

### **Problem Statement**

The goal of this project is to use surveillance data to predict the probability of West Nile Virus for a given time, location and mosquito species.

## **Datasets**

Dataset	Shape	Description	Recorded Date	
Trap (Train.csv)	10506 X 12	Locations of mosquito traps	May-Oct 2007 May-Oct 2009 Jun-Sept 2011 Jun-Sept 2011	
Trap (Test.csv)	11623 X 11	Locations of mosquito traps	Jun-Sept 2008 Jun-Oct 2010 Jun-Sept 2012 Jun-Oct 2014	
Weather.csv	2944 X 22	Weather conditions from 2 stations	Jan-Dec 2007-14	
Spray.csv	14835 X 4	GIS data for the City of Chicago's spray efforts	Jun-Sept 2011 Aug-Sept 2013	

# **Data Cleaning & EDA**

#### **Train**

813 duplicate rows for same date, trap, species and location

Why? New entry where mosquitoes exceeded 50

**Solution**: Combined the data

#### Weather

Incomplete Data, ex missing values represented by 'T', 'M'

**Solution:** Missing values replaced with 0

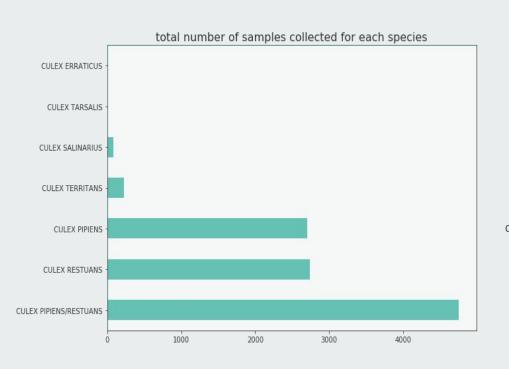
#### **Spray**

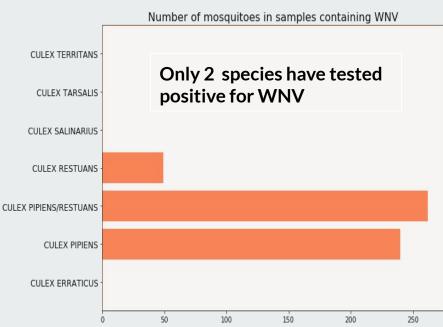
584 null values 543 duplicate rows

Why? Null values caused by missing data in 'Time'

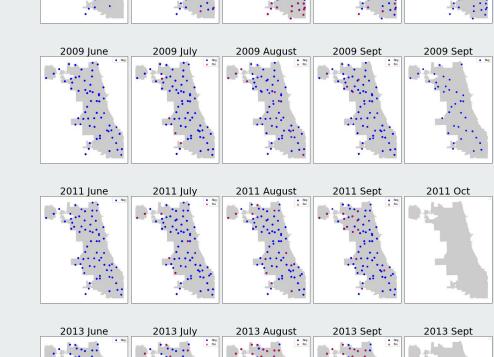
**Solution:** Dropped the duplicate rows

## **Total Mosquito Species vs WNV Mosquitoes**





# Location of traps and Mosquitos caught



2007 August

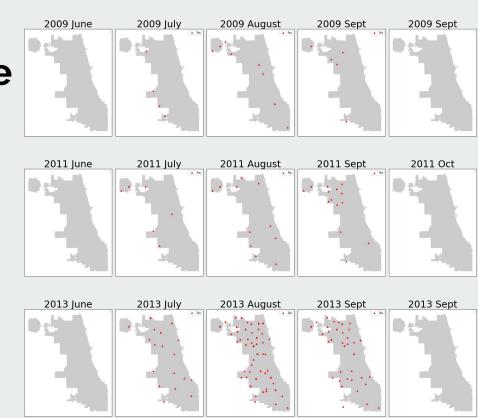
2007 Sept

2007 Oct

2007 June

2007 July

# Location of WNV-positive mosquitos



2007 August

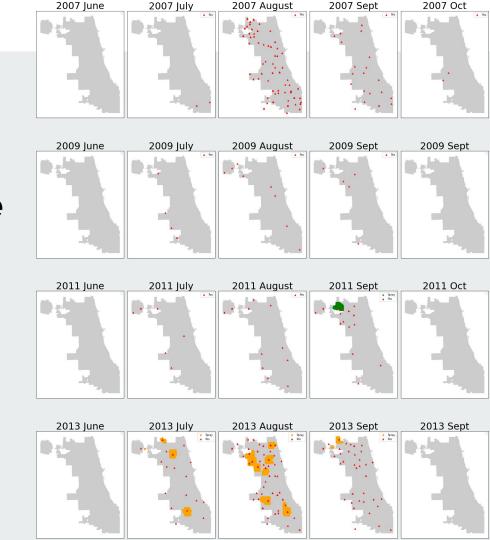
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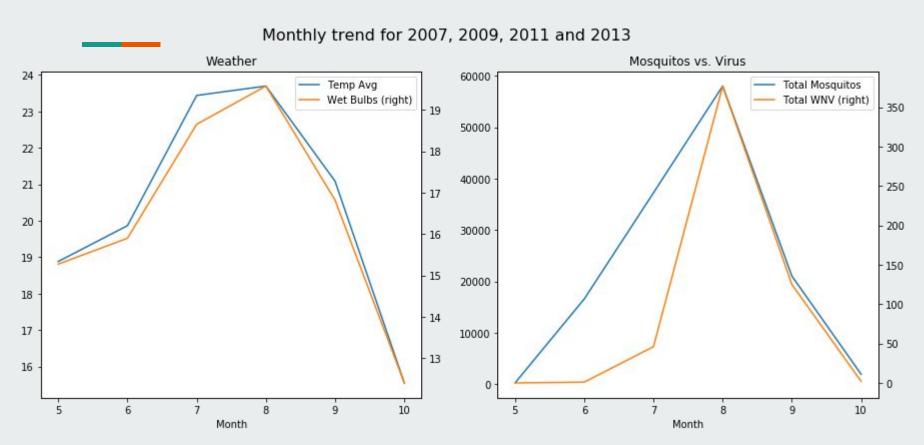
2007 July

# **Location of WNV-positive** mosquitos and spray locations



2007 Oct

# Monthly Weather & Mosquito Trends



## Modeling - Workflow

Pre-Processing - Hyperparameter - Cross Validation - Evaluate Models

- One-Hot Encoding
- Feature Engineering
- Features Selection

- Train-test split
- GridSearchCV
- 5 Different Classifiers

- Tuned Hyperparameters
- 5 Different Classifiers

- Mean Score
- Standard Deviation

# **Modeling - Baseline Score**

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train['WnvPresent'].value_counts(normalize=True)
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0 0.947554 1 0.052446

Name: WnvPresent, dtype: float64

#### **Mitigation Methods**

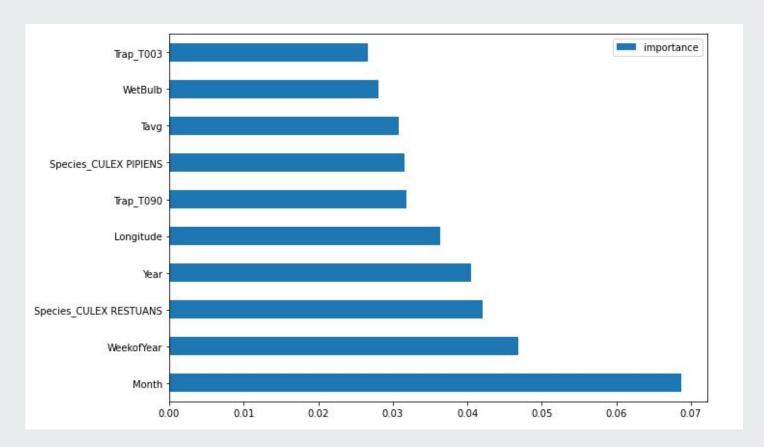
- Choosing the right evaluation metrics
- Under-sampling
- Oversampling

# **Modeling - Classifier**

Classifier	Best Hyper-Parameters	ROC_AUC Score Train	Mean ROC_AUC CrossValScore Train
Logistic Regression	C = 0.1, penalty = 'l1', solver = 'liblinear'	76.30	71.78 +/- 1.94
K Nearest Neighbor	n_neighbors = 6, leaf_size = 5, p = 1, weights = 'distance'	68.00	73.49 +/- 3.51
Random Forest	max_features = 'sqrt', min_samples_leaf = 5, n_estimators = 200	84.39	84.48 +/- 1.41
Support Vector	C = 100, gamma = 0.0001, kernel = 'rbf'	76.72	80.19 +/- 2.35
XGBoost	colsample_bytree = 0.2, gamma = 0.02, learning_rate = 0.1, max_depth = 3, reg_alpha = 0, reg_lambda = 1, subsample = 0.5	84.53	84.45 +/- 1.36

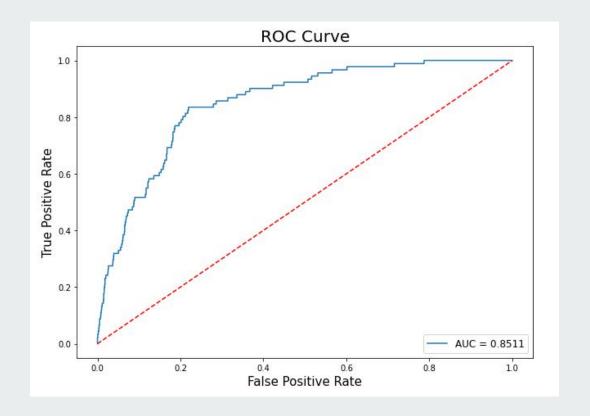
# **Modeling - Top 10 Features**

- Weather
- Trap
- Year/Month
- Location
- Species



# **Modeling - Final Model**

- XGBoost
- ROC\_AUC\_Score = 0.8511
- On unseen data = 0.74209



# **Cost Benefit Analysis**

## Cost - Benefit = Nett Gain or Loss

#### **Fixed Costs**

- Cost of **Vehicles**
- Cost of **Manpower**
- Administrative costs
- Fixed at 20% of variable costs

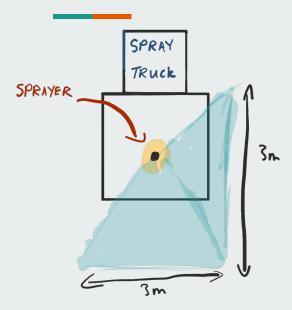
#### Variable costs

- Cost of chemicals sprayed from each spray truck
- Cost of spraying the area each truck can cover at the max speed and the min speed

#### **Calculable benefits**

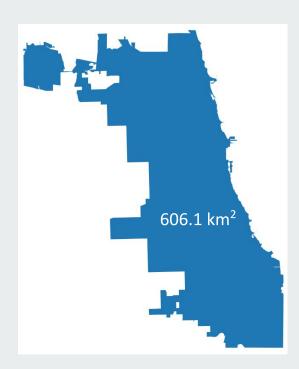
- Savings from cost of hospitalization for each WNV patient
- Savings from loss of median productivity costs of each Chicago worker.

# **Cost Assumptions**



Coverage =  $9 \text{ m}^2$ 

Speed: 16 to 24 km/h Sprays: 0.05 gallons/min





Cost: USD \$80 / US Gallon

# **Benefits Assumptions**



Median income: USD \$55,295

(2017)



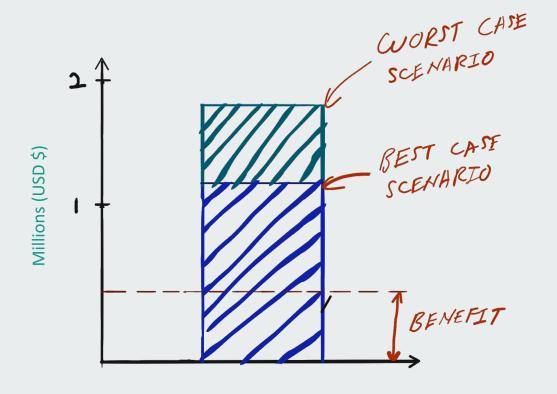
Hospitalisation costs:

USD \$25,000 per

hospital stay

(2017)

# **Cost Benefit Analysis**



## **Conclusion & Recommendation**

After studying the effectiveness of spraying and given its high cost:

• Re-examine the effectiveness of spraying Zenivex<sup>™</sup>.

 Develop mosquito spraying regimes in a more organised and evidence-driven manner.

• Examine new ways of controlling the mosquito population that may cost less than spraying the whole of Chicago.

### Recommendations based on model

Our model achieved a 0.74209 ROC\_AUC score :

- Recommend getting more data over the years to improve the score
- Once optimised (achieves a better score than the baseline of 0.94) will be able to use the model to predict WNV hotspots.

# **Questions?**