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Centralizing Wind Farm Monitoring amidst Development Challenges in India

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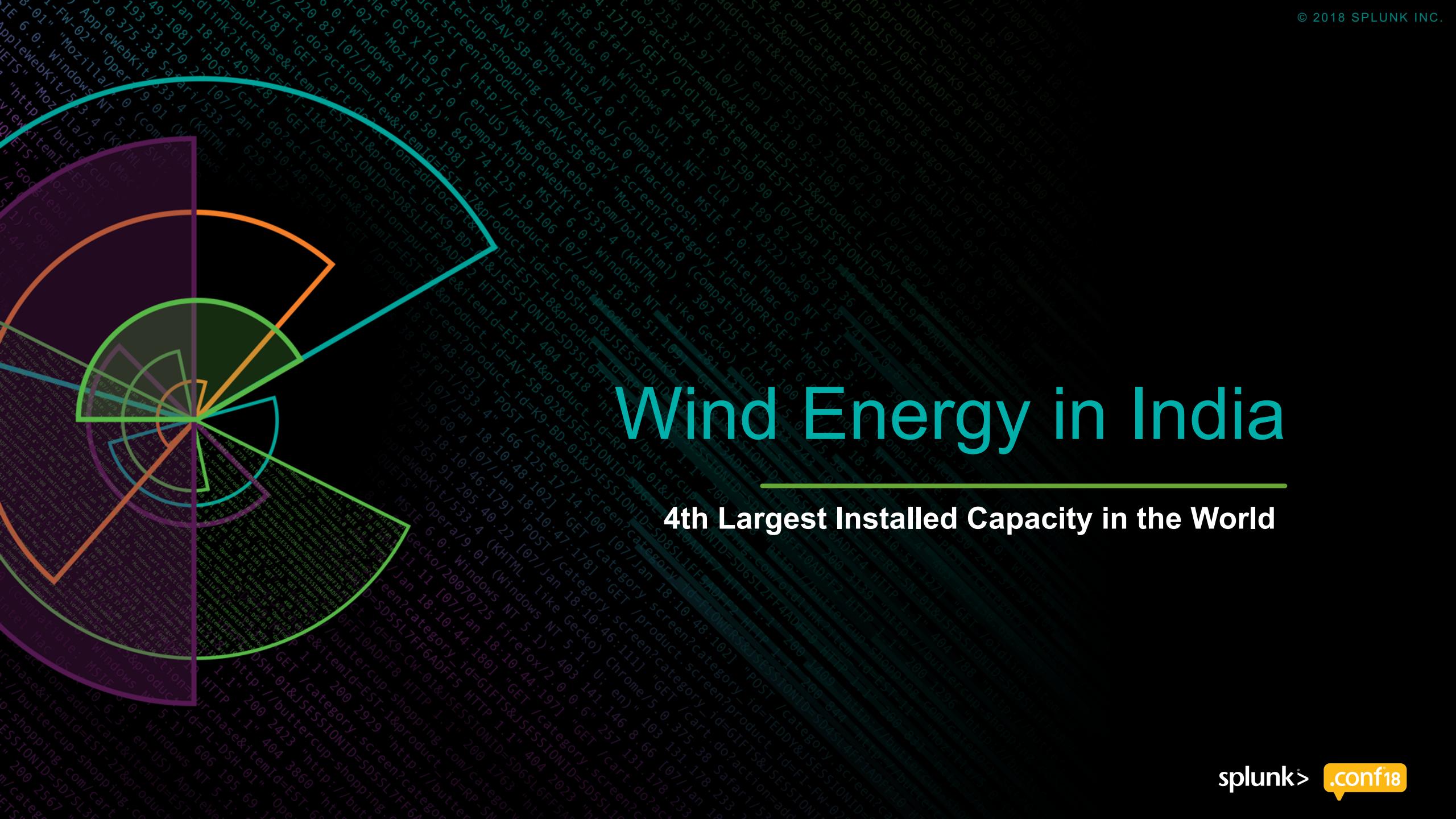
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Wind Energy in India

4th Largest Installed Capacity in the World



Wind Power in India

The Stats



1.3

Bn

Total Population of India



240

Mn

Living Without Electricity
FY 2017



5.4

GW

Record High Wind Capacity Addition
FY 2017



₹3.6

per kWh

Record low levelized tariff



26

GW

Additional Capacity Required by 2022

The Need for Transformation

A Wind Turbine Company bags > 35% of the annual capacity addition: 2000+ MW in 1 year.

Priorities

Problem Set

- ▶ Local monitoring, manual service requests.
- ▶ Alarms generated only post-failure
- ▶ Response time to remote areas > 1 day
- ▶ Multiple part repairs / replacements



Requirements

- ▶ Centralize Wind Farm Monitoring
- ▶ Customize rules for alarms based on sensor parameters
- ▶ Predict failure before turbine downtime



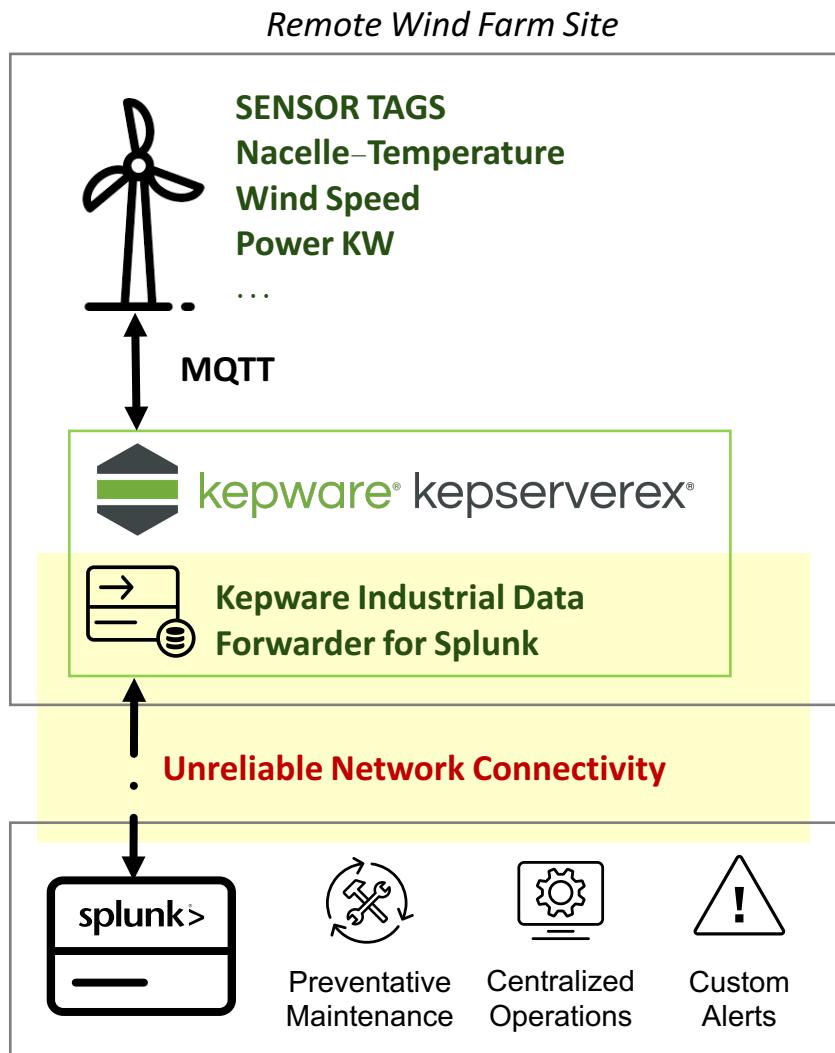
Solution

Best Practice #1 – What's “best” for your customer?



A Standard Splunk Solution

And its Challenges



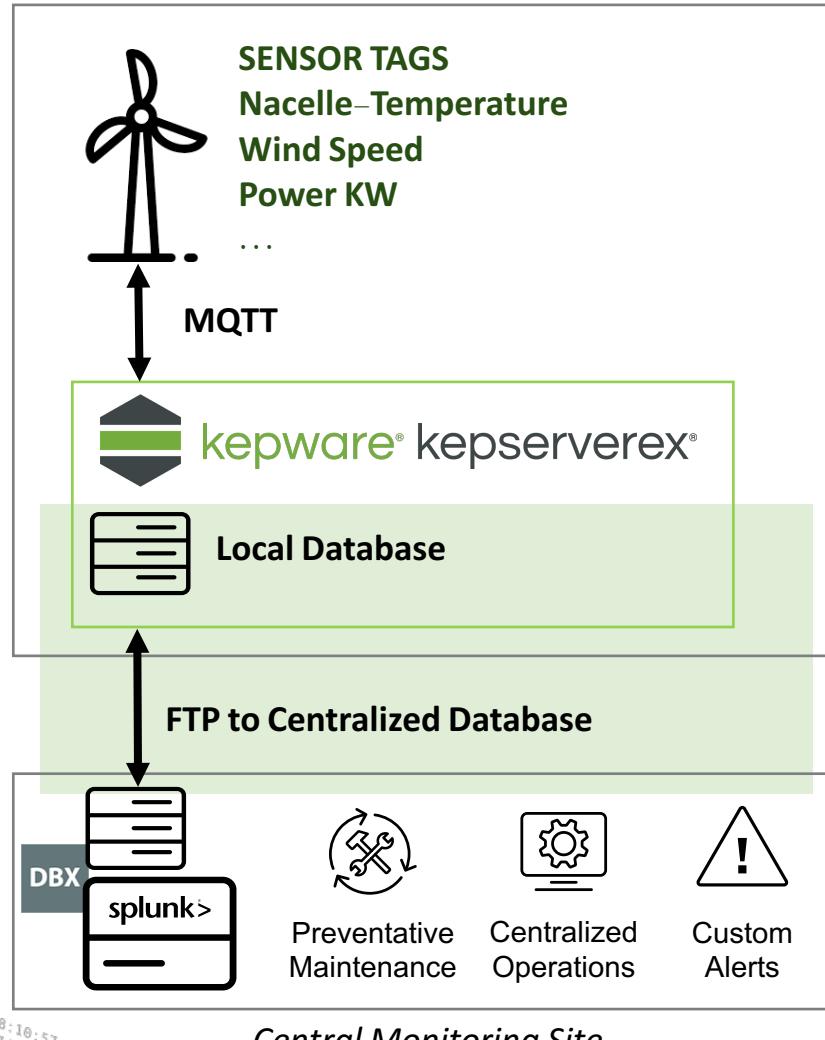
Recommended solutions did not account for the limitations of India's on-ground realities

- ▶ **Connectivity** to farm sites may be down for days
- ▶ **Accessibility** issues of remote villages for skilled IT professionals
- ▶ **Onsite Tech** had dated DB systems. Upgrading required extensive effort.

Implemented Splunk Solution

The India operations team took the initiative to find a creative and viable solution

Remote Wind Farm Site

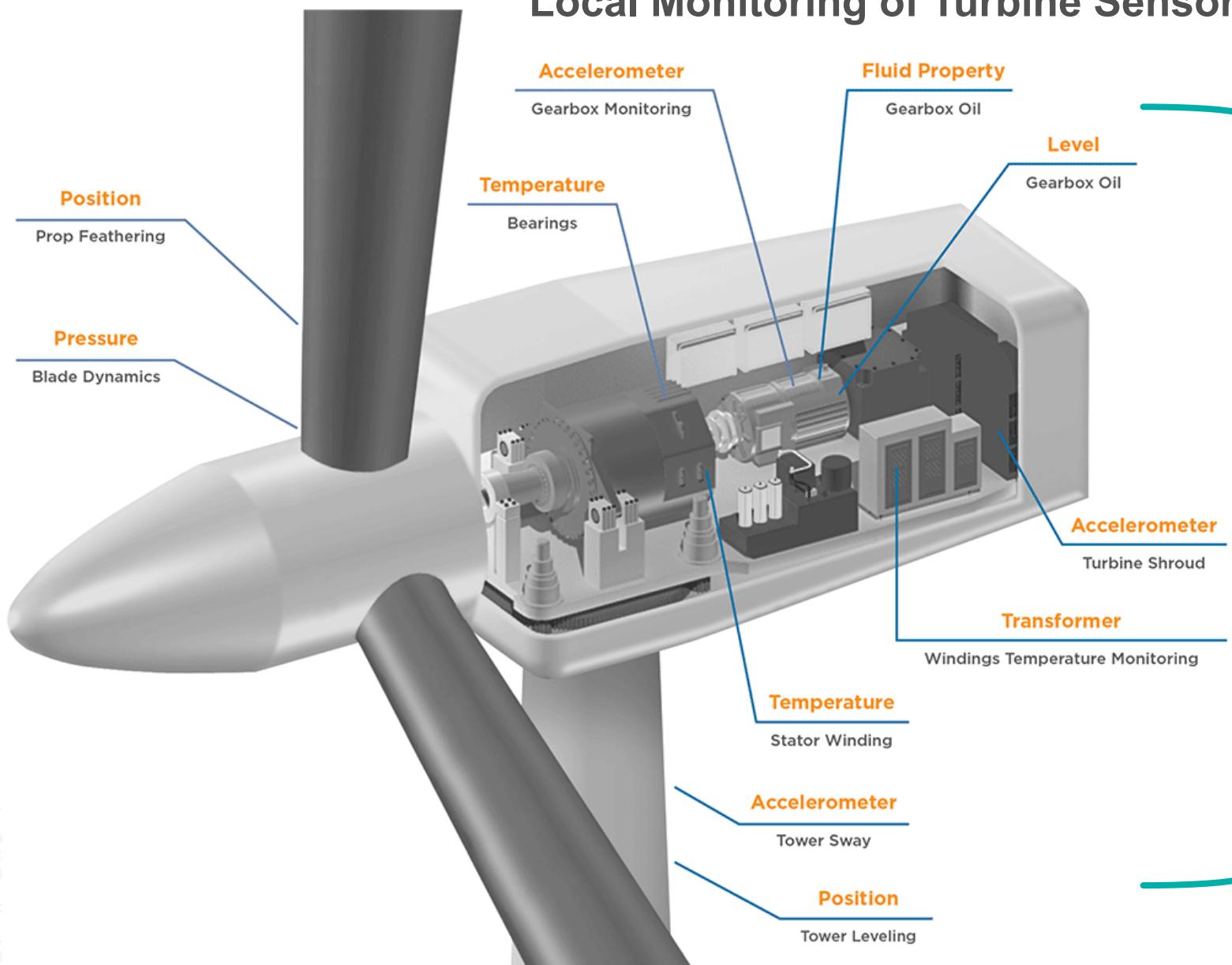


Priorities for the Customer

- ▶ **Local Team** familiar with the limitations of the development landscape.
 - ▶ **Minimal / no disruption** to the existing onsite architecture at wind farms.
 - ▶ **Splunk skills** not needed at wind farm sites. Only at central site.
 - ▶ **POC in Production Architecture** for 1 live wind farm - 20 Turbines x 18 tags x10 min intervals, using DB Connect.

Data Collection

Local Monitoring of Turbine Sensors via SCADA



- ▶ Each Turbine Sends
 - ▶ 80 Parameter Tags
 - ▶ 3 Status Tags

(x 10 min intervals)

SCADA – WIND TURBINE CONTROL SYSTEM

Wind Farm Monitoring

Main Dashboard for Centralized Operations Centre



- ▶ List of Wind Farms that have turbine problems
- ▶ Drill Down to Turbines with problematic parameters
- ▶ Histogram of deviation per parameter from its 7day Farm-avg.

Wind Farm Monitoring

Alerting & Prediction

TurbineID	WindTemperature	CoolantTemperature	GearBoxBearingTemperature	GearOilTemperature	GeneratorDEbearingTemperature	GeneratorNDEbearingTemperature
1	24.01	41.93	60.88	59.68	49.99	53.86
2	3.57	4.40	7.75	4.95	7.21	8.66
3	34.70	55.10	84.1	74.5	71.6	79.8
4	27.58	46.33	68.63	64.63	57.20	62.52
5	31.15	50.73	76.4	69.58	64.4	71.2

TurbineID	WindTemperature	CoolantTemperature	GearBoxBearingTemperature	GearOilTemperature	GeneratorDEbearingTemperature	GeneratorNDEbearingTemperature
1	40.74	40.76	61.69	60.14	47.62	48.10
2	41.11	42.37	63.10	60.96	53.39	63.20
3	42.33	42.31	62.31	60.62	52.54	56.07
4	41.11	28.72	40.91	45.81	37.81	37.51
5	41.92	41.99	64.45	60.99	52.26	55.13
6	42.91	42.92	62.40	60.04	46.81	57.49
7	43.10	43.18	62.43	60.57	50.06	53.95
8	42.36	42.35	62.18	60.42	48.78	54.18
9	41.77	41.79	59.42	61.58	45.80	47.92
10	42.78	42.78	61.56	59.66	60.96	61.24
11	43.29	43.29	62.77	60.51	57.72	62.15
12	43.08	43.08	63.88	63.17	50.78	53.24
13	46.05	46.05	62.93	60.73	50.32	60.16
14	43.40	43.40	63.31	60.82	51.08	53.24
15	43.90	43.90	59.80	59.20	43.90	44.40

- ▶ Alerts for 3rd deviation of any parameter or combination of parameters predict turbine failure before it occurs.
- ▶ Solution scaled to
 - 100 farms
 - 25-50 turbines per farm
 - 80 parameters per turbine

Impact

Pan – India Centralized Monitoring in 3 weeks

Path to Success

- ▶ First failure prediction in the POC demo itself.
- ▶ Savings from this incident justified entire Phase 1 cost.

Return on Investment even before the project started.



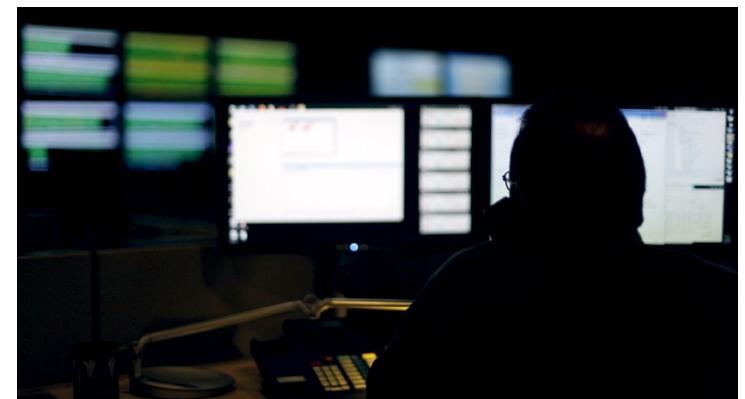
- ▶ Cyclone Vardah rips up the country's undersea cables in Dec 2016.
- ▶ Splunk restoration within hours of connectivity.

Viability proved in the aftermath of Cyclone Vardah.



- ▶ No upgrading of tech at local farm sites.
- ▶ Quick setup and easy maintenance at central site.

Time to market: 3 weeks



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1. 2 Year ROI achieved during POC.
2. Low Tech, Low Cost Architecture proved to be stable and viable.
3. Centralized Wind Farm Monitoring in 3 weeks.
4. Expansion for substation-wise power loss monitoring

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100% Electrification of inhabited villages

Target: March 2019

100% household electrification

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