CAPSTONE PROJECT

POWER SYSTEM FAULT DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION

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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

The proposed system uses machine learning to detect and classify faults in a power distribution system based on electrical measurement data (e.g., voltage and current phasors). It consists of the following components

Data Collection:

Acquire voltage and current phasor data under various conditions, including normal operation and different fault types (line-to-ground, line-to-line, three-phase).

Data Preprocessing:

Clean the data, handle missing values, and extract key features such as phasor magnitude, angle changes, and symmetrical components.

Machine Learning Algorithm:

Train a supervised machine learning model (e.g., Random Forest, SVM, CNN, or LSTM) to classify the type of fault based on labeled data.

Deployment:

Deploy the model to monitor incoming data streams and provide real-time fault classification with minimal latency.

Evaluation:

Measure performance using accuracy, precision, recall, and confusion matrix. Continuously update the model with new data for improved accuracy.

SYSTEM APPROACH

Hardware:

- Processor: Intel i5 or higher
- RAM: 8–16 GB

Software:

- OS: Windows, Linux, or macOS
- Python 3.7+

Required Libraries

- Data Processing: numpy, pandas.
- Visualization: matplotlib, seabor.
- Machine Learning, scikit-learn, xgboost, tensorflow or keras.
- Utilities: joblib, pickle, scipy.signal.

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

Algorithm Selection:

An **LSTM network** is selected for its ability to model time-dependent patterns in electrical phasor data, making it effective for detecting and classifying different fault types in power systems.

Data Input:

The model takes voltage and current magnitudes and angles, sequence components, timestamps, and frequency changes as input features to differentiate normal operation from faults like line-to-ground, line-to-line, and three-phase faults.

Training Process:

The model is trained on annotated historical or simulated datasets, using techniques like cross-validation and hyperparameter tuning to optimize performance and avoid overfitting.

Prediction Process:

In deployment, the model analyzes streaming sensor data in real time to identify and classify faults quickly, supporting prompt grid protection actions.

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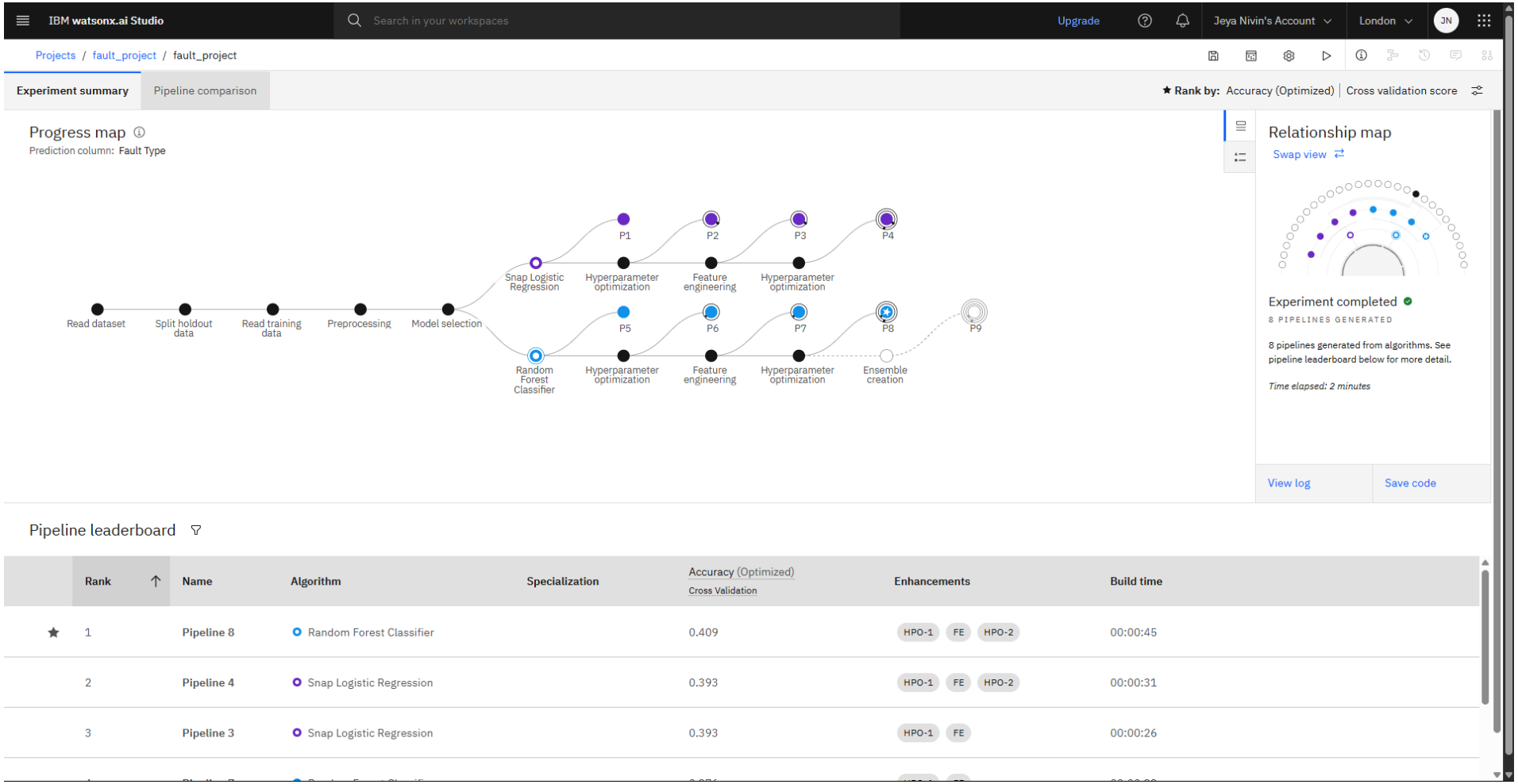

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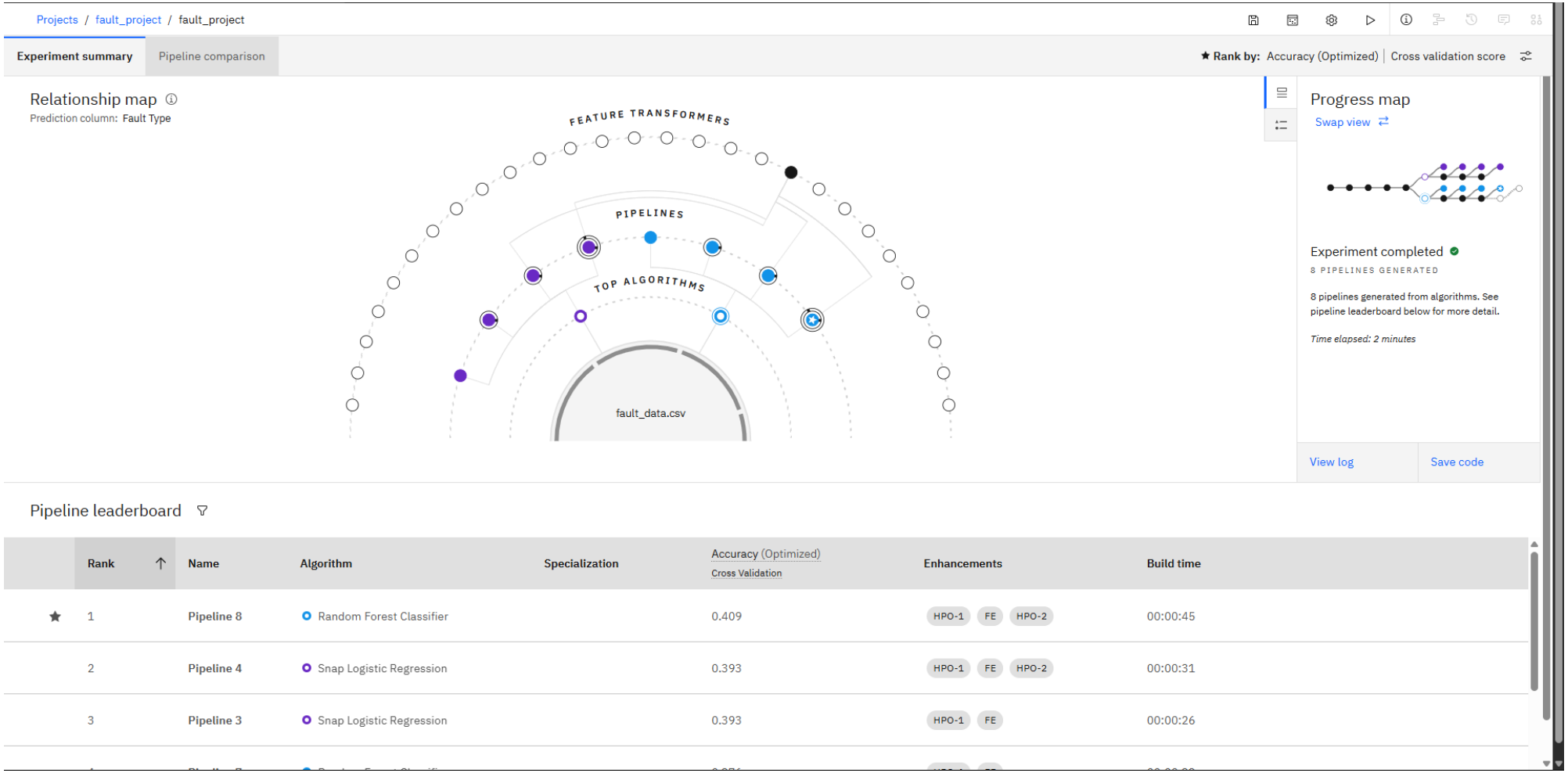

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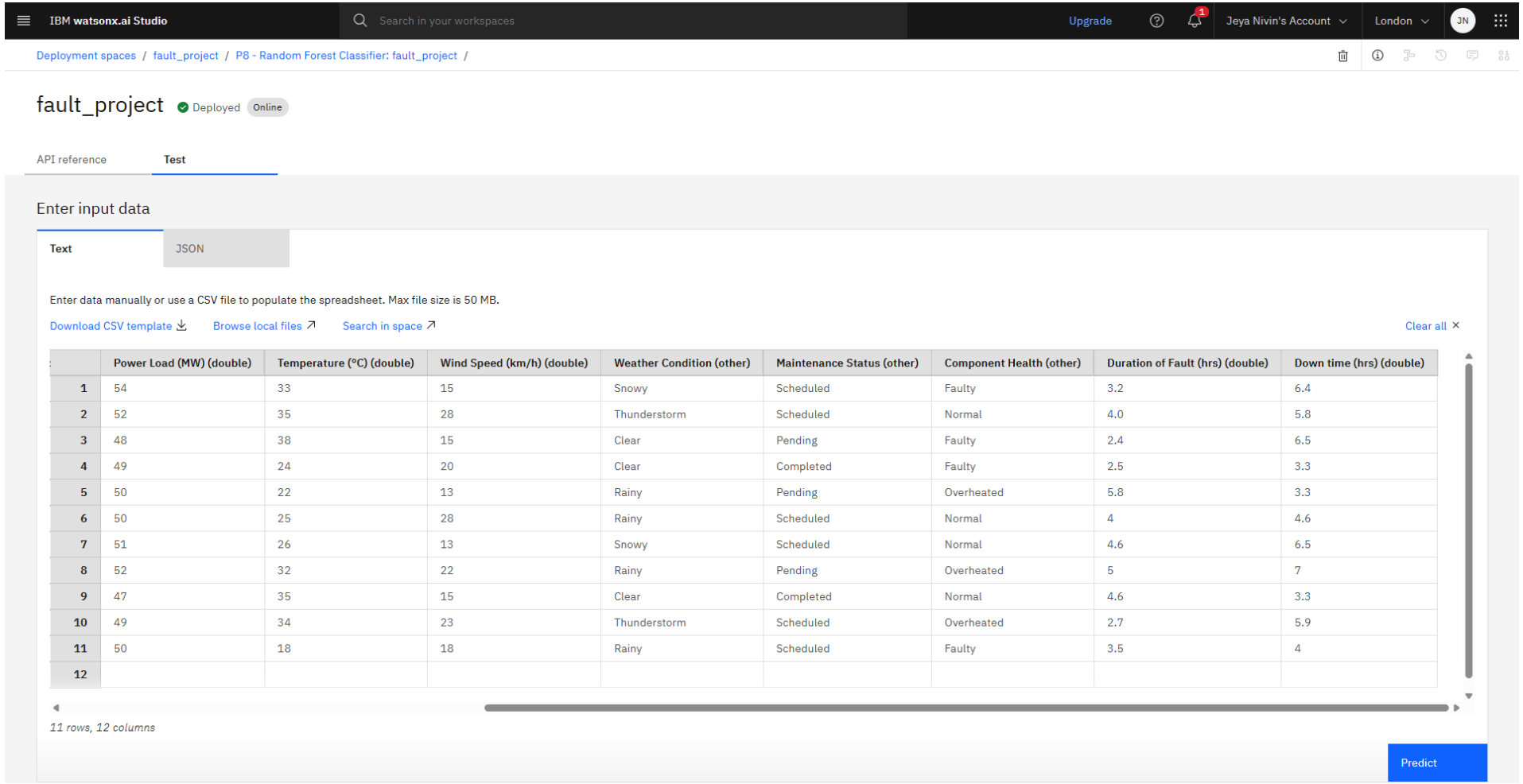

	Power Load (MW) (double)	Temperature (°C) (double)	Wind Speed (km/h) (double)	Weather Condition (other)	Maintenance Status (other)	Component Health (other)	Duration of Fault (hrs) (double)	Down time (hrs) (double)
1	54	33	15	Snowy	Scheduled	Faulty	3.2	6.4
2	52	35	28	Thunderstorm	Scheduled	Normal	4.0	5.8
3	48	38	15	Clear	Pending	Faulty	2.4	6.5
4	49	24	20	Clear	Completed	Faulty	2.5	3.3
5	50	22	13	Rainy	Pending	Overheated	5.8	3.3
6	50	25	28	Rainy	Scheduled	Normal	4	4.6
7	51	26	13	Snowy	Scheduled	Normal	4.6	6.5
8	52	32	22	Rainy	Pending	Overheated	5	7
9	47	35	15	Clear	Completed	Normal	4.6	3.3
10	49	34	23	Thunderstorm	Scheduled	Overheated	2.7	5.9
11	50	18	18	Rainy	Scheduled	Faulty	3.5	4
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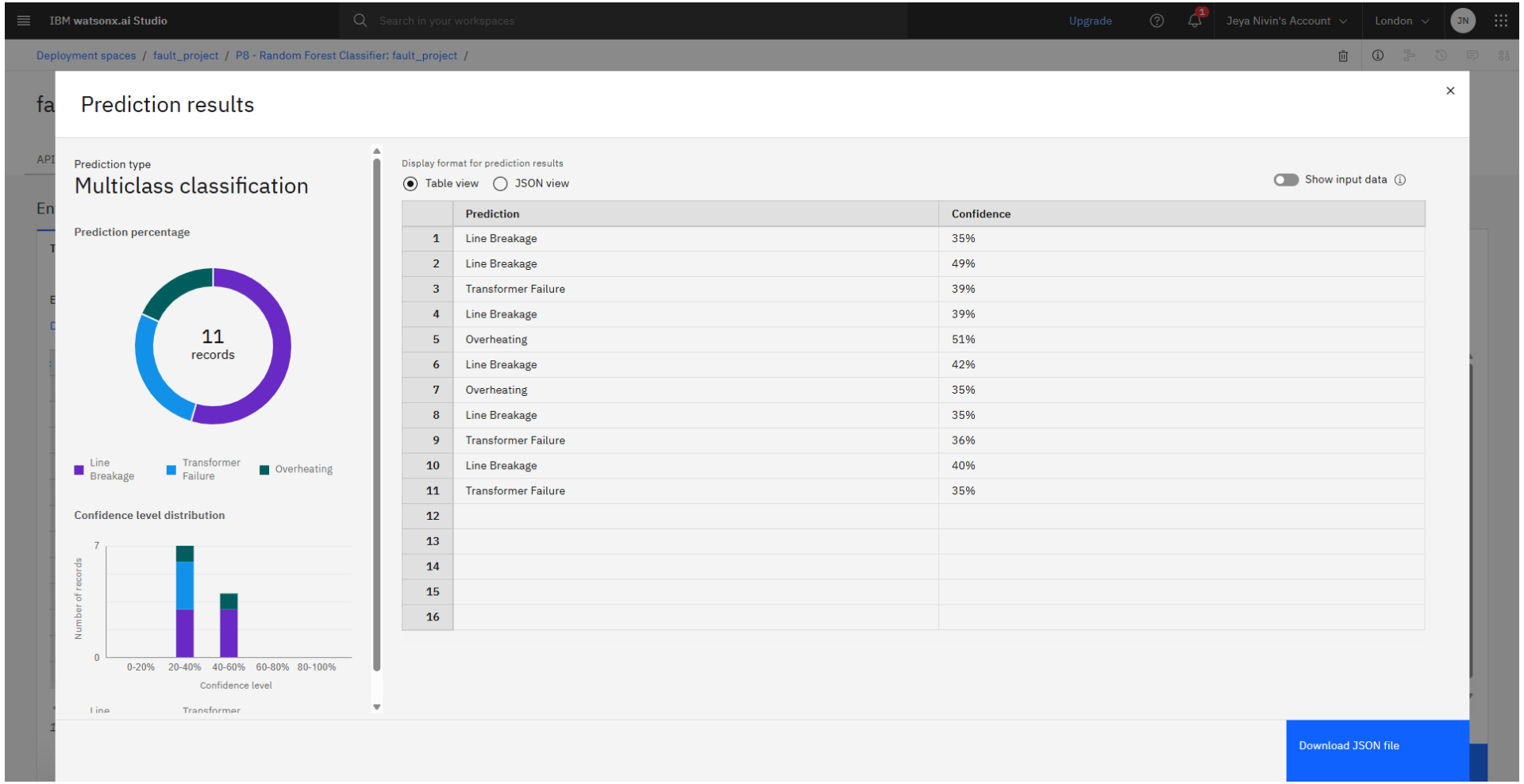

	Prediction	Confidence
1	Line Breakage	35%
2	Line Breakage	49%
3	Transformer Failure	39%
4	Line Breakage	39%
5	Overheating	51%
6	Line Breakage	42%
7	Overheating	35%
8	Line Breakage	35%
9	Transformer Failure	36%
10	Line Breakage	40%
11	Transformer Failure	35%
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CONCLUSION

- The machine learning model effectively detects and classifies faults in power distribution systems using voltage and current data. It accurately distinguishes normal conditions from various faults, enabling fast and reliable fault identification to maintain grid stability.
- Challenges included handling noisy data and ensuring real-time detection. Future improvements could involve better data processing and adaptive learning for enhanced accuracy.
- Accurate fault detection is crucial for minimizing outages and protecting equipment, contributing to a more resilient power grid.

FUTURE SCOPE

The system can be improved by adding more data sources like environmental and equipment metrics to boost accuracy. Advanced algorithms such as deep learning and ensemble methods can enhance performance. Expanding the model to cover multiple regions will increase its applicability. Deploying on edge devices will enable faster, real-time fault detection. Incorporating continuous learning will help the system adapt to new fault patterns. Integration with smart grid technologies will support quicker fault isolation and recovery.

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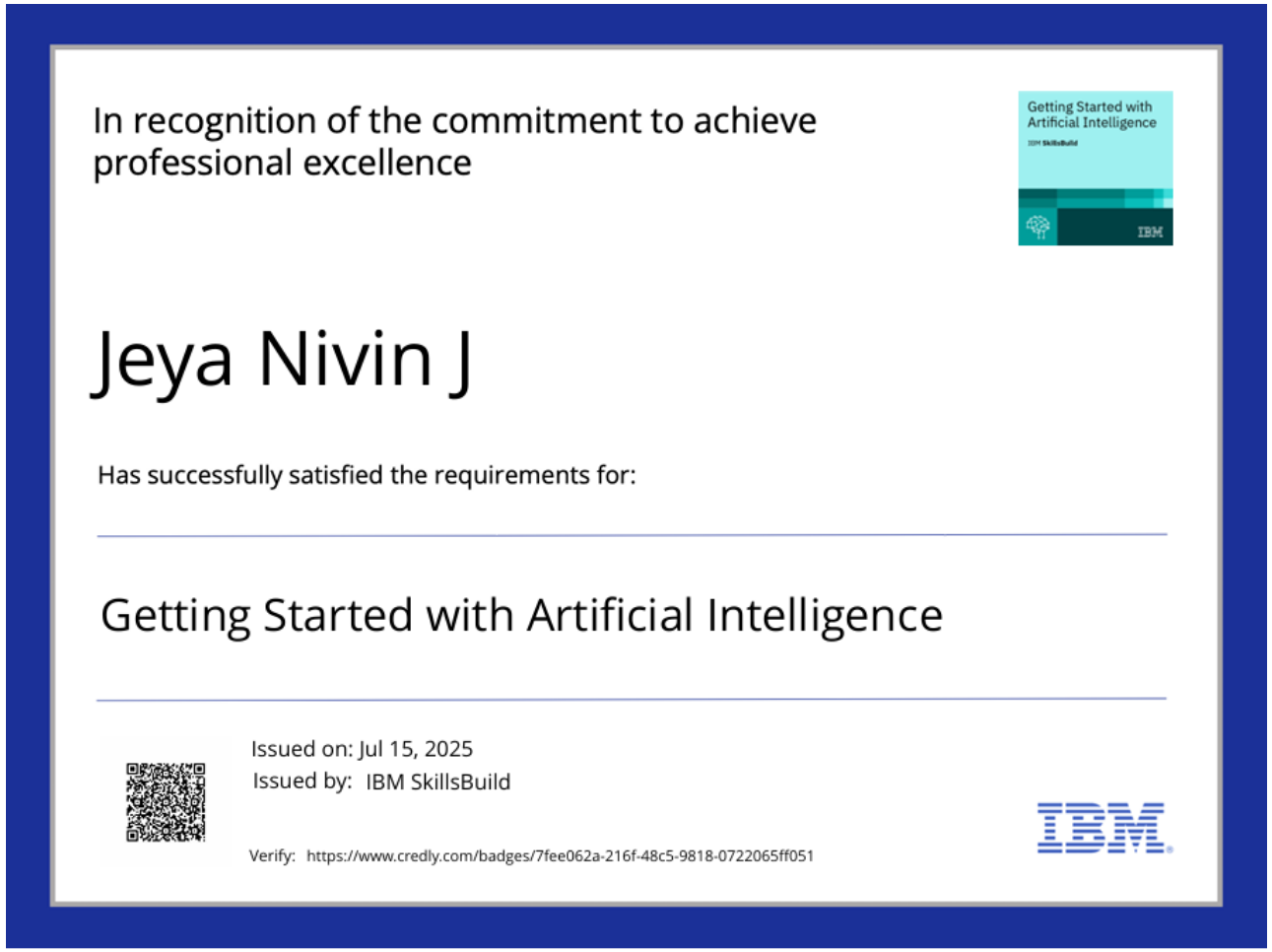

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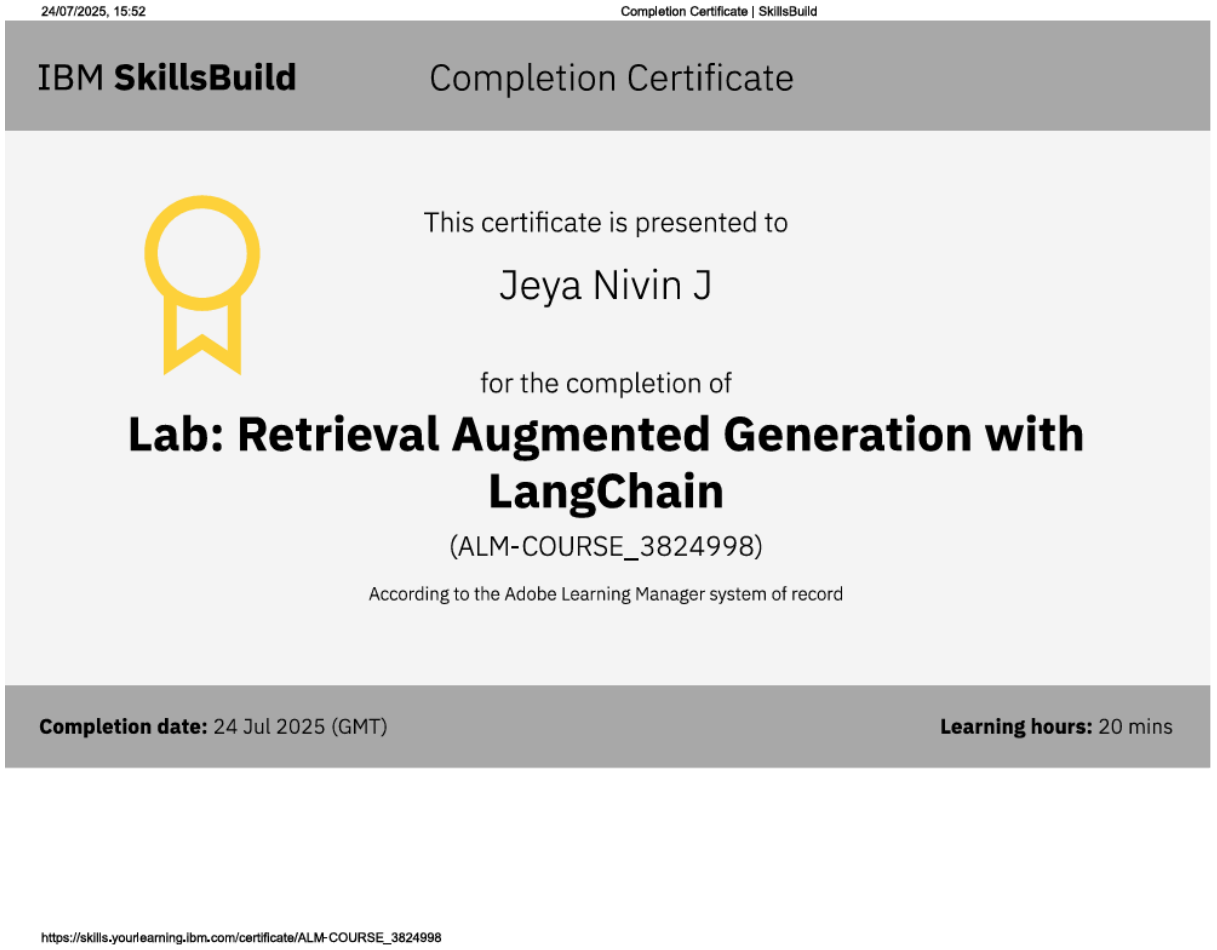

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