

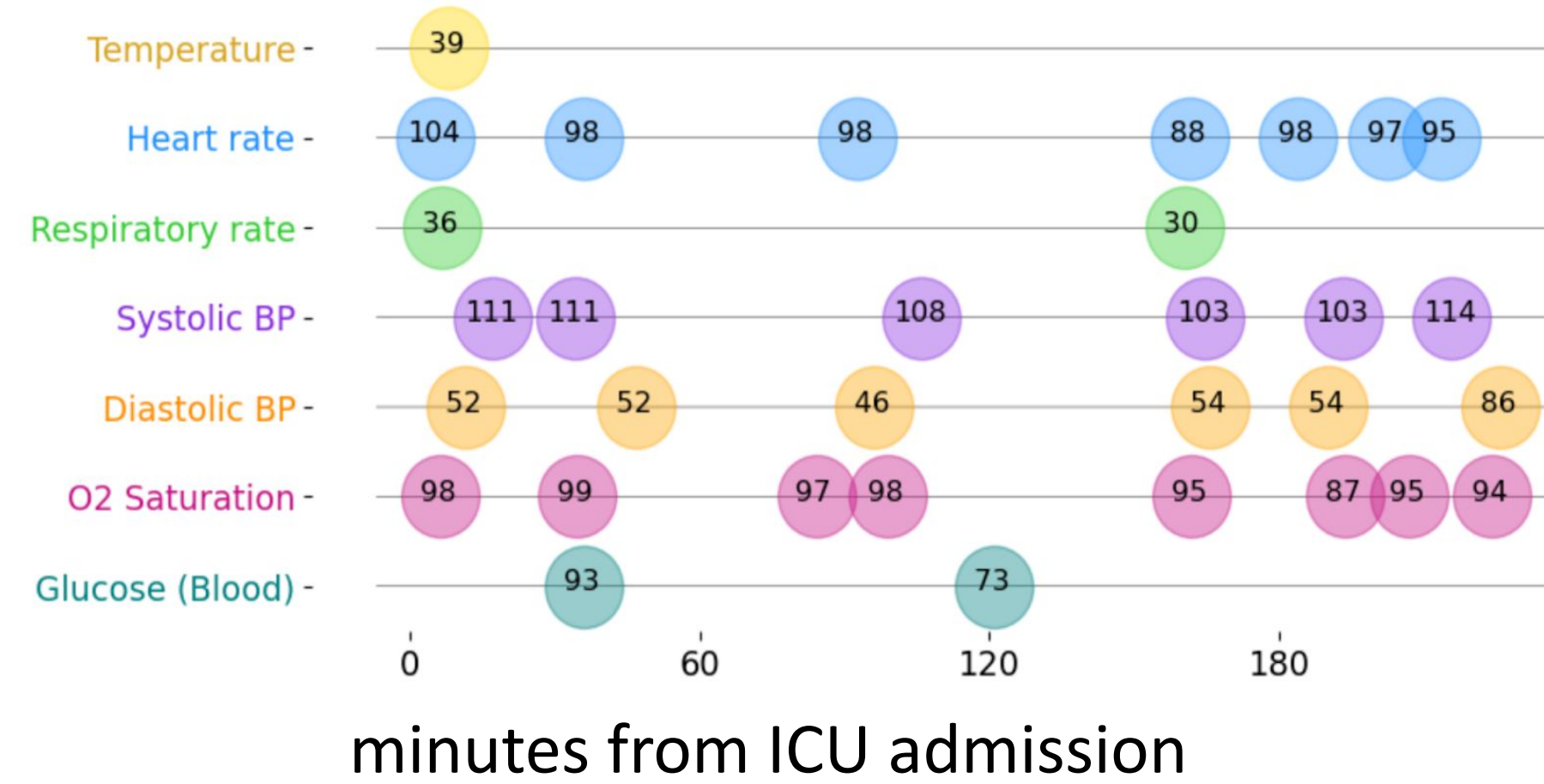
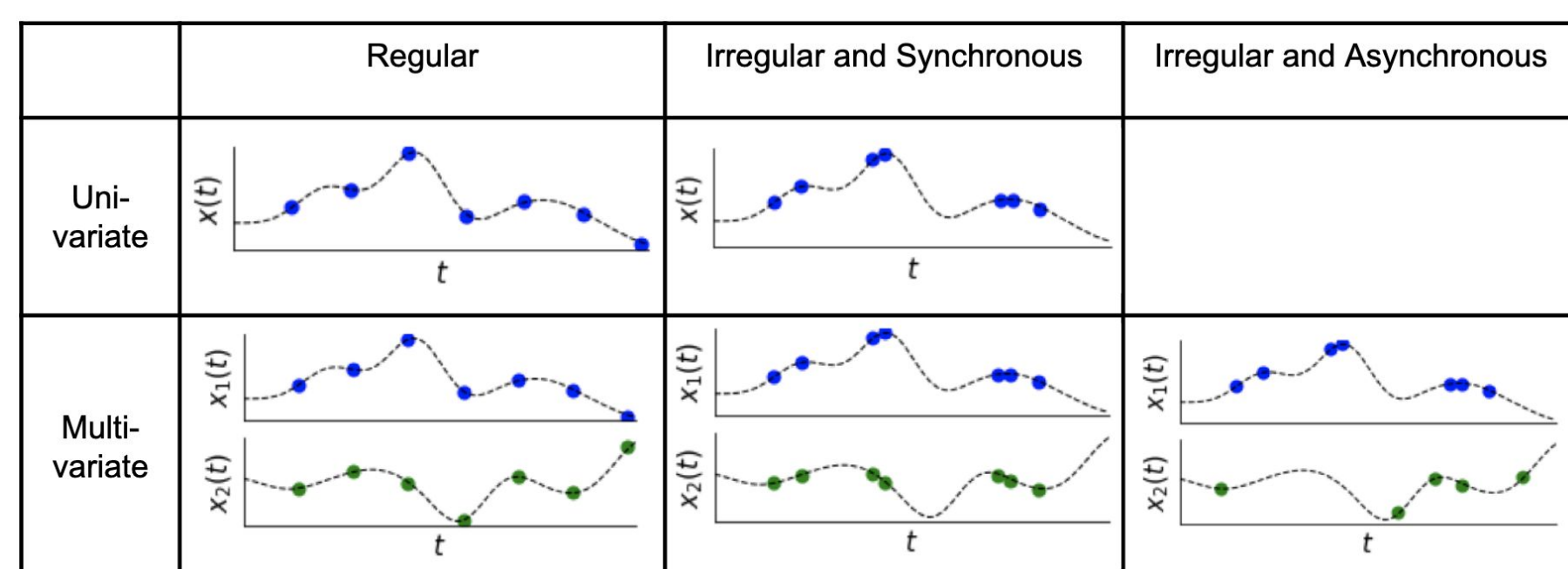
PrimeNet: Pre-Training for Irregular Multivariate Time Series

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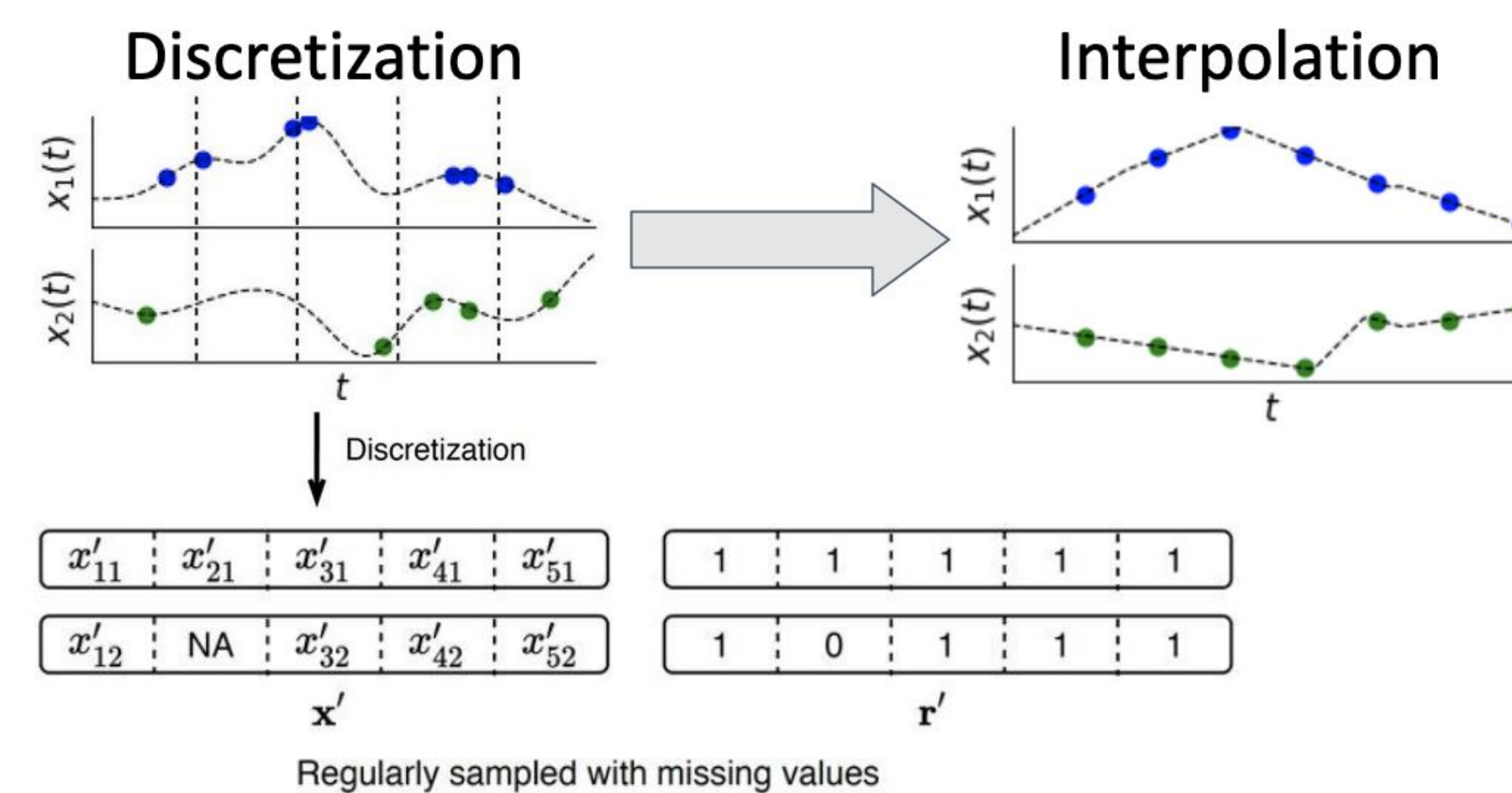


Motivation



Current Approaches

- 2 approaches to learn from *irregular* data:
 - Discretization followed by interpolation
 - Explicitly model irregularity - Neural ODE, Set, Time Attention



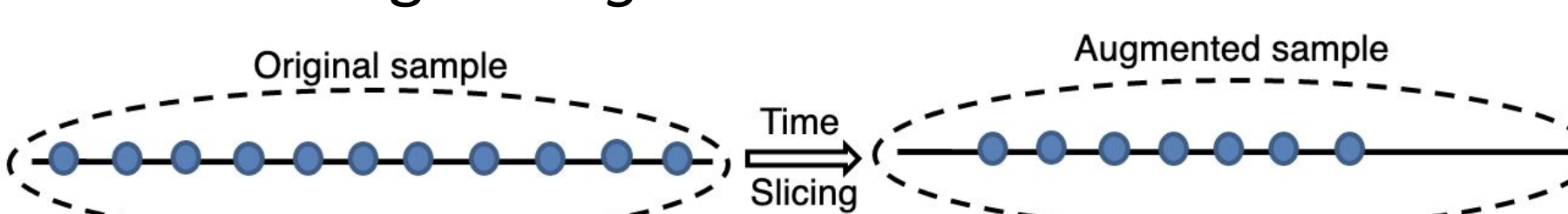
- Fixing the bin size is problematic:
 - Narrow bins: high missing %, sequence explodes
 - Wide bins - data aggregation, lose of fine-grained details
- Ignores irregularity pattern that may be useful to end task, harming performance
- Neural ODE, Set, Time Attention take sampling time as input and explicitly encode irregularity

Objective

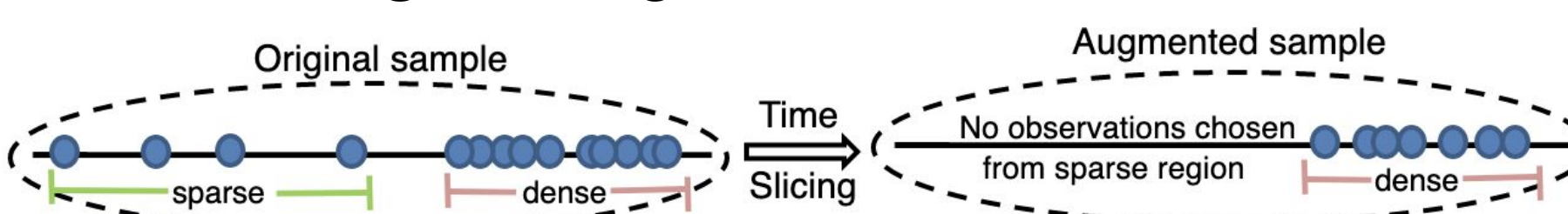
- Self-supervised models need regular intervals.
- Irregular models are fully- or semi-supervised.
- Goal: Learn fully self-supervised representation from unlabeled irregular multivariate time series?
- Two self-supervision tasks for irregular series:
 - Contrastive Learning
 - Masked Reconstruction

Time Contrastive Learning (TimeCL)

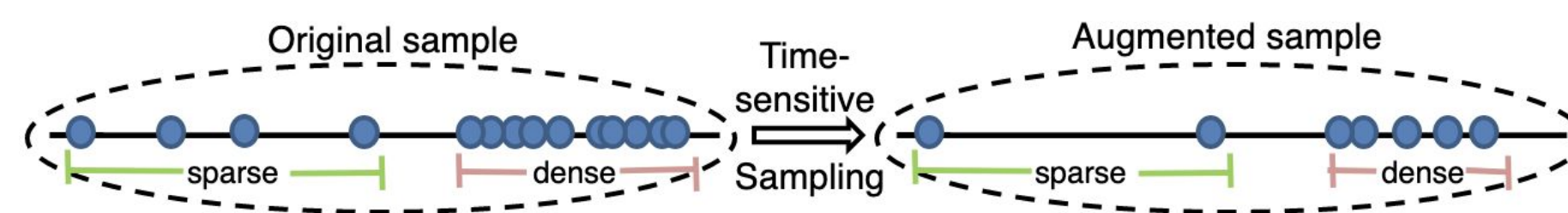
- Time Slicing for *regular* time series



- Time slicing for *irregular* time series



- Time-sensitive sampling for *irregular* time series



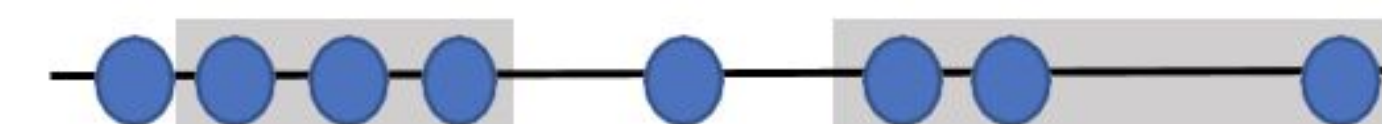
$$\mathcal{L}_{CL} = -\log \frac{\exp(\tilde{X}_i \tilde{X}_j / \tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2B} \exp(\tilde{X}_i \tilde{X}_k / \tau)}$$

Time Reconstruction (TimeReco)

- Constant length masking for regular series



- Constant length masking for irregular series



- Constant time masking for irregular series



$$\mathcal{L}_{Reco} = \left\| M_V \odot (\tilde{X}_U - X_V) \right\|_2^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \eta \mathcal{L}_{CL} + (1 - \eta) \mathcal{L}_{Reco}$$

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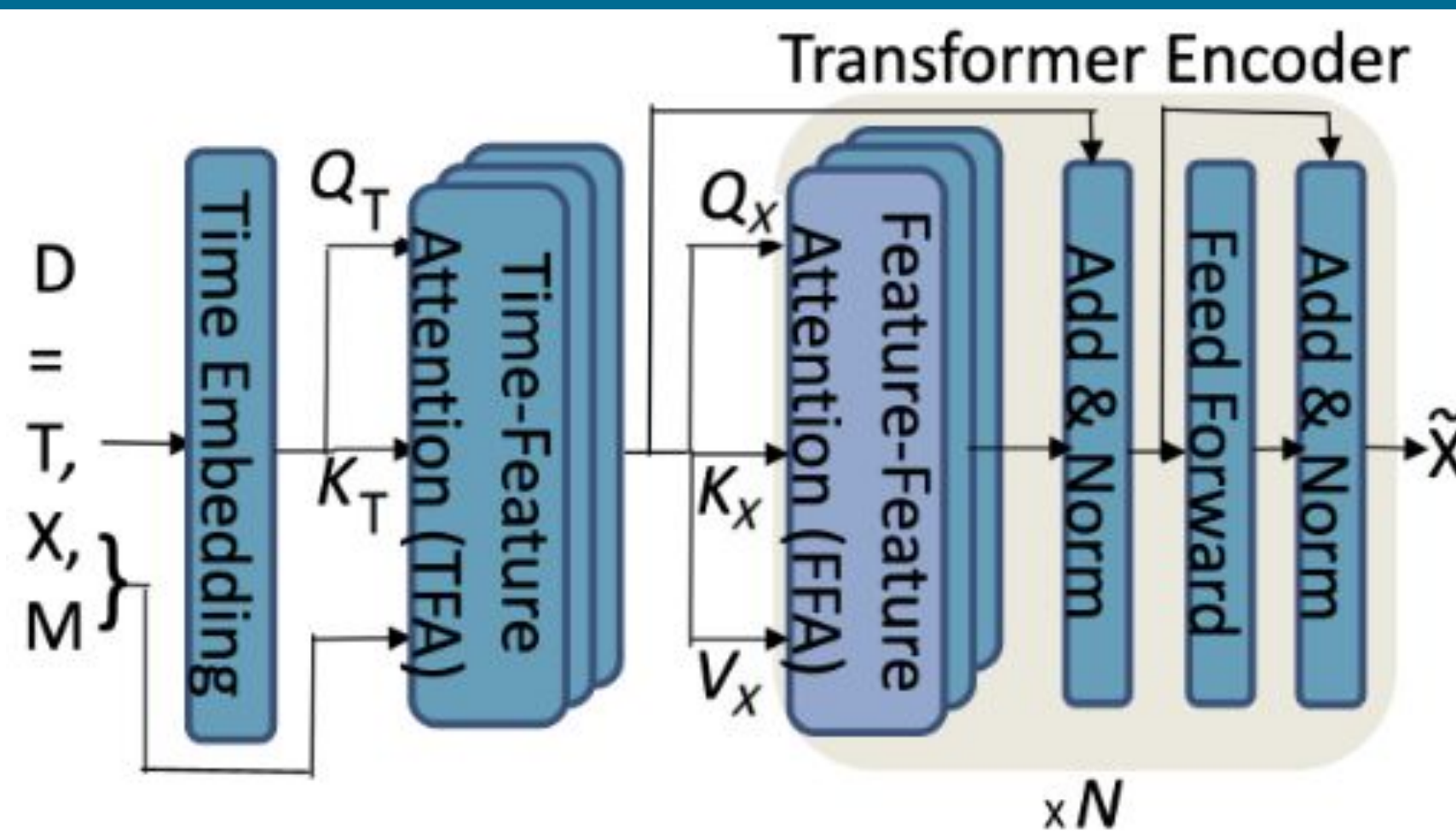


Fig: Model Architecture

- Time-Embedding Layer (Shukla 21)

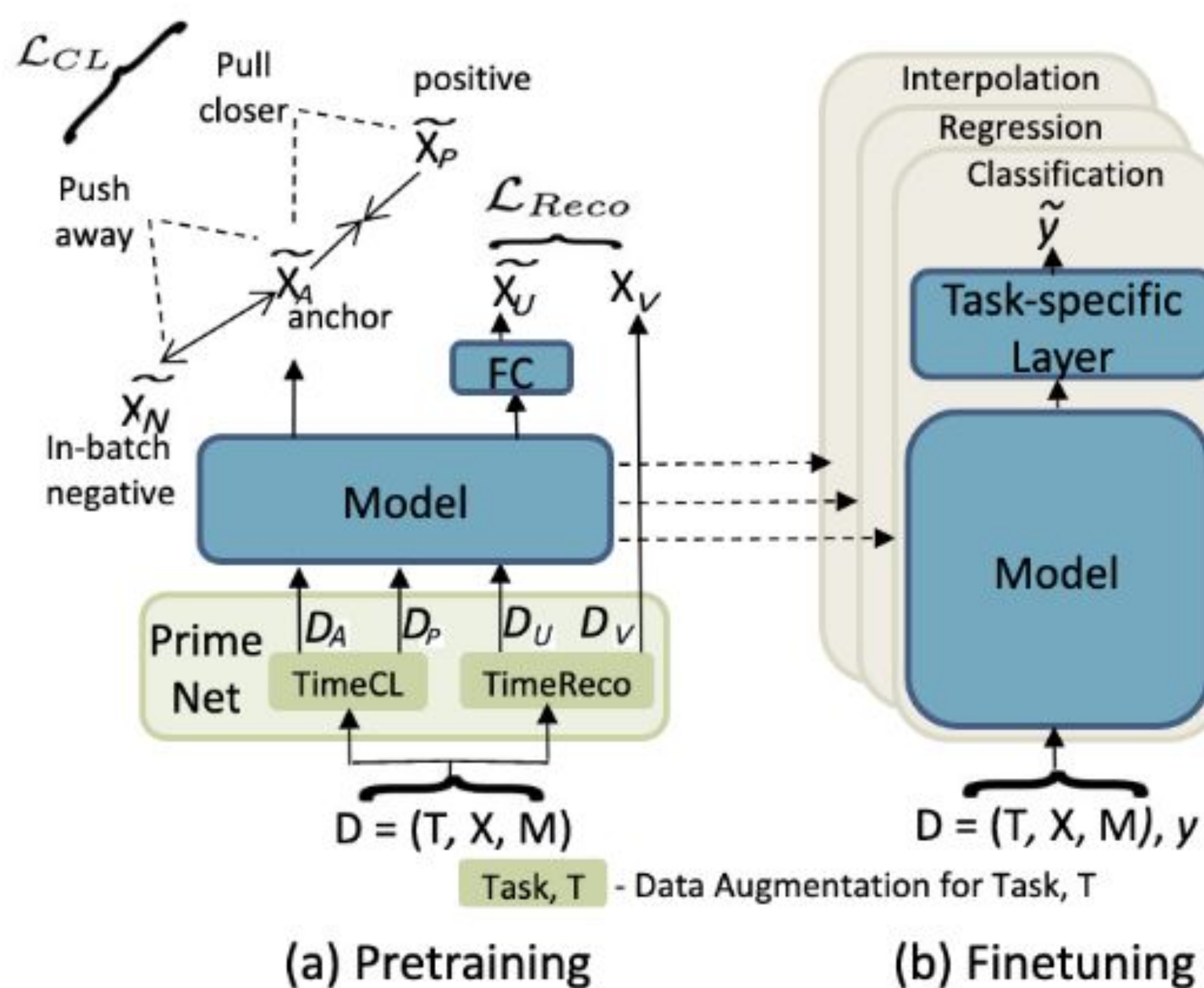
$$\phi h(T)[i] = \begin{cases} \omega_{0h} \cdot T + \alpha_{0h}, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \sin(\omega_{ih} \cdot T + \alpha_{ih}), & \text{if } 0 < i < d_r \end{cases}$$
- Time-Feature Attention (TFA) (Shukla 21)

$$\text{TFA}(Q_T, K_T, M, X) = (M \odot A_T)X,$$

$$A_T = \text{softmax}(Q_T K_T / d_r)$$
- Feature-Feature Attention (FFA) (Vaswani 17)

$$\text{FFA}(Q_X, K_X, V_X, M) = (M \odot A)V_X,$$

$$A = \text{softmax}(Q_X K_X / d_r)$$



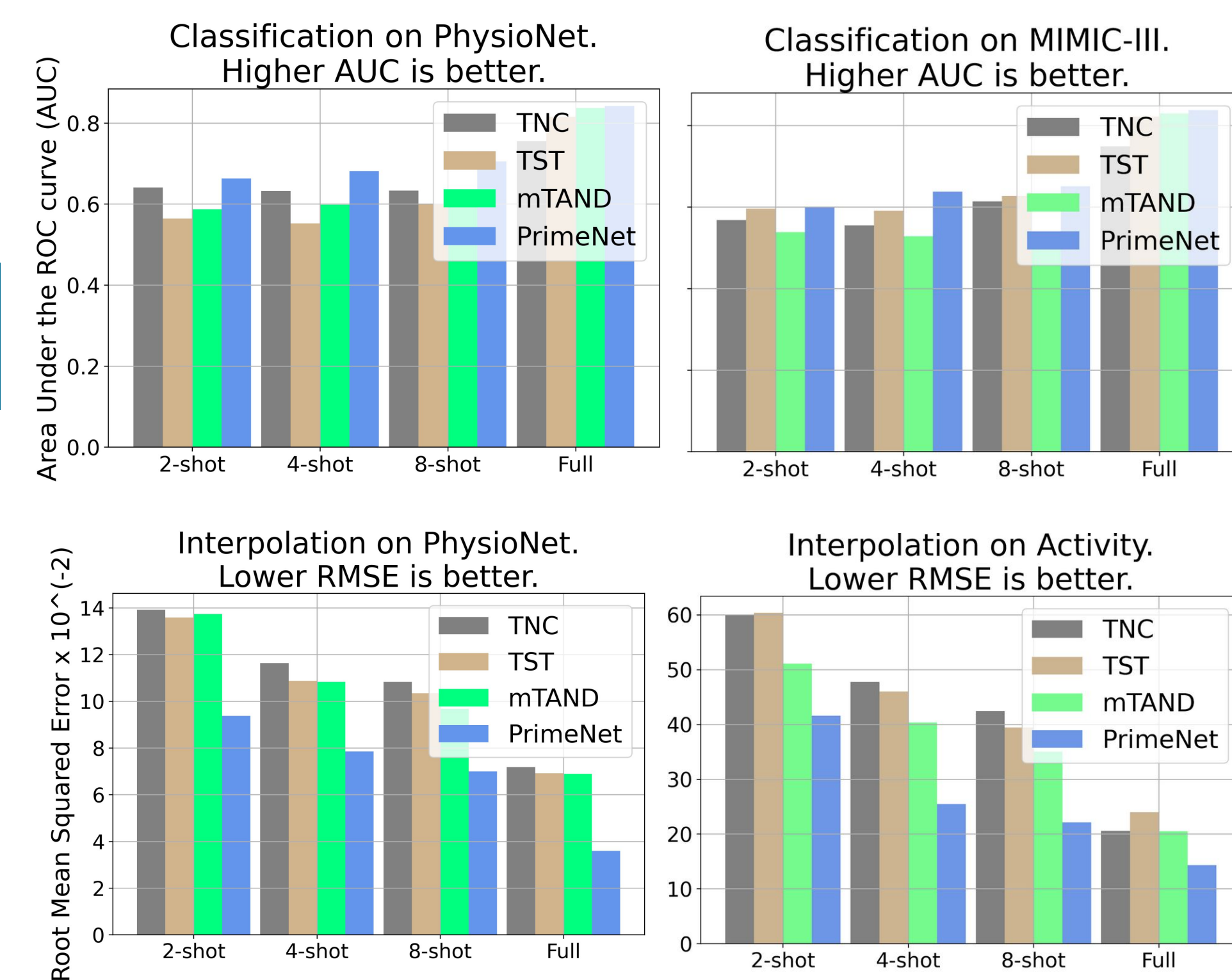
Code is publicly available at:
<https://github.com/ranakroychowdhury/PrimeNet>

Datasets and Baselines

- Real-world irregular data - Healthcare, IoT
- 48 hours of physiological data of ICU patients in *PhysioNet* and *MIMIC-III* datasets
- 3D position of human body from *Activity* dataset
- Weather data from *Appliances Energy* dataset
- Missing ratio statistics (mean, std dev): *PhysioNet* (0.86, 0.24), *MIMIC-III* (0.65, 0.36), *Activity* (0.75, 0.64), *Appliances Energy* (0.87, 0.47)

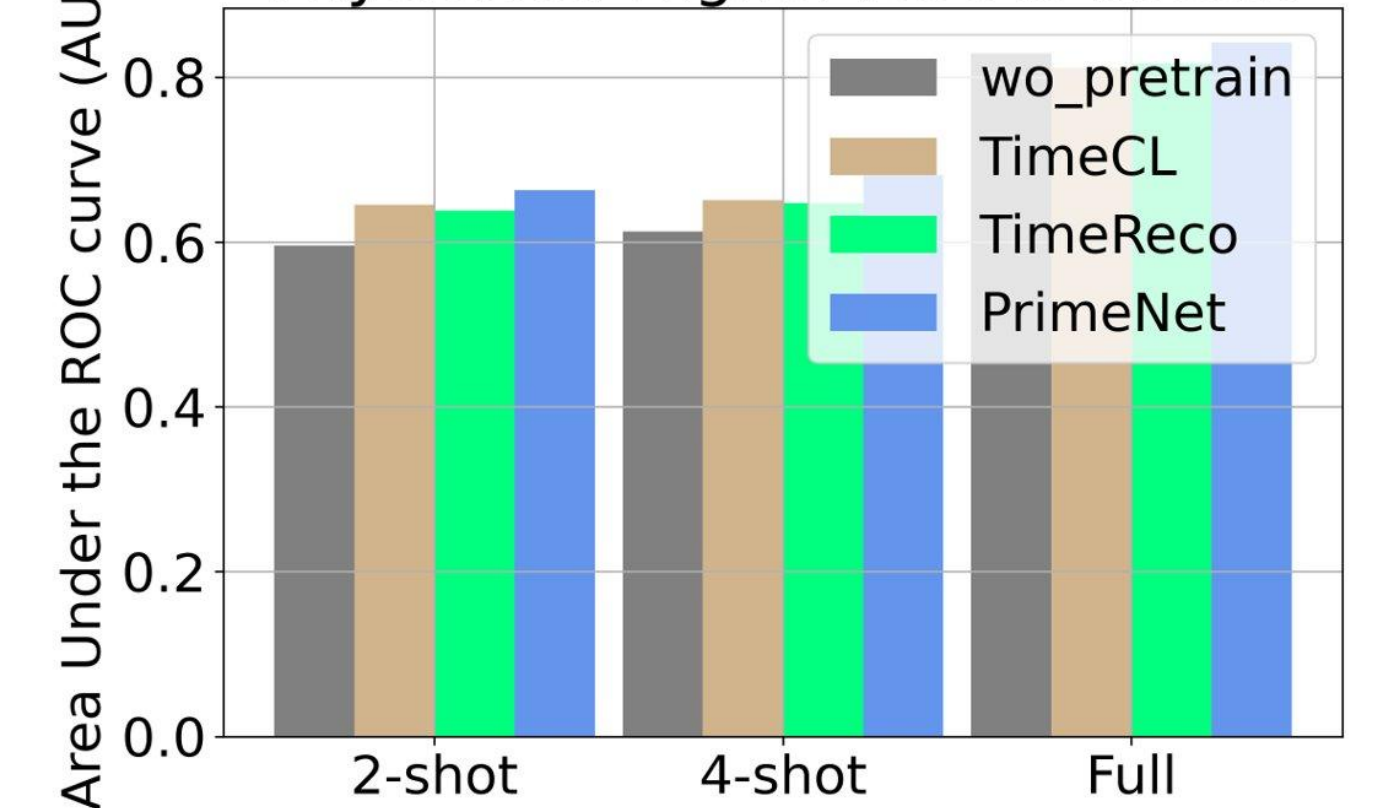
- Self-supervised regular model: TS2Vec (Yue 21), TNC (Tonekaboni 21), TST (Zerveas '21)
- Fully- or semi-supervised irregular model: GRU-Mean (Che 18), P-LSTM (Neil 16), RNN-VAE (Chen 18), ODE-RNN (Rubanova 19), L-ODE (Rubanova 19), mTAND (Shukla 21)

Results



Ablation

Ablations on PrimeNet with classification on *PhysioNet*. Higher AUC is better.



Conclusion

- Pre-trained model for irregular time series
- 2 time-sensitive self-supervision tasks:
 - TimeCL: preserve original sampling density while augmenting irregular samples
 - TimeReco: adjust mask length based on sampling density to solve reconstruction
- Pre-trained model fine-tuned on labeled data
- Beats SOTA on Healthcare, IoT data for classification, interpolation, regression for full and few-shot data setting
- Ablation shows essence of both tasks and design choices

