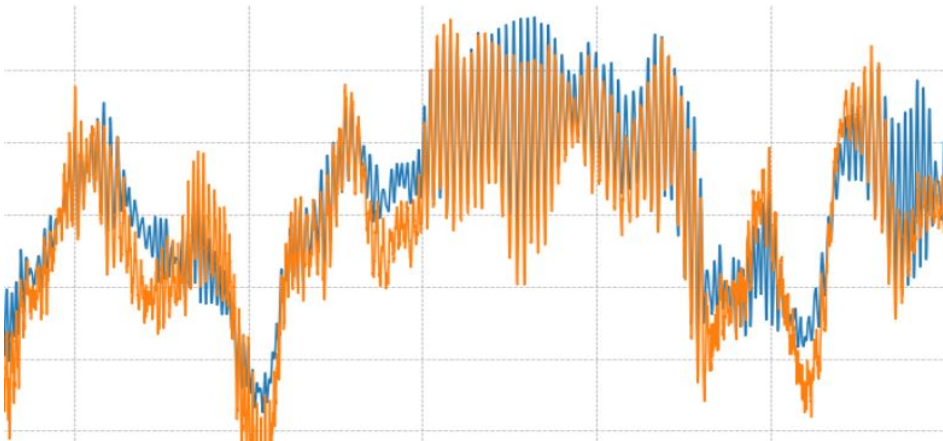


ANOMALY DETECTION

FOR OPTIMIZING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF WIND FARMS

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MODERN WIND ENERGY IN (VERY) SHORT

Massive dynamic structures:

the world's largest rotating machines,
designed for millions of cycles



How to assess the structural integrity?

Mass production:

Hornsea 2 offshore wind farm → 165
turbines ; 1.3 GW capacity¹



How to plan maintenance?

Great variety of operational conditions:

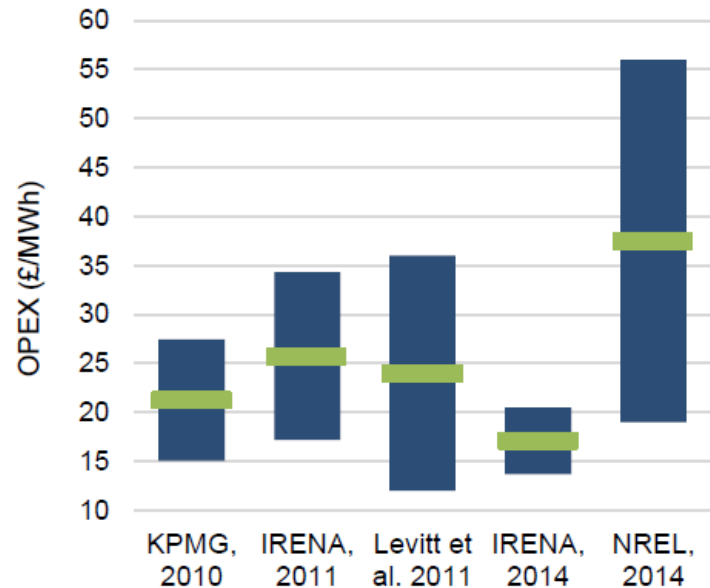
onshore, offshore and floating offshore
installations with stochastic loading



How to adapt to changing conditions?

MAINTENANCE COSTS ARE SIGNIFICANT IN OFFSHORE WIND

- Operation & maintenance costs typically account for 20% to 25% of the total cost of electricity



Range values of operations & maintenance expenditures (OPEX) in existing literature (2015£)¹

Example : offshore wind farm of 500 MW with capacity factor of 40% (e.g. St-Brieuc wind farm, France)

- Electricity revenues (fixed feed-in tariff hypothesis)
 - 155 €/MWh (St-Brieuc) : 270 M€/year²
- Operations & maintenance expenditures (OPEX) per year
 - lower bound : about 30 M€/year [10% of revenue]
 - upper bound : more than 100M€/year [37% of revenue !]

- To keep pace with the need for falling offshore wind electricity prices (new FiTs less than 50€/MWh³), we also need to reduce maintenance costs.

[1] Kolios et al. ROMEO EU project deliverable D8.1

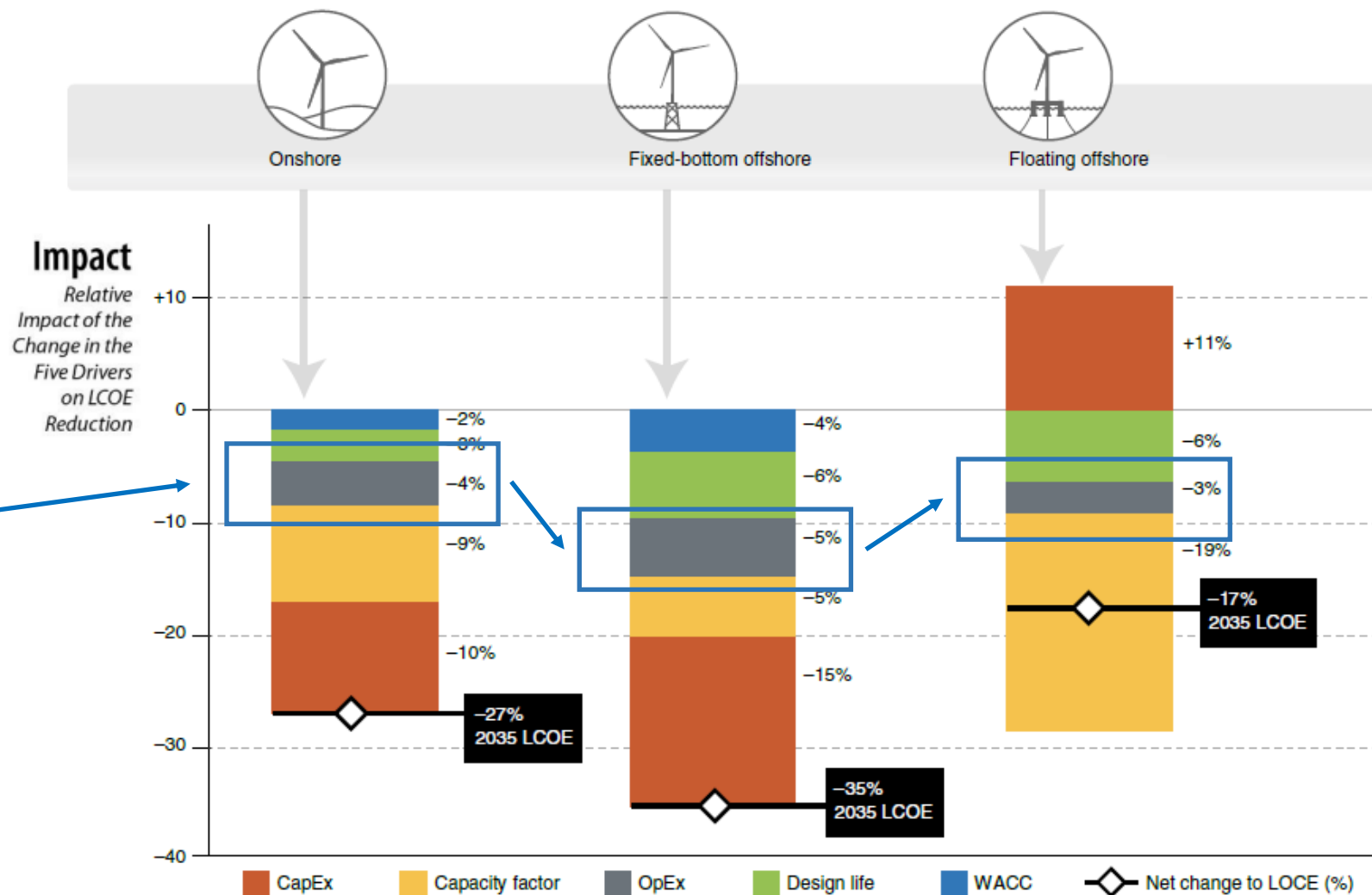
[2] Feed-in tariff for French AO1 tender (2011) <https://www.eoliennesenmer.fr/facades-maritimes-en-france/facade-manche-mer-du-nord/projet-centre-manche/centre-manche-1>

[3] Feed-in tariff for French AO4 tender (2021) <https://www.eoliennesenmer.fr/facades-maritimes-en-france/facade-nord-atlantique-manche-ouest/saint-brieuc> | © 2024 IFPEN

O&M IS CONTRIBUTOR TO WIND ENERGY COST DECREASE

Breakdown of contributions to wind electricity cost reduction in 2035¹ →

- Significant room for improvement forecasted by experts
- OpEx (operation & maintenance expenditures) counts by about 15-20% of the cost reduction effort



WHAT MAINTENANCE IS SUPPOSED TO PREVENT



2024 Vineyard wind farm
blade failure



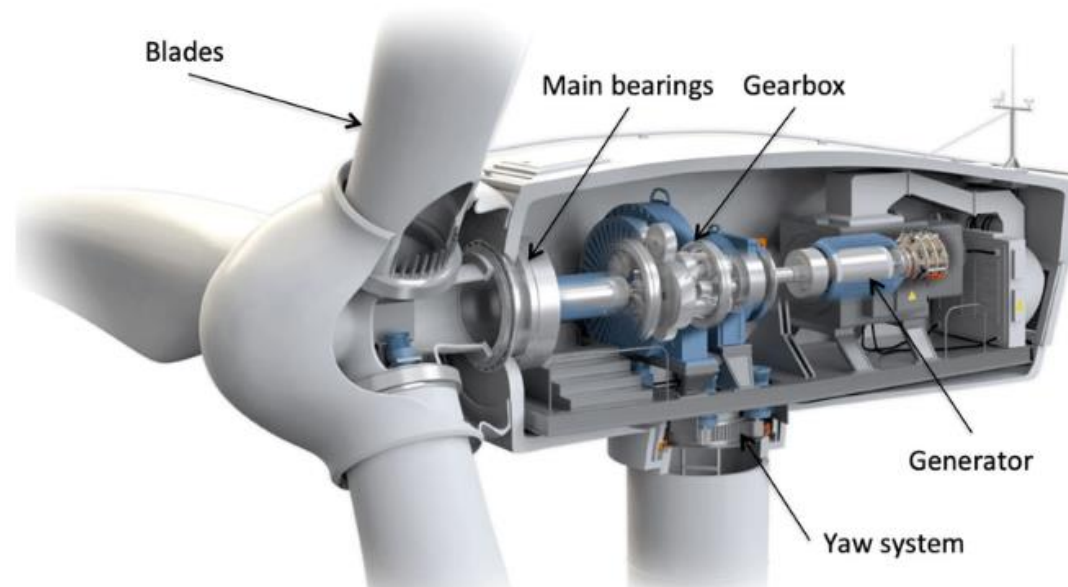
Abrasive wear of bearings¹



Gearbox gear failure²



Generator windings failure³



Oil leaks⁴

[1] Liu & Zhang, Measurement 149 (2020)

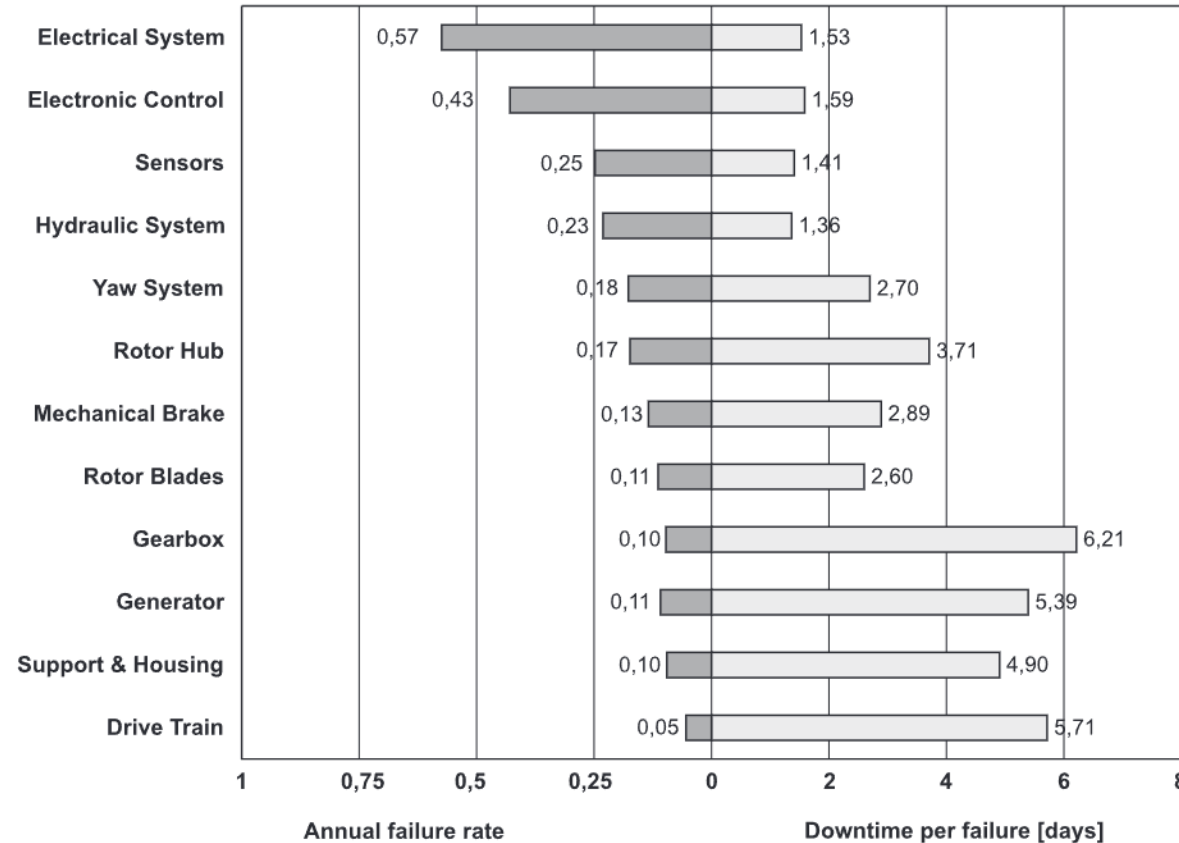
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[3] Alewine & Chen, IEEE (2011)

[4] <https://www.laiier.io/use-cases/wind-turbine-oil-leaks>

MAINTENANCE CRITICALITY PER COMPONENT

Reliability characteristics for different wind turbine subassemblies, from a dataset of 64k maintenance reports covering 15k operational turbine-years¹



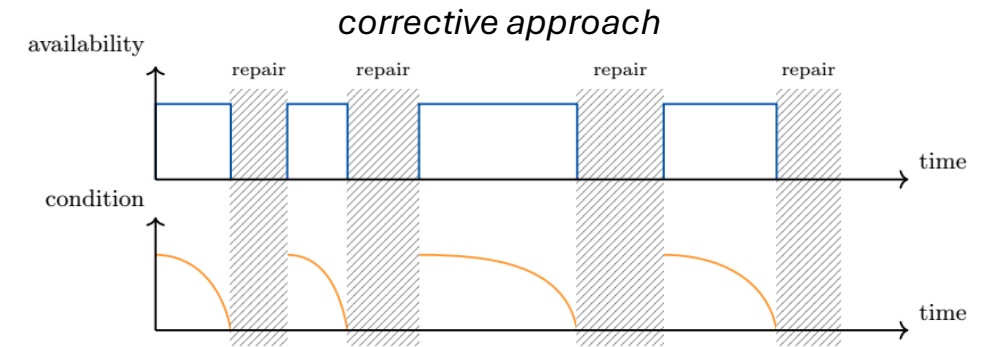
Major faults (>1 downtime days) represent 25% of all failures but account for 95% of the downtime:
→ interest for predicting the failures *before* they become major

Predictive maintenance: why? how?

THREE TYPES OF MAINTENANCE

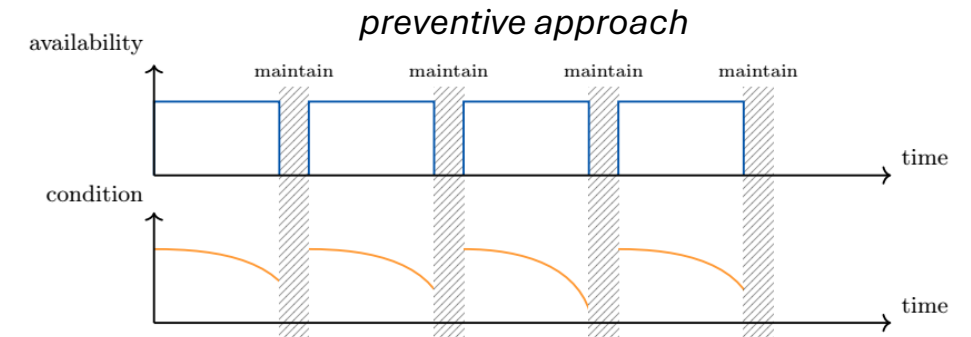
- **Corrective maintenance : when something fails, we repair it**

- **pros** : cheap when there are no failures
- **cons** : risk of severe failures, unanticipated repairs



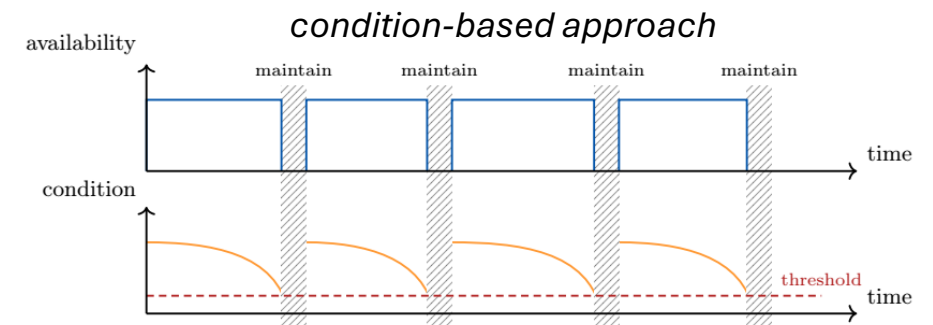
- **Preventive maintenance : we plan regular inspections**

- **pros** : should make it possible to avoid severe defects
- **cons** : can lead to over-maintenance of the assets



- **Condition-based maintenance : we plan maintenance based on health indicators**

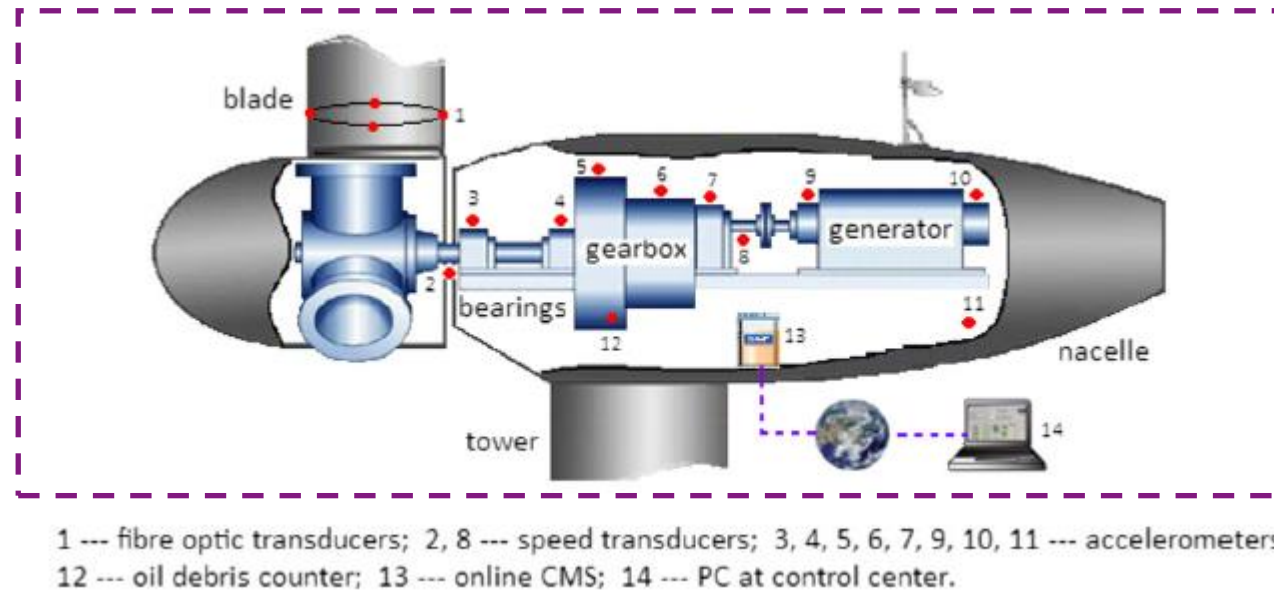
- **pros** : optimum maintenance planning
- **cons** : indicators threshold are difficult to establish & requires a condition monitoring system



If we monitor enough data & have a failure database, we may design data-based condition-based maintenance

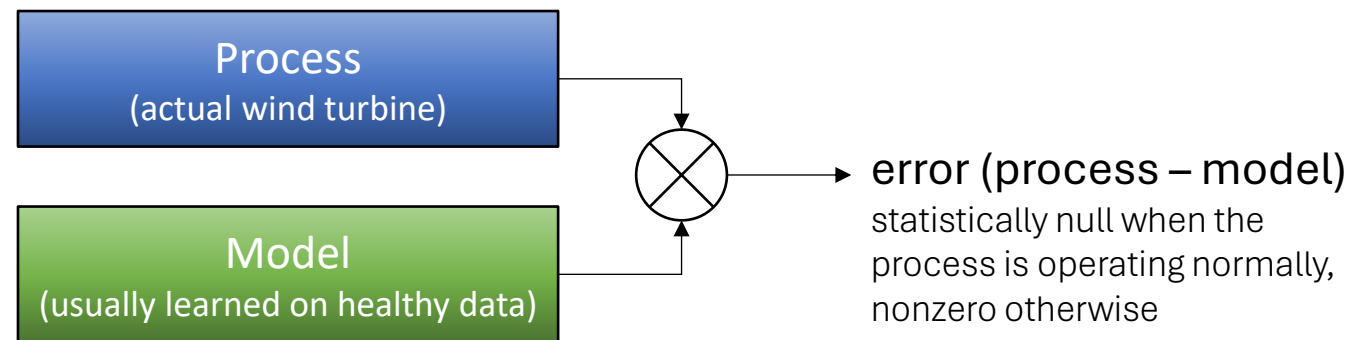
Condition monitoring system : set of sensors used to monitor industrial assets in real-time, then centralize and make data available for further analysis¹ by means of a Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (**SCADA**) system.

- We will focus on components in the wind turbine nacelle, where energy conversion takes place



- Typical sensors: wind anemometer, temperature sensors, hydraulic pressure gauges, electrical currents and intensities measures, etc. → typically about $O(100)$ data channels in modern wind turbines, per 10-min time intervals.

- Main challenge → how to interpret trends given the variability in the operational conditions?
- Many possible approaches¹
 - **trending** : try to identify anomalies in relative parameter changes
 - **clustering** : regroup data in *healthy* vs. *damaged* group based on some distance measure
 - **normal behaviour modelling** : compare actual measurements with a model of the normal behaviour
- Focus on NBM:



Project objectives & deliverables

● Project team:

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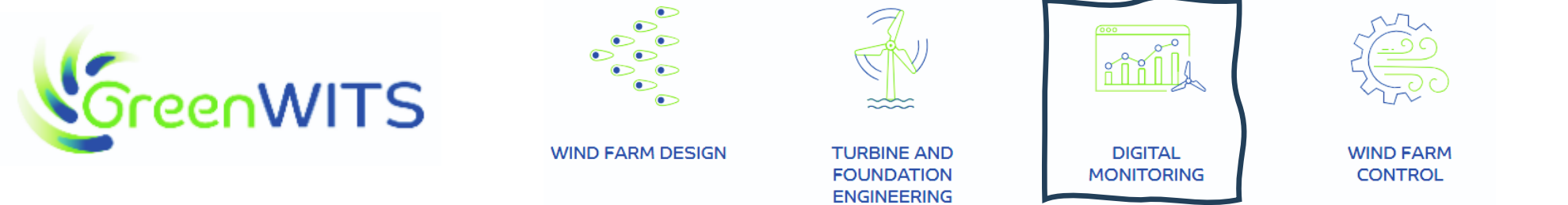
- **Project objective** : based on an open-source dataset, train and test machine learning model(s) for anomaly detection
- **Inputs** : wind turbine SCADA datasets (see next slides) & companion papers¹³
- **Deliverables** :
 - Working computer codes implementing the data cleaning & summary, training and test metrics for the classifier(s)
 - preferred output : Python notebooks
 - code architecture advice : methods wrapped in a module + scripts in the notebook(s)
 - Short summary report summarizing the chosen approach, reasons for technical choices, main outcomes of the study
 - can be integrated in the notebooks or sent as a separate PDF
 - the choice of the classifier is to be determined based on your literature survey (start e.g. by reading the related papers)¹²³

[1] Gück et al. arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.10320, 2024 - arxiv.org

[2] Roelofs et al. Energy & AI 2021

[3] Marti-Puig et al. Nature Scientific Data 2024

- Creation of the subsidiary company GreenWits¹ by IFPEN in 2023
 - commercial relay for the deployment of IFPEN's R&D solutions in wind energy,
 - organized in four offers :



- Outcomes of the projet will be shared with the digital monitoring group of GreenWits

Project dataset overview

“CARE TO COMPARE” DATASET

A real-world dataset for anomaly detection in wind turbine data¹

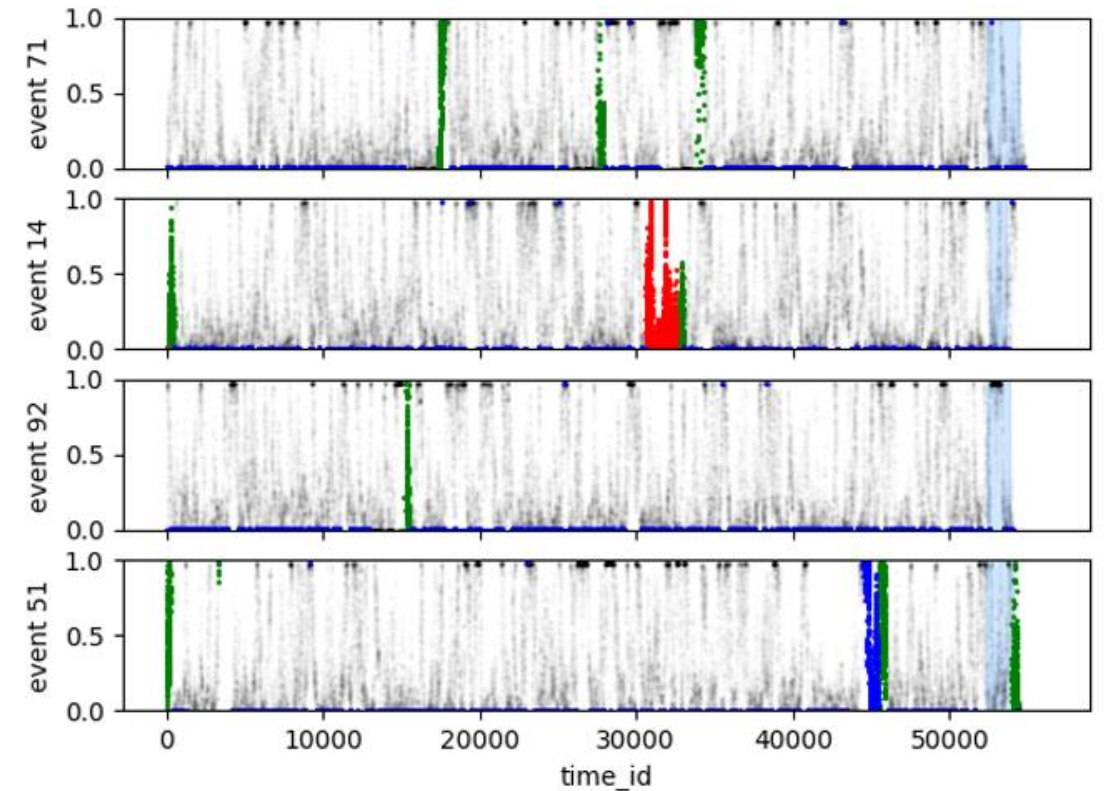
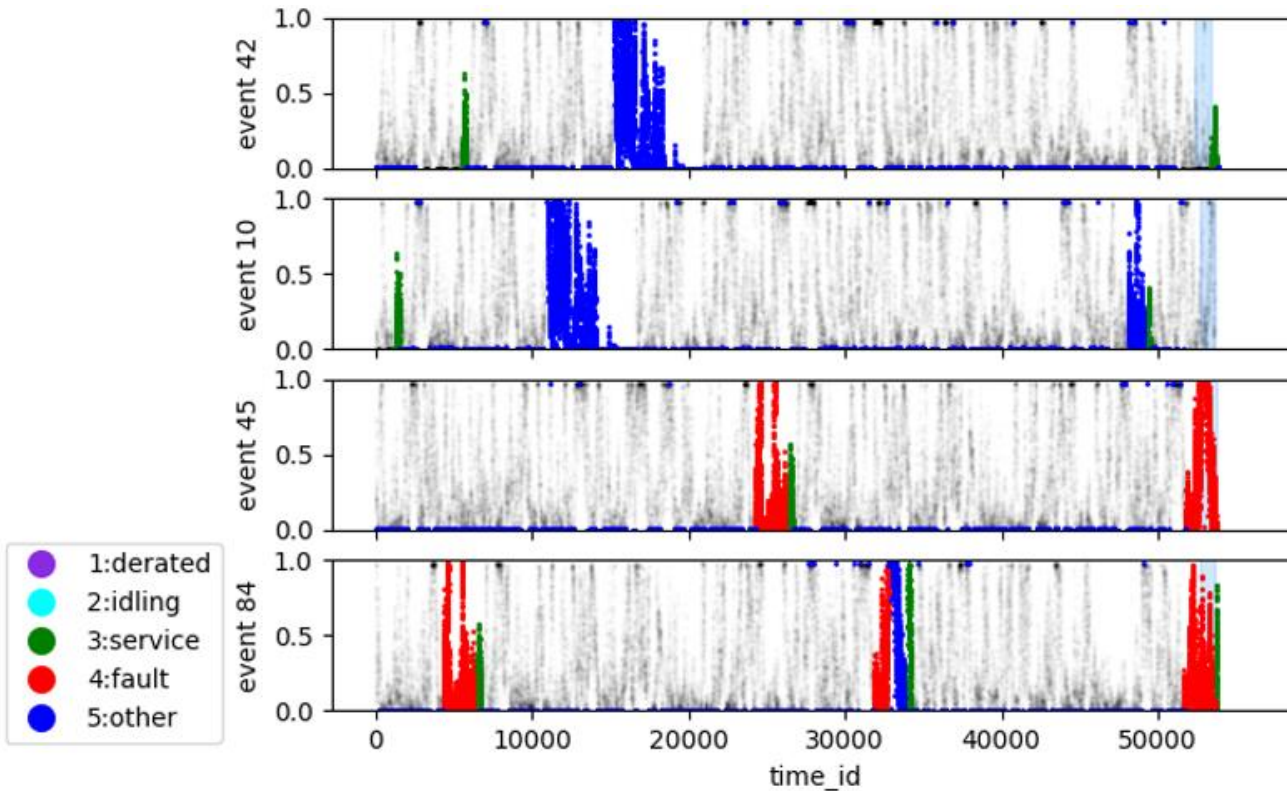
Project input : an open-source wind turbine SCADA datasets with labeled anomalies

<https://zenodo.org/records/14857470>

- **Data records (anonymized for confidentiality reasons)**
 - Wind farm A → 5 wind turbines of an onshore wind farm in Portugal
 - Wind farm B → offshore wind farm in Germany
 - Wind farm C → offshore wind farm in Germany
 - Total : 36 wind turbines and 89 operation-year data
- **Type of data**
 - labeled anomalies : nature and time of occurrence
 - 10-min periods with mean,max/min,std
 - environmental conditions : wind speed & direction, temperature, ...
 - SCADA data from various wind turbine systems : temperatures, generated power, current intensities, ...

“CARE TO COMPARE” DATASET

Example of data (normalized power production)



“FÜHRLANDER” DATASET

A real-world dataset for anomaly detection in wind turbine data¹

Project input : an open-source wind turbine SCADA datasets with labeled anomalies

<https://github.com/alecuba16/fuhrlander>

- **Data records**
 - 3-years SCADA of five Führlander FL2500 2.5MW wind turbines
- **Type of data**
 - labeled anomalies : nature and time of occurrence
 - 5-min periods with mean,max/min,std
 - environmental conditions : wind speed & direction, temperature, ...
 - SCADA data from various wind turbine systems : temperatures, generated power, current intensities, ...

Here we go!

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