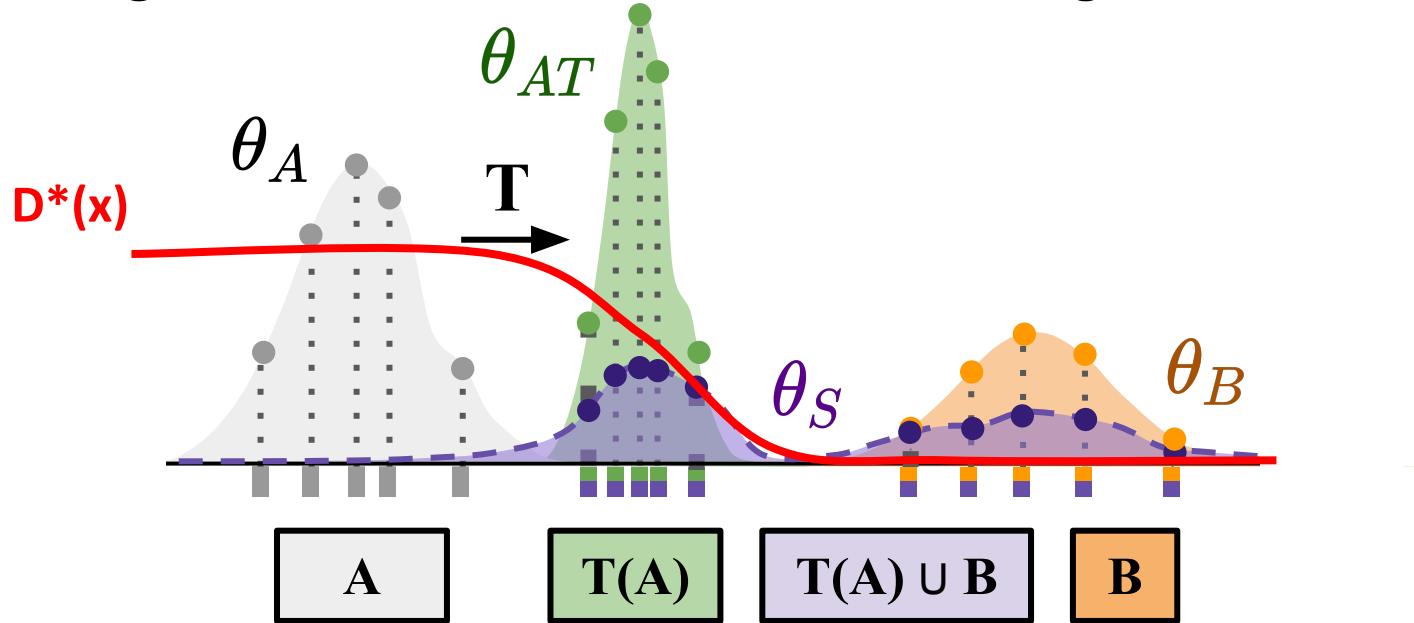
1. Gaussian LRMF  $\Leftrightarrow$  matching mean and variance.
2. Minimizing an infinite capacity LRMF loss  $\Leftrightarrow$  minimizing JSD

$$d_{\Lambda}(A, B) = 2 \cdot \text{JSD}(A, B) - \mathcal{D}_{KL}(A, M) - \mathcal{D}_{KL}(B, M) + 2 \cdot \mathcal{D}_{KL}((A + B)/2, M)$$

3. Minimizing LRMF  $\Leftrightarrow$  training a GAN with a particular discriminator class

$$\max_{D \in \mathcal{H}} [\log D(T(A)) + \log (1 - D(B)) + \log 4], \quad \mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta') = \left\{ \frac{P_M(x; \theta)}{P_M(x; \theta) + P_M(x; \theta')} \right\}$$

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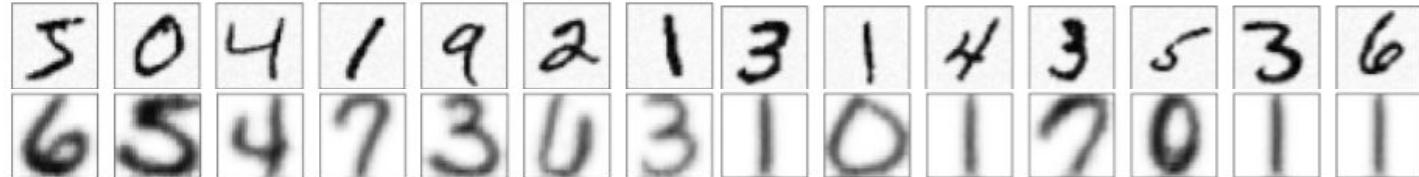


The **Optimal Bayes Classifier**  $D^*(x)$  is defined in closed form

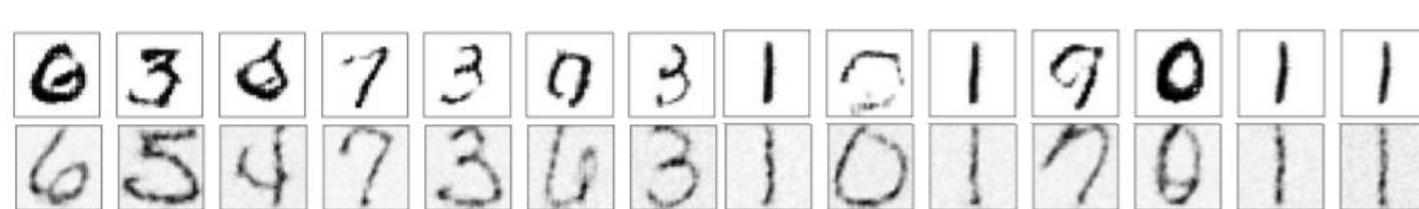
$$D^*(x) = \frac{P(X|\theta_{AT})}{P(X|\theta_{AT}) + P(X|\theta_B)}$$

## DATA

MNIST (B):

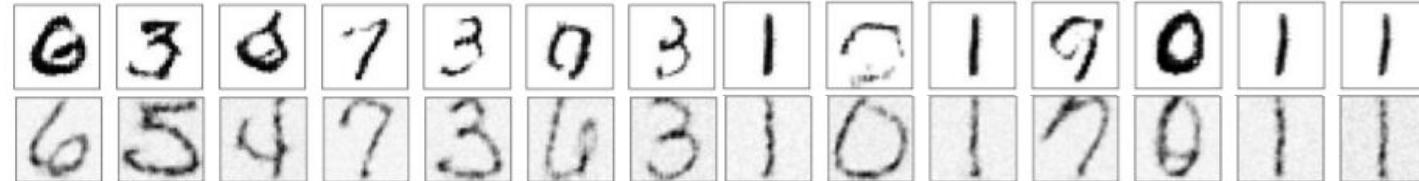


USPS (A):

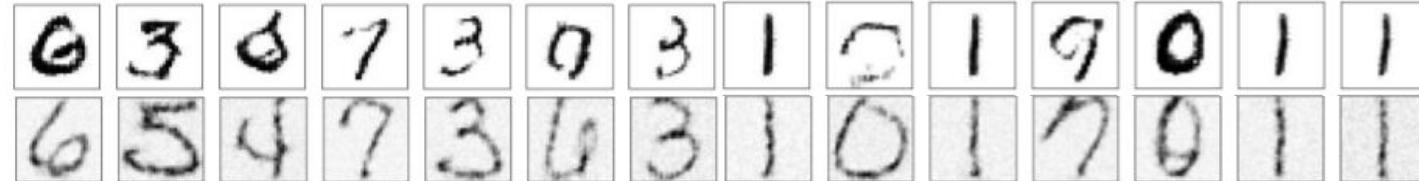


## LRMF T(A)

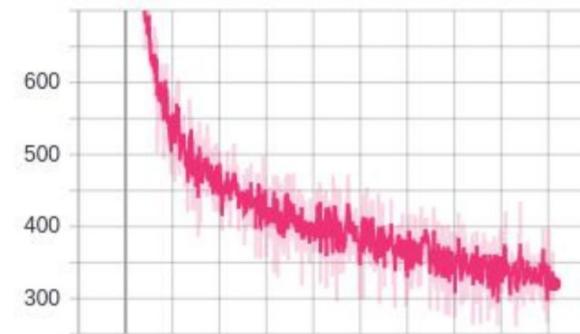
in emb space of VAEGAN:



in pixel space (GLOW):



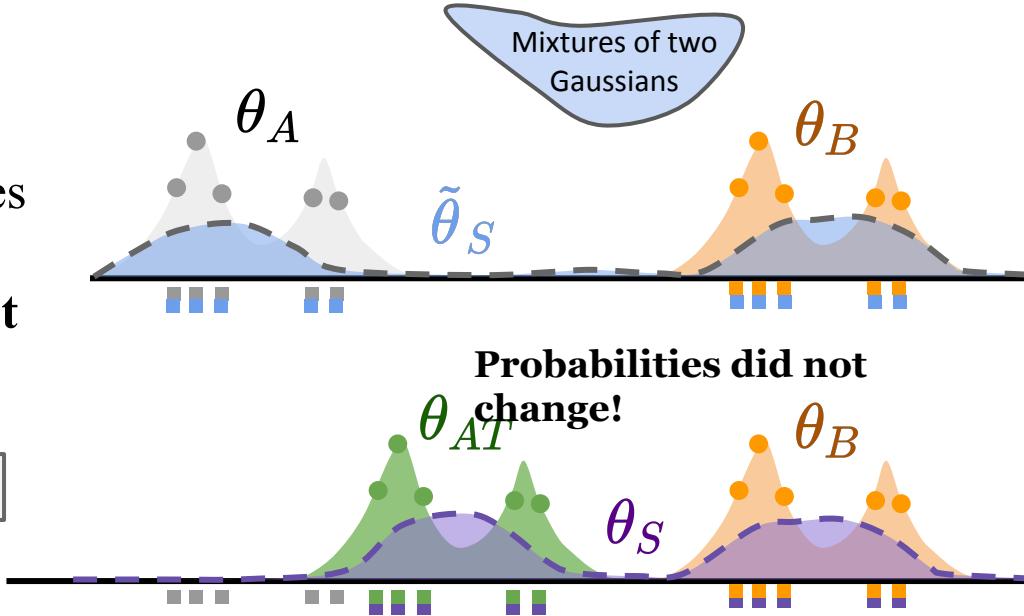
**Explicit failure signal:**  
final LRMF loss  $\neq 0$



# Bounding Likelihood Ratios with Normalizing Flows: Limitations

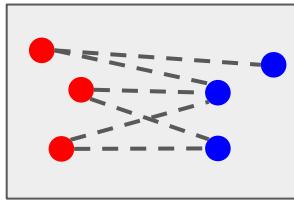
If A and B are far apart, a **shift**  $T(x; b)$  does not affect the likelihood of  $T(A)$  or S, so the LRMF objective is **locally constant** w.r.t. the transformation parameter  $b$ .

$$||[\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{LRMF}}(A + \mu, B, \phi, \theta) / \partial \phi]|| \propto \exp(-\mu^2)$$



**Gradients of LRMF (wrt the transformation)** between two-gaussian mixtures **vanish** as distribution means become further away from each other.

# Bounding Likelihood Ratios with Normalizing Flows: Takeaway



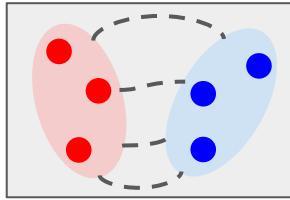
Non-parametric  
(MMD, EMD)

model-free  
(metric-based)

stable minimization

no mode collapse

stable gradients



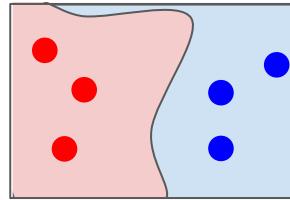
Simple Parametric  
(CORAL)

simple data model  
(e.g. normal)

stable minimization

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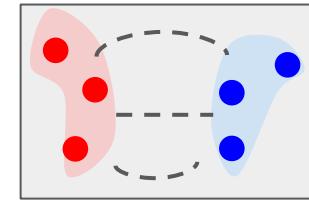
Adversarial (GAN,  
Monge–Kantorovich)

powerful implicit  
data model (NN)

unstable min-max

mode collapse

vanishing generator  
gradients



Log-Likelihood Ratio  
Minimizing Flows

any tractable density  
+ normalizing flow

stable minimization

no mode collapse

vanishing generator  
gradients

## Learning better one-to-one mappings

We can get **stable** alignment dy  
dualizing the logistic discriminator!  
(ICLR-W'18)

We can get **stable** alignment wrt  
**powerful** discriminator families using  
normalizing flows! (NeurIPS20)

Defending models against  
performing adversarial attacks **on**  
**themselves** improves semantic  
consistency! (NeurIPS19)

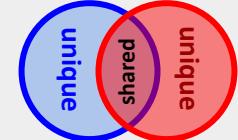
## Manipulating factors with cross-domain supervision

We can alter a **single specific attribute** of  
real images using **only synthetic**  
**supervision!** (ICCV19 Oral)



We can manipulate attributes **unique** to  
each domain independently from those  
**shared** across domains!

(in submission)



# Disclaimer

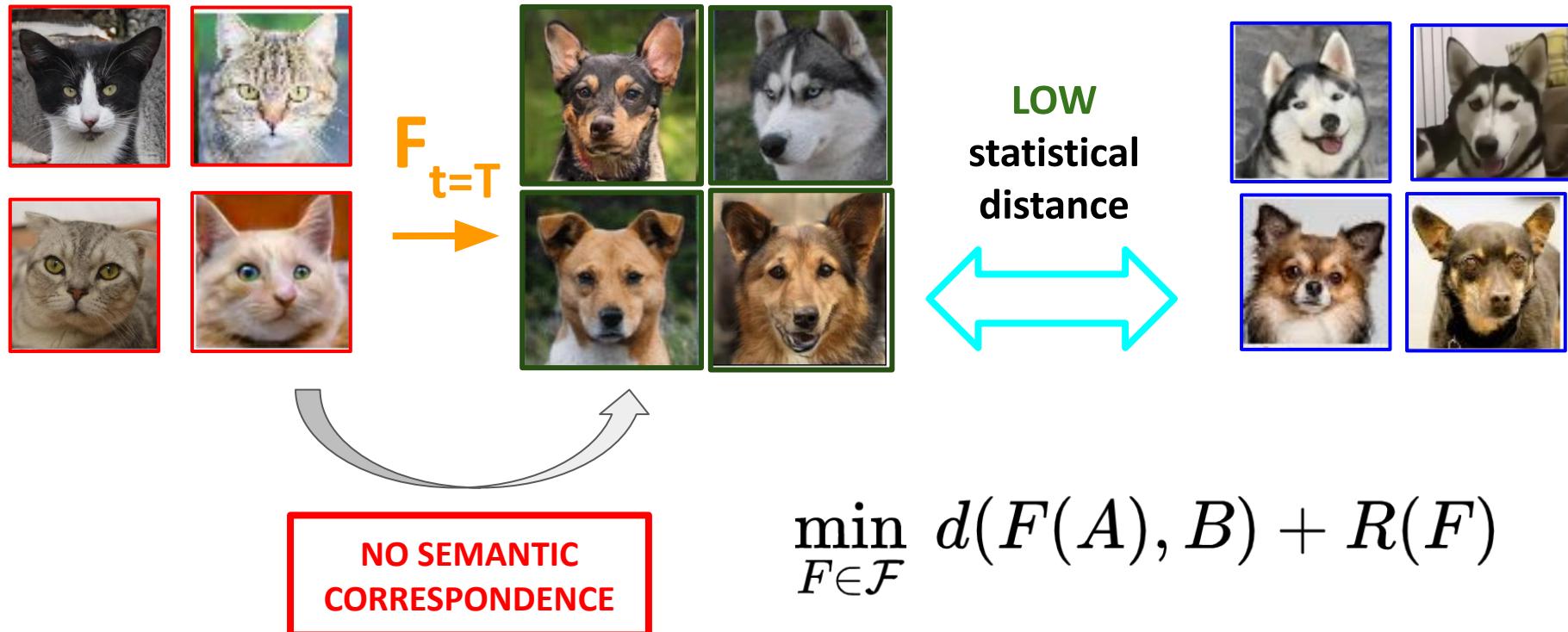
I am the second author, and my contribution is limited mostly to technical help:

“Adversarial Self-Defense for Cycle-Consistent GANs”,  
Bashkirova, Usman, Saenko (NeurIPS’19)

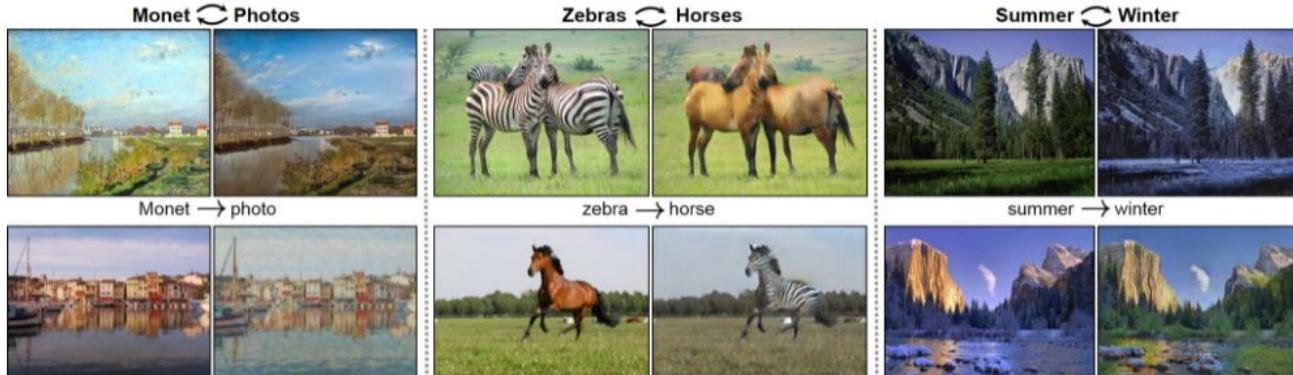
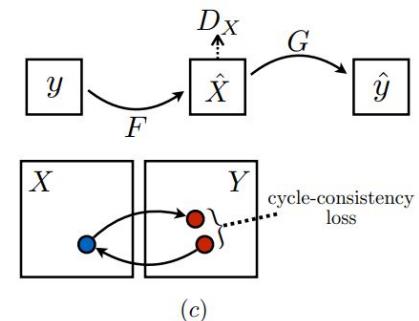
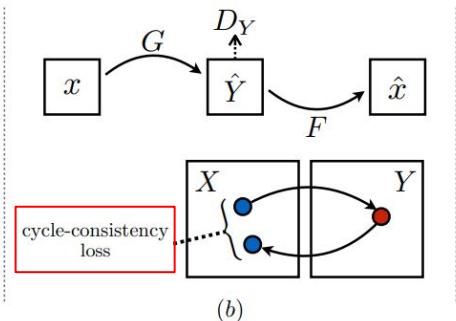
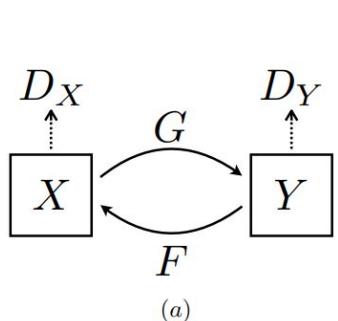
I include this paper in this presentation, because the method proposed in this paper is essential to two remaining papers I talk about in this presentation.

# What could go wrong?

The found mapping might be nonsensical

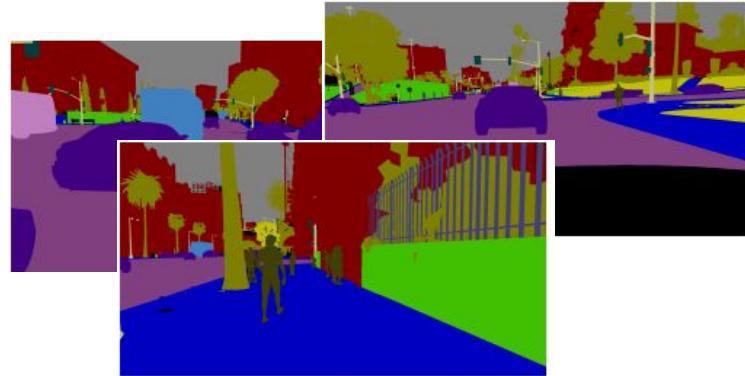


# Cycle Reconstruction Improves Semantic Consistency



# Improving Semantic Consistency with Translation Honesty

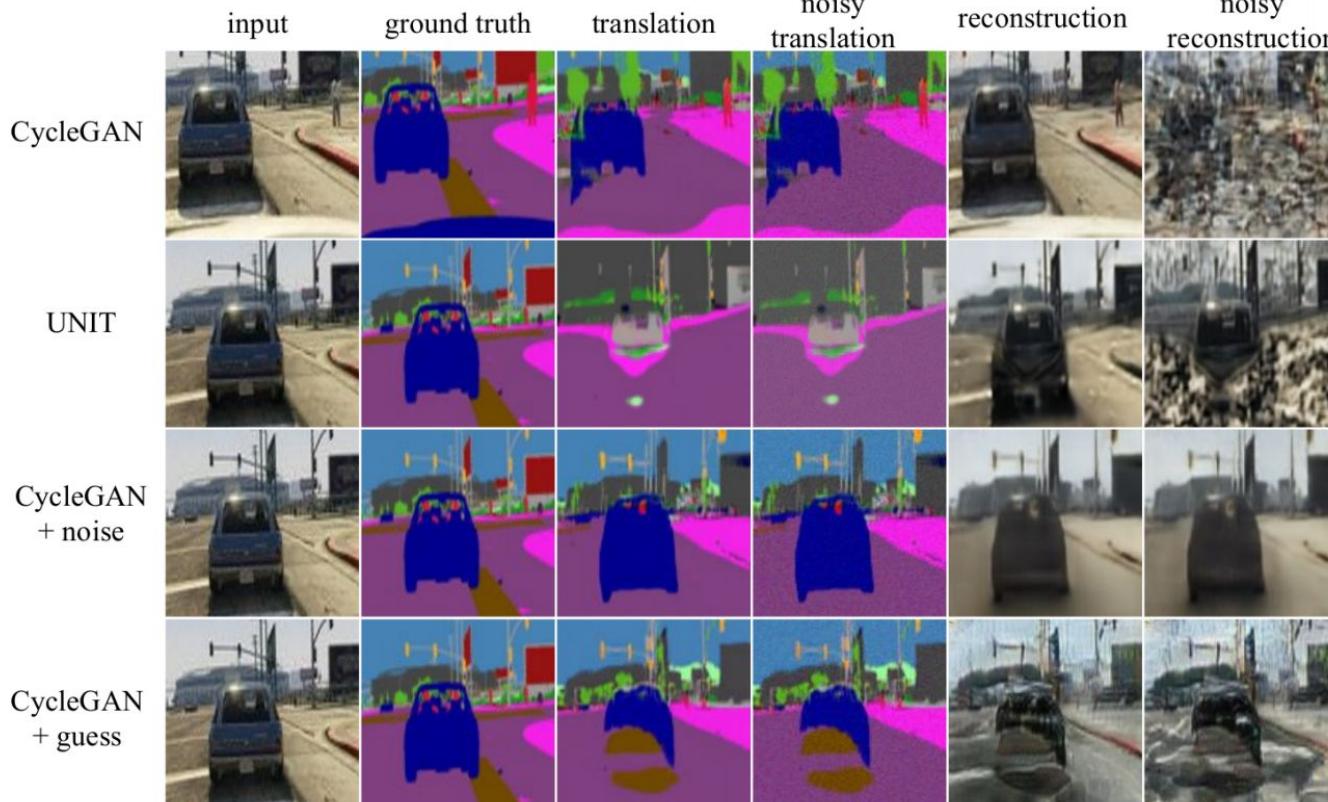
RGB  Segmentation



CycleGAN  
UNIT

...

# Improving Semantic Consistency with Translation Honesty



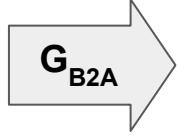
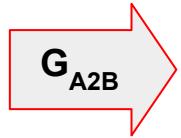
**Observation:** CycleGAN reconstructs input images perfectly by **cheating** - it embedded **structured noise** into generated translations.

**Solution:** we propose defence techniques that prevent this “cheating”, and, consequently, **improve the semantic consistency** of outputs.

# Improving Semantic Consistency with Translation Honesty

a

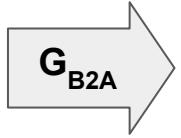
$$b' = G_{A2B}(a)$$



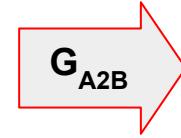
since we **know** that the network  
 $G_{A2B}$  adds adversarial noise

b

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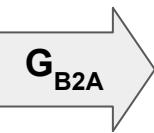
$$b_{cyc} = G_{A2B}(G_{B2A}(b))$$



the cycle-reconstruction  $b_{cyc}$   
will **also** have embedded  
adversarial noise!

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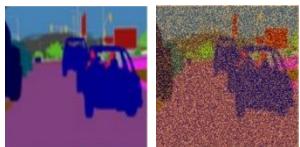
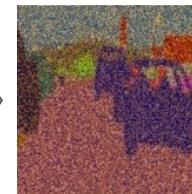
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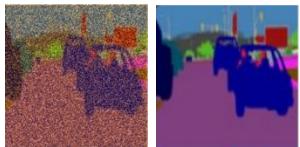


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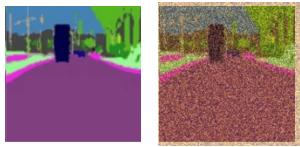
= 0 - “the **first** image is the **original**,  
the **second** is a **cycle reconstruction**”



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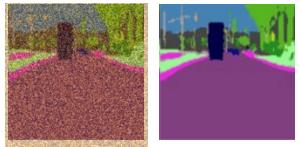
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$D_{noise}$

= 0



$D_{noise}$

= 1

Use the adversarial noise detector  
to penalize the model!

# Improving Semantic Consistency with Translation Honesty

**Reconstruction honesty** - how much the performance decreases if we **quantize segmentations**?

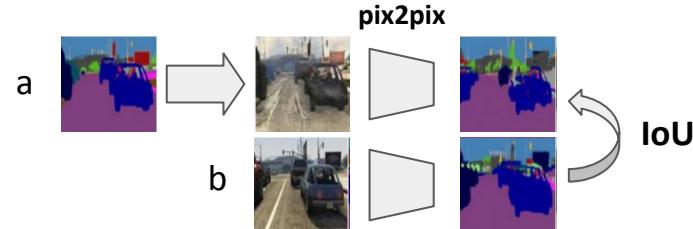
$$RH = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \{\|G_A(\lfloor G_B(X_i) \rfloor) - Y_i\|_2 - \|G_A(G_B(X_i)) - Y_i\|_2\},$$

**Sensitivity to noise** - how much the output changes if we **add noise**?

$$SN(\sigma) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|G_A(G_B(X_i) + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)) - G_A(G_B(X_i))\|_2$$

**Pix2Pix IoU** - do generated images produce same segmentation maps as the original?

$$\text{IoU}(\text{pix}(G_A(B_i)), \text{pix}(A_i))$$



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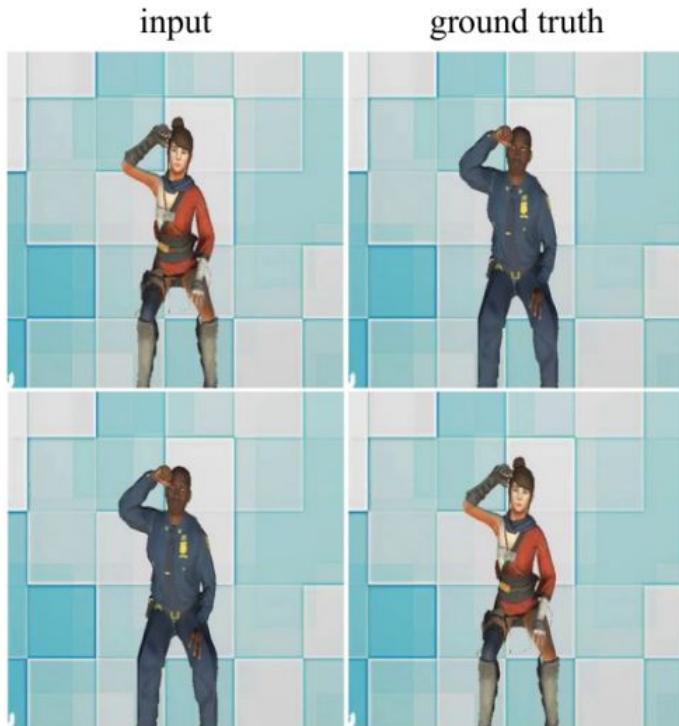
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CycleGAN	0.23	0.16	0.20	$27.43 \pm 6.1$	446.9
CycleGAN + noise*	<b>0.24</b>	0.17	0.23	$9.17 \pm 7.4$	<b>94.2</b>
CycleGAN + guess*	0.24	<b>0.17</b>	0.21	$11.4 \pm 7.0$	212.6
CycleGAN + guess + noise*	0.236	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>6.1 ± 5.9</b>	150.6
UNIT	0.08	0.04	0.06	$6.4 \pm 11.7$	361.5
MUNIT + cycle	0.13	0.08	0.17	$2.5 \pm 8.9$	244.9
pix2pix (supervised)	0.4	0.34	—	—	—

Table 2: Results on the GTA V dataset.

Method	acc. segm↑	IoU segm↑	IoU p2p↑	RH↓	SN↓
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CycleGAN + noise*	0.24	0.19	0.22	$12.27 \pm 4.42$	<b>222.2</b>
CycleGAN + guess*	0.24	0.184	<b>0.224</b>	$7.5 \pm 2.4$	235.4
CycleGAN + guess + noise*	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.19</b>	0.22	<b>-0.45 ± 2.3</b>	238.3
UNIT	0.21	0.15	0.12	$19.6 \pm 6.1$	528.2
MUNIT + cycle	0.15	0.09	0.12	$21.4 \pm 7.9$	687.3
pix2pix (supervised)	0.3	0.23	—	—	—

Table 3: Results on the Google Maps dataset.

# Improving Semantic Consistency with Translation Honesty



Method	MSE $\downarrow$	SN $\downarrow$
CycleGAN	32.55	6.5
CycleGAN+noise*	<b>22.18</b>	<b>1.1</b>
CycleGAN+guess*	23.57	2.4
CycleGAN+guess+noise*	23.13	1.35

Table 1: Results on SynAction dataset: mean square error of the translation and sensitivity to noise.

# Improving Semantic Consistency with Translation Honesty: Takeaway

Cycle-consistent models hide information  
in the form of adversarial noise.

If we prevent them from doing this,  
the semantic consistency of the alignment  
improves.

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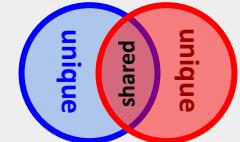
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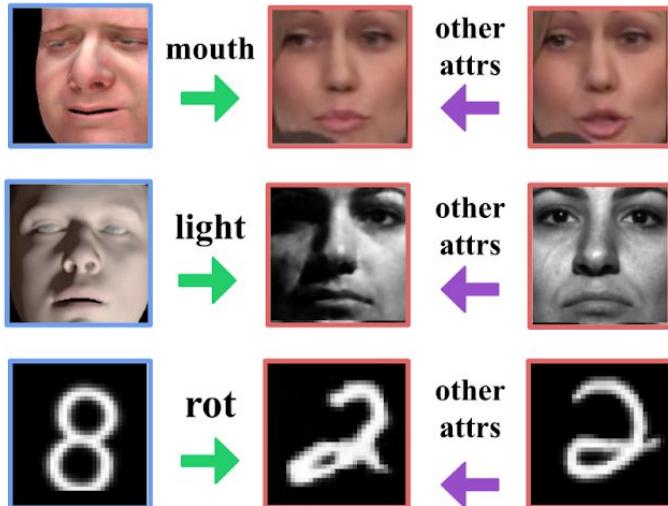
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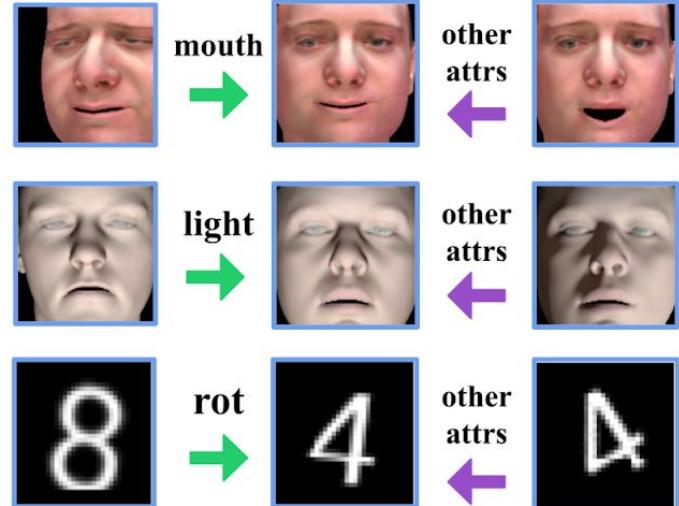


# Learning from Cross-Domain Demonstrations: Task

manipulate a **single**  
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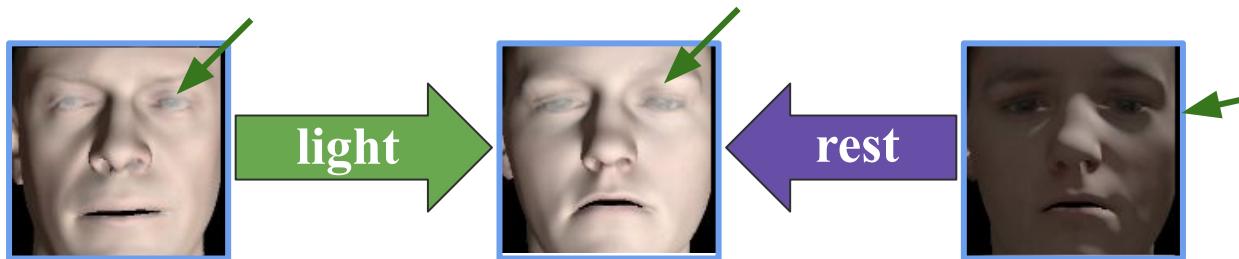
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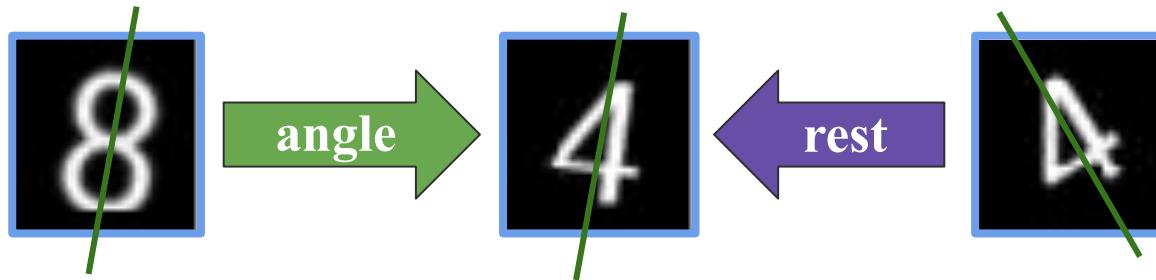
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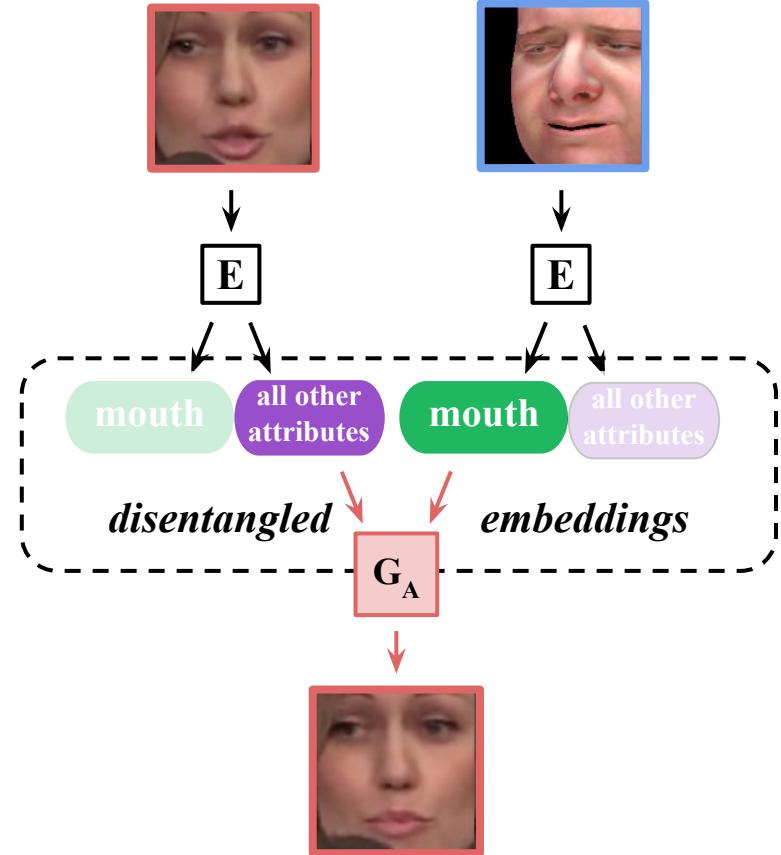
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Our goal is to train a model that **splits** the embedding into **two parts**:

- **one** to represent the attribute we manipulate (mouth),
- the **other** to represent all other attributes (hair, mic, etc).

↓ ↓ **real decoder**

↓ ↓ **shared encoder**

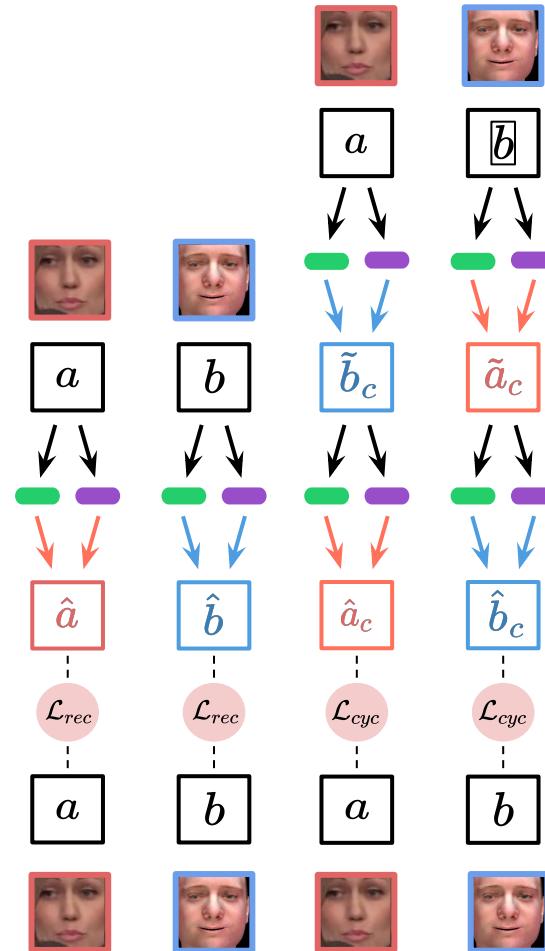


# PuppetGAN: Method

We used **autoencoder** and **cycle losses** on both domains.

↓ ↓ real  
decoder  
synthetic  
decoder

↓ ↓ shared  
encoder

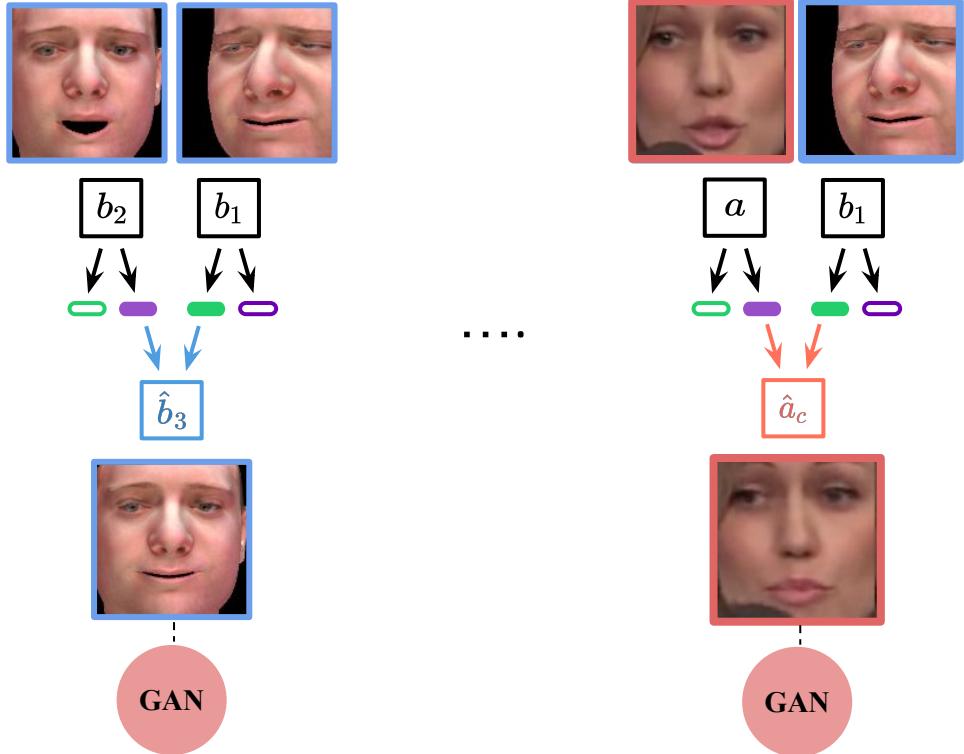


# PuppetGAN: Method

And **GAN losses** on all outputs.

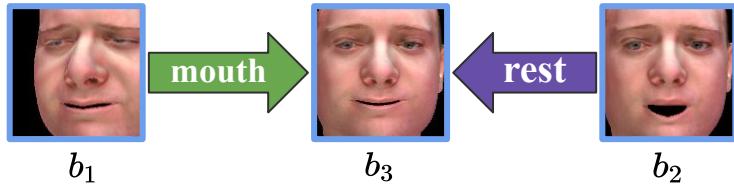
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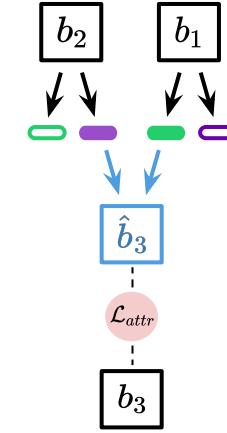
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We used **supervised losses**  
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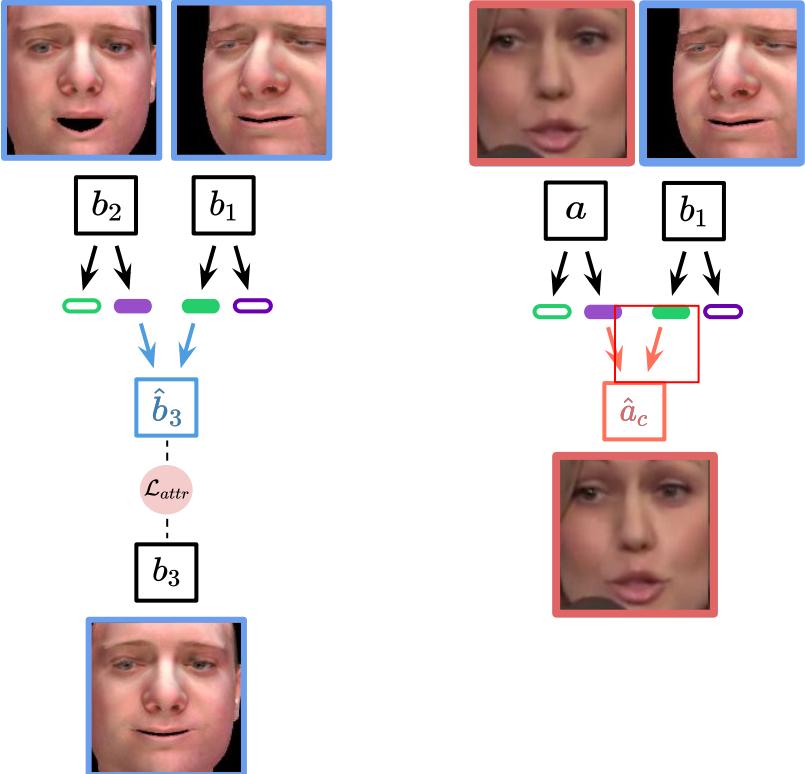


real  
decoder  
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decoder

shared  
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# PuppetGAN: Method



## Problem:

The real decoder might **ignore** one input.

↓ ↓      **real**  
  ↓ ↓      **decoder**  
↓ ↓      **synthetic**  
  ↓ ↓      **decoder**

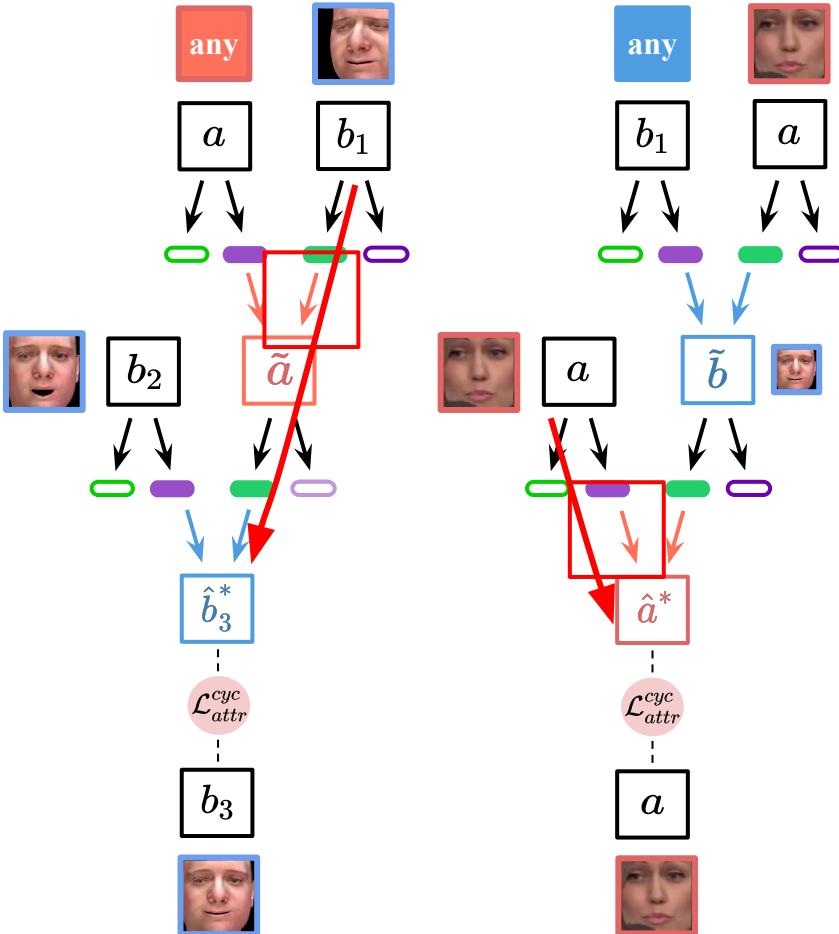
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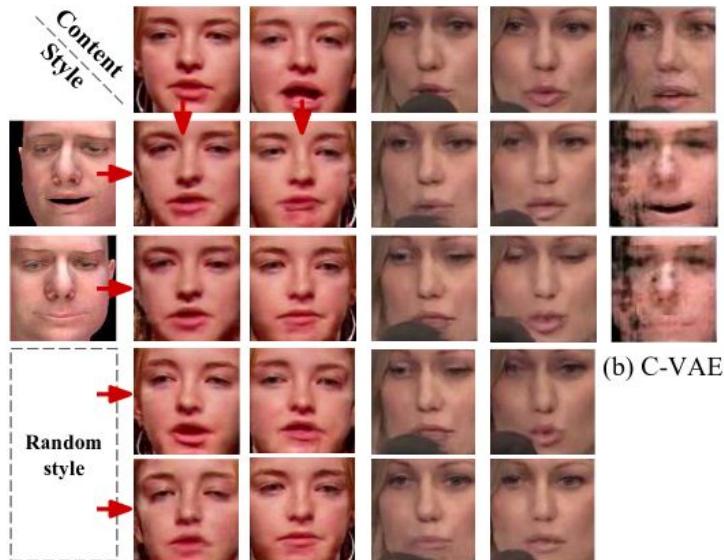
We used **compositional constraint losses** to ensure that **all embeddings** are used.

↓ ↓ real  
decoder  
synthetic  
decoder

↓ ↓ shared  
encoder



# PuppetGAN: Comparing to related work



Rotation						Size					
attr	6	0	1	2	9	9	6	0	3	6	6
+ rest	4	8	3	7	6	6	1	5	5	0	2
=	6	0	1	2	9	9	1	5	5	0	2

(c) DiDA

5	0	1	8	3	6	3	6	0	8	6	9
1	7	6	1	9	8	1	7	6	1	9	8
5	0	1	3	8	6	3	6	4	8	4	9

(d) MUNIT

5	0	5	7	2	6	5	6	8	8	3	5
0	2	6	3	4	8	4	8	7	6	0	1
5	0	0	3	1	8	9	2	2	9	9	1

(e) Cycle-Consistent VAE

# PuppetGAN: Comparing to related work

Model	Disentanglement Quality								Input Domain Discrepancy			
	Size				Rotation				Size		Rot	
	Acc ↑	$r_{\text{attr}}^{\text{syn}} \uparrow$	$r_{\text{rest}}^{\text{syn}} \downarrow$	$V_{\text{rest}} \downarrow$	Acc ↑	$r_{\text{attr}}^{\text{syn}} \uparrow$	$r_{\text{rest}}^{\text{syn}} \downarrow$	$V_{\text{rest}} \downarrow$	$J_{\text{attr}}^{\text{syn}}$	$J_{\text{rest}}^{\text{syn}}$	$J_{\text{attr}}^{\text{syn}}$	$J_{\text{rest}}^{\text{syn}}$
PuppetGAN	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.01</b>				
CycleGAN [28]	0.10	0.28	<b>0.06</b>	0.28	0.11	<b>0.54</b>	0.37	0.33				
DiDA [2]	<b>0.71</b>	0.18	0.09	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.86</b>	0.04	0.35	<b>0.02</b>	0.27	0.78	0.05	2.20
MUNIT [10]	<b>0.96</b>	0.06	0.09	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.00</b>	0.00	0.15	<b>0.01</b>				
Cycle-VAE [8]	0.17	<b>0.92</b>	0.16	<b>0.01</b>	0.29	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.01</b>				
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## PuppetGAN: Takeaway

We can manipulate specific attributes of  
real images using supervision from crude  
synthetic simulations!

## Learning better one-to-one mappings

We can get **stable** alignment dy  
dualizing the logistic discriminator!  
(ICLR-W'18)

We can get **stable** alignment wrt  
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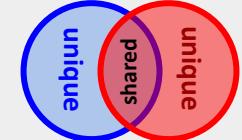
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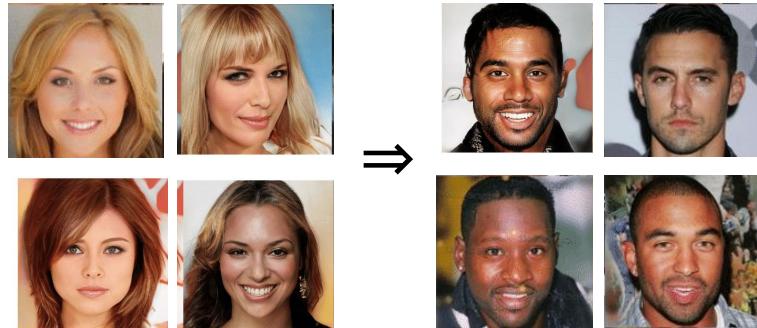


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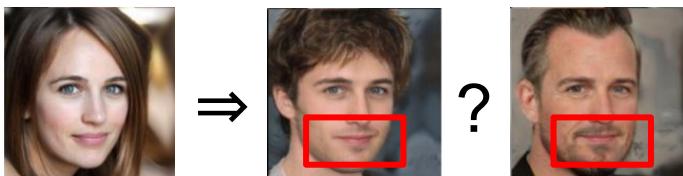
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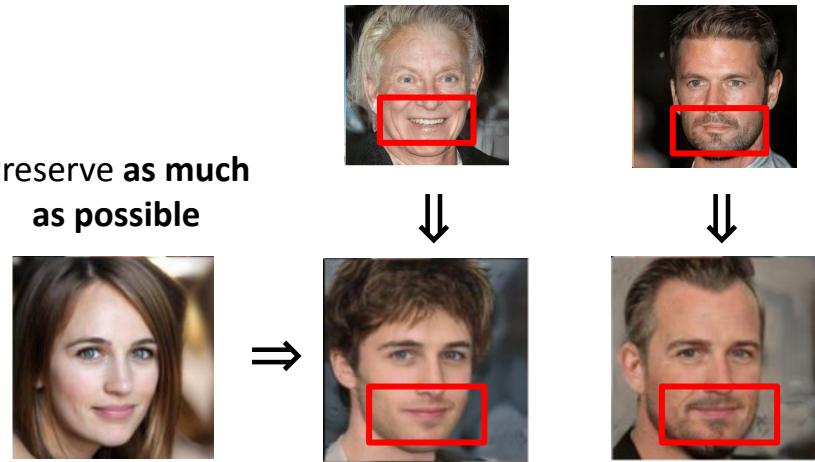
# Disentangling Domain-Specific and Domain-Invariant Factors of Variation



1-to-1 alignment problem  
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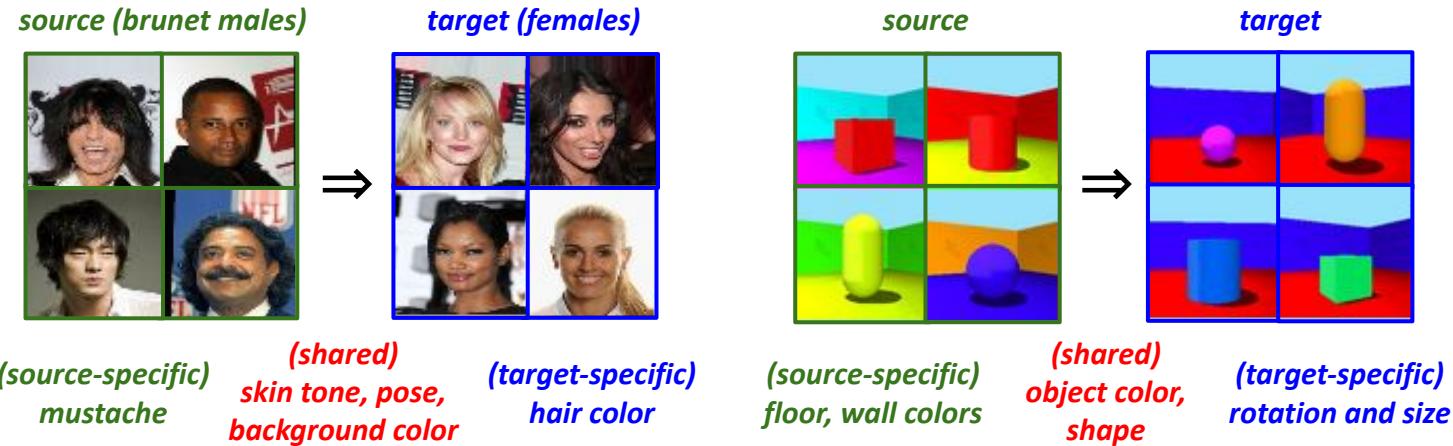
Preserve as much  
as possible



many-to-many alignment problem is well defined!

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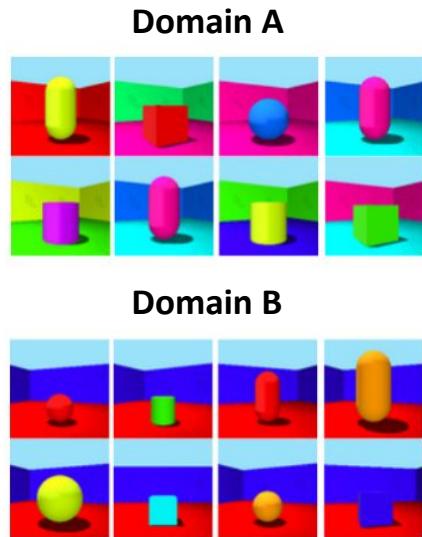
*Goal 1: learn which factors of variation are shared vs domain-specific from data*



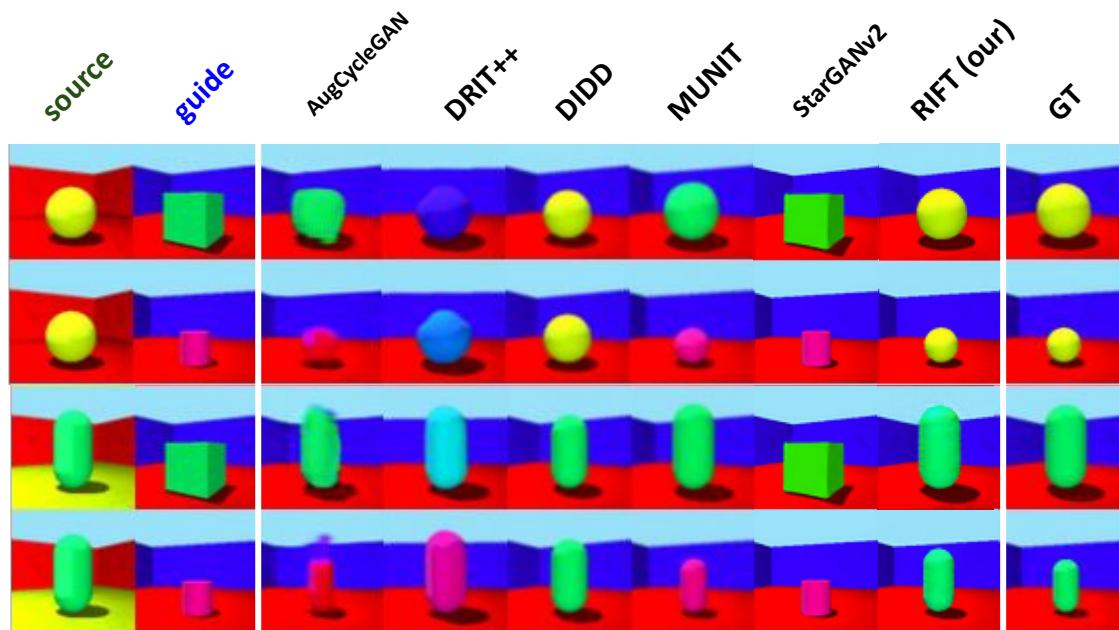
*Goal 2: translate a source image to the target domain guided by a target example*



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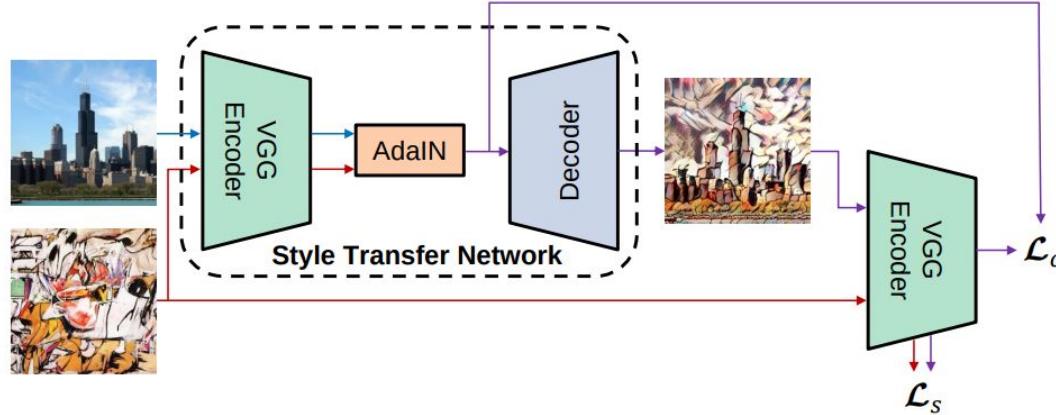
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“Evaluation of Correctness in Unsupervised Many-to-Many Image Translation” by Bashkirova, Usman, Saenko (WACV22)

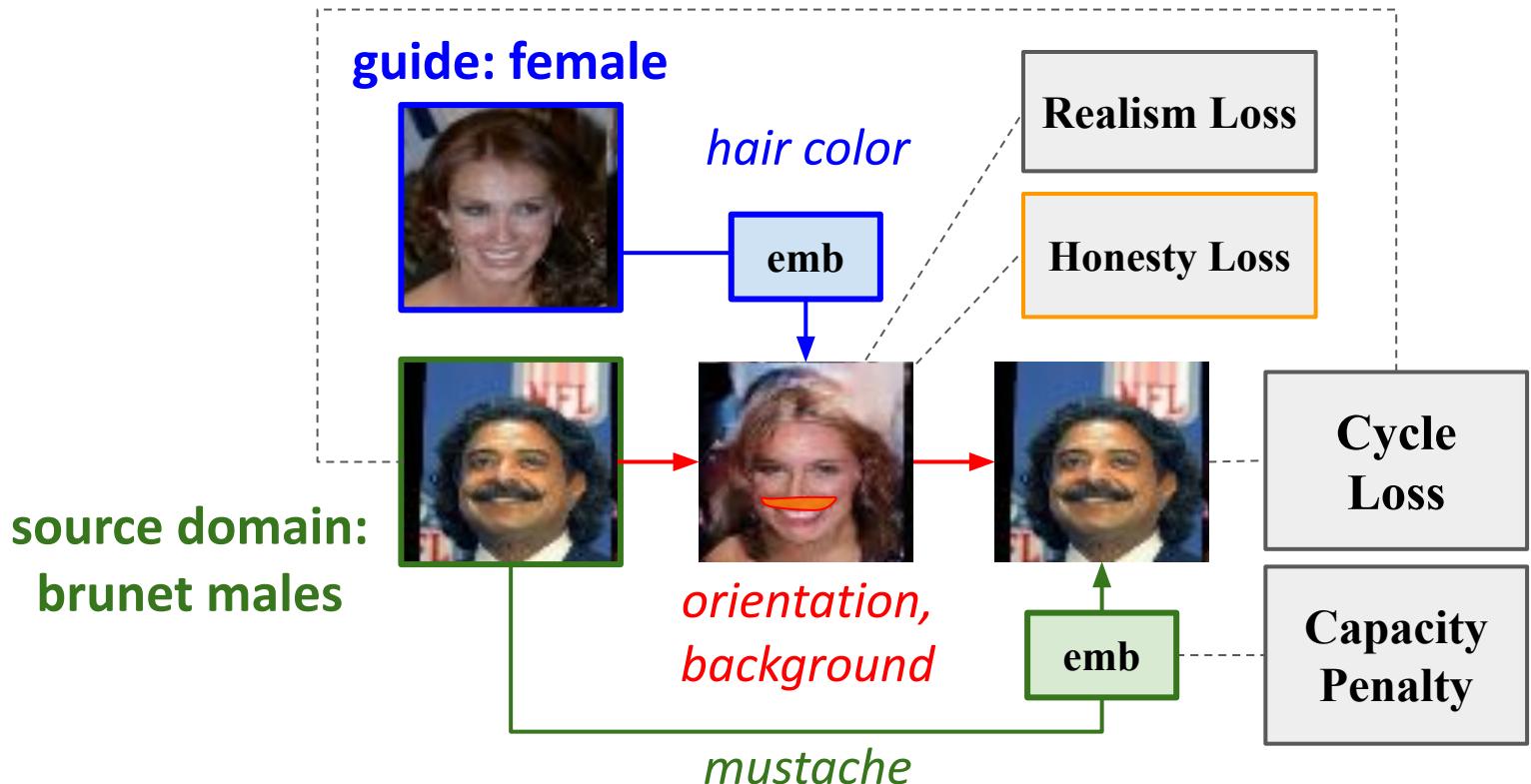
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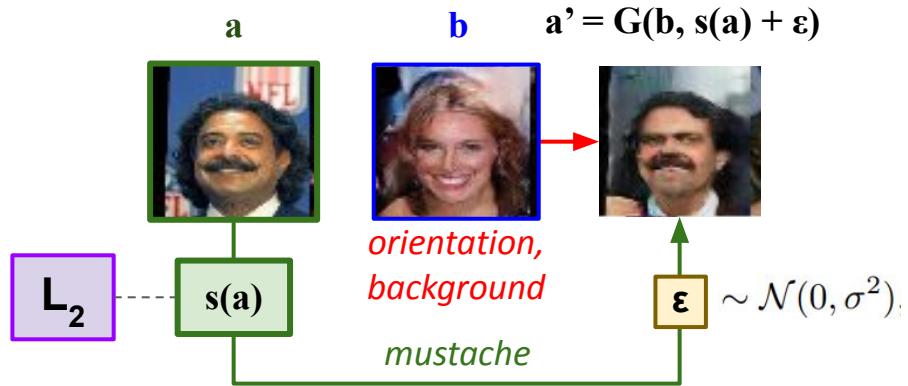


$$\text{AdaIN}(x, y) = \sigma(y) \left( \frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} \right) + \mu(y)$$

# RIFT: Translation via Restricted Information Flow



# Capacity Loss



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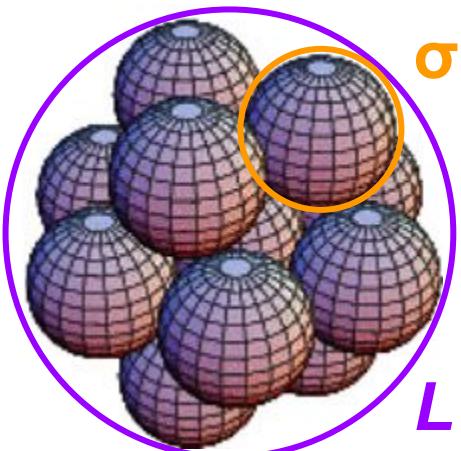
where  $a' = G(b, s(a) + \varepsilon)$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ ,

and  $L = \mathbb{E}\|s(a)\|_2^2$ ,  $a \sim A$ ,  $b \sim B$

**Corollary:**

$L \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow MI \rightarrow \infty$

$\sigma \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow MI \rightarrow \infty$



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*Proof.* Applying the data processing inequality

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \Rightarrow \text{MI}(X; Z) \leq \text{MI}(X; Y) \wedge \text{MI}(X; Z) \leq \text{MI}(Y; Z)$$

twice to following Markov chains

$$a \rightarrow (s(a) + \varepsilon) \rightarrow a', \quad a \rightarrow s(a) \rightarrow (s(a) + \varepsilon)$$

gives us

$$\text{MI}(a; a') \leq \text{MI}(a; s(a) + \varepsilon) \leq \text{MI}(s(a); s(a) + \varepsilon)$$

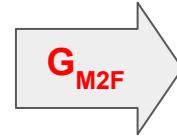
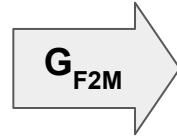
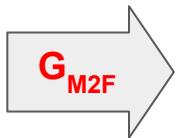
intuitively meaning that the overall pipeline always loses at least as much information as each of its steps. Then expanding the mutual information in terms of the differential entropy  $h(X)$  gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MI}(s(a); s(a) + \varepsilon) &= h(s(a) + \varepsilon) - h(s(a) + \varepsilon | s(a)) \\ &= h(s(a) + \varepsilon) - h(\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Since the the second raw moment (aka power) of  $s(a)$  is bounded by  $L$ , the entropy  $h(s(a) + \varepsilon)$  will be maximized if  $s(a)$  is a  $k$ -dimensional spherical multivariate normal with variance  $L$ , where  $k = \dim(s(a))$  therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MI}(s(a); s(a) + \varepsilon) &\leq h(\mathcal{N}_k(0; L + \sigma^2)) + h(\mathcal{N}_k(0; \sigma^2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{(L + \sigma^2)^k}{\sigma^{2k}} \right) \leq k \cdot \log_2 (1 + L/\sigma^2). \end{aligned}$$

# Honesty Loss

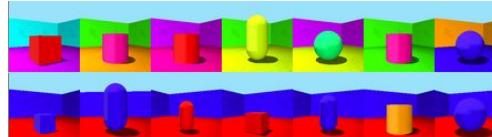


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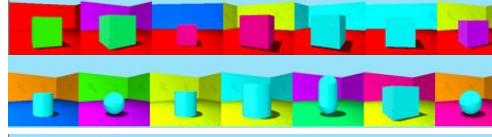
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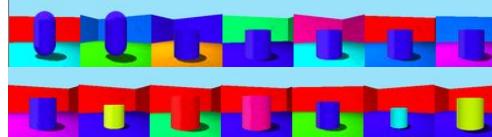
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source: floor, wall color  
target: size, orientation

**Shapes-3D-B**



shared: wall color, size  
source: object color, orient.  
target: shape, floor color

**Shapes-3D-C**



shared: floor color, orient.  
source: wall color, shape  
target: size, object color

**SynAction**



shared: pose  
source: background  
target: identity/clothing

**CelebA**



shared: pose, background  
source: hair color  
target: facial hair

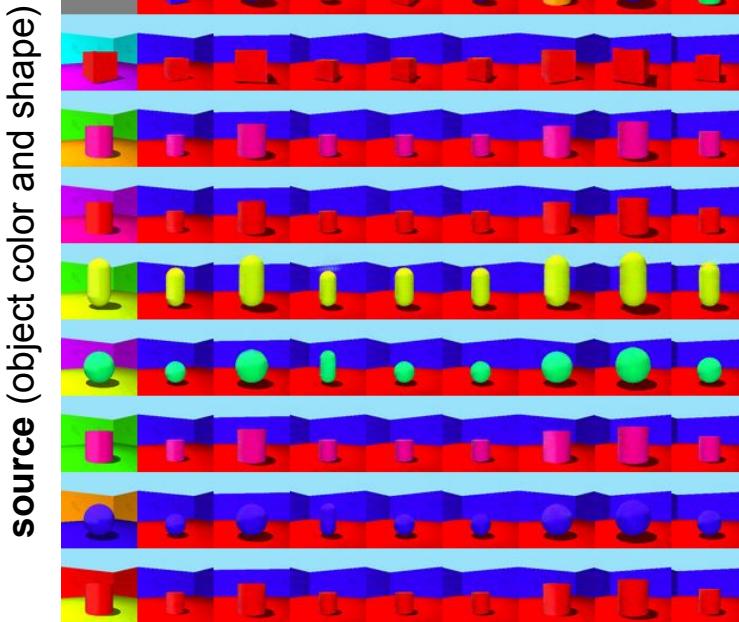
# Results

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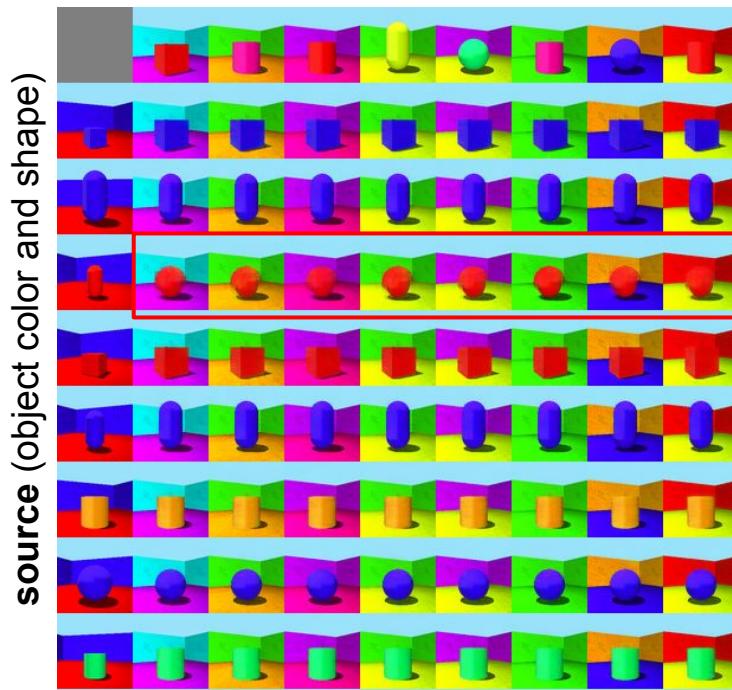


shared: object color, shape  
source: floor, wall color  
target: size, orientation

guide (rotation and size)



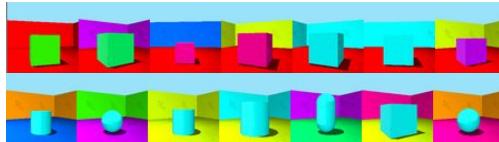
guide (floor and wall color)



source (object color and shape)

# Results

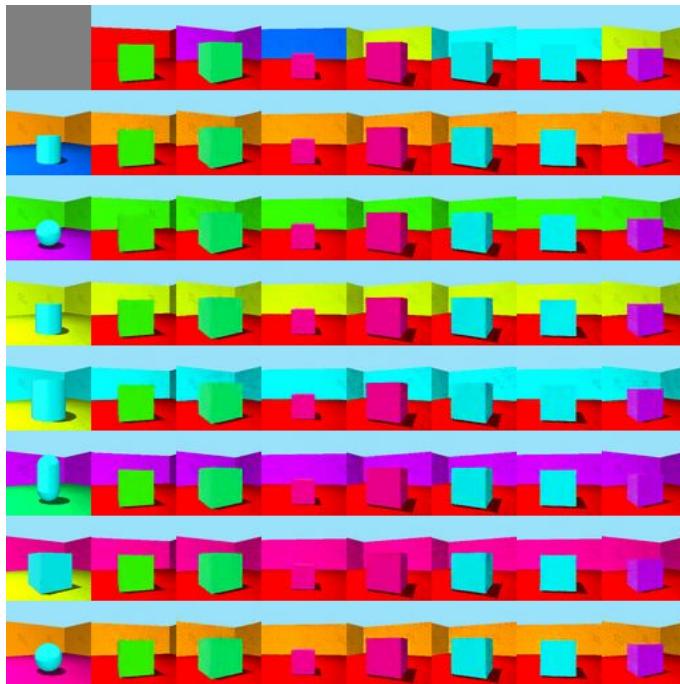
**Shapes-3D-B**



shared: wall color, size  
source: object color, orient.  
target: shape, floor color

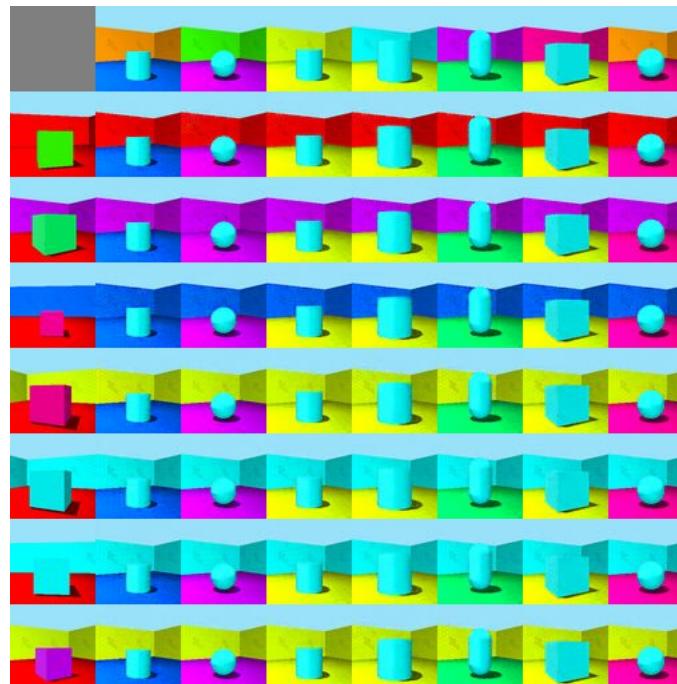
**guide** (object color and orientation)

source (wall color and size)



**guide** (floor color and shape)

source (wall color and size)



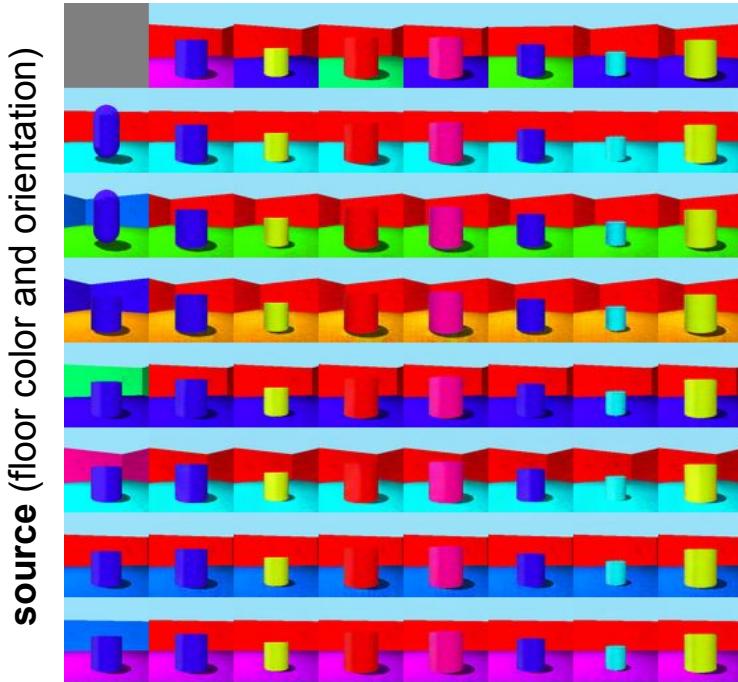
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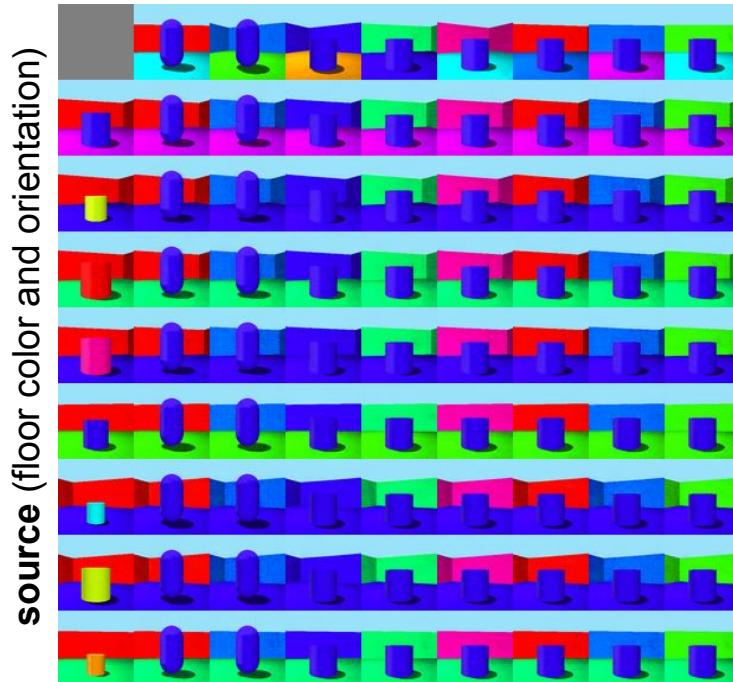


shared: floor color, orient.  
source: wall color, shape  
target: size, object color

guide (size and object color)



guide (shape and wall color)

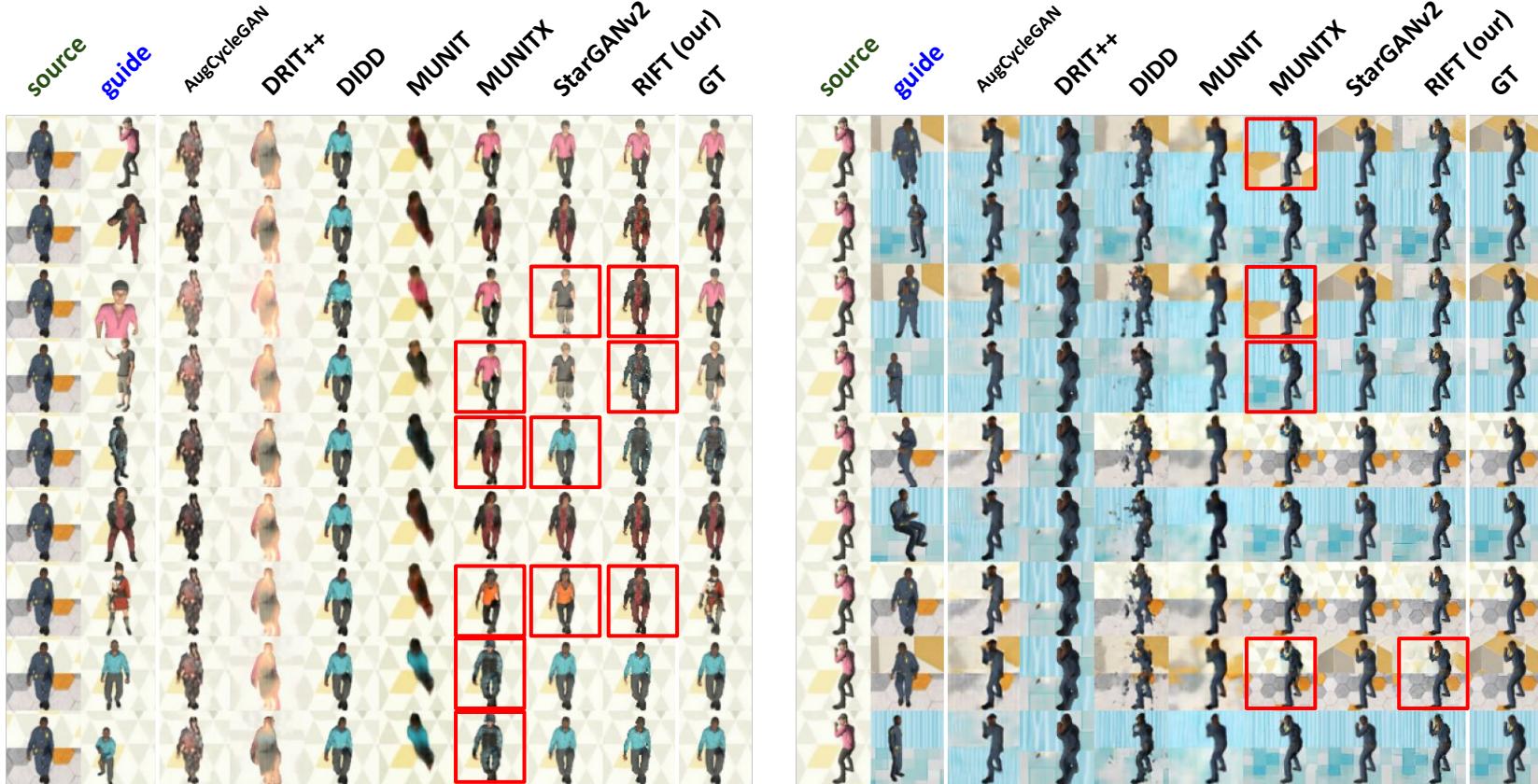


# Results

## SynAction



shared: pose  
source: background  
target: identity/clothing

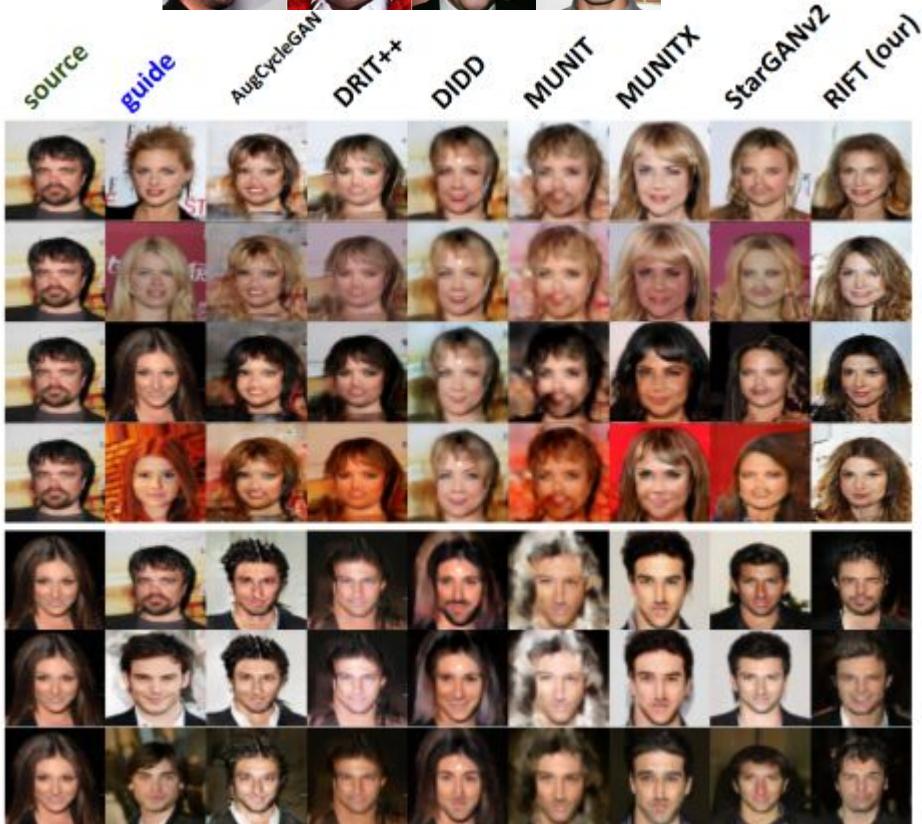


# Results

CelebA



shared: pose, background  
source: hair color  
target: facial hair



# Metrics and Qualitative Results

## Manipulation Accuracy (for categorical):

$$\text{ACC}_k^A = p(f_k(F_{A2B}(a, b)) = y_k^* \mid f_k(a) \neq f_k(b))$$

where the “correct” attribute value equals  $y_k^* = f_k(a)$  for shared attributes, and  $y_k^* = f_k(b)$  otherwise. For real-

## Manipulation Accuracy (for real-valued):

$$\text{ACC}_k^A = p(\|f_k(F_{A2B}(a, b)) - y_k^*\| \leq \|f_k(F_{A2B}(a, b)) - y'_k\|)$$

where  $y_k^* = f_k(a)$  and  $y'_k = f_k(b)$  for shared attributes, and vice-versa otherwise.

## Relative Discrepancy (for shapes only):

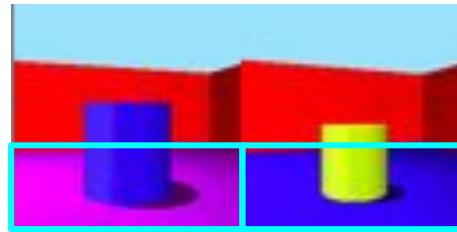
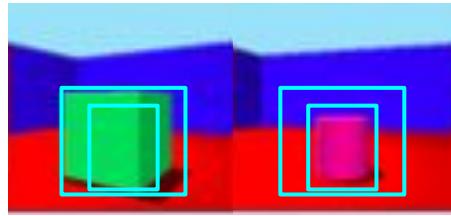
$$\text{RD} = 100 \cdot \frac{\sum_k |\text{ACC}_k^S - \text{ACC}_k^C|}{\sum_k (\text{ACC}_k^S + \text{ACC}_k^C)}.$$

Method	3DS	SA	CA	AVG	RD
StarGANv2	45	82	51	59	97
MUNIT	58	37	53	49	56
MUNITX	33	52	55	47	74
DRIT++	18	24	55	32	20
AugCycleGAN	12	37	40	29	20
DIDD	44	67	64	58	35
<b>RIFT (ours)</b>	<b>88</b>	<u>78</u>	<u>60</u>	<b>75</b>	<b>6</b>
RAND	12	24	49	27	9

Table 1: Average (AVG↑) manipulation accuracy (ACC) and relative discrepancy (RD↓) across 3D-Shapes-ABC (3DS), SynAction (SA), and CelebA-FM (CA). Notation: **best**, 2nd best.

## Remaining Challenges

1. How to deal with attributes that “occupy” very different number of pixels in reconstruction losses (e.g. size vs color)?

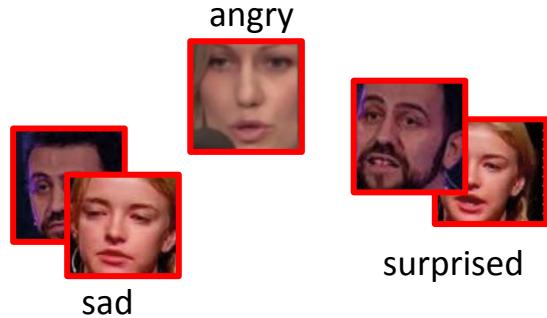
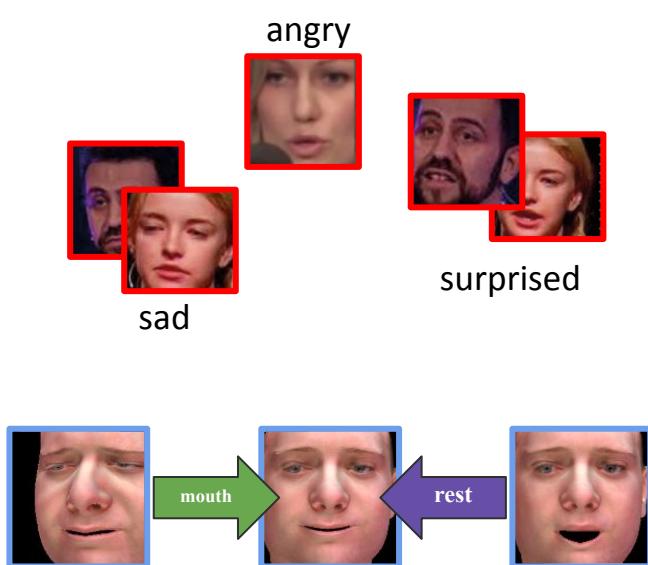


2. What if attributes are varied in both but have different distributions?  
(e.g. 3% females are blonde, but 50% of males are blonde)

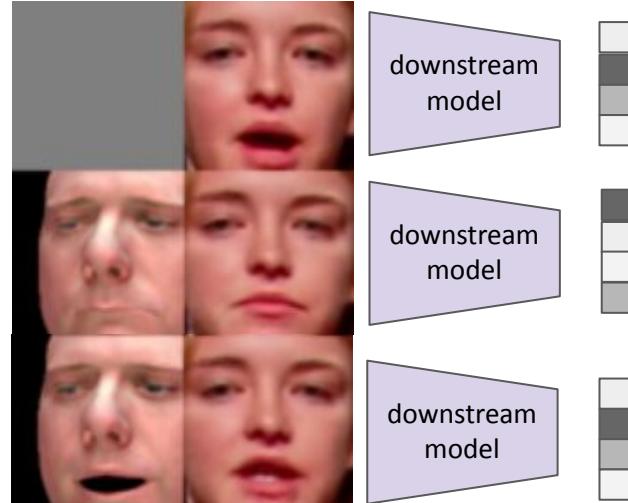
## Takeaway

We can use unsupervised alignment to  
discover domain-specific factors of  
variability without any supervision!

# Applications: Interpretability and Control



I wonder how much my  
downstream model  
(e.g. emotion recognition model)  
is sensitive to **mouth openness?**



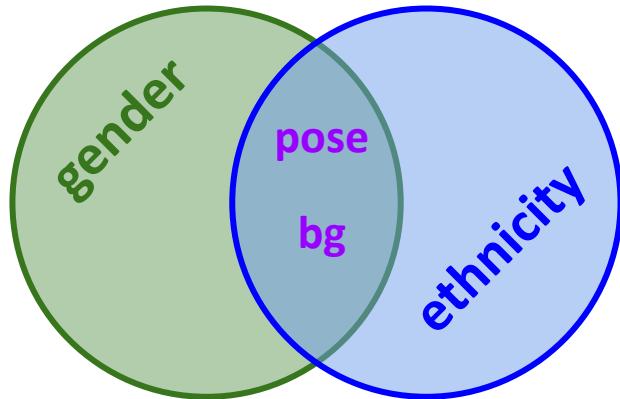
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Train

factors of variability

Test



*shared  
from  
source*



downstream  
model

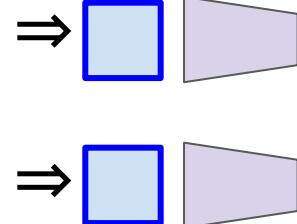
I wonder whether my

is sensitive to factors of variability  
**absent** in train, but **present** in test?

Train RIFT!



*specific  
from  
guide*

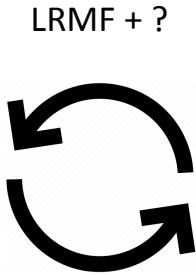


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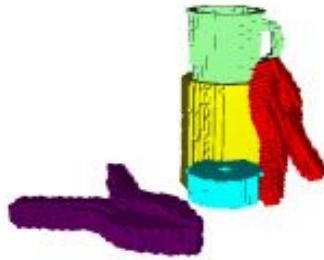


**texture**

RIFT

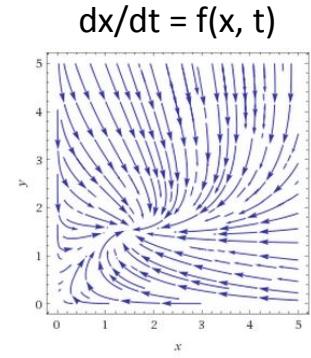


LRMF + ?



**size**  
**location**  
**shape**

PuppetGAN



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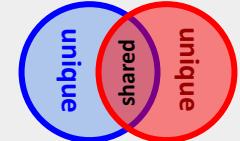
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We can alter a **single specific attribute** of  
real images using **only synthetic**  
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We can manipulate attributes **unique** to  
each domain independently from those  
**shared** across domains!

(in submission)



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

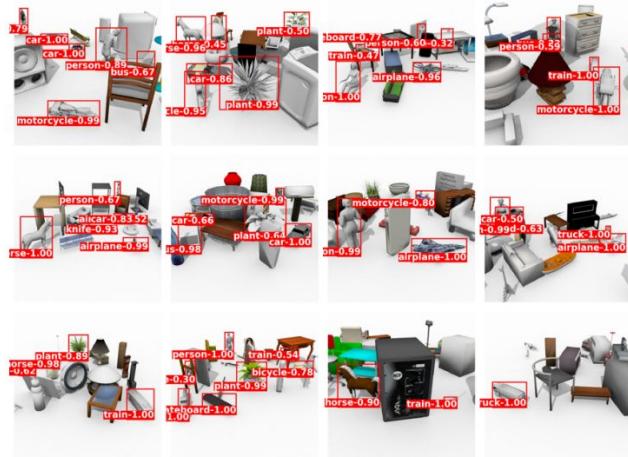
# Other research

**multi-view RGB → 3D pose**

no 3D GT, no camera calibration,  
only synchronized RGB + 2D GT for training



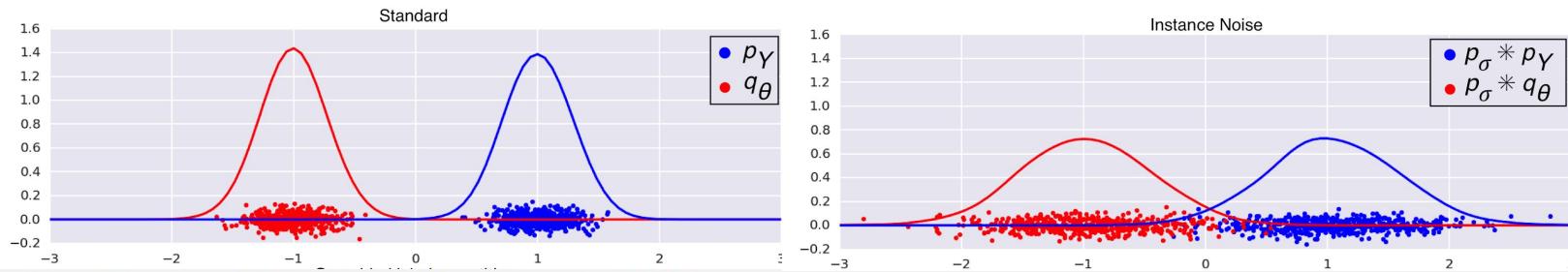
“**MetaPose**: Fast 3D pose from multiple views without 3D supervision”,  
Usman, Tagliasacchi, Saenko, Sud (CVPR22)



“**Syn2Real**: A New Benchmark for Synthetic-to-Real Visual DA”,  
Peng, Usman, ..., Hoffman, Saenko

Backup deck begins

# Instance noise in the discriminator might help. Closed-form regularizer exist.



## Regularized Jensen-Shannon GAN

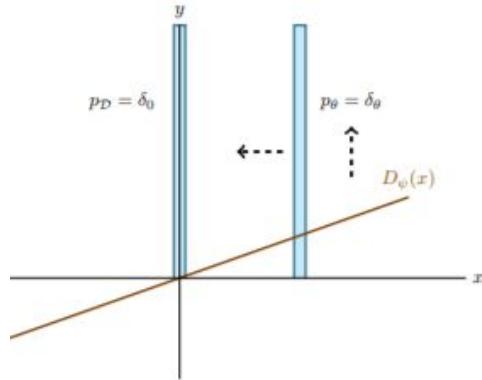
$$F_\gamma(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}; \varphi) = \mathbf{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\ln(\varphi)] + \mathbf{E}_{\mathbb{Q}} [\ln(1 - \varphi)] - \frac{\gamma}{2} \Omega_{JS}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}; \varphi)$$

$$\Omega_{JS}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}; \varphi) := \mathbf{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [(1 - \varphi(\mathbf{x}))^2 \|\nabla \phi(\mathbf{x})\|^2] + \mathbf{E}_{\mathbb{Q}} [\varphi(\mathbf{x})^2 \|\nabla \phi(\mathbf{x})\|^2]$$

but requires figuring out a good annealing schedule

[“Stabilizing Training of Generative Adversarial Networks through Regularization”, Roth et al, NeurIPS’17]  
[“Instance Noise: A trick for stabilising GAN training”, Ferenc Huszár, inference.vc]

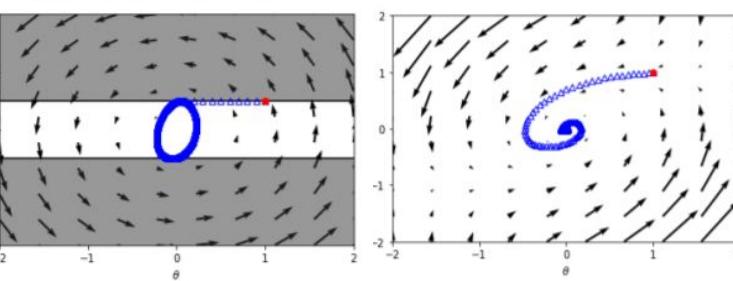
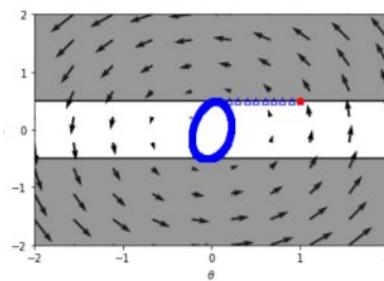
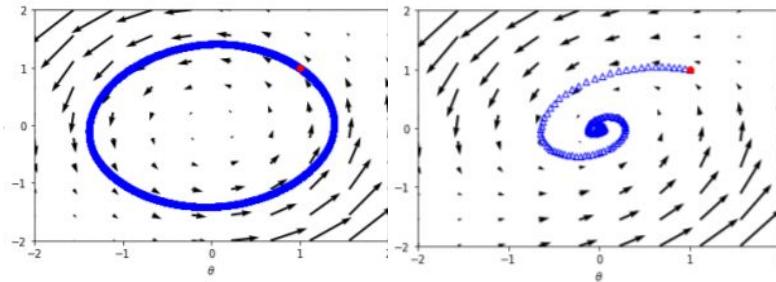
# A “toy GAN problem” confirms it.



$$D_\psi(x) = \psi \cdot x$$

$$p_\theta = \delta_\theta$$

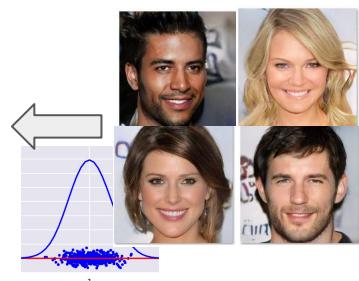
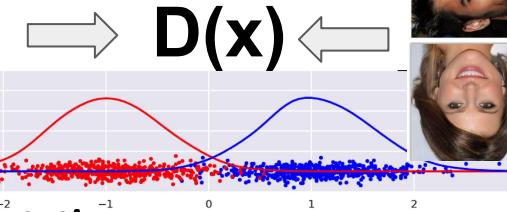
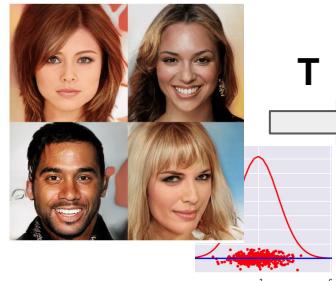
$$p_D = \delta_0$$



# Let's extend to arbitrary augmentations.

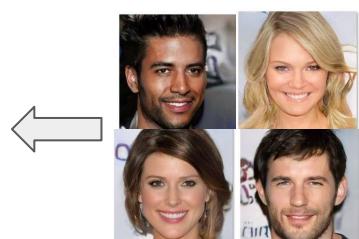
Assume augmentation  $T(x)$  randomly flips an image by  $[0, 90, 180, 270]$  and we apply  $T(x)$  “as instance noise” before passing them to  $D(x)$  to make images “less separable”.

“good” generated images



real images

generated images with wrong original orientation



# Here is what you get - “leaking augmentation”.

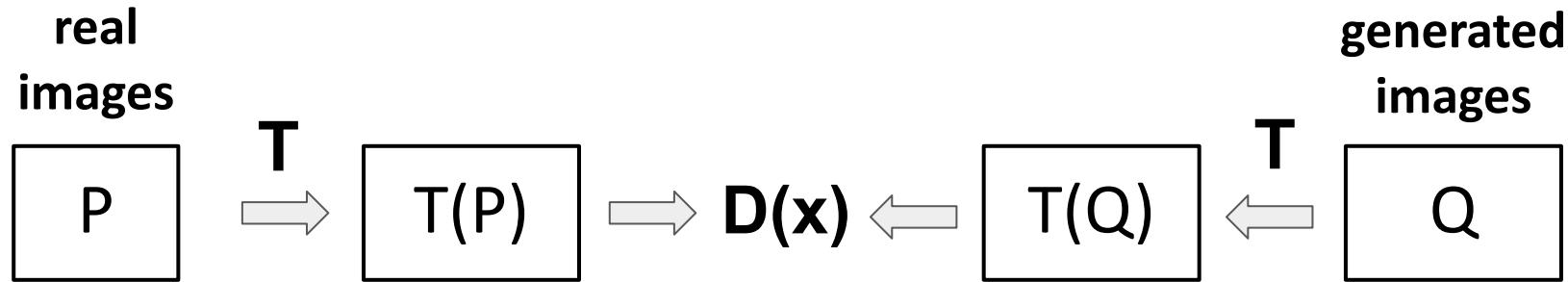
$T(x)$  is flip



$T(x)$  is color shift



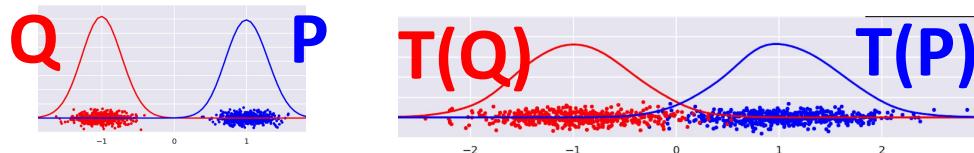
# How to avoid “leaking augmentation”?



We want  $T(x)$  such that  $\mathbf{T(P)} = \mathbf{T(Q)} \Leftrightarrow P = Q$ ,  
i.e. we want an *invertible* operator “ $T$ : distribution  $\square$  distribution”.

**Not** same as an invertible augmentation  $T(x)$ !

Example:  $T(P) = P * Gaussian(0, 1)$ , i.e.  $T(x) = x + \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, 1)$ .



In general, these transformations (rotation, shift, etc.) induce operators over the space of distributions and have some group structure.

(In appendix) they show sufficient conditions for spectra of these linear operators not containing zeros  $\Rightarrow$  operators themselves being invertible.

# Teaser: core results

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(in submission)

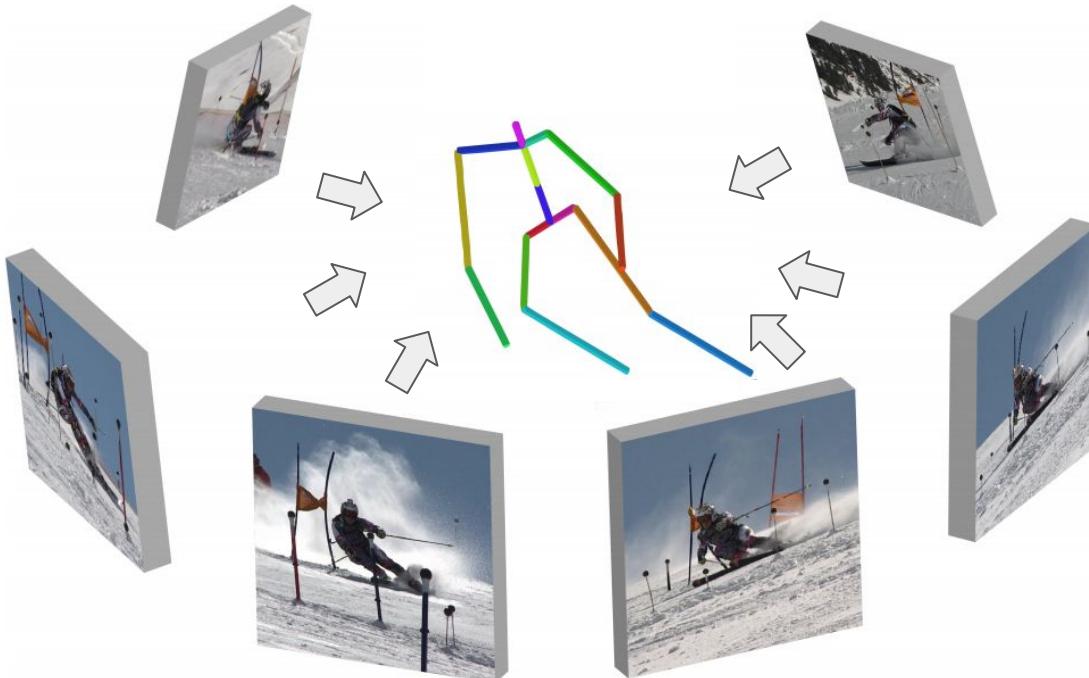
Bonus: Multi-view / 3D simulation

Neural networks can be trained to perform **regularized bundle adjustment** to robustly estimate 3D poses from uncalibrated multi-view RGB **without 3D supervision!** (CVPR22)

We generated one of current de-facto standard datasets for synthetic-to-real adaptation (Syn2Real)

# Task

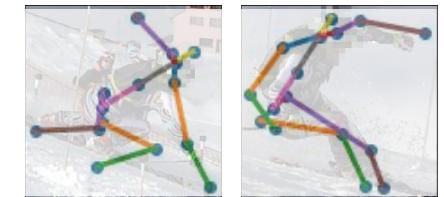
We have synchronized **multi-view** RGB footage  
and we want to estimate **3D human pose** from it.



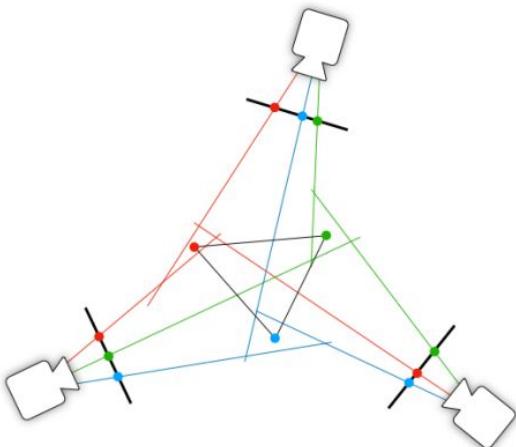
**X no camera calibration**

**X no GT 3D poses**

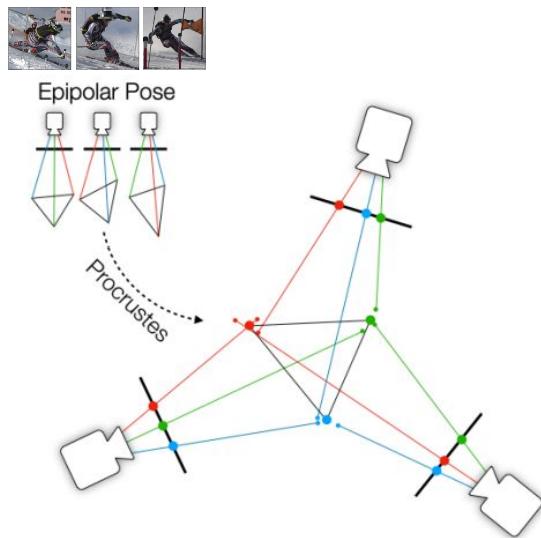
some 2D pose annotations



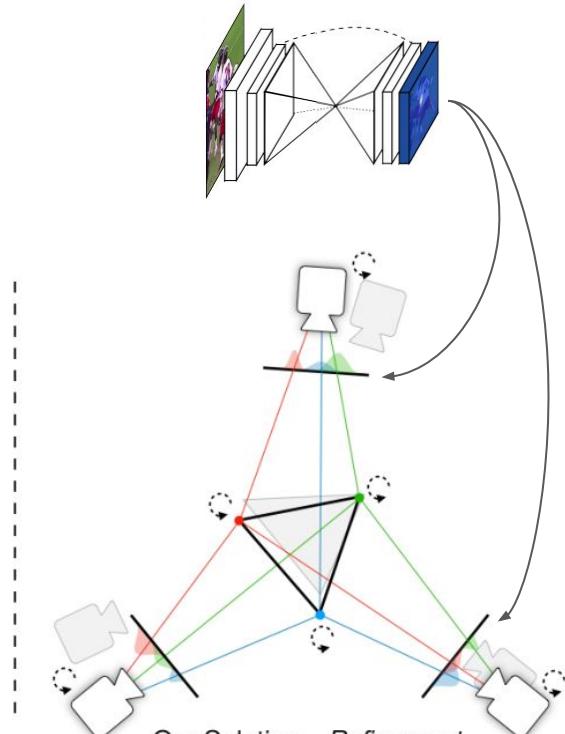
# Overview



Classical Solution  
(AniPose Bundle Adjustment)



Our Solution – Initialization  
(Average Epipolar Pose)



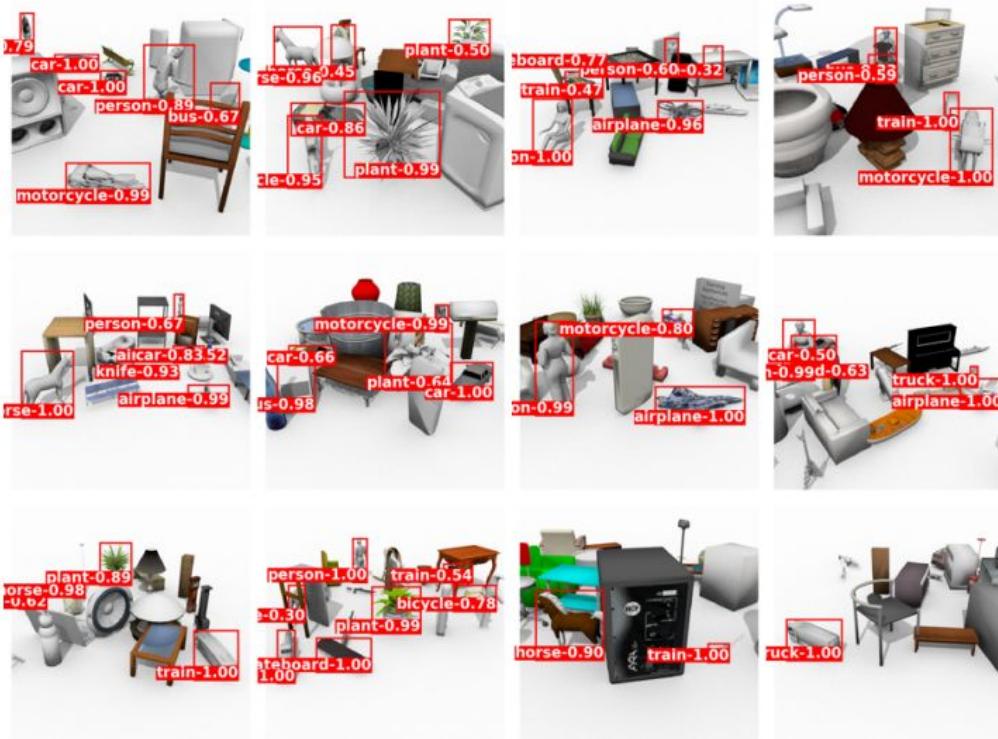
Our Solution – Refinement  
(Neural Bundle Adjustment)

## Human3.6M

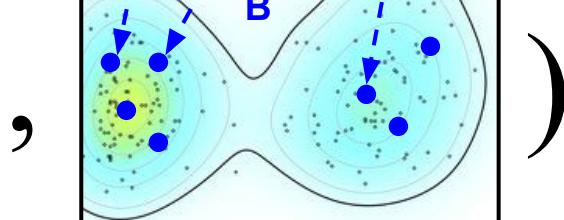
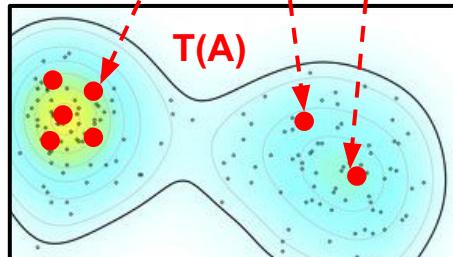
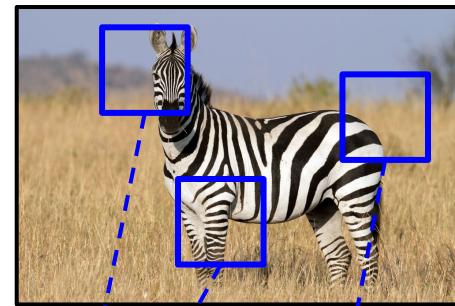
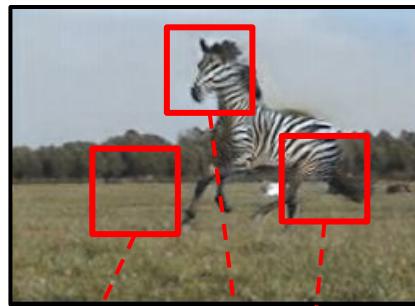
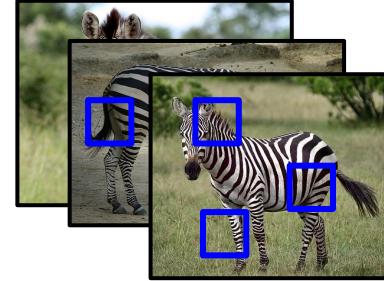
Method	PMPJPE $\downarrow$		NMPJPE $\downarrow$		$\Delta t$ [s]
	4	2	4	2	
Isakov et al. [19]	20	-	-	-	-
AniPose [25] w/ GT	75	167	103	230	7.0
Rhodin et al. [37]	65	-	80	-	-
CanonPose [44]	53	-	82	-	-
EpipolarPose (EP) [27]	71	-	78	-	-
Iqbal et al. [18]	55	-	66	-	-
<b>MetaPose (S1)</b>	74	87	83	95	<b>0.2</b>
<b>MetaPose (S1+S2)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	0.3

## SkiPose

Method	PMPJPE $\downarrow$		NMPJPE $\downarrow$		$\Delta t$ [s]
	6	2	6	2	
AniPose [25] w/ GT	50	62	221	273	7.0
Rhodin et al. [37]	-	-	85	-	-
CanonPose (CP) [44]	90	-	128	-	-
<b>MetaPose (S1)</b>	81	86	140	144	<b>0.3</b>
<b>MetaPose (S1+S2)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	0.4



# Solution: Image Translation / Domain Alignment



minimize  
“distinguishability”  $d($

[I have all the other work]

[downstream model]

takeaway