
CAPSTONE PROJECT

POWER SYSTEM FAULT DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION USING MACHINE LEARNING

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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 robust machine learning model capable of accurately detecting and classifying various types of faults in a power distribution system using electrical measurement data. The model should rapidly distinguish between normal and fault conditions (e.g., line-to-ground, line-to-line, or three-phase faults), enabling faster recovery actions and enhancing system reliability.

1. Data Collection: Source a relevant dataset on power system faults from Kaggle or a similar platform containing electrical parameters like voltage and current phasors.
2. Data Preprocessing: Perform data cleaning and normalization to ensure the dataset is free from noise, inconsistencies, and missing values. This step is critical for improving model accuracy.
3. Model Development: Implement and train a supervised classification model such as Decision Tree, Random Forest, or Support Vector Machine (SVM) to identify fault types based on the input features.
4. Model Evaluation: Assess the performance of the trained model using standard metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. This will help ensure the reliability and effectiveness of the fault detection system.

SYSTEM APPROACH

The "System Approach" section describes the overall strategy and methodology used to design, develop, and implement the power system fault detection and classification model. Below is a suggested framework for outlining this section:

- IBM Cloud (Mandatory):**

Serves as the primary cloud platform for the entire project infrastructure, including computing, storage, and deployment services.

- IBM Watson Studio:**

Utilized for building, training, and deploying the machine learning model. It provides an integrated environment for data scientists and developers to work efficiently.

- IBM Cloud Object Storage:**

Used for securely storing and managing the dataset. It enables seamless access to data for preprocessing and training workflows.

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- Data Collection**

Gather voltage and current phasor data from a Kaggle dataset.

- Data Preprocessing**

Clean, normalize, and split the data into training and testing sets.

- Feature Engineering**

Extract meaningful features (e.g., magnitude, phase angle) for classification.

- Model Selection**

Choose and configure ML models (e.g., Random Forest, SVM, or Neural Network).

- Model Training**

Train the model using labeled data on IBM Cloud Watson Studio.

- Model Evaluation**

Test the model and evaluate accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

- Fault Classification**

Classify conditions as normal, LG, LL, or 3-phase fault.

- Deployment**

Deploy the model using IBM Cloud (Lite) services for real-time prediction.

- Visualization & Reporting**

Display fault types and detection accuracy through charts and dashboards.

RESULT

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud dashboard interface. At the top, the 'IBM Cloud' logo is visible. The main navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Edit dashboard', 'Upgrade account', and a prominent blue 'Create resource' button. A search bar at the top right contains the text 'watsonx.ai studio'. A dropdown menu is open, displaying search results under two categories: 'Resource Results' and 'Catalog Results'. The 'Resource Results' section lists 'watsonx.ai Studio-gc' as a Service. The 'Catalog Results' section lists 'watsonx.ai Studio' as a Service, 'watsonx' as a Service, 'NeuralSeek' as a Service, 'Cloud automation for watsonx.ai' as Software, and 'Watsonx.ai SaaS with Assistant and Go...' as Software. Below the search results, there are links to search for 'watsonx.ai studio' in Support Cases and Docs. The background dashboard features a 'For you' section with a 'Build' card (exploring IBM Cloud tutorials) and a 'Track emissions with Carbon Calculator' card (viewing estimated green gas emissions). On the right, there are cards for 'Watson Studio' and 'Build with Watson' (chatbots, insights, etc.).

IBM Cloud

Dashboard

Edit dashboard Upgrade account Create resource

For you

Build
Explore IBM Cloud with this selection of easy starter tutorials and services.

Track emissions with Carbon Calculator
View estimated green gas emissions for your Cloud account and export data for ESG reporting

Recommended

Search "watsonx.ai studio" in Support Cases

Search "watsonx.ai studio" in Docs

Resource Results View all resource results

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Service

Catalog Results View all catalog results

watsonx.ai Studio
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watsonx
Service

NeuralSeek
Service

Cloud automation for watsonx.ai
Software

Watsonx.ai SaaS with Assistant and Go...
Software

Select an option

Watson Studio
Watson Studio provides a range of tools and a collaborative environment for data scientists, developers and domain experts.

Build with Watson
Chatbots, insights, recognizers, and more. Explore the AI platform business.

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Lite	1 authorized user 10 capacity unit-hours monthly limit Environment = # of capacity units required per hour <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 vCPU + 4 GB RAM = 0.5• 2 vCPU + 8 GB RAM = 1• 4 vCPU + 16 GB RAM = 2 • Decision Optimization + Watson NLP = Environment + 5 • Synthetic Data Generator, 2 vCPU + 8 GB RAM = 7 (requires watsonx.ai Runtime)	Free

The Lite plan offers most watsonx.ai Studio data science and AI features with usage restrictions.

Summary

watsonx.ai Studio **Free**

Location: Sydney (au-syd)
Plan: Lite
Service name: watsonx.ai Studio-2n
Resource group: Default

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watsonx.ai Studio-gc Add tags Details Actions

Manage

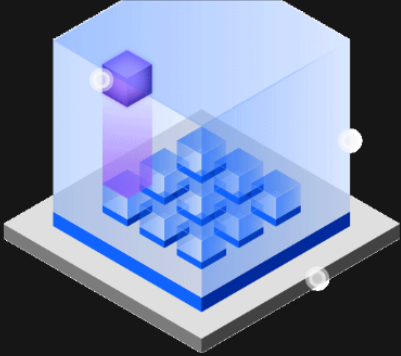
Plan



Studio in Cloud Pak for Data and watsonx

Build and deploy machine learning models on either platform. Work with foundation models on watsonx as a Service.

Launch in



IBM watsonx.ai Studio is part of IBM Cloud Pak for Data and watsonx, and serves as the AI capability of the data fabric architecture.

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The screenshot displays the IBM watsonx.ai Studio web interface. A modal window is open, titled "Build and manage ML models with watsonx.ai Studio". The modal contains a "Get started" section with two tasks: "Provision watsonx.ai Studio" (Create an instance of watsonx.ai Studio from the service catalog.) and "Provision watsonx.ai Runtime" (Create an instance of watsonx.ai Runtime from the service catalog.), with the latter marked as complete. At the bottom of the modal are "Cancel" and "Next" buttons. The background interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like "Build customer profiles with IBM Match 360 with Watson", "Catalog and govern data with watsonx.data intelligence", "Build and manage ML models with watsonx.ai Studio", and "Query data anywhere with Data Virtualization". The top navigation bar shows the user's account as "KODALI PAVANT's Account" and the location as "Sydney".

IBM watsonx.ai Studio

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Build customer profiles with IBM Match 360 with Watson

Catalog and govern data with watsonx.data intelligence

Build and manage ML models with watsonx.ai Studio

Query data anywhere with Data Virtualization

What's new

Create connections for StreamSets flows

Jul 31, 2025

Deprecation of Federated Learning

Jul 25, 2025

New default method for name generation in the metadata enrichment project settings

Jul 25, 2025

Build and manage ML models with watsonx.ai Studio

watsonx.ai Studio is a service that you use to build, deploy, and manage AI models and to optimize decisions. Work within a project to build models. Customize how you work by choosing from

Get started

Provision watsonx.ai Studio

Create an instance of watsonx.ai Studio from the service catalog.

Provision watsonx.ai Runtime

Create an instance of watsonx.ai Runtime from the service catalog.

Cancel

Next

Create a project

Start with a new, blank project or select from where to import an existing project.

+ New

🖨 Local file

📁 Sample

Define details

Name

Enter a name

Description (optional)

What's the purpose of this project?

Tags (optional)

Cancel

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Resource usage

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Tools

Pipeline

Services & integrations

IBM services (1)

Third-party integrations

Associate IBM Cloud services with this project to add tools, compute environments, or other capabilities.[Learn more.](#)

Find services

Associate service +

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Service type
<input type="checkbox"/>	watsonx.ai Runtime-fv	watsonx.ai Runtime

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Build machine learning models automatically

Define the details to create an AutoAI experiment asset and open it in the AutoAI tool.

+ New

Sample

Description (optional)

What's the purpose of this AutoAI experiment?

Tags (optional)

Add tags to make assets easier to find.

Start typing to add tags

[Associate a watsonx.ai Runtime service instance](#) in the project settings page, then click the reload button to reload the instances available for association.

Reload

Environment definition ⓘ

Large: 8 CPU and 32 GB RAM

This environment definition consumes **20 capacity** for training. For details, see [watsonx.ai Runtime plans](#).

Cancel

Back


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Add files such as tabular data (CSV).

Browse

Select from project


 **fault_data.csv**

Size: 47.42 KB | Columns: 13

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No user API key
To create an AutoAI machine learning experiment you must first [create a User API key](#). Then, click the [reload button](#).



Create a time series analysis?
Enable this option to predict future activity over a specified date/time range. Data must be structured and sequential. [Learn more](#)

Yes

No

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Add data source

Add files such as tabular data (CSV).

Browse

Select from project



fault_data.csv

Size: 47.42 KB



Configure details



Create a time series analysis?


Enable this option to predict future activity over a specified date/time range. Data must be structured and sequential. [Learn more](#)


Yes

No

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[Browse](#)[Select from project](#)

 **fault_data.csv**
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What do you want to predict?

Prediction column ⓘ

Fault Type × ▾

Prediction column: Fault Type

CUH remaining: 20 CUH

PREDICTION TYPE
Multiclass Classification

OPTIMIZED FOR
Accuracy & run time

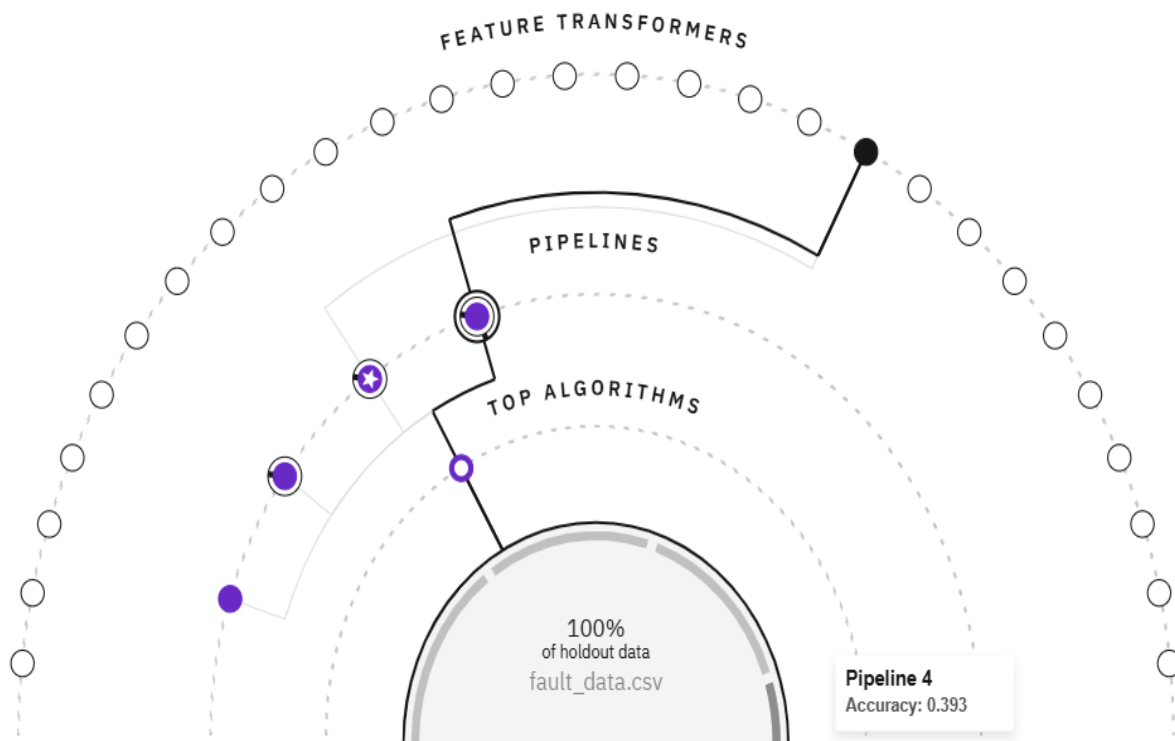
Experiment settings ⚙

Run experiment ▶

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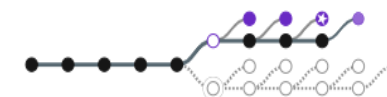
Relationship map ⓘ

Prediction column: Fault Type



Progress map

[Swap view ↔](#)



Evaluating pipeline

SNAP LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Testing holdout data and ranking pipeline based on optimized metric.

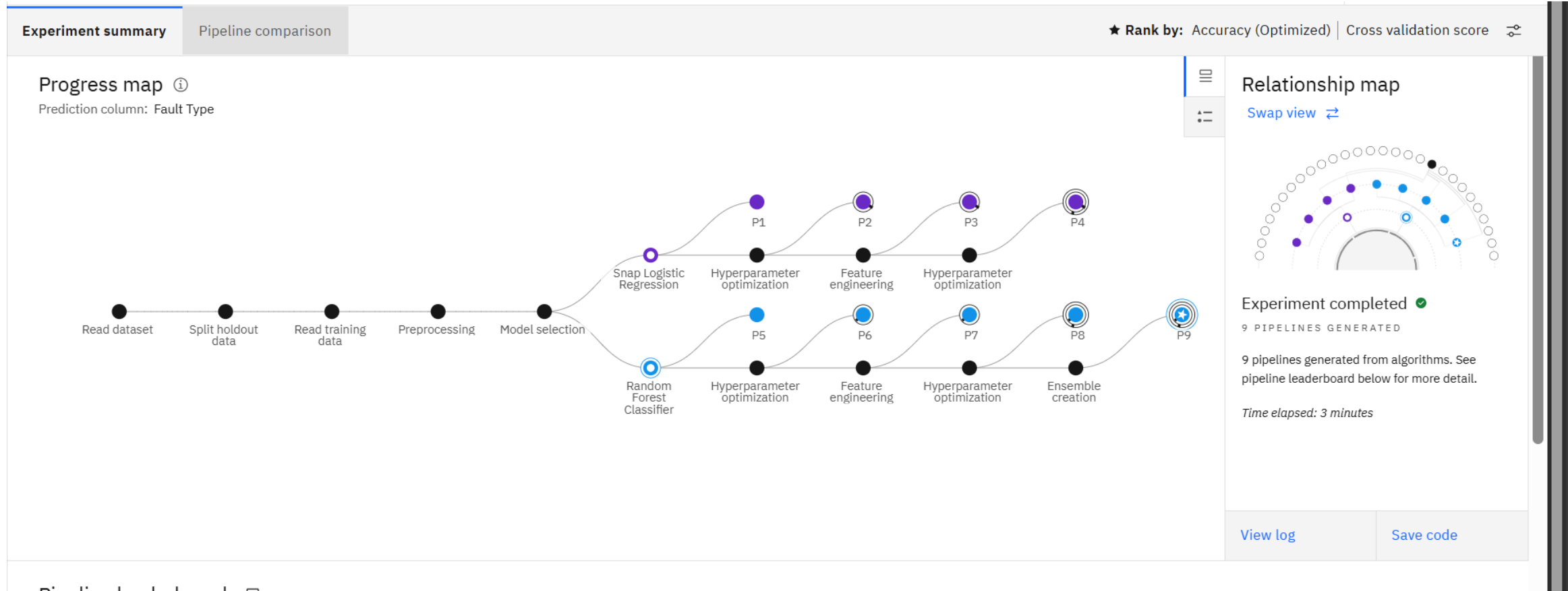
Time elapsed: 2 minutes

[View log](#)

[Save code](#)

Pipeline leaderboard ▾

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Input (1)

Column	Type
Component Health	other
Current (A)	double
Down time (hrs)	double
Duration of Fault (hrs)	double
Fault ID	other
Fault Location (Latitude, Longitude)	other
Maintenance Status	other
Power Load (MW)	double

About this asset

Name

P9 - Random Forest Classifier: Power_ML1

Description

No description provided.

Asset Details

Type: wml-hybrid_0.1

Model ID: 4abf9d95-87e4-4b...

Software specification: hybrid_0.1

Hybrid pipeline software specifications: autoai-kb_rt24.1-py3.11

Tags

Add tags to make assets easier to find.

Last modified

14 seconds ago by Service

Created on

Aug 3, 2025 by KODALI PAVANI

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Create a deployment space

Use a space to collect assets in one place to create, run, and manage deployments

+ New

Local file

Define details

Name

Enter a name

Description (Optional)

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What's the purpose of this space?

Deployment stage ⓘ

Cancel

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 P9 - Random Forest Classifier:
Power_ML1
51 minutes ago

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Deployments

All

✔ Deployed

Failed

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Job runs

 Active

Failed last 24 hours

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Space history

ⓘ No notifications

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Deployments

Model details

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New deployment

Name	Type	Status	Tags	Last modified	
 Power_dep2	Online	 Deployed		47 minutes ago KODALI PAVANI (You)	

Items per page: 20 1-1 of 1 items 1 of 1 pages

About this asset

Name

P9 - Random Forest Classifier: Power_ML1

Description

No description provided.

Asset Details

Type: wml-hybrid_0.1

Model ID: 502e527b-68cd-45...

Software specification: [hybrid_0.1](#)

Hybrid pipeline software specifications: [autoai-kb_rt24.1-py3.11](#)

Tags

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Source asset details

Last modified
50 minutes ago by Service

Created on
Aug 3, 2025 by KODALI PAVANI

Power_dep2

✓

Deployed

Online

API reference

Test

Enter input data

Text

JSON

Enter data manually or use a CSV file to populate the spreadsheet. Max file size is 50 MB.

Download CSV template

Browse local files

Search in space

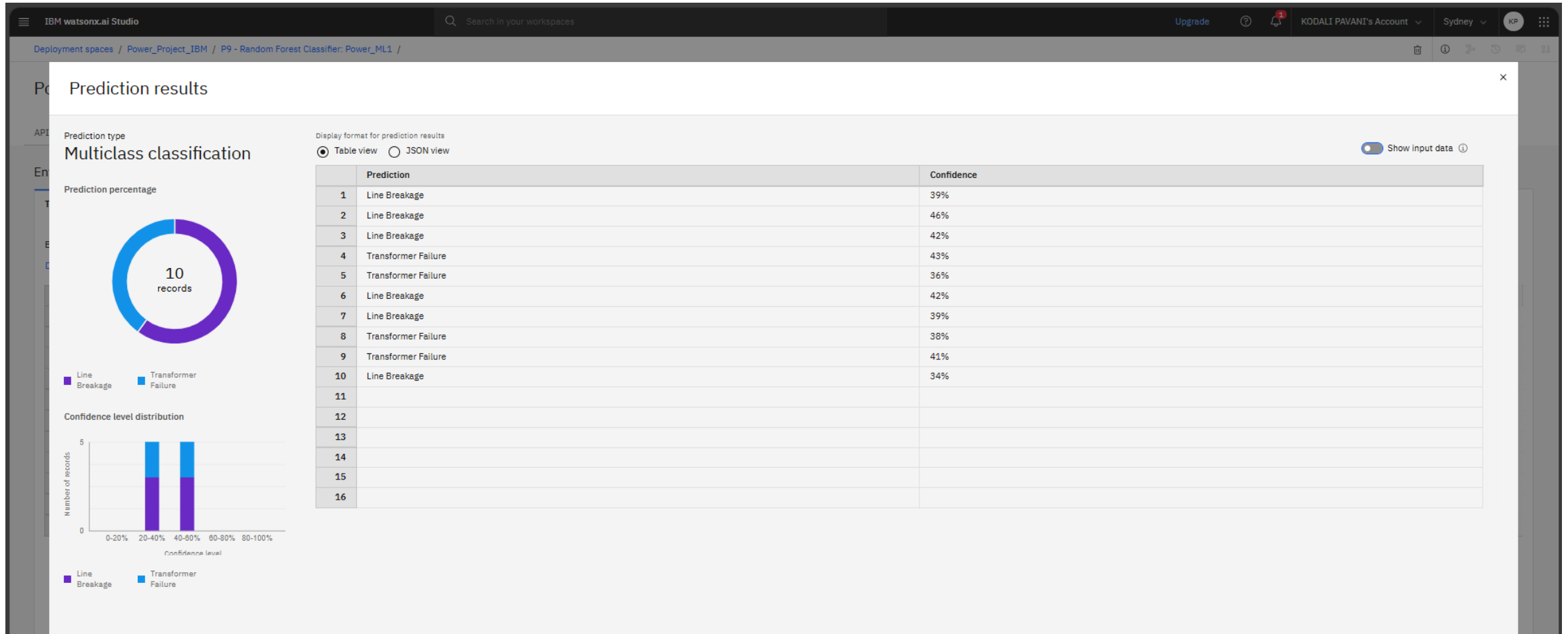
Clear all

	Fault ID (other)	Fault Location (Latitude, Longitude) (other)	Voltage (V) (double)	Current (A) (double)	Power Load (MW) (double)	Temperature (°C) (double)	Wind Speed (km/h) (double)
4	F028	(34.7606, -118.9892)	1860	246	49	36	13
5	F026	(34.9593, -118.9408)	2010	197	47	35	15
6	F051	(34.6747, -118.6695)	2091	245	51	24	27
7	F058	(34.9126, -118.4003)	2093	202	52	25	26
8	F061	(34.1883, -118.5957)	1983	187	52	38	13

10 rows, 12 columns

Predict

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CONCLUSION

- In this project, we designed and implemented a machine learning model capable of detecting and classifying different types of faults in a power distribution system using electrical measurement data (voltage and current phasors).

The model effectively distinguishes between normal operating conditions and common fault scenarios such as line-to-ground, line-to-line, and three-phase faults.

Experimental results show that the model achieves high accuracy and speed, which are critical for timely fault identification and response in modern power grids.

This approach demonstrates how AI techniques can significantly enhance grid monitoring, fault analysis, and overall system reliability.

FUTURE SCOPE

- Real-time deployment: Integrate the model into real-time monitoring systems to automatically trigger protective measures.
- Expanded fault types: Extend the model to detect and classify additional complex faults, including simultaneous faults or high-impedance faults.
- Data augmentation: Use simulated and real field data to improve model generalization and robustness against noisy measurements.
- Hybrid models: Combine machine learning with signal processing or physics-based models for better interpretability and fault localization.
- Edge computing: Deploy lightweight models on substation or field devices for local, real-time detection without relying on central servers.
- Integration with smart grids: Link fault classification with automated restoration systems and demand response strategies to enhance grid resilience..

REFERENCES

- List and cite relevant sources, research papers, and articles that were instrumental in developing the proposed solution. This could include academic papers on bike demand prediction, machine learning algorithms, and best practices in data preprocessing and model evaluation.

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