

# How to speed-up innovation in offshore wind maintenance



# Lecture rules

This is all about you...  
Any intervention / question /  
discussion is welcome



# Lecture plan

## **Part 1: Innovation in Offshore Wind Maintenance**

- Development of offshore wind
- WorldClassMaintenance
- Innovation with Fieldlab Zephyros

## **Part 2: Use cases**

# Who am I

- Ferry Visser
- Father of four graduates
- Technical- and Social Organizational Business Administration (Radboud University)
- Working with contractors for 30+ yrs. in business management positions
- Passion for Sustainability -> Since 2018 innovation in OW / ORE



# Who am I

- Bart Vandehoek (49)
- From packaging to coffee machines to wind turbines
- 2017: 💡 Use my innovation skills for something with purpose, like renewable energy
- Innovations to help maintenance teams work safer, faster, and smarter

**TU Delft**  
Industrial Design  
Engineering



15 years consumer products



7 years Eneco








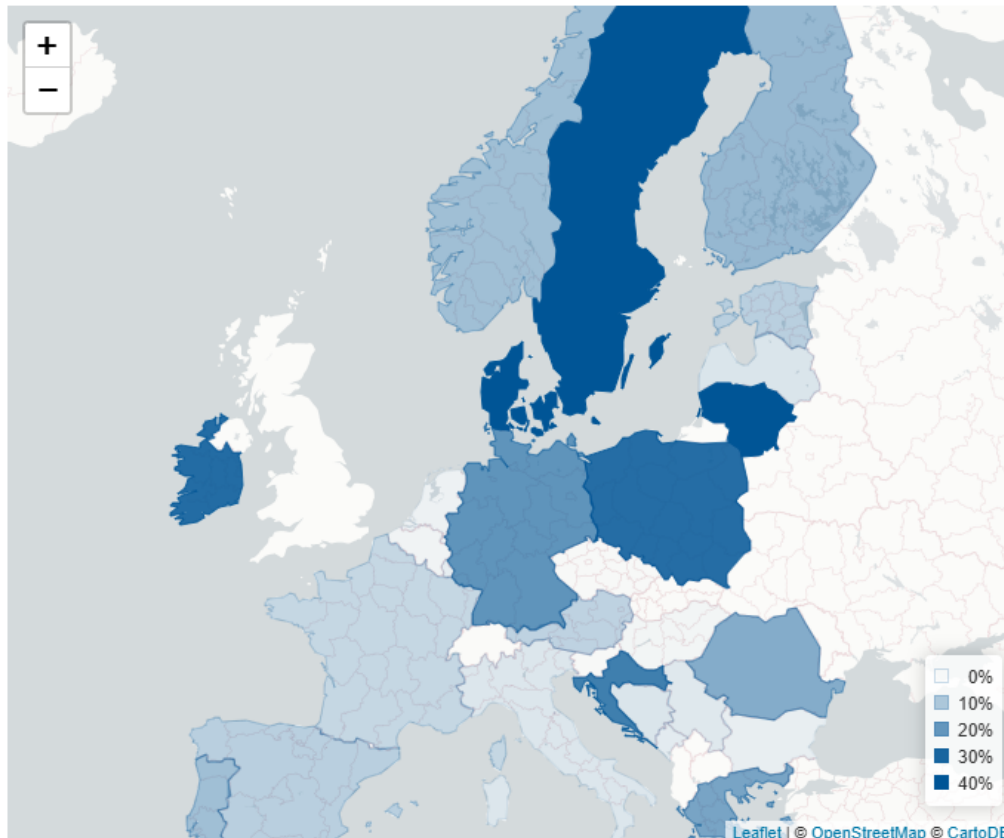
1 year self-employed

# DAILY UPDATE ON EUROPEAN WIND POWER

## How much wind was in Europe's electricity yesterday?



-   
DAILY WIND ENERGY
-   
YESTERDAY'S TOP 20 COUNTRIES
-   
HOURLY ELECTRICITY MIX
-   
HOURLY WIND ENERGY GENERATION
-   
CAPACITY FACTORS



Share of wind energy in electricity demand

**14.2%**



**12.7%**  
741 GWh  
onshore wind



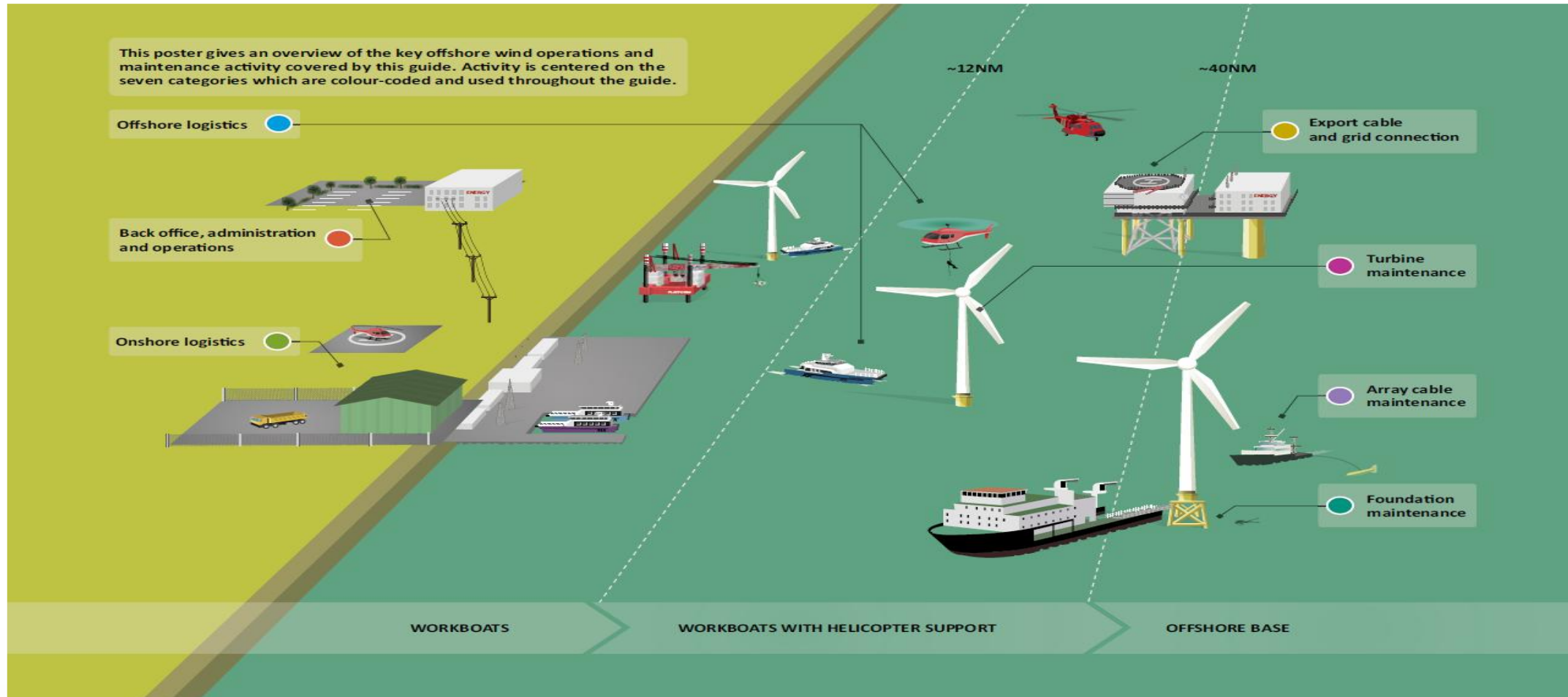
**1.5%**  
89 GWh  
offshore wind

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# A complex system.....



# What are we doing every day?



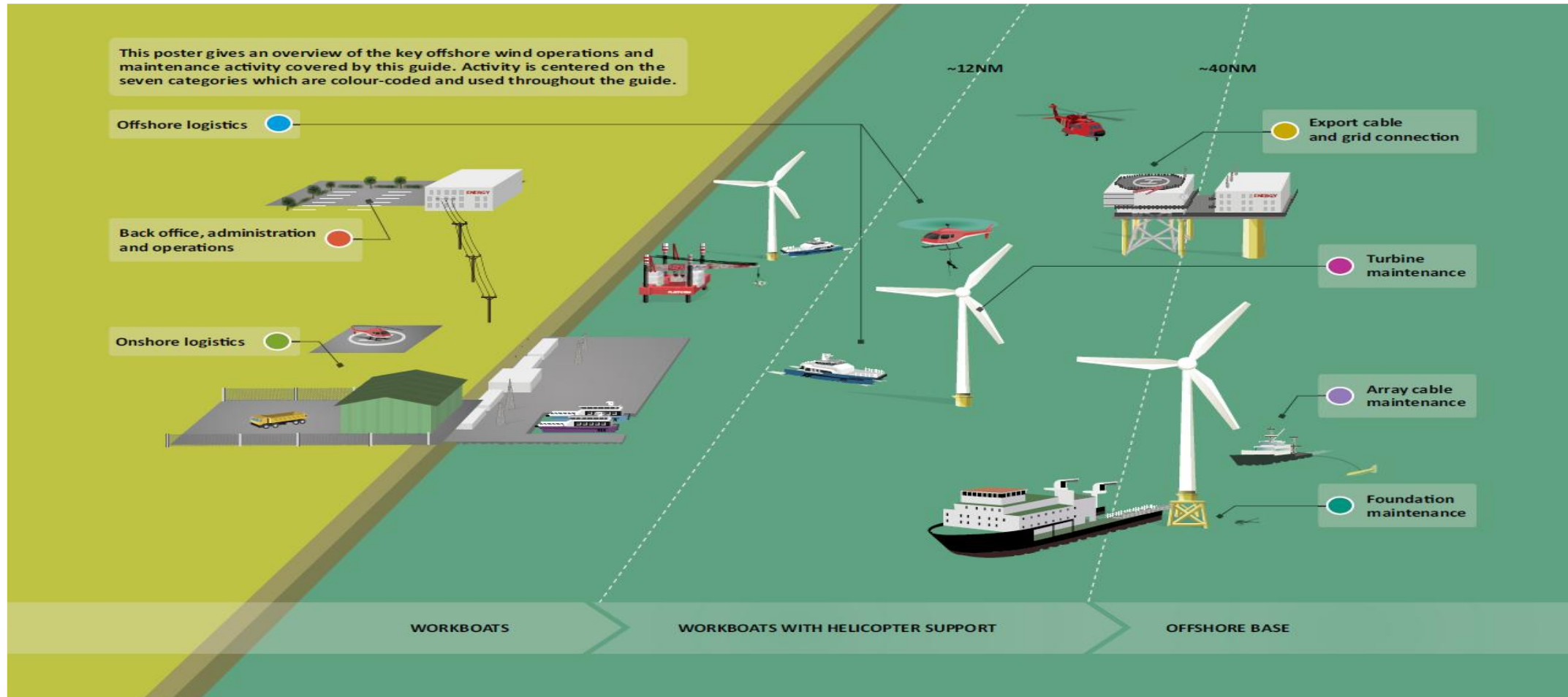
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Fieldlabs & projecten



Kennis & achtergrond

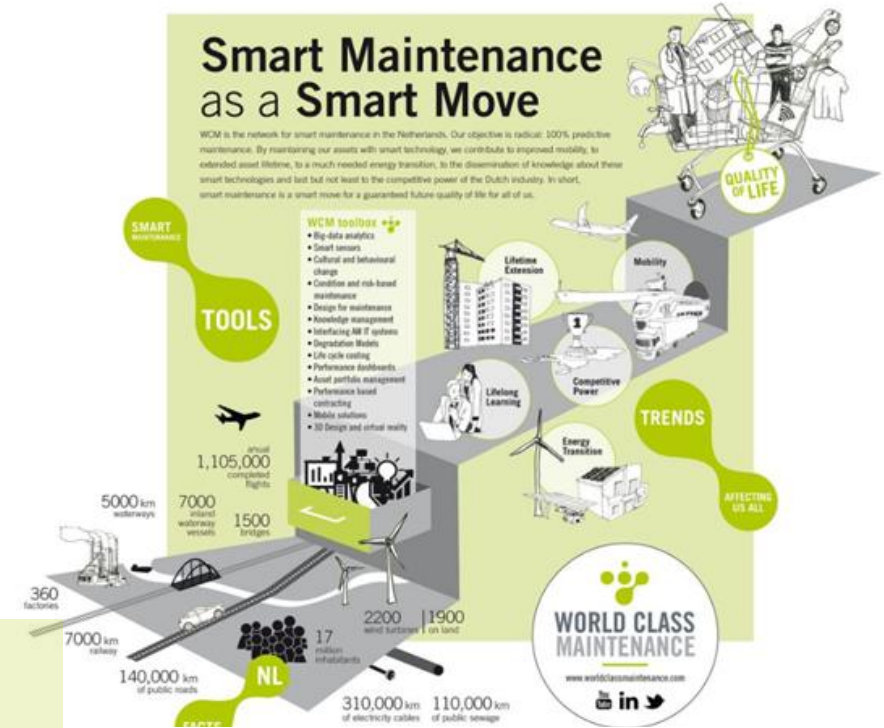


Lobby & politiek



Netwerk & ledenvoordeel

- **The Network for Smart Maintenance**
- Development and execution of cross sectoral innovation projects
- Participation of Asset Owners, - Managers, Service Providers & Knowledge- and Education institutions, Government
- Development of Fieldlab programs for complete industry sectors



# WorldClassMaintenance




Towards: Unmanned Maintenance Offshore

Fieldlab  
ZEPHYROS lab

# Zephyros: Call for action 2018

- Government puts great emphasis on offshore wind
- Focus is still on development and new construction
- Offshore wind industry is in pilot phase
- LCOE is largely determined by up-keeping (O & M) and this can be improved
- O & M is strongly logistically oriented and highly fragmented
- Need for Smart (remote) Maintenance
- Technology is available
- Cooperation is the solution (business, knowledge institutes, educational institutions)

Pol question:

Is unmanned maintenance offshore realistic?

Field | lab  
ZEPHYROS | lab



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Remote Systems**

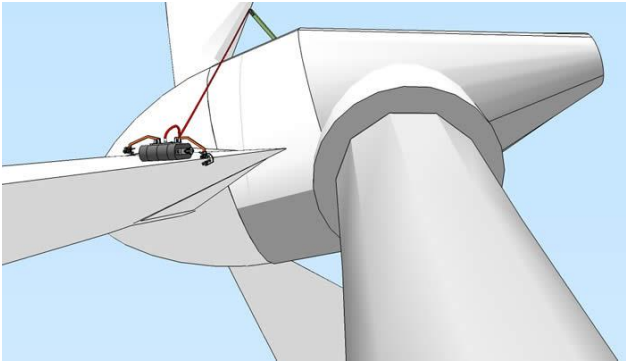


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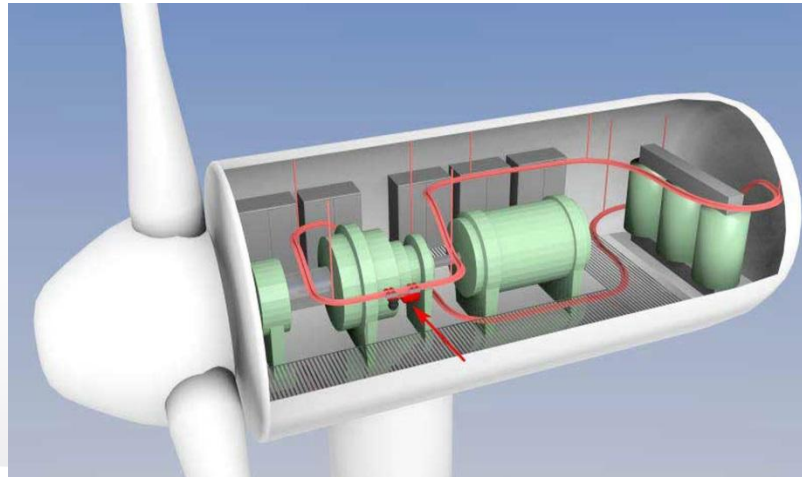


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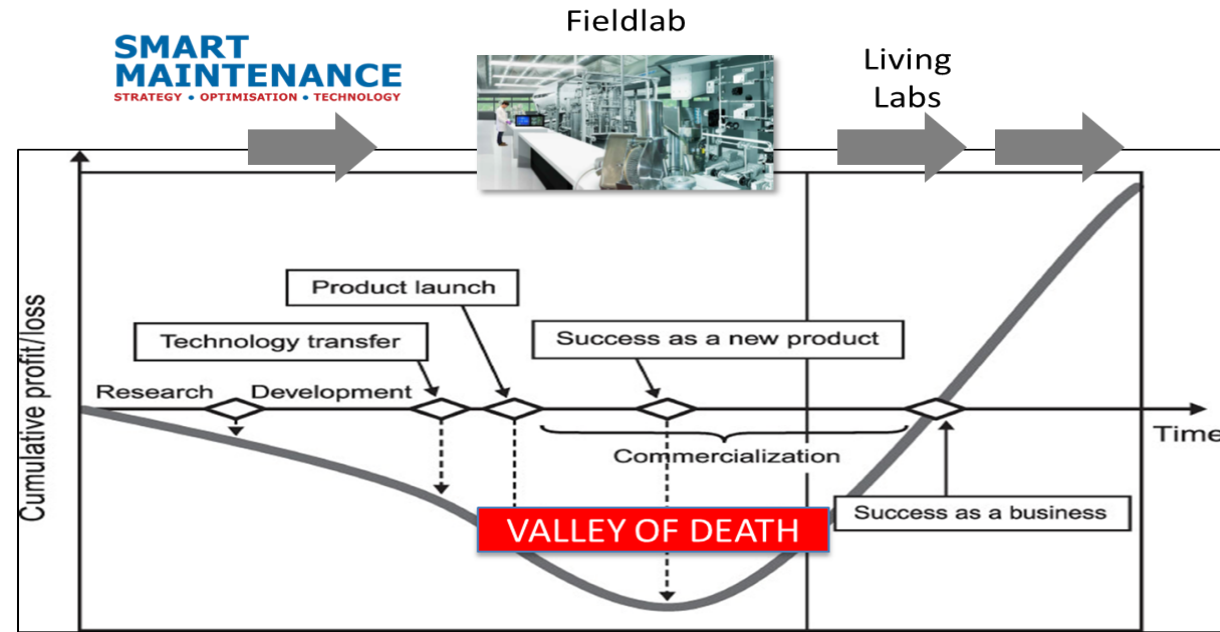
# Innovation is needed

## WIKIPEDIA:

**Innovation** in its modern meaning is a "new idea, creative thoughts, new imaginations in form of device or method". Innovation is often also viewed as the application of better solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs, or existing market needs. Such innovation takes place through the provision of more-effective products, processes, services, technologies, or business models that are made available to markets, governments and society. An innovation is something original and more effective and, as a consequence, new, that "breaks into" the market or society.

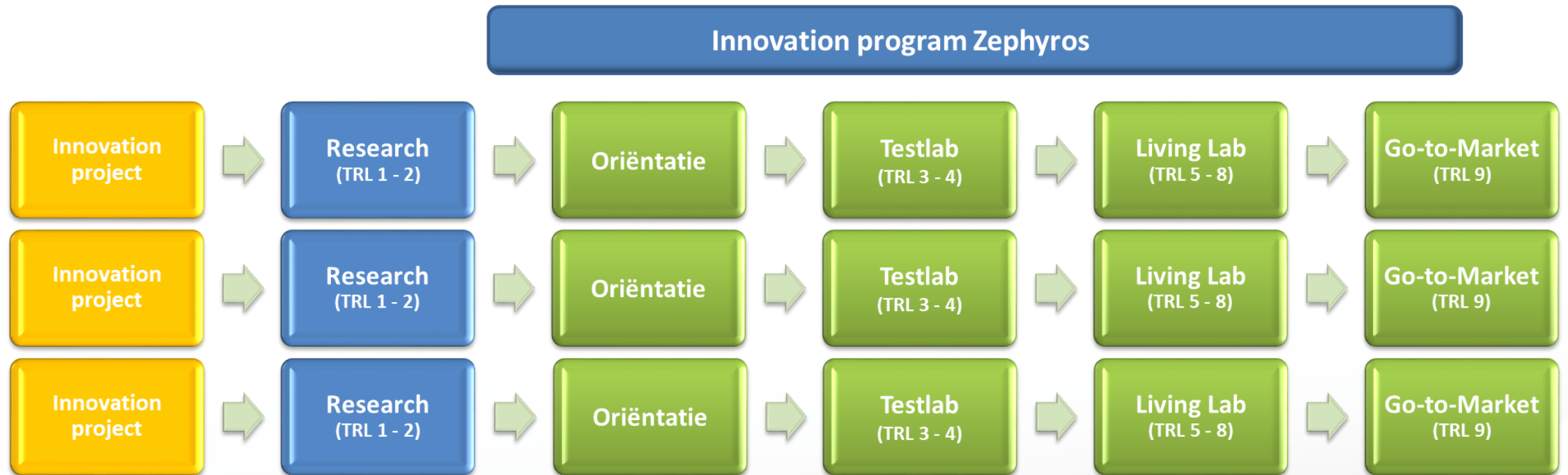
Aanpassingen		Innovaties		Uitvindingen	
Beperken zich tot de reeds aanwezige systeemeigenschappen (zoals kleur, vorm, toepassing)		Realiseert veranderingen in het systeem door (bv) toevoegingen van nieuwe eigenschappen en functies, door een andere realisatie van bestaande functies		Grensoverschrijdend en systeem ontwerpend, creatie van een nieuw concept	
Stilistische aanpassingen	Gebruiks-aanpassingen	Marginale, Incrementele innovaties	Radicale, Basis innovaties	Doorbraak uitvindingen	Fundamentele uitvindingen
Voorbeelden uit de elektronica: <i>Deze voorbeelden zijn een mooie illustratie van een subjectieve beoordeling binnen de wereld van de elektronica.</i>					
Gekleurde behuizingen	Slimline pc	Portable pc, Tablet-pc	Personal computing (pc)	Microcomputer IC (Intel 4004)	Halfgeleidertechnologie (1)
Verschillende tv-modellen	Verschillende tv-uitvoeringen	Plasma-, lcd-, led-televisies	Solid state televisieschermen	Plasma/lcd/led-technologie	Halfgeleidertechnologie (2)

# Innovations get stuck in the Valley of



Collaboration in a **Smart Maintenance fieldlab** is the solution (businesses, knowledge institutions, education, government)

# Set-up of a WCM Fieldlab



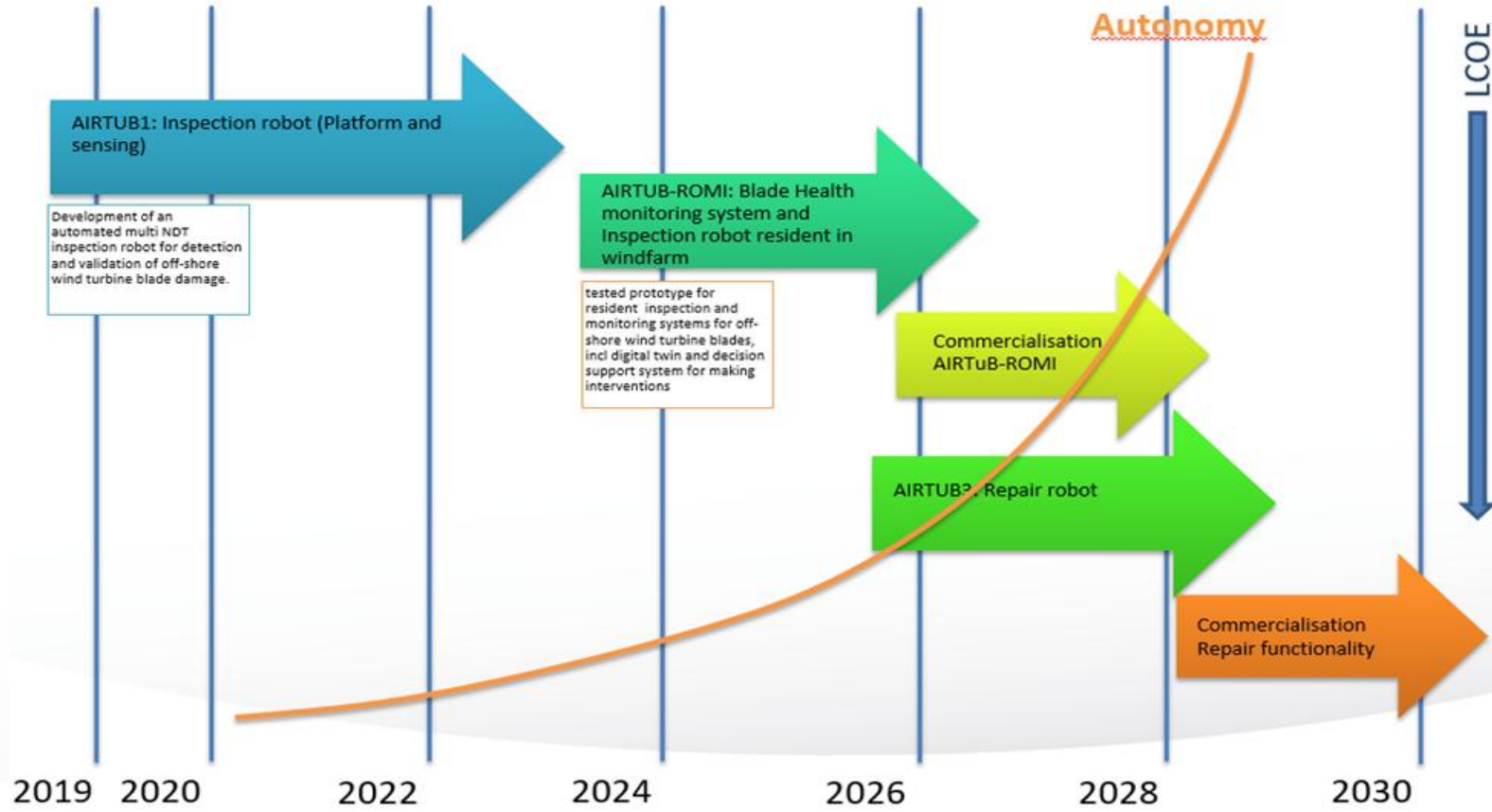
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# AIRTuB *roadmap*

AUTOMATED INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF TURBINE BLADES



- Call for Action / Business Driver = Need for LCOE reduction**
- Lifetime extension
  - AEP improvement
  - Maintenance logistics reduction
  - Elimination of human presence offshore

- AIRTuB solution:**  
Fully autonomous robotized turbine blade maintenance by:
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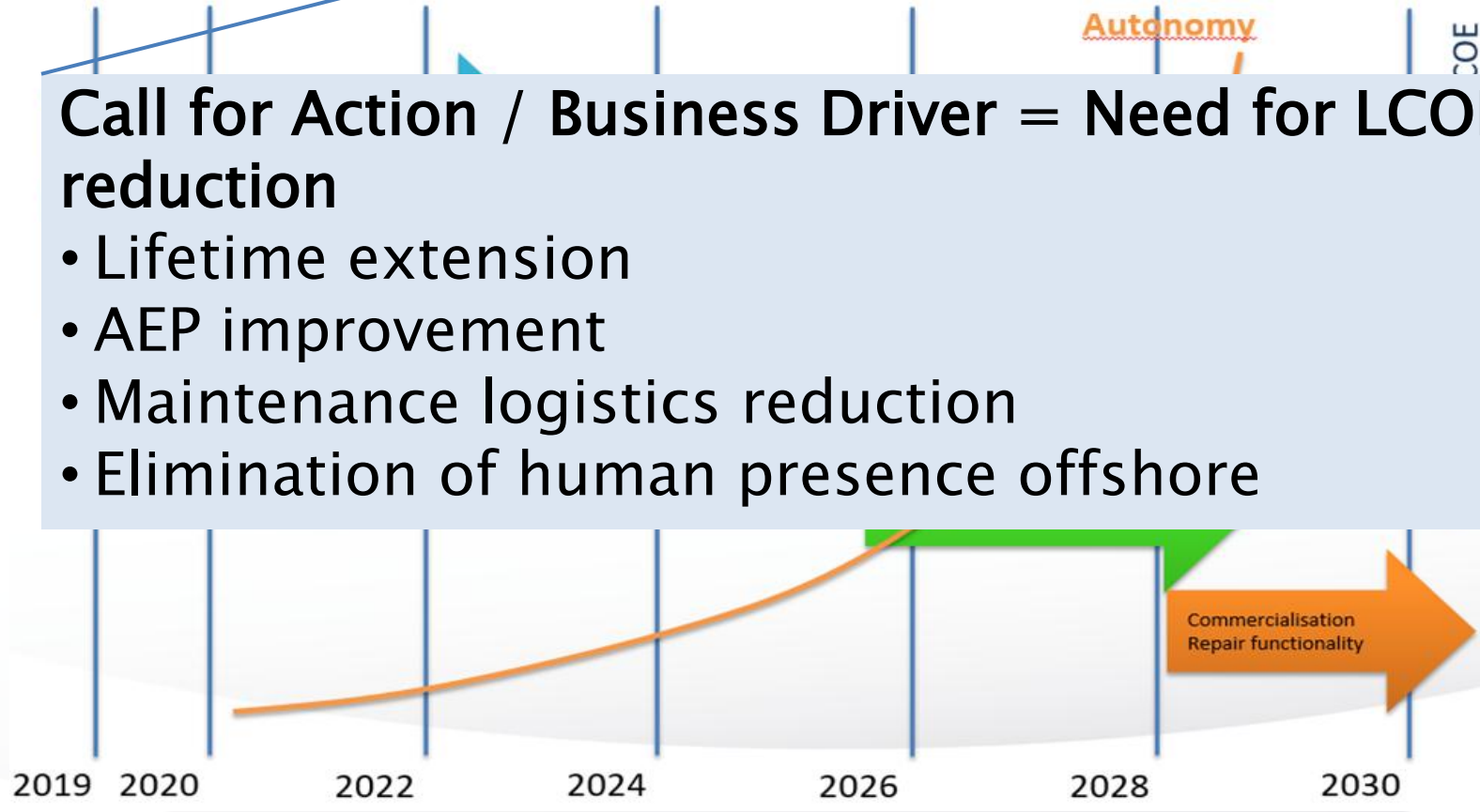
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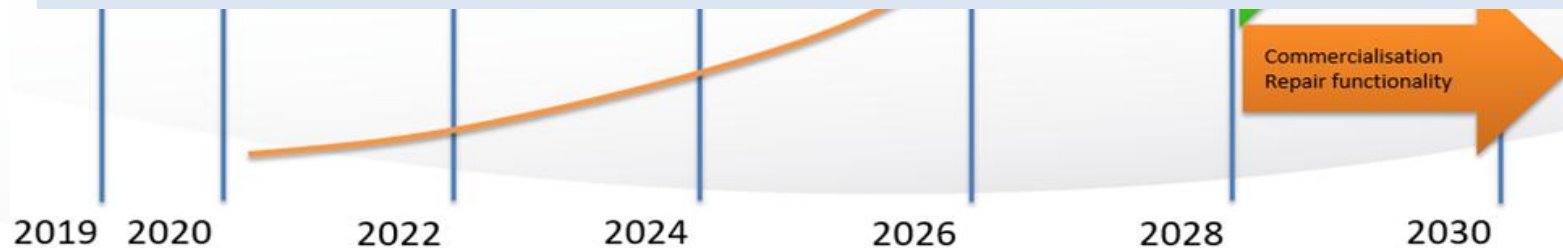
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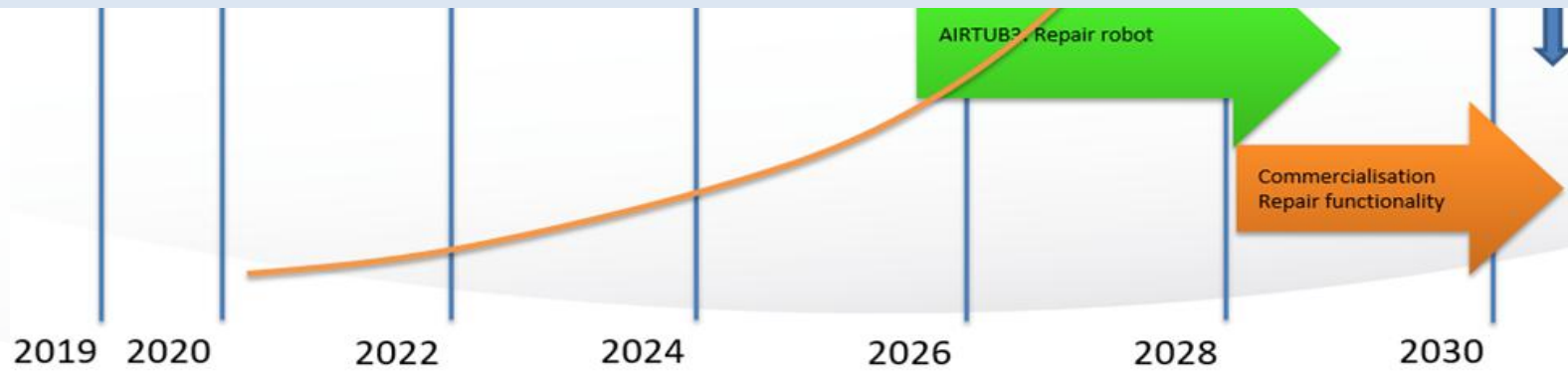
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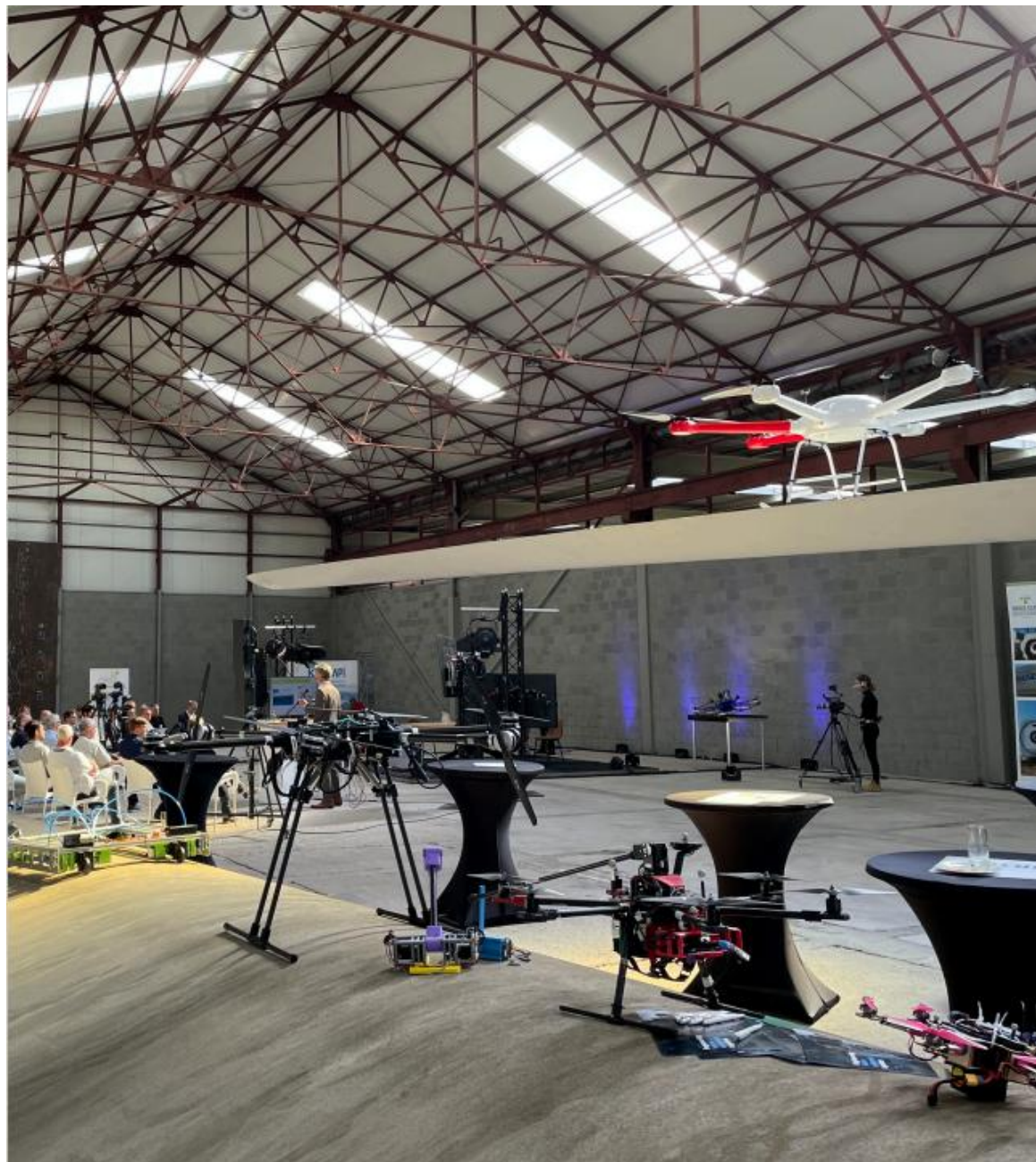
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# Innovate together – JOIN US!



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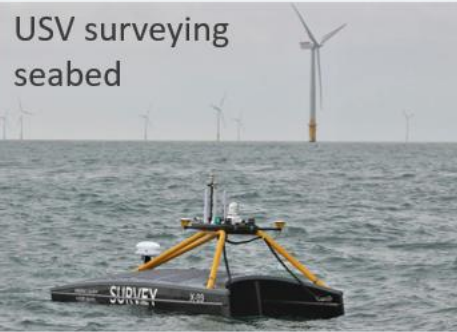




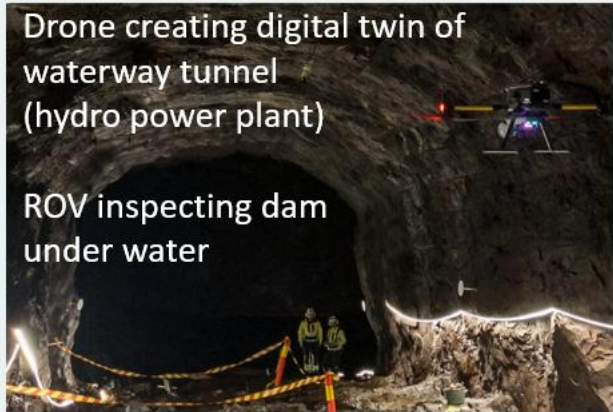
Robot dog monitoring nuclear power plant.  
Other ROV inspecting radioactive environments inside (e.g. water basin at bottom of reactor vessel).



Robot dog walking inspection rounds in power plant with help of digital twin



USV surveying seabed



Drone creating digital twin of waterway tunnel (hydro power plant)  
ROV inspecting dam under water



UAV bringing cargo to offshore wind farms



USV inspecting turbine foundations

# Unmanned operations @ Vattenfall

## Status

- None-blade maintenance examples
- Most applications in testing phase

## Why

- Reach hard-to-reach, hazardous areas
- Decreasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Supporting staff, increase safety
- Better than humans; e.g. finding leaks

# Inspections – current state: High vessel costs, Unplanned maintenance



SkySpecs (Instagram)

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# Future state: BVLOS drone inspections & sensor monitoring

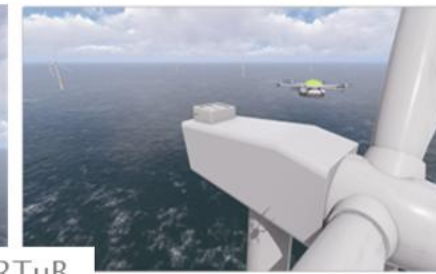
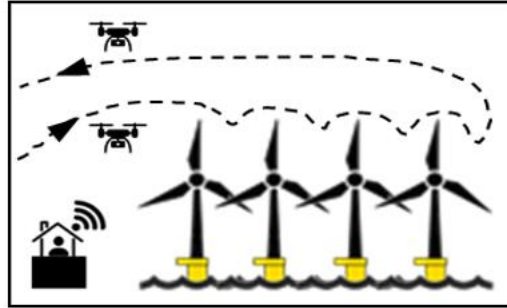
## Why?

- Condition-based maintenance
- Reduce costs/vessel occupation/CO<sub>2</sub>
- Eliminate workforce bottleneck
- Flexible, when low production

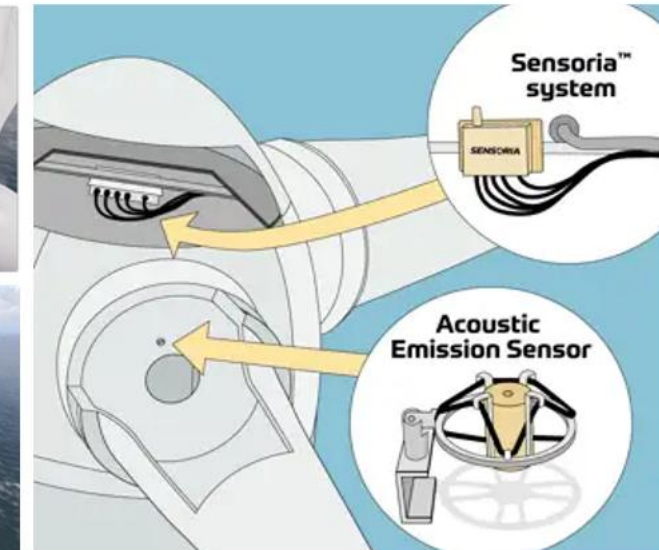
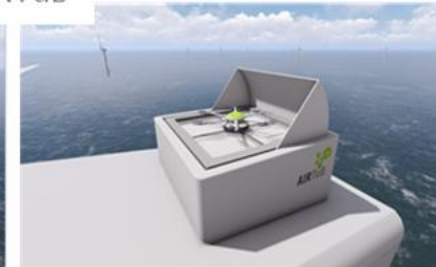
## Innovations

- AIRTuB<sup>1</sup>: drone + in-blade sensors
  - Resident drone-crawler + Ultrasonic
  - Sensors: vibration, acoustic, lightning
  - Digital twin
- Long-range drones: AirSpection, XER
- 24/7 Sensor monitoring: Sensoria, Tarucca, Eologix-Ping, Fibersail

1. TNO, TU Delft, HZ, InHolland, NLR, Tarucca, Mistras, Dehn, various drone & robot SMEs, Eneco, Vattenfall, WCM



AIRTuB



# Repairs – current state: Rope Access technicians



# Future state: Leading Edge repair robots

## Why?

- Safer
- 5x faster and cheaper
- Eliminate workforce bottleneck
- Less vessels movements
- Improved blade integrity
- Increased turbine uptime

## Innovations

- ReBlade
- BladeRobots
- Clobotics
- Aeronex



How will you contribute

