



# Latent Independent Excitation for Generalizable Sensor-based Cross-Person Activity Recognition (AAAI-21)

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- 1 Overview of Activity Recognition with Edge Devices
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# Activity Recognition with Edge Devices

Ubiquitous edge devices

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Smart glasses
- Sports bracelets



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Numerous applications: elderly assistance, healthcare, fitness tracking, smart building, gaming, etc

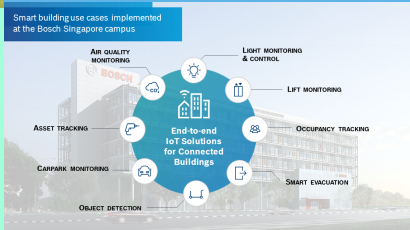
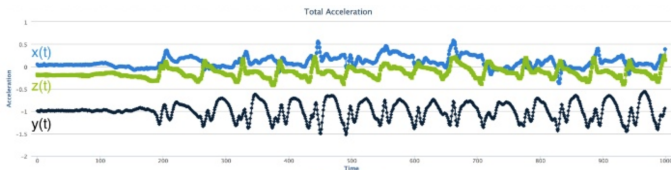
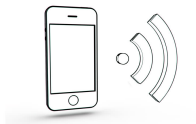


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# Human Activity Recognition

A multi-class classification problem

- Input: data  $X^{M \times N}$  collected from accelerometers
- Output: activity labels  $y^{N \times 1} \in \{1, \dots, n_c\}$



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Classification performance drops when a model is trained on young people while tested on elder people

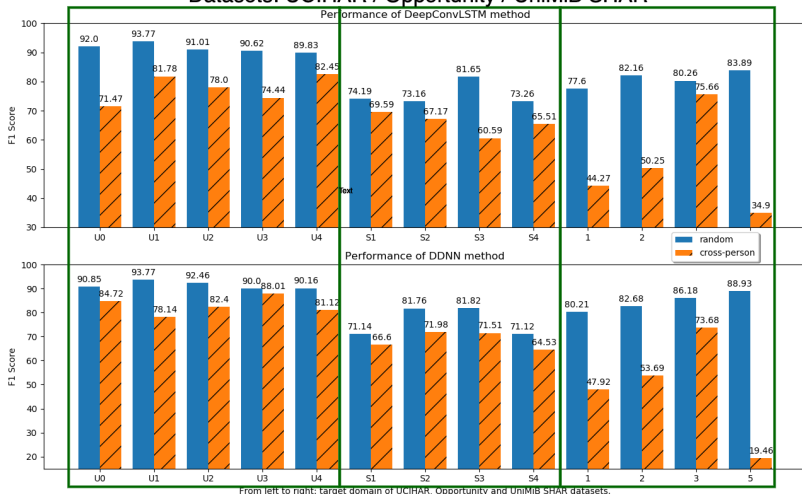


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# Performance Degradation Problem

- train/test split: overlapping VS non-overlapping
- Larger diversity  $\rightarrow$  more severe performance drop

Datasets: UCIHAR / Opportunity / UniMiB SHAR





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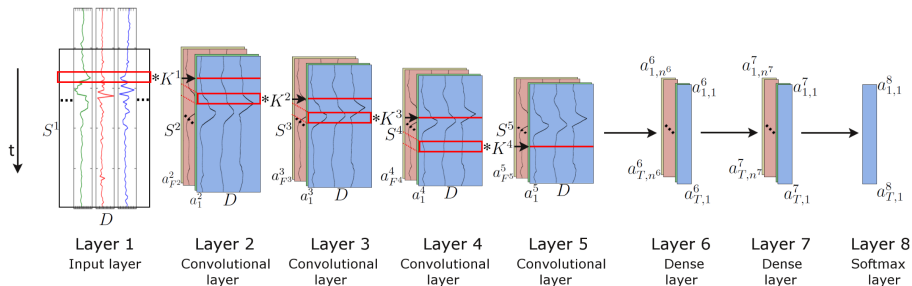
Q: How to train a model that is readily generalizable to unseen target domains?

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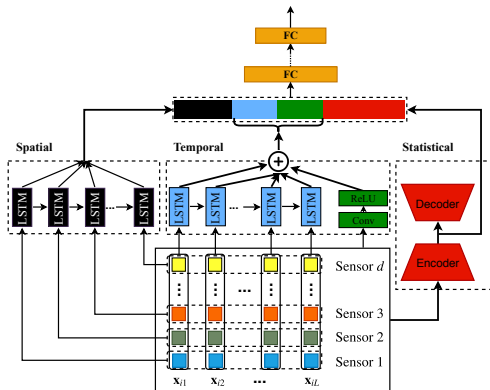
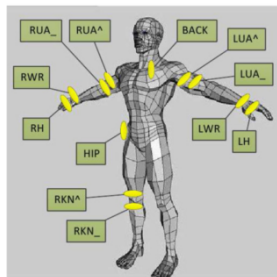
CNN\_Yang model and DeepConvLSTM model [2]



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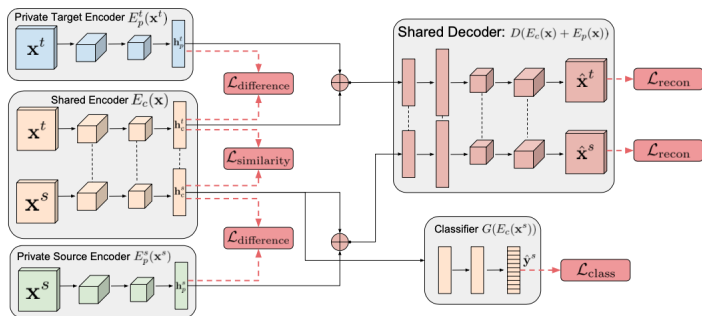
## Distribution-embedded Deep Neural Network [3]

- Temporal module
- Statistical module: moments features in deep model
- Spatial module with a different perspective: spatial correlations and constraints between sensor placements



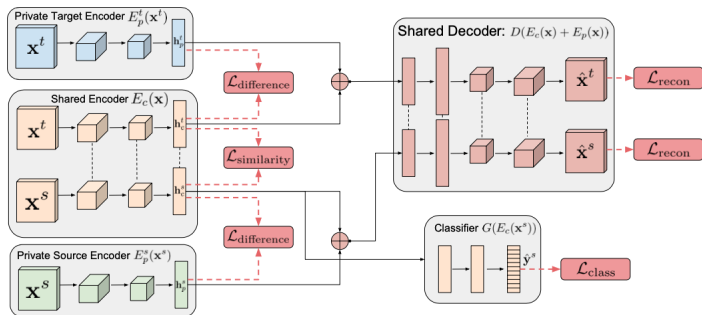
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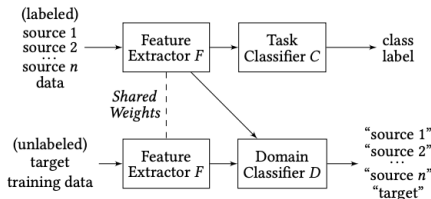


- ✗ single source and target domain
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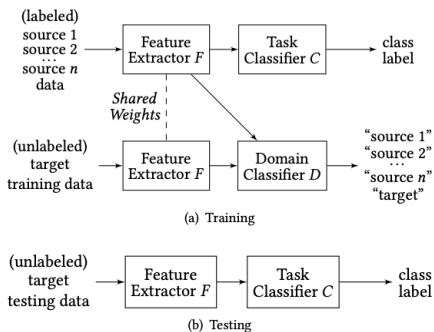
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## The Proposed Method

Input: labeled data from  $D$  source domains  $\{(X^d, y^d) \sim \mathbb{P}^d(x, y)\}_{d=1}^D$

Goal: to train a deep model  $f$  to generalize well to unseen target domain data  $X^{\tilde{d}}$

Generalizable Independent Latent Excitation (GILE) model

- Backbone: VAE
  - Feature disentanglement
  - Independent excitation mechanism
- ✓ Does not require access to any information from target domain
- ✓ Readily generalizable to any unseen target domain

# Feature Disentanglement

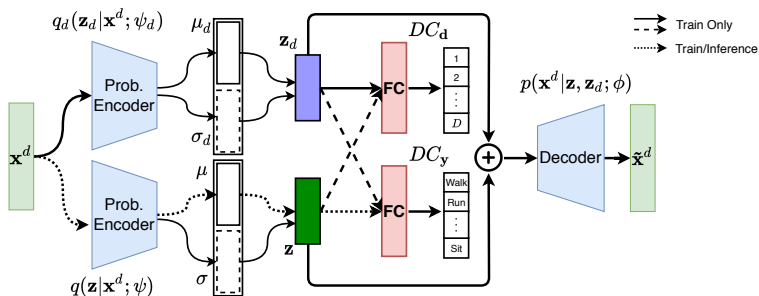
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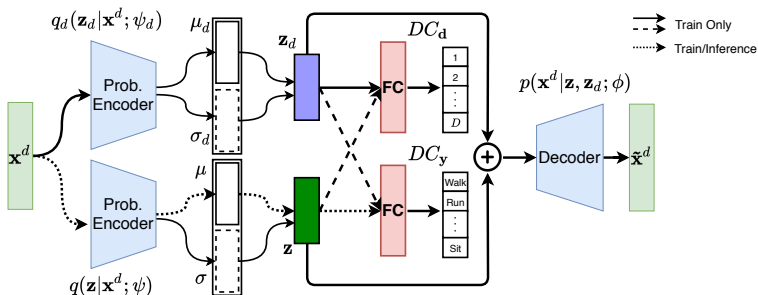
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VAE backbone loss:

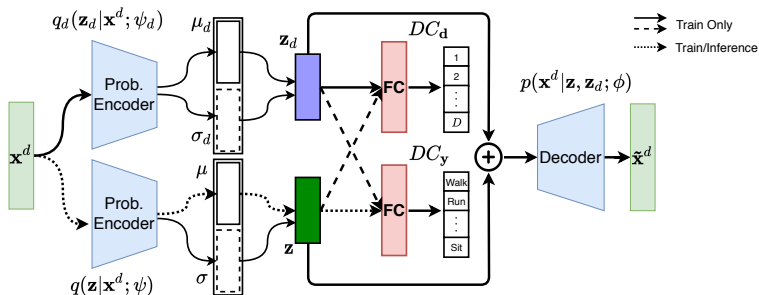
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{elbo}} = & \mathbb{E}_{d, q_d(z_d | x^d; \psi_d), q(z | x^d; \psi)} [\log p(x^d | z_d, z; \phi)] \\ & - \text{KL}(q_d(z_d | x^d; \psi_d) || p(z_d)) \\ & - \text{KL}(q(z | x^d; \psi) || p(z)), \end{aligned}$$



# Feature Disentanglement

Two disentangling classifiers  $DC_y$  and  $DC_d$ :

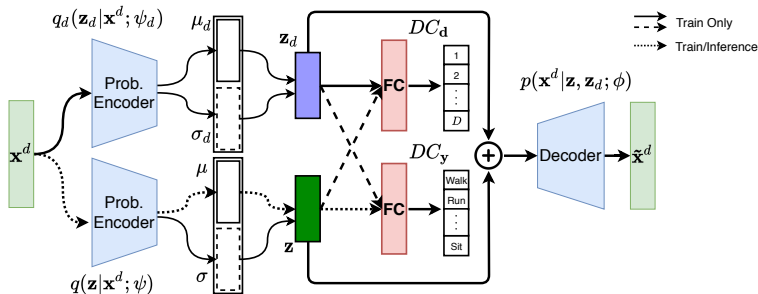
$$\mathcal{L}_{DC} = \frac{1}{N_S} \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} [\ell(y_i^d, DC_y(z; w_y)) + \ell(d, DC_d(z_d; w_d))]. \quad (1)$$



## Independent Excitation Mechanism

Minimize the correlations between domain-agnostic and domain-specific features

$$\mathcal{L}_{IE} = -\frac{1}{N_S} \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} [\ell(y_i^d, DC_y(\mathbf{z}_d; \mathbf{w}_y)) + \ell(d, DC_d(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{w}_d))]. \quad (2)$$





# Experimental Settings

## Datasets

- UCIHAR
  - ▶ 5 domains, 9 features
  - ▶ 6 daily activities: walking, sitting, laying, standing, walking upstairs, walking downstairs
- Opportunity
  - ▶ 4 domains, 77 features
  - ▶ 18 gestures: open / close dishwasher / fridge /drawer1 /door1 / drawer2 / door2 / drawer3, move cup, clean table, null
- UniMiB SHAR
  - ▶ 4 domains, 3 features
  - ▶ 9 types of daily living and 8 types of falls

Evaluation: Leave-One-Subject-Out

Measure: F1 score

# Overall Results

## Evaluations on UCIHAR and Opportunity dataset

Source	Target	VAE	$\beta$ -VAE	DIVA	DDNN	DeepConvLSTM	CoDATS	GILE
1,2,3,4	0	51.87	53.31	75.00	<u>84.72</u>	71.47	81.27	<b>85.15</b>
0,2,3,4	1	44.70	44.37	77.18	78.14	<b>81.78</b>	55.63	81.56
0,1,3,4	2	64.22	62.17	71.61	<u>82.40</u>	78.00	77.42	<b>86.97</b>
0,1,2,4	3	36.91	49.21	81.87	<u>88.01</u>	74.44	60.57	<b>94.37</b>
0,1,2,3	4	39.07	58.28	79.68	81.12	<u>82.45</u>	66.23	<b>92.81</b>
Ave.		47.35	53.47	77.07	<u>82.88</u>	77.63	68.22	<b>88.17</b>

Table 1: The overall performance on the UCIHAR dataset (unit: %). The best performance is highlighted in bold, and the second best performance is underlined.

Source	Target	VAE	$\beta$ -VAE	DIVA	DDNN	DeepConvLSTM	CoDATS	GILE
S2,S3,S4	S1	77.21	11.48	75.86	66.6	69.59	83.58	<b>83.86</b>
S1,S3,S4	S2	73.94	61.02	73.54	71.98	67.17	<u>81.04</u>	<b>81.65</b>
S1,S2,S4	S3	15.65	31.72	65.81	71.51	60.59	<u>78.11</u>	<b>78.66</b>
S1,S2,S3	S4	75.86	13.65	73.43	64.53	65.51	<u>80.60</u>	<b>81.41</b>
Ave.		60.67	29.47	72.16	68.66	65.72	<u>80.83</u>	<b>81.40</b>

Table 2: The overall performance on the Opportunity dataset (unit: %). The best performance is highlighted in bold, and the second best performance is underlined.

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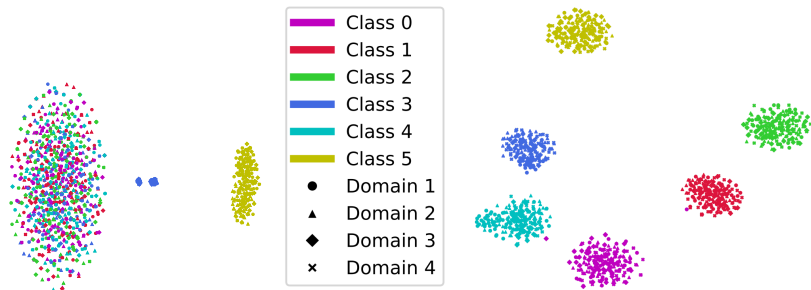
## Evaluations on UniMiB SHAR dataset

Source	Target	VAE	$\beta$ -VAE	DIVA	DDNN	DeepConvLSTM	CoDATS	GILE
2,3,5	1	11.72	15.63	<u>48.17</u>	47.92	44.27	42.71	<b>55.72</b>
1,3,5	2	32.76	32.76	39.06	<u>53.69</u>	50.26	46.66	<b>54.06</b>
1,2,5	3	22.37	26.97	61.87	<u>73.68</u>	<b>75.66</b>	61.51	70.31
1,2,3	5	29.19	30.20	<u>38.43</u>	19.46	34.90	31.88	<b>42.81</b>
Ave.		24.01	26.39	46.88	48.69	<u>51.27</u>	45.69	<b>55.61</b>

Table 3: The overall performance on the UniMiB SHAR dataset (unit: %). The best performance is highlighted in bold, and the second best performance is underlined.

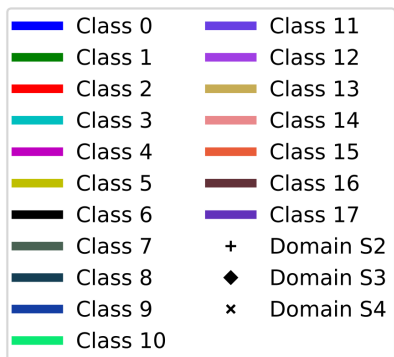
# Latent Feature Space Visualization

The t-SNE embeddings of the learned domain-agnostic features by 1) VAE and 2) GILE method on UCIHAR dataset



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## Conclusion

The GILE model for the cross-person activity recognition task

- Feature disentanglement
- Independent excitation mechanism

The model's advantages:

- ✓ Does not require access to any information from target domain
- ✓ Readily generalizable to any unseen target domain
- ✓ Consistently outperforms state-of-the-art methods empirically

## Questions?



More info: <http://hangwei12358.github.io/>  
Discussion and cooperation are welcome!



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