

Instance-Guided Context Rendering for Cross-Domain Person Re-Identification



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Introduction

Problem

- Person re-identification aims at searching person identities across cameras distributed over open surveillance space.

Motivation

- There exists inevitable domain gaps between datasets collected from different surveillance camera networks
- Our approach aims to hallucinate the same persons in **diverse surveillance contexts**, as if they were captured from different places and times in the target domain.

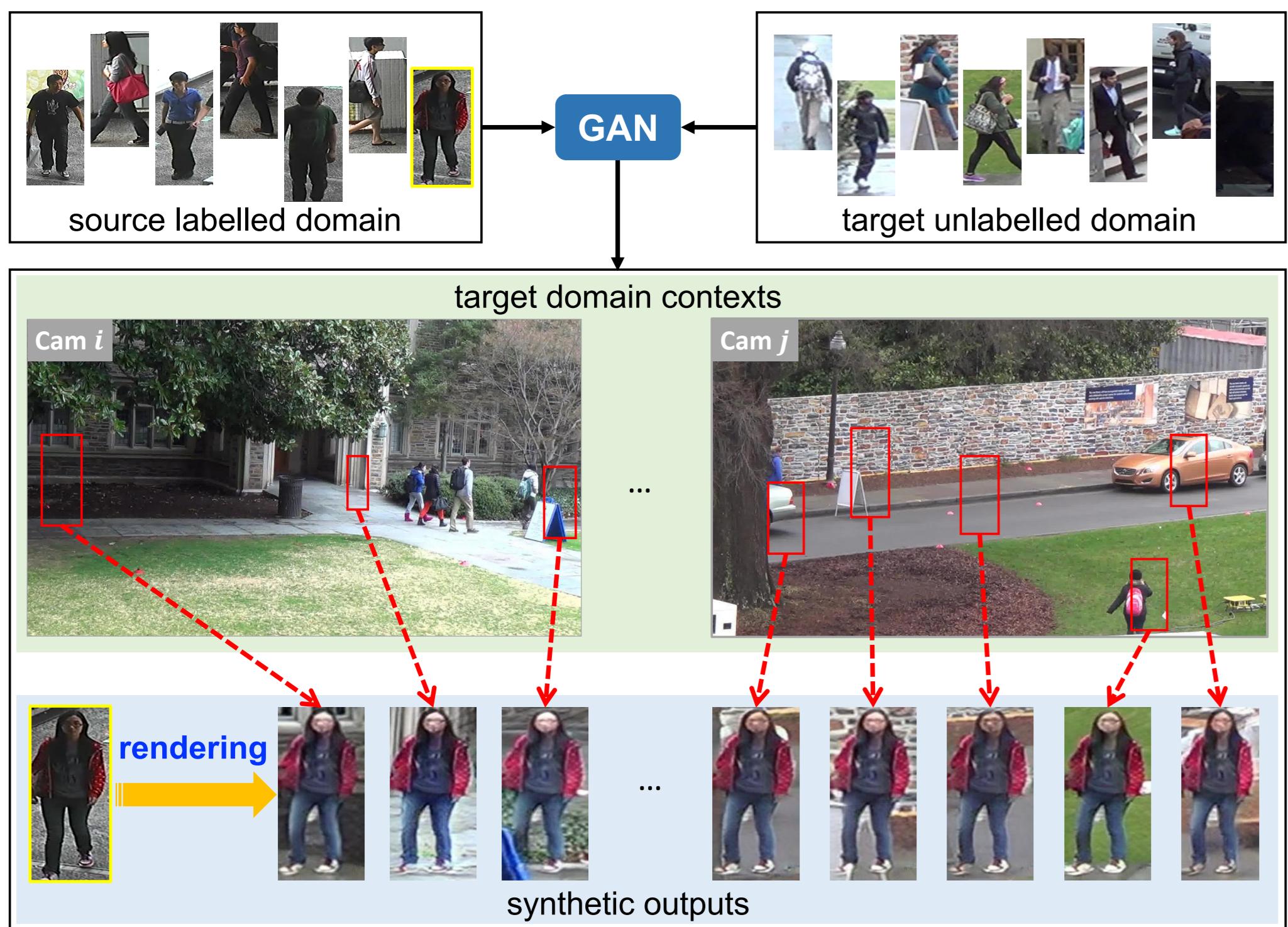


Figure 1. Motivation illustration: In open surveillance spaces, the contextual variations are quite diverse, due to **wide-of-the-field imagery** and **varying times of the day**.

Main Idea

- render the same person identities into diverse domain contexts to produce abundant synthetic training data
- deploy the synthetic data for CNN training

A naïve alternative in image synthesis

- produce abundant synthetic training data under varying background contexts by “*cut and paste*”



- It is unsatisfactory because

- various artifacts are introduced (e.g. missing identity related cues due to an incomplete person segmentation mask)
- cannot capture domain drift in *colour tones* and *illuminations*

Methodology

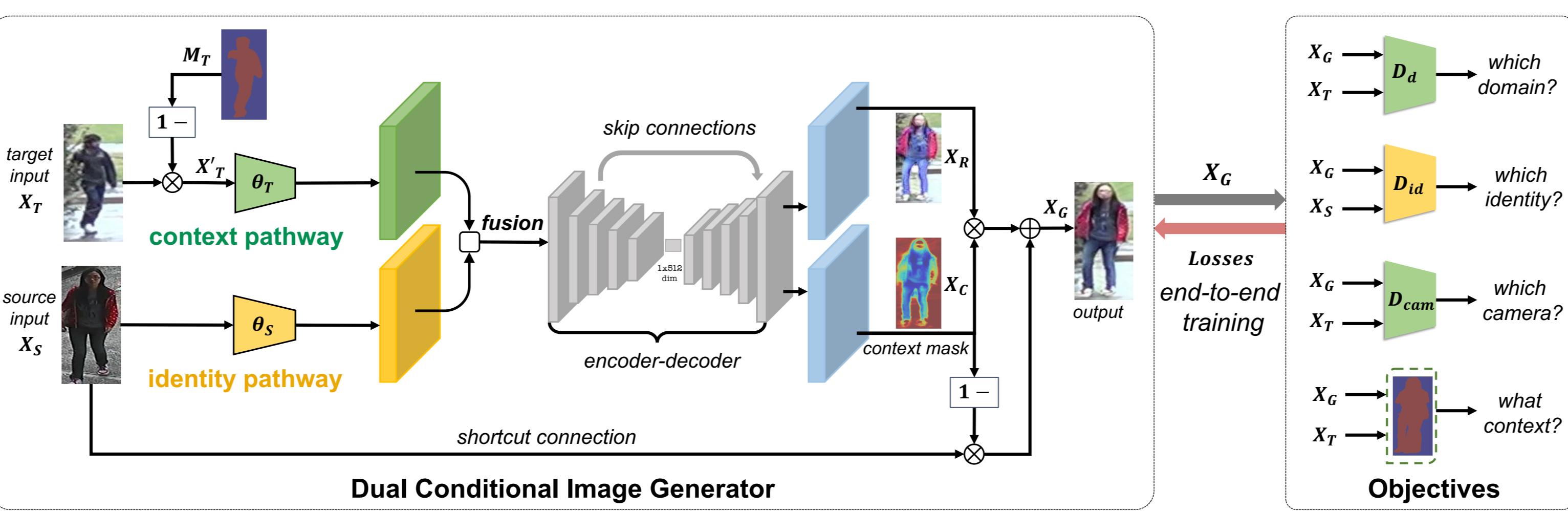


Figure 2. Model overview: We tackle the image-level domain drift by learning to render the source person image X_S into diverse domain contexts guided by arbitrary instances X_T from target domain.

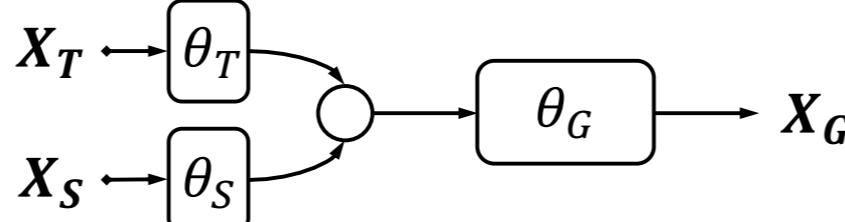


Figure 3. Deployment overview: The generator produces abundant synthetic images for CNN training.

Context Rendering Generative Adversarial Networks (CR-GAN)

Dual Conditional Image Generator

- Dual-Path Encoding:**
 - A pair of source and target images as dual conditional inputs
- $$X_G = G(X_S, X_T)$$



- Image Generator = U-Net + skip connection + residual blocks

Learning Objectives

I. which domain? – Adversarial Loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{adv}} = \min_{G} \max_{D_d} \log D_d(X_T) + \log(1 - D_d(G(X_S, X_T)))$$

II. which identity? – Identity Loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{id}} = -\log(p(y_j | X_G))$$

III. which camera? – Camera Loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cam}} = -\log(p(y_c | X_G))$$

IV. what context? – Context Loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{con}} = \|(X_G - X_S) \circ M_F\|_2 + \|(X_G - X_T) \circ M_B\|_2$$

CR-GAN Deployment for Cross-Domain Re-id Model Learning

- CR-GAN: generate abundant synthetic training data on-the-fly
- CNN (re-id model): train upon the synthetic data

Experiments & Ablation Studies

Experiments on re-id benchmark datasets

Qualitative evaluation:

- CR-GAN augments the same person with diverse contexts explicitly guided by instances from the target domain.



Figure 4. Qualitative results I.

- CR-GAN renders the same person into different styles, i.e. varying **background clutters**, **colour tones** and **lighting conditions**.



Figure 5. Qualitative results II.

Quantitative evaluation:

- Visual quality:** higher diversity and better fidelity (LPIPS↑, FID↓)
- Re-id performance:** synthetic data boosts cross-domain re-id results.

S → T	Market→Duke		Duke→Market	
Metrics	LPIPS	FID	LPIPS	FID
Source-Target data	0.458	0.330	0.458	0.330
SPGAN [10]	0.099	0.171	0.099	0.115
CR-GAN	0.281	0.058	0.269	0.096

Table 1. Evaluation on visual quality.

Types	Source → Target	Market1501 → DukeMTMCreID			DukeMTMCreID → Market1501				
		R1	R5	R10	mAP	R1	R5	R10	mAP
Shallow	LOMO [31]	12.3	21.3	26.6	4.8	27.2	41.6	49.1	8.0
	BOW [62]	17.1	28.8	34.9	8.3	35.8	52.4	60.3	14.8
Image	UMDL [39]	18.5	31.4	37.6	7.3	34.5	52.6	59.6	12.4
	PTGAN [56]	27.4	-	50.7	-	38.6	-	66.1	-
Feature	SPGAN+LMP [10]	46.4	62.3	68.0	26.2	57.7	75.8	82.4	26.7
	M2M-GAN+LMP [30]	54.4	-	-	31.6	63.1	-	-	30.9
Hybrid	CR-GAN+LMP	56.0	70.5	74.6	64.5	79.8	85.0	93.2	33.2
	PUL* [12]	30.0	43.4	48.5	16.4	45.5	60.7	66.7	20.5
	TJ-AIDL* [54]	44.3	59.6	65.0	23.0	58.2	74.8	81.1	26.5
	MMFA† [32]	45.3	59.8	66.3	24.7	56.7	75.0	81.8	27.4
	BUC* [33]	47.4	62.6	68.4	27.5	66.2	79.6	84.5	38.3
	TAUDL* [27]	61.7	-	-	43.5	63.7	-	-	41.2
	HHL [64]	46.9	61.0	66.7	27.2	62.2	78.8	84.0	31.4
	SPGAN+TAUDL	66.1	80.0	83.2	47.2	66.5	81.8	86.6	38.5
	CR-GAN+TAUDL	68.9	80.2	84.7	48.6	77.7	89.7	92.7	54.0

Table 2. Evaluation on cross-domain re-id.

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