



# WES TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

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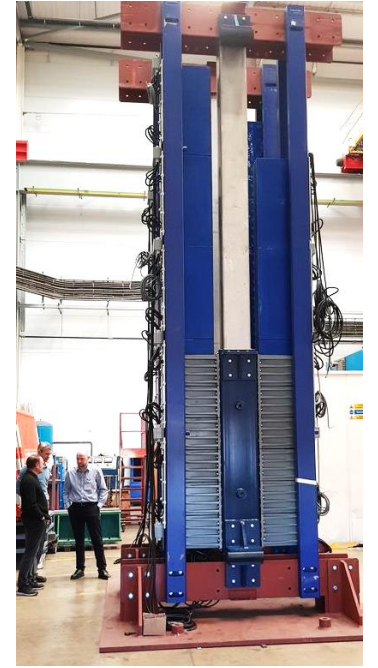
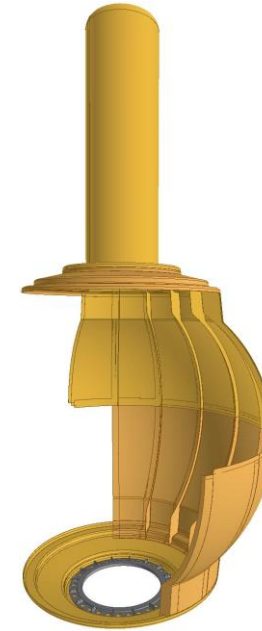
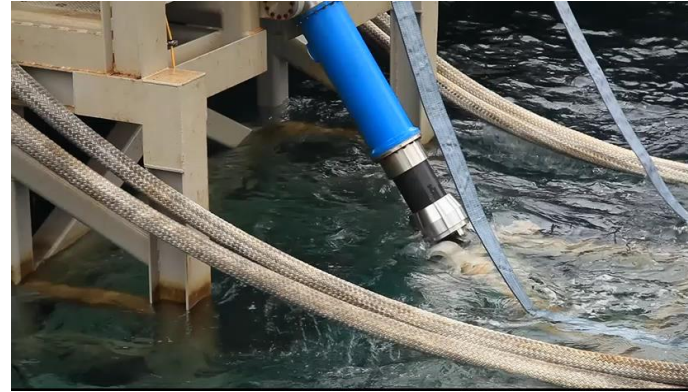
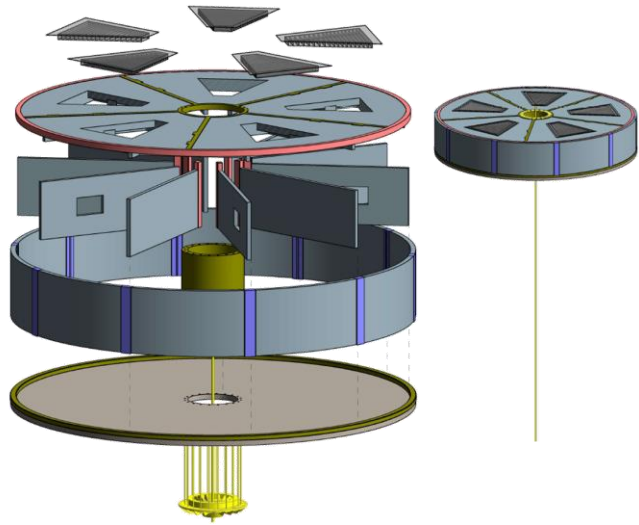
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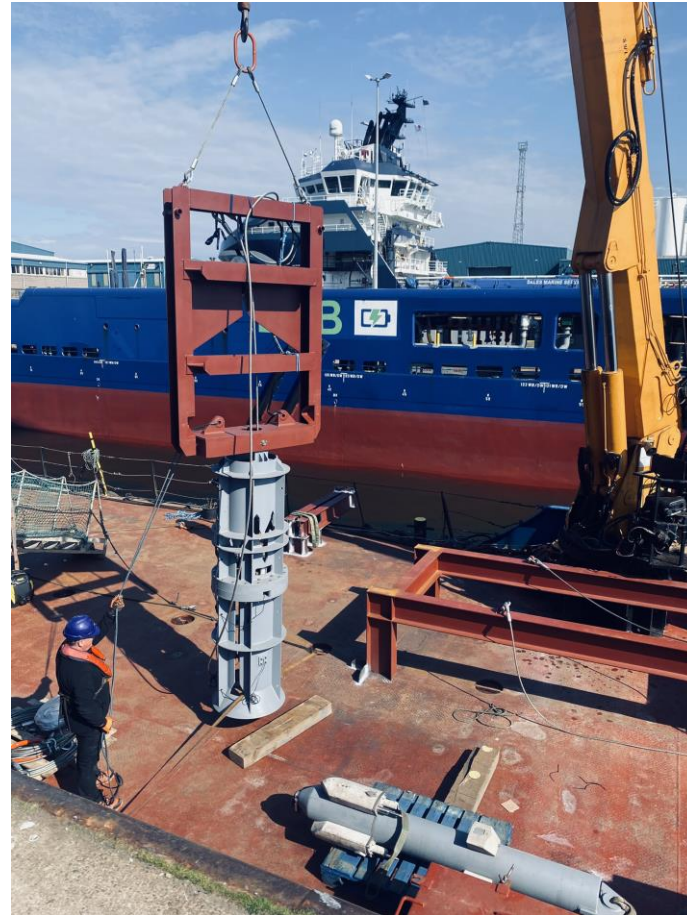
# Programme Overview: NWECC



# Programme Overview: PTOs, Materials, Controls

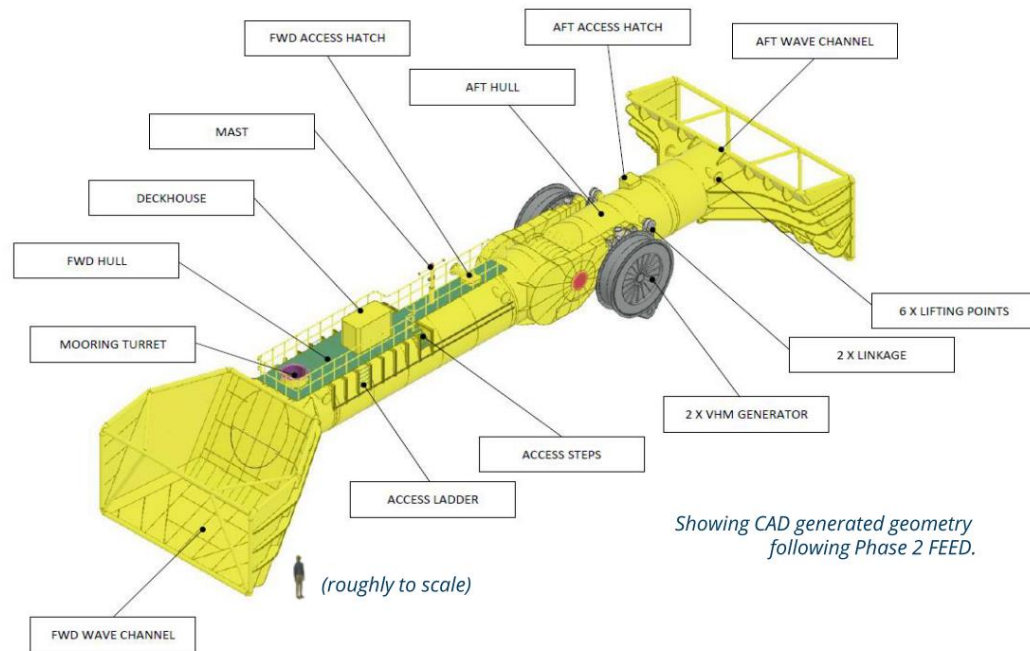


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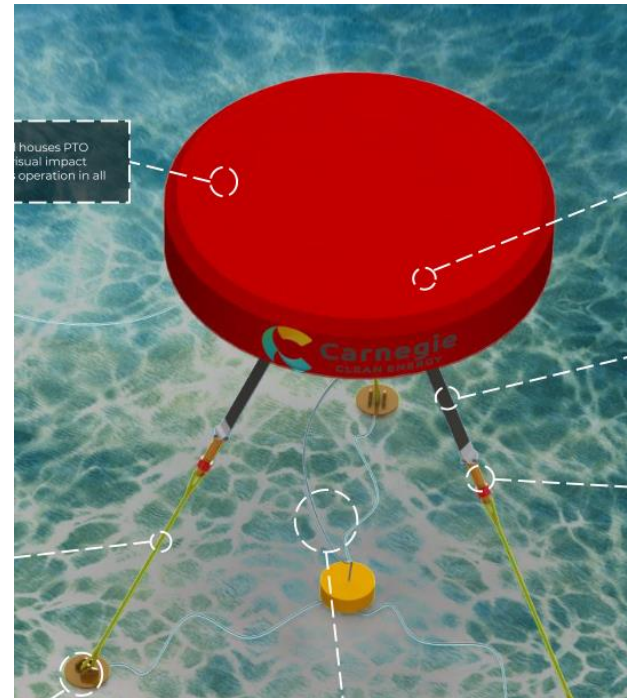




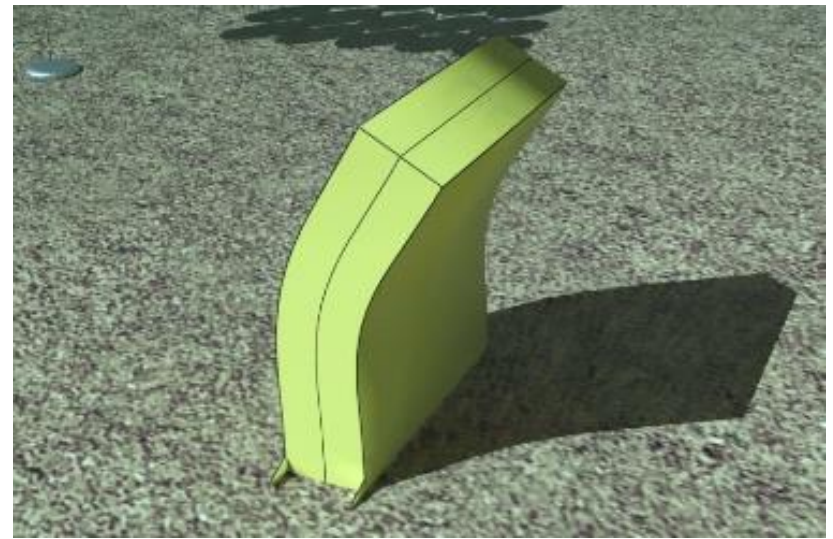
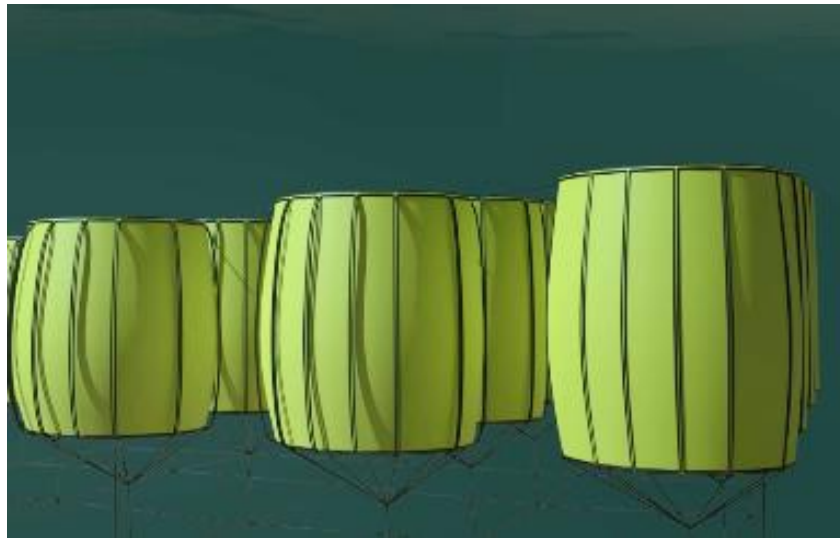
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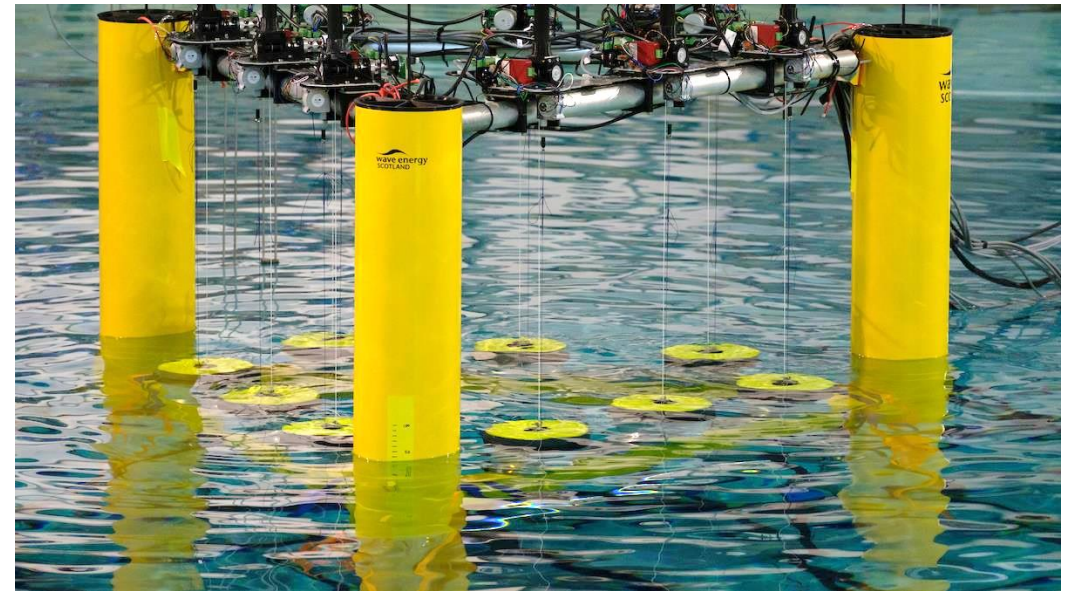
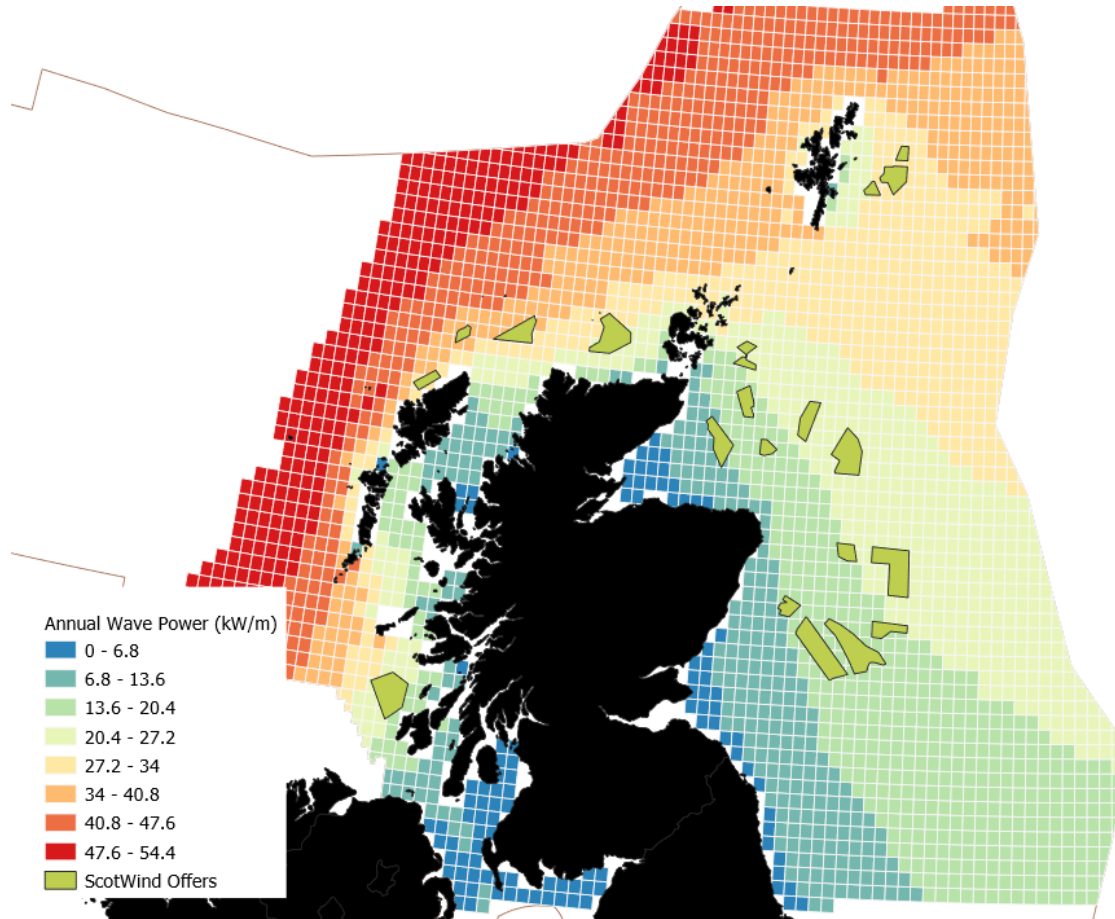
Showing CAD generated geometry following Phase 2 FEED.




# Next Generation Wave Energy



# Co-location with Floating Offshore Wind





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# AWS Ocean Energy

Simon Grey – CEO

Perspectives on wave power





**Edinburgh Wave  
Power Group 1980**

# Where has 50 years of wave power R&D got us?



- Yes, it is 50 years since the 1973 energy crisis when Stephen Salter first started his pioneering wave energy research
  - And 50 years since the wind and solar power started too
- Where has 50 years of R&D in wave got us?
  - Over 100 projects and start-ups, and to date not one single commercially successful company
  - The closest near-miss was Pelamis and we are still trying to get back to where they were 10 years ago
- Where has 50 years of wind power development got it?
  - 900 GW of installed capacity (2022)
  - Multiple multi-national companies active in supply, operation and project development – a multi-billion dollar industry delivering carbon-free energy

# Progress?



1981



2019

Groundhog Day





# Why is wave power failing to deliver?



- We fail to learn from the past
- We fail to recognize the BIG issues and hence focus on the wrong problems
  - Maintenance feasibility and cost
  - Scale
- The funding model is wrong (WES excepted)
  - Solving large challenges requires large amounts of money and a long-term stable framework
  - Private equity drives counter-productive behaviours

*No-one has yet got past the valley of death, because when they actually face the realities of operating plant in the ocean, everything changes!*

*If you want to push ever-increasing amounts of renewable energy onto the grid at above market prices, there is only one group who pays for it and that is the tax-payer*

# So how do we fix this?



- Governments must take a decision that society wants wave power and is prepared to pay for it
- Then establish a long-term strategic plan for delivery, backed by a solid funding plan, and in conjunction with other stakeholders, particularly licensing, sea-bed leasing and grid
- Funding must be 100% with delivery contracted to competent companies, at least until pre-commercial demonstration stage (BOOT)
- IP should be publicly owned until it is shown to be worth something and then licensed to provide a return for the public purse
- Finally, we have to stop the hype, face the real challenges and get on with solving them!

**100%  
development  
funding**

**Public IP  
ownership**

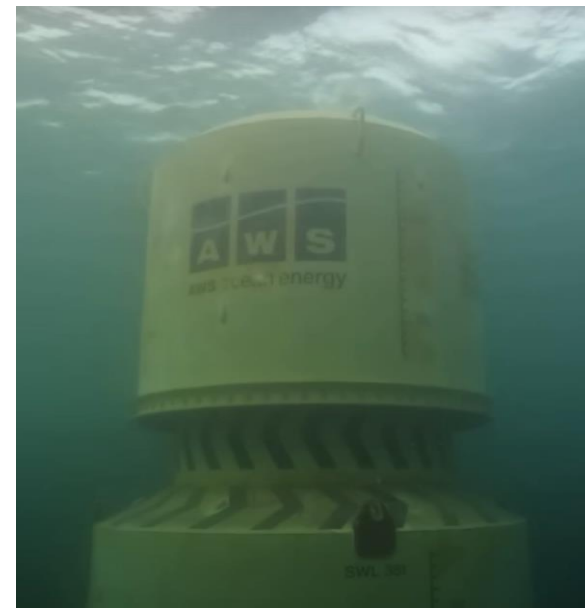
**BOOT for pre-  
commercial  
demonstration**

**Transparency  
and integrity**

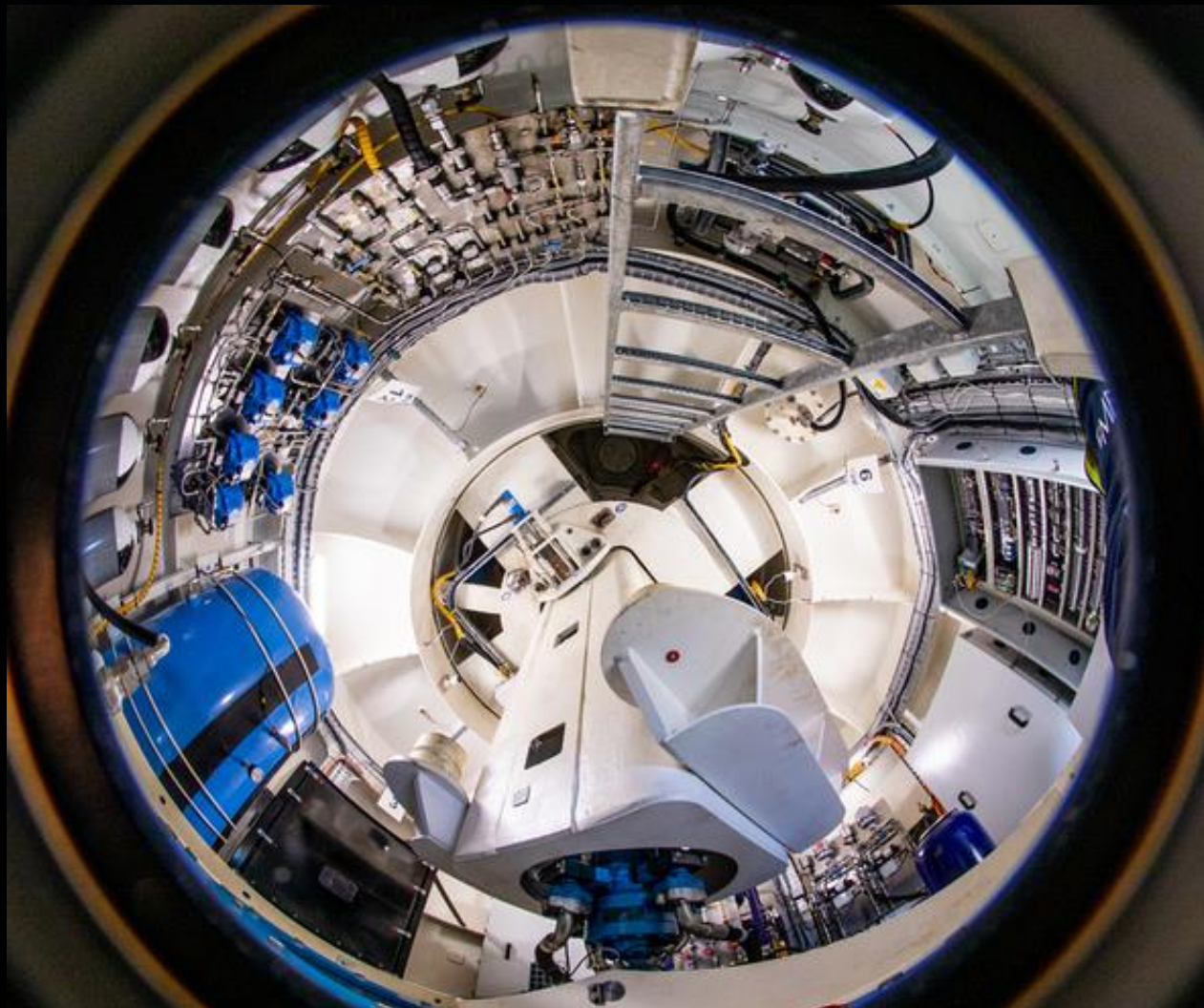
# And the AWS update?



- We have taken the first successful steps to prove a modular and efficient WEC technology
  - But this needs more hours on the clock in realistic conditions, and this means money
- By combining generating modules into multi-absorber structures we believe that we have a solution for both the maintenance and scale challenges
  - We are ready to develop these solutions if and when a suitable funding model is put in place
- Meantime, we offer our 20+ years of experience in wave power development to support any other teams to whom we can add value









**Practical affordable wave energy**

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Session Two: Technology Development

# Wave energy technology development milestones

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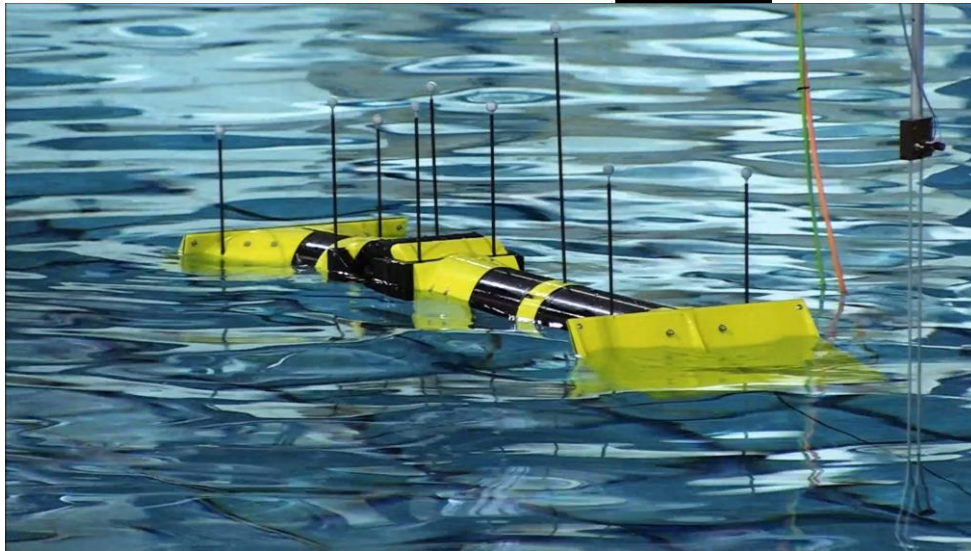
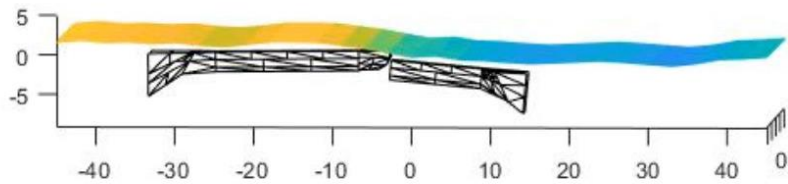
Green energy out of the blue

# Milestones

- Robust validated numerical models
- Demonstration at sea
- Technical track record
- Markets to serve
- Commercial traction
- Scaling up
- Technical to regulatory shift (RSP)



## Robust validated numerical models



- Experimental and numerical modelling of WEC geometry, body dynamics and hydrodynamics.
- WEC geometry numerically optimised for performance and cost
- Modelling integrated interactively with the engineering design process.
- Extensive exploration before any steel cut.
- Optimisations and sensitivity studies used to evaluate componentry such as batteries, solar and other innovation.

# Demonstration at sea



# Technical Track Record

## Mocean's credibility has been bolstered by robust demonstration of each of the IEA-OES metrics

Blue X was deployed first at the EMEC 'nursery site' of Scapa Flow for 5 months, then for 8 months and ongoing at Copinsay, east Orkney from March 2023 with 4 months more to run.

It has demonstrated power capture, conversion, automated controllability and storage.

Encounters with extreme waves in seas of Hs up to 7.2m have confirmed its survival capacity.

Site visits in small craft have been utilized for maintenance. The machine is steadily accumulating reliability data.



Areas included in the IEA-OES Evaluation and Guidance Framework

# Markets – adapt by scale

## Small scale

>10 kW

Off-grid & demand markets  
Reliable, integrated renewable power and comms in situ



## Mid

>100 kW

Power to islands, remote locations, larger off-grid



## Grid

>1000 kW

Wave arrays & combined wind-wave farms  
Adding balance and grid efficiency



# Traction – enabling upscaling

## Competitive Funding awards.

Success in 6 consecutive Pre-Commercial Procurement contracts (WES & EuropeWave)



## Extensive engagement with supply chain –

fabrication, balance of plant, operations



Successful record of partner and customer engagement in the marine engineering sector



# Scaling up

## Exciting emerging shifts for wave energy:

- Growing recognition as a ready, reliable source of off-grid power & communications
- Cross-industry collaboration - emerging ocean energy sector combining with traditional big energy players
  - Attracting international investment
  - Integrators with aligned visions
- Larger scale decarbonisation opportunities
  - Awarded ~€3.7m to deliver next size up machine (EuropeWave)
  - Carbon Capture & Storage, aquaculture, islanded and national grids
  - Co-location with wind farms





10 years



200 ocean technology projects enabled



20 communities empowered by ocean energy



Flagship wind wave farms



Mitigate 200,000 TCO2 per year

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# EuropeWave Programme



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# Bridging the gap to commercialisation of wave energy technology using pre-commercial procurement

**Duration:** 65 months (01/01/2021 to 31/05/2026)

**PCP Budget:** €19,600,000

**Total Budget:** €22,702,112

**Programme:** H2020-EU.3.3.2.

[Low-cost, low-carbon energy supply]

**Topic:** LC-SC3-JA-3-2019

[European Pre-Commercial Procurement Programme for Wave Energy Research & Development]



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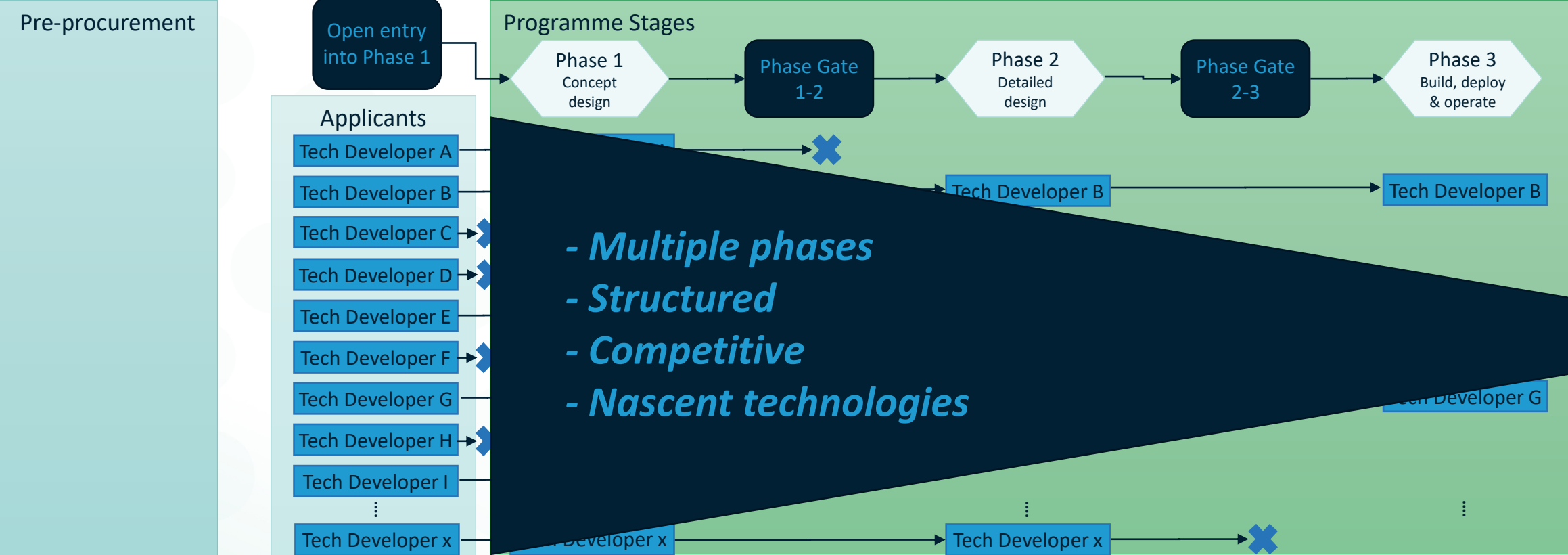
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Buyers Group

Consortium  
Partner

# Pre-Commercial Procurement Approach



# EuropeWave PCP

PCP budget: **€19,600,000 (inc. VAT†)**

Duration: 53 months

## Phase 1 Concept Development

Phase budget:  
€2,450,000 (inc. VAT†)

Call-off contracts:  
Awarded 7

Contract budget:  
up to €350,000 (inc. VAT†)

Duration: 7 months

## Phase 2 Design / modelling

Phase budget:  
€3,650,000 (inc. VAT†)

Call-off contracts:  
Awarded 5

Contract budget:  
up to €730,000 (inc. VAT†)

Duration: 9 months

## Phase 3 Open-sea deployment & testing programme

Phase budget:  
€13,500,000 (inc. VAT†)

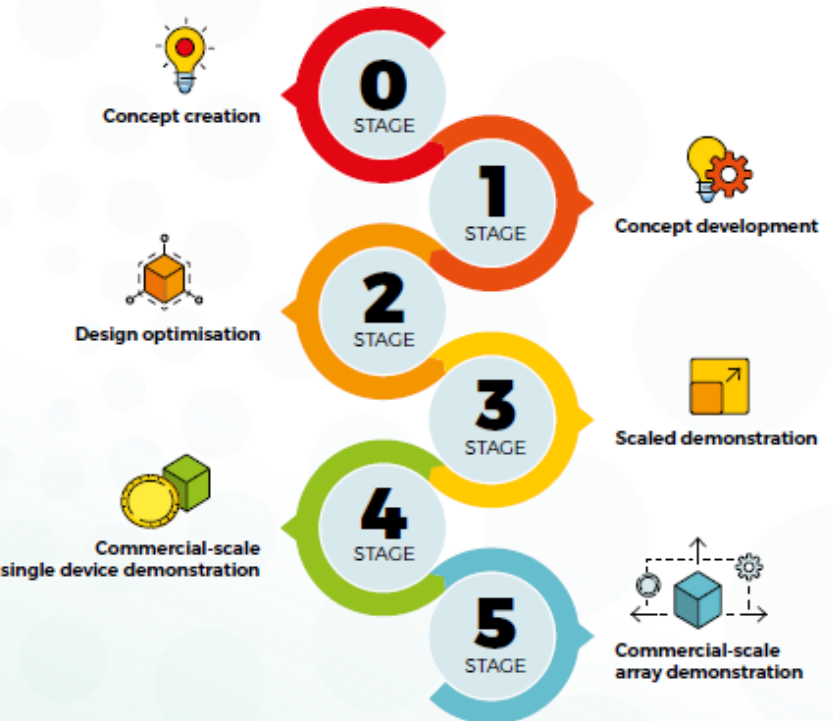
Call-off contracts: 3

Contract budget:  
up to €4,500,000 (inc. VAT†)

Duration: 33 months

† the applicable VAT rate is that in the country of the Lead Procurer

# IEA-OES Framework



Evaluation Criteria	Units	Format
<b>Mean Time to Failure (MTTF)</b>	Hours	Numerical value
<b>Failure Rate</b> (probability of failure per unit time)	Non-dimensional	Numerical value







Table 13 Evaluation Criteria for Reliability (wave and tidal stream)

**3.4.3 STAGE ACTIVITIES**

Stage	Stage Activities
<b>Stage 0</b> Concept creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of technology and market requirements and challenges associated with Reliability (the problem statement)</li> <li>• Selection of high-level reliability targets, appropriate to the technology</li> <li>• Evaluation of the reliability of comparable technologies and applications. This evaluation should be based on the conceptual understanding of the technology and identification of physical and functional characteristics that impact reliability or the requirement for a specific level of reliability, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- near/ far from shore</li> <li>- deep/ shallow water</li> <li>- floating/ surface piercing/ bottom mounted</li> </ul> </li> <li>• suitability for implementation of supervisory monitoring and control systems</li> <li>• proposed structural material considered, with respect to scale and loading scenarios and suitability for expected environmental conditions</li> <li>• concept mode of operation, moving parts, potential exposure, perceived susceptibility to damage</li> </ul>
<b>Stage 1</b> Concept development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a numerical model or structural calculations to estimate commercial-scale loads in subsystems and devices (see section 3.1.4.1 for discussion on device scale and size)</li> <li>• Identification of likely design limit states</li> <li>• Identification of structural strength of proposed structural materials and high-level evaluation of safety factors of key structural components</li> <li>• Use of experience from similar technology in a comparable environment and application to identify key failure modes and to estimate failure rates. High-level evaluation of the sufficiency of the identified failure modes and rate.</li> <li>• Evaluation of the potential for control system actions to be implemented and consideration of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- potential benefits to Reliability</li> <li>- level of reliance on control to maintain Reliability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Physical, laboratory or bench testing of key components at appropriate scale to evaluate life (or cycles) capability and failure rate</li> </ul>
<b>Stage 2</b> Design optimisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of numerical model to estimate structural loads on a commercial-scale device, validated to the extent possible using physical testing</li> <li>• Quantitative assessment of likely loads (including fatigue) on a commercial-scale device in representative conditions (see section 3.1.4.2 for a set of recommended wave energy sea-states) from tank test, rig test and validated numerical modelling</li> <li>• Development of an FMEA based on FEED (Front End Engineering Design) activity for Stage 3 open-water test device, tank-test &amp; modelling data, and Reliability experience from similar technology in a comparable environment and application</li> </ul>



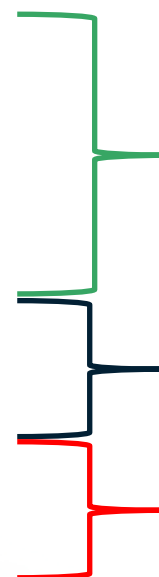
# The Vision – Bringing wave energy to commercial-scale with innovative procurement

Stage	TRL
 Stage 0	1
 Stage 1	2 3
 Stage 2	4
 Stage 3	5 6
 Stage 4	7 8
 Stage 5	9

**Early (1-3)**  
Analytical and numerical models

**Mid (3-6)**  
Experimental tests in controlled environment

**Late (6-9)**  
Experimental tests in representative environment

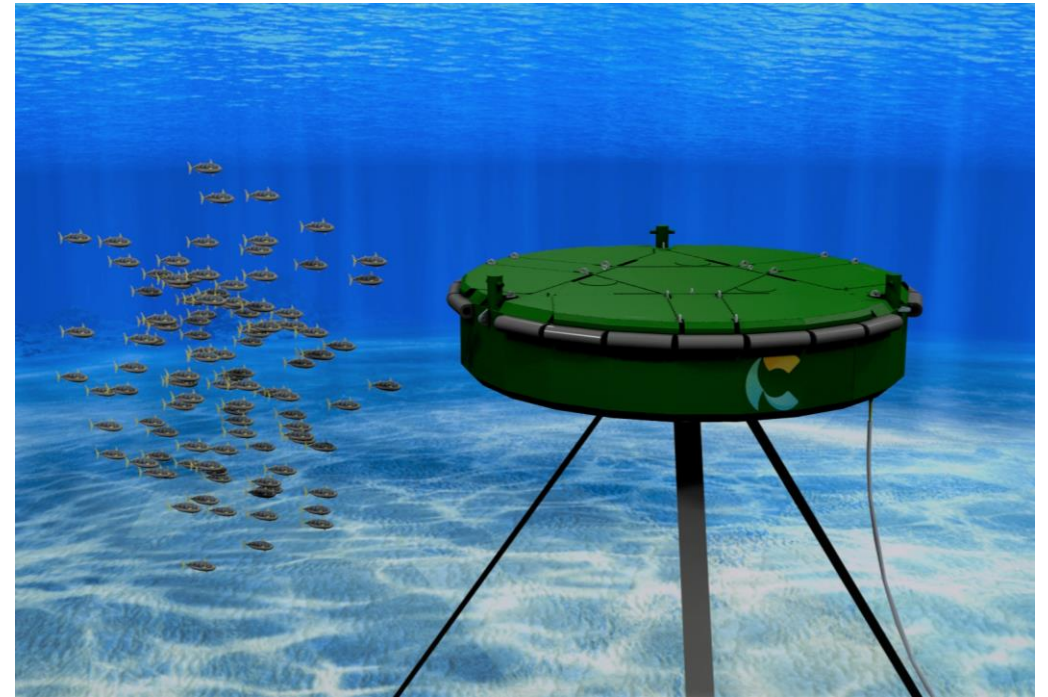


2021 -2026

Post 2026

# CETO Wave Energy Ireland

- Submerged point absorber
  - Deployment of the CETO 6 at BiMEP for 12 months
  - Demonstrate operational and survival strategies
  - Complete IEA Stage 3
  - Build confidence for commercial roll-out
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- Innovations...
    - Advanced controller
    - Rotary electric PTO
    - Continued operation through all conditions
    - QCS to allow rapid connection/disconnection



# IDOM Consulting

- Floating OWC
- Redeployment of the MARMOK A-5 at BiMEP for 12 months
- Testing with an improved PTO and control system
- Focus on improving installability, performance, operational experience and survival/reliability
- Innovations...
  - Air turbine PTO with variable pitch mechanism
  - Machine learning based control strategy, with reinforcement learning algorithm
  - Operational improvements to avoid use of divers wherever possible
  - Array design configuration developed

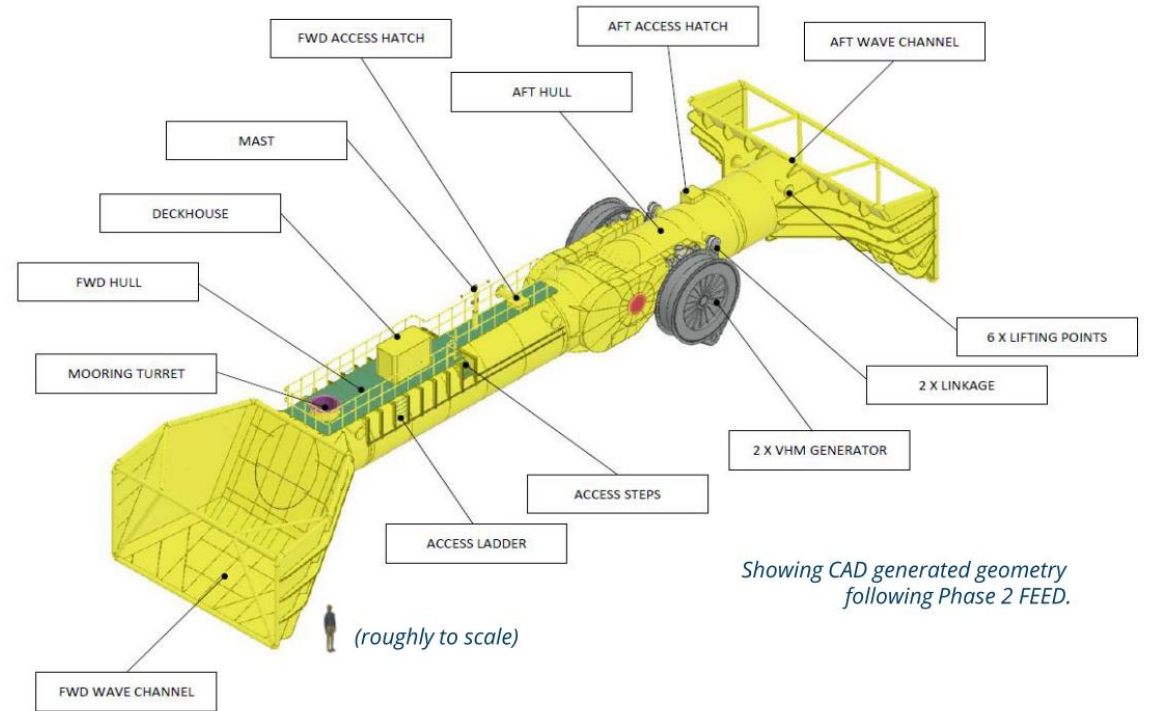


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# Mocean Energy

- Attenuator type WEC
- Full scale, first-of-a-kind, 250kW WEC
- Minimum 12 months of at-sea trials at EMEC, Billa Croo
- TRL7 by end of 2026
- Healthy pipeline of commercial projects
- Innovations...
  - AI-based design to optimise geometry
  - Direct-drive PTO - Vernier Hybrid Machine
  - PTO linkage gearing = more power delivered
  - QCS to streamline operations
  - Installability for future array deployments





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**Thank you!**

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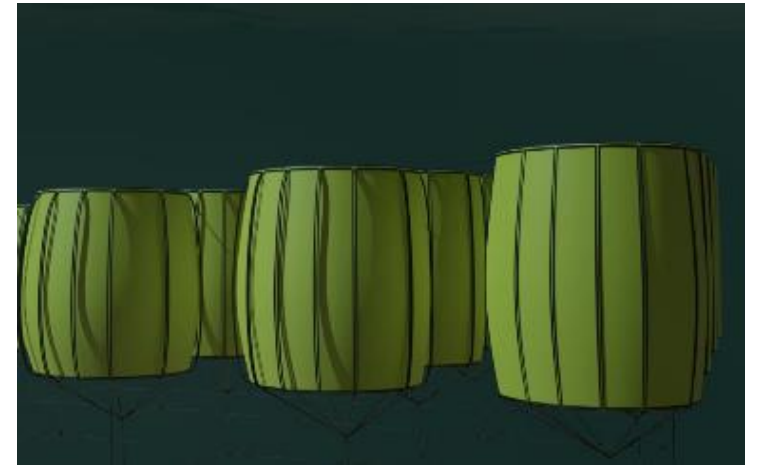
# Next Generation Wave Energy: Direct | Distributed | Flexible

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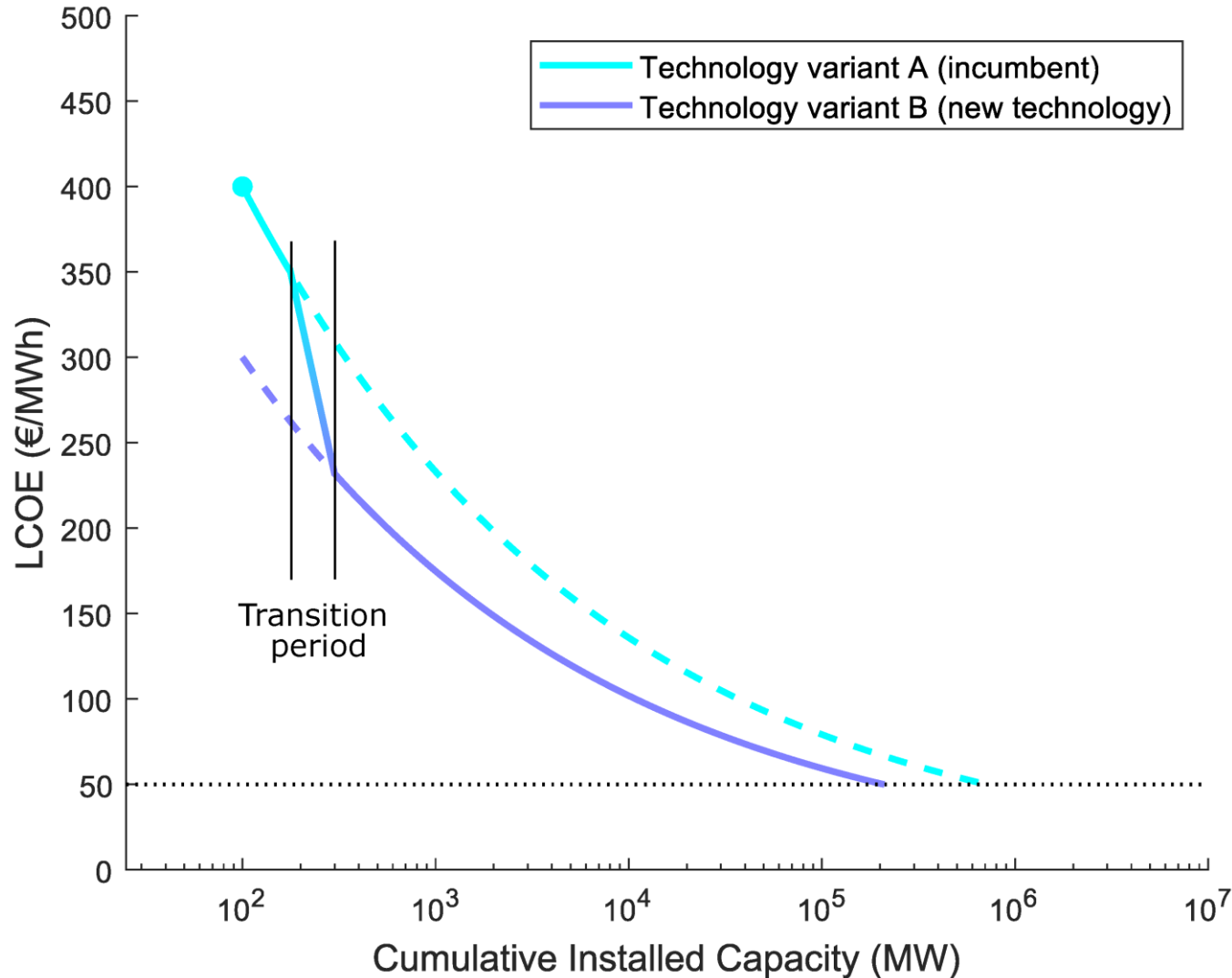
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# Next Generation Wave Energy Direct | Distributed | Flexible

- Radical innovation
- Direct | Distributed | Flexible
- Potential benefits
- Collaborative innovation strategy
- Building a collaborative R&D programme



# Seeking (balanced) radical innovation



- Enables
  - Step change LCOE
  - Higher learning rates
  - Reduced learning investment
- Longer-term cost reduction potential





# Radical innovation – next generation technology

- Direct, distributed, flexible generation



- Electrostatic generation technologies

- Flexible properties of polymers, elastomers, and dielectric fluids
- Dielectric Elastomer Generators (DEG) and Dielectric Fluid Generators (DFG)



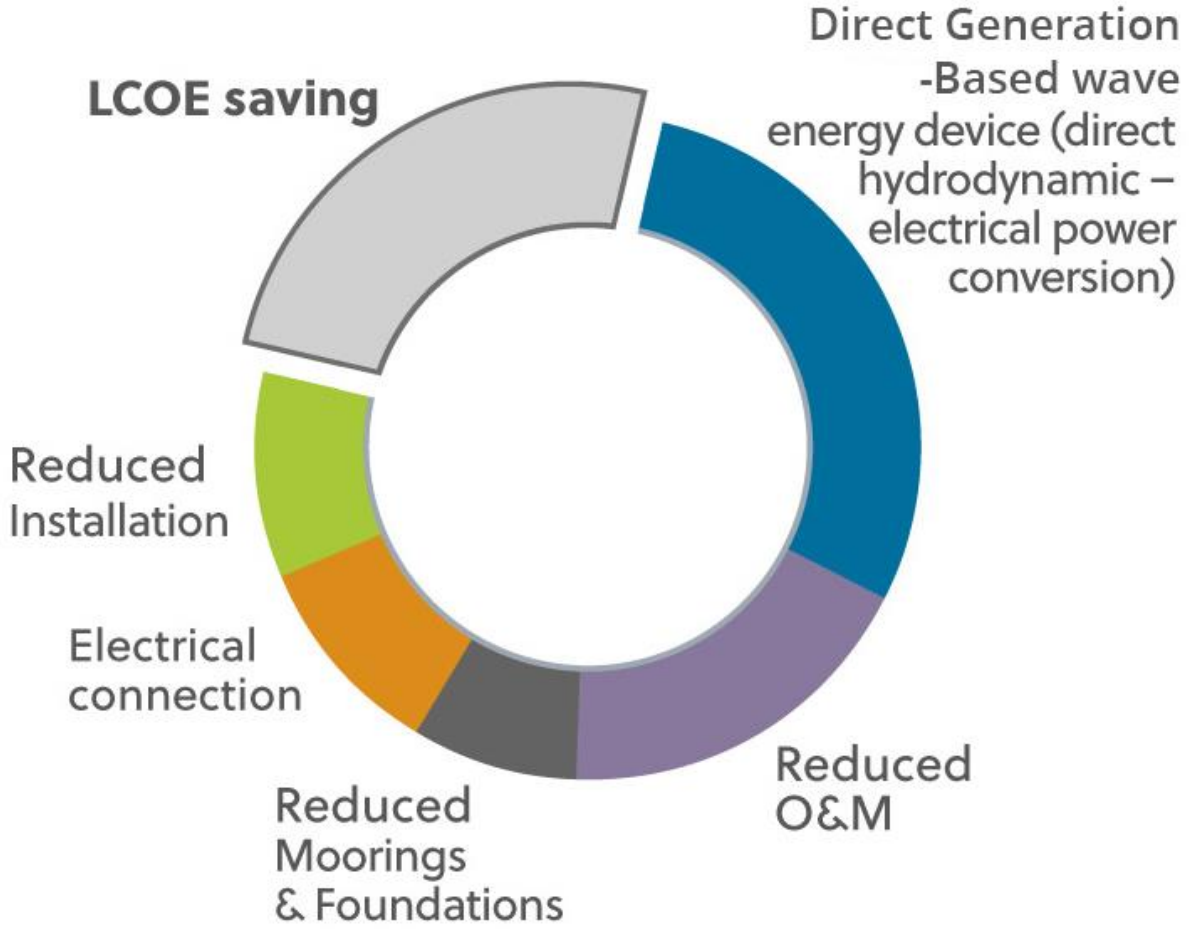
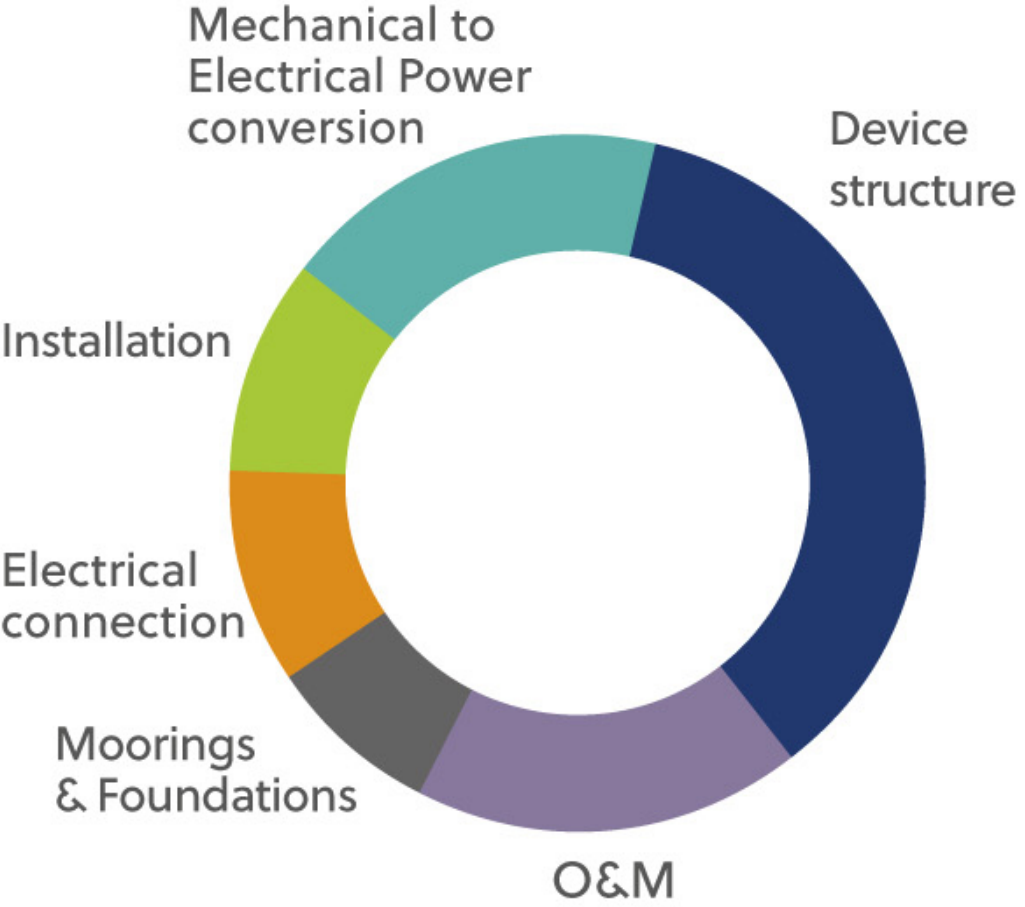
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- Waves → stretching, twisting, bending → electrical energy
  - A new class of wave energy converters



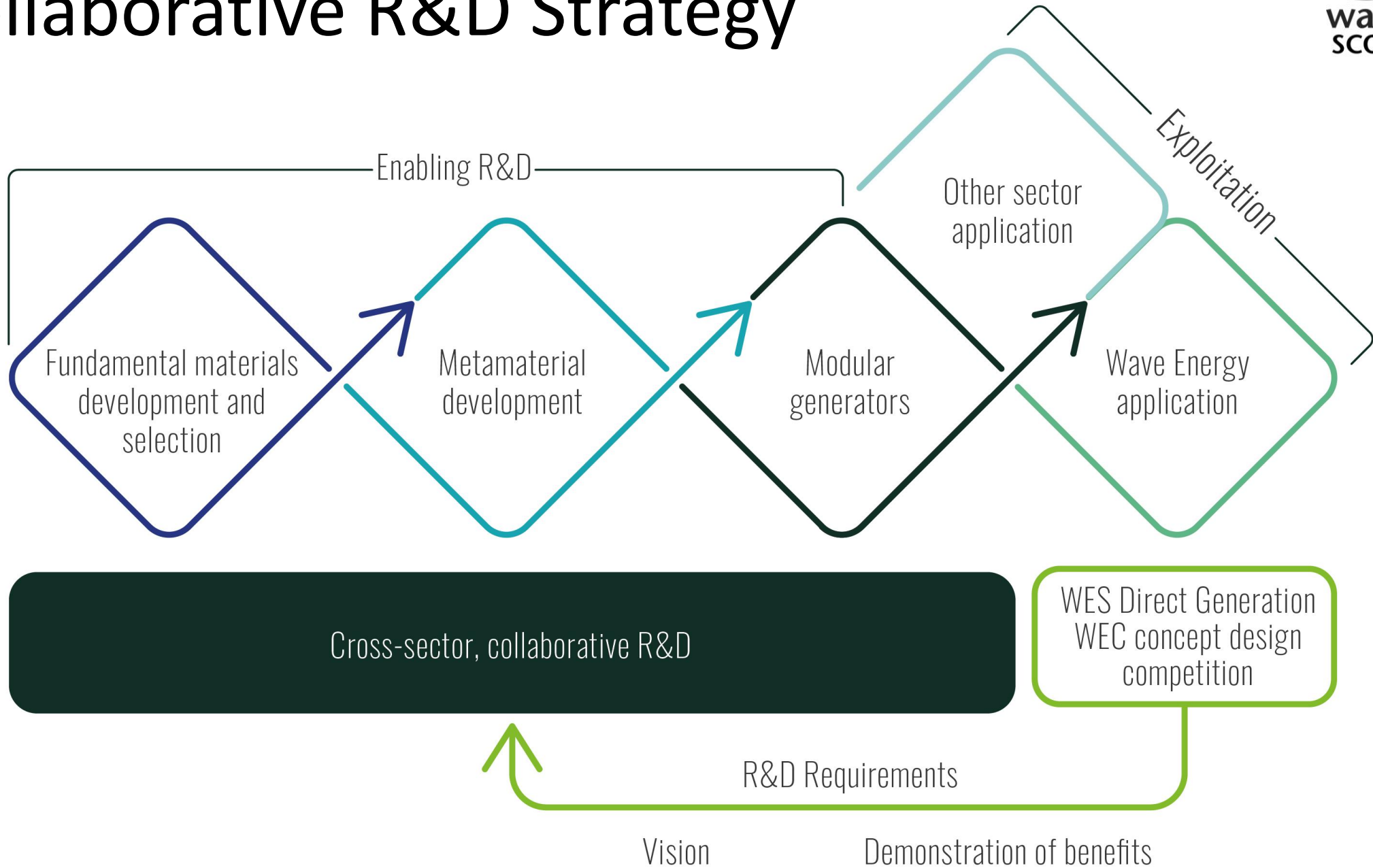
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# Collaborative R&D Strategy



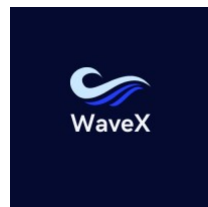
# Building a collaborative R&D programme

- Strategic concept design

- 5 x concept design projects
  - Concept
  - Benefits and feasibility
  - R&D direction
  - Vision

- Enabling R&D

- Materials
- Metamaterials
- Generation modules





Thank you!

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