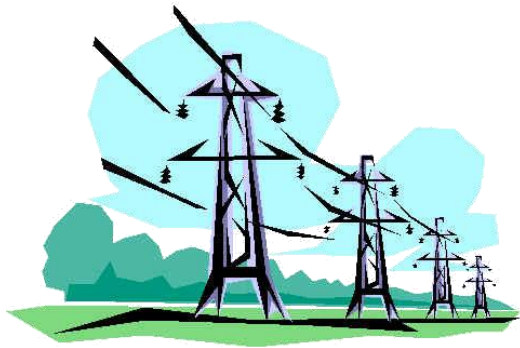


# Technologies and Policies to support the Integration of Marine Renewable Energies into a Grid

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## Workshop agenda

- 9:00h. Presentation and description of workshop methodology
- 9:15h. Presentation of REMAR-CYTED Network
- 9:30h. Technology issues related to grid integration. Marcos Lafoz
- 9:50h. Social and environmental perspective and ocean energy grid integration. Rodrigo Rojas
- 10:10h. Challenges for marine energy policies. Andrés Osorio
- **10:30h. Coffee break**
- 11:00h. Discussion tables among the participant to answer the key questions
- 11:30h. Conclusions from the groups and sum up of the session





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- Ciencia y Sociedad
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21 Países participantes

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## REMAR

### Integration of Marine Energies in Electric Grids of Ibero-American countries

Groups of experts in Ocean Energies (wave, tidal, OTEC, saline gradient)

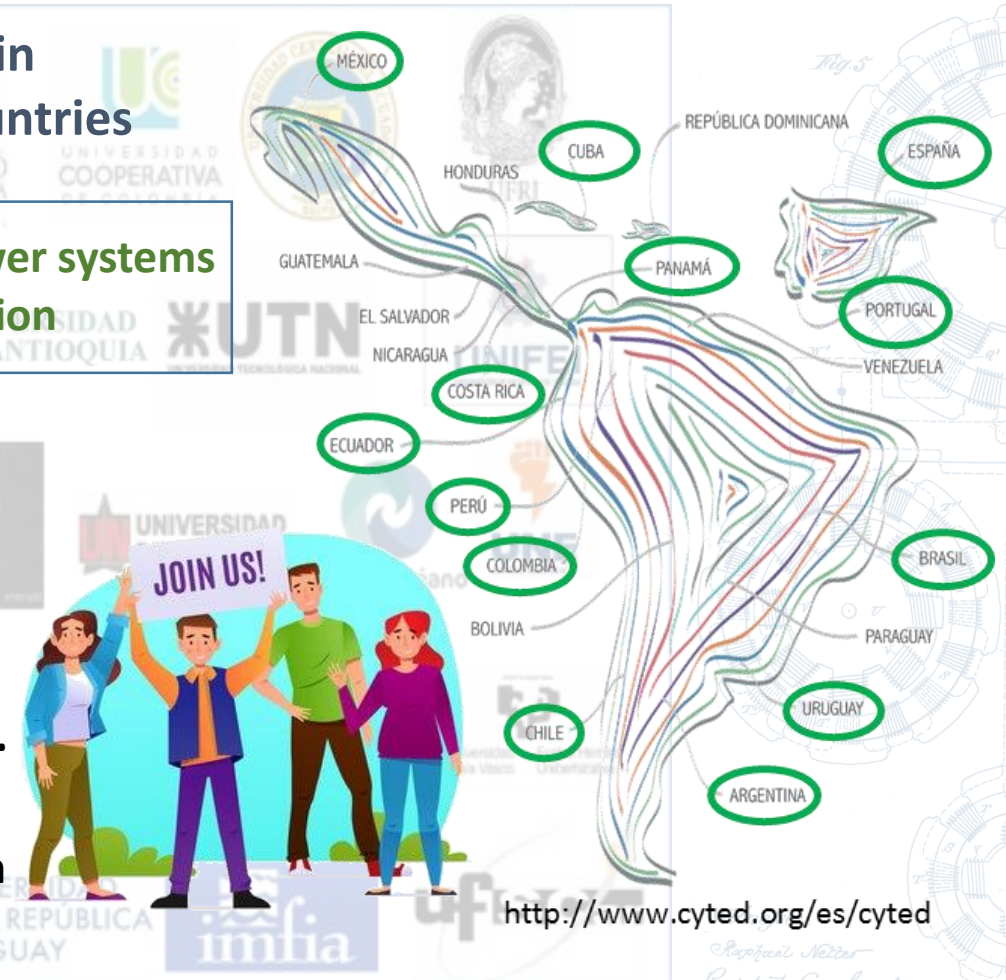


Groups of experts in power systems and grid integration

**13 countries, 150 researchers**

#### Objetives:

1. Improve the profesional skills of the researchers in the area of marine energies integration.
2. Foster the research activities with special interest in the experimental facilities related to ocean energy and grid integration.
3. Collaborative scientific publications.
4. Foster the policies to support the development and grid integration of marine energies in Ibero-American countries.





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Support for researchers mobility

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Sección 1 de 2

**Solicitud de Pasantías de Investigación REMAR - 2022**

El siguiente formulario recibe propuestas de pasantías de investigación entre miembros de la red REMAR (<https://www.cyted.org/721RT0121-%20Integrantea>) para el último trimestre de 2022. Se valorará en las propuestas: la calidad técnica de los objetivos y del plan de trabajo, la relación de la propuesta con la temática de la Red REMAR, el impacto en el futuro de la energía oceánica, el hecho de que de continuidad a una investigación ya comenzada, los resultados previstos, entre otros aspectos.

El plazo máximo para enviar las propuestas relleno el formulario es el 14 de agosto a las 23:59 CEST.

Courses, seminars and workshops

**XI Jornada Internacional de Energías Renovables (Energías del Mar)**

21 de Junio 18hs Auditorio

Organizadores: UTA, UTA.BA, IMA, CYTED



**Taller-Seminario Internacional Integración de energías marinas en la región IBEROAMERICANA**

29 de septiembre 10:00 - 13:00 hrs (hora Chile)

Analizar los aspectos relacionados al concepto de integración de las energías marinas en los países de Iberoamérica. Identificar desafíos, oportunidades y lecciones aprendidas.

Presencial: Auditorio ECIM (Estación Costera de Investigaciones Marítimas) en Las Cruces, Valparaíso Chile

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Fostering research activities



Map of experimental and validation facilities.



**Seminario técnico REMAR "Validación de energías oceánicas en entorno real"**

Miércoles 22 Feb 2023 16:00 H HORA MADRID (CET)

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Transmisión en vivo vía zoom



**Analysis of ocean energy integration in Ibero-American electric grids**

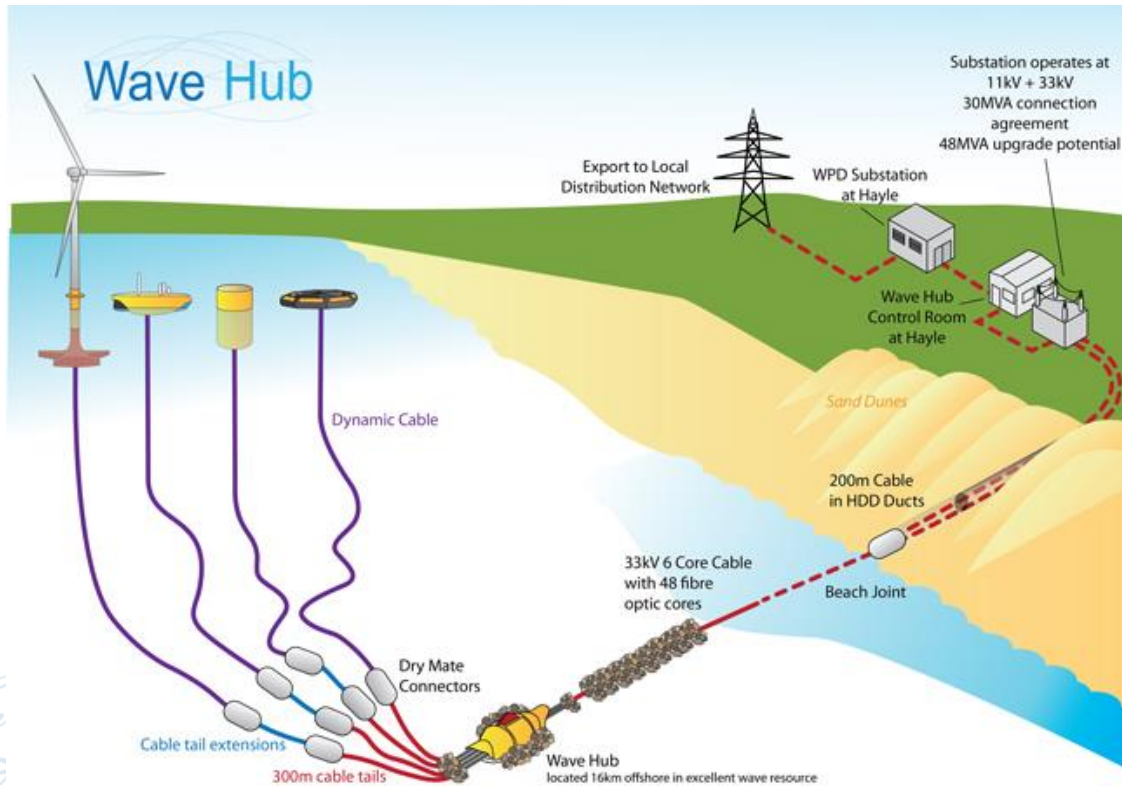
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**Offshore Renewable Energy in South America: current status and future perspectives**

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## Technology issues related to grid integration of marine renewable energies



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## Problems derived from the marine energies penetration

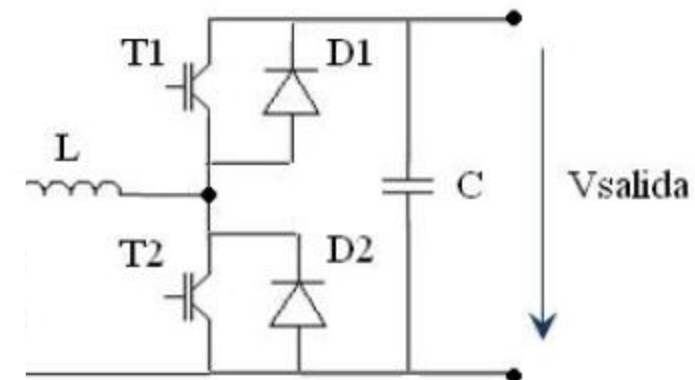
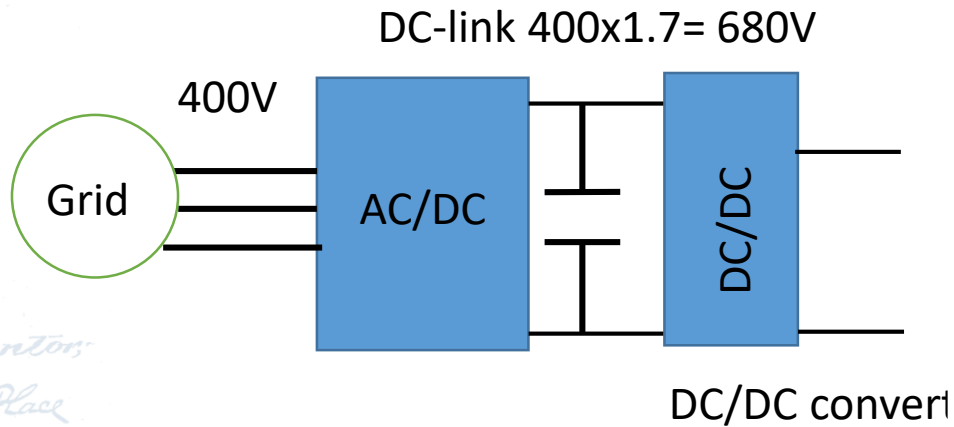
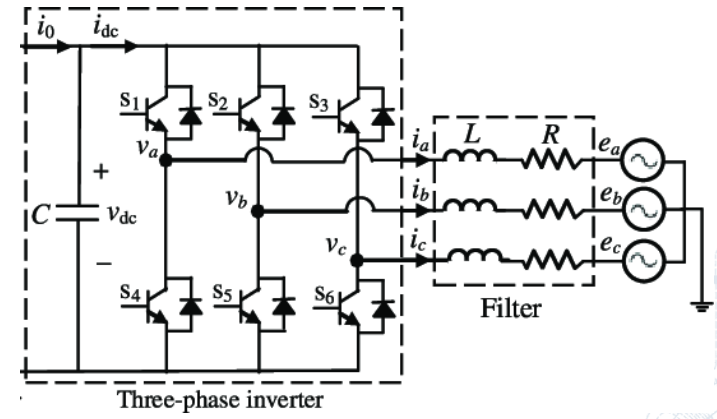
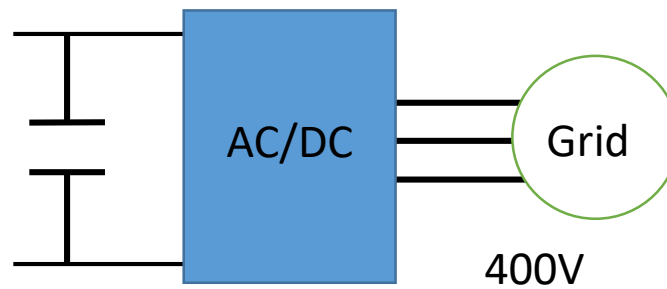


- It is expected that 50% of the electricity consumed in the world is produced by renewable energies by 2050.
- Inherent unpredictability and intermittent nature of renewables affects system reliability and stability.
- Conventional synchronous generators are replaced by renewable energy sources which are based on power electronics, lowering the rotational inertia of the system.
- Decreasing rotating inertia in a power system can affect seriously the system frequency responses, producing: frequency instability, power outages, and potentially dramatic frequency variations, as well as voltage variations out of operation ranges.

# Problems derived from the marine energies penetration

How is the connection of the different marine energy technologies to the electric grid?

- Offshore wind energy
- Floating solar PV
- Wave energy
- Tidal energy
- Saline gradient
- Thermal gradient (OTEC)

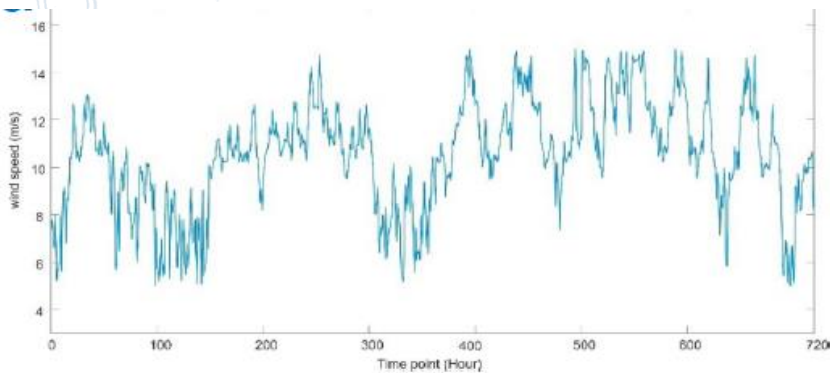




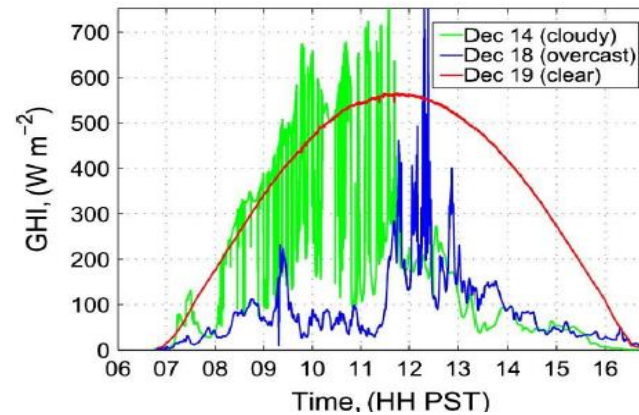
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- Renewables run at maximum power point tracking, not being able to increase their energy production when necessary.
- When using power electronics and this control, the system inertia is reduced leading to frequency and voltage issues.



Fuente: [doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2018.08.212](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2018.08.212)



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# Problems and consequences of marine energy integration

Network Type

Transmission

Distribution.....

## Potential stability problems

### Power Quality

- Voltage flicker
- Harmonics
- Reactive Power
- Voltage rise/dip
- Power transition

### Capacity Limits

- Thermal Limits
- Switchgear rating

### System Analysis

- Load Flow, Fault Level, Stability
- Voltage
- Transient
- Frequency
- Small Signal

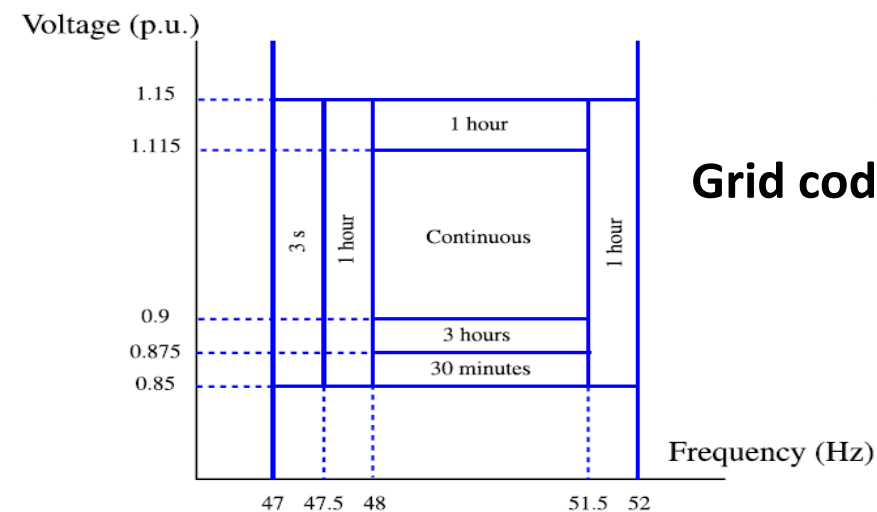
### System wide issues

- Low Voltage Ride Through
- Unit Commitment
- Transmission Planning
- Market Operation
- Ancillary Services
- Frequency Control
- Voltage Regulation
- Ramp Rate
- Black Start

Low

High

**Plant Capacity / Generation Level**



## Grid code conditions

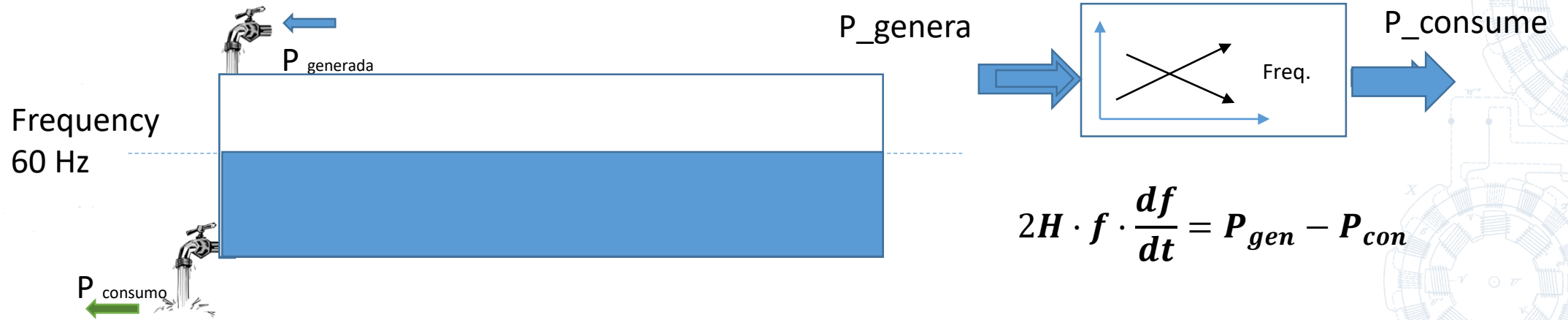
Consequences:

1. Limited dispatchability
2. Reduction of efficiency
3. Equipment malfunction or disconnection
4. Loss of information
5. Overheating of conductors
6. Electromagnetic interferences

Source: Robles, E. et al.

# Effects of renewable energies penetration on the system stability

Concept of stability and relation to inertia of the system

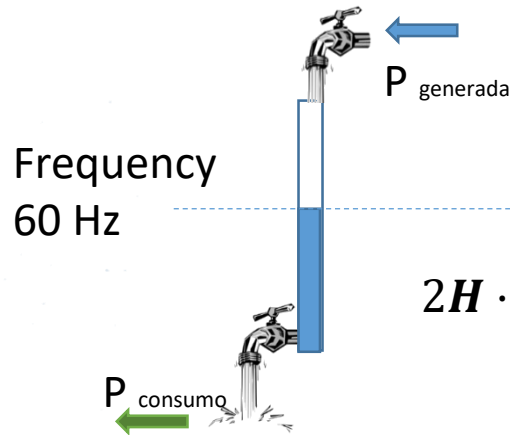


## Electric Grid with large inertia

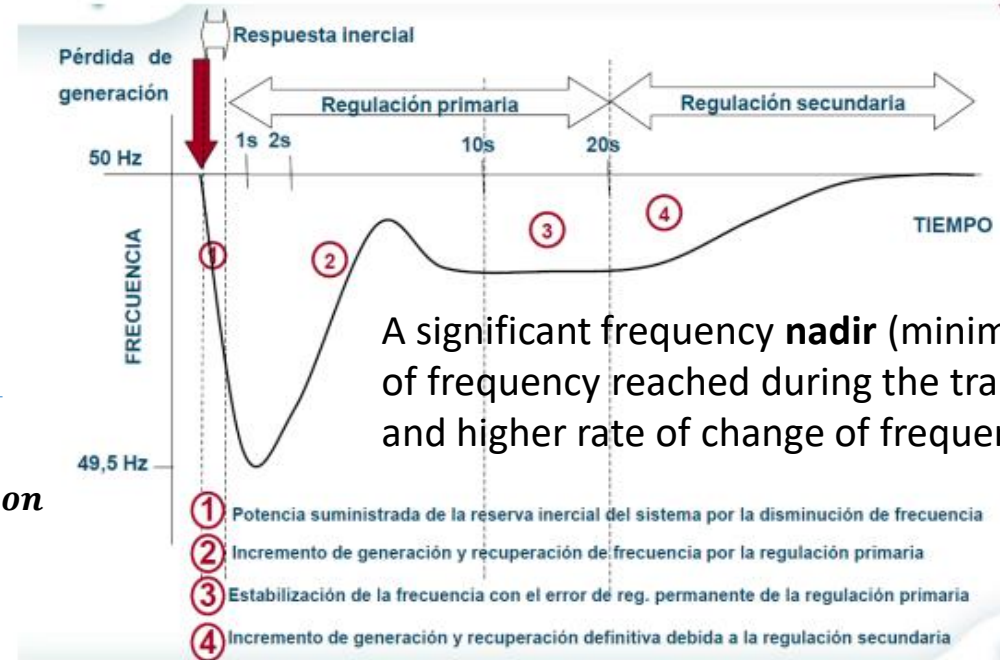
Small or even medium differences between generated and consumed power takes long time to produce frequency deviations.

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$$2H \cdot f \cdot \frac{df}{dt} = P_{gen} - P_{con}$$



A significant frequency **nadir** (minimum value of frequency reached during the transient period) and higher rate of change of frequency (**RoCoF**)

## Electric Grid with small inertia

Small differences between generated and consumed power produces rapidly frequency deviations.

Frequency evolution after a power generation lost. Inertia effect and primary and secondary regulation. Source: Red Eléctrica de España.

# Energy storage as a solution

**Hydropump**  
100-500 MW  
10 GWh

**Pumped Hydro Storage Systems**

**Thermal Storage**  
50-300 MW  
0.1- 6 GWh



**Flywheels**

100-1000 kW  
10-100 kWh

**Compressed Air (CAES)**  
1.7MW 10 MWh

**Goderich Project (Canada)**

**Storage based on hydrogen**



**Supercapacitors**

100 kW  
1 kWh

**Liquid Air (LAES)**  
0.350MW, 2.5MWh

**Baterías REDOX flujo**  
15MW  
60MWh

**Lithium batteries**  
1MW/1MWh

**SMES**

1 MW, 1 kWh

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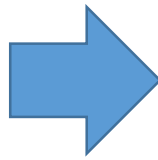
**Electric vehicle and domestic storage**

## Energy storage as a solution

Storage type	Power density (W/kg)	Cost \$/kW	Energy density (Wh/kg)	Cost \$/kWh	Life cycle
Li-ion bat	150-500	500-4000	70-200	150-250	< 10,000
Supercapacitors	1000-10000	100-400	0.5 - 5	500-15000	1,000,000
Flywheels	500-4000	150-400	10 -50.0	1000-10000	> 100,000
SMES	500-2000	200-500	1-10.0	1000-10000	20,000 - 100,000

Most important technologies (apart from hydro pumping)

Some already operating systems in the world and the use related to the grid stability.

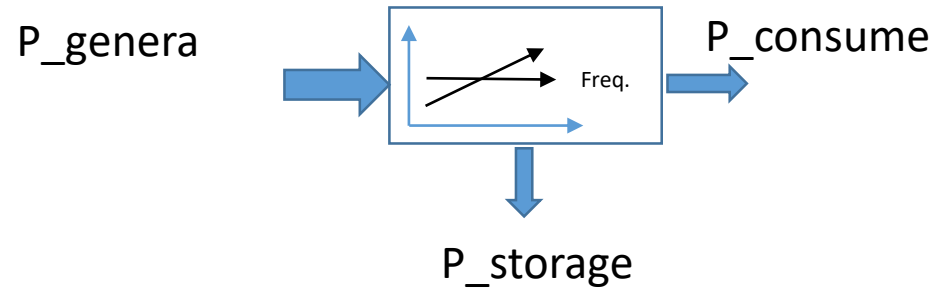


Technology	Country	Power/Energy	Application
Battery	Australia	30 MW/8 MWh	Fast frequency response
Battery	USA	8 MW/2 MWh	Frequency regulation
Battery	Germany	8.5 MW/8.5 MWh	Fast frequency response, spinning reserve
Battery	Puerto Rico	20 MW/ 14 MWh	Fast frequency response, spinning reserve
Battery	Japan	34 MW/ 245 MWh	Wind power fluctuations mitigation
Battery	USA	10 MW/ 40 MWh	Spinning reserve, load leveling
Battery	Ireland	2 MW/ 12 MWh	Wind power fluctuations mitigation
Supercaps	China	3 MW/ 17.2 MWh	Voltage sag mitigation
Supercaps	Spain	4 MW/ 5.6 MWh	Frequency stability
Flywheels	USA	20 MW	Frequency regulation, power quality
Flywheels	Japan	235 MW	High power supply to nuclear fusion furnace
SMES	Japan	10 MW	Frequency stability, power quality

## Energy storage as a solution to increase the inertia (virtual inertia)

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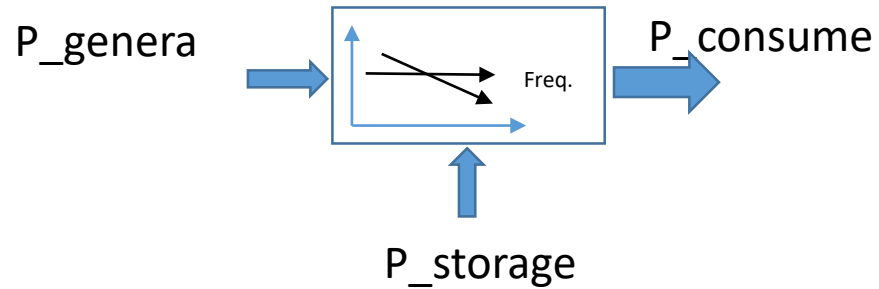


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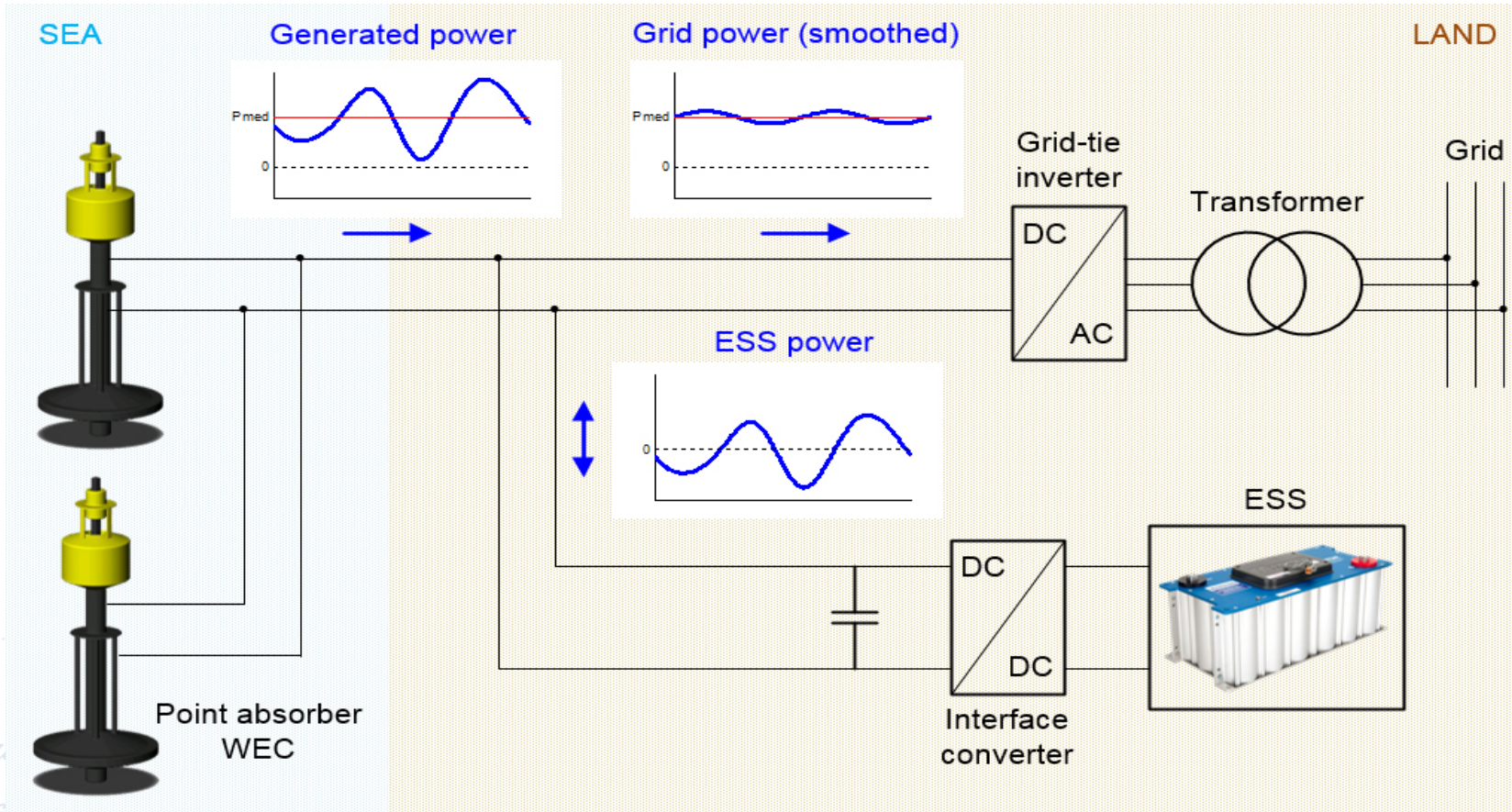
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# Integration of marine renewable energies using energy storage



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Let's consider a simple example, considering a Wave Energy Converter which provides a continuous sinusoidal power

**How much energy storage is required to smooth the power?**

Average power is 60kW

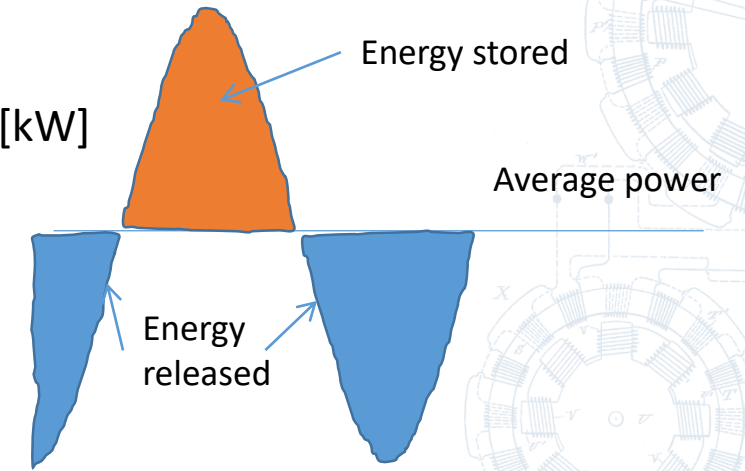
Calculate 2 times the first blue area between 0 and T/8

$$E = 2 \times \int_0^{\frac{T}{8}} (P_{load} - P_{wave}) dt = 2 \times \int_0^{\frac{T}{8}} \left( \frac{A}{2} - A \cdot \sin^2(2wt) \right) dt$$

$$E = 2 \cdot \frac{AT}{2 \cdot 8} - 2 \cdot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \int_0^{\frac{T}{8}} (1 - \cos(2wt)) dt = A \cdot \frac{T}{8} - A \cdot \frac{T}{8} + 2 \cdot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2w} \sin\left(2w \frac{T}{8}\right)$$

$$E = A \cdot \frac{T}{4\pi} \sin\left(2 \frac{2\pi T}{T} \frac{T}{8}\right) = \frac{A \cdot T}{4\pi}$$

$$P = 120 \sin^2(wt) \text{ [kW]}$$



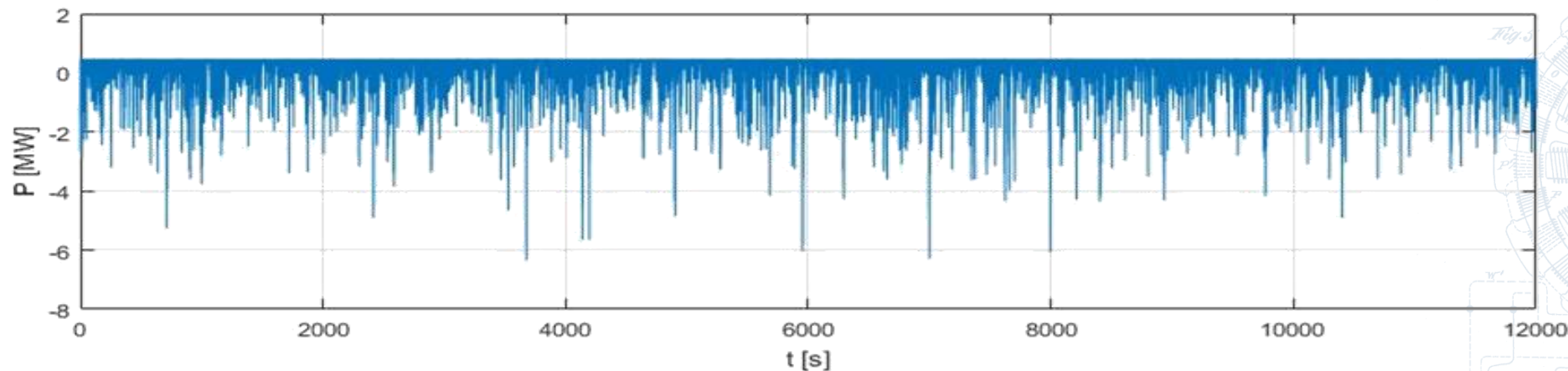
A=120kW  
T=63 seg  $\longrightarrow$   $E = \frac{120 \cdot 64}{4\pi} = 611,15 \text{ kWh}$

Modifying the wave period to 0.1Hz, E=95,49kWh.

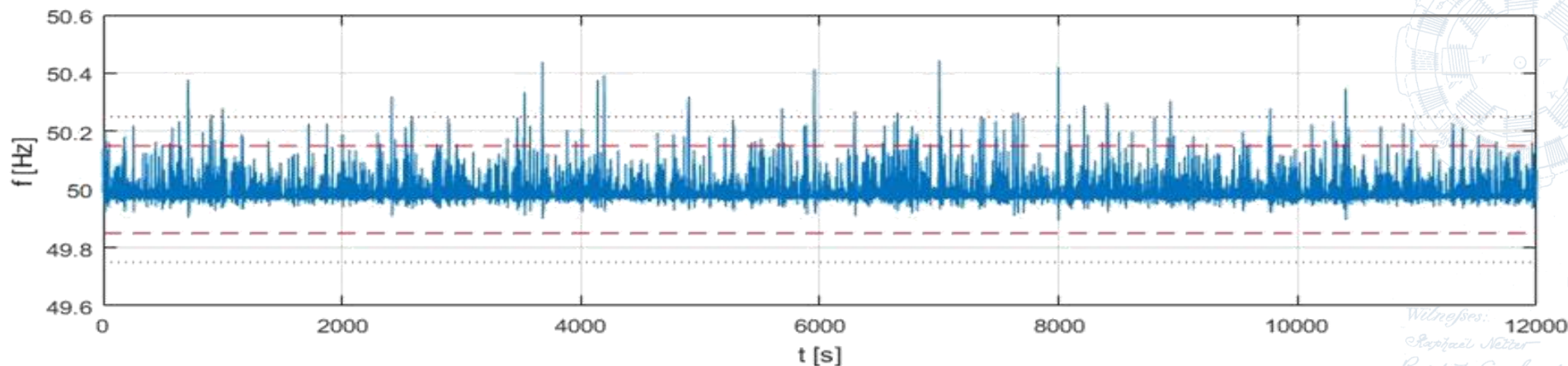
# Integration of marine renewable energies using energy storage

Simulation study based on the case of the Canary Islands (Spain)

Power injected to the grid by a wave energy power plant

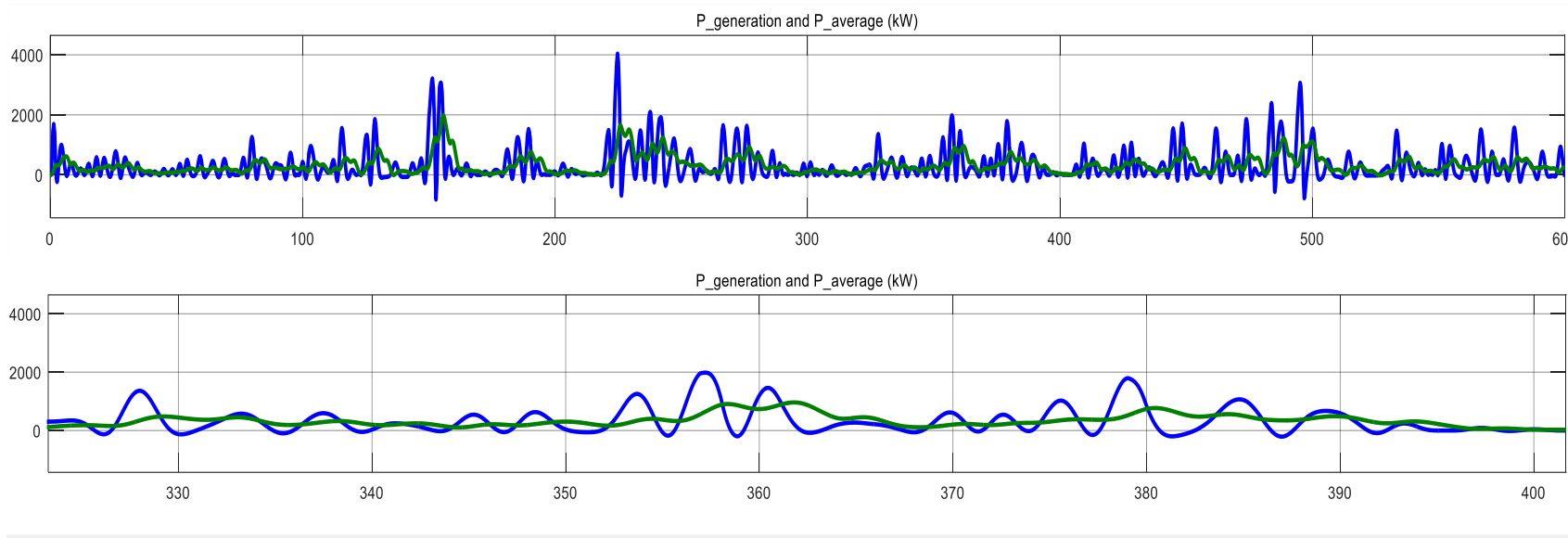


Frequency evolution at the grid



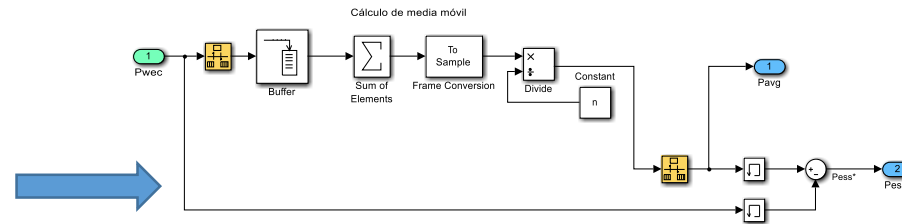
# Integration of marine renewable energies using energy storage

The power introduced in the grid is modified by means of the use of an energy storage system.



Time zoom

Power generation for the grid based on a mobile average window (filter).



# Integration of marine renewable energies using energy storage

- Technologies selected for the study as possibilities.

## Batteries



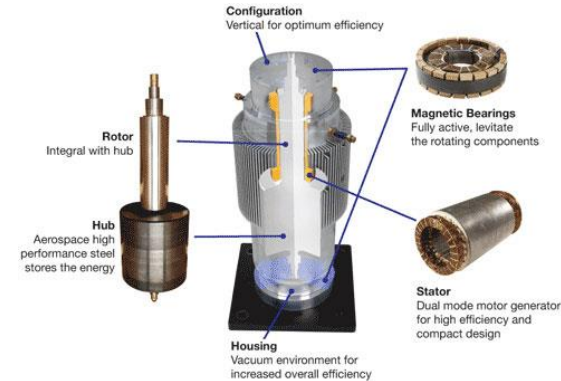
Batteries  $\text{LiFePO}_4$ : 20Ah, 3.2V.  
 Reg. continuous at 3C: 60A  
 Peaks 15seg 10C: 200A  
 688V rated voltage  
 ( 215 series cells)  
 Energy: 4.3kWh  
 Power: 137kW

## Supercapacitors



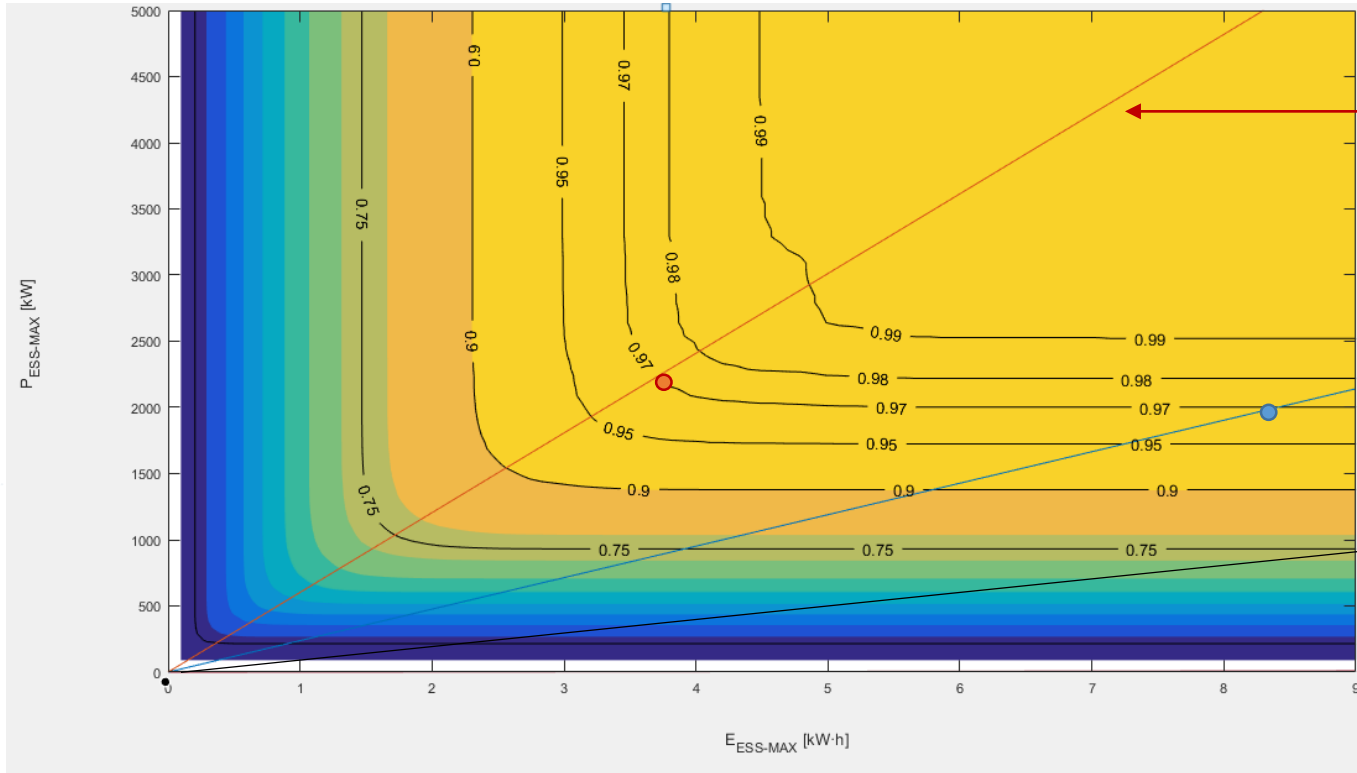
0.727 kWh (256 cells, 690V, 200A)  
 0.58 kWh (Energy with U min 50%)  
 Power max: 138kW  
 690V rated voltage  
 (256 modules of 2.7V in series)

## Flywheels



0.83 kWh (Energy until 50% speed)  
 Power max: 500kW  
 690V rated voltage

# Integration of marine renewable energies using energy storage



**Flywheel Vycon:**  
**500kW, 0.83kWh**

**Supercapacitor Maxwell:**  
**138kW, 0.58kWh**

**Baterías GWL Power:**  
**137kW, 4.3kWh**

Batteries: 2000/137 -> 15 branches in parallel. 64.5 kWh, 2055kW

Supercapacitors: 8.4 kWh, 2000 kW -> 15 units

Flywheel Vycon: 3.7 kWh, 2300 kW -> 5 units

# Social and environmental perspective and ocean energy grid integration



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# Main messages

1. The building ocean energy capacity in Latin American, through the lenses of social and environmental requirements.
2. Mandatory integration of actions towards social acceptance and environmental licensing frames.
3. A brief analysis of this topics in the ocean energy supply chain in some selected Latin American countries.



# ¿What is the status of integration of marine energy in Latin America?

¿Kw installed?

¿Projects?

¿Road maps?

¿Consenting process?



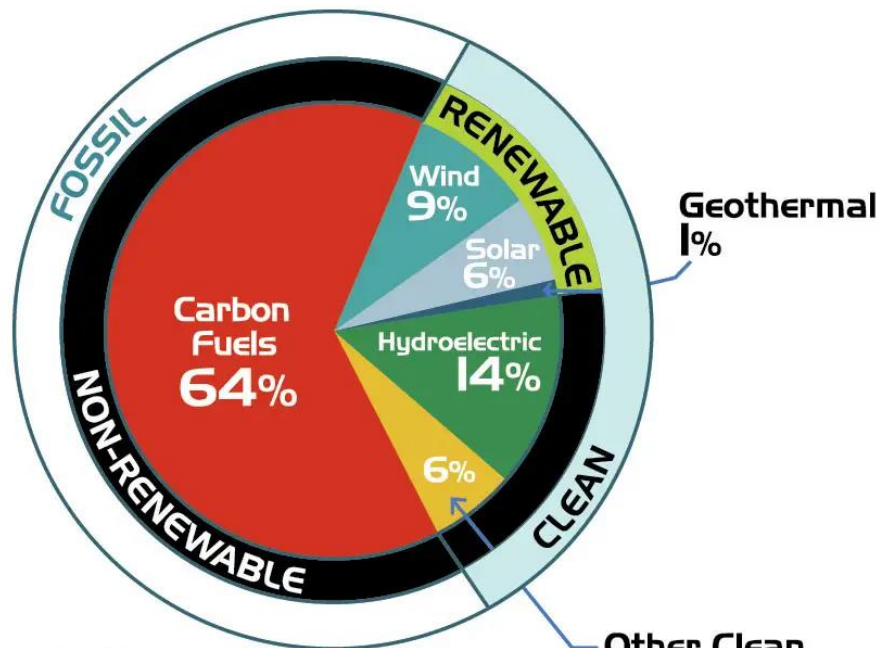
¿Auctions?

¿legal frame?

¿Licensing process?

¿Social acceptance?

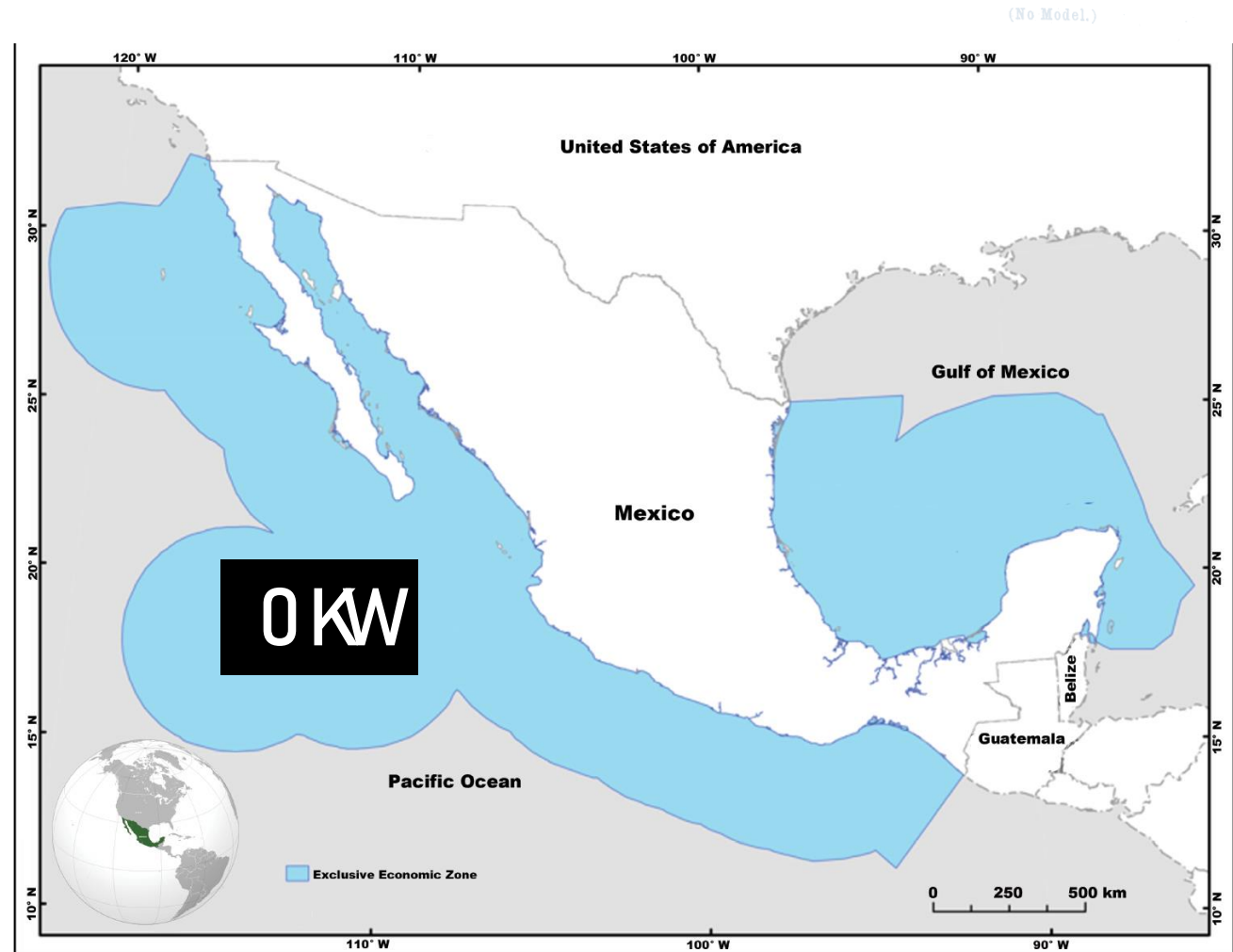
**Mexico**  
**Electric Energy Installed Capacity Sources**  
**(Megawatts-2020)**



**TOTAL :**  
**88,000 MW**  
or aprox. 3,700 Petajoules

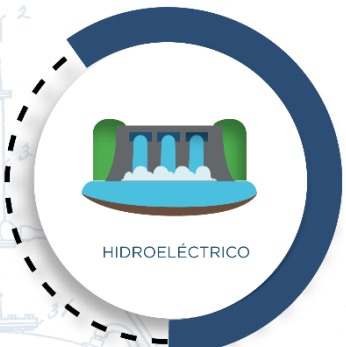
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**EXHIBIT 4**



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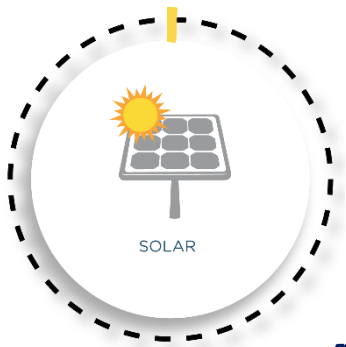
## Onshore installed capacity



65,91%  
2.331, 3 MW



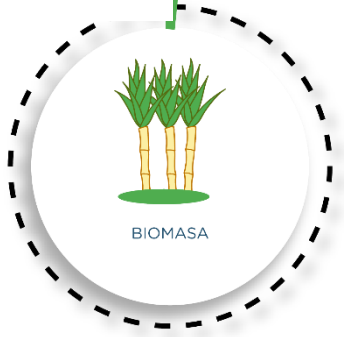
7,40%  
261,9 MW



0,15%  
5,4 MW



11,13%  
393,5 MW



2,01%  
71 MW

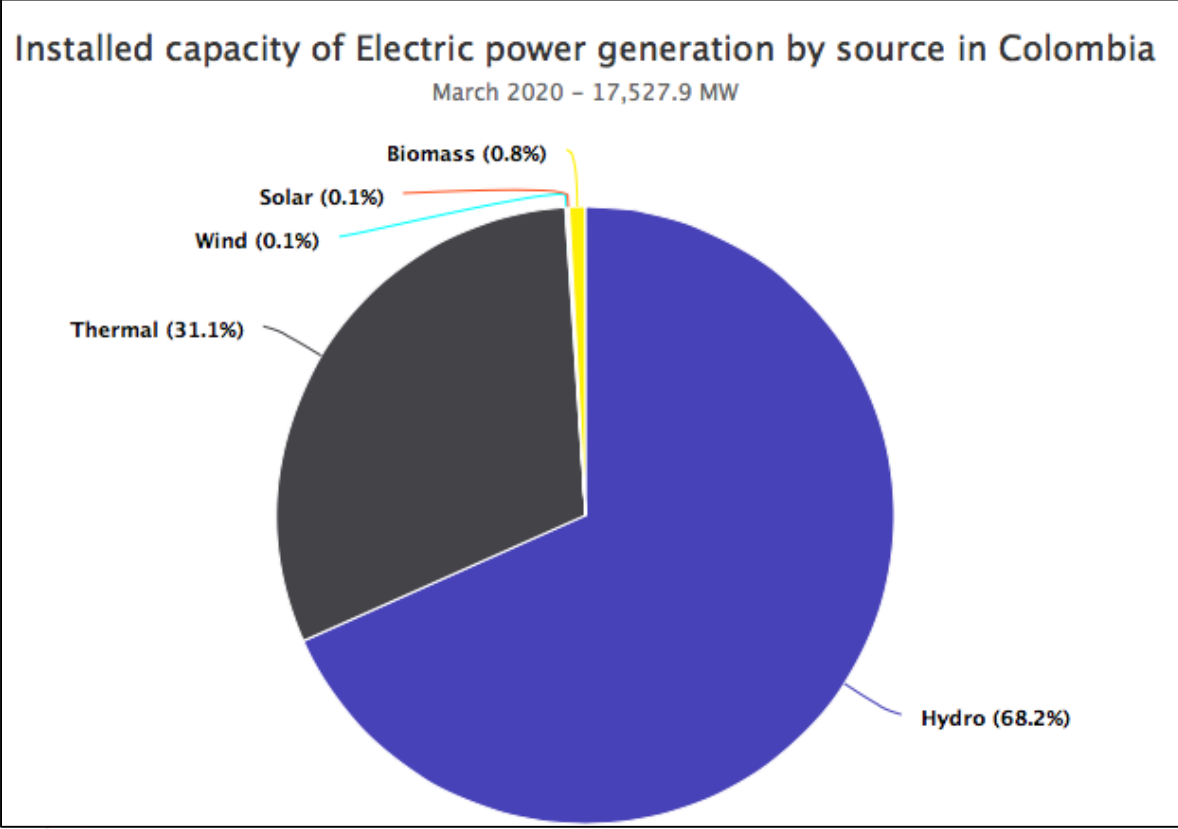
**Onshore vs marine energy capacity.**

**This condition is similar in other LA countries**

## Challenges: ocean capacity

**We are 10 times ocean than land territories**





(No Model.)

Colombia's installed electric power generation Capacity currently stands at 17,771 MW,



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COSTA RICA	No specific for Marine energy		<p>Foresight analysis of supply chain for development of offshore wind in Costa Rica. José Rodrigo Rojas M.1, Karla Chaves Martínez2. Repertorio Científico. ISSN 2215-5651. Vol. 24, N.º 1:Junio 2021: 57-78</p>
PANAMA	NO	NO	<p>AN OCEAN ENERGY ROAD MAP AND STRATEGY FOR PANAMA INVESTIGADORES. José Rogelio Fábrega Duque. Job Osvaldo Noel Amaya y Alejandrina Batista. UTP, 2022.</p>
COLOMBIA	YES	YES	<p>The Renewables Consulting Group. Roadmap for the Deployment of Offshore Wind Power in Colombia; Report for Consultation [Hoja de Ruta Para El Despliegue de La Energía Eólica Costa Afuera En Colombia—Reporte Para Consulta]. Technical Report. Ministry of Mines and Energy, Colombia. 2022</p>
CHILE	YES	YES	<p>Henriksen, J. Key Principles in Implementing ILO Convention No. 169. In Programme to Promote ILO Convention No. 169; Programme to Promote ILO Convention: Paris, France, 2008.</p>
BRAZIL	YES	YES	<p>Xavier, T.W.d.F.; Caetano, A.G.N.; Brannstrom, C. Parques Eólicos Offshore no Brasil e os Potenciais Impactos Sociais: Aplicação de Matrizes SWOT; Arquivos de Ciências do Mar: Fortaleza, Brazil, 2020</p> <p>Hernandez C., O.M.; Shadman, M.; Amiri, M.M.; Silva, C.; Estefen, S.F.; La Rovere, E. Environmental impacts of offshore wind installation, operation and maintenance and decommissioning activities: A case study of Brazil. Renew. Sustain. Energy Rev. 2021, 144, 110994.</p>

## Consenting processes

## México

### MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING POLICY

Although there is not a clear Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) policy, there are legal instruments to the matters related to the sea.

1. The Mexican Constitution
2. General Law of National Assets
3. Federal Law of the Sea
4. Marine Sector Programme
5. Law of National Waters
6. Law on the Use of Renewable Energy and Energy Transition Financing (LAERFTE)
7. General Law of Ecological Balance and Environmental Protection

### AUTHORITIES INVOLVED

According to the actual legal framework of the marine and energy sectors, the authorities that have the faculty to be involved in the licensing process are:

- Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources
- Secretariat of Energy (SENER)
- National Commission of the Efficient Use of Energy (CONUEE) –Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE)
- Federal Commission of Energy (CFE)
- National Commission of Water (CONAGUA)
- Secretariat of Communications and Transport (SCT)

## Consenting processes

## Costa Rica

Due to the fact that ocean energy is a renewable energy that has not been developed in Costa Rica, there is not a specific law to regulate it. Instead, the coastal and marine zone is regulated by a complex set of laws concerning public and private land ownership. The legal and institutional framework for Costa Rica's coastal zone covers a range of areas including land use planning, conservation, construction, and environmental impact and control.

### MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING POLICY

Similar to Mexico, in Costa Rica, there are legal collections of instruments to the matters related to the governance of the sea.

1. The Constitution of the Republic
2. Law of Rights of the Sea
3. Law of National Waters
4. Maritime Terrestrial Zone
5. Marine Protected Areas
6. Urban Planning law

### AUTHORITIES INVOLVED

Ministry of Environment An Energy  
Costa Rican Tourism Institute  
Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Transport  
National Technical Environmental Agency  
Municipalities of local governments  
Costa Rican Institute for Electricity



## Politic constitution

- **Sovereign rights for exploration and exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources, both living and non-living, of the waters superjacent to the bed and of the bed and subsoil of the sea, and with respect to other activities such as the production of energy derived from water, currents and the winds.**





## Concessions in the Maritime Terrestrial Zone

**Maritime Zone concessions only exist on properties within coastal regulatory plans and according to their location**

# Steps for offshore permitting in Costa Rica

Like any other renewable energy project, the developer has to make a feasibility study and determine the scope of the project they want to develop. Once this is done, permits and studies need to be requested.



**Request for  
construction permit to  
Costa Rica  
Engineers  
Corporation**

**Viability and control  
of social and  
environmental Impact  
Assessment (EslA)**

**SETENA has three  
instruments that have to be  
used to create the EIA**

**Studies for a  
renewable energy  
project**

**Construction permit  
for land use and  
planning**

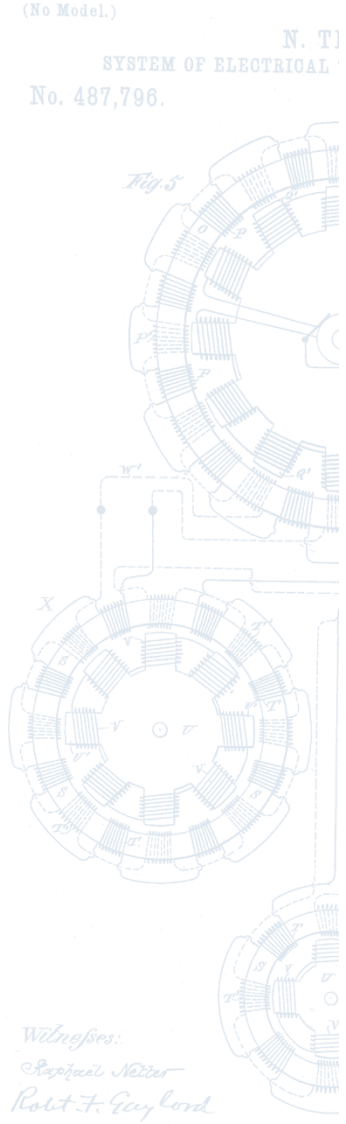
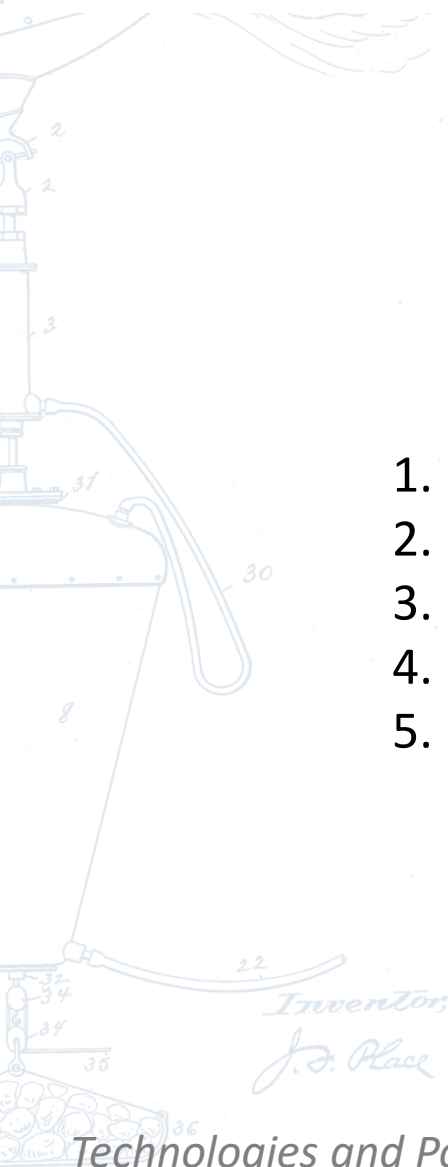
**Local Municipality**

## Steps for concessions for offshore energy projects

# Consenting processes Colombia

MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING POLICY  
 Now is in progress the first offshore wind farm project

1. The Colombian Constitution (article 101)
2. Economic exclusive marine zone
3. The CONVEMAR, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
4. Marine policy law (DIMAR)
5. National agency for environmental licence ANLA



# Challenges for marine energy policy: Iberoamerica, Latam and Caribbean



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# Renewable Energy Regulation and regional integration

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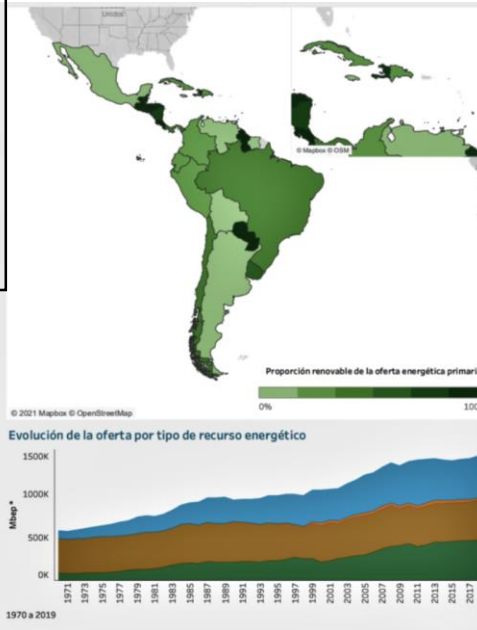
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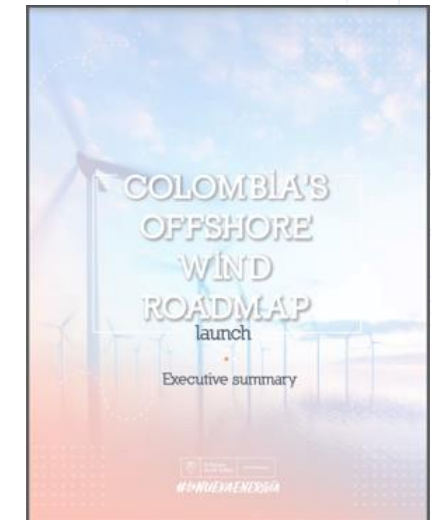
CONGRESO DE LA REPÚBLICA

Por medio de la cual se regula la integración de las energías renovables no convencionales al Sistema Energético Nacional.

**ARTÍCULO 23. DESARROLLO DE LA ENERGÍA DE LOS MARES.** Será considerada la energía de los mares, entendida como el aprovechamiento de las olas, el aprovechamiento de las mareas y el aprovechamiento del diferencial térmico de los océanos

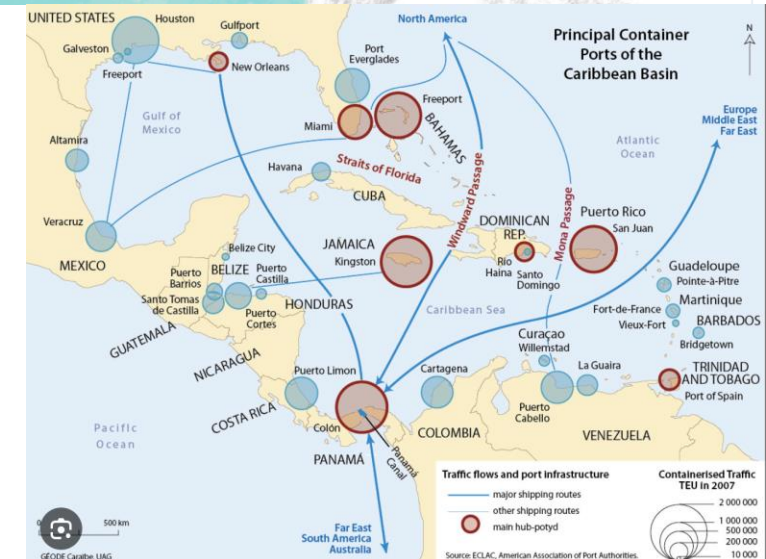
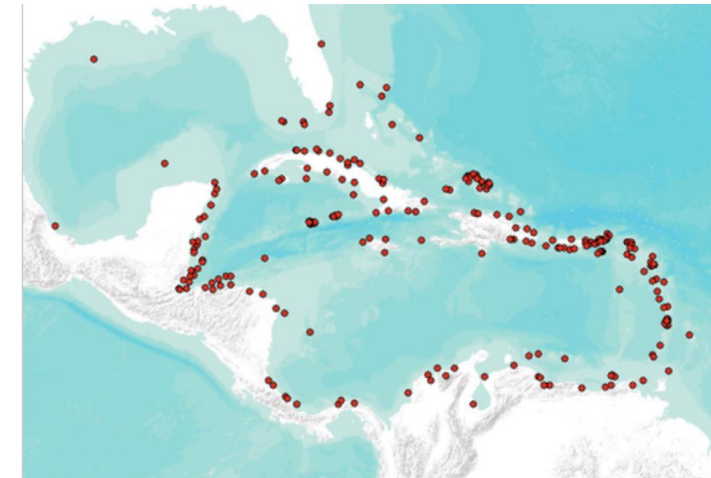


Countries should not only formulate robust domestic policies but also engage in **regional integration initiatives**. Collaborative efforts can lead to shared resources, knowledge exchange, and collective problem-solving.



# Sector regulation vs environmental regulation

Balancing sector-specific regulations with environmental concerns is crucial for achieving sustainability. While sectorial regulations focus on economic growth within specific industries, environmental regulations ensure that development remains within ecological boundaries. Striking this balance requires a holistic approach, where policies promote green technologies, eco-friendly practices, and sustainable resource management across industries.



Principal Container Ports

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# Sector regulation vs environmental regulation

**Table 1.** ORE's specific regulatory frameworks and possible conflicts/synergies in SA.

Country	Possible Conflicts/Synergies in Hotspot Areas	Regulatory Framework	Auction Bids
Argentina	Environmental protected areas, commercial activities (navigation, fishing) and recreational activities (boating, surfing)	Not yet	Not yet
Brazil	High importance biological area, O & G activities	IBAMA Reference Term (Environmental licensing), Decreto N° 10.946, de 25 de Janeiro de 2022 (Concession authorization)	Being planned
Chile	Fishing coves, indigenous communities, environmentally protected areas, marine mammals routes, aquaculture, marine traffic/island and remotes areas	Not yet	Not yet
Colombia	Protected areas, biosphere reserves, oil and gas concessions, artisanal fishing areas and shipping routes	Not yet	Not yet
Uruguay	Fishing, hydrocarbon exploration, shipping line and high importance biological areas	Not yet	Not yet



Review

## A Review of Offshore Renewable Energy in South America: Current Status and Future Perspectives

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# Policy of Education to Develop and Incorporate National Capacities

Investing in education is central to developing and incorporating national capacities. Through education, a nation can empower its citizens with the skills and knowledge needed to contribute to sustainable development. Curriculum enhancements that prioritize environmental awareness, innovation, and problem-solving can prepare the workforce for the challenges of the future

## Technical paper production



# ISOLATES or non-connected zones - NEEDS

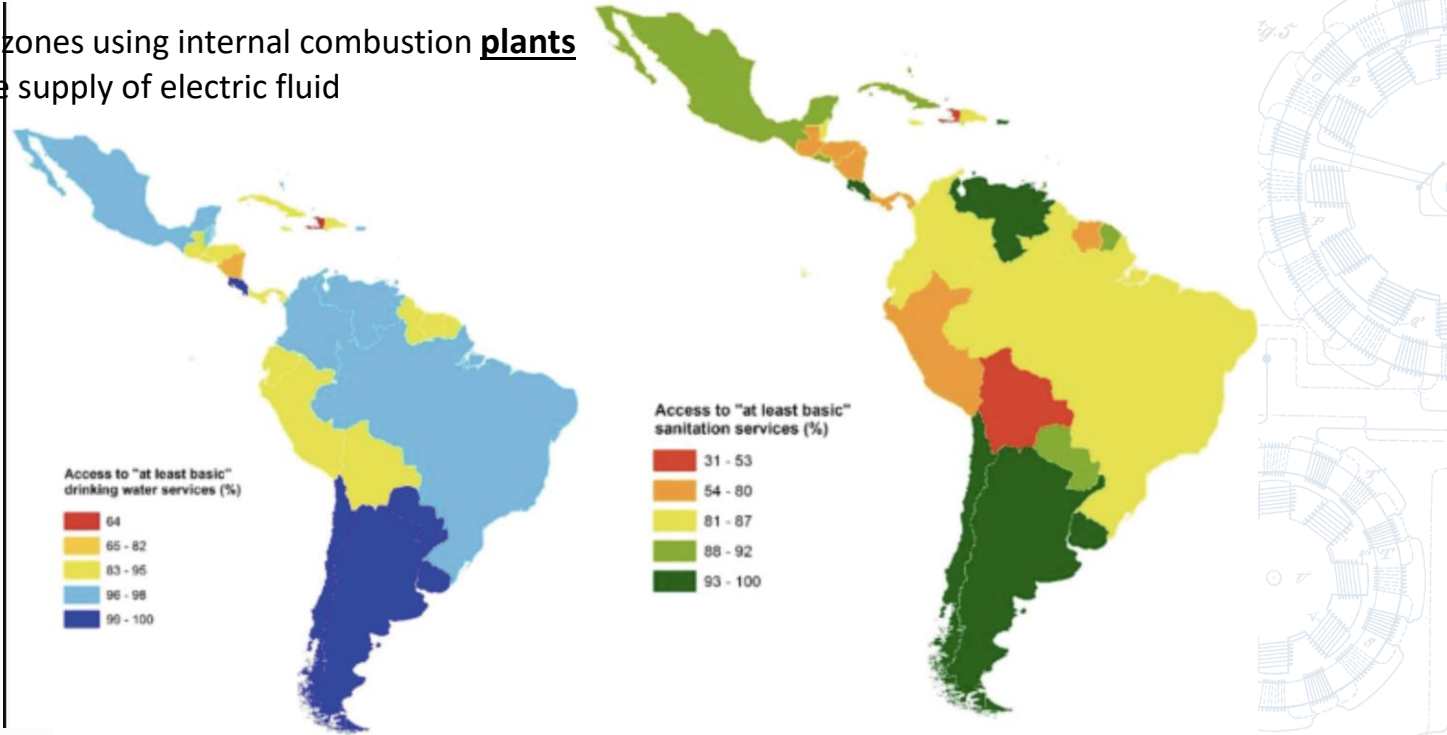
In many ISOLATES zones using internal combustion plants with diesel for the supply of electric fluid

Goal of guaranteeing safe, affordable and clean energy, contemplated in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The Objectives of Sustainable Development of Water and Sanitation in Latin America

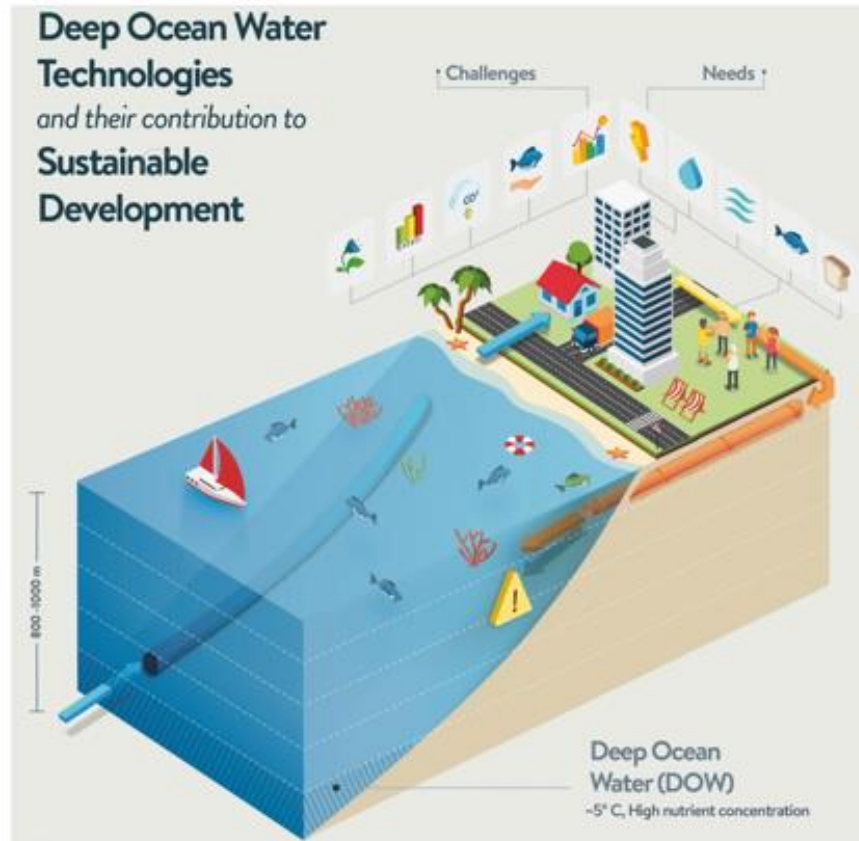
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Many of these homes without electricity are located in rural and ISOLATES areas where poverty affects the sustainable development – NOT ACCESS to DRINK WATER

# In Isolated Micro-Grids agree with local resources

New Business models –  
**Blue Economy**  
Ocean Technology Parks



Fuente: Jessica Arias-Gaviria (2019) Deep Ocean Water Technologies and their contribution to sustainable development in the Caribbean. Referencia: Laura Lucia Torres, [www.holalula.com](http://www.holalula.com)

-  Energy (IRENA, 2014b)
-  District Cooling (SWAC) (Makai., 2011)
-  Desalination (Kalogirou, 2005)
-  Greenhouse conditioning
-  Aquaculture. (Yoza et al., 2010)
-  Algae cultivation for biodiesel, cosmetic products, etc.
-  Nutrients based industries (pharmaceutic and cosmetic).

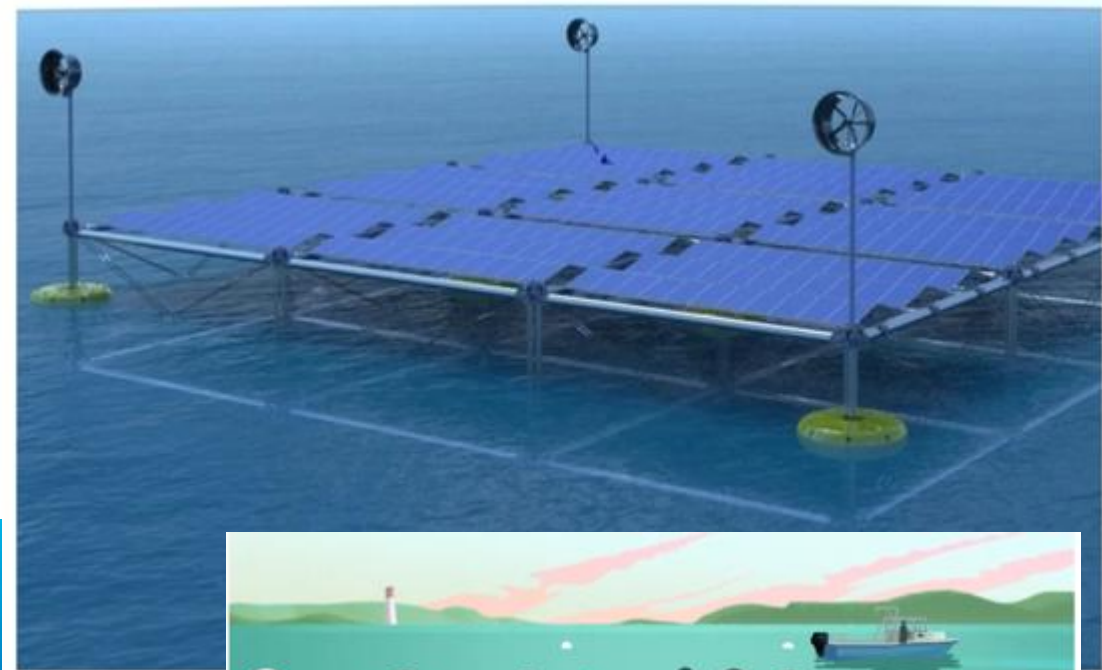
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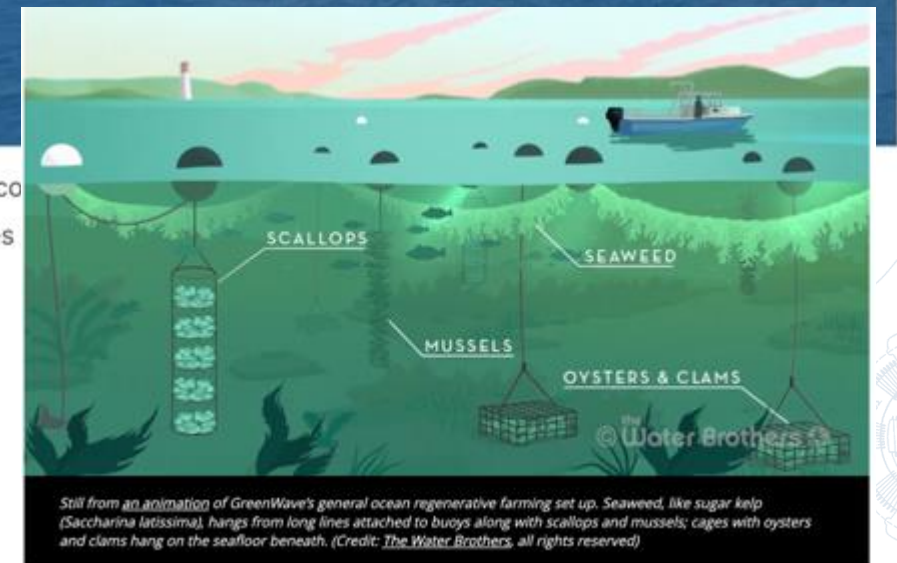
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# Energy for what? INTEGRATION with Desalination, Aquaculture, Hydrogen...

Policy of tax exemption and suppliers for companies and spin-off (reduce CAPEX and OPEX)



Sinn Power ha co...  
diversas fuentes



Still from an animation of GreenWave's general ocean regenerative farming set up. Seaweed, like sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*), hangs from long lines attached to buoys along with scallops and mussels; cages with oysters and clams hang on the seafloor beneath. (Credit: The Water Brothers, all rights reserved)

# Local Community Science Marine Ecosystem Monitoring

**MANGROVES**  
Punta Soldado (Btra)  
y Tribugá (Choco)



The **Cornell** Lab  
of Ornithology



CONSERVATION, FOOD &  
HEALTH FOUNDATION



**CORALS** – Providencia



## ¿What about the world and iberoamerican?

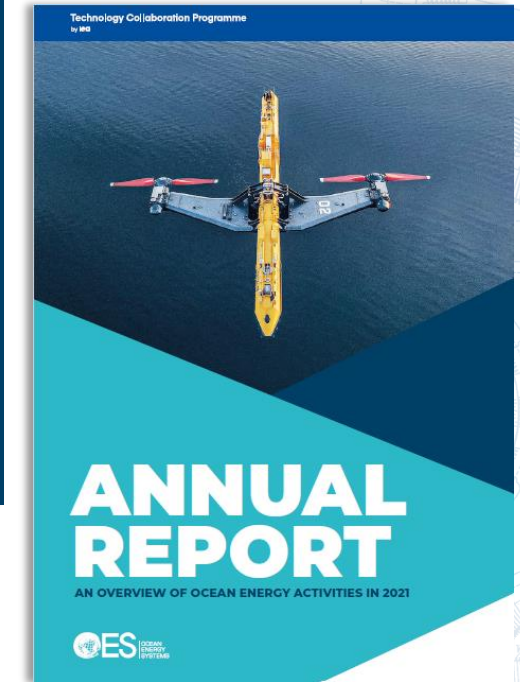
22 countries are actively participating in the IEA Ocean Energy Systems (OES) programme. Achievements:

Methodologies to estimate jobs generated by the sector.

Methodologies and cooperation to estimate environmental impact.

Standards for certifying technologies: IEC Technical Committee (TC) 114.

Larger scale projects.

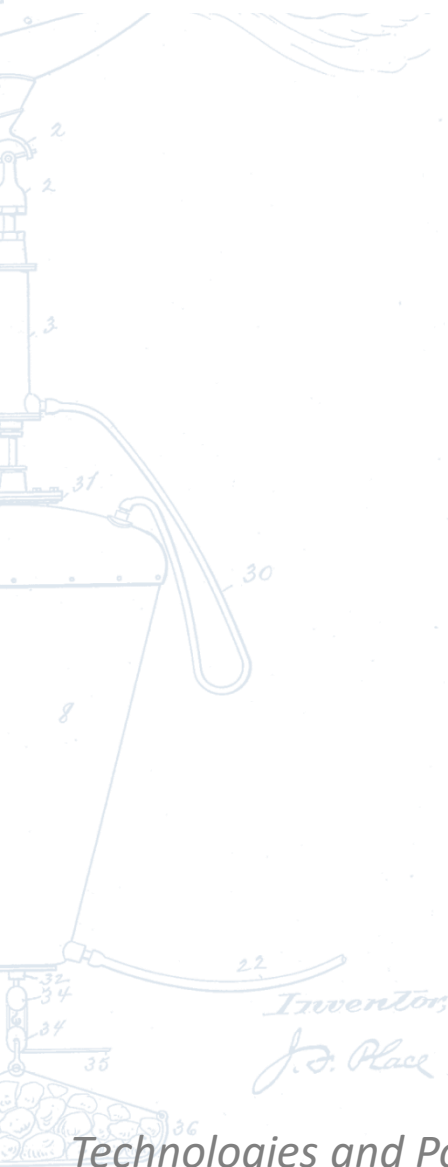


# Challenges for Marine Energy - REMAR

Country policy regulation and regional integration

- **Sectorial** Regulation vs **Environmental** regulation
- Policy of **education** to develop and incorporate national capacities .
- Integrate energy solutions with nature-based solutions –  
Carbon Sequestration - **Blue Economy**  
And actively involve **communities in solutions.**
- Policy of **tax exemption** for companies and spin-off
  - Policy of suppliers
- Policies and route map for **energy transition / Green hydrogen / ..**
- Develop real test cases **integrating other needs** (e.g. Desalination)
- Annual REPORTS

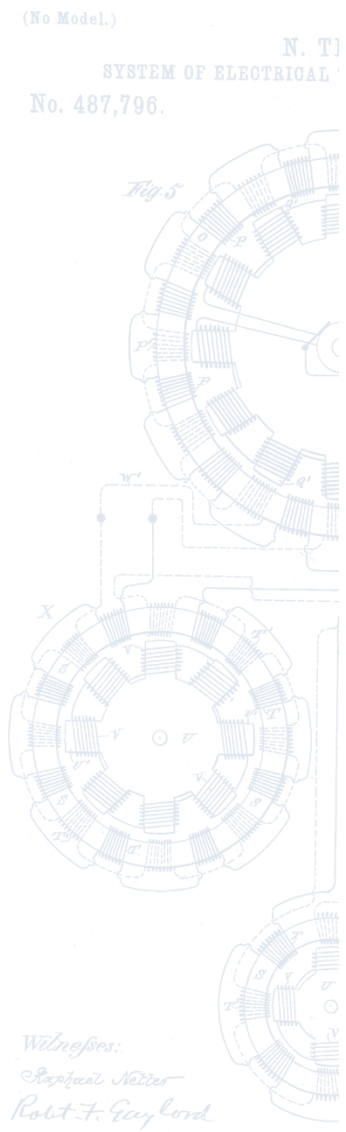




**COFFEE TIME**



**30 min**





## Topics for the debate at the round tables

1. What future trends and challenges in terms of technology of grid integration are coming in the near future related to the marine renewable energies?
2. What environmental challenges do you find related to the marine renewable energies?
3. What changes in government support would enhance the effectiveness of marine energy integration in our region?
4. How are the outcomes of research in marine energy being integrated into local and national policies related to energy transition?
5. Are there any challenges or opportunities identified in aligning energy transition with existing policies?

## Final ideas from the debate at the round table

- The technical issues related to the integration of renewables will be a problem (hopefully) in a near future. TRL, equipment with more specific characteristics, energy management, coupling with other sectors, ... will be key.
- No specific materials or technologies are ready for marine energies or are too expensive.
- In 40 years of marine energy development nobody paid attention to grid integration (at least in some countries).
- The reality of Ibero-American countries (also in other regions) is that renewables integration is not a reality yet.
- Why should government support marine renewable energy beyond other renewables?. Important to increase the energy matrix and some regions or countries have the main resource in offshore areas. Use the strength with other RE.
- Although some countries like Costa Rica have a 100% renewable energy matrix, climate change, transport, industry transformation and increase of population requires a further integration.
- Integration with desalination, aquaculture, hydrogen (Blue economy) in order to reduce CAPEX and OPEX.
- Local communities need to be integrated as part of the question.
- Standardized frame is essential for the marine energies integration. Standards as previous step for regulation.
- Essential participation in associations – OES and standardization groups (TC-114).
- Coupling with demand control in architecture, climatization, ...
- Hydrogen has some issues related to social acceptance (ammonia) due to safety. Electrolyzers directly connected to RE.
- Regulatory certainty – regulatory path is not still clear.
- Ocean energy not ready for commercialization. Policy strategy can motivate the investors and developers.

# Thank you for your attention

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