

# New England Aqua Ventus I

*DOE Advanced Technology  
Demonstration Program for  
Offshore Wind*

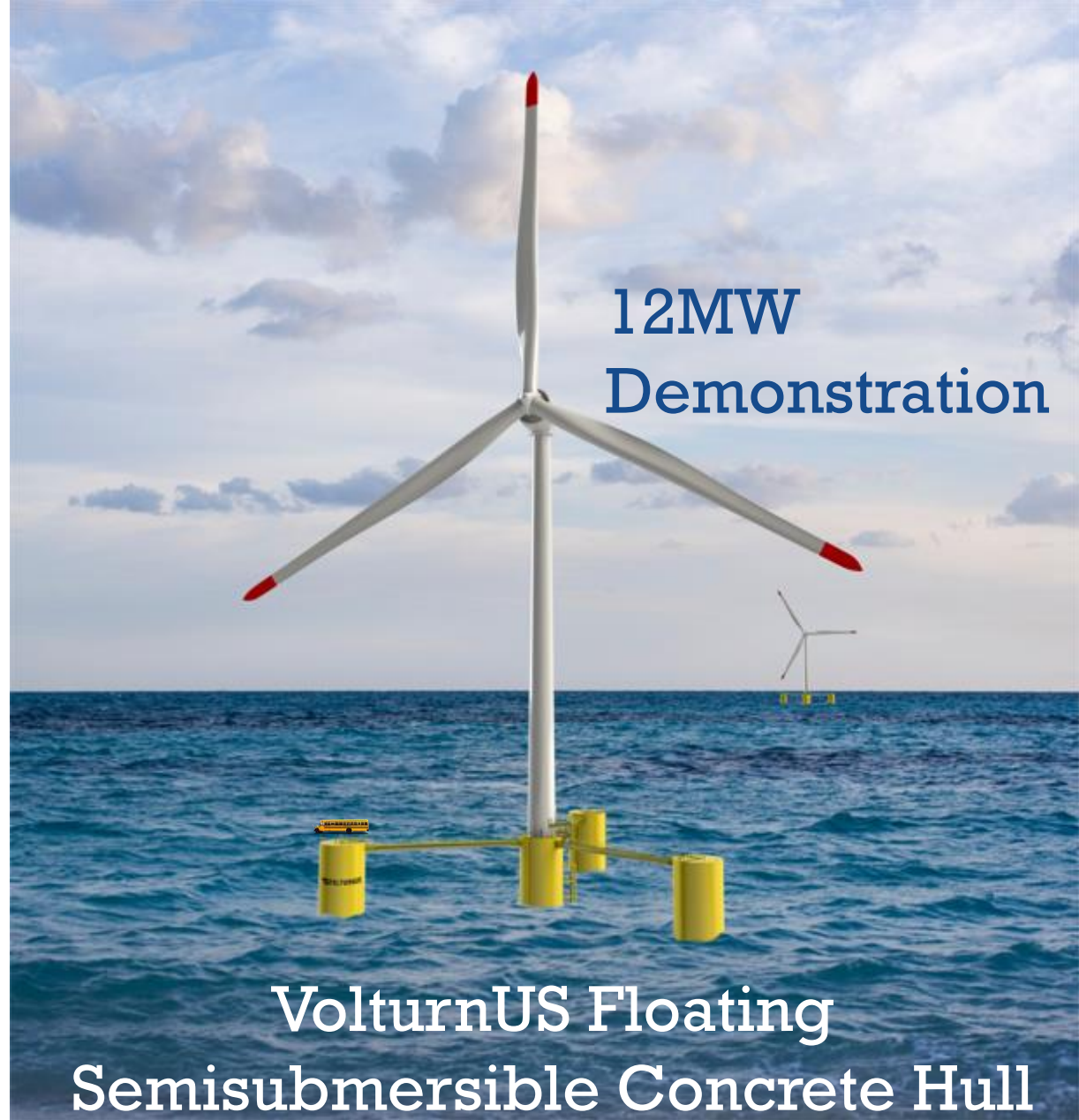
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- Founded through the NSF in 1996
  - 200+ faculty, staff and students
  - 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> lab
  - 2,200+ students funded from 35+ majors at UMaine
  - 10 Spinoff companies



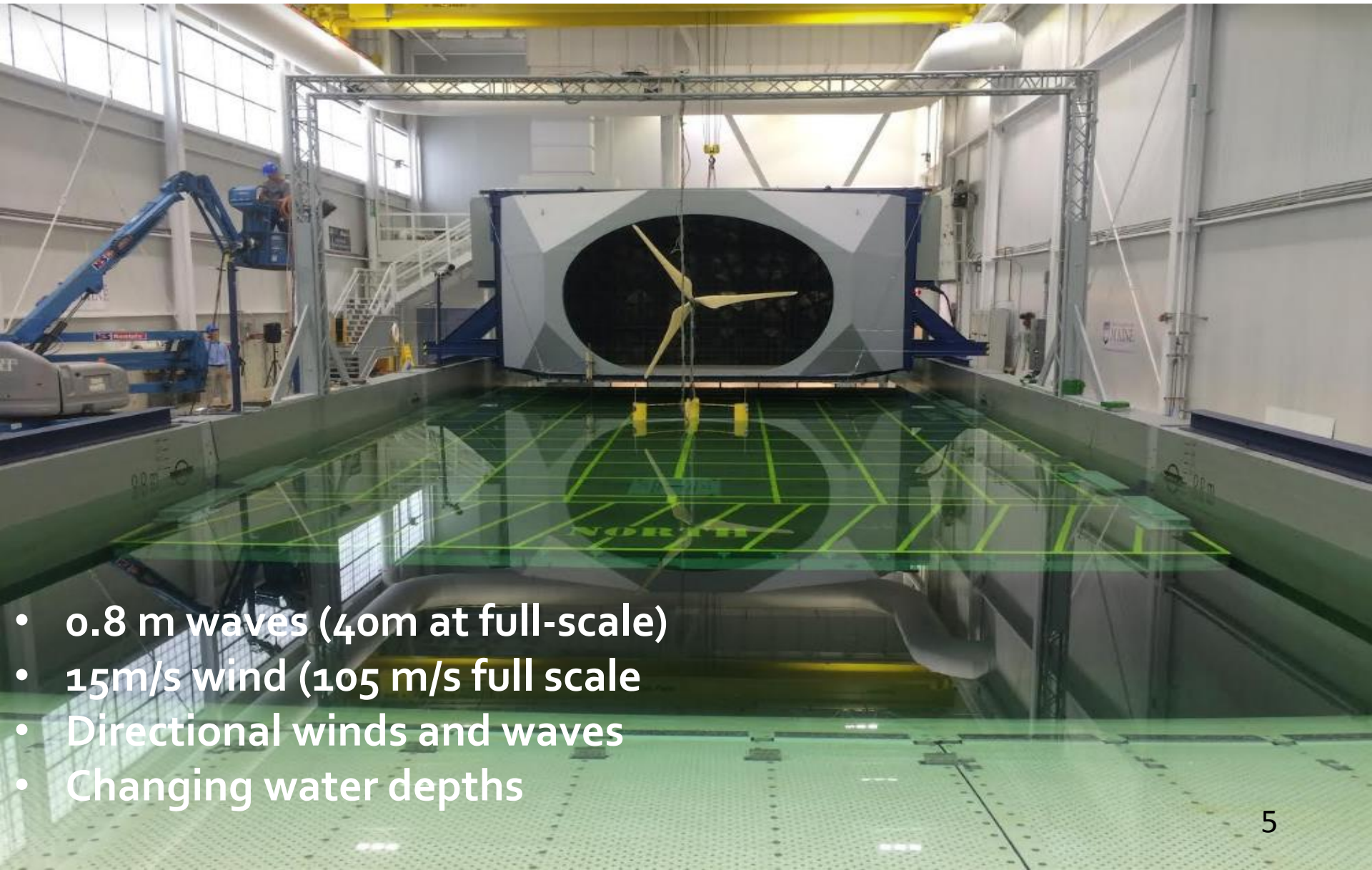
# ASCC Partners and Clients







# The W2 Wind-Wave Basin



- 0.8 m waves (40m at full-scale)
- 15m/s wind (105 m/s full scale)
- Directional winds and waves
- Changing water depths



**Maine Fossil Fuel Expenses = \$3.6-5.8 billion/yr**





**Additional Capacity Needed to Heat Homes  
and Electrify Transportation = 5 GW**

# Maine Leads in Economic Potential for Offshore Wind Along the East Coast

## Offshore Wind Economic Potential

State	Economic Potential (in gigawatts [GW])
Maine	65
Massachusetts	55
Rhode Island	16
Virginia	4
New Hampshire	2
New York	1
Connecticut	1



### An Assessment of the Economic Potential of Offshore Wind in the United States from 2015 to 2030

Philipp Beiter, Walter Musial, Levi Kilcher,  
Michael Maness, and Aaron Smith  
*National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

Related Data: <https://data.nrel.gov/submissions/67>

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# Floating Technology Roadmap

Past

Phase 1: (2008-2012)

Modeling & 1:50 scale Lab Work



Phase 2: (2013-2014)

Deployed 1:8 Scale Project



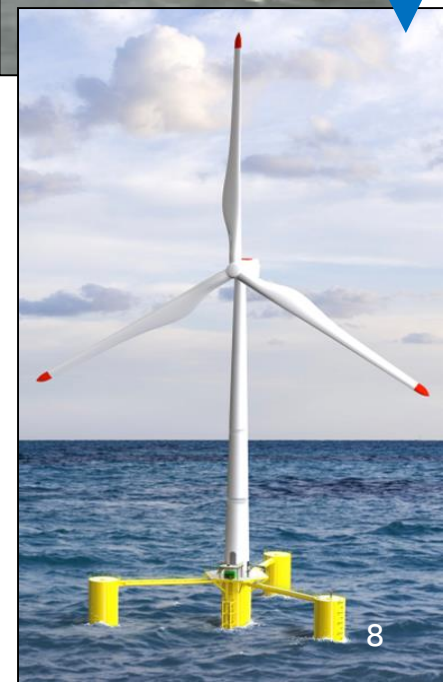
Future

Phase 3: (2014-2022)

**Aqua Ventus I:** Build 12 MW demonstration project to prove out the technology full scale

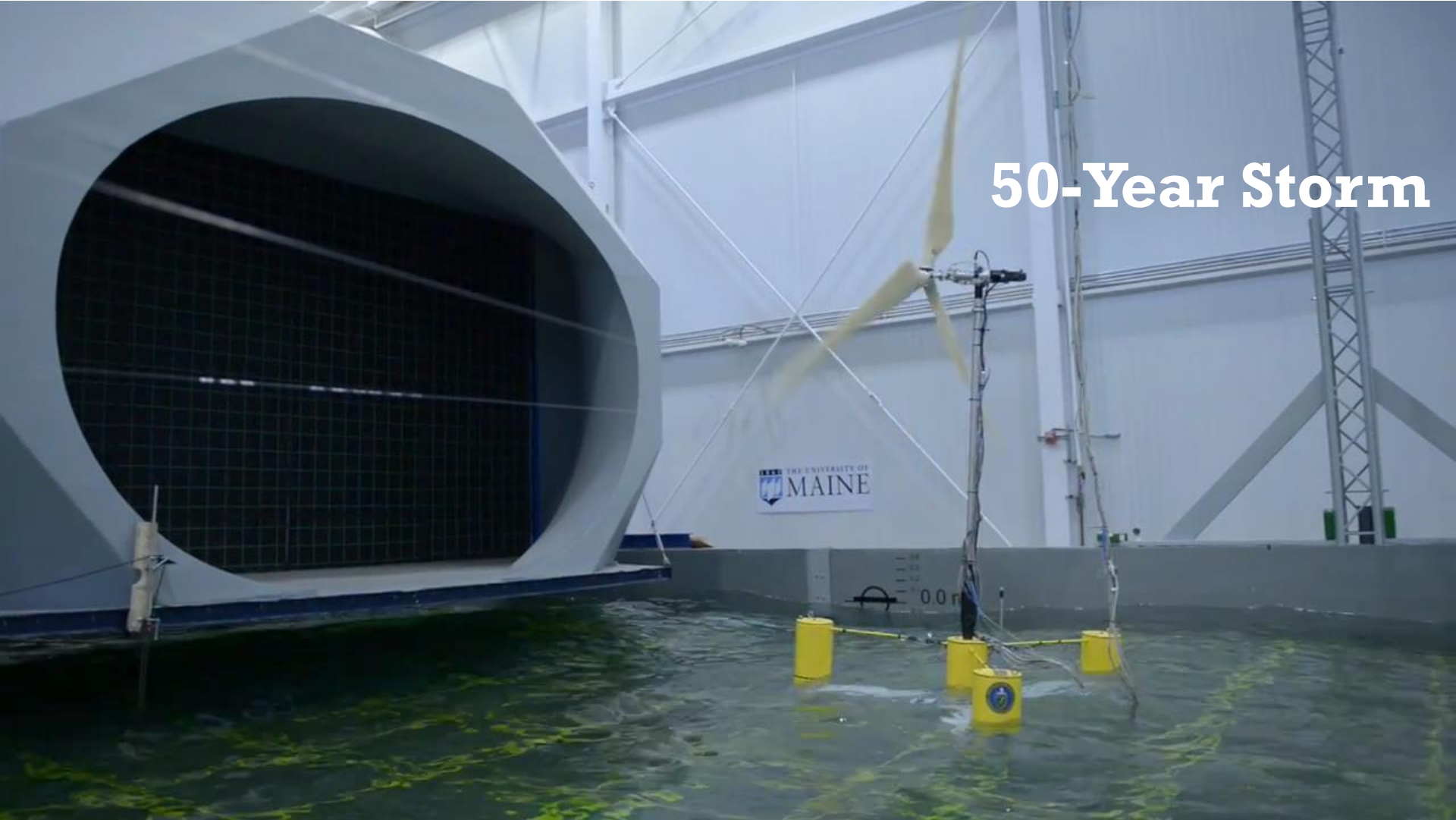
Phase 4: (2024)

Commercial scale projects





# Phase 1: Design and Modeling



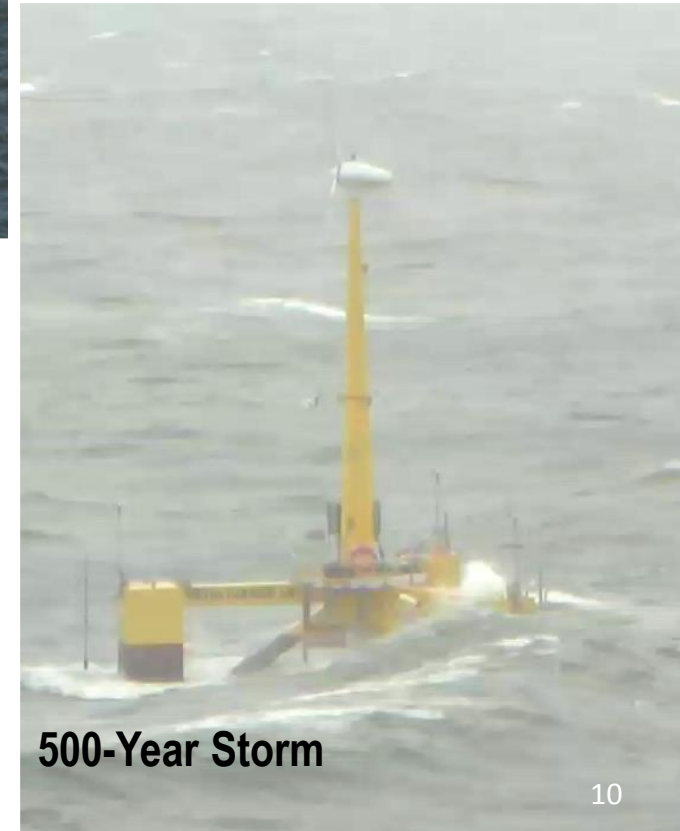
**50-Year Storm**

# Phase 2: 1/8 Scale Project Operating at Sea

- Heavily instrumented pilot unit operated for 18 months at sea



- Experienced 40 scaled 50 to 500-year return period storms:
  - ✓ Max nacelle acceleration < 0.2g
  - ✓ Max heel angle < 7degrees
- Results validated design





# VoltturnUS 1:8 Launch

1,600 Attended on May 31, 2013



# Tow-Out Testing, Penobscot Bay





# Castine, Maine (2013-2014)

## 60 Onboard Sensors



# 50-Year Return Period Storm

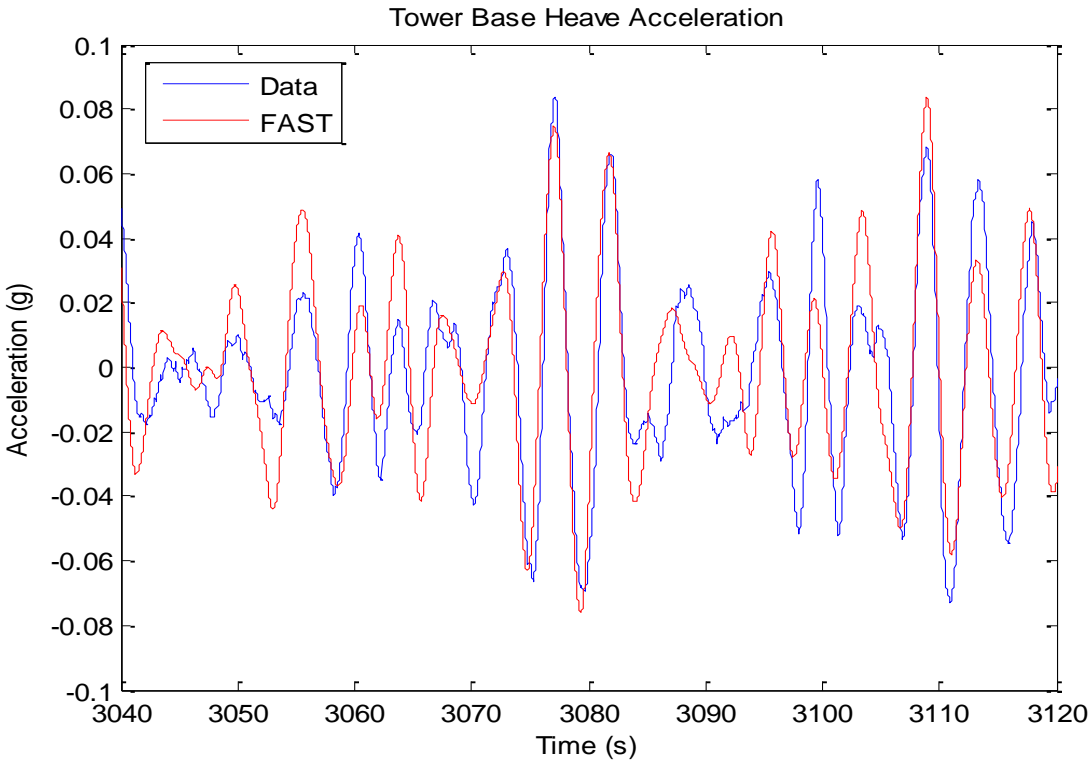


# Lessons from VoltturnUS 1:8 Pilot Deployment

## Validation of Technology Performance

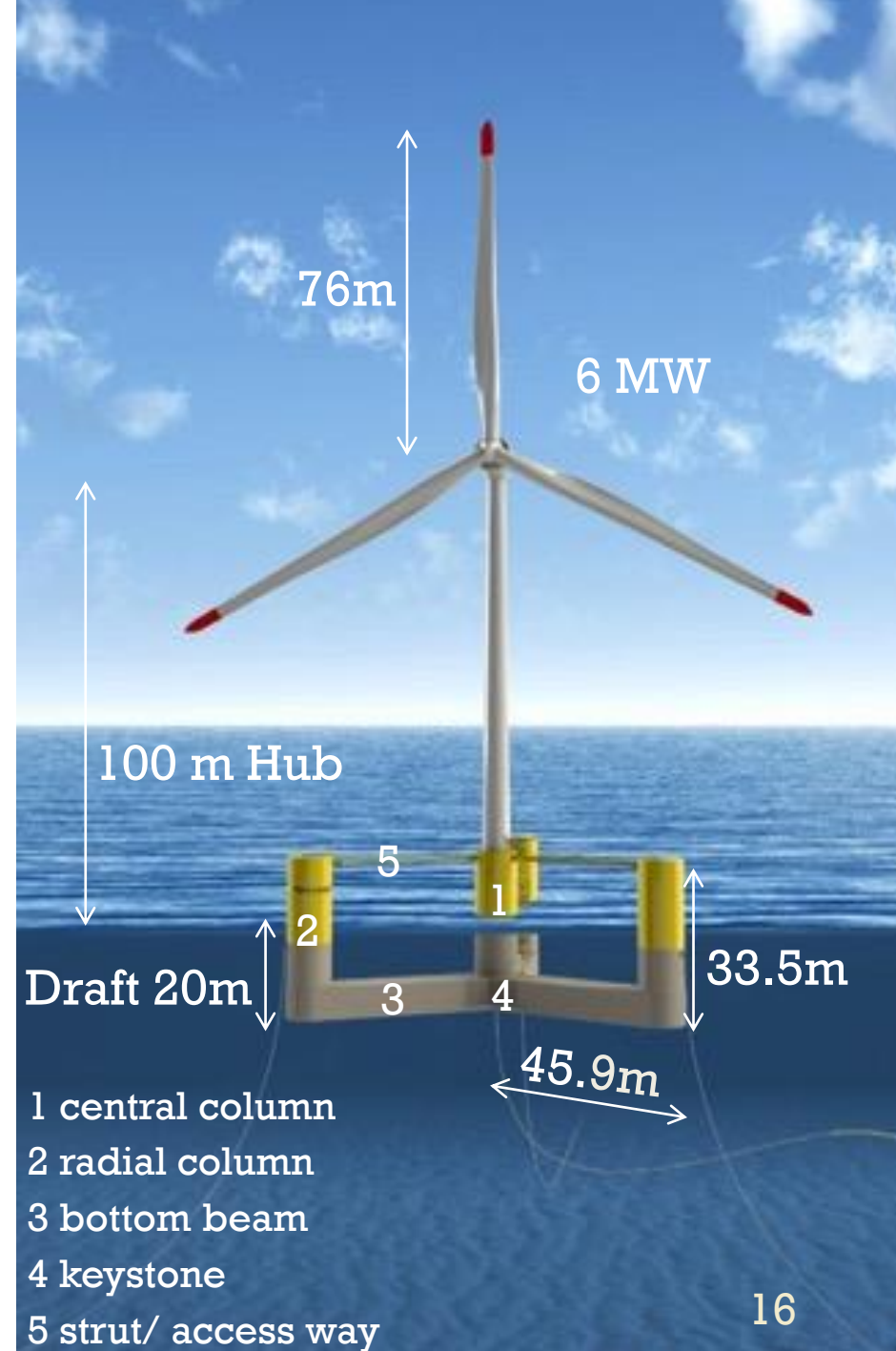
Saw forty scaled 50 to 500-year return period storms:

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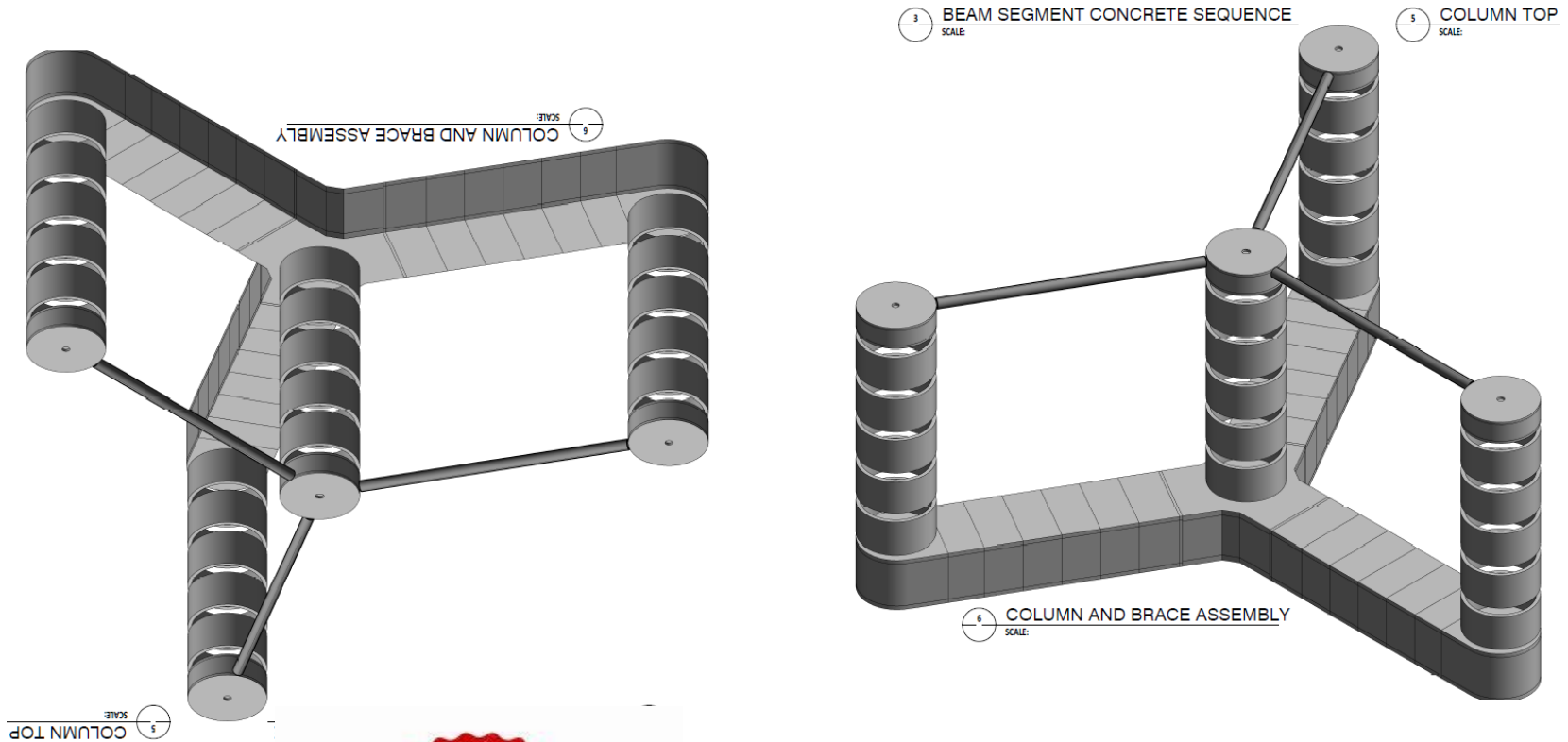
# Phase 3: New England Aqua Ventus I

1. 12 MW demonstration project
2. Site control – State waters
3. Environmental and ecological data collected
4. 15 years metocean data
5. Geophysical investigations completed
6. 100% FEED approved by ABS
7. \$40 Million grant from US DOE





# Easier to Build than a Bridge: *Built Like a Bridge, Upside-Down*

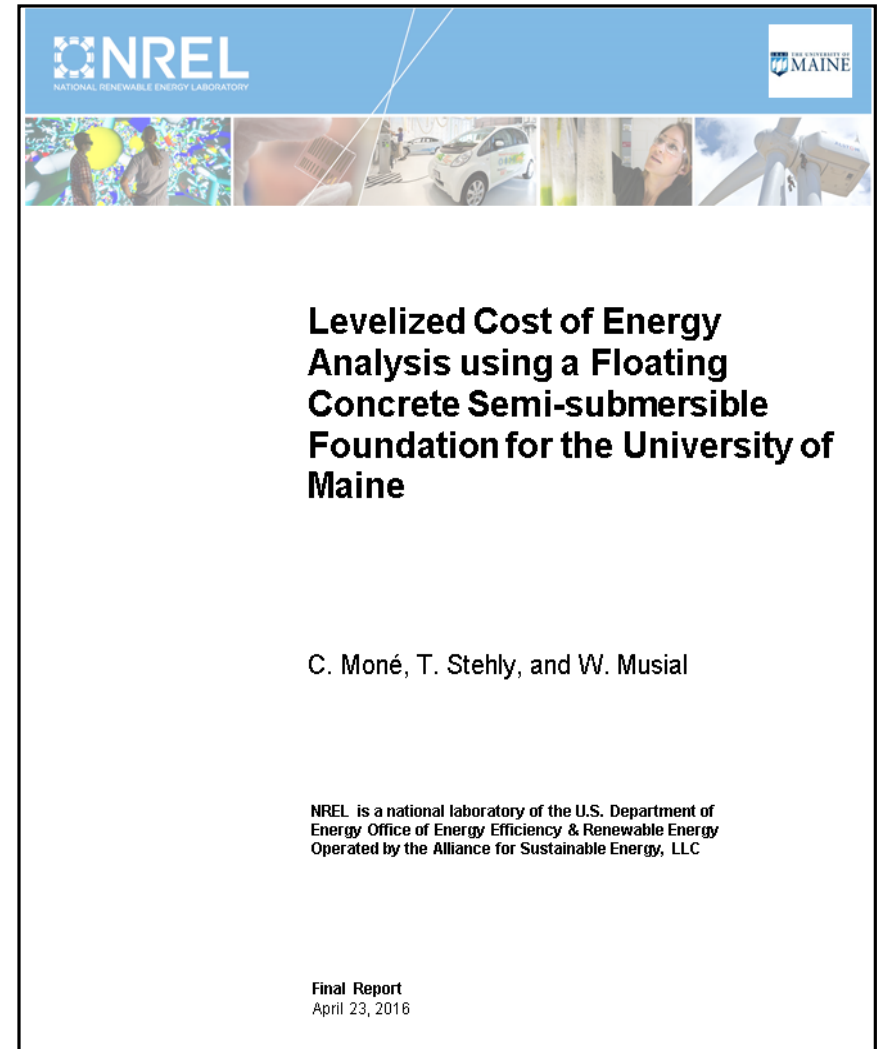


Industrialized floater production:  
1 floater per week

***7 Issued Patents***

# NREL Cost Reports (2016, 2018)

- *“... the LCOE for utility-scale projects using the UMaine concrete hull could be reduced to **7.7 cents/kWh.**”*





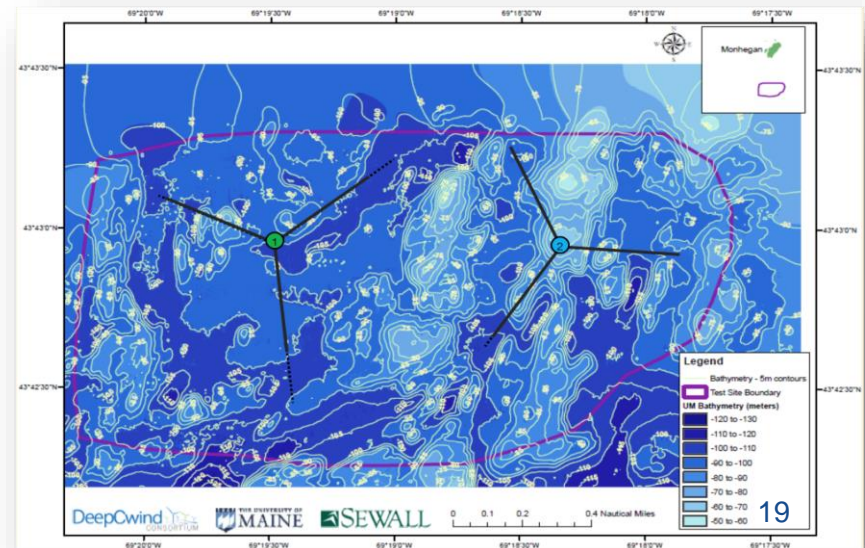
# Environmental and Geophysical Studies

Extensive ecological, geotechnical, and cultural studies have been completed:

- Benthos: 2010-13, 2015
- Fish: 2010-15
- Marine Mammals: 2010-15
- Birds: 2010-15
- Bats: 2010-13, 2015
- Noise and Vibration: 2011, 2013
- Electromagnetic Fields: 2011, 2013
- Geophysical: 2010, 2013, 2015
- Terrestrial: 2014
- Aesthetics/Visual: 2013
- Cultural/Historic: 2010, 2014, 2015
- Seismic surveys

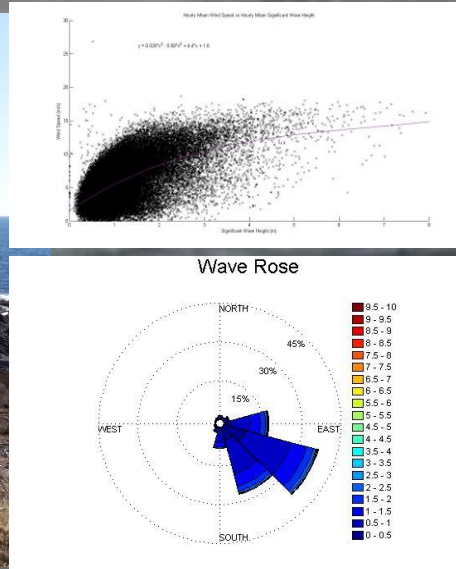


Ecological surveyor deploying equipment for surveys, 2012.



# 15 Years of Metocean Data Collected

- Metocean Buoy (15 years)
  - Waves
  - Wind
  - Currents
  - Temp, pressure
- Land-based LiDAR on Monhegan (2014)
- DeepCLiDAR





# Aqua Ventus I - Schedule

**2019** Design, permitting

**2020** Financial Close

**2021** Construction

**2022** Grid connection

**5 Years** Monitoring







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## Mills sets goal to fight climate change: 100% renewable electricity by 2050

Outlining an ambitious agenda to embrace the aims of

AUGUSTA — Governor Janet Mills' agenda on Thursday focused on emissions, work to advance clean energy generation and to promote innovative solutions.

### MAINE CLIMATE COUNCIL WILL LEAD

Since taking office in January, the Mills administration has announced plans to install solar panels on the grounds of the governor's mansion and ended a LePage moratorium on wind power permits that was never enforced. The governor also used her speech to the E2Tech Council to reiterate her pledges to expand utilization of heat pumps and to “vigorously support the University of Maine to lead the country in offshore floating platform wind technology development.”