



Numerical and Experimental Modelling of Wave Field Variations around Arrays of Wave Energy Converters

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Wave energy converters (WECs) will need to be installed in arrays (or farms) to capture a sufficient amount of energy from the incident waves. However, the individual WECs in an array configuration interact with each other, which affects the overall power output of the WEC array (near field effects). And, large WEC arrays, have a significant effect on the surrounding wave field. These are far field effects or wake effects, featuring reduced wave heights in the shadow zone behind the farm. Thus, an accurate assessment of the environmental impact of WEC arrays and farms due to the wave field variations is also required during the design phase.

Papers are invited which present experimental or numerical methodologies for modelling both near field effects and far field wake effects of WEC farms on the surrounding wave field, on the coastal morphology, or on other users of the sea, as the relevant tools for the environmental impact assessment.

Other floating devices placed in an array configuration are also targeted, including recent trends such as co-located wave and wind energy farms, offshore floating platforms, arrays of combined energy devices, etc.



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