

E4C Challenge 2024 Data and Sample Scripts

Data

Data are included from (and described in Table 1):

- SIRTa Observatory meteorological observations (600m northwest of Drahi-X; denoted by the “*” in the table)
- Drahi-X production and consumption data (with PV rooftop installation on Drahi-X; PV installation capacity is 16.7 kWp)
- Laboratory building rooftop installation (300m west of Drahi-X; denoted by the “**” in the table)

You are provided with the hourly time series of 27 variables for the years of 2022 and 2023 in the file `students_drahi_production_consumption_hourly.csv`:

- 14 consumption
- 1 production
- 12 meteorological

Table 1: Here's a table of the variable names, their units, and their description (note the superscripts). Zone 1 and 2 refer to the zoning of Drahi-X found in Figure 1.

Variable	Units	Description
datetime	YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS	Time stamp (UTC)
AirTemp	C	Air temperature at 2m above the ground*
Diffuse_Solar_Flux	W/m2	Solar/shortwave downward diffuse irradiance (DHI)**
Direct_Solar_Flux	W/m2	Solar/shortwave downward direct irradiance (DNI)**
Downwelling_IR_Flux	W/m2	Downward infrared irradiance**
Global_Solar_Flux	W/m2	Solar global horizontal irradiance (diffuse + direct solar flux; GHI)**
PAC	W	Total power generated by the PV installation
SAA	deg.	Solar azimuth angle**
SZA	deg.	Solar zenith angle**
TGBT [kW]	kW	Total building consumption
kw_heater_corridor1_zone1	kW	Power consumption of heaters in corridor of Zone 1
kw_heaters_corridor_zone2	kW	Power consumption of heaters in corridor of Zone 2
kw_heaters_toilets_zone2	kW	Power consumption of heaters in the bathrooms of Zone 2
kw_heatingcoolingtotal_zone1	kW	Power consumption of air conditioning and heating of Zone 1 (includes heat pumps)
kw_heatingcoolingtotal_zone2	kW	Power consumption of air conditioning and heating of Zone 2 (includes heat pumps)
kw_lights_zone1	kW	Power consumption of Zone 1 lights

Variable	Units	Description
kw_lights_zone2	kW	Power consumption of Zone 2 lights
kw_total_zone1	kW	Total power consumption of Zone 1
kw_total_zone2	kW	Total power consumption of Zone 2
kw_ventilation_zone1	kW	Power consumption of Zone 1 ventilation
kw_ventilation_zone2	kW	Power consumption of Zone 2 ventilation
kw_water_heater_zone2	kW	Power consumption of water heater in Zone 2
plugs_zone2	kW	Power consumption through electrical outlets of Zone 2
pres	hPa	Air pressure at 2m above the ground*
rain	mm	Precipitation*
rh	%	Relative humidity at 2m above the ground*
wd	deg.	Wind direction at 10m above the ground*
ws	m/s	Wind speed at 10m above the ground*



Figure 1: Drahi-X Zoning

The missing data points in `students_drahi_production_consumption_hourly.csv` are the times we have kept for the pedagogical team to evaluate the models with. You are also provided a mask that shows the locations of the removed data points: `nan_mask_drahi_production_consumption_hourly.csv`

Scripts

The scripts we have included for guidance/inspiration are:

- `challenge_utils.py`: contains helper functions for saving your model in the proper format, data handling, etc.
- `example_model.py`: builds a simple linear model with `scikit-learn` for your edification
- `check_model.py`: a check script to make sure your model can be loaded and run
- `sample_view_time_series.py`: a sample script to crudely plot the time series of the provided data

To run these scripts successfully, you will need [python 3](#) and the following python packages (tested versions in parentheses):

- [pandas](#) (1.5.3)
- [matplotlib](#) (3.7.0)
- [numpy](#) (1.24.2)
- [sklearn-onnx](#) (1.15.0)
- [onnxruntime](#) (1.16.3)
- [scikit-learn](#) (1.2.1)

Building the Train/Test Datasets

In the `challenge_utils.py`, you'll find a function (`build_training_data`) that builds the “predictor” and “target” arrays to be used for your model training, visualized below:

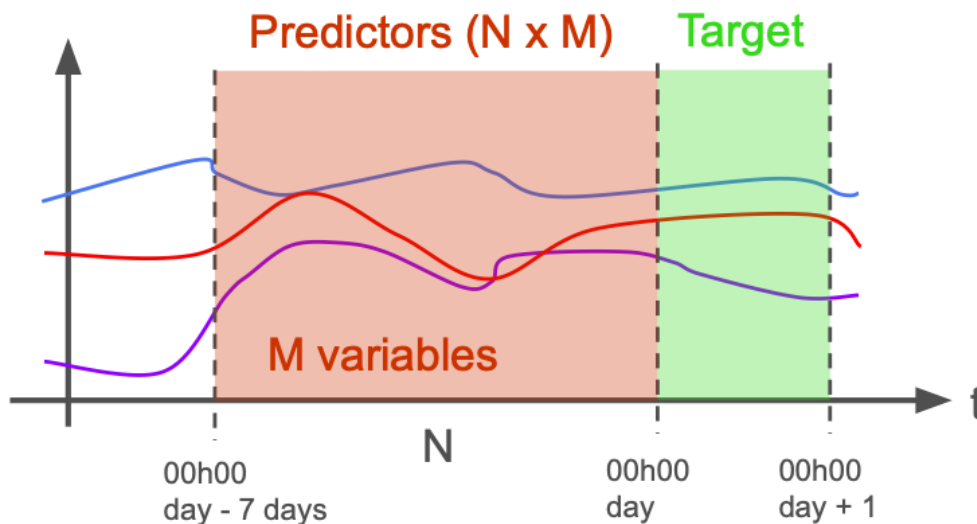


Figure 2: Predictors and targets

Essentially, for every calendar day (00h00 UTC to 24h00 UTC; shown as the green area in Figure 2), the total energy consumption of Zone 2 is calculated:

$$\text{target} = \int_{\text{day}}^{\text{day}+1} \text{kw_total_zone2} \, dt$$

And then converted to kilowatt-hours (kWh). This daily energy consumption is the target value. The predictors are all the variables from the prior 7 days from the beginning of the target day (00h00 UTC; shown as red in Figure 2). This means that M and N in Figure 2 equal 27 (for 27 variables) and 168 (for 7 x 24 data points per each variable).

Saving Your Model

We will be expecting the model provided in `.onnx` format. [ONNX](#) is an open, multiplatform model format that allows easy sharing of trained models. We have provided helper functions in `challenge_utils.py` so that you can easily save a `scikit-learn` model to the `.onnx` format. If you choose to use something other

than `scikit-learn`, you will have to make your own `save` function and make sure it passes the `check_model.py` script by running it as so:

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python check_model.py path/to/your_saved_model_file.onnx
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We will disqualify any model that cannot pass the `check_model.py` check!

This means that your model must accept an input of the shape $(D, 4536)$ for the predictors, where D is variable in size, as 4536 is 7 days' worth of hourly time series data for 27 variables ($7 \times 24 \times 27 = 4536$). It must also output a prediction of the shape (D) , to be consistent with the input.

If you choose not to use `scikit-learn`, there is a [great resource for saving many machine learning framework models into the `.onnx` format](#).

Make sure that the model is saved for CPU execution and the input expected is in float 32 bit. The `.onnx` format doesn't consistently support non 32 bit float data types yet.

Model Evaluation

To determine the effectiveness of your model, we will be using the relative squared error (RSE) with the data that we have withheld from you:

$$RSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - a_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{a} - a_i)^2}$$

Where p_i is the prediction, a_i is the actual value, and \bar{a} is the mean value of the n values. This is provided in the `challenge_utils.py` script as the `relative_squared_error` function.

We will be using this error calculation method to score your models and select the best fit one (lower is better)! Therefore, we recommend you do the same as you build and train your models.

Questions

Please bring up any questions you have at the dedicated office hours allotted each week. **Response outside these hours is not guaranteed and unlikely** (we be busy y'all).