

# (Almost) Zero Head Hydro

- Hydrokinetic turbines generate power from the kinetic energy in flowing water
  - Very much like wind turbines generate power from moving air
- Modern development began in late 1970s
  - First testing on River Thames by Reading University/ITDG
  - Initial projects in Sudan to irrigate crops using power of the Nile during dry seasons
  - Small electricity generating units (250-500W) used for remote communities worldwide



ITDG 1980-82, Juba, Sudan



Amazon Aquacharger Marlec/Thropton ~2000 onwards, various locations



Thropton Energy Services
1993 onwards, various locations



## **Full Stream Ahead**

### • Tidal stream technology development: 1990s-today



IT Power 1994, Loch Linnhe, Scotland



**Seaflow** IT Power/MCT 2003, Lynmouth, England



**SeaGen** Marine Current Turbines 2008, Strangford Narrows, Northern Ireland



**D10** Sabella 2015, Ushant, Brittany



**DD100** Nova Innovation 2021, Shetland, Scotland



**AR1500** Atlantis Resources 2016, Caithness, Scotland



*Plat-I 6.40* Sustainable Marine 2022, Grand Passage, Canada



O2 Orbital Marine2021, Orkney, Scotland

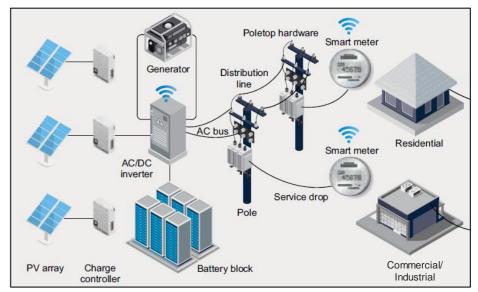


**DG100** Minesto 2020, Vestmannasund, Faroe Islands



## **A Mini Grid Revolution**

- In 2015 all UN member states committed to the goal of providing universal clean, modern energy access by 2030 (SDG7)
- 3 main methods: National grid expansion, solar home systems and *mini grids*
- The least-cost solution to reach nearly 500 million people will be to build 210,000 mini grids<sup>1</sup>
- "Typical" Mini Grid:
  - 50-100 kWp solar PV
  - 200-500 kWh battery energy storage: *largest single cost*
  - AC distribution and metering for 200-800 connections (including households and commercial/industrial users)
  - Total investment: US\$ 0.5-1.0 million







## **KH3000 Turbine**

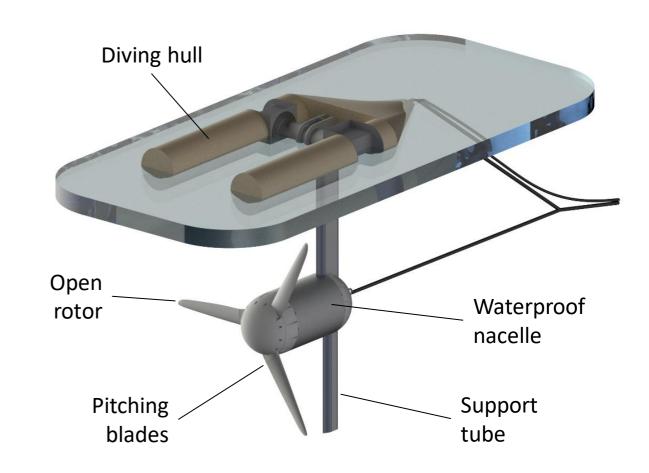
### Plug and Play integration with mini grids

Via standard PV inverters and charge controllers

#### A human-scale solution

- Transport by 4x4 or motorised canoe
- No cranes or specialist installation boats required
- Maintenance in a typical vehicle garage
- Applicable to rivers of moderate size

Turbine Characteristics	
Rated power	3 kW
Flow velocity @ rated power	2.5 ms <sup>-1</sup>
Rotor diameter	1.2 m
Overall height	1.85 m
Total mass	130 kg





# **Our Journey to Commercialisation**

#### Where we are now:

**2019** Company founded

**2020** Research and prototype turbine design

**2021** Proof of concept procurement, and

preliminary testing

**2022** Performance testing and initial integration

with mini grid hardware

#### Where we are going:

Pitch system development. Full integration with PV inverters and mini grid controllers

**2023** UK in-river trials

**2023/4** Pilot projects overseas

**2024+** Commercial B2B sales







