

The image features a background of high-voltage power lines and transmission towers silhouetted against a twilight sky. A city is visible in the distance, illuminated by its lights. Overlaid on this scene is a network of glowing blue lines and dots, representing a smart grid or data network. The Ampacimon logo is positioned in the upper left, with the tagline 'Smart solutions for a dynamic grid' below it.

Ampacimon
Smart solutions for a dynamic grid

Accelerating the energy transition with technology solutions for critical transmission and distribution assets

Agenda

1. About Ampacimon
2. DLR Technology – How It Works
3. Applications of DLR

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AMPACIMON IN SHORT

High-End Sensors + High-End Analytics.....

Capacity Optimization & Condition Monitoring
& Predictive Asset Health in OHLs, UGCs and other assets

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Founders and employees

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korys
Invest. Inspire.



Founded in 2010



Atlanta, USA
Liege, Belgium
Madrid, Spain



70 Employees



Deployments in 30+ utilities
in 25+ countries



130+ Active DLR
Deployments



ISO 9001 certified

Most Transmission Lines are rated significantly less than their true capacity because they lack visibility on real time conditions



Constrained Capacity

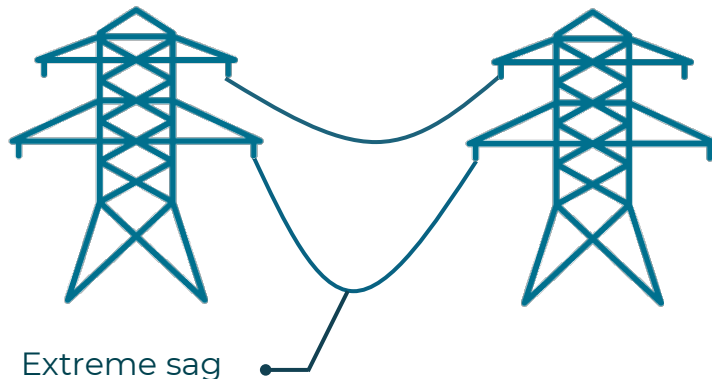


Aging Asset Infrastructure

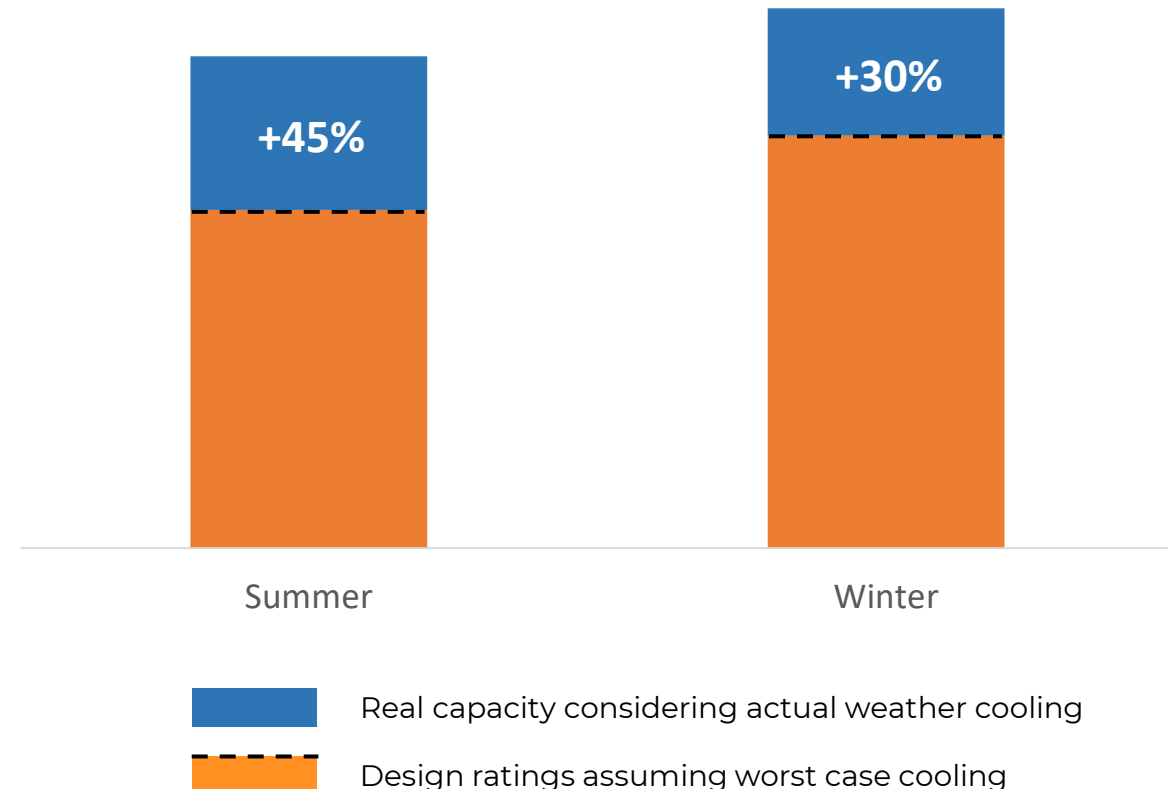


Grid Reliability

- Power line current capacity **depends** technical design of the cables **but are** drastically **affected by weather conditions** (temperature, wind etc.)
- Lack of visibility on external elements typically force grid operators to **design line ratings** assuming "worst conditions"
- Current **naturally heats up** power lines, which, when overheating, may result in **extreme sag** which may result in cable deteriorating faster or even dangerous situations
- Cold weather or wind can **naturally cool down** the power lines and **increase** their **current capacity** without exceeding maximum sag



Current carrying capacity depending on weather conditions



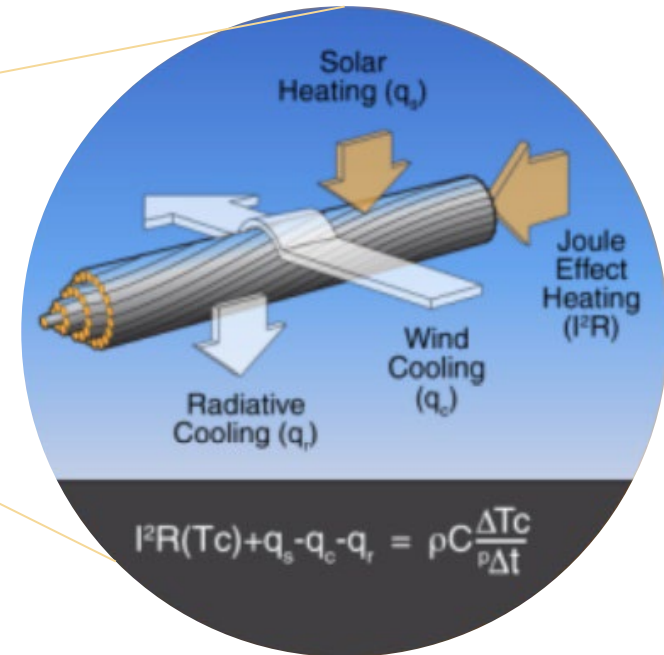
Source: IEEE



Dynamic Line Rating

How It Works

Transmission Lines Have a Rated Capacity based on maximum conductor temperature or sag



Wind is the key factor to increasing capacity



U.S. Department of Energy | April 2014

Operating Conditions	Change in Conditions	Impact on Capacity
Ambient temperature	2 °C decrease	+ 2%
	10 °C decrease	+ 11%
Solar radiation	Cloud shadowing	+/- a few percent
	Total eclipse	+ 18%
Wind	3 ft./s increase, 45° angle	+ 35%
	3 ft./s increase, 90° angle	+ 44%

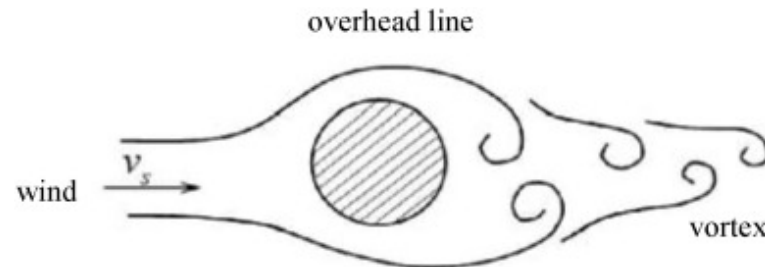
Source: Navigant Consulting, Inc. (Navigant) analysis; data from (7)

Table 1. Impacts of Changing Operating Conditions on Transmission Line Capacity

Measuring Wind Speed

Wind < 2m/s

Vortex-induced vibrations and
strouhal equation



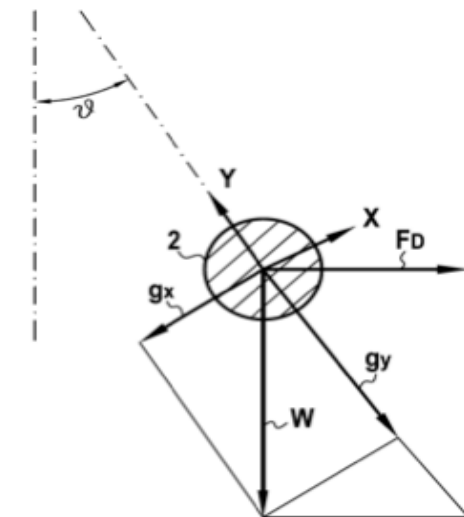
Strouhal number [0,185] $St = fD / U$

- f : oscillation wind frequency
- D : Line diameter
- U : Flow velocity (perpendicular wind)

- High Accuracy at **low speeds (Aeolian vibrations)**
- Measured as a “span-value” exactly at the **conductor/line level (not a single-spot location)**

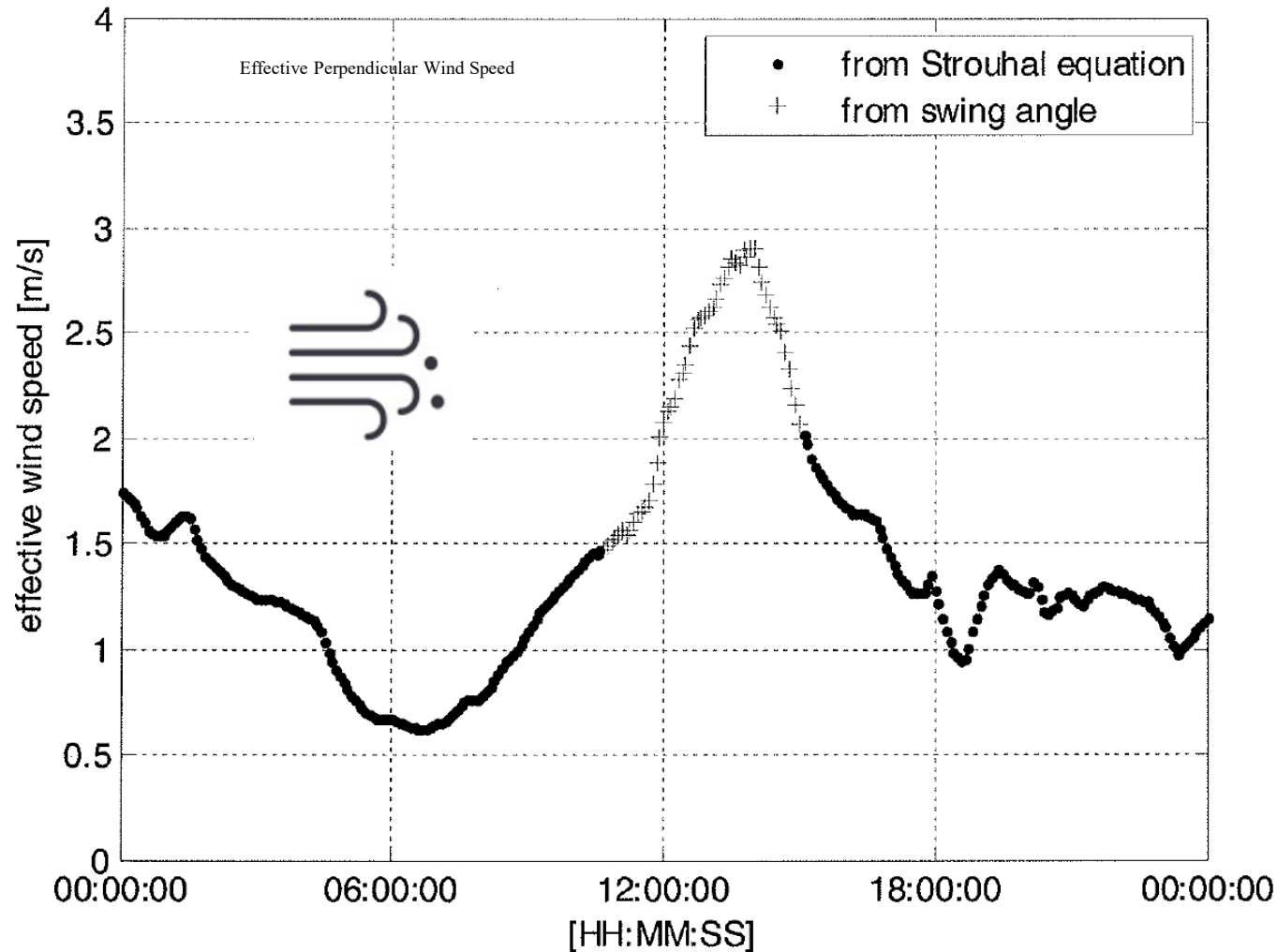
Wind > 2m/s


Swing Angle



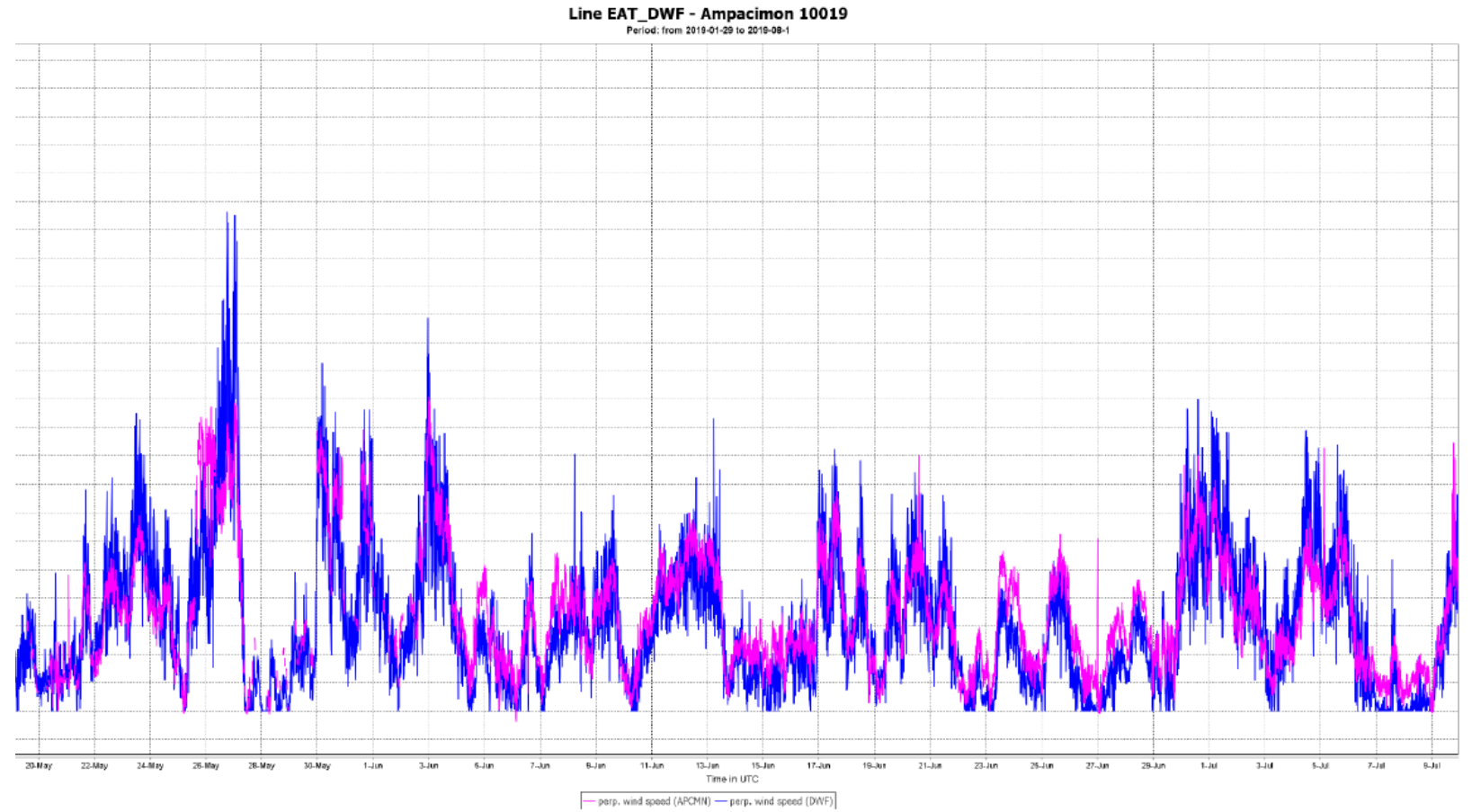
$$V_w = \sqrt{\frac{p_w \tan \Phi_C}{\rho g}}$$
$$p_w = \frac{1/2 C_D \rho_{air} d_C}{1}$$

Measuring Wind Speed, Continued



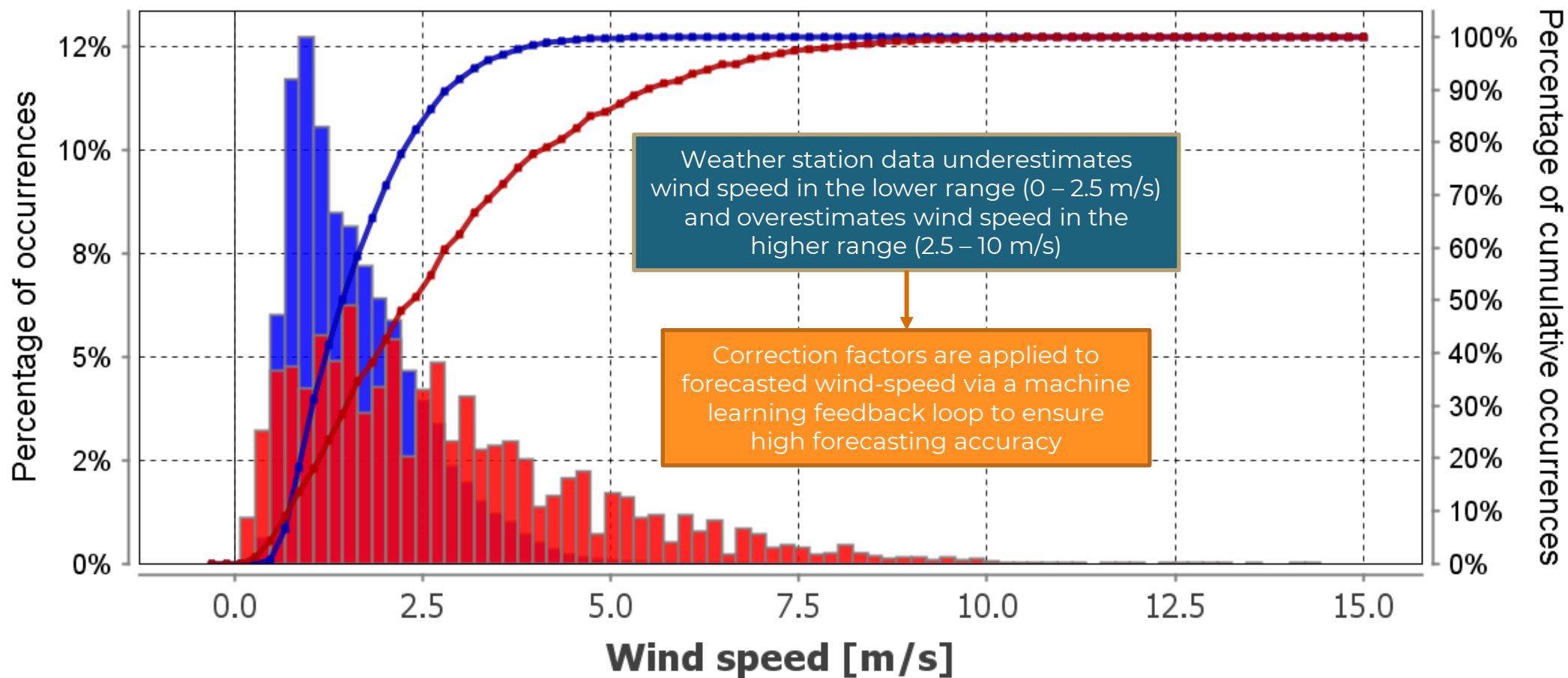
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Lilien et al.	
(54) METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE DETERMINATION OF WIND SPEEDS AND INCIDENT RADIATION PARAMETERS OF OVERHEAD POWER LINES	Publication Classification
(71) Applicant: UNIVERSITE DE LIEGE, ANGLEUR (BE)	(51) Int. Cl. G01W 1/00 (2006.01); G06F 7/00 (2006.01)
(72) Inventors: Jean-Louis Lilien, Angleur (BE); Hans-Minh Nguyen, Liege (BE); Bertrand Godard, Liege (BE)	(52) U.S. Cl. G01W 1/00 (2013.01); G06F 7/00 (2013.01); G06F 7/02 (2013.01)
(73) Assignee: UNIVERSITE DE LIEGE, ANGLEUR (BE)	(57) ABSTRACT
(21) Appl. No.: 13/709,474	The present invention relates to a method and system for the determination of parameters related to the speed of wind that blows near an overhead electrical power line (single or bundle conductors). The parameters include an "effective wind speed" as well as an "effective incident radiation" acting on a power line span. The measurement is made by using the combination of mechanical vibrations and movement positions in two or three dimensions through sensors in direct link with the power line conductor.
(22) Filed: Dec. 18, 2012	

Wind Speed Measurement Validation



Wind speed Histogram - Line

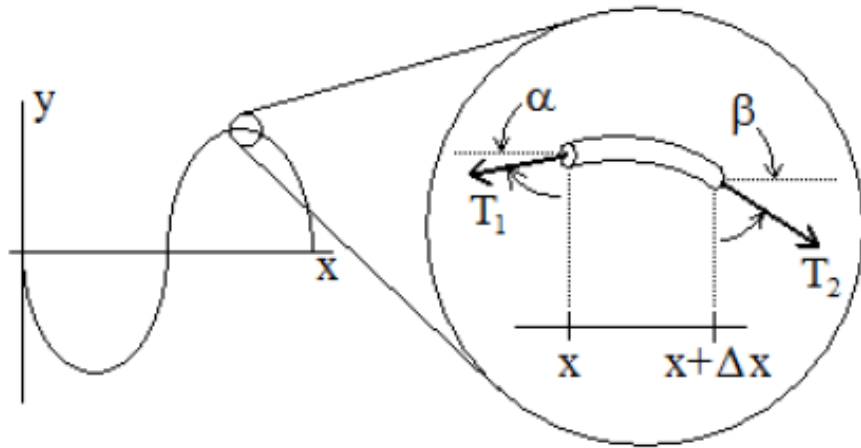
Period: from 2021-01-01T00:00:00.000Z to 2022-02-08T00:00:00.000Z



- Perp Wind Speed Station TWC-42.853--78.773
- Perp Wind Speed Station WS-APCMN-434
- Cumulative Perp Wind Speed Station TWC-42.853--78.773
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Vibration-Based Sag

$$sag \approx \frac{\rho g a^2}{8H}$$



Horizontal Component of Tension is Constant, "H"

$$T_{1x} = T_1 \cos(\alpha) \approx H$$

$$T_{2x} = T_2 \cos(\beta) \approx H$$

Vertical Component of Tension is proportional to mass and acceleration

$$\sum F_Y = -T_{2y} - T_{1y} = -T_2 \sin(\beta) - T_1 \sin(\alpha) = (\rho g dx) a_c \approx \rho g dx \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

Combining Vertical and Horizontal Components

$$-\frac{\rho dx}{H} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T_2 \sin(\beta)}{T_2 \cos(\beta)} + \frac{T_1 \sin(\alpha)}{T_1 \cos(\alpha)} = \tan(\beta) + \tan(\alpha)$$

Substitutions and Solving

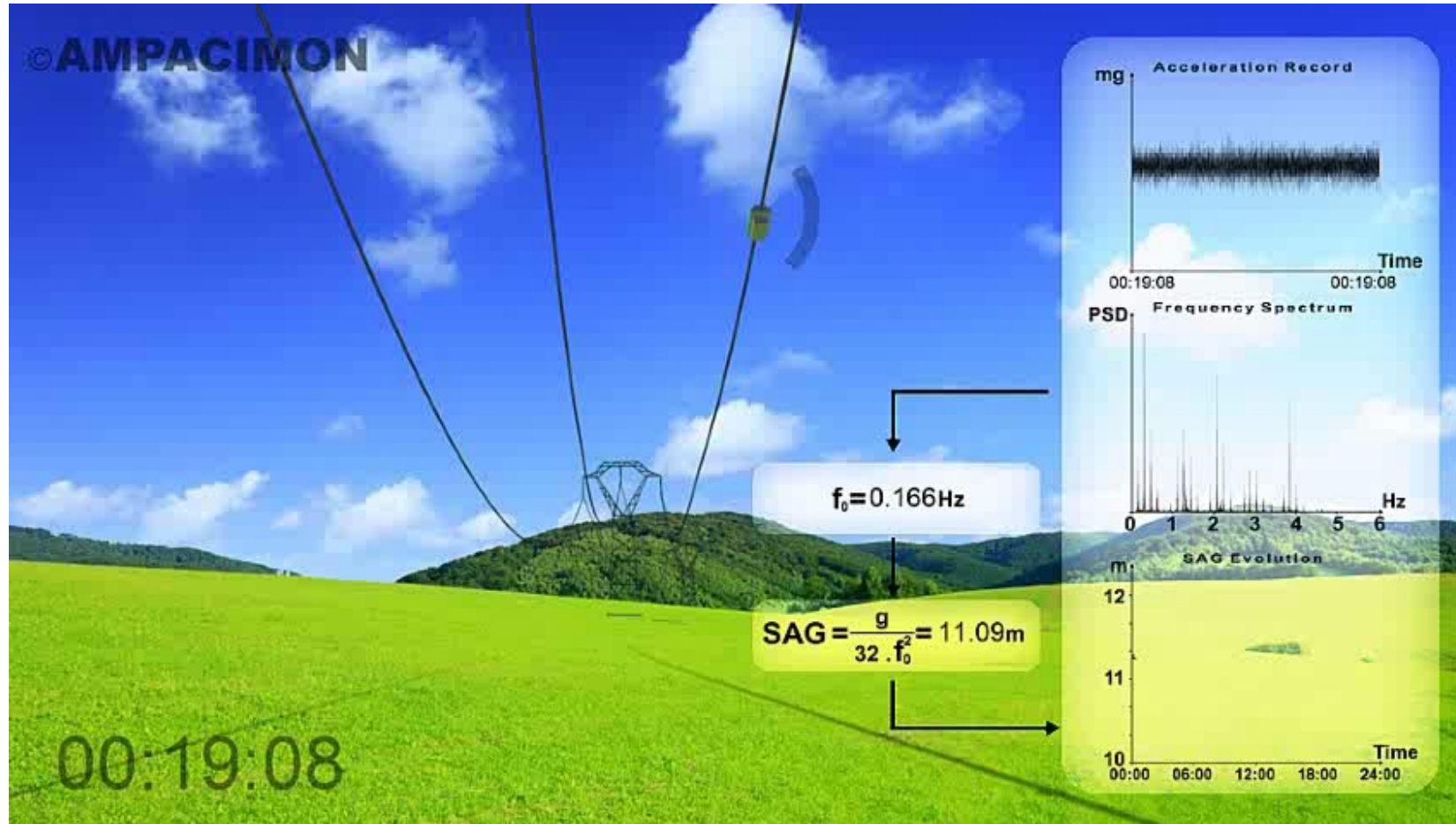
$$f_k = \frac{\omega_k}{2\pi} = k \frac{1}{2a} \sqrt{\frac{H}{\rho}}$$

Combining with Sag Formula where k=1

$$sag = \frac{g}{32f_1^2}$$

→ We only need to track changes in the fundamental vibration frequency to measure sag!!

Vibration Based Sag



Accuracy of +/- 20 cm regardless of conductor height

Mean Conductor Temperature

Accurate Sag → Accurate Mean Conductor Temperature

The length of overhead line's conductor expands because of thermal and elastic expansion

$$(8f^2 / 3L^2) - (pL^2 / 8fES) - aT = Cte$$

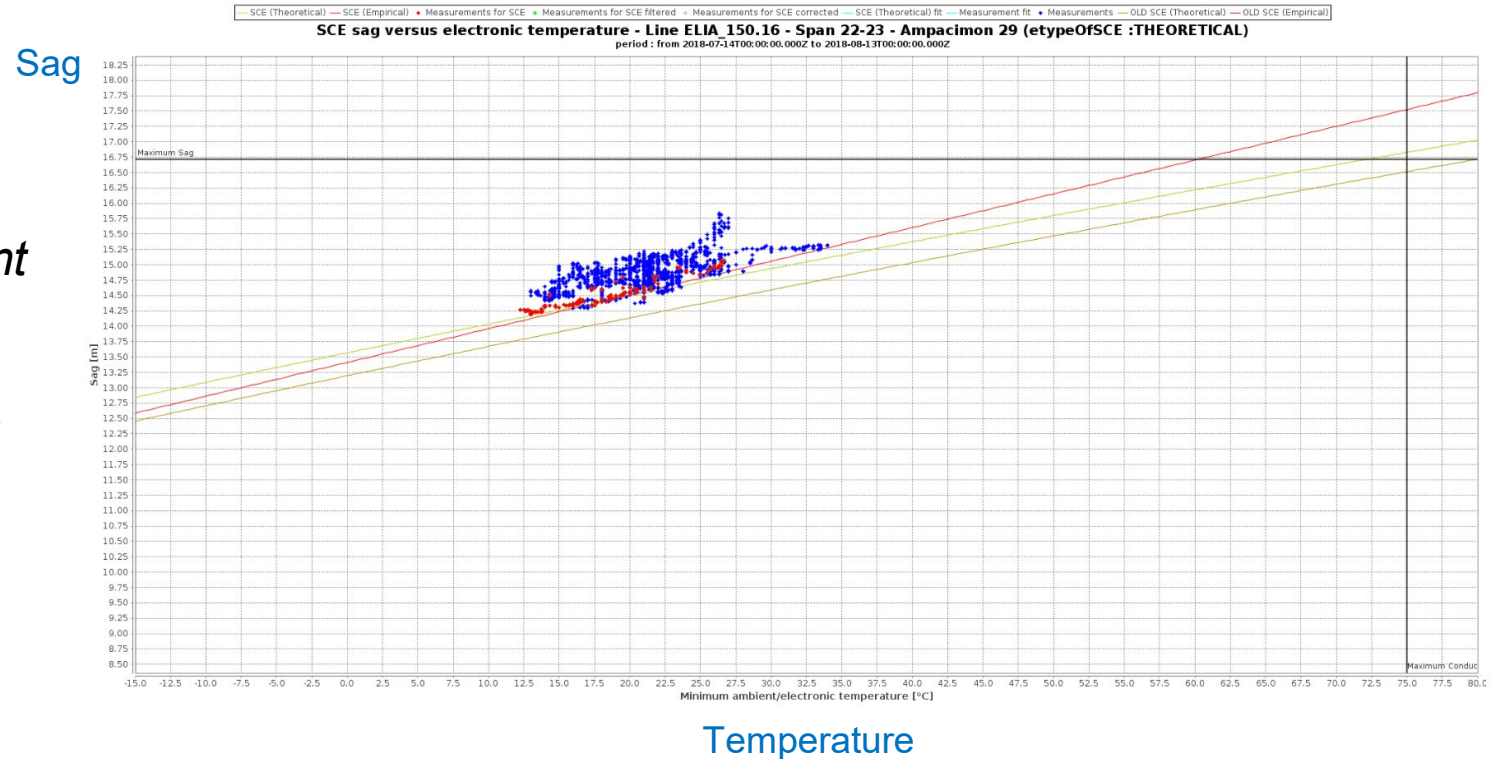
a - thermal expansion coefficient

E – Young modulus

S – conductor cross section

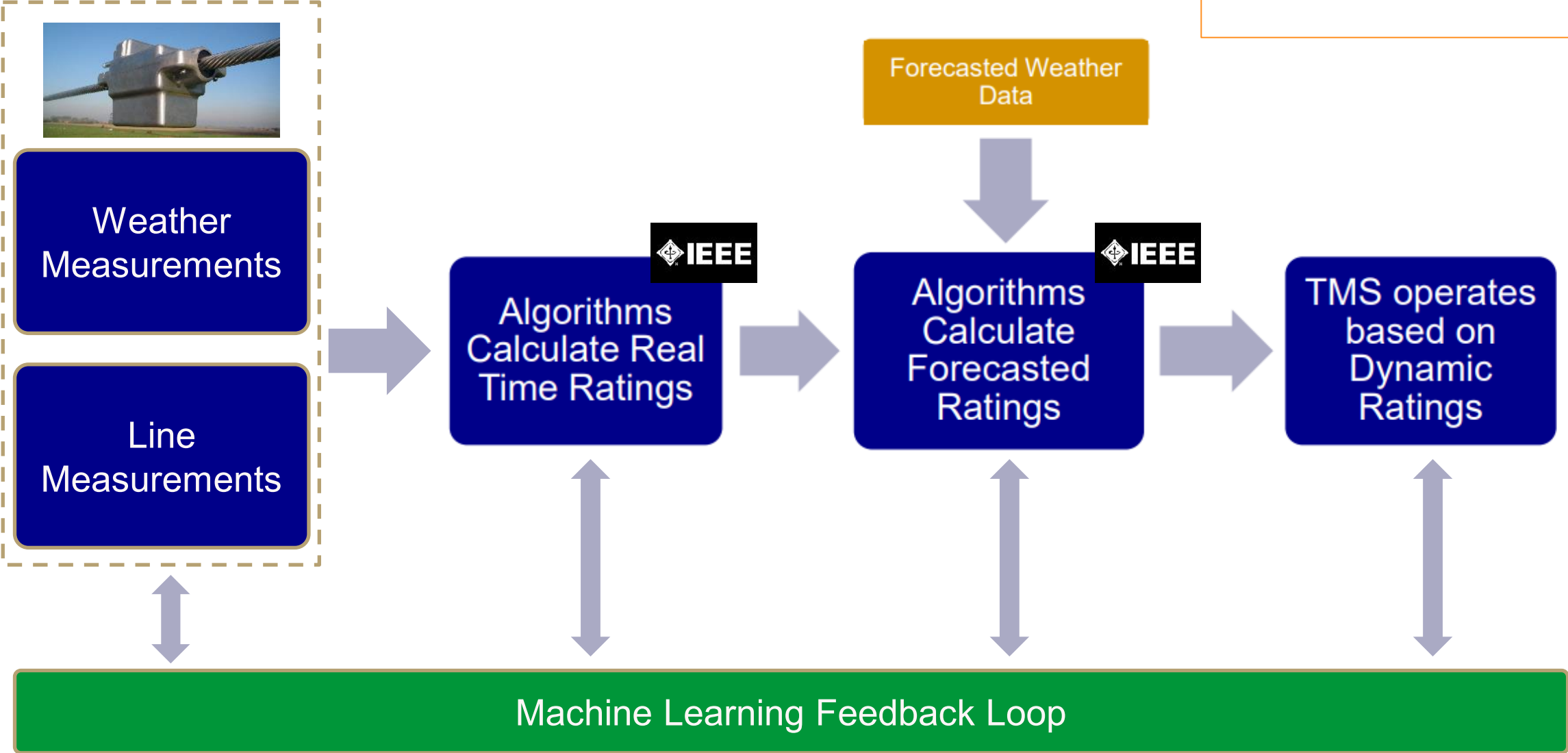
p – conductor weight per meter

L - rulling span length

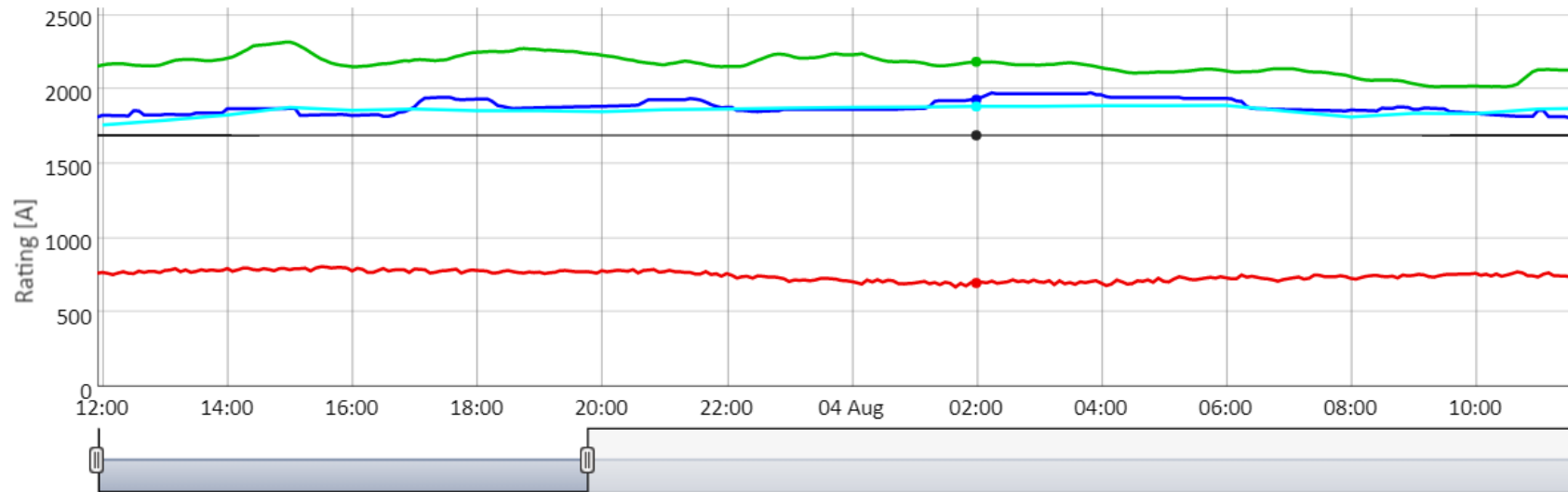


Dynamic Line Ratings Process

Machine learning with wind measurements allow for **98% confidence interval** capacity forecast while retaining significant gains



Ratings Output Example



Ratings are calculated every 5 minutes and are passed onto the utility's EMS via REST-API, DNP3 Integration of our SaaS solution, or On-Premise integration

Line information

Maximum temperature: 180°C
Use Maximum Temperature Limit: Yes
Use Maximal Sag Limit: No

ADR OPERATE 

ADR TREND 

ADR HORIZON 

Date: 2021/08/04 02:00

— Rating: 2188 A

— Load: 699 A

— Static rating: 1693 A

— Forecast 1h: 1933 A

— Forecast 24h: 1887 A

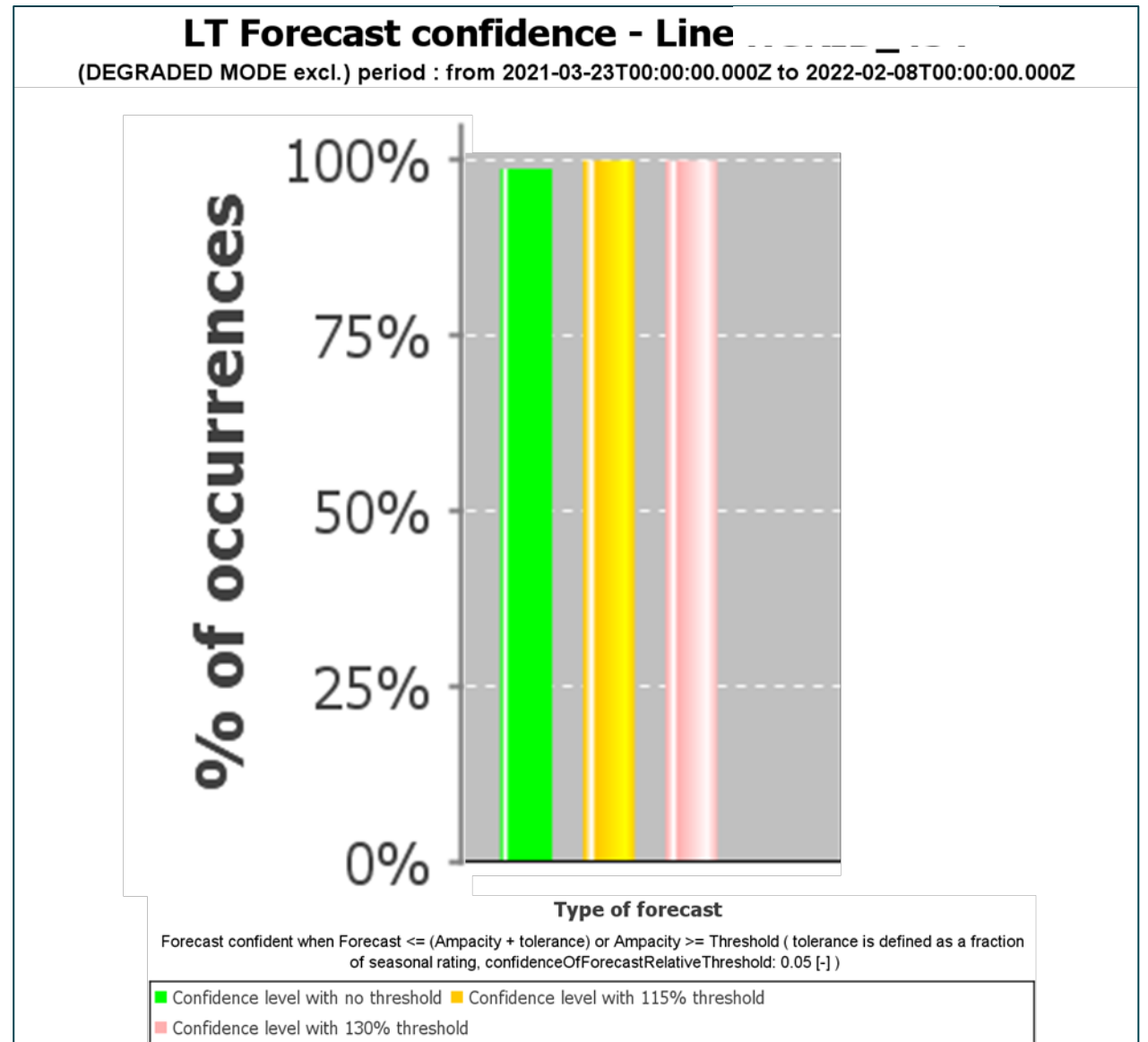
Accuracy And System Availability

>98% Long Term Forecasting Accuracy

- All short-term forecasts are 100% reliable (hours ahead)
- All long-term forecasts are >98% Accurate (Days Ahead)

>97% Data Availability

- DLR sensors are powered by line induction



DLR Systems Can Also Improve Awareness & Reliability



WEATHER STATION

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE SOLAR RADIATION

VIBRATION MEAN CONDUCTOR TEMPERATURE EFFECTIVE WIND SPEED SAG + TENSION CURRENT

UTILITY

CONDUCTOR PARAMETERS

ADR OPERATE Ampacimon ADR HORIZON Ampacimon D-2 ADR TREND Ampacimon 1h 4h ADR TRANSIENT Ampacimon ADR Ampacimon ADR ICE Ampacimon ADR HEALTH Ampacimon

DYNAMIC LINE RATING

- REAL-TIME CAPACITY GAIN
- UP TO 72 HOURS CAPACITY FORECAST
- AAR (10 DAYS FORECAST)

CONDITION MONITORING

- TEMPERATURE/VIBRATION/SAG MONITORING
- GALLOPING
- ICE DETECTION
- MECHANICAL EVENT DETECTION

PREDICTIVE ASSET HEALTH

- FATIGUE ANALYSIS
- STATISTICAL REMAINING LIFE DETERMINATIO
- CONDUCTOR FLEET BENCHMARKING
- MAINTENANCE PRIORITIZATION/PLANNING



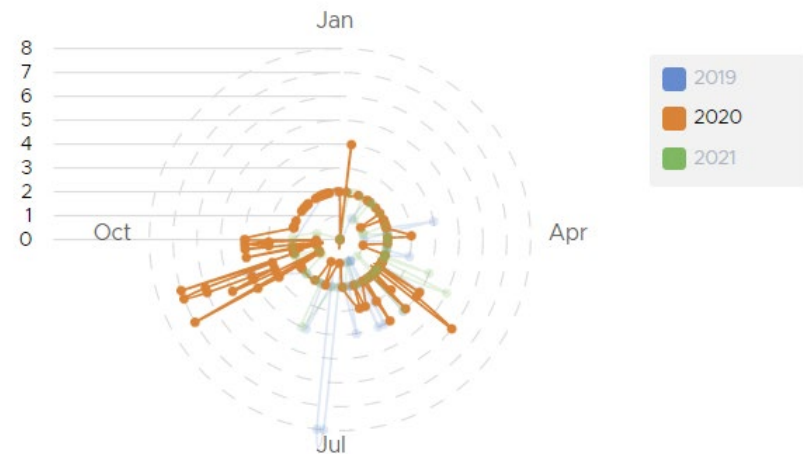
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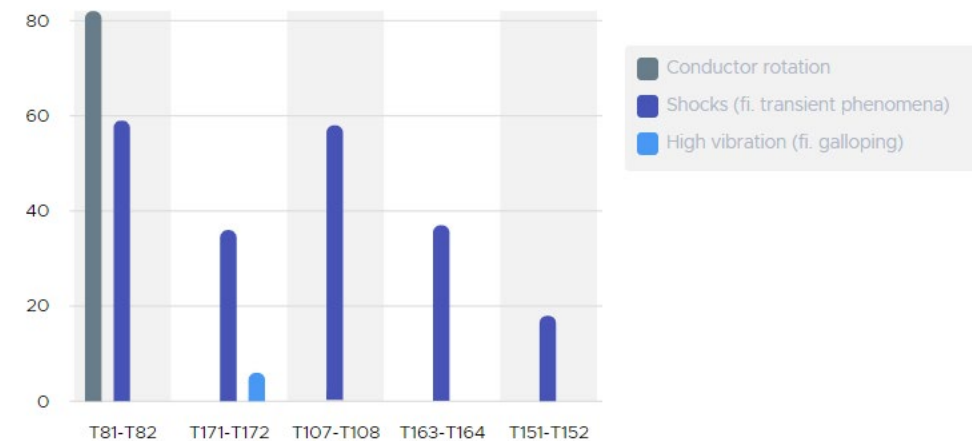
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- EU_NORTH_L1
- INDIA_L1
- USA_L1


Index Events Time series

• EVENTS



• EVENTS BY SENSORS



Events 

Conductor rotation x
 High vibration (fi. galloping) x
 Shocks (fi. transient phenomena) x
 Ice x
 Fallen conductor x
 Anomalous Sag x
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LineId	SpanId	AmpacimonId	EventCode	EventName	FromDate	ToDate	Duration (hh:mm)	Actions
INDIA_L1	T81-T82	274	4	Conductor rotation	27-08-2020 02:20	29-08-2020 12:30	46:10	SHOW
INDIA_L1	T81-T82	274	4	Conductor rotation	29-08-2020 03:10	29-08-2020 03:30	0:20	SHOW
INDIA_L1	T81-T82	274	4	Conductor rotation	29-08-2020 04:25	29-08-2020 04:50	0:25	SHOW

Line-by-Line & Sensor-by-Sensor Historical Event Analysis



FILTERS

Lines

- EU_WEST_L1
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- EU_NORTH_L1
- INDIA_L1
- USA_L1

Selected sensor
270 (T107-T108)

From
15-09-2020

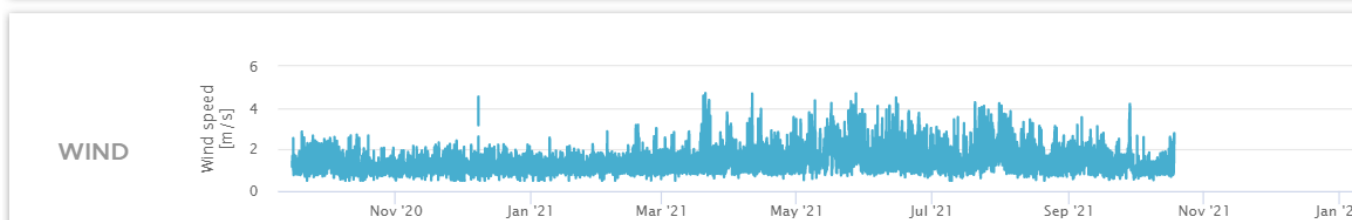
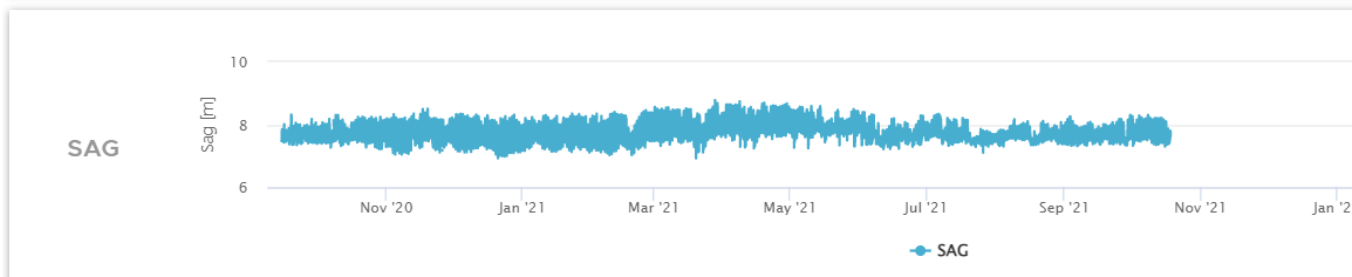
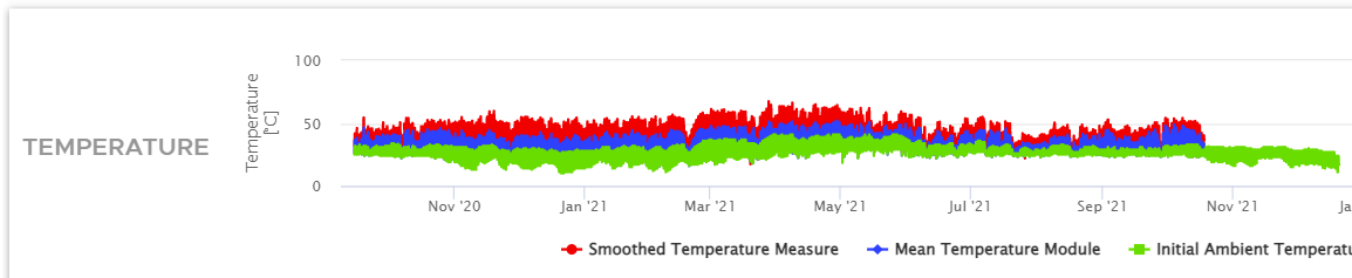
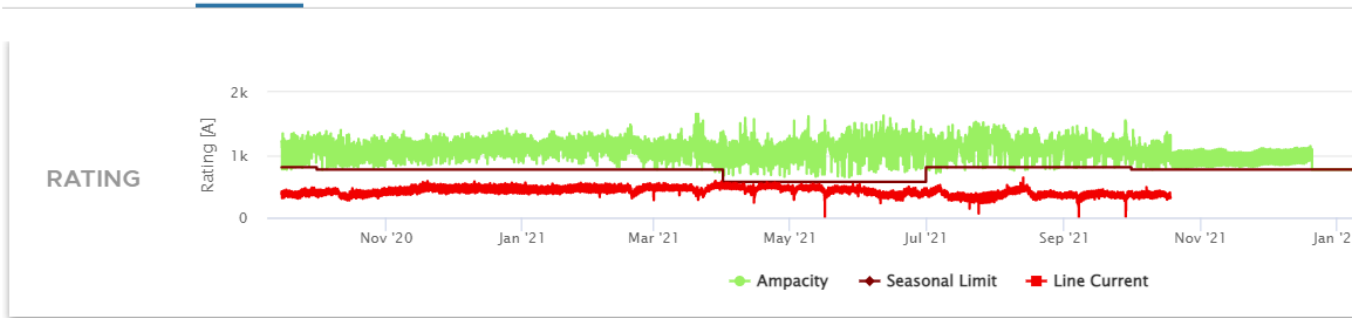
To
04/10/2022

Selected time series

- Rating x
- SAG x
- Temperature x
- Wind x

REFRESH

Index Events Time series



Line-by-Line Analysis and Benchmarking of Conductor Ampacity, Temperature, Sag, Wind



FILTERS



Lines

- EU_WEST_L1
- EU_EAST_L1
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- USA_L1

Selected sensor
9020 (T168-T169)

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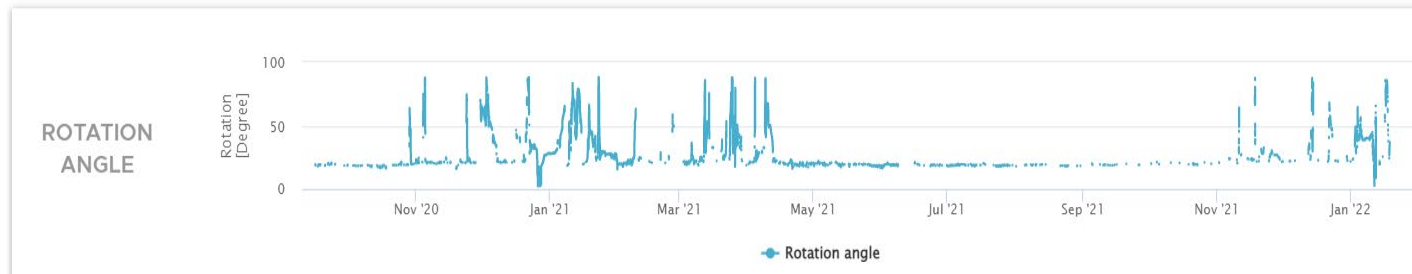
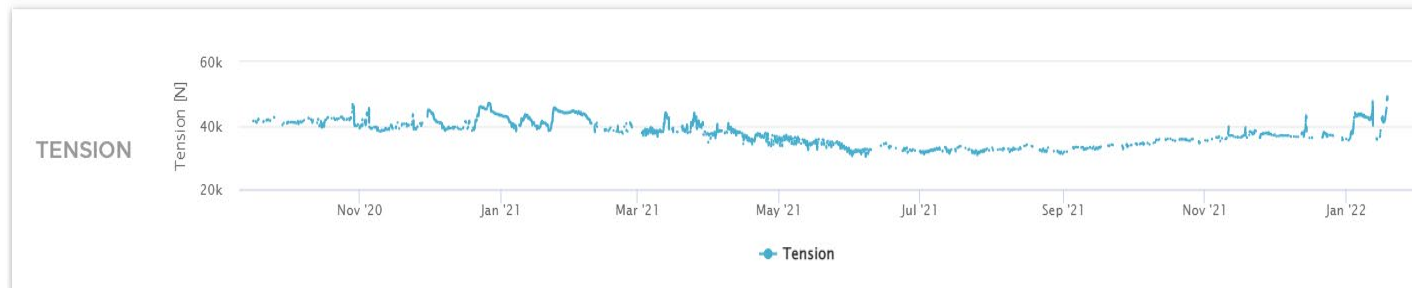
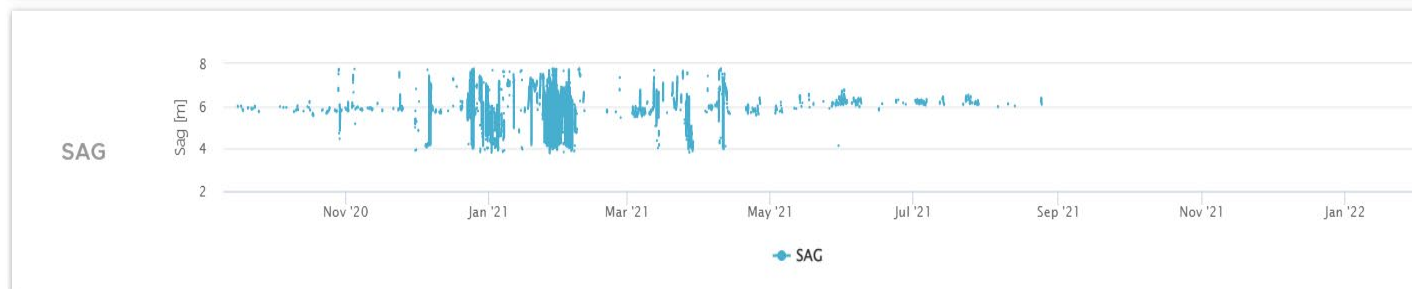
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Selected time series

- SAG x
- Ice x
- Rotation angle x
- Tension x

REFRESH

Time series



Line-by-Line Analysis and Benchmarking of Conductor Ice, Sag, Tension, Rotation Angle



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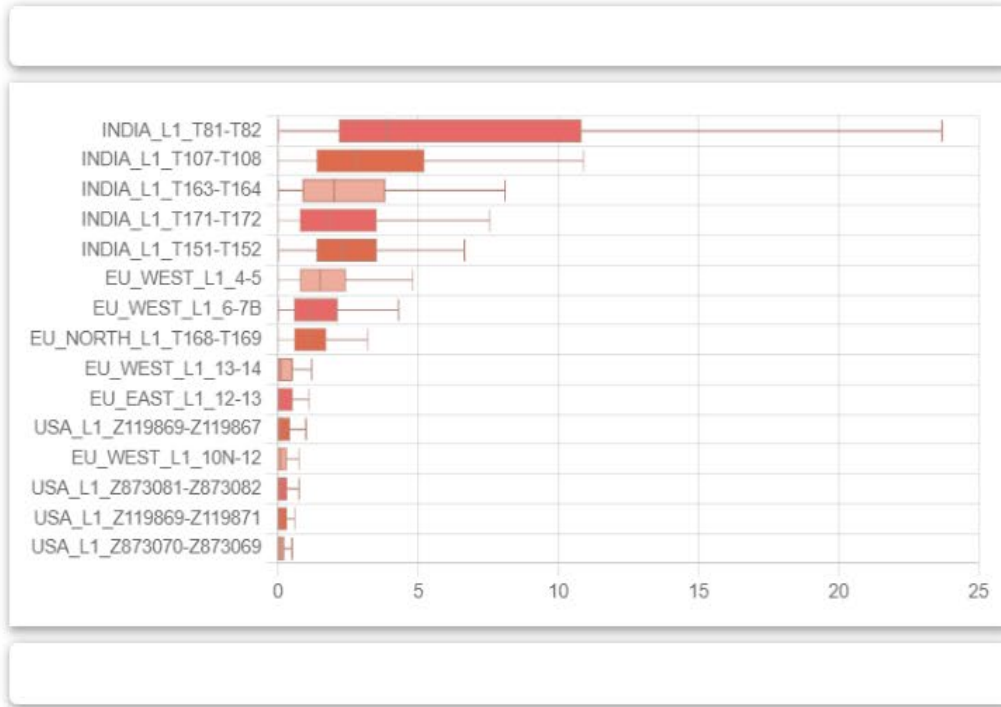


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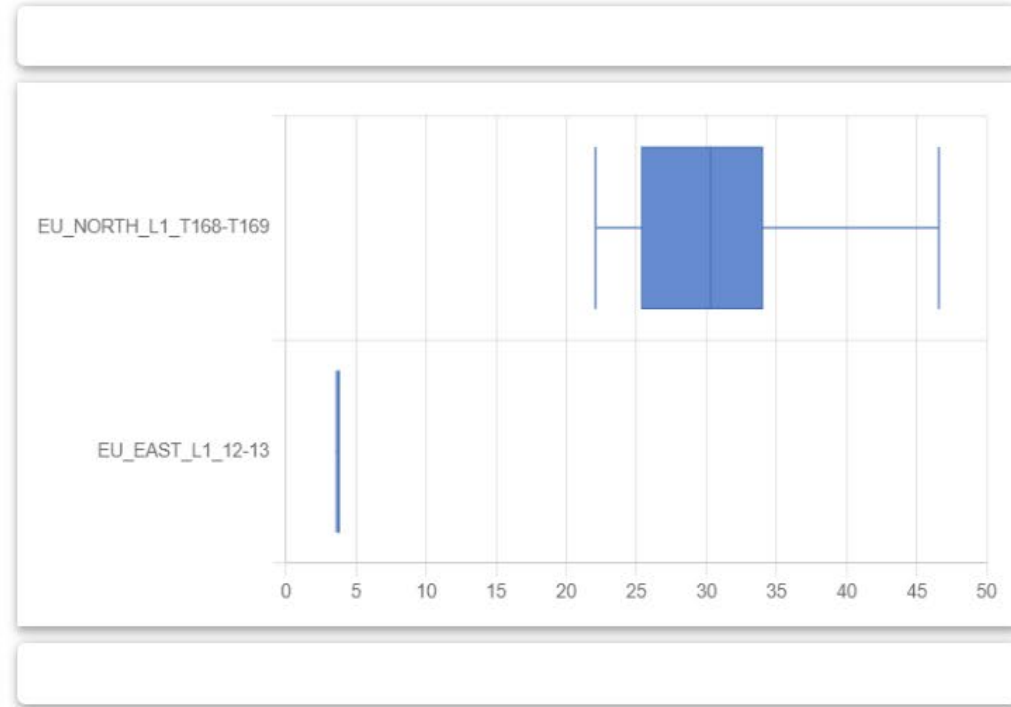
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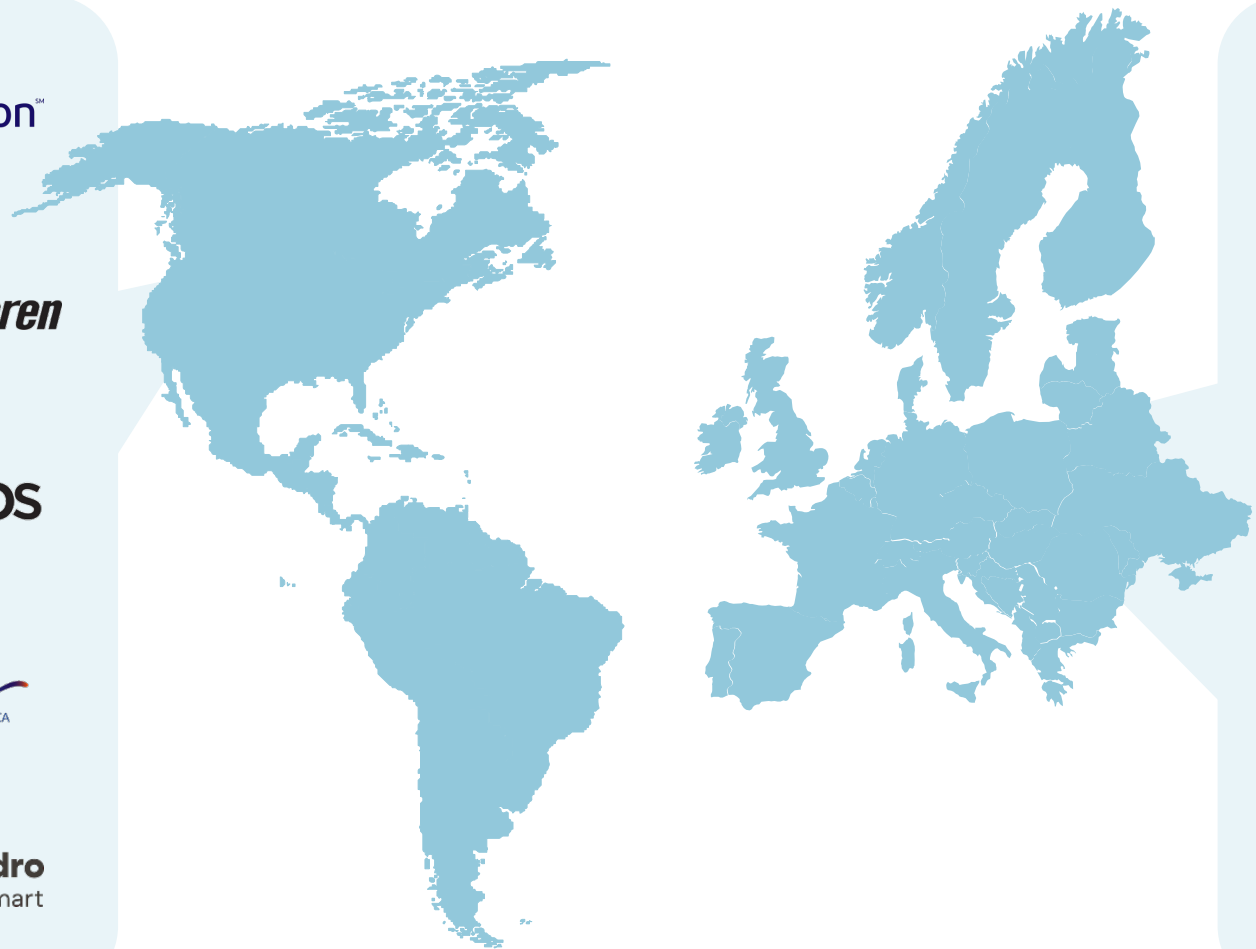
Fleet Overview and Benchmarking to Plan and Prioritize Maintenance Planning

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- Ameren
- SDGE
- aps
- New York Power Authority
- isa
TRANSELCA
- nationalgrid
- BC Hydro
Power smart



Logos of utility companies from Europe:

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- elia
Powering a world in progress
- IBERDROLA
- creos
- SVENSKA KRAFTNÄT
- Terna
- ENERGINET
- Statnett
- amprion
- Rte
- Tennet
making power farther
- edp
- RED ELÉCTRICA DE ESPAÑA
- 50hertz

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