

# STRUCTURED INNOVATION

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# WES Overview



Established in  
November 2014 as  
a subsidiary of Highlands and  
Islands Enterprise

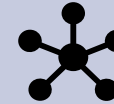


5 competitive programmes

- Power Take-Offs
- Wave Devices
- Structural Materials
- Controls Systems
- *Quick connection Systems*



200 Organisations  
88 Projects



Developing  
cost competitive  
wave technology



£39.6M  
committed  
expenditure



Delivering objectives through  
Research, Development  
& Innovation Programmes

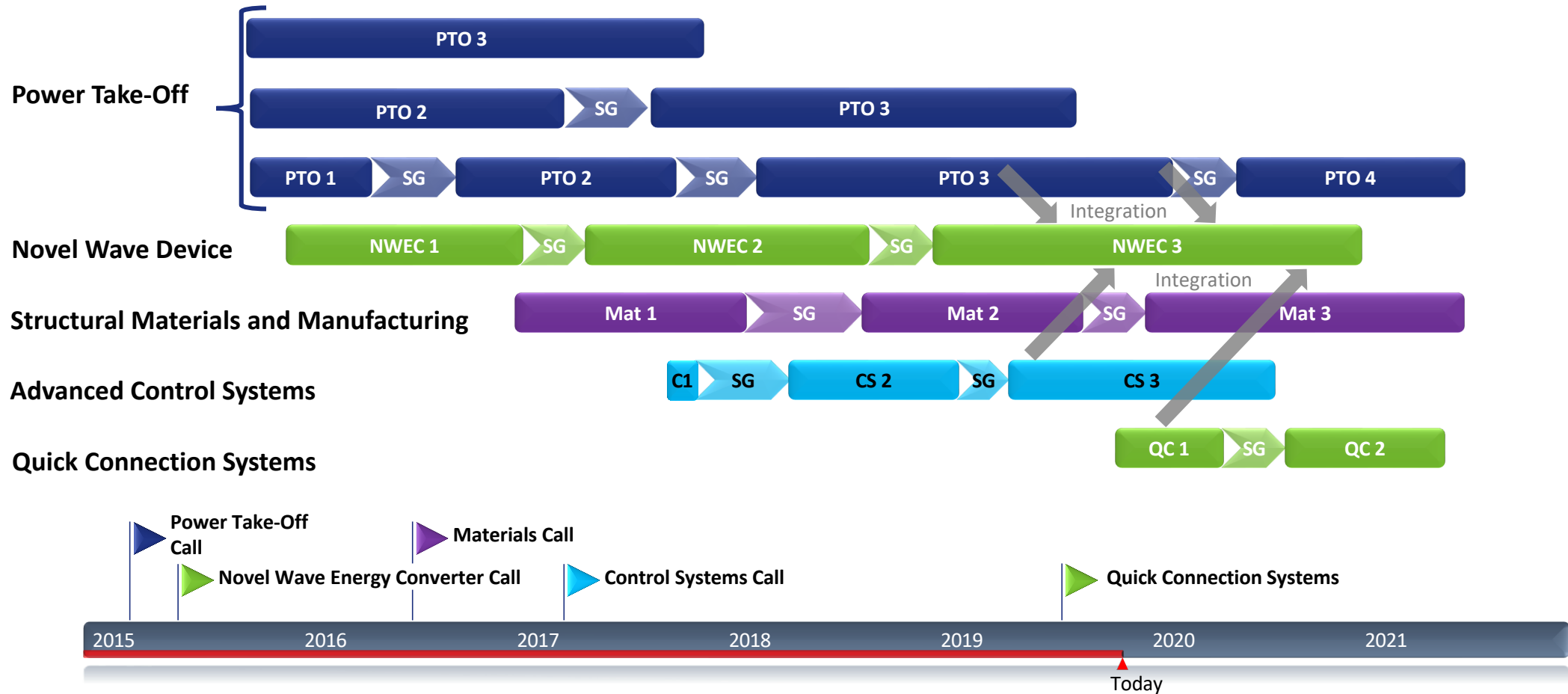


13 Countries



Funded by the  
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# WES Technology Programmes



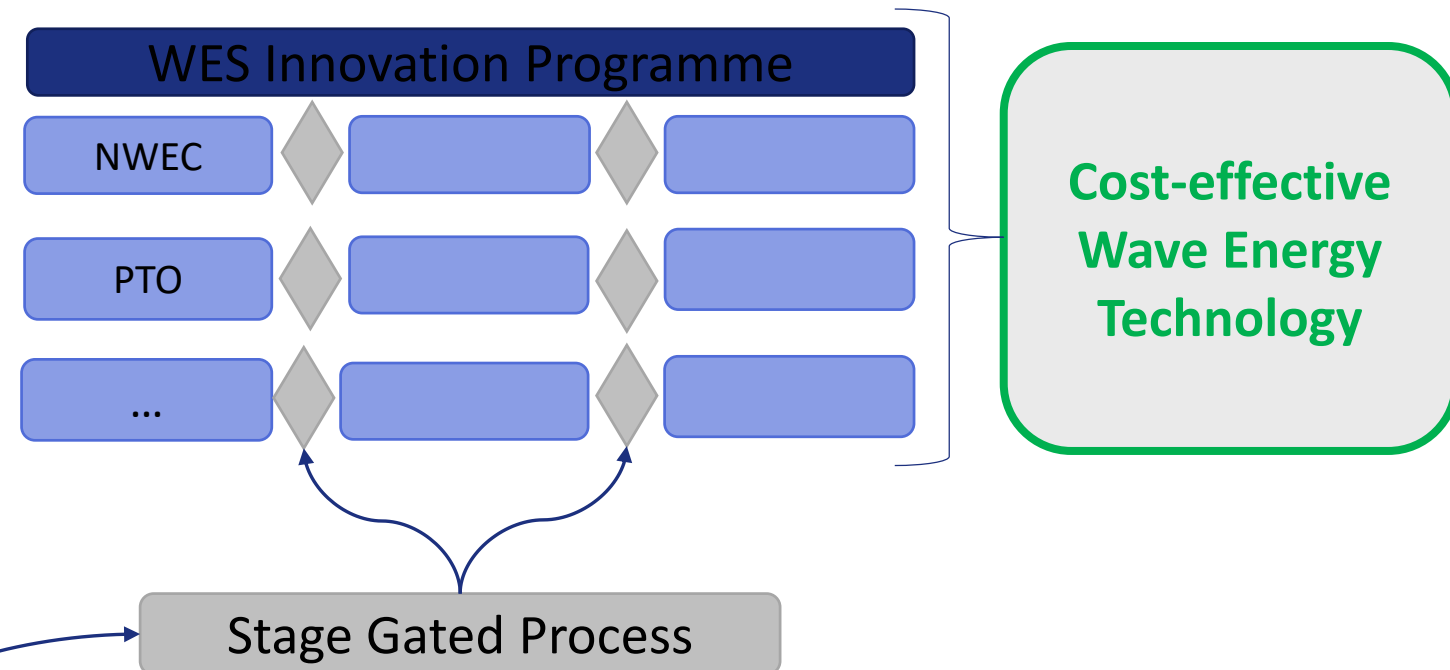
# Structured Innovation

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- **WHO?** Exxon, Visa, Microsoft, Guinness, NASA... Wave Energy Scotland
- **WHAT?** – A set of systematic thinking tools to help you improve systems in structured and innovative ways e.g. Stage Gate process, Systems engineering, QFD, TRIZ, Multi-disciplinary optimisation...
- **WHY?** “Success is more likely to result from the systematic pursuit of opportunities than from a flash of genius.” – Peter Drucker



# Structured Innovation



Stage-gates and Metrics

# Why use structured innovation?

- No technology consensus
- No full set of defined standards
- How to compare technologies which look, perform, behave and cost completely differently to each other



- Structured innovation – to generate new ideas in a structured way

## Systems Engineering

A logical sequence of activities and decisions that transforms an operational need into a description of system performance parameters and a preferred system configuration

## Quality Function Deployment (QFD)

Facilitates the definition of the innovation problem space, representing the voice of the customer, help make objective assessments

Structured  
Innovation  
techniques

## TRIZ

Inventive problem solving – the outcome of a review of 40,000 patents to create the inventive principles for problem solving

## MDO

Multidisciplinary optimisation uses optimisation methods to solve design problems incorporating several disciplines

# Technical Specifications

Generic	Wave	Tidal	Rivers	OTEC
-1 Terminology	-100 Performance	-200 Performance	-300 Performance	-20 OTEC
-2 Design Requirements	-101 Resource	-201 Resource	-301 Resource	
-3 Loads Measurements	-102 2 <sup>nd</sup> Location	-202 Scale Testing		
-4 Technology Qualification	-103 Scale Testing			
-10 Moorings				
-30 Electrical Power Quality				
-40 Acoustic Measurement				

Published (TS)  
Coming soon

IEC 62600 Series

IECRE – Renewable Energy  
System for certification to standards relating to  
equipment for use in renewable energy  
applications

# International Projects - IEA-OES Task 12

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- “International Technology Evaluation Framework for Ocean Energy”
- Aim: to achieve consensus on method to evaluate ocean energy technology
- IEA-OES Task 12 has 25 contracting parties from different countries around the world.





# Why do we use metrics?

- Measure success
- Manage competitive innovation calls
- Allocate funding appropriately
- Demonstrate progress
- Gain confidence of investors and stakeholders
- Cross funder comparisons



- Cost per install/removal cycle
- Installation/MW

- Capture factor
- Capture width

- % Availability
- Mean Time Between Failures
- Mean Time to Failure
- # single point failure modes
- Fatigue life

- Rated Capacity
- Capacity factor
- Annual Average Yield
- Conversion efficiency
- ACE

- Mean Time to Repair
- Time to Replace
- # interventions/ year
- Overhaul/refit period

- LCOE
- CAPEX/MW
- OPEX/MW
- Cost/Device
- Cost per annual MWh

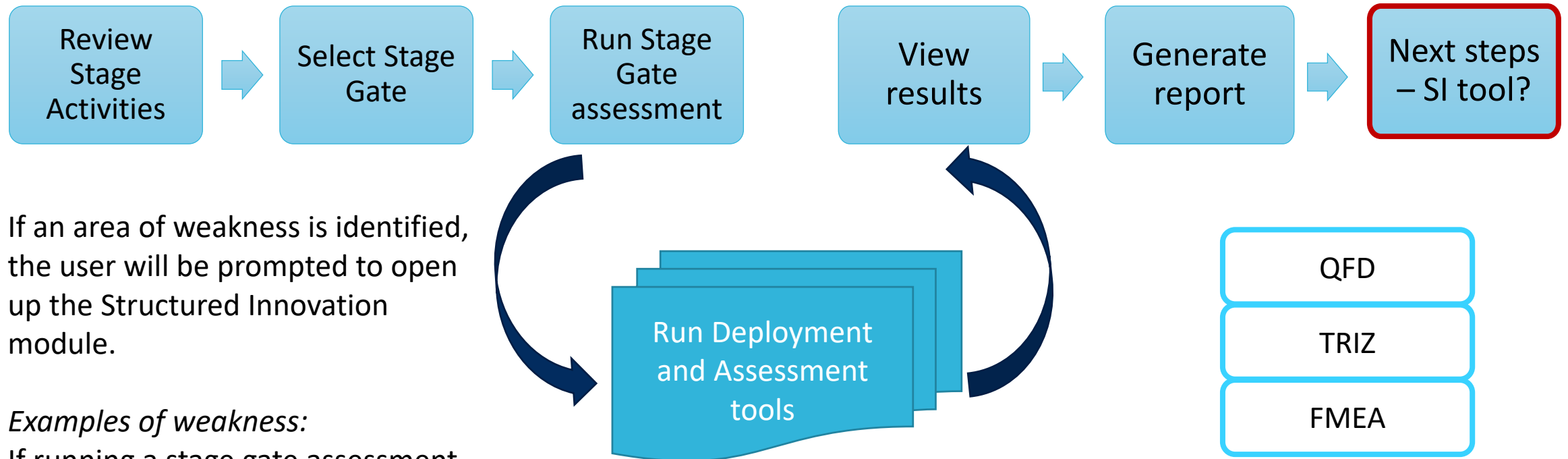
- 3-year project
- €8m budget
- 18 partners in 8 countries
- WES leading Stage Gate tool
- Energy Systems Catapult leading Structured Innovation tool



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## 2. Stage Gate process for ocean energy



If an area of weakness is identified, the user will be prompted to open up the Structured Innovation module.

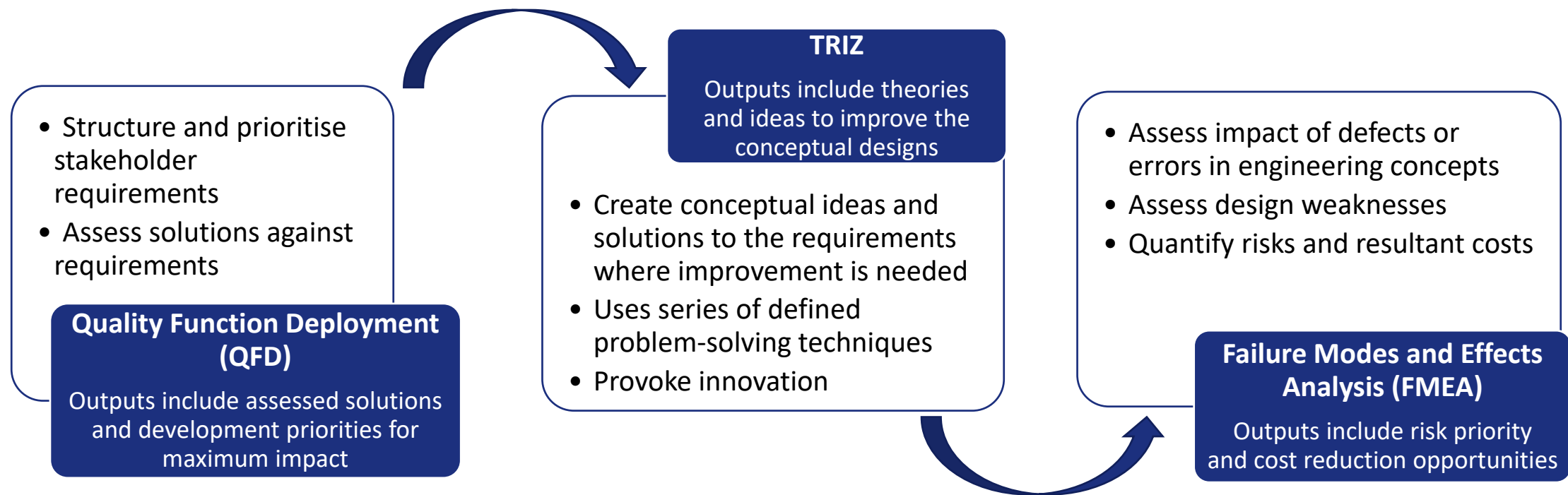
*Examples of weakness:*

If running a stage gate assessment identifies a missing Evaluation area

If the metric results deviate significantly from the thresholds set by the user

# Structured Innovation tool

- This work package aims to develop a structured innovation design tool for concept creation and selection in ocean energy systems including sub-systems, energy capture devices and arrays.



# Structured Innovation

## Project SEAWEED

Stakeholder  
requirements

New  
concepts

Funding  
Strategy

**Structured Innovation**

**Stage-gates and Metrics**

WES Innovation Programme

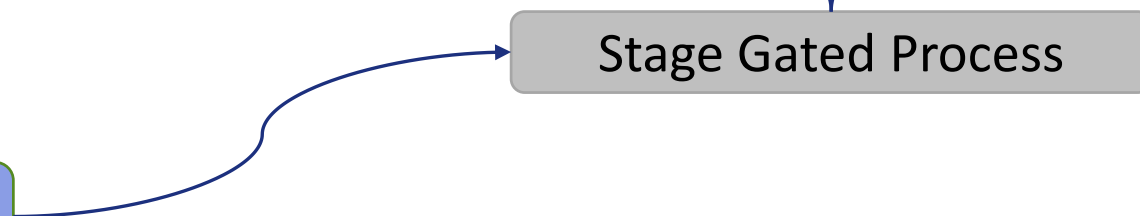
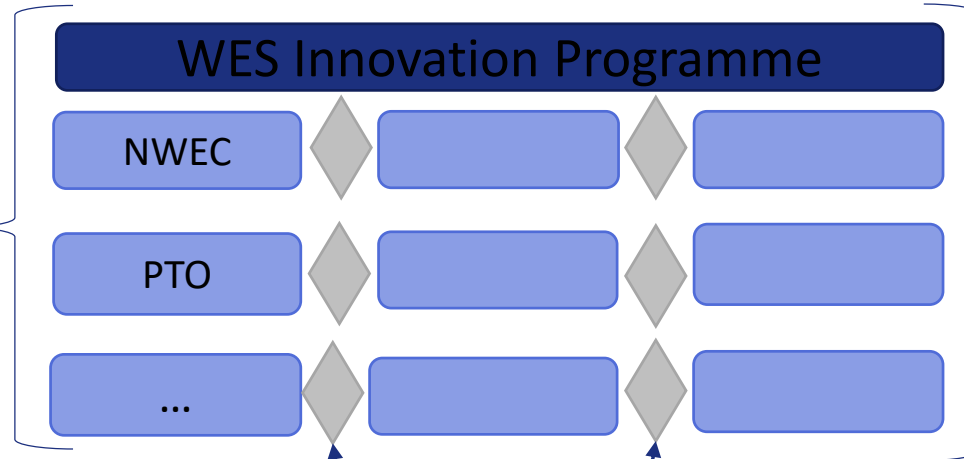
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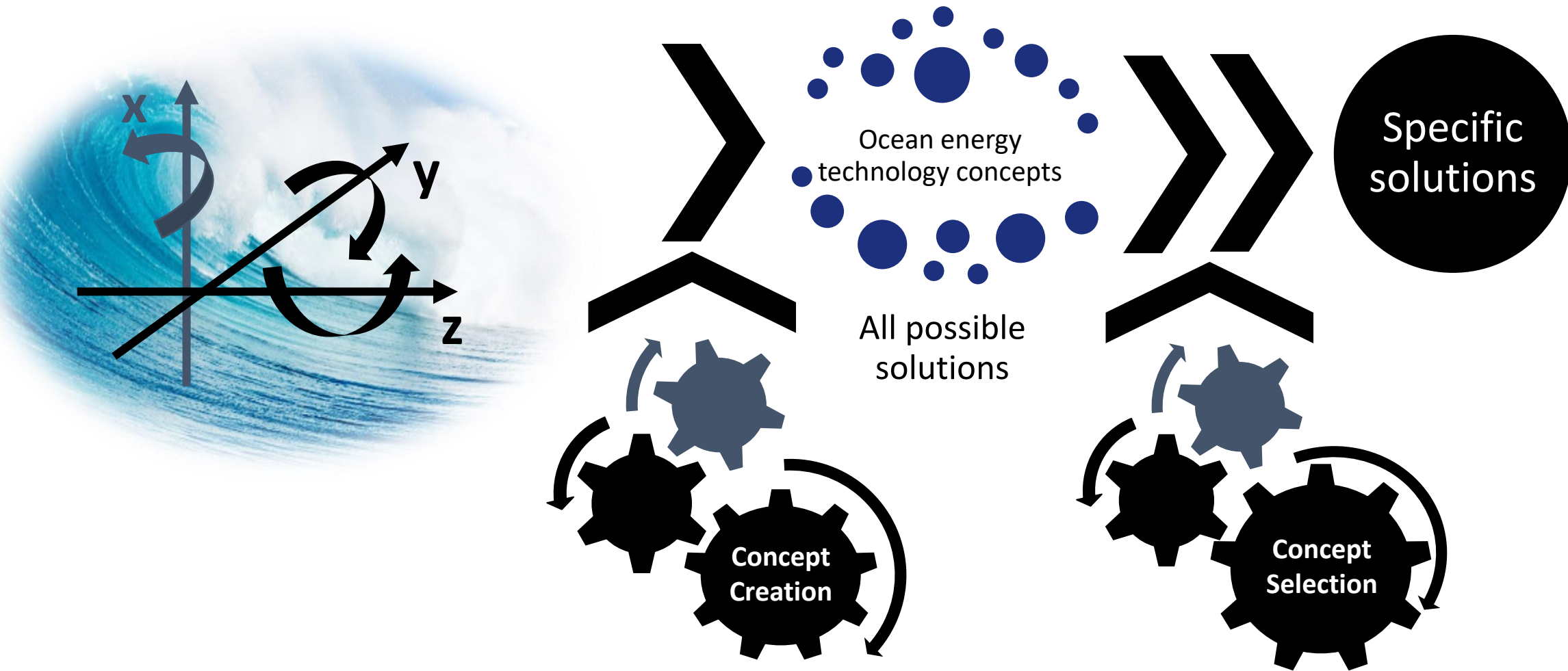
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**Cost-effective  
Wave Energy  
Technology**

Stage Gated Process

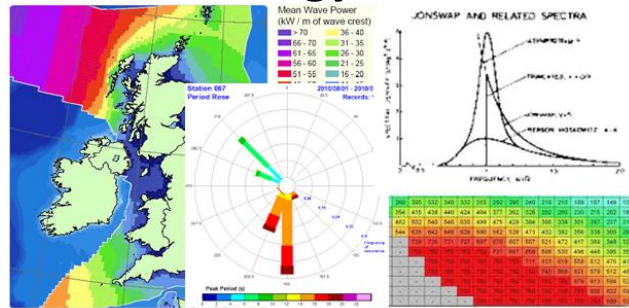


# Project SEAWEED



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## Wave Energy Resource



## Project Design



## Device Design



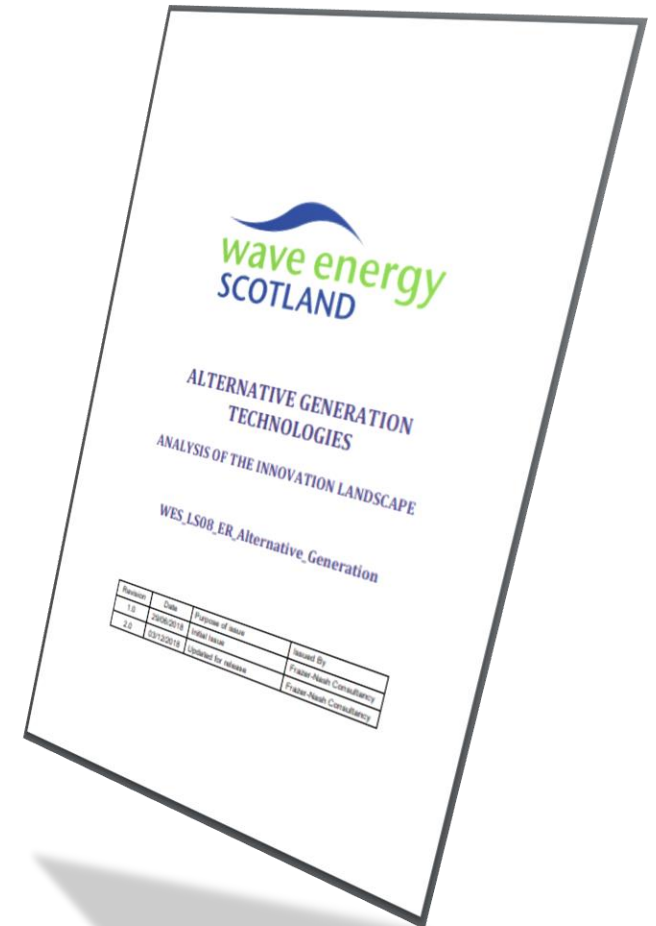
## Commodity/Market





# Future markets and technologies

- Cost reduction is key
- Innovation by necessity
- Alternative generation technologies being considered
- Can heavy, steel, rotary generators be replaced by lightweight alternatives
  - Electroactive polymers
  - Triboelectric nanogenerators
  - Piezoelectrics
  - Magnetostriction





# Knowledge Library

Wave Energy Scotland is managing the most extensive technology programme of its kind in the wave energy sector. The Knowledge Library provides access to key information and documents generated through this world leading commercial and academic research & development.

## Access world leading R&D in wave energy technology

- Discover the projects supported through the Wave Energy Scotland Programme
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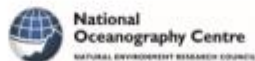


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# MAXiMAR:

## MAXIMISING THE MARINE ECONOMY IN THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

A Science and Innovation Audit Report sponsored by the  
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# Examining the effectiveness of support for UK wave energy innovation since 2000

Matthew Hannon, Renée van Dieën & Jim Skea

Lost at sea or a new wave of innovation?