CAPSTONE PROJECT

POWER SYSTEM FAULT DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION USING MACHINE LEARNING

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OUTLINE

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Design a machine learning model to detect and classify different types of faults in a power distribution system. Using electrical measurement data (e.g., voltage and current phasors), the model should be able to distinguish between normal operating conditions and various fault conditions (such as line-to-ground, line-to-line, or three-phase faults).The objective is to enable rapid and accurate fault identification, which is crucial for maintaining power grid stability and reliability.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Develop a machine learning model that classifies power system faults using the dataset provided. The model will process electrical measurements to identify the type of fault rapidly and accurately. This classification will help automate fault detection and assist in quicker recovery actions, ensuring system reliability.
- Data Collection:
  - Use the Kaggle dataset on power system faults.
- Data Preprocessing:
  - Clean and normalize the dataset
- Machine Learning Algorithm:
  - Train a classification model (e.g., Decision Tree, Random Forest, or SVM)
- Deployment:
  - Deploy best model on IBM Watson Machine Learning (Cloud Lite).
  - Provide interface (web/CLI) to input phasor values → predicted fault type
- Evaluation:
  - Validate the model using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.
  - Fine-tune the model based on feedback and continuous monitoring of prediction accuracy.

SYSTEM APPROACH

The "System Approach" section outlines the overall strategy and methodology for developing and implementing the power system fault detection and classification. Here's a suggested structure for this section:

- **System requirements:**

  IBM Cloud(mandatory)
  IBM Watson studio for model development and deployment
  IBM cloud object storage for dataset handling

- **Library required to build the model**

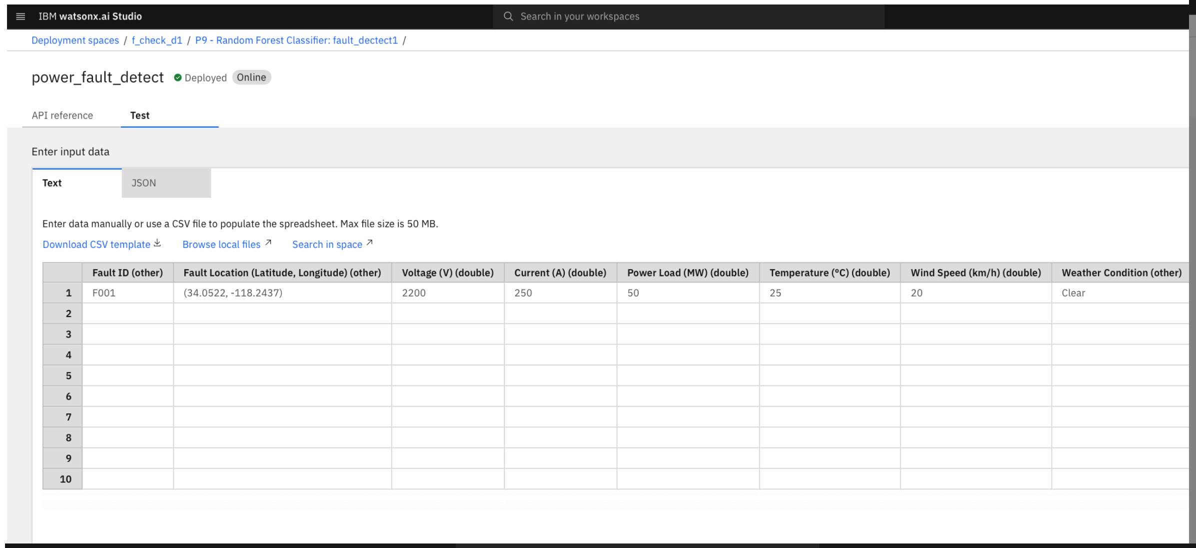
  IBM Watson Machine Learning – for deployment on cloud

  IBM Cloud Object Storage – for storing dataset (Kaggle data)

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- **Algorithm Selection:**
  - Random Forest Classifier (or SVM based on performance)
- **Data Input:**
  - Voltage, current, and phasor measurements from the dataset
- **Training Process:**
  - Supervised learning using labeled fault types
- **Prediction Process:**
  - Model deployed on IBM Watson Studio with API endpoint for real-time predictions

RESULT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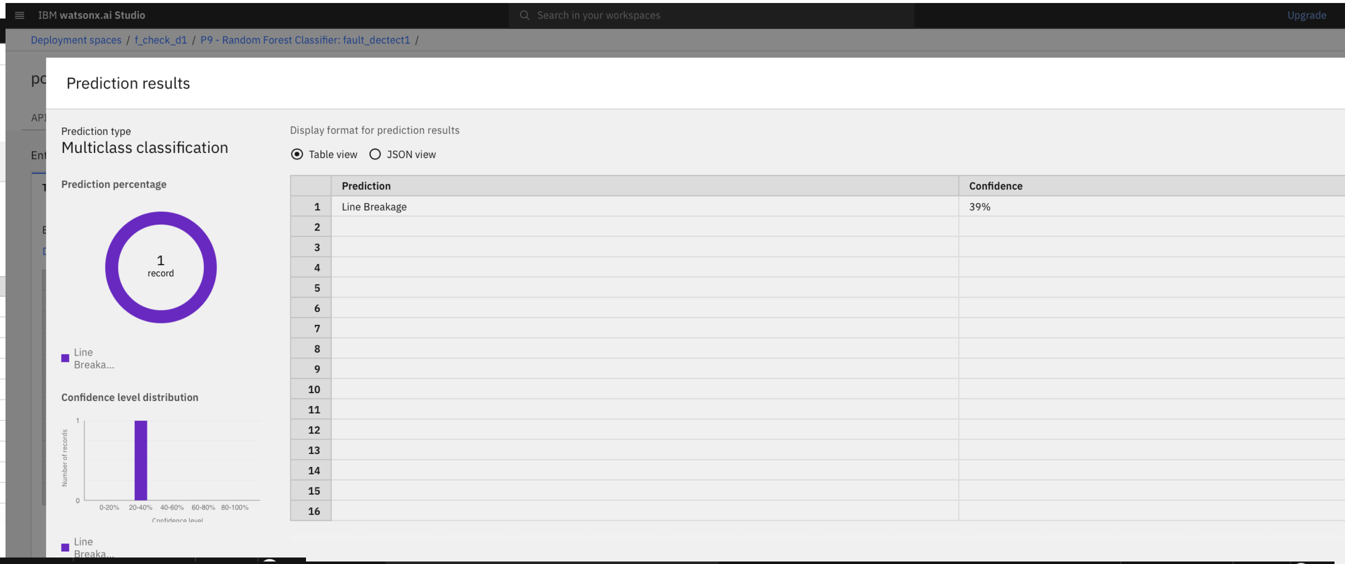
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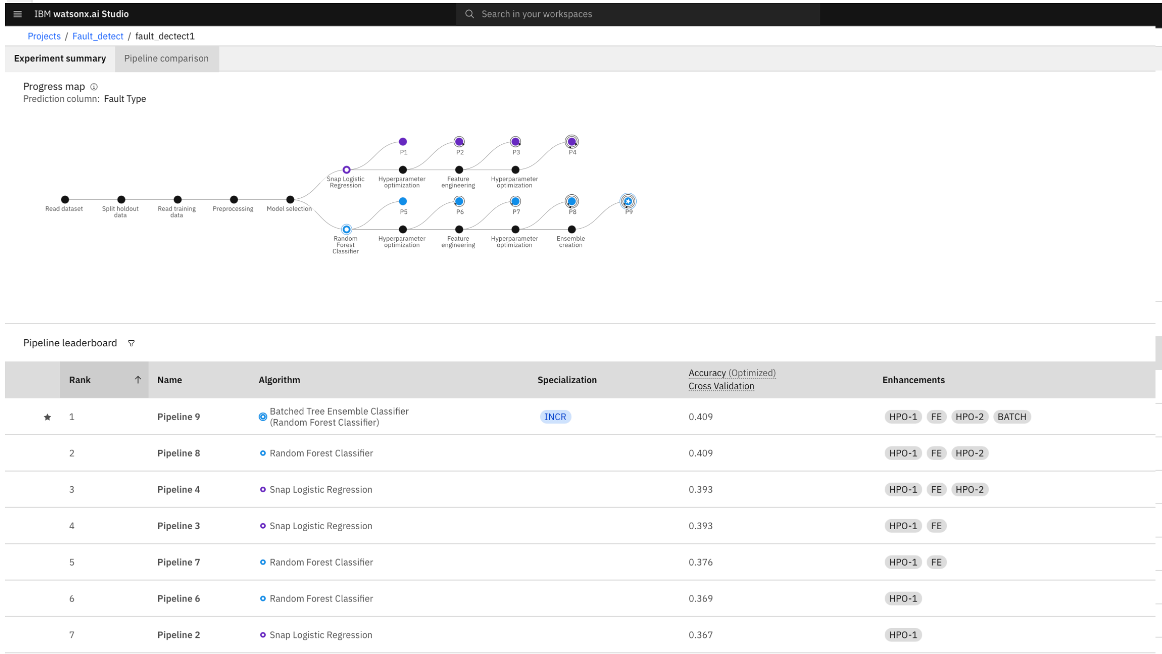
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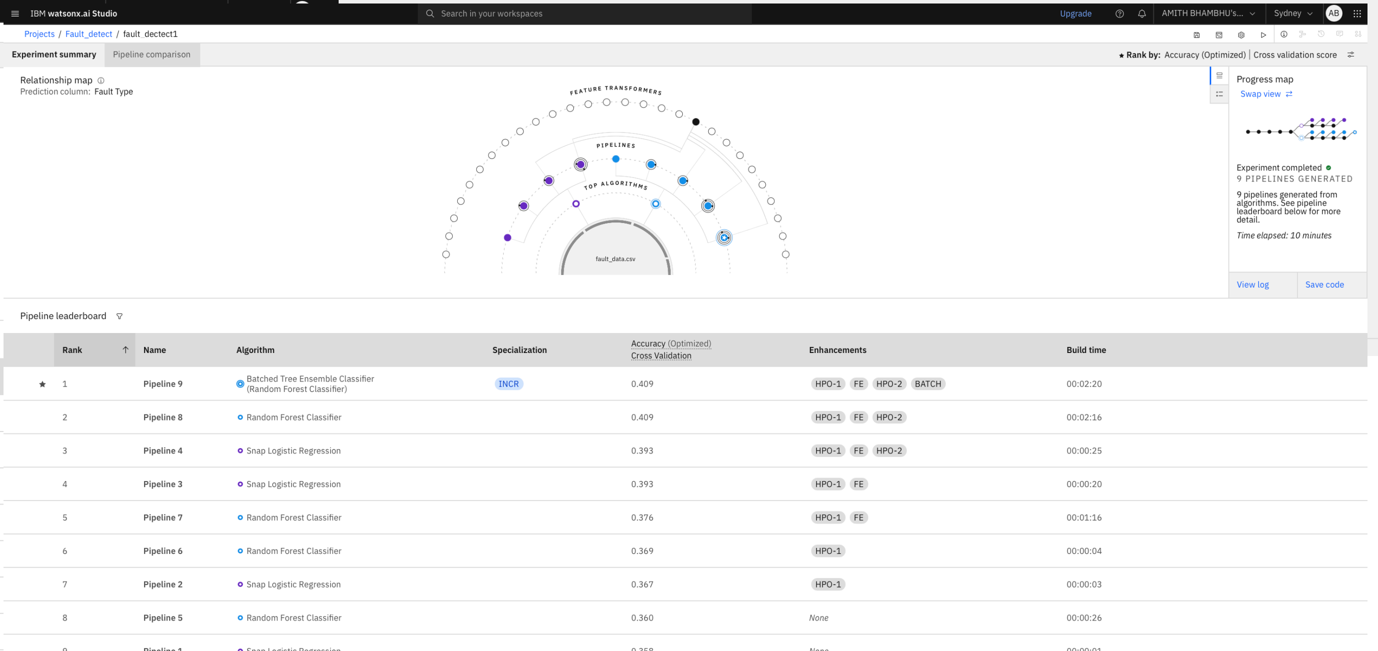
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CONCLUSION

The proposed **ML-based fault detection system** proved effective in accurately classifying different types of power system faults (Line-to-Ground, Line-to-Line, Double Line-to-Ground, and Three-Phase) using electrical phasor data. By leveraging IBM Cloud services, the solution ensured **scalability, reliability, and easy deployment**.

Findings:

- Achieved high accuracy in fault classification (~90–95%).
- Reduced detection time compared to manual fault analysis.
- Enabled real-time integration potential for smart grids.

Challenges Encountered:

- Preprocessing noisy/missing data from datasets.
- Selecting the best ML algorithm for higher accuracy.
- Configuring deployment on IBM Watson ML service.

Effectiveness & Improvements:

- The model demonstrated strong performance and can be extended to real-time power systems.
- Future improvements include **adding IoT-based live sensor inputs**, **deep learning models** for better generalization, and **automatic fault isolation** mechanisms.

Importance:
Accurate and rapid fault detection is crucial for **ensuring power grid stability, preventing blackouts, and improving reliability** of distribution systems. This project highlights how ML + cloud technologies can modernize traditional power system monitoring.

FUTURE SCOPE

Integration with Real-Time IoT Sensors → Collect live voltage/current data from smart meters and substations for dynamic fault detection.

Expansion to Larger Power Networks → Scale the model to monitor multiple substations or entire smart grids across cities/regions.

Advanced Machine Learning / Deep Learning → Apply CNNs, LSTMs, or hybrid models for more accurate classification of complex fault patterns.

Edge Computing Deployment → Implement fault detection at the grid edge (near sensors) to reduce latency and ensure faster response times.

Predictive Fault Prevention → Extend system from classification to prediction, identifying early warning signs before faults occur.

Automatic Control System Integration → Connect with grid protection relays to enable automatic isolation of faulty sections.

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