

...an overview

**Michael-Evans** 

**Green-Tide Turbines Ltd** 

Cleanpower 2009

#### **Green-Tide**

- Michael J Evans
  - Serial Entrepreneur and Innovator, co-founder of CMR Fuel Cells plc and co-inventor of their technology. Award winning company and technology. CMR floated on AIM at valuation of £50m in 2005.
  - Experienced project manager and design engineer
  - BSc (hons) in Design for Manufacture and MA in Industrial Design



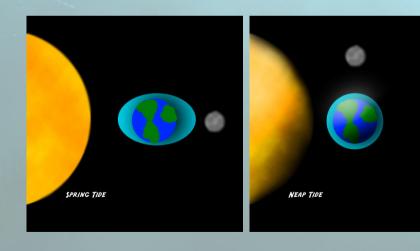


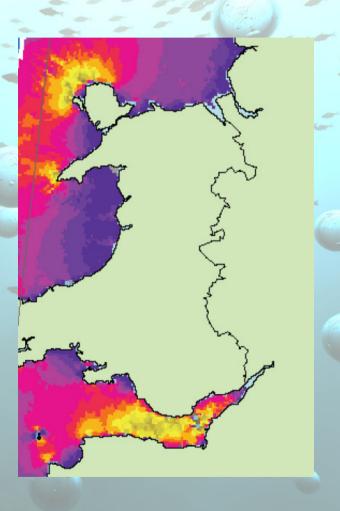


- · Green-Tide
  - Developing patented tidal stream turbine technology
  - Developing PowerHub large scale power storage concept

#### How it works

 A product of the actions of the moon and the sun combined with landmass & seabed geography

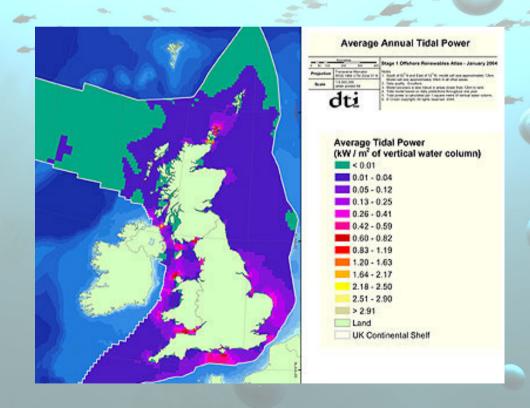




Tidal Power Potential

UK has some of the best tidal stream resources in the World.

The Carbon Trust estimates 2.5GigWatt capacity from tidal stream by 2020.



#### Advantages

- Predictable power delivery (suitable for base-load)
- High energy density
- UK tide times staggered around the coast so power available 24/7
- UK has amongst the World's richest tidal stream resources
- Low visual impact
- Potential for low cost per kWh

- Challenges
  - Must withstand extremely aggressive environment
    - Large forces mooring and electrical connection
    - Uneven loading
    - Abrasion from sediments in strong currents
    - Entanglement + damage from debris
    - Barnacle growth
    - Silting
  - Sea-life survivability
  - Installation & Maintenance

## Technologies Types

Axial Turbines

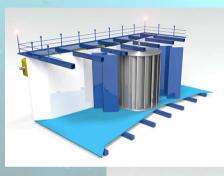
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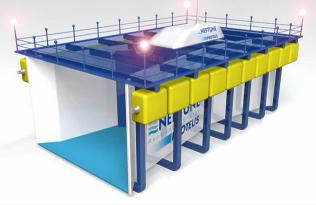


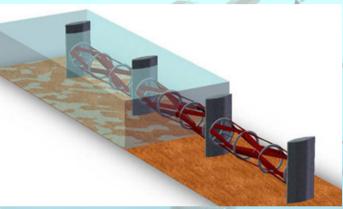
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Cross Flow

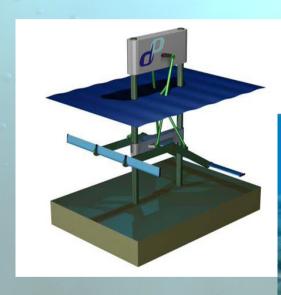




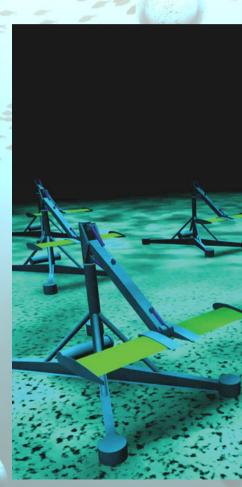




Reciprocating Hydrofoil



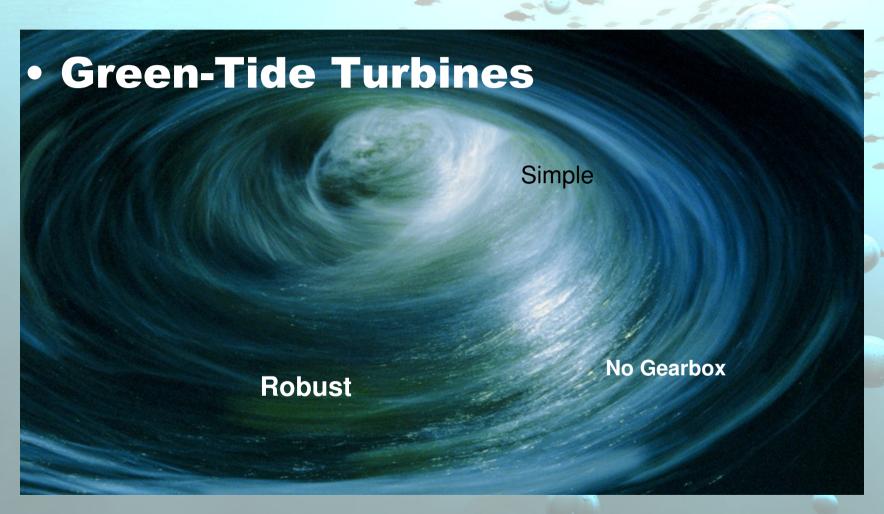


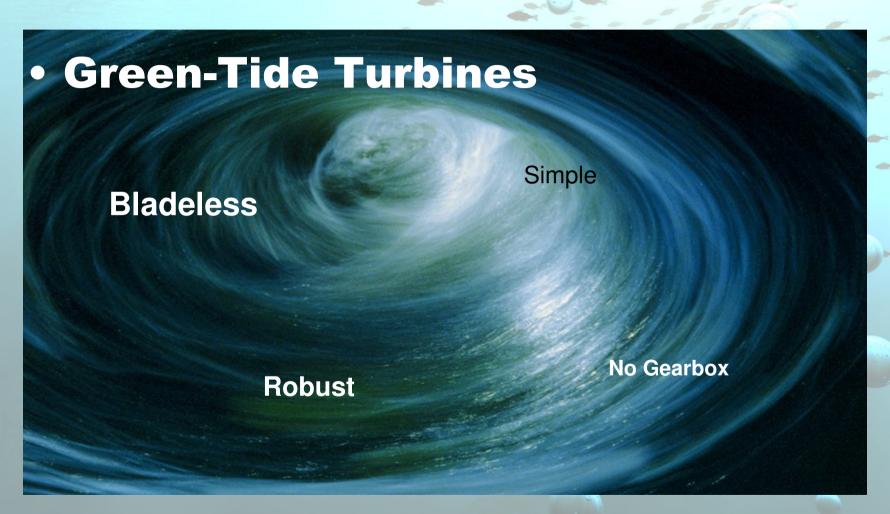


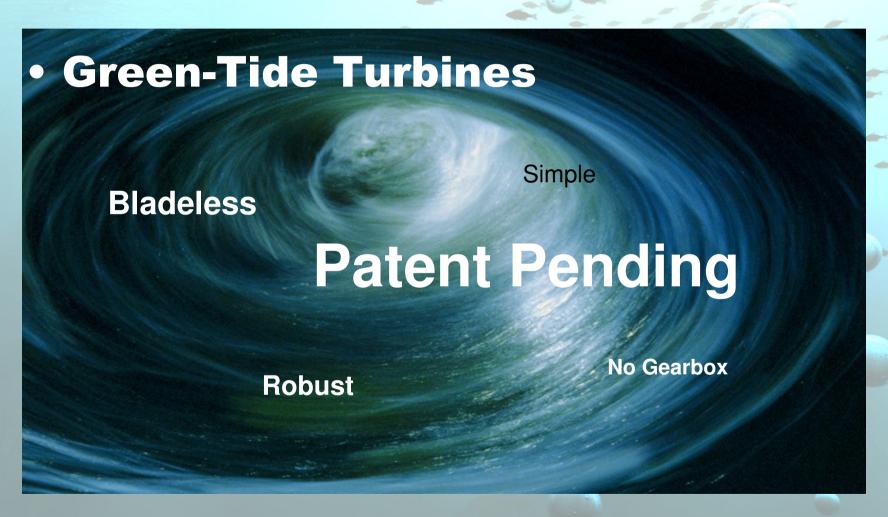












### **G-TT Technology**

#### Advantages

- Better energy conversion efficiency (2.2 x bladed turbines)
- Can operate in slower tidal streams more sites available
- No need for gearbox
- No blades
  - robust design
  - no risk of damage due to cavitation
  - even loading on turbine and bearings
- Sea-life friendly
- Designed for mass production and ease of installation and maintenance
- Promises to do to Tidal Stream what the jet engine did for aviation

#### **G-TT Strategy**

- Market Trends
  - Competition is getting established
    - Over 20 UK tidal stream turbine developers
    - UK Government soon to chose top 3 to receive support
  - Supply chain model being adopted by the industry
    - Fledgling industry and complex devices involving integration of many technologies
    - 32 turbines built and installed every week to hit 2020 target.

### **G-TT Strategy**

- G-TT aim to be a 1<sup>st</sup> Tier supplier of turbine/generator units to established tidal stream turbine developers
  - Lower R&D costs
  - Quicker to market
  - Competitors as customer
  - Access to refit market

#### **G-TT Current Status**

- Stage of Development
  - Early stage
  - Patented technology
  - Planned research programmes into duct and turbine design with Cambridge University
    - Aim to prove technology benefits and establish scientific credibility
  - Seeking Seed Funding