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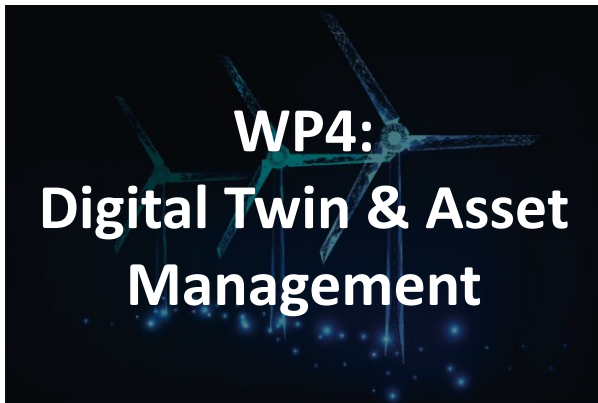
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# NorthWind – Diagnostic Digital Twin for Anomaly Detection in Floating Offshore Wind Energy



# FME NorthWind



- Project stats:**
- 2021-2029 duration
  - 350+ MNOK budget
  - 50 Industry partners
  - 21 PhD Candidates
  - 30+ Innovations in development

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Diagnostic

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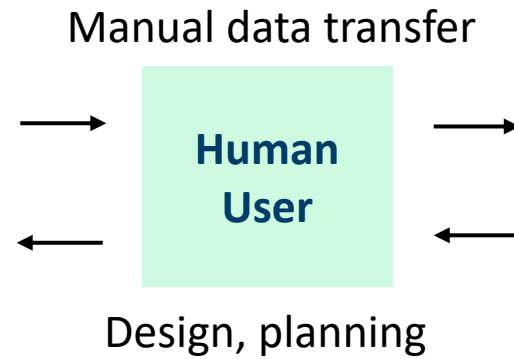
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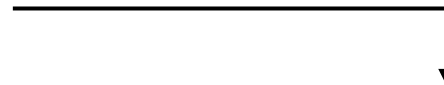
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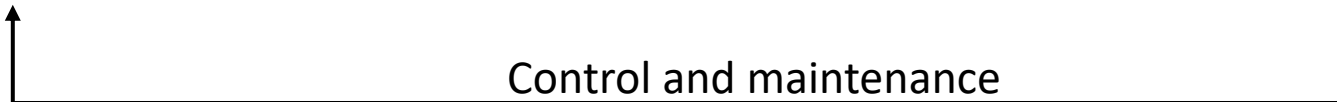
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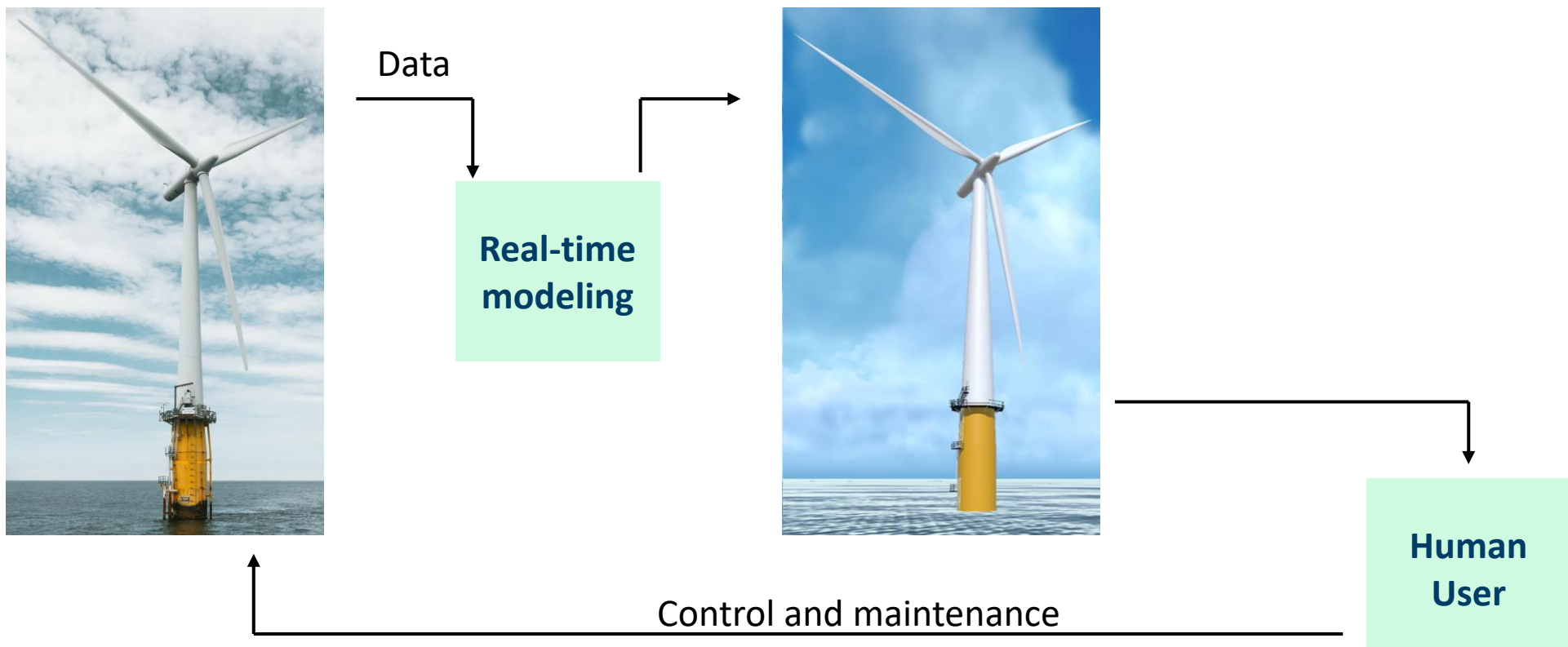
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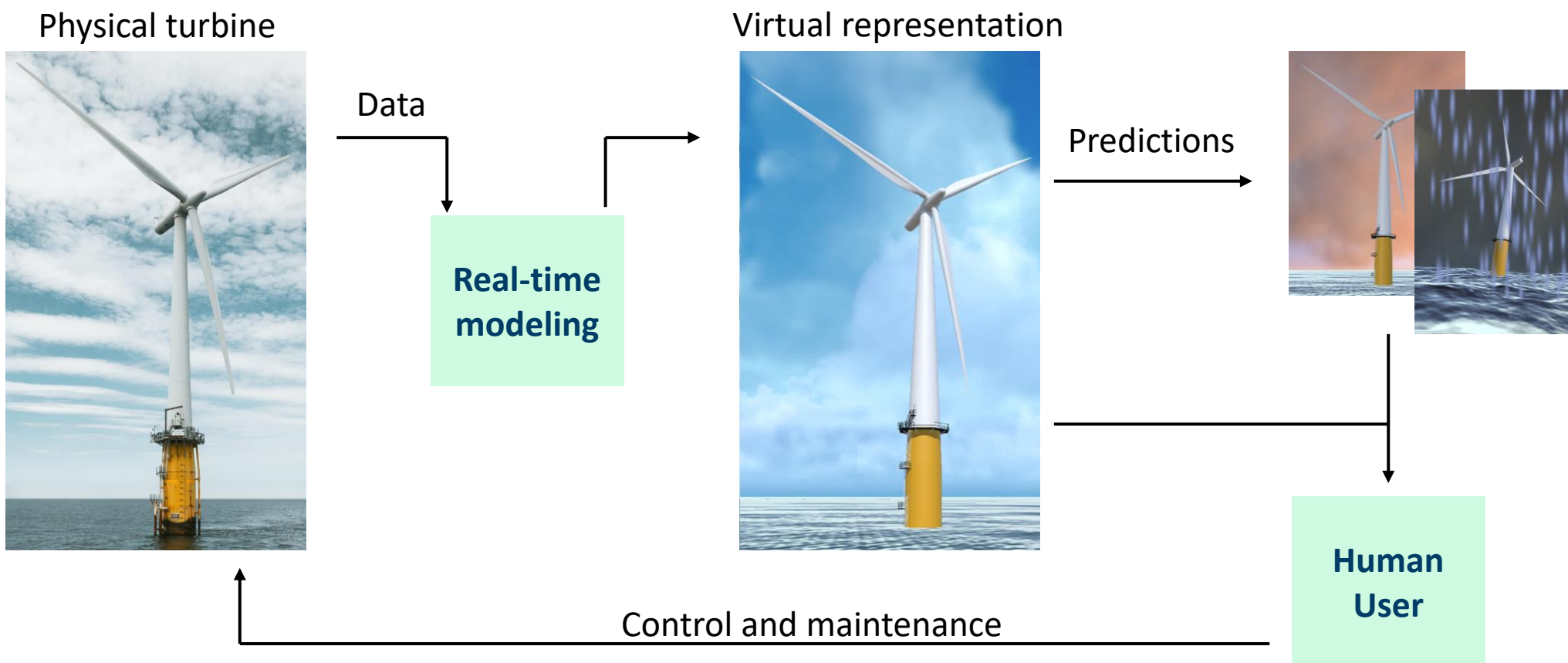
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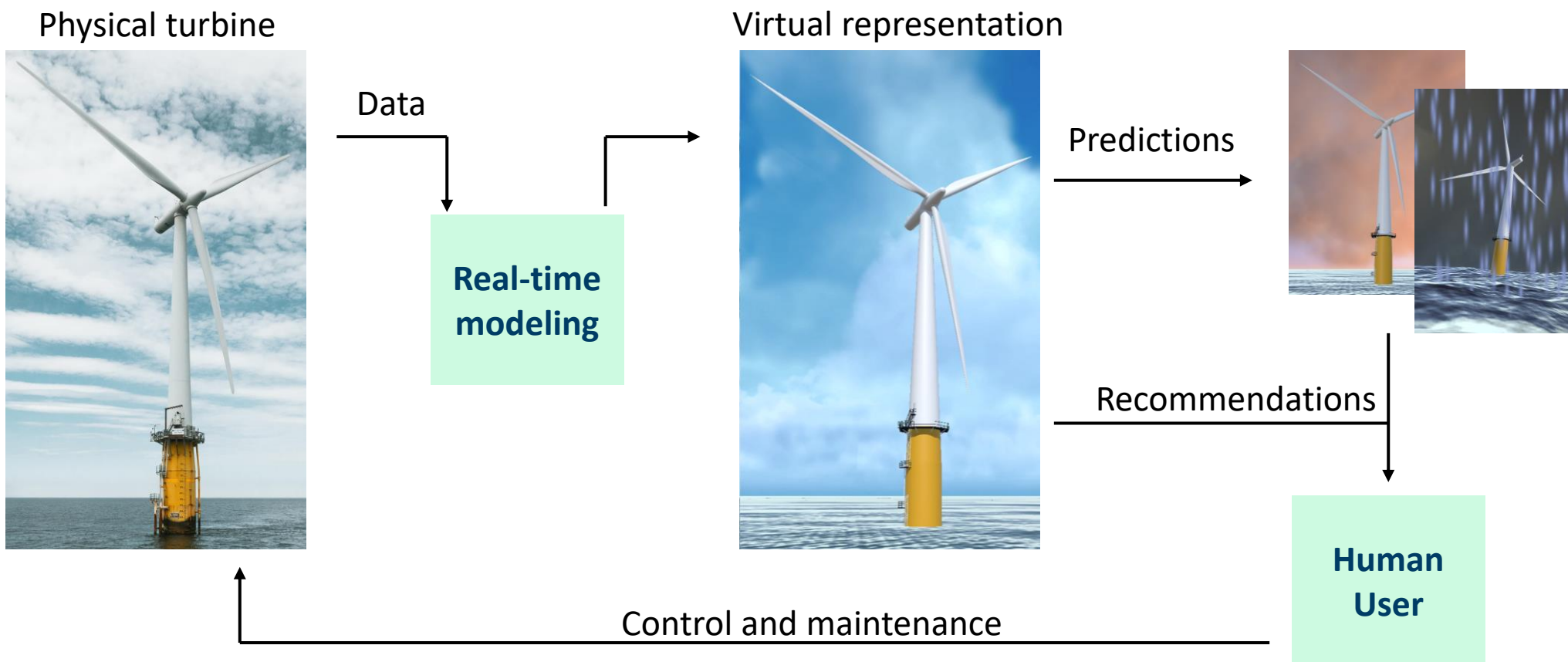
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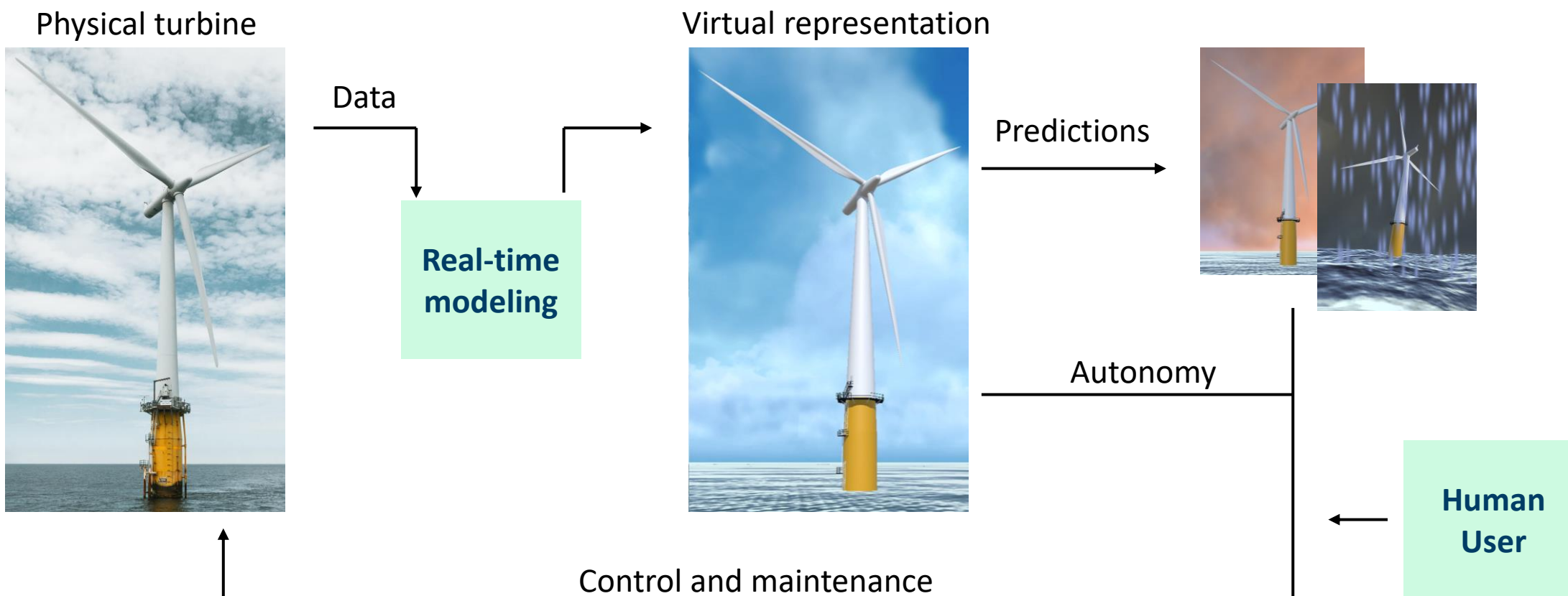
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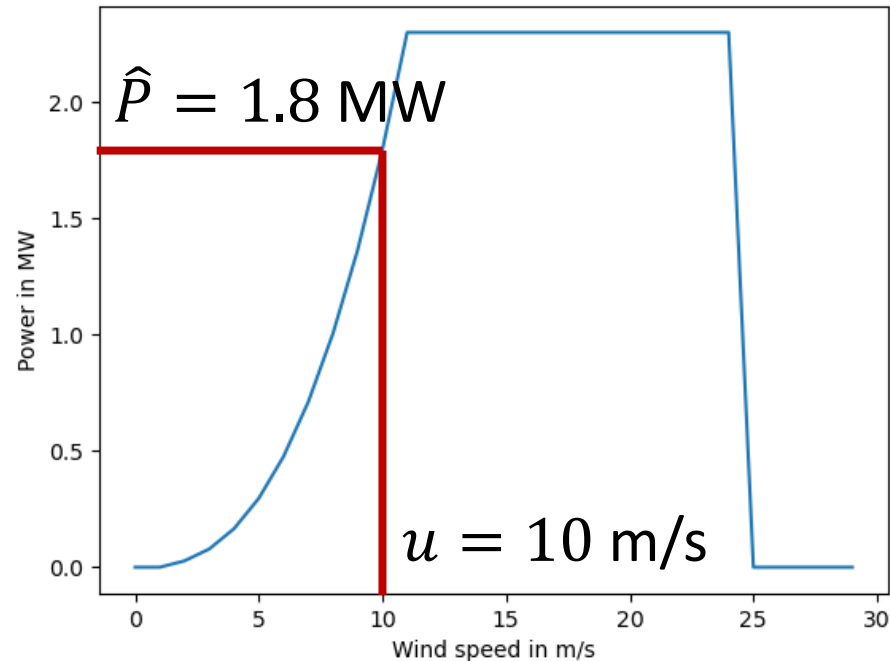
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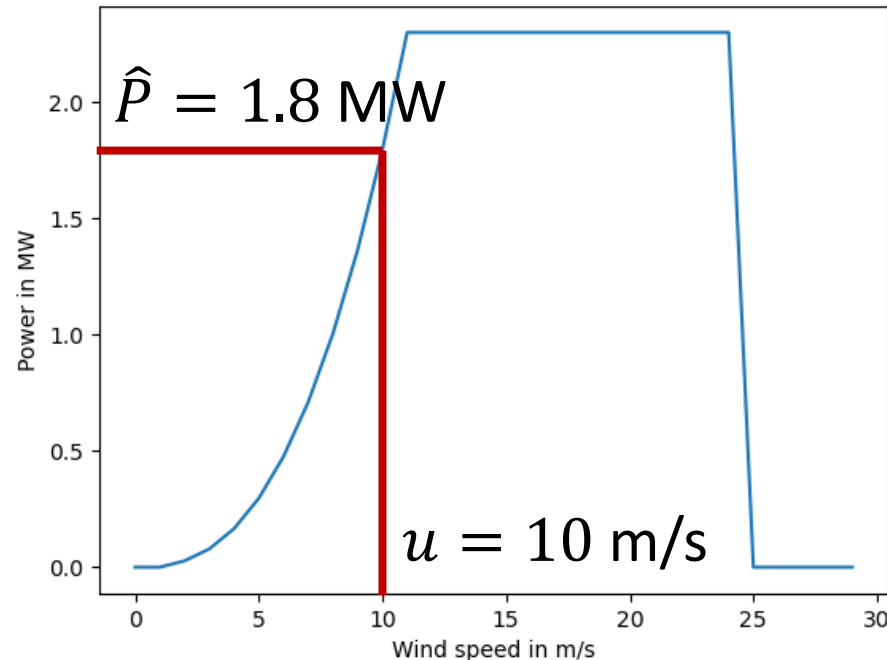
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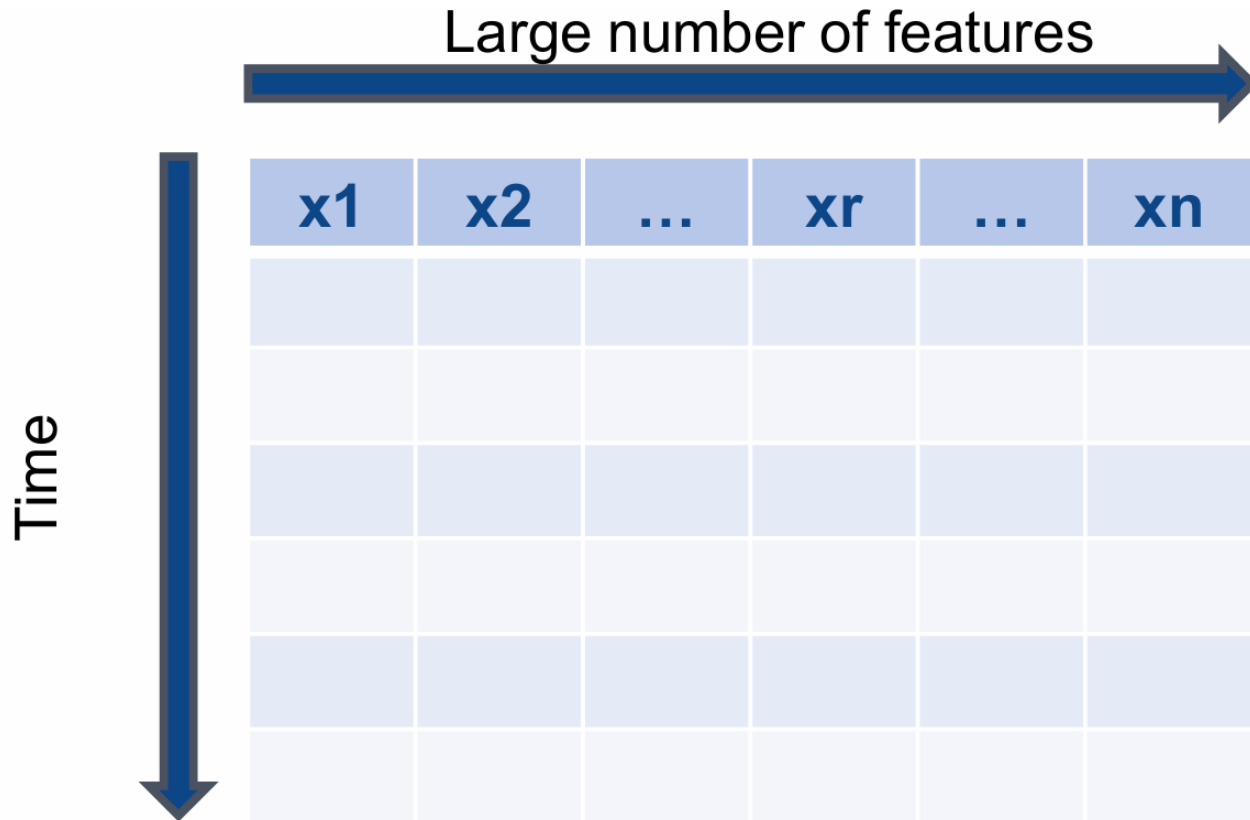
3. Compare measured power with expected power

$$P = 1.7 \text{ MW}$$

$$\hat{P} = 1.8 \text{ MW}$$

$$\Delta P = |\hat{P} - P|$$
$$= 0.1 \text{ MW}$$

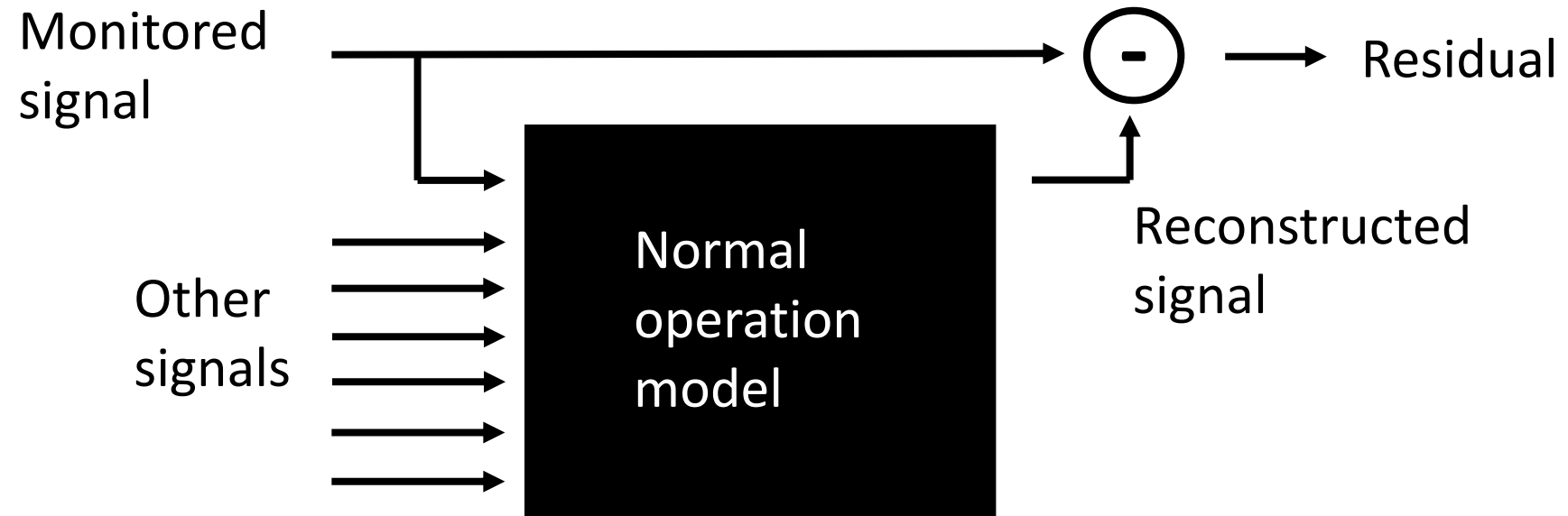
# Multivariate Data analysis



## Hundreds of features:

- Active power
- Main shaft RPM
- Generator RPM
- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Nacelle direction
- Blade 1 pitch
- Blade 2 pitch
- Blade 3 pitch
- Turbine active
- Generator stator temperature
- Generator rotor temperature
- Shaft brake 1
- temperature
- Shaft brake 2
- temperature
- Main bearing temperature
- Oil temperature
- Turbine status
- Generator status
- Earth switch 1
- Earth switch 2
- Significant wave height
- Wave heading
- Wind gust speed
- ...

# Normal Operation Model

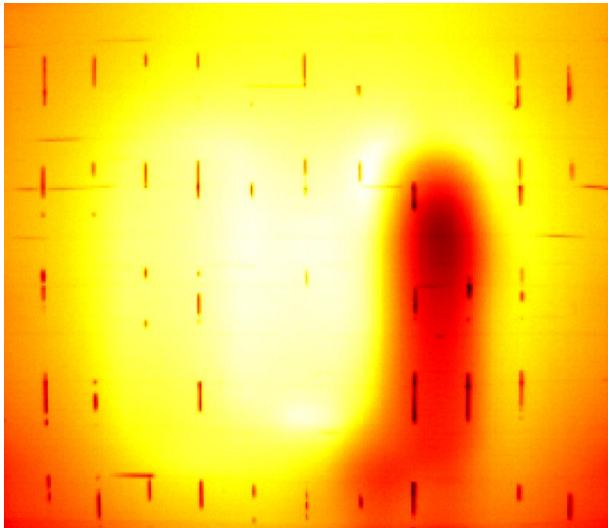




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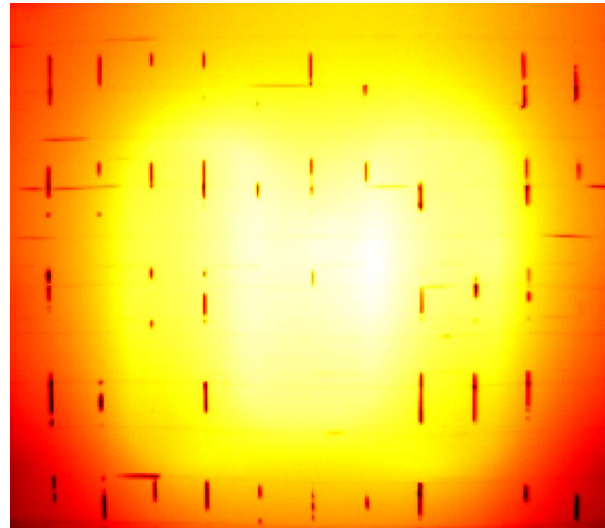
# Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA)

Measurements  
(full matrix)



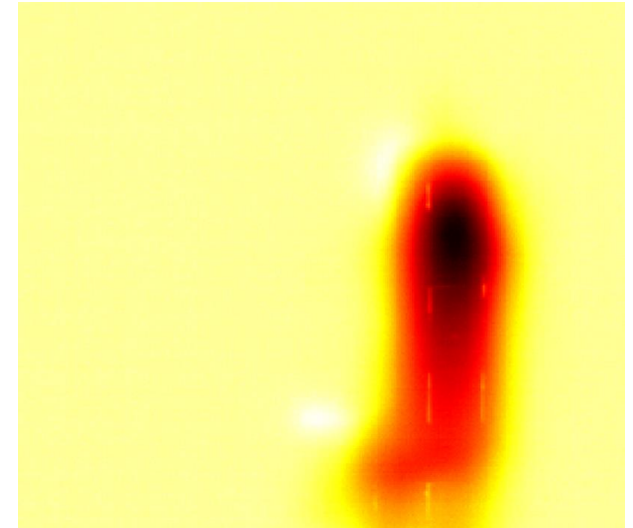
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Basis  
(low-rank matrix)



+

Outliers  
(sparse matrix)



minimize  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{L}) + \|\mathbf{S}\|_0$   
 $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{S}$

subject to  $\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{X}$

NP-hard problem (nonconvex)



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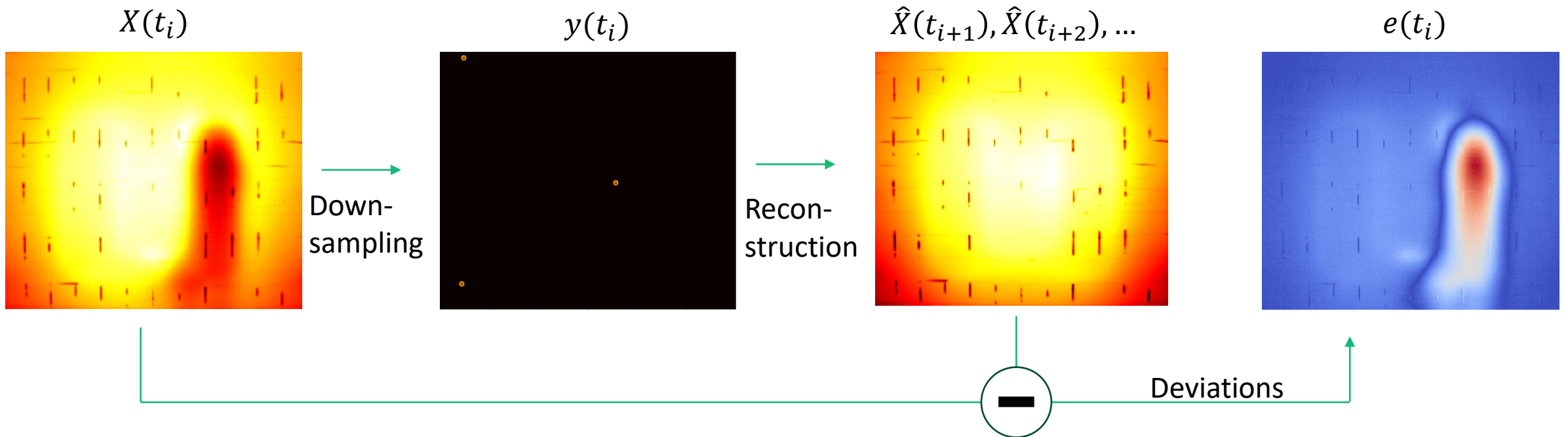
Convex problem

Good for data cleaning  
(offline for training data)  
Not real-time capable for  
very large data streams &  
window size (here ~5s)



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# Optimal Sensing Location (OSL)



$$X \approx \Psi_r a$$

$$y = CX$$

$$\Psi_r = QR$$

$$\hat{X} = \Psi_r (C\Psi_r)^T y$$

$$e = X - \hat{X}$$

deconstruct  $x$  into SVD modes and time-varying coefficients

measure only few sampling points

find  $C$  from QR factorization of  $\Psi_r$

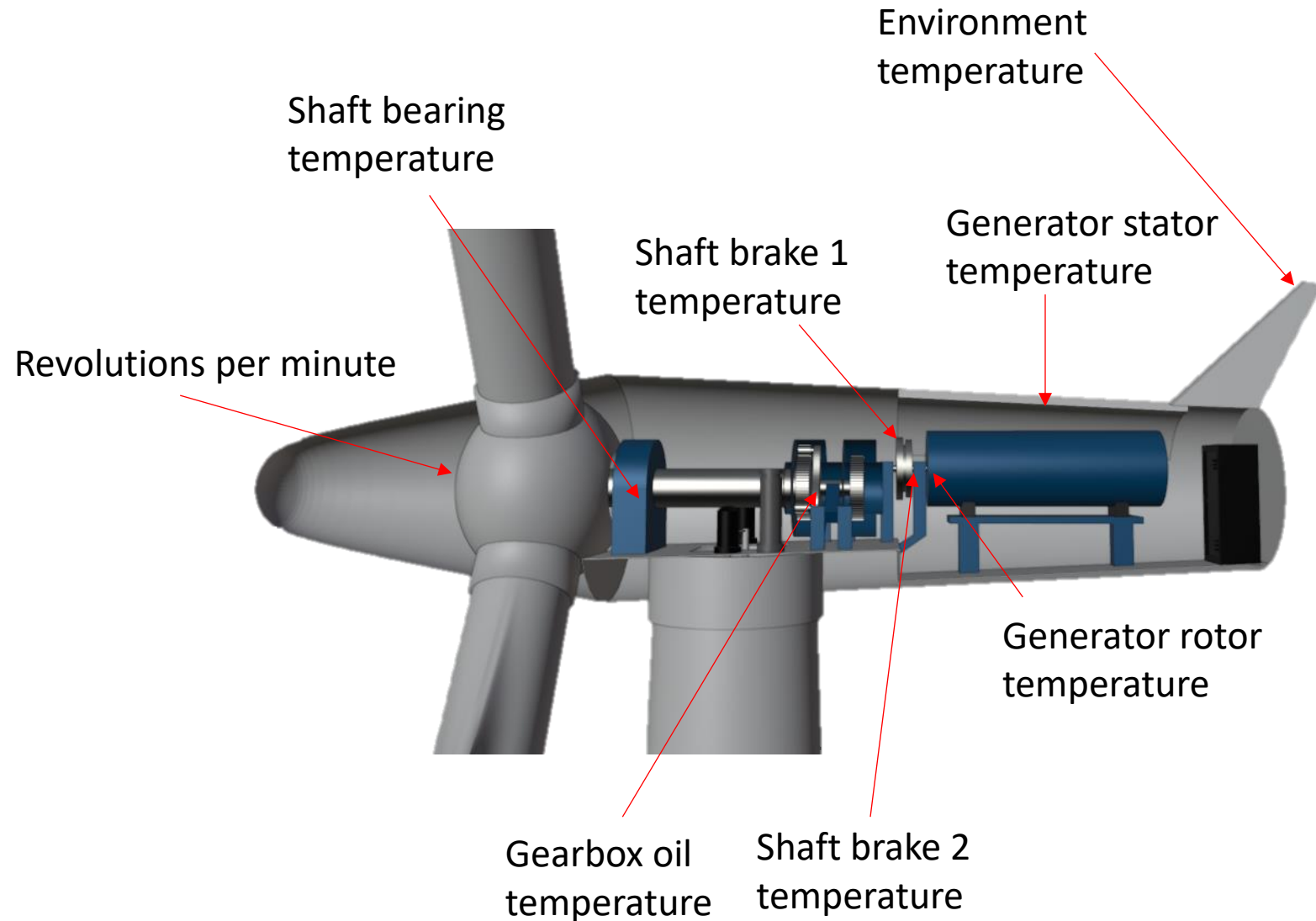
reconstruct an estimate of  $X$  from  $y$

calculate error



# Zefyros Floating Offshore Wind Turbine

- 1 year of operational data
- 6 temperature sensors
- 2 exogenous variables
- 6 Dense neural networks

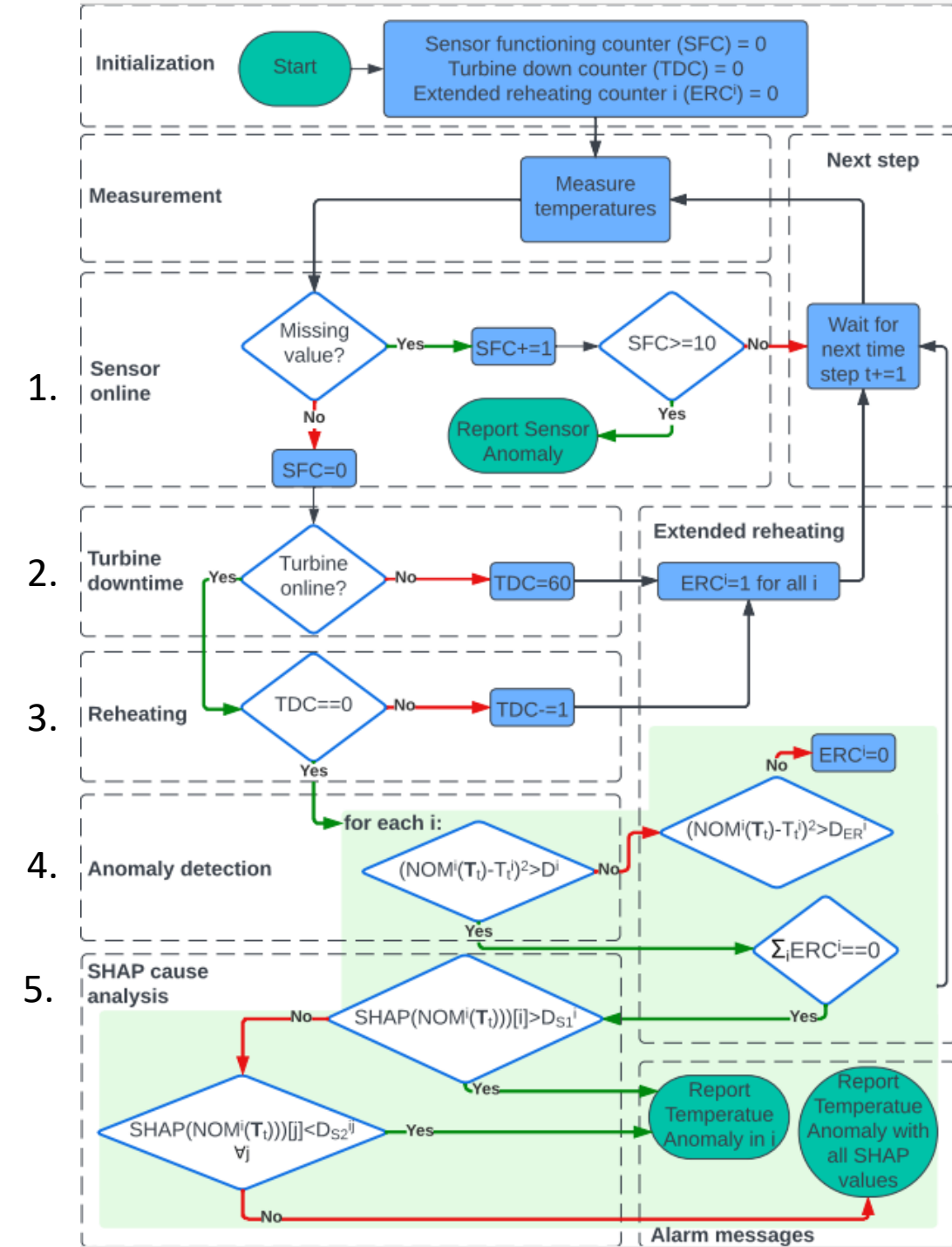




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# Anomaly Detection Pipeline

1. Sensors working?
2. Turbine online?
3. Turbine has been recently offline?
4. Anomaly in signals?
5. Which signal?

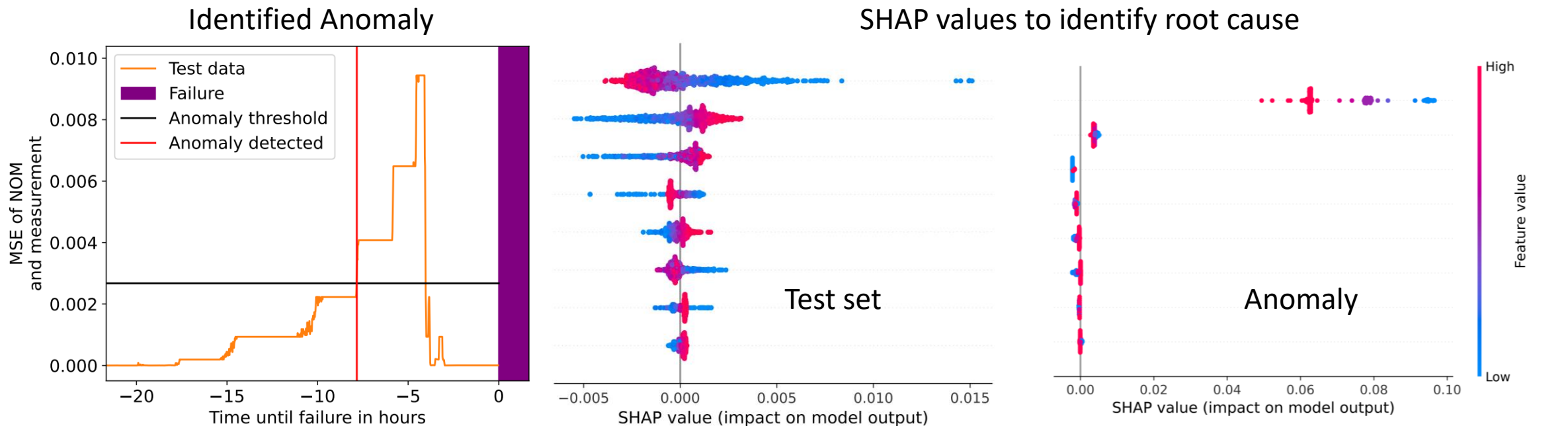




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# Anomaly detection on Zefyros

- Anomaly detected before fault with >99.8% probability
- Root cause identified with Shapley Additive Values







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# Summary

- Digital twins have many purposes
- The capability level scale helps to classify digital twins and plan implementation
- Diagnostic digital twins are highly sought after in the industry
- Consider multivariate data analysis for anomaly detection to take advantage of correlations, such as:
  - Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA)
  - Optimal Sensing Location (OSL)
  - Neural network encoding/decoding + Explainable artificial intelligence



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