

*Sfide tecnologiche per le rinnovabili dal
mare e l'eolico offshore:
(Può una progettazione sostenibile dei
dispositive per le rinnovabili marine
contribuire alla 'biodiversity restoration'?)*

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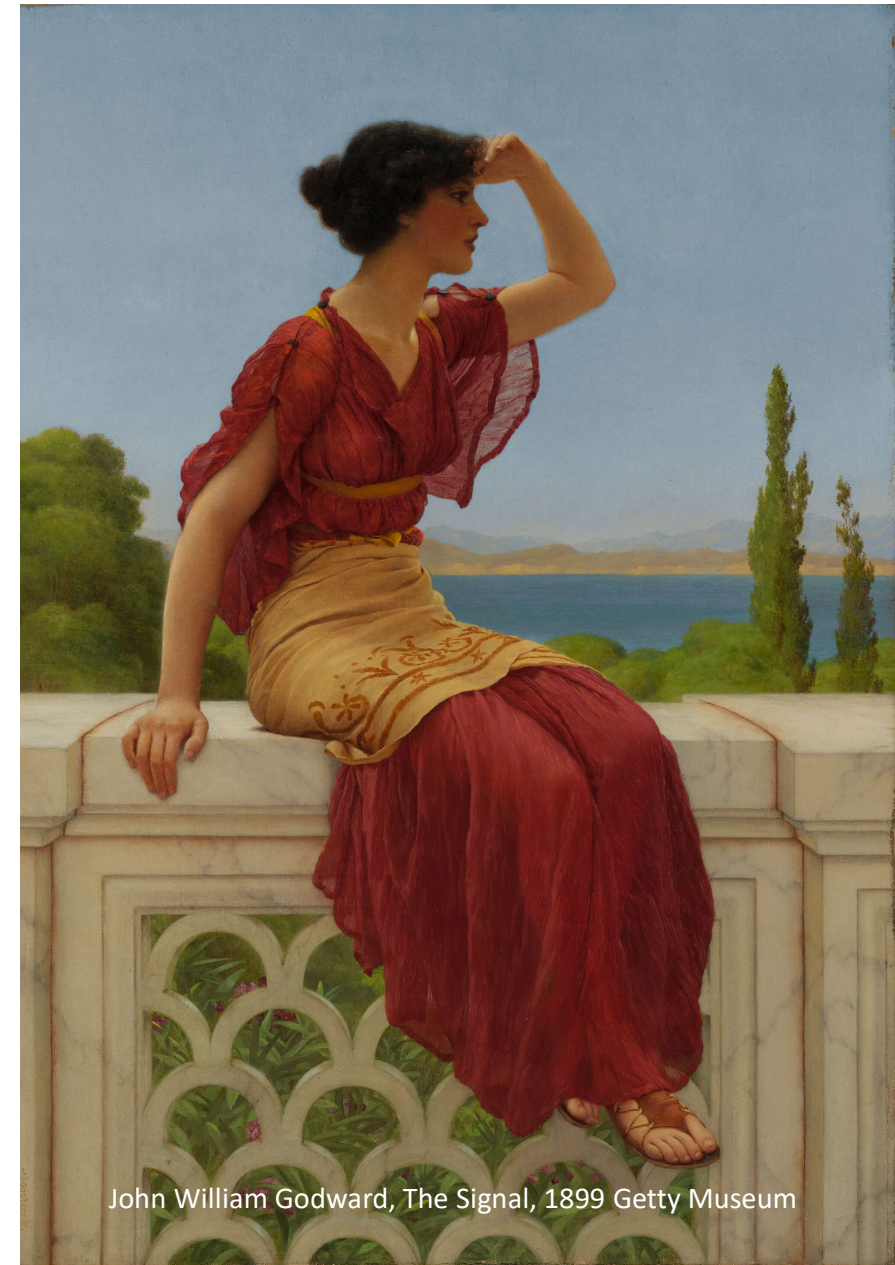
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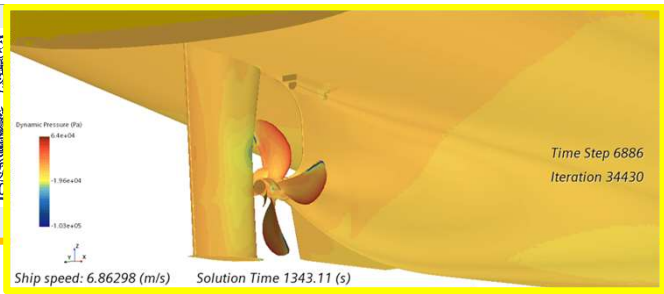
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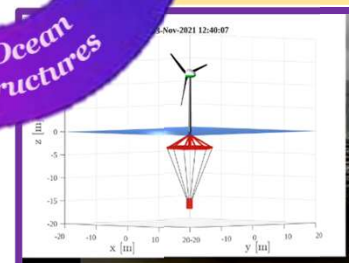
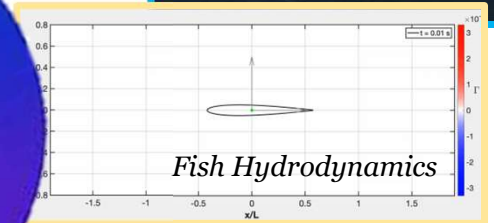
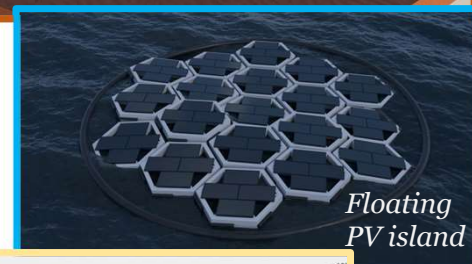
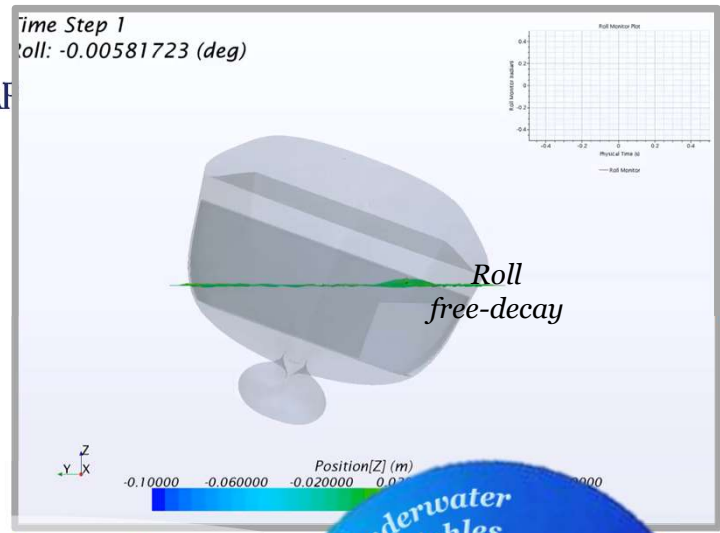
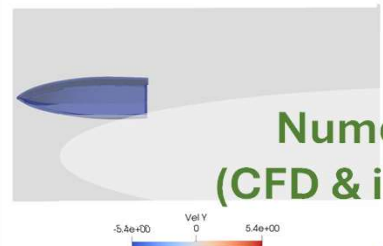
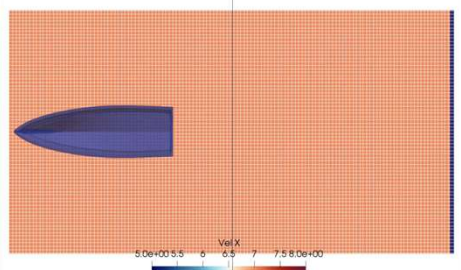
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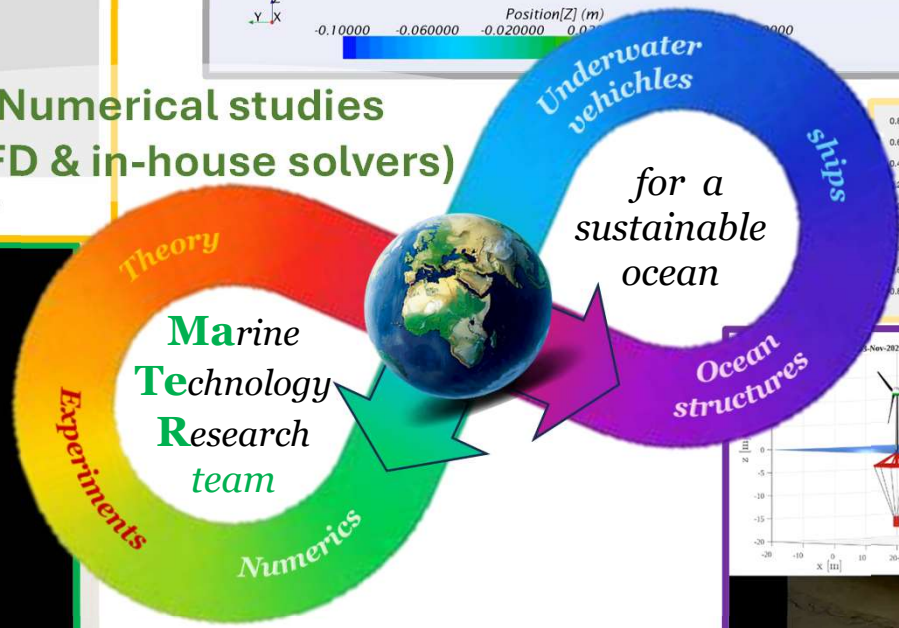
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Numerical studies
(CFD & in-house solvers)



Experimental studies

@ Indoor Lab (LEIN)

@ Sea Lab (MaRELab)

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Un salto nel passato: Il futuro del mare negli anni 90...



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E le relative conseguenze...



Lezione nr 1 ...Imparare dagli errori del passato!!!

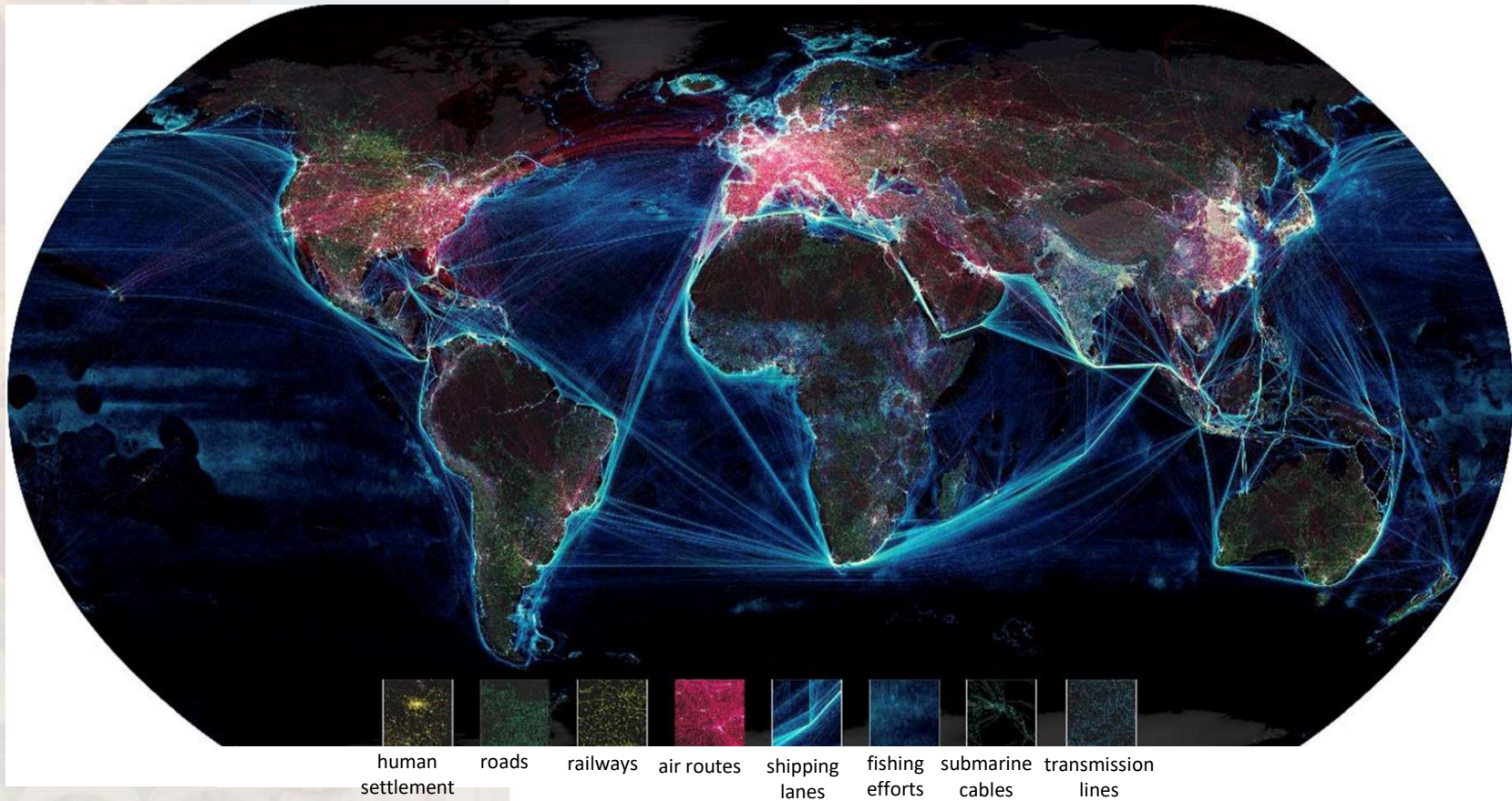
La ricerca considera il genere umano e la salvaguardia dell'ambiente come prioritario



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A twist: the actual scenario of our planet

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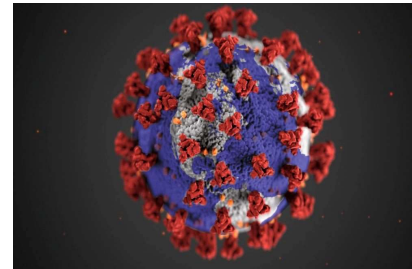
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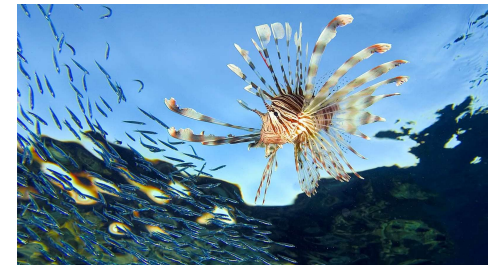
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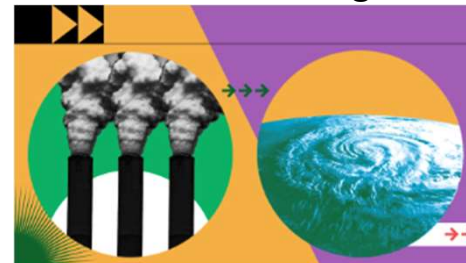
Pandemic



biodiversity loss



climate change

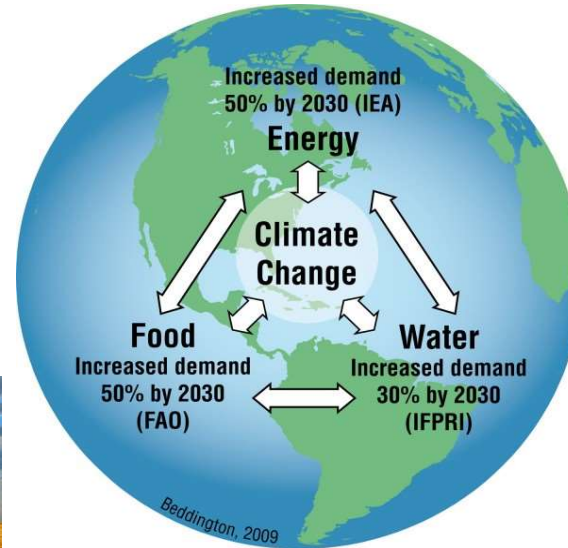
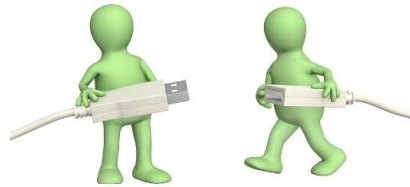


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*For answering the challenges
of the future.*

Higher demand for

- food,
- fresh water
- energy



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A vision for the future of the sea... and of the green shipping



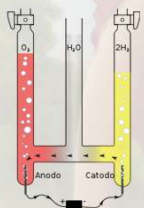
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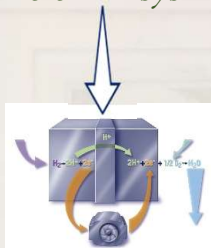
Energy Archipelago

How to use the energy?

a) in situ use & storage



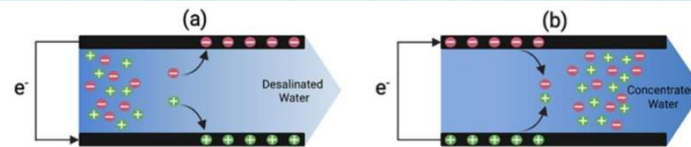
*H₂ production
through water
elettrolisis*



*Fuel Cell and
Charging hubs*



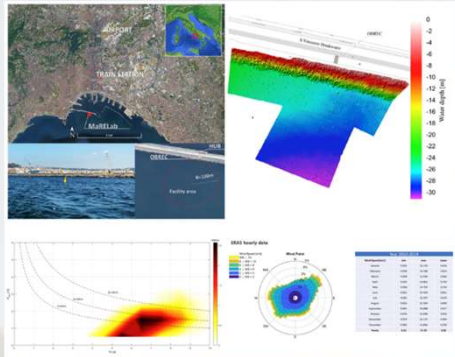
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 $CO_2 + 3 H_2 \Rightarrow H_2O + CH_3OH$*



Sodium-ion battery

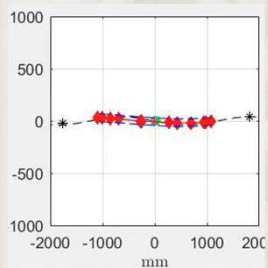
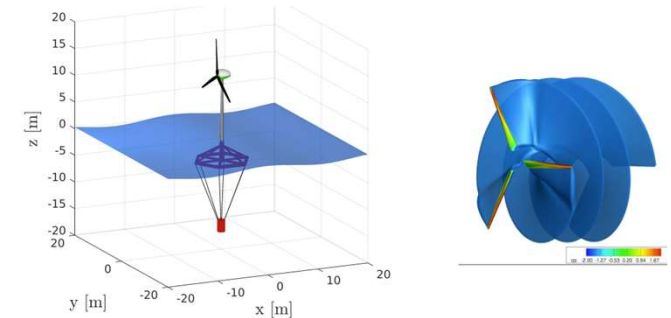
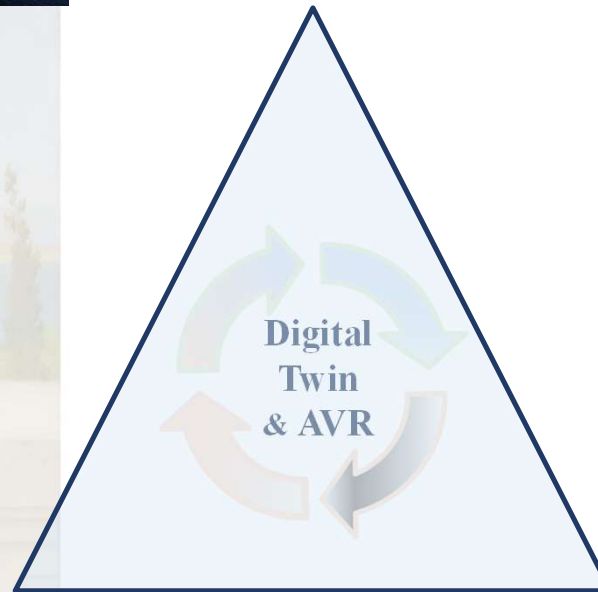
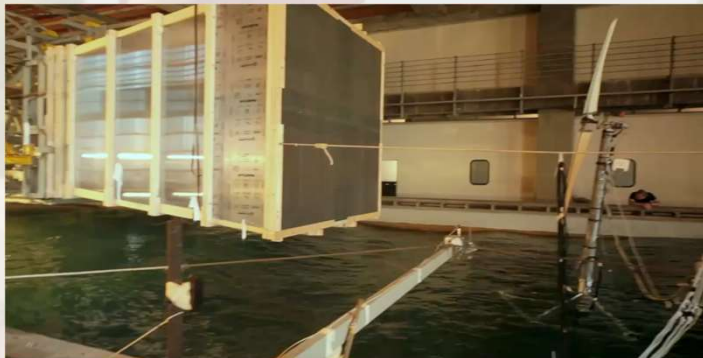
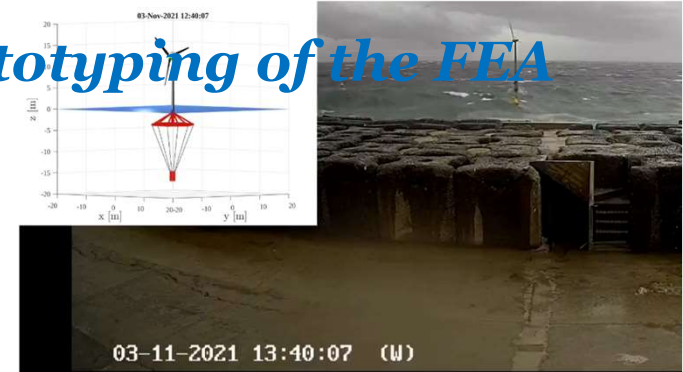
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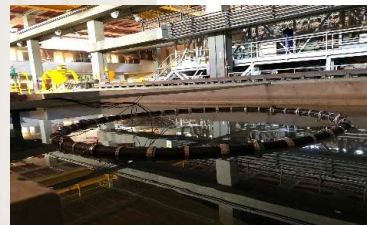


Challenge: Prototyping of the FEA

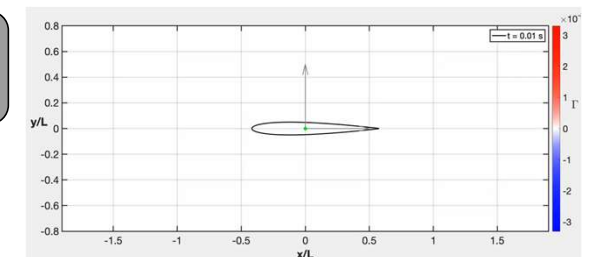
Prototyping
in real environment



Experimental Study
in indoor lab



Numerical Study



Fish Hydrodynamics
(Phd Damiano Paniccia, 2022, Sapienza)

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Challenge: *Prototyping of the FEA*

Breakthrough:

- First Multidisciplinary lab (wind-sun-wave) of the Mediterranean sea.
- Available for testing novel marine renewable energy devices
- Ready to host the first energy archipelago prototype

Funding:

- Italian RP (MiSE, MaSE),
2.5 MEuro (2019-2021) +
3 MEuro (2022-2024)
3.5 MEuro (2025-2027)

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I-MaRELab:

Interdisciplinary Marine
Renewable Energy seaLab



It hosts the first prototype of Hexafloat
(CNR-Saipem)

it hosts the OBREC (Unicampania)
(Overtopping BReakwater wEC)



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Challenge: Prototyping of the FEA

- *First Italian sea lab for MRE (400 m x 400 m)*
- *Equipped with fiber optics lines for data transfer*
- *Monitoring system for structures and metocean conditions, time and space-resolved*

Availability of a sea lab for prototypes with intermediate scale factor, enables low initial investments to get relevant results for full scale development. This is relevant for a complex system as the AE, as well as for novel technologies instrumental to the AE. For instance:

Hexafloat FOWT with intermediate scale (1:6,8) installed at the sea lab has allowed, with a small investment (less than 1 Meuro), a technological jump from TRL 3-4 to TRL 6-7

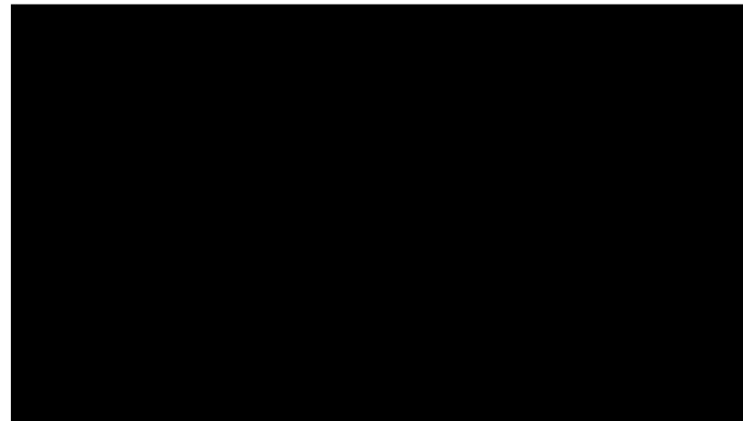
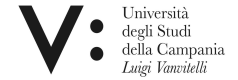
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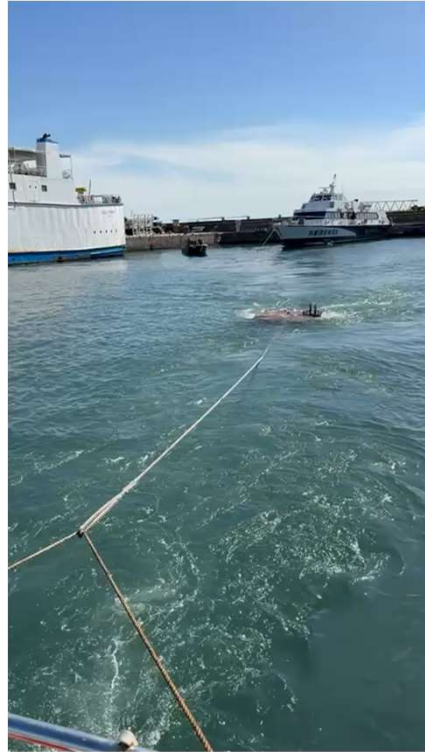
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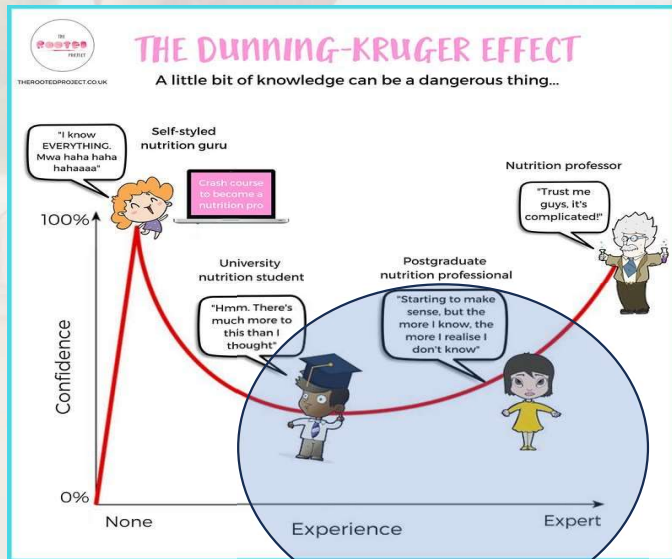
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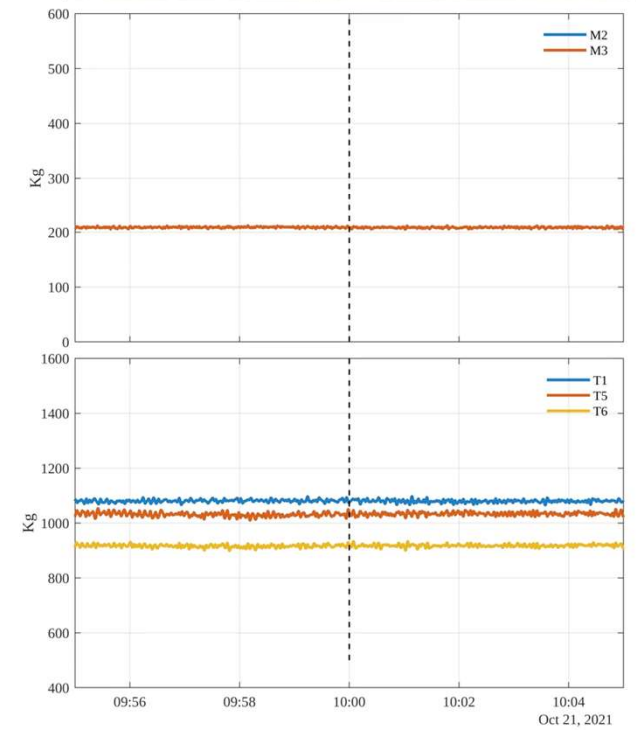
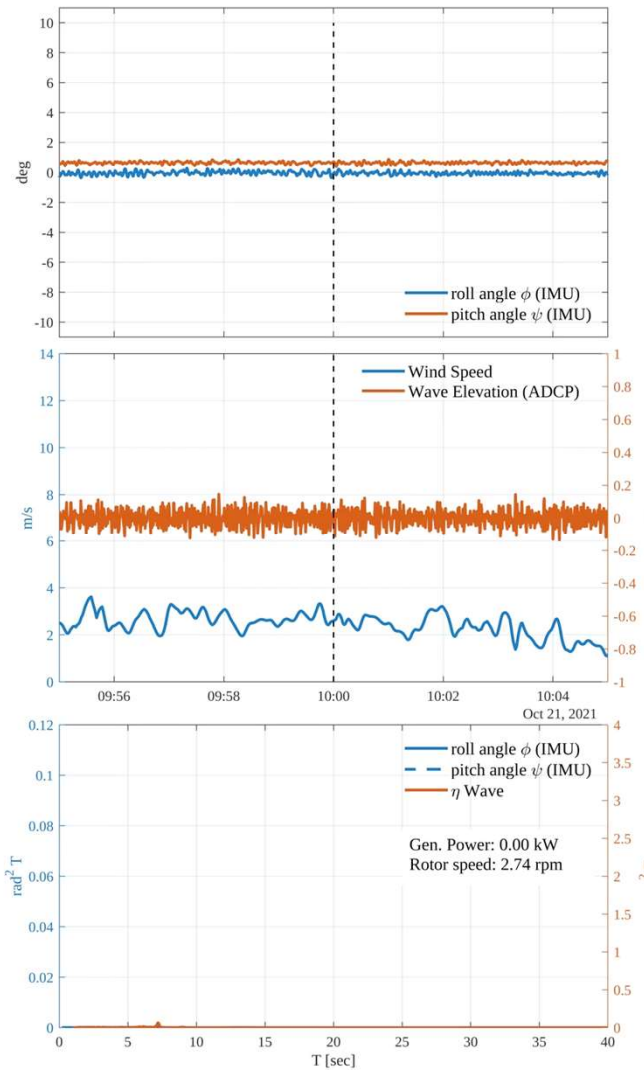
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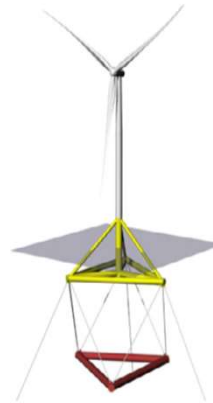
design low cost structures minimizing environmental footprint

- A large skepticism against the OWF exists in Italy, mainly related to the environmental footprint and the marine space sharing
- However, OWF and MRE represents a good opportunity for a novel strategy of economic development.



Floater & installation
Anchoring & moorings
Electrical Substation & cables

TETRASPAR



Fincantieri's Technology



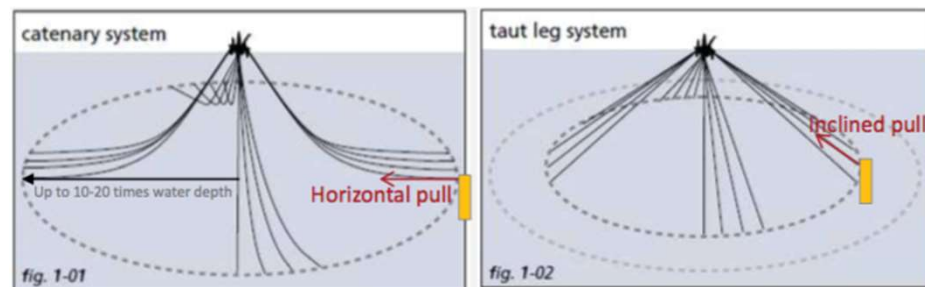
HEXAFLOAT
SAIPEM



FLOATGEN IDEOL



CAISSON –TYPE OR TRANSPARENT FLOATER?



CATENARY OR (SEMI-)TAUGHT?

STEEL OR SYNTHETIC FIBERS?

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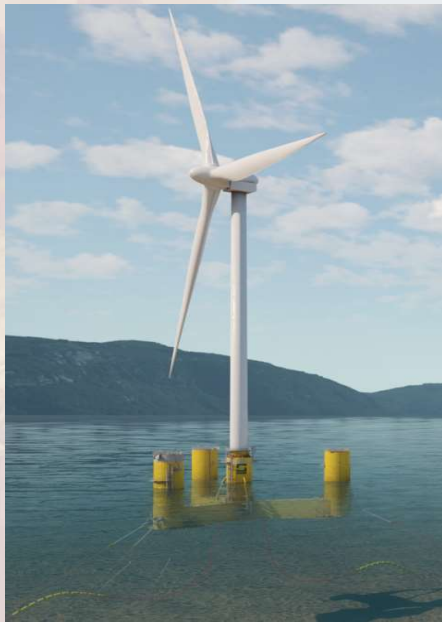
2nd Challenge: Construction of the FEA

Saipem's Technologies

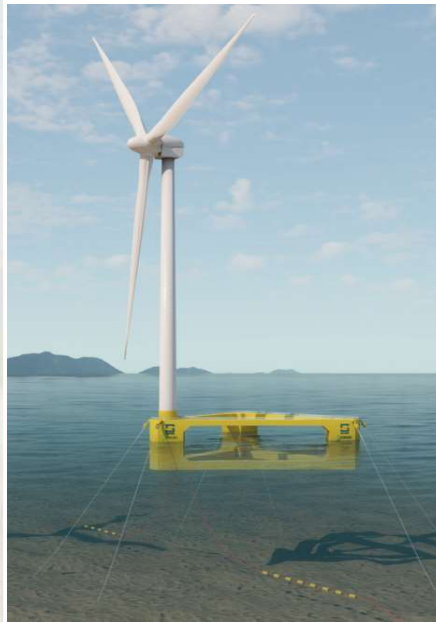
Which floating technology for the Med Sea?



STAR 1



X:BASE



HEXAFLOAT



Three different designs to unlock the Floating Wind market potential without Water Depth limitations

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Saipem's Technologies

Which floating technology for the Med Sea?



STAR 1

- ✓ High stability, Robust behaviour also in harsh environment
- ✓ Compatible with all mooring configurations (catenary, taut, semi-taut)
- ✓ Stable and steady at all phases (towing and hook-up with small conventional tugboats and easy installation at final location)
- ✓ Complete Manufacturing in one site or fabrication of modules in multiple yards for assembly at a final site
- ✓ Low number of connections and small elements ease the manufacturing process

X:BASE

- ✓ High stability, Robust behavior compatible to harsh environments with airgap designed to accommodate for significant waves
- ✓ pontoons designed to eliminate the need for damping plates
- ✓ Low pre-tensional conventional mooring system
- ✓ Designed for 15 MW platforms and scalable to any size of turbines
- ✓ Block fabrication based on well-known shipbuilding construction methods to meet fabrication requirements globally

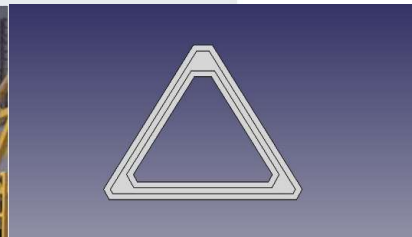
HEXAFLOAT

- ✓ Low structure weight
- ✓ Design scalability: limited design growth for large WTG (15-20MW+)
- ✓ Allows access to quayside in any harbour
- ✓ Low draft during WTGs integration
- ✓ Suitable for deep water sites
- ✓ Fabrication of modules in multiple yards for assembly at final site or full on-site manufacturing
- ✓ Low number of connections and small elements to make production easier and faster

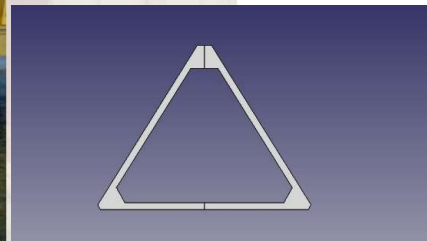
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Idea: Uso di flat plates per incrementare i periodi naturali dei moti verticali della struttura (X-Base)



Regular wave
(scale factor = 66)
 $T = 15\text{ s}$
 $H = 12\text{ m}$



Idea: Studio dell'occorrenza di un'onda anomala durante una mareggiata del 2021 (Hexafloat -)



Sea spectrum
(scale factor = 60)
 $T = 6\text{ s}$
 $H_{\text{max}} = 6\text{ m}$

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How to reduce FOWT footprint on the sea bottom (and at a low cost)?

For millennia, fisheries have driven the “blue” economy of the Mediterranean, providing the basis for the so-called “Mediterranean diet”

We need to find a coexistence between trawling and FOWT park. This implies the reduction of the sea bottom footprint: (semi-)taught mooring line solutions

Trawling disturb sediment C stores, leading to release of sedimentary carbon to CO₂, which increase ocean acidification, reduce the buffering capacity of the ocean and add to the build-up of atmospheric CO₂

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Environmental sustainability issues: Coexistence with other uses of the sea

*Minimize
footprint on
the sea bottom*

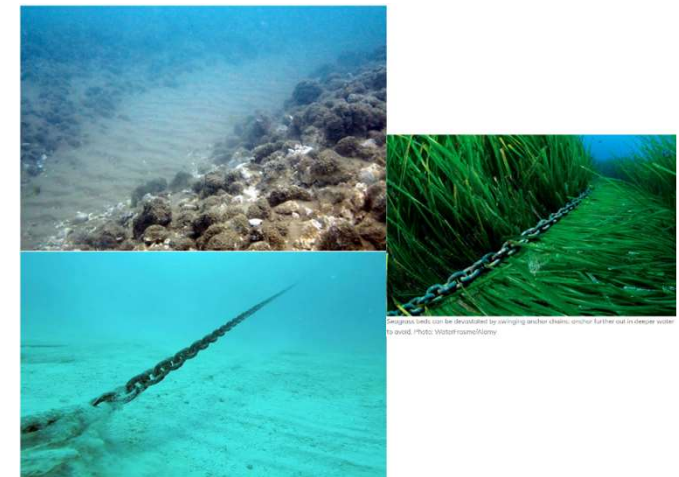
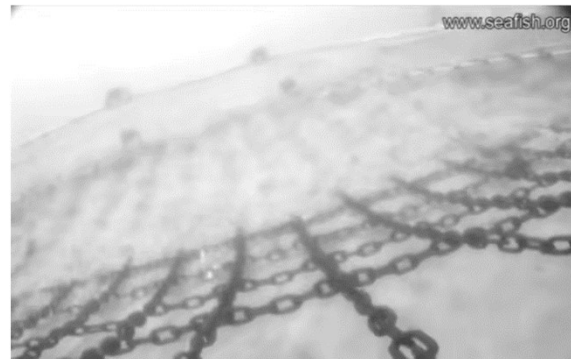
*Birds
migration*

*Minimize
electrical
cables on the
sea bottom*

*Noise
minimization*

*Is coexistence
with trawling
possible?*

*Ship
transportation*



Anchor Holding to Seabed
Pic Courtesy: Seafishmagazine

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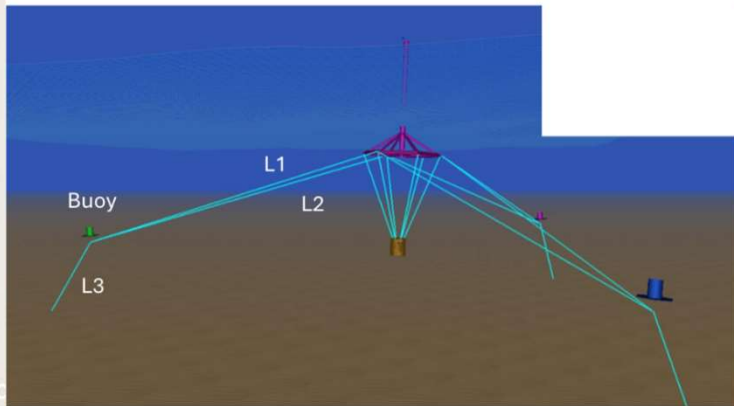
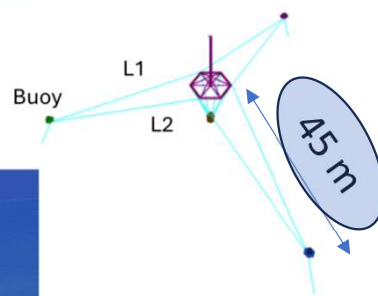
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From catenary ...

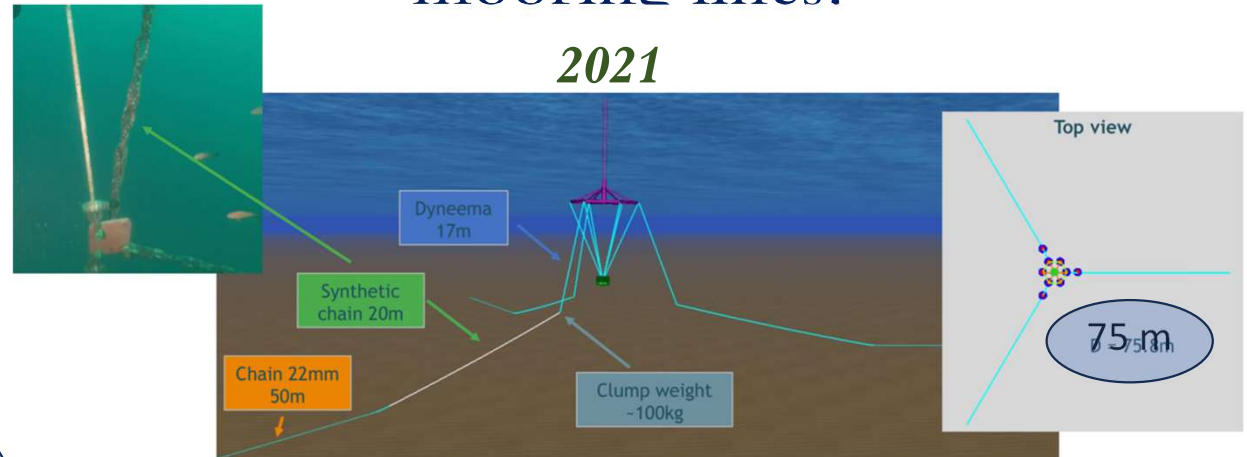


2025



What benefits from (semi-)taut mooring lines?

2021



... to semi-taut

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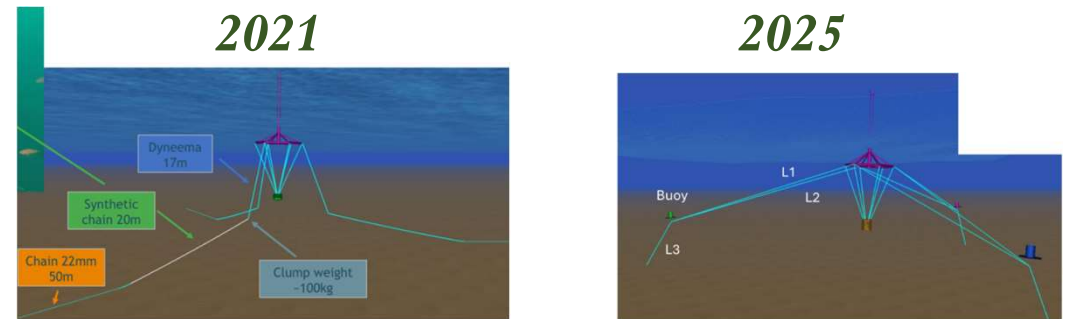
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What benefits from (semi-)taut mooring lines?



	Catenary	Semi-taught
Max Mooring Load (ton)	4.5	7.1
Floater Offset (m)	6.2	8.3

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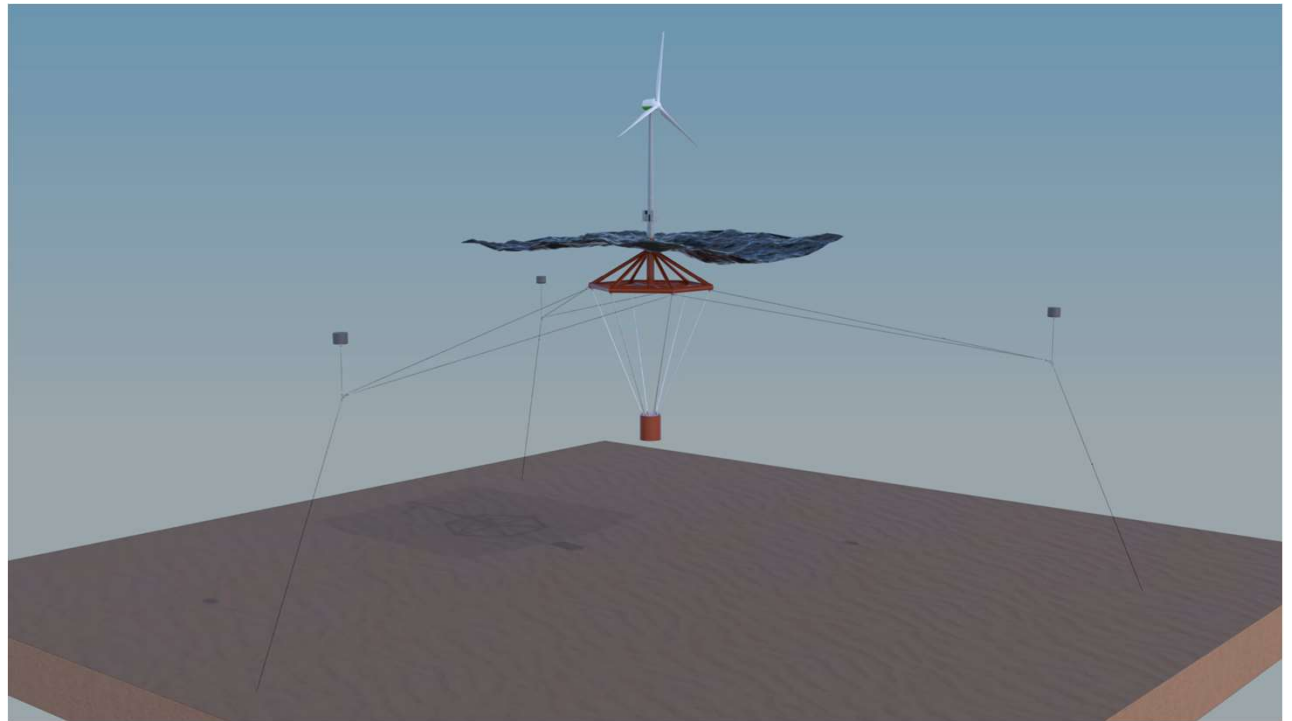
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- *Some wise choices for a sustainable design of a FOWT:*

- *Floater transparent to waves*
- *Natural material or recycling material*
- *Syntethic taught (or semitaught) mooring lines*
- *Suction pile (where possible) or driven pile*
- *Electrical substation*
- *Mooring sharing*
- *Anchoring sharing*

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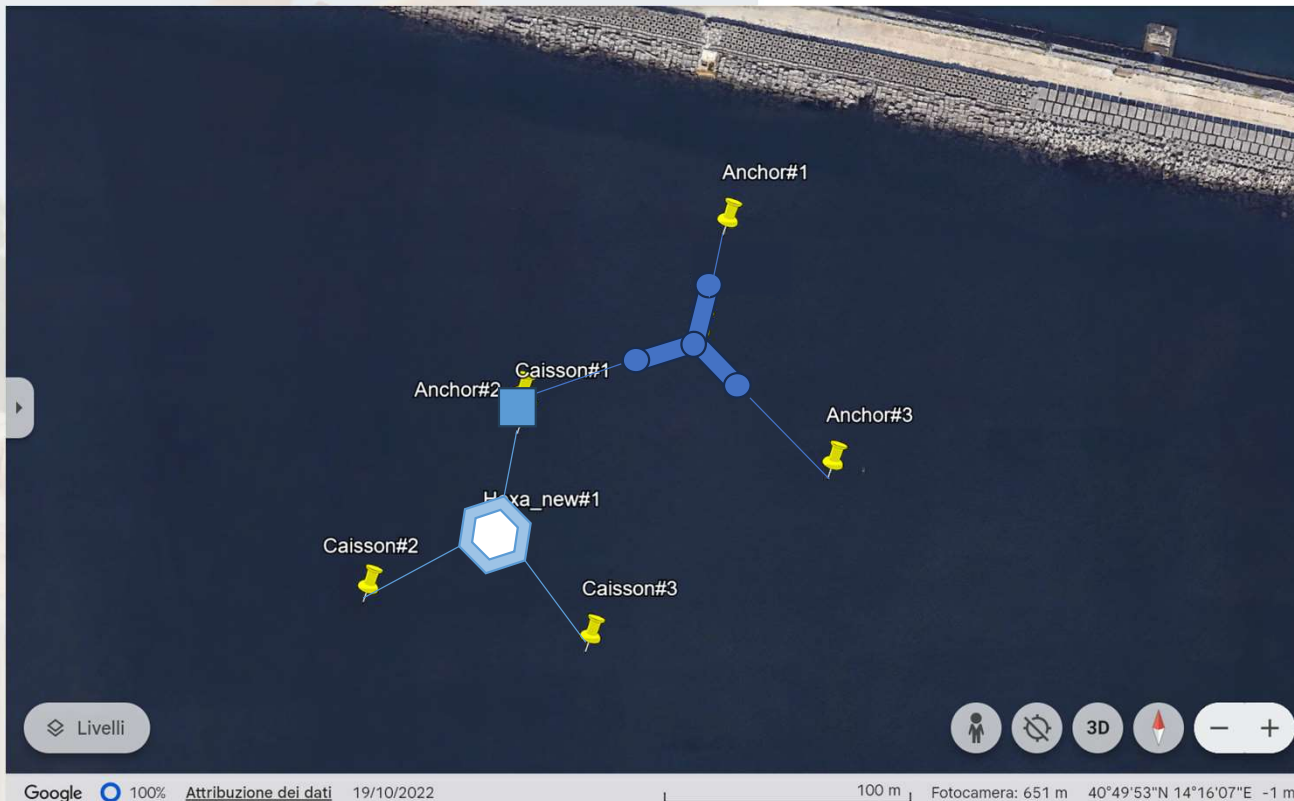
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Shared anchor point (caisson#1)



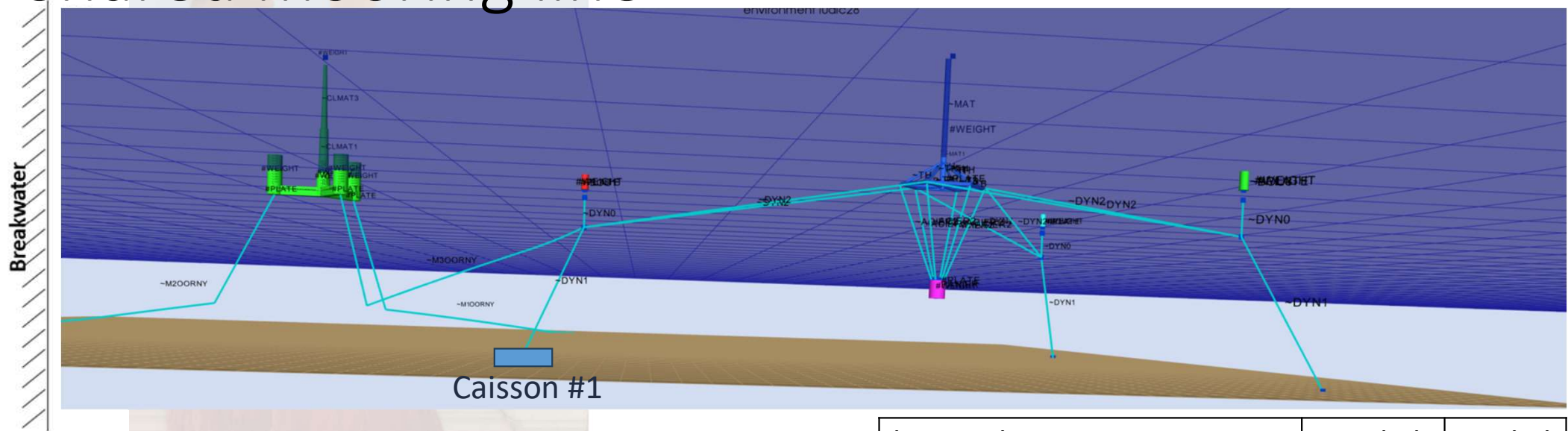
Remarks:

- Keep the same mooring system
- Need to check the feasibility in term of load for the anchoring point

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Shared mooring line



Remarks:

- Keep the same mooring system + modification for the connection point on buoy element
- Need to check the feasibility in term of load for the anchoring point
- Installation procedure

-> 2 floating systems to install at the same time

(Hs=3.72m)	Load (kN)	MBL (kN)
Star1 - Line #all fairlead/buoy	29	39.7
Hexafloat – Line #all fairlead/buoy	7.1	12.6
Line between buoy/anchor	20.12	36.3
Line between Star1-Hexafloat-Buoy	16.8	33

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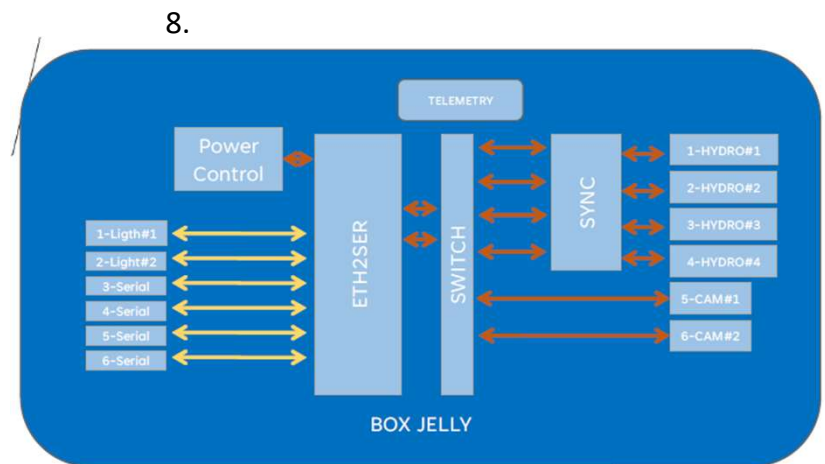
Monitoraggio Meteo-Marino: disponibilità strumentale del laboratorio a mare

Attività A: Monitoraggio Meteo-Marino

1. Stazione meteo
2. Lidar
3. Radar
4. Boe ondametriche
5. ADCP
6. Telecamere

Attività B: Configurazione dinamica del campo prova

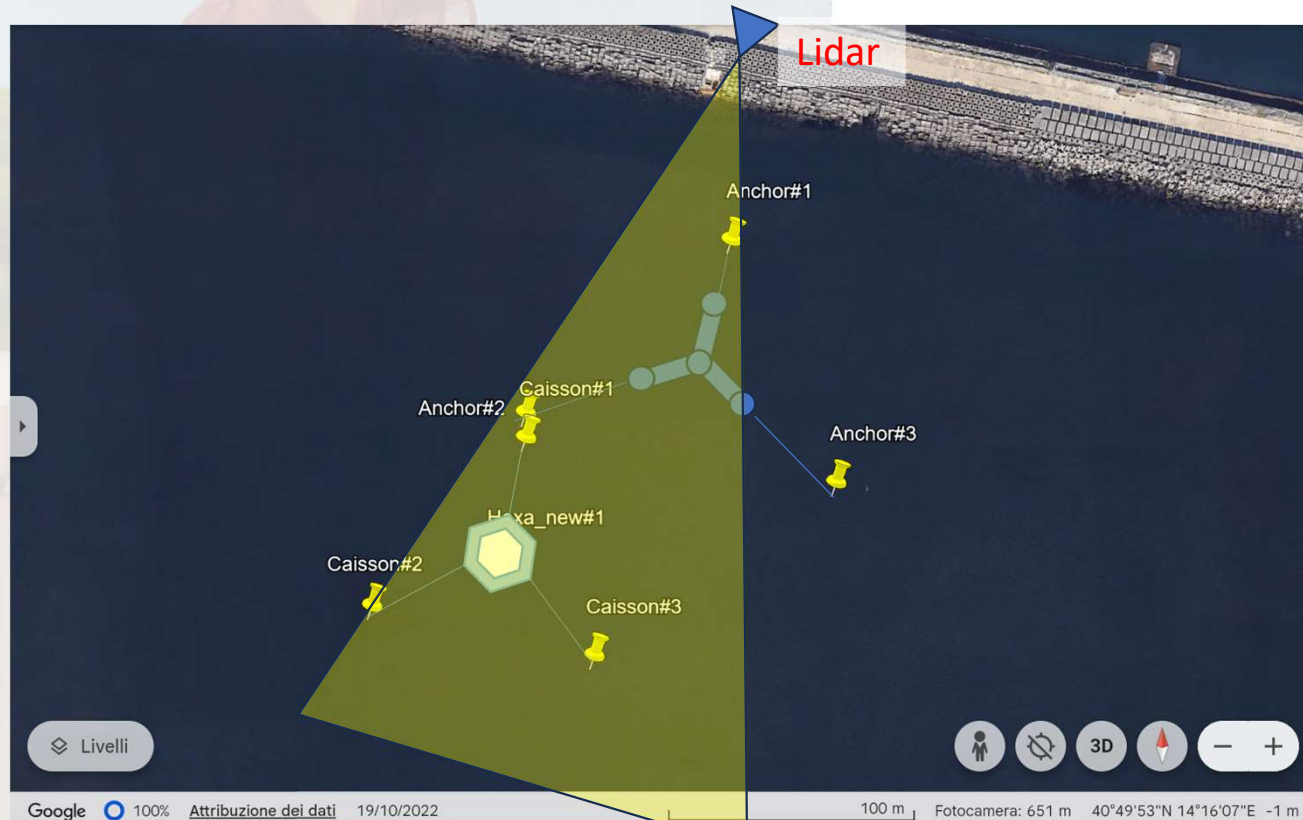
7. Installazione simultanea di più piattaforme galleggianti
8. Acquisto e installazione di una sottostazione marina
9. Installazione di una boa realizzata in materiale ecosostenibile che sarà strumentata



SERIAL LINK

ETHERNET LINK

E' previsto un nuovo periodo di monitoraggio meteo-marino e della piattaforma Hexafloat presso il laboratorio a mare MaRELab. Un aspetto fondamentale di questa fase sarà l'installazione simultanea del prototipo insieme alla piattaforma Star1, sempre di Saipem, nell'ambito del Progetto Floatfarm, con una configurazione di anchor/mooring sharing.



- Caratterizzazione della scia a valle delle due FOWT
- L'indagine della scia sarà realizzata mediante l'impiego del Lidar
- Ad oggi, misurazioni di questo tipo, specialmente su queste scale, rivestono un'importanza scientifica significativa.

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Esperimento in vasca su piattaforma galleggiante costruita utilizzando materiale biorock

L'idea | I sistemi di Protezione Catodica a Correnti Impresse (ICCP) hanno come effetto collaterale la deposizione di carbonato di calcio/idrossido di magnesio. Operando opportunamente sul voltaggio e amperaggio, si può migliorare la qualità del minerale depositato sulle parti in acciaio del palo eolico flottante. Le formazioni carbonatiche consentono di realizzare un «bio-cemento» dalle elevate prestazioni meccaniche e dalla totale compatibilità ambientale (è lo stesso materiale dei gusci dei molluschi). In prospettiva, si potrà ridurre il quantitativo di acciaio, migliorando l'impronta di CO2 ed i costi di produzione delle F-OWF.



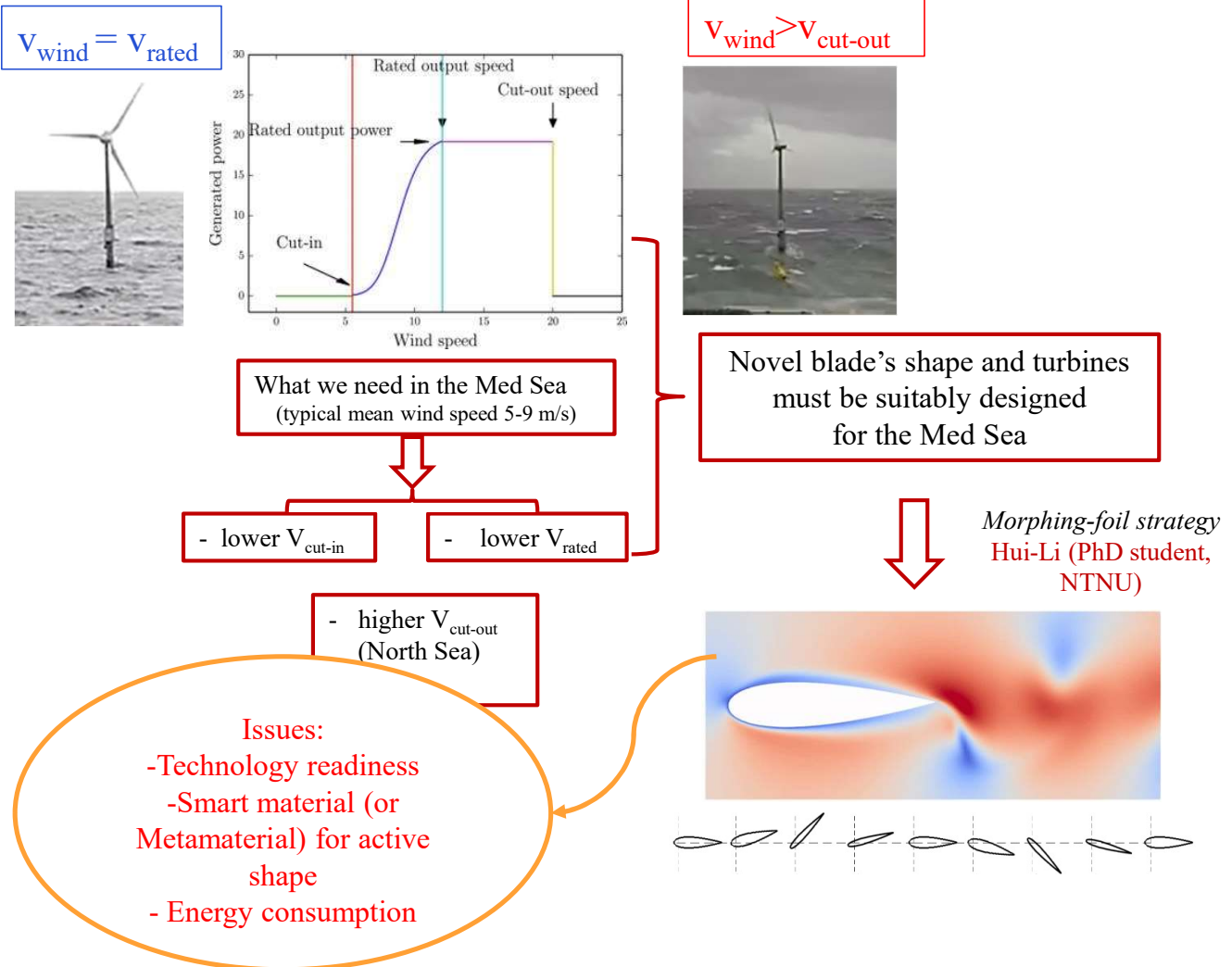
- Il prototipo in scala realizzato in LA 2.3-2.4 verrà testato presso il laboratorio vasca navale della Università di Napoli Federico II e sottoposto a spettri di mare e onde 'anomale' opportunamente progettate. A tal fine sarà necessario un revamping dell'ondogeno attualmente esistente. Verranno eseguite prove di diffrazione sulla sola struttura immersa al fine di misurarne i carichi idrodinamici.

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... and the Turbine?

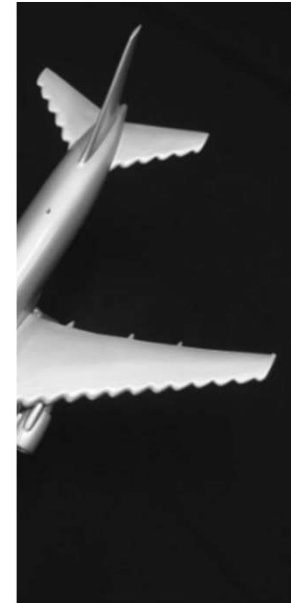
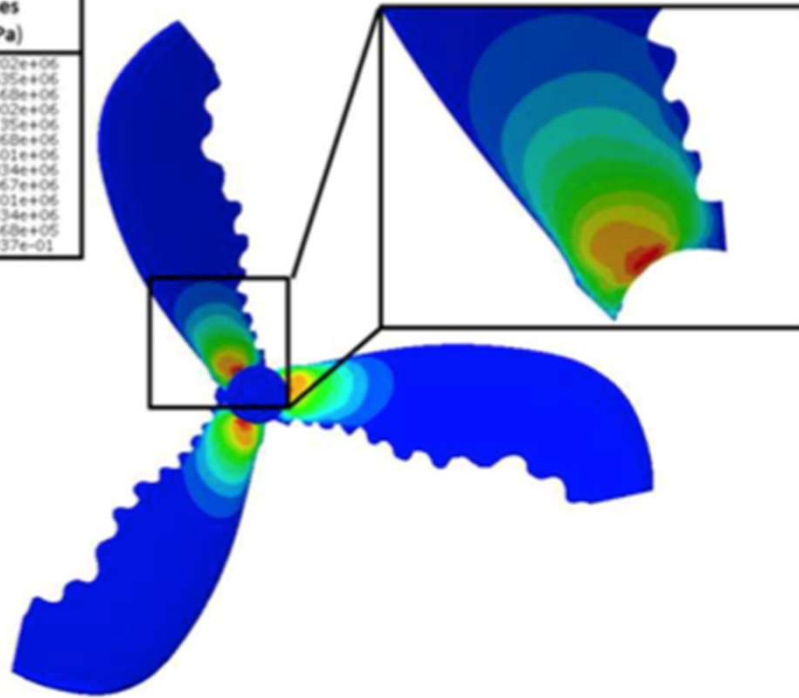
- Wind conditions at Med Sea require novel solutions for the blades and control system
- Bioinspired (from nature, e.g. PhD thesis Hui Li, 2023)

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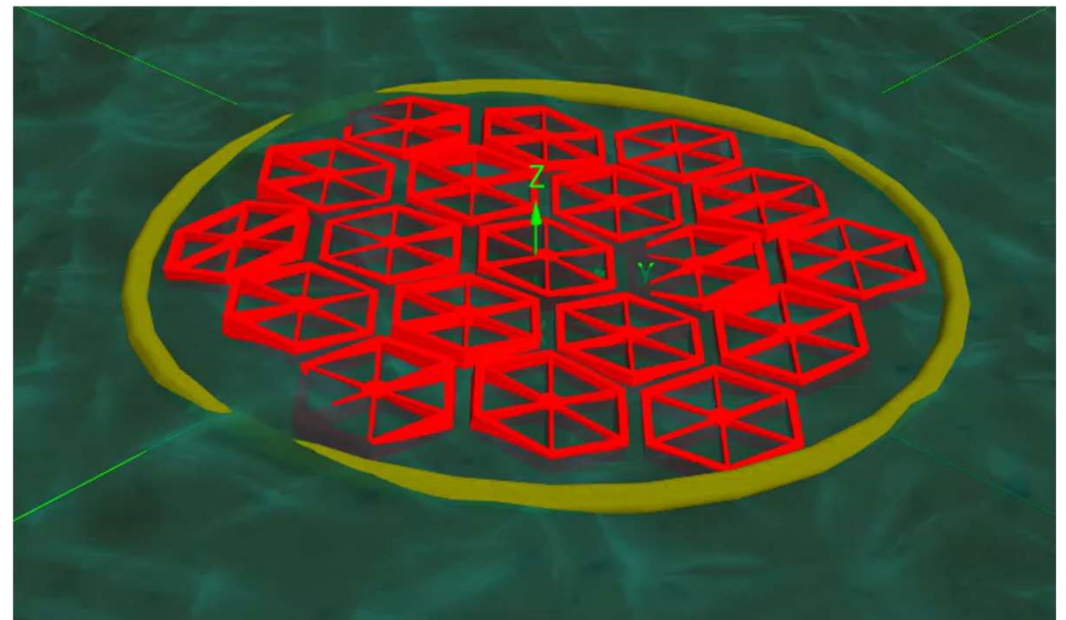
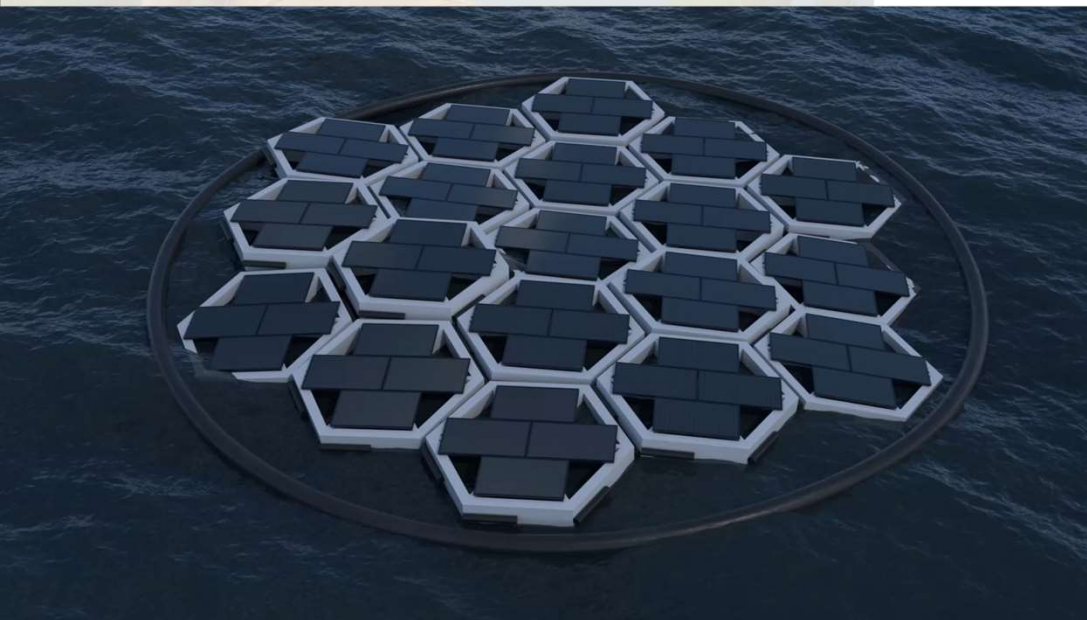
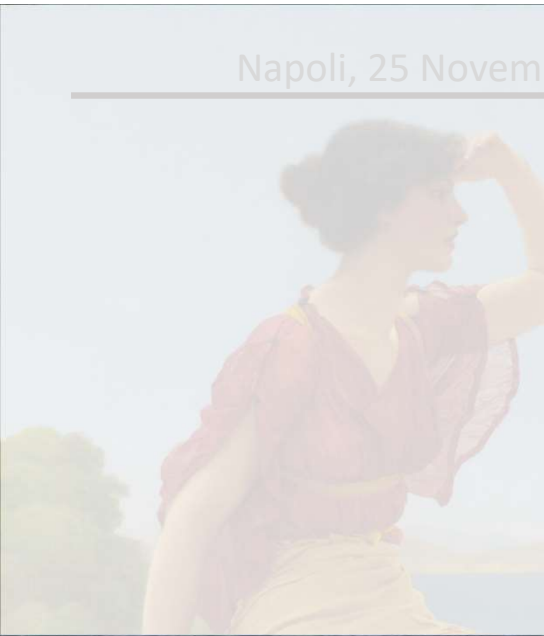
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Challenge: bio-inspired solutions for improving energy production

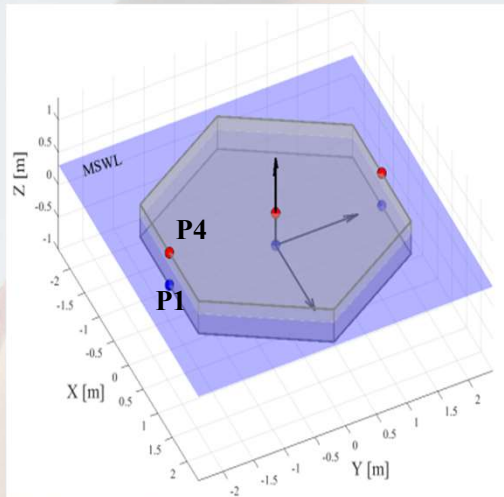


Efficiency increase: lower C_d & larger C_l

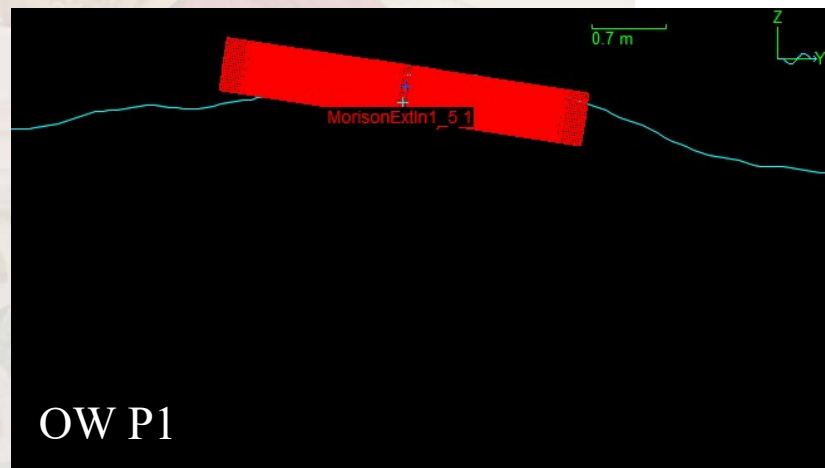
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Esagono – Analisi locale nel Tempo



H_s	Model	Pot		Pot+Mor _{Ext}		Pot+Mor _{Ext} +Int	
	Point	OW P1	UW P4	OW P1	UW P4	OW P1	UW P4
0.75	Perc of time [%]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
	Time [s]	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.38	0.00	1.11
1.50	Perc of time [%]	0.01	2.09	0.13	4.37	0.31	6.10
	Time [s]	0.94	226.01	13.53	471.66	33.85	658.82



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Challenge:
*bio-inspired solutions for
green underwater and
surface marine vehicles
(for monitoring and
maintenance)*

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Two Marine Drone Classes:

- **Bio-mimic Guardian drones:**

Challenge: *long-monitoring time, capability of real-time analysis, identification of critical scenarios that require worker drones. Drones for fish schooling.*

- **Worker Drones**

Challenge: *stability in waves, current and local turbulence. Equipped with robotic arms to work on site*



Fish Hydrodynamics



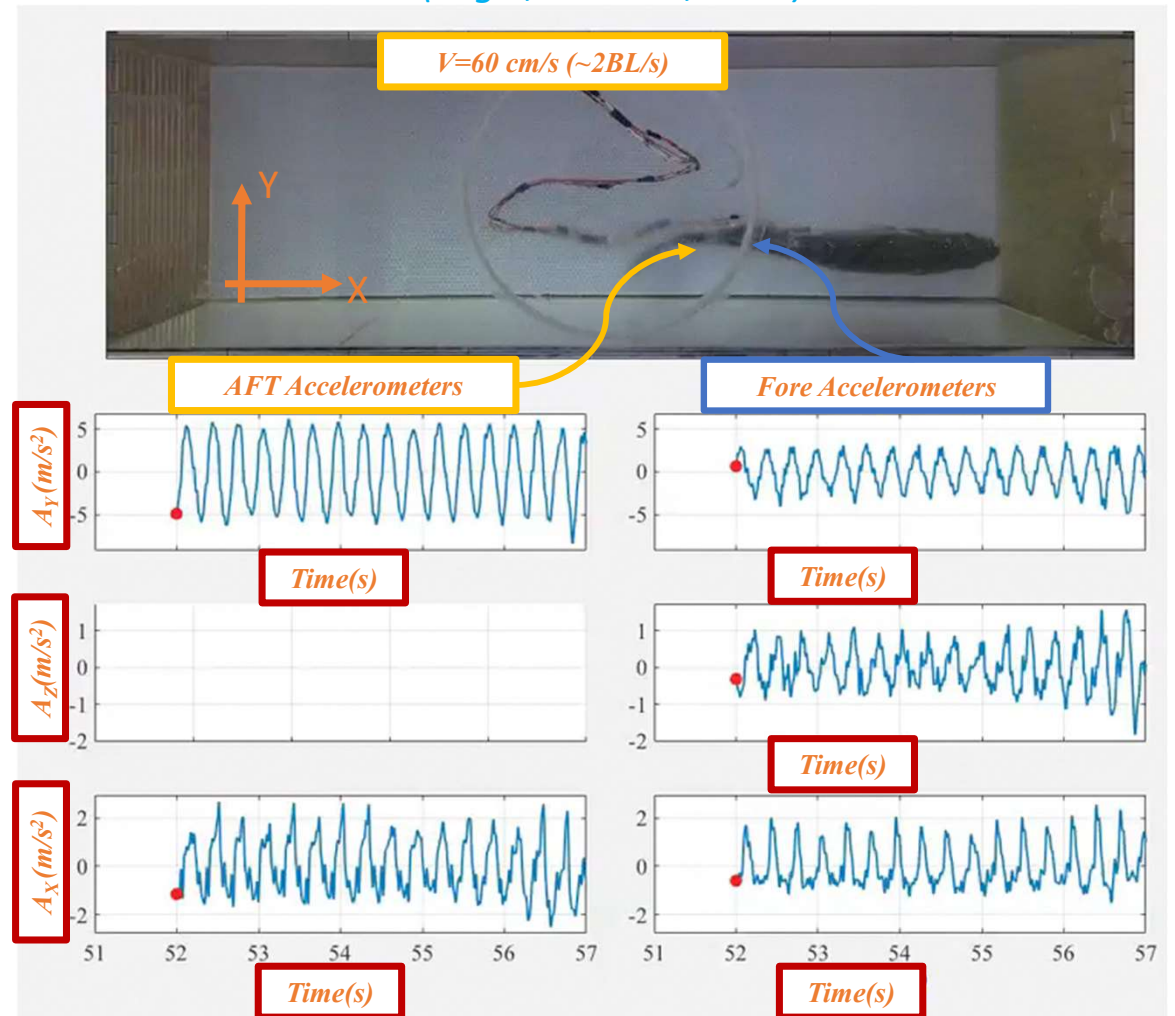
Lugni & Domenici (2017)

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Learning by Nature: Understanding the Fish Hydrodynamics

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(Lugni, Dominici, 2017)



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Learning by Nature: Understanding the Fish Hydrodynamics (Damiano Paniccia, PhD activity)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{\mathcal{B}} \rho_b \mathbf{u}_b dV + \int_{\mathcal{V}} \rho \mathbf{u} dV \right] = 0$$

2D Linear and angular
momentum
conservation



$$\underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{B}} \rho_b \mathbf{u}_b dV}_{\text{Total impulse}} + \rho \mathbf{p} = 0$$

Fluid impulse

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi_{sh} + \nabla \phi_{loc} + \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi} = \mathbf{u}_{sh} + \mathbf{u}_{loc} + \mathbf{u}_w$$

$$\phi = \phi_{sh} + \phi_{loc} = \phi_{sh} + V_1 \phi_1 + V_2 \phi_2 + \Omega \phi_{\Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \underline{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{V}$$

inertia + added mass terms

$$\begin{cases} V_1 (m_{11} - m_b) + V_2 m_{12} + \Omega m_{13} \\ V_1 m_{21} + V_2 (m_{22} - m_b) + \Omega m_{23} \\ V_1 m_{31} + V_2 m_{32} + \Omega (m_{33} - J) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} P_{sh1} + P_{v1} \\ P_{sh2} + P_{v2} \\ \Pi_{sh} + \Pi_v \end{cases}$$

Shape
deformation
impulse

vortical impulse

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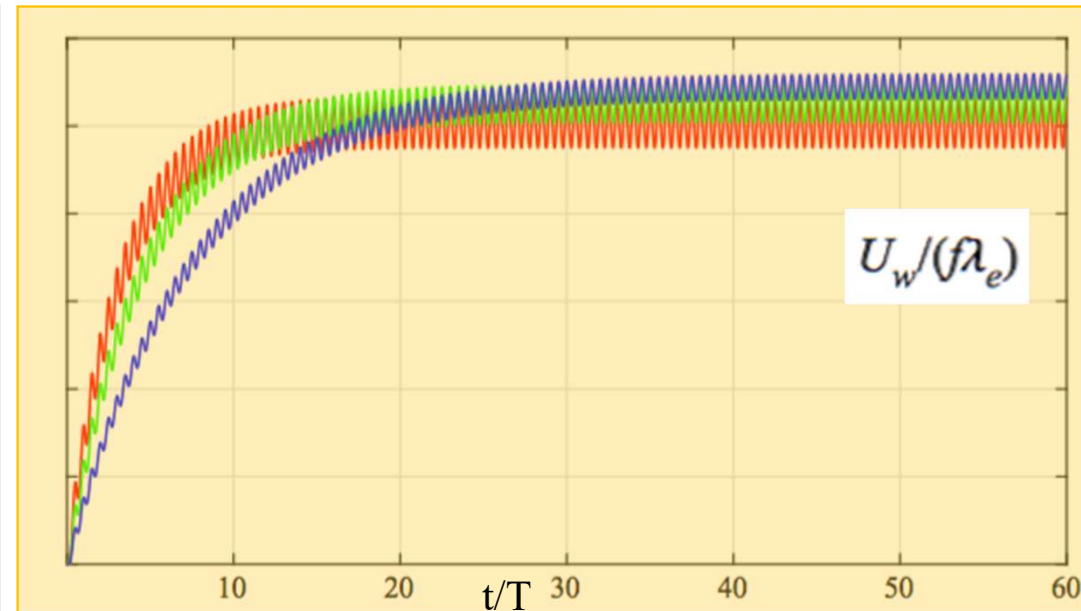
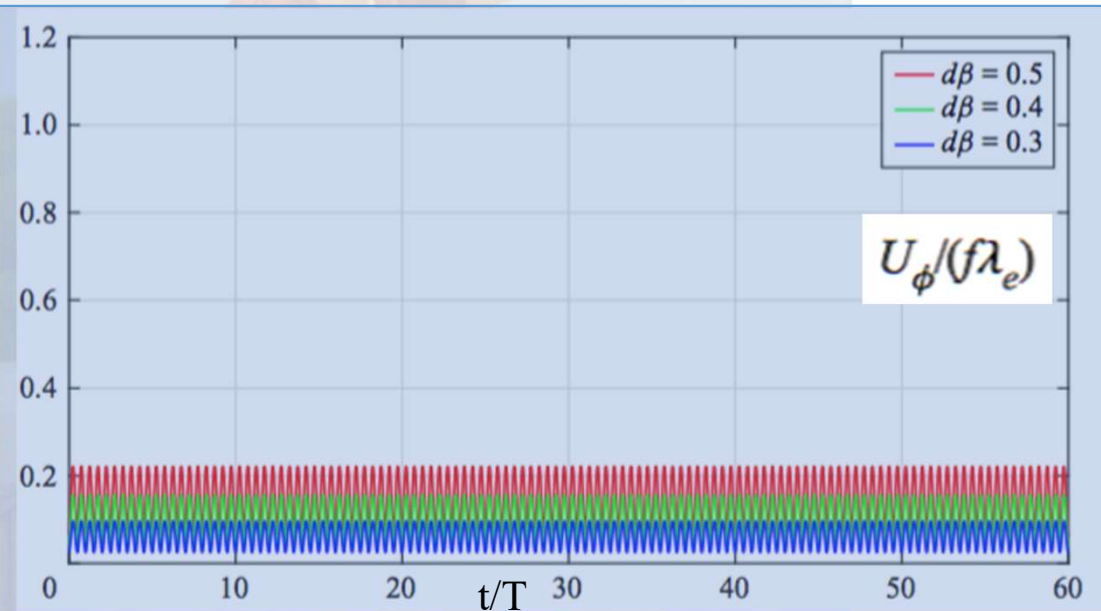
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What is the role of the added mass?

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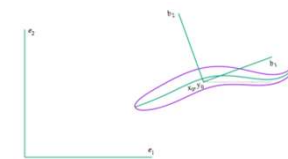


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slip velocity = U/c

$$U = \text{forward speed} = U_f + U_w$$

$$c = \text{phase speed} = w/k = f \lambda$$



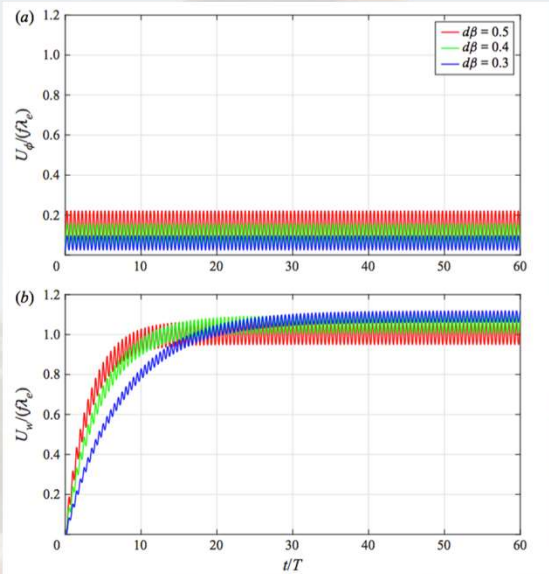
the only Input!!!

$$\beta(s, t) = d\beta \sin(ks - \omega t),$$

P_{sh} P_{sh}

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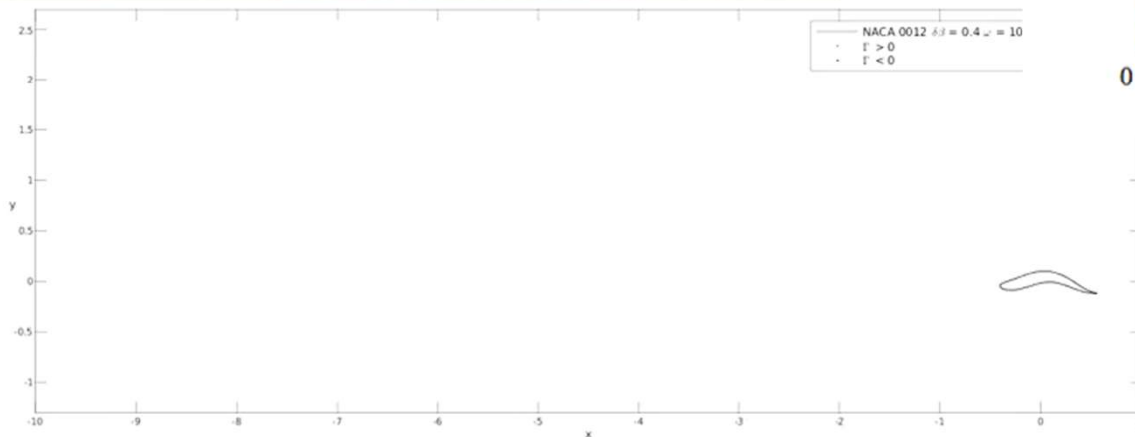
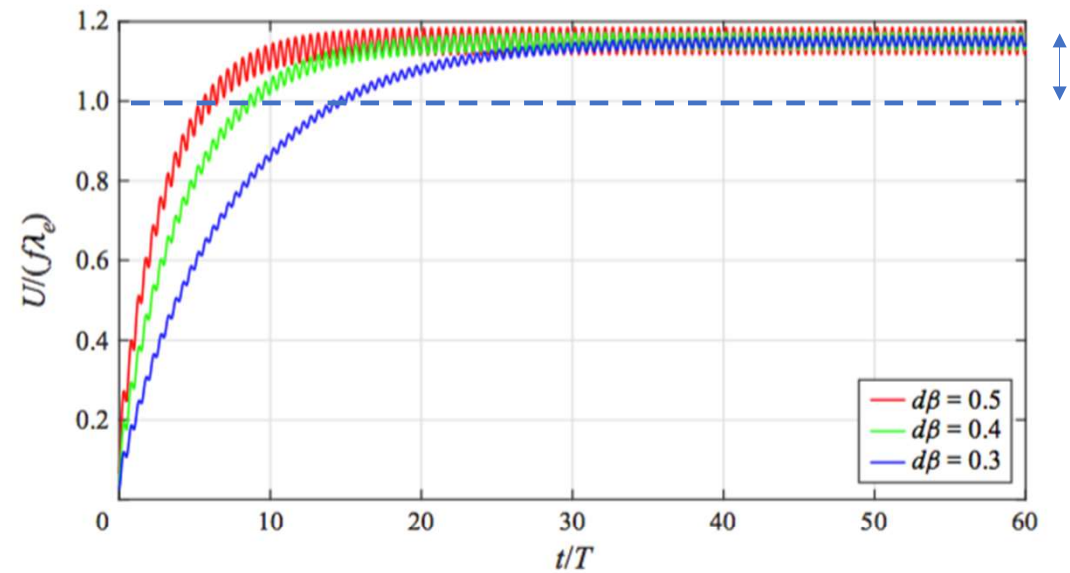


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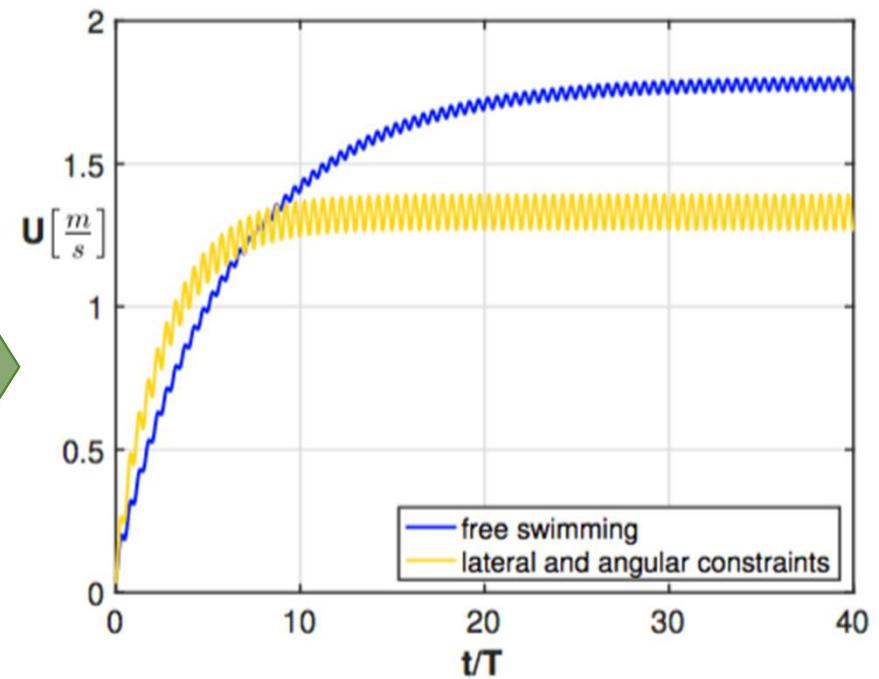
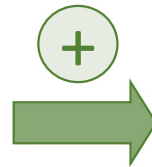
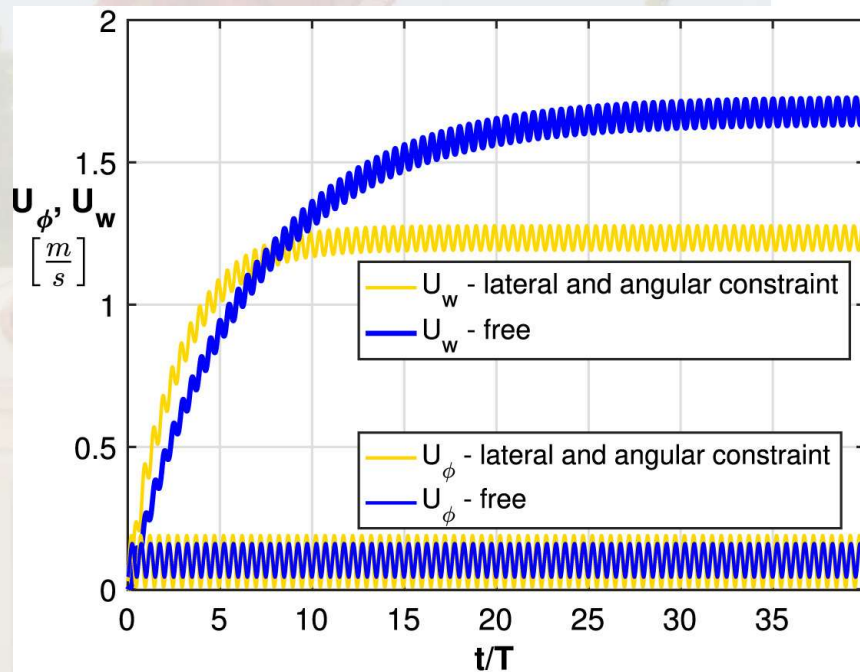
recoil effect



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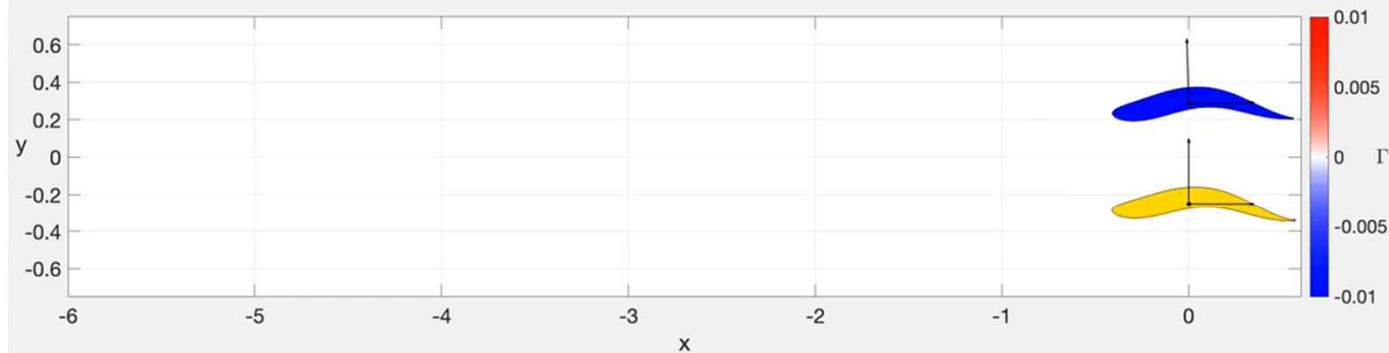
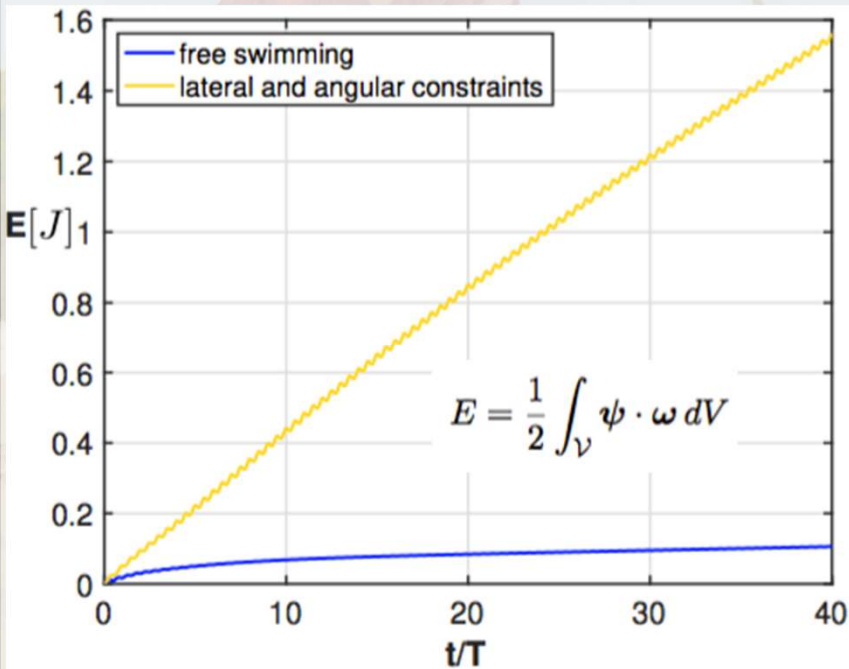
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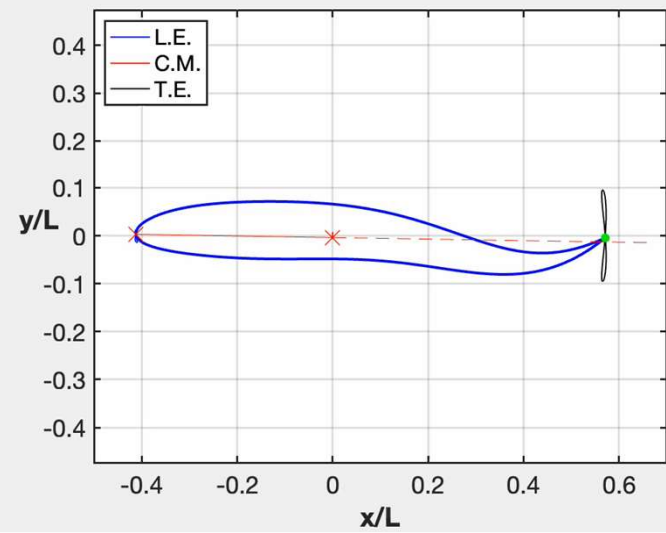
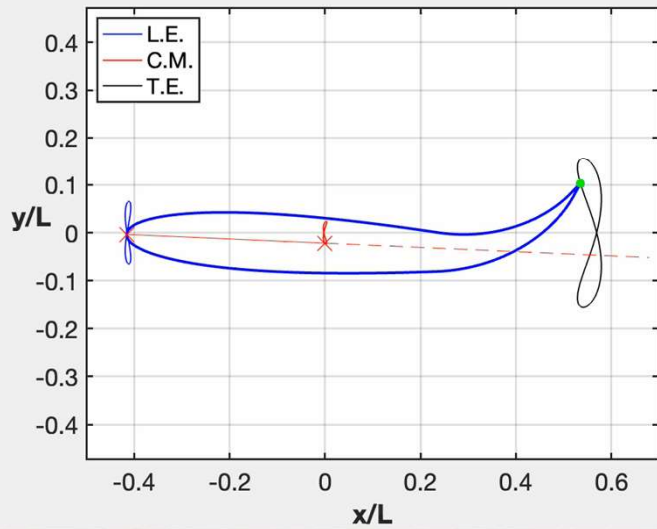
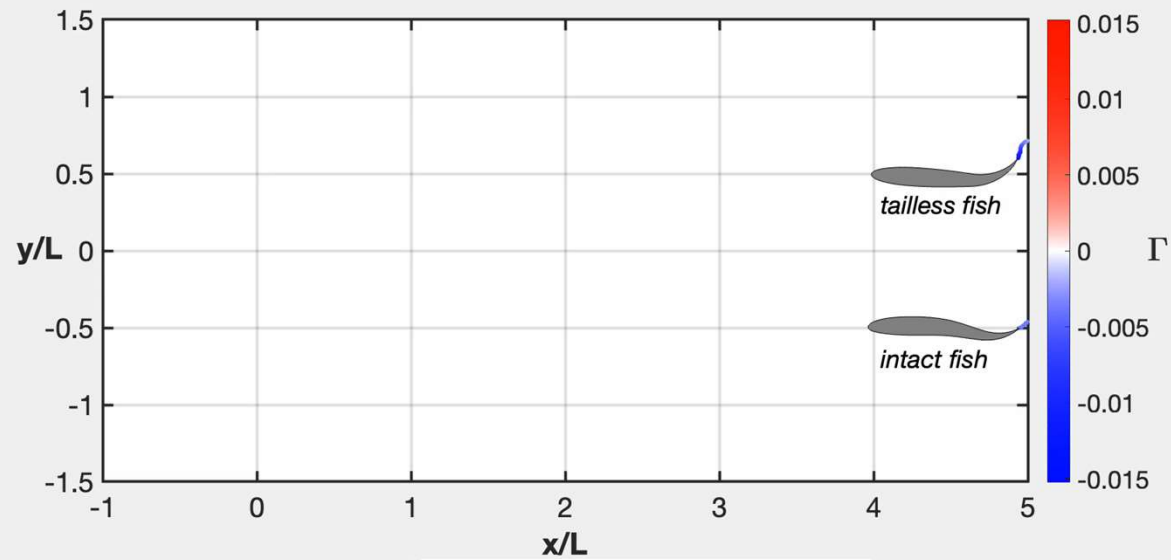
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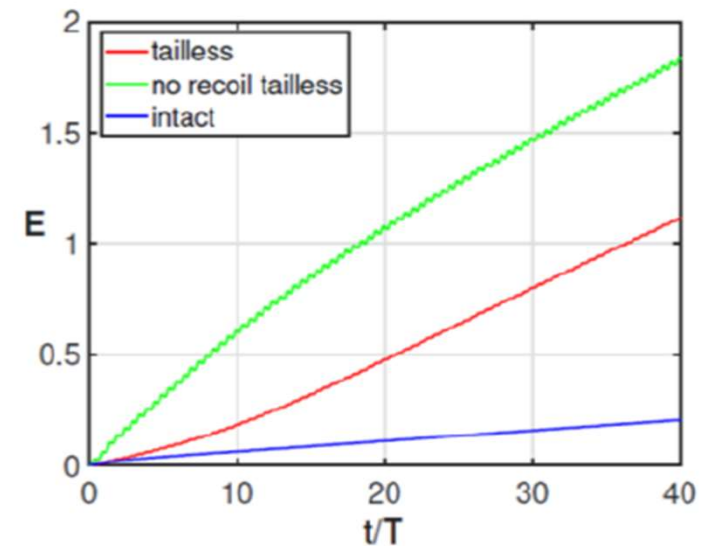
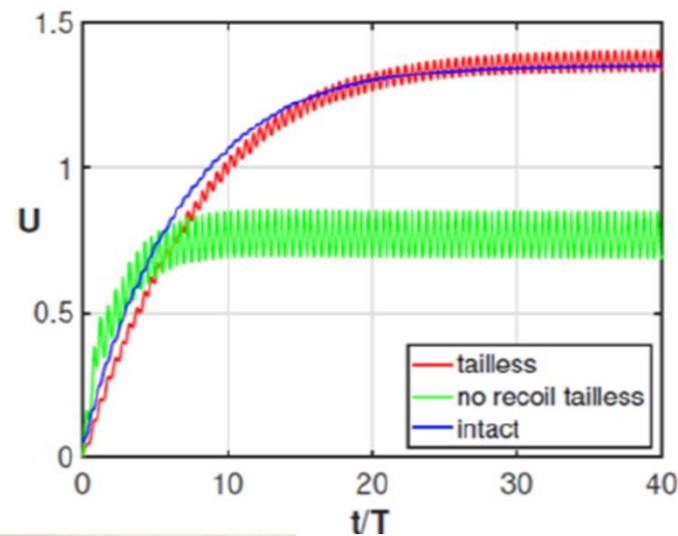


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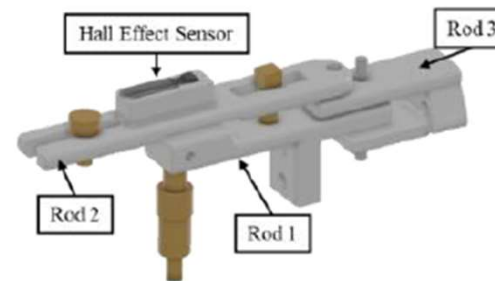
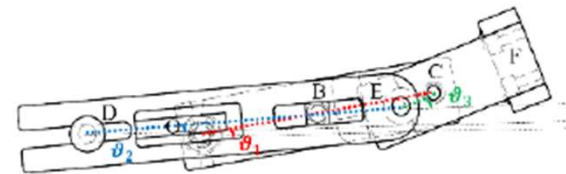
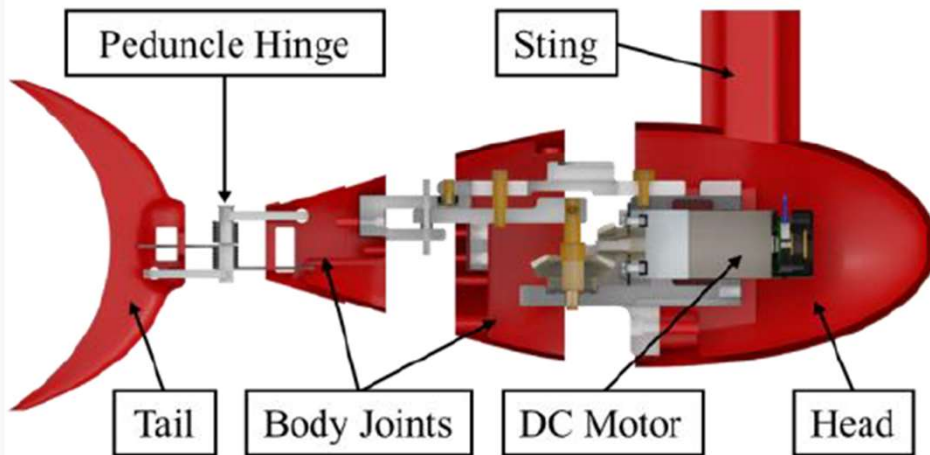


- For the tailless fish, a lower locomotion velocity is reached for the constrained motion with respect to the free swimming mode.
- The energy consumption is significantly larger for both tailless fish motions with a larger value for the constrained gait.



Kinematics Red fish

- Mechanical coupling
- Parabola-like motion
- Inspired by Masoomi model



Input

$$\theta_1 = A \sin(2\pi ft)$$



$$\overline{DO} - \overline{DB} \cos \theta_2 = -\overline{OB} \cos \theta_1$$

$$\overline{DB} \sin \theta_2 = \overline{OB} \sin \theta_1$$

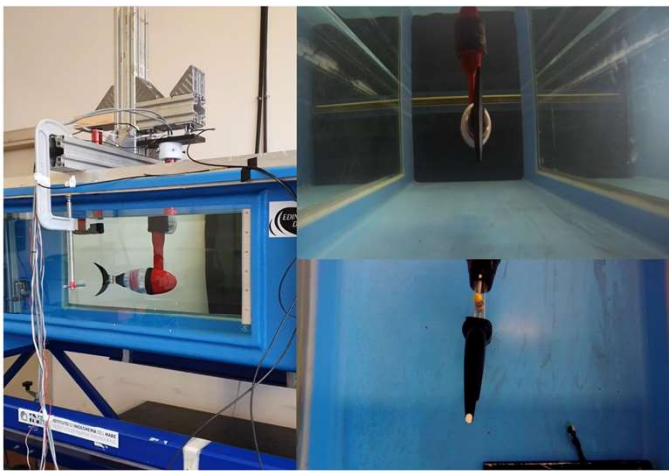
$$\overline{EC} \cos \theta_3 = \overline{DO} - \overline{DE} \cos \theta_2 + \overline{OC} \cos \theta_1$$

$$\overline{EC} \sin \theta_3 = -\overline{DE} \sin \theta_2 + \overline{OC} \sin \theta_1$$

Output



$$\theta_3 = \lambda \theta_1$$



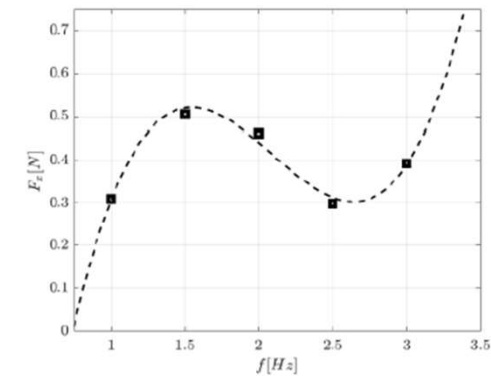
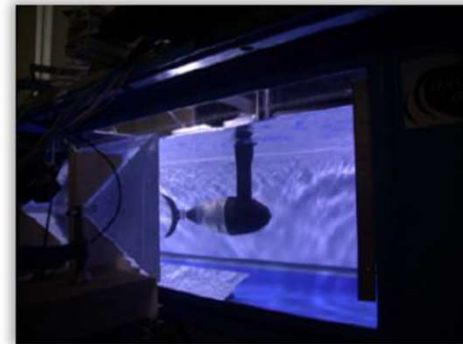
Water Channel Speed = 0



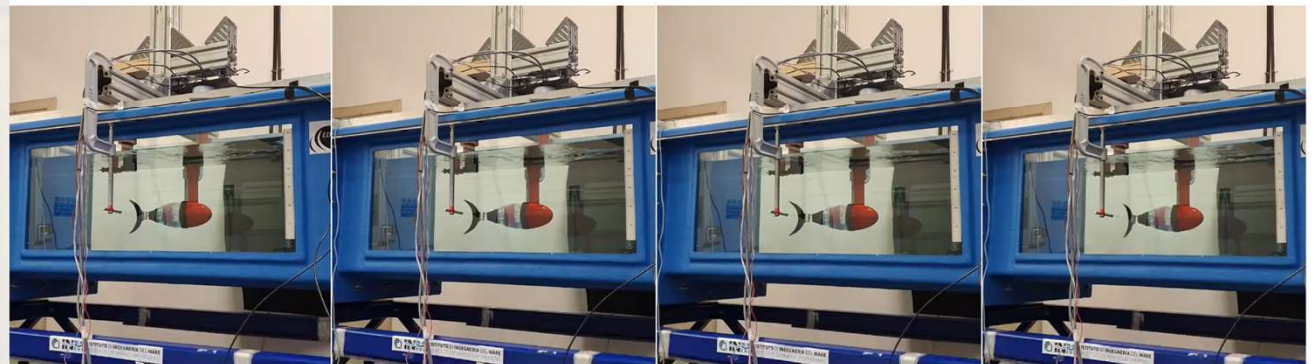
Oscillatory swimmers with passive tail with incoming flow

Resonant Effects: red fish experimental results (2)

- With a given tail peduncle stiffness, measurement of axial force using load cells $\rightarrow$ maximum force at $f = 1.5 \text{ Hz}$ $\rightarrow$ Resonant effect
- We observe that force is maximized under resonance conditions, before continuing to increase monotonically with frequency
- Kinematic analysis



Increasing Tail Frequency

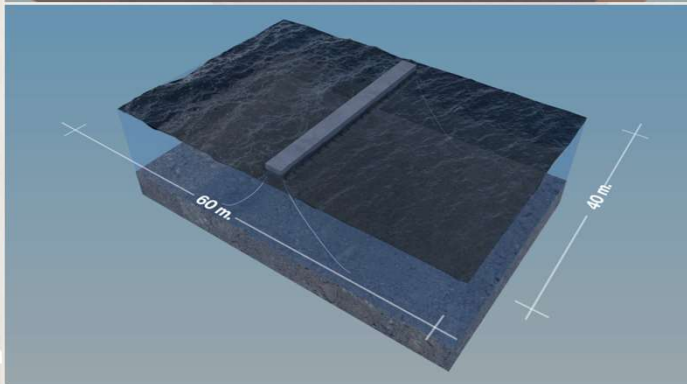
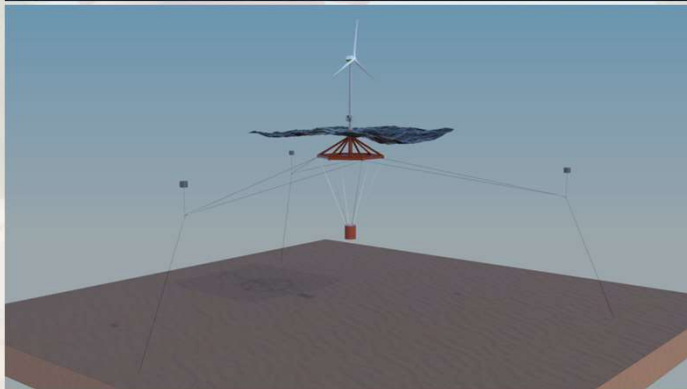
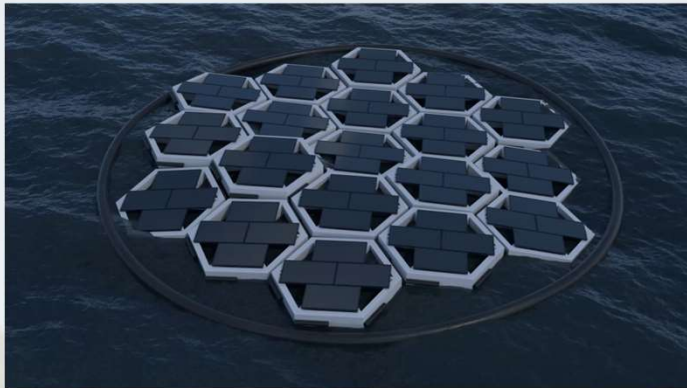


Water Channel Speed $\sim 1 \text{ BL/s}$

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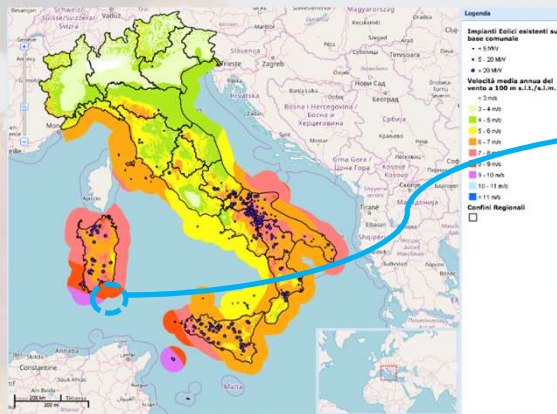
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A novel Scenario for the future



Napoli, 25 Nov 2019 *Energy archipelago: an opportunity for the Med... ... and not only*



Hypotheses for a possible scenario:

- Location: South Sardinia
- Protected Sea area: 16 km² (4 km x 4 km)
- Sea depth: ~100 m
- PV islands: 4 km² x (filling factor 0.2) = 0.8 km²
(500 islands, each 40m x 40m)
- Aquaculture: 4 km²
- Rest of the area: Storage + electrolyzers + services
- nr. 12 FOWT 10MW

Annual Power Solar FPV = 140 GWh

Annual Power FOWT = 360 GWh

1 kg of H₂ produces 3 times the usable energy of
1 kg of natural gas

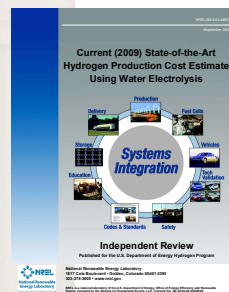
...however

compressed hydrogen at 700 bar has
15% energy density of the diesel, i.e.
larger tanks (7 times larger) are needed

ammonia as hydrogen carrier, which
requires additional energy and equipment
for the conversion to hydrogen

50 kWh/kg H₂

10000 ton of H₂



ZEUS
Zero Emission Ultimate Ship

L_{BP} = 25 m
Displ = 170 tons
tank = 50 kg H₂

8 hours at 7.5 knots => 60 nmi

12 Million of Nautical miles (nmi)

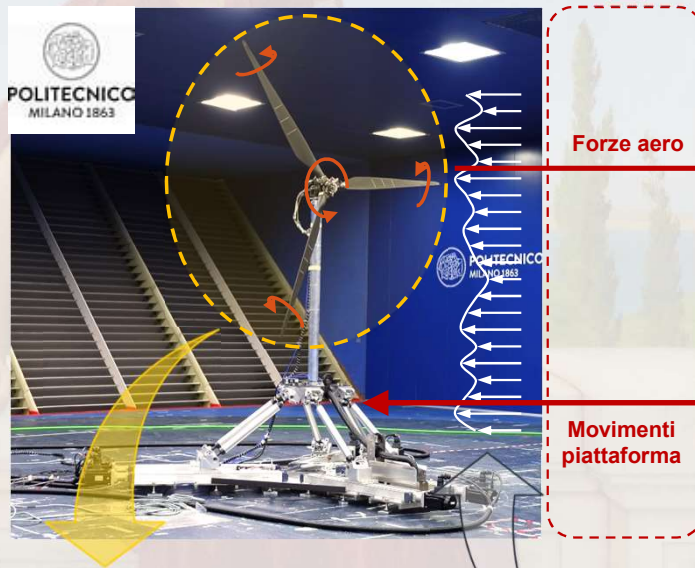
550 times the world tour (each 21600 nmi)

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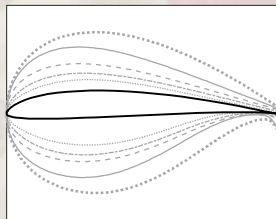
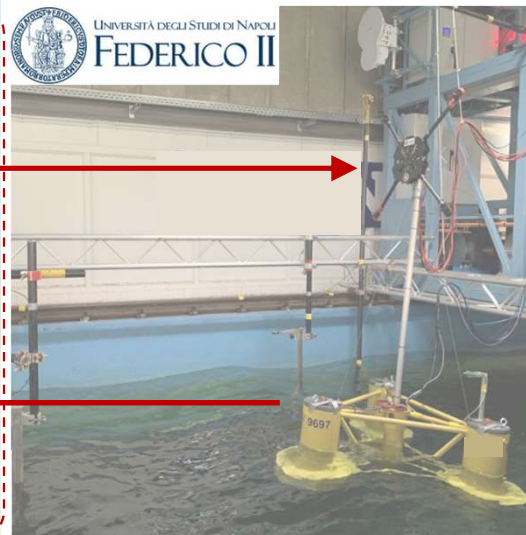
Sperimentazione Ibrida per lo Studio delle Turbine Eoliche Galleggianti



Galleria del vento



Vasca navale



Obiettivo: Sviluppo di un metodo sperimentale innovativo per analizzare la risposta di una turbina eolica galleggiante

Approccio ibrido: Esperimenti simultanei in galleria del vento e vasca navale con misure in tempo reale

Risultati attesi:

- Nuovo metodo di scalatura aerodinamica del rotore
- Identificazione di un sistema robotico di movimentazione
- Valutazione delle incertezze nella misura delle forze aerodinamiche