

ADF & TransApp: A Transformer-Based Framework for Appliance Detection Using Smart Meter Consumption Series

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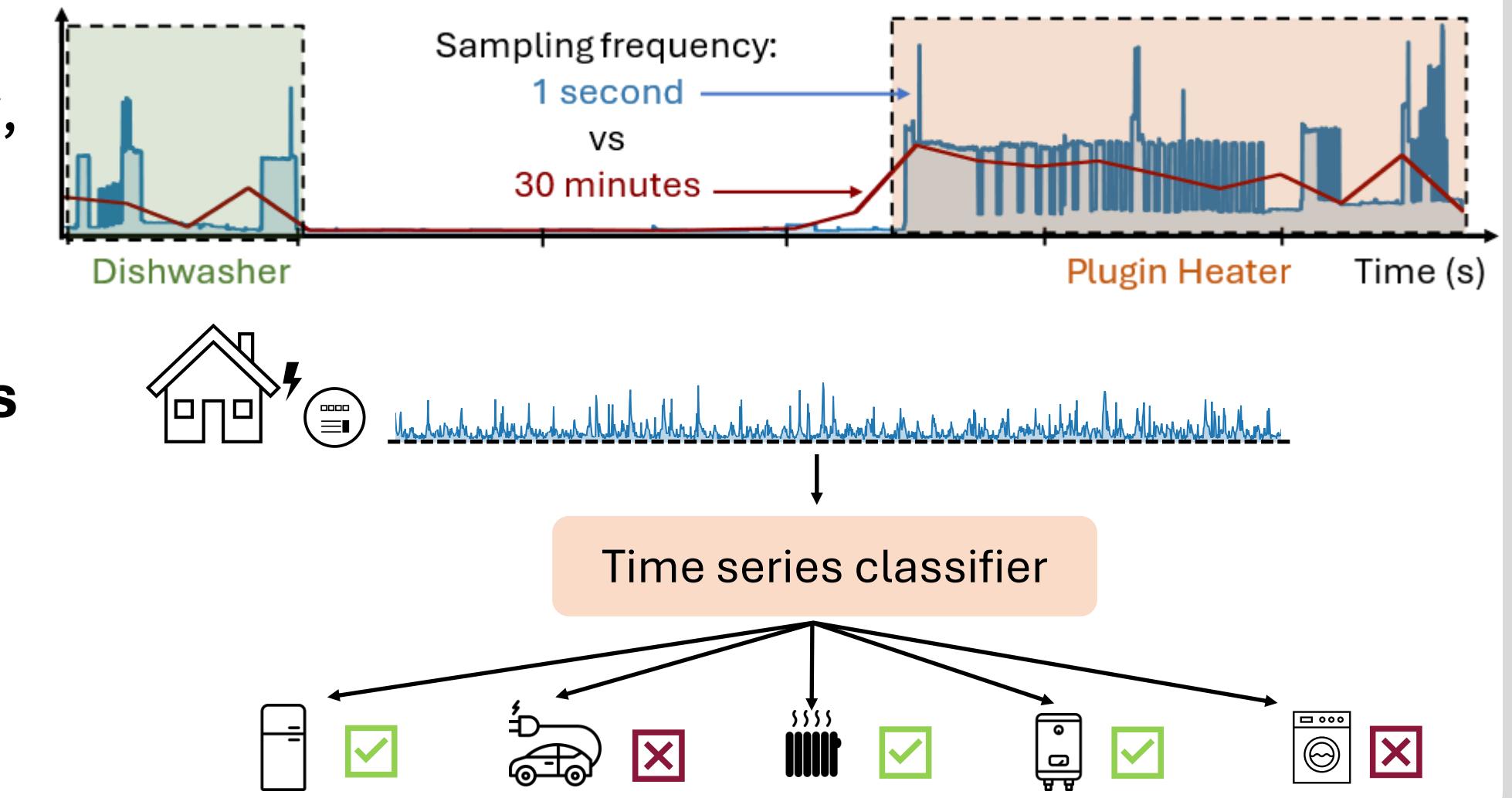
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Motivation

- **Widespread adoption** of smart meters around the world for better energy management [1,2].
- Electricity suppliers record large amounts of **time-stamped electricity consumption data**.
- Interested in **extracting information** from these data: e.g., **detecting which appliances the consumers own**.

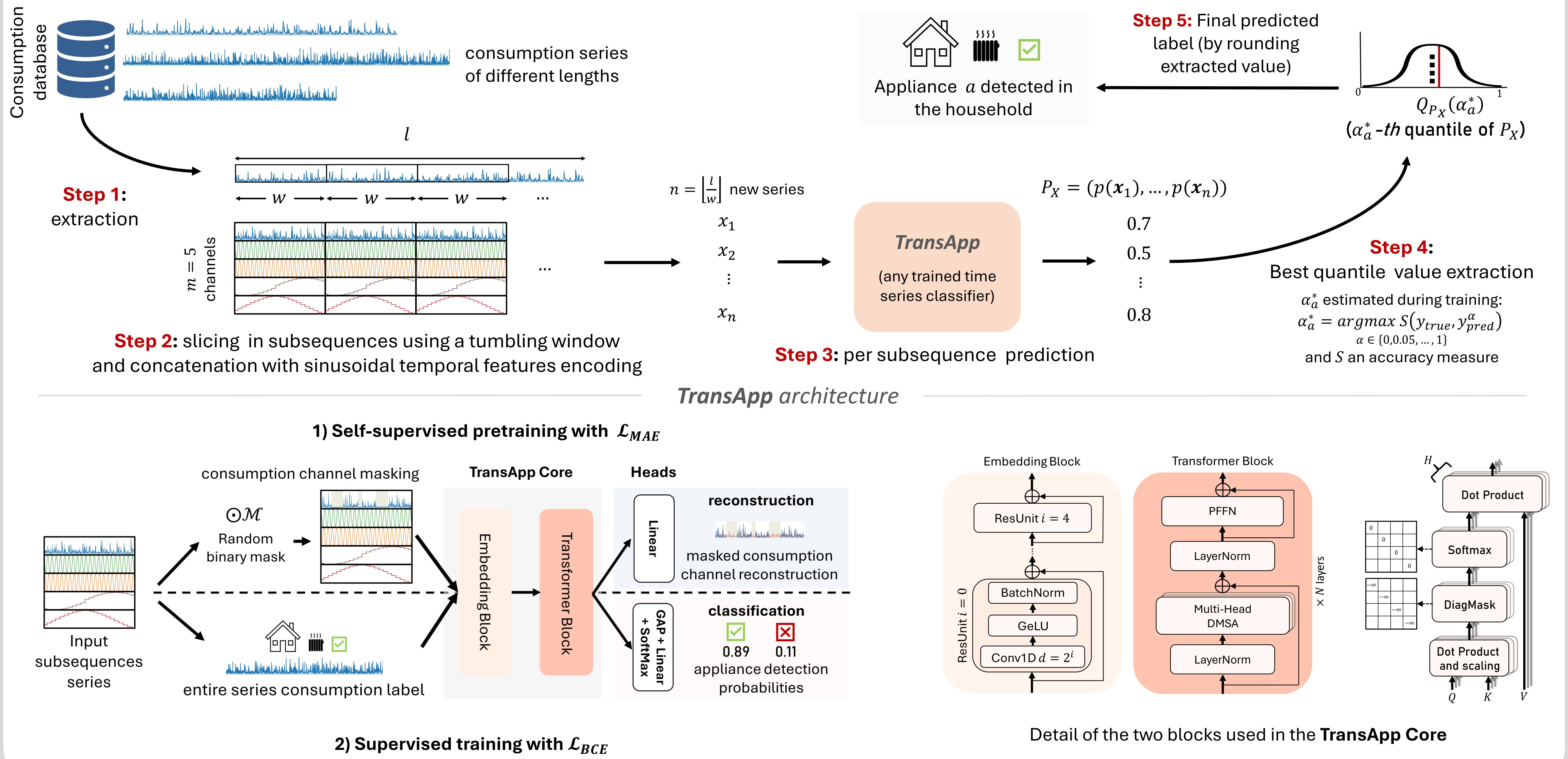
Challenges

- Smart meters record data at a **very low frequency**, resulting in a loss of information.
- **Appliance Detection** as a **time series classification problem** [3]:
 1. Consumption series of long and variable length.
 2. Few labeled data available.
 3. Large amount of non-labeled data.

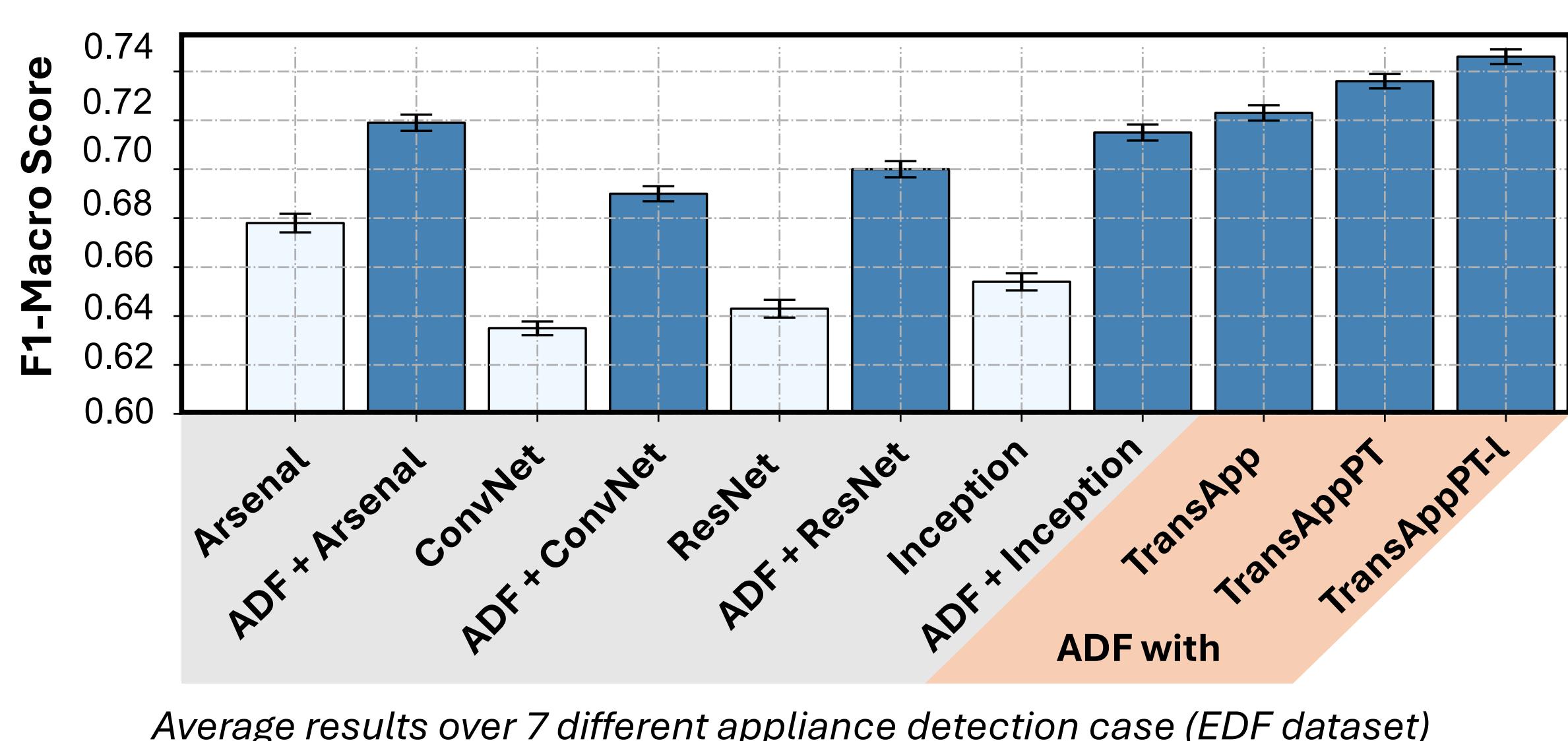


Proposed Approach

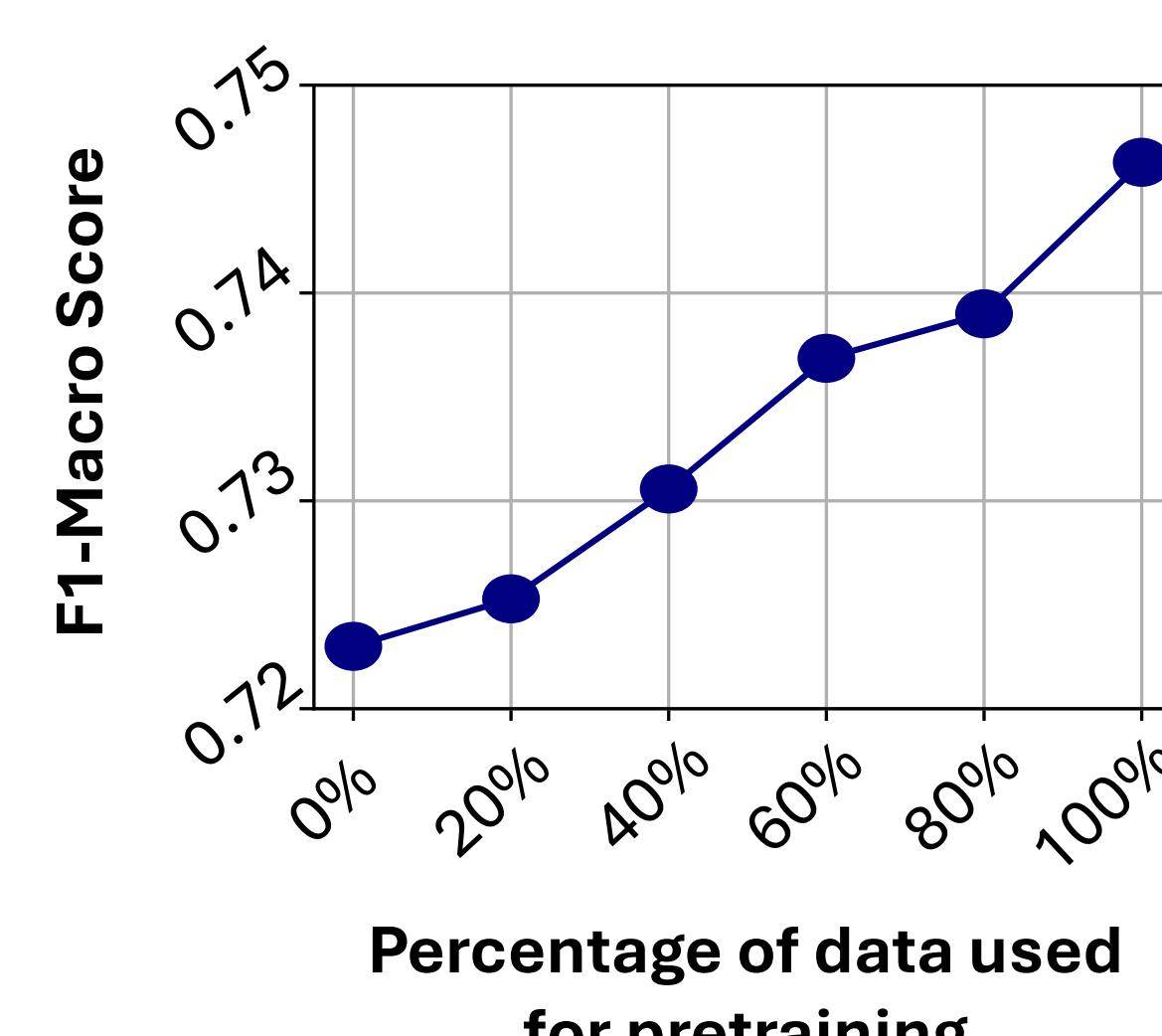
The Appliance Detection Framework (ADF)



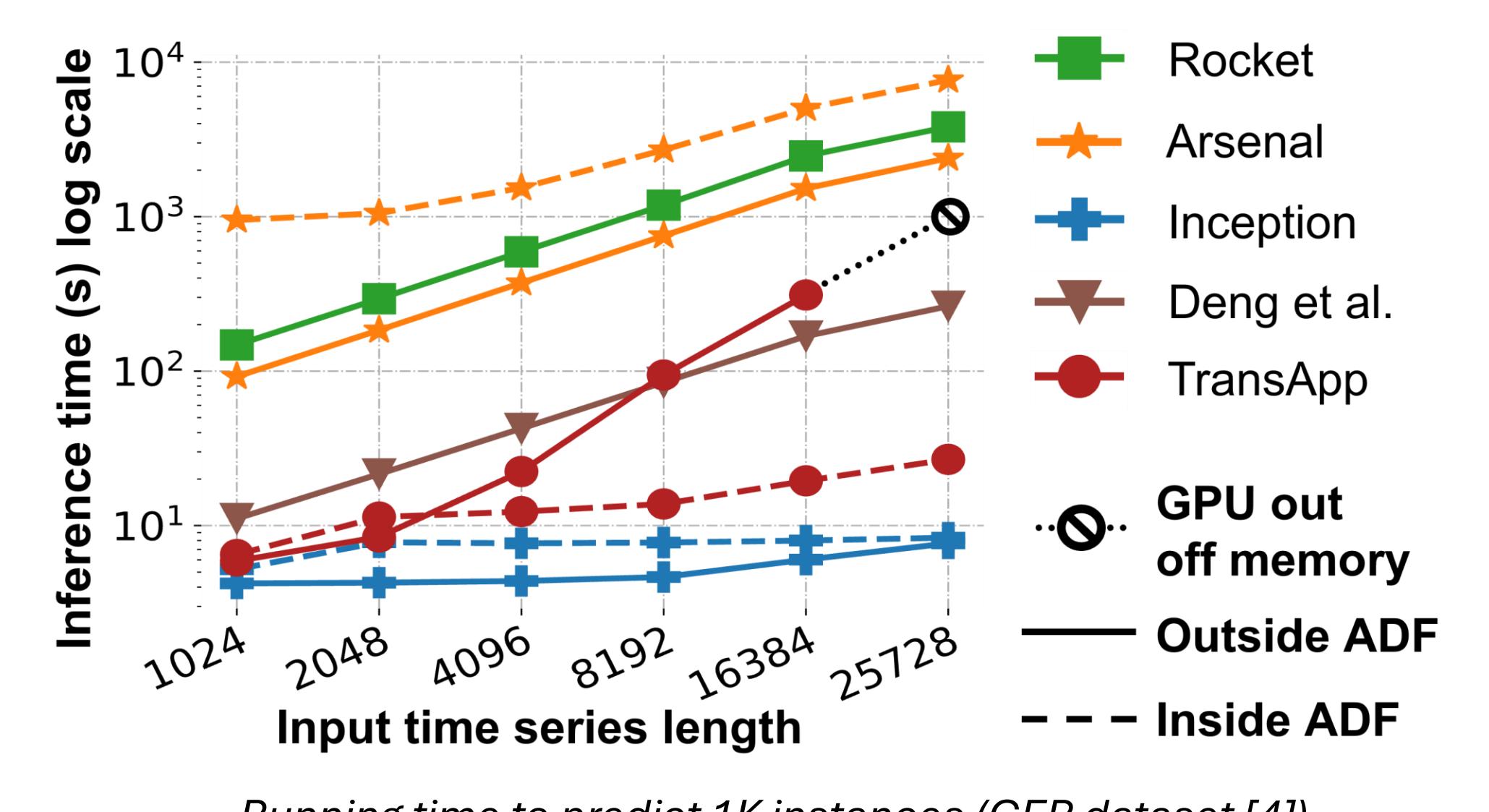
Experimental Evaluation



- (1) ADF improves detection quality for all classifiers
- (2) ADF+TransApp is the most accurate solution



- Pretraining improves TransApp detection quality



- TransApp scales to long consumption series (thanks to ADF)

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