







Session 9: Emerging Technologies and Use Cases PART C



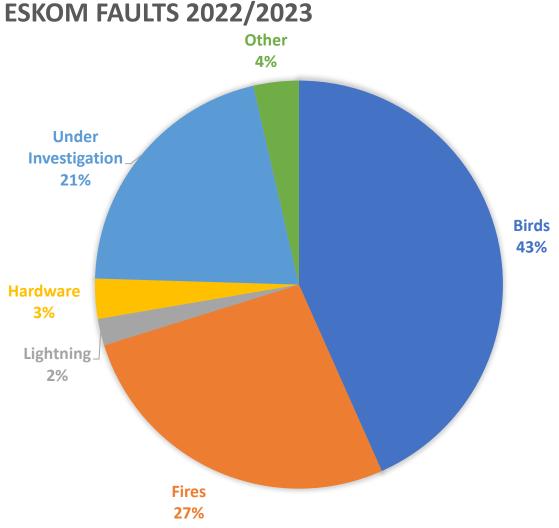
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Major Disruptors to the Grid

 The Electric Power utility faces significant challenges in terms of environmental factors that are only exacerbated by factors such as Global warming.



Severe Weather and the Grid



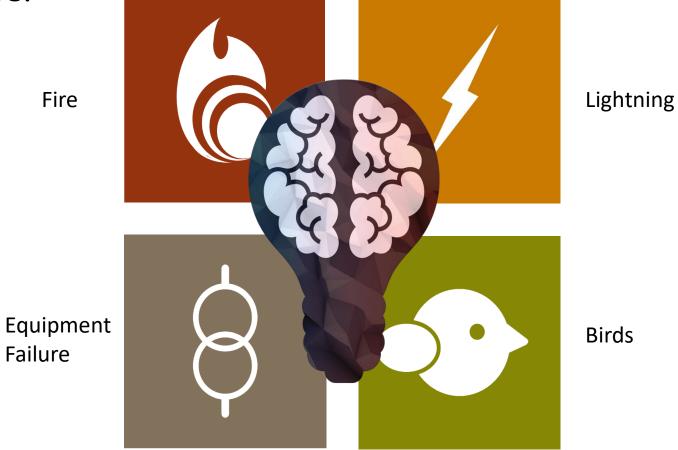
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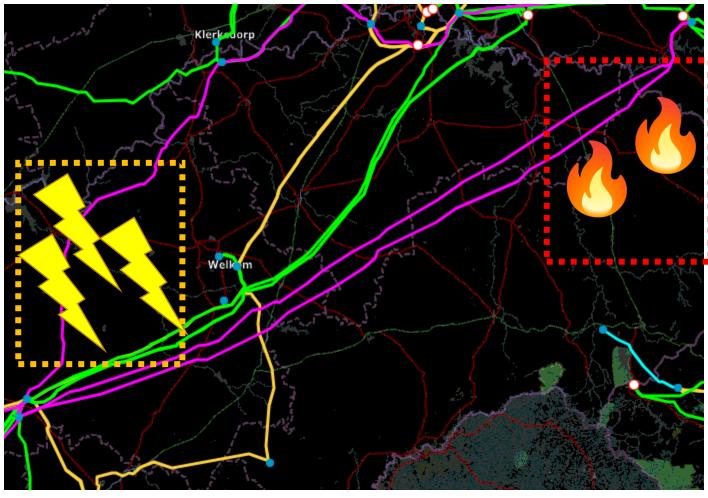
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• Eskom has endeavored to create Artificial intelligence to help mitigate these factors.



Background



- Alpha and Beta Substation
- Line Length ~436 Km
- Lightning and Fire could effect the across its entire distance.
- Use A.I. To Classify the threat and inform decision making.
- Pre-emptive warning on possible trip.

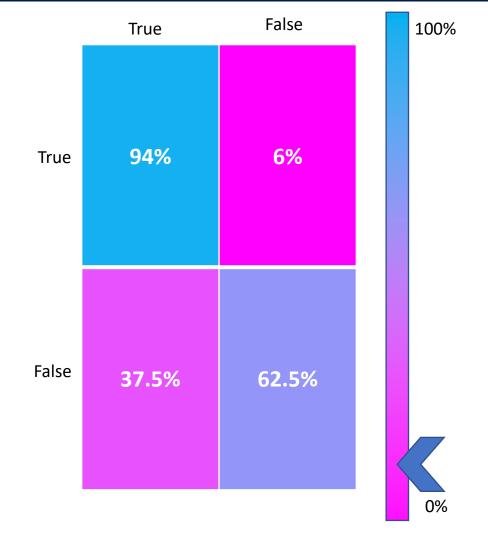
Map: Openstreetmaps

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Table 6: Correlation matrix fire model parameters

	frp	fspd	cnf	brght	temp	hum	windx	windy	fsx	fsy	blat	blon	dsbrnt	
outage	0.21	-0.05	0.00	0.06	0.01	-0.10	-0.08	0.05	-0.01	0.03	0.06	0.02	-0.04	
frp		0.09	0.29	0.27	0.03	-0.12	-0.15	0.11	-0.03	0.06	-0.04	-0.06	-0.15	
fspd			0.09	0.14	0.12	-0.21	-0.04	0.09	-0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.06	
cnf				0.31	0.14	-0.02	0.02	0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.07	-0.02	-0.09	
brght					0.36	-0.14	-0.03	0.10	0.00	-0.03	-0.08	-0.13	0.12	
temp						-0.36	-0.04	0.20	-0.04	-0.07	-0.04	-0.07	0.05	
hum							0.27	-0.14	-0.01	0.03	-0.25	0.00	-0.16	
windx								-0.12	-0.02	-0.02	0.05	-0.02	-0.04	
windy									0.02	-0.01	0.05	0.10	0.05	
fsx										0.04	-0.02	-0.02	0.05	
fsy											-0.01	0.00	-0.07	
blat												0.62	-0.08	
Met • •	 Methodology: Total data points trained: 2000+. Dataset: Listed previously Neural Network: FaNN Prediction: Is the fire going to cause an outage? Metric: Outage logs vs. Fire activity. 													
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Geometric Mean: 76.7%

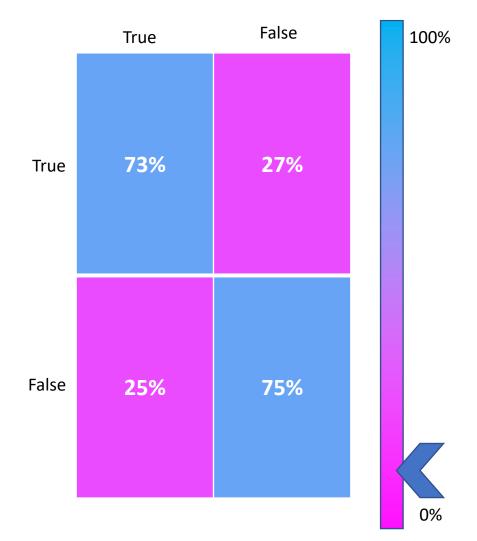


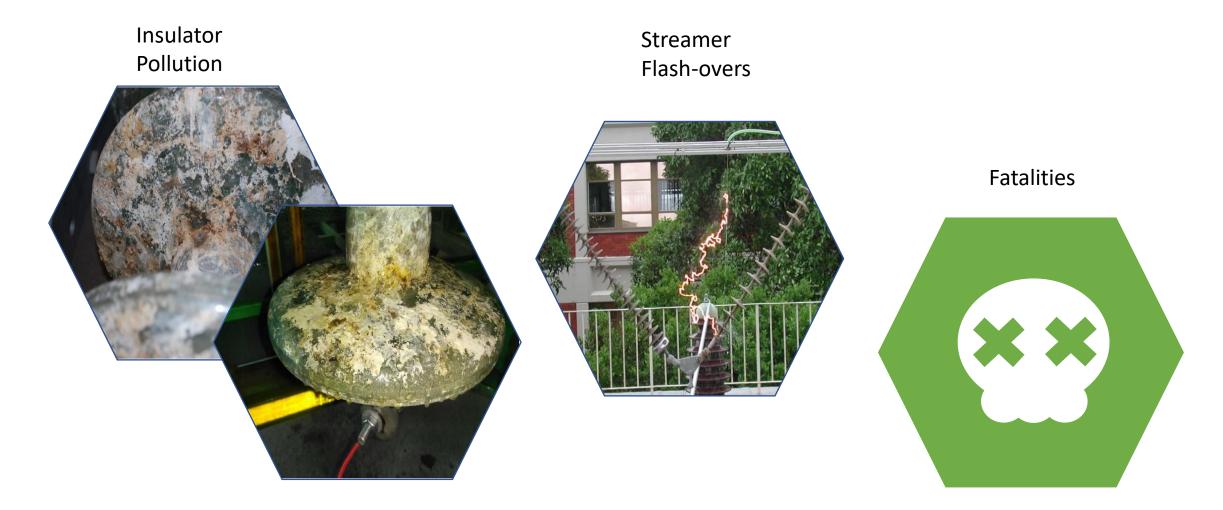
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Methodology:

- Total data points trained: 1million +
- Dataset: Clusters and kA of Strikes
- Neural Network: Random Forest
- Prediction: Can the Storm cluster cause an outage?
- Metric: Outage logs

<u>Results:</u> Precision:73.0%, Selectivity:75% **Geometric Mean: 74%**

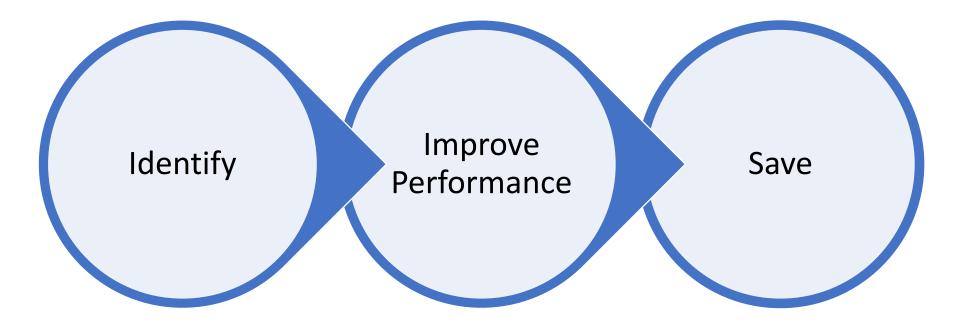




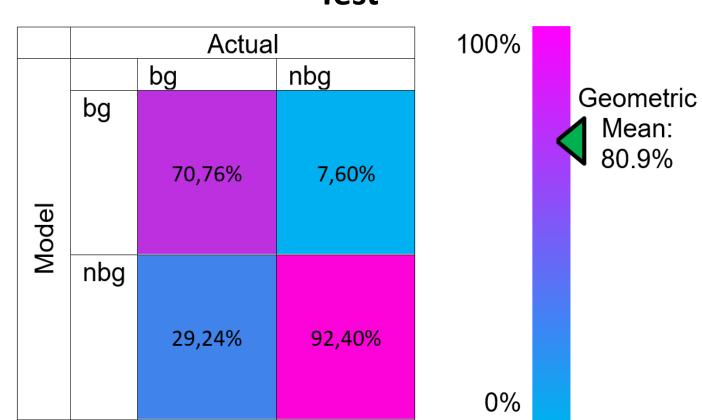
- Large dataset.
- Human Error.
- Tracking effectiveness becomes difficult.
- Large amount of man hours necessary.
- > 36000km to monitor (132kV to 765kV alone).



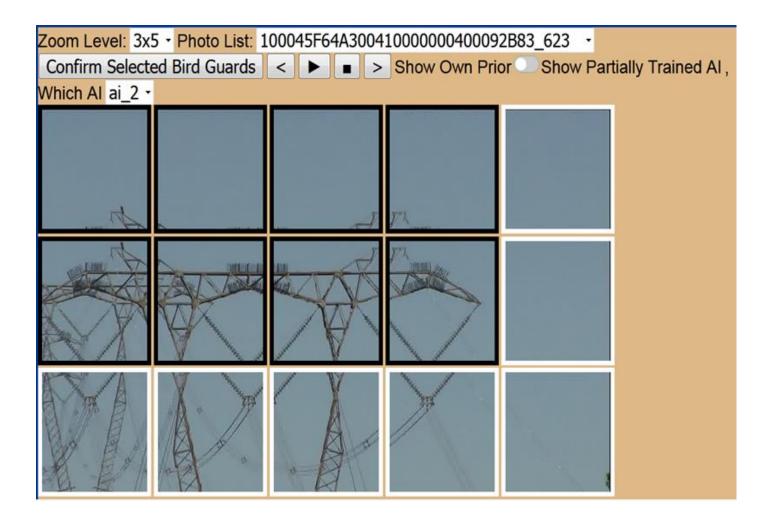
- Identify Bird Guards without Human Intervention (A.I.).
- Save on man hours.
- Improve overall data set used for bird mitigation measures.



• Added imagery (2619 images, 175497 partials):



Test



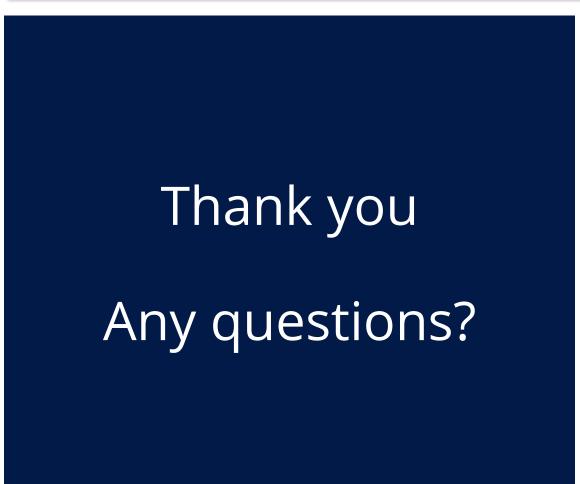
- Results from training and testing suggest that using a Deep Belief Network (DBN) and the FANN library yields usable results in classifying imagery supplied to a trained model.
- The more images the DBN was exposed to the better it became at identifying bird guards within the testing set rising from an initial 69.5% to a substantial 80% across the geometric mean (increase from 209 images to 2619 images in training data).
- It was found that the AI typically overestimates the number of partial images containing bird guards with approximately 6%
- Current restrictions:
 - Protracted training period.
 - Limited dataset.
- Recommended use of Convolutional Neural Nets (CNN's) impractical for this investigation but are the preferred technology to be used given enough data as an input.











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