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# Virtual load monitoring of offshore wind turbines





## (1) Uncertainty quantification

## **Aleatory uncertainty**

Inherent physical randomness



Standards and guidelines

### Measurement uncertainty of sensing devices



ST2 FBG strain sensors Embedded in composites Strain accuracy 1%



S11 FBG strain sensors Glued to various materials Strain accuracy 1%

Ref: https://www.fibergratings.com/

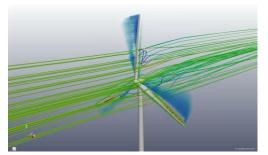
## **Model uncertainty**

Labels ⇔ Model predictions (e.g., MAE, RMSE)

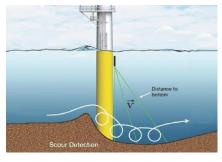
Conditions of strain gauges



Wind turbine dynamics changes over time...







Ref: https://www.offshorewind.biz/

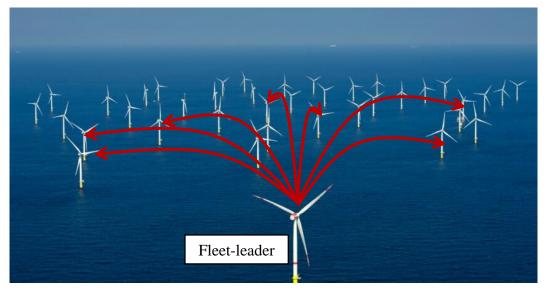
# Virtual load monitoring of offshore wind turbines





## (2) Farm-wide applicability

- Economic constraints to fully instrument all turbines
- Absence of strain measurements, only SCADA and accelerations are available
- Variations in water depth, soil properties, structural designs
- Extrapolation of model uncertainty?



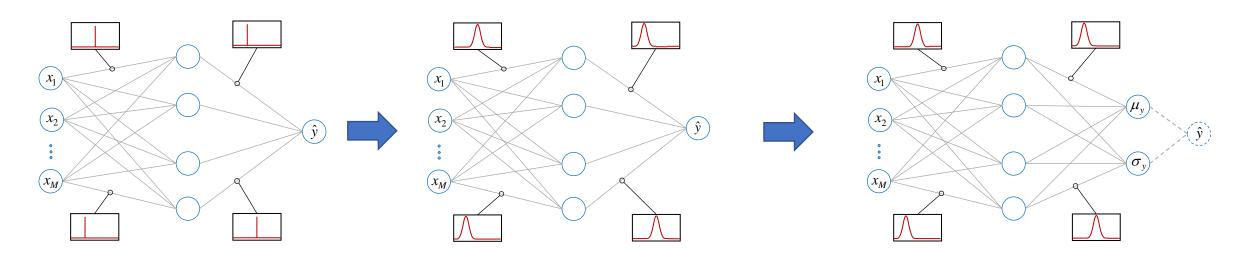
Ref: https://www.governing.com/now/wind-turbines-and-lawsuits-are-coming-to-the-jersey-shore

# Farm-wide virtual load monitoring framework through BNNs





## **Bayesian Neural Networks**



Standard deterministic neural networks

- Point weights and biases
- Point estimate output

Epistemic Bayesian neural networks

- Probability distribution weights and biases
- Point estimate output

Probabilistic Bayesian neural networks

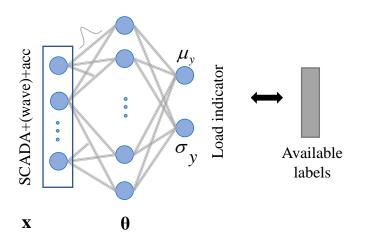
- Probability distribution weights and biases
- Probability distribution output

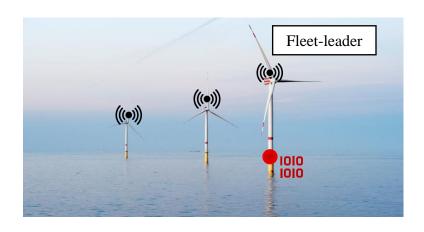
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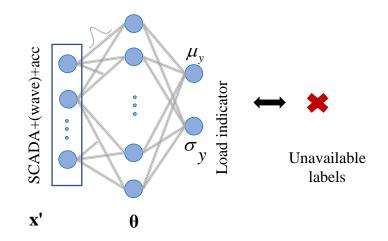


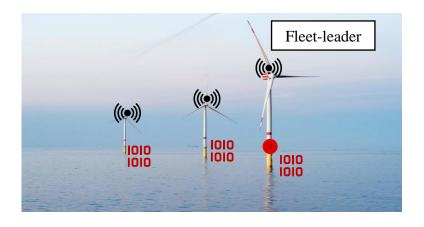
### 1. Training with fleet-leader data (input + labels)





## 2. Deployment on fleet-leader or other turbines (only inputs)

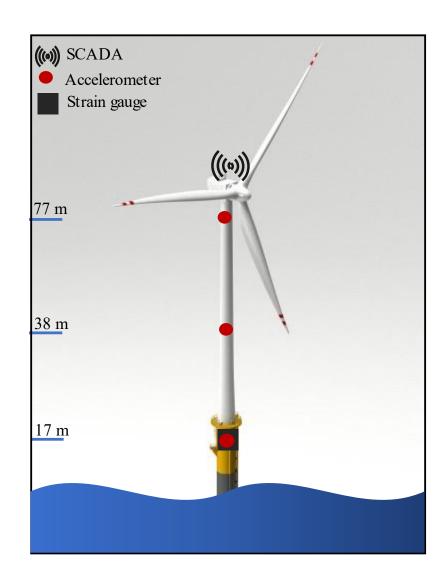


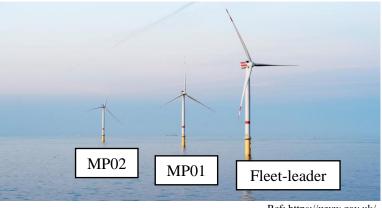


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Ref: https://www.gov.uk/

#### **SCADA**

Rotational speed (mean)

Yaw angle (mean)

Pitch angle (mean)

Power (mean)

Wind speed (mean)

Wind speed (std)

Wind direction (mean)

#### Wave buoy

Wave height

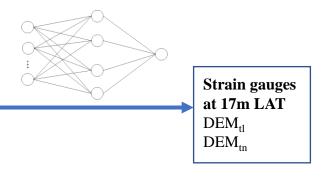
Average wave period

Wave direction

#### Accelerometers

FA acceleration (max, min, rms)

SS acceleration (max)

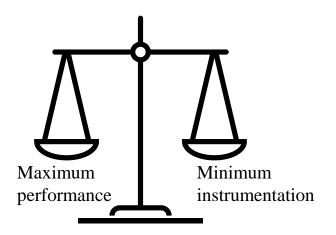




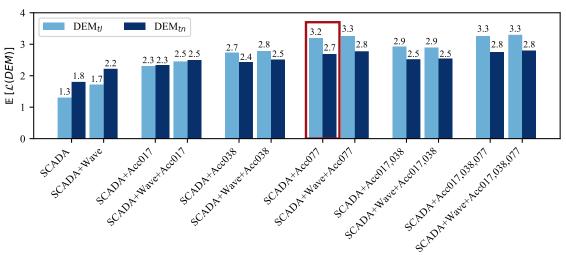


## **Selection of input monitoring signals**

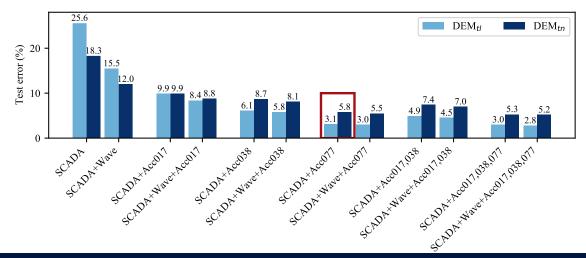
• Aimed for farm-wide application



#### Bayesian neural networks



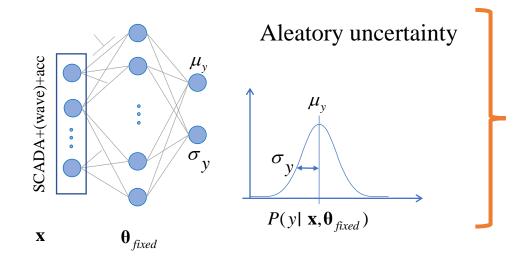
#### Deterministic neural networks



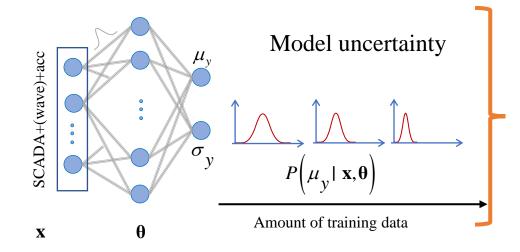




## **Uncertainty quantification of load predictions**



- Inherent physical randomness
- Measurement uncertainty of sensing devices



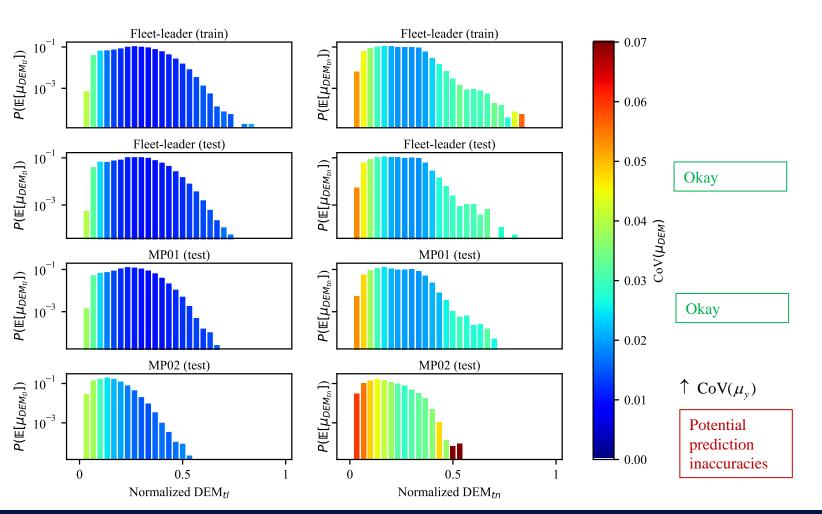
- Discrepancy between strain gauge measurements and model predictions
- Receiving unexplored data
- Not require labels

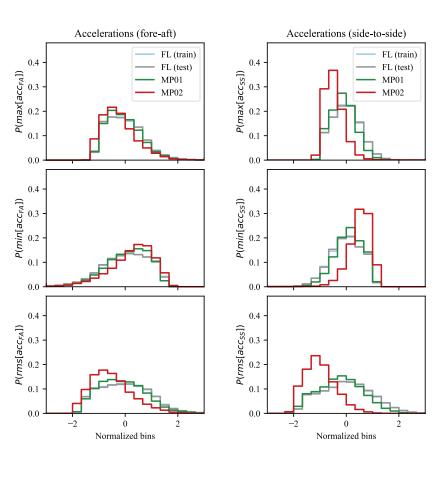




## Farm-wide deployment

Distribution of DEM (side-to-side and fore-aft) and model uncertainty







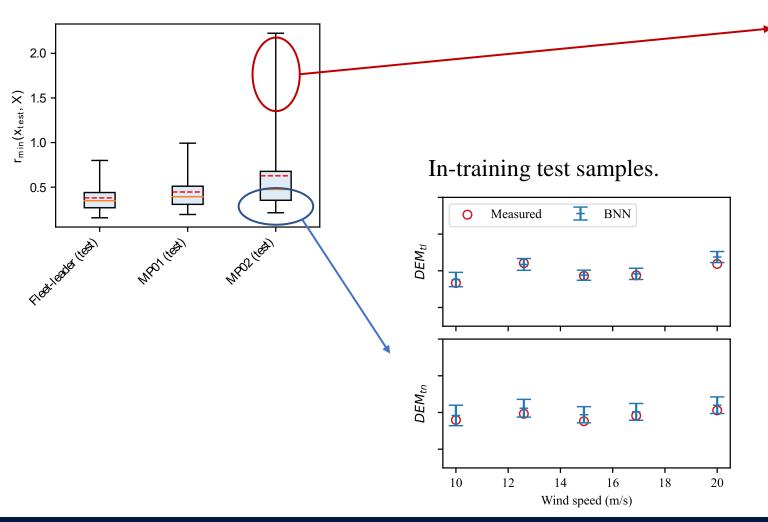
The BNN is receiving some unexplored data when deployed for MP02.

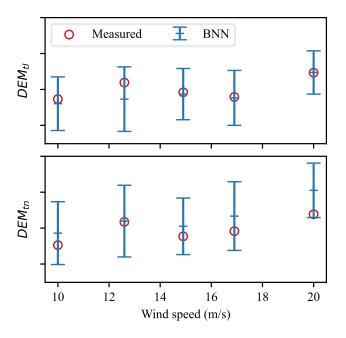




## Comparison with measured labels (A subset of MP02 test data)

Minimum Eucleadian distance to the nearest training point.





Out-of-training test samples.

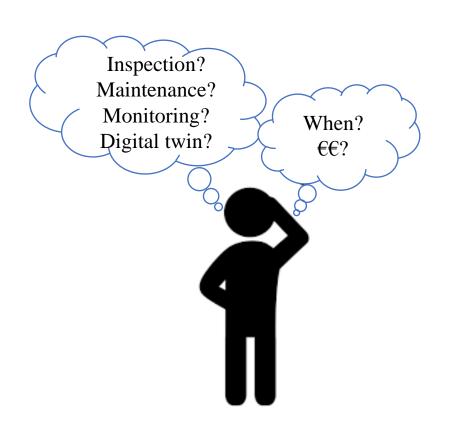
## **Future Work**

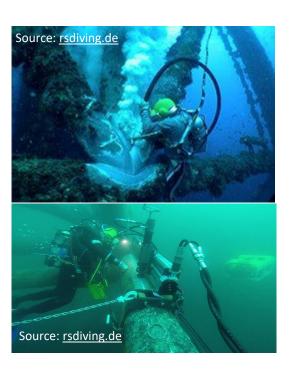




- To thoroughly compare DNNs and BNNs.
- To compare with kernel-based methods, e.g., Gaussian processes.
- To implement in decision-making for life-cycle management.

















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