# **Self-Supervised Multimodal Sensor Fusion for Human Actvity Recognition**

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## **1. Introduction**

- > Sensors such as Wi-Fi are particularly promising for in-home healthcare applications.
- Most passive Human Activity Recognition (HAR) deep learningbased systems are unimodal, i.e., they use information from only one type of sensor.
- Propose to use multiple synchronised sensors, or views, to MODALITY 1 improve the performance of a passive HAR system.
- Learn shared representation across different data types in a fully self-supervised manner, thus avoiding the need to label a huge amount of data, which is time-consuming and expensive.





(a) Figure 1. Multimodal Sensor Fusion: (a) Decision fusion, (b) Feature fusion, (c) Our technique: fusion in the latent representation with optional compressed sensing measurements; F features, p(z) prior model, G generators, X complete data, Y subsampled data.

(b)



### **2.** Results - Multimodal Sensor Fusion in the Latent Representation Space

#### Algorithm 1 Multimodal Sensor Fusion in the Latent Representation Space (SFLR)

1: Training data: $\mathscr{D}_{\mathscr{T}} \equiv \{X_{1:M}^{(1:I)}\}$ , Test data $\mathscr{D}_{\mathscr{P}} \equiv \{X_{1:M}^{(1:J)}\}$ , Samplers $\{\chi_{1:M}\}$					
2: Stage 1: Train M-VAE using $\mathscr{D}_{\mathscr{T}}$ Full data in first stage					
3: Output: $p(z)$ , Encoders $\{\phi_{1:M}\}$ , Decoders $\{\psi_{1:M}\}$	n loornablo				
4: Stage 2: Fusion	n-learnable				
5: $y_{1:M}^{(i)} \sim \mathscr{D}_{\mathscr{P}}$ subsampled data in 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> stage				
6: Sample the initial point $z^0 \sim p(z)$ Sample from prior					
7: while not converged do					
8: $z \leftarrow z - \eta_0 \nabla_z(\ z\ ^2) - \eta_1 \nabla_z(\ y_1^{(i)} - \chi_1(\psi_1(z))\ ^2)$ One of	or several				
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Figure 3. Trained Latent Space (6 clusters = 6 activities)

#### Table 1. Few-shot learning classification results (F1 macro) for HAR

		1 example per class	5 examples per class	10 examples per class
-	2-channel CNN	0.4273	0.5709	0.6185
•	1-channel CNN (Modality 1)	0.3491	0.4513	0.5045
	1-channel CNN (Modality 2)	0.4466	0.6000	0.6057
).	Probability fusion (product rule)	0.4404	0.5847	0.6419
2.	Dual-branch CNN	0.5082	0.5688	0.5759
	SFLR (ours)	0.6527	0.7182	0.7375



Figure 4. Recovery with compressed sensing measurements as low as 784 out of 50,176 (1.56%).



Figure 5 Recovery under additive Gaussian noise (std dev. = 0.4).

### **3.** Results - Multimodal Fusion Transformer for Passive HAR



### 4. Conclusions

- > Multimodal sensor fusion brings performance improved for downstream tasks such as Human Activity Recognition (HAR), which serves a vital role in the E-Health paradigm.
- Pretraining models such as

Variational Autoencoder (MVAE) and multimodal Vision Transformer (ViT) self-supervised fashion а outperforms non-pretrained models under few-shot learning (i.e. under the condition that few labelled samples are available).

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