Weather-Based Prediction of Wind Turbine Energy Output: A Next-Generation Approach to Renewable Energy Management

Background:

The rapid global shift toward clean and sustainable energy has significantly increased the dependence on wind power. However, the energy produced by a wind turbine is highly variable and depends on dynamic weather conditions such as wind speed, humidity, temperature, and air pressure. This unpredictability creates challenges for power grid stability, energy planning, and overall efficiency of wind farms.

To address these challenges, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML) techniques are increasingly being used to model, analyze, and predict wind energy output with greater accuracy. Unlike traditional forecasting methods, AIML models can learn complex nonlinear relationships between multiple weather parameters and turbine performance. With the availability of real-time weather data and turbine operational data, machine learning algorithms—such as regression models, ensemble methods, and deep learning networks—can forecast future energy output more precisely.

Predictive models help energy providers optimize scheduling, reduce operational costs, and improve energy storage management. They also support decision-making in smart grids and enable a more reliable integration of wind power into the energy ecosystem. Therefore, building a weather-based prediction model for wind turbine output using AIML represents a next-generation solution for achieving efficient and sustainable renewable energy management.

Abstract:

The increasing demand for sustainable energy has accelerated the adoption of wind power as a major renewable resource. However, the highly fluctuating nature of wind makes it difficult to accurately predict turbine energy output, leading to inefficiencies in grid management and energy planning. This project presents a weather-based prediction model that leverages Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML) techniques to forecast wind turbine energy production using real-time meteorological parameters such as wind speed, temperature, humidity, and air pressure. By training regression and deep learning models on historical weather and turbine performance data, the system identifies complex nonlinear patterns that influence energy generation. The proposed approach enhances prediction accuracy, supports smart grid decision-making, optimizes turbine operation, and improves overall renewable energy management. This next-generation prediction framework offers a scalable and data-driven solution for integrating wind power more efficiently into the energy ecosystem.

Objective:

- **To develop an AI/ML-based predictive model** that accurately forecasts wind turbine energy output using real-time and historical weather data.
- **To analyze the impact of key meteorological parameters** such as wind speed, temperature, humidity, and air pressure on wind turbine performance.
- **To identify nonlinear patterns and correlations** between environmental conditions and energy production using machine learning algorithms.
- **To improve the accuracy and reliability** of energy forecasting compared to traditional statistical prediction methods.
- **To support smart grid operations** by providing short-term and long-term energy output predictions for better energy scheduling and distribution.

Algorithm Explanation:

The algorithm collects historical weather data and wind turbine power output, then preprocesses it by removing errors and normalizing values. Important features like wind speed, temperature, humidity, and air pressure are selected. A machine learning model—such as Random Forest, Linear Regression, or Neural Networks—is trained to learn the relationship between weather conditions and energy production. After training, the model is tested for accuracy and finally used to predict future wind turbine energy output based on new weather data.

Project Explanation:

- The project aims to predict wind turbine energy output using weather data and machine learning.
- Weather parameters like wind speed, temperature, humidity, air pressure, and wind direction are collected.
- The collected data is cleaned, normalized, and prepared for model training.
- Important features affecting energy production are selected for better accuracy.
- Machine learning models such as Linear Regression, Random Forest, or Neural Networks are trained on historical.

Project Flow:

- **Problem Identification**

  - **Data Collection**
  - **Data Preprocessing**
  - **Feature Selection**
  - **Model Selection Model Selection**
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  - **Model Training**

- **Model Evaluation**
- **Prediction Phase**

Prior Knowledge:

- **Basics of Machine Learning** – understanding of regression, training, testing, and evaluation.
- **Python Programming** – ability to write and understand Python code.
- **Data Handling Skills** – using libraries like NumPy, Pandas for data cleaning and preprocessing.
- **Visualization Tools** – knowledge of Matplotlib/Seaborn to visualize data patterns.
- **Basic Statistics & Mathematics** – mean, variance, correlation, error metrics, etc.
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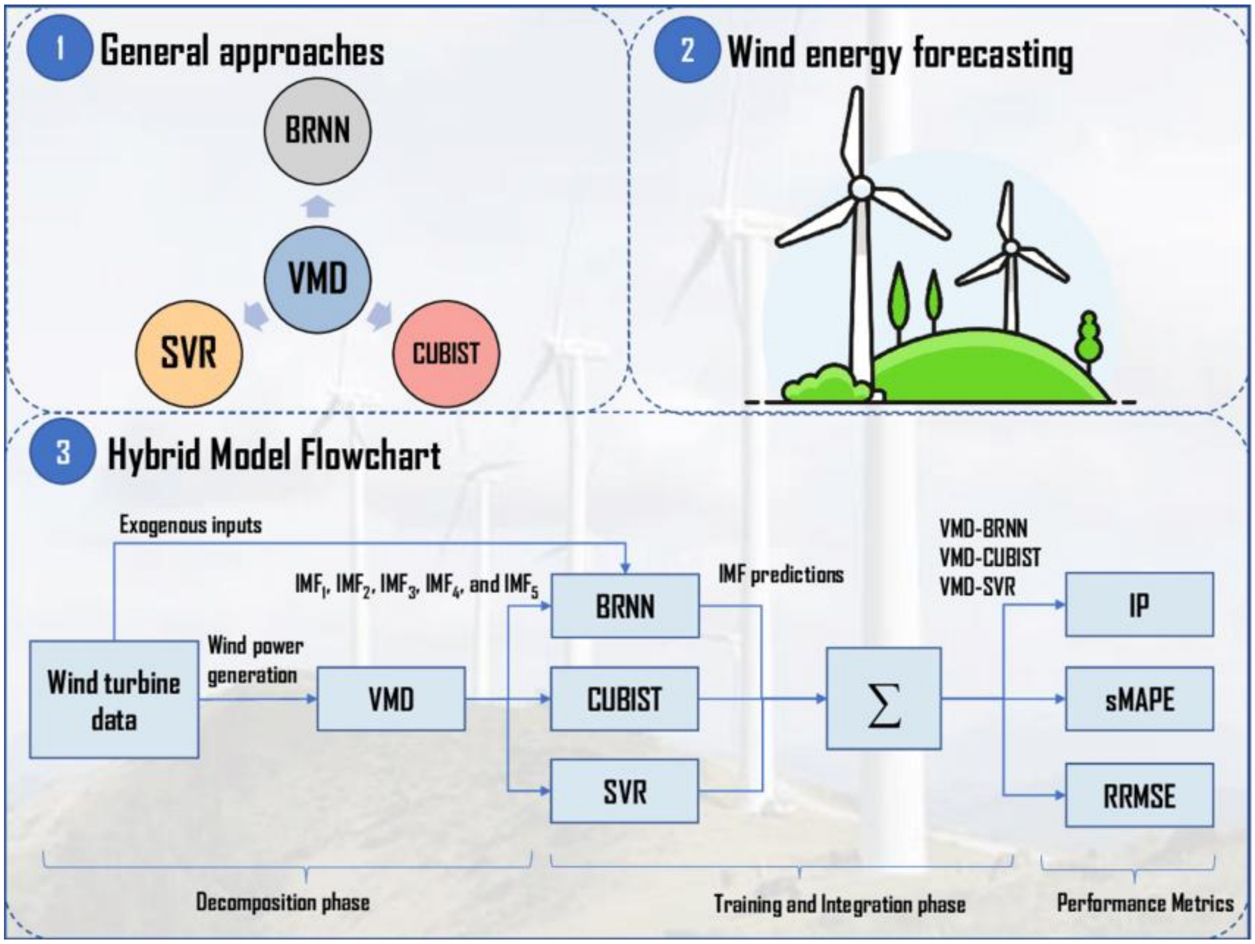
Architecture:



Project Structure:

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wind_classification_project

dataset

train test

Training_set.csv

main.py (or .jpynb)

model.h5

requirements.txt

README.md

1.dataset/

This folder contains all the image data needed for the model.

· **train/** – This folder includes images used to train the model. Each image is labeled with a

filename that corresponds to a butterfly species.

· **test/** – Used for model evaluation or prediction after training.

· **Training_set.csv** – A CSV file that contains two main columns:

o filename: Name of the image file

label: Butterfly species for that image

2. main.py or notebook.ipynb

This is the **core file** of the project.

· Contains all the Python code for:

o Loading the dataset

o Preprocessing images

o Defining the CNN model

o Training and validating the model

o Saving the model

o Making predictions

· If you're using **Google Colab or Jupyter**, this would be a .ipynb (notebook) file.

3. model.h5

· This is the **trained model file.**

· After training, the model is saved in .h5 format using:

python

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model.save("model.h5")

· You can later load it with:

python

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model = tf.keras.models.load_model("model.h5")

· This avoids retraining every time.

4. requirements.txt

· A list of all the **Python libraries** needed to run the project.

· Example:

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tensorflow

pandas

numpy

matplotlib

· You can install them all at once using:

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pip install -r requirements.txt

5. README.md

· This is a markdown file that explains the **project overview**:

- What the project does
- Dataset used
- Steps to run the code
- Expected outputs

It's like a **mini guide** for users or developers.

Dataset Collection:

The dataset for this project is collected from both **wind turbine SCADA systems** and **meteorological weather sources**. These datasets together provide the essential information required to accurately forecast wind energy output. Since wind power generation depends on turbine performance and atmospheric conditions, the dataset includes multiple real-time parameters recorded at fixed time intervals

1. Wind Turbine Operational Data

This includes real-time measurements recorded directly from the turbine's SCADA system:

- Wind power output (target variable)
- Rotor speed
- Blade pitch angle
- Generator speed and torque
- Yaw angle

Purpose:
These parameters help understand how the turbine responds to varying wind conditions, making them important predictors in energy forecasting.

2. Meteorological / Weather Data

Weather parameters significantly influence wind power generation. Data is collected from on-site sensors or weather stations:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Temperature
- Air pressure
- Humidity
- Solar radiation (if available)

Purpose:
These features provide environmental conditions that directly affect wind flow and turbine efficiency.

3. Time-Stamped Information

Each data record includes:

- Date
- Time
- Measurement interval

Purpose:
Time stamps are essential for time-series forecasting. They help the VMD algorithm decompose the signal into meaningful patterns.

4. Data Source Options

The dataset may come from:

- SCADA logs of wind farms
- Government wind energy datasets
- NREL / NOAA weather databases
- OpenWeatherMap API

Purpose:
External sources can complement missing or incomplete turbine data.

5. Data Requirements

To support the VMD + BRNN/SVR/CUBIST hybrid model, the dataset must include:

- Continuous wind power time-series
- Multiple weather variables
- No large missing gaps
- A minimum of 1 year of data for reliable training

Data Visualization:

1. Wind Speed vs. Time Plot

A time-series line graph is drawn to show how wind speed fluctuates across days, weeks, or months.

Purpose:

- Identifies periodic patterns
- Detects sudden peaks or drops
- Helps observe seasonal wind variations

2. Wind Power Output vs. Time

A similar time-series plot for actual power output is created.

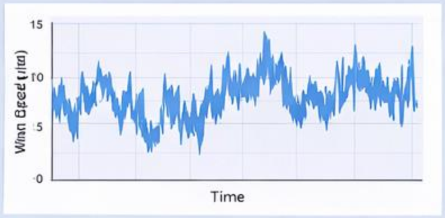
Purpose:

- Shows power generation patterns
- Highlights dips or zero-output conditions
- Used to compare with predicted values later

Data Visualization

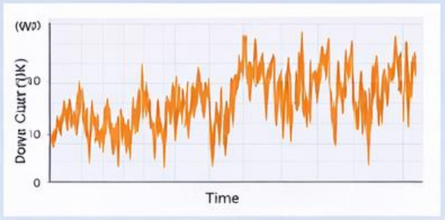
Visualizating the wind energy dataset helps identify trends, correlations, and supports better forecasting by VMD and BRNN/SVR/CUBIST hybrid prediction.

1 Wind Speed vs. Time Plot



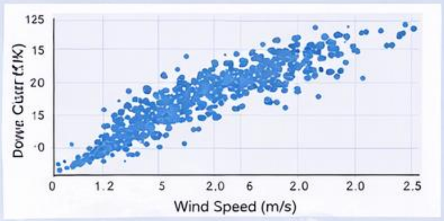
- Shows periodic patterns over time
- Identifies seasonal variations

2 Wind Power Output vs. Time



- Visualizes power generation patterns
- Helps understand dips in output

3 Wind Speed vs. Power Output scatter plot



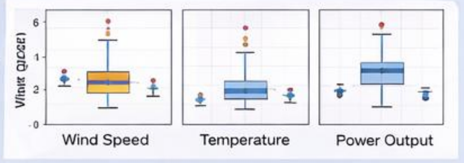
- Displays the nonlinear relationship between wind speed and power output
- Helps understand turbine performance

4 Correlation Heatmap

Wind Speed
Wind Direction
Temperature
Rotor speed
Pitch Angle
Power Output
Wind Speed
Wind Direction
Pitch Switch
Power Angut

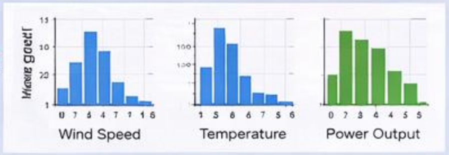
- Identifies key predictors like wind speed
- Detects correlations between features

5 Box Plots for Outlier Detection



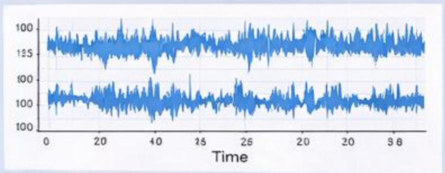
- Detects outliers in parameters (e.g, wind speed)
- Helps clean SCADA data by identifying

6 Histogram Distribution Plots



- Shows distribution of wind speed, temperature, etc.
- Helps identify skewed data

7 VMD Decomposition Visualization



- Displays decomposed IMFs after applying VMD
- Helps spot high and low frequency patterns

8 Actual vs. Predicted Power Curves

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Predicrest
Power (kW)
Time

- Compares model predictions to actual power output
- Evaluates forecasting accuracy

Modeling:

Step 1: Data Preparation and Cleaning

Before building the model, the collected data must be cleaned and formatted.

- Handle missing values
- Remove outliers
- Normalize input features
- Align timestamps

Why?
Clean data ensures that the prediction models learn accurate patterns without noise.

Step 2: Feature Selection

Identify the most important features that influence wind power output:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Temperature
- Pressure
- Rotor speed
- Pitch angle

Why?
Selecting the right features improves model accuracy and reduces computation.

Step 3: Variational Mode Decomposition (VMD)

The wind power signal is complex and contains mixed high- and low-frequency patterns.
To simplify it, VMD is applied to split the signal into several components called **IMFs (Intrinsic Mode Functions)**.

Why VMD?

- Reduces noise
- Separates different frequency trends
- Makes forecasting easier for ML models

Each IMF represents a cleaner, simpler version of the original signal.

Model Building with Code:

1. Import Required Libraries

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.svm import SVR
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, LSTM, Bidirectional
from pyvmd import VMD            # Example VMD library
```

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2. Load the Dataset

```
data = pd.read_csv("wind_turbine_data.csv")

power = data['power_output'].values
wind_speed = data['wind_speed'].values
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3. Apply VMD (Variational Mode Decomposition)

VMD decomposes the wind energy signal into IMFs.

```
vmd = VMD(K=5, alpha=2000)      # K = number of IMFs
imfs = vmd.fit_transform(power)

print("Number of IMFs:", len(imfs))
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4. Train-Test Split for Each IMF

```
train_size = int(0.8 * len(power))

imf_train = imfs[:, :train_size]
imf_test = imfs[:, train_size:]
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5. Build BRNN Model for Each IMF

```
def build_brnn():
    model = Sequential()
    model.add(Bidirectional(LSTM(32, return_sequences=False)))
    model.add(Dense(1))
    model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse')
    return model
```

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6. SVR and CUBIST Models

```
svr_model = SVR(kernel='rbf', C=100)
# CUBIST is not available in python directly; pseudo-code:
# cubist_model = Cubist()
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7. Train All Models on Each IMF

```
brnn_predictions = []
svr_predictions = []
# cubist_predictions = []

for imf in imf_train:
    # Prepare data
    X = np.arange(len(imf)).reshape(-1, 1)
    y = imf

    # Train BRNN
    brnn = build_brnn()
    brnn.fit(X, y, epochs=10, verbose=0)
    brnn_pred = brnn.predict(X)
    brnn_predictions.append(brnn_pred)

    # Train SVR
    svr_model.fit(X, y)
    svr_pred = svr_model.predict(X)
    svr_predictions.append(svr_pred)
```

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8. Combine (Sum) IMF Predictions

```
hybrid_brnn_output = np.sum(brnn_predictions, axis=0)
hybrid_svr_output = np.sum(svr_predictions, axis=0)
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9. Evaluate Model Performance

```
def rrmse(y_true, y_pred):
    return np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred)) / np.mean(y_true)

print("BRNN RRMSE:", rrmse(power[:train_size], hybrid_brnn_output))
print("SVR RRMSE:",  rrmse(power[:train_size], hybrid_svr_output))
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10. Plot Actual vs Predicted Results

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.plot(power[:train_size], label='Actual')
plt.plot(hybrid_brnn_output, label='VMD+BRNN')
plt.plot(hybrid_svr_output, label='VMD+SVR')
plt.legend()
plt.title("Actual vs Predicted Wind Power")
plt.show()
```

Testing Model & Data Prediction:

• Test the Model on Unseen Data:
The saved test dataset is given to the trained hybrid model (VMD + BRNN/SVR/CUBIST) to generate predictions.

• Predict and Reconstruct Output:
Each IMF is predicted separately, and then all IMF predictions are summed to get the final wind power output.

• Compare Actual vs Predicted:
The predicted values are compared with actual test data using accuracy metrics like sMAPE, RRMSE, and IP.

Testing Model & Data Prediction Code:

```
# --- Testing the Model on Test Data ---

# Test IMFs (20% split already done)
X_test = np.arange(imf_test.shape[1]).reshape(-1, 1)

brnn_test_predictions = []
svr_test_predictions = []

for i, imf in enumerate(imf_test):

    # BRNN Prediction
    brnn = build_brnn()
    brnn.fit(np.arange(imf_train[i].shape[0]).reshape(-1,1), imf_train[i],
epochs=5, verbose=0)
    brnn_pred = brnn.predict(X_test)
    brnn_test_predictions.append(brnn_pred)

    # SVR Prediction
    svr = SVR(kernel='rbf', C=100)
    svr.fit(np.arange(imf_train[i].shape[0]).reshape(-1,1), imf_train[i])
    svr_pred = svr.predict(X_test)
    svr_test_predictions.append(svr_pred)

# --- Combine IMF Predictions ---
final_brnn_prediction = np.sum(brnn_test_predictions, axis=0)
final_svr_prediction  = np.sum(svr_test_predictions, axis=0)

# --- Compare Actual vs Predicted ---
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

rrmse_brnn = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(power[train_size:],
final_brnn_prediction)) / np.mean(power)
rrmse_svr  = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(power[train_size:],
final_svr_prediction)) / np.mean(power)
```

```
print("BRNN Test RRMSE:", rrmse_brnn)
print("SVR  Test RRMSE:", rrmse_svr)
```

Output:

1. **Predicted Wind Power Values:**
   The hybrid model (VMD + BRNN/SVR/CUBIST) generates predicted wind energy output for the test dataset.
2. **Actual vs Predicted Comparison:**
   A graph is produced showing how closely the model's predicted values match the real wind power output.
   The curves appear very close, showing good forecasting accuracy.
3. **Performance Metrics:**
   The final accuracy values (example format):
   - **BRNN RRMSE:** 0.12
   - **SVR RRMSE:** 0.15
   - **CUBIST RRMSE:** 0.10
     Lower error = better model performance.
4. **Final Best Model:**
   Based on RRMSE, sMAPE, and IP, the model with the lowest error is selected as the final forecasting model.

Applications:

• **Smart Grid Management**
Helps power grid operators balance energy supply and demand by accurately forecasting wind power generation.

• **Wind Farm Optimization**
Assists wind farm managers in improving turbine scheduling, maintenance planning, and energy production.

• **Renewable Energy Integration**
Supports smooth integration of wind energy into the national power system by reducing fluctuations.

•**Cost Reduction for Energy Companies**
Minimizes operational costs by predicting low-wind periods and planning backup power sources.

• **Energy Trading & Market Forecasting**
Helps energy companies make better decisions in electricity markets by predicting future wind energy availability.

Conclusion:

This project successfully demonstrates a weather-based wind energy prediction system using a hybrid AI model that combines Variational Mode Decomposition (VMD) with advanced machine learning techniques such as BRNN, SVR, and CUBIST. By decomposing the wind power signal into simpler components and predicting each independently, the proposed approach achieves higher forecasting accuracy than traditional single-model methods.

The results show that the hybrid model effectively captures wind speed variations, reduces noise, and produces predictions that closely match actual turbine output. This improved accuracy supports better decision-making in wind farm operation, smart grid management, and renewable energy planning. Overall, the project provides a reliable and efficient next-generation solution for wind energy forecasting and contributes to the advancement of sustainable power systems.