

EPRI Ocean Energy Program



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Outline

- **Introduction / Participants**
- **The Ocean Energy Resource**
- **EPRI Collaborative Projects**
- **Technologies Considered – An Emerging Area**
- **Other US Ocean Energy Projects**

EPRI Ocean Energy Feasibility Assessments

- **Motivation**

- A diversity of energy sources is the foundation of a reliable electrical system
- North America has significant wave and tidal in-stream energy resources
- Technologies able to exploit these resources are becoming available

- **Objective**

- Feasibility demonstration in North America
- Accelerate sustainable commercialization of the technology

- **Approach**

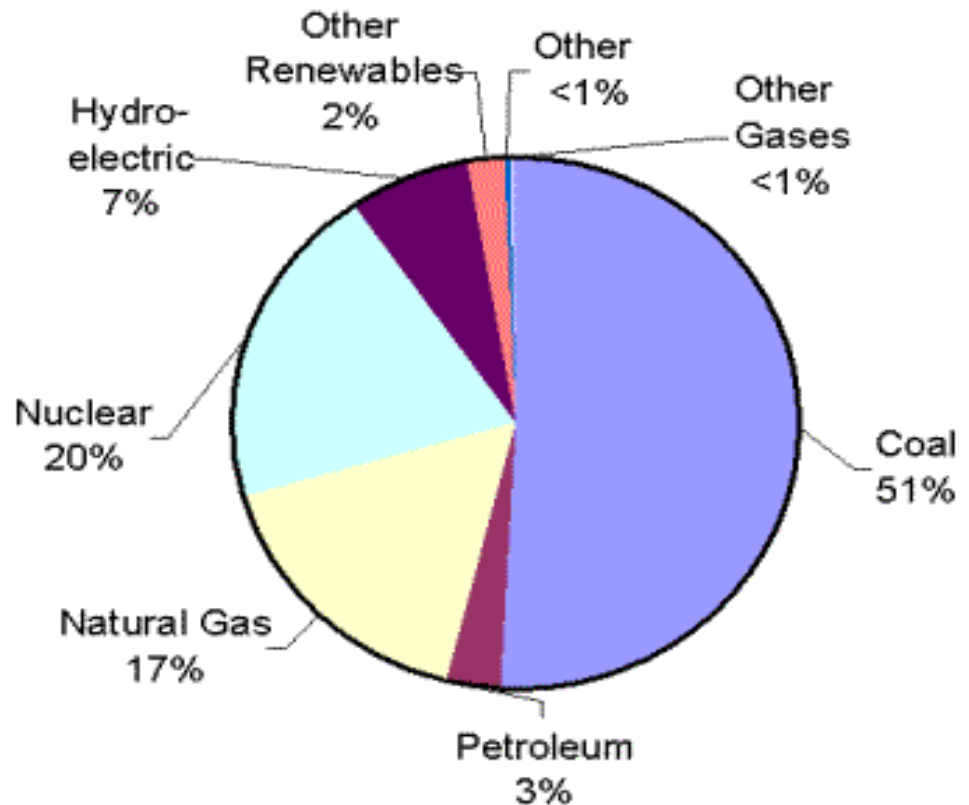
- Facilitate public/private collaborative partnership between coastal states, involving state agencies, utilities, device developers, interested third-parties, and the DOE

Electric Energy Picture in US

- US Total Electricity Consumption = 3.7 TWh/yr
- US primary energy required = 11.2 TWh/yr
- Annual US Wave and Tidal Energy Resource = 2.2 TWh/yr

Benefits of Ocean Energy

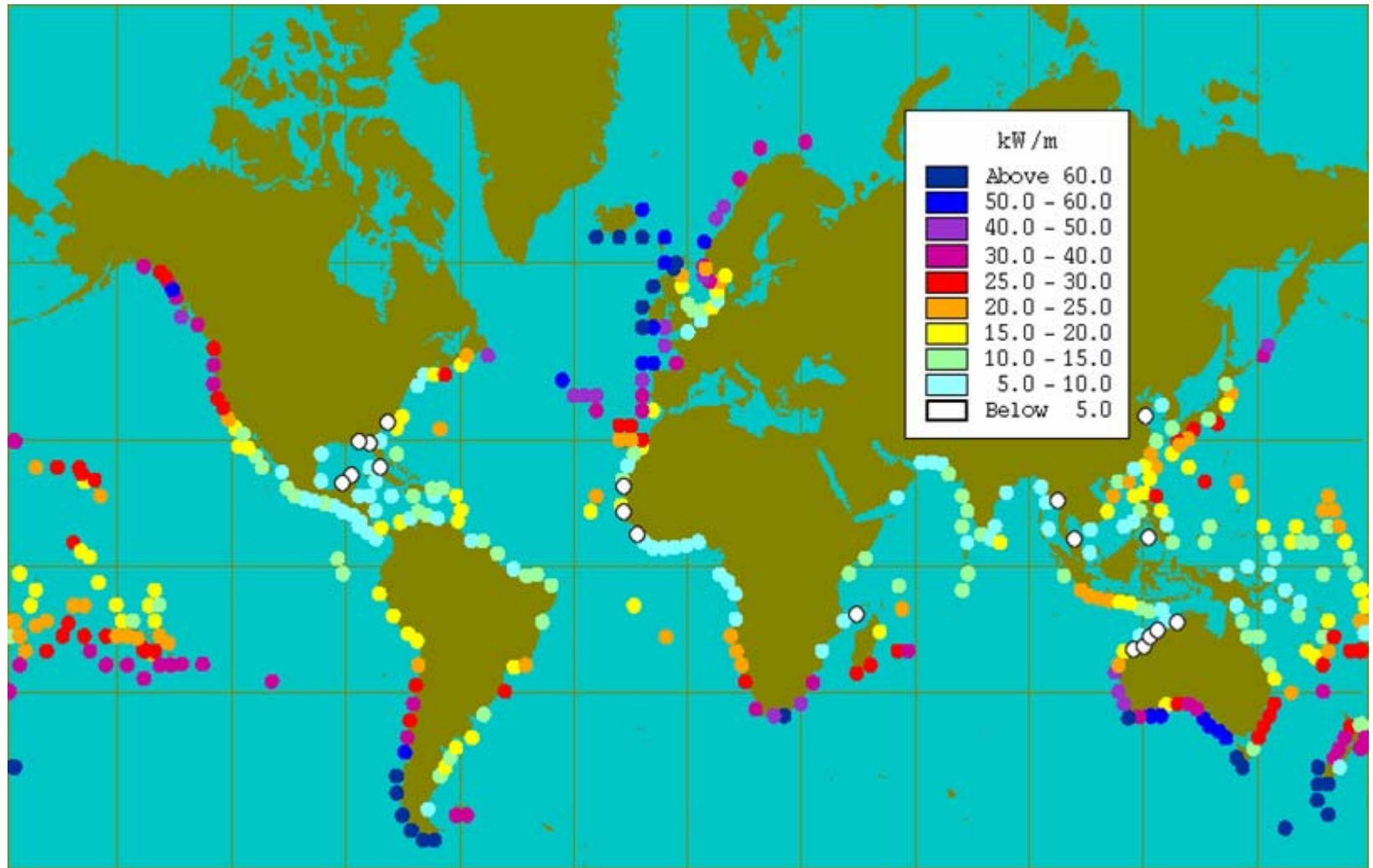
- Diversify energy sources to improve energy security
- Zero emission and with low environmental impact
- Minimizes not in my back yard issues
- Economics look attractive (at significant scale)
- Reduces dependence on foreign energy supplies
- Job creation and local economic development



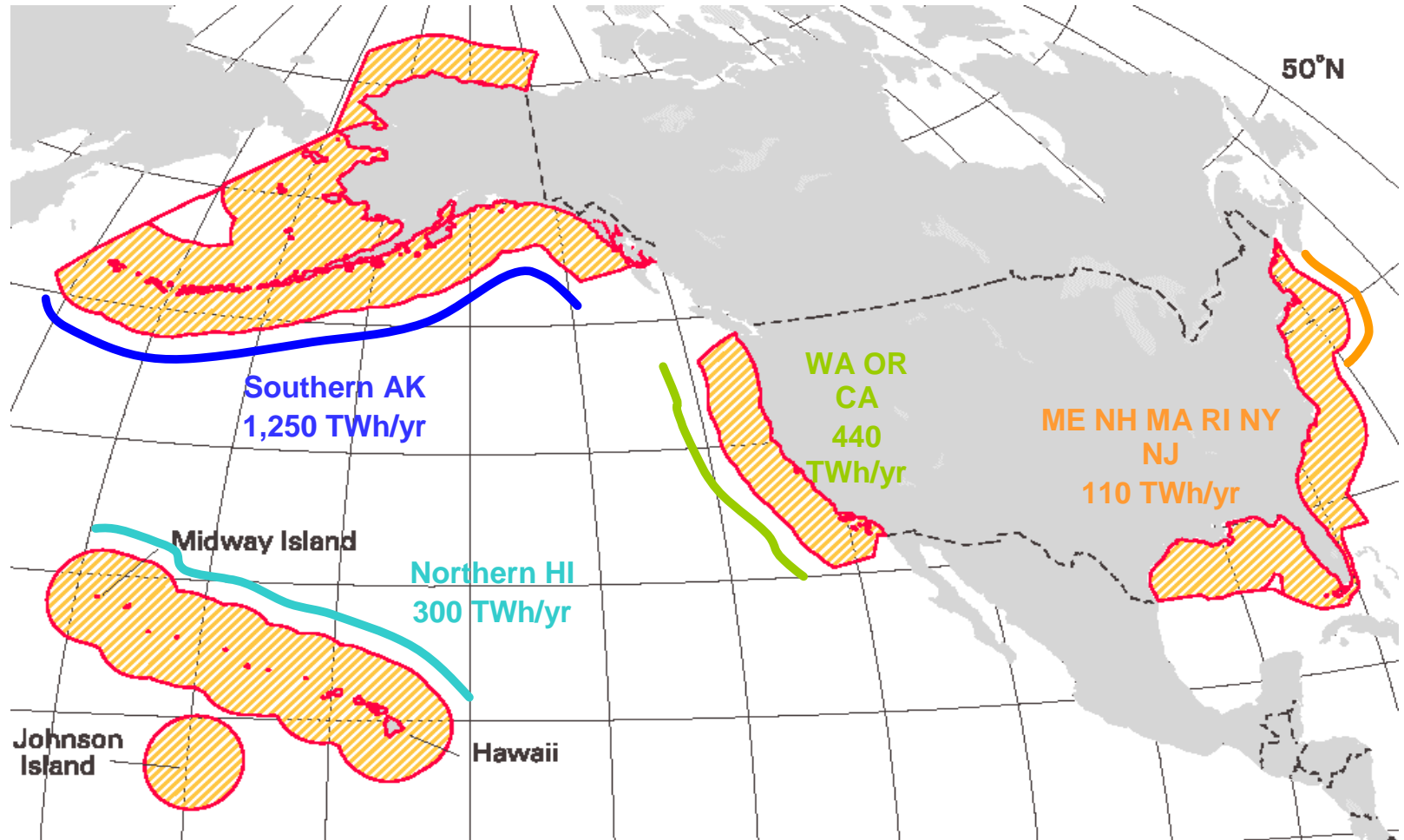
Resource Comparison

	Solar CSP	Wind	Wave	Tidal Current
Development Status	Early Commercial	Commercial	Pre-Commercial	Pre-Commercial
Source	Sun	Uneven solar heating	Wind blowing over water	Gravity of moon & sun
Annual Average Power Density	200-300 watts/m ² (southern & western US)	400-600 watts/m ² (US Great Plains)	20-25 kW/m (US West Coast) 5-15 kW/m (US East Coast)	5-10 kW/m ² (Alaska, Bay of Fundy) 1-2 kW/m ² (Seattle, SF)
Intermittency	Day-night; clouds, haze, and humidity	Atmospheric fronts and storms (local winds only)	Sea (local winds) and swell (from distant storms)	Diurnal and semi-diurnal (advancing ~50 min./day)
Predictability	Minutes	Hours	Days	Centuries

Global Offshore Wave Energy Resource



U.S. Offshore Wave Energy Resource

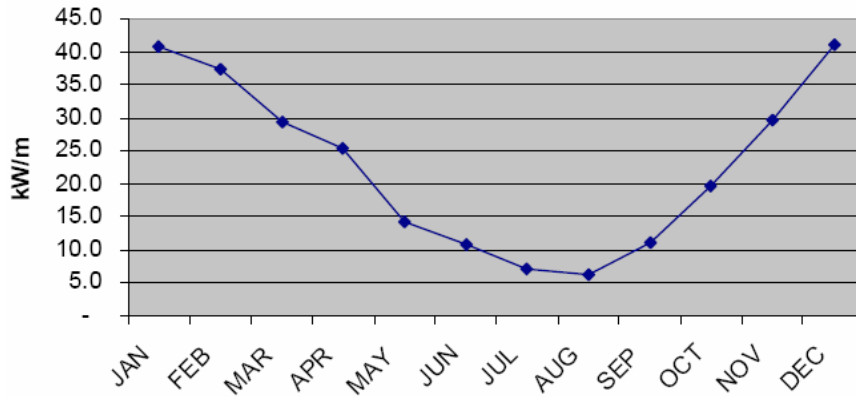


Harnessing 20% of offshore wave energy resource at 50% efficiency would be comparable to all US conventional hydro generation in 2003. kW/meter x meter of shore line, at least 50-60m depth.

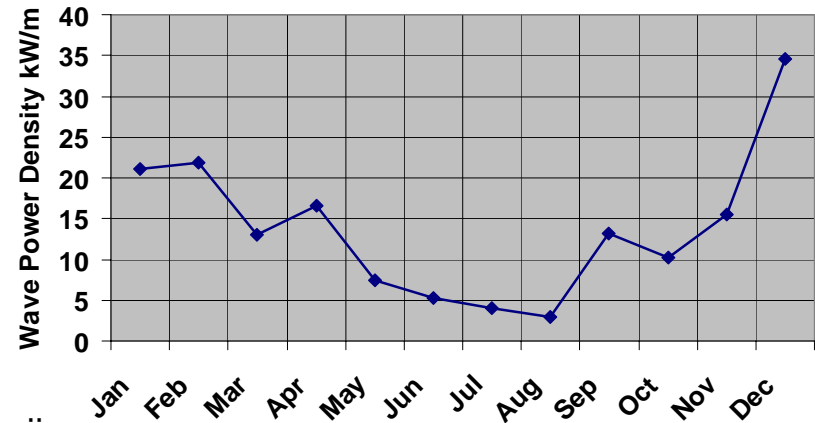
Wave Climates in US (~ 50 years data)

Hawaii	California	Oregon	Washington	Maine	Mass.
15.2 kW/m	20 kW/m	21.2 kW/m	26.5 kW/m	4.9 kW/m	13.8 kW/m

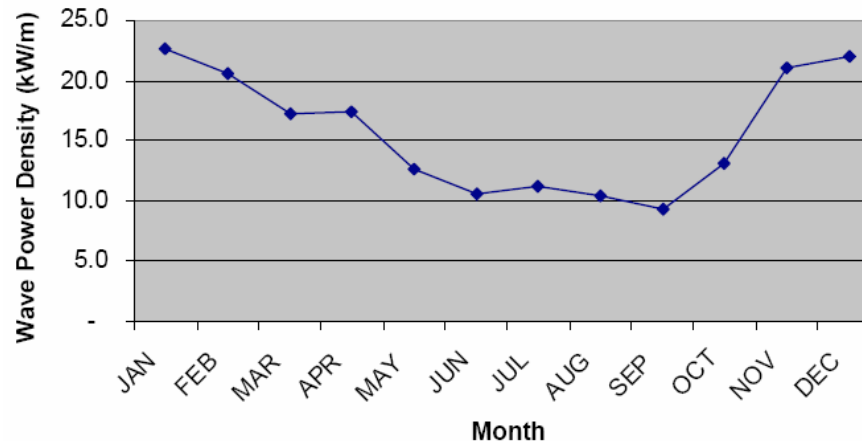
West Coast (Oregon)



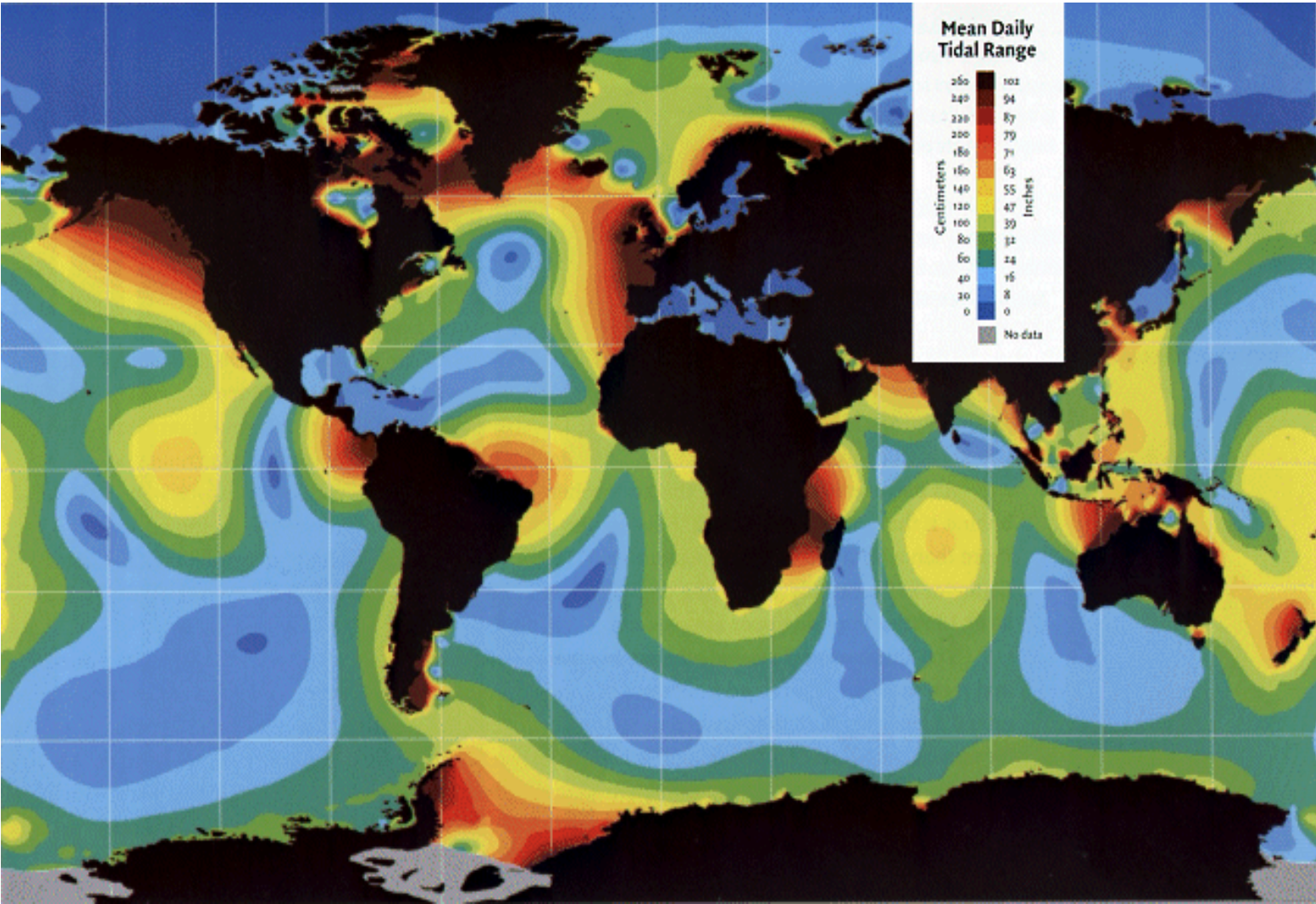
East Coast (Mass)



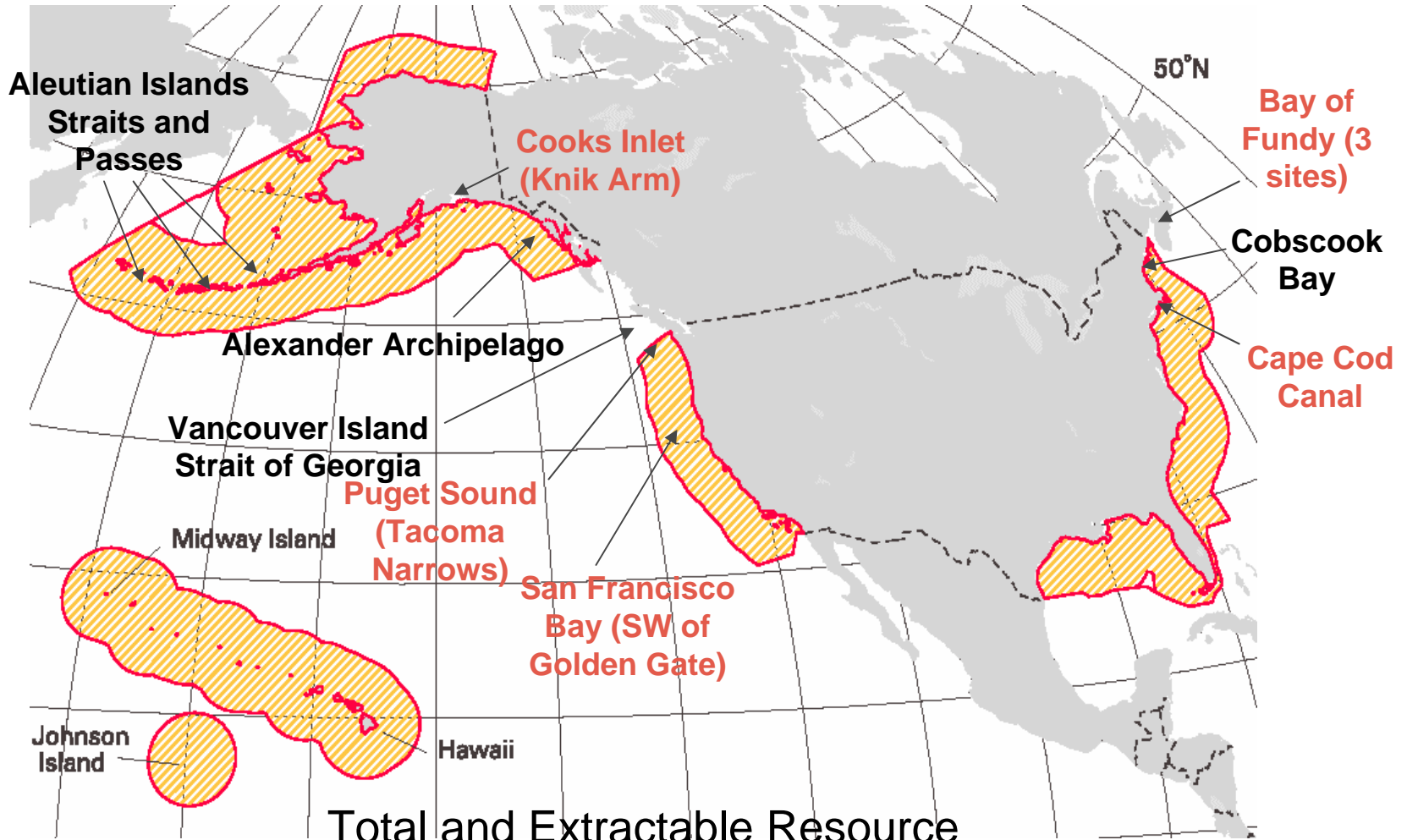
Hawaii



Global Distribution of Tidal Range



North American Tidal Stream Resources are Site Specific (background is wave data)

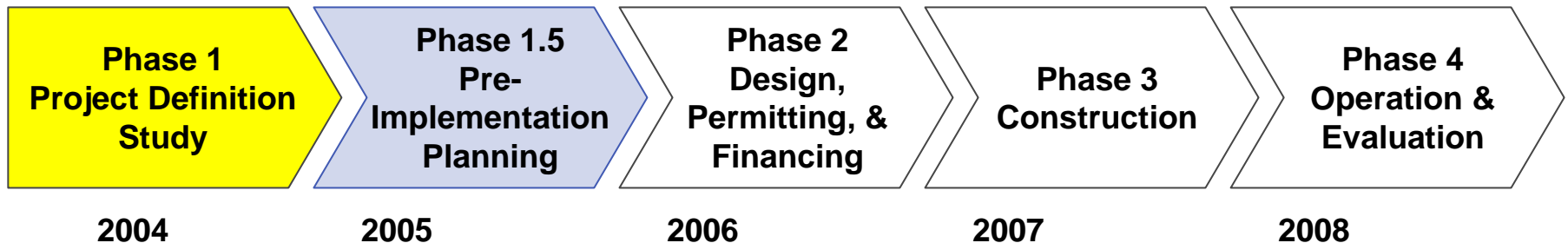


Total and Extractable Resource Estimation is On Going

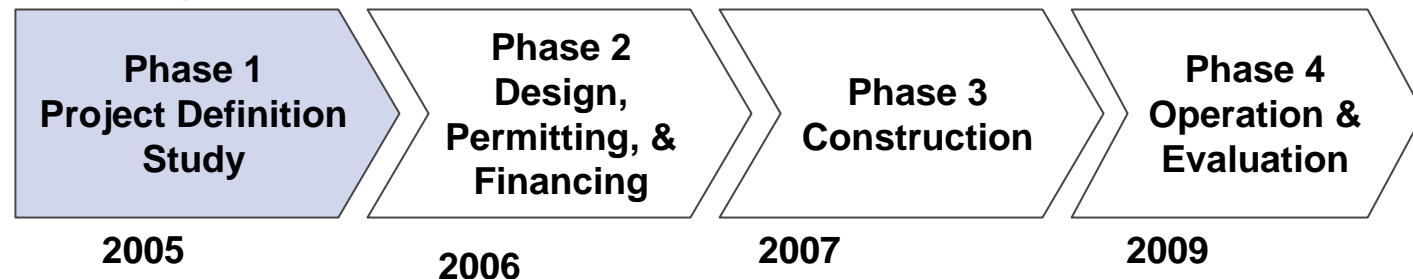
Three Feasibility Project Areas

- Completed
- In-progress
- Future

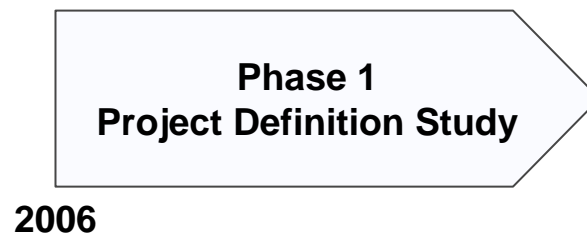
Offshore Wave Energy Conversion (OWEC)



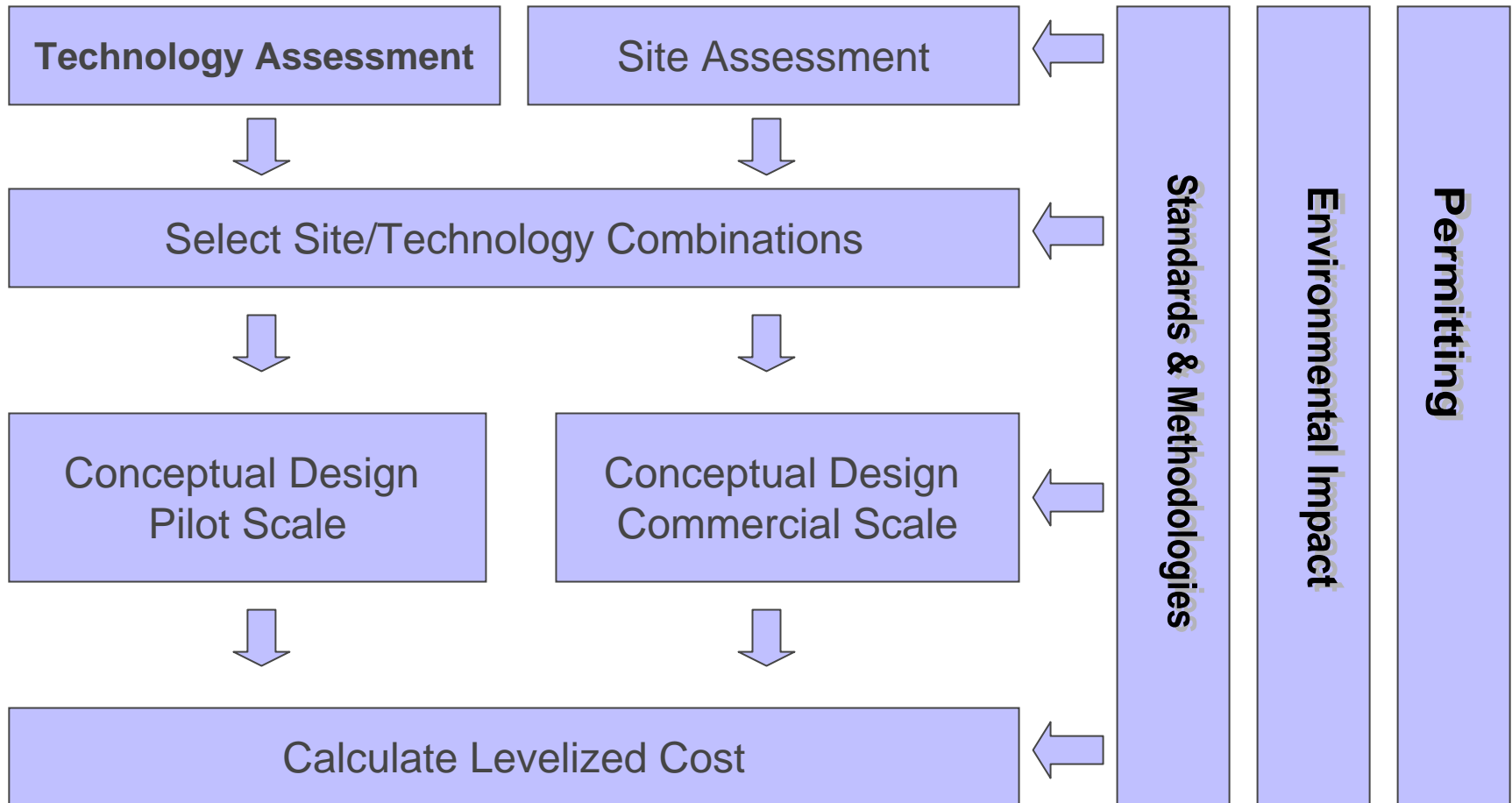
Tidal In-Stream Energy Conversion (TISEC)



Hybrid Offshore Wind-Wave Energy Conversion (HOW-WEC)



Typical Project Definition Phase



Participants

State/City Agencies (10)

Maine Tech Initiative
Mass Tech Collaborative
New Brunswick Ministry
Nova Scotia Ministry
Alaska Energy Authority
Washington CTED
Oregon DOE
San Francisco, Marin
County, Oakland CA

Federal (2)

U.S. DOE
NREL

Technology Companies (30)

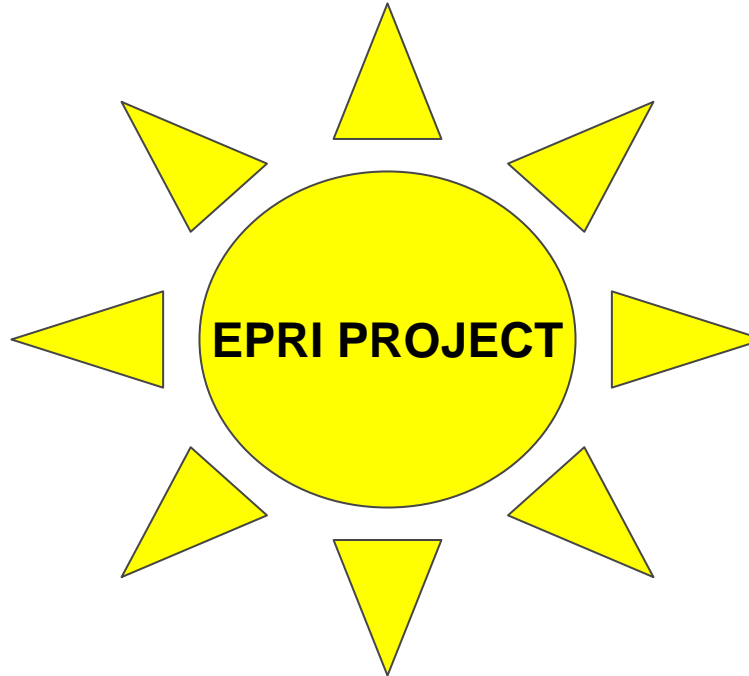
Wave & Tidal Power
Developers

Utilities (18)

Bangor HydroCentral
Maine Power
National Grid
NSTAR
NB Power
NS Power
Chugach
Tacoma Power
Puget Sound Energy
Seattle City and Light
Snohomish PUD
Bonneville Power
Central Lincoln PUD
Douglas County PUD
Portland General
PacifiCorp
PG&E
HECO

Universities (4)

Virginia Tech
Oregon State Univ.
Univ. of Washington
Univ of Mass



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North America Wave Energy Projects* in the Water

	HI, Oahu Kaneohe	WA Makah Bay	RI Point Judith	CA, San Francisco	OR Gardiner
Developer	Ocean Power Tech	AquaEnergy	Energetech	SFPUC	Oregon State University
Development Stage	Deployed June 04	Permitting since 2002	Permitting since Feb 2005	Seeking funding for permitting	Seeking funding for permitting
Device	Power Buoy™	Aqua BuOY™	OWC	Pelamis (tentative)	TBD
Size	Single buoy 40 kW	4 buoys 1 MW	Single OWC 500kW	Single Unit 750 kW	TBD
Water Depth/ Distance from Shore	30 m 1 km	50 m 6 km	2 m 2 km	30 m 15 km	TBD

* EPRI feasibility evaluations also took place at Kauai, MA, ME

Wave Project Achievements

- Developed standardized methodologies for estimating power production and performing economic assessments
- Surveyed, characterized potential North American Wave Farm sites
- Surveyed, and assessed energy conversion technology available for developers worldwide
- Established 5 Conceptual Designs for Pilot and Commercial Sized Plants
- Performed an independent cost and economic assessment for the commercial scale plants
- 2004 studies made a compelling case for investing in wave energy technology..

Wave Energy Conversion Devices

AquaEnergy



Energetech OWC



Ocean Power Delivery



Wave Dragon



Wave Energy Conversion Devices

Archimedes Wave Swing – TeamWorks, Netherlands



Wave Power Phase 1 Findings

- Northern California and Hawaii both have a good wave climate, coastal maritime infrastructure and high electricity prices (especially in Hawaii).
- Oregon has a good wave climate and coastal maritime infrastructure, favorable tax incentives, but low electricity prices (conventional hydro).
- Washington has a good wave climate, but less robust coastal utility grid than OR, and low competitive hydro electricity prices.
- Massachusetts has good wave climate in the winter, but poor in the summer; this disadvantage is somewhat offset by high electricity prices and a market for Renewable Energy Credits.
- Maine has a poor wave climate – wind is favorable.

North America Tidal Energy Projects* in the Water

	MA Amesbury (MTC)	NY East River (Nyserda)	BC Race Rocks (N CA)	CA SF (PUC)	DE Indian River Inlet (UEK)	WA Tacoma (TPC)
Developer	Verdant	Verdant	Clean Currents	SFPUC	UEK	Tacoma Power
Development Stage	2 Month Test Complete	Construction	NA	Formative	Permitting	Application Submitted
Device	Vertical axis	Horizontal axis	NA	TBD	Horizontal axis	TBD
Size	1m X 2.5 m 1 unit	5 m diameter 6 units	NA	TBD	3 m diameter 25 units	TBD
Power (kW) at Max Speed (m/s)	0.8 kW @ 1.5m/s	34 kW @ 2.1 m/s	NA	TBD	400 kW @ 3 m/s	TBD (Max 30MW)

* EPRI feasibility project also covering other sites in AK, NS, NB, MA and ME Looking for an Owner

North America In Stream Tidal Demonstrations

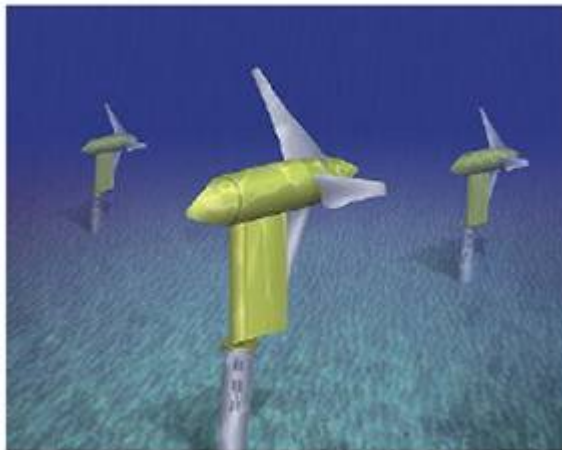
East River, New York, NY



Amesbury, Merrimack River MA



Verdant Horizontal Axial Turbine



GCK Gorlov



North American In Stream Tidal Demonstrations continued

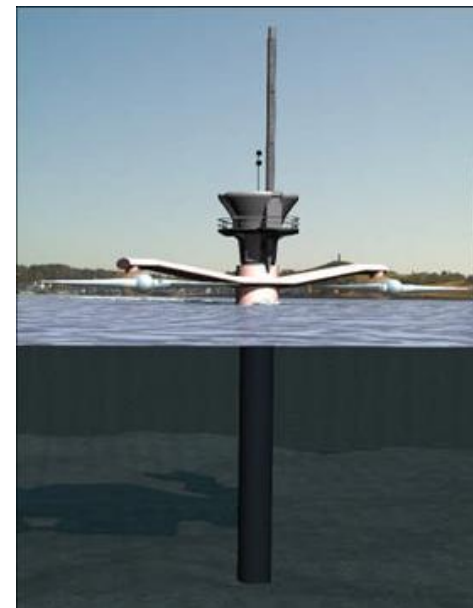
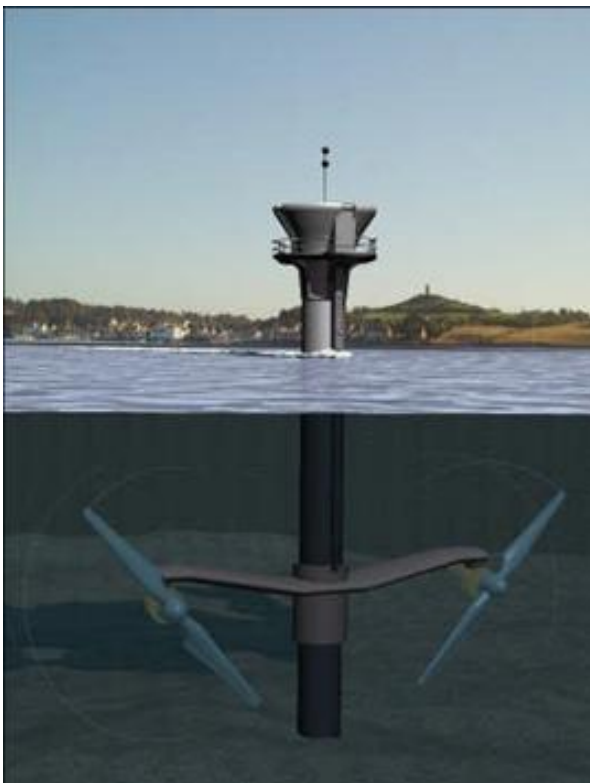
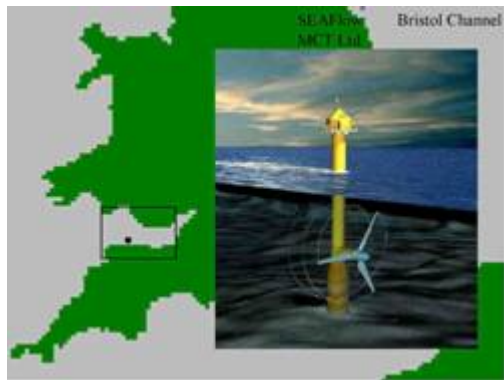
UEK – Chesapeake Bay Test



Open Hydro Tests in Gulf Stream

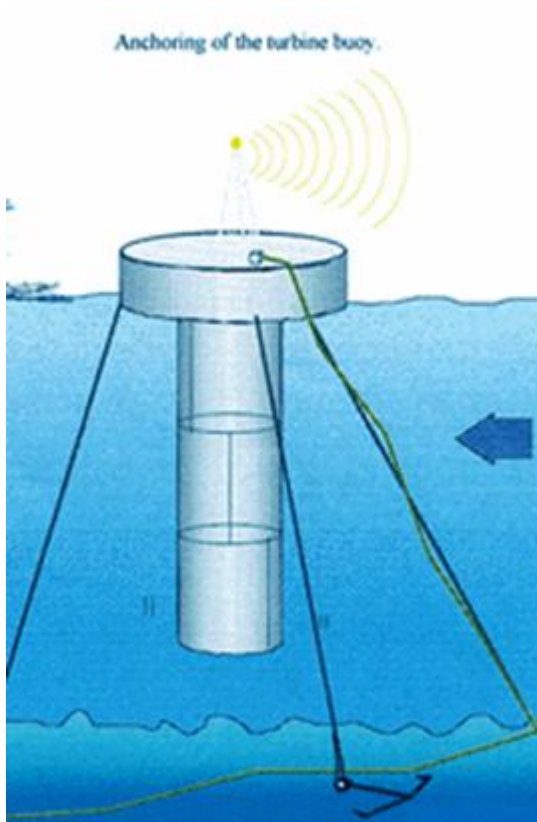


UK In-Stream Tidal Demonstration - MCT

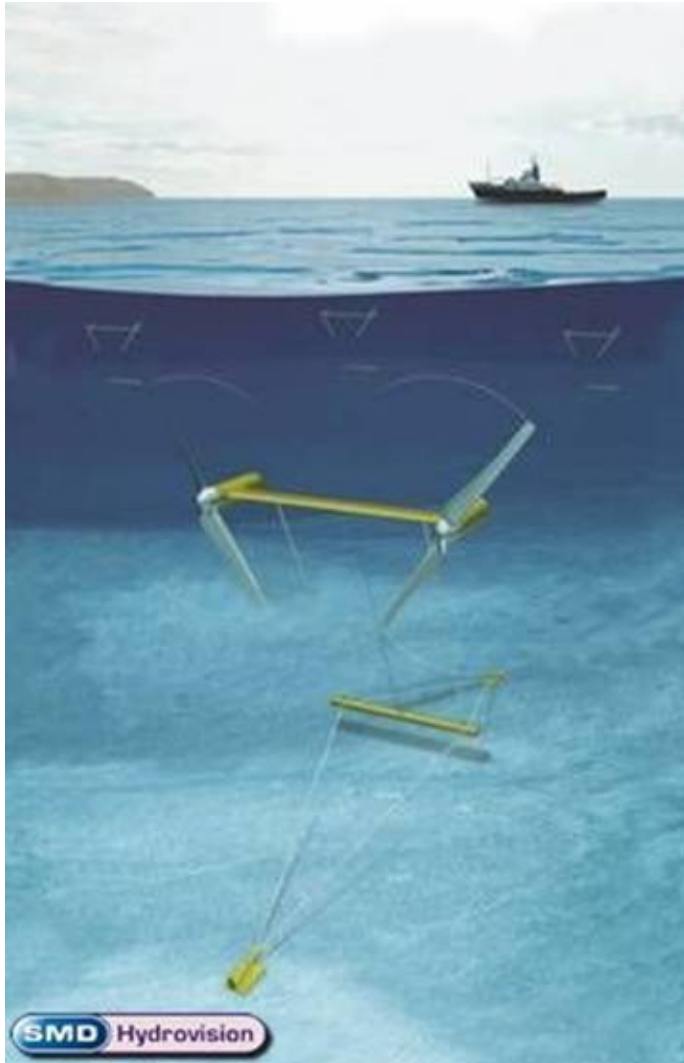


Two Years Experience In UK (more info in the device survey, 11/05)

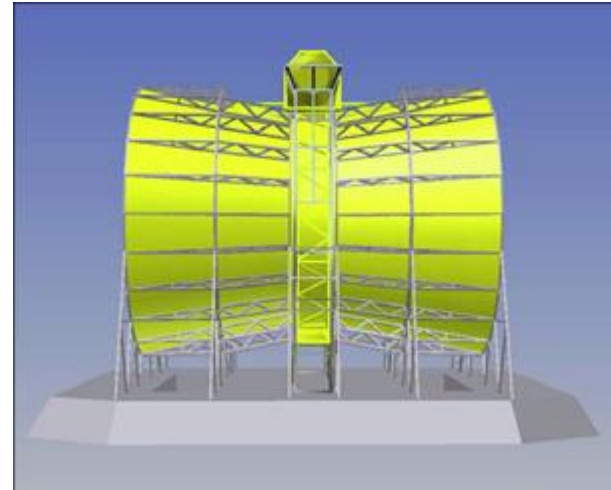
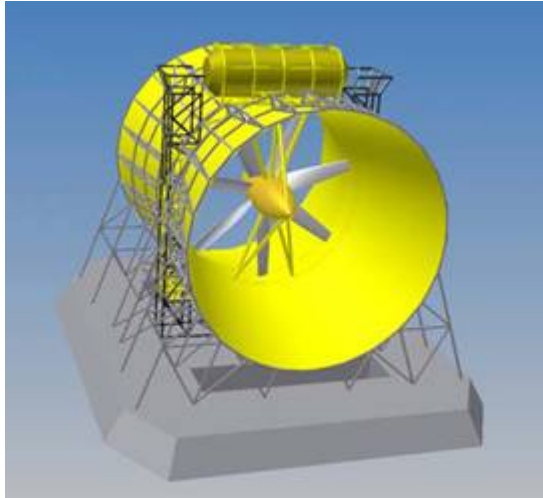
Swedish Vertical Axis Tidal Device - Seapower



UK In-Stream Ancored Device - SMD Hydrovision



UK In-Stream Ducted Device – Lunar Energy (gravity base, on legs)



2006 Hybrid Wind-Wave Initiative

- Today offshore wind plants are in shallow water close to shore
- Further offshore wind plants are less visually intrusive, but cost more
- Offshore wave is an emerging technology with 1st commercial sale (25 MW plant) in 2005 in Portugal announced by OPD of the UK
- Hybridization of the two technologies is expected to produce lowest COE and soonest commercialization, however, advancements are needed...in floating platforms, operation, and maintenance



Over the horizon
Hybrid Wind
Wave Machines
off the Cape Cod
Coast

2006 Hybrid Wind-Wave Initiative (cont)

OBJECTIVES

Study the feasibility of deep water (>30m) over the horizon offshore hybrid wind-wave energy conversion technology to provide efficient, reliable, environmentally friendly and cost-effective electrical energy and to push towards the development of a sustainable commercial market for this technology.

WHY

Take advantage of synergies of an offshore hybrid wind-wave plant to reduce the cost of electricity and reduce the intermittency for ease of grid integration increase the reliability of ocean power.

WHO

EPRI has put together a world class team consisting of contractors, the DOE NREL and Universities including VA Tech, OSU and UMASS and wind, wave and platform vendors.

Task	Duration
1. Site Survey and Characterization (wave and wind energy resources and geophysical properties)	First 6 Months
2. Subsystem Survey and Characterization (wind and wave machines, platforms, moorings and cabling or alternate fuel production)	First 6 Months
3. System Level Design, Performance, Cost and Economics	Middle 6 Months
4. Trade Off Studies and Optimization for Minimum COE	Last 6 Months
5. Environmental Impact Issues and Avoidance/Mitigation and Regulatory Issues	Same 18 Months Semi annual reporting

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