### CTF: Anomaly Detection in High-Dimensional Time Series with Coarse-to-Fine Model Transfer

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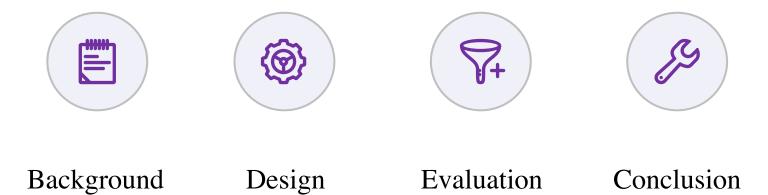




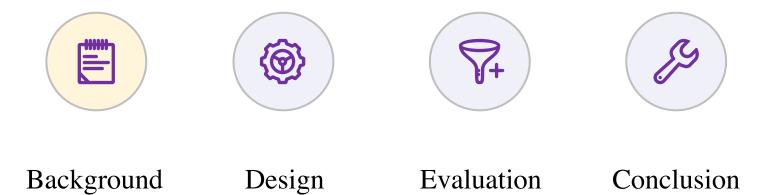




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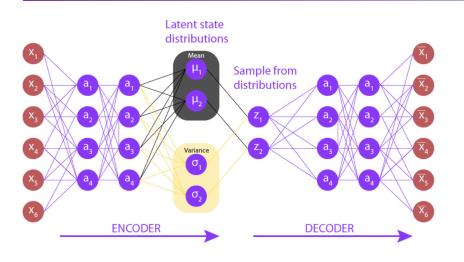
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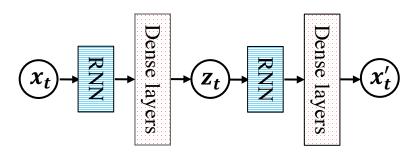
- Advantages
  - automation
  - robustness
  - Saving operator's labor
- Example:
  - RNN-VAE for anomaly detection

### **RNN-VAE Based Algorithms**



 $x_t$  (49) ->  $z_t$  (3) ->  $x'_t$  (49) KPI dimension reduced

Variational Auto-Encoder (VAE)



Network architecture of RNN-VAE models at time t

#### **Network Layers**

- RNN: Shallow & general
- Dense layers: Deep & specific

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- High-Dimensional Data
  - Machines: in millions
  - KPI: in tens
  - Time: Frequent data query (2880 samples/day)
  - > One model per machine: time 10X minutes \* 1X million machines
  - > One model for all: accuracy

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Goal: devise scalable deep learning (DL) algorithms for large-scale anomaly detection

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Coarse-grained model -> clustering -> fine-grained models

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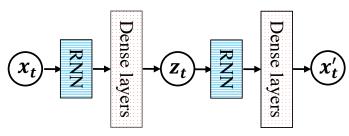
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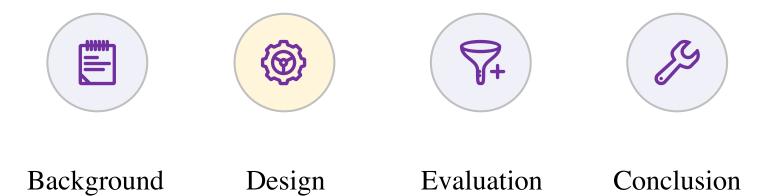
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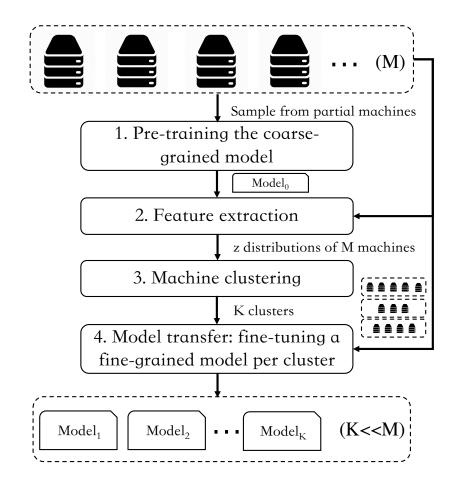
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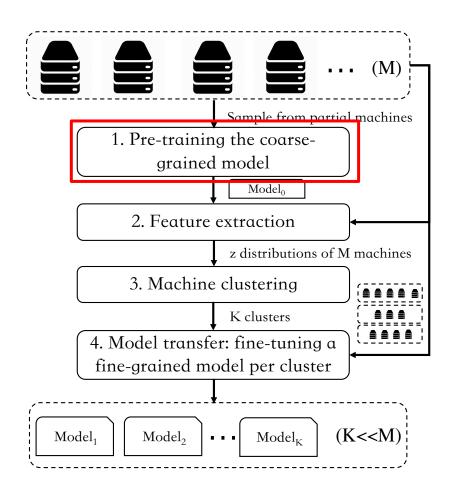
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- Challenge 3: Neural network training method
  - Solution: fine-tuning strategy
  - Freeze RNN and tune dense layers



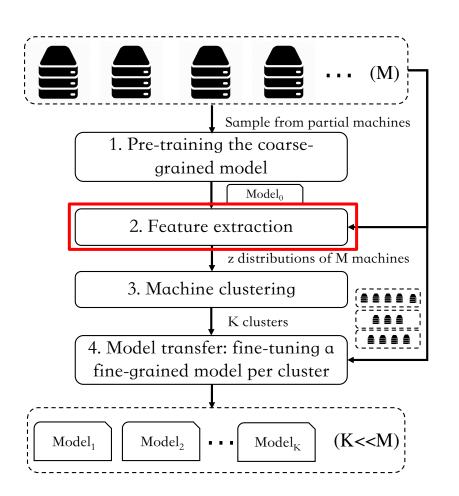
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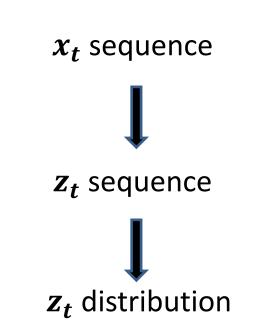


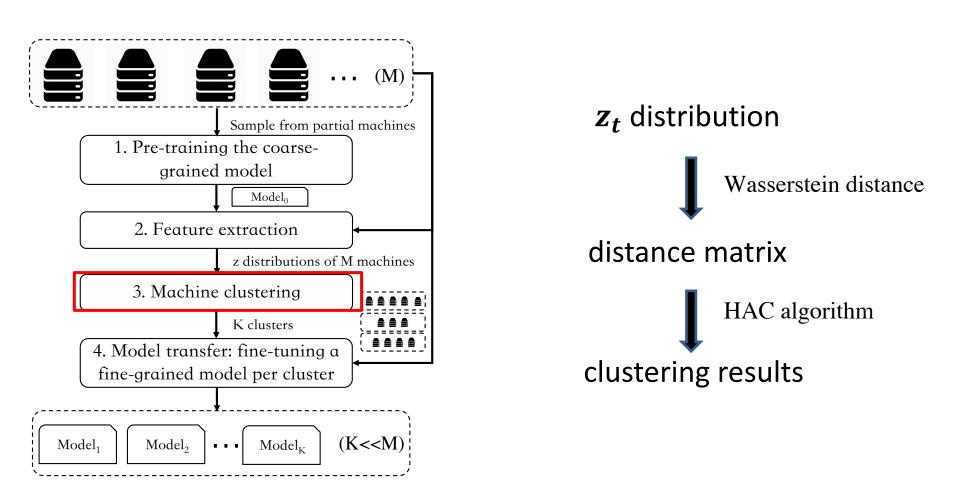


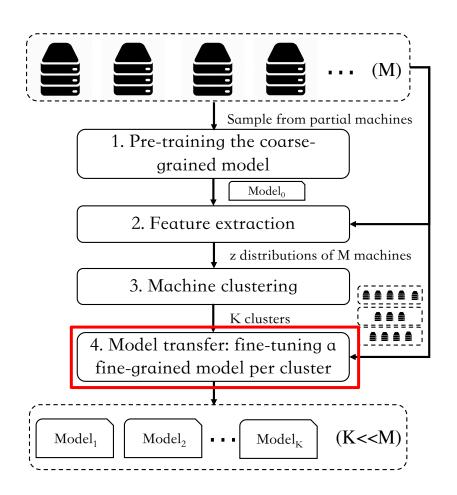


- Sampling strategy:
  - Machine sampling
  - Time sampling

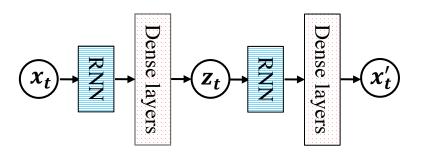




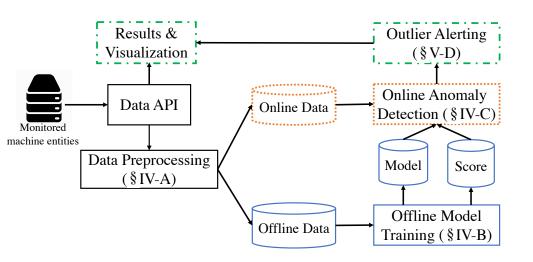




- Fine-tuning strategy:
  - RNN: fixed
  - Dense layers: tuned



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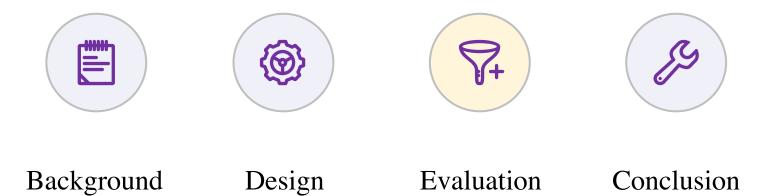
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- 2. Offline model training
- 3. Online anomaly detection

### Labeling tools



#### The interface of the labeling tool

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#### **Dataset & performance metrics**

- Dataset:
  - # Machine entities: 533
  - Dimension of each machine entity: 49 KPIs x 37440 time points (frequency: 30s, 13 days)
  - Training = first 5 days, Testing = last 8 days
- Metrics:
  - F1, Precision, Recall: average of all machine entities.
  - Model training time

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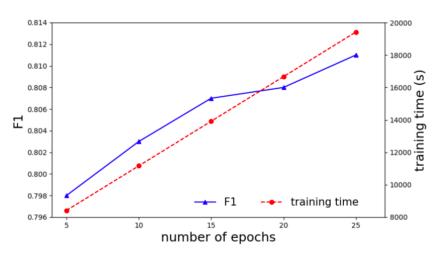
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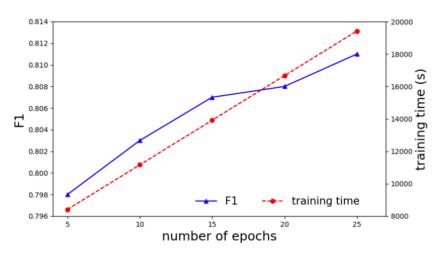


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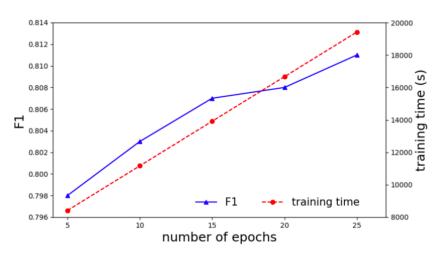


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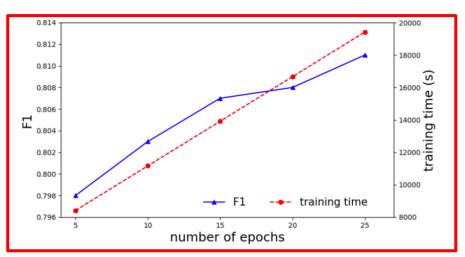
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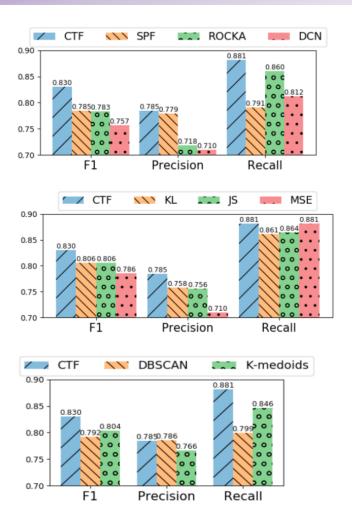
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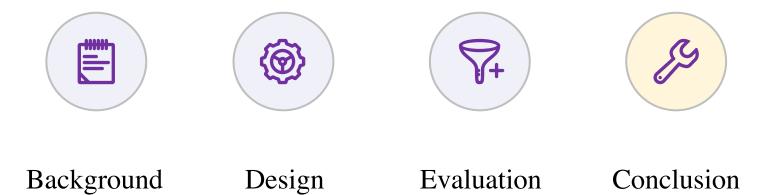


### **Validating Design Choices**

- Choice of Clustering Objects
  - SPF, ROCKA, DCN
- Choice of Distance Measures
  - KL divergence, JS divergence, mean squared error
- Choice of Clustering Algorithms
  - DBSCAN, K-medoids



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#### Conclusion

- CTF: synthetic framework, high-dimensional time series (machine, KPI, time)
- Techniques:  $z_t$  distribution clustering, model reuse, fine-tuning
- Evaluation: CTF scalability and effectiveness
- Labeling tool + labeled dataset

# Thank you! Q & A

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