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Etip Ocean 17/10/20 Seablade Finlay Wallace



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#### My Role at Orbital





- Finlay Wallace
  - Mechanical Engineer
- Blades Manager
  - Blade design engineering
  - Project management
  - R+D
- Joined Orbital in 2013

#### The Seablade Project







- Goal is to reduce the cost of tidal energy
- Systematic Evaluation of Composite Tidal Blades
- Full scale Static and Fatigue Structural testing of a E-glass/Epoxy composite blade design for a 1MW tidal turbine rotor

#### Seablade Consortium





#### Test setup and Engineering





- Test fixtures
  - Design
  - Analysis
  - Production
- Blade
  - Manufacture and delivery
- Assembly in place at NUI Galway

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### Questions?









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