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Détection d'Anomalies et Diagnostic des Causes Racines des Applications à Faible-Latence sur les Réseaux à Capacité Variable

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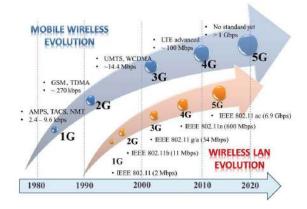
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1. Context & Motivation

1. Motivation

- Recents network evolutions (Wi-Fi and mobile networks).
- Low latency (LL) applications (Cloud Gaming, Cloud VR) which is gaining importance.
- Current time varying capacity networks (4G/5G, WiFi) focus on bandwidth, neglecting latency
 - LL applications need more than speed: stability is required for better Quality of Experience (QoE).













1. Motivation

- LL applications suffer in real-world time varying capacity networks :
 - Wi-Fi: higher RTT and jitter may occurs due to attenuation.
 - Cellular networks: delay spikes due to signal drops or handovers.

 We need smart detection and diagnostic solutions to improve QoE for LL applications.

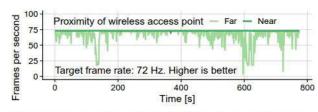
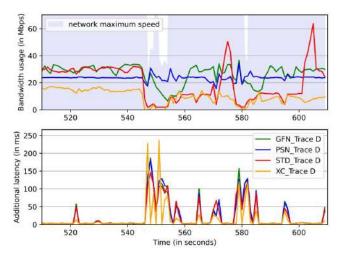


Figure 1: An example result from our performance characterization, showing the effect of wireless access point proximity on VR performance.

[Jansen et al. 2023]



[Marchal et al. 2023]

2. Problem Statement & Objectives

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Goal of this thesis: Propose efficient and robust methods to detect and diagnose the causes of performance degradation in LL applications based on KPIs collected.



- Improve QoE on LL applications for individual and enterprises clients.
- Improve or design networks infrastructures (5G and WiFi) to support LL applications requirements (latency and jitter especially).

Data collection

Anomaly Detection

Root Cause Diagnosis

3. Background

3-1. Background: Data Collection

- No existing datasets capture LL applications behavior under realistic network conditions.
- Network issues faced by LL applications that prone to QoE degradation:
 - Cellular (congestion, coverage, interference, handovers, ...)
 - WiFi (interference, congestion, signal attenuation, hidden terminals, ...)

- An anomaly is an observation that deviates considerably from some concept of normality [Chandola et al.].
- Expert-defined rule-based techniques are fast but no longer scale.
- Use of ML/DL solutions to circumvent these limitations.
 - Given a multivariate time-series dataset $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T\}$ with $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^m$ we train f_{θ} that for each new observation outputs an **anomaly score** $s(\tilde{x_t})$

$$ilde{y_t} = egin{cases} 1, & ext{if } s(ilde{x_t}) > \delta \ 0, & ext{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

Performance metrics:

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

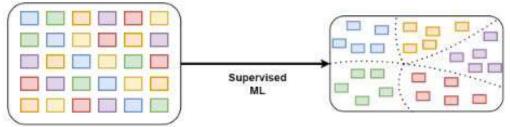
$$F_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{P \cdot R}{P + R}$$

$$TP \cdot TN - FP \cdot FN$$

$$MCC = \frac{TP \cdot TN - FP \cdot FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

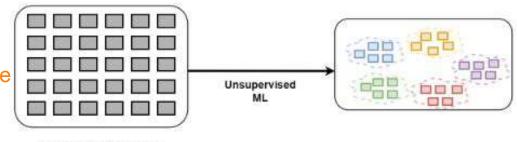
Two time series AD approaches:

- Supervised AD: learns from labeled anomalies.
 - ✓ Very efficient
 - Need extensive labels often unavailable or expensive to obtain.



Labeled training data

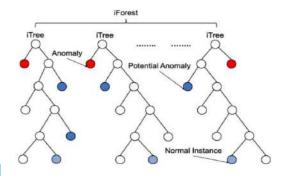
- Unsupervised AD: learns from unlabeled data.
 - No labels required
 - Assume that training data are free of anomalies => Risk of data contamination.



Unlabeled training data

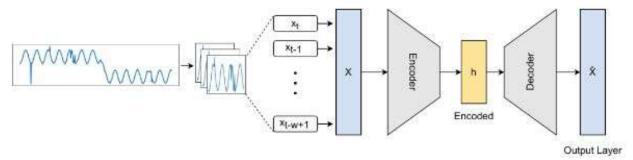
Classical unsupervised ML methods:

- Lightweight and efficient for small datasets.
- Struggle with high-dimensional data or complex datasets.
 - Methods:
 - PCA [Paffenroth et al.], Isolation Forest [Liu et al.]
 OC-SVM [Schölkopf et al.]
 - Distance-based: LOF [Breunig et al.], DBSCAN [Ester et al.]
 - Statistical models: ARIMA [Yaacob et al., Cao et al.]



Unsupervised **Deep Learning** (DL) for AD:

- Handle high-dimensional data with neural networks.
 - Require computational resources and lacks interpretability.
 - Vulnerable to data contamination.
 - Methods
 - Autoencoder-based: USAD [Audibert et al.], LSTM-VAE [Park et al.]
 - One-class: Deep-SVDD [Ruff et al.]



3-3. Background: Root Cause Diagnosis

Detecting an anomaly do not give the reason why it happened

Root Cause Diagnosis (RCD)

Traditional (expert-based) approaches:

- Rely on rules and domain knowledge.
 - Struggle with evolving network conditions
 - Require frequent manual updates
 - May interfere with the causes (e.g., active probe-based)
 - Many techniques:
 - Cellular: [Watanabe et al., Kan et al.]
 - Wi-Fi: [Rayanchu et al., Kanuparthy et al.]

3-3. Background: Root Cause Diagnosis

ML-based techniques

- Automatically learn from data
- Mostly supervised => require labeled data
 - Generalizability problem
 - May require computational resources
 - Many techniques:
 - Cellular: Neural networks to detect faults from KPI data. [Shi et al., 2022; Hasan et al., 2024]
 - Wi-Fi: ML models for impairments detection [Salinas et al., 2018;
 Syrigos et al., 2019; Salik et al. 2023]

3-3. Background: Conclusion & Research Questions (RQ)

Data Collection

 RQ: How to collect KPI datasets for LL applications under realistic network conditions?

Anomaly Detection

- Unsupervised AD models performance model-dependent.
- Training data often contaminated.
- Industrial deployments needs: fast, robust detection.
- RQ: Can we propose an AD model that outperforms existing solutions and remain efficient under data contamination?

Root Cause Diagnosis

- Rule-based methods no longer scale.
- ML-based RCD relies heavily on labeled anomalies.
- RQ: Can we design a RCD method efficient with minimal labeled data, well-suited for real-world deployments?

4. Key Contributions

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- A. Realistic data collection for Cloud Gaming (CG) and Cloud VR under cellular/WiFi networks
- B. CATS: Contrastive learning for Anomaly detection on Time Series
- C. RAID: Root-cause Anomaly Identification and Detection

A. Data collection

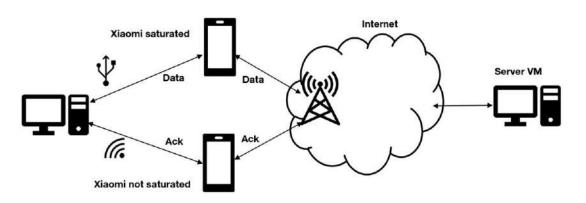
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OpenData: https://cloud-gaming-traces.lhs.inria.fr/data.html

A-1. 4G network conditions on Orange commercial network

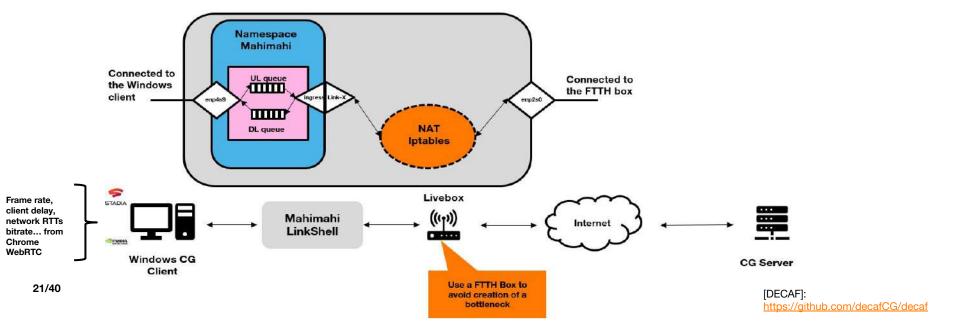
- Use Mahimahi framework to conduct controlled experiments on time-varying network conditions.
- Collect recent transmission opportunities (txops) files representing current 4G network capacities.
- Use Saturatr tool to record 4G/5G base station behavior.



Conditions	Throughput (Mbps)	Location		
File 1	220	Orange		
File 2	160	Orange		
File 3	120	Brélévenez		
File 4	80	Brélévenez		
File 5	40	Plemeur-Bodou		
File 6 (Highway)	45	Guingamp - Lannion		

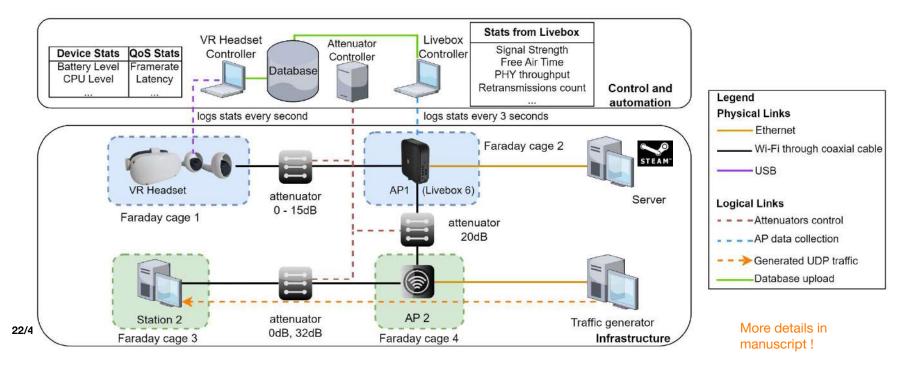
A-2. Cloud Gaming KPIs collection on 4G networks

- Leveraging the previous txops files and commercial CG platforms to collect QoS/QoE KPIs via WebRTC API.
- Use Mahimahi-LinkShell and DECAF tool.



A-3. Data collection of Cloud VR data over Wi-Fi networks

- CG datasets collected make it challenging to isolate the root causes
- Cloud VR applications are more valuable for ISP like Orange
- Use CloudXR + Oculus tool + Livebox 6



B. CATS: Contrastive learning for Anomaly detection in Time Series

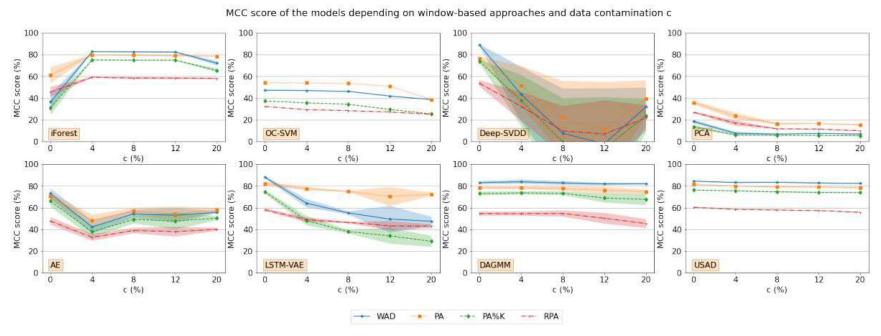
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Code: https://github.com/joelromanky/cats

B-1. CATS: Motivation

 Existing unsupervised AD models may suffer to discriminate anomalies close to normal samples while being impacted by data contamination.



B-1. CATS: Motivation

 Contrastive learning (CL) gained popularity in many domains and is now applied to time series AD.

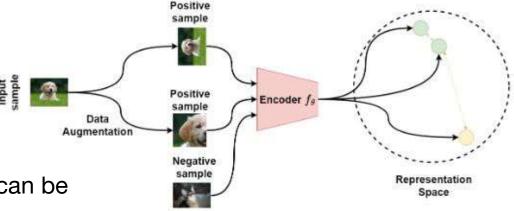


Figure 1.5: Contrastive learning

- Existing CL-based AD methods can be improved:
 - Do not exploit the temporal aspect of multivariate time series
 - Not robust to data contamination.

B-2. CATS: How it works?

 Idea: Leverage CL with temporal similarity awareness for AD on time series.

• Core techniques:

Generate synthetic anomalies to introduce the knowledge of anomalies.

Positive Data

Augmentation

Negative

Data Augmentation

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 Use a DTW-based similarity to enforce temporal similarity (TCL)

Improve GCL with synthetic anomalies.

Random Cropping Feature Space XXXX ********** Anomaly Score

Global Contrastive Learning

Temporal Contrastive

Learning

Negative

 \mathcal{L}_{GCL}

TCL: Temporal Contrastive Learning GCL: Global Contrastive Learning

DTW: Dynamic Time Warping

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B-3. Experiment Results: Performance

Validated on real-world CG KPIs data previously presented (cf A-2)

Table 4.2: Performance comparison on the datasets. Mean and standard deviation computed over all entities for benchmark datasets and over five runs for case-study datasets. Bold values indicate best results and underlined values the second best results.

	Models	IForest	Deep-SVDD	AE	USAD	SimCLR	SimSiam	TS2Vec	CATS
STD	AUPR	75.16(±1.28)	95.24 _(±0.59)	97.57 _(±0.16)	97.55 _(±0.04)	97.46 _(±0.21)	79.79(±8.14)	97.65 _(±0.99)	98.72 _(±0.09)
	AUC	$74.57_{(\pm 1.63)}$	91.19 _(±1.08)	$96.04_{(\pm 0.27)}$		$95.78_{(\pm 0.39)}$	75.65 _(±11:3)	95.63 _(±1.94)	97.93 _(±0.13)
	F1	$75.79_{(\pm 1.42)}$	87.18 _(±1.24)	$90.35_{(\pm 0.51)}$	90.02 _(±0.24)	$90.15_{(\pm 0.52)}$	$74.21_{(\pm 9.22)}$	$92.83_{(\pm 1.92)}$	94.06 _(±0.45)
		39.56(±3.66)				$78.48_{(\pm 1.17)}$	39.31 _(±19.8)	84.33 _(±4.12)	
GFN	AUPR	76.97 _(±0.58)	87.81 _(±1.51)	88.60 _(±0.40)	88.65 _(±0.14)	90.19 _(±0.65)	84.49 _(±3.33)	89.63 _(±1.99)	93.60 _(±0.52)
	AUC	$61.97_{(\pm 0.87)}$	$71.78_{(\pm 3.41)}$		$74.84_{(\pm 0.42)}$				84.35(±1.23)
	F1	$74.12_{(\pm 0.71)}$	$75.51_{(\pm 2.11)}$		$77.80_{(\pm 0.38)}$				82.88 _(±0.96)
		$17.07_{(\pm 1.27)}$						$28.19_{(\pm 8.39)}$	47.27 _(±1.49)
XC	AUPR	67.19 _(±1.61)	61.99 _(±7.61)	84.21 _(±3.24)	83.34 _(±0.31)	80.55 _(±2.93)	76.44 _(±13.4)	95.01 _(±1.75)	93.65 _(±0.41)
		$78.71_{(\pm 1.13)}$		$89.18_{(\pm 2.31)}$				96.96(±1.36)	96.10(±0.41)
	F1	63.33(±1.18)	50.83(±7.69)					89.60(±2.03)	86.69(±0.83)
	MCC	43.42 _(±2.43)	27.40 _(±11.4)					84.07 _(±2.94)	79.67 _(±0.11)

 CATS on average outperforms AD models thanks to temporal similarity and anomaly class knowledge.

B-3. Experiment Results: Ablation study

Table 4.3: Ablation study on loss components.

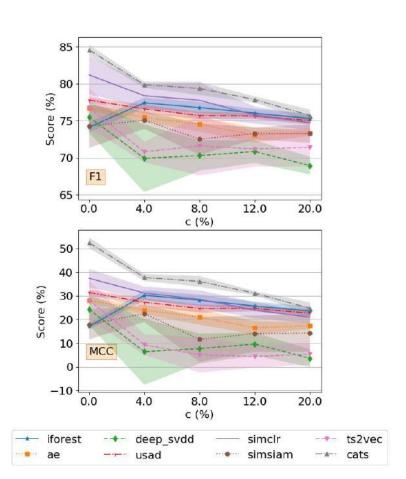
	G	FN	х	C
Loss	F1	MCC	F1	MCC
\mathcal{L}_{NTXent}	81.20(±2.61)	37.46 _(±3.87)	$70.58_{(\pm 3.45)}$	56.59 _(±4.89)
\mathcal{L}_{GCL}	82.52 _(±1.77)	$40.73_{(\pm 2.32)}$	$85.68_{(\pm 2.52)}$	$78.31_{(\pm 3.67)}$
\mathcal{L}_{TCL}	$79.93_{(\pm 2.69)}$	$38.12_{(\pm 8.32)}$	$76.57_{(\pm 5.68)}$	$65.71_{(\pm 8.34)}$
$\mathcal{L}_{GCL} + \mathcal{L}_{TCL}$	$82.88_{(\pm 0.96)}$	47.27 _(±1.49)	86.69 _(±0.83)	79.67 _(±0.11)

Combination of GCL and TCL enhance the performance of CATS.

B-3. Experiment Results: Data contamination robustness

Even with contaminated training sets,
 CATS outperforms other models.

 Robustness limited when contamination rate is high.



C. RAID: Root cause Anomaly Identification

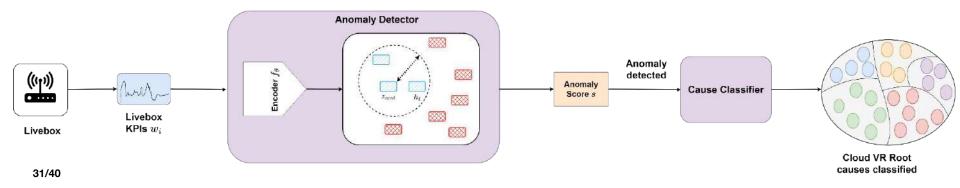
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Code: https://github.com/joelromanky/raid

C-1. RAID: Motivation & Strategy

- ML models for RCD need labeled datasets.
- Contrastive learning improve multivariate time series classification.
- RAID: a two-stage RCD pipeline combining self-supervised and supervised steps:
 - Anomaly detection based on CATS
 - Cause classification using a shallow classifier (SVM).



C-2. Experimental Results: Performance

- Using Wi-Fi datasets (cf A-3) RAID is evaluated against:
 - One-stage models

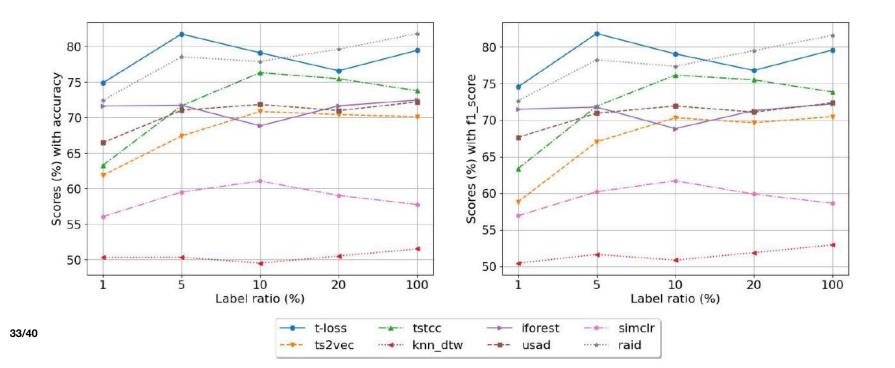
 (including
 self-supervised
 models)
 - Two-stage models.
- RAID achieves the highest performance compared to other approaches.

Table 2. Performance comparison on the datasets. Mean and standard deviation computed over five runs for Cloud VR datasets. Bold values indicate best results and underlined values the second best.

\mathbf{Models}	Metrics	Accuracy	N-Accuracy	Precison	Recall	F1-score
One-stage	1-NN-DTW	$51.54_{(\pm 0.11)}$	$26.36_{(\pm 0.17)}$	$56.74_{(\pm 0.09)}$	$51.54_{(\pm 0.11)}$	52.96 _(±0.10)
	T-Loss	$79.47_{(\pm 4.39)}$	$\textbf{75.22}_{(\pm 5.58)}$	83.98 _(±4.74)	$79.47_{(\pm 4.39)}$	$79.60_{(\pm 4.53)}$
	TS2Vec	$70.12_{(\pm 5.28)}$	$55.71_{(\pm 6.53)}$	$75.42_{(\pm 3.22)}$	$70.12_{(\pm 5.28)}$	70.49 _(±4.88)
	TS-TCC	$73.78_{(\pm 6.38)}$	$66.17_{(\pm 8.12)}$	$79.29_{(\pm 6.07)}$	$73.78_{(\pm 6.38)}$	$73.86_{(\pm 6.68)}$
Two-stage	iForest	72.48 _(±2.69)	62.22 _(±4.69)	$72.26_{(\pm 3.14)}$	$72.48_{(\pm 2.69)}$	72.24 _(±2.99)
	USAD	$72.22_{(\pm 0.80)}$		$72.72_{(\pm 0.97)}$	$72.22_{(\pm 0.80)}$	$72.38_{(\pm 0.84)}$
	SimCLR	$57.76_{(\pm 3.25)}$	$37.59_{(\pm 4.84)}$	$61.01_{(\pm 2.60)}$	$57.76_{(\pm 3.25)}$	$58.65_{(\pm 3.06)}$
	RAID	81.83 _(±2.96)	$74.80_{(\pm 4.19)}$	81.85 _(±3.02)	81.83 _(±2.96)	81.60 _{(±3.05}

D-2. Experimental Results: Label efficiency

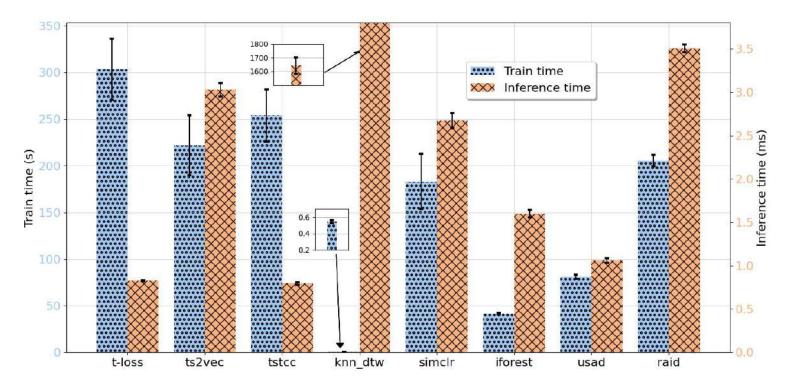
 RAID is performant with limited labeled data but benefit from more labels.



D-2. Experimental Results: Time complexity

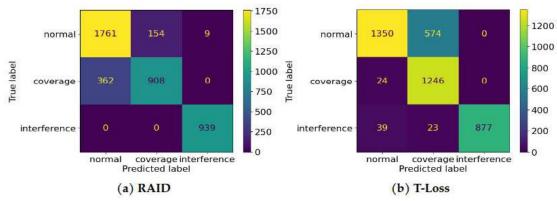
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- RAID achieves a practical balance between training efficiency and inference speed.
 - Training time around 200s and inference time of 3.5ms
 - Only the classifier needs to be retrained if new classes of anomalies.



D-3. Comparison RAID vs TLoss

- Better recall for normal scenarios.
- Struggles in discriminating coverage and normal scenarios
- Efficient in detecting interference scenarios (more impact on QoE during experiment).
 - More practical as it avoids more useless countermeasures deployments.



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Figure 5.4: Confusion matrix

5. Conclusion & Perspectives

5-1. Conclusion

In this thesis, we make the following contributions:

Data Collection

 Real-world datasets for QoE of CG applications and labeled Wi-Fi datasets collected over Cloud VR

Anomaly Detection on CG (CATS)

- Contrastive learning model that exploits temporal structure
- Robust to data contamination and generalizes well to different LL datasets.

Root-Cause Diagnosis for Cloud VR (RAID)

- 2-stage pipeline for AD with CATS and cause classification
- More efficient than two-stage and SSL classification techniques even with few labeled data
- Reasonable training & inference time => practical for real deployments

5-2. Perspectives

- Improve CATS for AD in time series
 - Increased training time due to the DTW-based loss time complexity O(N²).
 - Temporal modeling efficiency hindered due to the use of 1 negative in TCL triplet loss.
 - Improve robustness (uncertainty estimation).
- Further data collection for Cloud VR experiments
 - RAID has been tested on a controlled Cloud VR testbed with only two types of impairments.
- Leverage multiple sources of data for RCD
 - Only Wi-Fi metrics used for RCD while our testbed provides much more data sources.

5-2. Perspectives

- Few-shot learning for efficient labeling
- Novel class Discovery
- Causal Discovery

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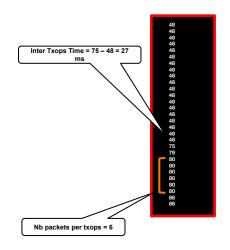
Appendixs

Collection of 4G network conditions on Orange commercial network

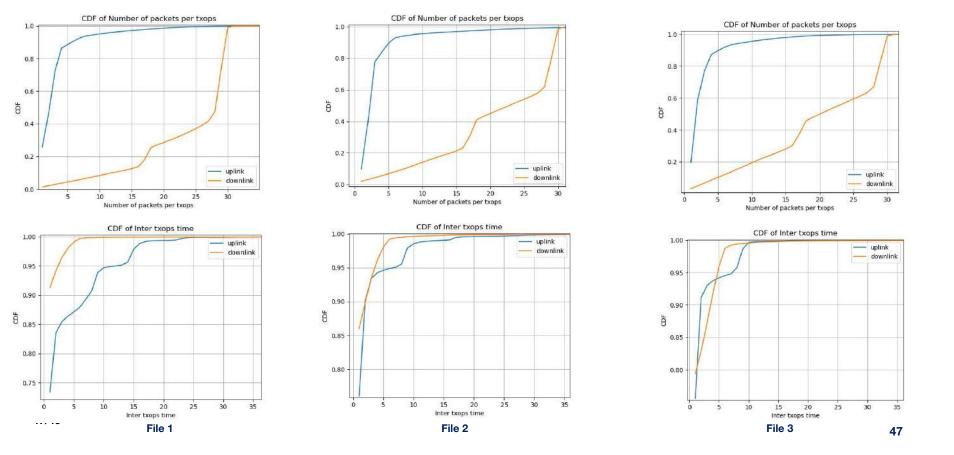
Txops Generation

Conditions	Throughput (Mbps)	Location	
File 1	220	Orange	
File 2	160	Orange	
File 3	120	Brélévenez	
File 4	80	Brélévenez	
File 5	40	Plemeur-Bodou	
File 6 (Highway)	45	Guingamp - Lannion	

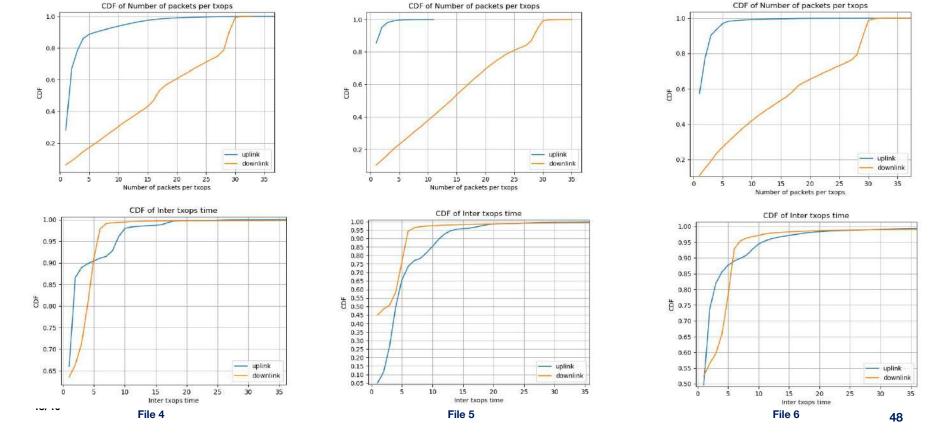
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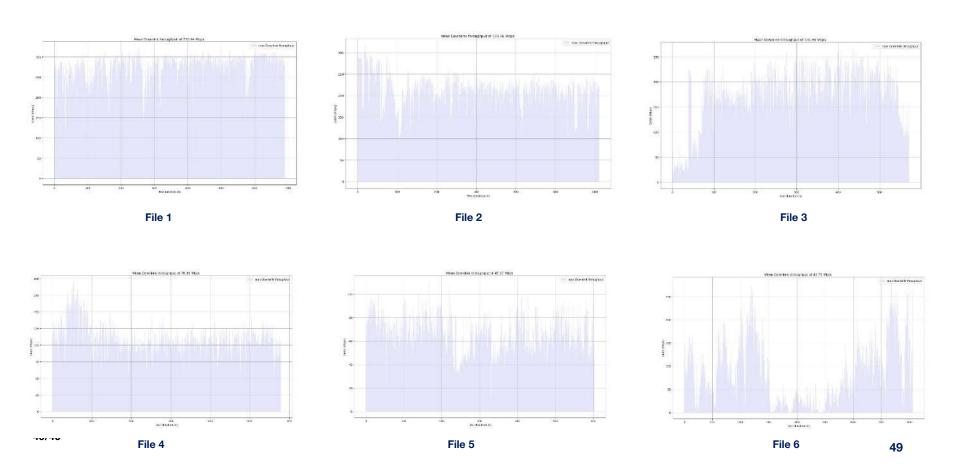
Characterization of 4G txops measured



Characterization of 4G txops measured



Max downlink throughput on the txops files



Cloud Gaming KPIs collection on 4G networks

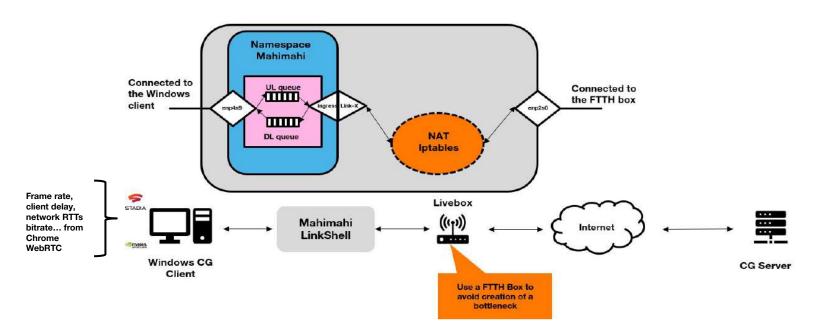


TABLE I: Datasets summary.

	Dataset	Train	Test	Dimensions	Anomalies (%)
!	STD	80486	169706	14	52.57
Cloud Gaming	GFN	27415	22667	14	55.36
	XC	83611	17918	14	24.32

Data collection of Cloud VR data over Wi-Fi networks

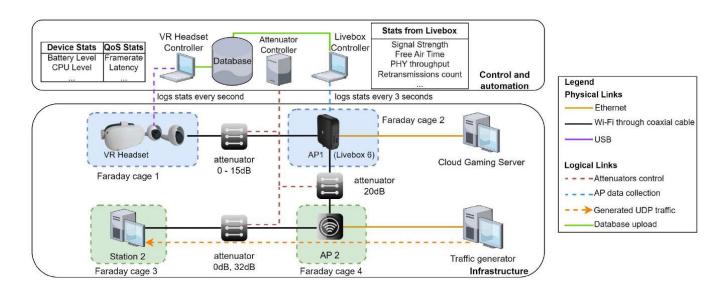


Table 5.1: Dataset Summary

Class	Train Size	Test Size	Number of Features	Number of Time Steps	
Normal	4718	1924	112	10	
Coverage	2984	1270	112	10	
Interference	1822	939	112	10	
Overall	9524 4133 112		112	10	

3-1. Motivation

3-2. Contributions

- Demonstrate on synthetic models that existing window metrics wrongly estimate AD models performance and propose WAD (Window Anomaly Decision) approach.
- Exhaustive evaluation of 8 unsupervised ML models with real-world datasets collected on 3 commercial CG platforms servers under 6 different 4G emulated network conditions.
 - ☐ Study data contamination and window size impact on AD models.
- Recommendation to network management experts on best models regarding different industrial requirements.

Unsupervised ML models for anomaly detection

We compare several unsupervised ML models on their performance, robustness and time complexity on AD on the CG time series datasets.

- Isolation based models
 - iForest
- One classification based models
 - o OC-SVM
 - Deep-SVDD
- Reconstruction-based models
 - o PCA
 - Auto Encoder
 - LSTM-VAE
 - DAGMM
 - USAD

Performance evaluation metrics:

Precision:
$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

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Recall: $R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$

> **F1-Score:**
$$F1 = 2 \frac{P \cdot R}{P + R}$$

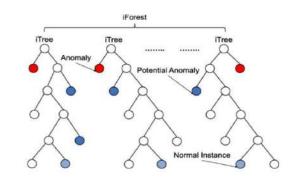
$$\longrightarrow MCC: MCC = \frac{TP.TN - FP.FN}{\sqrt{(TP+FP)(TP+FN)(TN+FP)(TN+FN)}}$$

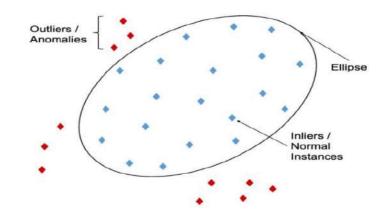
Unsupervised ML models: Isolation-based models

 Isolation Forest: Performs splits based on features to isolate anomalies from normal instances.

One Class-SVM: Support Vector Machines (SVM) based-approach to separate the normal data from anomaly data with an hyper-sphere.

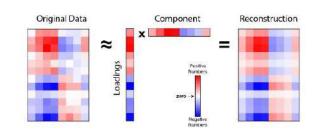
Deep-SVDD: Deep-learning implementation of OC-SVM that benefits from DL efficiency on high-dimensional data.

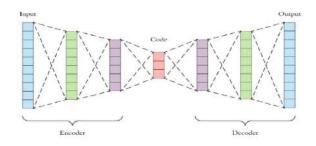




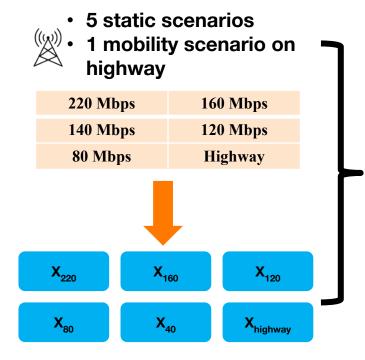
A) Unsupervised ML models: Reconstruction approaches

- PCA: Reconstruction of the data with principal components.
- AutoEncoder (AE): Constitued of an encoder, that learns from inputs a low-dimensional representation of data, and a decoder that reconstruct original data from latent variable.
- LSTM-VAE: Combination of LSTM and a VAE (AE with bayesian inference).
- DAGMM: Combination of AE and a gaussian mixture model.
- USAD: Two AE adversely trained and sharing the same encoder to reconstruct and discriminate for better representation learning.





CG Datasets collected



14 QoS/QoE features with a time-step of 5ms:

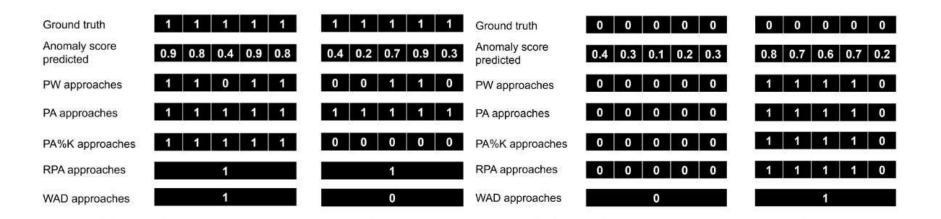
 Bitrate, RTT, client-processing delay, frame-rate, resolution, freeze occurrences, frames dropped, video reendering jitter

Chromium WebRTC API

 Downlink throughput reachable on the 4G emulated network condition.

Window approaches

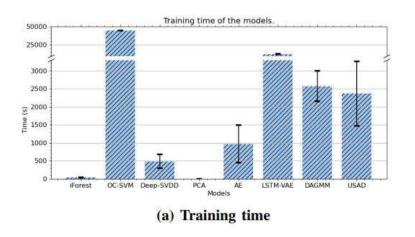
(a) Prediction on anomaly windows



(b) Prediction on normal windows

Figure 3.1: Illustration of PW, PA, RPA and WAD approaches. 0 is normal and is 1 anomalous. The anomaly score threshold to decide if an observation is anomalous or not is $\delta=0.5$. Window size p=5, $\alpha=0.8$.

Unsupervised ML models for anomaly detection



(b) Inference time per window

Fig. 5. Train and inference time.

Unsupervised ML models for anomaly detection

TABLE VI ML MODELS RECOMMENDATION

Model	Performance	Robustness	Deployment	Explainability
IForest	+	++	-	= 3
OC-SVM	-	+	-	
Deep-SVDD	++	- <u>-</u>	++	- (-
PCA		++	++	++
AE	+	=10	++	
LSTM-VAE	++		(≝)	• •
DAGMM	++	++	+	-
USAD	++	++	+	

++: good; +: somewhat good; -: somewhat bad; - -: bad.

3-8. Conclusion

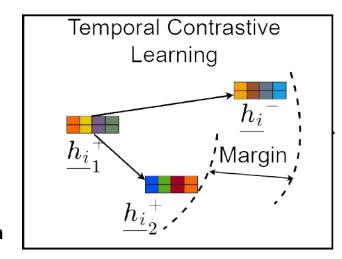
- F1-score has some limitations and should be coupled with MCC metric to avoid erroneous conclusions on model performance.
- Data contamination has different impact on unsupervised ML models.
 - ☐ Isolation-based benefit from it until a certain level
 - One class and reconstruction-based see their performance degrade (except DAGMM and iForest)
 - ML models usually do not necessarily meet industrial considerations such as robustness, performance, explainability, energy consumption...
 - ☐ Future work will consist in ML models for low-latency applications anomaly detection from PCAP files.

Temporal Contrastive Learning (TCL)

- Dynamic Time Warping (DTW): a similarity measure between time series that seeks for the temporal alignment that minimizes Euclidean distance between aligned series.
 - ☐ However, DTW is not differentiable.
 - Soft-DTW was introduced using the soft-min operator to make DTW differentiable.
- TCL learns a temporal representation using a triplet loss with Soft-DTW and is defined as follows:

$$L_{TCL} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \max(d(h_i, h_i^+) - d(h_i, h_i^-) + m, 0)$$

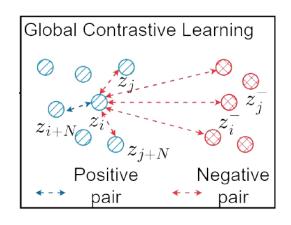
$$d\big(h_i,h_j\big) = softDTW\big(h_i,h_j\big) - \frac{1}{2}(softDTW(h_i,h_i) + softDTW(h_j,h_j))$$



Global Contrastive Loss (GCL)

- GCL learn representations at the instance level using the NT-Xent loss while considering more negative pairs.
 - □ NT-Xent loss consider two views of same instance as positive and view of different instances as negative.
 - GCL also include the views generated through negative data augmentation.
 - ☐ Consequently, instead of contrasting one positive pair and N-1 negative pairs in NT-Xent =, GCL contrasts one pair and 2N-1 negative pairs.

$$L_{GCL} = -\frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i \in B_a \cup B^+} \log \frac{\exp(sim(z_i, z_i^+)/\tau)}{\sum_{j \in B \ and \ j \neq i} \exp(sim(z_i, z_j^+)/\tau)}$$



$$sim(z_i, z_j) = \frac{z_i^T z_j}{\|z_j\| \|z_i\|}$$

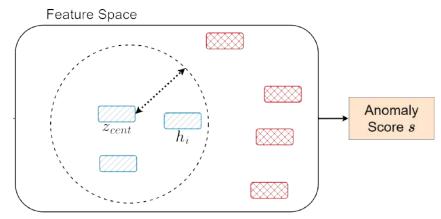
$$B = \{B_a, B^+, B^-\}$$

Anomaly score

- After training, we assume that the encoder has learn sufficient information to be efficient for our downstream task (AD).
- Anomaly can be identified using a simple anomaly score computed as follows:

$$s(w_t) = D(f_{\theta}(w_t), z_{cent})$$

$$z_{cent} = \frac{1}{N_{train}} \sum h_i$$



CATS: Data augmentation impact

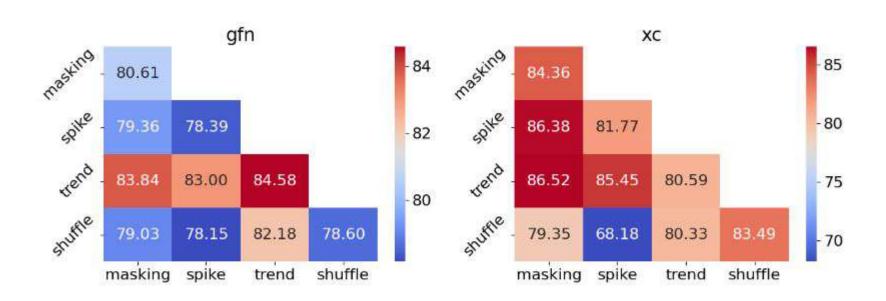
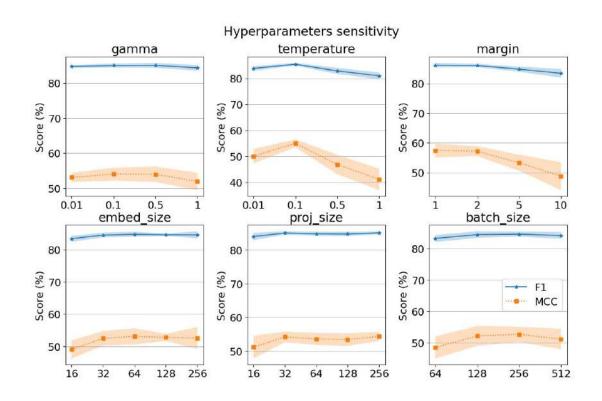
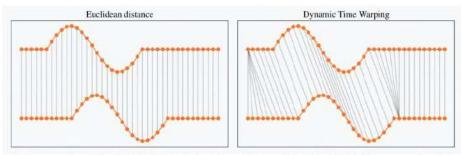


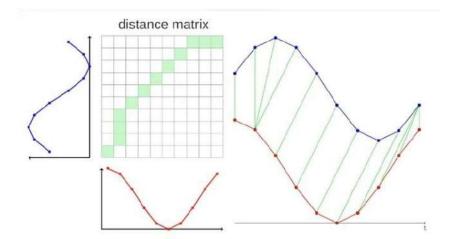
Figure 4.2: Ablation of negative data augmentations using F1-score for GFN and XC datasets.

CATS: Hyper-parameters sensitivity



Dynamic Time Warping





$$DTW_q(x,x') = \min_{\pi \in \mathcal{A}(x,x')} \left(\sum_{(i,j) \in \pi} d(x_i,x_j')^q
ight)^{rac{1}{q}}$$

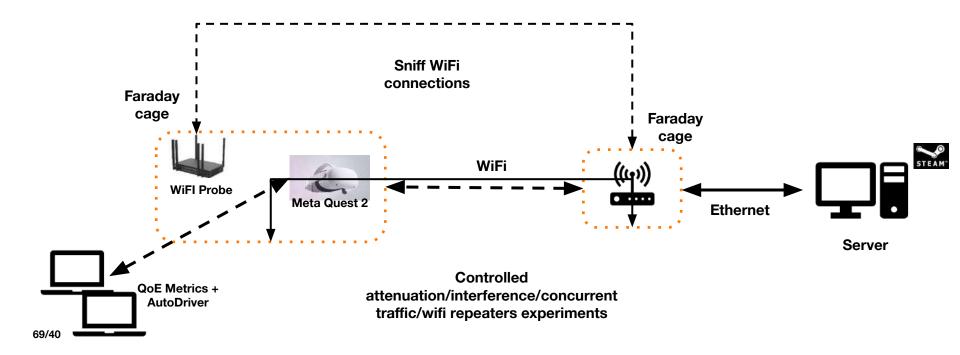
$$ext{soft-}DTW^{\gamma}(x,x') = \min_{\pi \in \mathcal{A}(x,x')} {}^{\gamma} \sum_{(i,j) \in \pi} d(x_i,x_j')^2$$

$$\min^{\gamma}(a_1,\ldots,a_n) = -\gamma \log \sum_i e^{-a_i/\gamma}$$

4. Conclusion

- CATS addresses the limitations of traditional CL with temporal similarity and negative data augmentation.
- Empirical evaluations demonstrate performance in AD tasks on different datasets while being robust to data contamination.
- ☐ Some limitations remain:
 - □ Increased training time due to the SoftDTW time complexity O(N²)
 - Triplet loss in TCL hinders the efficiency of temporal modeling due to the use of 1 negative.

Root-cause analysis on Cloud VR



6. Root-cause analysis on Cloud VR

- ☐ Generate different WiFi degradation scenarios:
 - Signal attenuation
 - ☐ 2.4 GHz: between -45dB and -70dB
 - ☐ 5 GHz: between -65dB and -90dB
 - Interference: using a neighboring LAN, we generate a traffic to reduce the txops on the main LAN
 - □ Leave 9-15% of txops on the main AP

RAID: Anomaly detector

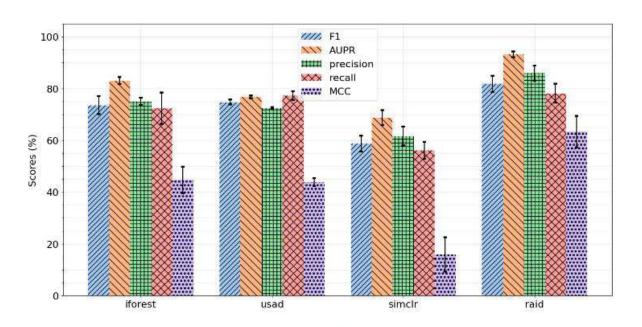


Figure 5.3: Results of anomaly detectors of two-stage models.

RAID: Per-class accuracy

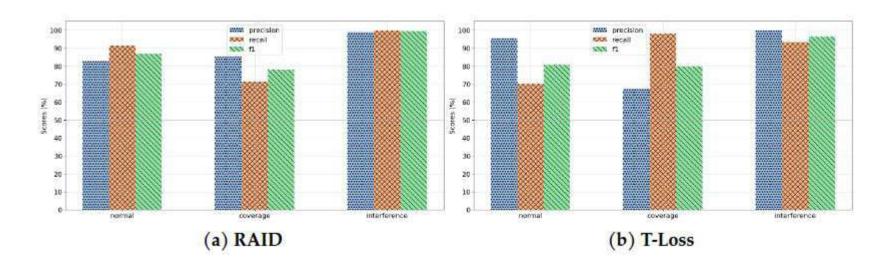


Figure 5.5: Per-class precision, recall and F1-score.

8. Highlights

- Public Prize at Orange challenge « Ma thèse en 3 minutes » at Orange Open Tech Days, November 2023, Châtillon, France
- □ Demo « Low-latency made easy » as part of ANR MOSAICO project at Orange Open Tech Days, November 2023, Châtillon, France.
- Awards at NeurlPS'22 competition track « Cross-Domain MetaDL »
- Best poster presentation award at 10th TMA PhD school colocated with TMA conference.