

Background

Subway stations in New York were inundated with water following heavy rain on Sept. 1, 2021. Over the last year we have seen similar images in other countries.

In New York over the last month or so we have had three subway floods.

Company information

When the subway was initially built in New York starting in 1904, no one was thinking of sea level rise or torrential rains. And so the fundamental design of the underground system did not take those phenomena into account.

RA architecture company build – rebuild – design –execute the design.

Problem statement:

The mismatch of the amount of rainfall and where the openings are in the subway systems not just where people go in and out, but also the ventilation grates where air goes in and out.

Questions:

What is the most affected stations?

What needs to be done to stop underground station flooding?

What time/date is affected the most?

When is the best time to start the constructions at every station?

The benefit:

To protect the city subway system from flooding to avoid the high costs of repairs after the damage is done.

Dataset:

From MTA data

characteristics we need to work with (date, time, entries, exits, station)

Tools:

Python, sqlite, jupyter notebook