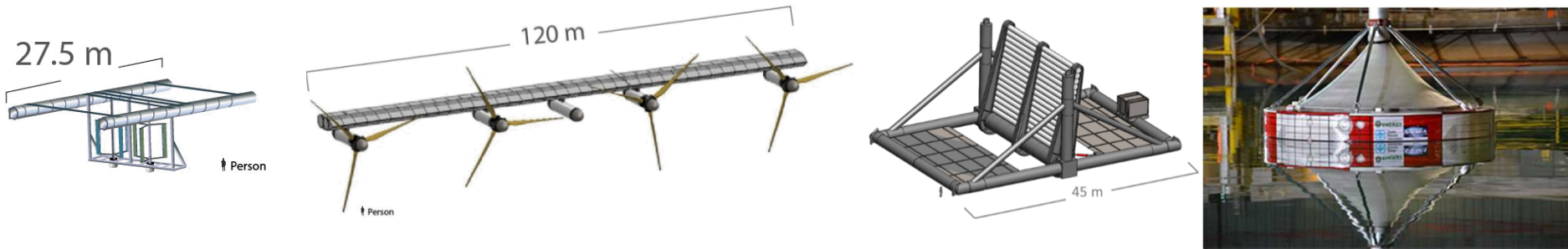


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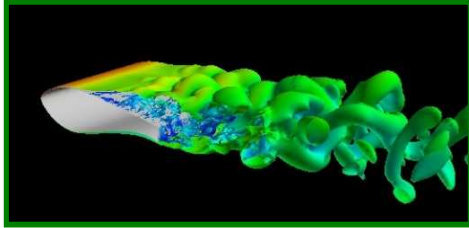
Marine Energy Conversion Technologies: Lowering the Levelized Cost of Energy through Control Systems, Materials Research and Systems Engineering

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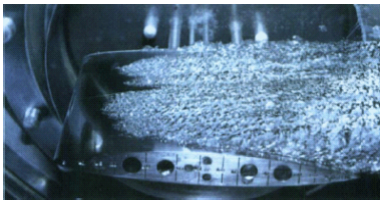
- **Marine Hydrokinetics Technology**
- **Reference Model Project**
 - LCOE development for various devices
- **Advanced Controls**
 - Increased performance from various controls strategies
- **Advanced Materials**
 - Example Applications
- **Concluding remarks**

MHK Research Focus Areas at Sandia National Labs

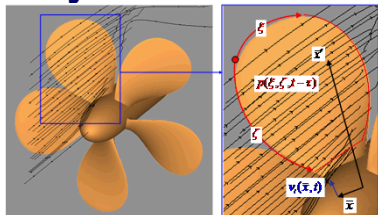
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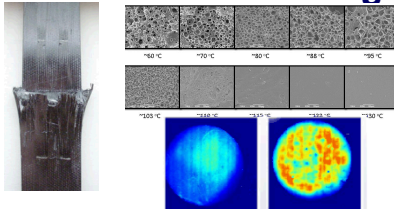
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Materials & Coatings

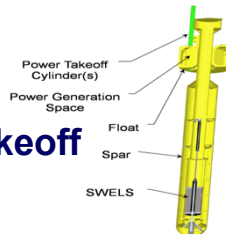


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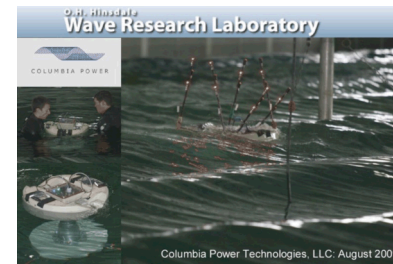


Rotor Design & Testing

Power Takeoff Testing



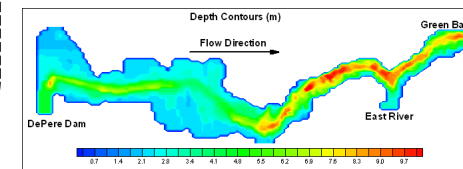
Columbia Power 1/15th Scale Test (OSU)



Water Tunnel (PSU/ARL)



Coupled Device Array and Environmental Analysis



SNL EFDC

Technology Development Cycle

Components

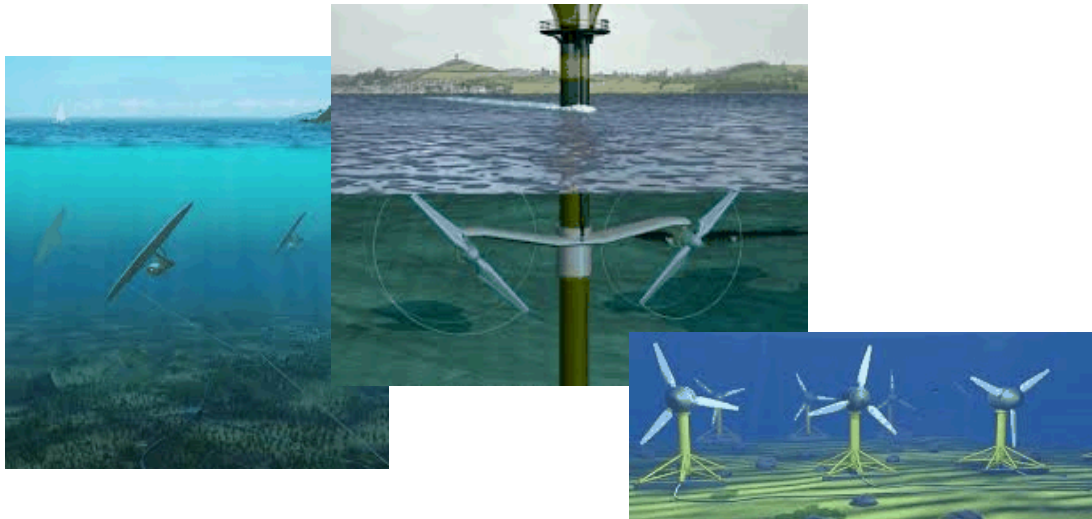
Sub-systems

System Testing

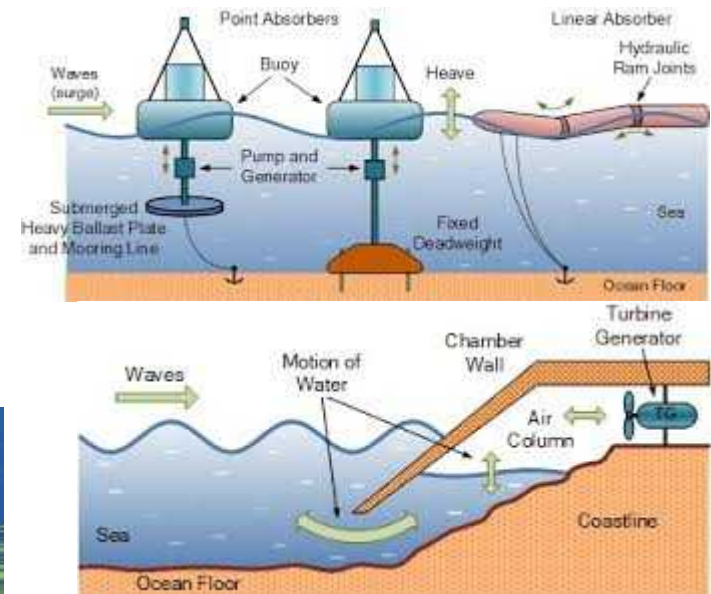
Deployment

Reference Model Project

- Motivation:
 - Marine energy renewable, low-carbon resource
 - Dozens of proprietary design concepts
- Objectives
 - Design non-proprietary MEC devices for R&D
 - Benchmark cost of energy
 - Identify knowledge gaps, cost drivers



current energy converters (CEC)



wave energy converters (WEC)

Reference Models

- Non-Proprietary Devices
 - 3 Current Energy Converters (CECs)
 - 3 Wave Energy Converters (WECs)
- Point Designs
 - Reference resource site
 - Utilizing “today’s” technology
 - <http://energy.sandia.gov/rmp>



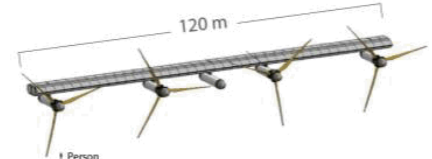
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Tidal Current
Turbine



RM2

River Current
Turbine



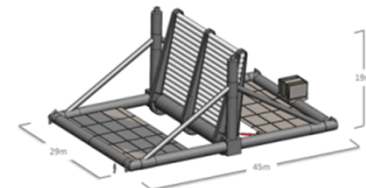
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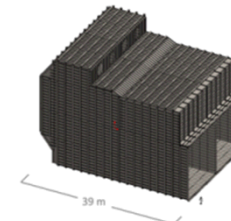
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Wave Point
Absorber



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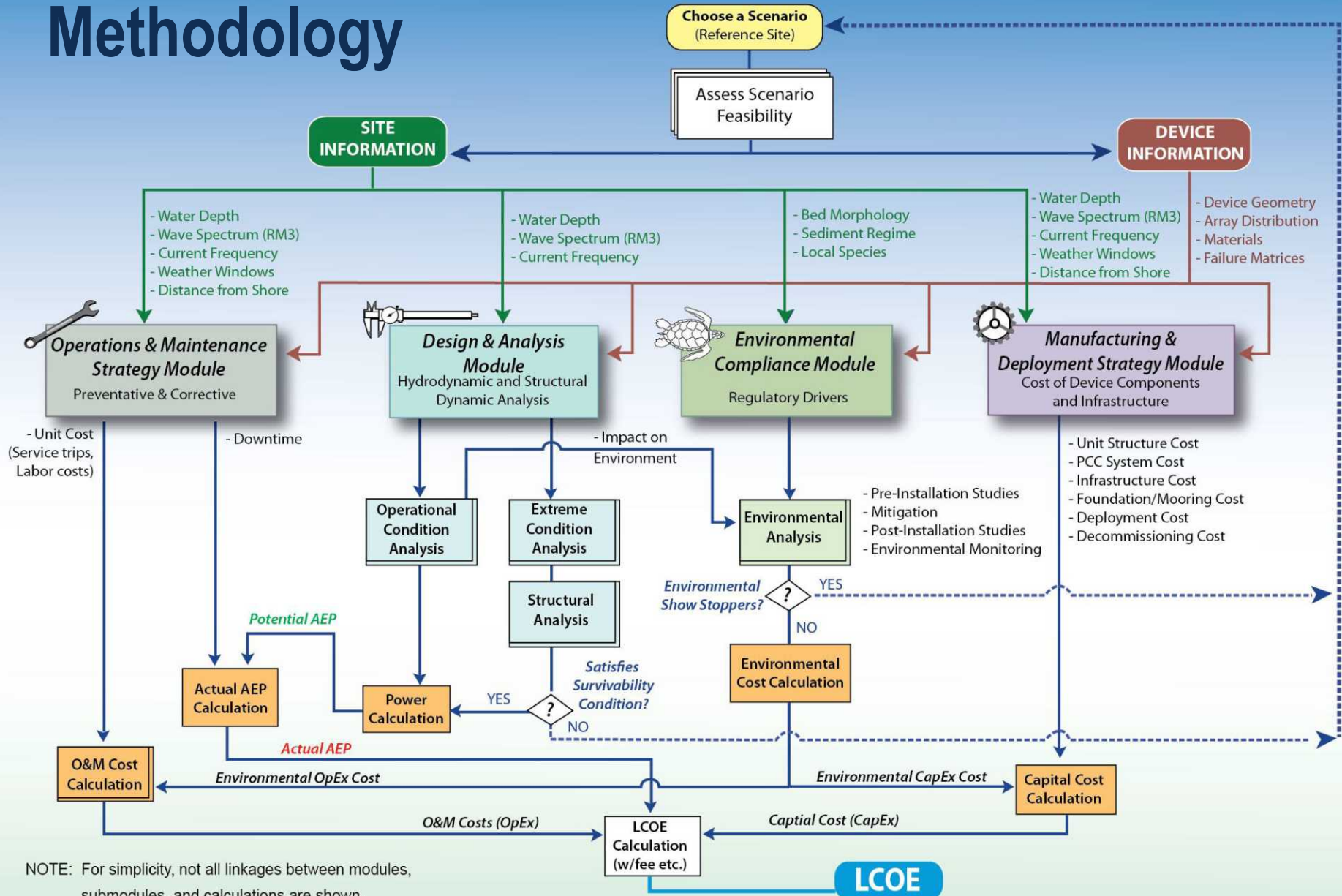
Oscillating Surge
Flap



RM6

Oscillating Water
Column

Methodology



NOTE: For simplicity, not all linkages between modules, submodules, and calculations are shown.

LCOE Formula

- Levelized Cost of Electricity
 - Denotes “Break Even” cost assuming minimum rate of return.
- 4 Primary Inputs
 - Capital Expenditures (CapEx)
 - Year 0 costs
 - Operational Expenditures (OpEx)
 - Year 1 to n costs
 - Average Annual Energy Production (AEP)
 - Fixed Charge Rate (FCR)
 - 10.8%
 - Lumped financing term including discount rate, inflation, taxes, depreciation, and project life.
- Analysis Performed for 1, 10, 50 and 100 – unit arrays

$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{(\text{FCR} \times \text{CapEx}) + \text{OpEx}}{\text{AEP}}$$

LCOE Formula (CapEx Categories)

- Development
- Infrastructure
- Mooring/Foundation
- Device Structural Components
- Power Take Off (PTO)
- Subsystem Integration & Profit Margin
- Installation
- Contingency

$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{(\text{FCR} \times \text{CapEx}) + \text{OpEx}}{\text{AEP}}$$

LCOE Formula (OpEx Categories)

- Marine Operations & Maintenance (O&M)
- Shore-side Operations & Maintenance (O&M)
- Post Installation Environmental O&M
- Replacement Parts
- Consumables
- Insurance

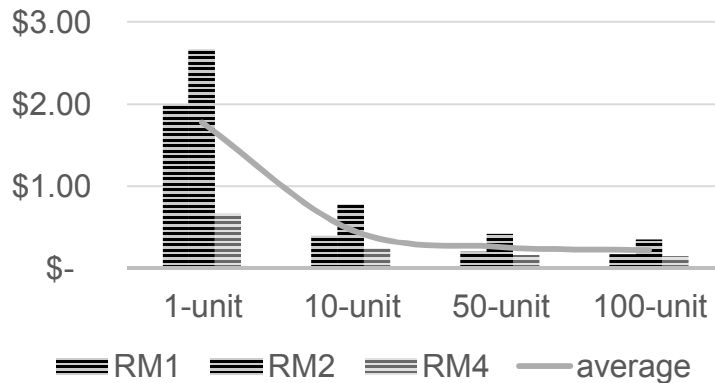
$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{(\text{FCR} \times \text{CapEx}) + \text{OpEx}}{\text{AEP}}$$

Results - LCOE Overview

■ CECs

	1-unit	10-unit	50-unit	100-unit
RM1	\$ 1.99	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.17
RM2	\$ 2.67	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.35
RM4	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.15
average	\$ 1.78	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.22

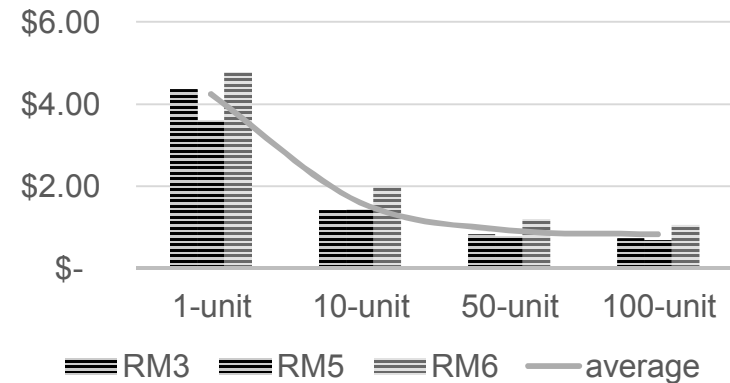
CEC LCOE ESTIMATES



■ WECs

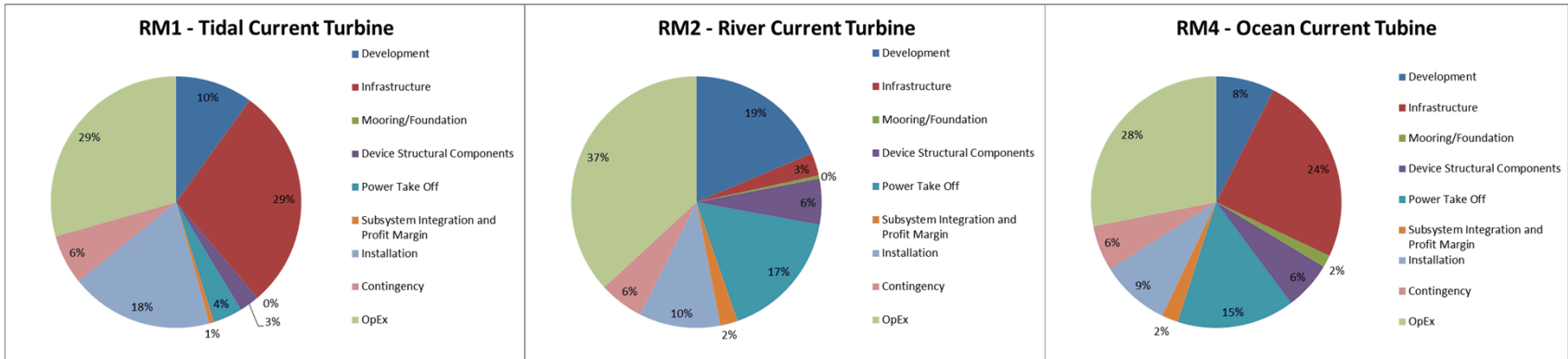
	1	10	50	100
RM3	\$ 4.36	\$ 1.41	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.73
RM5	\$ 3.59	\$ 1.44	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.69
RM6	\$ 4.79	\$ 1.98	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.06
average	\$ 4.25	\$ 1.61	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.83

WEC LCOE ESTIMATES

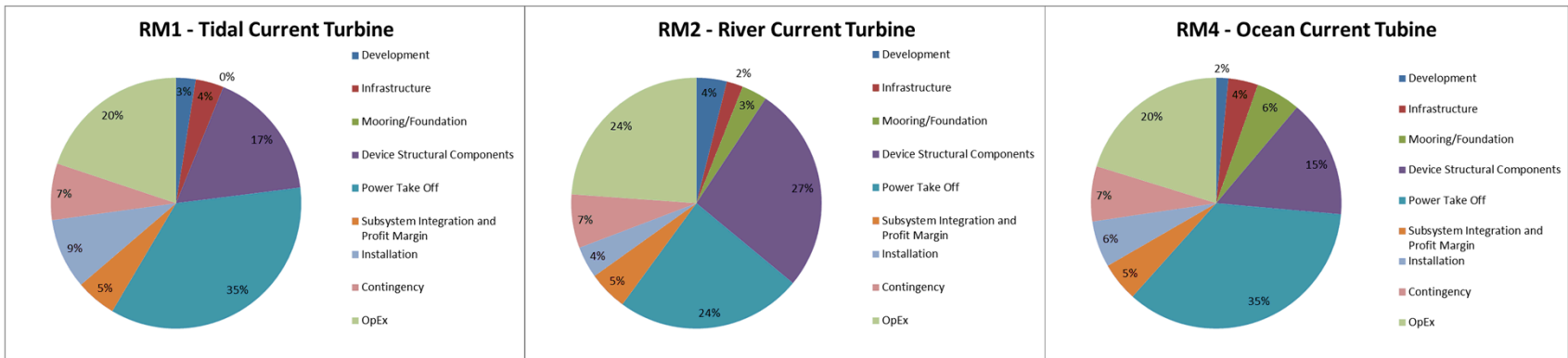


Results – CEC Breakdown

- 1-unit
 - O&M (green) & Infrastructure (red) dominate tidal & ocean current LCOE
 - O&M (green), Development (blue) & PTO (marine) dominate river current LCOE

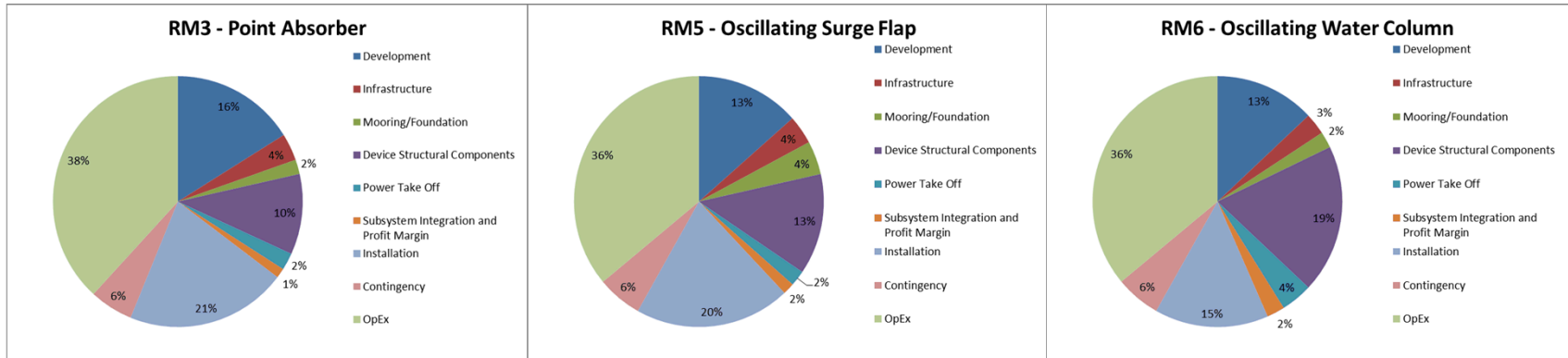


- 100-unit
 - PTO (marine), Structure (purple), and O&M (green) dominate LCOE

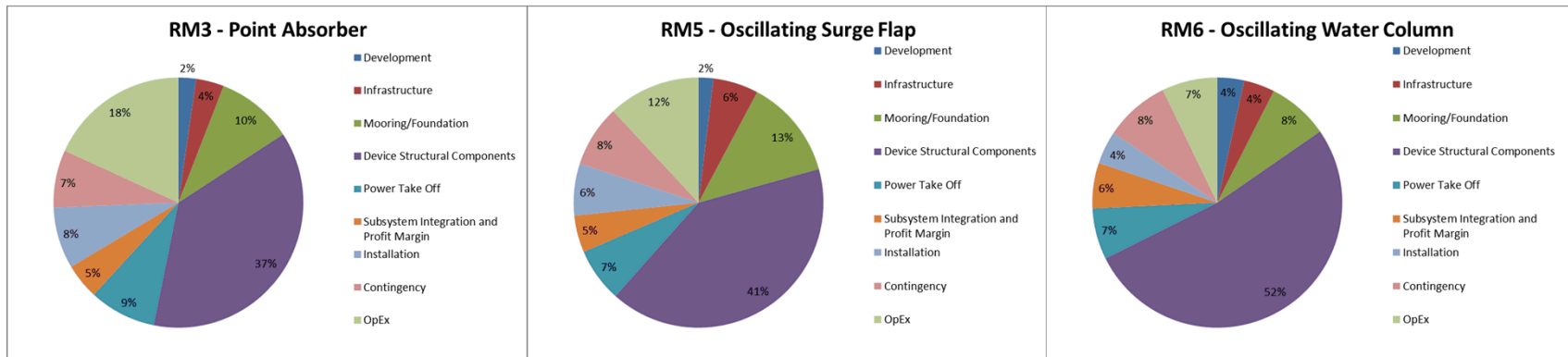


Results – WEC Breakdown

- 1-unit
 - O&M (green), Development (blue), and Installation (lavender) are LCOE drivers

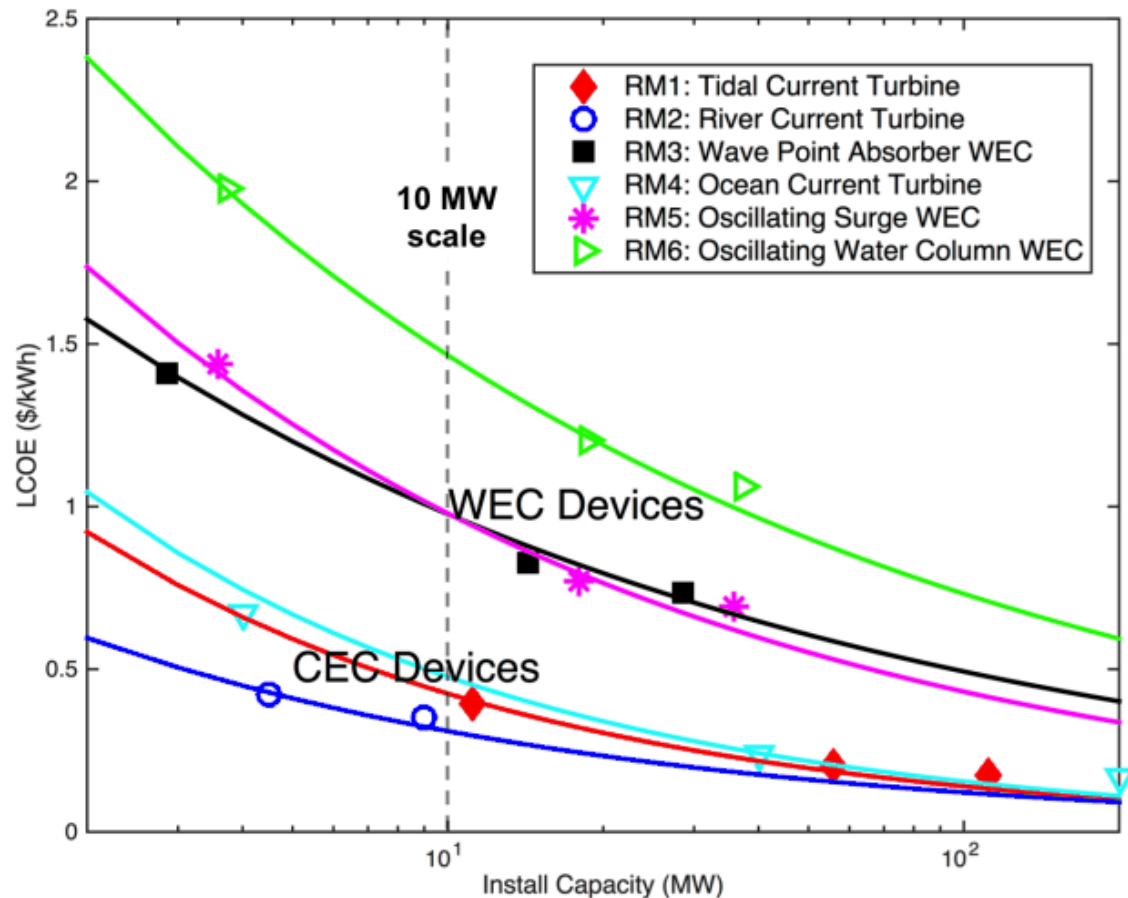


- 100-unit
 - Structure (purple) is primary cost driver, which is driven by large structural mass



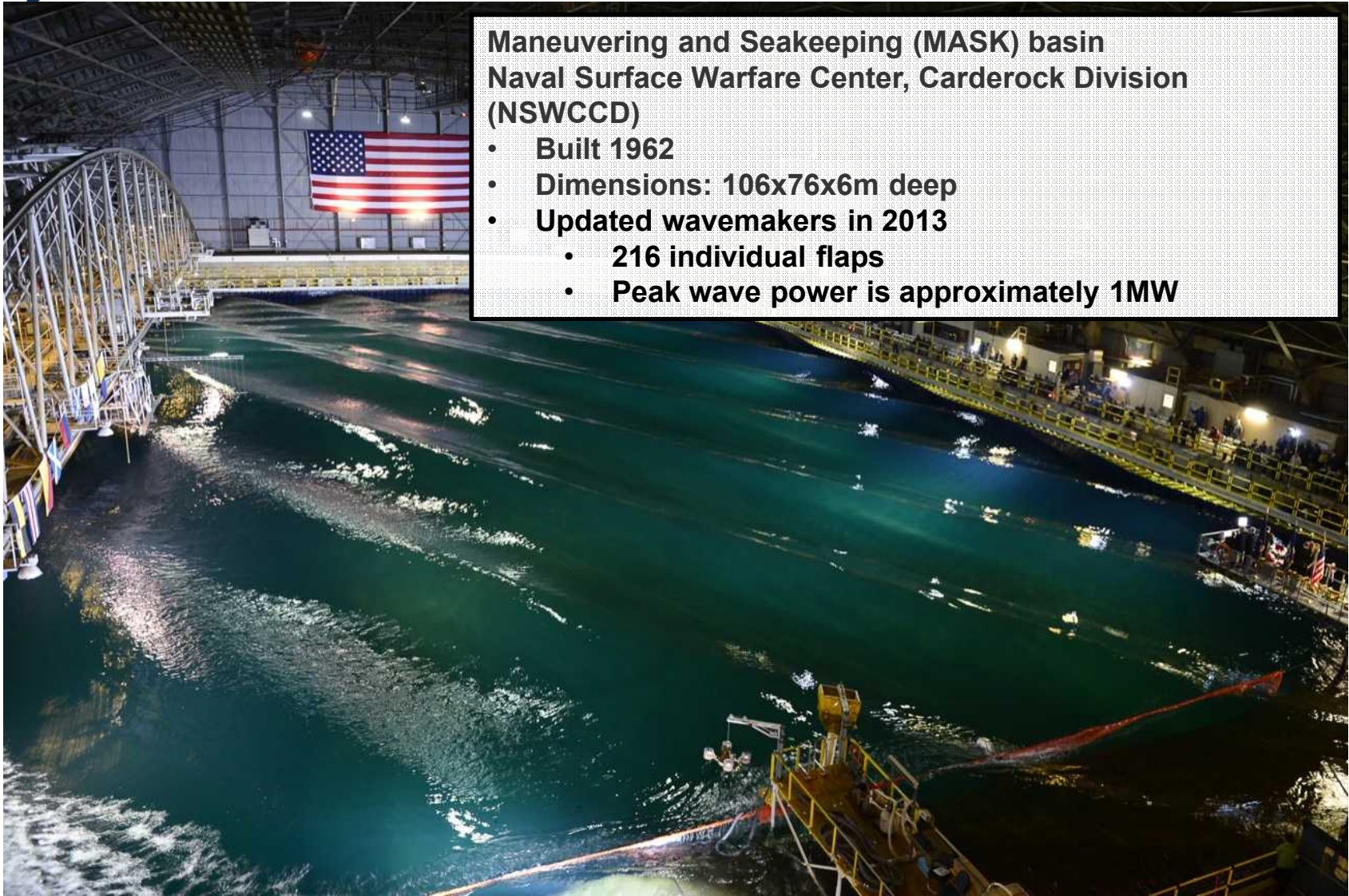
Results – 10 MW Installed Capacity

- CECs
 - $\approx \$0.31\text{-}0.45/\text{kWh}$
 - Varying resource conditions impact installation, permitting, capacity factors, etc.
- WECs
 - $\approx \$0.98\text{-}1.53/\text{kWh}$
 - At 10 MW structural mass is the largest contributor to LCOE.



Wave Energy Converter (WEC) – Controls

Project: Test hardware – wave basin

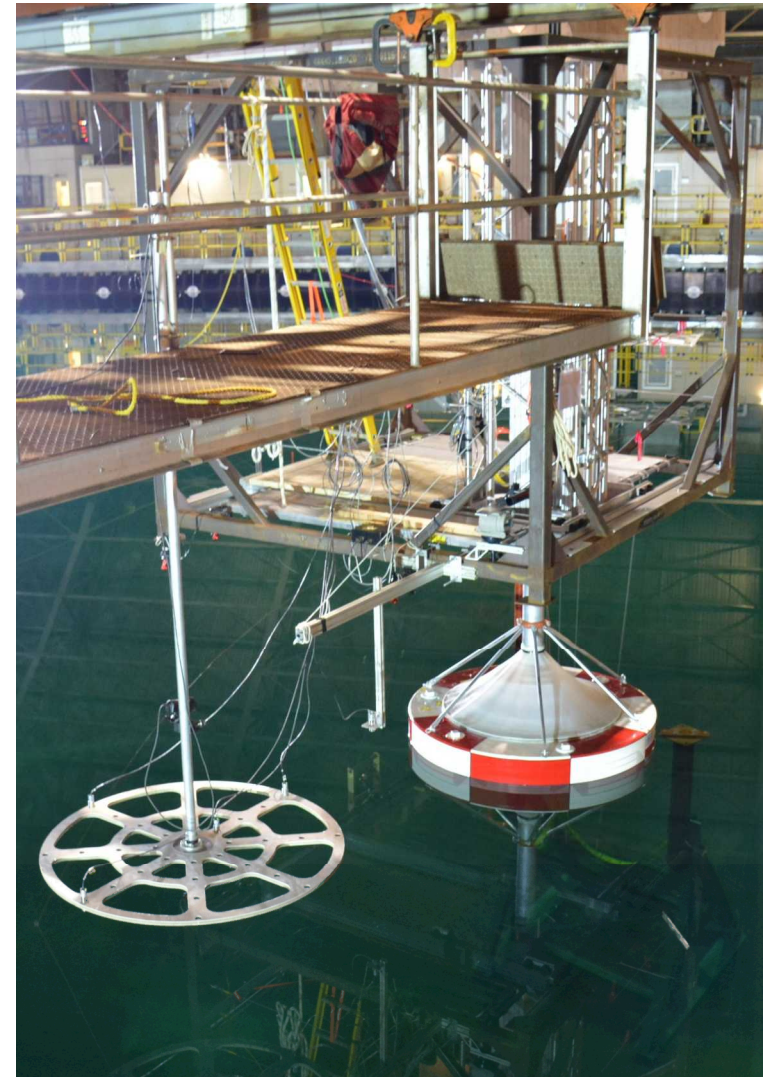
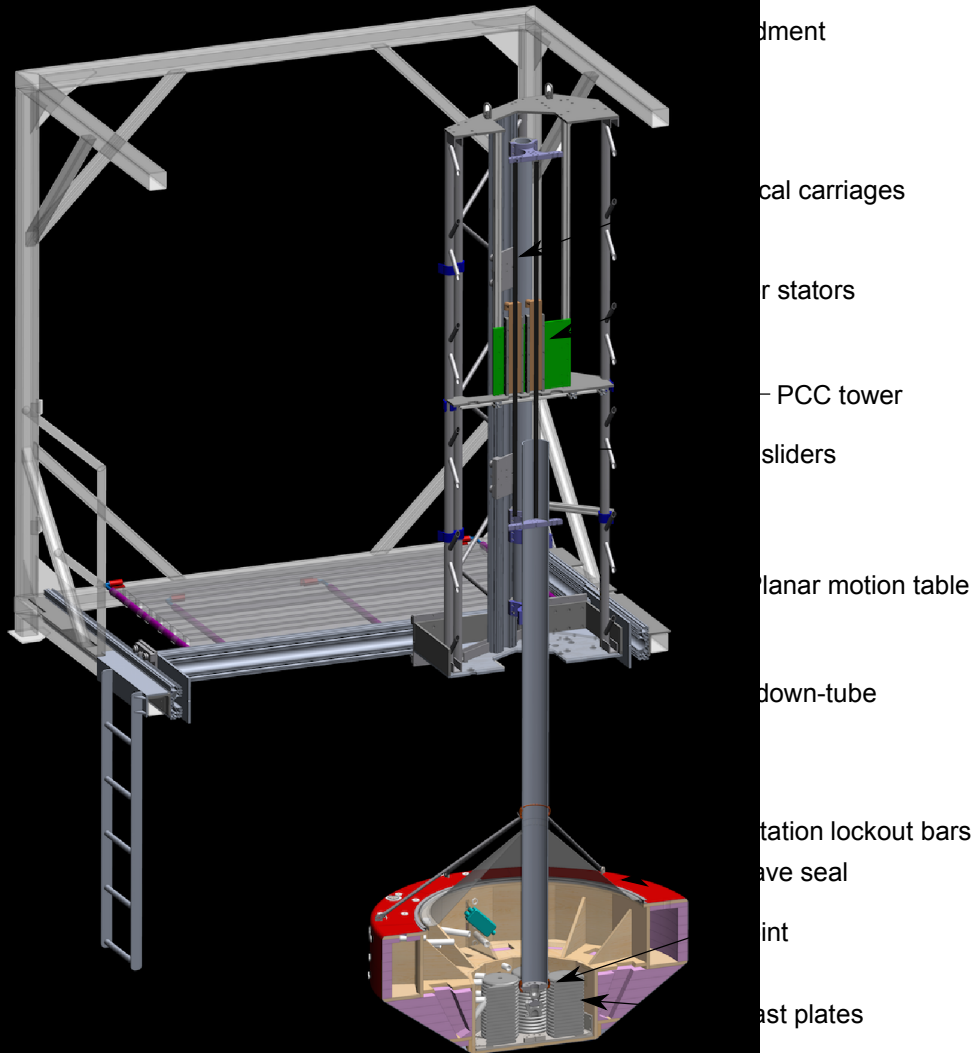


Project motivation

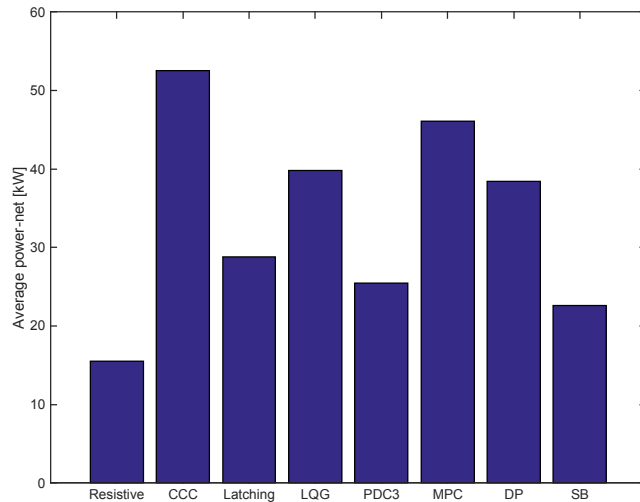
- Project goal: accelerate/support usage of advanced WEC control by developers
- Numerous studies have shown large benefits of more advanced control of WECs (e.g., Hals et al. showed 330% absorption increase)
- Most studies rely on significant simplifications and assumptions
 - Availability of incoming wave foreknowledge
 - 1-DOF motion
 - Linear or perfectly known hydrodynamics
 - No sensor noise
 - Unlimited actuator performance



Test hardware – WEC device



Summary of results



Resistive CCC Latching LQG PDC3 Linear MPC DP SB

Power production characteristics

Power increase of >330%

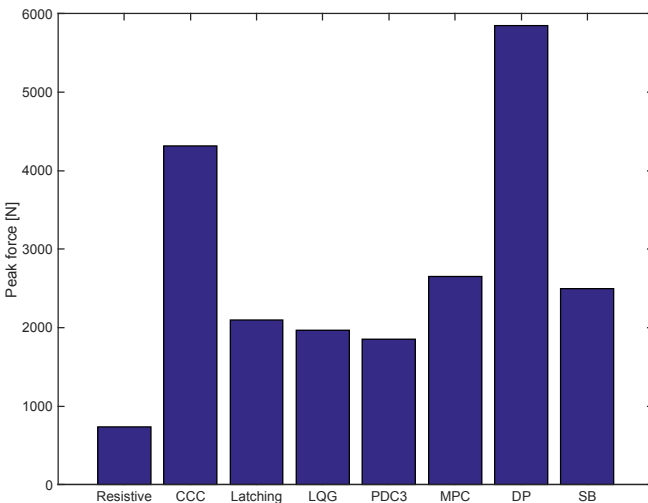
Average power-in	0	279	0	46.5	45.8	98.8	374.8	39.0
Average power-net	15.5	52.5	28.8	39.8	25.5	46.1	38.4	22.6
Average energy-stored	0	251	0	27.5	42.9	76.4	332.9	23.8
Power-in, peak/RMS	0.0	5.8	0.0	5.6	5.1	5.6	5.4	4.3
Power-net, peak/RMS	7.3	38.8	6.2	14.3	17.3	20.2	60.1	16.2
Total absolute power flow	15.5	313.3	28.8	76.0	91.5	131.8	384.9	54.5

PCC requirements

PCC force, peak	739	4312	2099	1970	1854	2653	5850	2500
Slew rate requirements	2.8 E+3	1.1 E+3	1.5 E+6	5.9 E+3	4.5 E+3	7.0 E+3	1.2 E+3	5.5 E+3
PCC force, RMS	315	2367	923	915	1086	1401	2730	1010
PCC Force, peak/RMS	2.35	1.82	2.27	2.15	1.71	1.89	2.14	2.49

Mechanical loading

Oscillation amplitude, peak	0.06	0.25	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.17	0.28	0.12
Oscillation amplitude, peak/RMS	2.52	1.97	2.05	2.27	1.89	2.09	1.99	2.52
Oscillation velocity, peak	0.14	0.47	0.30	0.31	0.22	0.35	0.50	0.22
Oscillation velocity, peak/RMS	2.63	2.20	2.77	2.43	2.30	2.33	2.17	2.6
Oscillation acceleration, peak	0.39	1.02	0.45	0.78	0.22	0.46	1.27	0.64
Oscillation acceleration, peak/RMS	2.70	2.39	1.21	2.58	2.30	1.95	2.36	2.56



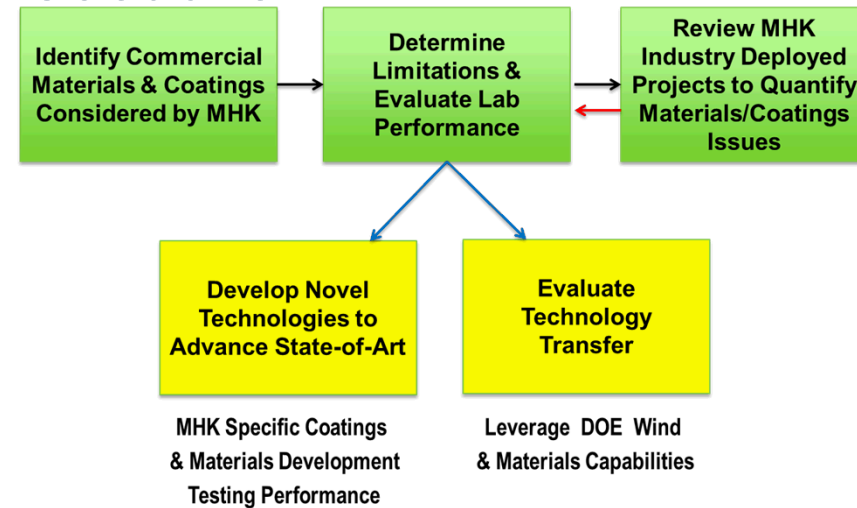
Advanced Materials for Marine Hydrokinetic (MHK) Technology

Purpose:

Applied research and provides guidance on Materials & Coatings to enable viability, lower the cost of energy (COE), and accelerate commercialization of marine and hydrokinetic technology (MHK).



Procedure:



Early Program Addressed:

- Industrial Survey on Materials & Coatings
- Development & Characterization of MHK Specific Protective Coatings
- Materials Reliability & Performance Testing
- Initial Assessment of Underwater NDI Monitoring
- Meeting with Industry/Researcher coatings community
- MHK Composites Workshop

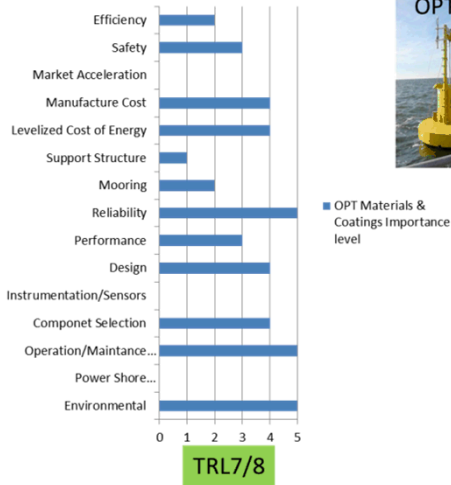
Future Program to Address:

- Removing Uncertainty & Barriers of using Composites (Industry Directed)
- Leverage Coatings Research & Library
- Understand Materials & Coatings Impact on MHK Manufacture, O&M, Reliability, Safety, Cost
- Support MHK Developers on Their Deployments

MHK Advanced Materials & Coatings

MHK Industrial Review

OPT Materials & Coatings Importance level

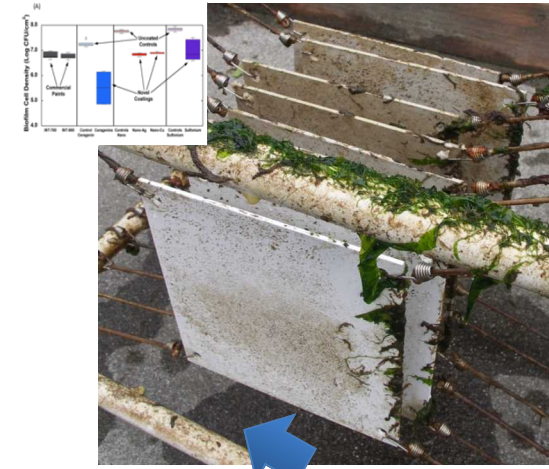


Water Power
Materials Science
& Engineering

PNNL Marine
Science
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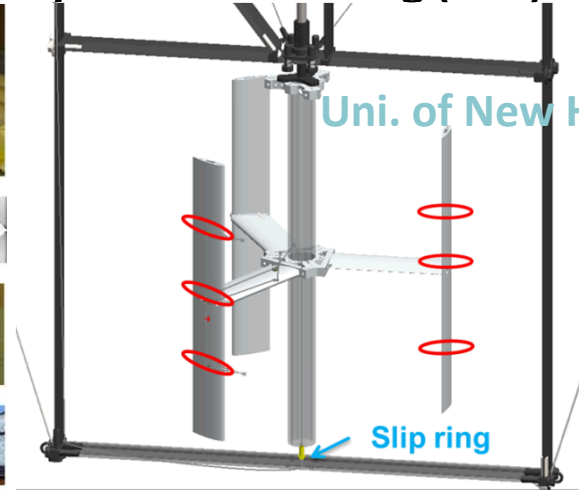
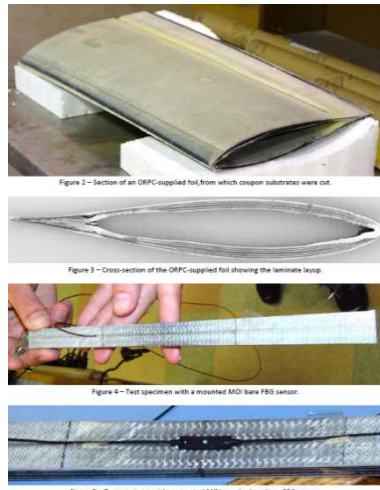


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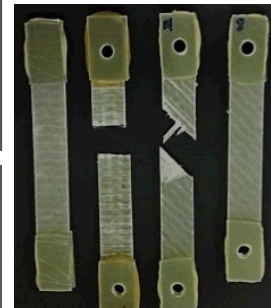
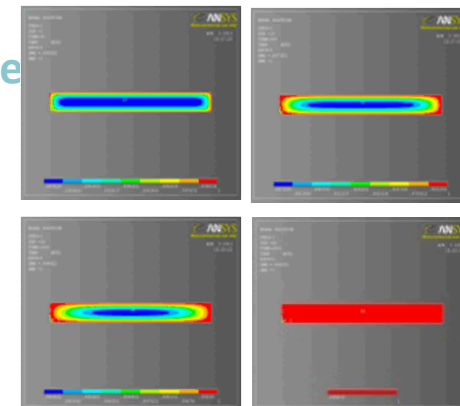
PNNL Open Water Testing

Materials Reliability: SHM Monitoring (FBG)



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MHK Composite Performance

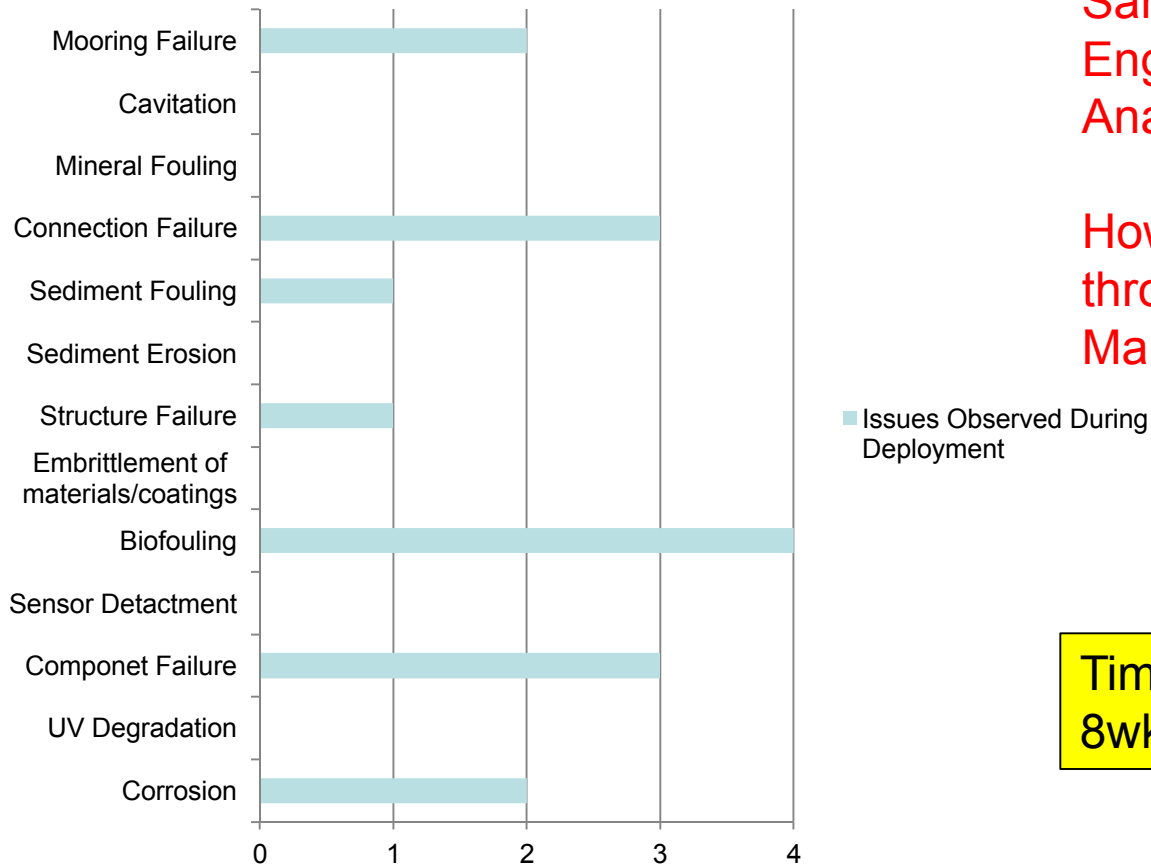


Sandia Industrial Survey on Materials & Coatings

- Coatings (\$/mass) = \$8/kg for epoxy; \$30/kg for Copper based coating. \$130/gal for paint system color
- No or limited Nondestructive Inspection (NDI) and Inspection Analysis after manufacture/prior to deployment
- Carbon Composites-interest, but high cost
- Not all the materials used for deployment will be the same for manufactures. (not yet determined)

Question to Companies: Did any of the following Issues Occur During the Deployment/Test Period (check all that apply).

Issues Observed During Deployment



Sandia, as a lab, is exploring
Engineered Reliability & Forensics
Analysis of Reliability.

How can prevent these issues
through Materials, Process, &
Manufacture?

Time of deployment:
8wks, 1yr, 3yr, <9,000 turbine hrs.

4 companies responded, each response was accounted to provide number of issues (1-4)

Upcoming Composites Research

Past Work

- Research and analysis of composite materials and coatings in operating environment (i.e. sea water). **SNL, PNNL, MSU, BYU, NDSU, ORNL (Toxicity)**

Material Design Tools for Marine Hydrokinetic Composite Structures (SNL, PNNL, NREL, MSU, FAU)

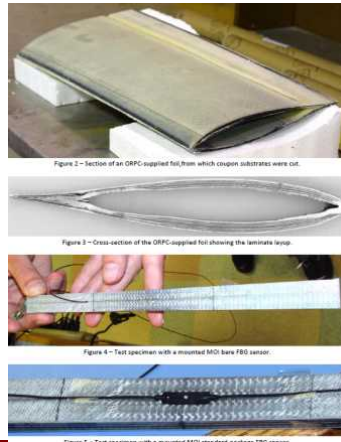
- Helping MHK industry reduce uncertainty in using composites
- Developing U.S. DOE MHK Composite Materials & Structures Database:
<http://energy.sandia.gov/energy/renewable-energy/water-power/technology-development/advanced-materials/mhk-materials-database/>
- Mitigating biofouling & metal-carbon fiber interconnect corrosion in saltwater
- Examining MHK load challenges on material & substructure performance
- Examine impact on LCOE



Biofouling & Marine coatings assessment



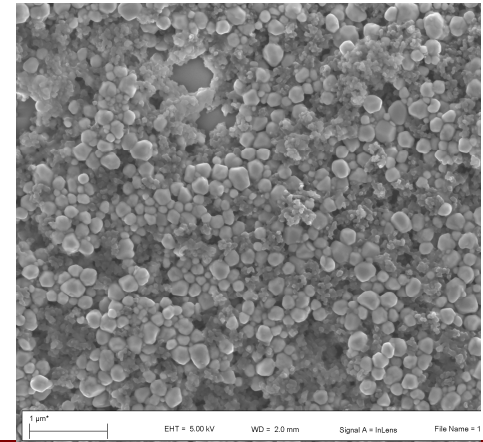
Structural Health Monitoring



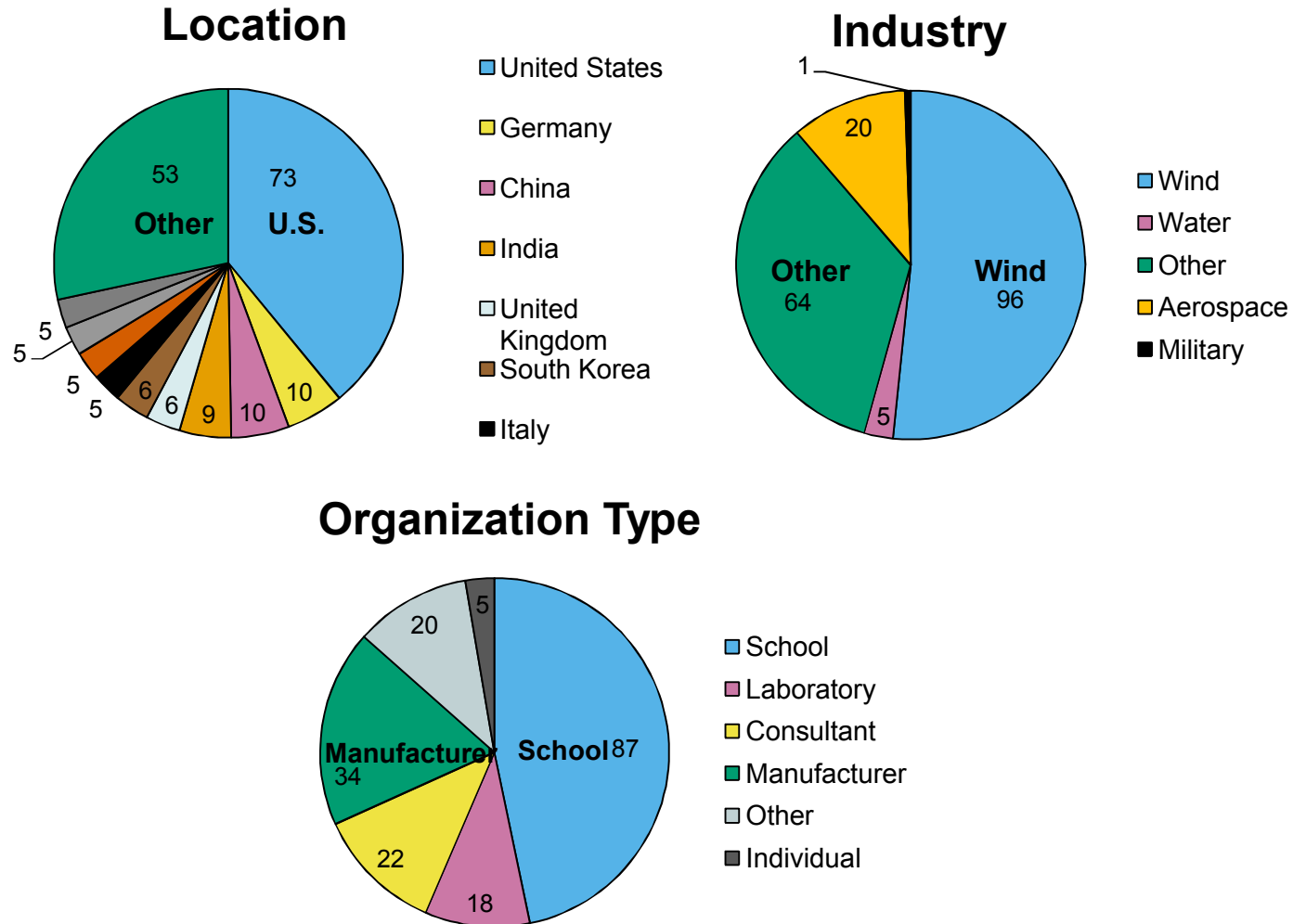
MHK Environmental Effects on Composites



Nanomaterials Development



DOE/SNL/MSU Wind & Water Database



Current User Community of U.S. DOE Materials & Structures Database

Concluding Remarks

→ Reference Models (LCOE)

Current Energy Converters

- Close to market readiness:
 - Average 100-unit array LCOE $\approx$ \$0.22/kWh
- Cost drivers: Power Takeoff, Structure, O&M

Wave Energy Converters

- Farther from market readiness:
 - Average 100-unit array (approximately 30 MW) LCOE $\approx$ \$0.83/kWh
- Cost drivers: Structure, Mooring, O&M
- Need to increase Annual Energy Production (AEP) through improved energy capture

→ **Advanced Controls:** systems may increase power production substantially (300%+)

→ **Materials Research:** may provide longevity & cost reductions

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BACKUP SLIDES

RM Current Energy Converters

- 3 Current Energy Converters (CECs)
 - RM1 – Dual Rotor Axial Flow Tidal Turbine
 - RM2 – Dual Rotor Cross Flow River Turbine
 - RM4 - 4 Rotor Axial Flow Ocean Turbine



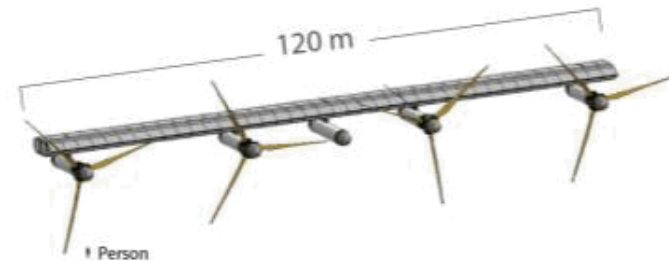
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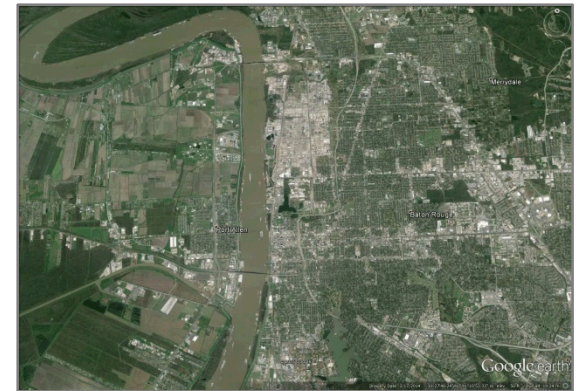
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CEC Design and Resource

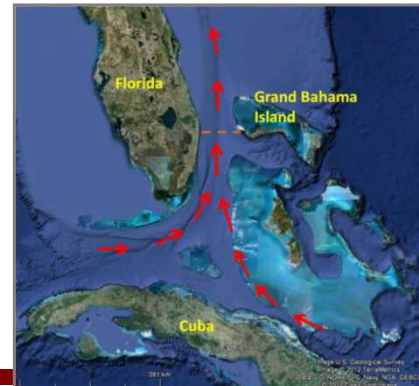
- RM1
 - Tacoma Narrows – Puget Sound, WA
 - 1.1 MW Rated Power
 - 30% Capacity Factor
- RM2
 - Mississippi River – Baton Rouge, LA
 - 90 kW Rated power
 - 30% Capacity Factor
- RM4
 - Florida Strait – Boca Raton, FL
 - 4 MW Rated Power
 - 70% Capacity Factor



Tacoma Narrows:
Image courtesy of Google Earth



Mississippi River:
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Florida Strait:
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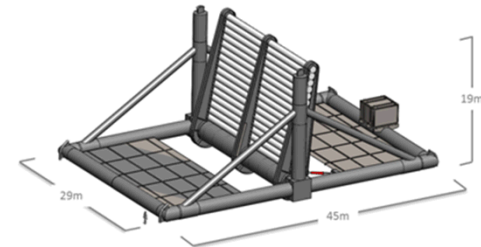
RM Wave Energy Converters

- 3 Wave Energy Converters (WECs)
 - RM3 – Point Absorber
 - RM5 – Oscillating Wave Surge Converter (OWSC)
 - RM6 – Backward Bent Duct Buoy Oscillating Water Column (BBDB)



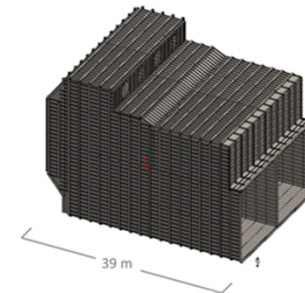
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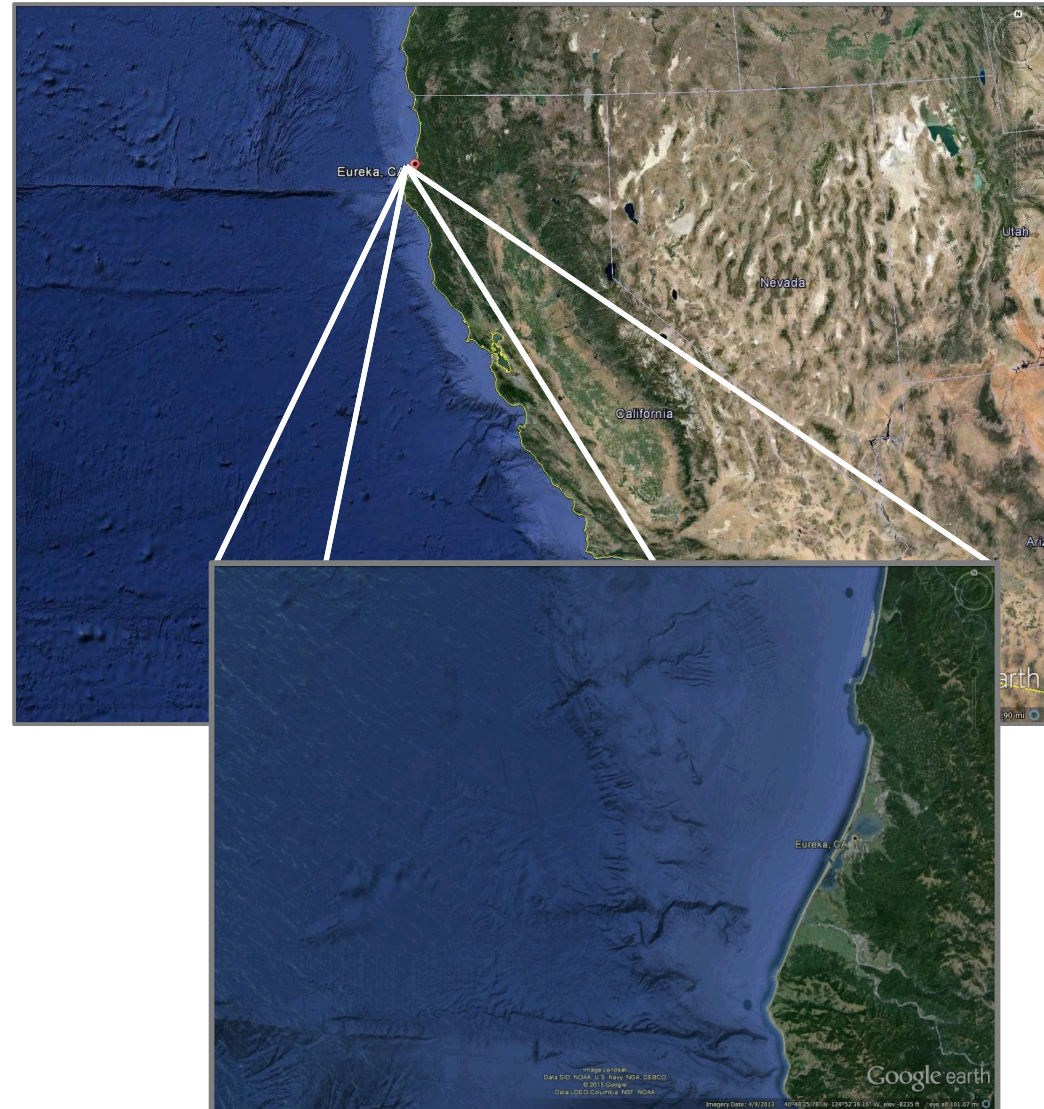


RM6

Oscillating Water
Column

WEC Design and Resource

- All WECs designed for Humboldt Bay – Humboldt County, CA
- RM3
 - 286 kW Rated Power
 - 30% Capacity Factor
- RM5
 - 360 kW Rated power
 - 30% Capacity Factor
- RM6
 - 370 kW Rated Power
 - 30% Capacity Factor



Humboldt Bay, near Eureka, CA: Image courtesy of Google Earth