

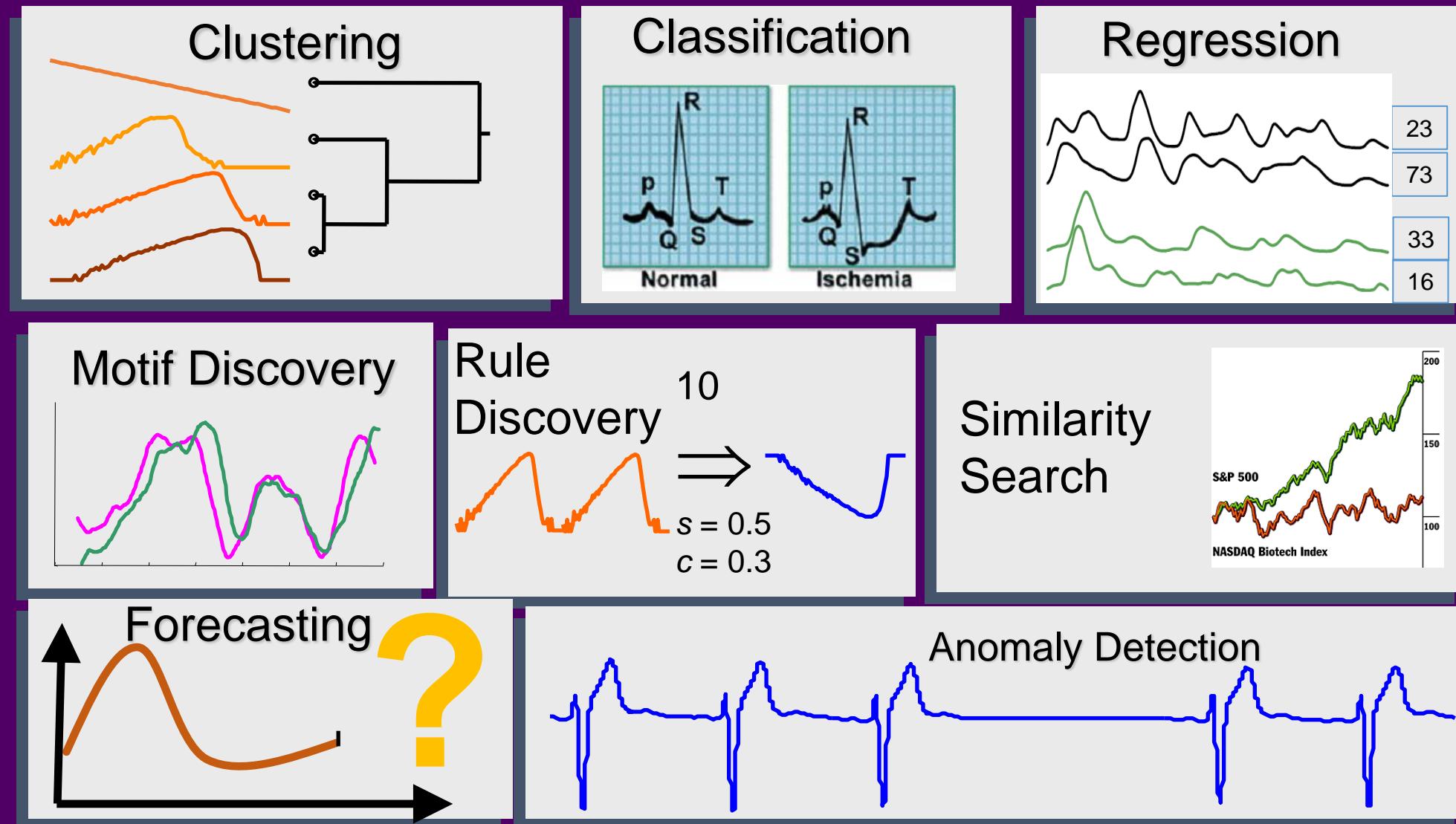


# Time Series Machine Learning with the aeon toolkit

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# Time Series Machine Learning Tasks



# aeon: a toolkit for machine learning with time series

forecasting

classification

clustering

regression

transformations

distances

anomaly  
detection

aeon

Algorithm research



Scientific research

EPSRC Reference: EP/W000756/2

Title: aeon: a toolkit for machine learning with time series

Industry application



Data science community



OUTREACHY

NUM  
FOCUS  
OPEN CODE = BETTER SCIENCE

# Introduction to TSML

Lecture 1 (today)

background and overview of tasks

Time series classification

Lecture 2 (tomorrow)

Classification and regression

Time series clustering

Some pictures are taken with permission from talks given by Eamonn Keogh

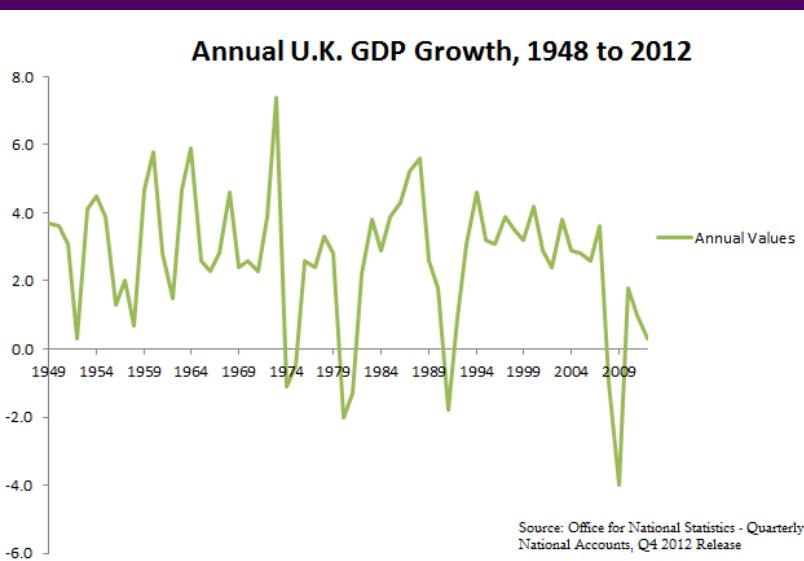
Some slides provided by aeon core developers Matthew Middlehurst, Chris Holder and Ali Fawaz

# What is a time series?

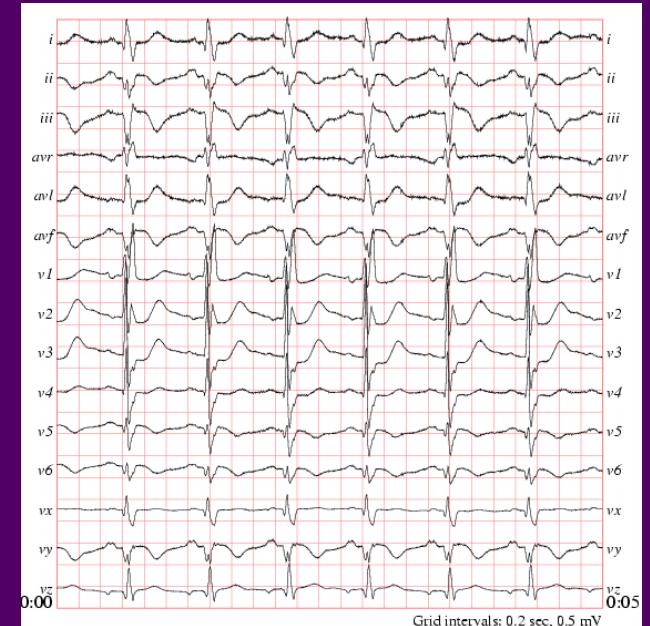
A time series is an ordered list of observations of real valued variable

If each observation is a scalar, we call it a univariate time series

If each observation is a vector of observations we call it a multivariate time series



The data does not need be ordered in time (sometimes called a data series)



# Time Series Machine Learning Repository

[www.timeseriesclassification.com](http://www.timeseriesclassification.com)

Introduced in 2002 by Eamonn Keogh and expanded several times since, the archive datasets have been used in thousands of papers

A large proportion donated by the TSML group at UEA/Southampton

Expanded in 2018 to 128 datasets  
Multivariate Archive introduced in 2019 with 30 datasets

2002: 22

2015: 85

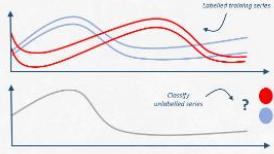
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now > 200



Time Series Classification

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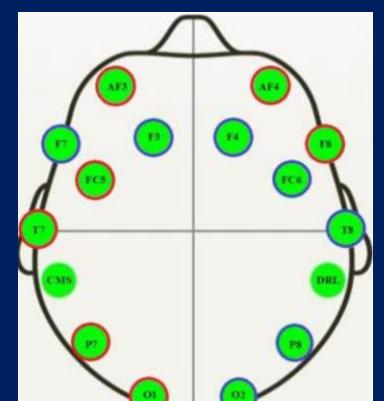
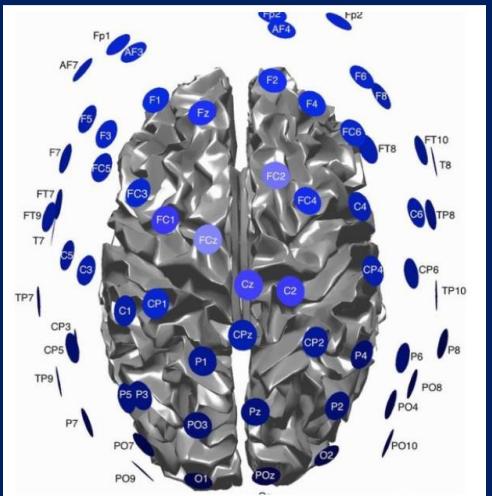
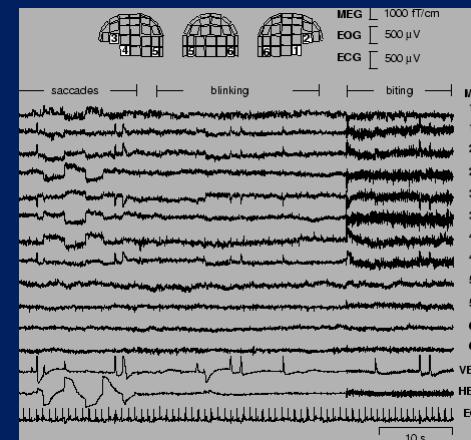
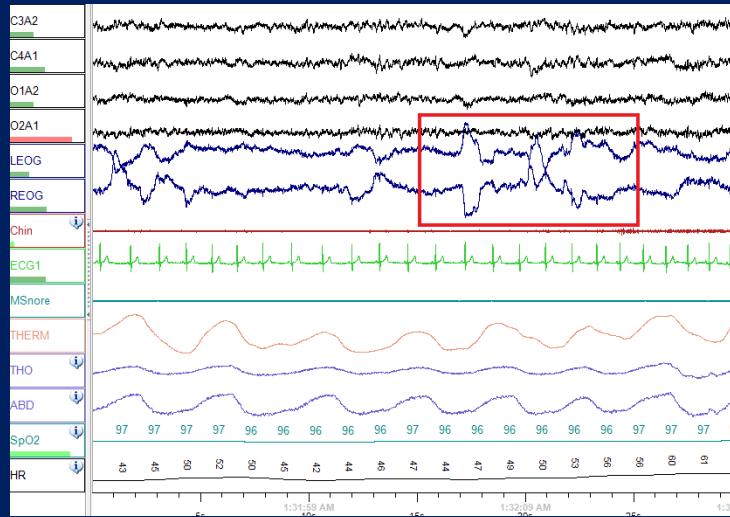
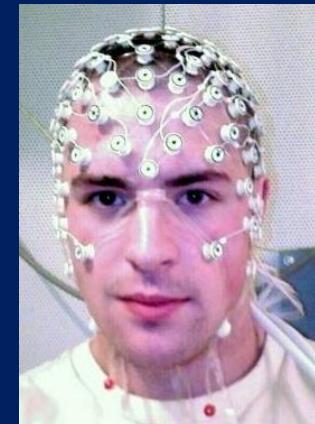
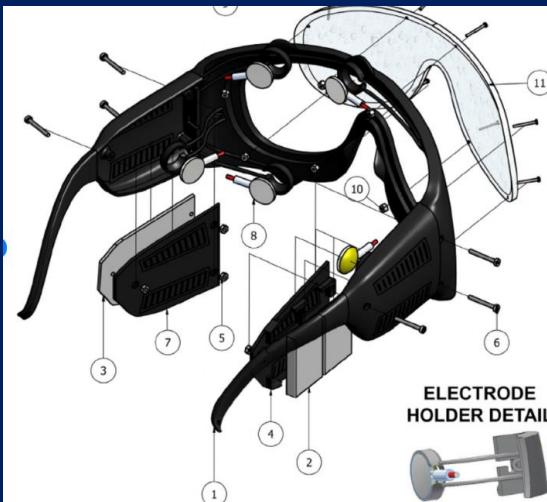
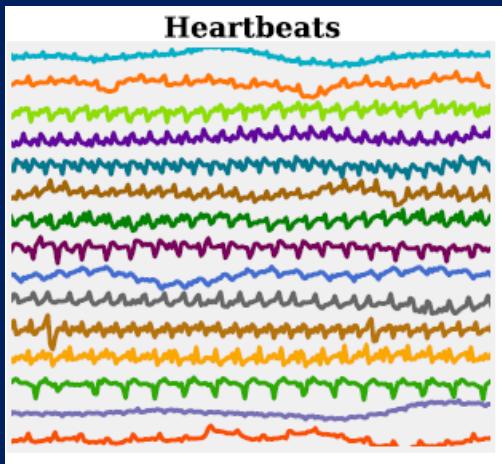
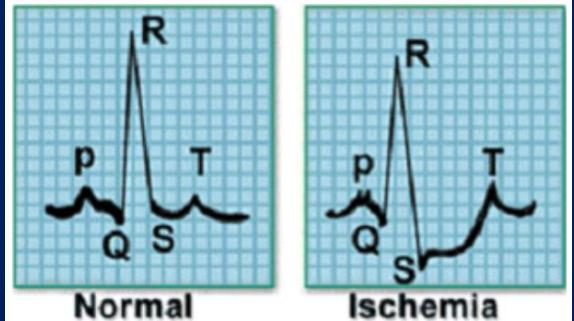
This site contains data, reference results and links to code for Time Series Classification (TSC), Time Series Clustering (TSCL) and Time Series Extrinsic Regression (TSER)

We would like to thank everyone who donates and helps maintain these archives



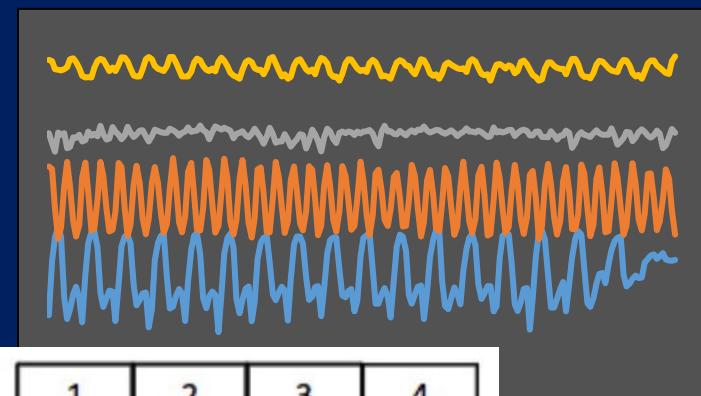
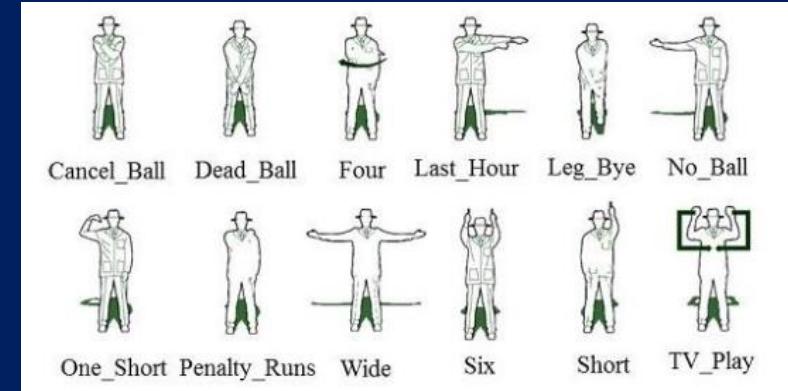
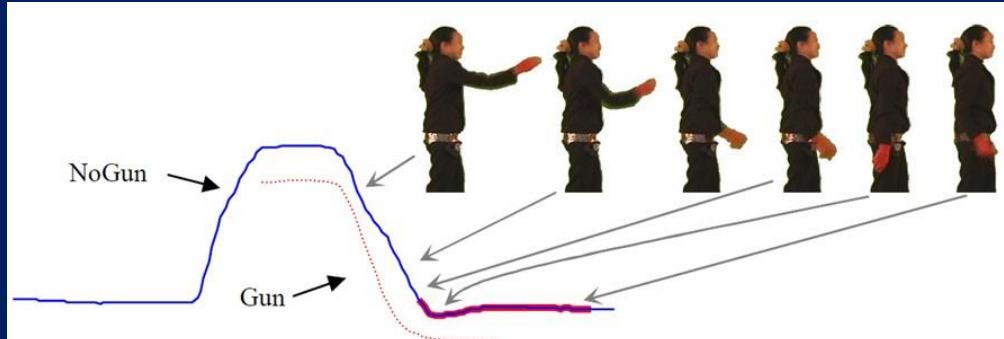
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## ECG, EEG, MEG, EOG

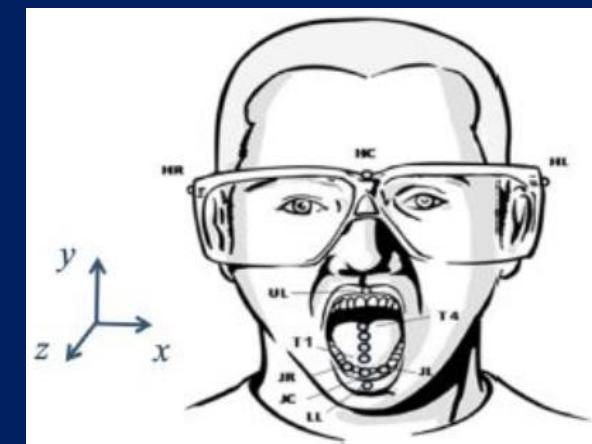
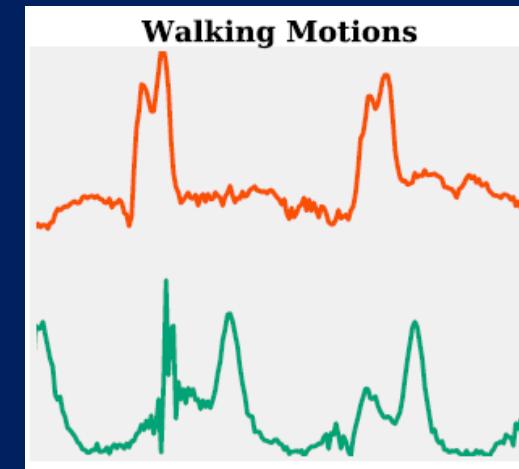
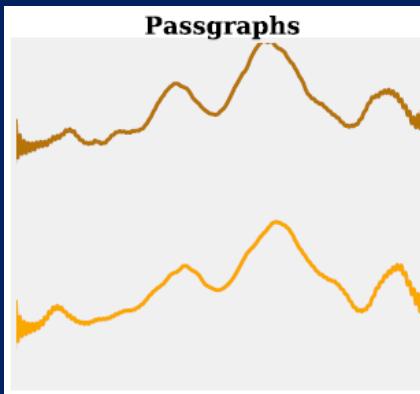


# Human Activity Recognition

Gestures (Uwave), Cricket hand signals, Gun Point, Asphalt road condition, inline skating



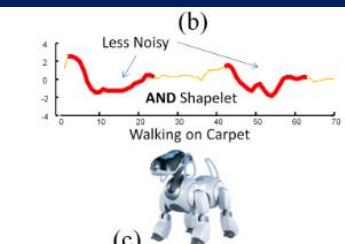
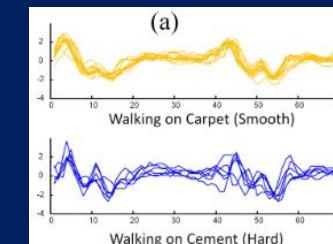
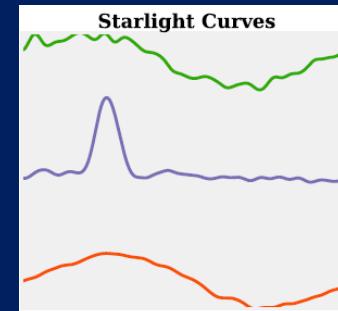
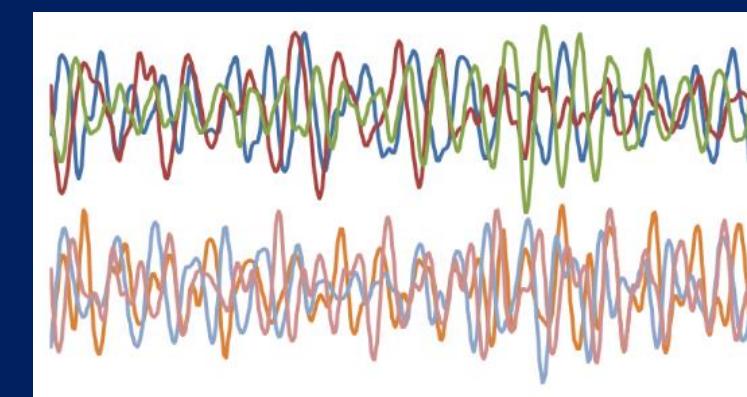
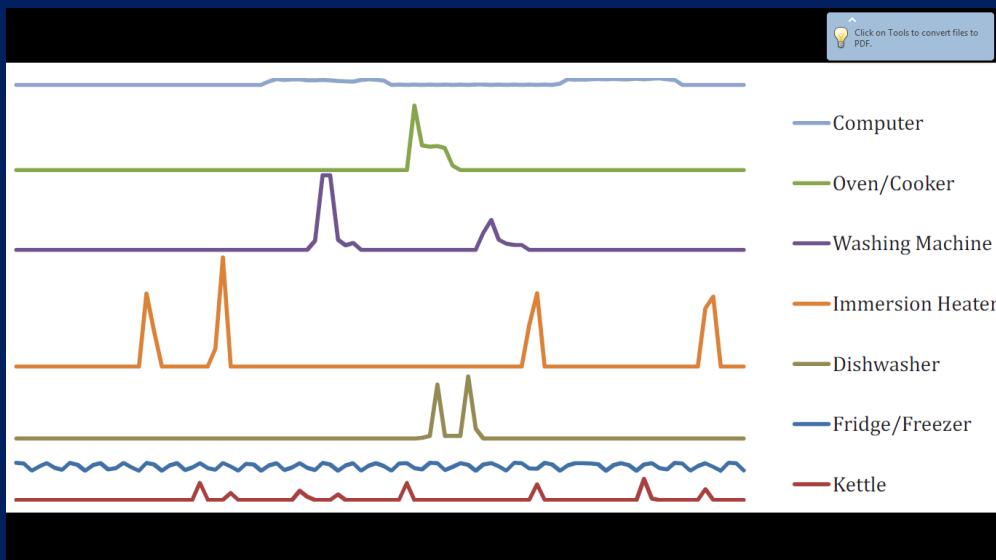
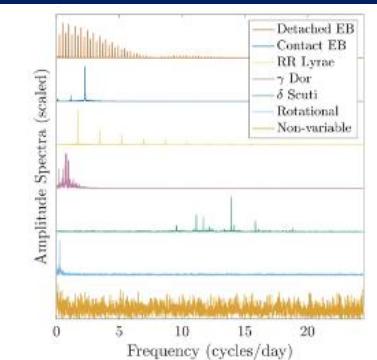
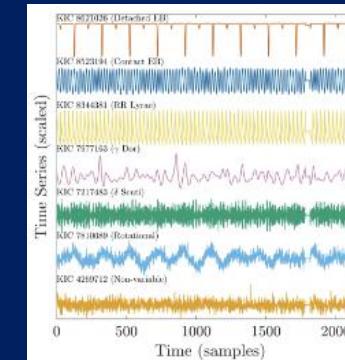
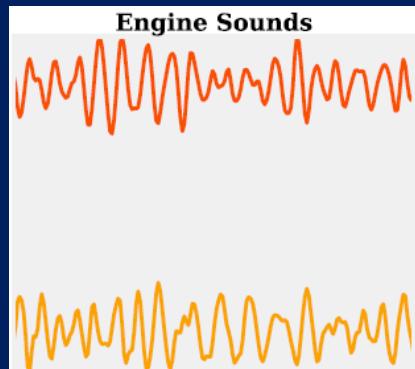
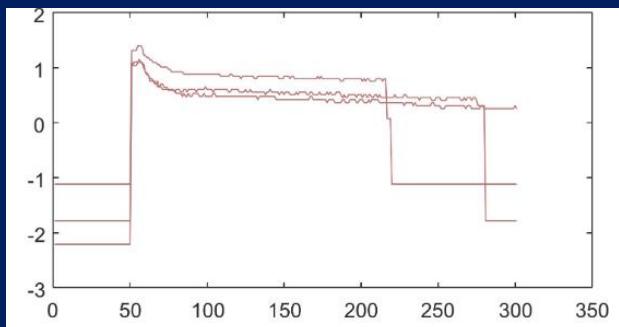
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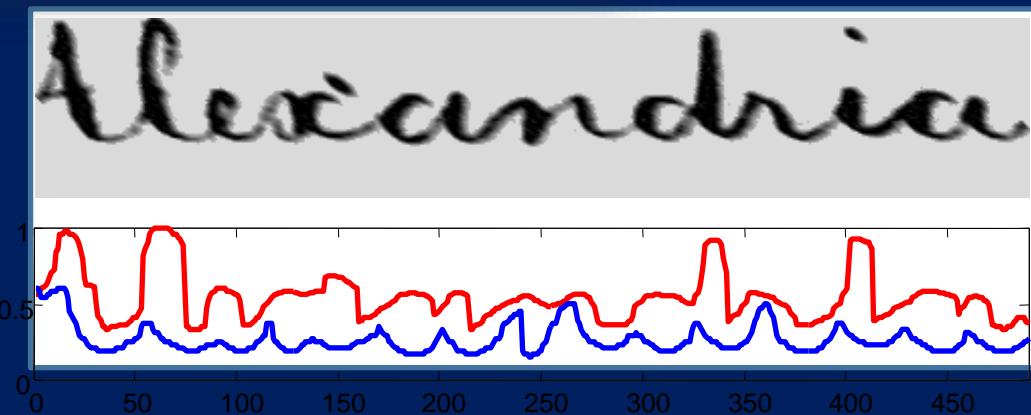
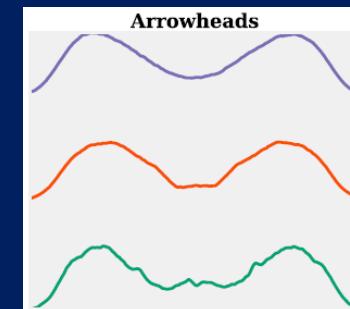
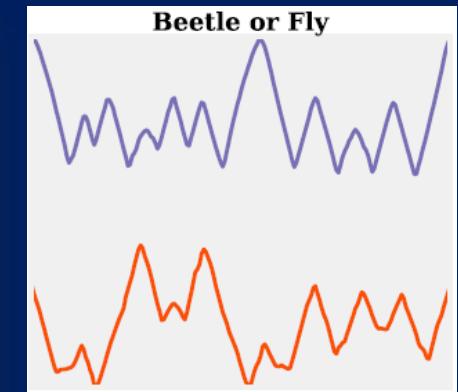
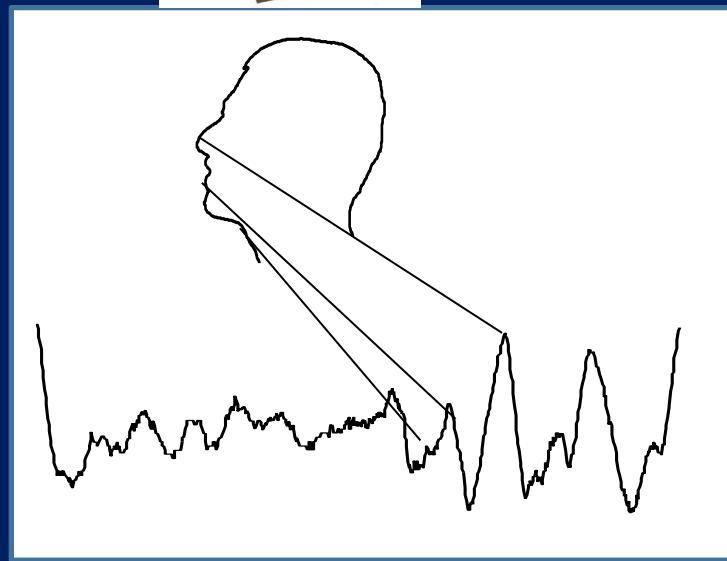
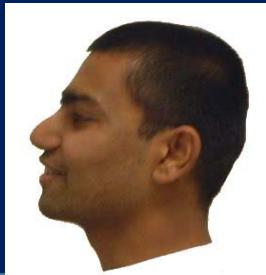
## Car engines, light curves, lightning, electric devices

Insect wing beats, Car Engines, Phonemes (sound), Worm Motion



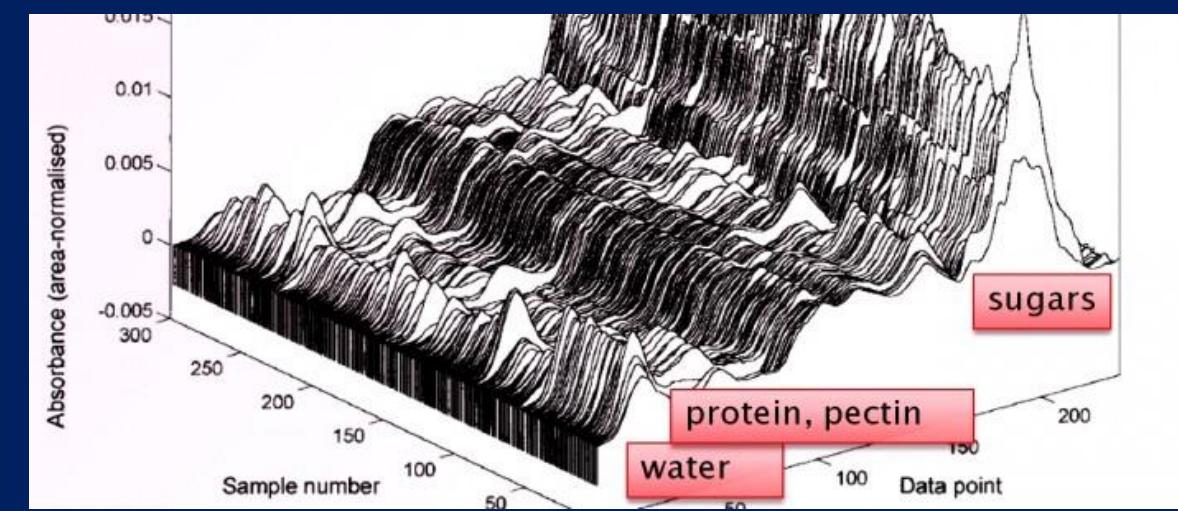
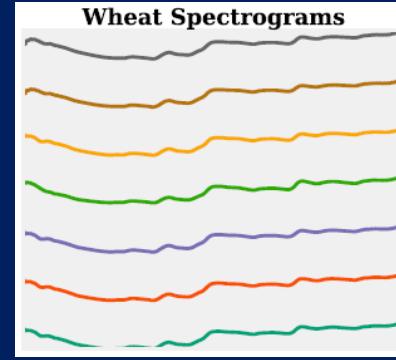
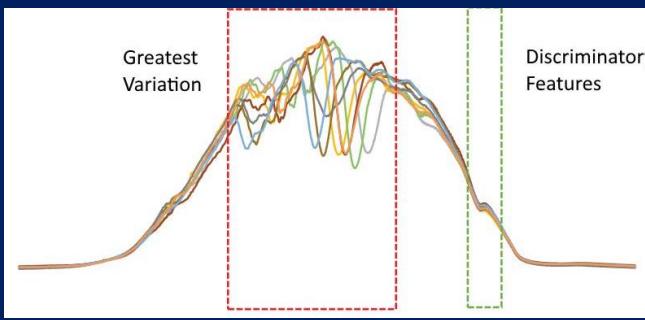
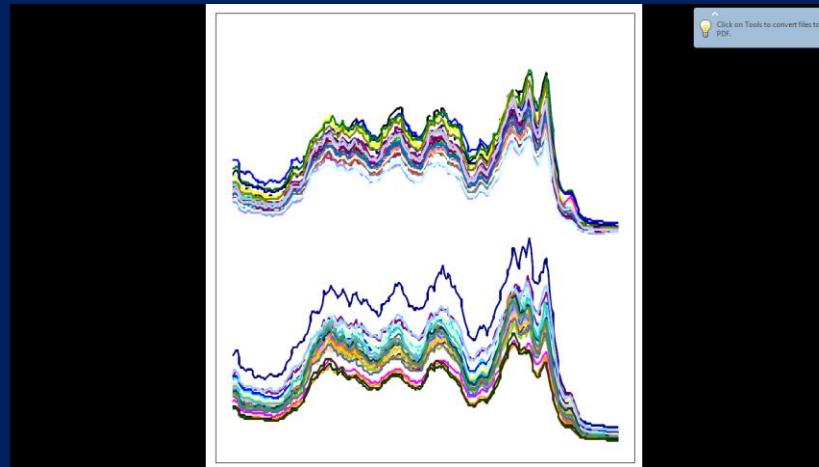
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Hand and bone outlines, Herring Otoliths, Faces, Leaves,  
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Arrow Heads, Yoga, Words/letter, Shapes (MPEG7)

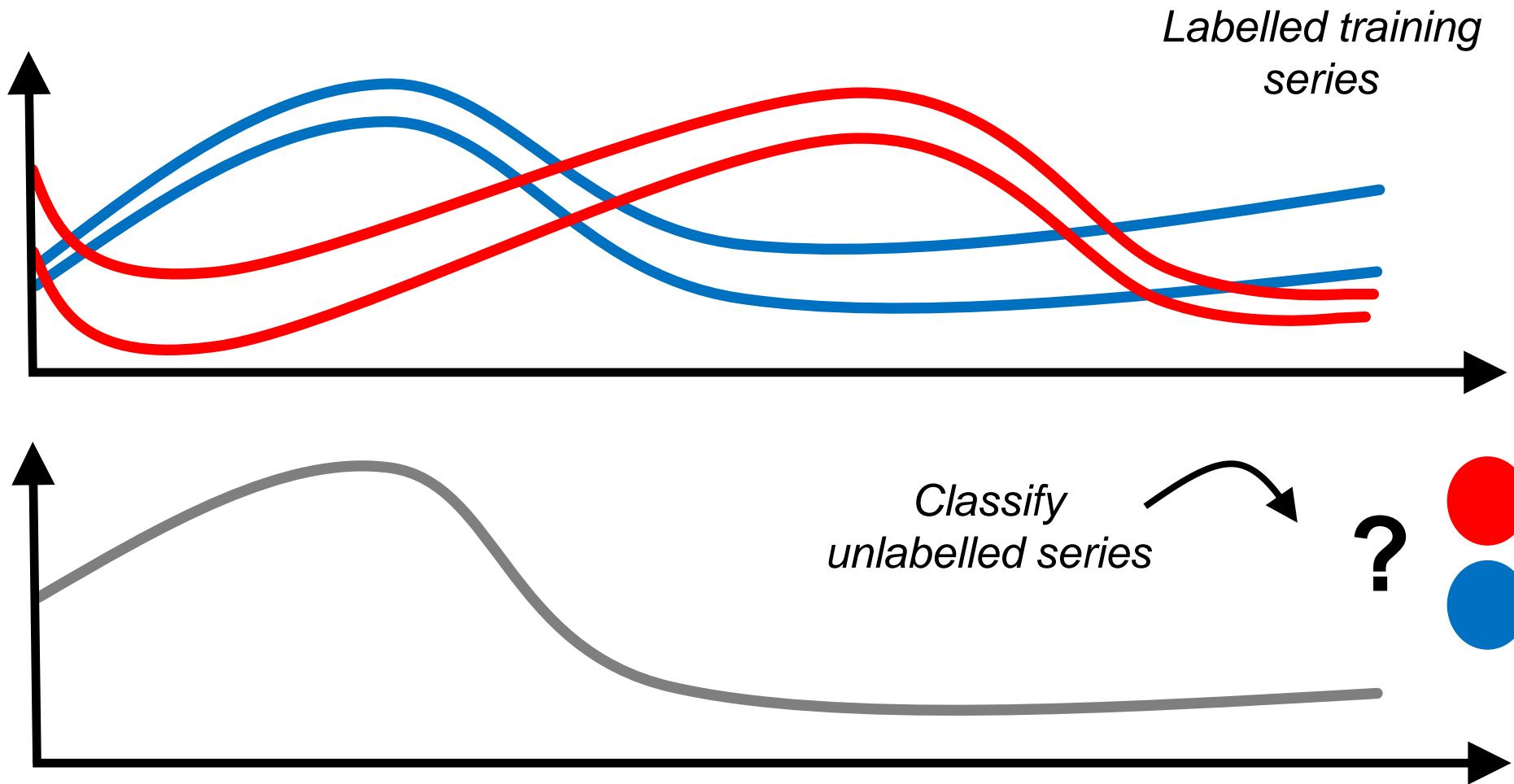


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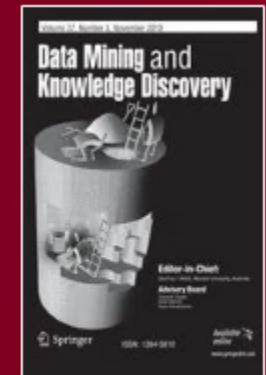
Beef, Coffee, Ham, Meat, Olive Oil,  
Strawberry, Wine, Whisky



# Time Series Classification (TSC)



# The great time series classification bake off: a review and experimental evaluation of recent algorithmic advances



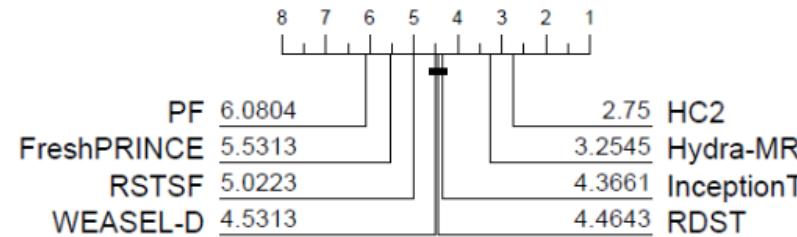
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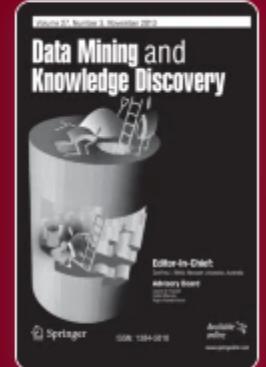
## Deep learning for time series classification: a review

Authors: Hassan Ismail Fawaz, Germain Forestier, Jonathan Weber, Lhassane Idoumghar, Pierre-Alain Muller

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# Bake off redux: a review and experimental evaluation of recent time series classification algorithms



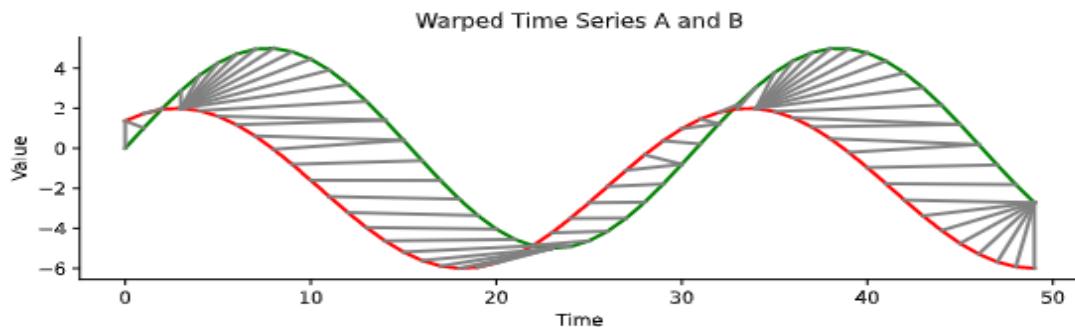
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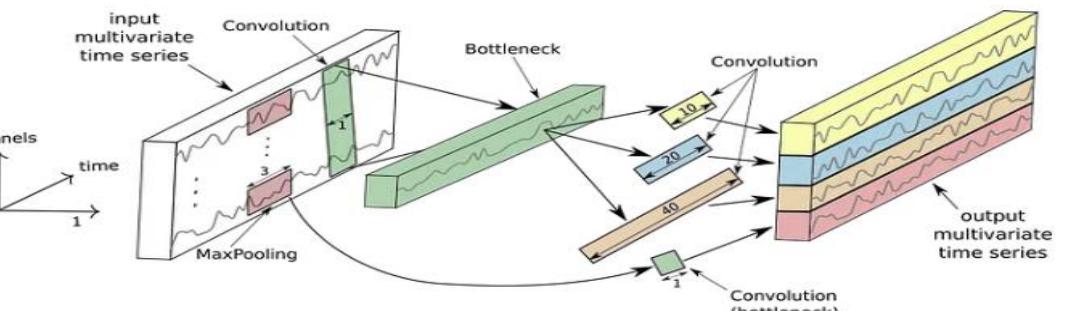
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# Taxonomy of Time Series Classification Algorithms Part I

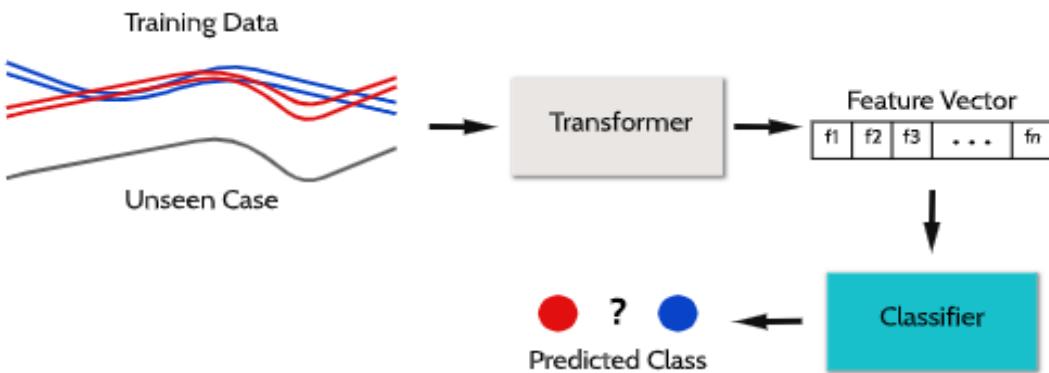
## Distance based



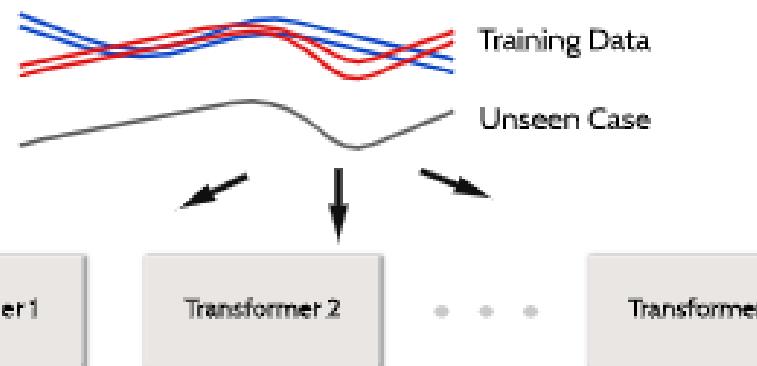
## Deep learning



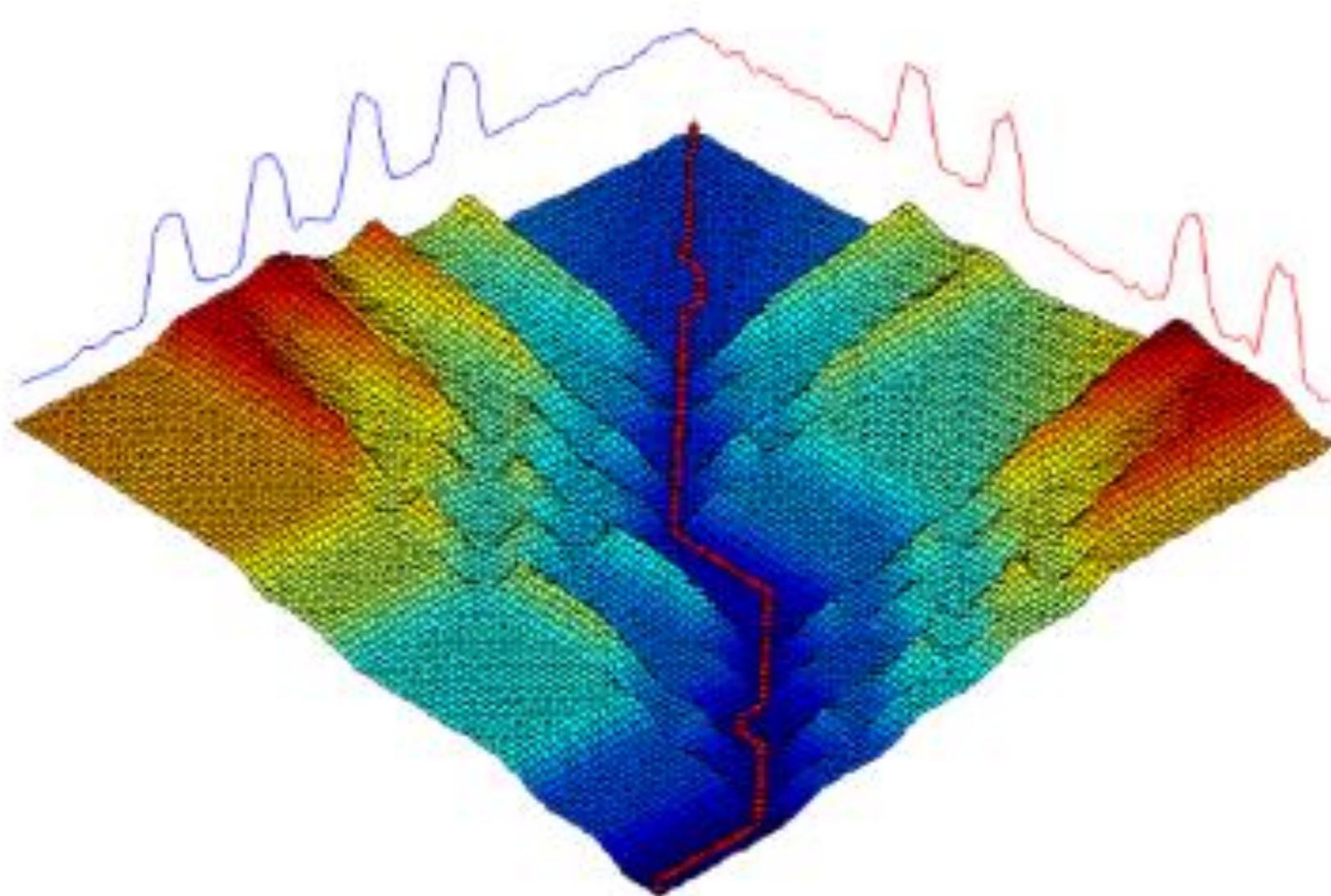
## Feature based



## Interval based



# Distance Based Classifiers



# Distance Based Classifiers

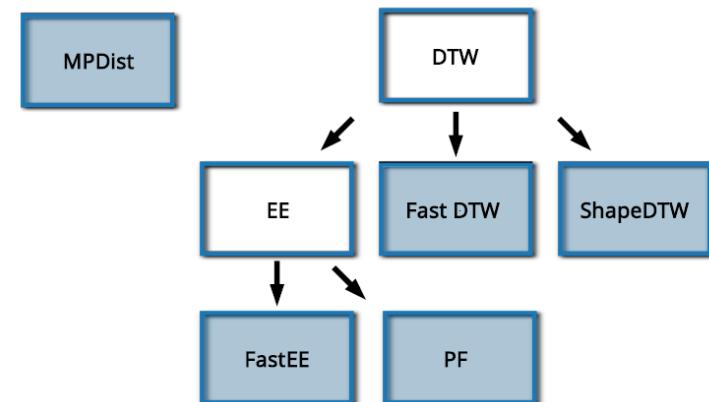
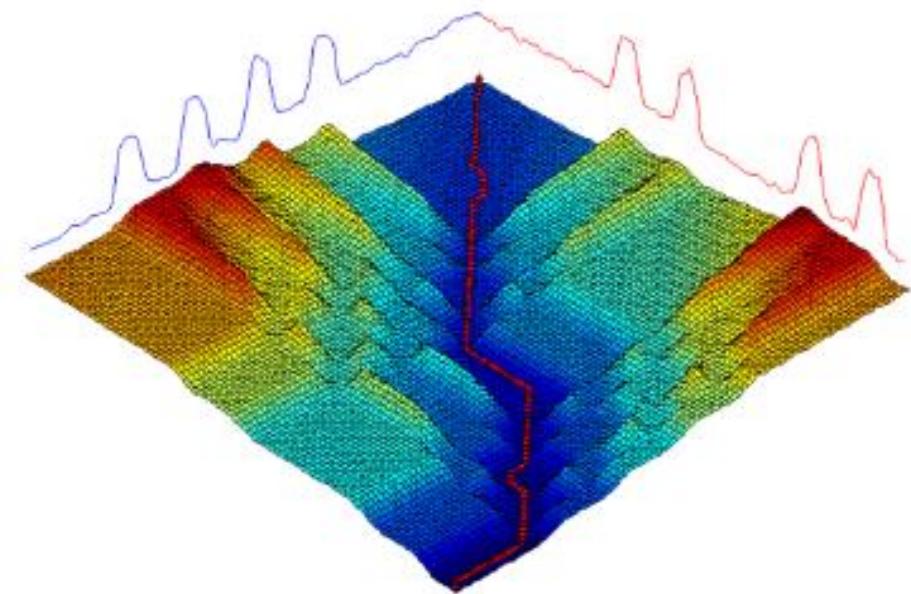
**Algorithm 1** DTW ( $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$ , (both series of length  $m$ ),  $w$  (window proportion, default value  $w \leftarrow 1$ ),  $M$  (pointwise distance matrix))

```
1: Let  $C$  be an  $(m + 1) \times (m + 1)$  matrix initialised to zero, indexed from zero.  
2: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  do  
3:   for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  do  
4:     if  $|i - j| < w \cdot m$  then  
5:        $C_{i,j} \leftarrow M_{i,j} + \min(C_{i-1,j-1}, C_{i-1,j}, C_{i,j-1})$   
return  $C_{m,m}$ 
```

DTW has no explicit penalty for moving off the diagonal.

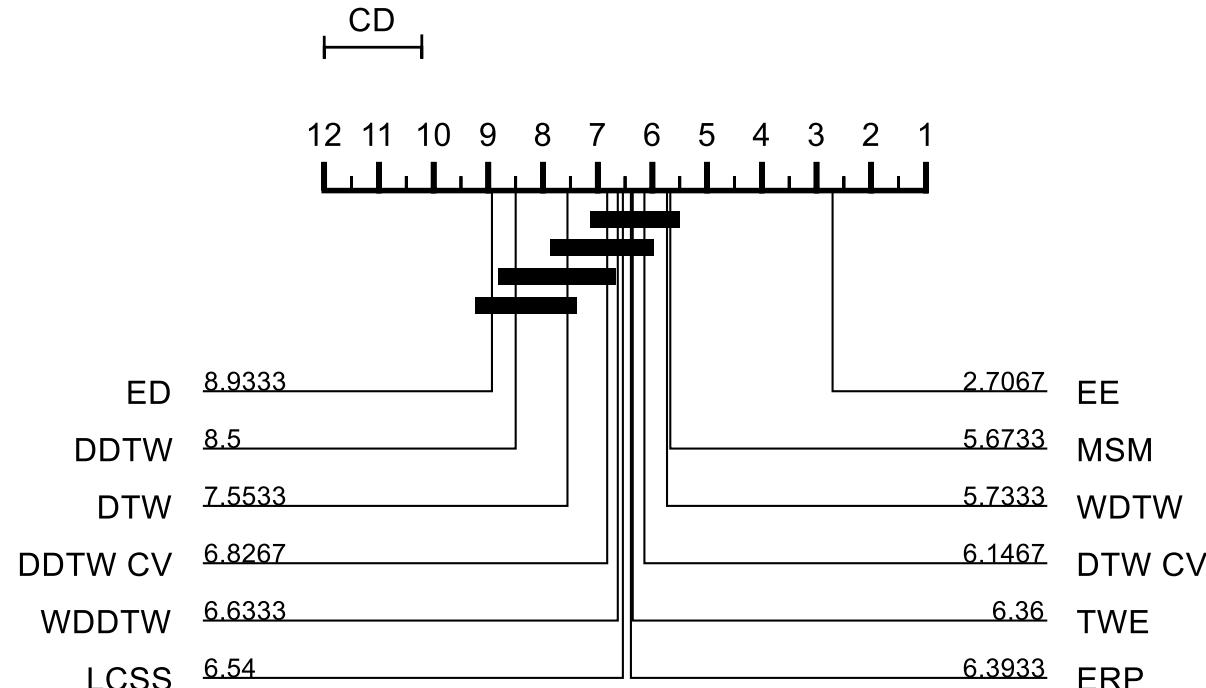
More on distances tomorrow  
when we cover clustering

Distance Based	
DTW	Dynamic Time Warping [Ratanamahatana and Keogh 2005]
Fast DTW	Fast Dynamic Time Warping [Tan et al. 2018]
EE	Elastic Ensemble [Lines and Bagnall 2015]
FastEE	Fast Elastic Ensemble [Oastler and Lines 2019]
PF	Proximity Forest [Lucas et al. 2019]
Shape DTW	Shape based Dynamic Time Warping [Zhao and Itti 2018]
MPDist	Matrix Profile Distance [Gharghabi et al. 2020]



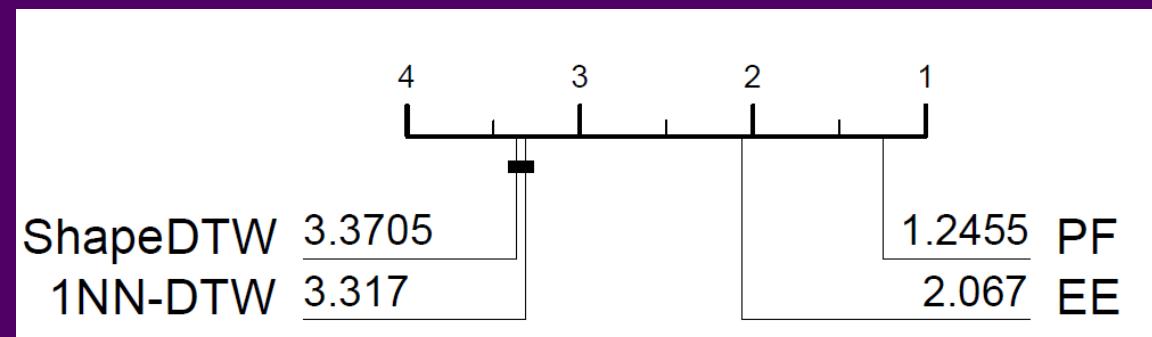
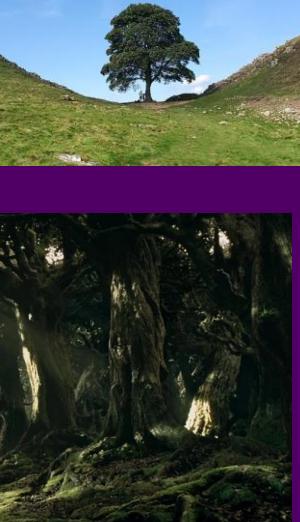
# Elastic Ensemble (EE)

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 DTW (full)  
 DTW (cv wir  
 Derivati  
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 Weighted  
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 Longest  
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 Move-Split-M  
 Time-warp Edit Distance



- Simple and transparent proportional voting scheme
- Constituents weighted by training cross-validation accuracy
- First reported TSC algorithm to **significantly outperform DTW** on the UCR datasets

# Best in class: Proximity Forest (PF)



Published: 06 February 2019

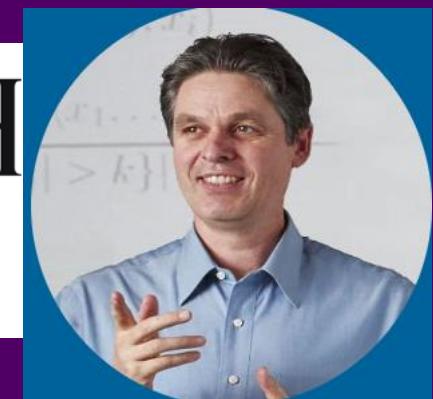
Proximity Forest: an effective and scalable distance-based classifier for time series

Benjamin Lucas , Ahmed Shifaz, Charlotte Pelletier, Lachlan O'Neill, Nayyar Zaidi, Bart Goethals, François Petitjean & Geoffrey I. Webb

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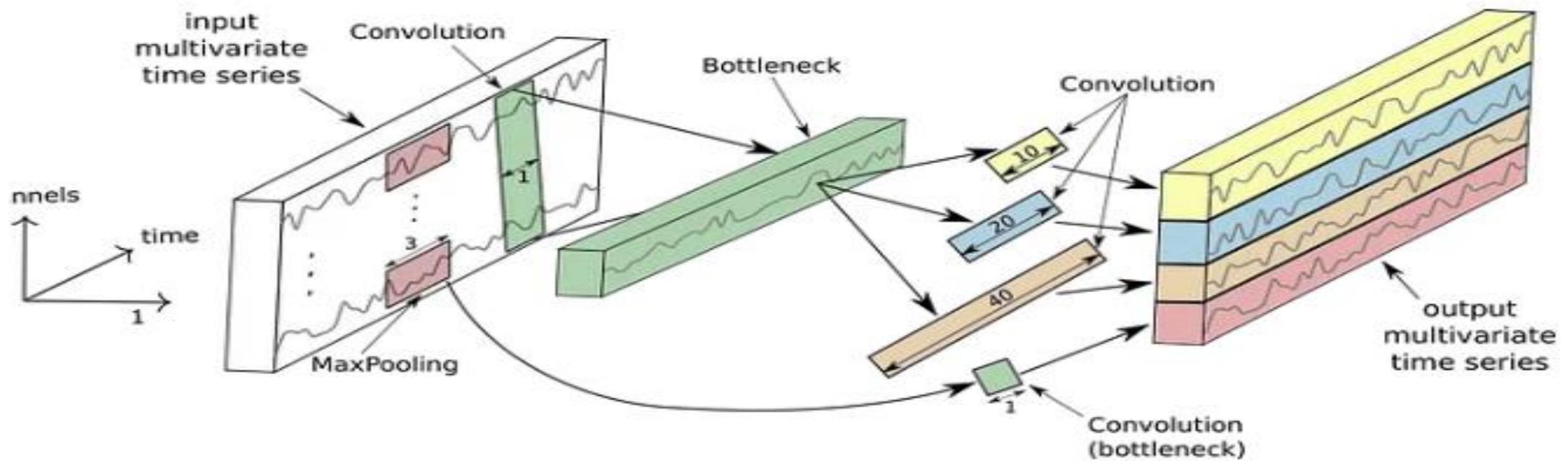
[Submitted on 12 Apr 2023 (v1), last revised 13 Apr 2023 (this version, v2)]

**Proximity Forest 2.0: A new effective and scalable similarity-based classifier for time series**

Matthieu Herrmann, Chang Wei Tan, Mahsa Salehi, Geoffrey I. Webb

We currently only have a Java implementation of PF, we would love to include it in aeon

# Deep Learning Classifiers



# Deep Learning Time Series Classifiers

Name	Year	Code
Disjoint-CNN	2021	y
Inception-FCN	2021	y
KDCTime	2022	n
Multi-Stage-Att	2020	n
CT_CAM	2020	n
CA-SFCN	2020	y
RTFN	2021	n
LAXCAT	2021	n
MACNN	2021	y
T2	2021	y
GTN	2021	y
TRANS	2021	n
FMLA	2022	n
AutoTransformer	2022	n
BENDER	2021	y
TST	2021	y
TARNET	2022	y

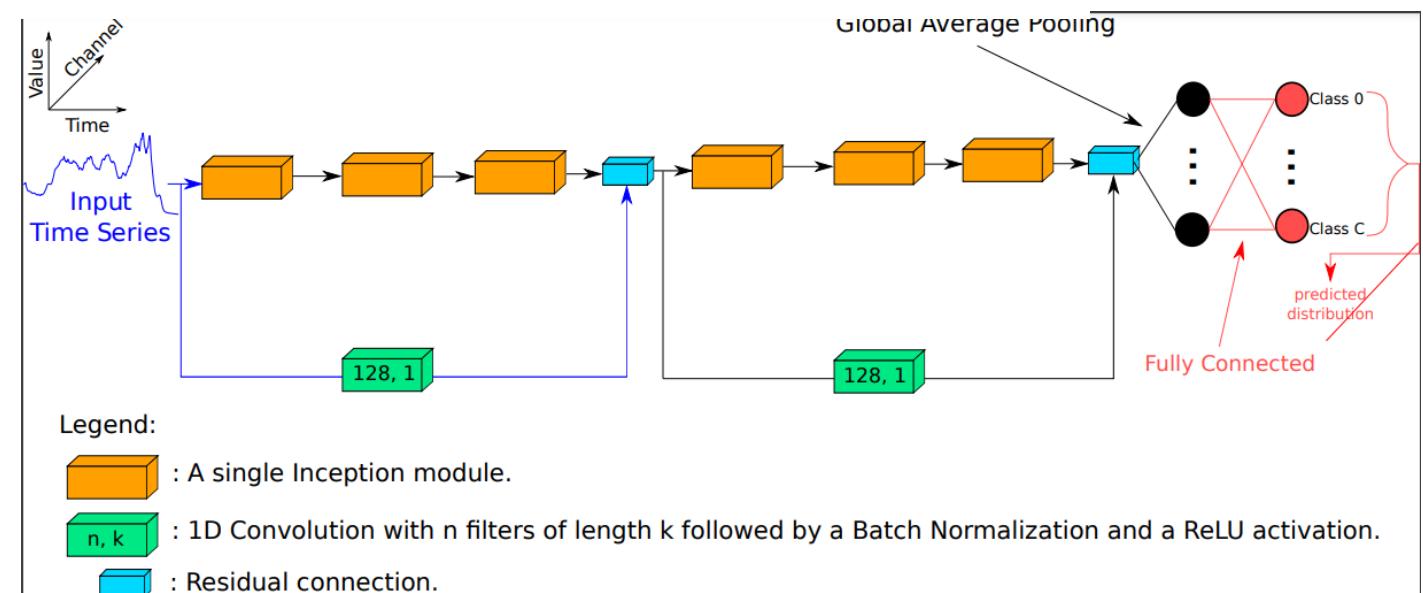
- There has been a huge international research effort to develop deep learners for TSC
- A recent survey references 246 papers, most of which have been published in the last three years.

[Submitted on 6 Feb 2023]

## Deep Learning for Time Series Classification and Extrinsic Regression: A Current Survey

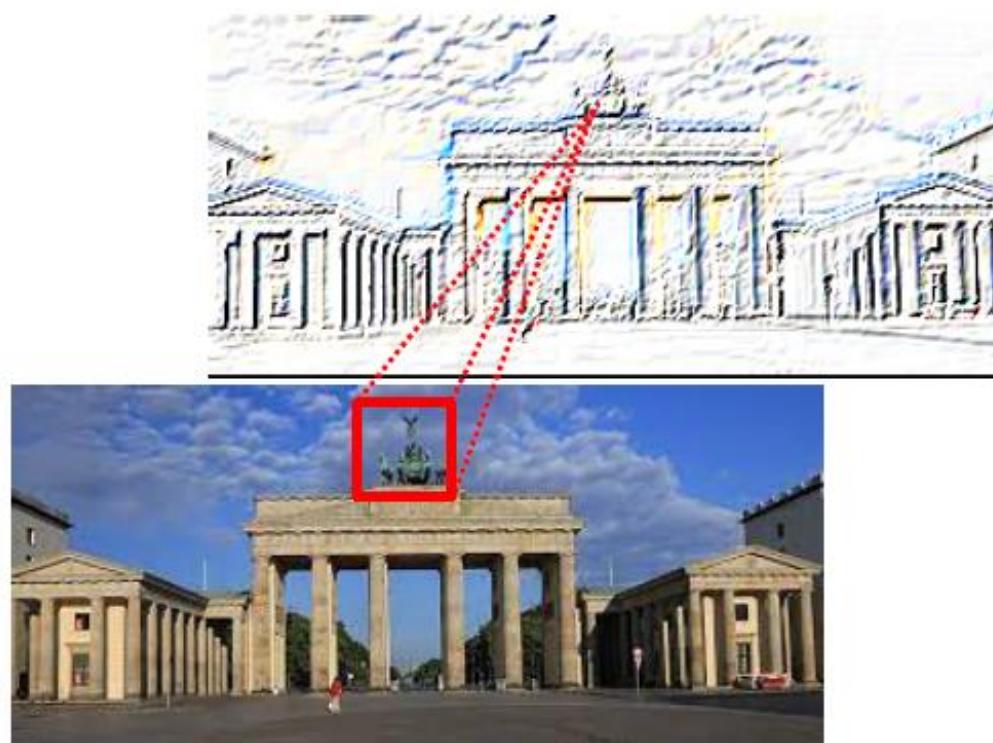
Navid Mohammadi Foumani, Lynn Miller, Chang Wei Tan, Geoffrey I. Webb, Germain Forestier, Mahsa Salehi

Generally poorly evaluated, not reproducible and self referential.

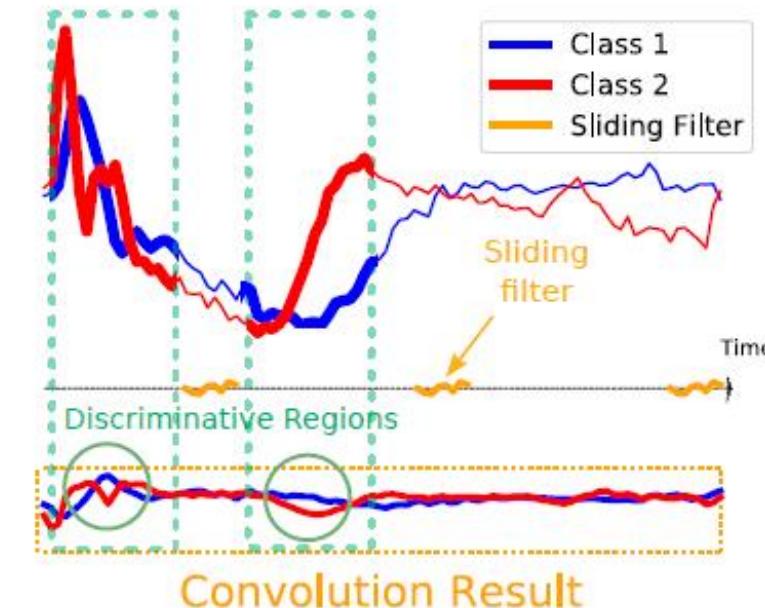


# Convolutions

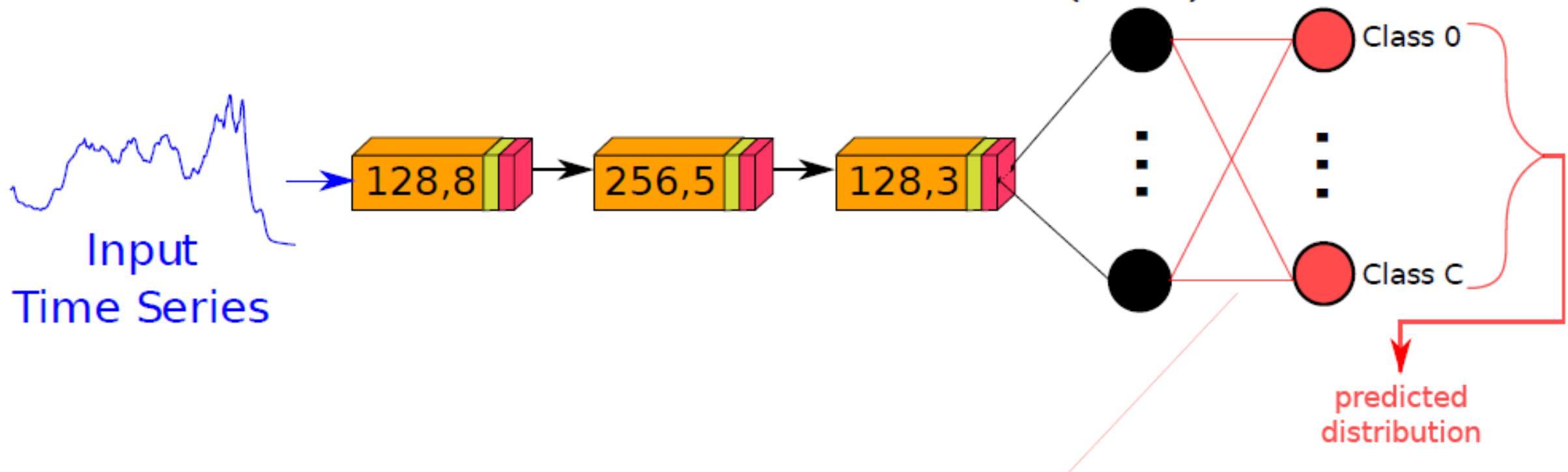
## Convolutions on Images vs Time Series



The result of applying an edge detection convolution on an image



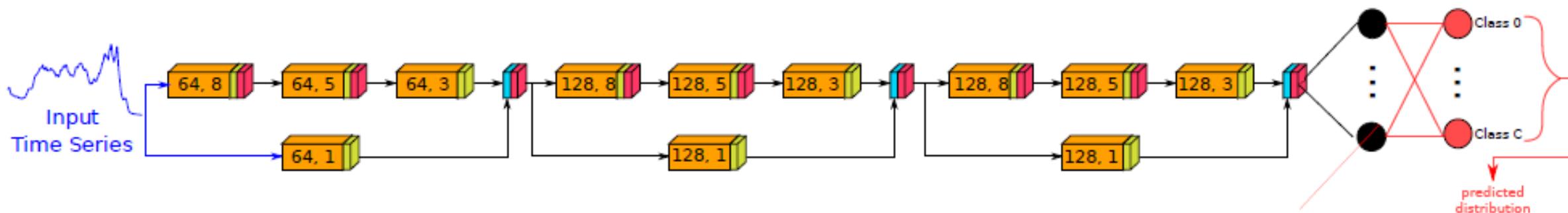
# Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN)



- Wang, Z., Yan, W., & Oates, T. (2017, May). Time series classification from scratch with deep neural networks: A strong baseline. In 2017 International joint conference on neural networks (IJCNN) (pp. 1578-1585). IEEE.

: 1D convolution layer with n filters of size k.  
 : batch normalization.  
 : activation  
 : element-wise addition.  
— : fully Connected.  
— : 1D global average pooling

## Residual Network (ResNet)



- █ Wang, Z., Yan, W., & Oates, T. (2017, May). Time series classification from scratch with deep neural networks: A strong baseline. In 2017 International joint conference on neural networks (IJCNN) (pp. 1578-1585). IEEE.

## Inception

- ▶ Originally proposed by Google for image recognition problems [1]
- ▶ Further developed to reach state-of-the-art results on ImageNet [2]

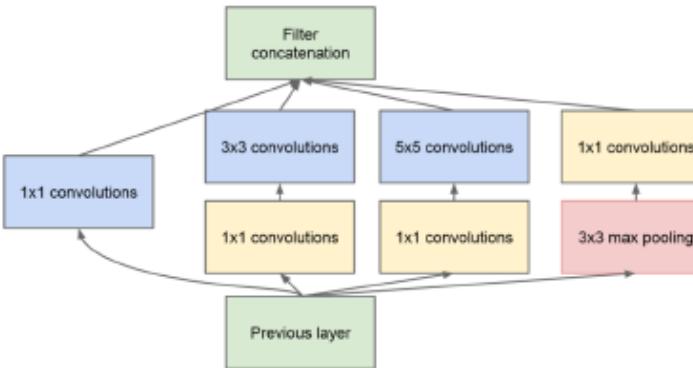


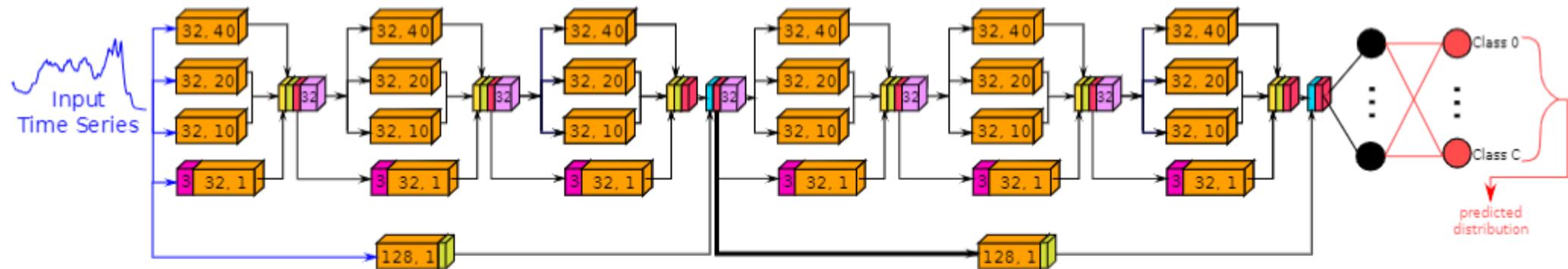
Figure: Inception module for image recognition [1]

- ❑ [1] Szegedy, C., Liu, W., Jia, Y., Sermanet, P., Reed, S., Anguelov, D., ... & Rabinovich, A. (2015). Going deeper with convolutions. In Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (pp. 1-9).
- ❑ [2] Szegedy, C., Vanhoucke, V., Ioffe, S., Shlens, J., & Wojna, Z. (2016). Rethinking the inception architecture for computer vision. In Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (pp. 2818-2826).

# Inception Time

 : 1D convolution layer with n filters of size k.  : batch normalization.  : activation — : 1D global average pooling  
 : element-wise addition.  : 1D max pooling layer with kernel size k  : Bottleneck: 1D convolution layer with n filters of size 1 — : fully Connected.

## Inception architecture for TSC

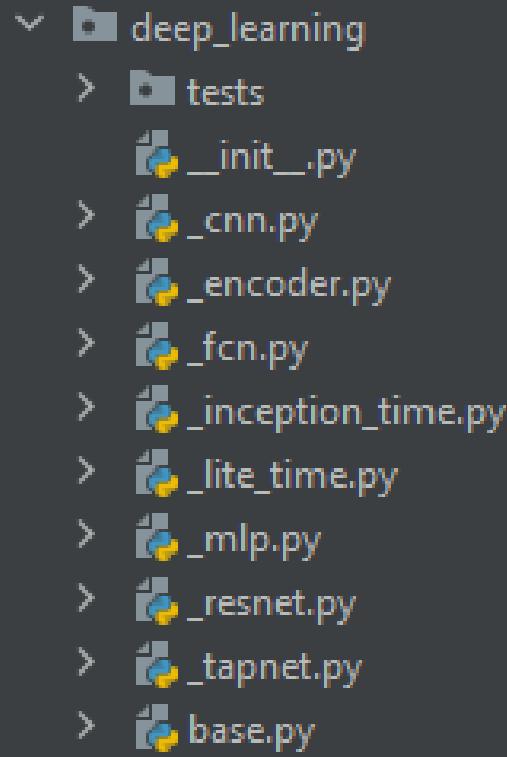


- Ismail Fawaz, Hassan, et al. "Inceptiontime: Finding alexnet for time series classification." Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery 34.6 (2020): 1936-1962.

# Inception Time

- Inception time is an ensemble of five inception modules
- An inception module is built up of convolutional layers
- It apply convolutions of different resolutions to capture various patterns
- Use a bottleneck layer in order to reduce the number of parameters

# Inception Time Implementation



```
from aeon.datasets import load_basic_motions, load_gunpoint
from aeon.classification.deep_learning import InceptionTimeClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
X_train, y_train = load_basic_motions(split="train")
X_test, y_test = load_basic_motions(split="test")

clf = InceptionTimeClassifier()
clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
print("accuracy =", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
```

# Inception Time Implementation



# Inception Time inception module

```
for i in range(len(kernel_size_s)):  
    conv_list.append(  
        tf.keras.layers.Conv1D(  
            filters=n_filters,  
            kernel_size=kernel_size_s[i],  
            strides=strides,  
            dilation_rate=dilation_rate,  
            padding=padding,  
            activation="linear",  
            use_bias=use_bias,  
        )(input_inception)  
    )  
  
if use_max_pooling:  
    max_pool_1 = tf.keras.layers.MaxPool1D(  
        pool_size=max_pool_size, strides=strides, padding=padding  
    )(input_tensor)  
  
    conv_max_pool = tf.keras.layers.Conv1D(  
        filters=n_filters,  
        kernel_size=1,  
        padding=padding,  
        activation="linear",  
        use_bias=use_bias,  
    )(max_pool_1)  
  
    conv_list.append(conv_max_pool)
```

```
x = tf.keras.layers.concatenate(axis=2)(conv_list)  
x = tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization()(x)  
x = tf.keras.layers.Activation(activation=activation)(x)
```

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```
def build_network(self, input_shape, **kwargs):  
    """  
    Construct a network and return its input and output layers.
```

*input\_shape : tuple*  
The shape of the data fed into the input layer

*Returns*

-----  
*input\_layer : a keras layer*  
*output\_layer : a keras layer*  
"""

# Inception Time Classifier

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```
def _fit(self, X, y):
    """
    Fit the classifier on the training set (X, y).
    
```

Parameters

-----  
*X* : np.ndarray  
The training input samples of,  
shape (*n\_cases*, *n\_channels*, *n\_timepoints*).  
If a 2D array-like is passed, *n\_channels* is assumed to be 1.  
*y* : np.ndarray  
The training data class labels of shape (*n\_cases*,).

Returns

-----  
*self* : object  
"""

```
def build_model(self, input_shape, n_classes, **kwargs):
    """
    Construct a compiled, un-trained, keras model that is ready for training.
    
```

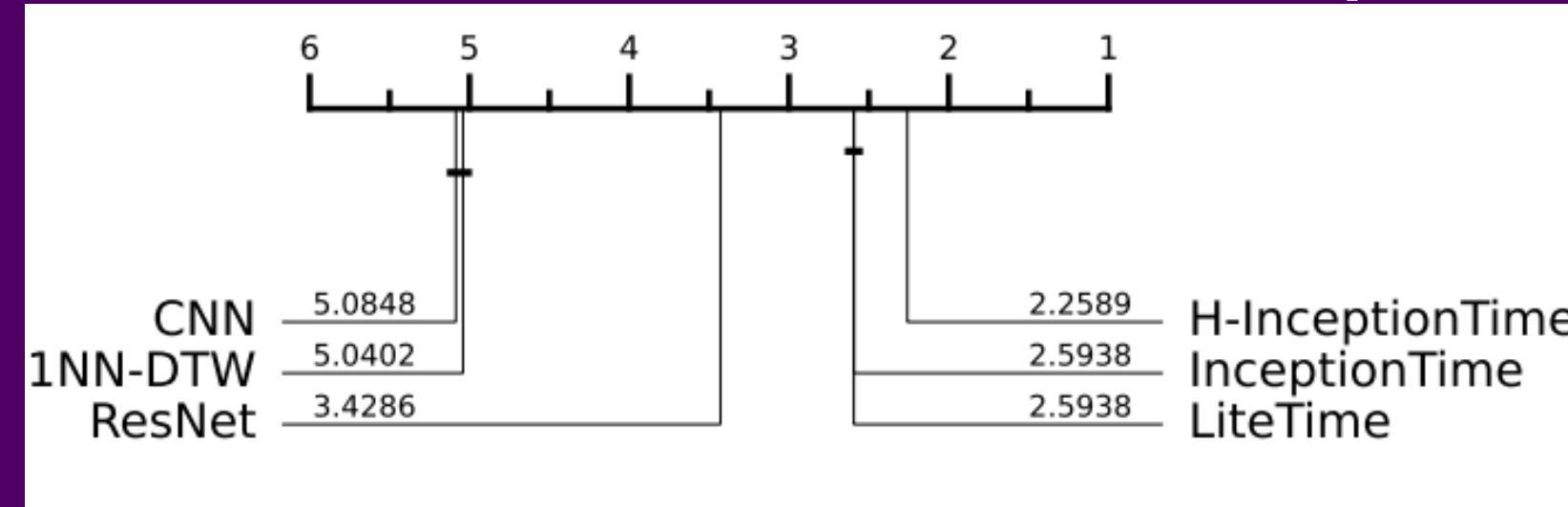
Parameters

-----  
*input\_shape* : tuple  
The shape of the data fed into the input layer  
*n\_classes*: int  
The number of classes, which shall become the size of the output  
layer

Returns

-----  
*output* : a compiled Keras Model  
"""

# Best in class: H-InceptionTime



InceptionTime is an ensemble of inception based deep learners

H-InceptionTime adds some time series specific features



Published: 07 September 2020

InceptionTime: Finding AlexNet for time series classification

Hassan Ismail Fawaz , Benjamin Lucas, Germain Forestier, Charlotte Pelletier, Daniel F. Schmidt, Jonathan Weber, Geoffrey I. Webb, Lhassane Idoumghar, Pierre-Alain Muller & François Petitjean

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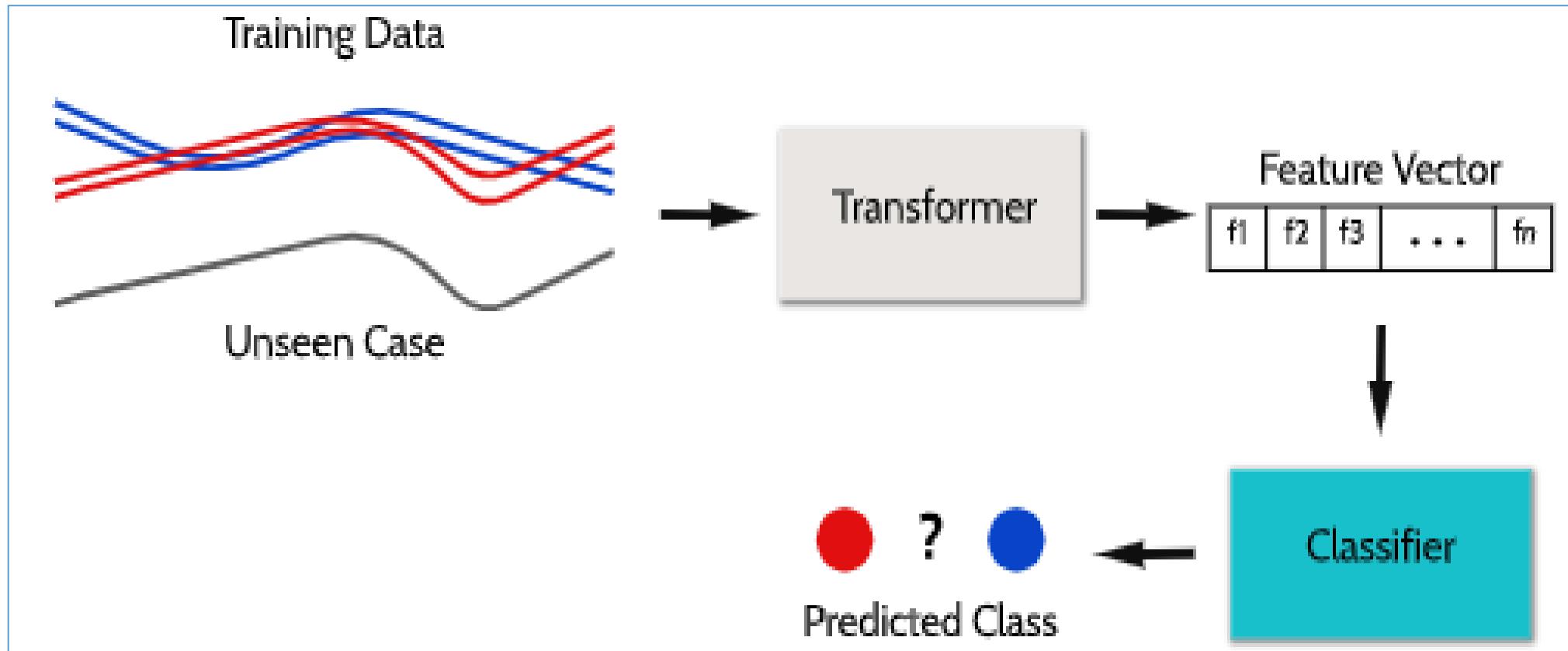
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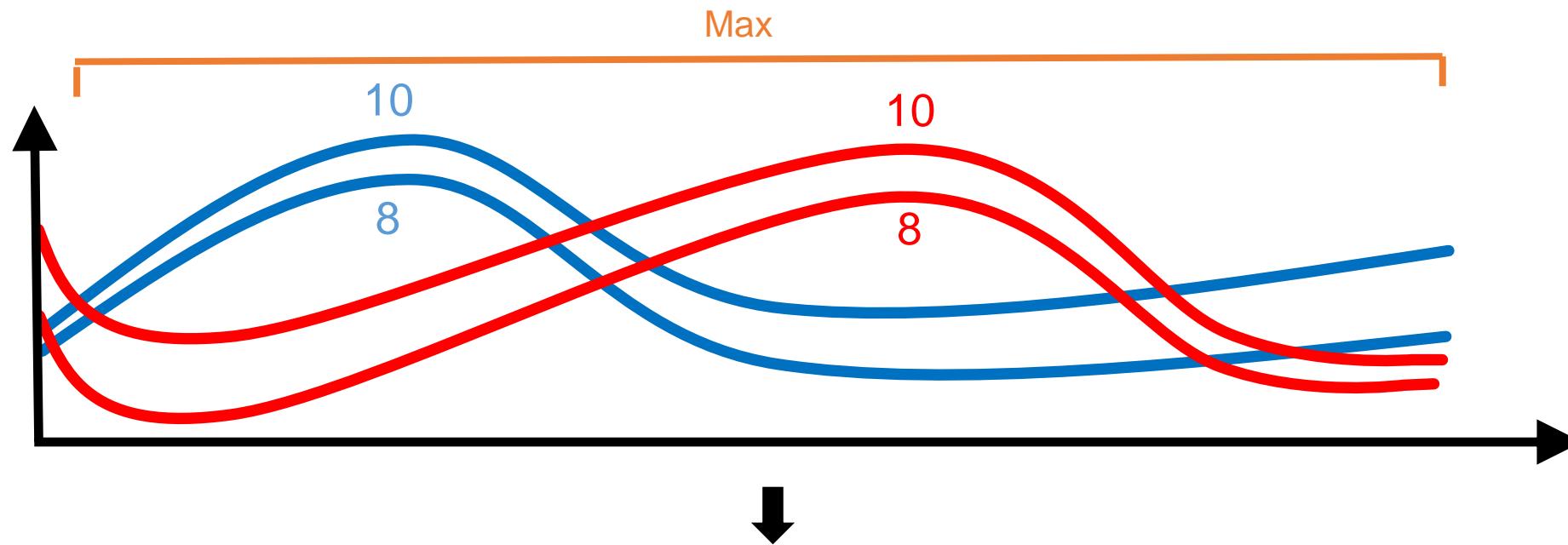
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# Feature Based Pipelines



# Time Series Feature Extraction



Max	Min	...	Mean	Class
10	3	...	5	Blue
8	2	...	4	Blue
10	2	...	5	Red
8	1	...	4	Red

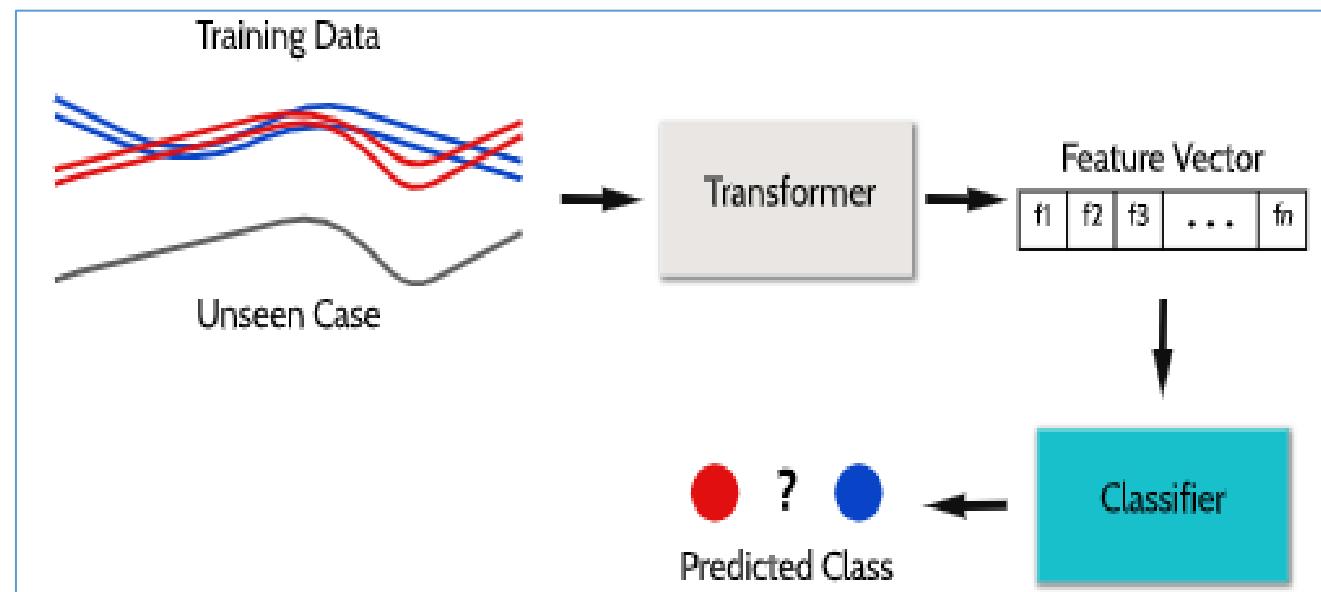
# Feature Based Pipelines

The simplest transformation based approach is to create summary features then use a standard classifier

There are many toolkits that create summary features



MatrixProfile



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Explanatory Transformations	
hctsa	Highly Comparative Time-series Analysis [Fulcher and Jones 2017]
catch22	Canonical Time Series Characteristics [Lubba et al. 2019]
tsfresh	TS Feature Extraction based on Scalable Hypothesis Tests [Christ et al. 2018]
FreshPRINCE	Fresh Pipeline with Rotation Forest Classifier [Middlehurst and Bagnall 2022]
Signatures	Generalised Rough Path Signatures [Morrill et al. 2020]
MP	Matrix Profile Transform [Yeh et al. 2018]

# Summary Statistic Collections

## Highly Comparative Time-Series Analysis (hctsa)

Over 7700 features.

Implemented in MATLAB.

<https://github.com/benfulcher/hctsa>

## Canonical Time-series Characteristics (Catch22)

22 features.

Implemented in C. Subset of hctsa.

<https://github.com/chlubba/catch22>

## Time Series Feature extraction based on scalable hypothesis tests (TSFresh)

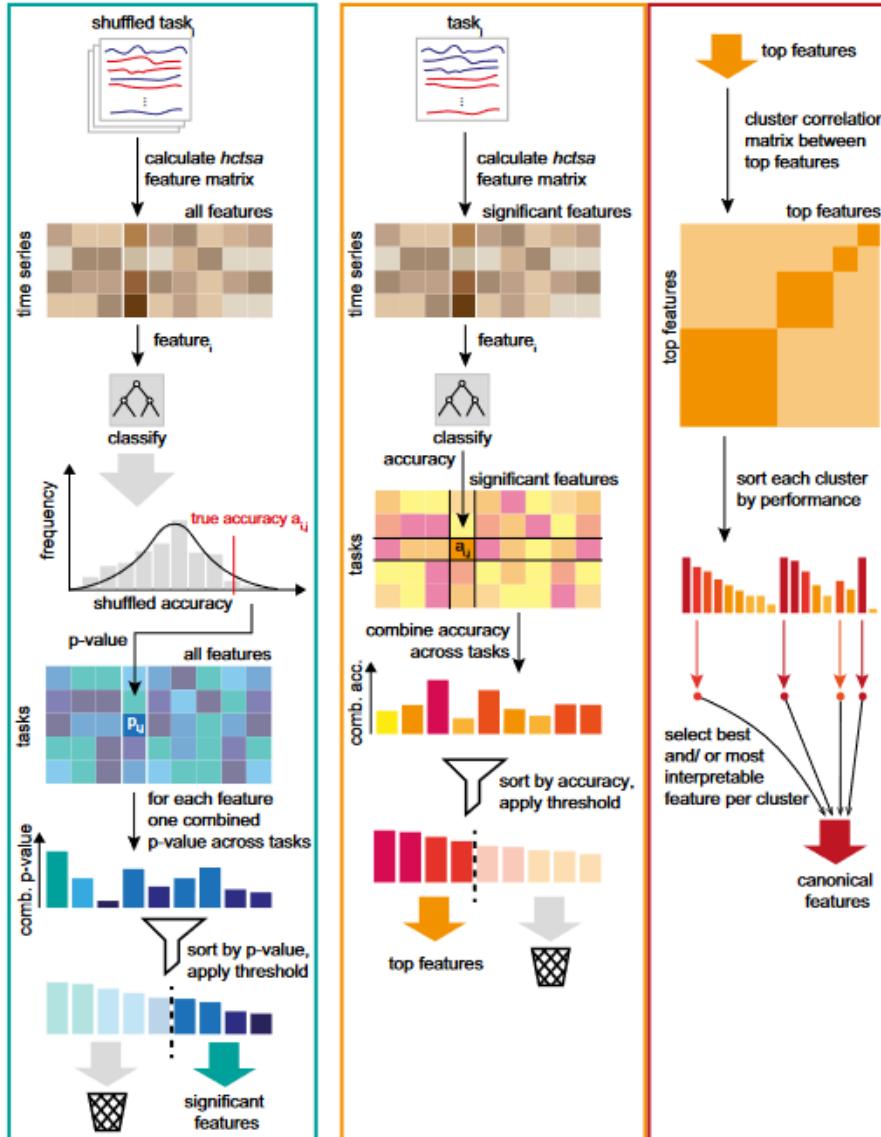
Just under 800 features.

Implemented in Python.

<https://github.com/blue-yonder/tsfresh>



# Canonical Time-series Characteristics (catch22)



7658 features filtered down to 22 using a 3 step process:

1. Remove features that perform worse than random chance
2. Sort by balanced accuracy, remove using a threshold
3. Cluster remaining features, select a feature from each cluster for accuracy, speed and interpretability

Figure of the catch22 filtering process from: Lubba, Carl H., et al. "catch22: CAnonical Time-series CCharacteristics." *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery* 33.6 (2019): 1821-1852.

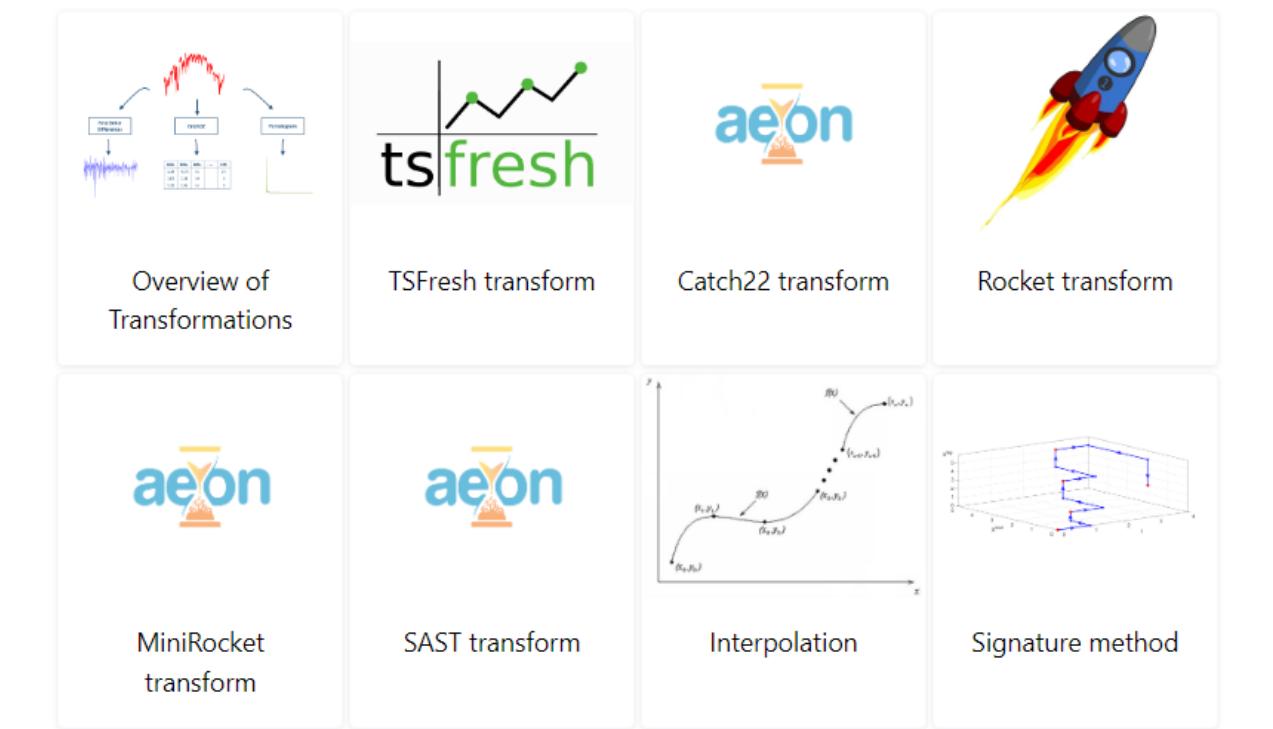
# Examples of Complex Summary Statistic

- **SB\_BinaryStats\_mean\_longstretch1** - Longest period of consecutive values above the mean.
- **Linear\_trend\_timewise** - Calculate a linear least-squares regression for the values of the time series versus the sequence from 0 to length of the time series minus one.
- **SP\_Summaries\_welch\_rect\_area\_5\_1** - Total power in lowest fifth of frequencies in the Fourier power spectrum.
- **Matrix\_profile\_mean** – Calculate the 1-D matrix profile and return the mean of it.

# aeon feature based transformers

<https://www.aeon-toolkit.org/en/stable/examples.html>

## Transformation



## The Canonical Time-series Characteristics (catch22) transform

catch22[1] is a collection of 22 time series features extracted from the 7000+ present in the *htsfa* [2][3] toolbox. A hierarchical clustering was performed on the correlation matrix of features that performed better than random chance to remove redundancy. These clusters were sorted by balanced accuracy using a decision tree classifier and a single feature was selected from the 22 clusters formed, taking into account balanced accuracy results, computational efficiency and interpretability.

In this notebook, we will demonstrate how to use the catch22 transformer on the ItalyPowerDemand univariate and BasicMotions multivariate datasets. We also show catch22 used for classification with a random forest classifier.

## References:

- [1] Lubba, C. H., Sethi, S. S., Knaute, P., Schultz, S. R., Fulcher, B. D., & Jones, N. S. (2019). catch22: CAnonical Time-series CCharacteristics. Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, 33(6), 1821-1852.
- [2] Fulcher, B. D., & Jones, N. S. (2017). htsfa: A computational framework for automated time-series phenotyping using massive feature extraction. Cell systems, 5(5), 527-531.
- [3] Fulcher, B. D., Little, M. A., & Jones, N. S. (2013). Highly comparative time-series analysis: the empirical structure of time series and their methods. Journal of the Royal Society Interface, 10(83), 20130048.

## 1. Imports

```
[18]: from sklearn import metrics  
  
from aeon.classification.feature_based import Catch22Classifier  
from aeon.datasets import load_basic_motions, load_italy_power_demand  
from aeon.transformations.collection.feature_based import Catch22
```

## 2. Load data

```
[19]: IPD_X_train, IPD_y_train = load_italy_power_demand(split="train")  
IPD_X_test, IPD_y_test = load_italy_power_demand(split="test")  
IPD_X_test = IPD_X_test[:50]  
IPD_y_test = IPD_y_test[:50]  
  
print(IPD_X_train.shape, IPD_y_train.shape, IPD_X_test.shape, IPD_y_test.shape)  
  
BM_X_train, BM_y_train = load_basic_motions(split="train")  
BM_X_test, BM_y_test = load_basic_motions(  
    split="test",  
)
```

# Using Transformers

```
import numpy as np
from aeon.transformations.collection.feature_based import
TSFreshFeatureExtractor, \
    Catch22, TSFreshRelevantFeatureExtractor,
SevenNumberSummaryTransformer
# 50 univariate time series with and 300 time points
X = np.random.random((50, 1, 300))
ts_fresh = TSFreshFeatureExtractor()
c22 = Catch22()
stats = SevenNumberSummaryTransformer()
catch22 = Catch22()
X2 = ts_fresh.fit_transform(X)
X3 = c22.fit_transform(X)
X4 = stats.fit_transform(X)
print(X2.shape)
print(X3.shape)
print(X4.shape)
```

We store collections of time series in  
numpy arrays shape  
**(n\_cases, n\_channels, n\_timepoints)**

```
Python 3.9.9 (tags/v3.9.9:ccb0e6a,  
(50, 777)  
(50, 22)  
(50, 7)
```

# Classification pipelines

You can use these transformers with an sklearn pipeline and sklearn classifier

```
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

from aeon.datasets import load_italy_power_demand
pipe= make_pipeline(TSFreshFeatureExtractor(),
RandomForestClassifier())
trainX, trainy= load_italy_power_demand(split="train")
testX, testy= load_italy_power_demand(split="test")
pipe.fit(trainX, trainy)
pred = pipe.predict(testX)
print("accuracy =",accuracy_score(testy, pred))    accuracy = 0.9582118561710399
```

# The FreshPRINCE: A Simple Transformation Based Pipeline Time Series Classifier

Conference paper | First Online: 29 May 2022

pp 150–161 | Cite this conference paper

Compared six different transformers with three different classifiers on the 112 UCR data

**Transformers:** Summary, PCA, Signature, RandomInterval, Catch22, TSFresh

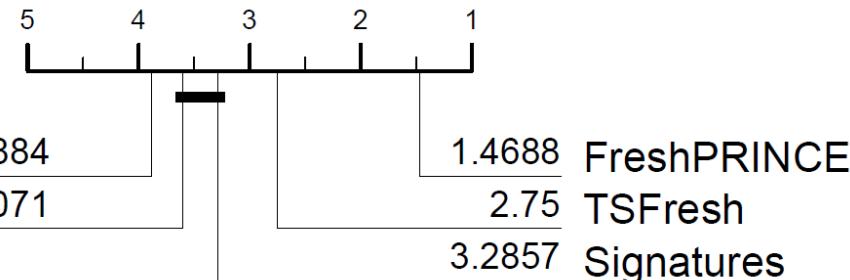
Classifiers:

- Rotation Forest (RotF) – Base classifier of STC, generally good with numeric data.
- Cross-validated Ridge Regression (RidgeCV) – commonly used base classifier.
- XGBoost – popular in certain domains

Best performing was

```
from aeon.transformations.collection.feature_based import TSFreshFeatureExtractor  
from aeon.classification.sklearn import RotationForestClassifier  
pipe = make_pipeline(TSFreshFeatureExtractor(), RotationForestClassifier())
```

# Best in class: FreshPRINCE



The FreshPRINCE: A Simple Transformation Based Pipeline Time Series Classifier

Authors: [Matthew Middlehurst](#), [Anthony Bagnall](#) [Authors Info & Claims](#)

Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence: Third International Conference, ICPRAI 2022, Paris, France, June 1–3, 2022, Proceedings, Part II • Jun 2022 • Pages 150–161 • [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-09282-4\\_13](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-09282-4_13)

The FreshPRINCE is a pipeline classifier combining TSFresh and the RotationForest classifier (FreshPRINCE).



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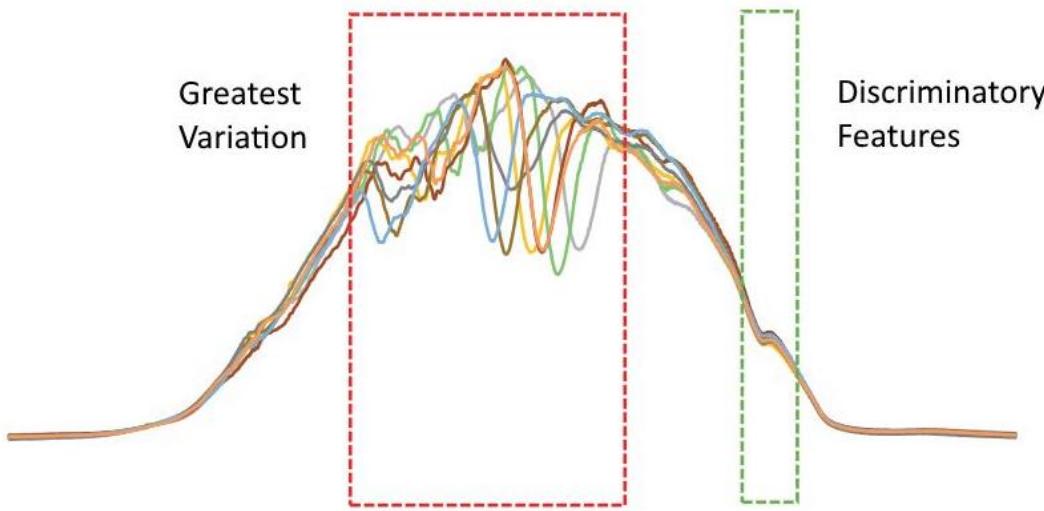
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**Automatic Feature Engineering for Time Series Classification: Evaluation and Discussion**

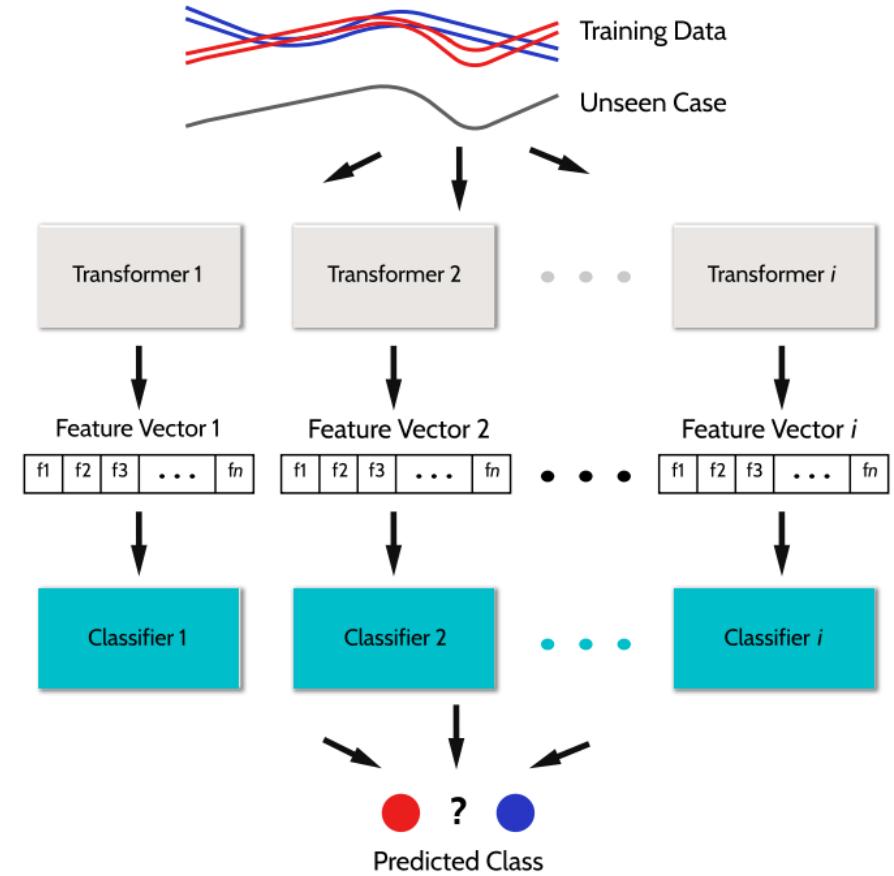
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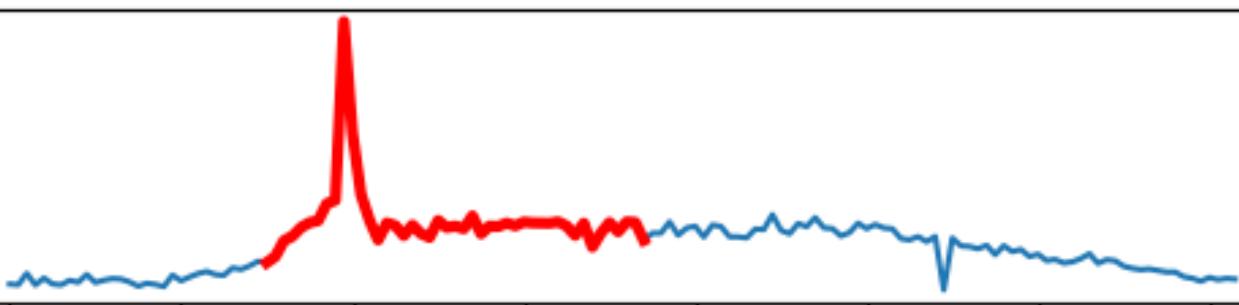
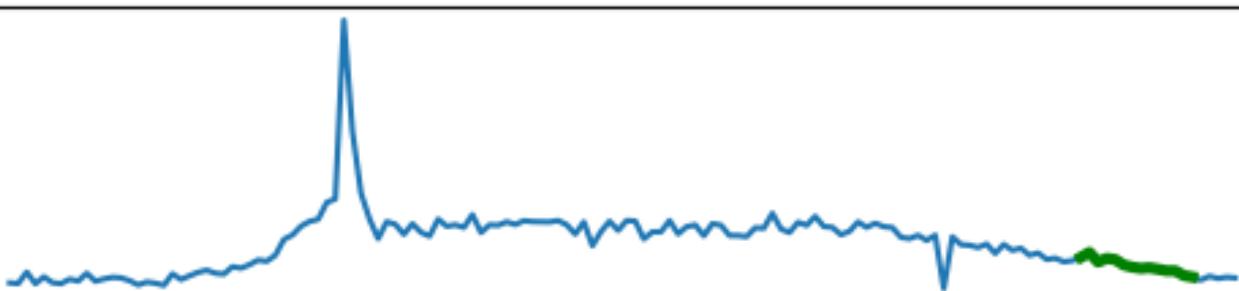
# Interval Based Ensembles



Features measured over the whole series can get confounded by noise in irrelevant sections



# Interval Based Approaches



Interval based classifiers attempt to overcome this problem by taking random intervals. The same intervals are used for all time series, meaning the algorithms are still **phase dependent**.

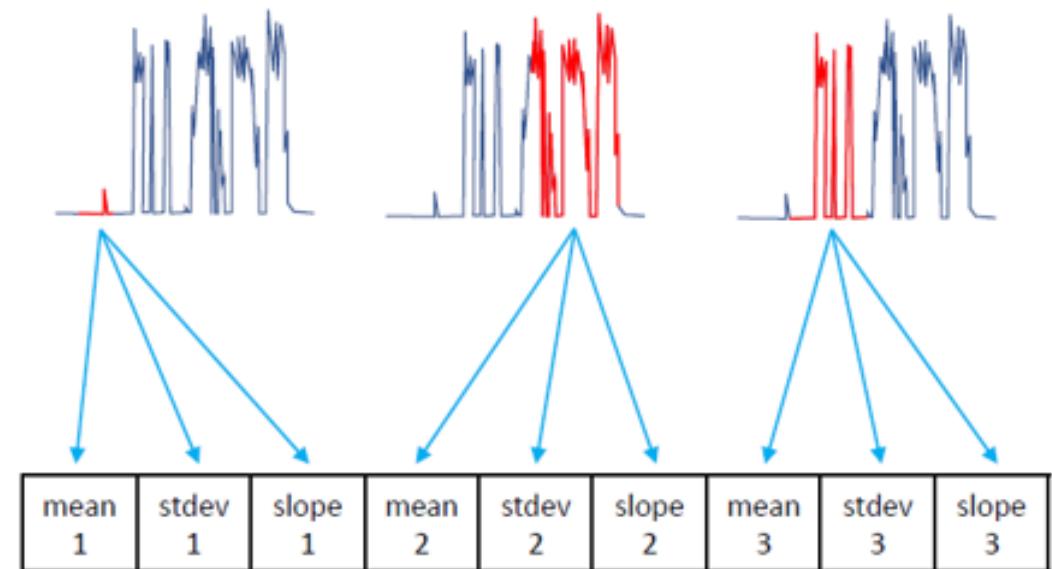
$m(m-1)/2$  possible intervals

# Time Series Forest (TSF): Deng et al. 2013

The first interval based classifier based on random forest tree ensemble.

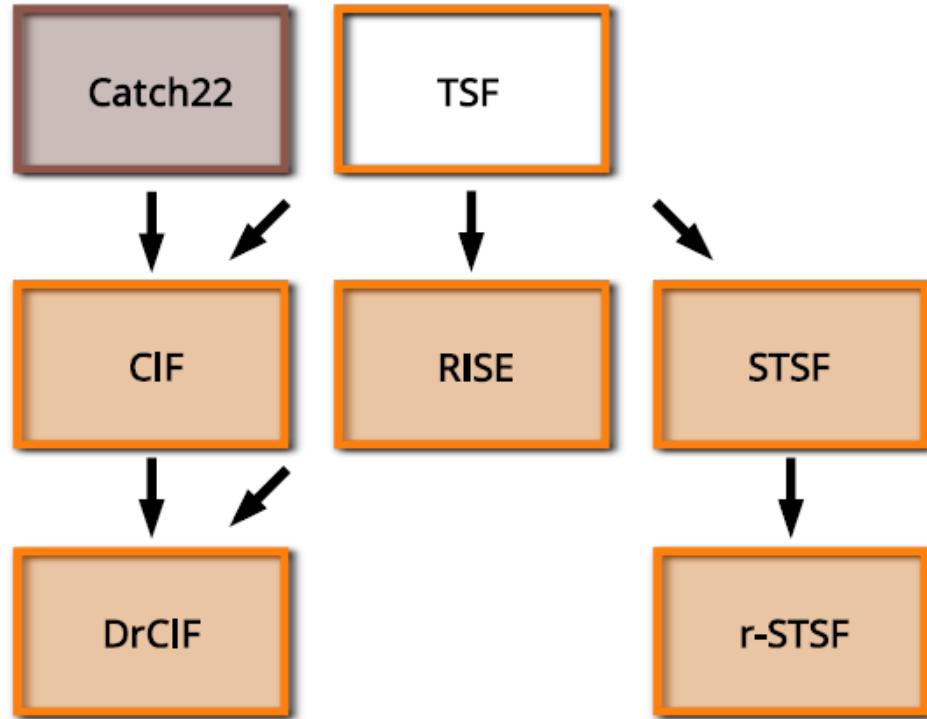
For each member of the ensemble:

1. Randomly select  $k$  intervals that apply to each time series
2. Find three summary statistics (mean, deviation and slope) for each interval and concatenate
3. Train a simple decision tree



Each tree has a different set of random intervals

# Interval Based Ensembles



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## The Canonical Interval Forest (CIF) Classifier for Time Series Classification

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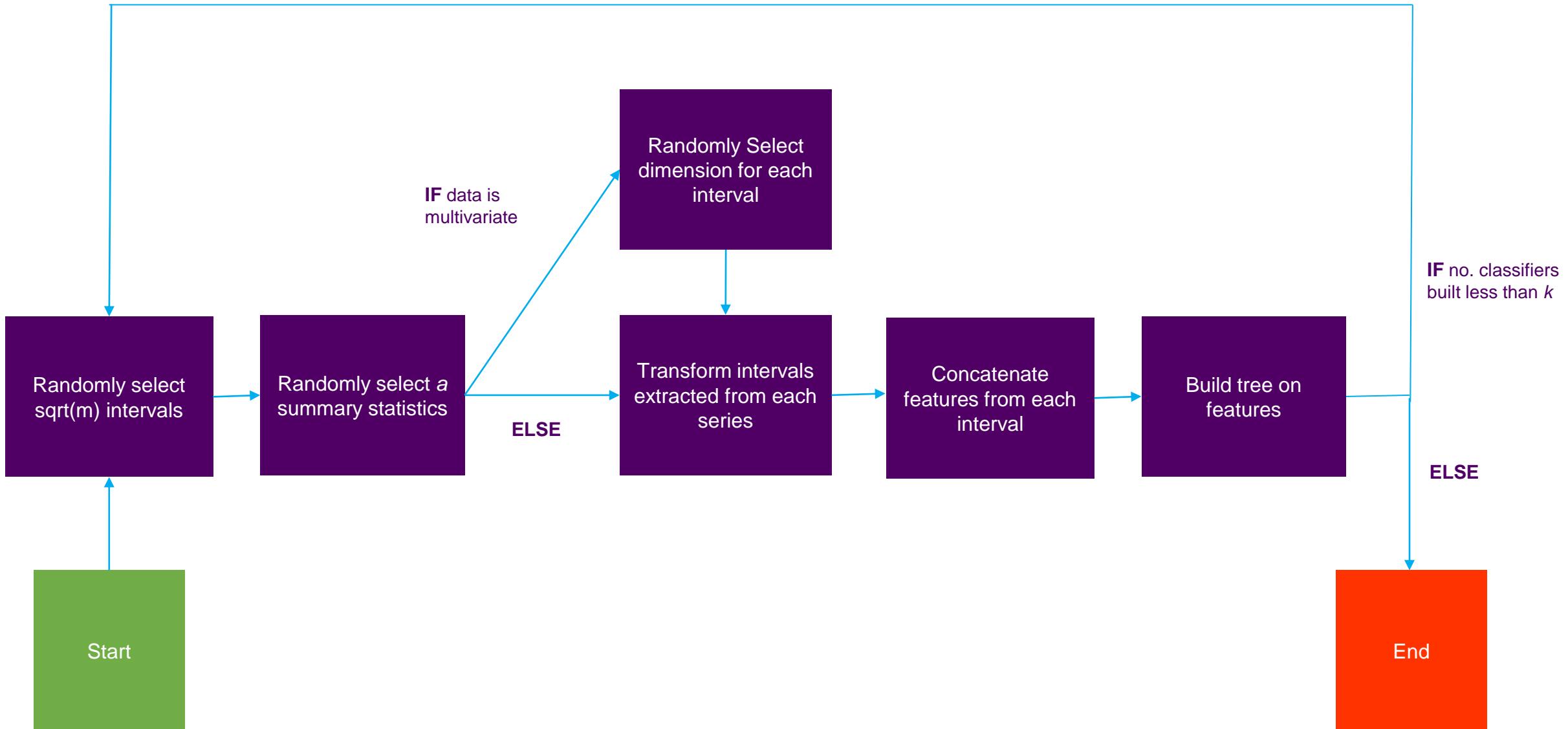
Matthew Middlehurst ; James Large ; Anthony Bagnall All Authors



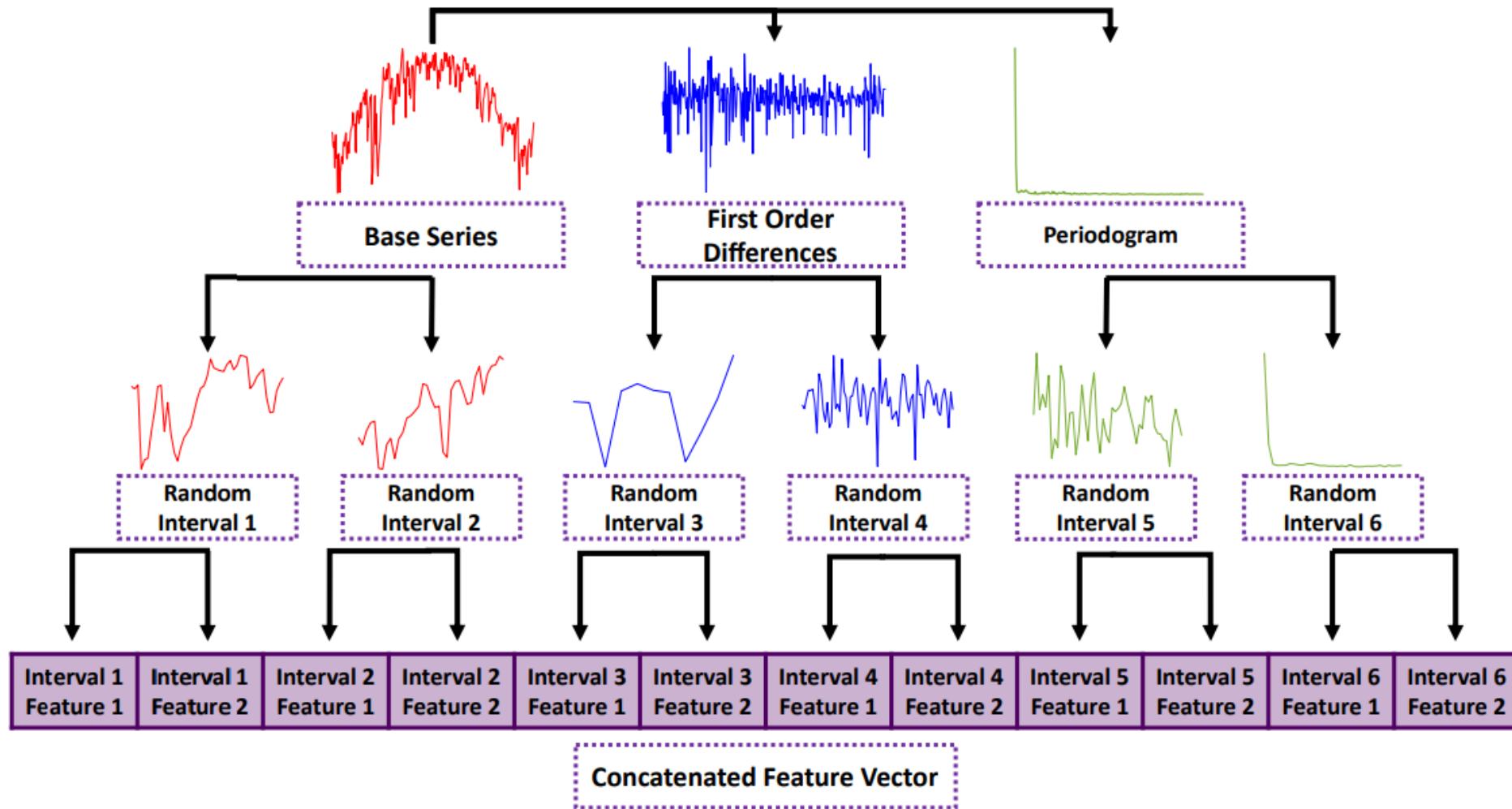
**Diverse Representation:** use raw data, the periodograms and first order differences

**Canonical Interval Forest:** derive random set of summary features (catch22) on each interval, concatenate into a new feature space for each tree

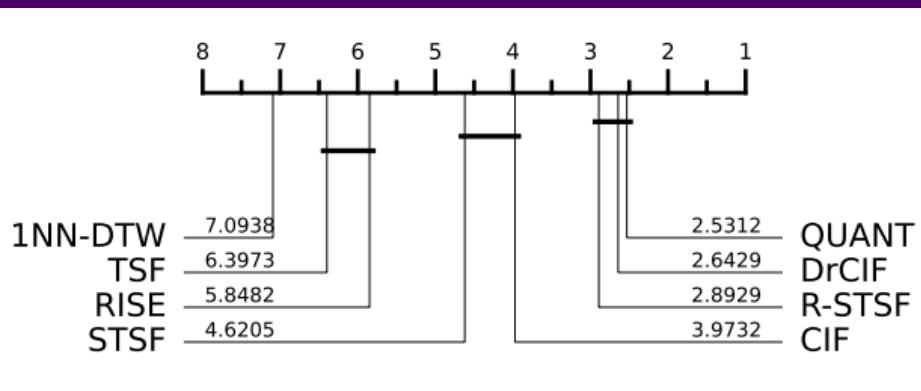
# CIF Build Process



# Diverse Representation Canonical Interval Forest (DrCIF)



# Comparison



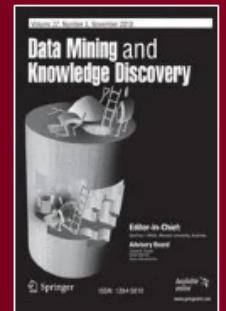
QUANT finds quantile intervals in a pipeline and is fast

Randomised Supervised Time Series Forest (RSTF) is an interval based tree ensemble that includes a supervised method for extracting intervals

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**QUANT: A Minimalist Interval Method for Time Series Classification**  
Angus Dempster, Daniel F. Schmidt, Geoffrey I. Webb  
We show that it is possible to achieve the same accuracy, on average, as the most accurate existing interval methods for time series classification on a standard set of benchmark datasets using a single type of feature (quantiles), fixed intervals, and an 'off the shelf' classifier. This distillation of interval-based approaches represents a fast and accurate method for time series classification, achieving state-of-the-art accuracy on the expanded set of 142 datasets in the UCR archive with a total compute time (training and inference) of less than 15 minutes using a single CPU core.  
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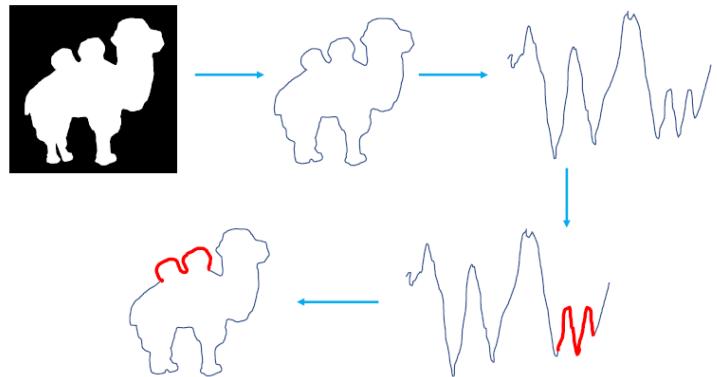


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**Fast, accurate and explainable time series classification through randomization**  
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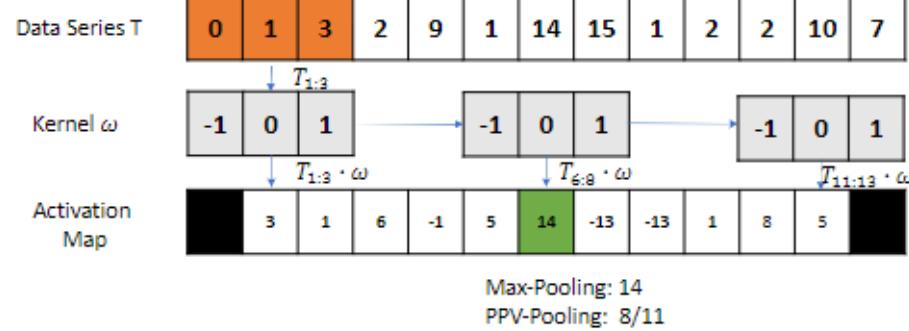


# Part II: Time Series Classification

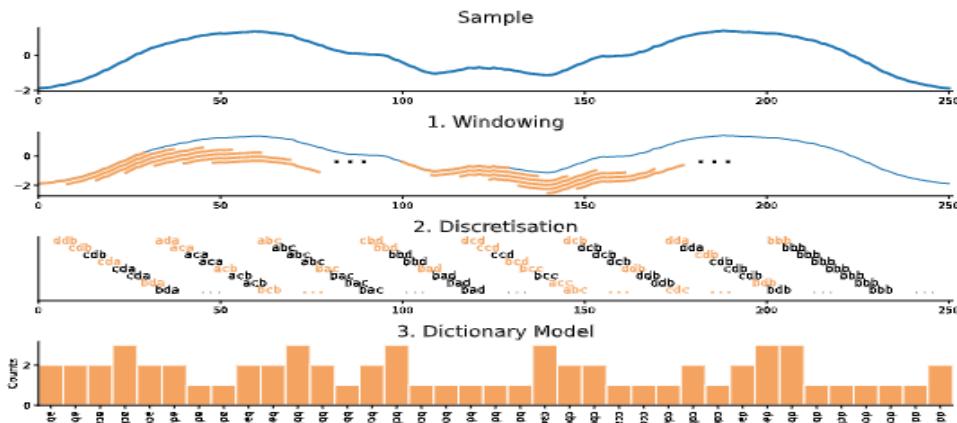
## Shapelet based



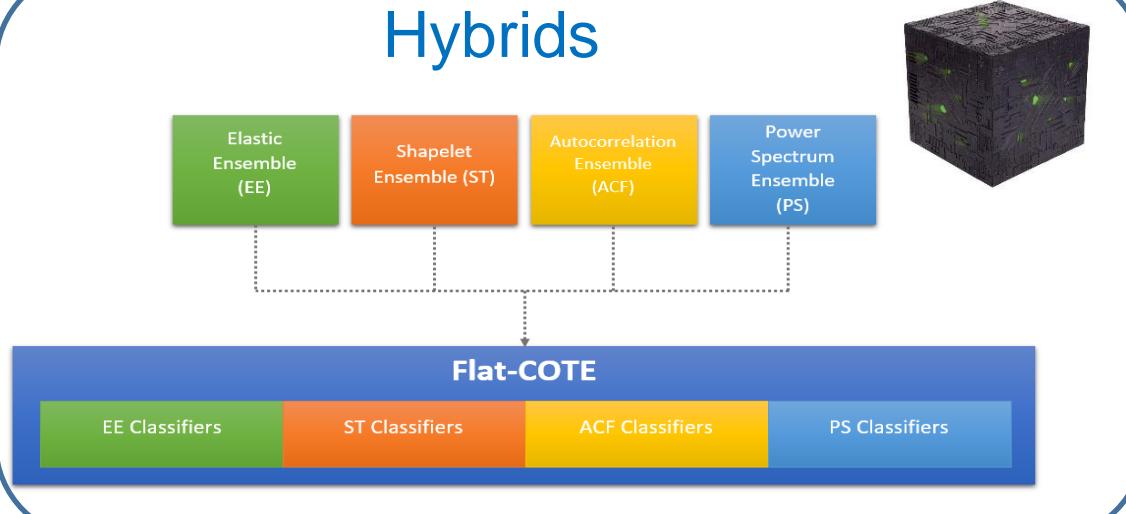
## Convolution based



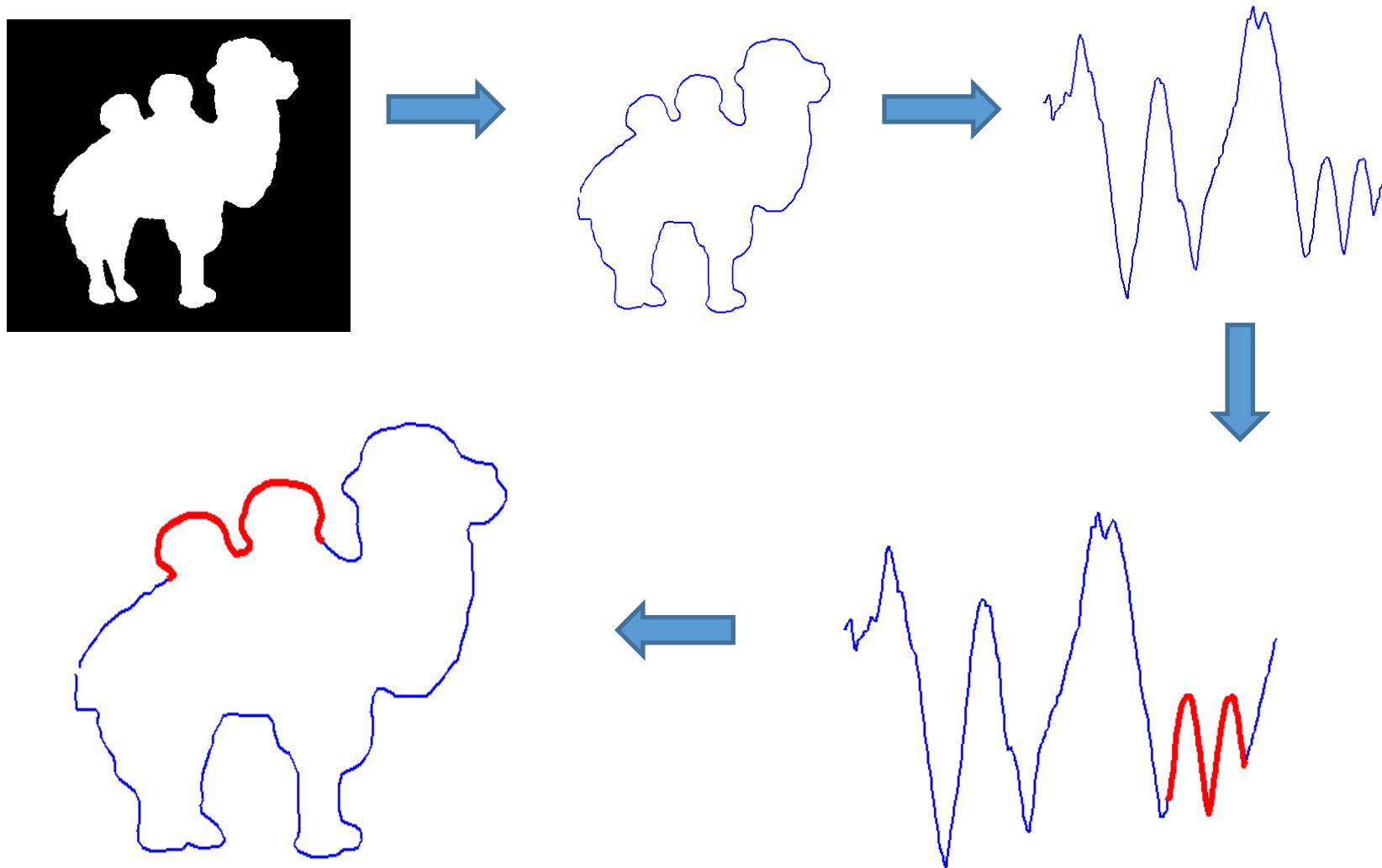
## Dictionary based



## Hybrids



# Shapelet Based Classifiers



# Shapelets fundamentals

- Time series shapelets are a data mining primitive that were first introduced by [1].
- They provide a mechanism for measuring local similarity between series by observing common subsequences.
- The original research embedded shapelets in a decision tree for TSC.
- The **shapelet transform** [2] separated the finding of shapelets from the classifier.
- There have been many variants proposed subsequently



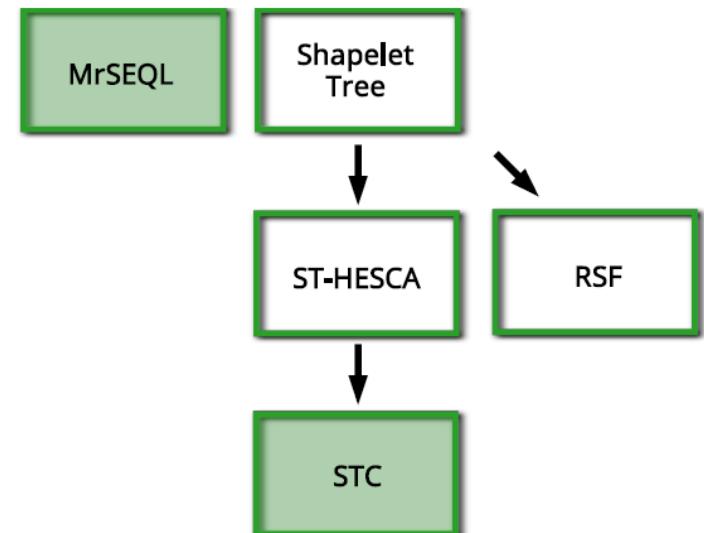
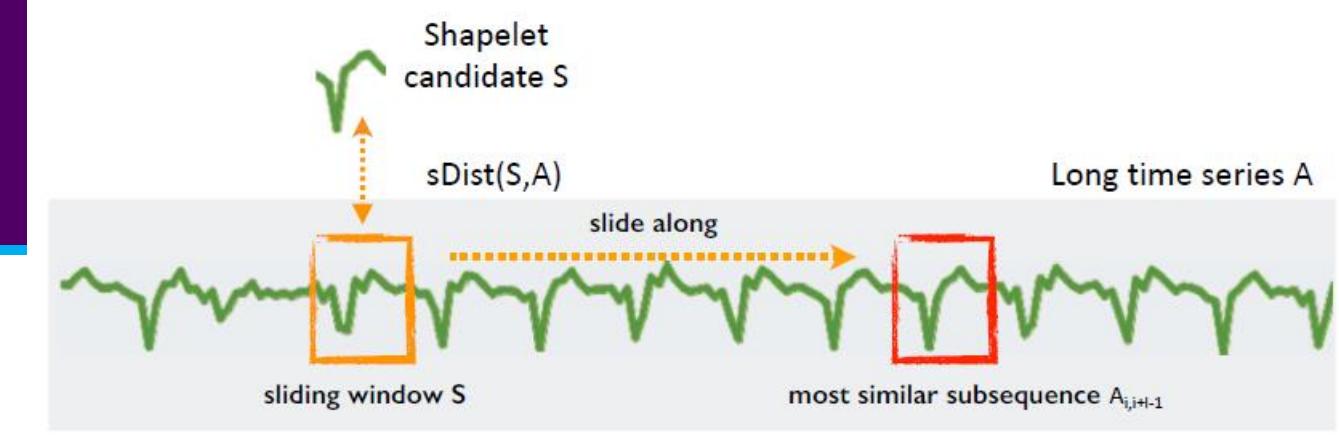
[1] L. Ye and E. Keogh. *Time series shapelets: A new primitive for data mining*. In Proc. 15th ACM SIGKDD, 2009.

[2] J. Lines et al. *A shapelet transform for time series classification*. In Proc. 18th ACM SIGKDD, 2012.

# Shapelet Based Classifiers

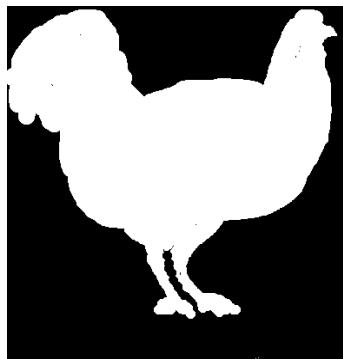
Shapelets are discriminatory phase independent subseries taken from the train data

STC is a pipeline: select a set of shapelets, transform into distance to shapelet then build standard classifier

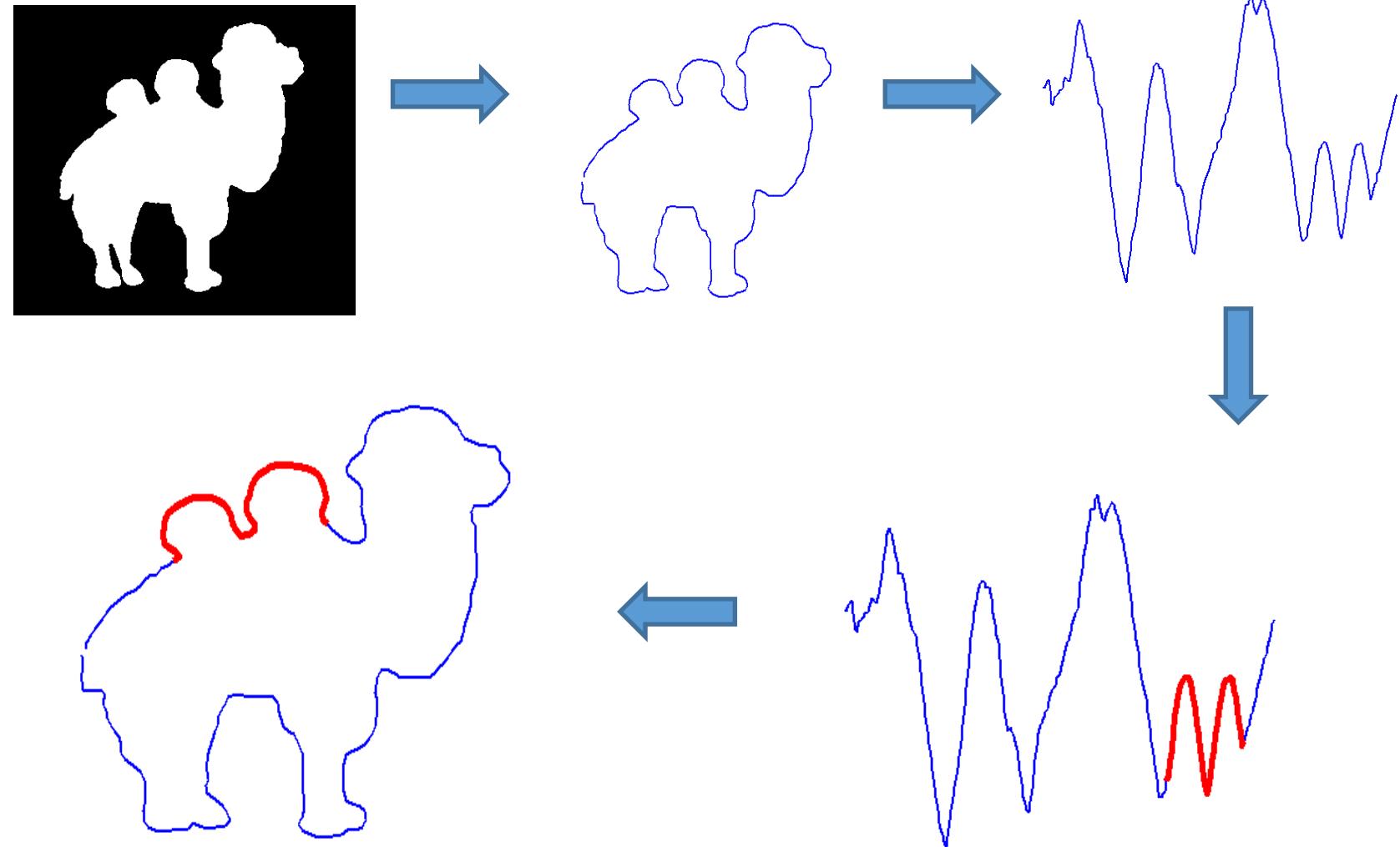


Shapelet Based	
Shapelet Tree	Shapelet Tree [Ye and Keogh 2011]
RSF	Generalised Random Shapelet Forest [Karlsson et al. 2016]
ST-HESCA	Shapelet Transform with HESCA Base Classifier [Bostrom and Bagnall 2017]
STC	Shapelet Transform Classifier [Bagnall et al. 2020]
MrSEQL	Multiple Representation Sequence Learner [Nguyen et al. 2017]

Camel or Chicken?



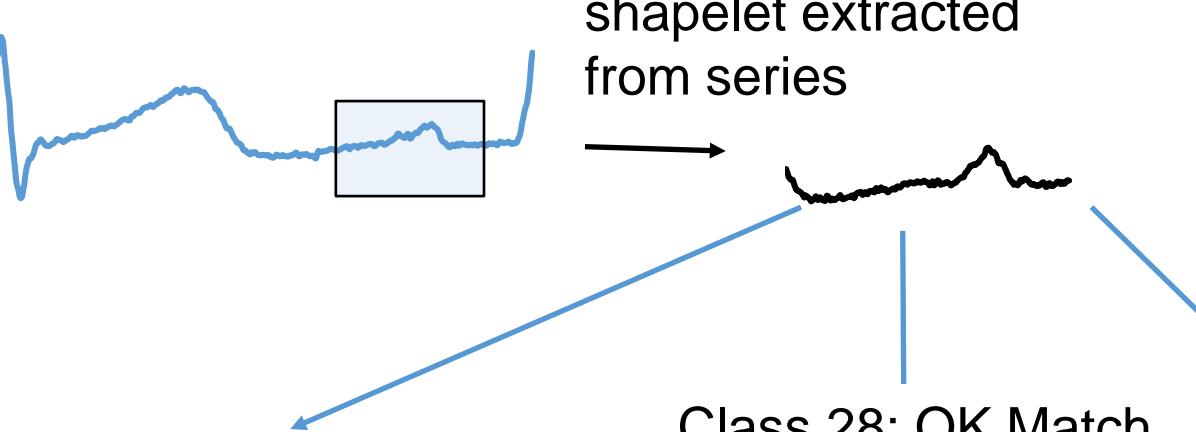
Shapelets are discriminatory phase independent



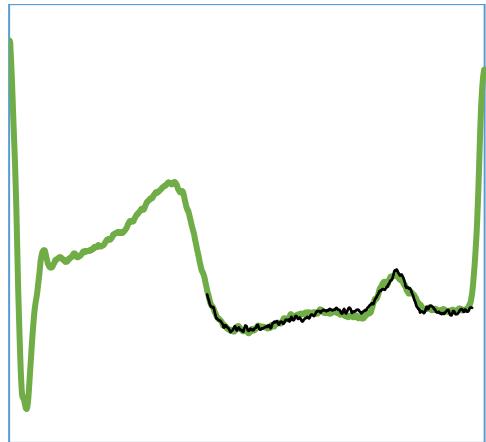
Shapelets are taken from the train data

# Using Shapelets

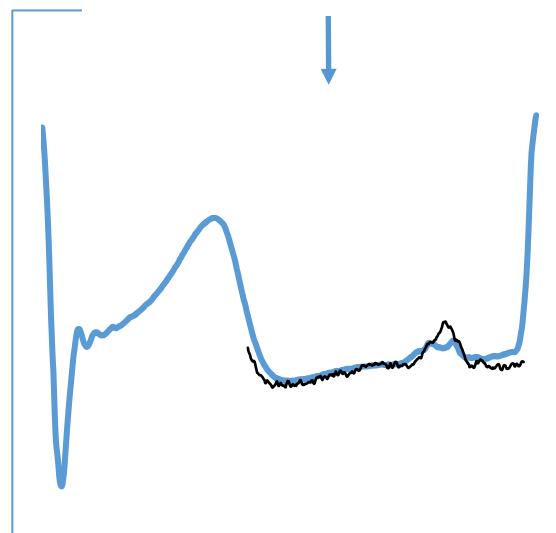
Non invasive fetal heartbeat data



Class 27: Good Match

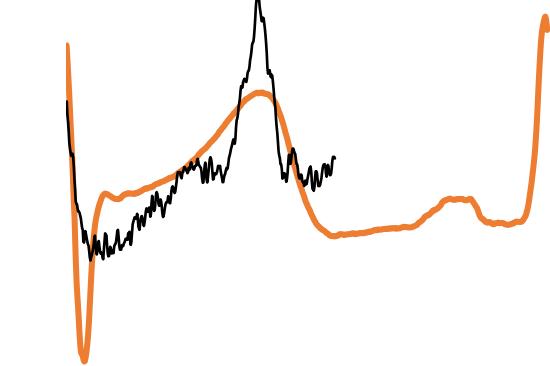


Class 28: OK Match



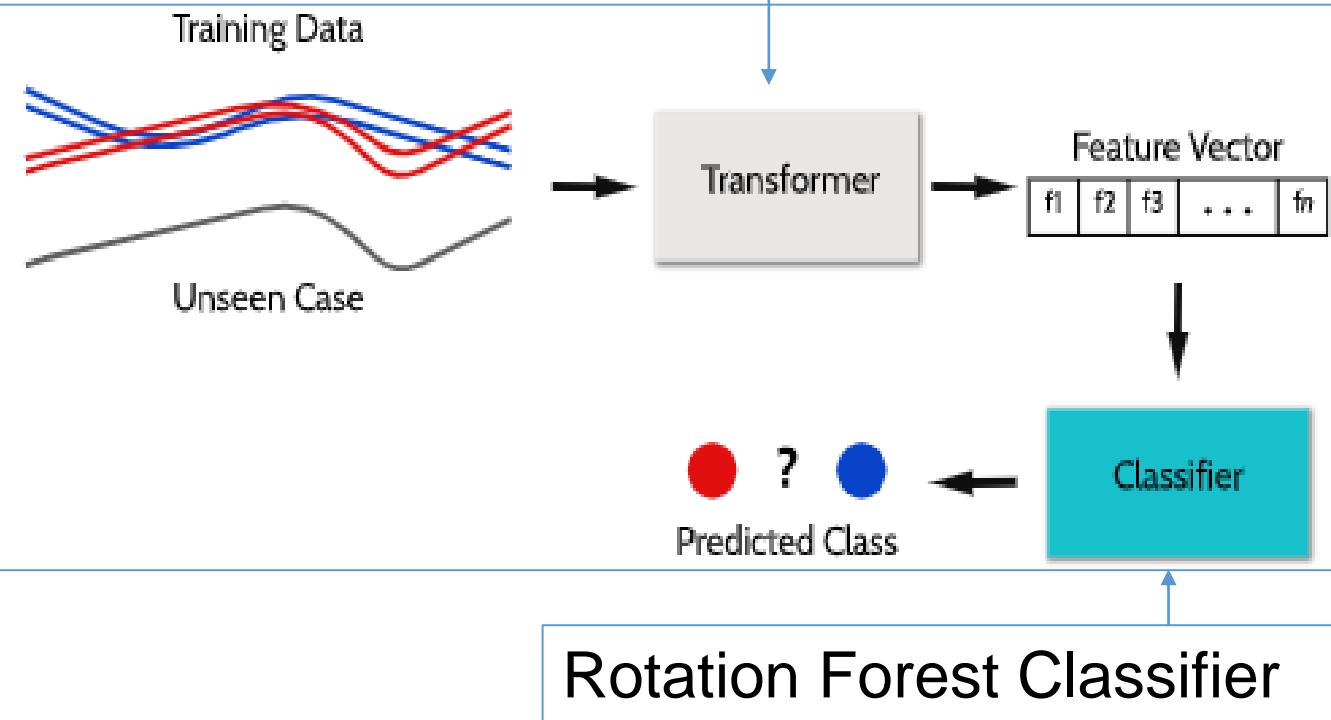
Classify based on distance between shapelets and series

Class 32: Bad Match



# Shapelet Transform Classifier

Transform using  $k$  shapelets into a vector of distances to shapelets



## Key Issues

1. How to select shapelets?
2. How to measure the distance between a shapelet and a single series?
3. How to measure shapelet quality?
4. What classifier to use?

# Selecting shapelets

1. The original shapelet transform followed the original paper and enumerated **all** possible shapelets
2. This is **very inefficient** and is impractical for all but the smallest problems.
3. It is also **less effective** as it can lead to over fitting
4. The current version of STC randomly samples a large number (default 10k) and keeps the best k (default 1000)

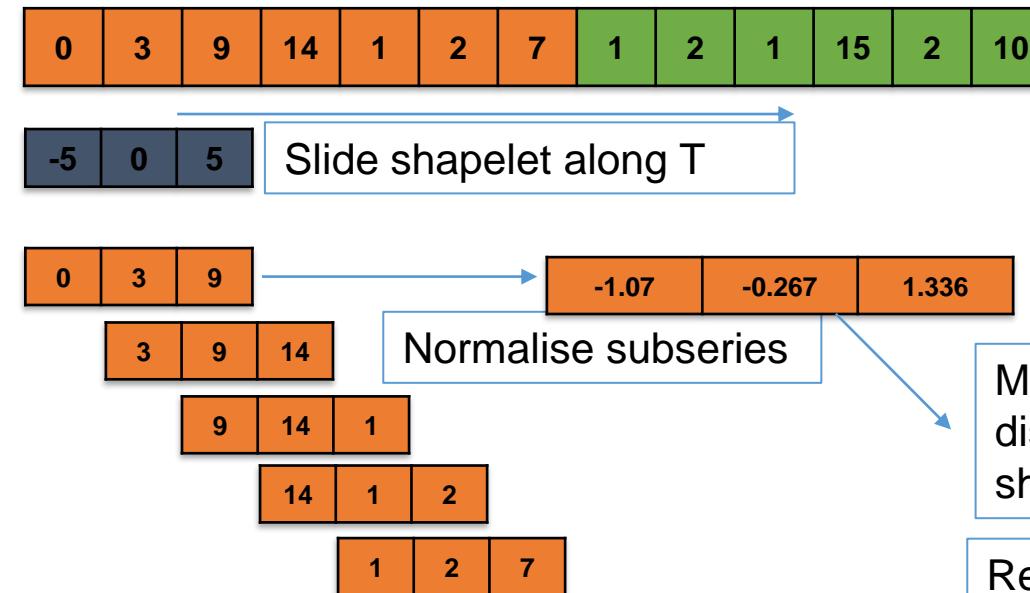
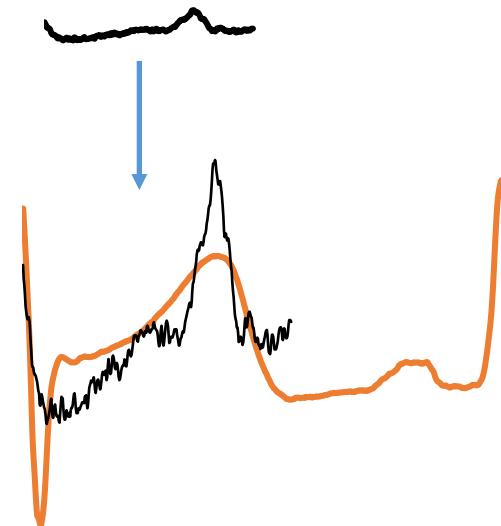
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## On the Usage and Performance of the Hierarchical Vote Collective of Transformation-Based Ensembles Version 1.0 (HIVE-COTE v1.0)

Conference paper | First Online: 16 December 2020

# Shapelet Distance

We need to measure how likely it is that a shapelet is in any time series



$$dist(S, R) = \sum_{i=1}^l (s_i - r_i)^2$$

Measure Euclidean distance to normalised shapelet

Record lowest distance so far slide along

### Algorithm 3 sDist( $T, S$ )

Where  $T$  is a time series and  $S$  is a shapelet candidate.  
 $l = |S|$   
 $min\_dist = \infty$   
for  $p = 0$  to  $|T| - l + 1$  do  
   $dist = dist(S, T_p^l)$   
  if  $dist < min\_dist$  then  
     $min\_dist = dist$   
return  $min\_dist$

# Shapelet Quality

For each shapelet we calculate a list of distances from the shapelet to each of the training set time series

The quality of the shapelet is based on how well we can use these distance to predict the class values

We use binary shapelets that predict a single class. Suppose we have eight training cases and get these distances

Class 1:

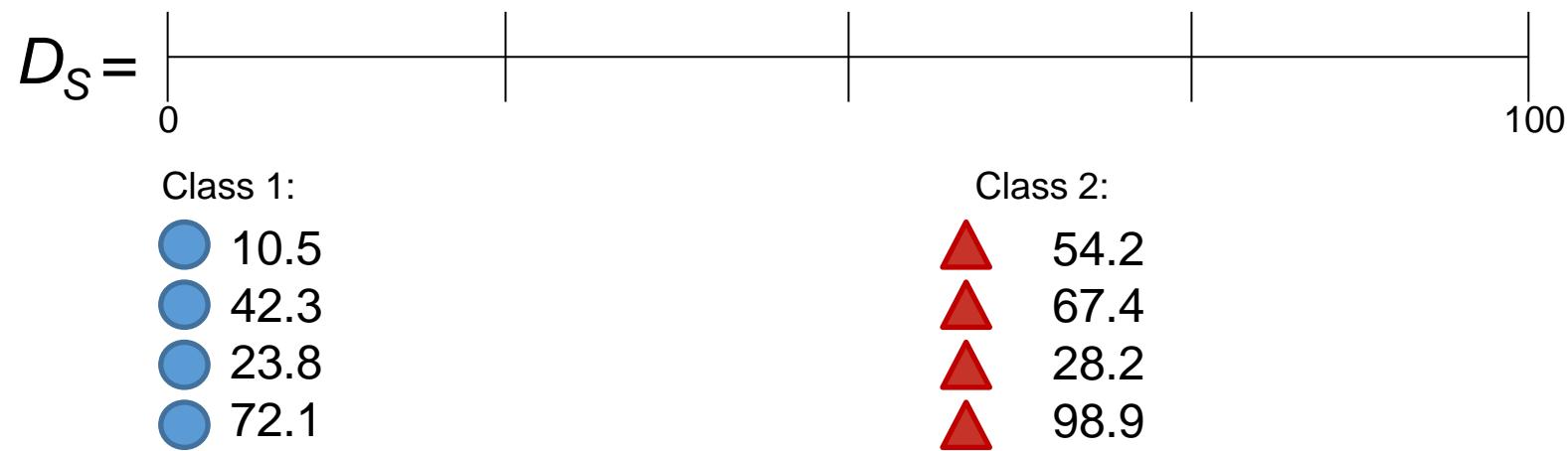
- 10.5
- 42.3
- 23.8
- 72.1

Class 2:

- ▲ 54.2
- ▲ 67.4
- ▲ 28.2
- ▲ 98.9

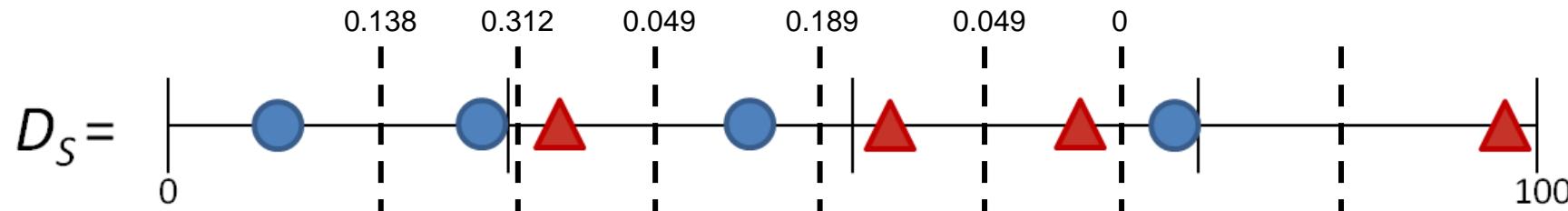
We measure the quality using a measure like information gain

# The Order line



# Information Gain

- Now that  $D_S$  is sorted, assess all possible split points, where a split point,  $sp$ , is the average between two consecutive distances.



Note: the position of the best split point is used as the decision criteria for the decision tree

# Shapelet Transform

Find  
Shapelets

1. Randomly sample shapelets a fixed number of times for each class
2. Find distances to all series in the training set
3. Measure quality with IG
4. Keep the best scoring shapelets

Find Transform

Train Classifier

# The Transform

- 4 extracted shapelets:



- Given a series  $T_i$



- Calculate:  $\text{dist}(T_i, S_1)$ ,  $\text{dist}(T_i, S_2)$ ,  $\text{dist}(T_i, S_3)$ ,  
 $\text{dist}(T_i, S_4)$

0.024      5.124      7.682      0.715

Create a tabular train dataset

	S1	S2	S3	S4
T1	0.024	5.124	7.682	0.715
T2	0.567	1.234	4.667	0.001
T3	4.567	6.231	12.435	4.456
T4	2.33	0.184	3.111	5.232

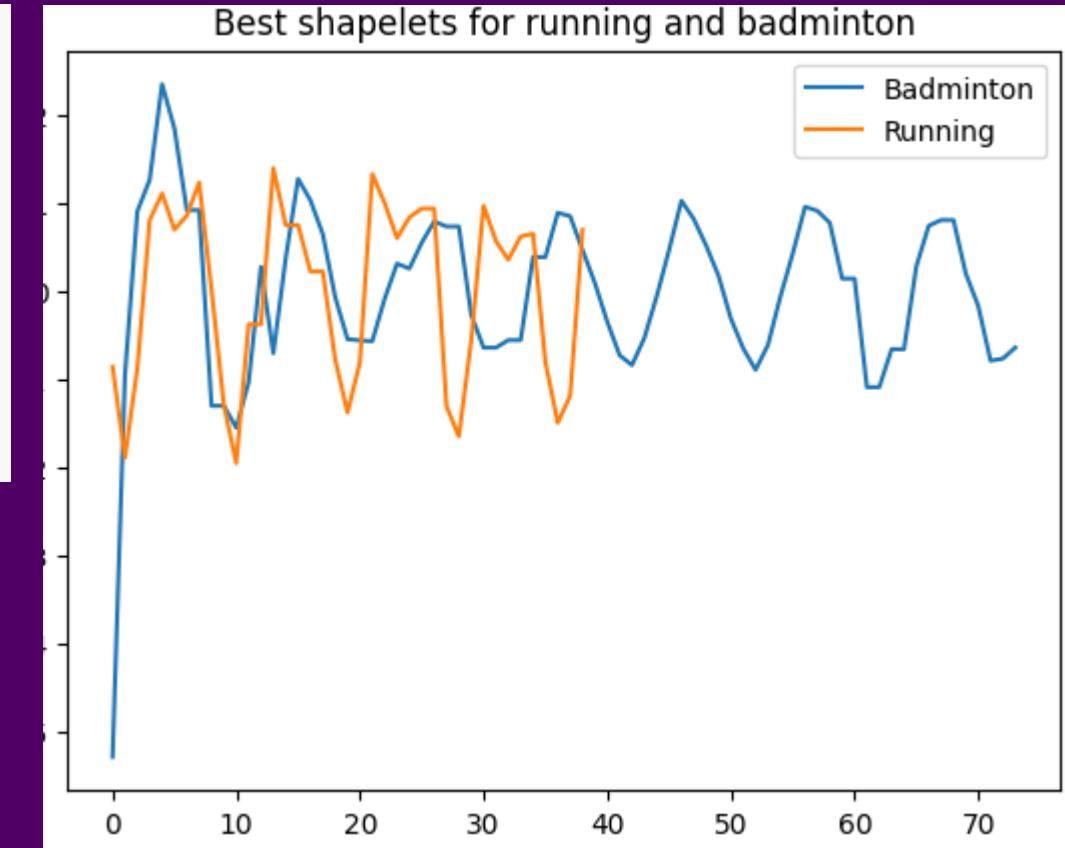
# Visualising Shapelets

[https://www.aeon-toolkit.org/en/stable/examples/classification/shapelet\\_based.html](https://www.aeon-toolkit.org/en/stable/examples/classification/shapelet_based.html)

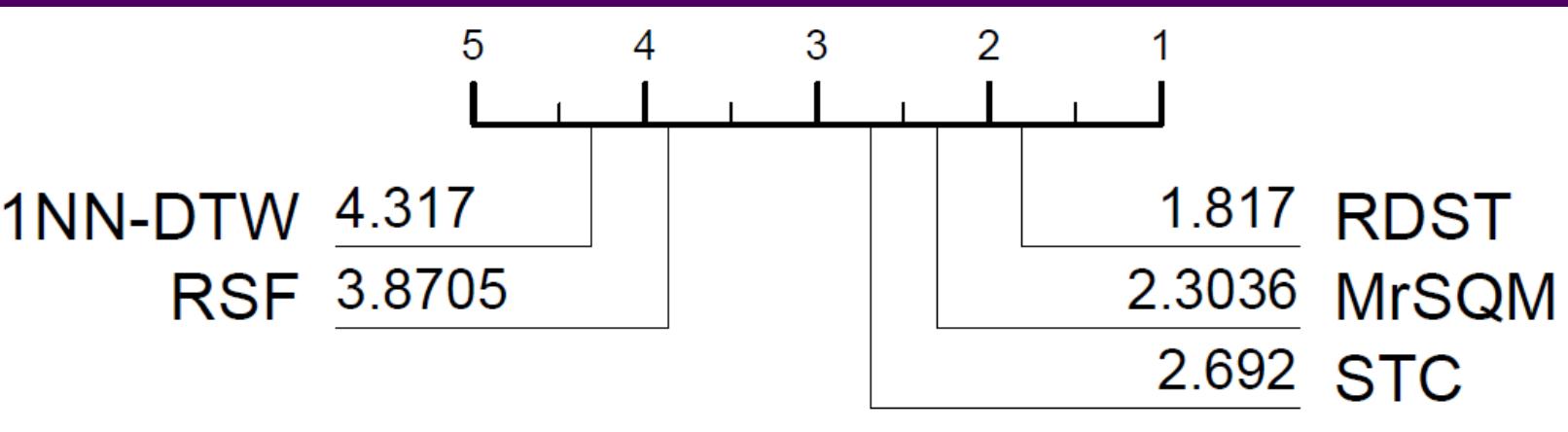
```
x, y = load_basic_motions(split="train")
rst = RandomShapeletTransform(n_shapelet_samples=100, max_shapelets=10, random_state=42)
st = rst.fit_transform(x, y)
print(" Shape of transformed data = ", st.shape)
print(" Distance of second series to third shapelet = ", st[1][2])
testX, testy = load_basic_motions(split="test")
tr_test = rst.transform(testX)
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=10)
rf.fit(st, y)
preds = rf.predict(tr_test)
print(" Shapelets + random forest acc = ", accuracy_score(preds, testy))
```

"""\n*Shapelet based time series classifiers.*"""\n

```
__all__ = [
    "MrSQMClassifier",
    "ShapeletTransformClassifier",
    "RDSTClassifier",
    "SASTClassifier",
    "RASASTClassifier",
    "LearningShapeletClassifier",
]
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# Best in class: RDST



Inspired by ROCKET,  
RDST employs  
dilation to improve  
performance.



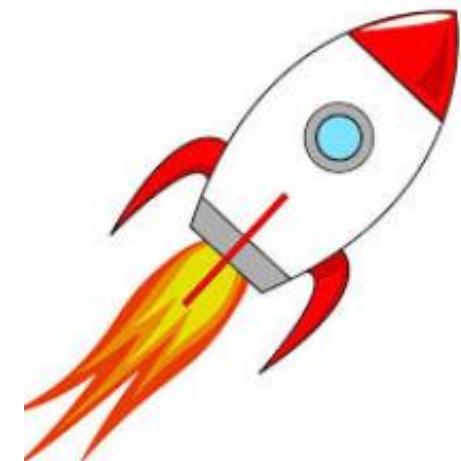
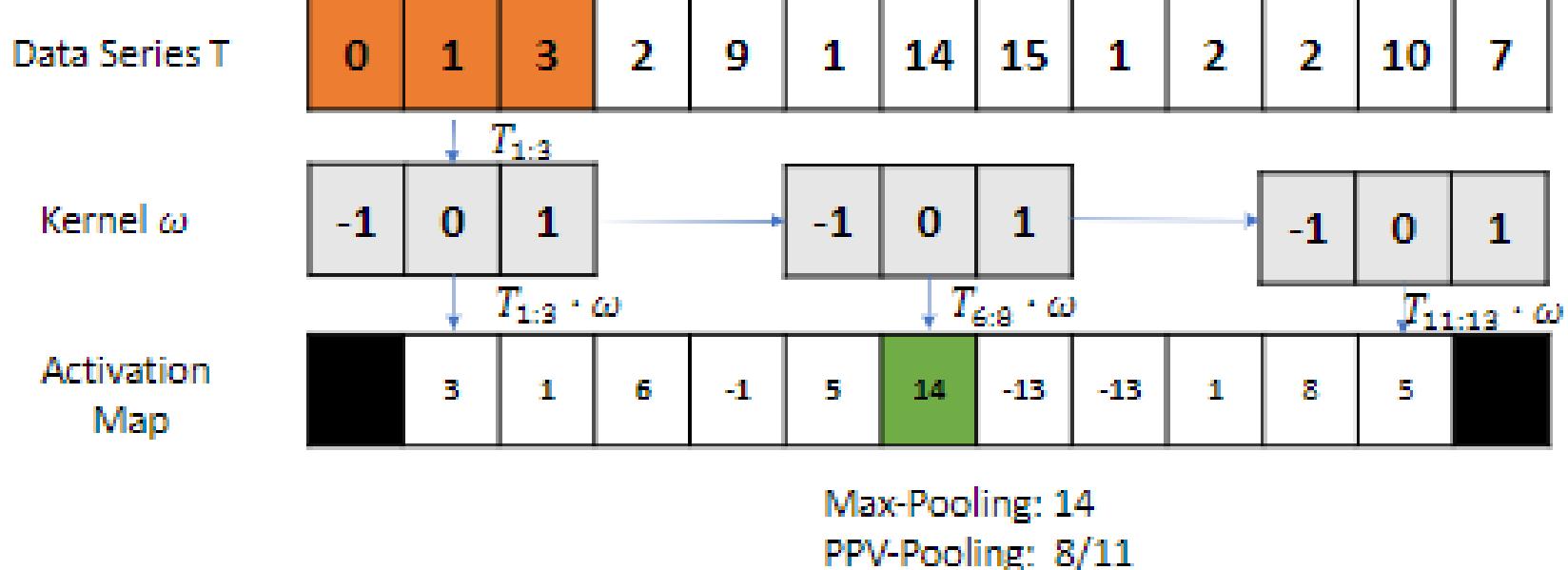
## Random Dilated Shapelet Transform: A New Approach for Time Series Shapelets

Authors:  [Antoine Guillaume](#),  [Christel Vrain](#),  [Wael Elloumi](#) [Authors Info & Claims](#)

Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence: Third International Conference, ICPRAI 2022, Paris, France, June 1–3, 2022, Proceedings, Part I • Jun 2022 • Pages 653–664 • [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-09037-0\\_53](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-09037-0_53)

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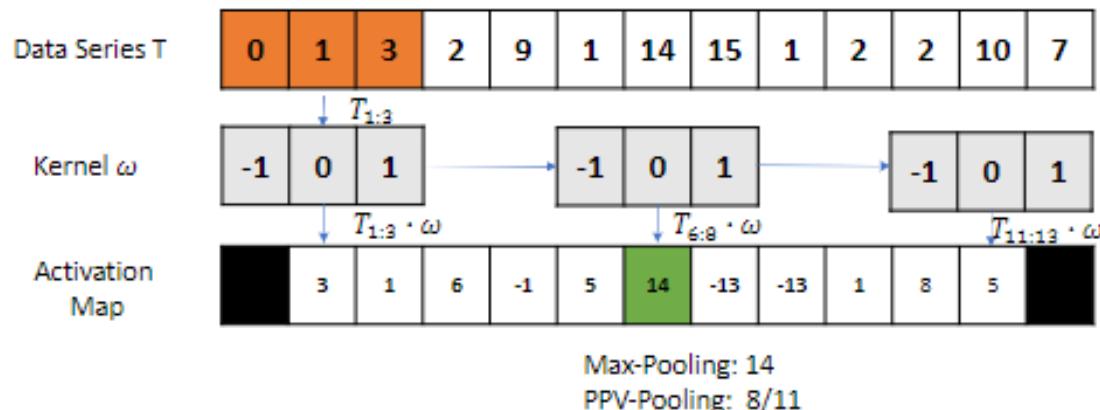
# Convolution Based Pipelines



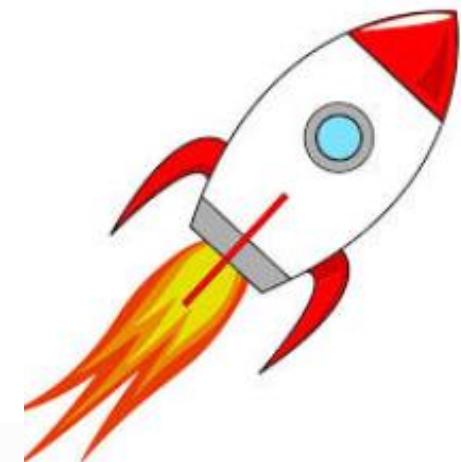
# Convolution/kernel based:ROCKET

Geoff Webb's group in Monash proposed a simple approach to TSC that does surprisingly well

1. Create a large number of random convolutions
2. Create feature vectors by pooling operations
3. Fit a linear classifier



Published: 13 July 2020



ROCKET: exceptionally fast and accurate time series classification using random convolutional kernels

[Angus Dempster](#)✉, [François Petitjean](#) & [Geoffrey I. Webb](#)



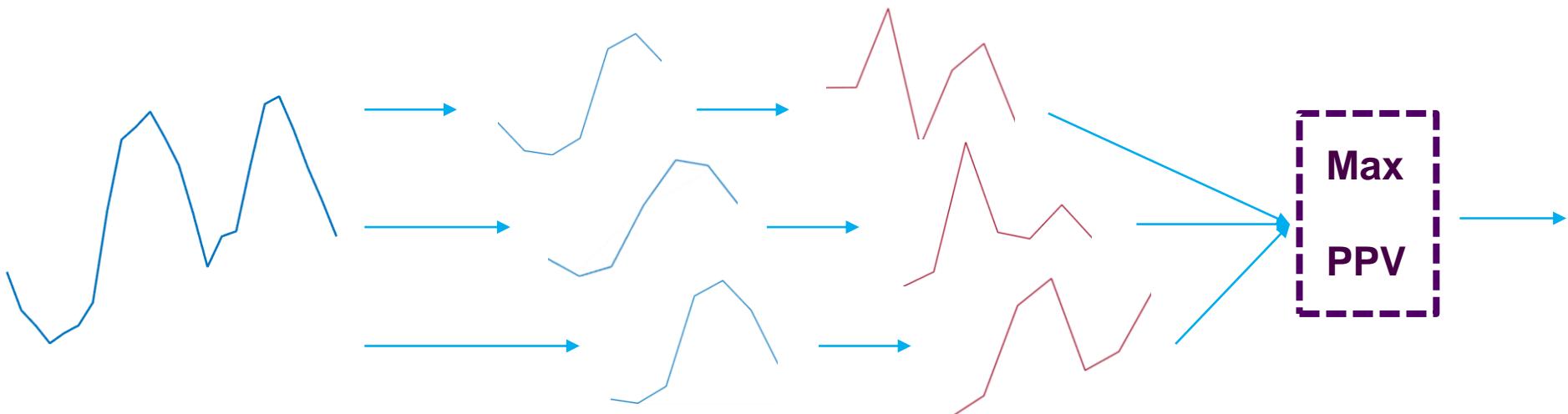
# ROCKET transform

For each kernel...

1. Window through series

2. Apply Kernel to each window

3. Extract max and PPV for all windows



The terms kernel and convolution are used interchangeably

It is used in the same way as a deep learning convolution, **but it is not learnt. It is random**

It is also similar to a shapelet, but it is not from the training data.

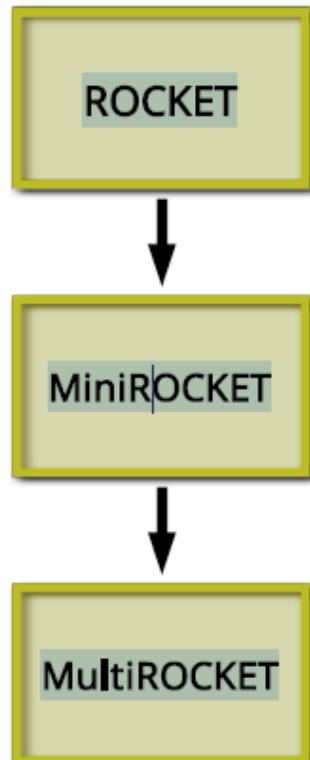
This is called the **activation map** in deep learning

This is called the **pooling operation** in deep learning

PPV is **percentage of positive values**

Shapelet operation is like max pooling, but shapelets use Euclidean distance instead of dot product, and minimise

# ROCKET Family: Convolution-Based



Kernel/Convolution Based	
Hybrid STC	Hybrid Shapelet Transform Classifier [Guijo-Rubio et al. 2019]
ROCKET	Random Convolutional Kernel Transform [Dempster et al. 2020]
MiniROCKET	MINImally RandOm Convolutional KErnel Transform [Dempster et al. 2021]
MultiROCKET	MiniRocket with multiple pooling operators and transformations [Tan et al. 2022]
Arsenal	Arsenal [Middlehurst et al. 2021]

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## MultiRocket: multiple pooling operators and transformations for fast and effective time series classification

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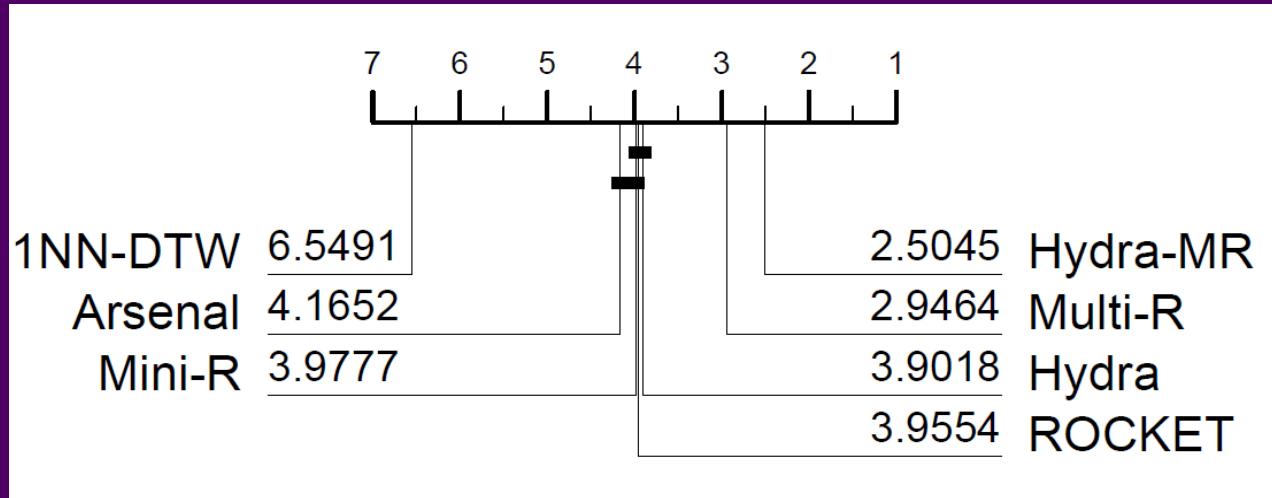
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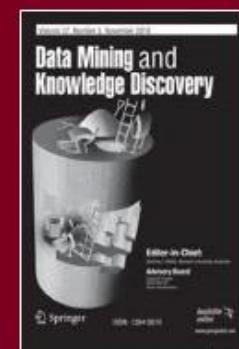
# Best in class: Multi-Rocket-Hydra



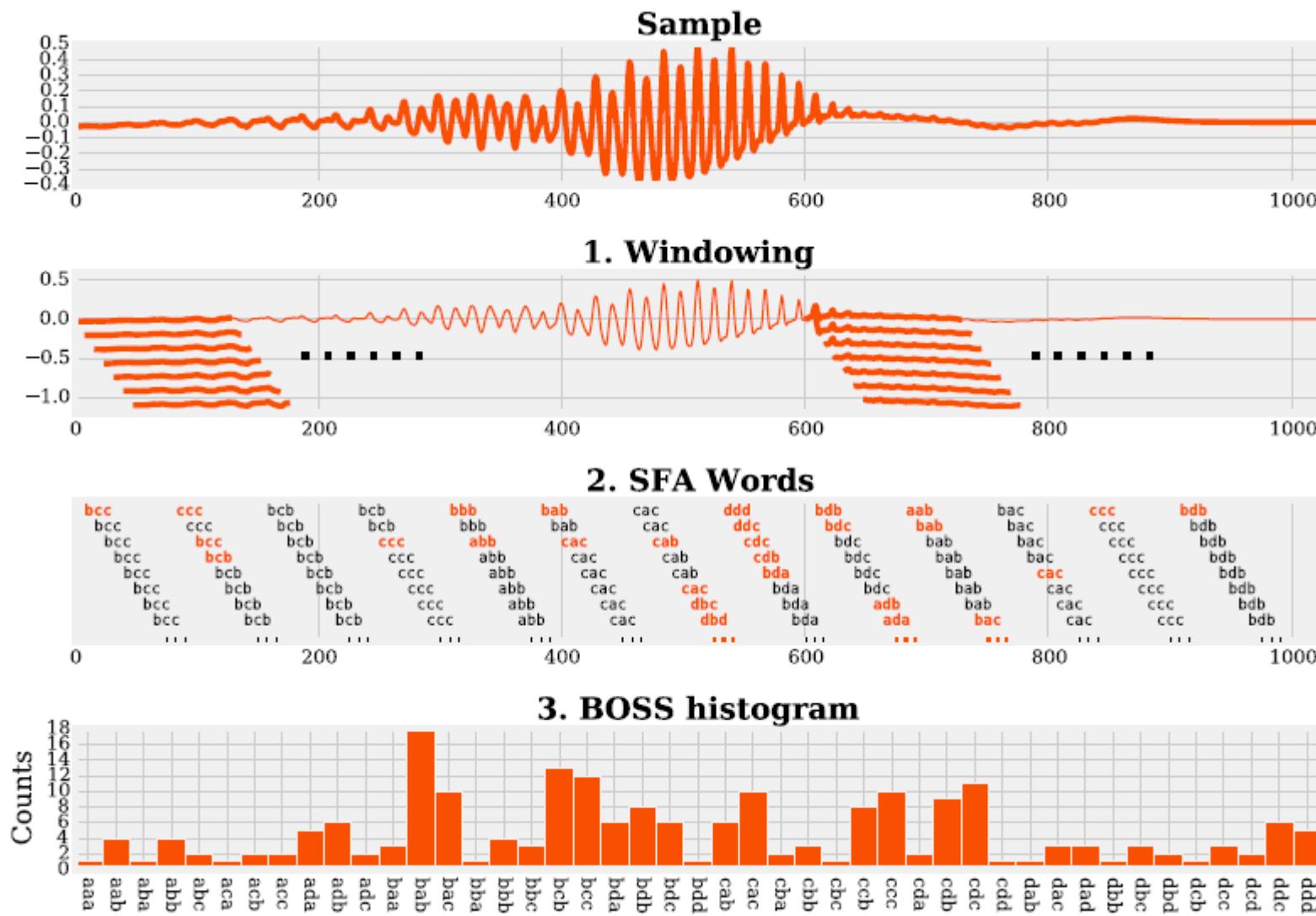
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## Hydra: competing convolutional kernels for fast and accurate time series classification

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# Dictionary Based Ensembles



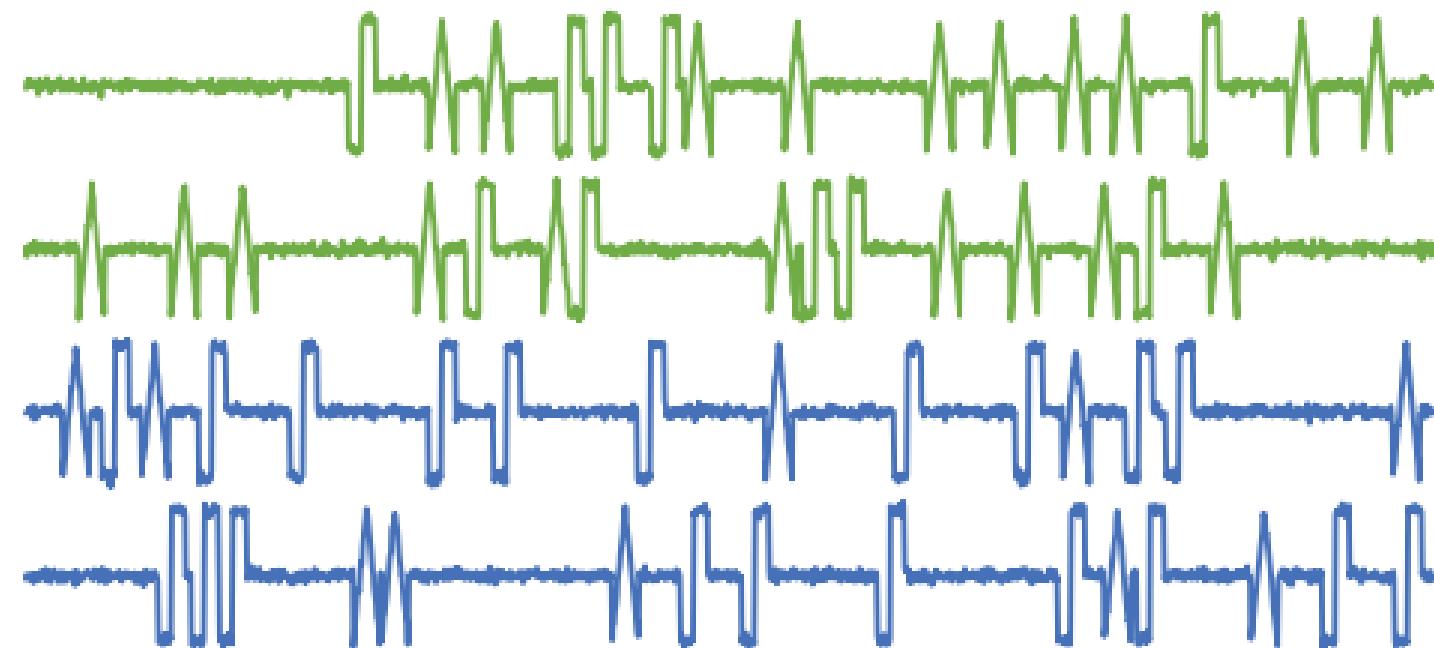
Dictionary based classifiers look for repeating patterns rather than the presence/absence of a pattern. This involves

1. Window series
2. Discretise windows
3. Count frequency of occurrence to form histogram

# Dictionary Based Time Series Classification

Simulated time series suitable for dictionary based classification:

■ Class 1 ■ Class 2



# Bag of SFA Symbols (BOSS)

A comparison of time series classification techniques found BOSS to be the most accurate dictionary based classifier.

Classifier	Absolute Acc Diff to Best	Overall Rank
Flat-COTE	0%	1
ST	-2.00%	2
BOSS	-2.45%	3
EE	-4.61%	4
DTW 1-NN	-8.14%	16
BOP	-11.17%	18
SAXVSM	-11.41%	19

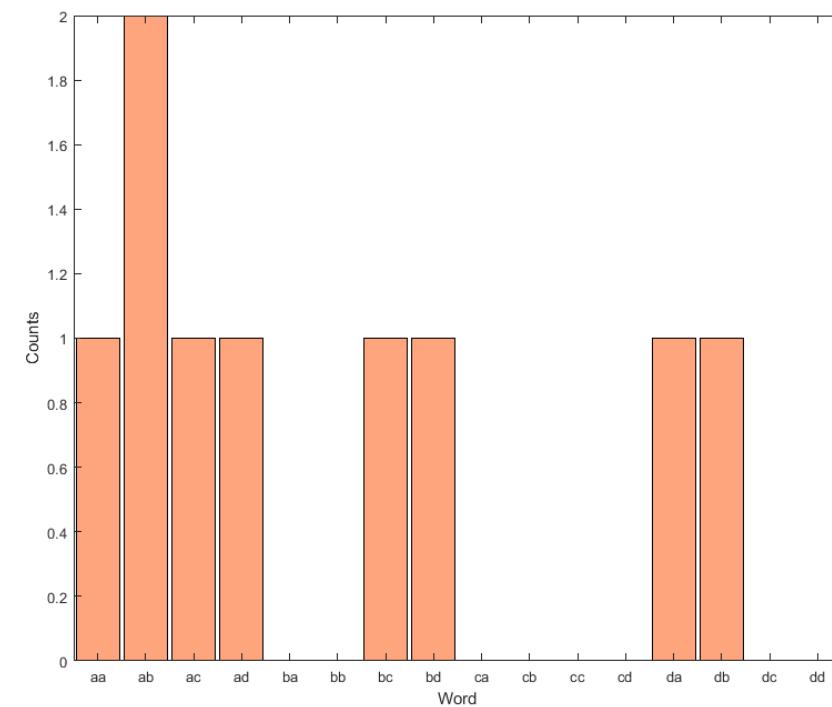
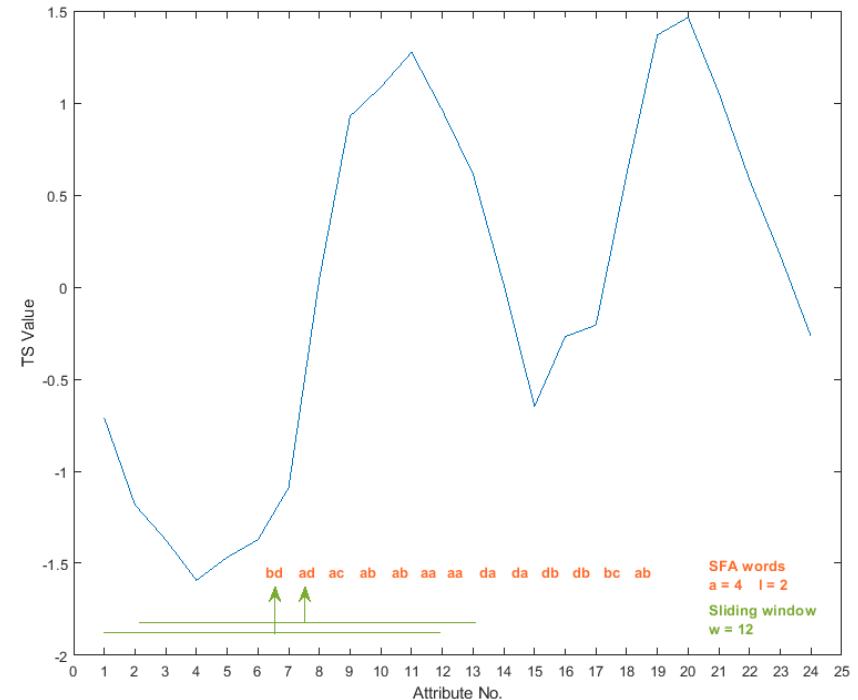
- Dictionary Approaches



# Bag of Words Model

Dictionary based classifiers make use of bags of words.

A sliding window is run over each series, with each being discretised into a word to form a histogram.

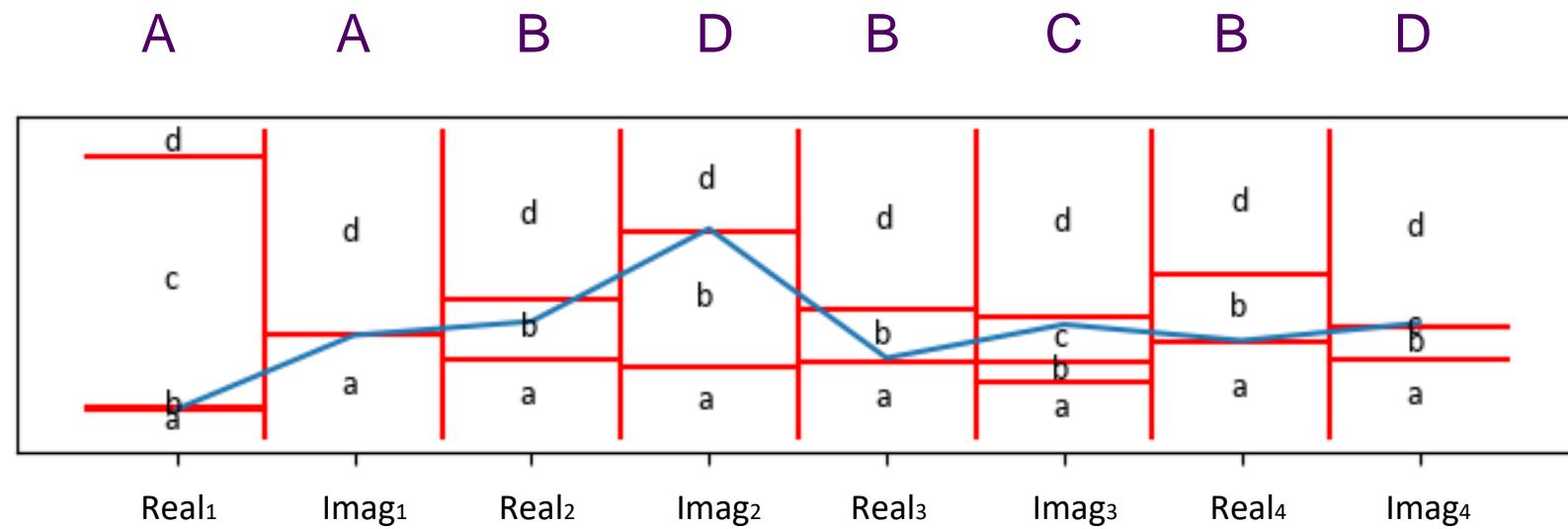


# Symbolic Fourier Approximation (SFA)

A Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) is performed on each window.

The first  $\lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil$  coefficients are discretised into a word using breakpoints generated using Multiple Coefficient Binning (MCB).

Word:



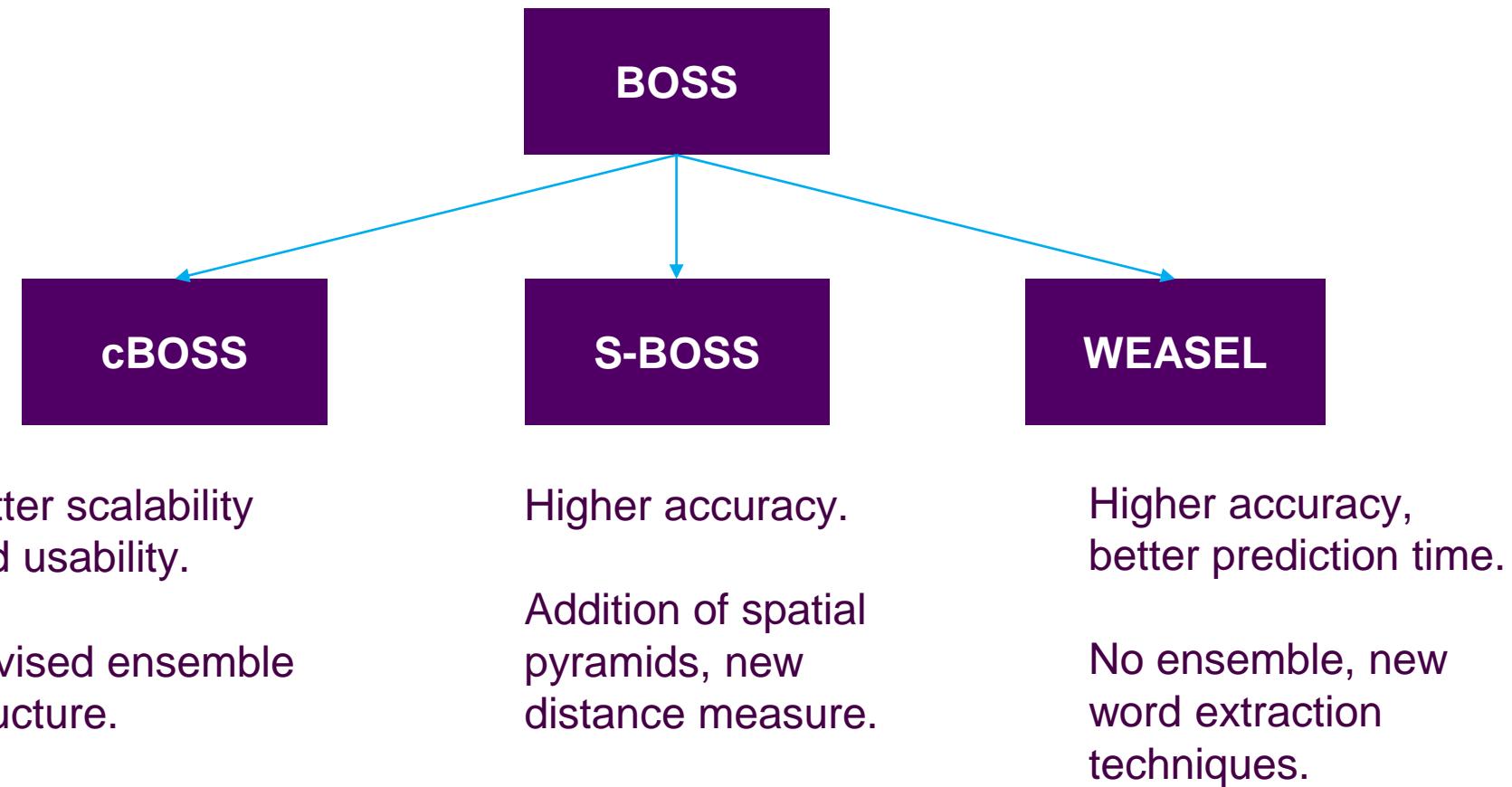
# BOSS Parameters

Dictionary methods have a large range of parameters.

Most form an ensemble of classifiers using the top performing parameter sets.

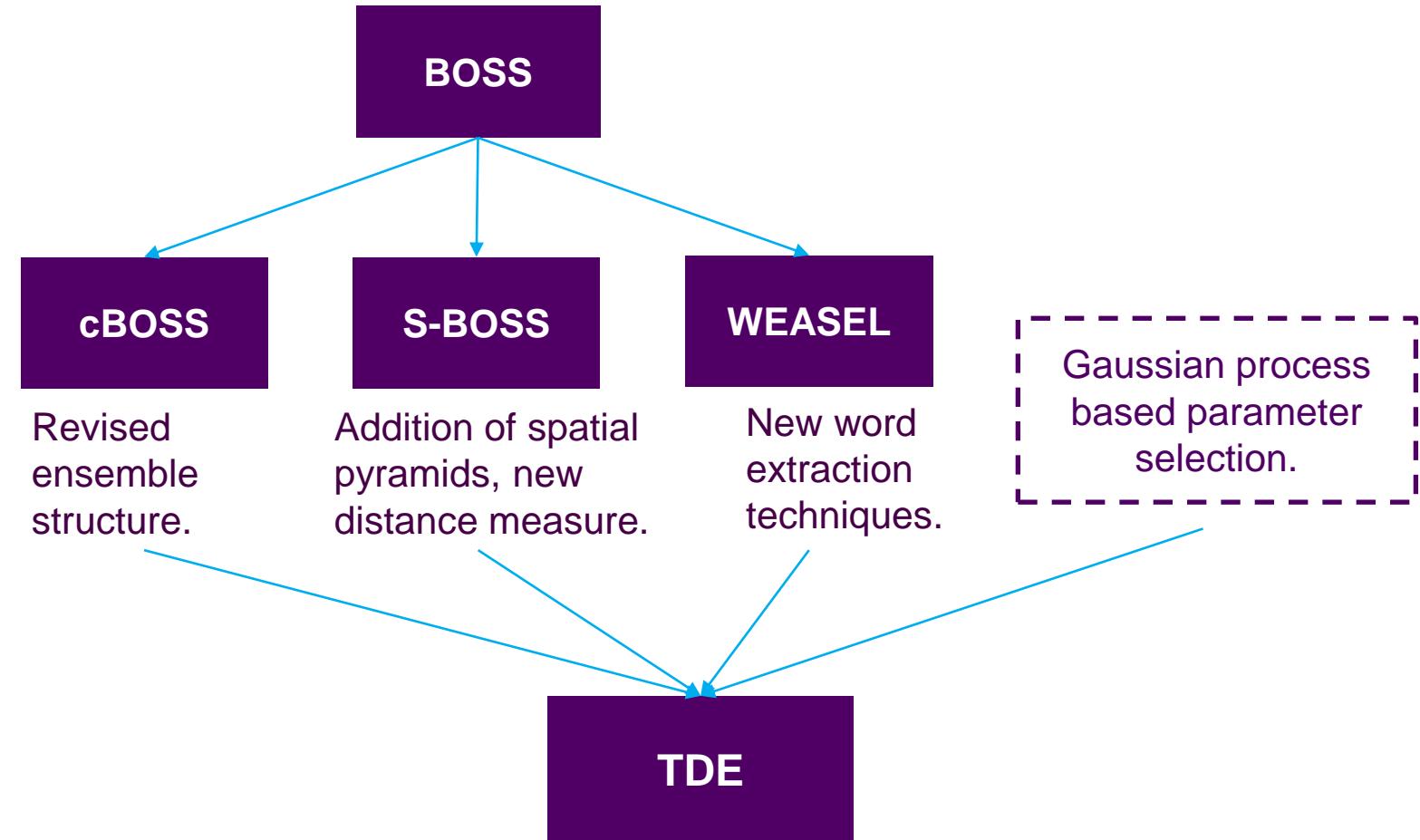
Parameter		No. Values	Range
Word length	$l$	5	{16,14,12,10,8}
Window length	$w$	$m/4$	{10...m}
Normalise	$p$	2	{true,false}
Alphabet size	$\alpha$	1	{4}

# BOSS Extensions



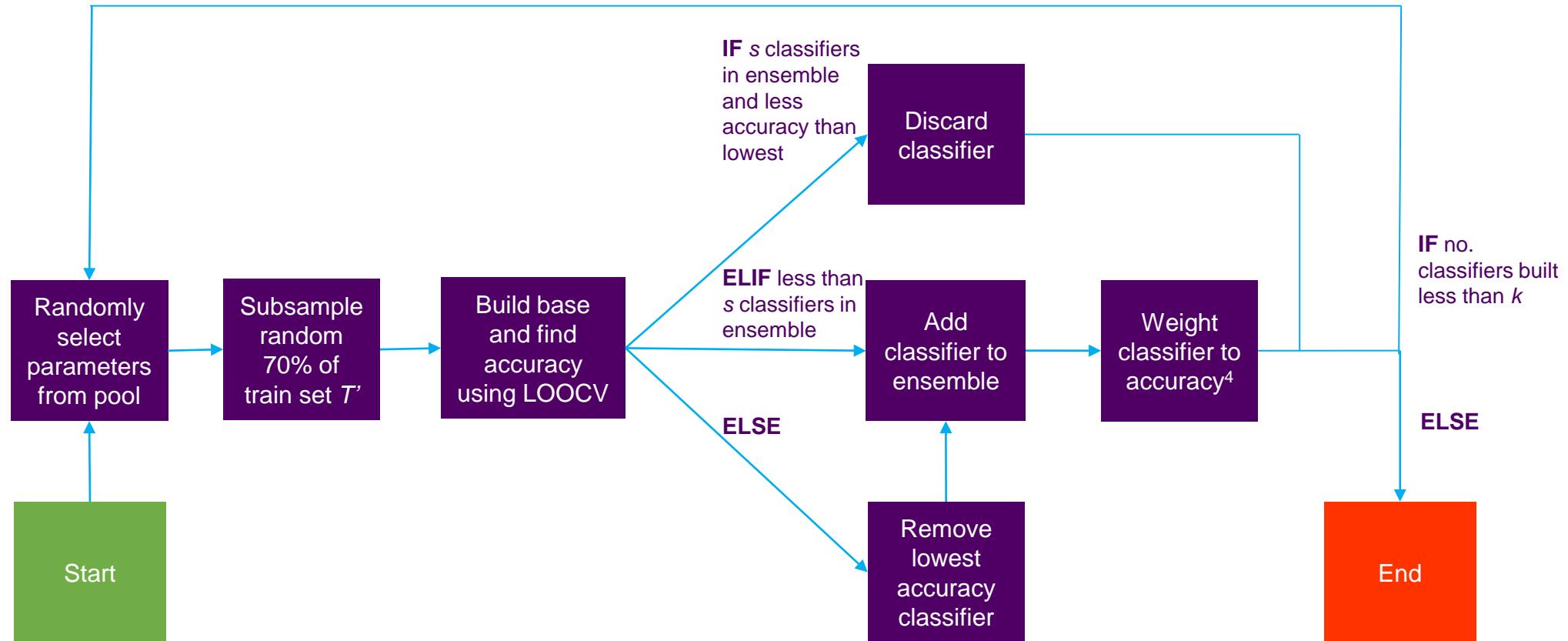
# The Temporal Dictionary Ensemble (TDE)

While most classifier features can seamlessly merge, a smarter method for selecting ensemble member parameters is required.



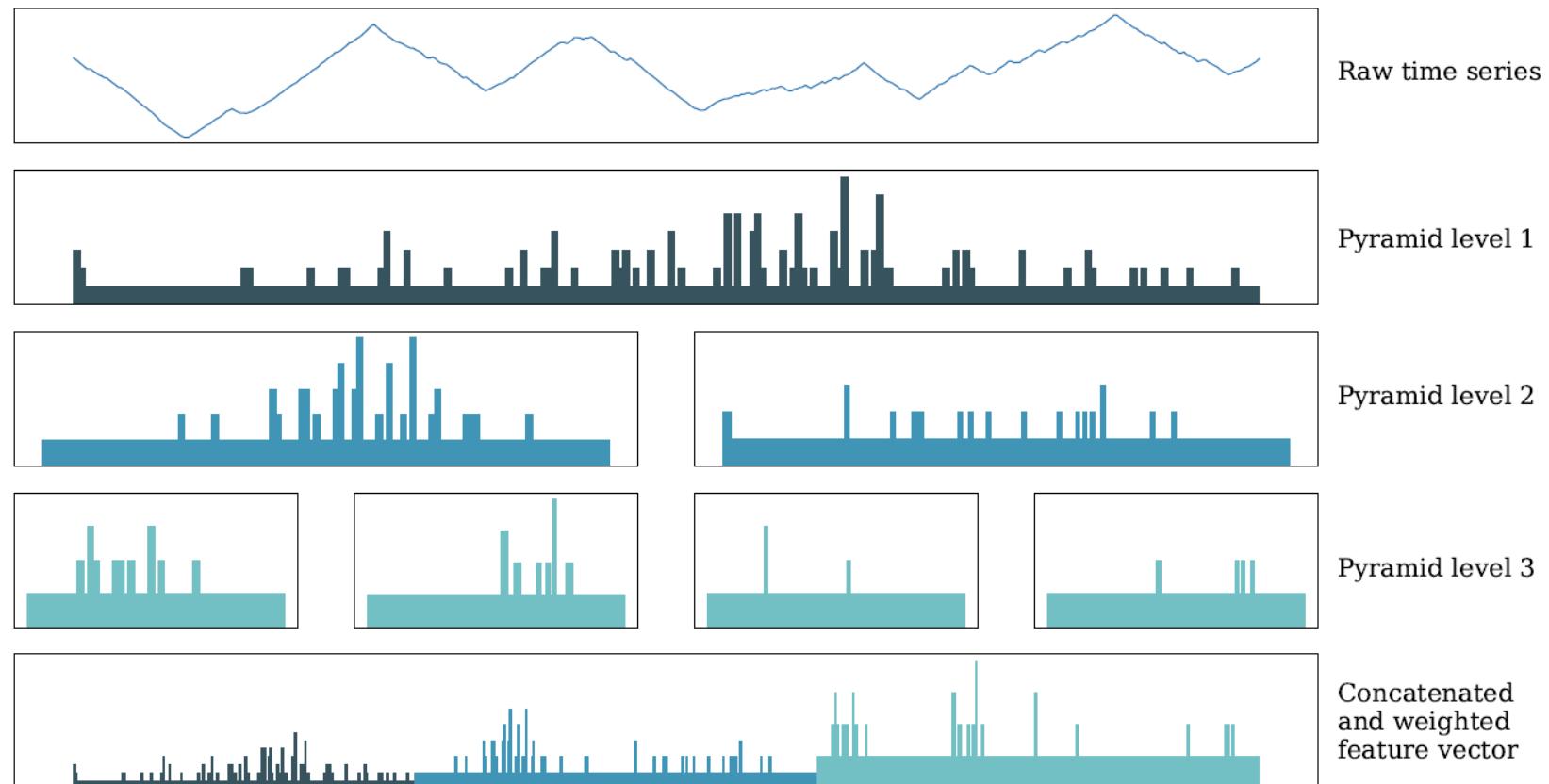
# cBOSS Improvements

Improved ensemble building structure.



# S-BOSS Improvements

Weighted spatial pyramid features.



# WEASEL Improvements

- Introduction of bigrams for each window using the previous non-overlapping window.



- Information gain binning (IGB) as an option replacing MCB.

# New TDE Parameter Space

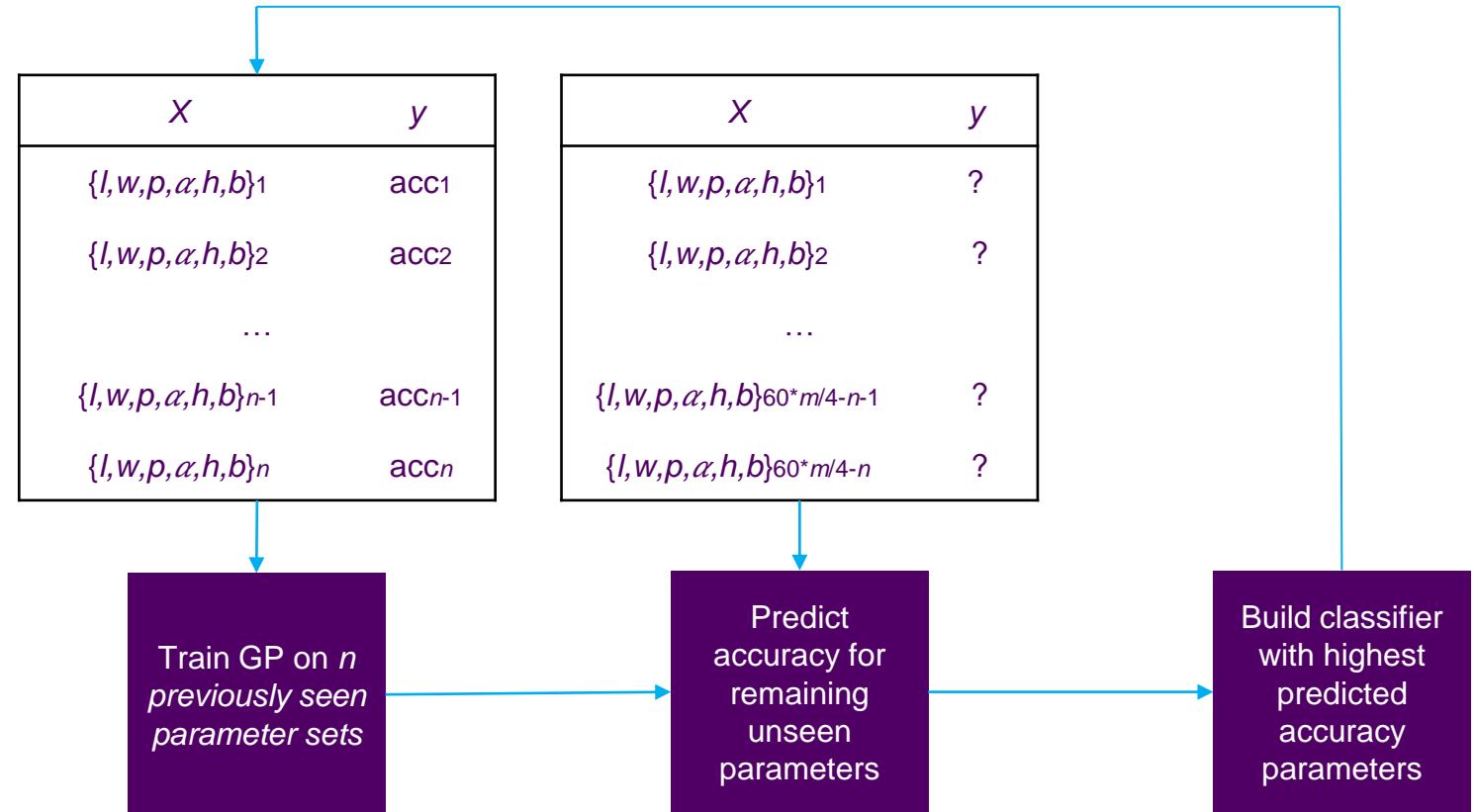
Problem: Can't effectively search expanded space with cBOSS random selection

Parameter		No. Values	Range
Word length	$l$	5	{16,14,12,10,8}
Window length	$w$	$m/4$	{10...m}
Normalise	$p$	2	{true,false}
Alphabet size	$\alpha$	1	{4}
Pyramid levels	$h$	3	{1,2,3}
Discretisation	$b$	2	{MCB,IGB}

# Gaussian Process (GP) Parameter Selection

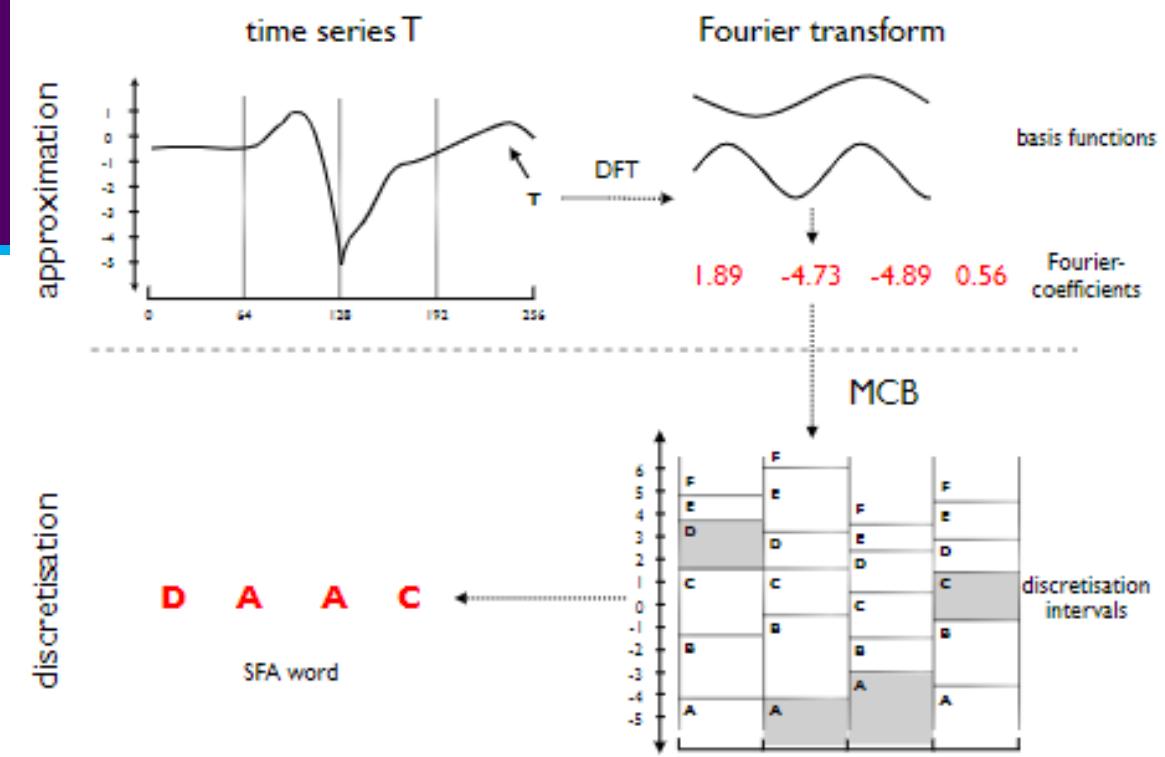
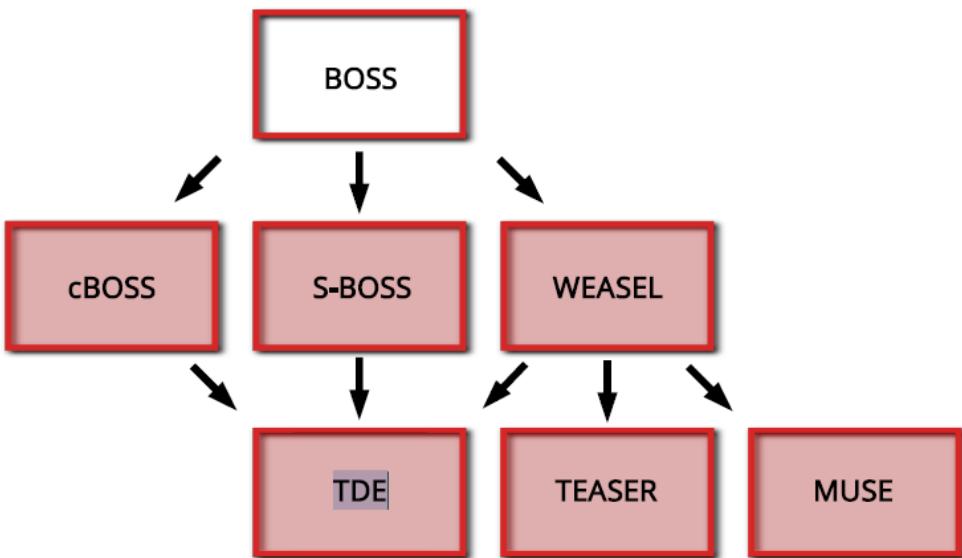
Using parameter sets from previously built classifiers, predict the accuracy of unseen ones.

To include a diverse selection, randomly select the first 50 parameter sets.



# Dictionary Based Classifiers

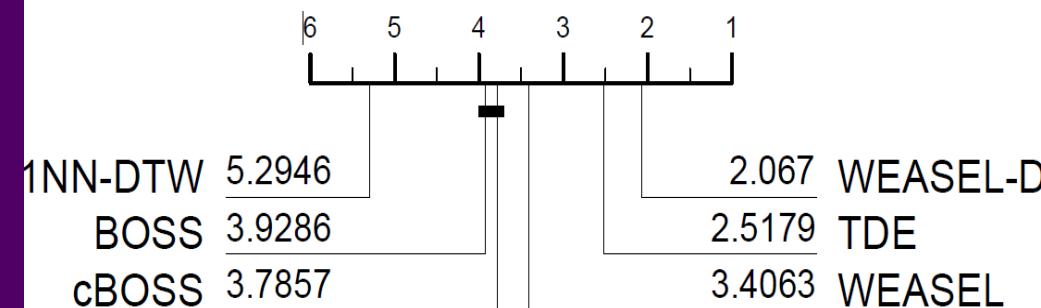
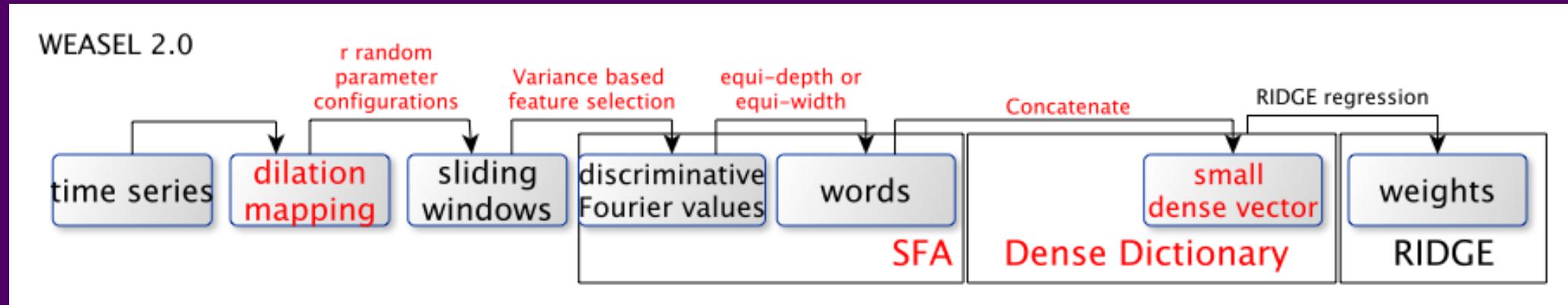
Classifiers built on histograms have historically been either nearest neighbour classifiers or linear classifiers



## Dictionary Based

BOSS	Bag of Symbolic Fourier Approximation Symbols [Schäfer 2015]
WEASEL	Word Extraction for Time Series Classification [Schäfer and Leser 2017a]
MUSE	Multivariate Symbolic Extension [Schäfer and Leser 2017b]
cBOSS	Contractable BOSS [Middlehurst et al. 2019]
S-BOSS	Spatial BOSS [Large et al. 2019a]
TDE	Temporal Dictionary Ensemble [Middlehurst et al. 2020b]
TEASER	Two-tier Early and Accurate Series Classifier [Schäfer and Leser 2020]

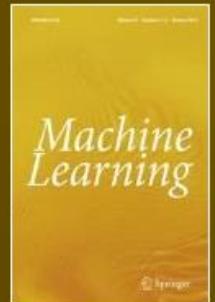
# Best in class: WEASEL 2



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**WEASEL 2.0: a random dilated dictionary transform for fast, accurate and memory constrained time series classification**

Open access Published: 19 September 2023 (2023)



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# Dilated Sliding Window

Time Series T

0	1	3	2	9	1	14	15
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Sliding window  
with dilation=2



1<sup>st</sup> window

0		3		9
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2<sup>nd</sup> window

1		2		1
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3<sup>rd</sup> window

3		9		14
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Example:  $d = 2$  inserts gap of 1, down-samples by 2, doubles size of the receptive field

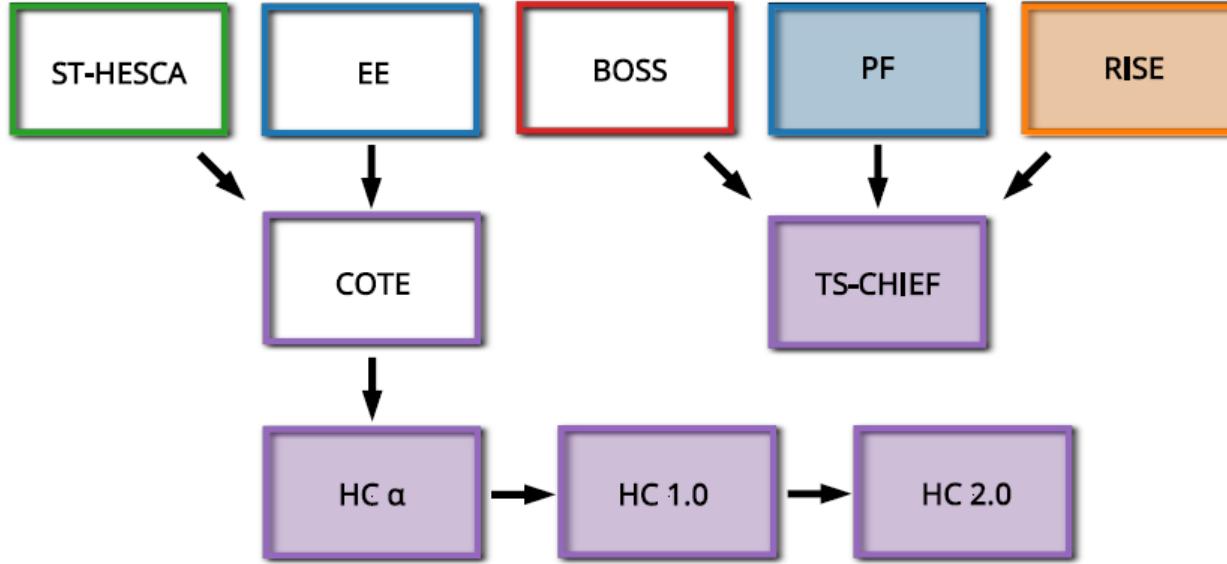


Improves:

- Rocket (convolution based)
- RDST (shapelet based)
- WEASEL (dictionary based)

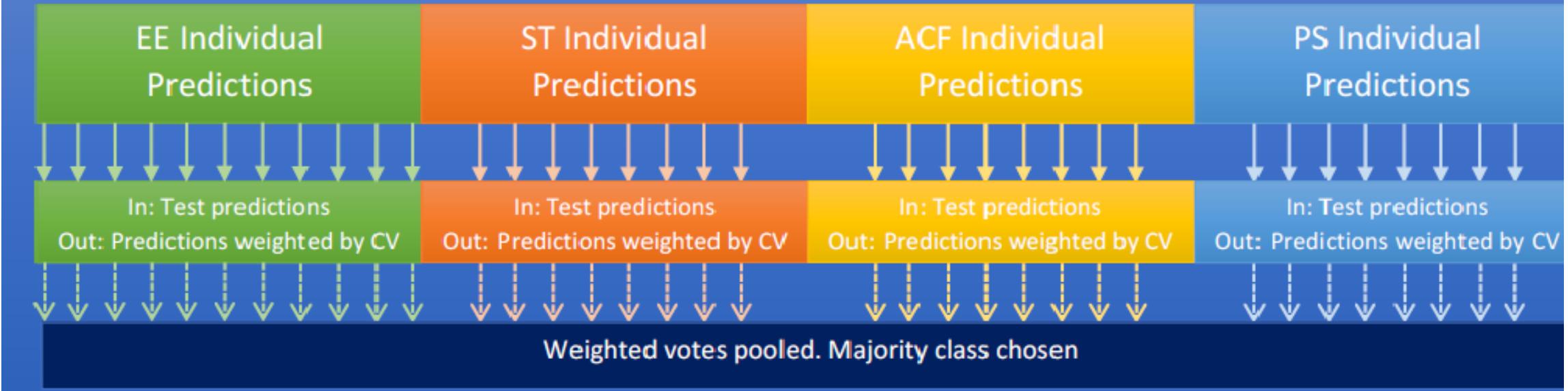
# Hybrids: Combine Approaches

Meta ensembles explicitly combine classifiers built on different representations



Decision trees embed different representations internally at nodes

# Flat-COTE



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## Time-Series Classification with COTE: The Collective of Transformation-Based Ensembles

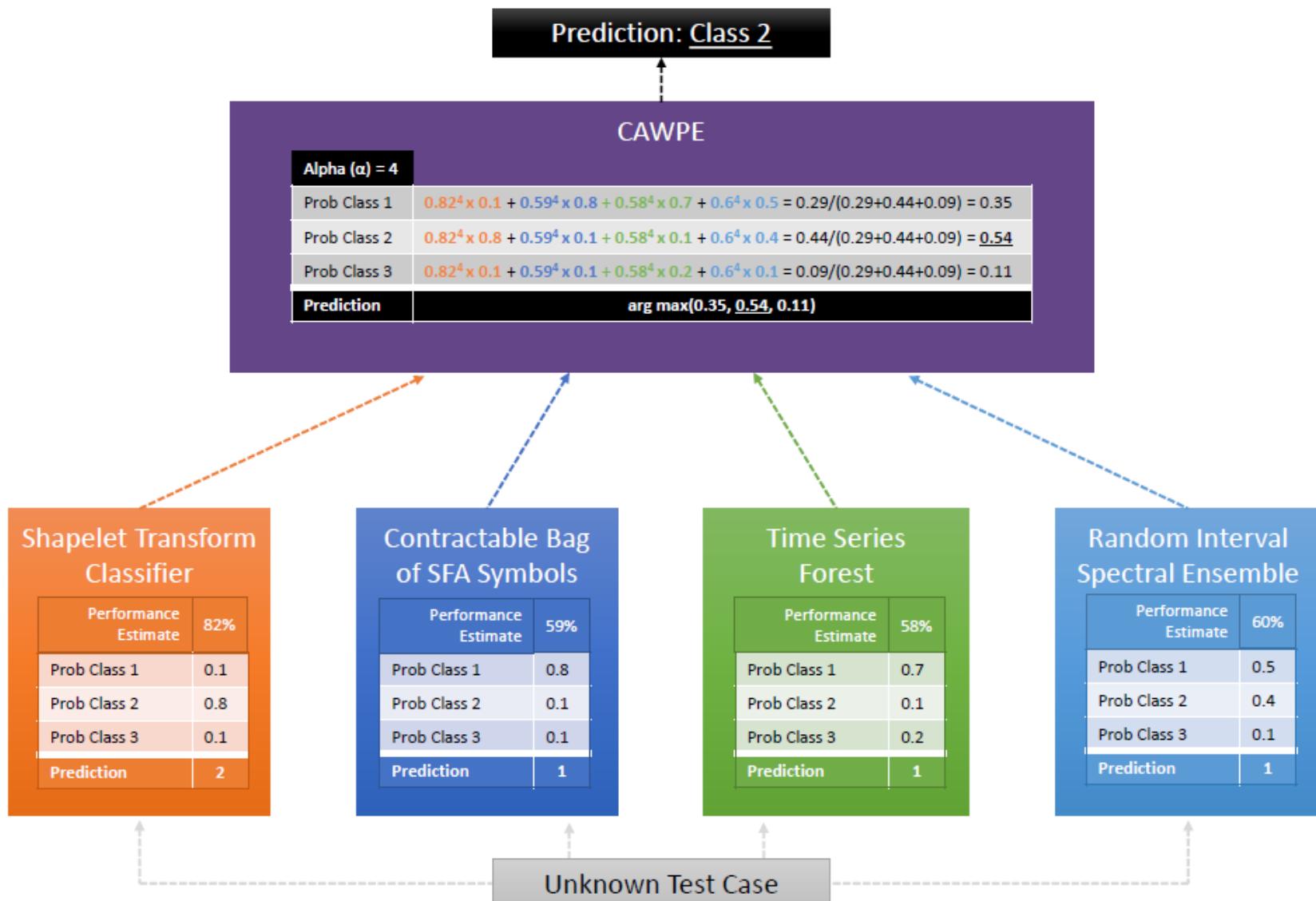
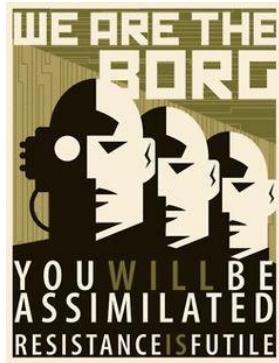
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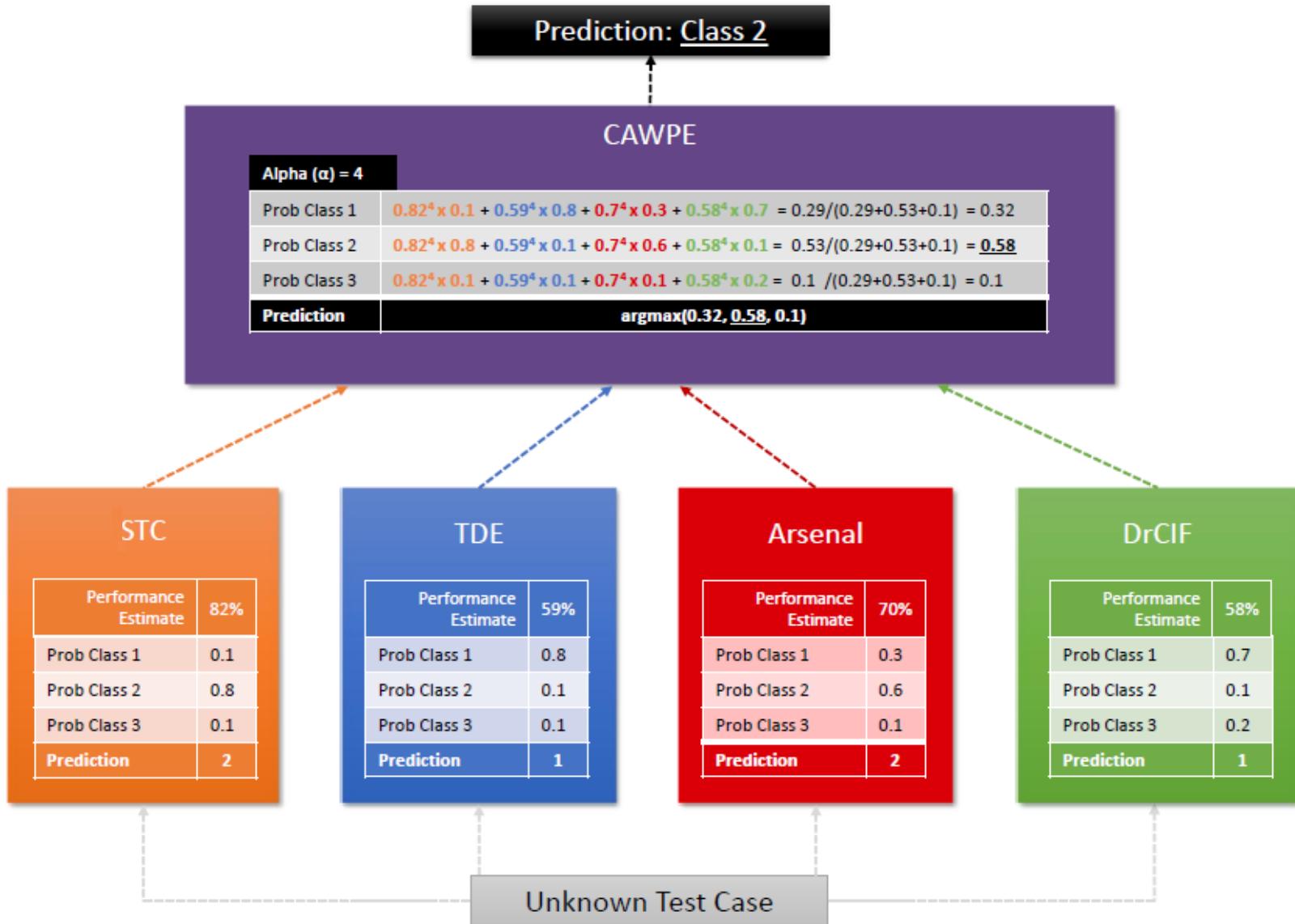
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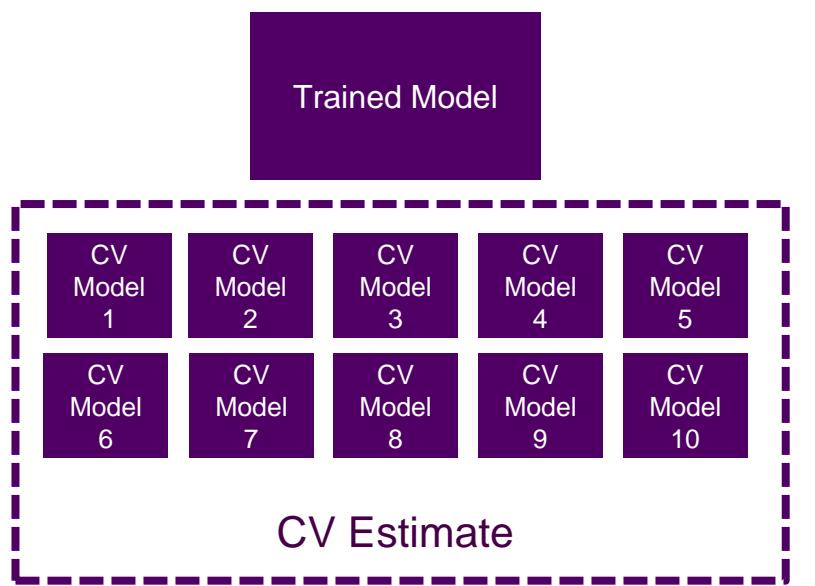
# HIVE-COTE 1.0 (HC1)



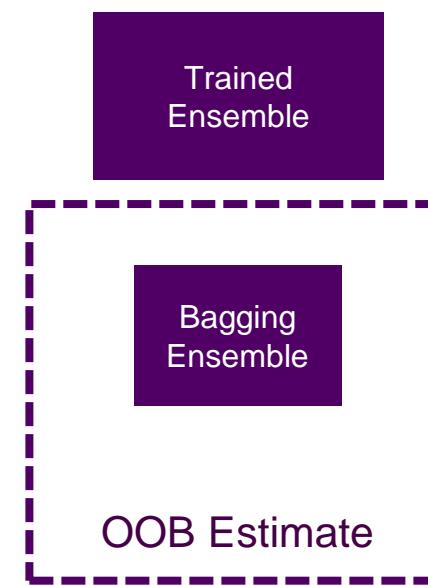
# HIVE-COTE 2.0 (HC2)



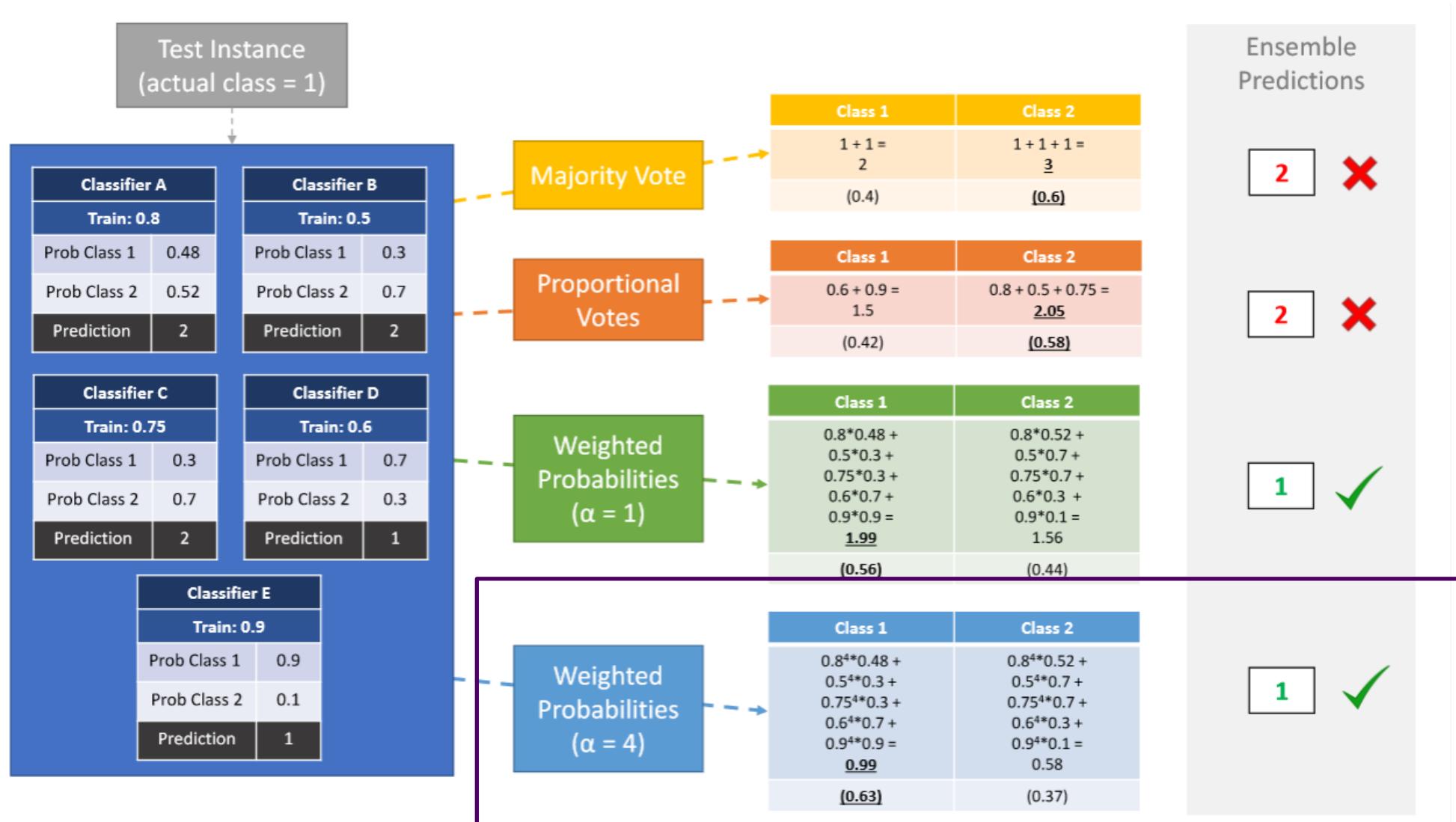
# Train Accuracy Estimate



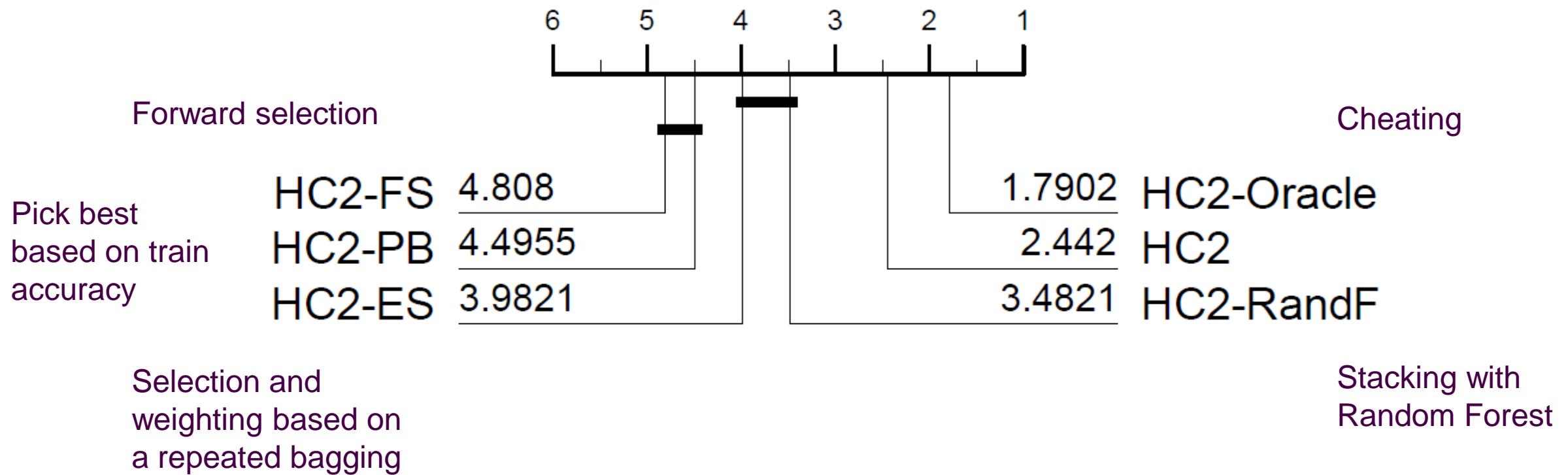
CV vs OOB  
estimates



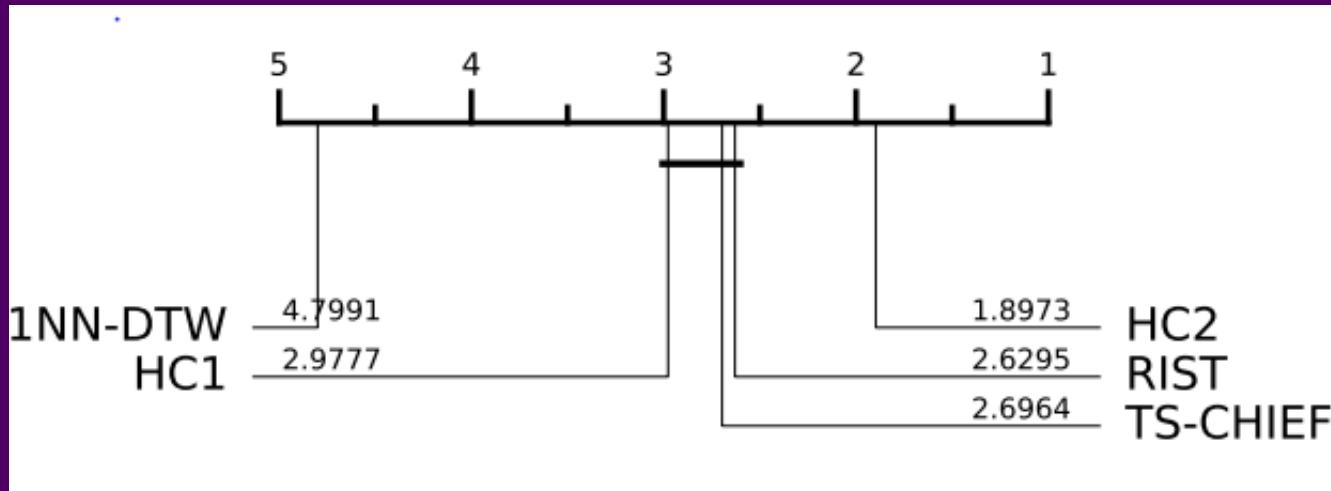
# HC2 Controller (CAWPE)



# Alternate Ensemble Methods



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## HIVE-COTE 2.0: a new meta ensemble for time series classification

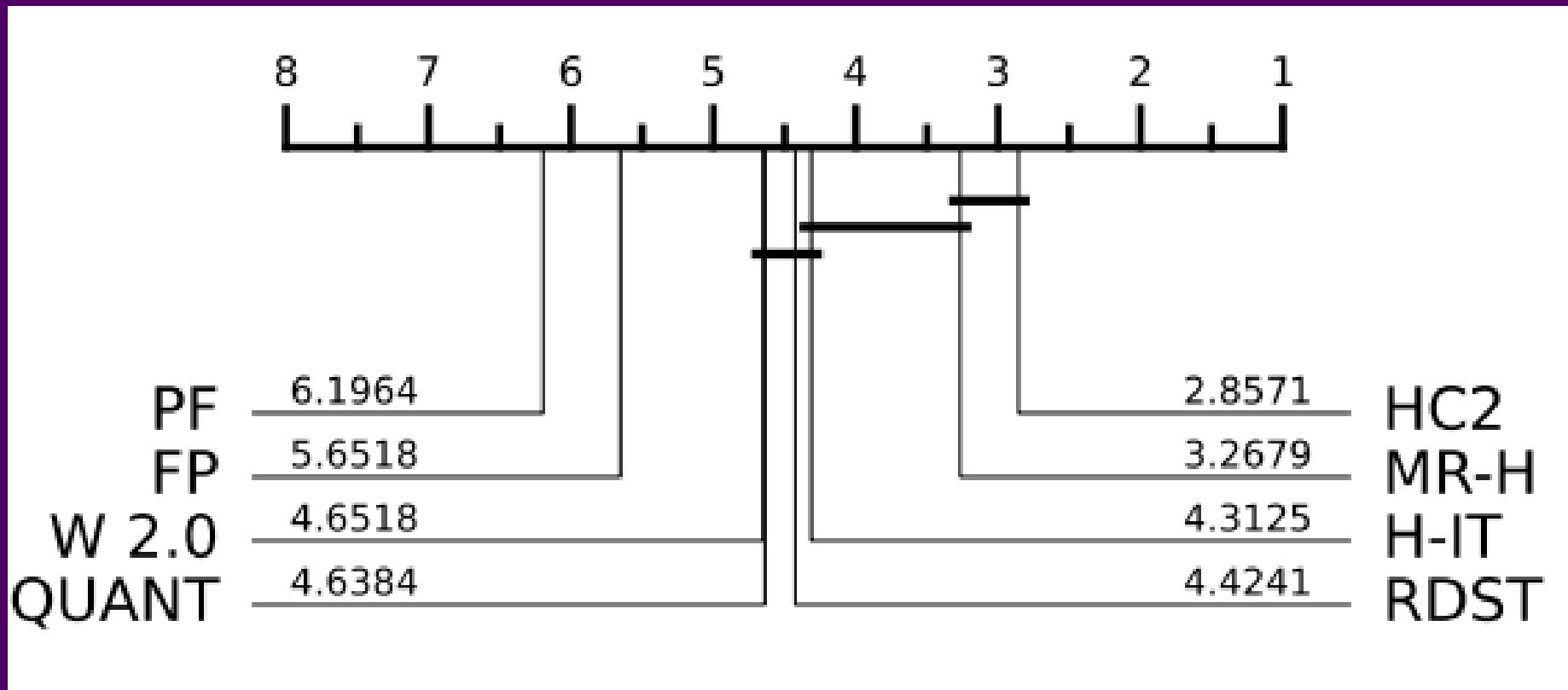
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Hierarchical Vote Collective of Transformation based Ensembles  
COTE - Flat COTE: ensemble of EE and STC (2015)  
HIVE-COTE (alpha) - EE/STC/RISE/BOSS/TSF (2017)  
HIVE-COTE V1 - STC/RISE/CBOSS/TSF (2020)  
HIVE-COTE V2 – STC/The Arsenal/TDE/DrCIF (2021)

# Bake off Redux: compare best in class

# And the winner is ....



# Taxonomy of Algorithms by Feature Type

## Distance based

- Dynamic time warping (DTW)
- Elastic Ensemble (EE)
- Proximity Forest (PF)

## Interval based

- Time Series Forest (TSF)
- Random Interval Spectral Ensemble (RISE)
- Canonical Interval Forest (CIF)
- Diverse Representation CIF (DrCIF)

## Deep Learning

- CNN
- FCN
- LSTM
- ResNet
- TapNet
- MCNN
- CNTC
- InceptionT
- MCDCNN
- MLP
- MACNN
- TLENET
- TWIESN

## Shapelet/kernel based

- Shapelet Transform Classifier (ST)
- ROCKET/MiniROCKET/  
MultiROCKET/ Arsenal

## Dictionary based

- Bag of SFA Symbols (BOSS)
- Contractable BOSS (cBOSS)
- WEASEL
- Temporal Dictionary Ensemble(TDE)

## Hybrids

TS-CHIEF BOSS

EE RISE

HC1 ST cBOSS

TSF RISE

HC2 STC TDE

DrCIF Arsenal

# Time Series Classification (TSC)

## 2000-2018

Distance based:  
1-NN DTW  
“hard to beat”

Elastic Ensemble [1]

The collective of transformation-based ensembles [2]  
flat-COTE

Bake off [3] finds nine better than DTW, and Flat-COTE SOTA

HIVE-COTE [4] new SOTA

Up to 2014

2015

2016

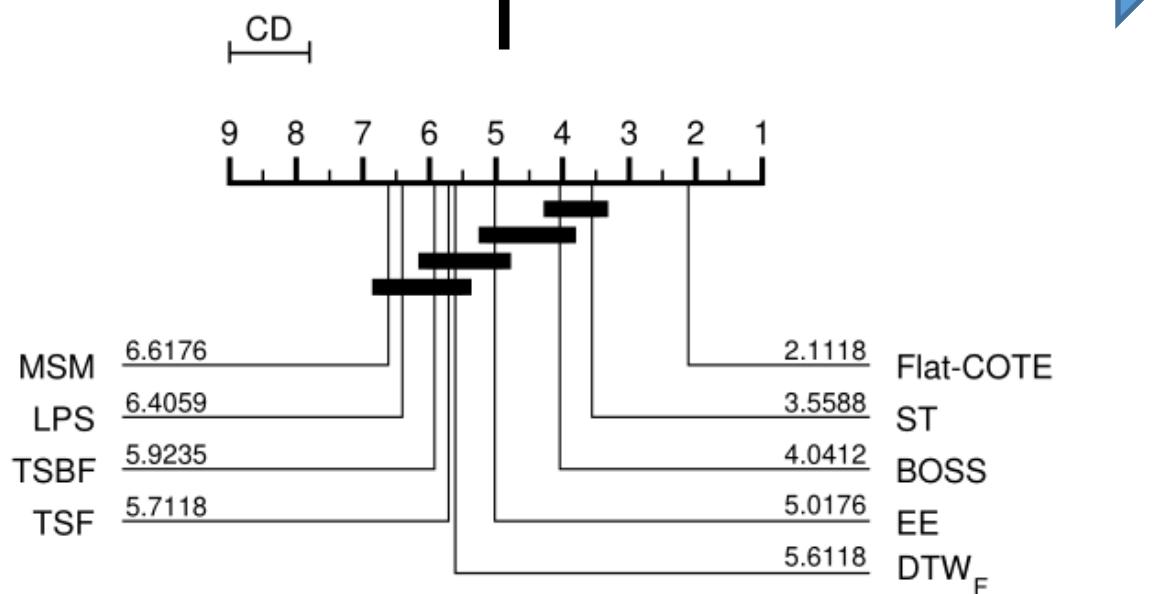
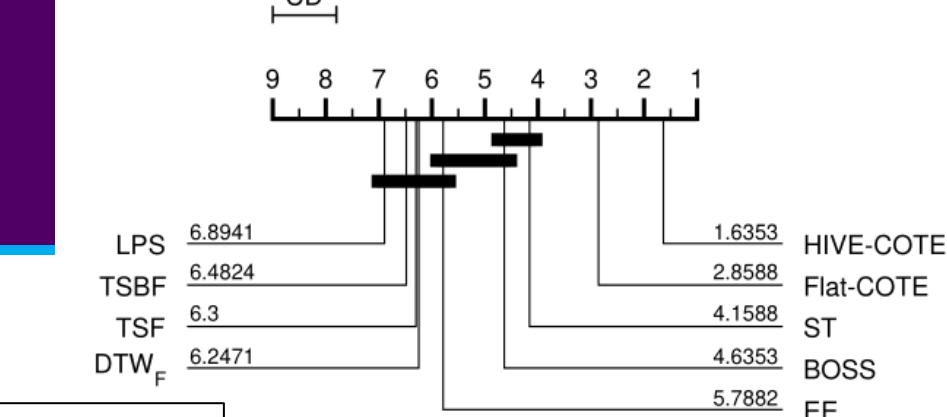
2017

2018

Feature based algorithms:  
BOP, BOSS, TSF, TSBF, DTWF, ST etc

UCR archive re-released with 85 datasets

We conduct a comparative study (bake off) of 19 algorithms on 100 resamples of the new 85 datasets



# TSC: recent progress 2018-2021

[timeseriesclassification.com](http://timeseriesclassification.com)

Univariate  
(UCR archive 112)

UCR Archive  
relaunched  
with 128  
problems [5]

Multivariate archive [10] (2020)

Kernel based ROCKET [8]

2019

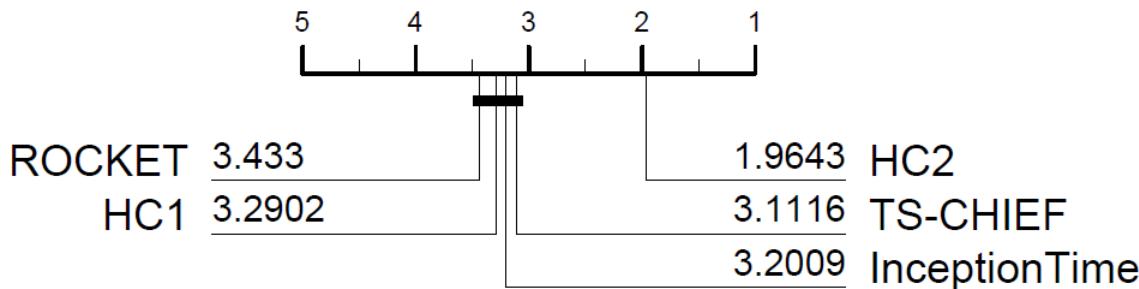
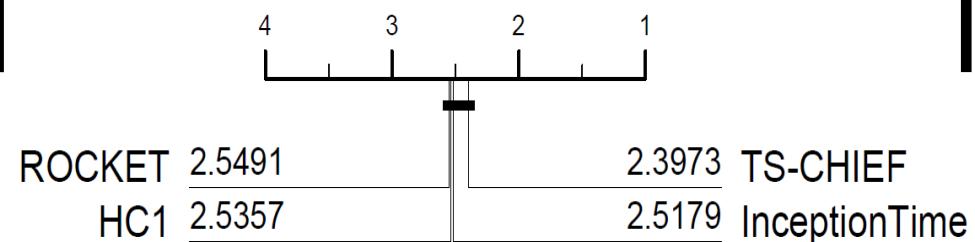
Deep  
learning  
bake off [6]

Tree based  
TS-CHIEF [7]

HIVE-COTE  
V1 (HC1) [9]

2020

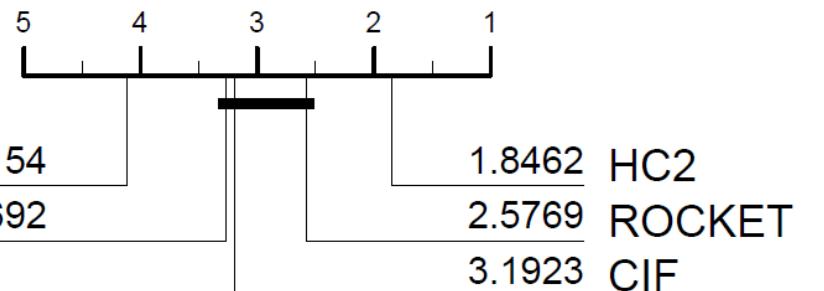
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learning:  
Inception  
Time [7]



HIVE-COTE V2 (HC2) [11]

2021

Multivariate bake off [12]



Multivariate  
(UEA archive 26)

# 2022 onwards

timeseriesclassification.com

MultiRocket



MiniRocket

Hydra



QUANT

Bake off redux

30 new archive  
problems

2022

RDST



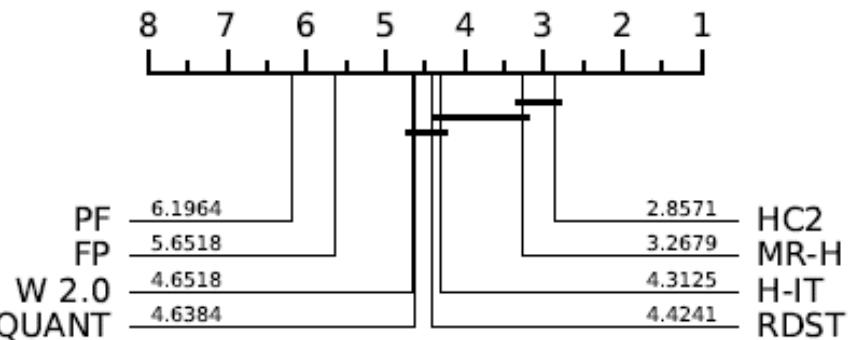
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2023

WEASEL  
v2.0



2024



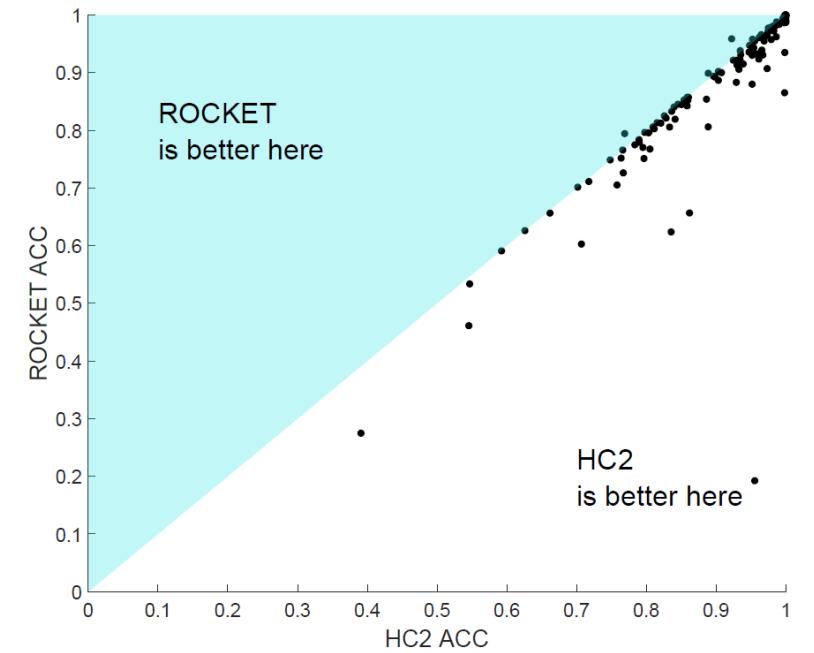
*Explainable, ordinal, multivariate, channel selection, scalable, streaming, applications*

*And of course a LOT of deep learning research ..... often self contained*

# Is the Progress Real?

## Performance on UCR datasets vs HC2

Algorithm	Mean Accuracy Diff	HC2 Wins	HC2 Loses
HC1	-1.06%	77	29
ROCKET	-2.49%	74	32
InceptionTime	-1.69%	82	25
TS-CHIEF	-1.36%	97	11

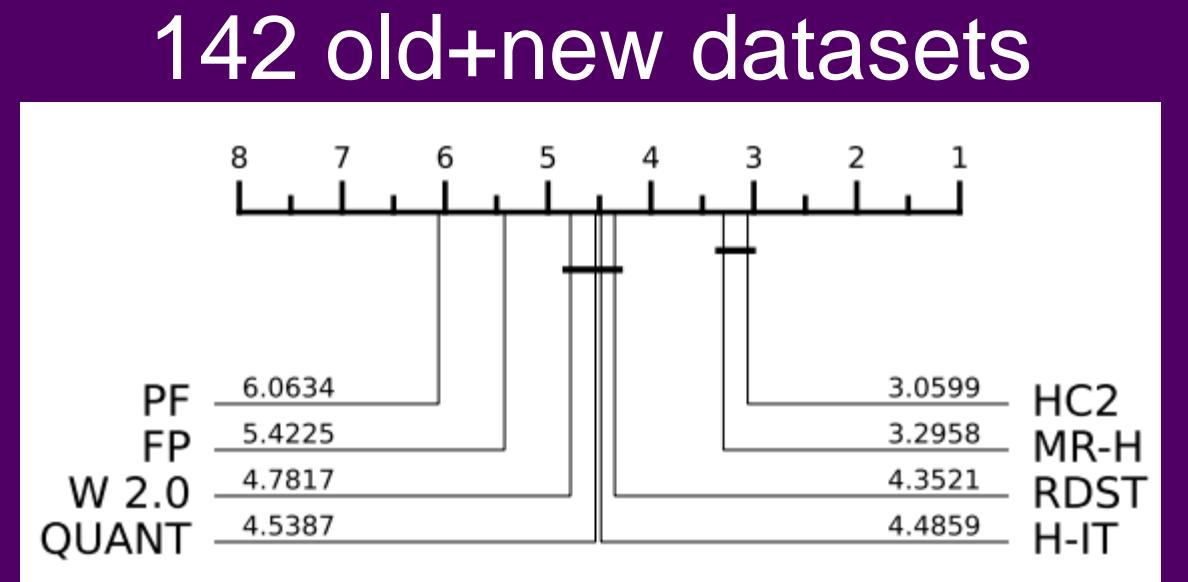
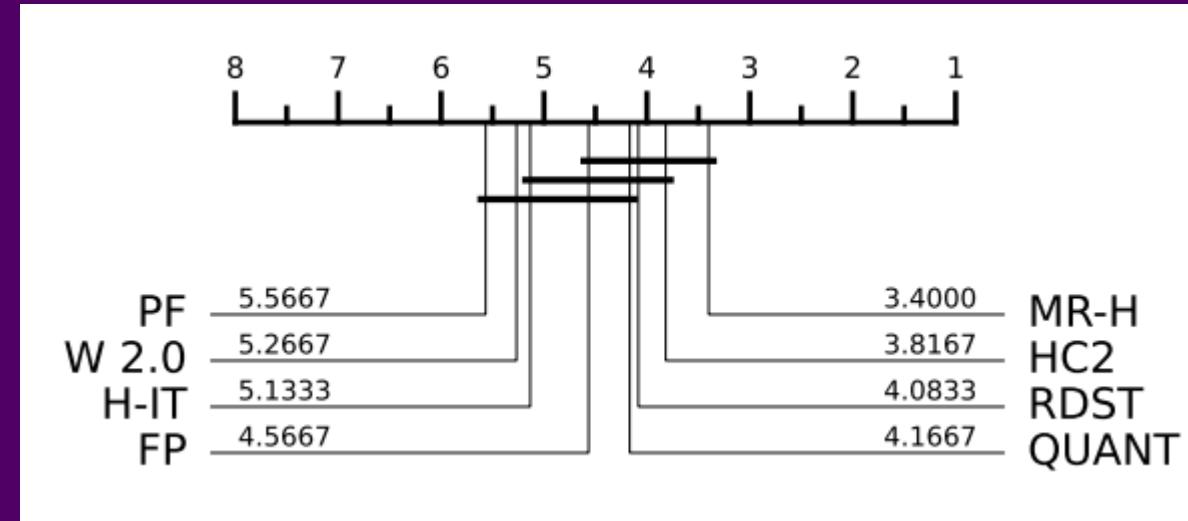


HC2 average accuracy is 89.11%

On average, over 112 UCR problems, HC2 is 12.37% more accurate than 1-NN DTW (wins on 107, ties on 2, loses on 3)

# Are we all just overfitting the UCR archive?

## 30 new datasets



# Is the Progress Real? Case Study: Detecting Fraudulent Alcohol



Can we detect the methanol contents of spirits bottles non-invasively?

## Algorithm

Accuracy and standard error (LOBO)

HC2

63.82% +/- 2.72%

ROCKET

52.72% +/- 2.69%

InceptionTime

44.93% +/- 2.67%

PLS

13.14% +/- 0.9%

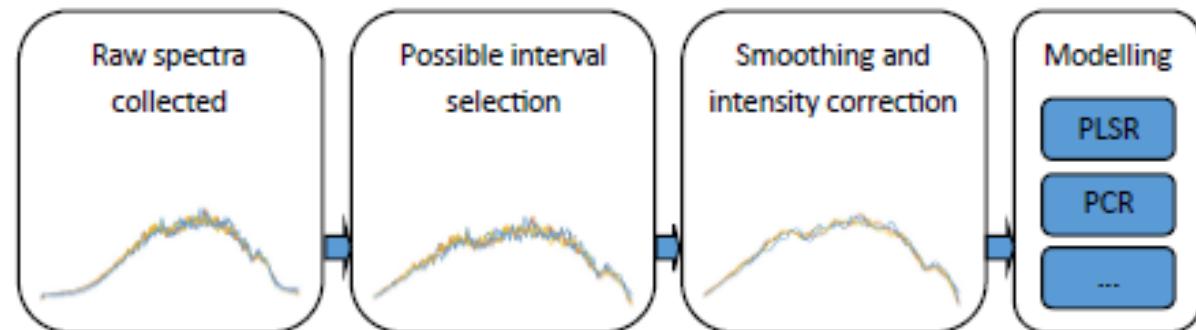
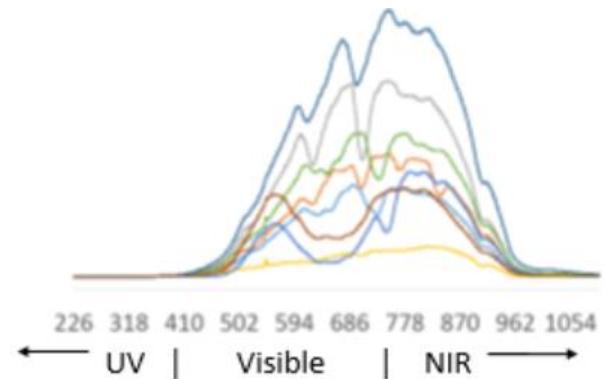


Fig. 2.3 An overview of a standard chemometric pipeline, applied to example spectra.

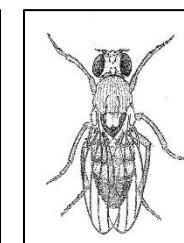
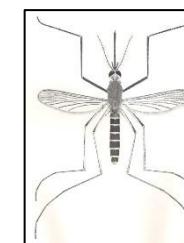
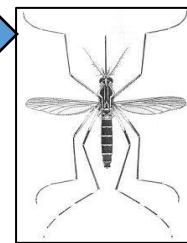
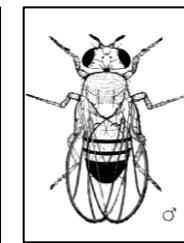
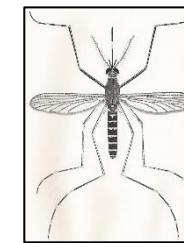
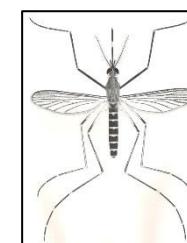
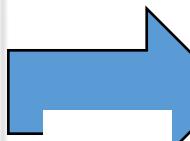
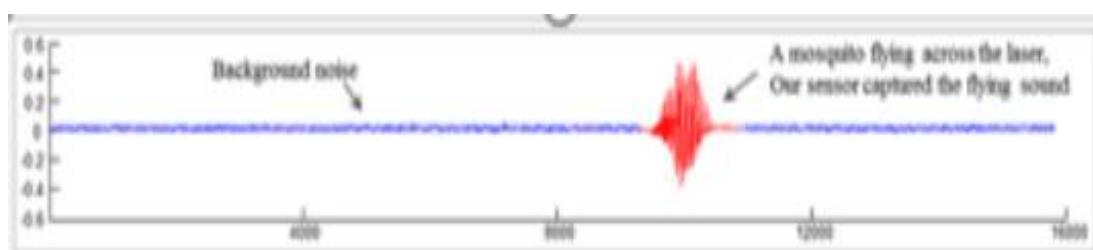
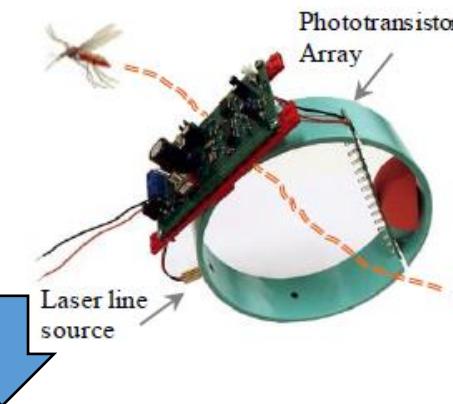
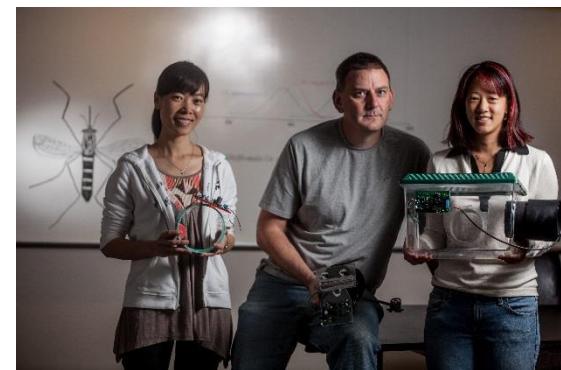


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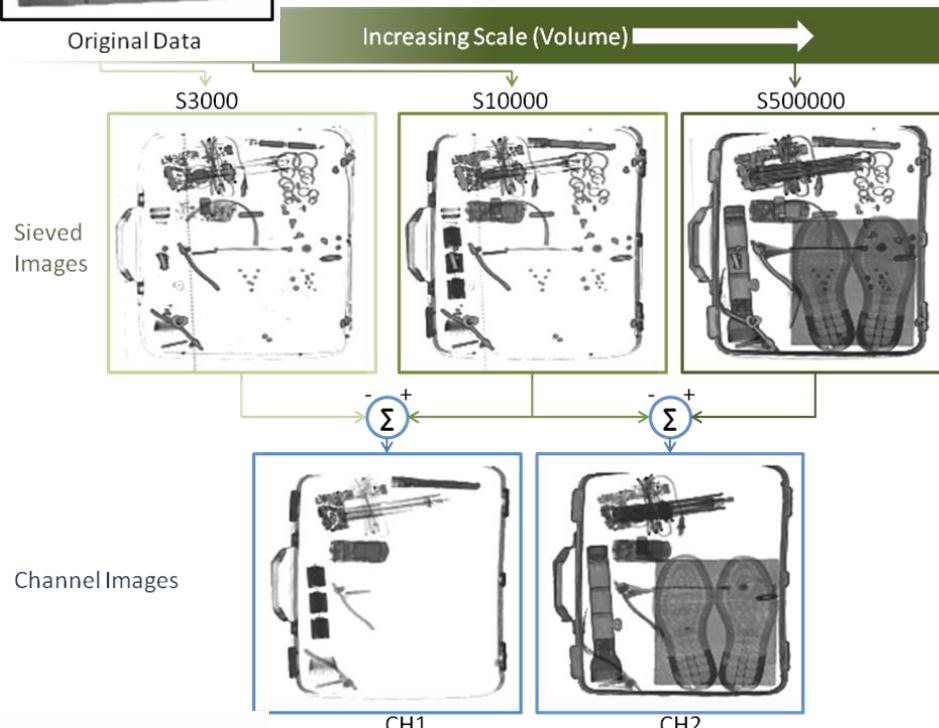
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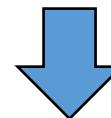
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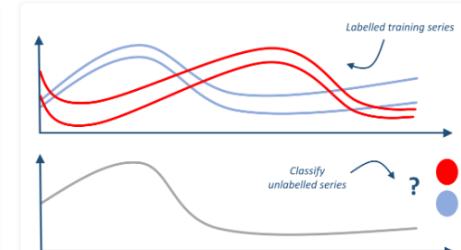
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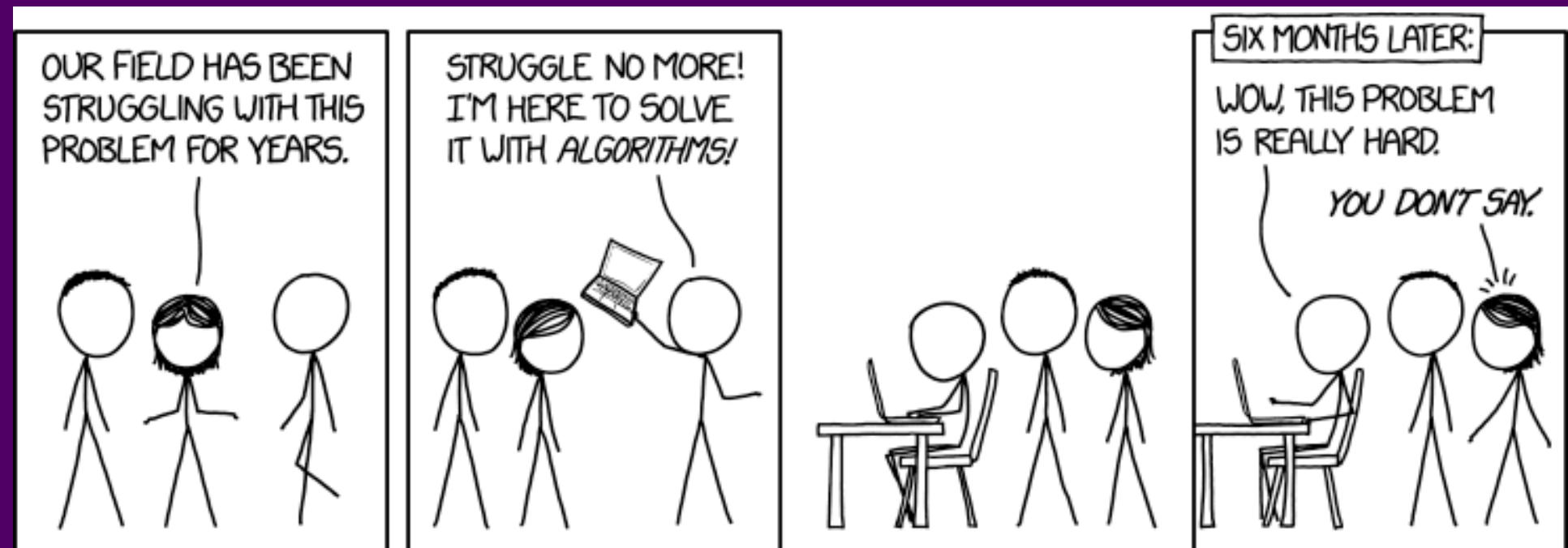
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# What classifier to use for a new TSC problem?

What is the best approach with no prior knowledge?

What is the best approach for a specific problem domain?

What is the best approach for a specific data set?



Thank you for listening,  
any questions?

THIS IS YOUR MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEM?

YUP! YOU POUR THE DATA INTO THIS BIG  
PILE OF LINEAR ALGEBRA, THEN COLLECT  
THE ANSWERS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

WHAT IF THE ANSWERS ARE WRONG?

JUST STIR THE PILE UNTIL  
THEY START LOOKING RIGHT.



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