

# Physics and engineering of wind power systems

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**Wind energy use – a good idea since a lot of years**

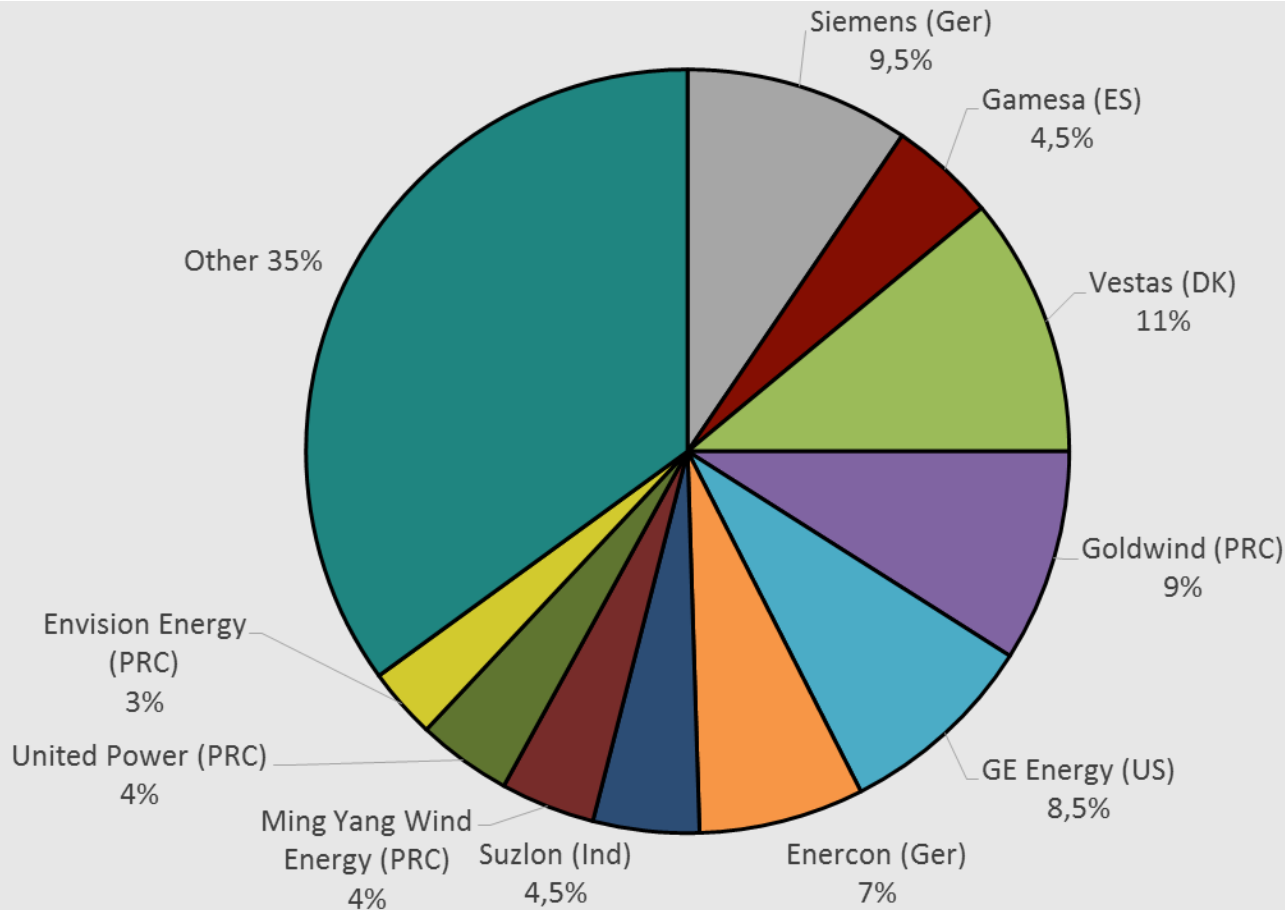


### Wind energy use worldwide (values rounded)

	Rated Capacity [GW]	Share worldwide [%]
	the end of 2016	worldwide 2016
China	169	35
USA	82	17
Germany	50	10
India	29	6
Spain	23	5
United Kingdom	15	3
France	12	2
Canada	12	2
Brazil	11	2
Italy	9	2
Remaining countries	76	16
<b>total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>100</b>

Germany at beginning of 2016 about 50 GW, 46 Onshore and 4 Offshore.  
 For comparison:  
 At the end of 2003: world about 40 GW, Germany about 15 GW

Source: <http://www.gwec.net/global-figures/graphs/>



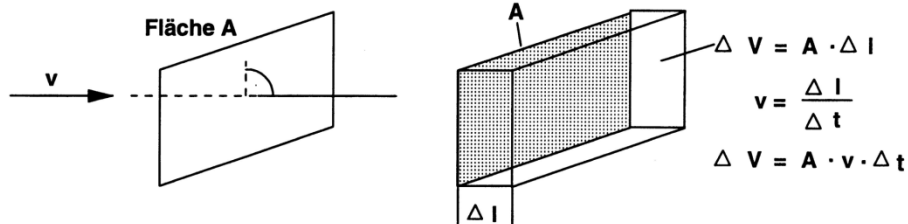
**New erected capacity 2015:**  
**56.000 MW**

Source: <http://www.ingenieur.de/Fachbereiche/Windenergie/Das-9-groessten-Windradhersteller-Welt>

## Shares of the suppliers in the world market in 2015

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### Derivative of the equation with steady velocity of wind $v$



### Kinetic energy $E$ of a mass element $\Delta m$

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \Delta m v^2$$

$$\Delta m = \Delta V \cdot \rho_L$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \cdot A \cdot \rho_L \cdot v^3 \Delta t$$

$V = \text{volume}$

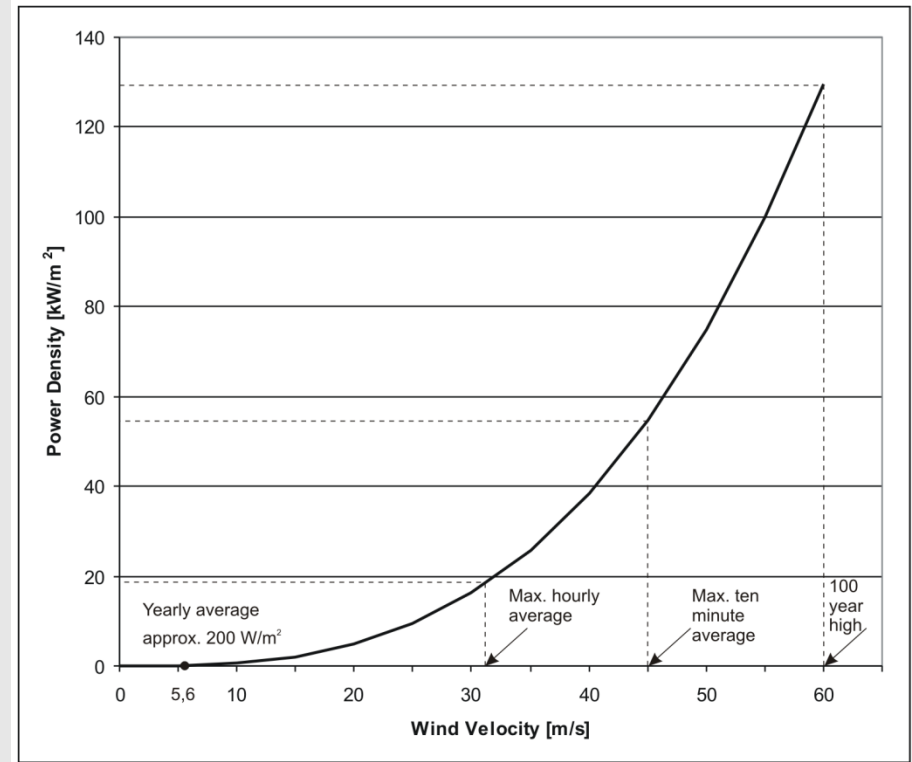
$\rho_L = \text{density of air}$   
 $= 1,2 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} A \rho_L v^3 \cdot t$$

$$P = \frac{E}{t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot A \cdot \rho_L \cdot v^3$$

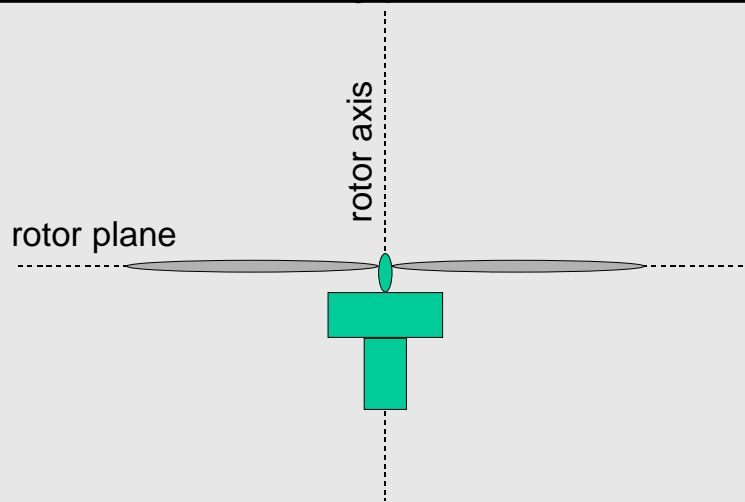
### Efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{P_{el}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_L \cdot A \cdot v^3}$$



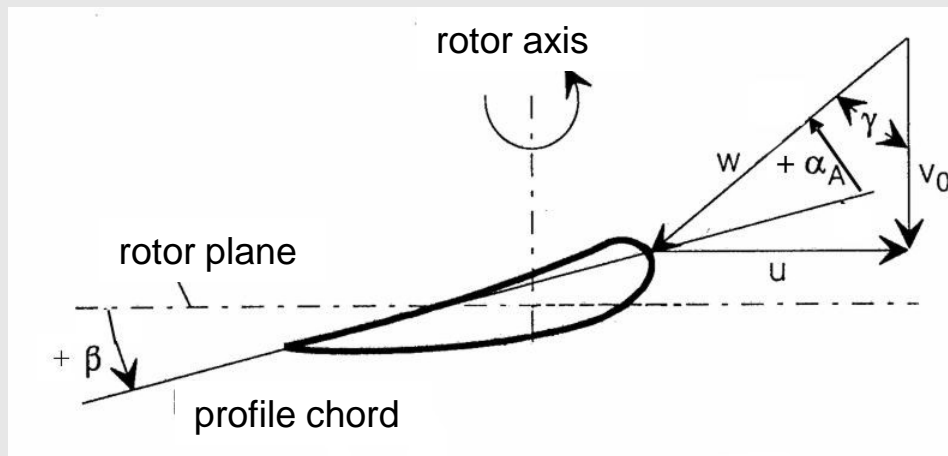


## Bird's eye view of horizontally positioned rotor blades



- $a_A$  = angle of attack (angle between profile chord and relative approach velocity )
- $\beta$  = pitch angle
- $\alpha$  = angle between wind velocity and approach velocity
- $\gamma$  = circumferential velocity
- $v_0$  = wind velocity in the rotor axis
- $w$  = relative approach velocity

## Bird's eye view of vertically positioned rotor blades



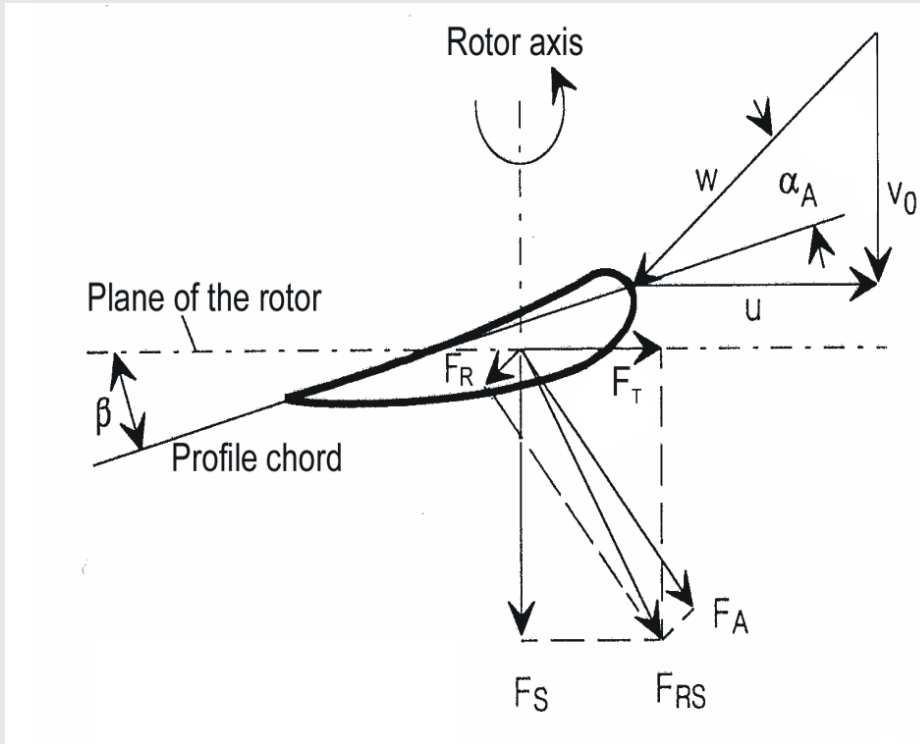
### for the pitch angle applies:

$\alpha_A$  should be optimal,  
besides use  $b$  as a set variable in accordance to  
 $v_0$  and  $u$  (revolution)

$$\alpha_A = f(\beta, v_0, u) = \arctan(v_0/u) - b$$

## Velocity triangle at the rotor blade

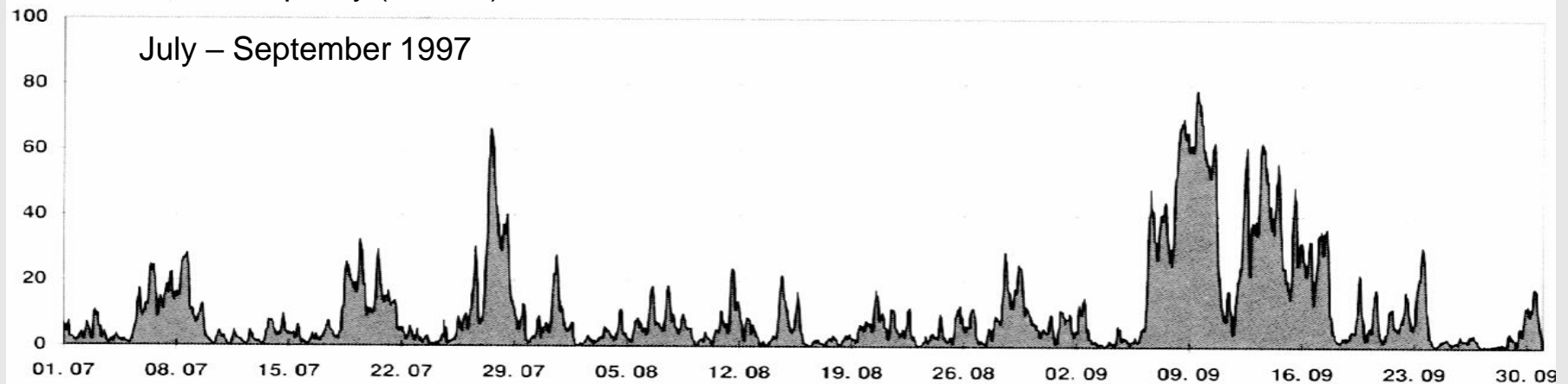




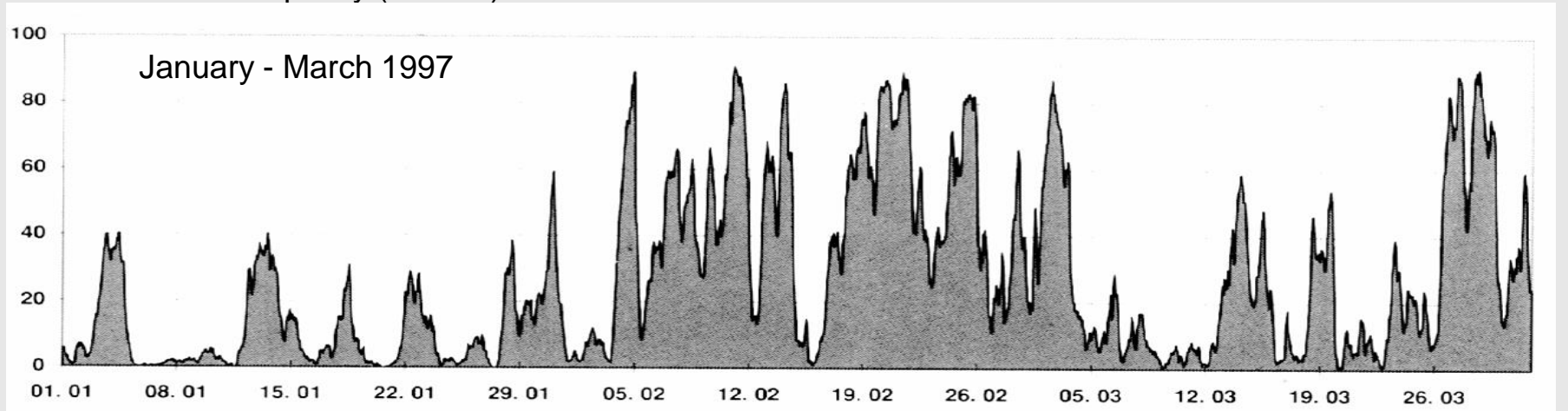
$\alpha_A$	= Angle of attack
$\beta$	= Pitch Angle
$u$	= Average circumferential velocity
$v_n$	= Wind velocity in the rotor plane
$w$	= Relative approach velocity
$F_R$	= Drag force
$F_A$	= Lift force
$F_{RS}$	= Resultant force
$F_T$	= Tangential component
$F_S$	= Axial component

## The velocities and forces acting on a blade

Percent of total capacity (28 MW)



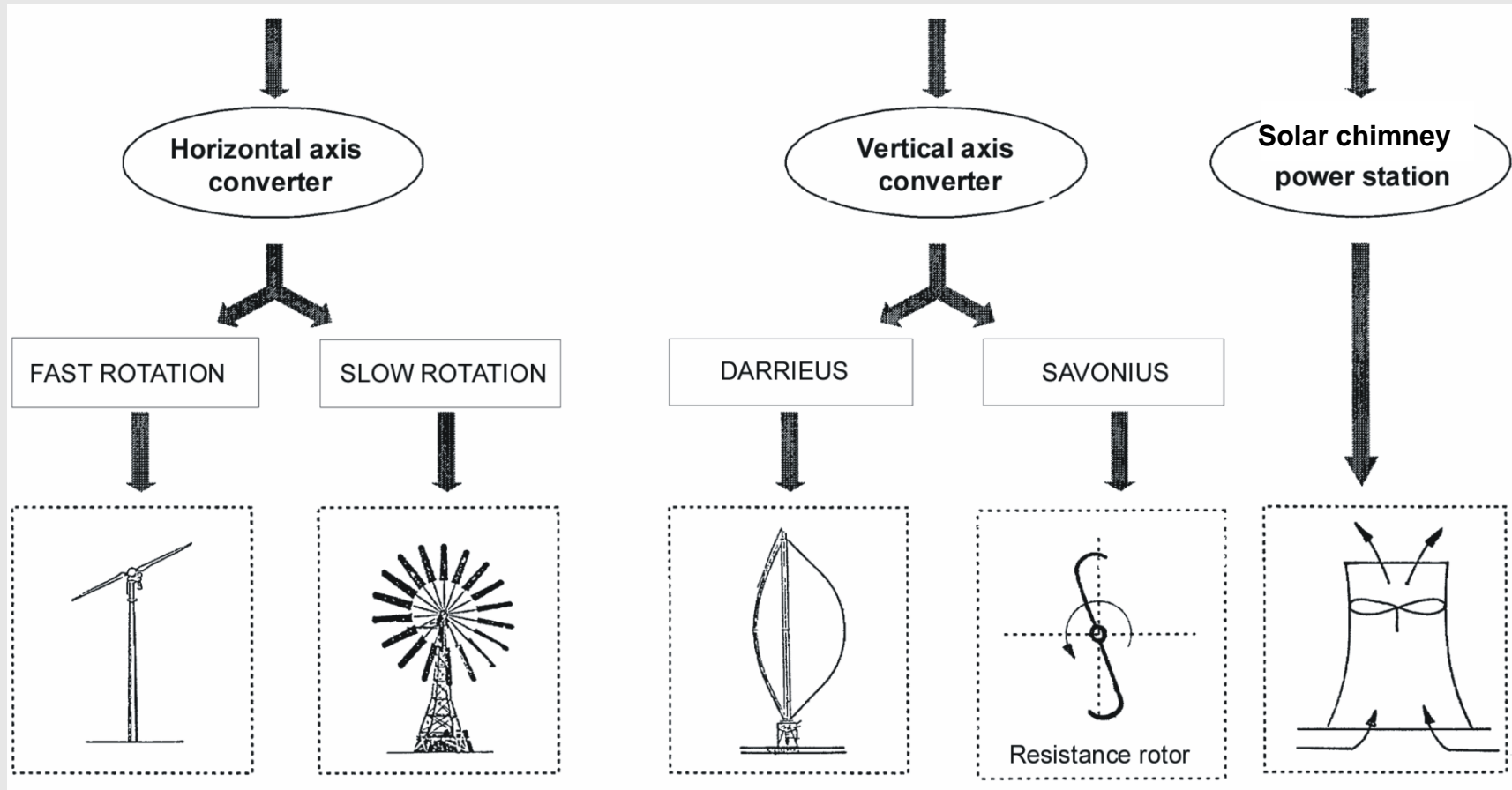
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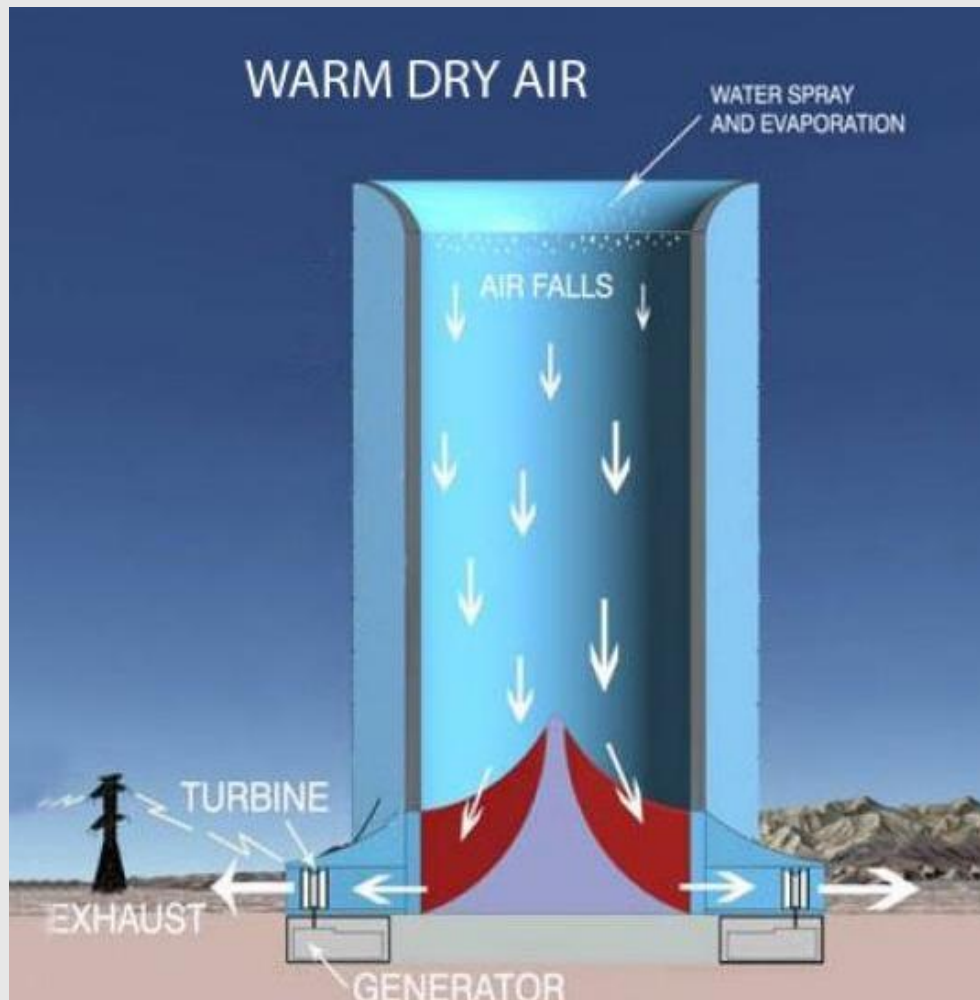


Source: 250 MW-Auswertebericht: zitiert nach M. Kleemann, FZ Jülich, Vortrag Dehli Januar 2002

## Load distribution – Measurement 250 MW program

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Warm air flows up into the tower, at the top of the tower water is sprayed into the air. The water evaporates and cools the air. By the ensuing convection the air sinks toward the ground and drives a vertical axis turbine. Subsequently, the cold air flows back into the environment.

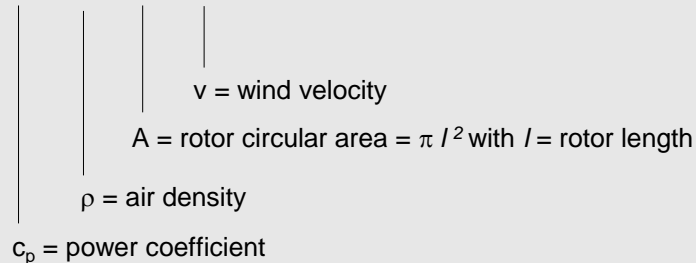
Suitable locations are hot and dry areas with nearby large water supplies. The independent time of day electricity production is advantageous.

Source: (Information and graphic): <http://www.solarwindenergytower.com/the-tower.html>

**Planned Energy Tower ( solar - wind hybrid power plant ) in Arizona , USA**

## Definition of the rotor power

$$P = 0,5 \cdot c_p \cdot \rho \cdot A \cdot v^3$$



## Dependence of the power coefficient $c_p$

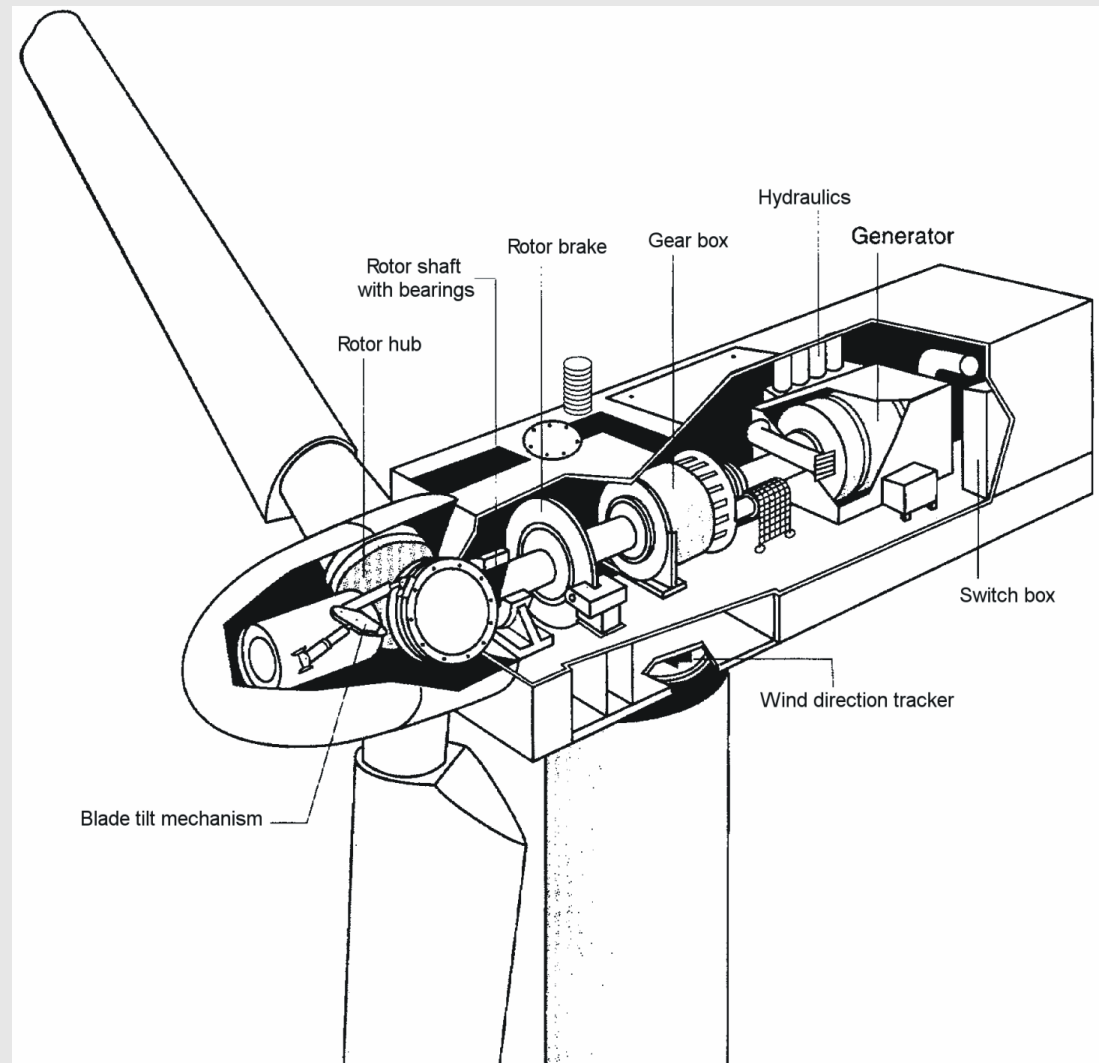
$c_p$  interdepends with three factors:

1. Blade design, i.e. ratio of buoyancy factor to friction factor = glide ratio.  
The glide ratio affects the tip speed ratio strongly.
2. Ratio blade tip velocity to wind velocity = tip speed ratio  $\lambda$   
Dutchmen windmills:  $\lambda = 2 - 4$   
Modern 3-blade conversion systems:  $\lambda = 3 - 12$   
Limitation of the tip speed ratio in practice due to sound emissions (blade tip velocity contributes to sound emissions with the power of six)
3. Ratio of the sum of all blade areas to the rotor circular area  $A$  = solidity ratio.  
which is simplified the number of rotor blades.

## „Cooking recipes“ for dimensioning of wind energy conversion systems

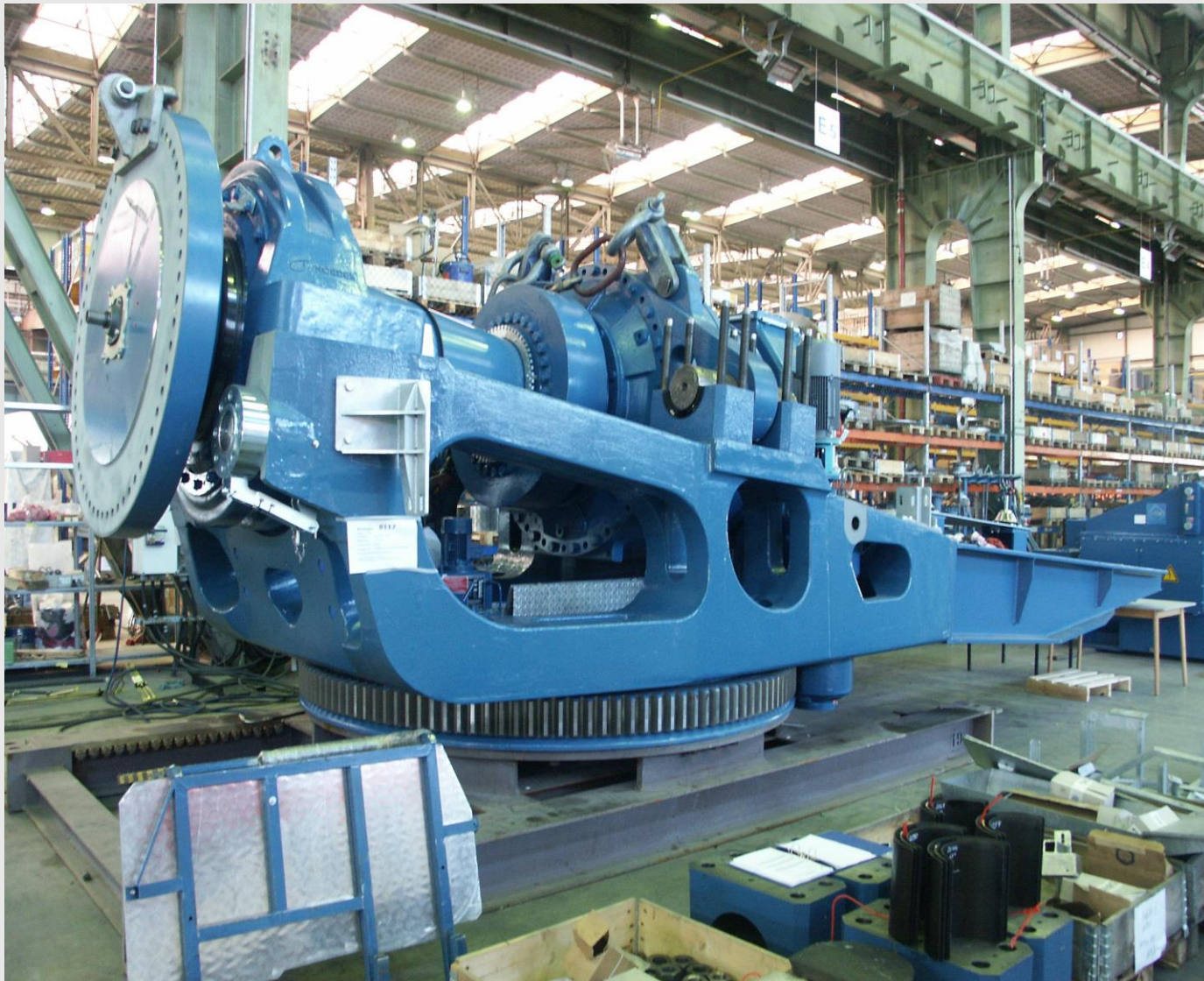
1. High glide ratios lead to high tip speed ratios and therefore to a large power coefficient  $c_p$   
→ Modern converters with good aerodynamic profiles rotate quickly.
2. Simple profiles with a smaller glide ratio have smaller tip speed ratios. Therefore is a large solidity ratio required to achieve an increase of the power coefficient.  
→ Slow rotating converters have poor aerodynamic profiles and a high number of blades
3. Glide ratio and tip speed ratio have a larger influence on the power coefficient than the solidity ratio.  
→ Number of blades for fast rotating converters has a secondary relevance (in practice mostly 2-3).

# Dimensioning of wind energy conversion systems



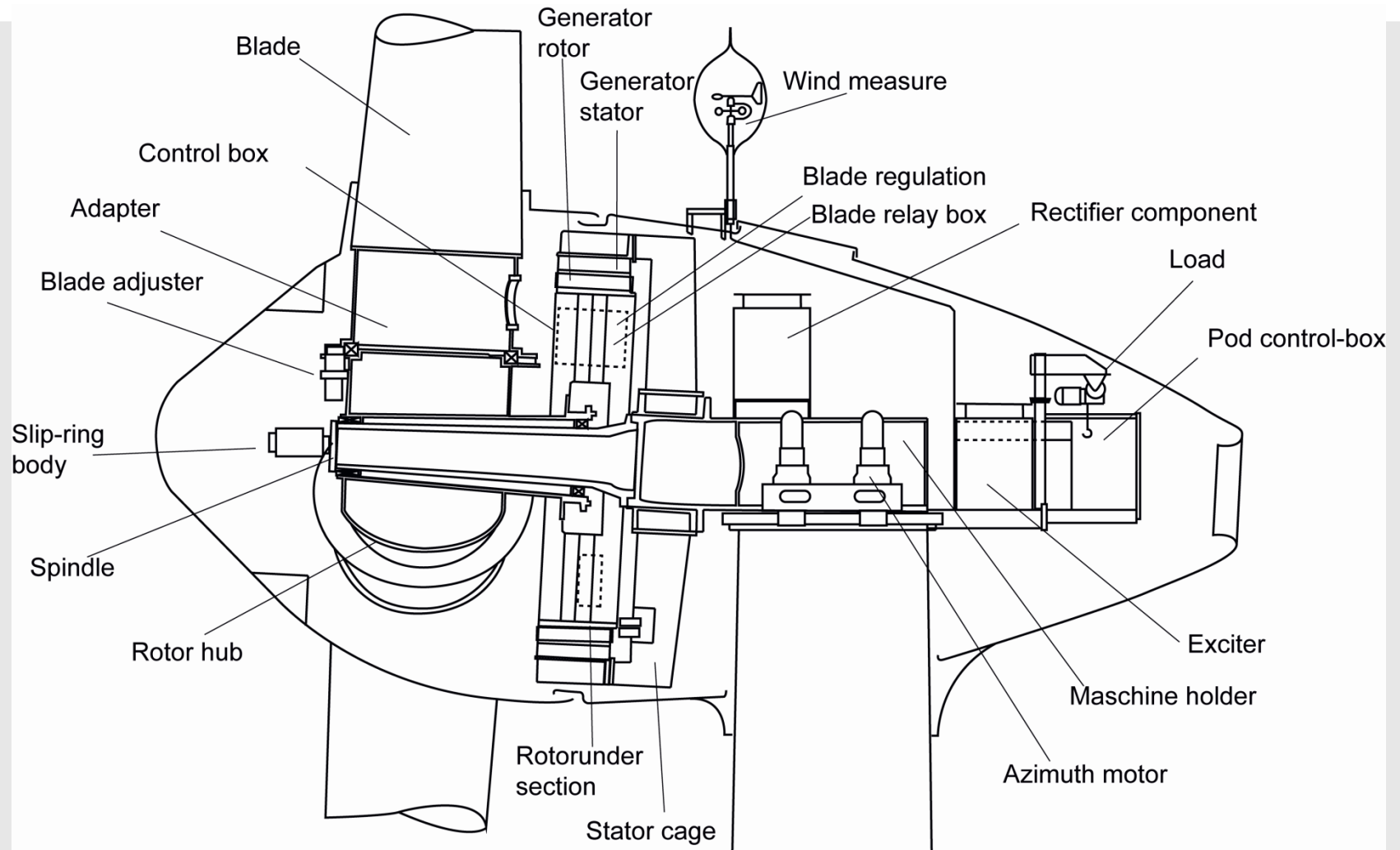
**Constructional type of a WECS with „classical“ power train**





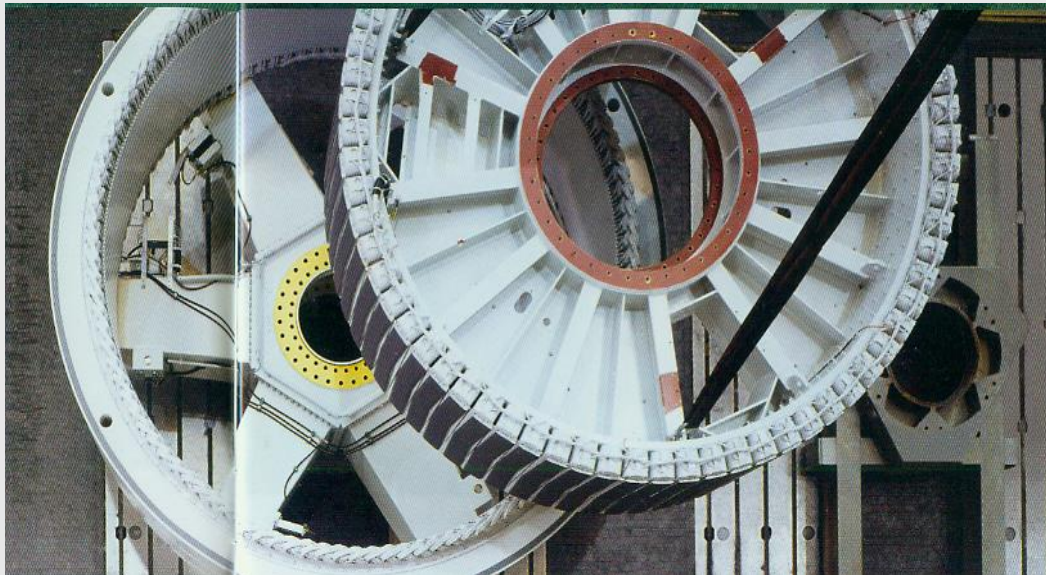
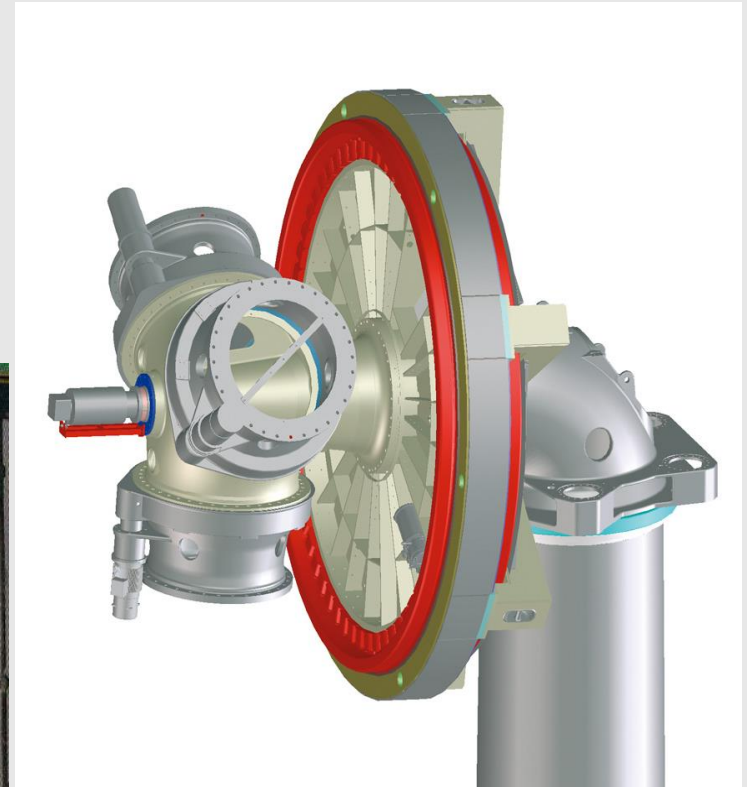
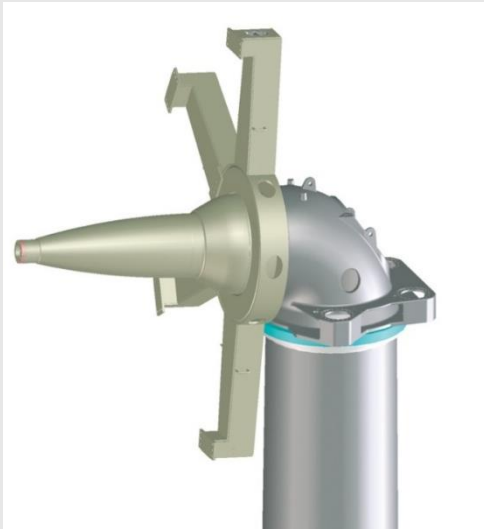
Source: Nordex AG

## Assembling of a wind converter by Nordex AG



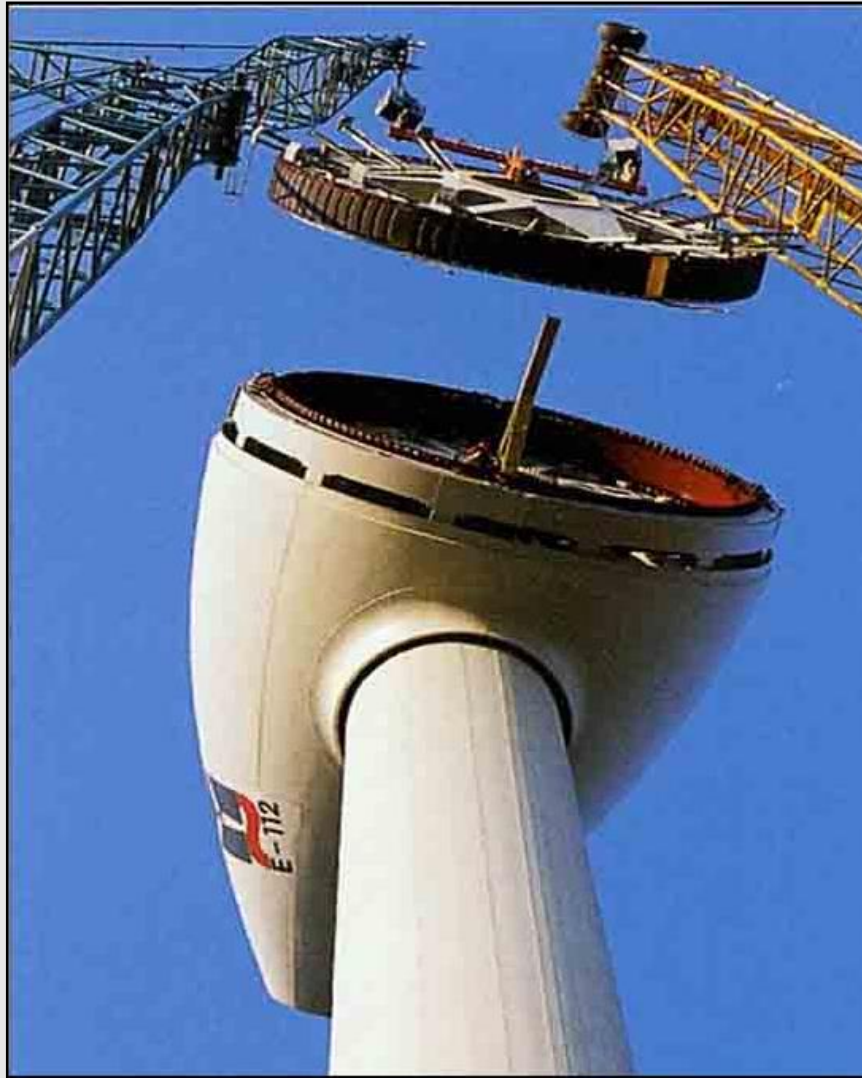
**Constructional type of the WEC Enercon-66**





Source: ENERCON GmbH

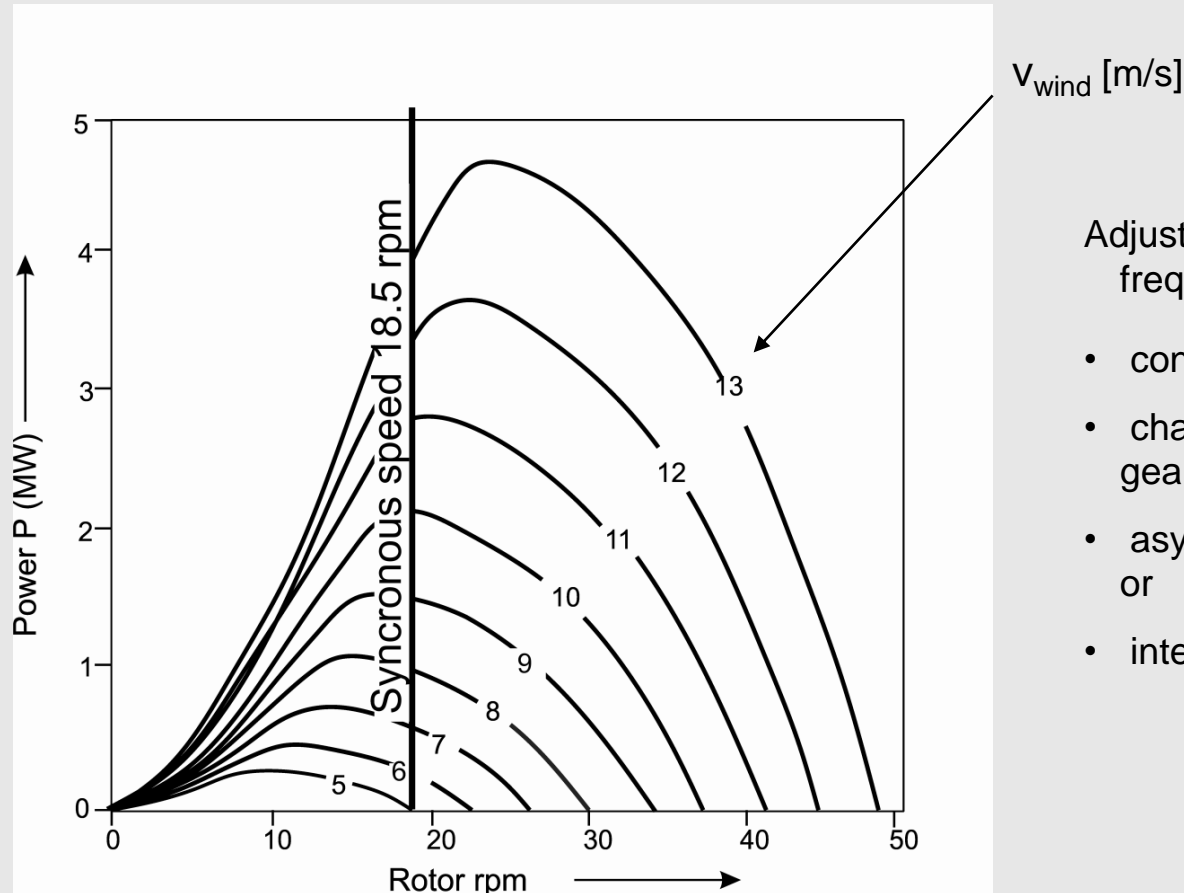
**Wind energy converter without gear box**



**Installation of the generator by a wind mill without gears**

	Enercon E-182 E3	REpower 3,2 MW
Design	without gearbox	with gearbox
Hub height	80 - 130 m (onshore)	100 - 130 m (onshore)
No. of blades	3	3
Rotor speed	6-18 rpm	6.7 -12 rpm
Rotor diameter	82 m	114 m
Material of blade	Fibreglass (reinforced epoxy)	Fibreglass (reinforced epoxy)
Blade regulation	Pitch	Pitch
Rated power	3 MW	3.2 MW
Transmission ratio of gearbox	None	approx. 99
Generator	Multi-pole	Asynchronous, few poles
Grid connection	Via frequency converters	Via frequency converters

The technical figures of two different multi-megawatt wind turbines for onshore



Adjusting of the revolutions and the line frequency with:

- controllable gearing or
- changeable number of pole pairs (electrical gearing) or
- asynchronous generator with extended slip or
- intermediate direct currency link

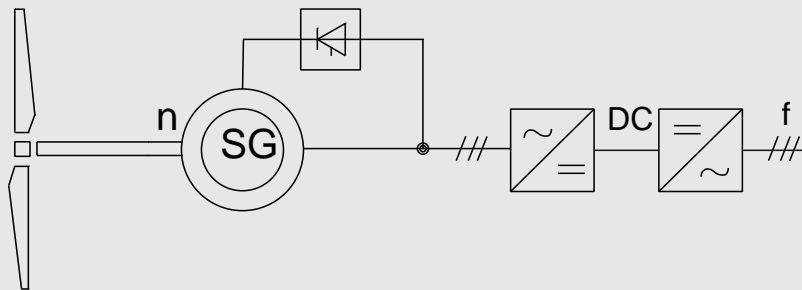




**New devices need testing: Problems with gear boxes**



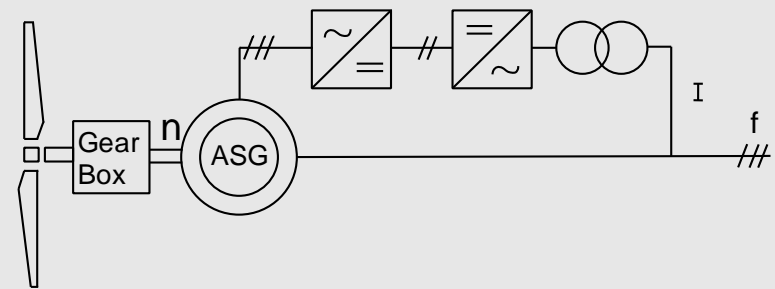
### Grid connection for synchronous generators (SG) without gear box



$n = 0.5$  to  $1.2$  ( $f/p$ ) (controllable)  
Inductive reactive load  
Controllable reactive power

$n$  = rotation number [1/min]  
 $f$  = frequency [1/s]  
 $p$  = number of polepairs  
 $s$  = slip between the mechanical and magnetical rotation

### Grid connection of asynchronous generators (ASG) Double excited asynchronous generator



$n = (1+s) f/p$ ,  $s = 0$  to  $0.3$  (controllable)  
Controllable reactive power

Source: Introduction to Wind Energy Systems, Hermann-Josef Wagne & Jyotirmay Mathur

## Example of grid connection

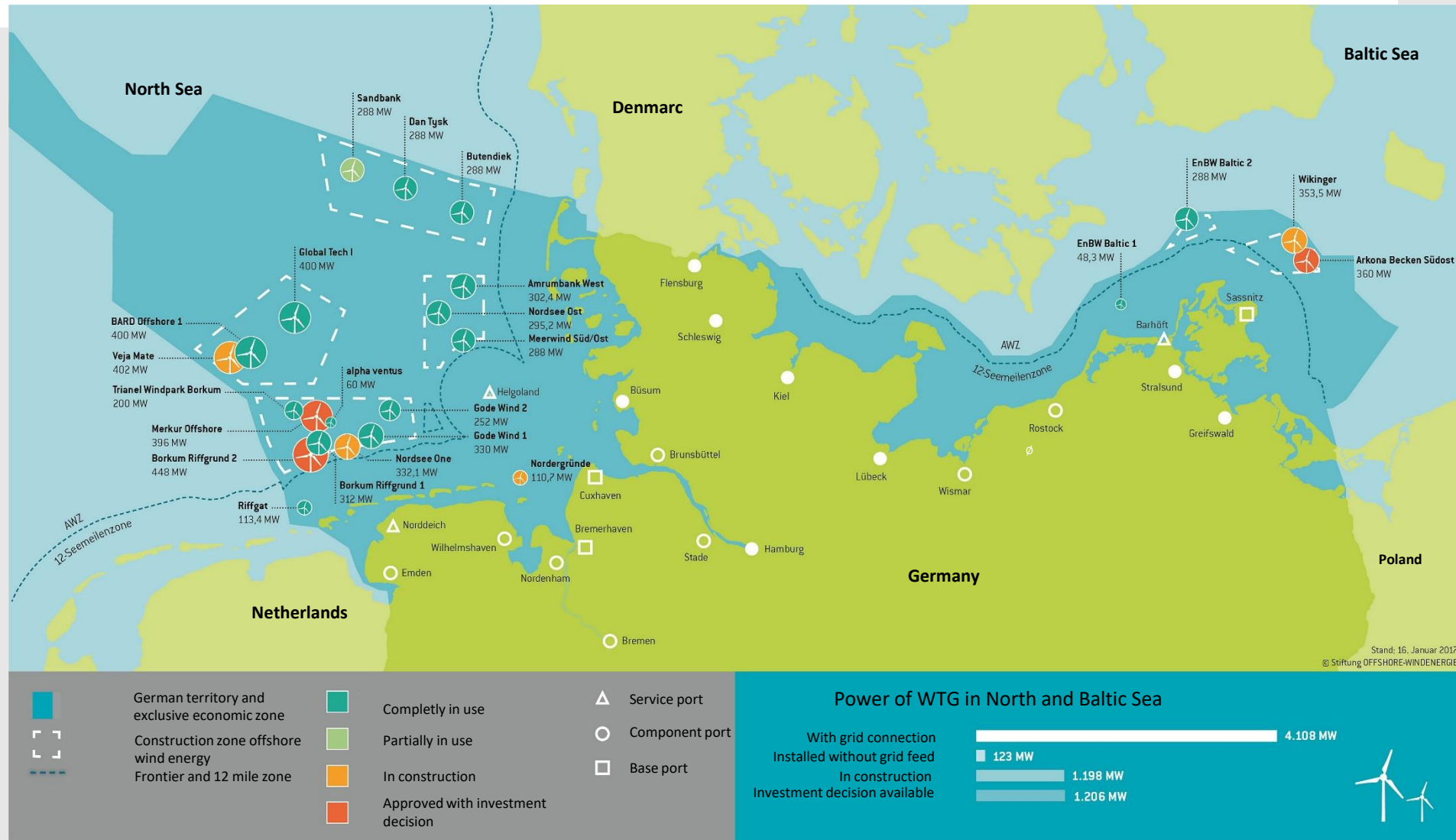


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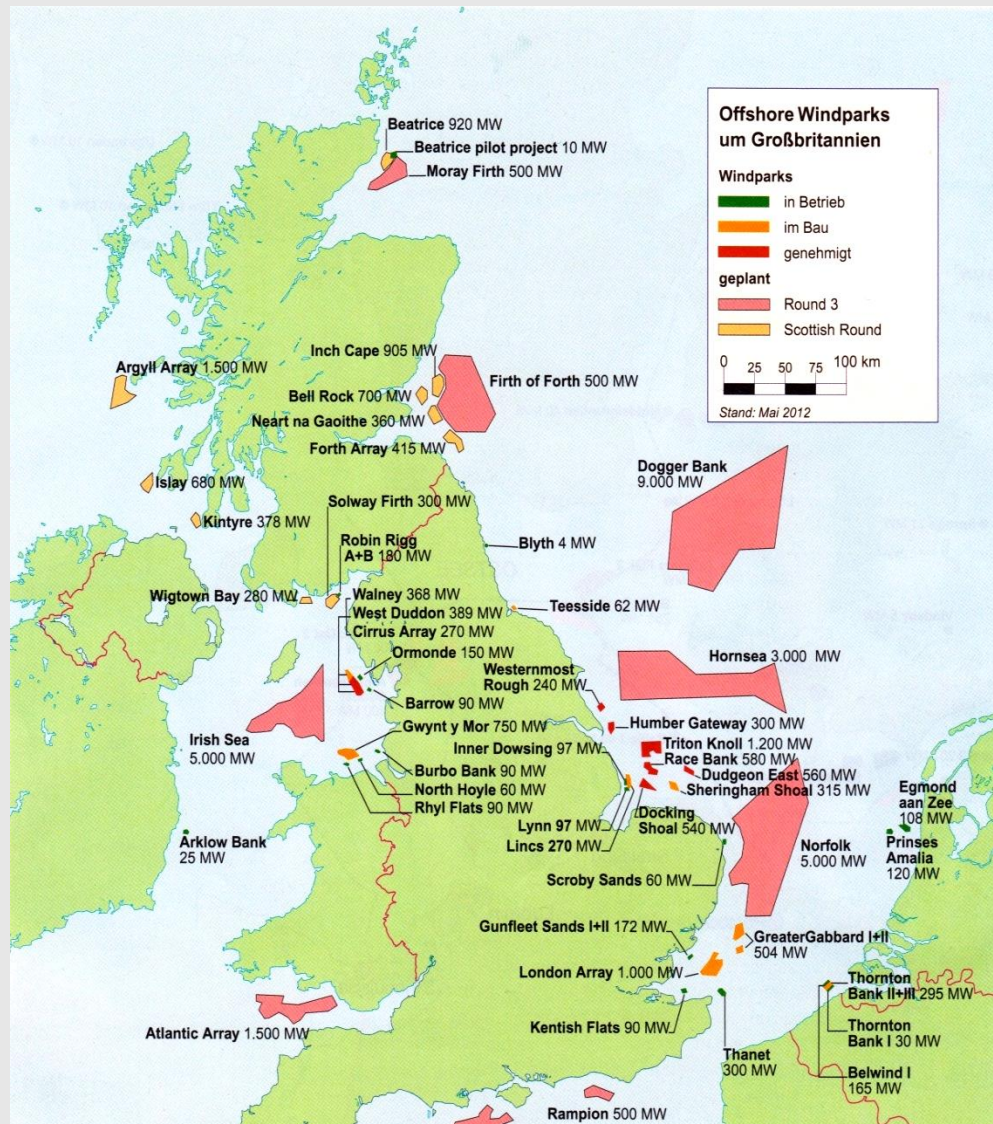
## Safety - Burned off wind power station in Lahr/ Germany

<b>Generators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Copper? Permanent Magnet?</li> <li>-Rare earths?</li> <li>-Superconductors?</li> </ul>
<b>Rotor Blades</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cost reduction?</li> <li>-Utilization?</li> <li>-Legal situation?</li> <li>-Active control elements in rotor blades?</li> </ul>
<b>Operations Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Drive train monitoring (CMS) for onshore plants?</li> <li>-Tower- and foundations vibrations – Number of Sensors, also Onshore?</li> <li>-Periodic Inspections- Scope, Number?</li> </ul>
<b>Technical Uncertainties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Handling of new developments?</li> </ul>
<b>Offshore Foundations technologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Steel? Concrete?</li> <li>-Gravity Foundations?</li> <li>-Environment, under water noise protection during the piling for the foundation?</li> </ul>

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Source: Sonne, Wind und Wärme 10/2012

## Offshore-wind projects in Great Britain



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**Offshore wind farm alpha-ventus: Panorama**





## Monopile

- until 20 m deep of water
- Steel- or concrete construction

## Gravity foundation

- until 10 m deep of water
- Steel- or concrete construction

## Tripod, Jacket

- more than 20 m deep of water
- Steel construction



Photo: Helmut  
Müller; Sonne,  
Wind und Wärme  
4/2012

## Repair of corrosion protection



Photo: Große Boeckmann, August 2008

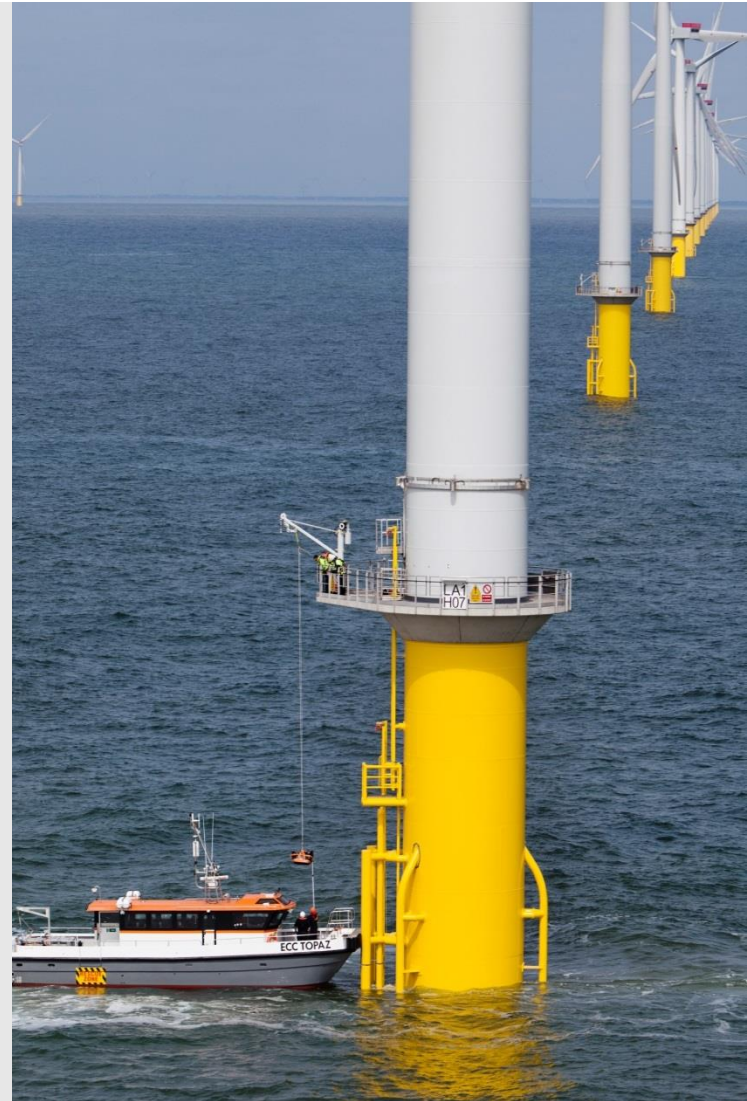
## Fundaments for windmills for the windward Alpha Ventus







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## Structure of my presentation

### Offshore windpark, transformer station and entrance





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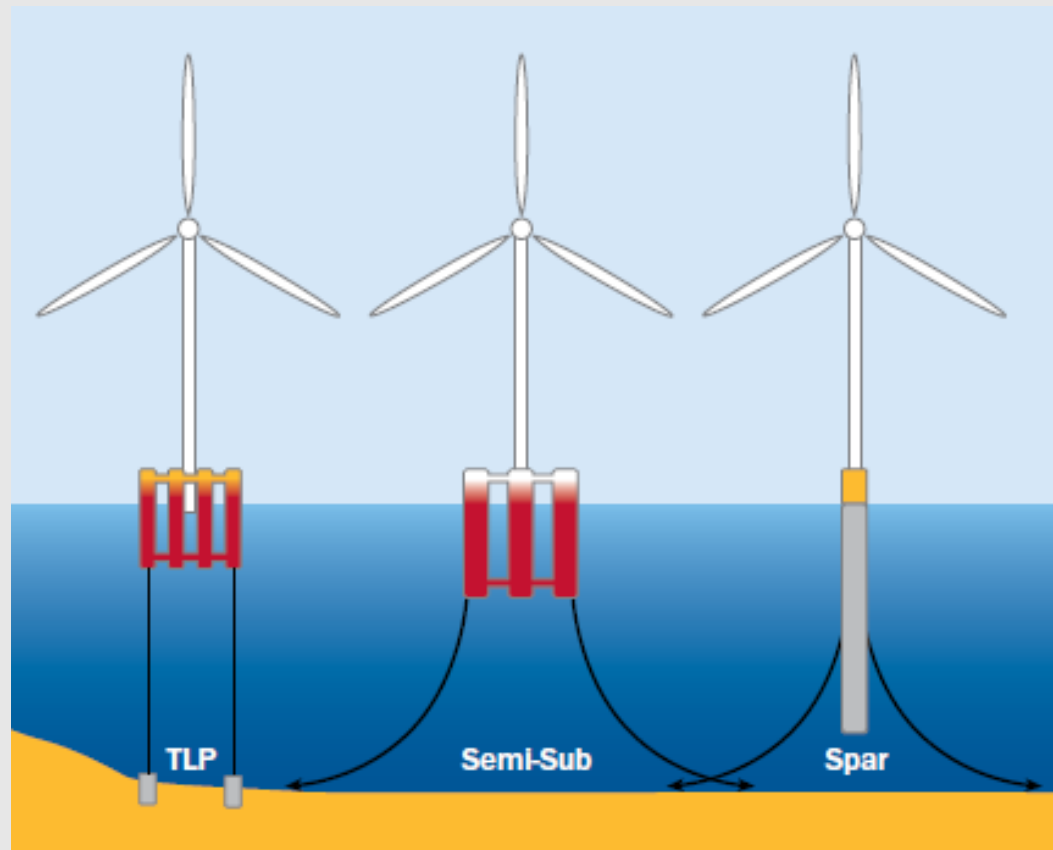
## Montage of a rotor blade



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## Size of rotor blades





TLP = Tension-leg-platform

Semi-Sub = Semi-submersible platform

Source: Deep Water The next step for offshore wind energy, EWEA

## Floating offshore windparks

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Investment plan	Costs [€/kW]	
Hub height	< 120 m	> 120 m
Wind power station, transport, installation	1150	1340
Foundation	70	
Grid connection	70	
Site development (lanes)	40	
Planning, environmental measures, concession, others	190	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1520</b>	<b>1710</b>

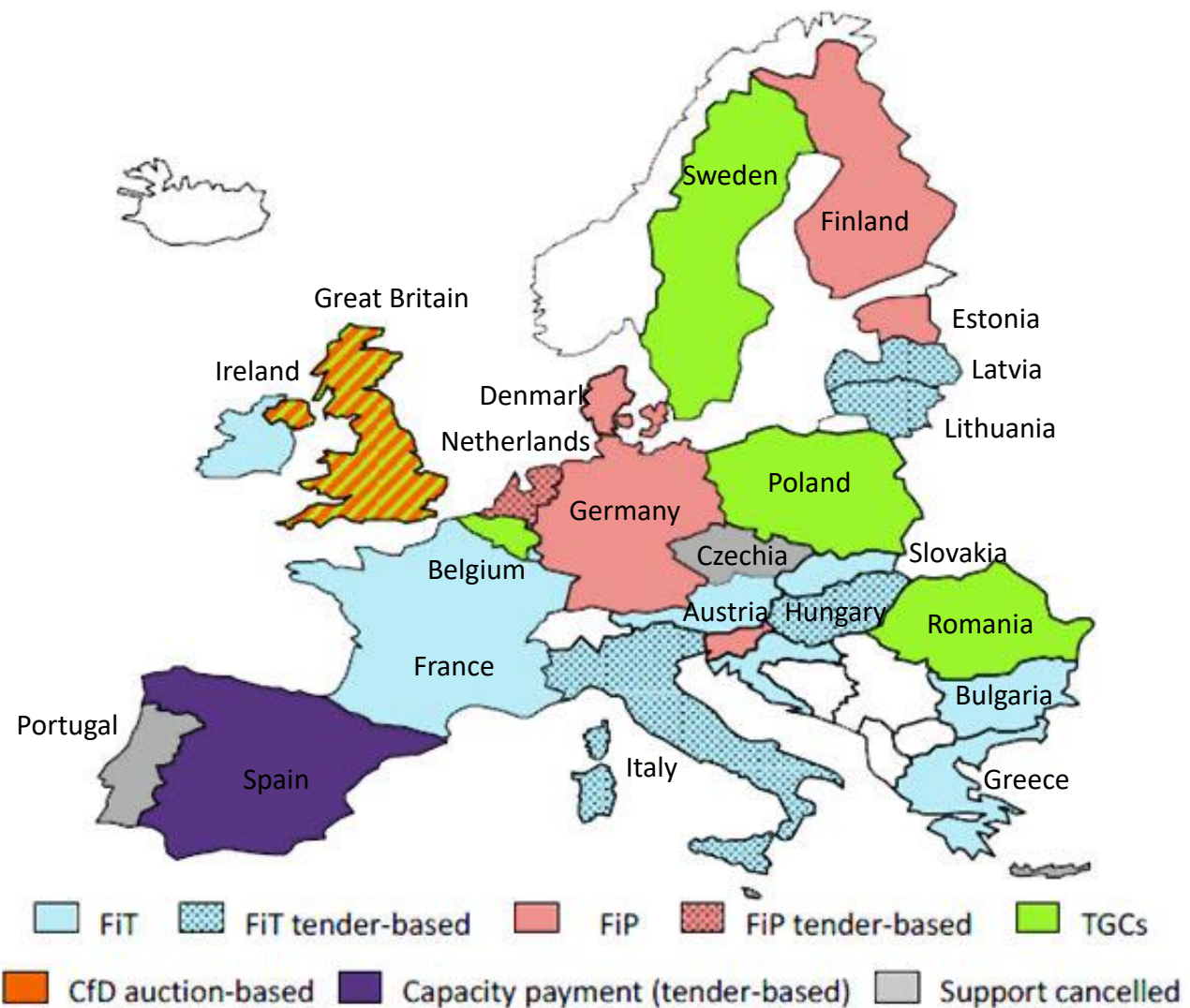
Operating costs: 5,1 ct/kWh (Average over 20 years operating time)	
Service, reparation, others	50 %
Rent	20 %
Management (technical and business)	20 %
Reserve for unforeseen events	5 %
Insurance	5 %

Source: Deutsche WindGuard GmbH; Kostensituation der Windenergie an Land in Deutschland, Stand 2013

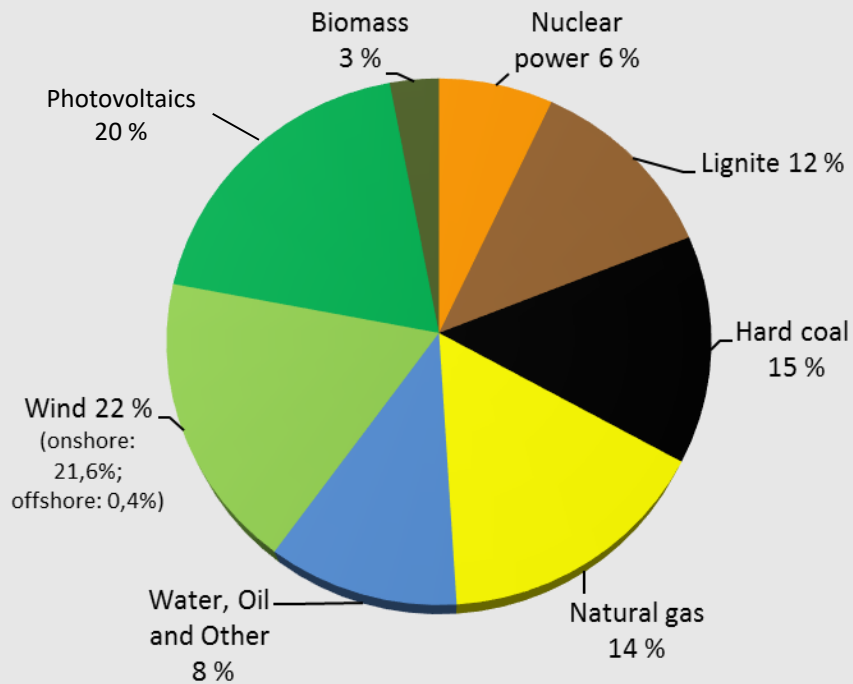
## Costs of a 2 MW onshore wind power station in Germany

FIT = Feed-in tariffs  
 FiP = Feed-in premium  
 TGCs= Tradable green certificates  
 CfD= Contract for Difference

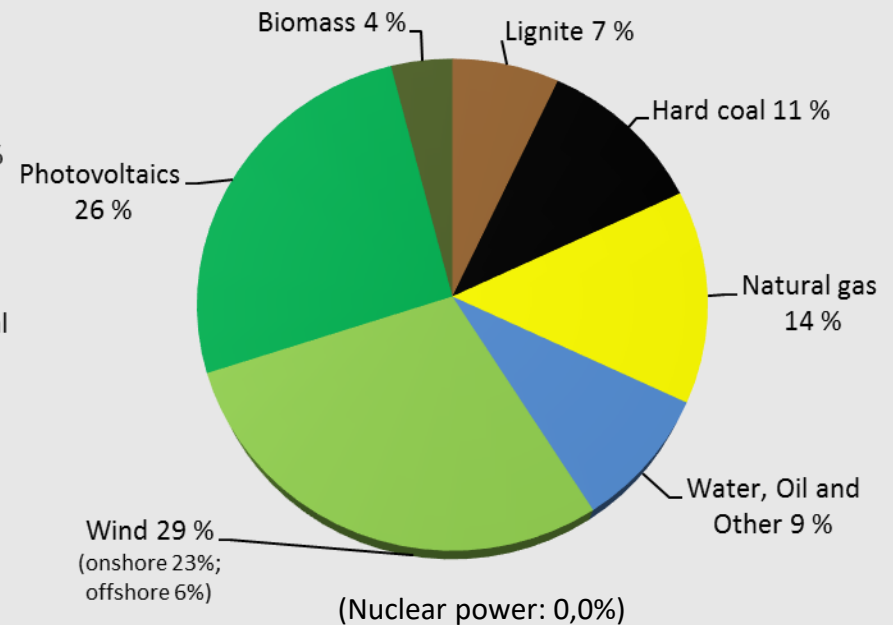
Source: 2014 JRC wind status report



## Different conveying systems for electricity (renewable energies) in the EU



**2012**  
Statistical value (175 GW)



**2024**  
Objective of government (225 GW)  
(Scenario B)

## Objective for the power station capacities in Germany in the year 2024



**Renewables and liberalisation require the grid extension europeanwide**





Source: bi-baunatal.de

# Network development plan for the german electricity system (2013/2014)



# Thank you for attention



