

#### TKI WoZ D4REL

**Monitoring and Control Review** 

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#### **Overview**

- Aim of WP4: reduce material costs and unplanned maintenance by intelligent control that adapts itself to the environmental and operational conditions
- Introduction to how intelligent control can reduce OM costs
- Failures in WTs
  - Components leading to downtime
  - Monitoring methods and challenges
- Modelling study using ECN O&M Tool
  - Quantify maximum benefit of modified O&M strategy utilising intelligent monitoring and control
- Next steps in intelligent control



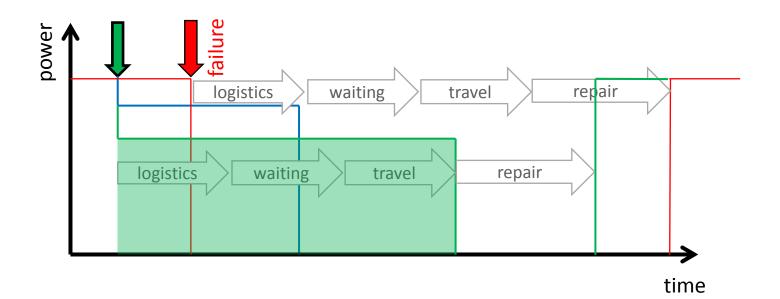
#### Offshore WT Maintenance

- Downtime and stoppages in wind farms and turbines attributed to:
  - Faults
  - Poor conditions
  - Preventative maintenance
  - Corrective maintenance
- Lower availability in offshore wind farms compared to the onshore case due to:
  - Longer logistic times
  - Waiting periods (weather windows)
  - Large distance to shore (travel times)
  - Accessibility to turbine
- Availability of an offshore wind farm can be increased through:
  - Condition monitoring measurement system
  - Analysis of signals for detection of faults prior to failure
  - Modified OM strategy taking into account failure prediction

## Operation and Maintenance Strategy



Component degradation => Failure => shutdown => repair Result: stand still => missed production





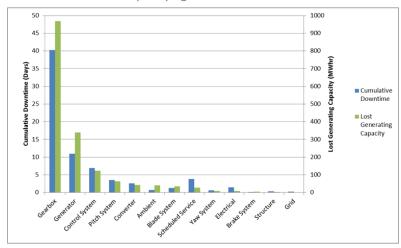
#### Literature Review



#### Subsystem Failures

- Target systems which contribute most to high downtime of wind turbines
  - Minimize payback period of CM system
  - High failure frequency
  - High downtime per failure
- Identifying systems not straightforward
  - Minimal data for reliability of offshore turbines available
  - Failure frequencies and downtimes vary between studies
    - Manufacturers/time period/turbine size
- Components identified for measurement/monitoring:
  - Generator
  - Gearbox
  - Main shaft/bearing
  - Pitch and Yaw Systems
  - Blades and Hub
  - Structure/Tower

Average yearly downtime and lost generating capacity Egmond aan Zee 2007-2009<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>





### Wind Turbine Monitoring

- Criterion for fault detection:
  - Reliable detection ability
  - Early detection possibility
  - Potential reduction in maintenance costs (economic feasibility)
- Monitoring broken down into four categories
  - 1. SCADA (<0.002 Hz, continuous)
  - 2. Structural health monitoring (<5 Hz, on demand)
  - 3. Condition monitoring (<50 Hz, continuous)
  - 4. Diagnosis (>10 kHz, on demand)
- Different components require different monitoring and analysis systems
  - Temperature sensors, accelerometers, speed sensors, stress wave sensors, piezoelectric transducers, acoustic emission sensors, ultrasonic emission sensors, strain gauges
- Limiting the expense of the monitoring system is key



# **Modelling Study**



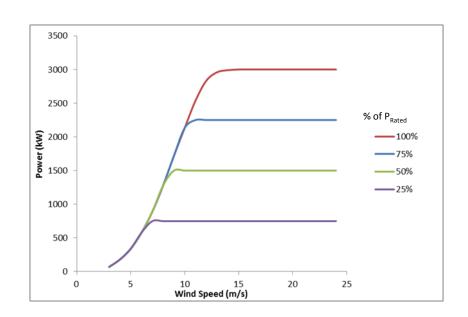
### **O&M Modelling Study**

- ECN O&M modelling tool to determine energy saving potential
  - State of the art tool for predicting ideal OM strategies for offshore wind farms
  - Stochastic determination of power loss due to OM corrective maintenance events
- Reference wind farm:
  - 130 turbines Vestas V90-3 MW machines
  - Strategy using mother vessel stationed close to wind farm
  - Failure rates indicative of likely WF values
- Revised strategies for 8 components:
  - Rotor System Blades Yaw Gearbox
  - Rotor System HubGenerator
  - Blade AdjustmentGearbox
  - Main Shaft/BearingTurbine Tower/Structure
- Assumption that monitoring can predict failure for 50%/100% all occurrences



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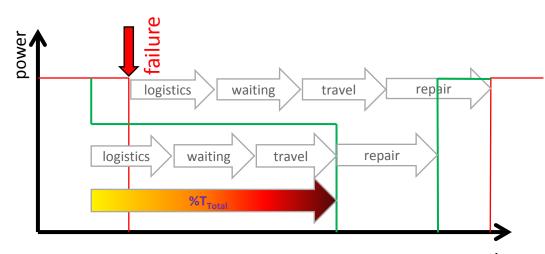
- Energy saving potential function of:
  - Rated power
  - Time of operation before failure
  - Sensitivity analysis modifying these variables
- Load reductions achieved through
  - Variations of rated power
  - No quantification of the increased component lifetime when derating





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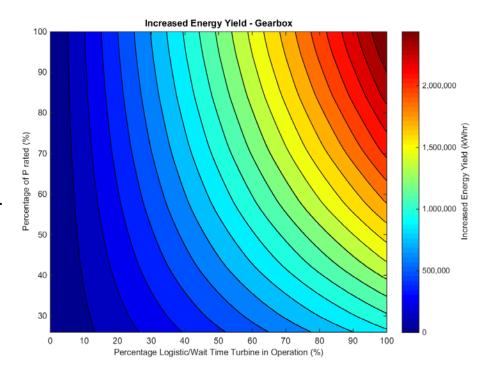
- Energy saving potential function of:
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  - Time of operation before failure
  - Sensitivity analysis modifying these variables
- Operation time before failure expressed as a percentage of:
  - Logistic time
  - Waiting time
  - Travel time
- Damaged component fixed as quickly as possible





#### **Preliminary Results**

- Increased energy yield can be mapped for each component:
  - Almost linear dependence on %logistic time
  - Limiting gains as P<sub>Rated</sub> increases
- Results are highly dependent on assumptions and inputs
- Maximum benefit of 27,900 MWhr/yr
  - Assuming all faults can be detected for selected components and no derating occurs
  - 3.6 M€/year
  - 27 k€/turbine/year
  - Increase in energy yield of 1.07%
  - Reduction in LCOE of 40c/MWhr





#### **Future Steps**

- Aim: To translate load reductions to lifetime extensions in specified components to fully quantify benefits:
- Correlation of power reduction to load reductions
  - Design equivalent loads
  - Extreme loads
- Use of Phatas (load calculation) integrated with Focus (WT design tool)
  - Modelling based study
- Various challenges to overcome pitch system example
  - Reduction of the loads vs increasing in pitching
  - Optimal for lifetime extension?





## Planning

#### Time planning

Year		2014			2015				2016				2017			
Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
WP4.2 Self-adapting wind turbine control using identified models																
Task 4.2.1 Controller re-optimization based on identified models															D4.2.1	
Task 4.2.1.1 Offline controller optimization based on identified models with reduced uncertaintie															M4.2.1.1	1
Task 4.2.1.2 Online adaptive control for changing turbine parameters											M4.2.1.2	2				
Task 4.2.2 Controller reconfiguration for degraded wind turbine components												$\leftarrow$			D4.2.2	

#### Deliverables and milestones

D4.2.1	Sep-17		D	Adaptation of controller parameters using identified models, report
M4.2.1.1	Sep-17			Algorithm for offline controller optimization from low-uncertainty identified models
M4.2.1.2	Sep-16			Algorithm for online controller adaptation
D4.2.2	Sep-17	expected Sep-16	D	Accomodation of degraded wind turbine components bycontroller reconfiguration, report
D4.3	Sep-17		D	Integral impact of the results from WP1, WP2, WP3, and WP4 on the cost of energy at system level