

## Problem

Person re-ID models trained on one dataset often **fail to generalize well** to another due to dataset bias.

## Motivation

- Style transfer bridges the dataset gap by transferring persons in dataset A to dataset B.



- Self-similarity and domain-dissimilarity

↔ self-similarity    ↔ domain-dissimilarity

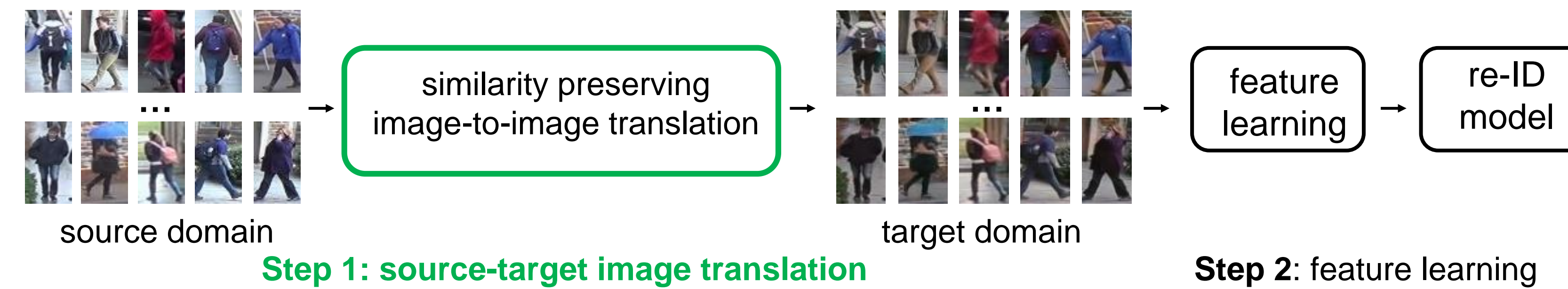


**Self-similarity:** a translated image, despite of its style changes, should contain the same underlying identity with its corresponding source image.

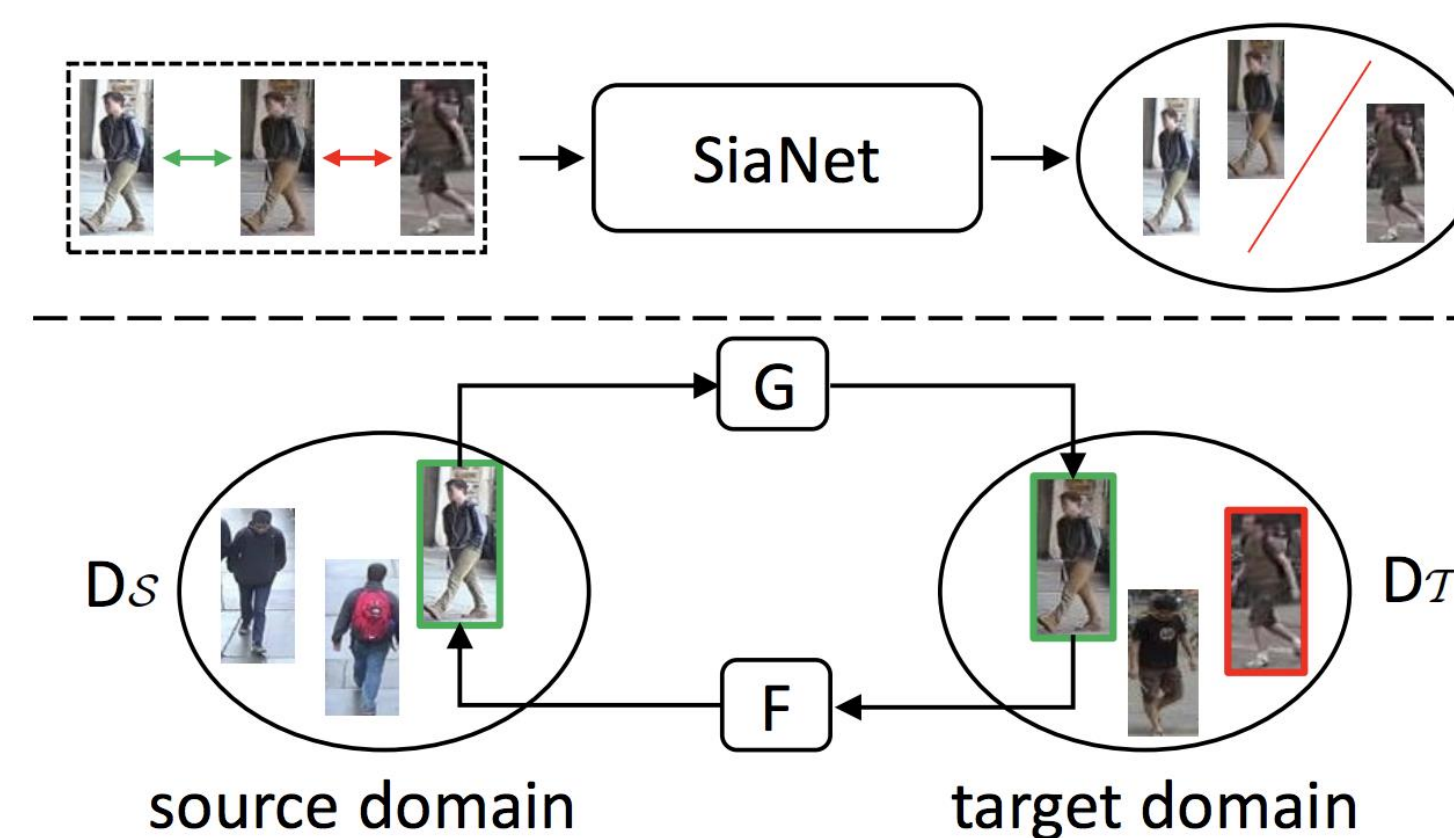
**Domain-dissimilarity:** a translated image should be different from any image in the target dataset in terms of the underlying ID.

## Method

- “Learning via translation” framework



- Similarity Preserving cycle-consistent Generative Adversarial Network (SPGAN)



SPGAN consists of two components: SiaNet (top) and CycleGAN (bottom)

SiaNet constrains the mapping functions

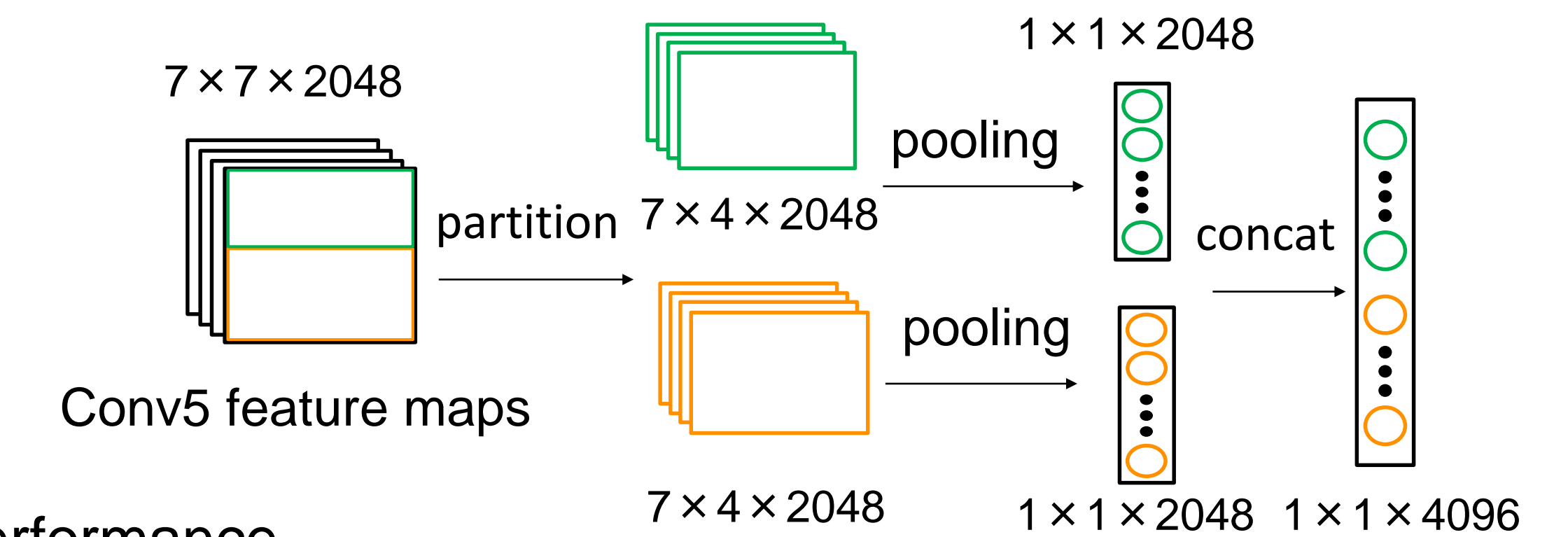
- Visualization



## Experiment

- Local Max Pooling (LMP)

It works on a well-trained re-ID model and can reduce the impact of noisy signals.



- Performance.

We adopt ID-discriminative Embedding (IDE) as feature learning method.

- Comparison with baselines

Methods	DukeMTMC-reID					Market-1501				
	rank-1	rank-5	rank-10	rank-20	mAP	rank-1	rank-5	rank-10	rank-20	mAP
Supervised Learning	66.7	79.1	83.8	88.7	46.3	75.8	89.6	92.8	95.4	52.2
Direct Transfer	33.1	49.3	55.6	61.9	16.7	43.1	60.8	68.1	74.7	17.0
CycleGAN (basel.)	38.1	54.4	60.5	65.9	19.6	45.6	63.8	71.3	77.8	19.1
CycleGAN (basel.) + $L_{ide}$	38.5	54.6	60.8	66.6	19.9	48.1	66.2	72.7	80.1	20.7
SPGAN ( $m=0$ )	37.7	53.1	59.5	65.6	20.0	49.2	66.9	74.0	80.0	20.5
SPGAN ( $m=1$ )	39.5	55.0	61.4	67.3	21.0	48.7	65.7	73.0	79.3	21.0
SPGAN ( $m=2$ )	41.1	56.6	63.0	69.6	22.3	51.5	70.1	76.8	82.4	22.8
SPGAN ( $m=2$ ) + LMP	<b>46.9</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>26.9</b>

- Comparison with the state of the art

Methods	Setting	Market-1501			DukeMTMC-reID		
		Rank-1	Rank-10	mAP	Rank-1	Rank-10	mAP
Bow	SQ	35.8	60.3	14.8	17.1	34.9	8.3
LOMO	SQ	27.2	49.1	8.0	12.3	26.6	4.8
UMDL	SQ	34.5	59.6	12.4	18.5	37.6	7.3
PUL	SQ	45.5	66.7	20.5	30.0	48.5	16.4
CAMEL	MQ	54.5	-	26.3			
SPGAN	SQ	51.5	76.8	22.8	41.1	63.0	22.3
SPGAN	MQ	57.0	80.3	27.1			
SPGAN+LMP	SQ	<b>58.1</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>

SQ: single-query; MQ: multiple-query.

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- J. Zhu et.al. Unpaired imageto-image translation using cycle-consistent adversarial networks. In ICCV, 2017.

The code is available at <https://github.com/Simon4Yan/Learning-via-Translation>.