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# **Ocean Energy & Talos Wave Energy** Converter

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# Vertical Converter Converter



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# **Overview**





- Wave Energy Generation
   Systems
- Tidal Power Generation Systems
- TALOS Wave Energy Converter
- Conclusions









#### Research on Renewable Energy & Fluid Machinery

Generic & Applied

#### Energy & Renewables

- Computational & Experimental Modelling
- Device Development & Power take off
- Computational Fluid Dynamics & Control
- Economics, Resource & Condition Monitoring

# Novel Topology Fluid Machinery & Turbines

- Computational Fluid Dynamics, Turbine Design & Analysis
- Direct Drive & In Line Turbines
- Siphonic Low Head & Low Cost Turbine Research
- Fluid Machinery reliability & Energy Efficiency

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#### Lancaster Lancaster University Renewable Energy Group

- Worldwide practical resource estimated 2000-4000 TWh/year
- UK practical resource estimates:
  - Offshore 50 TWh/year
  - Near-shore 7.8 TWh/year
  - Shoreline 0.2 TWh/year
- Power at specific site:
  - Power per metre crest length
  - Annual Mean Wave Height



Annual average wave energy flux per unit width of wave crest (kilowatts per m)



# LARCASTER WAVE Energy Converter Systems (WECs) Lancaster



- Three main device types:
  - Shoreline
  - Near-Shore
  - Offshore
- Methods of power extraction
  - Heave
  - Pitch
  - Surge
  - Overtopping
  - Oscillating Water Column (OWC)



#### Wave Power



Global annual mean wave power distribution. Source: IEA-OES, 2014



# Point absorber







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# Submerged pressure

# differential





# Oscillating water column





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Lancaster University Research on W2W Multi Oscillating Water Column Wave Energy Converter and Floating Breakwater.









# **Oscillating Wave Surge**





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# Bulge wave



















# Lancaster WEC Research



- Flexible Bag
- Flounder Array
- Frog
- PS Frog
- Frond
- Yoyo
- Pushmi
- WRASPA
- Seaweaver
- GAIA
- TALOS



WRASPA



GAIA

Pushmi



Seaweaver CRM PS Frog



Early PS Frog



Lancaster Flexible Bag

Flounder





Yoyo

Lancaster Flexible Bag Attenuator

TALOS



PS Frog 5



Frond





#### **Tidal Stream**

Source – DTI Atlas of Marine Renewable Energy Resources

Main types of Tidal Stream Energy Convertors:

#### Horizontal Axis

- Rigidly mounted
- Floating and Semi-Submerged
- Vertical Axis
- Hydrofoil
  - Oscillating
  - Translating
- Venturi Systems
- Archimedes Screw
- Tidal Kite
- Other



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# Horizontal axis turbines







Lancaster University Research with Infinities Global on Tidal Current Technology







# Vertical axis turbines







# Venturi Effect & Ducted turbines













# **Reciprocating Devices**







# **Archimedes Screw**











# **Tidal Kite**







# **Open Centre turbines**







# **Tidal Range Energy Resource**





Neill, S.P., Angeloudis, A., Robins, P.E., Walkington, I., Ward, S.L., Masters, I., Lewis, M.J., Piano, M., Avdis, A., Piggott, M.D. and Aggidis, G., 2018. Tidal range energy resource and optimization–Past perspectives and future challenges. *Renewable energy*, 127, pp.763-778.



# Global References (Tidal Range)



#### Existing tidal references world wide include:

#### La Rance, France, 1967

- Alstom Hydro
- 5.4 m Dia. 24 Turbinesx10 MW
- 240 MW total capacity
- Kislaya Guba, Russia, 1968
  - 1 Turbine × 0.2 MW
  - 1 Turbine × 1.5 MW
  - 1.7 MW total capacity

#### Annapolis, Canada, 1980

- Andritz VaTech Hydro
- 7.6 m Dia. Straflo Turbine
- 1 Turbine x 20 MW
- 20 MW total capacity

#### Jiangxia, China, 1980

- 1 Turbine × 500KW
- 1 Turbine × 600KW
- 3 Turbines × 700KW
- 3,200 KW total capacity

#### • Sihwa, South Korea, 2011

- Andritz Hydro
- 7.5 m Dia. 10 Turbines x 26 MW
- 260 MW total capacity













#### Multi Functional Infrastructure Multidisciplinary Research





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# **Tidal Technologies**



# Both forms of energy (potential & kinetic) can be harvested by tidal energy technologies as renewable energy.

Increasing environmental impact







- Uni-directional operation.
- High axial flow speed.
- 50 metre downstream diffuser.
- High solidity rotor.
- Steady flow conditions.
- Deep cavitation submergence.



- Bi-directional operation.
- Low axial flow speed.
- Straight walled support structure.
- Twin low solidity rotors.
- Steady flow conditions.
- Modest cavitation submergence.

#### Decreasing power density



Bi-directional operation.

Unsteady flow conditions.

No enclosing support structure.

Modest cavitation submergence.

Low axial flow speed.

Low solidity rotor.



- H max H max Rated head H min H min H min H min Rated flow Rated flow H min H min H max H min H max H
  - Triple Regulation Turbine (2017)

# **Waters, S. and Aggidis, G., 2016**. Tidal range technologies and state of the art in review. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, *59*, pp.514-529.



#### Lancaster University Tidal Range Technology Research





Lancaster University Research on Environmentally Friendly Solutions using Tidal movements



Lancaster University Research on Low Head Hydro and Archimedes Screw Turbines for Tidal Applications





Holland Estuaries





Smart sea water storage to provide flexibility services to the energy network



Waters, S. and Aggidis, G., 2016. Tidal range technologies and state of the art in review. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 59, pp.514-529.
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# **EPSRC NHP-WEC TALOS WEC Research Project**





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# Project Aim & Objectives



- The project aim: Advance WEC technology by developing essential device control and monitoring systems that are integrated with high-fidelity sea state forecasting.
- Objectives:
- **1.** Concept optimisation Parameterize hydrodynamic behaviour due to the WEC geometry and PTO design to refine, optimise and maximise performance.
- 2. Operational systems Investigate and implement sensors and actuators required to develop a condition monitoring system that will improve reliability and survivability, and control methods for the multi-axis PTO system advancing overall conversion efficiency.
- **3. Resource forecasting** Develop machine-learning based forecasting tools to provide both short-term accurate predictions for the operational systems and long-term energy yield predictions for the device across various deployment sites.
- **4.** Device deployment potential Develop a wave-to-wire model to determine the Levelised Cost of Energy (LCOE) at given sites, for both standalone devices and arrays, quantifying the TRL financial baseline performance essential to stimulate commercialisation.
- 5. Marine wave energy development Develop industrial input and research impact objective, including dissemination and showcasing of all the outputs, to ensure that not only one technology develops but that the solutions proposed will benefit the wider energy community.





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**TALOS WEC** – Multi Axis Point Absorber Style WEC completely enclosed with internal inertial mass using Hydraulic Cylinders or Linear Generators PTO







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# Work Package Tasks Timeline – Project Start: August 2021

Tasks	Quarter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WP1: Concept optimisatio													
Experimental and numeric	cal hydrodynamic analysis												
Geometric Optimisation													
Power Take-Off Design													
WP2: Survivability, Reliability and Optimised Control of Devices in the Marine Environment													
Smart sensor and data ac	quisition system												
Intelligent condition monited	oring												
Predictive maintenance													
Optimised control strategy	/												
WP3: Sea state forecasting and resource evaluation													
Resource characterisation	1												
WEC efficiency calculation	ns in wave tanks												
Array effects													
WP4 – Validation and Cost of Energy													
Validation and demonstrat	tion of development												
Array deployment													
Levelised Cost of Energy													

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# **EPSRC NHP-WEC Research Project Website**

#### TALOS wave energy converter (LU):

The research proposed is simultaneously generic while significantly contributing to the development of a concept device that has shown potential, namely the multi-axis TALOS that has been developed and tank tested at Lancaster University.



TALOS is a novel multi-axis moving parts, and the internal PTO system is made up of an inertial mass (a ball) with hydraulic cylinders that attach it to the hull. The motion of the ball moves the hydraulic cylinders causing them to pump hydraulic fluid through a circuit, thus to generate electricity i.e. an inertial mass PTO approach.

Key strengths of TALOS device include:

- Fully enclosed wave energy converter, so to avoid the harsh sea environments on the energy conversion system;
- The arrangement of the rams allows for the ball to move in multiple directions, allowing energy to be captured from multiple degrees of freedom;
- The flow of hydraulic fluid will change as the ball's motion changes, so an internal hydraulic smoothing circuit is utilised to regulate the output.

#### SmartWave (UoH):

SmartWave is a tool capable of deriving high resolution sea state conditions from satellite images using machine learning. It integrates recent advances in all-weather satellite monitoring to map and study the temporal and spatial distribution of sea surface wave characteristics.



Key strengths:

- based on a novel forecasting methodology;
- capable of resolving sea state within offshore windfarms for sector O&M logistics.





The NHP-WEC project aims to advance data-driven monitoring and control in connection to both device technology and sea state predictions for WEC arrays, combining the TALOS technologies of Lancaster University (LU) and the SmarWave technologies of University of Hull (UoH). The NHP-WEC project aims to optimise the design of the wave energy converter and the PTO system (TALOS) in response to time-varying inputs from waves (SmartWave). as such, the operational conditions, including wave characteristics, must be quantified to estimate dynamic loads, constraining manufacturing techniques and materials, so to improve wave energy production as well as the survivability of the wave energy system.

#### EPSRC NHP-WEC project: A TALOS and SmartWave Project (lancs.ac.uk)





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- Supergen ORE Autumn Assembly September 2022
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  - St. Catherine's College
- Invited Presentations Included:
  - NHP-WEC TALOS Project



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# Outputs & DNV SESAM Software



- PAPERS
  - Hydrodynamic studies of floating structures: Comparison of wave-structure interaction modelling, Ocean Engineering, Vol. 249, 110878.
  - Time-domain implementation and analyses of multi-motion modes of floating structures, Journal of Marine Science and Engineering, Vol. 10, 662. https://doi.org/10.3390/jmse10050662
  - A Preliminary Study on Identifying Biomimetic Entities for Generating Novel Wave Energy Converters. Energies, 15(7), p.2485.
- BOOK
  - Environmental Fundamentals of Wave Energy Conversions: The Dynamics of the Wave-Structure Interactions and Wave Energy Optimisation, Eliva Press.

#### • DNV SESAM SOFTWARE

- Collaboration with AUTH & IHU Universities (Greece)
- Building time-domain model using DNV SESAM code
- For comparisons with in-house time-domain model







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# WP1 - International collaborations



- NREL & Sandia NL (USA), a TEAMER funding support approved to build time-domain modelling for TALOS WEC using WEC-SIM facility
- AUTH & IHU Universities (Greece) are building time-domain model using DNV SESAM code (for comparisons with in-house time-domain model)
- Zhejiang University (China), experimental testing & computational time-domain model of TALOS WEC











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# WP2 - Survivability Reliability & Optimised Control of Devices in the marine environment





Figure. 1 Common failure modes of WEC



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Figure. 2 Sensing system of the TALOS WEC







# WP3 - **SmartWave** - High Accuracy & High Spatial Fidelity Wave Prediction



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Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Neural Network – ANN and Convolutional Neural Network – CNN) will be advanced to estimate key oceanographic parameters i.e. wave height, direction, frequency, and speed. State-of-the-art remote sensing monitoring and in situ data from European Space Agency satellite Sentinel 1 (Synthetic Aperture Radar – SAR) will be utilised, whilst access to high-fidelity data from the Cefas WaveNet buoys will provide ground truth data for validation.

#### **Example results – Burbo Bank**

#### Comparison of Sea state conditions at 2/4/2019 06:32:16am On-the fly decisions Decisions about WEC Historical data for Buoy data: 0.89m (6:30am) - 1.07m (7:00am) Numerical model at the buoy: 0.92m ANN Ensemble: 0.95m about dynamic control positioning and array planning-location of the device configuration choice Buoy location Sea state derived by (a) Copernicus freely available numerical model Same trend of significant wave (b) Machine learning - Satellite image methodology processing SAR Hindcast Mid-term Now Short-term (a) CMEMS-NWS-0.016dec height for both hindcasts forecast forecast Burbo Ban Higher resolution for machine 1.2 learning-satellite image ANN based system 0.7 methodology Possible to identify pattens like Artificial neural Spatia Data Acquisition Data processing networks (ANNs) distribution sheltering in the inner wind (b) ANN Ensemble - 0.002ded Sentinel 1 - SAF correlate sea roughness Apply ANNs to derive Initial processing. turbines compared to the ones rameters to buoy data Images Extract parameters related **Buoy data** 1.2 sea roughness from that are at the edge of the wind different SAR image band 0.7 farm.



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# WP3 - CNN based system





Bayesian optimization to find optimal network hyperparameters



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# WP3 - Mapping of wave power for shallow, intermediate, and deep-water areas

Cefas WaveNet buoys





Bathymetry offshore

model of the UK





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# WP4 - Collaborations



### • China & UK

• Review of the levelized cost of wave energy based on techno-economic model

• UK

• Environmental aspects



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- USA
  - Bridge the gap between TALOS WEC small-scale modelling and the higher TRL required to provide cost evidence and demonstrate its commercial potential





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# **TEAMER - US DoE - Collaboration**



- TEAMER WP1
  - "Numerical Modelling of the TALOS Wave Energy Converter"
  - NREL & Sandia NL (USA) a TEAMER funding award to build timedomain modelling for TALOS WEC using WEC-SIM facility
- TEAMER WP2
  - "Advanced data acquisition and fault diagnosis system for wave energy converter"
  - NREL (USA) a TEAMER funding application
- TEAMER WP3
  - "A test bed for the TALOS wave energy converter"
  - NREL (USA) a TEAMER funding application



#### WEC-Sim

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Wave Energy Converter SIMulator





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# **TALOS - International Collaboration**







Experimental Modelling and Validation of the Computational Modelling for TALOS WEC



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# ISOPE 2023 - Canada



- Renewable Energy and Environment Symposium of ISOPE 2023 Ottawa, Canada, June 19–23, 2023.
- ISOPE 2023 includes a specific focus session with title: "Recent developments on TALOS WEC project".

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- There are 14 TALOS related paper abstract submissions to date including:
- 2 from USA (WP1 and WP4)
- 2 from China (WP1 and WP4)
- 2 from Greece (WP1 and WP3)
- 1 from Turkey (WP2)
- 2 from the UK (both on WP2)

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• 1 from US/UK Fulbright Scholar on WP2, and

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• 4 from the NPH-WEC Project - 1 for WP1, 1 for WP2, 1 for WP3 and 1 for WP4.









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# ISOPE 2023 – TALOS Papers



- WP1 NPH-WEC Project Hydrodynamic
   studies of TALOS WEC using different open source panel methods
- WP2 NPH-WEC Project Machine learning based TALOS wave energy converter power output prediction
- WP3 NPH-WEC Project Wave power resource dynamics for the period 1980-2021 in Atlantic Europe's Northwest seas
- WP4 NPH-WEC Project An overview of the levelized cost of wave energy

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# TALOS WP4 International Collaboration



- USA Characterizing the use of Wireless Communication for Subsea Data Transmission
  - Evaluating long-term investments in emerging energy technologies in the United Kingdom with TALOS WEC as a case study
    - Bridge the gap between TALOS WEC small-scale modelling and the higher TRL required to provide cost evidence and demonstrate its commercial potential
- China A Method of Obtaining Biological Inspiration to Improve the Performance of TALOS WEC





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TALOS WEC VIDEO taken during Experimental Modelling at the Wave Basin Testing facility of Zhejiang University in China







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