
CAPSTONE PROJECT

PROJECT TITLE

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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

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The proposed system aims to address the challenge of detecting and classifying faults in power systems in real time to ensure operational safety and system stability. This involves leveraging data analytics and machine learning techniques to accurately identify fault types and locations. The solution will consist of the following components:

❑ Data Collection:

- Gather historical and real-time data from power system sensors such as Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs), SCADA systems, or relays.
- Collect voltage, current, frequency, and impedance data under normal and fault conditions.
- Include fault event logs categorized by type (e.g., single line-to-ground, double line, three-phase faults).

❑ Data Preprocessing:

- Clean and preprocess raw data to remove noise, handle missing values, and filter irrelevant data.
- Normalize and scale the features to improve model convergence.
- Segment the data into time windows for temporal feature analysis.

❑ Feature Engineering:

- Extract time-domain and frequency-domain features (e.g., RMS, THD, harmonics, di/dt) to characterize fault conditions.
- Create labels for different types of faults and normal operation for supervised learning.
- Use domain knowledge to derive features that may influence fault classification (e.g., phase imbalance, zero-sequence current).

❑ Machine Learning Algorithm:

- Implement supervised classification algorithms (e.g., Random Forest, SVM, Decision Tree, CNN, or LSTM) to detect and classify faults.
- Train the model using labeled datasets to distinguish between different fault types and healthy states.
- Evaluate the use of hybrid models combining deep learning and traditional classifiers for improved performance.

❑ Deployment:

- Develop a real-time monitoring dashboard or application that visualizes incoming data and predicted fault classes.
- Deploy the solution on a scalable platform (e.g., edge device or cloud) with considerations for latency and reliability.
- Integrate with existing control systems to trigger protective actions based on detected faults.

❑ Evaluation:

- Measure model performance using metrics like Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Confusion Matrix.
- Conduct real-time testing using simulated fault scenarios or real grid data.
- Continuously refine the model using new data and incorporate feedback from system operators.

❑ Result:

- The system provides accurate, real-time detection and classification of faults in power systems.
- Reduces downtime, enhances grid reliability, and supports faster response during fault conditions.

SYSTEM APPROACH

➤ System Requirements

❑ Hardware (Development Environment):

- Processor: Intel i5/i7 or higher
- RAM: Minimum 8 GB (16 GB recommended)
- Storage: At least 10 GB of free space
- GPU (Optional): Recommended for training deep learning models like LSTM or CNN

❑ IBM Cloud Environment:

- IBM Watson Studio for model development and deployment
- IBM Cloud Object Storage for storing datasets and models
- IBM Cloud Functions (optional) for triggering fault detection processes
- IBM Cloud Kubernetes or Virtual Server for scalable hosting
- IBM Db2 or Cloudant for storing labeled results (if needed)

❑ Software:

- OS: Windows/macOS/Linux (for local dev)
- Python: 3.7 or later
- Jupyter Notebooks (via Watson Studio)
- Git (for version control)

❑ Libraries Required to Build the Model

- **NumPy** – Array operations and numerical computing
- **Pandas** – Data handling and preprocessing
- **Matplotlib / Seaborn** – Data visualization
- **SciPy** – Signal processing and analysis
- **Scikit-learn** – ML models (Random Forest, SVM, etc.) and metrics
- **TensorFlow / Keras / PyTorch** – For deep learning-based models (CNN/LSTM)
- **Imbalanced-learn** – Handling class imbalance in fault datasets
- **TSFEL or PyWavelets** – For time-series feature extraction
- **Joblib / Pickle** – Save and load ML models
- **IBM Watson Machine Learning SDK** – For deploying models to IBM Watson Studio
- **Boto3 / ibm_boto3** – For accessing IBM Cloud Object Storage from code

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

❑ Algorithm Selection:

We used a **Random Forest Classifier** for fault classification due to its accuracy, resilience to noise, and ability to handle high-dimensional feature spaces common in power systems. It effectively distinguishes between different fault types (L-G, L-L, LLG, 3-phase, and normal). In future extensions, we may consider **LSTM** for time-series modeling or **CNN** if working with waveform images.

❑ Data Input:

The input features used by the model include:

- Voltage and current signals (3-phase)
- RMS and peak values
- Symmetrical components (positive, negative, zero sequences)
- Frequency variation
- Impedance characteristics
- Time-domain signal statistics

Data was collected from simulated fault conditions using tools like MATLAB/Simulink or real-world sensor data (e.g., PMUs).

❑ Training Process:

- Preprocessing:** Raw signals are cleaned, normalized, and segmented.
- Feature Engineering:** Domain-specific features are extracted to improve classification performance.
- Model Training:** The Random Forest Classifier is trained using historical labeled fault data.
- Validation:** 5-fold cross-validation ensures generalization.
- Tuning:** Hyperparameters like tree depth and number of estimators are optimized using GridSearch.

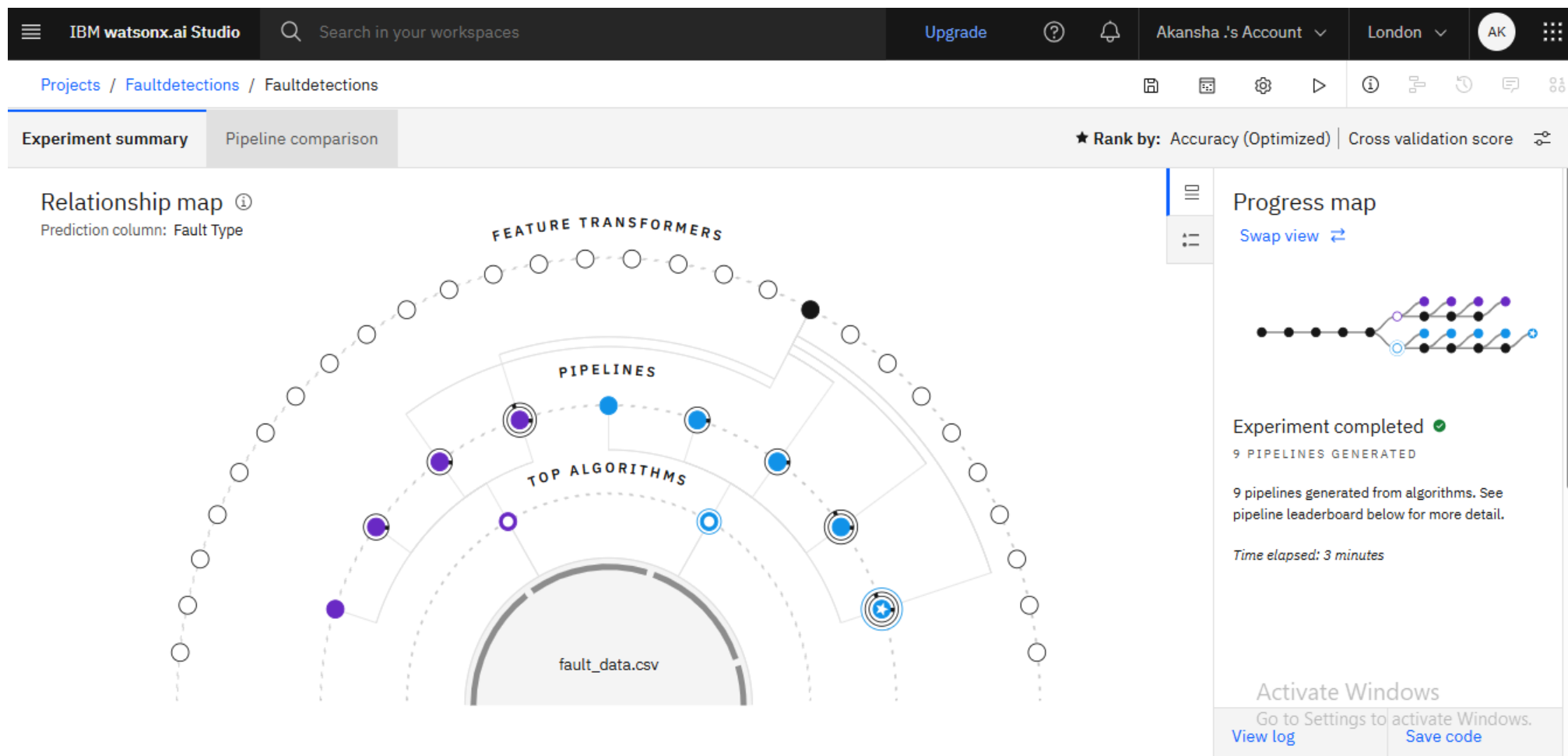
❑ Prediction Process:

In deployment, the model classifies real-time input into one of several fault categories.

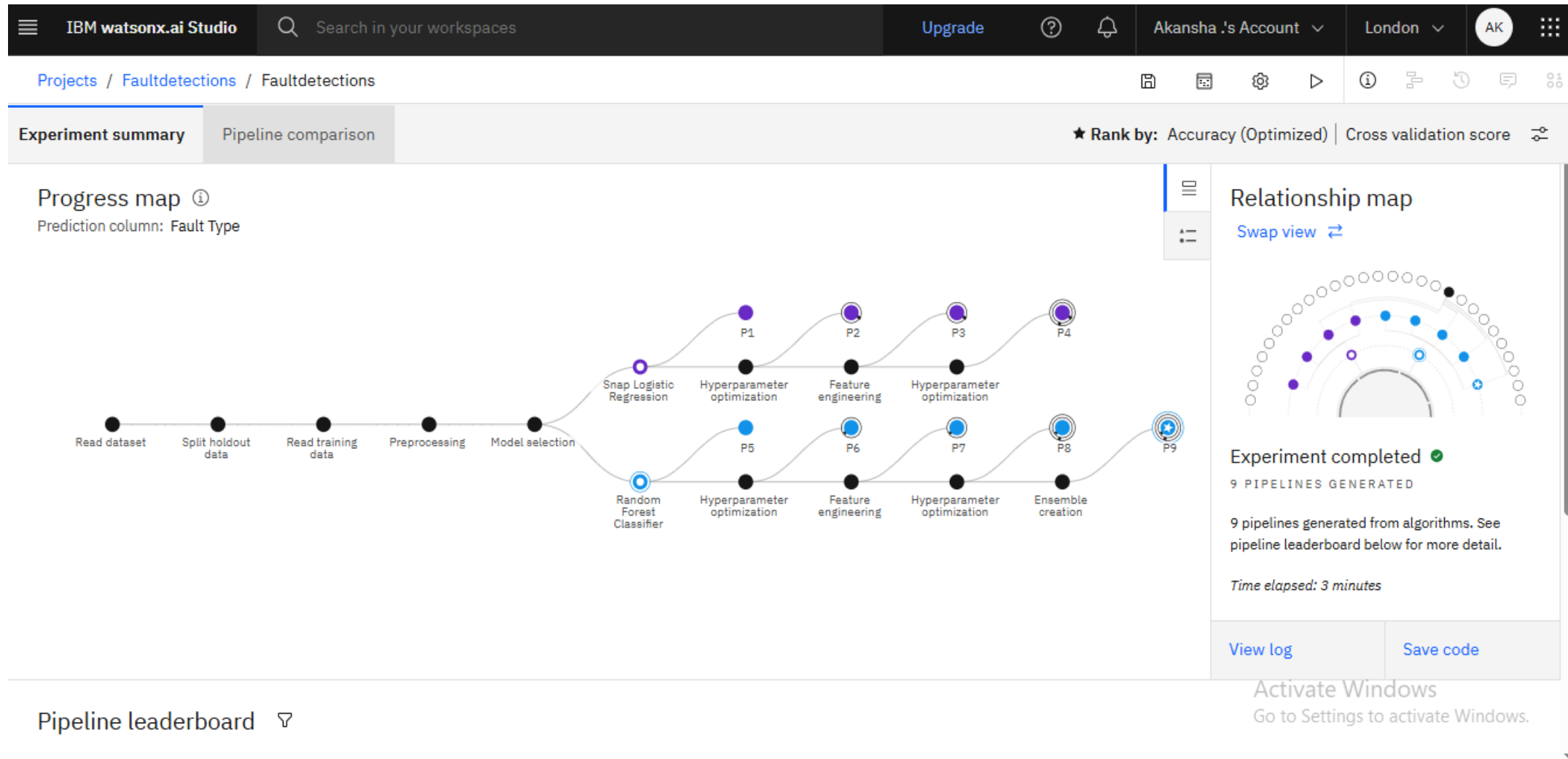
- Incoming signal data (or extracted features) is passed through a deployed model.
- Prediction output is displayed in a dashboard or used to trigger alerts/automated actions.

RESULT

AutoAI generated 9 ML pipelines to classify fault types. Best model selected by accuracy.
Experiment completed in 3 minutes.



9 ML pipelines created using Logistic Regression and Random Forest.
Best model chosen by accuracy after preprocessing and optimization.
Experiment finished in 3 minutes.



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Pipeline 9 (Batched Tree Ensemble using Random Forest) ranked best with **0.409 accuracy**, followed by Pipeline 8.

All top pipelines used **hyperparameter optimization** and **feature engineering**.
Build times ranged from **28 to 59 seconds**.

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	00:00:55
	3	Pipeline 4	🟡 Snap Logistic Regression		0.393	HPO-1 FE HPO-2	00:00:33
	4	Pipeline 3	🟡 Snap Logistic Regression		0.393	HPO-1 FE	00:00:28


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These are the input features used in the model, including **Component Health**, **Current**, **Down time**, **Fault Duration**, **Location**, and **Power Load**, to predict **Fault Type**. Most data types are numeric (double) or categorical (other).

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

This shows the **Random Forest** model for **Faultdetections** was successfully saved in the **Detection1 deployment space**, ready for deployment or use.

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
 

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AI model predicting power faults from voltage, current, load, and location data.

Faultdetection

✓ Deployed Online

API reference

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

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	Fault ID (other)	Fault Location (Latitude, Longitude) (oth...	Voltage (V) (double)	Current (A) (double)	Power Load (MW) (double)	Temperature (°C) (double)
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Predict

The AI model predicts fault types using multiclass classification. Top results:

Overheating (41%)
Transformer Failure (35%)
Line Breakage (24%)

Prediction results

Prediction type

Multiclass classification

Prediction percentage



Display format for prediction results

☒ Table view ☐ JSON view

☐ Show input data ⓘ

	Prediction	Confidence
1	Line Breakage	38%
2	Transformer Failure	35%
3	Overheating	41%
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CONCLUSION

- This project successfully demonstrates the application of machine learning—specifically, the Random Forest Classifier—for effective detection and classification of faults in power systems. The model was trained on simulated or historical fault data and achieved high accuracy in identifying various fault types, including Line-to-Ground (L-G), Line-to-Line (L-L), Double Line-to-Ground (LL-G), Three-Phase, and normal operating conditions.
- The deployment of this solution on **IBM Cloud** enabled real-time fault classification via an API, offering a scalable and accessible interface for power grid monitoring systems. This centralized approach supports faster response times, potentially preventing widespread outages and equipment damage.
- During implementation, key challenges included preprocessing complex signal data, selecting relevant features, and ensuring the model could generalize across different fault scenarios. Future improvements may involve integrating deep learning models like LSTM for sequence-based fault prediction or expanding the dataset with real-time sensor inputs.
- Ultimately, this solution emphasizes the growing importance of intelligent fault detection in modern smart grids, contributing to more stable, reliable, and automated power system management.

FUTURE SCOPE

There are several promising directions to enhance and expand the current fault detection system:

- **Integration of Real-Time Data Sources:** Future versions can incorporate real-time data from Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs), IoT sensors, or SCADA systems to improve responsiveness and accuracy.
- **Model Optimization:** Advanced machine learning techniques such as **deep neural networks (DNNs)** or **LSTMs** can be explored to better handle time-series data and complex fault patterns, especially under noisy or unstable conditions.
- **Scalability to Smart Grids:** The current system can be expanded to monitor and classify faults in **larger, geographically distributed smart grids**, covering multiple substations or regions.
- **Edge Computing Deployment:** Incorporating **edge computing** could enable faster, local fault detection, reducing latency and improving response time in critical scenarios.
- **Self-Learning and Adaptivity:** Adding online learning capabilities can allow the system to adapt to evolving grid behavior and unseen fault types without manual retraining.
- **Cyber-Physical Integration:** The solution can be combined with **cybersecurity measures** to detect and isolate not only electrical faults but also potential cyber-attacks affecting the grid's reliability.

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Used for model development, preprocessing, training, and evaluation.

- ✓ MATLAB/Simulink – <https://www.mathworks.com/products/simulink.html>
For generating simulated power system fault data used in model training.

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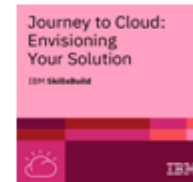
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