Marine Energy as a driver of the rural regional economy

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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The Highlands and Islands of Scotland

- A rural region on the North and West of Scotland, with a population of 450,000
- Larger than Belgium, more coast than France, with 90 inhabited islands, with a Scandinavian style of rurality
- 25% of Europe's tidal, wave and wind resource, 40 years of Oil and Gas reserves



Highlands and Islands Enterprise

- Scottish Government economic and community development agency
 - Business
 - Infrastructure
 - Policy
 - Internationalisation
 - Inward Investment
 - 250 staff and a budget of £75m+ pa
- Energy one of 6 key sectors
- Major focus on Energy particularly offshore Renewables and Oil and Gas



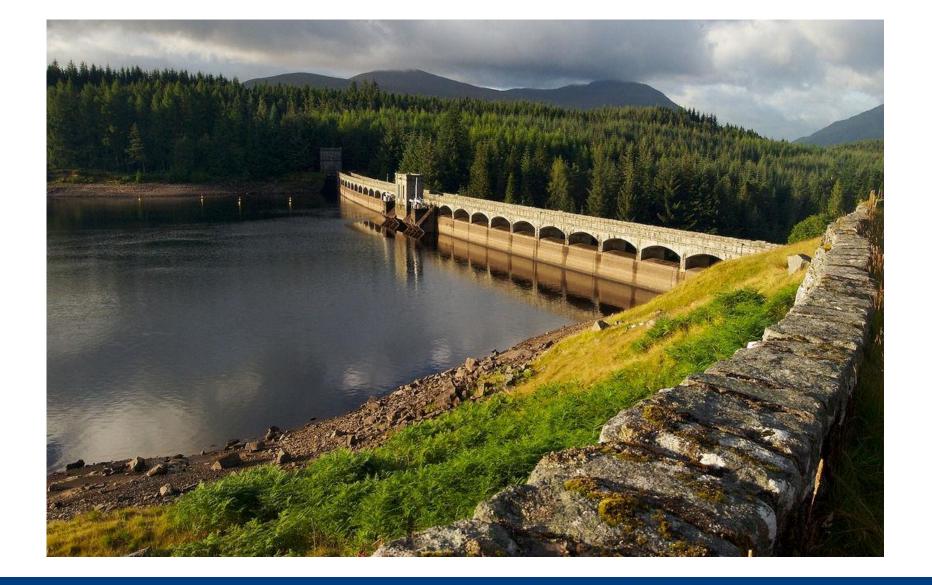
The Highlands and Islands as an Energy Region?

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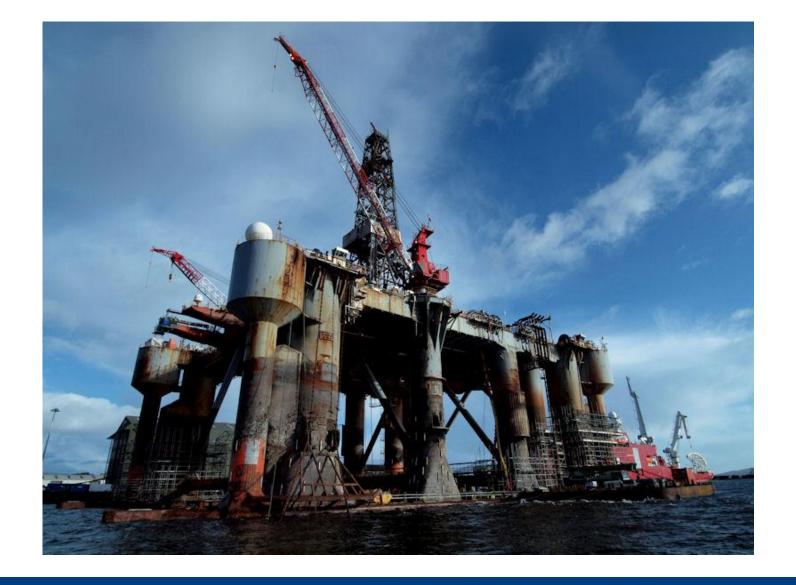
Or

Centre of Excellence?















Policy- Government Renewable Energy and Climate Change Targets

UK Targets —

- 30% power from Renewables by 2020 Currently at 10%
- 15% of Primary Energy from Renewables by 2020
- Kyoto target 80% emission reduction by 2050

Scottish Targets -

- 100% of electricity demand from Renewables by 2020
- 50% by 2015 Currently at 46.6% (2013)
- 30% of Primary Energy from Renewables by 2020
- Emission reduction target of 42% by 2020 80% by 2050



In the Energy Sector

Market Opportunity is defined by public policy, legislation and political will

But

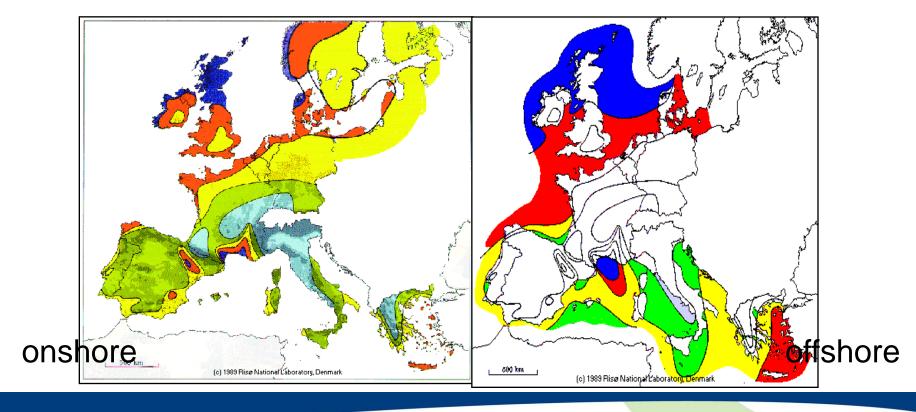
Energy resource is geographic



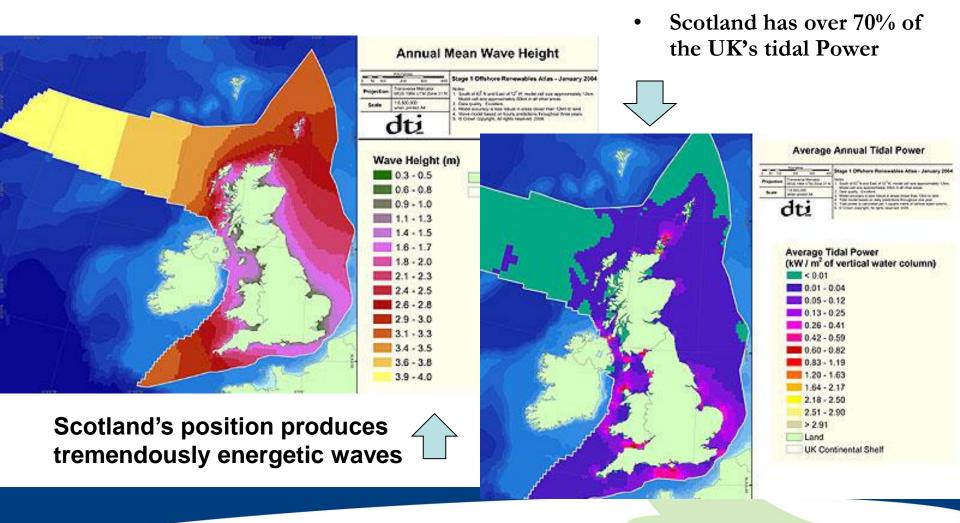


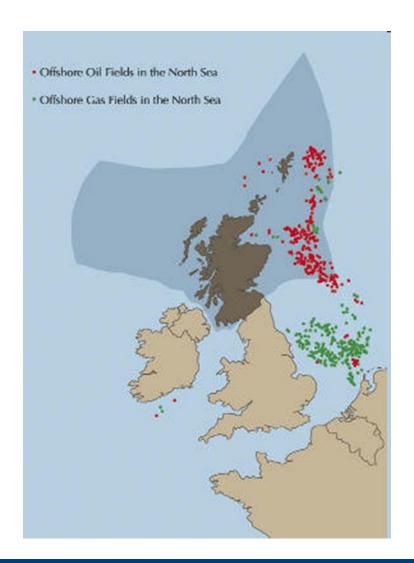
Scotland has 25% of European wind energy potential

Highest wind resource

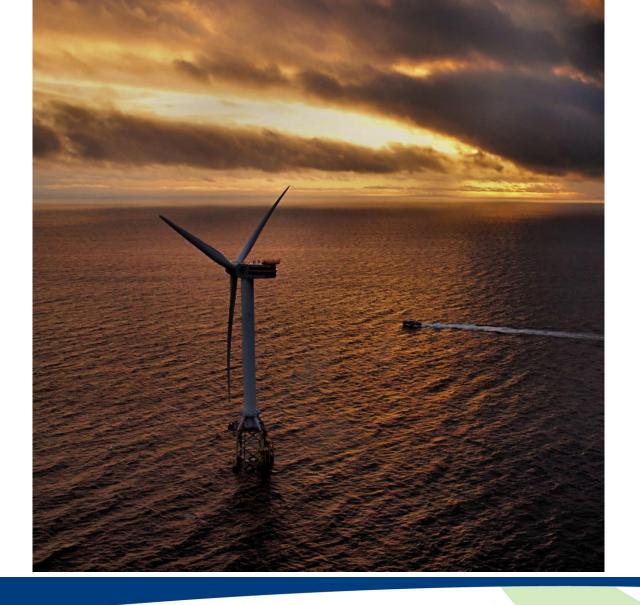


Scotland's Wave and Tidal Resource















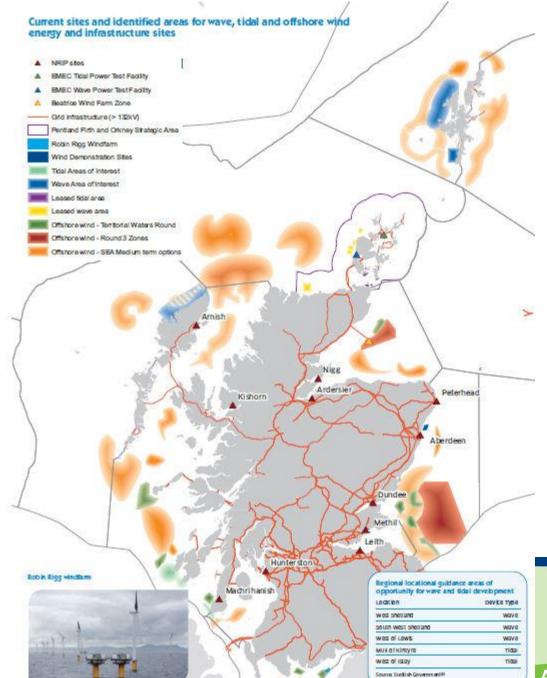


Clear opportunity to make the Highlands and Islands a global leader in a key emerging industry

And it turns the rural/urban economic development paradox on it's head....

The periphery becomes the centre.





Cluster development

- Consenting process
- Design and engineering
- Construction and manufacture
- Deployment and installation
- Operation and maintenance
- Decommissioning













Principles of success

- Public/private/Academic co-operation
 - FM's Energy Advisory Board
- Generous financial rewards
 - ROC's, FiT, CfD
- Cluster building through testing
 - EMEC

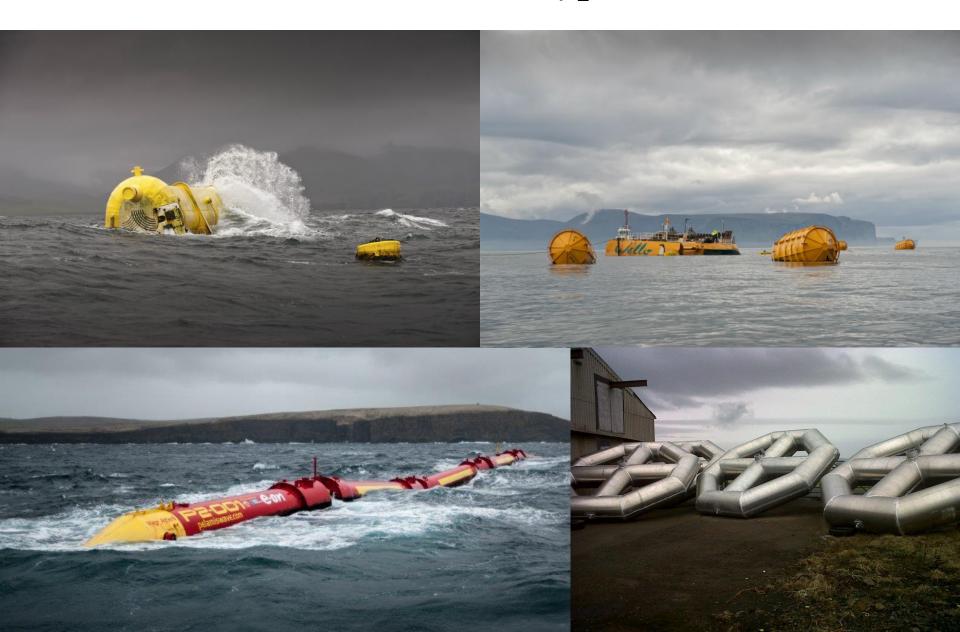


The Wave and tidal sector - 2014

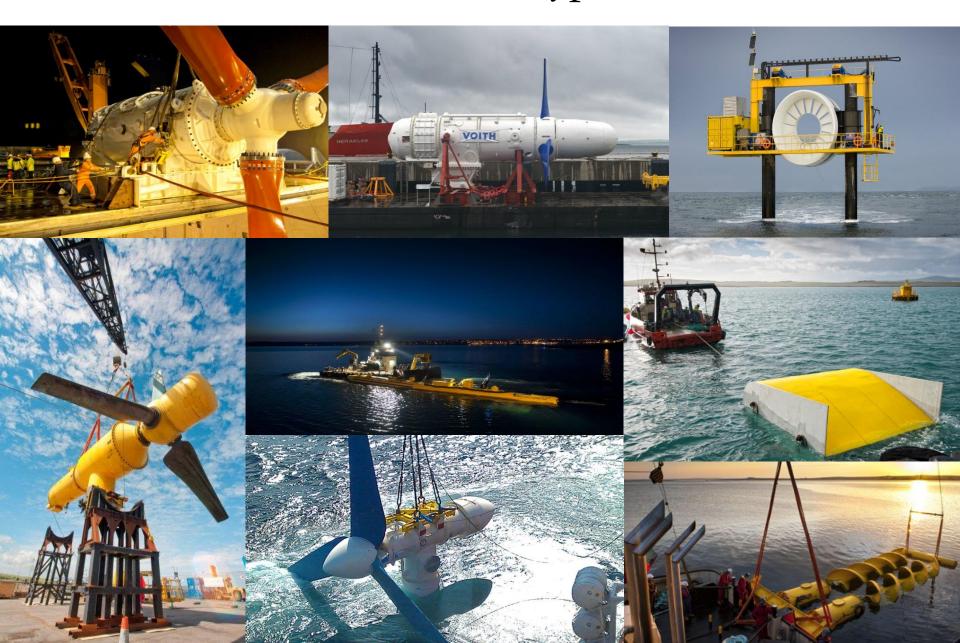
- 25 Years of conceptual research and development
- 20 Years of technology start ups
- 15 Years of wave and tidal prototyping
- 10 Years of testing and demo at EMEC
- 5 Years of project development and consenting
- Now with Commercial projects at financial closure
- Still major technological and financial challenges



Wave Prototypes



Tidal Prototypes





Orkney – the home of Marine Energy

- Island Group of 20,000 people
- Fishing, Farming, Tourism based
- Home of EMEC since 2003
 - Largest concentration of marine devices
- Two University Departments
- 300 people employed in the Sector







Questions

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