

# ADVANTAGES AND SYNERGIES OF ARRAYS IN OFFSHORE ENERGY

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RESTRIENT | INTERNE | SECRET

Three teal-colored circles, each containing a white outline of a circle, representing the classification levels RESTRIENT, INTERNE, and SECRET respectively.

# Laborelec in a nutshell

## 60 years of expertise and experience

ENGIE Laborelec was created in 1962 by major players in the Belgian electricity sector with the aim of pooling the multidisciplinary expertise needed to:

- **Carry out operational research programmes** to meet the challenges posed by technical and technological developments in the energy sector and to secure competitive advantages.
- **Support the operation and maintenance of electricity generation, transmission, distribution, storage and utilization assets**, by providing both technical consultancy and expertise support in the field.



### New Energy Sources

- **Solar Lab**
- **Wind, Hydro & Marine Lab**
- **Hydrogen Lab**
- **GeoEnergy Lab**
- **Green Thermal Generation Lab**



### Digital & Enabling Technologies

- **Computer Science & AI Lab**
- **Sensors & Nano Lab**
- **Energy System Simulation Lab**
- **Advanced Materials Lab**
- **Robots & Drones Lab**



### New Usages

- **Future Collectivities & Home Lab**
- **Future Building & Cities Lab**
- **Future Industry Lab**
- **Energy Storage Lab**
- **Smart Grids and Cyber Security Lab**
- **Green Mobility Lab**
- **CO2-as-a resource Lab**
- **Lighting & Urban solutions Lab**
- **Sociology & Environmental Impact Lab**
- **Water & Chemistry Lab**

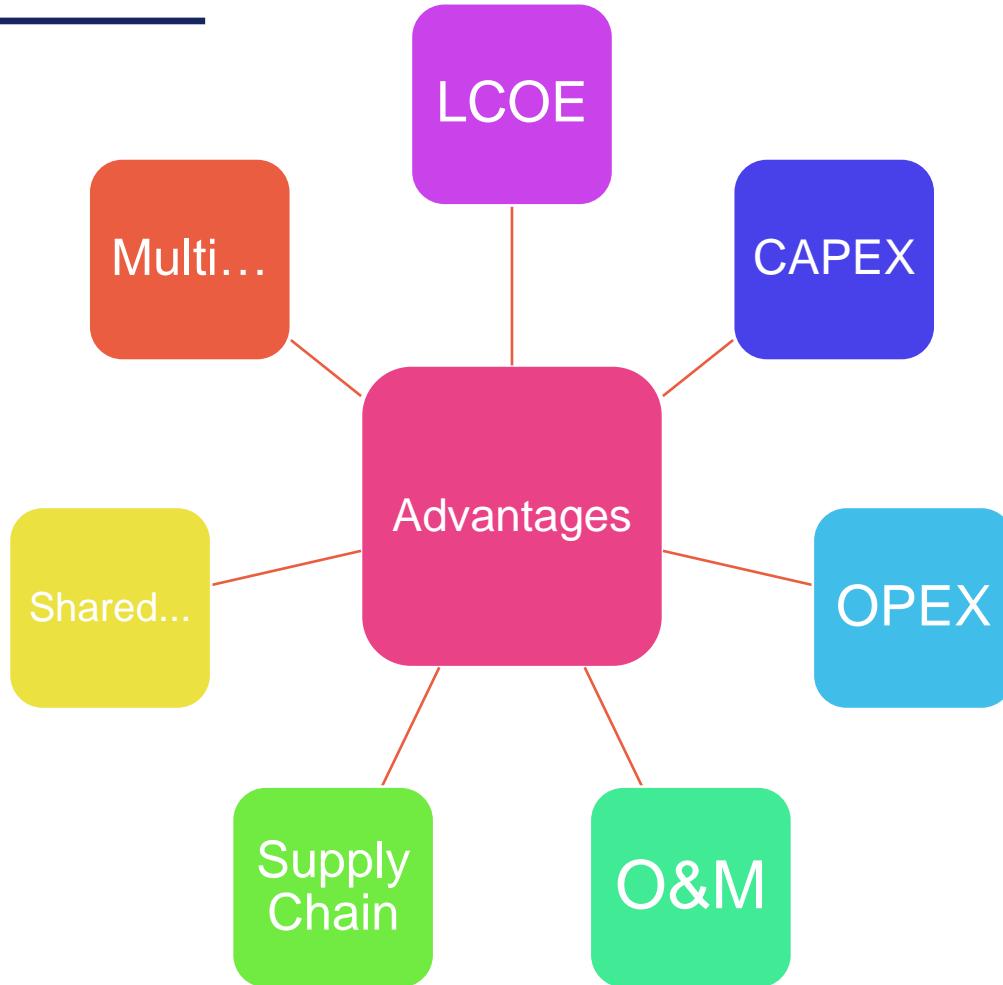
**A series of Labs to support innovation and operational research over all dimensions of the electricity value chain.**

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**But more concretely...**

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## REX Offshore Wind

# Latest developments in offshore wind arrays

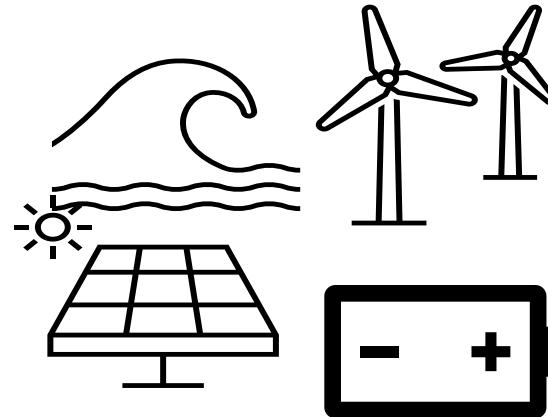
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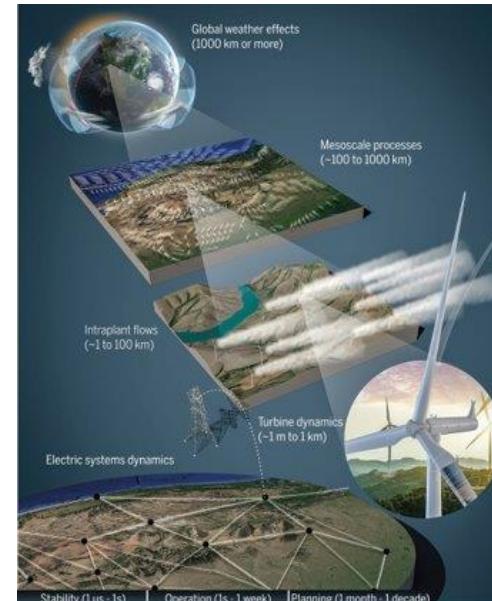
Wind farm Control



Fleet notion & canibalisation



Hybridisation



Mesoscale effects

# 03.

## REX Marine Energy



# 3.1

## **Selected projects – focus on electrical aspects**

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- Vlaio - BE-VLAIO-DBC-2019  
2019 - ongoing



- CORPower  
2021



# 3.2

FORWARD2030

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Green Deal LC-GD-2-1-2020 – Grant ID 101037125  
2021 - ongoing

## In short, FORWARD2030...

- To advance the commercialisation and rollout of tidal stream energy FORWARD2030 has five overall objectives:
  1. Reducing Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) of 25 %,
  2. Enhancing environmental and societal acceptance
  3. Enhancing commercial returns and energy system integration (with battery storage and green hydrogen production and other renewables)
  4. Reducing life cycle carbon emissions by 33% from 18 gCO<sub>2</sub> eq/kWh to 12gCO<sub>2</sub> eq/kWh
  5. Complete the industrial design and develop the manufacturing and supply chain for volume rollout

# Facts & Figures

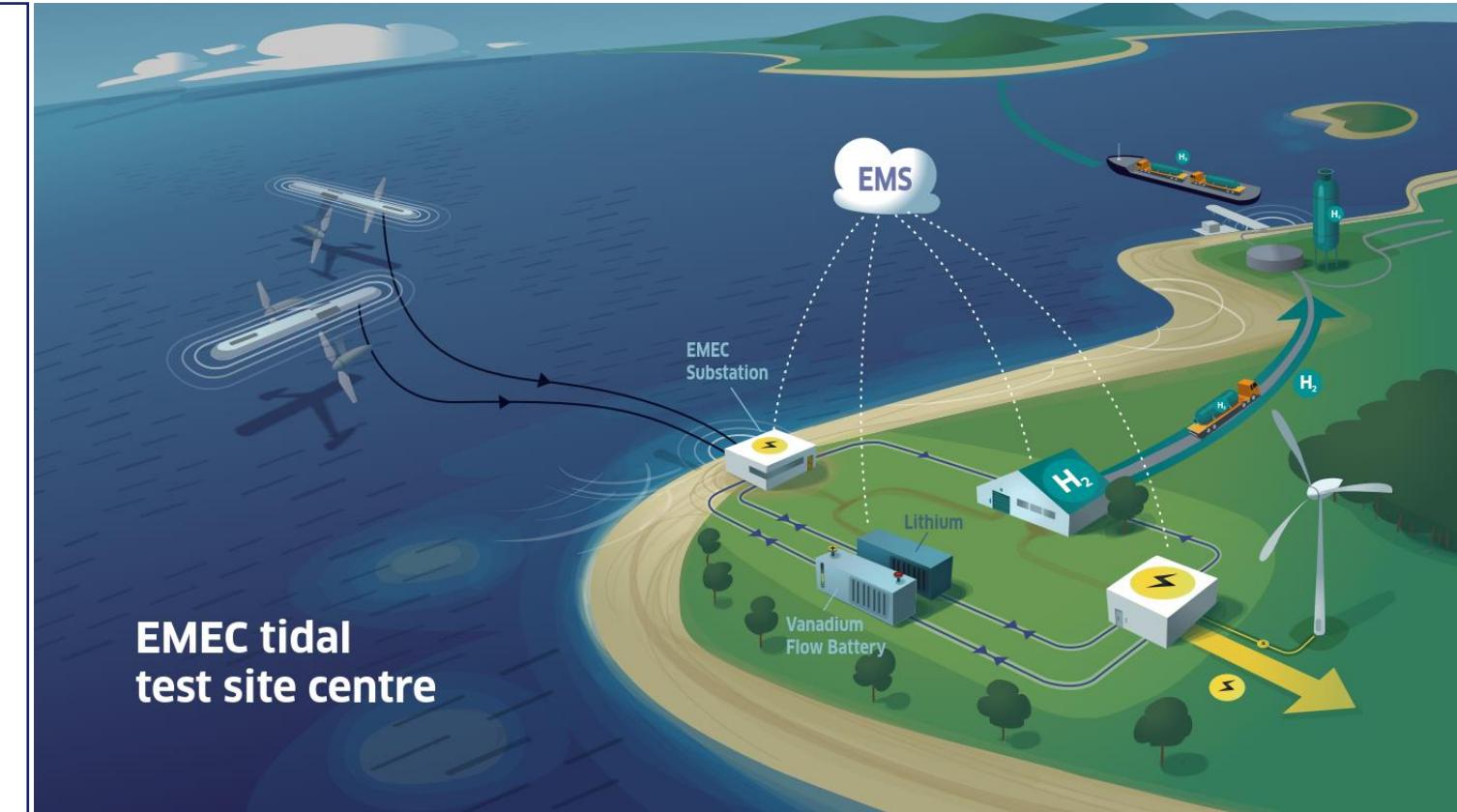
- 7 partners: Universities and companies from 6 countries
- 4-year project, starting Q4 2021.
- Total budget of the project : €27,9M; Total funding of the project: €21,5M

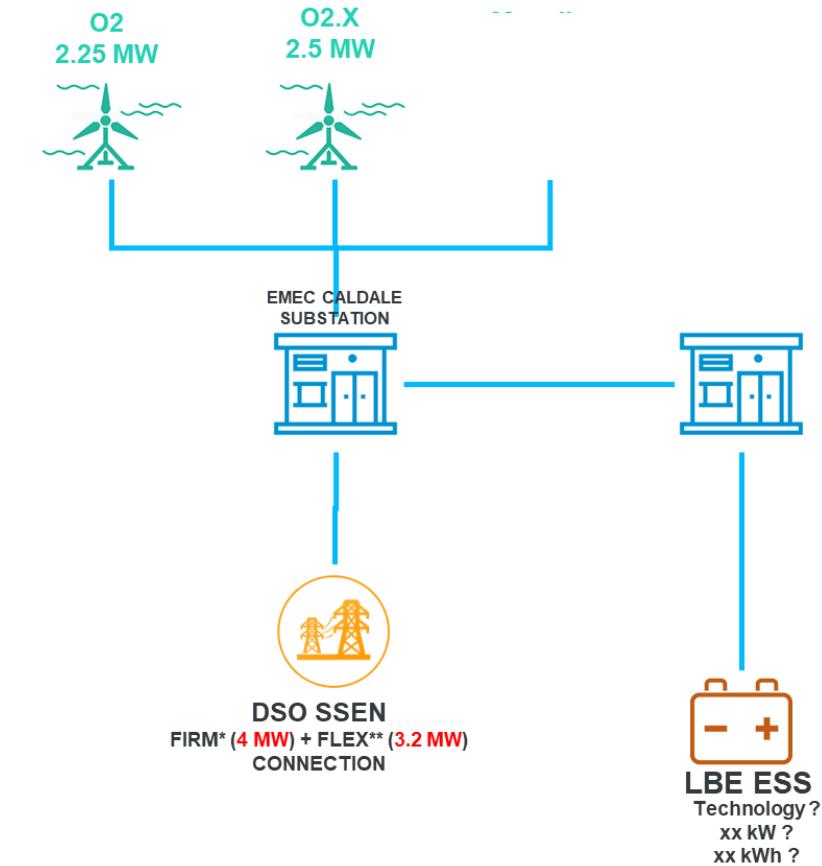
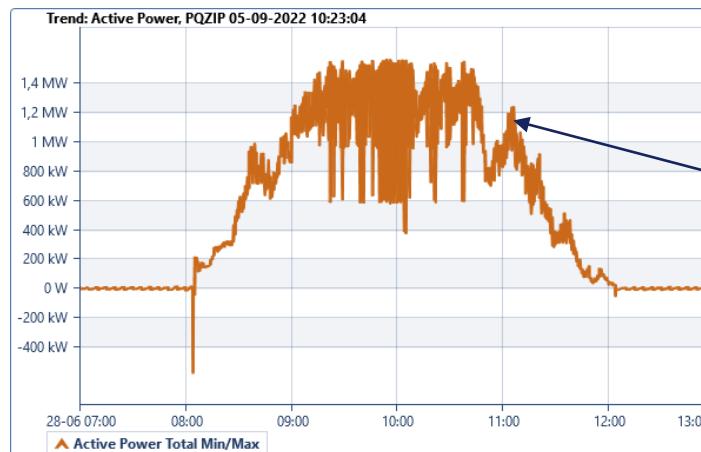
## Consortium



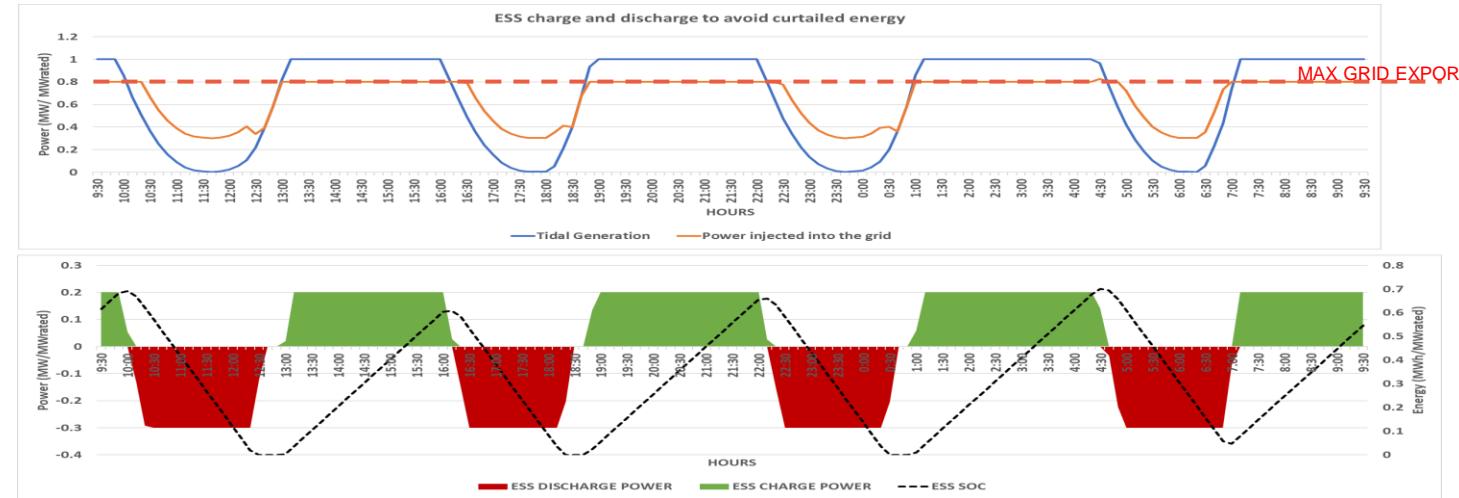
## Laborelec's role

- Grid integration (multi-RES, multi-storage)
- EMS development
- Selection, sizing, purchase, installation and monitoring of an additional storage system
- *Monitoring of the generator and frequency converter*
- *Development of a current signal analysis for tidal energy*
- *Point of view of a Utility and Project Developer : Industrialisation, Scaling, LCOE, etc.*



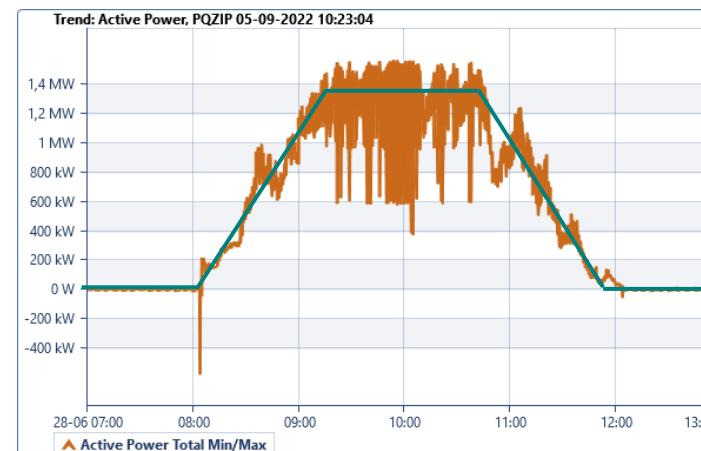


### USE CASE 1 limit grid connection capacity



ESS (700 kWh, 300 kW) used to limit the grid connection capacity (1MW of tidal turbine for a 800 kW connection) – 24 hours during spring tide

### USE CASE 2 shave fast active power fluctuation



# 04

## Key Take Aways

# Remember





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