





'FULL-SCALE REWEC3 PLANT: FROM THE FIRST PROTOTYPE TO THE INSTALLATION IN THE PORT OF SALERNO'

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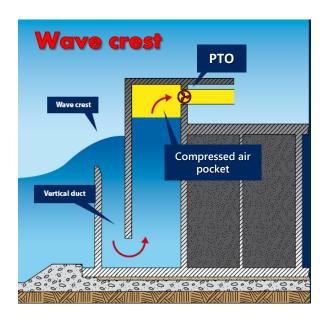
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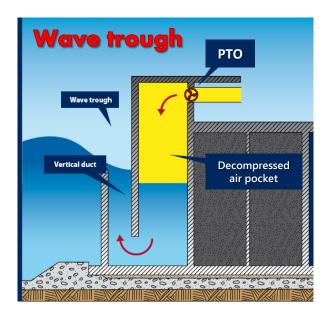
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The REWEC3 technology: brief overview





- Pneumatic chamber containing a water column in its lower part and an air pocket in its upper part, connected to the atmosphere via a small duct hosting a PTO
- Small vertical U-shaped duct for connecting the water column to the open sea
- Achievement of the natural resonance without the use of any phase control devices required in the conventional OWC enhancing wave energy absorption

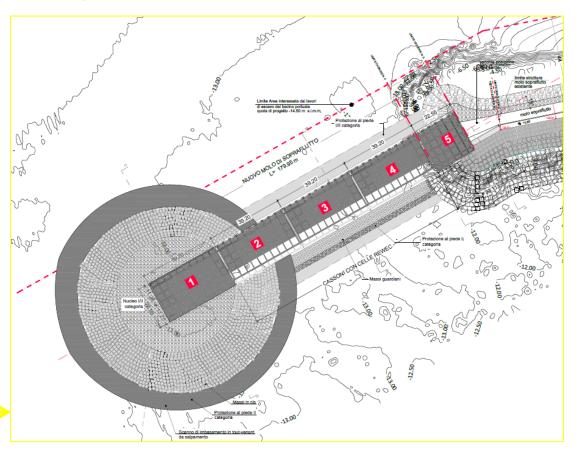




The REWEC3 plant in the Port of Salerno

- Enlargement of the breakwater (200m)
- 3 REWEC3 caissons
- 10 active chamber per caisson

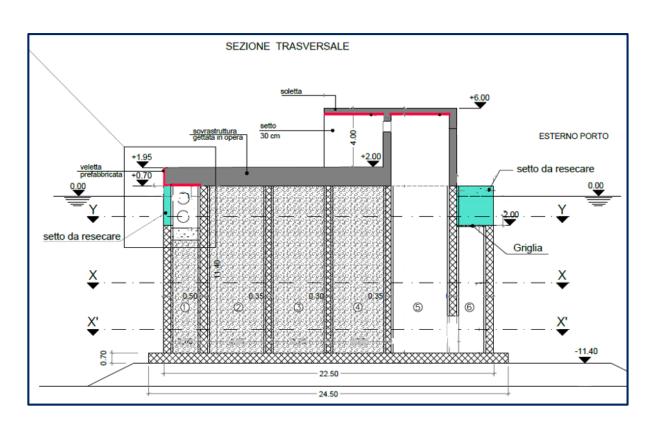


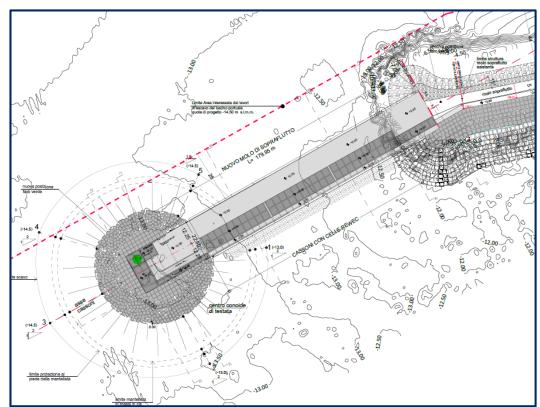






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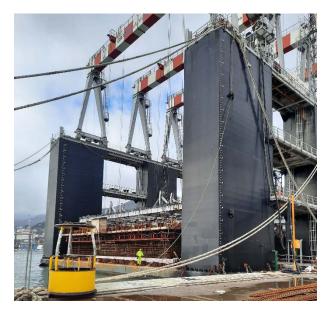




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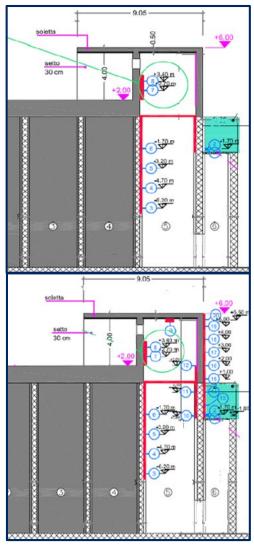








The monitoring system



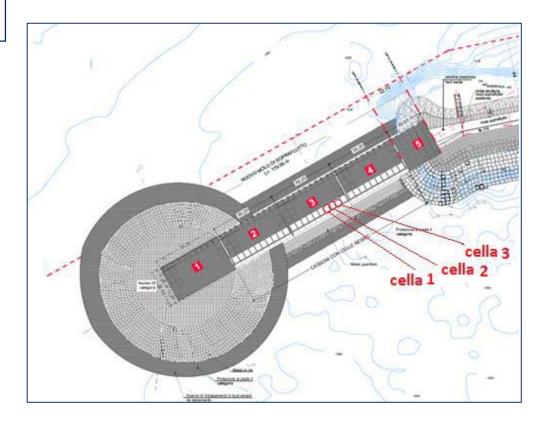
Chambers n.1 - n.3

8 pressure transducers

Chamber n.2

19 pressure transducers

1 ultrasonic probe







The monitoring system











Current status

- REWEC3 caissons construction completed
- Installation of sensors for the monitoring activity
- Realization of the technical room for the acquisition system and other equipment
- Cables connection



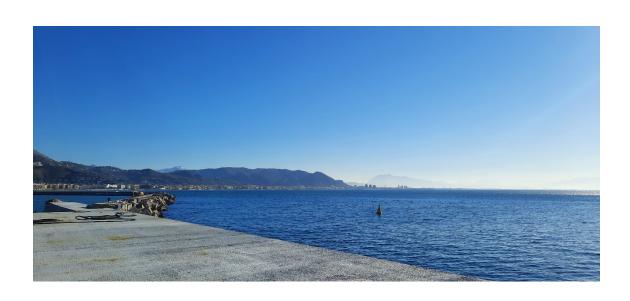






Future steps

- Monitoring activity
- Installation of an optimized PTO











The Blue Growth farm project

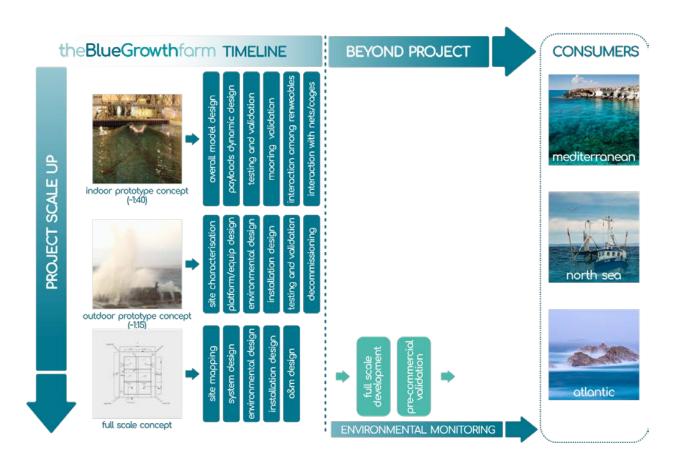
- Horizon2020 Grant n. 774426
- Development and demonstration of an automated, modular and environmentally friendly multi-functional platform for open sea farm installations of the Blue Growth Industry



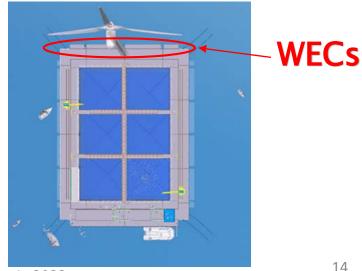




The Blue Growth farm project



The platform will use the electricity generated from a wind turbine and a number of wave energy converters, to farm fish in a protected pool at its centre. The ambition is that any extra electricity produced by the renewable technologies can supply the local grid and provide a sea-based charging service for electrical or hybrid vessels.







The Blue Growth farm project

- Experimental activity at NOEL lab in Reggio Calabria (march-september 2021)
- 1:15 scaled model













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