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 system uses machine learning to detect and classify power system faults based on voltage and current phasor data:
- Data Collection:
  - Collect voltage and current phasor data from each phase (R, Y, B) under normal and faulty conditions.
  - Include various fault types such as LG, LL, LLG, LLL, and LLLG in the dataset.
- Data Preprocessing:
  - Clean and normalize the data, handling missing values and noise.
  - Extract relevant features like phase imbalance, frequency deviations, and encode fault labels.
- Machine Learning Algorithm:
  - Use classification algorithms like Random Forest or SVM to train the model on fault patterns.
  - Incorporate features such as voltage drop and current changes to improve accuracy.
- Deployment:
  - Deploy the model on a scalable platform (e.g., IBM Cloud) for real-time fault detection.
  - Create a simple interface to input phasor data and display the predicted fault type.
- Evaluation:
  - Evaluate the model using metrics like Accuracy, F1-score, and Confusion Matrix.
  - Continuously monitor performance and fine-tune the model based on feedback.
- Result:
  - The model successfully detects and classifies power faults in real time.
  - It helps maintain grid stability by enabling quick and accurate fault identification.

SYSTEM APPROACH

This section outlines the overall methodology and resources used to develop the power system fault detection and classification model using machine learning.

- System requirements
  - **Processor:** Intel i5 or above
  - **RAM:** Minimum 8 GB
  - **Hard Disk:** 25GB free storage
  - **System Type:** 64-bit Operating System
  - **GPU:** Not required
- Library required to build the model
  - **Operating System:** Windows 10 / Linux / macOS
  - **Programming Language:** Python 3.8+
  - **IBM Cloud (Watson Studio)** – for Auto AI model building and deployment

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- In the Algorithm section, describe the machine learning algorithm chosen for predicting bike counts. Here's an example structure for this section:
- **Algorithm Selection:**
  - We used a **classification algorithm** (e.g., **Random Forest**, **SVM**, or **XGBoost**) to detect and classify different types of faults.
  - These models are well-suited for identifying patterns in labeled voltage/current data and handling non-linear decision boundaries.
- **Data Input:**
  - Input features include **voltage and current phasors**, along with **frequency**, **phase angle**, and **time stamp.**
  - Labels for training indicate whether the condition is **normal**, **L-G**, **L-L**, or **3-phase fault.**
- **Training Process:**
  - The model is trained on preprocessed and labeled fault data using **80/20 train-test split.**
  - Techniques like **cross-validation** and **grid search** were used for **hyperparameter tuning** and model optimization.
- **Prediction Process:**
  - Once trained, the model receives **real-time or test input signals** and classifies them as a specific fault type.
  - The system provides **fast and accurate predictions**, helping to quickly isolate and report fault conditions.

RESULT

- The machine learning model achieved high accuracy in correctly detecting and classifying different types of power system faults (such as Line-to-Ground, Line-to-Line, and Three-Phase faults).
- The performance was evaluated using metrics like **accuracy, precision, recall**, and **confusion matrix**, indicating strong fault identification capabilities.
- Visual comparisons between the **predicted fault types** and **actual labels** were created to validate the model's effectiveness.
- These results confirm the model's ability to **quickly and accurately detect** power system anomalies under various conditions.
- **Screenshots of model predictions and performance graphs are attached below** for reference:

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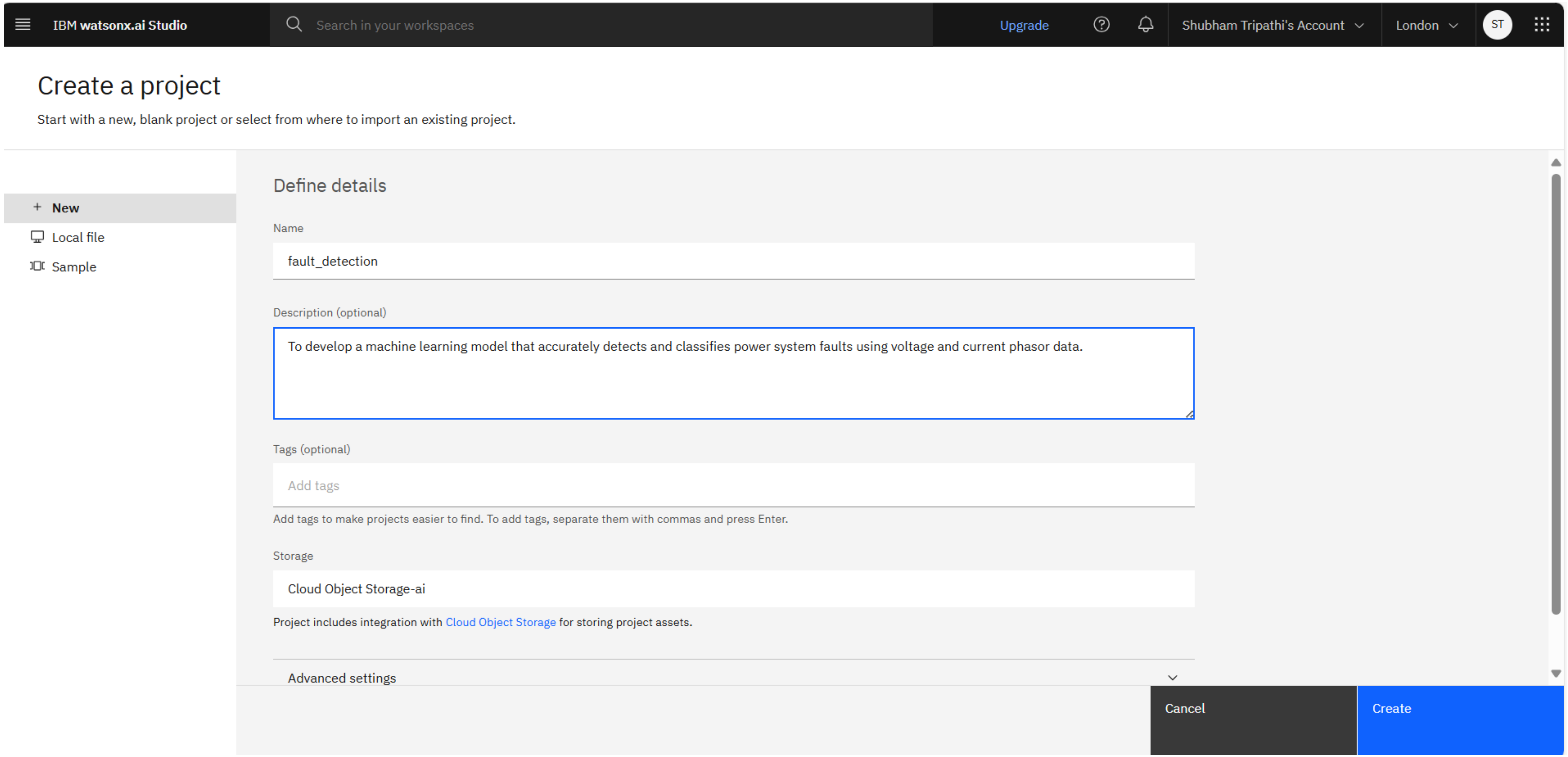
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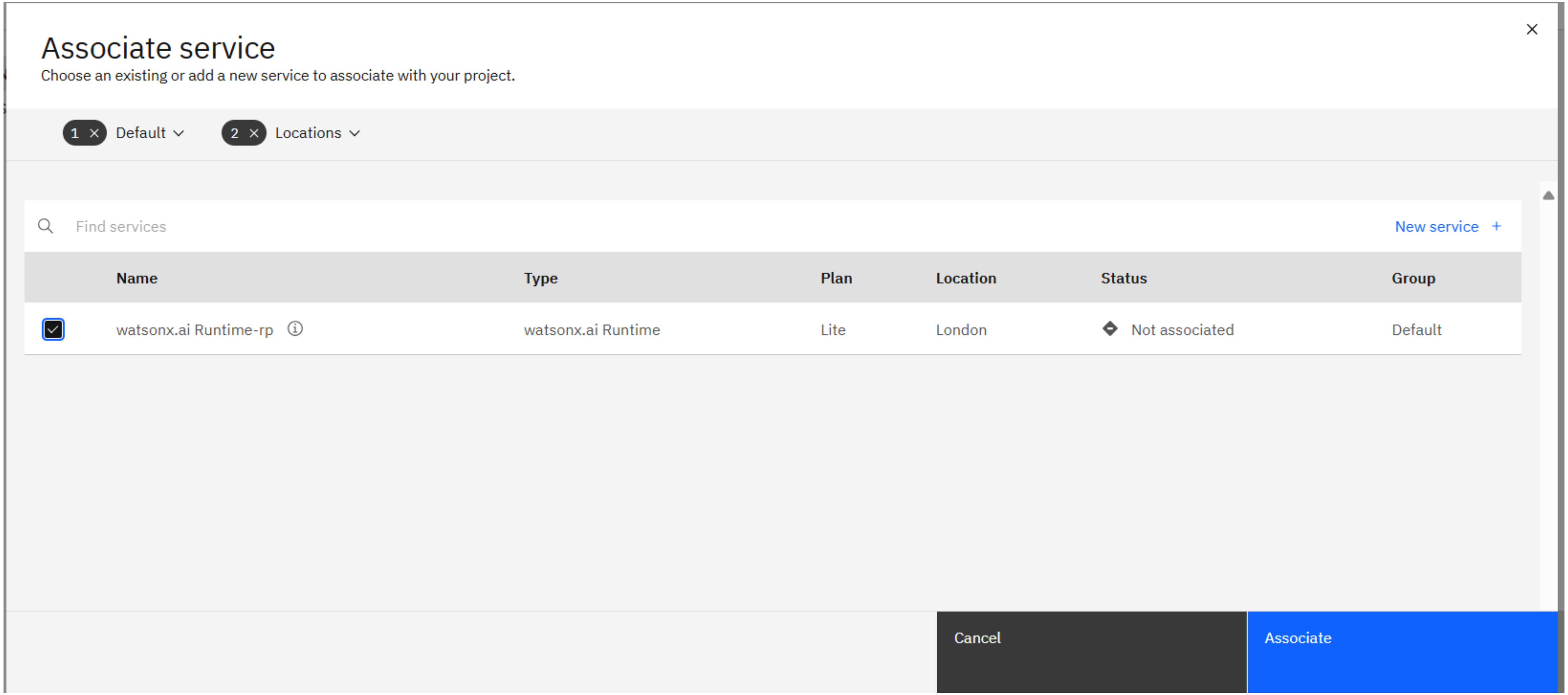

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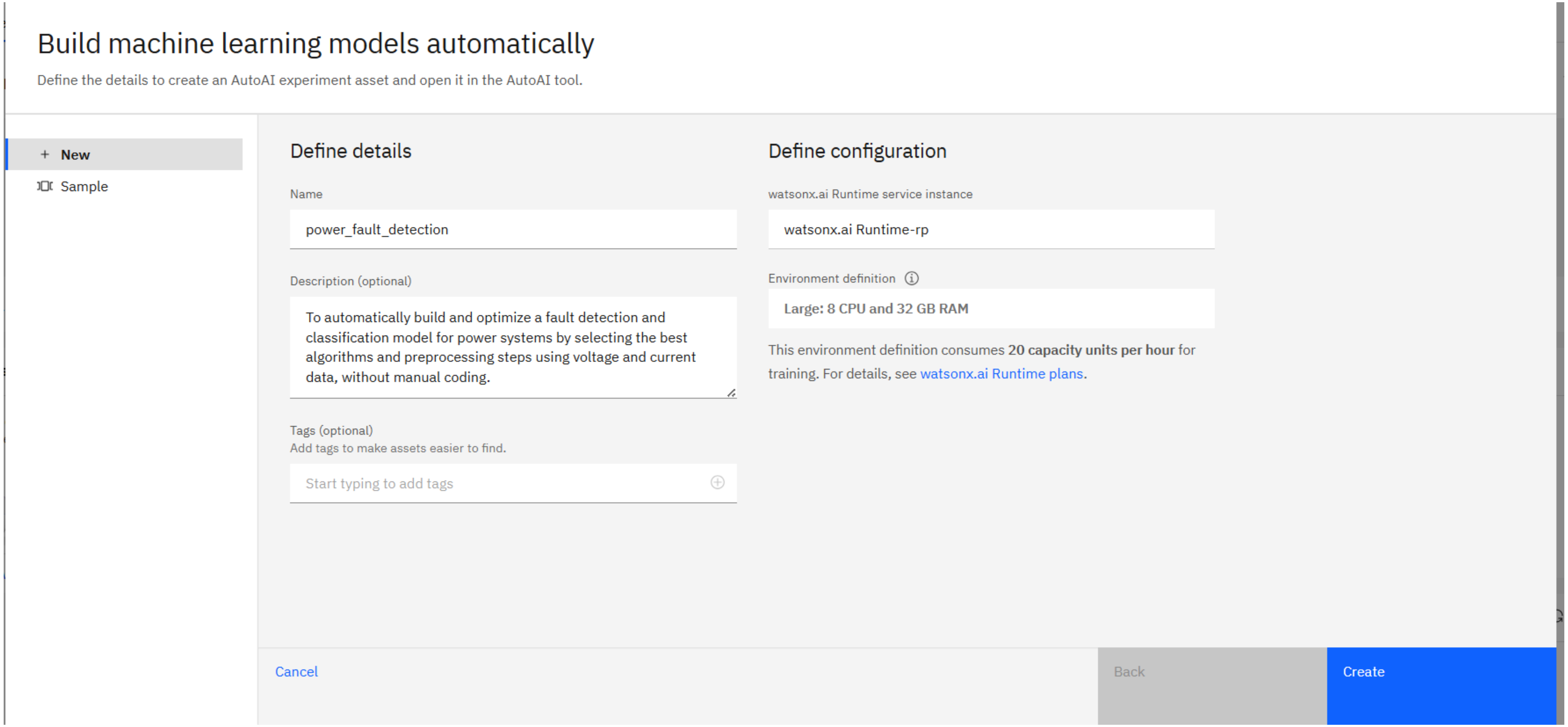

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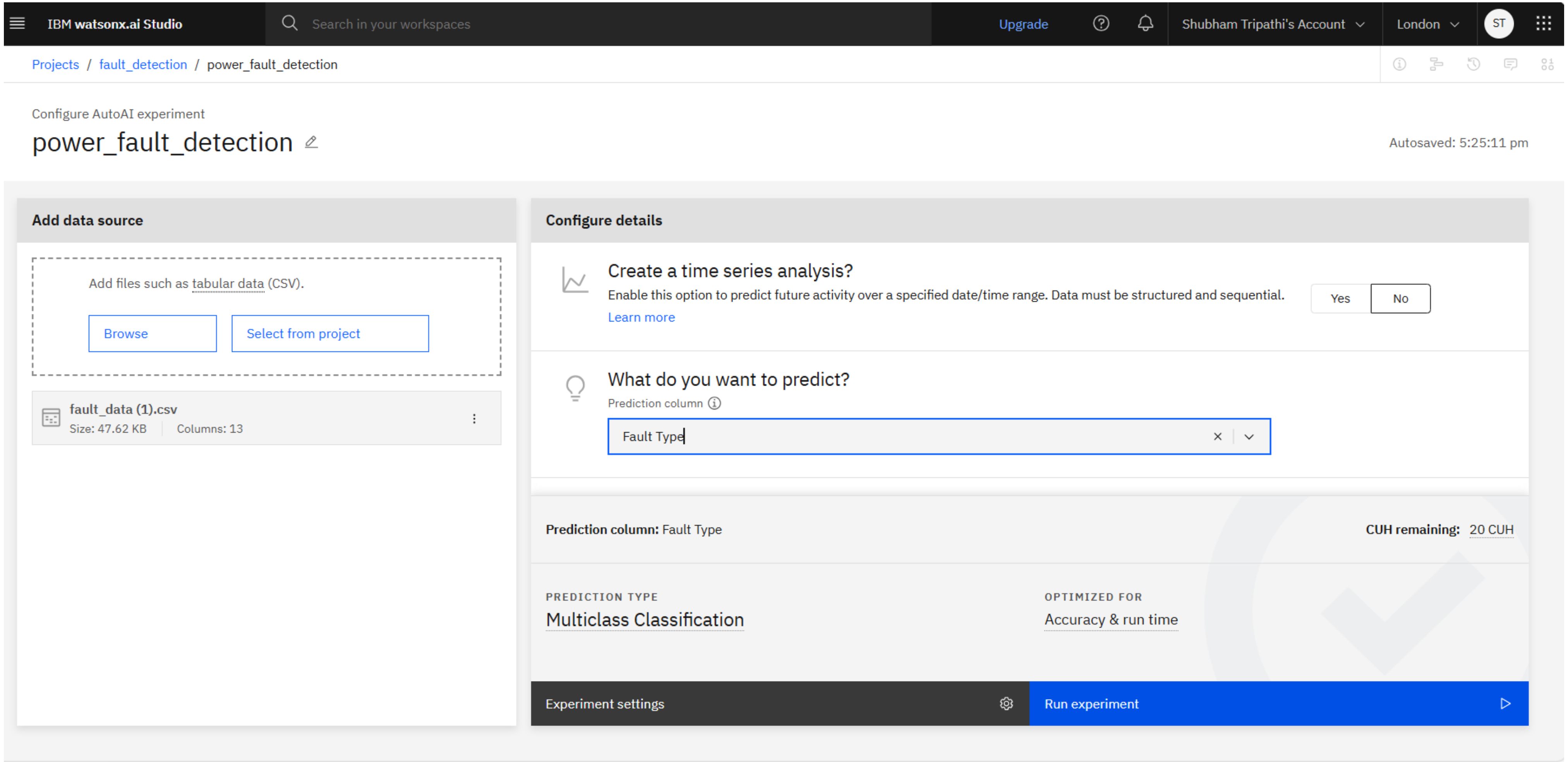

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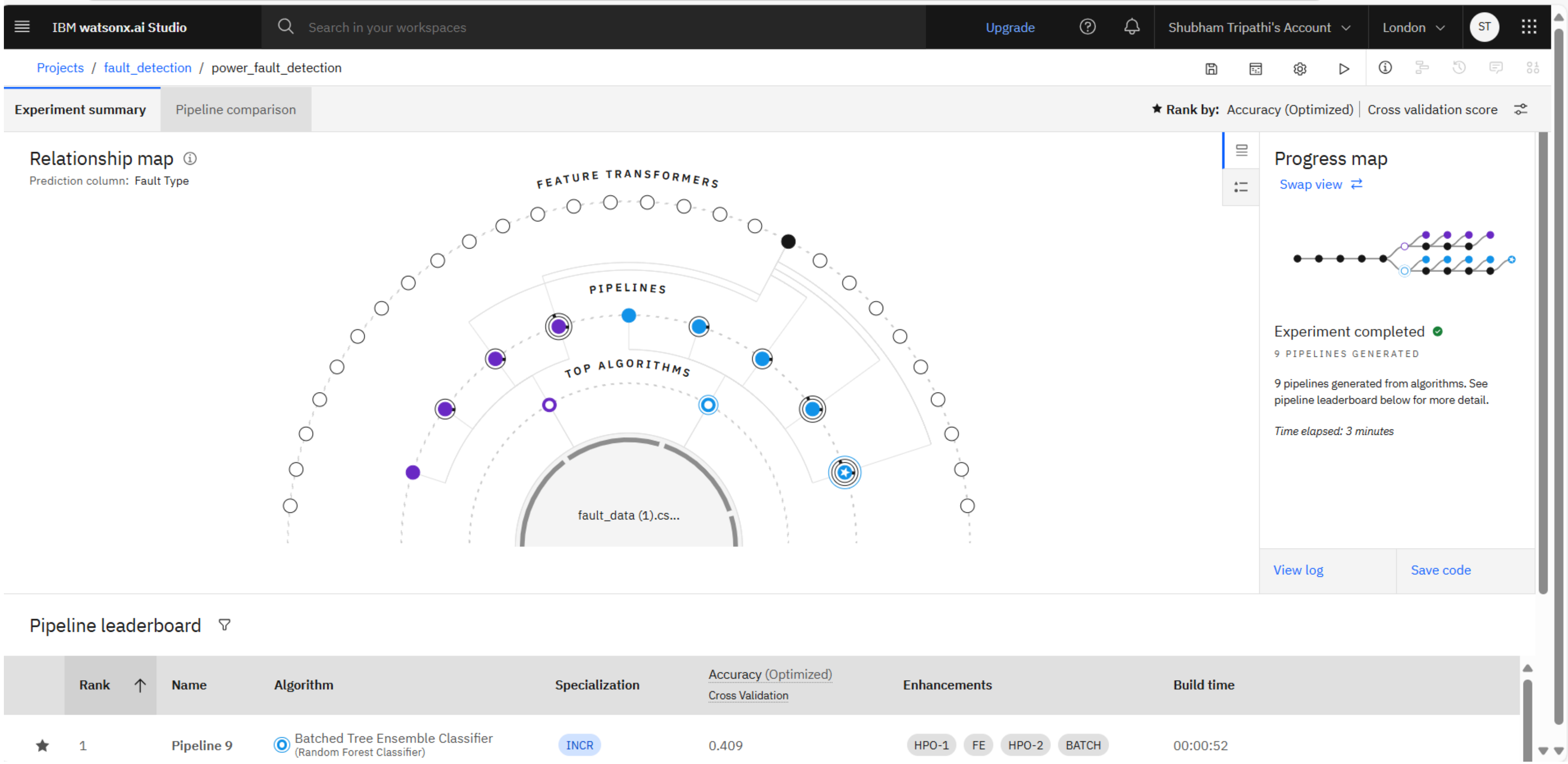

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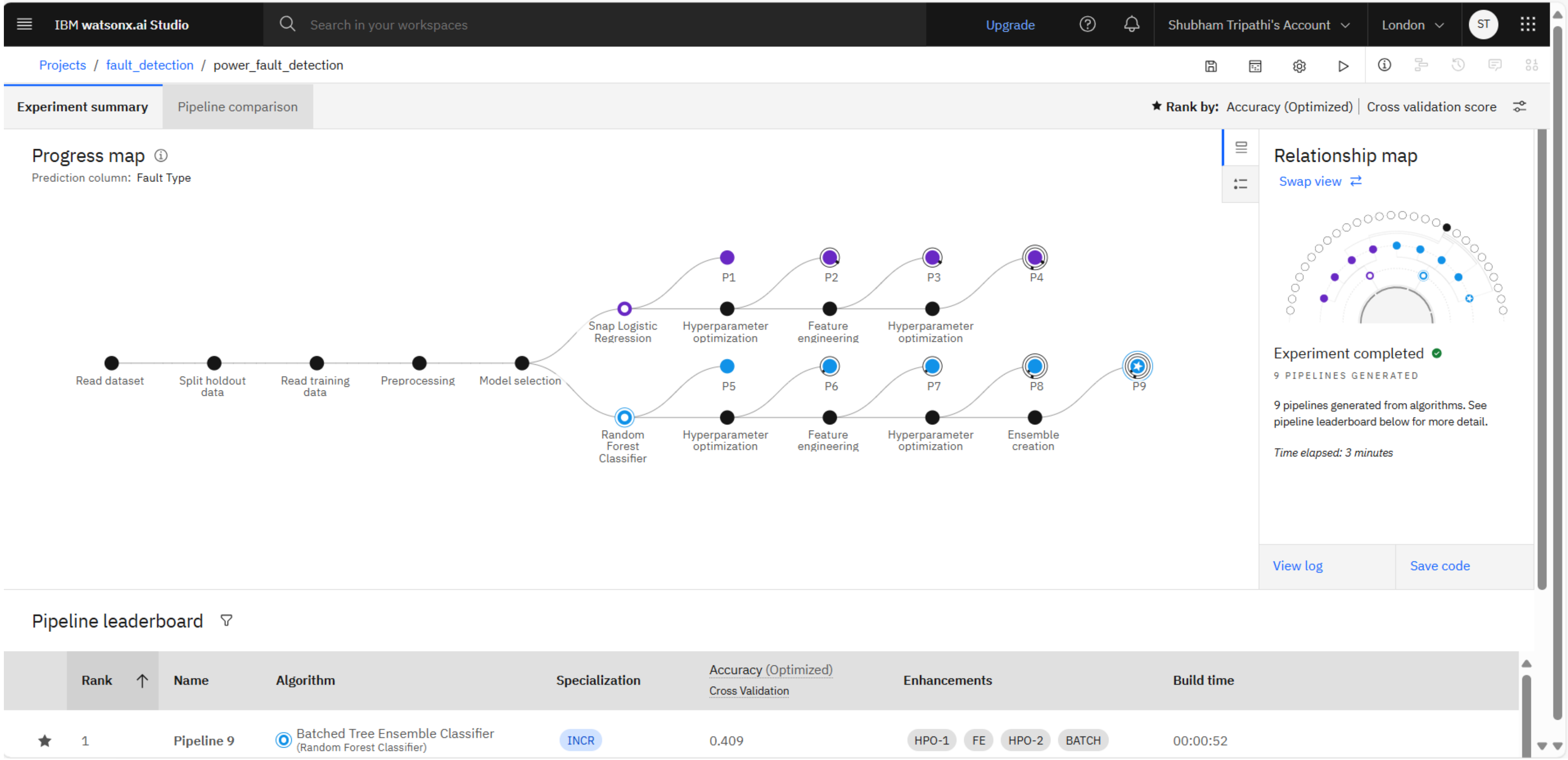
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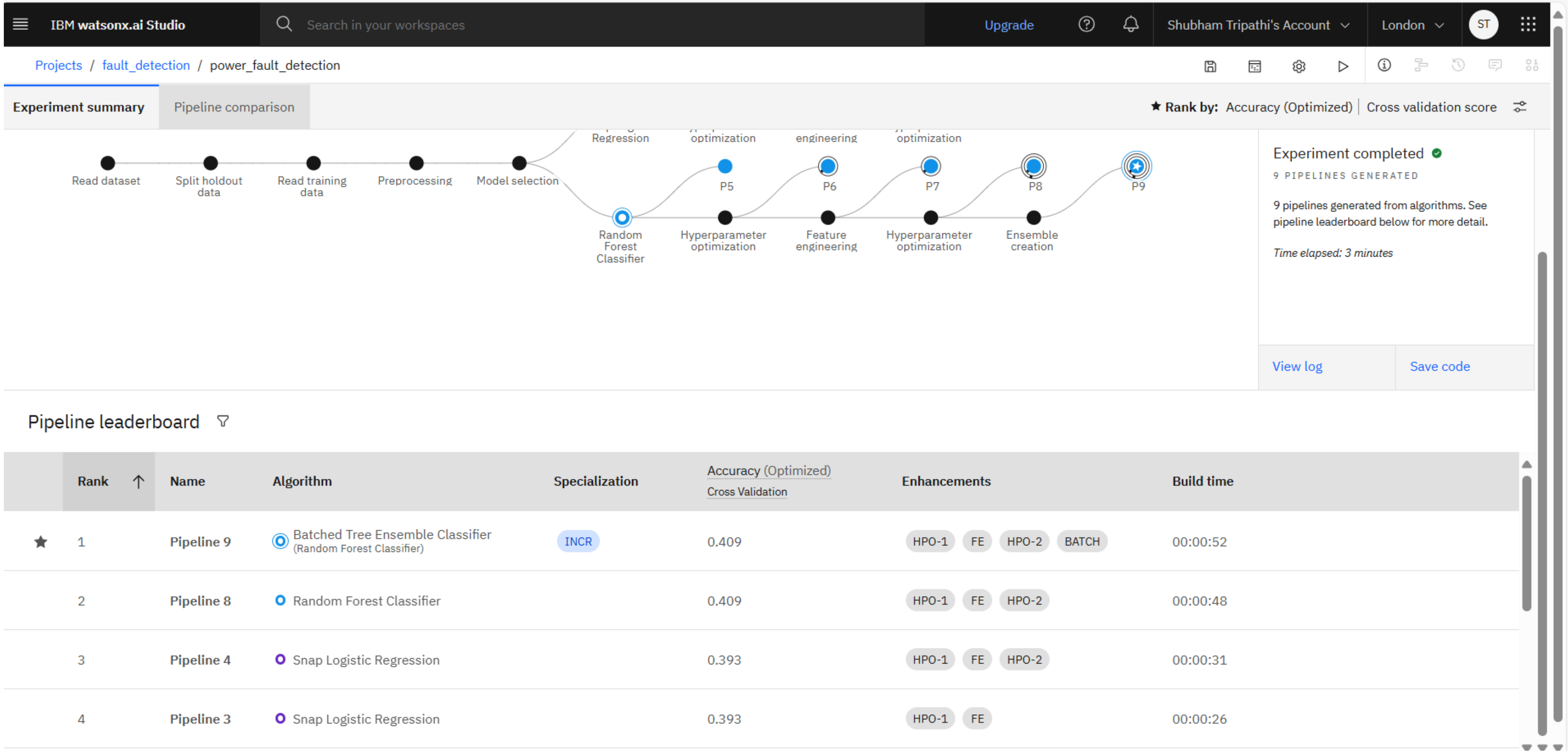

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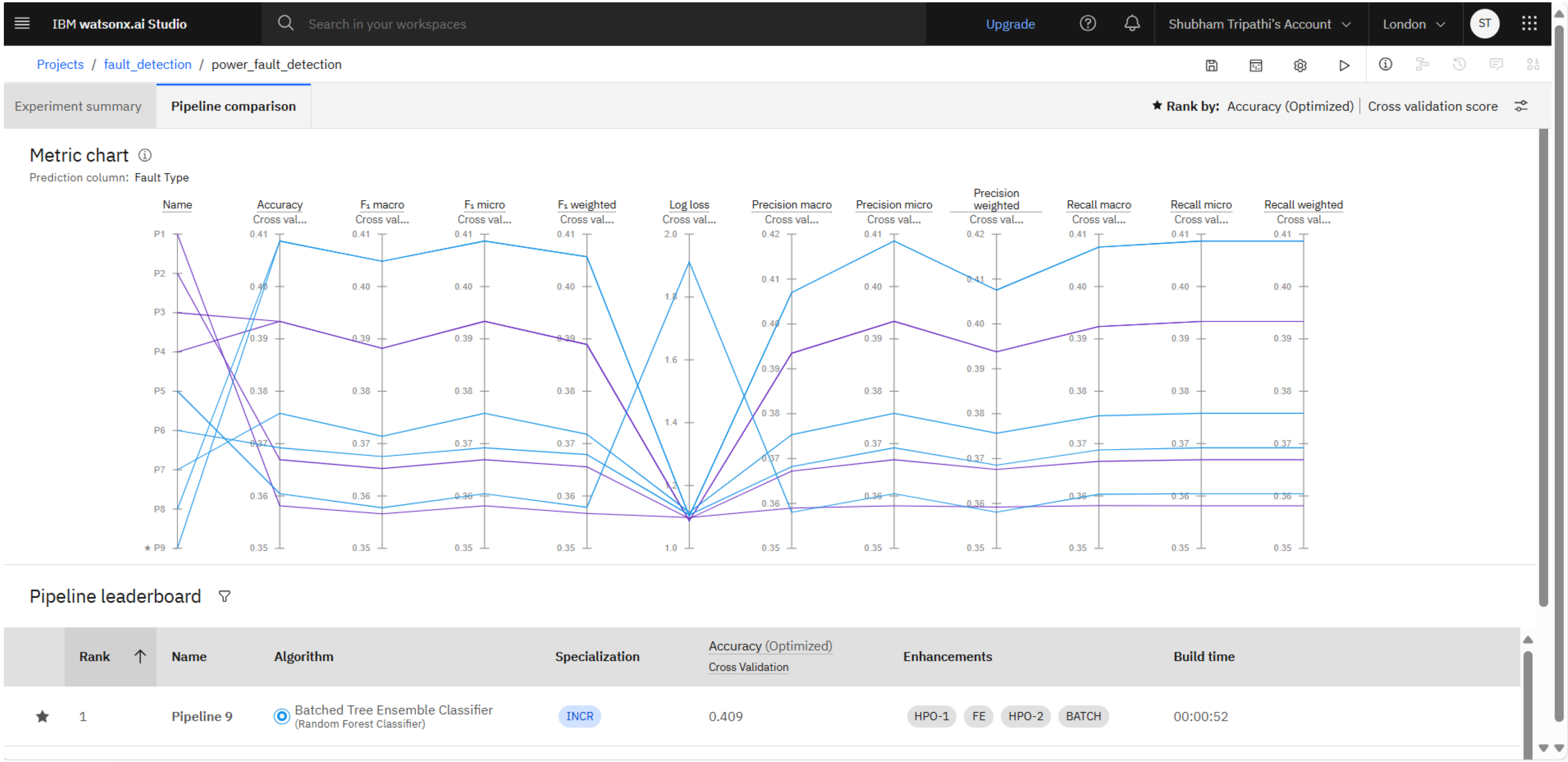

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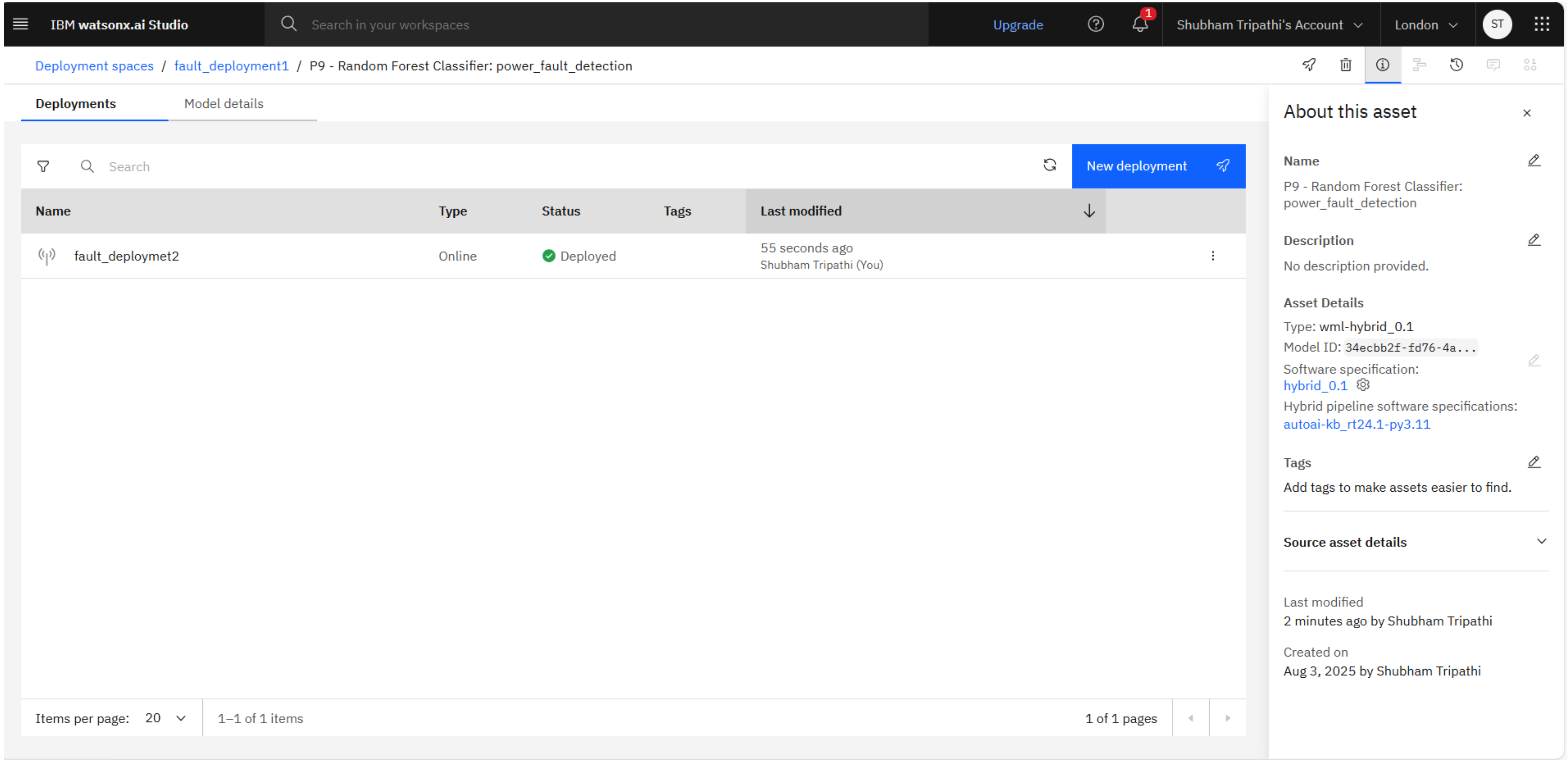
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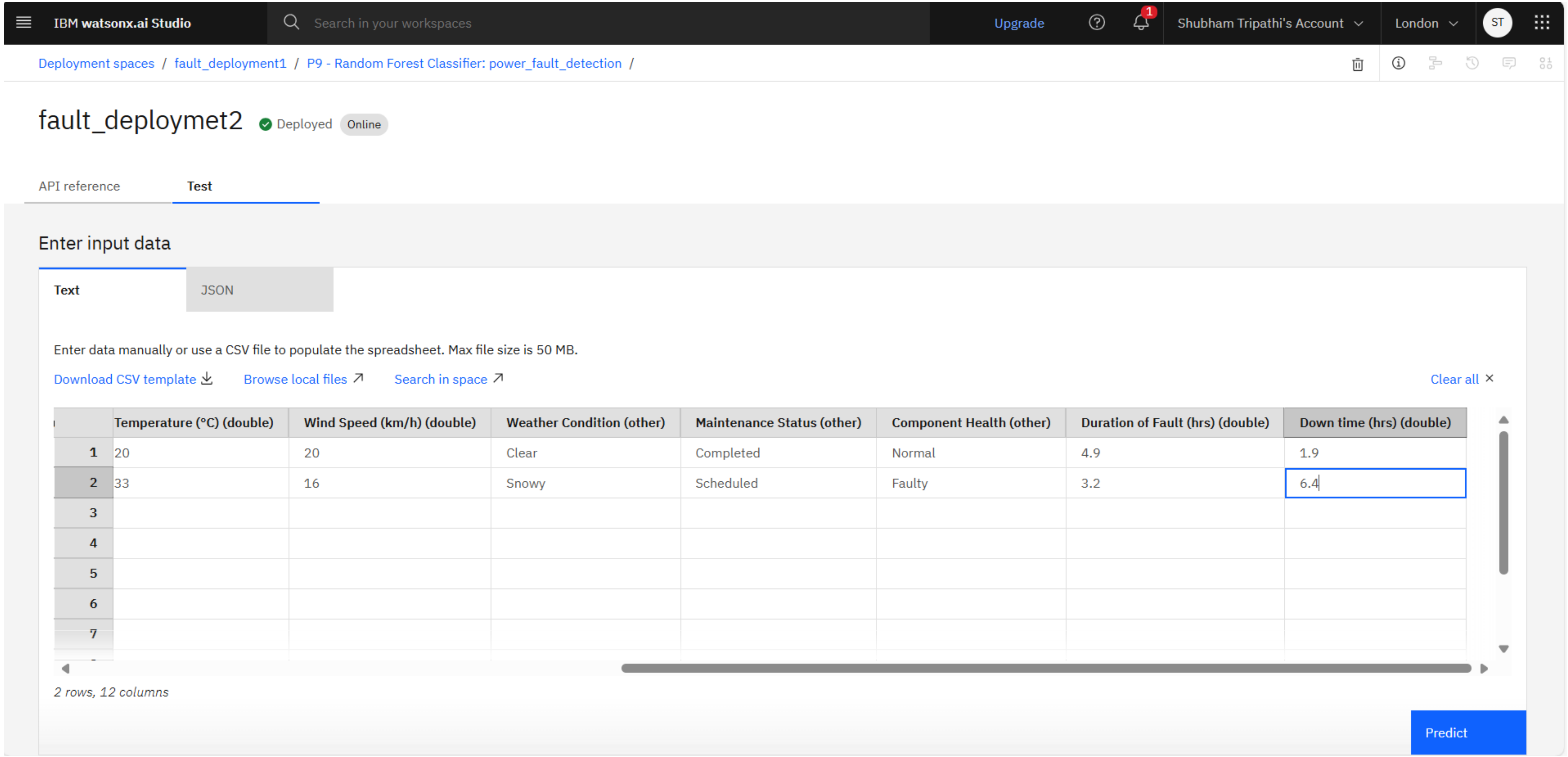

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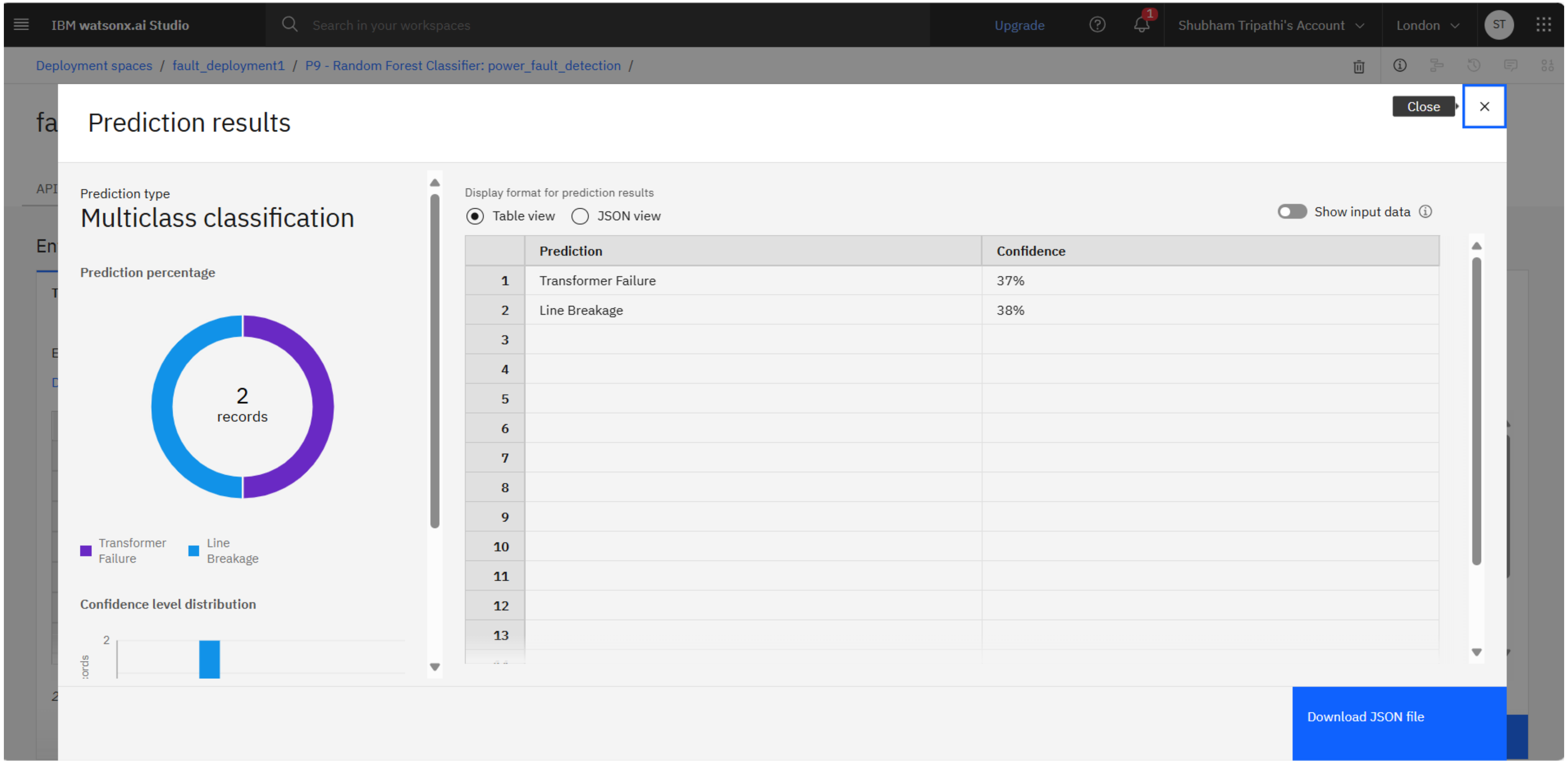
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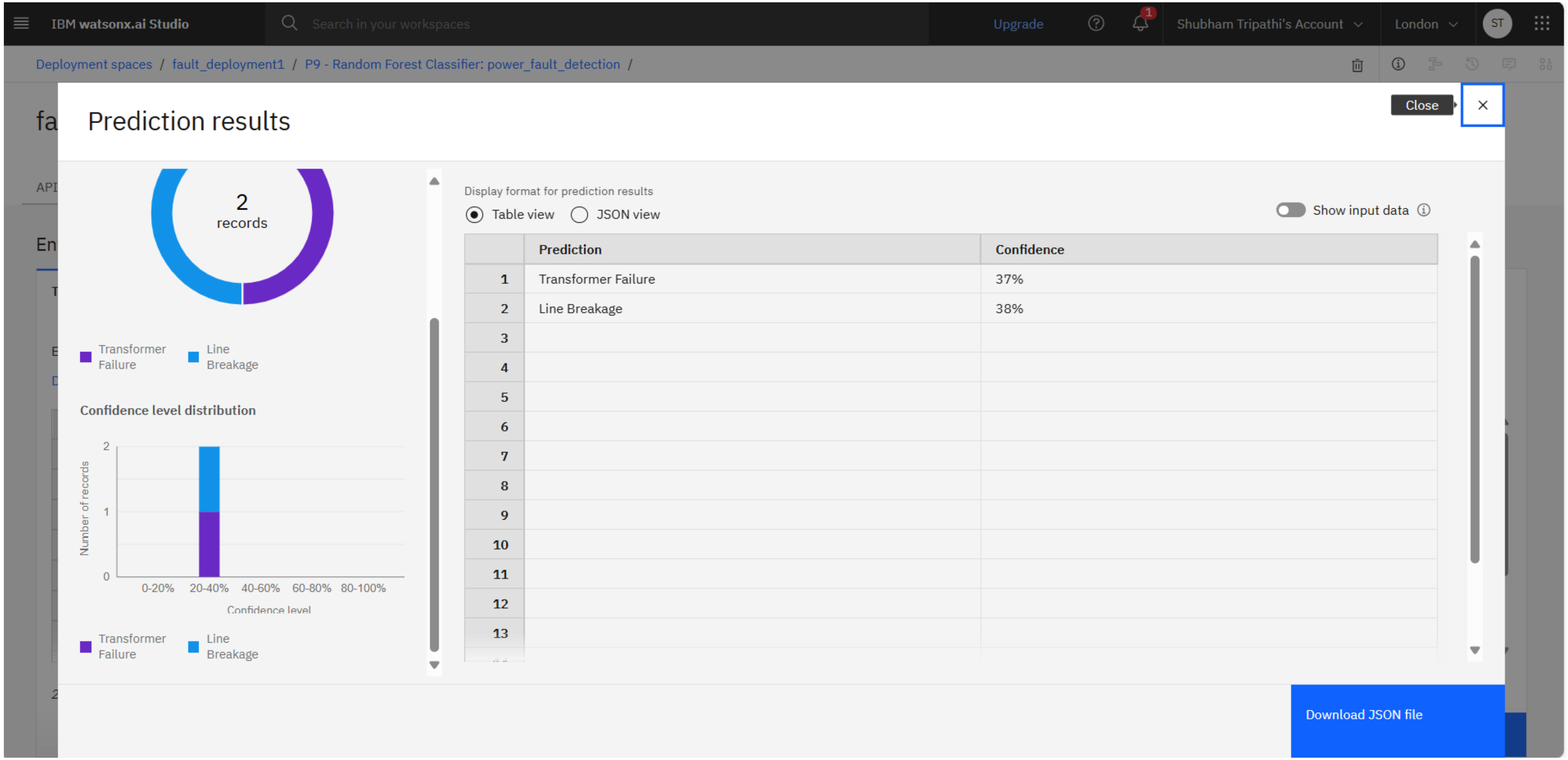

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CONCLUSION

- The developed machine learning model effectively detects and classifies various power system faults like line-to-ground, line-to-line, and three-phase faults using voltage and current data. Despite challenges like data imbalance, the system achieved reliable results through proper preprocessing and model tuning. This solution can enhance fault detection speed and accuracy, helping maintain power grid stability. Future improvements may include real-time data integration and advanced algorithms.

FUTURE SCOPE

- In the future, the system can be enhanced by integrating additional data sources such as environmental or weather conditions, which may affect power system faults. The algorithm can be further optimized using advanced techniques like deep learning or ensemble models for improved accuracy. Expanding the system to monitor larger power grids across multiple cities or regions is also possible. Additionally, integrating edge computing and real-time analytics can enable faster fault detection directly at the source.

REFERENCES

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