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Transformer for Point Anomaly Detection

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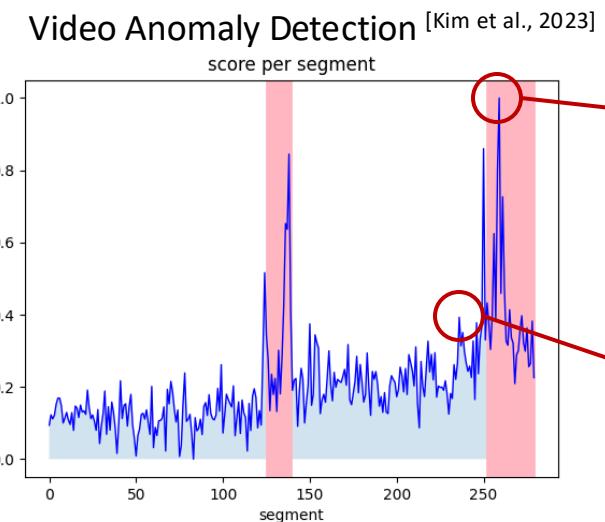
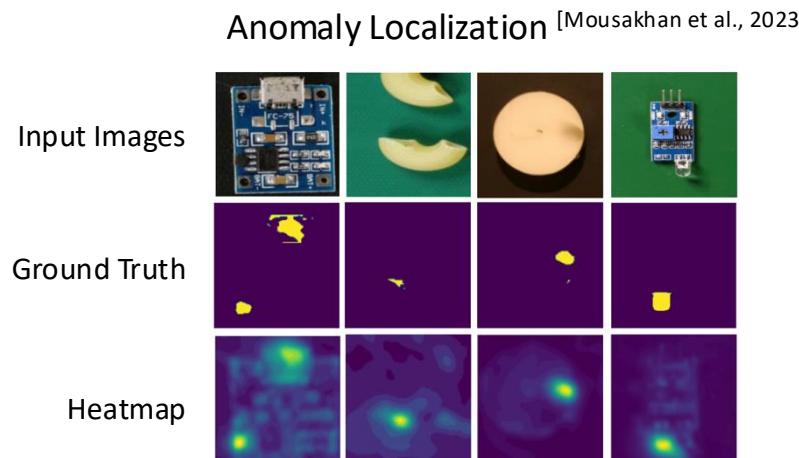
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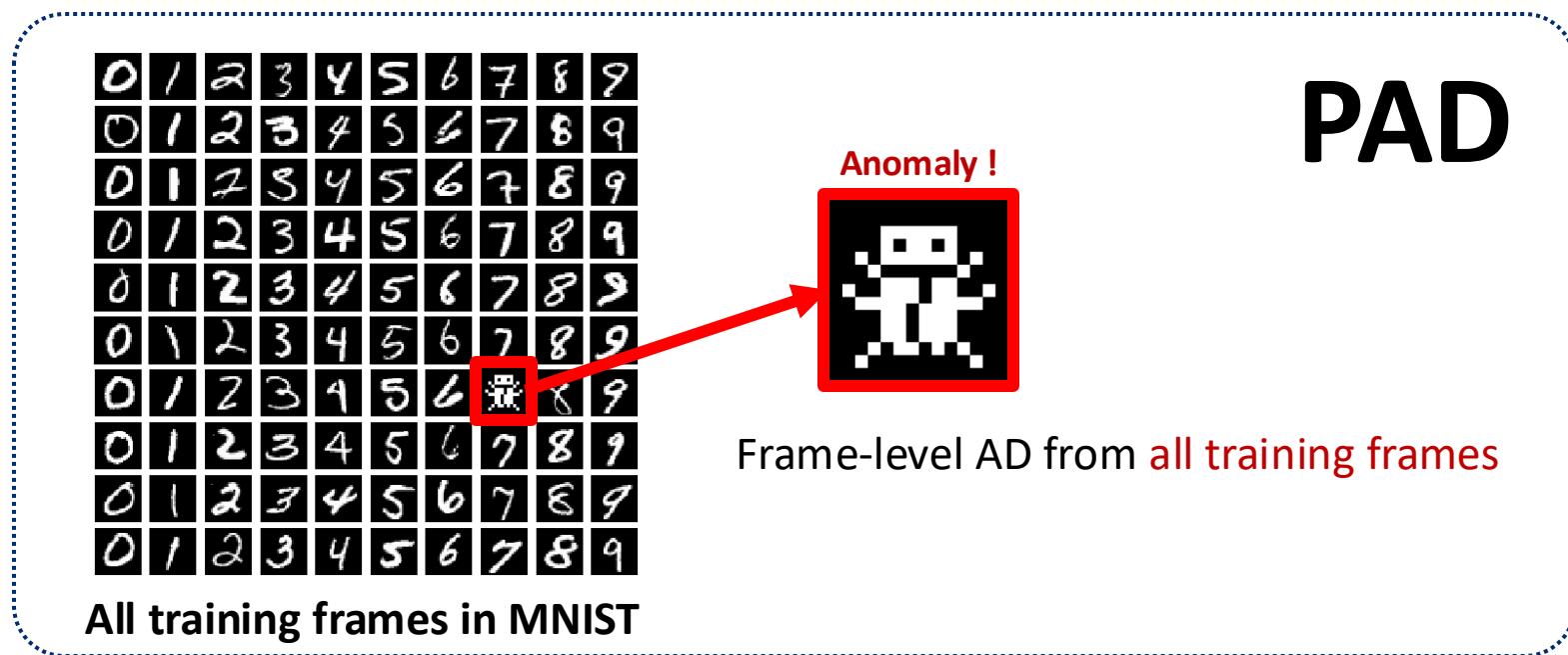


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 - It is like frame-level anomaly detection across all training frames





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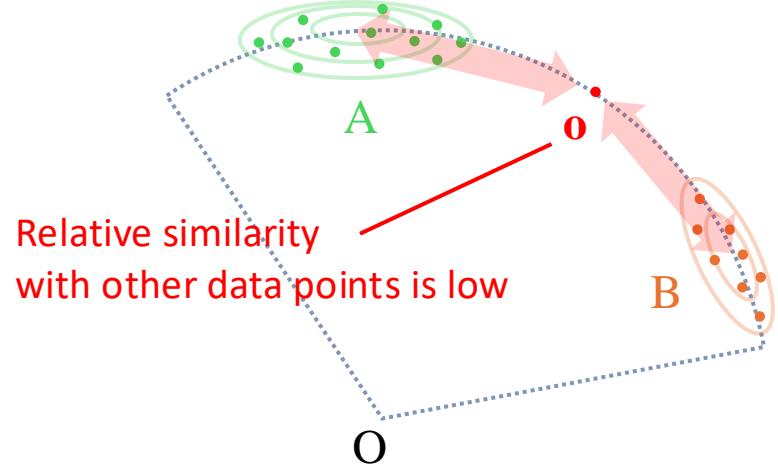


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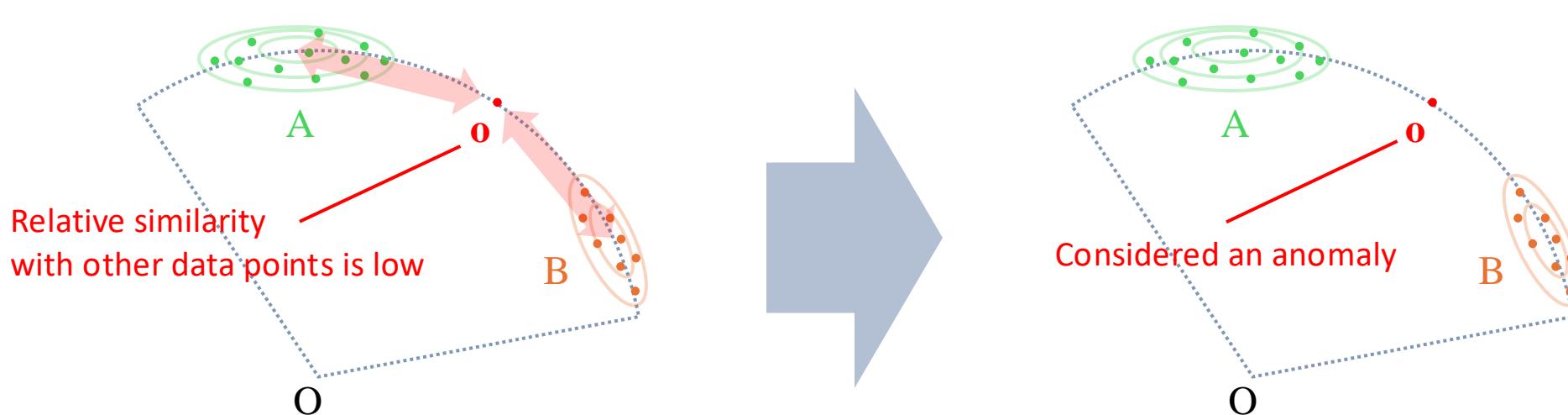
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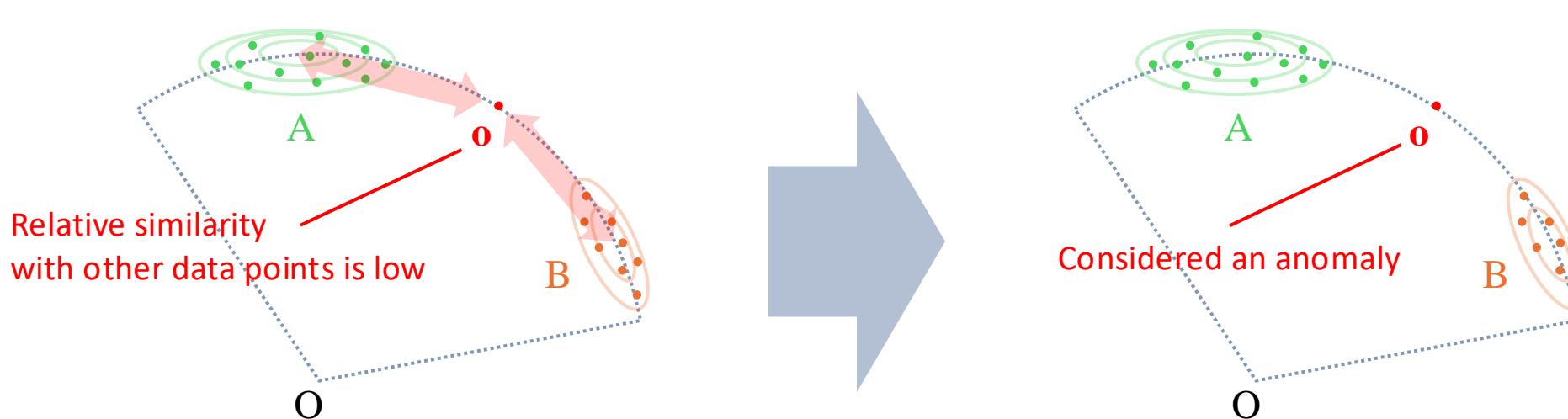
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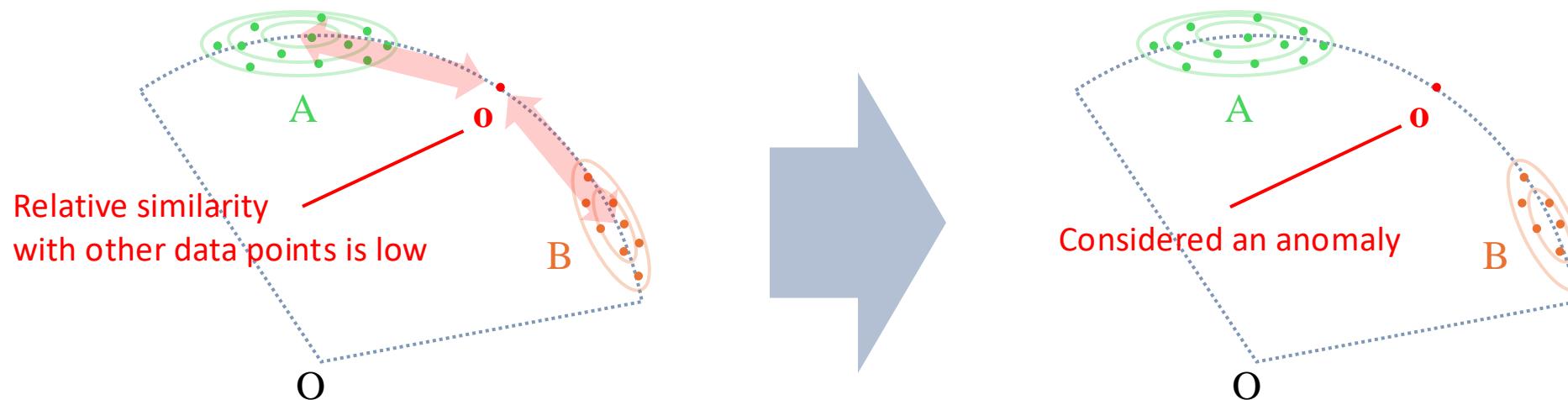


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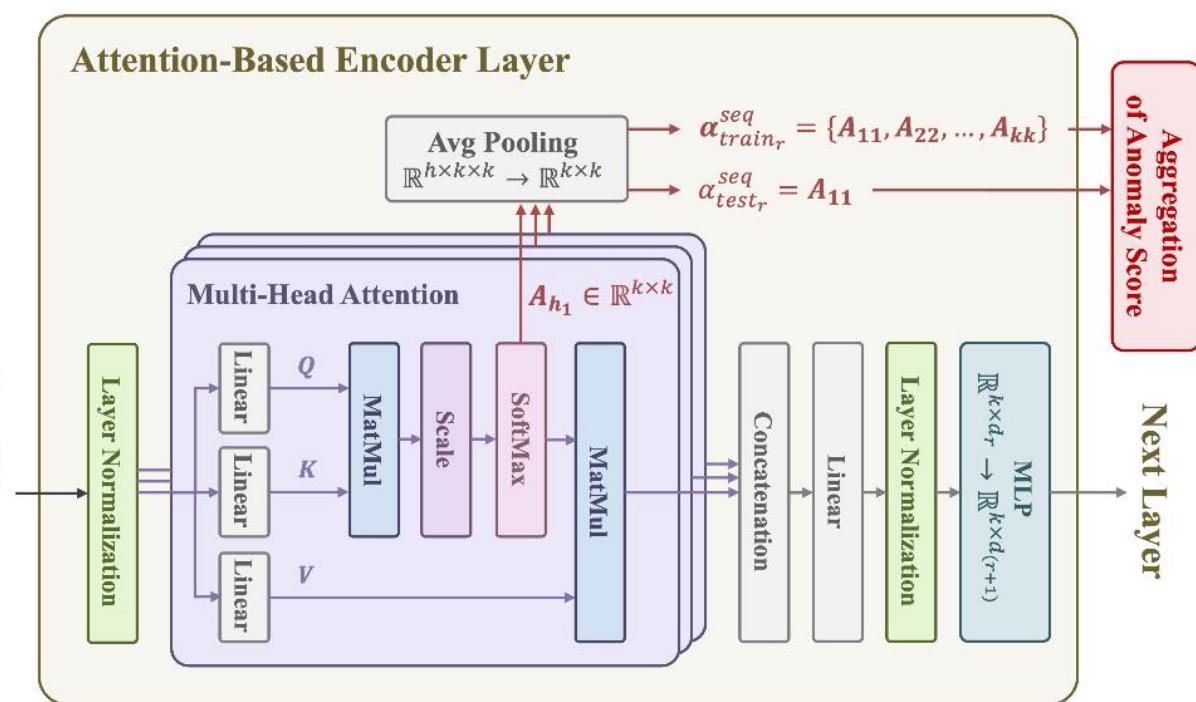
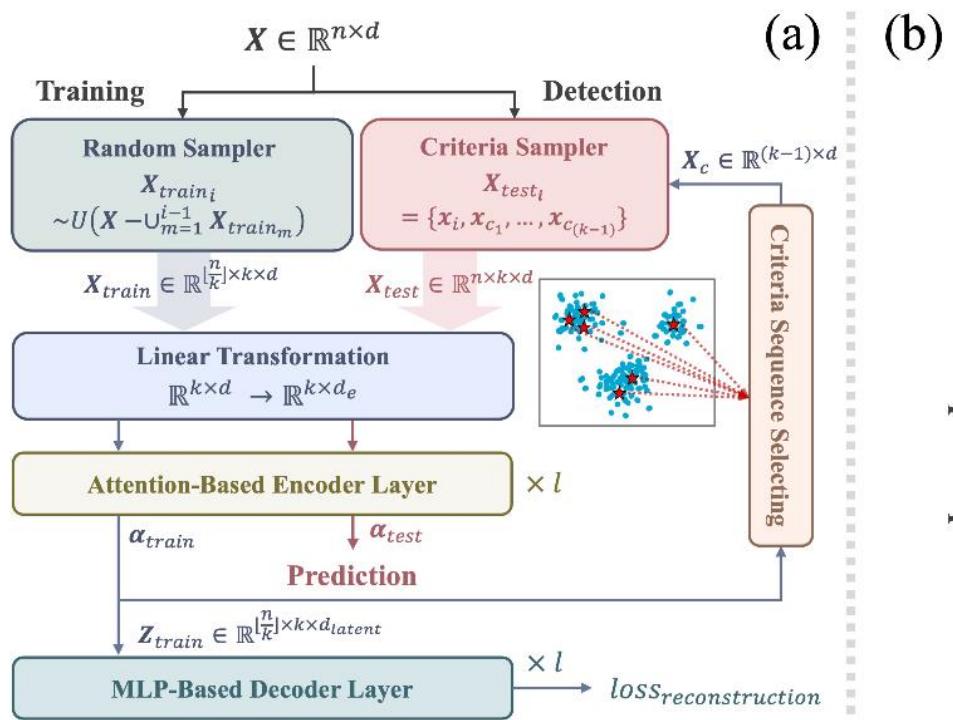
- We propose **a novel Transformer-based approach for PAD**, called **TransPAD**
- This includes **suitable sampling strategies for obtaining input sequence** during training and detection phase
- Our approach **consistently outperforms** existing methods on a range of benchmark tabular datasets



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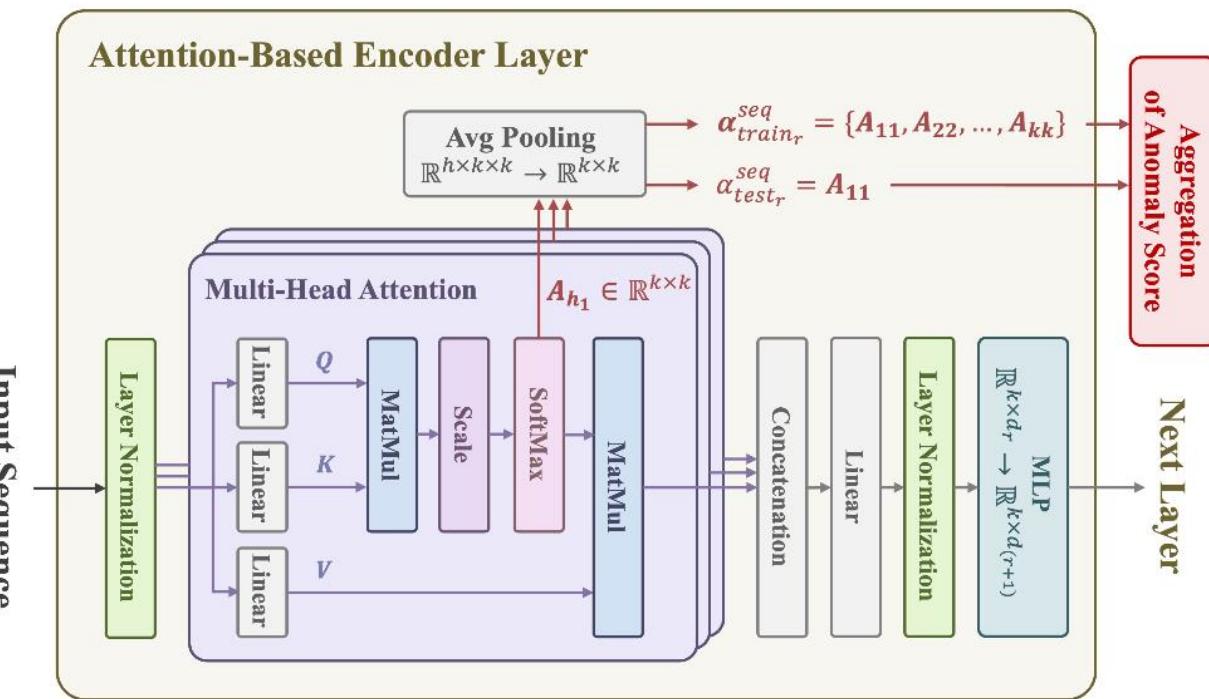
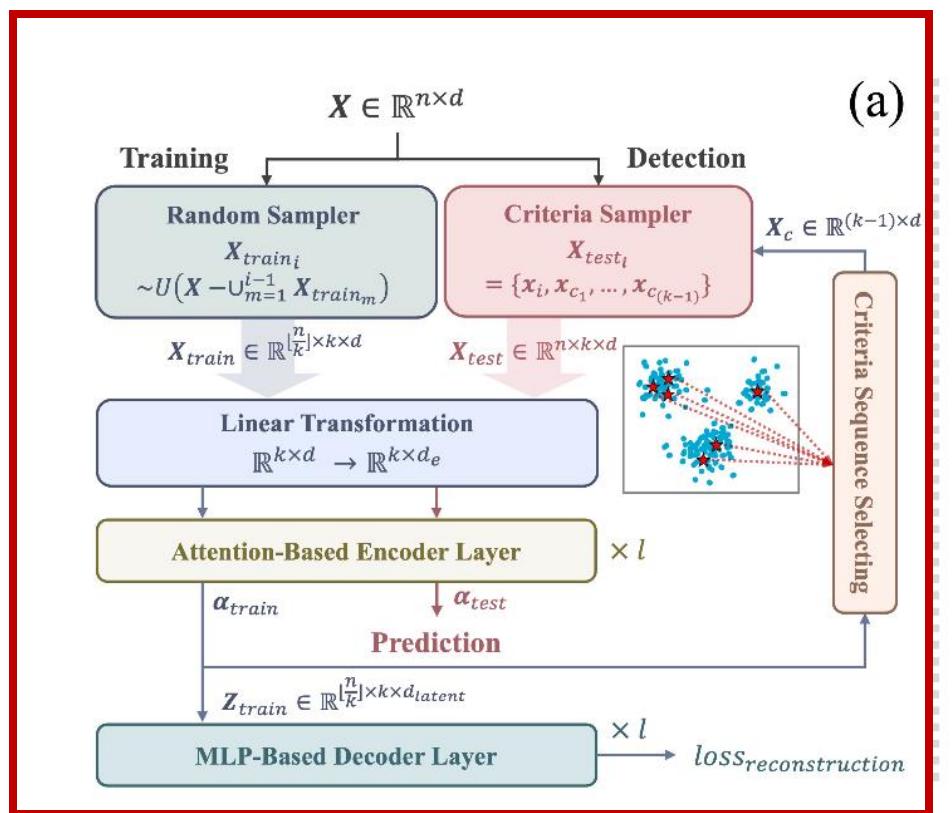
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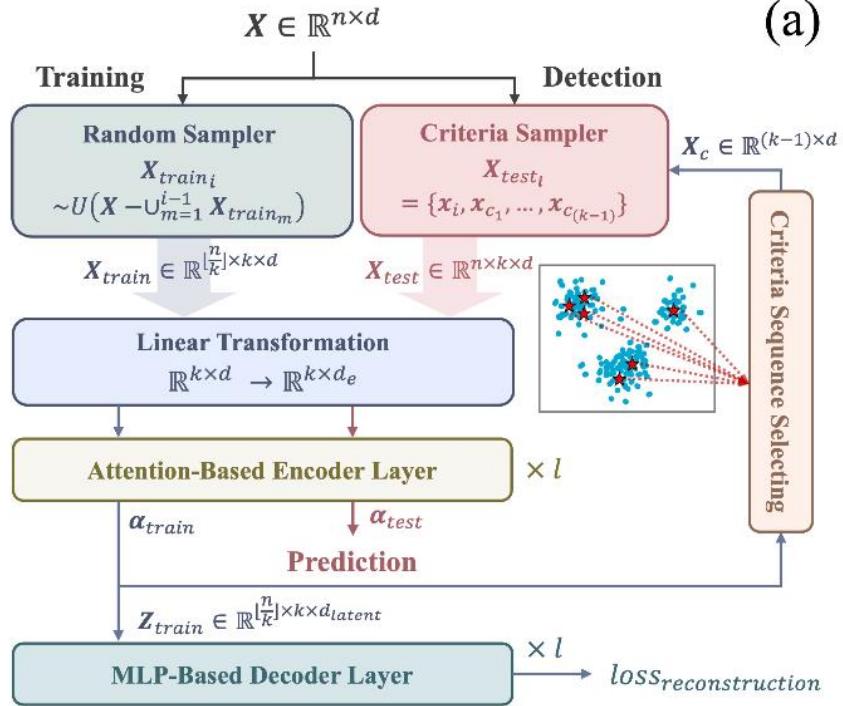
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- Training
 - We utilize **random sampling without replacement** to obtain the input sequence
 - It makes the model consider **the inter-dependencies for entire training data**
 - We use **the reconstruction loss** for training

Random Sampler

$$\mathbf{X}_{train_i} \sim U(\mathbf{X} - \cup_{m=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{X}_{train_m})$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{train} = \{\mathbf{X}_{train_1}, \mathbf{X}_{train_2}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{train_{\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor}}\}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{train} \in \mathbb{R}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor \times k \times d}$$

$$loss_{recons} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \| \mathbf{X}_{train_i} - \mathbf{X}'_{train_i} \|_2^2$$

Algorithm 1 The Training Process of TransPAD

```
1: Define TransPAD network  $\phi(\cdot)$ 
2: for number of training epochs do
3:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor$  do
4:     Sample sequence  $\mathbf{X}_{train_i} \sim U(\mathbf{X} - \cup_{m=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{X}_{train_m})$ 
5:     Add  $\mathbf{X}_{train_i}$  to  $\mathbf{X}_{train}$ 
6:   end for
7:    $\mathbf{X}_{train} \in \mathbb{R}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor \times k \times d}$ 
8:   for each mini-batch  $\mathbf{X}_{batch}$  from  $\mathbf{X}_{train}$  do
9:     Initialize total loss:  $loss_{total} \leftarrow 0$ 
10:    for each sequence  $\mathbf{X}_{seq}$  in  $\mathbf{X}_{batch}$  do
11:      get reconstructed  $\mathbf{X}'_{seq} \leftarrow \phi(\mathbf{X}_{seq})$ 
12:       $loss_{recons} \leftarrow \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \| \mathbf{X}_{seq_i} - \mathbf{X}'_{seq_i} \|_2^2$ 
13:       $loss_{total} \leftarrow loss_{total} + loss_{recons}$ 
14:    end for
15:    Batch loss:  $loss_{batch} \leftarrow loss_{total}/(\text{batch size})$ 
16:    Update  $\phi$  to minimize  $loss_{batch}$ 
17:  end for
18: end for
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First Challenge:

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Utilize the Random Sampler !!!



Proposed Method



TransPAD: Transformer for Point Anomaly Detection

- Detection
 1. The decoder aims to effectively reconstruct data. To achieve this, **the encoder must consistently map input data to the output latent space**
 2. The encoder, executing self-attention operations, **updates the input sequence by executing a weighted summation** through attention weights considering interactions within the sequence
 3. With the Random Sampler generating sequences of random data points, we assume that **the self-attention layer of the encoder is trained to assign higher weights to data in areas of lower variance (normal data)**. This approach ensures that the weighted summation operations in the self-attention process remain consistent, facilitating accurate mapping of input data to the output latent space
 4. This assumption implies **that the dot-product similarity among normal data points will increase**. Conversely, the similarity between rare anomalous data and frequent normal data points will decrease
 5. Applying softmax to the dot-product similarity reveals that anomalous data points tend to have higher attention weights, as illustrated below



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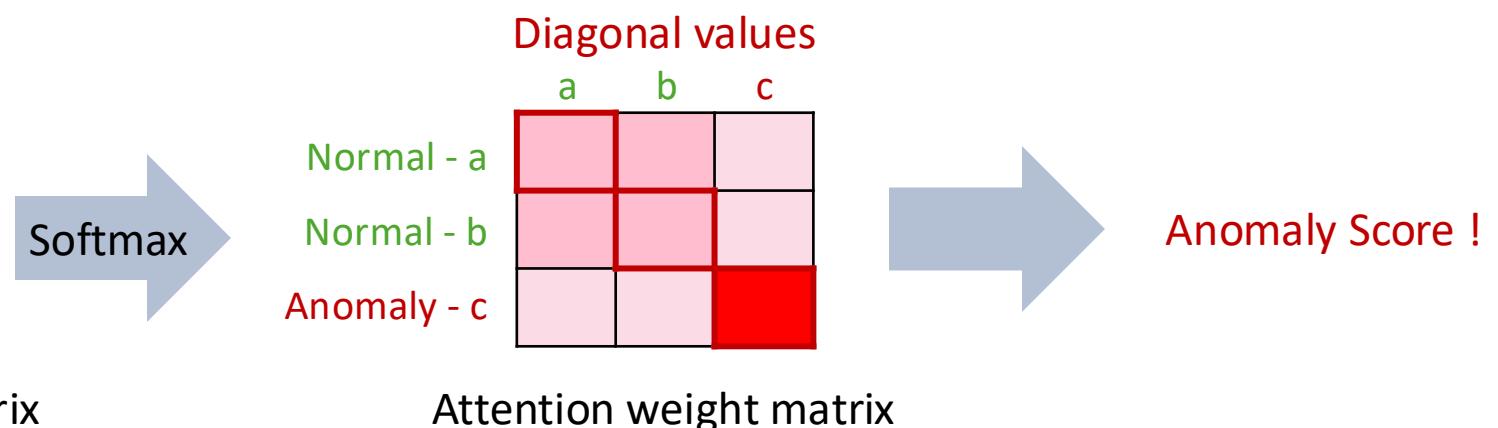
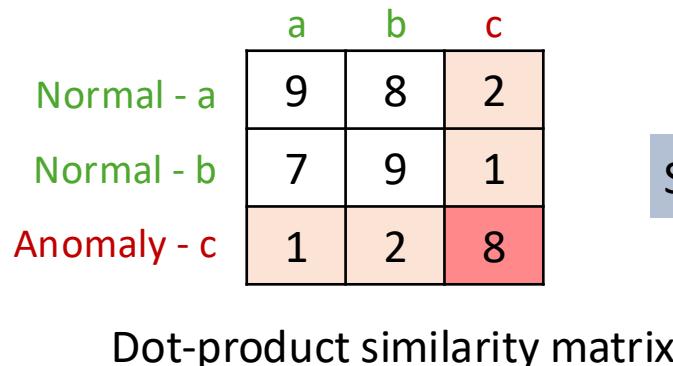
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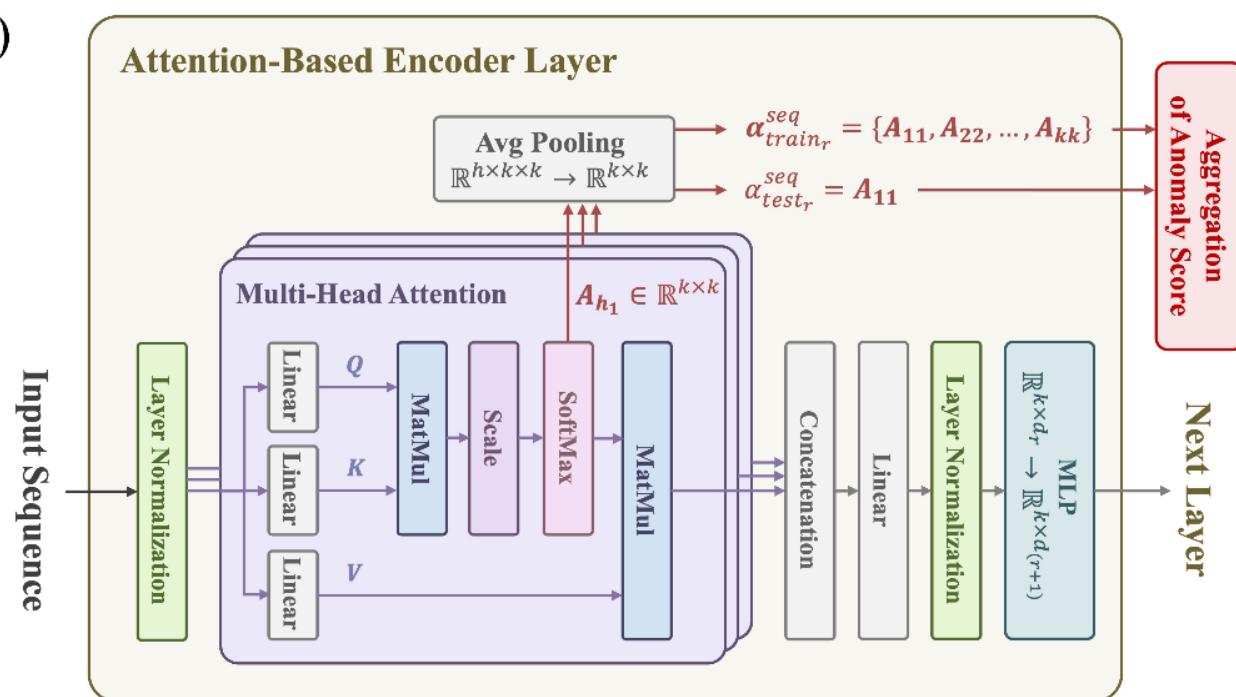
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 - Therefore, we aggregate the diagonal values of the attention weight matrices from each head and layer to calculate the anomaly score

$$\alpha_t = \frac{1}{l} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \sum_{r=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^h A_{tt}^{layer_r, head_j}$$

(b)





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 - To overcome this challenge, we introduce the **Criteria Sampler**
 - It literally creates a criteria sequence that represent the normal data points from the entire dataset
 - It utilizes the anomaly scores produced during the training phase

Criteria Sampler

```
c = Index(Lowest(k-1)(αtrain))  
Xtesti = {xi, xc1, ..., xc(k-1)}, ci ∈ c  
ψ(Xtesti) = {α1, α2, ..., αk}, predxi = α1
```

Algorithm 2 The Detection Process Using the *Criteria Sampler*

```
1: Step 1: Get initial anomaly scores  
2: for i ← 1 to ⌊ n/k ⌋ do  
3:     Sample sequence Xtraini ~ U(X - ∪m=1i-1 Xtrainm)  
4:     Add Xtraini to Xtrain  
5: end for  
6: Xtrain ∈ ℝ⌊ n/k ⌋ × k × d  
7: Load trained TransPAD network ψ(·)  
8: for each sequence Xseq in Xtrain do  
9:     Get initial scores {α1, α2, ..., αk} ← ψ(Xseq) (see Eq. 5)  
10:    Add {α1, α2, ..., αk} to αtrain  
11: end for  
12: αtrain ∈ ℝ(⌊ n/k ⌋ × k)  
13: Step 2: Get anomaly score of each data point (xi ∈ X)  
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Experimental Setting

- **Performance Comparisons**

- To evaluate the effectiveness of our proposed method for PAD, we conduct extensive experiments on diverse set of **tabular datasets**
- **First benchmark test**
 - Extended experiment based on the RDP paper [Wang et al., 2019] which is SOTA for PAD task

Datasets	aPascal [Farhadi et al., 2009], Lung [Hong et al., 1991], Probe, Secom [Stolfo et al., 1999], U2R [McCann et al., 2008]
Baseline models	iForest [Liu et al., 2008], AE [Hinton et al., 2006], REPEN [Pang et al., 2018], DAGMM [Zong et al., 2018] RND [Burda et al., 2018], RDP [Wang et al., 2019], Deep SVDD [Ruff et al., 2018], VAE-SVDD [Zhou et al., 2021]

- **Second benchmark test**

- Head-to-head comparison between TransPAD and RDP, which have exhibited superior performance in the first benchmark test

Datasets	Optdigits [Alpaydin et al., 1998], Pendigits [Keller et al., 2012], WBC [Wolberg et al., 1993], Lympho [Zwitter et al., 1998], Speech [Micenková et al., 2014]
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- **Evaluation Metrics**
 - To evaluate the performance of anomaly detection methods, we employ two key metrics
 - AUROC (the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve)
 - AUPRC (the Area Under the Precision-Recall Curve)
 - For a qualitative analysis, we utilize the UMAP (Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection)
- **TransPAD Configurations**
 - We optimize the hyperparameters of TransPAD based on AUROC, with adjustments within specified ranges for each dataset

Batch size	64, 128	Learning rate	$10^{-3}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-5}$
Sequence length	32, 64, 128	Number of heads	16, 32
Input dimension	64, 128, 256	Number of layers	4, 5, 6
Layer configurations	same, smaller, hybrid		

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Quantitative Analysis (for First Benchmark Test)

Dataset	<i>aPascal</i>	<i>Lung</i>	<i>Probe</i>	<i>Secom</i>	<i>U2R</i>
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AE	0.023±0.001	0.565±0.022	0.964±0.002	0.093±0.000	0.230±0.004
REPEN	0.041±0.001	0.429±0.005	0.964±0.000	0.091±0.001	0.116±0.007
DAGMM	0.023±0.009	0.042±0.003	0.409±0.153	0.066±0.002	0.025±0.019
RND	0.021±0.005	0.381±0.104	0.609±0.014	0.086±0.002	0.217±0.011
RDP	0.042±0.003	0.705±0.028	0.955±0.002	0.096±0.001	0.261±0.005
DeepSVDD	0.047±0.012	<u>0.817±0.219</u>	0.885±0.145	0.095±0.007	0.168±0.123
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Table 2: Comparison of AUPRC performance (mean±std).

- DAGMM consistently has underperformed on all datasets that indicates potential limitations in approximating data distributions using mixtures of Gaussians

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Quantitative Analysis (for First Benchmark Test)

Dataset	<i>aPascal</i>	<i>Lung</i>	<i>Probe</i>	<i>Secom</i>	<i>U2R</i>
<i>n</i>	12,695	145	64,759	1,567	60,821
<i>d</i>	64	3312	34	590	34
anomaly ratio	1.38%	4.13%	6.43%	6.63%	0.37%
iForest	0.514±0.051	0.893±0.057	0.995±0.001	0.548±0.019	0.988±0.001
AE	0.623±0.005	0.953±0.004	0.997±0.000	0.526±0.000	0.987±0.000
REPEN	0.813±0.004	0.949±0.002	0.997±0.000	0.510±0.004	0.978±0.000
DAGMM	0.710±0.020	0.830±0.087	0.953±0.008	0.513±0.010	0.945±0.028
RND	0.685±0.019	0.867±0.031	0.975±0.000	0.541±0.006	0.981±0.001
RDP	0.823±0.007	0.982±0.006	0.997±0.000	0.570±0.004	0.986±0.001
DeepSVDD	0.845±0.031	<u>0.985±0.022</u>	0.988±0.023	<u>0.567±0.016</u>	0.969±0.024
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Table 2: Comparison of AUPRC performance (mean±std).

- The SVDD-based methods have shown lower results on most datasets compared to TransPAD
- This indicates that generalizing embeddings to the central point of all training data in latent space could be ineffective for datasets with complex distributions

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Quantitative Analysis (for Second Benchmark Test)

Dataset	<i>Optdigits</i>	<i>Pendigits</i>	<i>WBC</i>	<i>Lympho</i>	<i>Speech</i>
<i>n</i>	5,216	6870	278	148	3686
<i>d</i>	64	16	30	18	400
anomaly ratio	2.88%	2.27%	7.55%	4.05%	1.65%
RDP	0.604 ± 0.121	0.903 ± 0.040	0.933 ± 0.014	0.740 ± 0.044	0.477 ± 0.026
<i>TransPAD-C</i>	0.843 ± 0.139	0.916 ± 0.111	0.910 ± 0.041	0.879 ± 0.096	0.519 ± 0.050

Table 3: Comparison AUROC performance (mean±std)

Dataset	<i>Optdigits</i>	<i>Pendigits</i>	<i>WBC</i>	<i>Lympho</i>	<i>Speech</i>
RDP	0.039 ± 0.017	0.143 ± 0.077	0.419 ± 0.043	0.581 ± 0.116	0.017 ± 0.004
<i>TransPAD-C</i>	0.187 ± 0.139	0.356 ± 0.230	0.541 ± 0.150	0.366 ± 0.239	0.019 ± 0.003

Table 4: Comparison AUPRC performance (mean±std)

- While both methods have exhibited strong performances, TransPAD has shown greater consistency and superiority

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Qualitative Analysis (Encoder Architecture and Detection Performance)

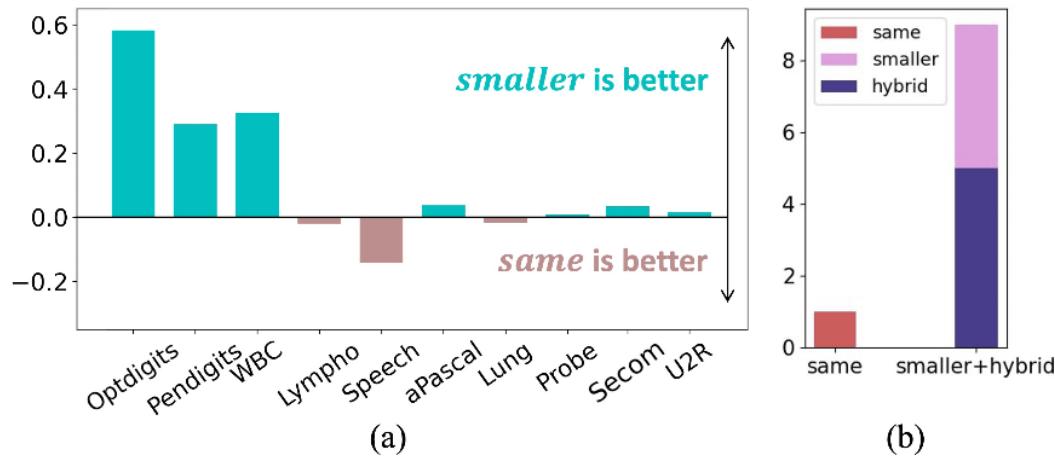


Figure 4: (a): The difference in the AUROC between cases where the layer option is *smaller*, and cases where it is *same*. (b): The number of dataset selected for each layer option during hyperparameter tuning.

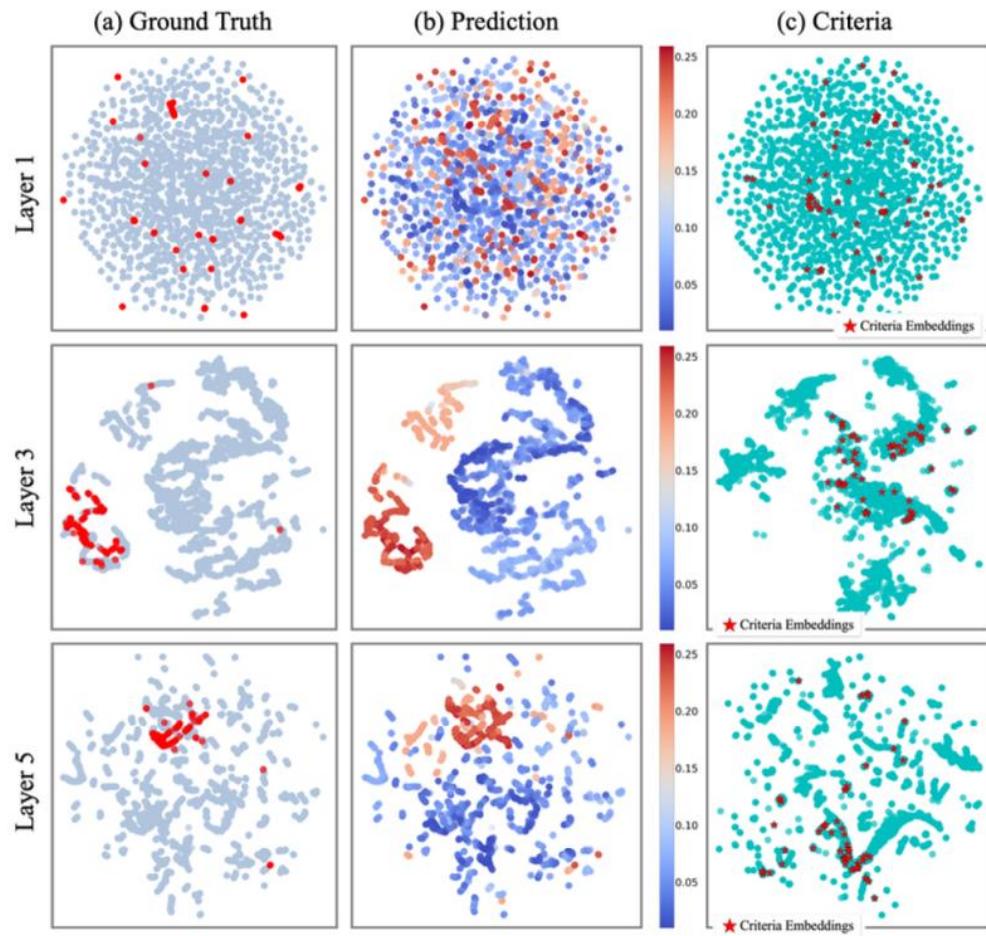


We interpret this because **reducing the dimensionality** enables careful comparisons of anomaly levels as data progresses through the multi-scaled layers

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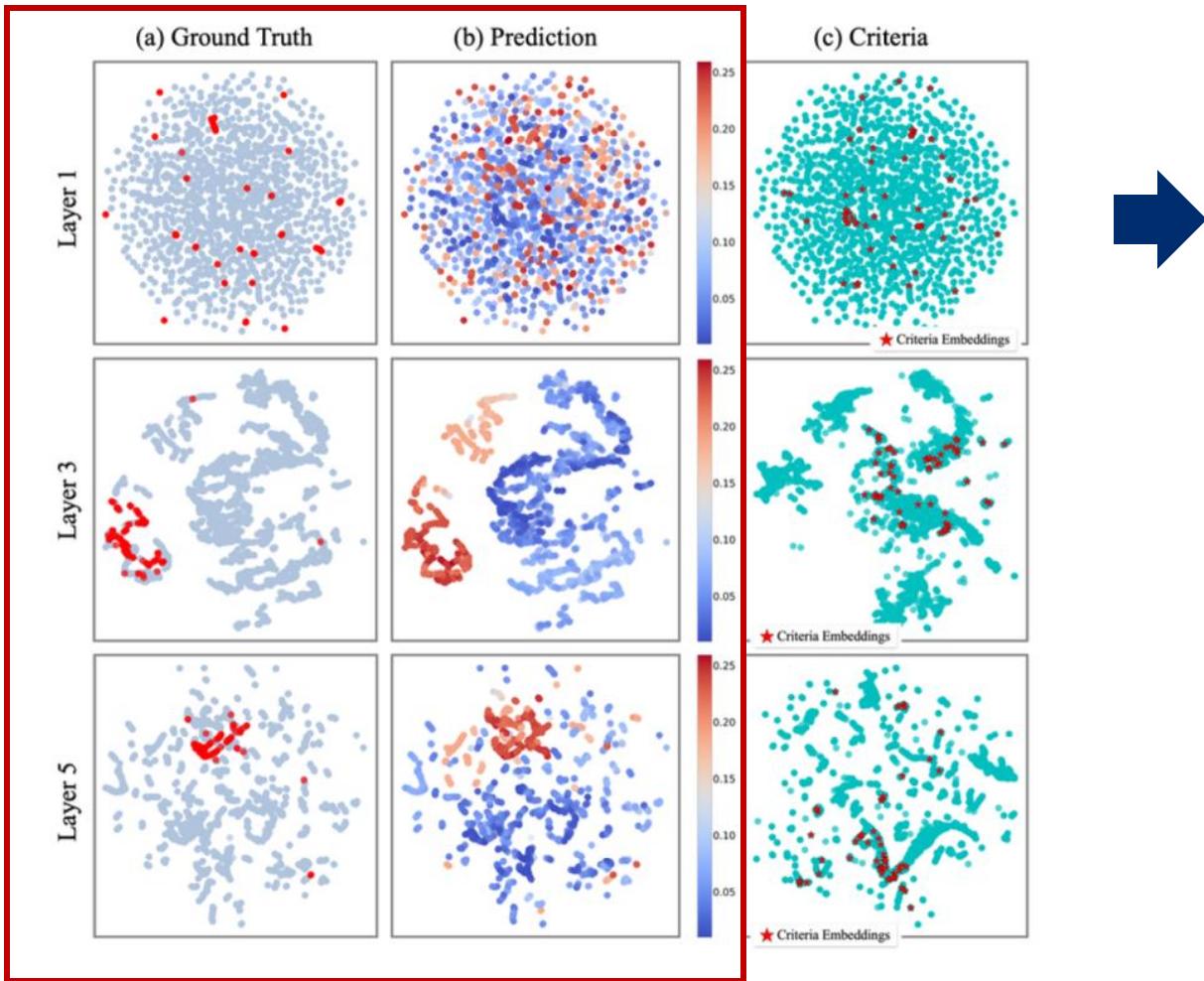
Qualitative Analysis (Visualization of Embeddings)



Experiments



Qualitative Analysis (Visualization of Embeddings)

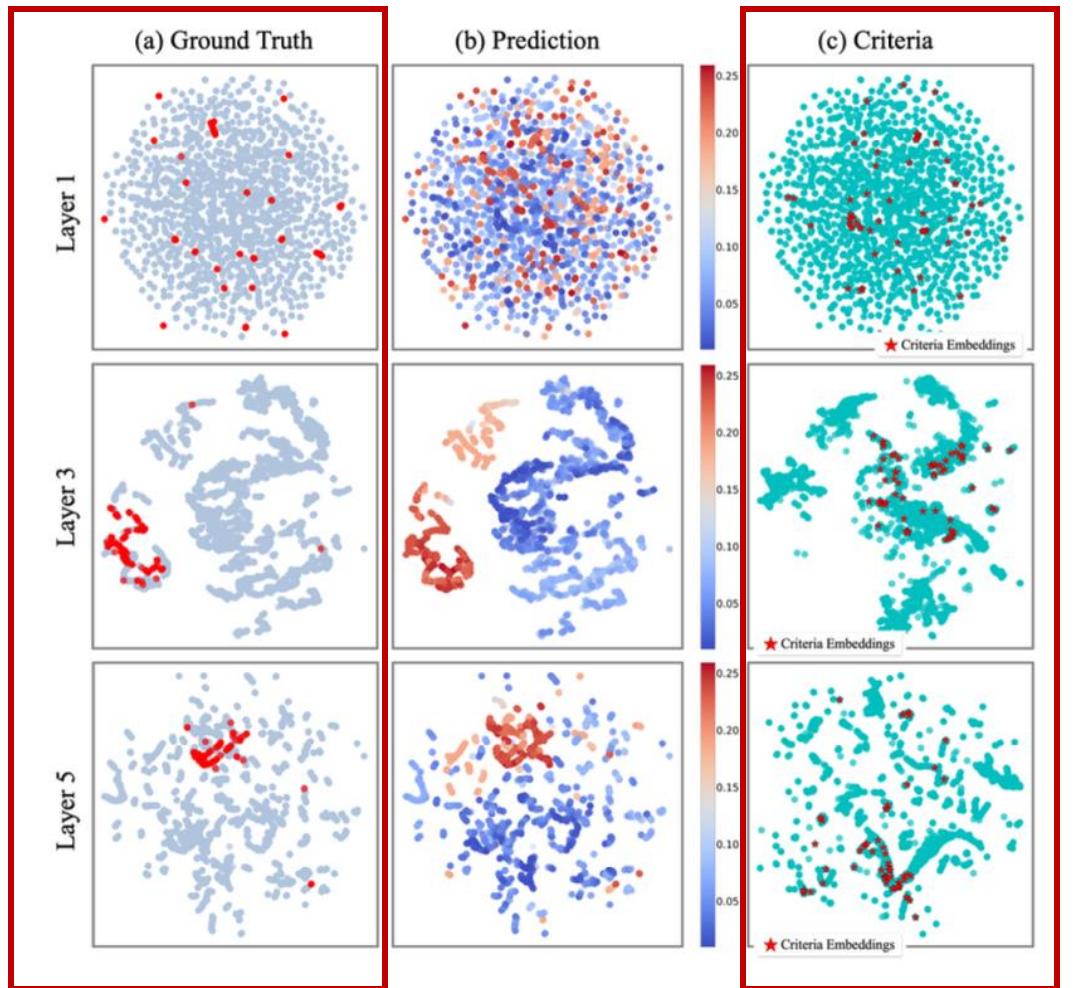


- Training with the Random Sampler effectively separates statistical anomalies from the overall dataset
- The attention weight-based anomaly scores are effective in recognizing anomalies based on similarity

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Qualitative Analysis (Visualization of Embeddings)



- The capability of the criteria sequence to accurately reflect the characteristics of the training data

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