



OPEN SEA OPERATING EXPERIENCE TO REDUCE WAVE ENERGY COSTS

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Key Challenges of Wave Energy



Project Aims



Collect, analyse and share for the first time high-quality **open-sea operating data and experience**

Validate & de-risk **4 industrial innovations** for wave energy

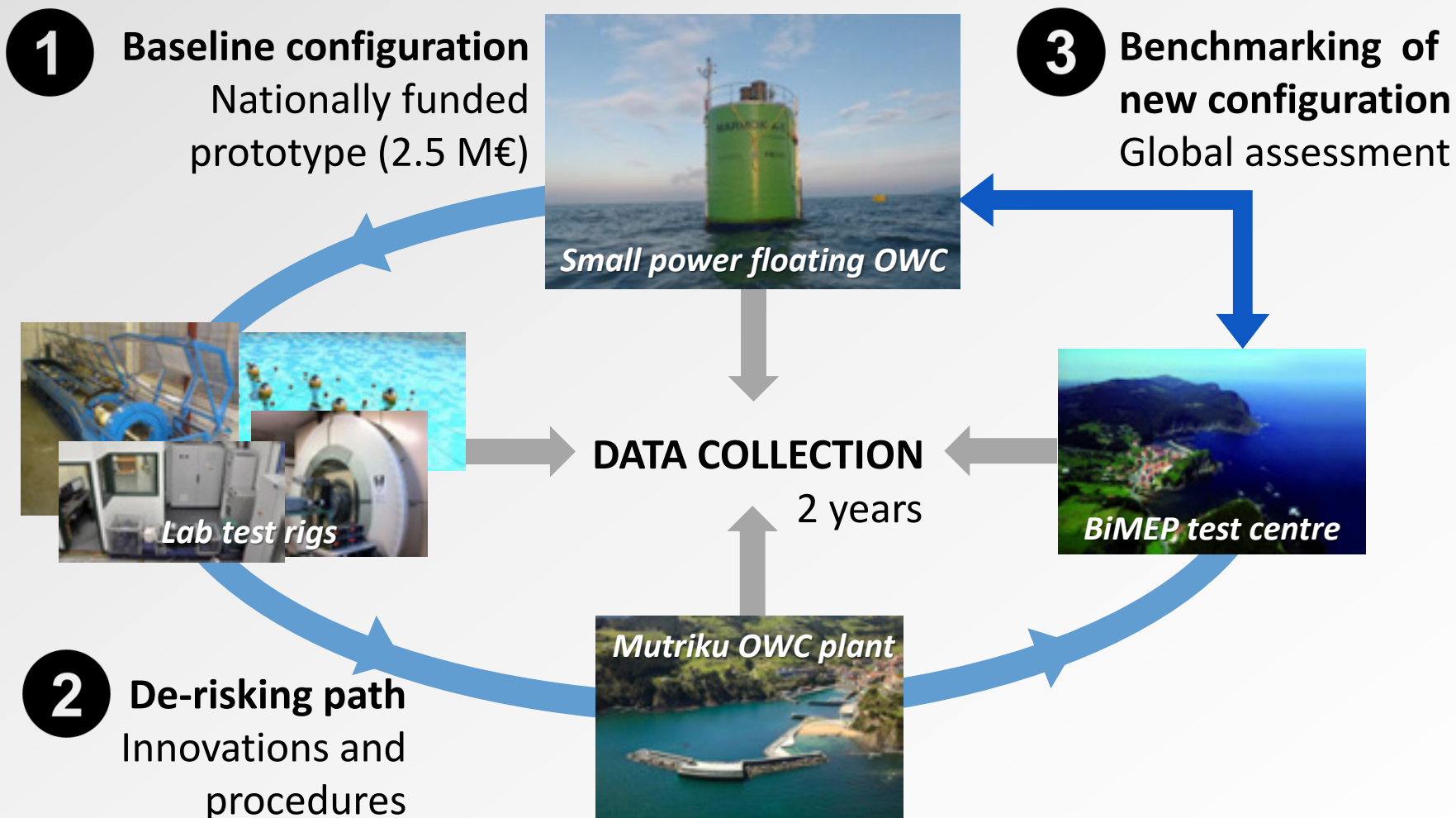


Innovation	Target	LCOE impact
Novel biradial air turbine	50% higher annual efficiency compared to Wells turbine	33%
Advanced control strategies	30% increase in energy production	23%
Elastomeric mooring tether	Reduce peak loads by 70%	7-10%
Shared mooring configuration	50% reduction in overall mooring costs in arrays	5-8%



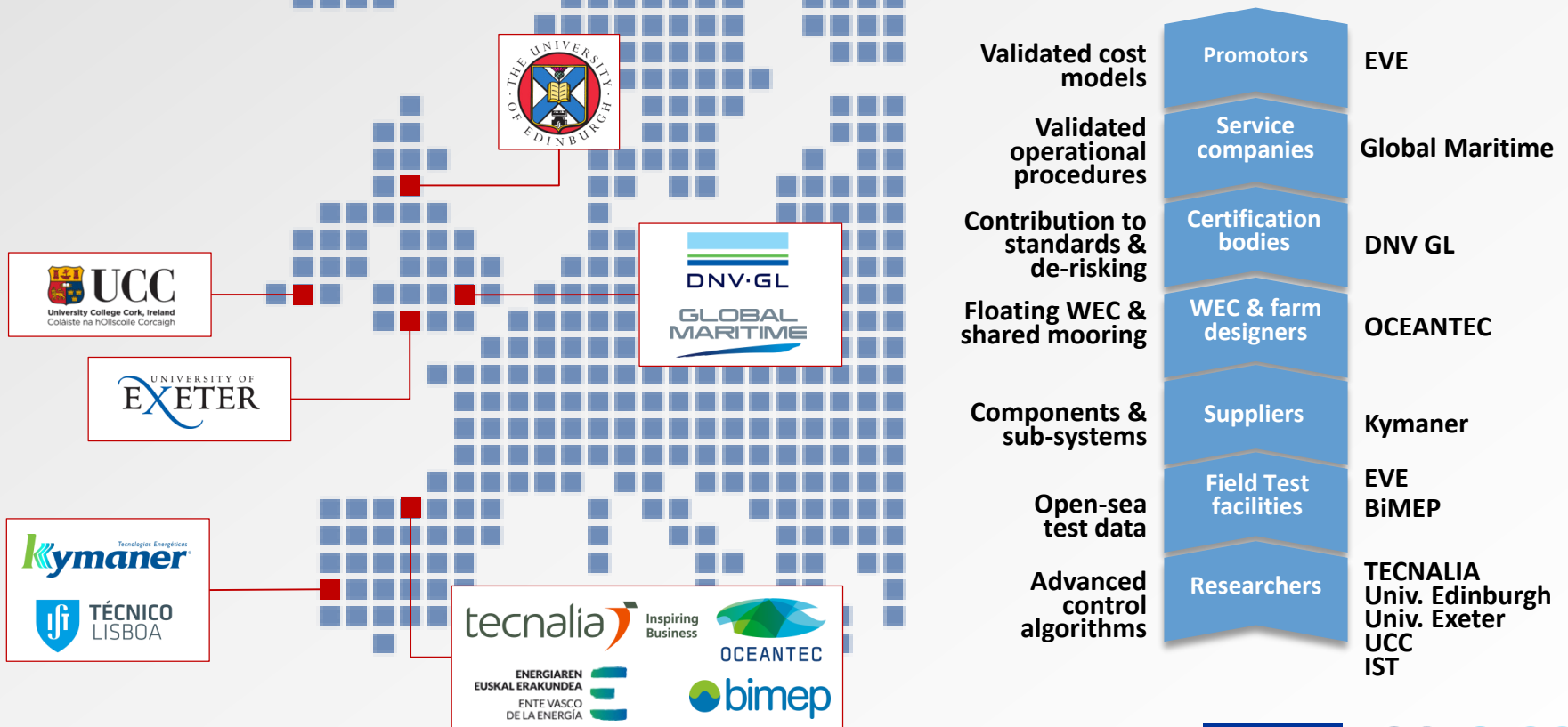
Reduce the **cost of wave energy** by 50% in the long term

Methodology

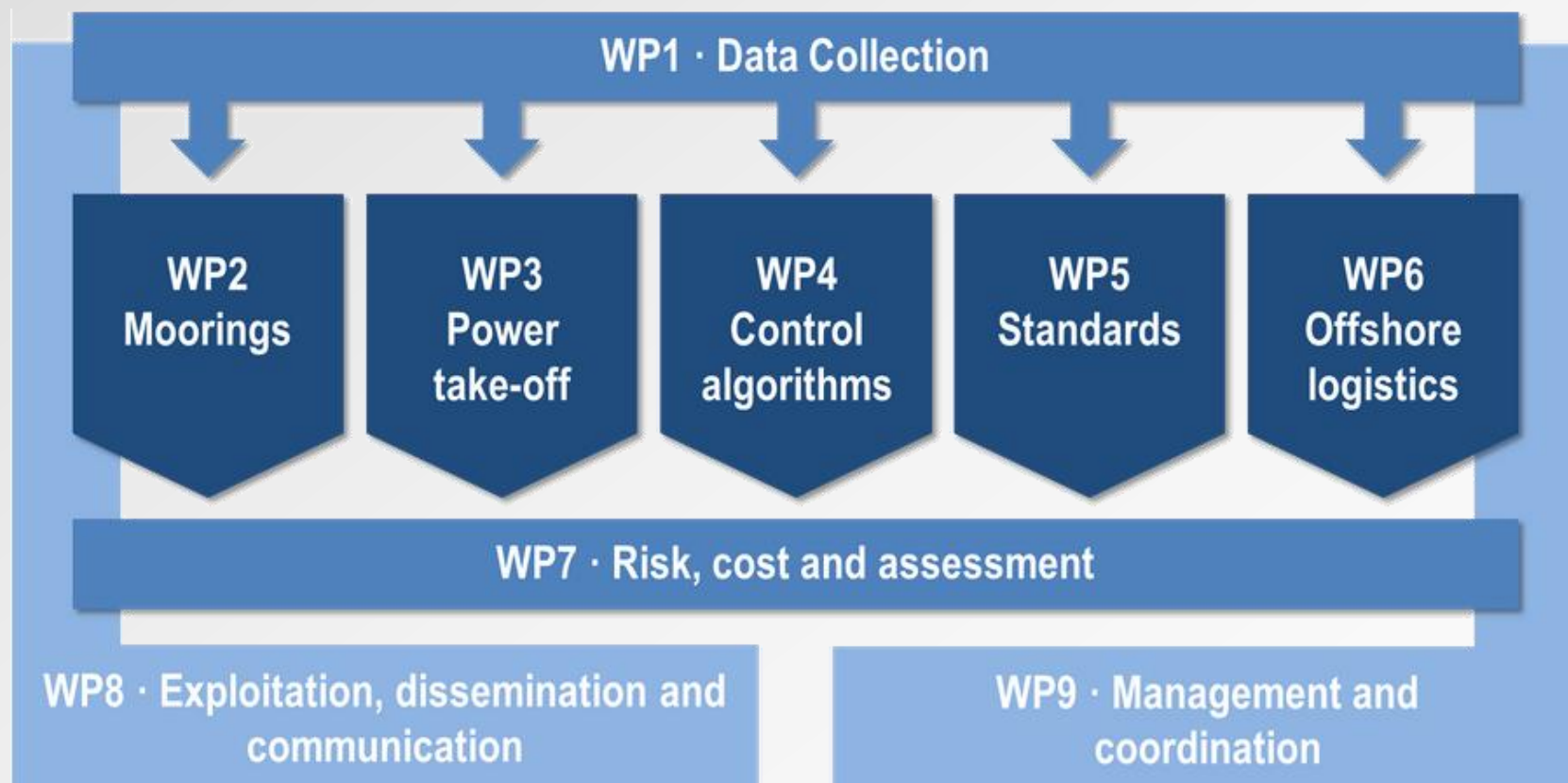


Consortium

- 11 partners / 4 Countries
- Multidisciplinary team
- Covers value chain



Project Work Plan



42 months

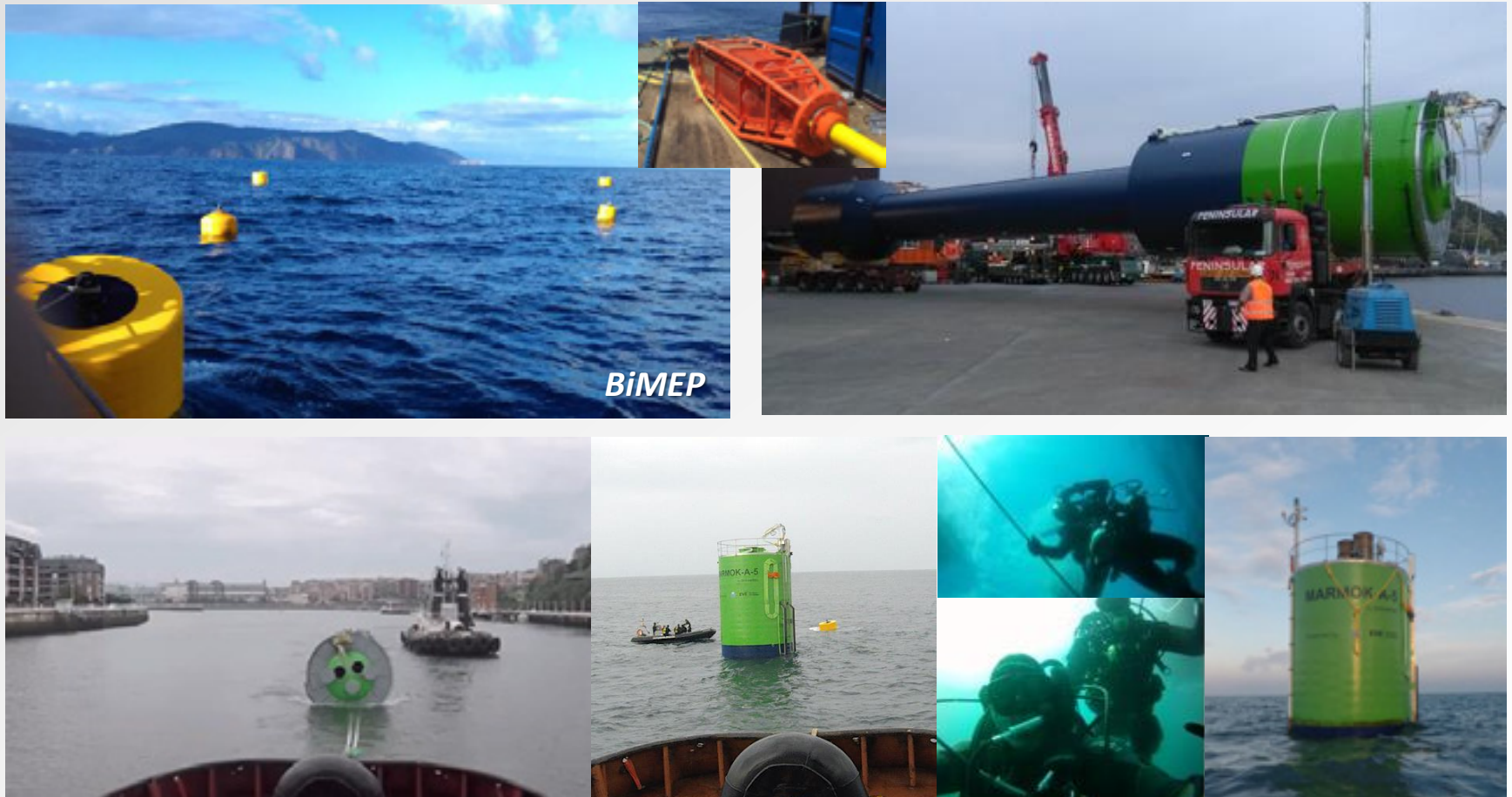
5.7 M€



67%

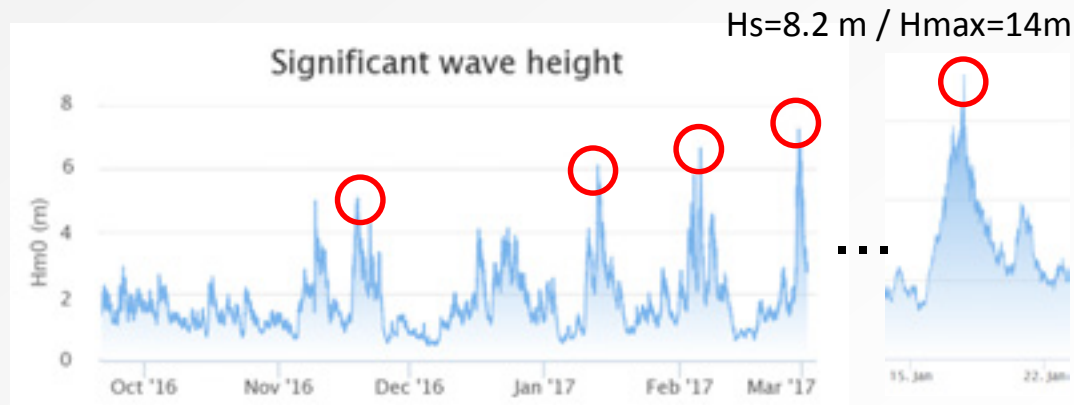
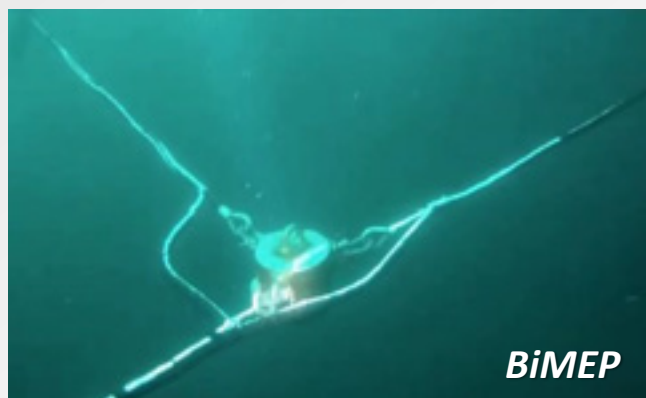
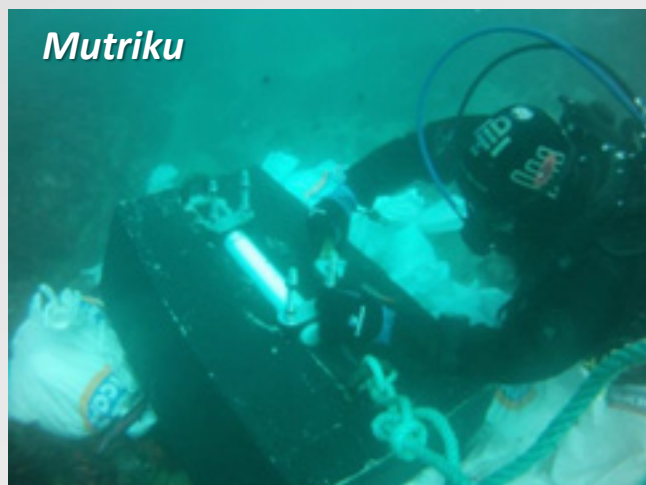
Progress and Achievements (I)

Deployment, commissioning & testing of baseline configuration: MARMOK-A-5



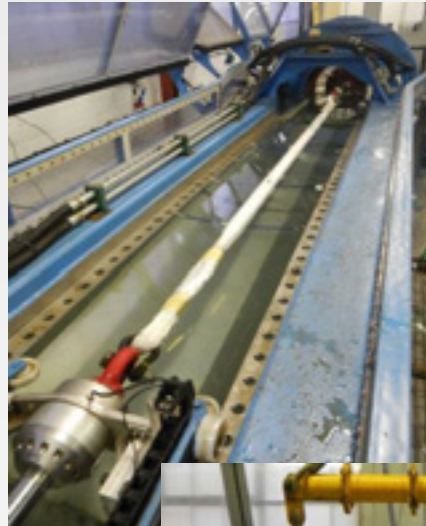
Progress and Achievements (II)

Deployment of instrumentation, data streaming & data access tool



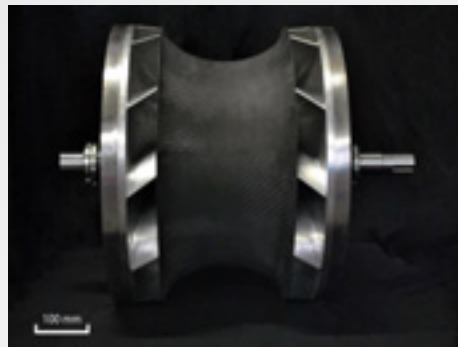
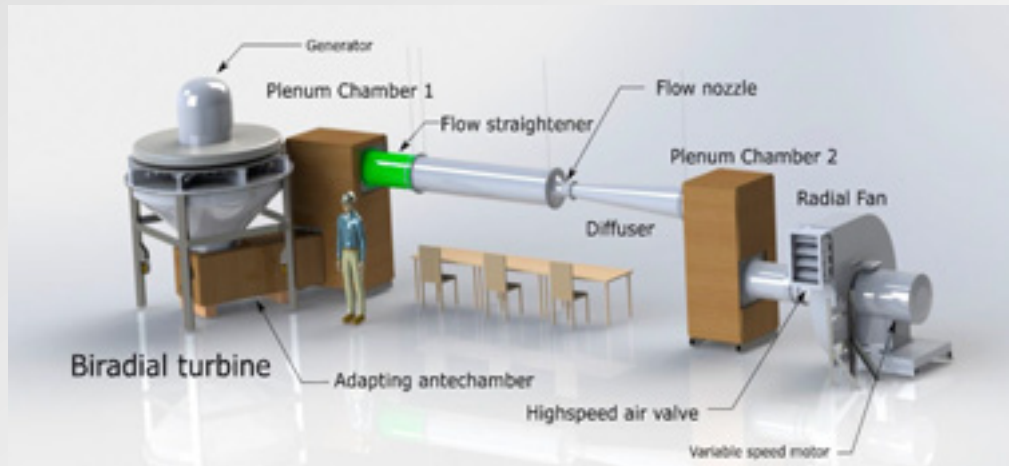
Progress and Achievements (III)

Design, manufacture and physical testing of elastomeric tethers



Progress and Achievements (IV)

Design, manufacture and laboratory testing of biradial turbine



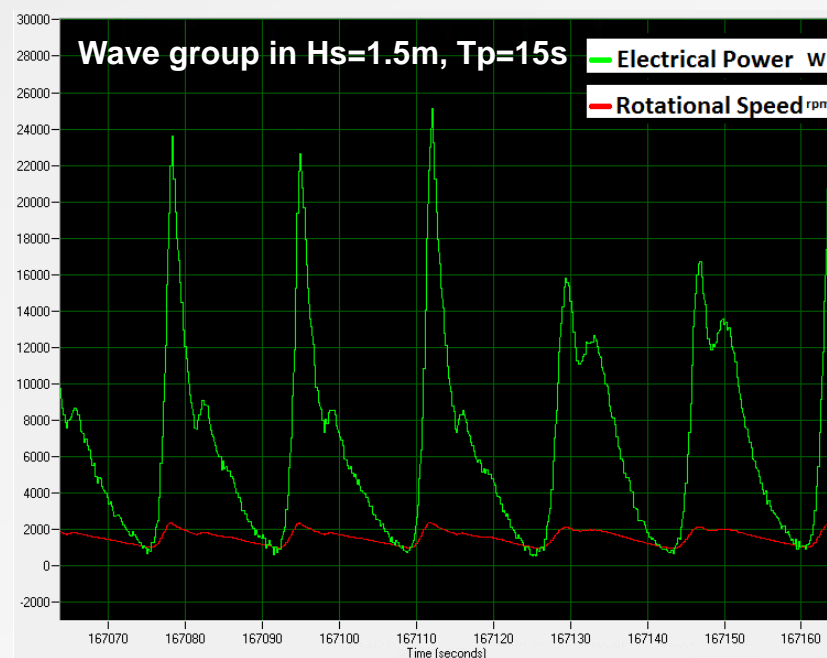
Progress and Achievements (V)

Installation, commissioning and testing of turbine-generator set at Mutriku



Progress and Achievements (VI)

Customization and dry lab testing of control algorithms for Mutriku and MARMOK-A5



Mutriku testing of 5 control laws over 6 months

Progress and Achievements (VII)

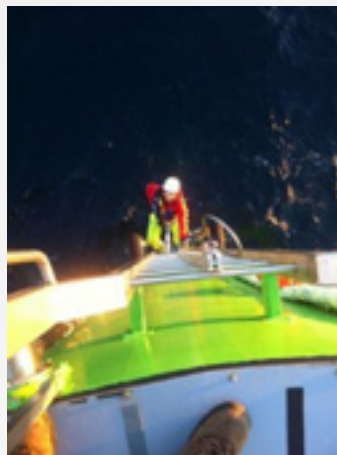
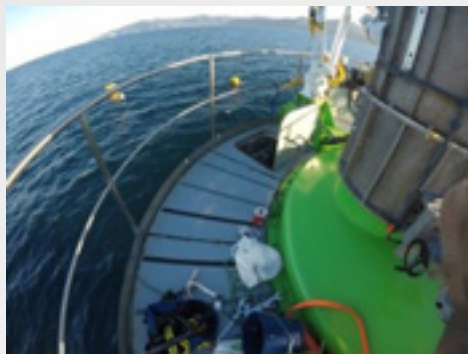
Development of hardware and software framework for practical implementation of Technical Specifications and standards



Initial results of the application of Technical Specifications and standards

Progress and Achievements (VIII)

Detailed characterization of offshore operations, costs and O&M logging framework

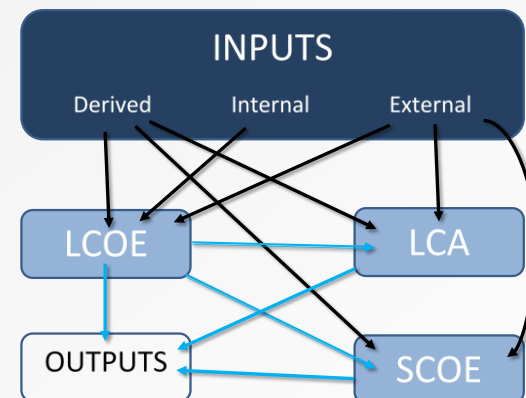


Monitoring of offshore operations and logistics

Progress and Achievements (IX)

Global model of LCOE, LCA and SCOE for wave energy

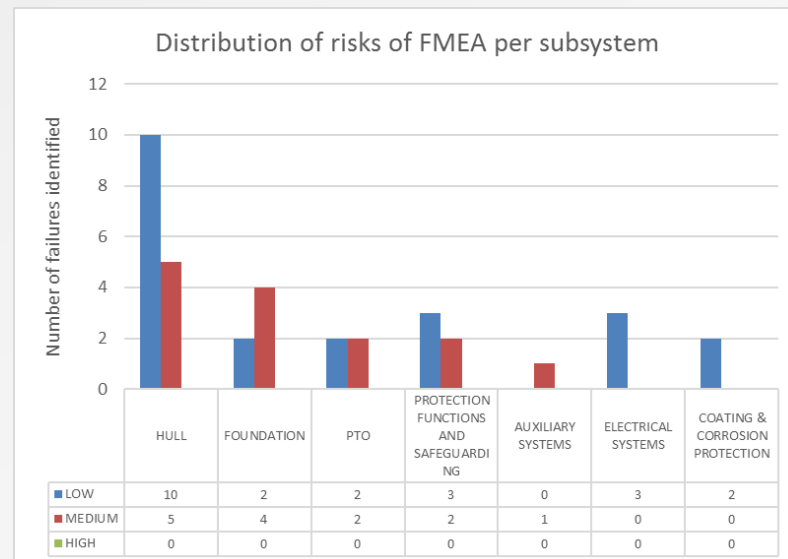
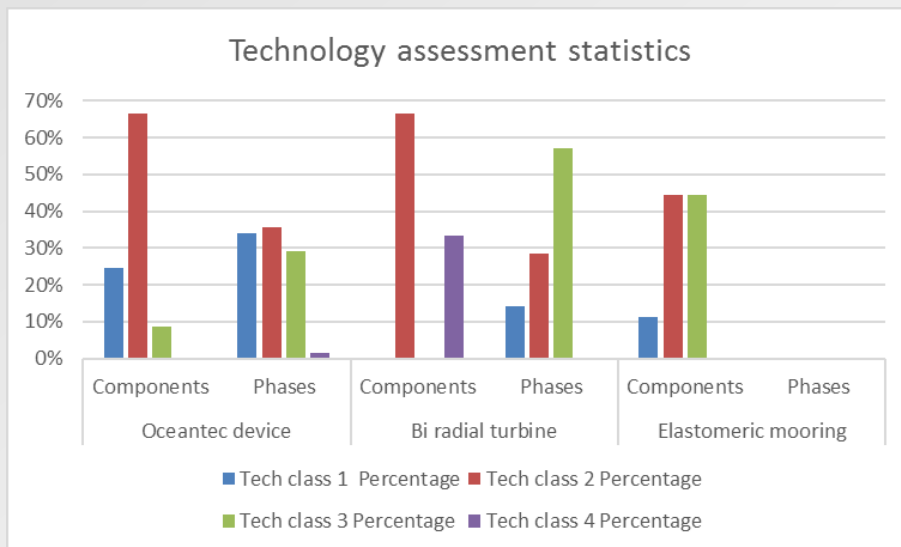
Legend											
Inputs											
Inputs (Macro triggers)											
Outputs											
Device inputs											
Rated power											
500 kW											
Diameter of surface cylinder											
15 m											
Survival limit											
5 m											
Deployment location											
Location											
EMEC											
Resource											
28 W/m											
Depth											
30 m											
Distance to shore											
1.5 km											
Onshore distance to connection point											
10.5 km											
Single device											
Single device AEP (100% availability)											
706.3 MWh											
Availability											
99%											
Single device AEP											
699 MWh											
Average Power											
79.72 kW											
Capture Width Ratio											
0.18											
Array inputs											
Array 1 capacity											
18 MW											
Number of devices in array 1											
20											
Devices installed prior to array 1											
800											
Array 1 CAPEX cost factor (Pessimistic)											
372.67											
Array 1 CAPEX cost factor (Nominal)											
238.52											
Array 1 CAPEX cost factor (Optimistic)											
164.55											
Project timeline											
Manufacturing period											
4 Years											
Period before first installation											
3 Years											
Installation period											
4 Years											
Period before first operation											
0 Years											
Operational period											
20 Years											
Decommissioning period											
4 Years											
Learning rates											
CAPEX learning rate											
14											
OPEX learning rate											
2											
Financing inputs											
Nominal discount rate											
8%											
€ to £ conversion											
1.2 £/€											
Feed in tariff (Sterling)											
0.305 £/kWh											
Feed in tariff (Euro)											
0.366 €/kWh											
Electricity price (Sterling)											
0.25 £/kWh											
Electricity Price (Euro)											
0.26 €/kWh											
CAPEX learning rate (Pessimistic)											
0.30											
CAPEX learning rate (Nominal)											
0.88											
CAPEX learning rate (Optimistic)											
0.82											
Primary Inputs											
Device lookup tables											
Scenario lookup tables											
CAPEX Calculation											
Inst_Operations											
O&M_Operations											
Decom_Operations											



Scenario definition and results for baseline configuration

Progress and Achievements (X)

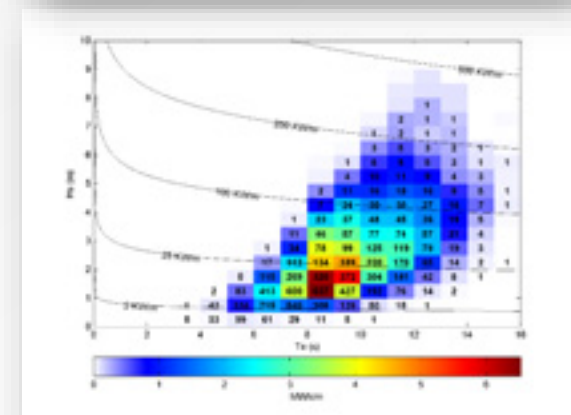
Risk and failure data collection protocol



Periodic update of technical risks (min. every 6 months)

Forthcoming Activities

- Retrieval of prototype and redeployment of novel configuration (Summer 2018):
 - Elastomeric mooring tethers
 - Biradial turbine
 - Advanced control law
- Second programme of field tests at BiMEP open-sea test facility to benchmark and validate the innovations.
- Dissemination of project results





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Further information

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