

# Domain-Indexing Variational Bayes: Interpretable Domain Index for Domain Adaptation

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Multiple Source Domains

$X_S$  and  $Y_S$

Multiple Target Domains

$X_t$  **predict  $Y_t$**

Using **domain indices** boosts Domain Adaptation performance [1][2].

[1] Hao Wang, Hao He, and Dina Katabi. Continuously indexed domain adaptation. In ICML, 2020.

[2] Zihao Xu, Guang-He Lee, Yuyang Wang, Hao Wang, et al. Graph-relational domain adaptation. In ICLR, 2022.

## Domain index

- A real-value scalar (vector)
- Uniquely identify a domain
- Represent domain semantics

## Example: Gender Classification

Use average age as domain indices

Domain 1



Domain 2



Source Domains: Young

Domain 3

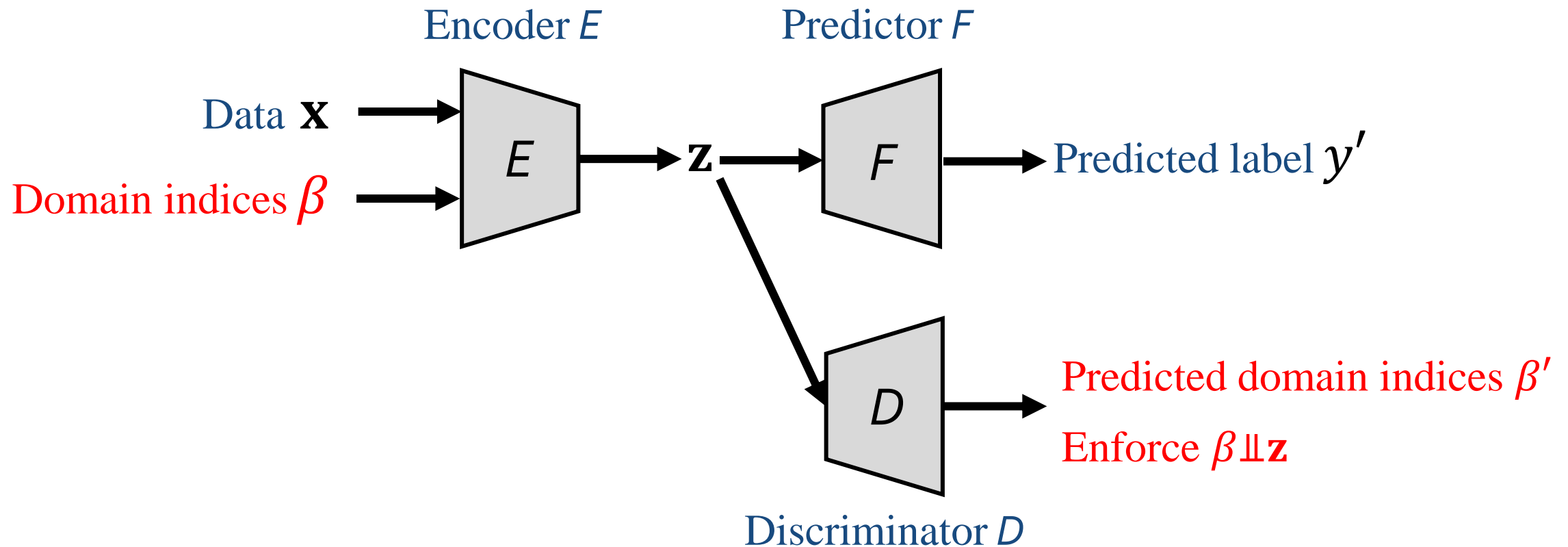


Domain 4



Target Domains: Old

## Continuously indexed domain adaptation



Domain Indices may **not be available!**

Can we **infer** the domain indices from data?

Yes!

- Improve **interpretability** of domain adaptation
- Improve **performance** of domain adaptation



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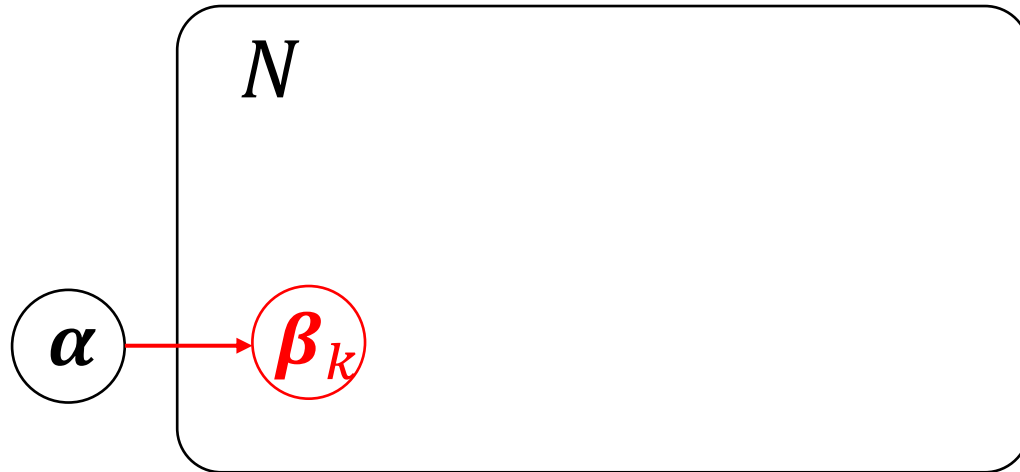
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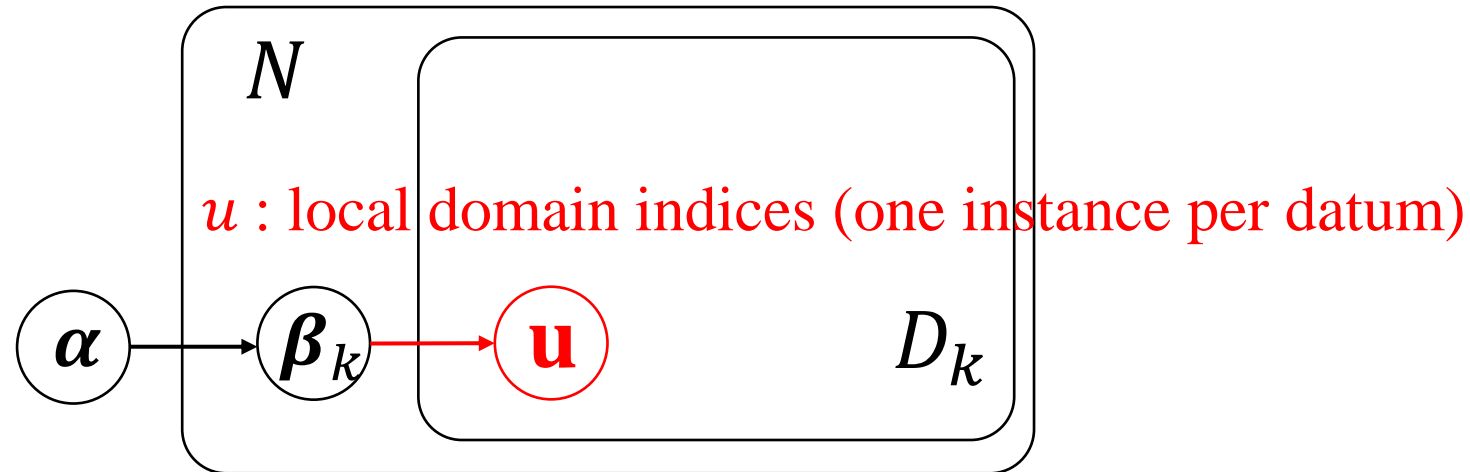


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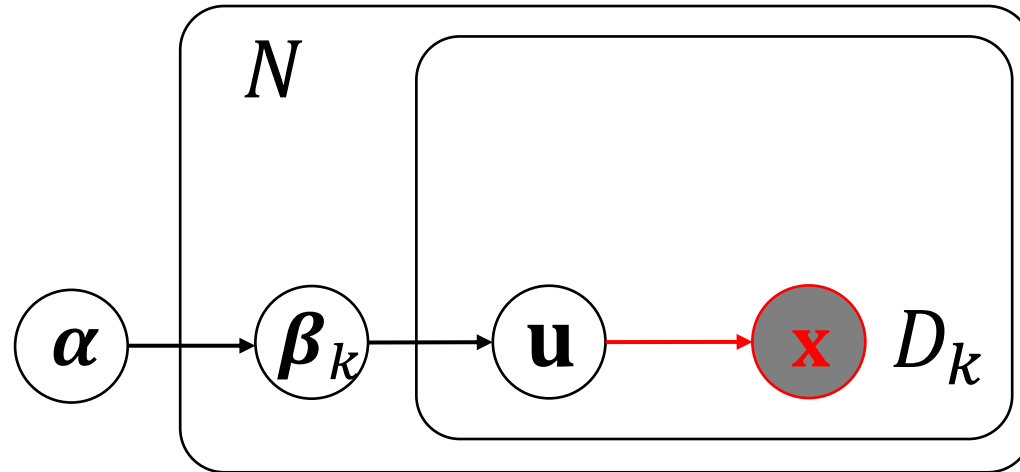
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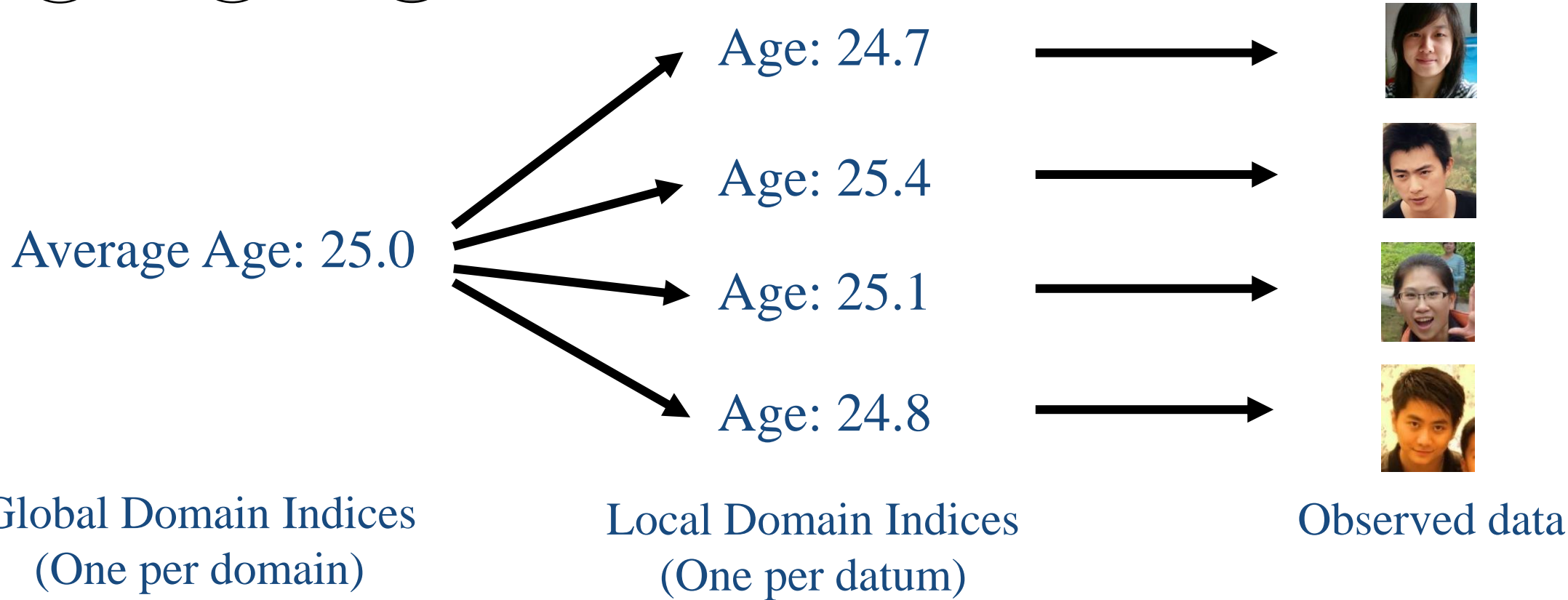
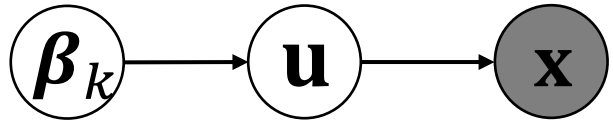
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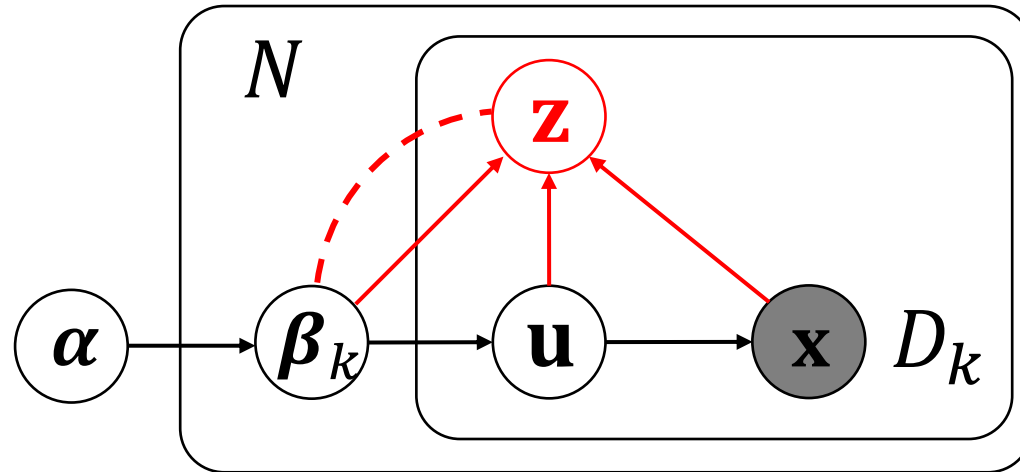
$x$ : observed data (e.g., an image)

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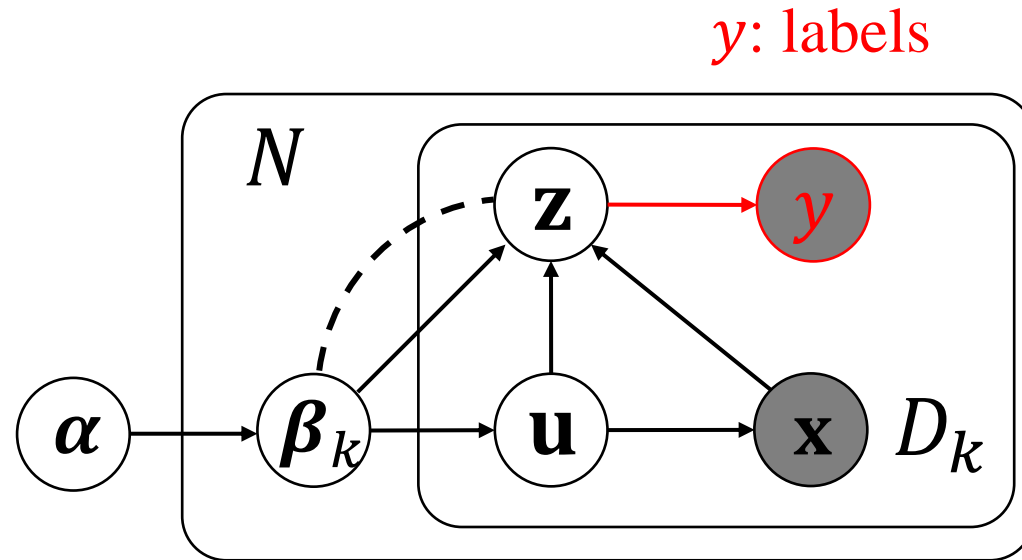




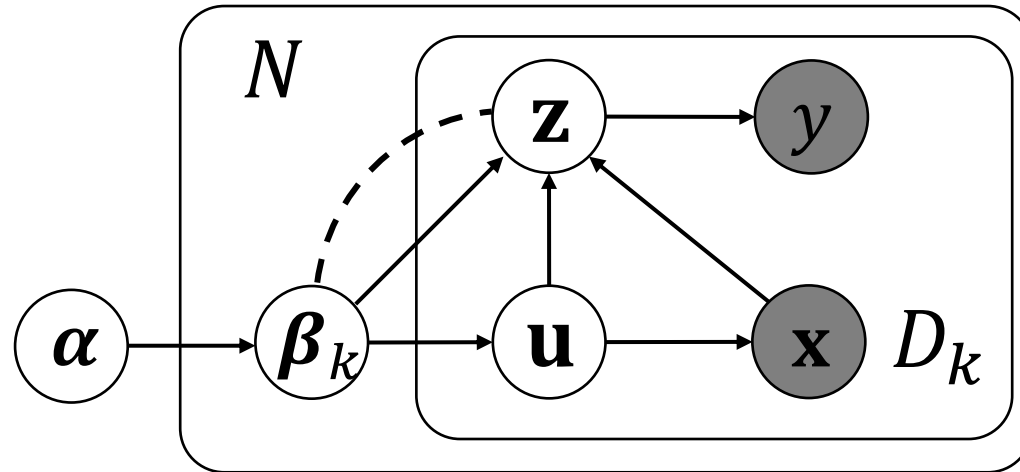
**z**: domain-invariant data embeddings,  $\mathbf{z} \perp \beta$



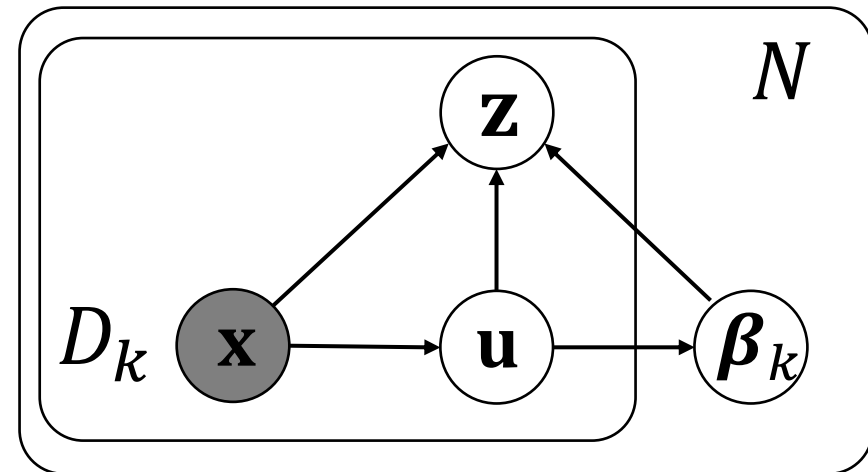
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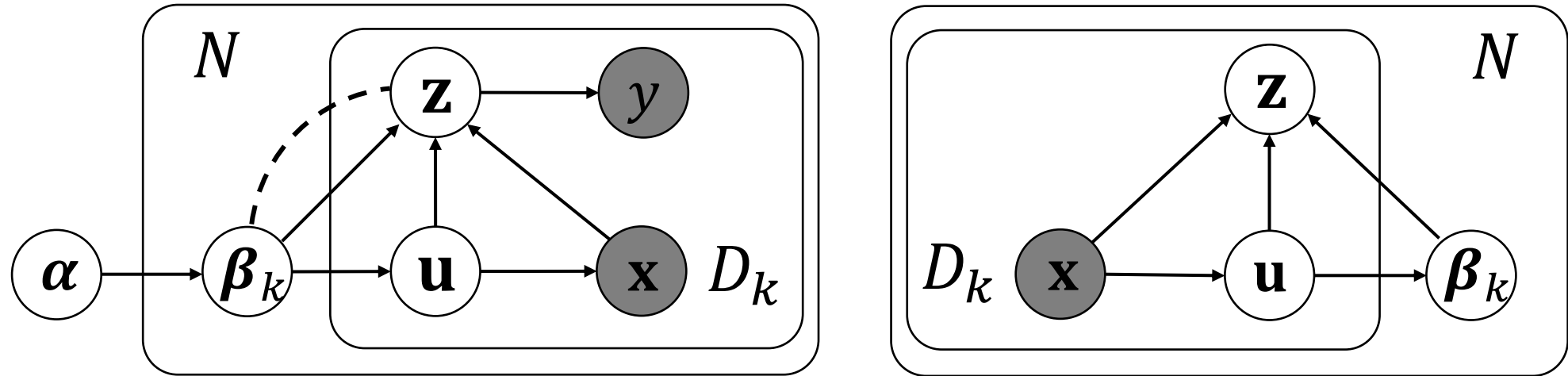


Generative model



Inference model

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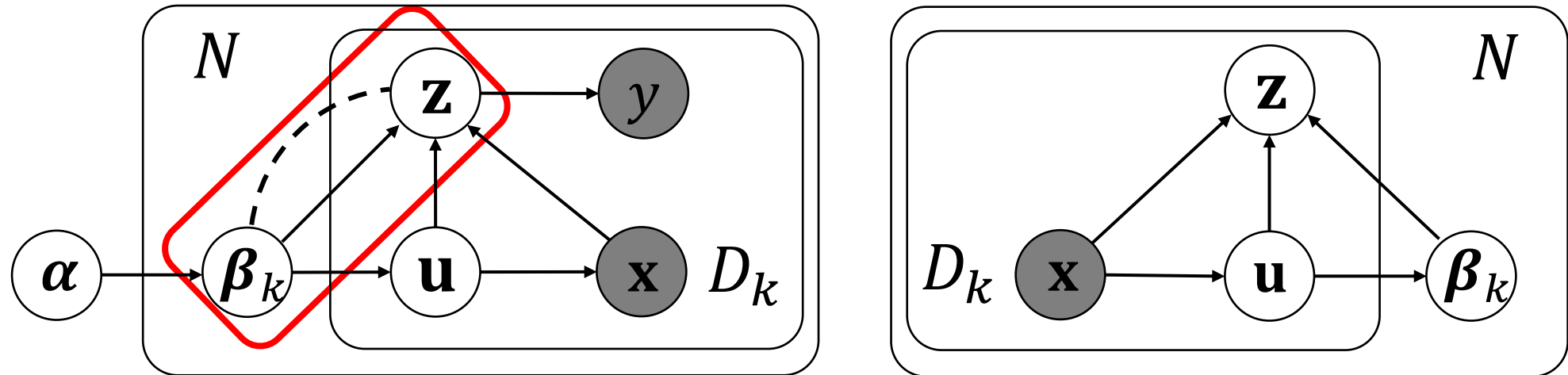


Maximize Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO):

$$\mathcal{L}_{ELBO}(\mathbf{x}, y) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [p_\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{z}, y|\boldsymbol{\alpha})] - \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [q_\phi(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})].$$

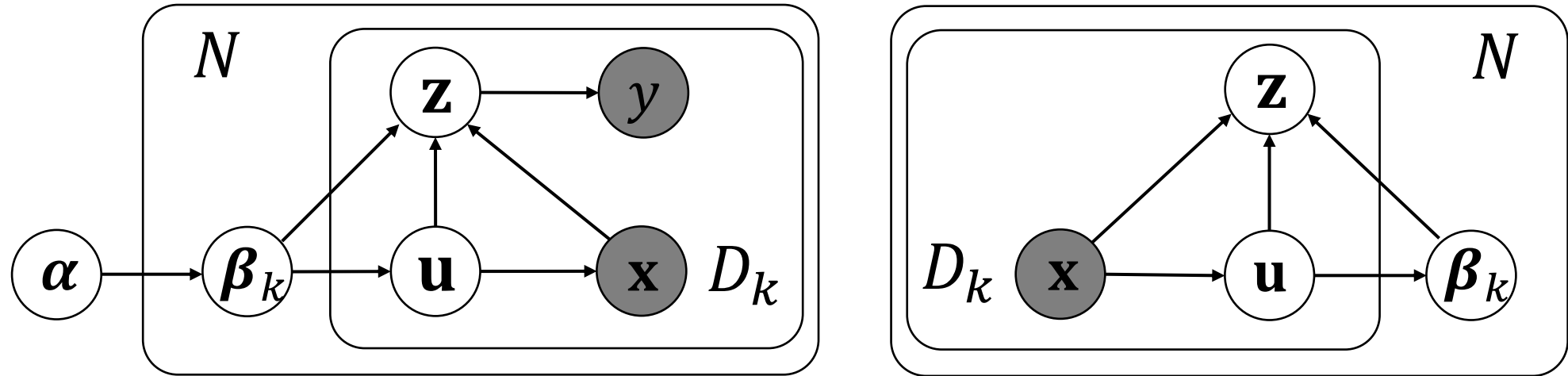
## Recall: Domain index definition (informal)

- Independence: independent of the data's encoding  $z$
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$$\mathcal{L}_{D,\phi} = \mathbb{E}_{p(k,\mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [\log D(k|\mathbf{z})]$$

Adversarial loss: enforce  $\beta \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathbf{z}$  (Independence)



$$\max_{\theta, \phi} \min_D \mathcal{L}_{VDI} = \max_{\theta, \phi} \min_D \mathcal{L}_{\theta, \phi} - \lambda_d \mathcal{L}_{D, \phi}$$

$$= \max_{\theta, \phi} \min_D \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [\mathcal{L}_{ELBO}(\mathbf{x}, y)]}_{\text{ELBO}} - \lambda_d \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{p(k, \mathbf{x})} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})} [\log D(k | \mathbf{z})]}_{\text{Adversarial loss}}$$

ELBO

Adversarial loss



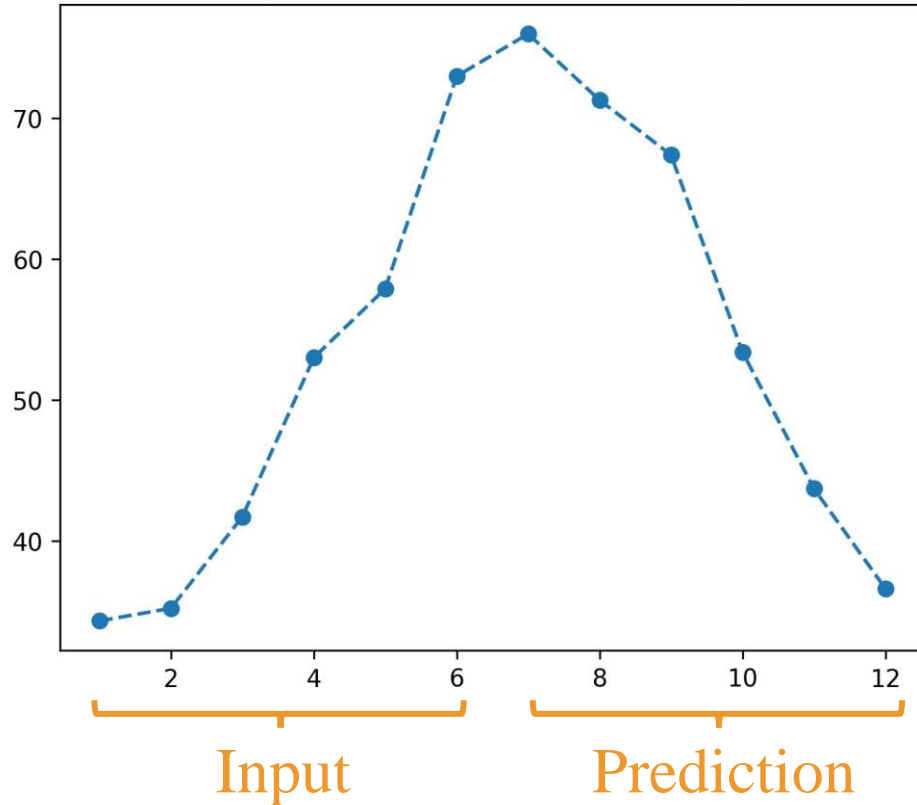
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## Theorem (informal)

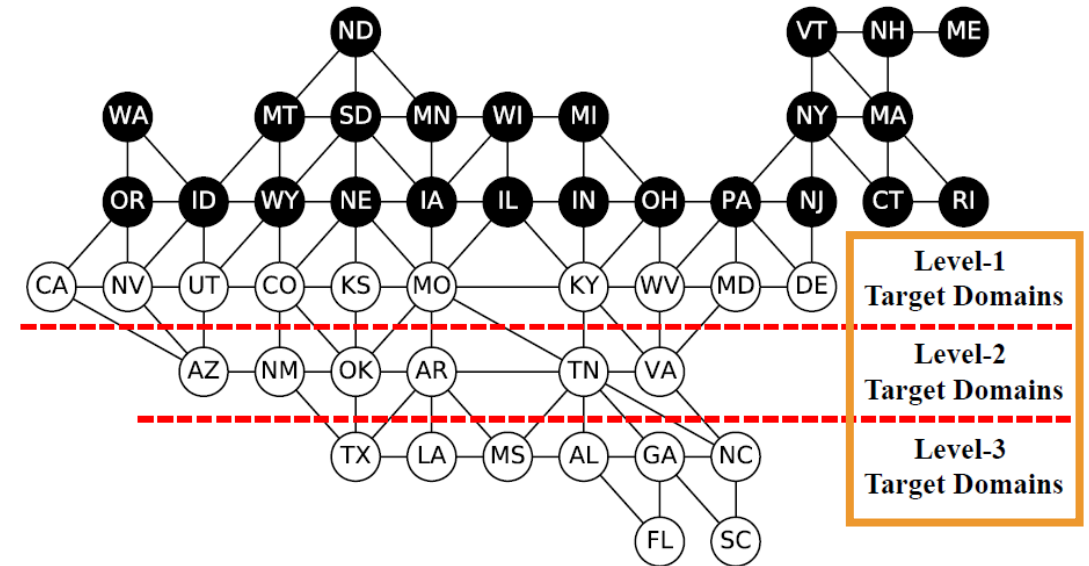
Using this objective function, we could learn domain indices  $\beta$  according to the previous definition.

- Independence
- Information Preservation
- Label sensitivity

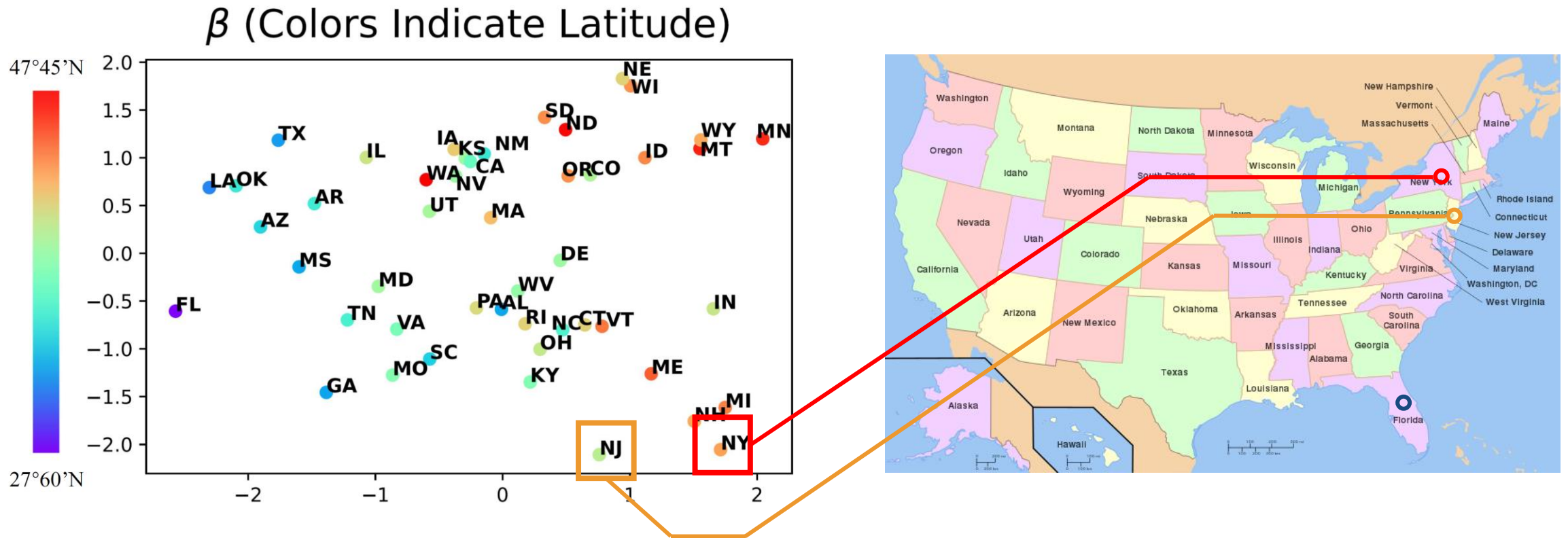
Monthly temperature for New Jersey in 2008 (Fahrenheit)



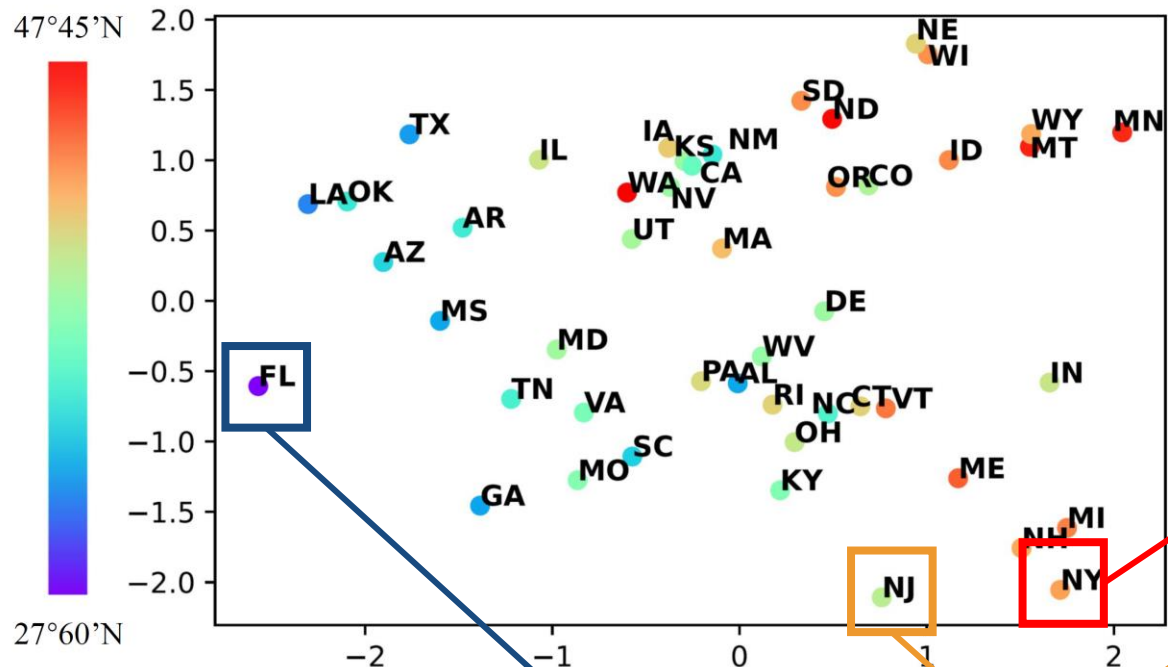
Task: temperature prediction



$N(24) \rightarrow S(24)$



$\beta$  (Colors Indicate Latitude)



No latitude input!

## TPT-48:

Task	Domain	Source-Only	DANN	ADDA	CDANN	MDD	SENTRY	VDI (Ours)
N (24)→S (24)	Average of 10 Level-1 Domains	0.206	0.229	0.734	0.229	0.342	0.497	<b>0.192</b>
	Average of 6 Level-2 Domains	0.391	0.412	0.861	0.357	0.768	0.470	<b>0.323</b>
	Average of 8 Level-3 Domains	1.160	0.843	0.886	0.961	1.326	<b>0.459</b>	0.703
	Average of All 24 Domains	0.570	0.480	0.816	0.505	0.777	0.477	<b>0.395</b>

## Take home message:

- VDI provides a principled way to infer the domain index.
- VDI improves both interpretability and performance of domain adaptation.
- VDI has theoretical guarantee.



Code

<https://github.com/Wang-ML-Lab/VDI>



Paper

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.02561>

Thank you!  
Q & A