



Methods and Tools to Enable Preacting Maintenance Measures

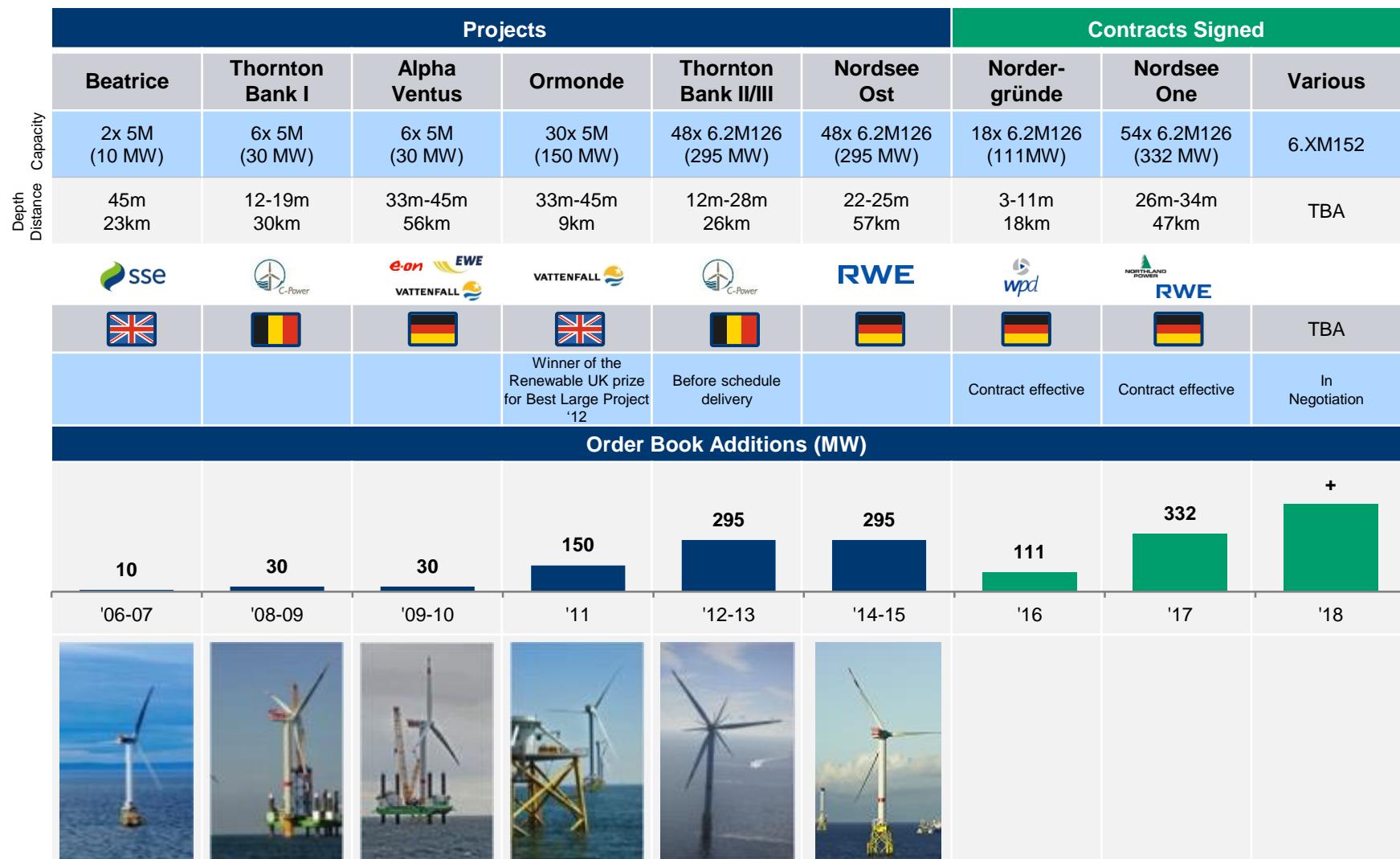
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Introduction and Problem Description

Senvion Offshore Wind



The operation and maintenance of offshore wind turbines is complex and challenging

■ Difficult to access

- Waves are high during high wind periods (when the load on the turbines is high)
- Complex planning for Jackup Barge operations (Main component replacements)
- Limited capacity of helicopter access

■ Time restrictions

- Long arrival and transfer times to or between the turbines
- Only summer suitable for bigger blade repair or major component replacement

■ Challenging conditions

- Significantly higher loads than Onshore
- Salt, Water, Lightning
- Dynamic loads





Preactive Maintenance

Corrective maintenance

Replace after it breaks

Replace the component after failure

- Leads to unplanned stops
- High maintenance costs and downtime

Preventive maintenance

Replace before it breaks

Replace the component after a defined period of time

- Planned stops (downtime)
- Wear margin not fully used

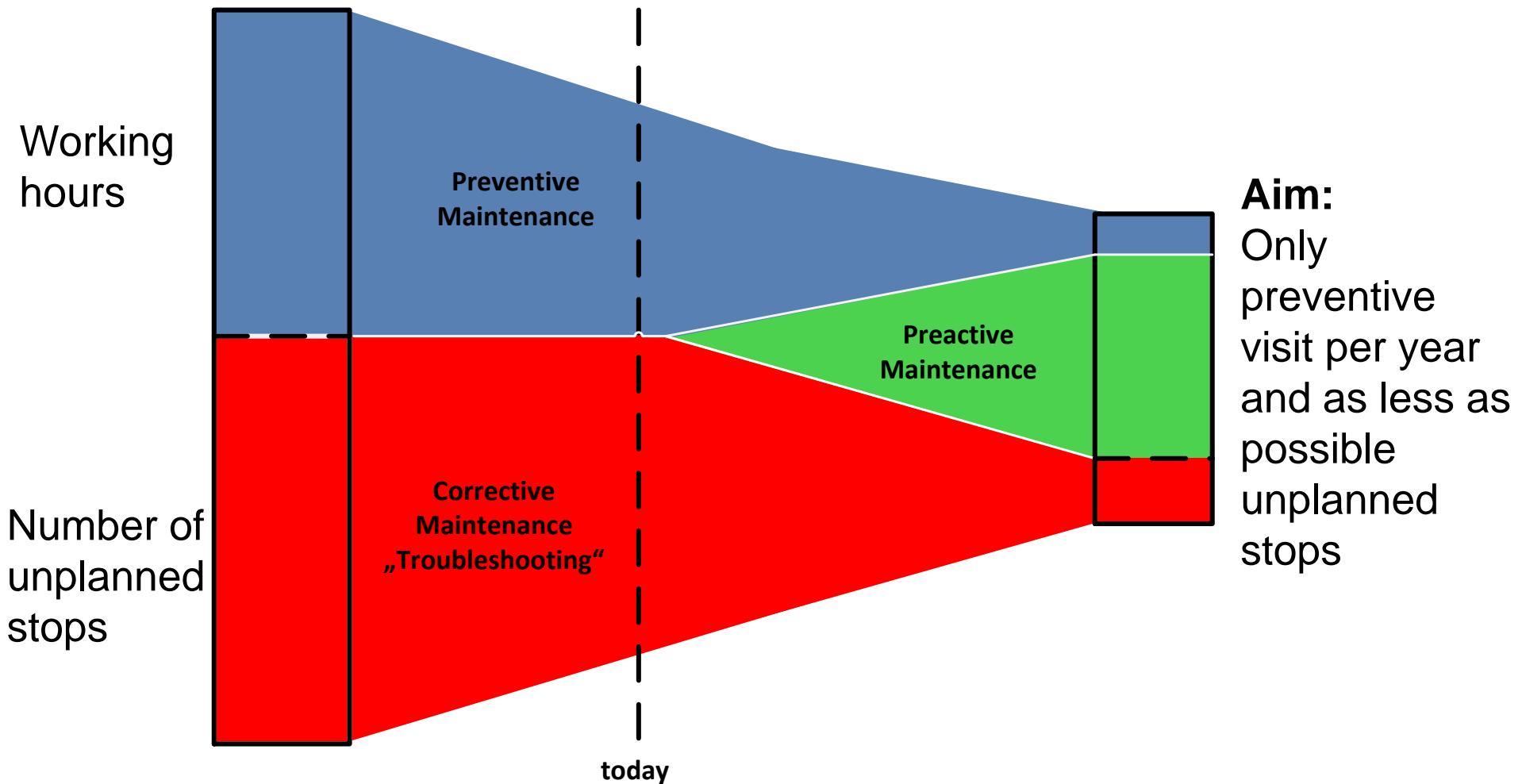
Preactive maintenance

Replace just before it breaks

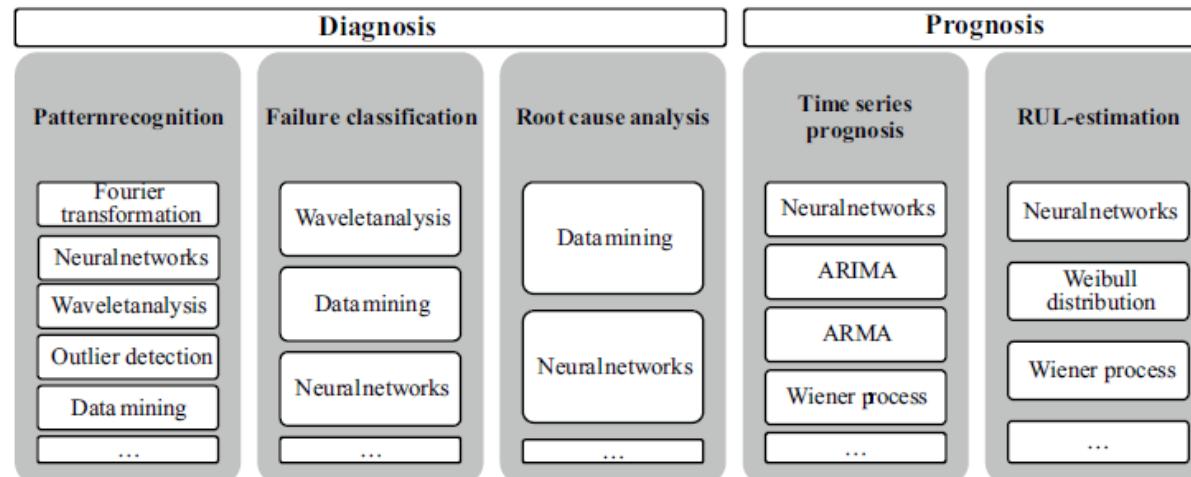
Failure prediction and replacement of the component just before the breakdown

- Fewer / shorter planned stops
- High availability and lower costs

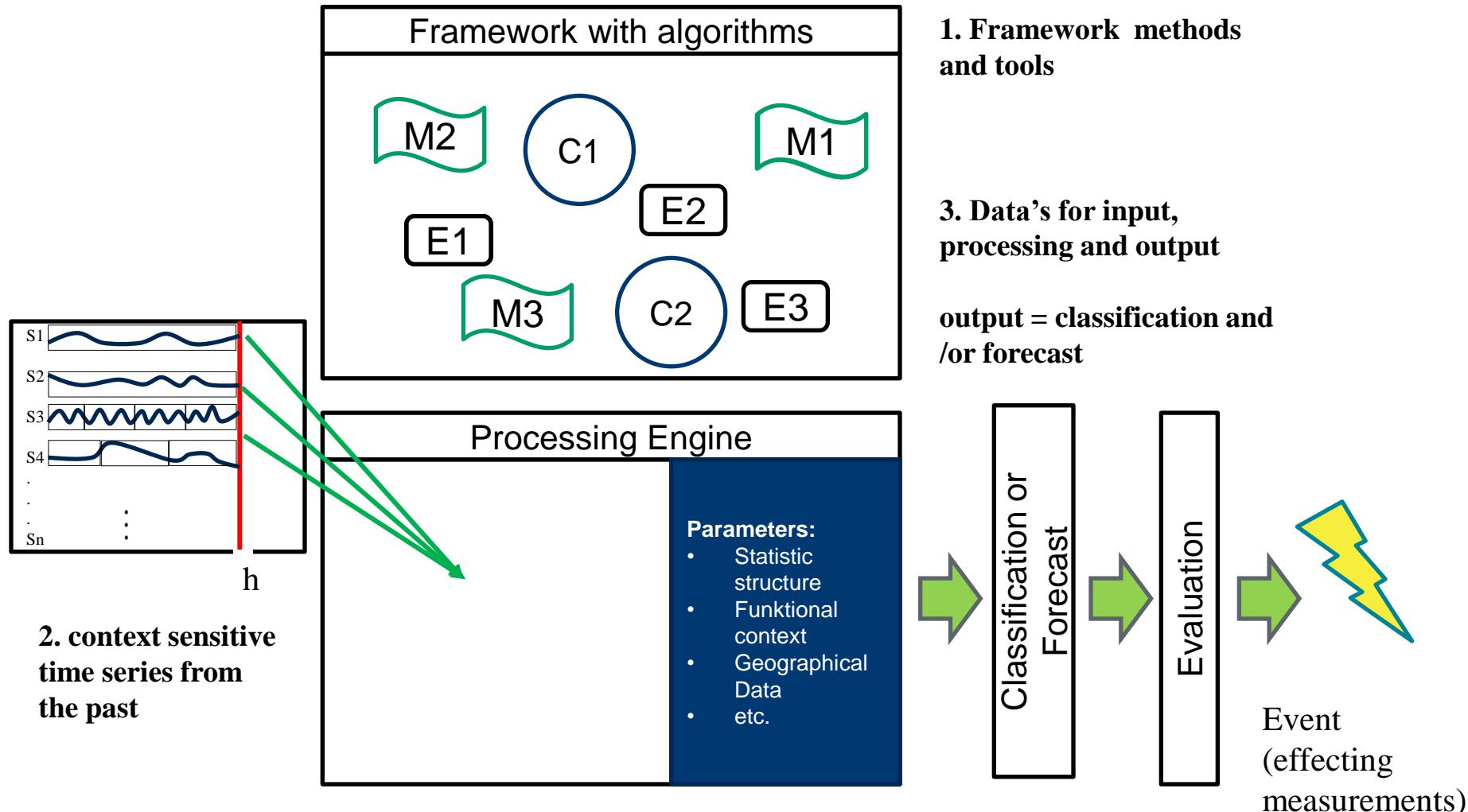
Aim of proactive Maintenance



- Usage and combination of different type of data for the estimation of the system condition
- Linking of different diagnostic and prognostic models for predicting the remaining useful lifetime
- Dynamic adjustment of maintenance intervals and reduction of reactive measures
- Prioritization of maintenance measures and automatic initiation of logistic processes



PdM with PreInO: Concept of processing engine PE- Basic conception at the beginning





Selected Components

Methods for determination of the system condition

1. Structure-borne noise and vibration measurement

2. Thermography

3. Oil analysis

4. Ultrasonic

5. Visuel Inspections

6. Inspection due to DIN 31051

7. SCADA monitoring

I setup matrix / one per PdM method (7 matrices)

| Component | Effort | Effect | Scoring | Quadrant |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rotor bearing | Scoring 1-16 | Scoring 1-16 | Addition effort/ addition effect | Placement in diagram |
| Gearbox | Scoring 1-16 | Scoring 1-16 | Addition effort/ addition effect | Placement in diagram |
| Component 3 | Scoring 1-16 | Scoring 1-16 | Addition effort/ addition effect | Placement in diagram |
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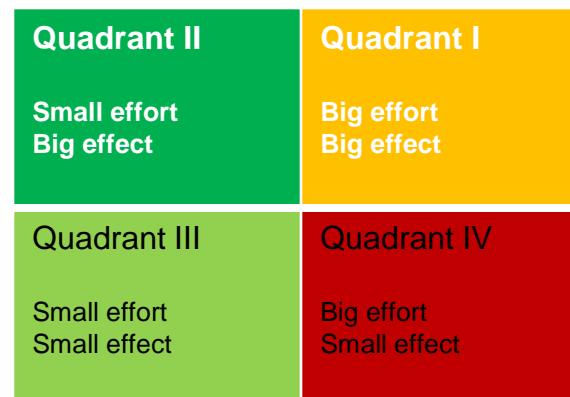
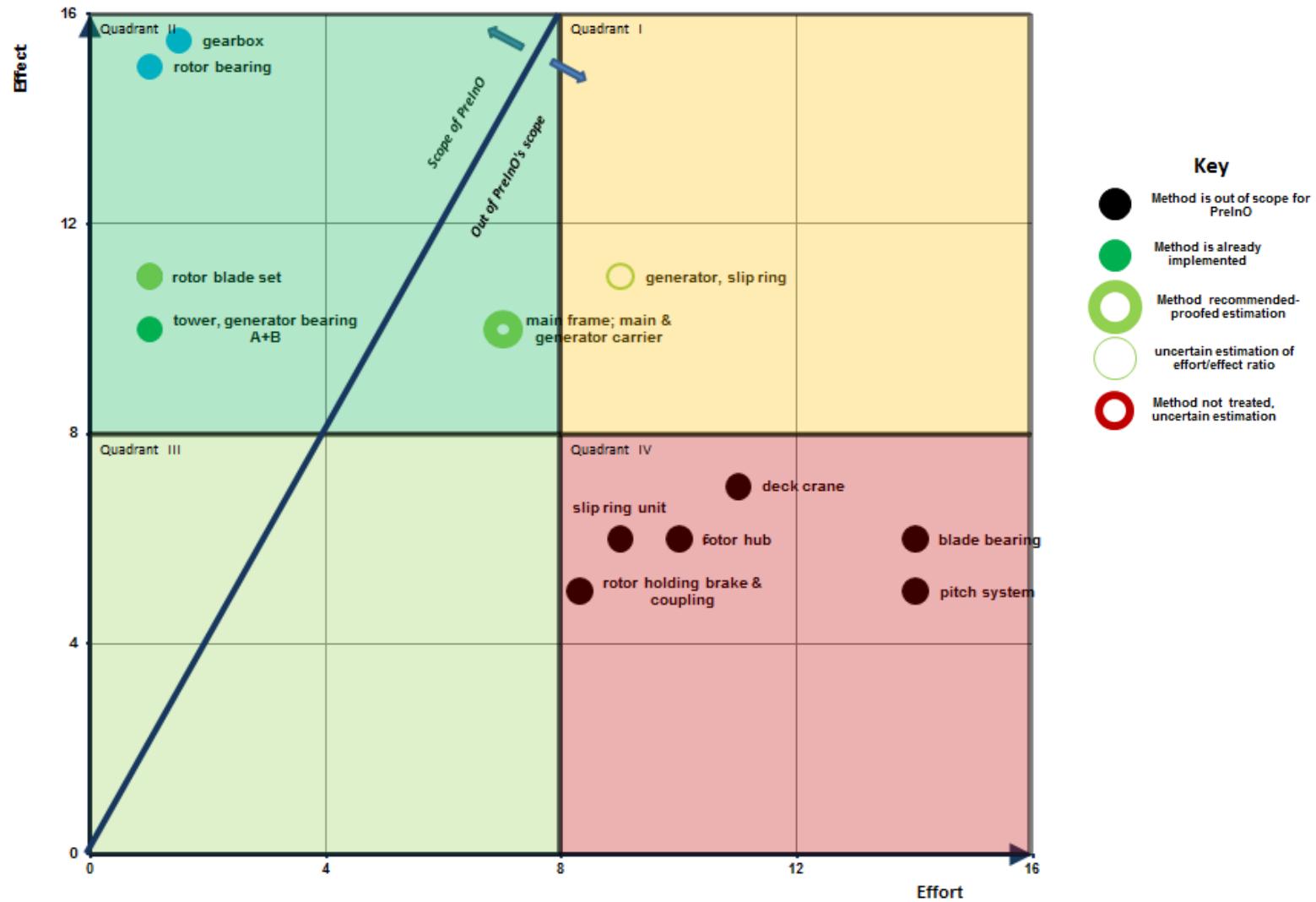


Diagram: Structure-borne noise and vibration measurement

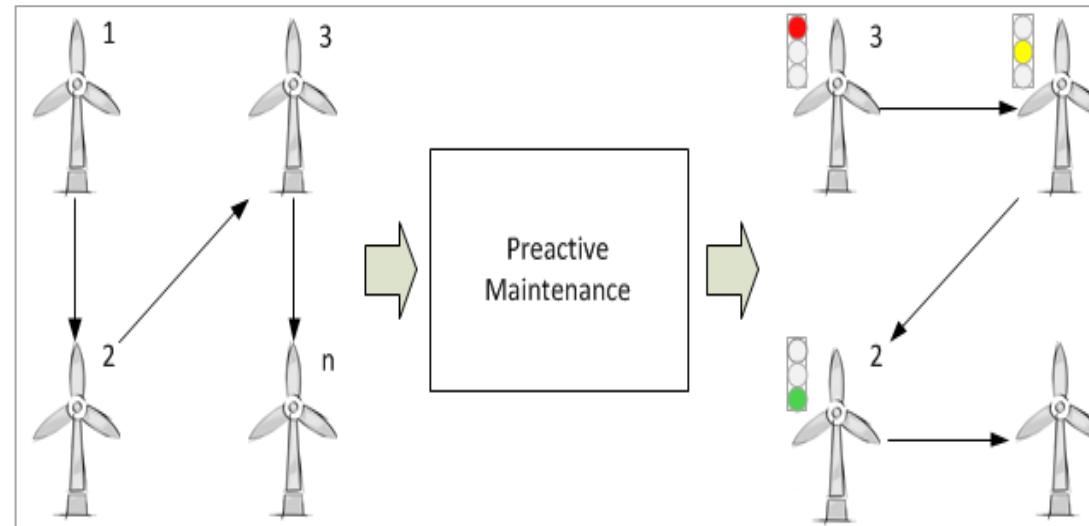




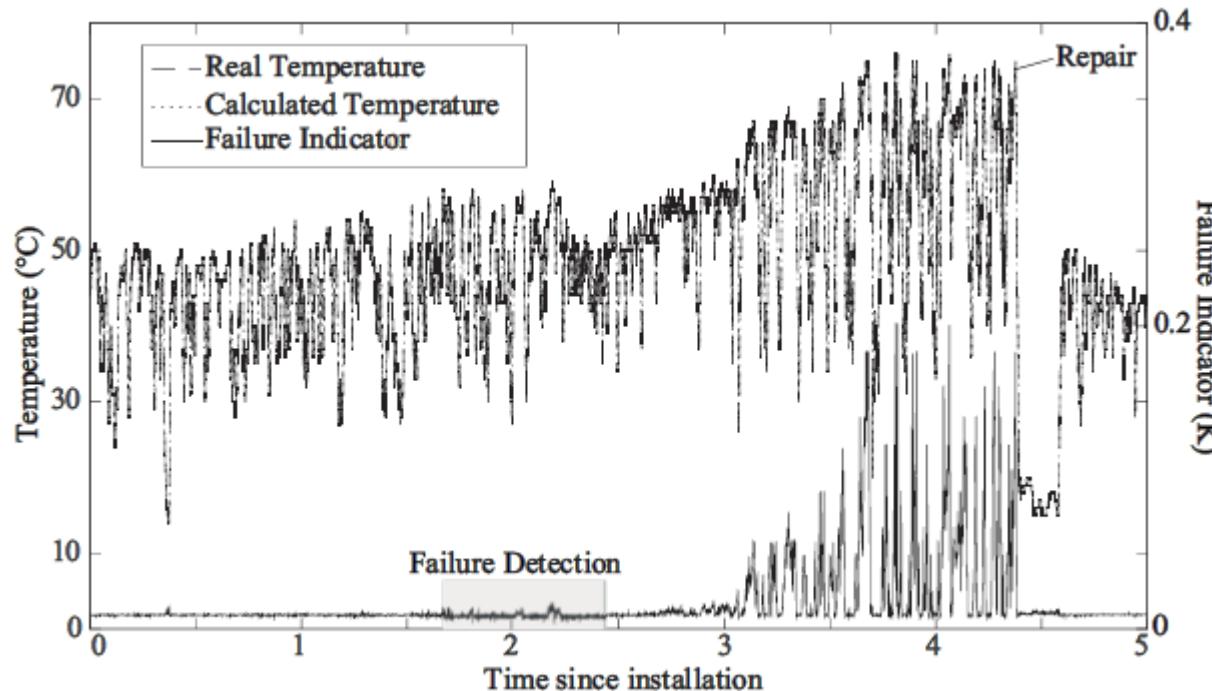
Example for Implementation

Example for preactive maintenance

- Aggregate information of the general condition of a wind turbine
 - possible deduction of maintenance priority automatically
- Question: Which is the most suitable sequence for maintaining the wind turbines?
 - Scheduling based on the knowledge about the condition of each wind turbine
- Annual maintenance scale
 - Dynamical adjustment based on information about the behavior of the wind turbine



- Is able to learn complex relationships between input and output data and to calculate the future behavior of an output variable
- Difference between the calculated and actual temperature is used as error indicator





Conclusion and Outlook

- Preactive Maintenance
 - Linking of corrective and preventive maintenance
 - Usage and combination of different type of data and methods / models for diagnosis and prognosis
 - Condition based ruling and prioritization of necessary maintenance measures
- Enabler for:
 - Optimal planning
 - Risk reduction
 - Cost reduction
 - Availability improvements



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Thank you

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