Unsupervised Partial Domain Adaptation for Occupants Behavior Modeling in Smart Buildings

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- Abstract: Smart buildings rely on activity recognition (AR) and occupancy estimation (OE) tasks to provide residents with several services such as optimal energy management, HVAC (Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems optimization, and security. Estimating the number of occupants and recognizing their activities is performed using sensor data which is scarce. The collection and labeling of smart building data are tedious, costly, and time-consuming, pushing researchers to consider solutions based on domain adaptation (DA) to transfer knowledge from source domains where data is abundant to target domains where data is scarce. In particular, unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) has been considered to solve the unavailability of labeled data in target domains. Previous research has focused on standard UDA methods where label space is identical between source and target domains which is not the case for real-world datasets. This work considers unsupervised partial domain adaptation (UPDA) methods where target classes are a subset of source classes. We adapt and evaluate two UPDA techniques called Adversarial Re-weighting for Partial Domain Adaptation (ARPDA) and Selective Adversarial Networks for Partial Domain Adaptation (SAN w PDA). We have compared their performance to Adversarial Re-weighting for Standard Domain Adaptation (ARSDA) and Selective Adversarial Networks for Standard Domain Adaptation (SAN w SDA) as well as several previous UDA methods. The impressive results with scores up to 98% prove the efficiency of the adapted UPDA techniques. We provide the code in the following repository: https://github.com/JawDri/UPDA-for-OE-and-AR.git.

1 INTRODUCTION

Smart buildings (Kazmi et al., 2017), powered by the Internet of Things (IoT) and machine learning (Dridi et al., 2022), offer several advantages for residents which help enhance life conditions and reduce bills. OE and AR are among the most interesting smart building tasks that can help provide optimal energy management, HVAC (Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems optimization, and security (Dridi et al., 2023a; Dridi et al., 2022; Prabhakaran et al., 2022; Dridi et al., 2023b). Indeed, estimating the number of occupants in different areas can be used to distribute energy optimally across the building and reduce energy waste in unoccupied places (Zamzami et al., 2019). HVAC systems can also be optimized by adjusting heating, ventilation, and air conditioning based on the number of occupants and their activities in a particular place (Dridi et al., 2023a). Recognizing activities in buildings helps provide more security for residents by identifying unauthorized actions using sensor data (Dridi et al., 2022). Smart building data, in particular labeled data, is scarce and hard to collect due to several factors such as cost, privacy, and time (Dridi et al., 2023b). All these issues have pushed researchers to consider unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) methods that collect knowledge from source domains where labeled data is available and transfer it to target domains where labeled data is unavailable (Dridi et al., 2023b). Researchers aim, by sharing knowledge across domains, to solve data scarcity issues and to enhance target model performances. Previous works on UDA have considered the same label space between source and target domains while sharing knowledge which is not the case in most realworld scenarios. Indeed, collected datasets may contain different or related classes and not necessarily the same labels which can lead to negative transfer while sharing knowledge across domains. In this work, we

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adapt partial UDA methods to share knowledge from source to target domains where target labels are a subset of source classes. The considered UPDA techniques reduce the effect of negative transfer caused by the source labels. The adapted methods are Adversarial Re-weighting for Partial Domain Adaptation (ARPDA) (Gu et al., 2021) and Selective Adversarial Networks for Partial Domain Adaptation (SAN w PDA) (Cao et al., 2018). We have compared their performance to Adversarial Re-weighting for Standard Domain Adaptation (ARSDA) (Gu et al., 2021) and Selective Adversarial Networks for Standard Domain Adaptation (SAN w SDA) (Cao et al., 2018) as well as several previous UDA methods. Adversarial Re-weighting is based on adversarial learning and it learns the contribution of each source sample to the update of the target model networks by assigning them source weights. By re-weighting source domain data, it mitigates negative transfer, then it aligns source and target data distributions by minimizing a Wasserstein distance. Adversarial Re-weighting has been evaluated with partial and standard UDA (ARPDA and ARSDA). SAN (Selective Adversarial Networks) is also based on adversarial learning, it eliminates source samples with outlier labels and encourages samples with shared labels, to mitigate negative transfer while reducing discrepancy between source and target domains. SAN has been evaluated with partial and standard UDA (SAN w PDA and SAN w SDA). The adapted methods have been evaluated on smart buildings datasets for several AR and OE tasks (Dridi et al., 2023a). This research has several contributions as follows. It is the first to adapt ARPDA, ARSDA, and SAN approaches from 2-dimensional space to 1-dimensional and evaluate them with partial and standard UDA. It has provided new architectures for the features extractor, classifier, and discriminator modules that fit IoT data. The newly adapted approaches can be applied to any 1-D data and are not restricted to smart building data. Partial UDA methods that have been adapted solve a real issue related to negative transfer which is common in smart buildings data. A comparison analysis between the findings of the adapted methods with partial and standard UDA as well as previous UDA methods. The adapted UPDA methods have outstanding performances with scores up to 98%. The rest of the paper is divided into 3 sections. In section 2, we present some works related to OE, AR, and partial DA. In section 3, we explain the adapted partial UDA methods: ARPDA and SAN w PDA. In section 4, we present the experimental setup and discuss the results.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

AR and OE tasks, based on smart building data, can contribute to the generation of several advantages such as energy management (Dridi et al., 2023a). Domain adaptation solves the problem of data scarcity which is common in smart buildings by sharing knowledge across domains (Dridi et al., 2023b). Several works have been done on AR, OE, and DA.

2.1 Occupancy Estimation (OE)

Occupancy estimation (Amayri et al., 2019), is the task of counting people in an area such as a room, apartment, or building. Several works have been done to predict the number of occupants using different types of smart building data. (Chen et al., 2017) has developed an OE method based on hidden Markov models (HMMs) and logistic regression to optimize HVAC systems and ensure safety within buildings. The approach is called an inhomogeneous hidden Markov model with multinomial logistic regression (IHMM-MLR), and it uses environmental sensors (Chen et al., 2017), such as humidity and CO2 concentration sensors, to collect the required data.

2.2 Activity Recognition (AR)

Activity recognition (Ali and Bouguila, 2020), is a smart building task that aims to understand the behavior and actions of people by recognizing their activities. AR is beneficial by providing several advantages such as security and HVAC systems optimization. (Wang et al., 2016) has used smartphone inertial sensors, such as gyroscopes, to collect needed data for AR. The choice of smartphone sensors is due to their low cost (Wang et al., 2016). Activities of people have been recognized using collected data and machine learning classifiers such as the Naïve Bayes classifier.

2.3 Partial Domain Adaptation (PDA)

Domain adaptation (Dridi et al., 2023b), is a tool used to solve data scarcity issues by sharing knowledge from domains where data is available to other domains where data is scarce. In smart buildings, data scarcity is a common issue that has pushed researchers to employ domain adaptation methods. Most research focuses on standard domain adaptation where source and target domains share the same label space which is not the case with real-world datasets. Collected smart building data contains related labels and a few common labels between domains. (Li



Figure 1: Model and discriminator architectures for UPDA approaches.

et al., 2020) has developed a PDA method called Deep Residual Correction Network (DRCN) which reduces the negative transfer created by outlier source labels.

In this research, we aim to estimate the number of occupants in buildings and recognize their activities. Since smart building data is scarce, we use domain adaptation methods, particularly unsupervised approaches. Commonly, real-world datasets do not share the same label space, but they may share a subset of classes. Therefore, we consider partial domain adaptation to mitigate the effect of negative transfer created by outlier source labels. We consider Unsupervised Partial Domain Adaptation for Estimating Occupancy and Recognizing Activities in Smart Buildings.

3 METHODS

In this work, we consider partial UDA methods that deal with real-world scenarios where datasets contain a common label subspace and multiple unrelated labels. Let us consider a labeled source domain $S = \{x_i^s, y_i^s\}_{i=1}^{n_s}$ and an unlabeled target domain $T = \{x_i^t\}_{i=1}^{n_t}$, with n_s and n_t the number of source and target samples, respectively. Let \mathcal{Y}^s and \mathcal{Y}^t be the source and target label spaces, respectively, where $\mathcal{Y}^t \subset \mathcal{Y}^s$. Figure 1 gives the newly created architectures for the feature extractor, classifier, and discriminator modules of the adapted methods.

3.1 Adversarial Re-Weighting for Partial Domain Adaptation (ARPDA)

ARPDA applies a feature transformation using a feature extractor F, then it re-weights the source samples using adversarial learning based on their importance for the target label space (Gu et al., 2021). ARPDA applies a reweighted cross-entropy objective using the generated weights of source data, and a conditional entropy objective to update the target model (the feature extractor F and the classifier C) to allow knowledge transfer across the domains (Gu et al., 2021). The overall objective is a combination of a target domain conditional entropy and a source domain reweighted cross-entropy losses as defined in Eq.(1).

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{F},\boldsymbol{\theta}_{C},W) = \frac{1}{n_{s}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{s}} w_{i} \mathcal{I}(C(F(x_{i}^{s};\boldsymbol{\theta}_{F});\boldsymbol{\theta}_{C}),y_{i}^{s}) + \frac{1}{n_{t}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{t}} H(C(F(x_{j}^{t};\boldsymbol{\theta}_{F});\boldsymbol{\theta}_{C}))^{(1)}$$

where $H(\cdot)$ is a conditional entropy, $\mathcal{I}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a cross-entropy objective, (Θ_F, Θ_C) are the parameters of the model, and $W = \{w_i\}_{i=1}^{n_s}$ is a weights vector of source samples (Gu et al., 2021). The conditional entropy loss encourages the separation of classes, and the re-weighted cross-entropy loss predicts the classes of input data (Gu et al., 2021). The Wasserstein distance is used to measure the relatedness between source and target samples in order to re-weigh source instances based on their importance. The shared label space between source and target domains is supposed to have close data distribution (Gu et al., 2021).

3.2 Selective Adversarial Networks for Partial Domain Adaptation (SAN w PDA)

SAN w PDA (Cao et al., 2018), is an UPDA method that combines both the reduction of negative transfer caused by outlier source samples and the promoting of positive transfer generated by the rest of source data. It is based on adversarial learning (Cao et al., 2018) which has been used in several research that tackles standard UDA where the source and target label spaces are the same. For a typical standard UDA based on adversarial learning the objective defined in Eq.(2) can be an example.

$$C_o(\theta_f, \theta_y, \theta_d) = \frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{x_i \in S} L_y(G_y(G_f(x_i)), y_i) - \frac{\lambda}{n_s + n_t} \sum_{x_i \in (S \cup T)} L_d(G_d(G_f(x_i), d_i),$$
(2)

where G_f is a feature extractor with parameters θ_f , G_y is a classifier with parameters θ_y , G_d is a

discriminator with parameters θ_d , λ is a balancingparameter, L_y is a label prediction loss, L_d is a domain discriminator loss, and d_i is a domain label. For partial UDA, the domain discriminator's objective is upgraded by assigning a discriminator G_d^k for each of all the target labels (*K*). Since the target data is unlabeled it is not evident to assign each discriminator G_d^k to target input data x_i . Therefore, pseudo-labels $\hat{y}_i = G_y(x_i)$ are given to each data sample using the source knowledge (Cao et al., 2018). A new probability-weighted domain discriminator objective is defined in Eq.(3).

$$L'_{d} = \frac{1}{n_{s} + n_{t}} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{x_{i} \in (\mathcal{S} \bigcup \mathcal{T})} \hat{y}_{i}^{k} L_{d}^{k}(G_{d}^{k}(G_{f}(x_{i}), d_{i}), \quad (3)$$

where d_i is a domain label, L_d^k is a cross-entropy objective, and G_d^k is a domain discriminator module for the *k*-th source class (Cao et al., 2018). The considered multi-discriminator domain adversarial network reduces negative transfer and promotes positive transfer by aligning each data sample with data points that are close or with the same classes, and by using probability weights for each domain discriminator which filters unrelated data sample classes (Cao et al., 2018). The proposed objective can be further enhanced by enhancing the positive transfer. The loss defined in Eq.(4) reduces further the weights of the domain discriminators of outlier source classes (Cao et al., 2018).

$$L'_{d} = \frac{1}{n_{s} + n_{t}} \sum_{k=1}^{K} (\frac{1}{n_{t}} \sum_{x_{i} \in \mathcal{T}} \hat{y}_{i}^{k}) *$$

$$\sum_{x_{i} \in (\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{T})} \hat{y}_{i}^{k} L_{d}^{k} (G_{d}^{k}(G_{f}(x_{i}), d_{i}),$$
(4)

where $\frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{T}} \hat{y}_i^k$ represents the weights for each label *k* which is large for common source and target classes and small for outlier labels (Cao et al., 2018). Since the reduction of negative transfer and the outliers filtration depends heavily on $\hat{y}_i = G_y(x_i)$, we introduce a conditional-entropy $H(\cdot)$ as in (Gu et al., 2021) for further performance enhancement. The overall objective function of SAN w PDA is defined in Eq.(5).

$$C(\theta_f, \theta_y, \theta_d^k) = \frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{x_i \in S} L_y(G_y(G_f(x_i)), y_i) + \frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{x_i \in T} H(G_y(G_f(x_i))) - (5)$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{n_s+n_t}\sum_{k=1}^{K}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{x_i\in\mathcal{T}}\hat{y}_i^k\right)\sum_{x_i\in(\mathcal{S}\cup\mathcal{T})}\hat{y}_i^kL_d^k(G_d^k(G_f(x_i),d_i),$$

where λ is a balancing parameter.

4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND RESULTS

4.1 Experimental Setup

For OE, we used our private datasets (Amavri and Ploix, 2018) collected in two offices at Grenoble Institute of Technology. For USDA, we considered 3 levels of occupancy: no occupant, one occupant, and two occupants. For UPDA, we considered 5 levels of occupancy by adding three occupants and four occupants levels (Amayri and Ploix, 2018). The datasets have been collected using ambient sensors such as power consumption sensors (Amayri and Ploix, 2018). For AR, we used the Washington State University (WSU) Center for Advanced Studies in Adaptive Systems (CASAS) datasets (Cook, 2010). They have been collected using ambient sensors such as door contact sensors (Cook, 2010). For USDA, we considered 5 activities: preparing breakfast, preparing lunch, preparing dinner, watching TV, and toileting. However, for UPDA, we considered 7 activities by adding bathing and sleeping out-of-bed activities (Cook, 2010). We have used accuracy as a metric for balanced datasets and F1 score as a metric for unbalanced datasets (Dridi et al., 2023a; Dridi et al., 2022; Dridi et al., 2023b). Table 1 shows some of the values of the used parameters in the adapted methods: number of epochs, batch size, optimizer, learning rate, gamma value linked with the learning rate, weight decay for L2 penalization, and momentum. We have compared the obtained scores from UDA methods with a supervised machine learning method (SMLM) which is a decision tree classifier trained and evaluated on target data. SMLM is considered as a reference in this research to evaluate the efficiency of the adapted methods compared to supervised learning methods.

4.2 Experimental Results

4.2.1 5-label AR

5-label AR is the task of recognizing 5 human activities in buildings. For standard UDA, where the source and target label spaces are the same, the considered activities are: toileting, watching TV, cooking breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For partial UDA, where the target label space is a part of the source label space, the added two activities to the source domain: bathing and sleeping. Table 2 gives the obtained scores for the adapted UPDA and USDA techniques, supervised machine learning methods (SMLM) as well as previous research on UDA (Dridi et al., 2023a). AR-

Parameter	ARSDA	ARPDA	SAN w SDA	SAN w PDA
epochs	1000	1000	1000	1000
batch-size	36	36	36	36
optimizer	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
lr	1e-3	1e-3	1e-2	1e-2
gamma	1e-3	1e-3	1.0	1.0
momentum	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
weight-decay	5e-4	5e-4	5e-4	5e-4

Table 1: Parameters used in the implemented methods.

Table 2: AR accuracy for 5 balanced classes and F1 score for 5 unbalanced classes.

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Ivietiiou	Accuracy (%)	F1-SCOLE (%)
ARSDA	84.67	73.98
ARPDA	67.33	62.32
SAN w SDA	78.00	63.79
SAN w PDA	68.13	54.16
SMLM	99.33	98.66
DSN (Dridi et al., 2023a)	20.66	23.12
CAT (Dridi et al., 2023a)	38.00	55.64
CAT+RevGrad (Dridi et al., 2023a)	49.00	51.15
CoWA-JMDS (Dridi et al., 2023a)	30.68	18.20
CoWA-JMDS w/o WM (Dridi et al., 2023a)	24.40	10.85
DaC (Dridi et al., 2023a)	56.08	36.65
AaD (Dridi et al., 2023a)	33.19	14.67

SDA, which is a standard UDA method where source and target label spaces are the same, has the best performance for both balanced and unbalanced datasets with 84.67% accuracy and 73.98% F1 score. The decrease in performance with unbalanced datasets is expected (Dridi et al., 2023a; Dridi et al., 2022; Dridi et al., 2023b) since label proportions change leads to performance degradation in most cases. ARPDA, which is a partial UDA version of ARSDA where the source domain has more labels than the target domain, has a great performance for both balanced and unbalanced datasets but less than the performance of AR-SDA. The decrease in performance is expected since ARPDA faces the challenge of negative transfer created by outlier labels such as bathing. With unbalanced datasets, we see a further decrease in performance which is expected for different label proportions with 62.32% of F1 score compared to balanced datasets with 67.33% of accuracy. The performance of ARPDA is good when compared to supervised machine learning method performance (SMLM). Also, ARPDA has exceeded several previous standard UDA methods such as DSN (Dridi et al., 2023a) and CAT (Dridi et al., 2023a). The great performance is thanks to adversarial learning that helped reduce the effect of outlier source samples. SAN w PDA has also given great performance comparable to ARPDA with

68.13% of accuracy for balanced label proportions and 54.16% of F1 score for unbalanced datasets. SAN w SDA, where source and target label space are the same, has better performance than SAN w PDA which is expected since we are not facing the challenge of negative transfer. SAN w PDA has exceeded several standard UDA methods (Dridi et al., 2023a) which is a great achievement for a method that has the challenge of negative transfer.

4.2.2 3-Label AR

3-label AR is the task of recognizing 3 activities that are common between source and target domain for standard UDA. The activities are: toileting, watching TV, and cooking dinner. For partial UDA, we add outlier labels for the source domain (cooking breakfast and lunch). Table 3 gives all the obtained scores. Compared to the supervised machine learning method (SMLM) which trains and evaluates a classifier using labeled target data, the adapted standard and partial UDA have shown an outstanding performance. ARPDA has an accuracy of 94% which is a bit lower than the standard UDA method (ARSDA), and this proves the efficiency of adversarial learning to remove negative transfer created by outlier source data. SAN w PDA has also given outstanding performance exceeding ARPDA (95.99%) which is also a bit lower

Method	Accuracy (%)	F1-score (%)
ARSDA	95.33	97.97
ARPDA	94.00	97.98
SAN w SDA	98.67	97.98
SAN w PDA	95.99	97.99
SMLM	100	100
DSN (Dridi et al., 2023a)	39.00	45.54
CAT (Dridi et al., 2023a)	78.00	80.00
CAT+RevGrad (Dridi et al., 2023a)	87.00	75.79
CAT+rRevGrad (Dridi et al., 2023a)	65.50	80.68
ATDOC+NC (Dridi et al., 2023a)	84.00	87.35
CoWA-JMDS (Dridi et al., 2023a)	65.07	46.79
CoWA-JMDS w/o WM (Dridi et al., 2023a)	58.00	33.28
DaC (Dridi et al., 2023a)	81.93	79.78
AaD (Dridi et al., 2023a)	58.09	25.18
SHOT-IM (Dridi et al., 2023a)	88.80	93.31
SHOT-Pseudo-labeling (Dridi et al., 2023a)	78.80	87.70

Table 3: AR accuracy for 3 balanced classes and F1 score for 3 unbalanced classes.

than SAN w SDA (98.67%). For unbalanced label proportions, all the adapted standard and partial UDA methods have almost the same performance with outstanding scores around 98%. The excellent F1 scores are greater than the performance of balanced datasets which can be due to the additional information gained about the labels' proportion difference as explained before (Dridi et al., 2023a; Dridi et al., 2022; Dridi et al., 2023b). The adapted UPDA methods have the advantage of excessively reducing the effect of negative transfer which can be seen by the close performance with USDA methods, and they have the advantage of exceeding multiple previous USDA methods with a large performance gap such as DaC (Dridi et al., 2023a).

4.2.3 3-Label OE

3-label OE is the task of predicting 3 levels of occupancy for standard UDA which are no occupant, one occupant, and two occupants. For partial UDA methods, we add 2 levels which are 3 occupants and 4 occupants levels. Table 4 gives all the obtained scores for current tasks. ARPDA and SAN w PDA have shown very good performances for estimating the number of occupants even with outlier samples of source domains. Thanks to promoting the positive transfer, SAN w PDA has 57.33% accuracy and 74.55 F1 score for balanced and unbalanced datasets, respectively. There is a remarkable drop in performance for SAN w PDA compared to SAN w SDA which is expected due to the effect of source outlier labels. The increase in performance with unbalanced datasets is thanks to gathered information about label proportion

differences as explained in (Dridi et al., 2023a; Dridi et al., 2022; Dridi et al., 2023b). ARPDA has exceeded SAN w PDA with very good performances for both balanced and unbalanced datasets. ARPDA with 61.33% accuracy and 69.87% F1 score has exceeded multiple USDA methods such as CoWA-JMDS (Dridi et al., 2023a) even though it is a UPDA method, and it has close performance to ARSDA where source and target label spaces are the same. For partial UDA, ARPDA has the best performance for the current scenario thanks to the efficient use of adversarial learning to reduce the effect of negative transfer created by outlier source data. The excellent performance obtained for the unbalanced datasets with partial and unsupervised DA methods proves the efficiency of the considered techniques that can overcome the combination of several challenges and provide very good results.



Figure 2: SAN results for balanced and unbalanced datasets with standard and partial domain adaptation.

Method	Accuracy (%)	F1-score (%)
ARSDA	76.67	82.91
ARPDA	61.33	69.87
SAN w SDA	71.33	79.15
SAN w PDA	57.33	74.55
SMLM	94.00	91.93
DSN (Dridi et al., 2023a)	34.80	57.01
CoWA-JMDS (Dridi et al., 2023a)	40.59	54.72
CoWA-JMDS w/o WM (Dridi et al., 2023a)	49.05	55.51

Table 4: OE accuracy for 3 balanced classes and F1 score for 3 unbalanced classes.

Table 5: OE accuracy for 2 balanced classes and F1 score for 2 unbalanced classes.

Method	Accuracy (%)	F1-score (%)
ARSDA	94.00	87.73
ARPDA	85.33	88.47
SAN w SDA	92.67	92.84
SAN w PDA	86.00	88.58
SMLM	96.66	95.30
DSN (Dridi et al., 2023a)	56.00	63.87
ATDOC+NC (Dridi et al., 2023a)	82.65	86.19
CoWA-JMDS (Dridi et al., 2023a)	76.55	72.31
CoWA-JMDS w/o WM (Dridi et al., 2023a)	85.88	72.31

4.2.4 2-Label OE

2-label OE is the task of estimating two levels of occupants for standard UDA: no occupant and one occupant. For UPDA, we add an outlier level for source data which is: the 2 occupants level. Table 5 illustrates the performances of current and previous methods. All the adapted methods for standard and partial UDA have given excellent scores that are so close to the performance of SMLM which is a great achievement. ARSDA has an accuracy of 94% that exceeds ARPDA by around 8.5% which is expected due to the effect of negative transfer. SAN w SDA has an accuracy of 92.67% that exceeds SAN w PDA by around 6.5%. For unbalanced datasets, we see a small increase in performance for most methods which is explained by the additional information provided by the label proportion changes as explained in (Dridi et al., 2023a; Dridi et al., 2022; Dridi et al., 2023b). Overall the scores are excellent and they have exceeded several previous standard UDA methods such as ATDOC+NC (Dridi et al., 2023a). Obtaining scores greater than 90% even the challenges of negative transfer, unlabeled data, and unbalanced label proportions, prove the efficiency of the considered methods.

4.3 Discussion

In this section, we chose the SAN method to discuss further because it has the best performances for both partial and standard UDA on average. Figure 2 gives a graphic illustration of the obtained scores for both SAN w PDA and SDA for all smart building tasks. In the first view, we notice that all methods follow the same trend for the different tasks with small differences in performance for each smart building task. It is clear that standard UDA has better performance than partial UDA for all the methods and tasks which is expected since UPDA methods face the challenge of negative transfer created by outlier source labels. The conclusions can be seen by the fact that USDA charts are above UPDA charts for both balanced and unbalanced scenarios. Also, it is clear that the decrease in task complexity increases performance such as moving from 5-label AR to 3-label AR which is expected as explained before in (Dridi et al., 2023b). Adapted methods performances for UPDA are greater than 90% for multiple scenarios which is an excellent achievement for the current research that pushes these techniques to real-world applications. The lowest score is around 55% which is acceptable for the current research that deals with data scarcity, unlabeled target data, negative transfer, and unbalanced label proportions.

5 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, partial UDA methods have been adapted and evaluated on AR and OE tasks aiming to provide energy management, security, and HVAC systems optimization for smart buildings. This work has several contributions. Indeed, it is the first to adapt ARPDA, ARSDA, and SAN approaches from 2-dimensional space to 1-dimensional and evaluate them with partial and standard UDA. This research has provided new architectures for the features extractor, classifier, and discriminator modules that fit IoT data. The newly adapted approaches can be applied to any 1-D data and are not restricted to smart building data. Partial UDA methods that have been adapted solve a real issue related to negative transfer which is common in smart buildings data. Also, a comparison analysis between the findings of the adapted methods with partial and standard UDA as well as previous UDA methods. The adapted UPDA methods have outstanding performances with scores up to 98%. In future work, we consider UPDA methods applied to smart building tasks with more outlier labels in source domains and compare the findings with the current research.

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