



# Final Year Project 2

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**Network Intrusion Detection Model Based on Real and Encrypted  
Synthetic Attack Traffic using Decision Tree Algorithm**

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# 1. Introduction

Network Intrusion Detection Model Based on Real and Encrypted Synthetic Attack Traffic using Decision Tree Algorithm

## Problem Statement/Motivation:

Develop a network intrusion detection model that analyze attack traffic using datasets of real and encrypted synthetic attack traffic. The model will use a decision tree algorithm and will provide user with a dashboard containing relevant data from the model.

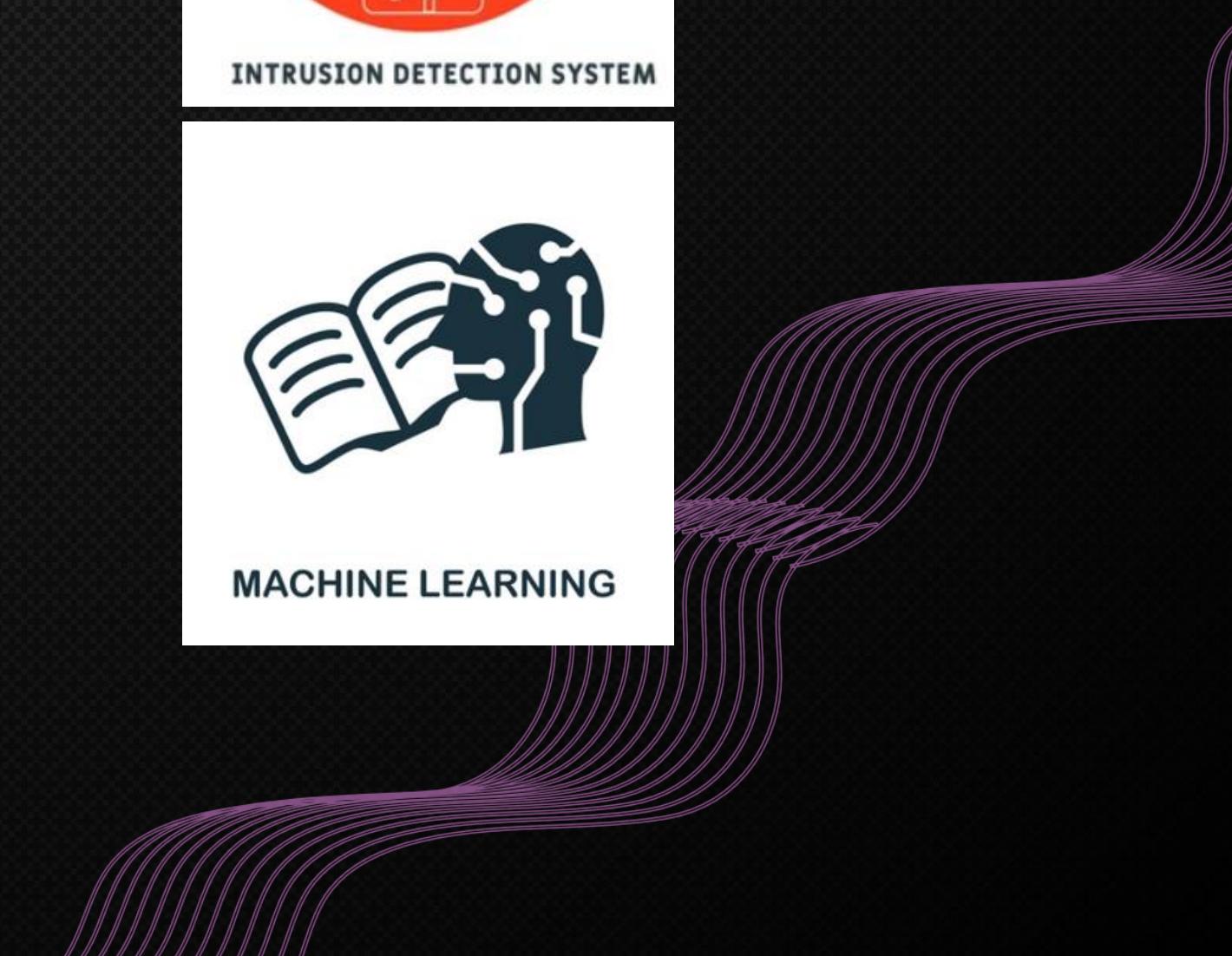
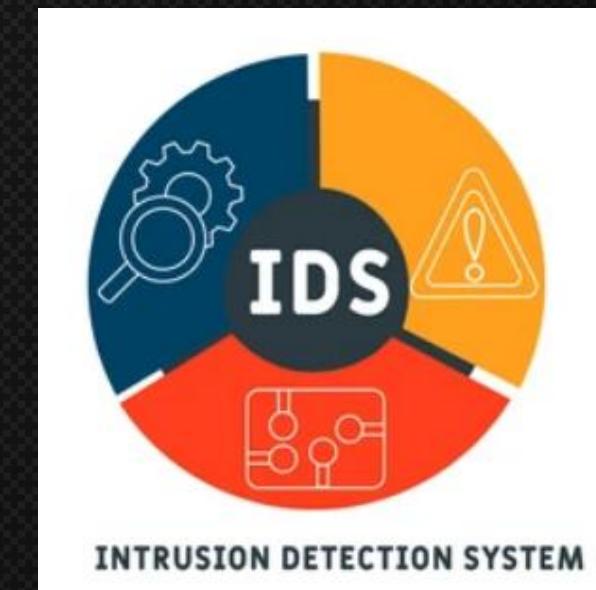
# Objectives

1

To design a network intrusion detection model that applies Decision Tree algorithm.

2

To produce a machine learning model and dashboard for network intrusion detection model.



# Scope



## User Scope

Users using the model and dashboard to observe metrics of the model and its related details.



## System Scope

- Implementing decision tree machine learning algorithm.
- The system will only perform intrusion detection.
- Dataset that will be used for the training of the algorithm is a publicly available dataset – ALLFLOWMETER\_HIKARI2021.csv.

# Expected Outcomes



**A machine learning model and dashboard must be produced for the network intrusion detection model.**



**The network intrusion detection model should apply Decision Tree algorithm.**

# 2. Literature Review

1

## Network Intrusion Detection System

- Network-Based IDS
- Host Based IDS

**Detection methods:**

- Signature-based Detection
- Anomaly-based Detection

2

## Machine Learning

Subfield of Artificial Intelligence

Supervised learning  
Unsupervised learning

### Machine Learning Modelling Cycle

- Manage data
- Train Model
- Evaluate Model
- Deploy Model

### Decision Tree Algorithm

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## Software Development Methodology

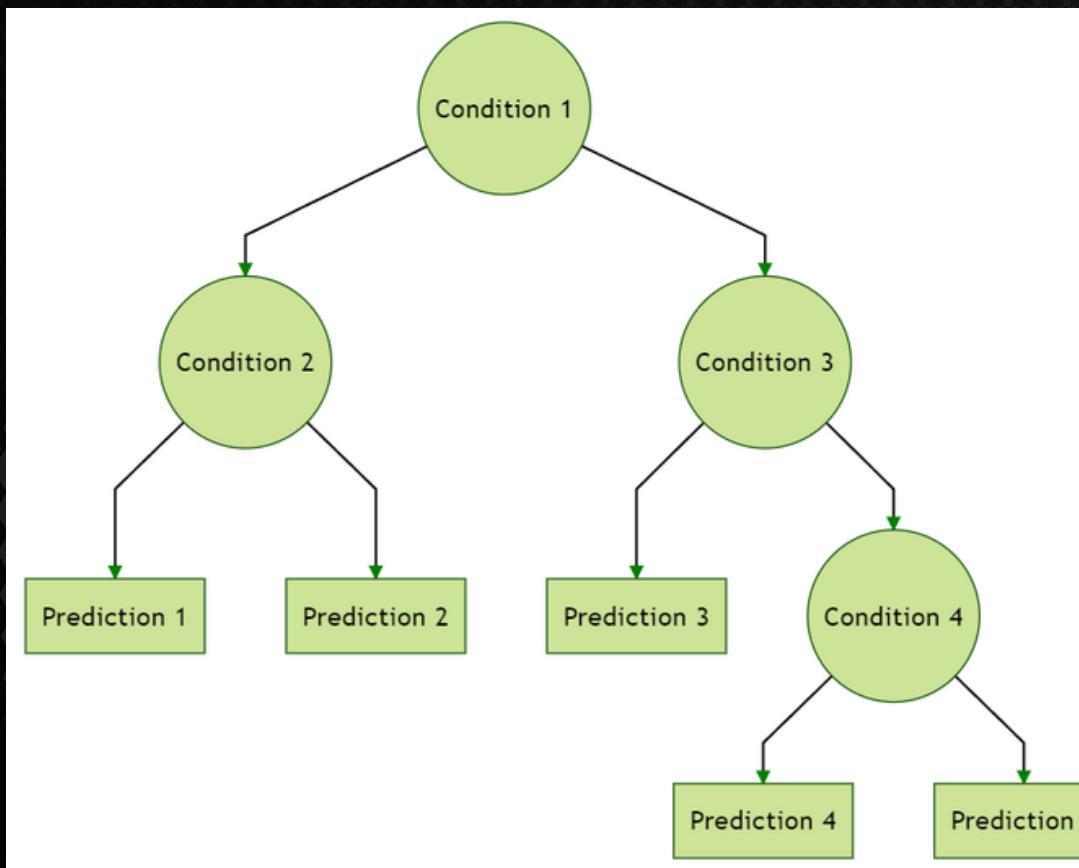
- Waterfall methodology
- Agile methodology

# Decision Tree Algorithm

Machine Learning

Algorithm for :

- Classification task
- Regression task



Formed in a tree-like structure with branches.

A type of supervised learning. Uses labelled input and output datasets.

Mainly used to solve **classification problem**.

- Categorise or classify an object.

## Classification tree

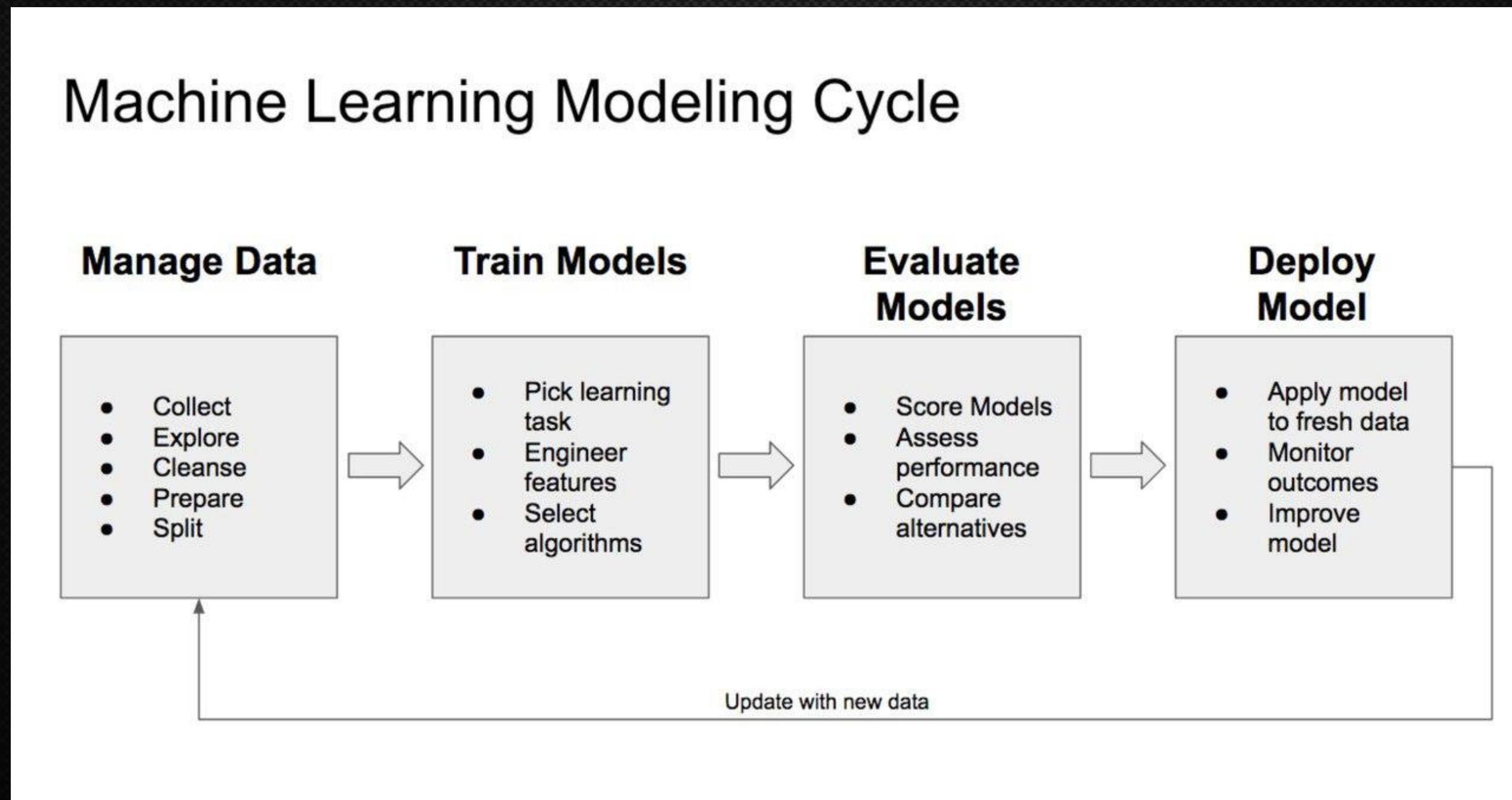
The model is trained to classify whether data is a part of a known object class. Models are trained to assign class labels to processed data.

## Regression Tree

Models are designed to forecast or predict a continuous value, such as predicting house prices or stock price changes.

# Machine Learning

Modelling Cycle



## Machine learning tools



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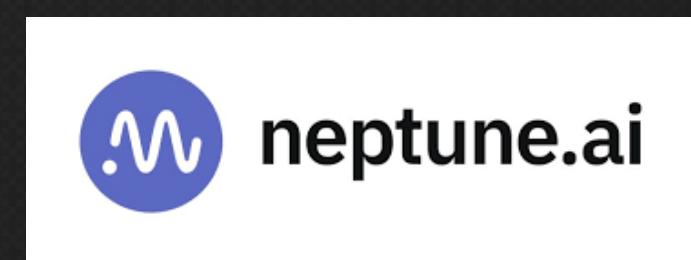


Google Colab

## Dashboard tools



Grafana



## 3. Methodology

### System Features

- Providing Decision Tree Model able to identify malicious traffic
- Logging evaluation metrics using a dashboard for observation.

### Agile

Flexible, iterative approach to software development that emphasizes :

- rapid prototyping
- frequent releases
- continuous improvement.

### Machine learning tool

Google Colab



- Easy setup
- Access to hardware via Google Cloud
- Interactive document

### Dashboard tool

Neptune.ai

- Quick integration
- Can store many runs and model logs



### Dataset

HIKARI-2021

- Recent dataset
- Real and Encrypted Synthetic Attack Traffic

# 3. Methodology

## Dataset HIKARI-2021

**Contains a variety of traffic types.**

- Background
- Benign
- Bruteforce
- Bruteforce-XML
- Probing
- XMRGICC CryptoMiner

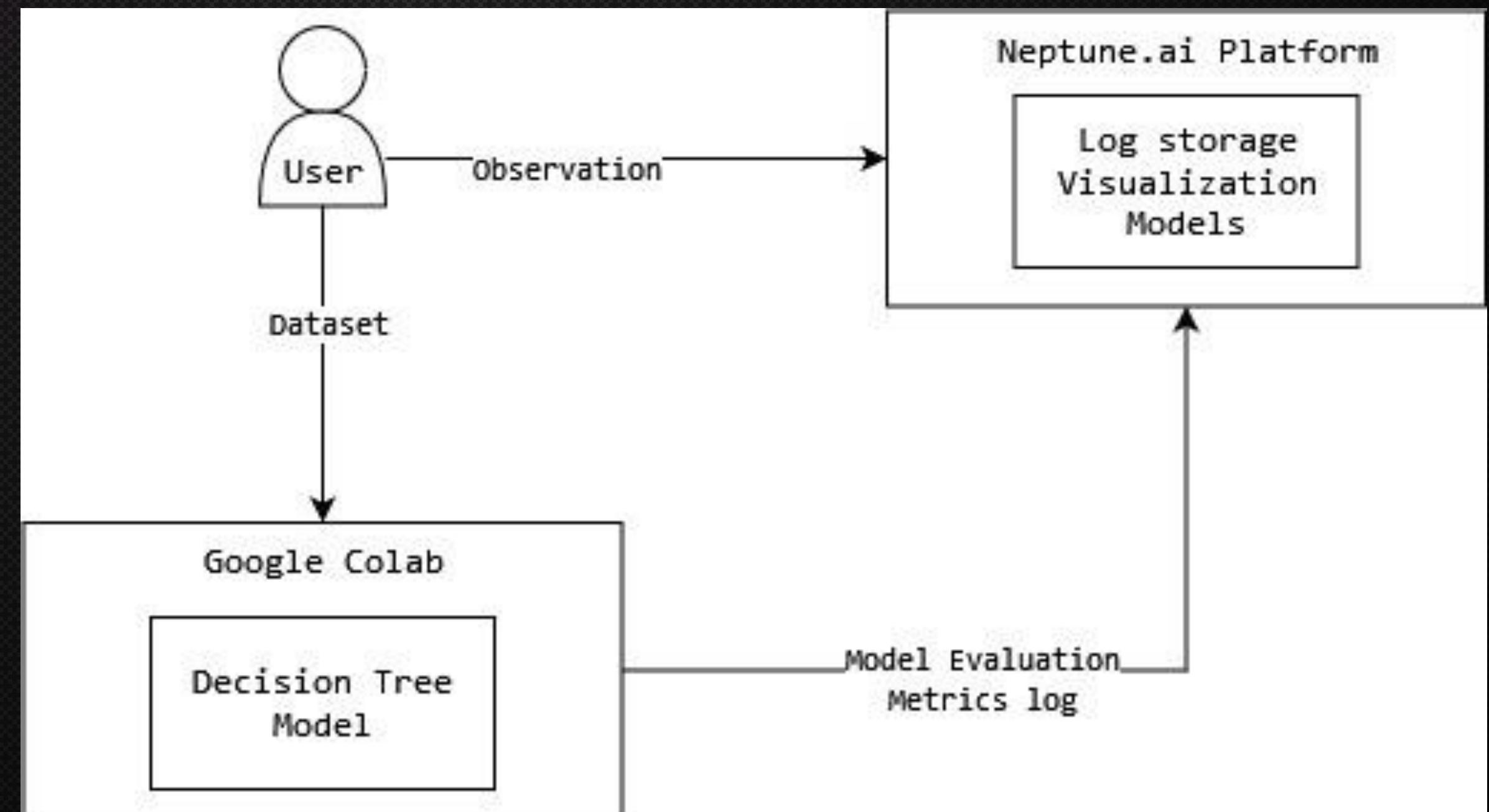
**Contains ground truth data from real production network (Background)**

**Traffic completely labelled with target columns `traffic_category` and `Label`**

# 4. Design

## System Architecture

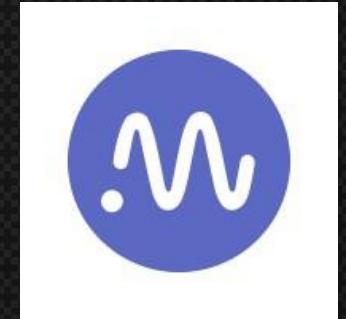
- User interaction with machine learning model through Google Colab.
- User interaction with Dashboard.



# Dashboard Design

The dashboard displays the following metrics:

Metric	Value
# accuracy	0.7169536089900591
confusion_matrix	57.32KB, png
# f1-score	0.3826082831152124
# precision	0.38973850671108373
# recall	0.3764153364832023
A score	precision recall f1-score support...



**Neptune.ai**

- Fast to integrate
- Data logging features.
- Collaborate with other users in a team working on a project.

# **5. Implementation**

# Data preprocessing in Google Colab



- **Import libraries**
  - **sklearn**
  - **matplotlib**
  - **pandas**

## 2. Import dataset into Colab & Prepare dataset

- **Visualizing the data**
- **Checking for null values**

### Importing important libraries and Preparing the data

- Importing dataset file from Google Drive.
- Preprocess the dataset.

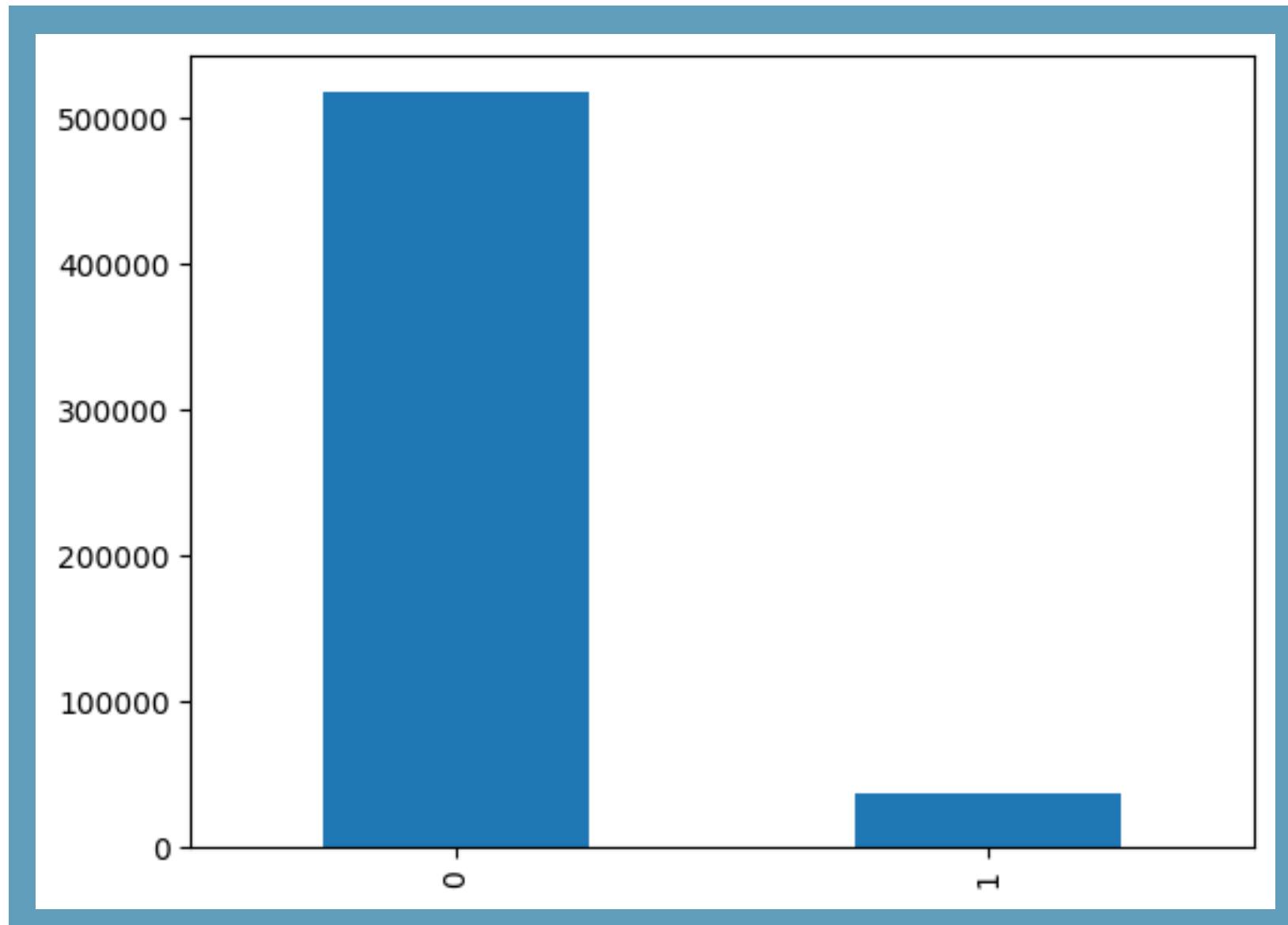
```
▶ import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn import metrics
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
%matplotlib inline
from io import StringIO

from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_val_score

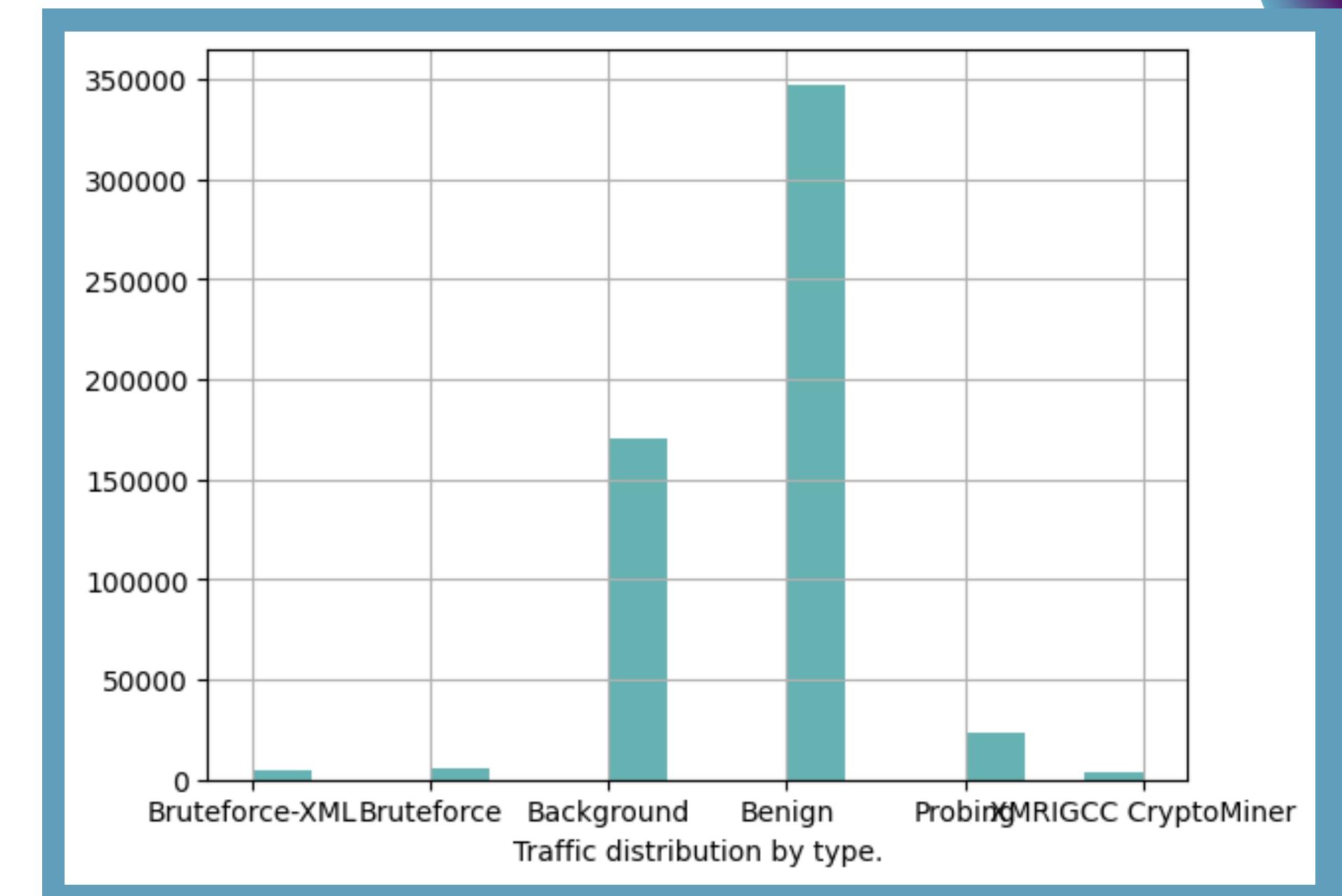
import warnings
warnings.simplefilter(action='ignore', category=FutureWarning)
pd.options.display.max_columns = None
pd.options.display.max_rows = None

# Import dataset
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive/')
df = pd.read_csv("/content/drive/MyDrive/ALLFLOWMETER_HIKARI2021.csv")
df.head(1)
```

# Data preprocessing



**Malicious (1) vs Non-Malicious (0)**



**Traffic distribution by Type**

# Split train & test

```
# Assigning features and target to an object
```

```
X = df.drop(['Label','traffic_category'], axis=1)  
y = df.traffic_category
```

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=1,stratify=y)
```

**Isolating the features columns (X) and target (y).**

- X is the features columns.
- y is the target class column.



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X\_train, y\_train

**Train  
Set**

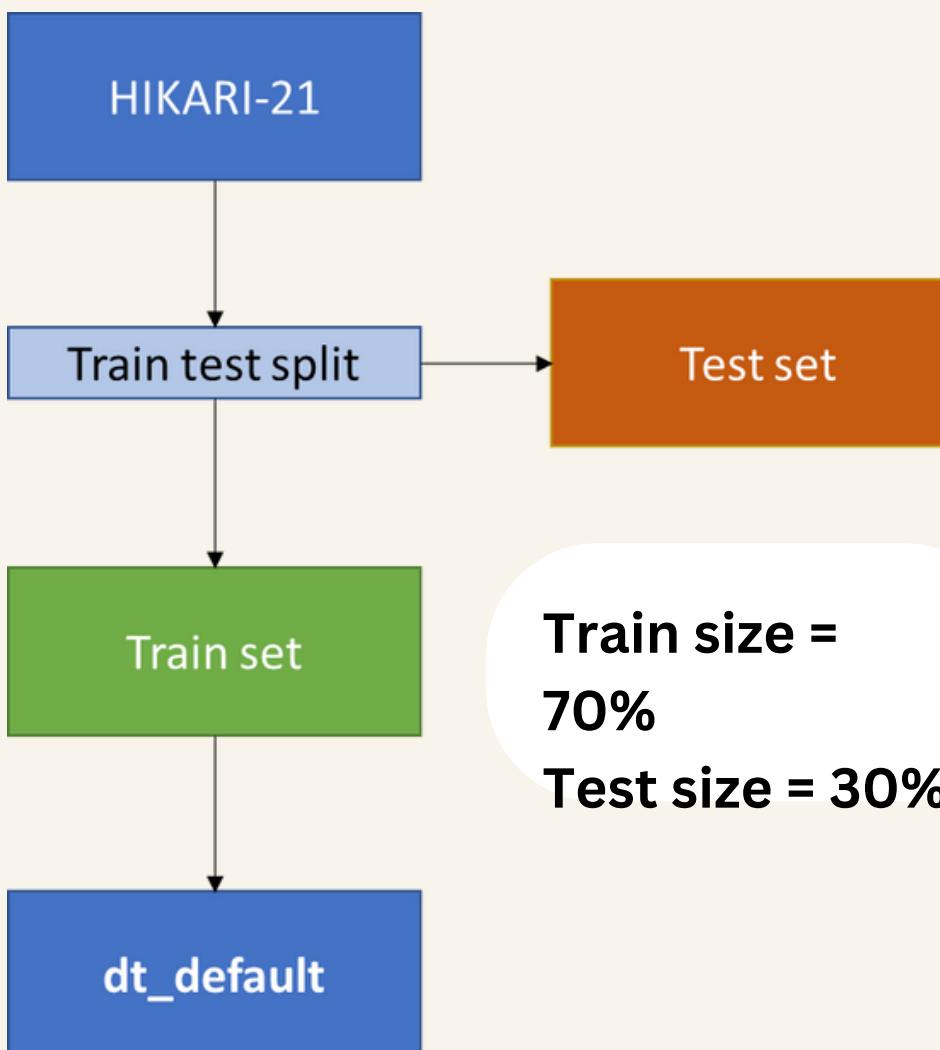
X\_test,  
y\_test

**Test Set**

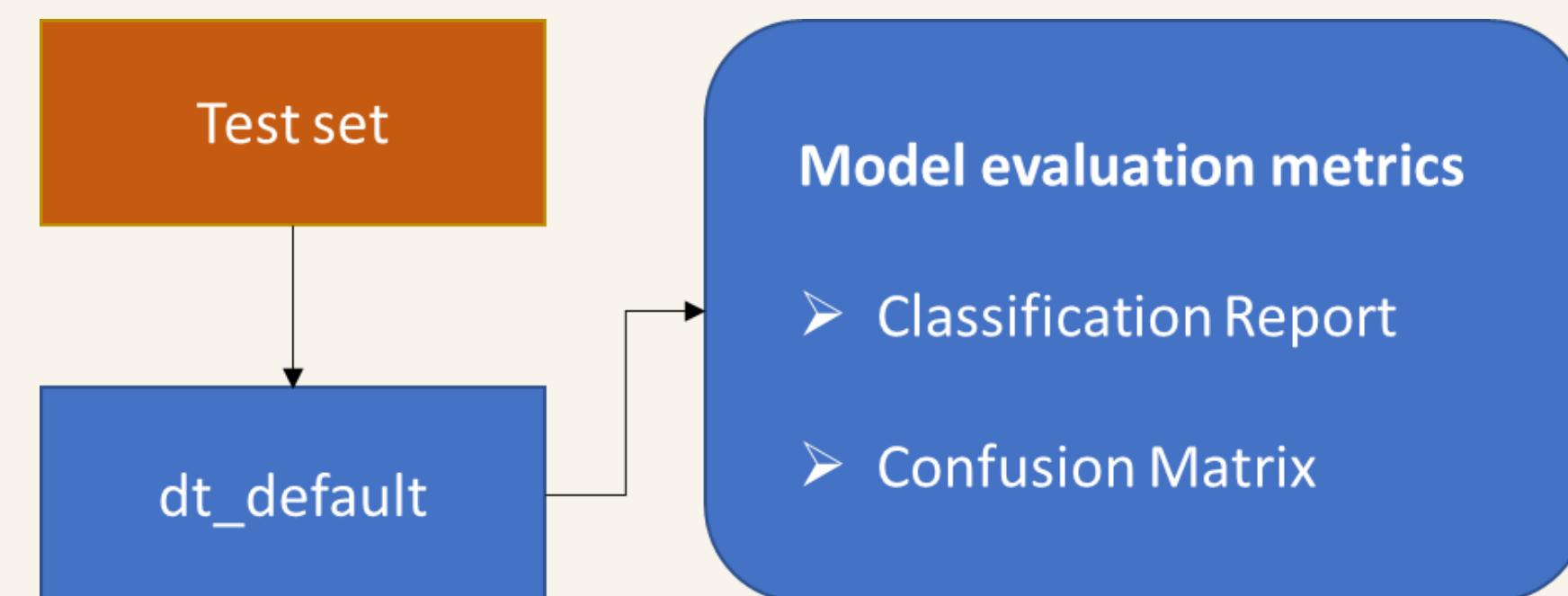
Train size = 70%  
Test size = 30%

# Workflow

## Training flow



## Testing flow



**Model evaluation metrics transmit to Neptune.ai for logging.**



# Classification Report

dt\_default Decision tree model classification.

Accuracy : 0.72

Precision : 0.39

Recall : 0.38

**F1 - score : 0.38**

**HIKARI-21 is an Imbalanced dataset. Accuracy will not be used to measure the model's performance.**

```
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred)
print(report)
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Background	0.73	0.69	0.71	51045
Benign	0.77	0.80	0.78	104230
Bruteforce	0.12	0.11	0.12	1765
Bruteforce-XML	0.09	0.08	0.08	1544
Probing	0.04	0.04	0.04	7016
XMRIGCC CryptoMiner	0.58	0.55	0.56	984
accuracy			0.72	166584
macro avg	0.39	0.38	0.38	166584
weighted avg	0.71	0.72	0.71	166584

# Confusion matrix : dt\_default

OUTPUT \ TARGET	Background	Benign	Bruteforce	Bruteforce-XML	Probing	XMRIGCC CryptoMiner	SUM
Background	35345 21.22%	15296 9.18%	10 0.01%	2 0.00%	2 0.00%	390 0.23%	51045 69.24% 30.76%
Benign	12588 7.56%	82972 49.81%	1338 0.80%	1125 0.68%	6207 3.73%	0 0.00%	104230 79.60% 20.40%
Bruteforce	3 0.00%	1570 0.94%	192 0.12%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1765 10.88% 89.12%
Bruteforce-XML	0 0.00%	1428 0.86%	0 0.00%	116 0.07%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1544 7.51% 92.49%
Probing	1 0.00%	6746 4.05%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	269 0.16%	0 0.00%	7016 3.83% 96.17%
RIGGCC CryptoMi	445 0.27%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	539 0.32%	984 54.78% 45.22%
SUM	48382 73.05% 26.95%	108012 76.82% 23.18%	1540 12.47% 87.53%	1243 9.33% 90.67%	6478 4.15% 95.85%	929 58.02% 41.98%	119433 / 166584 71.70% 28.30%

# Evaluation

## Multiclass-classification score comparison.

**HIKARI-21 authors conducted basic performance analysis using other ML algorithms such as:**

- K- Nearest Neighbour
- Multilayer Perceptron
- Support Vector Machine
- Random Machine

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1
KNN	0.98	0.86	0.90	0.88
MLP	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
SVM	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99
RF	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
dt_default	0.72	0.38	0.38	0.38

### **Observation :**

**Decision tree model do not produce good scores in multiclass-classification problem.**

# Classification Report

## Binary Classification Decision tree model

```
Background      170151
Bruteforce-XML     5145
Name: traffic_category, dtype: int64
```

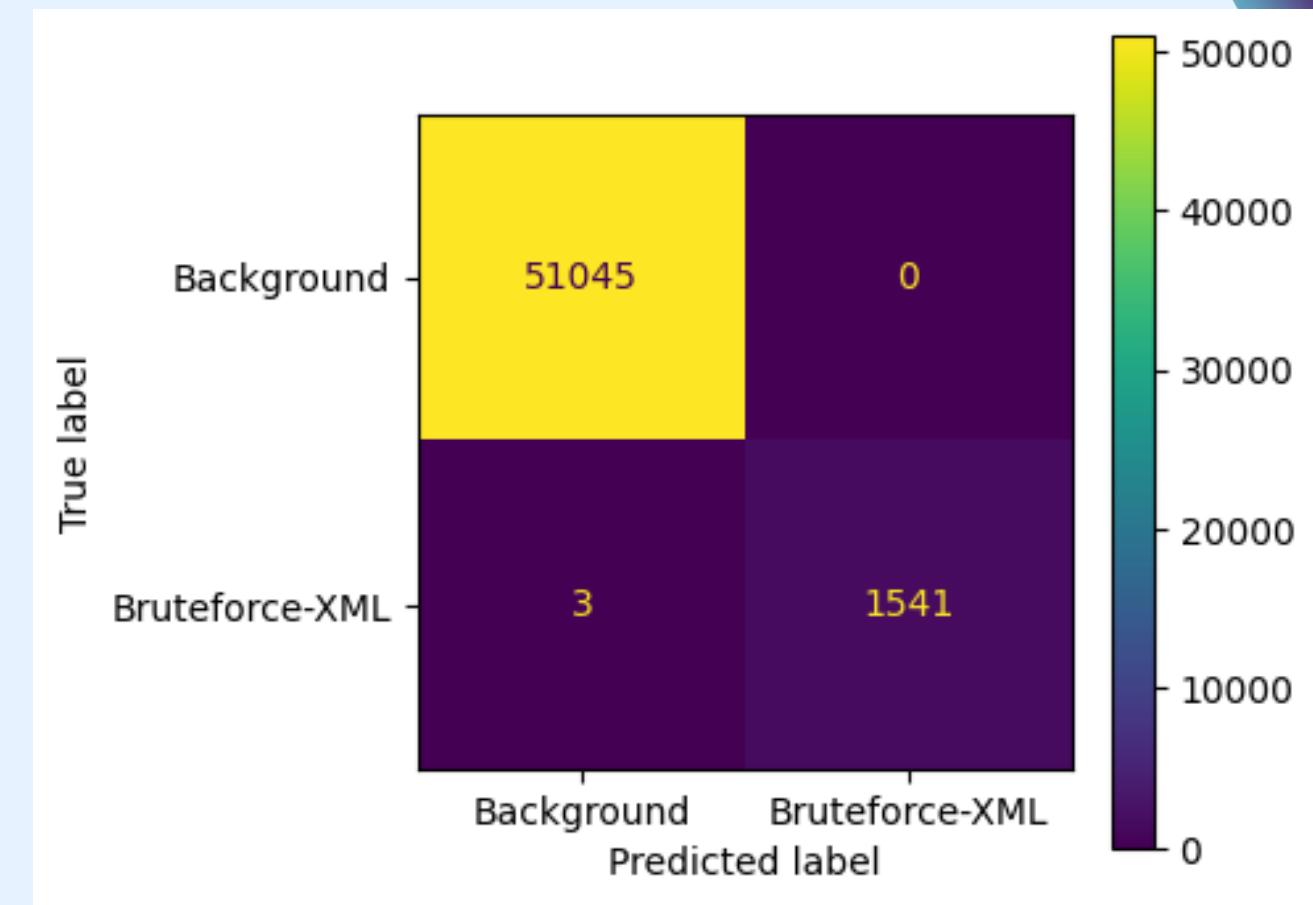
**Only 2 target classes to predict.**

Accuracy : 1.00

Precision : 1.00

Recall : 1.00

F1 - score : 1.00



```
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
report = (classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
print(report)
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Background	1.00	1.00	1.00	51045
Bruteforce-XML	1.00	1.00	1.00	1544
accuracy				1.00
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	52589
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	52589

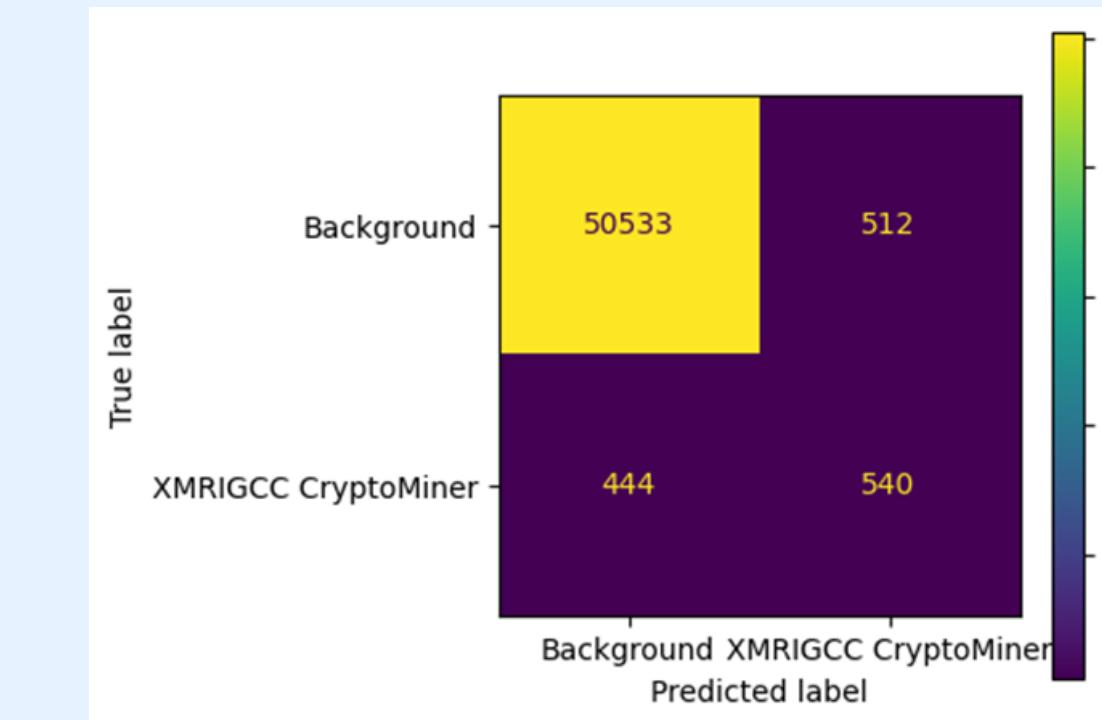
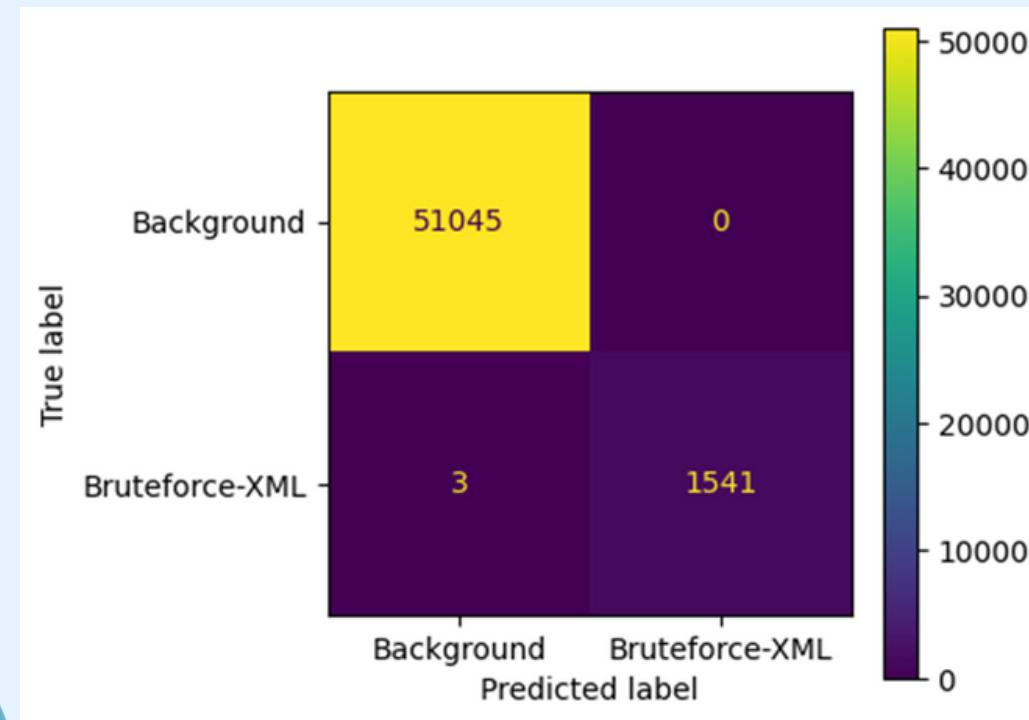
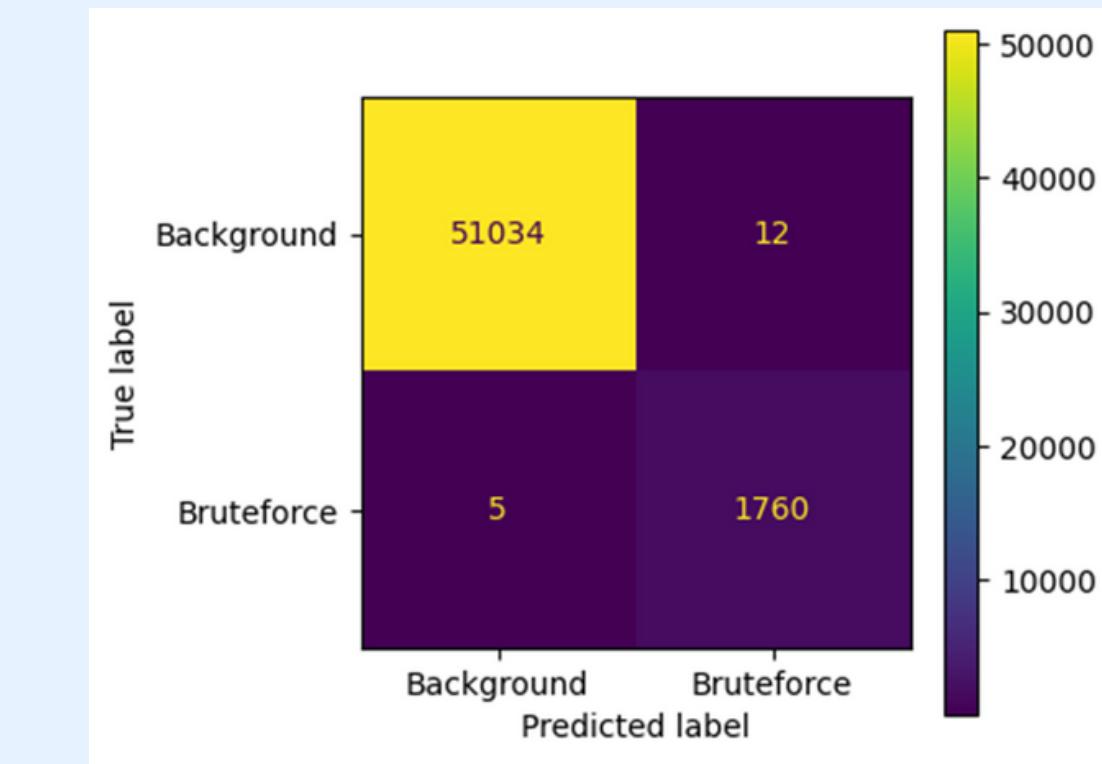
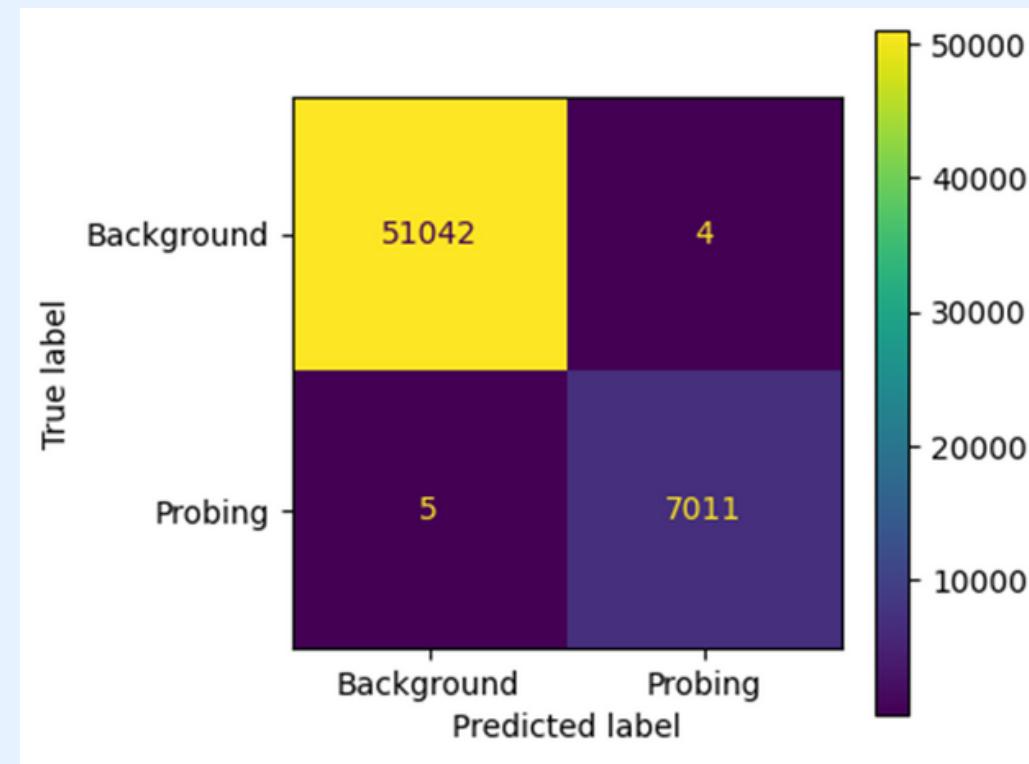
# Classification Report

## Binary Classification Decision tree model

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1
Background & Probing	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Background & Bruteforce	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Background & Bruteforce-XML	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Background & XMRIGCC CryptoMiner	0.98	0.75	0.77	0.76

# Confusion matrix

## Binary Classification Decision tree model



# Dashboard: Neptune.ai

```
↳ Neptune run

[9] from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
    from sklearn.metrics import f1_score
    from sklearn.metrics import precision_score
    from sklearn.metrics import recall_score

    acc = accuracy_score(y_test,dt_pred)
    f1 = f1_score(y_test,dt_pred, average='macro')
    pre = precision_score(y_test,dt_pred, average='macro')
    rec = recall_score(y_test,dt_pred, average='macro')

[10] run["train_dataset"].track_files("/content/drive/MyDrive/ALLFLOWMETER_HIKARI2021.csv")
    PARAMS = {"criterion":"gini","Resample":"None","Test size":0.3}
    run["my_params"] = PARAMS

    # You can also specify parameters one by one

    # Update lr value
    run["Result/score"] = report
    run["Result/accuracy"] = acc
    run["Result/f1-score"] = f1
    run["Result/precision"] = pre
    run["Result/recall"] = rec
    run["Result/confusion_matrix"] = fig

[11] model = neptune.init_model(
        name="dt_default",
        key="DTDEF",
        project="mikhailamzar/FYP2",
        api_token=my_api_token, # your credentials
    )

    model["Dataset"].track_files("/content/drive/MyDrive/ALLFLOWMETER_HIKARI2021.csv")
    model["Result/score"] = report
    model["Result/accuracy"] = acc
    model["Result/f1-score"] = f1
    model["Result/precision"] = pre
    model["Result/recall"] = rec
    model["Result/confusion_matrix"] = fig

↳ https://app.neptune.ai/mikhailamzar/FYP2/m/FYP-DTDEF
```

**Model scores are sent to the Neptune.ai platform and logged permanently.**

**More metrics can be sent by extracting more attributes or charts & Integrating the code inside the Colab runtime.**

**Depends on the machine learning algorithm.**

# Dashboard: Neptune.ai

The screenshot shows the Neptune.ai dashboard interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a blue header containing the project name "FYP2". Below the header, there are several menu items: "Run metadata" (with a flask icon), "Model metadata" (with a gear icon, highlighted in blue), "Project metadata" (with a clipboard icon), "Notebooks" (with a document icon), "Wiki" (with a pen icon), and "Trash" (with a trash bin icon). The main content area displays a table titled "Model metadata" with the following columns: Id, Creation Time, Owner, Monitoring Time, and Tags. The table contains six rows, each representing a different model entry.

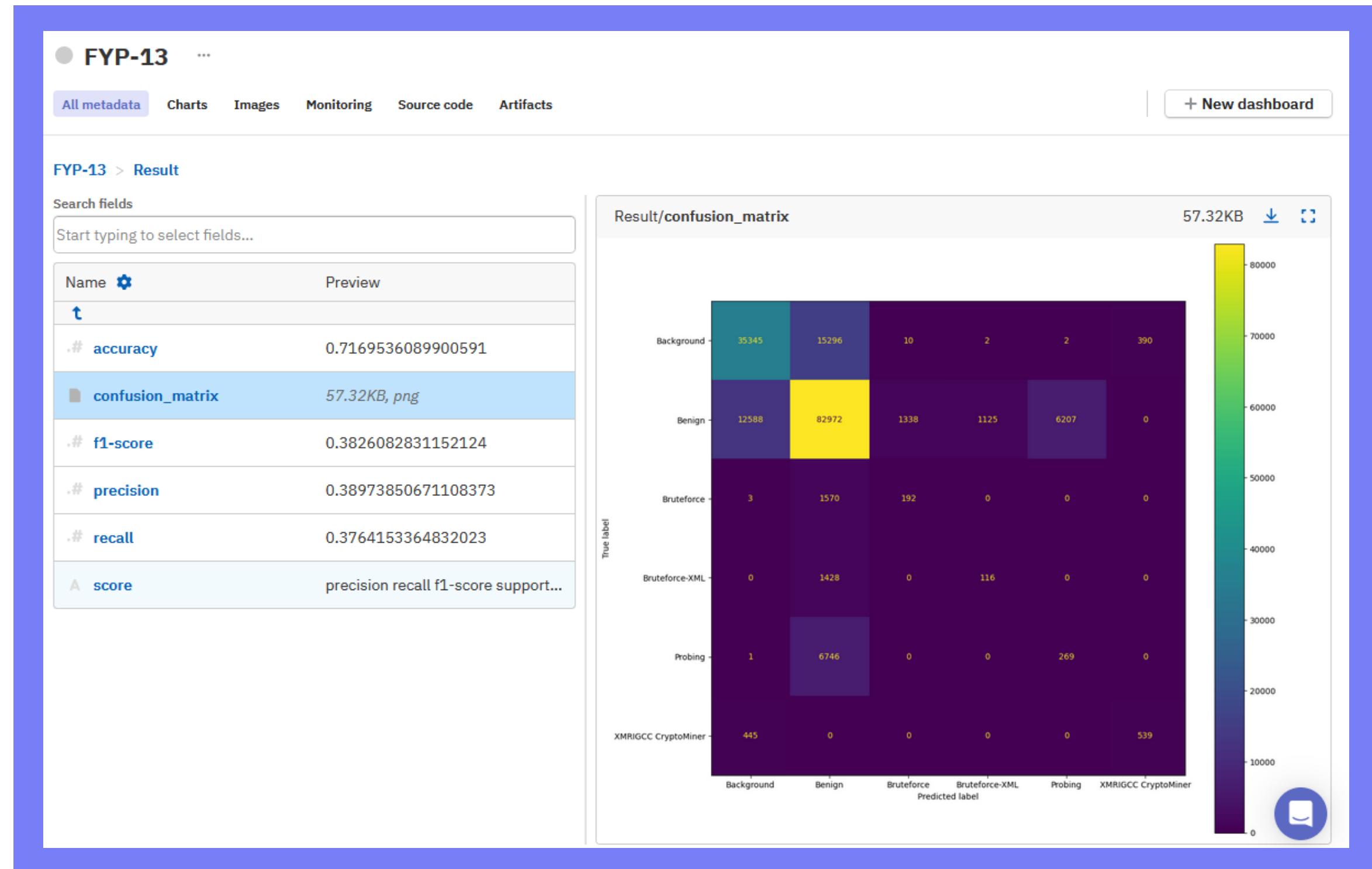
FYP2 →  
Model metadata

Start typing to search or build a query... Add column +

A	Id	Creation Time	Owner	#	Monitoring Time	A
•	FYP-DTDEF	2023/05/30 08:...	mikhailamzar	1s		
•	FYP-DTSMOTE	2023/05/30 08:...	mikhailamzar	1s		
•	FYP-DTRUS	2023/05/30 07:...	mikhailamzar	1s		
•	FYP-TESTDT	2023/05/29 22:...	mikhailamzar	1s		
•	FYP-MOD	2023/05/29 22:...	mikhailamzar	0s		

Logging by models and different runtimes

# Dashboard: Neptune.ai



# Dashboard: Neptune.ai

FYP-17 ...

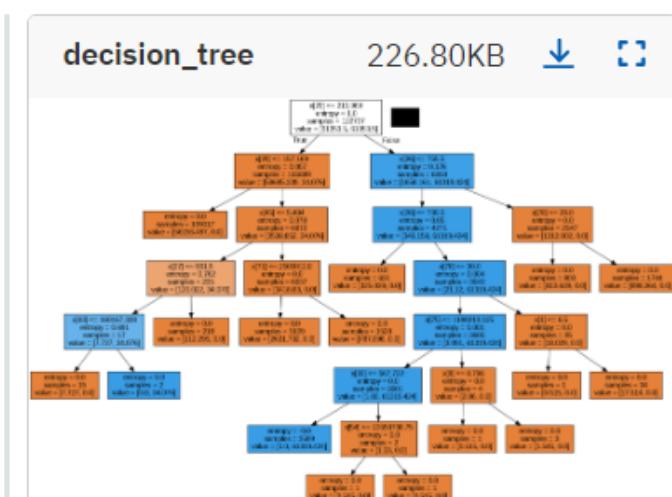
All metadata Charts Images Monitoring Source code Artifacts + New dashboard

### FYP-17

Search fields  
Start typing to select fields...

Name	Preview
	classif_report 26.39KB, png
	decision_tree 226.80KB, png
	dt_default : This decision tree ...

decision\_tree 226.80KB



Background - 51045  
Bruteforce-XML - 0

FYP-17 ...

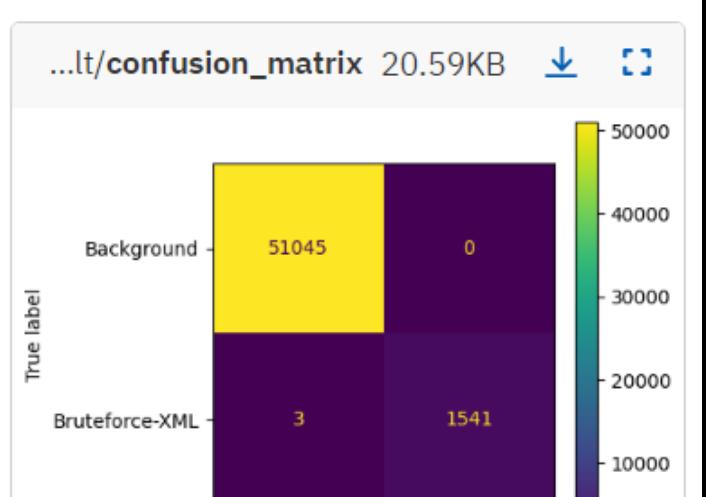
All metadata Charts Images Monitoring Source code Artifacts + New dashboard

### FYP-17 > Result

Search fields  
Start typing to select fields...

Name	Preview
	accuracy 0.9999429538496644
	confusion_matrix 20.59KB, png
	f1-score 0.9994990838508526
	precision 0.9999706158909262
	recall 0.9990284974093264
	score

...lt/confusion\_matrix 20.59KB



True label  
Background - 51045  
Bruteforce-XML - 3  
Predicted label  
Background - 0  
Bruteforce-XML - 1541

Binary Classification Decision tree model  
dashboard in Neptune.ai

# 6. Conclusion

## Decision Tree

- A multiclass-classification Decision Tree for HIKARI-21 produce worse scores than KNN, MLP, SVM, and Random Forest. It is not a viable Network Intrusion Detection Model for multi-class task with HIKARI-21.
- Binary Classification Decision Tree for HIKARI-21 produce better scores. It is better suited for an IDS that employs binary classification on specific traffics.



## Dashboard

- Neptune.ai dashboard integration is implemented.
  - Allows to track different machine learning models.
  - Keep evaluation metrics and images.
  - Allow for easier workflow for recording machine learning results.

# Thank You

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