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Foundation Models for Time Series Analysis

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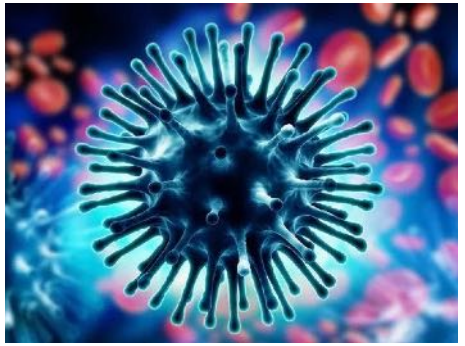
Time Series In Real World

Energy Consumption

Traffic Flow

Economic Changes

Weather Variations



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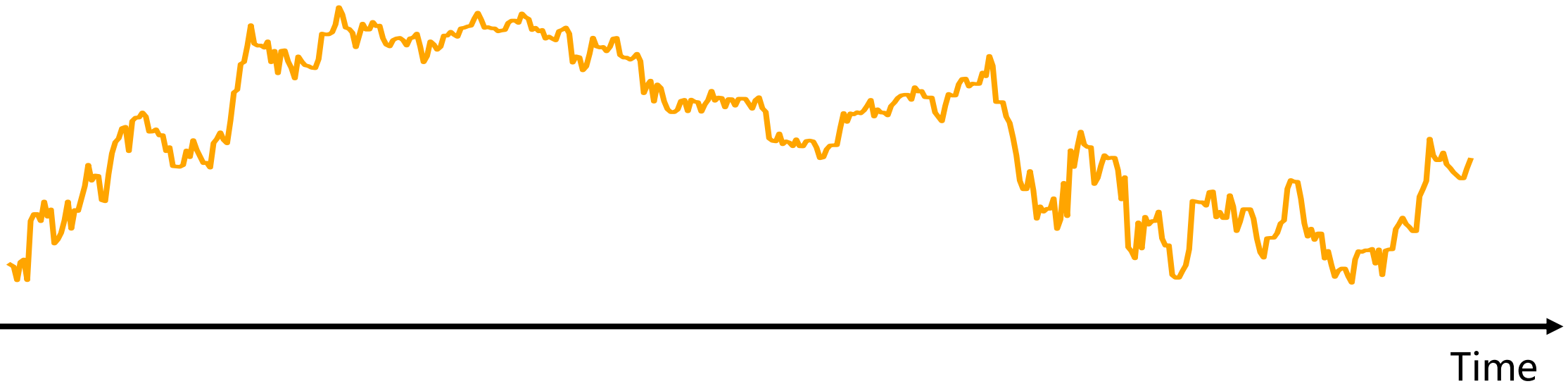

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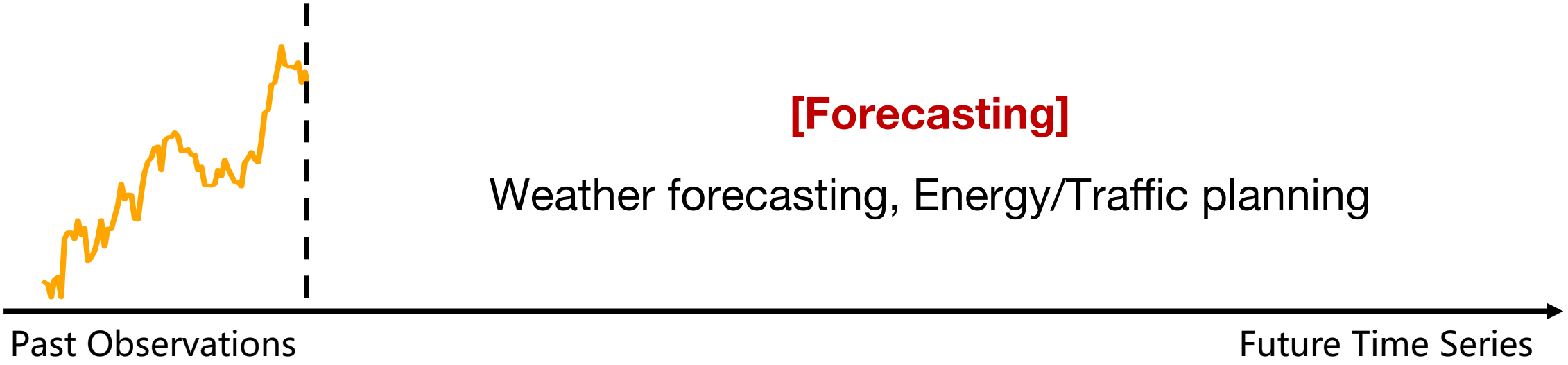

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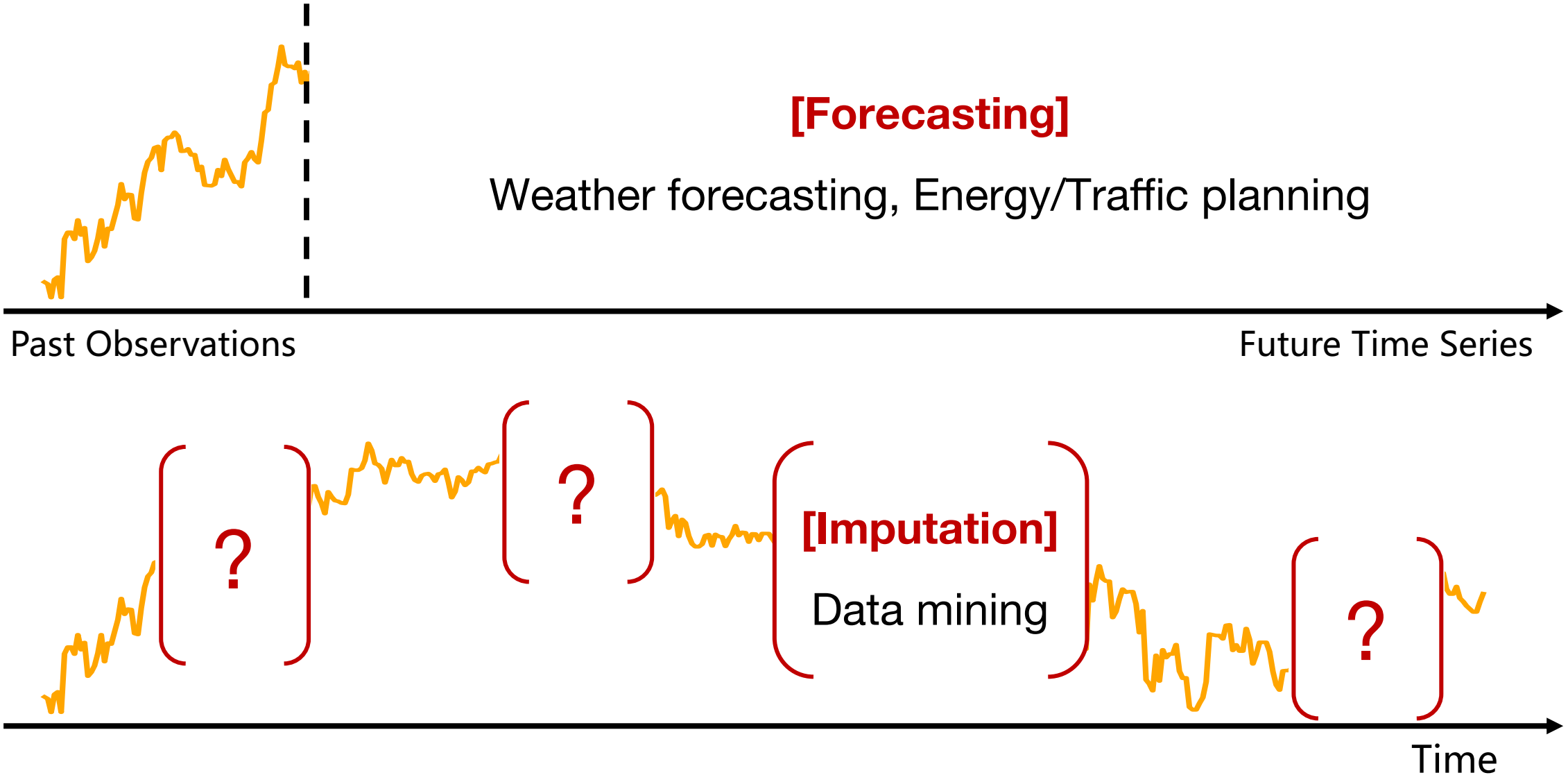

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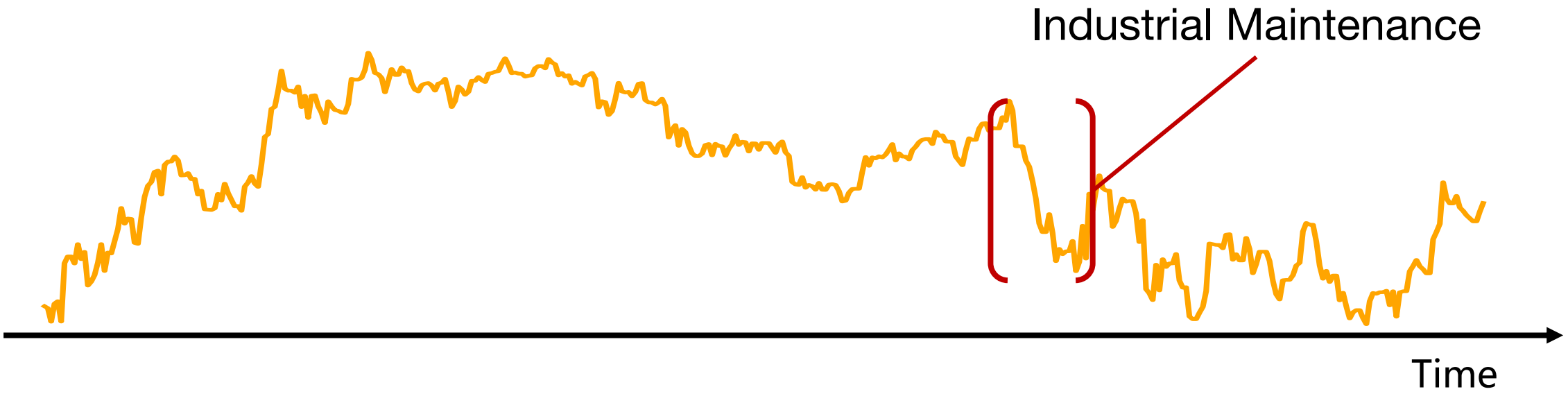

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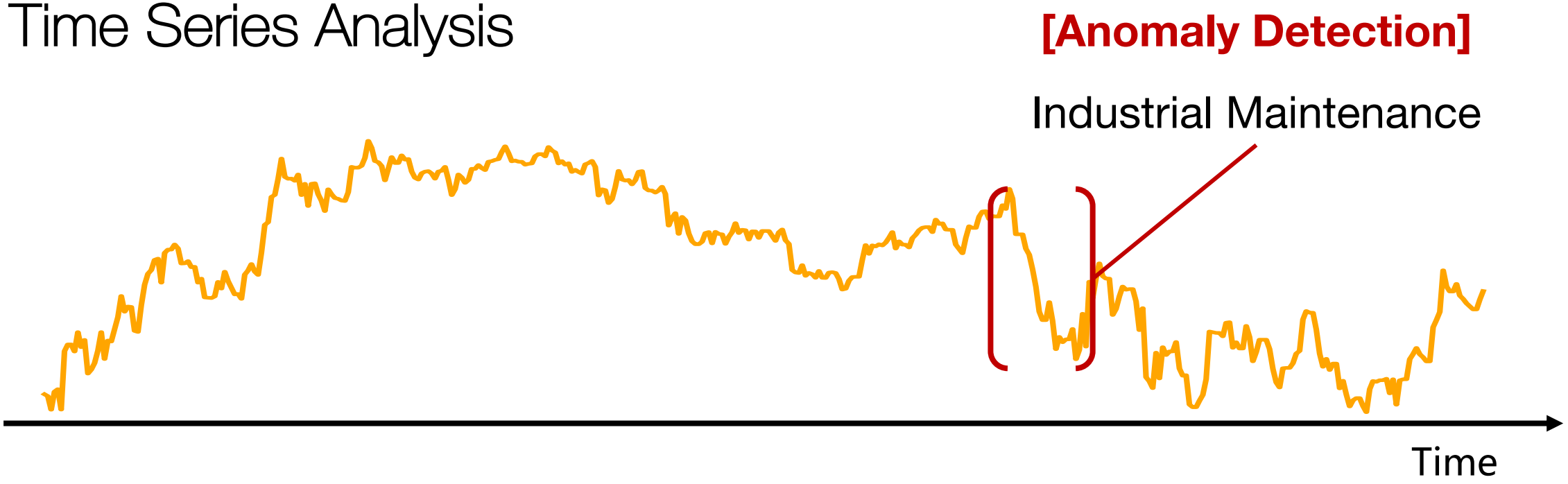

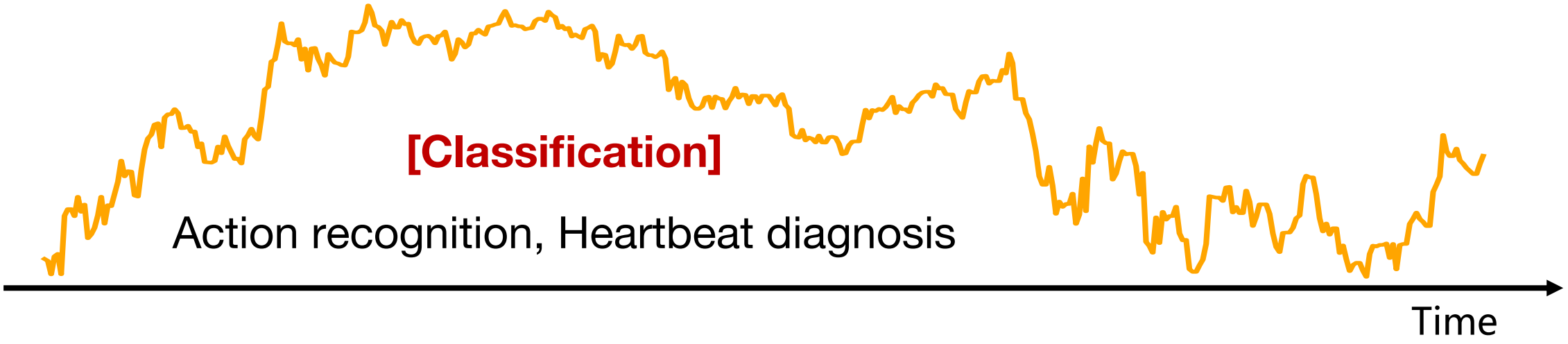

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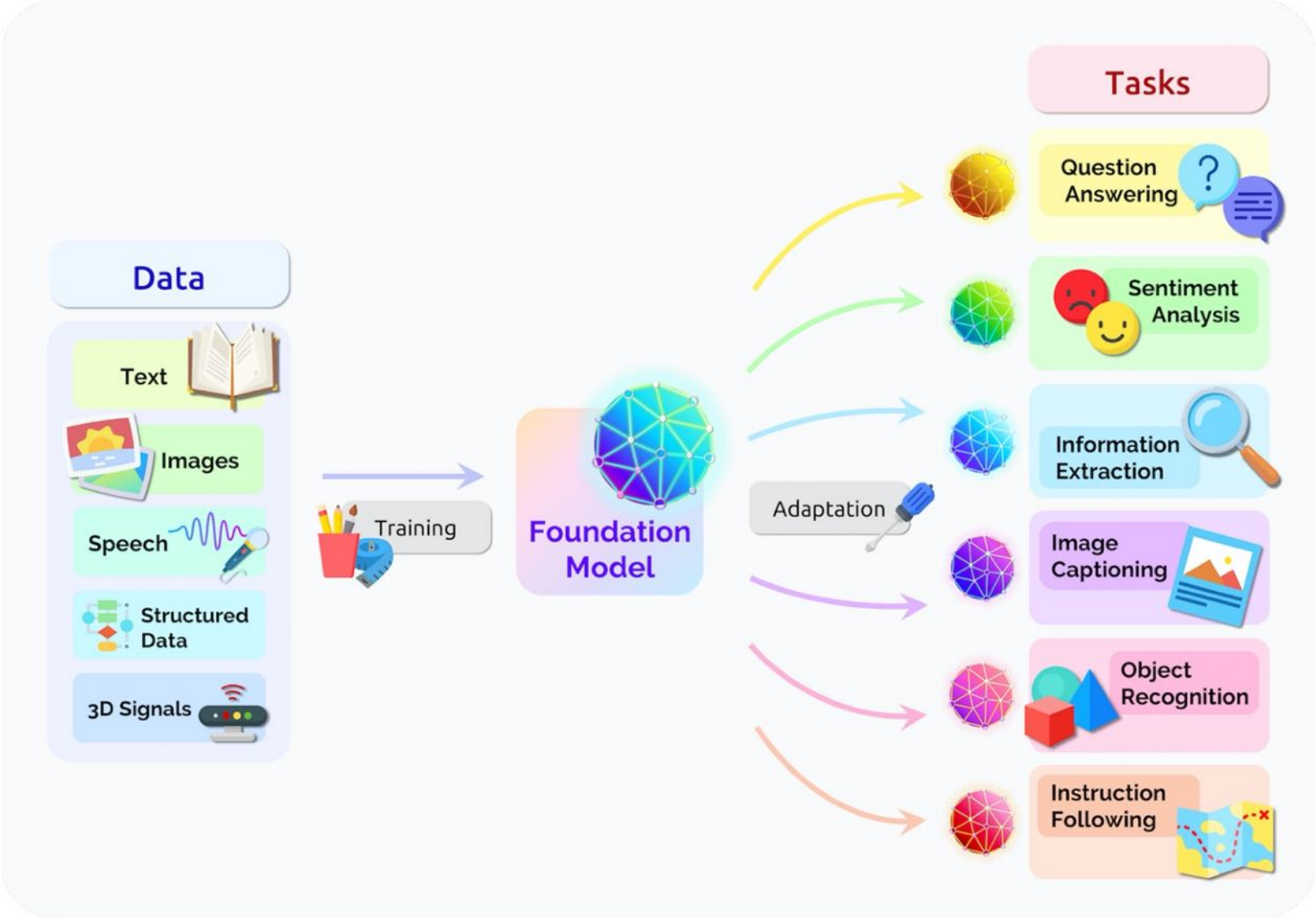

[Data Universal]

Learn from various modalities

[Task Universal]

Adapt to a wide range of downstream tasks

Bommasani et al. On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models. *Arxiv 2021.*

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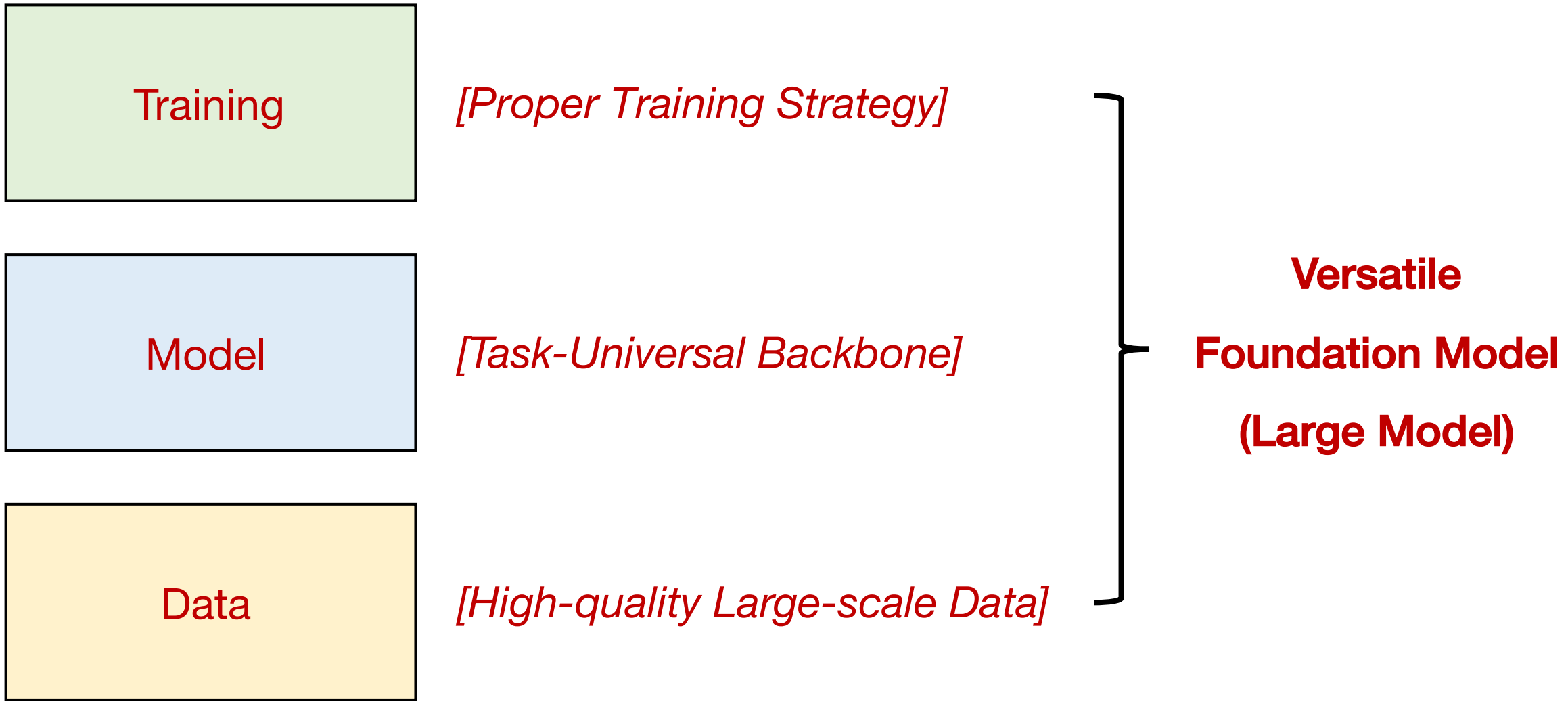

TIMESNET: TEMPORAL 2D-VARIATION MODELING FOR GENERAL TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

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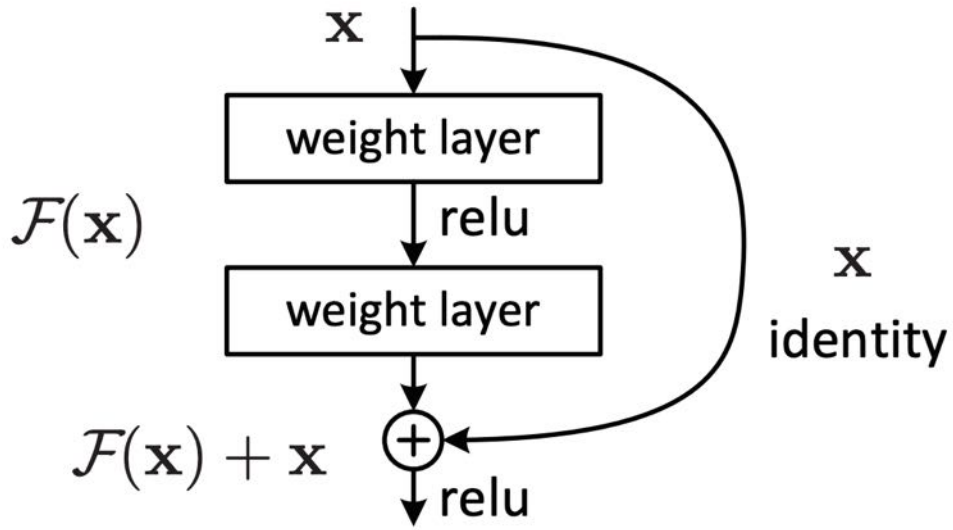
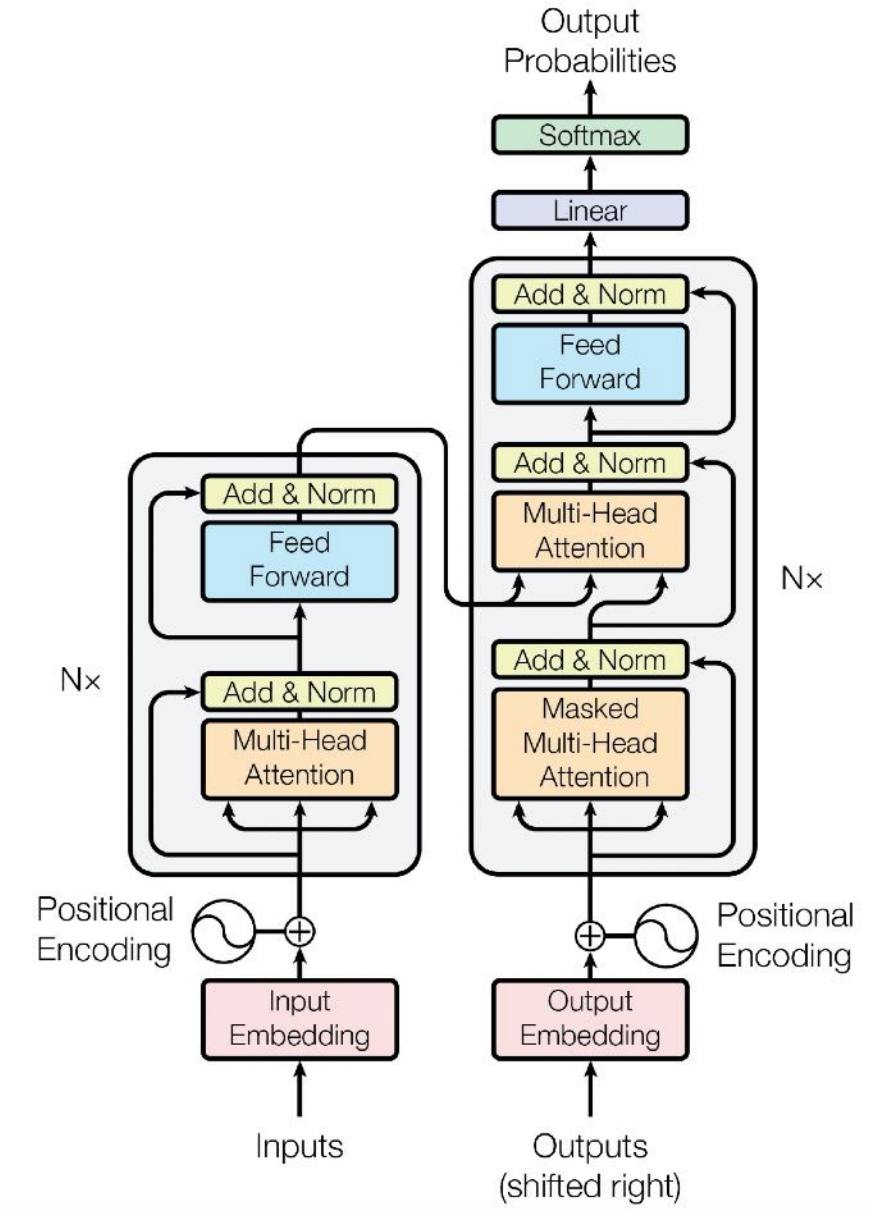
Foundation Models in CV and NLP

Universal backbone with

task-specific heads for different tasks.



Classification, Object detection, Segmentation



Classification, Generation

Differences among Image, Language, Time Series

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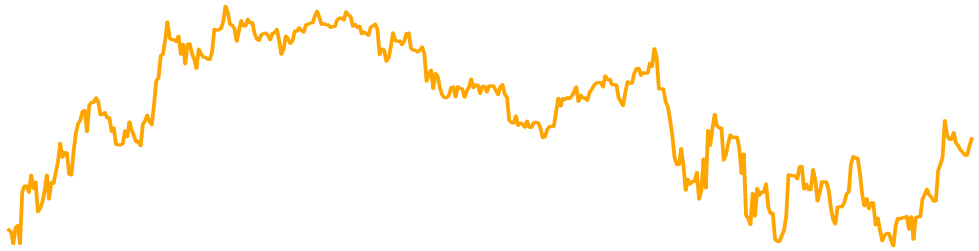

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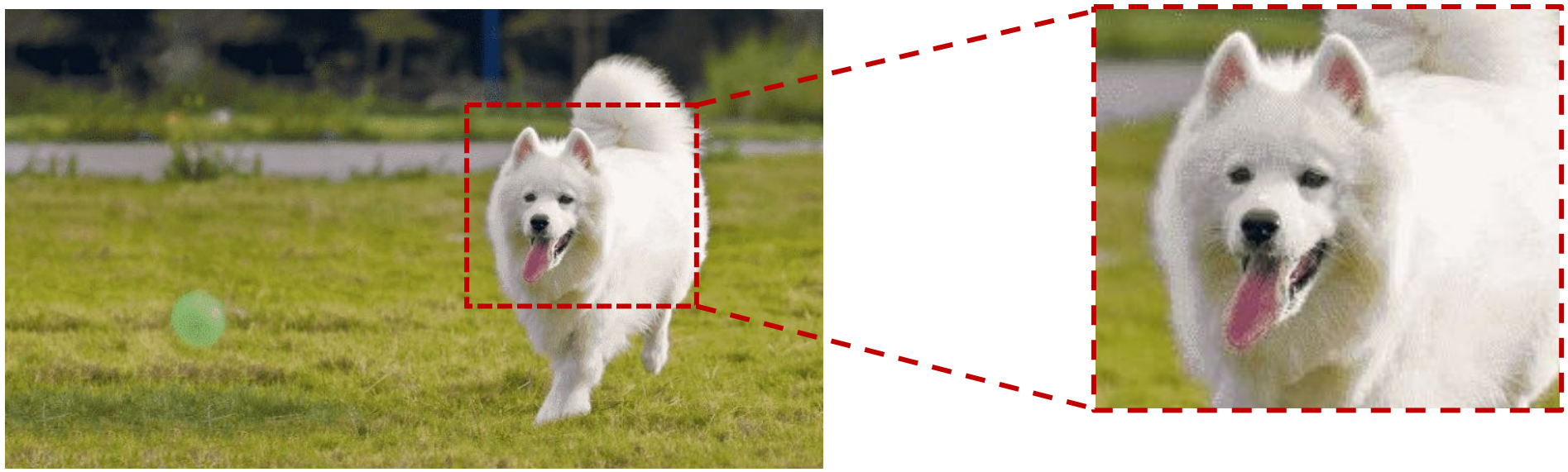

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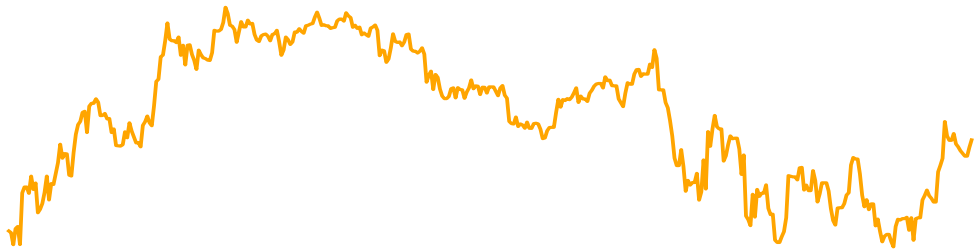

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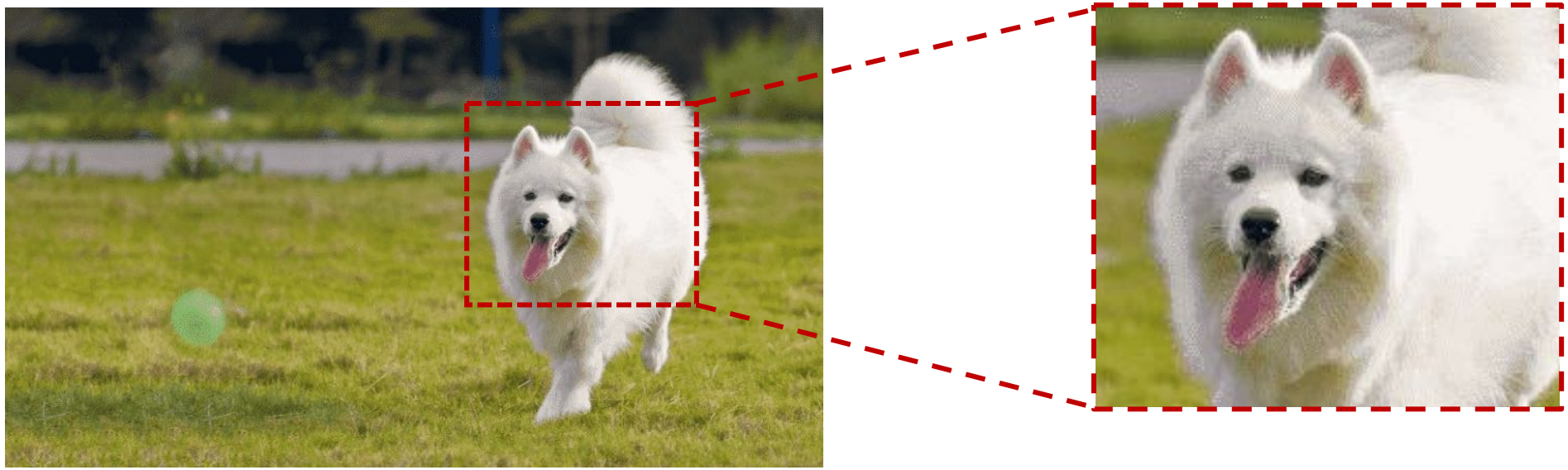

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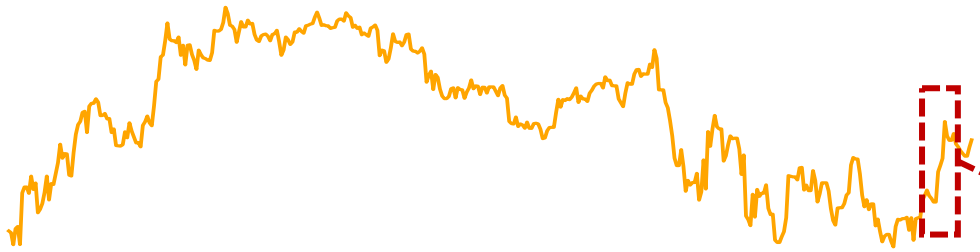

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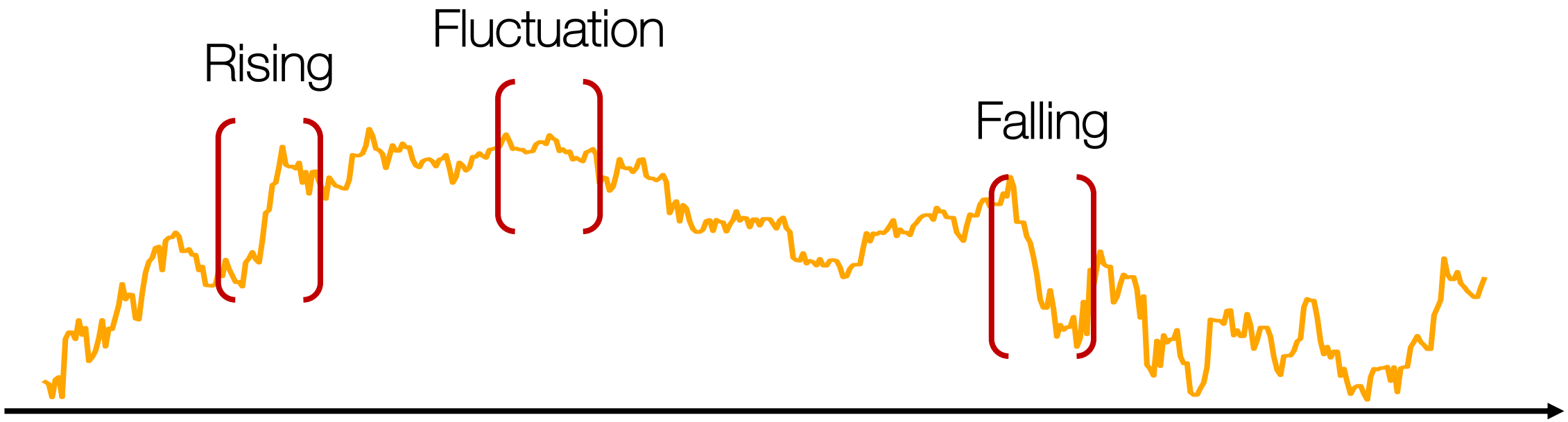
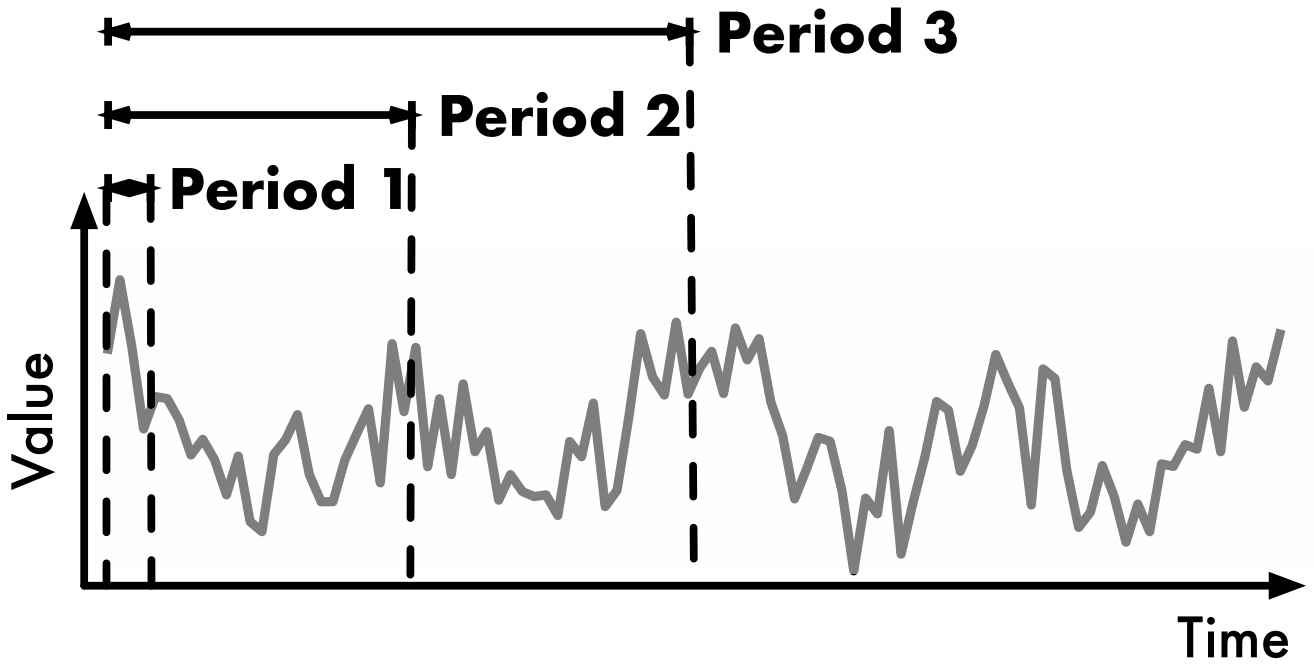
Temporal Variations of Time Series

More information of time series is in **temporal variations**, such as continuity, periodicity, trend and etc.



Multi-periodicity View of Time Series

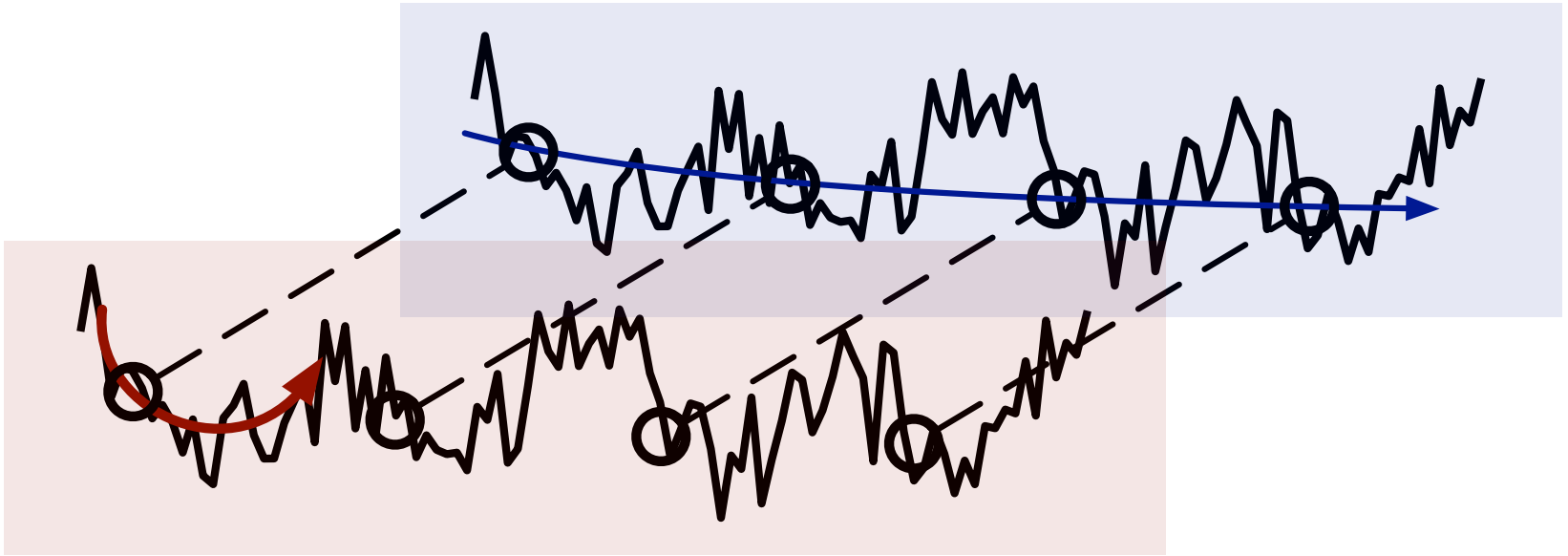


- ✓ Traffic: daily and weekly
- ✓ Weather: daily and yearly

Real-world time series usually present multi-periodicity.

Multiple periods overlap and interact with each other.

Intraperiod- and Interperiod-variations



✓ **Intraperiod**: adjacent area, **short-term variations**

✓ **Interperiod**: same phase in adjacent periods, **long-term variations**

Non-periodic cases, the variations will be dominated by intraperiod-variations.

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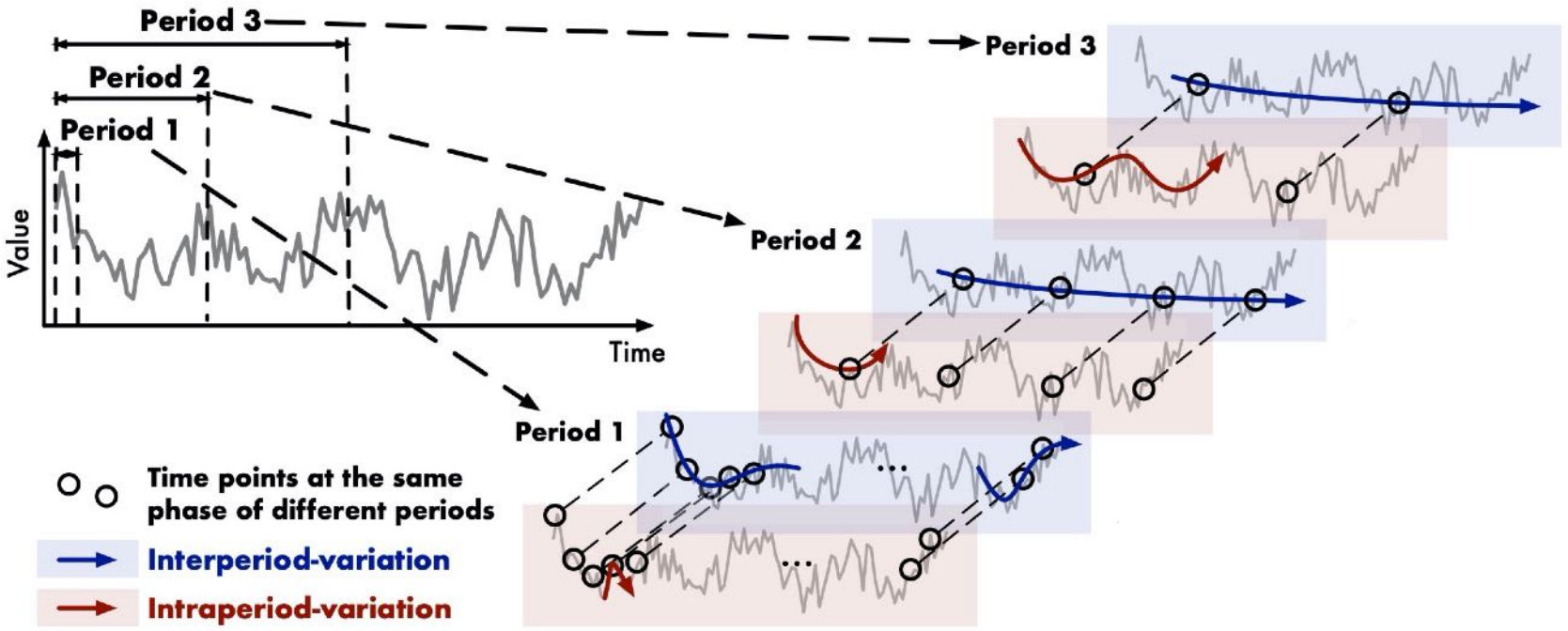

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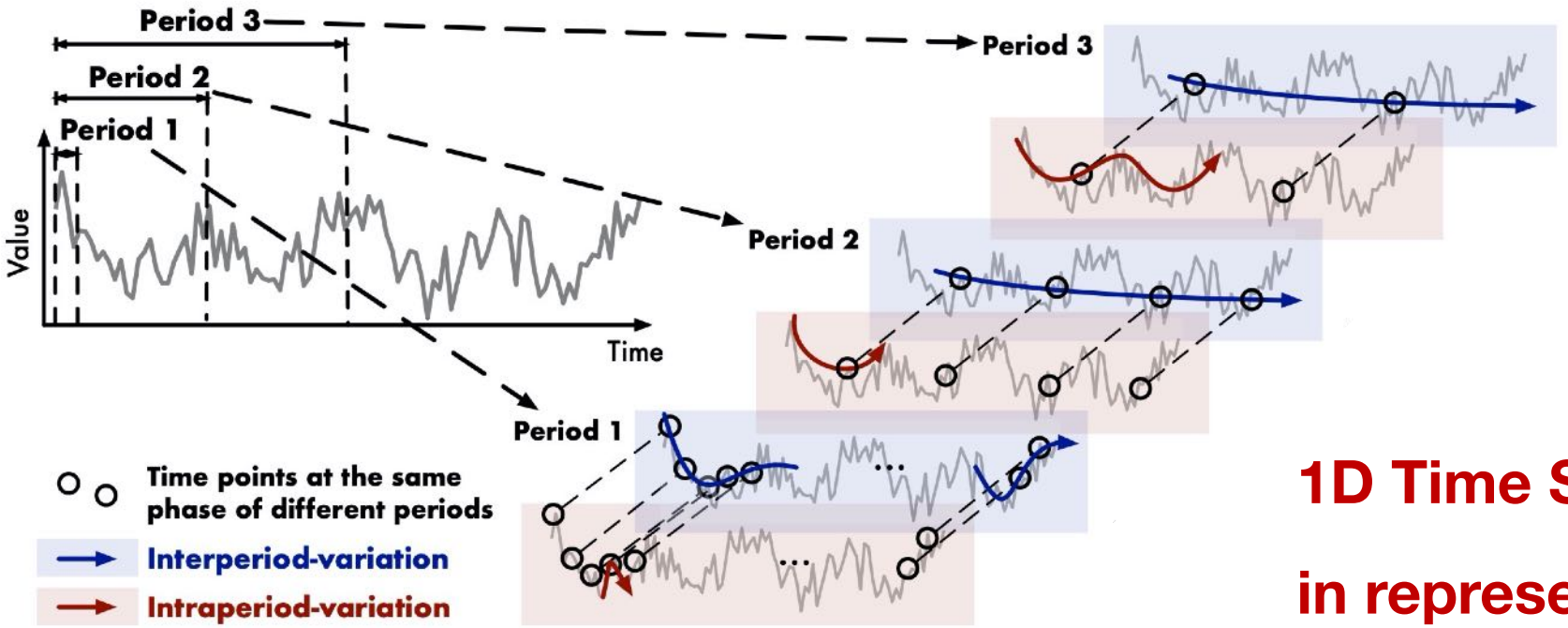

1D Time Series has limitations in representation capability.

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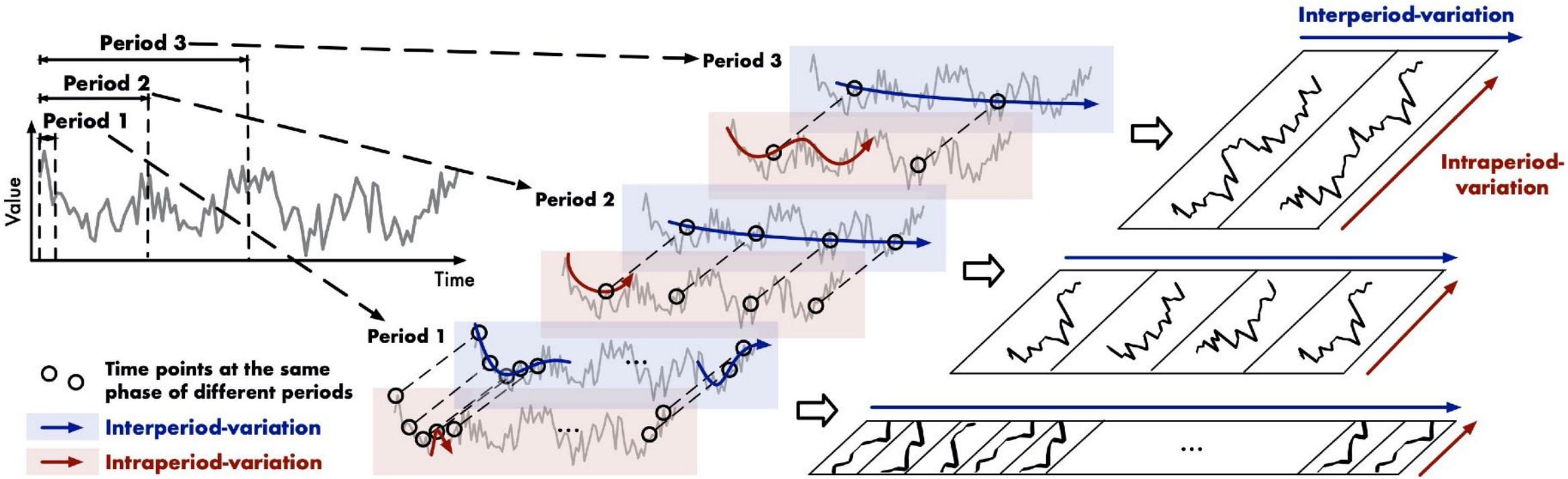

① Multi-periodicity ② Temporal 2D-variation

Unify intraperiod- and interperiod-variations in 2D space by reshape

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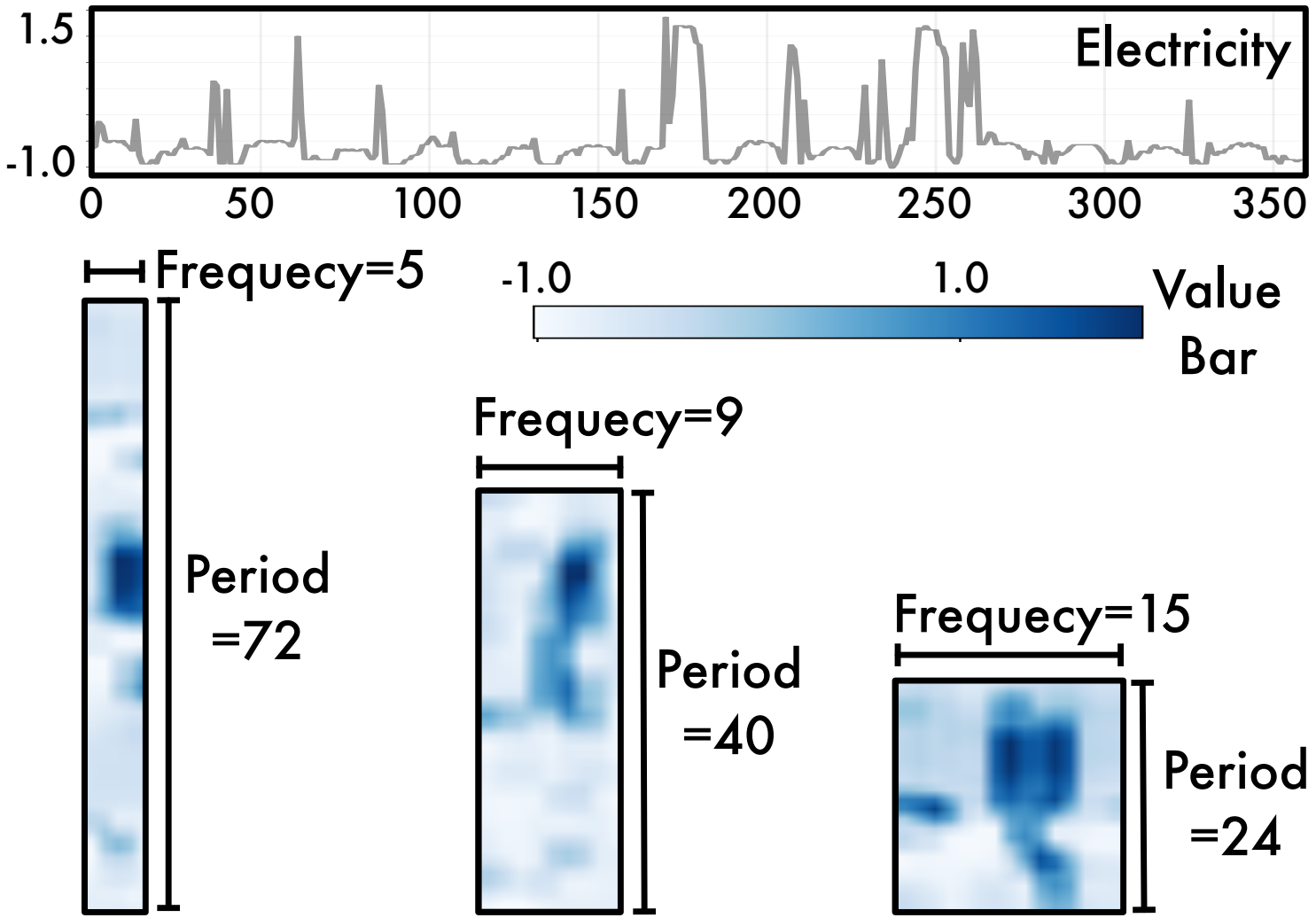

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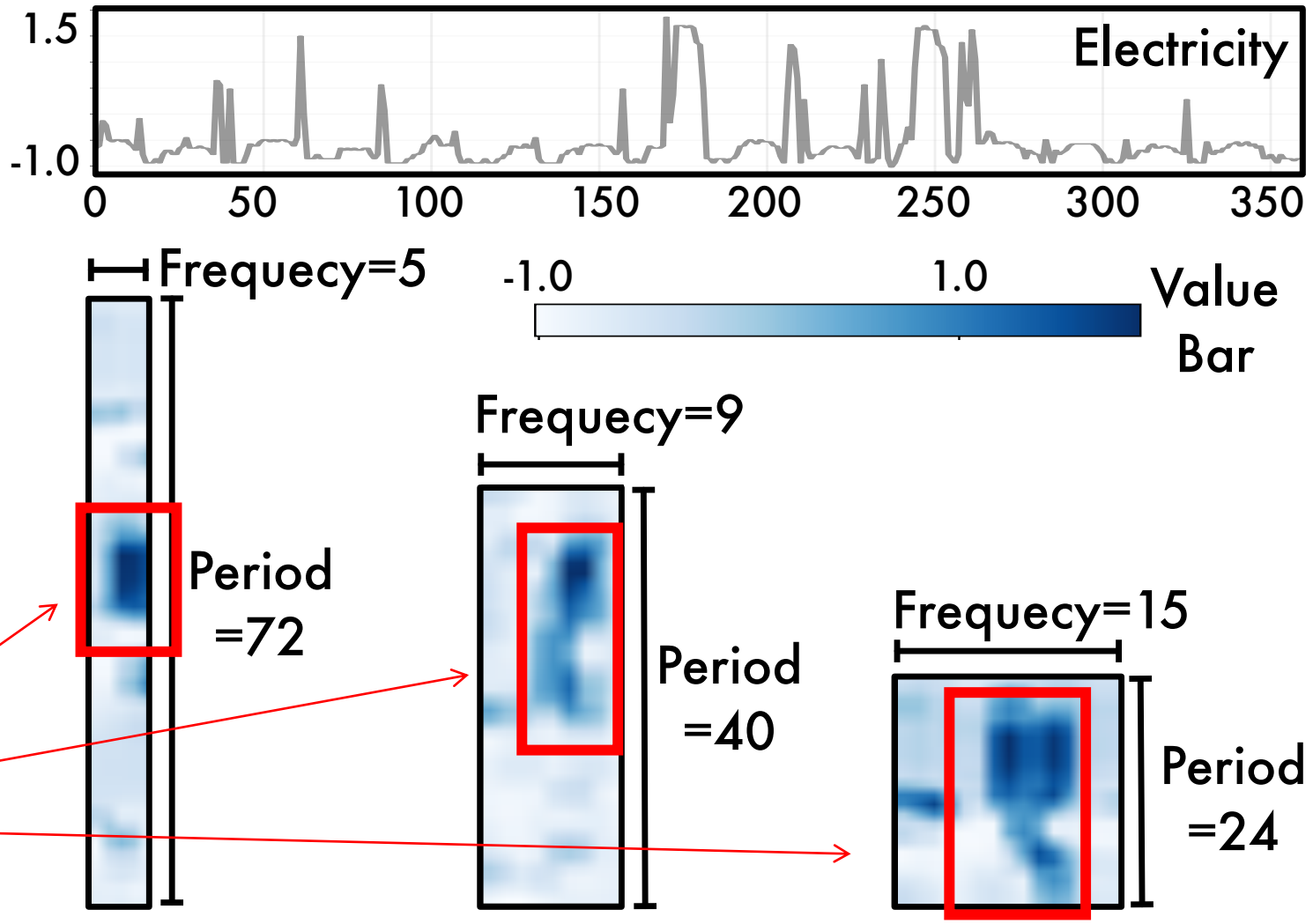

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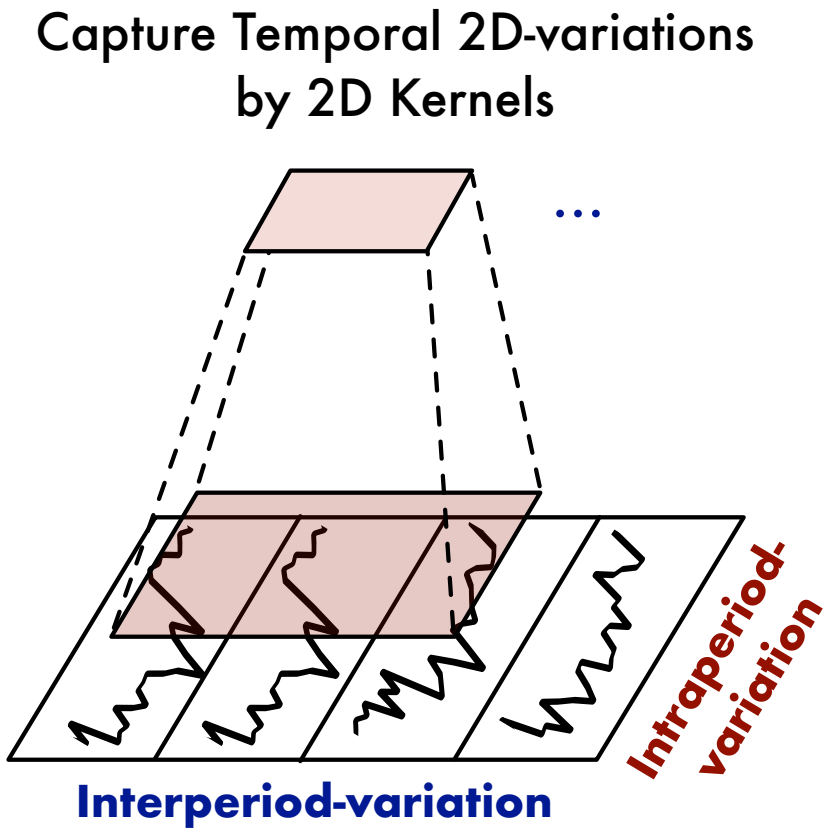

With temporal 2D-variations, we can

- ✓ Unify intraperiod- interperiod-variations
- ✓ Learn representations by 2D kernels

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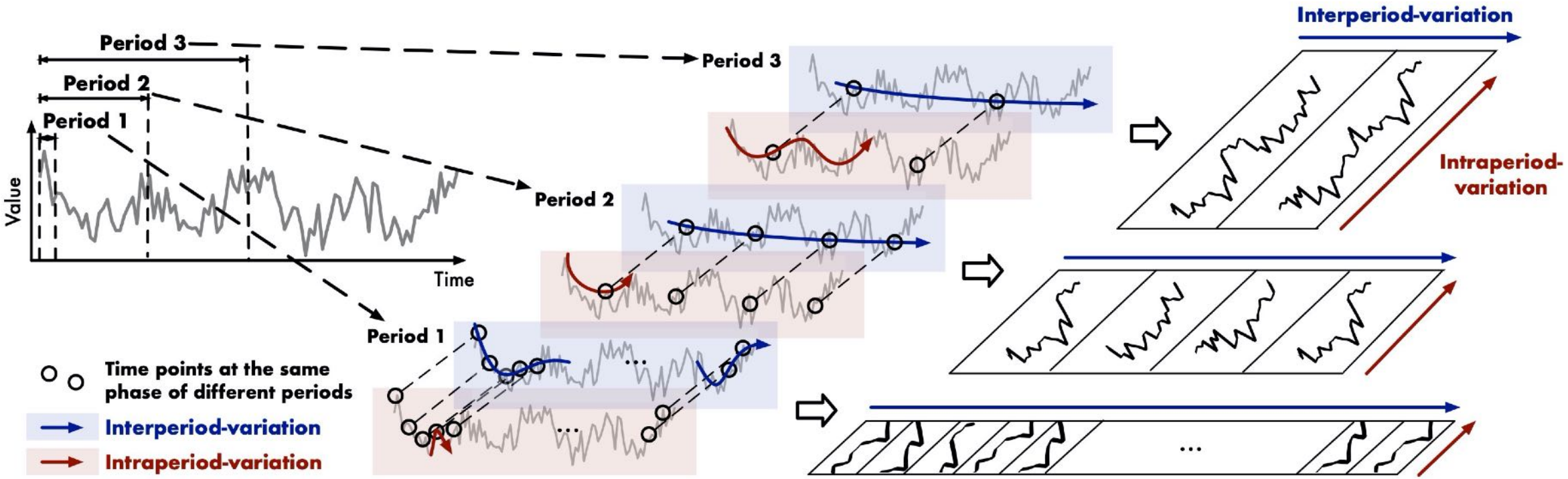

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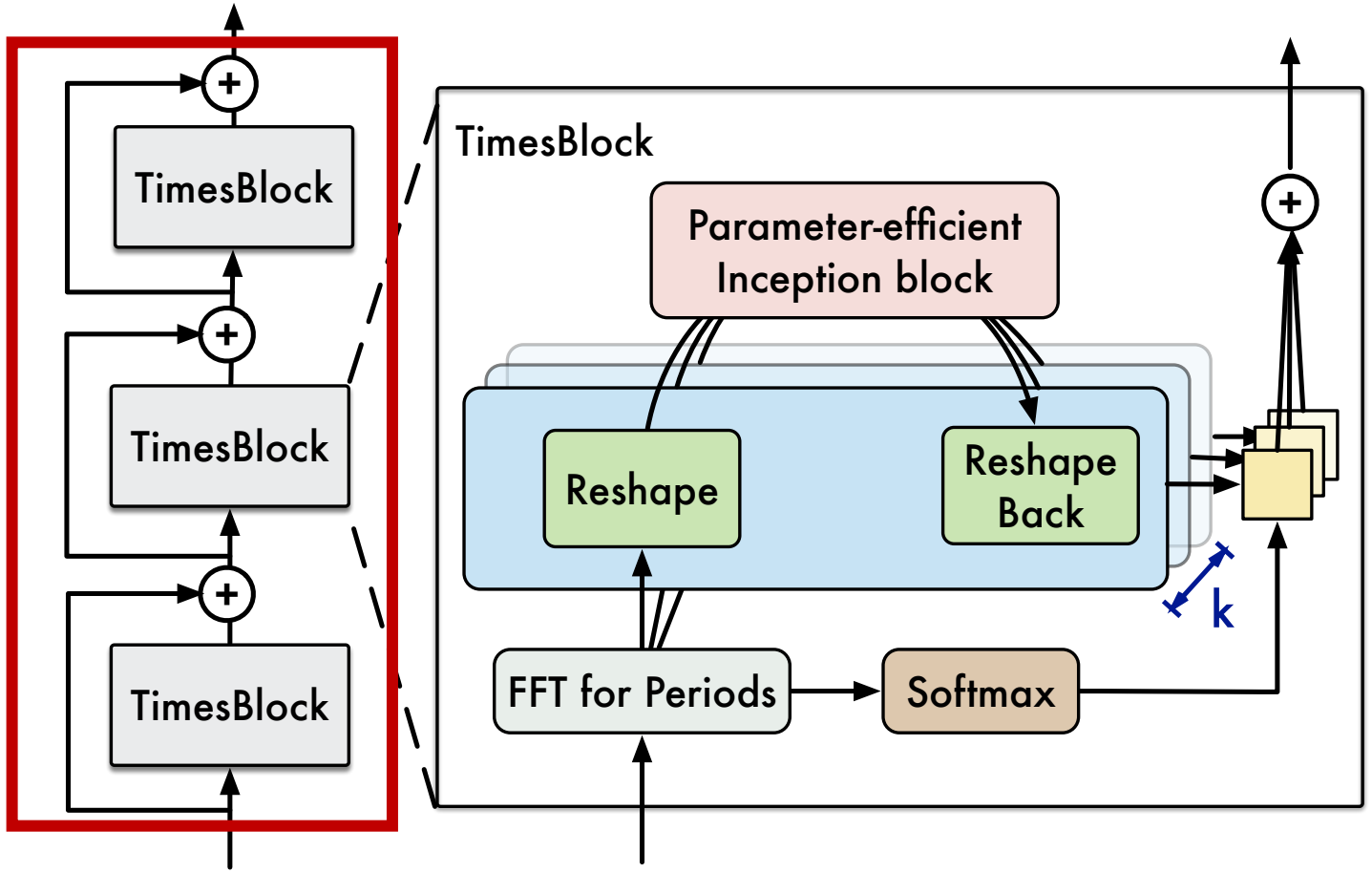
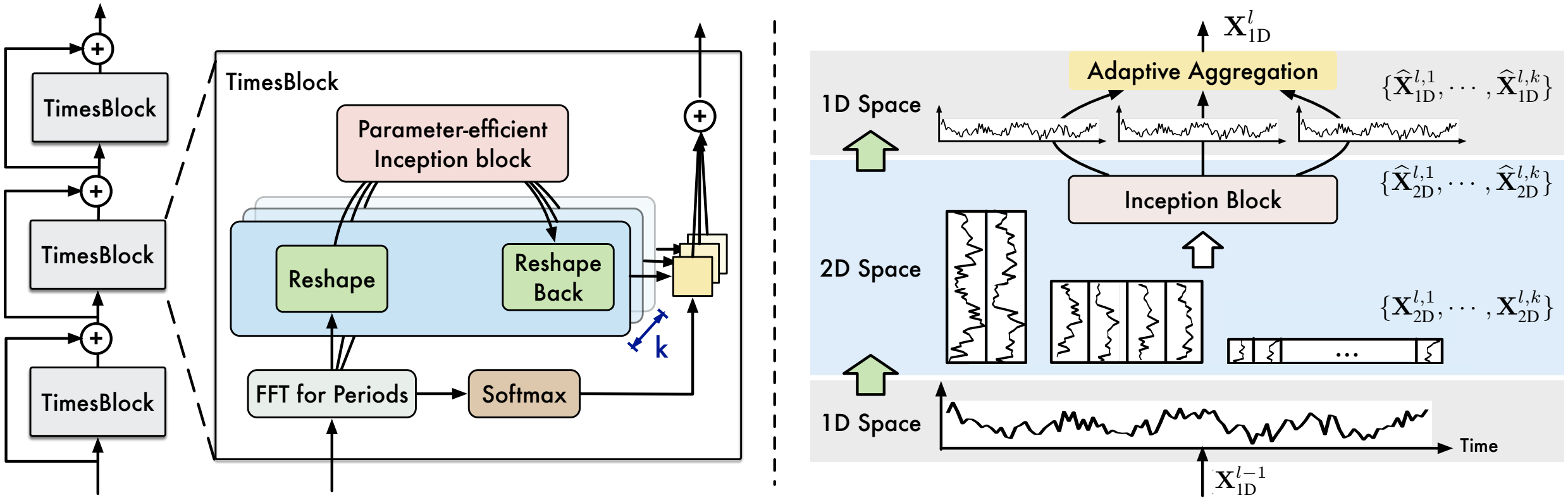


TimesNet consists of residual-connected **TimesBlocks**.

TimesBlock



TimesBlock learns representations in 2D space.

① 1D → 2D ② 2D representation learning ③ 2D → 1D

Experiment: Overall

Tasks	Benchmarks
Forecasting	**Long-term**: ETT (4 subsets), Electricity, Traffic, Weather, Exchange, ILI
	Short-term: M4 (6 subsets)
Imputation	ETT (4 subsets), Electricity, Weather
Classification	UEA (10 subsets)
Anomaly Detection	SMD, MSL, SMAP, SWaT, PSM

- ✓ Five mainstream time series analysis tasks.
- ✓ 36 datasets, 81 settings, 20+ baselines

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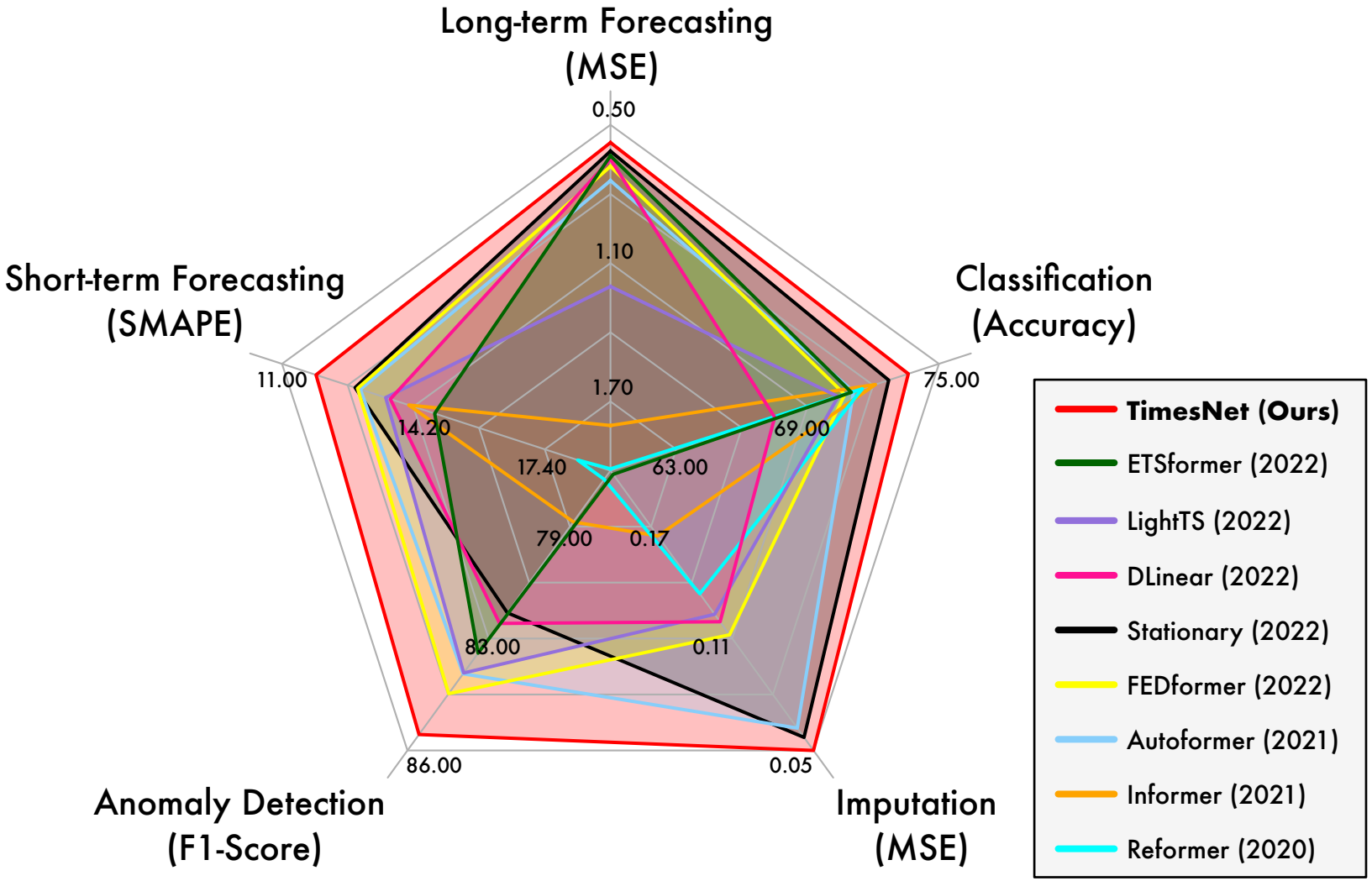
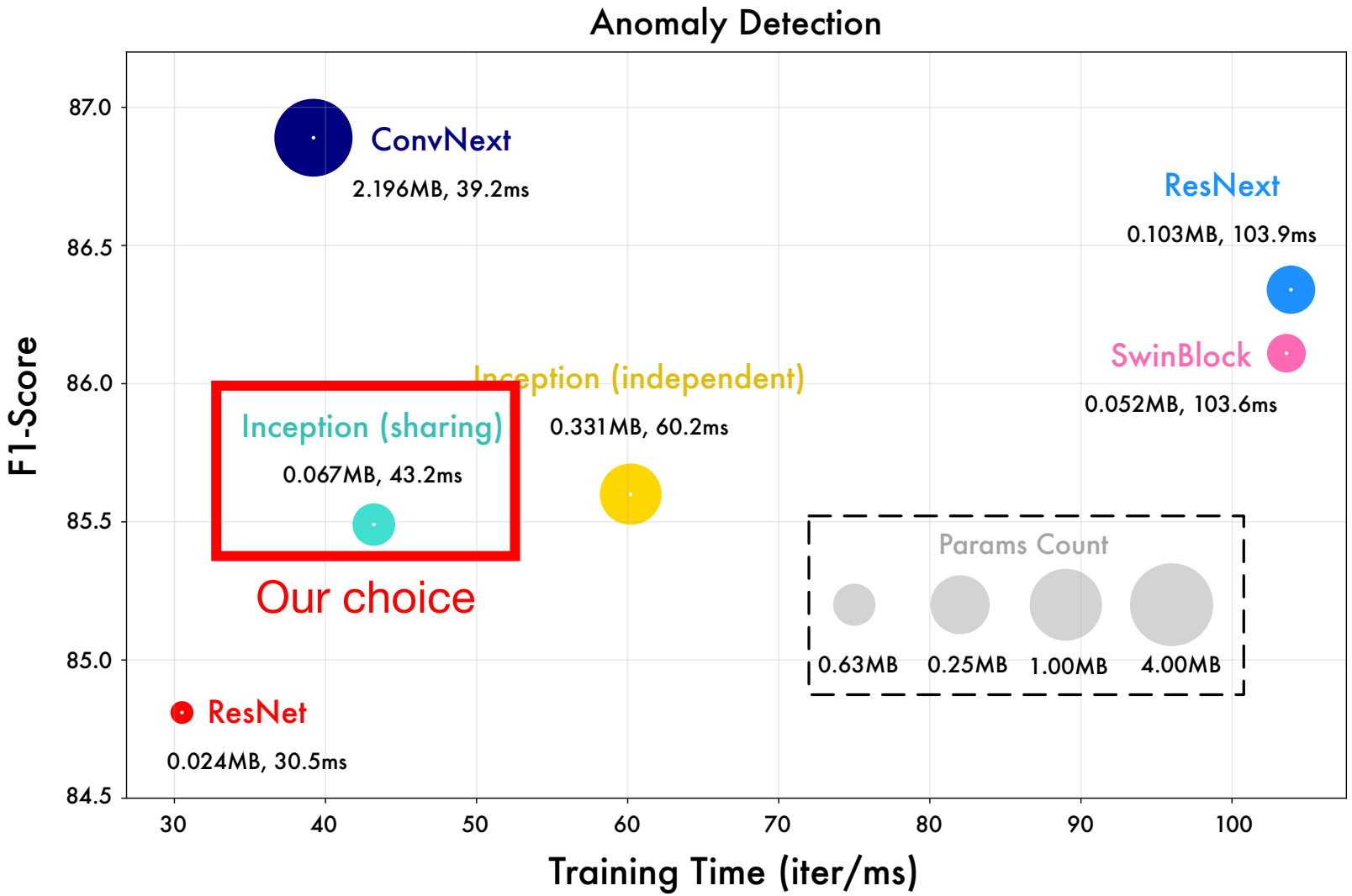


TimesNet achieves state-of-the-art in all five tasks (2023/02)

Model Generality

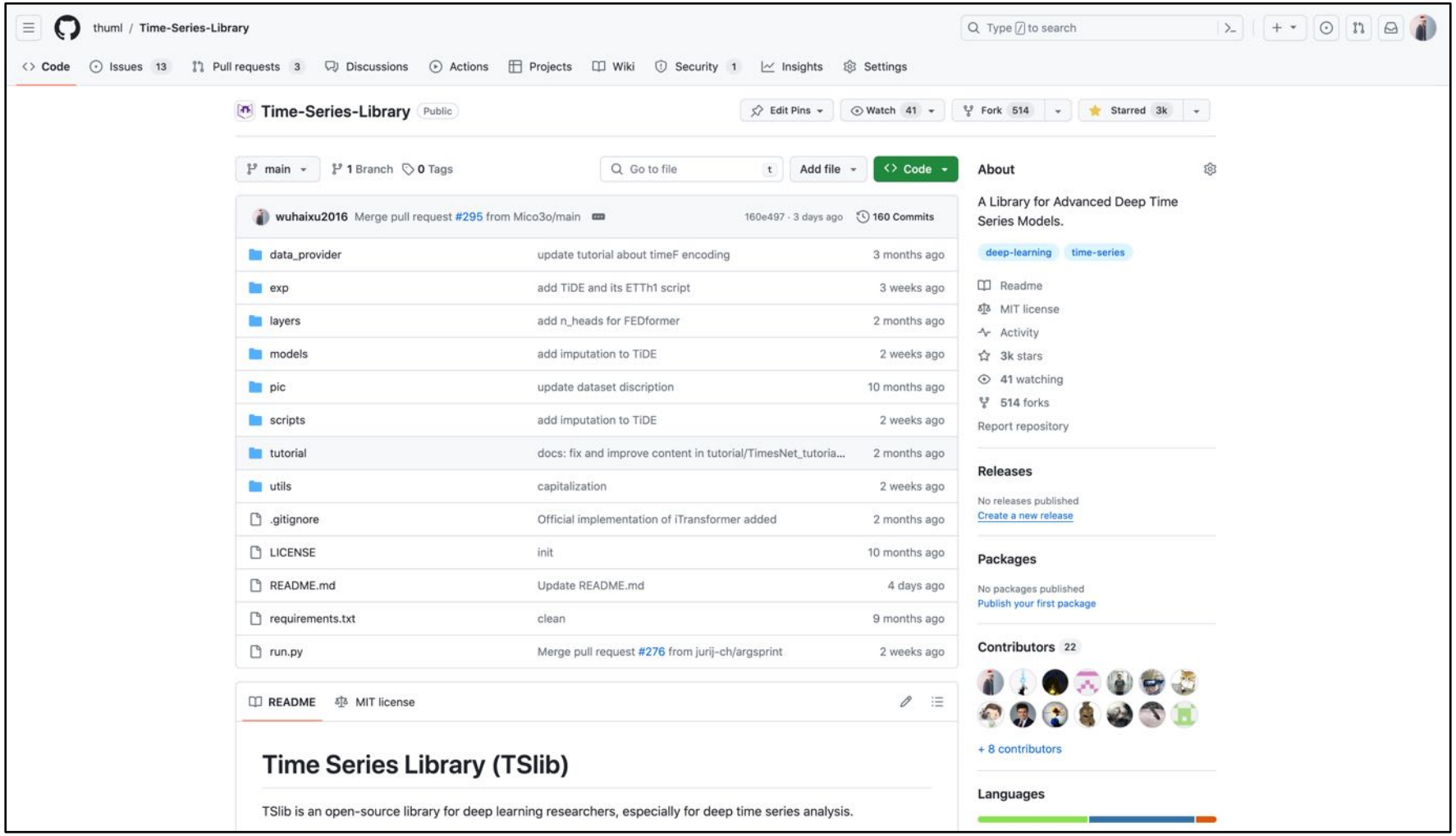


Better vision backbones,

Better performance 🏆

Bridge Time Series and vision backbones 🏆

Time Series Library (TSlib)



Code is available at https://github.com/thuml/Time-Series-Library with 3000+ stars

37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023).

SimMTM: A Simple Pre-Training Framework for Masked Time-Series Modeling

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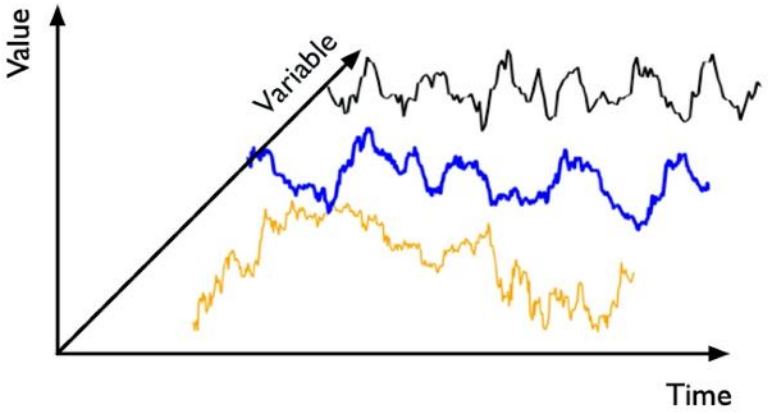
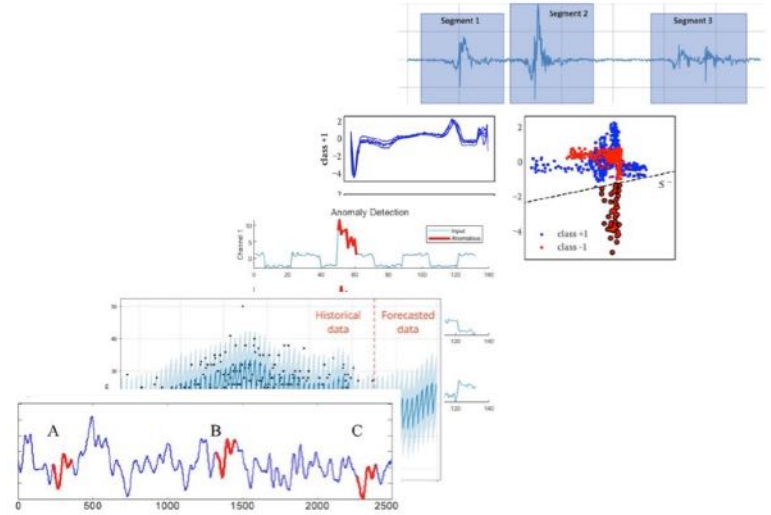
Time Series Pre-training



Pre-training

Fine-tuning



Large-scale time series data

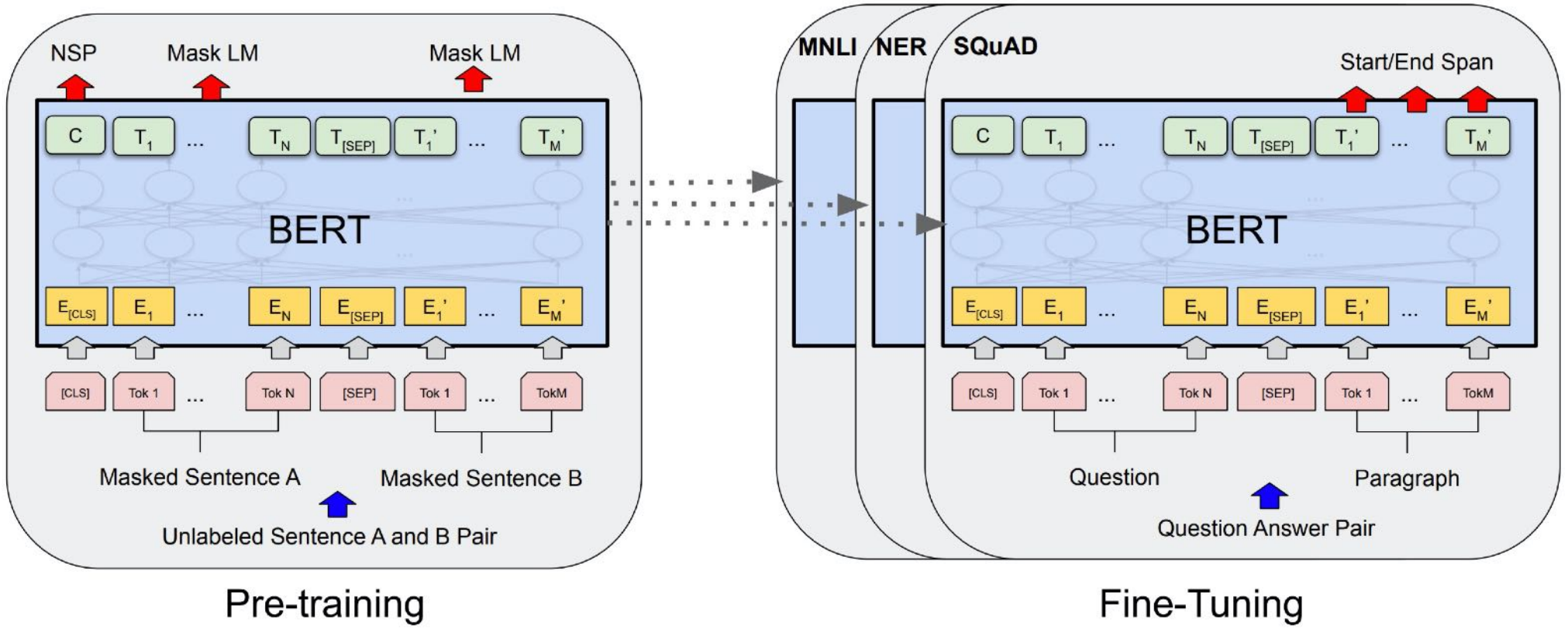
Diversified time series analysis tasks

① Use the model as the carrier of knowledge.

② Learn transferable temporal representations.

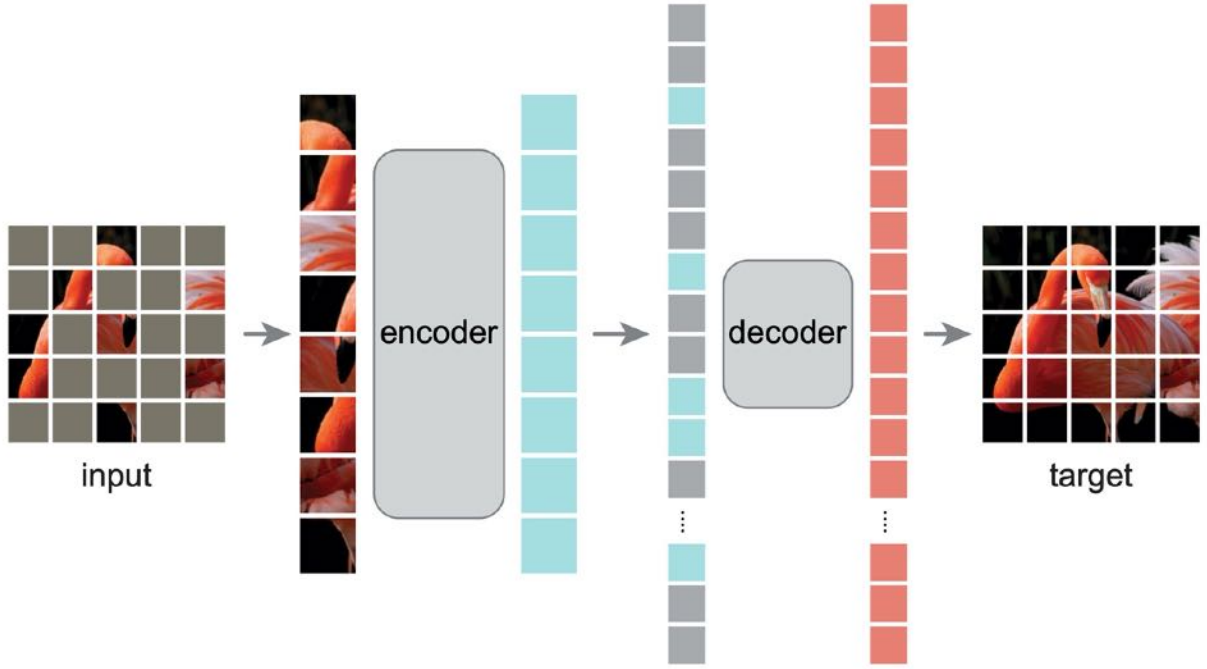
Masked Modeling in NLP

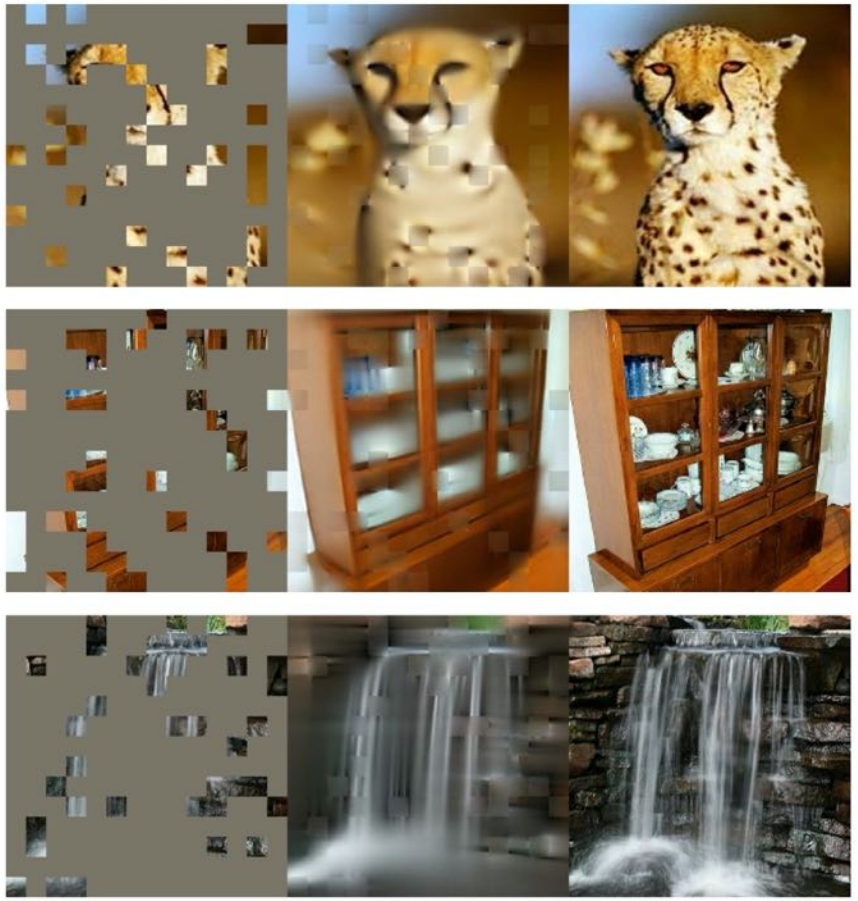
Random mask a portion of words.



Devlin et al. BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding. *ACL 2019.*

Masked Modeling in CV





Random mask a portion of patches.

He et al. Masked Autoencoders Are Scalable Vision Learners. *CVPR 2022.*

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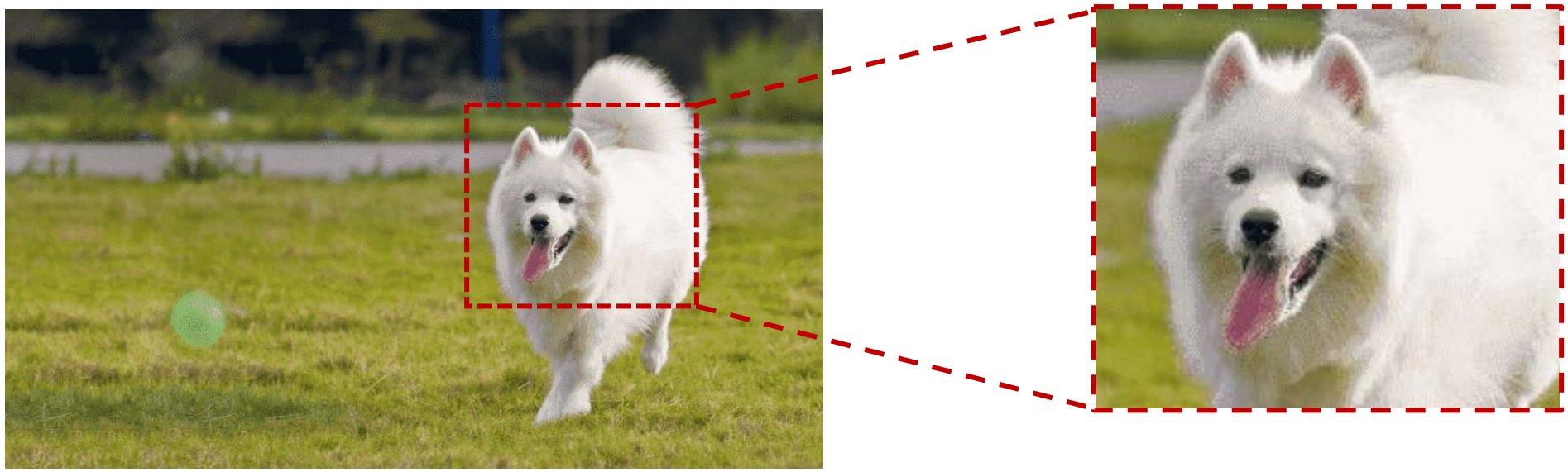

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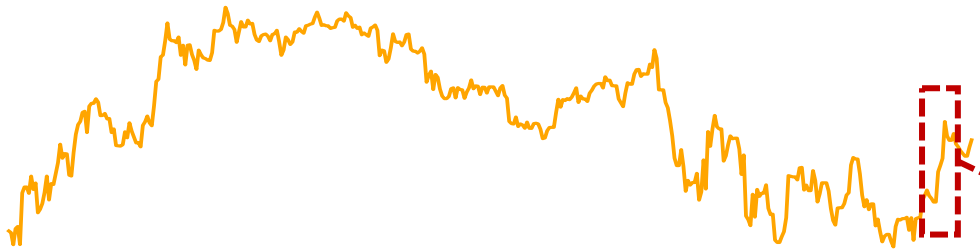

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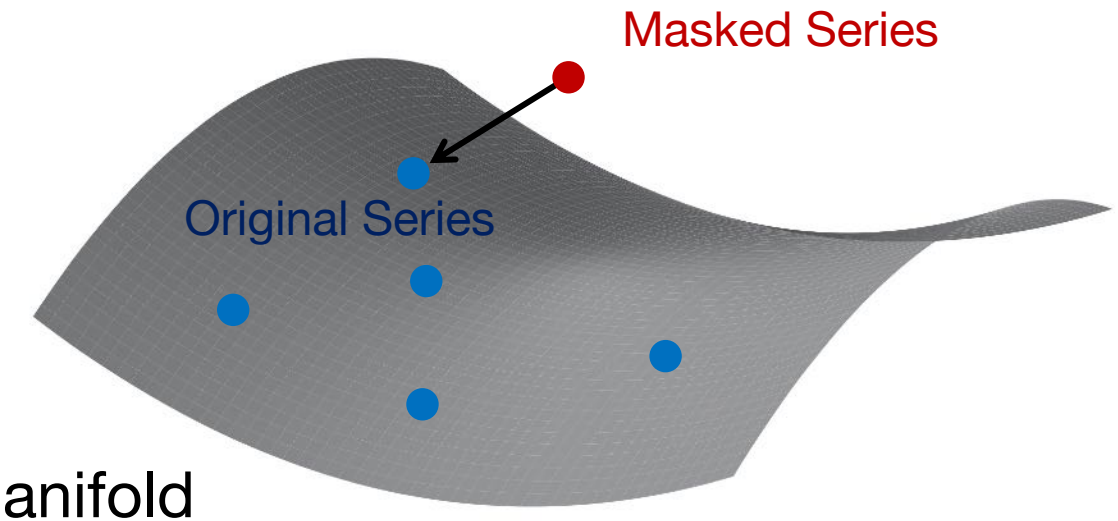
Canonical Masked Modeling in Time Series



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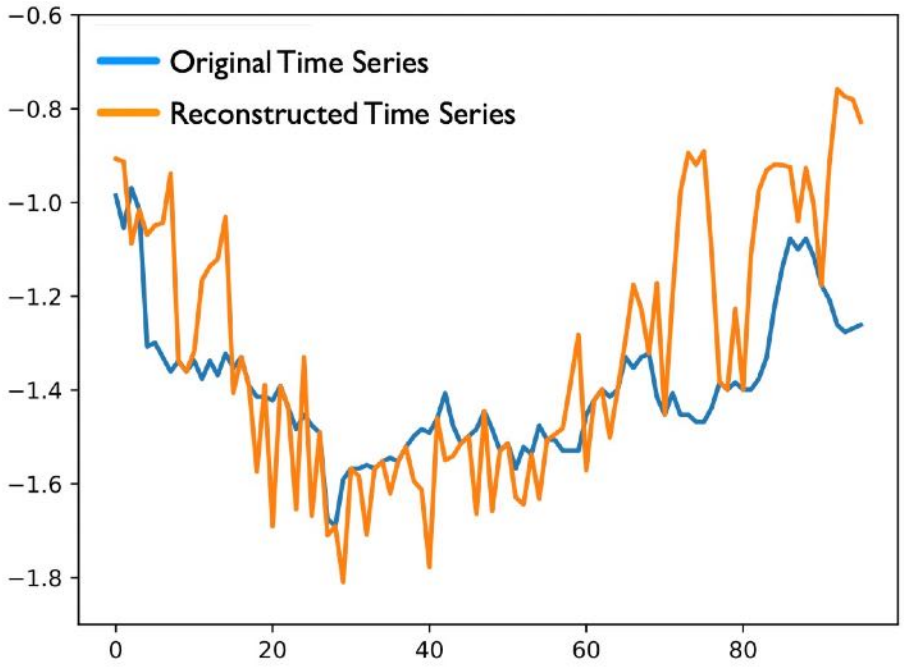
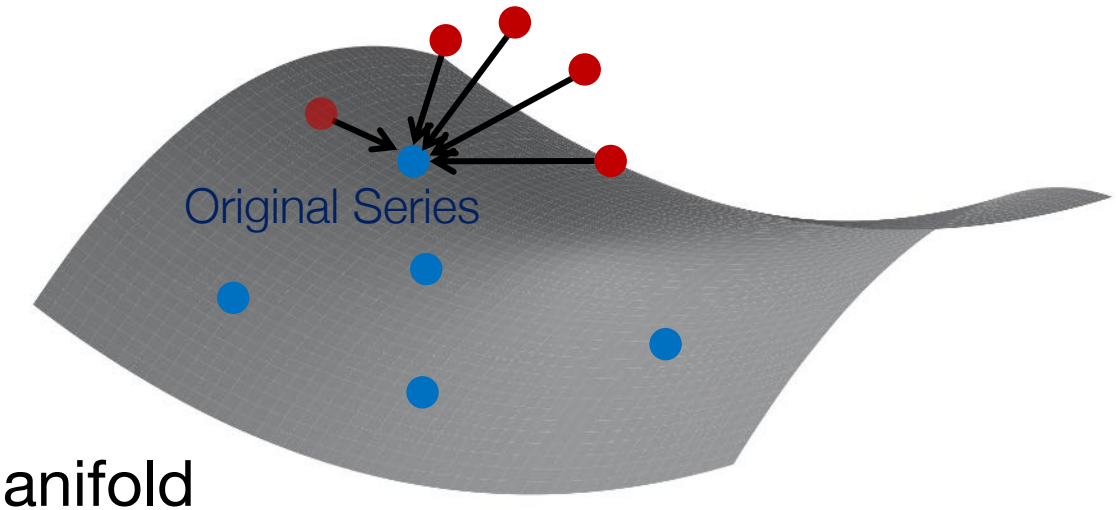


✓ Direct Reconstruction

Directly masking a portion of time points will seriously ruin the temporal variations of the original time series.

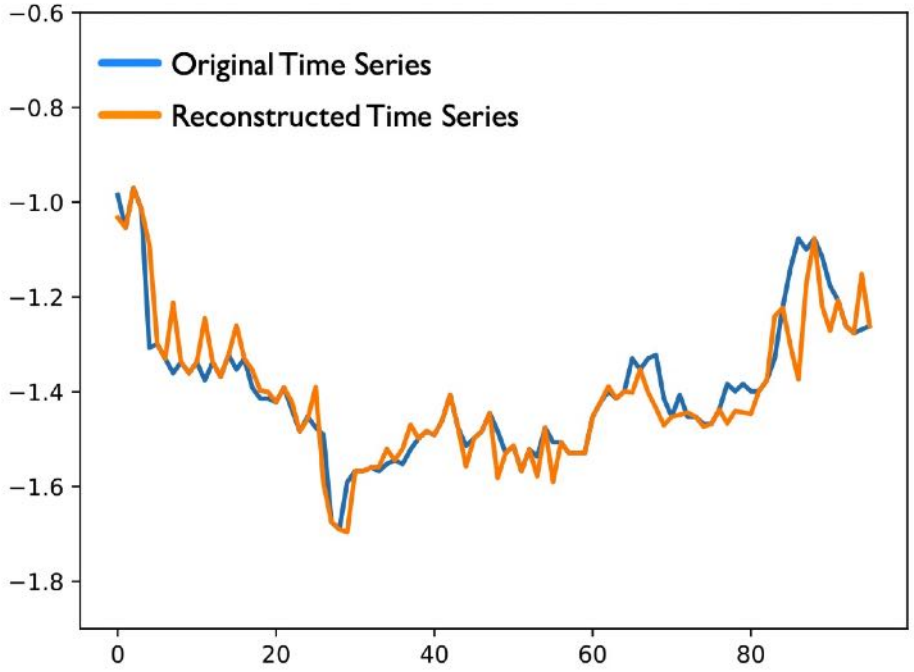
Multiple Masked Modeling

Multiple Masked Series



Manifold

Benefit Masked Modeling



✓ Neighborhood Aggregation

Multiple randomly masked series will complement each other.

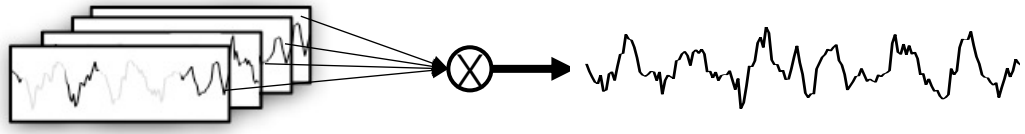
Neighborhood Aggregation Masked Modeling

Canonical

- ✗ Critical information destruction
- ✗ Mask ratio sensitive
- ✗ Reconstruction difficulty

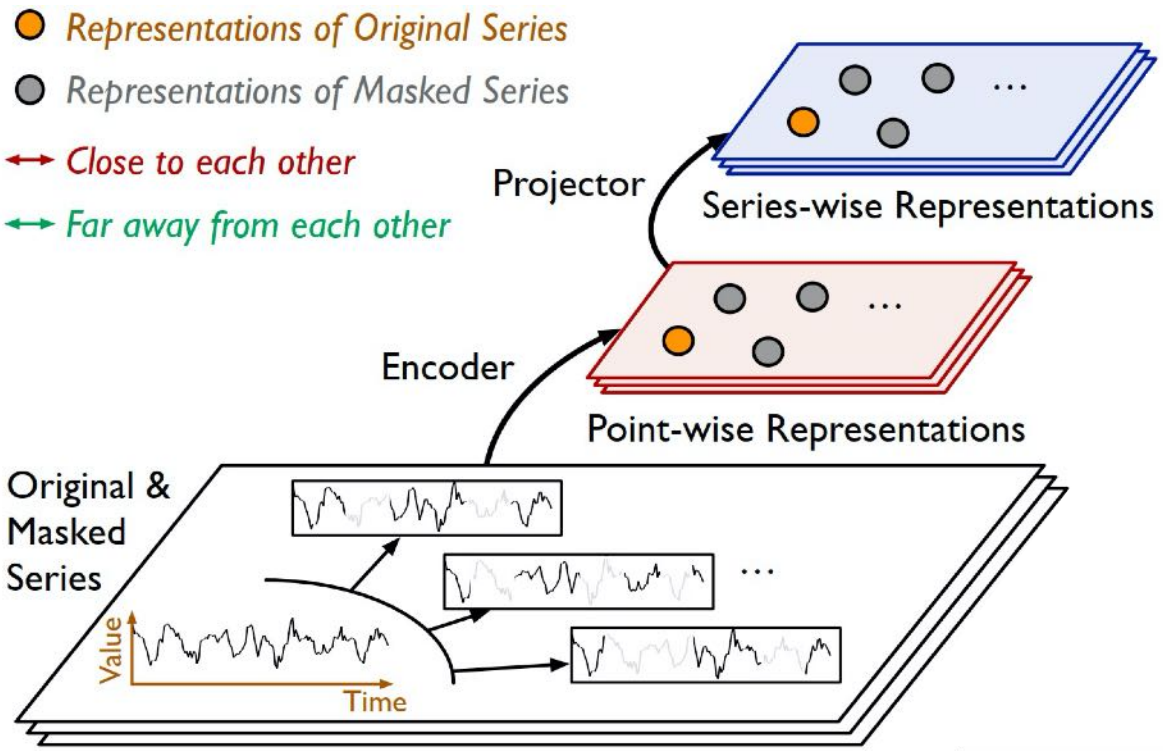
VS

Neighborhood Aggregation



- ✓ Multi-information perspective
- ✓ Information complementation
- ✓ Learnable aggregate weight

Overall design of SimMTM



Generate original & masked series representations.

① Point-wise Representations

② Series-wise Representations

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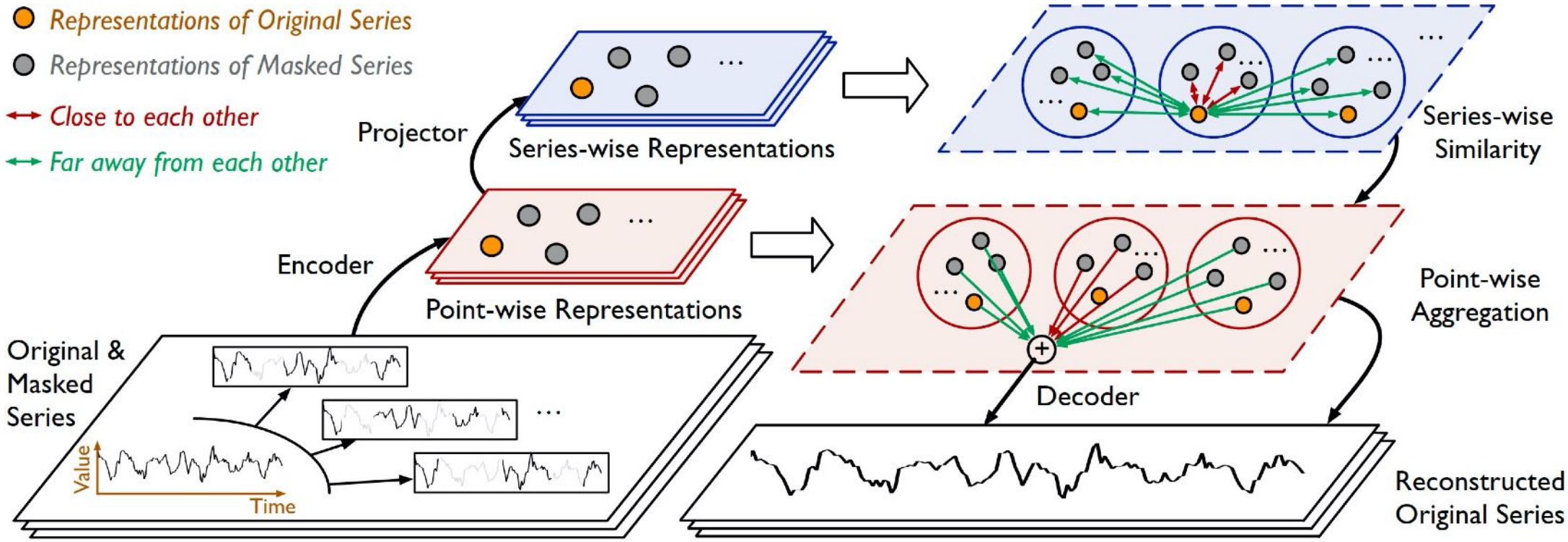


① Series-wise Similarity ② Point-wise Aggregation

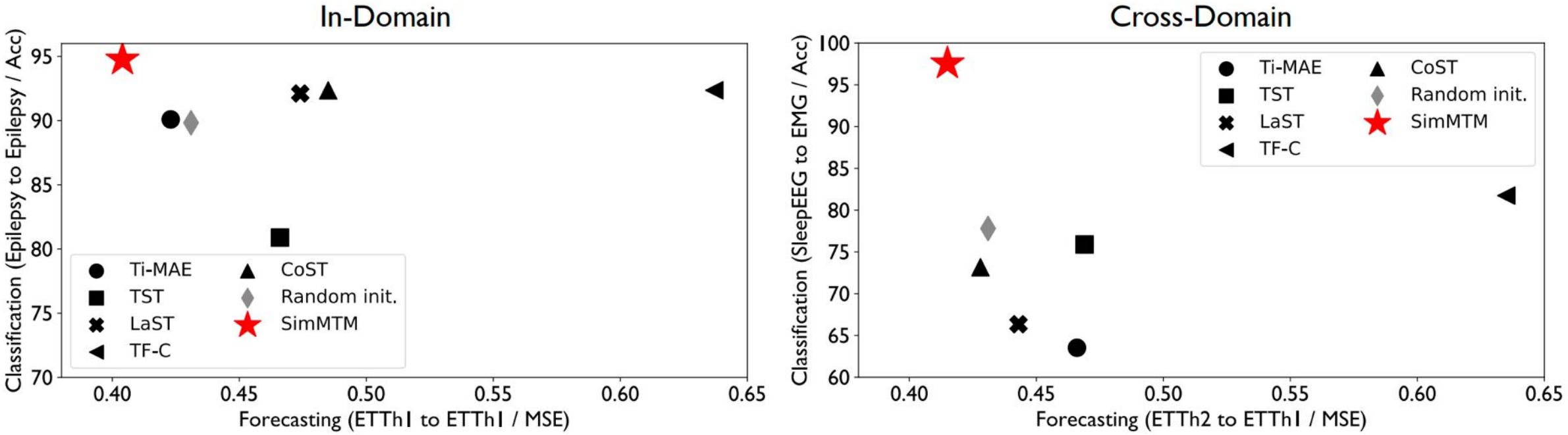
Multiple masked series complete each other and adaptive aggregate weight.

Experiment: Overall

Tasks	Datasets	Semantic
Forecasting	ETTh1,ETTh2	Electricity
	ETTm1,ETTm2	Electricity
	Weather	Weather
	Electricity	Electricity
	Traffic	Transportation
Classification	SleepEEG	EEG
	Epilepsy	EEG
	FD-B	Faulty Detection
	Gesture	Hand Movement
	EMG	Muscle Responses

- ✓ Two typical time series analysis tasks: **Forecasting and Classification.**
- ✓ Under multiple experiment settings: **In- and Cross domain**
- ✓ Compared to **6 advanced baselines in 12 databases.**

Experiment: Overall



SimMTM pretraining can benefit

both forecasting and classification tasks.

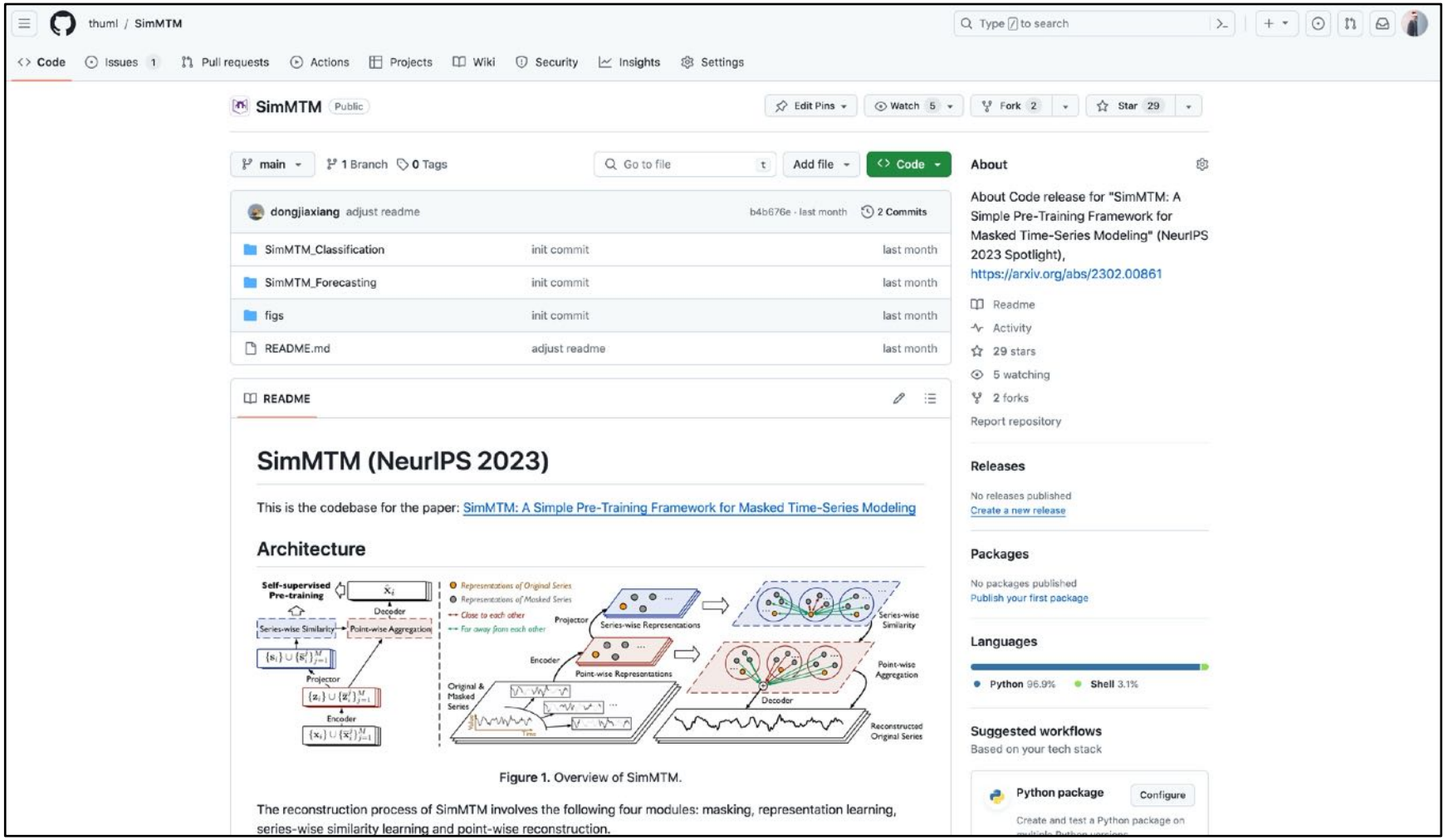
Model Generality on diverse base models

Dataset	ETTh1		ETTh2		ETTm1		ETTm2	
Model	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE
Transformer [39]	1.088	0.836	4.103	1.612	0.901	0.704	1.624	0.901
+ SimMTM	**0.927**	**0.761**	**3.498**	**1.487**	**0.809**	**0.663**	**1.322**	**0.808**
Autoformer [47]	0.573	0.573	0.550	0.559	0.615	0.528	0.324	0.368
+ SimMTM	**0.561**	**0.568**	**0.543**	**0.555**	**0.553**	**0.505**	**0.315**	**0.360**
NS Transformer [24]	0.570	0.537	0.526	0.516	0.481	0.456	0.306	0.347
+ SimMTM	**0.543**	**0.527**	**0.493**	**0.514**	**0.431**	**0.455**	**0.301**	**0.345**
PatchTST [26]	0.417	0.431	0.331	0.379	0.352	0.382	0.258	0.317
+ Sub-series Masking	0.430↓	0.445↓	0.355↓	0.394↓	**0.341**	0.379	0.258	0.318↓
+ SimMTM	**0.409**	**0.428**	**0.329**	0.379	0.348	**0.378**	**0.254**	**0.313**

SimMTM can consistently improve

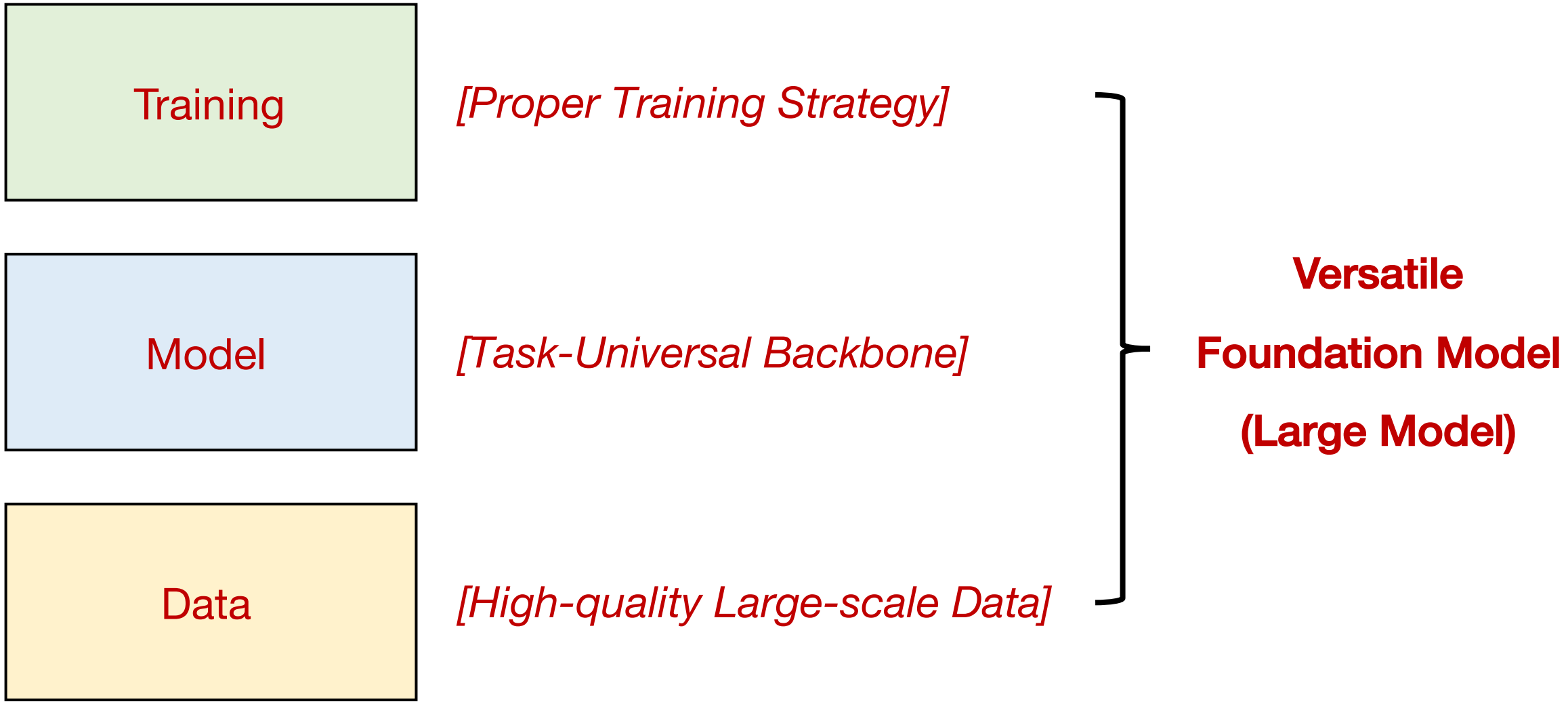
the forecasting performance of **diverse base models.**

Open Source



Code is available at https://github.com/thuml/SimMTM

Foundation Models for Time Series



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