

# Offshore Wind Accelerator Project Webinar Series

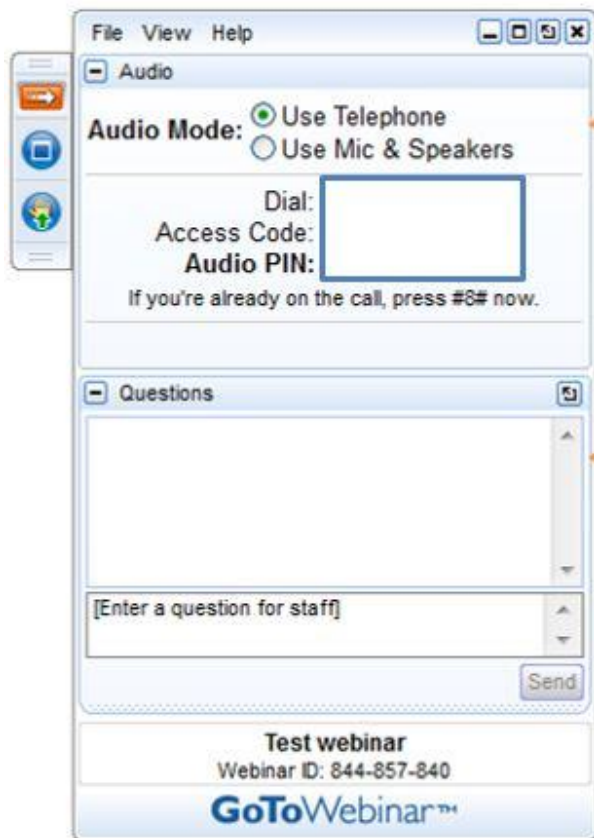
## Maine Offshore Wind Milestones

Hosted by  
Val Stori, Project Director, OWAP

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# Offshore Wind Accelerator Project

OWAP Objective: Address key challenges facing offshore wind in five focus areas

- Work with individual States to assist with the development of strategic, long-term policies to advance offshore wind and develop a serious process to get to OSW scale in the U.S.
- Work on regional strategies with multiple states to increase opportunities for joint funding, networking and information sharing, joint procurement, supply chain and siting cooperation.
- Work on developing new finance tools and mechanisms, including buyers' networks and joint aggregated purchases, to provide the needed capital to scale up the offshore wind industry.
- Continue to communicate of ideas and policy developments between states and other stakeholders through OWAP.
- Work with leading European and UK policy makers to learn about the more established experience with offshore wind in those countries, and import that knowledge to US energy policy makers.

# Today's Guest Speakers

**Habib Dagher**, Professor of Civil/Structural Engineering, University of Maine

**Jeff Thaler**, Visiting Professor of Energy Policy, Law & Ethics, University of Maine



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# The VoltornUS

## Floating Wind Turbine Technology

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OWAP Webinar  
*Maine Offshore Wind Milestones*

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# Over 30 Partners

*DOE, NSF, UMaine, MTI, State of Maine*



# Outline

- Who are we?
- Results of the 1:8 Scale VoltturnUS Testing
- The DOE Advanced Technology Demonstration Project



# Advanced Structures and Composites Center

**200 personnel**  
**87,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Lab**  
**18 years**

**1,400 students**  
**funded through**  
**lab**

**Composites  
Industry**

**Construction  
Industry**

# Global Industry Awards



- 2007 ACMA Best of Show
- 2007 ACMA People's Choice
- 2009 ACMA Most Creative Composites Product
- 2010 ACMA Most Creative Composites Product
- 2011 ASCE Pankow Innovation Award

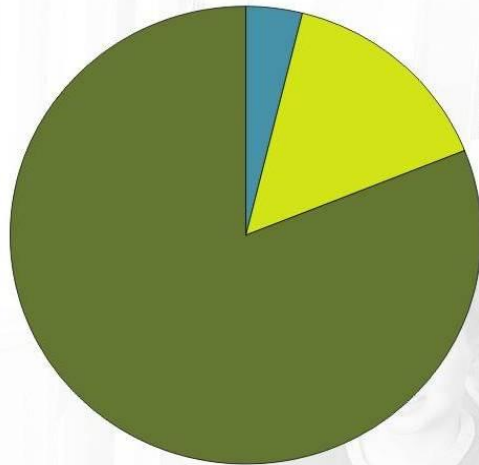
# Annual Heating Cost (typical home)



Values from <http://www.energymaine.com/pace/compare-heating-options> on 12/7/12

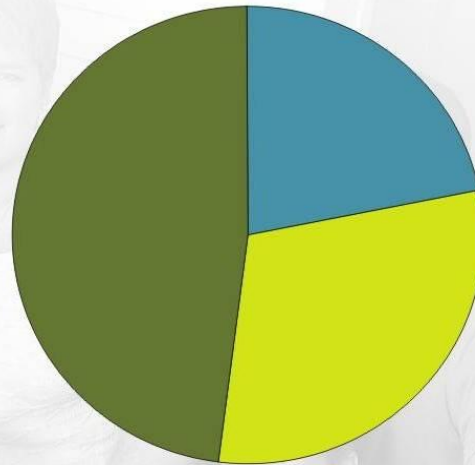
# Maine Family Budget

Energy ~5%



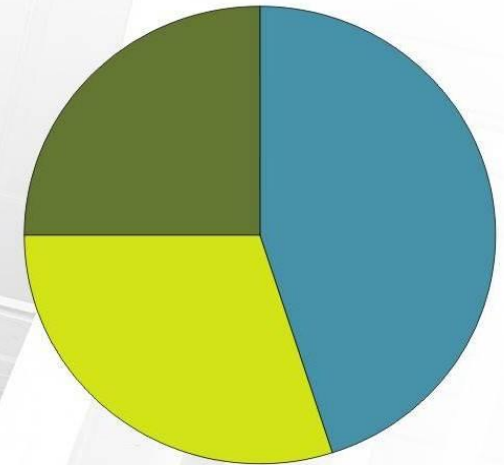
**1998**

Energy ~20%<sup>2</sup>  
at \$4/gallon



**2008, 2012**

Energy  
~40%<sup>3</sup>



**2018**

“Family Energy”<sup>1,2</sup> = 50% Transportation  
40% Heating  
10% Electric Power

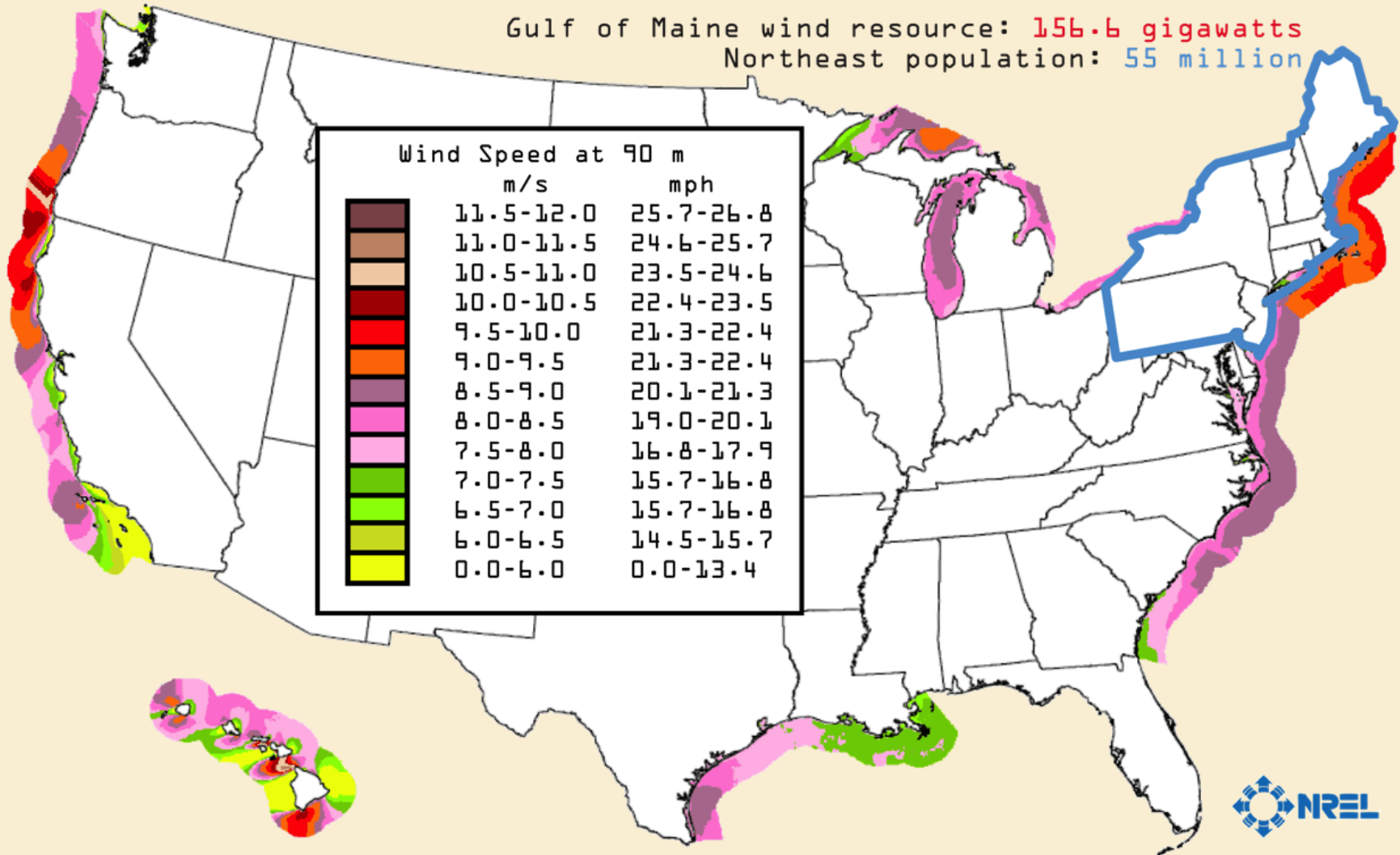
<sup>1</sup> Source: Dr. George Hart, UMaine

<sup>2</sup> Based July '08 energy costs

<sup>3</sup> Assumes that health care costs do not grow past 30% of the average family budget in 2008-2018

# Northeast US Offshore Wind Resource

Gulf of Maine wind resource: 156.6 gigawatts  
Northeast population: 55 million



# Maine Timeline: 5GW Floating by 2030

## *Over-the-Horizon Farms*

Phase 2 -

1: Prototypes  
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DOE Advanced Technology Demonstration

2013

2017

Phase 3 -  
Pilot Farm:  
12 MW

2011

2030

2020

Phase 1 -  
1:50 Scale

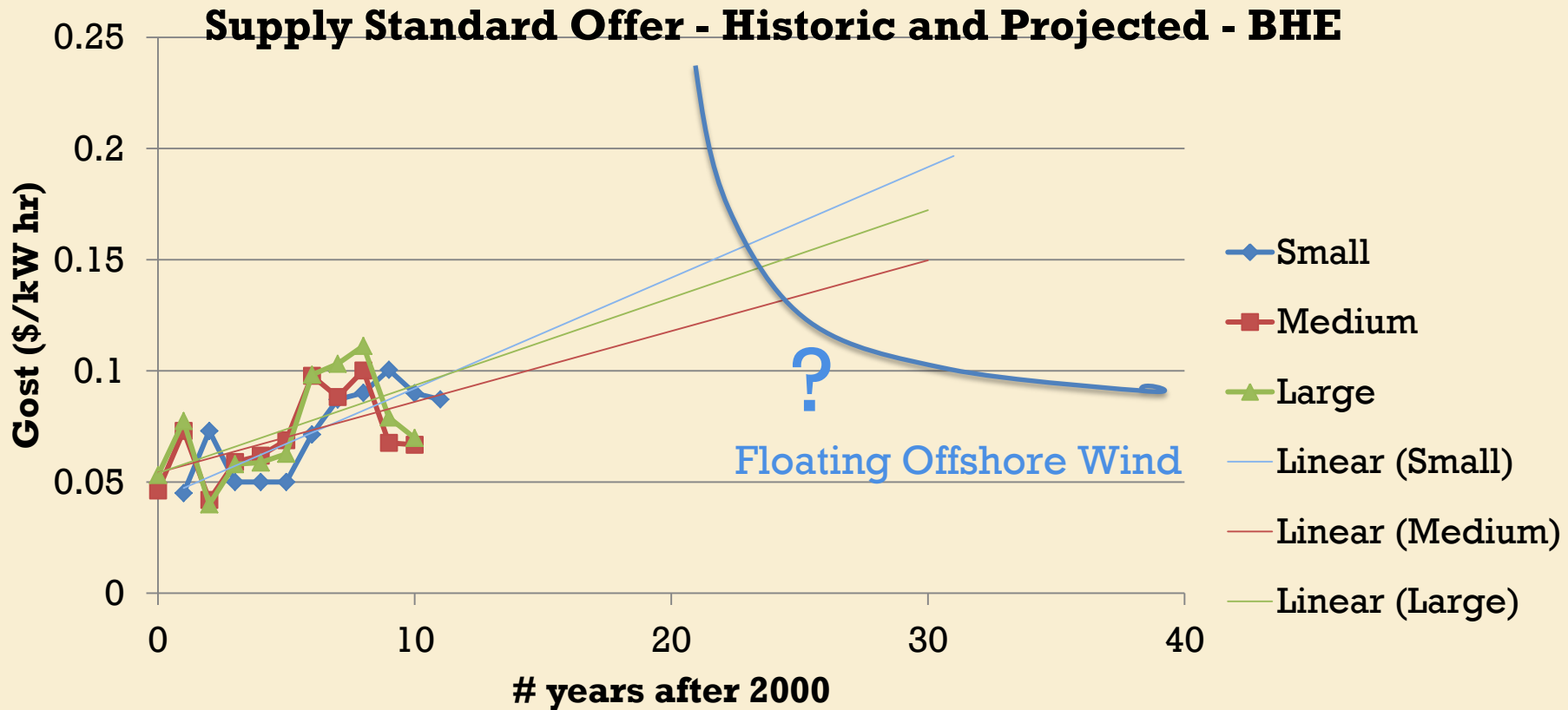


Phase 5 -  
5 GW by 2030s

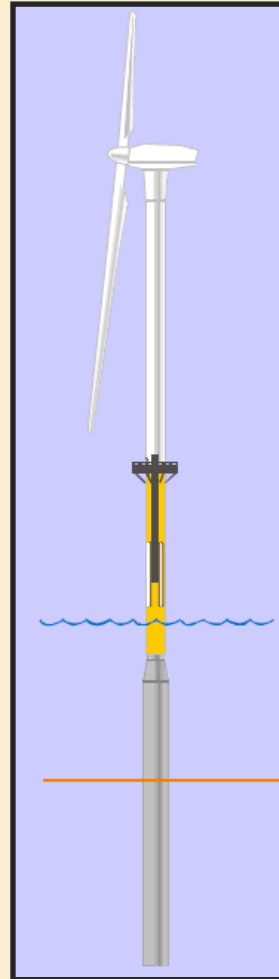


Phase 4 -  
500 MW Farm<sub>9</sub>

# #1 Technical Challenge: *Reduce the Cost of Offshore Wind*



# VolturnUS Avoids Expensive Offshore Construction Assets





# 3 Hulls, 60 Metocean Conditions



All viable!

Choice depends on local conditions

# VoltturnUS Paradigm Shift:

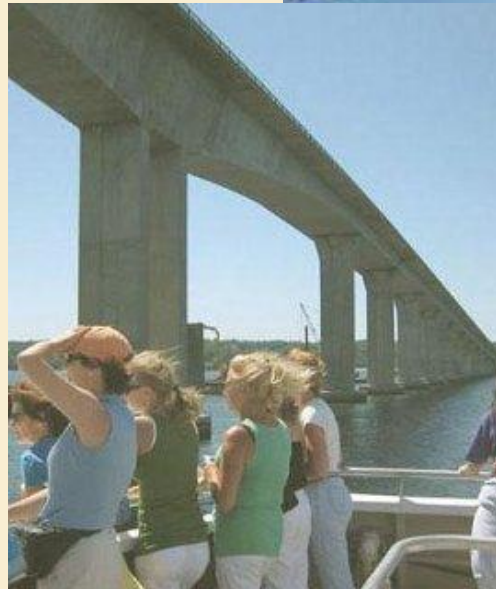
*Use Civil Engineering versus Offshore “Oil & Gas” Assets*

## New England Considerations

- Limited cost-effective heavy steel fabrication capabilities.
- Limited or no access to large vessels/ floating cranes.
- Significant experience constructing concrete for heavy bridges
- Highly efficient modular construction

## Access to better wind resource

- >50% gross Capacity Factors farther offshore
- > 9 m/s wind



# Construction of VoltturnUS 1:8 at UMaine Offshore Wind Lab



2/6/2012



# VolturnUS 1:8 Tow-out Validated





## Scaling Studies:

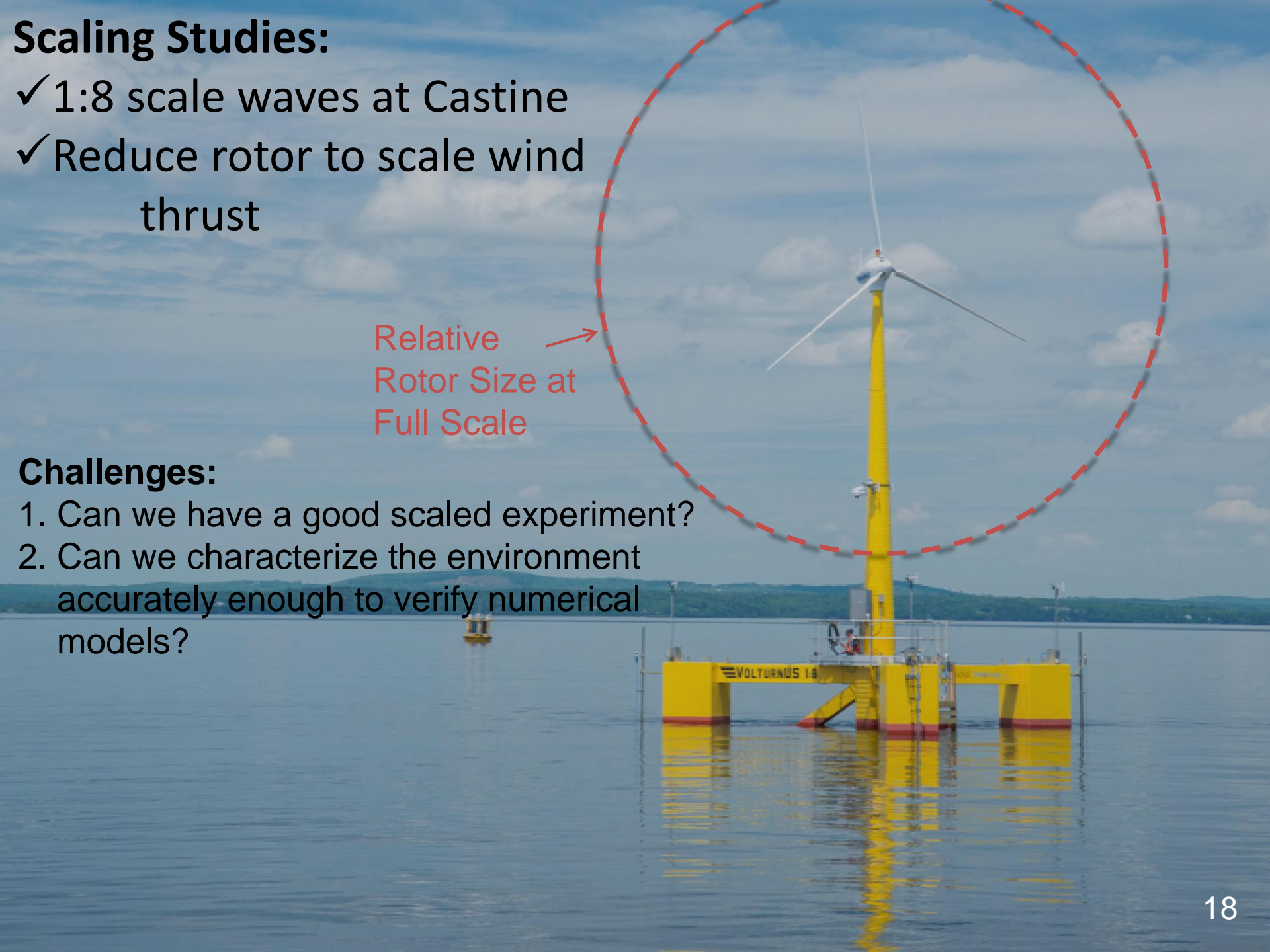
- ✓ 1:8 scale waves at Castine
- ✓ Reduce rotor to scale wind thrust

Relative  
Rotor Size at  
Full Scale



## Challenges:

1. Can we have a good scaled experiment?
2. Can we characterize the environment accurately enough to verify numerical models?







5.9 degree maximum inclination during the storm

1:8th Scale

5.9°

8.8'

00:00:52



00:02:04

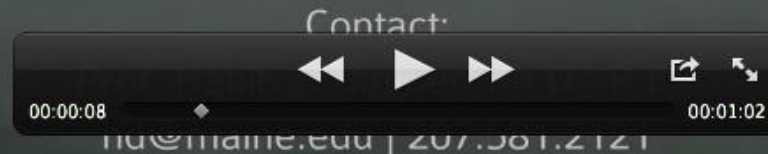
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# VOLTURNUS 1:8

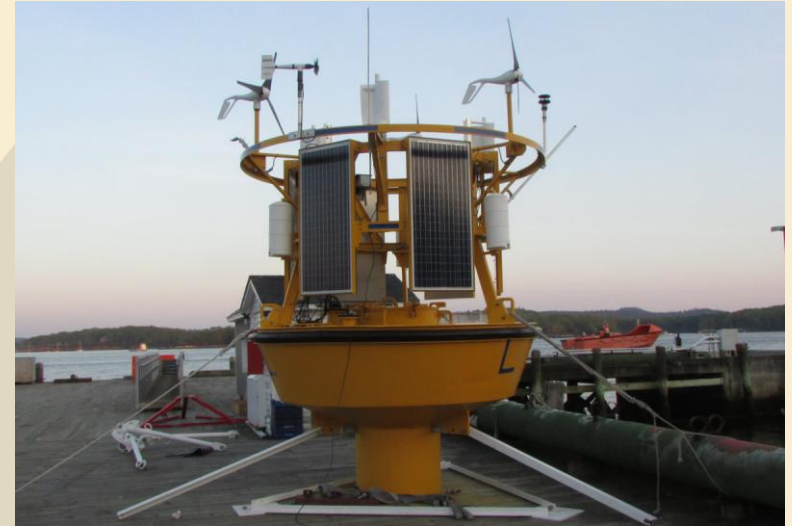
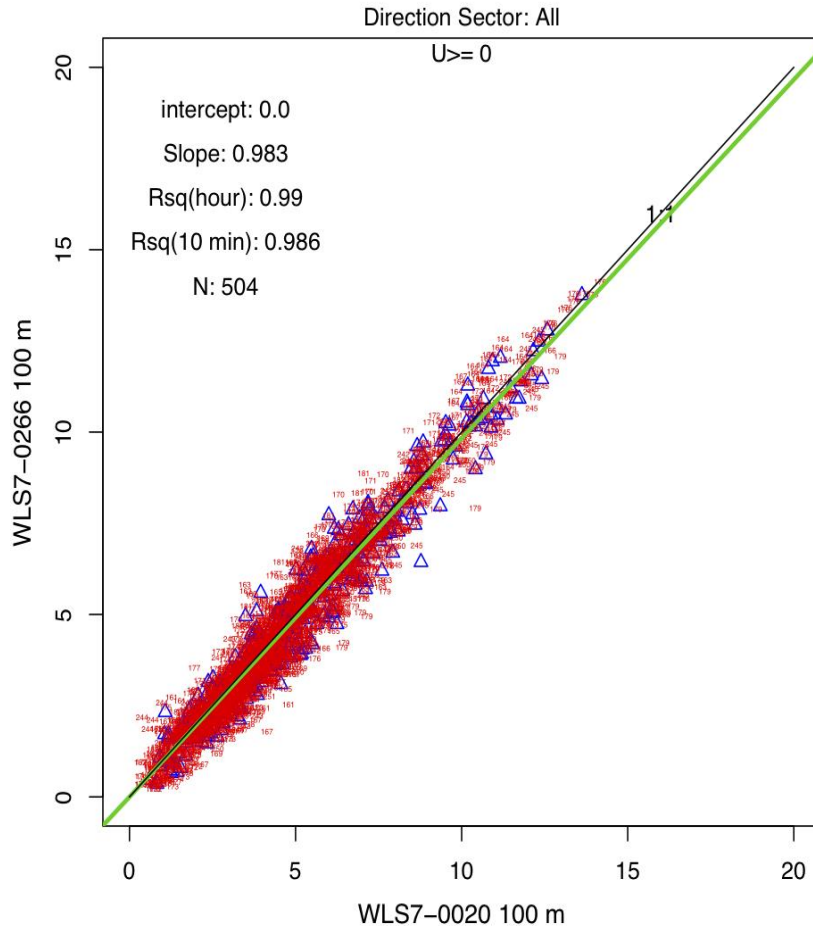
Operational Footage From The Winter Storm "Electra"

December 15, 2013

Castine, ME



# DeepCLIDAR Built, Deployed, Validated



# VoltturnUS 1:8

*Extreme Event: Nov. 1, 2013*

Wave (m)	Return Period (years)
19.0	50
19.5	100
<b>21.5</b>	<b>Measured - scaled</b>
22.3	500

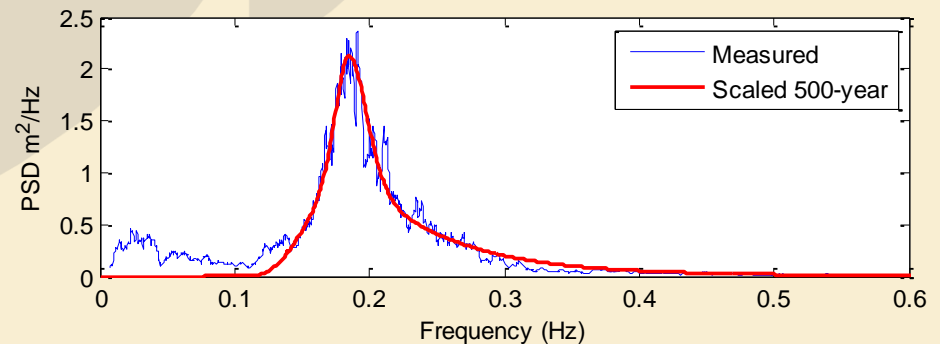
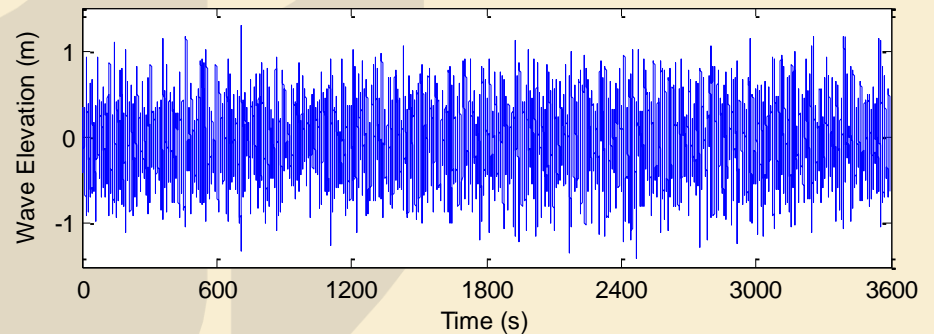
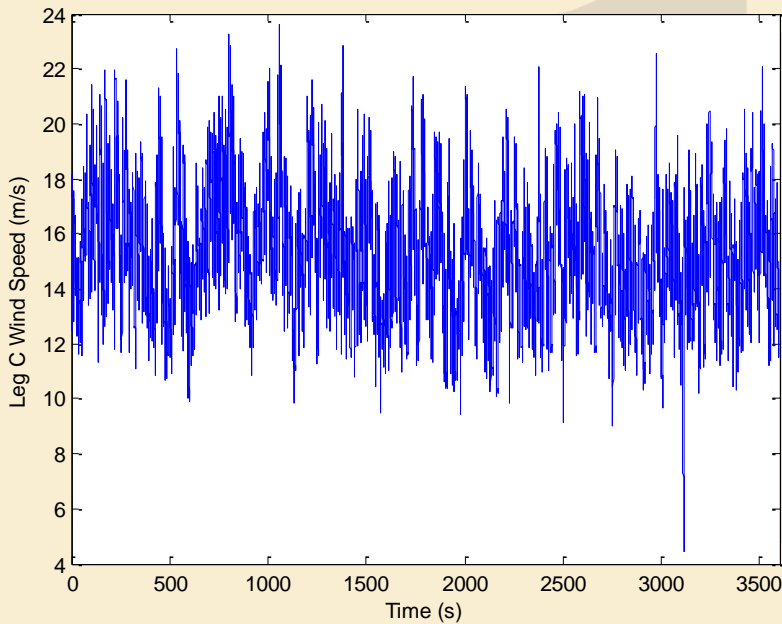
>100 Years Return Period Waves  
Max acceleration = 0.165g  
Max inclination = 5.9 degrees



# Environment for Model Correlation Study

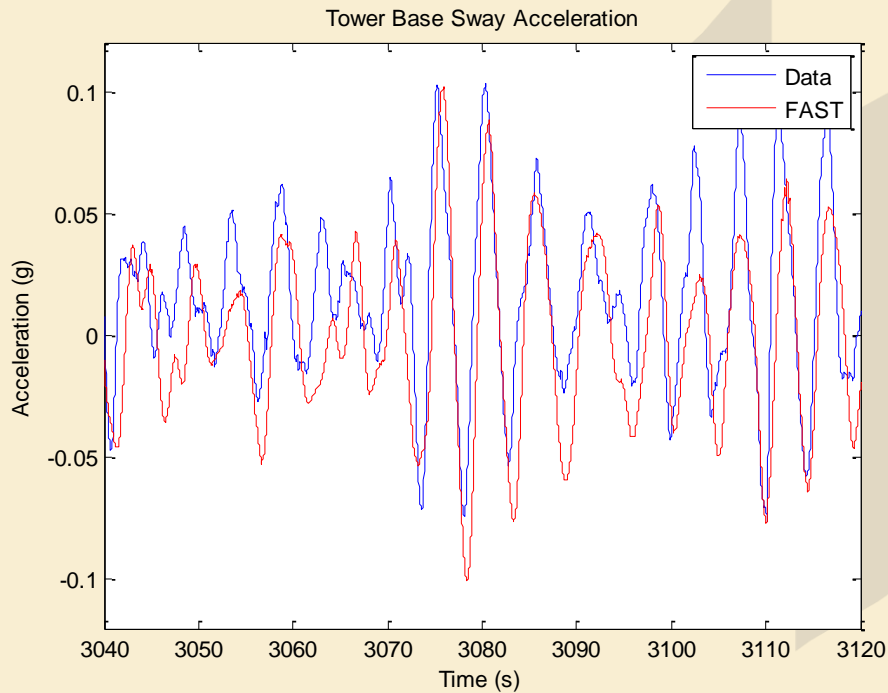
*Nov. 27, 2013, 12:51:54 PM to 1:51:58 PM*

- $U_{\text{avg}} = 15.4 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $U_{\text{max}} = 23.6 \text{ m/s}$  **Produces rated thrust**
- $H_s = 1.6 \text{ m}$ ,  $T_p = 5.2 \text{ s}$ ,  $H_{\text{max}} = 2.6 \text{ m}$  **Between 100-500 years RP**

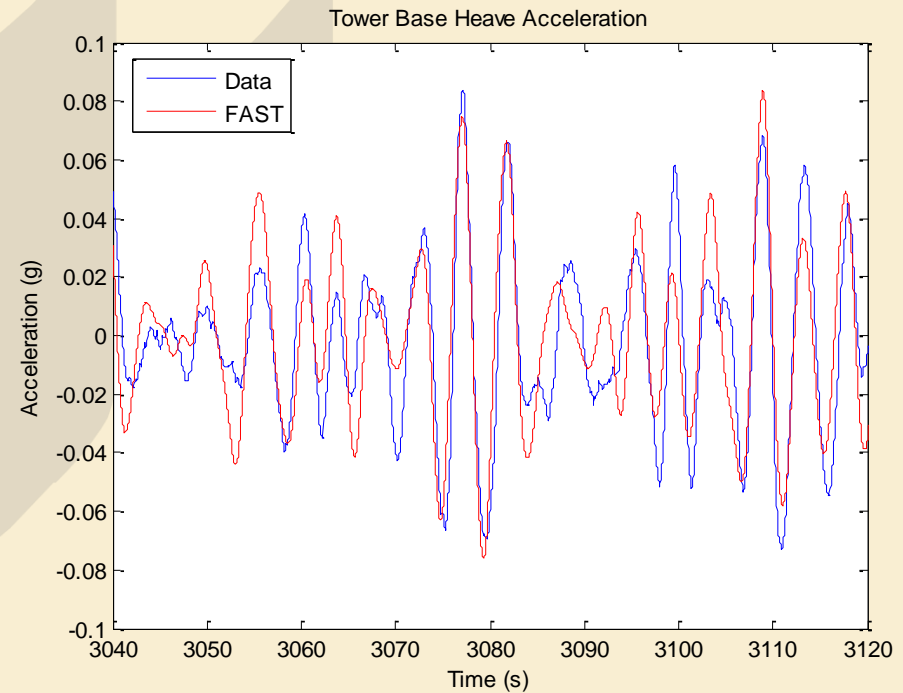


# Removed Technology Risk: *Close Agreement Measured vs Simulation*

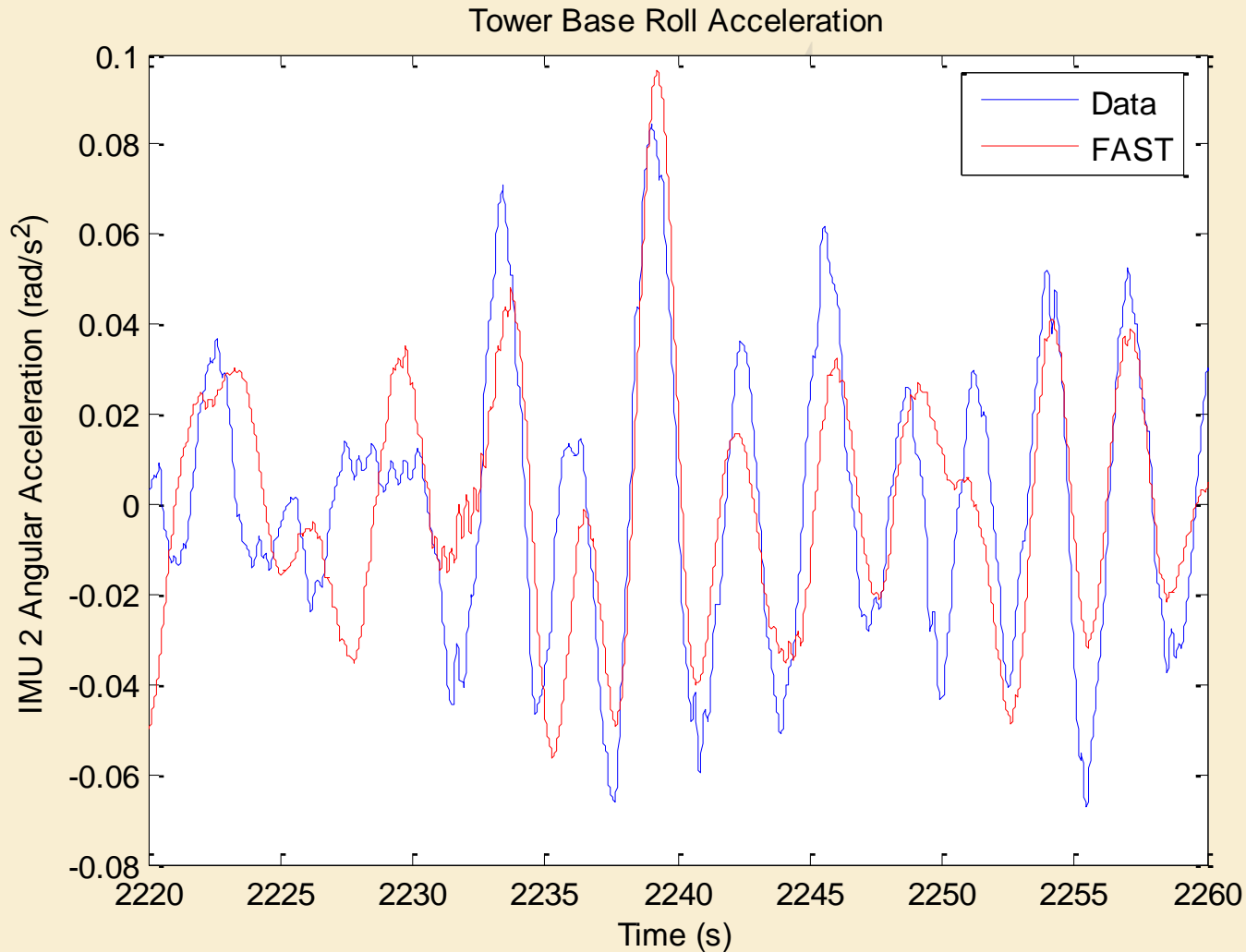
## Base Sway acceleration



## Base Heave acceleration



# Platform Angular Acceleration *Measured vs Simulation*



# New England Aqua Ventus I Is Ready!

- 2013 – 50% design
- 2014 – 100% design
- 2015 – Start construction
- 2017 – Turbines connect grid

- ✓ Technology Innovation that drives down cost
- ✓ 1:8 pilot success
- ✓ PPA
- ✓ Lease
- ✓ Contractor
- ✓ Interconnect
- ✓ Permits (2015)

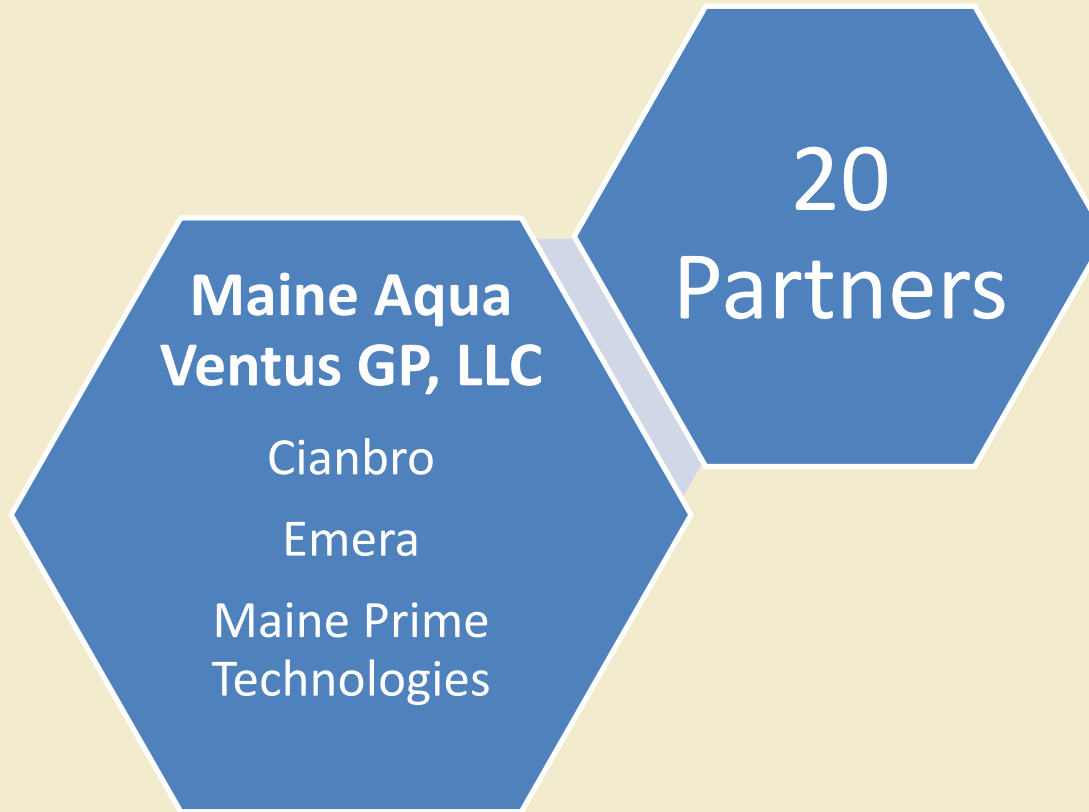


# 20-year Power Purchase Agreement:

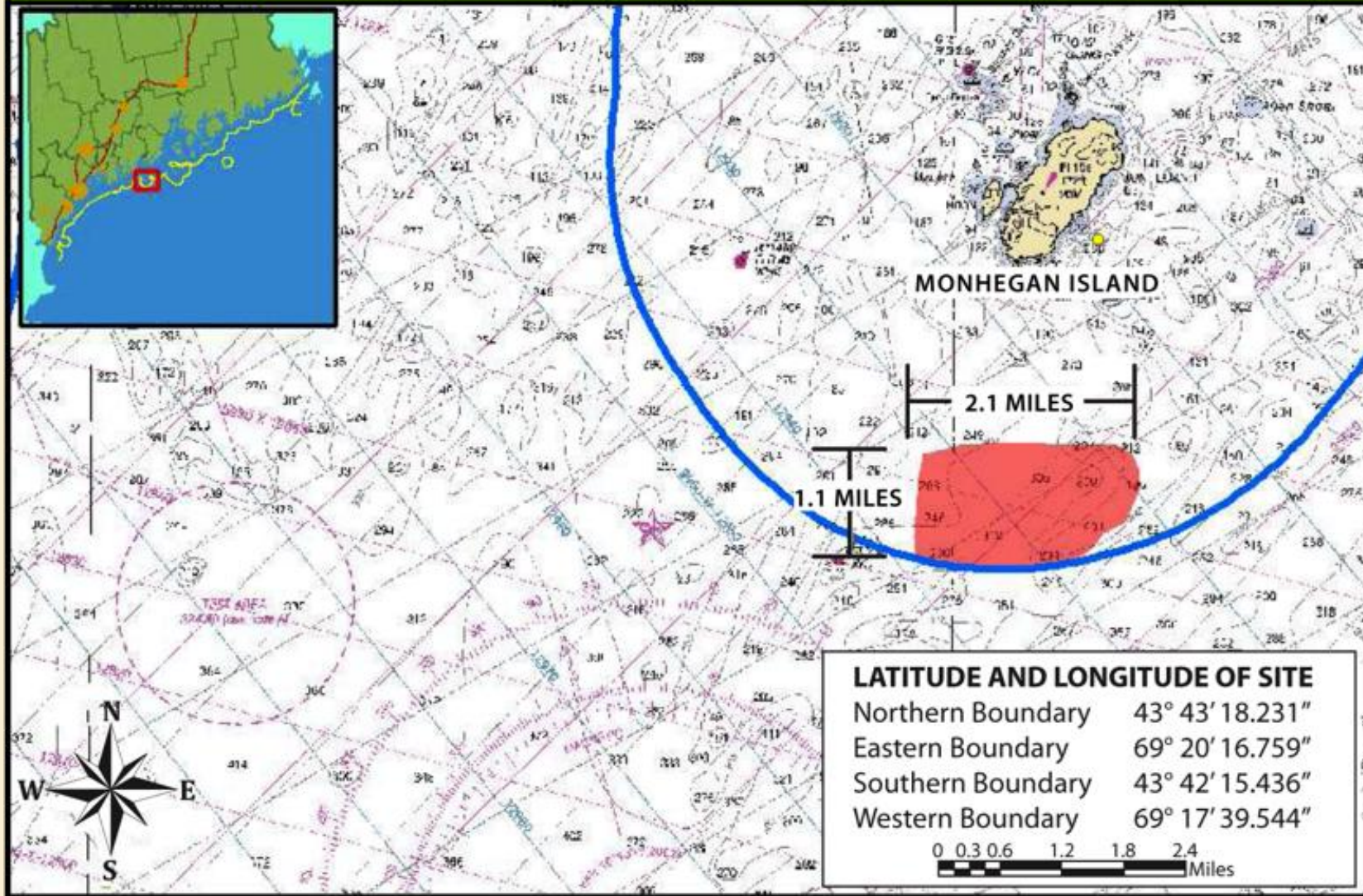
## Maine Aqua Ventus, LP formed

Maine PUC Proposal Submitted August 2013

23 cents/kWh Term Sheet Decision January 2014



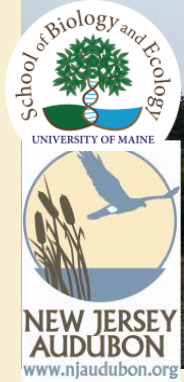
# University of Maine Deepwater Offshore Wind Test Site



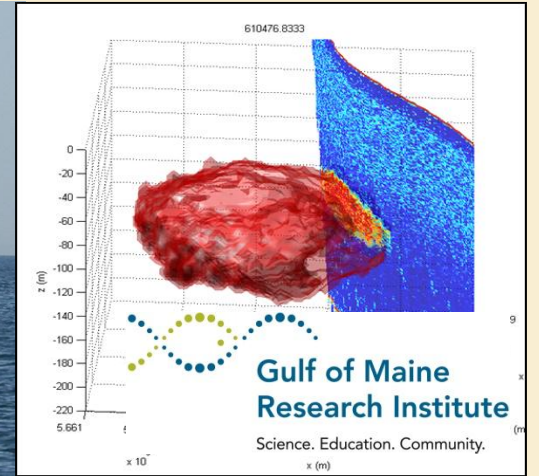
# Visual and Sound Models at Site



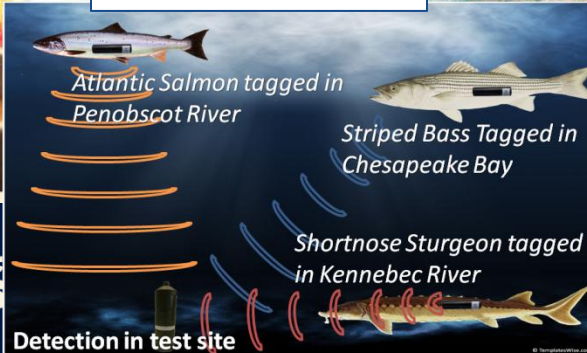
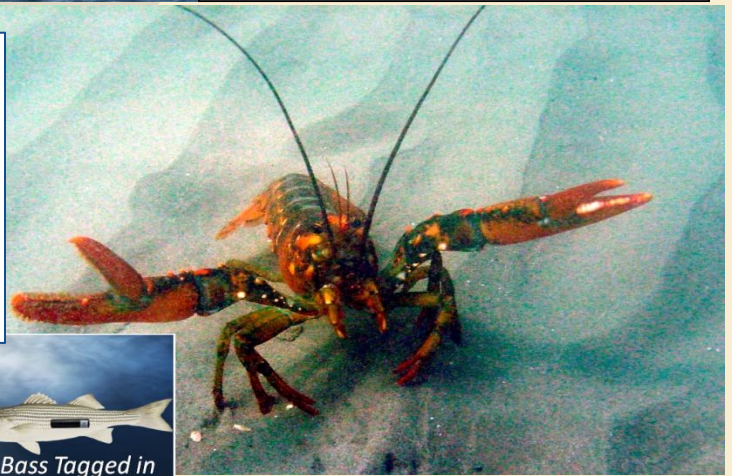
# Environmental Baselineing at Test Site



by Dan Pendleton



Community and Stakeholder Outreach 2010-2014



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Maine  
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*In Castine, Maine, on June 13, 2013, at noontime,  
the first offshore wind electrons started to flow into  
the US electricity grid.*

2017- Pilot Project

2020's – Commercial Floating Farms

*Thank you!*

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