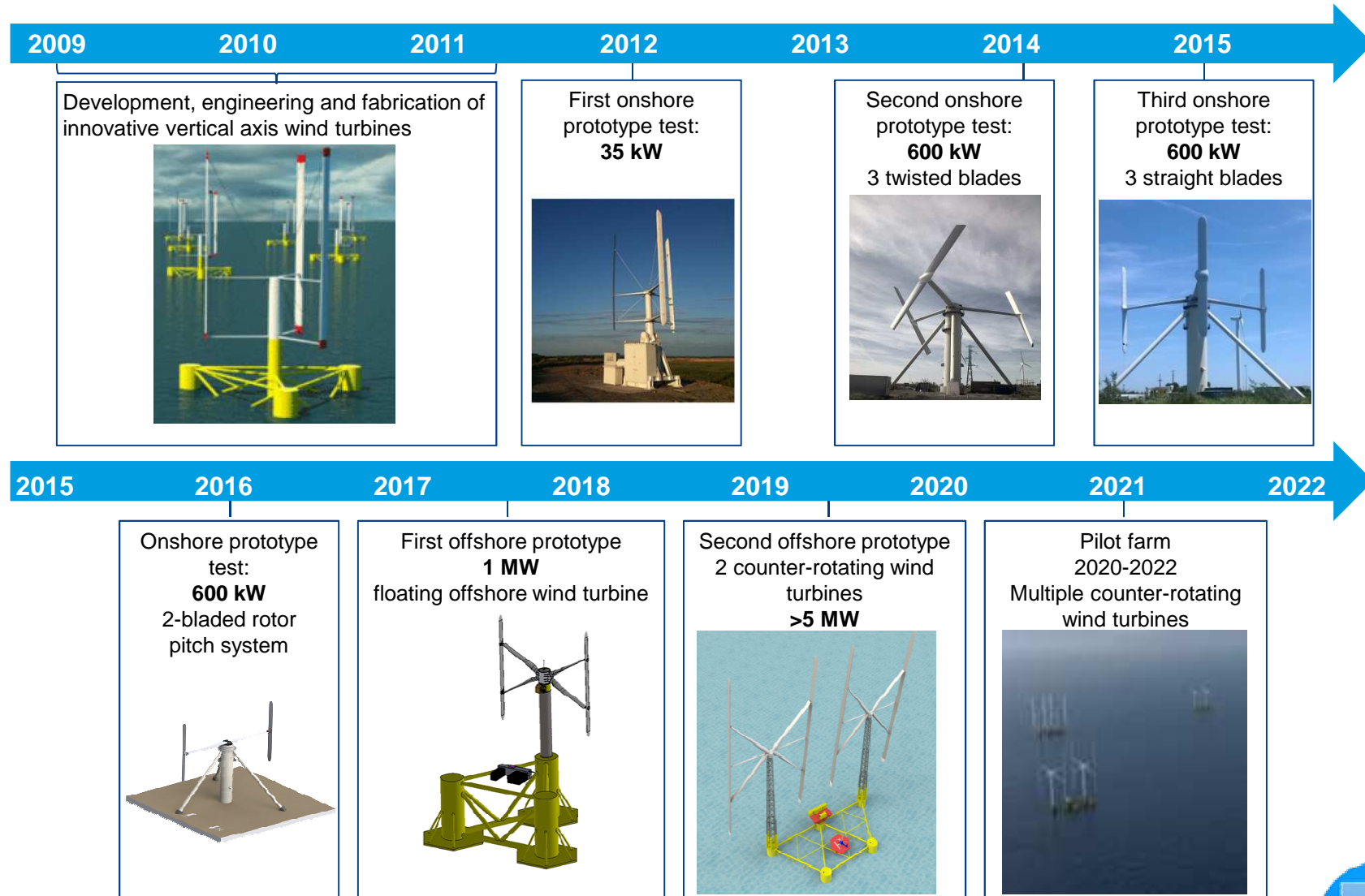


# NENUPHAR develops floating vertical axis wind turbines



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## Short resume

### ► Education

- ◆ Diplomed engineer in Physics
- ◆ PhD in cryogenics (magnetic refrigeration)

### ► 10 years experience in cryogenics and superconductors with Alstom

- ◆ Superconducting AC electrotechnics ( generator, transformer, current limiter...)
- ◆ MRI magnets, electromagnetic launcher...

### ► 15 years as a R&D manager for Alstom turbogenerator:

- ◆ Desynchronised power generation :
- ◆ Direct AC/AC conversion, 99.4% efficiency, several MW, cost efficient
- ◆ Fully adapted generator/converter solution

### ► Since 2010 : power chain, auxiliaries and control responsible for Nenuphar



# Power electronics

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► **Most widely used solution for wind turbine: PMG + full power conversion**

- ◆ IGBT based LV converter
- ◆ Efficiently manages the operation of the PMG
- ◆ Copes with LVRT

► **Drawbacks :**

- ◆ Costly
- ◆ Unconvenient to fit in the available space due to large dimensions
- ◆ Losses (30 kW/MW) => auxiliaries needed for cooling
- ◆ Unexpected shut down
- ◆ No access to internal control software
- ◆ Very low overload and surge capability

► **Alternative to power converters**

- ◆ Hydraulic transmission: cost, efficiency, maintenance and response time...
- ◆ Magnetic gearbox : ?



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- ▶ **Each energy conversion stage (from wind to grid) brings unefficiency**
  - ◆ Reminder : ABB powerformer concept to avoid transformer
  - ◆ LV->MV to avoid the first step-up transformer (attn: skill of maintenance personal)
  - ◆ AC/DC/AC vs direct AC/AC conversion
  
- ▶ **Increasing penetration of renewables :**
  - ◆ dynamic response, spinning reserve, LVRT...
  - ◆ reactive power management
  - ◆ Combination with energy storage
  - ◆ Introduce hydrogen production to manage load leveling or produce hydrogen-fuel
  - ◆ Optimised generator to directly produce DC
  
- ▶ **Ideal switch for direct AC/AC conversion or DC generator :**
  - High surge capability
  - Able to withstand reverse voltages
  - True bidirectionnal switches

