



Predicting Electrical Faults in Transmission Lines

Prediction and Classification of Faults
in Electrical Systems



Objectives:

- Discuss an **overview of electrical system** and **electrical faults**
- Discuss **significance of fault classification**
- Create a machine learning model that **accurately predicts the type of faults** in an **electrical system**
- Utilize **f1-score** as metric and utilize **class-wise analysis**



The Electrical Grid



Generation

Generates electricity from power plants



Transmission

Transmits electricity across long distances



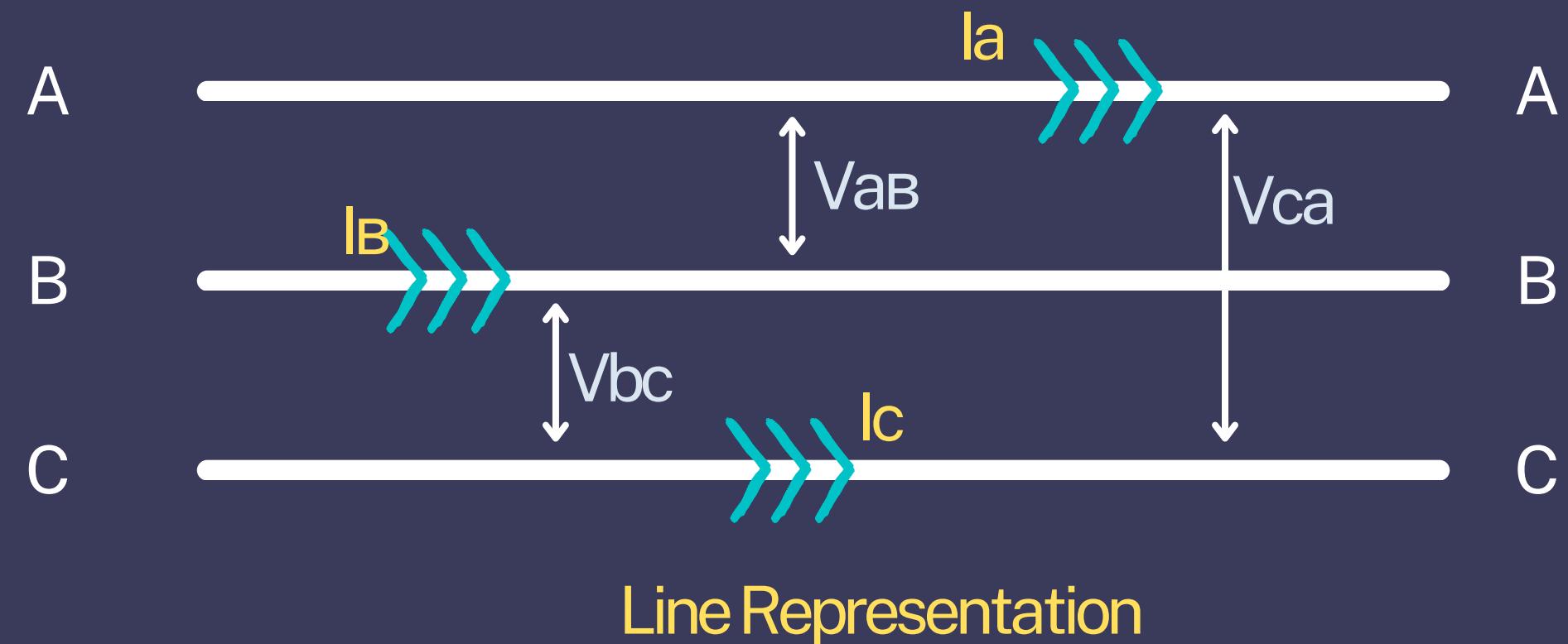
Distribution

Distributes electricity to users

The Electrical Grid

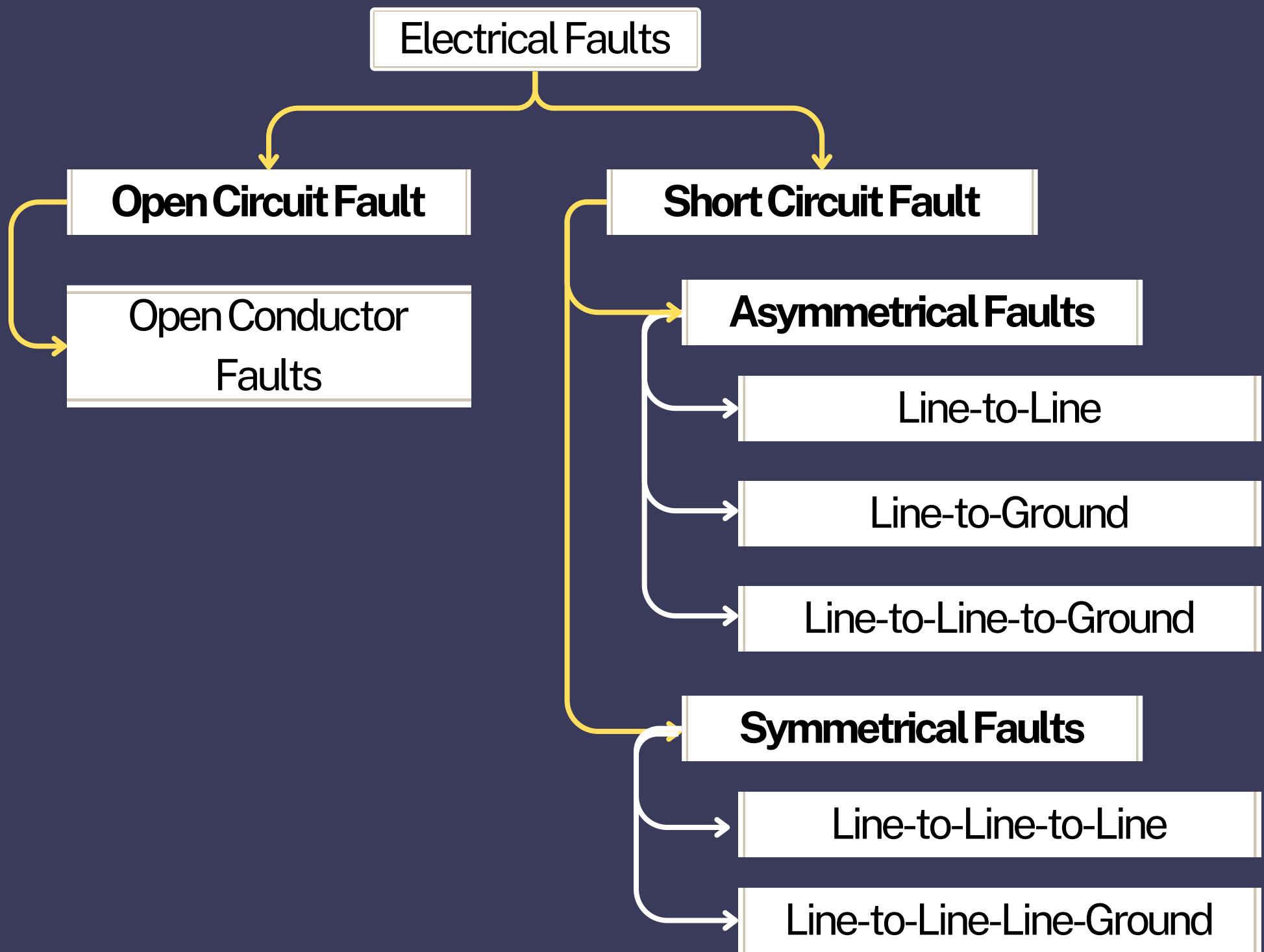


Transmission Line



Line Representation

Electrical Faults



Line-to-ground fault

Impact of Faults



Safety
Hazards



Equipment
Damage



Service
Interruption

Fault Classification Model

Improved
System
Reliability

Preventive
Actions

Enhanced
Safety
Measures

Customer
Satisfaction

Grid

Modernization

Informed
Protection
System Design

Optimized
Maintenance

Fault Classification Model

Leveraging machine learning to enhance the precision of fault classification

Goal:

95%
F1 Score

Model Used:

- KNN Classifier,
- Logistic Regression,
- SVM,
- Decision Trees,
- Random Forest,
- Gradient Boosting,
- XGBoost
- LightGBM
- CatBoost

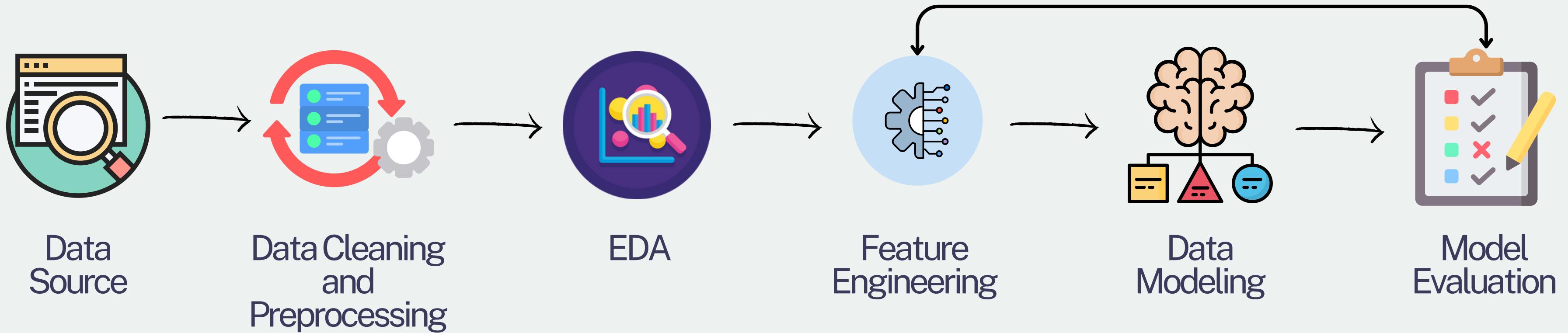
Metric Used:

Precision, Recall, F1 Score

Fault Classes

Fault	A	B	C	G	Class
No fault	0	0	0	0	0000
Fault in Line A	1	0	0	0	1000
Fault in Line B	0	1	0	0	0100
Fault in Line C	0	0	1	0	0010
LG fault (Phase A and Ground)	1	0	0	1	1001
LG fault (Phase B and Ground)	0	1	0	1	0101
LG fault (Phase C and Ground)	0	0	1	1	0011
LL fault (Phase A and Phase B)	1	1	0	0	1100
LL fault (Phase A and Phase C)	1	0	1	0	1010
LL fault (Phase B and Phase C)	0	1	1	0	0110
LLG Fault (Phases A, B and Ground)	1	1	0	1	1101
LLG Fault (Phases A, C and Ground)	1	0	1	1	1011
LLG Fault (Phases B, C and Ground)	0	1	1	1	0111
LLL Fault(All three phases)	1	1	1	0	1110
LLL fault (Three phase symmetrical fault)	1	1	1	1	1111

Methodology



Dataset

10 features and 7,681 observations

	G	C	B	A	Ia	Ib	Ic	Va	Vb	Vc
0	1	0	0	1	-151.291812	-9.677452	85.800162	0.400750	-0.132935	-0.267815
1	1	0	0	1	-336.186183	-76.283262	18.328897	0.312732	-0.123633	-0.189099
2	1	0	0	1	-502.891583	-174.648023	-80.924663	0.265728	-0.114301	-0.151428
3	1	0	0	1	-593.941905	-217.703359	-124.891924	0.235511	-0.104940	-0.130570
4	1	0	0	1	-643.663617	-224.159427	-132.282815	0.209537	-0.095554	-0.113983



	A	B	C	G	Ia	Ib	Ic	Va	Vb	Vc	Fault Type	Fault Class	Fault Numeric Class
0	1	0	0	1	-151.291812	-9.677452	85.800162	0.400750	-0.132935	-0.267815	1001 LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	3	
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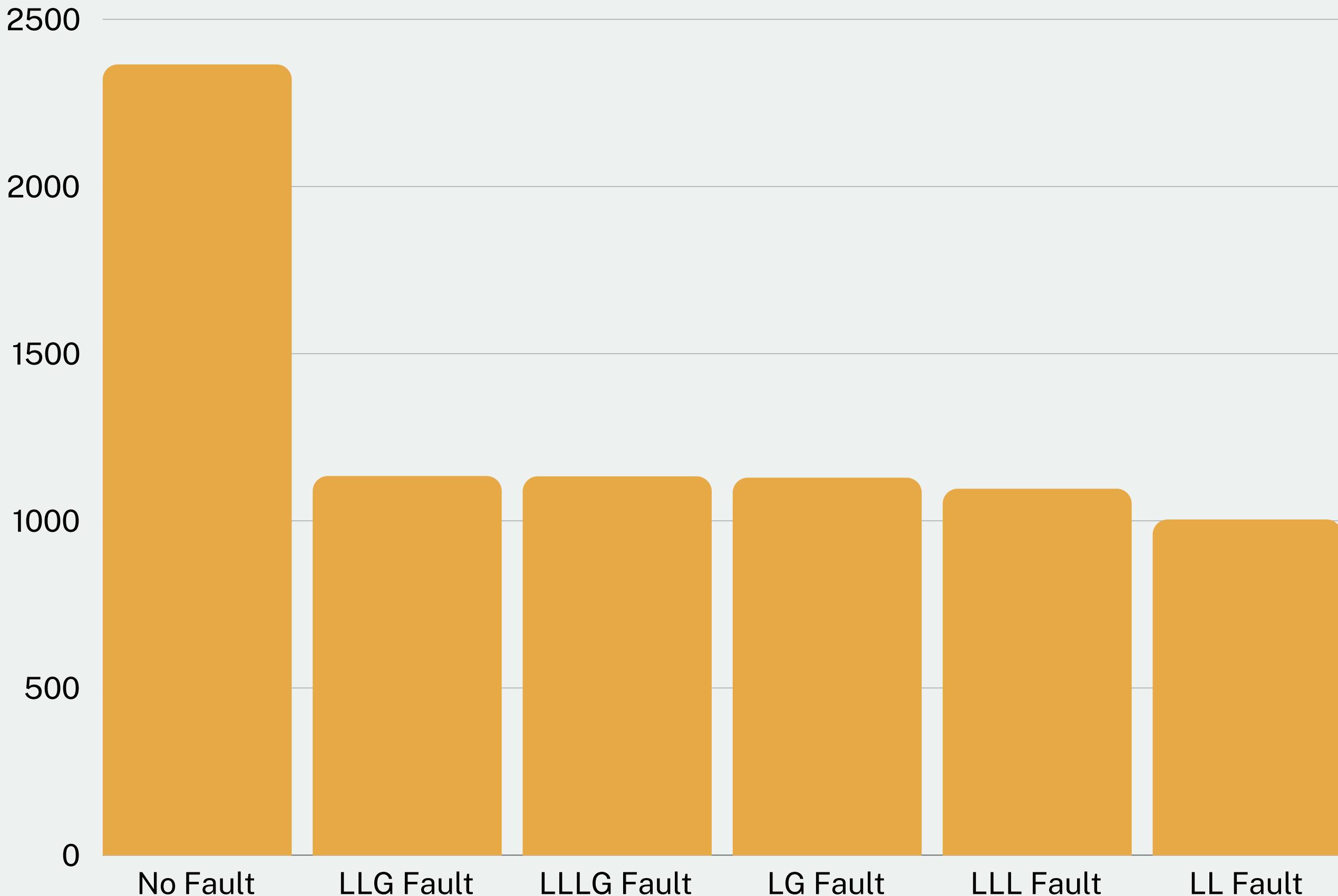
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    'No fault': 0,
    'LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground': 1,
    'LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault': 2,
    'LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground': 3,
    'LLL Fault, involving all three phases': 4,
    'LL Fault, between Phases B and C': 5
}

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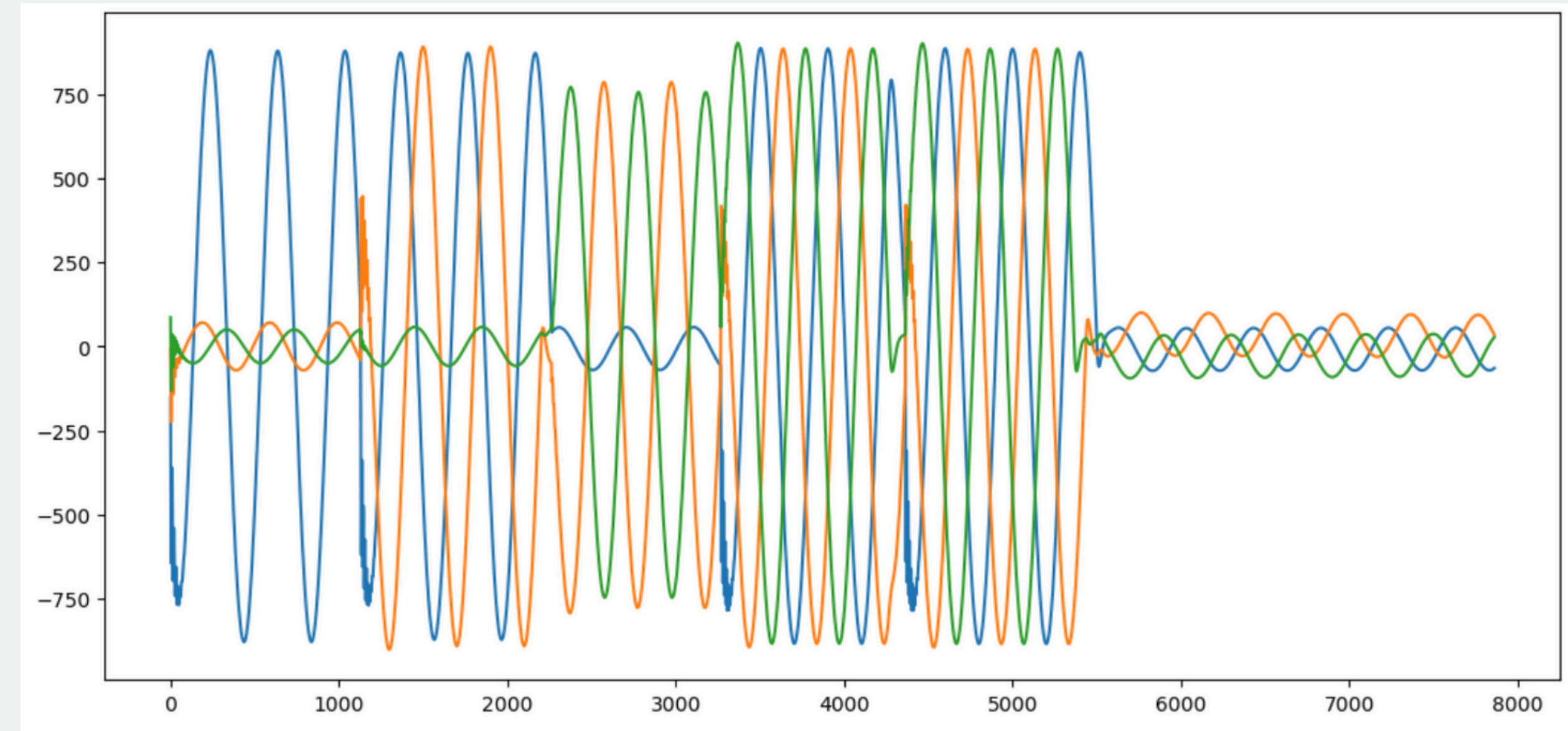
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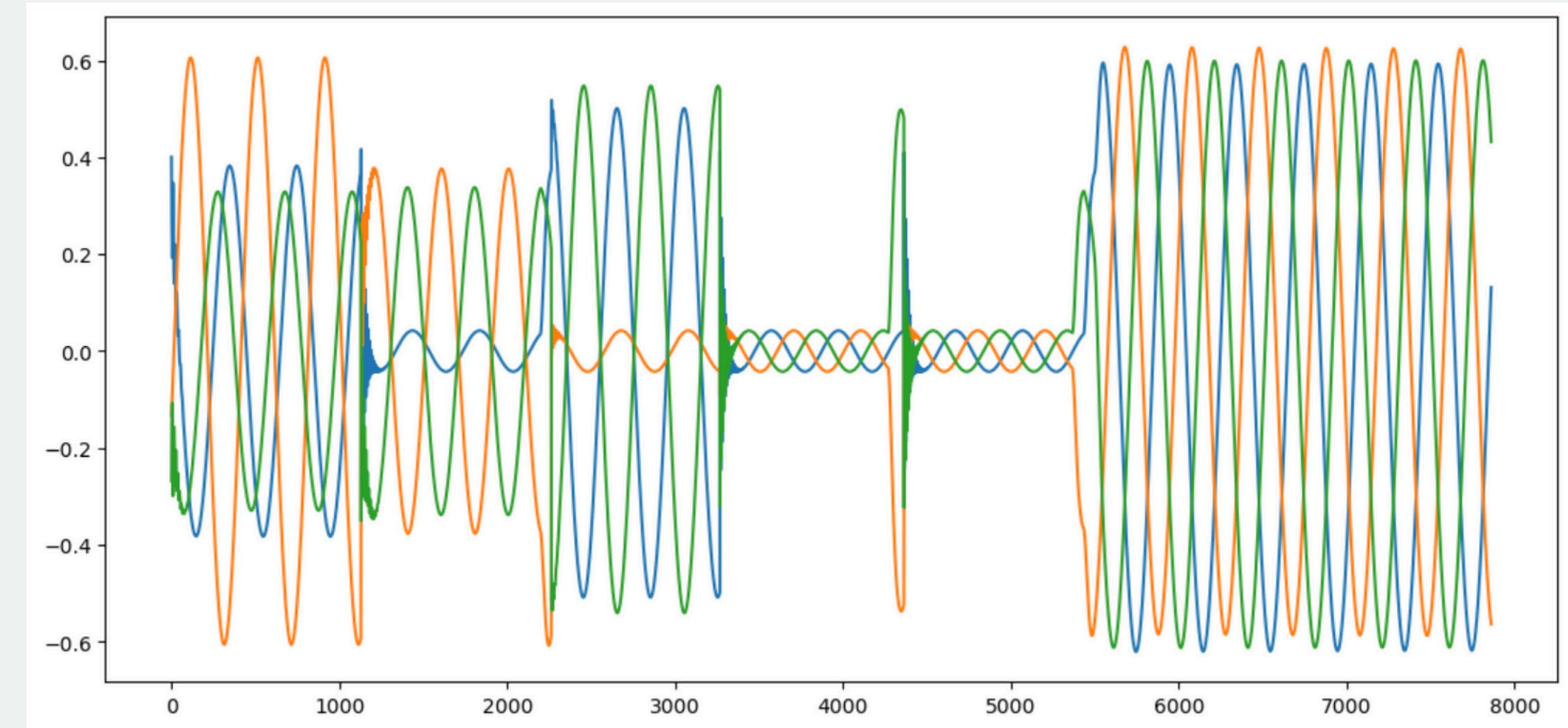
Fault Classes



Current Distribution

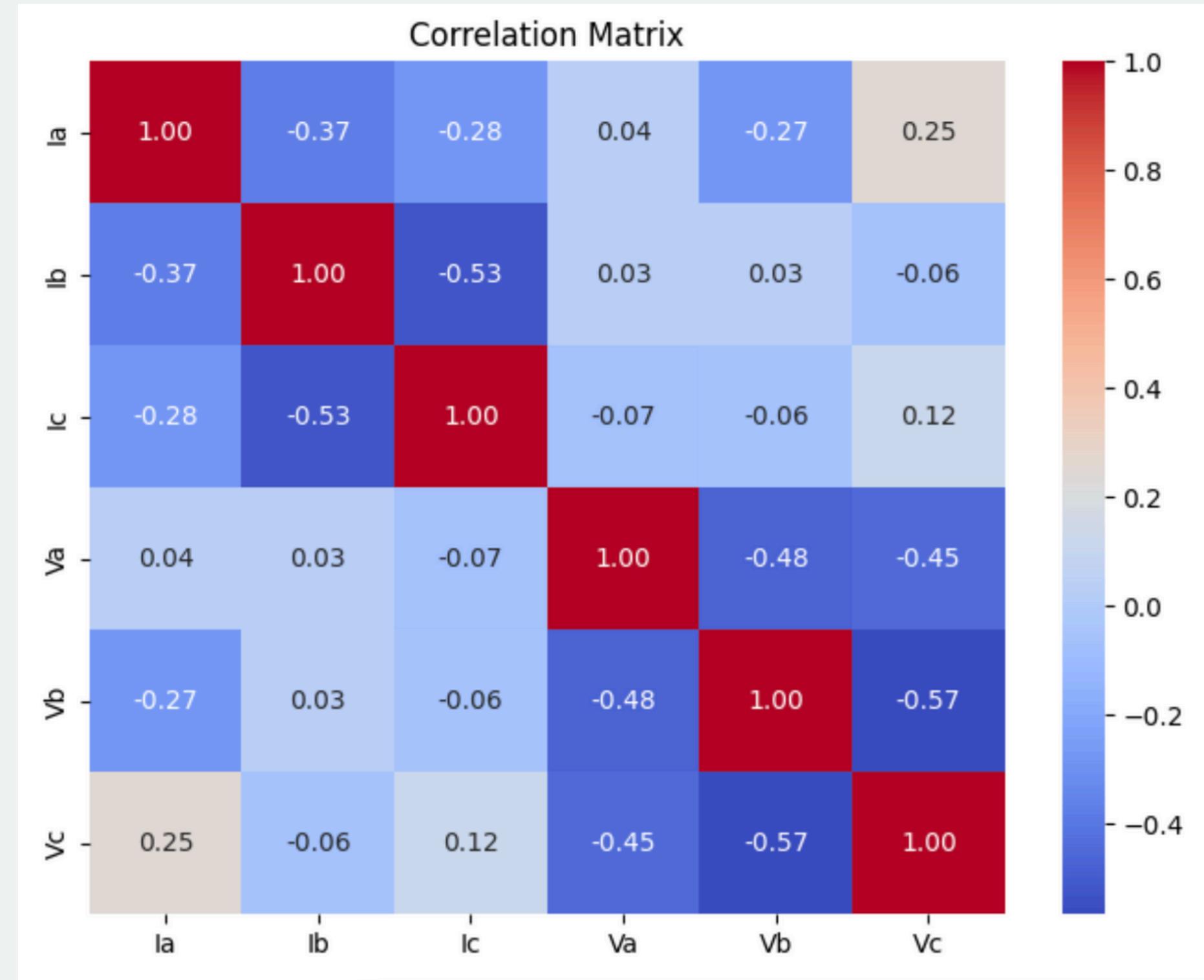


Voltage Distribution

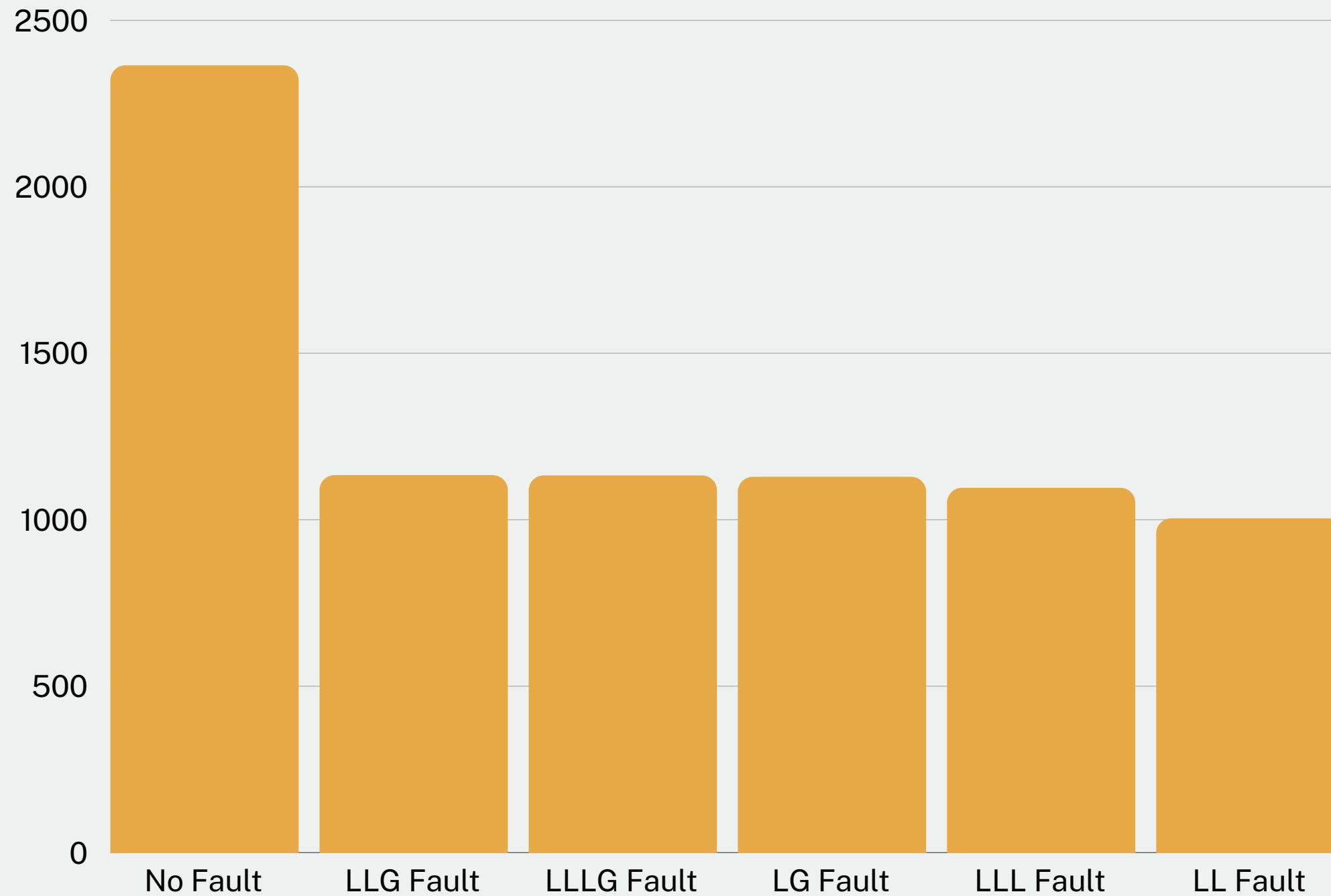


Correlation Matrix

- Ia & Ib
- Ib & Ic
- Va, Vb, & Vc



Model Training



18.85%

PCC

23.56%

1.25*PCC

Model Training

80:20

TrainVal: Holdout

MinMaxScaler
Scaling
SMOTE
Sampling*

5 folds
cross-validation
f1-scorer
scorer

Model	F1 Score (TrainVal)	Runtime
KNN Classifier	0.802	0.43 seconds
LogisticRegression	0.152	0.83 seconds
DecisionTree	0.840	0.41 seconds
RandomForest	0.838	7.15 seconds
GradientBoosting	0.815	60.14 seconds
XGBClassifier	0.830	356.72 seconds
SVM	0.770	6.07 seconds
LightGBM	0.800	2.77 seconds
CatBoost	0.791	278.71 seconds

Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree:

	No fault	0	500	1			
True Values	LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	1		209			
	LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	2		3	178		27
	LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	3			1	235	
	LLL Fault, involving all three phases	4		1	154		61
	LL Fault, between Phases B and C	5			1		202
		0	1	2	3	4	5

Confusion Matrix for RandomForest:

True Values	No fault	0	500	1			
		1	209				
	LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	2		128		80	
	LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	3			235	1	
	LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	4		86		130	
	LLL Fault, involving all three phases	5				203	
	LL Fault, between Phases B and C		0	1	2	3	4
							5

Decision Tree:

	No fault	0	500		1			
LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'		1		209				
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Lowest precision and recall in

- 'Three-Phase' and
- 'Three-Phase with Ground' categories.

RandomForest:

	No fault	0	500		1			
LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'		1		209				
LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'		2			128	80		
LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground		3				235	1	
LLL Fault, involving all three phases		4		1	86	130		
LL Fault, between Phases B and C		5		1			203	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	

Perfect precision and recall in

- 'LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'

Lowest precision and recall in

- 'Three-Phase' and
- 'Three-Phase with Ground' categories.

From 6 features to 40 features using Polynomial features and domain knowledge with hypertuning:

[`'Ia', 'Ib', 'Ic',`
`'Va', 'Vb', 'Vc',]` → [`'Ia', 'Ib', 'Ic', 'Va', 'Vb', 'Vc', 'Ia^2', 'Ia I b', 'Ia I c', 'Ia Va', 'Ia Vb', 'Ia Vc', 'Ib^2', 'Ib I c', 'Ib Va',`
`'Ib Vb', 'Ib Vc', 'Ic^2', 'Ic Va', 'Ic Vb', 'Ic Vc', 'Va^2', 'Va Vb', 'Va Vc', 'Vb^2', 'Vb Vc', 'Vc^2'`]

New Features	Formula	Description
Zero Sequence Currents, Zero Sequence Voltages	$I_o = (I_a + I_b + I_c) / 3$ $V_o = (V_a + V_b + V_c) / 3$	The unbalanced current flows in the circuit during the ground fault.
Voltage and Current Ratios	$VI_a = V_a / I_a$ $VI_b = V_b / I_b$ $VI_c = V_c / I_c$	Ratio of voltage and current in a line, can be referred to as ‘impedance’.

Model	F1 Score (Holdout)	Best Parameters	Prediction Time
DecisionTree	0.998	{'classifier__criterion': 'entropy', 'classifier__max_depth': None, 'classifier__min_samples_leaf': 1, 'classifier__min_samples_split': 10}	0.00 seconds
RandomForest	0.999	{'classifier__bootstrap': False, 'classifier__min_samples_leaf': 1, 'classifier__min_samples_split': 5, 'classifier__n_estimators': 100}	0.04 seconds
XGBClassifier	0.999	{'n_estimators': 100, 'max_delta_step': None, 'max_depth': None, 'max_leaves': None, 'min_child_weight': 1, 'random_state': 143, 'verbosity': None}	0.01 seconds
LightGBM	0.999	{'boosting_type': 'gbdt', 'colsample_bytree': 1.0, 'importance_type': 'split', 'learning_rate': 0.1, 'min_child_samples': 20, 'min_child_weight': 0.001, 'n_estimators': 100, 'num_leaves': 31, 'random_state': 42, 'subsample': 1.0, 'subsample_for_bin': 200000}	0.03 seconds
CatBoost	1.000	{'classifier__depth': 1, 'classifier__l2_leaf_reg': 1, 'classifier__learning_rate': 0.1, 'verbose': 0}	0.03 seconds

Confusion Matrix for RandomForest:

True Values	No fault	0	1	2	3	4	5
		501	209	207	236	216	203
No fault	0	501					
LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	1		209				
LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	2			207		1	
LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	3				236		
LLL Fault, involving all three phases	4					216	
LL Fault, between Phases B and C	5						203
	0	1	2	3	4	5	

Confusion Matrix for XGBoost:

True Values	No fault	0	501				
		1	209				
	LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	2		207	1		
	LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	3		236			
	LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	4			216		
	LL Fault, between Phases B and C	5				203	
		0	1	2	3	4	5

Confusion Matrix for LightGBM:

True Values	No fault	0	1	2	3	4	5
		501	209	208	235	1	216
No fault	0	501					
LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	1		209				
LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	2			208			
LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	3				235	1	
LLL Fault, involving all three phases	4					216	
LL Fault, between Phases B and C	5						203
		0	1	2	3	4	5

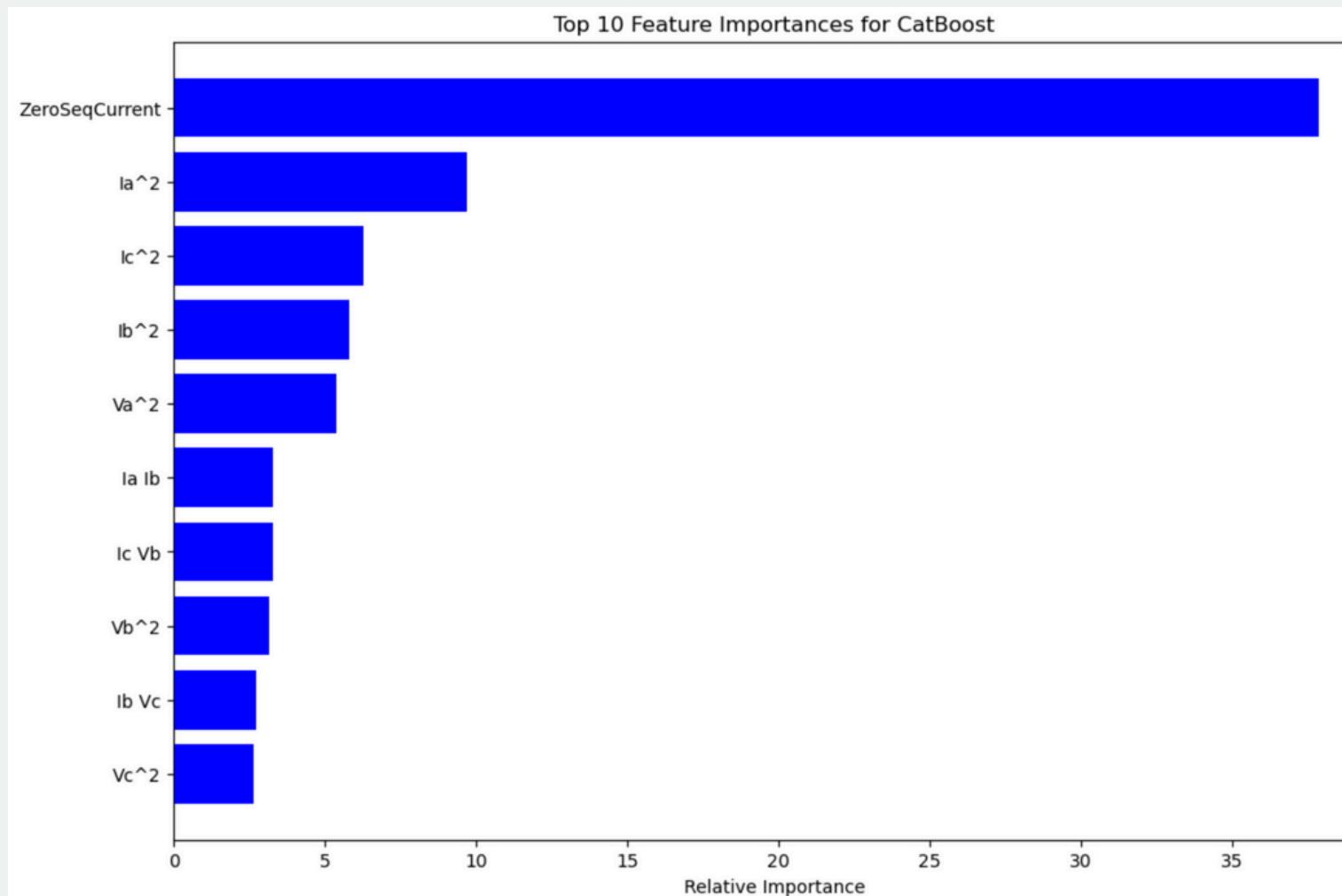
Confusion Matrix for CatBoost:

True Values	Predicted Values	Confusion Matrix Rows						
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
No fault	0	501						
LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	1		209					
LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	2			208				
LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	3				236			
LLL Fault, involving all three phases	4					216		
LL Fault, between Phases B and C	5						203	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	

Simpler Model using Top 10 Features of CatBoost:

Confusion Matrix:

No fault	0	501							
LLG Fault, involving Phases A, B, and Ground'	1		209						
LLL Fault, a three-phase symmetrical fault'	2			208					
LG Fault, between Phase A and Ground	3				236				
LLL Fault, involving all three phases	4					216			
LL Fault, between Phases B and C	5						203		
	0	1	2	3	4	5			



Conclusion:

- CatBoost proven to be the best model for this problem, achieving a 100% f1-score.
- The top 10 features hold most of the predictive power for an accurate classification in the dataset with 100% F1 score.
- Using fewer features simplifies the model, reduces the risk of overfitting, and can improve computational efficiency.
- Feature Engineering is the most important step as it was highly effective in getting the best derived feature.

Recommendations:

- Expanding the dataset to include a wider variety of fault classes
- Introduce more electrical characteristics such as phase angles, phase differences, and frequency and economic factors such as repair costs, and maintenance costs.
- Deploying the model in a simulated real-time environment to evaluate its performance under operational conditions
- Cost-implications on prioritizing f0.5 over f1