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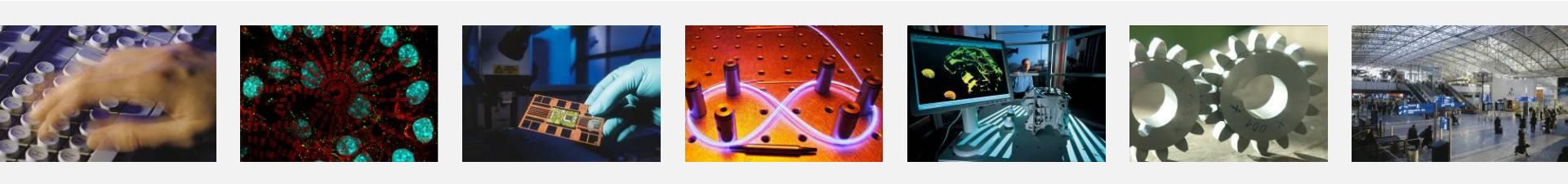
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- 66 institutes and research units
- About 24,000 employees
- Research budget of € 2 billion

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- Life Sciences
- Microelectronics
- Light & Surfaces
- Production
- Materials and Components
- Defense and Security

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# Fraunhofer IFF as Technology Partner

## Interrelated Specializations for Fields of Research

### Specializations

Robotics

Measurement and testing

Process engineering

Logistics zones

Assistance and training systems

Digital Engineering and Operation



### Fields of Research

Smart Work Systems



Resource Efficient Production and Logistics



Convergent Supply Infra-structures



..... little, medium, great relevance of a specialization for a field of research

# Convergent Supply Infrastructures

## Process Engineering



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# Analytics at Fraunhofer IFF

## Digital Farming



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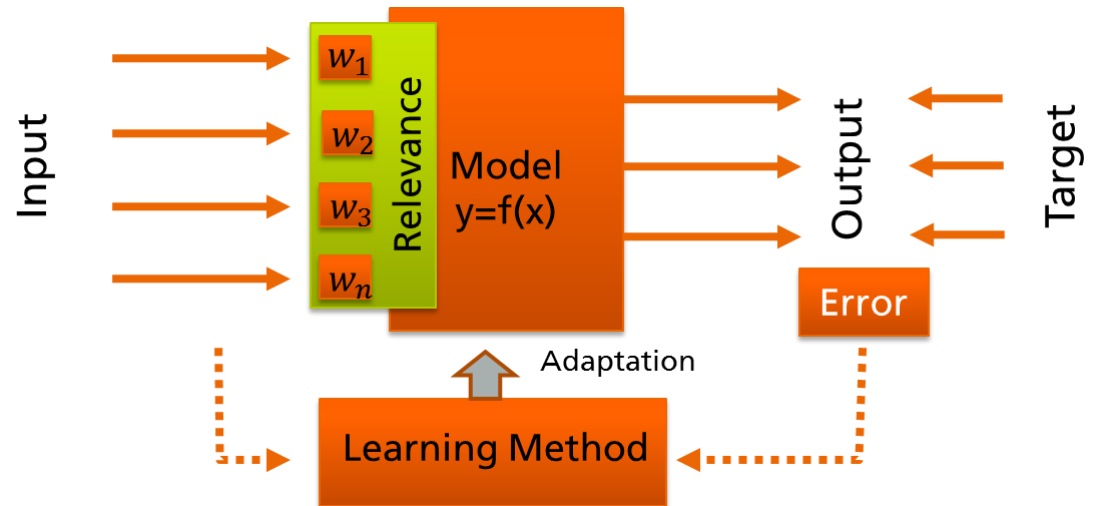
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# Analytics Methods

- Learning Methods:
  - Gradient Descent
  - Genetic Algorithm
  - Simplex
- Training of up to ten methods in parallel





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# Use Case #1

## bubbling fluidized-bed gasification of wood chips

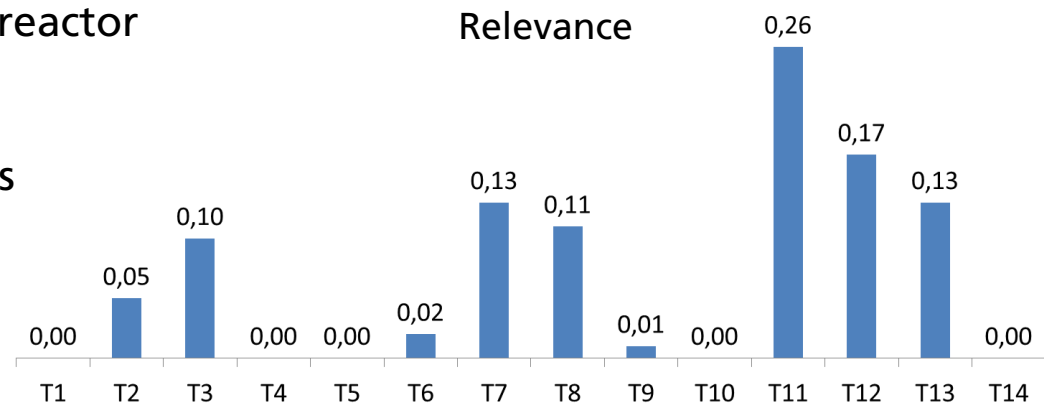
**Objective:**  
soft-sensor for CO in producer gas

**Data:**

- 15-Sec.-Values logged for 12 h (0,5 MB)
- Temperature distribution in the reactor

**Effort:**  
1 day pre-processing, 3 days analysis  
(Desktop-PC)

**Result:**  
average relative error 1,03 %  
relevance distribution



# Use Case #2

## Flue Gas Cleaning

### Objective:

soft-sensor for flue-gas component #1

### Data:

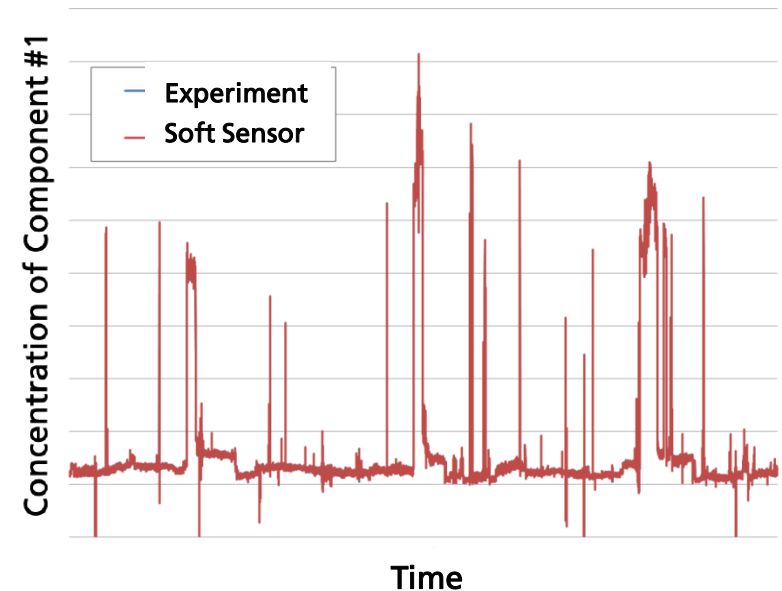
- half-hour values logged over 3,5 years (58.000 rows, < 1 MB)
- temperature, volume flow, concentrations of components #2 to #6

### Effort:

1 day pre-processing, 3 days analysis (Desktop-PC)

### Result:

average relative error 0,25 %



# Use Case #2

## Flue Gas Cleaning

### Objective:

soft-sensor for flue-gas component #1

### Data:

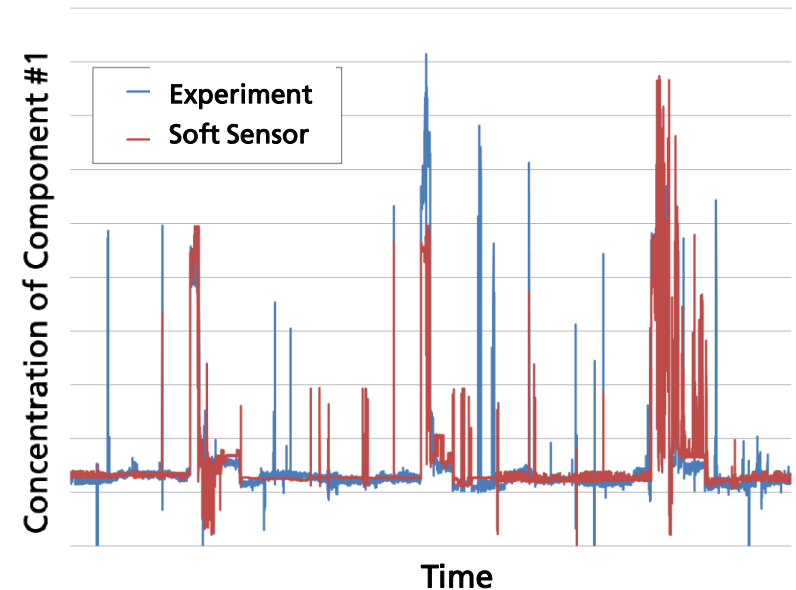
- half-hour values logged over 3,5 years (58.000 rows, < 1 MB)
- temperature, volume flow,

### Effort:

1 day pre-processing, 3 days analysis  
(Desktop-PC)

### Ergebnis:

average relative error 3,67%



# Use Case #3

## CO<sub>2</sub>-Separation

### Objective:

analysis of production costs

### Data:

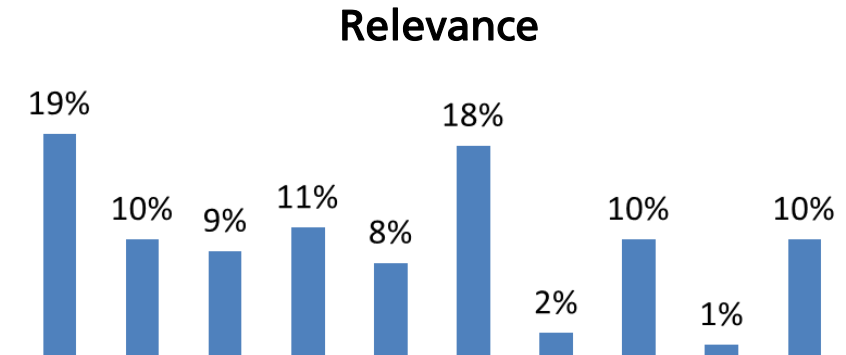
1-sec.-values logged over 5 months  
(140 MB)

### Effort:

1 day pre-processing, 3 days analysis  
(Desktop-PC)

### Result:

relevance distribution





# Use Case #4

## Digestion

### Objective:

soft-sensor for methane content in biogas

### Data:

- 1-day-values logged for one year (350 rows, 100 kB)
- Temperatures, feed composition, stirring power, ...

### Effort:

1 day pre-processing, 3 days analysis (Desktop-PC)

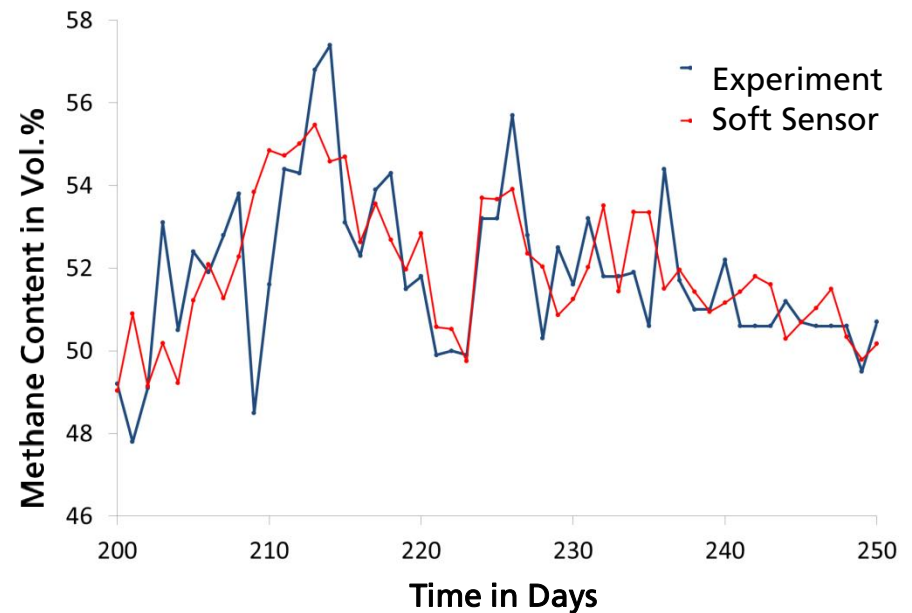
### Ergebnis:

average relative error 1,74%



**ABO**  
**WIND**

Quelle: ABOwind



# Use Case #5

## Drying / Granulation

### Objective:

Prediction of blocking of liquid injection nozzle

### Data:

approx. 20 blocking instances

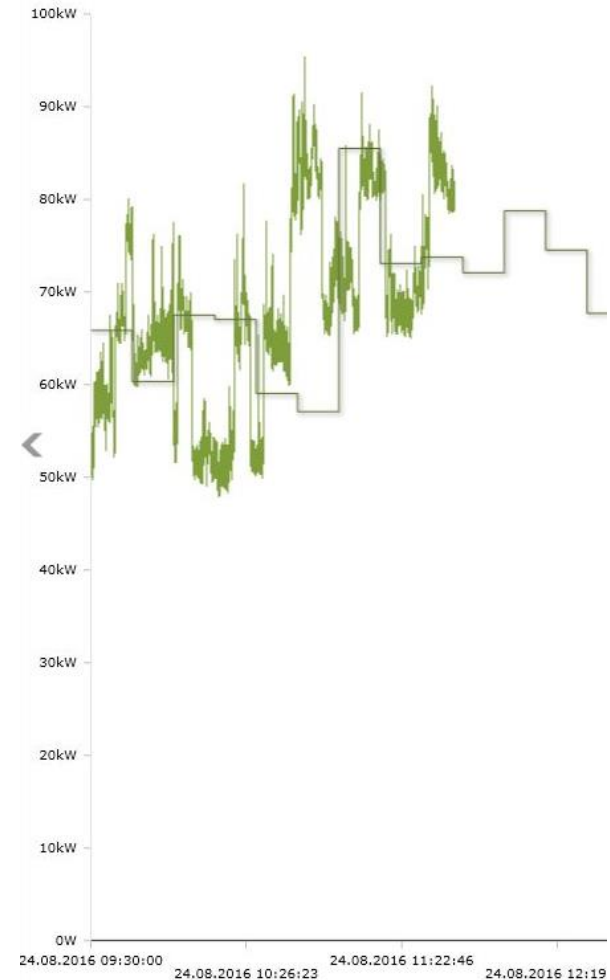
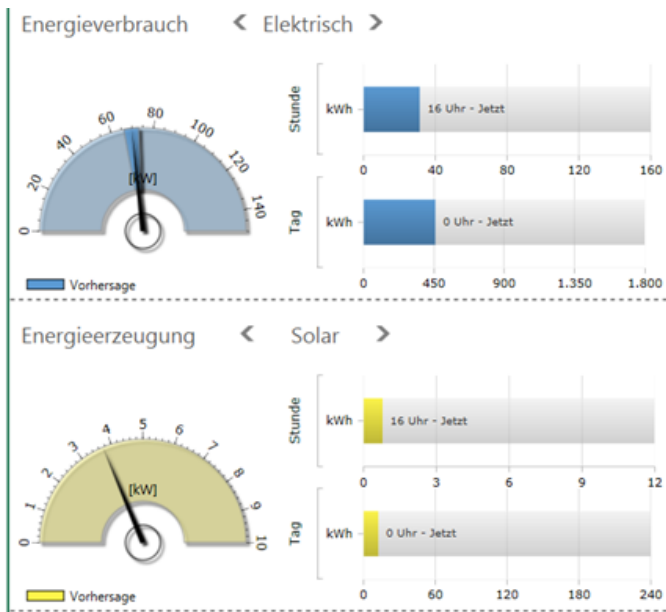
### Effort:

ongoing



# Use Case #6

## Forecast of Electrical Power Consumption



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# Outlook

- Product quality of distillation column
- Flame monitoring
- Predictive maintenance of pumps and compressors by application of operator experience (fuzzy logic) and analytics (ANN)
- Combined analysis of heterogeneous data:
  - Engineering
  - Operation
  - Maintenance
  - Inspection
- „Soft Sensor as a Service“ via Virtual Fort Knox



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