

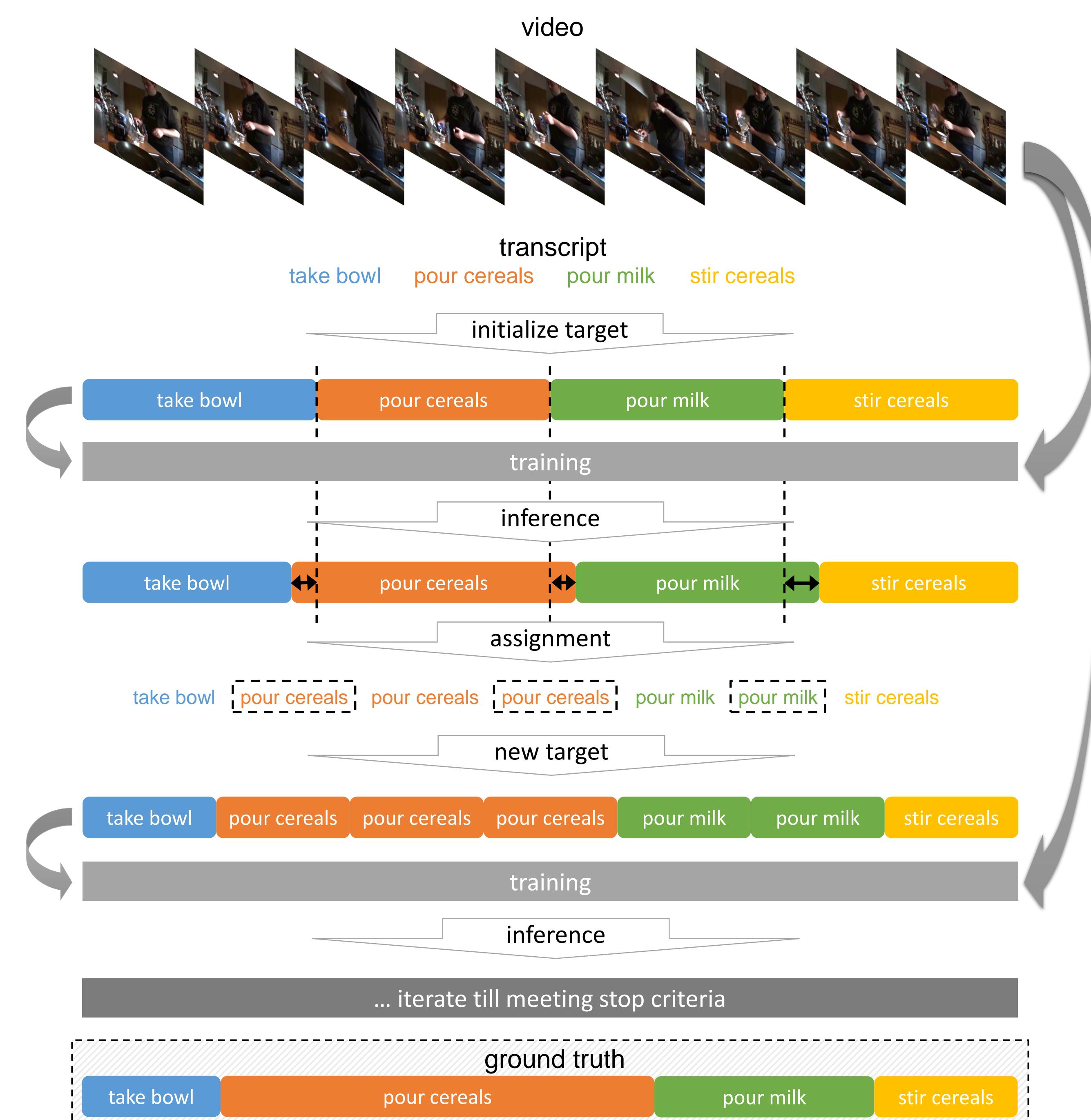
Weakly-Supervised Action Segmentation with Iterative Soft Boundary Assignment

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Overview of the Weakly-Supervised Action Segmentation System

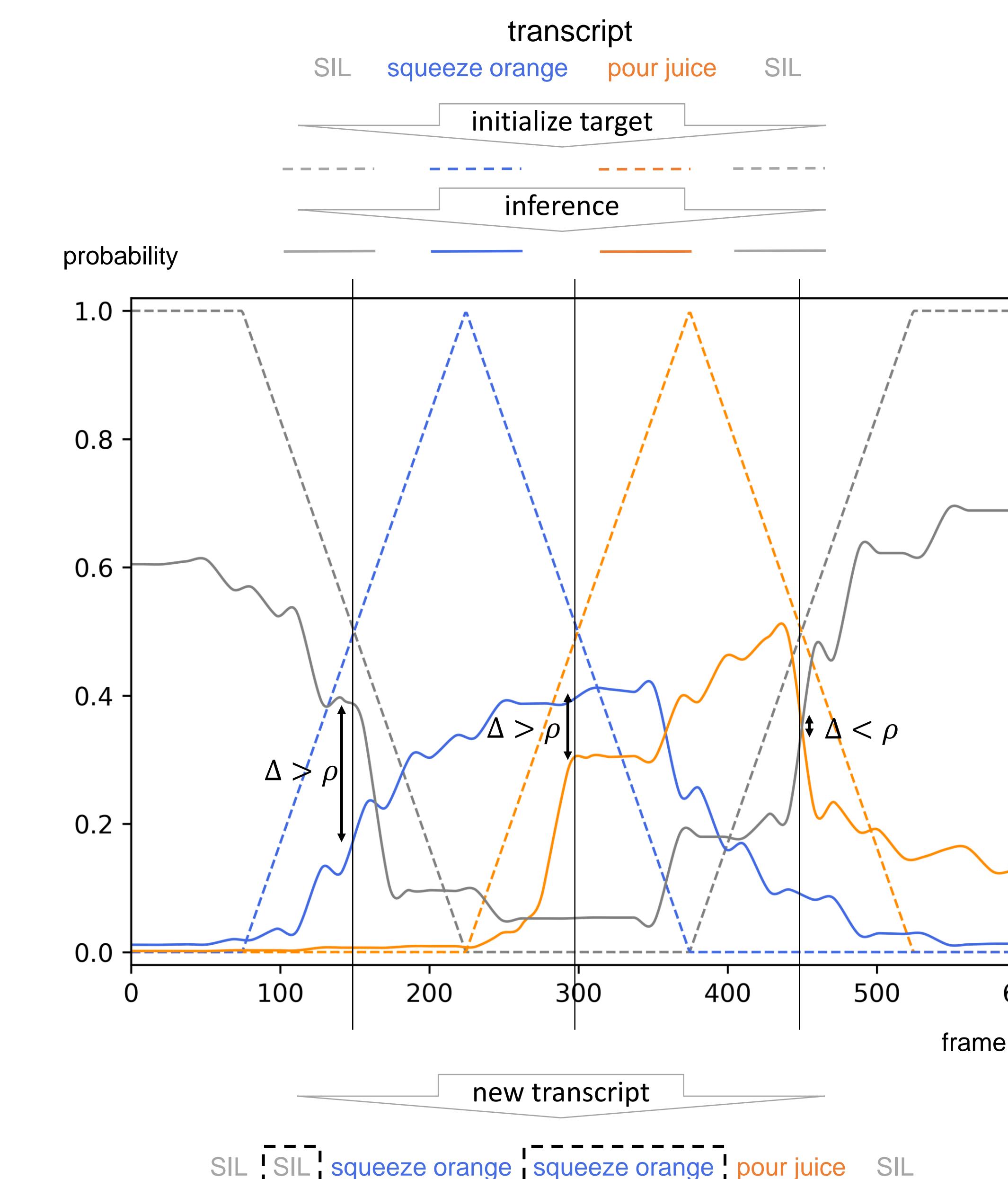
- We iteratively train a temporal segmentation network with target generated from action transcript, and refine the action transcript based on the inference of current network.



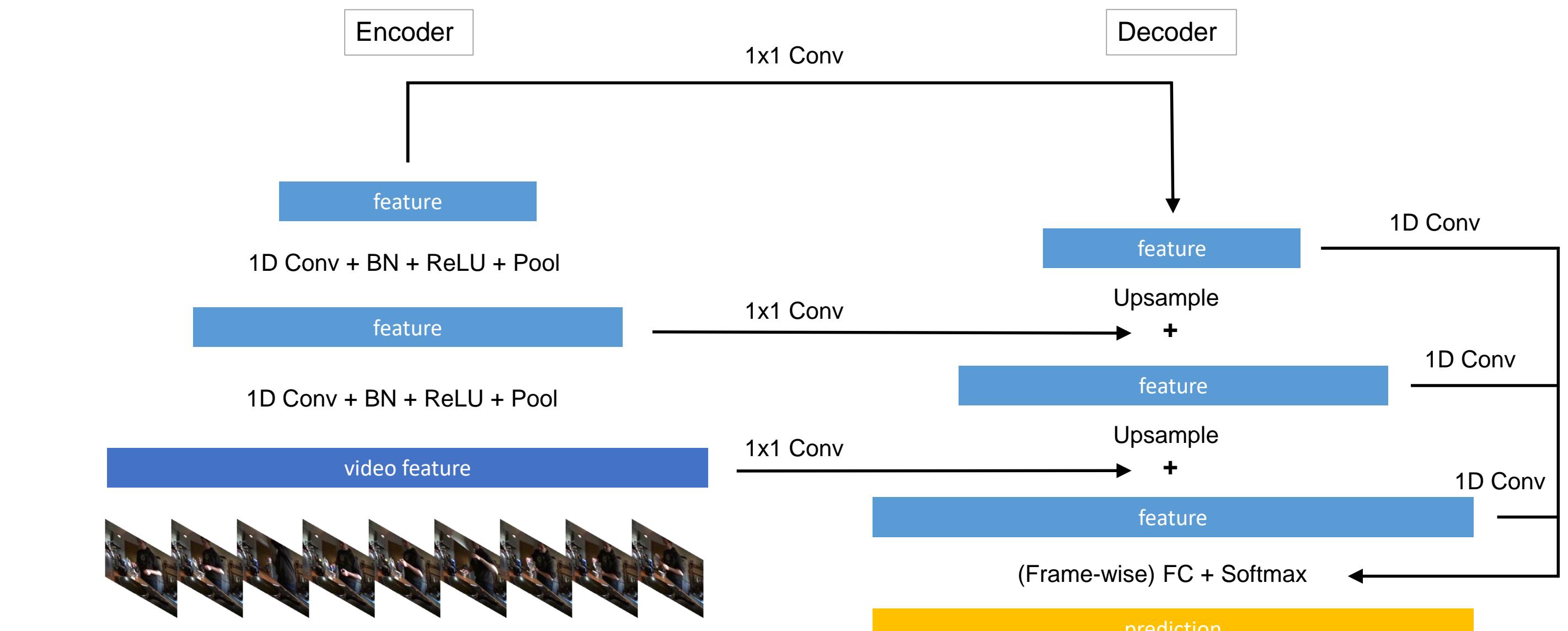
Iterative Soft Boundary Assignment (ISBA)

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Algorithm 1 Transcript Refinement
Given transcript in training set
for each action in length(transcript) do
    t = boundary.frame
    if (action ≠ next_action) then
        if  $P_t(\text{action}) - P_t(\text{next\_action}) > \rho$  then
            insert action into transcript at current location
        else if  $P_t(\text{next\_action}) - P_t(\text{action}) > \rho$  then
            insert next_action into transcript at current location
    end for
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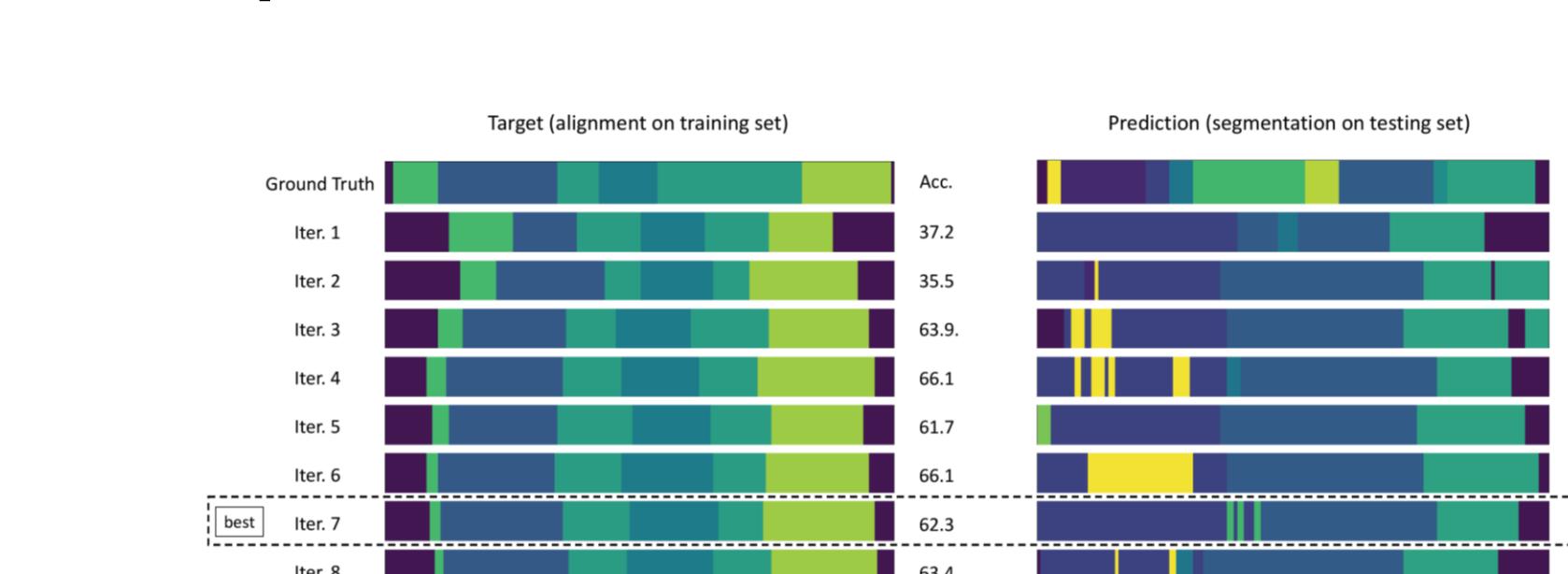
- ISBA uses a simple-yet-effective algorithm, trying to generate a reasonable probabilistic distribution of different actions through numbers of iterations.



Temporal Convolutional Feature Pyramid Network (TCFPN)



Experiment



Breakfast	Acc.	Acc.-b.g.	IoU	IoD
OCDC [2]*	8.9	-	-	-
HTK [10]	25.9	-	9.8	-
ECTC [6]	27.7	-	-	-
GRU reest. [16]	33.3	-	-	-
ED-TCN + ISBA	32.0	28.8	18.4	30.6
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Conclusion

- We propose ISBA as a novel training strategy for weakly-supervised sequence learning, and TCFPN as an advanced temporal convolutional network for supervised action recognition.
- The whole system TCFPN+ISBA outperforms state-of-the-art on both action segmentation task and alignment tasks.
- Our training strategy for weakly-supervised sequence learning is general and can be extended to other tasks, such as speech recognition, video segmentation, etc.

