



VI Marine Energy Conference



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Experience in real sea projects



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Introduction: Offshore Renewable Technologies

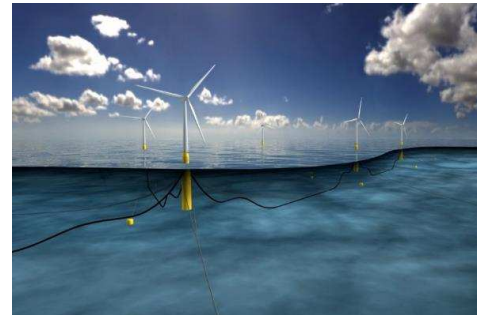
Ocean Energy: Wave, Tidal Currents, Tide rise & fall, Ocean thermal gradient and Salinity gradient

Other renewables in the marine environment: Offshore wind, marine biomass, floating PV

*Fixed Offshore
Wind*



*Floating Offshore
Wind*



Wave Energy

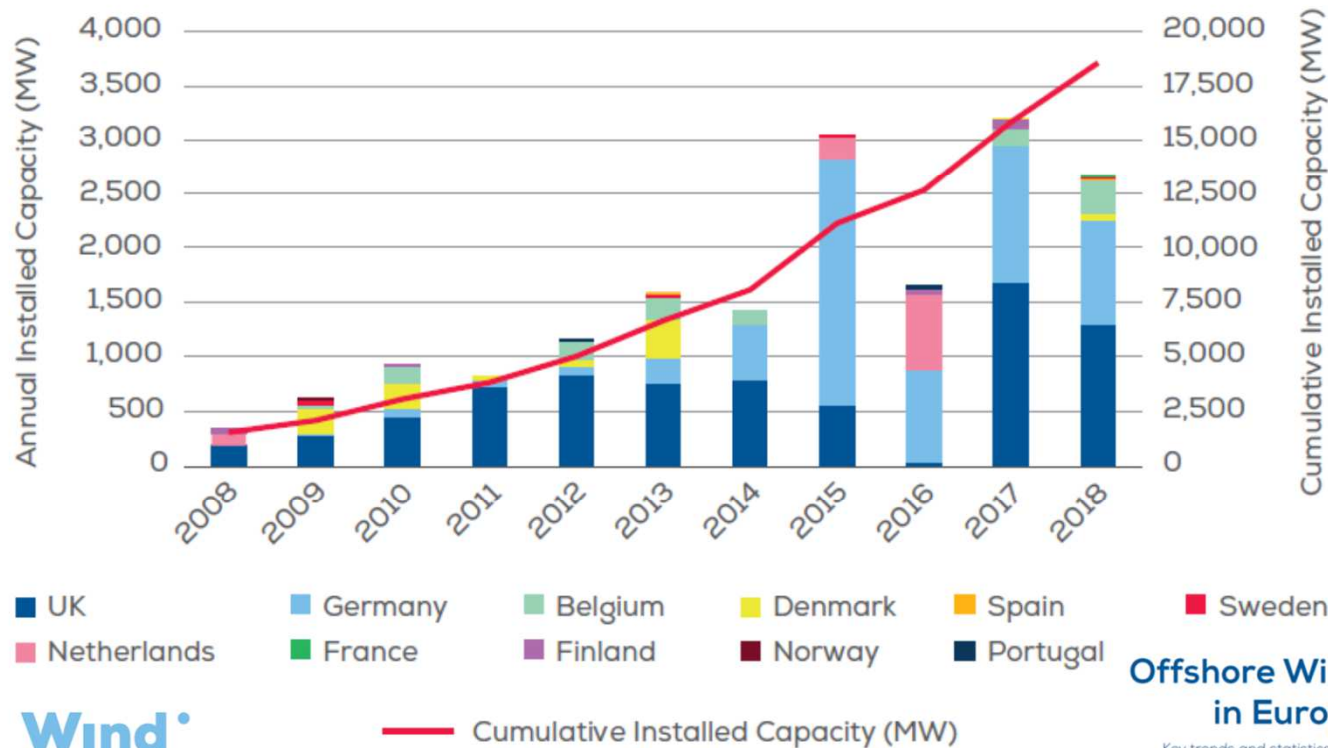


Tidal currents



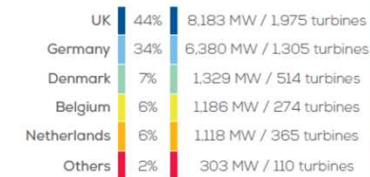
Introduction: Offshore Wind, a growing business

Annual offshore wind installations by country and cumulative capacity (MW)



- 4,543 offshore turbines are now installed and grid-connected, making a cumulative total of 18,499 MW.

Cumulative Installed capacity (MW) and number of turbines by country



TOP 5 REPRESENTS
98%
OF ALL CAPACITY
CONNECTED

Introduction: Floating Wind, emerging technology

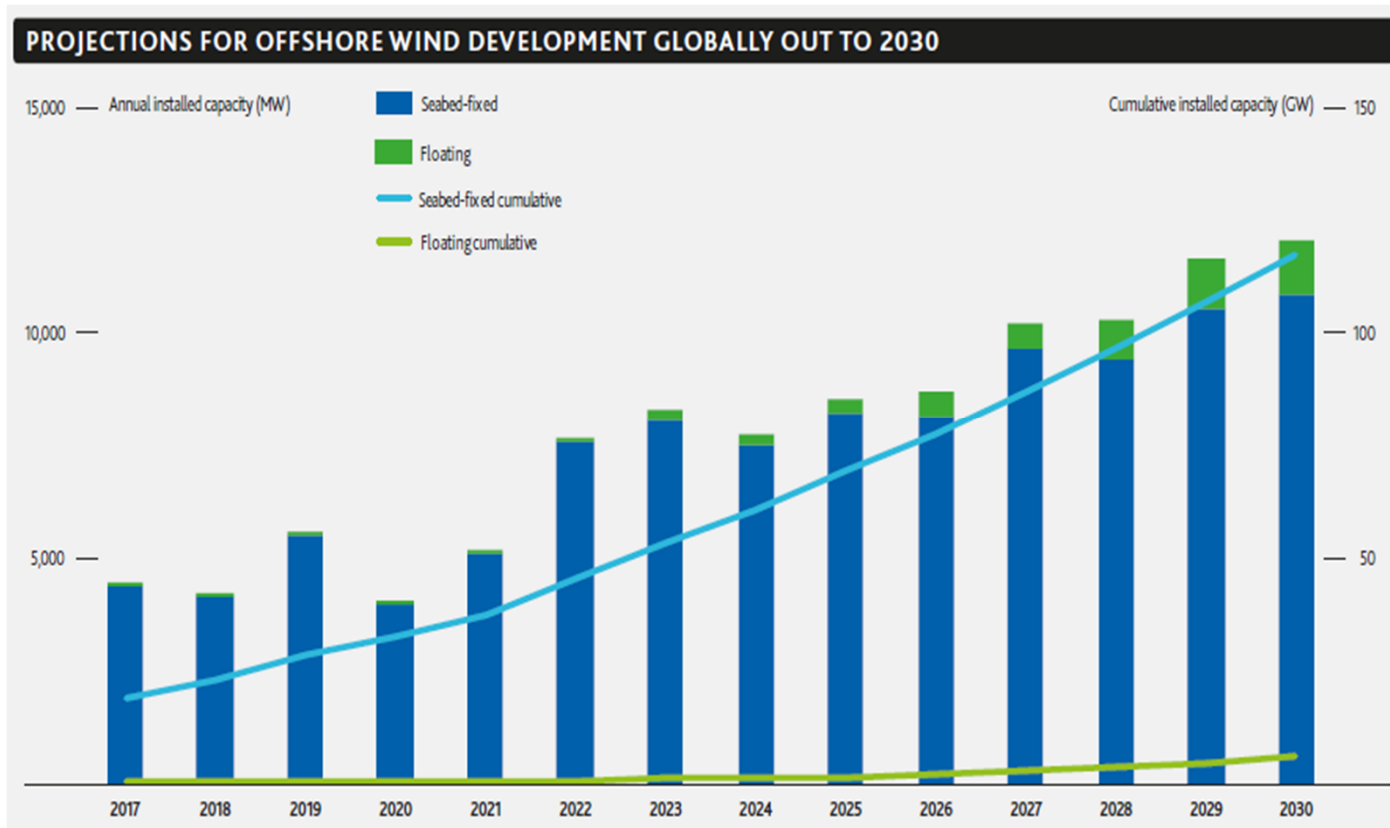


Several solutions under development:
Semisubmersible, TLP, Spar...



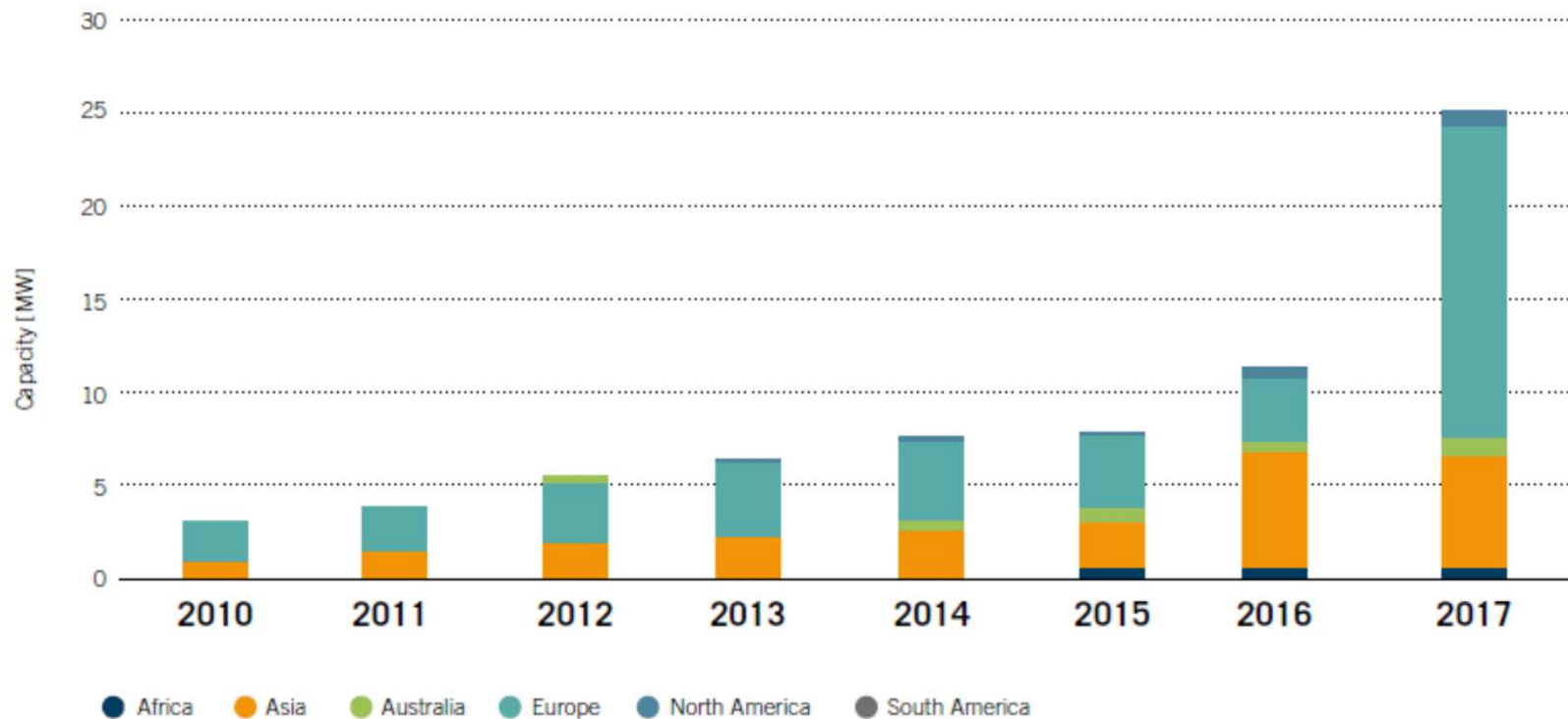
First farm in operation,
several under construction

Introduction: Offshore wind, a global market



Global Wind Report
Annual Market Update 2017

Introduction: Wave and tidal, a few devices in the water



Cumulated ocean energy capacity by location in the period 2010 – 2017 (tidal barrage not included)

Source: OES WebGis Database - Fraunhofer IEE

Introduction: Wave and tidal, long term perspectives



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INDUSTRIAL GOAL

By 2050, ocean energy has the potential to have deployed over 300 GW of installed capacity.

Ocean Energy Forum

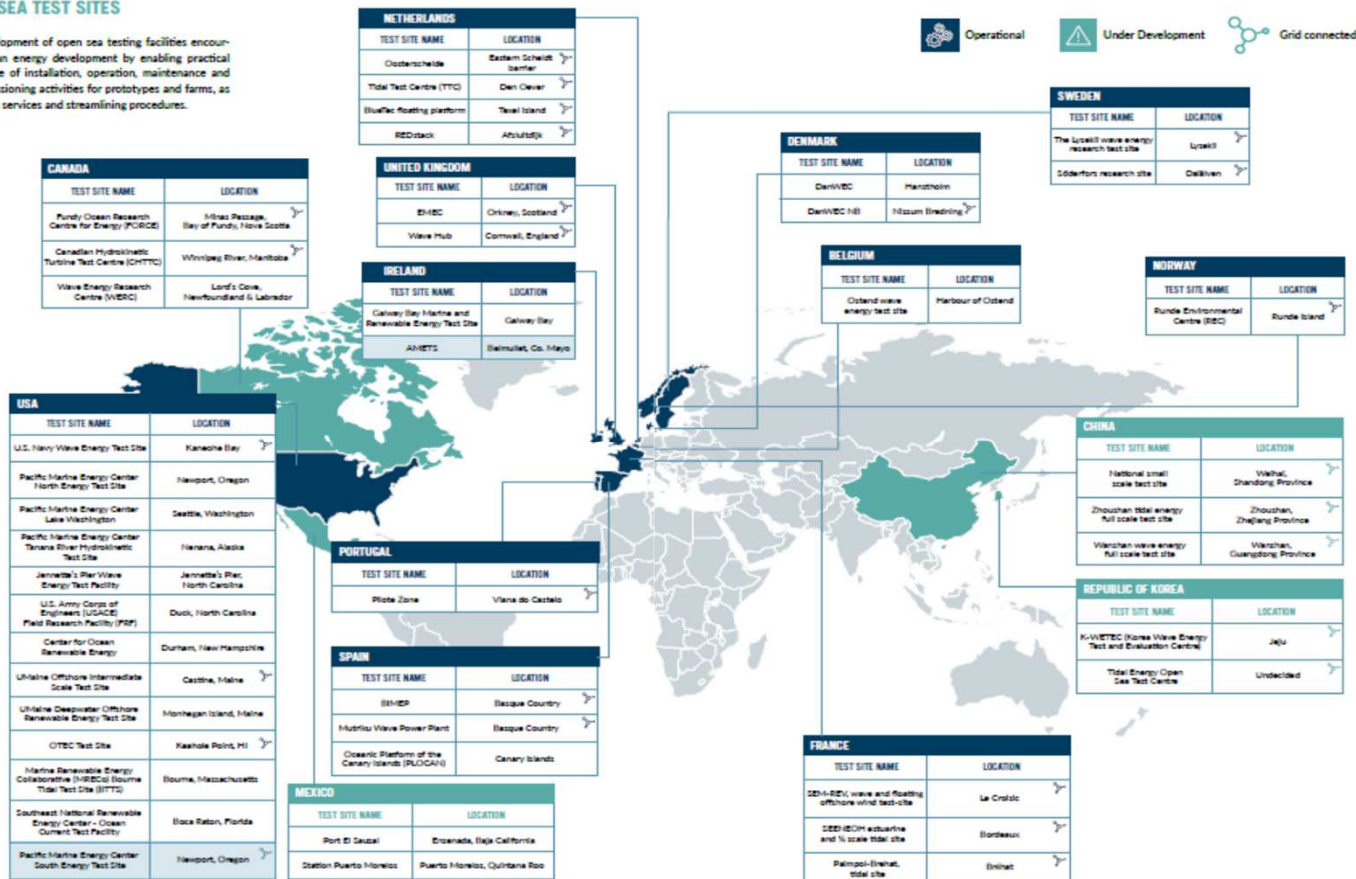
OCEAN ENERGY STRATEGIC ROADMAP BUILDING OCEAN ENERGY FOR EUROPE

Under favourable regulatory and economic conditions, ocean energy could meet 10% of the European Union's (EU) power demand by 2050

Introduction: Open sea test sites for wave and tidal

OPEN SEA TEST SITES

The development of open sea testing facilities encourages ocean energy development by enabling practical experience of installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning activities for prototypes and farms, as well as on services and streamlining procedures.



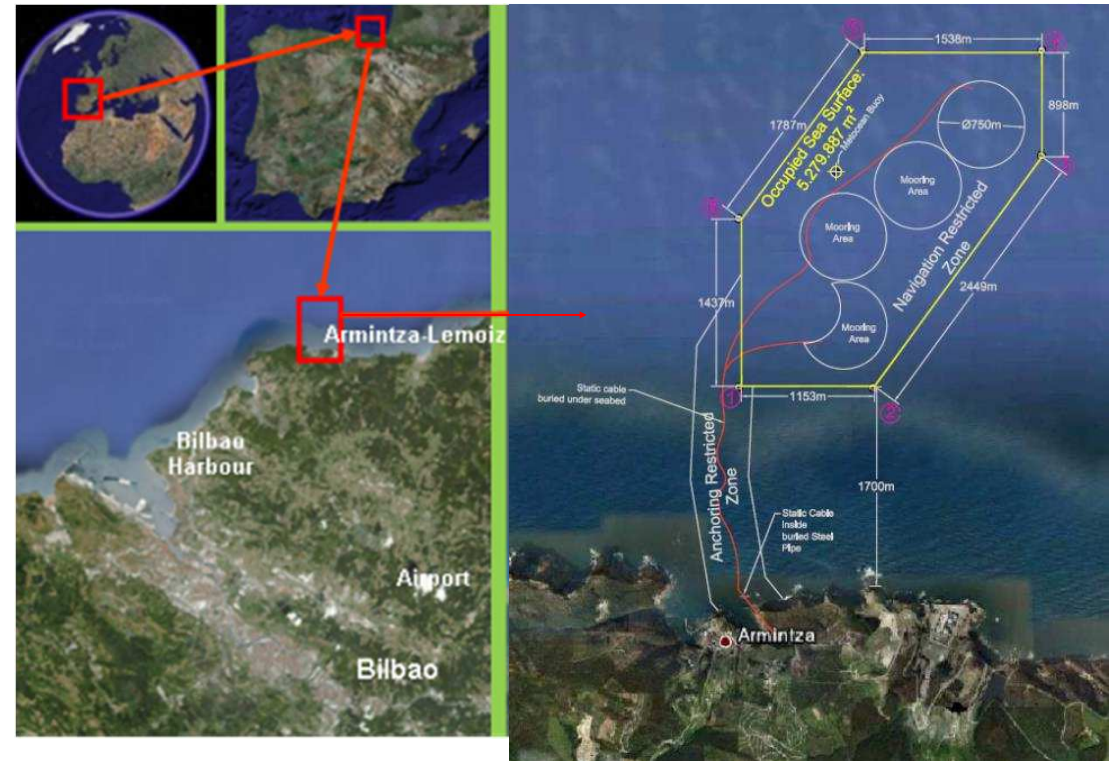
BIMEP: test infrastructure operating in real marine conditions



Biscay marine energy platform

<https://bimep.com/>

- An infrastructure for testing **prototypes of marine energy converters and auxiliary equipment** at open sea
- Located in the Gulf of Biscay, **1,6 nautical miles** away from the village of Armintza (Bizkaia, Spain)
- **5.3 km²** total surface area.
- Designed for **testing and demonstrating prototype devices** for harnessing marine energy prior to their full-scale commercial development.
- Fully equipped with **modern subsea infrastructure** for onshore grid connection:
 - 13,2 kV – 5 MW subsea export cables.
 - Research and Data Centre (Monitoring and control system)
 - **24/7 surveillance**
- Well communicated with Armintza's port, which allows a **quick access** to samples under trial while ensuring **100% offshore conditions**.



OPERA: Open sea operating experience to reduce wave energy costs



Key Challenges of Wave Energy



Reduce **COST** of energy



Improve overall **PERFORMANCE**



Lower **RISKS** to attract investors

→ Very limited **EXPERIENCE** of real open-sea operation

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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%

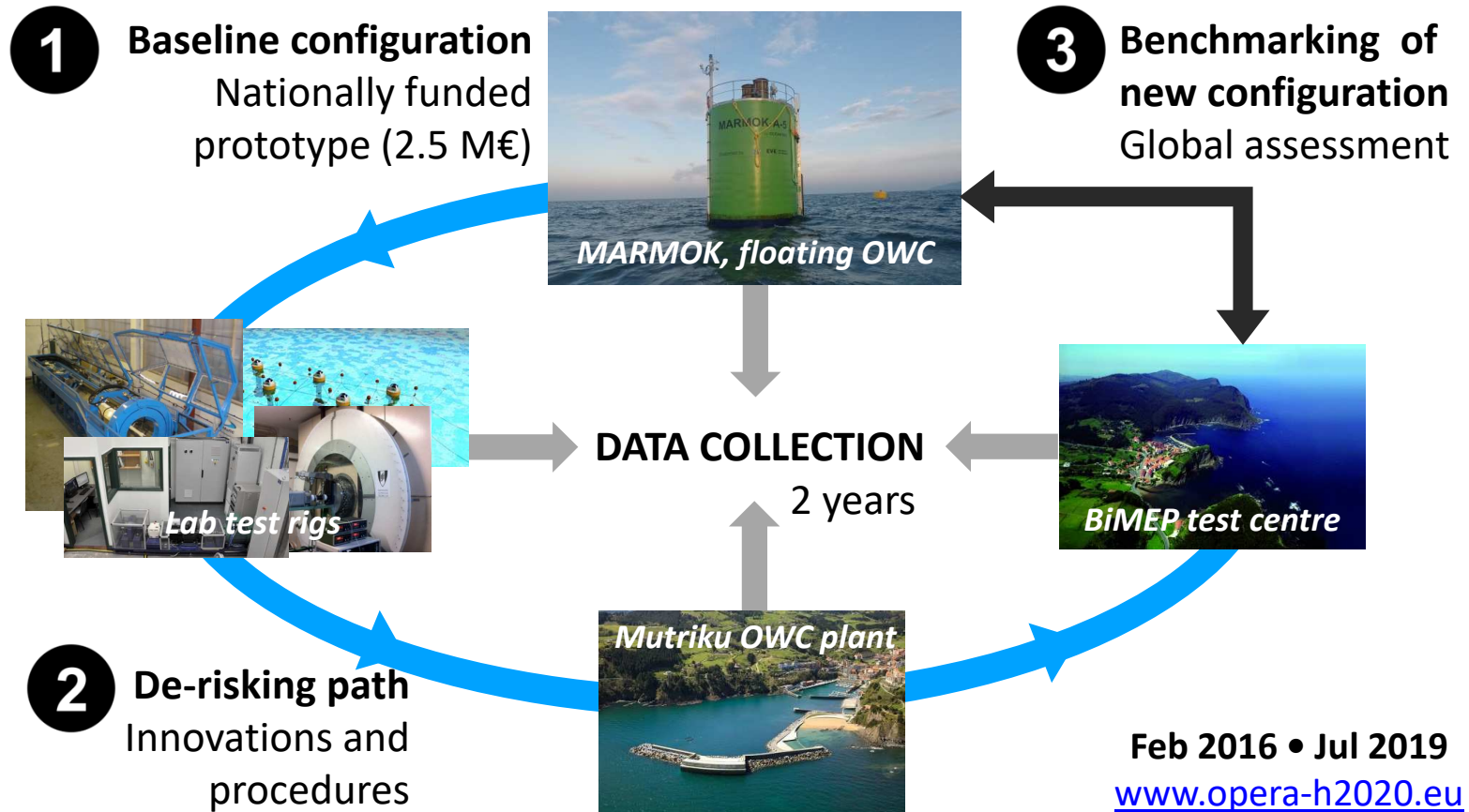


Reduce the **cost of wave energy** by 50% in the long term

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Methodology



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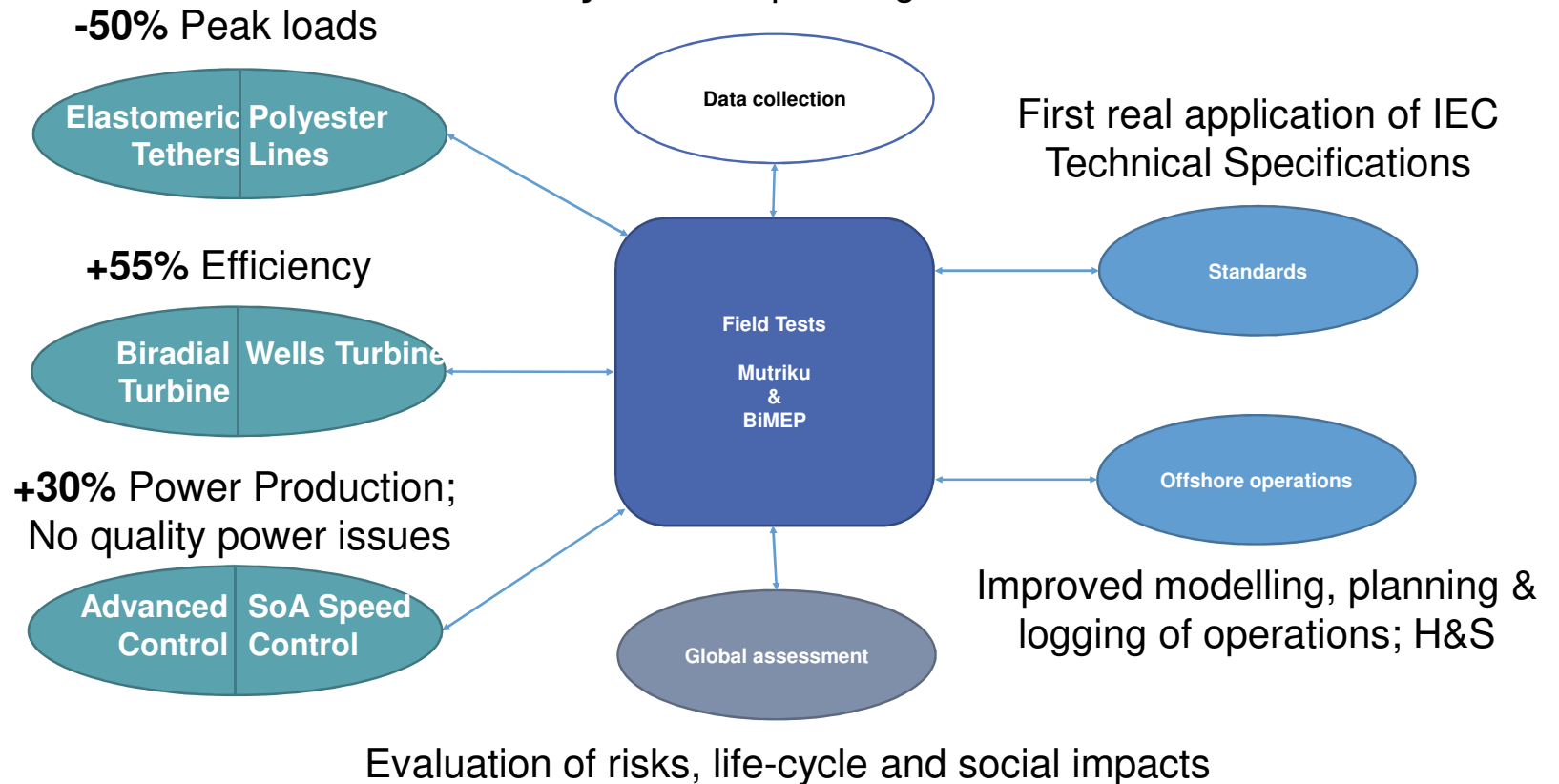
Highlight of technical results



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Summary of significant achievements (I)

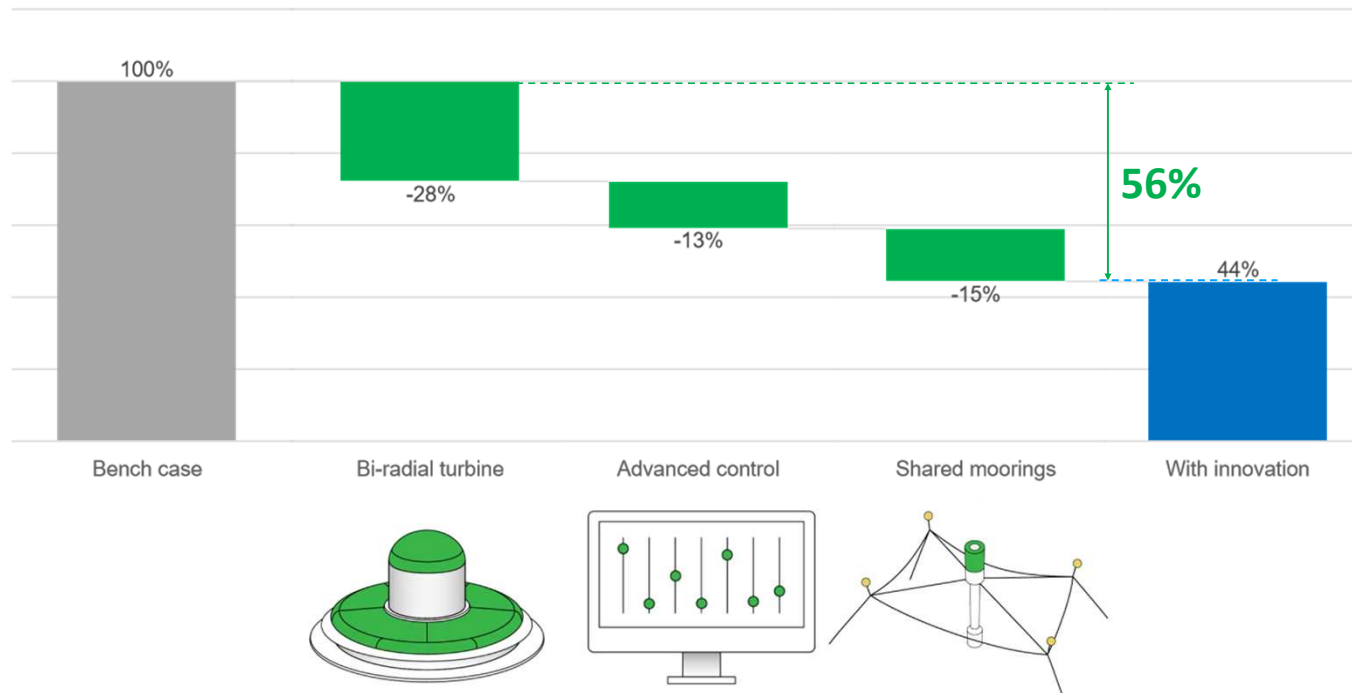
2.5 years of Operating Data



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Summary of significant achievements (II)

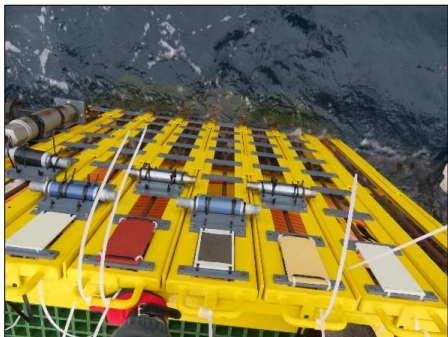
Long-term LCOE reduction potential due to OPERA innovations:
Breakdown of impacts



HarshLab: A unique offshore laboratory

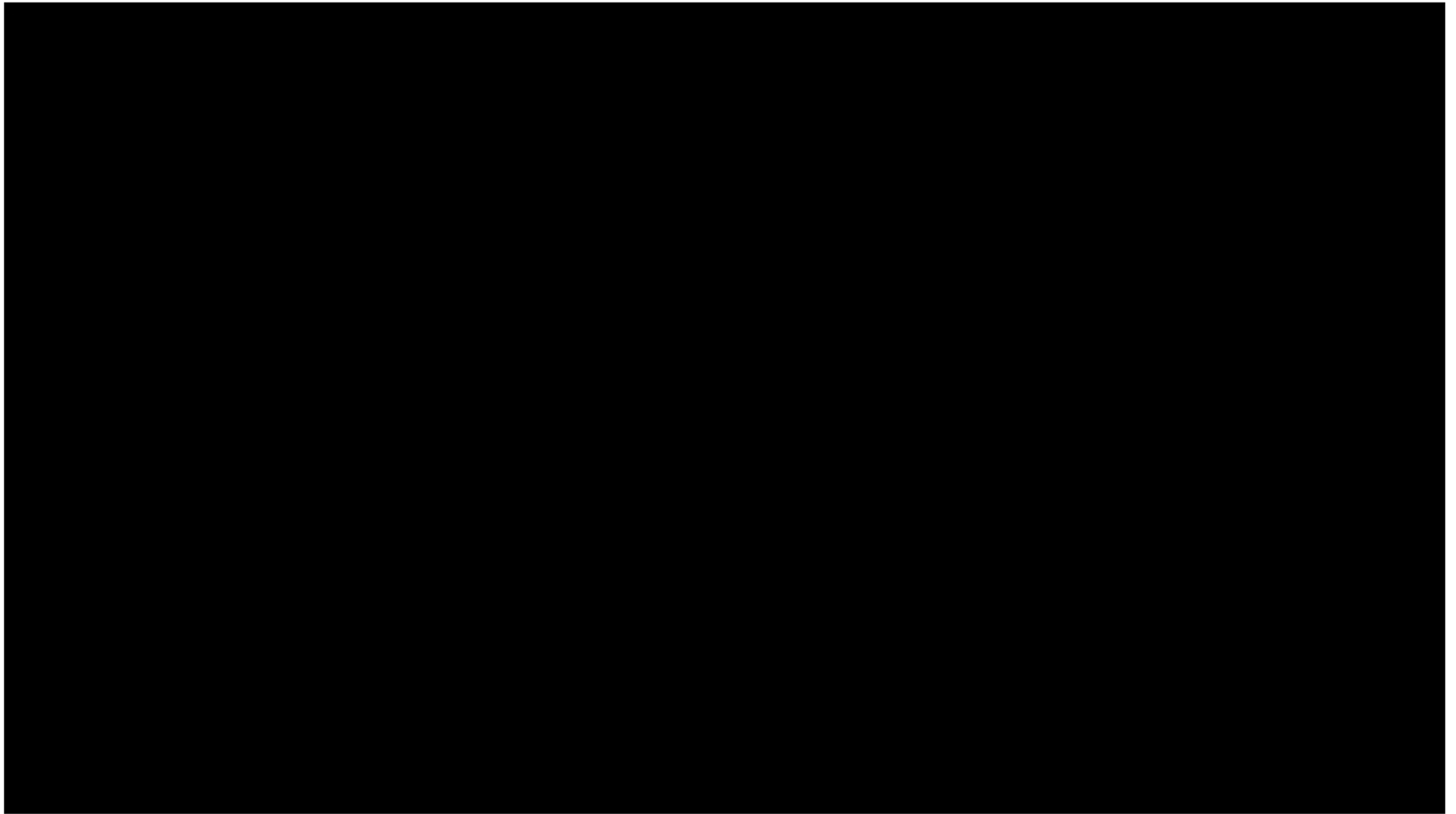


- **CALM buoy adapted to the BiMEP metocean conditions**
 - Diameter \approx 5.415 mm
 - Height \approx 4.740 mm
 - Lightweight \approx 8 ton
 - Net buoyancy \approx 21 ton
- Equipped with standard **navigation aids** as requested by BiMEP (AIS and lantern).
- It allows the evaluation of **standardized probes and other components** in real offshore environment.
- Atmospheric racks can be inclined at **45° or 90°**
- It can handle **up to 765 samples (125 in atmospheric zone, 320 in splash and 320 in immersion)**.
- **No need of divers for inspections**, immersion and splash probes can be easily extracted



HarshLab: A unique offshore laboratory

Inspection of
samples
(December 2018)



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HarshLab1.0 can host a variety of assays, such:

➤ **Corrosion tests**

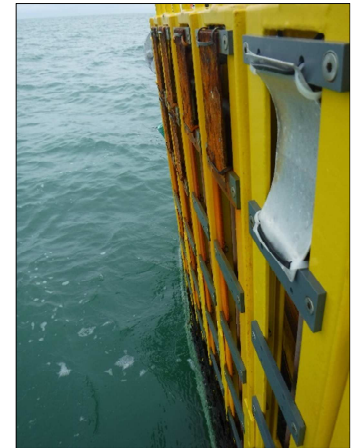
Harsh marine environment is ensured, with a **CX** classification in **atmospheric** and **splash zones**, and **Im2** in **immersion** zone. Immersion zone is prone to the formation of biofouling, so it's a good opportunity to study how the presence of barnacles and other biofouling species affect to the corrosion rate of specimens.

➤ **Antifouling solutions**

BiMEP area is specially prone to biofouling growth, so test immersion sites at HL1.0 are suitable for testing experimental antifouling solutions under real offshore conditions. Additionally, most common species in BiMEP have been identified:

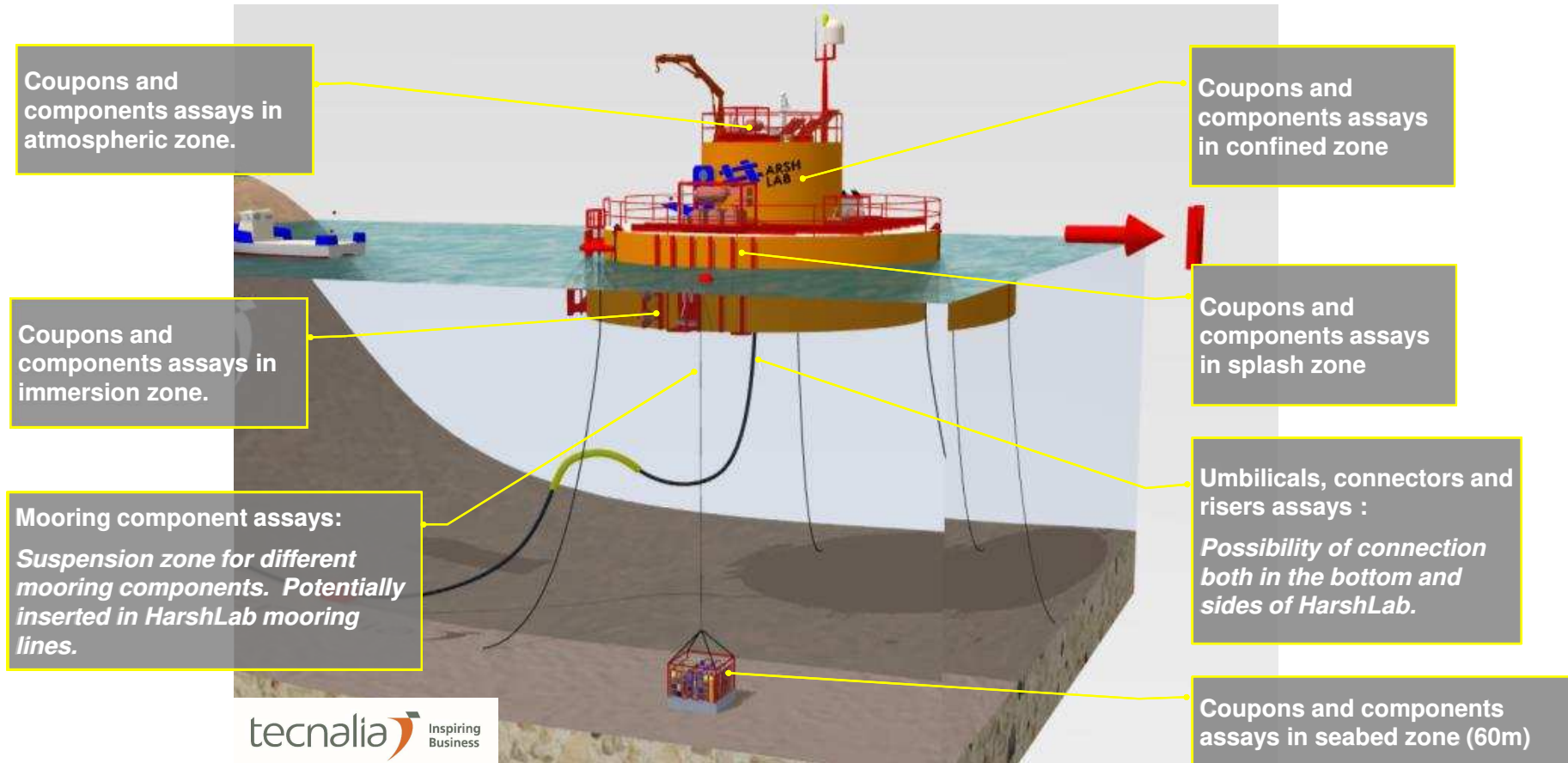
➤ **Ageing assays**

Not only nude and coated metallic surfaces can be tested in HL1.0, but also other non-metallic materials that need to withstand harsh marine conditions while maintaining their properties (flexibility, aesthetic, etc)



What is next?

HarsLab 2.0



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FLOW Project

The FLOW Project has been granted by the **SPRI** (Business Development Agency of the Basque Government) under the scheme of a **Strategic HAZITEK** (HAZITEK2017-FLOW Exp. ZE-2017/00031)



Development of a **FLO**ating **W**ind turbine for its full-scale demonstration

Main objective:

The development of a **5MW FOWT** to be installed at the **BiMEP** including the adaptation of the Wind Turbine to the floating substructure, the detailed design of the **NAUTILUS** floating platform and the design of the mooring and anchoring systems.



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