



# Proving Marine Energy

## **The Carbon Trust**

Accelerating the move  
to a low carbon economy

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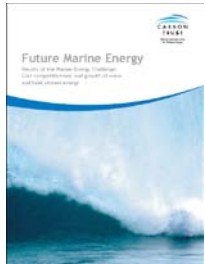
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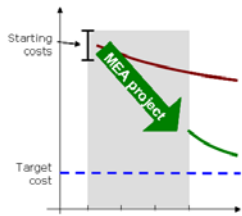
# About the Carbon Trust

- **An independent company set up in 2001 by government**
  
- We cut carbon now by
  - Providing specialist advice and finance to help organisations cut carbon
  - Setting standards for carbon reduction
  
- We cut future carbon emissions by
  - Opening markets for low carbon technologies
  - Leading industry collaborations to commercialise technologies
  - Investing in early stage low carbon companies

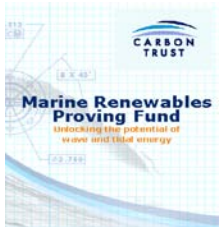
# To date the Carbon Trust have committed ~£30m to marine energy



**Marine Energy Challenge  
2003-2006**  
Understanding the issues



**Marine Energy Accelerator  
2007-2010**  
Demonstrating cost reduction



**Marine Renewable Proving Fund  
2009-2011**  
Proving the technology



**Founding Funder**



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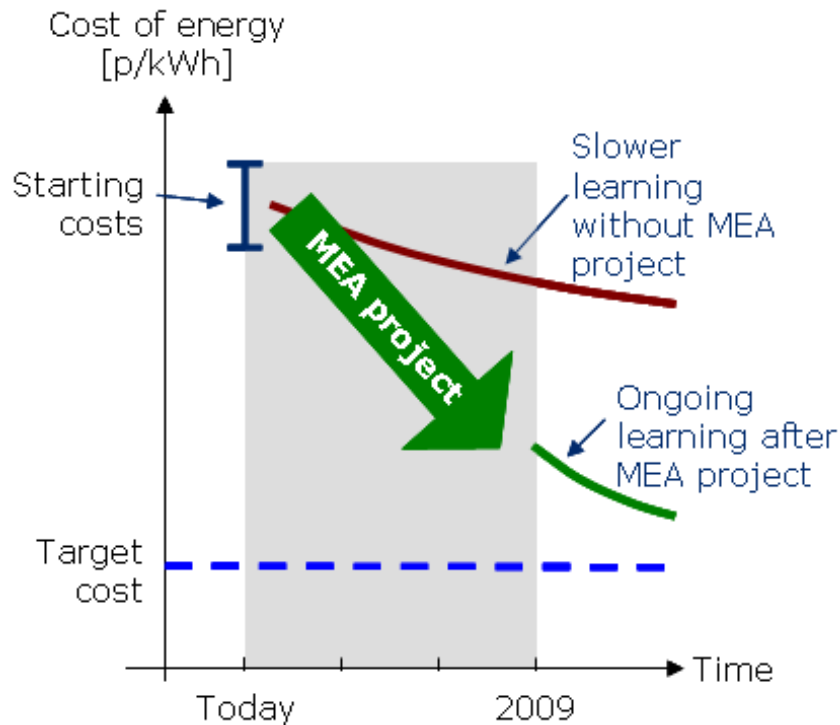
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# Marine Energy Accelerator: Accelerating cost reduction



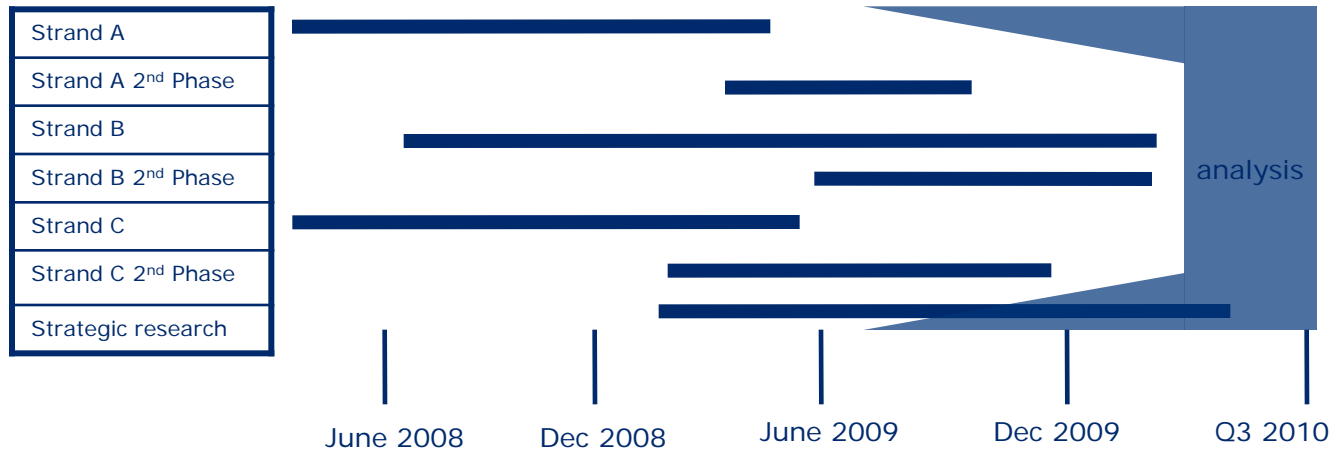
- Accelerate cost reduction to bring forward time when marine energy becomes cost-competitive



## Three routes to cost reduction:

1. Working with the existing industry to understand and reduce cost form areas like O&M, and deployment
2. Driving innovation in the supply chain to develop lower cost, better performing components
3. Looking for the next generation of device technologies, but only support them if they are significantly better than today's front runners

# MEA timeline



## Accelerating Marine Energy:

The potential for cost reduction



Final report – July 2010

## Industry status:

- Update on Wave and Tidal economics
- Update on resource assessment
- Other industry barriers

## Future of wave and tidal

- Economics
- Learning rates
- The commercial reality

## Potential for cost reduction:

- Step change concepts
- Component technologies
- Deployment and O&M

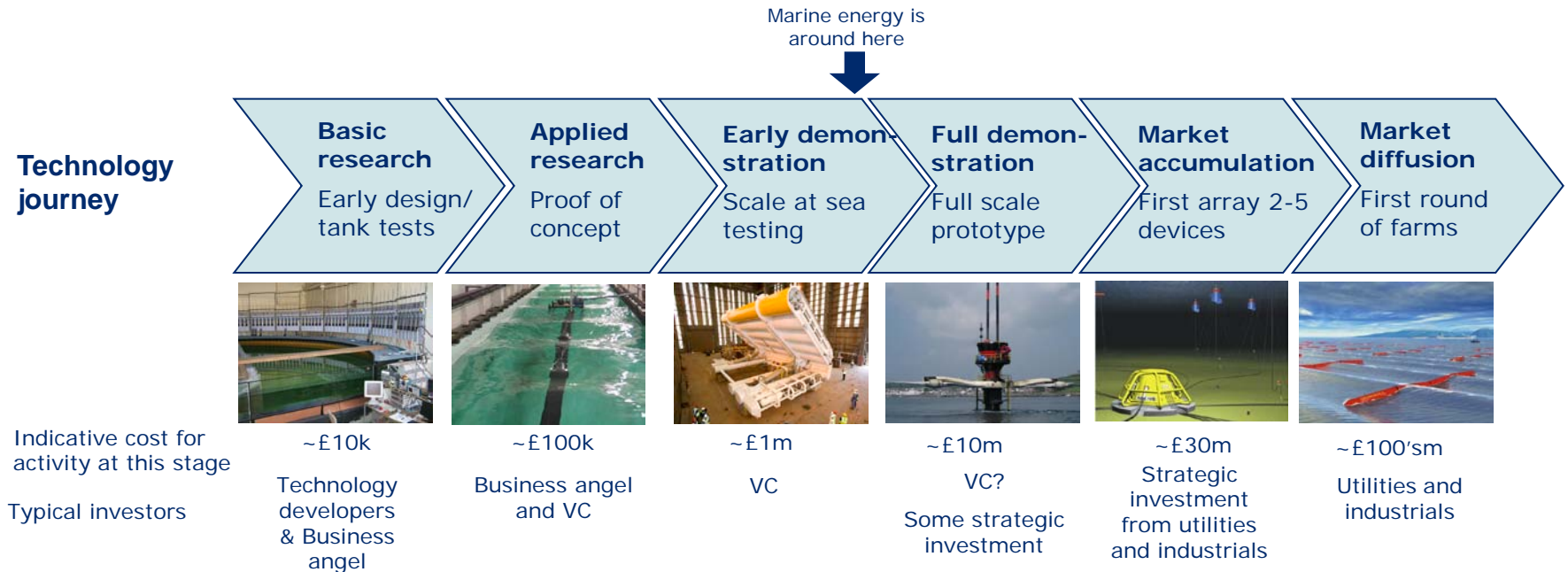
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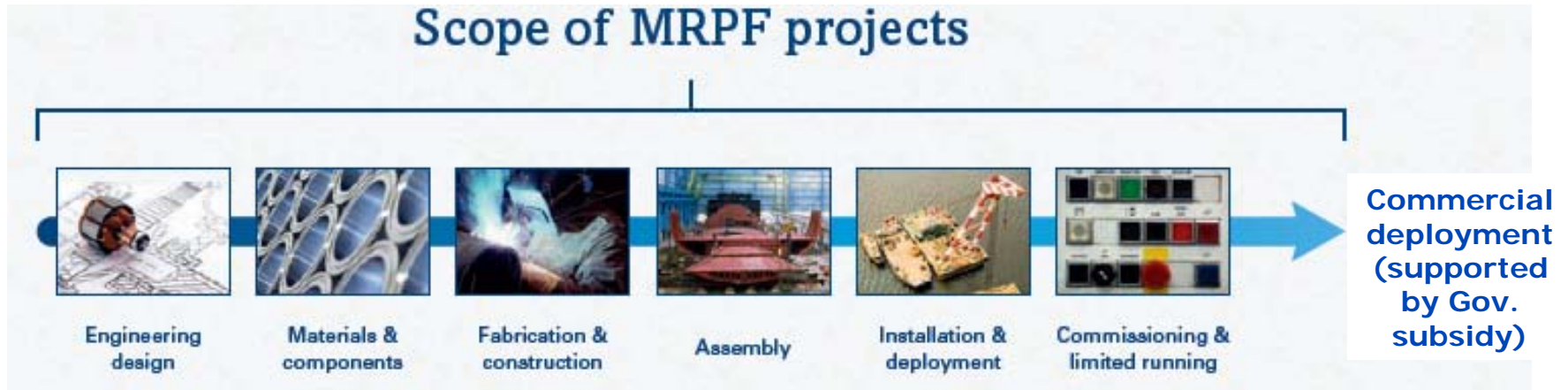
# Does marine energy represent a higher risk proposition than other low carbon technologies?



- Many companies are ready to demonstrate wave and tidal technologies at full scale, but...
- Costs to move to this stage are high, and can represent an unacceptable risk for private investment.
- The cost required to gain certainty around each of these stages are higher for wave and tidal than many other low carbon technologies.
- **Public funding is needed to share the risk of developing wave and tidal technologies, particularly in the current economic climate.**

# The Marine Renewables Proving Fund puts public money into leading wave and tidal projects to de-risk private capital

## Scope of MRPF projects



- Conceived and setup by the Carbon Trust, the Proving Fund will accelerate development, help address stop-start funding, and reinforce government commitment to wave and tidal energy.
- The Proving Fund is providing grant funding of up to £5m
- Funding full scale grid connected prototypes for the most promising technologies
- All projects will deliver devices which have the potential to qualify for MRDF.

# The six MRPF Projects are scheduled for one of two deployment windows



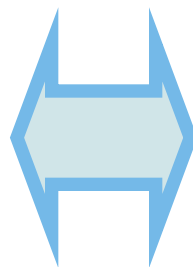
# CT has put in place an expert team to Mentor project and assess deliverables



- The Carbon Trust Technical Services Team (TST) have identified risks to delivery for each project milestone
- Risks are mitigated through additional support from the TST
- Developers can also request support from TST adhoc.

Carbon Trust Technical Services Team

The image shows a collection of logos for the Carbon Trust Technical Services Team. On the left, there is a logo for "RV" (Royal Veritas) in a blue square. Next to it is the logo for "Grant Thornton", a purple circle with a white dot. Below these are the logos for "DNV" (a green square with white text) and "Entec" (a teal rectangle with white text). At the bottom right is the logo for "mojomaritime", which includes a green swirl icon and the text "mojomaritime" with "WIND • 1100 • WAVE" underneath.



# MRPF will help *prove* that wave & tidal can make an economic, sustainable & material contribution to the UKs low carbon energy mix



MCT

Pelamis

HSUK

Aquamarine

Voith

Atlantis

- In these 6 technologies we are confident that we have selected the current strongest devices with the best long term potential - The MRPF will make a massive difference to the development rate of these technologies
- With these projects the MRPF will unlock £40.2m of private money, and make the difference with pending investments for all six.

## These projects will:

- Demonstrate what today's front running technologies can achieve.
- Provide insights into construction, deployment and operational challenges.
- Develop the track record and credentials of the industry.
- Prepare the industry for first arrays of wave and tidal energy devices, and help prove the potential of marine energy.



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