

# Analysis of relevant variables to monitor a photovoltaic charging station through FDM

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## Smart Home

### Room Lighting

Off 



 On

### Alarm system

Disarmed

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
*	0	#

### Video Security

cam 1

cam 2

cam 3

### Room Temperature

-

+

Living room
Bedroom
Nursery
Bathroom
Kitchen

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## Summary

View: 1d **7d** 30d

Energy Used 65.5 KWH

Energy Saved 2.2 KWH

Money Spent \$ 7.86

Money Saved \$ 0.26

0  
Trees Planted

1.5 Gal  
Gas Saved

1.5 Lbs  
CO2 Removed

0 out of 2 devices scheduled See more

Summary
Usage
Plans
Devices
smartAC

## Living Room AC

72°

ON

SET TO TEMPERATURE 70°

### ENERGY USAGE (W)

HOME
DEVICES
EVENTS
REWARDS

<https://imgs.6sft.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/30160533/ThinkEco-SmartAC-1024x866.jpg>

## HOME MONITORING

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ELECTRICITY

78

Kw/h

WATER

12

m<sup>3</sup>/h

TRASH

0.5

Kg/h

TEMPERATURE

20°

Celsius

HUMIDITY

48

Percent

BANDWIDTH USAGE

10

Mb/h

<https://d1ukwyn8ipd9ce.cloudfront.net/images/2x/11597baf-66a2-453d-b696-a9031325f909.png>

# ➤ 1. Introduction

## Monitoring and Control

- Permanent operation
- Errors detection
- Possible improvements
- Historical data

# Monitoring and Control

Big datasets



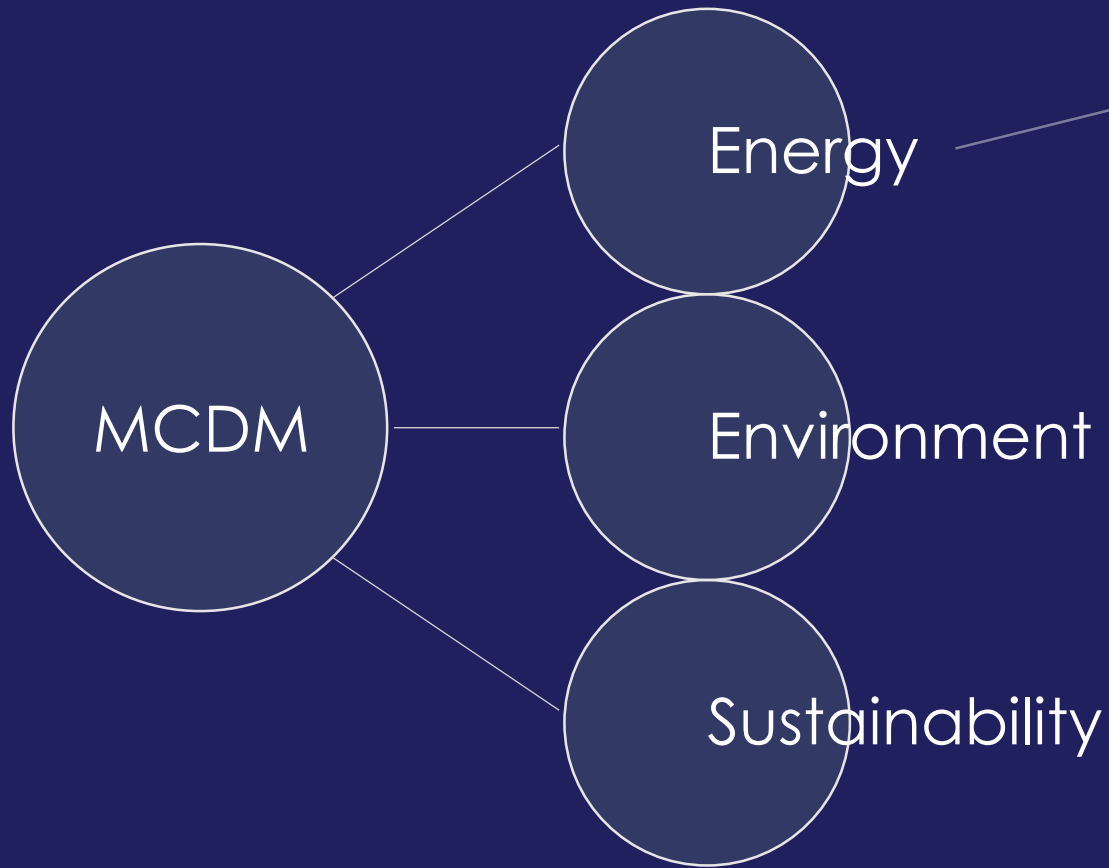
High  
computational  
time



High  
computational  
cost

(Kim, 2006)

# Monitoring and Control



Electric transportation  
Charging stations

(Mardani et al, 2015)

“electrical sensors and smart meters to monitor and exchange information with a control center” (Su et Al, 2012)



Optimization  
Improvement

Selection of devices  
involves multiple factors



“the wireless communication technology to be employed depends on the distance between communicating hot spots and the amount of data to be transmitted” (Mwasilu et Al, 2014)

# ➤ Function to Data Matrix (FDM)

- Seeks the relationship of variables with the main functions of a system considering its operational states.

(Fernández-Montoya, 2017)

- Used for the control of the Racing Solar Vehicle *Primavera 1*, obtaining, from 168 initial variables, 30 relevant variables.
- Includes objectives, success criteria, basic functions and restrictions.

(Fernández-Montoya et al, 2017)



# 2. Case study - Ceiba Solar EAFIT



Ceiba is the name of a tree, native to tropical and subtropical areas of the Americas

# ➤ FDM applied to the “Ceiba Solar”

## Tracking subsystem

- Linear actuator
- Tilt sensor
- PLC

## Collection subsystem

- Solar panels
- MPPT

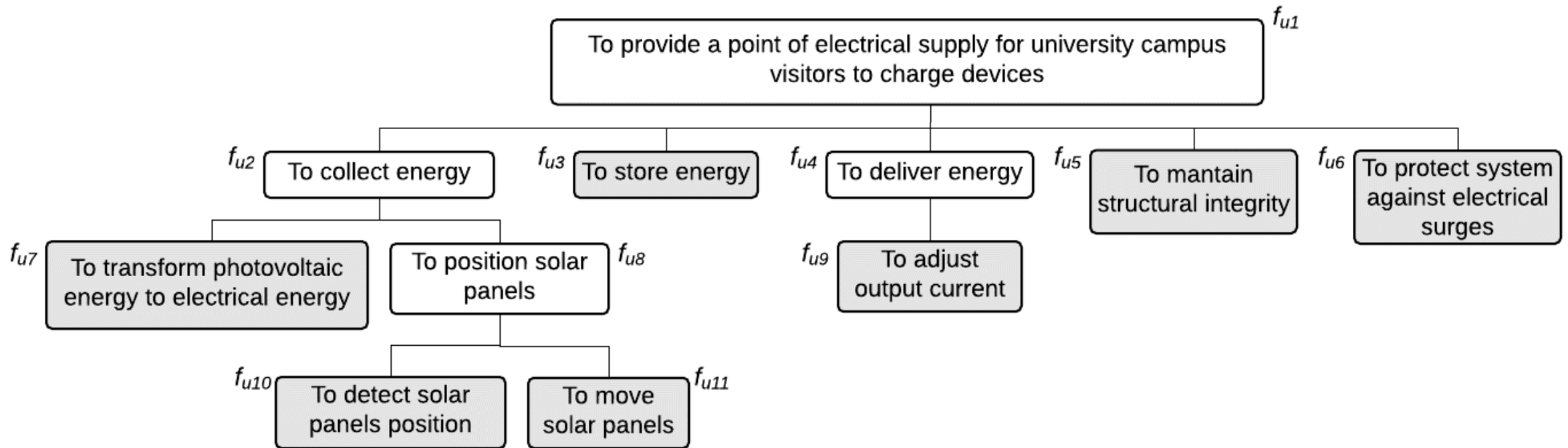
## Storage subsystem

- Battery system

## Deliver subsystem

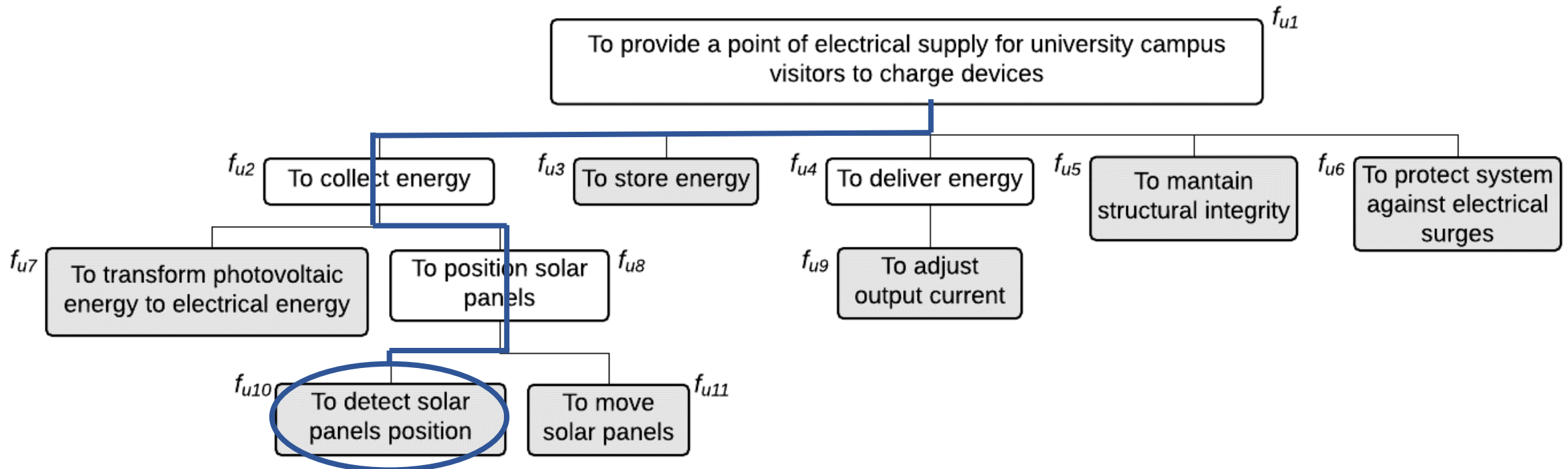
- DC/AC power inverters

## 2. Basic Functional Analysis



$$F_u = (f_{u3}, f_{u5}, f_{u6}, f_{u7}, f_{u9}, f_{u10}, f_{u11})$$

## 2. Basic Functions Analysis



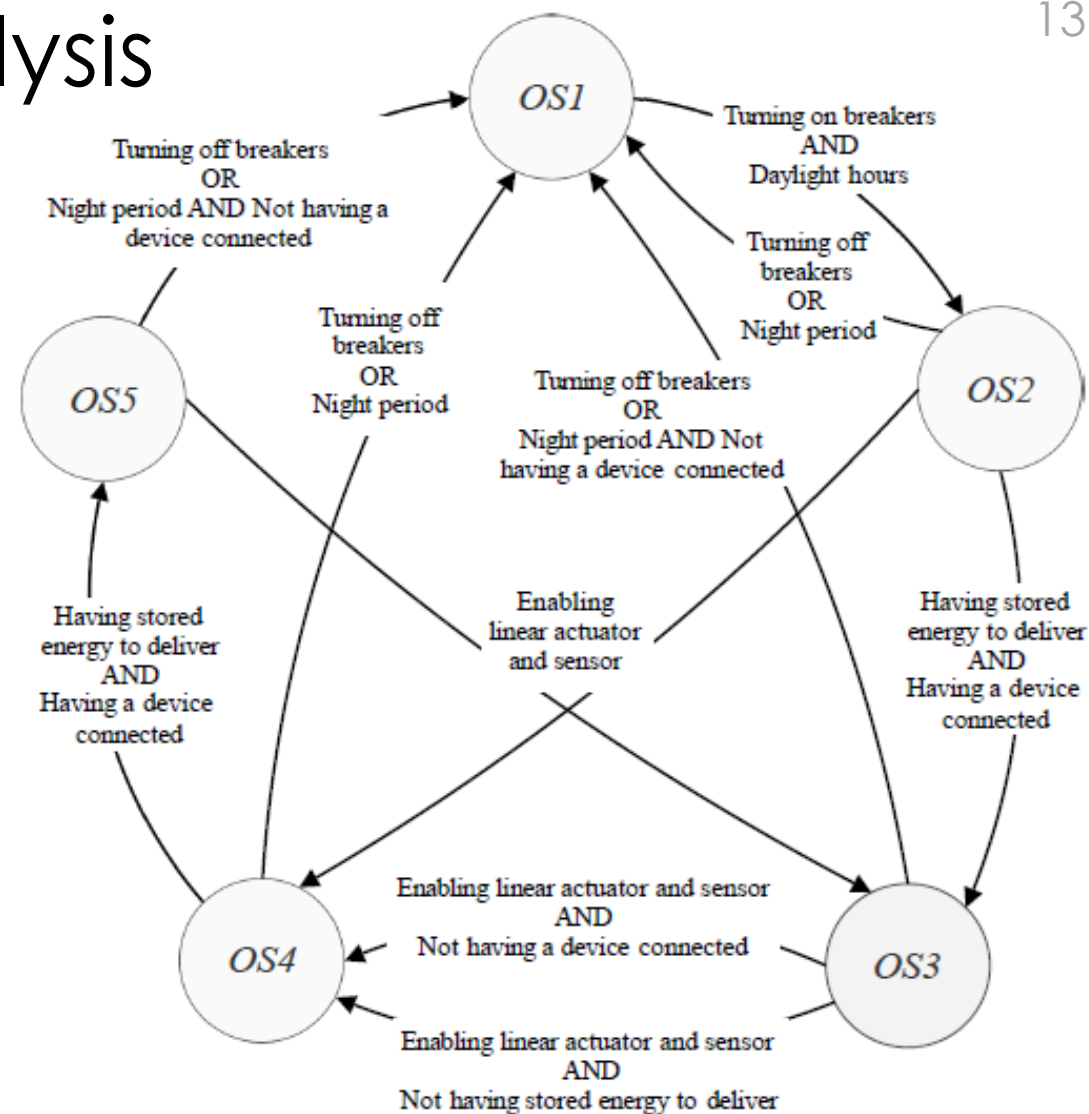
$$Nn=2$$

$$Kv=1/2=0.5$$

$$W_u = (0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.1, 0.2, 0.05, 0.05)$$

# 3. Operational Stages Analysis

Description Operative States				<i>OS</i>
Not Tracking	Not Collecting	Not Storing	Not Delivering	<i>OS</i> <sub>1</sub>
Not Tracking	Collecting	Storing	Not Delivering	<i>OS</i> <sub>2</sub>
Not Tracking	Collecting	Storing	Delivering	<i>OS</i> <sub>3</sub>
Tracking	Collecting	Storing	Not Delivering	<i>OS</i> <sub>4</sub>
Tracking	Collecting	Storing	Delivering	<i>OS</i> <sub>5</sub>



## 3. Operational Stages Analysis

$OS$	$fu_3$	$fu_5$	$fu_6$	$fu_7$	$fu_9$	$fu_{10}$	$fu_{11}$
$OS_1$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
$OS_2$	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
$OS_3$	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
$OS_4$	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
$OS_5$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



## 4. Functional Structure Analysis

$v_1$	Radiation	$v_7$	MPPT output current
$v_2$	Ambient temperature	$v_8$	Battery state of charge (SoC)
$v_3$	Solar panel temperature	$v_9$	Battery voltage
$v_4$	MPPT input voltage	$v_{10}$	Battery output current
$v_5$	MPPT output voltage	$v_{11}$	System output voltage
$v_6$	MPPT input current	$v_{12}$	Solar panel orientation

Variable Relationship Descriptor (VRD) =  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \text{ null} \\ 1, \text{ weak} \\ 3, \text{ medium} \\ 9, \text{ strong} \end{array} \right.$

## 5. Variable Relevance Indicator

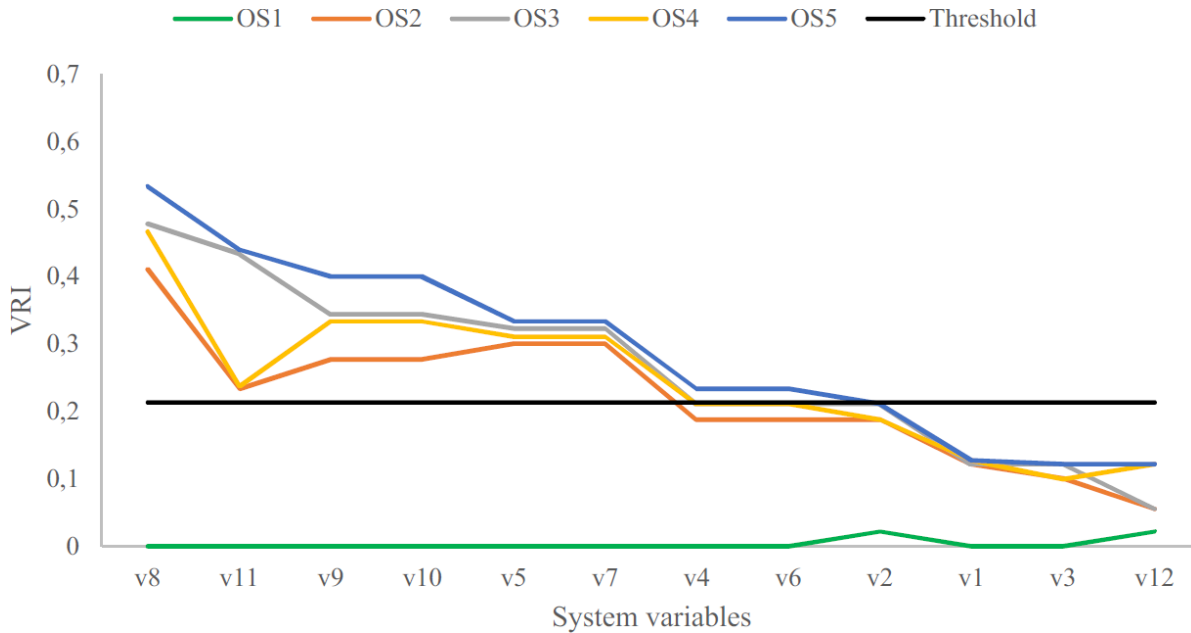
$$VRI = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{j=1}^n \boxed{k f_j v_i} \boxed{S_{f u_j}} \boxed{W u_j}$$

VRD    Variable Weight  
operation  
mode(0,1)

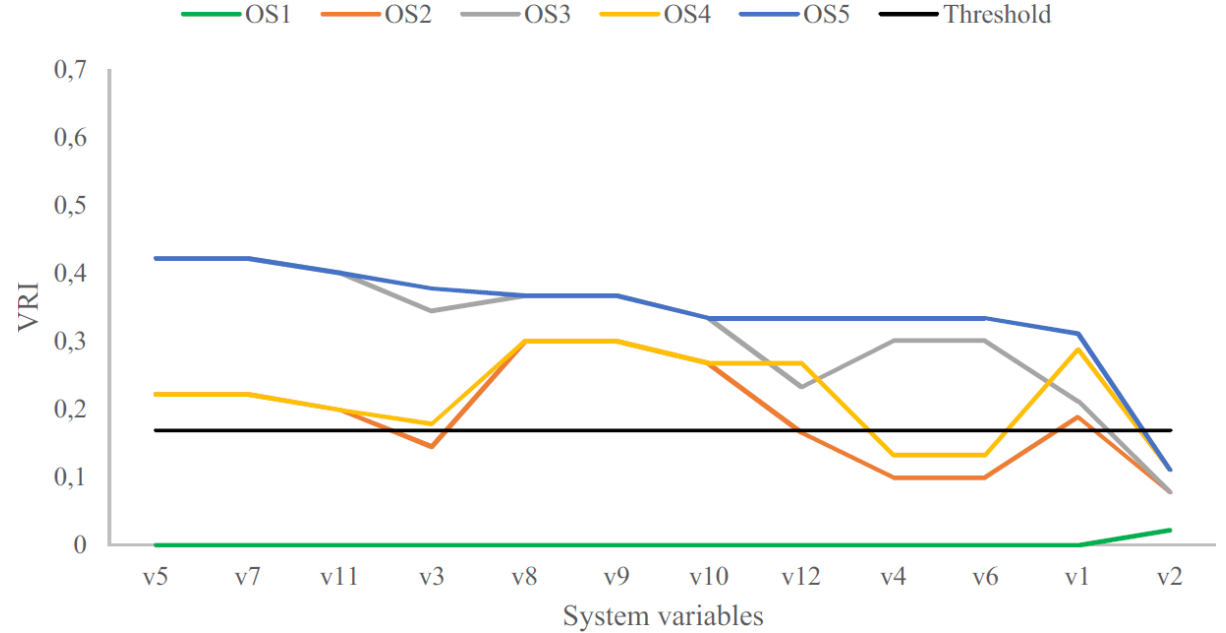




# Analysis of results



Expert1: experience working with maximizing energy storage



Expert2: experience working with photovoltaic energy collection

# Conclusions

- Expert1 gives more weight to energy storage and how to maximize this subsystem performance.
- For Expert2 there was a not so marked preference, considering also the importance of the collection system.

$v_1$	Radiation	● $v_7$	MPPT output current
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- It is valuable to consider the implementation of a monitoring interface with the option to display various screens according to the variables of interest.
- Evaluate more disciplines/experts to have other weightings involving different perspectives.

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