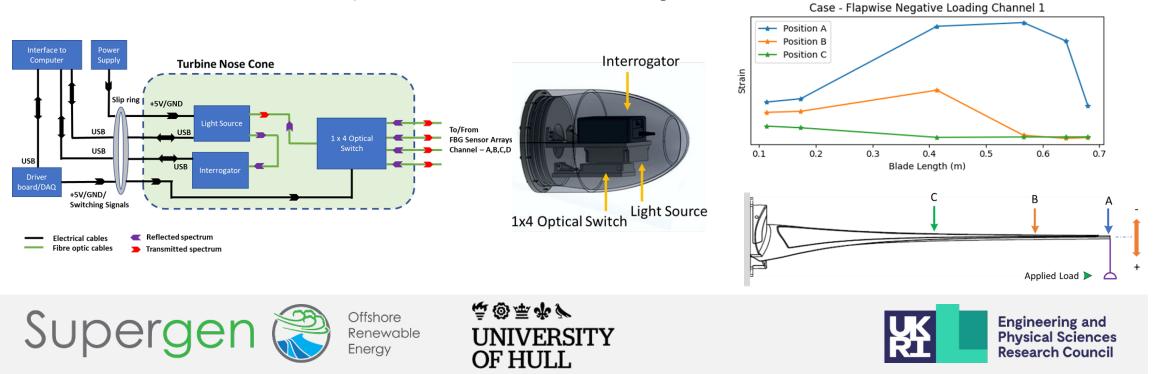
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Smart Distributed Sensors for ORE applications

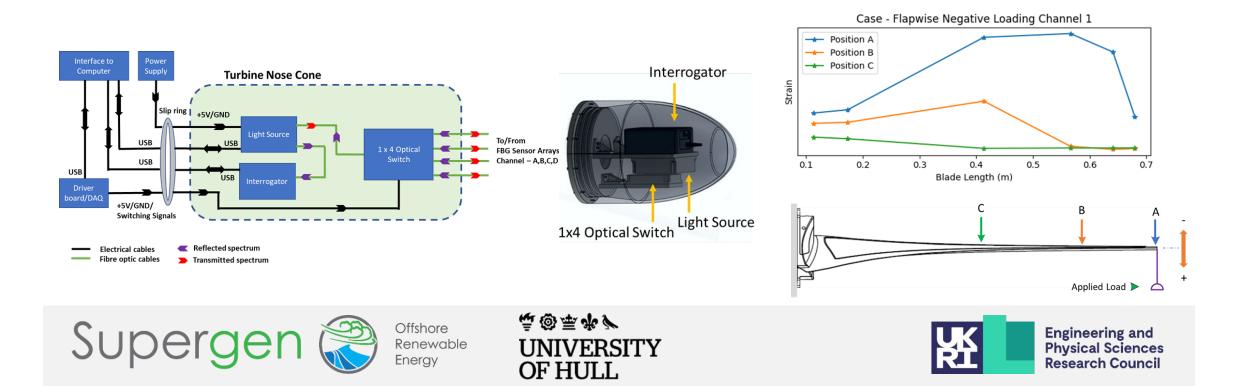
- Design of low cost, robust, multi-point sensor systems for large, complex structures subject to distributed loads
- Fibre optic strain measurement for Tidal Turbine Benchmark
 - 24 strain measurements at 6 stations along blade with interrogator built into nose cone
 - Signal processing to extract maximum information using low cost spectrometers
 - High sped interrogation to give measurements at 3° angular resolution
 - Fibre mesh networks to provide robustness to damage



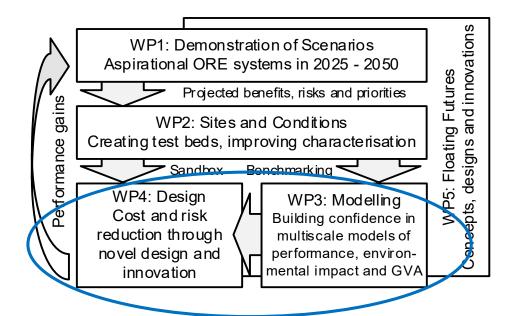
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Future work

- Applying the techniques developed to other ORE applications
- Damage and defect detection in large composite structures
- Strain and curvature monitoring in dynamic cables for floating ORE systems
- Monitoring resin infusion during wind turbine blade manufacture to improve quality and speed introduction of new designs and materials



Linkages within Core Research Programme



Tidal Turbine Benchmark





Offshore

Energy

Renewable



Links to Research Themes

- B. Fluid-Structure-Seabed Interaction
- C. Materials and Manufacturing
- D. Sensing, Control and Electromechanics
- E. Survivability, Reliability and Design



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