Statistics and Deep Learning-based Hybrid Model for Interpretable Anomaly Detection

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Abstract—Hybrid methods have been shown to outperform pure statistical and pure deep learning methods at both forecasting tasks, and at quantifying the uncertainty associated with those forecasts (prediction intervals). One example is Multivariate Exponential Smoothing Long Short-Term Memory (MES-LSTM), a hybrid between a multivariate statistical forecasting model and a Recurrent Neural Network variant, Long Short-Term Memory. It has also been shown that a model that (i) produces accurate forecasts and (ii) is able to quantify the associated predictive uncertainty satisfactorily, can be successfully adapted to a model suitable for anomaly detection tasks. With the increasing ubiquity of multivariate data, and new application domains, there have been numerous anomaly detection methods proposed in recent years. The proposed methods have largely focused on deep learning techniques, which are prone to suffer from challenges such as (i) large sets of parameters that may be computationally intensive to tune, (ii) returning too many false positives rendering the techniques impractical for use, (iii) requiring labeled datasets for training which are often not prevalent in real life, and (iv) understanding of the root causes of anomaly occurrences inhibited by the predominantly black-box nature of deep learning methods. In this article, an extension of MES-LSTM is presented, an interpretable anomaly detection model that overcomes these challenges. With a focus on renewable energy generation as an application domain, the proposed approach is benchmarked against the state-of-the-art. The findings are that MES-LSTM anomaly detector is at least competitive to the benchmarks at anomaly detection tasks, and less prone to learning from spurious effects than the benchmarks, thus making it more reliable at root cause discovery and explanation.

Index Terms—anomaly detection, interpretability

I. INTRODUCTION

Time series anomaly detection is useful in applications from a variety of industries [1]. In their analytical study comparing classical and deep learning-based anomaly detection models, Munir et al. [45] observe that deep learning outperforms the classical approaches. In another study, Mathonsi and van Zyl [41] conclude that deep learning is at least competitive to statistical-based models. However, there is still a relative gap that exists for hybrid approaches in anomaly detection within the multivariate setting. Furthermore, root cause discovery and explainability remains an open research problem in the context of multivariate anomaly detection [51, 27].

Mathonsi and van Zyl [42] present a statistics and deep learning-based hybrid model, Multivariate Exponential Smoothing Long Short-Term Memory (MES-LSTM). The method leverages multivariate exponential smoothing within the pre- and postprocessing modules. It also circumvents some problems associated with large sets of parameters requiring tuning, computational cost at training, and extensive inference time. These problems are circumvented by incorporating a small parsimonious recurrent deep neural network for learning, for instance, the cross-dependency structure within the covariates.

In this paper, MES-LSTM is extended to the task of anomaly detection. We also investigate the potential of explainability and interpretability for such a model. These goals are executed with an application to the renewable energy domain.

A. Literature Review

The literature review is segmented into (i) work that has been presented in the research community relating to explainable anomaly detection, and (ii) explainer systems or techniques for interpreting anomaly detection models, explanation discovery, and root cause analysis.

Furthermore, a video can also be considered time series when the streaming images are taken as a matrix of pixel values with coordinates and a time dimension. As such, some techniques that were traditionally applied to streaming video have also been adapted and extended to fit time series anomaly detection problems. As such, techniques from computer vision have not been excluded in the review of review recent advances and the state-of-the-art.

1) Explainable Anomaly Detection: Some work has been done in unsupervised machine learning. Nguyen et al. [47] for instance, consider the problem of anomaly detection in networks data, with an application to an Internet Service Provider example. The authors show their approach, using variational autoencoders, is able to effectively detect malicious attacks on a network. They use the gradients from the autoencoders for model interpretability.

Rad et al. [51] consider the problem of explainable anomaly detection framed within a high dimensionality setting. The authors report competitive model performance without significant gains in computational cost.

Carletti et al. [14] offer a technique for interpreting Isolation Forests (IF) [36], a commonly used model for anomaly detec-
tion tasks. They limit their focus to the scenario of Industry 4.0., with a particular focus on root cause analysis. Root cause analysis, as an application domain for explainable anomaly detection, emphasizes the need for robust models that are deployable in realistic industrial settings [28, 39].

Westerski et al. [68] consider explainable anomaly detection within a framework for procurement fraud identification. To this end, they consider real data from a government department in Singapore. The authors report their techniques, in real-life deployment, resulted in cost and time reduction of up to 10% compared to previously applied compliance checks. There lack in ubiquity of such studies illustrates the need for models that do not suffer from high computational cost. Great computational expense is one of the biggest criticisms of deep learning as it hinders real-time deployment in real-world applications [10].

Liznerski et al. [37] use an explainable convolutional model for one class image classification, and detail some challenges from spurious effects such as watermarks. A similar approach is followed by Pang et al. [49]. A distinguishing factor is that the latter considers both training with no anomalies, and training with anomalous observations as well. Considering the problem of streaming images, Wu et al. [69] apply denoising autoencoders to surveillance video. The authors report competitive results with reduced computational time.

In terms of image classification, Ruff et al. [54] offer a comprehensive review of other techniques that have been applied in the field, and systematically compare their performance on benchmark examples. Another notable review [48] looks at deep anomaly detection, and critically analyses the advantages and disadvantages of various techniques. Others, such as the works of Chalapathy and Chawla [15] and Kiran et al. [31], only consider different classes of models applied to specific application domains. The interested reader is also directed to a discussion of explainability in health data [65], financial data [23], and object detection and recognition in image data [57, 44]. For a more general discussion of concepts related to explainability such as interpretability, and understandability, there are targeted resources such as Barredo Arrieta et al. [7].

Applications for time series classification or anomaly detection can be discerned from the plurality of public dataset repositories, such as the UCR [17] or the UEA archive [4], for instance. Such applications, with a focus on explainable anomaly detection, include predictive maintenance at industrial sites [58], or rule extraction for unsupervised anomaly detection conducted [6].

Some models have been successful at classification and anomaly detection tasks, but due to their complex hierarchical architectures, incorporating explainability proves difficult. Some of these techniques are discussed here for completeness. One such advancement is an ensemble method, Collective of Transformation-based Ensembles (COTE) [2], where 35 models are assembled over different time series representations based on transformations such as time warping [29] or shapelets [9], for instance.

COTE was further extended by Lines et al. [35], using Hierarchical Voting (HIVE-COTE). HIVE-COTE performed well over the UCR and UEA archives [3]. Using a weighted probabilistic ensemble [33], this ensemble approach combines Shapelet Transform Classifier (STC) [26], Contractable Bag of Symbolic-Fourier Approximation Symbols (CBOSS) [43], Time Series Forest (TSF) [20] and Random Interval Spectral Ensemble (RISE) [35].

2) Explainability Systems and Methods: When categorized based on scope of the explanation, explainer systems offer either local or global explanations. Local explanations explain a single prediction result over the entire model, i.e., it explains the conditional interaction between dependent and independent variables with respect to the single prediction. As mentioned by Ribeiro et al. [52], the explanation are required to make sense within a local setting. In the context of the current study, this means that one explanation should be valid in some region encompassing immediate neighbors. The immediate neighbors are understood to be anomalous observations occurring around the same time, and of the same type.

Explainability of anomalies can also be conducted for a (potentially large) set of anomalies, for example, in the form of rule lists. These are called global explanations. Finding a truly global explanation, one that applies to multiple anomalous observations of different types occurring at different times is a difficult task [27]. As such, global explanation are usually aggregates of different explanations, or the most representative explanations for the entire model.

Another distinction can be drawn between model-specific and model-agnostic explainer systems. The former are applicable to certain kinds of model(s) (say for instance, strictly convolutional or strictly recurrent models, but usually not applicable to both) while the latter can be applied to multiple models.

Yet another distinction can be drawn between feature attribution, path attribution, and association rule mining techniques. Feature attribution determines the contribution of each feature towards the model’s prediction for a given input example. This attribution shows the relationship between a feature and the prediction. As a result, users are able to understand which features their network relies on.

Path attribution methods explain the output of the model that is based on gradients. That means the contribution of each feature is computed by aggregating the gradients from baseline values to the current input along the path. One such method is Path Integrated Gradients (PIG) [63].

In contrast, association rule mining finds correlations and co-occurrences between features in a large dataset. They are considered as most interpretable prediction models with their simple if-then rules. A rule is essentially an if-then statement with two components: an antecedent and a consequent. The input feature with a condition is an antecedent and a prediction is its consequent. The popular techniques to extract the rules from a large dataset are Scalable Bayesian Rule Lists (SBRL) [70], Gini Regularization (GiniReg) [12] and Rule Regularization (RuleReg) [11]. Such techniques have been applied successfully to classifiers in surveillance tasks [66].
Barredo Arrieta et al. [7] discuss transparent models that automatically incorporate explainability such as Logistic regression, decision trees, and nearest neighbour models, as well as post-hoc models, that are explainable with the aid of an additional technique.

Explainability techniques that have been developed for or are typically used for image-based models include Deep Learning Important FeaTures (DeepLIFT) [60], Local Explanation Method using Nonlinear Approximation (LEMDA) [24], and Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM) [57]. These explainer systems usually output heatmaps [32] or saliency visualisations [62] that rank the feature importance of input images input to the network. A good example of saliency maps is presented by Siddiqui et al. [61], for example, with application to convolutional layers.

For time series models, techniques often employed are Model Agnostic Supervised Local Explanations (MAPLE) [50], Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME) [52], Local rule-based explanations (LORE) [22], Learning to Explain (L2X) [16] and Shapley additive explanations (SHAP) [38]. As a cautionary note in particular for time series modeling, there is difficulty due to temporal dependence inherent in the data. As a consequence, surrogate solutions such as LIME or SHAP neglect the chronological sequence ordering of the model inputs.

LIME [52] explains model inferences by using a local interpretable sparse linear model as an approximation. Anchors [53] offers an incremental improvement on LIME by replacing the linear model used as proxy with a logical rule for explaining inferences. Anchors offers better coverage and explainability of anomalous neighbors, but is not readily applicable to time series data. Other local explainer systems that rank feature importance include responsibility scores (RESP) [8] and axiomatic attribution [63].

**B. Motivation**

It is straightforward to motivate for deep learning as a mechanism for solving time series classification problems and anomaly detection tasks. One reason is to leverage the feature learning abilities of deep learning algorithms [46]. Deep neural networks have also performed well at other tasks requiring temporal sequence modeling (similar to time series) such as natural language processing [5] and speech recognition [56]. Lastly, deep learning has been shown to scale well with increased dimensionality [30].

However, there exists some challenges with the deep learning approach. These include large sets of parameters that may be computationally expensive to tune, and long inference time that may be impractical in settings that require fast reliable information as feedback from models [42].

As evidenced from existing scholarly research, there is a great need for explanation discovery and interpretable anomaly detection with real-world applications such as root cause analysis [36, 28, 39]. There is a need to circumvent the computational cost and time complexity usually associated with deep learning that prevents them from being used outside of a laboratory setting, and enables deployment in real-world applications such as in the compliance study conducted by Westerski et al. [68] or the streaming video study by Wu et al. [69].

In addition, learning from spurious effects can contaminate the root cause and explanation discovery leading to stakeholders making bad decisions informed by incorrectly explained model inferences. It is important to minimize the effects of learning from, say, random noise in time series data or even watermarks in image data [37].

As a final point, this study may be motivated using another factor from real world applicability. If an anomaly is identified, it might be time consuming for a domain expert or human agent to inspect all the components that may have possibly contributed to the anomalous event in order to identify the root cause. It may be more useful to the inspector if, for instance, a model is able to narrow the search space down to a reasonable fraction of components that are most probable to have contributed to the anomaly.

**C. Contribution**

The novel contribution can be summarized as follows:

- a statistics and deep learning-based forecast machinery is extended to anomaly detection tasks;
- this new hybrid anomaly detection model (i) incorporates a dynamic threshold-setting approach, which learns and adapts the applicable threshold as new information becomes available, and (ii) functions within a semi-supervised framework, so no golden labels are required for training or detecting the thresholds for detecting anomalies; and
- the presented approach is augmented with explainability and interpretability, thus enabling root cause analysis, and how well the model avoids learning from spurious effects using a novel metric.

**II. METHODOLOGY**

Renewable energy resources, such as wind/solar farms, affect the grid in a different way compared to conventional fossil fuel generators due to their stochastic nature. In particular, the uncertain disturbances introduced by renewables may compromise operational grid safety. This scenario emphasizes the need for system operators to accurately identify disturbances in a timely fashion. They are then able to perform corrective measures timely so as to ensure the safety of the grid.

System operators have access to streaming time-stamped measurements, from monitors such as phasor measurement units. These measurements enable system operators to answer critical questions including (i) When is an event happening? (ii) What type of event is happening? and (iii) Where is the source that caused the event? These are the research questions stated succinctly, and they would be phrased equivalently for other domains besides renewable energy regeneration.

Following the methodology of Zheng et al. [72], who first proposed the Power Systems Machine Learning dataset
(PSML) [73] for use within the machine learning for decarbonized energy grids domain, the problem can be formulated as follows.

A. Problem Statement

The streaming measurements can be denoted by \( X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K} \), where \( N \) is the number of available observations and \( K \) is the number of measurements or covariates. Event detection aims to answer the first question above, by identifying an oscillation occurrence when or if it happens. Answering this question involves using a model \( H \) to identify the oscillation occurrence given sequence \( X \), i.e., \( H : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \). Suppose an event occurs at time \( t_1 \); an alarm should be raised when \( t_{m}^* \), and as soon as possible (1 predicted).

Event classification answers the second question above based on streaming sensor measurements. Given the observations \( X \), the model \( H \) must classify the underlying event type \( \xi \), i.e., \( H : X \rightarrow \xi \). PSML presents a truly multivariate problem as \( \xi \) is more than just binary classification (i.e. normal or anomalous), but it constitutes a subset of disturbances \( C \) where \( C := \{ \text{branch fault, branch tripping, bus fault, bus tripping, generator tripping, forced oscillation} \} \). This problem framing emphasizes the need to keep track of multiple streams of data with interdependent covariates that are autocorrelated interacting within the global grid. By observing variables such as voltage from each bus in the system, the aim is to determine based on thresholds, for example, if and what kind of event is occurring.

Event localization focuses on locating events from disturbances \( C \), or the root cause of events (for forced oscillations) by observing measurements. The model \( H \) must map measurements \( X \) to the bus(es) \( z \) nearest to the events detected or the root cause of the events, i.e., \( H : X \rightarrow z \), where \( z \) is a subset of buses \( Z \) in the entire system.

B. Algorithms

The following benchmark models are used: Inception-Time [21], multi-channels deep convolutional neural networks (MC-DCNN) [74], Residual Network (ResNet) [67], Time series attentional prototype network (TapNet) [71], Minimal random convolutional kernel transform (MiniRocket) [19], one-Nearest neighbour with Euclidean distance (NNEuclid) [34], independent dynamic time warping (iDTW) [59], and dependent dynamic time warping (dDTW) [59]. The architectures of the different benchmark models are briefly described next.

1) Classical Models:

a) Nearest Neighbour: The first of classical model is one-Nearest neighbour with Euclidean distance (NNEuclid). Nearest neighbour classifiers with a distance function have been among the most popular techniques for time series classification [34]. In one study, classifiers with dynamic time warping distance perform well as baselines [3]. In another, Lines and Bagnall [34] shows dynamic time warping is at least competitive to all the other distance measures considered. Interestingly, the best performers in the study are reported to be ensembling neural network classifiers combined with different distance measures.

b) Dynamic Time Warping: Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) can be applied to time series data composed of varying length, but for simplicity, the following description is limited to the case involving series of equal length, such as presented by Bagnall et al. [3]. The distance between two equal length series \( a = (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m) \) and \( b = (b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_m) \) is calculated as follows:

1) \( \psi \) is a matrix sized \( m \times m \) where \( \psi_{i,r} = (a_i - b_r)^2 \)

2) A warping path \( \rho = ((e_1, f_1), (e_2, f_2), \ldots, (e_s, f_s)) \) is a contiguous set of matrix indices from \( \psi \), subject the constraints:

- \( (e_1, f_1) = (1, 1) \)
- \( (e_s, f_s) = (m, m) \)
- \( 0 \leq e_{i+1} - e_i \leq 1 \forall i < m \)
- \( 0 \leq f_{i+1} - f_i \leq 1 \forall i < m \)

3) Let \( p_i = \psi_{e_i,f_i} \), then the path distance is \( D_\rho = \sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i \)

4) Multiple warping paths exists, but the aim is to find a path that minimizes the accumulative distance \( \rho^* = \min_{\rho \in \mathbb{P}} D_\rho(a, b) \)

5) Solving the following relation yields the optimal distance:

\[
DTW_{i,r} = \psi_{i,r} + \min \begin{cases} 
DTW_{(i-1,r)} & \text{DTW}_{(i-1,r-1)} \end{cases},
\]

where the final distance is given by \( DTW_{(m,m)} \).

Some improvements may be applied to DTW for increased efficiency, such as constraining deviations from the diagonal but this falls beyond the scope of this paper. Shokoohi-Yekta et al. [59] defines strategies for applying DTW to multivariate setting. These are independent and dependent approaches.

The independent method, iDTW, as the name suggests, has a separate treatment for each dimension. Using a separate distance matrix for each dimension, iDTW then sums the resulting time warping distances:

\[
iDTW_{i,r}(x_a, x_b) = \sum_{k=1}^{d} DTW(x_{a,i,k} - x_{b,r,k})^2
\]

The main idea behind Dependent dynamic time warping (dDTW) is the assumption that the accurate warping is identical for all the dimensions. Given a single time series, the matrix \( \psi_{i,r} \) is no longer considered the distance between two points, but is redefined as the Euclidean distance between the two vectors that constitute a representation of the full dimensional space. The dependant strategy is more efficient as warping is simultaneous for all the dimensions, and the distance between steps \( i \) and \( r \) in terms of time resolution is given by:

\[
\psi_{i,r}(x_u, x_v) = \sum_{k=1}^{d} (x_{u,k} - x_{v,k})^2.
\]
threshold deducible from the training data. Adaptive time warping falls beyond the scope of the current study.

2) Deep Learning-based Models:

a) MiniRocket: MiniRocket [19] is adapted from Rocket [18] which was ranked among the best performers on multiple datasets in a recent study [55]. The authors report MiniRocket is at most 75 times faster that Rocket, with comparative accuracy. Rocket combines convolution kernels that are randomly initialised, with a linear classifier, typically ridge regression or logistic regression. The method produces feature maps where the maximum value the proportion of positive values (ppv) are extracted.

Hyperparameter tuning is restricted to the following search spaces. The length $\varsigma \in \{7, 9, 11\}$; the kernel weights $w_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$; the dilation, $d$, is sampled from the exponential distribution; and whether or not the series is padded is decided with equal probability.

In contrast, MiniRocket attempts to minimize the randomness characteristic of Rocket. It achieves this by pre-assigning values to a subset of the hyperparameters discussed above, or limiting the search space to a smaller grid, yet still reportedly achieving comparable accuracy. The changes are summarized in Table I [19], where $\mathcal{N}$ is the normal distribution and $\mathcal{U}$ is the uniform distribution.

### TABLE I: Summary of changes from Rocket [18] to MiniRocket [19].

| Rocket     | MiniRocket |
|------------|------------|
| length     | $\{7, 9, 11\}$ | 9 |
| weights    | $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ | $\{-1, 2\}$ |
| bias       | $\mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$ | from convolution output |
| dilation    | random      | fixed |
| padding     | random      | fixed |
| features    | ppv, max    | ppv |
| number of features | 20,000 | 10,000 |

b) MC-DCNN: Multi Channel Deep Convolutional Neural Network (MC-DCNN) [74] is a modification of conventional deep convolutional neural networks. The convolutions are applied independently per covariate in the multivariate input space.

Every dimension of the multivariate input data goes through two convolutional stages with eight filters each of length five and configured with ReLU activation functions. After each convolution there is a max-pooling operation, followed by a fully connected layer. Softmax is used for the final classification.

c) ResNet: ResNet [67] architecture has three convolutional layers within each of three residual blocks, followed by a Global Average Pooling (GAP) layer. The main idea behind ResNet is the use of residual shortcuts connecting consecutive convolutional layers. The key difference when compared with conventional convolutions from fully convolutional networks for instance, is the addition of these linear shortcuts. The shortcuts reduce the vanishing gradient effect [25], by enabling the gradient to flow directly through these connections. In a recent study [55], ResNet ranked among the best performers on multiple datasets.

d) InceptionTime: InceptionTime incorporates ResNet [67] and Inception modules [64]. An Inception module takes as input multivariate series of size $m \times k$. By using a bottleneck layer with length and stride one, it reduces the dimensionality to $m \times k$ where $k' < k$. InceptionTime assigns random initial weights to five instances of the artificial neural network and ensembles them for greater stability [21]. One out of the five networks replaces the three blocks of the aforementioned three classical convolutional layers from ResNet with two blocks of three Inception modules each. However, the new blocks also maintain residual connections, and they too are followed by GAP and softmax layers.

e) TapNet: The final benchmark model considered combines classical and deep learning-based traits. Zhang et al. [71] note that deep learning methods are good at learning low dimensional features and classical approaches such as dynamic time warping are competitive for applications involving small datasets. TapNet, combining these traits, has a network architecture composed of three modules: Random Dimension Permutation, Multivariate Time Series Encoding and Attentional Prototype Learning. These modules can further be broken down into fully connected layers, three sets of convolutional layers that are one dimension each, a global pooling layer, batch normalisation, and Leaky Rectified Linear Units (LReLU) [40].

C. Anomaly Detection

The benchmark models and their hyperparameters are kept constant from the original manuscripts that the techniques were initially introduced. For MES-LSTM, similarly, the model architecture as described by Mathonsi and van Zyl [42] is retained. This hybrid model is used in conjunction with the methodology presented by Mathonsi and van Zyl [41], in particular Algorithm 1 is employed in order to adapt the forecast machinery for the task of anomaly detection.

### Algorithm 1 Anomaly Detection

```python
if $U_1 \leq y_t \leq L_1$ then
    $y_t$ is normal
else
    if $|\mathcal{I} \alpha(y_t) - \mathcal{I} \alpha(y_*)| \geq 1.33 \times \mathcal{I} \alpha(y_*)$ and $y_t > 10 \times \text{std}\{y_{t-3}, y_{t-2}, y_{t-1}\}$ then
        $y_t$ is anomalous \{where $y_*$ is the last anomalous observation\}
    end if
end if
```

Training time series are extracted from the millisecond transient phasor measurement units data. Training samples are randomly selected amounting to 439 time series, and the remaining 110 time series are used for testing (20%). Each sequence has metadata associated with the event type similar to the classification use case, i.e. branch fault, branch trip, bus
fault, bus trip, gen trip. Each time series has a sequence length of 960 observations, representing 4s in the system recorded at 240Hz. There are 91 dimensions for each time series, including voltage, current and power measurements across the transmission system. The experiment is repeated 35 times to mitigate the stochastic nature of the deep learning models.

D. Interpretability

The presented approach uses model-agnostic feature attribution techniques. LIME [52] is a local explainability technique suitable for local explanations. This method perturbs the input in the neighbourhood of an instance and examines the output of the model. LIME, thus, indicates the input features the model considers when making a prediction. LIME works by using a proxy based on a simple model, intrinsically interpretable, such as a linear regression model. The surrogate model is applied around each prediction between the input variable space and the corresponding outcome variables space. Explainability is discerned from the main anomaly detection model by perturbing the input variables of a multivariate observation and tracking how the predictions change.

SHAP [38] use Shapley values from cooperative game theory, which indicates what reward players can expect depending on a coalition function. To extend this approach to the explainability of artificial intelligence agents, players are considered as features and reward as the outcome of the model. Although SHAP also provides global interpretability (behaviour of the entire model), this paper focuses on its interpretability component to be useful for stakeholders, the correct contributor should be identified and ranked high up in terms of feature importance. To ensure this, a novel metric is presented, that can be tuned to the appropriate task-specific sensitivity.

Definition 2.1 (Mean Discovery Score): Let $\beta$ indicate the task-specific sensitivity, i.e. ideally, the principal contributing predictor $\kappa$ should be ranked in the highest $\beta$ features in terms of importance. Let the $i$th out-of-sample observation that is in fact anomalous be denoted by $y_i \in \{a\}$, where $\{a\}$ is the set of all anomalies. Then, by aggregating how many times this ranking occurs at the specific sensitivity, the mean discovery score ($\text{MDS}_\beta$) is given by

$$\text{MDS}_\beta = \frac{1}{\text{card} \left( \{a\}_D \right)} \sum_{t=1}^{m} \# y_i \in \{a\} \cap \{ R(\kappa_t) \leq \beta \},$$

where the rank of an attribute’s feature importance is denoted by $R$, and $\text{card} \left( \{a\}_D \right)$ is how many times an algorithm $A_i$ is able to detect anomalies in dataset $D$.

$\text{MDS}_\beta$ is useful for scoring the explainability of accurate anomaly detection models, and would not be suitable for use if the set of anomalies correctly detected $\{a\}$ by algorithm $A_i$ is small in comparison to the set of overall anomalous events.

E. Analysis

InceptionTime, MC-DCNN and ResNet are implemented in Tensorflow, TapNet and MiniRocket in Pytorch, and the DTW techniques from scratch. The code implementations in this study retain the default settings detailed by the respective authors in their original manuscripts. Some algorithms have modules embedded that perform hyperparameter tuning. In cases where this is applicable, the hyperparameter optimization modules are kept as is, but no additional tuning is conducted. Below, the configurations for each algorithm is detailed.

For DTW the full warping window is used. MiniRocket is configured with a ridge regression classifier and 10,000 kernels. TapNet uses defaults set to 500 trees, 3,000 epochs, a learning rate of $10^{-4}$, weight decay of $10^{-2}$, stop threshold of $10^{-8}$, number of filters given by 256, 256, and 128 respectively, kernels by 8, 5, and 3 respectively, while dilation is one with no dropout. ResNet has 1,500 epochs, a batch size of 16, learns at a rate of $10^{-2}$ which, if no improvement is observed for 50 epochs, is set to $5^{-2}$. ResNet is configured with three residual blocks composed of three convolutional layers each, where the sizes of the kernels are 8, 5, and 3 respectively, and 64, 128, and 128 filters respectively per convolutional layer for each block. InceptionTime runs for 1,500 epochs with a batch size of 64. InceptionTime is configured with dual residual blocks, each composed of three Inception modules where the sizes of the kernels are sizes 10, 20, and 40 respectively per module, and learns at a rate of $10^{-2}$, which, if no improvement is observed for 50 epochs, is set to $5^{-2}$.

III. Results and Discussion

This section analyzes the results of the performance of the proposed method compared to the state of the art. Both the anomaly detection and the interpretability tasks are analyzed and discussed.

A. Anomaly Detection

Table II details the aggregated results for the area under the ROC (auROC) curve. When observing the standard deviation, the deterministic models all have no variability in their results, i.e. 1NN, and the dynamic time warping models. InceptionTime shows the most variability and this property may be somewhat undesirable within the context of assisting domain experts. A good anomaly detection model should have results that are not only accurate, but are also consistent over multiple trials. In this regard of variability, ResNet has the most consistent results from the non-deterministic models.
Table II also indicates that MC-DCNN is the best performing anomaly detection model, followed closely by MES-LSTM, ResNet, InceptionTime and MiniRocket. TapNet is not much better than the deterministic distance-based models.

The box and whisker plot in Figure 1 indicate MES-LSTM achieves the highest performance score on a single trial (highest whisker end-point), although MC-DCNN has the highest overall mean aggregated over all trials. Inception Time and MiniRocket have the highest variability in terms of performance results, whilst ResNet is the most consistent model.

![Fig. 1: Area Under the ROC curve Distribution Boxplot for all Trials.](image1)

Examining the area under the Precision-Recall (auPR) curve in Table III reaffirms the above discussion. The main difference is in the range of performance scores. The range is higher across all the models as the auPR metric takes into account the class imbalance inherent in the data.

The box and whisker plot in Figure 2 further shows the maximum auPR is achieved by InceptionTime, at the cost of the aforementioned variability (which also adversely impacts the overall performance mean). With regards to highest overall performance mean, the top five models are, in order from best, MC-DCNN, MES-LSTM, ResNet, InceptionTime, and MiniRocket.

![Fig. 2: Area Under the PR curve Distribution Boxplot for all Trials.](image2)

A Student’s t-test for statistical significance is conducted at the $\alpha = 0.01$ level of significance, for the performance results in terms of anomaly detection. The null hypothesis is $H_0$: the benchmark models outperform MES-LSTM. From Tables IV and Table V, the only instance where one is unable to reject the null hypothesis at the $\alpha = 0.01$ level of significance is for MC-DCNN.

Since there are 96 covariates in total, a starting point would be to consider what a domain expert might consider useful inference from a machine learning tool. In case of power trip, for instance, it would be time consuming to check all 96 possible contributors. However, checking a reasonable subset would be more feasible. Below, $\beta$ is set to elements in the range $\{5, 10, 15\}$, although this range can be determined by requirements specific to a particular use-case scenario. The rationale behind the chosen range is ideally, a good explainer system should rank the chief contributor in the first five highest ranked features (saving the domain expert the most amount of time); an explainer with moderate skill would rank the chief contributor in the five to first ten highest ranked features, while the worst would rank the chief contributor in the first ten to 15 highest ranked features and beyond.

Below, only the top four performing models are considered. Anything that offers less than 50% in accuracy for anomaly detection can be argued to be no better than random guessing. TapNet, although above 50% in performance score, does not report anomaly detection performance skill much higher than the distance-based methods and is also not included in the discussion that follows.

Table VI shows MES-LSTM has the highest correct attribution at $\beta = 5$ features considered, followed by MC-DCNN, InceptionTime and ResNet. At $\beta = 10$ and $\beta = 15$ features considered, MES-LSTM and InceptionTime are in the top two. ResNet peaks at around 80% correct attribution at $\beta = 15$ features considered, while InceptionTime has the highest overall score at 94.61%. Not one of the models reaches 100%, indicating that there are still some missing key contributing factors not accounted for even after 15 covariates are explored in terms of feature importance. From Table VII it is deducible that at $\beta = 5$ features considered, at most only 73% explainability is accounted for. The maximum score is achieved by MES-LSTM at $\beta = 15$ features considered.

The discovery scores are illustrated graphically in Figure 3. MES-LSTM has the highest correct attribution at all levels of features considered for both LIME and SHAP, except for LIME at $\beta = 10$ (where MES-LSTM is outperformed by InceptionTime).
TABLE II: Area Under Receiver Operating Characteristic curve for all Models over all Trials.

| Model       | 1NN | dDTW | iDTW | InceptionTime | MC-DCNN | MES-LSTM | MiniRocket | ResNet | TapNet |
|-------------|-----|------|------|---------------|---------|----------|------------|--------|--------|
| **mean**    | 0.3301 | 0.4146 | 0.4500 | 0.5822 | 0.7547 | 0.7376 | 0.5675 | 0.7012 | 0.4804 |
| **std**     | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1025 | 0.0500 | 0.0736 | 0.0925 | 0.0358 | 0.0812 |

TABLE III: Area Under Precision-Recall curve for all Models over all Trials.

| Model       | 1NN | dDTW | iDTW | InceptionTime | MC-DCNN | MES-LSTM | MiniRocket | ResNet | TapNet |
|-------------|-----|------|------|---------------|---------|----------|------------|--------|--------|
| **mean**    | 0.4225 | 0.4803 | 0.5500 | 0.7332 | 0.8470 | 0.8421 | 0.6359 | 0.8117 | 0.5604 |
| **std**     | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1087 | 0.0328 | 0.0549 | 0.0594 | 0.0170 | 0.0471 |

TABLE IV: Student’s t-test for Testing Significance of auROC Performance Results (H_0: Benchmark Models Outperform MES-LSTM).

| Model       | 1NN | dDTW | iDTW | InceptionTime | MC-DCNN | MiniRocket | ResNet | TapNet |
|-------------|-----|------|------|---------------|---------|------------|--------|--------|
| **statistic** | 32.7568 | 25.9649 | 23.1195 | 7.2838 | -1.1331 | 8.5118 | 2.6362 | 13.8820 |
| **p-value** | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.8692 | 0.0000 | 0.0056 | 0.0000 |

TABLE V: Student’s t-test for Testing Significance of auPR Performance Results (H_0: Benchmark Models Outperform MES-LSTM).

| Model       | 1NN | dDTW | iDTW | InceptionTime | MC-DCNN | MiniRocket | ResNet | TapNet |
|-------------|-----|------|------|---------------|---------|------------|--------|--------|
| **statistic** | 45.2511 | 39.0184 | 31.5026 | 5.2917 | -0.4495 | 15.0871 | 3.1367 | 23.0563 |
| **p-value** | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.6726 | 0.0000 | 0.0016 | 0.0000 |

Fig. 3: Mean Discovery Score for Explainer Techniques applied to Top Four Anomaly Detectors. (A) LIME. (B) SHAP.
TABLE VI: Mean Discovery Score for LIME applied to Top Four Anomaly Detectors.

| β  | InceptionTime | MC-DCNN | MES-LSTM | ResNet |
|----|---------------|---------|----------|--------|
| 5  | 0.7113        | 0.7554  | 0.7634   | 0.6419 |
| 10 | 0.9059        | 0.8222  | 0.8856   | 0.7025 |
| 15 | 0.9461        | 0.8985  | 0.9346   | 0.8077 |

TABLE VII: Mean Discovery Score for SHAP applied to Top Four Anomaly Detectors.

| β  | InceptionTime | MC-DCNN | MES-LSTM | ResNet |
|----|---------------|---------|----------|--------|
| 5  | 0.7311        | 0.6871  | 0.7376   | 0.6437 |
| 10 | 0.8570        | 0.7380  | 0.9179   | 0.7205 |
| 15 | 0.9263        | 0.8219  | 0.9481   | 0.7754 |

IV. CONCLUSION

There are two main objectives in this paper. One is to build an anomaly detection machinery that is a hybrid composed of statistical and deep learning techniques. The second is to incorporate interpretability to such a technique. The desired outcomes related to these objectives are one, that the anomaly detection skill is at least competitive to the state-of-the-art; and two, that the explainability component has a good level of correct attribution.

The proposed method is outperformed in some instances with regards to anomaly detection by, for example, MC-DCNN. MC-DCNN is able to model the spatial correlations well, and this could be a contributing factor to the superior performance. MES-LSTM is outperformed marginally and although competitive with regards to anomaly detection, the overall performance is an area for improvement.

However, when it comes to correctly attributing important features for the anomalies detected by each of the top four performing models, MES-LSTM is the overall highest achiever. The high discovery scores are as a result of the architecture’s good modeling of temporal dependence. Accurate attribution is important as it ensures the model is not learning from spurious effects. It also reinforces trust for manual inspectors of, say, mechanical systems when an anomaly within the system is detected and possible causes are reported.

The voltage measurements and current measurements are governed by both time evolution from external oscillation events and as well as spatial dependency from the inherent network connectivity over the entire grid. The problem framing is of multivariate spatio-temporal anomaly detection and interpretability. Future work may involve graph neural networks, which show significant promise in the tasks underpinned by similar settings, such as in climate modeling [13].

It is possible that through additional engineering of the benchmark algorithms and tuning of their hyperparameters, better overall performance could have been realized. However, the idea was to test the anomaly detectors based on the configuration recommendations suggested by the respective authors in their original manuscripts. The approach using original configurations mitigates biases that may result from optimising algorithms for particular datasets and particular tasks.

In this study, a novel metric is proposed for assessing usability of a model with regards to usefulness of the model’s interpretability to a domain expert. There are many metrics for tasks such as forecasting and anomaly detection, but research centered around explainability is lacking in terms of metrics for ease of comparison among multiple models. Adding more metrics to measure the level of correct attribution is also an avenue for future research.

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