



# U.S. DOE MHK Composite Materials & Structures Database Webinar

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## FY17 Call for Samples

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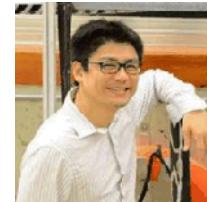
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Our Program's Goal is to address barriers and uncertainty in using composite materials for MHK.

## Material Design Tools for Marine and Hydrokinetic Composite Structures

**Objective:** Helping MHK industry reduce uncertainty in using composites in their designs

- Providing an *industry approved* U.S. DOE MHK Composite Materials & Structures Database (*open resource*): <http://energy.sandia.gov/energy/renewable-energy/water-power/technology-development/advanced-materials/mhk-materials-database/>
- Mitigating composite biofouling/environmental effects & metal-carbon fiber interconnect corrosion in saltwater
- Examining MHK load challenges on composite material & substructure performance to improve design



# MHK Composites Barriers & Needs

## ***Top Barriers Identified to Using Composites for MHK include:***

- Uncertainty in materials properties and selection for component (**Short-Mid Term**).
  - Industry wants to know if composites are the right materials to invest in? Why?
- Uncertainty in design with limited design tools & methodologies available (**Mid-Long Term**).
- Composites reliability and maintenance (inspection, repair) is not well understood (**Mid-Long Term**).
- Limited guidance on composites manufacture and assembly available to MHK developers (Long Term).
- Weight and transportation issues affect current designs and manufacture (Long Term).
- Materials cost will affect final design (\$/lb) (Long Term).

Short 1-5 (yrs).  
Mid 5-10  
Long 10-20

## ***Top Composite Research Needs include:***

- Reduce uncertainty of materials selection by evaluating performance properties of coupons and subcomponents in artificial and actual saltwater environments (Short-Long Term).
- Evaluate MHK environmental effects on joints, seals, and fasteners of dissimilar materials in order to facilitate complex geometries and modularity (Mid to long term).
- Test component at full-scale structures to facilitate design optimization (Mid-Long Term).
- Identify failure mechanisms and damage tolerances (Short-Long Term).
- Determine the influence of the manufacturing process on the structural performance (Mid-Long Term).
- Determine what standards and certification process are needed for new materials to be employed in the MHK energy industry (Long Term).

# What are others doing?

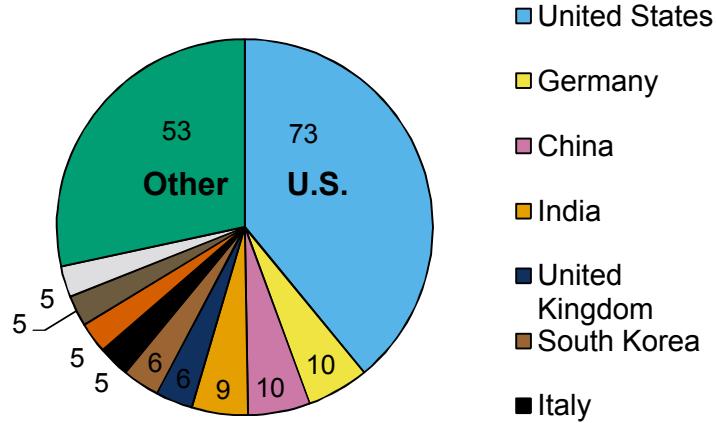
- Wave Energy Scotland: Structural Materials & Manufacturing Processes.
  - 10 awards on examining polymers, cements, hybrids (fiber composites), elastomers
  - Examining fundamental materials properties, loads, manufacture, and demonstration
- Other Composites Fiber Research:
  - influence of salt water on MHK materials properties and manufacturing using resin transfer moulding have been conducted primarily on tidal technologies.
  - combined cyclic loading and seawater diffusion on composites have been evaluated for tidal blades.
- However, there is still need to understand how coupling between cyclic loads and seawater.

# The MHK Composite Materials & Structures Database was born from discovery in Wind Energy.

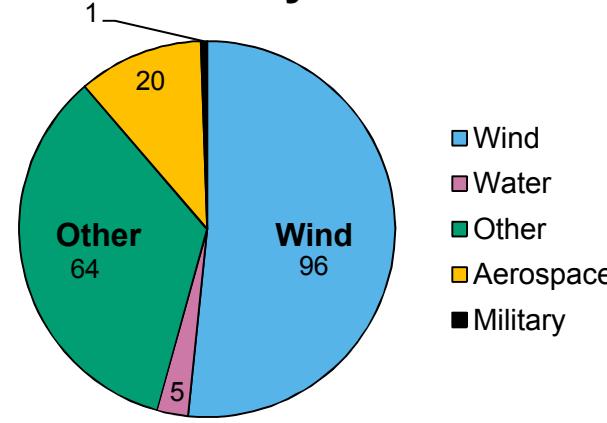
## U.S. DOE MHK Composite Materials & Structures Database:

Benefits: Open Source, Industry Advised, Backed with Publications.

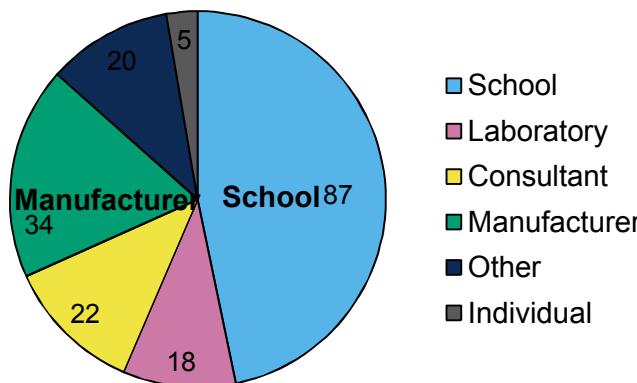
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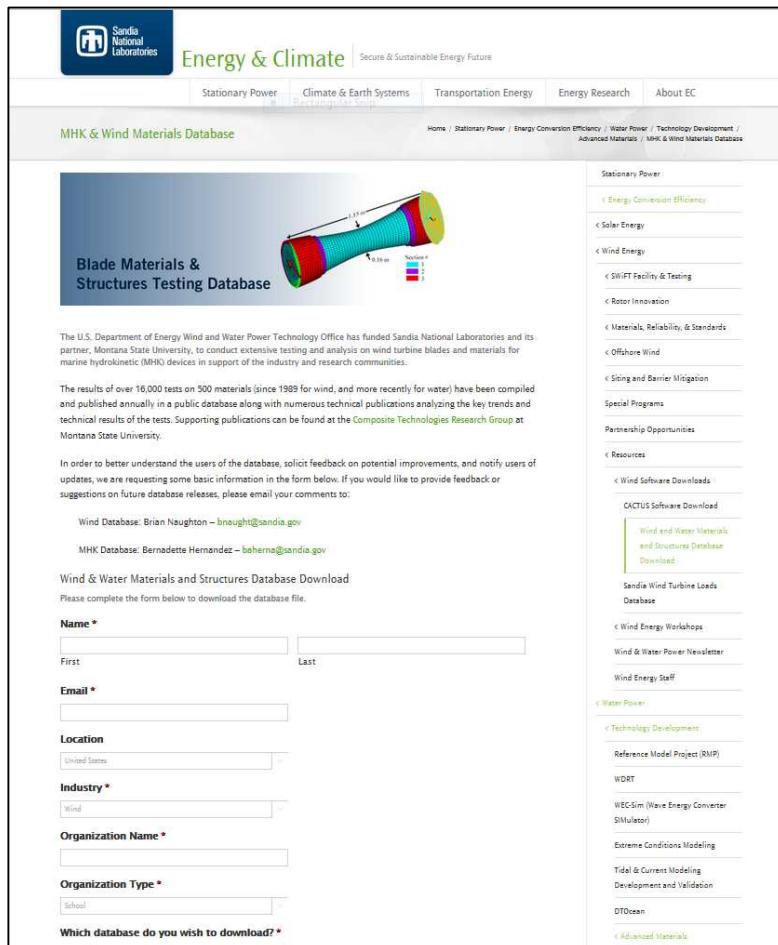
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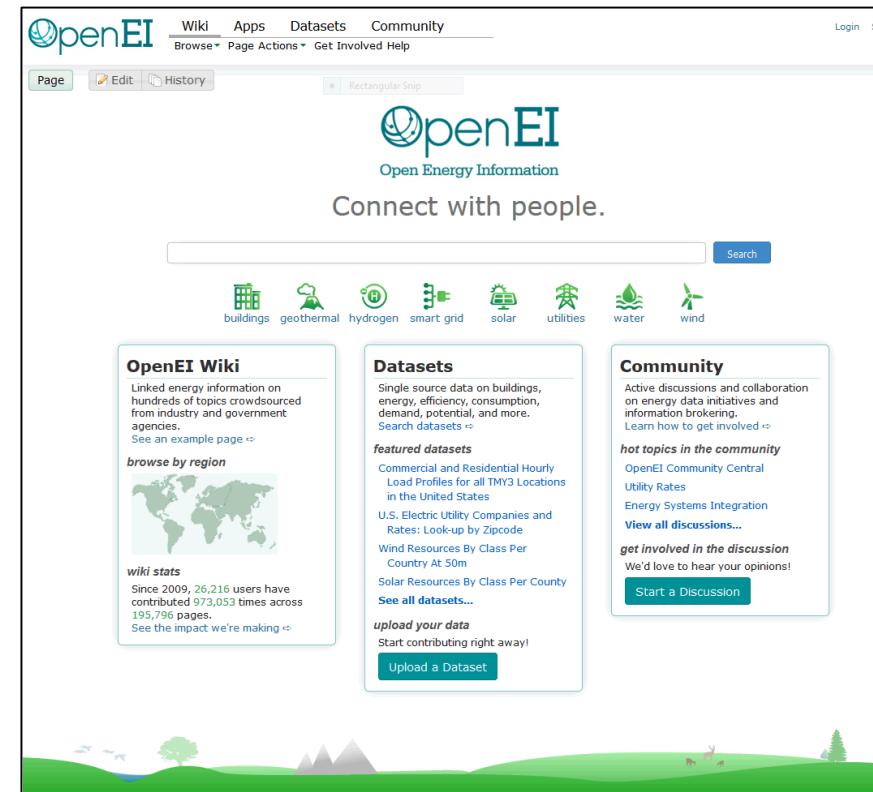


# Database can be found in 2 locations online and is free for users to download.



The screenshot shows the Energy & Climate website with a sub-section for the MHK & Wind Materials Database. The page features a 3D rendering of a wind turbine blade with dimensions: 0.16 m (length), 0.06 m (width), and 0.004 m (thickness). The page includes a sidebar with links to various energy topics like Stationary Power, Energy Conversion Efficiency, Water Power, and Technology Development. A form at the bottom allows users to download the database, with fields for Name, Email, Location, Industry, Organization Name, Organization Type, and a question about which database to download.

<http://energy.sandia.gov/energy/renewable-energy/water-power/technology-development/advanced-materials/mhk-materials-database/>



The screenshot shows the OpenEI website, a platform for open energy information. The main navigation bar includes links for Wiki, Apps, Datasets, and Community. The homepage features a large banner with the text "Connect with people." and icons for buildings, geothermal, hydrogen, smart grid, solar, utilities, water, and wind. Below this are sections for "OpenEI Wiki", "Datasets", and "Community". The "Datasets" section highlights "Wind and Water Materials and Structures Database Download". The "Community" section includes a "hot topics in the community" section with links to OpenEI Community Central, Utility Rates, and Energy Systems Integration, and a "get involved in the discussion" section with a "Start a Discussion" button.

- Both the wind and water icons take you to webpages that house the link.
- Under Water Power Database and Tools

# Call for samples to be performance tested when exposed to biofouling and saltwater.



- Coupon samples are needed for testing.
- FY17 Testing will take place at PNNL and MSU
- Developing substructure plan for FY18

# Criteria for Biofouling Testing at PNNL



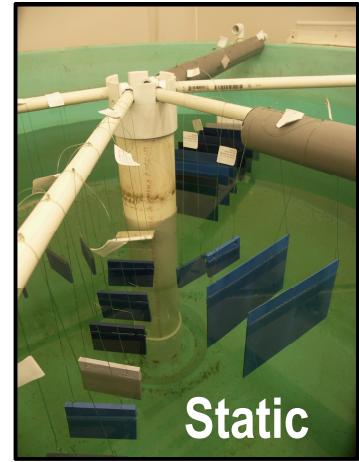
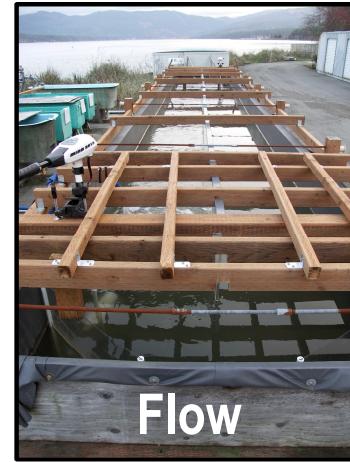
PNNL Marine Sciences Laboratory in Sequim, WA

Evaluate under static & flow conditions with unfiltered natural seawater.

Two Tanks will be used:

1. Flow
2. Static

Short Term Testing at 3 months

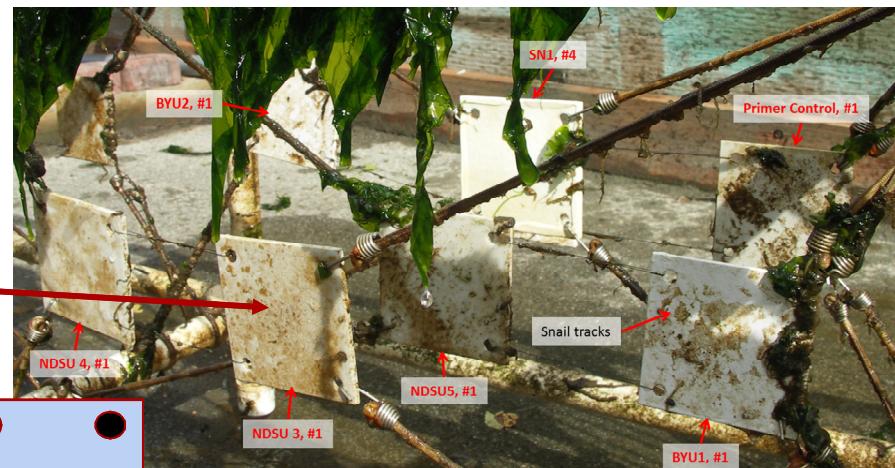
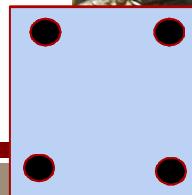


## Example types and Numbers of Coupons Needed

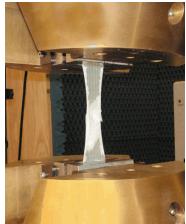


For 1 data point:  
 (3) 8x8 in panels  
 (3) 3x3 in  
 (3) 4x4 in  
 (3) 1x1 in

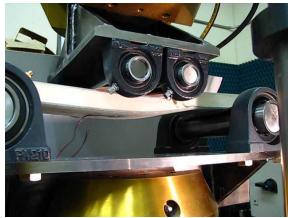
Sample geometry:  
 Need hole or clips  
 for edges



# Criteria for Composite Performance Testing at MSU



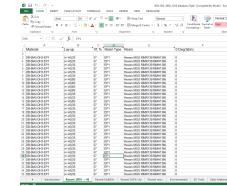
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Structural  
elements



Elements  
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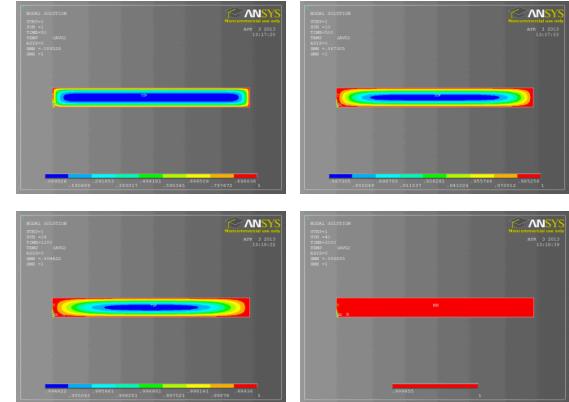


Testing  
to  
Dissemination



Three different conditions are of interest: 

1. Dry State
2. Artificial Sea Water (partial to full saturation)
3. Actual Sea Water (partial to full saturation)



## Example types and Numbers of Coupons Needed

Static and Fatigue Testing

For 1 data point at 1  
condition

(5) 8x1 in dog bone

(5) 10x1 in

# Developing Substructure Testing at NREL & MSU for FY18-19

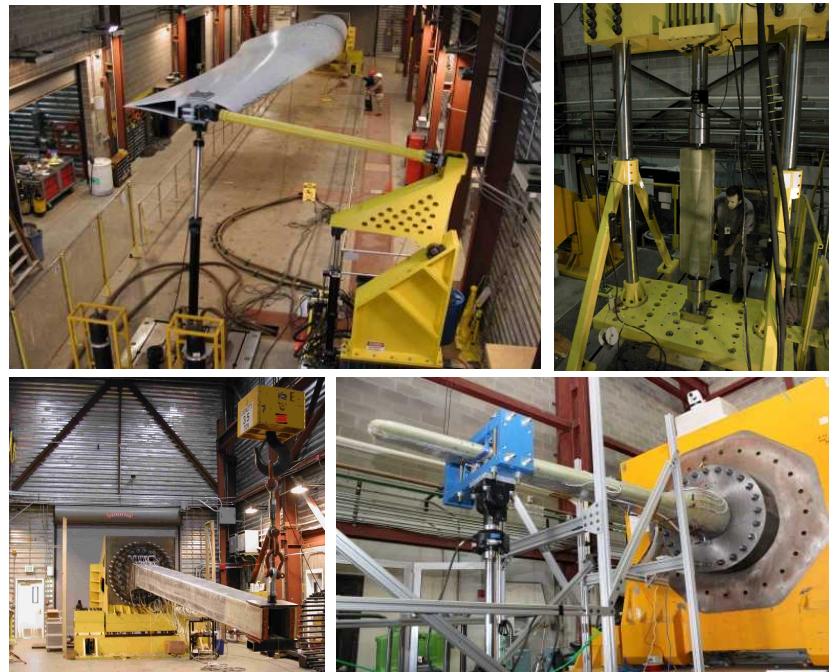


## Developing test plan to examine joints, plies, .....and other elements of design

Three different conditions are also of interest:

1. Dry State
2. Artificial Sea Water (partial to full saturation)
3. Actual Sea Water (partial to full saturation)

- Full-scale and component testing
- Characterization, strength, and fatigue test capabilities
- 500 kN actuators, reaction stands to 17 MNm
- Extensive structural measurement equipment and condition monitoring systems



# Important Dates and Contact Information

- Please email letter of intent by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to [baherna@sandia.gov](mailto:baherna@sandia.gov)
- June 15, 2017 Collection Date for both MSU and PNNL sites.
- Samples will not be returned
- By submitting samples you agree to have data uploaded and publically disseminated in database.

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