# GTX: Ground Truth eXplanation Dataset

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# Abstract

Evaluating the quality of explainability methods is challenging due to the lack of ground truth explanations, and often rely on hand-crafted heuristics. We curate the Ground Truth eXplanation dataset (GTX) to evaluate the alignment of feature attributions with human annotations. These annotations are carefully selected to be directly causal to the ground truth label, which provides an unambiguous goal for human-aligned explainable models. GTX is a diverse benchmark spanning multiple real-world and high dimensional data types (time-series, image, and text). In these settings, the actual explanatory features constitute only a small fraction of the entire feature space. Our analysis finds that common explanation methods overlook the ground truth explanatory features with a worryingly high false negative rate. Our dataset provides a quantitative goal for the future development of feature attribution algorithms: re-aligning explainable models with human explanations. GTX datasets and data loaders publicly available at <https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS>.

# 1 Introduction

The size of modern deep networks can easily exceed millions of parameters and hidden units, making it challenging for humans to understand [\[1\]](#page-8-0). However, decision makers need to comprehend the model's reasoning and determine if and when they should rely on these predictions. In higher stakes settings, there are severe repercussions for naively deploying models without fully understanding its reasoning and limitations, such as in diagnosis systems in medicine [\[2\]](#page-8-1) or legal briefs in judiciaries [\[3\]](#page-8-2). To provide some degree of accountability, many post-hoc techniques [\[4,](#page-8-3) [5,](#page-8-4) [6\]](#page-8-5) have been proposed to explain the reasoning behind individual predictions of machine learning models.

One popular class of explanation techniques is feature attributions [\[7,](#page-8-6) [8,](#page-8-7) [9\]](#page-8-8), where given an input, the objective is to assign a score for each feature as it relates to the model's prediction. Intuitively, the score of a feature is intended to measure the "importance" of said feature towards the model prediction, where larger scores indicate the feature was highly important for making the prediction. Feature attributions have applications in classic machine learning settings such as vision [\[10,](#page-8-9) [11\]](#page-8-10), language [\[12,](#page-8-11) [13\]](#page-8-12), and reinforcement learning [\[14,](#page-8-13) [15\]](#page-8-14), as well as more recent use-cases in industry [\[16\]](#page-9-0) and law [\[17\]](#page-9-1).

However, feature attributions rarely come with formal guarantees of behavior [\[18\]](#page-9-2). While various metrics have been proposed to evaluate feature attributions, each metric only provides a plausible, partial view into the underlying model's behavior that need not be accurate. For instance, some metrics progressively remove features with the highest attribution scores and assessing the resulting change [\[19,](#page-9-3) [20\]](#page-9-4). Many of these metrics arose out of necessity because ground-truth explanations for comparison were unclear or simply not available. As a result, ensuring that feature attributions are of high quality remains a significant challenge despite their widespread usage.

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Hence, our work puts forth a measurable and human-aligned target for feature attributions. In order for models to effectively assist humans, it is essential for their decision-making to be aligned with human judgment [\[21\]](#page-9-5). Specifically, a feature attribution for an explainable model should identify the ground truth causal features in the *data*. [1](#page-1-0) Therefore, we seek to quantify to what degree are models and their feature attributions aligned with human judgment. If explainable models exhibit a high degree of alignment with humans, then their explanations are more *usable* as a proxy for human experts. For example, a doctor could use such a human-aligned attribution to explain a medical diagnoses in lieu of asking a specialist, freeing up the specialist to pursue more challenging tasks.

However, evaluating feature attributions with human judgment is challenging due to the absence of a ground truth explanation [\[22\]](#page-9-6). Several benchmarks for evaluating feature attribution methods, such as Captum [\[23\]](#page-9-7) and OpenXAI [\[24\]](#page-9-8), have been established using synthetic datasets where the ground truth can be carefully controlled and specified. However, there remains a need to complement these benchmarks with high-dimensional, and real-world datasets that offer a diverse and rich perspective for evaluating of feature attribution algorithms in natural settings. To this end, we have curated a set of real-world datasets that possess ground truth human annotations in domains such as industrial controls [\[25,](#page-9-9) [26,](#page-9-10) [27\]](#page-9-11), artifact evaluation [\[28\]](#page-9-12), and machine comprehension [\[29\]](#page-9-13).

Our benchmark, called the Ground Truth eXplanation dataset (GTX), is specifically designed to comprehensively evaluate the human-alignment of feature attribution methods in challenging, realworld settings. Our contribution can be summarized as follows:

- We meticulously clean and process the human annotations to create the Ground Truth Explanation (GTX) dataset. The resulting benchmark spans three prominent data domains: time-series, image, and text, as depicted in Figure [1,](#page-1-1) but has a standardized and measurable human-alignment goal across all tasks.
- We establish a baseline for the alignment of common feature attribution methods and models with the human annotations using our GTX benchmark.
- In our analysis, we show that existing feature attribution algorithms have a high false negative rate and tend to overlook the true explanatory features. This misalignment highlights the need for future research to achieve more usable explanations.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section [2](#page-2-0) provides a review of existing feature attribution methods and explores relevant XAI benchmarks and datasets. In Section [3,](#page-2-1) we introduce our dataset, highlighting its unique attributes and characteristics. To showcase potential usage of feature attribution methods on our dataset, we present baseline experiments in Section [4.](#page-5-0) Subsequently, in Section [5,](#page-7-0) we discuss the limitations of our dataset and conclude with a summary of our findings.

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Figure 1: GTX overview. We consolidate raw data of time-series, image and text format. Then, we process the annotation files to obtain the ground truth explanations in column, pixel and clause levels.

<span id="page-1-0"></span><sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We note that this criteria (explaining the prediction from patterns in the data) differs from explaining predictions from patterns learned in the model. In the latter, the goal is different—these explanations aim to uncover properties learned in the model which need not be aligned with the ground truth or be usable for humans.

# <span id="page-2-0"></span>2 Related Work

## 2.1 XAI methods on Feature Attribution

The existing literature encompasses various taxonomies of Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) methods, each tailored to address specific problems and aspects. In this study, our primary emphasis is on the post-hoc method branch, with a specific focus on feature attribution [\[5,](#page-8-4) [7\]](#page-8-6) or feature relevance explanation [\[6\]](#page-8-5). Feature attribution refers to the process of determining the importance or contribution of individual features within a dataset or input data to the predictions or output of a machine learning model [\[7,](#page-8-6) [8,](#page-8-7) [9,](#page-8-8) [10,](#page-8-9) [30,](#page-9-14) [31,](#page-10-0) [32\]](#page-10-1). Specifically, we reproduce the code of two standard explanation methods for evaluation: Vanilla Gradient [\[31\]](#page-10-0) and Integrated Gradients [\[32\]](#page-10-1).

## 2.2 XAI Benchmarks and Datasets

Many open-source library implement a handful of feature attribution algorithms, for example, Captum [\[33\]](#page-10-2) and SHAP bechmarks [\[34\]](#page-10-3). However, they do not perform ground-truth based evaluation. Several studies acknowledge the limitation of XAI due to the absence of ground-truth for evaluating explanations [\[20,](#page-9-4) [35,](#page-10-4) [36\]](#page-10-5). To address this issue, researchers have started introducing ground truth annotations to assess XAI methods. For instance, Amiri et al. [\[37\]](#page-10-6) propose the use of canonical equations as representations of explanations for evaluating their accuracy. Furthermore, Arras et al. [\[38\]](#page-10-7) introduce CLEVR-XA, a visual question answering dataset designed specifically for evaluating neural network explanations in computer vision tasks. OpenXAI [\[24\]](#page-9-8) offers a transparent evaluation of post hoc model explanations using tabular data and perform faithfulness evaluation with ground truth of the synthetic data. Different from previous works, we present five real-world datasets of different data types, i.e., time-series, image, and text, that can be used to perform evaluation based on human-annotated ground truth explanations.

# <span id="page-2-1"></span>3 Ground Truth eXplanation Dataset

In our GTX dataset we consolidate three common types of data in time-series, image, and text, for evaluating feature attribution methods. For time-series data the features correspond to periodic samples of a plant state; for image data the features correspond to pixels of the image; for text data the features correspond to tokens of the text. By analyzing the importance of these features, we can gain insights into the decision-making process of the model from the input level.

## 3.1 Time-series

The time-series component of GTX consists of three different datasets from various industrial control settings involving real-world or simulated plants. All three datasets were generated by sampling the plant at a fixed frequency, where for each datapoint the feature values denote either a sensor reading or a controller output.

Hardware-In-the-Loop-based Augmented ICS Security Dataset (HAI) [\[25\]](#page-9-9): The HAI dataset was collected from a realistic industrial control system (ICS) testbed, augmented with a Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) simulator for 379.3 hours. The HIL simulator emulates two crucial components of the power generation domain: steam-turbine power generation and pumped-storage hydropower generation, with a total of  $m = 86$  features.

Secure Water Treatment Dataset (SWaT) [\[26\]](#page-9-10): The Secure Water Treatment testbed serves as a scaled-down replica of a real-world industrial water treatment plant. It operates at a reduced capacity, producing five gallons per minute of water for over 11 days. The treatment process involves the utilization of membrane-based ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis units for effective water filtration, comprising of  $m = 51$  features in total.

Water Distribution Dataset (WADI) [\[27\]](#page-9-11): WADI is an extension of the SWaT testbed featuring additional components and functionalities such as chemical dosing systems, booster pumps and valves, as well as instrumentation and analyzers. It is collected over 16 days with  $m = 127$  dimensions.

At various time points a cyber attack (e.g. altering sensor readings) or a physical attack (e.g. altering water flow) is performed, which allows one to obtain a ground truth of whether a plant state is to be considered "normal" or "attacked". The attacks target specific sets of equipment and have precise start and end times, allowing us to obtain accurate ground truth explanations for the features during the attacks. We manually process annotation files in both PDF and Excel formats, which contain the start and end times of each attack. These annotations are then aligned with the timestamps of the raw data records.

Each dataset is a sequence of periodic samples  $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_T, y_T)$  where at each time step  $t = 1, \ldots, T$  the observations  $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^m$  denotes plant state while the label  $y_t \in \{0, 1\}$  is an indicator of whether the plant was attacked  $(y_t = 1)$  or if the behavior is normal  $(y_t = 0)$ . We use a binary mask  $a_t \in \{0, 1\}^m$  as the ground truth explanation to denote which input feature is explanatory of an attack. If  $y_t = 1$ , then  $(a_t)^i = 1$  implies that feautre i is involved in attack at time  $t$  — which we know from the annotations supplied with the original datasets. If  $y_t = 0$ , then we write  $a_t = 0$ , the zeros vector, to mean that no attack occurred. In summary, our dataset loader provides three key objects at each time step: the plant features  $x_t$ , the attack indicator  $y_t$ , and the explanation  $a_t$ .

To facilitate the use of our dataset with machine learning models in PyTorch [\[39\]](#page-10-8), we wrap the raw data using the torch.utils.data.Dataset class. Below is an example code snippet demonstrating its usage with the HAI dataset:

```
bundle = get_data_bundle ("hai", window_size =100 , train_batch_size =32 )
train_dataloader = bundle [" train_dataloader "]
x, y, a = next(iter(train_dataloader))# x \text{ . shape} == (32, 100, 86), y \text{ . shape} == (32, ), a \text{ . shape} == (32, 100, 86)
```
#### 3.2 Image

MVTec-AD [\[28\]](#page-9-12) is an industrial inspection dataset designed for benchmarking defects detection methods. It consists of a 15 categories with a total of more than 5000 high-resolution  $(3 \times 1024 \times 1024)$ images. Each category includes a set of defect-free training images and a test set containing images with different types of defects, as well as defect-free images. The dataset provides pixel-accurate ground truth annotations for the defect regions, which have been carefully annotated and reviewed by the authors to align with human interpretation of real-world defects.

We allow the user to specify an input size  $d \le 1024$  to down-sample an image to  $m = 3 \times d \times d$ features, i.e. 3 color channels with a side-length of  $d$  pixels. Each image is correspondingly labeled with whether it has a defect  $(y = 1)$  or not  $(y = 0)$ . The ground truth explanation is a bitmask  $a \in \{0,1\}^{d \times d}$  denoting which positions are defects; if  $(a)^{ij} = 1$ , then this means that the pixel at position  $(i, j)$  is part of the defect. If  $y = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ , the zeros matrix, indicating no defects. The objects returned by the dataset are the down-sampled image  $x$ , the defect label  $y$ , and the ground truth explanation a.

As there are 15 image categories in total, MVTec is in fact a collection of 15 different datasets. We implement the MVTec dataset with torch.utils.data.Dataset, and showcase its use below.

```
bundle = get_data_bundle (" mvtec ", input_size =256 , train_batch_size =32 )
train_dataloader = bundle [" train_dataloader "]
x, y, a = next (iter (train_dataloader))
# x.\,\text{shape} = (32,3,256,256), y.\,\text{shape} = (32,), a.\,\text{shape} = (32,1,256,256)
```
Here hazelnut is one of 15 admissible classes among:

bottle, cable, capsule, carpet, grid, hazelnut, leather, metal\_nut, pill, screw, tile, toothbrush, transistor, wood, zipper

Here input\_size is the dimension d to which we downsample, and the last flag of is\_train=True selects only images that are non-defect; if is\_train=False then the selection is mixed.

#### 3.3 Text

SQuAD (Stanford Question Answering Dataset) [\[29\]](#page-9-13) is a widely used reading comprehension dataset that includes 107,785 question-answer pairs based on 536 Wikipedia articles. The dataset was generated by crowdworkers who formulated questions and provided specific text segments or spans as answers. The answers have undergone rigorous crowdworkers selection, additional answer collection, and manual crosscheck processes, making them reliable ground truth explanations for the corresponding questions.

The questions are concatenated with a context, such that model inputs have the form  $x = (x_q, x_c)$ , where  $x_q$  are the question tokens and  $x_c$  are the context tokens. The output of a question-answering model is to identify a range of indices to highlight in the conjoined input  $x$  that constitutes as the answer. As such, the output of a model on SQuAD is not a binary value as in the time-series and image data, but instead a start-index and an end-index that denotes which tokens to highlight. For a particular x in the dataset, the ground truth then consists of a pairing  $a = (a_s, a_e)$ , where  $a_s, a_e$  are integers that denote the highlight start and end indices, respectively, for  $x$ .

We implemented the SQuAD dataset with torch.utils.data.Dataset as follows, where we demonstrate tokenization with the RoBERTa [\[40\]](#page-10-9) base tokenizer to sequence lengths of 384.

```
# Use the " roberta - base " tokenizer from Hugging Face
bundle = get_data_bundle (" squad ", tokenizer_or_name =" roberta - base ",
                                      train_batch_size =32 )
train_dataloader = bundle [" train_dataloader "]
input_ids , attn_mask , token_type_ids , start_pos , end_pos = next ( iter (
                                      train_dataloader ) )
# input_ids.shape==(32,384), the default token sequence length
```
Each item within a SQuAD dataset contains a number of information relevant for a language-model transformer, among them:  $item[0]$  corresponds to x, which we emphasize is the concatenation of the question tokens and the context tokens; item[3] and item[4] correspond to the start and end position indices, respectively. We use the defaults supplied with tensorflow\_datasets and transformers to determine the train-test split.

#### 3.4 Dataset Statistics

In Table [1,](#page-4-0) we provide a summary of key statistics pertaining to the datasets. This includes information on the feature dimensions, the number of positive instances representing attacks or defects, the number of negative instances, and the corresponding positive ratio. Notably, the class distribution exhibits an imbalance, signifying a discrepancy in the distribution between negative and positive instances. We use "positive" to denote data for which  $y = 1$ , and "negative" to denote data for which  $y = 0$ .

However, it is important to note that the SQuAD dataset presents unique characteristics that distinguish it from the other datasets. The variable lengths of paragraphs contribute to the variability in feature dimensions. Additionally, the SQuAD dataset does not differentiate between positive and negative instances, making it unsuitable for inclusion in Table [1](#page-4-0) for comparative purposes.

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Table 1: Basic statistics of HAI, SWaT, WADI, and MVTec. When  $y = 1$  we say that the datapoint is positive; when  $y = 0$  we say that it is negative.

Furthermore, we present several key statistics of the human annotations within our dataset. Specifically, we report the total number of human annotations conducted, the average number of explanatory features per input, and the ratio of explanatory features to the entire feature space. This ratio serves as a crucial metric for assessing the class imbalance between explanatory and non-explanatory features in the annotations. For the SQuAD dataset, we gather and estimate the summary statistics based on information provided in their papers [\[29,](#page-9-13) [41\]](#page-10-10).

The presence of class imbalance poses significant challenges for feature attribution methods, as they aim to accurately identify and attribute the importance of each feature in the prediction process. When the number of explanatory features is significantly lower than the number of non-explanatory

Data	<b>Annotation Count</b>		Average Count Explanatory Ratio
<b>HAI</b>	1.034.580	1.00	$1.17\%$
<b>SWaT</b>	2,785,671	1.07	2.10%
WADI	652,018	1.93	$1.52\%$
<b>MVTec</b>	1,317,011,456	45950.49	4.38%
SOuAD	107,785	4.64	3.10%

features, it can lead to biased attributions and potentially misleading interpretations of the model's behavior.

Table 2: Feature statistics of HAI, SWaT, WADI, MVTec and SQuAD.

## 3.5 Task Definition

We formulate the task as predicting which features of an input  $x \in \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  related to the target  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ . Specifically, a feature attribution model  $A : \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]^m$  maps an input x to an *m*-dimensional vector  $\hat{a} = \hat{A}(x) \in [0, 1]^m$ , where each element is a score representing the degree that the corresponding feature is explanatory of y. For each input x and target y, our dataset has a m-bit vector that encodes the ground truth annotation function  $\hat{A}: \mathcal{X} \to \{0,1\}^m$ . It maps each input x to the human annotation  $a = A(x) \in \{0,1\}^m$ . By comparing  $\hat{a}$  and  $a$ , we can directly evaluate the performance of the feature attribution model.

# <span id="page-5-0"></span>4 Experiments

## 4.1 Predictive models

In our experiments involving time-series data, we utilize the standard implementation of wellestablished logistic regression model (LR) [\[42\]](#page-10-11) and Long Short-term Memory networks (LSTM). In our analysis of the MVTec dataset, we utilize Fastflow [\[43\]](#page-10-12), a CNN that employs ResNet18 as its backbone for image feature extraction. The SQuAD dataset is processed using the widely-used RoBERTa model [\[40\]](#page-10-9). These models are chosen to facilitate the application of diverse feature attribution methods.

## 4.2 Feature Attribution methods

In our study, we employ several widely used feature attribution techniques. Specifically, we apply the vanilla gradient (GRAD) [\[31\]](#page-10-0) and integrated gradient (INTG) [\[32\]](#page-10-1) to evalute the feature attribution performance. The objective of this analysis is to assess the importance of individual features in the decision-making process of the machine learning models. To quantify the effectiveness of the feature attribution techniques in a binary manner, we establish a threshold on the feature attribution scores. This threshold is determined by maximizing the F1-score, a widely utilized metric that balances precision and recall.

## 4.3 Training

In our time-series data study, we employed two distinct training strategies. Firstly, we randomly divided 70% of the dataset as the training set and train the Logistic Regression (LR) model. Secondly, we preserved the temporal order by training a three-layered Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model on the sliding window version of the dataset. The training ratio of 70% was maintained, and a window size of 100 with a stride of one was used. For the image data, the FastFlow model was trained on 70% of the MVTec dataset. We sampled both negative and positive instances for the time-series and image training sets. The text data was trained using the RoBERTa model on the default training set, which accounted for 82% of the SQuAD dataset.

All models were trained for five epochs with a learning rate of  $10^{-6}$ . The model with the best validation accuracy was selected. All experiments are run with 4 Nvidia 2080Ti GPU, 80 vCPUs, a processor Intel(R) % Xeon(R) Gold 6148  $@$  2.4 GHz and 768GiB of RAM. Further details on the model architecture can be found in the Appendix. It is important to note that hyperparameter tuning was not the main focus of our study, as our primary objective was to showcase the utility of our dataset.

# 4.4 Metrics

By employing thresholds that optimize the F1-score on feature attribution, we obtain binary predictions for individual features. In this context, we consider a prediction of '1' a positive outcome (explanatory), while '0' denotes a negative outcome (not explanatory). Let  $\overline{a} = A(x) =$  $\{a^i \mid i = 1, \ldots, m\} \in \{0, 1\}^m$  represent the ground truth annotation for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Let  $\hat{a} = \hat{A}(x) = \{\hat{a}^i \mid i = 1, \ldots, m\} \in \{0, 1\}^m$  denote the prediction generated by the attribution models and the threshold. We then concatenate all the features of all the inputs and compute several evaluation metrics, including False Positive Rate (FPR), False Negative Rate (FNR), Accuracy (ACC), and F1-score. The computation formulas for these metrics are presented below:

$$
FPR = \frac{\{\hat{a}^i = 1 \mid a^i = 0\}}{\{a^i = 0\}}, \text{ FNR} = \frac{\{\hat{a}^i = 0 \mid a^i = 1\}}{\{a^i = 1\}}
$$
(1)

$$
ACC = \frac{\{\hat{a}^i = 0 \mid a^i = 0\} + \{\hat{a}^i = 1 \mid a^i = 1\}}{\{a^i = 0\} + \{a^i = 1\}}
$$
(2)

$$
\text{F1-score} = \frac{2\{\hat{a}^i = 1 \mid a^i = 1\}}{2\{\hat{a}^i = 1 \mid a^i = 1\} + \{\hat{a}^i = 1 \mid a^i = 0\} + \{\hat{a}^i = 0 \mid a^i = 1\}}.\tag{3}
$$

#### 4.5 Results

We randomly sampled 100 instances on individual datasets and conducted the experiments using 20 random seeds. The obtained results were then analyzed by reporting the mean and standard error metric.

Time-series The results obtained from our experiments on time-series data have revealed that GRAD and INTG miss-classify the explanatory feature as non-explanatory, which leads to a higher FNR (+42.23%) than FPR on average, as shown in Table [3,](#page-6-0) [4,](#page-6-1) [5.](#page-7-1) In addition, we observe that GRAD has a better performance in general, with higher accuracy (+17.71%) and F1-score (+11.10%) performance than that of the INTG. This presents a serious problem as it undermines the reliability

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<b>Models</b>	Attribution	FPR.	<b>FNR</b>	ACC.	F <sub>1</sub> -score
LR	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.02 \pm 0.02$	$0.89 \pm 0.09$	$0.97 \pm 0.02$	$0.98 \pm 0.01$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.49 \pm 0.03$	$0.99 \pm 0.01$	$0.51 \pm 0.03$	$0.67 \pm 0.03$
<b>LSTM</b>	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.06 \pm 0.10$	$0.87 \pm 0.19$	$0.94 \pm 0.10$	$0.96 \pm 0.06$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.01 \pm 0.00$	$0.89 \pm 0.02$	$0.98 \pm 0.00$	$0.99 \pm 0.00$

Table 3: Results for HAI dataset.

and effectiveness of the attribution methods in correctly identifying the features that contribute to the model's decision-making process. Consequently, it highlights the need for further improvement and development of attribution algorithms to address this challenge and enhance their capability to accurately identify and attribute the explanatory features.

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Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	ACC.	F <sub>1</sub> -score
LR	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.03 \pm 0.00$	$0.50 \pm 0.05$	$0.96 \pm 0.00$	$0.97 \pm 0.00$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.52 \pm 0.03$	$0.90 \pm 0.03$	$0.48 \pm 0.03$	$0.64 \pm 0.03$
<b>LSTM</b>	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.31 \pm 0.36$	$0.66 \pm 0.35$	$0.69 \pm 0.36$	$0.73 \pm 0.37$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.53 \pm 0.01$	$0.66 \pm 0.04$	$0.47 \pm 0.01$	$0.63 \pm 0.01$

Table 4: Results for SWaT dataset.

Image For the image data, Table [11](#page-11-0) demonstrates that a higher FNR  $(+69.97%)$  than FPR is also observed, suggesting that the attribution methods fail to capture all the explanatory pixels. Different from the time-series dataset, INTG has a better performance than GRAD method, with a higher accuracy (+3.29%) and F1-score (+2.15%).

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Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	ACC	F <sub>1</sub> -score
LR	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.58 \pm 0.07$	$0.28 \pm 0.07$	$0.42 \pm 0.07$	$0.58 \pm 0.07$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.50 \pm 0.03$	$0.94 \pm 0.03$	$0.49 \pm 0.03$	$0.66 \pm 0.03$
	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.31 \pm 0.11$	$0.46 \pm 0.14$	$0.69 \pm 0.11$	$0.80 \pm 0.09$
<b>LSTM</b> <b>INTG</b>		$0.33 \pm 0.24$	$0.71 \pm 0.20$	$0.67 \pm 0.24$	$0.77 \pm 0.16$
Table 5: Results for WADI dataset.					
Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	ACC	F <sub>1</sub> -score
FastFlow	<b>GRAD</b>	$0.14 \pm 0.11$	$0.79 \pm 0.11$	$0.86 \pm 0.10$	$0.91 \pm 0.07$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.10 \pm 0.05$	$0.85 \pm 0.06$	$0.89 \pm 0.05$	$0.93 \pm 0.03$

Table 6: Results for MVTec dataset.

Text The result of the SQuAD dataset can be found in Table [12.](#page-11-1) As with previous datasets, a notable observation is the presence of a high FNR compared with the image dataset. The same result for INTG and GRAD could be due to the similar gradient computations by the RoBERTa model. However, the results may vary depending on the predictive model architecture, and the complexity of the explanation task in practice.

Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	ACC.	F1-score
<b>ROBERTa</b>	GR AD.	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$1.00 + 0.00$	$0.87 \pm 0.00$	$0.81 \pm 0.00$
	<b>INTG</b>	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$1.00 + 0.00$	$0.87 + 0.00$	$0.81 \pm 0.00$

Table 7: Results for SQuAD dataset.

Overall, the GRAD method demonstrates a slightly better performance than INTG, exhibiting a higher accuracy (+9.97%) and F1-score (+6.23%) on average. In Figure [2,](#page-7-2) we present a comparative analysis of average FPRs and FNRs for different attribution methods and datasets. The figure highlights that SQuAD exhibits the highest FNR while WADI showcases the highest FPR on average.

More figures and results on other attribution methods (e.g. SHAP [\[7\]](#page-8-6) and LIME [\[8\]](#page-8-7)) can be found in the Appendix. Our experiments are illustrative in nature, running with different machines or configurations may yield slightly different results. However, the overall trends and patterns observed in the data should remain similar and consistent.

<span id="page-7-2"></span>

Figure 2: Average error rates comparison for INTG and GRAD across all datasets.

# <span id="page-7-0"></span>5 Conclusion

One limitation of our dataset is the absence of real-world graph data. However, we are actively searching and we will update our repository once we find suitable datasets. In summary, our GTX dataset includes time-series, image, and text data, along with detailed feature-wise ground truth explanations. We have established a baseline for aligning common feature attribution algorithms with human annotation of the actual explanatory features, which takes up a relatively small proportion

in real-world datasets. Our experiments have revealed a significant challenge posed by a higher FNR than FPR in existing feature attribution methods, emphasizing the need for improvements to accurately identify the true explanatory features. With its comprehensive collection and diverse data types, our dataset is a valuable resource for the XAI community, facilitating quantitative evaluation and advancements in feature attribution algorithms.

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# A Appendix

## A.1 Model Architecture

#### Three-layered LSTM model

```
SimpleLSTM(
(lstm1): LSTM(num_features, 128)
(lstm2): LSTM(128, 128)
(lstm3): LSTM(128, 128)
(linear): Linear(128, 2))
```
We used the FastFlow with ResNet18 backbone and RoBERTa-base model. For details of model configuration, please refer to their papers [\[43,](#page-10-12) [40\]](#page-10-9).

## A.2 More Experiment Results

In this section, we present additional experimental results for the LIME method [\[8\]](#page-8-7) and the SHAP method [\[7\]](#page-8-6) applied to all the datasets, utilizing their respective predictive models. It is worth noting that the issue persists in both methods, whereby the false negative rate (FNR) remains greater than the false positive rate (FPR).

Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	<b>ACC</b>	F1-score		
<b>LSTM</b>	<b>LIME</b>	$0.19 \pm 0.13$	$0.74 \pm 0.13$	$0.81 \pm 0.13$	$0.88 \pm 0.09$		
	<b>SHAP</b>	$0.53 \pm 0.04$	$0.48 \pm 0.03$	$0.47 \pm 0.04$	$0.64 \pm 0.03$		
	Table 8: Results on LIME and SHAP for HAI dataset.						
Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	<b>ACC</b>	F <sub>1</sub> -score		
<b>LSTM</b>	<b>LIME</b>	$0.37 \pm 0.20$	$0.63 \pm 0.19$	$0.63 \pm 0.20$	$0.75 \pm 0.14$		
	<b>SHAP</b>	$0.53 \pm 0.02$	$0.51 \pm 0.02$	$0.47 \pm 0.02$	$0.63 \pm 0.02$		
Table 9: Results on LIME and SHAP for SWaT dataset.							
Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	<b>ACC</b>	F <sub>1</sub> -score		
<b>LSTM</b>	<b>LIME</b>	$0.44 \pm 0.15$	$0.55 \pm 0.15$	$0.56 \pm 0.15$	$0.70 \pm 0.10$		
	<b>SHAP</b>	$0.18 \pm 0.16$	$0.79 \pm 0.15$	$0.82 \pm 0.16$	$0.88 \pm 0.11$		
Table 10: Results on LIME and SHAP for WADI dataset.							
Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>	<b>FNR</b>	<b>ACC</b>	F <sub>1</sub> -score		
FastFlow	<b>LIME</b>	$0.28 \pm 0.25$	$0.57 \pm 0.23$	$0.72 \pm 0.25$	$0.80 \pm 0.20$		
	<b>SHAP</b>	$0.18 \pm 0.21$	$0.73 \pm 0.18$	$0.82 \pm 0.21$	$0.87 \pm 0.18$		
Table 11: Results on LIME and SHAP for MVTec dataset.							
Models	Attribution	<b>FPR</b>		<b>ACC</b>	F1-score		
RoBERTa	<b>LIME</b>	$0.01 \pm 0.03$	$1.00 \pm 0.02$	$0.99 \pm 0.03$	$0.98 \pm 0.01$		
	<b>SHAP</b>	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$1.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.99 \pm 0.00$	$0.99 \pm 0.00$		

Table 12: Results on LIME and SHAP for SQuAD dataset.

<span id="page-11-1"></span><span id="page-11-0"></span>Users are free to apply our dataset to modern models such as the tabular version of Transformer, Vision Transformers, and GPT-2. Since we provide PyTorch compatibility, running these models is straightforward.

## A.3 URL to website

URL: <https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS>.

#### A.4 Author statement

We bear all responsibility in case of violation of rights, and confirm that we will use the MIT License.

## A.5 Dataset documentation, intended use and metadata

We adopt the framework data cards, please find the requested information below. For better visual display, please visit this link: [https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS/blob/main/description.](https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS/blob/main/description.md) [md](https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS/blob/main/description.md).

The Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX) dataset is a curated collection that addresses the challenge of evaluating the quality of explainability methods. Existing approaches often lack ground truth

explanations and heavily rely on hand-crafted heuristics. In response, the GTX dataset has been created to assess the alignment of feature attributions with human annotations. It contains time-series data (HAI, SWaT, WADI) from the industrial control domain, image data (MVTec) from the defect inspection domain, and text data (SQuAD) from the machine comprehension domain.

Dataset Link Dataset Link: [HAI,](https://github.com/icsdataset/hai) [SWaT, WADI,](https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/itrust-labs_datasets/) [MVTec,](https://www.mvtec.com/company/research/datasets/mvtec-ad) [SQuAD.](https://rajpurkar.github.io/SQuAD-explorer/)

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# A.5.2 Dataset Overview

- Data about places and objects
- Synthetically generated data
- Data about systems or products and their behaviors

#### Dataset Snapshot



Dataset Summary: time-series, image and text data with ground truth explanation labels.

**Content Description** Each content contains an input data  $(x)$ , a target label  $(y)$  and an explanation (a).

Additional Notes: for SQuAD, the format is slightly different, the input and target are combined together to better be fitted to a language model. In addition, the explanation is in the form of a start and end position.

## Risk Type(s)

• No Known Risks

## A.5.3 Dataset Version and Maintenance

Maintenance Status Regularly Updated - New versions of the dataset have been or will continue to be made available.

Version Details Current Version: 1.0

Last Updated: 06/2023

Release Date: 06/2023

**Maintenance Plan** In our maintenance plan, our primary focus will be on preserving and leveraging the existing data that we have collected. This involves ensuring the integrity and security of the data through regular backups, implementing robust data storage practices, and conducting periodic audits to identify any potential issues or anomalies. Additionally, we recognize the growing importance of graph datasets in various domains. To capitalize on this, we will actively explore and evaluate potential graph datasets that align with our needs and objectives. This includes seeking out reliable sources, assessing the quality and relevance of the data, and integrating suitable graph datasets into our existing infrastructure. By incorporating graph datasets, we aim to enhance the depth and breadth of our analysis, uncover hidden patterns and relationships, and gain valuable insights that can drive informed decision-making and optimize our operations. In addition, we are aware that the SQuAD dataset does not have a clear classification task and may not align well with the remaining dataset. We are also exploring the Contract Understanding Atticus Dataset (CUAD) [\[44\]](#page-10-13) to see if we can algin the document classification task with the ground truth explanation they provide.

Our maintenance plan thus combines the preservation of existing data with the exploration of new graph and text datasets, ensuring a comprehensive and forward-looking approach to data management and utilization.

Versioning: The dataset is versioned based on several criteria. This includes significant updates or changes in the data collection process, methodology, or data sources. Corrections or improvements to enhance data accuracy or reliability also warrant a new version. Substantial additions or expansions, such as new data points or variables, are considered for versioning. User feedback and requests for specific modifications are also taken into account. The versioning process ensures transparency, traceability, and reproducibility, keeping the dataset relevant and adaptable to evolving needs.

Updates: The dataset is refreshed or updated based on regular time-based updates, changes in data sources or collection methodologies, user feedback, and advancements in technology or analytical techniques. This ensures the dataset remains relevant, accurate, and valuable for users in making informed decisions.

Errors: Error handling for the dataset involves systematic procedures to identify and correct errors, maintaining data integrity through documentation and tracking, and implementing measures to prevent future errors. These criteria ensure data quality, transparency, and reliability for users.

Feedback: The dataset incorporates criteria for feedback by actively seeking input from users and stakeholders. Feedback on the dataset's content, quality, and usability is welcomed and considered for future updates and improvements. This iterative feedback process ensures that the dataset meets the needs and expectations of its users, enhancing its relevance and value.

## Next Planned Update(s) Version affected: 1.0

Next data update: 08/2023

Next version: 1.1

#### Next version update: 08/2023

Expected Change(s) Updates to Data: Next version of the dataset will possibly include suitable graph dataset and modification to the text dataset so that it has a clear classification task. We are currently investigating at the CUAD dataset [\[44\]](#page-10-13).

# A.5.4 Example of Data Points

#### Primary Data Modality

- Image Data
- Text Data
- Time Series

## Sampling of Data Points

• [Demo Link](https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS/blob/main/example.ipynb)

# Data Fields



#### Typical Data Point This is a typical data point:

```
{x': \text{tensor}([0.6273, 0.2893, 0.2775, ..., 0.4198, 0.3439, 0.5313],}[0.6273, 0.2985, 0.2775, ..., 0.4198, 0.3401, 0.5330],
        [0.6273, 0.3055, 0.2775, ..., 0.4198, 0.3439, 0.5292],
        ...,
        [0.6273, 0.3265, 0.2775, ..., 0.4198, 0.3467, 0.4995],
        [0.6273, 0.3341, 0.2775, ..., 0.4198, 0.3467, 0.5019],
        [0.6273, 0.3444, 0.2775, ..., 0.4198, 0.3467, 0.5022]],
 tensor([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
       0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
       0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
       0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
       0, 0, 0, 0]),
  tensor([[0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
        [0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.][0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.]...,
        [0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],[0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],[0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.]], dtype=torch.float64)}
```
## A.5.5 Motivations & Intentions

## **Motivations**

#### Purpose(s)

• Research

Domain(s) of Application Machine Learning, Explainability, XAI, Anomaly Detection.

#### Motivating Factor(s)

- Evaluating the quality of explainability methods is challenging due to the lack of ground truth explanations, and often rely on hand-crafted heuristics.
- Re-aligning explainable models with human explanations

# A.5.6 Intended Use

## Dataset Use(s)

• Safe for research use

Suitable Use Case(s) Suitable Use Case: One suitable use case for the dataset is in the field of explainable artificial intelligence (AI). The dataset, Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX), provides a valuable resource for evaluating and improving feature attribution methods. Researchers and practitioners in the field can utilize the dataset to benchmark and compare different algorithms, assess their alignment with human annotations, and identify areas for improvement. The diverse nature of the dataset, spanning various data types such as time-series, images, and text, allows for comprehensive evaluation in different real-world scenarios.

Unsuitable Use Case(s) Unsuitable Use Case: Suitable Use Case: One suitable use case for the dataset is in the field of explainable artificial intelligence (AI). The dataset, Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX), provides a valuable resource for evaluating and improving feature attribution methods. Researchers and practitioners in the field can utilize the dataset to benchmark and compare different algorithms, assess their alignment with human annotations, and identify areas for improvement. The diverse nature of the dataset, spanning various data types such as time-series, images, and text, allows for comprehensive evaluation in different real-world scenarios.

Research and Problem Space(s) The specific problem space that the Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX) dataset aims to address is the evaluation and improvement of feature attribution methods in explainable artificial intelligence (AI). The dataset seeks to tackle the challenge of assessing the alignment between feature attributions and human annotations, providing a quantitative benchmark for evaluating the quality of these methods.

**Citation Guidelines** Guidelines & Steps: Please cite our work as follows (to be updated later): BiBTeX:

```
@article{snp2023,
  title={Ground Truth eXplanation Datset},
  author={...}/,
  journal={...},
  year={2023}
}
```
## A.5.7 Access, Rentention, & Wipeout

## Access

Access Type

• External - Open Access

## Documentation Link(s)

• [GitHub URL](https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS)

## Policy Link(s)

• Direct download URL: [link](https://drive.google.com/uc?id=1RNF3NcfapWQYmz8OdxoivBTlqflhtrIj&export=download-anyway&confirm=t)

Code to download data: <https://github.com/xjiae/HDDDS/blob/main/setup.sh>

## **Retention**

Duration Infinite duration.

#### A.5.8 Provenance

# **Collection**

## Method(s) Used

• Taken from other existing datasets

Methodology Detail(s) Collection Type Source: [HAI,](https://github.com/icsdataset/hai) [SWaT, WADI,](https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/itrust-labs_datasets/) [MVTec,](https://www.mvtec.com/company/research/datasets/mvtec-ad) [SQuAD.](https://rajpurkar.github.io/SQuAD-explorer/) Is this source considered sensitive or high-risk? [No] Dates of Collection: [05 2023 - 06 2023]

# Primary modality of collection data:

- Image Data
- Text Data
- Time Series

## Update Frequency for collected data:

• Static

## Source Description(s)

- Source: Hardware-In-the-Loop-based Augmented ICS Security Dataset [\(HAI\)](https://github.com/icsdataset/hai) The HAI dataset was collected from a realistic industrial control system (ICS) testbed, augmented with a Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) simulator for 379.3 hours. The HIL simulator emulates two crucial components of the power generation domain: steam-turbine power generation and pumped-storage hydropower generation, with a total of  $m = 86$  features.
- Source: [SWaT, WADI.](https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/itrust-labs_datasets/) The Secure Water Treatment testbed serves as a scaled-down replica of a real-world industrial water treatment plant. It operates at a reduced capacity, producing five gallons per minute of water for over 11 days. The treatment process involves the utilization of membrane-based ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis units for effective water filtration, comprising of  $(m = 51)$  features in total. WADI is an extension of the SWaT testbed featuring additional components and functionalities such as chemical dosing systems, booster pumps and valves, as well as instrumentation and analyzers. It is collected over 16 days with  $(m = 127)$  dimensions.
- Source: [MVTec](https://www.mvtec.com/company/research/datasets/mvtec-ad) is an industrial inspection dataset designed for benchmarking defects detection methods. It consists of a 15 categories with a total of more than 5000 highresolution (3,1024, 1024) images. Each category includes a set of defect-free training images and a test set containing images with different types of defects, as well as defect-free images. The dataset provides pixel-accurate ground truth annotations for the defect regions, which have been carefully annotated and reviewed by the authors to align with human interpretation of real-world defects.

• Source: [SQuAD](https://rajpurkar.github.io/SQuAD-explorer/) is a widely used reading comprehension dataset that includes 107,785 question-answer pairs based on 536 Wikipedia articles. The dataset was generated by crowdworkers who formulated questions and provided specific text segments or spans as answers. The answers have undergone rigorous crowdworkers selection, additional answer collection, and manual crosscheck processes, making them reliable ground truth explanations for the corresponding questions.

Collection Cadence Static: Data was collected once from single or multiple sources.

## Data Integration

## Source Included Fields

Data fields of each datasets were collected and are included in the dataset. We found the detailed description for HAI (Table [15](#page-22-0) and [16\)](#page-23-0) and SWaT (Table [17\)](#page-24-0) and consolidate them to the tables below. For WADI, we did not find any detailed description. It is an extension of SWaT hence they share similar features. We attach the testbed information [https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/](https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/itrust-labs-home/itrust-labs_wadi/) [itrust-labs-home/itrust-labs\\_wadi/](https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/itrust-labs-home/itrust-labs_wadi/).

## Data Processing Collection Method or Source

Description: In our data processing pipeline, we employ different techniques based on the data type. For timeseries data, we apply normalization to ensure it falls within the range of [0, 1], enabling better comparison and analysis across different variables. On the other hand, we do not perform any additional processing for image and text data, as they are inherently suitable for analysis without preprocessing steps.

When it comes to annotations, we have a dedicated process to handle them. For ground truth annotation files, which are typically stored in formats such as Excel or PDF, we extract the relevant information such as start time, end time, and the sensors involved in the attack. We then align this information with the raw data to ensure accurate labeling of explanations. This process allows us to establish a clear link between the annotated events and the underlying data, facilitating the evaluation and analysis of the explanations provided by our models.

By leveraging these data processing techniques, we ensure that the data is appropriately prepared and annotated for further analysis and evaluation. This enables us to derive valuable insights and make informed decisions based on the processed and labeled data.

Methods employed: Normalization.

Tools or libraries: [Min-Max scaling.](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler.html)

## A.5.9 Collection Criteria

#### Data Selection

• Collection Method of Source: We select the dataset based on availability of ground truth of explanations.

## Data Inclusion

• Collection Method of Source: Same as above.

#### Data Exclusion

• Collection Method of Source: We exclude data that does not have ground truth for explanation.

## A.5.10 Relationship to Source

Use & Utility(ies)

• Dataset: The resulting Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX) dataset is closely aligned with the purposes, motivations, and intended use of the upstream sources (HAI, WADI, SWaT, MVTec, and SQuAD). Through meticulous cleaning and preprocessing of annotation files, the dataset provides accurate ground truth information for feature attribution evaluation in explainable AI. This alignment ensures that the GTX dataset is a valuable resource for benchmarking, model development, and educational purposes, enabling advancements in transparency, interpretability, and trustworthiness of AI systems across domains.

#### Benefit and Value(s)

• Dataset: The Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX) dataset provides consumers with curated and cleaned annotations, consolidating data from multiple sources. Compared to the upstream sources, it offers enhanced data quality, convenience, and relevance for evaluating and improving feature attribution methods in explainable AI.

# Limitation(s) and Trade-Off(s)

• Dataset: While the resulting Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX) dataset offers benefits, it also has certain limitations compared to the upstream sources. Firstly, the GTX dataset may have reduced granularity compared to the original upstream sources, as it involves cleaning and preprocessing steps that can result in some loss of detailed information. Secondly, the dataset's scope and coverage may be limited to specific features or attributes relevant to feature attribution evaluation, potentially excluding certain aspects present in the upstream sources. Additionally, the GTX dataset's generalizability may be constrained by the specific contexts and domains of the upstream sources, which may not fully represent the diverse range of applications and scenarios. It is important for consumers to consider these limitations and assess whether the available data adequately meets their specific needs and requirements.

# A.5.11 Version and Maintenance

- Release date: 06/2023
- Link to dataset:  $GTX + 1.0$
- Status: [Actively Maintained]
- Size of Dataset: 12 GB
- Number of Instances: 3,798,242

Note(s) and Caveat(s) We may update the dataset content if we find suitable graph dataset, but it will not affect the exitsing datasets.

# **Cadence**

• Static

Last and Next Update(s)

- Date of last update: 14/06/2023
- Total data points affected: 3,798,242
- Data points updated: 3,798,242
- Data points added: 3,798,242
- Data points removed: 0
- Date of next update: 08/08/2023

# Changes on Update(s)

• Dataset: Update five real-world datasets.

# A.5.12 Extended Use

# Use with Other Data

# Safety Level

• Safe to use with other data

Known Safe Dataset(s) or Data Type(s) Data Type: time-series, image, and text.

Best Practices When using the Ground Truth eXplanation (GTX) dataset with other datasets or data types, it is important to ensure data compatibility, identify common features, validate and cross-reference the data, consider contextual relevance, document assumptions and limitations, and perform exploratory analysis for insights.

## Known Unsafe Dataset(s) or Data Type(s) N/A

## A.5.13 Forking & Sampling

# Safety Level

• Safe to form and/or sample

## Acceptable Sampling Method(s)

- Cluster Sampling
- Haphazard Sampling
- Multi-stage sampling
- Random Sampling
- Retrospective Sampling
- Stratified Sampling
- Systematic Sampling
- Weighted Sampling
- Unknown
- Unsampled

Best Practice(s) When forking or sampling the GTX dataset, best practices include clearly defining sampling criteria, maintaining representative samples, documenting the sampling methodology, considering sample size and statistical power, and validating the sample.

Risk(s) and Mitigation(s) No known risk for sampling.

## A.5.14 Use in ML or AI Systems

# Dataset Use(s)

- Training
- Testing
- Validation
- Development or Production Use
- Fine Tuning

Notable Feature(s) The GTX dataset exhibits notable feature distributions and explicit relationships between individual instances. Through careful curation, the dataset captures diverse real-world data types such as time-series, image, and text, each with its distinct feature distributions. These distributions may reveal patterns, trends, or variations in the data, providing valuable insights into the characteristics of different instances. Additionally, explicit relationships between individual instances can be identified through the ground truth annotations, which establish causal connections between features and the corresponding labels. These relationships help to elucidate the impact and importance of specific features in explaining the ground truth, contributing to the evaluation and improvement of feature attribution methods in explainable AI. By leveraging the feature distributions and explicit relationships within the dataset, researchers, practitioners, and educators can gain a deeper understanding of the data and make informed decisions in their respective domains.

Usage Guideline(s) Usage Guidelines: When using the GTX dataset, consumers should comply with licensing and terms of use, provide proper attribution and citation, aim for reproducibility and transparency, practice responsible and ethical use, and foster communication and collaboration within the community.

#### Approval Steps: N/A.

Reviewer: Provide the name of a reviewer for publications referencing this dataset.

## Distribution(s)



Splits: Recommand splts.

Known Correlation(s) All the features are correlated with each other in a given instance. Hence, user should treat them as a complete data point when process them.

## A.5.15 Transformations

#### Synopsis

#### Transformation(s) Applied

- Cleaning Missing Values
- Normalization

#### Field(s) Transformed Transformation Type

All features in time-series dataset are preprocessed. But user can also specified "raw" for contents to get the original dataset.

#### Library(ies) and Method(s) Used Transformation Type

Method: For timeseries data, we apply normalization to ensure it falls within the range of [0, 1], enabling better comparison and analysis across different variables.

Platforms, tools, or libraries: - Platform, tool, or library: [sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler.](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler.html)

Transformation Results: All time-series values falls within the range of [0, 1].

# A.5.16 Breakdown of Transformations

Cleaning Missing Value(s) We fill missing sensor values with mean of the corresponding column.

Method(s) Used To handle missing sensor values, we replace them with the mean value of the corresponding column.

#### Platforms, tools, or libraries

• Platform, tool, or library: [pandas.DataFrame.fillna](https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.fillna.html)

#### A.5.17 Annotations & Labeling

#### Annotation Workforce Type

- Annotation Target in Data
- Machine-Generated
- Annotations

#### A.5.18 Annotation Characteristic(s)



Annotation Description(s) The annotations applied to the dataset were manually performed by the author. The author meticulously reviewed the annotation file, ensuring precise alignment of the start and end times of each attack/defect. They annotated the affected features, indicating the specific features impacted during each attack. The annotation process involved a thorough analysis and interpretation of the data to ensure accuracy and consistency. For non-attacked/defect instances, an all zeroes annotation is generated automatically. No specific platforms, tools, or libraries were mentioned in the provided information.

Annotation Distribution(s) There are two classes of annotations, 1 for explanatory feature and 0 otherwise. We report the ratio for class 1.



Annotation summary: We summarize the explanatory feature count and ratio.

#### A.5.19 Terms of Art

## Concepts and Definitions referenced in this Data Card

# Term of Art Definition: feature attribution

Interpretation: Feature attributions indicate how much each feature in your model contributed to the predictions for each given instance.

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Table 15: HAI feature description.

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P3_FIT01	$\Omega$	27648		Flow rate of water flowing into the upper water tank
P3 LCP01D	$\Omega$	27648		Speed command for the pump LCP01
P3_LCV01D	$\Omega$	27648		Position command for the valve LCV01
P3 LH01	$\Omega$	70	$\%$	High water level set-point
P3 LIT01	$\Omega$	90	$\%$	Water level of the upper water tank
<b>P3 LL01</b>	$\Omega$	70	$\%$	Low water level set-point
P3_PIT01	$\Omega$	27648		Pressure of water flowing into the upper water tank
P4 HT FD	$-0.02$	0.02	mHz	Frequency deviation of HTM
P4 HT PO	$\Omega$	100	MW	Output power of HTM
P4 HT PS	$\Omega$	100	MW	Scheduled power demand of HTM
P <sub>4</sub> L <sub>D</sub>	$\Omega$	500	<b>MW</b>	Total electrical load demand
P4 ST FD	$-0.02$	0.02	Hz	Frequency deviation of STM
P4_ST_GOV	$\Omega$	27648		Gate opening rate of STM
P <sub>4</sub> _ST_LD	$\Omega$	500	<b>MW</b>	Electrical load demand of STM
P4_ST_PO	$\Omega$	500	MW	Output power of STM
P4_ST_PS	$\Omega$	500	MW	Scheduled power demand of STM
P4_ST_PT01	$\Omega$	27648		Digital value of steam pressure of STM
P4 ST TT01	$\overline{0}$	27648		Digital value of steam temperature of STM

Table 16: HAI feature description continued.

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Table 17: SWaT feature description.