

R&D ACTIVITIES – RENEWABLE MARINE ENERGY

















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BACKGROUND

















Background

Our facilities, processes and activities





UMBRA CUSCINETTI S.p.A.

Foligno - more than 29,000 m2 Ballscrews, actuators, bearings, electrospindles and milling heads



Albanella

Research Centre



KUHN PRÄZISIONSSPINDELN und GEWINDETECHNIK GmbH

Freiberg - more than 2,500 m2 Ballscrews

PRÄZISIONSKUGELN ELTMANN GmbH

Eltmann - more than 12,000 m2 Balls



UMBRA CUSCINETTI Inc.

Everett - more than 5,000 m2 Gears, torque tubes

Processes and activities:

- Metal cutting
- Turning
- Grinding
- Heat treatments
- Thermo-chemical treatments
- Galvanic treatments
- Non-destructive tests
- Assembly
- Test laboratory
- Industrial repair





Background

Our products







ENERGY

INDUSTRY









BEARINGS



BALLSCREWS



ACME SCREWS



SHAFTS



ELECTRO-MECHANICAL ACTUATORS



Background

From actuation to power generation

Actuation - EMA

Electrical energy



Electro-Mechanical Actuator

PM machine

Ballscrew

Electro-Mechanical Generator

Linear motion



Generation - EMG



Common Characteristics

High efficiency
High reliability
High power density
Long life
Low maintainability
No pressurized fluids
Tunable design



MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY



















Energy potential and technology status

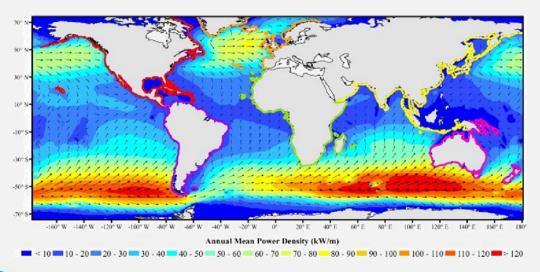
Global electricity consumption: (IRENA*, 2016) 23,322 TWh/year

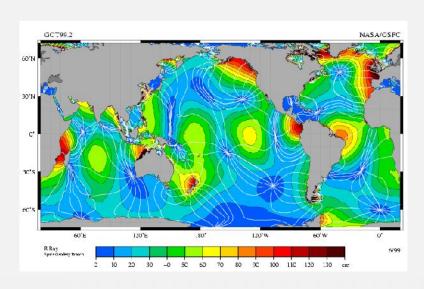
Energy potential from sea waves: (IRENA, 2014) 29,500 TWh/year

Energy potential from tidal currents: (IRENA, 2014) 7,800 TWh/year

of commercial devices (today): ZERO

Predictable - Available at night - Well distributed worldwide



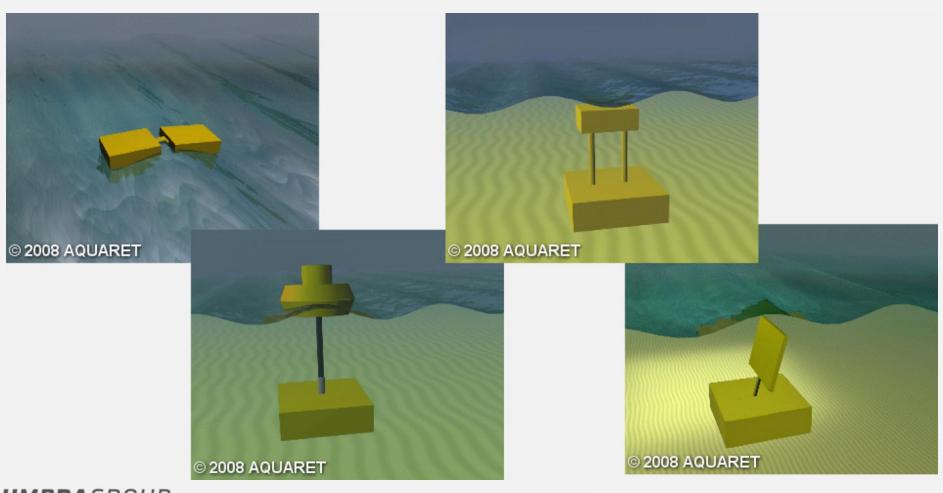






Energy potential and technology status

Many of the devices under development need to convert slow, reciprocating linear motion into electricity



Seven years of work by the numbers

- 6 Masters of Science theses concluded, 3 ongoing
- 6 publications in international conferences
- 6 research projects
- 1 pre-commercial project
- Primary Sponsorship of International Network on Offshore Renewable Energy
- Presentations at major conferences and networking events in the Marine Sector



















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Projects in wave energy









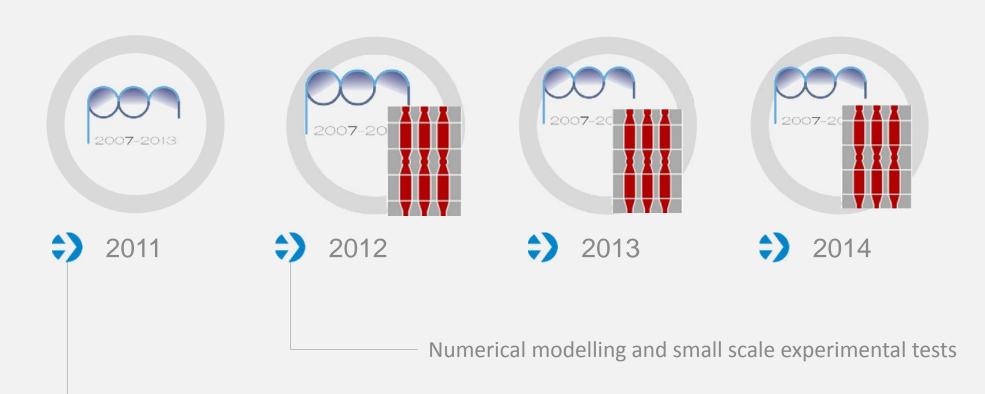








Projects in wave energy

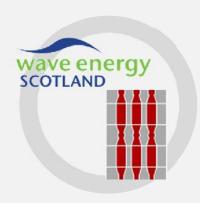


Energy recovery for actuators applied to aircraft



Projects in wave energy











2015



2016

2017



2018

WE-BACK

Alternative architecture and a more efficient motion conversion chain.

ReBaS

Dry and wet tests on medium scale generator

EMERGE

Sea trials in Scotland on fullscale generator

GENERA

Sea trials in Italy on fullscale generator



Projects in wave energy

Project name: ReBaS (2015-2016)



WAVE ENERGY SCOTLAND Enterprise

Call: International search for innovative power take-off systems

Topic: Power Take Off (PTO) technologies





Projects in wave energy

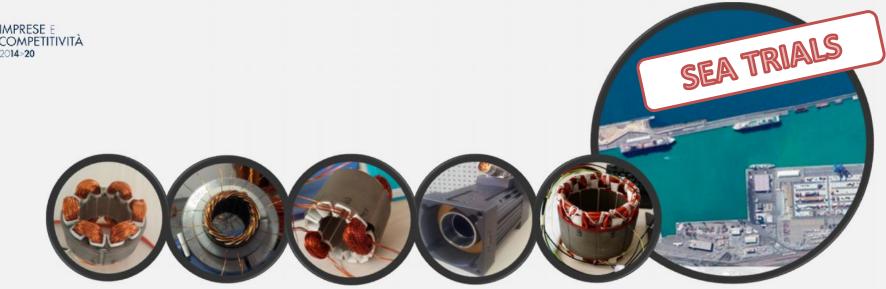
Project name: GENERA (2017-2019)



Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico (MISE)

Call: Programma Operativo Nazionale Imprese e Competitività 2014-2020

Topic: ENERGY





Projects in wave energy

Project name: EMERGE (2017-2019)



WAVE ENERGY SCOTLAND Enterprise

Call: International search for innovative power take-off systems (STAGE III entry)

Topic: Power Take Off (PTO) technologies





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Projects in tidal energy



















Projects in tidal energy



- ⇒ 2016: tests at small scale in laboratory flume (six EMGs)
- ⇒ 2017: tests at small scale at sea off the coast of Brest, France
- ⇒ 2019: tests at full scale at sea, location TBC

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