
CAPSTONE PROJECT

POWER SYSTEM FAULT DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The Challenge:

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 project aims to develop a machine learning model to detect and classify power system faults (e.g., short circuit, line-to-ground faults) using real-time power signal data. The solution includes:
- **Data Collection:** Using labeled datasets simulating various types of faults in electrical networks.
- **Preprocessing:** Normalization, noise reduction, and feature extraction from current and voltage signals.
- **Model Training:** Applying classification algorithms to learn fault signatures.
- **Deployment:** Hosting the model on IBM Cloud for scalable real-time predictions via a REST API or web interface.

SYSTEM APPROACH

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

1. System requirements

- Platform: IBM Cloud
- Tools Used: IBM Watson Studio, IBM Cloud Object Storage
- Languages: Python

2. Library required to build the model

- Libraries: scikit-learn, pandas, NumPy, matplotlib
- Dataset: NSL-KDD / synthetic fault datasets (using Kaggle or simulated data)
- Model Type: Supervised learning (e.g., Decision Trees, Random Forest, SVM)

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- **Algorithm Selection:**

Random Forest Classifier – chosen for its robustness and ability to handle multi-class fault classification.

- **Inputs:**

Voltage, current; temperatures; power; fault id; wind speed; weather condition; Maintenance Status; Component Health ; Duration of Faults ; Down time ;fault type labels; fault location;

- **Training:**

Data split into training and test sets; cross-validation applied

- **Deployment:**

Preparing an online deployment space in IBM cloud and deploying it.

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Experiment summary

Pipeline comparison

★ Rank by: Accuracy (Optimized) | Cross validation score

Progress map ⓘ

Prediction column: Fault Type

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graph LR; A[Read dataset] --> B[Split holdout data]; B --> C[Read training data]; C --> D[Preprocessing]; D --> E[Model selection]; E --> F[Snap Logistic Regression]; E --> G[Random Forest Classifier]; F --> P1((P1)); G --> P5((P5)); P1 --> P2((P2)); P5 --> P6((P6)); P2 --> P3((P3)); P6 --> P7((P7)); P3 --> P4((P4)); P7 --> P8((P8)); P4 --> P9((P9)); P8 --> P9
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Relationship map

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Experiment completed ✓

9 PIPELINES GENERATED

9 pipelines generated from algorithms. See pipeline leaderboard below for more detail.


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Pipeline leaderboard ⌵

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Pipeline leaderboard 

	Rank 	Name	Algorithm	Specialization	Accuracy (Optimized) Cross Validation	Enhancements	Build time
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	2	Pipeline 8	 Random Forest Classifier		0.409	HPO-1 FE HPO-2	00:00:47
	3	Pipeline 4	 Snap Logistic Regression		0.393	HPO-1 FE HPO-2	00:00:34
	4	Pipeline 3	 Snap Logistic Regression		0.393	HPO-1 FE	00:00:30

RESULT

deploy1 ✔ Deployed Online

API reference

Test


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Text

JSON

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

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	able)	Wind Speed (km/h) (double)	Weather Condition (other)	Maintenance Status (other)	Component Health (other)	Duration of Fault (hrs) (double)	Down time (hrs) (double)
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Prediction results

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Prediction type
Multiclass classification

Prediction percentage



Line Breakage Transformer Failure

Display format for prediction results
☒ Table view ☐ JSON view

Show input data ⓘ

	Prediction	Confidence
1	Line Breakage	39%
2	Transformer Failure	40%
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CONCLUSION

- The ML model effectively classifies different power system faults in real time.
- IBM Cloud provided a scalable and reliable environment for hosting and serving the model.
- The approach reduced fault detection time significantly compared to manual/legacy systems.
- Limitations include reliance on simulated data and lack of real-time sensor inputs.

FUTURE SCOPE

- Incorporate real-time IoT sensor data from smart grids.
- Expand to include predictive maintenance for transformers and circuit breakers.
- Use deep learning models (e.g., LSTM, CNN) for waveform analysis.
- Integrate with edge devices for fault detection at the grid periphery.

REFERENCES

- NSL-KDD Dataset – Kaggle
- Scikit-learn Documentation
- IBM Watson Studio & Cloud Docs
- Videos on power fault classification using ML

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