

The importance of both physics and data-driven models for improving maintenance strategies of offshore wind farms

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Offshore Wind O&M

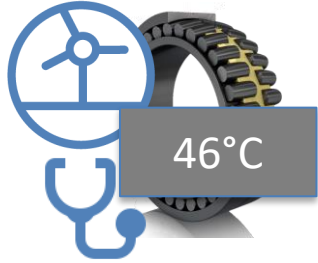
O&M Costs (maintenance + downtime): driver for LCOE

Condition based maintenance (CBM): most viable strategy

Digitalisation: necessary for CBM; involves a lot of decision making

Domain expertise: important for decision making

Data Scales in Offshore Wind



Bearing
Temp.

1 Signal

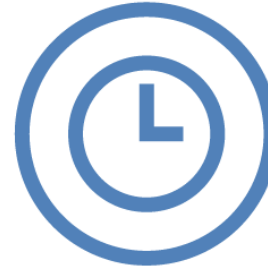
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Complete
Asset

40-100
Signals

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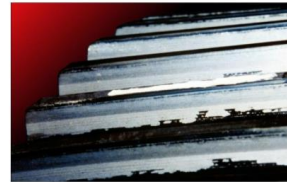
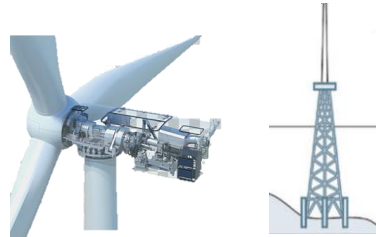
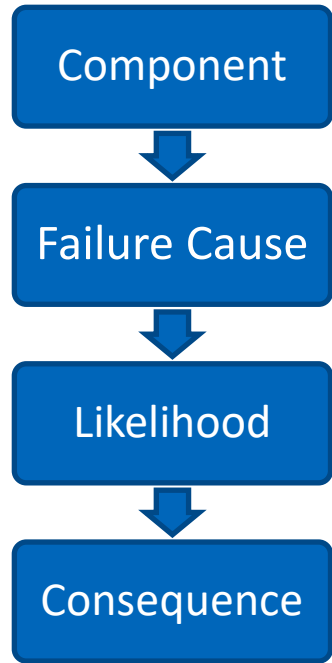
52,560
Measurements



Fleet

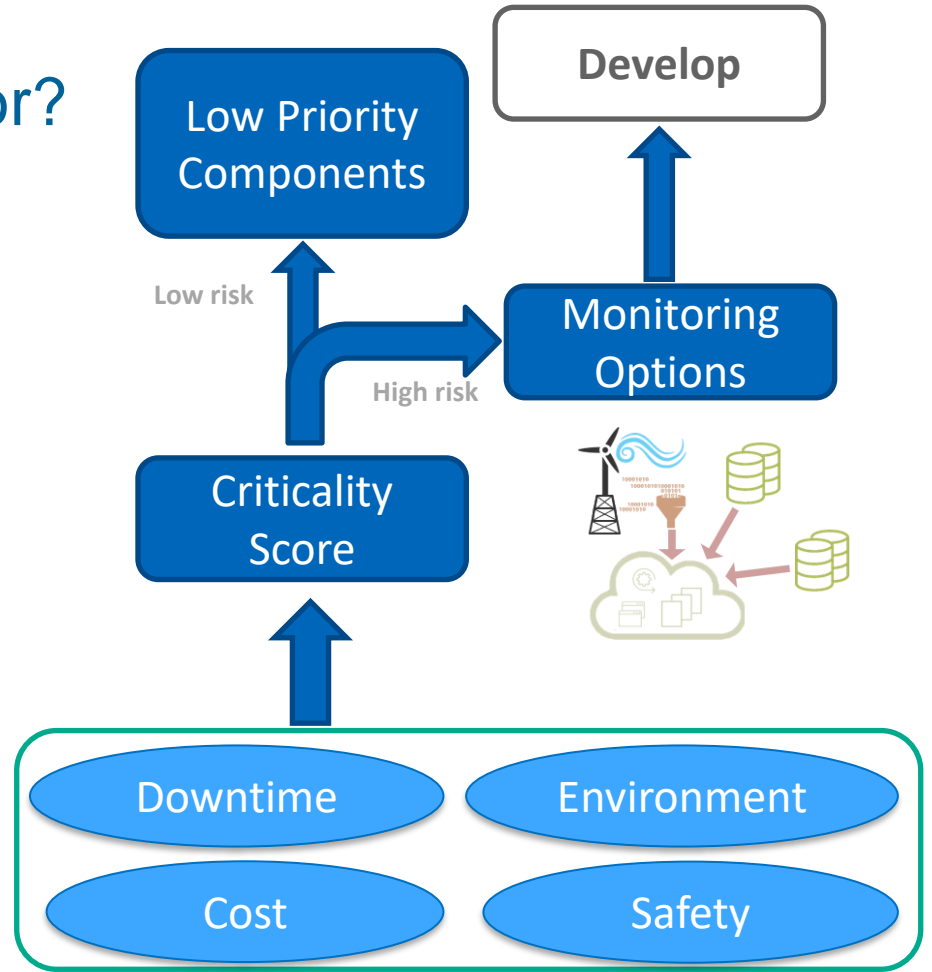
Thousands of
Assets

Which components to monitor?



Micro-pitting on Gear Teeth

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Model Building

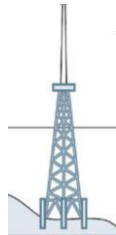
Wind Turbine



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Foundations



RAMBOLL

Physics Based

Data Driven

Physical understanding
of failure modes

Machine learning

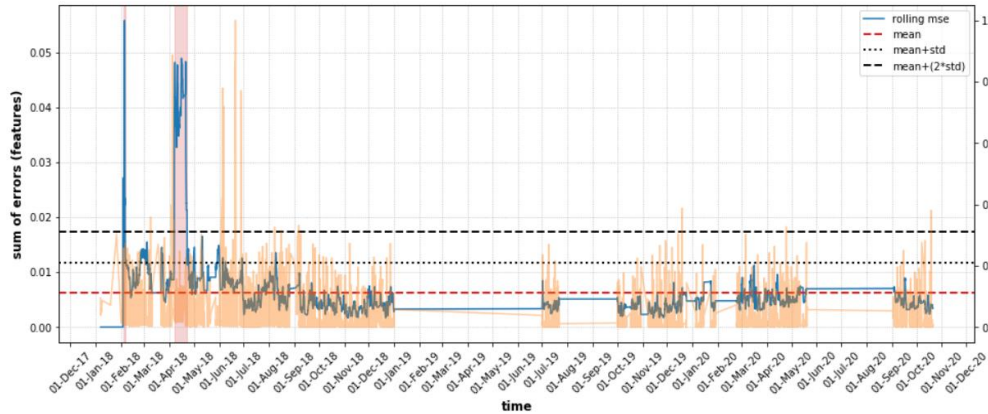
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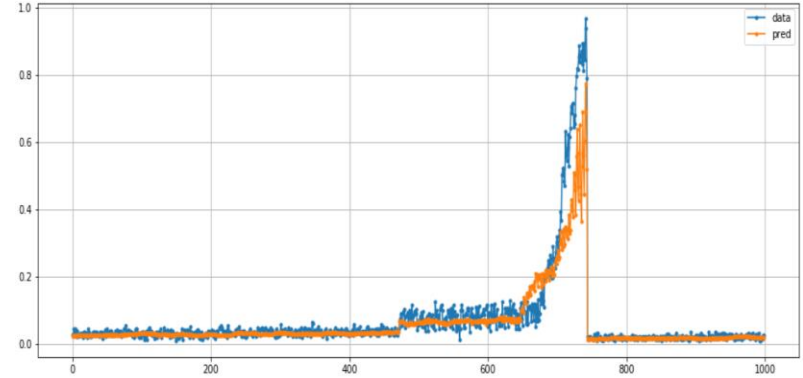
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Wind Turbine Models

Anomaly detection module output

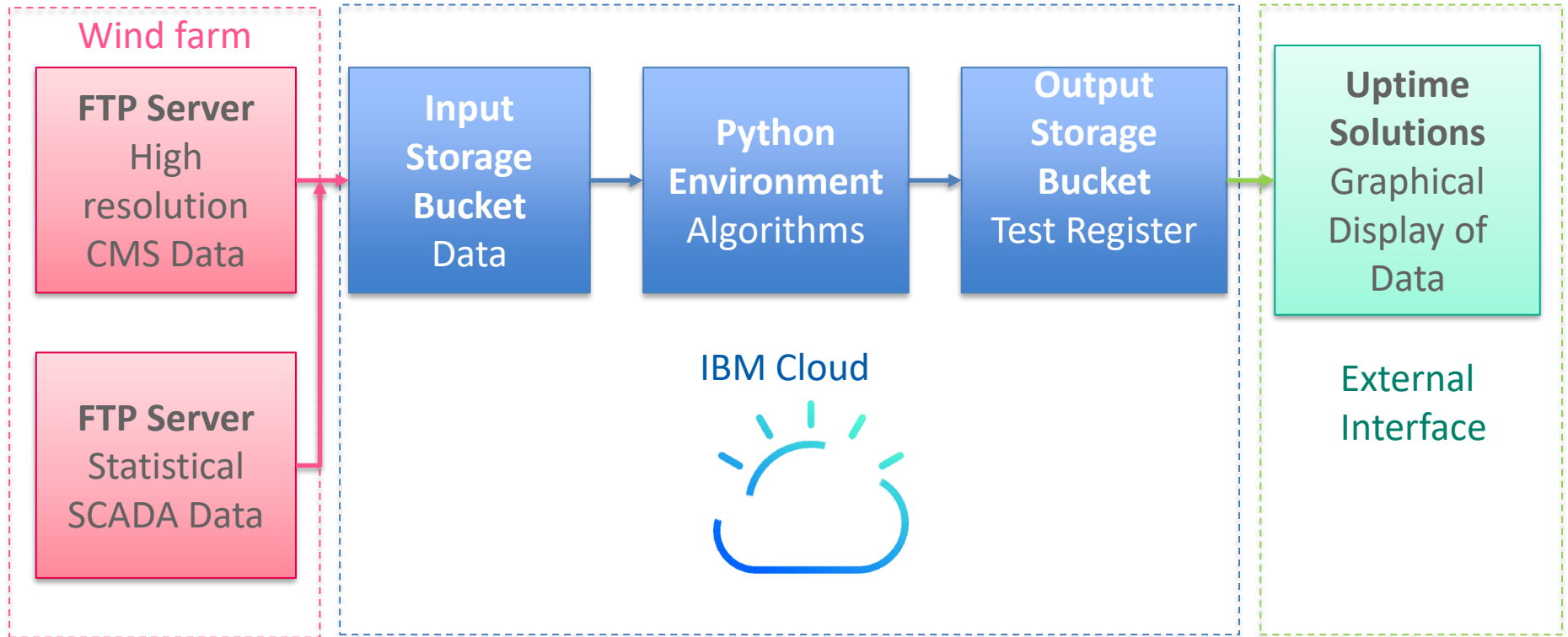


Forecasting module output



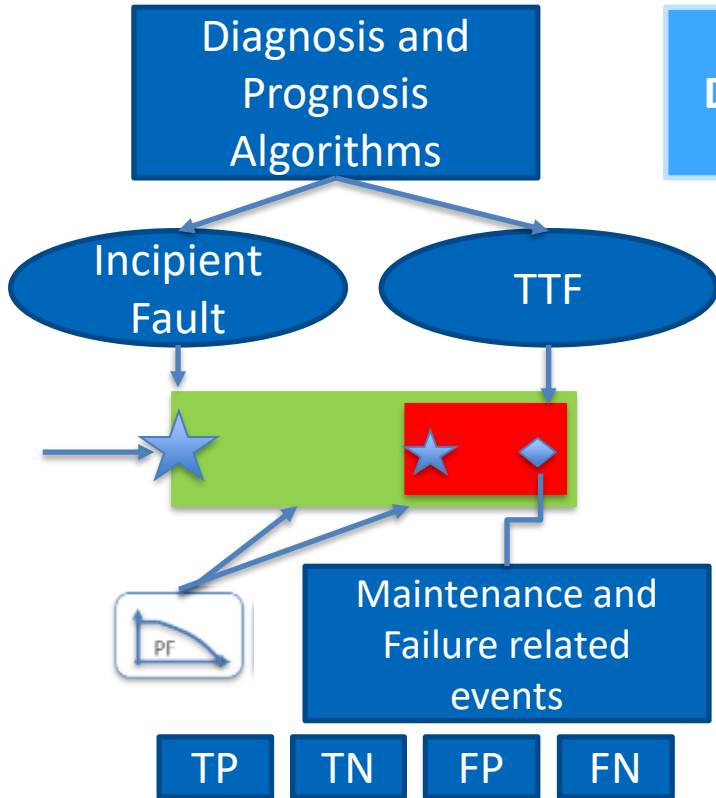
- Data driven models using neural networks
- Anomaly detection
- Bearing indicator forecasting (based on domain knowledge)

Data Integration



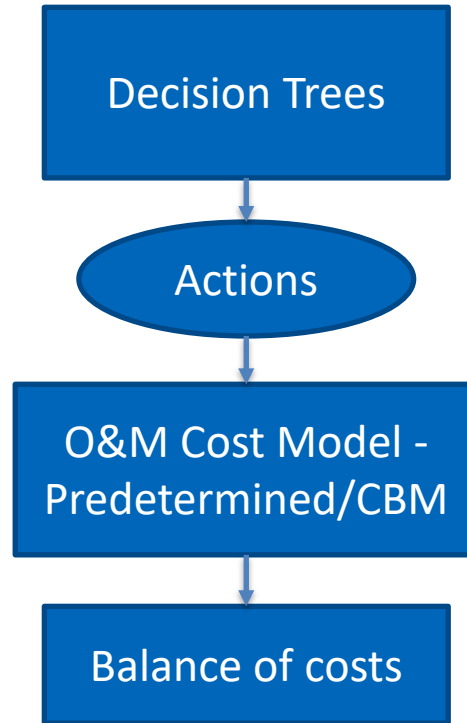
🔗 Graphical representation of the hardware and software components

Evaluation



Technical Evaluation

Decision Making



Economic Evaluation

Lessons learned

- ✦ Engineering/ domain expertise : important for model selection, model building and evaluation
- ✦ Data engineering and data integration is a very crucial element
- ✦ Iterative and long term evaluation of models needed before used for decision making



Thank you for your attention!

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