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**Towards Modality-Agnostic Person Re-identification  
with Descriptive Query**

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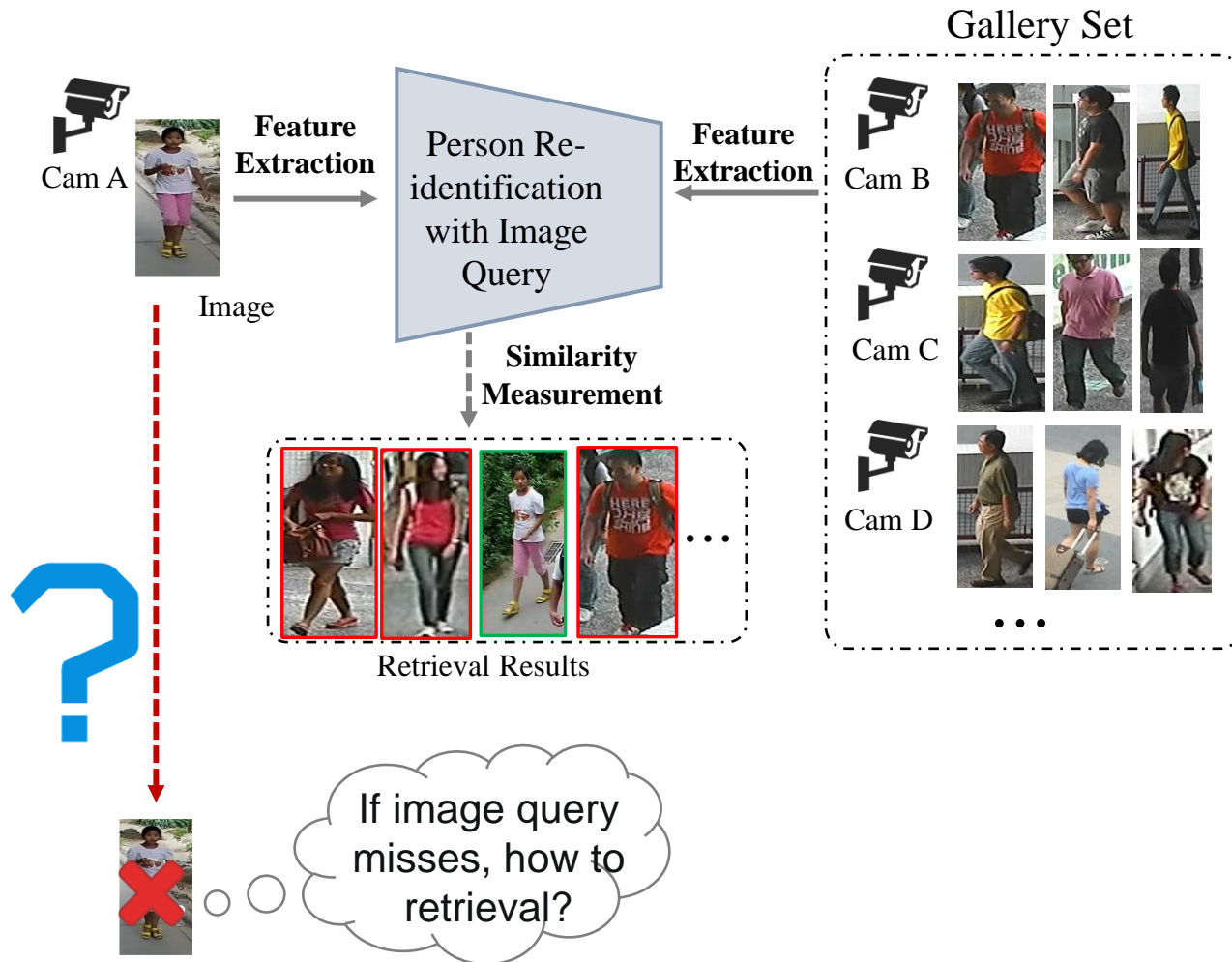


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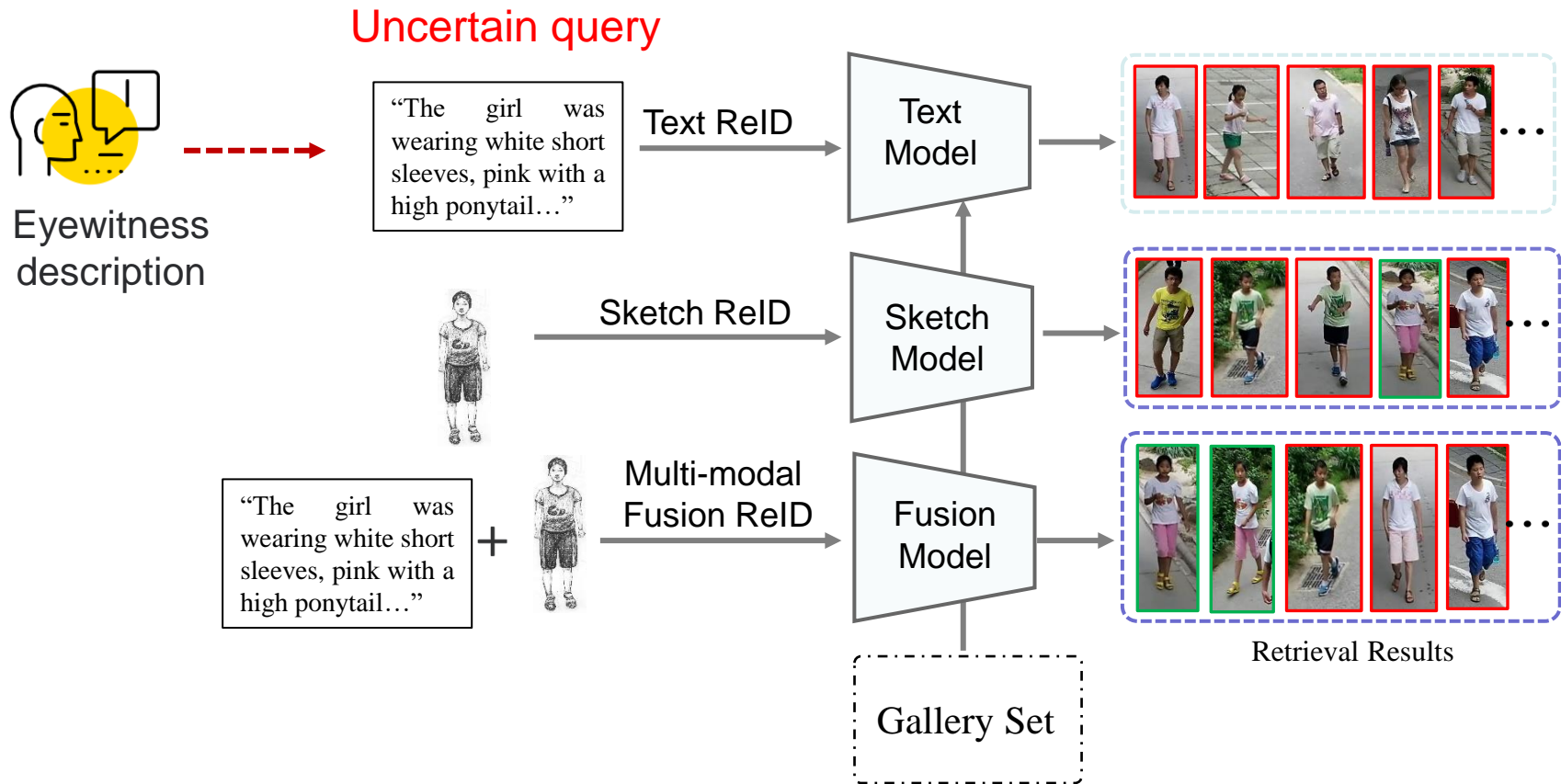
- Traditional Person Re-identification (ReID)





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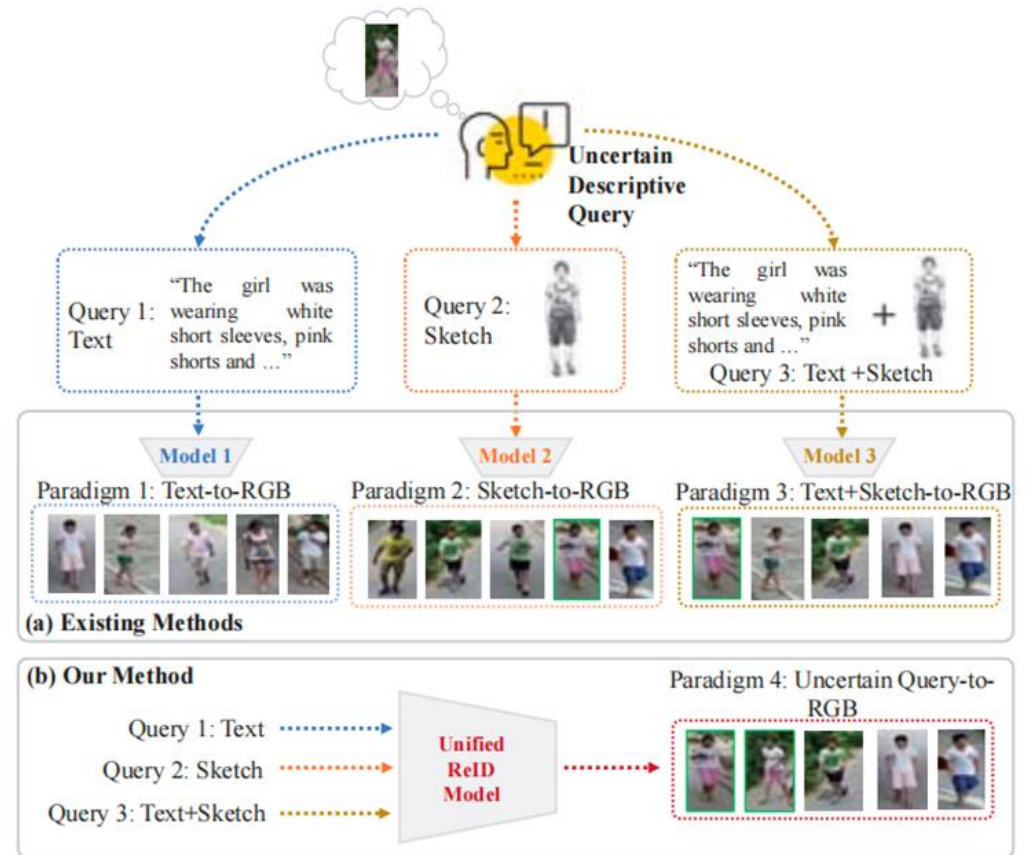
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# Motivation

- **Idea:** Explore a unified person re-identification (UNIReID) architecture can effectively adapt to cross-modality multi-modality tasks.
- **Difficulties:**
  - ✓ How to achieve multi-modal feature learning and multi-task training?
  - ✓ How to balance multi-task learning and improve generalization of different tasks?



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# Research Design & Process



# Overview

- Problem Description
  - Given any descriptive modality image, the model can retrieve the corresponding target photo
  - Three parts: Feature Extractor, Task-specific Modality Learning, Task-aware Dynamic Training

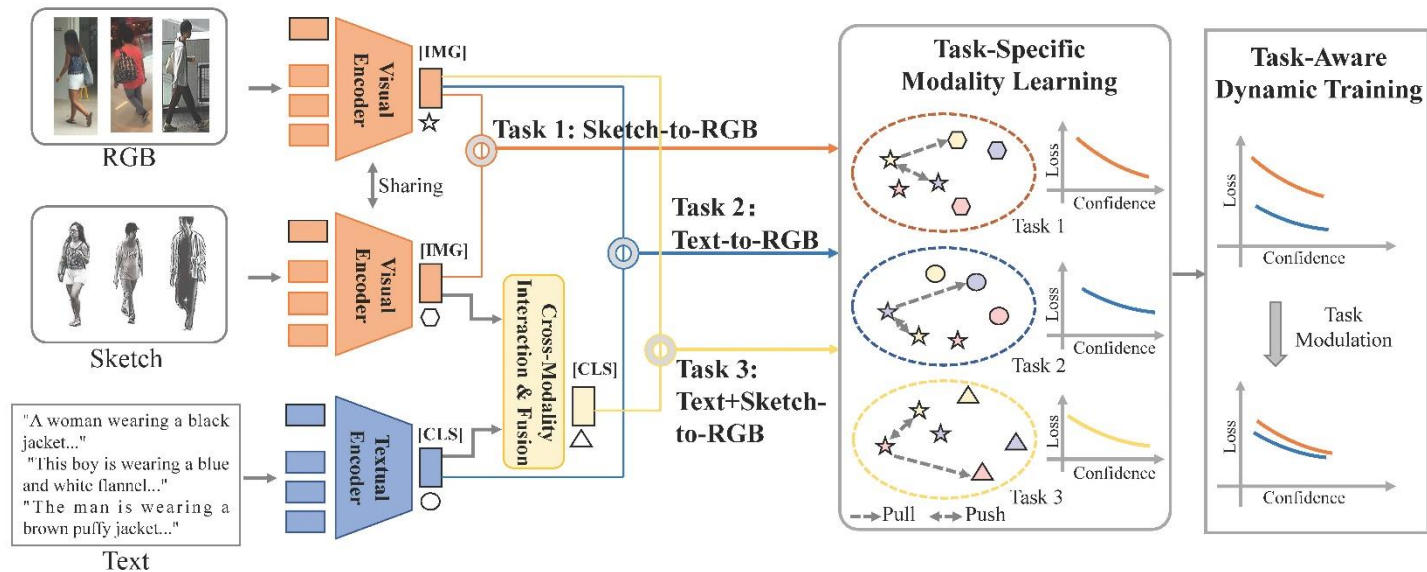
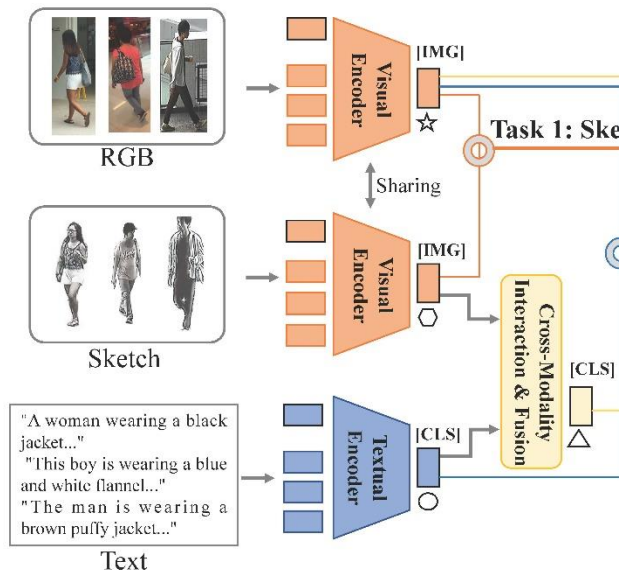


Fig 1. The flowchart of our proposed method



# Feature Extractor

- Feature Extraction
  - employ the CLIP to realize multi-modality feature extraction and to mine the **global-level modality feature representation under transformer**
  - Photo and sketch (visual) modalities share the network weights

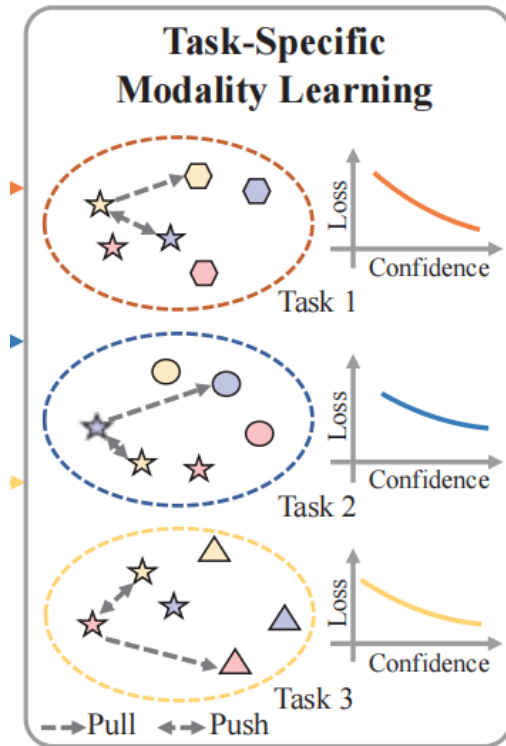






# Task-specific Modality Learning

- Research Target: Mining modality-shared features between three modalities
- Main Idea: Minimizing the feature distances between various types of query samples and gallery samples



$$\mathcal{L}^{(q \rightarrow g)}(i) = -\log \frac{\exp(\langle \mathbf{q}_i, \mathbf{g}_i \rangle / \tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^M \exp(\langle \mathbf{q}_i, \mathbf{g}_k \rangle / \tau)},$$

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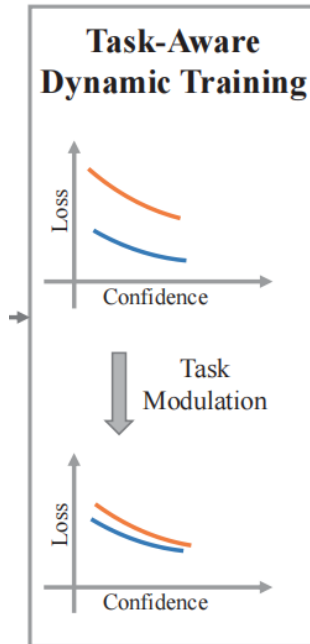
$$\mathcal{L}_s = \mathcal{L}_{S \rightarrow R} + \mathcal{L}_{T \rightarrow R} + \mathcal{L}_{F \rightarrow R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{(V_s[IMG] \rightarrow V_r[IMG])}(i) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{(V_r[IMG] \rightarrow V_s[IMG])}(i) \\ &+ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{(T[CLS] \rightarrow V_r[IMG])}(i) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{(V_r[IMG] \rightarrow T[CLS])}(i) \\ &+ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{(F[CLS] \rightarrow V_r[IMG])}(i) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{(V_r[IMG] \rightarrow F[CLS])}(i). \end{aligned}$$



# Task-aware Dynamic Training

- Research Target: Enhancing generalization ability across tasks and domains
- Main Idea: Designing a task-aware dynamic training strategy that adaptively adjusts for training imbalances between tasks.



Prediction confidence

$$p_{SR}(i) = \exp(-\mathcal{L}_{S \rightarrow R}(i)),$$

$$p_{TR}(i) = \exp(-\mathcal{L}_{T \rightarrow R}(i)).$$

Modulation factor

$$w_{SR}(i) = p_{TR}(i) * \frac{2 * p_{SR}(i) * p_{TR}(i)}{p_{SR}(i) + p_{TR}(i)},$$

$$w_{TR}(i) = p_{SR}(i) * \frac{2 * p_{SR}(i) * p_{TR}(i)}{p_{SR}(i) + p_{TR}(i)}.$$

Loss updating

$$\mathcal{L}_{S \rightarrow R}(i) = \alpha_t (1 + w_{SR}(i))^\gamma \mathcal{L}_{S \rightarrow R}(i),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T \rightarrow R}(i) = \alpha_t (1 + w_{TR}(i))^\gamma \mathcal{L}_{T \rightarrow R}(i),$$

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**Findings**



# Datasets

- Our collected datasets:  
Tri-CUHK-PEDES、  
Tri-ICFG-PEDES、  
Tri-RSTPReid
- Obtain sketch modality method:
  - Background Erasing
  - Sketch Synthesis



Datasets	#ID	#RGB	#Text	#Sketch
Tri-CUHK-PEDES	13003	40206	80440	40206
Tri-ICFG-PEDES	4102	54522	54522	54522
Tri-RSTPReid	4101	20505	41010	20505



# Ablation Study

Tasks	Methods	Tri-CUHK-PEDES			Tri-ICFG-PEDES			Tri-RSTPReid		
		R1	mAP	mINP	R1	mAP	mINP	R1	mAP	mINP
T→R	$\mathcal{L}_{T \rightarrow R}$	52.17	51.35	41.81	52.09	31.06	5.41	47.60	40.51	23.85
	$\mathcal{L}_s$	51.06	50.73	41.41	50.68	29.54	5.01	47.55	39.47	22.34
	w Dynamic	53.48	53.01	43.60	55.04	33.06	6.13	49.15	41.53	24.59
	w $\mathcal{L}_c$	53.82	53.43	44.28	55.39	33.79	6.27	49.30	41.67	24.69
S→R	$\mathcal{L}_{S \rightarrow R}$	58.18	44.85	28.09	46.49	1.41	0.20	31.10	17.58	4.12
	$\mathcal{L}_s$	80.70	72.36	59.29	70.11	29.48	2.82	60.10	44.10	20.80
	w Dynamic	84.02	76.79	65.63	76.15	37.73	6.05	64.90	50.77	27.40
	w $\mathcal{L}_c$	84.87	78.85	68.55	77.47	40.41	6.31	65.80	51.22	27.47
T+S→R	$\mathcal{L}_{F \rightarrow R}$	63.94	51.14	34.04	38.00	22.35	4.98	53.86	13.21	0.45
	$\mathcal{L}_s$	85.41	78.45	67.23	78.41	38.90	5.31	69.80	53.52	28.88
	w Dynamic	86.14	80.20	70.17	81.96	44.91	8.55	73.05	58.42	34.38
	w $\mathcal{L}_c$	86.29	80.92	71.30	82.17	47.00	8.74	73.20	58.72	34.61



# Comparison with SOTA

## Tri-CUHK-PEDES

Methods	Venue	R1	R5	R10
CMPM/C [46]	ECCV18	49.37	-	79.27
TIMAM [26]	ICCV19	54.51	77.56	84.78
GLAM [14]	AAAI20	54.12	75.45	82.97
ViTAA [35]	ECCV20	55.97	75.84	83.52
MGEL [34]	IJCAL21	60.27	80.01	86.74
DSSL [50]	MM21	59.98	80.41	87.56
IVT [30]	Arxiv22	65.59	83.11	89.21
LBUL+BERT [37]	MM22	64.04	82.66	87.22
CAIBC [36]	MM22	64.43	82.87	87.35
LGUR [29]	MM22	65.25	83.12	89.00
IITL (T→R)*	-	<b>67.13</b>	<b>84.60</b>	<b>90.37</b>
UNIReID (T→R)*	-	<b>68.71</b>	<b>85.35</b>	<b>90.84</b>

## Tri-RSTPReid

Methods	Venue	R1	R5	R10
CMPM/C [46]	ECCV18	43.51	65.44	74.26
SCAN [15]	ECCV18	50.05	69.65	77.21
Dual Path [49]	TOMM20	38.99	59.44	68.41
MIA [22]	TIP20	46.49	67.14	75.18
ViTAA [35]	ECCV20	50.98	68.79	75.78
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LGUR [29]	MM22	59.02	75.32	81.56
IITL (T→R)*	-	<b>58.36</b>	<b>75.97</b>	<b>82.32</b>
UNIReID (T→R)*	-	<b>61.28</b>	<b>77.40</b>	<b>83.16</b>

## Tri-ICFG-PEDES

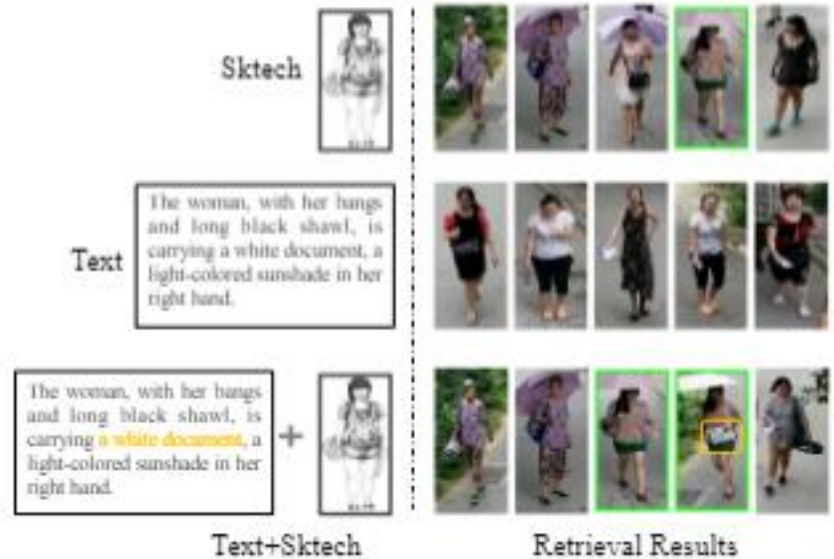
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# Cross-domain Generalization Evaluation

Methods	PKU-Sketch				
	R1	R5	R10	mAP	mINP
CD-AFL [24]	34.00	56.30	72.50	-	-
LMDI [12]	49.00	70.40	80.20	-	-
SketchTrans [2]	84.60	94.80	98.20	-	-
UNIReID (T→R)	76.80	93.20	96.20	80.57	77.83
UNIReID (S→R)	69.80	88.60	95.80	72.97	68.25
UNIReID (T+S→R)	<b>91.40</b>	<b>98.80</b>	<b>99.80</b>	<b>91.76</b>	<b>88.97</b>



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# Conclusions





# Contributions and Limitations

- Contributions
  - We start the first attempt to investigate the modality-agnostic person re-identification with the descriptive query.
  - We introduce a novel unified person re-identification (UNIReID) architecture based on a dual-encoder to jointly integrate cross-modal and multi-modal task learning.
  - We contribute three multi-modal ReID datasets to support unified ReID evaluation.
- Limitations
  - Multi-task balance may be important to improving the robustness of the model in future research
  - The collection of hand-drawn sketches is a promising research direction for this problem



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Thank you all for listening!

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