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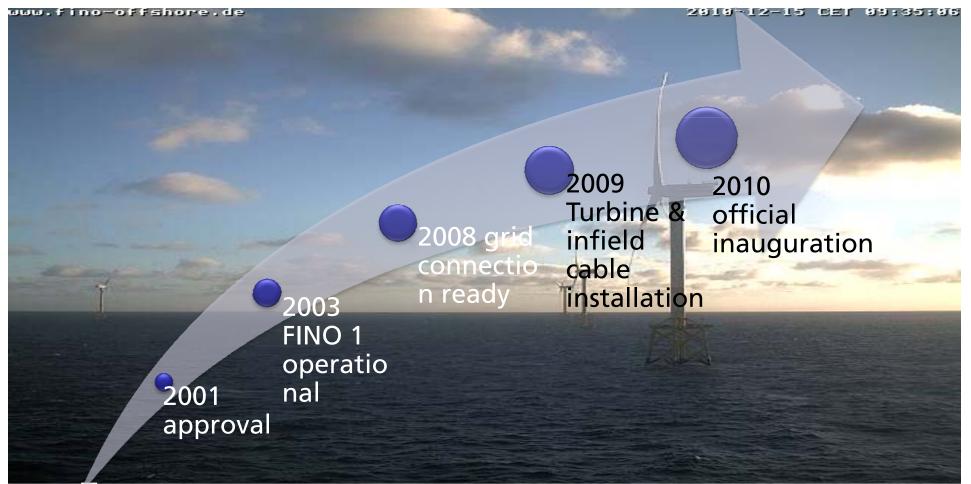
Coordination

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Alpha ventus: selected milestones



BMU-Forschungsplattform FINO 1, @Germanischer Lloyd



Alpha ventus: location and project details

- Demonstration project
- North Sea, 50 km north of Borkum
- 60 MW
- 12 WT, 5 MW each
- ~100m hub height
- ~120m diameter
- AC grid connection
- 30 m water depth
- FINO 1 nearby
- operated by DOTI

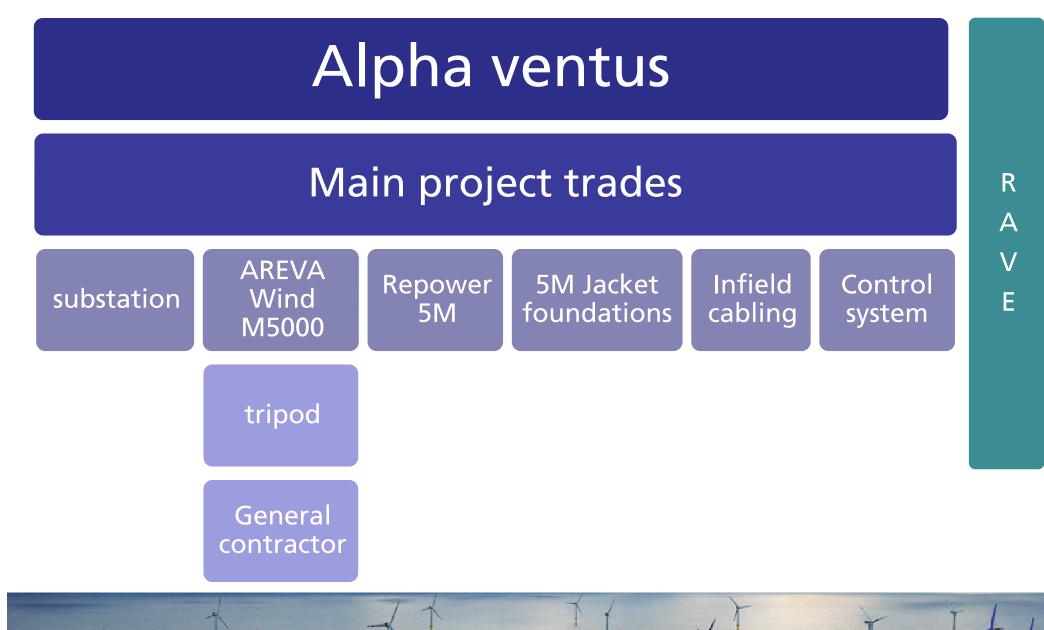






Project structure

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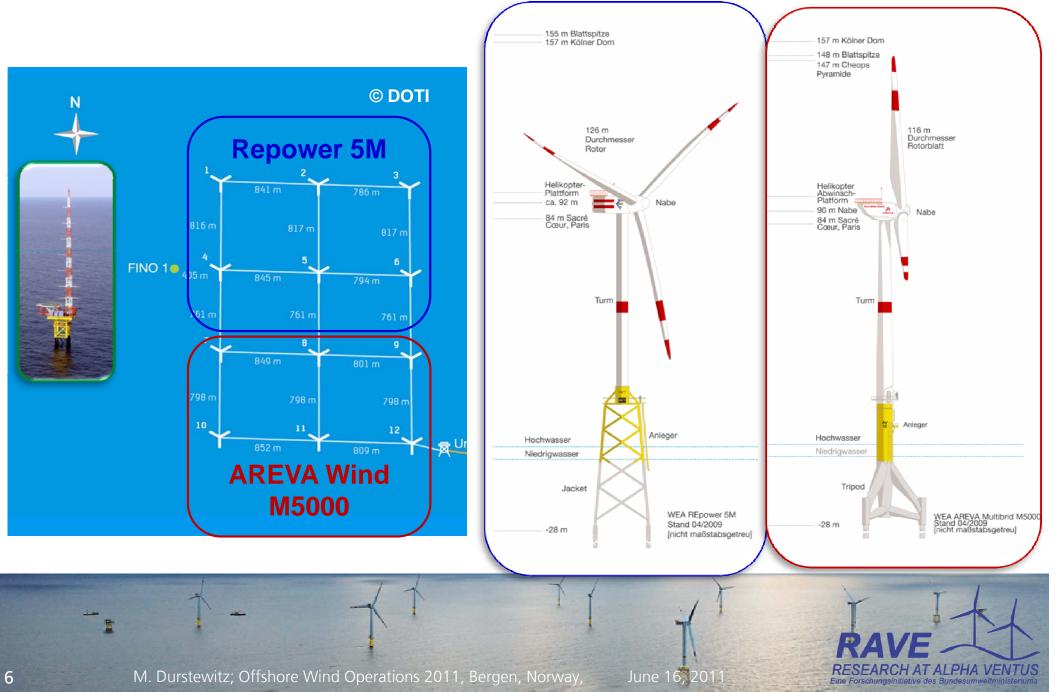


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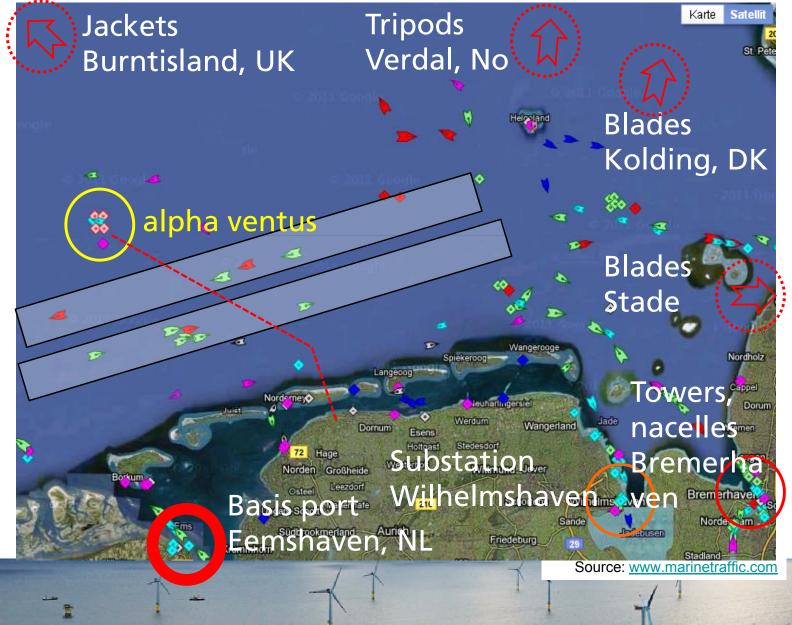
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Layout of alpha ventus



Installation logistics

Main component suppliers and locations



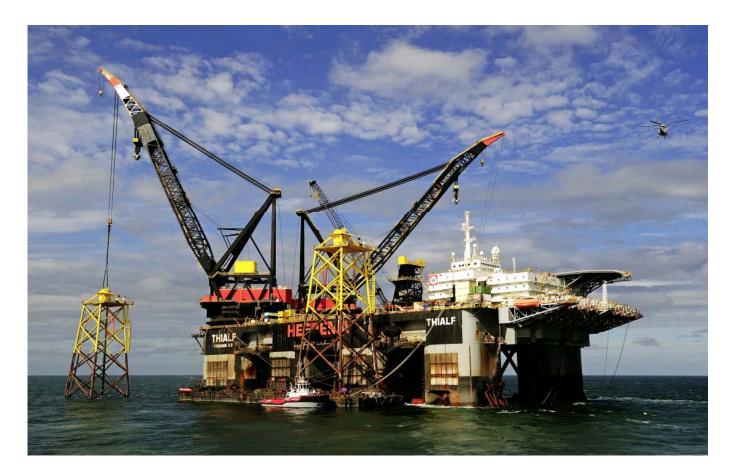
THE SEARCH AT ALPHA VENTUS Eine Forschungsinitiative des Bundesumweltministeriums

M. Durstewitz; Offshore Wind Operations 2011, Bergen, Norway,

Alpha ventus: lessons learnt

- Many contractors

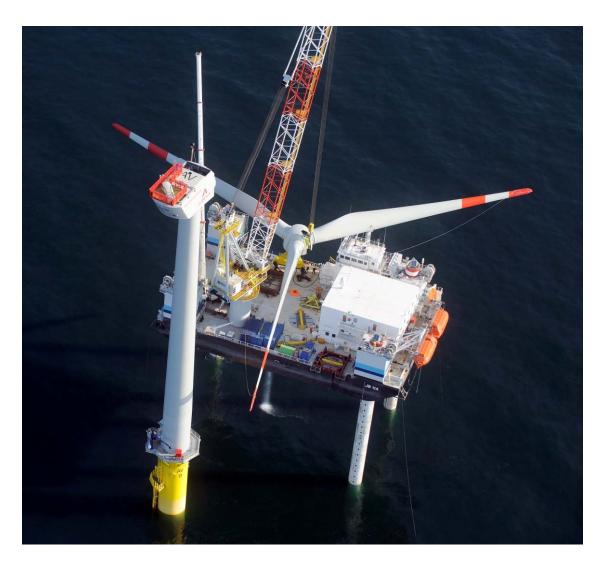
 → communication
 & scheduling
- Installation vessels: many limiting factors (weather limits, lifting capacity, tug demand, hire availabilities, etc.)
- Access to turbines
- HSE regulations
- working hours restrictions





Other experiences

- Replacement of six M5000 nacelle caused by over heating of bearings
- Damage of infield cable by inst. vessel
- Good turbine availability
- Satisfactory energy production





RAVE – Research at alpha ventus

- Accompanying research at the alpha ventus test wind farm
- initiative of the German Ministry for the Environment
- 2011: 25 projects
- More than 40 partners
- <u>RAVE steering committee</u>:





RAVE – Research at alpha ventus: objectives

- Provide evidence of the offshore-capability of the 5 MW turbine class
- Further development of turbine technology
- Investigation of outstanding questions on offshore wind energy utilization
- Expansion of the research potential in Germany



RAVE - Structure

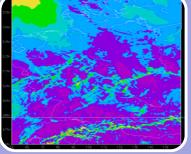
RAVE initiative



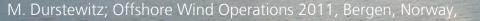
Cross sectional service projects

- RAVE coordination
- RAVE measurement service

Research project priorities

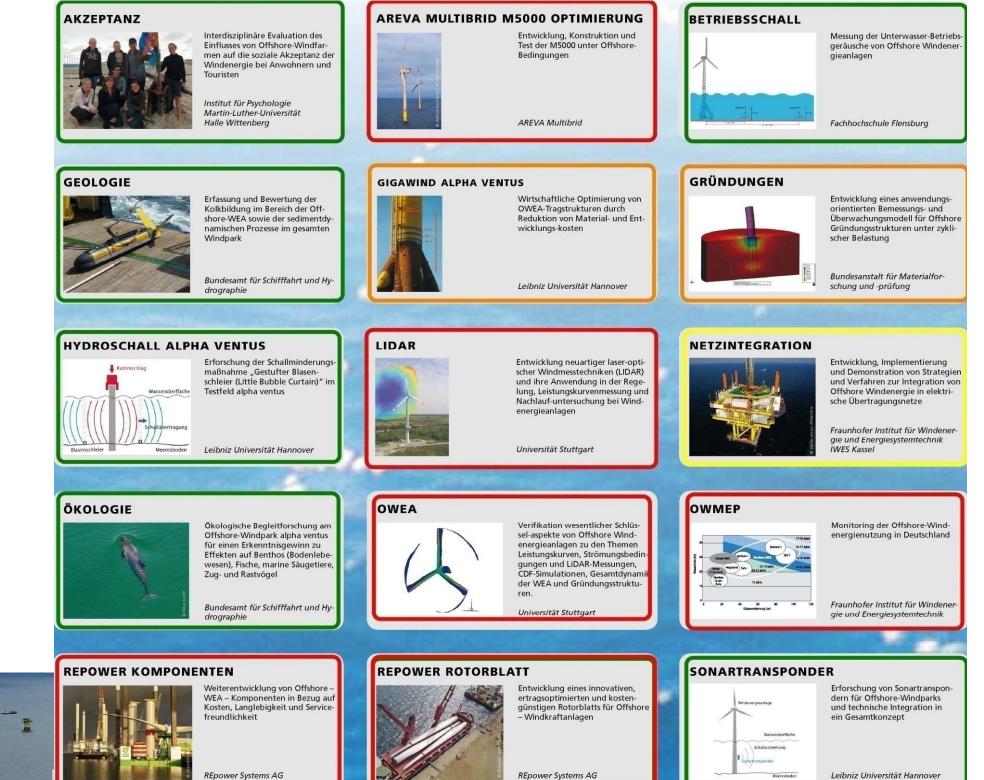


- Foundations & support structures (3)
- Turbine technology and monitoring (6)
- Ecology, environment and acceptance (6)
- Grid integration (1)



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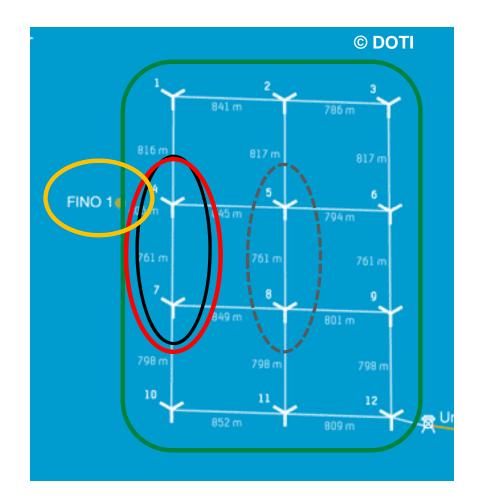


RAVE – Projects

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Overview of RAVE measurements

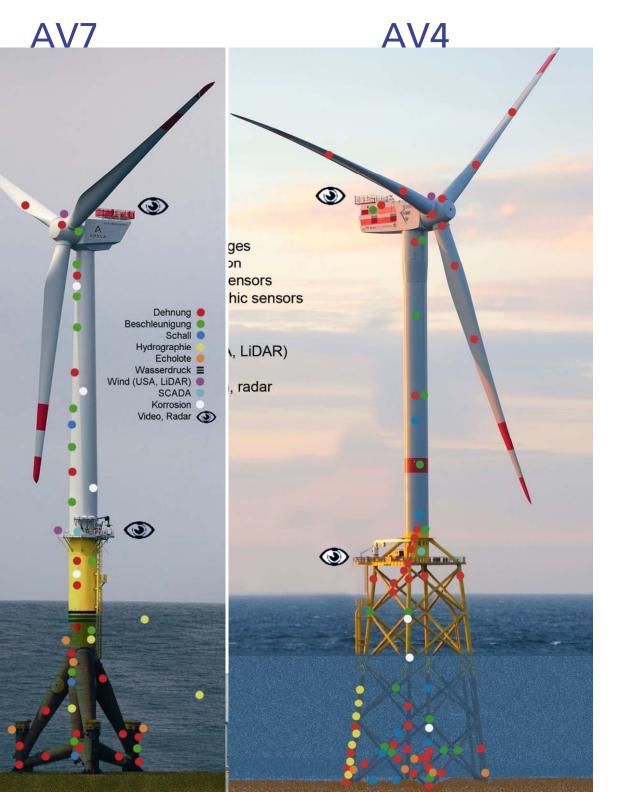
- Coordinated common measurements for all RAVE projects
- Detailed Load and turbine data from four wind turbines
- Scanning LiDAR System (upwind and downwind) on two turbines
- SCADA data of all turbines
- Geological, oceanographic and environmental data
- Electrical data from substations
- Meteorological data from FINO 1





RAVE – measurements

- ~ 1,200 sensors
- Available to accredited reseachers
- strain gauges
- acceleration
- acoustic sensors
- hydrographic sensors
- met data (USA, LiDAR)
- sonars
- water pressure sensors
- SCADA
- corrosion
- 👁 video cam, radar



Sensors on AREVA Wind M5000 / AV07 structural dynamics and acoustics



Strain gauges, structural loading



Acceleration and inclination sensor (structural dynamics)



Acoustic sensor (acoustic emissions into the water)



Sensors on AREVA Wind M5000 / AV07 – hydrography and meteorology





Carbonmast for highresolution wind measurement measurement



LiDAR (wind fields LUV and LEE of WEA)



Water pressure measurement belt (wave inflow)



PTI00 (temperature profile of the water)



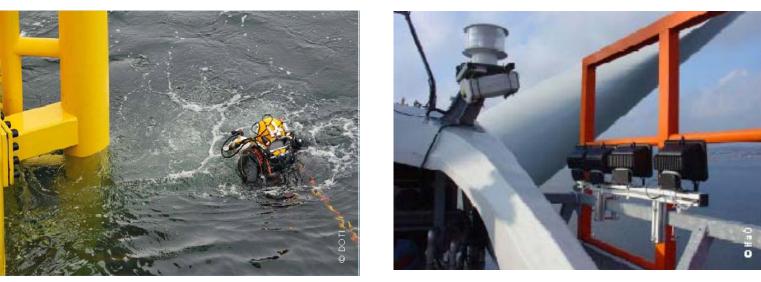
Sonars (sediment modification, scouring)



Oceanography, geology & ecological accompanying research

- Most of the installations finalised
- Regular service and maintenance of some sensor devices in the waters by divers in summer 2011







RAVE – Research: outlook

- Evaluation of data by research projects
- Analysis of results
- Presentation of first results
 - eow 2011, Nov. 2011, NL
 - RAVE International conference, May 2012, DE
- Next steps
 Concept for test field #2, ...



