A Micro Seafloor Marine Current Energy Conversion System



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Presentation Outline

- Background
- Marine Energy Systems
- Savonius Turbine
- Scaling Laws
- Energy Conversion System
- Conclusion



Renewable Energy Systems

	Renewable	Low	Low	Minimal	Predictable	Minimal	Modular
	resource	capitel	running	environmental		visual impact	
		cost	cost	impoct			
Fossil	X	4	×	×	4	×	×
Nuclear	x	- ✓	×	×		×	×
Wind		x	¥	7	x	×	¥
Solar	1	×	1	✓	×	×	- ✓
Hydro	1	¥		×	. v	×	×
Wave	1	×	- ✓	4	x	1	1
Marine Current	1	×	1	✓	✓	√	4





Thesis Objectives

• Design and development of an efficient turbine

• System sizing based on seafloor marine current data

• Design and development of energy storage system

• System testing in deep-sea conditions

Study of Atlantic Ocean Current







Annual Energy Estimation

Depth	Average	Maximum	Extractab	Maximum	Extractable
(m)	Flow Speed (cm/s)	available power density (W/m ²)	le Power with a turbine (W/m ²)	available energy density in a year (Whr/m ²)	energy density in a year (Whr/m ²)
20	14.6070	1.5583	0.2337	152195.0	23169.0
45	13.2005	1.1501	0.1725	44045.0	5954.0
84	11.2233	0.7069	0.1060	109590.0	15906.0
Near Bottom	7.0555	0.1756	0.0263	98465.0	14268.0

State of the Art Systems





Savonius Rotor



















Comparison of Prototypes

At water current of 0.8 m/s





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Dimensional Analysis

 $C_P = \frac{P}{\rho D^5 N^3}$

$$C_P = \frac{P}{\frac{1}{2}\rho AV^3}$$

 $\frac{V}{ND}$ C_Q :

 $U \alpha R$

Wave Tank Result





Wind Tunnel Result





Wave Tank and Wind Tunnel Comparison





Energy Conversion System



MPPT Algorithm





Energy Conversion System Setup





Experimental Result





Thesis Contribution

Conclusion

Future Work

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Publications

- 'Sea-Floor Power Generation System', presented at 17th IEEE NECEC Conference, November 8, 2007, St. Johns, NL.
- 'Submerged Water Current Turbine', going to be presented at Ocean'08 MTS/IEEE Quebec Conference.
- 'Performance of Savonius Rotor as Water Current Turbine' submitted in Journal of Ocean Technology.
- 'Scaling Laws of Water Current Turbine' submitted in Journal of Ocean Engineering.

