



# National Laboratory Activities to Support Marine Energy Technology Progress

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*Marine Energy Technology Advancement  
Partnership (METAP)  
Project*

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# About the METAP Project

- The purpose of this project is to accelerate the overall pace of development and commercialization of marine renewable energy in the United States through a strategic, collaborative approach between state and federal agencies.
- METAP aims to link and coordinate the MHK technology support activities in states (through state energy offices, universities and clean energy funds) with the DOE Wind and Water Program's MHK activities. Specifically, METAP's goals are to accelerate support for the MHK industry in the U.S. and increase and leverage public funding for the most promising wave, current, and tidal devices through a collaborative State-Federal funding and solicitation process. METAP was contracted out to a group of state-membership organizations led by the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA). This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy.

# Today's Presentations

This webinar, the eighty in a series for the State/Federal Marine Energy Technology Advancement Project (METAP), will present the recent activities of the National Labs in support of marine energy technologies.

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2. Rich Jepsen, Sandia National Laboratories
3. Al LiVecchi and Rick Driscoll, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
4. Andrea Copping, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

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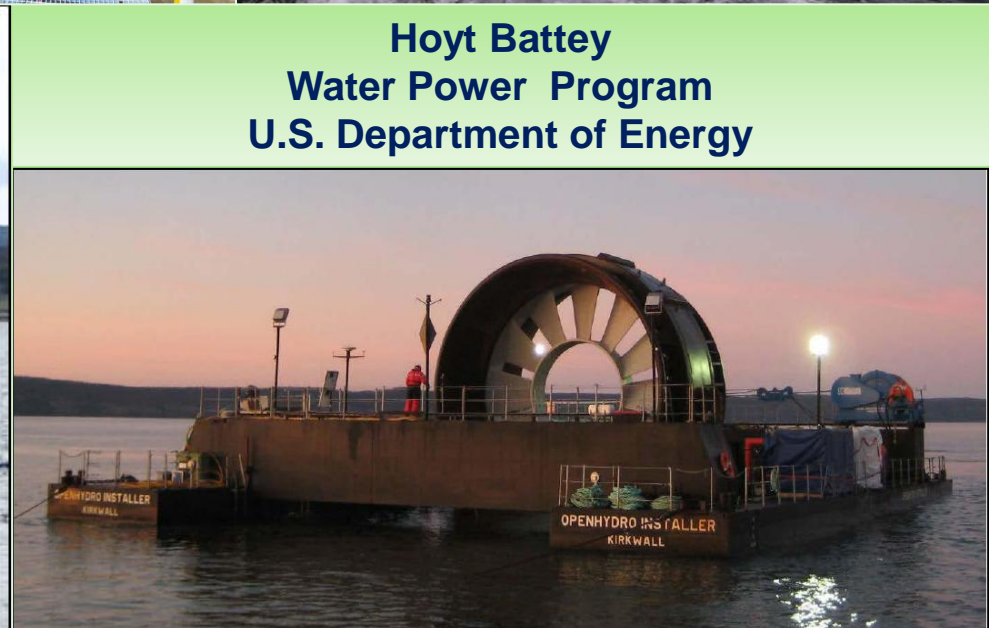
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# U.S. Department of Energy MHK Activities

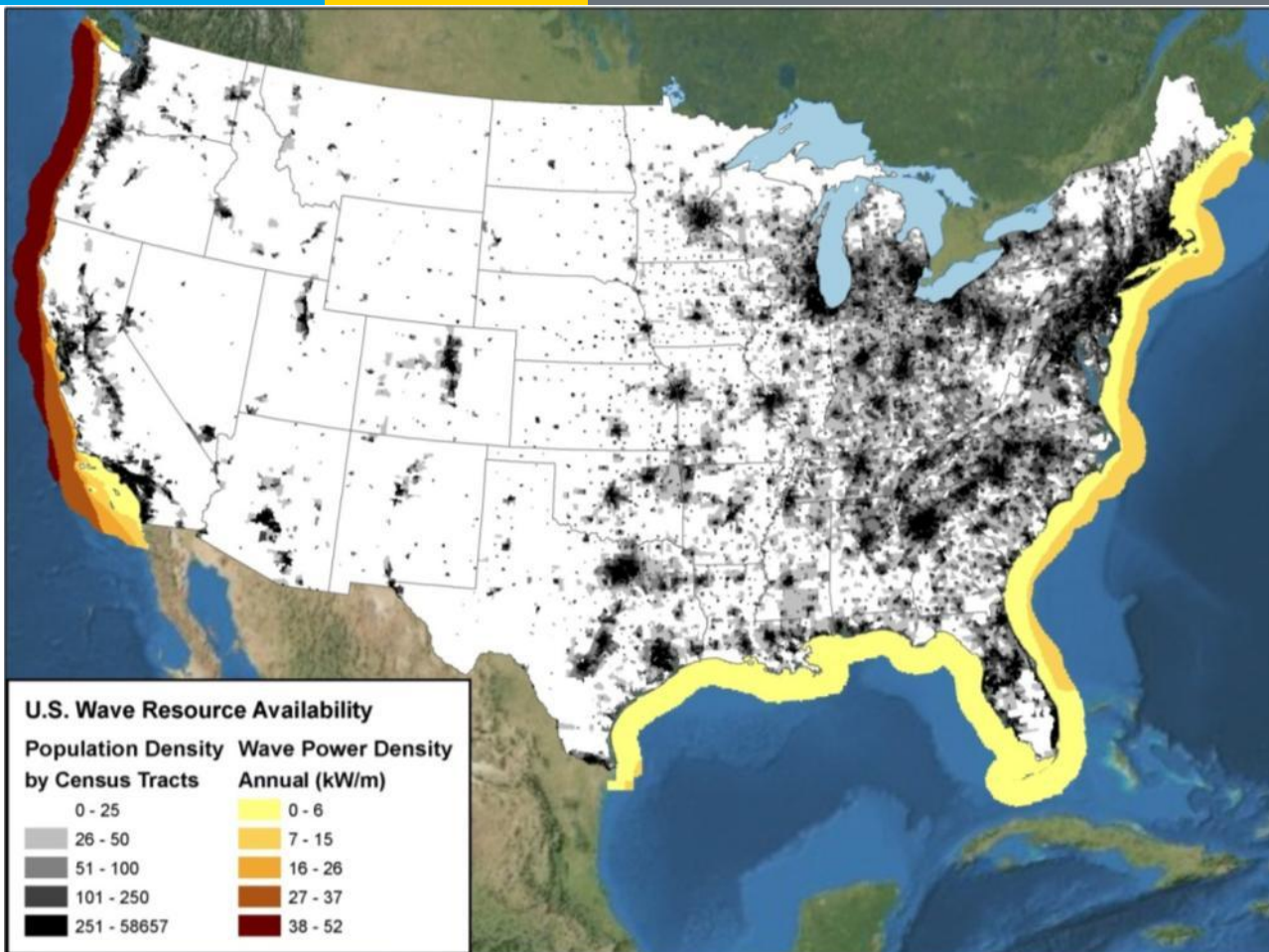
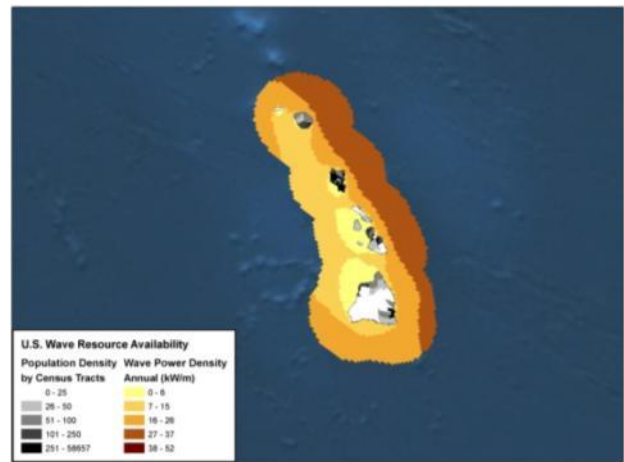
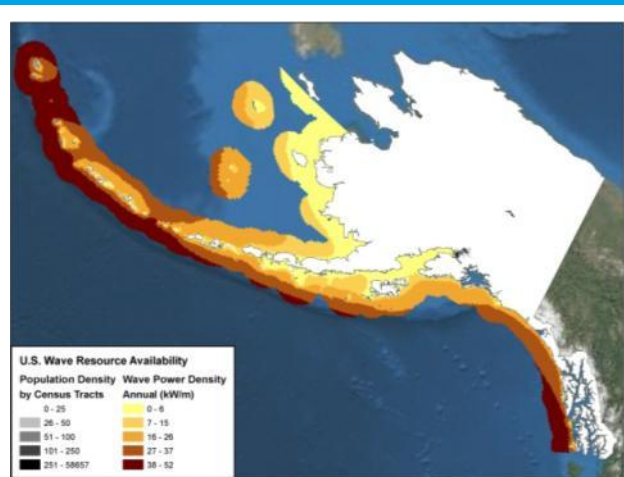


**Hoyt Battey  
Water Power Program  
U.S. Department of Energy**

*The Program is undertaking a rigorous assessment of available U.S. marine resources and evaluating the wide range of technologies available to tap these resources, while simultaneously seeking to address and resolve associated environmental challenges, and aiming to reduce the time and cost of licensing MHK systems.*

<u>RDDD Priority</u>	<u>Program Projects</u>
<p><u>Assess the Resource:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify/Validate the potential contribution of these emerging technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Resource Assessments for wave and tidal are complete and being reviewed by NAS; ocean current, in-stream, and ocean thermal underway (TBC in 2012)</li> </ul>
<p><u>Determine Current LCOE and ID Technology Leaders:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the full-range of technologies, their performance characteristics, LCOE and cost drivers</li> <li>• Investigate potential environmental impacts and how they can be mitigated or minimized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHK Technology Database...catalog of all device types and deployment status (US and global)</li> <li>• Reference Model Development</li> <li>• Apply/adapt existing tools/models from wind energy</li> </ul>
<p><u>Reduce Costs and Improve Performance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prototype deployment and testing</li> <li>• Scale and tank testing</li> <li>• Device/array design and modeling</li> <li>• Support integrated testing/RD&amp;D Centers</li> <li>• Environmental Research to decrease deployment costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY10 MHK Technology Readiness Advancement FOA</li> <li>• SBIR / STTR (Phase I and Phase II Awards)</li> <li>• National Marine Renewable Energy Centers (3)</li> <li>• Laboratory RDT&amp;E</li> </ul>
<p><u>Coordinate Information-Sharing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate/accelerate/reduce the cost of project planning, siting, and permitting (demonstrations and commercial systems)</li> <li>• Assemble technical and environmental performance data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidebook - Siting Methods for Hydrokinetics</li> <li>• Tethys (knowledge management system)</li> <li>• MHK Environmental Webinar Series</li> <li>• Federal Renewable Ocean Energy Working Group</li> </ul>
<p><u>Leverage International Investments, Expertise, and Experience:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperative development of international standards</li> <li>• Share device performance data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEC TC 114, Marine Energy – Wave and Tidal Energy Converters</li> <li>• IEA Ocean Energy Systems Implementing Agreement - Annex IV and Annex V introduced by US</li> <li>• Potential MOUs with key international partners</li> </ul>

# 2011: Marine and Hydrokinetics Wave Energy Resource Assessment

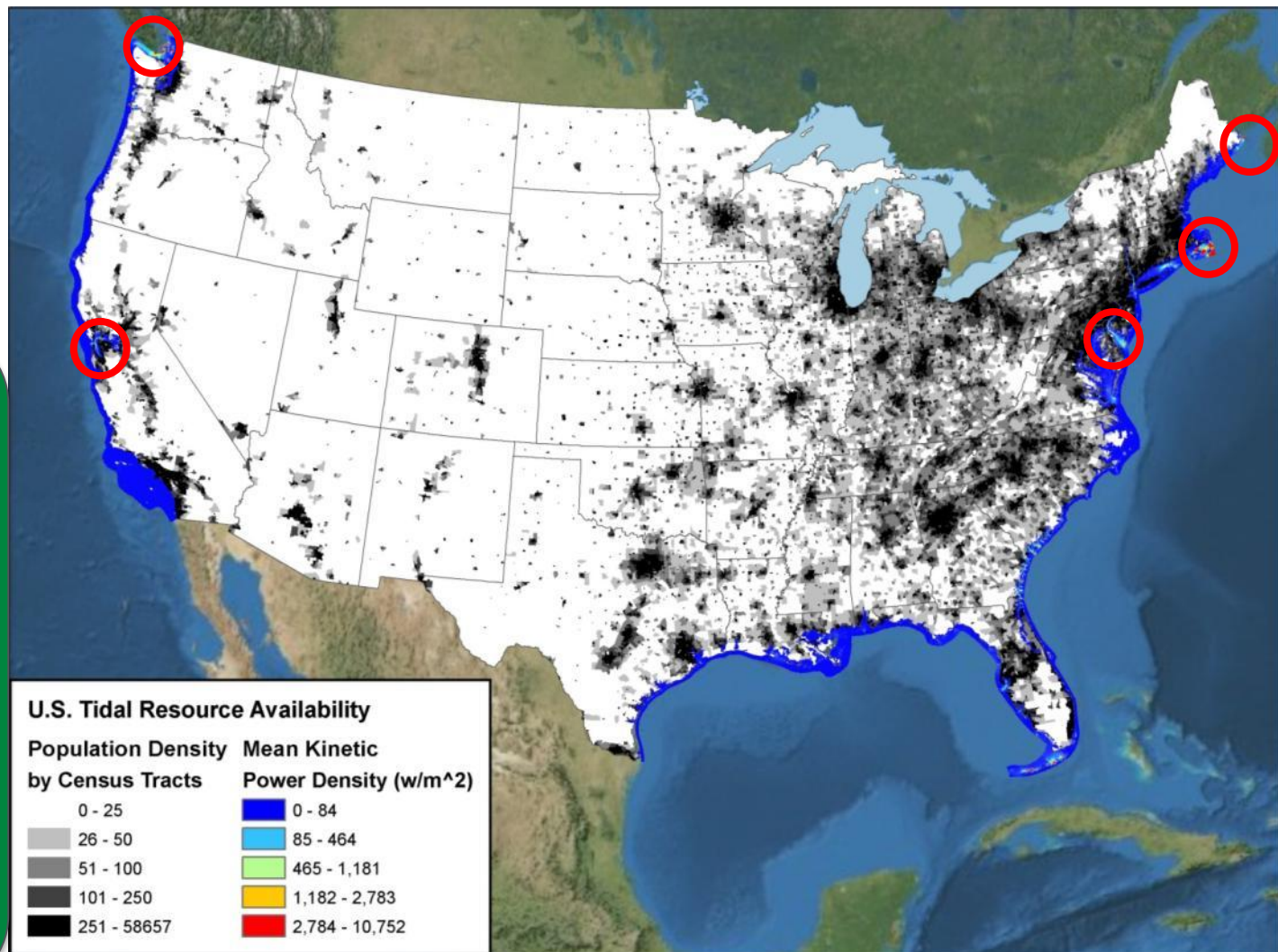
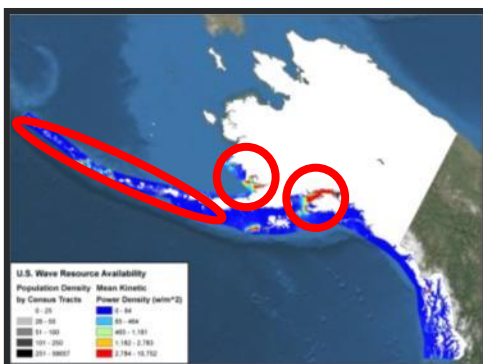


*Wave Energy is the dominant MHK resource available to the United States*

[http://maps.nrel.gov/re\\_atlas](http://maps.nrel.gov/re_atlas)



# 2011: Marine and Hydrokinetics Tidal Resource Assessment



CONUS tidal resources are concentrated and exist in close proximity to major coastal load centers...

However, over 90% of the overall resource is located in Alaska.

Magnitude of potential tidal power is significantly less than wave.

<http://www.tidalstreampower.gatech.edu/>

# State of the Industry: Numerous Companies and Device Types

Australia



Finland



## Wave

Germany



Norway



Ireland



UK



New Zealand



Denmark



United States



## Tidal / River / Ocean Current

Australia



Canada



Norway



United States



UK



Ireland



## Ocean Thermal

United States



Sample of companies with significant investments, high TRL-level devices, and/or significant in-water deployments.

## Salinity Gradient

Norway



## Technology Readiness Levels:

A Disciplined Protocol for  
Technology Development

DOE TRL 1-3  
Discovery /  
Concept Definition /  
Early Stage  
Development,  
Design and  
Engineering



DOE TRL 4:  
Proof of Concept



DOE TRL 5/6:  
System Integration and  
Laboratory Demonstration



DOE TRL 7/8:  
Open Water System Testing,  
Demonstration, and Operation



DOE TRL 9:  
Array Testing



DOE TRL 10:  
Commercialization

FY 2010: The Program committed up to \$37 million over 4 years in order to accelerate the technological and commercial readiness of emerging marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) technologies. 27 projects were selected for funding, with individual awards ranging from \$160,000 to up to \$10 million.

- **Free Flow Power**

- 40 kW river in-stream turbine deployed in the MS River on 6/20/2011.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> deployment achieved in MA on 8/15/2011

- **Columbia Power Technologies**

- Wave energy converter was deployed in March 2011 in Puget Sound, WA. Presently in operation, controlled remotely from Corvallis, OR.

- **Ocean Renewable Power Company**

- The first of 5 150 kW tidal turbines in a grid connected array will be deployed in Maine's Western Passage during spring 2012.

- **Ocean Power Technologies**

- The first 150kW WEC of a 10 device array will be deployed in 2012 in Reedsport, OR. Final FERC application has been submitted.

- **Snohomish Public Utility District**

- Two grid connected 6-meter turbines planned for deployment in Admiralty Inlet in 2013.
- Field measurements continued making this the best characterized tidal site in the US.



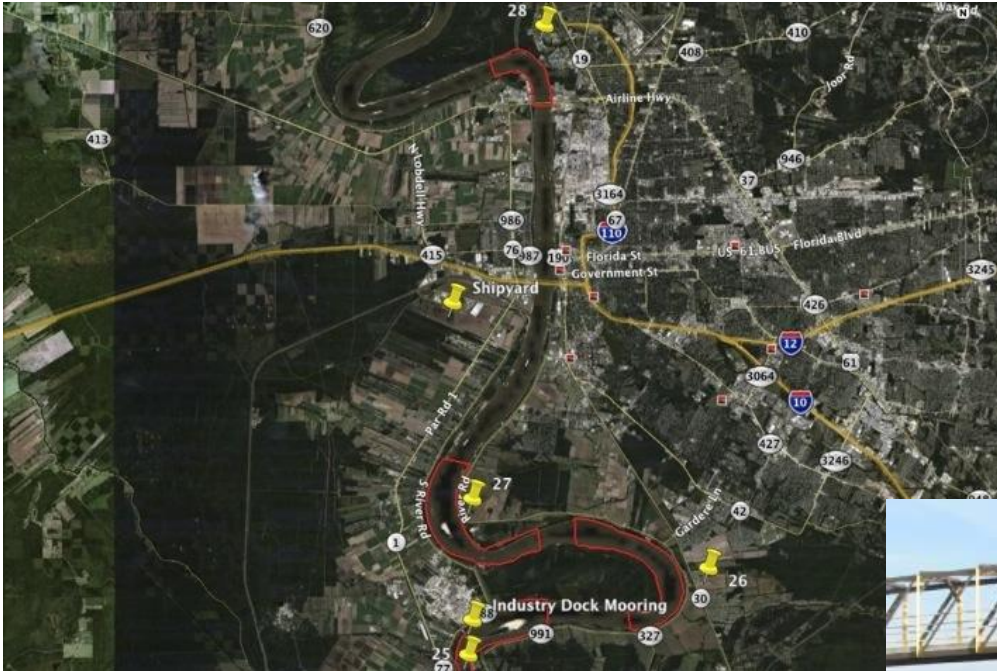
# 2011: Columbia Power Technologies Demo



## Video

<http://www.columbiapwr.com/technology.asp>

## Baton Rouge Area Map



## Video

<http://free-flow-power.com/videos>

**Project Title:** Active Acoustic Deterrence of Migratory Whales

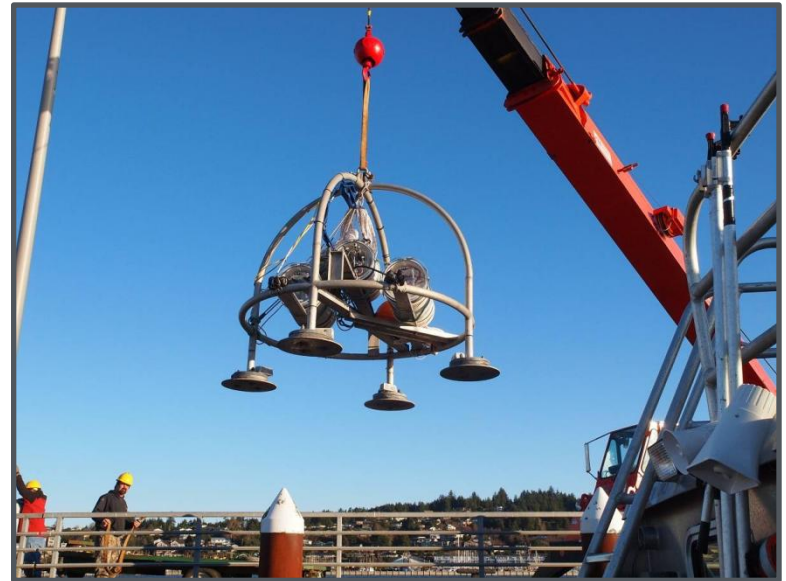
**PI:** Greg McMurray, PEV

**Partners:** Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute, Ocean Power Technologies, Tillamook Public Utility District, and Pacific Gas and Electric.

**Funding Level:** \$249,975

**Objectives:** Testing of a limited range acoustic deterrent system to discourage gray whales from entering wave energy parks and to minimize the risk of mortality. The project will test the effectiveness of an 'acoustic pinger' in the frequency range of 3-5 kHz at an amplitude of 60 dB above ambient noise. The project area is Yaquina Head, near Newport, OR.

**Links to Lab Work:** This is currently the Program's only work on mitigation strategies. Active acoustics could be tools used by labs in carrying out future research, and lessons learned in permitting and deploying this device could inform those studies.



**Project Title:** Assessment of the Environmental Effects of Hydrokinetic Turbines on Fish: Desktop and Laboratory Flume Studies

**PI:** Paul Jacobson, Doug Dixon, EPRI

**Partners:** Alden Research Laboratory, USGS Conte Anadromous Fish Research Laboratory

**Funding Level:** \$597,408

**Objectives:** Determining the probability of blade strike and injury, and the behavior of fish as they encounter hydrokinetic turbines. (1) assessment of potential injury mechanisms using available data from conventional hydro turbines; (2) theoretical models for predicting blade strike probabilities and mortality rates; and (3) performing flume testing with at least three turbine designs and several fish species

**Links to Lab Work:** Data integrated into Tethys database on environmental research, and project overlaps with other work on physical interactions and effects on aquatic organisms.





- Series developed by subgroup of the Federal Renewable Ocean Energy Working Group, including representatives from BOEM, DOE, EPA, and NOAA. PNNL provides technical assistance: [http://mhk.pnnl.gov/wiki/index.php/DOE\\_MHK\\_Webinar\\_Series](http://mhk.pnnl.gov/wiki/index.php/DOE_MHK_Webinar_Series)
- Series Goals:
  1. To identify gaps and priority areas for future research efforts.
  2. To communicate ongoing studies and results.
  3. To help inform siting and permitting efforts.
- Webinar Topics
  - July 27: MHK Environmental Data Management, Cumulative Impacts, and Risk Assessment
  - August 29: Research on Aquatic Animal Interaction with MHK Devices
  - September 14: Monitoring Technologies and Strategies for MHK Devices
  - December 14: Potential Acoustic Impacts
- Attendance:
  - About 150 in attendance at each webinar
  - Wide audience:
    - Government (State and Federal)=44%; Industry=31%; Academic Researchers=19%; NGO=4%
    - International participation accounted for 6% total attendance, including representatives from government, academia, and industry.

## Physical Interactions with Devices

- Evaluating potential for fish attraction and avoidance
- Modeling and experimentation to evaluate strike risk to fish

## Electromagnetic Fields

- Experimentation to evaluate potential effects of EMF on fresh water fish and invertebrates

## Acoustics

- Evaluating effects on MHK noise by increasing knowledge of noise in riverine environments. Planned device noise measurements and net-pen studies.

## Toxicity

- Experimentation to measure the effects of antifouling coatings on aquatic organisms

## Benthic Habitat Alteration

- Development of measurement methodology to evaluate effects of MHK devices on benthic habitat. Planned measurements around devices.



## Conceptual Model Development

- Development of conceptual models to increase understanding of the ecological relationships between MHK stressors and biological receptors and the cumulative impacts of development.

## Benthic Habitat Alteration

- Development of monitoring protocols

Thank you for your time!

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# Sandia Water Power Program Update

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**METAP Webinar: National Laboratory  
Activities to Support Marine Energy  
Technology Progress**



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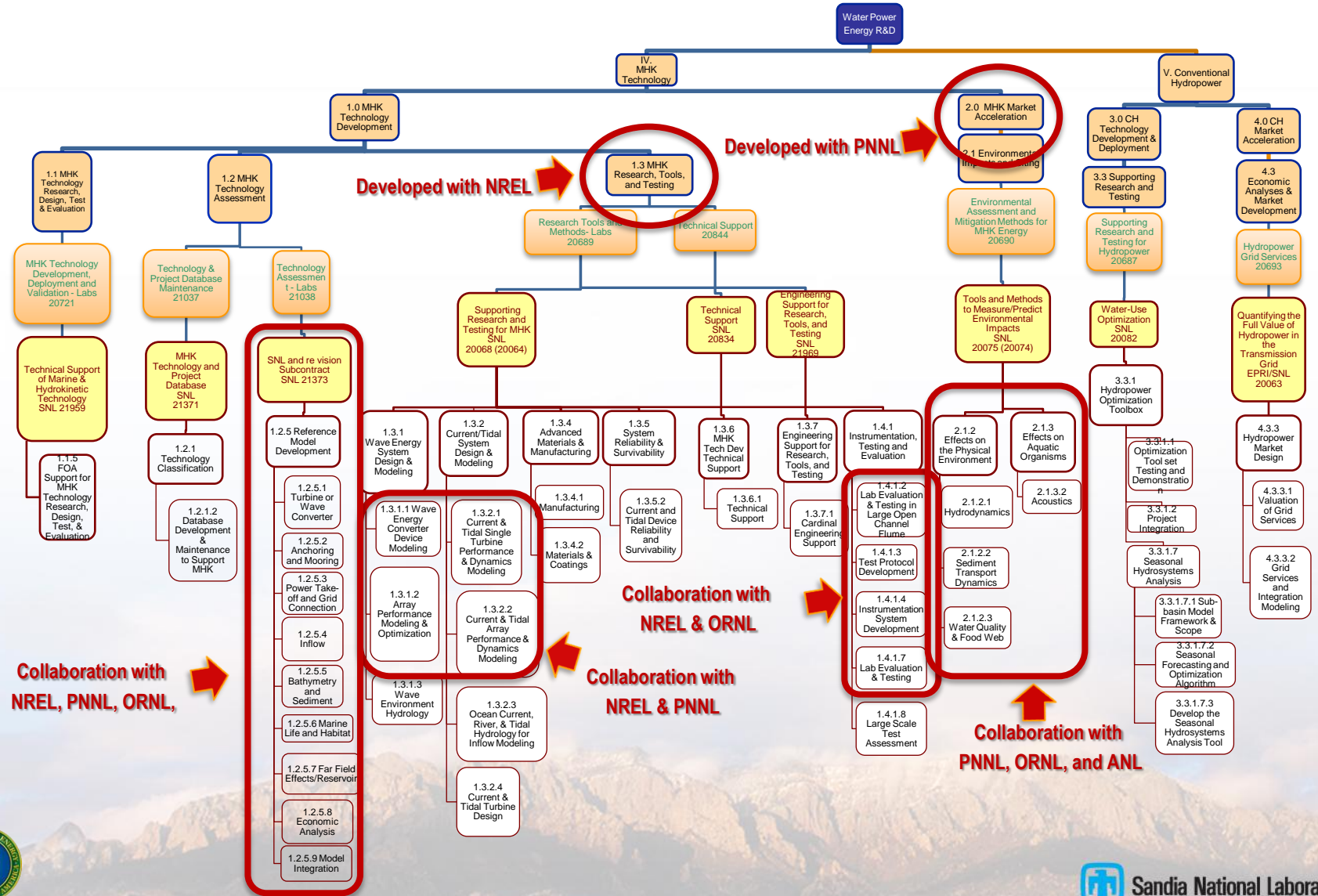
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# Topic Outline

- **Reference Models:** Develop a representative set of Reference Models (RM) for the MHK industry to develop baseline cost of energy (COE) and evaluate key cost component/system reduction pathways
- **Research Tools and Testing:** Analysis tools and methods to be developed, evaluated and validated. In addition, new materials and coatings will be developed, evaluated, and validated. Most importantly all these tools, formulations and test data will be accessible to industry.
- **Market Acceleration:** Assessment of changes to the physical (i.e. currents, waves, sediments, and water quality) & acoustic environment potentially incurred through operation of various types of MHK devices and arrays.



# Water Power Program Chart: SNL Activities



Developed with NREL

Developed with PNNL

Collaboration with NREL & ORNL

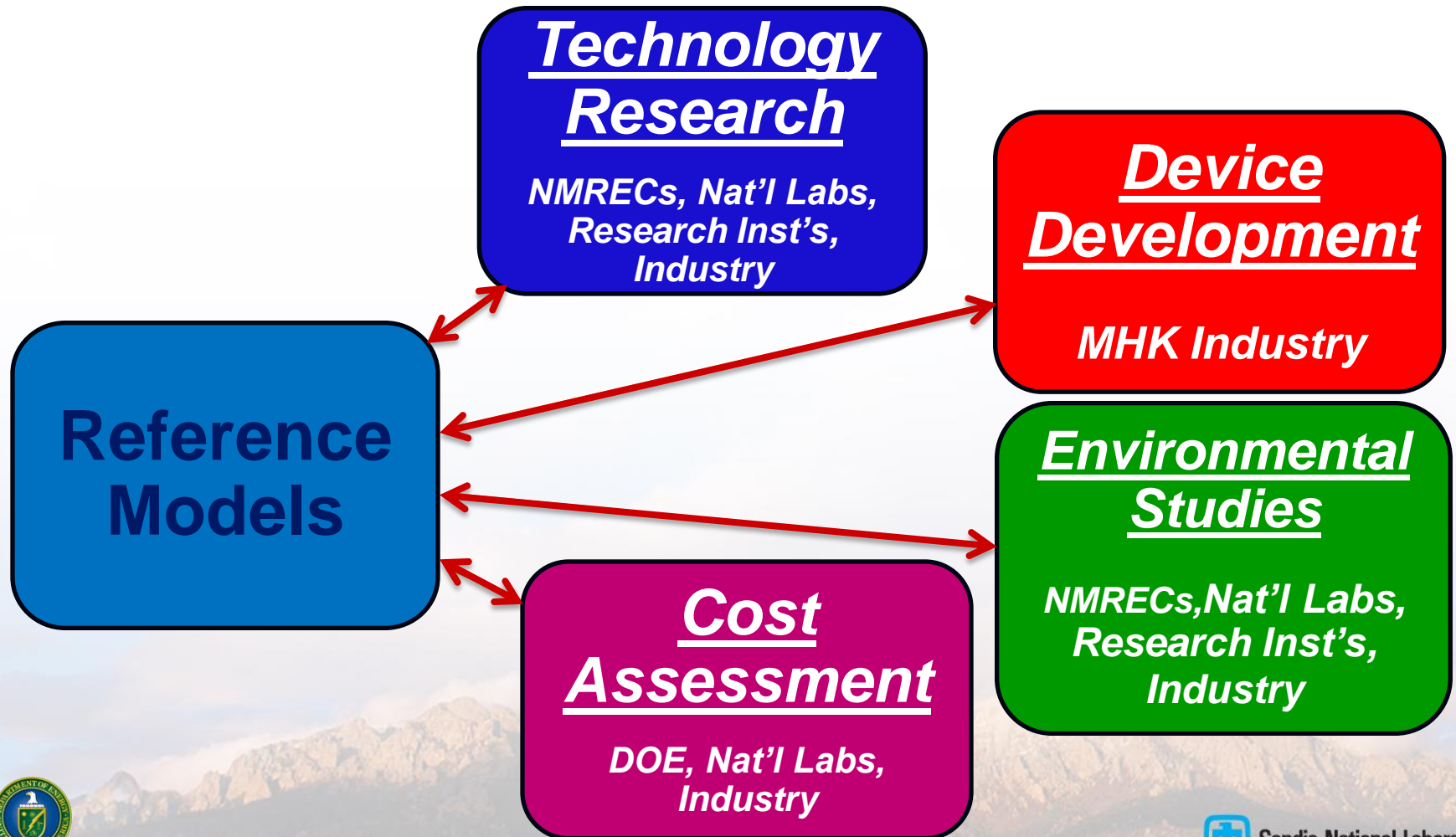
Collaboration with NREL & PNNL

Collaboration with PNNL, ORNL, and ANL

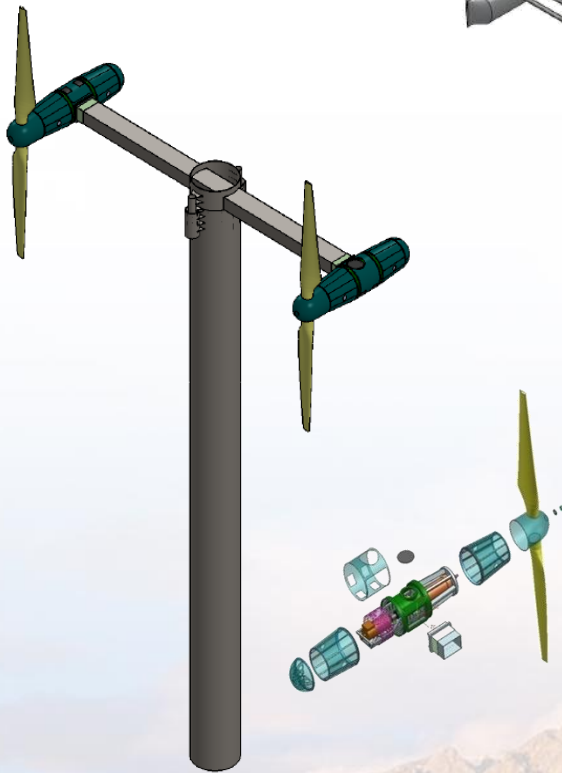
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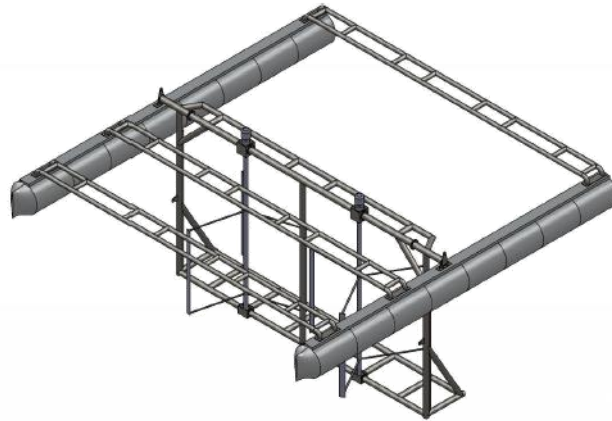
# Reference Models: Integrate WP Program



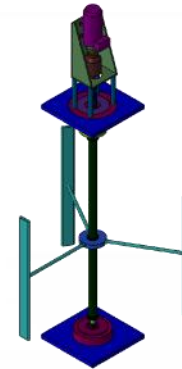
# Reference Model Examples



RM#1 Tidal Turbine



RM#2 River Turbine

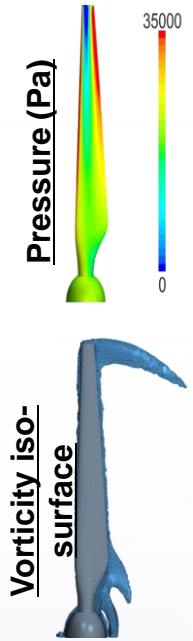
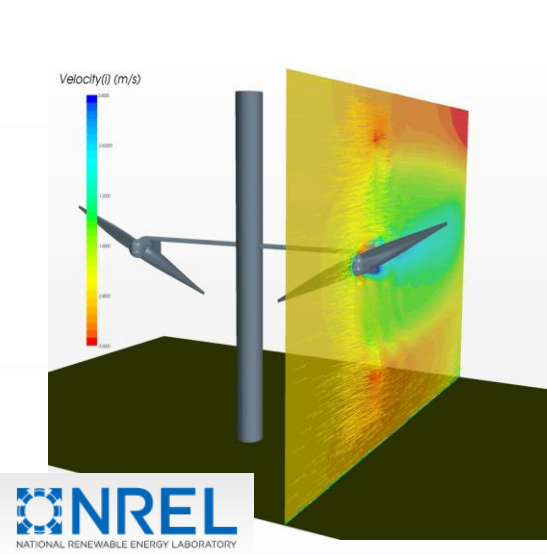
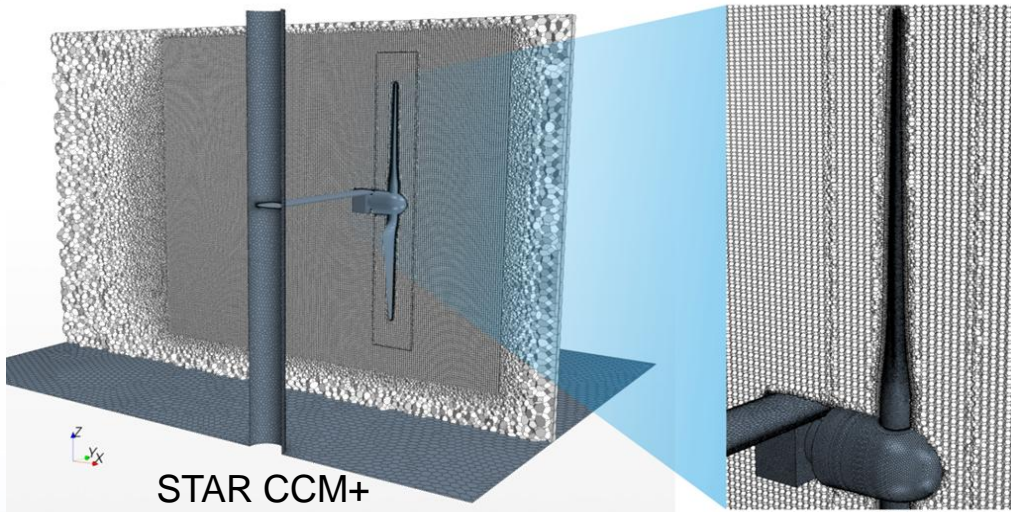


RM#3 WEC Point Absorber

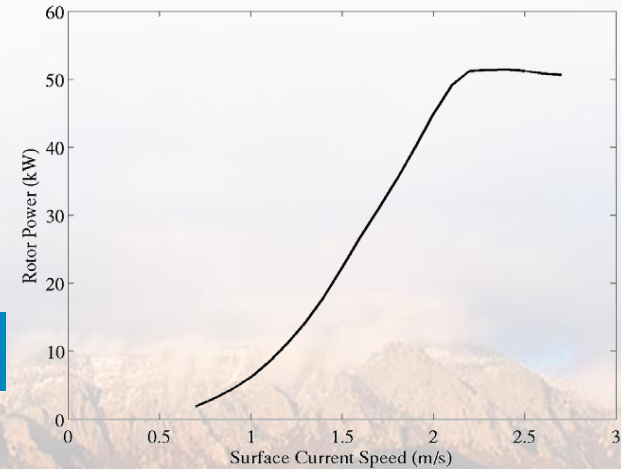
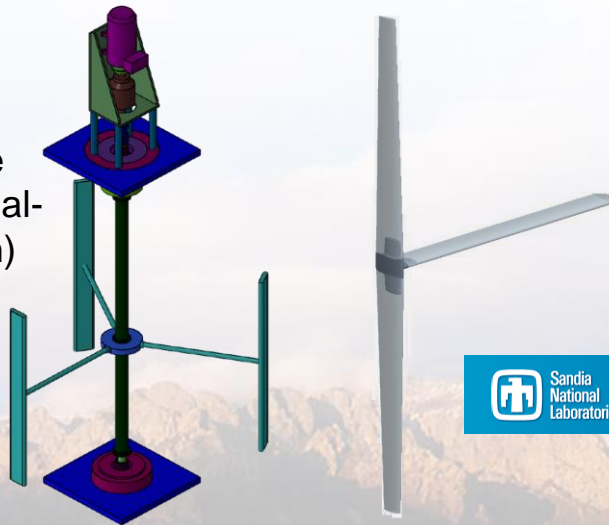




# Development and Application of Analysis Tools

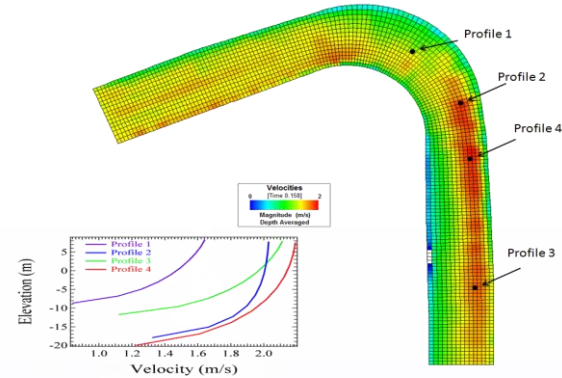
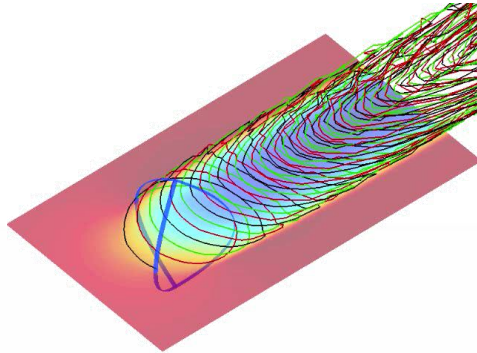


CACTUS (Code for the Analysis of Cross and axial-flow TURbine Simulation)

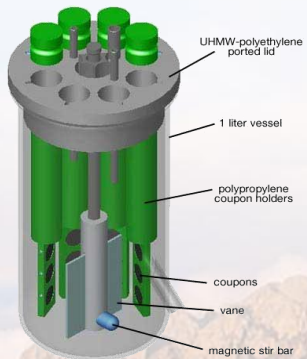


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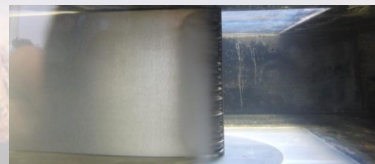
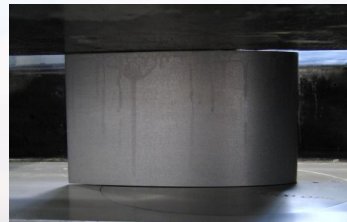
## Code Development and Evaluation



## Materials and Coatings



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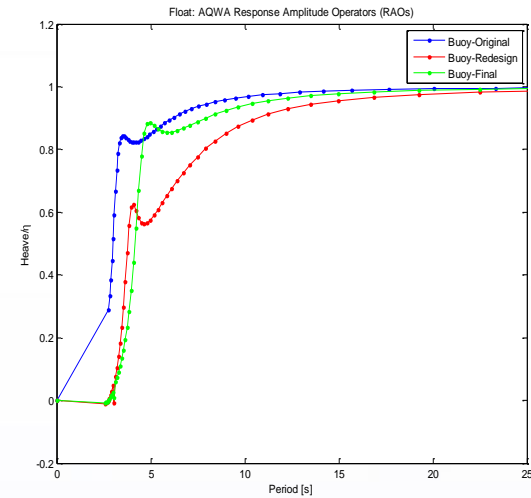
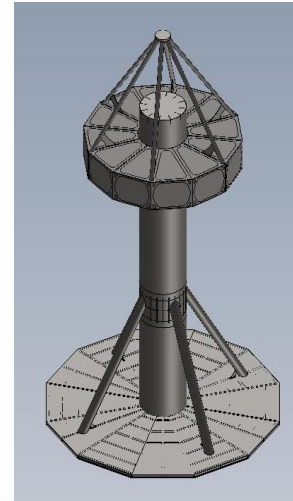
## Testing



# Wave Device Modeling

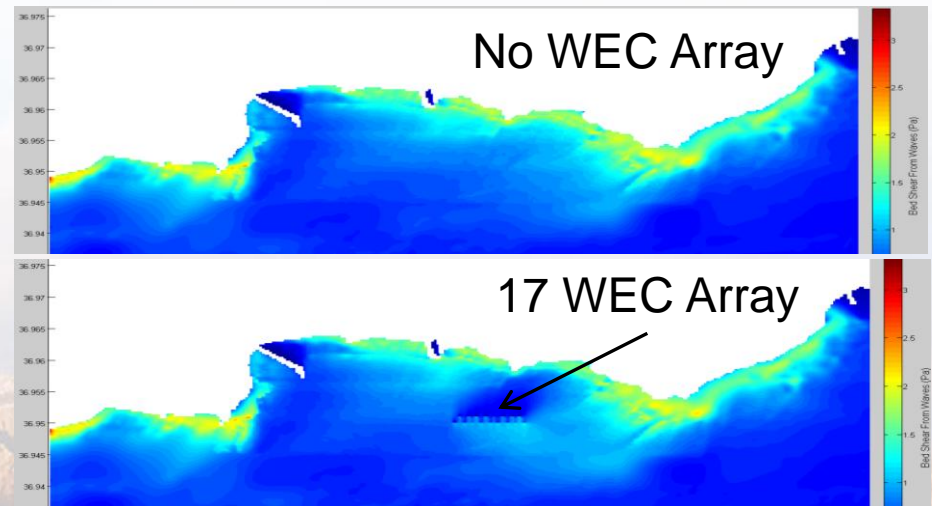
## Single Device

- Integrate Fluid-Structure interactions with performance modeling including PTO



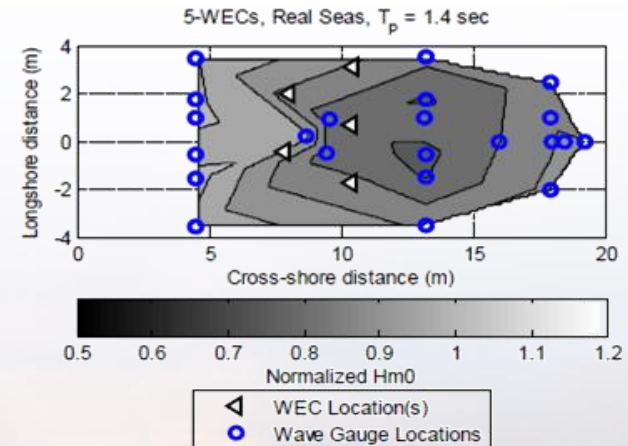
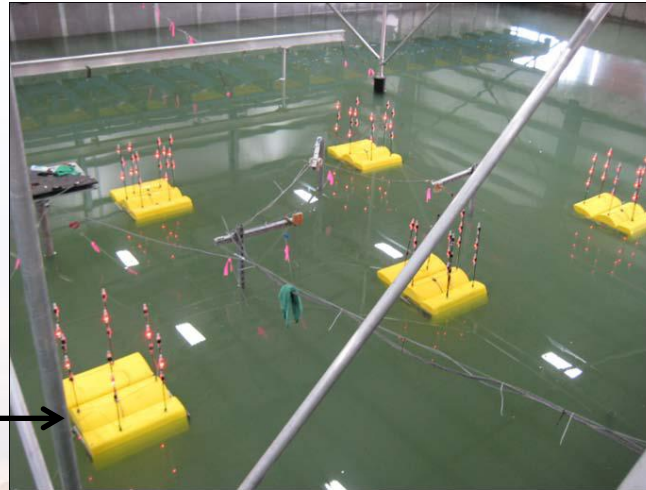
## Device Arrays

- Represent devices as reflection and/or transmission sink
- Integrated into SWAN/SNL-EFDC



# WEC Array Testing for Model Development and Validation

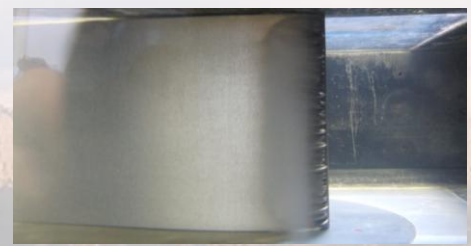
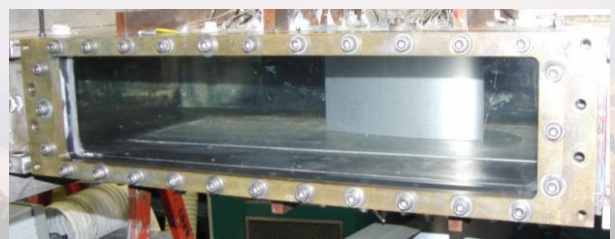
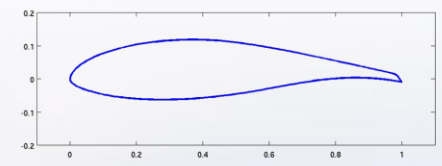
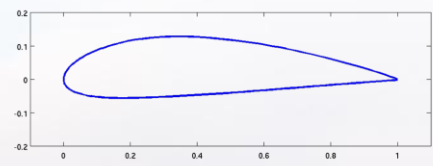
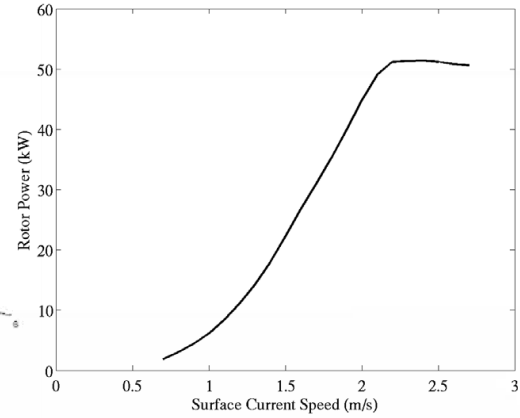
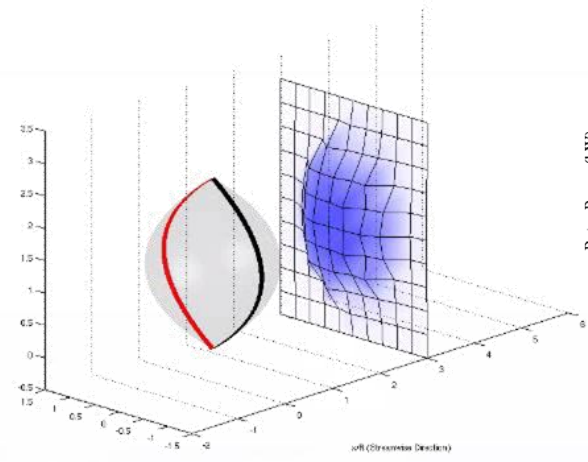
- Goal: In collaboration with OSU and Columbia Power, generate test data for WEC arrays to support code development and validation.
- Motivation: Once completed, this experimental test matrix will provide a basis for model validation and allow for a performance modeling tools for optimization WEC arrays



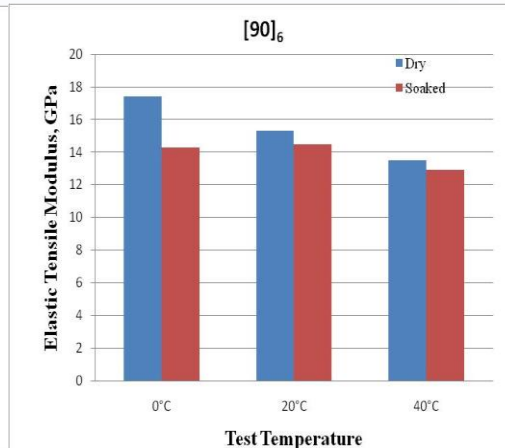
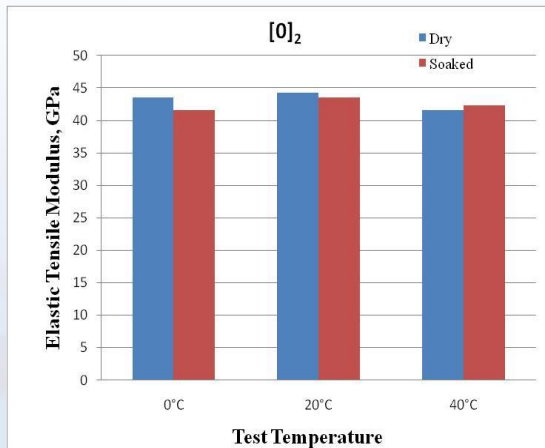
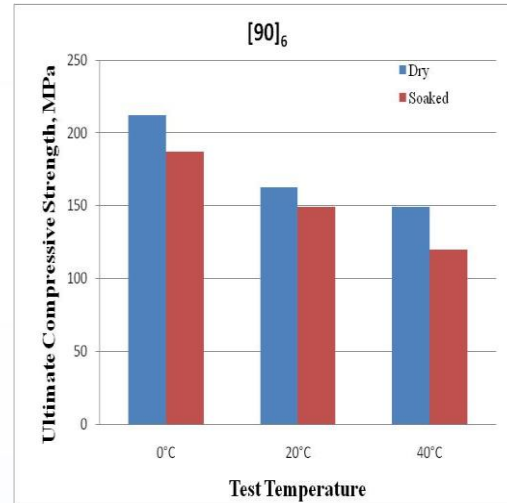
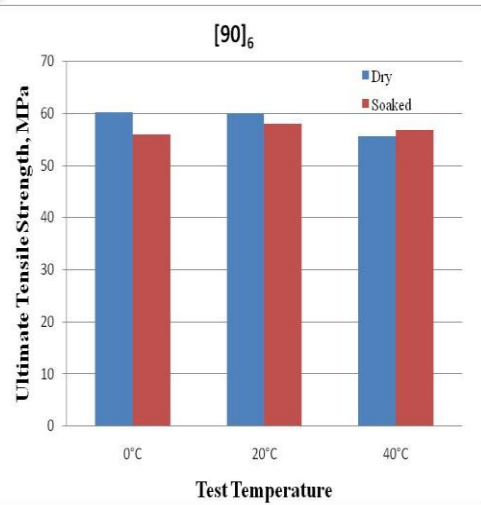
# Single Turbine Modeling

## ■ Single Device

- Development of CACTUS Code for both cross flow and axial flow turbine analysis
- Design and test of high performance turbine blade (with Penn State ARL and UC Davis)

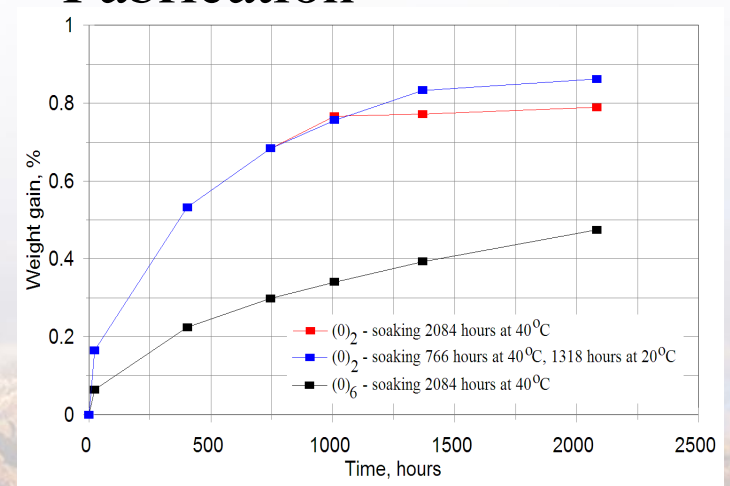


# Materials and Coatings



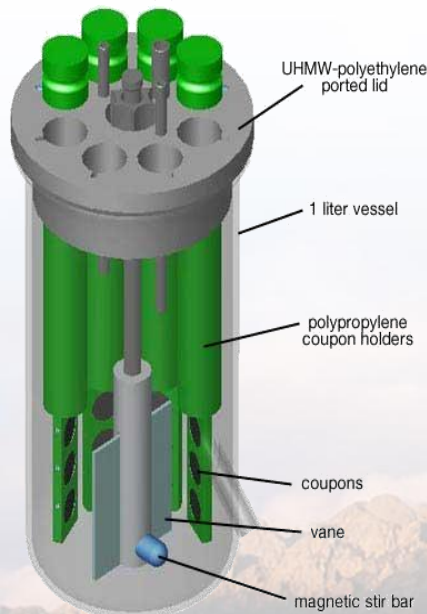
## ■ Collaboration with Montana State University

- Moisture Absorption
- Mechanical Testing on salt water immersed composites
- Fabrication



# Materials and Coatings

- SNL
- Biofilm baseline measurements on commercial materials & coatings



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Test ID	Coating Source	Material	Significantly less fouling than control?	Fouling reduction (log CFU/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Fouling Reduction (%)
EP2000	ePaint	SS	No	---	---
EP2000	ePaint	Al	No <sup>1</sup>	---	---
EP2000	ePaint	PVC	No	---	---
SN-1	ePaint	HDPE	No <sup>2</sup>	---	---
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SN-1	ePaint	HR	No <sup>2</sup>	---	---
SN-1	ePaint	PVC	No <sup>2</sup>	---	---
SN-1	ePaint	Al	No <sup>4</sup>	---	---
INT-757	Intersleek	PC	Yes	0.67	79
INT-757	Intersleek	SS	Yes	0.81	85
INT-757	Intersleek	HDPE	No	---	---
INT-757	Intersleek	HR <sup>+</sup>	No	---	---
INT-757	Intersleek	PVC	No	---	---
INT-757	Intersleek	Al	No	---	---
INT-970	Intersleek	PC	Yes	0.79	84
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INT-970	Intersleek	HR <sup>+</sup>	No	---	---
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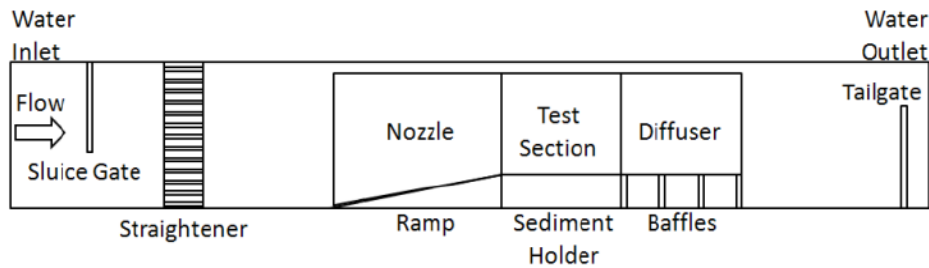
1 More growth on coated coupon, assumed to be because the coating shielded the cells from the antimicrobial properties of Al.  
 2 Active ingredient thought to have leached into the reactor solution, thus impacting biofilm growth on controls as well.

3 Approximately 2.8 log CFU cm<sup>-2</sup> more than EP2000 samples.

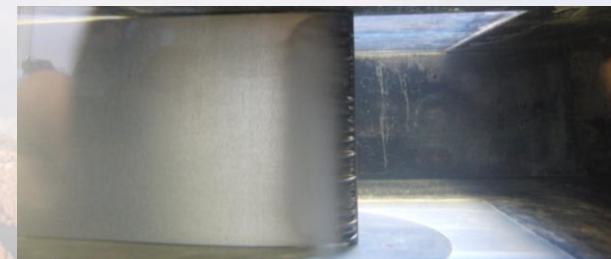
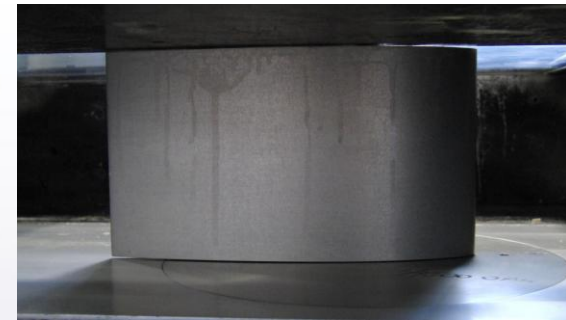
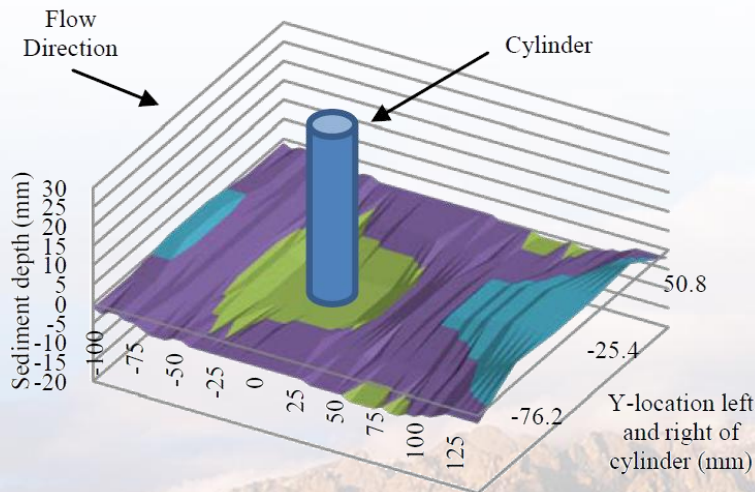
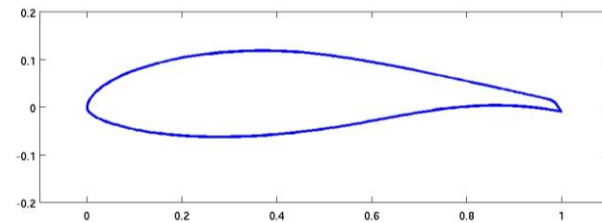


# Turbine Testing

Bucknell University: Model testing for foundation performance and scour



Penn State ARL: Model testing for blade and turbine performance

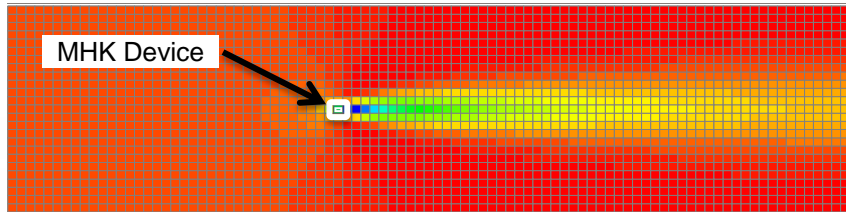




# Market Acceleration: MHK-Friendly Tool Development

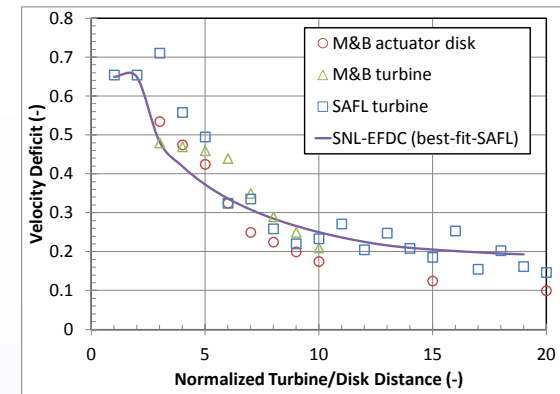
## Progress

- Verification/validation of SNL-EFDC open-source code against scaled flume data
- Released code to public and completed two SNL-EFDC array optimization training courses
- Large river array optimization: maximize power production/minimize environmental effects



K-ε modifications

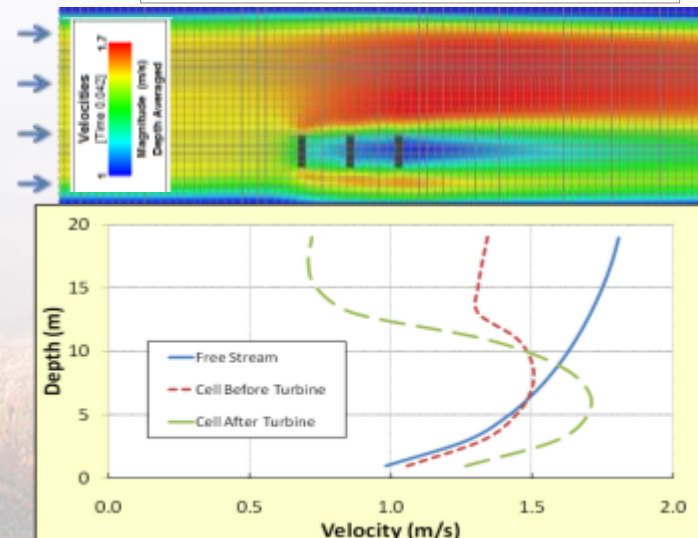
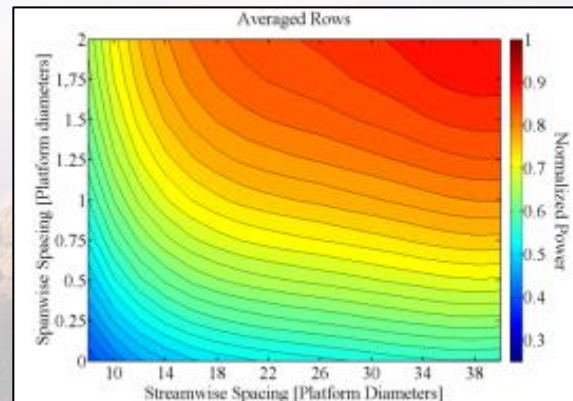
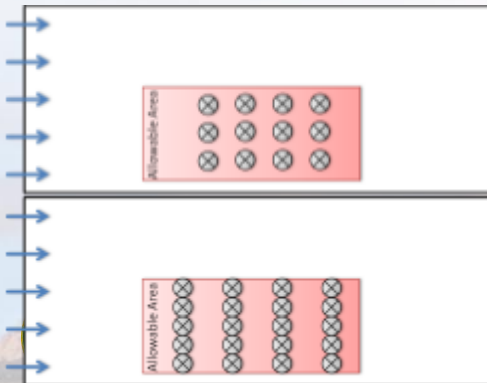
Empirical constants



Treats MHK-turbine device as a momentum sink and source of turbulent kinetic energy and its dissipation rate

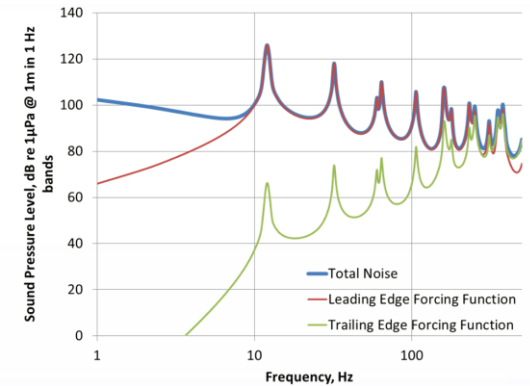
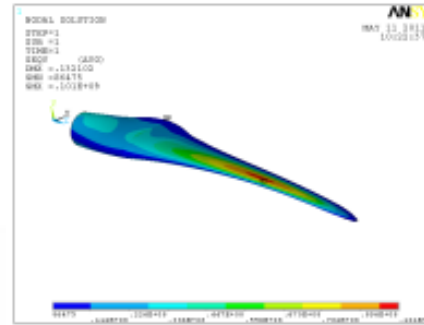
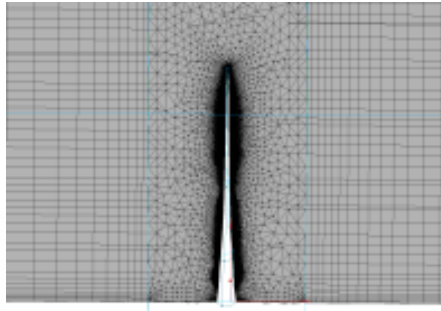
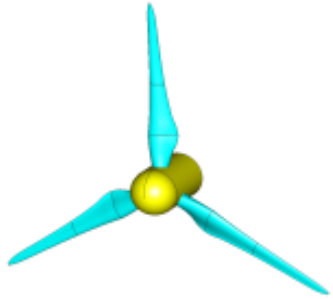
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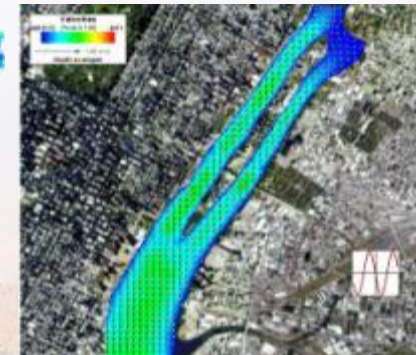
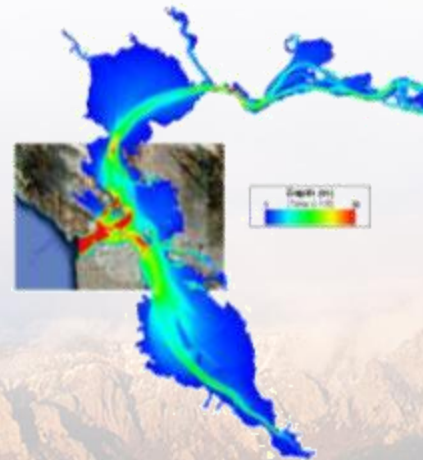
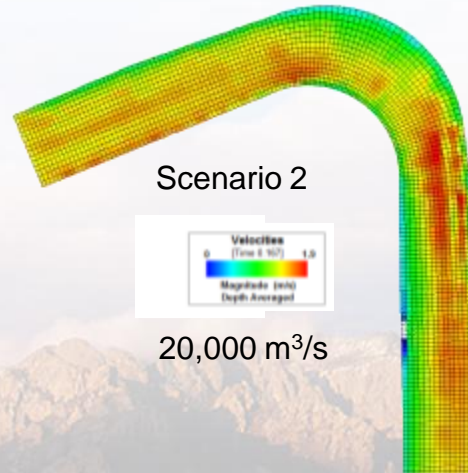
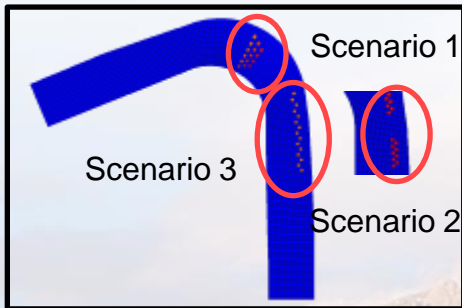


# Additional Market Acceleration Projects

## Acoustic Modeling: Turbine Blades



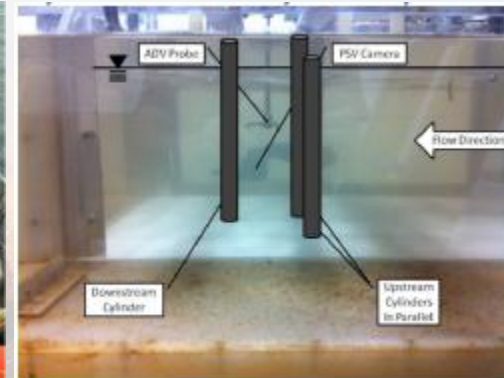
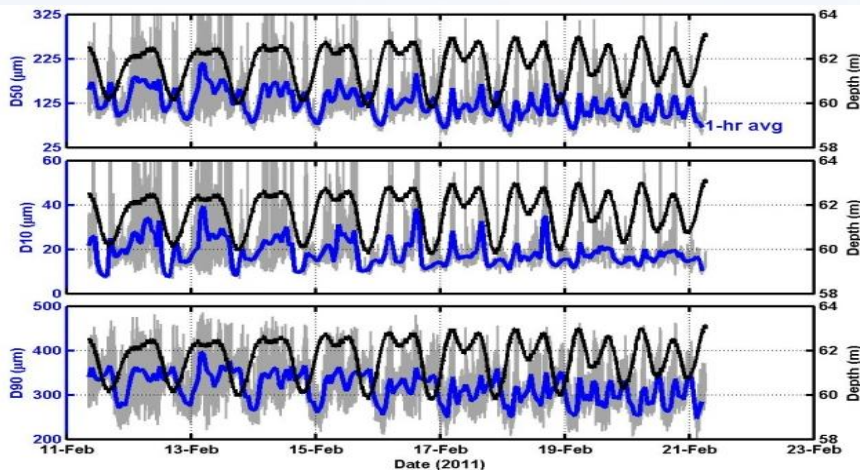
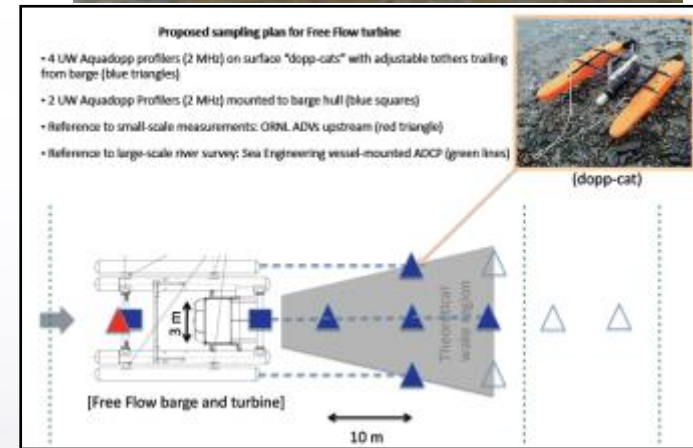
## Large Scale Modeling: Optimizing Performance and Environmental Impact



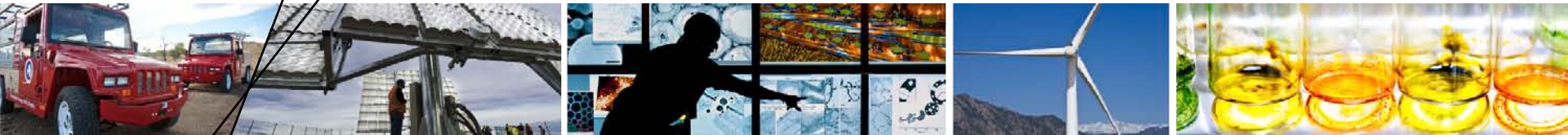
# Market Acceleration: Field and Lab Testing

## Major Accomplishments

- Completed data collection of suspended sediment in Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound
  - Helped to close noise budget in Admiralty Inlet and develop relationship between SSC and tides
- Scaled lab tests (Bucknell): verified flow characteristics & completed initial measurements of scour around mock MHK-support (cylinder). Designed scaled support and turbine array experiments.
  - Provide scaled validation data sets
- Created test plan for field measurements around FFP demonstration turbine.
  - Will be first ever public data set of flow around MHK-turbine



# Marine and Hydrokinetic Activities at NREL



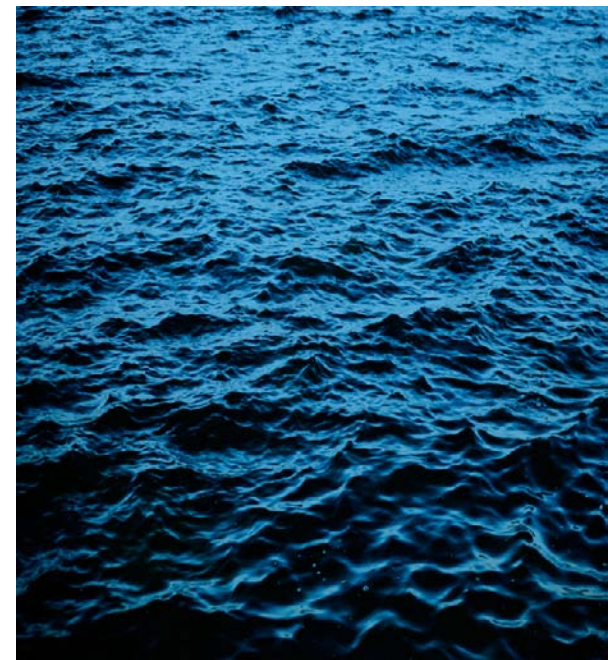
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Program Integrator/Senior Project Leader  
Wind and Water Power Program

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Offshore Wind and Ocean Energy Systems

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# Outline

## Introduction

- Wind Evolution
- R&D Priorities
- Integrated Approach

## Computer Aided Engineering Tools

- Economic Analysis
- Wave
- Current

## Testing

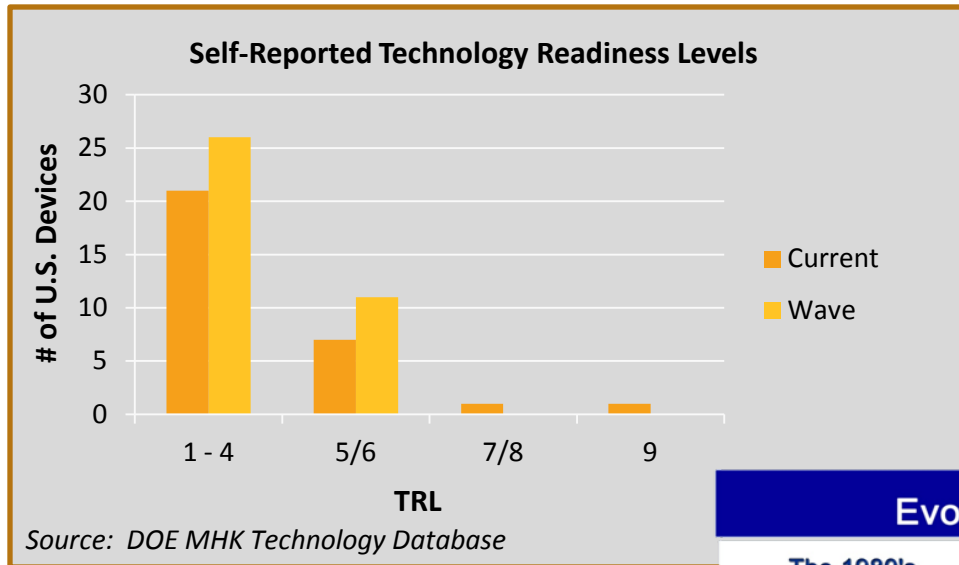
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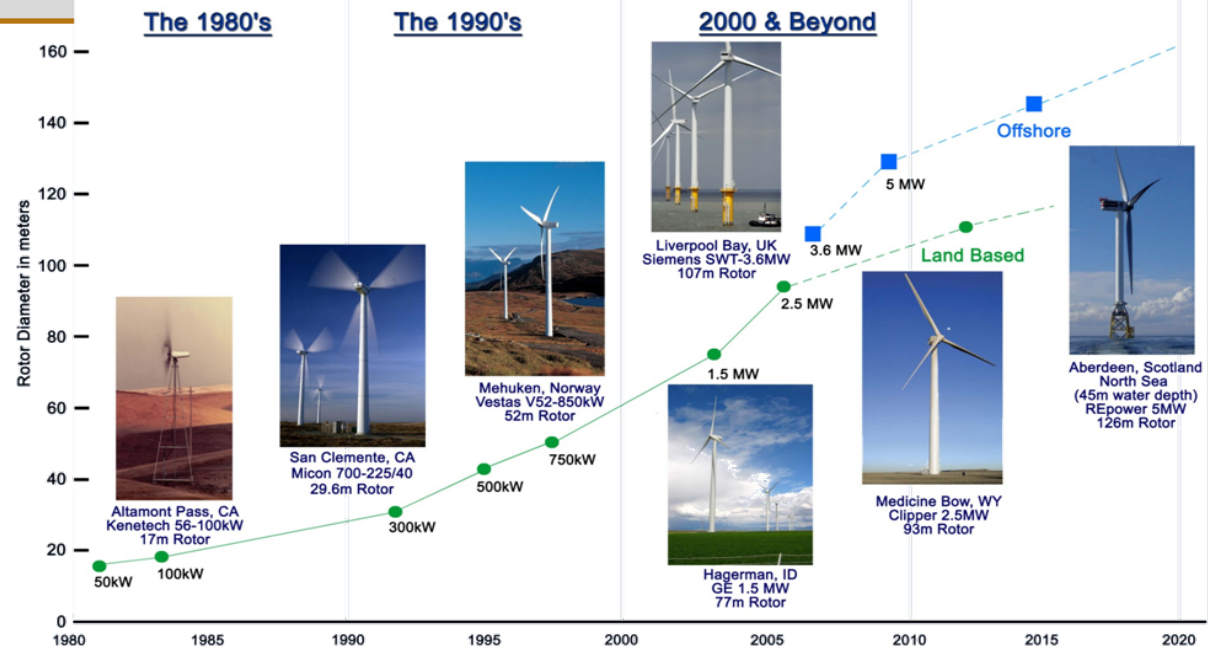
- Standards Development
- Resource Characterization
- Infrastructure Assessment

## Questions?

# The Challenge: To evolve MHK technologies faster!



## Evolution of Commercial Wind Technology



# MHK Technology Advancement Priorities

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## 1. Cost Reduction and System Performance/Reliability

- Develop computer modeling tools to assist industry in device and system design and operation
- Develop design and testing protocols
- Support design and development of scale systems and components in order to reduce technology costs and improve performance and reliability

## 2. System Deployment and Testing

- Facilitate the deployment and testing of full scale MHK prototypes and components
- Generate data on performance, reliability and impacts
- Validate models and identify areas for improvement

## 3. Develop Evaluation and Performance Standards

- Characterize, evaluate and compare the wide variety of MHK technologies
- Continue IEC/IEA standards development

## 4. Resource Modeling and Characterization

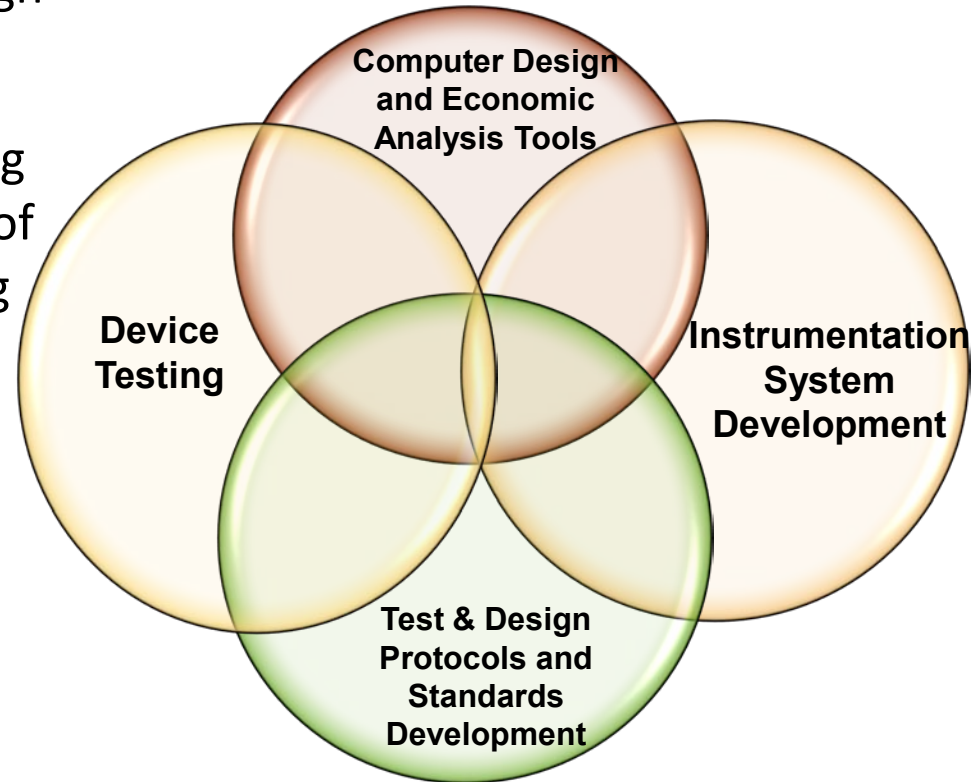
- Determine the available, extractable, and cost-effective water resources in the US
- Understand design environments

## 5. Understand Environmental Effects

- Collect/disseminate data on environmental impacts to reduce deployment costs and environmental effects

# Integrated Technical Approach

- Integrated approach provides industry with open source and validated design tools
- Develops instrumentation and testing protocols and standards for the use of industry and National Marine Testing Centers
- Supports demonstration projects by providing instrumentation design, software and hardware
- Subscale and full scale tests provide data for model improvement and technology characterization





# Tools: Economic Analysis

## **Jobs and Economic Development Impacts (JEDI) Model:**

<http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/jedi/>

- Easy-to-use model to analyze the magnitude of economic impacts that will likely result from developing MHK technologies
- Analyzes only specific deployment cases identified in the model. User inputted data required for analyzing other projects
- In the absence of historical cost data, where necessary engineering cost models were used to develop a set of reference cost data
- Partners – MRG & Associates, Re Vision Consulting

## **Regional Electricity Deployment System (ReEDS) Model:**

<http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/reeds/>

- Deployment scenarios to generate energy supply curves

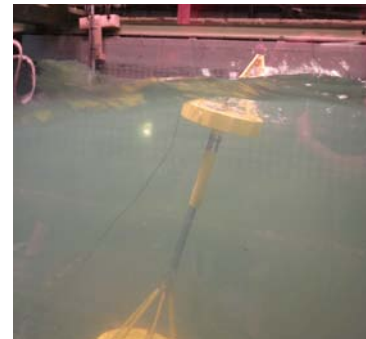
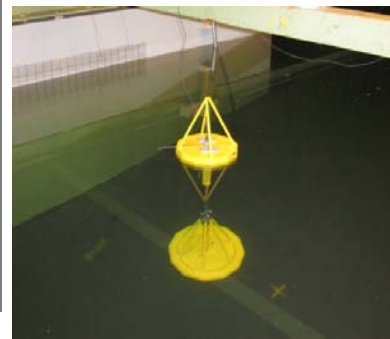
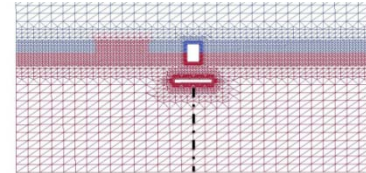
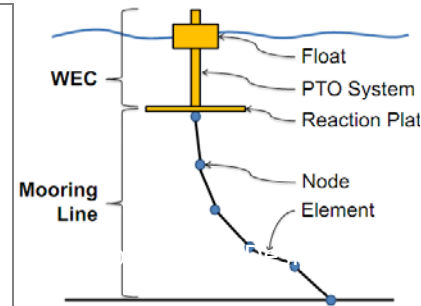
# Computer Aided Design Tools: Wave Energy

## Objectives

- Assess utility and limitations of commercial codes (e.g. OrcaFlex™, Star CCM+™, ANSYS AQWA™)
- Develop wave energy converter design tools for point absorber, attenuator, oscillating water column, and surge technologies – metocean, component, system (single device) and array
- Perform model to model verification and participate in laboratory and field testing to validate models
- Develop device survivability and reliability design methods
- Develop wave device/array optimization methods and control strategies

## Approach

- Develop both first-order design tools and high fidelity analysis tools
- Validate codes with laboratory and field data
- Public domain source code, documentation and example application for several different modeling methods (e.g. parametric, boundary element, and CFD)
- Actively engage users to ensure utility
- Partners: MIT, Oregon State U., Sandia NL



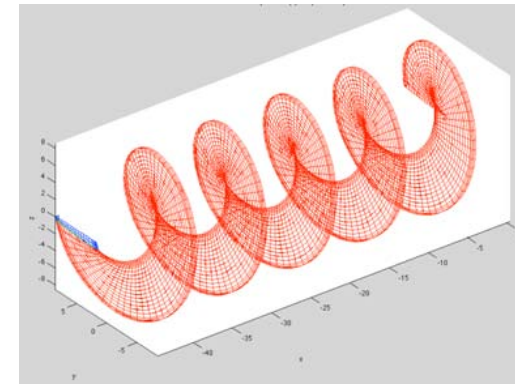
# Computer Aided Design Tools: Current Energy

## Objectives

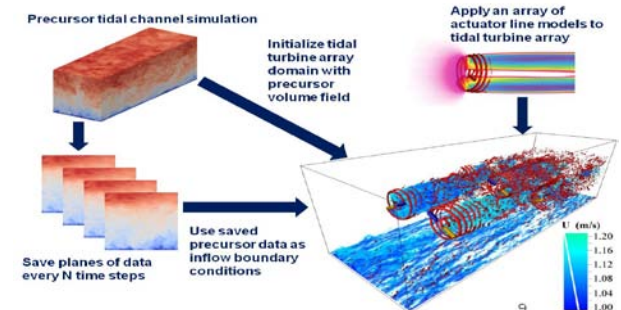
- Develop modular computer aided engineering framework and tool set to support the design and analysis of wave and tidal systems – inflow, wake, component, system (single device), and to enable device and array design optimization (performance and loads)

## Approach

- Leverage experience in wind
- Adapt existing wind codes for MHK application (e.g. Harp\_Opt, TurbSim, FAST)
- Utilize modular architecture and open source software to enable rapid development, ease of customization, and code sharing
- Utilize wind experimental expertise to develop protocols and instrumentation to validate tools
- Partners – Penn State U., U. Cincinnati, SNL, PNNL, ORNL



**Axial Flow Turbine Wake Simulated with Vortex Method**

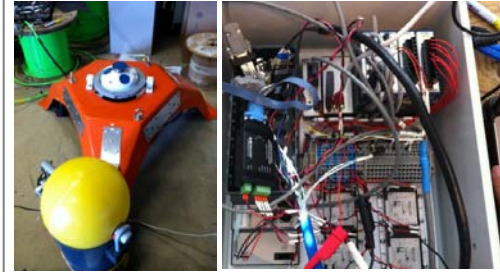


**LES Simulation Of Tidal Array**

# Testing: Instrumentation

## Objectives

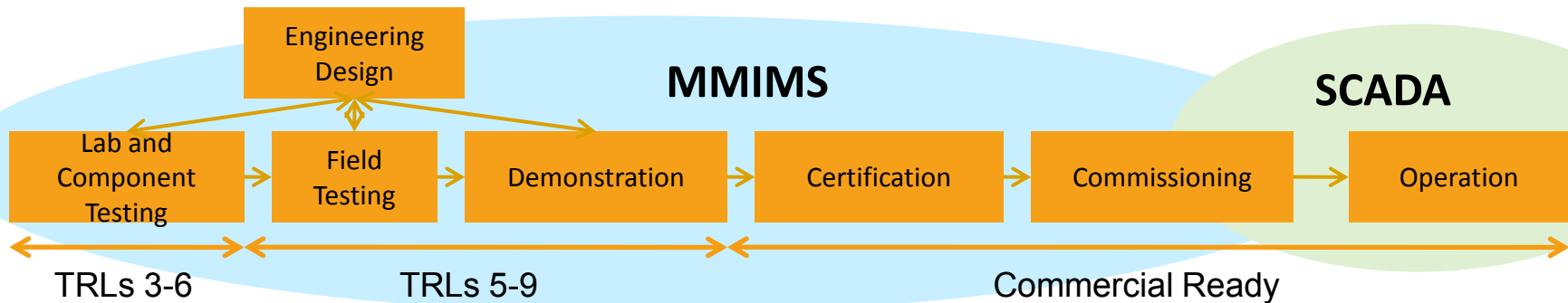
- Develop a Modular Marine Integrated Measurement System (MMIMS) for laboratory and field data measurement
- Disseminate hardware layout/design and software source code
- Deploy system for in-water research, testing, and evaluation of MHK technologies



\* Based on UW Design

## Approach

- Leverage existing systems and know-how developed by the DOE wind and water power program
- Leverage internal marine specific operations and instrumentation experience
- Active integration of users to guide design and implementation (Instrumentation Working Group)
- Moored Turbulence Measurement Package Prototype
- Partners – NNMREC, NAVFAC, SNL, UNH, ORNL, PNNL, Cardinal Engineering, SNMREC, HINMREC, and others



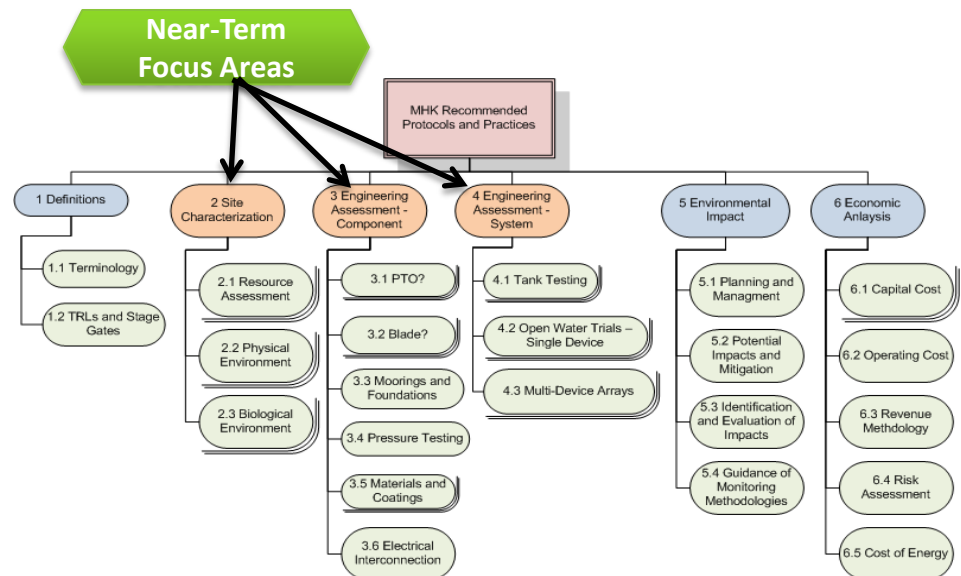
# Testing: Protocols

## Objectives

- Develop protocols for laboratory and open-ocean wave and water current component and systems testing that are relevant to and conforms with U.S. technology development and practices

## Approach

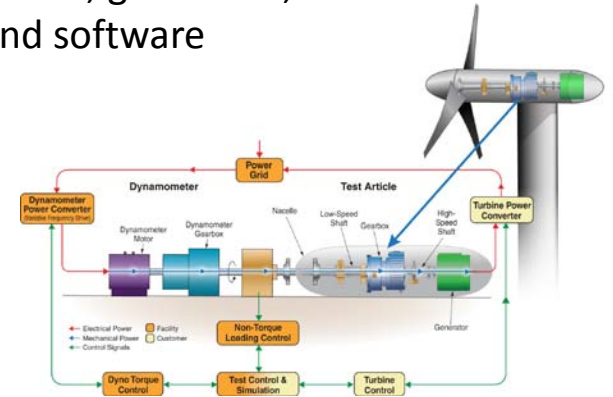
- Build upon protocols from wind, the marine industry, and other MHK efforts (e.g. EMEC, Equimar)
- Coordinate integrated Working Group of MHK experts from industry, national labs, National Marine Renewable Energy Centers, and academia
- Partners: OHMSETT, NNMREC, SNMREC, HINMREC, ORNL, PNNL, SNL, UHN, and others



# Testing: Laboratory

## Drive-train Testing

- Drive-train design validation: under 10 kW to 5 MW
- Test a variety of components and subsystems, including generators, gearboxes, mechanical or electro-dynamic brakes, power electronics, control systems, and software
- Highly Accelerated Life Testing (HALT)



## Structural Testing

- Blades and other components
- Simulate operational performance from concept to production machine
- Typical component structural testing needed to validate models includes:
  - Property testing
  - Dynamic Characterization
  - Strength testing
  - Fatigue testing



# Analysis and Assessment

## Standards Development: IEC TC 114 – Ocean Energy Systems

- **Goal:** Develop and implement standards that will facilitate accelerated MHK device development and ensure that they are effective, safe, and environmentally responsible
- Administer and facilitate U.S. efforts and participate in standards development (Technical Advisory Group, Working Groups, Project Teams, Shadow Committees)
- Provide technical experts to national and international teams
- Actively engage with international MHK community

## Resource Characterization

- **Wave Resource** (EPRI Lead) - [http://maps.nrel.gov/mhk\\_atlas](http://maps.nrel.gov/mhk_atlas)
- **River Resource** (EPRI Lead) – expected release mid - 2012
- **OTEC Resource** (Lockheed Martin Lead) - expected release mid - 2012



## U.S. Testing Infrastructure Assessment

- Wave and current related technologies
- Laboratory through full scale open ocean testing
- Partner – Sandia NL

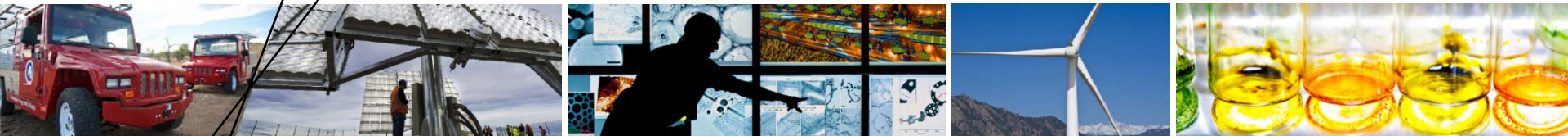
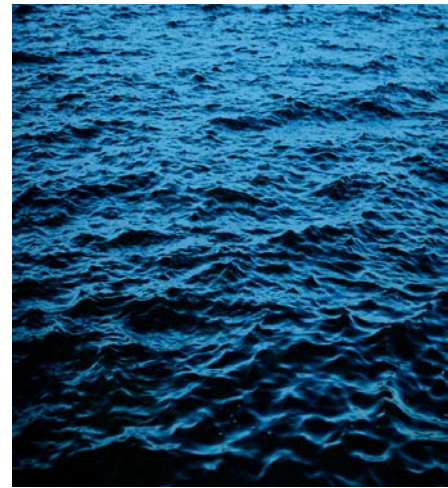


# Some MHK Publications: [www.nrel.gov/publications](http://www.nrel.gov/publications)

- **“1st Marine and Hydrokinetic Device Modeling Workshop: Final Report”** ; Li, Y.; NREL Report No. TP-5000-51421; DOE/GO-102011-3374.
- **“1st Advanced Marine Renewable Energy Instrumentation Experts Workshop Report”**, R. Driscoll, MP-5000-51584.
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- **“Development and Verification of a Computational Fluid Dynamics Model of a Horizontal-Axis Tidal Current Turbine”** Lawson, M.; Li, Y., Sale, D. – presented at the 30th International Conference on Ocean, Offshore, and Arctic Engineering, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, June 19-24, 2011. NREL/CP-5000-50981
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# Getting Marine and Hydrokinetic Energy Devices in the Water: Contributions from the U.S. DOE National Laboratories\*

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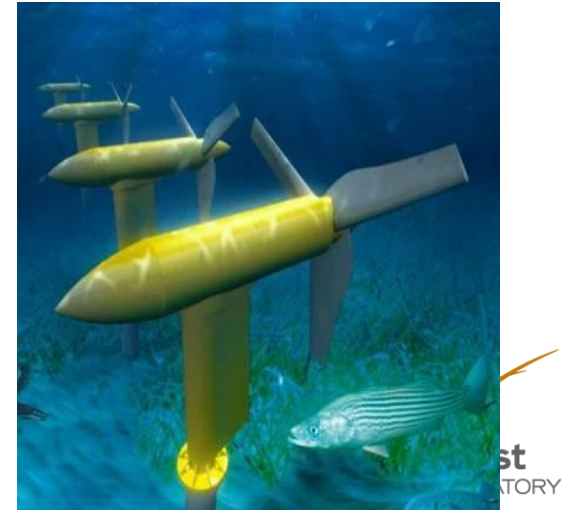


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# Today....

- ▶ What the MHK industry needs
- ▶ Key issues in siting and permitting
- ▶ PNNL (and partners') research and development
- ▶ Moving towards mitigation



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# Emerging MHK industry needs

- ▶ **Characterizing Resource:** Mapping optimal power densities
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# What environmental barriers do we need to overcome to get MHK devices in the water?

## ERES, *Tethys* & Annex IV

Set priorities based on research and key risks

## Reference Model

Determine costs and cost reduction pathways

## BAA Protocols

Use standardized protocols--consistency

Regulatory requirements drive priorities:

- Endangered animals, close encounters with devices, mooring lines
- Harm to animals from output (EMF, acoustics)
- Concerns over water quality, sediment transport changes

Reduce costs, ensure consistency, inform study plans, target real risks

Address common issues with research

**FY 09 Lab Call**

Learn from monitoring data

**Information from Industry Projects**

Mitigate for real effects

**Marine Animal Alert System**

# PNNL Research Team

Project	PNNL Staff and Partners	Focus/Area of Specialization
Risk-Based Approach to <b>Environmental Effects of MHK Energy</b> Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea Copping</li> <li>• Jeffrey Ward</li> <li>• Scott Butner</li> <li>• Zhaoqing Yang/Taiping Wang</li> <li>• Irv Schultz, Dana Woodruff</li> <li>• Tom Carlson/Michele Halvorsen</li> <li>• Roy Kropp</li> <li>• Simon Geerlofs</li> <li>• Oak Ridge National Laboratory</li> <li>• Sandia National Laboratories</li> <li>• Univ WA/Oregon St Univ – NNMREC</li> <li>• Pacific Energy Ventures</li> <li>• Univ MA Dartmouth</li> <li>• Worley Parsons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI, risk assessment</li> <li>• PM</li> <li>• Knowledge Management System</li> <li>• Numerical modeling</li> <li>• EMF exposure</li> <li>• Acoustics exposure</li> <li>• Physical interaction</li> <li>• Stakeholder outreach, CMSP</li> <li>• EMF and acoustics</li> <li>• Hydrodynamic modeling</li> <li>• Tidal and wave interaction</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• Tidal modeling</li> <li>• Wave modeling</li> </ul>
<b>Annex IV</b> – international data on environmental effects of MHK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea Copping</li> <li>• Scott Butner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect and analyze MHK effects data from many countries, esp. EU.</li> <li>• Make data accessible</li> </ul>
<b>Reference Model</b> – contribution of environmental studies/permitting to LCOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea Copping</li> <li>• Simon Geerlofs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine appropriate environmental studies to meet permitting needs.</li> <li>• Estimate costs of studies, to contribute to cost of energy from MHK development</li> </ul>
<b>Protocol framework</b> for environmental monitoring of MHK projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea Copping</li> <li>• Pacific Energy Ventures</li> <li>• Oregon State Univ</li> <li>• HT Harvey</li> <li>• NOAA Fisheries, SAIC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidal effects case study</li> <li>• Stakeholder, management</li> <li>• Wave effects case study</li> <li>• Offshore wind case study</li> <li>• Marine animals, EMF, acoustics</li> </ul>
<b>Marine Animal Alert System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Carlson</li> <li>• Daniel Deng</li> <li>• Shari Matzner</li> <li>• Josh Meyers</li> </ul>	Develop passive and active acoustic technology to detect, classify, localize marine animals at risk from MHK devices, beginning with marine mammals.
<b>Acoustic effects</b> of SnoPUD turbines on fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Carlson</li> <li>• Michele Halvorsen</li> <li>• Univ WA NNMREC, SMRU</li> </ul>	Measure effects of turbine noise on fish from proposed Puget Sound tidal turbines; surrogate measure for acoustic impacts on other animals
Puget Sound <b>Inflow Turbulence Characterization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marshall Richmond</li> <li>• Vibhav Durgesh</li> <li>• Univ WA NNMREC</li> </ul>	Inflow Characterization for MHK devices, field verification in Puget Sound
Predictive <b>Blade Strike Modeling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marshall Richmond</li> <li>• Vibhav Durgesh</li> </ul>	Predictive modeling distributions of strike/collision frequency, severity, and location for specific MHK designs

# Classifying & Evaluating Environmental Effects of MHK Development

Limited information is available on the effects of MHK

=> uncertainty and delays in siting and permitting

Making information on potential environmental effects readily available and establishing which potential effects pose the greatest risk to the environment => streamline regulatory process

=> also supports research agenda to further reduce uncertainty and the cost of energy

PNNL has created:

=> a Knowledge Management System – *Tethys* to organize information and make it accessible: MHK, OSW and international info (Annex IV)

=> Risk-based priority ranking system – ERES to help set priorities for permitting attention



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Tethys is a database and knowledge management system that provides access to information and research pertaining to the potential environmental effects of marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) and offshore wind development. Tethys also hosts data from Annex IV, an international collaboration amongst several countries to gather information on MHK environmental research worldwide.



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The marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) Environmental Impacts Knowledge Management System (KMS) (dubbed "Tethys" after the mythical Greek titaness of the seas) supports the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind and Water Power Program.

As industry, academia, and government seek to develop new renewable energy sources from moving water and offshore wind, potential environmental effects must be evaluated and measured to ensure that aquatic and avian animals, habitats and ecosystem functions are not adversely affected, nor that important coastal and ocean uses are displaced.

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# Annex IV Metadata Form

## 1 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS METADATA SURVEY FORM

Name of person filing the form (can opt to omit from on-line form)

Date submitted



**Project name:**

**Project description:**

*Project Developer*

*Technology type*

*Resource (wave, tidal, wind)*

*Project scale (test site, prototype, array, commercial)*

*Installed capacity (MW)*

*Additional Description*

*Project Website*

**Location:**

*Ocean/Water body*

*Closest city*

*Country*

*Coordinates (please use Mercator)*

*Depth*

**Process status:**

*Current status of the project implementation and future developments.*

*Expected operation date (if project is under way please indicate the start date).*

**Licensing information (brief description):**

*Please provide a brief description listing the organizations involved, licenses needed and duration of consent process. One paragraph should suffice.*

**Key Environmental issues:** *brief description on the most important environmental issues raised by the project (e.g. Sensitive species/habitats/areas that were of particular concern and/or received special protection) and how they were addressed.*

Baseline and project effects studies:				
General description				
Receptor	Study description including question and/or objective (several can be listed per receptor)	Design and methods (brief description)	Results (brief description)	Status (planned, underway, completed, with dates)
Physical environment				
Benthos				
Fish and fisheries				
Large vertebrates				
Birds				
Marine uses / users				
Other (can be named)				
<b>Reports and papers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When possible the files themselves can be made available in downloadable PDF format, alternatively links to the files or project website can be provided when available e.g. SeaGen.</li> <li>- Key papers on the areas addressed should be listed here</li> </ul>			
<b>Research projects</b>	Past or on-going environmental research projects at the site			

Monitoring and adaptive management				
General description				
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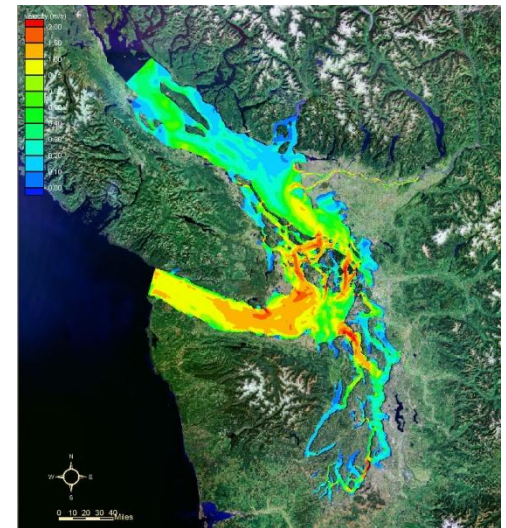


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# Removing energy, changing waterflows

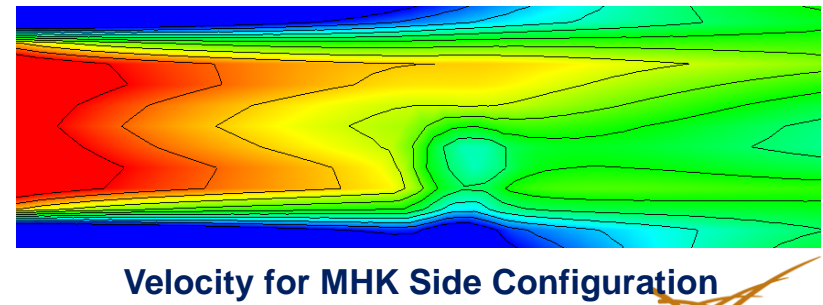
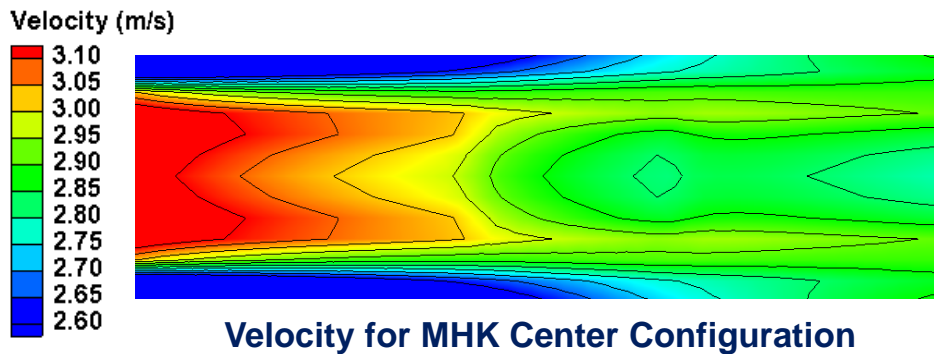
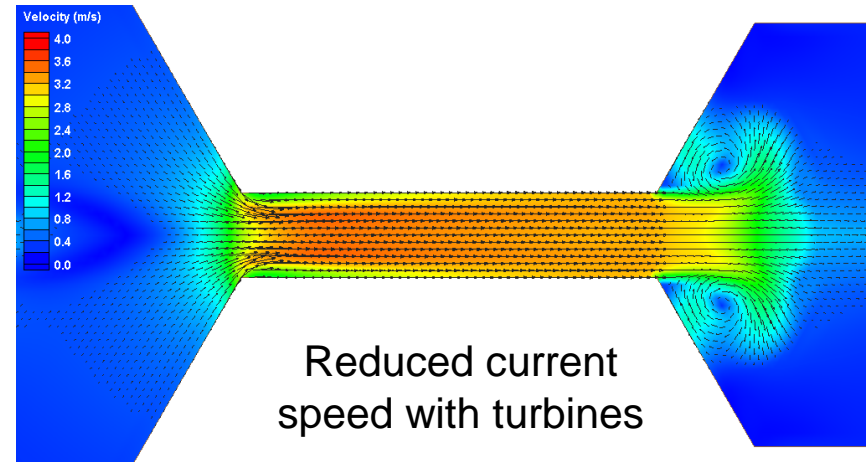
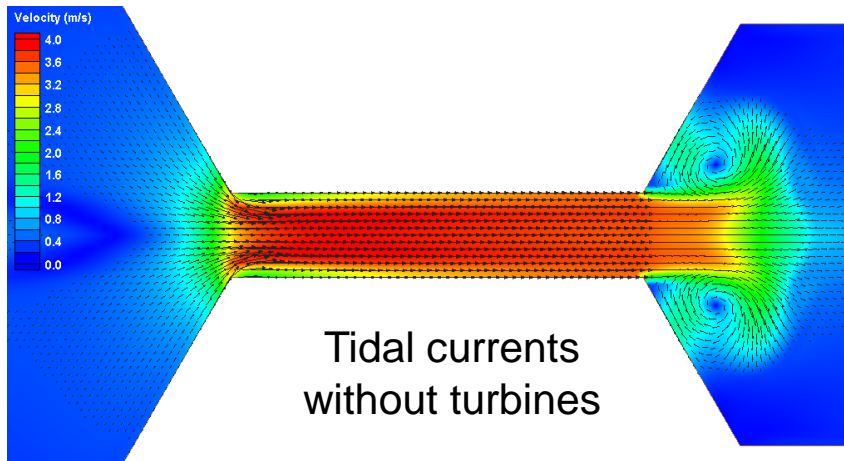
- ▶ What are the effects of removing energy on the ecosystem?
- ▶ Computer models can simulate placement of turbines, WECs, long-term effects of changing flow of water, energy removal on:
  - Water quality
  - Sediment transport
  - Aquatic food web
- ▶ Same models: assessment of resource density, micro-siting
- ▶ Models can also experiment with array design, geometry



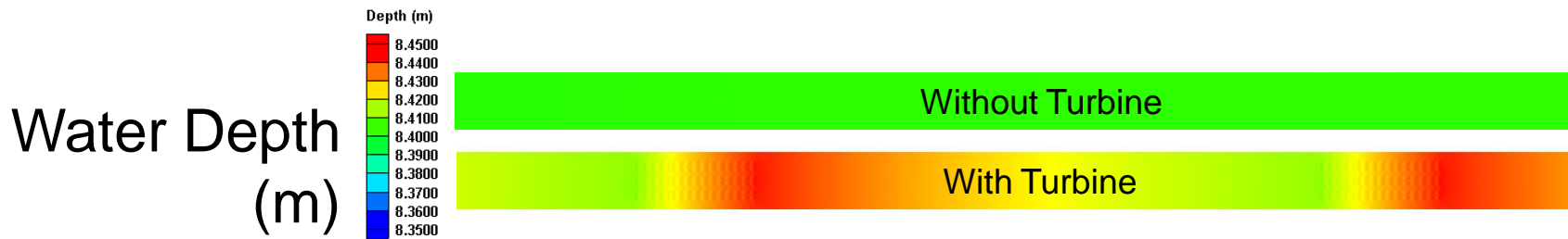
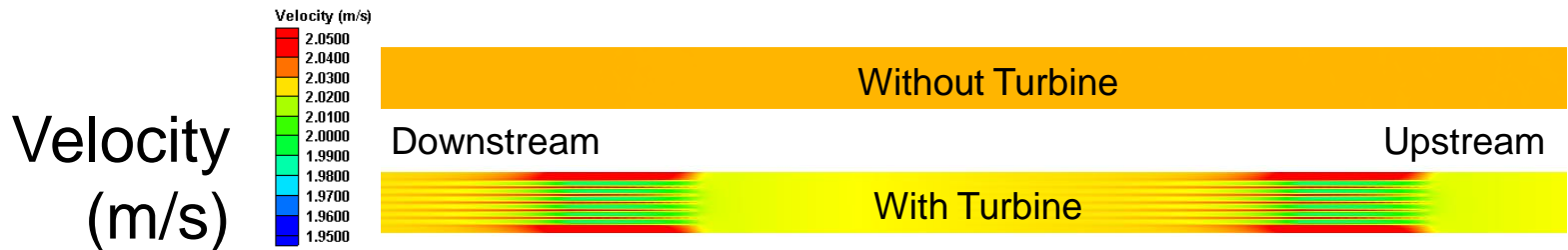
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# Outputs of tidal energy model: “idealized tidal waterbody”



# Effect of placement of 100s of turbines in a large river



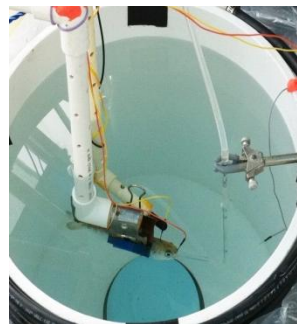
# Effect of Stressors on Animals

Limited information on the potential effects of EMF or acoustics/noise:

=> significant regulatory uncertainty

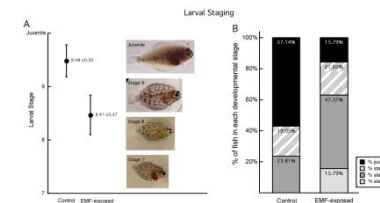
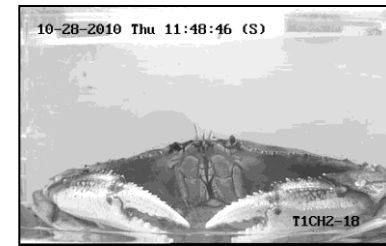
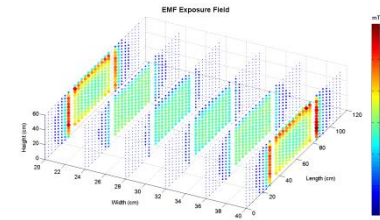
=> more information could help streamlining permitting

- ▶ Laboratory experiments: exposing animals to stressors: EMF & noise
- ▶ Sublethal effects: behavior, development
- ▶ Standardized methods and endpoints adapted for EMF and acoustics
- ▶ Upper bounding limits of EMF and acoustics evaluated, in a risk context to determine the potential for population-level effects
- ▶ If high levels show no effect => no further work
- ▶ If levels show effect => further experiments to determine effects of likely stressor levels



# Accomplishments and Results: PNNL EMF Experiments

Species Tested	Testing Endpoint	Result
Juvenile Coho salmon	Decreased swimming as alarm- response behavior	Inconclusive @ 3mT
✓ Juvenile Coho salmon	Melatonin/cortisol production as indication of stress	Decreased melatonin levels at 3 and 0.13mT but NSS
✓ Rainbow trout eggs	Survival and development	SS delayed development @ 3mT for one exposure group; other exposure group NSS
✓ Atlantic halibut embryos	Growth and development	Decreased growth and development @ 3mT but NSS
California halibut embryos	Growth and development	No difference between test and control exposures
Adult Dungeness crab	EMF detection as change in antennular flicking rate	No difference between test and control exposures
✓ Adult Dungeness crab	Interference in food detection ability	Decreased flicking rate @ 3mT but NSS
Adult Dungeness crab	Avoidance or attraction to EMF	No difference between test and control exposures



## Next Steps:

Behavioral studies: are the animals attracted to cables?

- Halibut
- American lobster
- Elasmobranchs (sharks, skates)



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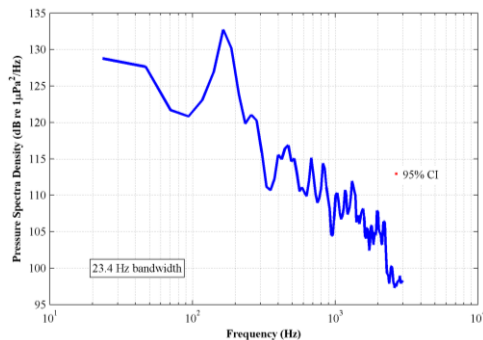
# PNNL Acoustic Experiments



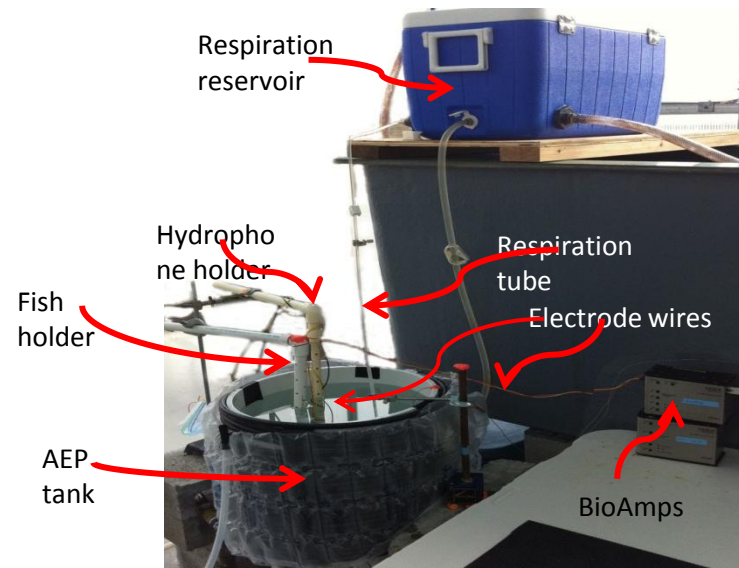
Species Tested	Testing Endpoint	Result
Juvenile Chinook salmon	Tissue damage	SS low levels of tissue damage observed @ 155-163dB. Low physiological cost to fish.
Juvenile Chinook salmon	Hearing loss	NSS difference between test and control exposures @ 155-163dB

Next steps:

- Testing different fish type
- Rockfish or elasmobranch



Recorded sound spectra for 6m OpenHydro tidal turbine



Experimental setup for Auditory Evoked Potential (AEP)  
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# Moving towards Mitigation: Marine Animal Alert System

**The Problem:** Concerns over blade strike on endangered animals, notably whales, dolphins, diving birds, fish

**A Solution:** Use active acoustics (active=sonar; passive= hydrophones) to pinpoint location and trajectory of animals; take action (example: shut down turbines)

## **PNNL Project:**

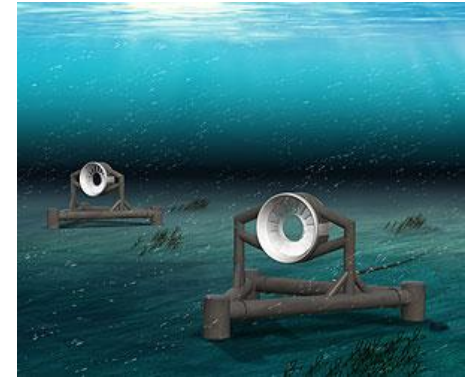
- Improve ability to locate and range endangered killer whales from their calls
- Improved acoustic tools for determining locating swimming animals



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# Working with SnoPUD Tidal Project: addressing critical problems

- ▶ Planned deployment of two turbines in Puget Sound
- ▶ Endangered killer whale population – no take; other endangered species
- ▶ In partnership with Univ. Washington & SMRU
  - Develop sound profile for turbine;
  - Test effect on fish as surrogate for other animals
- ▶ In partnership with Sandia NL:
  - Develop estimate of severity of blade strike on killer whale
- ▶ In response to permitting requirements:
  - Evaluate highest risks for interaction
  - Contribute to estimate of risk including probability of encounter



# Future PNNL Research to Support MHK

- ▶ Complete datasets and documents in Tethys for U.S. and international (Annex IV)
- ▶ Develop and apply risk assessment tools to determine highest environmental/regulatory risks
- ▶ Model effect of energy removal from waves
- ▶ Complete additional exposure experiments (EMF, noise)
- ▶ Test and apply mitigation measures, like MAAS
- ▶ Work with specific projects to provide support for siting and permitting



Thank you for your attention!

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