

Data Augmentation for Time Series Classification with Deep Learning models

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Abstract

Data augmentation is systematically used for many learning tasks such as image classification. Regarding Time Series Classification (TSC), few works have been published. One of the most complete work is [1], but did not use InceptionTime in their benchmark. As InceptionTime is still regarded as one of the state-of-the-art deep learning models for TSC, we proposed to study data augmentation (DA) for both Inception and InceptionTime models.

Data Augmentation Methods

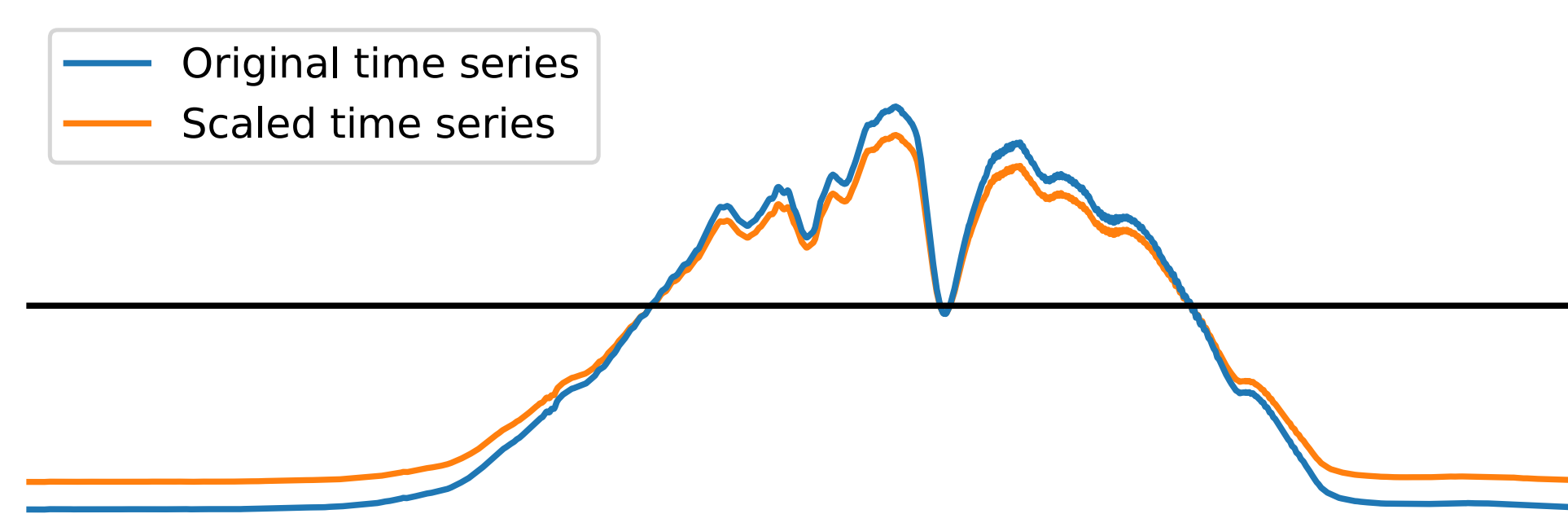
Random Guided Warping [2]:

Patterns are randomly switched over time series of the same class. The warping between time series is computed using DTW.

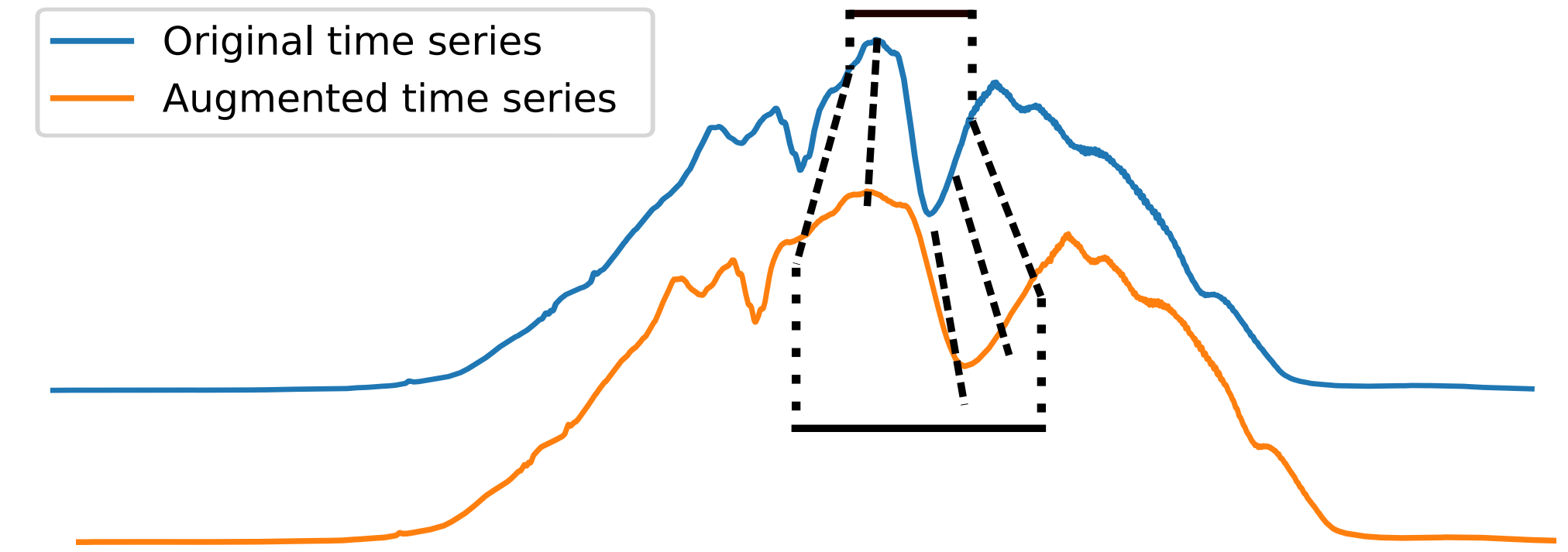
DGW [2]:

Here, only the most discriminative patterns are selected inside a batch.

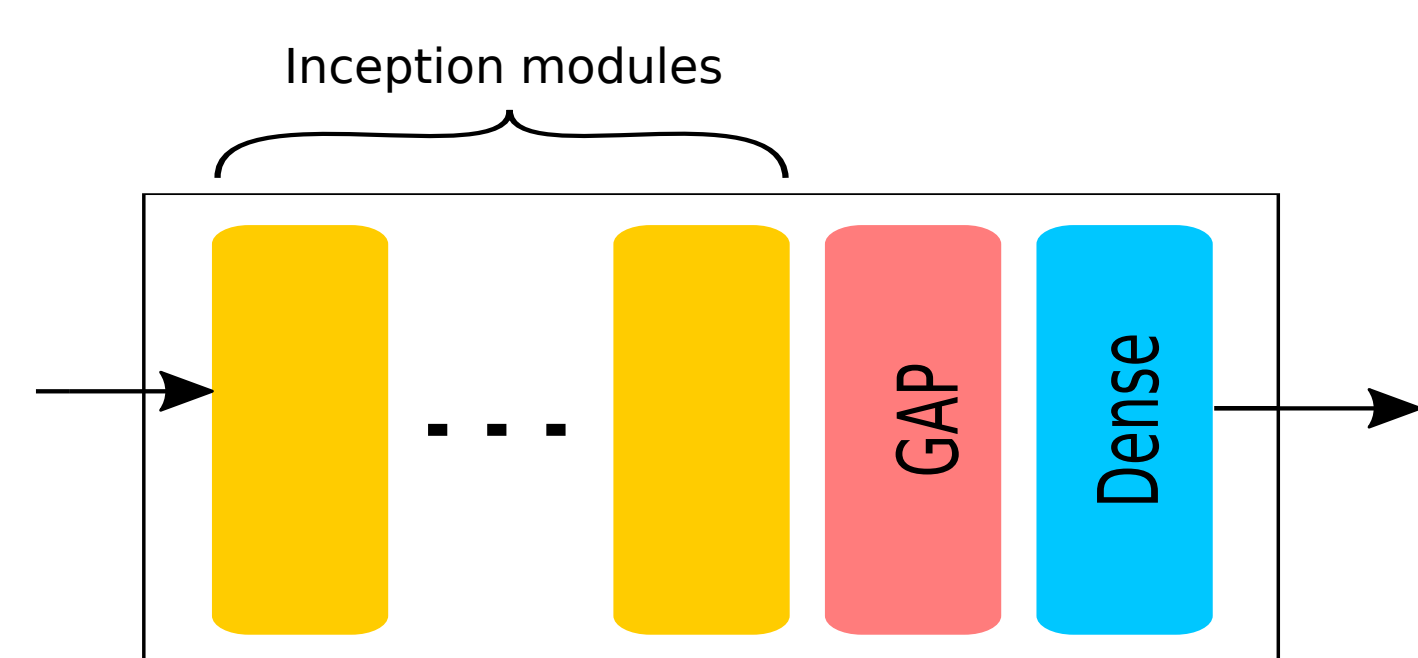
Scaling [3]:



Window Warping [4]:



Inception and InceptionTime



The Inception model is built with 6 Inception modules, followed by a Global Average Pooling layer and a Dense layer. InceptionTime is an ensemble of 5 Inception models. Currently, InceptionTime is one of the state-of-the-art deep learning models for TSC.

Experiments and results

Experiments with a single DA method:

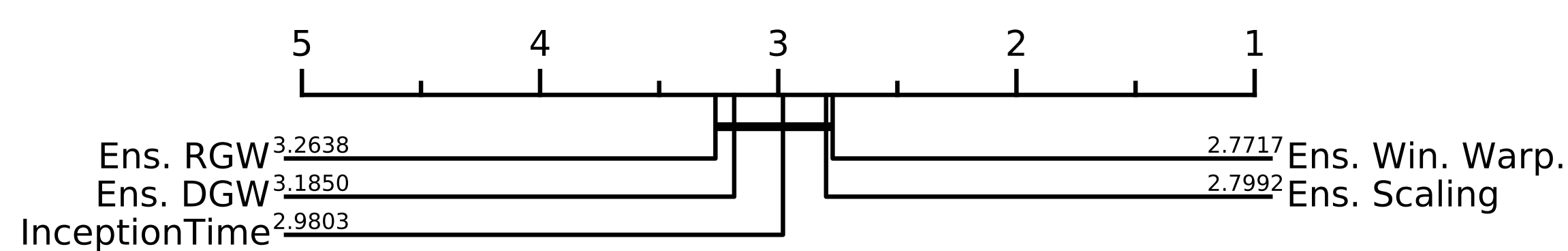


Figure 1: InceptionTime models trained with Scaling or Window Warping provide better results, although not significantly different.

Experiments with several DA method:

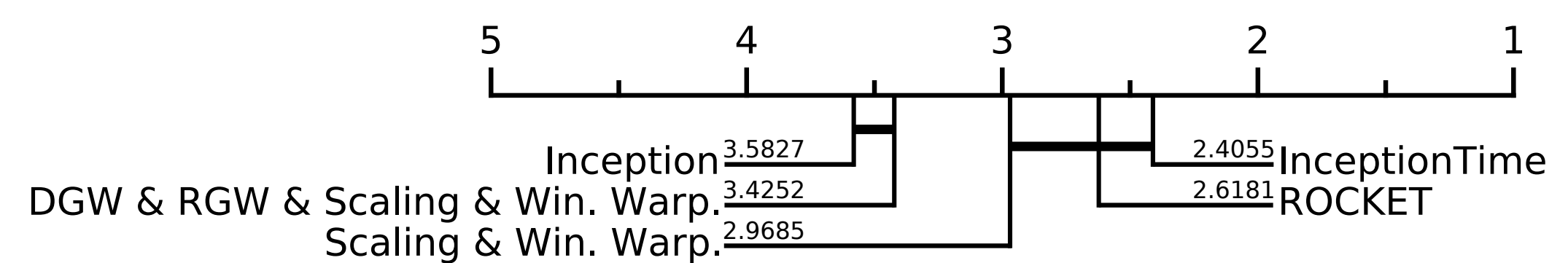


Figure 3: When using Scaling&Window Warping, a single Inception model obtains similar results as InceptionTime.

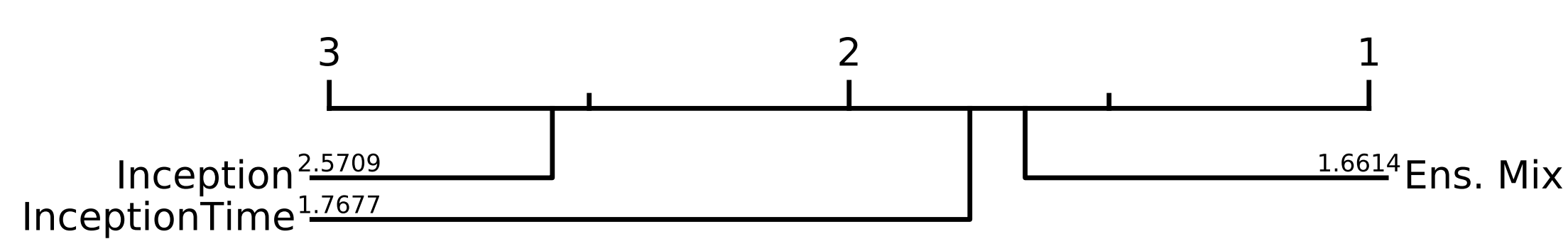


Figure 2: Ensemble of Inception models. Each Inception model is trained each with a different data augmentation method. This ensemble significantly outperforms InceptionTime.

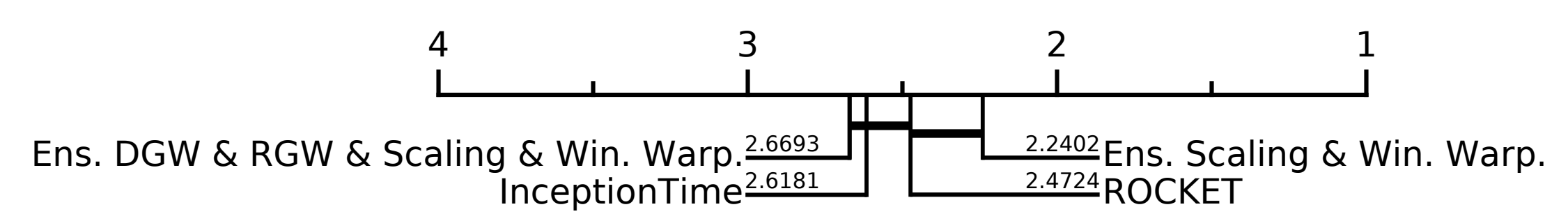


Figure 4: The ensemble trained with Scaling&Window Warping significantly outperforms InceptionTime.

Conclusion

- As for image classification, data augmentation helps deep TSC models to achieve better performances.
- Using several selected data augmentation methods significantly outperforms the models without augmentation.
- For ensembles, having each sub-model trained with a different data augmentation method significantly improves the accuracy.

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