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# Next Generation of Wind Data

Integrating SCADA concepts for improved wind assessment and operations

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#### John Deere Renewables

Developers, owners, financing partners, constructors, and operators of mid-sized wind farms

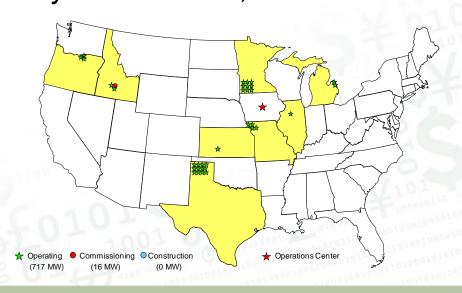
Started in 2005 with community-based wind, tied to the

landowners

Current fleet:

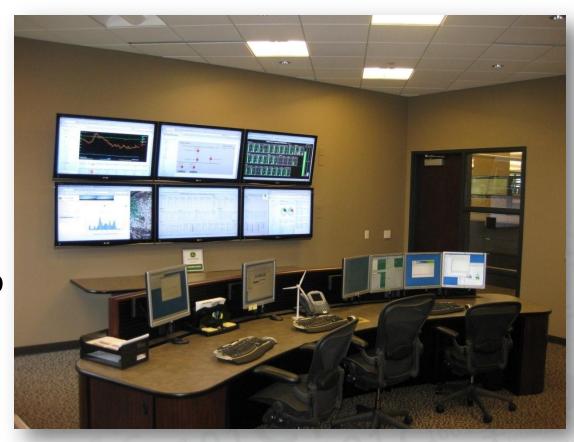
730+ MW of generation capacity

- 420 turbines
- 37 farms
- 8 U.S. states

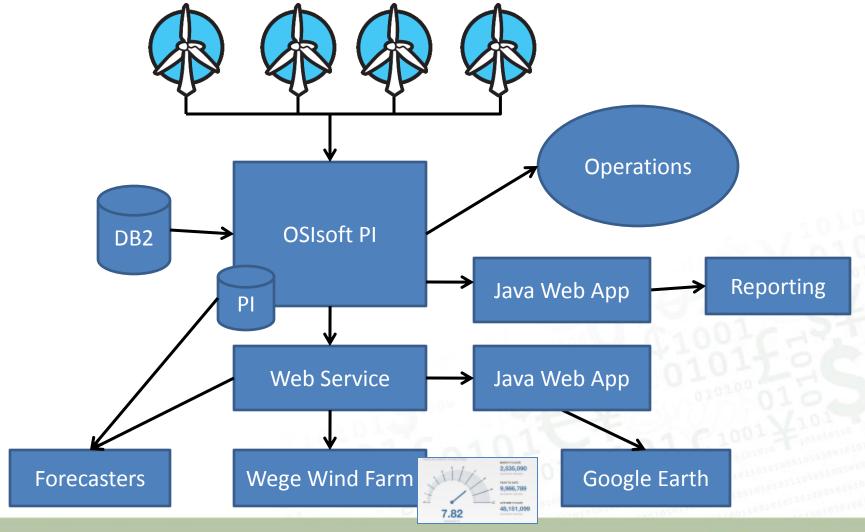


### JDR SCADA Monitoring system

- JDR SCADA was custom built using the PI system
- Data from all wind turbines in fleet
- 4 WTG manufactures
- External access to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- Google Earth interface



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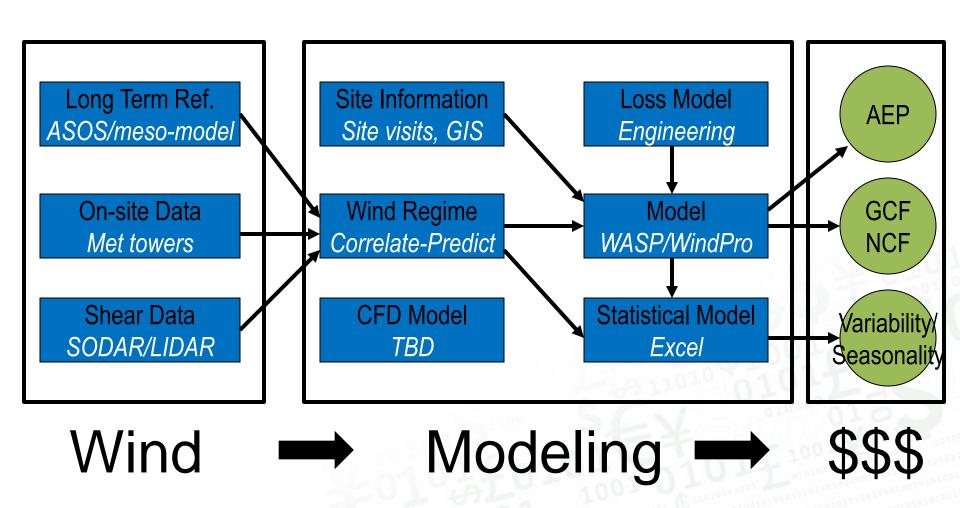
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Wind Assessment and Operations

#### TIME FOR INNOVATION

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#### Wind Assessment



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#### Wind Data Measurement

Long Term Ref.

ASOS/meso-model

On-site Data

Met towers

Shear Data SODAR/LIDAR



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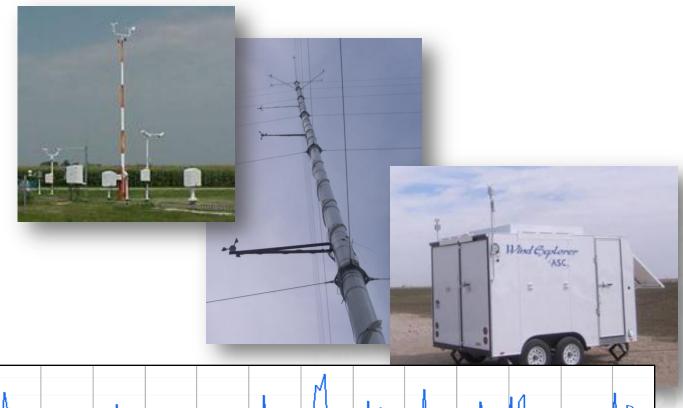
### Wind Regime

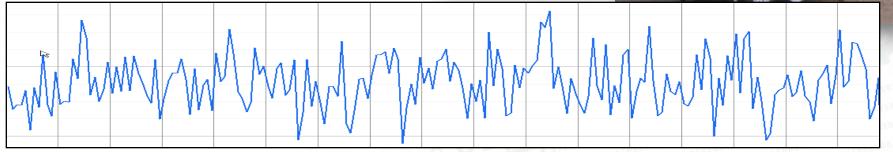
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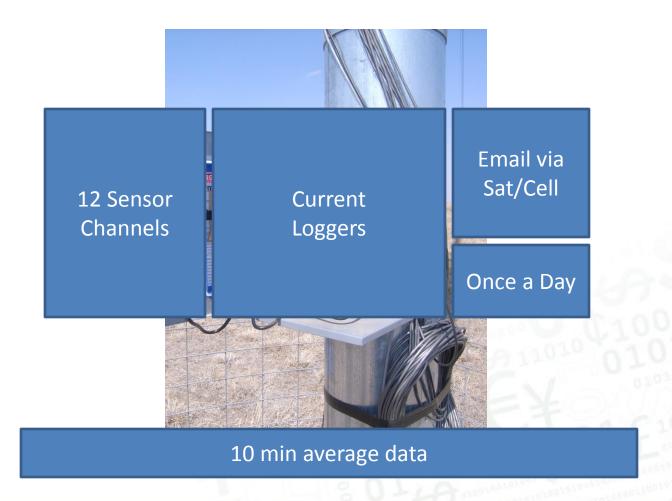




### Building better tools

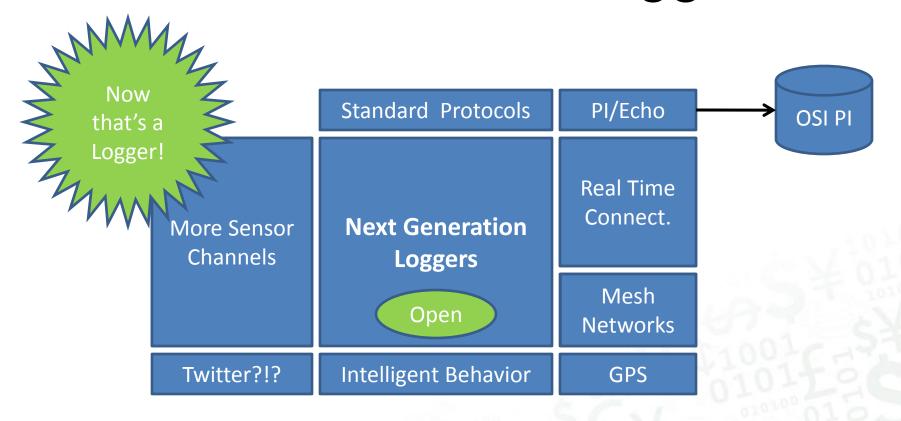
- Convergence of technologies and industry
- New tools can be created by the application of PI process technologies for the more complete collection of data:
  - High Frequency
  - More sensors (integrated, coordinated)
  - Historization and storage of time series
  - More complete evaluation of recorded data
  - Integration with other systems (SCADA, NWP)

### Wind Data Loggers



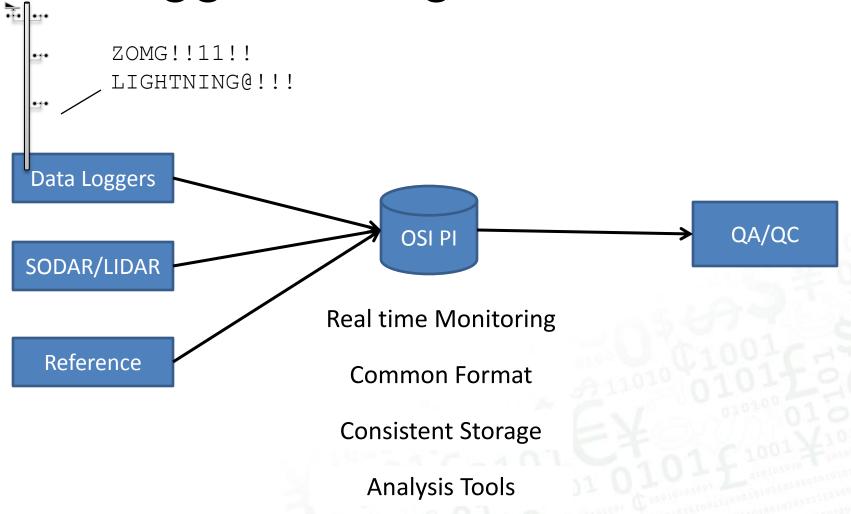
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### **Next Generation Loggers**

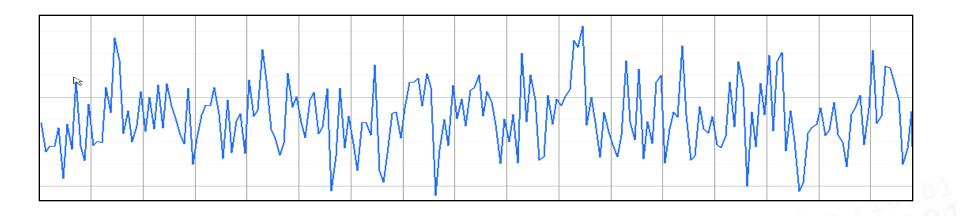


High Frequency storage / transmittal

### Loggers Integrated with PI



### QA/QC of Wind data



Missing Data

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**Icing Events** 

**Sensor Changes** 

**Tower Shadow** 

Damaged Sensors

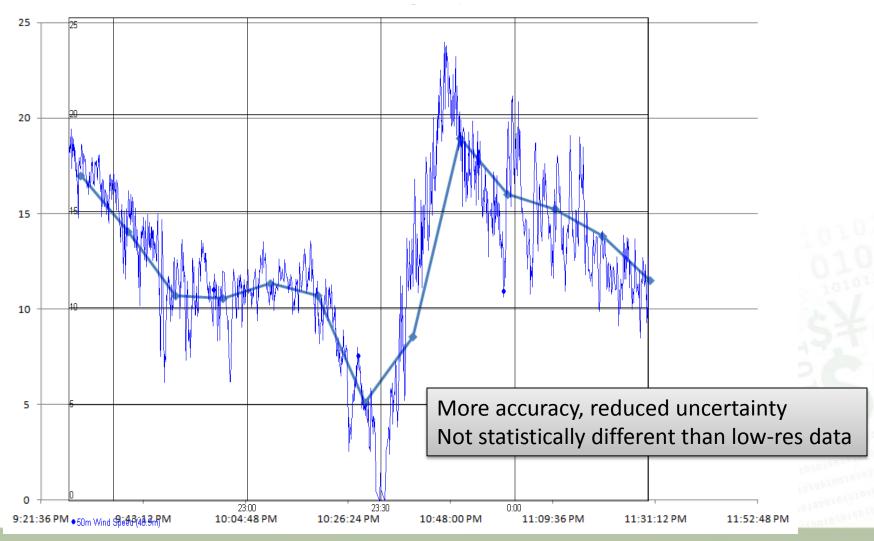
**Calibration Issues** 

Vibratory Mode

Sensor Degradation

**Rain Events** 

### Value of High Frequency Data

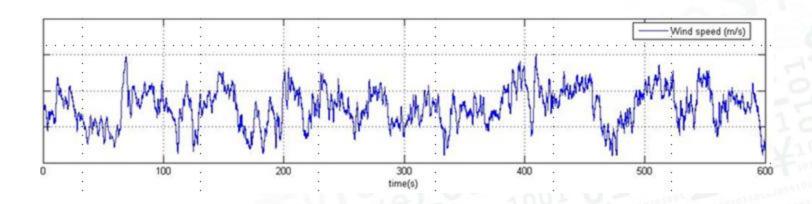


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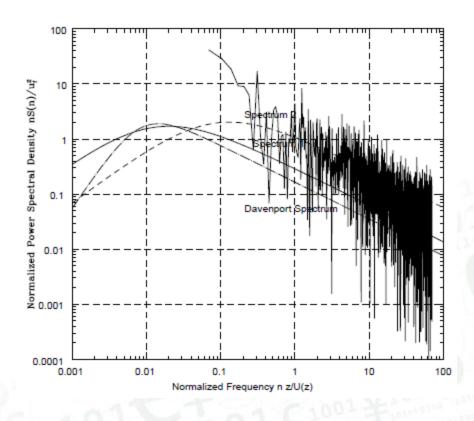
#### **Turbulence Calculations**

- Looking at turbulence in less than 10-min average data provides more insight
- Data recorded at high resolution would provide the source for better analysis



### Signature of Gusts

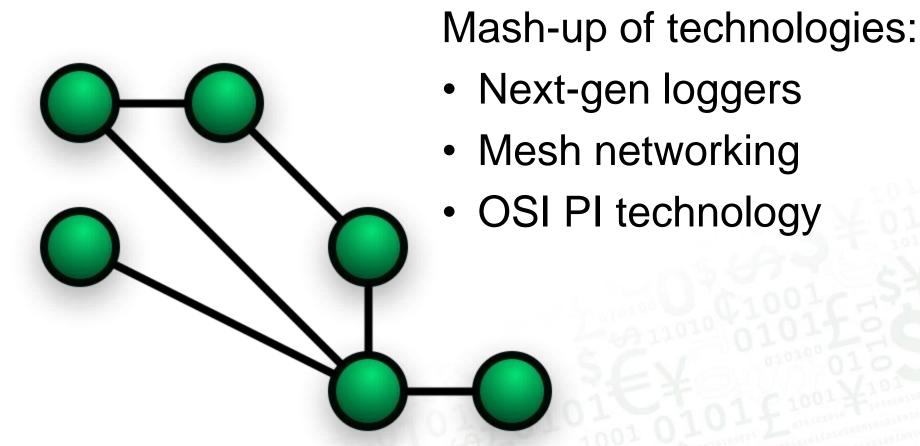
 Defining a spectral density analysis could define a 'signature' of the turbulence.

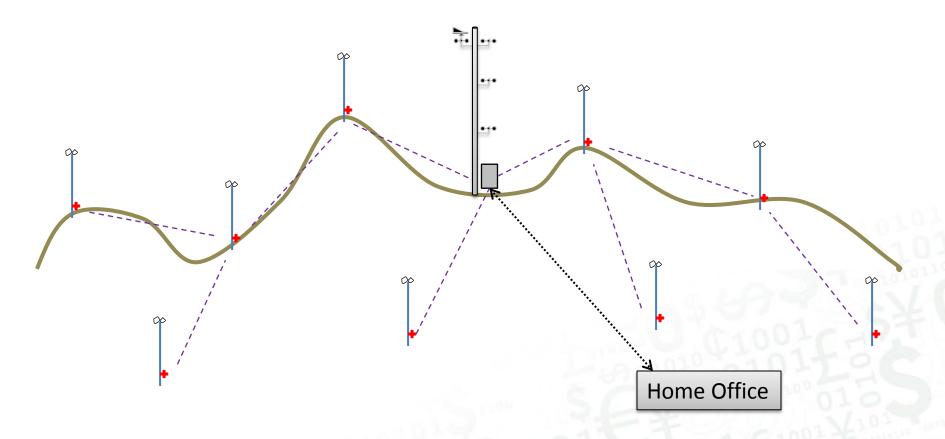


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Applications of Next Generation Loggers and PI Integration

#### RIDGELINE SENSOR NET





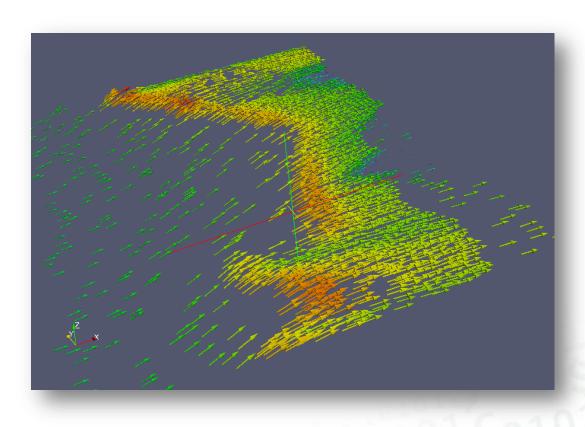
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- Scout towers deployed along ridge line
- Collecting synchronized data
- Reporting back to the central tower



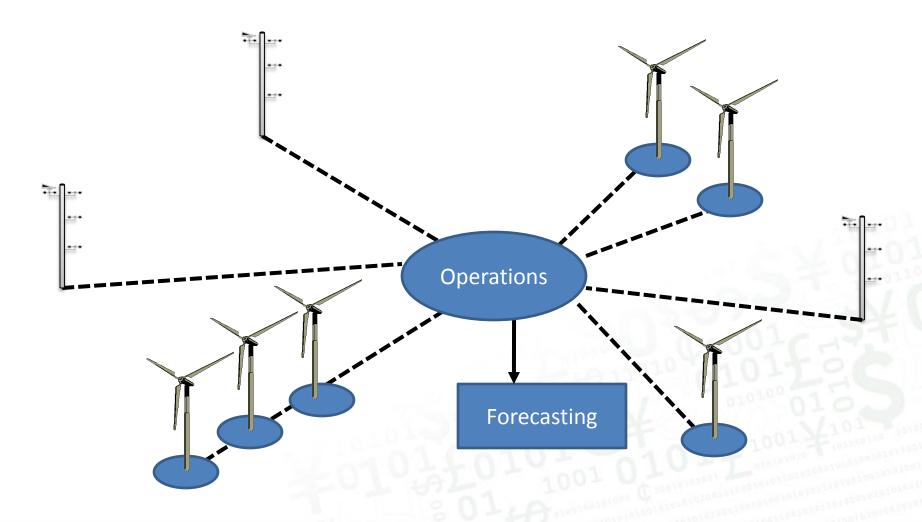
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- Data is used to characterize wind flow over the ridgeline
- Validate CFD analysis
- Many applications beyond ridgeline

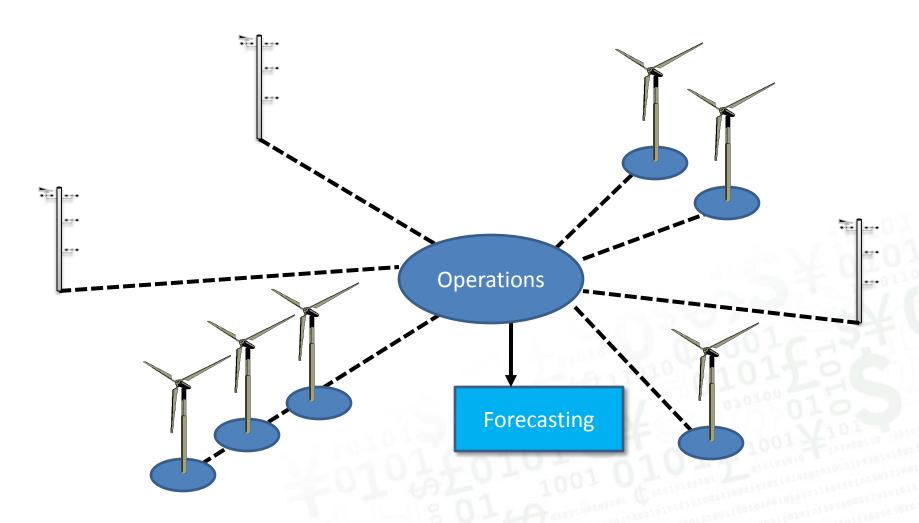
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### Community of Sensors



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### Forecasting Improvemetns



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#### **Future of Wind**

#### Opportunity:

- Improved loggers
- More sensors
- Higher frequency
- New applications of technology in wind

#### Results:

- Refinement of analysis
- Reduced uncertainty





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