

# 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

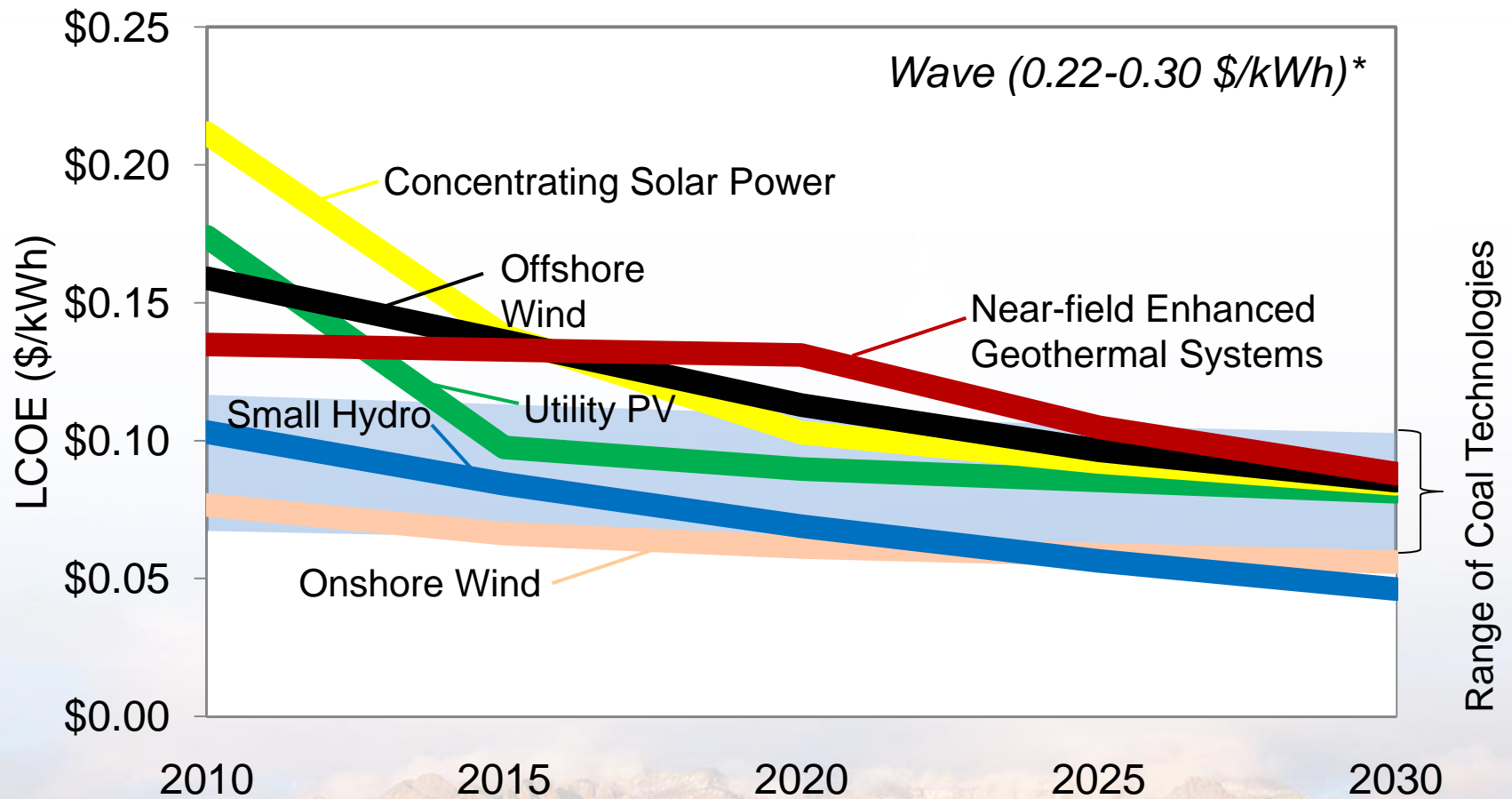


\*Includes conceptual ideas, prototypes and demonstration projects.  
There are no commercial units on the grid.



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# Renewable Electricity Cost Scenarios



Source: DOE and NREL

[http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/tech\\_costs.html](http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/tech_costs.html)

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

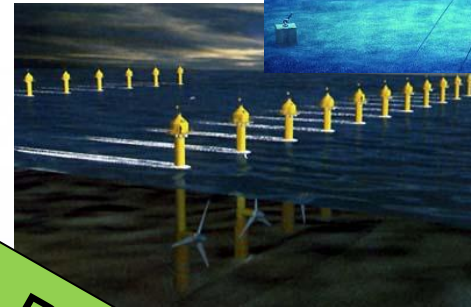


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- **Large manufacturing product lines**
- **Large system arrays**
- **Easy maintenance**
- **High reliability**



- **Component evaluation**
- **Prototype testing**
- **Component/System analysis**
- **Material characterization**



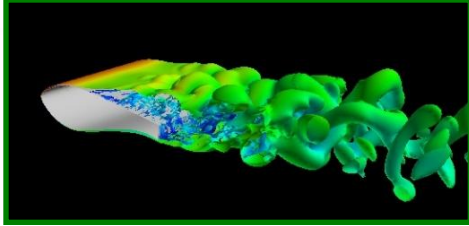
## Time

## Cost-Competitiveness

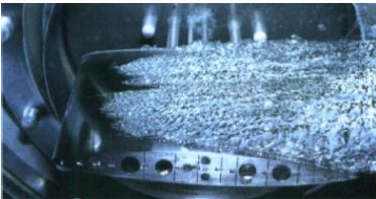


# Technology Readiness

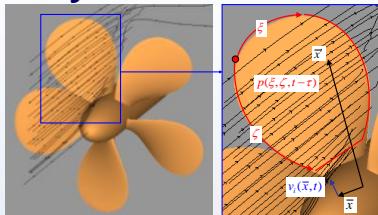
## Hydrofoil Design/Analysis



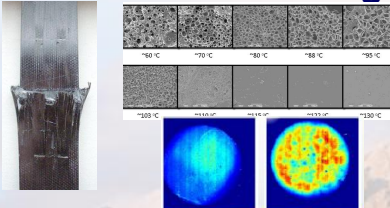
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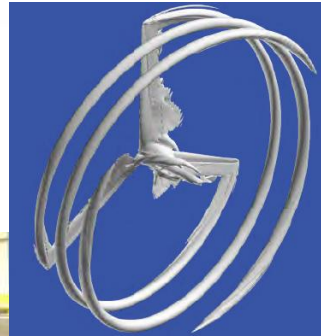
## Hydro-Acoustics



## Materials & Coatings



## Performance Modeling

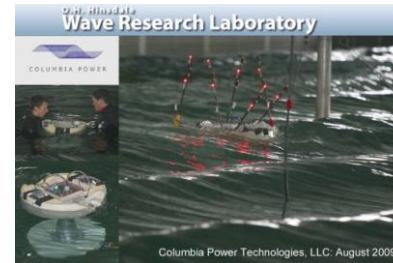


## Rotor Design & Testing



## Power Takeoff Testing

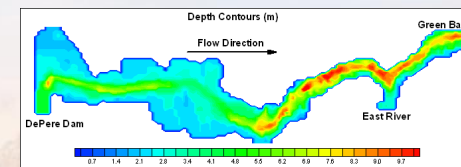
## Columbia Power 1/15<sup>th</sup> Scale Test (OSU)



## Water Tunnel (PSU/ARL)



## Coupled Device Array and Environmental Analysis



SNL EFDC

## Technology Development Cycle

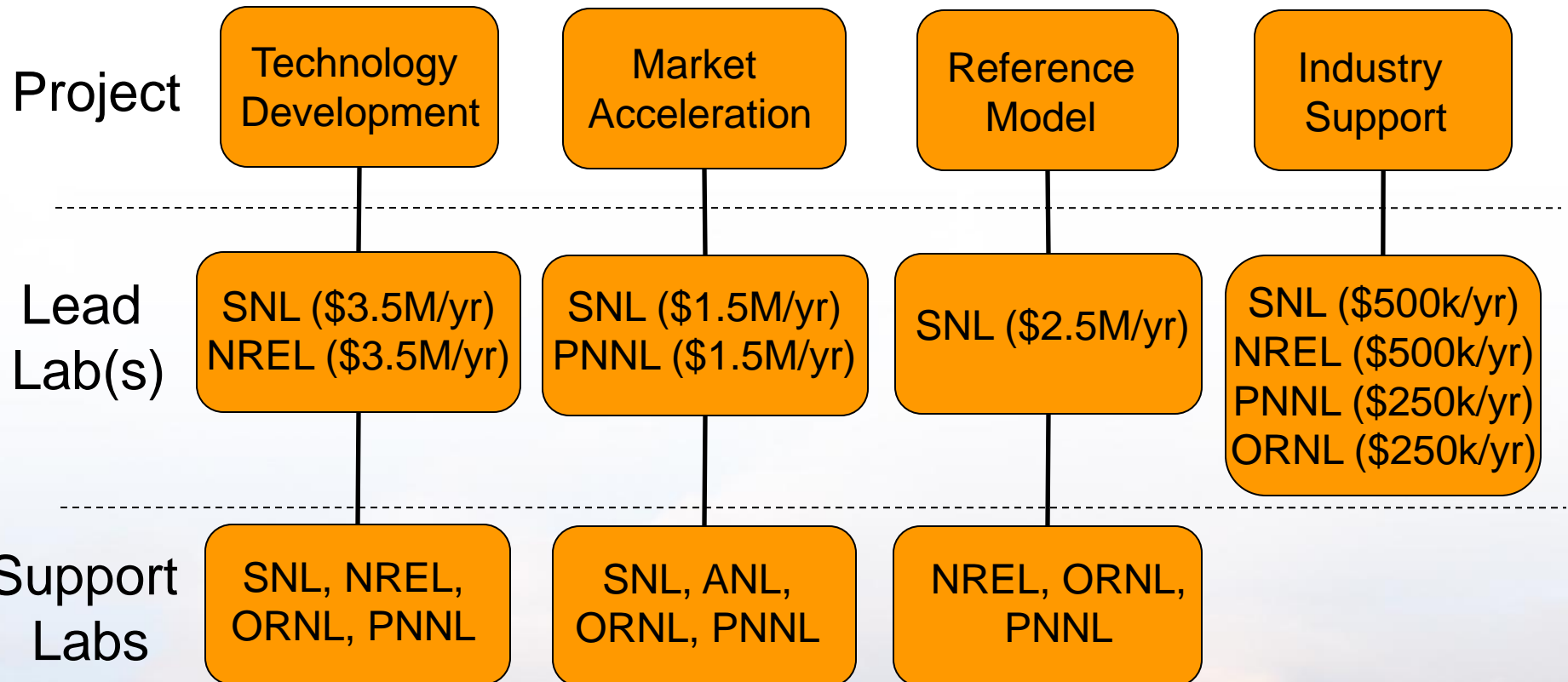
Components

Sub-systems

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)



# MHK Technology Research Portfolio & Partnerships

## Lead Lab



Org. 6362

### Wave Energy Technologies



(6362)



### Ocean & River Current/Tidal Technologies



(6362 and 1534)



### Instrumentation & Testing



(6362, 1534)



### System Reliability & Evaluation



(6362)



### Materials & Manufacturing



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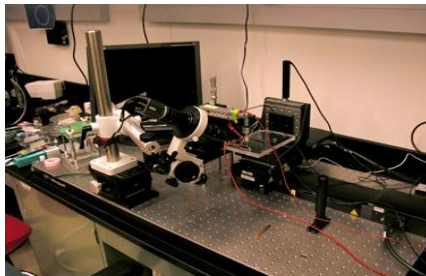
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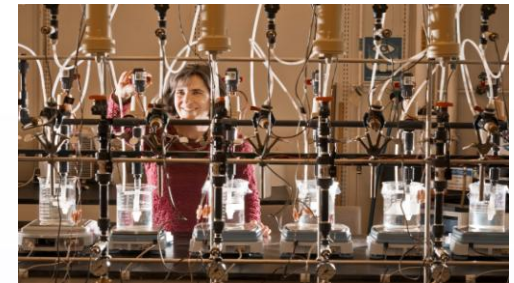
# MHK Technology: Materials and Manufacturing

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

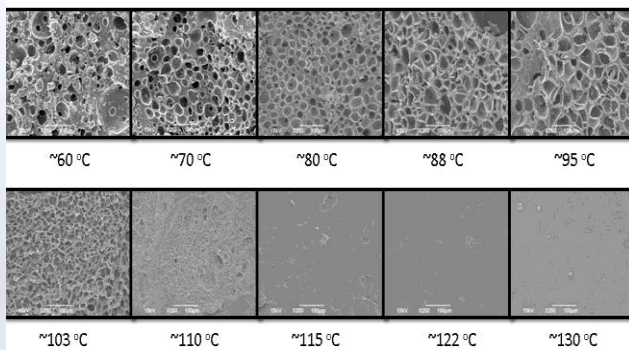
## Corrosion & Reliability



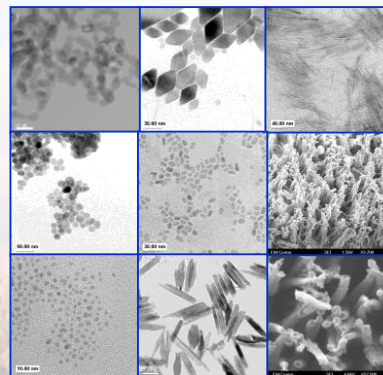
## Biofouling Mitigation



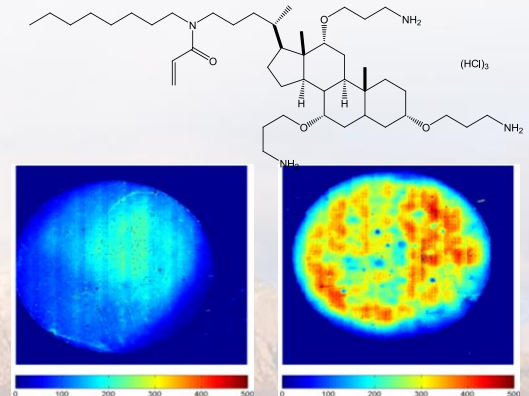
## Organic Thin Film Synthesis



## Nanoparticle, Thin Film & Powder Synthesis



## Antimicrobial Coatings Synthesis



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# Other Capabilities being Leveraged for MHK Research

## ■ Large Scale Field Testing

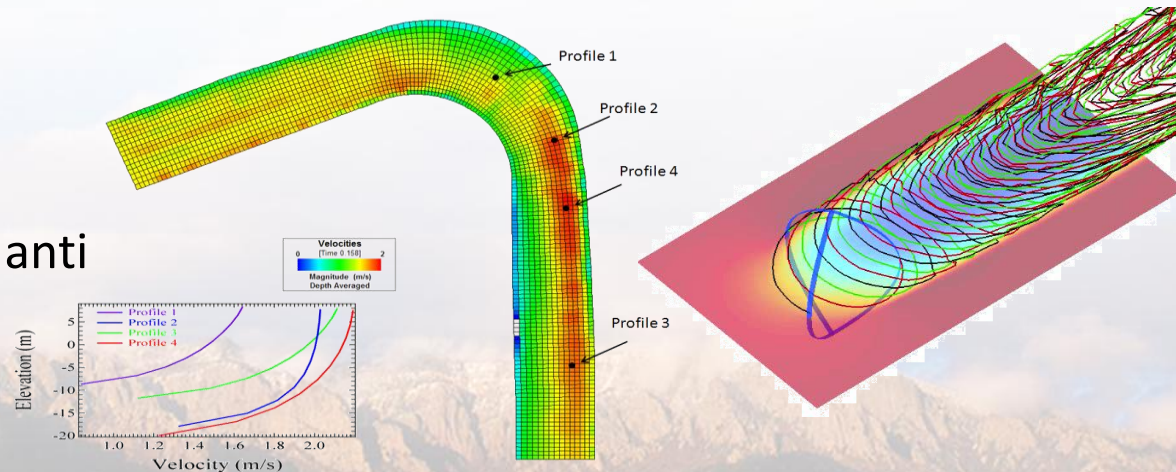
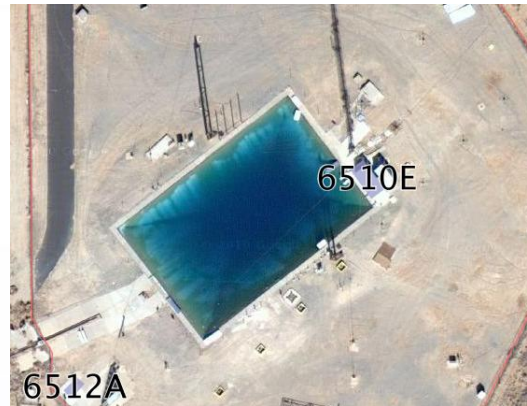
- Sandia Lake test facility
- Instrumentation in marine environments

## ■ Model Development and Research

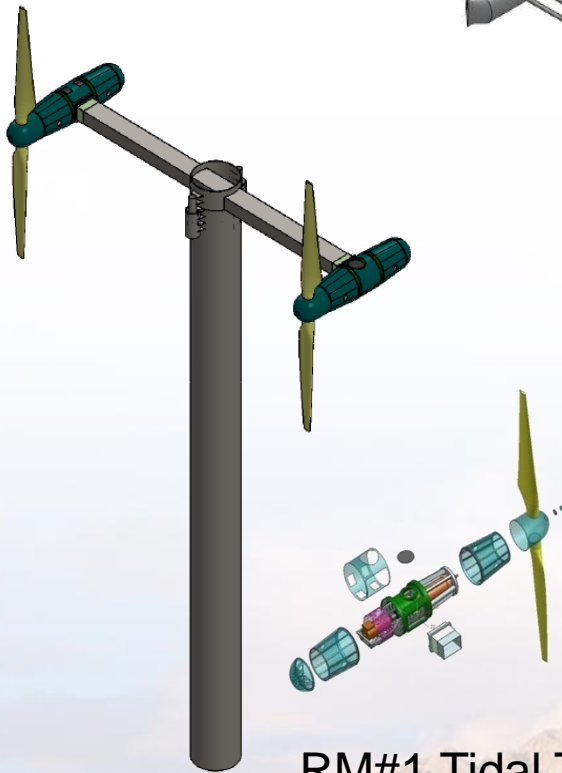
- Device performance and design
- Array performance and environmental impact

## ■ Materials Research

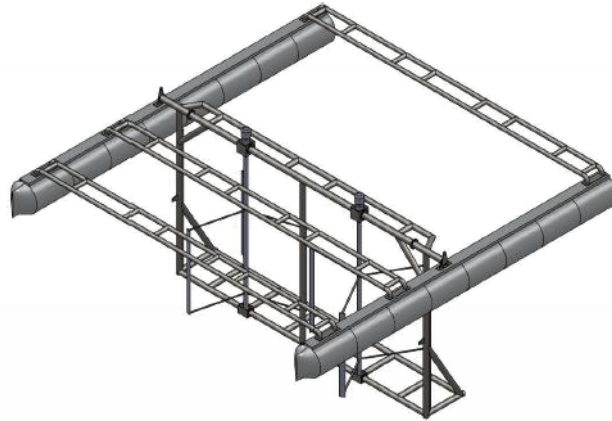
- Marine anti-fouling and anti corrosion coatings
- Marine composites



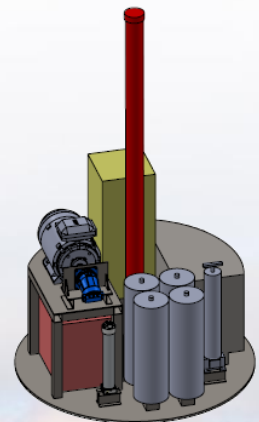
# *Reference Models*



RM#1 Tidal Turbine



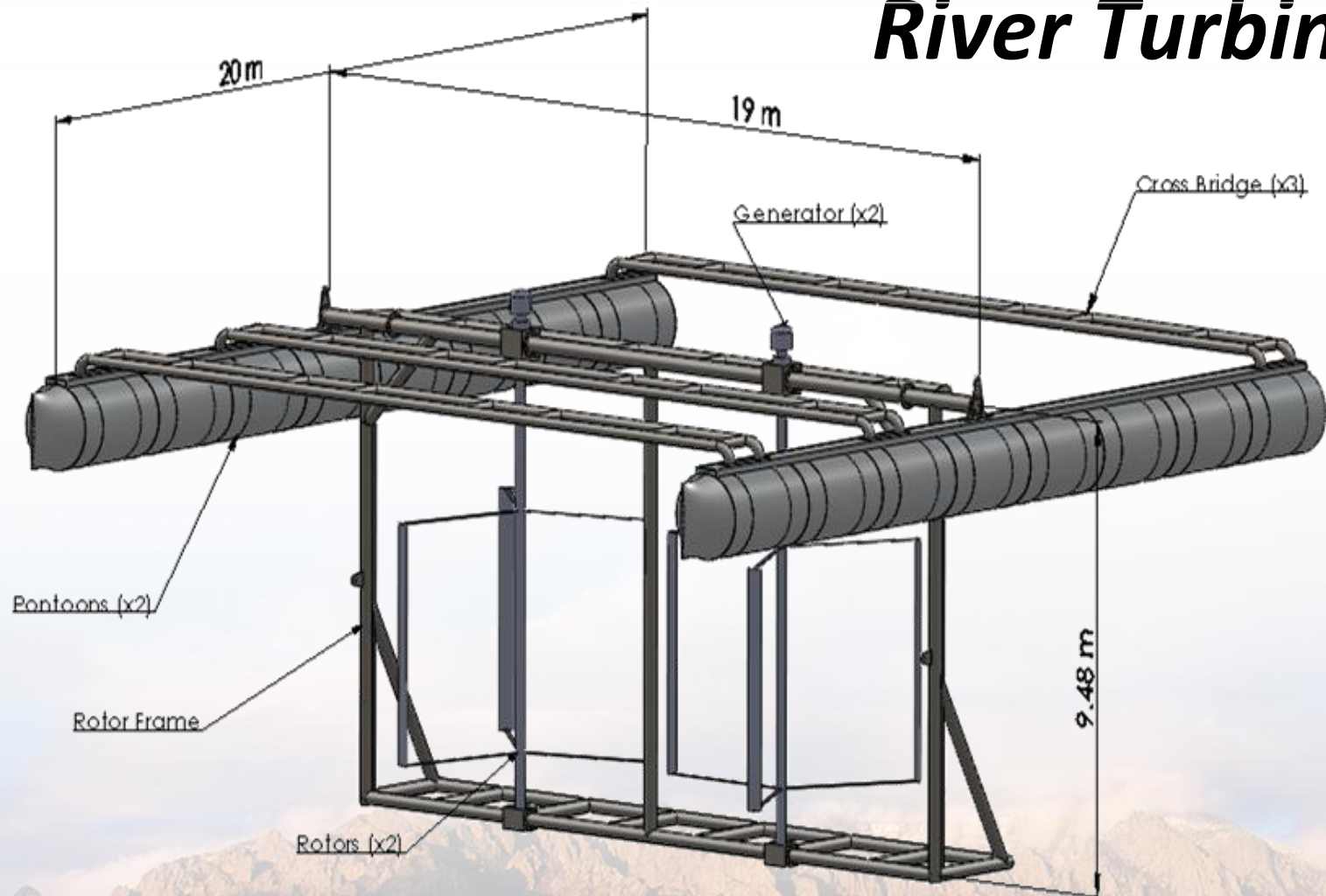
RM#2 River Turbine



RM#3 WEC Point Absorber

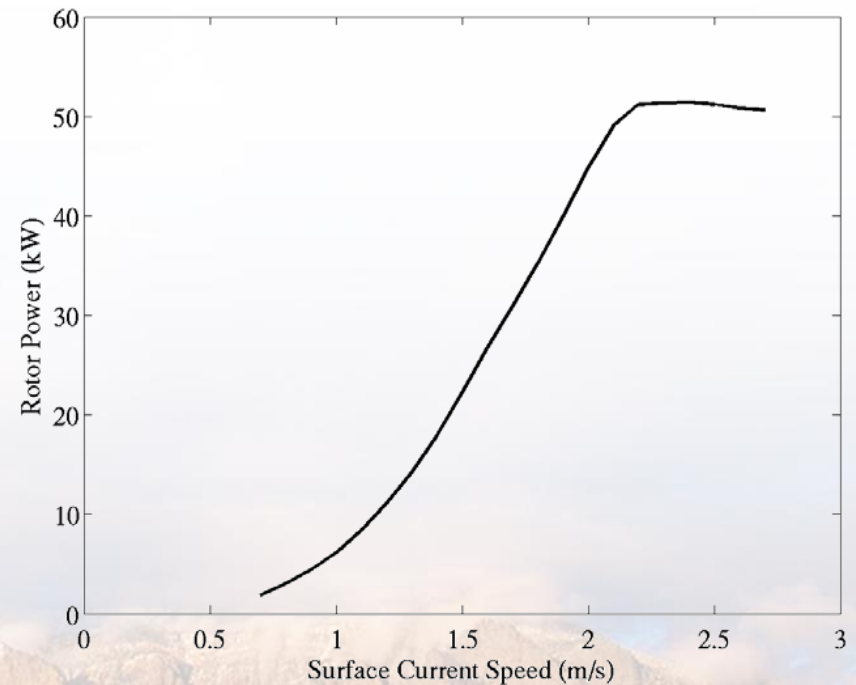
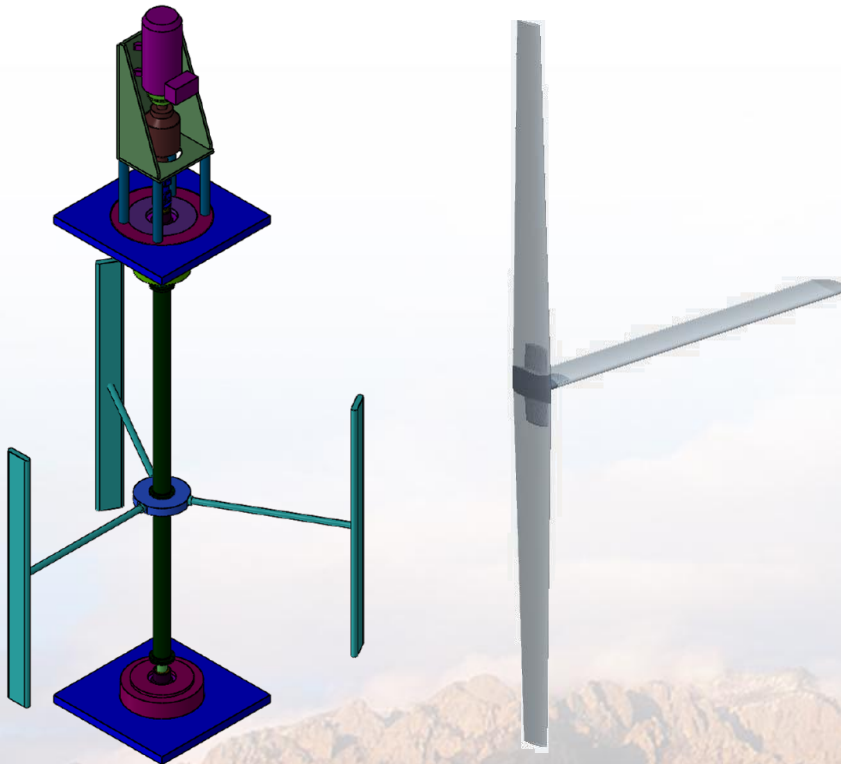


# *Reference Model 2: River Turbine*



# ***Design and Performance Analysis***

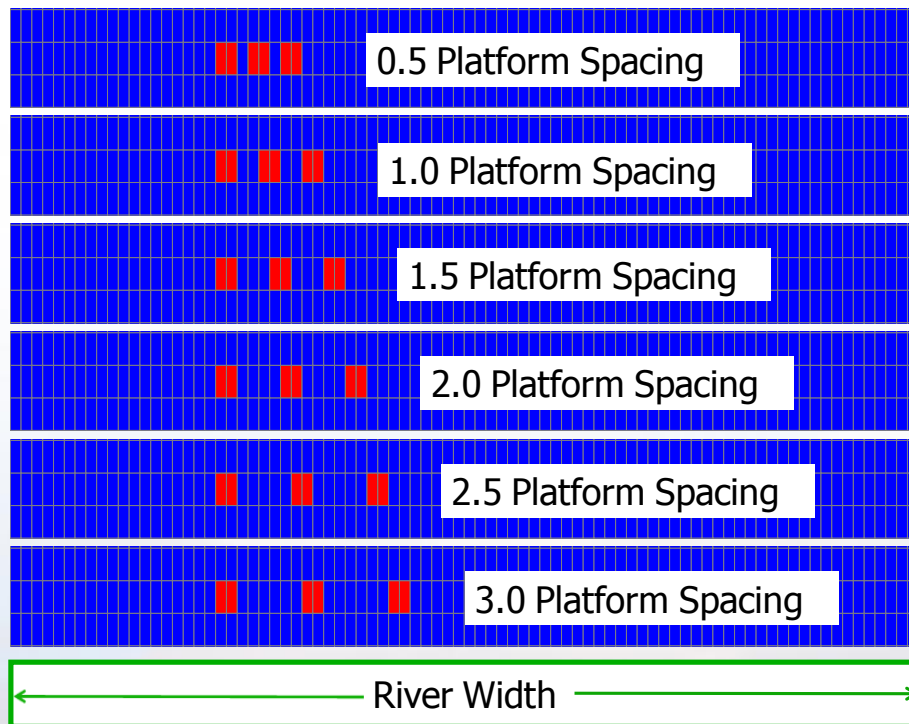
- **CACTUS (Code for the Analysis of Cross- and axial-flow TURbine Simulation) Evaluation for Performance**



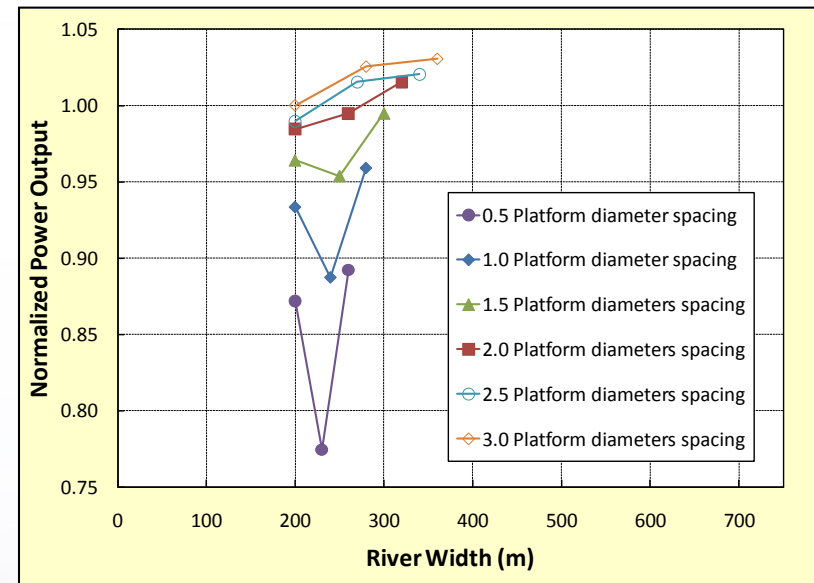
# Array Analysis Using SNL-EFDC

## Spanwise Array Spacing:

■ = 1 Platform with 2-Rotors



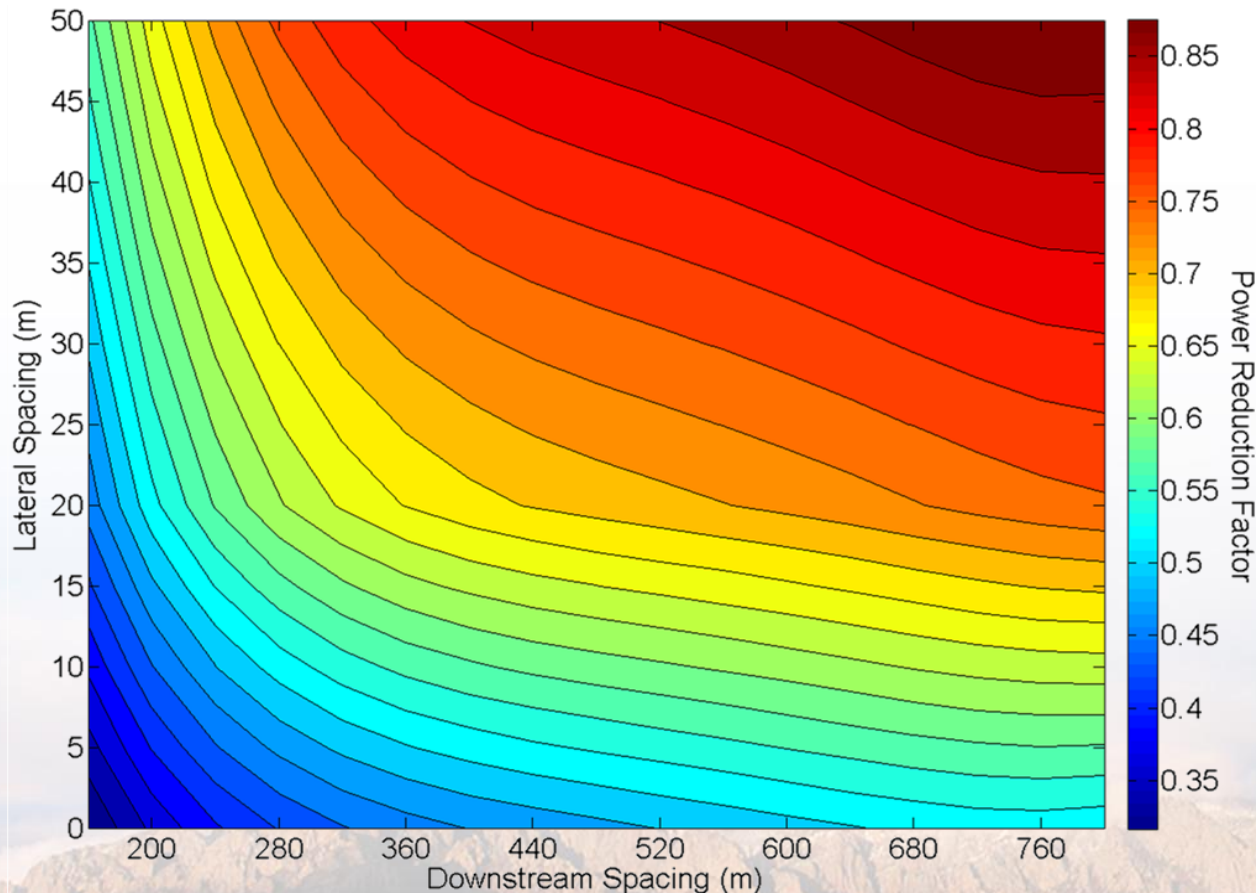
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- Power is **normalized to a single platform** near the middle of the channel
- Effects of spanwise spacing is negligible above 2 platform diameters
- An increase in power above unity at higher spacing is attributed to 'channel focusing'

# *Array Optimization*

## ■ 100 Unit Array Spacing Contour of Power Output



# ***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**



# ***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)**

