Interactive comment on “OpenOA: An Open-Source Code Base for Operational Analysis of Wind Power Plants” by Mike Optis et al.

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This is a very well written paper highlighting actual pain points in Wind Industry. The effort is commendable and the result – OpenOA software – is warmly welcome. However, I have a hard time appraising the paper within the framework of a scientific journal. It is much more about software engineering than wind energy per se.

The efforts defining data types and the breakdown of the overall process are certainly of great value and should indeed be part of a future effort to produce an industry standard. But, the actual implementation and the choices made by the authors cannot be commented from a scientific perspective.

In conclusion, despite the relevance and quality of the paper, I suggest the authors consider presenting their work at an industry conference (e.g. WINDPOWER, AWEA Wind Resource, WindEurope, . . .) and/or submit their paper to a relevant software engineering journal.

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