

# The “Living” Bridge: The Future of Smart, Sustainable, User-Centered Transportation Infrastructure

*Adapting to Climate  
Change using ITS*  
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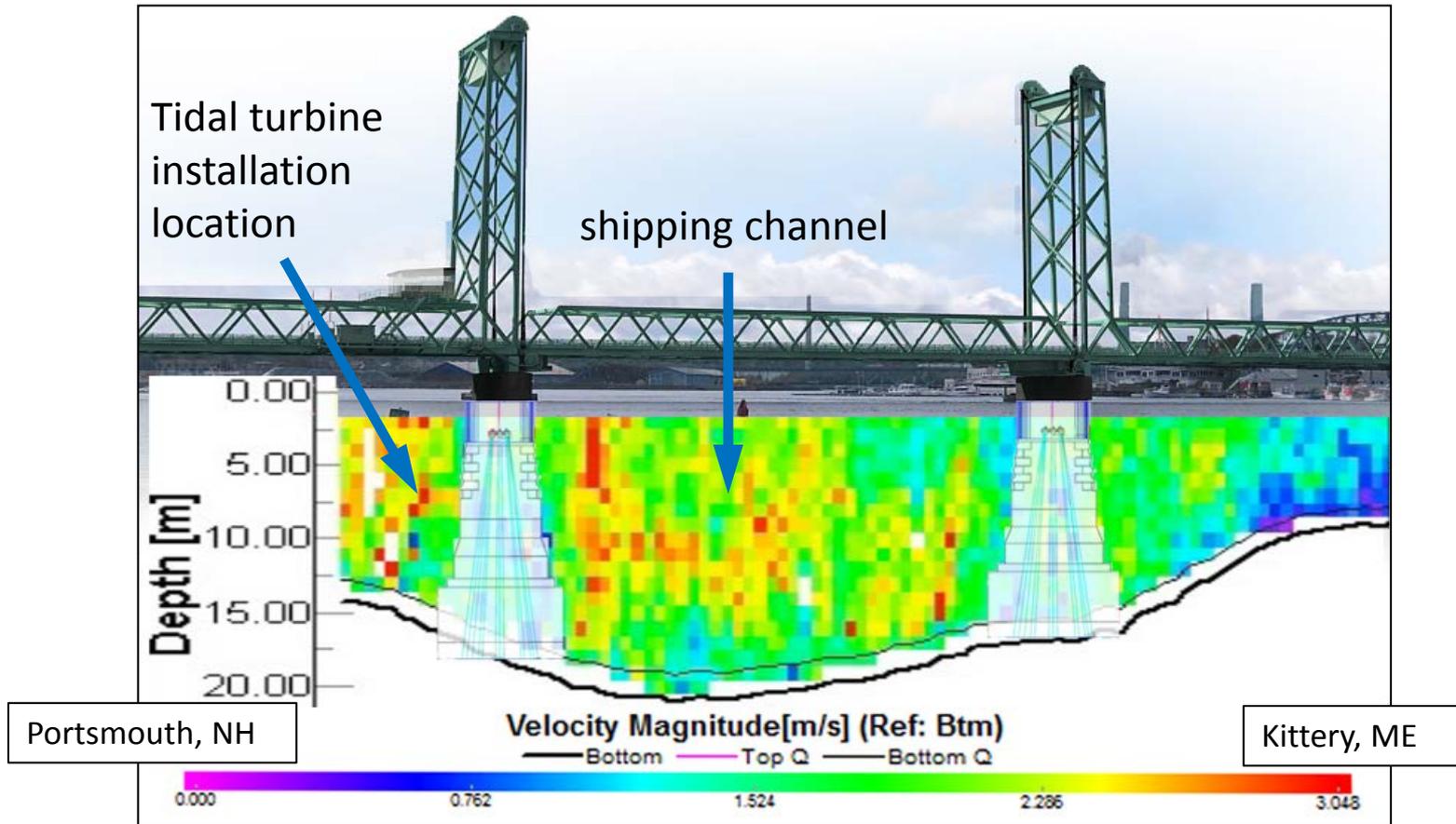
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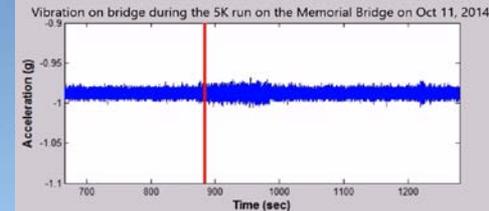
# Sustainable Infrastructure



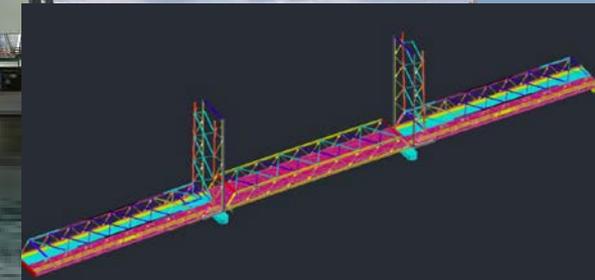
Utilize locally available renewable, sustainable, tidal energy at Memorial Bridge.

# Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth, NH

## Structural Model & Response



Vibration is increased while the runners run on the bridge

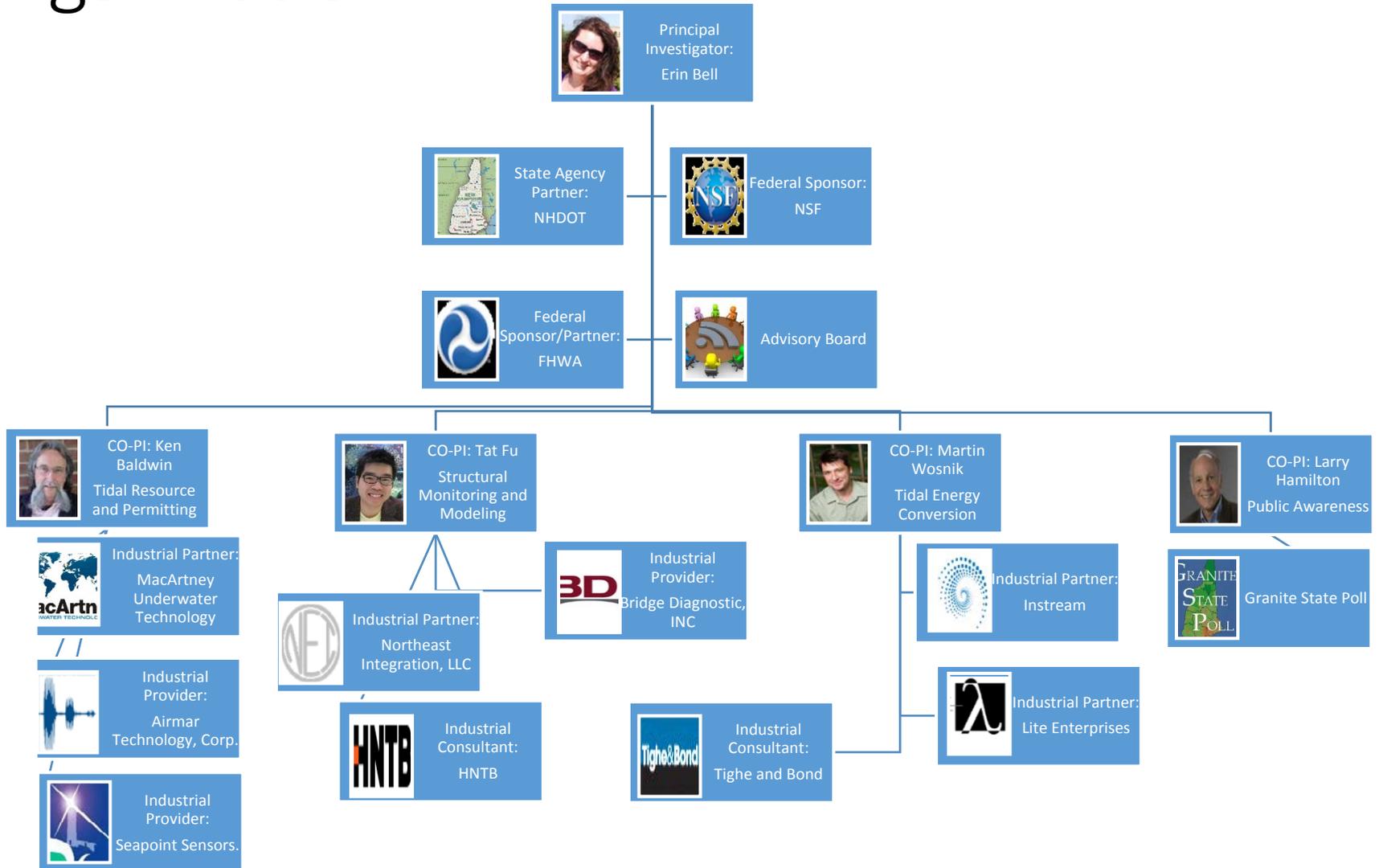


Structural and  
marine sensors

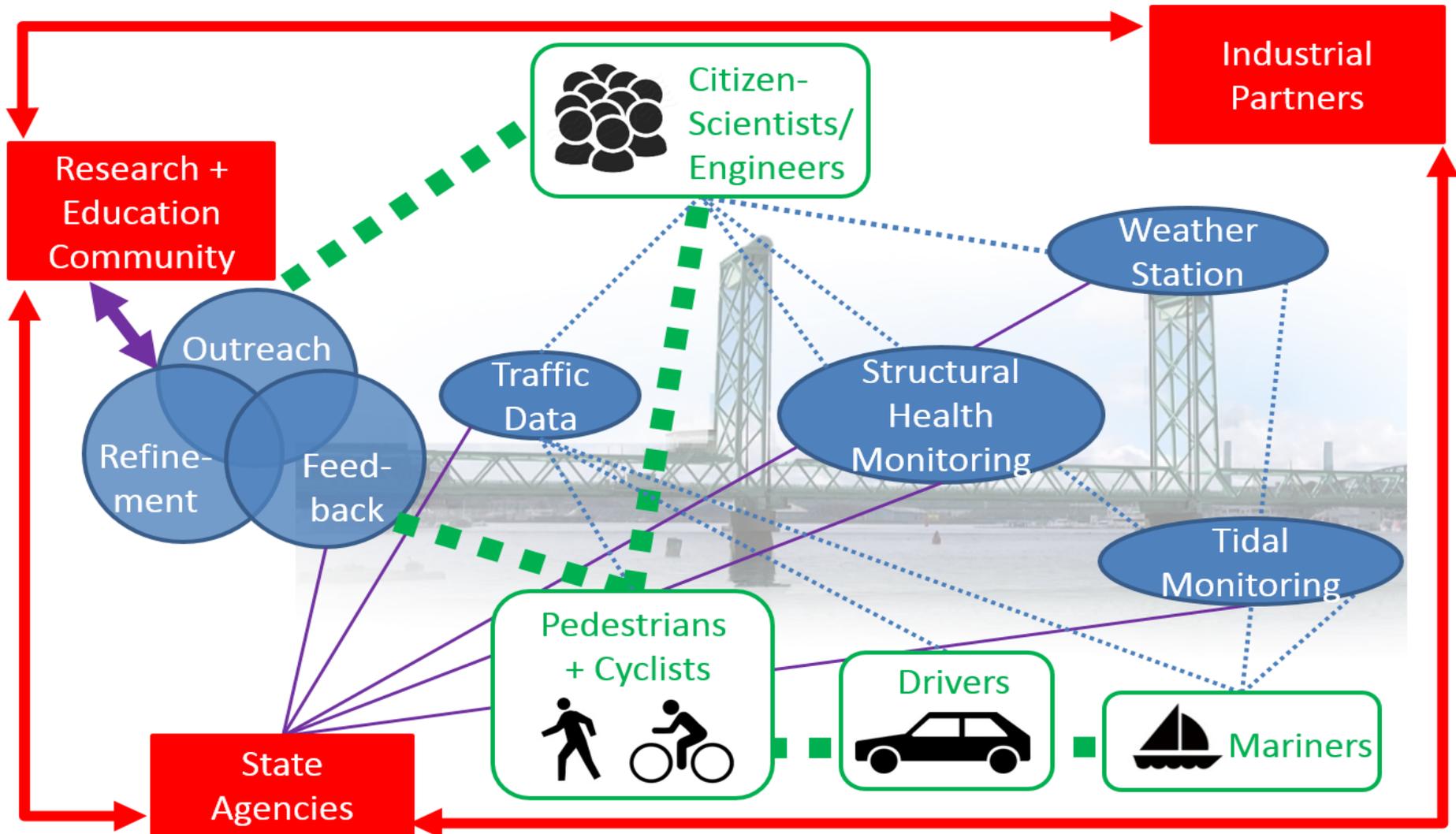


Tidal turbine  
powers  
sensors

# Project Organization



# User-Centered Smart Infrastructure



# Instrumentation Team

## Traffic



Vehicle type, speed  
and volume

## Environmental



Weather Station

## Structural



Accelerometers

## Installation & System Integration



**Northeast Integration, LLC**  
Engineering, Automation and Software Solutions



Bridge Diagnostics Inc.

**YATES ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.**

Commercial, Industrial, Institutional



**MacArtney**  
UNDERWATER TECHNOLOGY

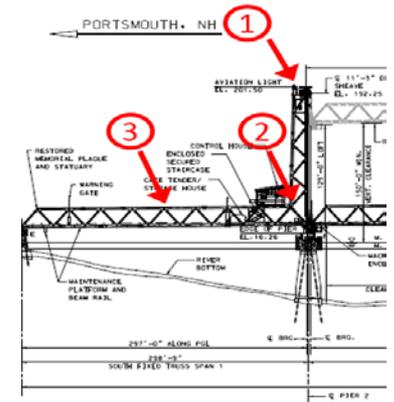
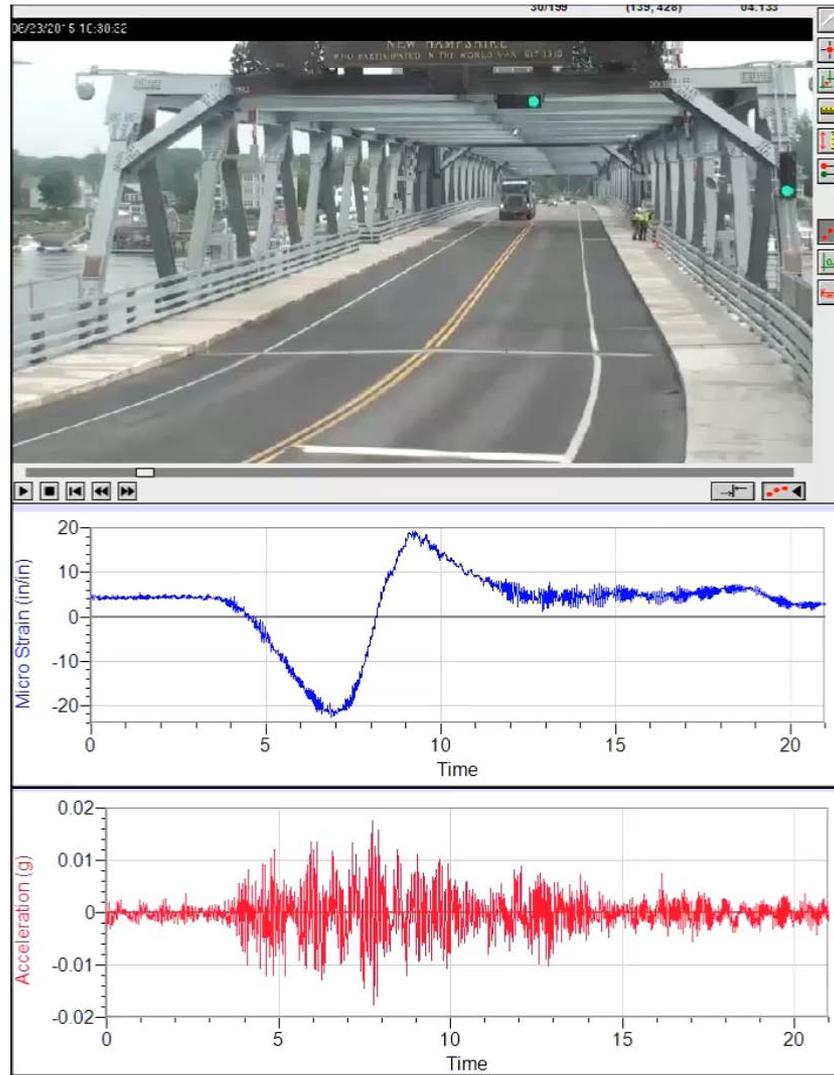
Underwater sensors (camera, water temperature, pH level, turbidity, salinity, etc.)



Strain gauges

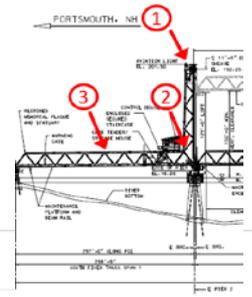
Video (security and pedestrian/bicycle traffic)

# Effect of Truck Traffic on Bridge at Location 3

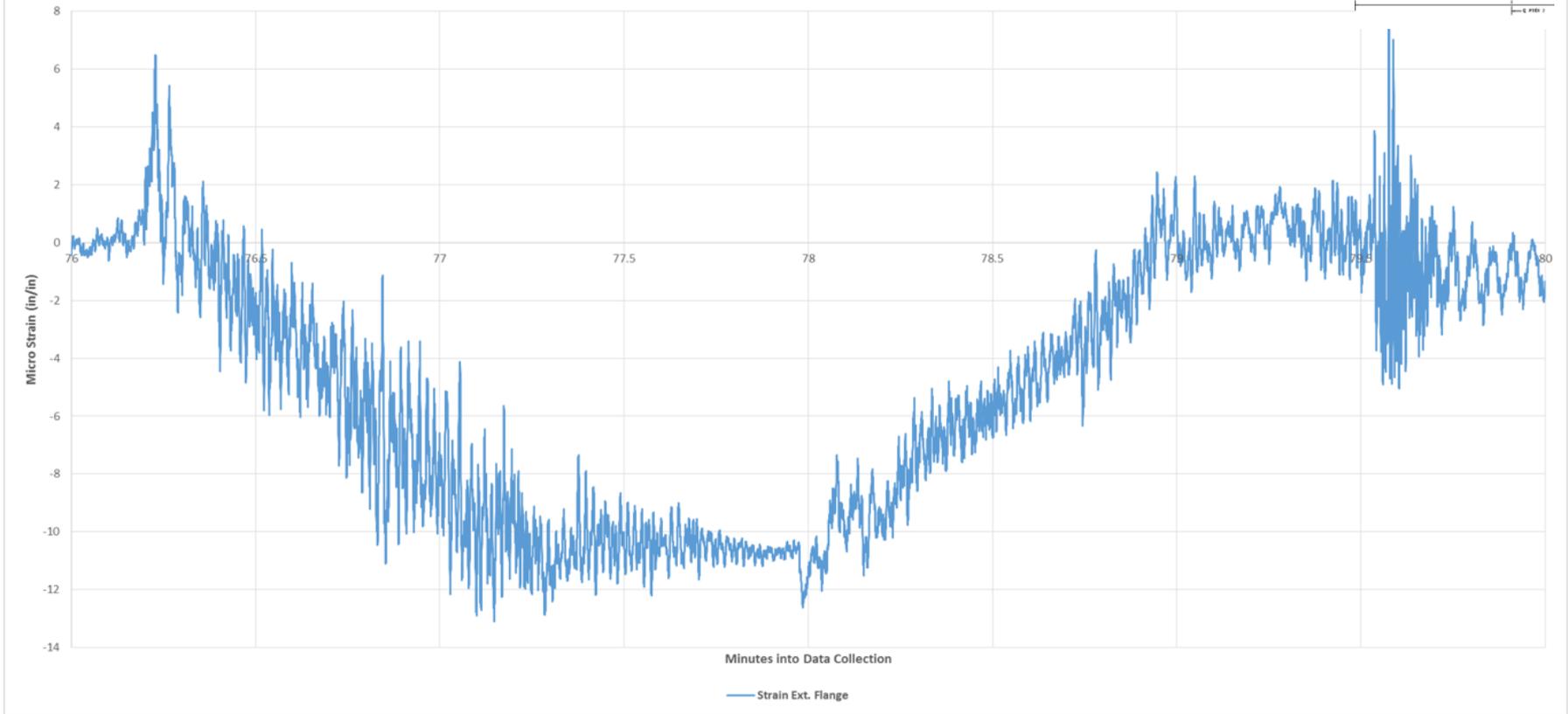


# Bridge Lift Event at Location 2

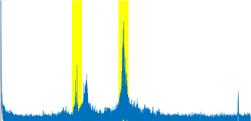
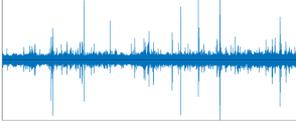
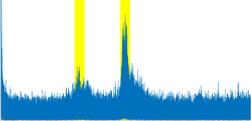
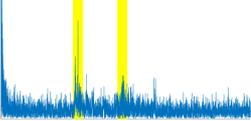
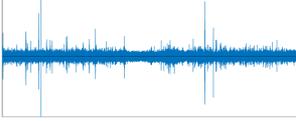
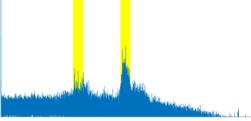
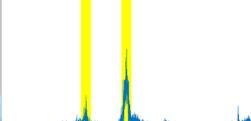
June 10<sup>th</sup> Strain Data during Lift Event at 11:30 am



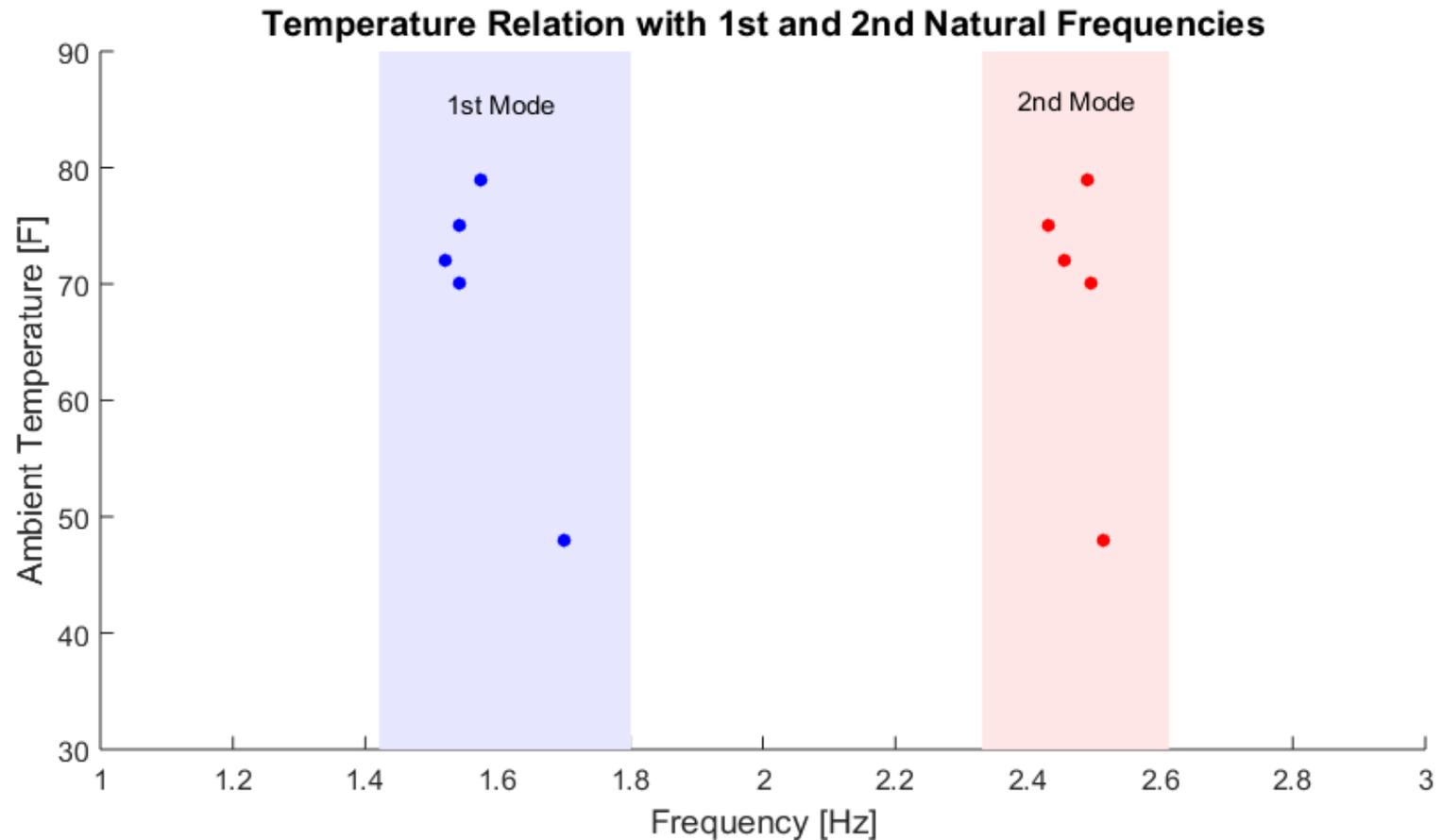
Strain Measurement on Exterior Flange of "Knuckle" Connection



# 2015 Field Data Collection

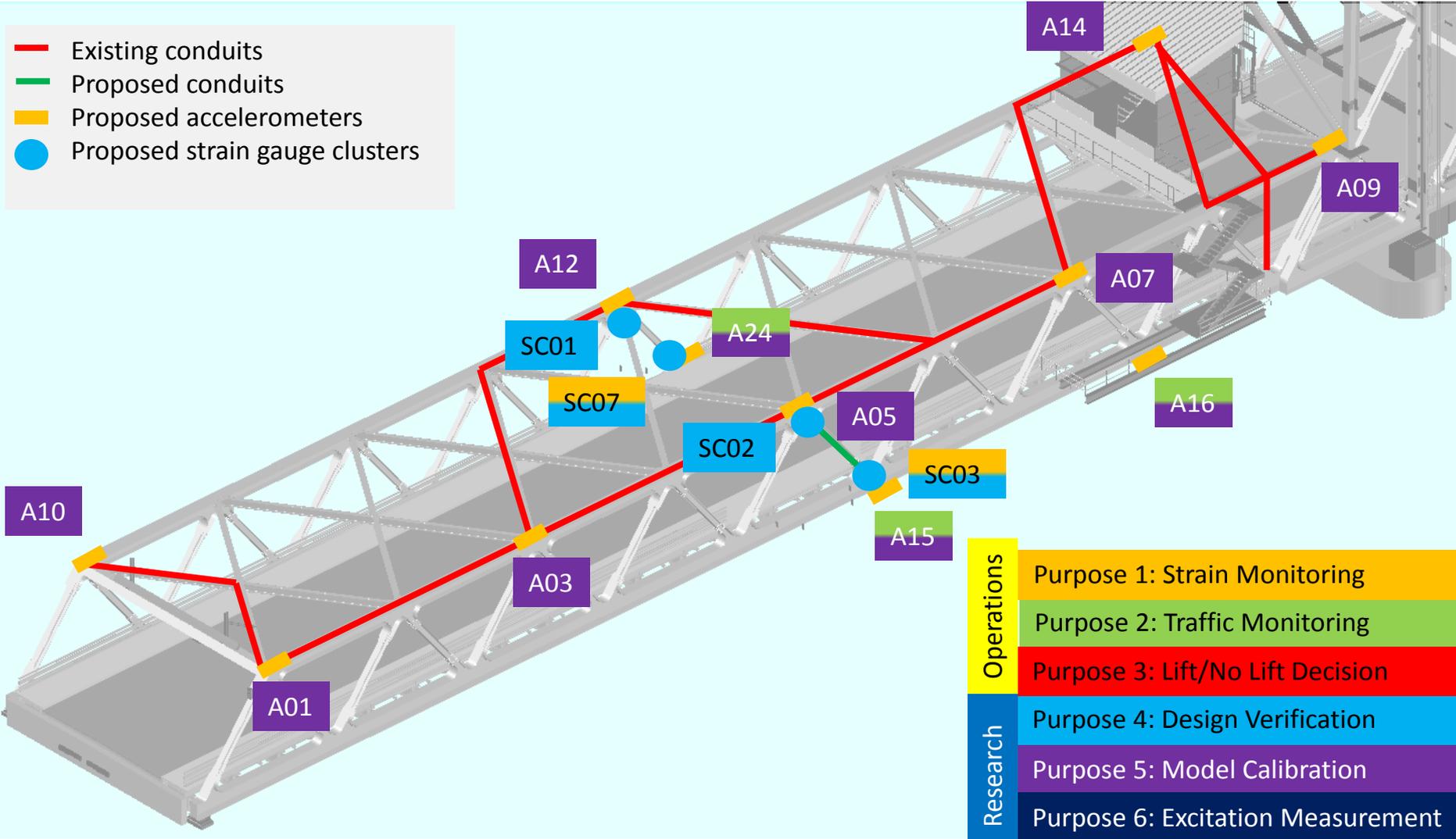
Date	Ambient Temp (°F)	Photo	Components Instrumented	Midspan Vertical Acceleration Time History	Midspan Frequency Response
23 June	72°F		Fixed Span		
29 July	79°F		Fixed Span & Tower		
12 August	75°F		Fixed Span & Tower		
27 August	70°F		Fixed Span		
14 December	48°F		Fixed Span		

# Modal Frequencies vs. Temperature



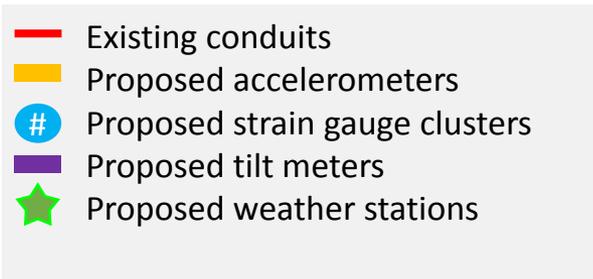
# Span Sensors

- Existing conduits
- Proposed conduits
- Proposed accelerometers
- Proposed strain gauge clusters

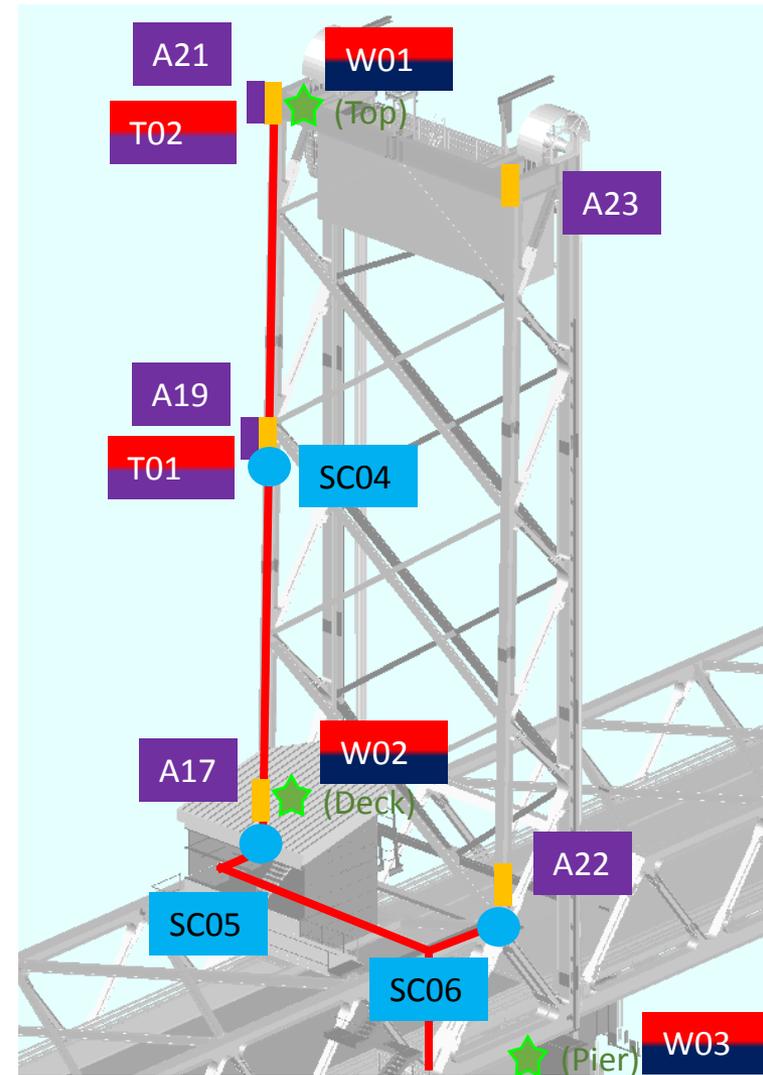


Operations	Purpose 1: Strain Monitoring
	Purpose 2: Traffic Monitoring
	Purpose 3: Lift/No Lift Decision
Research	Purpose 4: Design Verification
	Purpose 5: Model Calibration
	Purpose 6: Excitation Measurement

# Tower Sensors



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# Connection Behavior for Design Verification and Condition Assessment

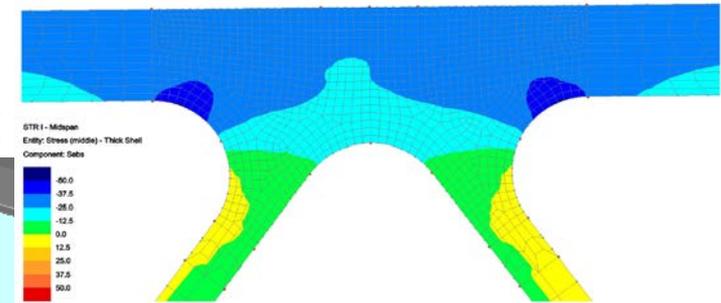
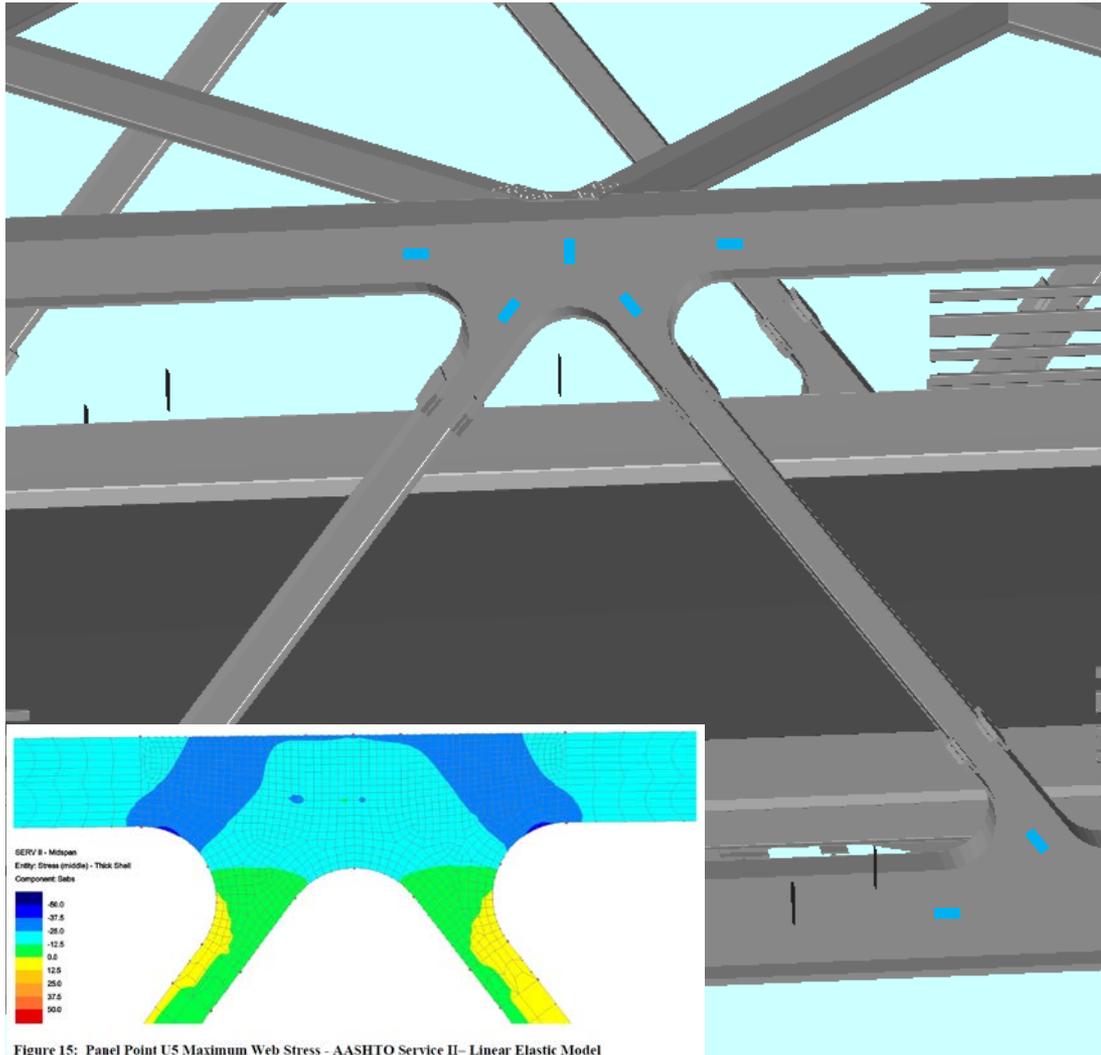


Figure 12: Panel Point US Maximum Web Stress - AASHTO Strength I - Linear Elastic Model

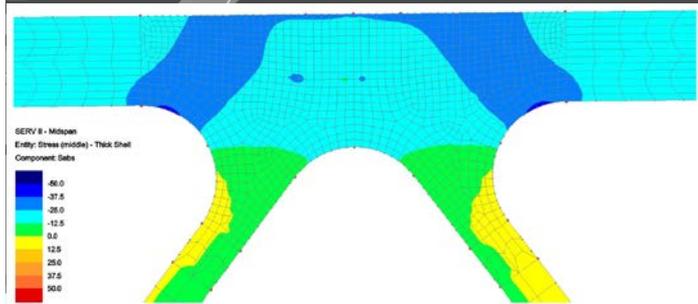
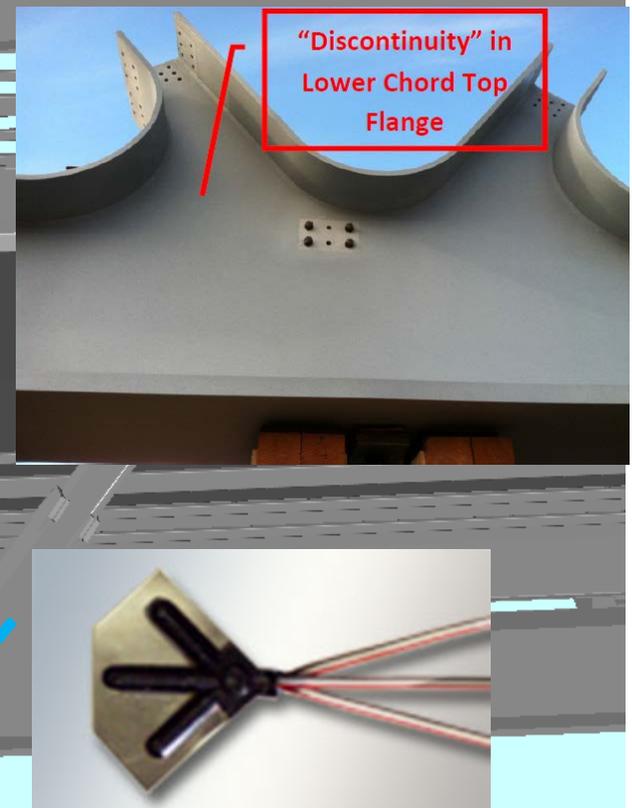


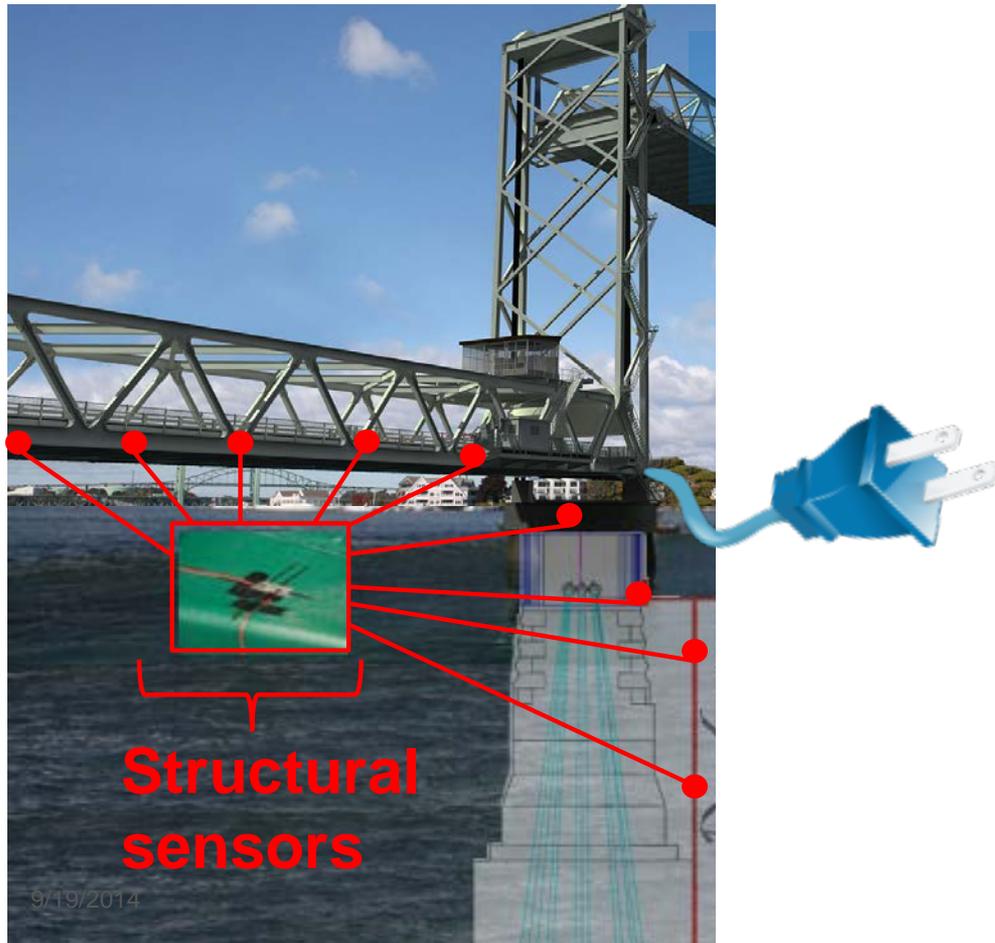
Figure 15: Panel Point US Maximum Web Stress - AASHTO Service II - Linear Elastic Model

Covington, Engel, Kelly-Sneed, Noh and Zoli, "Portsmouth Memorial Bridge Replacement" 2013 SEI Illinois Chapter Lecture

# Tracking Vehicle / Bike / Pedestrian



# Smart, User-Centered Transportation Infrastructure - how will we power it?

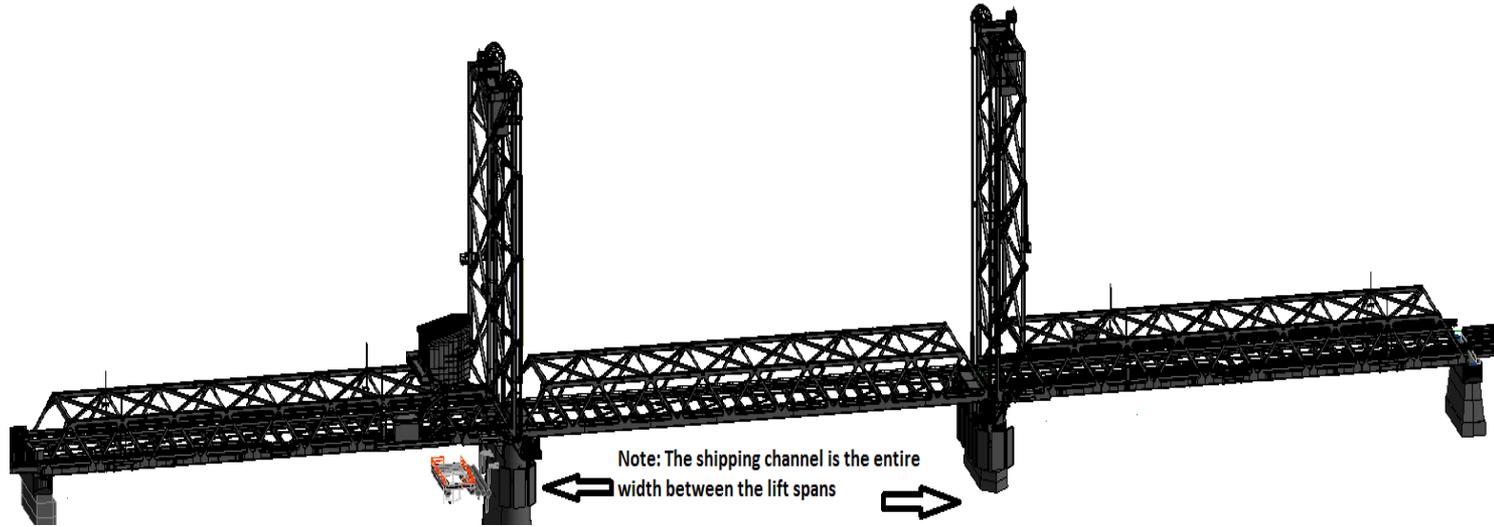


- Electric grid



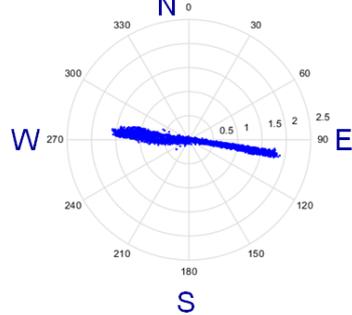
- Locally available renewable energy
  - Solar
  - Wind
  - Tidal  
→ *Sustainable*

# Turbine Energy System

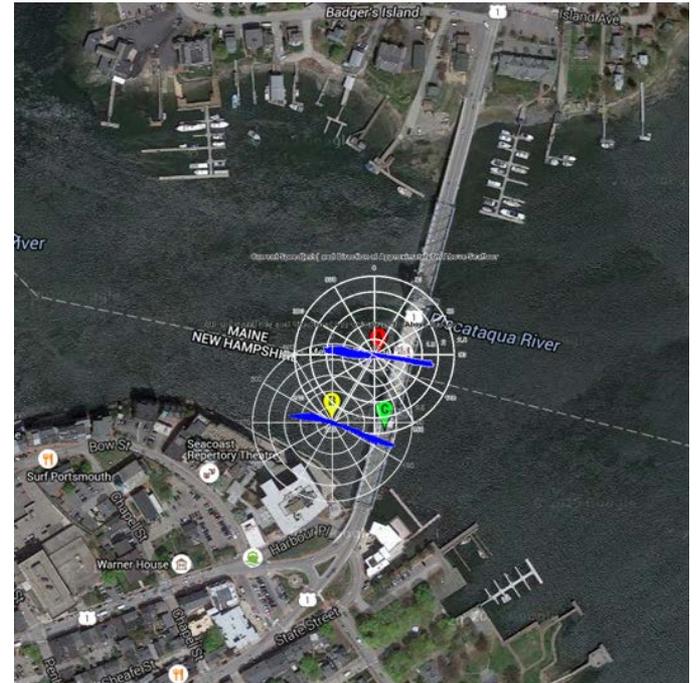
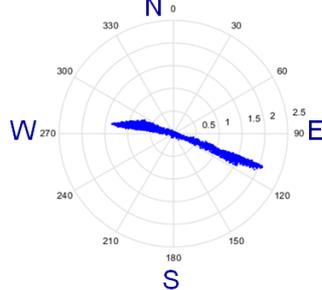


Kammerer/  
NOAA NOS  
2007 ADCP  
Survey

Current Speed[m/s] and Direction at Approximately 7m Above Seafloor



Current Speed[m/s] and Direction at Approximately 6.9m Above Seafloor

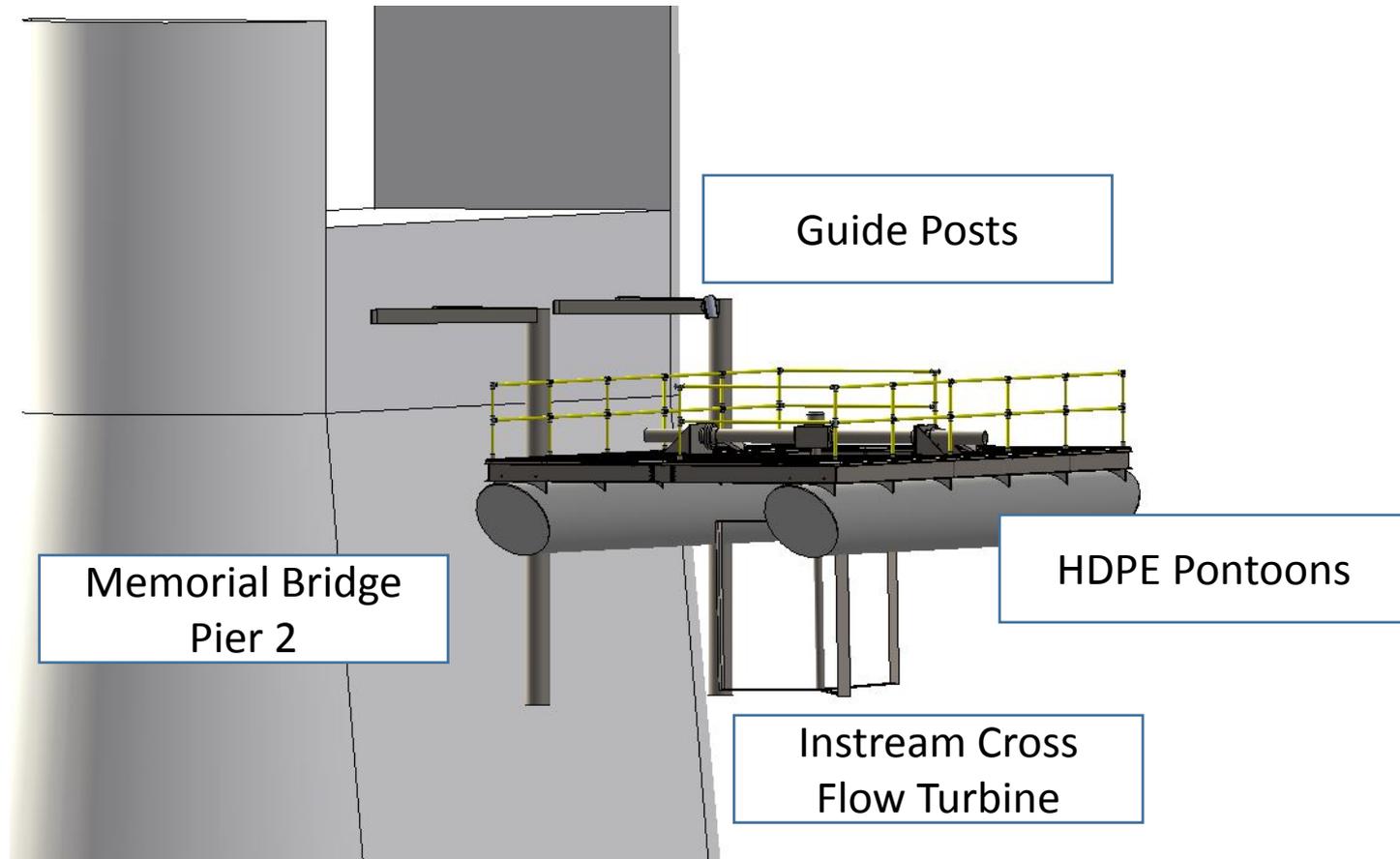


Hicks, Griffith/  
UNH  
2014 ADCP Survey  
(approximate  
location)



Turbine Location

# Tidal Energy Conversion System



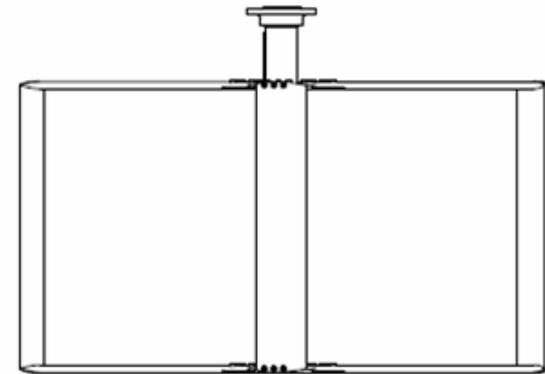
Note: For clarity fenders are not show on the pier structure

# Tidal Turbine

- **Instream Energy Systems** selected as turbine provider (w/ BAE Systems)
- Instream: Successful deployment at the Roza Canal (USBR, Sandia)
- Instream: synergistic “floating tidal energy” projects funded in Canada
- Cross-flow turbine: similar to turbines tested by UNH-Center for Ocean Renewable Energy (in tow tank & open water)
- Includes gearbox, generator, rotor brake, instrumentation
- “Turbine on a stick”



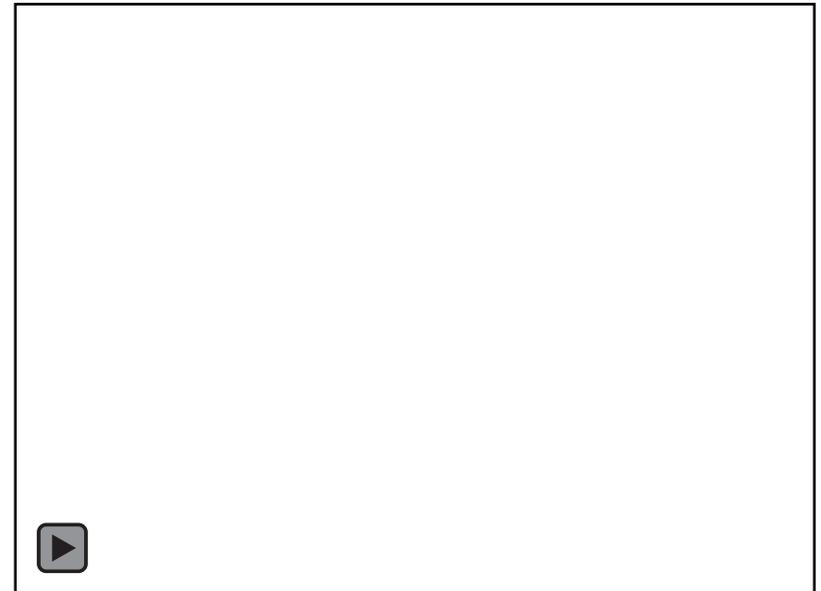
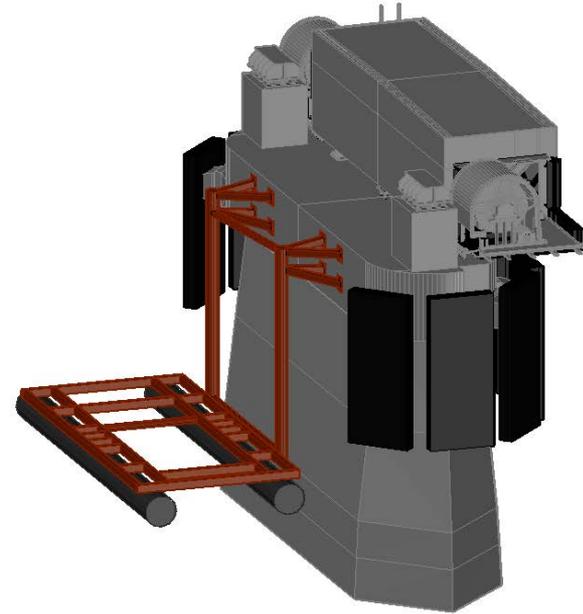
Roza Canal, WA



Instream Gen 1 (BAE) rotor, side view

# Turbine Deployment Platform

- Positions turbine at deployment location
- Rigid platform for turbine operation and some maintenance
- Removable structure
- Turbine removable under load during both ebb/flood tide
- HDPE Pontoons, Rigid steel frame, Moon Pool



# Effects of Climate Change on Estuarine Environments

- Increases in concentrations of greenhouse gases are expected to cause an increase in average air and ocean temperatures in coming years.
- What effects do sea level change, ocean temperature change, precipitation pattern change, and frequency and intensity of coastal storms have on estuaries?
- Predicted effects include alterations in:
  - Estuarine stratification (salt/freshwater demarcation)
  - Residence time (how long it takes to “flush” an estuary)
  - Eutrophication (enrichment of nutrients)
  - Sediment load
  - Toxic bacteria levels/increased algae blooms

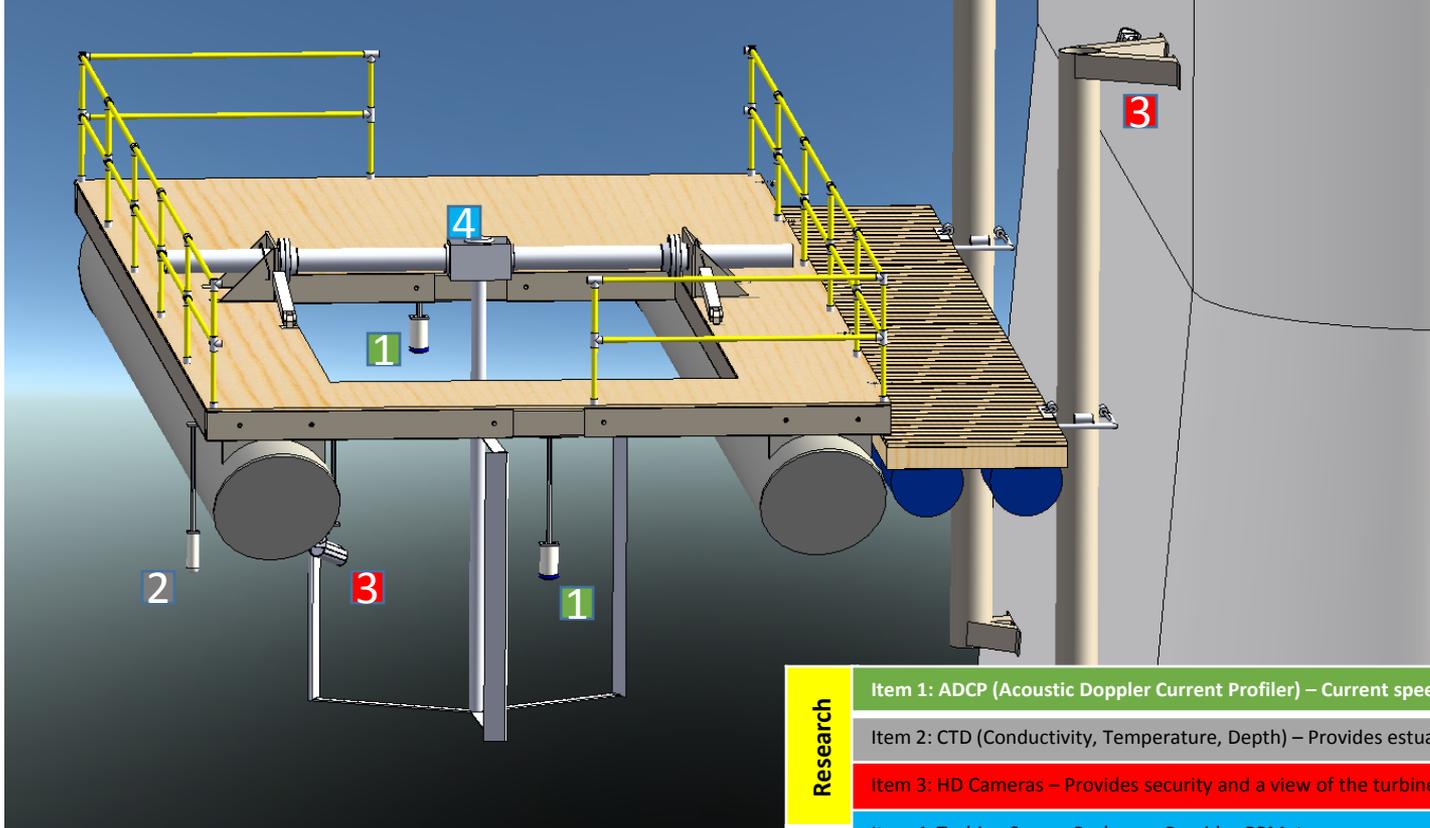
# Effects on Fishes, Plants, Shellfish

- The Piscataqua is home to commercial fisheries and shellfisheries
- Increases in hypoxia (oxygen deprived states) leads to lower survival rates of fish embryos
- Increases in water temperature are linked to population declines and lower egg survival rates
- Changes in temperature and salinity can narrow the areas where filter feeders like clams, mussels and oysters thrive, causing die-off and affecting the clarity of the water
- Changes in salinity can kill off sensitive estuarine grasses, which are also “home” to small crabs, shellfish, fish, invertebrates, and birds.
  - Sea grasses are also a large contribution to global oxygen levels and are estuarine filters. Loss of seagrasses will cause increased turbidity and less atmospheric oxygen

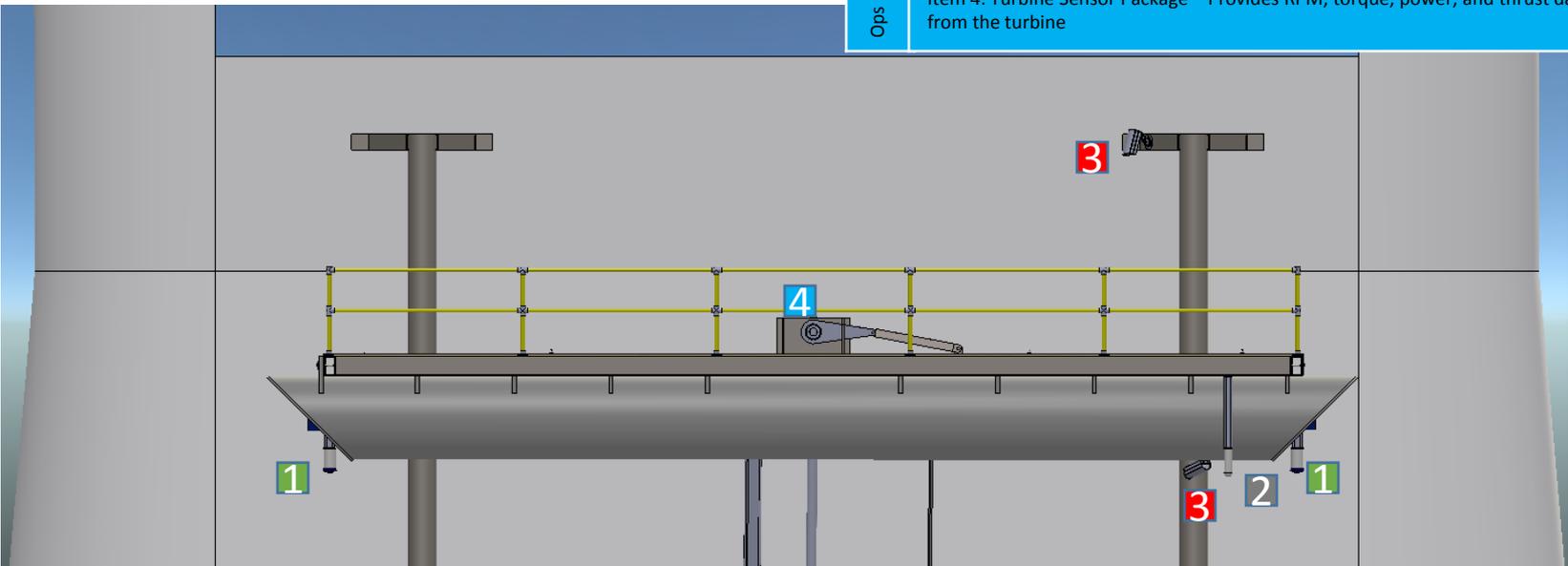
# How Are We Monitoring?

- Valeport MIDAS CTD+ with modular sensors from SeaPoint can measure:
  - Turbidity
  - Fluorometry
  - Salinity
  - pH
  - Temperature



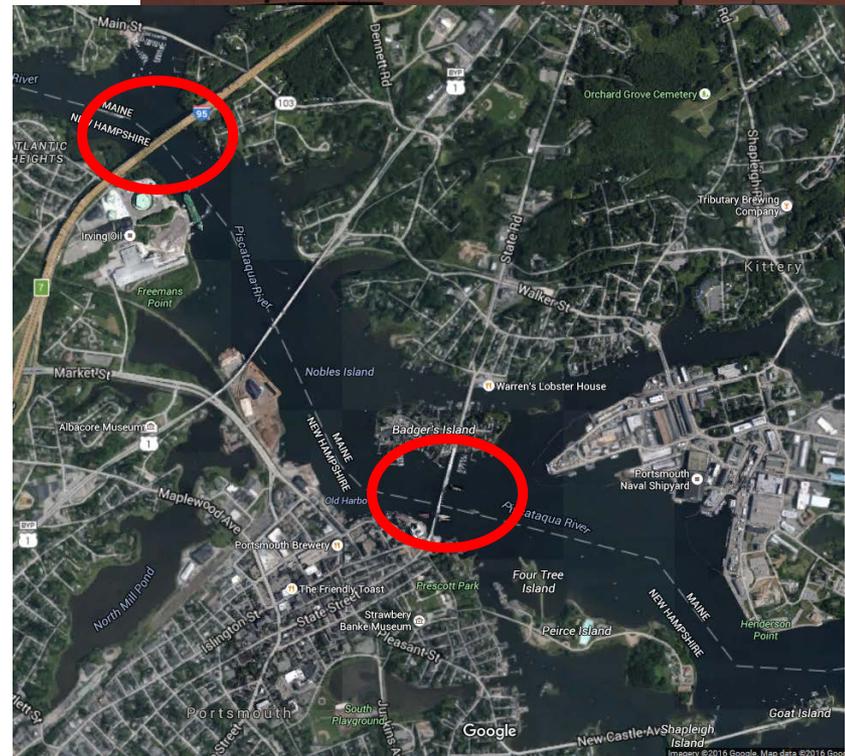
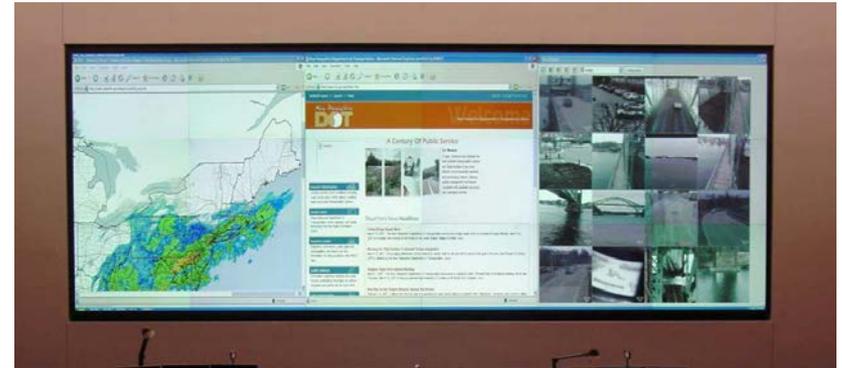


<b>Research</b>	Item 1: ADCP (Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler) – Current speed for turbine
	Item 2: CTD (Conductivity, Temperature, Depth) – Provides estuarine health data
	Item 3: HD Cameras – Provides security and a view of the turbine underwater
<b>Ops</b>	Item 4: Turbine Sensor Package – Provides RPM, torque, power, and thrust data from the turbine



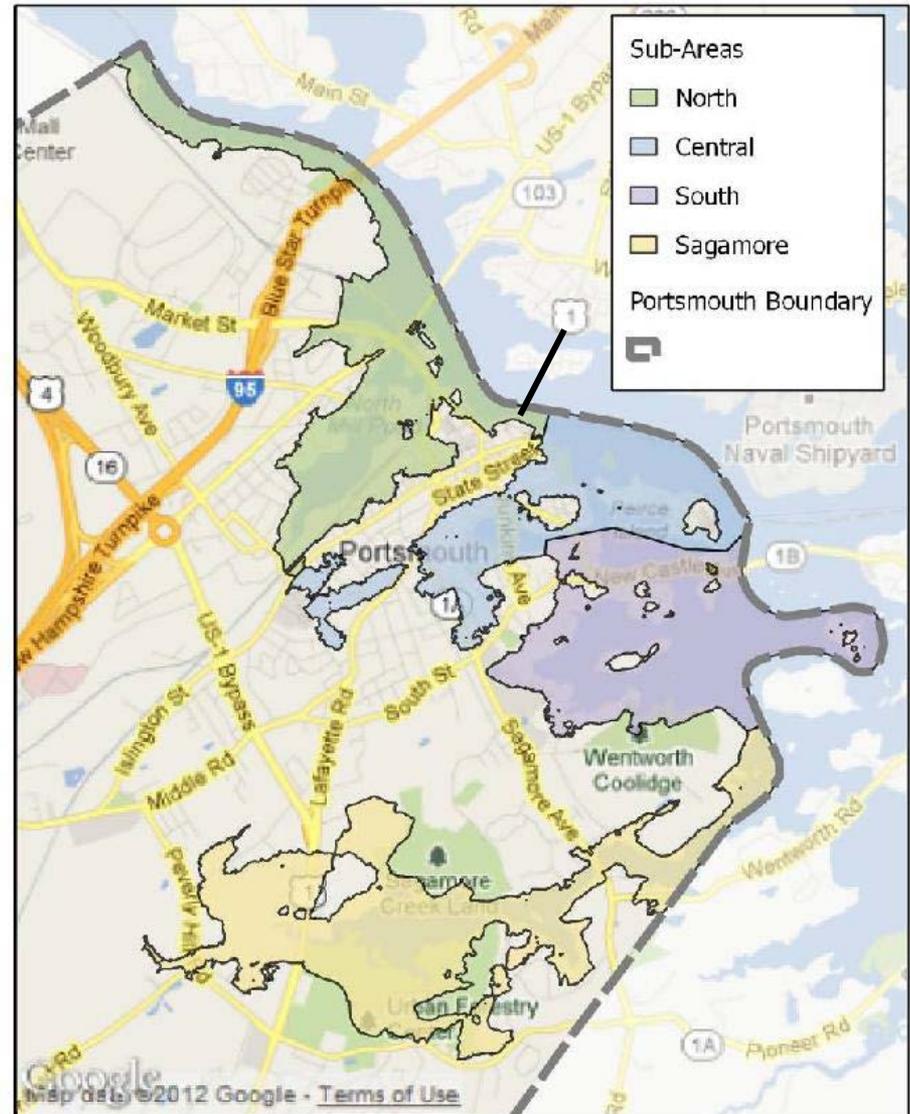
# How will this data be used by the TMC?

- Weather Data Collected at the Memorial Bridge can inform drivers of high wind conditions on the I-95 Bridge



# How will this data be used by the TMC?

- Tidal Data Collected at the Memorial Bridge can inform surrounding area of coastal flooding



Website: [memorialbridgeproject.com](http://memorialbridgeproject.com)

- Instagram Feed
- 3D interactive model
- Live Cam



Collaborating with the City of Portsmouth:

- Weather Forecast
- Current Tidal Current Speed

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Thank you for Listening

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