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Artificial Intelligence applied to Marine Renewables

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- I help companies in their path to digital excellence

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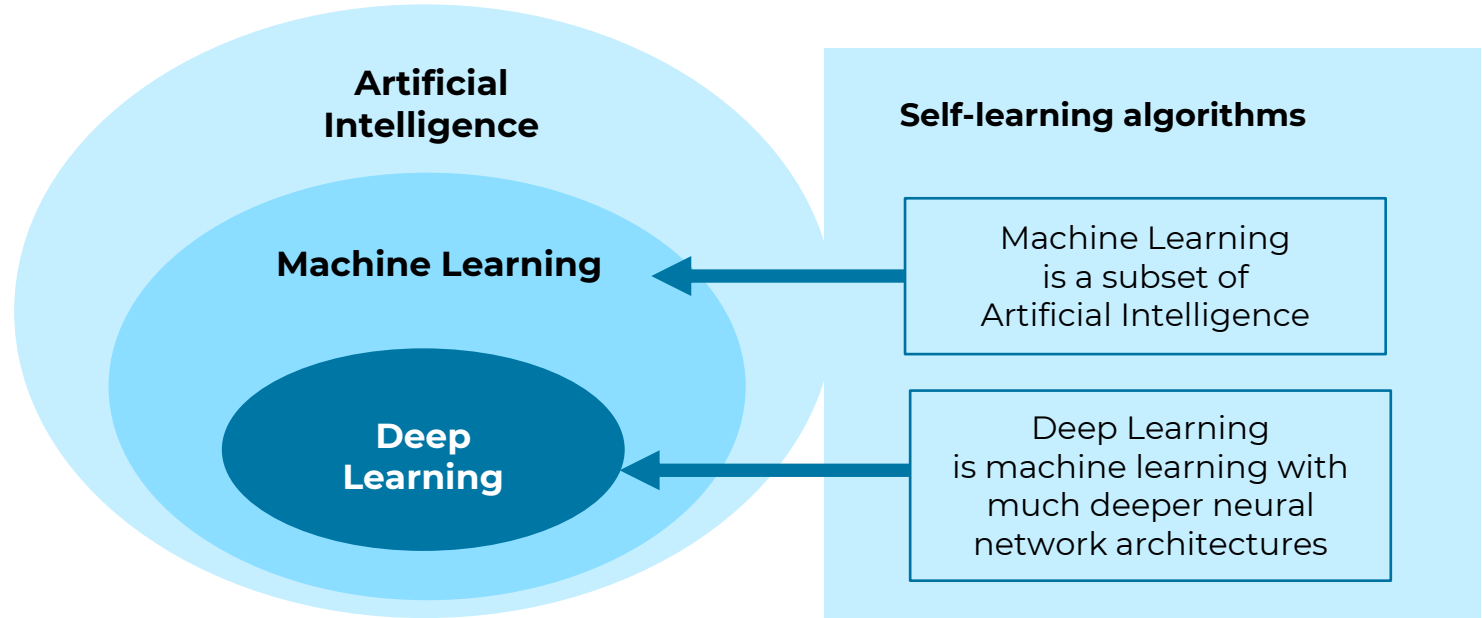
..... and I love swimming in the sea while watching the amazing underwater sea life in Menorca



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Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning



Is Deep Learning Artificial Intelligence?

Many recent accomplishments in Deep Learning

Google engineer says Lamda AI system may have its own feelings

By Chris Vallance
Technology reporter

15 hours ago



Meet DALL-E, the A.I. That Draws Anything at Your Command

New technology that blends language and images could serve graphic artists — and speed disinformation campaigns.

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The New York Times



Tech

‘The Game is Over’: Google’s DeepMind says it is on verge of achieving human-level AI

The INDEPENDENT

New Gato AI is ‘generalist agent’ that can carry out a huge range of complex tasks, from stacking blocks to writing poetry

Anthony Cuthbertson • Monday 23 May 2022 07:35 • Comments



InfoQ

Meta Open-Sources 175 Billion Parameter AI Language Model OPT

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Meta AI Research released [Open Pre-trained Transformer \(OPT-175B\)](#), a 175B parameter AI language model. The model was trained on a dataset containing 180B tokens and exhibits performance comparable with GPT-3 while only requiring 1/7th GPT-3’s

EDUCATIONAL CON

Stochastic Parrots?
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At what cost?
[99]

2. Language model
Rush GPT-I, BERT,
Lamda, OPT [2,3]

1. Transformers
showed the way to
large language
models [1]

3. Text to image
systems (DALL-E)
[4]

To what extent
understands? [97]

4. Multipurpose
Systems (GATO) [5]

Are we closer to
AGI [96]

A perfect storm – Seeking AGI

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Let's leave the AGI fight for now. DL works.....

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI for protein folding

DeepMind has opened new paths for drug discovery and design by solving a 50-year-old problem in biology.

By Will Douglas Heaven

February 23, 2022

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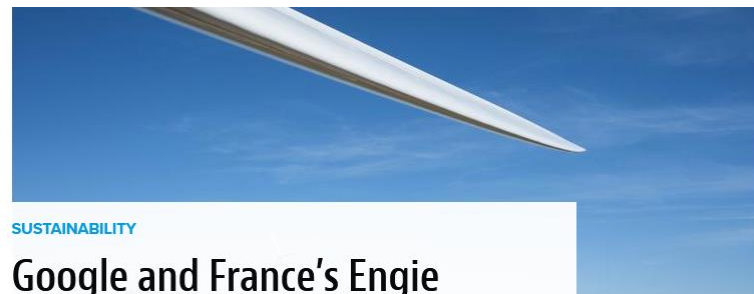
San Francisco Chronicle

Cruise gets state permit to offer paid driverless taxi rides in San Francisco



Andres Picon

June 2, 2022 | Updated: June 3, 2022 6:37 p.m.



SUSTAINABILITY

Google and France's Engie Team Up to Accelerate Wind Power

Google is selling the service through its cloud division, which is trying to lure clients with tools for managing energy usage and reducing emissions. Early tests on Google's data centers improved the value of wind energy by 20 percent.

Bloomberg News | Jun 02, 2022

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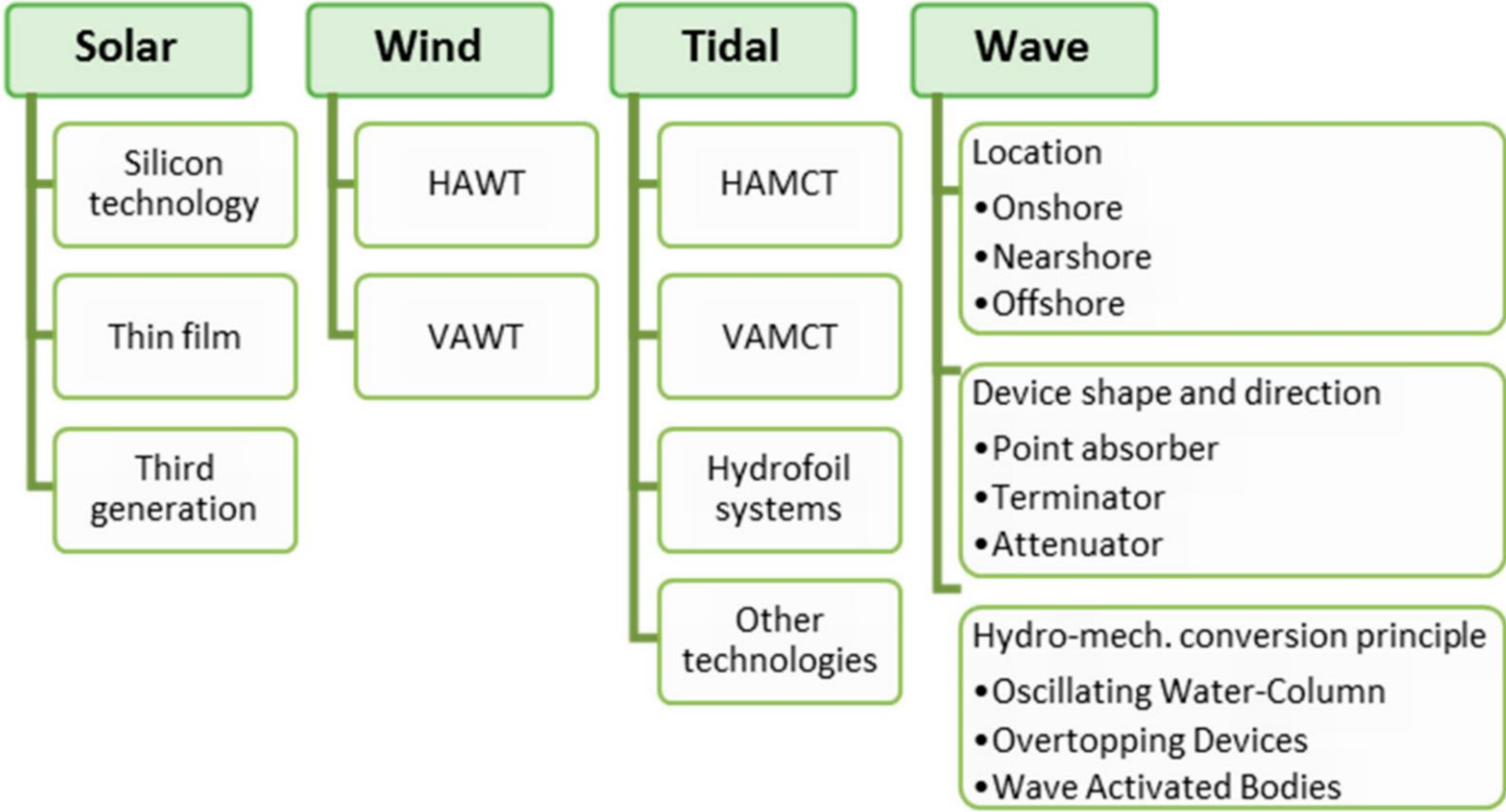
What makes Marine Renewables different?



- **Fluid, Fluid-air, Fluid-Fluid interactions**
- **Harsh environment**
- **Project and pilot costs**

- **68% of the earth's surface**
- **Enormous potential**

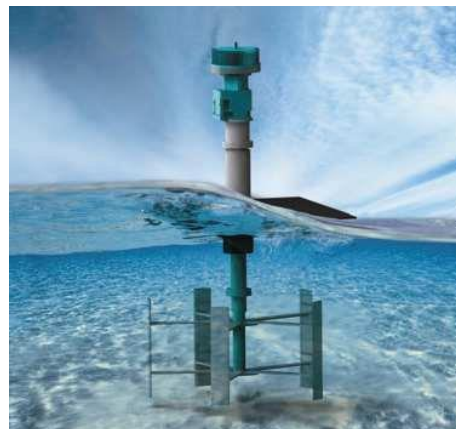
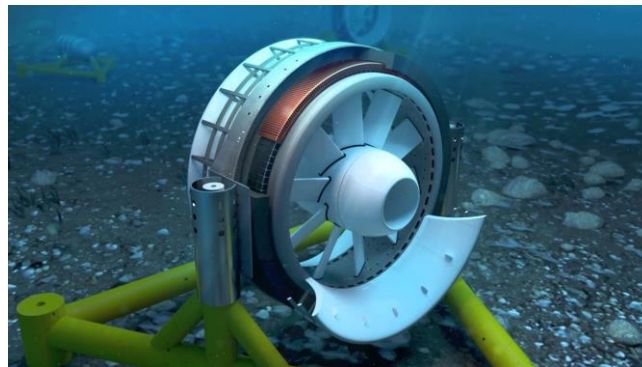
A Taxonomy of marine renewables



HAWT: Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine
VAWT: Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

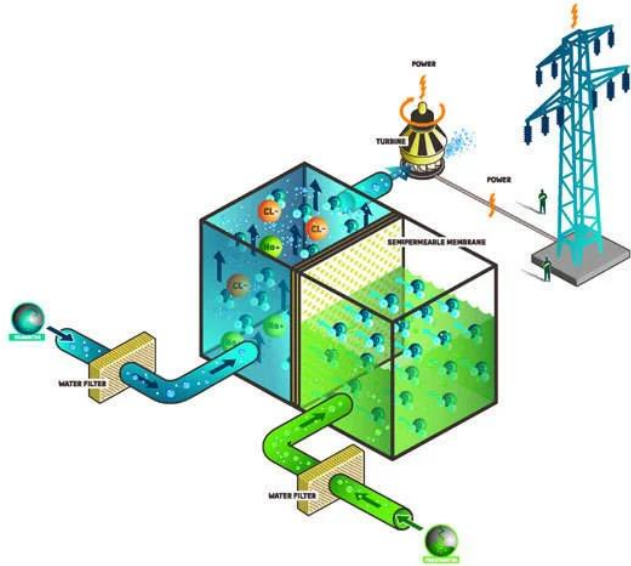


HAMCT: Horizontal Axis Marine Current Turbine
VAMCT: Vertical Axis Marine Current Turbine

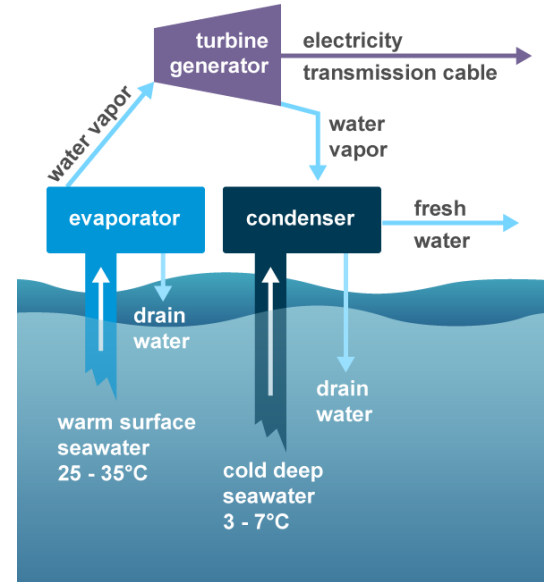


And some exploratory sources ahead

Osmotic Power



Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion



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Herrera, J.; Sierra, S.; Ibeas, A. Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion and Other Uses of Deep Sea Water: A Review. *J. Mar. Sci. Eng.* **2021**, 9, 356. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jmse9040356>

How it is a Renewables project life-cycle?



Where can we apply AI in Marine Renewables?

Everywhere

Areas where Deep Learning and Machine Learning can work

Perception

By applying ML to complex or remote images
Like satellite image interpretation, LIDAR, SONAR or remote sensing data

Prediction

By future values from the past. Using supervised approaches to weather, sea level, current, tidal prediction

Optimization

By using DL algorithms to optimize engineering, design challenges that allow developing better and more efficient generation approaches

Autonomy

By using reinforcement learning algorithms, to build algorithms that control autonomous machines that work in harsh environments or control complex operations

Use cases galore

- To apply deep learning approaches in an industry we must identify and test as many approaches as possible
- The introduction of Deep Learning in Marine Renewables is at its early stages, but it will be accelerated by transposing use cases from other 'sister' industries
- The specific conditions of Marine Renewables open the door to new and unexpected applications in many areas

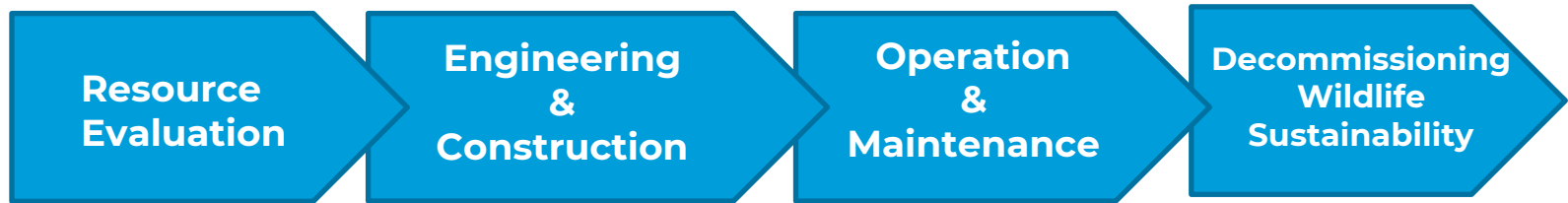
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Let's describe some interesting use cases

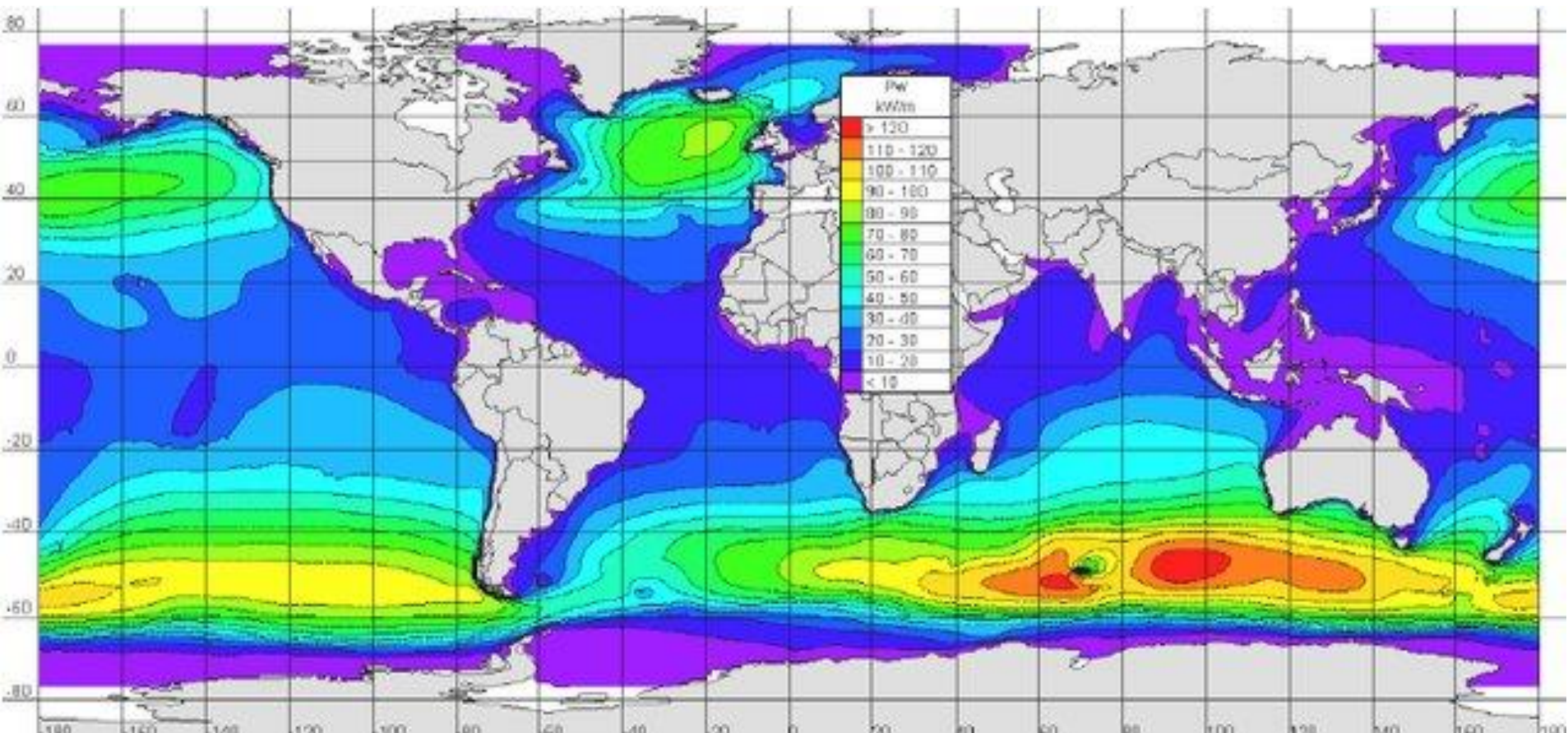


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| ○ Wind Resource prediction | ○ Wake effects | ○ Wind Resource prediction | ○ Protecting ecosystems |
| ○ Tidal modelling | ○ Tidal management | ○ Tidal prediction | ○ Modelling decommissioning |
| ○ Wave modelling | ○ Wave modelling | ○ Wave/Wind prediction | ○ Measuring impact on Nature |
| ○ Climate Change Modelling | ○ Climate Change Modelling | ○ Weather prediction | |
| ○ Demand/Market prediction | | ○ Short term Demand/Market | |

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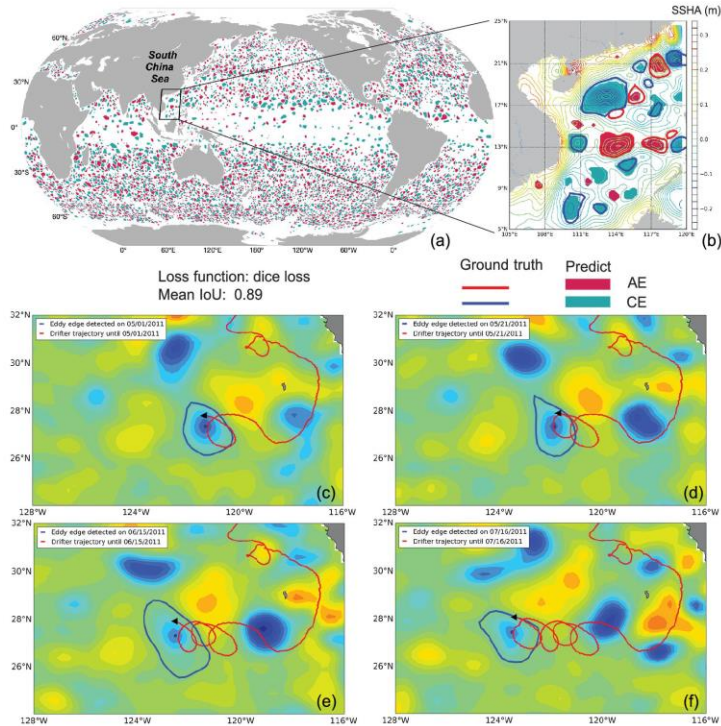
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Sea Resource Evaluation



Analysis of Ocean Energy resources

Using Satellite images

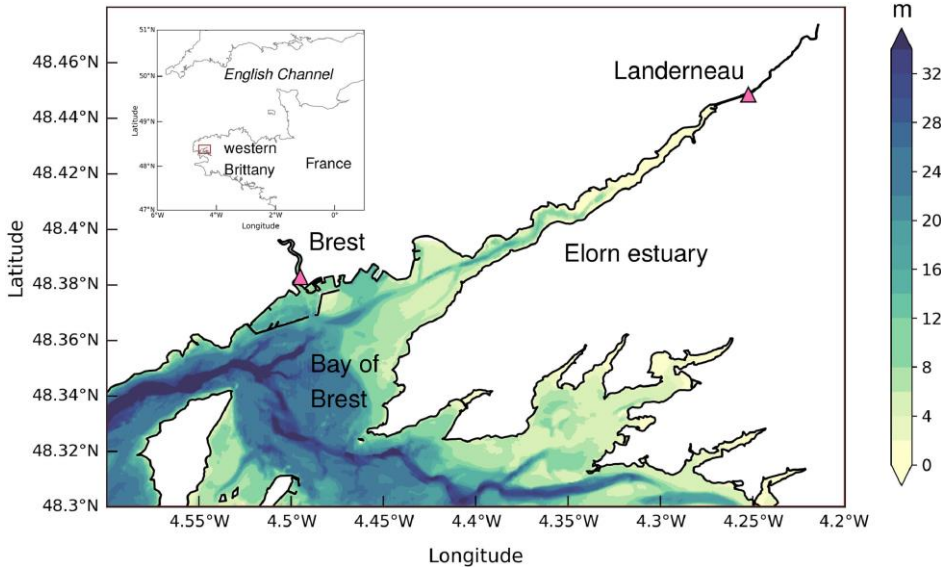


- Ocean has many remote areas that are difficult to map and study
- Waves and tidal currents require complex fluid modelling
- With the widespread availability of satellite images, we can use self-learning algorithms to identify patterns
- In this example deep learning is used to identify circular sea water currents (eddies)

(a) Mesoscale eddies detected by the AI-based method in the global ocean on 1 January 2019. (b) Mesoscale ...

Analysis of Ocean Energy resources

Predicting sea level in tidal estuary



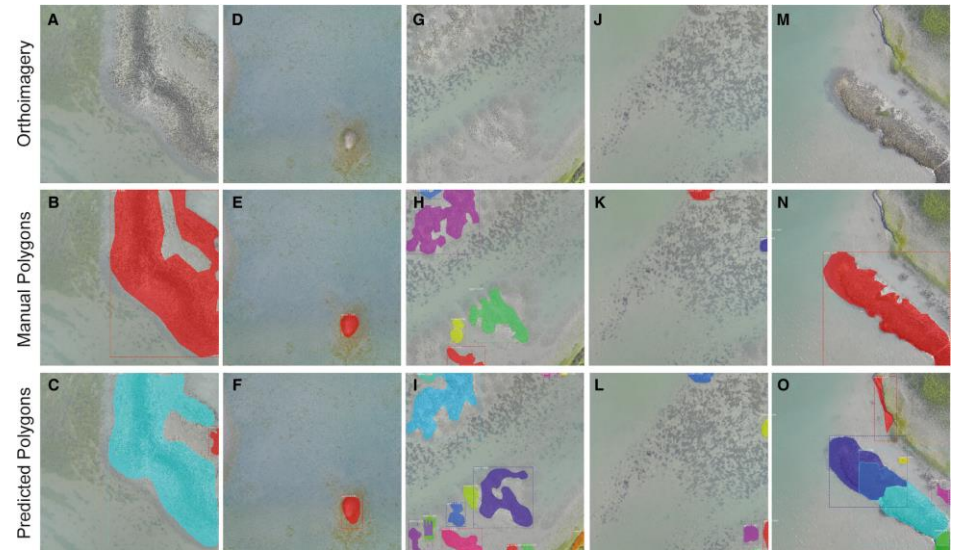
- Instead of using numerical simulations (high computational cost) they use ML models to predict sea levels in the Elorn estuary (Britanny France)
- The ML models used 4 variables: French Tidal coefficient, atmospheric pressure, wind velocity and river discharge.
- This simple model improved prediction of inundation events.

Ocean Energy resource preservation

Processing aerial images with DL



- Coastal ecosystems are difficult to monitor due to lack of data in complex spatial habitat patterns
- Aerial images are processed with OysterNet a Deep Learning architecture based on Convolutional Networks.
- OysterNet enables assessments of oysters heights and densities, and in the future more coastal habitat types.



Engineering and Construction

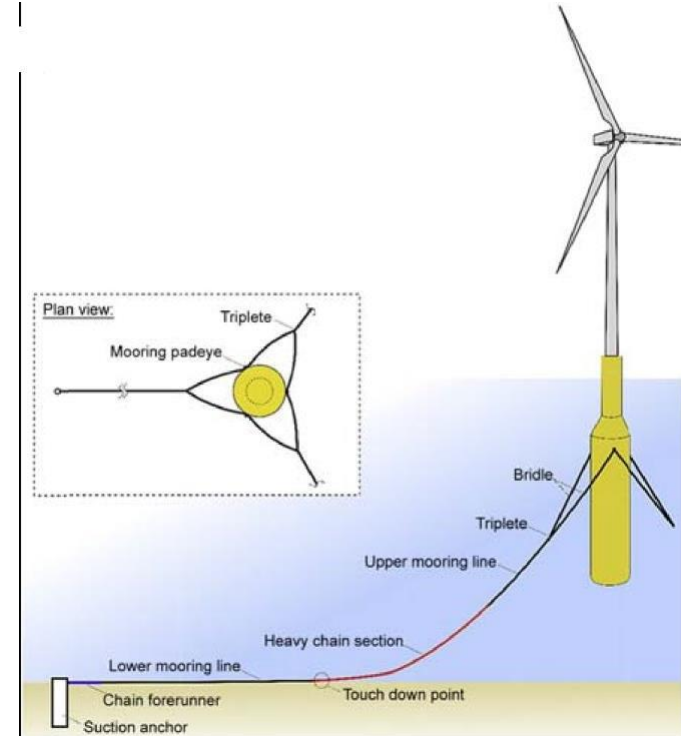


Engineering the generation sites

Modelling Viscous Hydrodynamics

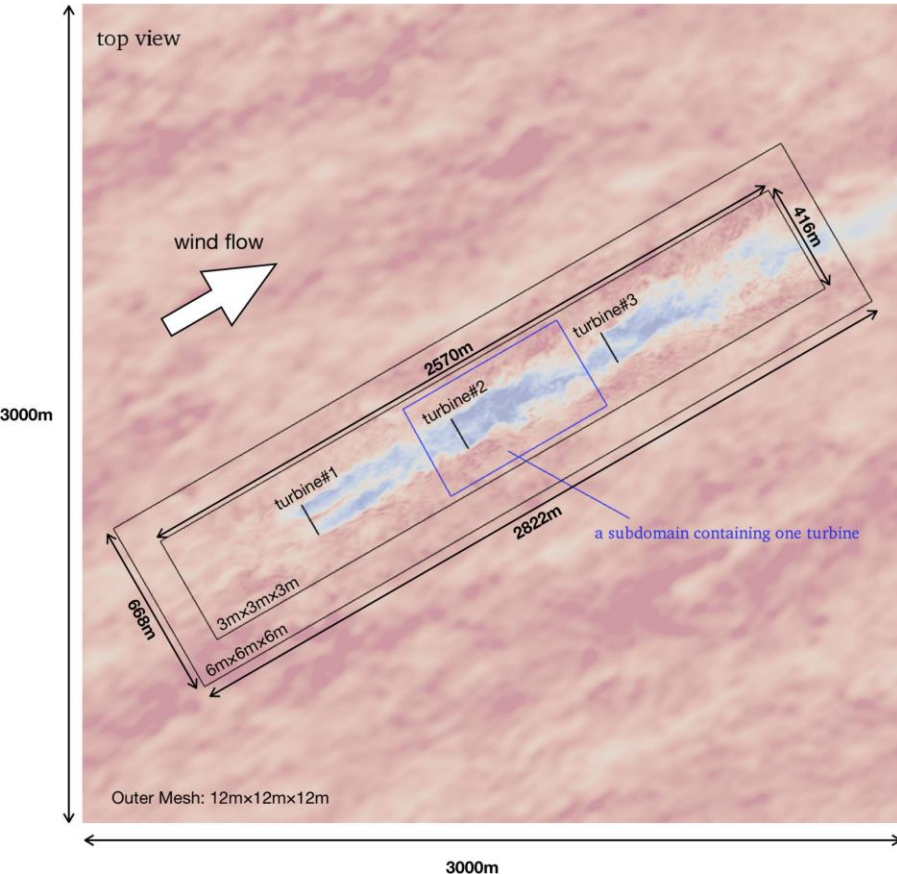


- Ocean engineering is challenging due to the stochastic nature of ocean waves, viscous effects of the flow, non-linear resonance, etc.
- This work uses Machine Learning to model nonlinear viscous hydrodynamic loads floating offshore wind turbines (and some others)
- ML and DL models show their capabilities for modelling complex engineering problems



Wake effect in offshore wind

Modelling wake in offshore parks



- Wake effects are important to design wind parks
- Traditional numerical models require tens of thousands of CPU hours on a high-performance computing cluster
- The model predicts the wake interactions in 9 turbines in seconds in a Desktop computer
- This method is proposed for dynamic wind farm modelling and is based on recurring LSTM networks

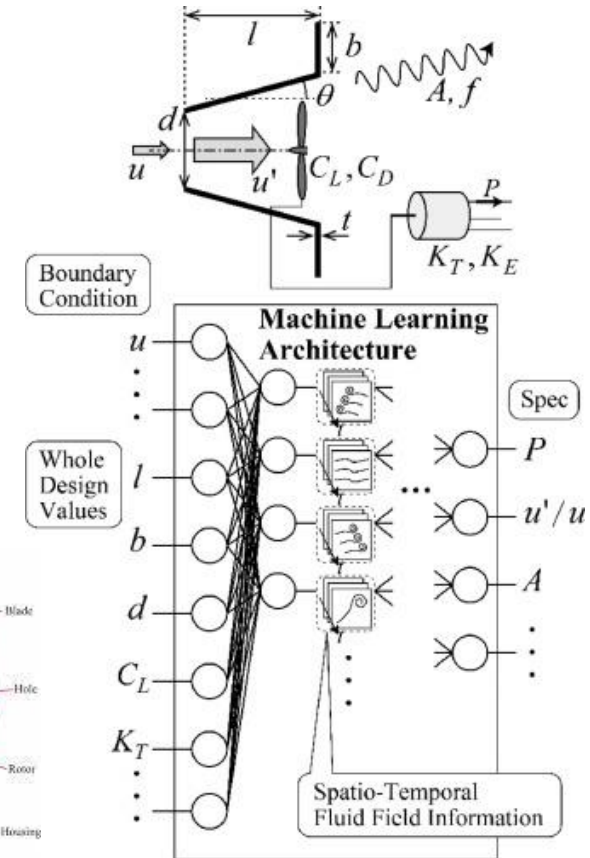
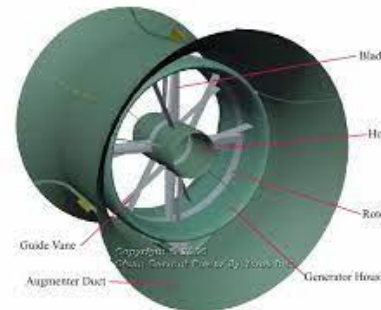
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Designing Tidal generators with DL

Forecasting design values of a tidal generator



- This design has been made for Tsugaru strait in Japan
- To design the optimal geometry of the diffusers of the generators a deep learning model is defined
- The deep neural network forecasts design values from a given fluid field with satisfactory results and optimal use of resources

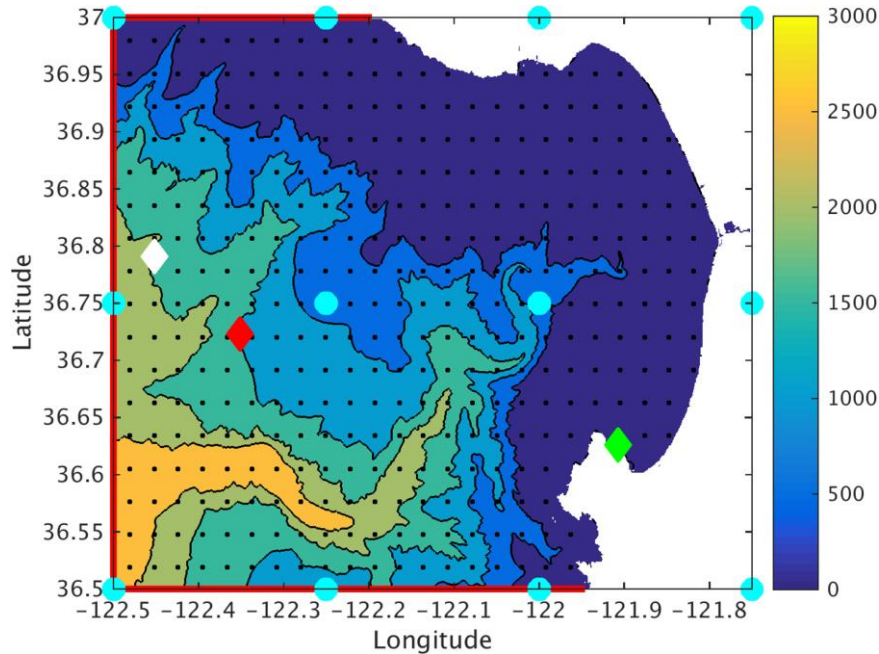


Operation and Maintenance



Forecasting waves

Deep Learning models acting as surrogates of SWAN model



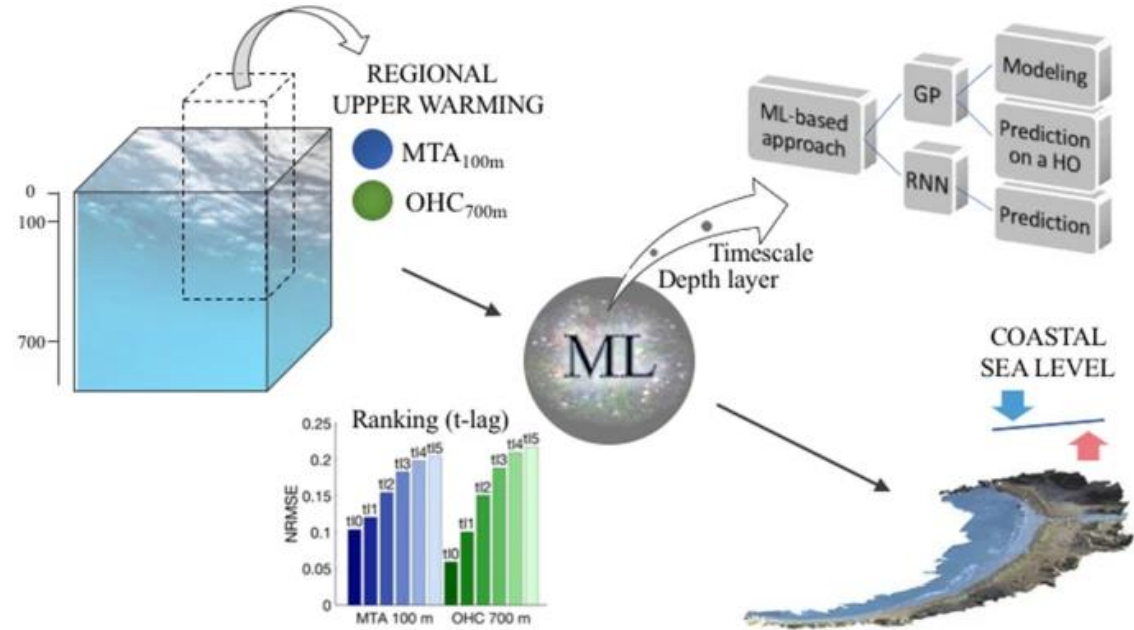
- Tested in Monterey Bay
- Prediction of wave heights and wave conditions
- The Model identified wave heights with an error of 9cm and over 90% of the characteristic periods
- It shows the possibilities of ML models to model complex physical models and obtain accurate predictions

Climate Change

Predicting sea level changes



- Ocean basins are changing due to climate change
- By using a machine learning approach on sea temperature variations, we obtain estimates that anticipate changes in a 1-3 years timescale
- Modelling sea level with ML becomes a key forecasting tool



Tidal and Sea Level prediction

Predicting sea level changes

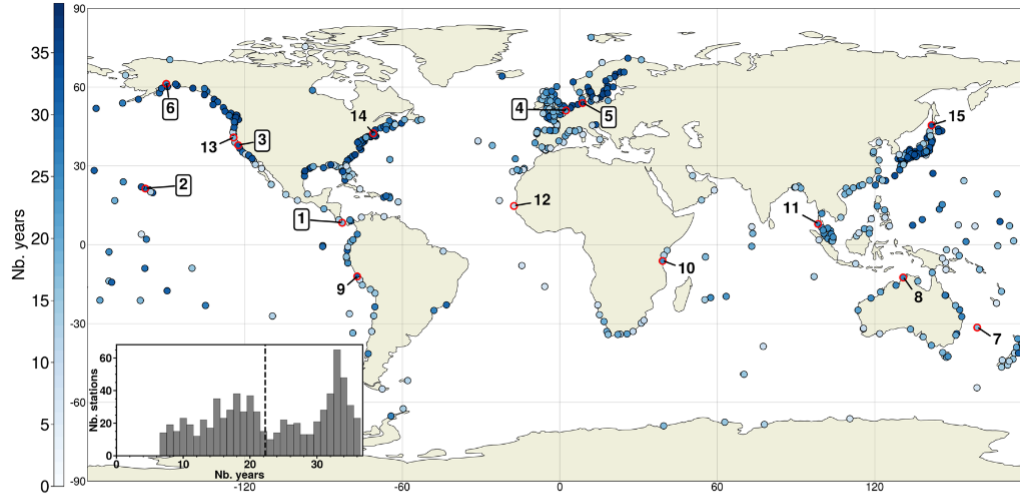


Figure 1. Tide stations considered in this study. Inset figure presents the histogram of the length of the data records with the median value shown by a dashed line. The set of 15 stations selected for further analysis is circled in red: 1-Puerto Armuelles (Panama), 2-Honolulu (Hawaii), 3-San Francisco (USA), 4-Dunkerque (France), 5-Cuxhaven (Germany), 6-Anchorage (USA), 7- Lord Howe (Australia), 8- Darwin (Australia), 9-Callao (Peru), 10-Zanzibar (Tanzania), 11- Ko Taphao (Thailand), 12- Dakar (Senegal), 13- Humboldt Bay (USA), 14- Boston (USA), 15- Wakkanai (Japan). Results for the boxed numbers (1–6) are shown in the main study and the rest (7–15) in supplementary.

- 4 DL methods to predict surge of local sea-level based on local atmospheric conditions.
- The models are based on ANN, CNN and RNN(LSTM) approaches.
- LSTM shows better results
- The results are promising in mid-latitudes

Decommissioning , Wildlife and Sustainability



Fish identification for tidal-energy projects

Listening underwater to understand fish stocks



- Understanding fish patterns is critical in ocean energy projects
- There is a strong resistance from fishermen to any development that may impact their fisheries
- Understanding the impact of new infrastructures in actual fish stocks is key

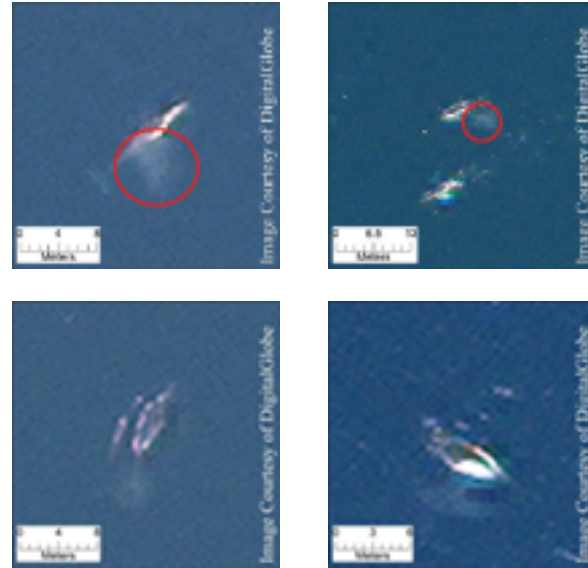
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Where are the whales?

Identifying whales from satellite images using Machine Learning

- Using Satellite imagery, we can access remote areas not accessible using traditional methods
- In this research the author found 4 different types of whales
- Classification based on Machine Learning approaches
- There is a public dataset available from this work that can be used for further research



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Where can DL be applied?

Perception

- Satellite
- LIDAR / SONAR
- Remote sensing
- Images/Videos

Prediction

- Resource prediction
- Current modelling
- Climate Change impacts
- Market prediction
- Production prediction
- Meteo prediction
- Predictive maintenance
- Fish / mammal stocks

Optimization & Simulation

- Modelling engineering
- Modelling park layout
- Fluid dynamics
- Corrosion wear & Tear

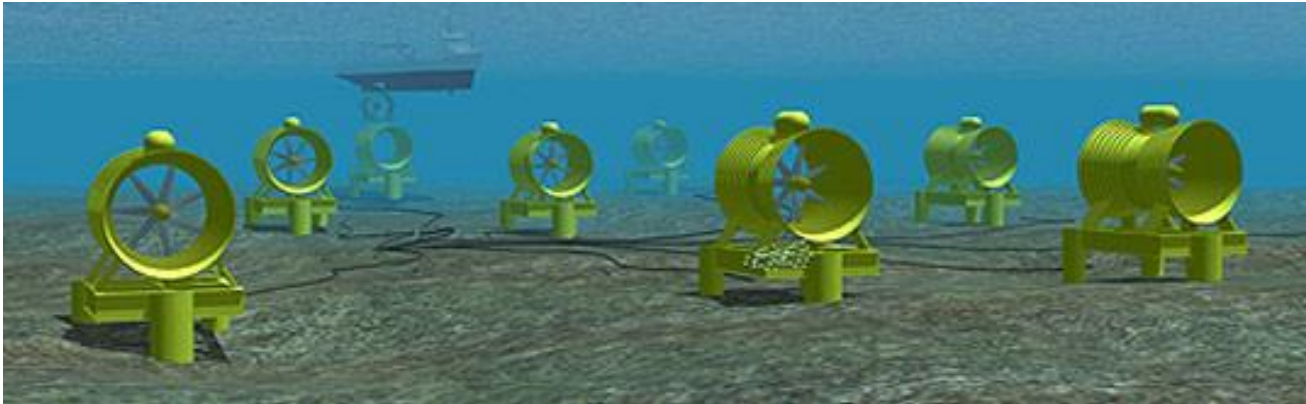
Autonomy

- Robotics
- Self-adapting generation
- Autonomous control

Conclusions

A look into the future

- Research shows many nascent applications of deep learning in this field
- The research shown in this conference is recent and with high potential.
- There are use cases everywhere. The limit is our imagination



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