

# Impact of Machine Learning on Electricity Theft Detection

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**Abstract:** The principal source of electrical power loss that has a substantial impact on both the quantity and quality of electrical power is electricity theft. However, the approaches currently in use for detecting this theft-related criminal activity are varied and complex since it is difficult to extract useful information from time-series data due to the uneven nature of the dataset. This research develops a novel approach for detecting electricity theft by combining three algorithms into a pipeline. The suggested approach first balances the dataset using the synthetic minority oversampling technique (SMOTE), then integrates kernel function and principal component analysis (KPCA) to extract features from highly dimensional time-series data, and uses support vector machines (SVM) to classify the data. Additionally, the effectiveness of the system.

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