



# Celtic Sea Power - FLOW in the Celtic Sea

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## Objective



**We are working towards the sustainable development of Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW) to maximise the once-in-a-generation economic opportunity for Cornwall and the wider Celtic Sea region.**

## Aim

**To maximise the social and economic benefits of FLOW and other low carbon energy opportunities for Cornwall and the Celtic Sea region.**



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# Celtic Sea FLOW pipeline

2035/2045

12GW – c800  
x 15MW  
Turbines

2029/35

4.5GW – 300 x  
15MW Turbines  
over 3 projects

2027/28

Test and Demo  
400MW – c33 x  
12MW Turbines  
over 4 projects

2026

32MW – 4 x  
8MW Turbines  
on 2 x platforms

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FLS\_Location

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Offshore\_Wind\_Leasing\_Round5

Project\_Development\_Areas

Name

1

2

3

Test\_&\_Demo\_Sites

WhiteCross

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Llyr\_Zone\_C

Llyr\_Zone\_C

Llyr\_Zone\_A

Llyr\_Zone\_A

Hexicon\_TwinHub

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Erebus

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# Grid Connection Considerations

## HNDFUE Celtic Sea Final Recommended design

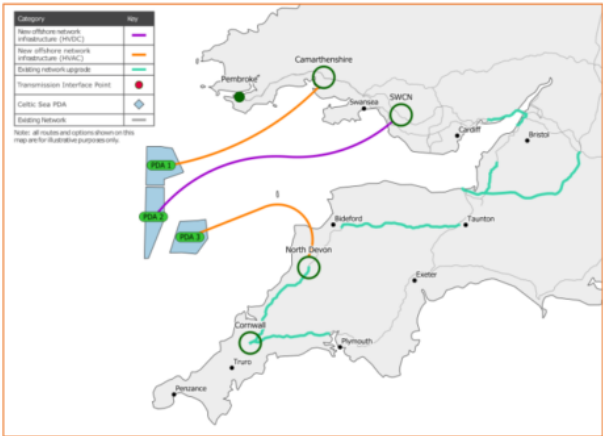
**3x new connection hubs** bringing grid scale power to South Wales and Devon.

**Deliverable by 2035** with two leasing areas possibly able to connect earlier.

**No new overhead circuits** triggered, onshore works mostly comprise of reconductoring & hotwiring.

**400km** of Offshore Network recommended, including 160km DC circuit connecting to the South Wales Connection Node.

**Estimated offshore cost: £7.6bn**  
(from PDA to transmission interface point)



Design objective	C_011z	Offshore BRAG	On shore BRAG
Environment	3 <sup>rd</sup>	A5	A4
Community	3 <sup>rd</sup>	G4	A1
Deliverability and Operability	4 <sup>th</sup>	G5	A3
Economic	5 <sup>th</sup>	-1851	

# Clean Energy Generation Potential

4.932GW FLOW in UKCSA

15MW turbines at 50% capacity figure

**Annual total generation at a capacity factor of 50% = 21,602GWh/YR**

*Average UK household electricity consumption (Ofgem 2023) = 2,900KWh/yr (0.0029GWh/yr)*

Therefore Annual generation from FLOW in the UK Celtic Sea could meet the **average annual electricity needs of 7,448,965 UK homes.**

Cornwall uses approx. 2,510GWh of electricity/yr – Therefore **UKCSA FLOW to 2035 could provide 8.6 times the electrical power Cornwall currently needs.**

*Current UK grid CO2e value 2023 is 0.207074 kg/co2e/KWh*

Therefore **Celtic Sea FLOW (4.932GW) could save 4,473,212 tonnes of CO2e/yr** based on 2023 UK grid mix figures.



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# 12GW Future Pipeline



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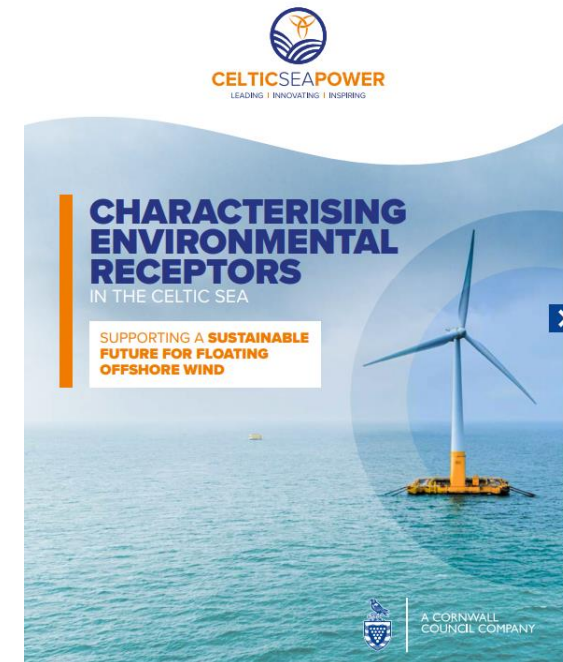
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# Evidence building to Support sustainable FLOW



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- Celtic Sea Power's strategic Regional Environmental Characterisation activity includes new data collection campaigns to target existing gaps in data and support decision-making processes.
- Key aspirations include alignment with decision makers and the creation of a single agreed evidence base for efficient decision making.
- The goal is to develop single, high-confidence regional environmental characterization models for key sensitive environmental receptors.
- Collaborative data sharing and partnership working will maximize efficiency, minimize replication, and decrease conflict.



# Wind Resource and Metocean Data

Data/Evidence set	CSP Collection Method	Purpose	Progress	Regional modelling partners
Wind Resource and Metocean data	2 x Floating LiDAR systems	Creation of a bankable regional wind resource model	Launched June 2022	Wood PLC
Wind Resource and Metocean data	Data sharing agreements = Additional FLS data sets	Increasing spatial and temporal coverage for the regional wind resource model	Ongoing	Wood PLC
Regional Wind Resource Model	MCP analysis utilising mesoscale wind resource models and measured point data	Creation of a bankable regional wind resource model. Utilization of physics models vs physical FLS deployments to streamline development	Released Jan. 2024. Later iterations to include TCE FLS	Wood PLC

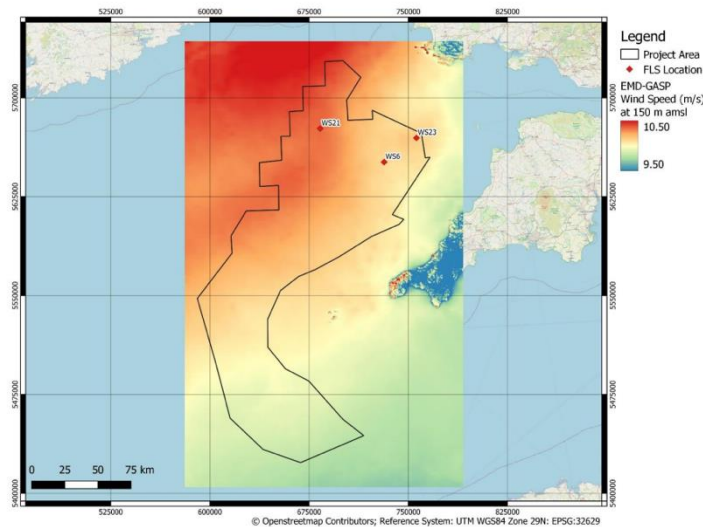


Figure 4: EMD-GASP Wind Resource Map at 150 m

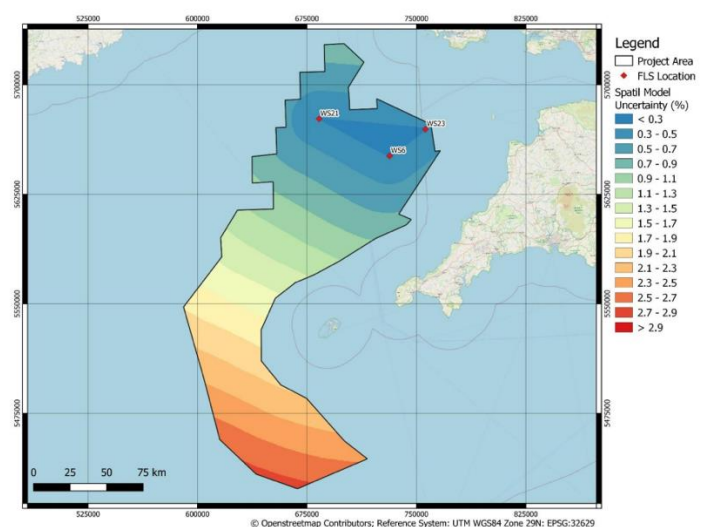
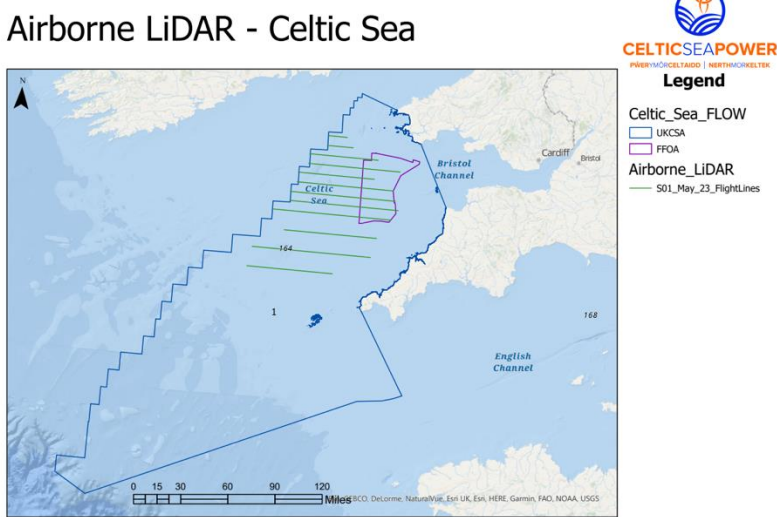
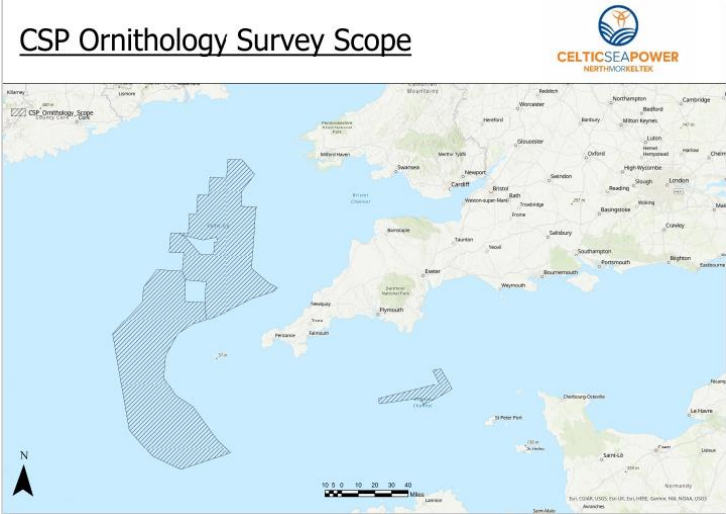


Figure 8: Spatial Model Wind Speed Uncertainty



# Ornithology

Data/Evidence set	CSP Collection Method	Purpose	Progress	Regional modelling partners
Ornithology	Digital Aerial Surveys	Increase evidence base to understand potential interactions. Creation of a Celtic sea bird distribution and density model.	Seasonal surveys complete May 2023.	POSEIDON project (Natural England, CEFAS ,JNCC & expert consultants).
Ornithology	Data Sharing agreements	Align survey plans. Maximise spatial and temporal coverage	On going	POSEIDON project
Ornithology	Airborne LiDAR	Development of a new flight height index for sea birds in the Celtic Sea	Single Survey complete May 2023.	POSEIDON project



# SubSea Soundscape

1. Deploy a large-scale network of **21 acoustic monitoring** stations in the Celtic Sea.
2. Support a **new Marine mammal evidence base** for the Celtic Sea.
3. Create region wide **acoustic soundscape** model and **open-source** baseline acoustic data of the Celtic Sea integrating new S3 data and other secured acoustic data sources.
4. **Co-developing road maps with regulators (England and Wales)** for the use of acoustic soundscape models for consenting
5. **Compare S3 regional approach** to data gathering to industry standard data collection for EIA, to determine the difference in cost, time, carbon, safety.
6. **eDNA & water column physics** sampling at all stations will support new data outputs and help **cross validate** DAS, visual, satellite and acoustic techniques.



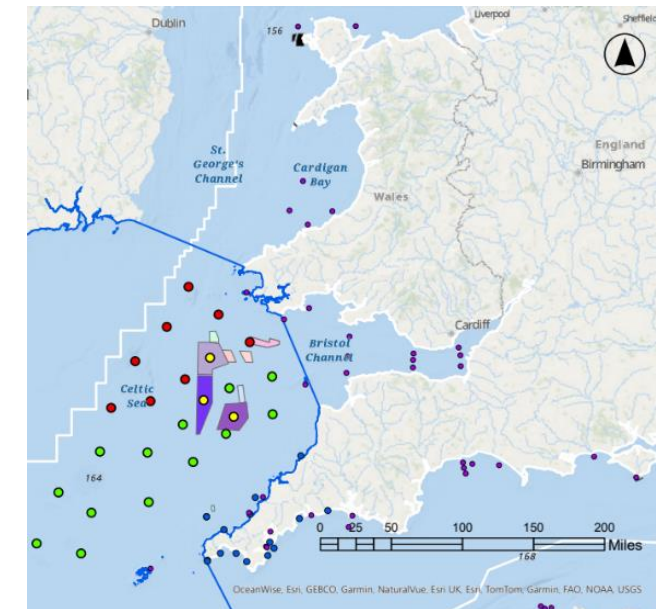
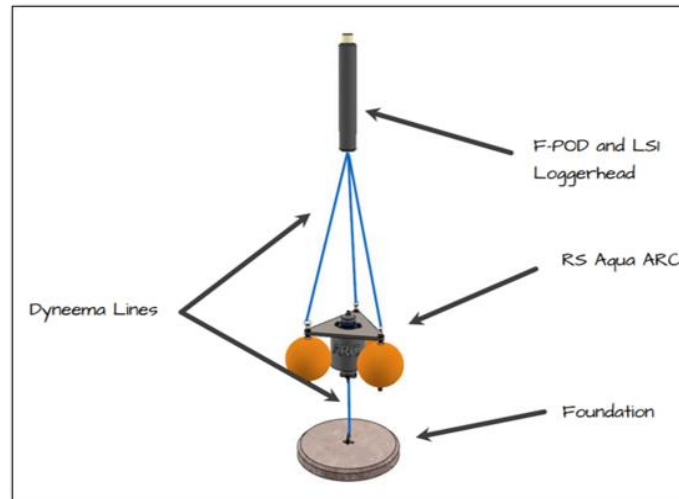
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# Seal Spy system

Machine learning techniques to automatically detect seals, and to redefine their vocal repertoire including Video footage to associate behaviour to call types ... potential to ID seals ... and investigate individual accents

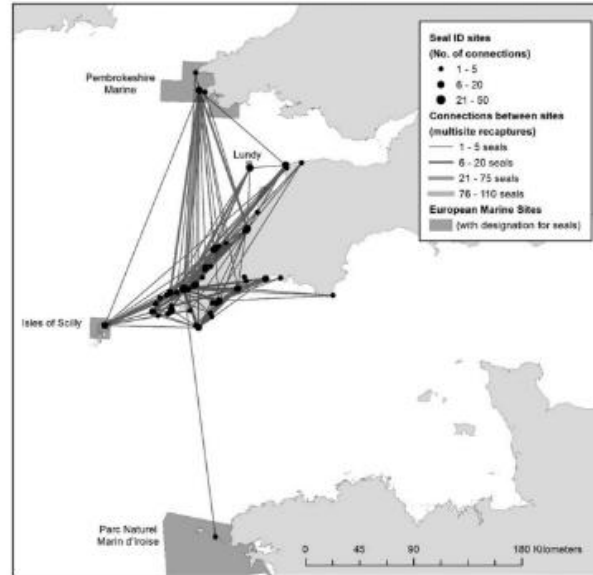
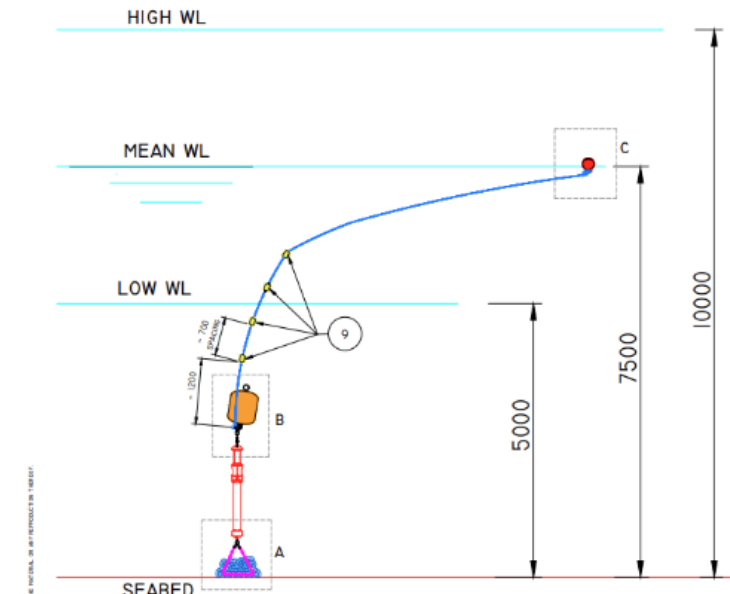
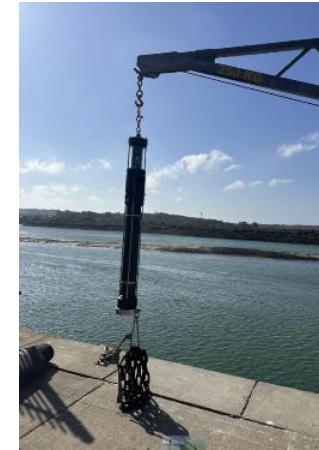


Fig. 3. All multi-site recapture-PID connections tallies for the south west UK. Circle size proportional to the number of PID connections per site. Line width represents the number of multi-site recaptures between sites. Location of European Marine Sites (Special Areas of Conservation) with PID connections annotated.



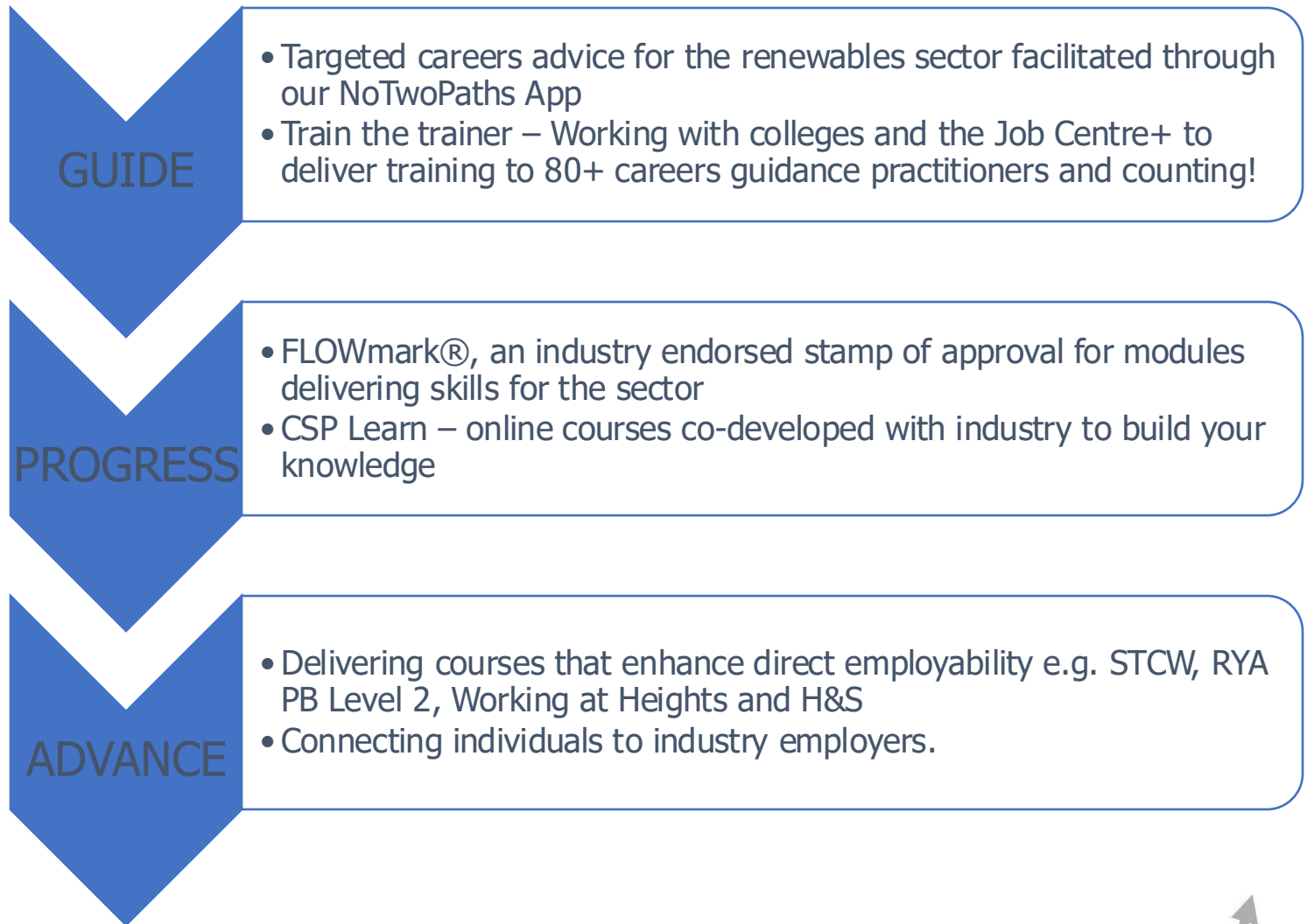
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# Workforce Development and FLOWmark®



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A FLOWmark is an industry recognised stamp of approval for a course which delivers skills relevant to the Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW) industry. The FLOWmark recognised the transferable skills delivered by core competencies.



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# Return on Investment



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# Thank You

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