

Sandia Water Power Program Update

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Background

■ State of the Marine HydroKinetic (MHK) “Industry”

- **Wave: >100 Devices***
 - Attenuator
 - Pitching/Surging/Heaving/Sway (PSHS)
 - Oscillation Water Column
 - Overtopping Device
 - Submerged Pressure Differential
- **Current/Tidal: >60 Devices***
 - Horizontal Axis Turbine
 - Vertical Axis Turbine
 - Oscillating Hydrofoil
 - Venturi

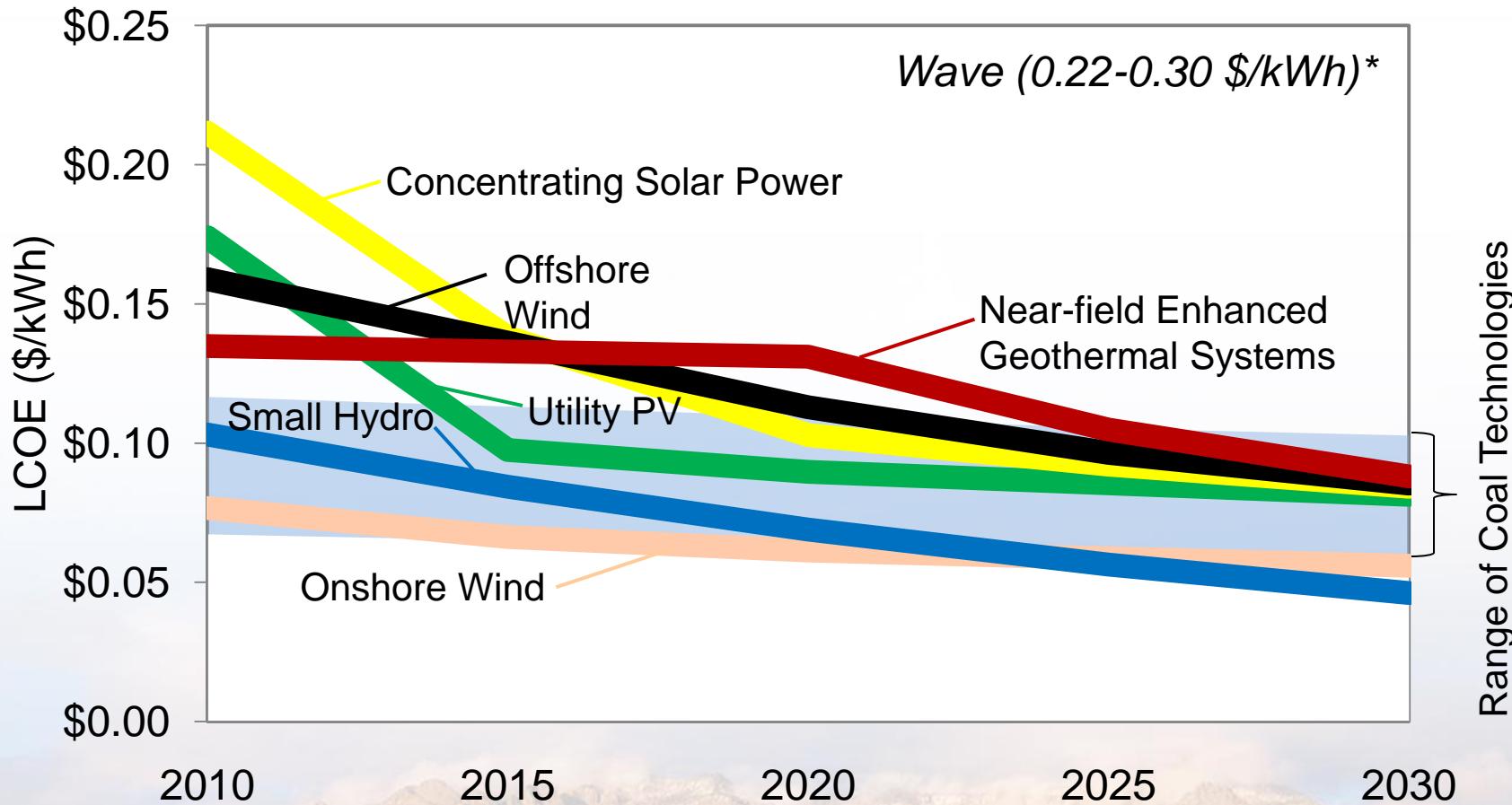


*Includes conceptual ideas, prototypes and demonstration projects.
There are no commercial units on the grid.



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Renewable Electricity Cost Scenarios



Source: DOE and NREL

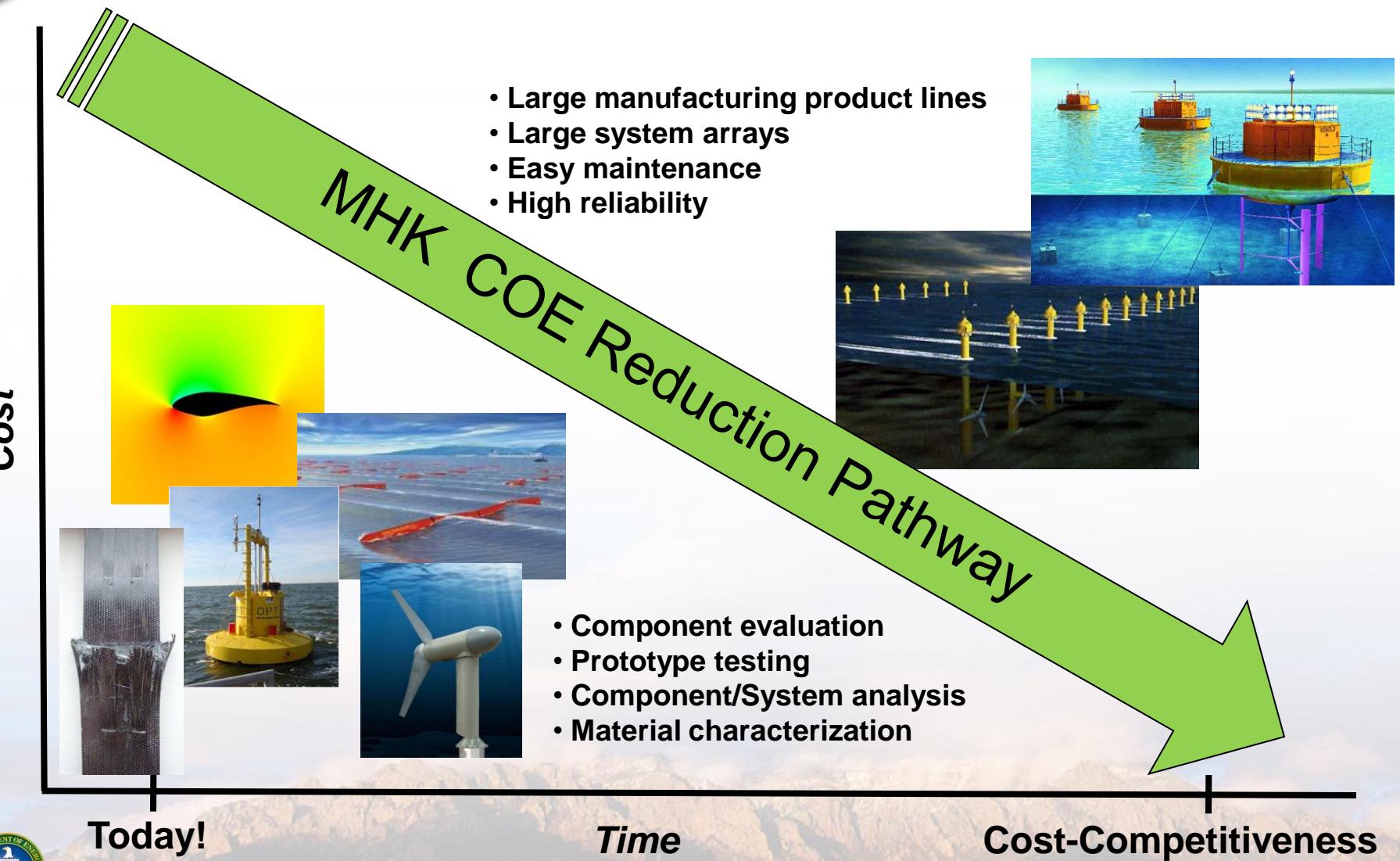
http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/tech_costs.html

*Estimates from Renewable Energy Cost of Generation Update, CEC Report (2009)



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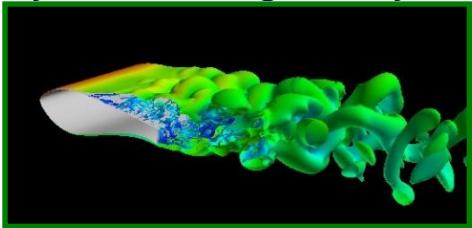
MHK Industry COE Strategy



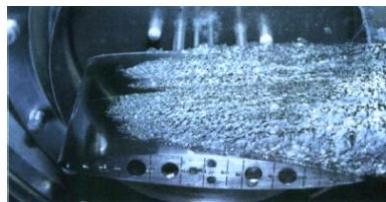
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Technology Readiness

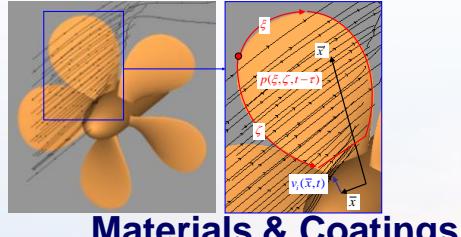
Hydrofoil Design/Analysis



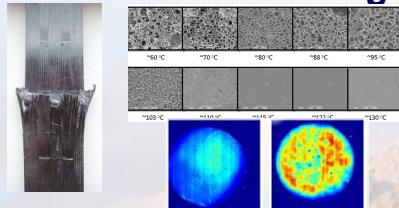
Cavitation



Hydro-Acoustics



Materials & Coatings



Components

Performance Modeling



Rotor Design & Testing

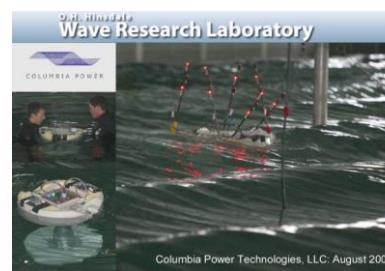


Power Takeoff Testing

Technology Development Cycle

Sub-systems

Columbia Power 1/15th Scale Test (OSU)

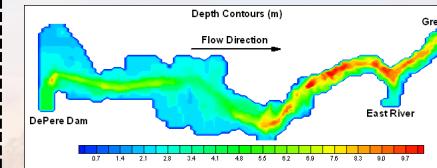


Columbia Power Technologies, LLC: August 2009

Water Tunnel (PSU/ARL)



Coupled Device Array and Environmental Analysis

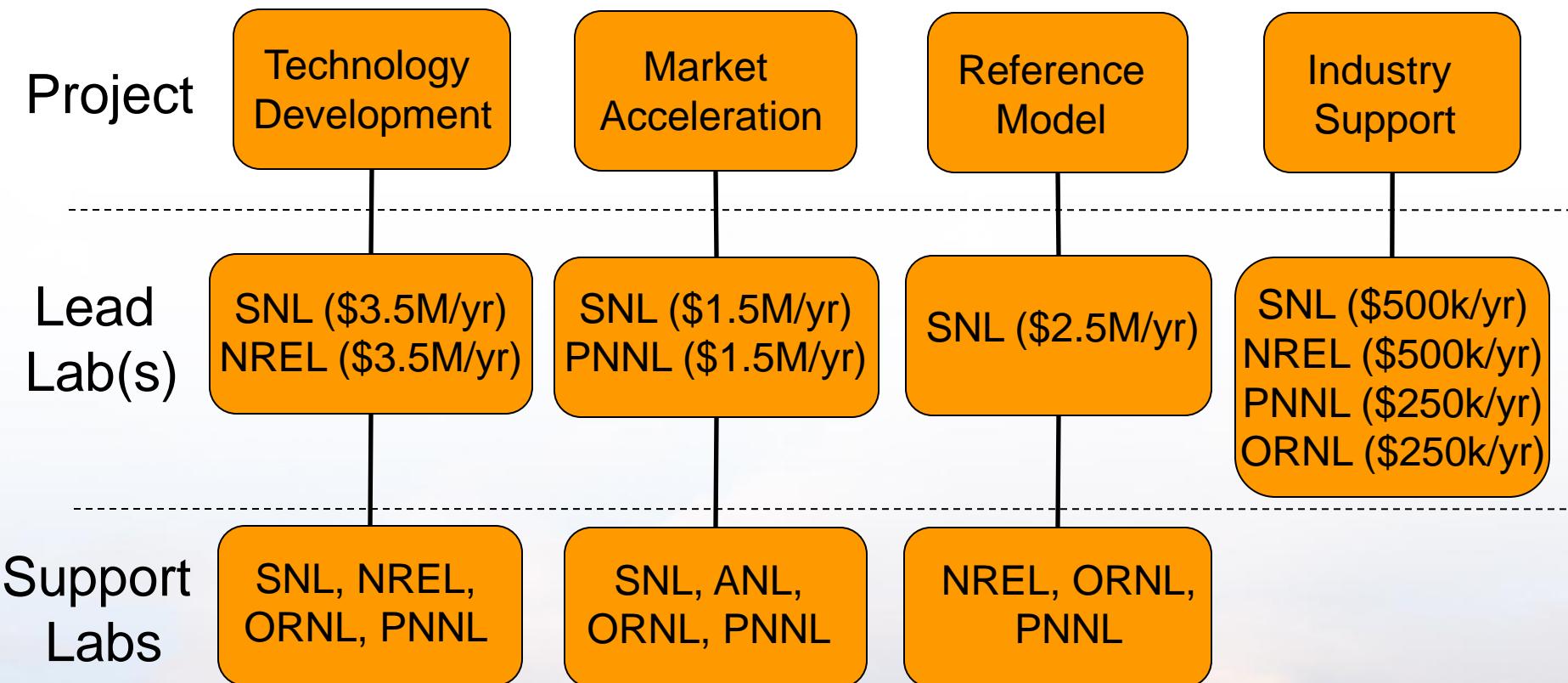


SNL EFDC

System Testing

Deployment

Primary DOE/National Lab MHK Projects



Sandia National Labs (SNL), National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL),
Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL), Argonne National Lab (ANL)



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MHK Technology Research Portfolio & Partnerships

Lead Lab



Org. 6362

Wave Energy Technologies



(6362)



Ocean & River Current/Tidal Technologies



(6362 and 1534)



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Instrumentation & Testing



(6362, 1534)



System Reliability & Evaluation



(6362)



Materials & Manufacturing



(6362, 1800)



BYU

NDSU

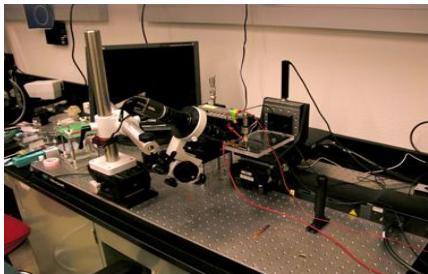


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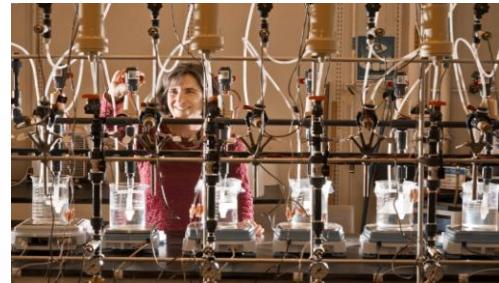
MHK Technology: Materials and Manufacturing

Problems: corrosion, sediment and biological fouling, erosion, fatigue, cost, manufacturing

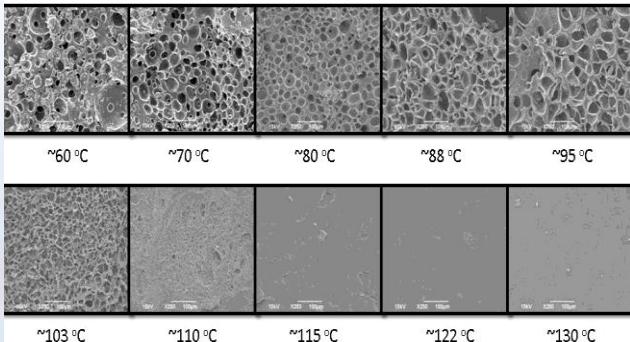
Corrosion & Reliability



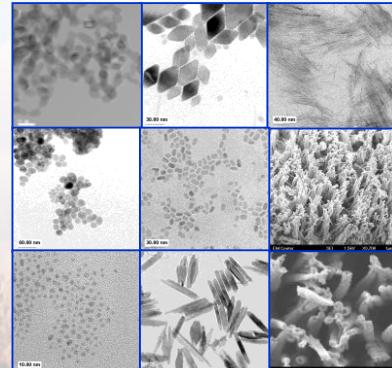
Biofouling Mitigation



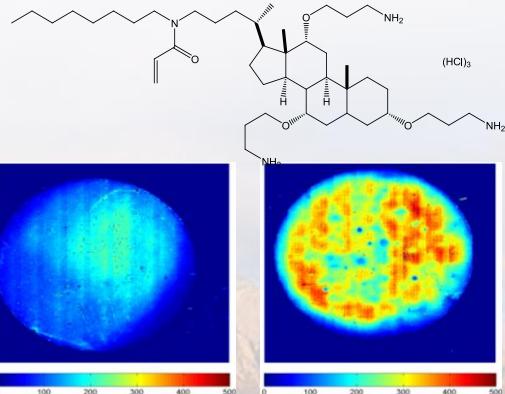
Organic Thin Film Synthesis



Nanoparticle, Thin Film & Powder Synthesis



Antimicrobial Coatings Synthesis



Other Capabilities being Leveraged for MHK Research

■ Large Scale Field Testing

- Sandia Lake test facility
- Instrumentation in marine environments

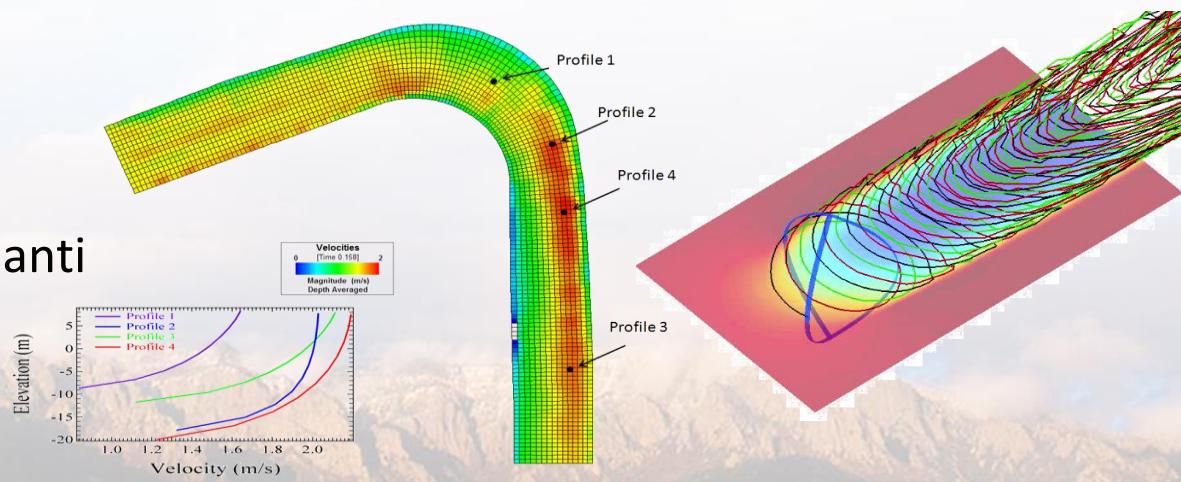


■ Model Development and Research

- Device performance and design
- Array performance and environmental impact

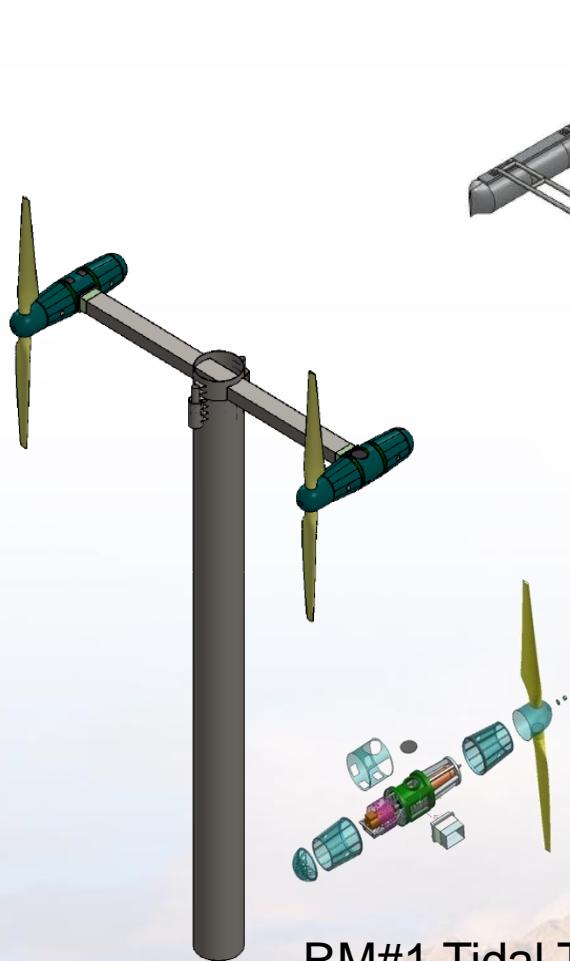
■ Materials Research

- Marine anti-fouling and anti corrosion coatings
- Marine composites

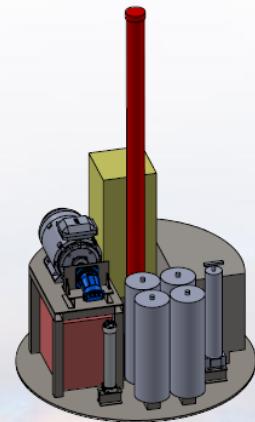
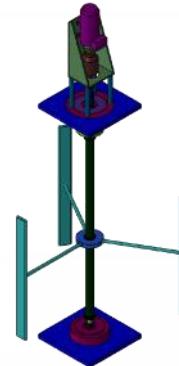


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Reference Models



RM#2 River Turbine

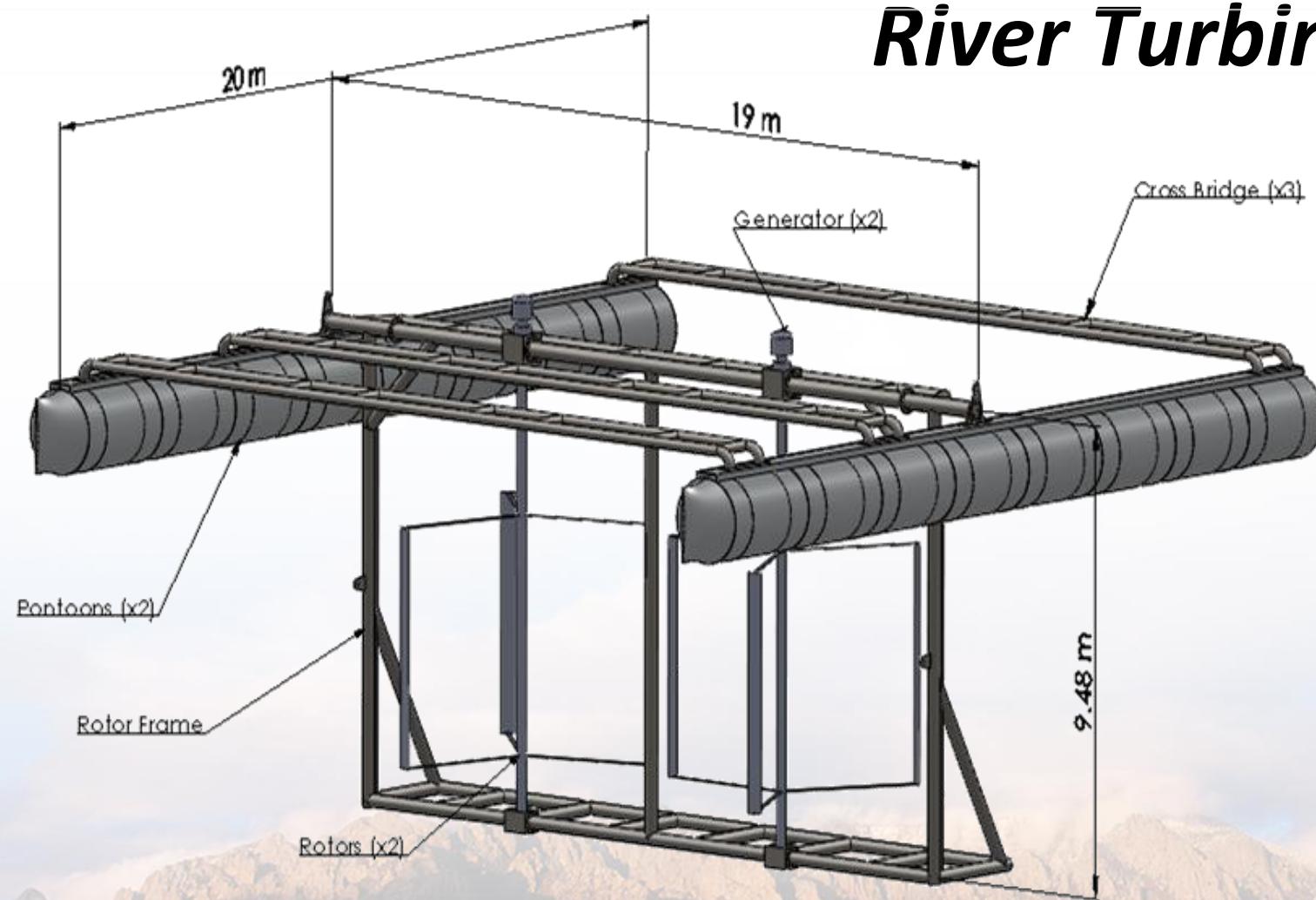


RM#3 WEC Point Absorber



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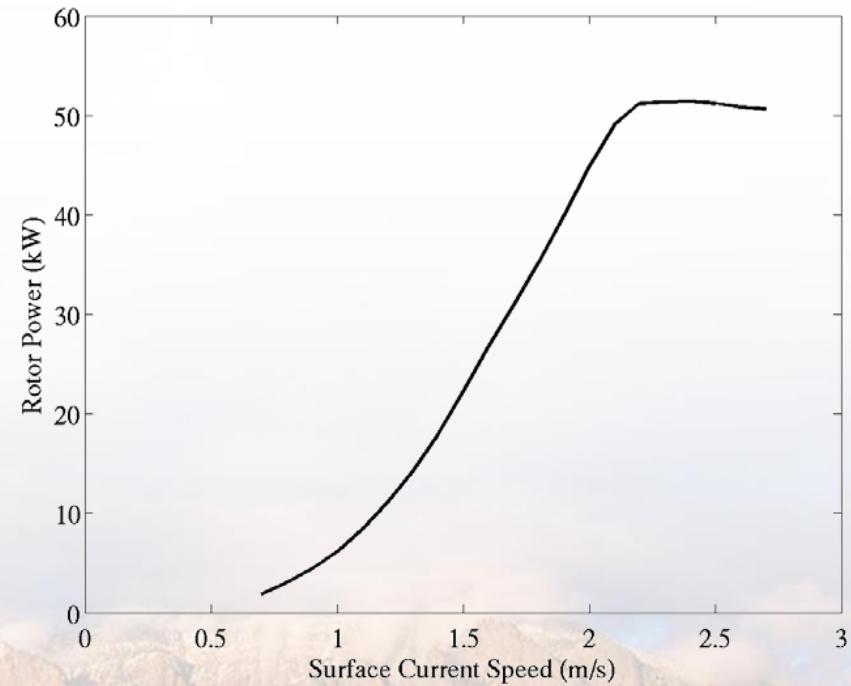
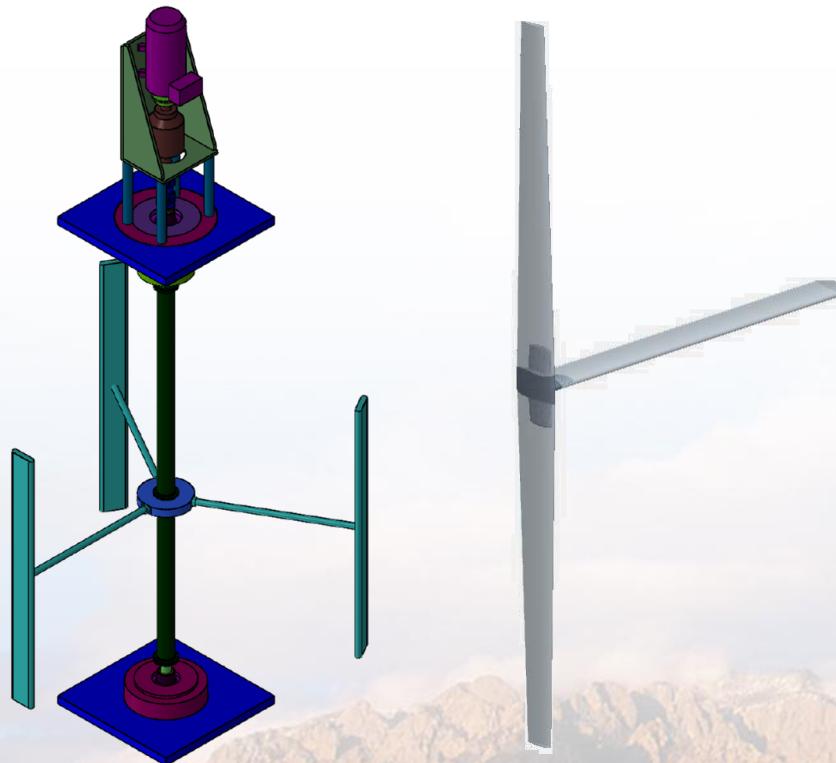
Reference Model 2: River Turbine



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Design and Performance Analysis

- CACTUS (Code for the Analysis of Cross- and axial-flow TUrbine Simulation) Evaluation for Performance

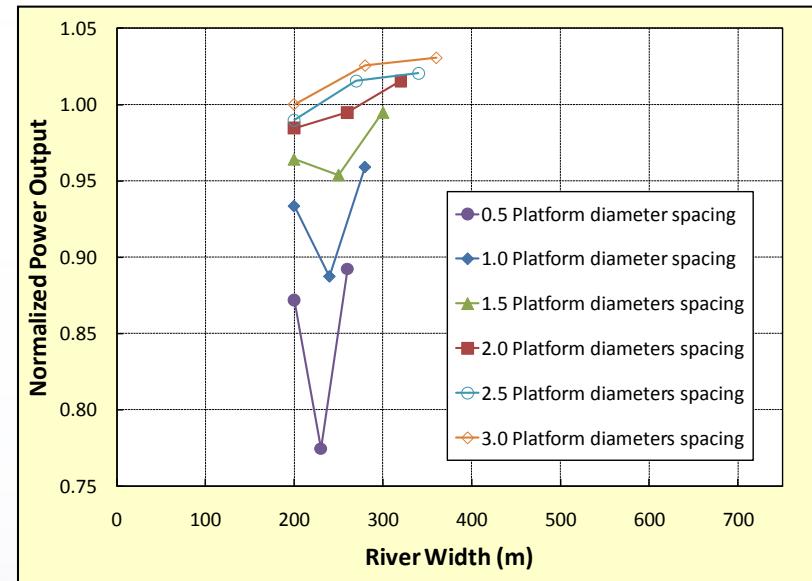
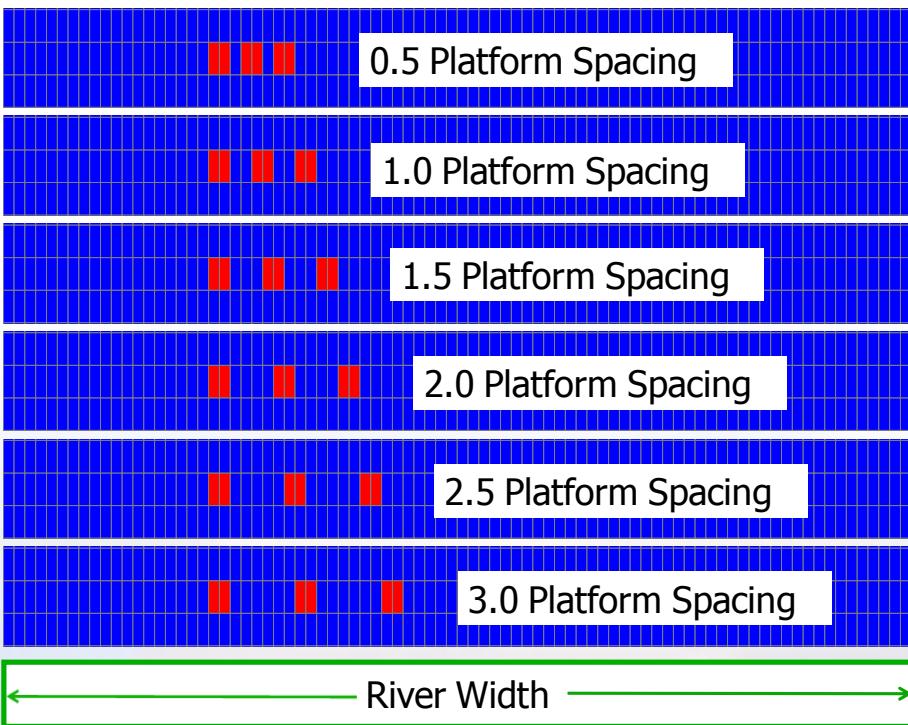


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Array Analysis Using SNL-EFDC

Spanwise Array Spacing:

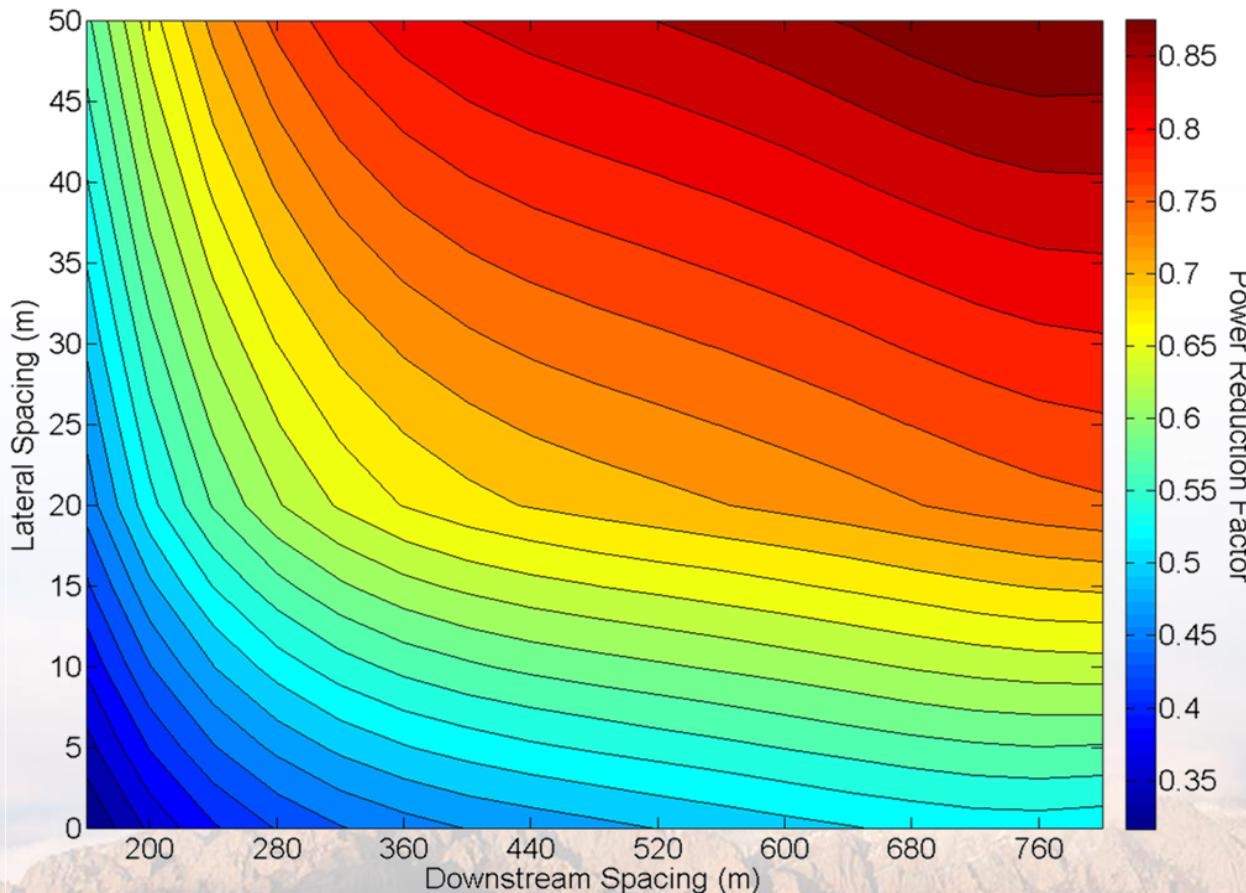
■ = 1 Platform with 2-Rotors



- Power is **normalized to a single platform** near the middle of the channel
- Effects of spanwise spacing is negligible above 2 platform diameters
- An increase in power above unity at higher spacing is attributed to 'channel focusing'

Array Optimization

- 100 Unit Array Spacing Contour of Power Output



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Reference Models Moving Forward

- Complete and Release version 1 of reference models 1 through 3 by fall of 2011
- Initiate work on three more reference models
 - Oscillating water column WEC
 - Surge WEC
 - Shrouded tidal turbine
- Plan for validation testing on first three reference models for FY12
- Eventually complete a total of 8-10 reference models with validation testing by the end of FY13



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Overall MHK Research Progress

- Release SNL-EFDC code this summer with training classes for industry and regulators
- Release CACTUS turbine performance code summer of 2012
- Developing wave energy device performance code
- Material development and testing (Owens Corning, Verdant Power)
- Supporting testing through instrumentation and national test facility assessment (joint work with NREL)



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