

# Harnessing Aquamarine Energy

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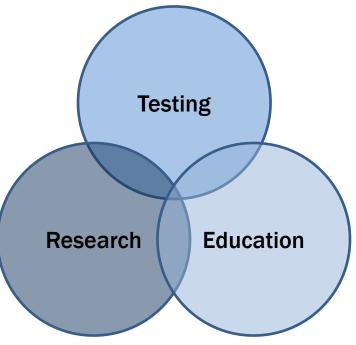
### **SNMREC** Purpose





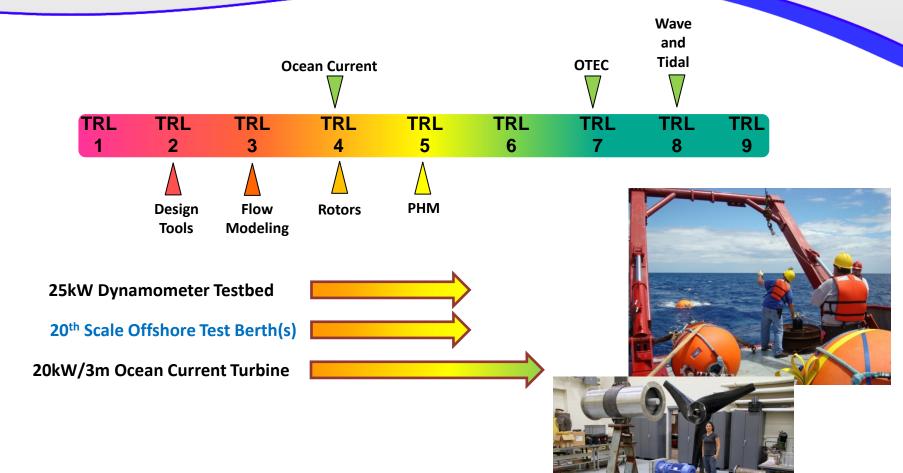


Enable a utility-scale commercially-viable MHK industry



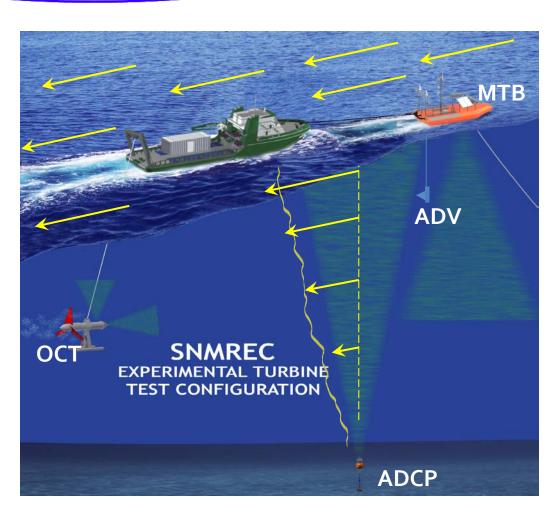


# Servicing the MHK Industry



#### **Small-scale Offshore Testing**





Surface-deployed without power transmission to shore

Capable of testing

1/10 - 1/4 scale

systems up to

100kW or 7m

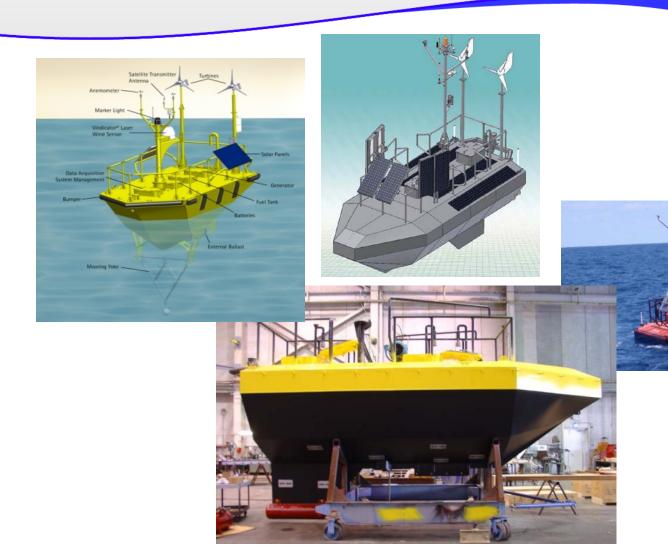
diameter

demonstration

turbines

# **Mooring & Telemetry Buoy**





#### **Ocean Current Research Turbine**

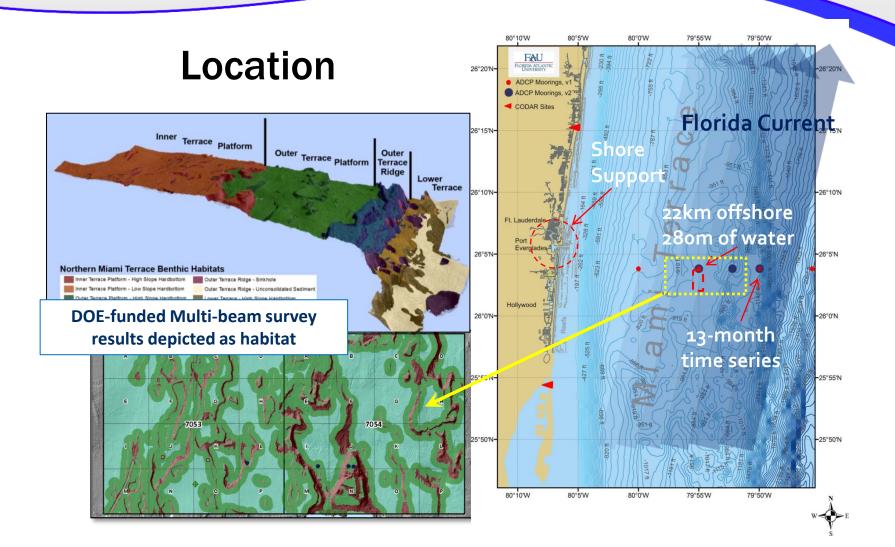


25kW axial-flow configuration with 3 meter diameter rotor



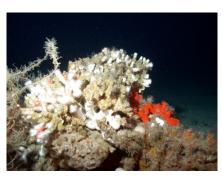
# **Small-scale Offshore Testing**





#### **Environmental Effects**









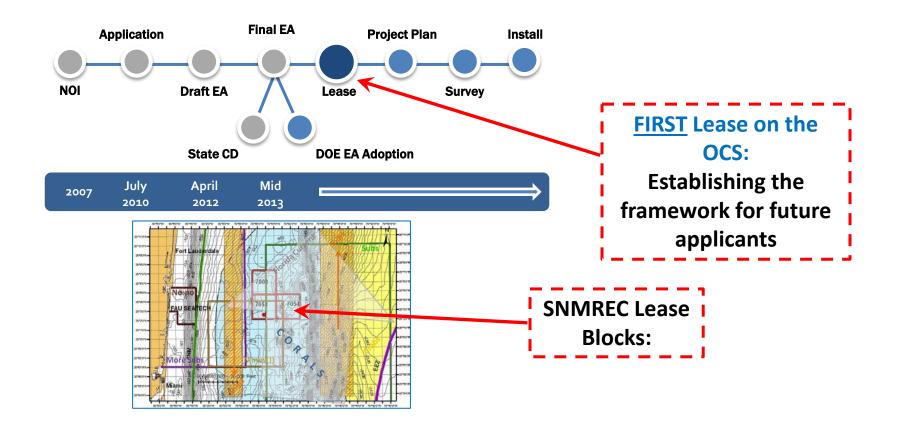
#### Is large-scale implementation of MHK compatible...

- with the physical environment?
- with the biological environment?
- with the social environment?

# **Small-scale Offshore Testing**



#### **BOEM Lease**



# **Development Plan**

#### **Near Term**

Test and validate commercial demonstration-scale turbines



Plan and establish large scale turbine prototype-scale testing capability



**Reduce MHK Cost Of Energy** 

# **Prototype Scale Testing Challenges**

# All of these challenges drive future research needs:



- Transport to site and deployment of devices
- Communications and control
- Lift (dynamic) vs. buoyancy (static) attitude control systems
- High drag forces on large rotors and devices
- Complex and Unique mooring methods
- Power transmission from device to seafloor and shore
- Multiple turbine integration and connection
- Water depth and relatively small zone of operation (near surface)
- Maintenance and repair procedures
- Regulatory needs and economic analyses

