

# Multiple Fault Diagnosis in Electrical Power Systems with Dynamic Load Changes Using Probabilistic Neural Networks

## *Diagnóstico de Fallas Múltiples en Sistemas Eléctricos de Potencia con Cambios de Carga Dinámicos Utilizando Redes Neuronales Probabilísticas*

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**Abstract.** Power systems monitoring is particularly challenging due to the presence of dynamic load changes in normal operation mode of network nodes, as well as the presence of both continuous and discrete variables, noisy information and lack or excess of data. This paper proposes a fault diagnosis framework that is able to locate the set of nodes involved in multiple fault events. It detects the faulty nodes, the type of fault in those nodes and the time when it is present. The framework is composed of two phases: In the first phase a probabilistic neural network is trained with the eigenvalues of voltage data collected during normal operation, symmetrical and asymmetrical fault disturbances. The second phase is a sample magnitude comparison used to detect and locate the presence of a fault. A set of simulations are carried out over an electrical power system to show the performance of the proposed framework and a comparison is made against a diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic.

**Keywords:** Fault Diagnosis, Multiple Faults, Probabilistic Neural Networks, Correlation Matrix, Eigenvalues, Power System, Dynamic Load Changes

**Resumen.** El monitoreo de sistemas de potencia es particularmente retador debido a la presencia de cambios dinámicos de carga de los nodos de la red en modo de operación normal, así como la presencia de variables continuas y discretas, información con ruido y falta o exceso de datos. Este artículo propone un método de diagnóstico de fallas que es capaz de localizar el conjunto de nodos involucrado en eventos de fallas múltiples. El método detecta los nodos con falla, el tipo de falla y el tiempo en el cual está presente la falla. El método está compuesto de dos fases: En

la primera fase una red neuronal probabilística es entrenada con los eigenvalores de los datos de voltaje obtenidos en operación normal así como con fallas simétricas y asimétricas. La segunda fase emplea una comparación entre las muestras para detectar y localizar la presencia de una falla. Se lleva a cabo un conjunto de simulaciones en un sistema eléctrico de potencia para mostrar el desempeño del método propuesto y se realiza una comparación contra un sistema de diagnóstico basado en lógica probabilística.

**Palabras clave:** Diagnóstico de Fallas, Fallas Múltiples, Redes Neuronales Probabilísticas, Matriz de Correlación, Eigenvalores, Sistemas de Potencia, Cambios Dinámicos de Carga

## 1 Introduction

The reasons behind the increased interest in fault diagnosis in power networks are the complexity and high degree of interconnection present in electrical power networks, which can lead to an overwhelming array of alarms and status messages being generated as a result of a disturbance. This can have a negative impact on the speed with which operators can respond to a contingency. Therefore, in order to increase the efficiency of diagnosis, it is necessary to use automated tools, which could help the operator to speed up the process.

When a fault occurs in a power system, the consequences are often not limited to the point where

the fault occurs but instead noticeable throughout the whole system. A short-circuit fault gives rise to local damages due to a high amount of energy deployed within a limited geometrical location. The global effects of the same short circuit give rise to a voltage dip, which can lead to malfunction of other processes.

Since the amount of damage is related to the time during which the fault is applied, the time needed for detection and disconnection is essential. The advent of current limiting devices, which limit the fault current before it reaches dangerous levels, is an application where fast and reliable fault detection is of importance.

There exist a lot of research works related with fault detection. Most of the methods used are analytic, based on artificial intelligence (AI) or statistical methods. [Venkatasubramanian, et al., 2003], classifies fault detection and diagnosis methods in three groups. See figure 1.

- Quantitative Model Based
- Qualitative Model Based and
- Process History Based

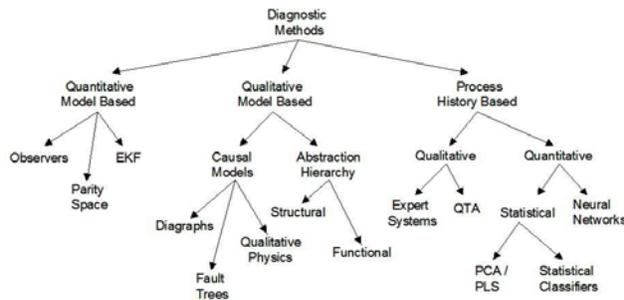


Fig. 1. Classification of Diagnostic Methods

Quantitative Model Based fault detection methods are based on a mathematical model of the system. The occurrence of a fault is captured by discrepancies between the observed behavior and the one that is predicted by the model. These approaches make use of state estimation, parameter identification techniques, and parity relations to generate residuals. Fault localization then, rest on interlining the groups of components that are involved in each of the detected discrepancies. However, it is often difficult and time-consuming to develop accurate mathematical models that characterize all the physical phenomena occurring in industrial processes.

Qualitative Model Based fault detection methods use symbolic reasoning which generally combines different kinds of knowledge with graph theory to analyze the relationships between variables of a system. An advantage of these methods is that an explicit model of the system to be diagnosed is not necessary. Knowledge-based approaches such as expert systems may be considered as alternative or complementary approaches where analytical models are not available.

Process History Based fault detection methods only require a big quantity of historical process data. There are several ways in which these data can be transformed and presented as prior knowledge of a system. These transformations are known as feature extraction and could be qualitative, as those used by expert systems, and qualitative trend analysis methods or quantitative, as those used in neural networks, PCA, PLS or statistical pattern recognition.

Very recently, the need to develop more powerful approaches has been recognized, and hybrid techniques that combine several reasoning methods start to be used. [Zhang, et al., 2000] incorporates model based diagnosis and signal analysis with neural networks. [Bouthiba, 2005] proposed an approach based on four independent artificial neural networks (ANN) for real time fault detection and classification in power transmission lines. The technique uses consecutive magnitude current and voltage data at one terminal as inputs to the corresponding ANN. The ANN outputs are used to indicate simultaneously the presence and the type of the fault. [Hartstein, et al., 2007] developed a methodology using wavelet transform for phase to ground fault detection in primary distribution systems, but it is an efficient methodology only for single phase fault detection in unbalanced distribution systems. [He Q. Peter, et al., 2004] proposed a process monitoring which is composed of three parts: preanalysis, visualization and diagnosis, where the proposed method integrates PCA, FDA and clustering analysis taking advantage of each technique for a complete solution. [Liang W., et al., 2005] combined the use of signed directed graph to make a classification model,

PCA and fuzzy knowledge to form a qualitative and quantitative model and compares the grade of the patterns needed to be diagnosed to the given fault patterns. [Gentil S., et al., 2004] proposed a method based on the interaction between AI and control techniques. It uses a causal graph representation of the process, enabling decomposition into subsystems and

reducing the diagnostic computational complexity. After that, at local level, FDI techniques based on numerical residual generation and analysis are carried out. [Liang J., et al., 2003] showed how PCA and statistical control charts are used to detect process operating faults on an industrial rolling mill reheating furnace. The Q statistic and Hotelling T2 statistic are used to calculate the control limits of the statistical control chart. [Shi W., et al., 2005] proposed a fault diagnosis model based on machine learning which extracts multi-dimension features from the detected signal to supervise the different features of it simultaneously. [Nieto J.P., et al 2007] presented a fault detection framework based on history process data that uses a combination of PCA, control charts and statistic operation limits to make comparisons between a suspicious sample against its normal values giving in this way the detection of a single or multiple faults existing in the system. [Yongli, et al., 2003] presented Bayesian networks (BNs) to estimate the faulty section of a transmission power system. Simplified models of BNs with Noisy-Or and Noisy-And nodes are proposed to test if any transmission line, transformer, or busbar within a blackout area is faulty. In [Xu and Chow, 2005] an investigation is performed about the use of logistic regression and neural networks to classify fault causes. This paper also discusses about data insufficiency, imbalanced data constitution and threshold setting. [Ren and Mi, 2006] proposed a procedure for power systems fault diagnosis and identification based on Petri Nets and coding theory. They tested the approach with simulations over the IEEE 118-bus power system and highlight the great advantage to handle very easily future expansions. In [Peng, et al., 2006] a Fault diagnosis system is presented, based on multi-agent systems. By using a negotiation mechanism between decision-making agent and a cooperative agent, fault diagnosis results can be obtained. In general there are a lot of techniques and combinations of them used in fault detection and diagnosis, but it will depend on the problem's nature to select the technique that has the best performance.

The goal of this work is to use only historical data to build a complete diagnostic system, able to detect in a simple and easy way simple, multiple, simultaneous and non-simultaneous faults, as well as capable to diminish the false alarms rate. The main advantages of this framework are first, the relatively easy way to obtain historical data from systems and processes

controlled by computers, and second, to have an alternative approach when the modeling of the system is very difficult or even impossible due to the lack of experience of the diagnostic system designer or the high degree of complexity of the system itself. In this work we selected a probabilistic neural network (PNN) as a fault detector, mainly due to the simplicity of its learning procedure. The PNN needs just a few data to be trained, tackling in this way the problems of time consuming when learning and the storage capability of the training samples, being these two great advantages of the PNN over other networks architectures. In addition, when comparing our approach with those presented above, it could be seen that ours is easier to implement as we only have one neural network to train and when the system changes we only have to update the information of the new nodes or delete the information of those nodes that were taken away from the system.

In this paper we propose a multiple fault diagnosis framework composed of two phases. In a previous step, eigenvalues are computed from the correlation matrix which is built from historical data, and then they are used as the inputs of the probabilistic neural network. In the first phase, the most likely component state of each node is given and in second phase the comparison of each sample against a constant value gives the real component state and the location of the fault.

The organization of the paper is as follows: section 2 explains probabilistic neural networks basis and gives the correlation matrix and eigenvalues definitions. Section 3 gives a general description of the framework. Section 4 shows how the framework works in a simulation example with single and multiple faults as well as a comparison of the general performance of it against a diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic. Section 5 concludes the paper.

## 2 Preliminary

### 2.1 Probabilistic neural network basis

PNNs are conceptually similar to K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) models [Duda, et al., 2001]. The basic idea is that a predicted value of an item is likely to be about the same as other items that have close values of the predictor variables.

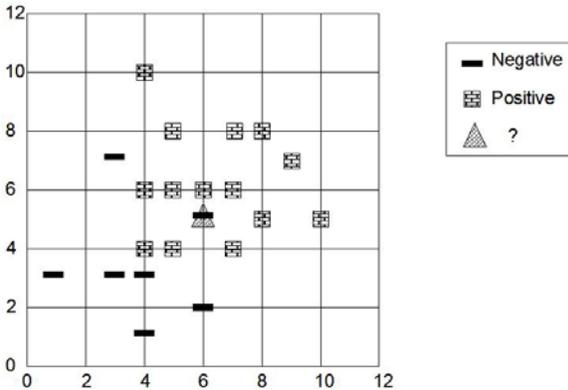


Fig. 2. PNN are conceptually similar to KNN

From figure 2 it is assumed that each case in the training set has two predictor variables,  $x$  and  $y$ . The cases are plotted using their values as coordinates as shown in the figure. Also it is assumed that the target variable has two categories, positive which is denoted by a square and negative which is denoted by a dash. It can be noted that the triangle is positioned almost exactly on top of a dash representing a negative value. But that dash is in a fairly unusual position compared to the other dashes which are clustered below the squares and left of center. So it could be that the underlying negative value is an odd case. The nearest neighbor classification will depend on how many neighboring points are considered.

If 1-NN is used and only the closest point is considered, then the new point should be classified as negative since it is on top of a known negative point. On the other hand, if 9-NN classification is used, the closest 9 points are considered and then the effect of the surrounding 8 positive points may overbalance the close negative point.

A probabilistic neural network builds on this foundation and generalizes it to consider all of the other points. The distance is computed from the point being evaluated to each of the other points, and a radial basis function (RBF) (also called a kernel function) is applied to the distance to compute the weight (influence) for each point. The radial basis function is so named because the radius distance is the argument to the function:  $Weight = RBF(\text{distance})$ . The further some other point is from the new point, the less influence it has. Different types of radial basis functions could be used, but the most common is the Gaussian function. The RBF is a function whose

output depends on the distance to a point called center. Gaussian RBF are symmetric functions with respect to  $x=0$ . See figure 3.

The PNN architecture is shown in figure 4. The model has two layers:

- a) Radial Basis Layer and
- b) Competitive Layer

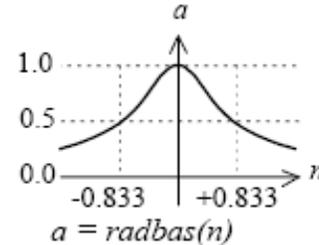
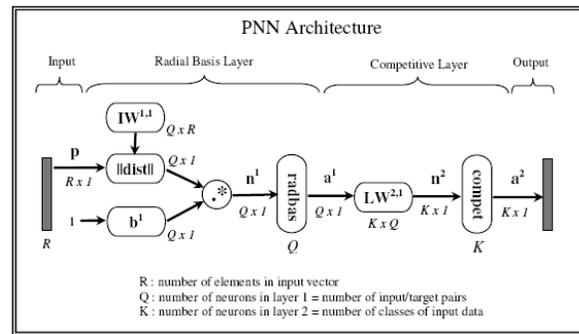


Fig. 3. Gaussian RBF are symmetric functions with respect



to  $x=0$ .

Fig. 4. PNN architecture

There are  $Q$  input vector/target vector pairs. Each target vector has  $K$  elements. One of these elements is 1 and the rest is 0. Thus, each input vector is associated with one of  $K$  classes.

When an input is presented the  $||dist||$  box produces a vector whose elements indicate how close the input is to the vectors of the training set. An input vector close to a training vector is represented by a number close to 1 in the output vector  $a^1$ .

If an input is close to several training vectors of a single class, it is represented by several elements of  $a^1$  that are close to 1. Each vector has a 1 only in the row associated with that particular class of input, and 0's elsewhere. The multiplication  $Ta^1$  sums the elements of  $a^1$  due to each of the  $K$  input classes.

Finally, the second layer produces a 1 corresponding to the largest element of  $n^2$ , and 0's

elsewhere. Thus, the network has classified the input vector into a specific one of K classes because that class had the maximum probability of being correct.

**2.2 Correlation matrix and eigenvalues definitions**

*Correlation matrix definition.* A Correlation matrix describes correlation among M variables. It is a square symmetrical M x M matrix with the (ik)th element equal to the correlation coefficient rik between the (i)th and the (k)th variable. The correlation coefficient is obtained as

$$r_{ik} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)(x_{kj} - \bar{x}_k)}{s_i s_k}$$

The diagonal elements (correlations of variables with themselves) are always equal to 1 [Johnson and Wichern, 2002].

*Eigenvalue definition.* Let A be a k x k square matrix and I be the k x k identity matrix. Then the scalars

satisfying the polynomial equation

are called the eigenvalues or characteristic roots of a matrix A. The equation  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  is called the characteristic equation, thus similar matrices to A and its transpose matrix have the same eigenvalues [Johnson and Wichern, 2002].

**3 Framework description**

The proposed detection framework is shown in figure 5. As the framework is a Process History Based fault detection method, this only requires a big quantity of historical data of the power system's nodes. The amount of data that we mean by "a big quantity" will depend on the information recorded in the historic databases of the system. Thus, in order to know how big a data set is considered adequate, it is necessary to be sure that these databases must contain information about normal operation data as well as data samples

from the different types of faults that could be present in the system. Then the total amount of data needed will depend on the nature of each individual problem to be solved. For instance, in the example shown in the next section, we used a 4% of the total amount available of faulty data, for each possible different fault to train the probabilistic neural network. As we said before, it could be noted that we used just a few quantity of examples to train the probabilistic neural network, being this feature one of the great advantages of using the probabilistic neural network over other networks architectures. In summary, these historic data sets are used as prior knowledge of the power system to perform the detection process.

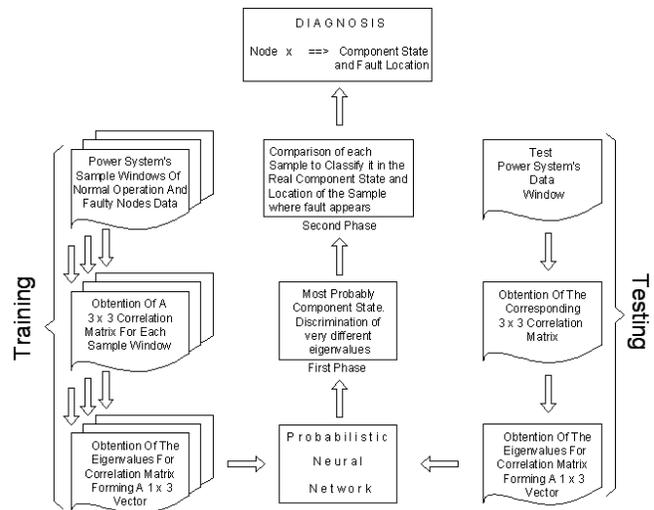


Fig. 5. General fault detection framework

The first step of the training phase depicted in figure 5 is to obtain historical normal and faulty data sets of the voltages of each line of the power system's nodes. These data sets are matrices formed by windows of m samples and n power system's nodes where the voltage of each line of each of the power system's node is monitored, that means three readings per each node as shown in table 1. Such matrices are built for normal node operation and different node faults present in system.

**Table 1.** Matrix containing the three lines of each of the power system's nodes being monitored

		Power System Nodes' Lines								
		Node 1			Node 2			Node		
		Li	Li	Li	Li	Li	Li	Li	Li	Li
		ne A	ne B	ne C	ne A	ne B	ne C	ne A	ne B	ne C
Voltages Samples	1									
	2									

For each node data set, its correlation matrix is obtained to see how their three lines are related. As an example we took the m samples of the three lines (A,B,C) of the node 1. This is shown in table 2.

Then the correlation matrix is calculated for the voltage samples of the three lines of the node 1, resulting thus a matrix like the one shown in expression 4, where the correlation coefficients are obtained as described in equation 1.

Once we have the correlation matrix, their corresponding eigenvalues are computed as shown in section 2.2, having in this way a signature for each of the different possible component states or fault types of the power system's nodes (K in figure 4).

**Table 2.** Matrix of the voltages monitored from the three lines of the power system's node 1

		Node 1		
		Line A	Line B	Line C
Voltages Samples	1			
	2			

Thus for the example being explained, the eigenvalues of the matrix in expression 4 are obtained as follows:

where are the eigenvalues or roots of the characteristic equation obtained from expression 5.

The eigenvalues of the correlation matrix for normal operation data as well as for every type of fault, then give us the fault signature or operation mode of the system, and are going to be used as the training vectors of the PNN corresponding to Q as described in section 2.1. This training vector then looks like the one shown in expression 6.

Each node will have then three eigenvalues (R components in figure 4) as they are coming from its correlation matrix that is a 3 x 3 matrix built as depicted in table 2 and expression 4. Up to here it has been described the testing process shown on the left of figure 5.

Then the detection process is carried out in two phases. The first phase is basically a first filter or information discriminator. When a window of m samples and n power system's nodes is taken, each node is analyzed separately as described above. From the data set corresponding to a particular node being monitored, its correlation matrix and their corresponding eigenvalues are obtained and used as the

input vector to the PNN previously trained. It is mentioned "the most probably component state" (see figure 5) because unfortunately not all the eigenvalues of the node states are so different (see figure 7) such that the PNN could classify them easily. But we have found instead that, when certain signature faults eigenvalues are very similar, there exist here a discrimination/classification phase, because it is necessary to look for the real state but only comparing just a couple of similar signatures instead of the whole bunch of node states. The output from the PNN automatically discriminates node states that are very different and gives the most likely real node state.

Once the possible node state is obtained, a second phase of the framework starts. In the second phase each sample of every node is taken and its magnitude is obtained, then a comparison against a constant magnitude of the probably signature faults are carried out.

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The constant magnitude of each type of fault has to be calculated in advance, such that for instance, a fault of three lines to ground (A-B-C GND) on a node gives a constant magnitude of zero. If there is an assumption that node 1 has present this type of fault on it, it is calculated the constant magnitude of this fault as shown in equation 7.

If the assumption is that node 1 has present the type of fault where two lines, for example A and B go to ground, the constant magnitude will be calculated as:

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This simple comparison serves as a second classifier that delivers the real node component state and can be used to locate the period of time or sample number where the fault occurred.

## 4 Case Study

This section shows the performance of the proposed framework in multiple fault scenarios simulated in the electrical network shown in figure 6.

In this power system, dynamic load changes were simulated, and also 24 different fault scenarios to determine the performance of the approach. We

include in the study symmetrical and asymmetrical faults at four random nodes (3,9,10 and 13). The simulations included multiple faults scenarios with different node's states such as: one line to ground (A GND), two lines to ground (A-B GND), three lines to ground (A-B-C GND), or faults between two lines (A-B or B-C) and the no fault mode (NO FAULT).

Each database for the 24 simulations contained 5000 samples, and every possible fault included 300 samples. The amount of eigenvalues used in the learning process of the probabilistic neural network were 12 examples per each node state. As we had 6 states including the no fault mode, we trained the neural network with a total amount of 72 eigenvalues, having in this way 12 of them per each state. At the same time we divided these 12 eigenvalues examples of each possible fault in 3 groups of 4 eigenvalues containing 75%, 50% and 25% of faulty data coming from windows of 100 samples. This means that the quantity of eigenvalues we needed to store for the learning process of the probabilistic neural networks were only 72 vectors, each of size 1 x 3.

The methodology proposed is applied as follows:

- 1.- Obtain windows of 100 samples from normal and faulty operation history process data (electrical voltage in each node's line).
- 2.- Obtain the correlation matrix for each node, which gives a 3 x 3 matrix.
- 3.- Obtain the eigenvalues from the correlation matrix (this gives 3 eigenvalues), and with this 3 eigenvalues build an input vector to train a PNN.
- 4.- Take a test data set of 100 samples from the electrical power system being monitored.
- 5.- Obtain the correlation matrix for each node, which gives a 3 x 3 matrix.
- 6.- Obtain the eigenvalues from the correlation matrix (this gives 3 eigenvalues), and with this 3 eigenvalues build an input vector for the PNN.
- 7.- First Phase: Take the output of the PNN as one of the two probably states of the node monitored.
- 8.- Second Phase: Take each sample of each node monitored and obtain its magnitude, then compare it against the constant magnitude of the two probably signature faults and classify it using this simple criteria. Locate the time or sample number where the fault occurs.
- 9.- Give the diagnosis of each node being monitored. If a fault is present in a specific node give also the type and location of it, else print NO FAULT.



**Table 4.** Performance of detection per node's number with 25 samples ok and 75 samples with a fault present (case 1)

Node Number	Correct	False Alarms	Accuracy
3	20	4	83.33%
9	19	5	79.16%
10	22	2	91.66%
13	24	0	100%

**Table 5.** Performance of detection per node's component state for the different cases

Component State	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
A-B-C GND	100%	100%	100%
A-B GND	100%	100%	100%
A GND	100%	85.71%	92.85%
A-B	100%	83.33%	50%
B-C	100%	68.75%	68.75%
NO FAULT	54.16%	58.33%	79.16%

**Table 6.** Performance of detection per node number for the different cases

Node Number	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
3	83.33%	83.33%	83.33%
9	79.16%	75%	70.83%
10	91.66%	87.5%	62.5%
13	100%	95.83%	100%

The difference in performance, shown in tables 5 and 6 for the same fault scenarios, are explained by considering the high similarity of eigenvalues of correlation matrices, when there are more normal operation data than fault samples, in each data window.

In this framework, when more normal operation data appear in the sample window, more difficult is to classify the eigenvalues by the PNN, because they look very similar. This can be seen on figure 7, where a simulation for case 2 shows the eigenvalues obtained for four different power system's nodes and whose operation modes are different between themselves.

In this example, the following faults were simulated:

1. 3 A GND, that is a fault present in node 3 of type line A to ground.
2. 9 A-B GND, that is a fault present in node 9 of type line A and B to ground.

3. {10,13} NO FAULT, that is nodes 10 and 13 working properly.

In summary, the similarity of the eigenvalues obtained for different types of node's states, gives rise to ambiguous diagnosis, as is shown in table 7.

Several tests were carried out, when all data came from normal operation mode, and it has been found that the framework has detected 100% of them as NO FAULT node's component state.

**Table 7.** Similar eigenvalues found for the different operation modes for the power system being analyzed

Eigenvalues for Fault type	Are similar to	Eigenvalues for Fault type
A-B-C GND	≈	NO FAULT
A-B GND	≈	A GND
A-B	≈	B-C

Percentages shown in the tables are low because criteria used in the second phase of the framework, are related to the maximum magnitude value and a threshold that needs to be set as the upper limit, to make the difference between two very similar signatures for the same node.

#### 4.1 Comparison of the general performance against several classical methods.

In order to observe the relative general performance of our proposal, a comparison against four classical and similar Process History Based fault detection methods has been carried out. We have chosen diagnostic methods that are based on the use of PCA and/or Multidimension features extraction of signal based on machine learning, due to the large number of references in the literature of fault diagnosis that make use of them, when dealing with storing and handling big quantities of data.

Table 8 shows this comparison. The first column shows the capability to detect single faults, simultaneous and non-simultaneous multiple faults, as well as detection of measurement and process noise presence. The PCA method was apply as depicted in [Liang N., et al 2003], the Machine Learning technique was the one proposed by [Shi W., et al 2005] the fourth column method is the one developed by [Nieto J.P., et al 2007], the Probabilistic Logic was the method

proposed by [Garza, 2001] and the last column shows the capabilities of the present work.

We can notice that the method of PCA used without any other technique, offers a poor data analysis, thus as pointed out before, when a

combination of two or more techniques is done, a better performance should be expected. It is observed also that the rest of methodologies offer multiple fault detection.

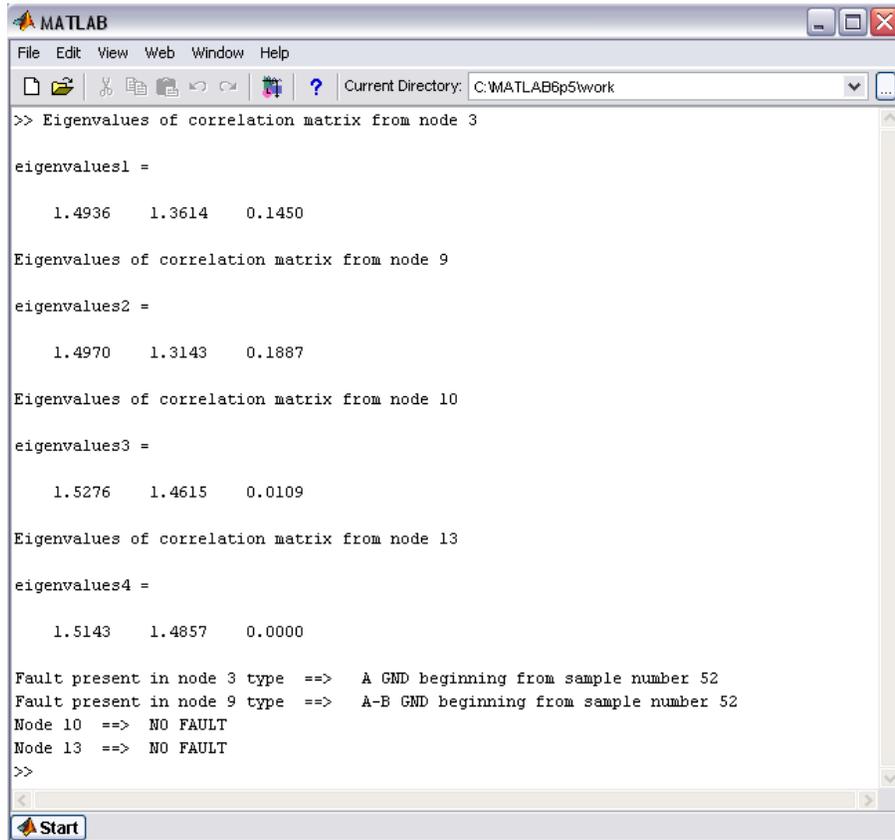


Fig. 7. Example of the results given by a matlab simulation

Table 8. Comparison of the general performance of our proposal against several classical methods

Detection Of	PCA Method	Machine Learning	PCA+Control Charts + Statistic Limits	Probabilistic Logic	PNN + Magnitud Comparison
Single Fault	√	√	√	√	√
Simultaneous Multiple Faults	NO	√	√	√	√
Non-Simultaneous Multiple Faults	NO	√	NO	NO	√
Measurement Noise	NO	NO	√	√	√
Process Noise	NO	NO	NO	NO	√

Nevertheless, the use of Machine Learning techniques needs to be implemented for each measured signal, which generates a big quantity of data to be analyzed. Meanwhile PCA + Control Charts + Statistic Limits and Probabilistic Logic methodologies avoid this data explosion, but they could not detect non-simultaneous multiple faults. Finally an advantage that is noted immediately is that our proposed methodology could detect all kinds of faults and also noise presence in the system.

## 4.2 Comparison against the diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic

In order to observe the performance of our framework, a challenging complex system was chosen in the domain of electrical power networks (see figure 6). The system is a highly interconnected process with many components and dynamic signal variations during normal operation. We decided to compare the performance of the proposed framework against the diagnostic system taken from [Garza, 2001], due to the availability of data and the similar general performance of the techniques shown in table 8.

This diagnostic system consists of a modeling step followed by a diagnosis step. In the modeling step it is used the Dynamic Independent Choice Logic (DACL) to represent the diagnosis problem with causal probabilistic models that represent both, the relationships between the elements of the system, and the dynamics of the process. The diagnosis task comprises two phases. In phase one, the diagnostic system generates all possible explanations from a set of discrete observations, consistent with the process model facts. The discrete observations are taken from the statuses of protection breakers installed between node's lines. The explanations contain the suspected faulted components. Phase one uses heuristics based on probabilities, to deal with the combinatorial explosion in the number of generated explanations, due to the large quantity of available information. In phase 2, the diagnostic framework models the dynamics of the problem by specifying Dynamic Probabilistic Models within DACL. The model structure is learned from data and the inference is performed with a maximum entropy classifier. These models represent the steady state behavior of a device or component. Faults are detected by analyzing a set of filtered residuals, computed from the difference between the dynamic model and the observed measurements. Phase 2 can be considered as a refining stage where non faulted components, given by the first phase, are discarded by analyzing continuous signals that give more insight in the behavior of the component.

Table 9 and 10 show the performance of this diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic.

Comparing the results of both frameworks, we noticed that they have a very similar performance, but when comparing case 1 of our framework against the

diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic, our method has a better performance.

Another important point is that our framework is relatively easier to implement and to update when power system scales up. In the probabilistic framework, new simulations are required to compute the fault detection thresholds and also a dynamic model needs to be learned for every added node.

**Table 9.** Performance of detection per node's component of the diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic

Component State	Correct	False Alarms	Accuracy
A-B-C GND	14	0	100%
A-B GND	10	0	100%
A GND	12	2	85.7%
A-B	15	3	83.3%
B-C	16	0	100%
NO FAULT	17	7	70.8%

**Table 10.** Performance of detection per node number of the diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic

Node Number	Correct	False Alarms	Accuracy
3	19	5	79.1%
9	21	3	87.5%
10	21	3	87.5%
13	23	1	95.8%

Table 11 shows a comparison of the performance obtained per node's component with the framework presented in this paper against that of the diagnostic system based on probabilistic logic. We can see that both frameworks in general have a very similar performance, but when comparing case 1 of our proposal against the probabilistic logic diagnostic system, it is clearly noticed that the former reach a better behavior. Table 12 is a comparison of the performance obtained per node number between the two frameworks.

**Table 11.** Comparison of the accuracy of detection per node's component state of the 3 cases considered in the framework proposed against the probabilistic logic system

Component State	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Probabilistic Logic
A-B-C GND	100%	100%	100%	100%
A-B GND	100%	100%	100%	100%
A GND	100%	85.71%	92.85%	85.7%
A-B	100%	83.33%	50%	83.3%
B-C	100%	68.75%	68.75%	100%
NO FAULT	54.16%	58.33%	79.16%	70.8%

**Table 12.** Comparison of the accuracy of detection per node number for the two frameworks

Node Number	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Probabilistic Logic
3	83.33%	83.33%	83.33%	79.1%
9	79.16%	75%	70.83%	87.5%
10	91.66%	87.5%	62.5%	87.5%
13	100%	95.83%	100%	95.8%

## 5 Conclusion

This paper has presented a fault detection framework for electrical power systems with dynamic load changes. This approach uses a PNN and is based on history process data as a first classifier to obtain the most probably operation mode of the nodes being analyzed. An advantage we have over model based methods, is that this framework needs only historical data of normal system operation as well as faulty data sets, to train the PNN, which in practice is relatively easy to obtain for computer controlled systems. We use a PNN because it is an ideal choice to work on classification problems. Its most important advantage is that it needs only a little time for its training.

Thus, the only thing that is needed for the framework presented in this paper is a big quantity of normal and different faults data sets.

When a test sample arrives, it is necessary to obtain windows of data of  $m$  size. Then, in the first phase, the eigenvalues of the correlation matrix obtained from the samples windows are taken and used them as inputs for a PNN to classify the node's component state. It has been shown how this classification could be improved and carried out when eigenvalues are very similar, with the implementation of a second phase. In this phase, a simple comparison of each sample magnitude to the constant value of a certain signature fault is made, to detect the type of fault, and at the same time the location of the fault.

It can be concluded that, when more fault than normal data appear in the sample window, our proposed framework has a better performance because eigenvalues are easily classified by the PNN as they have very different values.

The most important advantage of this proposal is that as it diagnoses the status of each node, it could detect simple and multiples faults, simultaneous and non-simultaneous faults and a combination of different faults as well as their corresponding location for each node separately.

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