

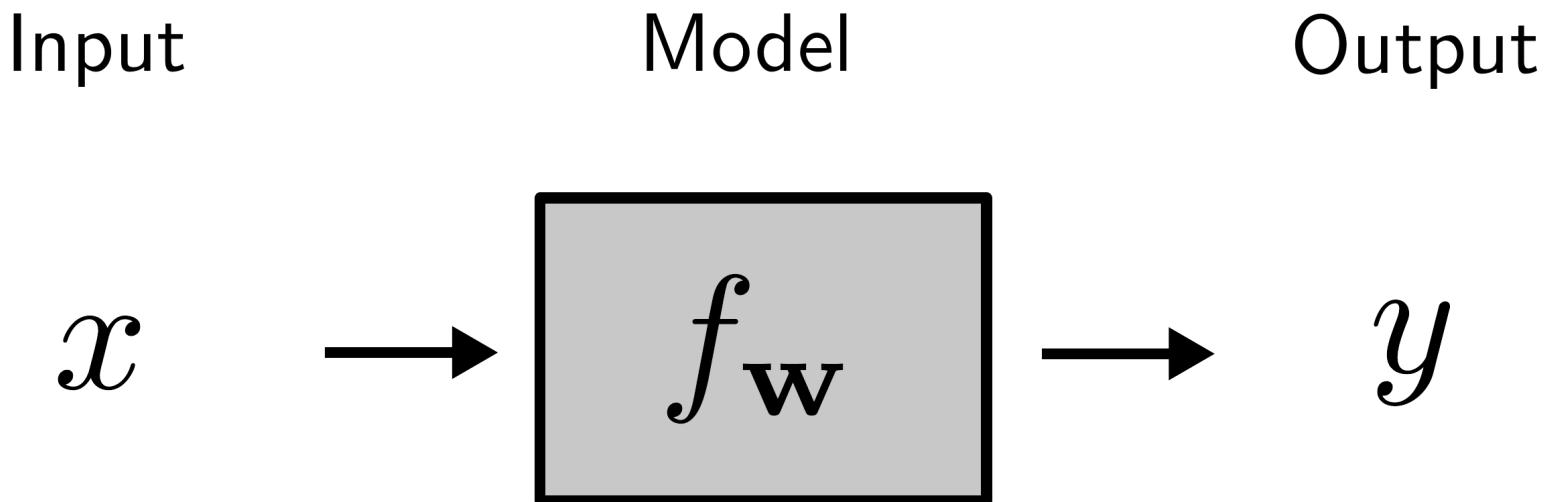
# From Action Recognition to Action Anticipation

Oswald Lanz

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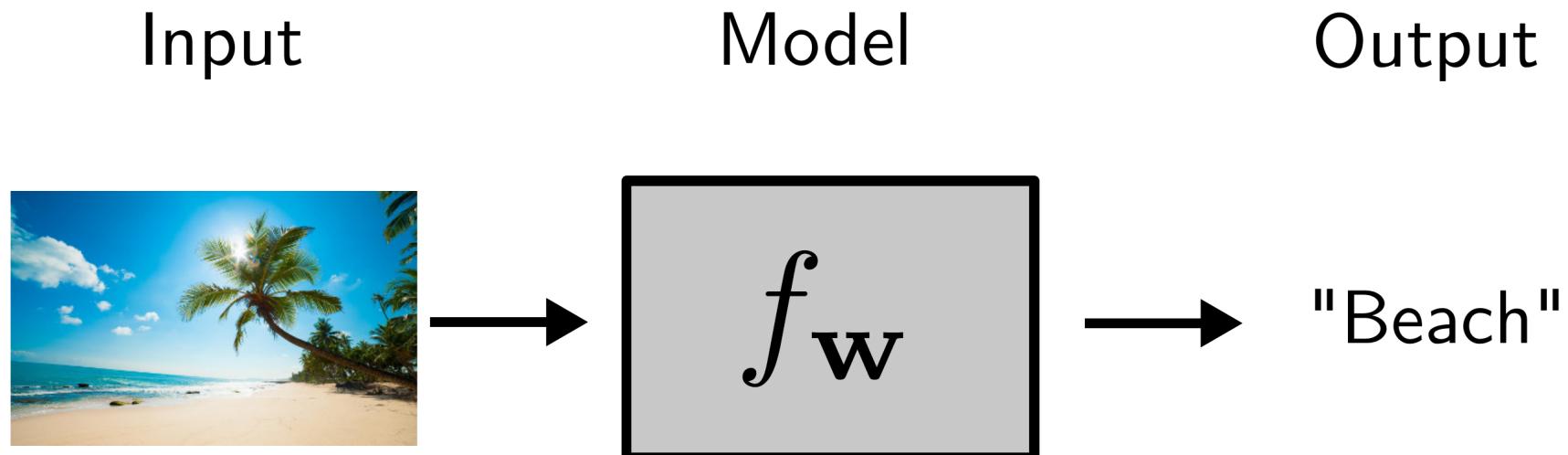
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# Supervised Learning



- ▶ **Learning:** Estimate parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  from training data  $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$
- ▶ **Inference:** Make novel predictions:  $y = f_{\mathbf{w}}(x)$

# Classification



- **Mapping:**  $f_w : \mathbb{R}^{W \times H} \rightarrow \{\text{"Beach"}, \text{"No Beach"}\}$

# Key Moment in History of Deep Learning

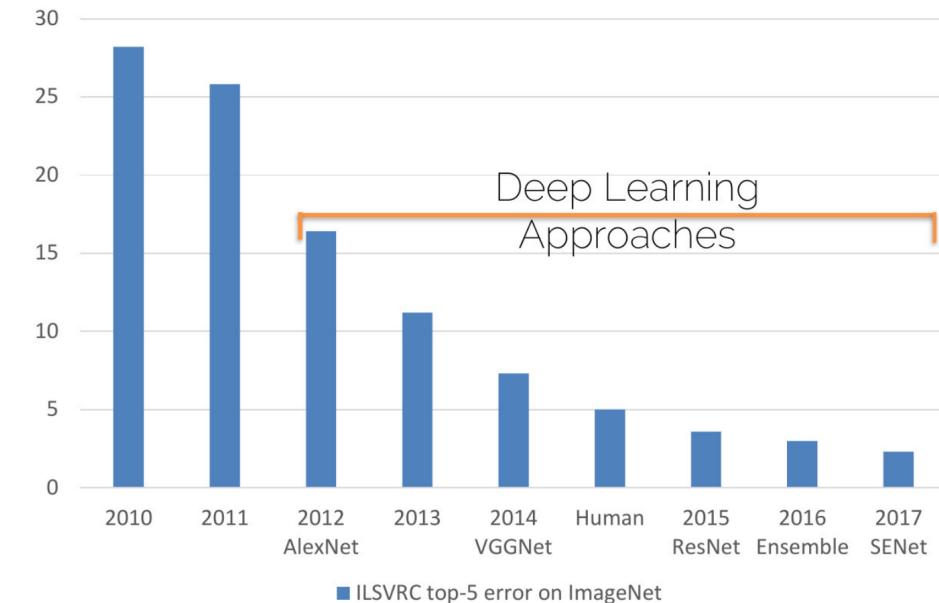
## 2009-2012: ImageNet and AlexNet

### ImageNet

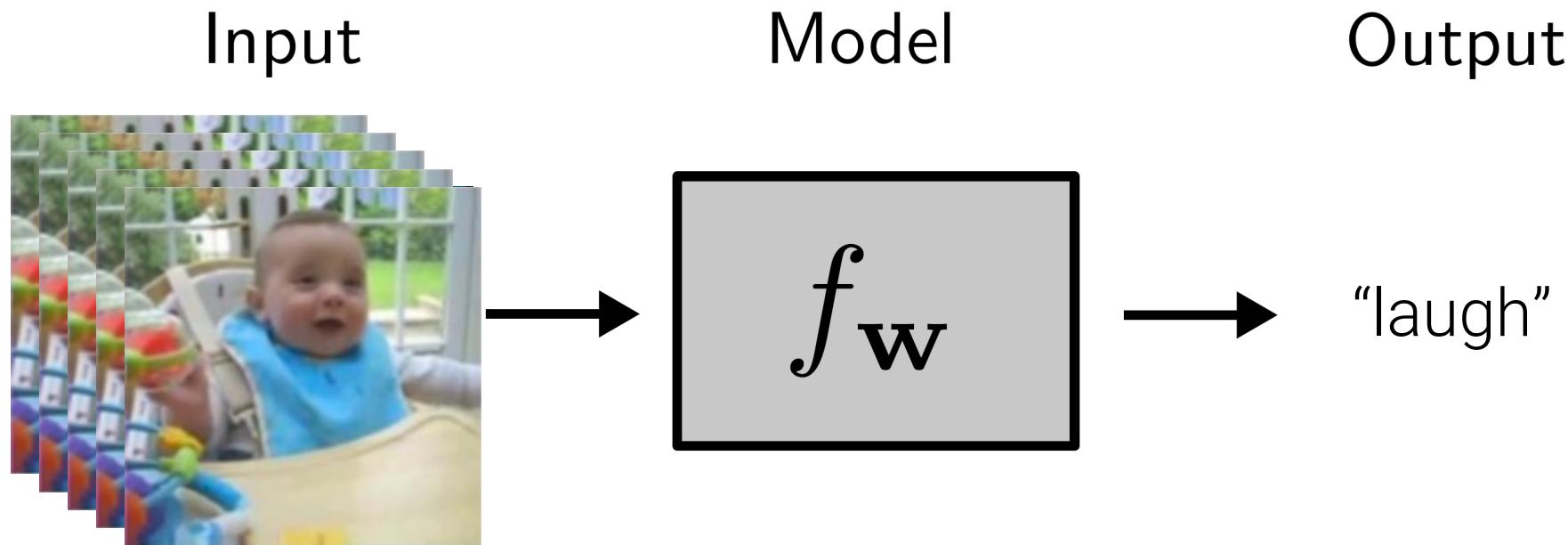
- ▶ Recognition benchmark (ILSVRC)
- ▶ 10 million annotated images
- ▶ 1000 categories

### AlexNet

- ▶ First neural network to win ILSVRC via **GPU training, deep models, data**
- ▶ Sparked deep learning revolution



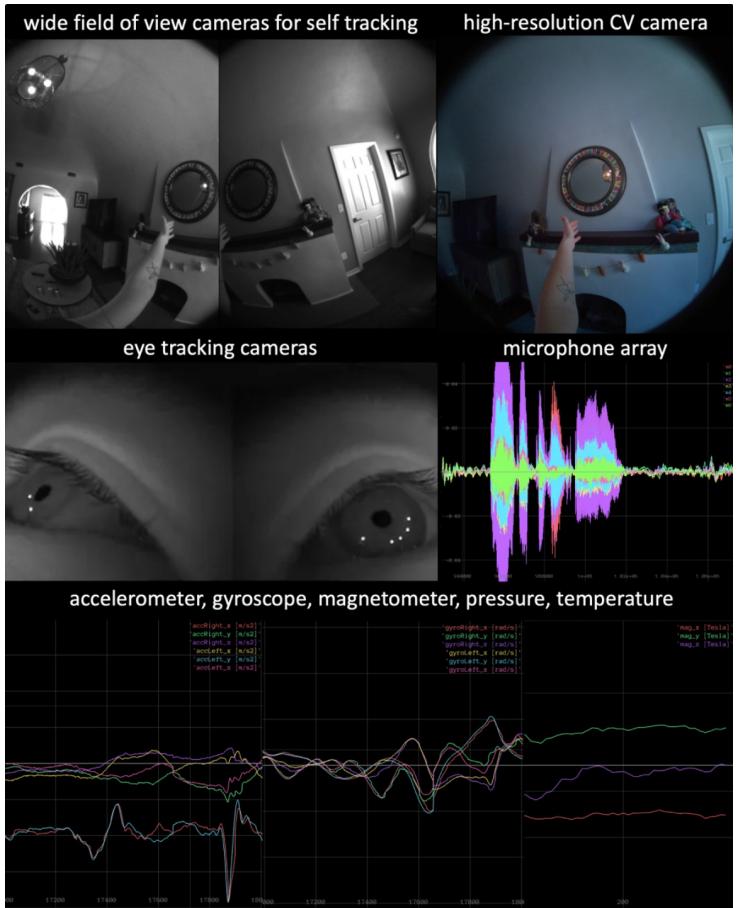
# Video Action Classification



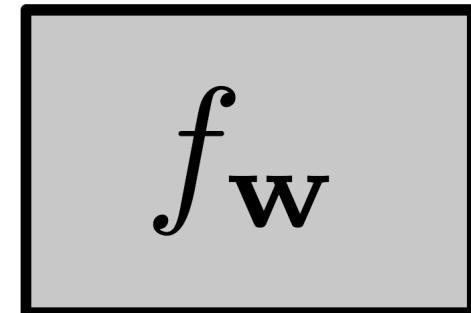
- **Mapping:**  $f_{\mathbf{w}} : \mathbb{R}^{W \times H \times T} \rightarrow \{\text{"run"}, \text{"laugh"}, \text{"dive"}, \text{"eat"}, \dots\}$

# Multimodal Action Classification

Input



Model



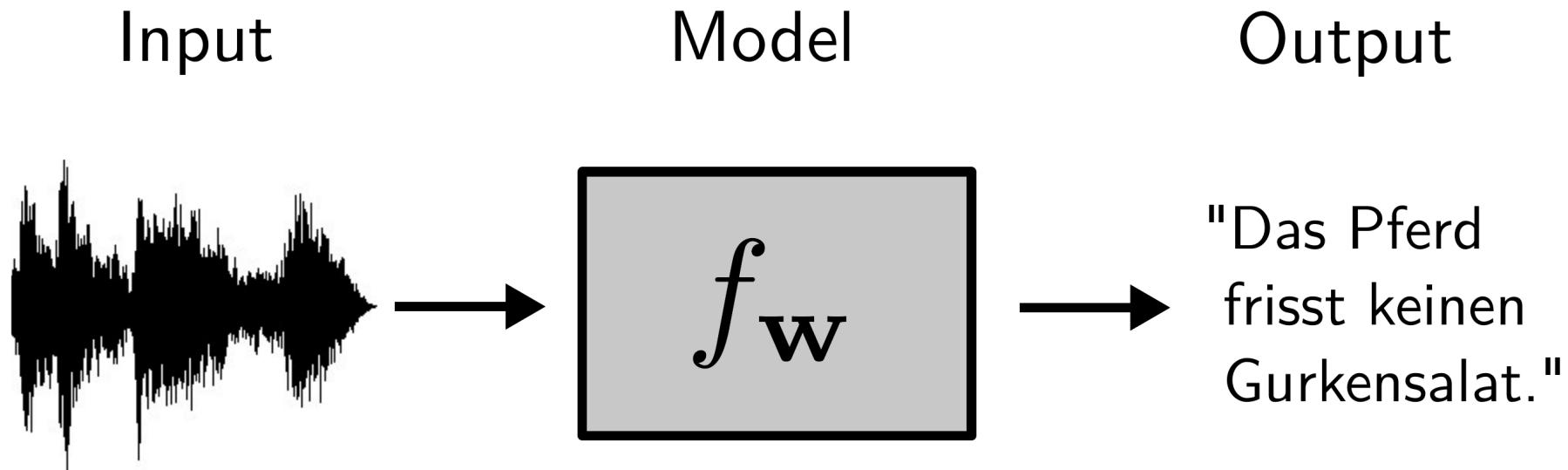
Output

“pointing”



Meta Project Aria

# Structured Prediction

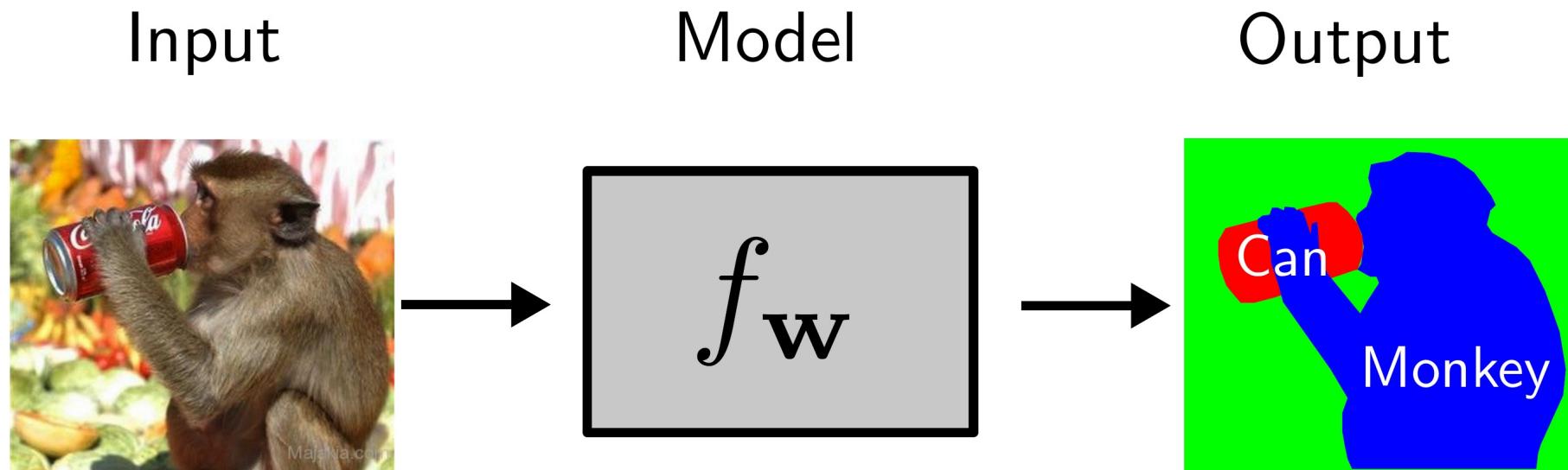


- **Mapping:**  $f_{\mathbf{w}} : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \{1, \dots, C\}^M$

# Actions on Objects

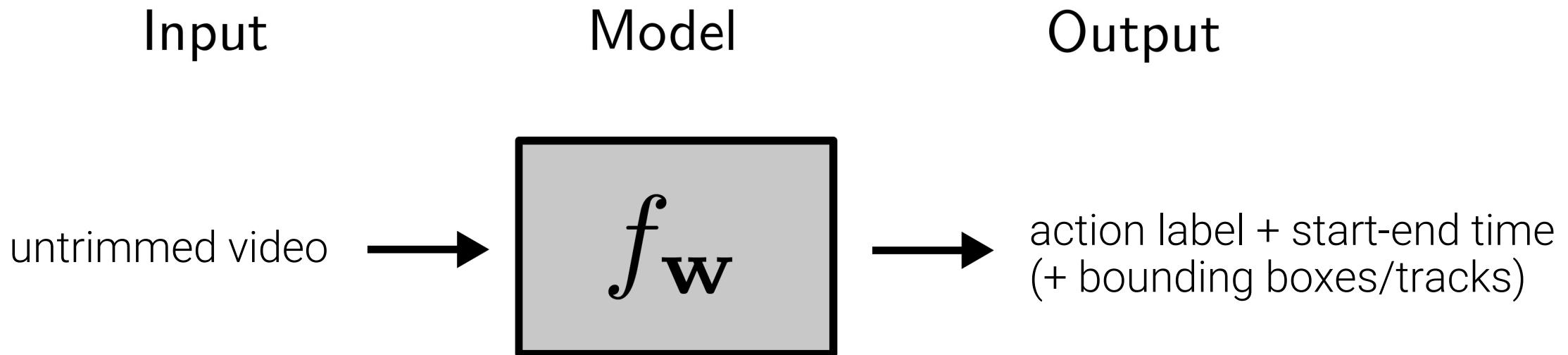


# Structured Prediction



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# Action Detection/Localization

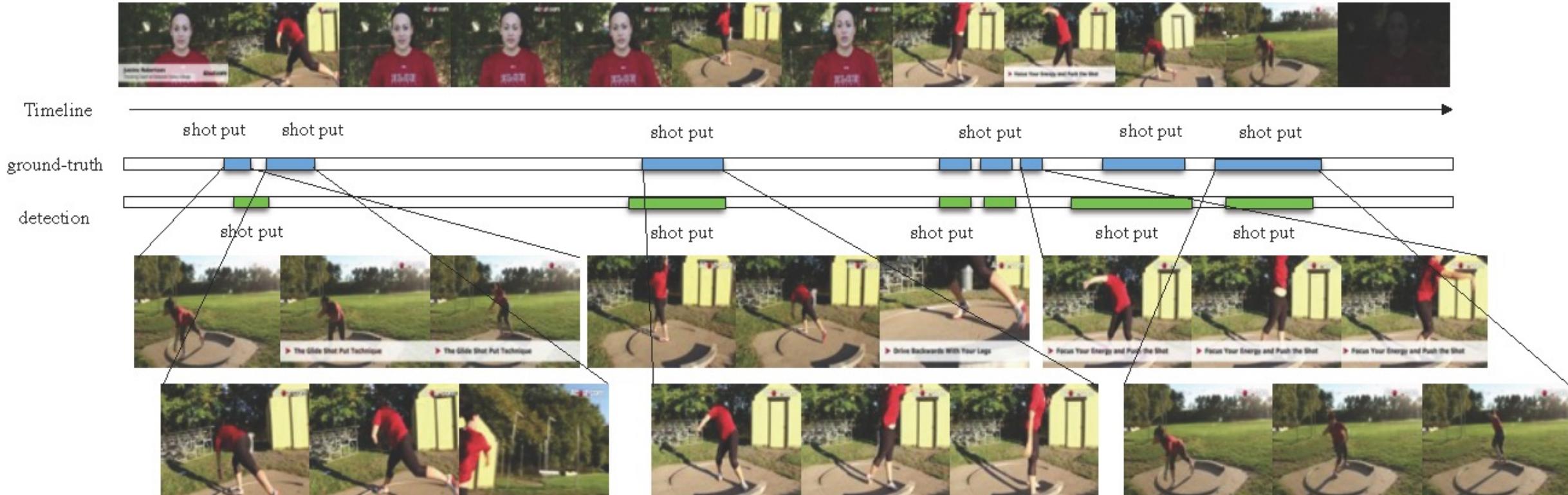


Untrimmed Video Classification

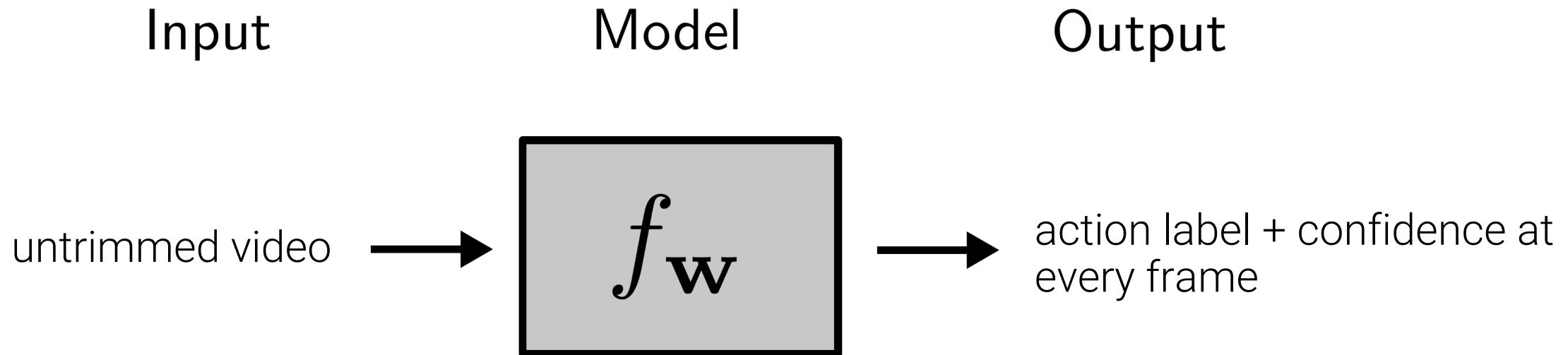


Trimmed Video Classification

# Action Detection/Localization



# Action Segmentation



Untrimmed Video Classification

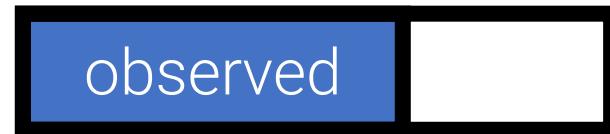


Untrimmed Video Segmentation

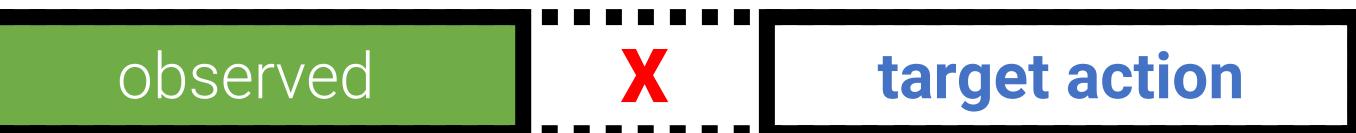
# Early Action Recognition - Action Anticipation/Prediction



Action Recognition (= Trimmed Video Classification with Action Labels)



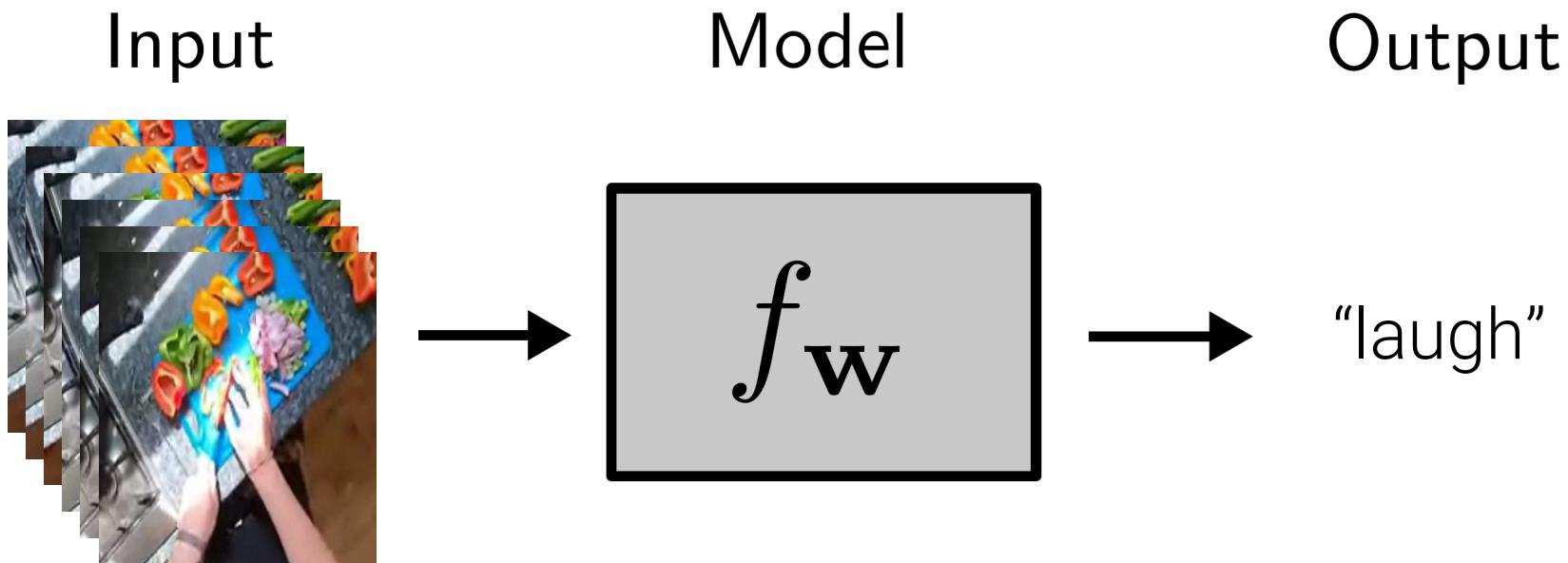
Early Action Recognition



Action Anticipation/Prediction

# Action Recognition Models

# Video Action Classification



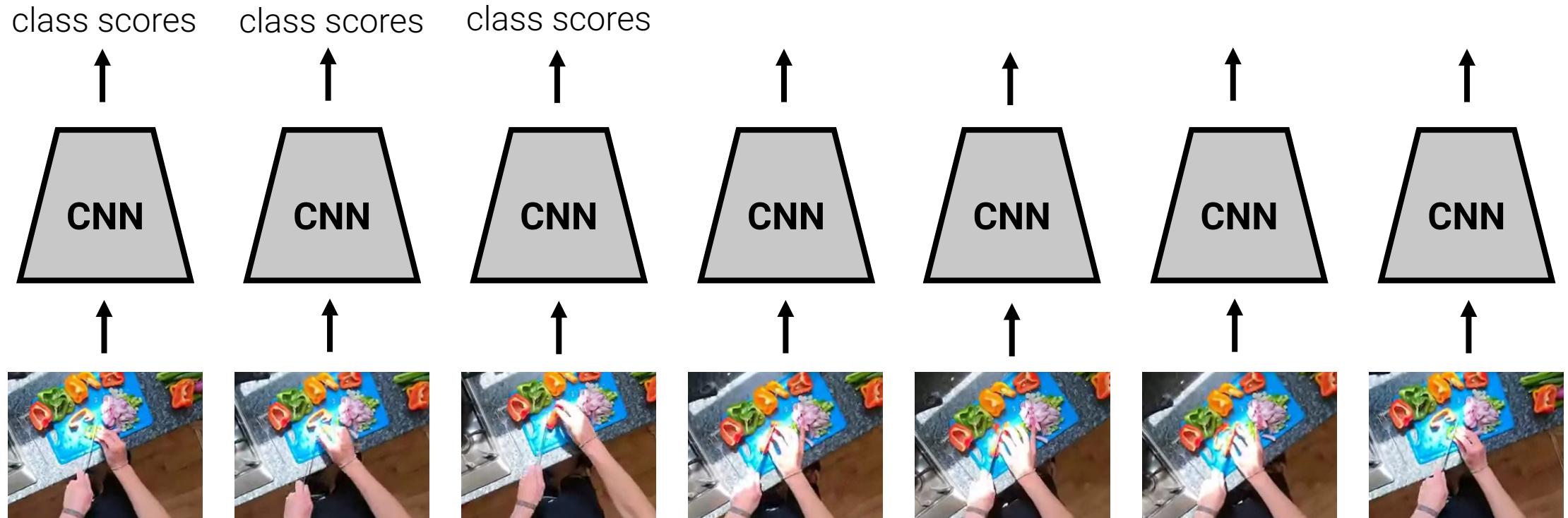
Video as a **sequence/set of frames** or as a **space-time volume** ?

# Single Frame CNN

**Simple idea: Train normal CNN to classify frames independently**

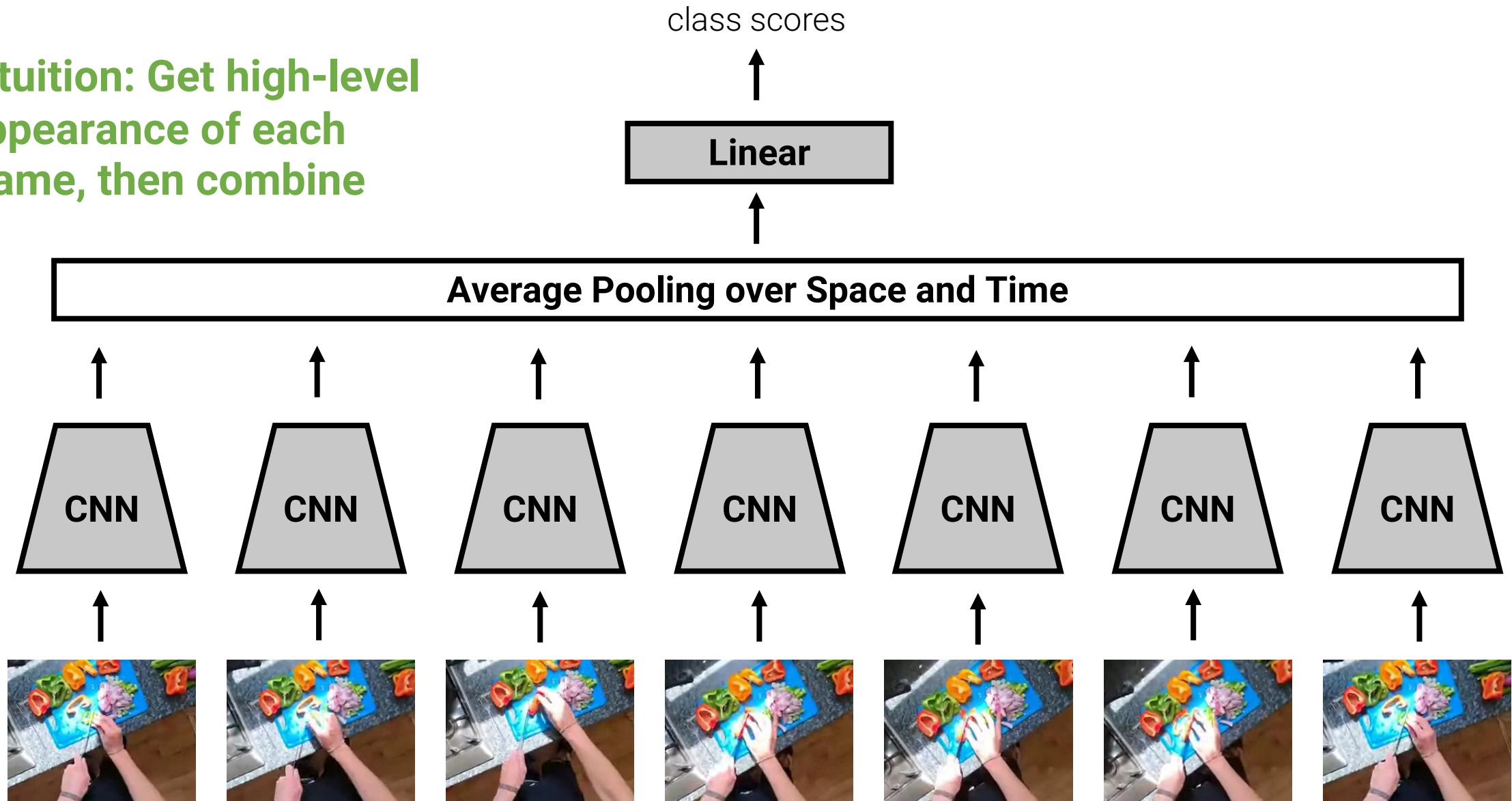
(Average predicted probs at test-time)

Often a very **strong baseline** for video classification



# Late Fusion

**Intuition: Get high-level appearance of each frame, then combine**



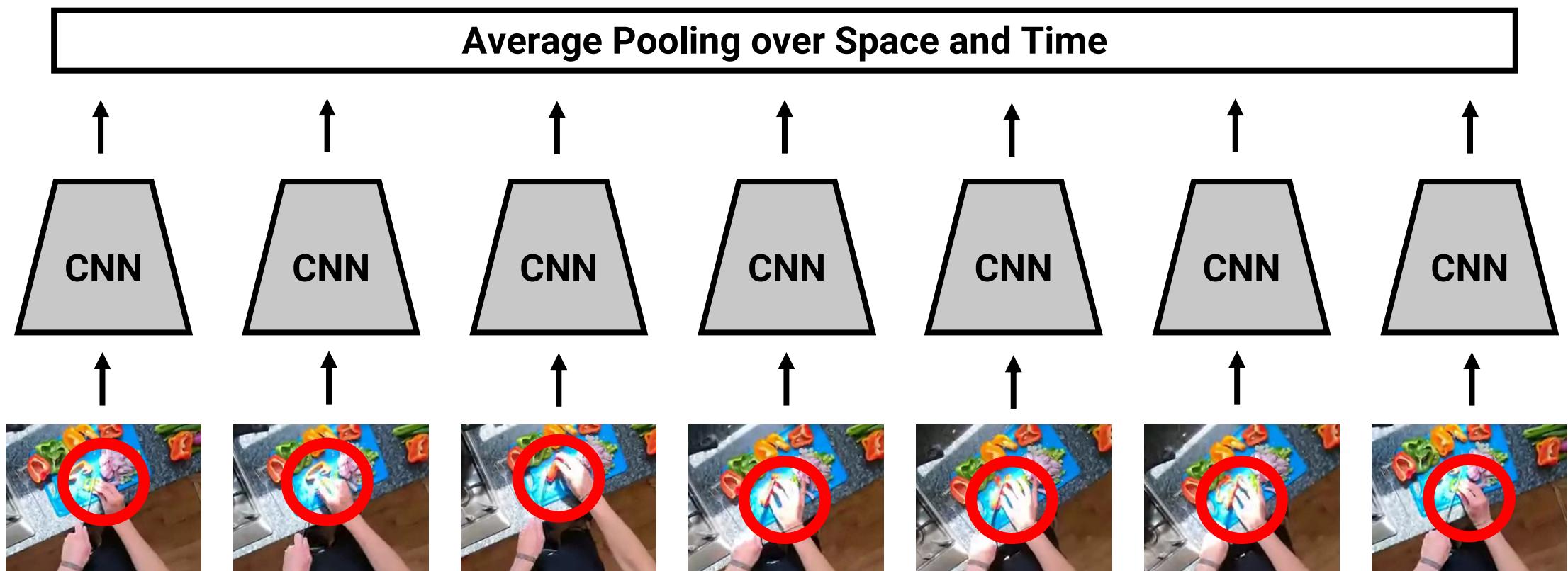
# Late Fusion

**Intuition: Get high-level appearance of each frame, then combine**

class scores

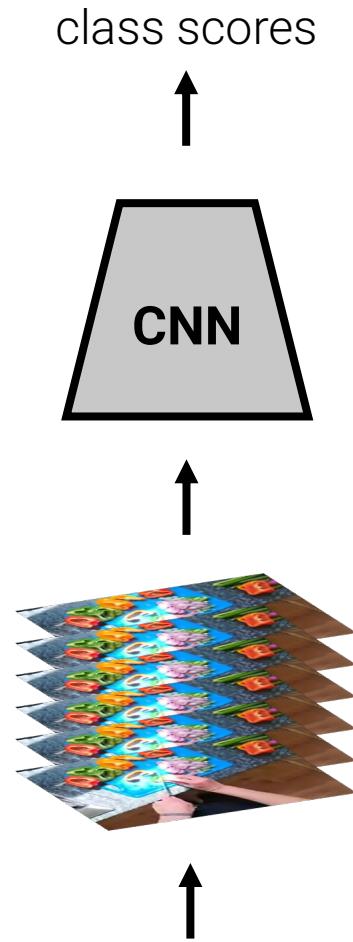
Linear

**Problem: Hard to compare low-level motion between frames**



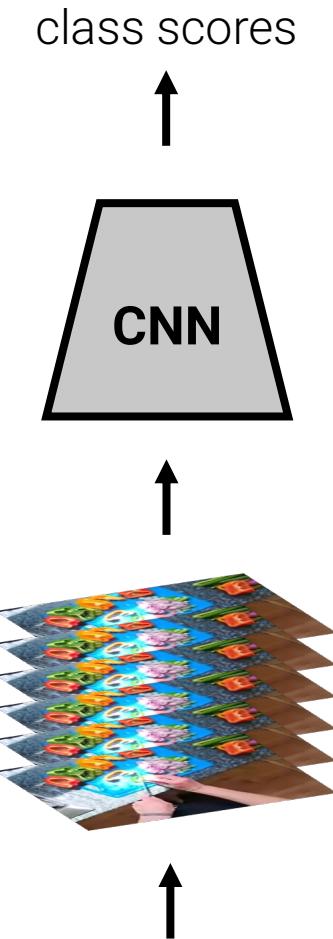
# Early Fusion

**Intuition: Compare frames  
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after that normal 2D CNN**



# Early Fusion

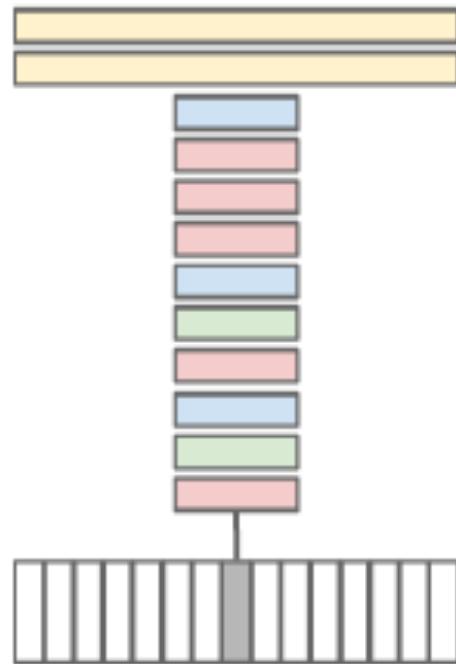
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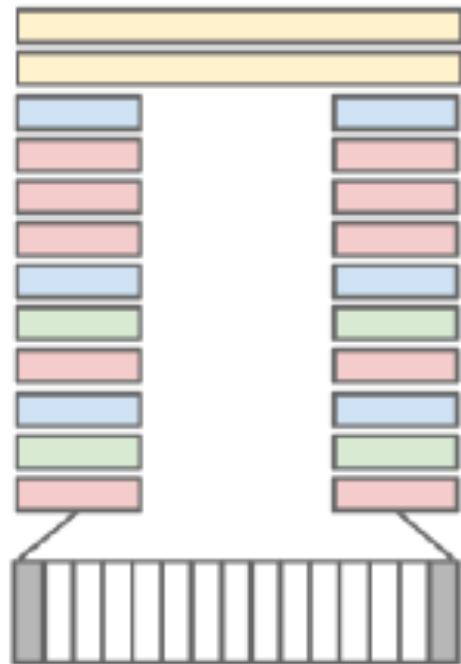
**Problem: One layer of temporal processing may not be enough**

# Slow Fusion

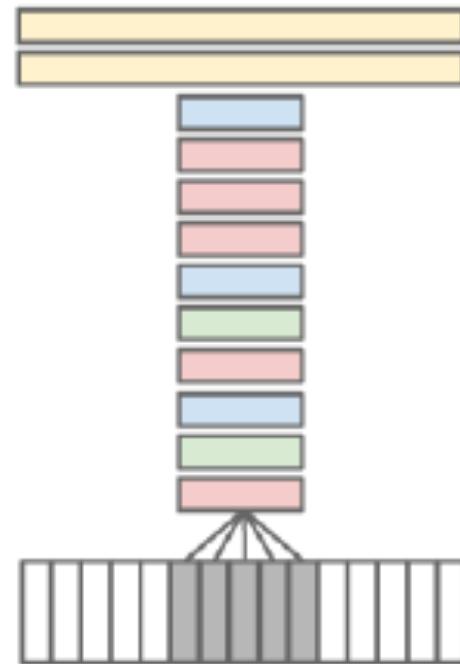
Single Frame



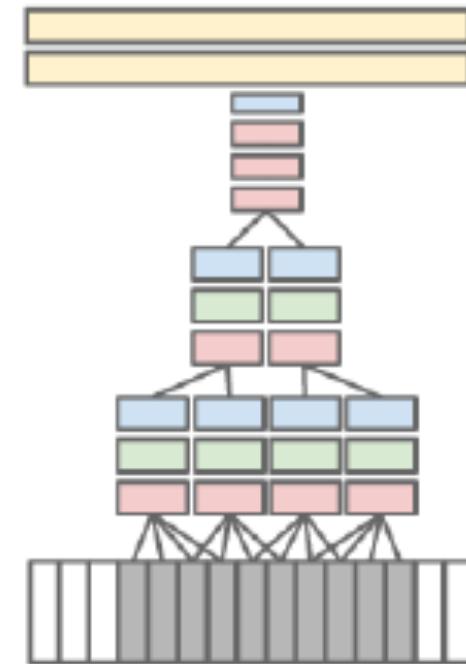
Late Fusion



Early Fusion



Slow Fusion



# Example Video Dataset: Sports-1M

- 1 million YouTube videos annotated with labels for 487 different types of sports



Figure 4: Predictions on Sports-1M test data. Blue (first row) indicates ground truth label and the bars below show model predictions sorted in decreasing confidence. Green and red distinguish correct and incorrect predictions, respectively.

# Video Classification with 2D CNN

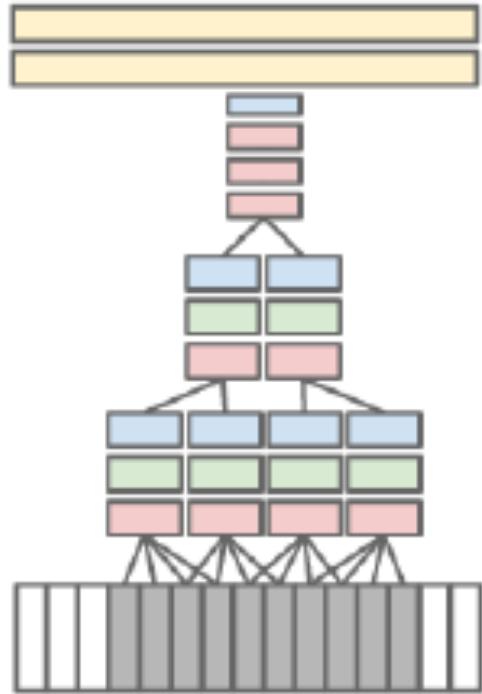
- ▶ 1 million YouTube videos annotated with labels for 487 different types of sports

Model	Clip Hit@1	Video Hit@1	Video Hit@5
Feature Histograms + Neural Net	-	55.3	-
Single-Frame	41.1	59.3	77.7
Single-Frame + Multires	<b>42.4</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>78.5</b>
Single-Frame Fovea Only	30.0	49.9	72.8
Single-Frame Context Only	38.1	56.0	77.2
Early Fusion	38.9	57.7	76.8
Late Fusion	40.7	59.3	78.7
Slow Fusion	<b>41.9</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>80.2</b>
CNN Average (Single+Early+Late+Slow)	41.4	63.9	82.4

Table 1: Results on the 200,000 videos of the Sports-1M test set. Hit@k values indicate the fraction of test samples that contained at least one of the ground truth labels in the top k predictions.

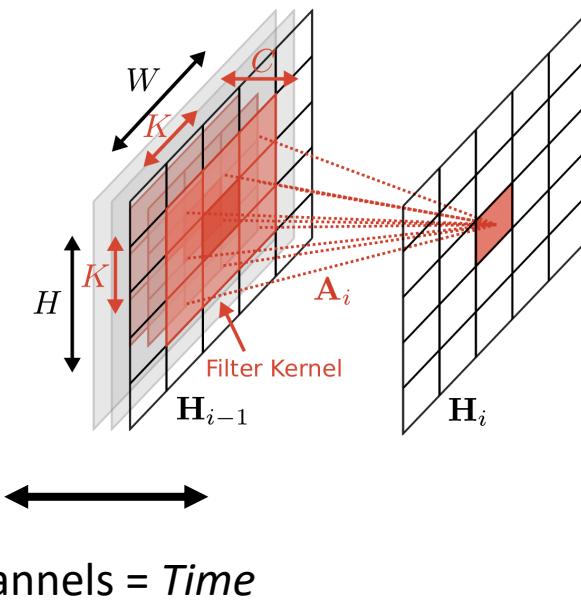
# Slow Fusion

= Better performance = Good news.



We inherit **spatial shift-equivariance** from Conv2D layers.

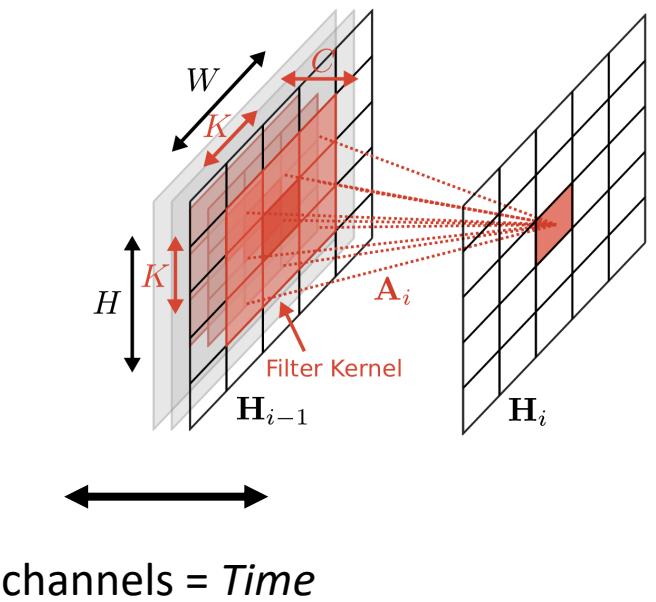
But what about **temporal shift-equivariance** (same local motion happening sooner or later in the video) ?



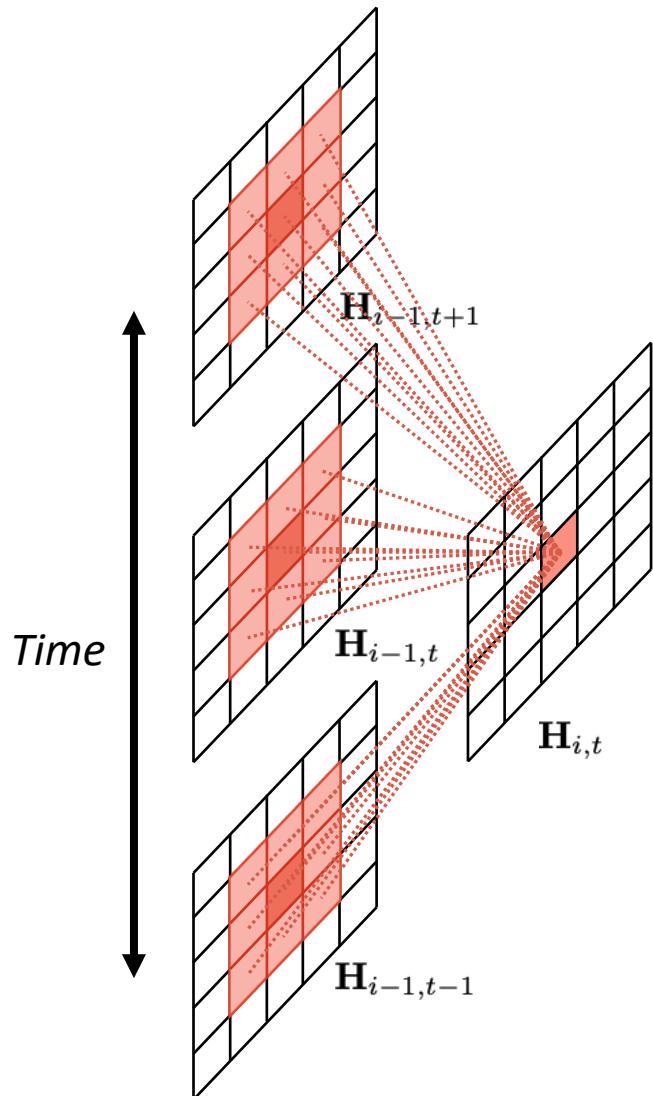
No weight sharing across time,  
hence no temporal shift-  
invariance

**Needs to learn separate filters  
for same local motion at  
different times in the clip**

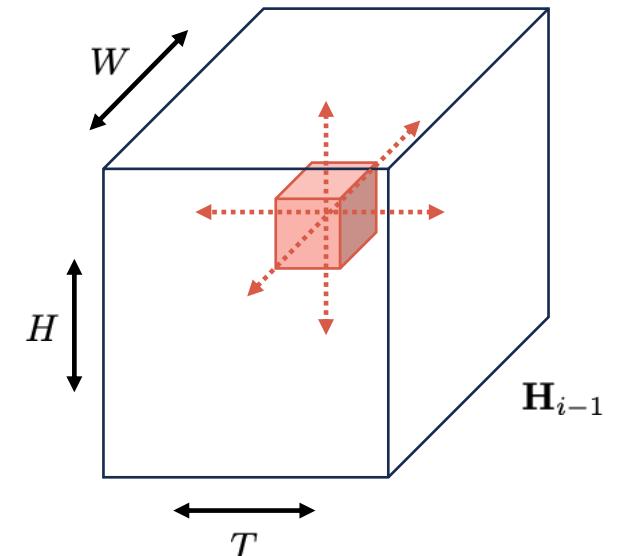
# 3D Conv (3D CNN)



Early Fusion (2D Conv)



3D CNN on Space-Time (3D Conv)



**Temporal shift-invariant  
since each filter slides  
over time**

# C3D: The VGG of 3D CNNs

3D CNN that uses all 3x3x3 conv and 2x2x2 pooling  
(except Pool1 which is 1x2x2)

Released model pretrained on Sports-1M:  
Many people used this as a video feature extractor

**Problem:** 3x3x3 conv is very expensive

AlexNet: 0.7 GFLOP

VGG-16: 13.6 GFLOP

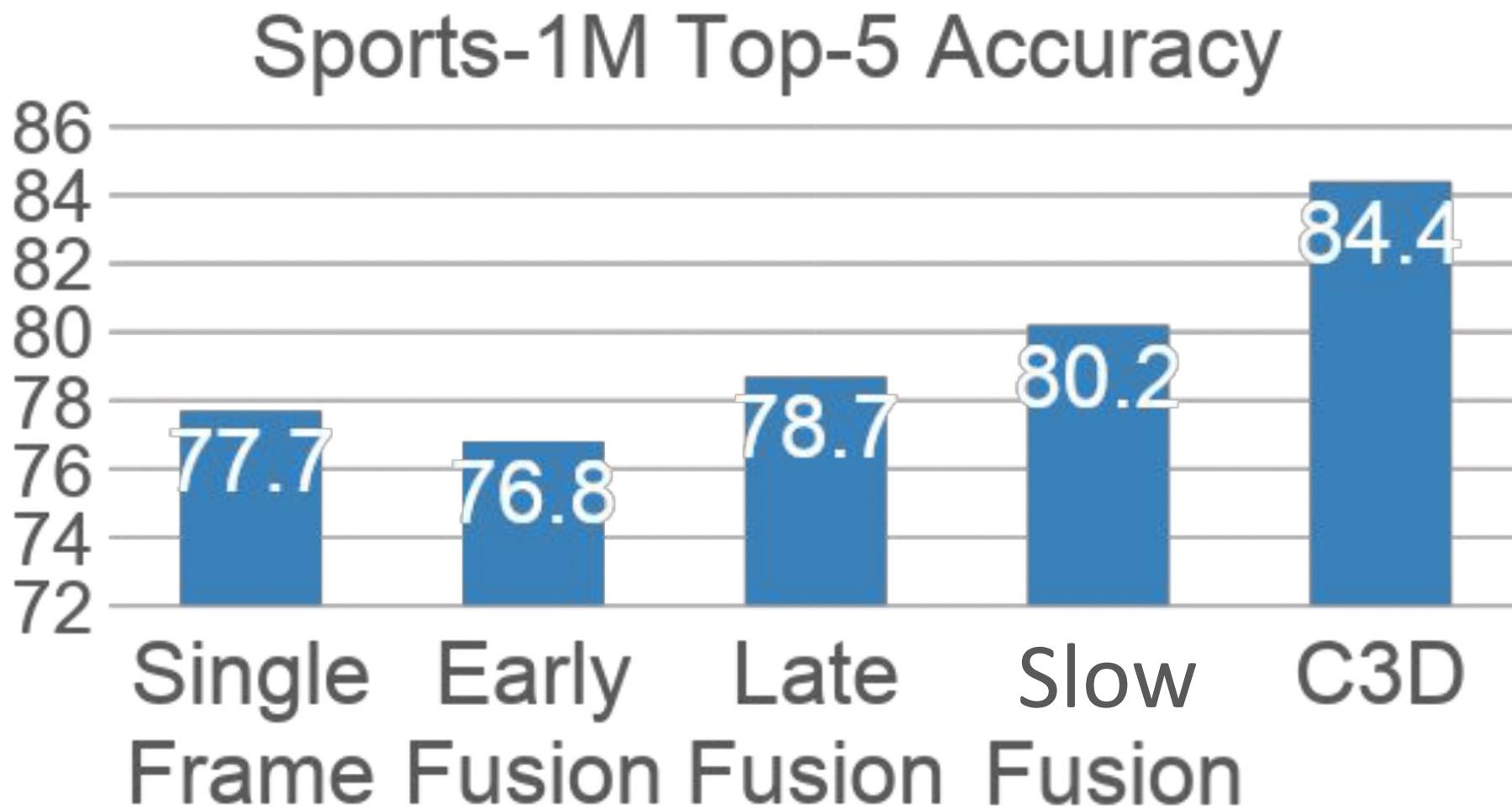
C3D: **39.6 GFLOP (2.9x of VGG)**

Tran et.al, "Learning Spatio-temporal Features with 3D Convolutional Networks". ICCV 2015

Layer	Size	MFLOPs
Input	3 x 16 x 112 x 112	
Conv1 (3x3x3)	64 x 16 x 112 x 112	1.04
Pool1 (1x2x2)	64 x 16 x 56 x 56	
Conv2 (3x3x3)	128 x 16 x 56 x 56	11.10
Pool2 (2x2x2)	128 x 8 x 28 x 28	
Conv3a (3x3x3)	256 x 8 x 28 x 28	5.55
Conv3b (3x3x3)	256 x 8 x 28 x 28	11.10
Pool3 (2x2x2)	256 x 4 x 14 x 14	
Conv4a (3x3x3)	512 x 4 x 14 x 14	2.77
Conv4b (3x3x3)	512 x 4 x 14 x 14	5.55
Pool4 (2x2x2)	512 x 2 x 7 x 7	
Conv5a (3x3x3)	512 x 2 x 7 x 7	0.69
Conv5b (3x3x3)	512 x 2 x 7 x 7	0.69
Pool5	512 x 1 x 3 x 3	
FC6	4096	0.51
FC7	4096	0.45
FC8	C	0.05

Slide credit: Justin Johnson

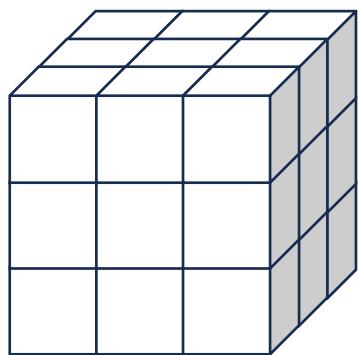
## Early Fusion vs Late Fusion vs 3D CNN



# Pseudo-3D CNNs

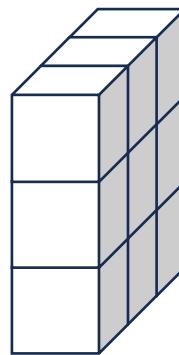
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**Idea:** replace 3D conv through 2D (spatial) followed by 1D (temporal)



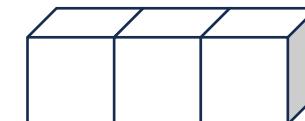
$$3 \times 3 \times 3$$

full 3x3x3 kernel



$$1 \times 3 \times 3$$

can be viewed as  
3x3x3 kernel with  
shared weights  
along 1<sup>st</sup> dim



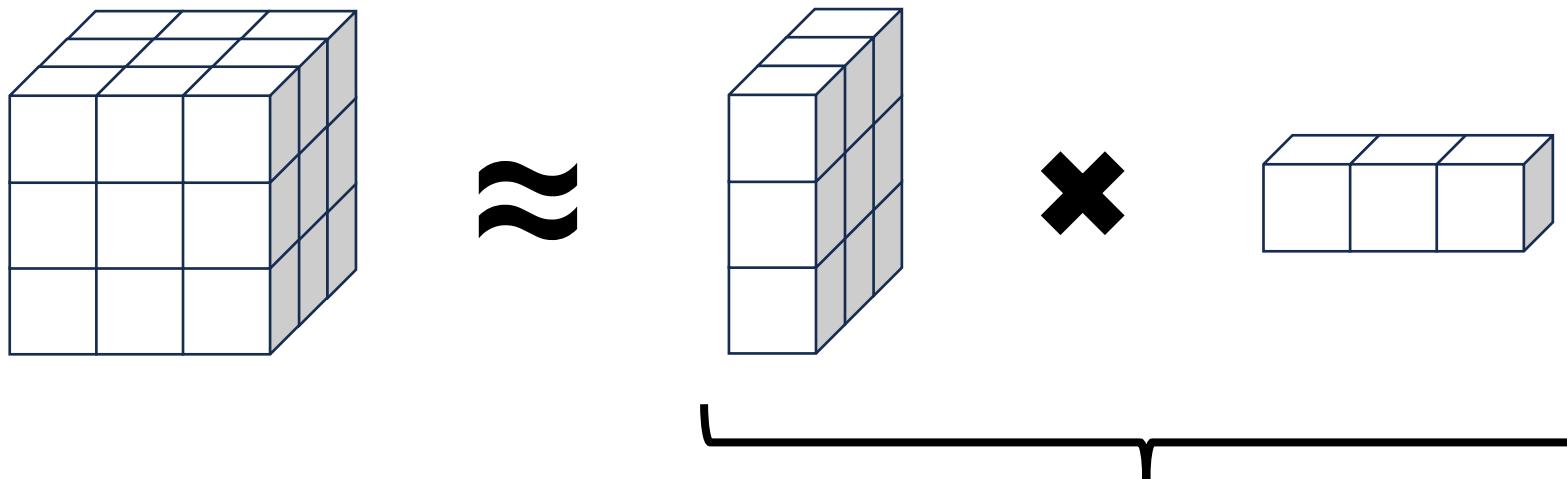
$$3 \times 1 \times 1$$

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# Pseudo-3D CNNs

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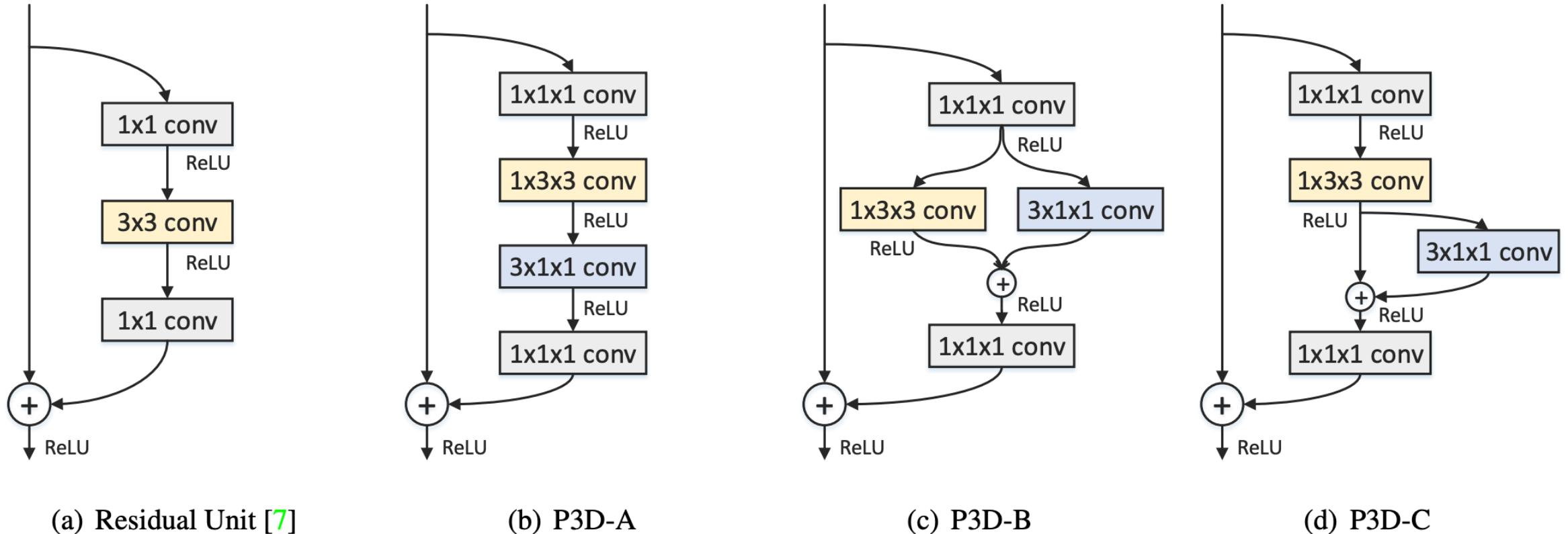
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$$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27 \times C \text{ params}$$

$$3 \times 3 + 3 = 11 \times C \text{ params}$$

# Pseudo-3D CNNs



# Pseudo-3D CNNs

<b>Method</b>	<b>Pre-train Data</b>	<b>Clip Length</b>	<b>Clip hit@1</b>	<b>Video hit@1</b>	<b>Video hit@5</b>
Deep Video (Single Frame) [10]	ImageNet1K	1	41.1%	59.3%	77.7%
Deep Video (Slow Fusion) [10]	ImageNet1K	10	41.9%	60.9%	80.2%
Convolutional Pooling [37]	ImageNet1K	120	70.8%	72.3%	90.8%
C3D [31]	—	16	44.9%	60.0%	84.4%
C3D [31]	I380K	16	46.1%	61.1%	85.2%
ResNet-152 [7]	ImageNet1K	1	46.5%	64.6%	86.4%
P3D ResNet (ours)	ImageNet1K	16	47.9%	66.4%	87.4%

on Sports-1M dataset

# Pseudo-3D CNNs

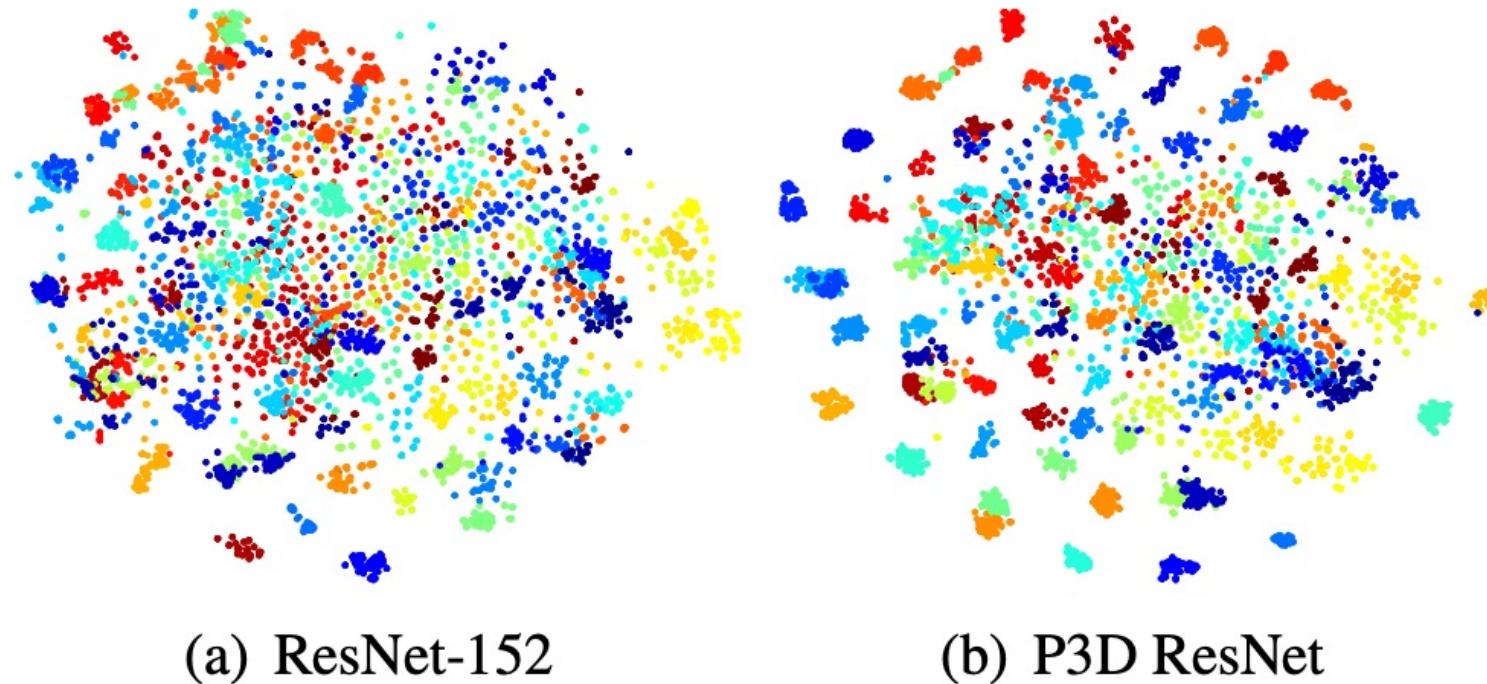
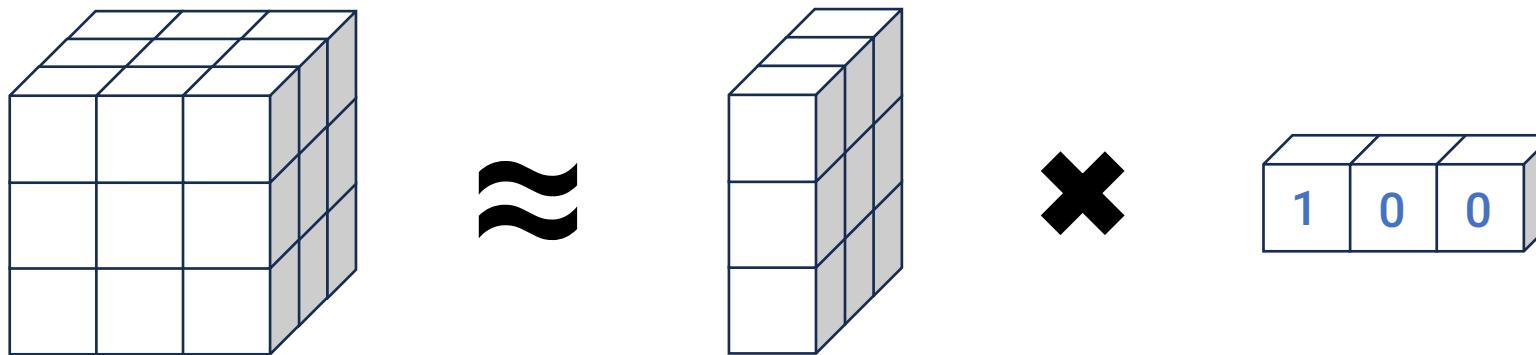


Figure 7. Video representation embedding visualizations of ResNet-152 and P3D ResNet on UCF101 using t-SNE [32]. Each video is visualized as one point and colors denote different actions.

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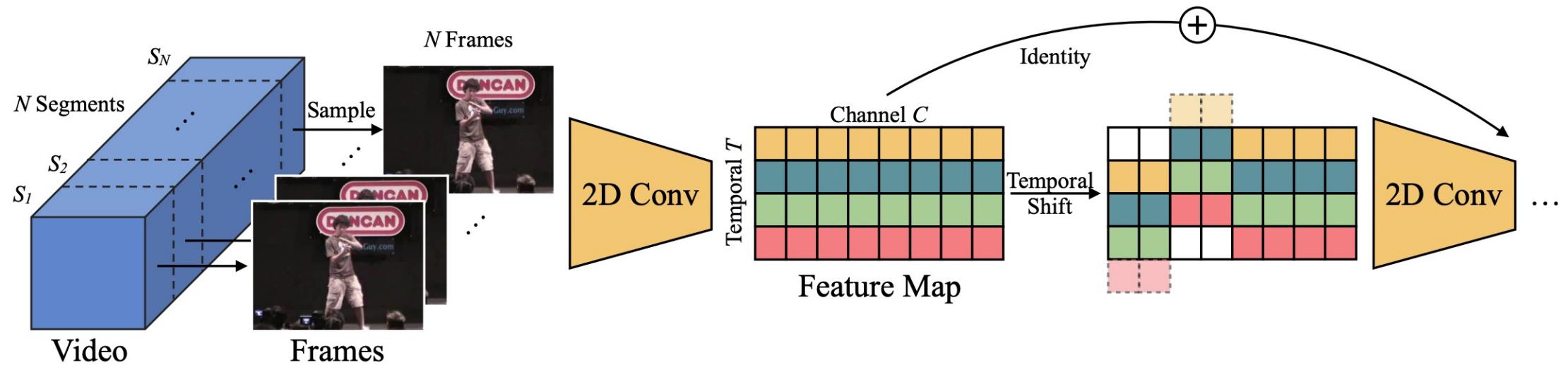


What if 1D temporal kernel is not learnt but hard-coded to [1,0,0] ?

# TSM: Temporal Shift Module

**Goal:** Achieve 3D CNN performance at 2D CNN complexity

**Idea:** at each 2D CNN layer, shift part of the channels along the temporal dimension

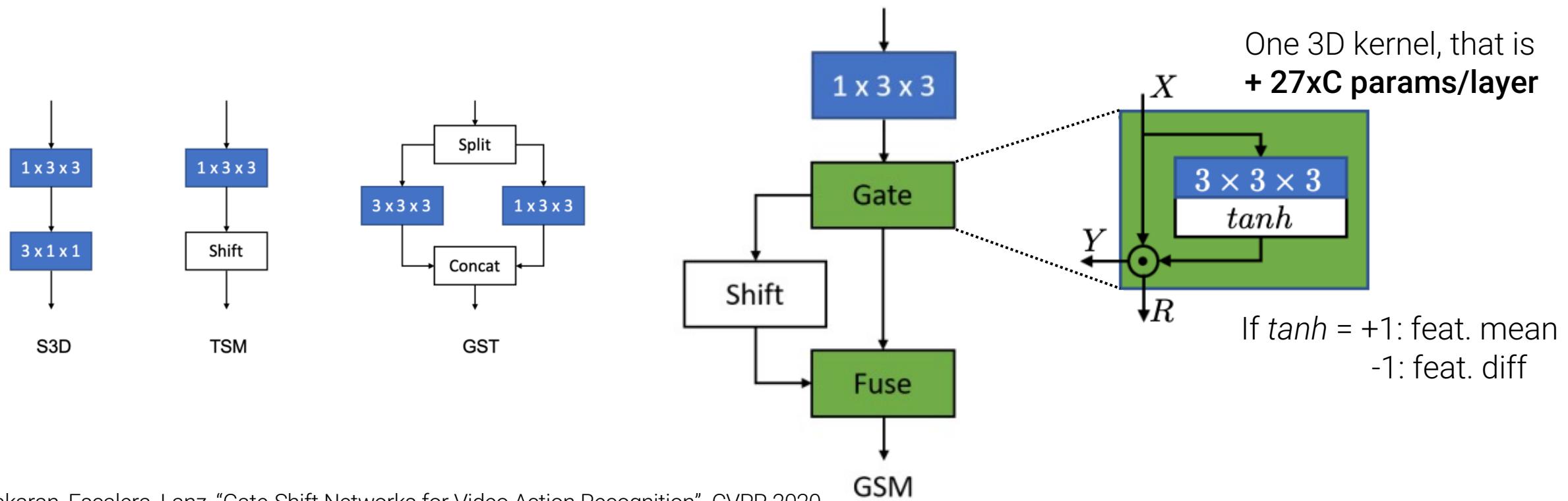


Shift is zero-flops, zero-params (but not zero-latency: in-memory data movement)

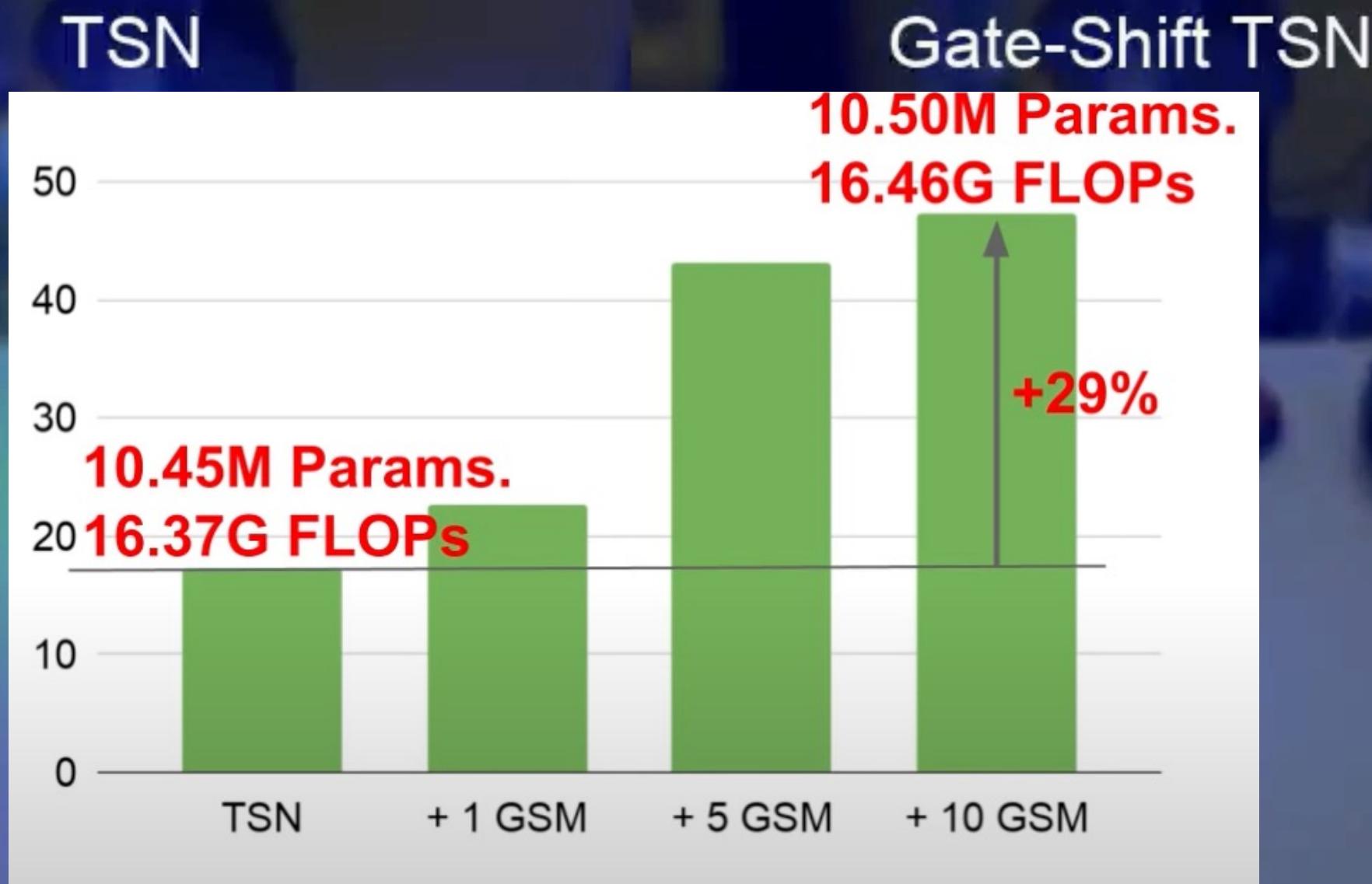
# Gate-Shift-Fuse Networks

TSM shifts feature planes forward and backward in time. But not all feature regions may need to be shifted for improving action recognition performance.

**Idea:** add a learnable gate to decide which regions to shift, and which to keep



# Gate-Shift-Fuse Networks



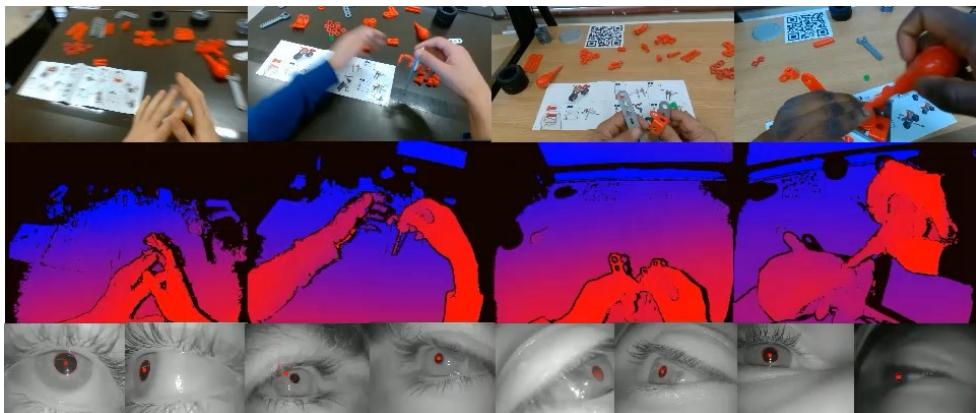
Putting something similar to other things that are already on the table<sup>36</sup>

# Gate-Shift-Fuse Networks

## EPIC-Kitchens-100 dataset



Method	Backbone	Accuracy (%)		
		Verb	Noun	Action
TSN [62]*	ResNet-50	60.18	46.03	33.19
TRN [79]*	ResNet-50	65.88	45.43	35.34
TSM [37]*	ResNet-50	67.86	49.01	38.27
SlowFast [13]*	ResNet-50	65.56	50.02	38.54
MoViNet-A6 [27]	-	72.2	57.3	47.7
GSF	InceptionV3	68.35	52.71	43.42
	ResNet-50	68.76	52.74	44.04
	ResNet-101	69.97	54.01	44.78



Modality	SlowFast		GSF		SlowFast GSF	
	Top1 (%)	Top5 (%)	Top1 (%)	Top5 (%)	Top1 (%)	Top5 (%)
RGB	45.16	73.75	45.09	75.47	<b>49.06</b>	<b>78.73</b>
Depth	45.13	72.19	45.44	75.54	<b>46.51</b>	<b>77.35</b>
RGB-Depth	49.49	77.61	50.30	79.19	<b>51.54</b>	<b>80.79</b>

## MECCANO dataset

# Recognizing Actions from Motion



Johansson, "Visual Perception of Biological Motion and a Model for its Analysis. Perception & Psychophysics, 1973.

# Motion representation: Optical Flow

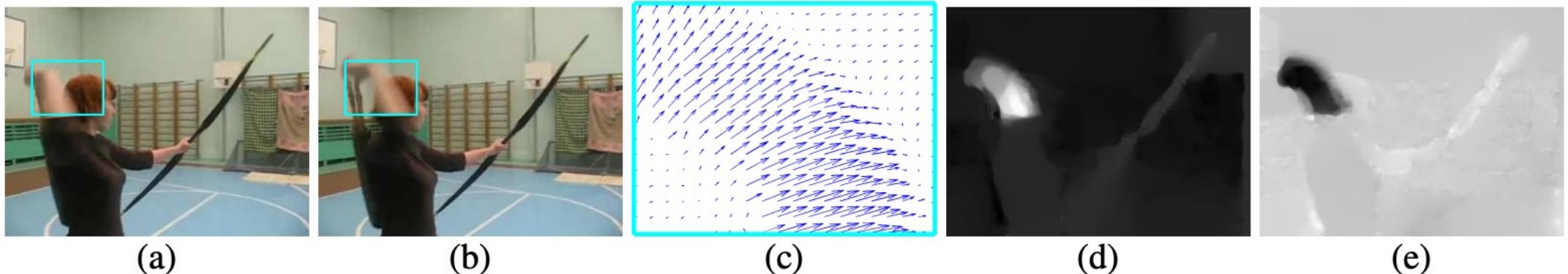
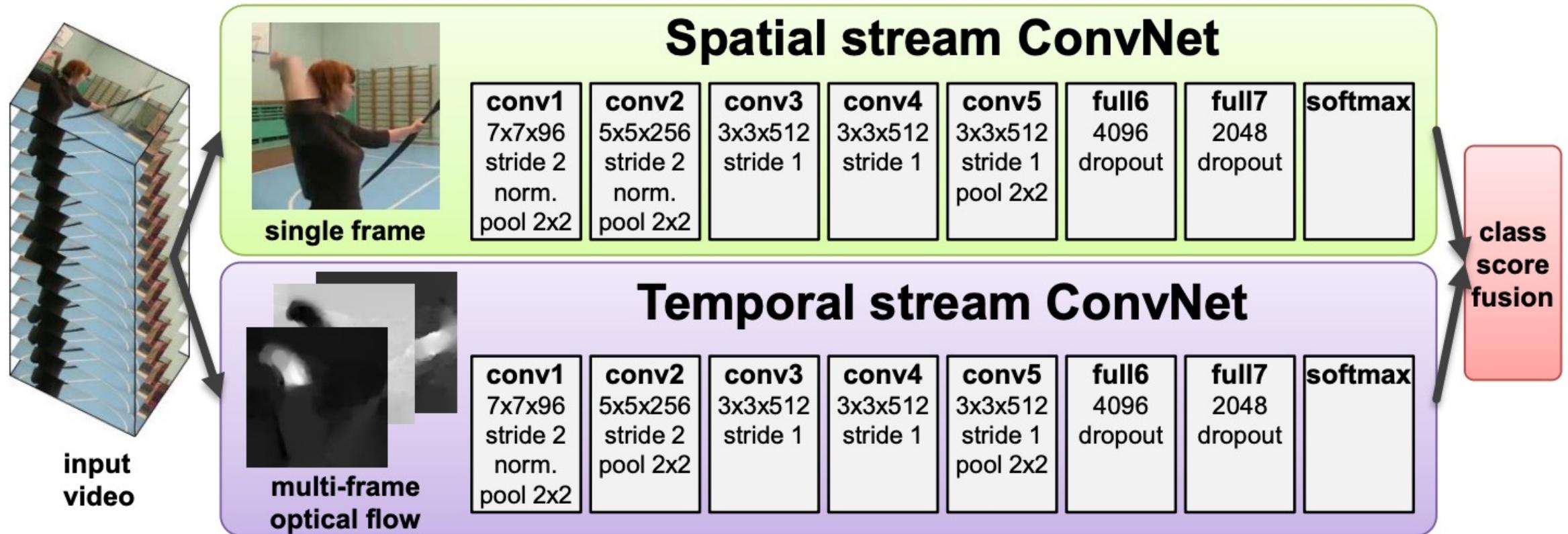
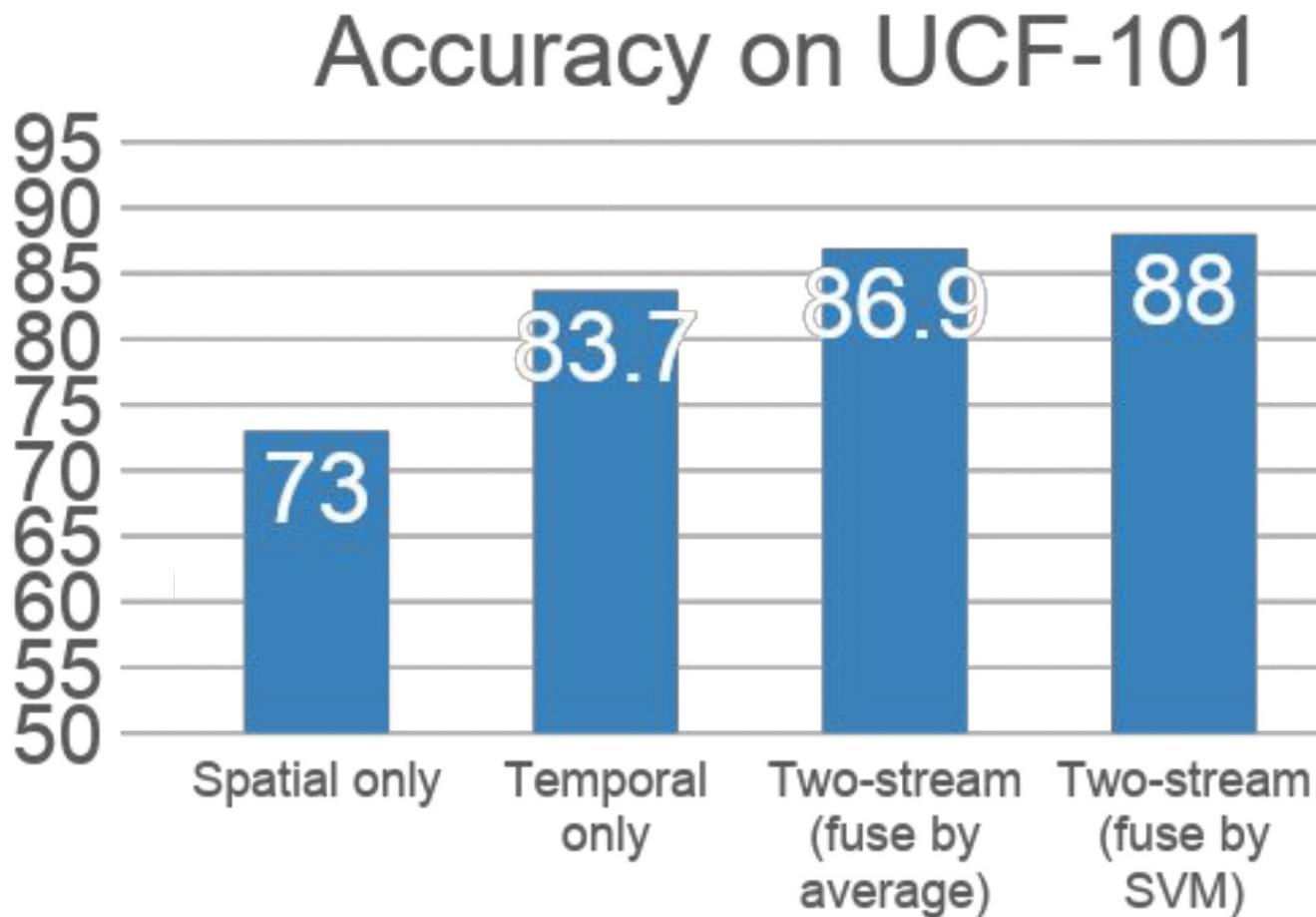


Figure 2: **Optical flow.** (a),(b): a pair of consecutive video frames with the area around a moving hand outlined with a cyan rectangle. (c): a close-up of dense optical flow in the outlined area; (d): horizontal component  $d^x$  of the displacement vector field (higher intensity corresponds to positive values, lower intensity to negative values). (e): vertical component  $d^y$ . Note how (d) and (e) highlight the moving hand and bow. The input to a ConvNet contains multiple flows (Sect. 3.1).

# Two-Stream CNN



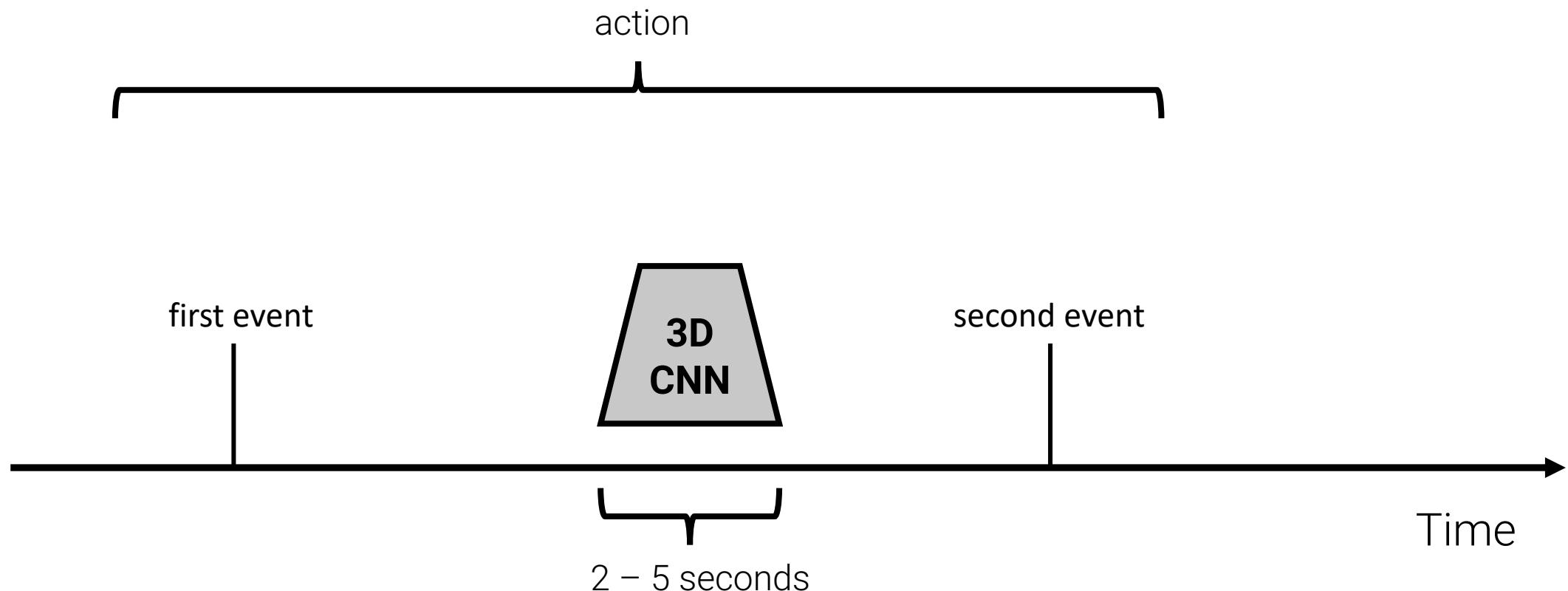
# Separating Motion and Appearance: Two-Stream Networks



# Modeling Long-Term Temporal Structure

So far, all our temporal CNNs only model local motion between frames in very short clips.

What about long-term structure ?

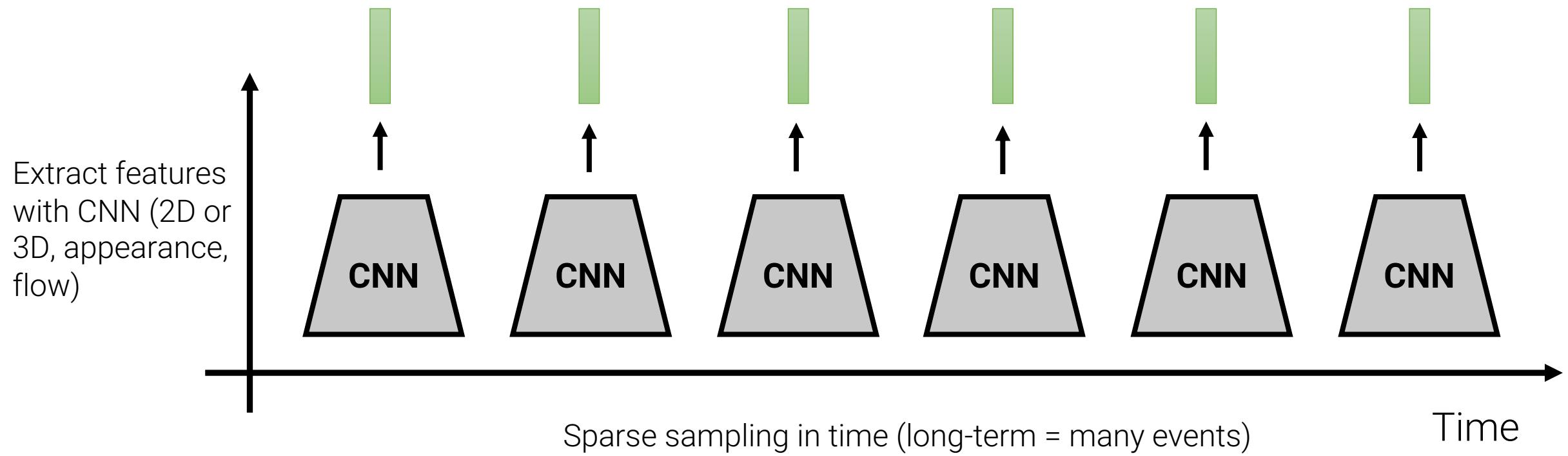


# Modeling Long-Term Temporal Structure

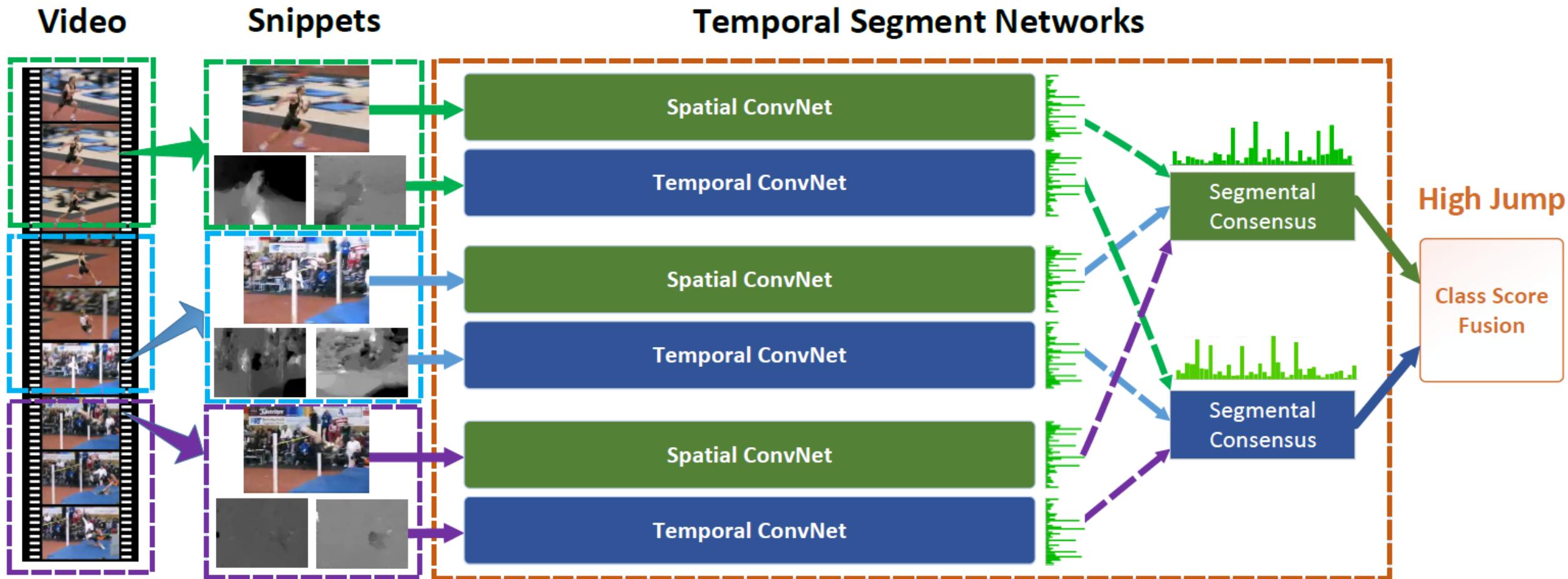
Long-term video represented as sequence of features

How to aggregate the features to capture temporal structure?

Note that AvgPool over time (as late fusion) would yield invariance to frame reshuffling



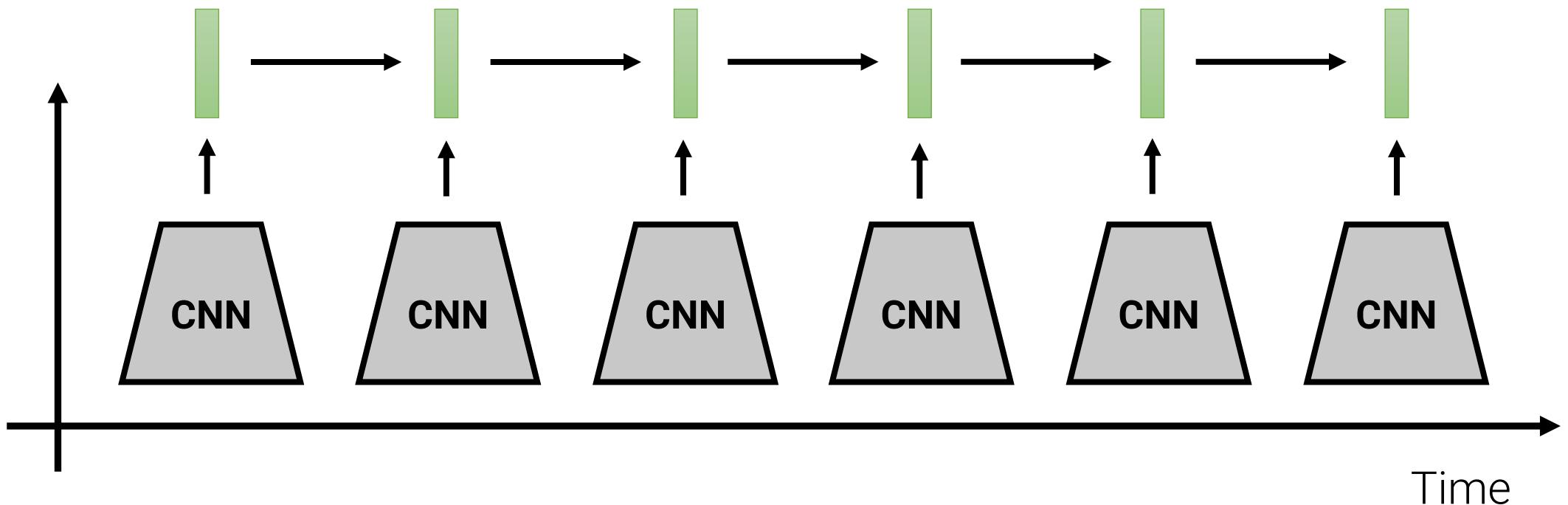
# Temporal Segment Networks



# Modeling Long-Term Temporal Structure

Process local features using recurrent networks (e.g., LSTM)

- Inside CNN: each value is a function of fixed temporal window (local temporal structure)
- Inside RNN: each vector is a function of all previous vectors (global temporal structure)

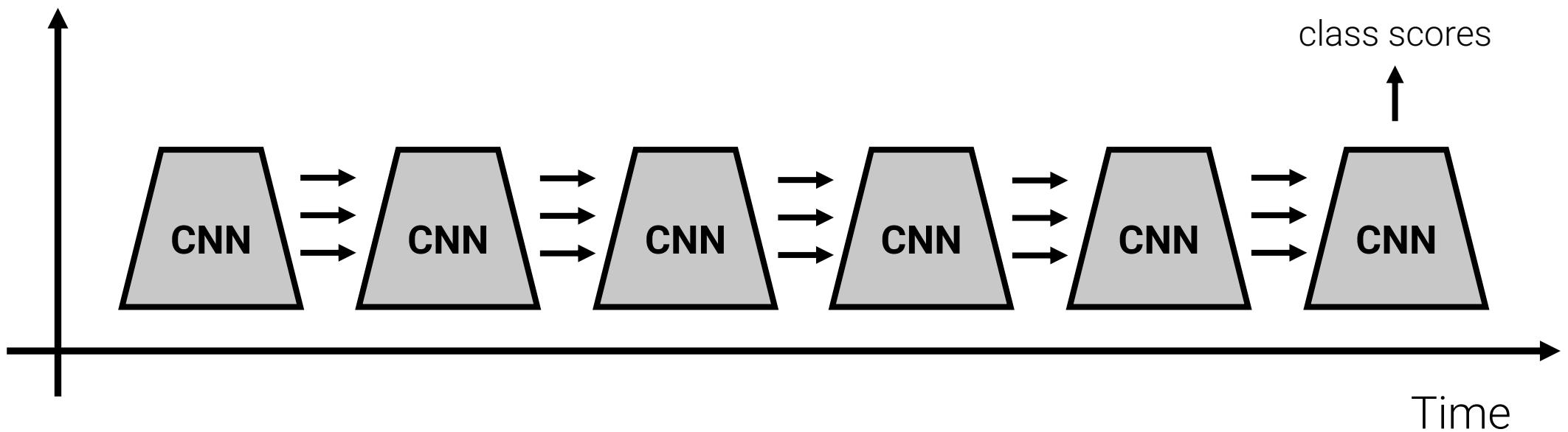


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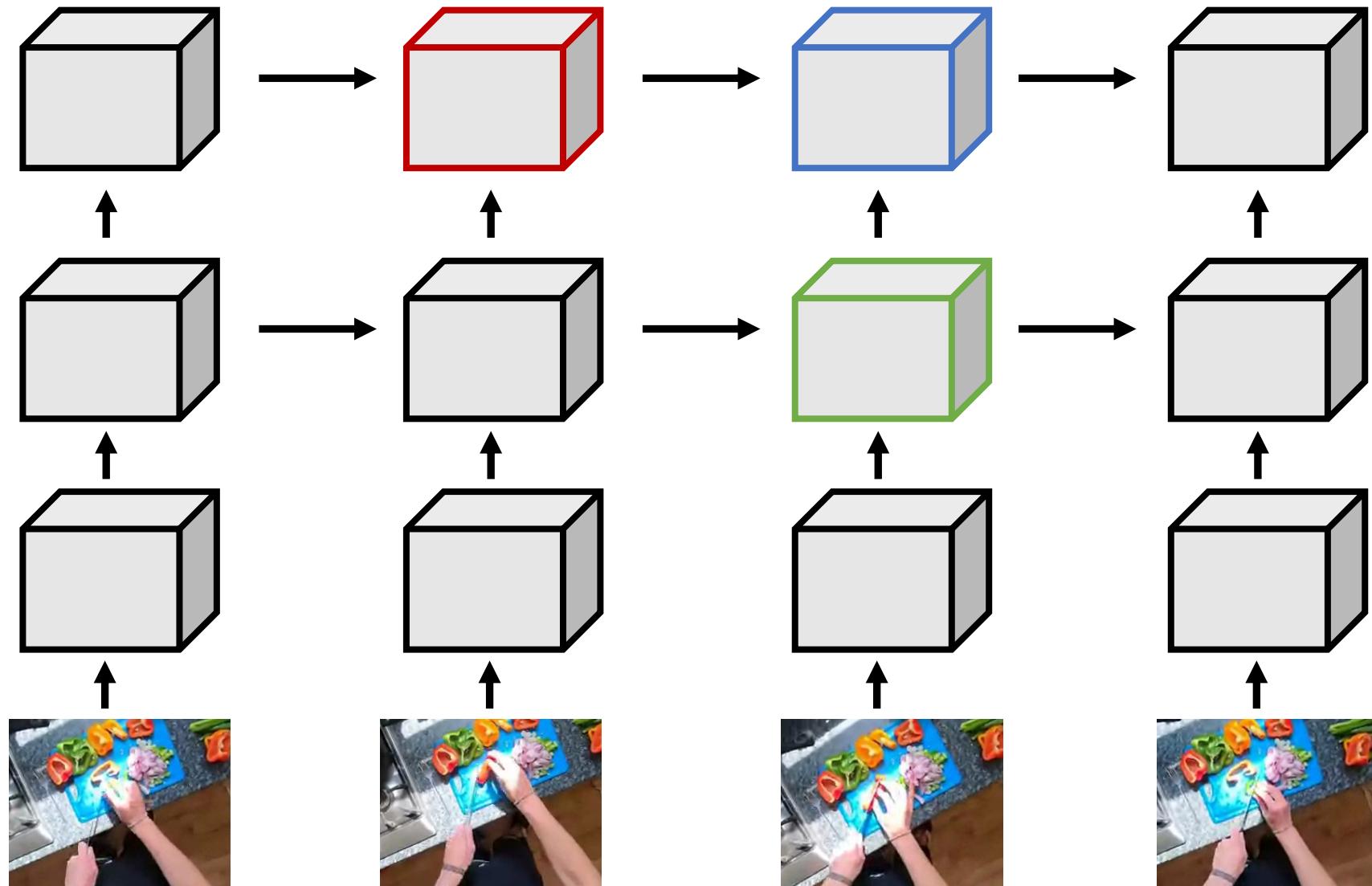
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**Can we merge both approaches, i.e. go deep with recurrence ?**



# Recurrent Convolutional Network



Entire network uses  
2D feature maps

Each depends on  
two inputs:

- same layer,  
previous input
- previous layer,  
same timestep

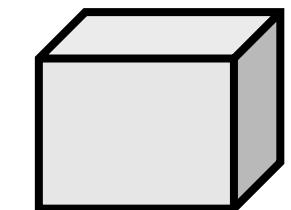
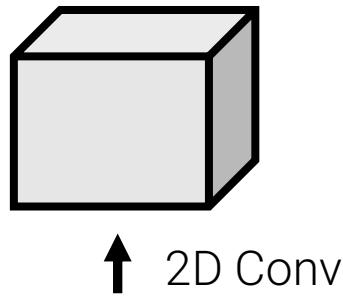
As in multi-layer RNN

- different weights  
at each layer
- share weights  
across time

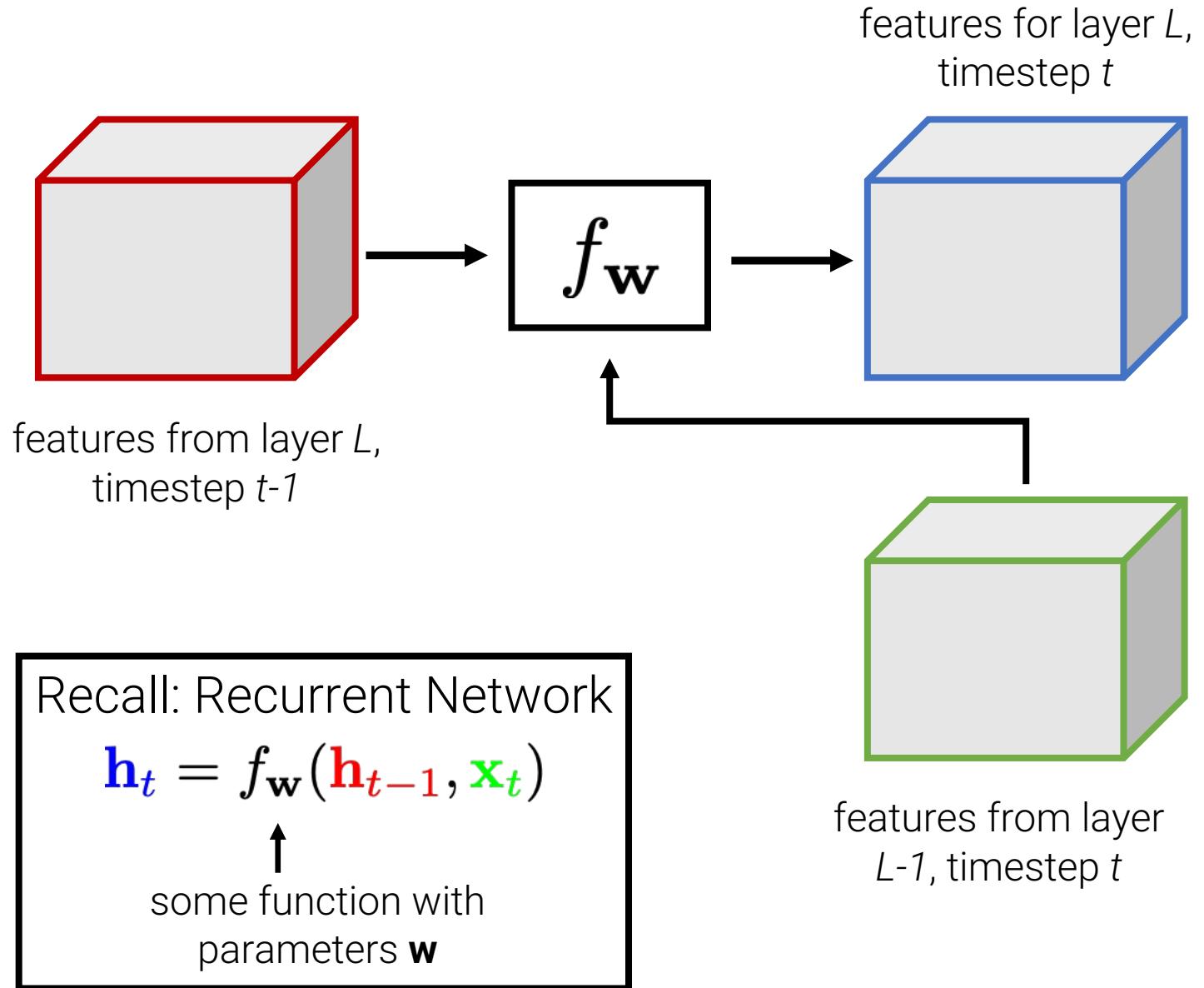
# Recurrent Convolutional Network

Standard 2D CNN

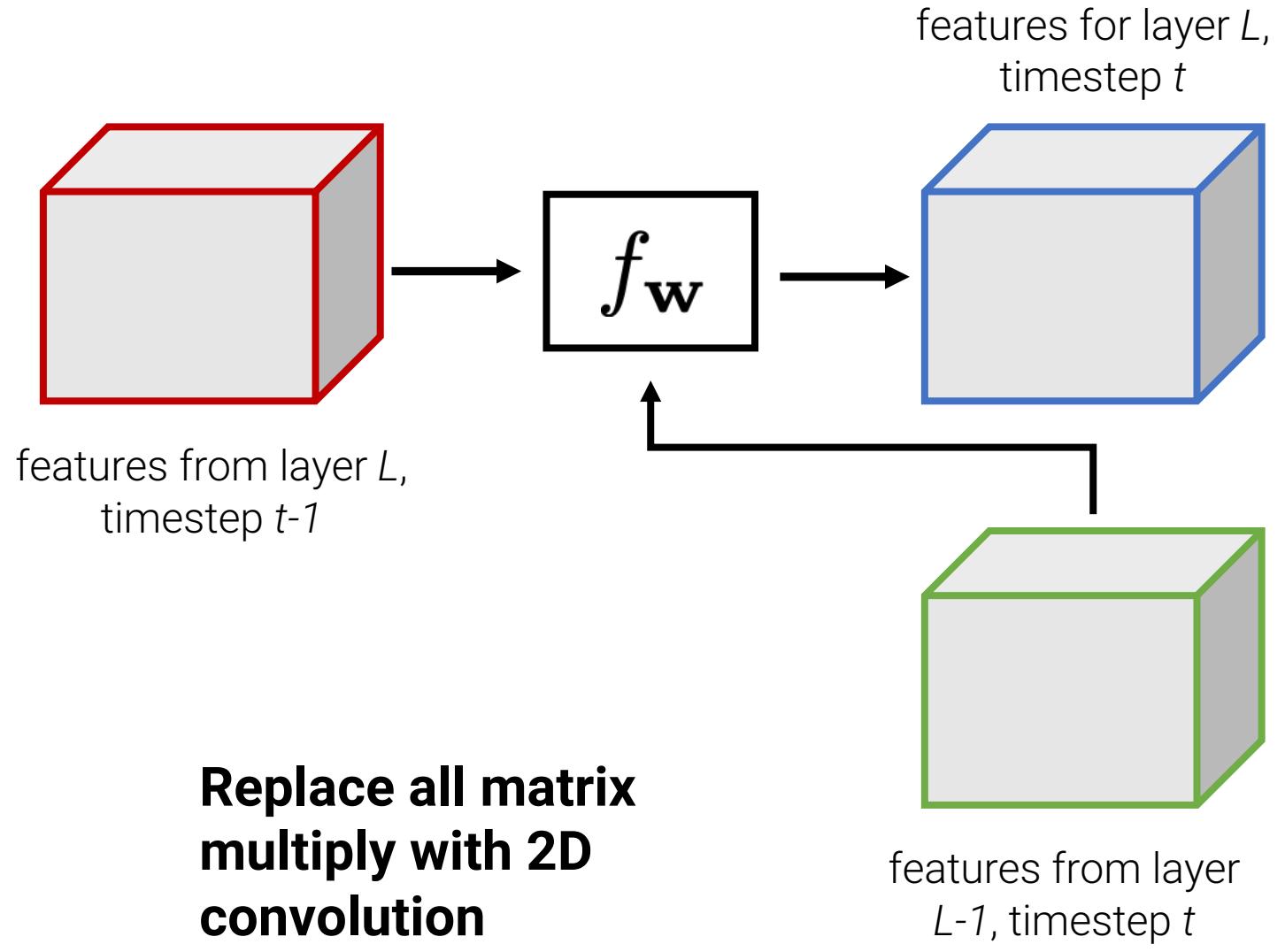
$C_{\text{out}} \times H \times W$   
output features



input features  
 $C_{\text{in}} \times H \times W$



# Recurrent Convolutional Network



Vanilla RNN:

$$\mathbf{h}_t = \tanh(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}_t)$$

GRU:

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \text{sigm}(\mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_r \mathbf{x}_t)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \text{sigm}(\mathbf{A}_u \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_u \mathbf{x}_t)$$

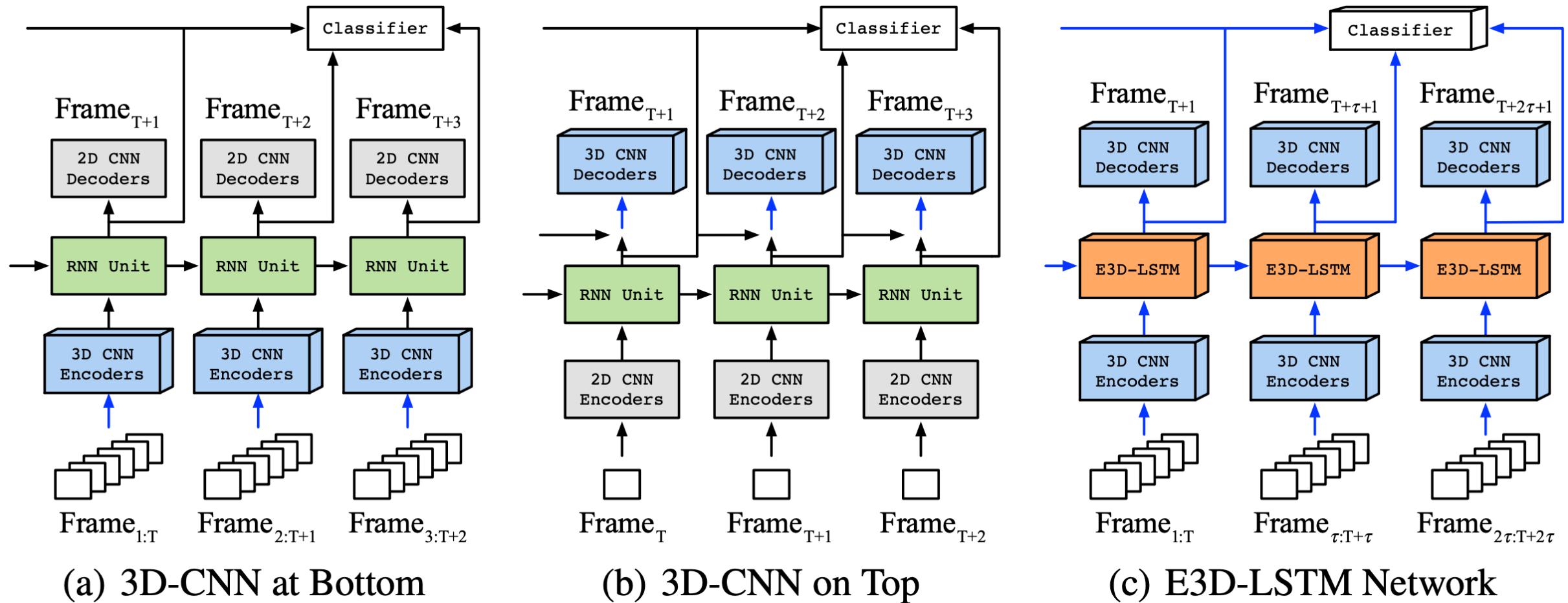
$$\mathbf{s}_t = \tanh(\mathbf{A}_s (\mathbf{r}_t \odot \mathbf{h}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{B}_s \mathbf{x}_t)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_t = \mathbf{u}_t \odot \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + (1 - \mathbf{u}_t) \odot \mathbf{s}_t$$

LSTM:

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# Eidetic 3D LSTM



# Eidetic 3D LSTM

Table 2: Ablation study on the Moving MNIST dataset ( $10 \rightarrow 10$ ).

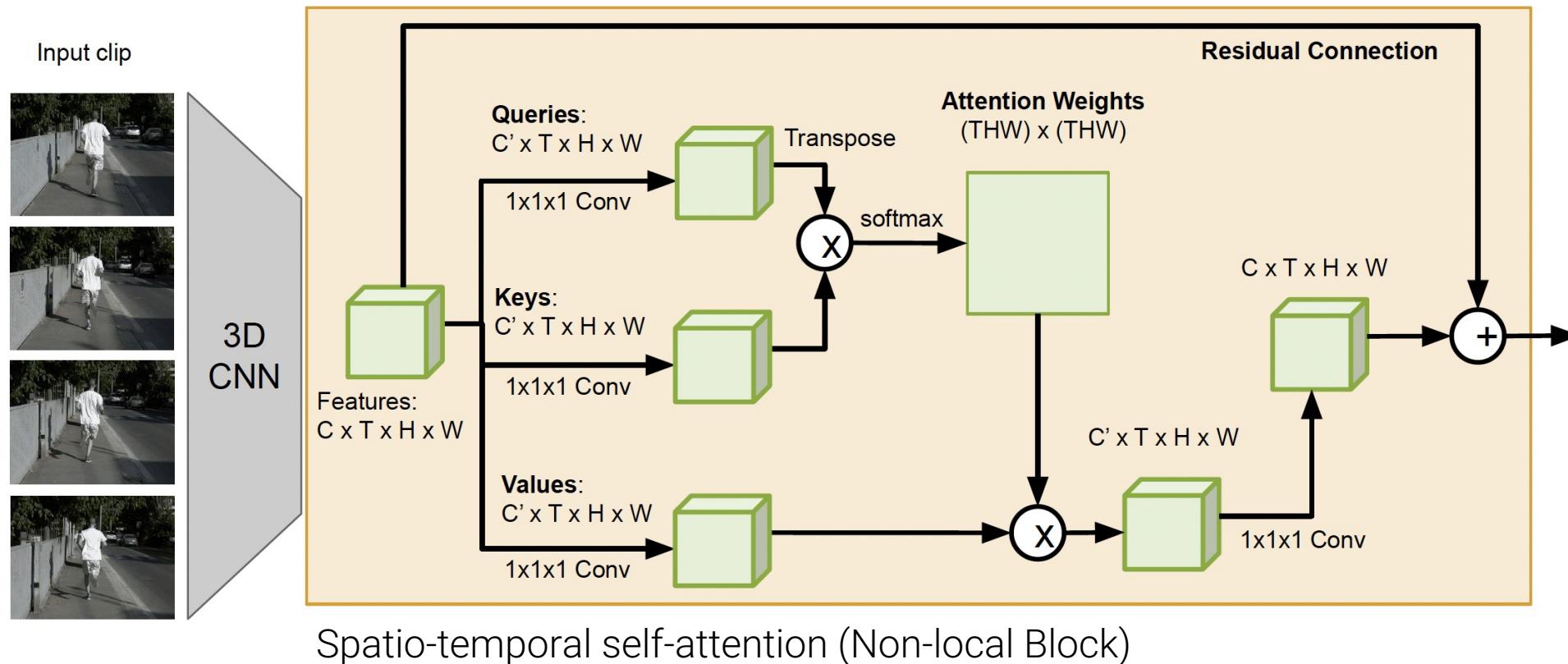
MODEL	SSIM	MSE
BASELINE 1: 3D-CNN AT BOTTOM (FIGURE 1(A))	0.859	50.6
BASELINE 2: 3D-CNN ON TOP (FIGURE 1(B))	0.862	53.4
BASELINE 3: OURS (w/o 3D CONVOLUTIONS)	0.894	44.2
BASELINE 4: OURS (w/o MEMORY ATTENTION)	0.880	45.7
<b>E3D-LSTM</b>	<b>0.910</b>	<b>41.3</b>

Table 5: Early activity recognition accuracy on the 41-category subset of Something-Something.

MODEL	FRONT 25%	FRONT 50%
3D-CNN	9.11	10.30
SEPARABLE-CNN: SEPARABLE-CONV AT BOTTOM	8.94	9.62
(2+1)D-CNN: SEPARABLE-CONV ON TOP	9.08	10.17
E(2+1)D-LSTM: SEPARABLE INSIDE UNITS	12.45	19.86
<b>E3D-LSTM</b>	<b>14.59</b>	<b>22.73</b>

# Modeling Long-Term Temporal Structure

**Problem:** RNNs are slow for long sequences (can't be parallelized)



We can add non-local blocks into existing 3D CNNs (at multiple layers)

# Action Prediction Models

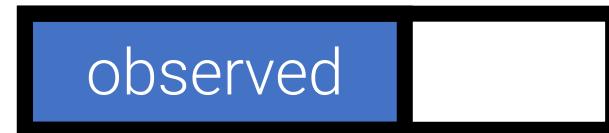
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# Early Action Recognition vs Action Anticipation



Action Recognition (= Trimmed Video Classification with Action Labels)



Early Action Recognition



Action Anticipation/Prediction

# Early Action Recognition vs Action Anticipation

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Action Recognition (= Trimmed Video Classification with Action Labels)

**Challenges:** intra-class variations, clutter, viewpoint, occlusion, dynamic background, camera motion (ego-centric), sensor noise & synchronization (multimodal) ...

# Early Action Recognition vs Action Anticipation



Action Recognition (= Trimmed Video Classification with Action Labels)



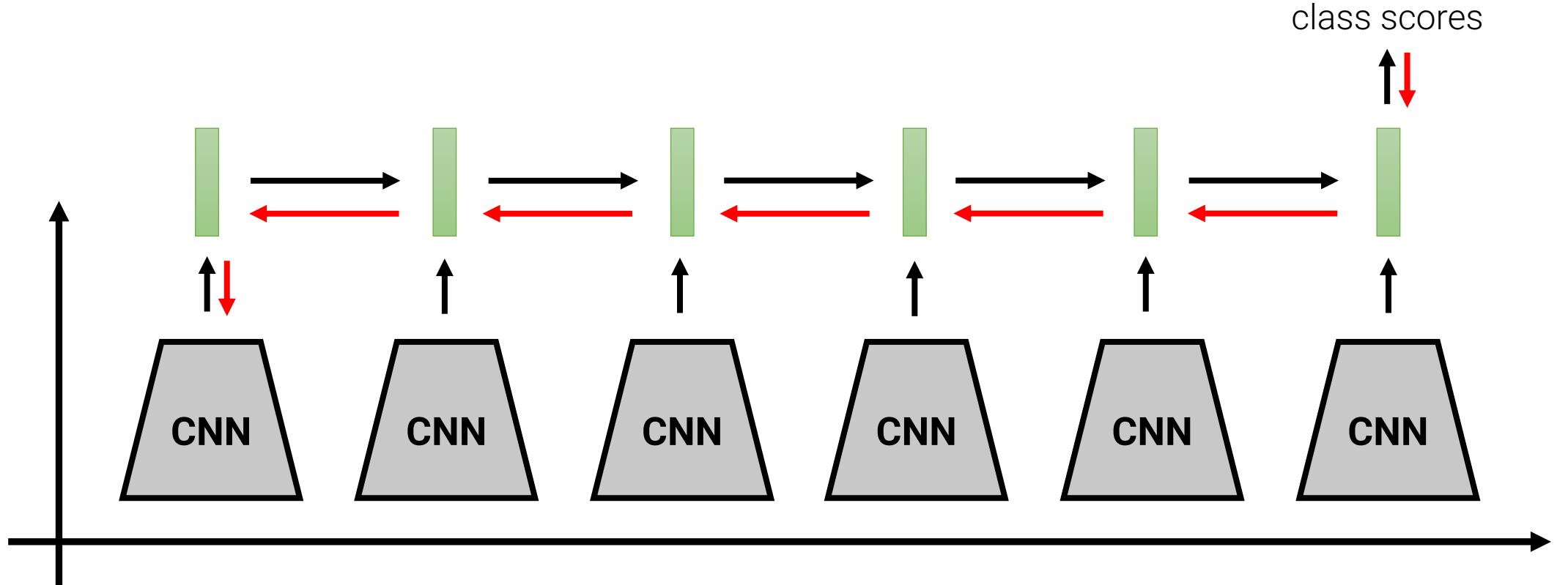
Early Action Recognition

**+ incomplete observation** (only initial part of action is observed, remaining part is fully occluded)

# Improving Gradient Flow

Recall: Vanishing Gradients prevent effective learning of long range dependencies

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_t}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-k}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_t}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-1}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-1}}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-2}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-2}}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-3}} \dots \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-k+1}}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-k}}$$



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$$\mathbf{h}_t = \tanh(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}_t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_t}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-1}} \approx \mathbf{A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_t}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-k}} \approx \mathbf{A}^k = (\mathbf{Q}\Lambda\mathbf{Q}^\top)^k = \mathbf{Q}\Lambda^k\mathbf{Q}^\top$$

Vanilla RNN

Components with eigenvalues  $> 1$ : exploding gradients  
Components with eigenvalues  $< 1$ : vanishing gradients

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GRU, LSTM can maintain gradient flow despite small  $\mathbf{A}$  by setting its gate to  $\mathbf{u} \approx 1$

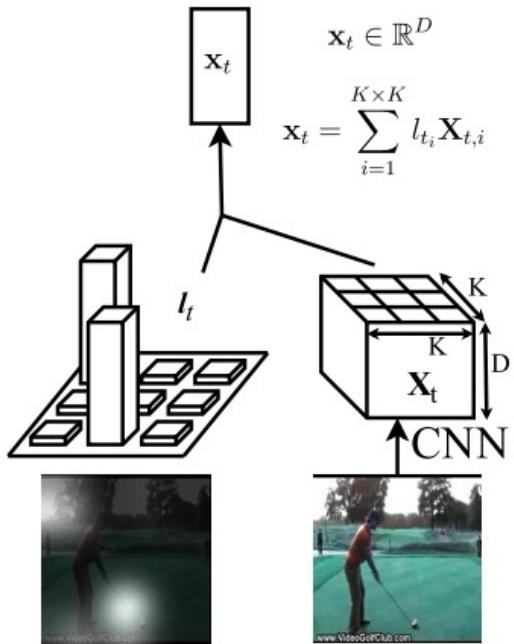
$$\mathbf{h}_t = \mathbf{u}_t \odot \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + (1 - \mathbf{u}_t) \odot \mathbf{s}_t \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_t}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-1}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_t}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{t-1}} \odot \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{u}_t + \dots$$



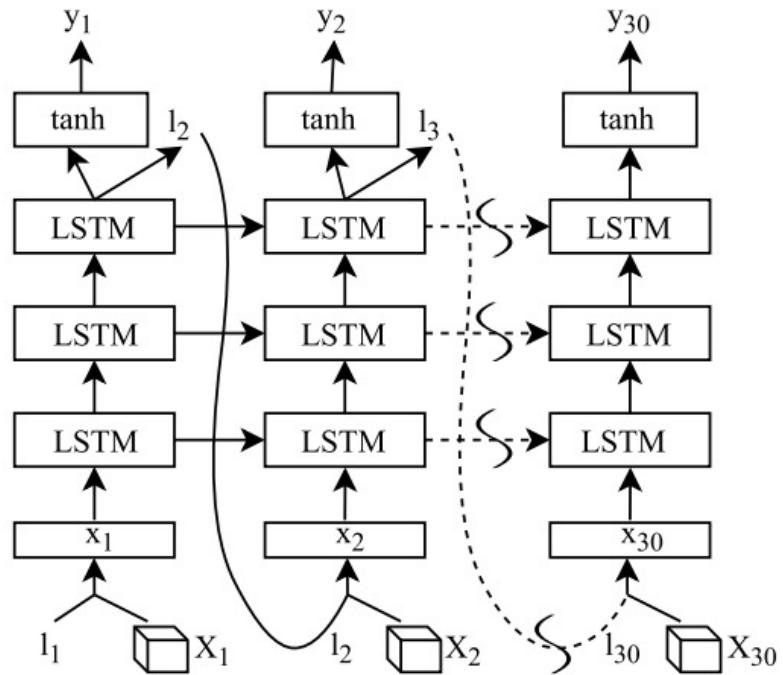
$\mathbf{u} \approx 1$  like a skip connection

# Improving Information Flow

Not all image/feature regions may be equally important => spatial attention



(a) The soft attention mechanism



(b) Our recurrent model



# Long Short-Term Attention (LSTA)

Idea: build in spatial attention mechanisms into Convolutional LSTM cell

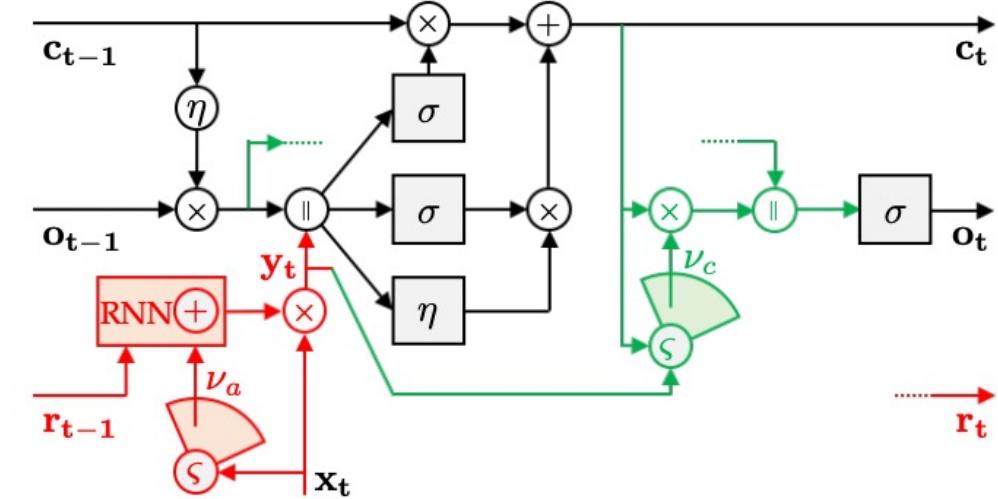
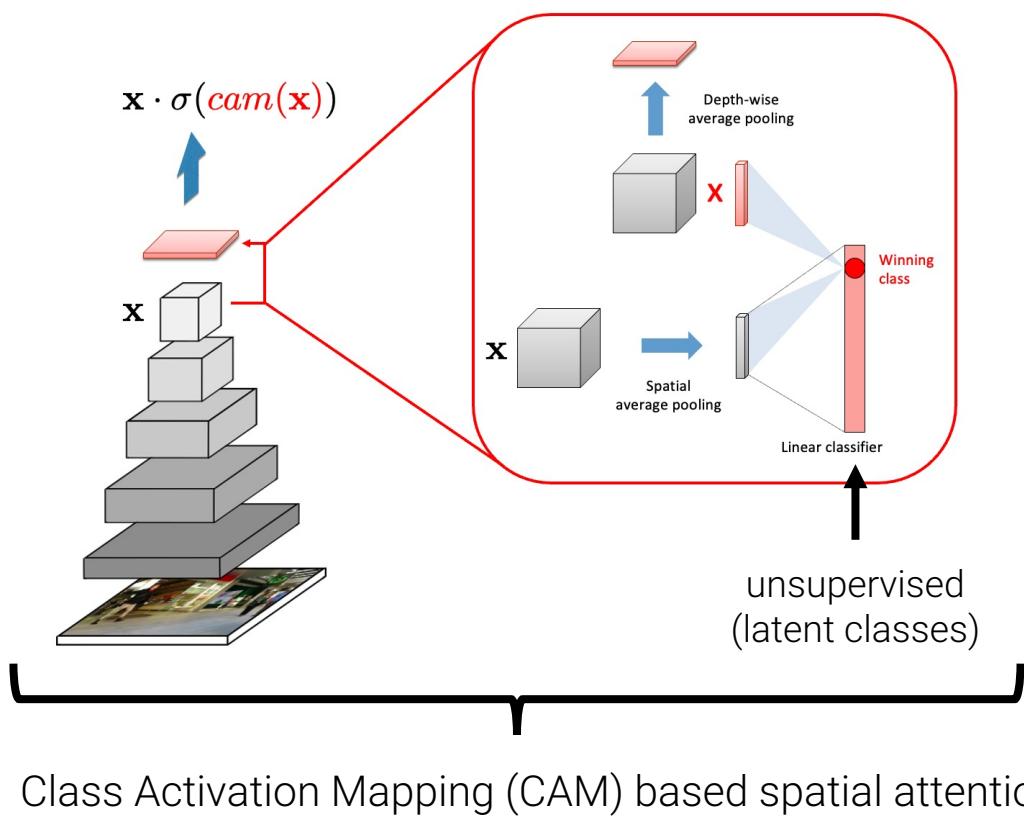
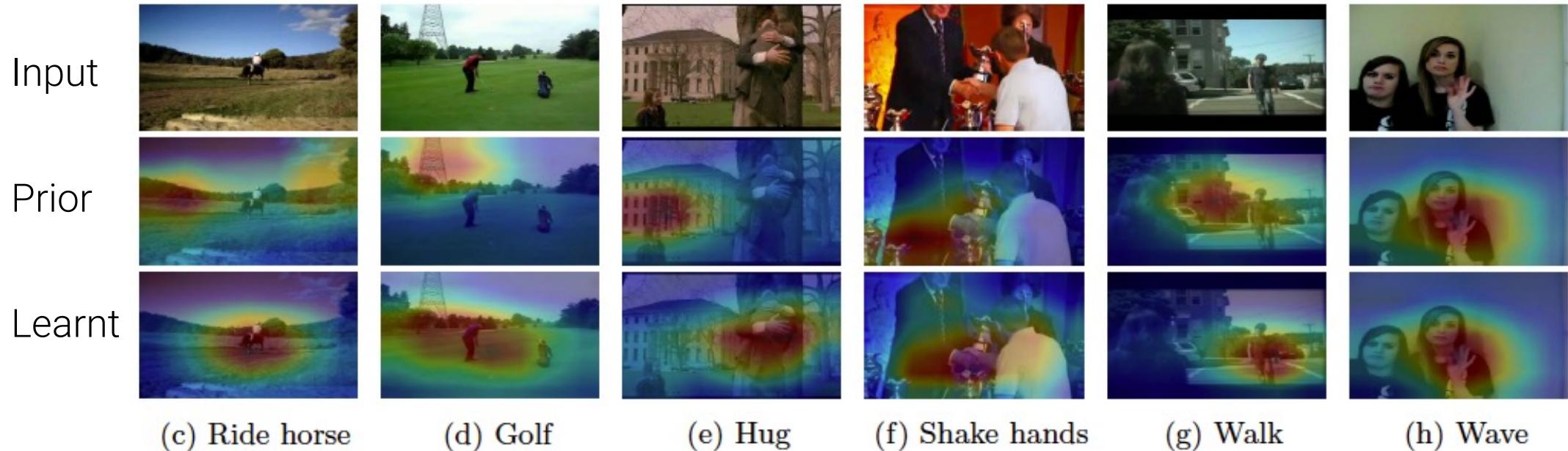


Fig. 2: LSTA extends LSTM (black part) with two novel components: recurrent attention and fine-grained output gating. The first (red part,  $rca\text{-}attn$  in Eq. (16)) tracks a weight map to focus on relevant feature regions, while the second (green part, Eq. (22)) introduces a high-capacity output gate. At the core of both is a spatial self-attention  $\varsigma(\cdot, A)$  that pools parameters from attention dictionary  $A$ .

# CAM attention



Method	Backbone	HMDB51		UCF101	
		RGB	RGB+Flow	RGB	RGB+Flow
Two-Stream VGG [4]	VGG-M	40.5	59.4	73.0	88
Two-Stream ResNet [6]	ResNet-50	43.4	60.6	82.3	89.5
TDD [5]	VGG-M	50	63.2	82.8	90.3
I3D [9]	Inception V1	49.8	66.4	84.5	93.4
TSN [7]	Inception V2	51	68.5	85.1	94
LSTM Soft Attention [16]	GoogleNet	41.3	-	84.9	-
ActionVLAD [12]	VGG-16	49.8	66.9	80.3	92.7
<b>TA-VLAD (ours)</b>	ResNet-34	<b>55.1</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>95.3</b>

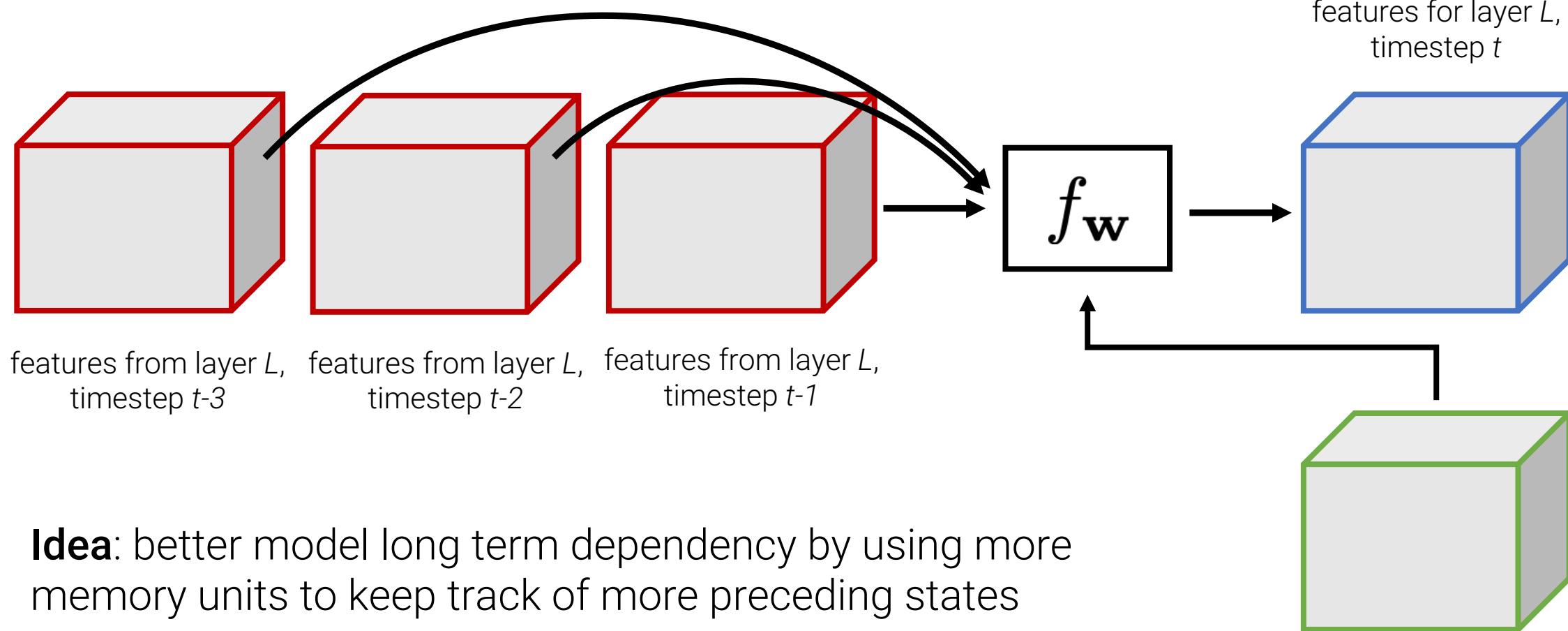
# Long Short-Term Attention (LSTA)



Ablation on EPIC-Kitchens dataset

Method	Verb	Noun	Action
Baseline (ConvLSTM)	35.16/74.7	16/36.57	9.87/21.93
Baseline + rca-attn	39.14/73.89	16.95/38.19	12.25/25.62
Baseline + fine-grained output gating	46/76.94	21.32/41.73	13.75/28.71
Baseline + rca-attn + fine-grained output gating	45.81/77.47	22.36/45.16	14.92/30.43
LSTA	47.21/78.38	22.19/45.65	15.09/30.79

# Higher Order Recurrent Convolutional Network

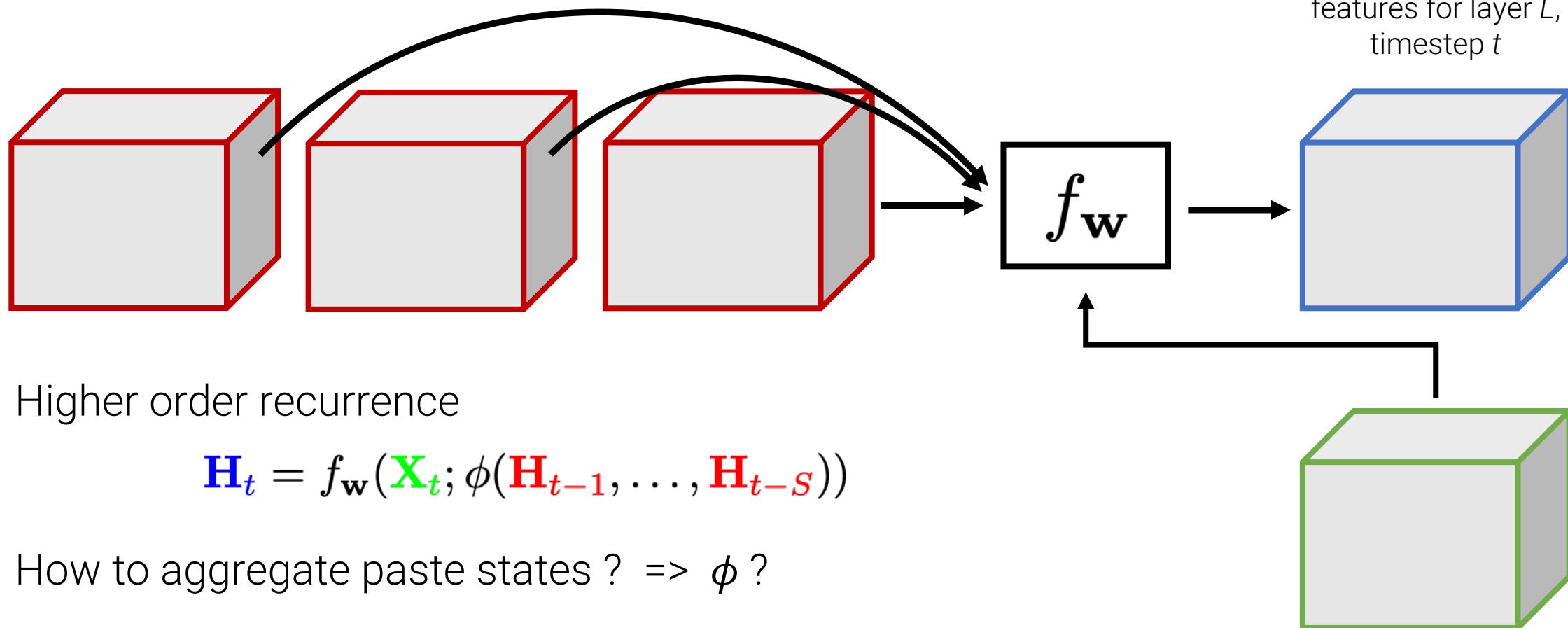


**Idea:** better model long term dependency by using more memory units to keep track of more preceding states

Improves gradient flow as well: each previous state is used multiple times (order-S times) to compute a prediction, hence gradient at a node accumulates  $S$  contributions during backprop

features from layer  $L-1$ , timestep  $t$

# Higher Order Recurrent Convolutional Network



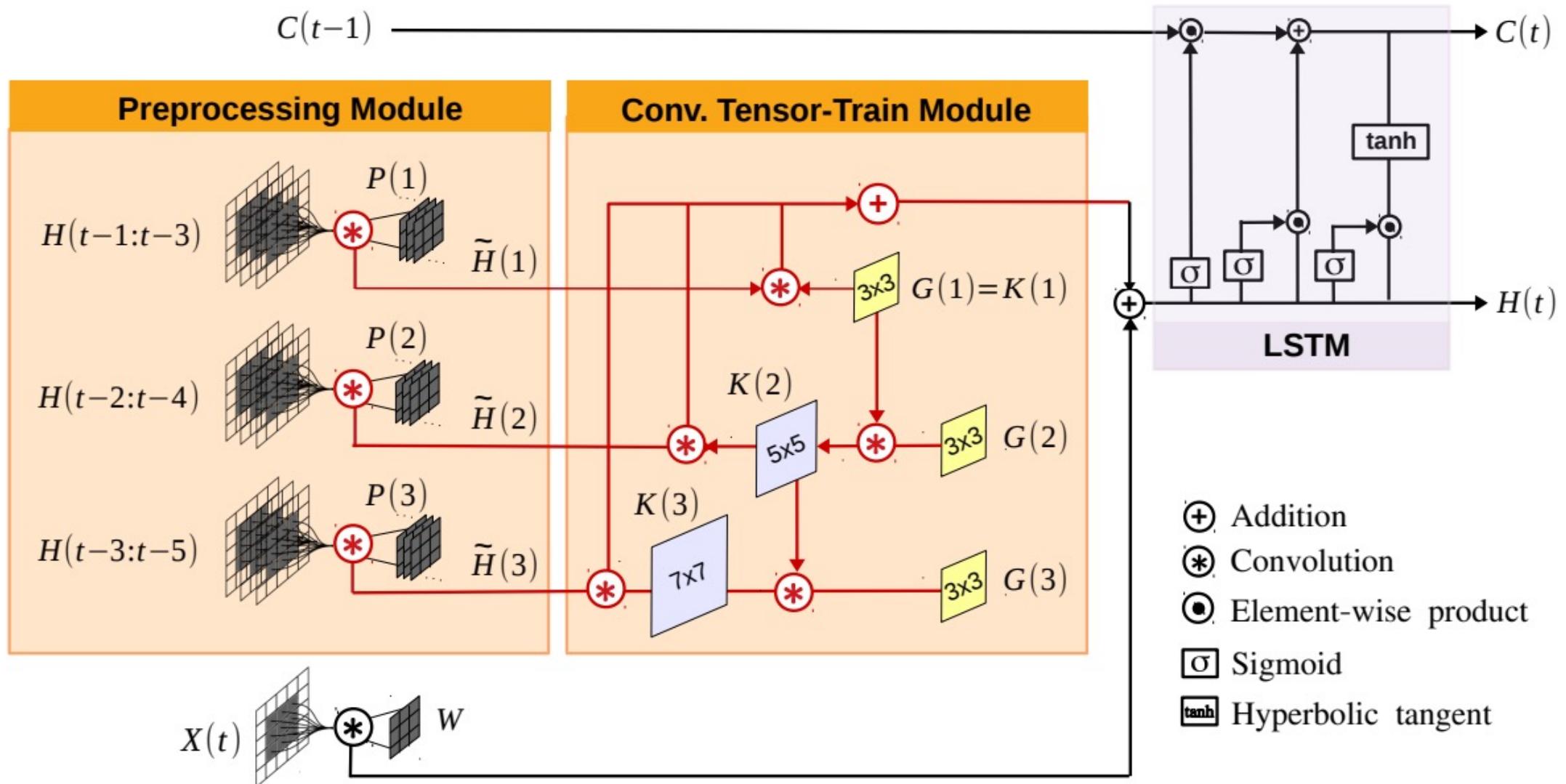
How to aggregate past states ? =>  $\phi$  ?

**Desiderata for  $\phi$  :**

- spatial structure is preserved
- receptive field increases (more context) with earlier states
- complexities (in space and time) grow at most linearly with  $S$

features from layer  $L-1$ ,  
timestep  $t$

# Convolutional Tensor-Train LSTM

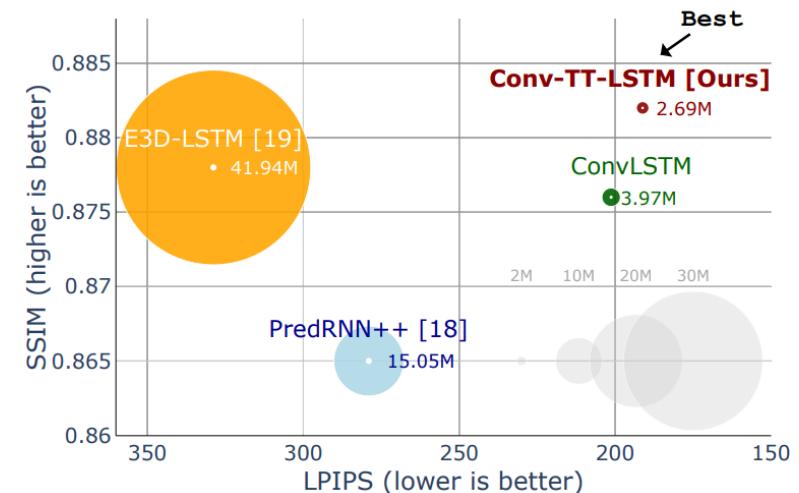


# Convolutional Tensor-Train LSTM

Model	Input Ratio	
	Front 25%	Front 50%
3D-CNN*	9.11	10.30
E3D-LSTM* [7]	14.59	22.73
3D-CNN	13.26	20.72
ConvLSTM	15.46	21.97
Conv-TT-LSTM (ours)	<b>19.53</b>	<b>30.05</b>

Model	Input	Dropping	Holding	MovingLR	MovingRL	Picking	Poking	Pouring	Putting	Showing	Tearing
3D-CNN		8.5	4.7	25.8	32.6	7.5	2.9	1.9	10.3	14.0	14.5
ConvLSTM	25%	8.5	<b>7.0</b>	27.4	38.8	16.8	5.9	1.9	12.0	7.0	21.2
Conv-TT-LSTM		<b>11.5</b>	4.7	<b>33.9</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>26.0</b>
3D-CNN		14.6	11.6	45.2	57.1	16.8	8.8	11.3	17.4	16.3	26.0
ConvLSTM	50%	21.5	7.0	43.5	47.0	15.9	<b>14.7</b>	5.7	20.7	16.3	30.8
Conv-TT-LSTM		<b>24.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>27.6</b>	5.9	<b>13.2</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>46.2</b>

Table 1: **Per-activity accuracy of early activity recognition on the Something-Something V2 dataset.** We used 41 categories for training. For per-activity evaluation, the 41 categories are grouped into 10 similar activities. The activity mapping are described in [21]. Our model substantially outperforms 3D-CNN and ConvLSTM on long-term dynamics such as Moving or Tearing, while achieves marginal improvement on static activities such as Holding or Pouring.



Multi-Frame Video Prediction on KTH action dataset: better performance while having a fraction of parameters

# Early Action Recognition vs Action Anticipation



Action Recognition (= Trimmed Video Classification with Action Labels)



Early Action Recognition

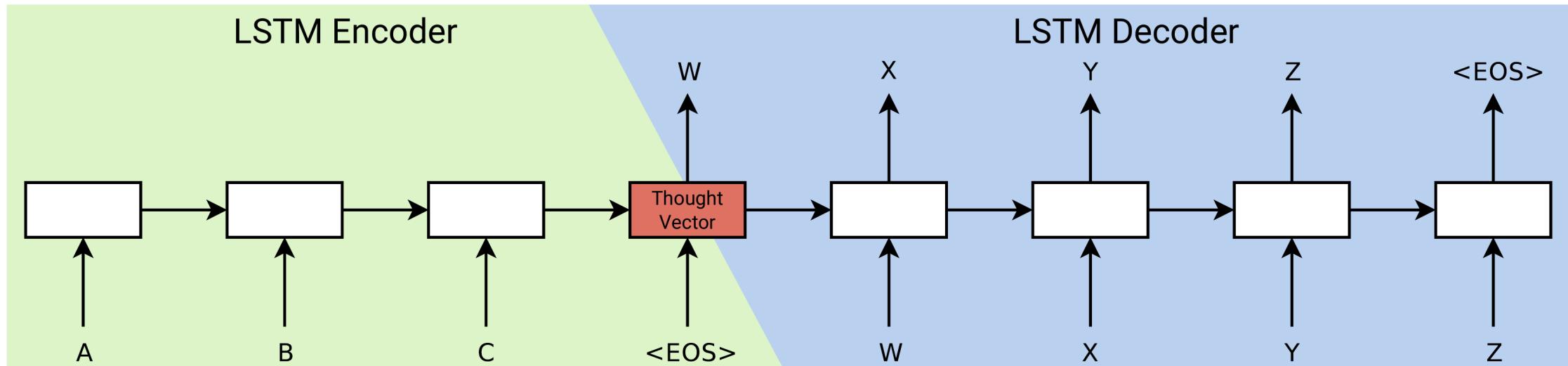


Action Anticipation/Prediction

only pre-action that  
**may lead to target** is observed

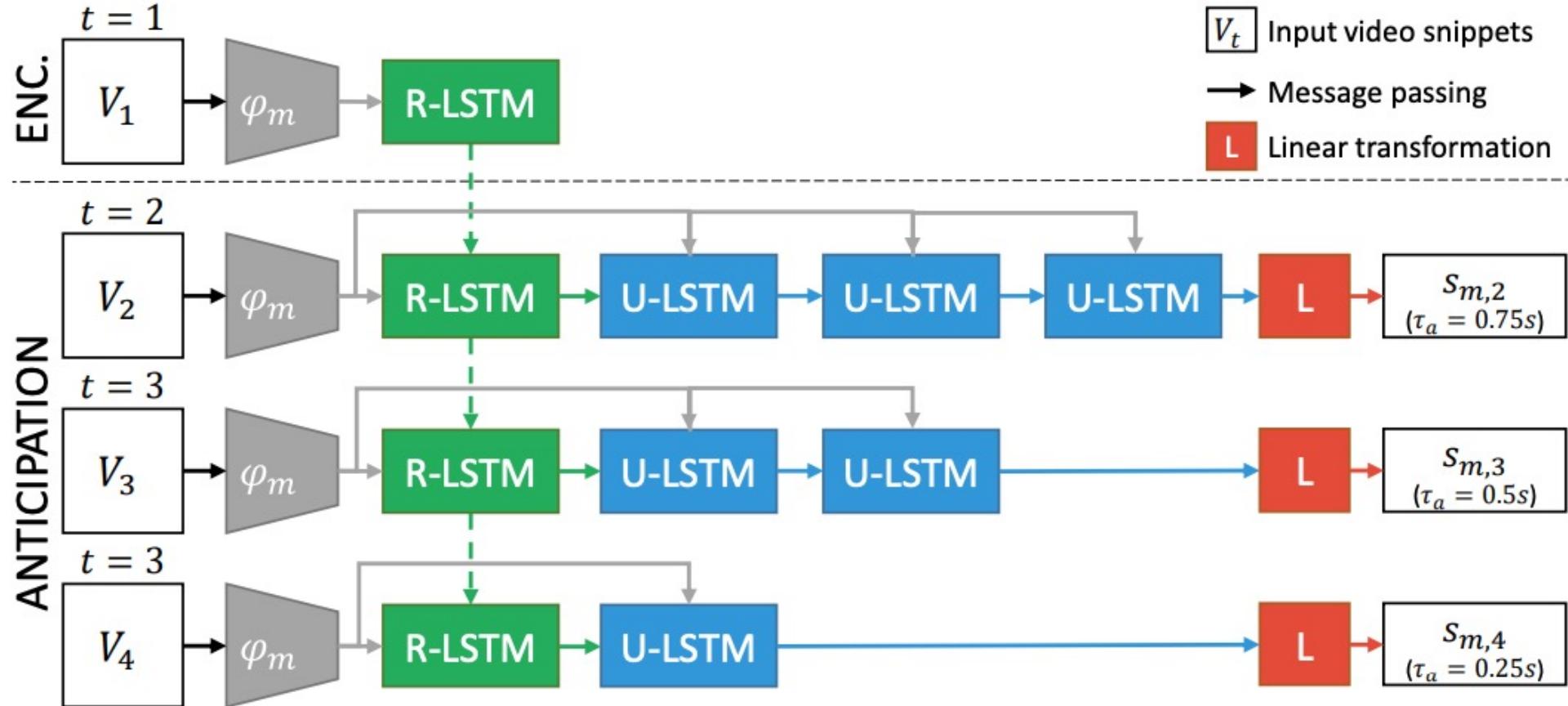
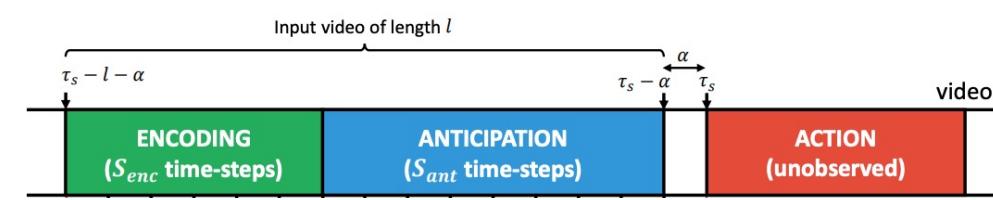
Is this a classification task ?

# Sequence to Sequence Learning

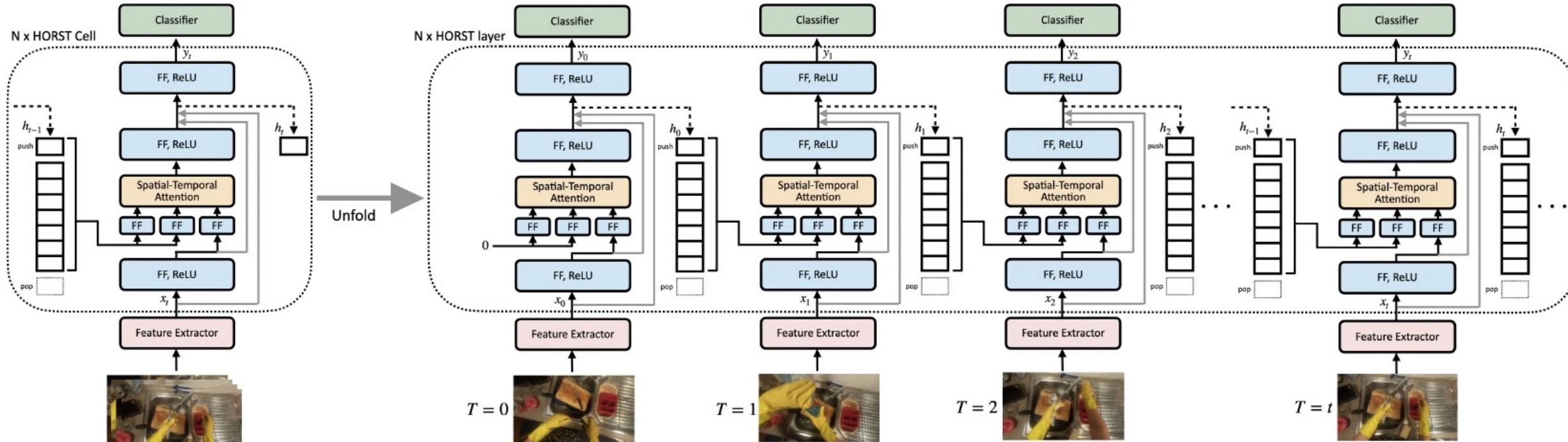


- ▶ **Two 4-Layer LSTMs** for encoding/decoding the source/target sentence
- ▶ Encoding operates in **reverse order** to introduce short-term dependencies
- ▶ Intermediate representation produced by the encoder is called **thought vector**
- ▶ Encoding using 1000 dim. word embeddings, decoding via **beam search**
- ▶ First end-to-end system that outperforms rule-based models ⇒ deployment

# Rolling-Unrolling LSTM

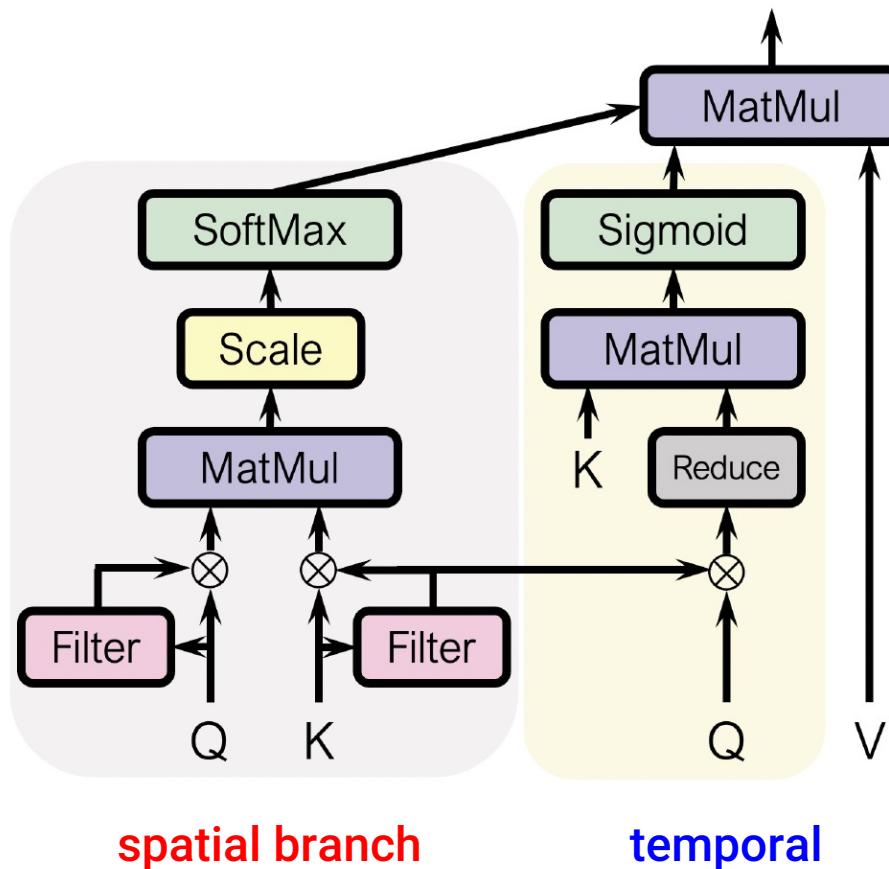


# Higher Order Recurrent Space-Time Transformer



- S-order model: maintains a fifo queue of S past states
- Aggregation function  $\phi$  is a spatial-temporal factorized self-attention (full space-time is  $(S \cdot H \cdot W)^2$  ops !!)

# Higher Order Recurrent Space-Time Transformer



**Spatial-Temporal factorized attention:**

$$\text{STATT}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}) = (\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}) \otimes \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K})) \cdot \mathbf{V}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{(f_Q(\mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{Q})^\top (f_K(\mathbf{K}) \cdot \mathbf{K})}{\sqrt{C}}\right)$$

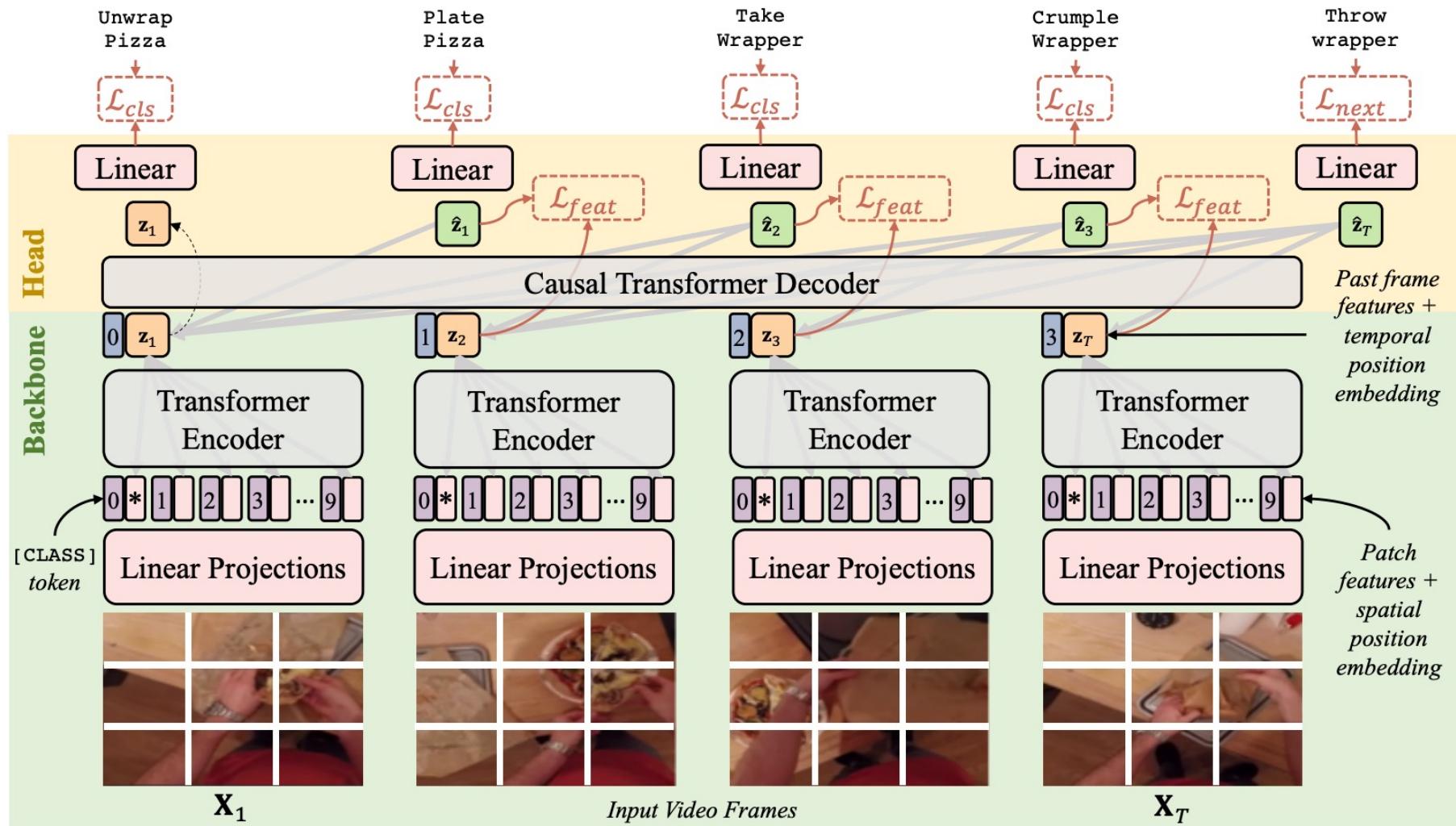
$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}) = \text{sigmoid}\left(\frac{\text{AvgPool}(f_K(\mathbf{K}) \cdot \mathbf{Q})^\top \mathbf{K}}{\sqrt{C}}\right)$$

where  $f_Q(\mathbf{Q}) = \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{w}_Q * [\mathbf{Q}_{\max}, \mathbf{Q}_{\text{avg}}])$

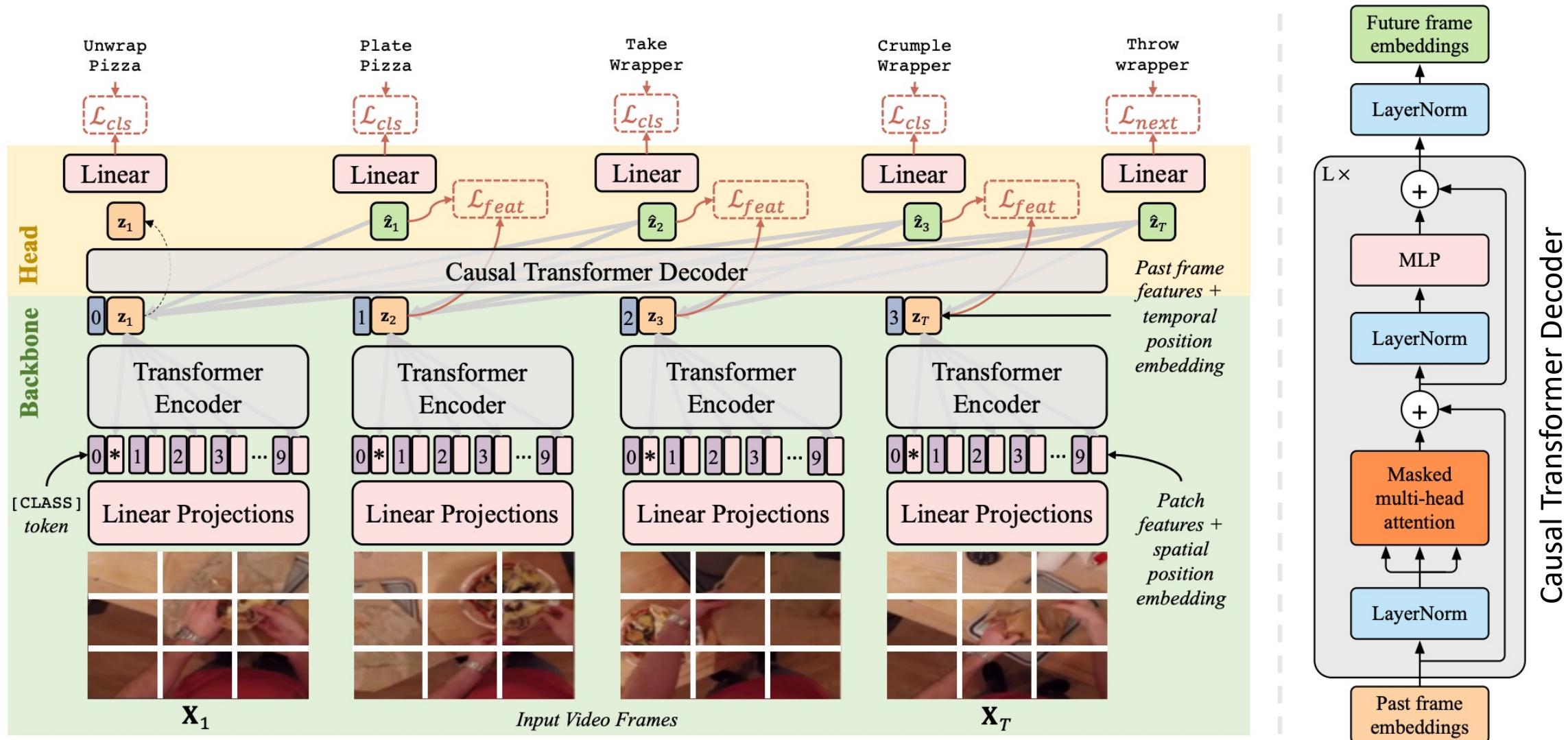
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$$\text{ATT}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{K}}{\sqrt{C}}\right) \cdot \mathbf{V}$$

# Anticipative Video Transformer



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Head	Backbone	Init	Top-1	Top-5	Recall
RULSTM [24]	TSN	IN1k	13.1	30.8	12.5
ActionBanks [77]	TSN	IN1k	12.3	28.5	13.1
AVT-h	TSN	IN1k	13.1	28.1	13.5
AVT-h	AVT-b	IN21+1k	12.5	30.1	<b>13.6</b>
AVT-h	irCSN152	IG65M	<b>14.4</b>	<b>31.7</b>	13.2

**Table 4: EK55 using only RGB modality** for action anticipation. AVT performs comparably, and outperforms when combined with a backbone pretrained on large weakly labeled dataset.

Split	Method	Overall			Unseen Kitchen			Tail Classes		
		Verb	Noun	Act	Verb	Noun	Act	Verb	Noun	Act
Val	chance	6.4	2.0	0.2	14.4	2.9	0.5	1.6	0.2	0.1
	RULSTM [14]	27.8	30.8	14.0	28.8	<b>27.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	19.8	22.0	11.1
	AVT+ (TSN)	25.5	31.8	14.8	25.5	23.6	11.5	18.5	25.8	12.6
	AVT+	<b>28.2</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>29.5</b>	23.9	11.9	<b>21.1</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Test	chance	6.2	2.3	0.1	8.1	3.3	0.3	1.9	0.7	0.0
	RULSTM [14]	25.3	26.7	11.2	19.4	26.9	9.7	17.6	16.0	7.9
	TBN [100]	21.5	26.8	11.0	20.8	<b>28.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	13.2	15.4	7.2
	AVT+	<b>25.6</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>20.9</b>	22.3	8.8	<b>19.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Challenge	IIE_MRG	25.3	26.7	11.2	19.4	26.9	9.7	17.6	16.0	7.9
	NUS_CVML [76]	21.8	30.6	12.6	17.9	27.0	10.5	13.6	20.6	8.9
	ICL+sjtu [35]	<b>36.2</b>	32.2	13.4	<b>27.6</b>	24.2	10.1	<b>32.1</b>	<b>29.9</b>	11.9
	Panasonic [98]	30.4	<b>33.5</b>	14.8	21.1	27.1	10.2	24.6	27.5	12.7
	AVT++	25.2	32.0	<b>16.5</b>	20.4	<b>27.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>	17.6	23.5	<b>13.6</b>

**Table 3: EK100 val and test sets** using all modalities. We split the test comparisons between published work and CVPR’21 challenge submissions. We outperform prior work including all challenge submissions, with especially significant gains on tail classes. Performance is reported using class-mean recall@5. AVT+ and AVT++ late fuse predictions from multiple modalities; please see text for details.

Test Set (Mean Top-5 Recall)																
#	User	Entries	Date of Last Entry	Team Name	SLS			Overall (%)			Unseen (%)			Tail (%)		
					PT ▲	TL ▲	TD ▲	Verb ▲	Noun ▲	Action ▲	Verb ▲	Noun ▲	Action ▲	Verb ▲	Noun ▲	Action ▲
1	latent	29	10/18/22	InAViT IHPC-AISG-LAHA	1.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	49.14 (1)	49.97 (1)	23.75 (1)	44.36 (1)	49.28 (1)	23.49 (1)	43.17 (1)	39.91 (1)	18.11 (1)
2	hrgdscs	7	06/01/22		2.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	37.91 (4)	41.71 (2)	20.43 (2)	27.94 (4)	37.07 (2)	18.27 (2)	32.43 (4)	36.09 (2)	17.11 (2)
3	corcovadoming	28	06/01/22	NVIDIA-UNIBZ	1.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	29.67 (10)	38.46 (4)	19.61 (3)	23.47 (8)	35.25 (4)	16.41 (3)	23.48 (10)	31.11 (6)	16.63 (4)
4	shawn0822	22	06/01/22	ICL-SJTU	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	41.96 (3)	35.74 (5)	19.53 (4)	33.35 (3)	26.80 (13)	15.85 (5)	41.01 (3)	33.22 (4)	16.87 (3)
5	PCO-PSNRD	7	05/30/22	PCO-PSNRD	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	30.85 (6)	41.32 (3)	18.68 (5)	25.65 (6)	35.39 (3)	16.32 (4)	24.99 (6)	35.40 (3)	16.14 (5)
6	allenxuuu	1	12/20/21	2021 Open Testing Phase	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	29.88 (9)	30.40 (15)	17.35 (6)	25.08 (7)	26.08 (14)	14.14 (6)	24.60 (7)	23.68 (12)	14.30 (7)
7	Shawn0822-ICL-SJTU	1	12/20/21	2021 Open Testing Phase	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	42.32 (2)	34.60 (6)	17.02 (7)	33.36 (2)	25.94 (16)	12.84 (8)	42.47 (2)	31.37 (5)	15.56 (6)
8	shef-AVT-FB-UT	1	12/20/21	2021 Open Testing Phase	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	26.69 (13)	32.33 (10)	16.74 (8)	21.03 (12)	27.64 (7)	12.89 (7)	19.28 (13)	24.03 (10)	13.81 (8)
9	richard61	8	05/31/22		2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	27.60 (11)	32.45 (9)	16.68 (9)	20.10 (14)	28.13 (5)	12.42 (11)	20.12 (12)	23.89 (11)	13.80 (10)
10	Zeyun-Zhong	12	06/01/22	KIT-IAR-IOSB	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	30.03 (8)	33.45 (8)	16.65 (10)	23.16 (9)	27.20 (8)	12.63 (10)	23.65 (9)	26.86 (9)	13.80 (9)
11	AVT-FB-UT	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	25.25 (16)	32.04 (12)	16.53 (11)	20.41 (13)	27.90 (6)	12.79 (9)	17.63 (15)	23.47 (13)	13.62 (11)
12	zhh6	9	11/08/22		2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	27.43 (12)	31.53 (13)	15.87 (12)	22.28 (10)	26.90 (11)	11.70 (12)	20.21 (11)	23.14 (14)	12.92 (12)
13	Panasonic-CNSIC-PSNRD	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	30.38 (7)	33.50 (7)	14.82 (13)	21.08 (11)	27.11 (9)	10.21 (15)	24.57 (8)	27.45 (8)	12.69 (13)
14	ICL-SJTU	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	36.15 (5)	32.20 (11)	13.39 (14)	27.60 (5)	24.24 (17)	10.05 (16)	32.06 (5)	29.87 (7)	11.88 (14)
15	NUS-CVML	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	21.76 (17)	30.59 (14)	12.55 (15)	17.86 (17)	27.04 (10)	10.46 (13)	13.59 (17)	20.62 (15)	8.85 (15)
16	qzhb	19	11/12/22		1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	25.67 (14)	26.49 (17)	11.64 (16)	19.31 (16)	26.05 (15)	10.25 (14)	18.05 (14)	15.71 (17)	8.42 (16)
17	RULSTM-FUSION	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	25.25 (15)	26.69 (16)	11.19 (17)	19.36 (15)	26.87 (12)	9.65 (17)	17.56 (16)	15.97 (16)	7.92 (17)
18	EPIC-CHANCE-BASELINE	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	0.0 (3)	1.0 (3)	3.0 (2)	6.17 (18)	2.28 (18)	0.14 (18)	8.14 (18)	3.28 (18)	0.31 (18)	1.87 (18)	0.66 (18)	0.03 (18)

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Table 1. Individual model performance on validation set, measured in mean top-5 action recall (MT5R) at 1s, of various modalities using different modelings and backbones.

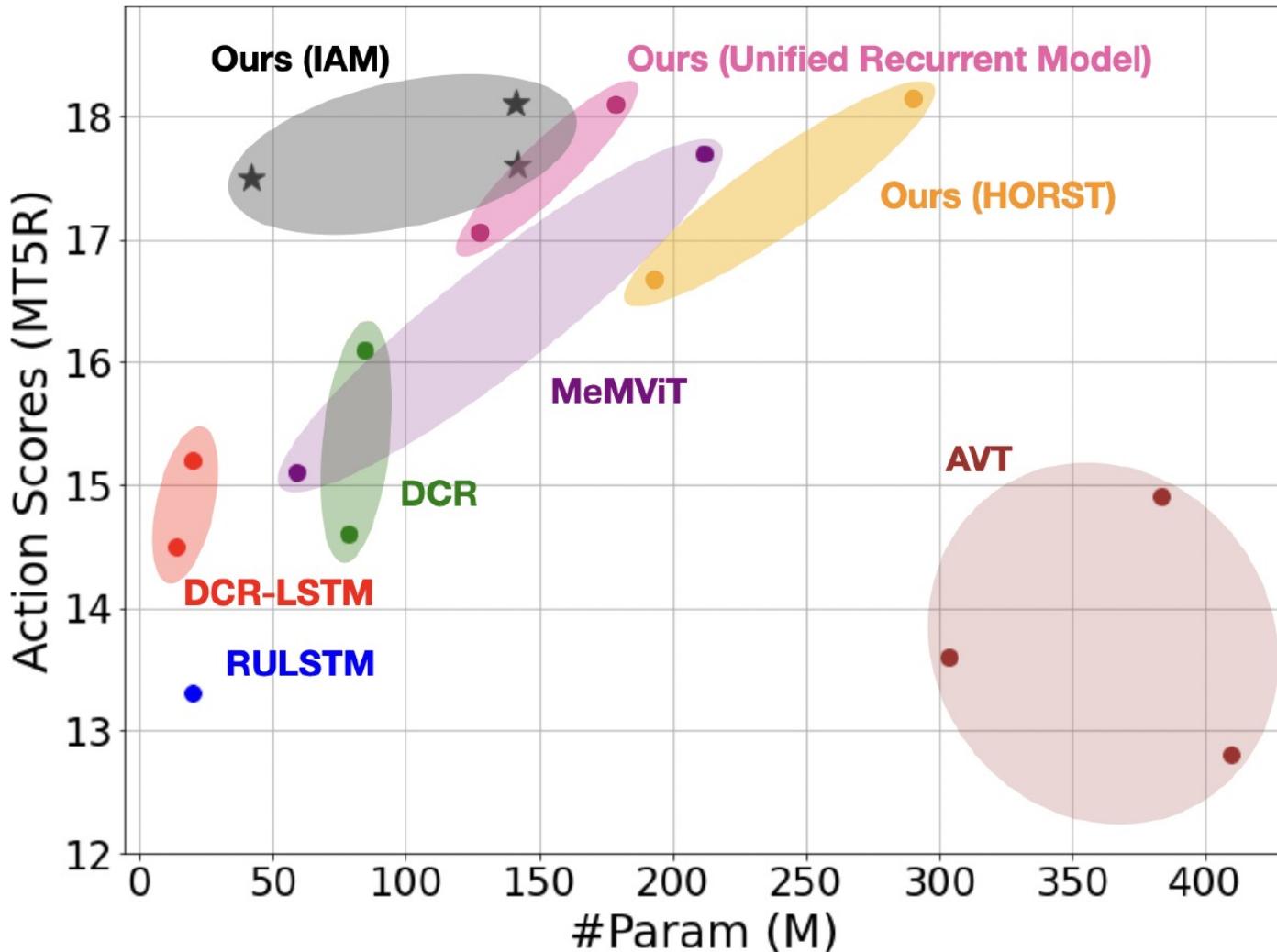
Model	Modality	Backbone	MT5R (%)
HORST	RGB	Swin-B	18.42
HORST	RGB	ConvNeXt	17.09
MPNNEL	RGB	Swin-B	17.05
MPNNEL (CTP)	RGB	Swin-B	18.18
MPNNEL (TB)	RGB	Swin-B	17.05
MPNNEL	RGB	ConvNeXt	17.18
MPNNEL (CTP)	RGB	ConvNeXt	18.54
MPNNEL (TB)	RGB	ConvNeXt	18.09
HORST	Flow	Swin-B	7.95
HORST	Flow	ConvNeXt	7.36
HORST	Flow (Snippets)	Swin-B	6.61
HORST	Flow (Snippets)	ConvNeXt	8.06
MPNNEL	Flow	Swin-B	-
MPNNEL (CTP)	Flow	Swin-B	6.66
MPNNEL (TB)	Flow	Swin-B	-
MPNNEL	Flow	ConvNeXt	7.59
MPNNEL (CTP)	Flow	ConvNeXt	8.74
MPNNEL (TB)	Flow	ConvNeXt	8.18
HORST	Obj	None	8.72
MPNNEL	Obj	None	9.69
MPNNEL (CTP)	Obj	None	8.80
MPNNEL (TB)	Obj	None	8.99
HORST	Masked-RGB	Swin-B	12.03
HORST	Masked-RGB	ConvNeXt	11.30
MPNNEL	Masked-RGB	Swin-B	9.22
MPNNEL (CTP)	Masked-RGB	Swin-B	7.87
MPNNEL (TB)	Masked-RGB	Swin-B	9.57
MPNNEL	Masked-RGB	ConvNeXt	9.65
MPNNEL (CTP)	Masked-RGB	ConvNeXt	8.53
MPNNEL (TB)	Masked-RGB	ConvNeXt	10.30

Table 2. Test accuracy of model ensemble.

Model	MT5R (%)
(a) HORST Family with all modalities	17.47
(b) MPNNEL Family with all modalities	18.19
(a) + (b)	19.52
(a) + (b) and weightings 1.2x on all RGB models	<b>19.61</b>

#	User	Entries	Date of Last Entry	Team Name	Test Set (Mean Top-5 Recall)											
					SLS			Overall (%)			Unseen (%)			Tail (%)		
					PT	TL	TD	Verb ▲	Noun ▲	Action ▲	Verb ▲	Noun ▲	Action ▲	Verb ▲	Noun ▲	Action ▲
1	latent	29	10/18/22	InAViT IHPC-AISG-LAHA	1.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	49.14 (1)	49.97 (1)	23.75 (1)	44.36 (1)	49.28 (1)	23.49 (1)	43.17 (1)	39.91 (1)	18.11 (1)
2	hrgdscs	7	06/01/22		2.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	37.91 (4)	41.71 (2)	20.43 (2)	27.94 (4)	37.07 (2)	18.27 (4)	32.43 (2)	36.09 (2)	17.11 (2)
3	corcovadoming	28	06/01/22	NVIDIA-UNIBZ	1.0 (2)	3.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	29.67 (10)	38.46 (4)	19.61 (3)	23.47 (8)	35.25 (4)	16.41 (3)	23.48 (10)	31.11 (6)	16.63 (4)
4	shawn0822	22	06/01/22	ICL-SJTU	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	41.96 (3)	35.74 (5)	19.53 (4)	33.35 (3)	26.80 (13)	15.85 (5)	41.01 (3)	33.22 (4)	16.87 (3)
5	PCO-PSNRD	7	05/30/22	PCO-PSNRD	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	30.85 (6)	41.32 (3)	18.68 (5)	25.65 (6)	35.39 (3)	16.32 (4)	24.99 (6)	35.40 (3)	16.14 (5)
6	allenxuuu	1	12/20/21	2021 Open Testing Phase	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	29.88 (9)	30.40 (15)	17.35 (6)	25.08 (7)	26.08 (14)	14.14 (6)	24.60 (7)	23.68 (12)	14.30 (7)
7	Shawn0822-ICL-SJTU	1	12/20/21	2021 Open Testing Phase	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	42.32 (2)	34.60 (6)	17.02 (7)	33.36 (2)	25.94 (16)	12.84 (8)	42.47 (2)	31.37 (5)	15.56 (6)
8	shef-AVT-FB-UT	1	12/20/21	2021 Open Testing Phase	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	26.69 (13)	32.33 (10)	16.74 (8)	21.03 (12)	27.64 (7)	12.89 (7)	19.28 (13)	24.03 (10)	13.81 (8)
9	richard61	8	05/31/22		2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	27.60 (11)	32.45 (9)	16.68 (9)	20.10 (14)	28.13 (5)	12.42 (11)	20.12 (12)	23.89 (11)	13.80 (10)
10	Zeyun-Zhong	12	06/01/22	KIT-IAR-IOSB	1.0 (2)	4.0 (1)	3.0 (2)	30.03 (8)	33.45 (8)	16.65 (10)	23.16 (9)	27.20 (8)	12.63 (10)	23.65 (9)	26.86 (9)	13.80 (9)
11	AVT-FB-UT	1	12/15/21	CVPR 2021 Challenges	2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	25.25 (16)	32.04 (12)	16.53 (11)	20.41 (13)	27.90 (6)	12.79 (9)	17.63 (15)	23.47 (13)	13.62 (11)
12	zhh6	9	11/08/22		2.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	4.0 (1)	27.43 (12)	31.53 (13)	15.87 (12)	22.28 (10)	26.90 (11)	11.70 (12)	20.21 (11)	23.14 (14)	12.92 (12)
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# EPIC-Kitchens-100 (validation set)



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