

# Energy Transition Opportunities for the Fishing Fleet

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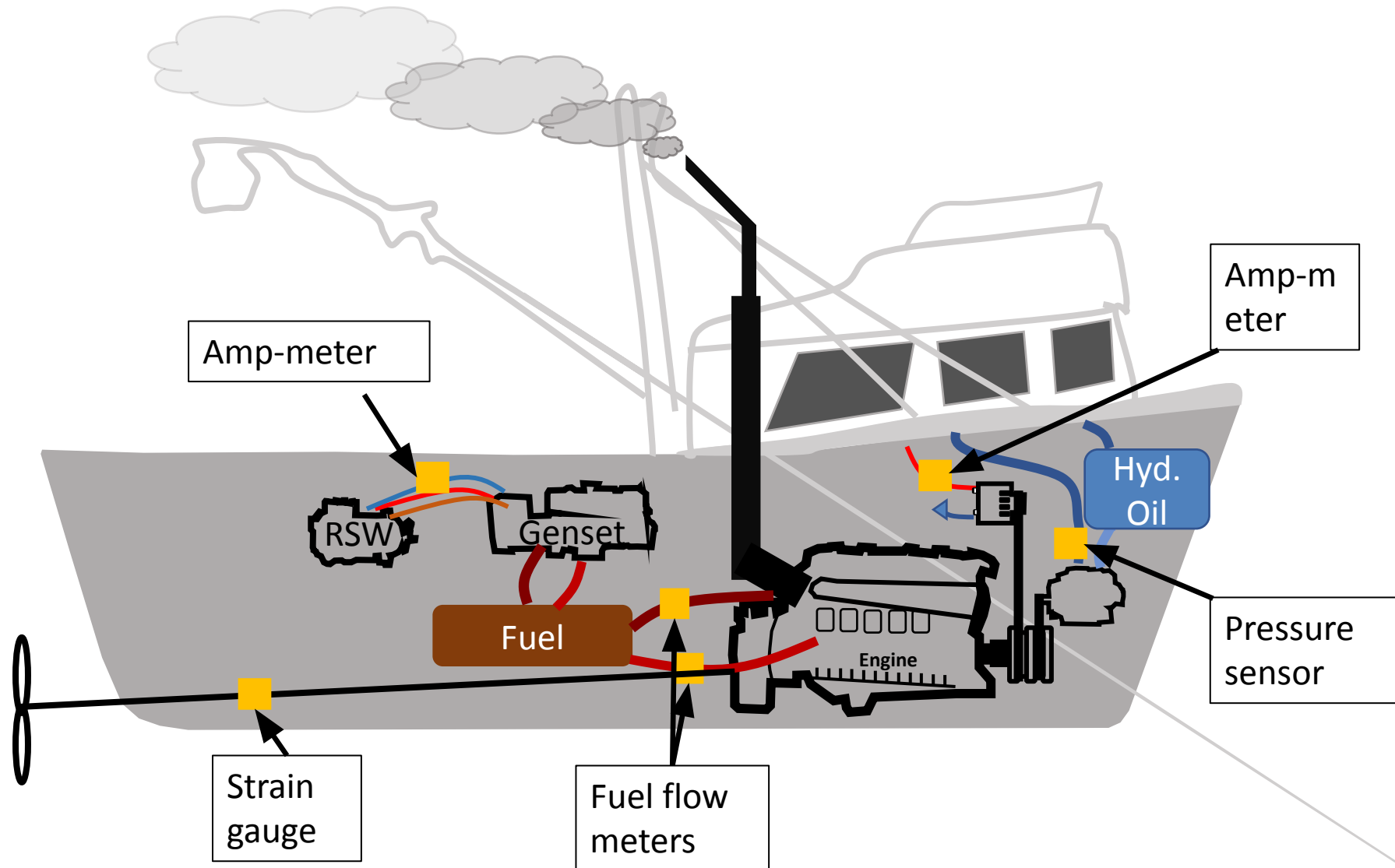
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Community + ACEP/ISER + National Labs
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# Update on Chandler's work



I've been measuring how boats use energy since 2016.

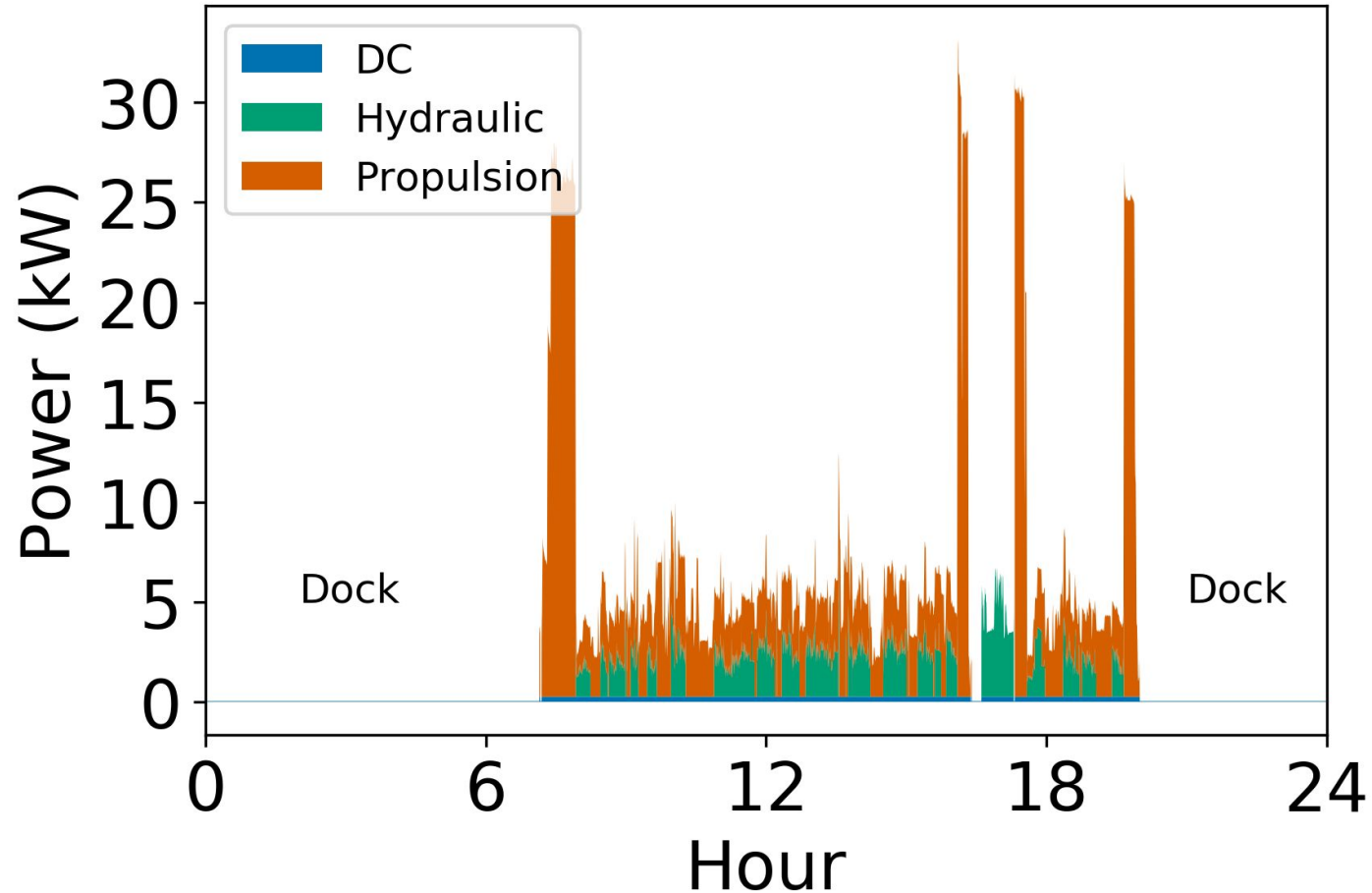




Now we're moving toward alternative energy sources with two trial vessels.



I Gotta uses about 90 kWh of energy in a day of chum trolling. About 55 kWh while fishing.

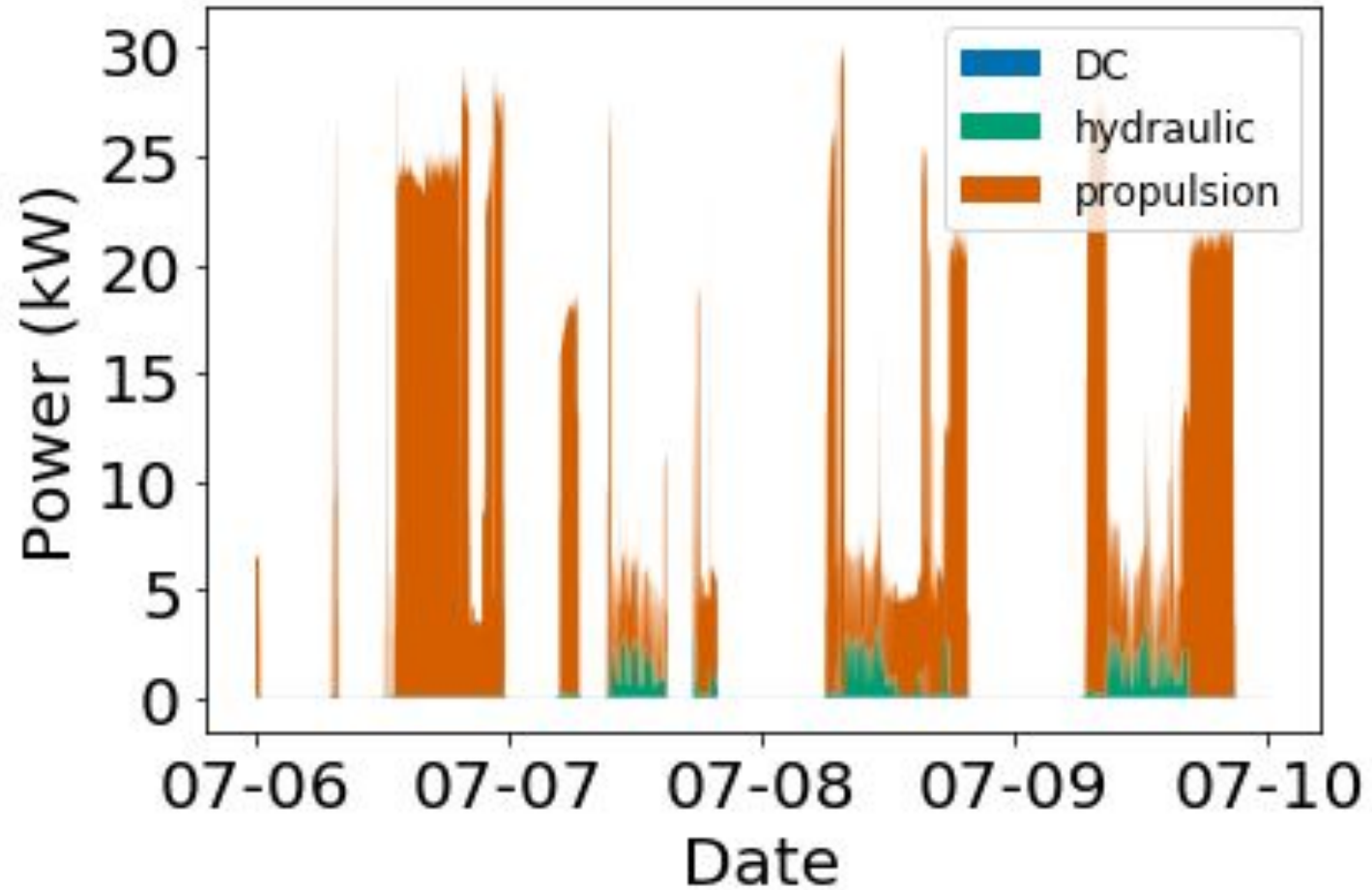




A day of trolling in Sitka Sound uses a little less energy than a Tesla Model S battery pack.



Woodstock required 640 kWh for a 4 day longline trip.



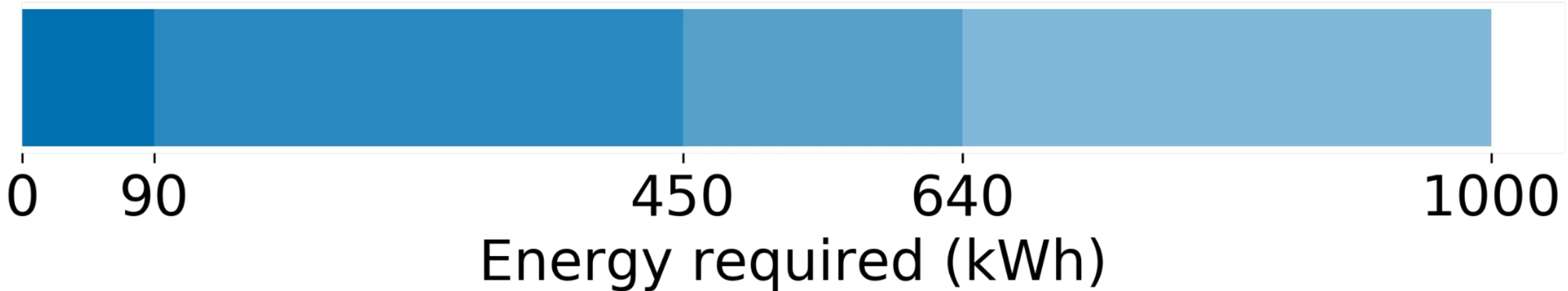


# Longer trips require too much energy for practical battery installations.

Image from: City and borough of Juneau

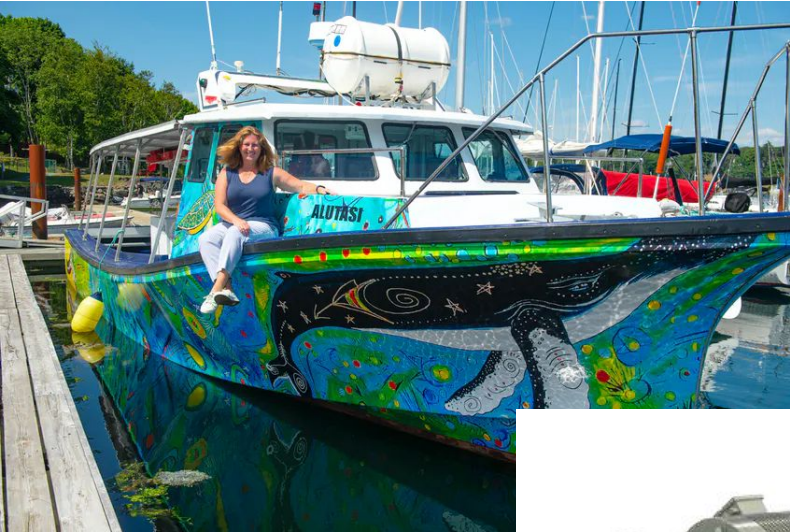


Image from: Corvus Energy



We're soliciting quotes from several companies that sell hybrid propulsion systems.

BAE Systems



Glas Ocean Electric



Transfluid





# What are we doing now?

- Working with National Labs to optimize design through ETIPP
  - 12–18 months of supported National Lab work
- Compiling operation details to support design
- Working with suppliers to define needs
- Applying for funding beyond ETIPP to support equipment purchases
  - We expect a hybrid propulsion retrofit to cost \$150–200k

# What is ETIPP?

Who is involved?



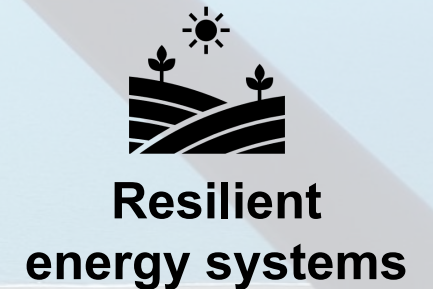
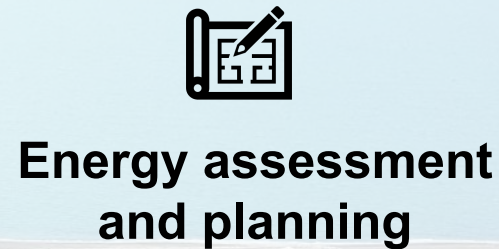


# Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP)

ETIPP works alongside remote, island, and islanded communities seeking to transform their energy systems.



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# Communities

## Cohort 1





# Community Regional Partners

Five regional partners facilitate stakeholder engagement across the national initiative.

The **two Alaska regional partners** have formed the Alaska Rural Energy Partnership.



## Alaska Rural Energy Partnership

University of Alaska



**ACEP**

Alaska Center for Energy and Power



UAA Institute of Social  
and Economic Research  
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Renewable Energy  
Alaska Project



# Other Alaska Projects

**Dillingham, Alaska** – Investigation of Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Project to reduce community fuel costs.

**Sitka, Alaska** – Assessment of available community renewable resources while planning for a more modern grid control system.

**Wainwright, Alaska** -- Transformation of an under-utilized armory building into a comfortable, safe, and resilient building that will stay warm, dry, and have lights during an extended electrical outage.

**Ouzinkie, Alaska** – Ouzinkie currently relies on diesel generators and an aging hydroelectric system to power their community but is looking to understand how they can optimize their use of renewables and storage.



Photo courtesy of Rob Jordan



# National Laboratories

What kind of work do they do?





# A Legacy of Innovation

The **17** National Laboratories have served as the leading institutions for scientific innovation in the United States for more than seventy years.



# NREL at a Glance

2,307

**Employees,**  
plus more than  
**460**  
early-career  
researchers and  
visiting scientists



**World-class**  
facilities,  
renowned  
technology  
experts

about  
**900**

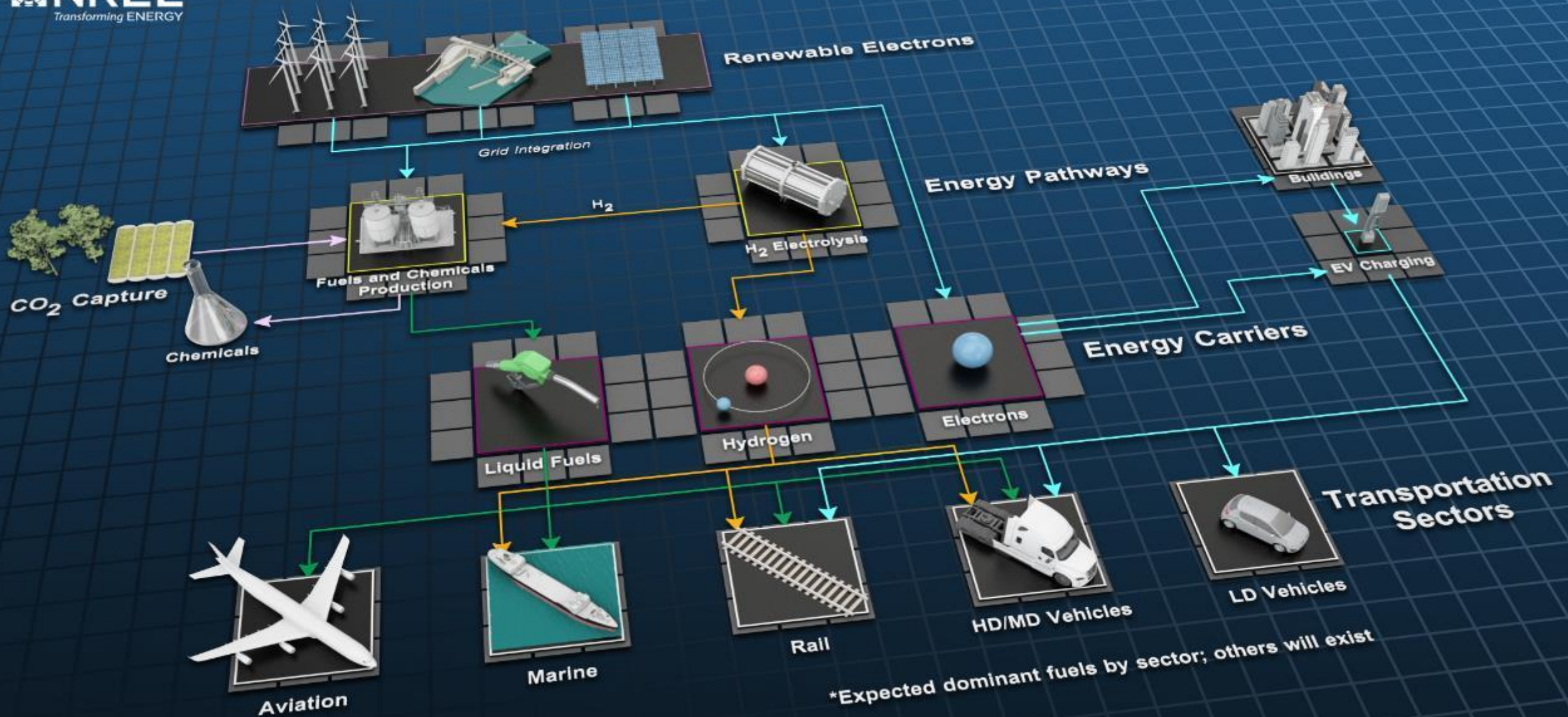
**Partnerships**  
with industry,  
academia, and  
government



**Campus**  
operates as a  
living  
laboratory



# Decarbonizing the Transportation Sector





# NREL Center for Integrated Mobility Sciences

<https://www.nrel.gov/transportation/research.html>

## Hydrogen and Fuel Cells

*Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles  
Fuel Cell Buses  
Fueling Infrastructure  
Hydrogen Systems and Components  
Safety, Codes and Standards*

## Advanced Combustion / Fuels

*CoOptima – Fuels and Engine Optimization  
Advanced Petroleum and Biofuels  
Combustion / Emissions Measurement  
Vehicle and Engine Testing*

## Vehicle Deployment / Clean Cities

*Guidance & Information for Fleet Decision  
Makers and Policy Makers  
Technical Assistance  
Online Data, Tools, Analysis*

## Regulatory Support

*EPA Act Compliance  
Data & Policy Analysis  
Technical Integration  
Fleet Assistance*

## Energy Efficient Mobility Systems

*Connected and Autonomous Vehicles  
Vehicle Systems Modeling  
Efficient Mobility Systems Research  
Technology Adoption  
SMART Cities*

## Commercial Vehicle Technologies

*Technology Field Testing & Analysis  
Big Data Collection, Storage & Analysis  
Vehicle Systems Modeling  
Super Truck and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Truck  
Truck Platooning and Automation  
Vehicle Thermal Management*

## EV Grid Integration

*Extreme Fast Charging – 1+ MW  
Vehicle-to-Grid Integration  
Integration with Renewables  
Charging Equipment & Controls  
Fueling Stations & Equipment*

## Mobility Infrastructure & Impacts Analysis

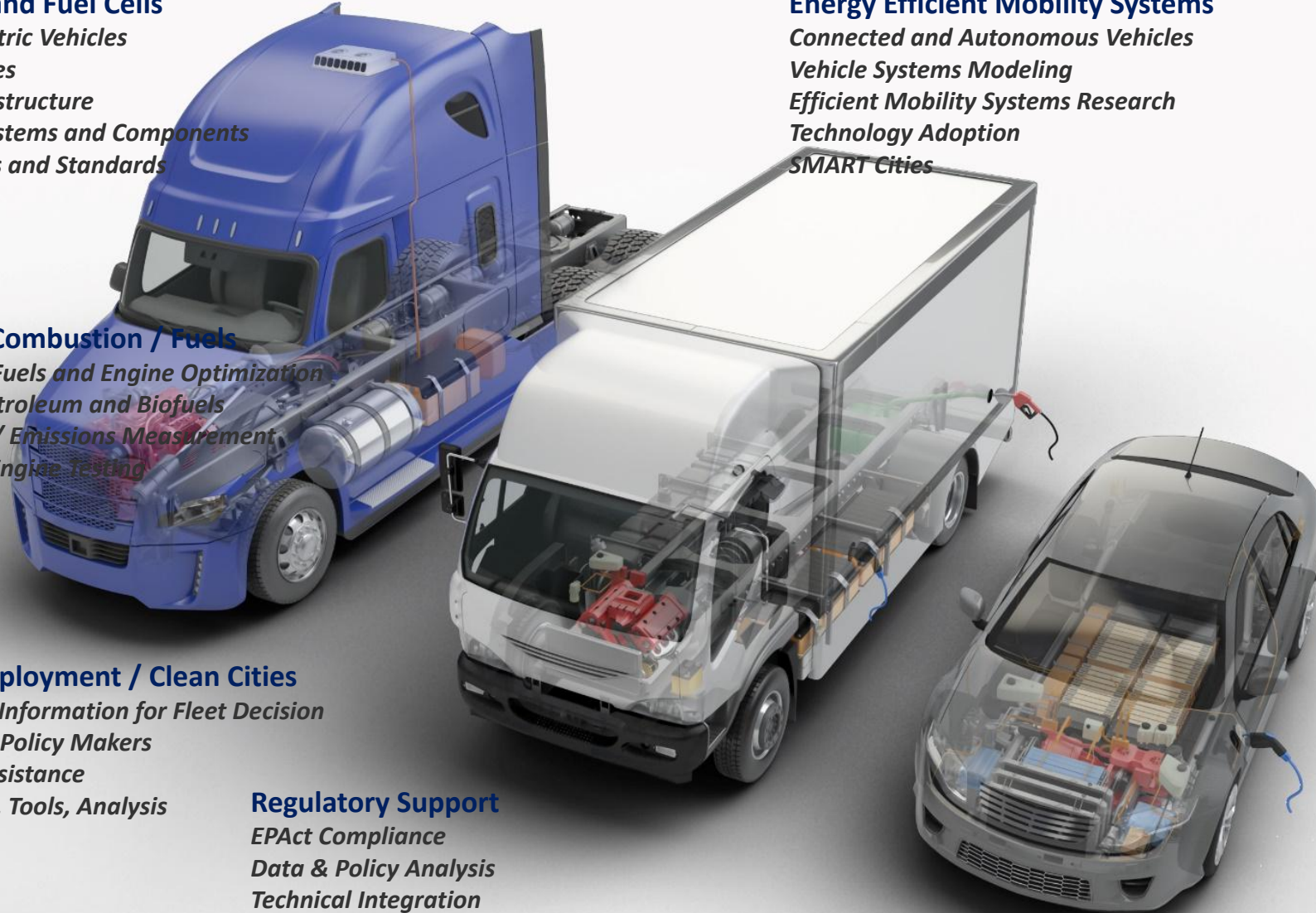
*Hydrogen & Energy Storage Analysis  
Integrated Transportation & Energy Systems  
Analysis*

## Advanced Energy Storage

*Thermal Characterization / Management  
Life/Abuse Testing and Modeling  
Computer Aided Engineering  
Electrode Material Development*

## Advanced Power Electronics and Electric Motors

*Thermal Management  
Advanced Heat Transfer  
Thermal Stress and Reliability*





# “Adaptable” Fleet Evaluation Process



**Step 1**

Vehicle Inventory and Fleet Coordination

**Step 2**

In-use Vehicle Data Collection

**Step 3**

Duty Cycle Analysis

**Step 4**

Assessment of ZEV Technology and Efficient Operations



Fleet DNA



DRIVE



DriveCAT



FASTSim



RouteE

**Step 5**

Infrastructure Requirements and Charging Strategies

**Step 6**

Total Cost of Ownership

**Step 7**

Detailed Charging Infrastructure Requirements

**Step 8**

Results / Reporting



EVI-Pro



T3CO



# Port EV and Infrastructure Analysis

## Objective

Independent engineering analysis of vehicle power demand, infrastructure requirements, and potential grid impacts for the Port of Long Beach and Port Authority of NY/NJ vehicle electrification.

## Process:

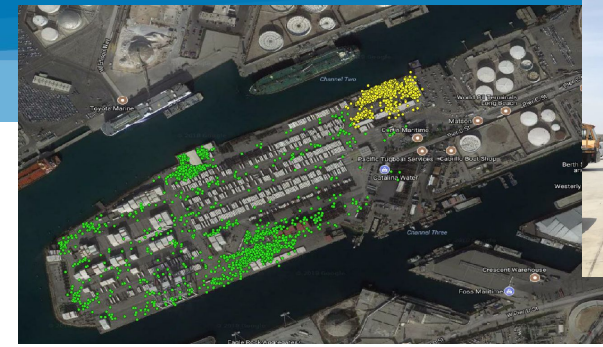
- Vehicle data acquisition
- Geospatial and Energy duty cycle characterization
- Powertrain model to evaluate EV requirements
- Charging requirements – time of day power demands
- Grid impacts and potential charge management strategies

## Status and Next Steps:

- Results presented to POLB and PANYNJ and POLB external advisory group including Vehicle Manufacturers, Utility (SCE), and Port Operators
- Refining models and analysis based on feedback with results to be published in peer-reviewed technical report
- PANYNJ follow-on study on EV class 8 drayage trucks

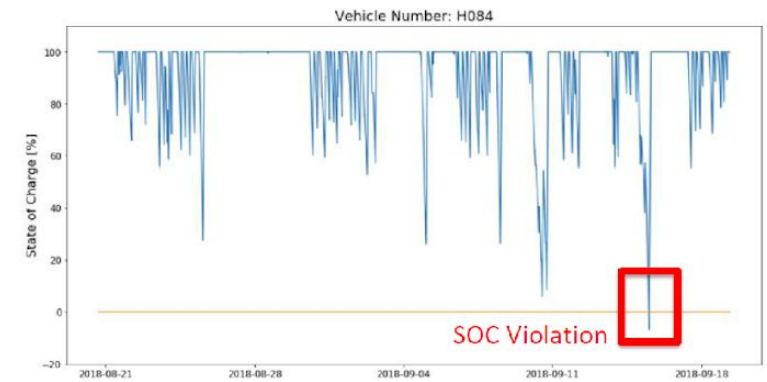
## Significance & Impact

- Contributed to development of POLB EV Blueprint to replace 100% of Cargo Handling Equipment by 2030
- Analysis methodology will be applied to existing projects with: Port Authority of NY/NJ, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, LAX, National Park Service, and others



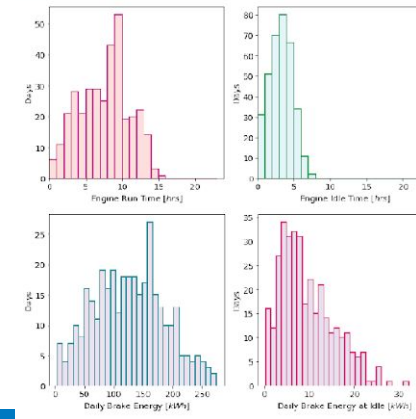
POLB Yard Tractors

Geospatial terminal equipment dwell locations showing potential charger locations

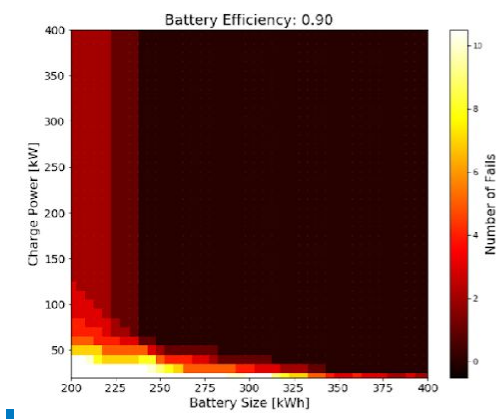


Simulated electric yard tractor SOC – one month of operation

Duty Cycle / Energy Requirements



Vehicle design requirements



# Study Objectives

- Gain insights about existing operations.
- Identify opportunities for use of existing technology.
- Identify limitations in existing technology.

Operability



- Identify parameters that must be met for technology adoption with minimal impact to operations.

Technology



- Data-driven decision making for future adoption.
- Develop higher degree of certainty of cost-savings.
- Discover other associated benefits.

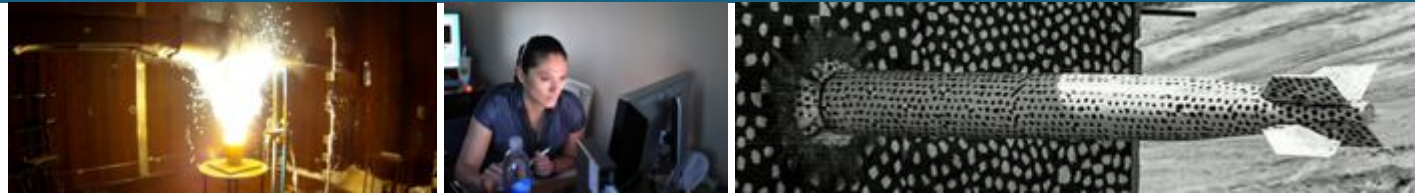
Opportunities





# Water Power Technologies

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Marine and Hydrokinetic technologies harness energy from waves, currents, tides and ocean thermal gradients to generate clean, renewable energy.

## Dynamics and Controls

Incorporating reactive control experts from robotics, defense, energy systems, and aerospace.



## Experimental Testing, Measurements and Instrumentation

A decade of experience in hydrodynamic and load measurements, and MHK sites and laboratory testing facilities.



## Materials and Coatings

Prevention of corrosion & biofouling, composite performance, composite manufacturing, materials/coatings reliability.



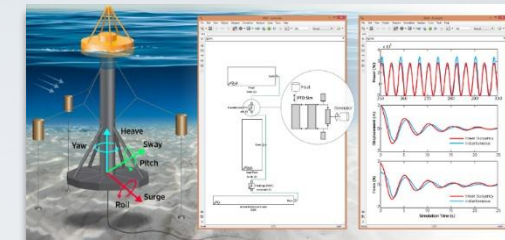
## Powering the Blue Economy

Supporting the development, simulation, and testing of devices for aquaculture, desalination, ocean instrumentation, and with energy storage or for microgrid applications.



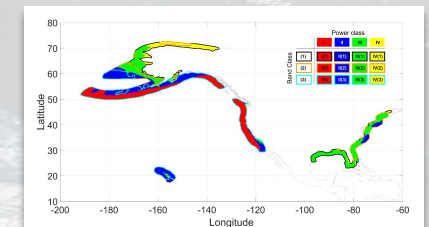
## Code Development for Simulation & Analysis

Develop and maintain open source code for marine renewable energy applications, including resource assessment, environmental effects analysis, device performance, hydrodynamic response, extreme conditions, and others.



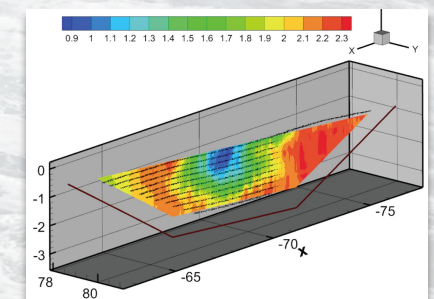
## Environmental Analysis & Resource Characterization

Developed codes and provided regulatory and IEC standards input for MHK resource characterization and device interactions.

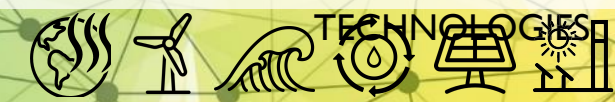


## Hydropower

Water resource engineering, river flow and storage modeling, hydropower plant measurements, plant cyber security and resilience, grid and storage design optimization.







## WEC Dynamics and Controls

- Top ranked projects in (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) in DOE Water Power portfolio
- High-impact experimental campaigns onsite at Sandia and offsite: focus on dissemination of findings and outreach
- 50+ publications over the last 5 years



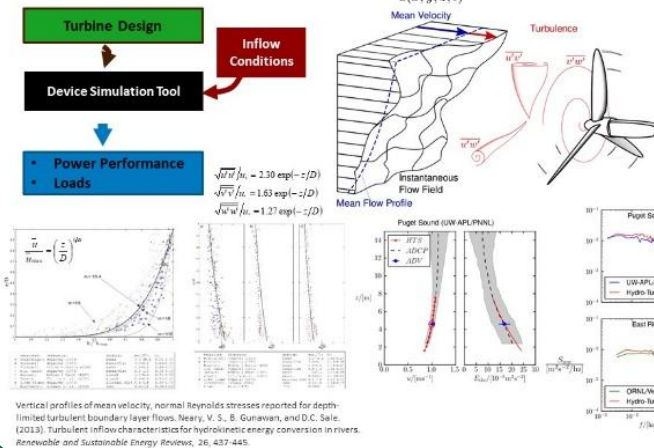
## Technology Performance Characterization

- Assessment methodologies and standards development for current turbines and other devices

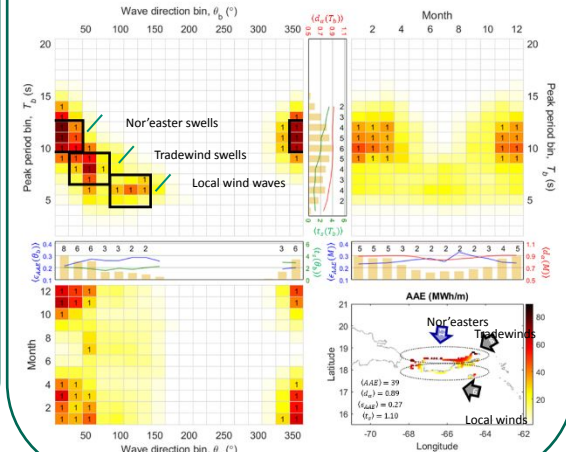
## Wave-SPARC

- Systematic process and analysis for reaching commercialization with novel technologies
- Expanding to support “Blue Economy” applications
- Equal partnership between NREL and SNL

### River & tidal currents and turbulence



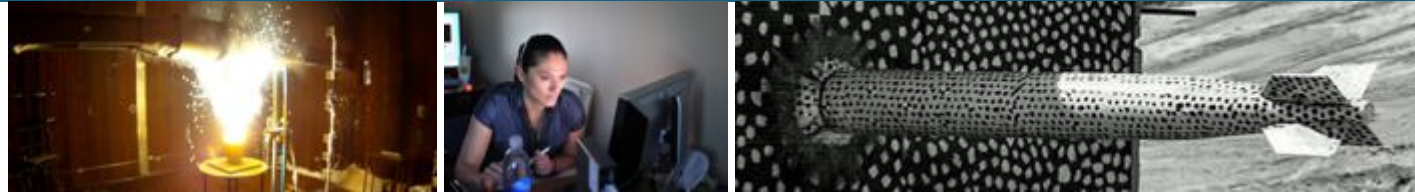
### Wave resource characterization







# Fire Risk for Emerging Technologies Capabilities



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## Software modeling

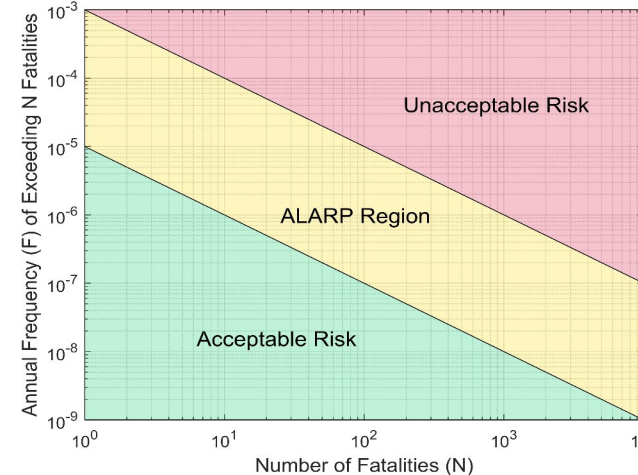
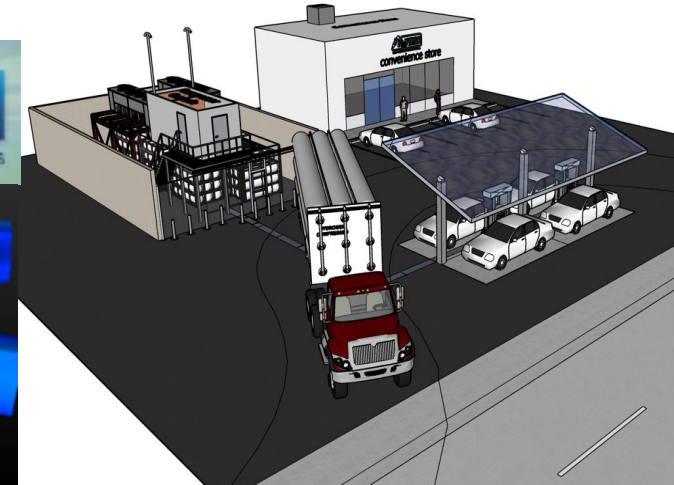
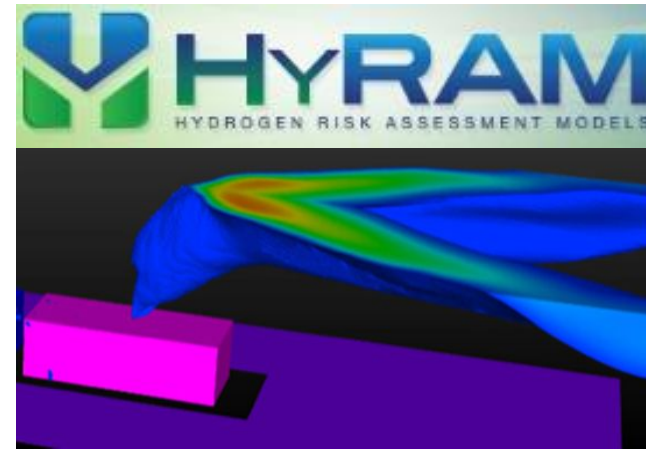
- Quantitative risk assessment (QRA) methodology with frequency & probability data for hydrogen leaks
- Free and open source, fast-running models of hydrogen gas and flame behaviors.

## Infrastructure and transportation

- Develop reference refueling station designs to stakeholders
- Detailed designs, parts lists, cost estimates, and physical footprint for reference station designs

## Codes and standards participation

- Committee membership and active participation in NFPA 2 and 55 codes
- Also active in IEC and ICC



NFPA

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Hydrogen Technologies  
Code

2020



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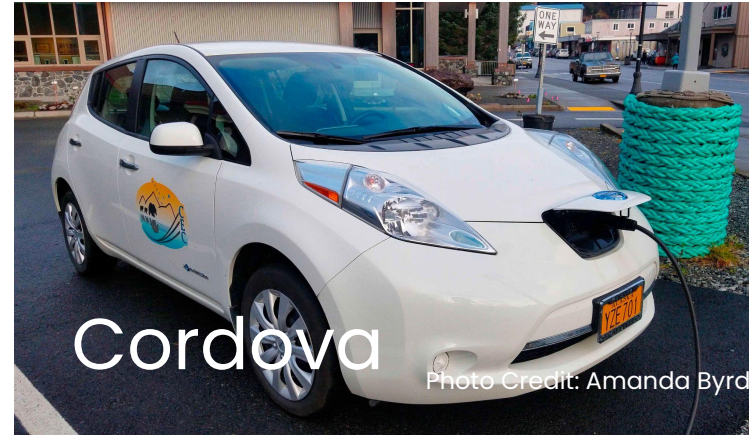
# Other Energy Transition Opportunities in Rural Alaska

University of Alaska and Electric Vehicles





# Advancing EV use in Alaska



But will they work  
in rural Alaska?

Do electric vehicles work at 40  
below? Alaska owners say 'yes'

By Dan Bross, KUAC - Fairbanks - June 11, 2020







# Electric Vehicles in the Arctic (EVITA)



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## Goals

1. Identify perceived barriers to adoption, mechanisms for facilitating adoption, perceived usefulness, and potential uses of EVs.

2. Examine potential trade-offs between conventional and electric for rural vehicle users across specific use cases such as subsistence activities.



NSF #2127171



**Participating communities:**  
Galena  
Kotzebue  
Bethel





# Insights from ALFA

Hybrid Propulsion System



Q1: Which do you see as the main benefits of a hybrid propulsion system?

*(Please select your top three)*

- Using less fuel
- Better for environment
- Redundant propulsion systems
- Helping lead sustainability efforts
- Less noisy
- Reduced engine hours
- None / Other



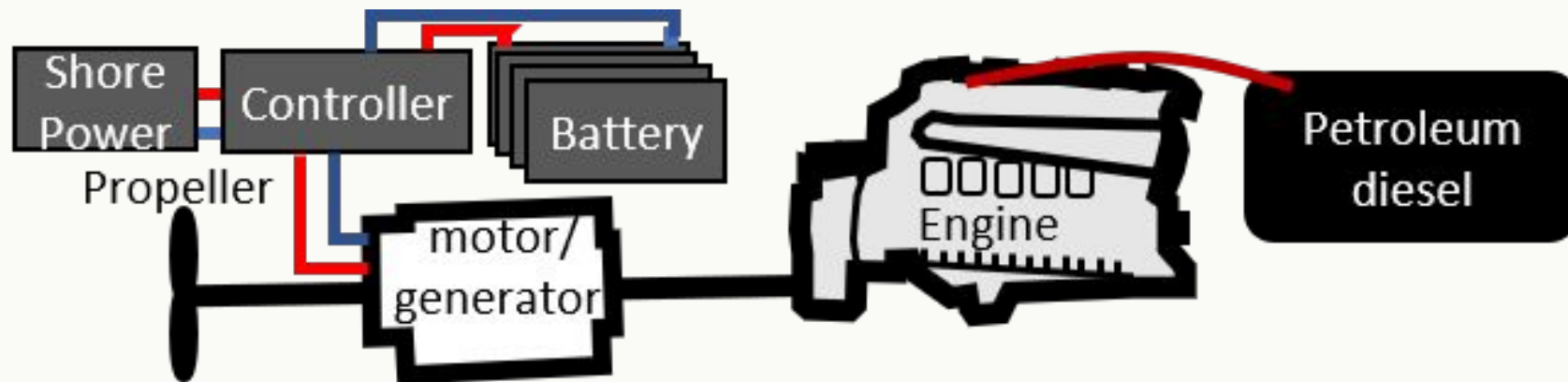
Q2: What do you see as prohibiting your use of this technology? Roadblocks.

*(Please select your top three)*

- High initial startup cost
- Unfamiliar with maintenance practices
- Unproven reliability
- Risk of battery fire
- Extra weight on boat
- Takes up extra space on boat
- Other

Q3: Are you *interested* in using a hybrid propulsion system on your boat?

- Yes
- No





# Discussion

What information do you need to make a decision about investing in a hybrid propulsion system on your boat?



Photo courtesy of Transfluid

# Thank you

## Questions?

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