

Experimental Characterization Of Grid Loss Event On Nacelle Test-rig Using Advanced Operational Modal Analysis

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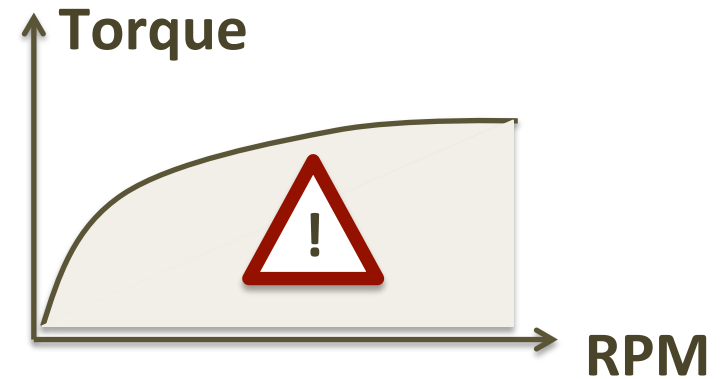
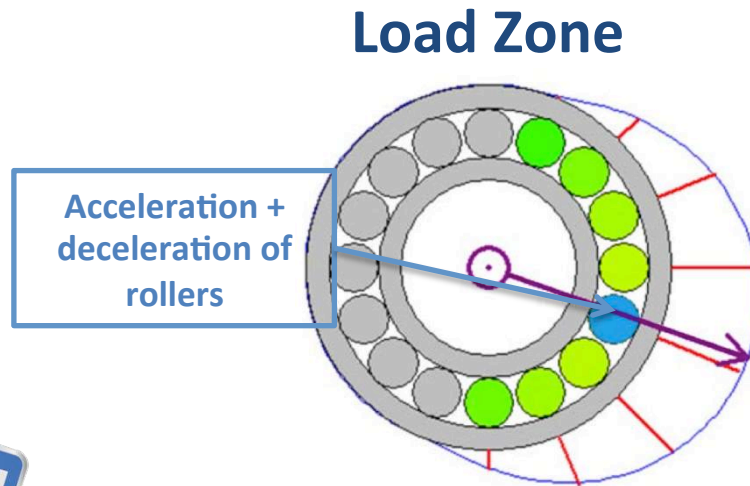
Introduction

- **Main design load cases:**
 - Quasi static
 - Dynamic
 - IEC 61400-1
- **Electric excitation during grid events results in mechanical response:**
 - Grid loss
 - Low voltage ride through



Introduction

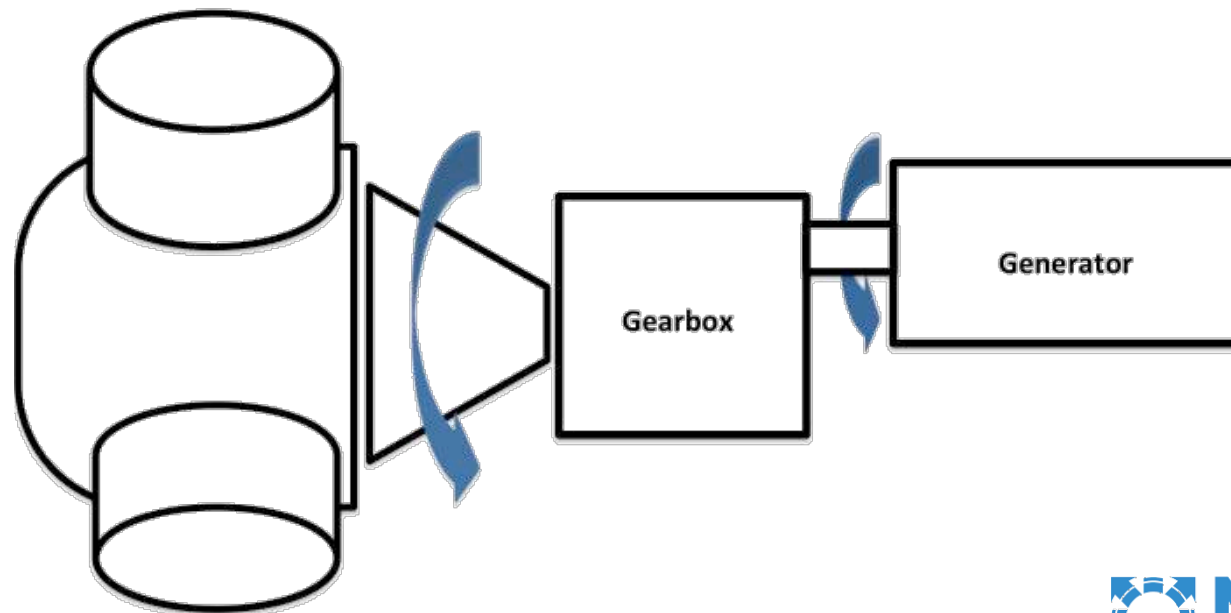
- **Bearing slip:**
 - Roller slip
 - Cage slip
- **Widely believed to be playing important role in bearing failure**



Source: Timken

Introduction

- **First drivetrain torsional resonance:**
 - Counter clock wise motion of rotor and generator inertia
 - About drivetrain stiffness



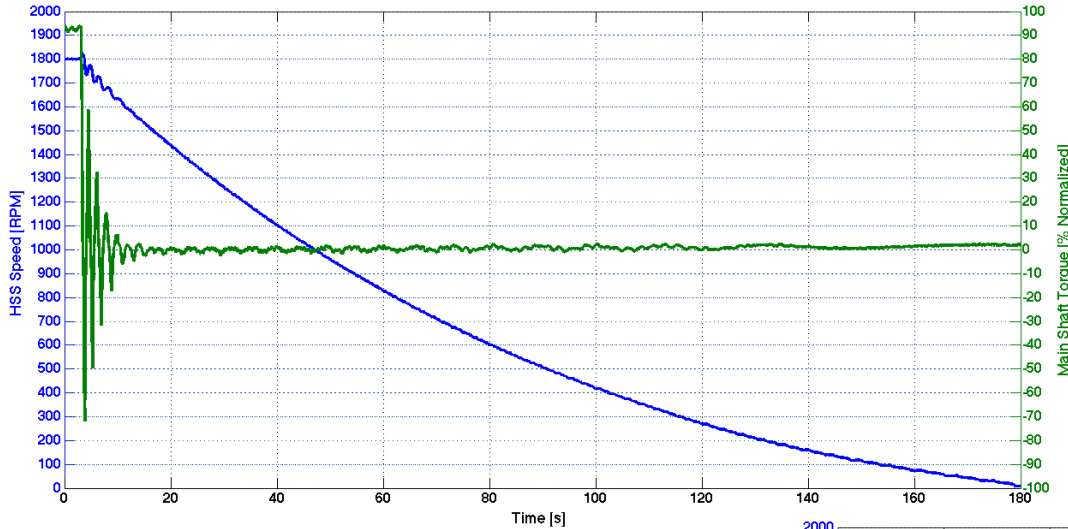
Research Goals

- Experimentally **perform** grid loss event on full-scale system
- **Identify** the first drivetrain torsional resonance
- Show leading role of this **resonance** in the event
- Show **gear backlash** during event
- Experimentally show **bearing roller slip** during event

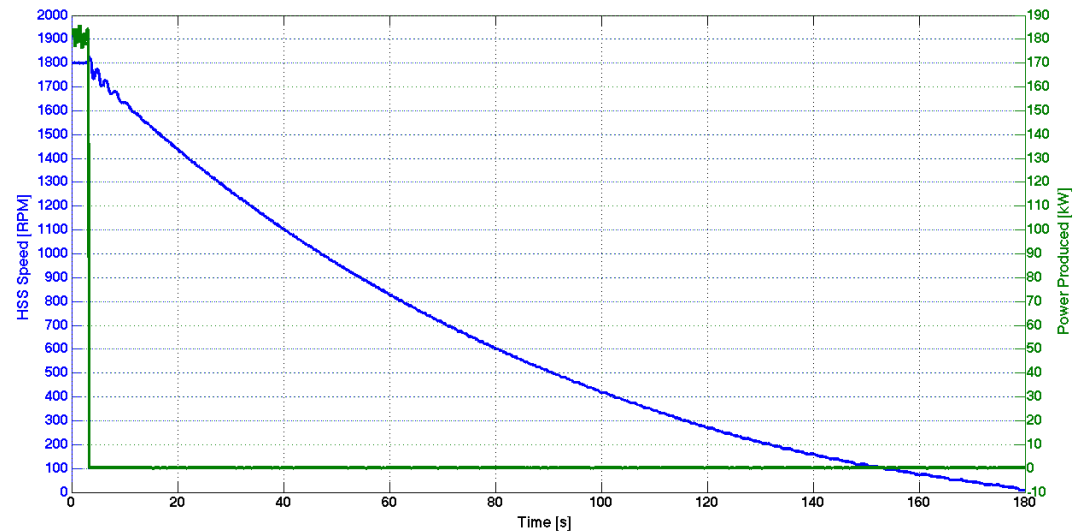


Load Case

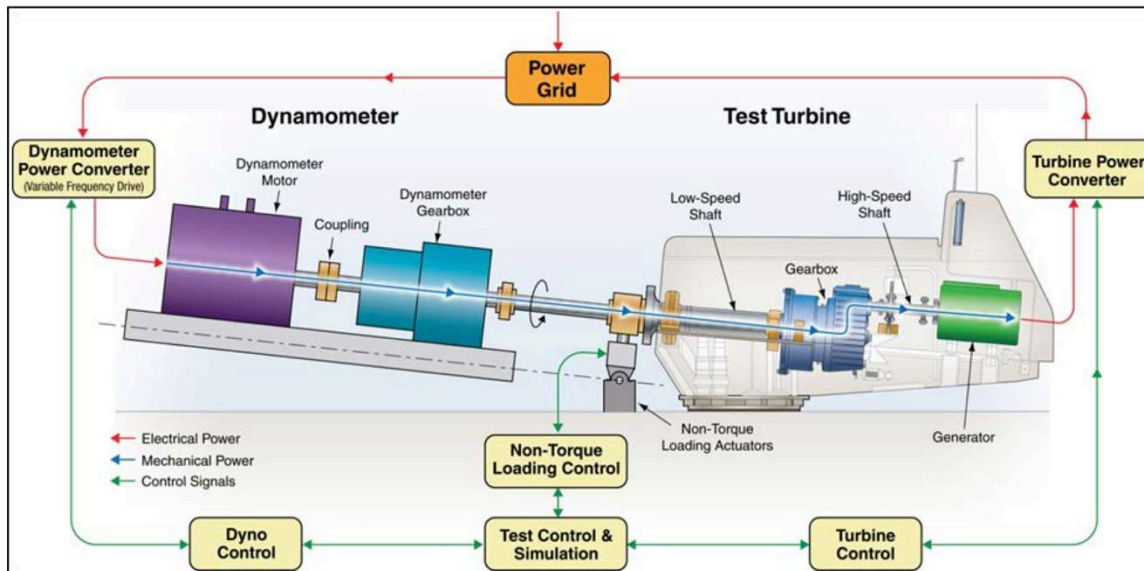
- Worst case grid loss event



- 25% of nominal load
- Nominal RPM

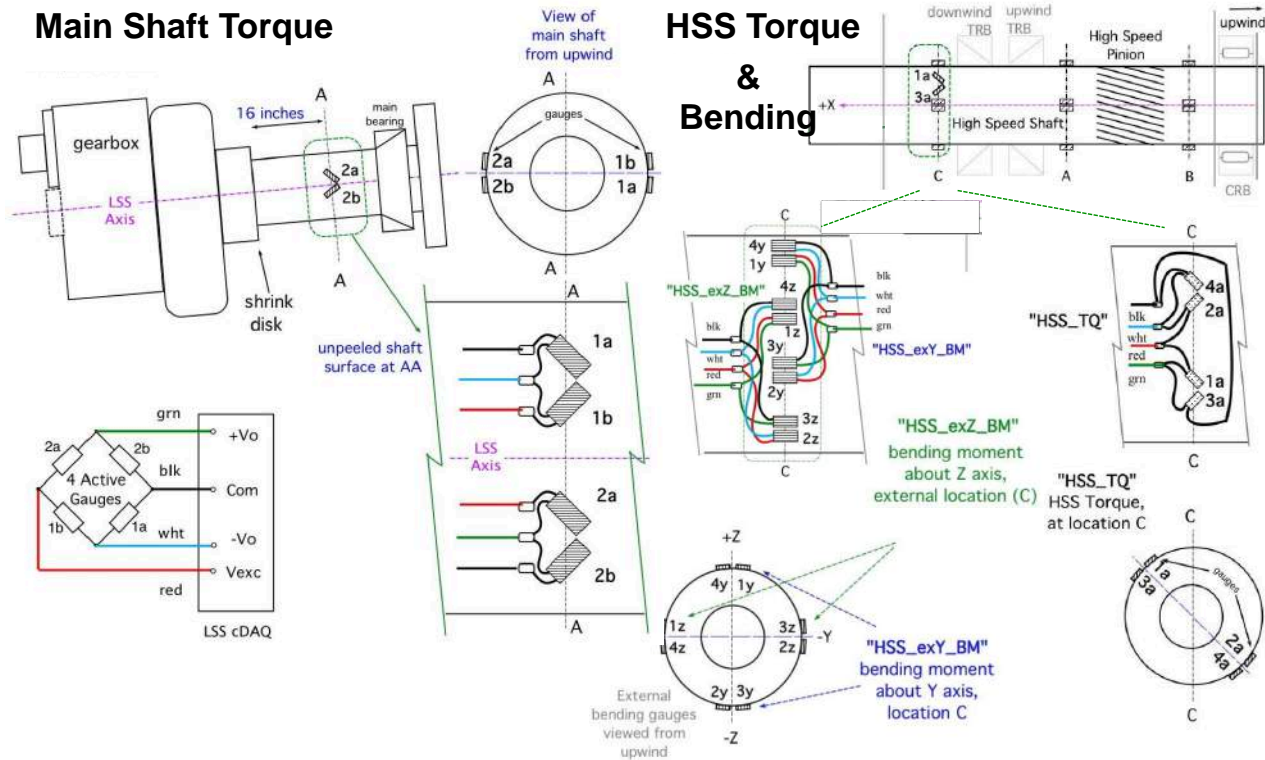


Nacelle Dynamometer



Instrumentation

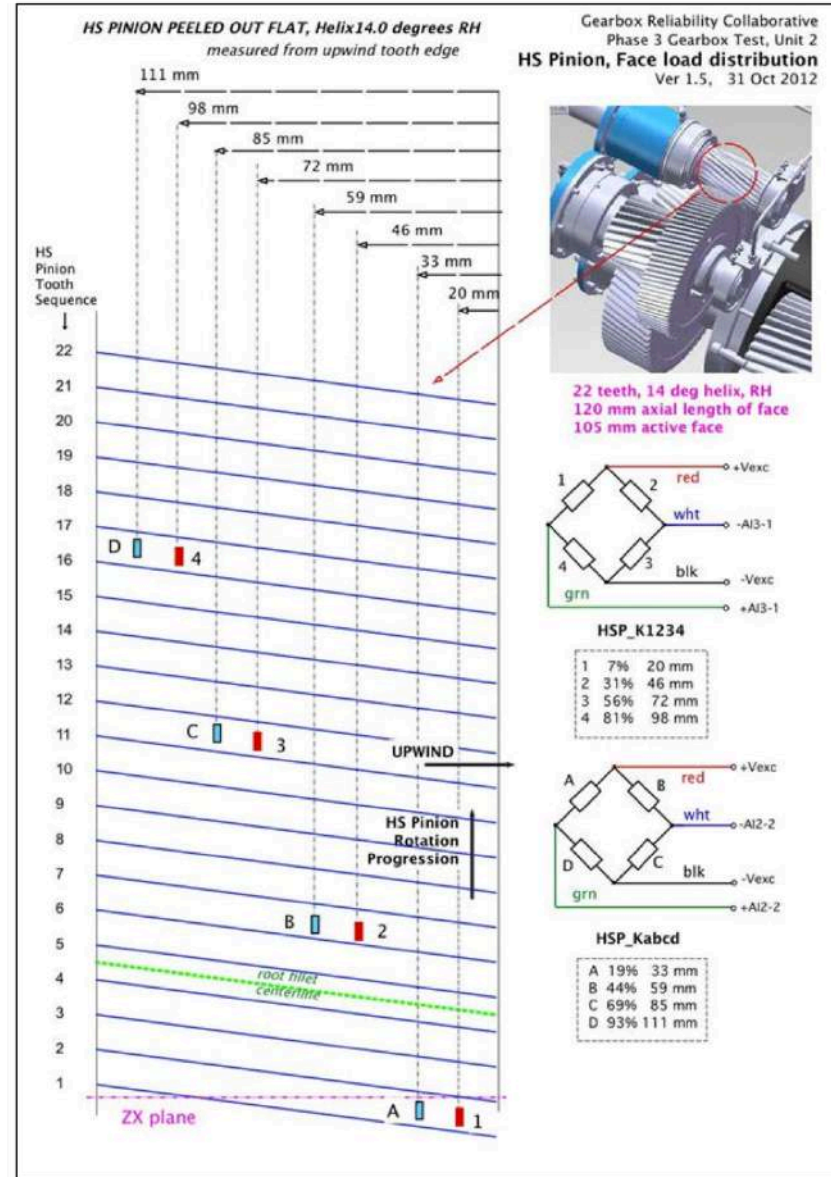
- Shaft torque and bending measurements



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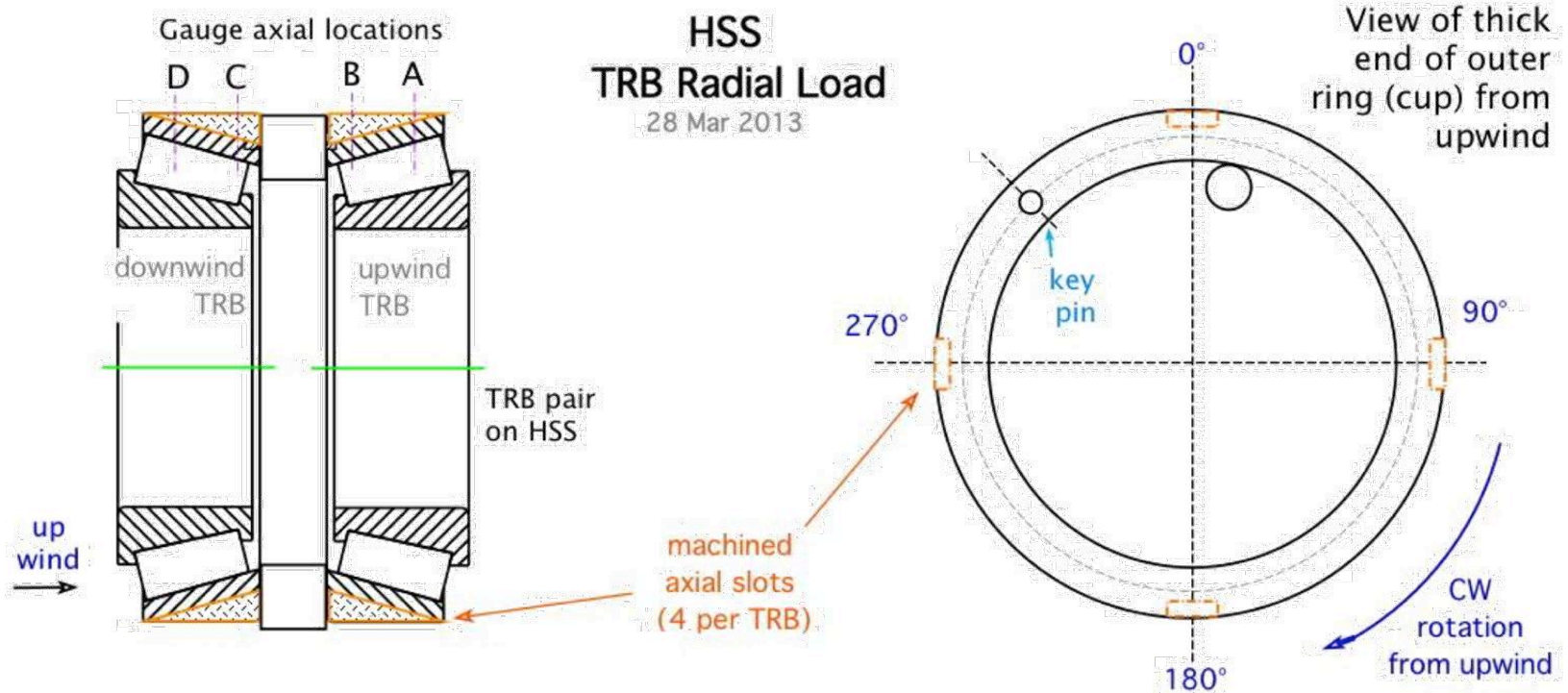


- Tooth strain measurements

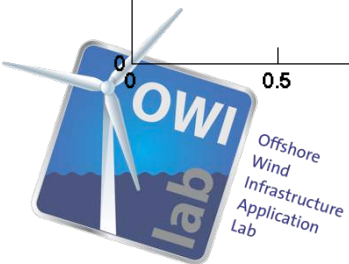
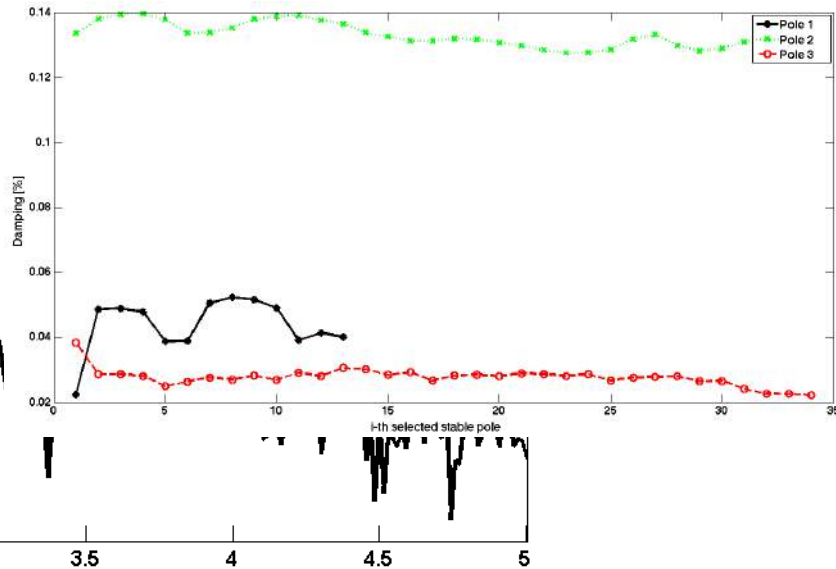
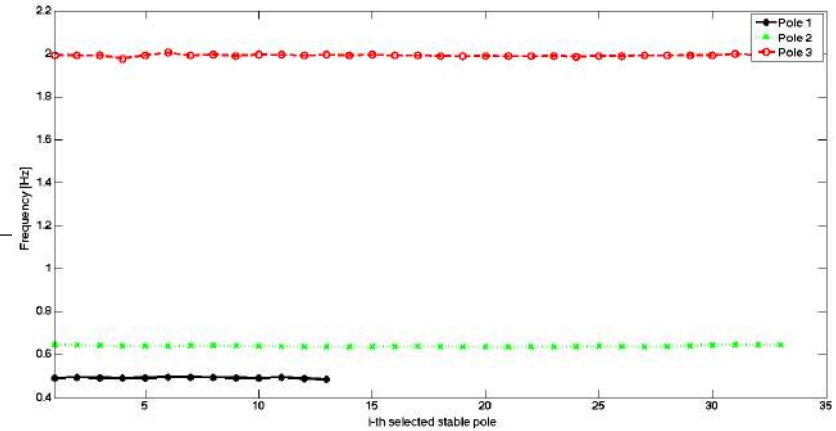
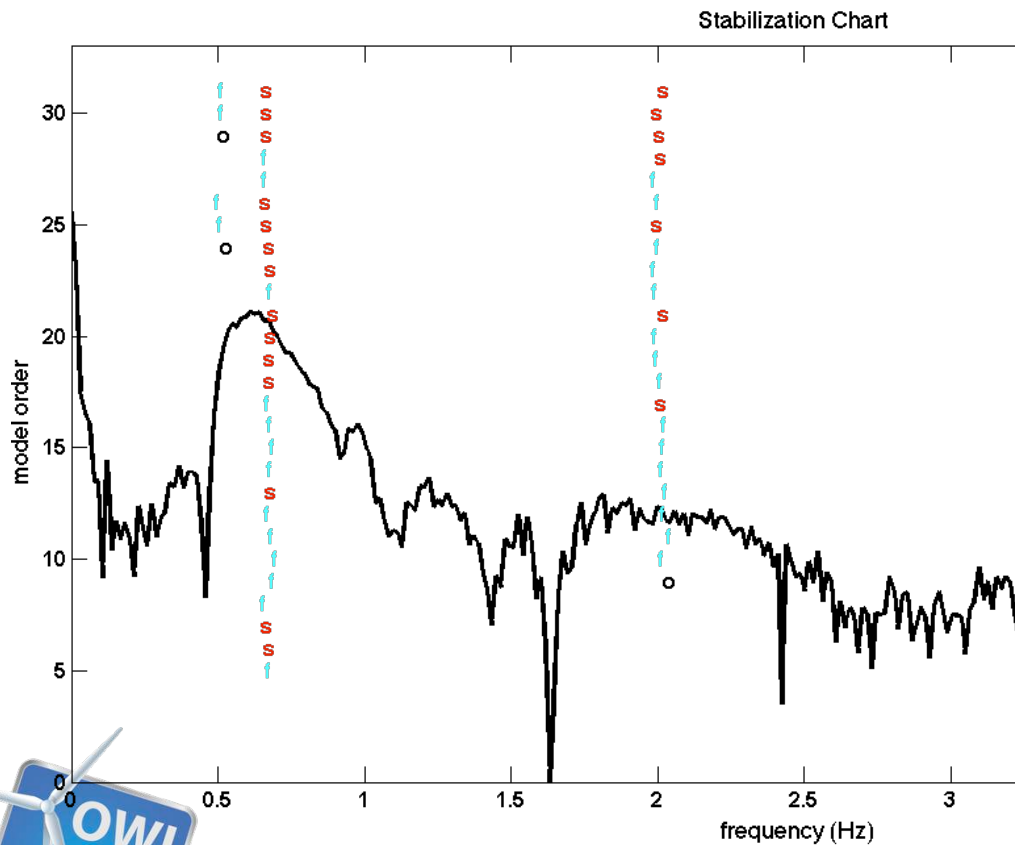


Instrumentation

- Internal bearing strain

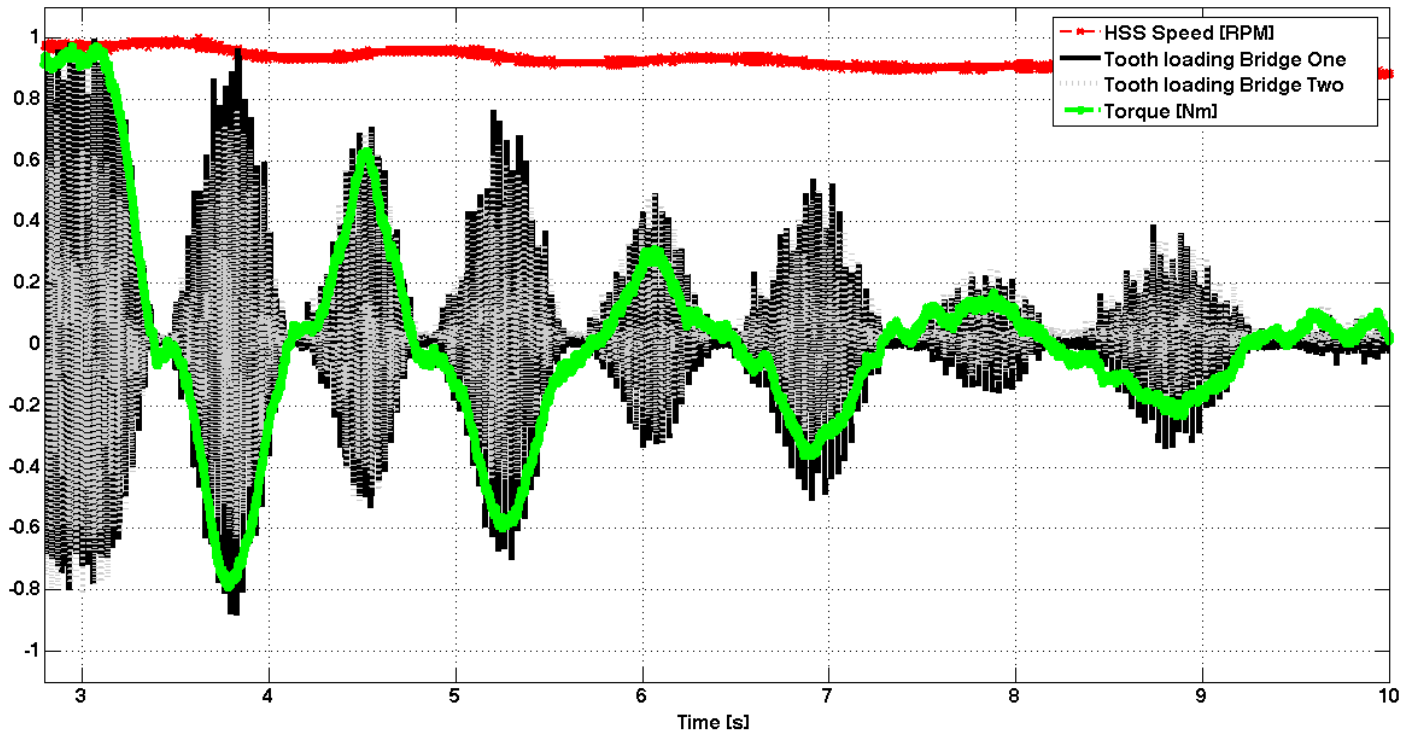


- p-LSCE OMA estimator:



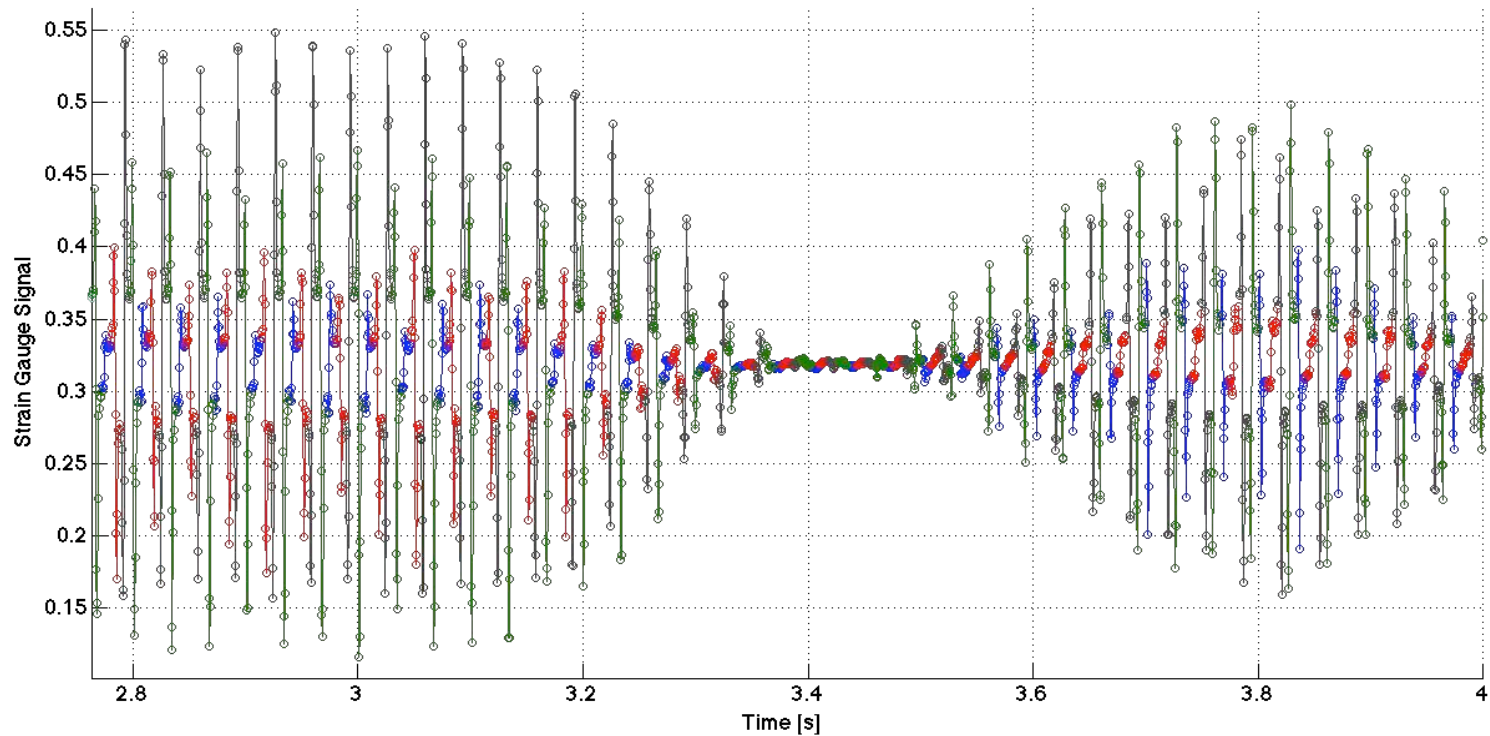
HSS gear mesh

- Teeth through backlash and re-engage at other flank



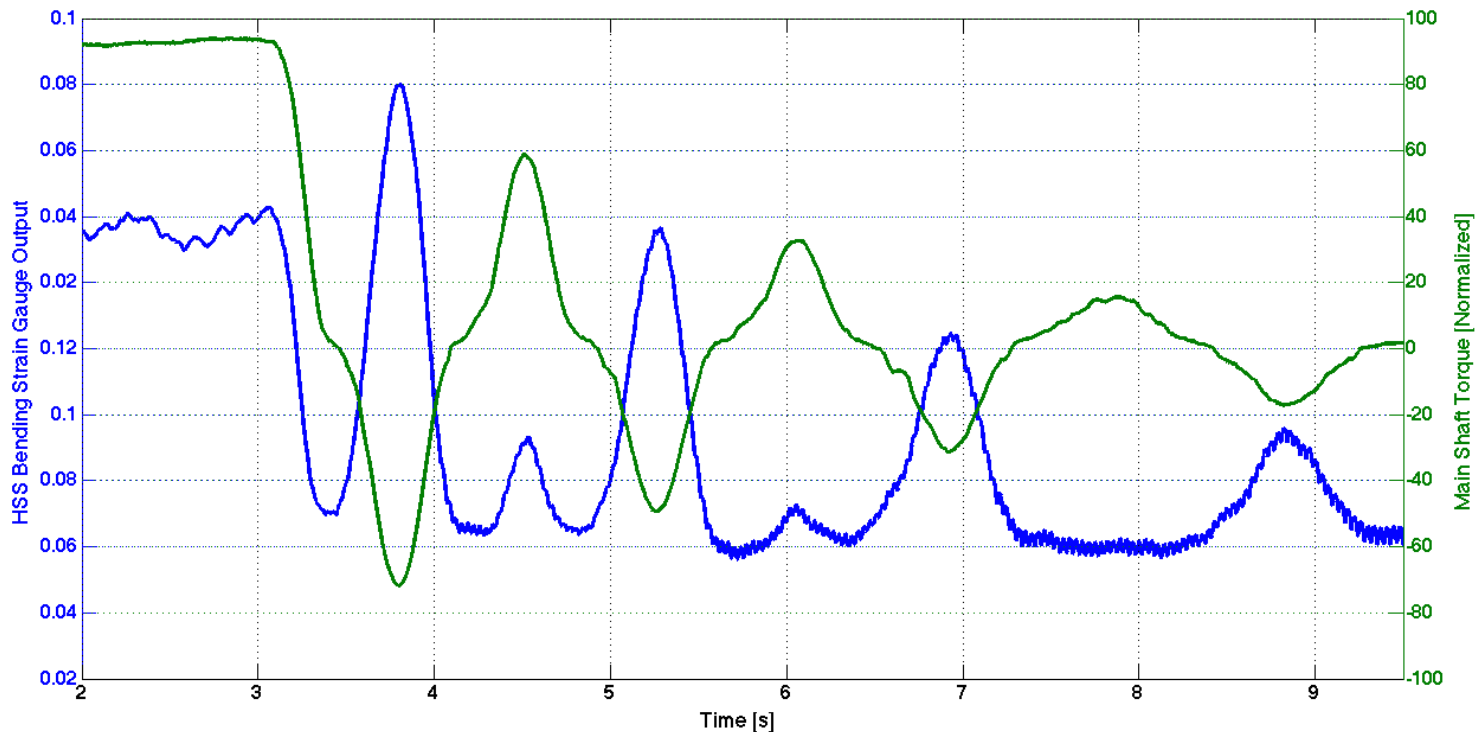
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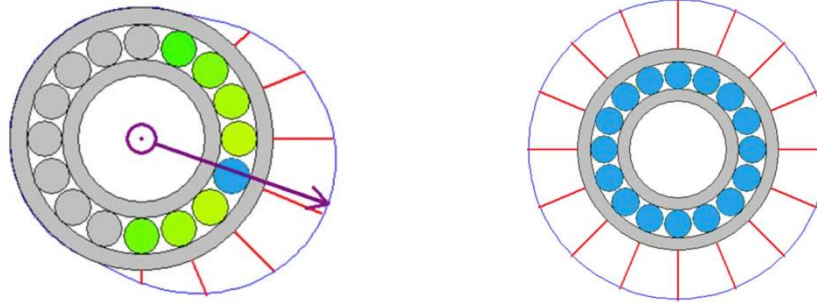
HSS bending

- Significant bending during negative torque periods

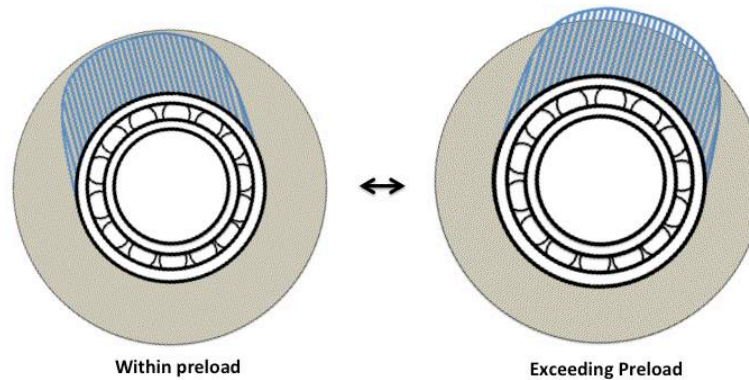


HSS Bearing Slip

- **TRB roller slip:**
 - Preload needs to be overcome



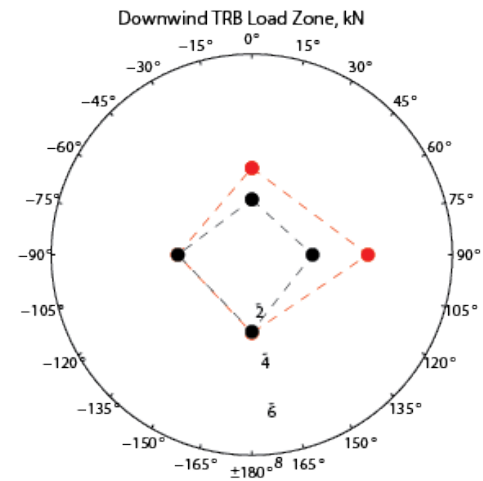
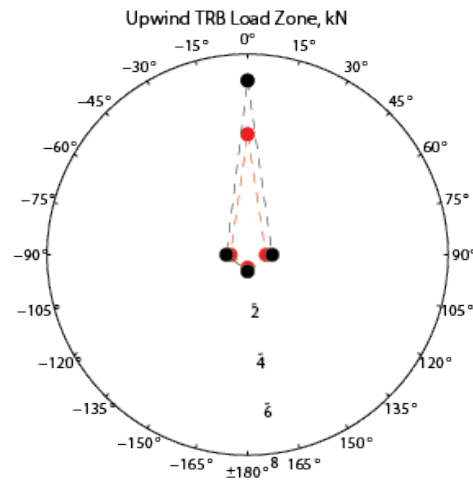
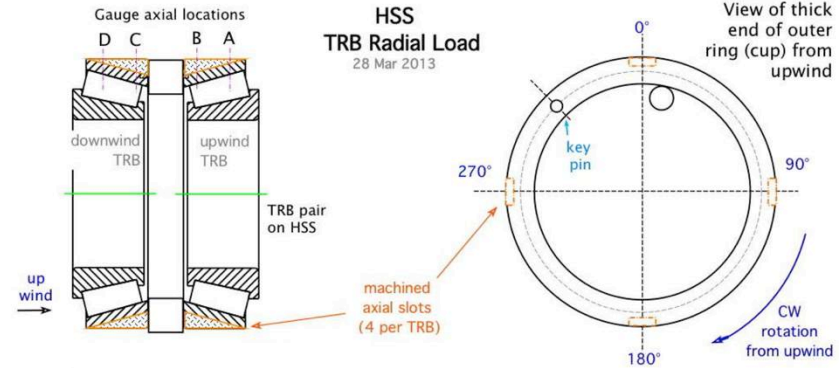
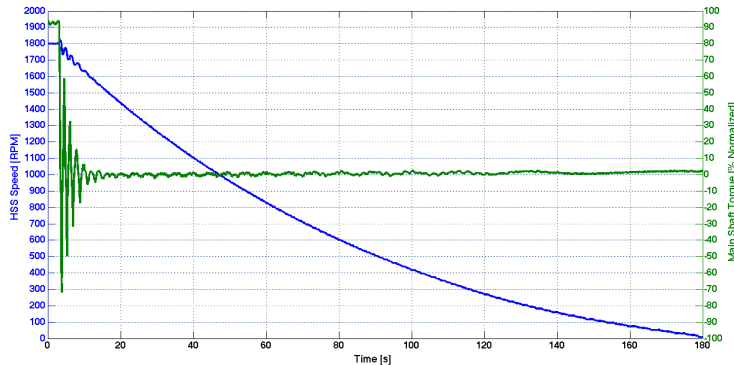
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HSS Bearing Slip



- Bearing load distribution during event → Positive torque



—●— UW TRB 25% gauge
—●— UW TRB 75% gauge

Time = 0 min 3.0393 sec

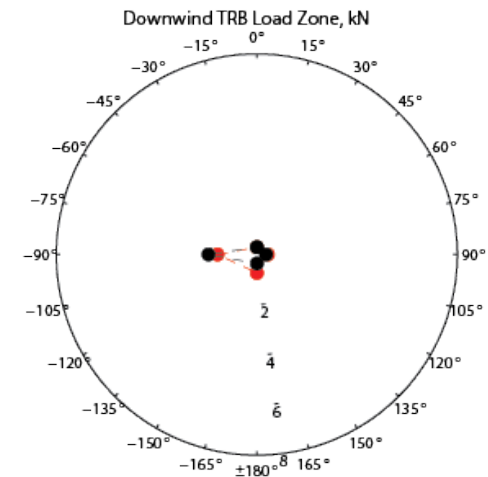
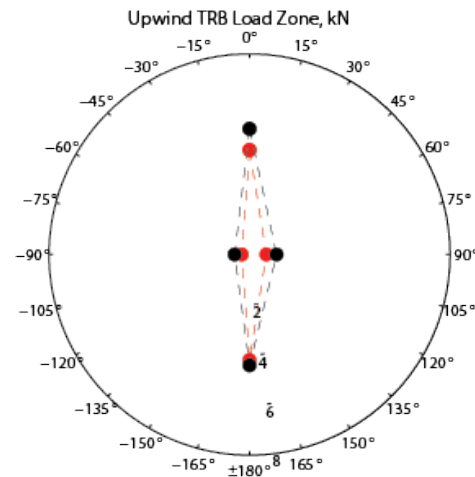
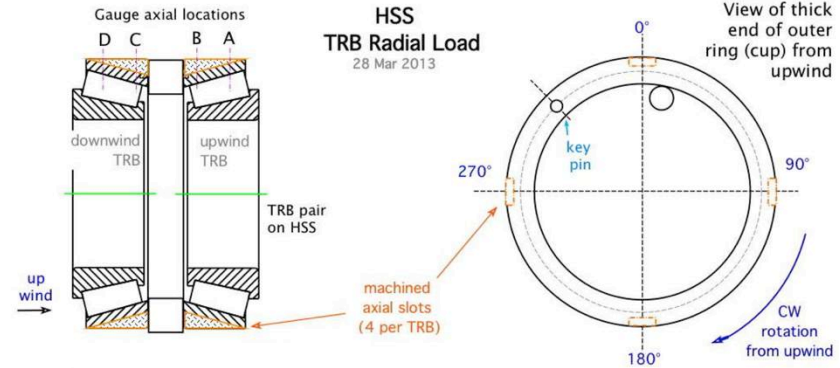
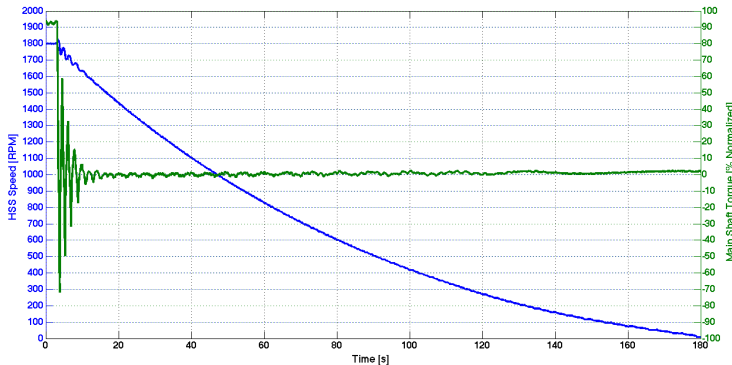
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- Bearing load distribution during event → Negative torque



● UW TRB 25% gauge
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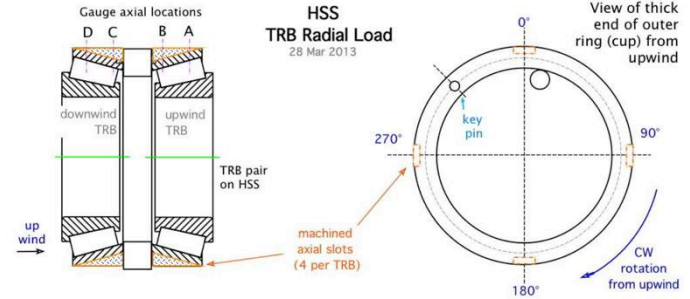
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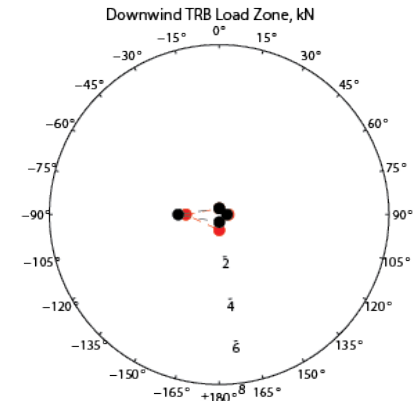
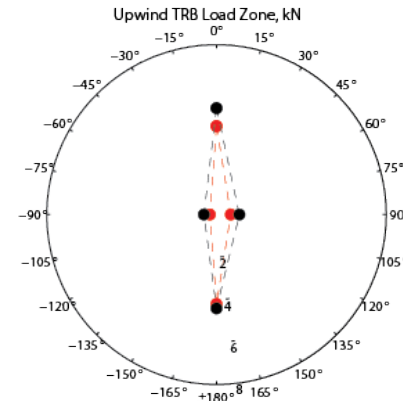
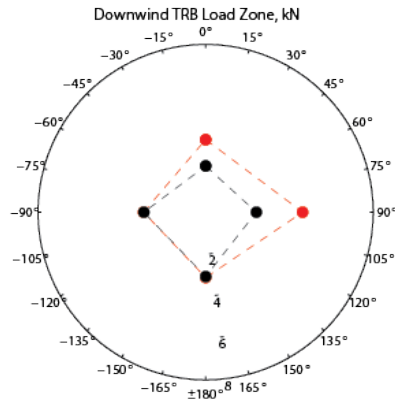
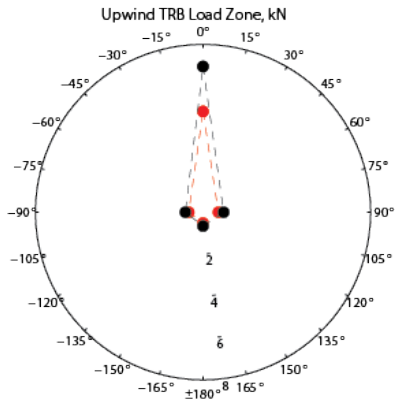


- Bearing load distribution during event



Positive torque

Negative torque



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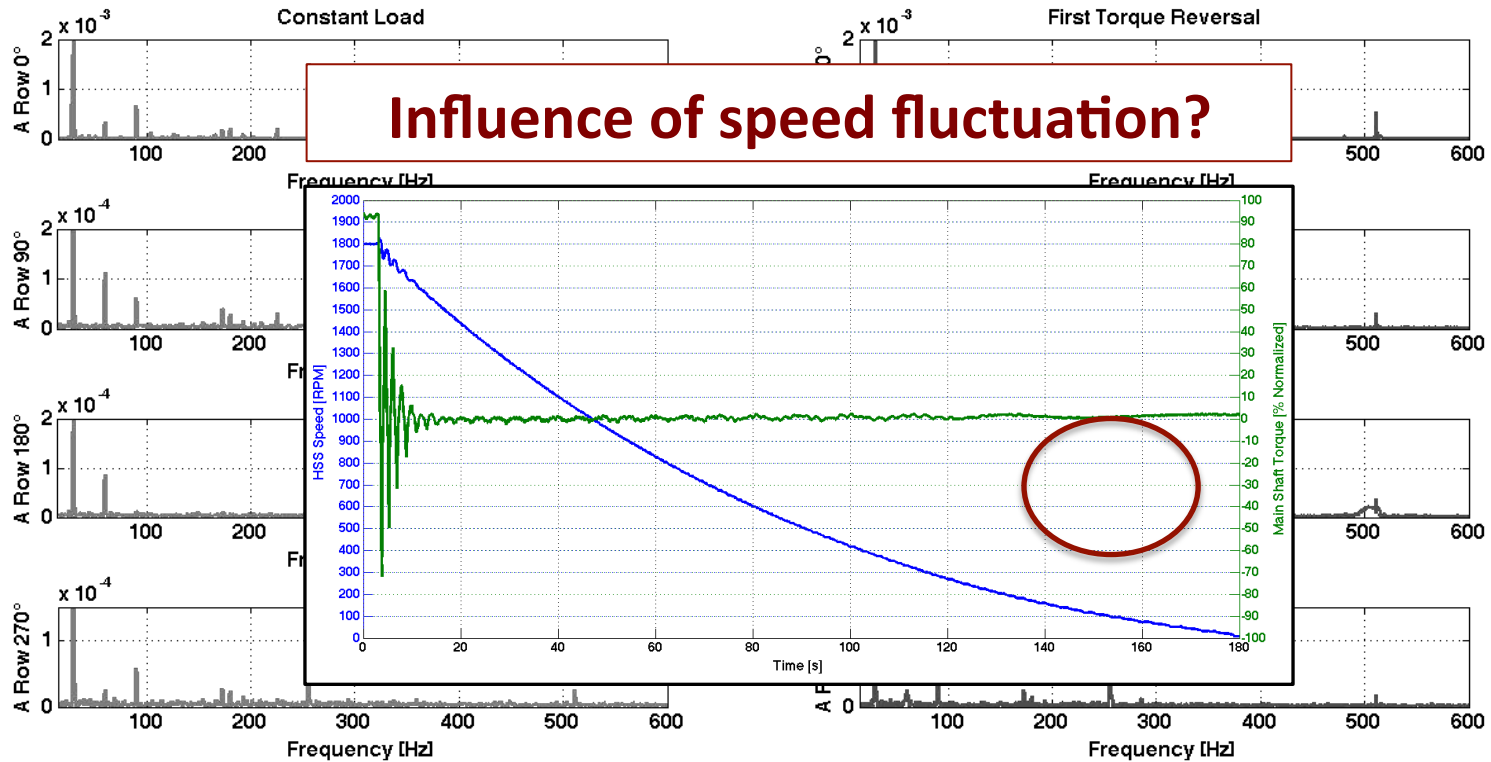
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Clear unloading on upwind side A position



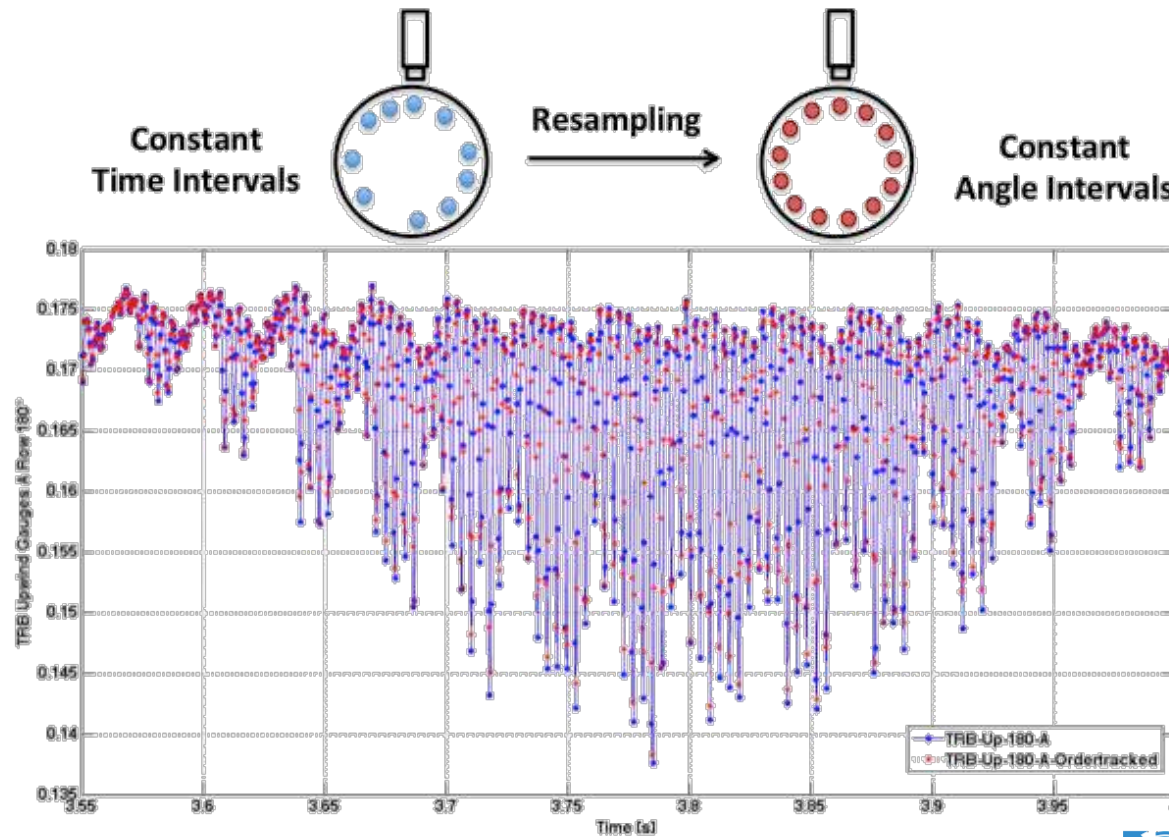
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- Frequency domain analysis



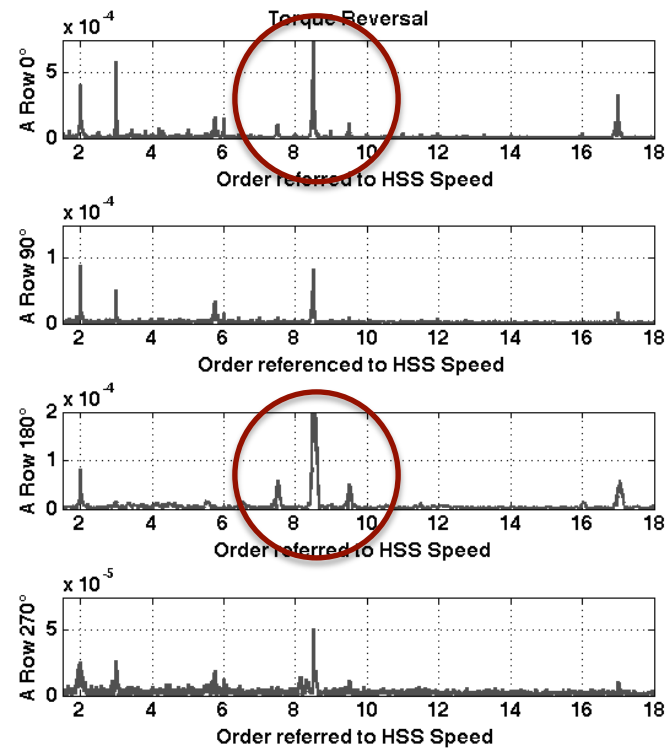
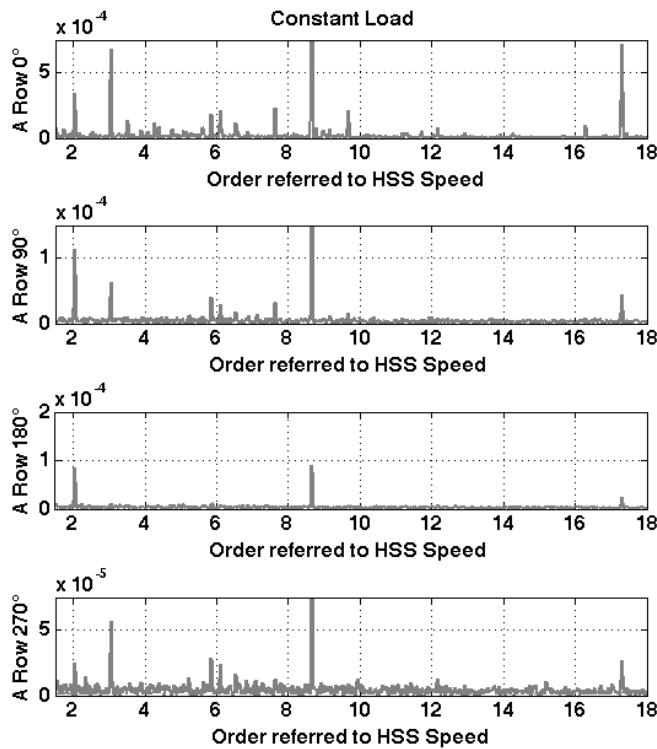
HSS Bearing Slip

- Frequency domain analysis combined with ordertracking



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Bearing roller slip induced by grid induced event

Conclusions

- **A worst case grid loss was investigated experimentally**
- **The driving resonance identified at 0.64 Hz**
- **HSS mesh disengaging and re-engaging due to torque changes**
- **Dynamically changing HSS Bending**
- **HSS TRB roller slip due to changed loading due to grid loss experimentally shown**



Next steps

- **Linking these events to failure:**
 - Monitoring on wind farm level:
 - SCADA data
 - CMS data
 - Additional measurements
 - Structured storage in Big-Data database
 - Event detection + link to maintenance records
 - **Statistically show influence of these events on failure**

