

# Implicit Semantic Response Alignment for Partial Domain Adaptation

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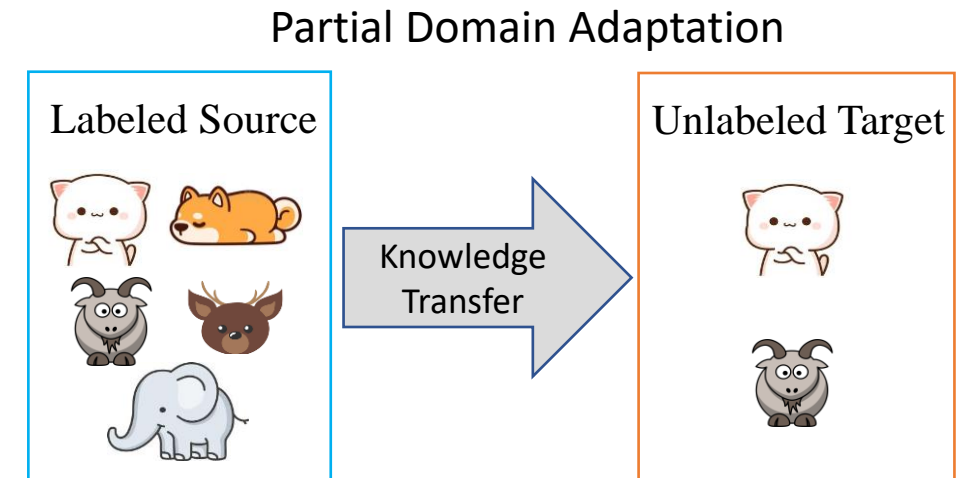
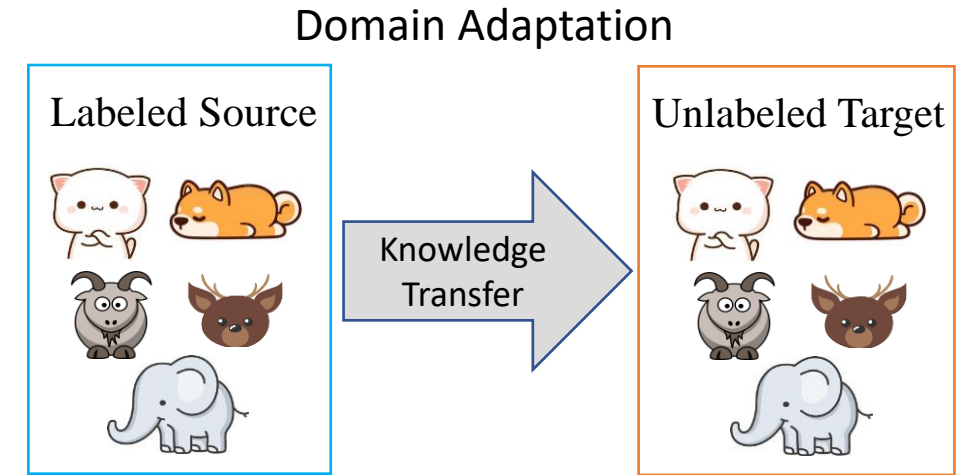
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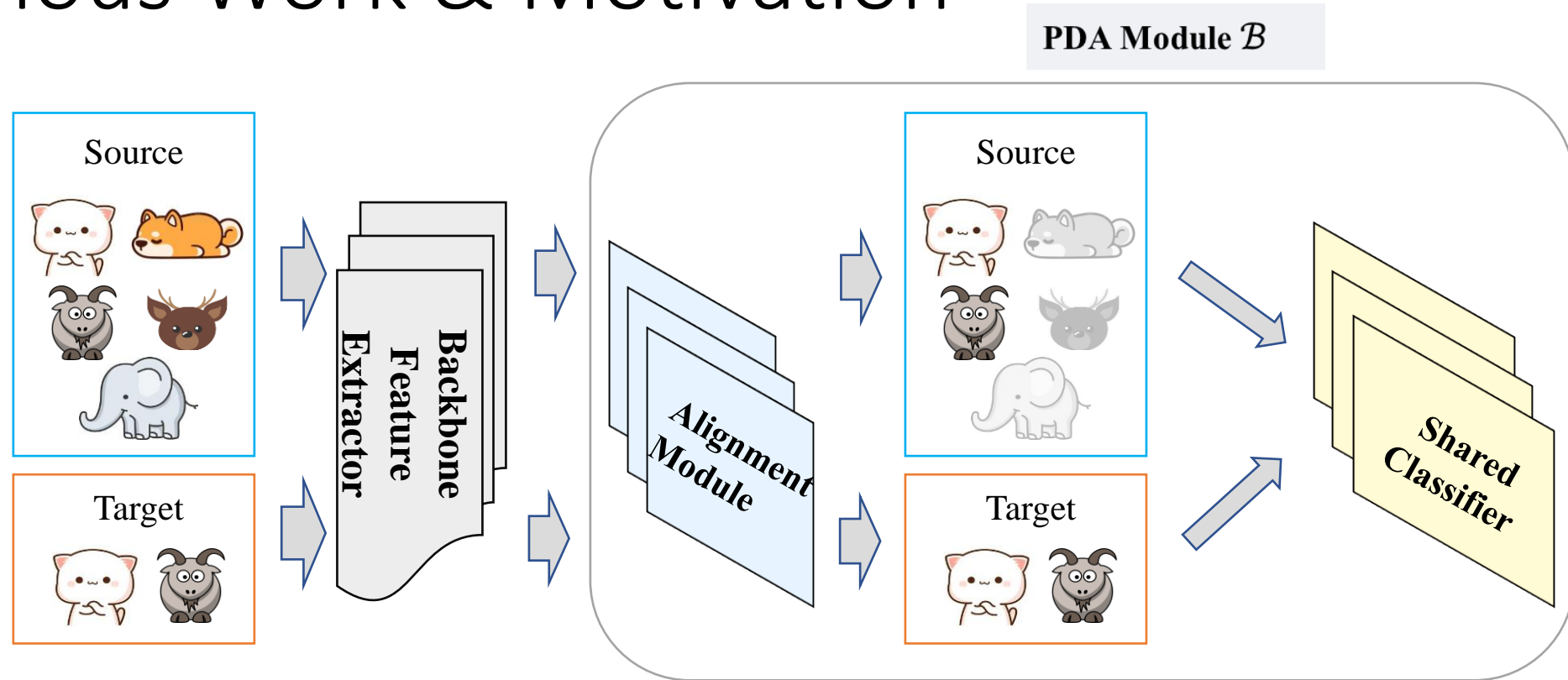
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# Partial Domain Adaptation

- **Domain Adaptation (DA)** aims to learn **transferable representations** from a **well-labeled source** domain to a different but related **unlabeled target domain**
- A Domain Adaptation model trained on the source and target data needs to learn how to classify the **target samples** without accessing **the target labels**
- Tradition DA methods require the source and target domain share the **exact same set of object categories**
- While **Partial Domain Adaptation** focuses on a more realistic situation where target label space is only **a subset of** source labels space

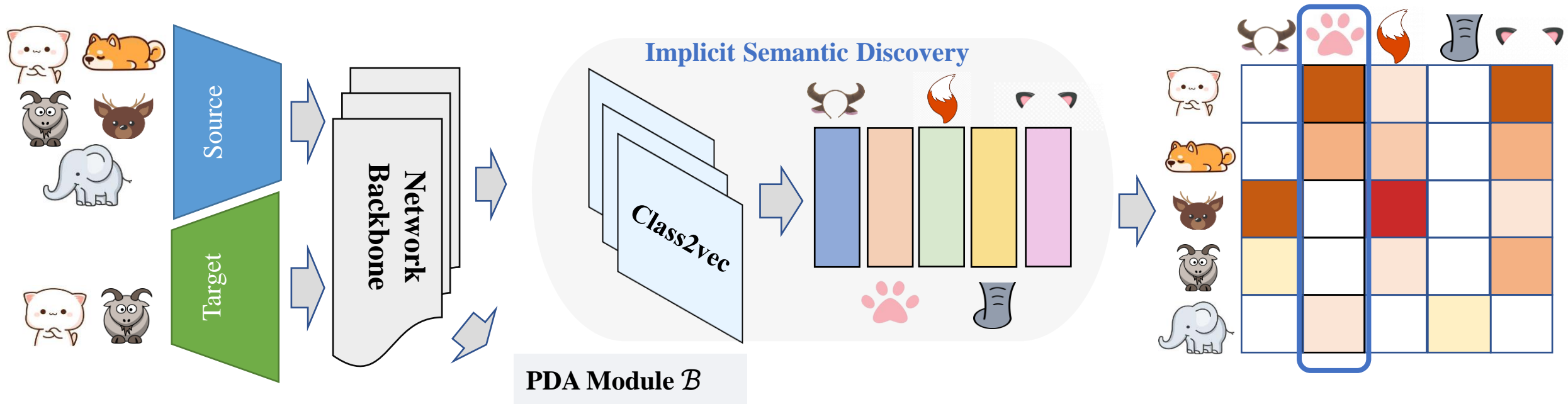


# Previous Work & Motivation



- Previous PDA methods aims to align **source** and **target** domains by down-weighting **irrelevant categories**
- However, we believe the irrelevant categories still contain **important information** for positive transfer
- For example, **cats** and **dogs** have clear distinguished features for class separation
- On the other hand, they also share many **common semantic topics** including fur and four legs
- We want to **extract these semantics** and align them between two domains by **weighting on the feature level**

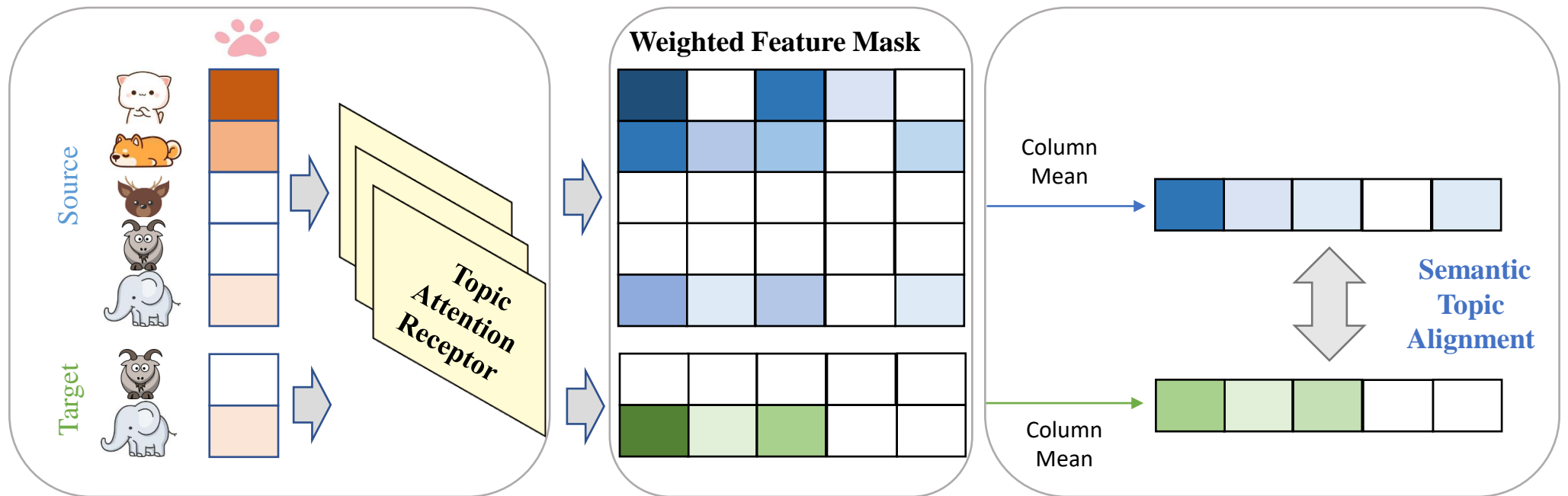
# Methodology



- To this end, we propose **Implicit Semantic Response Alignment for Partial Domain Adaptation** as an **add-on module**
- The **implicit semantic discovery** module extracts semantics from the backbone features with **a class2vec machine**
- Each data points will be represented by an **embedding vector** corresponding to extracted semantics
- Each **semantic topic** guides the following source and target feature space **alignment** as an intermediate signal
- Next, we will demonstrate the **semantic alignment** for one semantic topic (**pawls** for example)

# Methodology

## Hidden Semantic Alignment Between Source and Target



- For each semantic, a **topic attention receptor** retrieves the **attention** corresponding to the backbone features
- The **attention map** has the same dimension as features and can be used as **feature-level weights**
- **Weighted feature masks** is calculated by taking the dot product between **features** and **attention weights**
- The **column-wise mean vectors** for the source and target feature masks are then **aligned** together with  $l_2$  loss

# Experiments & Results

- We add our module to the state-of-art partial domain adaptation model **BA<sup>3</sup>US** and conduct comprehensive experiments on three PDA benchmarks: *Office-Home*, *ImageNet-Caltech* and *Office31*
- As shown in Table 1&2, our method achieves **best prediction accuracy** in 8 out of 12 task on the challenging *Office-Home* and improves the BA<sup>3</sup>US by **2.22%**
- For the large-scale *ImageNet-Caltech* we also get the state-of-art results in both tasks and improve task I->C by **1.28%**, where the source domain contains **a large number of irrelevant categories**
- For *Office31*, our method achieves best or second best for all tasks and **improves BA<sup>3</sup>US in 5 out of 6 tasks**

Table 1: Accuracy for Partial Domain Adaptation on *Office-Home*

Method	Ar→Cl	Ar→Pr	Ar→Rw	Cl→Ar	Cl→Pr	Cl→Rw	Pr→Ar	Pr→Cl	Pr→Rw	Rw→Ar	Rw→Cl	Rw→Pr	Avg.
ResNet-50 [11]	46.33	67.51	75.87	59.14	59.94	62.73	58.22	41.79	74.88	67.40	48.18	74.17	61.35
CDAN+E [26]	47.52	65.91	75.65	57.07	54.12	63.42	59.60	44.30	72.39	66.02	49.91	72.80	60.73
IWAN [50]	53.94	54.45	78.12	61.31	47.95	63.32	54.17	52.02	81.28	76.46	56.75	82.90	63.56
SAN [2]	44.42	68.68	74.60	67.49	64.99	77.80	59.78	44.72	80.07	72.18	50.21	78.66	65.30
PADA [3]	51.95	67.00	78.74	52.16	53.78	59.03	52.61	43.22	78.79	73.73	56.60	77.09	62.06
MWPDA [14]	55.39	77.53	81.27	57.08	61.03	62.33	68.74	56.42	86.67	76.70	57.67	80.06	68.41
ETN [4]	59.20	77.03	79.54	62.92	65.73	75.01	68.29	55.37	84.37	75.72	57.66	84.50	70.45
DRCN [19]	54.00	76.40	83.00	62.10	64.50	71.00	70.80	49.80	80.50	77.50	59.10	79.90	69.00
AFN [47]	58.93	76.25	81.42	70.43	72.97	77.78	72.36	55.34	80.40	75.81	60.42	79.90	71.83
SLM [37]	56.54	<b>83.75</b>	<b>90.40</b>	<b>76.03</b>	<u>73.99</u>	80.95	72.97	56.60	<u>87.32</u>	<b>82.55</b>	59.76	82.52	75.29
BA <sup>3</sup> US [23]	<u>60.62</u>	<u>83.16</u>	88.39	71.75	72.79	<u>83.40</u>	<u>75.45</u>	<u>61.59</u>	86.53	79.25	<u>62.80</u>	<u>86.05</u>	<u>75.98</u>
Ours + BA <sup>3</sup> US	<b>64.66</b>	82.97	<u>89.12</u>	<u>75.67</u>	<b>75.52</b>	<b>85.36</b>	<b>78.51</b>	<b>64.24</b>	<b>88.07</b>	<u>81.27</u>	<b>65.31</b>	<b>86.67</b>	<b>78.20</b>

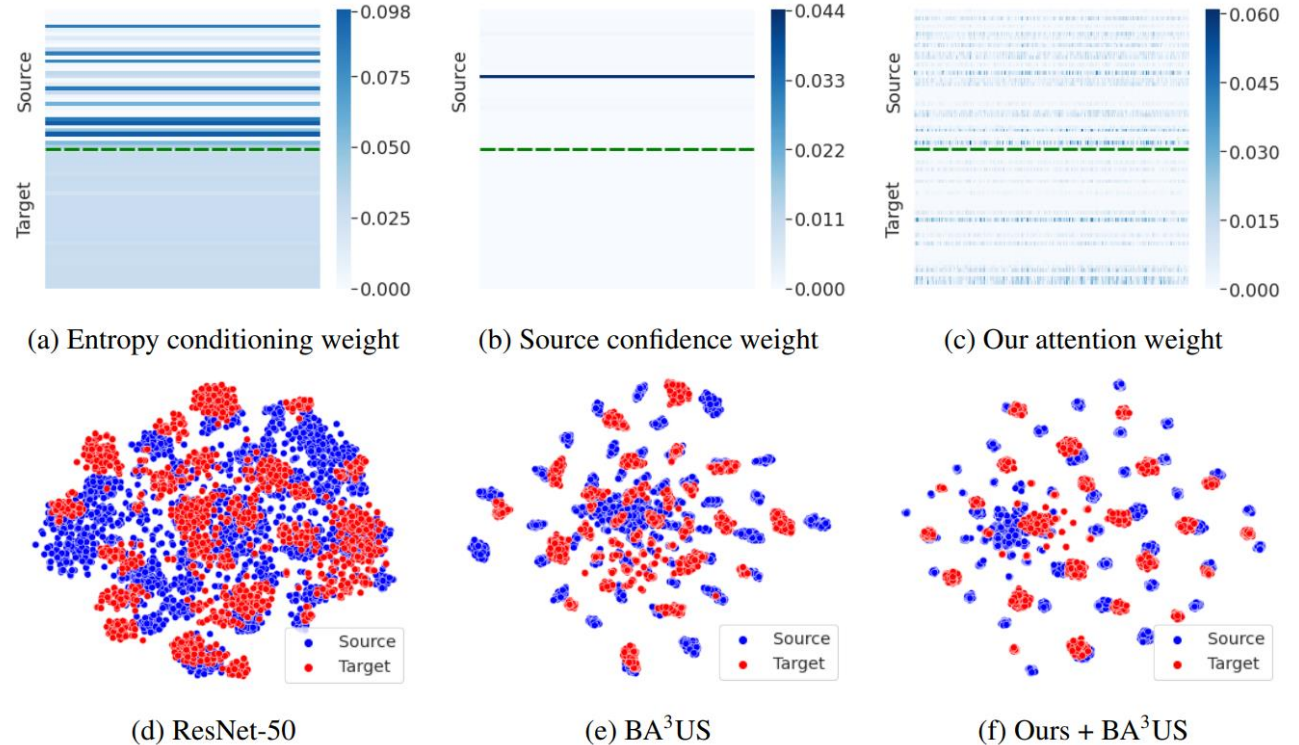
Table 2: Accuracy for Partial Domain Adaptation on *Office31* and *ImageNet-Caltech*

Method	<i>Office31</i>							<i>ImageNet-Caltech</i>		
	A→D	A→W	D→A	D→W	W→A	W→D	Avg.	I→C	C→I	Avg.
ResNet-50 [11]	83.44	75.59	83.92	96.27	84.97	98.09	87.05	69.69	71.29	70.49
CDAN+E [26]	77.07	80.51	93.58	98.98	91.65	98.09	89.98	72.45	72.02	72.24
IWAN [50]	90.45	89.15	95.62	<u>99.32</u>	94.26	99.36	94.69	78.06	73.33	75.70
SAN [2]	94.27	93.90	94.15	<u>99.32</u>	88.73	99.36	94.96	77.75	75.26	76.51
PADA [3]	82.17	86.54	92.69	<u>99.32</u>	95.41	<b>100.00</b>	92.69	77.03	70.48	73.76
MWPDA [14]	95.12	96.61	95.02	<b>100.00</b>	95.51	<b>100.00</b>	97.04	-	-	-
ETN [4]	95.03	94.52	96.21	<b>100.00</b>	94.64	<b>100.00</b>	96.73	83.23	74.93	79.08
DRCN [19]	86.00	88.05	95.60	<b>100.00</b>	95.80	<b>100.00</b>	94.24	75.30	78.90	77.10
SLM [37]	<u>98.73</u>	<b>99.77</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>95.89</b>	<u>99.79</u>	<b>98.38</b>	82.31	81.41	81.86
BA <sup>3</sup> US [23]	<b>99.36</b>	98.98	94.82	<b>100.00</b>	94.99	98.73	97.80	<u>84.00</u>	<u>83.35</u>	<u>83.68</u>
Ours + BA <sup>3</sup> US	<u>98.73</u>	<u>99.32</u>	<u>95.41</u>	<b>100.00</b>	<u>95.41</u>	<b>100.00</b>	<u>98.15</u>	<b>85.28</b>	<b>83.73</b>	<b>84.50</b>



# Topic Attention Weighting

- Here we use task  $Ar \rightarrow Cl$  on *Office-Home* to visualize the effect of our **topic attention weighting**
- In figure (a-c), we visualize the **weights on the features** of one mini-batch. As shown in figure (c), our weighting schema discovers the information that responds to **the same implicit topic** on the **feature level**
- The **t-SNE visualizations** of features in figure (d-f) demonstrate that our proposed method divides existing clusters in ResNet and BA<sup>3</sup>US into **smaller and well-separated clusters** related to **implicit semantic topics**



(a-c) Entropy conditioning weight and source confidence weight of BA<sup>3</sup>US in one mini-batch of task the  $Ar \rightarrow Cl$ ; (c) Ours attention map for the same mini-batch; (d-f) t-SNE visualization of features from Resnet-50, BA<sup>3</sup>US and ours of task  $Ar \rightarrow Cl$

# Cross-Class Interaction

- Remember our motivation is to use the **shared semantic** in the **extra classes** to promoter the **positive transfer** for **related target classes**
- Thus, we draw the similarity matrix among **9 extra source classes** and **4 shared classes** in the right figure. And check if our method benefits the target classes that are **similar to the extra classes**
- According to this figure, **Computer** and **Clipboards** are highly correlated to the extra source classes. And Table 3 shows they **benefit most** from our method
- On the other hand, the accuracy of **Candles** class **decreases** by 9.09% in our method, which indicates that semantic alignment may introduce noisy for the classes that do **not share semantic** with extra classes

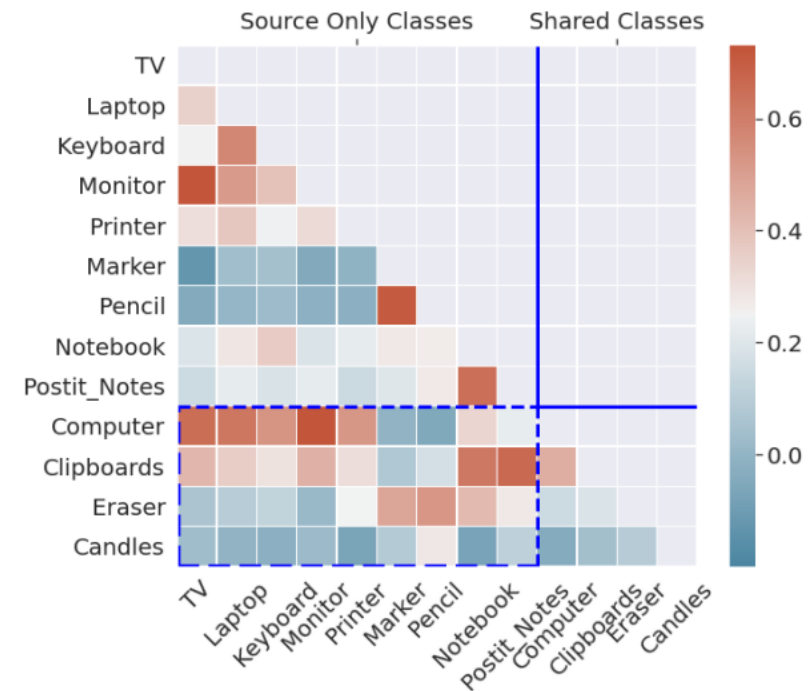


Table 3: Partial domain adaptation on individual class for task Ar→Cl on *Office-Home*

Class	$n_s$	$n_t$	BA <sup>3</sup> US	Ours	Improv.(%)
Computer	99	44	12.12	59.60	47.48
Clipboards	40	25	67.50	87.50	20.00
Eraser	40	18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Candles	99	76	79.80	70.71	-9.09
All classes	2427	1675	60.62	64.66	4.04



Thanks!

