



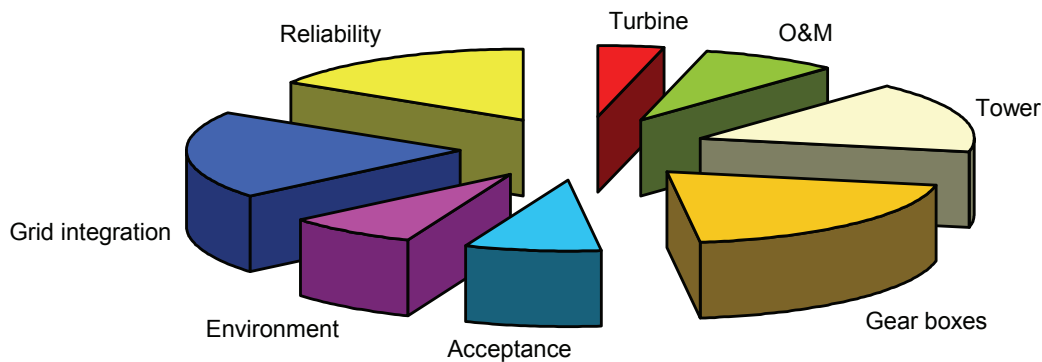
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Development and Deployment of Wind Turbine Systems
Task 11**

55th IEA Topical Expert Meeting

**Long Term Research Needs
In the Frame of the IEA Wind Co-operative
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TASK 11

BASE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION EXCHANGE



The objective of this Task is to promote wind turbine technology through cooperative activities and information exchange on R&D topics of common interest. These cooperative activities have been part of the Agreement since 1978.

The task includes two subtasks. The objective of the first subtask is to develop recommended practices for wind turbine testing and evaluation by assembling an Experts Group for each topic needing recommended practices. For example, the Experts Group on wind speed measurements published the document titled “Wind Speed Measurement and Use of Cup Anemometry”.

The objective of the second subtask is to conduct joint actions in research areas identified by the IEA R&D Wind Executive Committee. The Executive Committee designates Joint Actions in research areas of current interest, which requires an exchange of information. So far, Joint Actions have been initiated in *Aerodynamics of Wind Turbines*, *Wind Turbine Fatigue*, *Wind Characteristics*, *Offshore Wind Systems and Wind Forecasting Techniques*. Symposia and conferences have been held on designated topics in each of these areas.

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In addition to Joint Action symposia, Topical Expert Meetings are arranged once or twice a year on topics decided by the IEA RD&D Wind Executive Committee. One such Expert Meeting gave background information for preparing the following strategy paper “Long-Term Research and Development Needs for Wind Energy for the Time Frame 2000 to 2020”. This document can be downloaded from source 1 below.

Since these activities were initiated in 1978, more than 60 volumes of proceedings have been published. In the series of Recommended Practices 11 documents were published and five of these have revised editions.

All documents produced under Task XI and published by the Operating Agent are available to citizens of member countries from the Operating Agent, and from representatives of countries participating in Task XI.

More information can be obtained from:

1. www.ieawind.org
2. http://www.ieawind.org/summary_page_xi.html

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

IEA TOPICAL EXPERT MEETING #55

ON

LONG TERM RESEARCH NEEDS – IN THE FRAME OF THE IEA WIND ENERGY CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Dr. Joachim Kutscher and Sven-Erik Thor

BACKGROUND

The [International Energy Agency](#) (IEA) Wind agreement is a vehicle for member countries to exchange information on the planning and execution of national large-scale wind system projects and to undertake co-operative research and development (R&D) projects called Tasks.

At the close of 2006, 83% of the more than 74 GW of worldwide wind generating capacity was operating in the IEA Wind member countries. Hence also the needs of strategic research on wind energy deployment is concentrated to these countries. Common research tasks which are in progress at present under IEA Wind are:

- Power System Operation with Large Amounts of Wind Power
- Integration of Wind and Hydropower
- Offshore Wind Energy Technology Development
- Dynamic models of wind farms for power system studies
- Horizontal axis wind turbine aerodynamics (HAWT) and models from wind tunnel measurements
- Base technology information exchange

A similar meeting on this subject was arranged in 2001. It is now due time to arrange a new meeting on the same subject in order to sum up progress and identify future research needs.

The Present and Future Status of Wind Energy

Total electrical generation from wind in the IEA Wind member countries has increased from less than 10 TWh in 1995 to nearly 118 TWh in 2006. The contribution from wind energy to the combined electricity demand of the member countries varied from under 1% to 16.8% in Denmark. In five countries wind energy exceeded 5% contribution to the national electrical demand.

Wind energy can be a significant source of electrical generation. For example, Spain supplies a full 9% of its electricity demand with wind. In Denmark, the highest average coverage of wind power yearly was nearly 17%; between 27% and 29% of the total electricity consumption was covered by wind power in November and December alone.

In the coming years an even larger introduction of wind energy will be seen. In order to make this deployment come true, it has to be supported by extensive R&D and Development actions. Future R&D will support incremental improvements in e.g. understanding extreme

wind situations, aerodynamics and electrical machines. But, the challenge is to try to find those evolutionary steps that can be taken to further improve wind turbine technology, for example in large scale integration incorporating wind forecasting and grid interaction with other energy sources.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Topical Expert Meeting (TEM) is to discuss long-term research needs for the timeframe 2020. The objective the meeting is to try to identify needed future results from R&D both in the 5 to 10 and the 10 to 20 year time frames. The strategic goal of the TEM is to give recommendations to the IEA Wind Executive Committee and to the governments involved which are based at the latest international wind technological stage. The outcome of the meeting will be used to develop a new strategic R&D plan for IEA Wind.

The objectives are to review the latest wind energy technology and to draw conclusions for a further successful development to expand the place of wind energy in the worlds energy mix by means of R&D.

The participants are encouraged to prepare presentations relevant to these objectives.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

Participants are expected to represent, but not limited to, government research players, active researchers and manufacturers.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

One of the goals of the meeting will be to gather the existing knowledge on the subject and come up with suggestions / recommendations on how to proceed. This will involve definition of necessary research activities for "Recommendations" to the IEA Wind Agreement and the governments involved on the following topics

- Future turbine and drive train technologies,
- Rotor blade design and new materials,
- Offshore aspects as foundations, logistics, grid connection, condition monitoring and maintenance, prevention of environmental impact etc.
- Grid integration and intermediate storage of large energy amounts,
- Environmental Impact and Acceptance,
- Improvement of wind turbine production technologies.

Based on the above a document will be compiled containing:

- Presentations by participants
- Compilation of the most recent information on the topic
- Input to define IEA Wind RD&D's future role in this topic

TENTATIVE AGENDA

The tentative agenda covers the following items:

DAY 1

1. Introduction by host
2. Introduction by Operating Agent, Recognition of Participants
3. Collecting proposals for presentations.
The participants are encouraged to prepare a presentation 15-20 minutes in length including a short discussion
4. Presentation of Introductory Note
5. Individual presentations

DAY 2

6. Individual presentations
7. Discussion
8. Collection of main topics for long term research needs and summary of meeting

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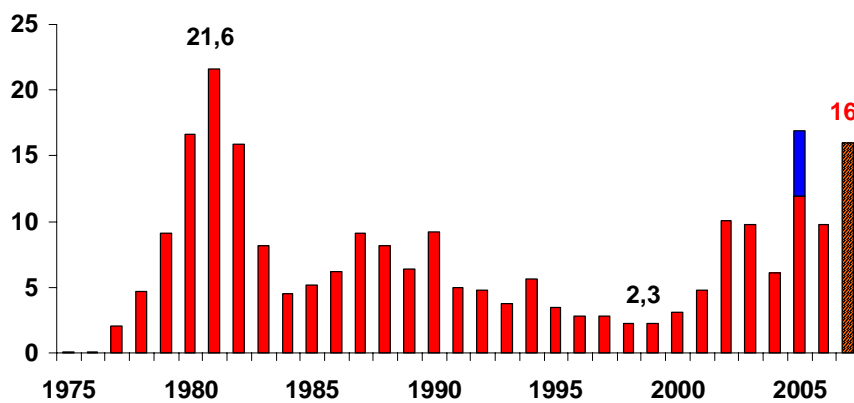
Long Term R&D Needs for Wind Energy

Dr. Joachim Kutscher, PTJ

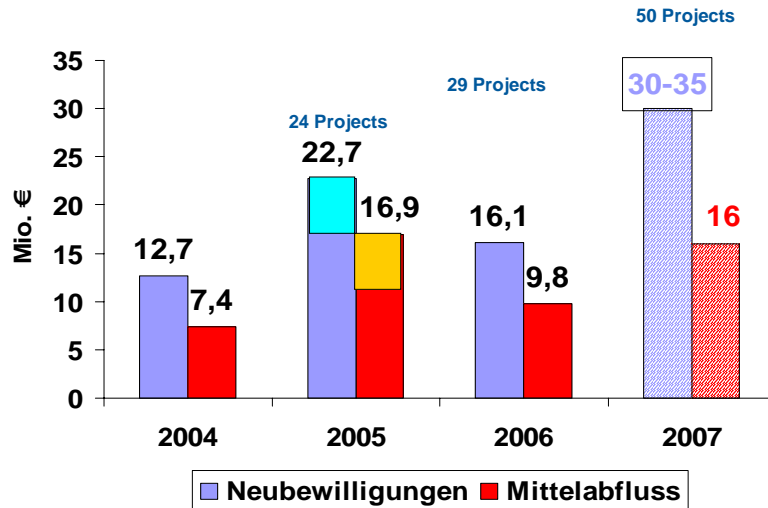
1. Status of Wind Energy Research in Germany
2. Some Assumptions on R&D Needs

IEA Long Term R&D Needs, December 2007 Berlin

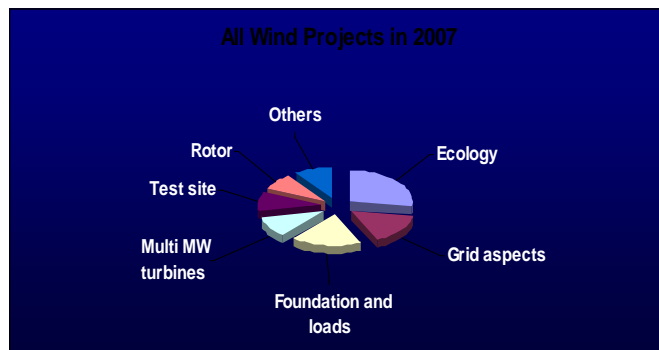
Funds of the Federal Government for Wind R&D / Mill. Euro



Yearly New Funded Projects – Consumption per Year



All Wind Projects 2007 / Snap Shot as of 30.11.07



Nr. of projects

Ecology	25
Grid aspects	15
Foundation and loads	17
Multi MW turbines	10
Test site	9
Rotor	8
Others	9
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Research Status and Road Map of Wind Energy

Evaluation report of the research since 2001

presented by Gerhart J. Gerdes

Road Map on wind energy development

presented by Prof. Jürgen Schmid

Assumptions on R&D Needs (1)

Turbine Component / Process	R&D – Topics / Objectives
Turbine horizontal axis, up to 8-10 MW	offshore maintenance and repair friendly, new drive principles (hydrodyn.), reduction of mass, condition monitoring, adaptation to arid and cold climates
Rotor 3-bladed	aerodynamic improvement, new materials, condition monitoring, on site final component combination, radar compatible,

Assumptions on R&D Needs (2)

Turbine Component / Process	R&D – Topics / Objectives
Offshore Foundation	optimisation of the traditional structures, new structures (bionics), new materials and combinations of materials, optimisation of ramming depth, deep water solutions, new landing systems
Production turbine, rotor, foundation	transition from manufacturing to automated serial production, tools for operating the production

Assumptions on R&D Needs (3)

Turbine Component / Process	R&D – Topics / Objectives
Offshore logistics	optimisation of transport and installation processes, new transport and installation equipment,
Grid	improvement of prognosis tools, remote and satellite based wind measuring systems, improvement of communication and regulation between the components of the grids, intermediate storage, cable technologies, high voltage electronics

Assumptions on R&D Needs (4)

Turbine Component / Process	R&D – Topics / Objectives
Acceptance	offshore to be reached, onshore always to be adapted to the social and economic situation, technologies for minimization of environmental impact
Research and Development	improvement of research and education structures, basic research under wind aspects, test sites for R&D



Thank you

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Evaluation of the German Renewable Energies Research Programme (EFP) Results from the evaluation: Wind Energy

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Funded renewable energy sectors

- Photovoltaics
- Wind Energy
- Geothermie
- Solarthermie LT
- Solar Power Plants
- Cross Sectional Activities
- Southern Climatic Zones

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Results of the specific evaluation Wind Energy

- Method
- Chronological development of research funding: subjects and volume
- Analysis of the technological effects
- Analysis of the market effects
- Summary of the evaluation research funding wind energy
- Recommendation for future actions regarding wind energy

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Method of the specific evaluation – all Technologies

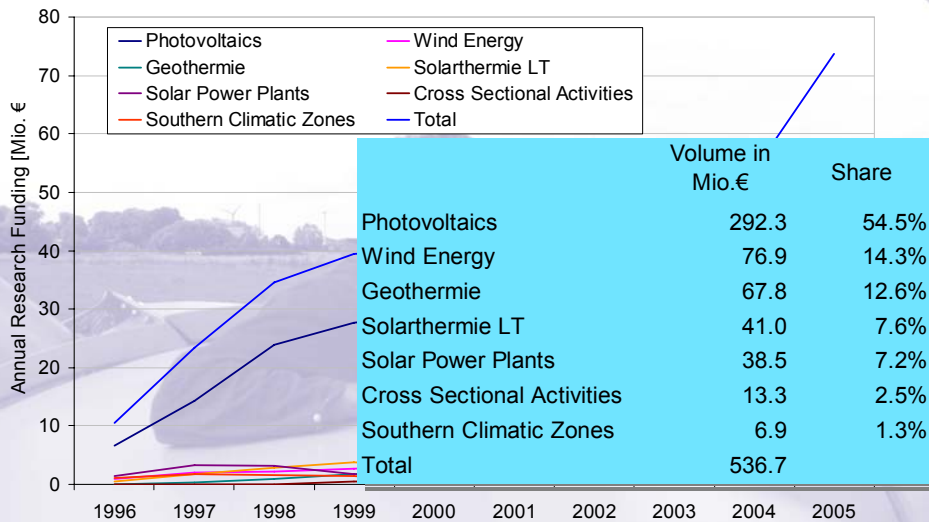
Document analysis	Survey	Case studies	Patent review	Peer review	Sector analysis
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625 projects
 429 project participants
 207 returned questionnaires

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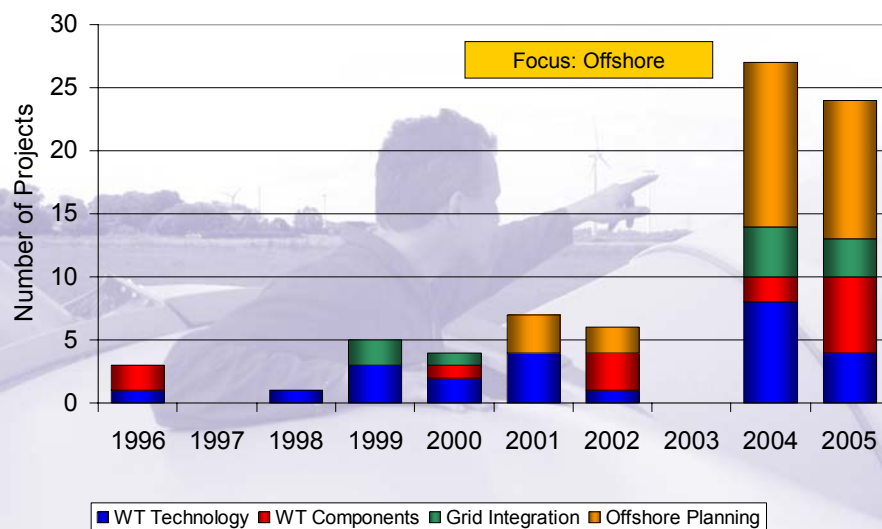
Project statistics – Chronological development of research volumina

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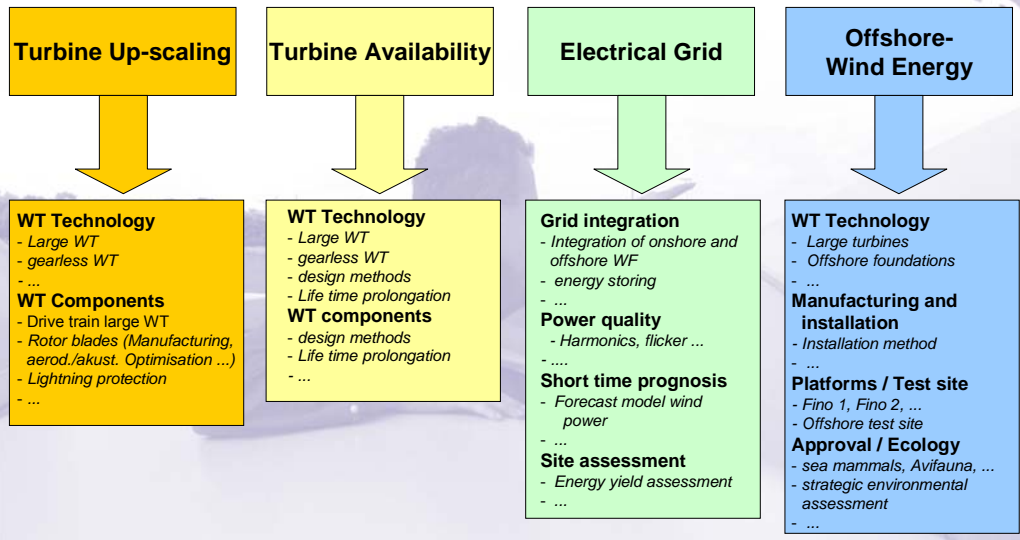
Project statistics (Wind Energy) - Chronological development of research subjects

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Analysis of the technological effects (Wind Energy) Accentuation on four areas

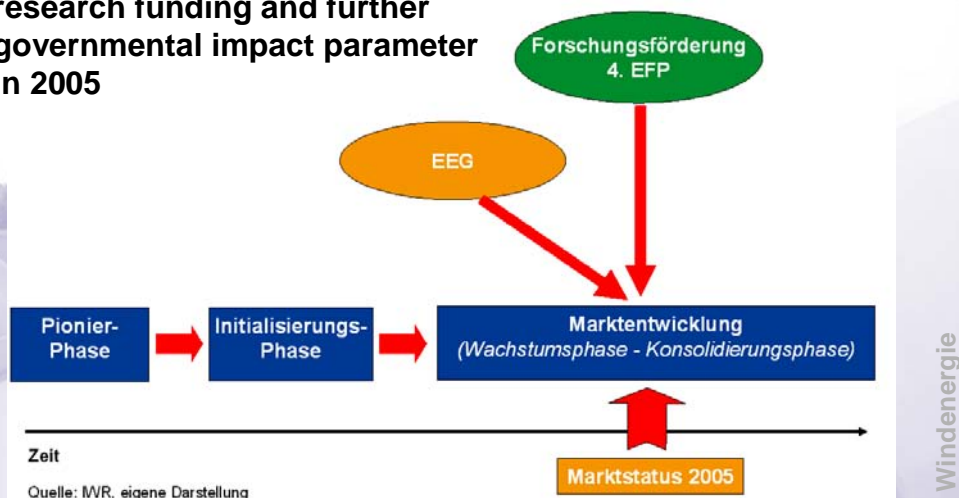
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Analysis on the impact on market effects

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Status-Quo and Effects of research funding and further governmental impact parameter in 2005



Zeit

Quelle: IWR, eigene Darstellung

Marktstatus 2005

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Analysis of the market effects (Wind Energy)

1. Effects for enterprises

- Companies did profit / Overlap with other market relevant parameters
 - ▶ a. Market position could be held / improved on national und international level
 - ▶ b. Creation of development process for large WT on international level

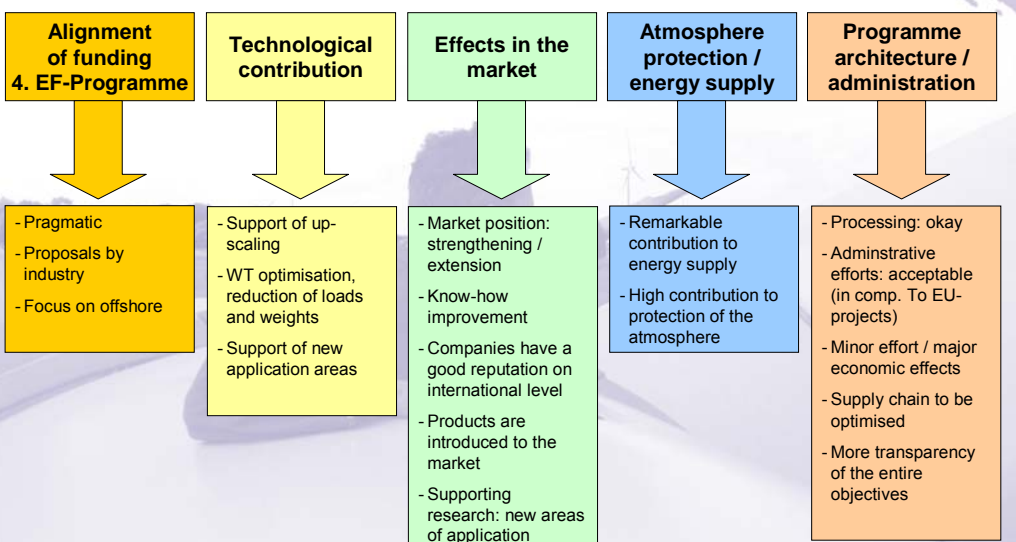
2. Effects for technological projects

- Market relevance is given
 - ▶ a. Large WTs: prototypes are installed
 - ▶ b. Drive train: components are introduced / will be shortly introduced to the market

3. Effects on accompanying / supporting research

- No direct market relevance / essential for new application areas
 - ▶ a. Offshore supporting research
 - ▶ b. grid integration research

Evaluation summary of research funding (Wind Energy)



Recommendations for future Research Funding (Wind Energy)

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Main target is Development of power plant like wind farms

- Development of components / WT systems in complete supply chain
- System oriented services
- Grid integration
- Reliability of WTs and costs

2. Master plan research funding wind energy

- Committee to develop an master plan with annual continuation

3. Networking of researchers / central research institution

4. Coordination of research funding on international level

- Use of synergetic effects on international level / increase of transparency

Research needs from a Swedish perspective

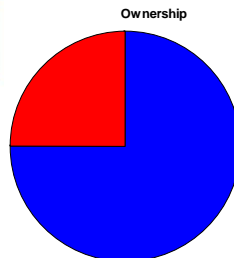
- About Elforsk
- Wind energy R&D today in Sweden
- R&D needs 2010 - 2020

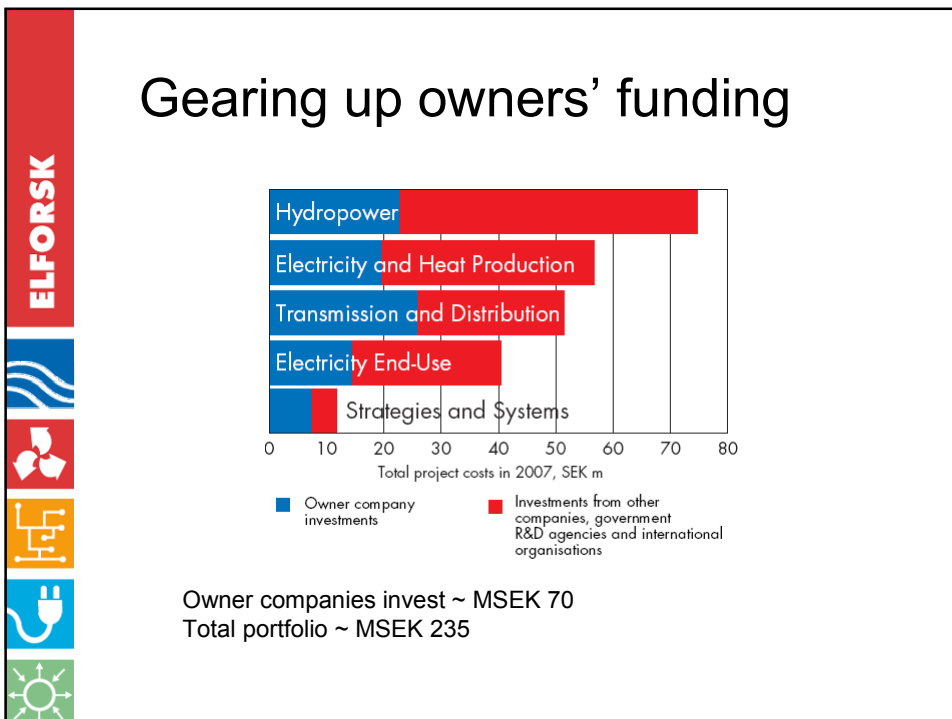
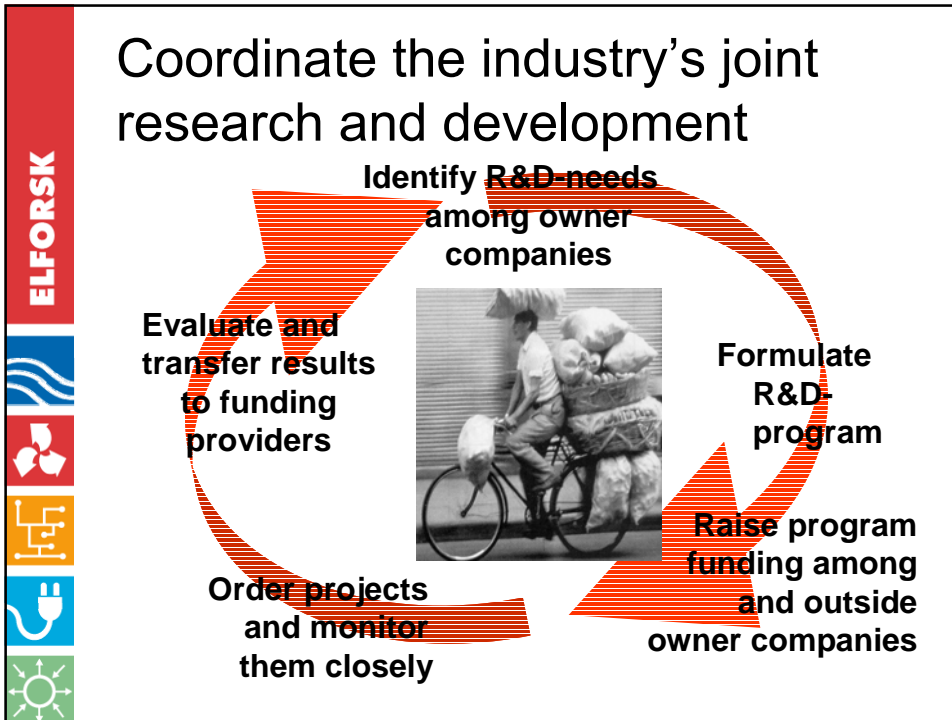
Sara Hallert, Elforsk, programme manager for the wind energy R&D programme "Vindforsk"

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R&D Resource for Power Industry

- Established 1993
- 12 employees
- Stable average sales 100 MSEK/year past five years.
 - ~70 % from ownership companies
- Owned by Swedenergy and the Swedish TSO





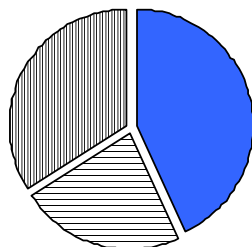
Swedish Wind Energy R&D today

- R&D programme "Vindforsk"
- Swedish Energy Agency
 - Largest financier of Vindforsk
 - Environmental effects research programme, "Vindval"
 - Individual projects
- In-house R&D at the power industry

"Vindforsk"

- Basic and applied research
- User-oriented:
 - O&M
 - Noise issues
 - Grid issues within the farm
 - Grid integration on a power system level
 - Meteorology
 - Wakes
 - Design tool optimisation wind farm topology (EU-project)
 - Statistics on wind energy production
 - Estimation of wind energy potential
 - Standardisation
 - Cold climate

5 MEUR during 2006-2008



■ Basic
■ Applied_Government
■ Applied_Industry



Performers

- Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
- Chalmers University
- Uppsala university

- Technical consultant companies
- Manufacturing companies

Public spending through Swedish Energy Agency 2006 budget.

Programme to support market introduction ("Pilot projects") excluded

Project/programme	K€
Vindforsk, R&D to support implementation of wind power	1030
Vindval, environmental effects programme	750
NewGen demo project	1020
Radar disturbance flight test	520
Other projects	215
Sum	3535

R&D Needs 2010 - 2020

- Forestry landscape
 - Wind resources, measurements
 - Dimensioning of wind turbines
- O&M, primarily offshore:
 - Optimisation of maintenance
 - Condition monitoring
- Cold climate
 - Ice map
 - De-icing tools
 - Availability and effect on energy production
 - Life-time of components
- Grid integration
 - Large amount of wind power in power system
 - Analyses of transients
 - Farm design



Activities going on in Sweden

- Use wind electricity for **plug-in vehicles**, fuel (=share of a wind power plant) included in the car price, utilise car battery as power reserve
- Swedish Energy Agency set new planning goal for wind energy **30 TWh to 2020** (whereof 10 TWh offshore). Today 1 TWh.
- Swedish Energy Agency designate new geographical **areas of national interest** for wind energy
- A new 5 year round of the **market introduction** program with 38 M€ funding starts 2008.

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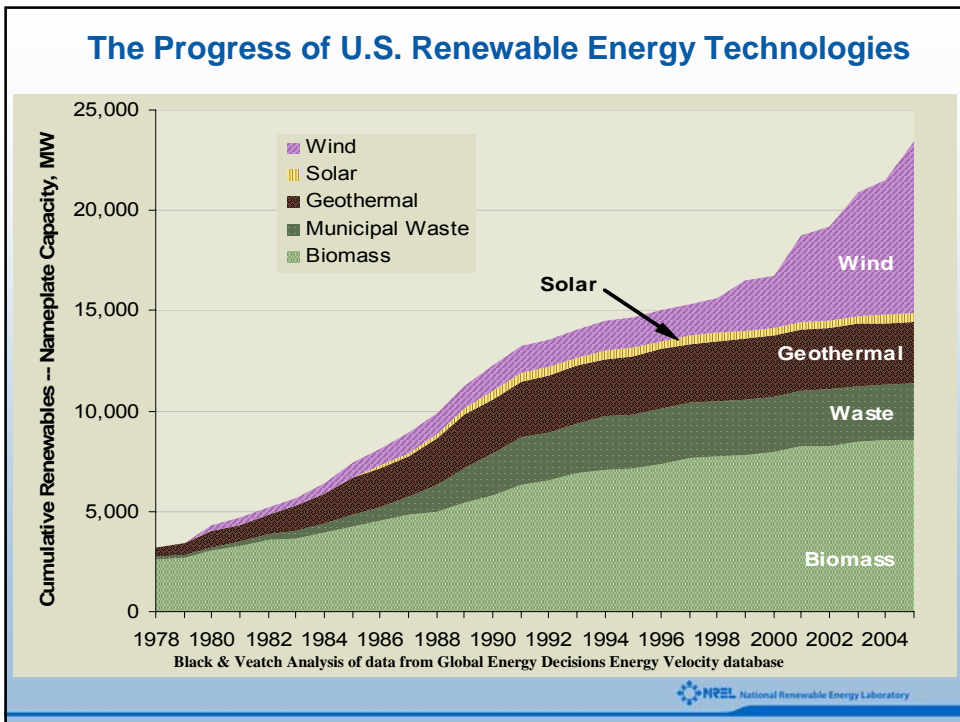
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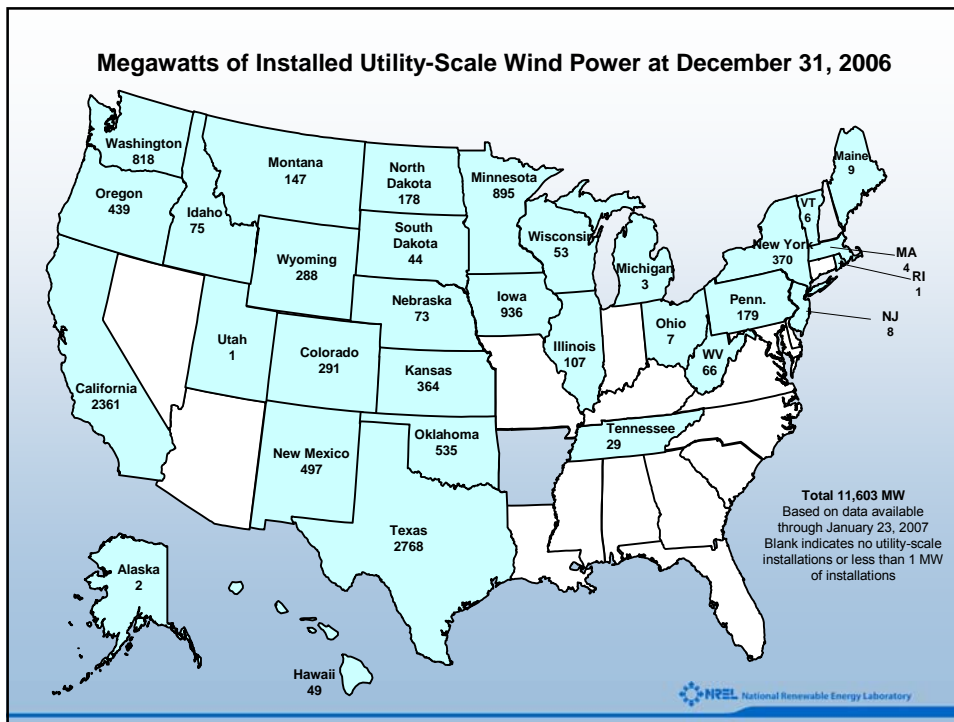
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Wind Energy: Research and Development Needs For Large Scale Deployment a U.S Perspective

Presentation for the IEA Expert Meeting on Wind Energy R&D Needs
By Robert W. Thresher, Director
U.S. National Wind Technology Center
6 December, 2007

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A New Vision For Wind Energy in the U.S.

White House photo by Eric Draper

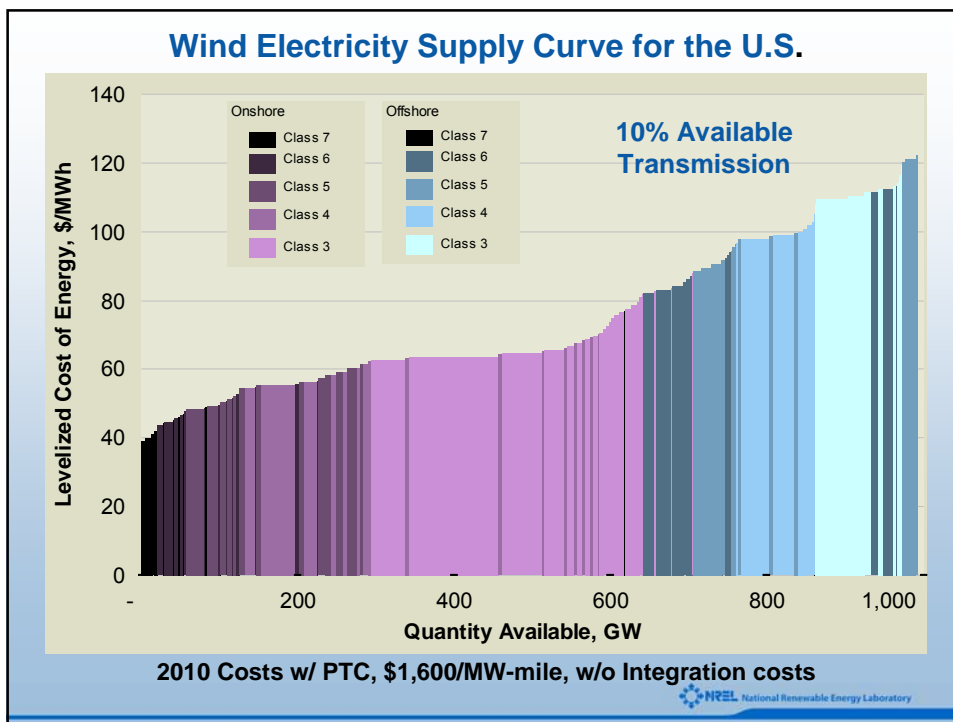
State of the Union Address

“...We will invest more in ... **revolutionary and solar wind technologies**”

Advanced Energy Initiative

“Areas with good wind resources have the potential to **supply up to 20% of the electricity** consumption of the United States.”

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- ## U.S. Wind Energy Challenge
- Rising costs driven by inconsistent policies and increased competition
 - PTC inconsistency
 - Copper and Steel prices
 - Transportation
 - Permitting and siting costs
 - Poor performance and reliability
 - Drivetrains
 - Other components
 - Understanding and acceptance by financial sector, regulators, utilities, public
 - A disruptive technology
 - A new technology with limited experience
 - Different operating characteristics
 - Highly visible generating a NIMBY reaction
 - Wildlife and environmental concerns
 - Integrating wind onto the grid at a large scale
 - Fluctuating output
 - Not Dispatchable
 - Transmission access
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Needed to Address the Challenges

- Research and development to improve performance and reliability, while driving down the costs requiring complex large-scale testing capabilities:
 - 70m Blade Testing capabilities growing to 100m
 - 6 MW Scale Dynamometer growing to 15 MW
 - Field R&D experiments for both large and small turbines
- Study how best to deploy and integrate wind energy:
 - Integration studies accounting for wind diversity effects
 - Transmission studies with wind inputs
 - Control area aggregation
- Provide unbiased education and outreach:
 - A center for undergraduate and graduate education
 - Factual unbiased information for regulators, financiers, regulators, utilities and the public
 - Environmental and wildlife and siting R&D and education
 - Economic development facts and comparisons
 - Public policy studies and education
- New wind application market development:
 - Offshore wind technology and ocean kinetic energy technology R&D
 - New applications such as plug hybrids, desalination, compressed air turbines and storage, and electrolysis for hydrogen production

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Today's Technology Challenges

Technology Challenge


- Capital cost
- Gearbox reliability
- Transportation costs
- Crane capacity & availability
- Operational expenses too high
- Rotor expansion reaching limits
- Innovation risk is high

Possible Reasons

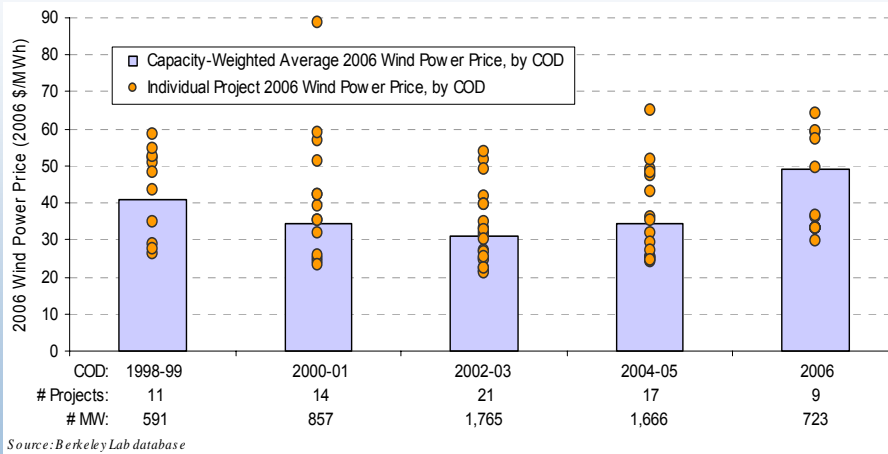
- Bearing Failures, inaccurate loads?
- Unscheduled maintenance costs
- Poor reliability of some components
- Head mass too heavy
- Lack of automatic O&M self diagnosis
- Lack of fatigue load and blade deflection control
- Lack of low cost stiff blade material
- Aeroacoustics limiting tip speeds



Modern turbines represent a complex & highly integrated structure and technology improvements must be evaluated as a system, because of the coupled interactions between components can greatly affect the optimum configuration and resulting cost.

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Wind Energy Price to Utilities (Includes PTC & Other State Incentives)

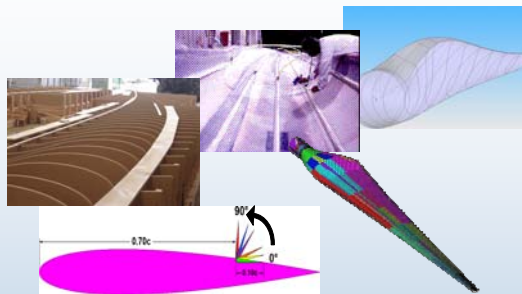


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Land Based Technology Improvement Options

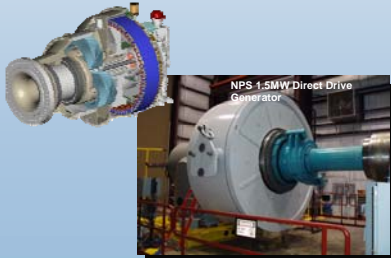
Advanced Rotor Technology

- Extended rotor architectures through **load control**
- Incorporate advanced materials for hybrid blades
- Cyclic & independent blade pitch control for load mitigation
- Sweep and flap twist coupled architectures
- Light weight, high TSR with attenuated aeroacoustics



Power Train Enhancements

- Permanent Magnet DD Architectures
- Split load path multi-stage generation topologies
- Reduced stage (1-2) integrated gearbox designs
- Convoloid gearing for load distribution



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Powerful winds
 U_{∞} , direction vary
 Coherent turbulence
 Turbine wakes

Radial Velocity (m/s)
 Date: 10/21/1999, Time: 1:170 to 1:140, Az = 220.00

Energetic flowfield
 Globally separated
 Steep gradients
 Dynamically active

Basic R&D Needs:
Aeroelasticity
 Nonlinear & coupled
 Multiple physics
 Scale range

Complex wake
 Trailed vortices
 Shed vortices
 Persistent

Responsive structure
 Light and flexible
 Advanced materials
 Aeroelastic load control

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Land Based Technology Improvement Options

Power Conversion

- High temperature silicon carbide device; improved reliability & reduce hardware volume
- Novel circuit topologies for high voltage & power quality improvement
- Medium voltage designs for multi-megawatt architectures

Telescoping Tower

Jack Up Tower

Input (Generator) Output (500 VAC)
 Active Rectification Inverter Bridge (6 SiC MOSFETs and 6 SiC Schottky Diodes)
 DC Bus With Capacitors (6 SiC MOSFETs and 6 SiC Schottky Diodes)
 Inverter Bridge (6 SiC MOSFETs and 6 SiC Schottky Diodes)

Tower Support Structures

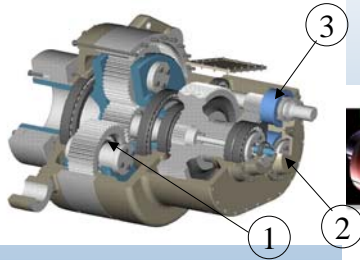
- Tall tower & complex terrain deployment
- Advanced structures & foundations
- New materials and processes
- Self erecting designs

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NREL's Gearbox Reliability Collaborative

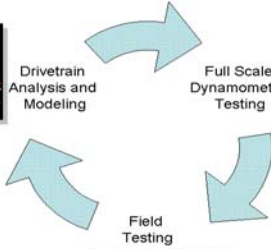
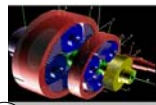
Problem Areas:

- Planet bearings
- Intermediate shaft-locating bearings
- High-speed locating bearings



Approach:

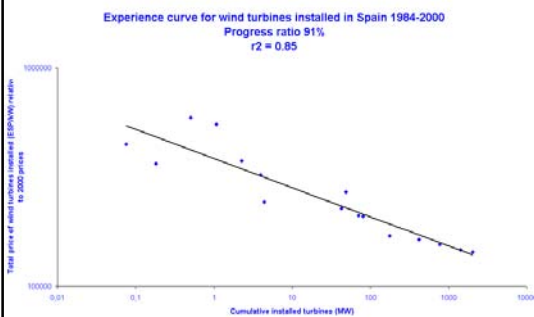
- Test platform; two 750 kW gearboxes with identical instrumentation.
- Upgrade both units to state-of-the-art.
 - Cooling, filtration, gear finish, lubrication, and bearing types.
- Measure External and internal loads and displacements.
- Thermal measurements
- Condition monitoring
- Expert failure analysis and forensics



Land Based Technology Improvement Options

Manufacturing and Learning Curve

- Larger volume and steady markets drive toward more automated manufacturing
- Historical progress ratios (price reduction for each doubling in production) for wind turbines have been 90-95%
- Getting to 20% requires five doublings
- Reduced Capital Cost 4-6% per doubling; 20-30% total
- Improved Quality and Reliability



Experience curve: a tool for energy policy assessment (EXTOOL)
Analysis sponsored by European Union
<http://www.iset.uni-kassel.de/extool/Extoolframe.htm>



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Multi-Megawatt Test & Validation Facilities

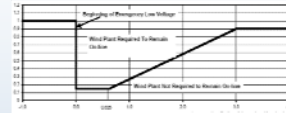
Dynamometer



Fault Test



Fault Response



Blade Test



Offshore Field Validation



Areas of Potential Technology Improvement to Reach 20%

Technical Area	Potential Advances	Cost Increments (Best/Expected/Least, Percent)	
		Annual Energy Production	Turbine Capital Cost
Advanced Tower Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taller towers in difficult locations New materials and/or processes Advanced structures/foundations Self-erecting, initial or for service 	+11/+11/+11	+8/+12/+20
Advanced (Enlarged) Rotors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced materials Improved structural-aero design Active controls Passive controls Higher Tip Speed/lower acoustics 	+35/+25/+10	-6/-3/+3
Reduced Energy Losses and Improved Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced blade soiling losses Damage tolerant sensors Robust control systems Prognostic maintenance 	+7/+5/0	0/0/0

Areas of Potential Technology Improvement to Reach 20% (continued)

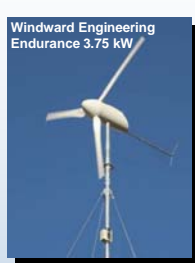
Technical Area	Potential Advances	Cost Increments (Best/Expected/Least, Percent)	
		Annual Energy Production	Turbine Capital Cost
Drivetrain (Gearboxes, Generators, and Power Electronics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer gear stages or direct drive • Medium/low speed generators • Distributed gearbox topologies • Permanent-magnet generators • Medium voltage equipment • Advanced gear tooth profiles • New circuit topologies • New semiconductor devices • New materials (GaAs, SiC) 	+8/+4/0	-11/-6/+1
Manufacturing and Learning Curve*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained, incremental design and process improvements • Large-scale manufacturing • Reduced design loads 	0/0/0	-27/-13/-3
Totals – Potential Improvement		+61/+45/+21	-36/-10/+21

*The learning curve results are for 4.7 doublings by 2030

Small Wind Power Applications in the U.S.



Medium & Small Distributed Wind Systems

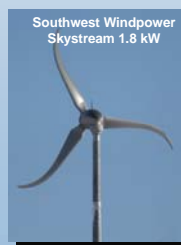


Today's Technology Trends:

- Advanced blade manufacturing methods
- Rare earth magnets
- Induction generators for small turbines, single-phase applications
- Alternatives to furling for rotor over-speed control
- Improved energy capture in low wind speeds
- Current installed costs: 1 kW, \$5-6K/kW; 50 to 100 kW, \$3-4K/kW

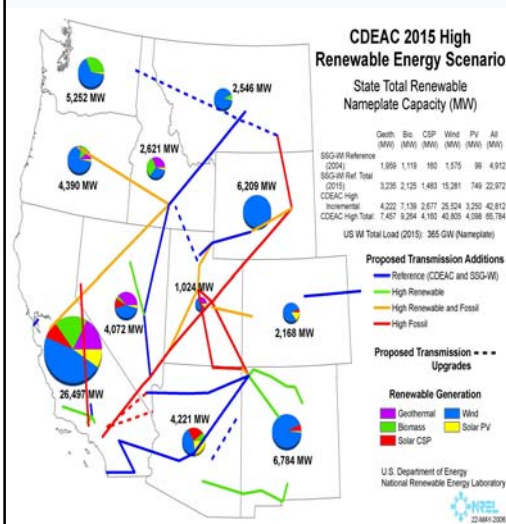
Technology Needs:

- Improved reliability remains the prominent need for distributed systems; isolated, single installations
- Applications close to inhabited structures; sounds emission critical for market acceptance & zoning
- Significant improvements needed to lower capital & installation costs, improve performance, incorporate robust PE & grid interconnection capabilities
- Use of turbine design & rating standards for certification
- Lack of turbine availability > 100 kW



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Grid Integration Driving Technology

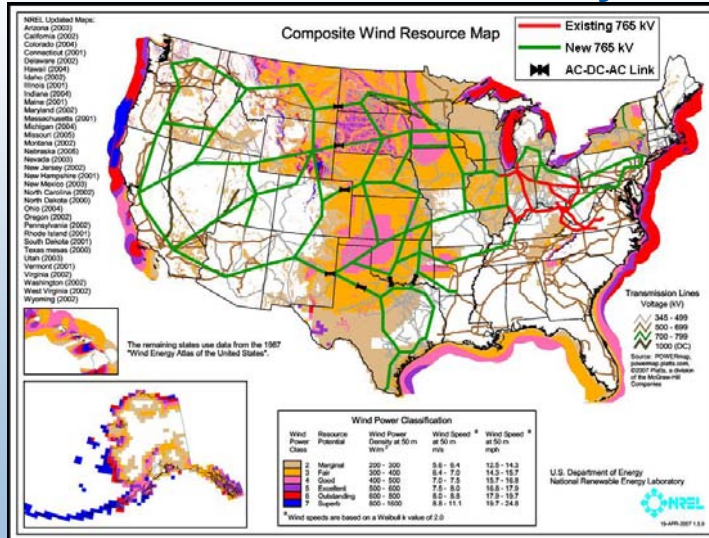


Technology Improvements:

- Power electronics have change wind technology from a detriment to an attribute
- Fault tolerance and ride through capability
- Is improving grid performance overall
- Grid VAR support available even without wind power being supplied
- Operators are exploring modest ramping capability using advanced controls
- Forecasting is significantly improving scheduling, penetration & integrated system performance

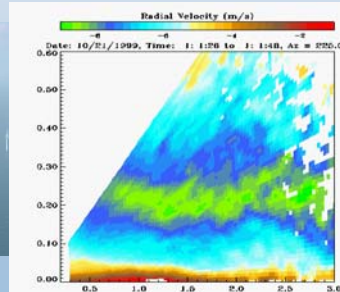
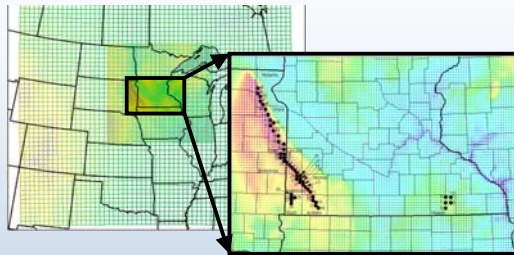
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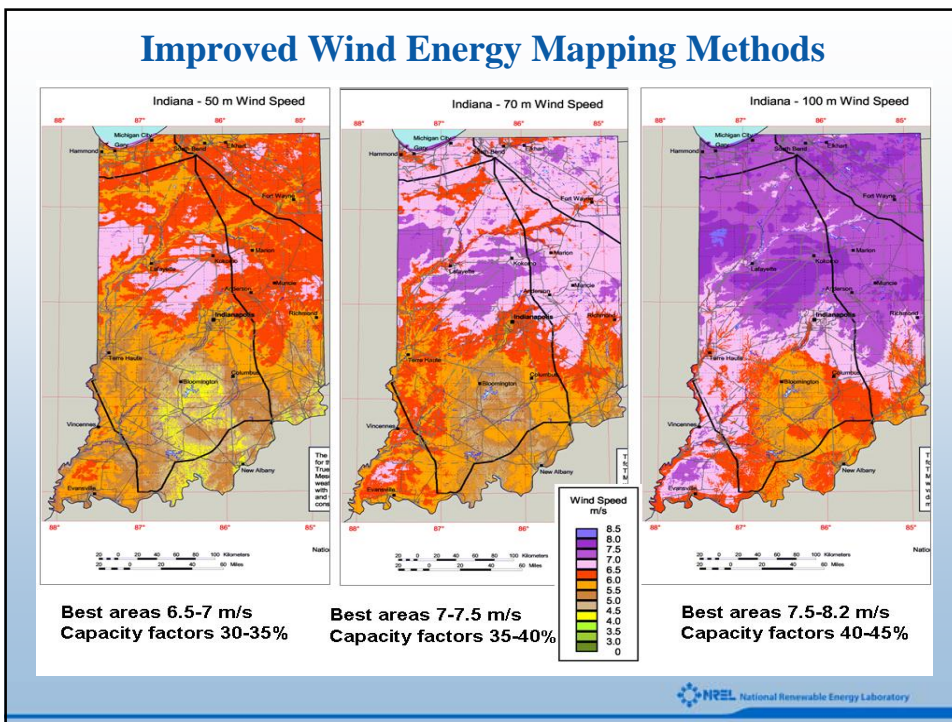
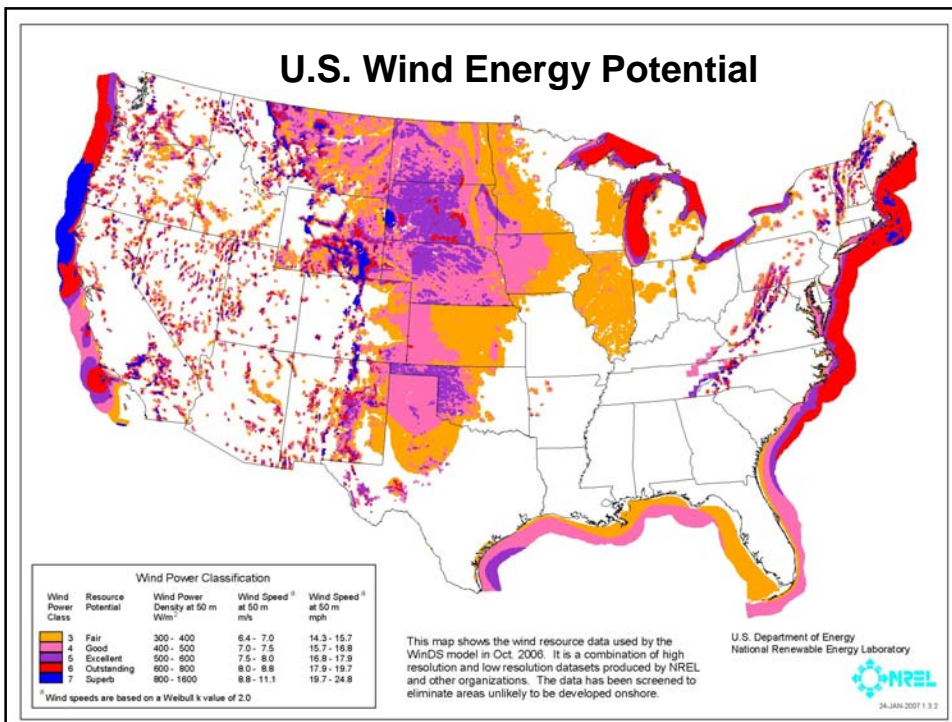
Conceptual EHV Transmission Overlay



Atmospheric Physics R&D for Wind Energy

- **Grid integration**
 - Short term forecasting
 - Wind farm power delivery
- **Resource assessment**
 - Long term hindcasting
 - Resolution enhancement
- **Site specific design**
 - Inflow turbulence & shear
 - Local topography
 - Wind farm array effects
- **Modeling impact**
 - Design & analysis
 - Ops & maintenance
 - Direct financial impact





Environmental and Wildlife R&D Needs

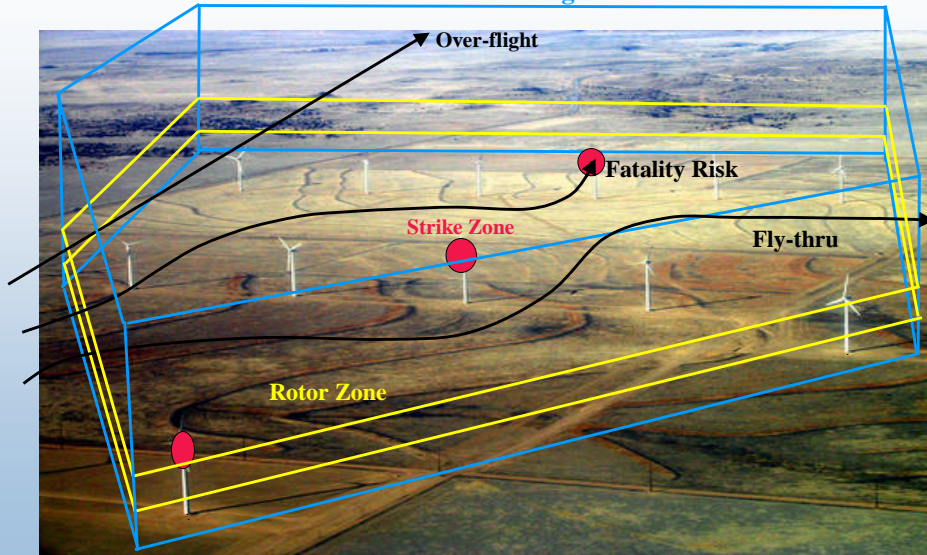
Wind Power Planning Meeting I - July 1994

Meeting Outcome: Five Major Research Areas

- Assess mortality attributable to wind turbines at existing sites (including control data from “no turbine” sites)
- Predict mortality at planned wind power sites, based in part on previous bullet
- Predict population consequences
- Identify ways to reduce bird kills at wind plants
- **Understand wildlife displacement and habitat impacts (2007)**
- Set values for off-site mitigation

Visualization of Avian Interaction Zones

Windfarm Flight Zone



Avian Risk Reduction: Visual Enhancement to Increase Avoidance




Visual Patterns




American Kestrel

Source: *The Role of Visual Deterrents in Reducing Avian Collisions*; William Hodos, University of Maryland

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Infrared Image of a Bat Flying Through a Wind Turbine Rotor

Photo by Jason Horn, Boston University

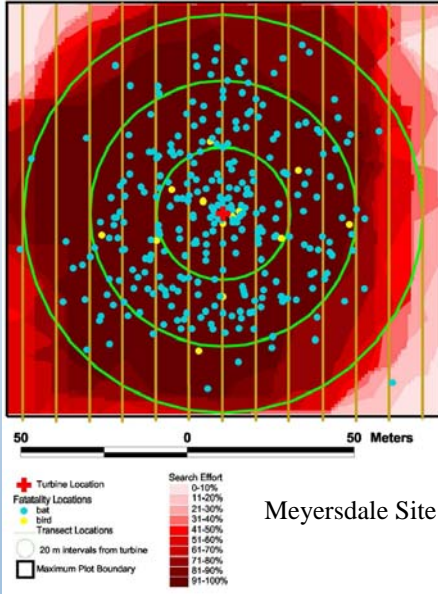


Multi-Stakeholder Wildlife Research

- **National Wind Coordinating Committee**
 - Federal, State, Utilities, NGOs, Wind Industry
- **Bat & Wind Energy Cooperative (BWEC)**
 - AWEA, Wind Industry, USFWS, DOE, NGOs
- **Grassland Shrub Steppe Species Collaborative**
 - AWEA, Wind Industry, States, DOE, USFWS

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BWEC Study Results



- Meyersdale Wind farm:
- NEG – Micon 1.5 MW Turbine
 - 72 meter rotor Diameter
 - 17 revs/min = 102 deg/sec
 - Constant rotor rpm
 - Green dots are bat carcasses
 - Yellow dots are birds
 - Bird and bat fatalities for all 20 turbines are overlaid

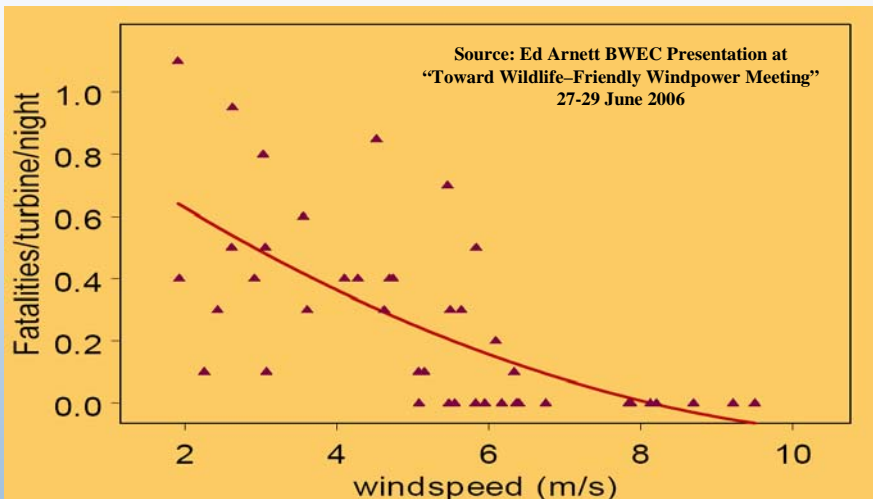
Observations:

- Bird and bat fatalities appear to be fairly uniformly distributed out to 40m
- Beyond a radius of about 40m fatalities drop off rapidly indicating carcasses are not thrown far outside of the blades span
- The higher velocity tip regions of the blade do not seem to be more dangerous than the root near the tower
- Bats are much more vulnerable than birds

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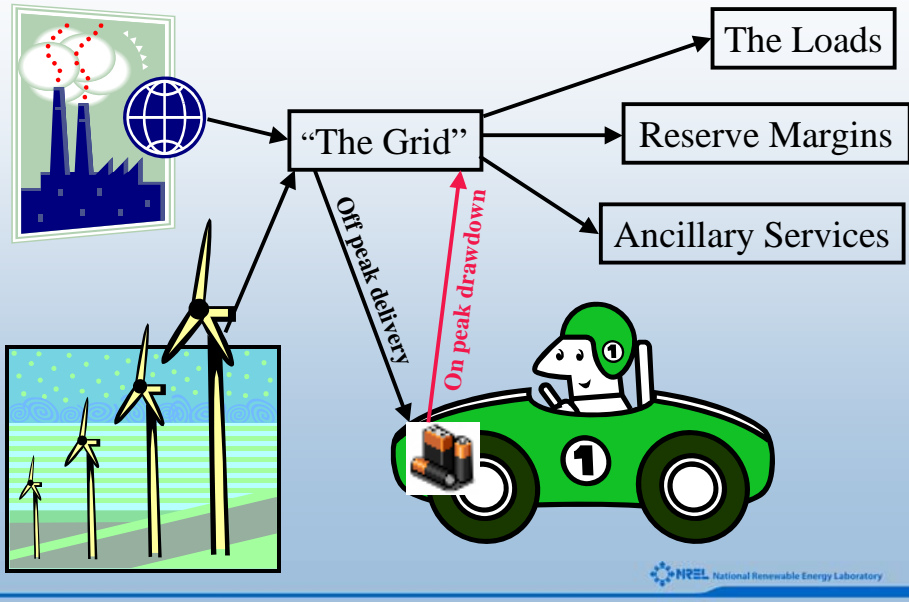
BWEC Study Results

Fatalities decrease with increasing wind speed

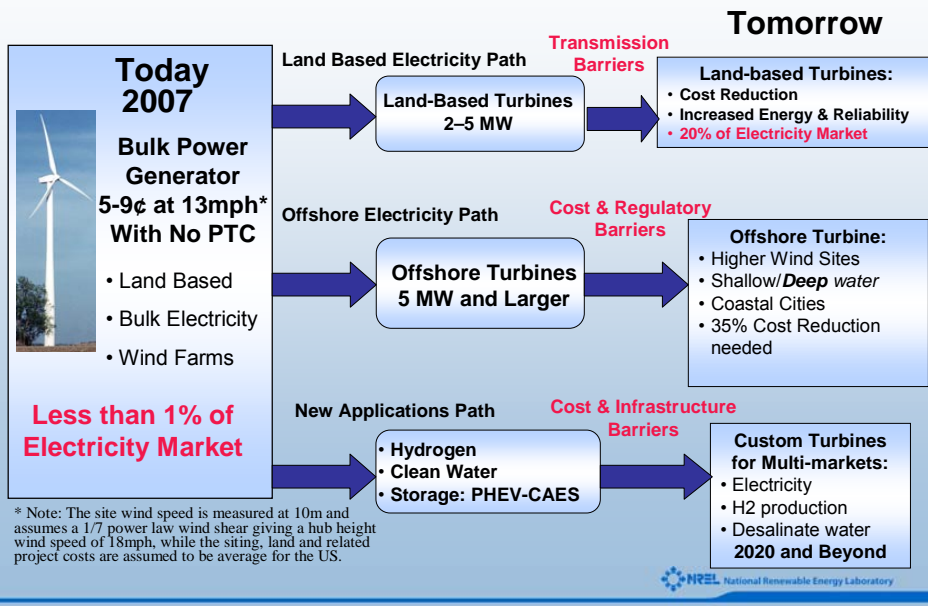


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New Wind Applications: Plug Hybrid Electric Vehicles (A Future Off-Peak Electricity Market with Storage)



A Future Vision for Wind Energy Markets



Linking and Informing Technologists with Policy and Decision Makers



- Education, information and, technical analysis for policy makers and regulators
- Education, technical data, for market development and deployment

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Summary

- Getting to 20% wind penetration requires R&D investment to increase turbine size, improve capacity factor, drive down capital costs, enhance the grid infrastructure, and facilitate siting and permitting.
- No single component improvement can achieve the necessary cost reduction or performance increase; system improvements are required.
- Technology investments can have a large payoff; at 20% penetration wind supplies 1200TWh/year with each cent/kWh COE reduction worth \$12 billion/year in savings
- There are no critical barriers in raw materials or industrial supply chain capacity and comparable growth has been managed in other industries
- Capital cost Improvements must rely heavily on manufacturing learning curve effects
- Investments in advanced design codes and test facilities will be required to mitigate innovation risk and insure the development of viable future turbine technology at multi-megawatt scales
- All of the project risk factors must be addressed, including technology market and policy factors in order to maintain both political and investor support for expanding wind to 20% of the U.S. energy supply.

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Some key point of the wind power R&D program in Denmark 2007



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Task 11 Long Term Research Needs
6-7 Dec. 2007

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Programs and available funds for RE R& projects including wind energy (in million DKK)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2010
Energy Research Program (EFP)	41	72	73	74.0	76	
Energy R&D and Demonstration Program					110	☺
PSO-electricity production	100	130	130	130.0	130	
PSO-electricity utilisation	25	25	25	25.0	25	
Renewable energy R&D – Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation	35	45	45	108.3	107,1	☺
Total	201	242	273	337.3	448.1	1,000

The total funds of 1,000 million DKK in 2010 correspond to 135 million Euro (1,000 DKK = 135 EURO)

Projects funded in 2007 by Danish EFP R&D program

Title	Institut	Project cost mill. DKK	Grants Mill DKK
• Physical and numerical modeling of monopiles for offshore wind turbines	Aalborg University	4.058	2.335
• Program for research in applied aeroelastics	Risø, DTU	5.752	3.495
• Methods for mapping wind conditions in complex terrain	Risø, DTU	6.037	2.495
• Experimental Rotor- and Airfoil Aerodynamics on MW Wind Turbines	Risø, DTU	11.115	3.939
• Anistrop beam model for analyses and design of passive controlled blades	Risø, DTU	5.502	2.378
• Improved methods for evaluation of fatigue strength	Risø, DTU	1.579	0.850
Total		34.043	15.492

1 Euro = 7.44 DKK

Comments to allocations

- In addition to these six projects another two projects (EFP) were funded with a total amount of 0.9 million DKK.
- The total grants to wind energy projects supported by EFP in 2006 was 11.3 million DDK (9.5 million DKK in 2005).
- A funding of 2 million DKK for quality assurance of wind turbines is allocated to the Secretariat for Danish Wind Turbine Certification Scheme to manage the scheme.

Projects funded in 2006 by Danish R&D programs

Title	Applicant	Support (mill DKK)
• Program for Research in Applied Aeroelasticity (2) (EFP)	Risø	2.9
• Simulation for Generalization of Wind Loads (EFP)	Risø	2.0
• Improved Performance Measurements. Characterization of the Wind Field (EFP)	Risø	2.6
• Mesoscale Atmospheric Variability and the Variation of Wind and Production for Offshore Wind Farms (PSO)	Risø	2.5
• Noise and Optimization of Wind Farms (PSO)	Delta	2.0
• Low frequency Noise from Large Wind Turbines (EFP)	Delta	2.9

**The new Support scheme EUDP
(An Energy technology development and demonstration program)**

- EUDP is going to substitute the existing EFP program.
- New 477 mill. DKK for the period 2007 to 2010 on top of EPF.
- In 2007 110 mill. will be allocated (hereoff 50 mio. to 2. generation biofuels).
- I 2008 132 mill. will be allocated (hereoff 50 mio. to 2. generation biofuels).
- The objective is to establish an energy technology development and **demonstration** program to strengthen the development of new technologies within energy security, cost effectiveness and the development of new industries in the area
- Partnerships / clusters / public private network are key players in developing strategies for developing the technologies.

New partnership for wind established:
MEGA-WIND

- Danish Energy Authority
 - Energinet.DK
 - DONG
 - Danish Technival University
 - Aalborg University
 - RISØ
 - Vestas
 - Siemens
- Secretariat: Danish Windpower Organisation



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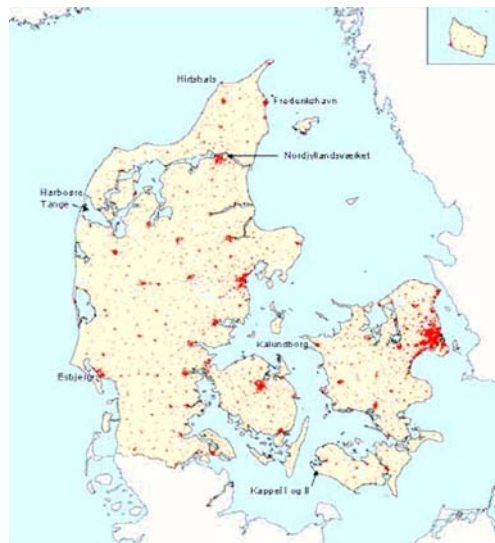
Test site at Høvsøre



8 New Onshore test sites for testing of large wind turbines

1. 2 sites on West Lolland (Kappel I og Kappel II)
2. 1 near Asnæs Power Station (Kalundborg)
3. 1 near Esbjerg Havn
4. 1 in Nissum Bredning (near 'Cheminova')
5. 1 north of Limfjorden ved 'Nordjyllandsværket'
6. 1 east of Hirtshals Harbor
7. 1 in the sea outside Frederikshavn Harbor.

Will allow turbines up 200 meter's high



More Information on Danish Wind Energy R,D&D

- Danish Energy Authority (Energy and R,D&D Policy)
 - www.ens.dk
- Risø DTU, National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
 - www.risoe.dk
- Megawind (Partnership with industry)
 - www.windpower.org/megawind
- Wind Energy Consortium (partnership between research institutes)
 - www.risoe.dk/
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Wind Energy R&D in Canada

Natural Resources Canada

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CANMET Energy Technology Centre

- The CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) is Canada's principal performer of federal energy S&T.
- Part of Natural Resources Canada, the federal department responsible for energy
- CETC provides expertise, performs in-house S&T and manages technology programs
- CETC partners with other federal departments, industry, provinces, universities and international organizations.



Devon, Alberta



Ottawa, Ontario



Varennes, Québec

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Renewable Electricity Program Scope



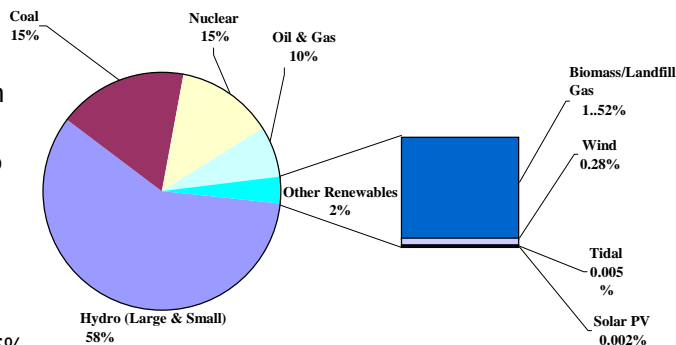
- Focus on Renewable Electricity Production Technologies Science and Technology
- Four main technologies are supported:
 - Wind (small, large, offshore)
 - Hydro (small, low-head)
 - Ocean (tidal and kinetic, wave)
 - Solar (PV)
- Objective → to increase the proportion of Canada's electricity supply from renewables

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Canadian Electricity Supply



- Total generation of roughly 614 TWh in 2006
 - **Hydro makes up roughly 58% of generation capacity**
 - Nuclear around 15%
 - Thermal about 25%
 - **Emerging renewables around 2%**



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Each Province Has a Different Story



Ontario (2006)

Nuclear - 54%
Hydro - 22%
Coal - 16%
Other - 8%

Quebec (2005)

Hydro - 96.7%
Other - 3.3%

Alberta (2005)

Coal - 48.3%
Natural gas - 40.5%
Hydro - 7.4%
Wind - 2.2%
Biomass - 1.4%
Fuel Oil - 0.06%

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Wind Energy – Positioned for Rapid Growth in the Near Term



- Current installed capacity 1,670 MW
- Average annual growth rate >51% between 2000 and 2006
- National Energy Board estimates installed capacity will be 11,400 MW by 2015

BUT ...

- Issues remain with wind energy in Canada that must be addressed for wind energy to fulfill its potential

Canada's Wind Tracker

Province	Installed	Proposed*
BC	0	325.2 MW
Alberta	384.97 MW	134 MW
Saskatchewan	171.18 MW	24.75 MW
Manitoba	103.95 MW	0 MW
Ontario	415.31 MW	994.85 MW
Quebec	321.75 MW	1105.5 MW
Newfoundland	390 kW	51 MW
PEI	43.56 MW	28.8 MW
Nova Scotia	49.26 MW	23.2 MW
New Brunswick	0	96 MW
Yukon	810 kW	0
NWT	0	0
Nunavut	0	0
Total	1491.18 MW	2783.3 MW

* Under construction or awarded a PPA.

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Case Study: Wind Energy in Ontario



Moosonee, Ontario

Average Winter Low = -25 C

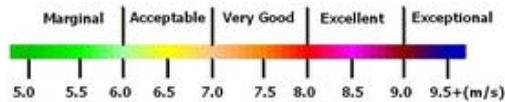
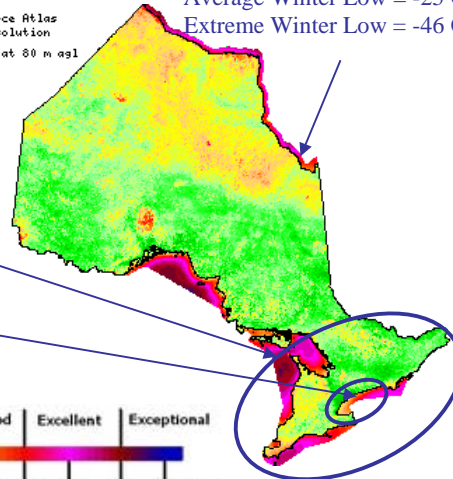
Extreme Winter Low = -46 C

- Ontario has 415 MW and is looking for 5000 MW of wind energy growth by 2025

Ontario Wind Resource Atlas
Map Type - 1 km Resolution
Average Wind Speed at 80 m agsl

~ 40% of Canada's population, forecasted to grow by 25%

~ 70% of Ontario's population lives in the Golden Horseshoe – more than 1/4 of Canada's population



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Current Wind R&D Direction



- The R&D program will focus in four key areas:
 - Technology Development:
 - Improving cold climate & icing performance
 - Improving the Reliability of Small Wind Turbines
 - Foundations and Deployment for Offshore Wind Turbines
 - Strengthening R&D Capacity
 - Wind Energy Institute of Canada
 - Wind Energy Strategic Network
 - Resource Assessment and Forecasting
 - Environmental Impacts & Social Acceptance

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Other Key Wind R&D Initiatives in Canada



- The Wind Energy Institute of Canada (www.weican.ca)
 - A wind energy research institute and test site
- The Wind Energy Strategic Network
 - An academic wind research network with strong government and industry partners
- Additional federal R&D programs in:
 - Grid Integration
 - Battery Storage
 - Electric Vehicles
 - Hydrogen

The Wind Energy Institute of Canada
North Cape, Prince Edward Island



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Potential Areas of Collaboration



- Continued R&D on Offshore Wind Energy
 - Explore innovative offshore wind foundation and deployment concepts
- Continued R&D on Cold Climates
- Rime Ice forecasting:
 - Accurately forecast rime icing events and factor it into production forecast
- Wind Energy Forecasting
 - Develop forecasting tools with increased accuracy in both wind prediction and wind energy prediction.
- Environmental Impacts & Social Acceptance.

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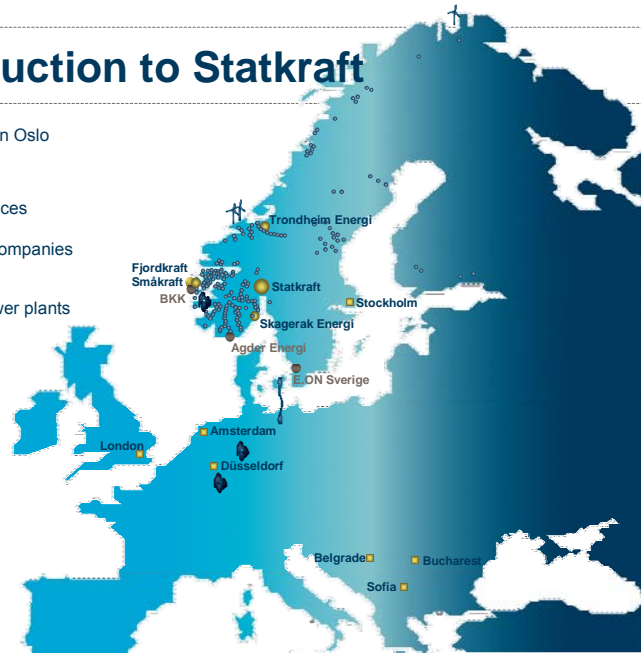
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Introduction to Statkraft

- Head Office in Oslo
- Subsidiaries
- European offices
- Associated companies

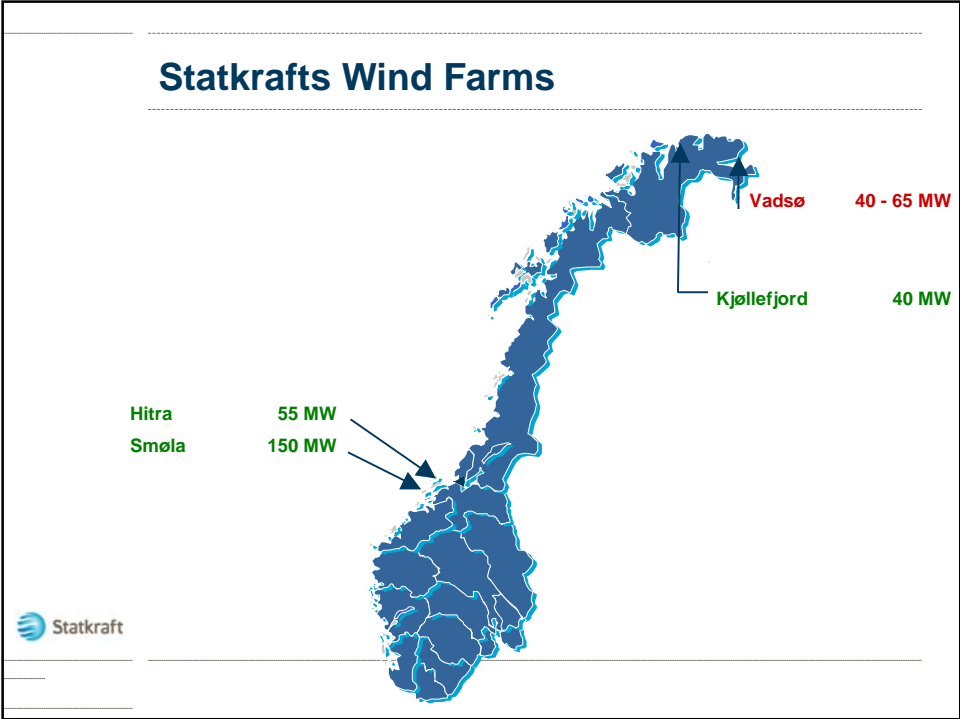
- 158 hydropower plants
- ↑ 3 wind farms
- ↓ Baltic Cable
- ⚡ Gas power

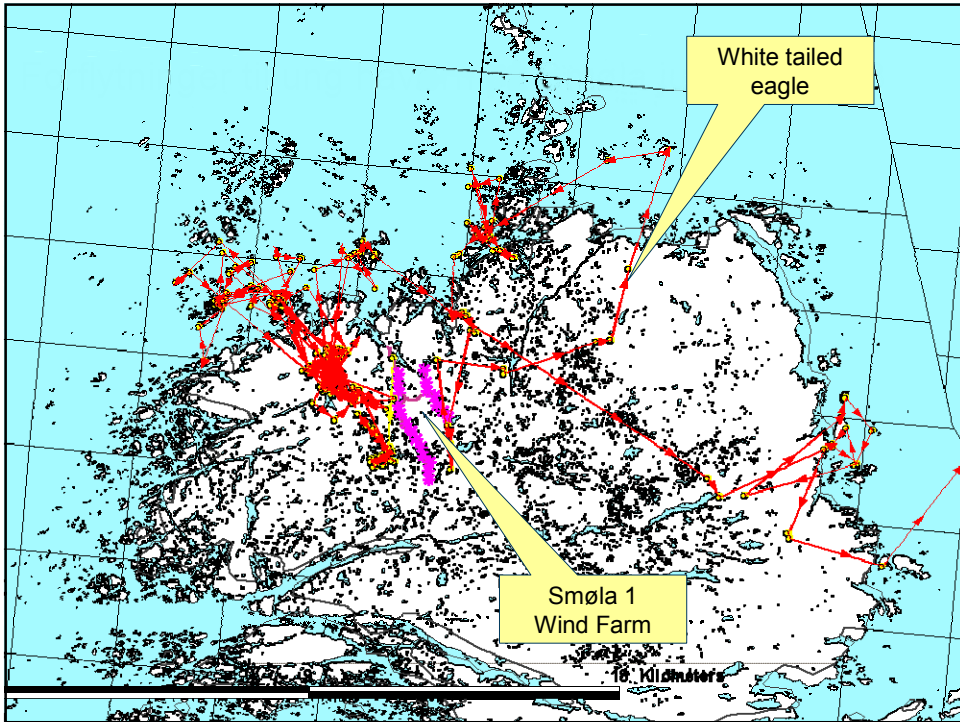


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Kjøllefjord Wind Fark - Cold Climate

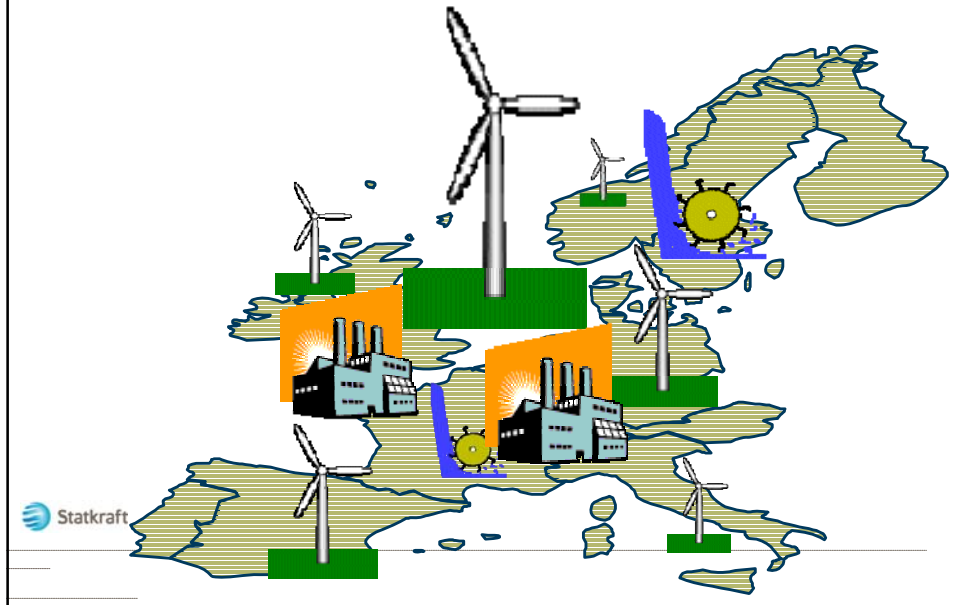
- 72° North
 - Corresponds to middle part of Greenland or north of Alaska
- ~300m above sea level
- The turbines have a cold weather package, but is this enough?



Bottlenecks in the grid



Large offshore plans in the North Sea...



Nordel



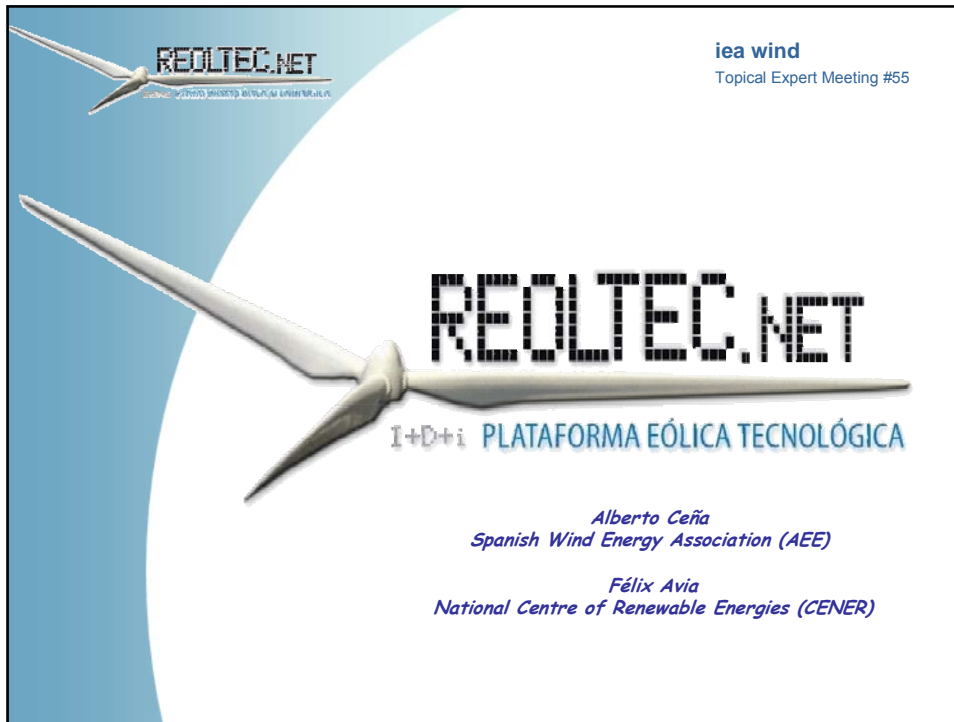
Hydro power reservoir in Nordel:

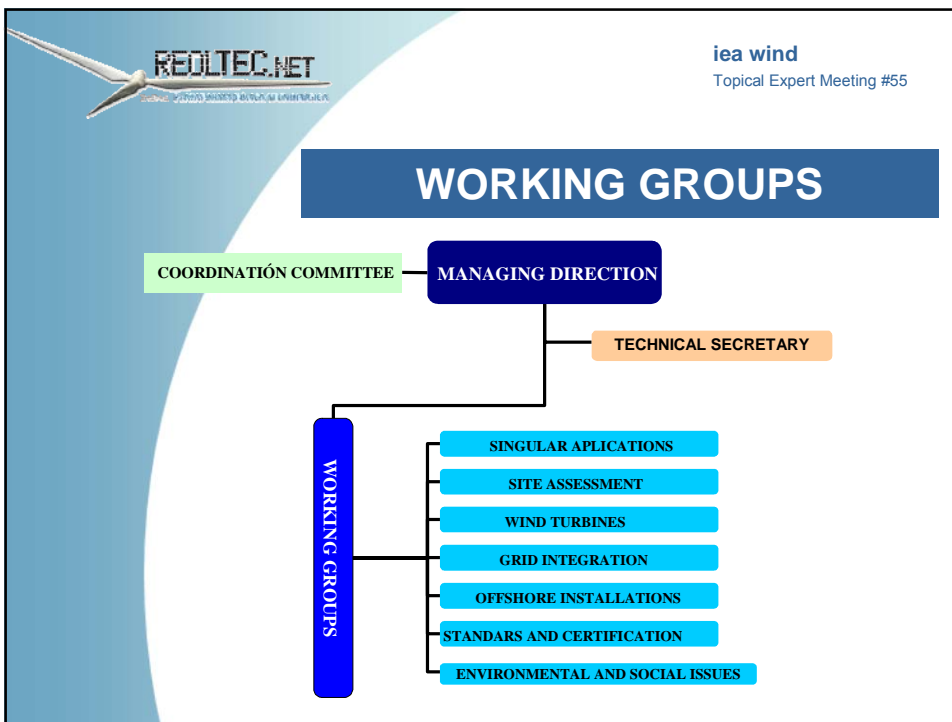
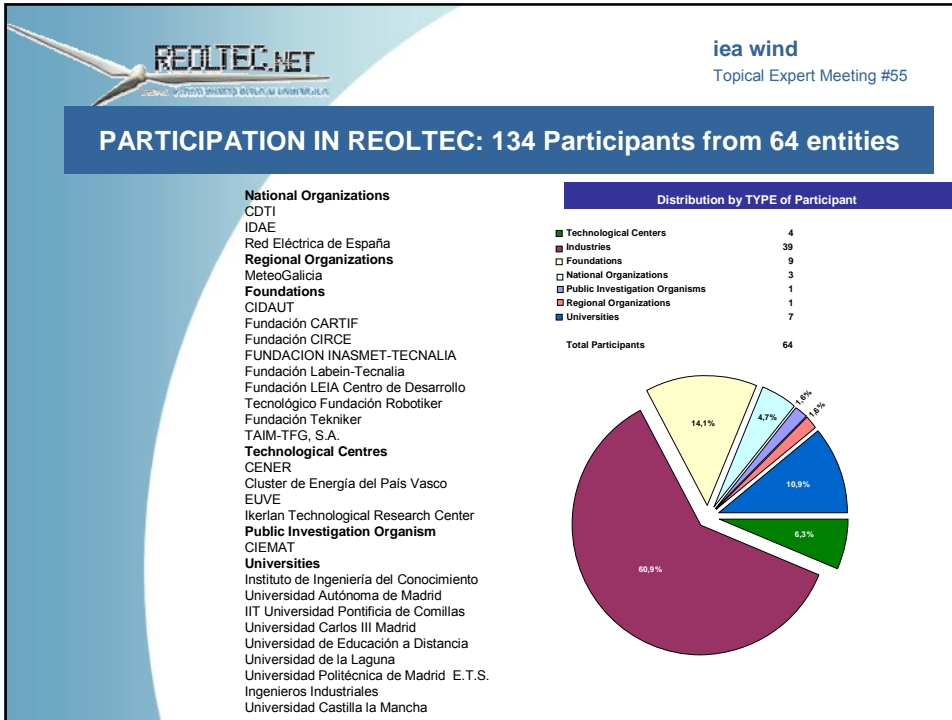
- Norway - 80 TWh
- Sweden – 30 TWh
- The Nordic countries has more than 50 % of the reservoir capacity in Europe



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Research Area	Focus on	Time Frame/ Priority		Present Activity in IEA R&D Wind
		Mid-term	Long-term	
Increase value and reduce uncertainties				
Forecasting power performance	Increase value of electricity	**		Topical Expert Meeting 2000
Reduce uncertainties related to engineering integrity, improvement and validation of standards	Supply background material	**		Topical Expert Meeting 2001
Storage techniques	Storage for different time scales		**	
Continue cost reductions				
Improved site assessment and new locations, especially offshore	Extreme wind and wave situations, forecasting techniques	**		Annex XVII Wind Characteristics
Better models for aerodynamics/aeroelasticity	2D effects, aeroelastic stability	**	**	Annex XI Joint Action on Aero
New intelligent structures/materials and recycling	Extremes, adaptive intelligent structures, recycling		**	Topical Expert Meeting 2002
More efficient generators, converters	Combined solutions for generation and transmission	**	*	Topical Expert Meeting 2001
New concepts and specific challenges	Intelligent solutions for load reduction		*	
Stand alone and hybrid systems	Improved system performance	**		
Enable large-scale use				
Electric load flow control and adaptive loads	Improve models, load flow control, power electronics		**	
Better power quality	Power electronics	**		Recommended Practice
Minimize environmental impacts				
Compatible use of land and aesthetic integration	Information and Interaction	**		Topical Expert Meeting 2002
Noise studies	Offshore issues	**		Topical Expert Meeting 2000
Flora and fauna	Background data	**		

** Denotes high priority * Denotes priority


Table 4: Research priorities in the mid- and long-term time frames



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GENERAL TARGETS

- **Main targets:**
 - Reduction in generation costs (actually 59€/MWh)
 - Increase of the availability and reliability of the systems
 - Grid integration
- **Other targets:**
 - Improvement of the logistic (transport, installation and O&M)
 - Security in network operation: Voltage drops, voltage control, regulating services.
 - Energy storage at wind farm level
 - Hydrogen Production, Desalination...



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R&D Priorities in Site Assessment

- Wind profile at high levels (>150 m).
- Wind structure in wind farms (complex terrain and offshore)
- *Offshore wind measurements*
- New measurements systems (sodar, lidar, etc)
- Long term forecasting



R&D Priorities in WTs


General priorities:

- ***Aeroelastic codes development***
- ***Simulation algorithms***
- ***New materials***
- ***Design validation***



R&D Priorities in WTs


- Rotor
 - New profiles
 - ***Split blades***
 - ***Lighter structural designs***
 - Noise reduction



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R&D Priorities in WTs

- **Gearbox**
 - **Problem characterization**
 - Life span of components
 - High torque couplings
 - New Topologies
 - Dynamic behavior
- **Generator**
 - **Transient behavior**
 - High voltage generation
 - New Topologies



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R&D Priorities in WTs


- **Control**
 - Load sensors
 - Simulation
 - **Control strategies for load reduction**
 - Distributed control technologies
- **Monitoring**
 - Load monitoring
 - Long lifespan sensors
 - Signal analysis methods
 - Decision tools

R&D Priorities in O&M

- Predictive maintenance:
 - Component sensing
 - State monitoring and breakdown forecast
- **Component reliability**
 - **Studies of rate and type of failures**
- Failure tolerance

R&D Priorities in Grid Integration

- Advanced control systems for wind farms
- Monitoring and prediction of voltage dips. Applications of voltage control systems
- **Studies of the impact and operation of a system with high wind penetration**
- **Improvement of the use of the energy production forecasting for system operation**
- Specific analysis of electric systems in islands
- Load management



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R&D Priorities in Offshore Wind Farms


- Offshore wind resource assessment
- Wave models
- **Foundations and support structures**
- Environmental Impact Studies
- Wind Turbine Customizing: Corrosion Protection and High Feasibility
- Electrical substations
- Offshore Wind Farms Logistic
- **Test and Demonstration Plants**



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R&D Priorities in Certification and Standardization

- Development of test and verification standards applied to :
 - Wind farm design
 - Wind farm security
 - Production capacity of wind farms
 - Wind farm availability
 - Electromagnetic compatibility of wind farms:
 - Active/reactive power control
 - stability in case of voltage dips
- Development of norms for sub-systems that increase modularity accelerating market development




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R&D Priorities in Singular Applications

- **Development of short term energy storage systems.**
 - Supercapacitors.
 - Flywheels.
 - Batteries.
 - Compressed Air
- **Development of isolated solutions for hydrogen production and water desalination**
- **Small WTs for autonomous systems**

■ Main Objectives



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Sociological R&D Priorities

- Evaluation of the macroeconomic impact of wind farms
- Optimization of socioeconomic returns
- Analysis of the social response and degree of acceptability.

R&D Priorities in Environment

- ***Recyclability of components: Blades***
- Visual impact
- Impact on birds and sea fauna
- Noise reduction
- Study on the impact on radiofrequency and its limitation

Netherlands LT R&D Needs

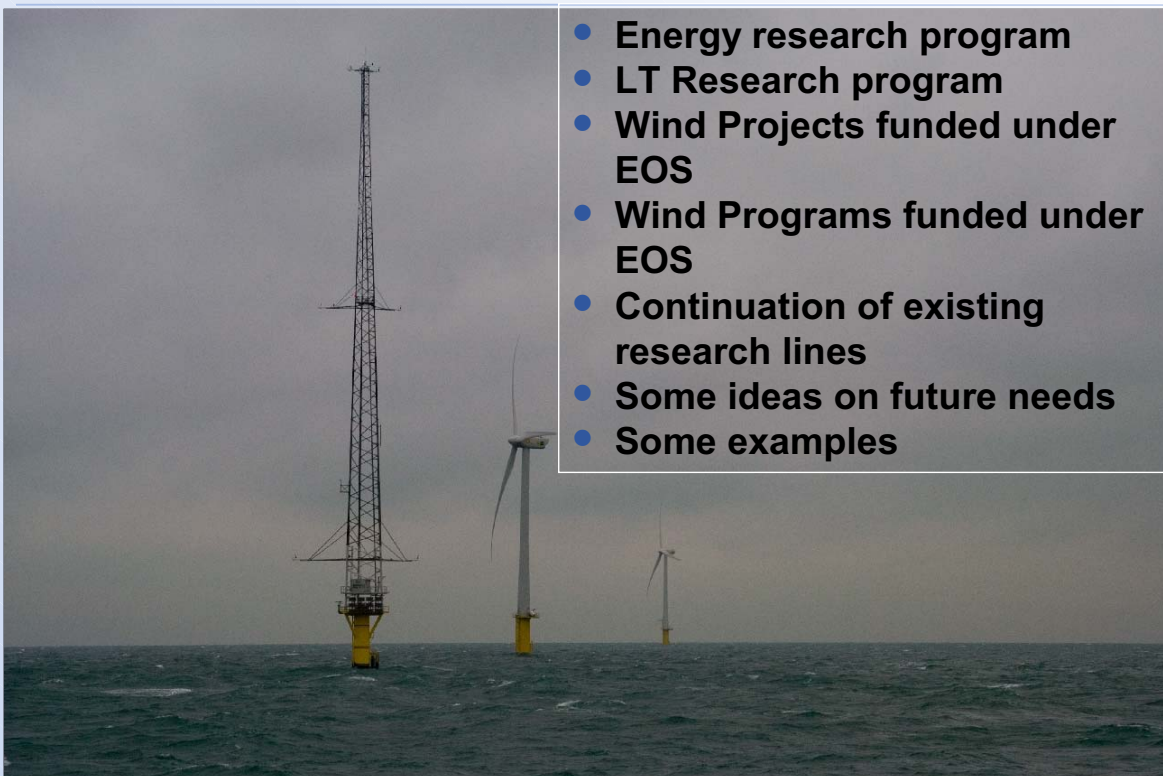


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- Supports research that leads to sustainable energy supply (5 themes)
- Aims at research that strengthens the Netherlands knowledge position
- Time frames leads to products on market
- EOS- Demonstration = Short term (ST) 3-5 years
- EOS- Industrial = Medium (MT) 5-10 years
- EOS- Research = Long term (LT) >10 years

LT research program

Theme 5. Offshore wind generation and electricity grids.

- ◆ Design knowledge offshore turbines and farms
- ◆ Integration 6000 MW offshore wind
- ◆ Technical transition of electricity networks (e.g hybrid plug-in storage cars)
- ◆ Management and maintenance of electricity networks
- Focal points offshore
 - ◆ Design knowledge: offshore wind competitive with fossil in 2020
 - ◆ Integration 6000 MW: make it possible and economic

- **Rotorflow I (1 M€ 4 year project)**
 - ◆ New methods for the calculation of aerodynamic loads, between BEM and CFD

- **SusCon (1 M€ 4 year project)**
 - ◆ A new approach to control wind turbines
 - ◆ Optimized Feedback Control (OFC)
 - ◆ Fault Tolerant Control (FTC)
 - ◆ Extreme Event Control (EEC)
 - ◆ Optimal Shutdown Control (OSC)

- **INNWIND project in coop with Upwind (1 M€/ year)**
 - ◆ Concepts and components
 - ◆ Aero-elasticity (Aerodynamics and structural dynamics)
 - ◆ Materials and constructions
 - ◆ Model development and realization of integrated modular design tool
 - ◆ Design guidelines

- **ECN research program (4 M€/ year)**
 - ◆ Aero-elasticity
 - ◆ Condition monitoring and measurement techniques,
 - ◆ Control technology,
 - ◆ Farm -aerodynamics
 - ◆ Decision support models for O&M

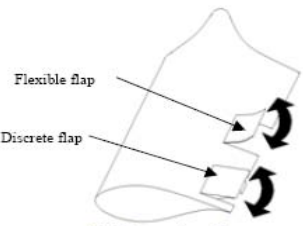
- **Adding intelligence**
- **For the rotor, smart rotors**
- **For the drive train, flexibility, flexible generators, magnetic bearings, control to minimize loads**
- **For the turbine, adapt to anticipated loads in various situations (Suscon)**
- **For the wind farm optimize and smooth output as a generation unit**
- **For grid integration, optimize economic value against actual electricity market prices.**
- **For storage / demand management adding ICT, intelligent transaction agents**

- **Fast upscaling, 'skip' the first half of a blade, make it a 'truss' tower**
- **Knowledge of the wind field before the turbine to use it for control.**
- **Everything that minimizes loads on towers**
- **Methods to mix new air in wake of turbines/farms**
- **Clever (and cheap) installation concepts for large offshore wind farms with large turbines**
- **Cradle 2 cradle (reusability, recycability, of all components, particular blades)**

Integrated design of a smart rotor

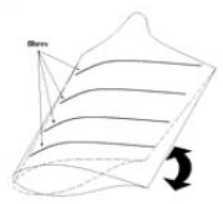
Control devices

•Affect aerodynamics using : -Deformable blade shape
: -Manipulation of boundary layer

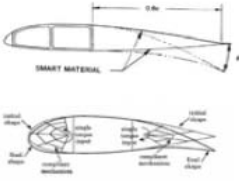


Flexible flap
Discrete flap

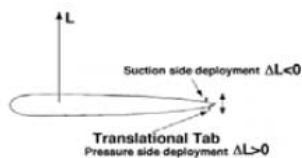
Trailing edge flaps



Active twist




Camber control

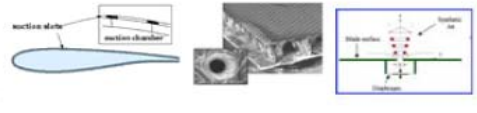


Suction side deployment $\Delta L < 0$
Pressure side deployment $\Delta L > 0$

Micro tabs






Inflatable structures



BL Suction – Synthetic jets

Smart Rotor Blades and Rotor Control

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- DTU development
- Vacuum infused anionic polyamide-6 (PA-6)
- Thermoplastic composites
- Four different blade composite materials
 - ◆ glass/epoxy,
 - ◆ carbon/epoxy,
 - ◆ glass/PA-6, and
 - ◆ carbon/PA-6
- weight, costs, natural frequencies compared
- PA-6 = 1.0 glass/epoxy
- PA-6 = 0.9 glass/epoxy



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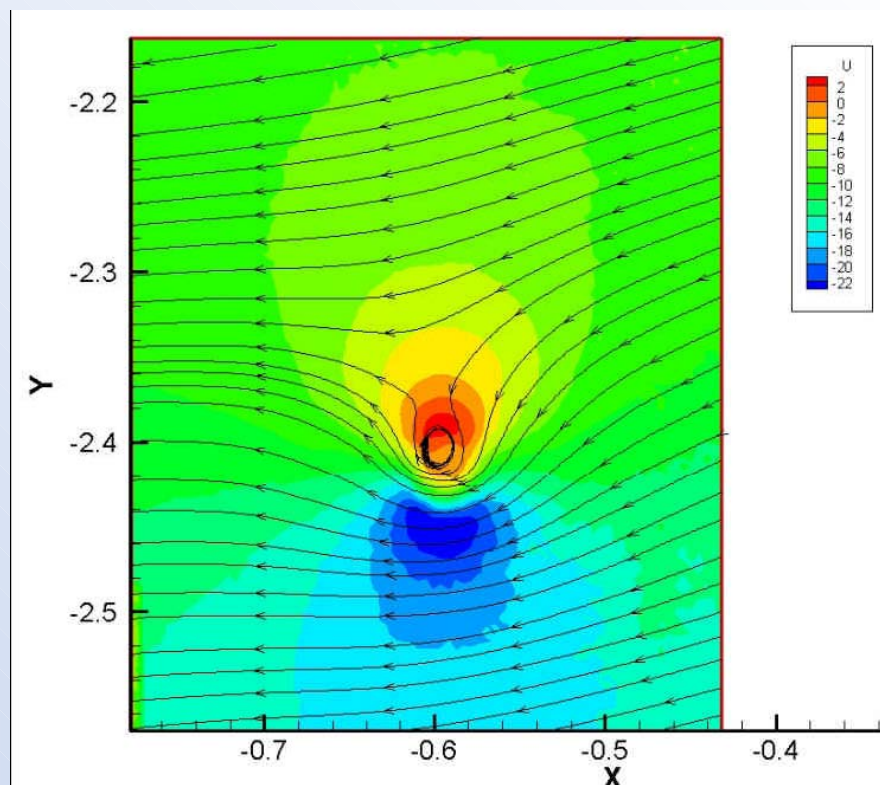
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- **Manufacturing:**
- **processing temperatures of PA-6**
- **significantly higher than for epoxy systems;**
- **the associated cost increase is expected to be compensated for by a reduction in infusion and curing time.**



MEXICO Chasing Vortices

- **Flow structure around vortex**
- **Horizontal projections of streamlines**
- **Vortex position 0.12 D behind rotor.**
- **15 m/s bottom (outer flow)**
- **10 m/s top (wake flow)**





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UK Energy Technologies Institute
working in collaboration with



OFFSHORE WIND PROGRAMME

presented by
Mike Colechin (E.ON)

The UK Energy Technologies Institute is...

... a 10 Year, £110 M per annum initiative

● **Current Partners:**



...contributing £60M per annum (50% from HMG)

Partner or High-Level Desired Outcomes

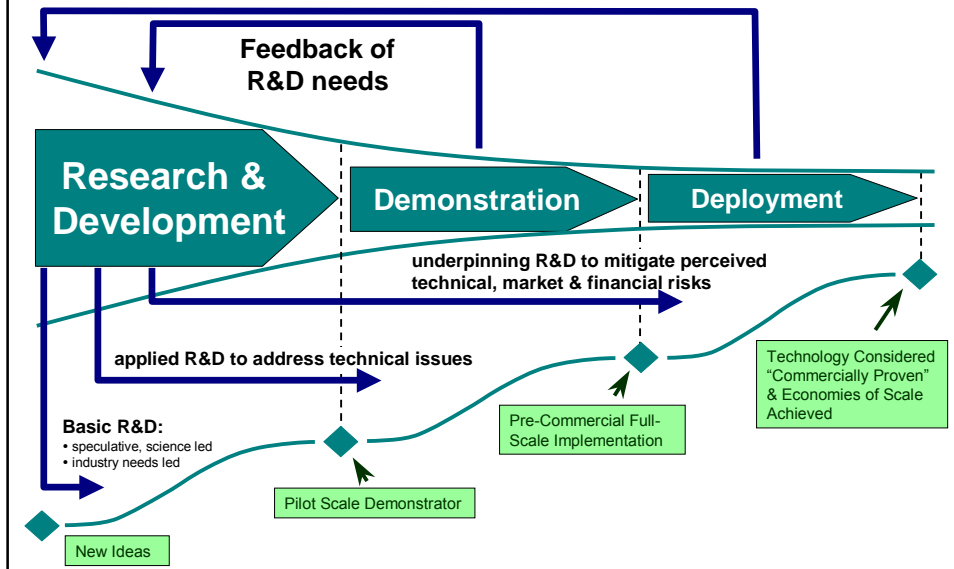
Overall aim - Address UK and Global Energy Challenges by

1. Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (UK target - 60% CO₂ reduction by 2050) through demonstration of technology to enable timely commercialisation
2. Development, Demonstration and (in some cases) initial Deployment of affordable low carbon technology solutions
3. Realisation of security of energy supply in conjunction with GHG mitigation
4. Delivery of a step change in funding for Energy R&D in the UK

How ETI will Deliver Outcomes...

- a) Creation of a favourable operating environment for Energy Research Development, Demonstration and Deployment
- b) Increasing the profile, visibility & impact of Energy Research
- c) Development of an effective Energy Innovation Process in the UK
- d) Effective and focused R&D support resulting in a strong (low carbon) Energy Innovation Chain
- e) Creation of a favourable operating environment for Applied Research Programmes and Early Stage Demonstration
- f) Operation of an 'Incubator' approach for disruptive technologies
- g) Developing Technology Road Maps at an 'energy systems' level
- h) Maximising (International) Collaboration and Partnerships
- i) Developing new human capital and capacity
- j) Delivery of trained personnel (with appropriate skills, leadership and talent) to meet commercial investor needs to enable full deployment

Energy Innovation Process



Technology Readiness Levels - Design and systems engineering - ETI role is in TRLs 3-6

- **System validation**

- 9) **Actual system proven** through successful operation in service
- 8) **Actual system completed and service qualified** through test and demonstration
- 7) **System prototype demonstration** in an operational environment

Final technology validation in deployment of a prototype product

- **Technology validation**

- 6) **System/subsystem model demonstration** in a relevant environment
- 5) **Component and/or partial system validation** in a relevant environment

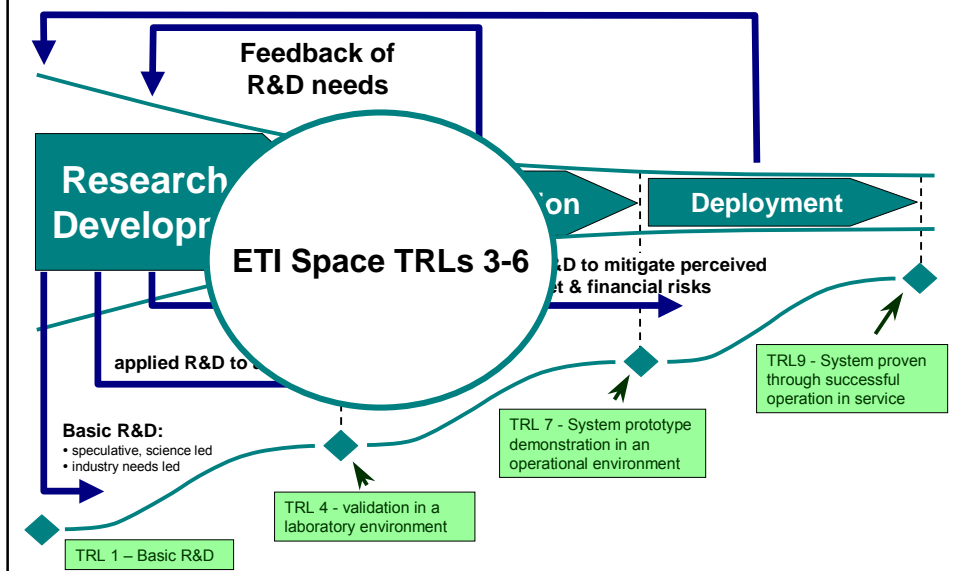
Technology Validation / demonstration – (ETI primary role, enabling technology pull-through)

- **Applied and strategic research:**

- 4) **Component and/or partial system validation** in a laboratory environment
- 3) **Analytical and experimental critical function and/or characteristic proof-of-concept**
- 2) **Technology concept and/or application formulated**
- 1) **Basic principles observed and reported**

Strategic and Applied research

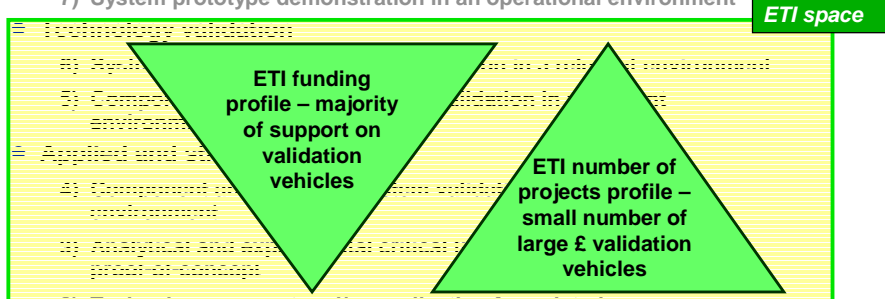
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ETI Programme Working Groups: Wind● **Current Landscape**

- **UK on-shore capacity: 1.8 GW**
(3 TWh per annum)
- **UK off-shore capacity: 400 MW**
(0.8 TWh per annum)
- **Government Offshore Wind Scheme:**
 - Round 1 - 1GW off-shore by 2010
 - Round 2 – further 7GW by 2015

● **Future Potential**

- BWEA 2020 prediction: 24 GW (~70 TWh per annum).
- Up to 20% of annual electricity demand (~80 TWh in 2020) could be met from wind before transmission system stability an issue.
- 80 TWh wind saves around 30 million tonnes of CO₂ per year (5% of total current UK emissions from all sectors of the economy).
- Theoretical maximum off-shore capacity: 100 GW (~300 TWh p.a.)

ETI Programme Working Groups: Wind● **Opportunities for ETI**
(barriers to realising full technology potential)

- **Design and Demonstration of Novel Off-Shore Systems**
 - specific off-shore turbine designs, deep water installations, optimal wind farm designs
- **Technology/Operational Improvements**
 - component reliability, lightning resistance, reduced radar visibility, control & instrumentation, electrical networking, energy storage
- **Supporting Studies on Generic Deployment Issues**
 - off-shore resource mapping, health & safety, public acceptability, environmental impacts, standards



ETI Programme Working Groups: Wind● **ETI Additionality**

- **UK is an excellent test bed**
 - wind resources, off-shore seabed conditions and unique government support for demonstration and deployment make.
- **Unique combination of skills among partners**
 - existing wind plant operators (E.ON, EDF), off-shore oil and gas experience (BP, Shell), high reliability / high integrity equipment manufacturers (Rolls-Royce, Caterpillar), management of novel system and technology development and demonstration at full-scale (Rolls-Royce)
- **Capacity limitations in existing supply chain (little incentive to develop offshore specific designs)**
 - ETI partner capabilities and funding system provides significant boost compared to mechanisms such as the TSB, which require additional private sector financial support.
- **Existing (but limited) UK R&D capacity**
 - ETI can build on this to make UK world leader in off-shore wind

ETI Programme Working Groups: Wind● **Risk**

- **Design and Demonstration of Novel Off-Shore Systems**
 - Potential for significant impact against ETI outcomes.
 - BUT**, high risk:
 - objectives technically difficult to achieve
 - projects aimed at developing new IP
 - may require protracted negotiation
- **Technology/Operational Improvements**
 - best balance between risks and outcomes
 - IP issues likely to be dominated by concerns around protection of background IP
- **Supporting Studies on Generic Deployment Issues**
 - minimal risk as an ETI investment
 - very unlikely to raise any time risks around IP management issues.
 - BUT**
 - requires ongoing interaction with range of other bodies, hence unlikely to deliver impact quickly



Wind: Potential Work Packages

- **Design and Demonstration of Novel Off-Shore Systems**

specific off-shore turbine designs	deep water installations	optimal wind farm designs
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- **Technology/Operational Improvements**

component reliability	lightning resistance	reduced radar visibility
electrical networking	control & instrumentation	energy storage

- **Supporting Studies on Generic Deployment Issues**

environmental impacts	off-shore resource mapping	public acceptability
health & safety	standards	



OFFSHORE WIND PROGRAMME

Aspirational Timetable

17 Dec - Call for:

- Expressions of Interest
- Programme Associates

Feb-Mar

- Develop project consortia

July

- Award Contracts



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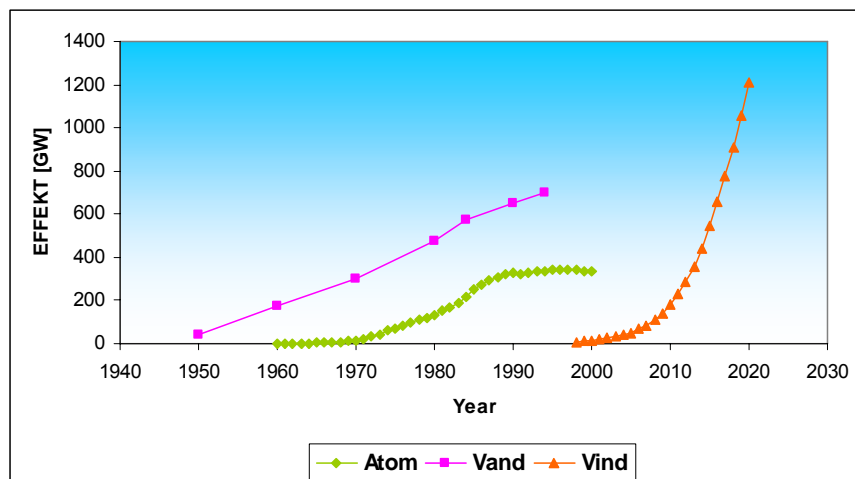
IEA-meeting on long term research needs

Flemming Rasmussen

Head of Aeroelastic Design

Wind Energy Department
 Risø DTU National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
 Technical University of Denmark

Accumulated power in the world
 10 % Wind energy-scenario



New era for wind energy

Driver so far has mainly been cost

New situation:

- Greenhouse effect
- Security of supply
- Economic development

Wind power from supplementary to "Base load" (first priority)

- Stability of society
- Electricity supply system
- Energy supply system

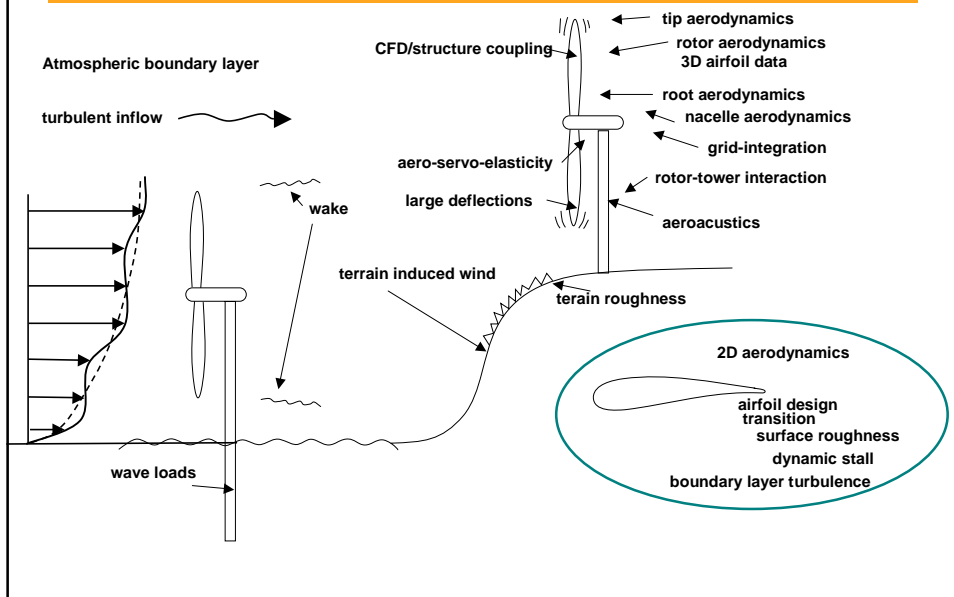
The perception of wind energy as "Base load"

- Consider a wind power station in combination with a hydro power station including pumped storage.
- Fossil fuel is considered a storage (only burned, when extra energy is needed).

Needed: Two large demonstration projects

- Wind – hydro –pumped storage
- Wind driven electric cars plug-in (storage/transportation)

Aeroelastic interaction



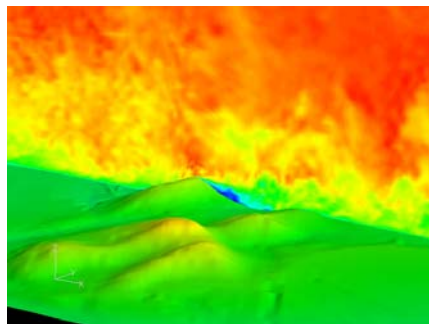
Progress

Full description of turbine in interaction with surroundings
 Reliability is the key issue presently

- Wind field description
- Aero-servo-hydro elastic interaction
- Ultimate strength and fatigue damage
- Interaction with grid and surroundings
- Operation and maintenance, installation and dismantling

Progress/ achievements

- Terrain turbine interaction →
- Non-linear aeroelastic models
- Dynamic wake modelling
- Aero-servo-hydro elastic modelling
- Stability characteristics
- Advanced airfoil control
- Gearbox dynamics included
- Structural modelling
- Fatigue modelling
- Remote sensing (lidar) →



Re-starting, New beginning (consolidation and exploitation)

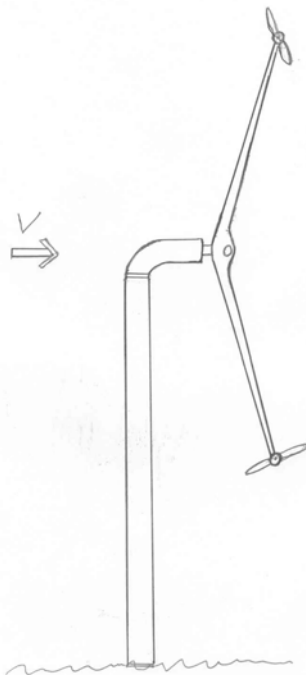
- New manufacturers
- New concepts

Three development lines

- Incremental developments (1) (Reliability)
- Change of component and subsystem concepts (2)
- Change of wind turbine concept (3)

Research necessary basis for technology changes

Drive train concepts



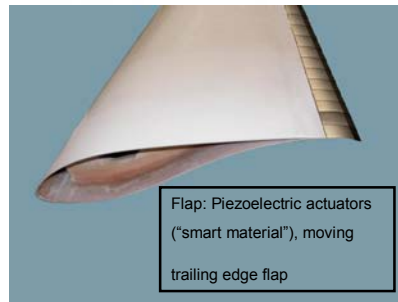
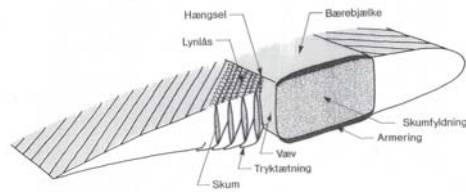
Multipole generator (super conduction)



Main carrier, Generator rotor/stator, Axle pin/hub



Combined passive built-in and multi-variable control



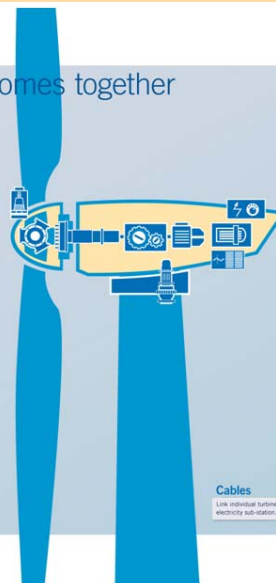
Cost break down



How a wind turbine comes together

A typical wind turbine will contain up to 8,000 different components. This guide shows the main parts and their contribution in percentage terms to the overall cost. Figures are based on a BEPower MM92 turbine with 45.3 metre length blades and a 100 metre tower.

- Tower** 26.3%
Range in height from 40 metres up to more than 100 m. Usually manufactured in sections from rolled steel, a lattice structure or concrete are cheaper options.
- Rotor blades** 22.2%
Varying in length up to more than 60 metres. Blades are manufactured in specially designed moulds from composite material, usually a combination of glass fibre and epoxy resin. Options include polyester instead of epoxy and the addition of carbon fibre to add strength and stiffness.
- Rotor hub** 1.37%
Made from cast iron, the hub holds the blades in position as they turn.
- Rotor bearings** 1.22%
Some of the many different bearings in a turbine, these have to withstand the varying forces and loads generated by the wind.
- Main shaft** 1.91%
Transfers the rotational force of the rotor to the gearbox.
- Main frame** 2.80%
Made from steel, must be strong enough to support the entire turbine drive train, but not too heavy.



- Gearbox** 12.91%
Gears increase the low rotational speed of the rotor shaft to several stages to the high speed needed to drive the generator.
- Generator** 3.44%
Converts mechanical energy into electrical energy. Both synchronous and asynchronous generators are used.
- Yaw system** 1.25%
Mechanism that rotates the nacelle to face the changing wind direction.
- Pitch system** 2.66%
Adjusts the angle of the blades to make best use of the prevailing wind.
- Power converter** 5.01%
Converts direct current from the generator into alternating current to be exported to the grid network.
- Transformer** 3.59%
Converts the electricity from the turbine to higher voltage required by the grid.
- Brake system** 1.32%
Disc brakes bring the turbine to a halt when required.
- Nacelle housing** 1.35%
Lightweight glass fibre box covers the turbine's drive train.
- Cables** 0.96%
Link individual turbines in a wind farm to an electricity sub-station.
- Screws** 1.04%
Hold the main components in place, must be designed for extreme loads.

Tower design



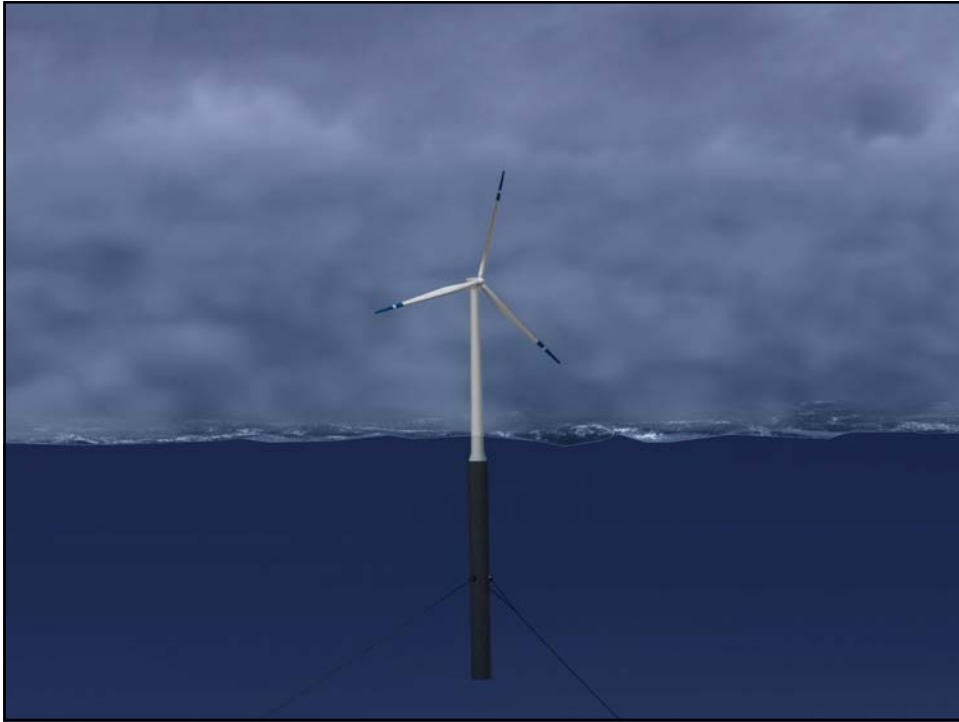
The Beatrice wind farm consisting of two 5 MW wind turbines
in 42 m deep water.
Source www.beatricewind.co.uk

New materials

- New fibres (materials) for blades and towers (to supplement steel)
- Wind powered carbon fibre blades production (carbon segregation)

UHMW-PE - Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene fibres (Dyneema)

- These fibres have a tensile strength 20 times greater than that of steel. Their free breaking length is around 330 km (steel breaks at 25, glass at 135, carbon at 195 and aramid at 235).
E-modulus 0.1-0.2 GPa; Tensile strength: 20-40 MPa.

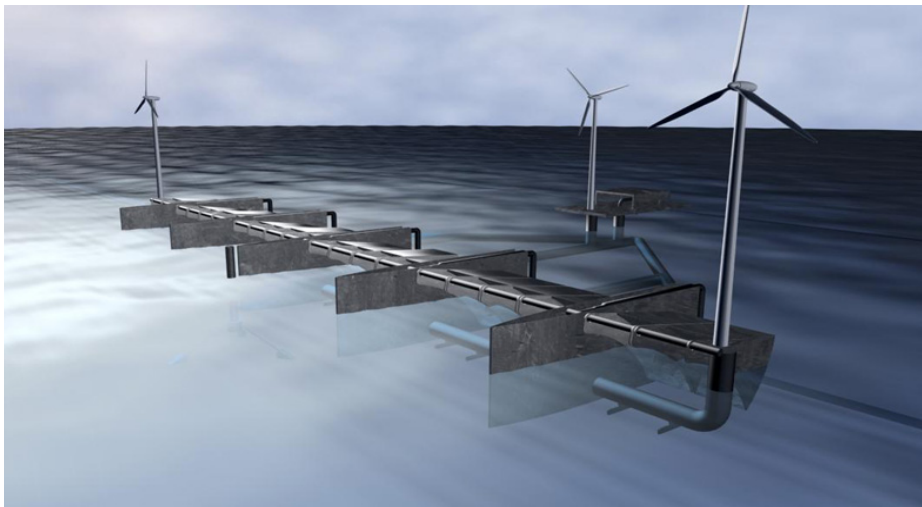


DTU



RISØ

Combined floating wind- and wave energy converter



Wind Energy Activities at the University of Massachusetts

December 7, 2007

James F. Manwell, Professor and Director

Renewable Energy Research Laboratory
Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
College of Engineering

Wind Energy at UMass

- Begun in 1972 with an NSF award leading to the foundation of the Renewable Energy Research laboratory (RERL)
 - RERL was created to promote research and education in renewable energy
 - Have worked with solar, ocean thermal, small hydro, energy storage
- RERL wind energy focus:
 - Research on wind resource assessment, turbine dynamics, hybrid power systems, grid integration, offshore wind energy
 - Pre-development support for residential, farm, community, municipal, and commercial projects in New England

Personnel

- Two main faculty
- Four involved faculty
 - CFD, controls, materials, condition monitoring
- Six staff
- ~Ten graduate students
- Supported by Commonwealth of Massachusetts, industry, and DOE/NREL

Recent Wind Energy Activity Areas

- Hybrid power systems
- Wind electrical systems
- Wind resource
- Offshore wind energy
- Education
- State and community support
- Wind turbine blade test facility
- International Cooperation

Hybrid Power Systems

- Long history
 - IEA Annex VIII “Wind/diesel systems”
 - Hardware and software modeling (Hybrid3)
 - Battery performance modeling (Kinetic Battery Model)
 - Recently with European “battery benchmarking” project
- Most recently:
 - Development of “plug and play” concept for hybrid power systems
- **Future:**
 - Apply experience from smaller, high penetration networks to larger networks
 - Revive hybrid power system development for remote applications and developing countries

Wind Electrical Systems Investigations

- Resonant link converter developed
 - Successfully applied to stall regulated turbine with induction generator for variable speed →
 - Turbine installation/operation in difficult terrain →
 - High penetration system opportunities:
 - Hydrogen for transportation
 - Pure water via sea water desalination
 - Integration study for community scale (13.8 kV) offshore wind project
- Mt. Tom ESI-80, 250 kW
- **Future:** Apply lessons learned and continue R&D to facilitate eventual commercial viability of such concepts, including:
 - Demand side management, fuel production, product storage

Wind Resource

- Long history with conventional anemometry
- Recently:
 - SODAR
 - LIDAR
 - Tall tower measurements (wind, temperature)
 - LIDAR comparison
 - Measure-correlate-predict algorithms
 - Application of uncertainty analysis
- **Future:** continue to refine and apply remote sensing techniques, especially for turbulence, forecasting, and control

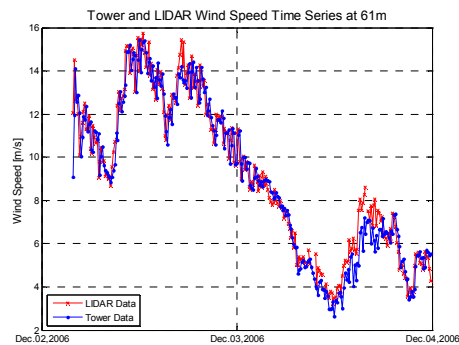
SODAR

- Investigation of applicability and resolution of numerous issues

➤ **Future:**
comparisons with
other remote
sensing options



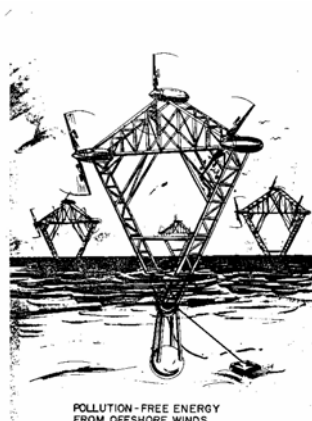
Tall Tower/LIDAR comparisons



- **Future:** turbulent time scale studies
- Other LIDAR topologies

Offshore Wind

- Long history in early concepts
- More recently
 - Re-introduction of offshore wind concepts in the US
 - Assessment of external conditions (wind + waves)
 - Participation in IEC 61400-3
 - Hull (Massachusetts) offshore wind project
 - Feasibility, permitting, site investigations
- **Future:**
 - Collaborate with Cape Wind
 - Deeper waters



Heronemus, UMass, 1972

Hull Offshore Pilot Project

- Project conceptualized in 2003
- Field studies and permitting presently underway



- **Future:** continue towards project operation
- Add significant R&D component
- Mesh with planned Offshore Wind Energy Collaborative

LIDAR for Offshore



- **Future:** many opportunities for LIDAR and other remote sensing devices

Wave Monitoring

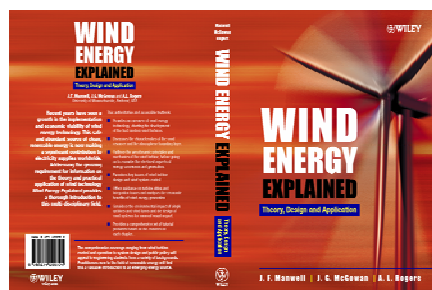
- Acoustic Doppler Profiler for offshore wind site assessment



- **Future:** increased coordination with marine technology sector

Education

- Wind energy courses offered regularly
 - Approx. 40 students/yr in first course
- Graduates through US wind industry
- Text book: Wind Energy Explained: Theory, Design and Application



- **Future:**
 - Continuing updates of text book and courses
 - More courses, e.g. offshore, special topics

Observations Regarding Education

- Many highly qualified applicants
- Acceptances limited by availability of financial support
- **Future:**
 - Increased opportunities for more students
 - Coordination with European educational programs would be of interest

Community Support: Hull Onshore

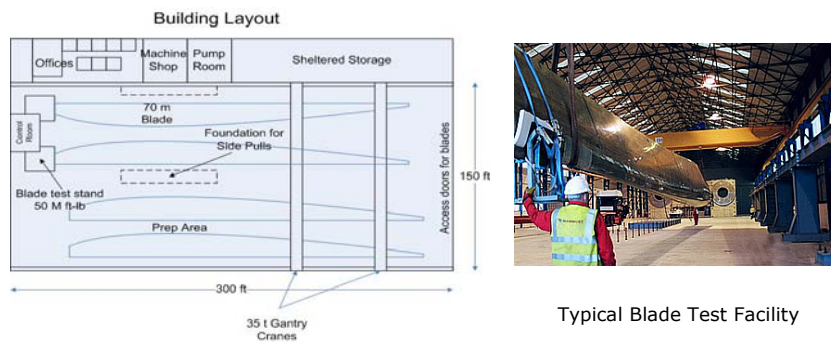
- 660 kW turbine, 2001
- 1.8 MW turbine, 2006



- **Future:** Similar support for other communities
- Policy adaptations needed

Wind Turbine Blade Test Facility

- Massachusetts/NREL facility planned for testing large blades
- **Future:**
 - Scheduled to built in Charlestown (Boston), beginning in 2008
 - Mesh with offshore wind energy opportunities



International Activities

- International Electrotechnical Commission 61400-3 (Offshore Wind Standard)
- International Science Panel on Renewable Energy
 - R&D recommendations for range of renewable energy technologies; our focus is wind
- **Future:** continued and strengthened cooperation with Europe and Latin America

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**TOPICAL EXPERT MEETING #55
ON
LONG TERM RESEARCH NEEDS – IN THE FRAME OF THE IEA WIND
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

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Kassel University

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of Renewable Energy Sources “IRED”

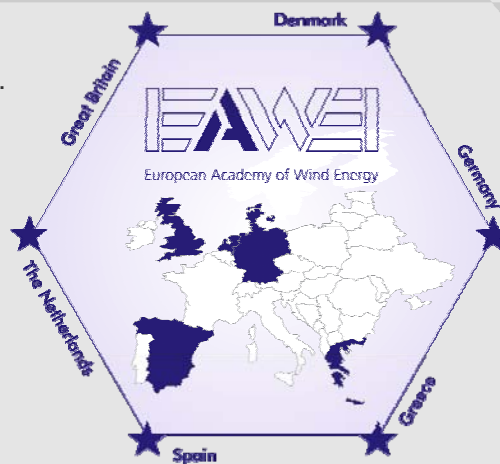


EAWE - European Academy of Wind Energy



- National nodes:
- ISET - Institut für Solare
Energieversorgungstechnik e.V.
Germany
 - CRES - Centre for Renewable
Energy Sources
Greece
 - ECN - Energy Research Centre
of the Netherlands
 - Risø National Laboratory
Denmark
 - CENER Spain
 - University of Strathclyde, UK
 - SINTEF, Norway

7 nodes, 29 members





European Academy of Wind Energy



EAWE foundation 2003 in Delft



Key Data for Wind Energy Roadmap 2020



	1990	1995	1998	2005	Target 2010	Target 2020
Power Provision and Energy Production						
Installed Capacity Onshore / MW	60	1140	2880	18.430	24.000	28.000
Installed Capacity Offshore / MW	0	0	0	0	1000	15.000
Mean Capacity per new installed WT / MW	170	480	790	1720	2000	4000
Technology						
Spec. Annual Energy Yield kWh/m ² a (Reference Yield)	640	810	890	1250	1340	1400
Economics						
Generating Costs € _{ci} / kWh for Sites of medium Quality						
Without Export	13,3	9,5	8,7	8,4	8,0	7,3
Export Ratio: → +30% of Inland Turnover					7,9	7,2
→ +50% of Inland Turnover					7,8	7,1
→ +100% of Inland Turnover					7,7	6,9

The values for generating costs are inflation-adjusted. All prices are normalized (price level of 2005)



Main R&D focal points of EAWE

TOPICAL EXPERT MEETING #55
Berlin, 6.-7.12.2007
Prof. Jürgen Schmid



University of Oldenburg, Institute of Physics, ForWind

- Assimilation of wind monitoring data for nowcasting and short-term wind and wind power forecasting
- Uncertainties of wind power forecasts using probabilistic methods
- Inter-annual variability of wind availability
- Frequency and predictability of extreme wind situations and the development of intelligent cut-off strategies (offshore)
- **Wind power at sub-station level and at single wind farm level**
- Meteorology based load forecasts
- Local und regional **modelling of offshore wind ratios**
- Vertical structure of atmospheric boundary layer offshore
- Interdependency of atmosphere and ocean
- Short-term dynamics of wind power plants and power output
- Power characteristics independent of locations
- Wind field modelling, wind gust statistics and forecasts
- Wind energy plants as dynamic systems
- dynamic stall and maximum loads
- **Extreme events in terms of loads and output**



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Institute für Solare Energieversorgungstechnik, Kassel

- **Short-term wind power forecasts**
- Long-term wind power forecasts
- Wind power forecasts at sub-station level
- Concepts and tools for managing decentralised generators in electric grids
- **Virtual power plants:** Aggregation of wind farms and other decentralised and renewable generators
- Ancillary services of wind farms
- **Load management**
- Microgrids / decentralised energy supply for newly industrialising countries and developing nations
- External conditions, Energy meteorology
- Reliability and maintenance
- Cost-effectiveness and market developments
- Condition monitoring and fault prediction
- New control strategies for wind energy plants and wind farms
- Offshore wind energy use
- Scenarios for the planning of future power supply structures



Main R&D focal points of EAWE

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- Material construction
- Load monitoring, control and operation
- Dynamics of offshore wind energy plants



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University of Hannover, ForWind

- Cost efficiency and reliability of large wind power plants
- Integrated draft and design tools for wind energy plants
- Integrated fault prediction systems for all structural components (tower and blades)
- Improved fatigue detection models for fibre compound blades
- Noise reduction measures during the erection and operation of offshore wind energy plants
- Development of novel bearing structures by using high-solid materials onshore and offshore
- Optimising production and installation workflows
- Prediction methods for offshore ground dynamics
- Prediction methods for scours
- Differentiated description off sea condition loads
- Fluid-structure interaction



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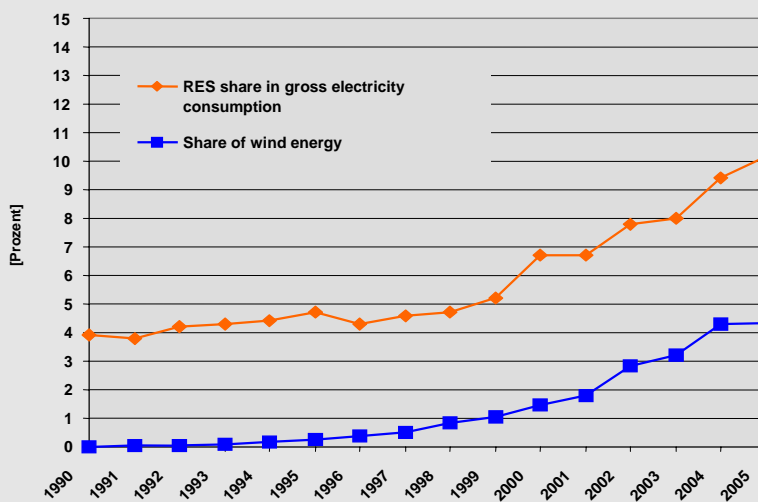
Otto-von-Guericke-University, Magdeburg

- Social integration
- Generic modelling of wind power plants
- Grid security management for decentralised energy power generation
- Optimal future grid planning
- New strategies for grid protection



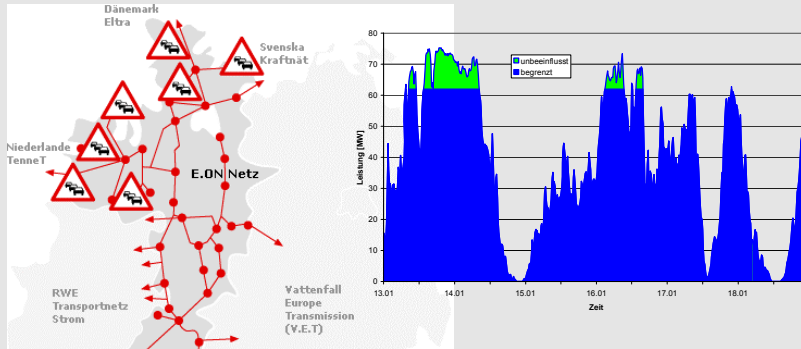
Share of wind energy in gross electricity consumption of Germany

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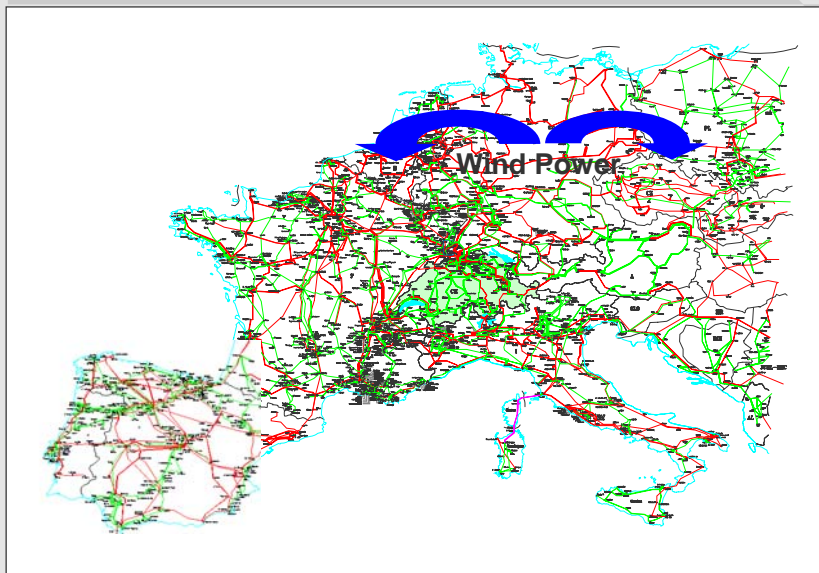


Wind generation management by E.ON Netz, VE-T, E.DIS, E.ON Avacon, ...
Improvement by use of sub-grid area forecasts



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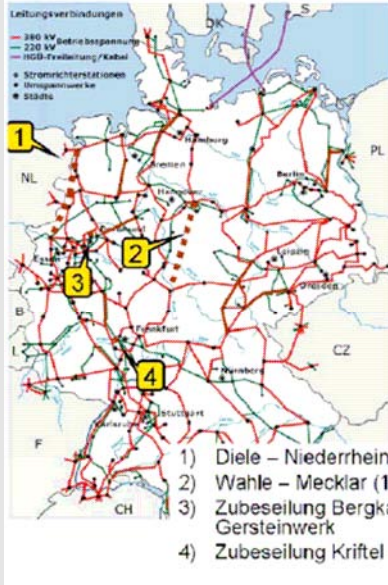


Upexpected power flow - 4.11.2006 ?



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Dena Grid Study:

2015:
Grid expansion and reinforcement

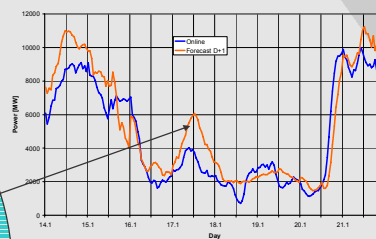
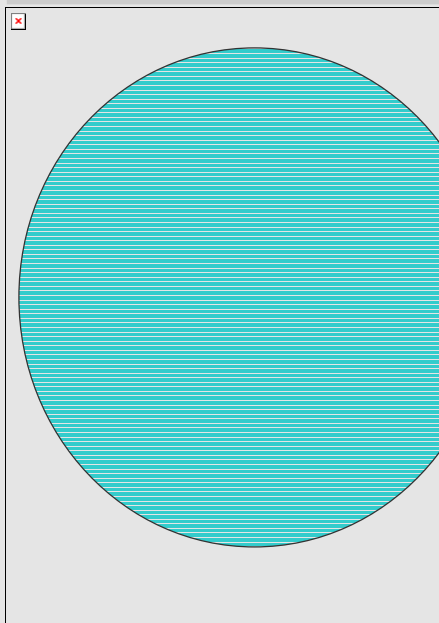
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further penetration
without intervention in
operation of RES/DG is not
possible



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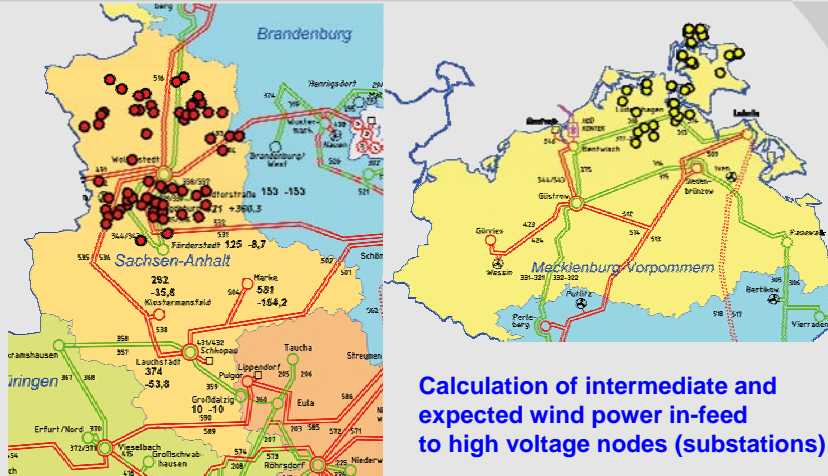


**One value for one hour
for the entire control zone !**



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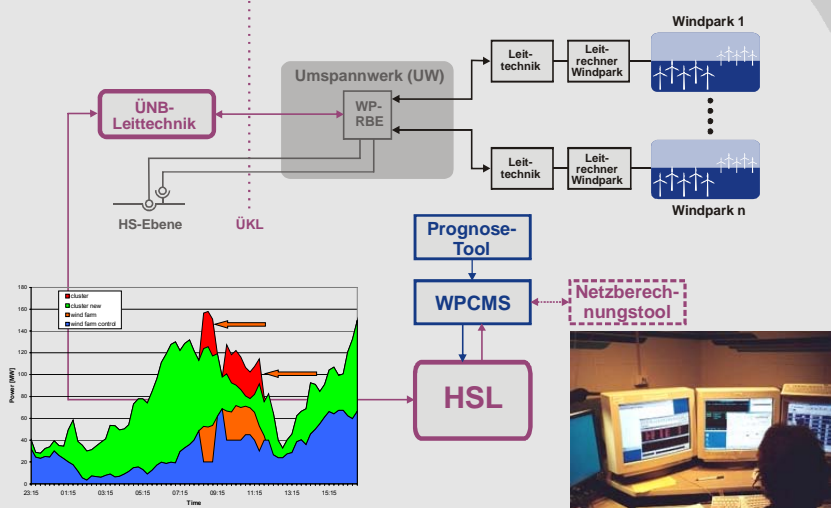
Calculation of intermediate and expected wind power in-feed to high voltage nodes (substations)

Clustering and assignment of wind farms to HV-nodes



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Cluster-Management: advanced control of large wind farm clusters



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Wind Farm control strategies:

- Generation management
- Reduction of gradients
- Supply of reactive power
- Supply of balancing power
- Improvement of wind power feed-in scheduling



Advanced Control:

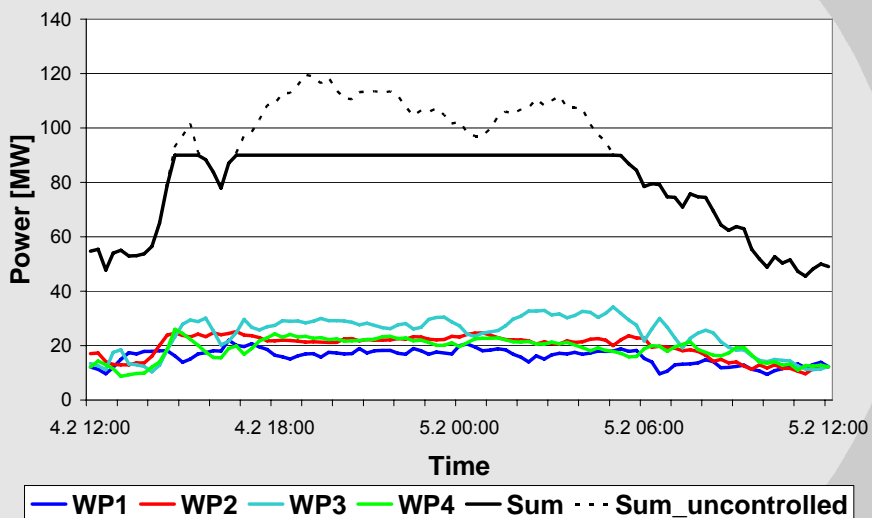
→ Represent geographical distributed wind farms as one wind power plant for the system operators purposes

→ Wind Farm Cluster Management

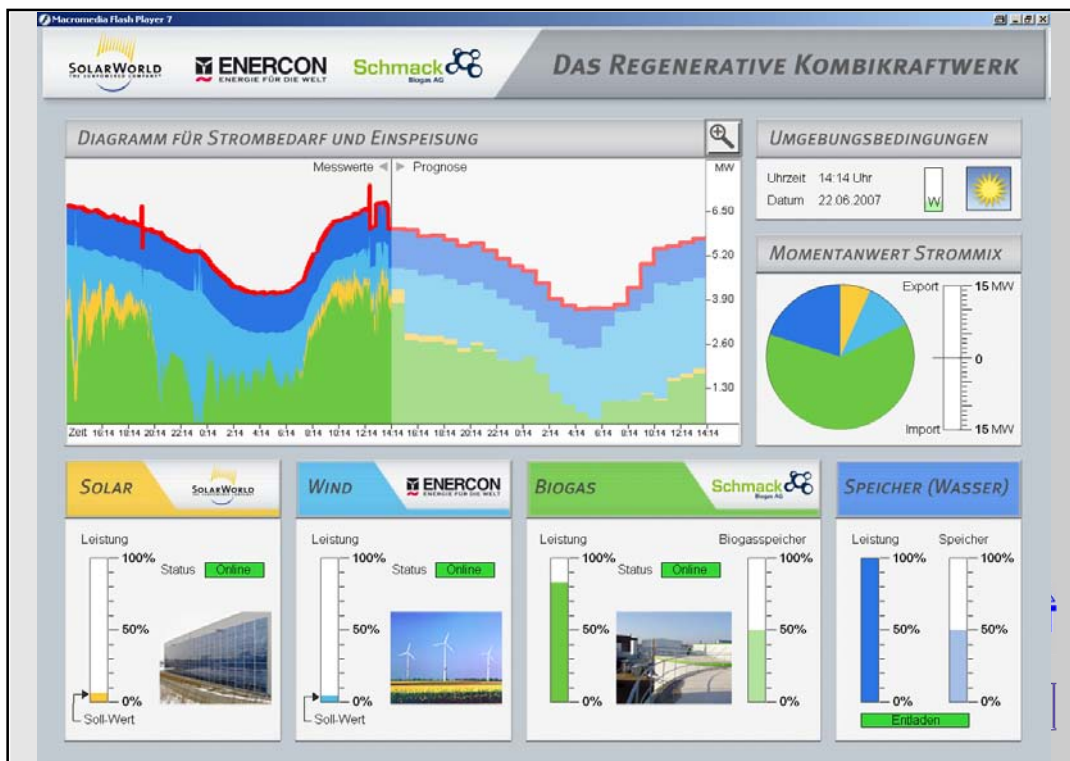
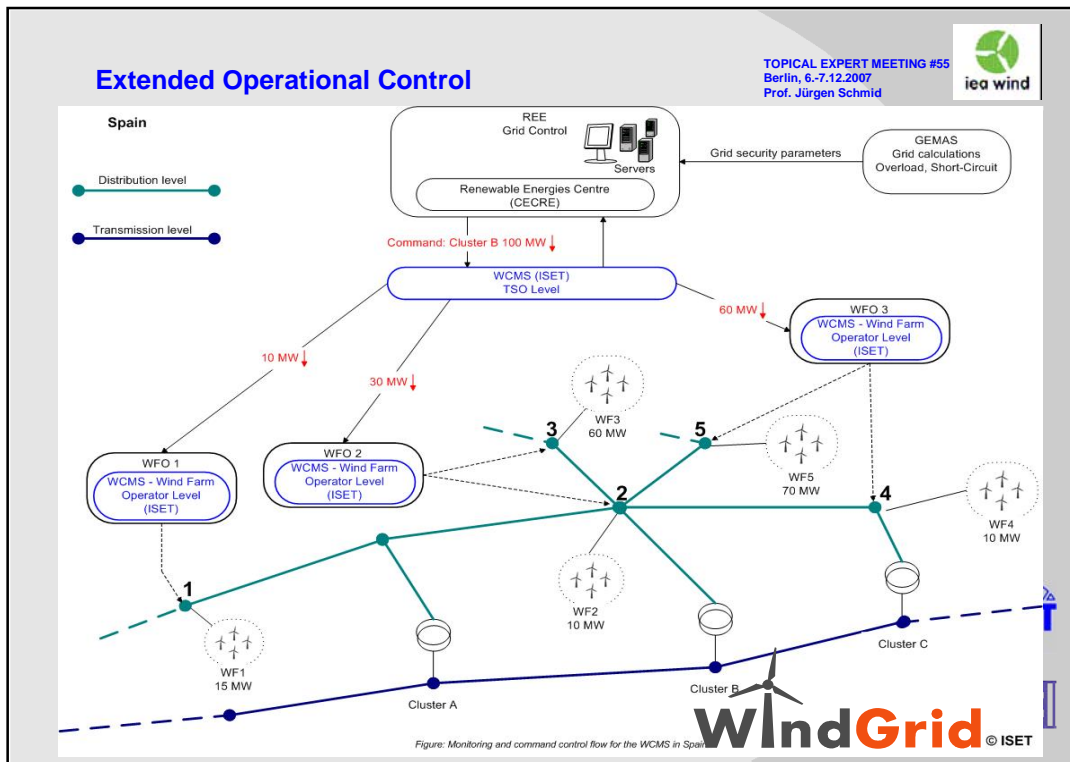


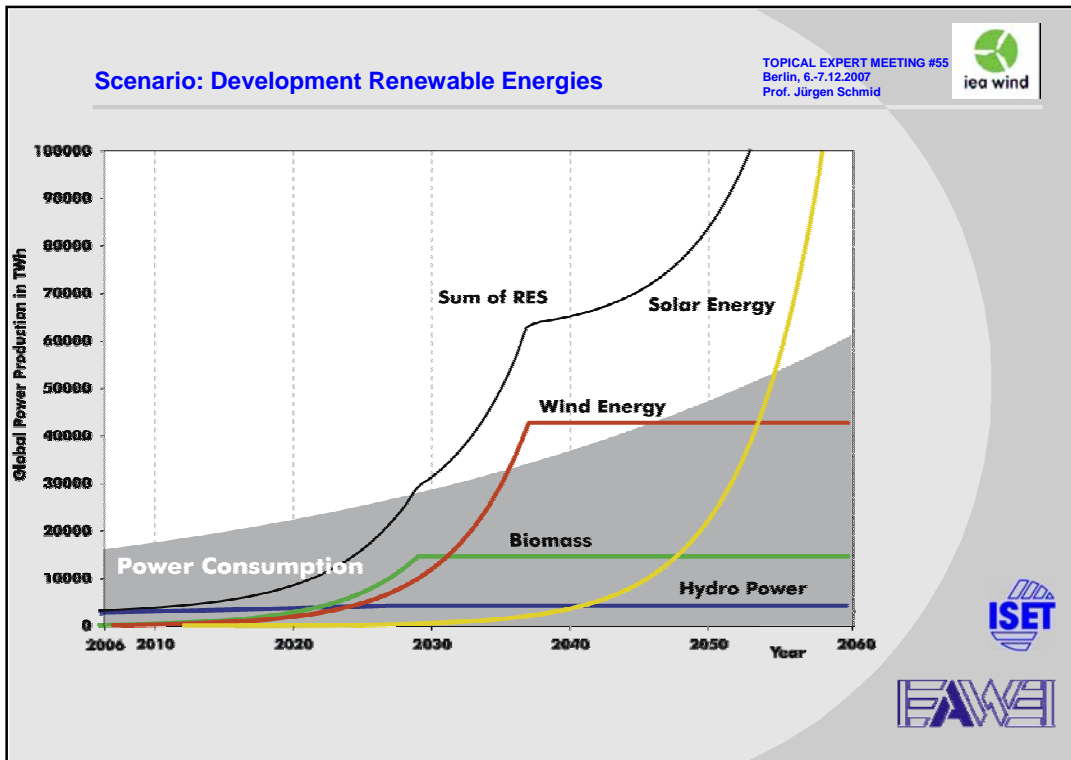
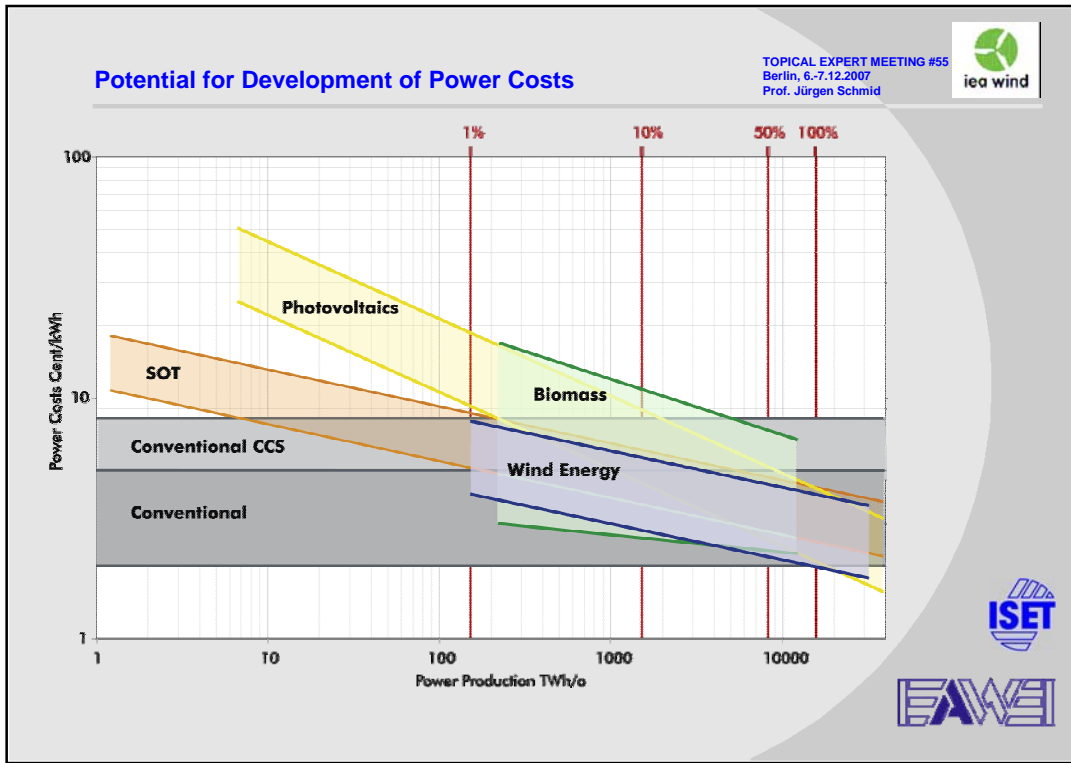
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Avoid extreme situations by optimal coordination of wind farms





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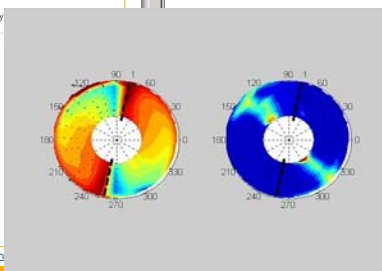
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Wind R&D in Vattenfall

IEA Meeting, 6-7th December 2007, Berlin



Klaus Udesen, Manager PTT-Wind Engineering

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Ambitions for 2007 - 2011

1. Co-ordination of R&D activities in entire VF-group
2. Prioritization and start of new R&D projects
3. Close co-operation with BU's in R&D activities (ex. PY, VE-New Energy and IM)
4. 'Game Planning' process with BU's (Visions, Aims, Needs, Drivers & Performance)
5. Secure availability of competences for R&D
6. Introduce new R&D structure
7. To have such interesting business that we'll see you again ☺

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How will it work...

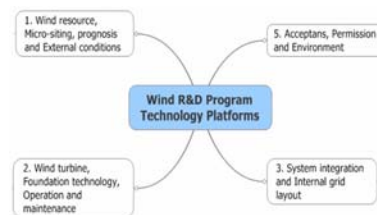
Steering Committee

The Wind R&D Program has a Steering Committee with representatives from BU's involved or affected by wind power. This top level Steering Committee decides upon the overall targets and financing



Technology Platforms

The R&D Program is sub divided into Technology Platforms. Activities in the Technology Platform are organized by Reference Groups who prioritize R&D project proposals, receives results and secure the anchoring of projects in the Business units.



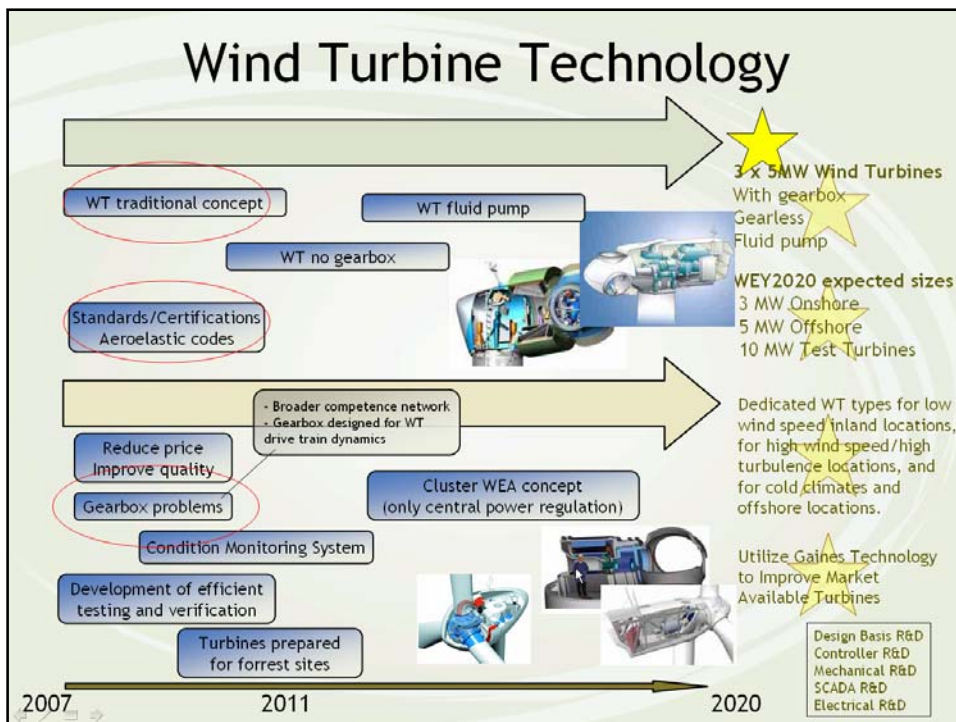
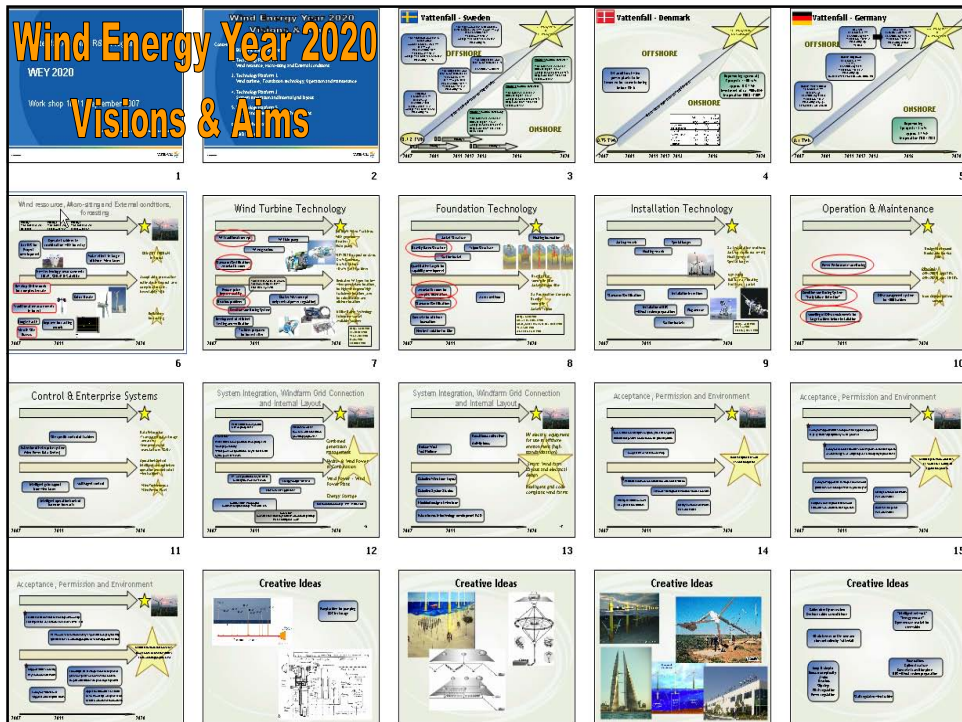
Challenges for the Wind R&D Program

Paint the Picture

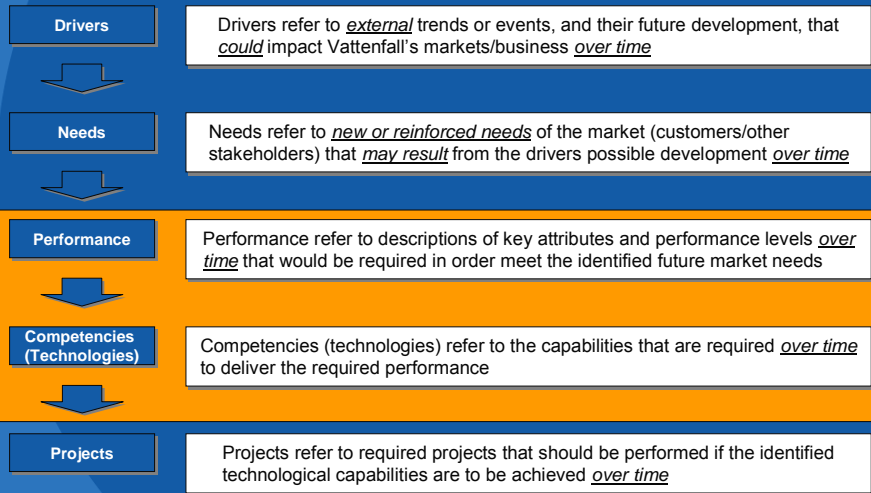
Come with solutions

Make Things Happen

“Which results for how much money, when and by who?”



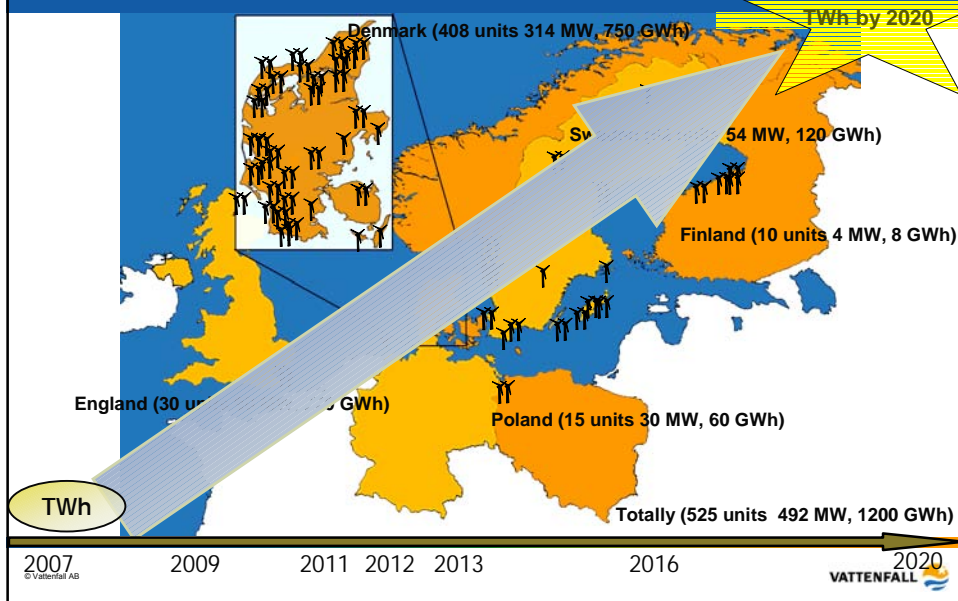
Drivers, Needs, Performance Work Shop



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Wind power is a main focus area....



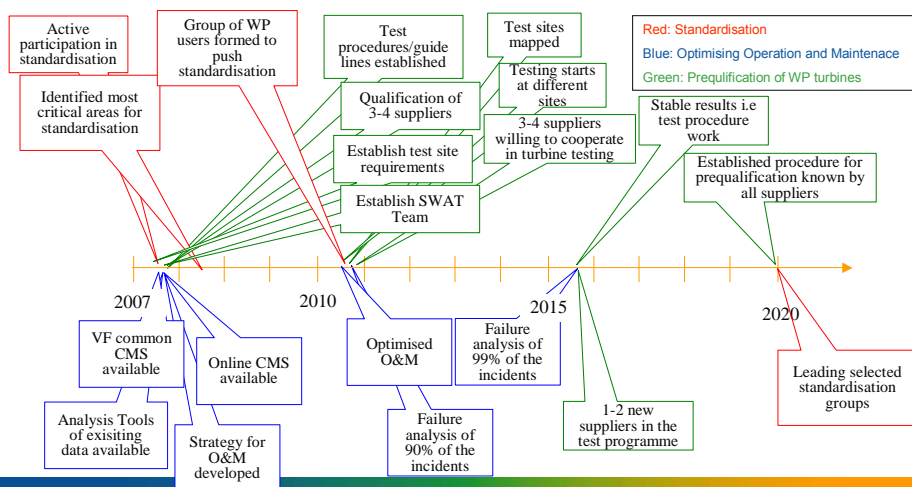
Driving Forces

- ❑ “Sellers market” for wind turbines
- ❑ Design Life *does not* meet Predictable Service Life
- ❑ Complex siting
- ❑ O&M cost level high ~ 25%
- ❑ 1000's of turbines to manage
- ❑ Wind Turbines as ‘Wind Power Plants’
- ❑ Integration in grid and production portfolio
- ❑ High expectations - wind as the prime ‘Renewable’

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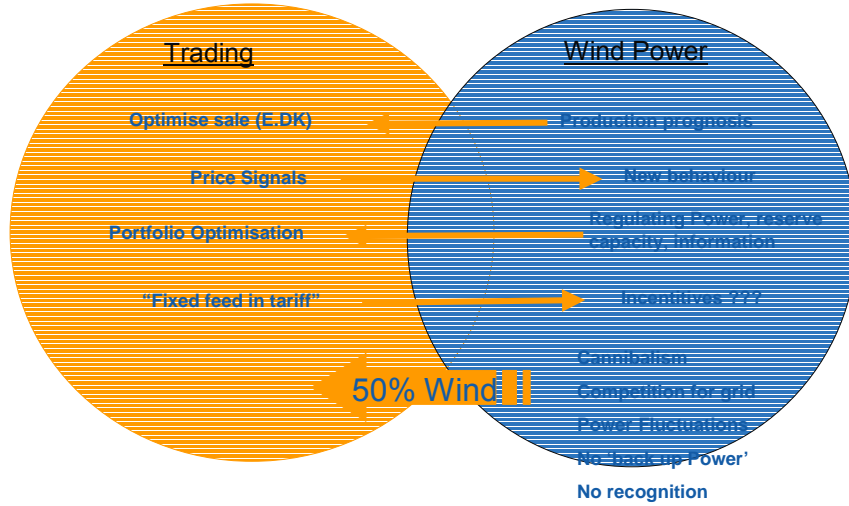
How do we respond to the needs ?



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R&D - Common ground and interfaces



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Topical Expert Meeting on Long Term Research Needs

Research needs in wind energy industry

Vision

- Wind energy is nearly endless available, non-polluting, without any need of import, without any political risks and economically reasonable.
- Due to decreasing resources for conventional energy and for this increasing prices in the mid-term wind has the potential to be the 'cheapmaker' in the future energy mix. Therefore enlarged R&D is needed.
- Overcoming the problems of fluctuations in the power output in the long-term wind will play an absolutely main role in the total future energy supply.

Expectations

- Networking / sharing experience on common challenges:
 - Standards, codes and guide lines (grid, H&S, O&M documentation, fire protection..)
 - Offshore (infrastructure, power transmission, access systems,..)

Research needs in wind energy industry

□ Expectations (2)

- Definition of future R&D programs:
 - Evaluation of material properties, new materials (Blades, CCV, large components,...)
 - Testing facilities and methods (Large-scale drive trains, bearings, flanges/bolts,...)
 - Integrated design tools
 - Load prediction (short term loads, exceptional events, wind farm managements,..)
 - Sensors (gusts, loads, icing,..)
 - New systems, concepts
- Collaboration with complementary technology for increased growth of wind energy:
 - Power transmission
 - Grid interfacing
 - Virtual power station
 - Energy storage

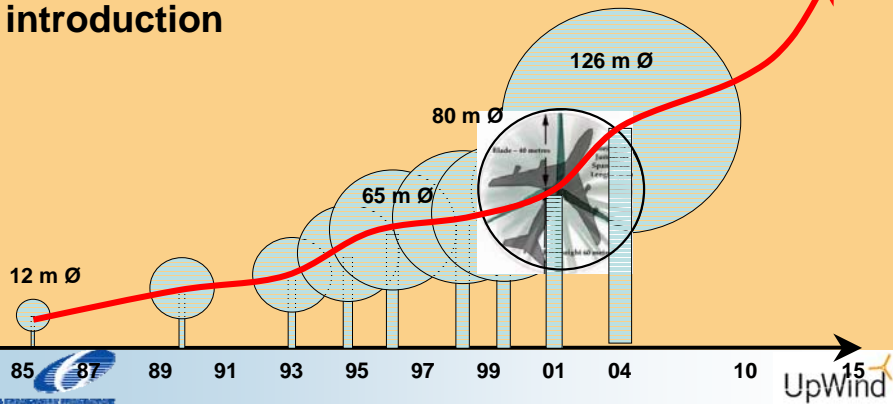
UpWind



Program Manager
Peter Hjuler Jensen
RISØ National Laboratory
Technical University of Denmark



Size of commercial wind turbines at first market introduction



UpWind Background

- ↪ **UpWind: FP6 Integrated project**
- ↪ UpWind got Wind Energy back in the EU 6 Framework Energy Research program
- ↪ **Result of AOT.'s EWEA Thematic Network(EU-project):**
 1. EWEA Research Strategy
 2. UpWind
 3. EWEA Strategic Research Agenda
 4. Technology Platform
- ↪ **Behind UpWind application were EAWE, EWEA and the partners (December 08 2004)**
- ↪ **Last minute saving of Wind Research Network in EU**
- ↪ **UpWind the glue/network and Lighthouse for EU R&D**



The UpWind Project

UpWind subtitle: Integrated Wind Turbine Design

- ↪ Start date: 1 March 2006
- ↪ Duration: 60 months
- ↪ Costs: 22,340,000 EUR
- ↪ EC funding: 14,288,000 EUR
- ↪ Coordinator Risø National Laboratory, Denmark's Technical University



Participants from Start

39 participants

- 11 EU countries
- 10 research institutes
- 11 universities
- 7 turbine & component manufacturers
- 6 consultants & suppliers
- 2 wind farm developers
- 2 standardization bureaus
- 1 branch organisation



Partner's first year

- ↪ **39 partners in UpWind Consortium from start**
- ↪ Cener added (+1)
- ↪ Risø and DTU merged to DTU and RisøDTU (-1)
- ↪ Elsam sold to Dong Energy and Wattenfall (+1)
- ↪ INCO call added 3 new partners (+3):
 - ISM: Institute for Superhard Materials of the Nat. Academy of Science, Ukraine
 - IITB: Department of Civil Engineering of the Indian Inst. of Technology Bombay
 - CUMTB: China University of Mining and Technology Beijing
- ↪ **43 partners in UpWind Consortium May 2007**
- ↪ **Other potential partners: NREL USA**



Objective - 1

Develop and verify substantially improved design models and verification methods for wind turbine components, industry needs for future design and manufacture of:

- 1 Very Large Wind Turbines
- 2 More Cost Efficient Wind Turbines
- 3 Offshore wind farms of several hundred MW



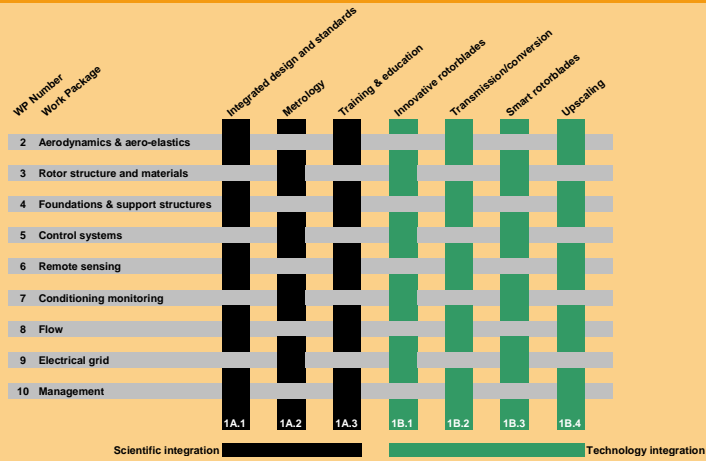
Objective - 2

- ↪ Consortium **integrates the disciplines and sectors needed** for the entire development chain of wind turbine technology
 - ↪ 8 Scientific Work Packages – work programme
 - ↪ 7 Integration Work Packages – work programme
- Upscaling**
- ↪ Today: WT up to $P = 5$ MW and $D = 120$ m
 - ↪ Future: WT upscaling: $P = 10$ MW and $P = 20$ MW
 - ↪ Develop methods to overcome showstoppers/optimize



Organisation

Classic and integrated research approach *Advanced Flexibel Modern Organisation*



Questions?

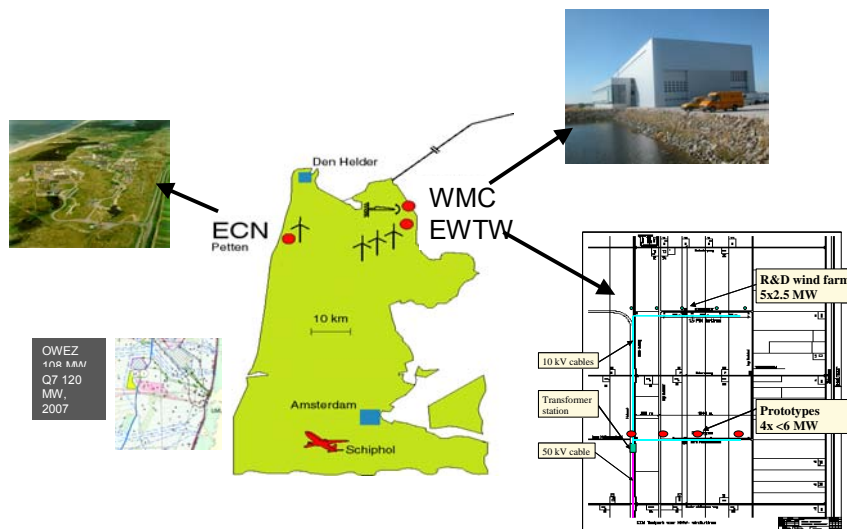


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Identifying R&D key issues

Jos Beurskens,
ECN Wind Energy
Petten (NL)

IEA Wind Energy Programme
Topical Expert meeting 55 on R&D
priorities.
Berlin, 6 -7 December 2007



Challenge of this meeting

- Avoid presenting the **standard list of R&D issues** for the n-th time (which does not mean that the 'standard' topics are not relevant at present).
- Identify **focal points** of R&D and **inter-relations** on the basis of recent developments and industry inputs (Industry is not sitting at this table. It does at TPWind)

The 'standard list' of R&D issues

- Better understanding wind resources (complex terrain, offshore) power output prediction, better reliability of short term prediction)
- 4-th generation wind turbines (materials, CFD, new generator concepts)
- Better understanding external conditions offshore (wind/waves, sediment transport, icing, extreme winds, turbulence, moist/corrosive atmosphere)
- Grid integration
- Stand-alone and hybrid units
- Socio-environment
- Testing, standardisation, certification

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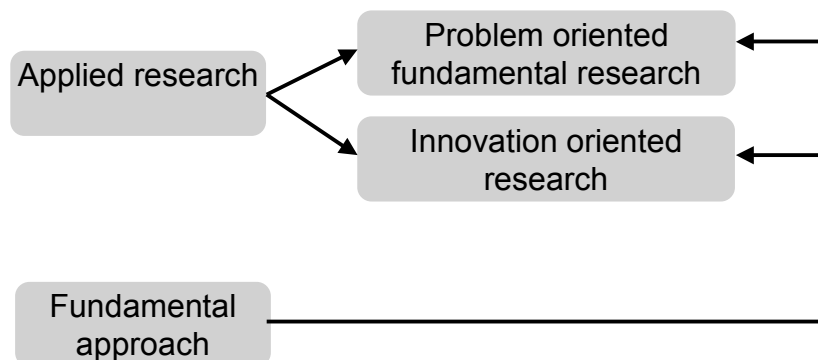
To solve persistent problems with present technology fundamental research is needed to:

1. understand the problem,
2. resolve the problem.

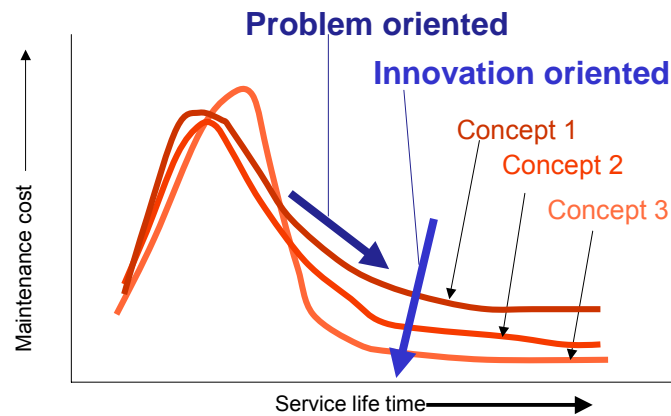
To develop better technology 'innovation oriented research' is needed. This is what usually is meant by 'long term' research. However it produces innovations on both short and long term. (Stepping stones)

Which one is more important??

On the definition of long term research



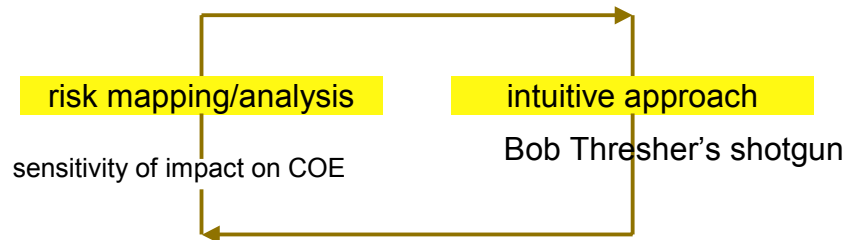
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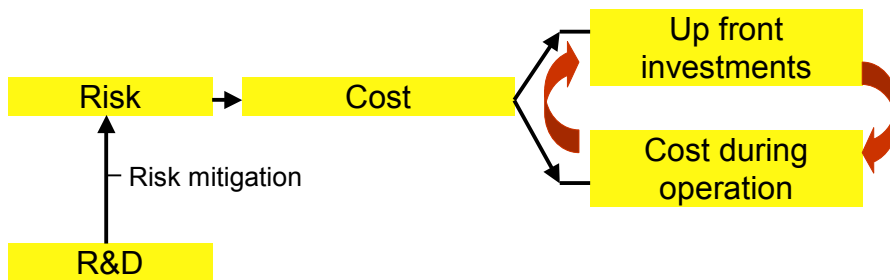
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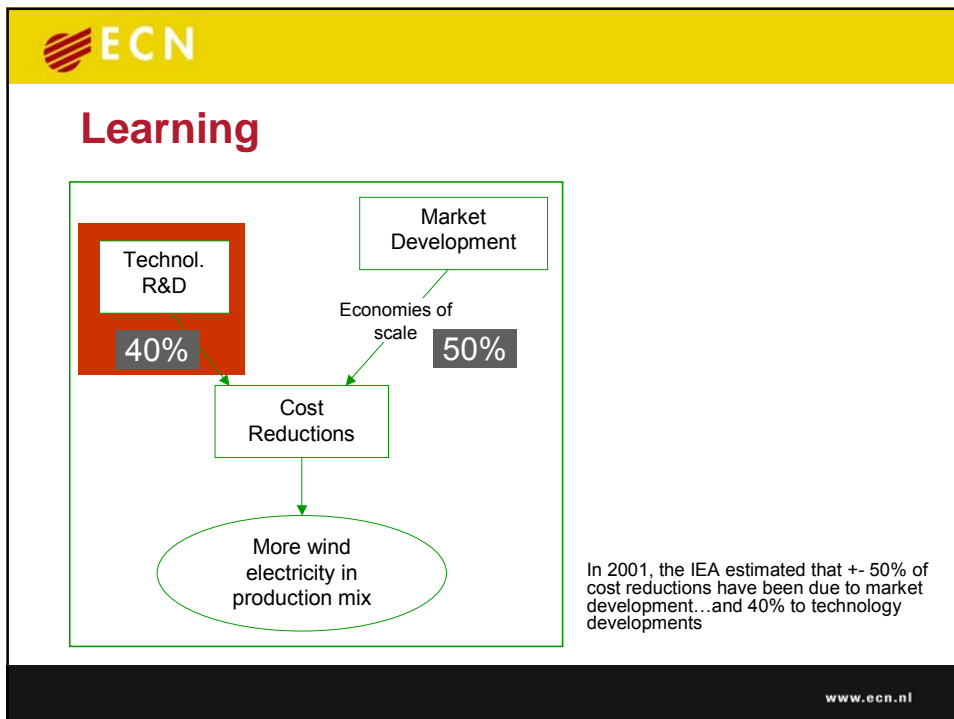
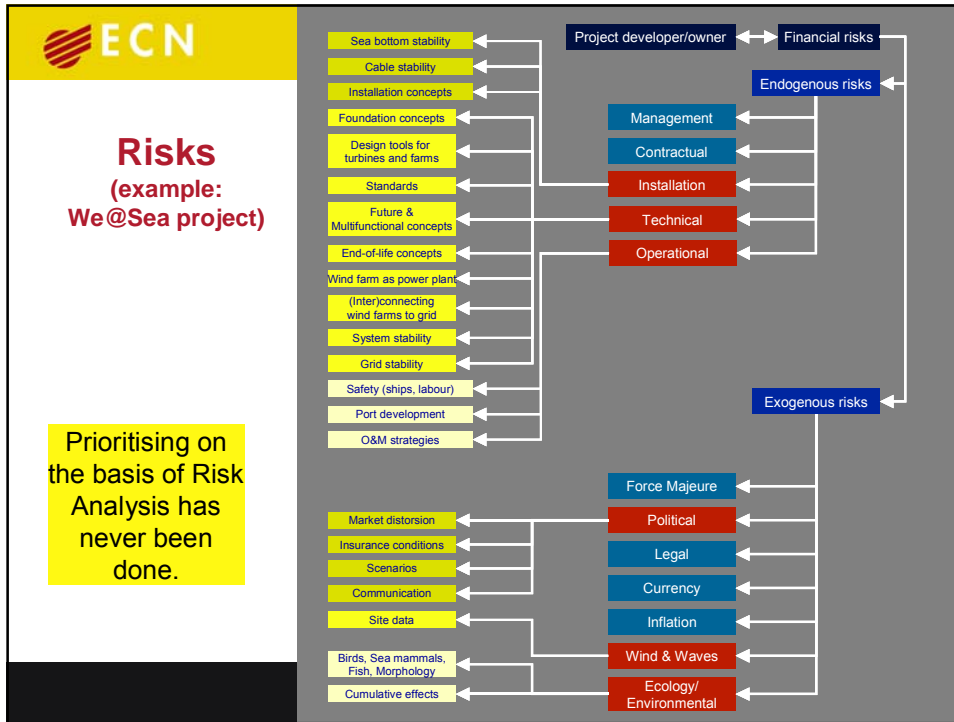
It seems only symantics,
but
with consequences in practice!

How to establish focal points?



How to establish focal points?





Intuitive approach; WT system level

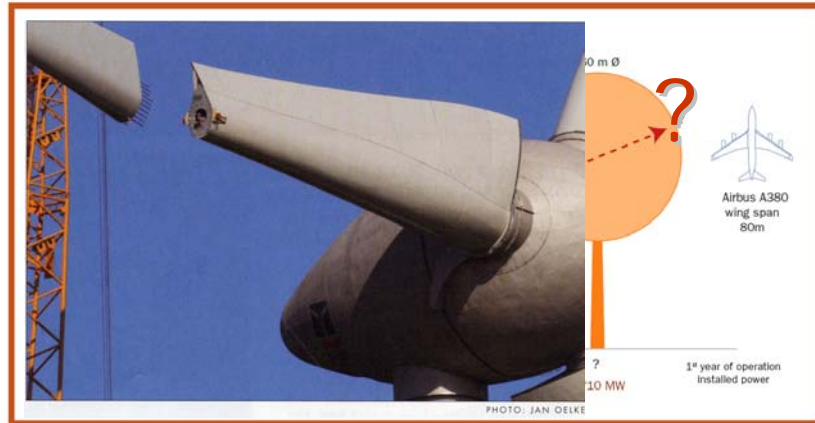
- Wind turbine level
- System level
- Labs
- Brains

Note: offshore WE is the real R&D driver

Wind turbine (1)

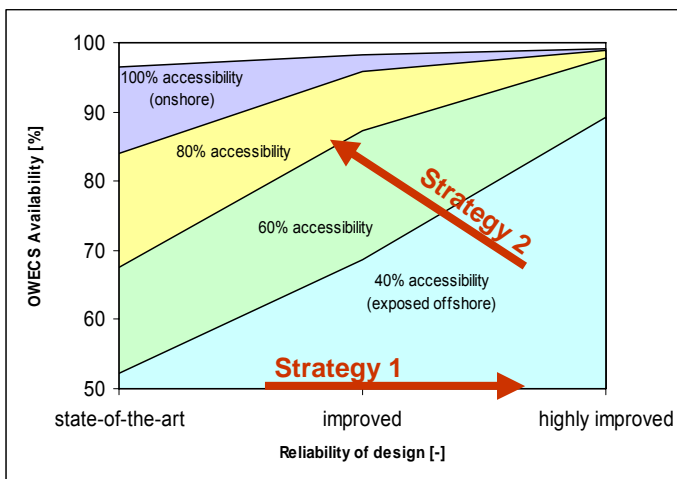
- Advanced rotors for large diameters; distributed control along rotor radius, LIDAR for wind field prediction close to rotor (e.g. UpWind)
- Availability = f (reliability, accessibility)
- O&M
- Commissioning
- Offshore: support structures, transport, assembly

Wind turbine (2); up scaling (*)



(*) Up scaling is a method, not an objective!

Wind turbine (3); availability



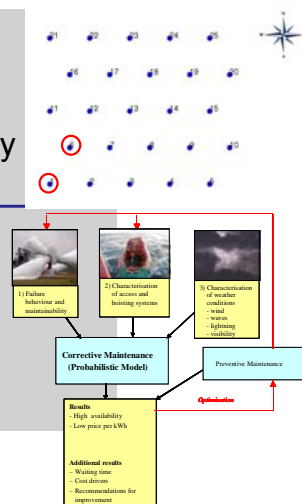
Wind turbine (4); availability/access



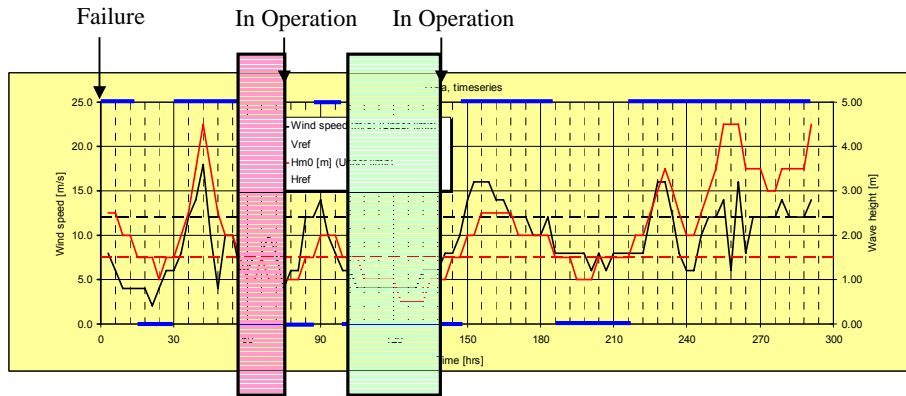
Personnel & Spare Parts:
2 – 5 k€ / access
(80 – 120 k€ / day)

Wind turbine (5); availability/reliability

- Reliability design
- Analysis of outages > sensor technology
- Condition monitoring
- Flight leader concept (ECN/We@Sea)
- Cost estimator; planning & operational phase (ECN)



Wind turbine (6); O&M



Repair time for mission of 40 resp. 20 hr?
 $H_s = 1,5 \text{ m}$ $V_w = 12 \text{ m/s}$

$$T_{\text{wait } 40 \text{ uur}} = 96 \text{ hr}$$

$$T_{\text{wait } 20 \text{ uur}} = 56 \text{ hr}$$

Wind turbine (7); commissioning



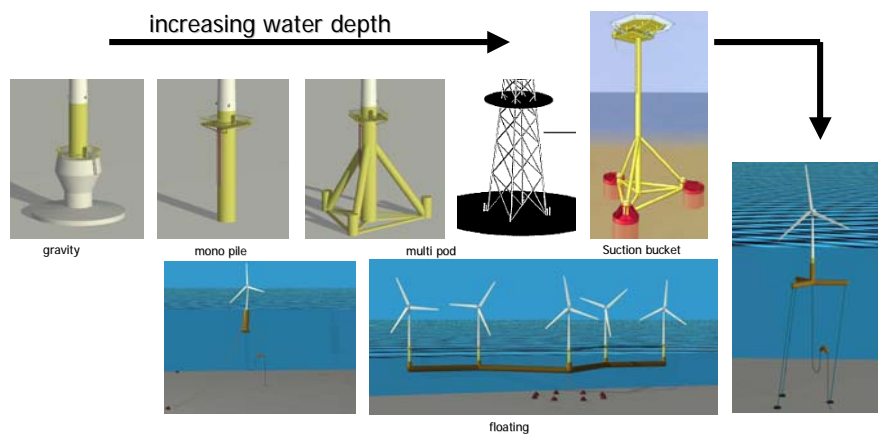
- Commissioning on the quay? >
- Transport as a complete top structure



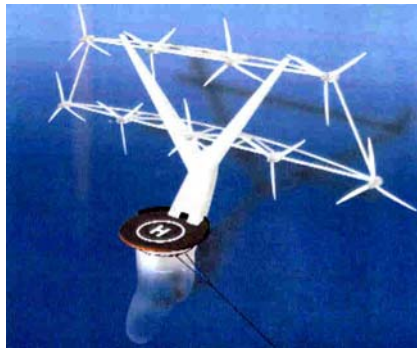
Wind turbine (8); commissioning

Commissioning methods, standards, certification
(control system and sensors, safety systems, dimensions tolerance, electrical conversion system, measuring system,)

Wind turbine (9); support structures; transport, assembly



Wind turbine (10); support structures; transport, assembly



Integration of Support structure and Transport

Wind turbine (11); support structures; transport, assembly



- Dedicated offshore wind turbine system transport and installation vessels:
- Market perspective needed
- Cost stability!



Wind power system

- Wind farm lay out
- Interactions between wind farms (resource assessment, shadowing (financial compensation), spatial planning)
- Integral design methods (UpWind)
- Integral design (w.t. & component manufacturers)
- Grid integration (macro scale)
- Grid connection; technology (installation of cables offshore, submarine technology)
- Capacity factor <> output
- Material intensity
- Nature impacts

Wind power system: large wind parks

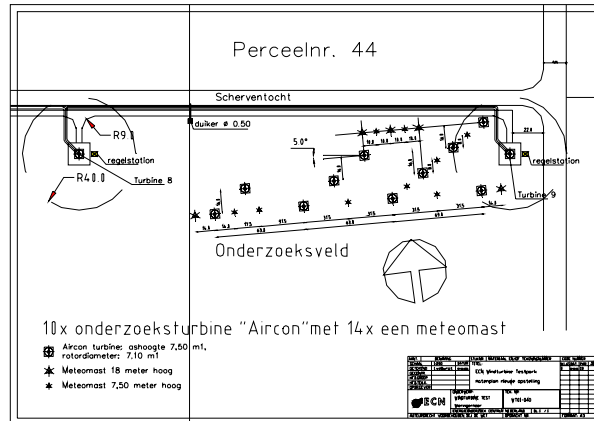


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Wind power system: large wind parks

Scaled down park

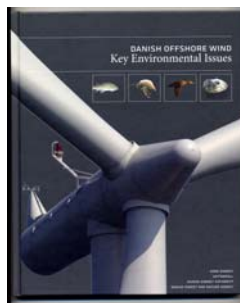
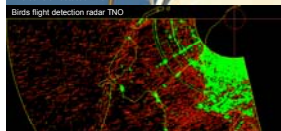
- 11 Aircon-10 wind turbines
- 10 at fixed position, 1 mobile, variable hub height
- rotor diameter 7.60 m
- hub height 7.5 m
- rated power 10 kW
- variable speed, pitch control
- active yaw
- extensively instrumented



Nature impacts; onshore & offshore

- Sediment transport
- Birds !
- Bats
- Marine mammals !
- (Shell) fish habitat (+/-)
- Safety (navigation) !
- Visual impact (near shore)

Nature impacts; birds



Labs

- Test stations: need for more; onshore and offshore
- Blade testing: sufficient?
- Drive train testing !!!!
- Wind farms for verification control strategies!!!!
Scaled down wind farm at ECN. Commercial farms ?
- Materials development
- Other technologies' labs: electronic industry/aerospace/.....
- Wind tunnels

Brains

- Dramatic shortage of technical experts on all levels
- Systematic international standardised and exchangeable education system needed
- Will be on EWEA's agenda soon, however:
- European approach too limited

Issues for International co-operation (1)

- Many national and regional initiatives which are partly similar: sharing pre-competitive results ? (e.g. offshore programmes in DK, NL, UK, E, D)
- Establishment of large state-of-the-art R&D facilities: pooling?
- Serious shortage of experts in the technical domain: education and training standards (similar approach to MEASNET?)
- R&D spending of WE sector low compared to similar industries. EU factor 10 too low: make a case also at IEA level

Issues of International co-operation (3)

- Various initiatives to address issues. E.g.:
- TPWind
- European Academy for Wind Energy (EAWE) (Education)
- EWEA, AWEA,
- IEA

Thank you !

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Long-Term Research Needs In the Frame of the IEA Wind Co-operative Agreement

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Aim and Objectives

The aim of the Topical Expert Meeting (TEM) was to discuss long-term research needs for the timeframe 2020. The objective of the meeting was to try to identify needed future results from R&D both in the 5 to 10 and the 10 to 20 years time frames. The strategic goal of the TEM is to give recommendations to the IEA Wind Executive Committee and to the governments involved which are based at the latest international wind technological stage. The outcome of the meeting will be used to develop a new strategic R&D plan for IEA Wind.

The objectives were also to review the latest wind energy technology and to draw conclusions for a further successful development to expand the place of wind energy in the worlds energy mix by means of R&D.

Participants / Presentations

A total of 35 persons registered for this meeting. They represented the following countries: Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Korea, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, the UK and the US. The participants mainly represented National Energy Administrations, Research Organizations and Universities.

The following presentations were given:

1. Introductory Note – Long-Term R&D Needs for Wind Energy
2. Evaluation of the German Renewable Energies Research Programme: Wind
3. Research Needs from a Swedish Perspective
4. R&D Needs for Large Scale Deployment a US Perspective
5. Some Key Points of the Wind Power R&D Programme in Denmark 2007
6. Wind Energy R&D in Canada
7. R&D Tasks in Norway
8. Identification of R&D Necessities in Spain
9. Netherlands LT R&D Needs
10. The UK - Offshore Wind Programm
11. Wind Power as a "base load" - R&D Needs
12. Wind Energy Activities at the University of Massachusetts
13. Long-Term R&D Needs for Wind Energy and ReKnow.net
14. Wind R&D in Vattenfall
15. Research Needs for Wind Industry
16. EP UpWind Project
17. Identifying R&D Key Issues

Summary of discussion

Below is a summary of the topics which were considered essential for the future development of the wind turbine technology and the utilization of the technology.

Turbine development

- a) Use of new materials e.g. thermoplastics
- b) Special offshore turbine design can be a solution for decreasing the prices
- c) Design validation, current design standards are considered not to be enough in certain areas. E.g. loads and load transmission in drive trains at static and dynamic situations
- d) Lighter structural design. This is not necessarily a design driver, but is a subordinate cost driver
- e) Control strategies for load reduction, adapt turbines to anticipated loads in various situations
- f) Optimization, smooth output as a generation unit, treat it as a power plant
- g) New concept - rotors for larger diameters
- h) Transition from manufacturing to automated serial production – cost reduction potential, economies of scale
- i) Aerodynamics, wakes
- j) Fast up scaling, ‘skip’ the first half of the blade, make it a ‘truss’
- k) Combine passive built-in with multi-variable control
- l) New drive train concepts

“Incremental development is important but new concept development must always be there”.

“Need to develop better technology innovative oriented research; it produces innovations on both short and long-term.” “Up scaling is a method not an objective. Developers and banks want reliable, cost effective turbines rather than JUST larger ones..”

Three levels of industrial technology development:

- 1) Incremental development focus on reliability
- 2) Change of component and subsystem concepts
- 3) Change of wind turbine concepts

Components

“System improvements are required to meet the necessary cost reduction, single component improvement is not enough.”

- a) Adding intelligence to get smart rotors, drive train, flexibility and magnetic bearings
- b) Development of new bearing structures
- c) Generator - problem characterisation and transient behaviour
- d) Better communication between components and grid

Tower development

“26% of the wind power cost derives from the tower, something must be done in this area”

- a) Methods to decrease the share of steel in the construction is important. Wind power energy is a large steel consumer in Europe. Some manufacturers are preparing for concrete towers.
- b) Everything that minimises loads on towers

Foundations

- a) Mainly offshore, optimisation of traditional structure and develop new structures
- b) Deeper water solutions - floating wind turbines

O&M

“Reliability is a key issue today.” “Design life does not live up to production service life.”

- a) Component reliability, studies of rate and type of failures, life length on gear boxes approx 4-12 years.
- b) Condition monitoring maintenance (a lot to learn from the oil and gas industry)
- c) Availability = function of (reliability, accessibility) must be increased
- d) Reliability of small turbines
- e) Security of operation, ship safety
- f) Reliable sensing devices (learn from other industries such as aircraft, gas and oil offshore), remote sensors with intelligent software

Logistics

- a) A general improvement of logistics, i.e. optimisation of transport and installation
- b) Clever and cheap transport, installation equipment and concepts dedicated for offshore
- c) Access to offshore structures
- d) Procedures if commissioning on quay, transport, assembly etc.

Grid system/integration - local grid (AC/DC) and national level

- a) Impact and operation in power system with high wind penetration – system operation, balancing of the system when realising the ambiguous deployment plans
- b) Improvement of energy production forecasting for system operation
- c) Regulation of power
- d) Better communication between components and grid
- e) Security of supply

Wind field knowledge

- a) Resource assessment and forecasting - develop forecasting tools with increased accuracy
- b) Remote and satellite measuring systems
- c) Offshore wind measurements needed – today very little data, important with measurements for the learning curve
- d) Methods to mix new air in wake of turbines/farms
- e) Knowledge of wind field in front of the turbine, for control

Deployment

- a) Deployment in forest terrain – challenges: Wakes and turbulences, wind models do not comply with reality that is a problem from a financial perspective. Most of the available sites are in forestry landscape, sometimes in combination with low density of population and weak grid
- b) Measurement programme is needed (see also Wind Field Knowledge)
- c) Deployment in cold climate areas – challenges: Rime ice forecasting, predict when ice will occur, turbulence and snow covered blades

- d) Deployment in deeper water

Financing/insurance

The warranties get shorter (from 5 to 2 years) with less content. This is not considered to be a R&D issue, but was mentioned as an observation.

Portfolio management

Control system for all the wind power plants in the portfolio.

Environmental impacts

Bird (especially eagles) and mammal behaviour have to be studied. Bats may be in the risk zone for damages if not treated properly.

Competence

Hard to find the right competences, better to educate “general engineers” in-house.

Competition on skilled people within the industry, important with education already at university level.

Knowledge transfer network.

International cooperation - establish a common state-of-the-art facility and pooling its R&D spending of wind energy?

New applications

- a) Plug-in vehicles (benefits: Energy storage and transportation) - need for demonstration
- b) Clean water
- a) Hydrogen
- b) Wind power plant in combination with hydro power station incl. pumped storage - need for demonstration
- c) Combine wind and wave plant suitable for shallow water

Test facilities

“Need for test facilities for onshore and offshore wind energy”

- a) Testing large blades, drive trains and new materials to verify models
- b) Testing facilities and methods for cold climate are needed

Recycling

Recycling of materials is becoming more important when older turbines are exchanged to newer ones. The “cradle to cradle” concept has to be developed and implemented.

What’s new compared to 2001

Operating agent Sven-Erik Thor made a comparison of the outcomes of today’s meeting and of the meeting in 2001.

It was noted that there are new initiatives coming from other organisations that are looking into R&D needs. It is obvious that there are a number of new players in the R&D arena today. Examples of ongoing activities that aims at identifying R&D topics:

Structured initiatives for identifying R&D

- EU/EWEA TPWind
- REOLTEC
- MEGAWIND
- AWEA

Wind power with its application in a broader sense is now discussed. Examples are:

- wind – hydro – pump storage
- plug in hybrids

Education and Knowledge Transfer Networks are now considered to be a crucial topic for the industry and utilities. IEA Task 11 has an important role to play here. In some areas it is difficult to recruit persons with adequate knowledge within some technologies.

Reliability and Operation & Maintenance are becoming more and more important, especially when considering the number of failures that occurs in wind turbines.

Other challenges

Other challenges, (except direct research needs) that the wind industry is facing today, are:

1. Military issues involving radar and radio link issues
2. Commodities price increase; infrastructure is not in place to meet national goals
3. Offshore; cost is increasing instead of going down as expected in the 2001 long-term report
4. Compensation to fishermen; or is offshore wind a recreation area for fish (reef effects)
5. Legal aspects; protection of property offshore

Miscellaneous

It is important to keep track on other technologies and how they develop.

It was suggested that IEA IA Task 11 arranges expert meetings on how to collect statistics from turbines and radar conflicts, respectively.

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