



Research on Wave & Tidal Energy Generation Systems

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Wave & Tidal Energy Research

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Energy - LUREG Research



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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Ocean Energy Testing Facilities





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Wave Tank





- 12.5 m x 2.5 m plan and 0.8 m deep
 - Approx. 100th scale deep water offshore environment
 - Low reflection beach
- Edinburgh designs paddles allow generation of:
 - Regular waves (both plane and angled)
 - Irregular waves (via input spectra)
 - Focused waves
 - Directionally spread wave-fields











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Lancaster WEC Research





waves2watts

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



Lancaster University Research on Environmentally Friendly Solutions using Tidal movements

Holland Estuaries





TIDAL BRIDGE

Indonesia

https://www.tidalbridge.com/

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Lancaster University Research with Infinities Global on Tidal Current and Hydrogen Storage Technology



Optimising two-way hydropower

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

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Multidisciplinary Research Multi Functional Infrastructure



Opportunities for tidal range projects beyond energy generation: Using Mersey barrage as a case study.



THE GREEN WHALE (2017)



Dr David Howard CEH & Prof George Aggidis



...This paper contributes in part to a fully holistic treatment of **tidal barrages**, recognising that apart from **energy generation**, other **environmental**, **societal and economic opportunities** arise and must be fully investigated for robust decision-making...



Petley, S., Starr, D., Parish, L., Underwood, Z. and Aggidis, G.A., 2019. Opportunities for tidal range projects beyond energy generation: Using Mersey barrage as a case study. *Frontiers of Architectural Research*, *8*(4), pp.620-633.





- The UK government have announced a climate emergency with targets to decarbonise by 2050.
- We need to reach "net zero" far sooner than 2050 we're already seeing the catastrophic effects of climate breakdown both across the globe and here in the UK.
- We have just a short window of opportunity left to avoid irreversible damage.
- We need to live greener and more sustainable lives.
- We need to reduce UK dependence on imports of dirty fuels like coal, oil and gas.
- The UK should be powered by a home-grown renewables sector, providing jobs and clean energy at affordable prices for homes, heating, transport and industry.





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24 March 2021 09:00



The TALOS concept wave energy converter

A new research project will develop cutting-edge technologies that will advance efforts towards capturing the huge renewable power of the oceans.

Led by **Professor George Aggidis**, and involving researchers from Lancaster University's **Department of Engineering** and the Energy and Environment Institute, University of Hull, the £1million NHP-WEC (Novel High Performance Wave

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This research will advance our knowledge and understanding of these extreme marine environments where these machines will be deployed, as well as improve operators' ability to control the machines when changes in conditions are forecast to improve their ability to generate electricity, and increase their ability to survive.

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