
RAVE RELOADED – RESEARCH AT ALPHA VENTUS CONTINUES WITH NEW FOCUS

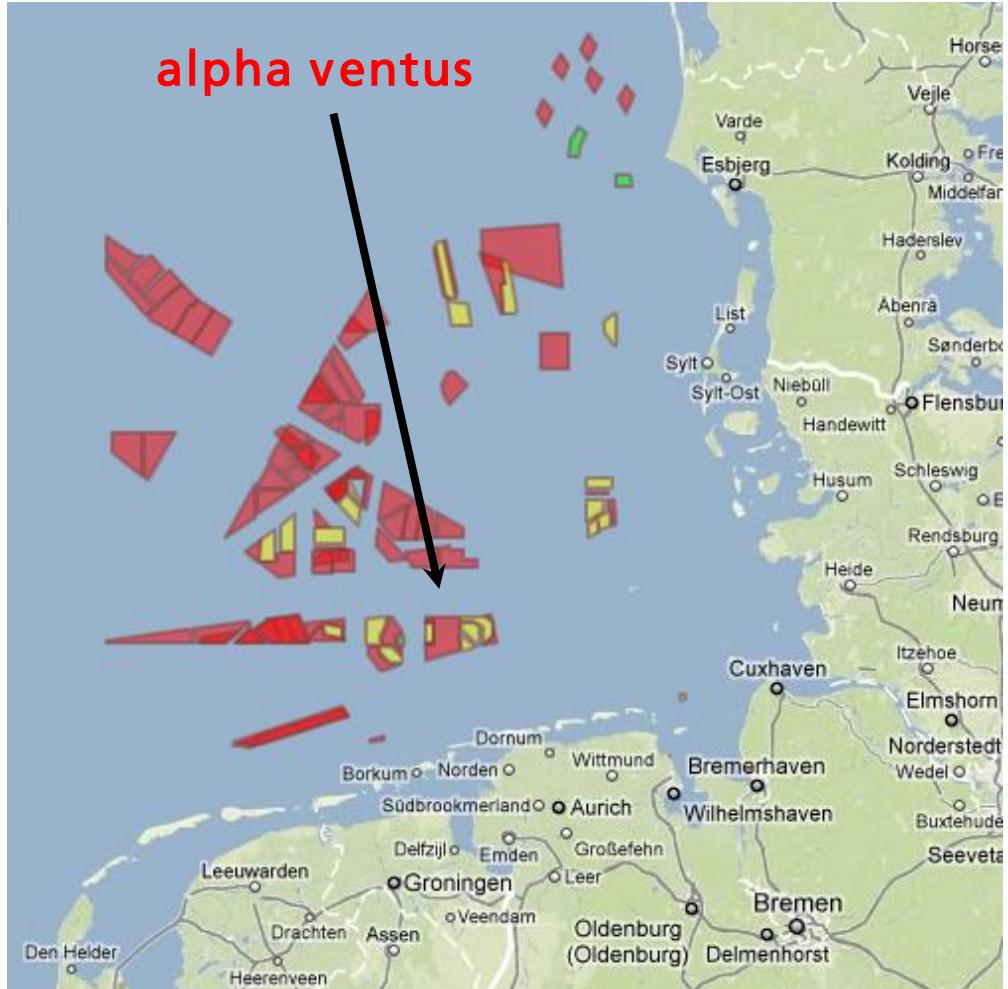
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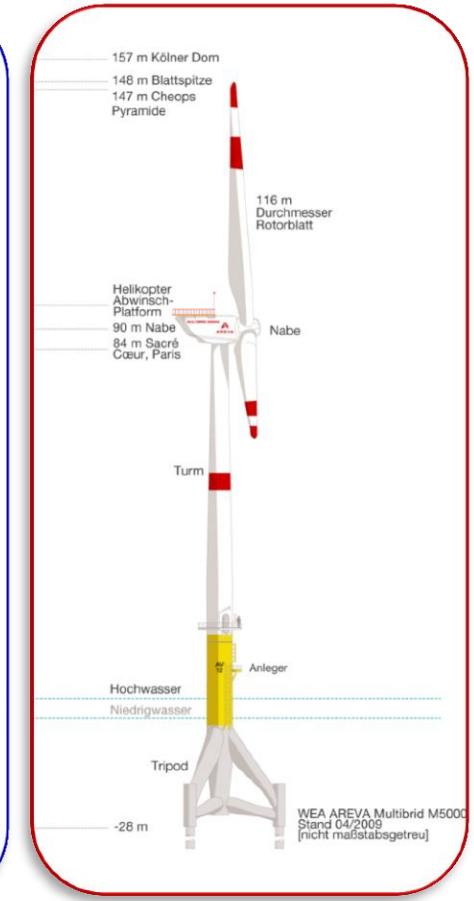
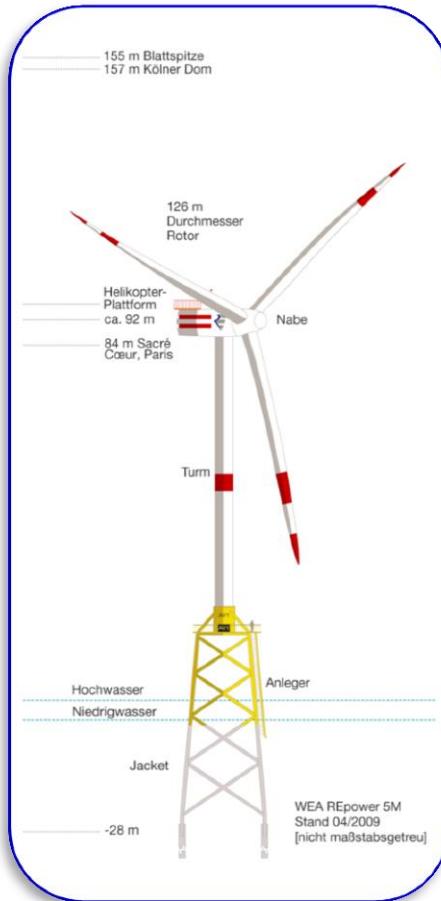
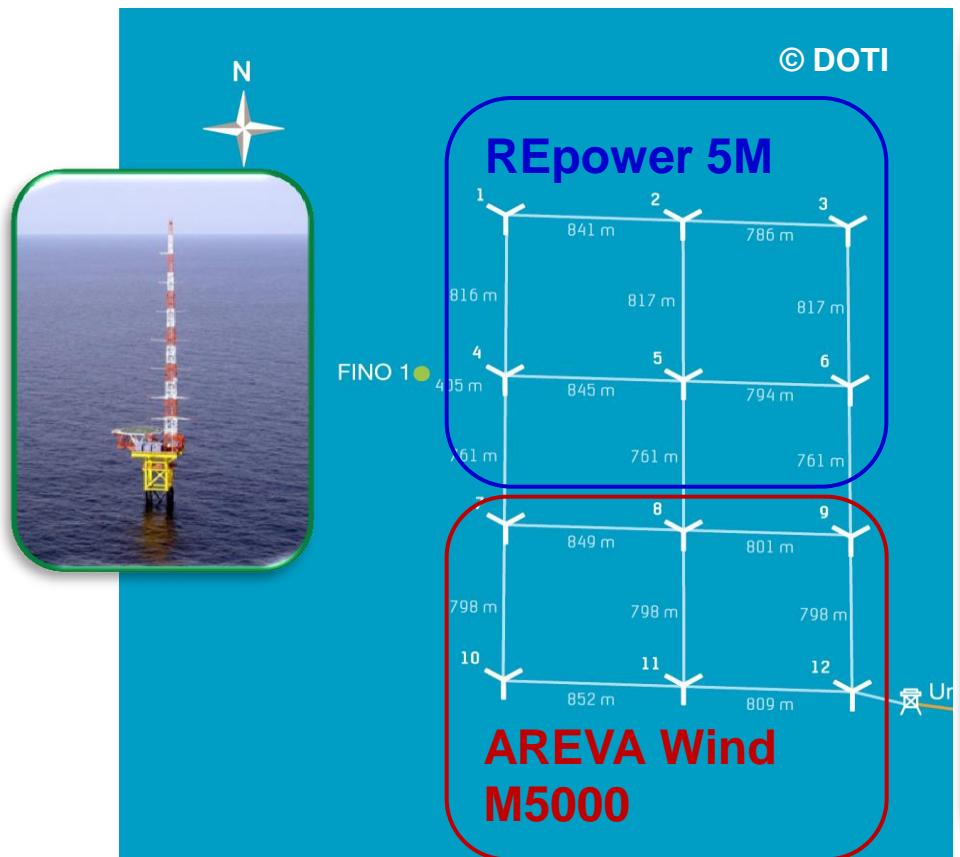
Offshore test field alpha ventus

- Distance to coast: 60 km
- Water depth: 30 m
- Erected 2009, inaugurated 2010
- Experience: High production, high availability



www.alpha-ventus.de

Layout of alpha ventus



RAVE – Research at alpha ventus

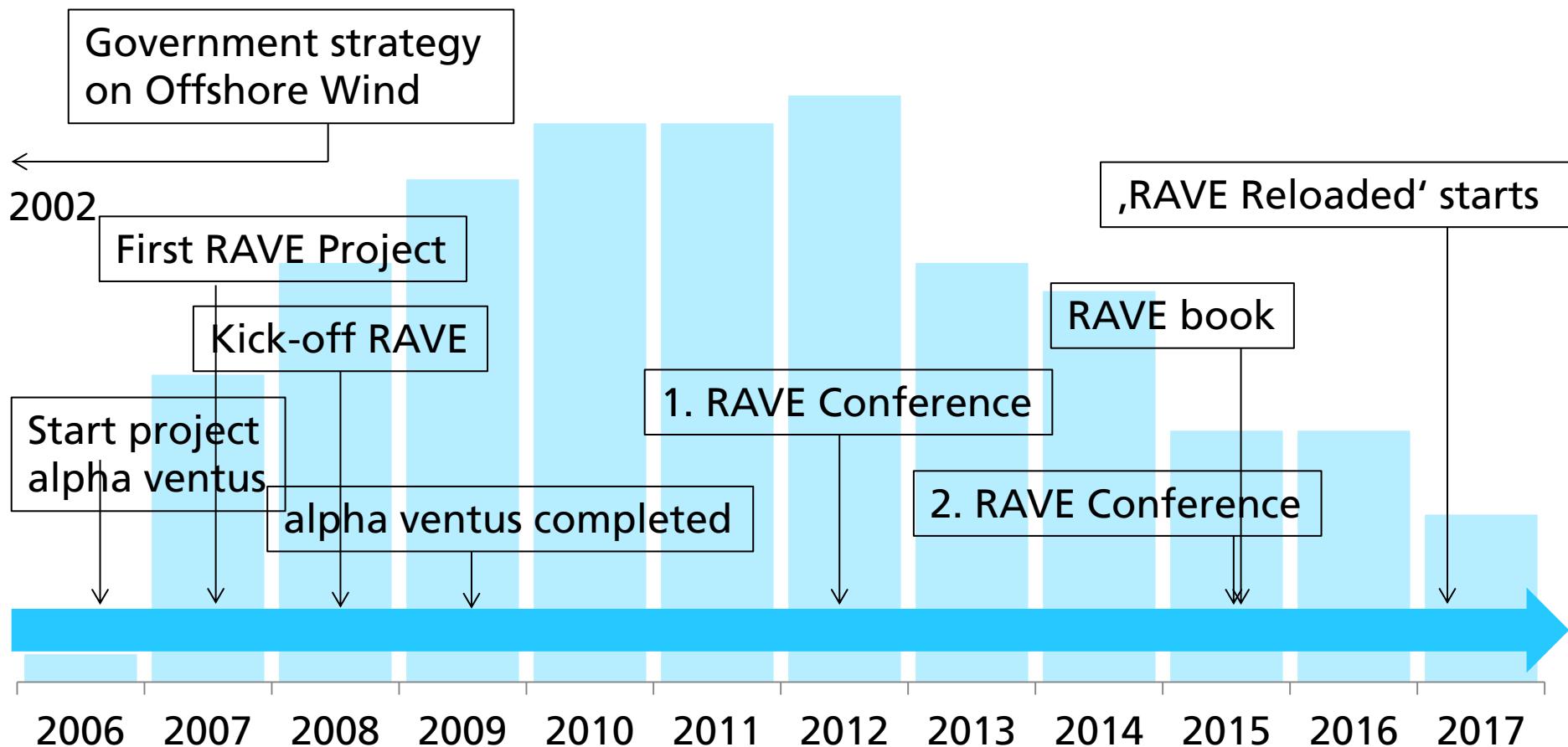


- Funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Accompanying research at the alpha ventus test site
- 30+ R&D projects
- 50+ project partners

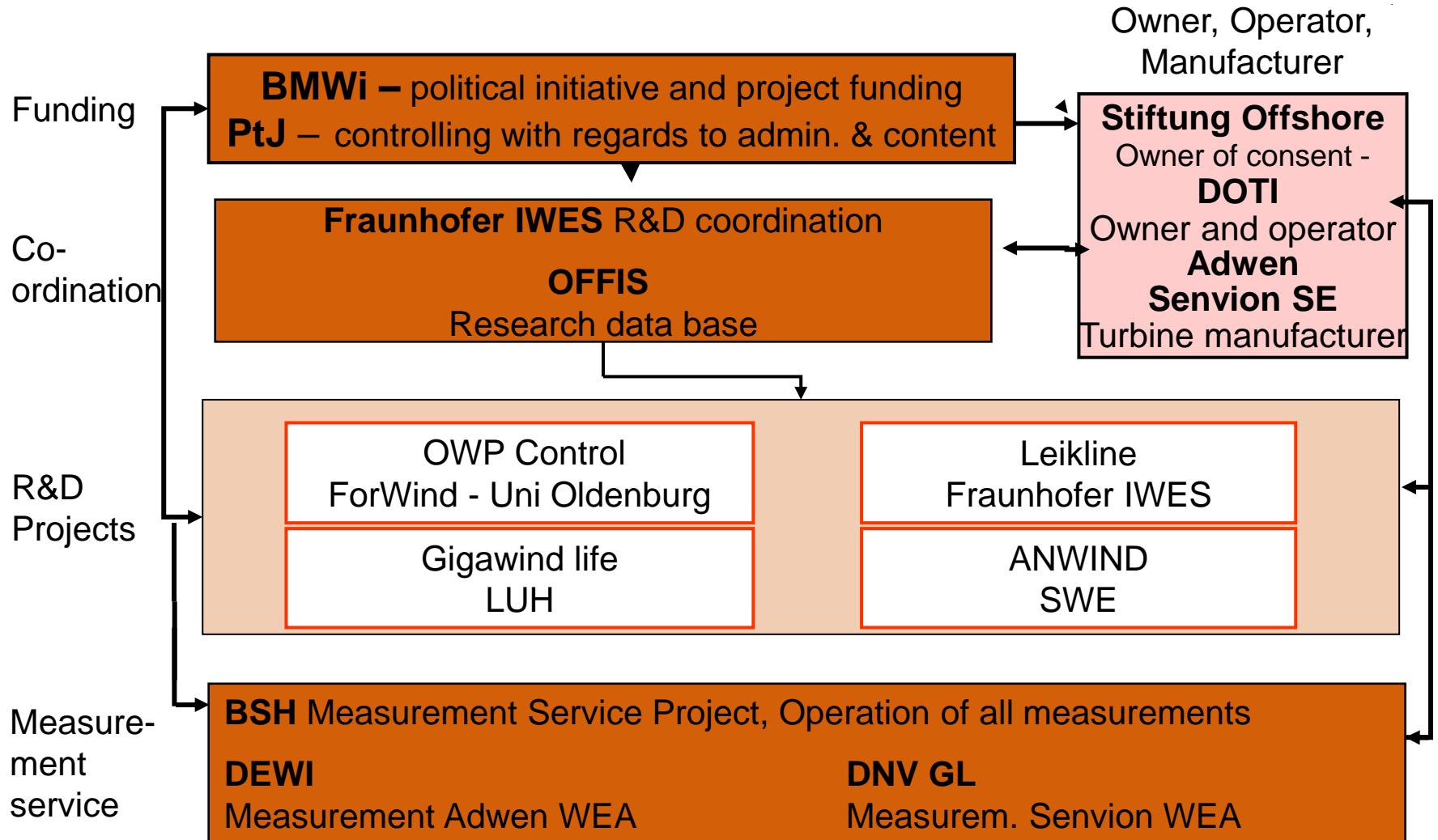
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History



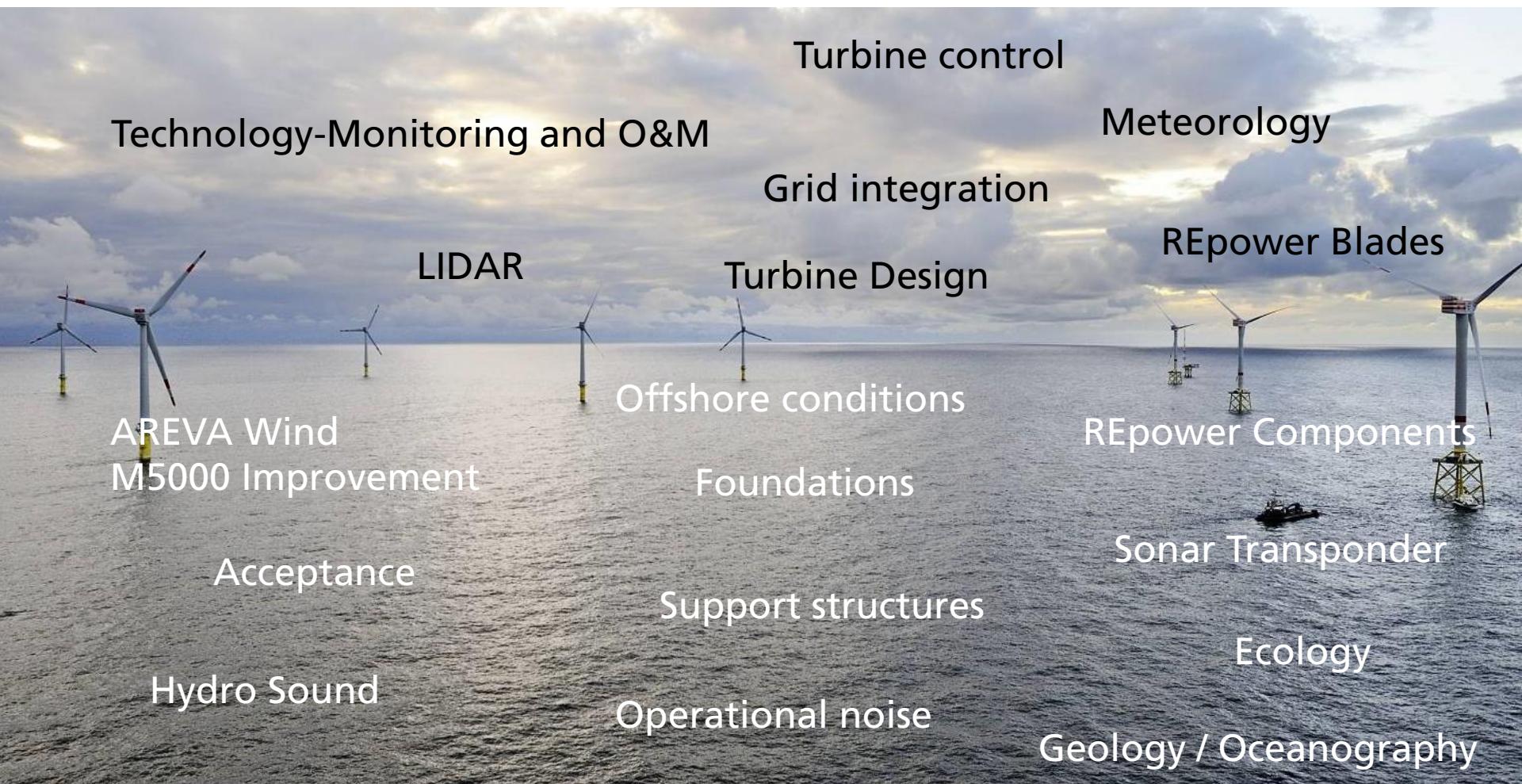
Structure



RAVE structure and organization: Make the impossible possible!

- Research at commercial (almost) prototypes
- Installation and operation of research measurements in a commercial wind farm
- Disclosure of highly sensitive design data to scientists
- Publication of research results from commercial prototypes
- 2 competing turbine manufacturer in one research initiative
- No hierachic organization

RAVE Research Projects (2007-17)





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RAVE Measurements: Example AV07



Structural
dynamics



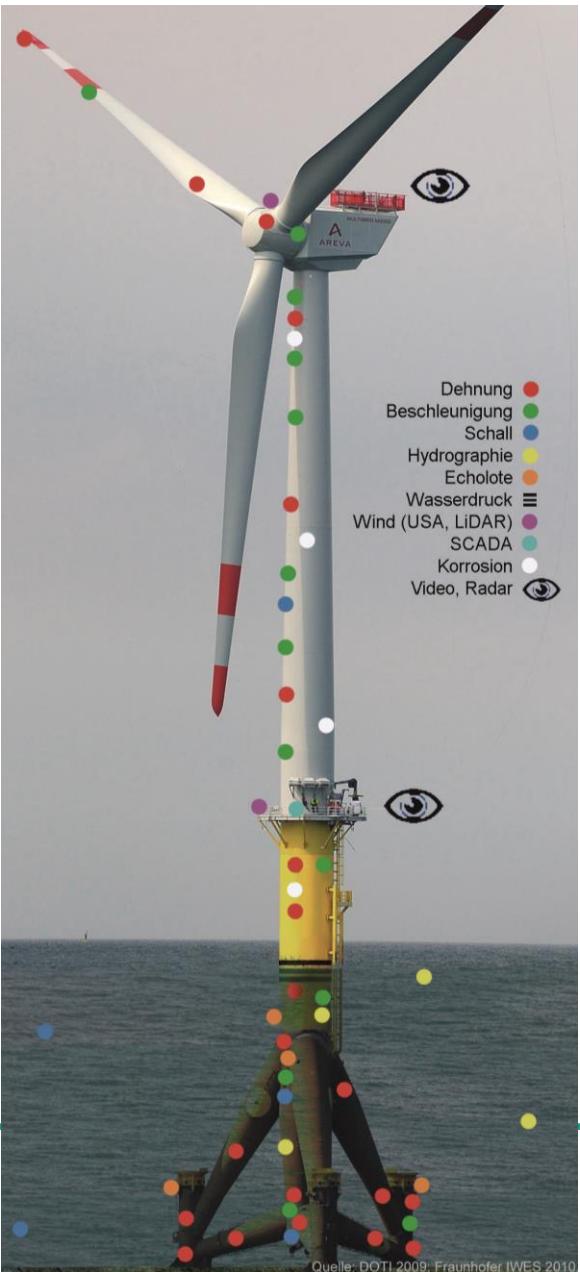
Wave water
pressure



Sound
emmission



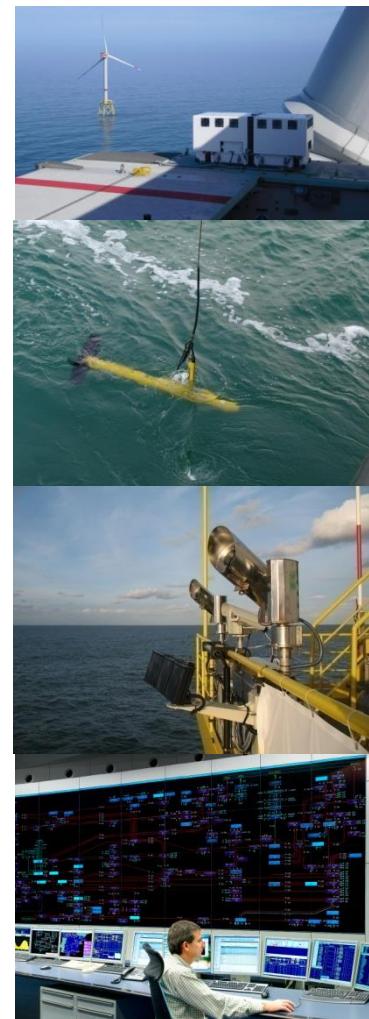
Corrosion



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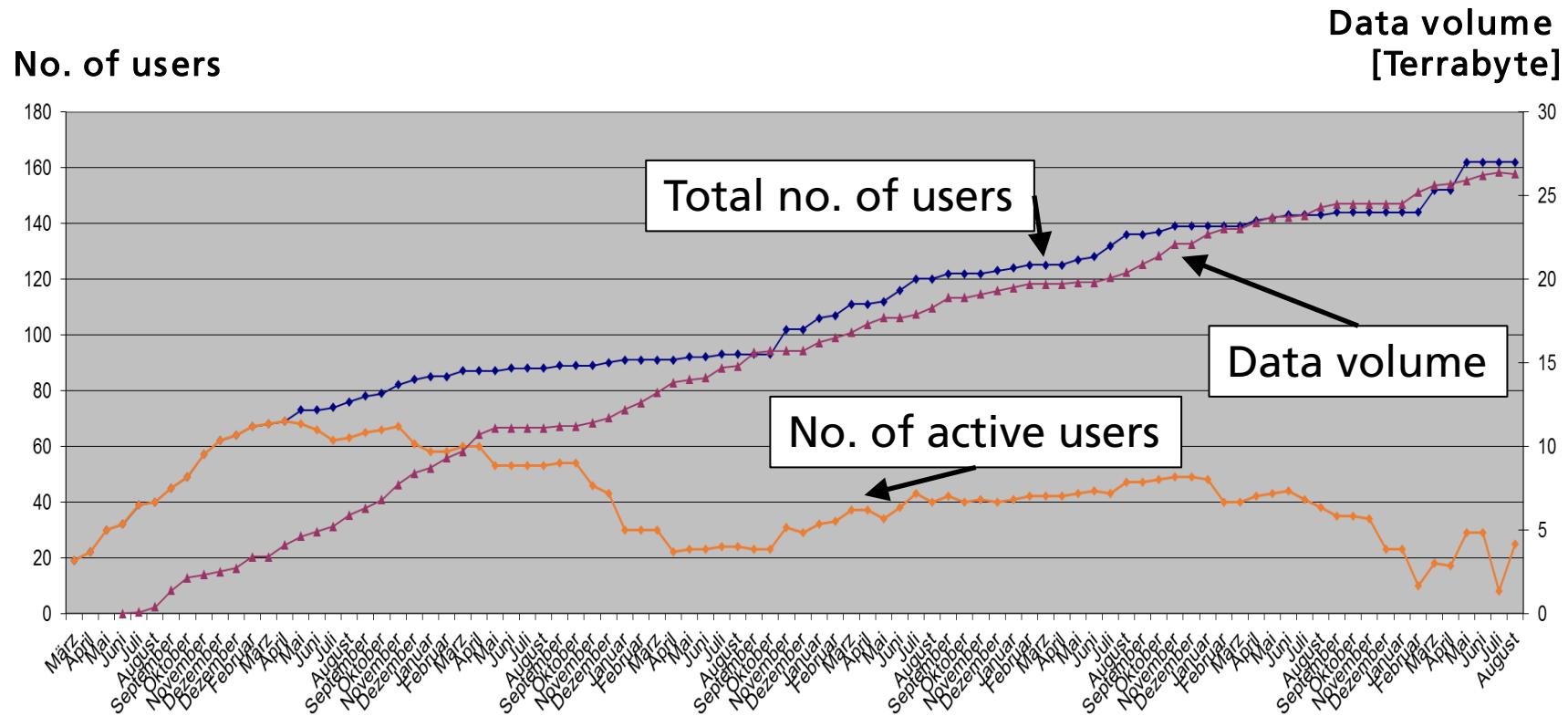
Bird
observation



Operational
data



RAVE data base of measurement data



RAVE met the initial aims

- Prove the offshore-capability of the 5 MW turbine class
 - Very good power production of alpha ventus
 - Use of the WEA types in large commercial wind farms
- Further development of the turbine technology
 - Successor models have been developed by both manufacturers
- Investigation of open questions to offshore wind power utilization
 - Up to now +35 research projects – extremely large improvement of knowledge in many areas
- Development of research potential in Germany
 - Research capacity and quality in offshore wind power substantially improved

RAVE is continuing



- RAVE has produced an invaluable and unique data set of measurements
- Very extensive operational measurement equipment (incl. Fino 1)
- First German wind farm with longest operational experience
- Established and coordinated research initiative with long-term Cooperation between industry and research community
- Erection of several wind farms in the vicinity

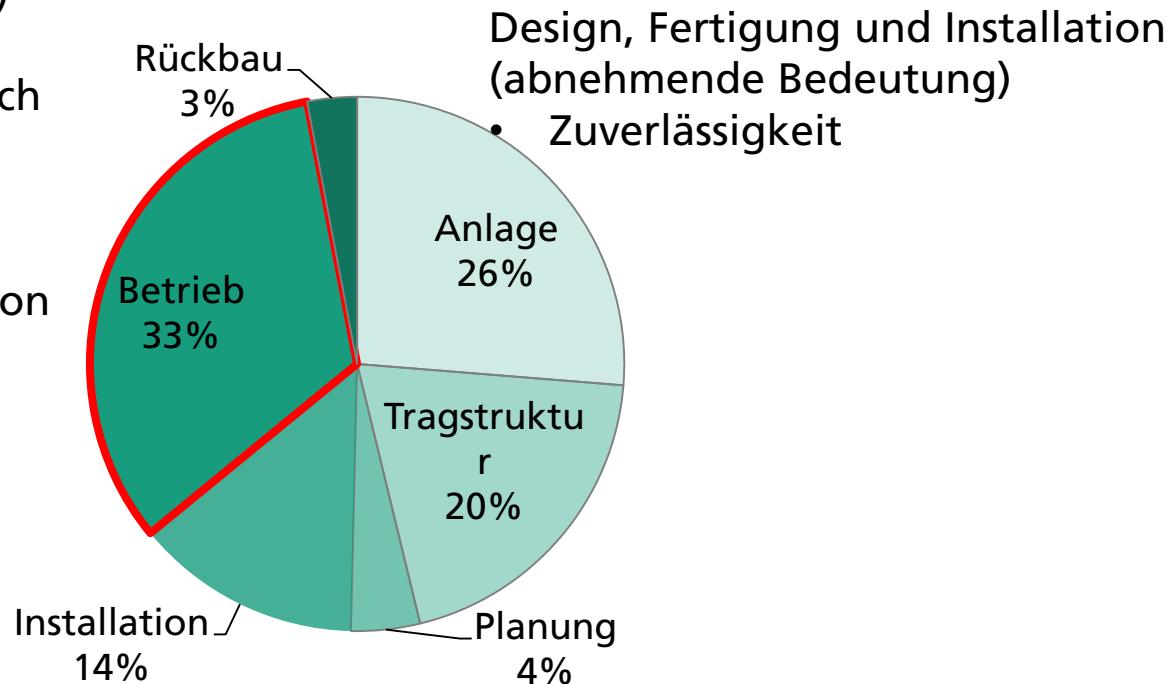
- New phase started February this year
- Aims: Cost reduction and risk mitigation
- Focus of research activities: Optimization of operation
- Changes in organization:
 - Adapted measurement concept
 - long-term data archive
 - improved approval process for data

Zukünftige Forschungsthemen

Rückbau oder Weiterbetrieb (später)

Betrieb (zunehmende Bedeutung)

- Smart Wind Farms – Kostensenkung im Betrieb durch Überwachung und Regelung
- Zustandsüberwachung
- Optimierung Betriebsführung
- Netzanbindung und –integration



Umweltauswirkungen (abnehmende Bedeutung)

- Langzeitauswirkungen
- Kumulierte Effekte

Forschungsfragestellungen zu Zuverlässigkeit, Lebensdauer und Design

- Lebensdauermodelle überprüfen
- Beitrag zur Verbesserung der Designmethoden (Sicherheitsbeiwerte, etc.)
- Validierung statischer Verfahren zu Zustandsüberwachung und Ausfallwahrscheinlichkeit von Komponenten und Systemen
- Entwicklung von Verfahren zur Restlebensdauerbestimmung und Laufzeitverlängerung
- Überprüfung von Korrosionsmodellen

Forschungsfragestellungen zu Betrieb, Windparkeffekten und Umwelt

- Smart Wind Farms – Kostensenkung im Betrieb durch Überwachung und Regelung
- Einfluss benachbarter Windparks aufeinander (Lasten, Ertrag, ...) durch Vergleich vor/nach Bau weiterer Windparks
- Validierung von CMS Systemen, ihrer Detektionssicherheit und Zuverlässigkeit
- Datenbasis für Life-Cycle Cost Modelle
- Langzeitauswirkungen auf die Umwelt
- Auswirkungen kumulierter Effekte auf die Umwelt

Conclusions

- RAVE and alpha ventus were a great success in supporting the start the German offshore development and the German research capabilities
- RAVE continues with new aim on cost reduction and focus on operation

Save the date



- For the third time, RAVE organizes a conference on Offshore Wind R&D

Offshore Wind R&D Conference 2018

November 14-16, 2018 in Bremerhaven, Germany

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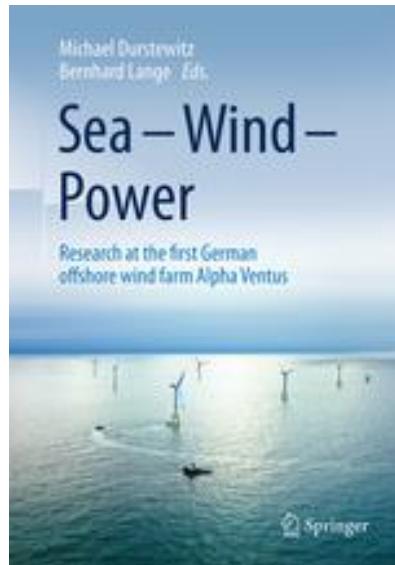
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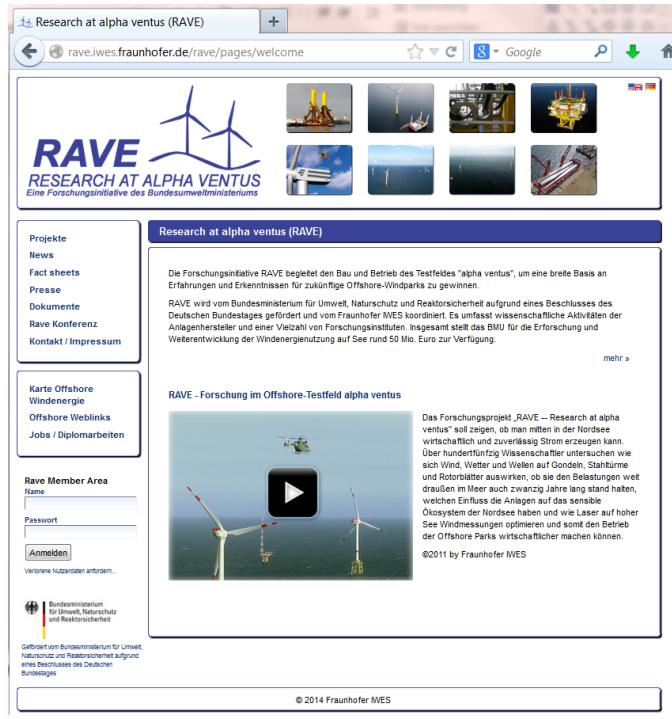
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www.rave-offshore.de

OFT Homepage:
<http://www.offshore-testfeld.de/>

RAVE video:
DVD and youtube



RAVE book (Springer):
Sea – Wind - Power



The screenshot shows the RAVE website homepage. At the top, there's a banner with the RAVE logo and a subtitle: "Eine Forschungsinitiative des Bundesumweltministeriums". Below the banner, there are several thumbnail images related to offshore wind energy. The main content area has a blue header "Research at alpha ventus (RAVE)". Under this, there are sections for "Projekte", "News", "Fact sheets", "Presse", "Dokumente", "Rave Konferenz", "Kontakt / Impressum", "Karte Offshore Windenergie", "Offshore Weblinks", "Jobs / Diplomarbeiten", and "Rave Member Area". A video player is embedded in the page, showing a video about the RAVE project. The bottom of the page includes a footer with the Fraunhofer IWES logo and copyright information.



Offshore wind power research
conferences 2012, 2015 and 2018

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