

R&D to Support Modernization, Upgrades, and Security for Existing Hydropower Fleet

Hydropower Program

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Hydropower Program Strategic Priorities

Environmental R&D and Hydrologic Systems Science

Big-Data Access and Management

Technology R&D for
Low-Impact
Hydropower Growth

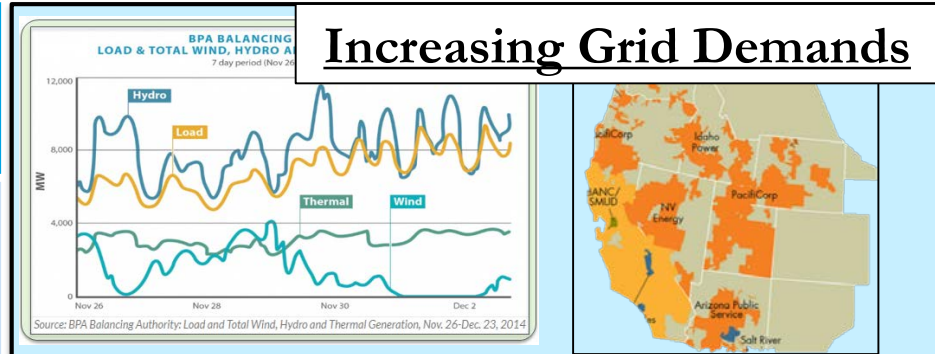
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Fleet

Understand, Enable,
and Improve
Hydropower's
Contributions to Grid
Reliability, Resilience,
and Integration

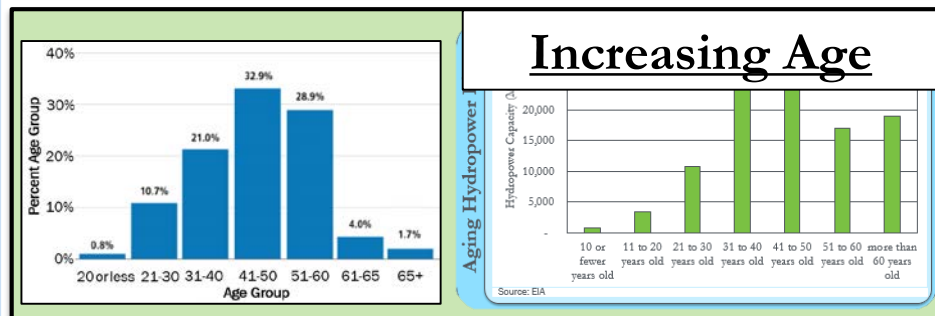
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- Introduction of new technologies and upgrades of the existing fleet occur over long time periods given longevity of assets
- Hydropower facilities are extremely different from one another, with wide ranges of operational and physical characteristics and limited information availability
- Hydropower and PSH plants are increasingly connected to information technology systems which heighten cybersecurity risks
- Effective application of digitization requires a heretofore unestablished “right sized” focus on information and analytics

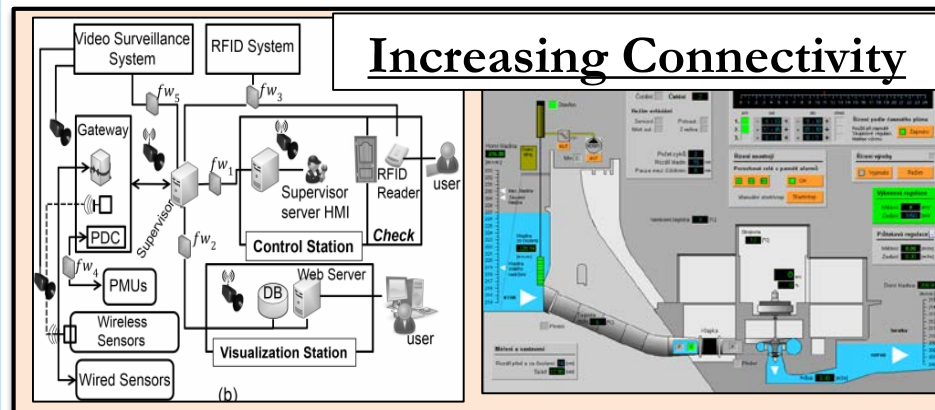
Increasing Grid Demands



Increasing Age



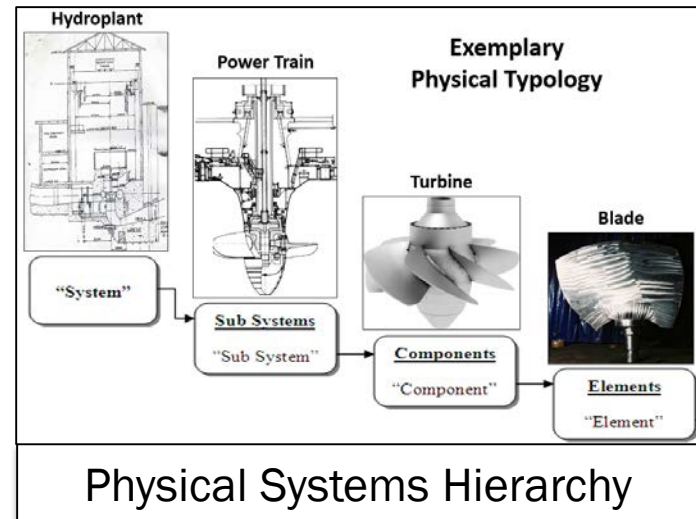
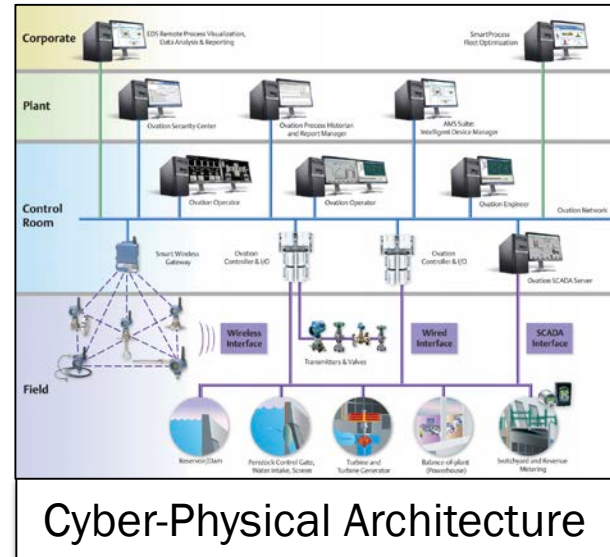
Increasing Connectivity



Program Strategy and Objectives

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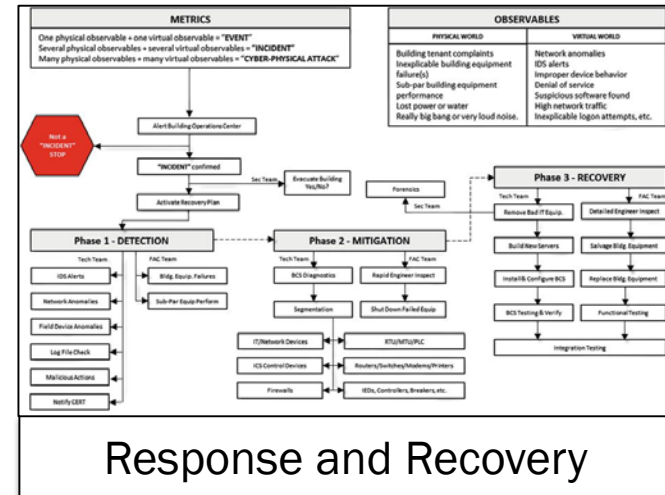
Novel Sensors



Hydro Fleet Intelligence

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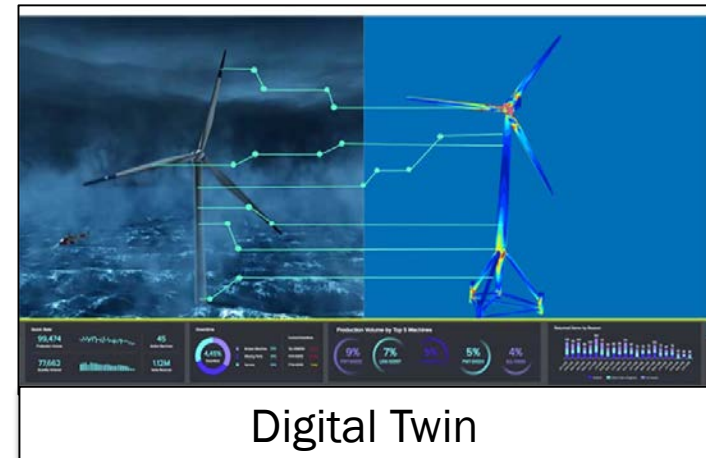
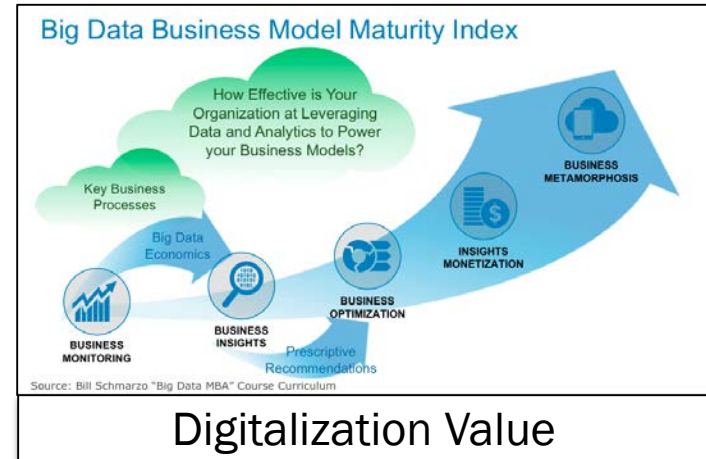
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Cyber Surrogate

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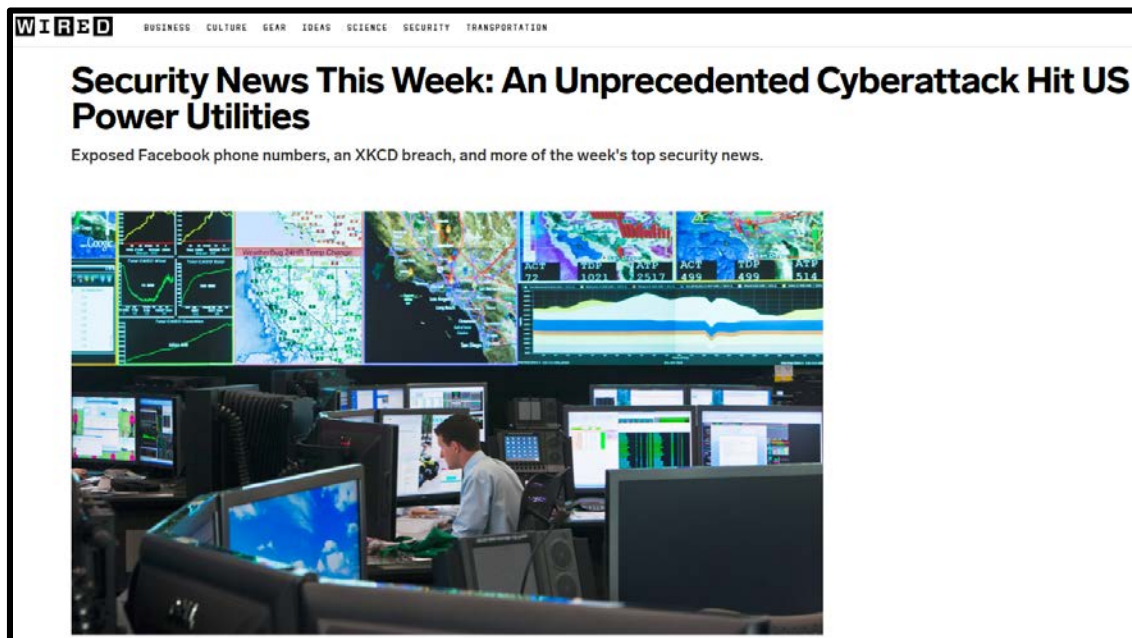


Track 1: Thursday, October 10th

Start	End	Agenda Session	Presenter	Affiliation	Track	Room
1:15 PM	1:35 PM	Overview of R&D to Support Modernization, Upgrades and Security for Existing Hydropower Fleet	Mark Christian	WPTO	New Tech+Mod	Washington /Jefferson
1:35 PM	2:05 PM	Hydro Fleet Database Development and Analyses (Hydro Source)	Brennan Smith	ORNL	New Tech+Mod	Washington /Jefferson
2:05 PM	2:35 PM	Low-Head, Short-Intake Flow Measurement Research	Sam Harding	PNNL	New Tech+Mod	Washington /Jefferson
2:35 PM	3:05 PM	Hydropower Fleet Intelligence	Stephen Signore	ORNL	New Tech+Mod	Washington /Jefferson
3:05 PM	3:15 PM	End-of-Session Networking Activity	All recent presenters	All recent presenters	New Tech+Mod	Washington /Jefferson
3:15 PM	3:35 PM	WPTO's Closing Words from the New Tech+Mod Panel	Marisol Bonnet	WPTO	New Tech+Mod	Washington /Jefferson
3:35 PM	3:45 PM	Coffee Break and Transition				
3:45 PM	5:30 PM	Town Hall	Multiple	Multiple	Plenary	Grand Ballroom
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Peer Reviewer Only Meetings (all hydro reviewers)				Madison

Cybersecurity:

- Congressional Appropriation requiring EERE submit a “multi-year program plan” to “bring cybersecurity into early stage R&D”
- Focus on articulating the State of the fleet



Key Takeaways:

- The cybersecurity landscape is non-uniform and changing more rapidly than hydro fleet assets.
- Hydroplants have unique operational attributes, legacy characteristics and failure mechanisms.
- Effective and “Right-Sized” guidance is key for effective cybersecurity implementation by industry

Digitalization:

- Digital transformation can provide hydro plants with the information and actionable capabilities necessary to operate in the modern electrical and water system.
- Value sensitivity and articulation is critical to effort success



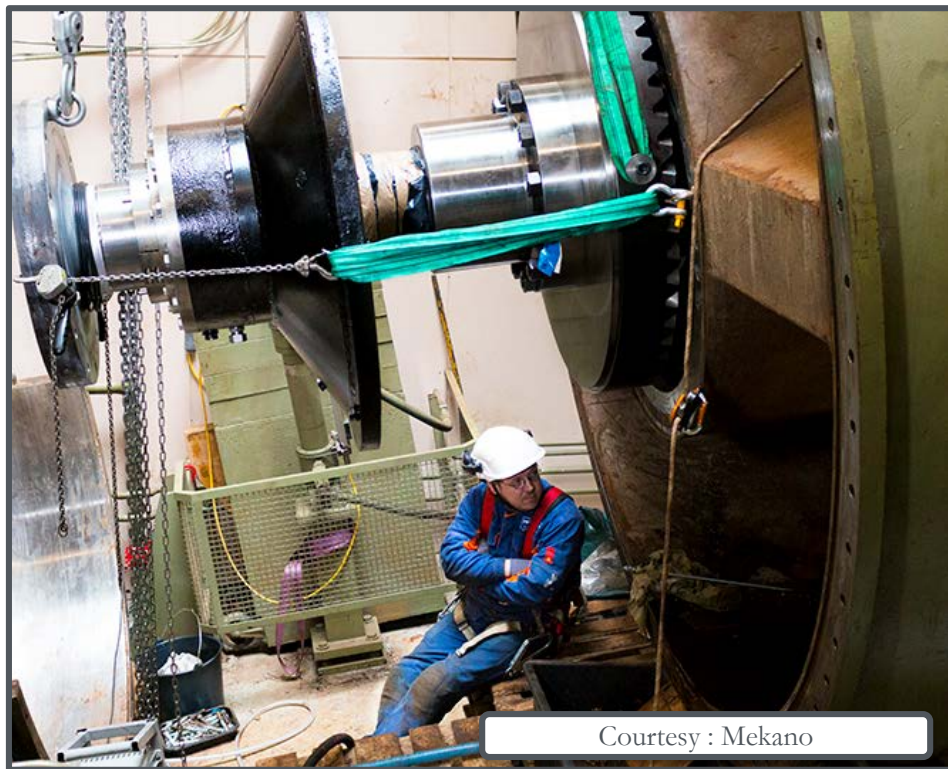
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Key Takeaways:

- Understanding the current state of the art/fleet is critical to effective focus of research efforts.
- Hydroplants have unique operational attributes, legacy characteristics and system requirements that digital technologies can help empower but must be efficiently tailored to ensure an economic and valuable role.

Maintenance:

- Process to ensure asset performance, reliability and safety.
- Maintenance operations are a combination of site specific requirements as well as risk mitigation efforts.
- Significant history of industry activity



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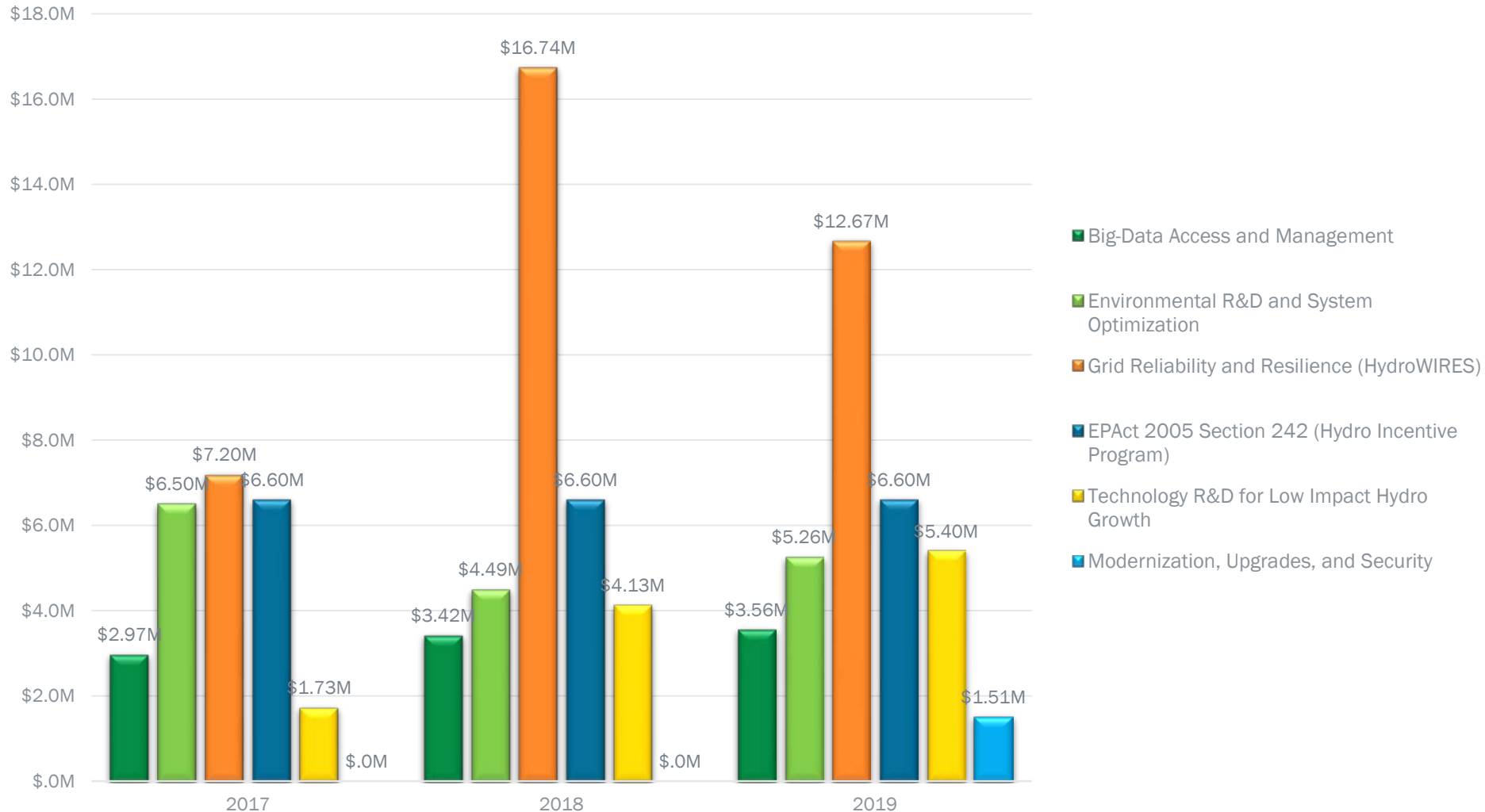
Key Takeaways:

- Hydroplants are performing unlike they have in the past, and there are potentially significant maintenance and cost implications that are not explored.
- Quality data is foundational to making effective decisions – but it is not enough! Standardized processes must be put in place to make sure the data is used properly.

Program Management Approach

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Hydro Fleet Intelligence:

- HydroAMP Data Assessment: Q3 FY18
- Engagement with PG&E: Q3 FY19
- Flexible Impacts Data Analysis: Q4 FY19

Flow Measurement:

- ADCP Flume Testing: Q1 of FY19
- Flow Meter Field Testing: Q4 of FY19

Cybersecurity:

- Response & Recovery Funded: Q4 of FY19
- Cyber-Physical Topologies Funded: Q4 of FY19

Stakeholder Input Incorporated:

- Industry Working Groups: EUCG, HydroAMP, IPSIG, HPLIG
- Standards Committees: ASME PTC-18
- Owner Operators: USACE, USBR, PG&E
- Other Agencies: NERC, DHS, NIST, USACE, USBR

Dissemination of Information:

- Project Development (Two Way Communication!)
- Industry Workshops and Forums
- Conferences

Key Partnerships:

- PG&E: Hydropower Fleet Intelligence
- US Army Corps of Engineers: Field Testing of Flow Measurement Devices

