CAPSTONE PROJECT

PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE MODEL

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Unexpected failures in industrial machinery cause significant downtime, high repair costs, and production delays. Traditional maintenance strategies like reactive or time-based servicing often miss early signs of failure, leading to inefficient resource use. With modern machines generating vast sensor data, manually detecting failure patterns is difficult and error-prone.

There is a critical need for a system that can automatically analyze this data and classify potential failure types in advance to improve maintenance planning and operational efficiency. Accurate early detection not only reduces unplanned outages but also extends equipment lifespan. A smart data-driven approach can help industries shift from reactive to proactive maintenance strategies.



PROPOSED SOLUTION

- This project aims to build a machine learning-based predictive maintenance model that can accurately classify the type of failure (e.g., tool wear, heat dissipation failure, power failure, etc.) using real-time and historical sensor data.
- Data Collection:
 - Sensor readings: air temperature, process temperature, torque, rotational speed, etc.
 - Labeled failure types: e.g., Heat Dissipation Failure, Tool Wear Failure, Power Failure
- Data Preprocessing:
 - Cleaned data by removing nulls, handling outliers, and converting categorical variables.
 - Split data into training and testing sets for model evaluation.
- Machine Learning Algorithm:
 - Automatically test multiple classifiers (Random Forest, XGBoost, etc.)
 - Perform feature selection and hyperparameter tuning
 - Select the best pipeline using accuracy, F1-score, and confusion matrix
- Deployment:
 - Deployed the selected model as an online endpoint using IBM Watson Machine Learning.
 - Allows real-time prediction of failure type from new sensor inputs via REST API.
- Evaluation:
 - Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score
 - Confusion Matrix to analyze class-level performance



SYSTEM APPROACH

- System requirements:
 - i IBM Cloud Lite Account (Free tier)
 - ii Watson Studio Project
 - iii Watsonx.ai (for model training and AutoAl)
 - iv Cloud Object Storage (for dataset storage)
 - v Watson Machine Learning (for deployment)
- Library required to build the model
 - i Pandas Data loading, cleaning, and manipulation
 - ii Matplotlib, seaborn Data visualization
 - iii scikit-learn –Preprocessing, training classifiers, evaluation metrics
 - iv numpy -Numerical operations



ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

Algorithm Selection:

- Random Forest Classifier chosen for its accuracy, robustness, and ability to handle complex sensor data.
- Handles high-dimensional sensor data, Robust to noise & outliers
- Provides interpretable feature importance
- High accuracy for classification problems (e.g., tool wear, power failure)

Data Input:

- Sensor Features
- Air temperature, process temperature
- Rotational speed, torque, Tool wear

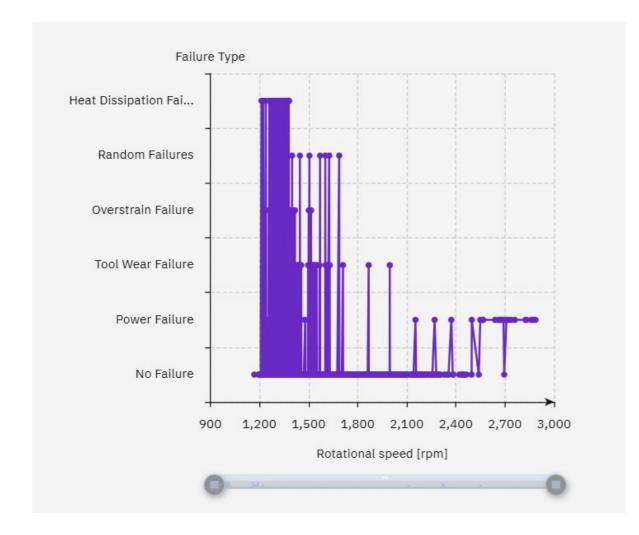
Training Process:

- Data cleaned & split.
- Trained using IBM Watsonx.ai & AutoAl with tuning and validation.

Prediction Process:

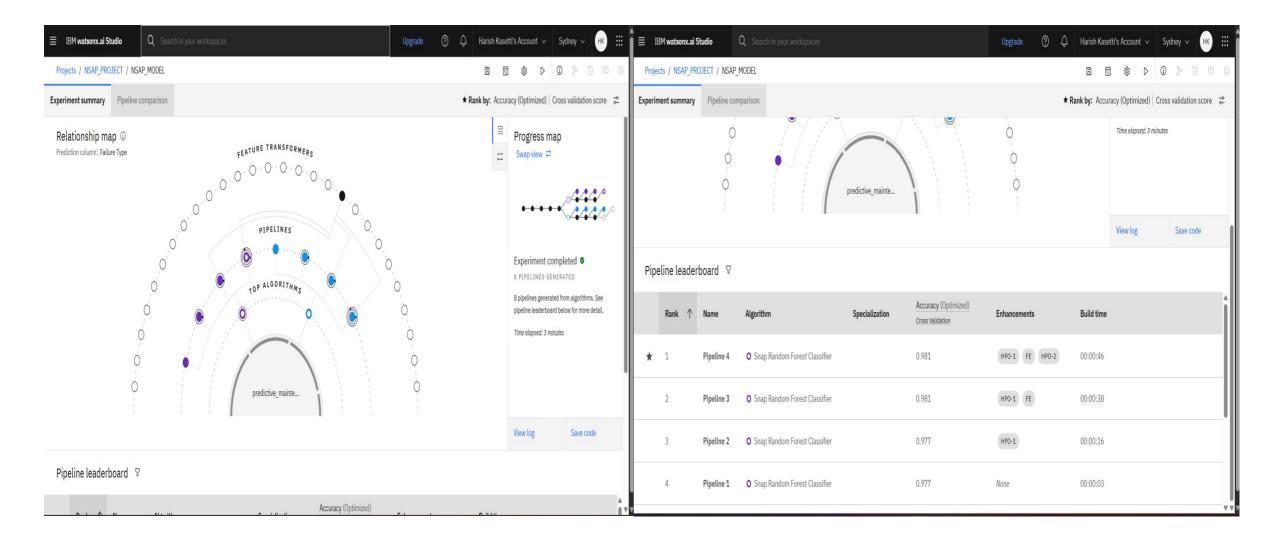
- Real-time sensor input predicts failure type.
- Deployed via IBM Cloud enabling early maintenance & reducing downtime.







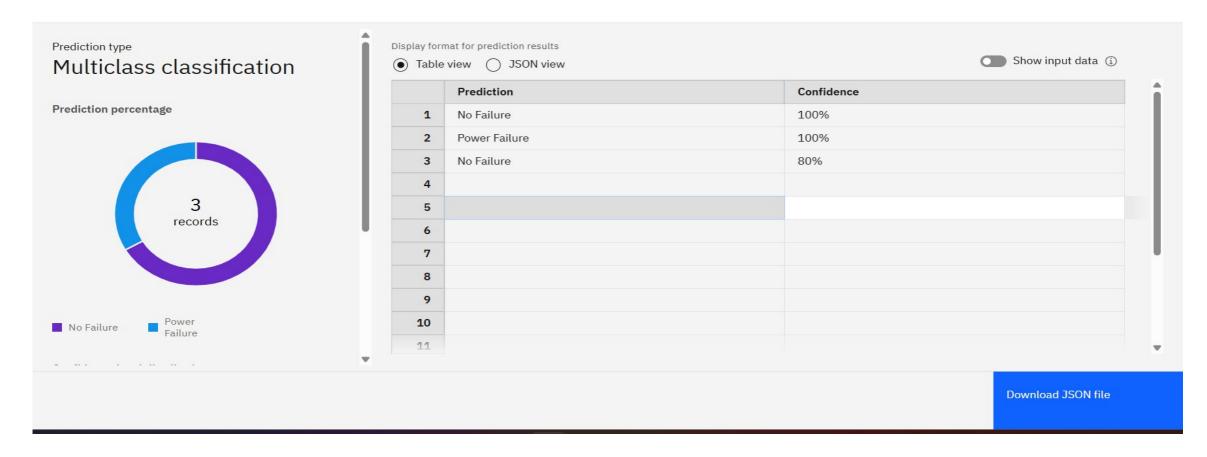




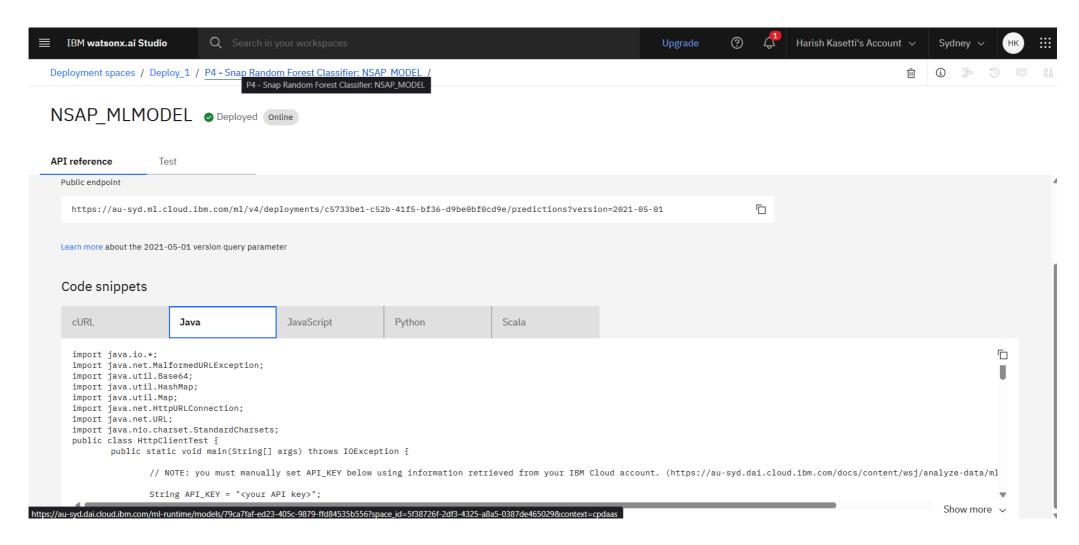


Prediction results











CONCLUSION

The developed predictive maintenance model using the Random Forest Classifier successfully identified key failure types such as tool wear, heat dissipation, and power failure. Leveraging IBM Watsonx.ai and AutoAl enabled efficient model training and deployment, supporting proactive maintenance and reducing machine downtime. While the system performed well, challenges like class imbalance and limited real-time data integration were encountered. Future enhancements could include advanced models (e.g., XGBoost, LSTM) and real-time monitoring features. Accurate failure prediction is essential to optimize maintenance schedules, reduce operational costs, and improve industrial safety.



FUTURE SCOPE

To further improve the system, additional data sources such as real-time sensor feeds, environmental conditions, and maintenance logs can be integrated to enhance prediction accuracy. Optimizing the algorithm through hyperparameter tuning or exploring advanced models like XGBoost, LSTM, or ensemble techniques could yield better performance. The solution can also be scaled to monitor machinery across multiple industrial sites or geographic regions, enabling centralized maintenance management. Integration of emerging technologies like edge computing can allow real-time, on-device failure detection, reducing latency and enhancing responsiveness. Incorporating IoT platforms and predictive dashboards will further strengthen decision-making and operational efficiency.



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