



EIVIA 2025: Deep Learning for Time Series and Applications to Healthcare

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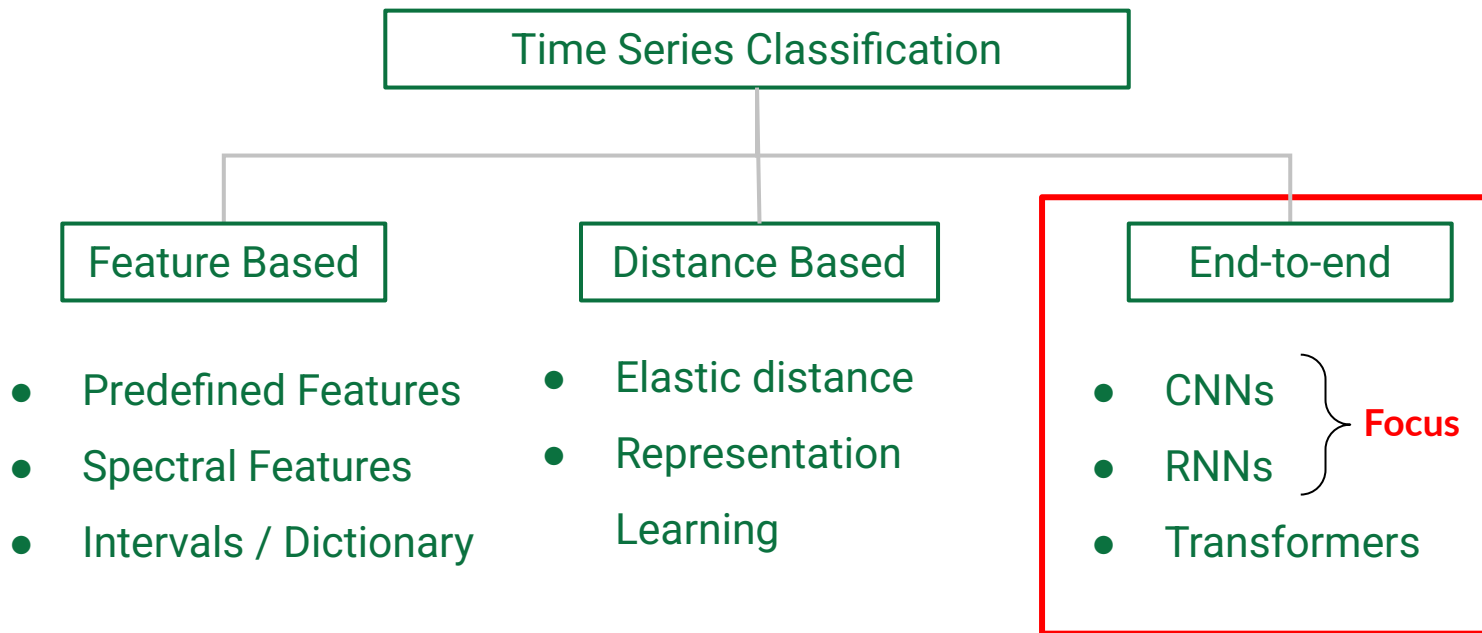
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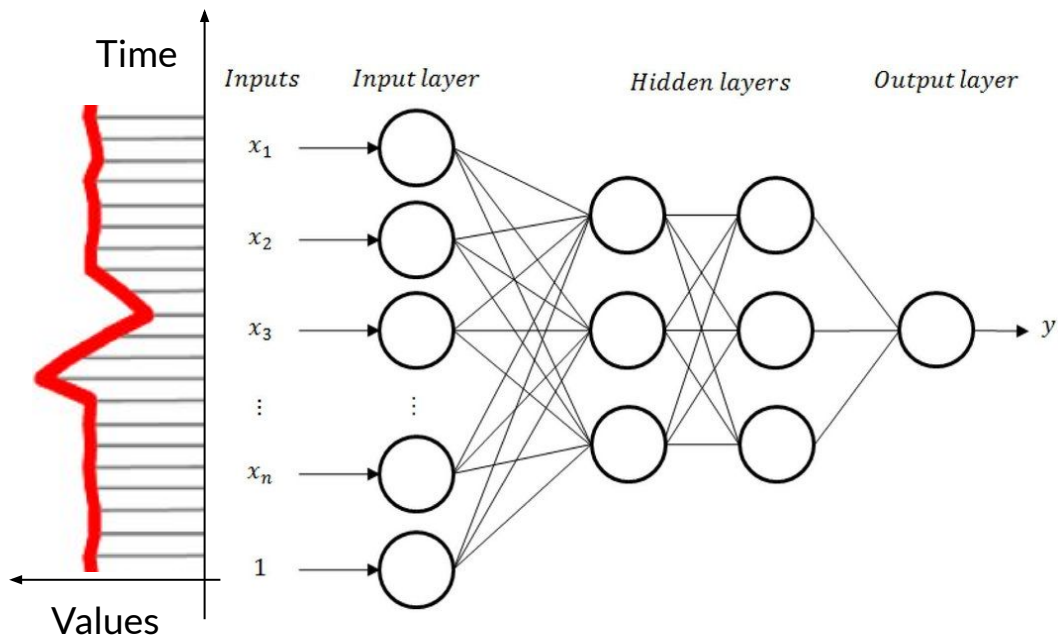
Classification Strategies



Neural Nets: Naive MLP approach

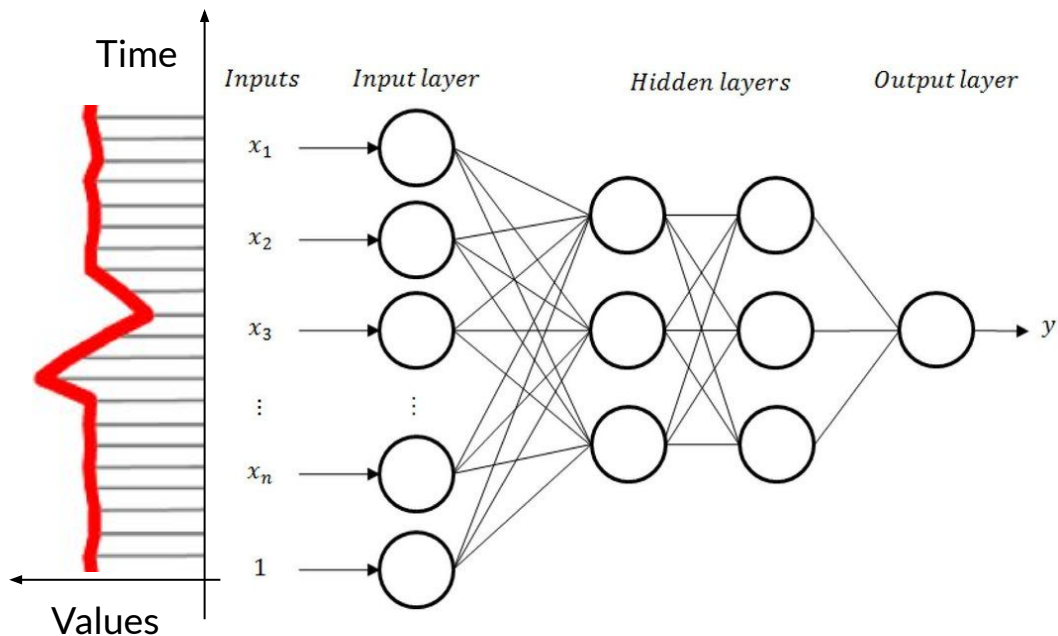
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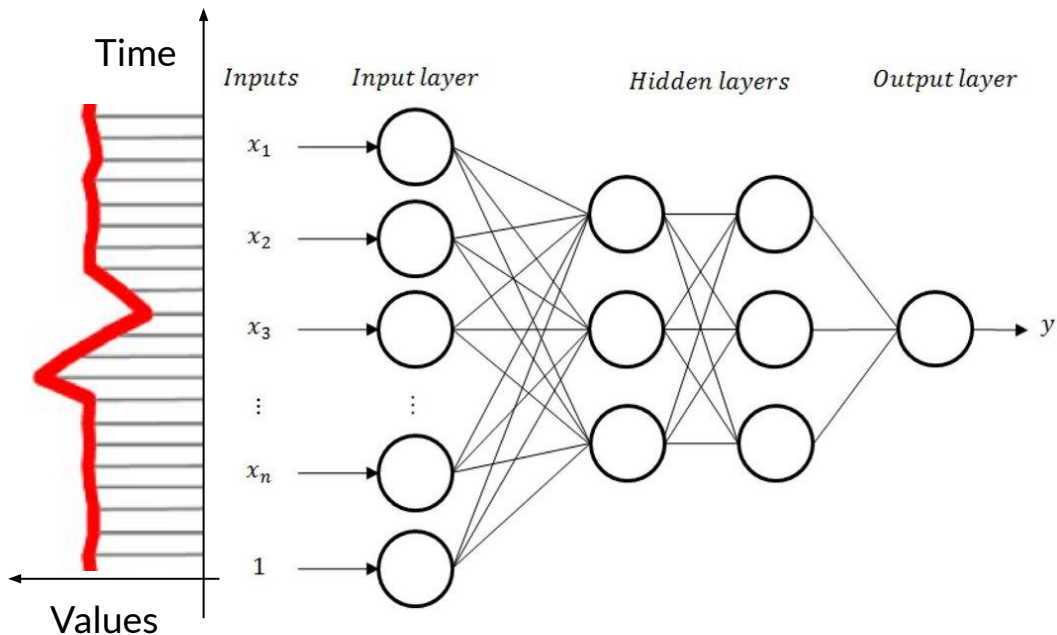


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We need proper architectures: Inductive Bias

Neural Nets: Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

Time Series Classification

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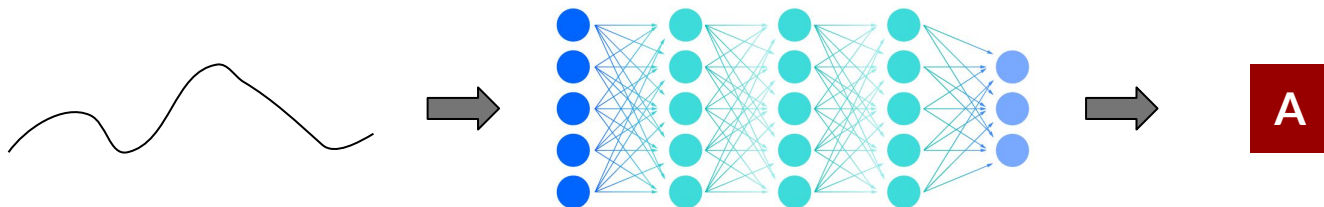
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Distance Based

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- Representation Learning

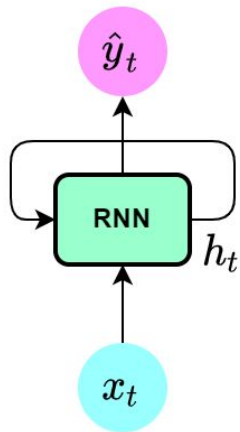
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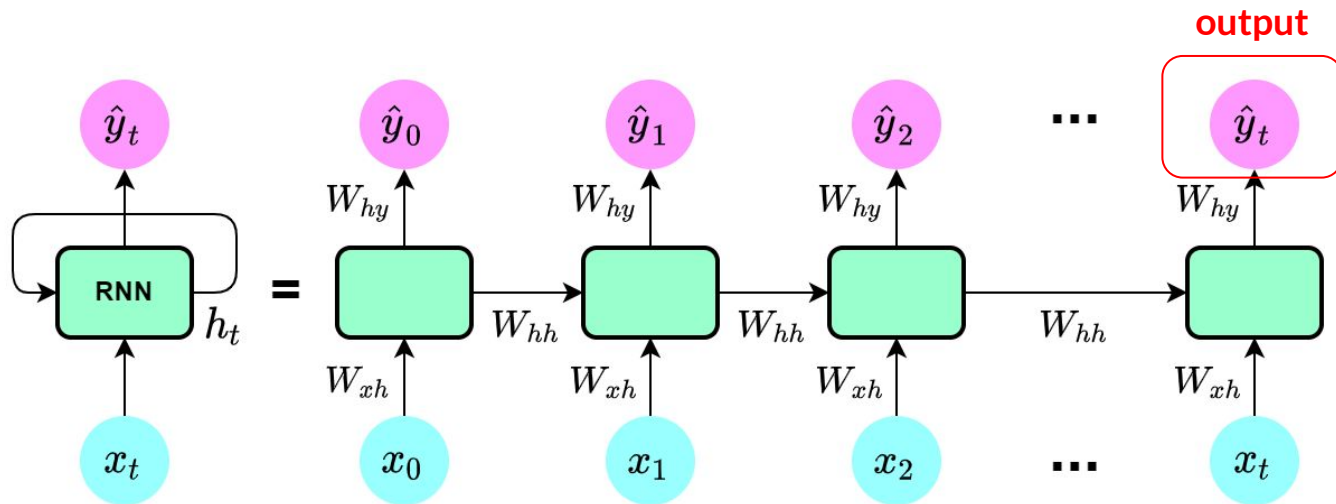
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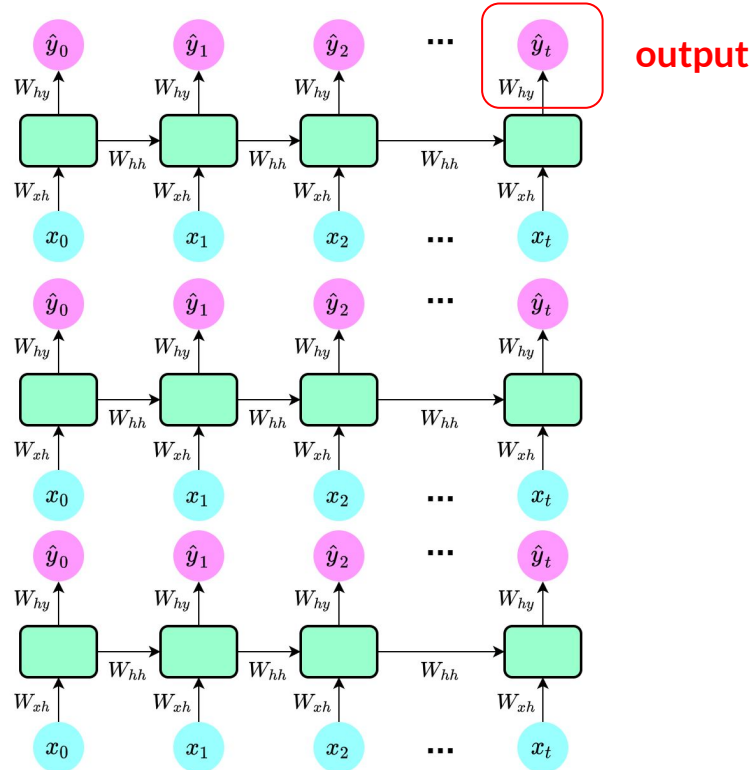
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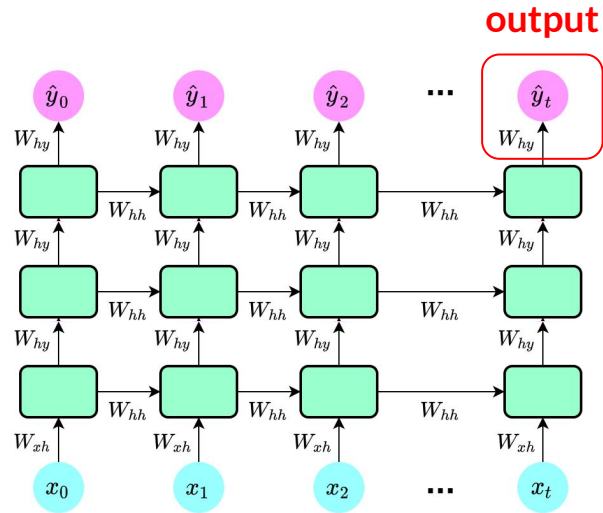


Unfolded RNN: Shared Weights!

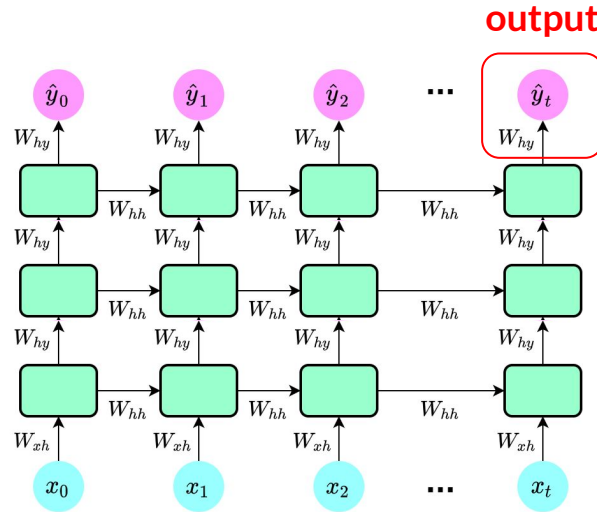
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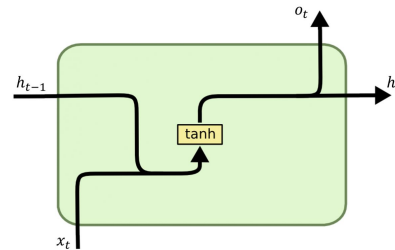


The cells can be stacked to create deeper and more complex models.

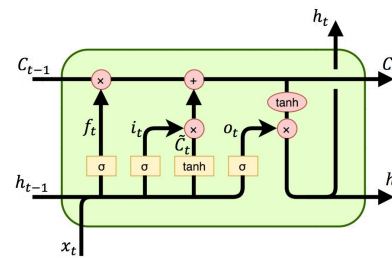
But they are **hard to train**
(unstable and not parallelizable).

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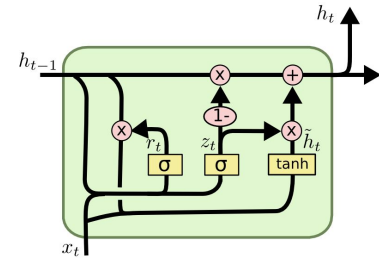
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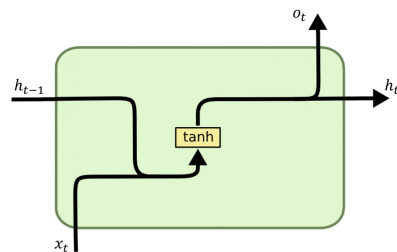
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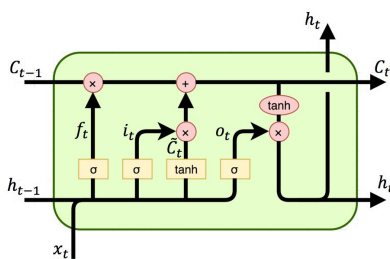
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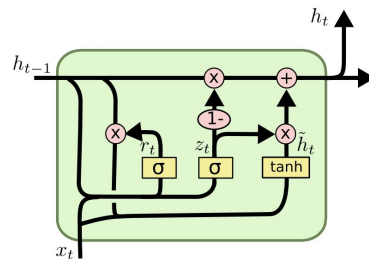
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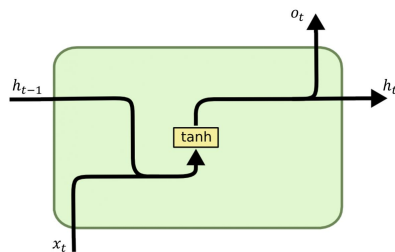


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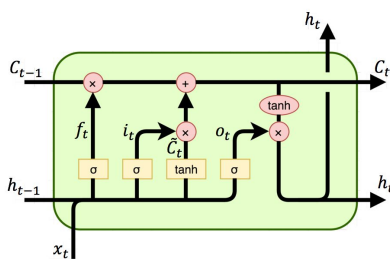
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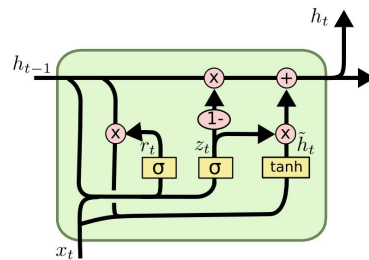
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Best model for
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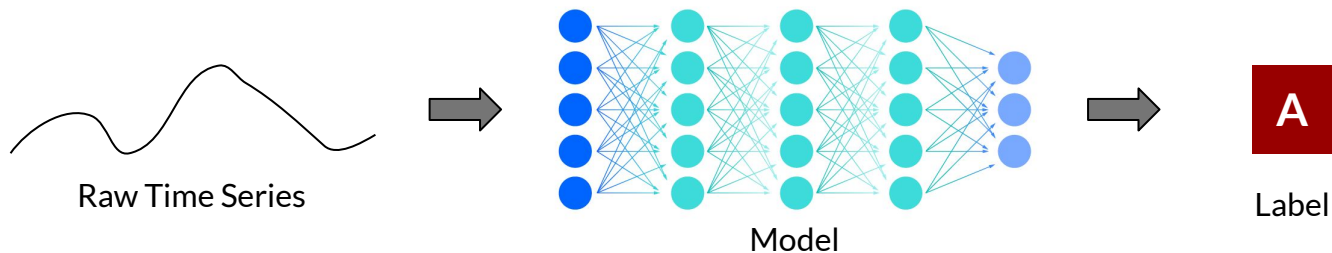
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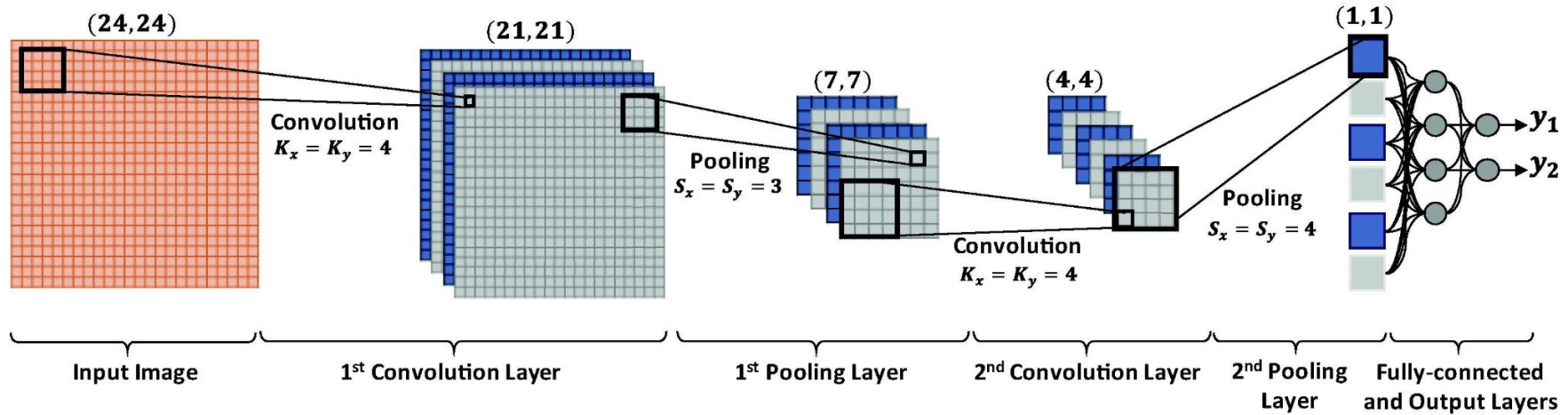
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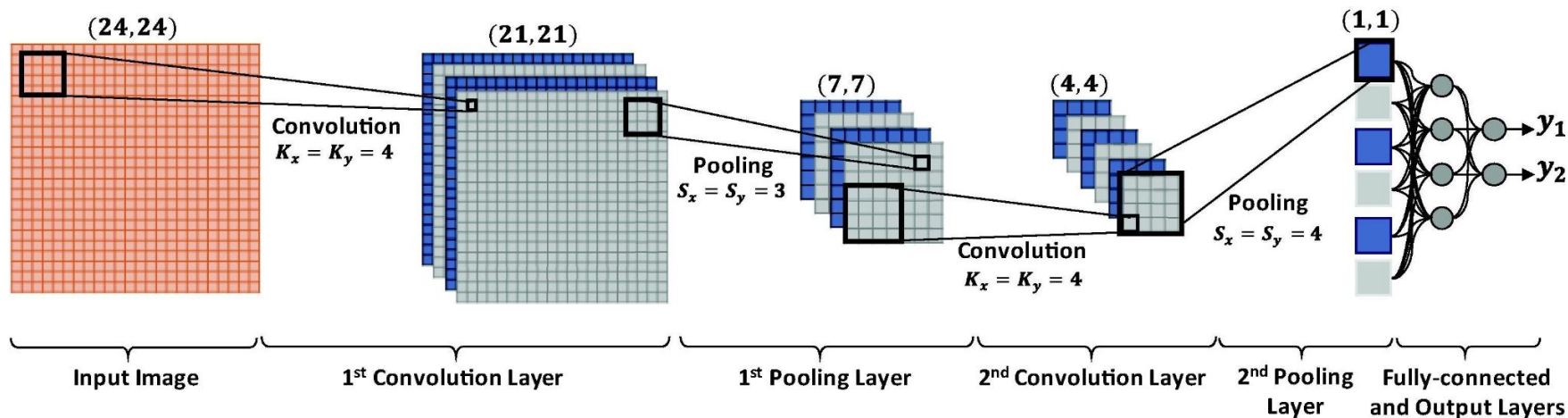
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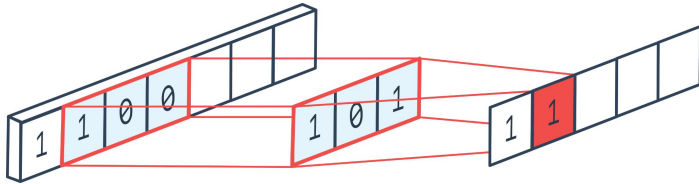
Key Concepts
about CNNs

- **Weight Sharing:**
Less parameters
- **Translational Invariance:**
Exploit data regularities
- **Local Receptive Fields:**
Spatial Hierarchies
- **Pooling Operations:**
Proper Data Downsampling

CNNs for Time Series Classification

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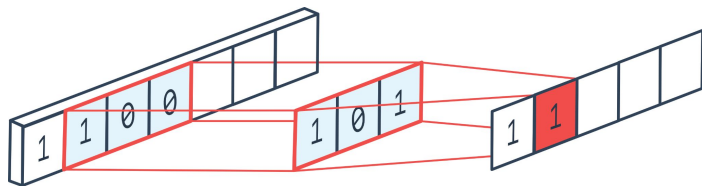


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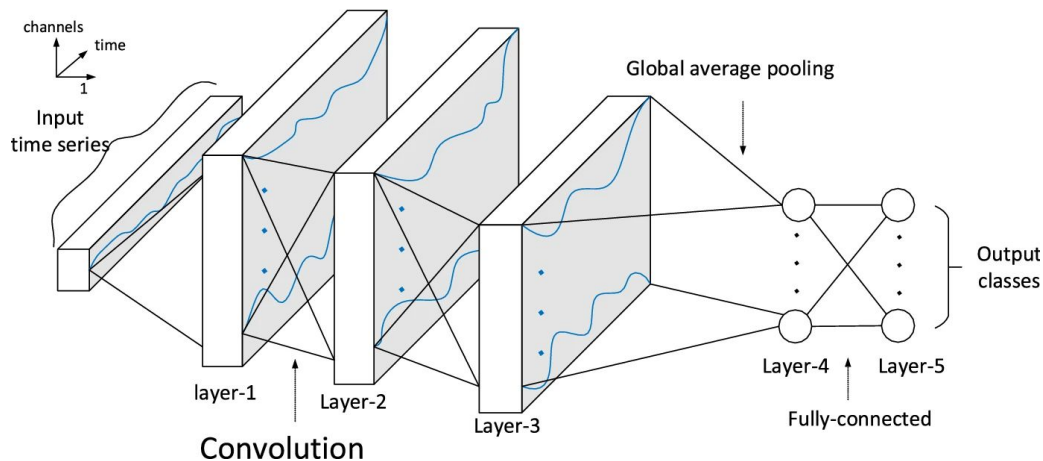
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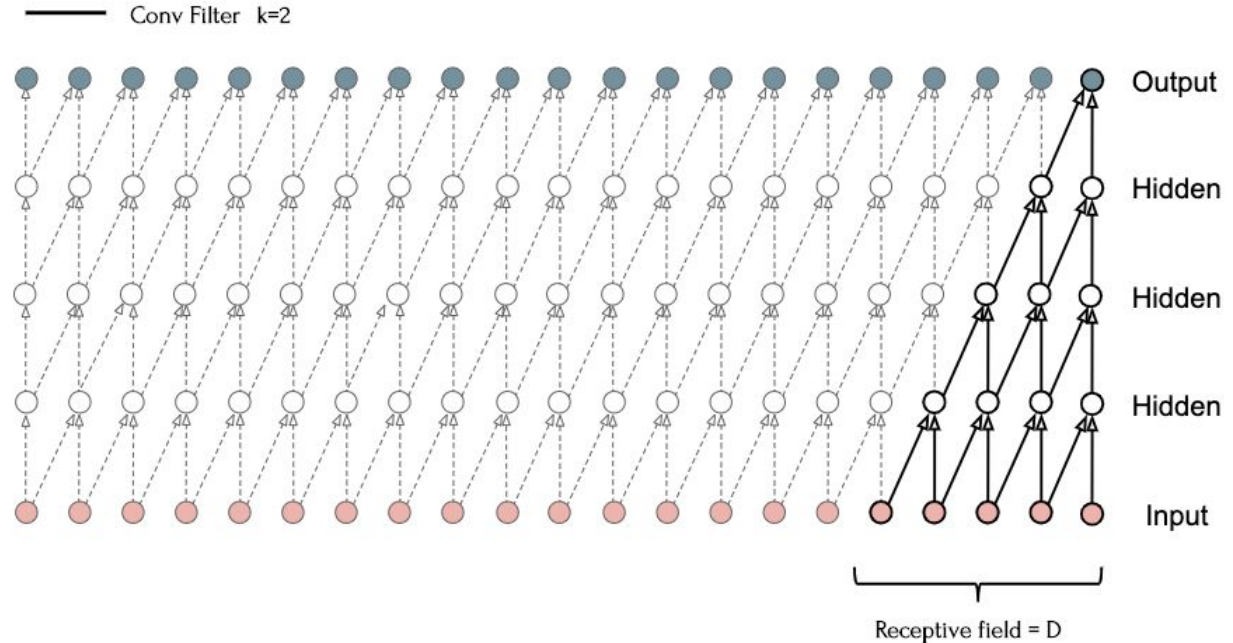
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A **1-D CNN** with 3 conv layers and 2 fully connected layers. Notice the time-pooling operation at the last convolutional layer.

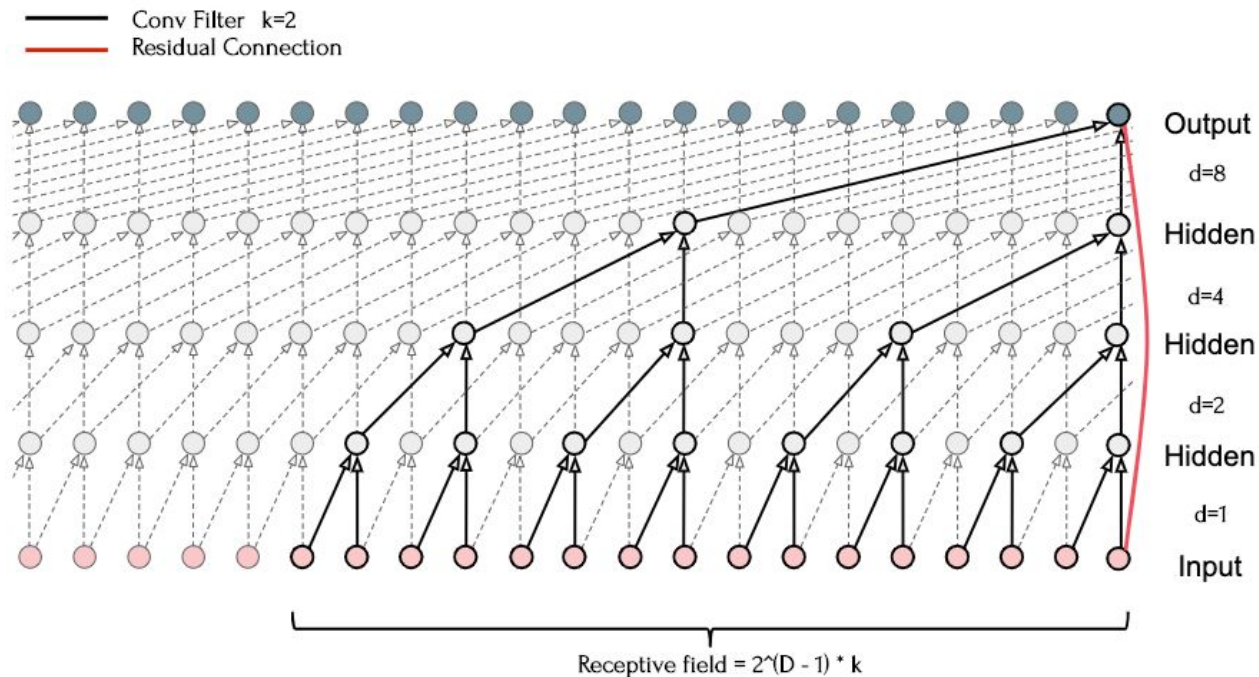
Receptive Field

To have a larger receptive field, we need a deeper network.



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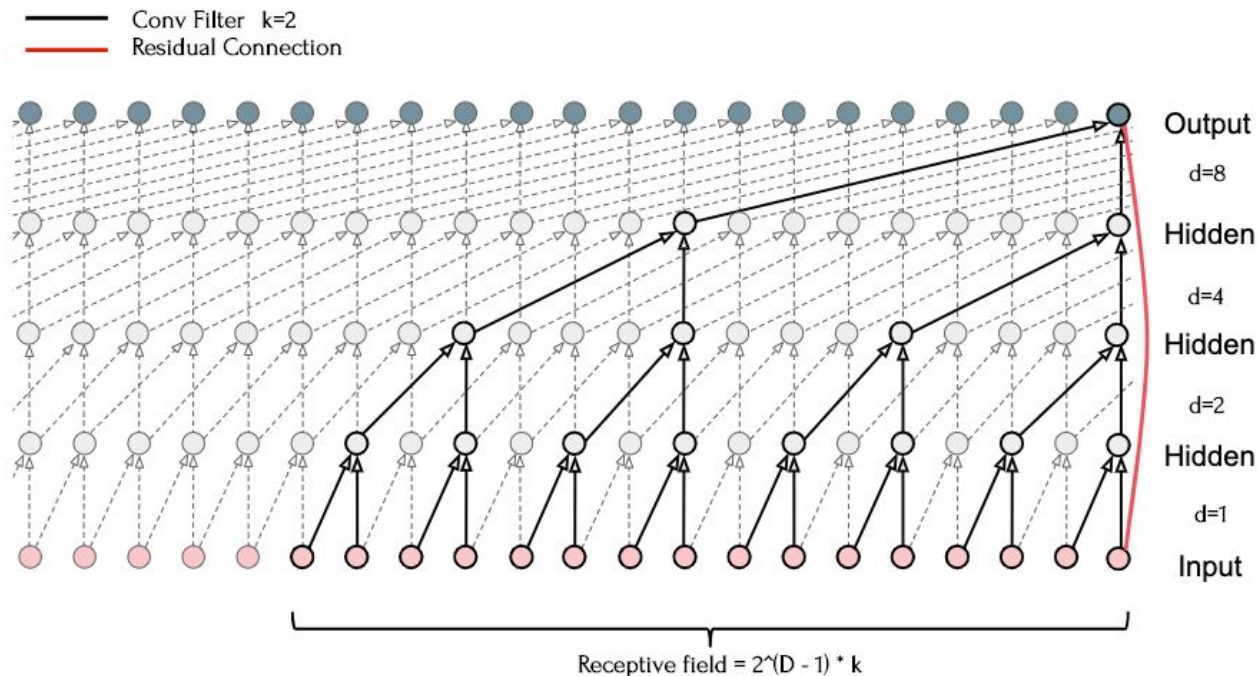
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This strategy was proposed by Google Deepmind in 2016. The **WaveNet** architecture was the first capable of effectively dealing with raw audio time series.



State-of-the-art (SOTA)

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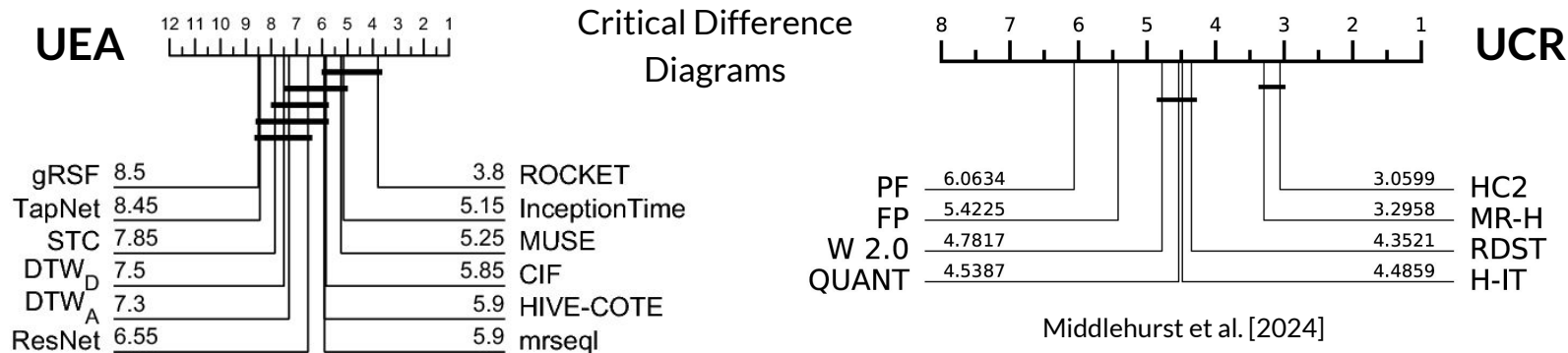


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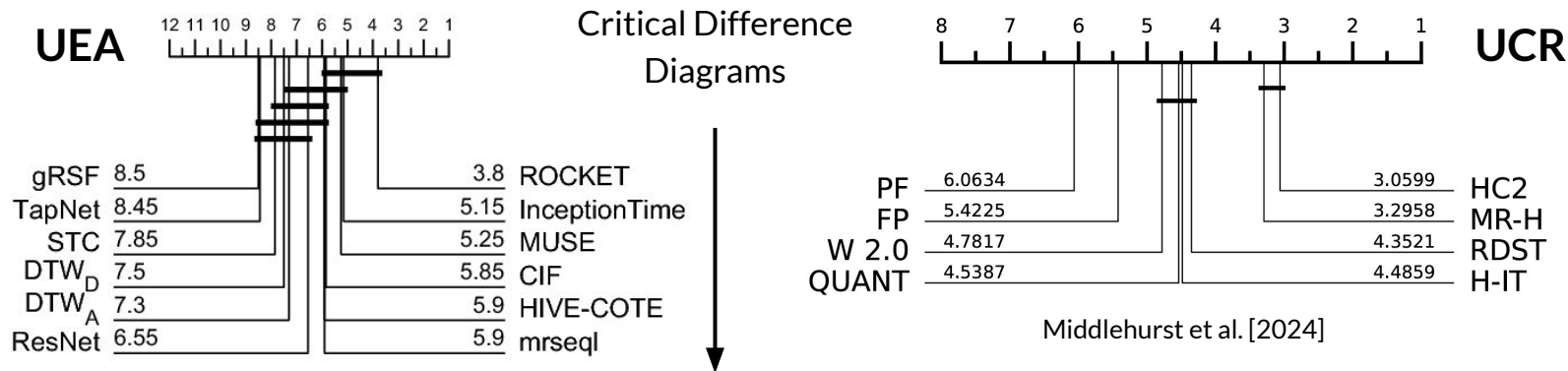
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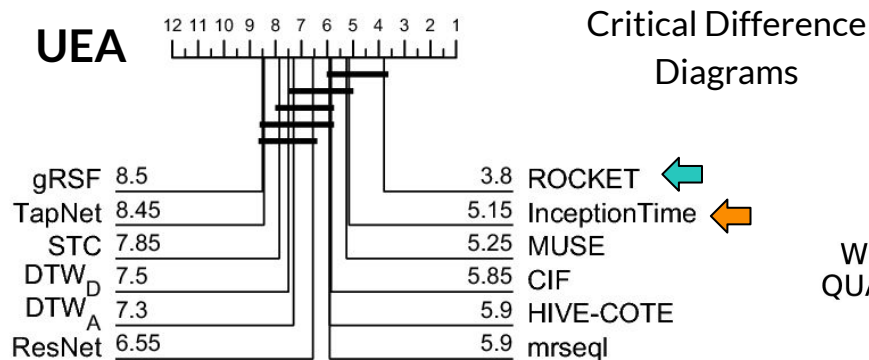
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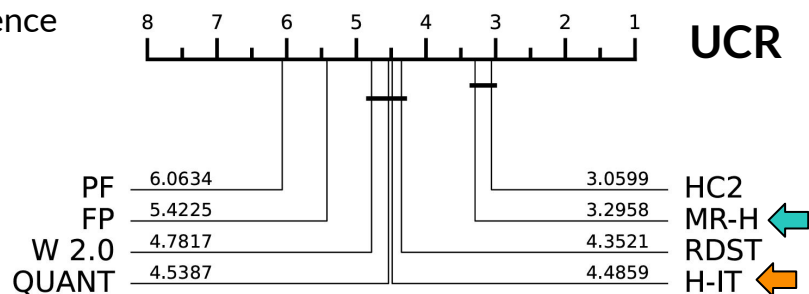
The position of each model represents its mean rank (lower is better)

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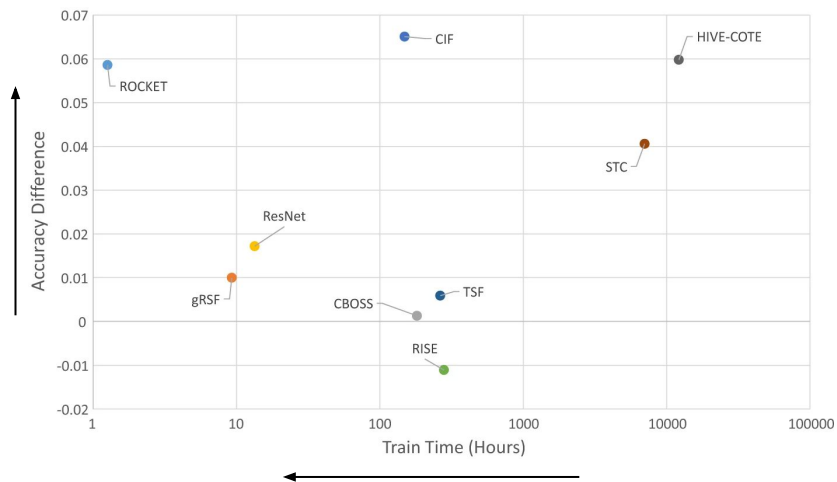
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InceptionTime and **ROKET** are two different models that performs very well.

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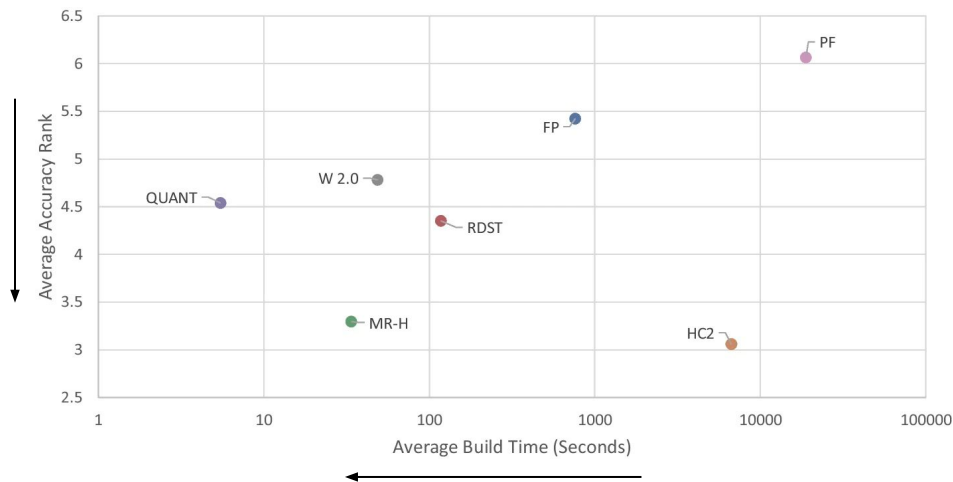
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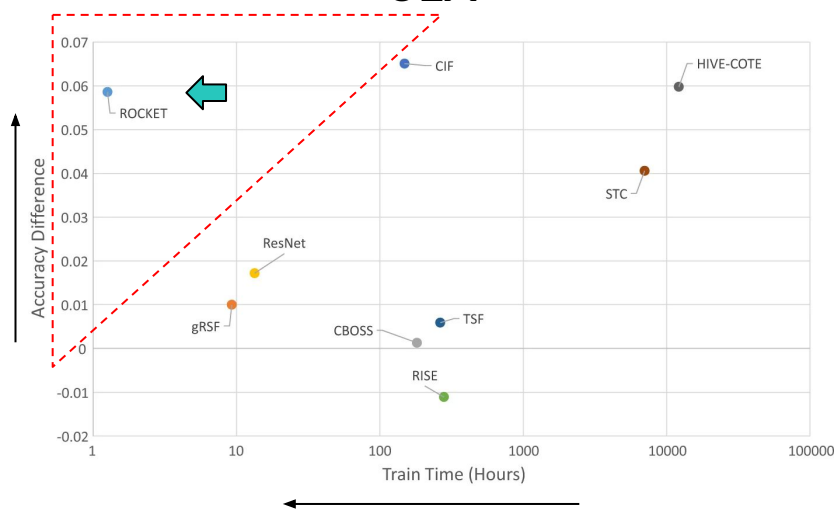


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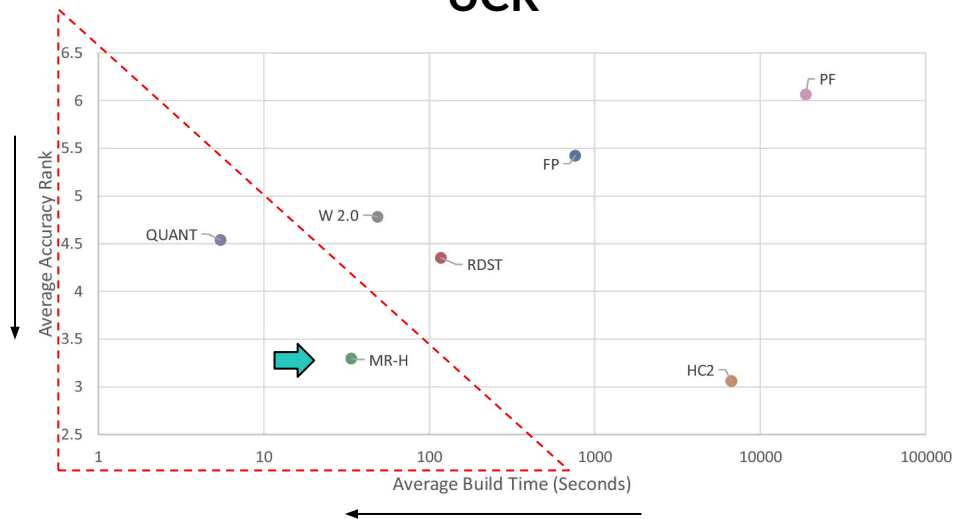
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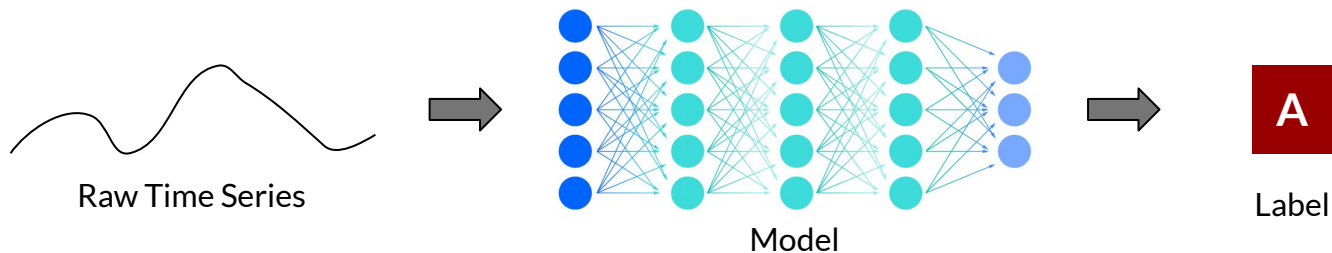
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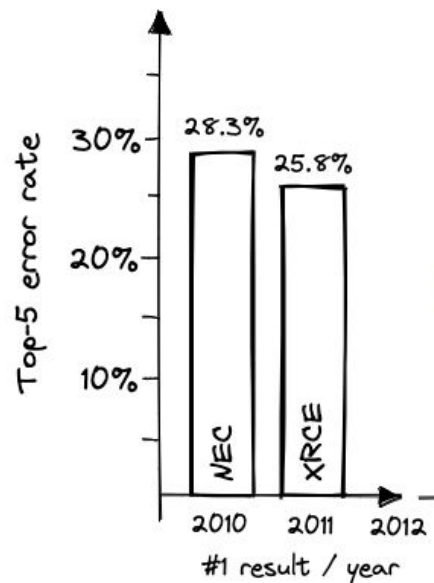
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(a) ImageNet Synset: One sample image from each category

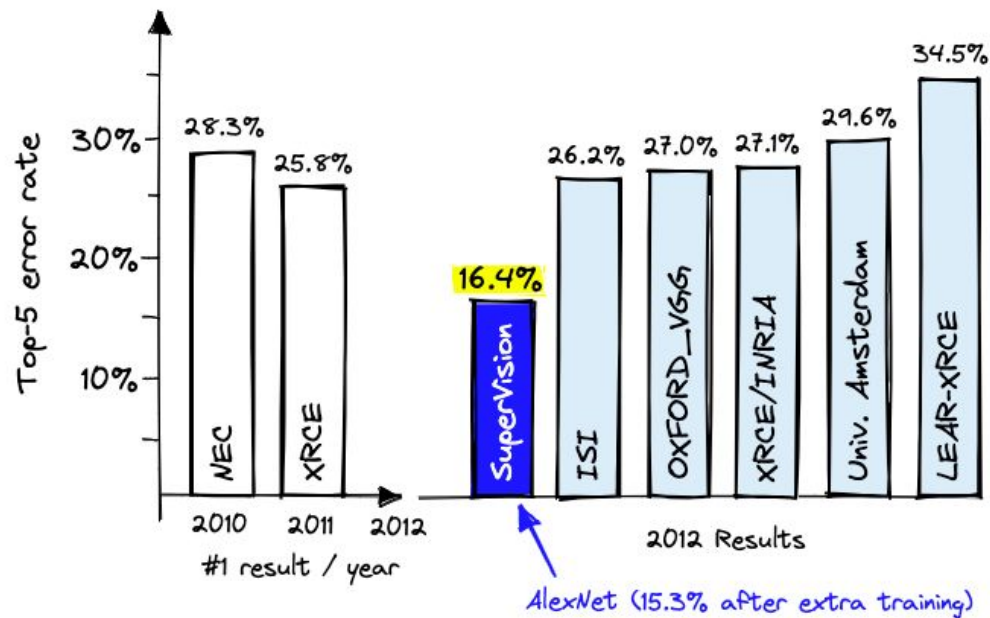
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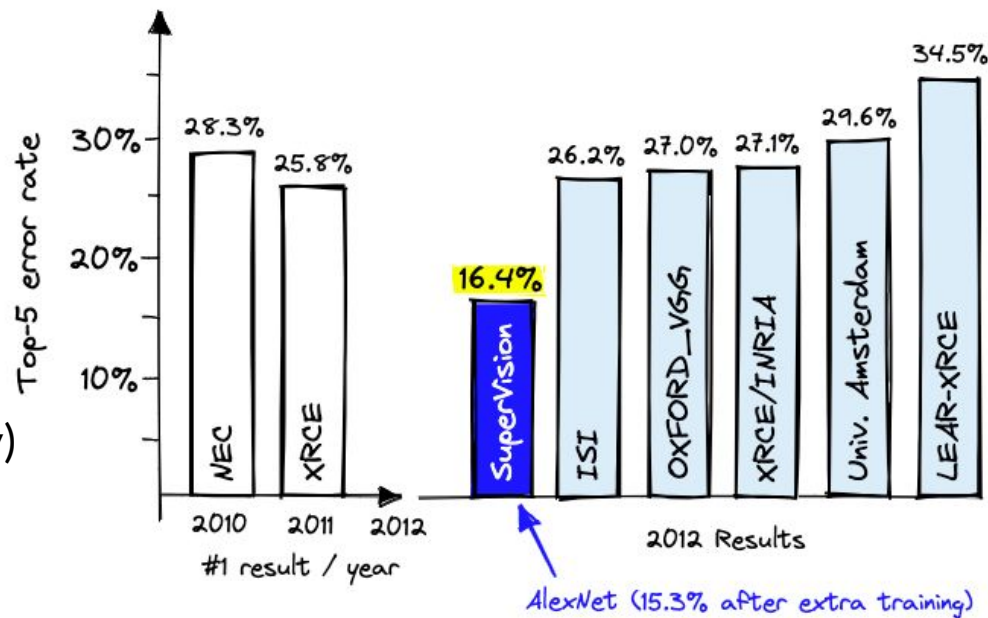


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Key elements:

- Deep (8 layers)
- ReLU
- Dropout
- Augmentation (on-the-fly)
- **GPU !!!**



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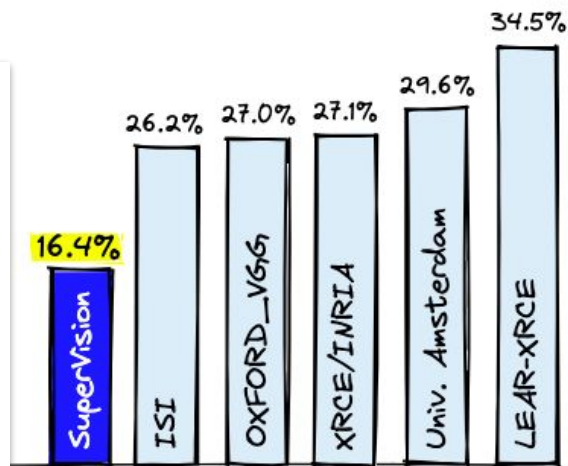
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2012 Results

AlexNet (15.3% after extra training)

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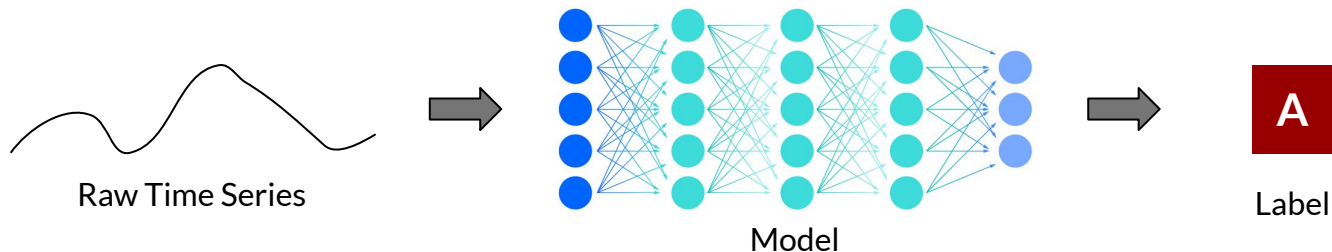
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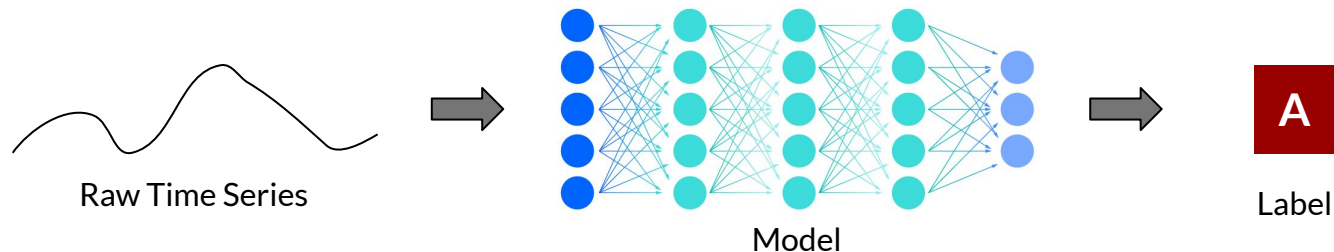
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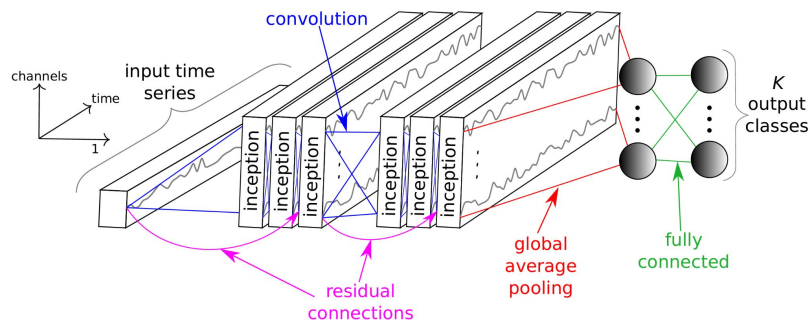


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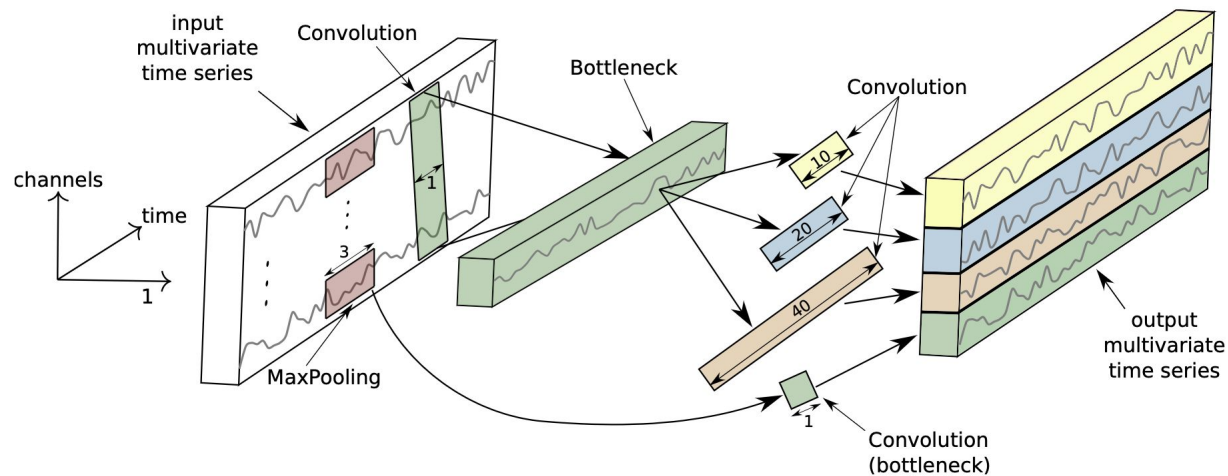


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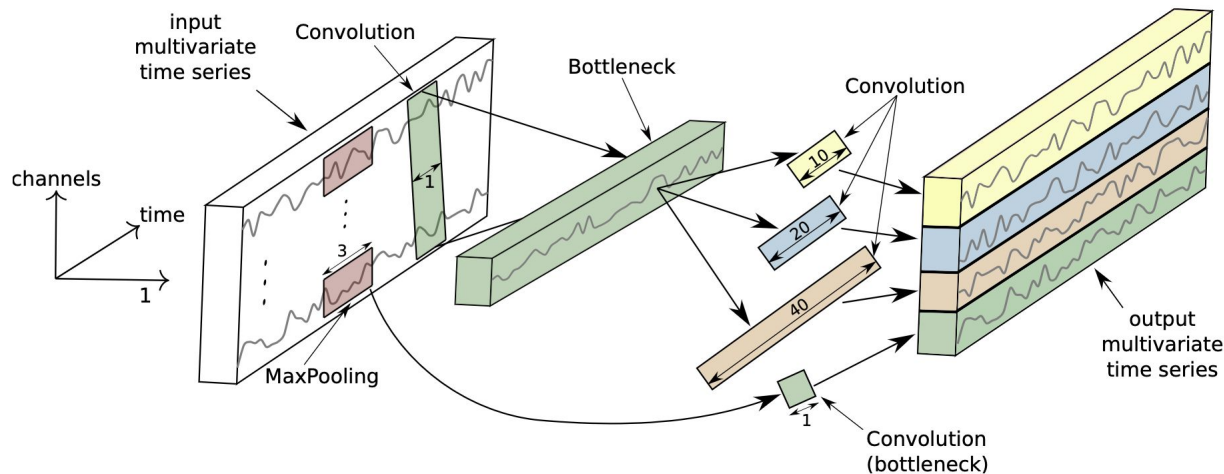
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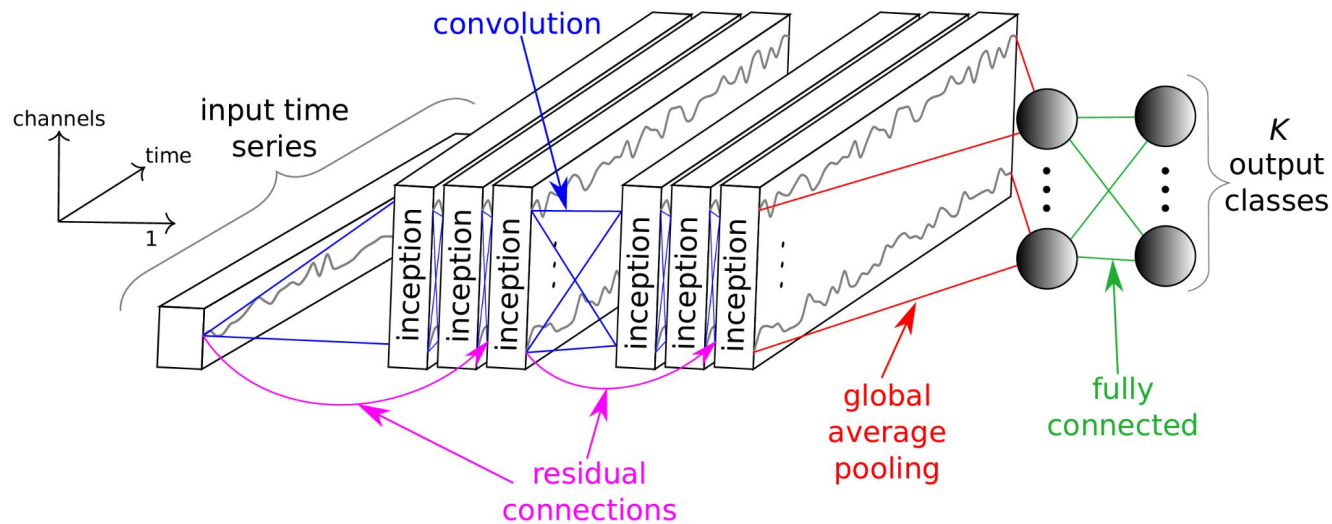


Key elements:

- **Multi-Scale Feature Extraction:** Filter of different sizes.
- **Large Kernels:** Larger than ones used for images
- **Bottlenecks:** 1x1 Convolutions (mixing channels)

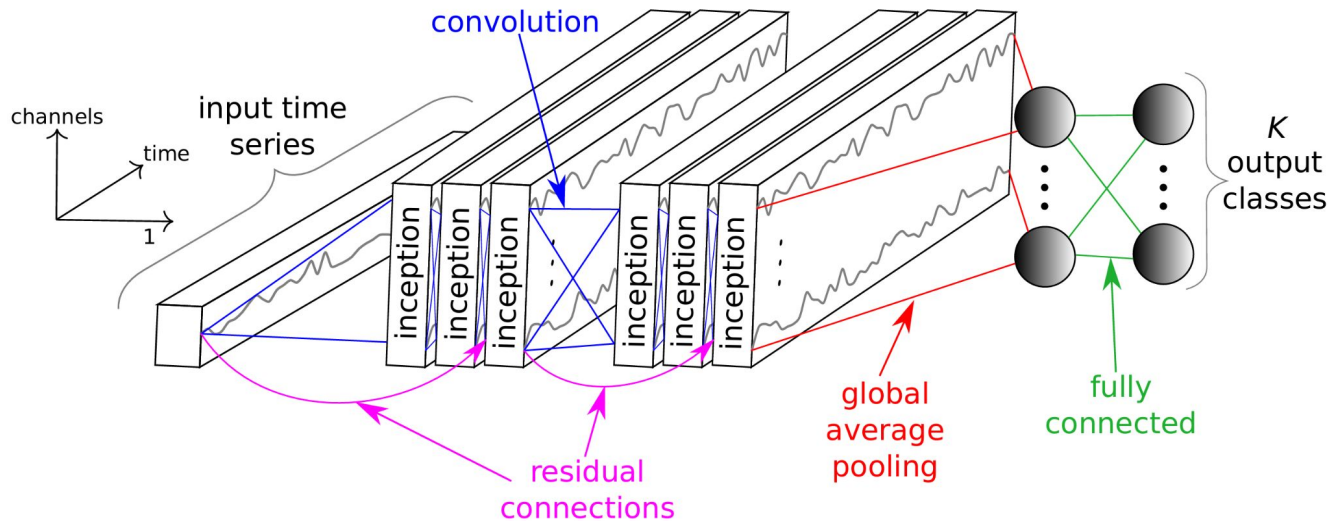
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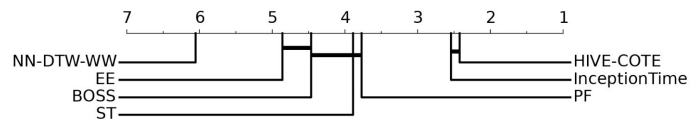


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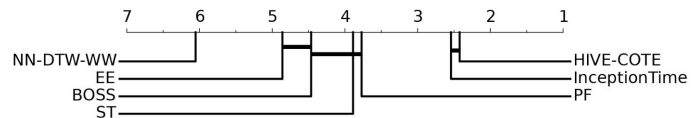


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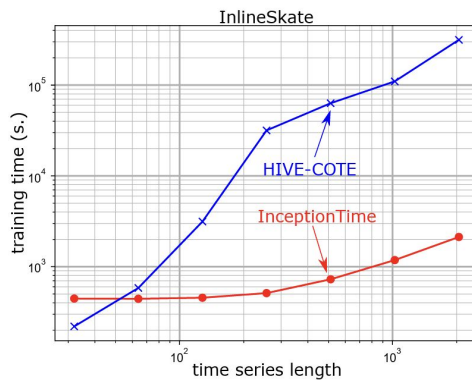


Fig. 7: Training time as a function of the series length for the InlineSkate dataset.

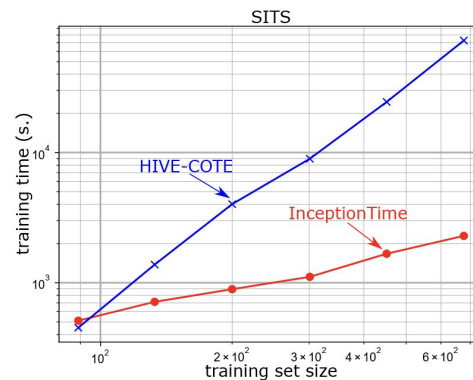


Fig. 8: Training time as a function of the training set size for the SITS dataset.

InceptionTime Strengths and Weaknesses



State-of-the-art performance for TSC



Fast inference



Good Scaling



Truly Multivariate

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Complex Training



High Variance (Counter using an ensemble)



Difficult to interpret

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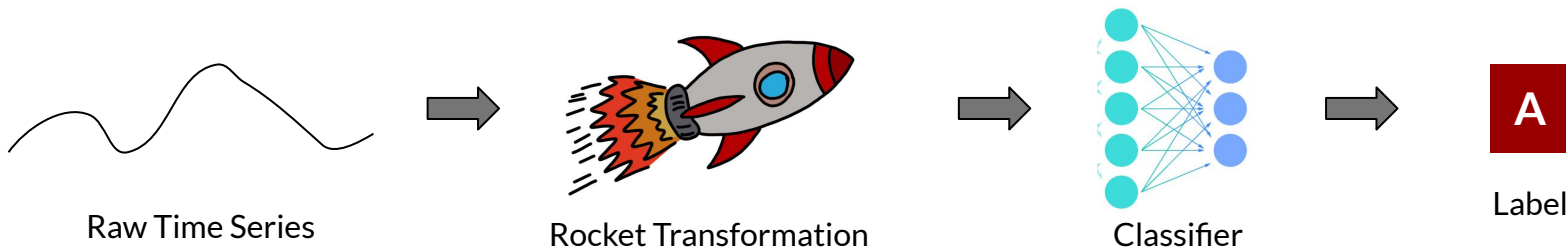
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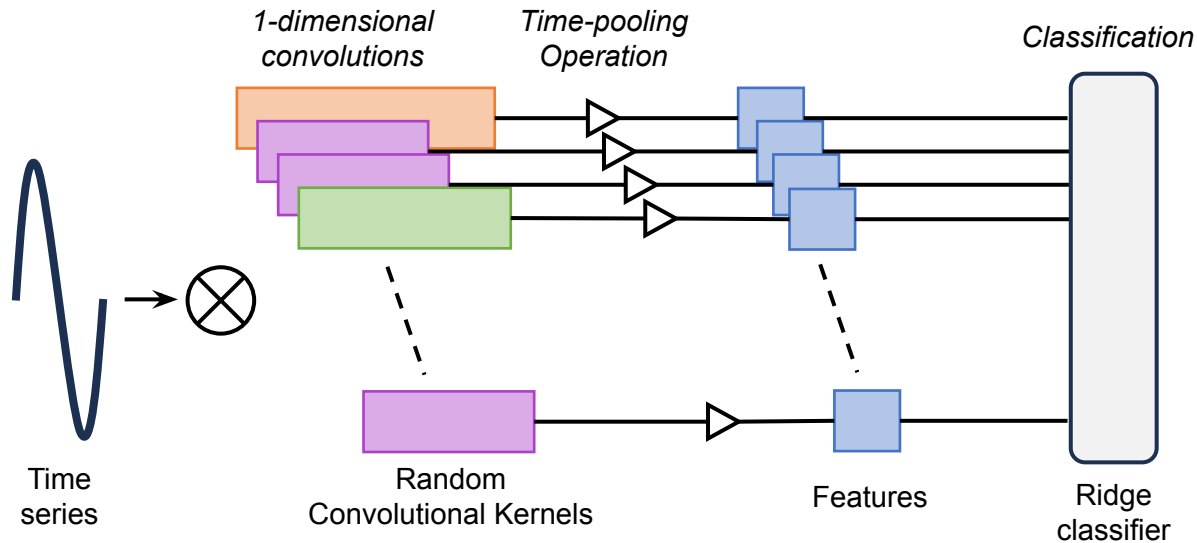
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ROCKET models

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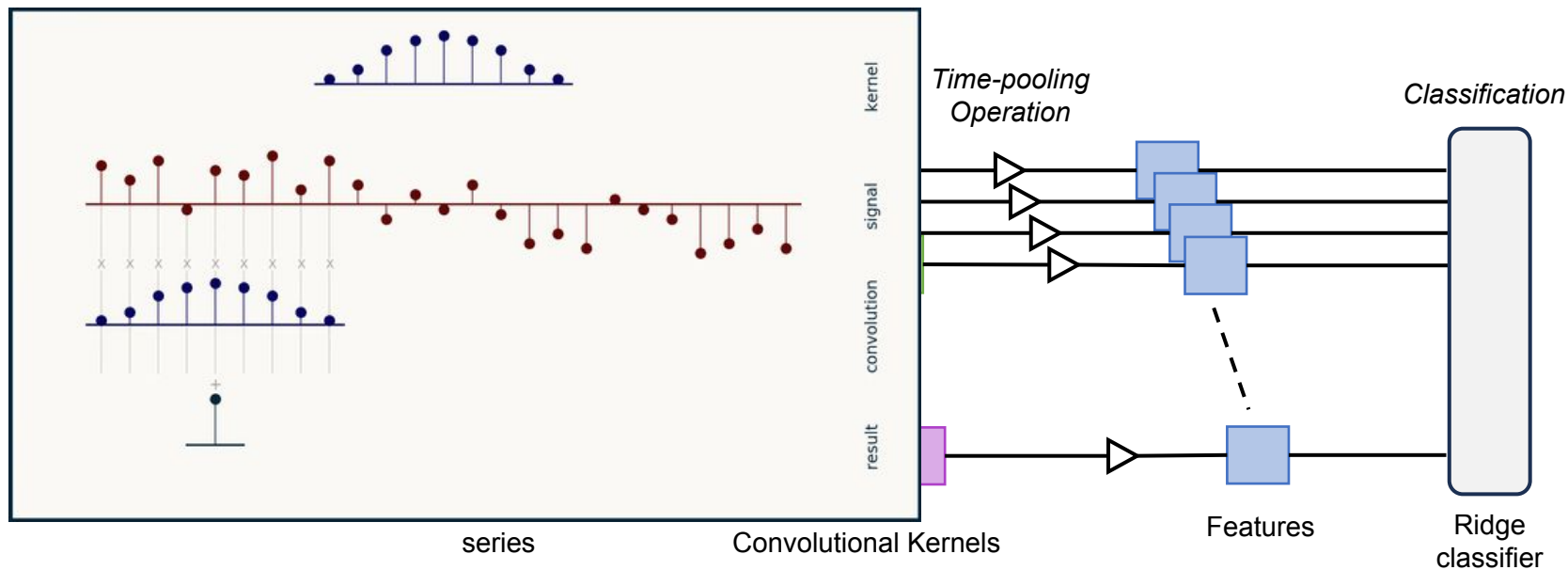
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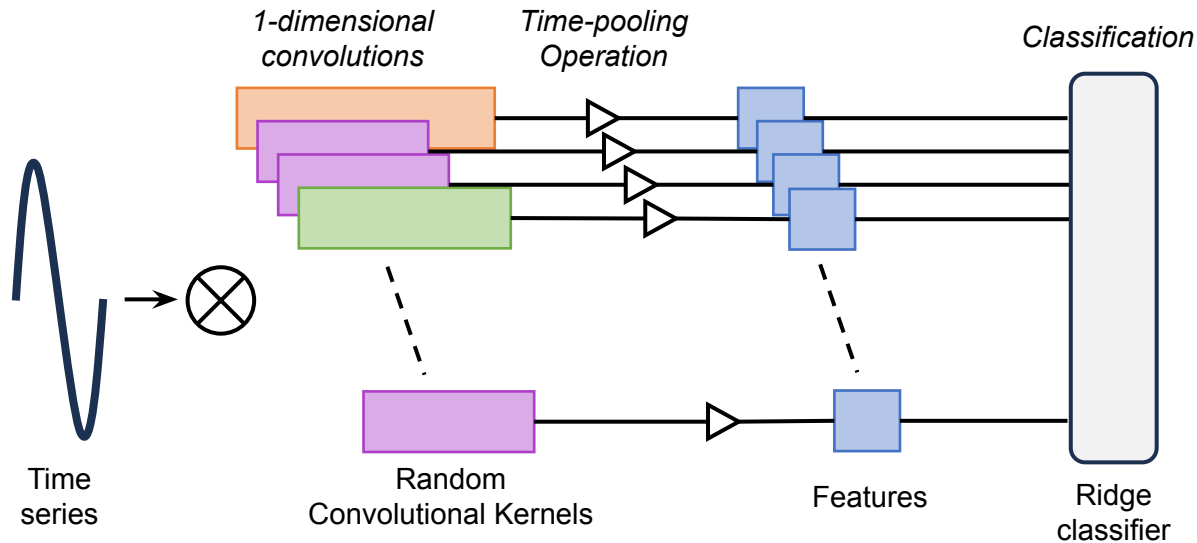
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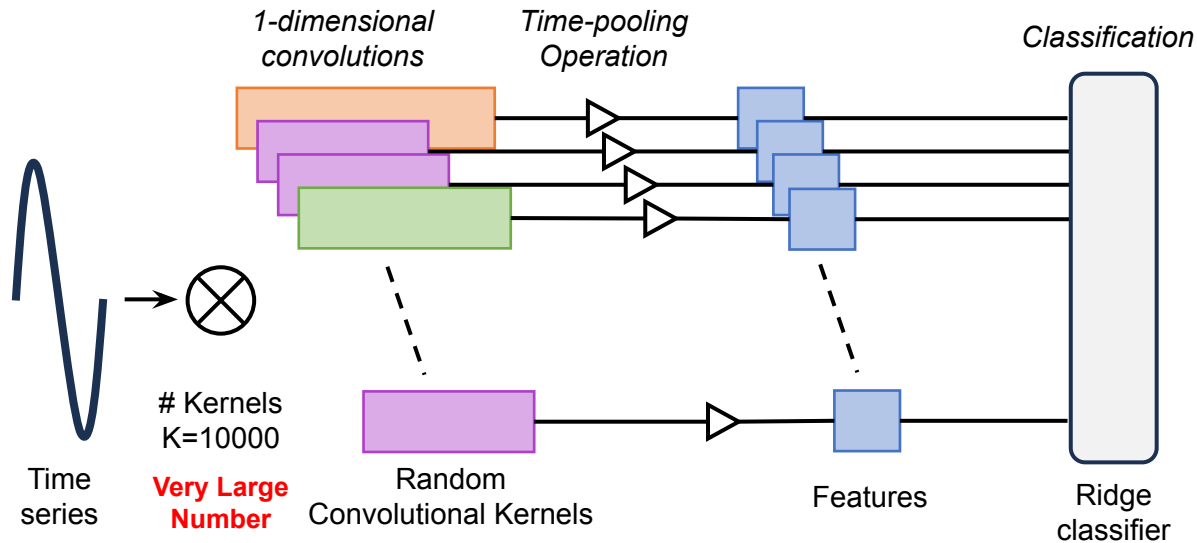
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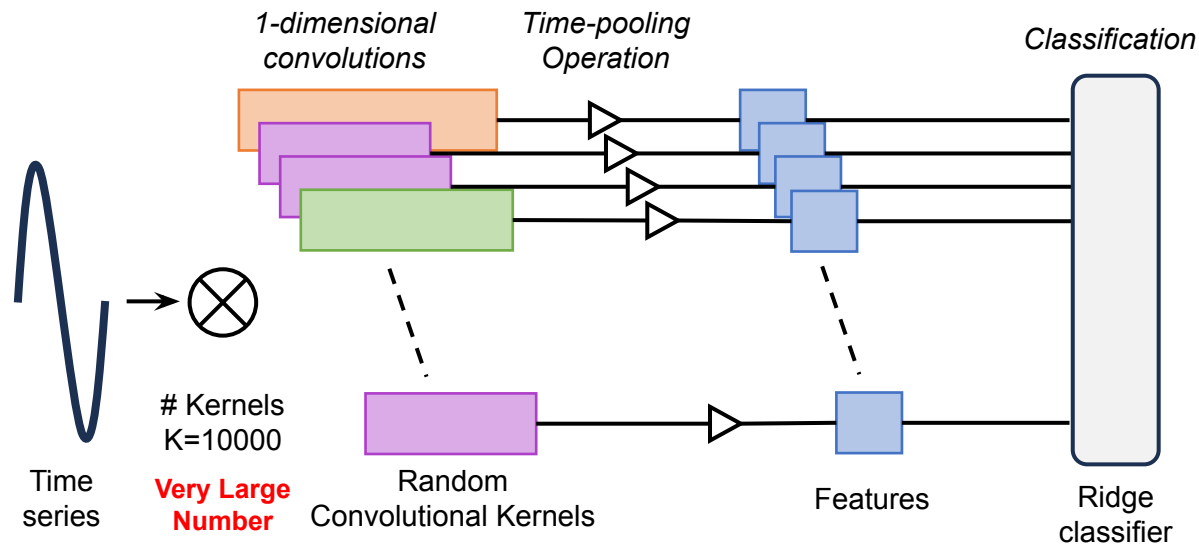
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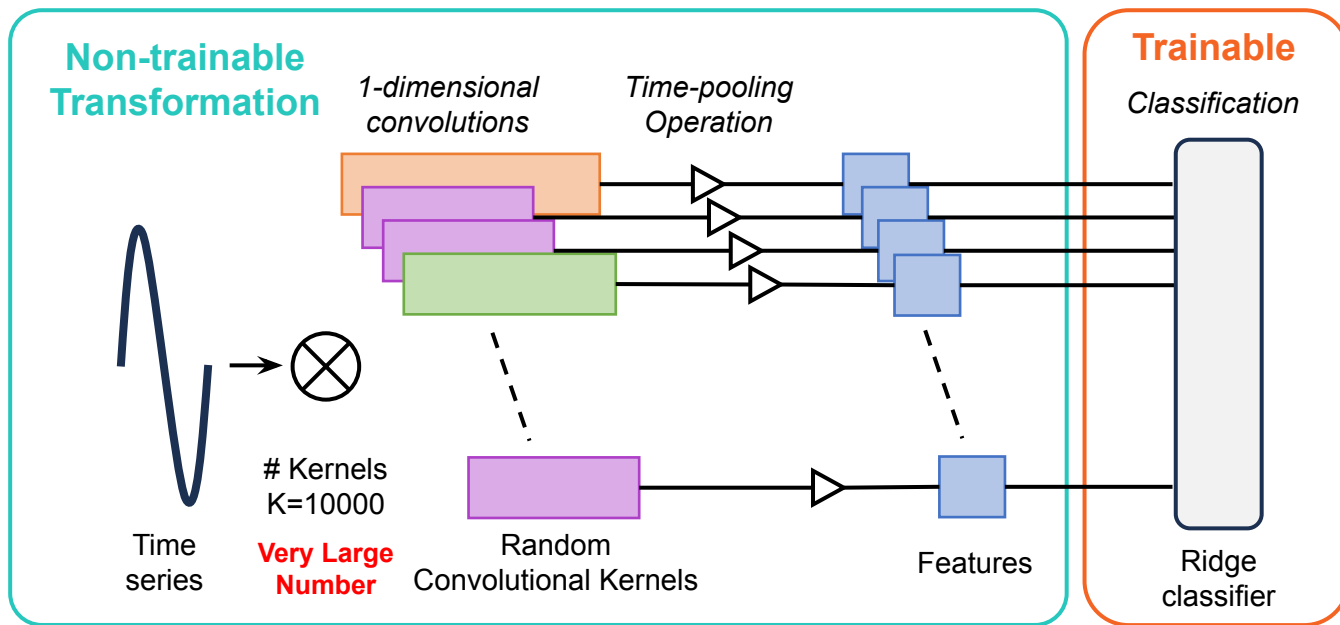
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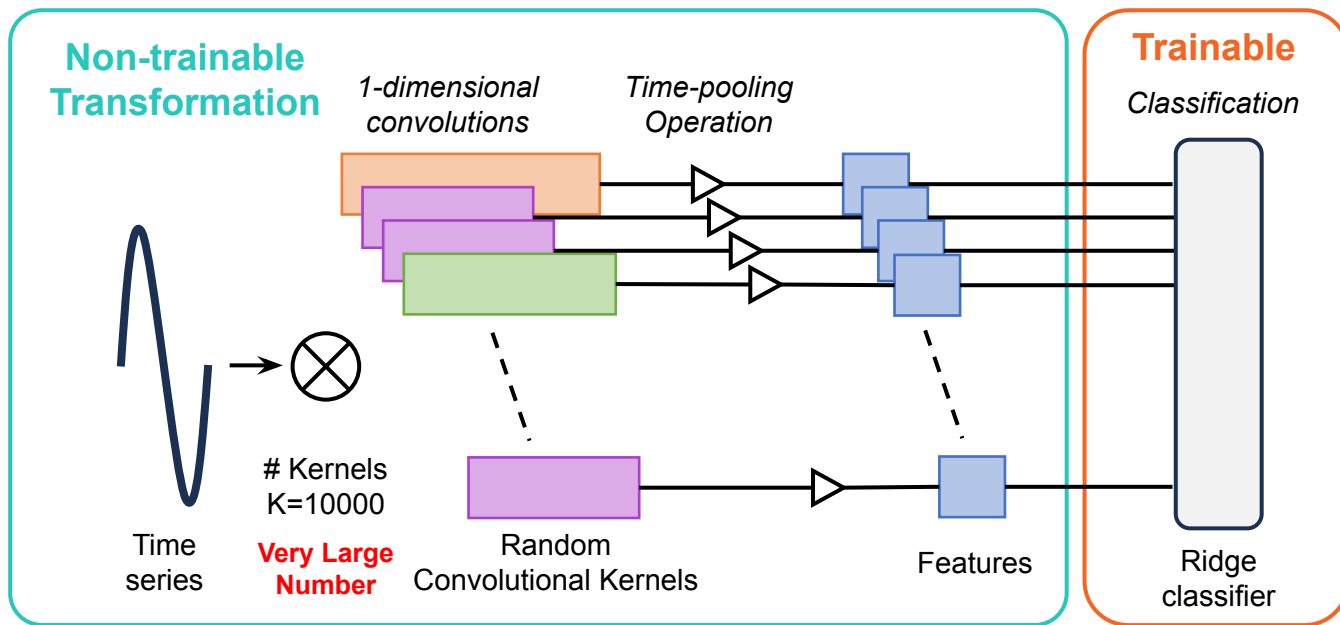


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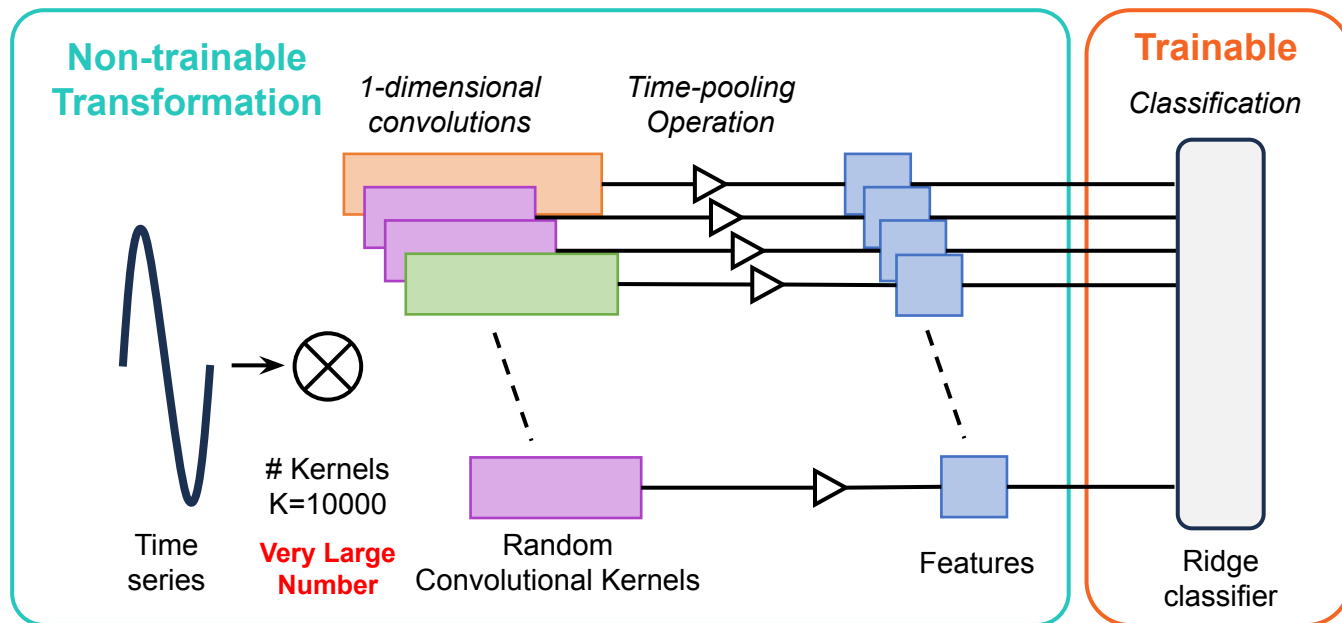
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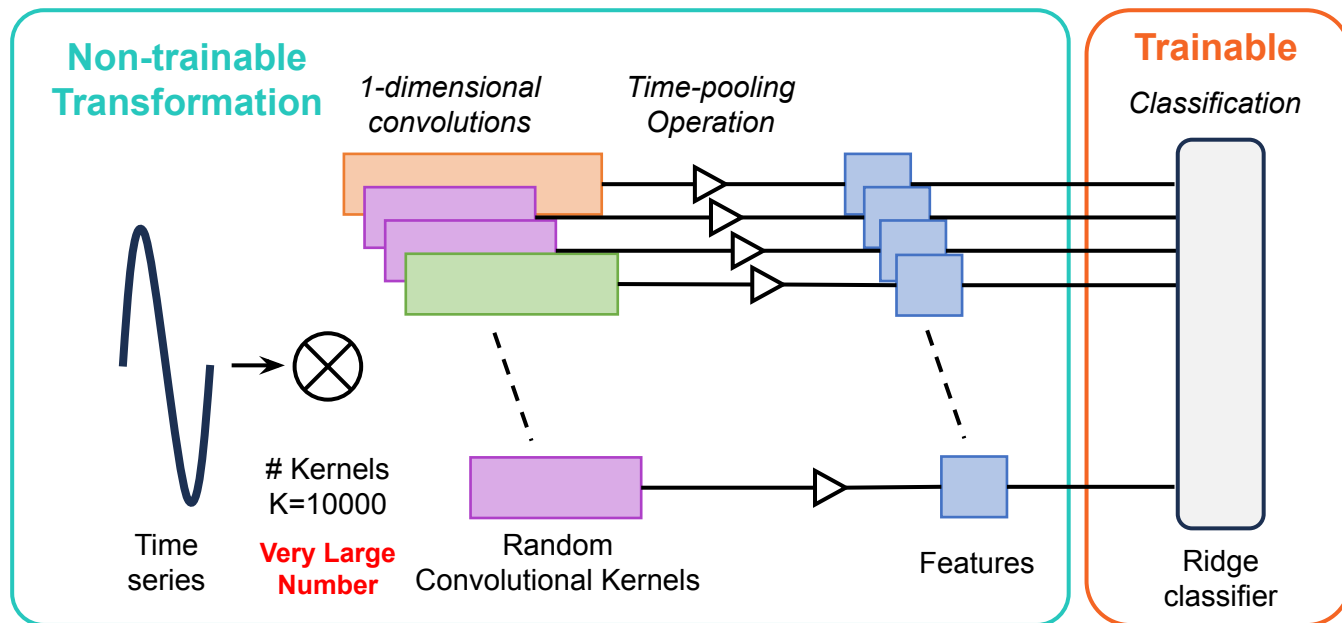
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MultiRocket

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Features: 50000



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