
CAPSTONE PROJECT

PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

- In industrial settings, the unexpected failure of machinery is a primary cause of operational disruption.
- These failures lead to costly, unplanned downtime, increased maintenance expenses, and significant reductions in production output.
- The current maintenance approach is often reactive, meaning action is taken only after a failure has already occurred.
- The crucial challenge is to anticipate these failures before they happen and to understand the specific type of fault that is developing.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- The proposed system aims to develop a predictive maintenance model to anticipate and classify machine failures before they occur. The solution will consist of the following components:
- **Data Collection:**
 - Utilize the "[Machine Predictive Maintenance Classification](#)" dataset from Kaggle, containing sensor data from industrial machinery.
- **Data Preprocessing:**
 - Clean the collected sensor data to handle any inconsistencies or missing values.
 - Perform feature engineering to extract the most relevant operational parameters that influence machine failure.
- **Machine Learning Algorithm:**
 - Develop a multi-class classification model capable of predicting the specific type of failure (e.g., tool wear, heat dissipation, power failure, overstrain).
 - The model will be trained on historical sensor data to learn the patterns that precede a failure and predict what type of failure is going to occur.
 - We will use Hyperparameter optimization to increase the accuracy of the model.
- **Deployment:**
 - Develop a user-friendly interface or application that provides real-time predictions for bike counts at different hours.
 - Deploy the solution on a scalable and reliable platform, considering factors like server infrastructure, response time, and user accessibility.
- **Evaluation:**
 - Assess the model's performance using standard classification metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score.
 - Fine-tune the model based on feedback and continuous monitoring of prediction accuracy.

SYSTEM APPROACH

- **System requirements:**
 - **Language:** Python 3.11.
 - **Platform:** IBM Cloud Lite Services, specifically leveraging **IBM Watson Studio** with the **watsonx.ai** client for model development and deployment.
- **Library required to build the model:**
 - **Core: AI/ML:**
 - IBM watsonx.ai Studio (for platform interaction)
 - IBM watsonx ai Runtime service (for building the model)
 - IBM Cloud Object Storage (for storing and working on model and deployment)
 - autoai-libs, scikit-learn (for modelling and metrics)
 - snapml, and lale (for pipeline optimization)
 - **Data Visualization:**
 - matplotlib for plotting the learning curve.

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- **Algorithm Selection:**
 - The model is an optimized pipeline (Pipeline_5) generated by IBM's AutoAI feature.
 - The core algorithm is a **Snap Random Forest Classifier**, a high-performance version of the standard Random Forest algorithm.
 - It's a multi-class classification model trained to predict the specific failure type from six possible classes: 'Heat Dissipation Failure', 'No Failure', 'Overstrain Failure', 'Power Failure', 'Random Failures', and 'Tool Wear Failure'.
- **Data Input:**
 - The input features used by the algorithm are: **UDI, Product ID, Type, Air temperature [K], Process temperature [K], Rotational speed [rpm], Torque [Nm], Tool wear [min], Target** to predict the type of failure that can occur.
- **Training and Prediction Process:**
 - The model is trained using an incremental learning approach with the `partial_fit` method, which allows the model to continue learning as new data arrives without retraining from scratch.
 - Training data is processed in batches of 10,000 rows to simulate a real-world data stream.
- **Deployment:**
 - The final trained pipeline is stored as a model asset in the IBM WatsonX repository.
 - The model is deployed as a real-time online web service, which allows for making live predictions by sending new sensor data to an API endpoint.

RESULT

Pipeline 5



Batched Tree Ensemble Classifier
(Snap Random Forest Classifier)

INCR

0.995

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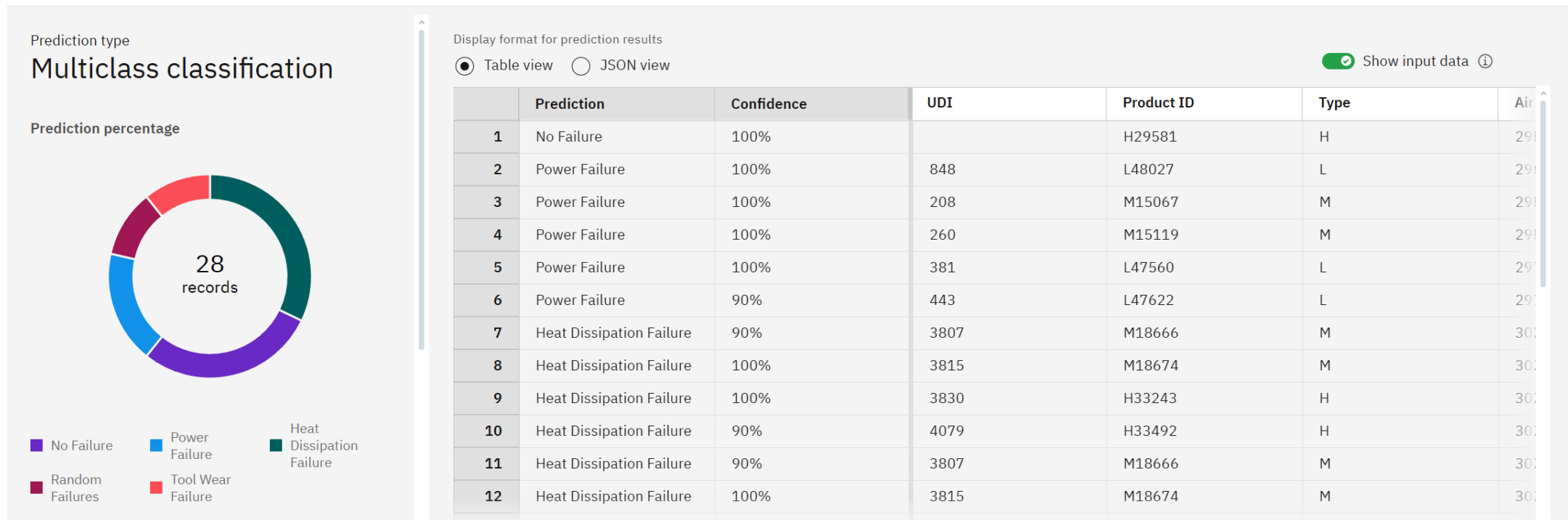
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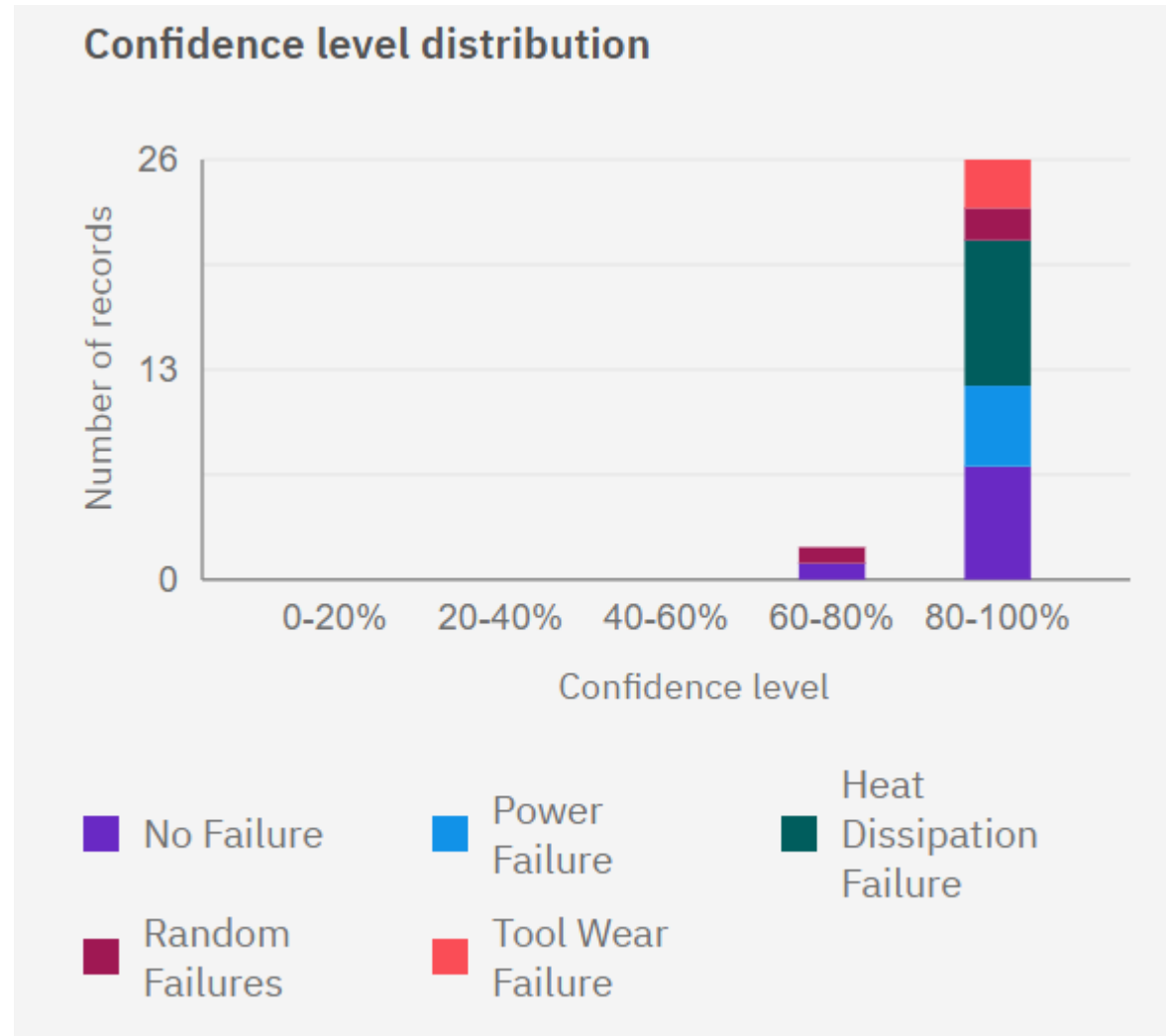
BATCH

- The model achieved a training accuracy of 99.5%.
- The Prediction Results are:

Prediction results

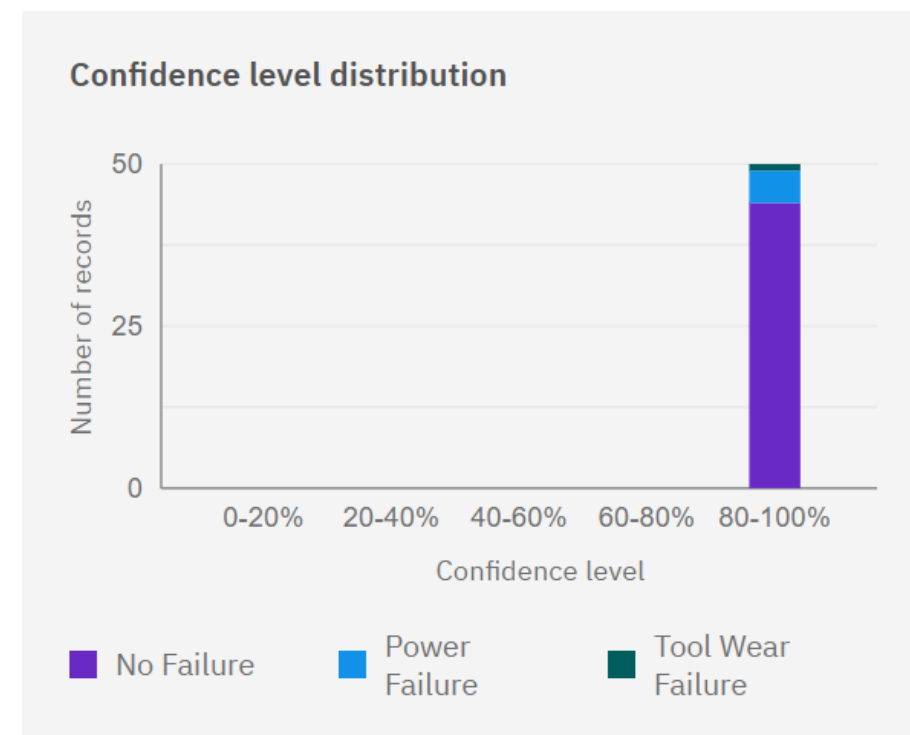
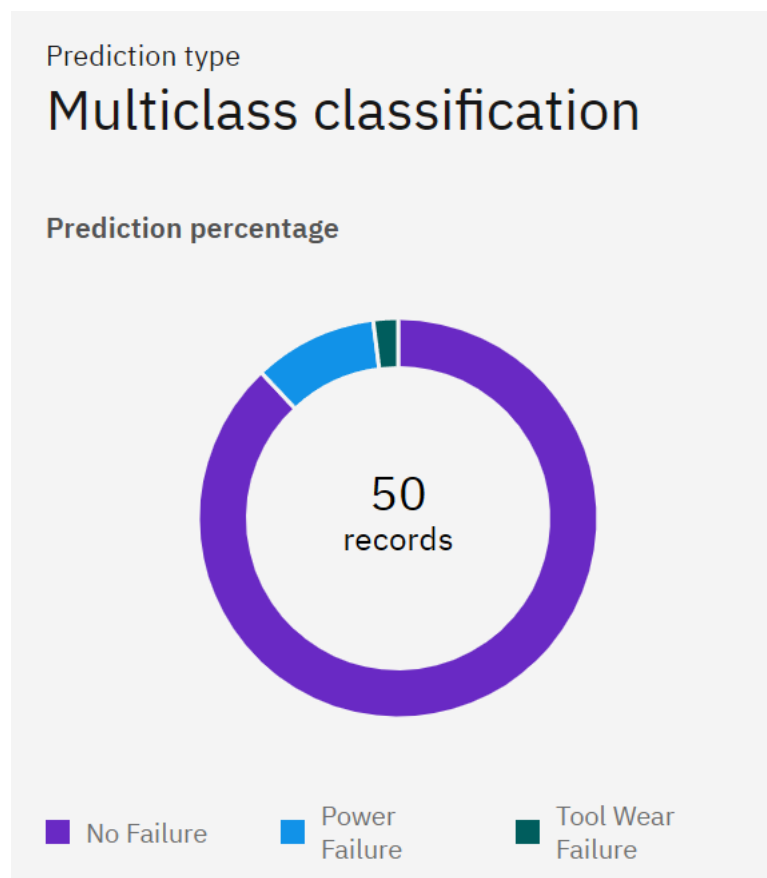


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- This model predicted all the data with 100% accuracy with an average confidence score of 96%.
- The model was also able to accurately predict the type of failure on unknown synthetic data.



CONCLUSION

- This project successfully utilized IBM's AutoAI to select and build an efficient classifier (Snap Random Forest) for predicting industrial machinery failures.
- The use of incremental learning (`partial_fit`) demonstrates a practical approach for updating the model in dynamic environments where data is continuously generated.
- The model was successfully deployed as a scalable online web service on the IBM Cloud platform, making it ready for integration into a real-world predictive maintenance application.
- The outcome is a functional, deployable system that enables a proactive maintenance strategy, directly addressing the core problem of reducing costly downtime.

FUTURE SCOPE

- Real-World Pilot: Integrate the deployed web service with live sensor data from a pilot group of machines to validate its real-world performance and business impact.
- Concept Drift Monitoring: Implement mechanisms to monitor the model's performance over time to detect "concept drift" (when real-world data patterns change) and trigger retraining.
- Predict Remaining Useful Life (RUL): Develop a companion regression model to predict the exact time remaining until a predicted failure occurs.
- Refine Incremental Strategy: Experiment with different batch sizes and sampling strategies to further optimize the incremental learning process.

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