

PREDICTING RISKS OF TOXIC ALGAL BLOOMS

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BACKGROUND

Harmful Algal Bloom

-grow rapidly and release large amount of toxins

- Public health concern
- Economic risk



MATERIALS AND METHODS

DATA SOURCES

- Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
- Pacific Fisheries Environmental Laboratory
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

2750 samples, 18 variables

	Akashiwo sanguinea (cells/L)	Alexandrium spp. (cells/L)	Ammonia (uM)	Chlorophyll (mg/m3)	Dinophysis spp. (cells/L)	Domoic Acid (ng/mL)	Lingulodinium polyedrum (cells/L)	Nitrate (uM)	Nitrite (uM)	Phosphate (uM)	Prorocentrum spp. (cells/L)	nitzschia delicatissima group (cells/L)	nitzschia seriata group (cells/L)	Silicate (uM)	Water Temperature (C)	date	Upwelling Index	ONI
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DATA PROCESSING

- Dataset was shuffled
- Dependent variable: Domoic Acid
 - Converted into binary variables
 - Applied threshold (values>0.5: positive case/dangerous level)

#Load the data

```
data = pd.read_csv('clean_data.csv')
data = data.sample(frac=1, random_state=42).reset_index(drop=True) #shuffle
data.head()
```

#predictor variable

```
target_data = (data['Domoic Acid (ng/mL)']>0.5) #apply threshold; value>0.5=positive case
```

#extract for future use

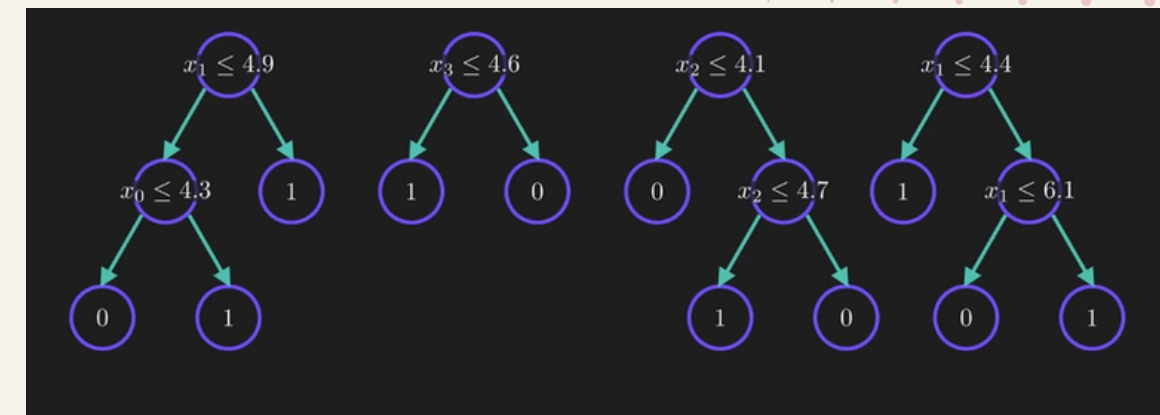
```
domoic_acid = data['Domoic Acid (ng/mL)']
```

#remove column from the DataFrame

```
data = data.drop('Domoic Acid (ng/mL)', axis=1)
```

MACHINE LEARNING

- Data was scaled to normalize.
- Data split into training (75%) and test (25%) sets.
- Random forest classifier is used.
Hyperparameters were tuned using GridSearchCV.



CRITICAL PARAMETERS AND VALIDATION METHODS

Hyperparameters:

- **n_estimators:** Number of trees (10, 50, 100, 200)
- **max_depth:** Maximum depth of the trees (10, 20, None)
- **min_samples_split:** Minimum number of samples required to split a node (2, 10, 20, 50)
- **min_samples_leaf:** Minimum number of samples required to form a leaf node (1, 5, 10, 20)

```
model = GridSearchCV(pipeline, params, scoring = 'average_precision', n_jobs=-1)
model.fit(xtrain, ytrain)
print('Best Parameters', model.best_params_)
print('Best average precision', model.best_score_)
```

IMPLEMENTATION AND METRIC

Python libraries used:

- pandas
- numpy
- matplotlib
- sklearn
- imblearn

Pipeline :

SMOTE (Synthetic Minority
Over-sampling Technique)

RandomForestClassifier

Model Training and Hyperparameter
Tuning:

-The model was fitted using the
training data, and hyperparameter
tuning was performed with grid search.

Evaluation

-The best parameters obtained from
the grid search were used to evaluate the
model on the test set.

```
pipeline = Pipeline([('sampling', SMOTE(random_state=42)), ('rf', RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42))])
```

RESULTS

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Confusion Matrix and Classification Report

True Negative = 634
False Negative = 10

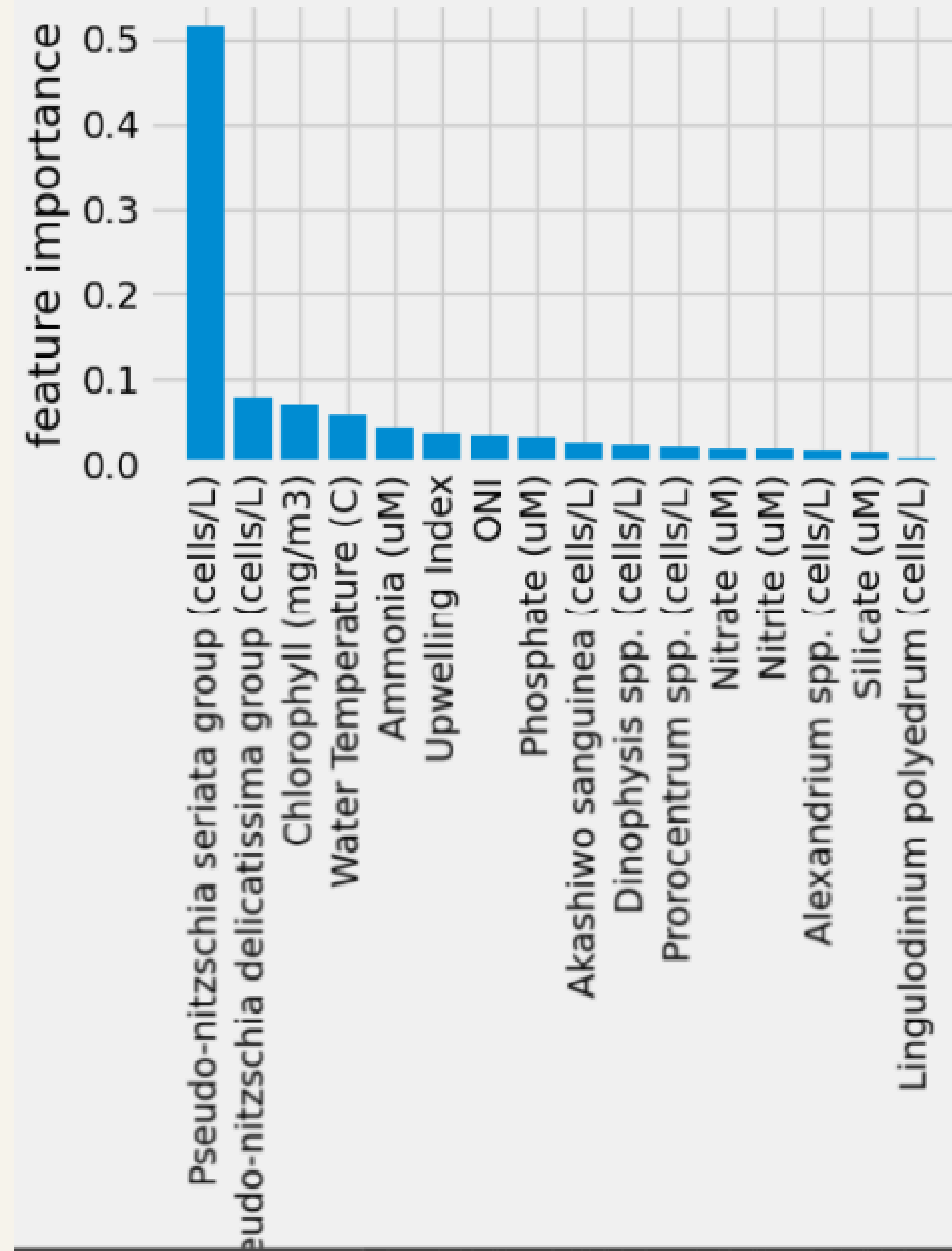
False Positive = 25
True Positive=19

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
False	0.98	0.96	0.97	659
True	0.43	0.66	0.52	29
accuracy			0.95	688
macro avg	0.71	0.81	0.75	688
weighted avg	0.96	0.95	0.95	688

Feature importance

RESULTS

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CONCLUSION

The Random Forest model was successful in predicting toxic algal bloom events with high accuracy and reasonable average precision. The most important features identified were related to the presence of *Pseudo-nitzschia seriata*, temperature, and chlorophyll concentration.

RECOMMENDATION

- Add more data
- Add more features
- Use other models to compare

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