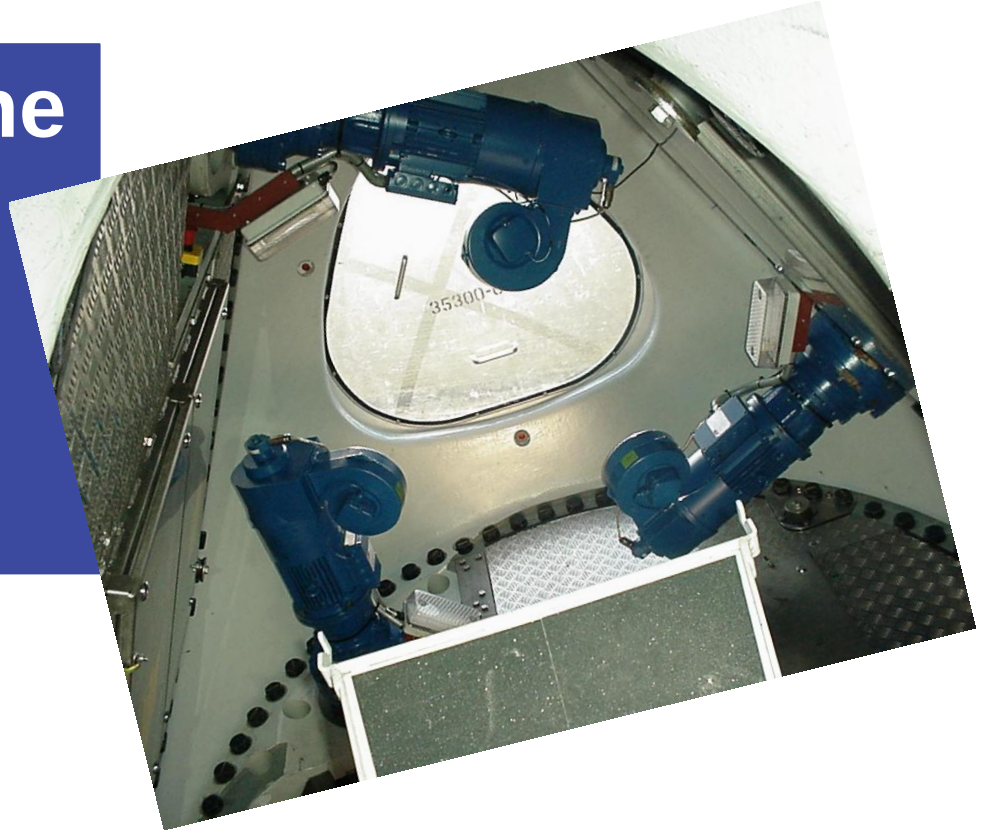
Putting reliability at the heart of the wind turbine development process: lowering lifetime cost



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Turbine reliability: greater certainty and lower lifetime cost

Introduction

Agenda

- Why focus on reliability
  - Cost of energy
  - Health and safety
- Reliability focussed approach
  - 10 steps to success

Selected clients

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- Market analysis and business development
  - Supply chain development
  - Economic impact assessment
  - Support to industrialisation
- Technical innovation & engineering analysis
  - Support to investment in technology
  - R&D programme management
  - Design and engineering services
- Project implementation
  - FIT project development (UK only)
  - SCADA & condition monitoring
  - O&M technical support

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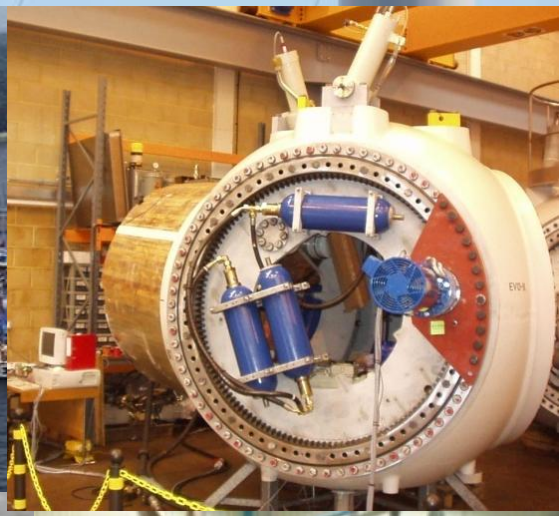
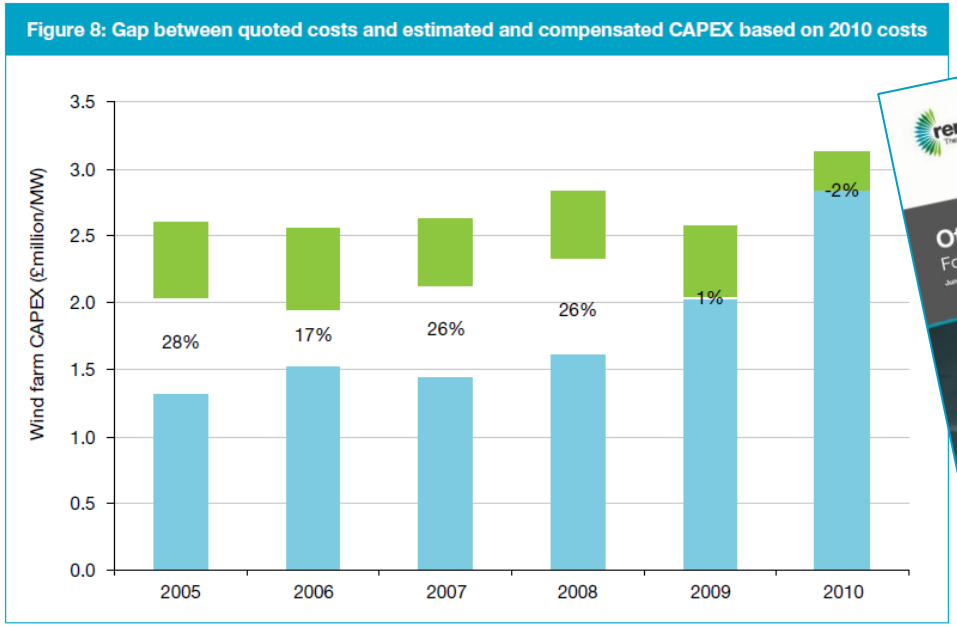


Cost of energy

Health warning

CAPEX has been going up, not down

- Need to understand the past before talking about cost reduction in the future
- Between 2003 and 2010, CAPEX increased (blue bars)
- Much can be explained by change of site conditions
- Much of the rest can be explained by market conditions
- Due to increases in site wind speeds and use of larger turbines, LCOE decreased during period despite CAPEX increase
- CAPEX stabilised 2010-12



Cost reduction pathways study

Overview

Context

- 2011 UK Government Energy white paper:
  - Central scenario 13GW by 2020
  - Minded to support to 18GW if cost of energy reduced – target £100/MWh

- The Crown Estate cost reduction pathways study established to evidence what industry thinks could be done
  - Supply chain, finance and technology work streams

- Published summer 2012

Methodology i

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6 Industry day-l

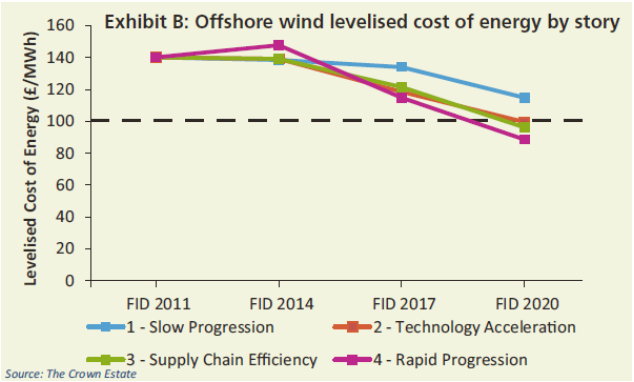
20 Deep industry i

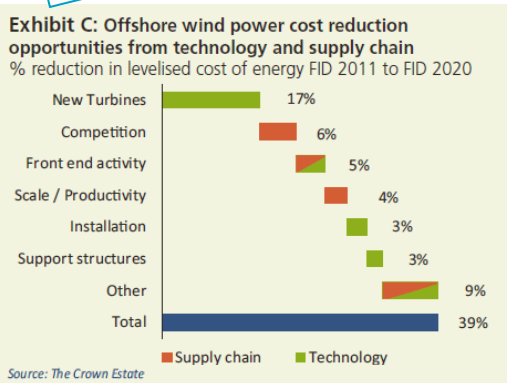
125 Industry individua

215 Pages – available f

Cost reduction pathways study: results

- Given right external conditions, industry can meet target:
  - Confidence in market size to beyond 2020
  - Smooth and timely transition under EMR
  - Planning consent timelines reliably met
  - Clear and predictable offshore grid regulatory framework
  - Facilitation of new technology introduction
- To deliver, industry also needs to work together:
  - Best practice, standardisation, risk management, accessing new finance



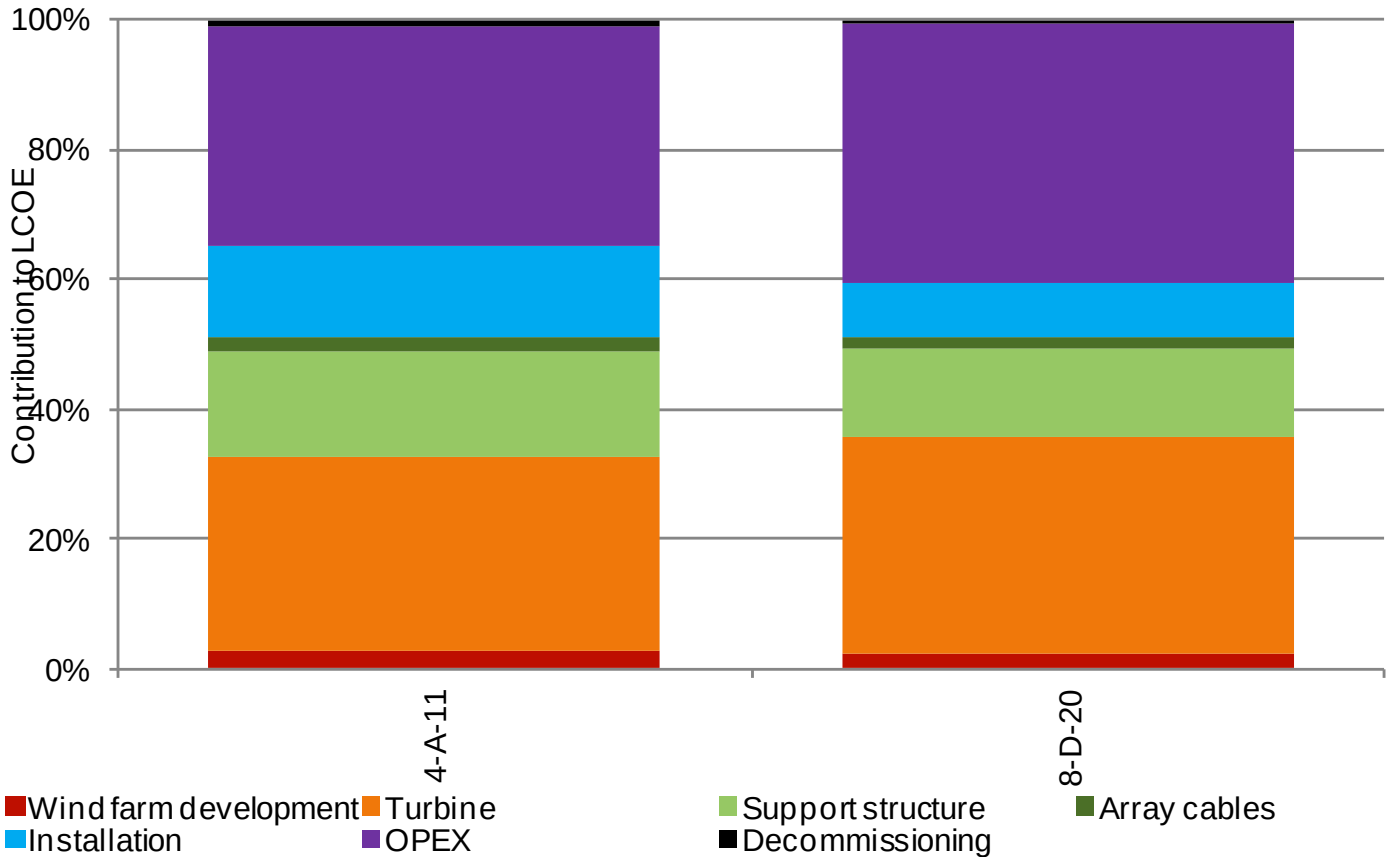


Why focus on reliability

The case for focus on wind turbine reliability

OPEX is already 1/3 of LCOE and growing

Source: BVG Associates



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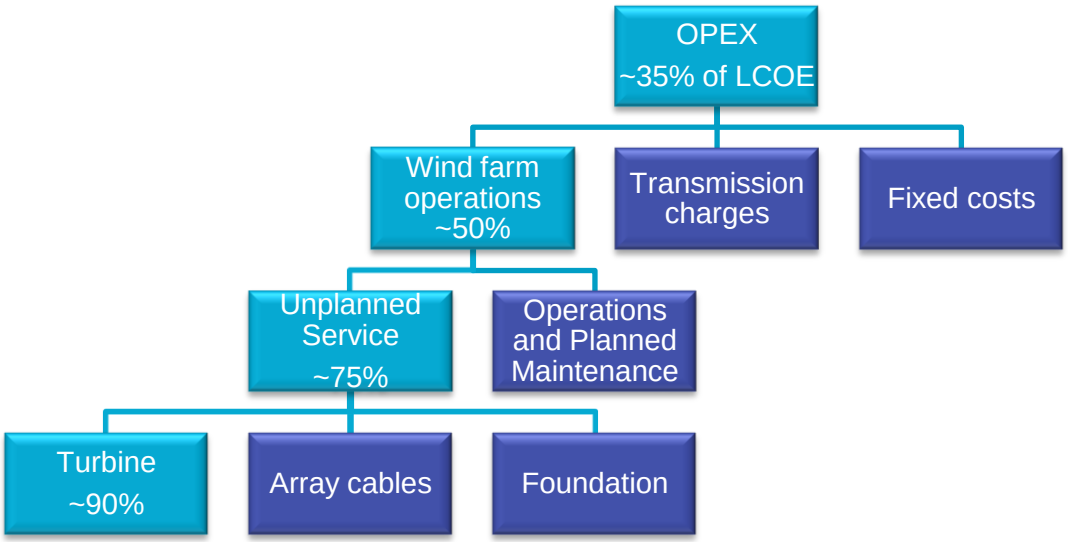

If...

- If turbines were 100% reliable, so just needed visits for planned maintenance...

- Wind farm operations cost down by 68%
- OPEX down by 34%
- Lifetime expenditure down by 12%
- Lost energy down by 90%
- LCOE down by almost by 15%

- Turbine visits down by 70%
- Health and safety incidents down 80%

- Increased confidence in new products increases competition in the supply of turbines
- Increased revenue certainty increases pool of investors and decreases cost of capital

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Due diligence - experience

- ✓ Lots good
- × Few components / systems tested thoroughly
- × Poor justification for component survival (beyond calculations)
- × Main component exchange not designed in / tested
- × Not possible to easily replace wear parts
- × Poor / incomplete manuals and troubleshooting guides
- × Track record of unreliable systems / repeat faults
- × Training strategies not implemented
- × Site work records incomplete
- × SCADA report errors
- × Significant inefficiencies on site
- ✓ Type Certificate (does not consider the above)

Where our experience comes from

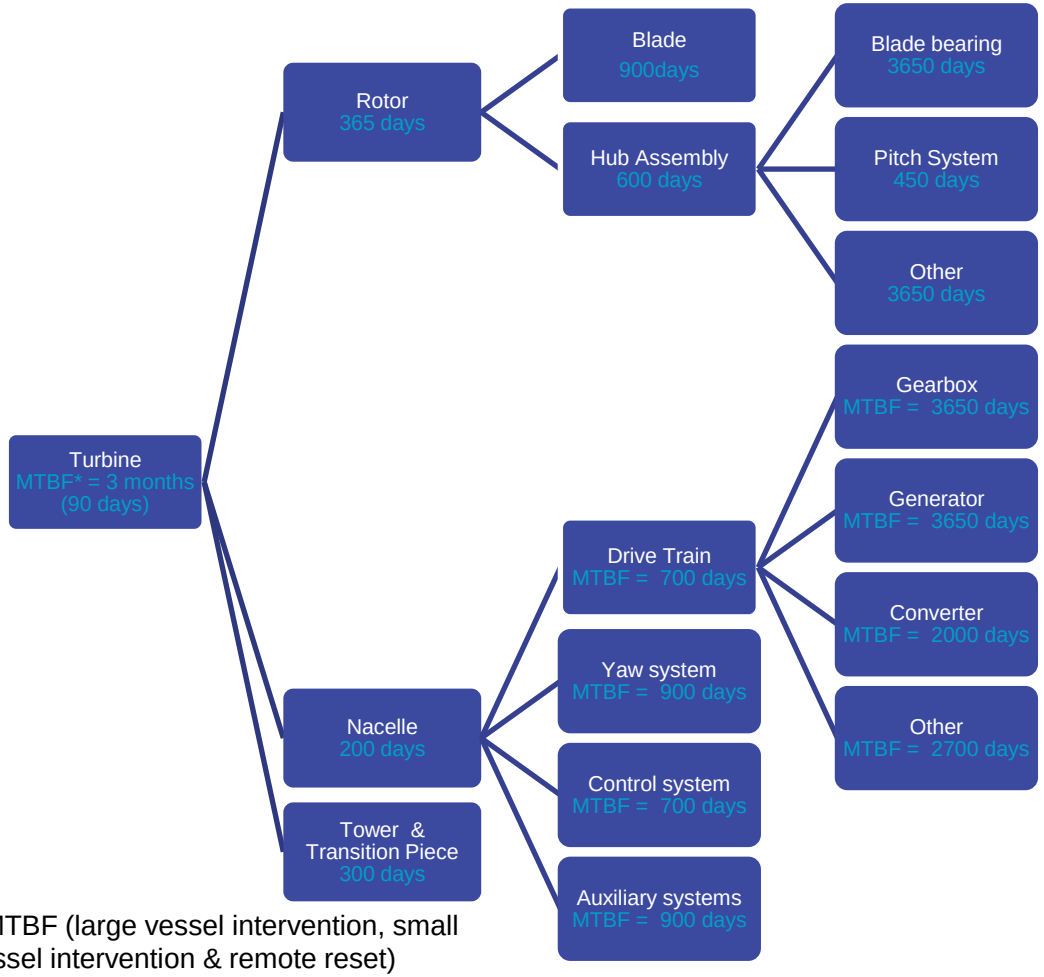
Reliability focussed approach during wind turbine development

Important ingredients of a reliability focussed approach

10 Steps to success

1. Reliability and OPEX budgets (and model)

1 Reliability and OPEX budgets



* MTBF (large vessel intervention, small vessel intervention & remote reset)

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2 ‘Rules of thumb’

- A ‘small boat’ intervention costs average €15,000
- Worth spending €1k CAPEX if can save €X OPEX per year
- Downtime costs average €8k/day (€20k for windy day)

3 Component reliability reviews

- FMEA – hard to do well, balanced across range of components
- Logic and probalistic FTA
- Six sigma

Project ID	System				Facilitator			Participants	
XXX	PITCH CONTROL SYSTEM (INC. SLIP RINGS)				BAV			XX, BAV	
ROW	PART	PART FUNCTION	POTENTIAL FAILURE MODE	POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF FAILURE (assuming failure detection OK)	FAILURE DETECTION ON TURBINE	SEV	POTENTIAL CAUSE(S) OF FAILURE	OCC	DESIG
A1	Blade Bearing	ROTATE EASILY	STOPS ROTATING instant - seize	PITCH FIXED on one blade Turbine shut down by control system using generator	Pitch control error and pitch asymetry errorwhen pitch movement demanded.Codes [5571-5674 and 5723-5724]	8	Extreme overload (large collision); fracture; undetected roller / raceway fatigue failure;	2	Turbine loa detailed sp calcs (ultir
A2			STOPS PITCHING gradual - notchy	DAMAGE to gear teeth, pitch gearbox & motor & TURBINE SHUTDOWN	Pitch position [L1] & regular movements [t1]; also motor current [L11]	6	Extreme or fatigue overload; poor lubrication	7	Little suppl similar app
A3			STOPS PITCHING gradual - increased friction	DAMAGE to gear teeth, pitch gearbox & motor & TURBINE SHUTDOWN	Motor current checks during slack water [t2, T1]; also motor temperature [L2]	6	Extreme or fatigue overload; poor lubrication	7	Little suppl similar app interpret fa
A4		TRANSFER predicted LOADS	TRANSFER TOO HIGH LOADS to bolts	Bolt FAILURE	Service inspection	5	Higher prying loads than predicted	7	Turbine loa calculation

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4 Test and verification

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5. Demonstration of maintenance procedures
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5 Demonstration of maintenance procedures

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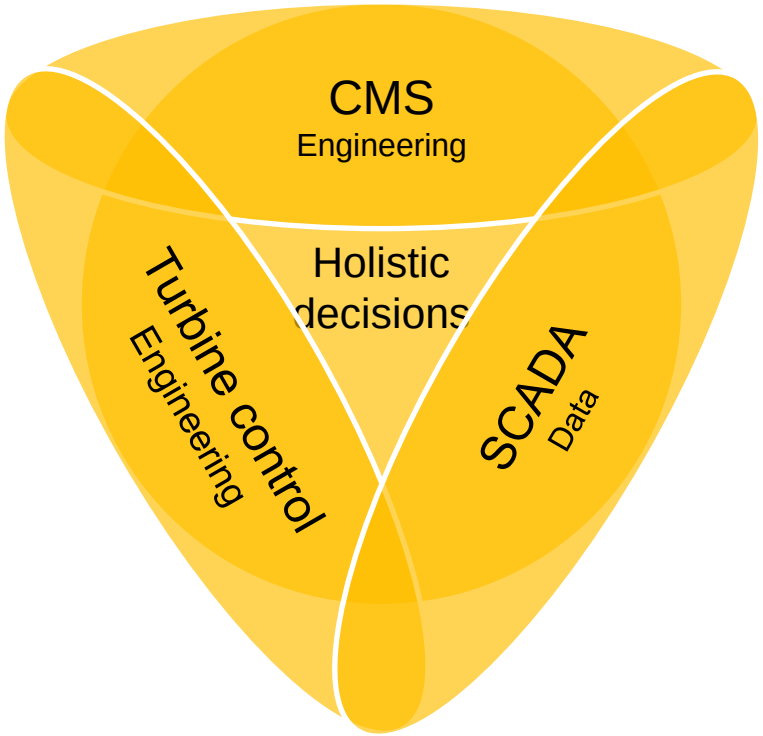
6 Joined up SCADA/control/CM



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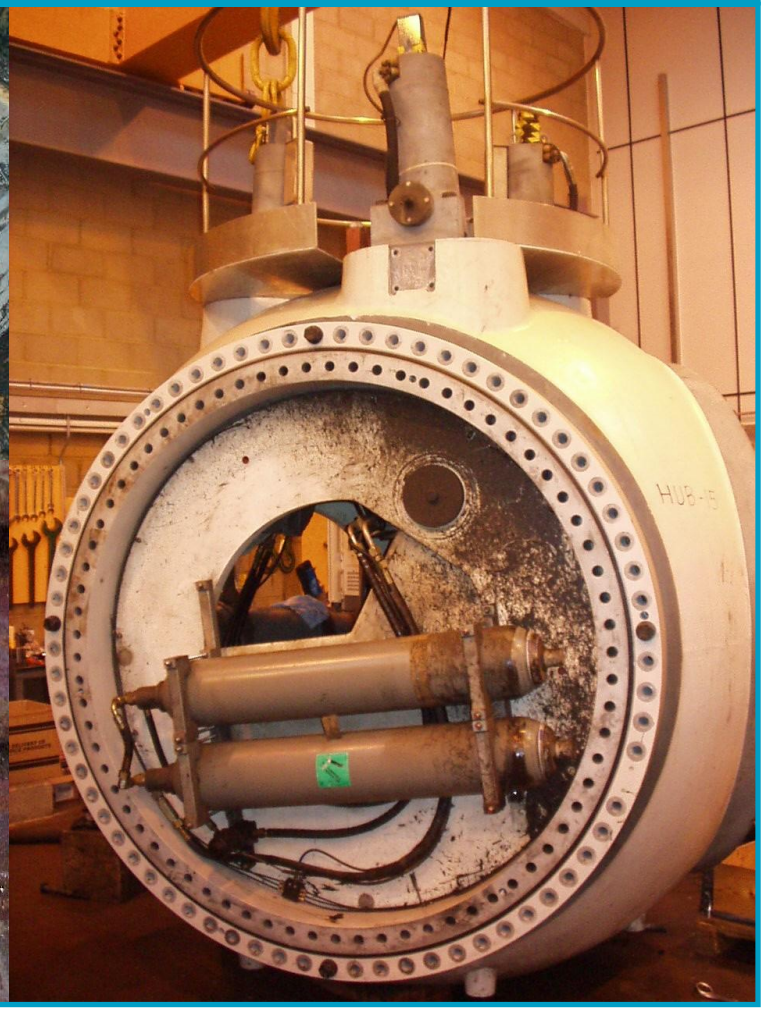

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8 Useful, accurate data

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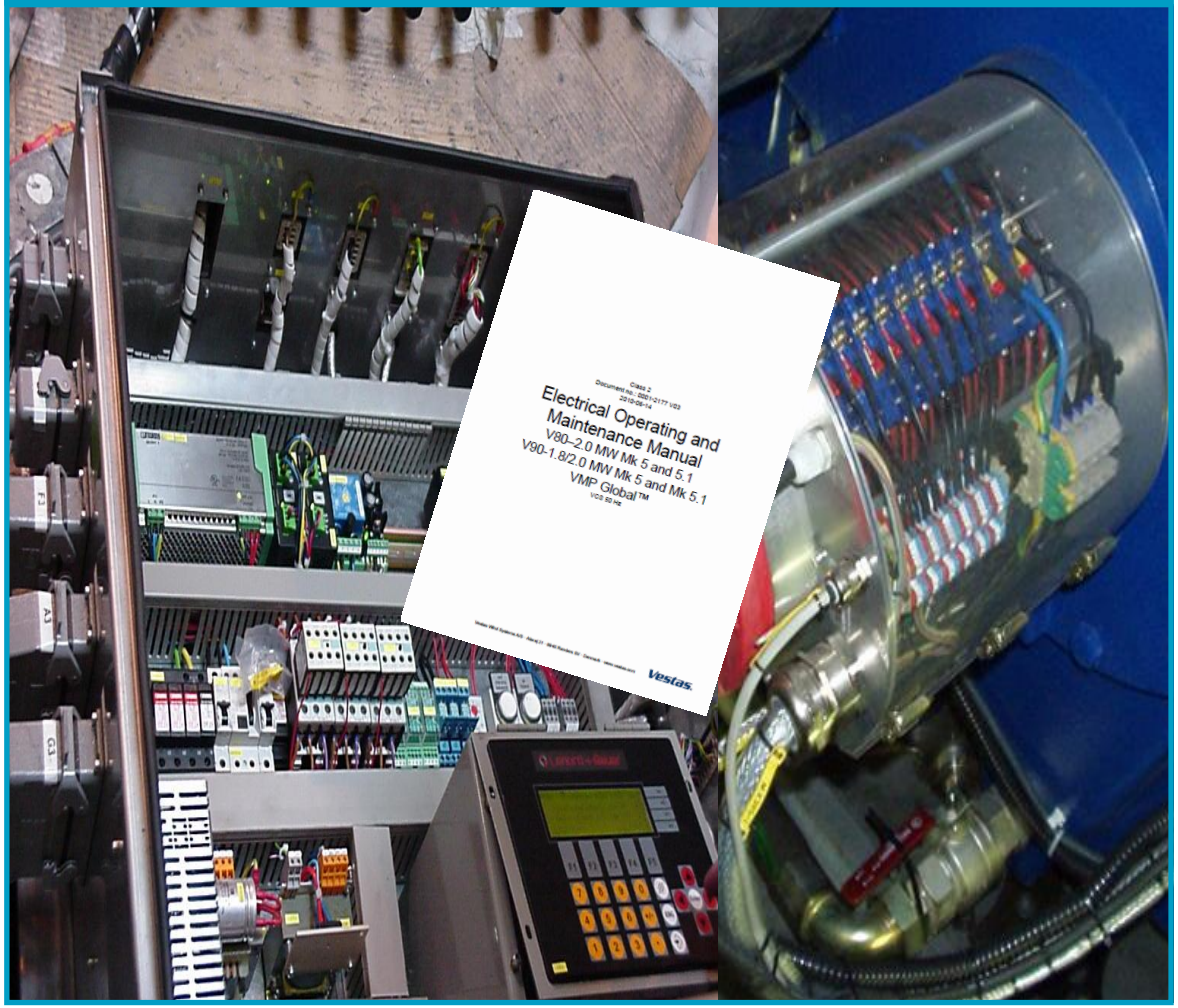

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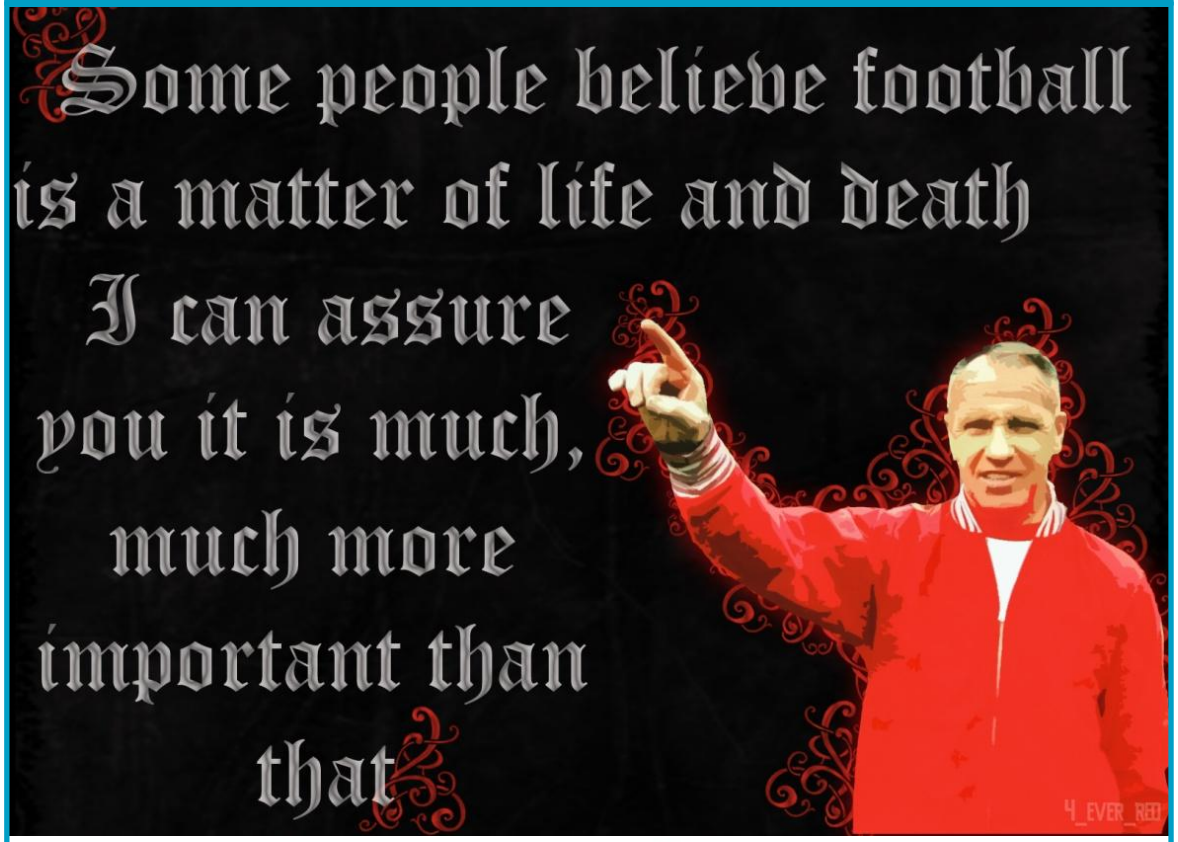

Bill Shankly, Liverpool Football Club

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Beautiful, happy offshore wind farms...

... are born in messy places

Let's talk...

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Want to discuss as a turbine manufacturer?
As an asset owner?

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