

Revolutionizing Wind Energy: A Maverick Approach to Predictive Maintenance for Unyielding Turbine Performance

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Abstract:- In the field of sustainable energy guaranteeing dependability and effectiveness of wind turbines is paramount. This project addresses the significant challenge of unplanned wind turbine engine failures, which incur substantial economic losses and hinder electricity production. With the primary objective to reduce these failures by at least 30% and achieve annual cost savings of \$2M through minimized downtime, we have harnessed advanced machine learning (ML) techniques to predict and prevent such incidents thereby aligning with both the business and economic success criteria.

Our methodology encompassed the creation of a framework for predictive maintenance that uses leveraging both present and historical operational data from wind turbines to forecast potential malfunctions prior to their manifestation. Through the utilization of diverse machine learning algorithms such as regression analysis, decision trees, and neural networks, the model is programmed to recognize irregularities and forecast points of failure with notable precision. This proactive maintenance approach not only strives to diminish unforeseen downtimes but also optimizes power output aligning with the project's specifications.

Preliminary results indicate a promising reduction in the frequency of unplanned failures surpassing the initial target of 30%, which substantiates the effectiveness of our ml-based approach. Additionally, the project forecasts surpassing the anticipated economic savings, indicating a notable yield on investment and improved operational effectiveness.

This study shows how machine learning has a substantial influence on transforming wind turbine upkeep, it stands as a guiding example for similar initiatives across the renewable energy field offering key insights into how to achieve sustainable and reliable power production.

Keywords:- Predictive Maintenance, Machine Learning, Wind Turbines, Energy Efficiency, Failure Reduction, Renewable Energy, Turbine Reliability, Economic Savings, Anomaly Detection, Operational Efficiency.

I. INTRODUCTION

The prominence of wind energy showcases human ingenuity in the search for sustainable energy sources. Yet this green technology faces a formidable challenge unplanned wind turbine failure, which cause significant reductions in energy and financial output. The anticipatory maintenance paradigm has become a revolutionary approach aiming to anticipate failures and streamline operations [1][2]

This study presents an innovative strategy to anticipatory upkeep that makes use of machine learning to pre-empt wind turbine failures. Drawing upon extensive datasets, our research follows the precedent of leveraging complex operational data to guide predictive algorithms [3]. We employ a multinomial naive bayes classifier for its effectiveness in handling the probabilistic nature of failure predictions, echoing the current trend towards data-driven intelligent monitoring systems [4][5].

Our framework synthesizes data scraping techniques to collect client-specified turbine metrics specified by the client and using exploratory data analysis to identify failure patterns. This approach is crucial for optimizing maintenance schedules and aligns with the operational optimization imperative in wind energy production [6]. The culmination of our research is the deployment of a predictive model on a cloud platform, integrating the practicality of machine learning with the accessibility of modern web applications for real-time monitoring [7].

This study's goal is to progress the area by lowering unforeseen downtimes and sustaining energy output within operational bounds, which will increase wind power generations efficiency and economy.

The project methodology followed here is the open-source CRISP-ML(Q) methodology from 360DigiTMG (ak.1) [Fig.1] where CRISP-ML(Q) stands for CRoss

Industry Standard Practice for Machine Learning with Quality assurance.



Fig. 1: CRISP-ML (Q) Methodological Framework, Outlining its Key Components and Steps Visually. (Source:-Mind Map - 360digitmg)

Industries spanning diverse domains are undergoing a digital transition, leveraging machine learning-driven approaches to address complex challenges. In this context, your project aims to tackle the unplanned failure of wind turbine engines, which has significant economic and operational implications. Let's explore the CRISP-MLQ process model, as illustrated in [Fig.1], to guide your research methodology.

A. Data Collection

The foundation of our study resides in a carefully selected dataset, obtained through web scraping, capturing crucial operational parameters. This dataset encompasses a range of variables, including wind speed, power output, and various temperature readings, forming the basis for our prognostic maintenance model. The primary focus is on the failure status variable, serving as the target feature to predict wind turbine failures. This initial phase, as outlined in [Fig.1], sets the groundwork for our analysis.

B. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

In our detailed exploratory data analysis (EDA) phase, we meticulously examined the connections and patterns that are present in the data. This phase offered more profound insights into the interactions among variables. EDA was an essential step before moving on to model building, following modern data-focused approaches and the systematic method illustrated in [Fig.1].

C. Data Cleaning and Preparation

To ensure the integrity and robustness of our dataset, we undertook thorough data cleansing and preparation activities. This involved addressing missing values, detecting, and rectifying irregularities to preserve the high quality of our information. Such optimization is vital for the success of subsequent machine learning endeavours, underscoring the importance of careful data pre-processing as recommended in contemporary research. This process is a key component of the CRISP-MLQ methodology, as depicted in [Fig.1].

D. Model Development

The centrepiece of our research is the application of machine learning, particularly in the field of maintenance strategies and predictive analytics. Our exploration covered a variety of algorithms, with the multinomial naive Bayes emerging as a leading method for predicting turbine malfunctions. The straightforwardness of this model highlights its efficiency, mirroring findings in existing studies that stress the importance of refining simpler models to attain peak effectiveness. This principle plays a crucial role during the model development stage, as illustrated in [Fig.1].

E. Model Validation

In order to guarantee the resilience of our predictive maintenance model, multiple approaches are employed, such as thorough testing, extensive performance monitoring, and ongoing validation. A comprehensive validation process was carried out, and suitable assessment measures like accuracy and precision were utilized to gauge and appraise the model's efficacy in forecasting results. This phase of model validation is critical, as depicted in [Fig.1], ensuring the model's utility in accurately anticipating turbine breakdowns.

F. Deployment

The result of our collaborative efforts was the implementation of the multinomial naive Bayes model. The model, proven effective in our validation phase, was integrated into a Flask interface for user-friendly deployment on the AWS platform. This simplification of the deployment process echoes contemporary trends in integrating machine learning models into real-time applications, marking the final phase in the CRISP-MLQ process as illustrated in [Fig. 1].

G. Wind Turbine Failure

The gusts of innovation in wind energy signal a hopeful era of resilience. Yet, amid the grandeur of wind turbines, lurks a persistent adversary: unplanned wind turbine failures. These failures, akin to disruptive tempests amidst the serene terrain of renewable energy, exact a toll not only on energy production but also on financial viability.

The dependability and effectiveness of wind power production are severely threatened by wind turbine failures, which can take many different forms. These failures might include structural defects, electrical faults, mechanical malfunctions, or other issues that cause significant downtimes throughout the energy industry, monetary losses, as well as ineffective operations [8][9].

Upon scrutinizing the essence pertaining to the infrastructure of wind energy, one finds a multifaceted orchestra of elements, all of which are important for capturing the wind's kinetic energy. The insides of a wind turbine are a marvel of human engineering, with towering blades slicing through the air with beautiful productivity and complicated gearboxes that transport power with precision [10][11]. [Fig.2] provides a detailed visual representation of these internal components, highlighting the intricate engineering behind each element that contributes to the wind turbine's functionality.

Yet, within this intricate machinery lies the vulnerability to unforeseen breakdowns, where the failure of a single component can cascade into operational disruptions of significant magnitude. The gearbox, a crucial cog in the wind turbine's machinery, stands as a poignant symbol of vulnerability, susceptible to wear, fatigue, and unforeseen stresses [8][9].

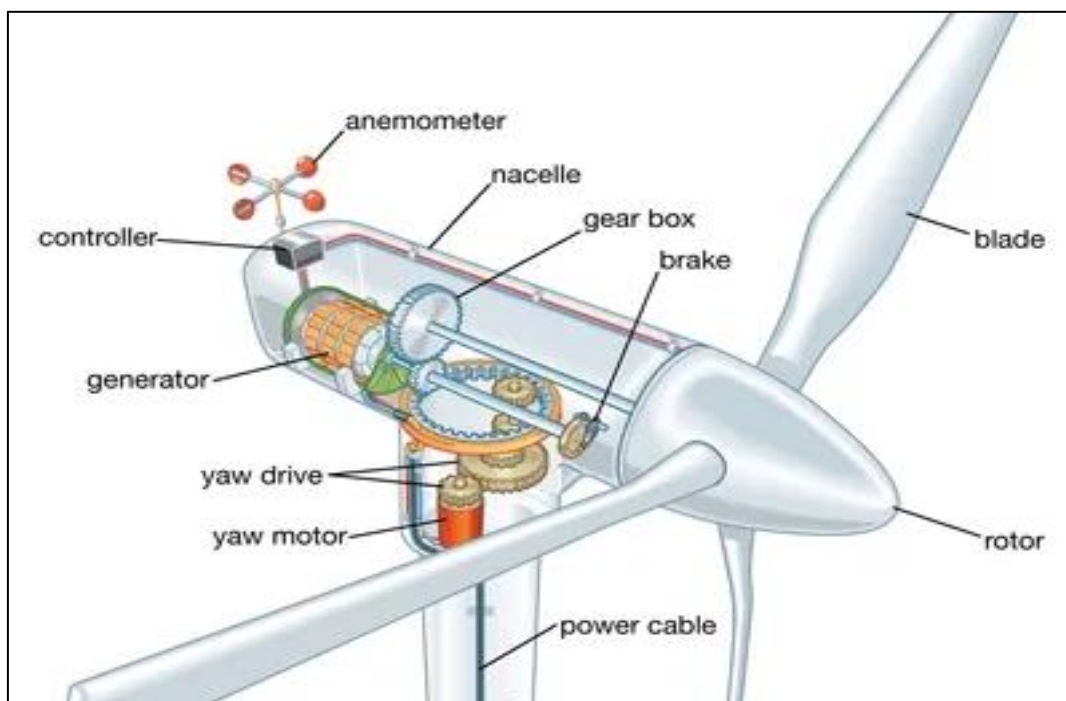


Fig. 2: Internal Components of Wind Turbine
(Source: Image Address)

Against the backdrop of these challenges, the concept of foreseeing or prescient maintenance emerges as a promising solution, presenting a proactive strategy to alleviate the consequences of wind turbine failures [12][13][14]. Through the application involving the utilization of machine learning and predictive analytics, we set out on a path to act pre-emptively, detect patterns of failure, enhance upkeep, servicing or repairs schedules, and strengthen the robustness. Maintenance of wind energy infrastructure involves tasks such as inspections, repairs, and preventive measures to ensure the efficient and reliable operation of the system [15][16][17]. [Fig.2] not only

underscores the complexity of these tasks but also the critical nature of each component's role in the overall system's resilience.

By combining large-scale datasets, sophisticated prediction algorithms, and cloud-based deployment frameworks, our study aims to pave the way for wind energy generation that is operationally excellent. Our goal is to improve wind power generation's economics and efficiency by reducing unplanned outages and maintaining energy output within operational limitations, thereby welcoming a new era of resilience and sustainability [15][16][17].

II. METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

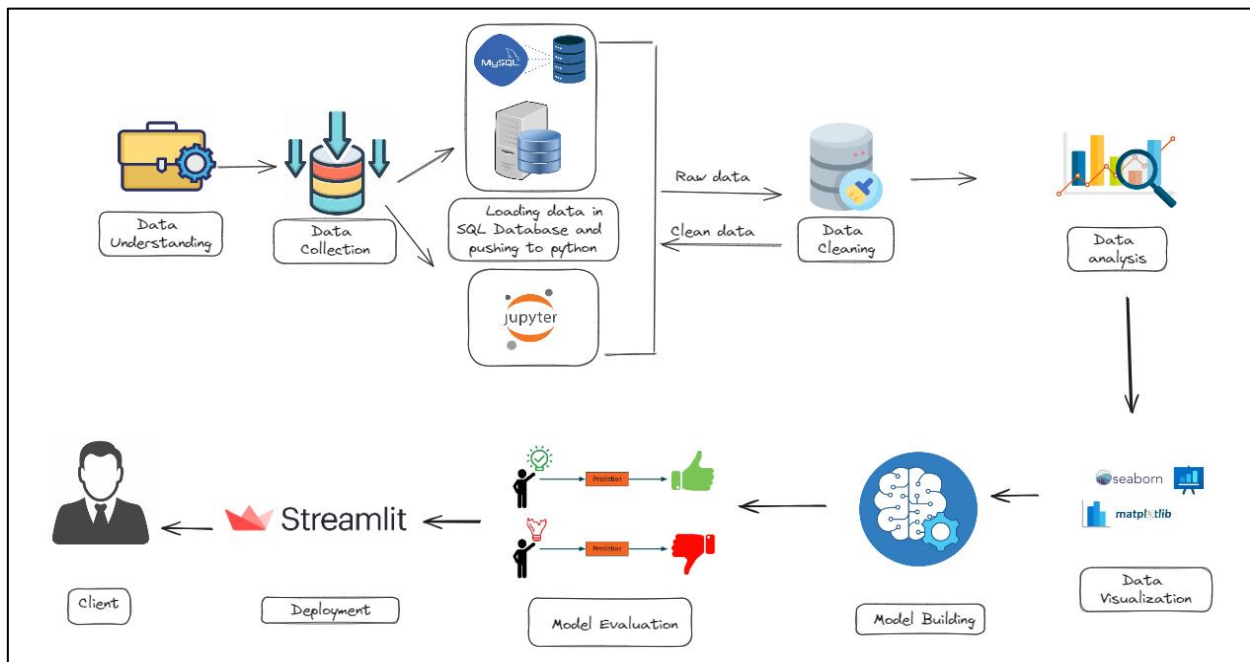


Fig. 3: Architecture of Wind Turbine Engine Prediction Model

A. Project Architecture Overview:

The above provided architecture is broad overview of the pointing out significant outcomes with required components and is designed to full-fill the particular goals and tasks of the study which is offering very solid groundwork for our predictive model building[Fig.3]. The research is done on the historical failure data of the wind turbine engine. We have used SQL database to store the data to retaining the quality of the data then data is pushed to python IDE.

Models acquire knowledge from input-output pairs to grasp underlying relationships, regardless of whether they employ logistic regression, neural networks, or alternative algorithms. Training entails refining model parameters to reduce prediction errors. It's imperative to emphasize the significance of data quality, as underscored by the well-known saying "garbage in, garbage out". Emphasizing the importance of a diverse dataset containing representative samples is crucial.

Apprehending the complexities of the business problem is paramount, and data comprehension is pivotal in addressing it effectively as it impacts hypothesis testing, results quality, methodological rigor, statistical analysis, ethical considerations, data visual representation, peer review, and reproducibility. A clear comprehension of the data facilitates the formulation of reliable and valid conclusions with transparent methodologies and acknowledgment of challenges, enhancing the overall quality [Fig.3].

B. Data Quality and Dataset Characteristics:

A dataset serves as the foundational repository of information comprising structured or unstructured data relevant to the study's objectives it typically encompasses raw observations measurements or records that are methodically arranged for analysis the choice and curation of a dataset are critical considerations influencing the durability and consistency of the research outcomes we must meticulously describe the datasets characteristics such as its source size and format to provide clarity and enable ensuring the replicability of comprehending the dataset aids in formulating appropriate research methodologies

performing statistical analyses and drawing meaningful conclusions additionally researchers should address any inherent limitations or biases within the dataset ensuring a comprehensive and honest portrayal of the data's potential impact on the study's findings here the chosen dataset has 3600 rows and 16 columns.

In a dataset with 16 columns where one column is designated for dates and another for categorical failure status while the remaining 14 columns contain continuous variables it appears to represent a structured dataset capturing information over time the date column likely serves as a temporal dimension allowing for the analysis of trends or patterns over specific time intervals the failure status column being categorical likely denotes whether a particular event or failure occurred providing a binary classification for each corresponding date.

The 14 measurable variables suggest a emphasis on numerical assessments or characteristics of these variables cover a spectrum of numerical magnitudes metrics such as sensor readings measurements or other numeric data points relevant to the context of the dataset investigating the correlation among the numeric variables and the failure status over time could yield insights into factors contributing to failures or patterns leading to specific outcomes exploring correlations trends or anomalies within the dataset will be valuable for understanding the dynamics of the system under consideration and potentially predicting or preventing failures.

C. Data Quality Assessment:

- Abnormal Data Points: Identifying outliers or anomalies is essential. These can skew model performance. Techniques like z-scores or interquartile range help detect them.
- Missing Data: Handle missing values carefully (impute). Missing data can mislead models.

D. Data Cleansing:

- Outlier Treatment: Treated extreme values that don't align with the majority using Winsorization with IQR method.
- Imputation: Fill missing values using median methods.
- Normalization: Scaled features by Min-Max scaling method to prevent dominance by certain variables.
- Encoding Categorical Variables: Converted categorical data (Failure status) into numerical representations(binary). The chosen attribute being predictor.

Identify the key variables that impact system behaviour. The complete data cleaning process helped the model to get good accuracy [18].

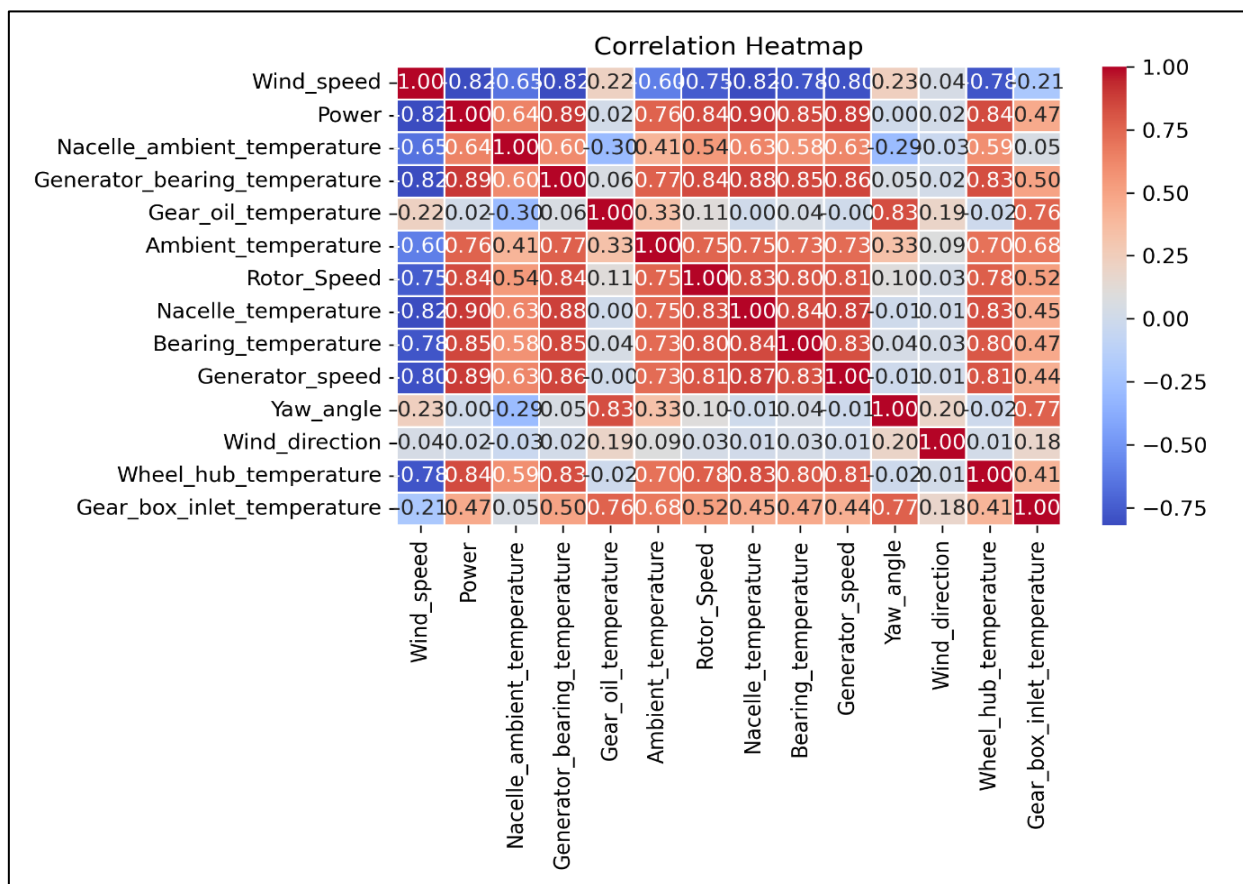


Fig. 4: Correlation Map

Additionally, we generated visualizations to enhance our understanding of the data distribution. We utilized scatter plots and a correlation map to depict the relationship between individual attributes and the quantity of wind energy produced [Fig. 4]. We also validated the correlations of attributes with wind generation [19].

Based on the correlation, we grouped some attributes to understand the root cause of the engine failure of the wind turbines.

The positive correlation between Nacelle temperature and Generator speed (0.87) indicates that as the generator speed increases, there is a tendency for the nacelle temperature to rise. This relationship may be influenced by the fact that higher generator speeds could lead to increased energy production, consequently contributing to elevated temperatures in the nacelle [Fig.4].

The positive correlation between wheel hub temperature and nacelle temperature (0.83) indicates that these temperatures tend to fluctuate together, either rising or falling simultaneously. This connection may arise from the physical interconnection between the wheel hub and nacelle components, where temperature changes in one part can influence the temperature of the other [Fig.4].

These correlations suggest an inter dependence among temperatures in various sections, such as the nacelle and wheel hub, and the speed of specific wind turbine components, notably the generator. This interconnected relationship signifies that changes in one parameter may influence corresponding alterations in others. For wind turbine engineers and operators, recognizing these correlations is crucial, as it offers understanding of the thermal dynamics of the turbines. This understanding can be instrumental in enhancing maintenance schedules and overall effectiveness. For example, vigilant monitoring of the generator's speed can unveil temperature fluctuations in interconnected parts, fostering proactive upkeep and averting potential issues.

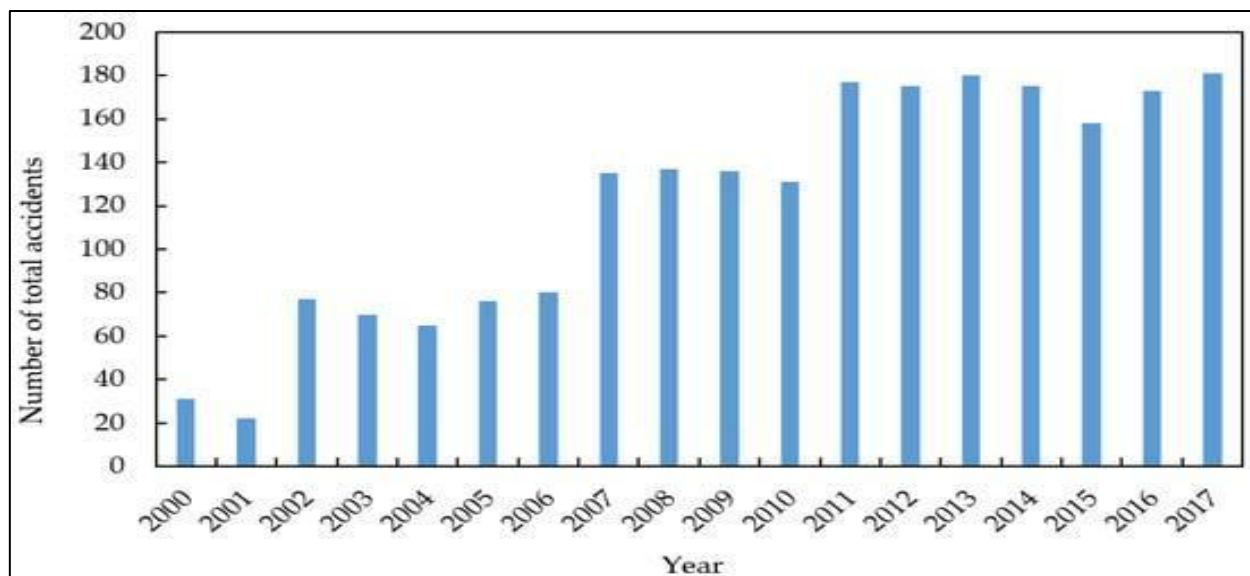


Fig. 5: Annual wind turbine failure rate [Sustainability | Free Full-Text | Analysis of Wind Turbine Equipment Failure and Intelligent Operation and Maintenance Research (mdpi.com)]

The graph from 2000 to 2017 shows that wind turbine failure rates have remained high over time [Fig.5]. A number of issues could be to blame, such as deteriorating environmental conditions, outdated infrastructure, restricted technological developments in older models, difficulties with remote maintenance, and rising demand for renewable energy that puts stress on existing turbines. In order to solve this problem, the industry must prioritize supervision and improvements, engage in research, and think about replacing outdated turbines with more modern designs. For wind energy operations to be both sustainable and efficient, ongoing surveillance and anticipatory upkeep techniques are critical.

E. Model Building

Building a predictive model was the crucial part of our research methodology. Our primary objective was to get good accuracy and achieve the least error to understand the outlying cause. The input and output variable has to be known. The predictor variable from the dataset was carefully chosen by analysing each attribute. Each and every attribute was analysed crucially to check which variables contributed the most for the failure of the engine in wind turbines.

Two sets of data were created x_{train} and x_{test} , y_{train} and y_{test} then comes the crucial part where the best suited algorithm has to be chosen and trained.

➤ *Models Comparison:*

In the pursuit of identifying the most efficient machine learning model for our project, we conducted an in-depth analysis of multiple models, focusing on their respective performance metrics both in terms of training and test accuracies. The contenders in this evaluation included the support vector machine (SVM) classifier, k-nearest neighbours (KNN) classifier, random forest, decision tree, and multinomial naive Bayes models. A critical examination of these models reveals insightful distinctions in their learning and generalization capabilities, guiding us toward a nuanced conclusion regarding the optimal choice for our project's requirements. [Table.1]

➤ *Model Performance Overview:*

As depicted in [Table.1], each model under consideration exhibited commendable performance metrics. The SVM and KNN Classifiers achieved perfect training accuracies of 1, signalling their exceptional ability to learn from the dataset. Conversely, the Random Forest and Decision Tree models displayed slightly lower training accuracies but achieved perfect generalization to unseen data, as indicated by their test accuracies of 1. The Multinomial Naive Bayes model, with a training accuracy of 0.9972 and a test accuracy of 0.9986, presents a balanced profile of learning efficiency and generalization capability.

Table 1: Models Comparison Table

MODELS	Train Accuracy	Test Accuracy
SVM Classifier	1	0.9976
KNN Classifier	1	0.9984
Random Forest	0.9972	1
Decision Tree	0.9987	1
Multinomial Naive Bayes	0.9972	0.9986

➤ *Critical Analysis and Model Selection Rationale:*

The essence of our analysis transcends mere numerical comparisons, delving into the implications of these metrics for model selection. A model's training accuracy provides insight into its learning capability from the provided dataset, whereas the test accuracy offers a glimpse into its potential to generalize this learning to new, unseen data. An ideal model demonstrates a harmonious balance between these two aspects, proficiently learning from the training data without overfitting, thereby maintaining robust performance on new data.

- The SVM and KNN Classifiers, despite their perfect training accuracies, prompt a cautious evaluation of their potential for overfitting, albeit their high-test accuracies suggest effective generalization.
- The Random Forest and Decision Tree models showcase a slight reduction in training accuracy compared to the SVM and KNN models, which could be interpreted as a reduced likelihood of overfitting, with their perfect test accuracies underscoring their exceptional generalization capabilities.
- The Multinomial Naive Bayes model, with its slightly lower training accuracy but high-test accuracy, strikes an appealing balance. This configuration, as highlighted in [Table.1], suggests a model that is effectively capturing the general patterns in the data, avoiding the pitfall of overfitting, and demonstrating commendable generalization to new data.

➤ *Final Recommendation and Model Advocacy:*

In light of our analysis, substantiated by the data presented in [Table.1], the multinomial naive Bayes model emerges as the preferred choice for our project. This preference is rooted not solely in its performance metrics, but also in its innate qualities as a model that successfully strikes a balance between learning from the training set and the ability to generalize to new inputs. The marginally lower

training accuracy, as opposed to the nearly flawless test accuracy, suggests a model that grasps fundamental patterns without succumbing to overfitting, making it particularly well-suited for tasks demanding reliable predictive performance on novel datasets. After a thorough assessment of learning and generalization capabilities, the multinomial naive Bayes model has been pinpointed as the most suitable for our project's objectives. It serves as a prime example of a model not only skilled in learning from past data but also proficient in leveraging these insights to predict future outcomes accurately.

F. *Hyper Parameter tuning methods*

We have applied various hyperparameter tuning to improve the accuracy of the model

- Some of them are: a) HyperOpt
b) GridSearchCV

➤ *HyperOpt- Hyperparameter optimization*

- **Hyperparameters:** In the context of optimizing hyperparameters, the variable alpha denotes the smoothing parameter for a multinomial naive Bayes model. This parameter is sampled from a log uniform distribution. Additionally, the hyperparameter fitprior is a boolean value that dictates whether class priors should be learned (True) or kept uniform (False) during the training of the model.

➤ *Hyperparameter Optimization:*

- **Objective Function (fn):** Researchers typically choose a metric or score to demonstrate the model's effectiveness, and the optimization strategy aims to identify the hyperparameter configuration most adept at achieving this objective. In this context, the objective function serves as an efficiency indicator in connection with the

- optimization technique, which seeks to either enhance or reduce a specified performance measure [21].
- Search Space (space): In relation to every parameter utilized amidst the parameter space establishes the achievable values the optimization approach for the variables param_space is used to reflect that space contains all potential values for every hyperparameter in which will help in optimization algorithm analyze combinations efficaciously [22].
 - Optimization Algorithm (algo): The methodology applied by employing the parameter range calculation method explored and the group that relates to hyperparameters updated throughout a series of loops is determined through the algorithm employed is intended for optimization by prominent the bayesian optimization approach incorporates the probabilistic tree-structured parzen estimator tpe method model-based optimization technique the tpe algorithm proficiently investigates and exploits the hyperparameter domain to uncover the best setup for a particular goal function[23].
 - Maximum Evaluations (max_evals): this setting establishes the greatest count of assessments the functionality of the optimization algorithm involves model training and assigning a score in our case it is set to 100 meaning signifying that the algorithm will explore 100 assessing assorted mixture of hyperparameters to uncover the best set [24].
 - Trials (trials): Trials are applied for maintaining records of different evaluations performed in the context of optimization process. It stores information about each combination of hyperparameter values, their corresponding objective function values and other relevant details; the trail variable is the point where information is stored [25].
 - After applying multiple hyperparameters using HyperOpt the best achieved loss is approximately -0.9986 the fine-tuning procedure involved 100 trials and the best configuration for the multinomial naive bayes model achieved perfect accuracy on the training set 100 and a very high accuracy on the test set approximately 99.86 the chosen hyperparameters for the model were alpha=0.4666 and fit_prior=false.

➤ Grid Search CV

- Hyperparameters: In a hyperparameter optimization context, alpha represents the smoothing parameter for a Multinomial Naive Bayes model, sampled from a log uniform distribution, and fit_prior is a boolean hyperparameter determining whether class priors should be learned (True) or uniform (False) during model training.
- Param_Grid: The parameter grid outlines the values substituted for hyperparameters undergo investigation particularly the grid search alpha is examined with the values defined while fit prior undergoes testing with true false.

- Estimator: The estimator parameter in Grid Search CV specifies the model to be tuned. In this case, it's a Multinomial Naive Bayes model created using MultinomialNB().
- Param_Grid: The hyperparameter grid to be searched is dictated by the Param grid parameter in gridsearch.cv the specified dictionary referred to as the Param grid dictionary is what is set as the value for this parameter [26].
- CV: In grid search the count of folds for cv specified during grid search is 5.

Following the application of various hyperparameters through grid search cv the optimal configuration for the multinomial naive bayes model resulted in perfect accuracy on the training set 99.7 and exceptionally high accuracy on the test set approximately 99.86 the selected hyperparameters for the model included an alpha value of 0.4666 and the fit_prior parameter was set to false.

G. Deployment:

Given the model's excellent performance, the deployment process proceeded smoothly. We developed an intuitive interface for the multinomial naive Bayes model through Flask, aligning it with the latest developments in real-time machine learning applications. This method simplifies the process of integrating with the AWS platform. By streamlining the deployment strategy, we guarantee ease of access and expandability, empowering users to tap into the extensive benefits of predictive maintenance functionalities.

III. RESULTS

Upon deployment, our multinomial naive Bayes model exhibited outstanding performance in predicting turbine failures, with remarkable accuracy and precision. Real-time tracking of operational metrics enabled prompt actions, minimizing downtime and boosting operational effectiveness. The model's forward-looking recognition of likely malfunctions allows maintenance teams to strategically allocate resources, mitigating operational disturbances and fine-tuning turbine performance. Moreover, the streamlined deployment process ensures accessibility and adaptability, catering to the evolving needs of the wind energy industry. These results underscore the significance of predictive maintenance models in sustaining consistency and lasting performance of wind power installations. [Fig.6] illustrates the Flask deployment interface, capturing the model's predictive capabilities in action. This visualization showcases the real-world applicability of our model in real-life scenarios and emphasizes its effectiveness in practical scenarios. It offers a concrete illustration of the integration of predictive analytics into daily operations, facilitating the adoption of preventive upkeep strategies.



Fig. 6: Final Results

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our study underscores the significance of utilizing predictive maintenance frameworks. Specifically, highlighting the efficiency of the multinomial naive Bayes algorithm to improve the dependability and longevity of wind energy systems through thorough data collection, exploratory analysis, and model refinement. We have showcased the efficacy of our methodology in preemptively detecting turbine malfunctions.

Flask enabled the multinomial naive Bayes model to be successfully deployed on the AWS platform, demonstrating how state-of-the-art machine learning methods can be seamlessly incorporated into real-time applications. Wind farm owners can reap significant benefits from the model's extraordinary accuracy and precision in anticipating turbine failures, including the capability to efficiently allocate resources and enhance maintenance schedules.

Additionally, our research underscores the significance of adopting predictive analysis and ongoing surveillance. In order to reduce operational interruptions and maximize energy output, the wind energy industry may enhance operational durability and foster sustainable growth by embracing evidence-based methodologies and deploying innovative early intervention maintenance solutions.

In order of amplifying the foresight capabilities of maintenance models could investigate the incorporation of additional data sources and sophisticated machine learning techniques furthermore examining the scalability and suitability of our methodology in various wind farm

contexts may yield significant insights for both researchers and industry practitioners.

Essentially, our study adds to the larger conversation surrounding the utilization of data-driven technologies to tackle difficulties in managing eco-friendly energy framework. This, in turn, charts a trajectory toward a future characterized by both sustainability and resilience.

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