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FLOATING MECHANICAL WAVE ENERGY CONVERTER

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Design

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- Waves carry a lot of energy with it in the form of kinetic energy across its surface which can be utilized for generating electricity
- Though there are devices (wave energy converters) in this domain to capture the energy, **very few are commercially viable**.
- Hydrodynamic power (energy content in the waves) is captured initially by a structural entity which is then converted to electricity through various mechanisms such as mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, electromagnetic systems.
- A bean shaped multi body floating mechanical wave energy converter device is analyzed, designed and developed in four configurations of – three bean, four bean, six bean, eight bean and torus shapes.

Intellectual Property

- IITM IDF Ref.1979
- IN 326436-001 Design Registered Class of Design

Class- 13: Equipment for production, distribution or transformation of electricity (conversion of ocean wave energy to electricity)

Technology Category/ Market

Category- Design Industry Classification:

• NIC (2008)- 35106- Electric power generation using other non conventional sources; 2710-Manufacture of electric motors, generators, transformers and electricity distribution and control apparatus.

Applications:

Offshore wave energy generation

Market drivers:

The global renewable energy market size was estimated at USD 1.21 trillion in 2023 and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17.2% from 2024 to 2030.

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Figure: Description of the three bean shaped floats for a wave energy converter with **(a)** top view; **(b)** perspective view; **(c)** bottom view and **(d)** side view

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Figure: Description of the four bean shaped floats for a wave energy converter with **(a)** top view of four bean shaped floats; **(b)** top view of inverted four bean shape floats; **(c)** perspective view of inverted four bean shaped floats**(d)** side view of four bean shaped floats





Figure: Description of the torus shaped float for a wave energy converter with (a) top-view of the torus shaped float; (b) perspective view of the torus shaped float and (c) side-view of the torus shaped float

Advantages of the design

- Compared to conventional designs the developed design can produce electricity irrespective of ocean wave direction.
- Individual devices can be connected in group to make it a cluster of devices which makes the grid fluctuations smoother.

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