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ENV-4-1B: Interactive Threat Assessment at Pipeline Waterway Crossings (Work Package 1)

Geohazard SRP / Technical Committee Meeting

Arcadis Team

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Interactive Threat Assessment of Pipeline Waterway Crossings

- Background
 - End of 2021 looked into furthering efforts related to ENV-4-1A
 - Based on current industry advancements, developed initial proposal in early 2022
 - Morphed into a potential SRP initiative, then was re-tooled
- Principal Investigator: Arcadis
- Project Team Leader: Justin Taylor, TransCanada Energy (*Ashton Friesen*)
- Total Costs: \$235,000
- Project Team
 - Justin Brooks, Kinder Morgan
 - Karineh Gregorian, SoCal Gas
 - Jared Rinker, Marathon Pipe Line
 - Svetlana Shafrova, Exxon

Framework

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This project will be multi-phased with the following components:

- **Work Package 1 – this phase will have desktop and field components and consist of the screening and initial field investigation items of building bank stability assessments at pipeline waterway crossings.**
 - Task 1 – Desktop Screening and Programmatic Development
 - Task 2 – Field Verification and Threat Assessment
- *Work Package 2 – this phase will utilize the screening and assessment findings of Phase 1 and generate predictive analysis aspects for each location, including appropriate monitoring and mitigation measures.*

***Arcadis will work closely with the PRCI Team on sharing of data/information, development, and implementation of Work Package 2**

ENV-4-1B: Interactive Threats

Status:  Critical  Needs Attention  On Plan

Overview

Activities Underway/Completed (since last report) Continuation of Task 1	Overall Project Status/Significant Findings - Agreement signed May 2024 5 Team meetings providing plans and decision making; taking in feedback and direction - June TC Meeting share
Planned Activities (next period) Continue Task 1	Current Issues, Risks and Decisions Needed NA

Rationale/Explanation of Deviations between Plan and Forecast

Status

Overall Schedule 	Commencing	
Active Task(s) 	- PM - Task 1	
Cost to Date 	1st lump sum billing in September 2024	
Threats/Scope Changes or Additions 	None currently	

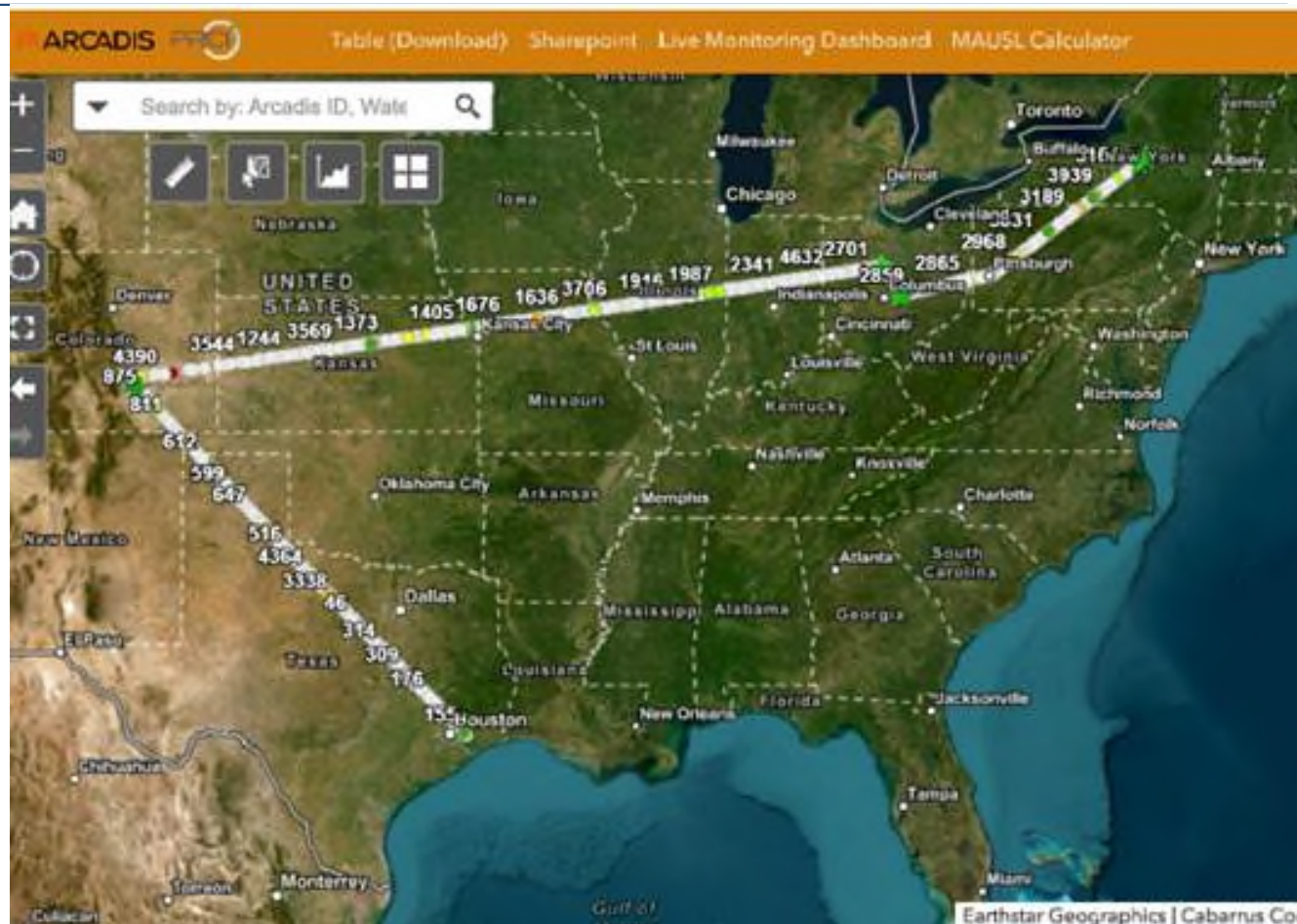
Screening Assessment

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Working on ENV-4-1A
fictitious pipeline:

- ~3,000 miles
- ~4,500 inventoried waterway crossings

Developing 'screening'
protocol and worksheet



Screening Assessment Worksheet

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Screening Based on Visual Assessment Of:

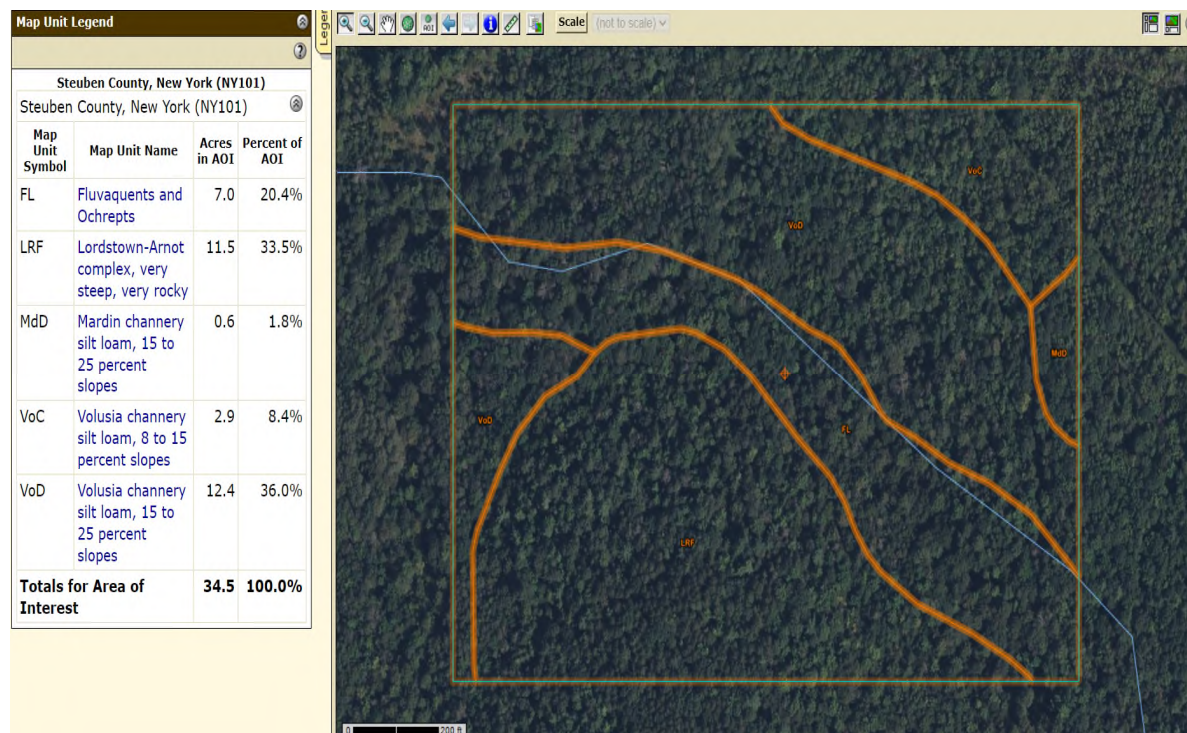
- Soil Type
- Vegetation Cover
- Depressions/Sinkholes
- Historical Landslides
- Bank Cutting/Erosion
- Land Drainage
- Drainage Area (Bank Height)
- Known hydrotechnical threats



Soil Type

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- Clay soil: 5 (High risk)
- Loamy soil: 4 (Moderate risk)
- Sandy soil: 3 (Low risk)
- Rocky soil: 2 (Very low risk)
- Bedrock: 1 (Minimal risk)



Vegetation Cover

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- No vegetation: 5 (High risk)
- Sparse vegetation: 4 (Moderate risk)
- Moderate vegetation: 3 (Low risk)
- Dense vegetation: 2 (Very low risk)
- Very dense vegetation: 1 (Minimal risk)



2016



2018



2024

Depressions/Sinkholes and Historical Landslides

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Depressions/Sinkholes

- Many large depressions/sinkholes: 5 (High risk)
- Several small depressions/sinkholes: 4 (Moderate risk)
- Few small depressions/sinkholes: 3 (Low risk)
- Isolated small depressions/sinkholes: 2 (Very low risk)
- None: 1 (Minimal risk)



Landslides

- Several major landslides: 5 (High risk)
- Few major landslides: 4 (Moderate risk)
- Several minor landslides: 3 (Low risk)
- Few minor landslides: 2 (Very low risk)
- No historical landslides: 1 (Minimal risk)

Increasing Susceptibility

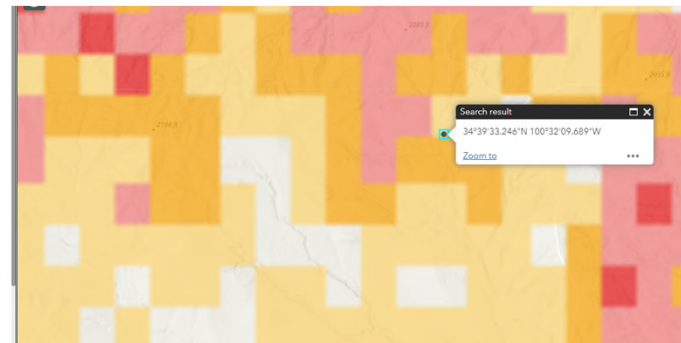


US Landslide Inventory

US Landslide points

Confidence

- High confidence in extent or nature of landslide (8)
- Confident consequential landslide at this location (5)
- Likely landslide at or near this location (3)
- Probable landslide in the area (2)
- Possible landslide in the area (1)



Bank Cutting/Erosion

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- Severe bank cutting: 5 (High risk)
- Moderate bank cutting: 4 (Moderate risk)
- Minor bank cutting: 3 (Low risk)
- Minimal bank cutting: 2 (Very low risk)
- No bank cutting: 1 (Minimal risk)



Land Drainage and Drainage Area (Bank Height)

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Land Drainage

- Very poor drainage: 5 (High risk)
- Poor drainage: 4 (Moderate risk)
- Moderate drainage: 3 (Low risk)
- Good drainage: 2 (Very low risk)
- Excellent drainage: 1 (Minimal risk)

Drainage Area Correlation

$$\text{Depth} = 0.30\text{DA}^{0.213}$$

- >138,235 sq mi (>15ft): 5 (High risk)
- 48,460-138,235 sq mi (12-15ft): 4 (Moderate risk)
- 7,230-48,460 sq mi (8-12ft): 3 (Low risk)
- 794-7,230 sq mi (5-8ft): 2 (Very low risk)
- <795 sq mi (<5ft): 1 (Minimal risk)



Known Hydrotechnical Threats

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Hydrotechnical Screening Criteria (ENV4-1A)

- Scour
- Erosion
- Avulsion

Interactive Scoring

- Geotechnical screening looks at specifically avulsion score and factors in the risk of avulsion occurring into the overall screening.



Screening Assessment Scoring

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Risk Rating Scale:

- 7-12: Minimal Risk
- 13-16: Low Risk
- 17-22: Moderate Risk
- 23-28: High Risk
- 29-35: Very High Risk

Location ID	State	State Plan Projection (NAD83)	Latitude	Longitude	WSS Type	Vegetation Cover	Depressions/Sinkholes	Historical Landslide	Bank Undercutting/Erosion	Land Drainage	Drainage Area	Score
3119	NY	NAD83	43.004269	-75.592479	4	2	1	1	3	3	1	15
3212	NY	NAD83	43.000800	-75.600982	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	12
3091	NY	NAD83	42.981860	-75.639005	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	12
2205	IN	NAD83	40.196525	-87.402934	5	3	1	1	4	4	2	20
428	TX	NAD83	33.685308	-99.426909	3	5	1	2	4	1	2	18
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Screening Update

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Location ID	State	State Plan Projection (NAD83)	Latitude	Longitude	WSS Type	Vegetation Cover	Depressions/Sinkholes/ Open Pits/ Underground Mines	Historical Landslide	Bank Undercutting/Erosion	Land Drainage	Bank Height (Drainage Area)	Score	Notes
4226	TX	NAD83	30.323553	-95.598517	4	2	1	1	2	2	1	13	
133	TX	NAD83	30.347451	-95.625732	4	2	1	1	1	4	1	14	
167	TX	NAD83	30.35324	-95.632325	4	3	1	1	1	4	1	15	
192	TX	NAD83	30.355826	-95.63527	4	2	1	1	1	4	1	14	
245	TX	NAD83	30.361391	-95.641607	4	2	1	1	2	4	1	15	
117	TX	NAD83	30.365239	-95.645989	4	2	1	1	1	2	1	12	*START*
119	TX	NAD83	30.367188	-95.648209	5	2	1	1	1	2	1	13	
184	TX	NAD83	30.372321	-95.654055	5	2	1	1	1	2	1	13	
4117	TX	NAD83	30.380646	-95.663535	5	3	1	1	2	2	1	15	Crossing at pond
110	TX	NAD83	30.38086	-95.663779	5	3	1	1	2	2	1	15	Crossing at pond
4118	TX	NAD83	30.381166	-95.664127	5	3	1	1	2	2	1	15	Crossing at pond
247	TX	NAD83	30.388061	-95.67198	5	2	1	1	1	2	1	13	
3241	TX	NAD83	30.389378	-95.67348	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	14	
3242	TX	NAD83	30.389565	-95.673692	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	14	
3243	TX	NAD83	30.389733	-95.673883	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	14	
4201	TX	NAD83	30.392144	-95.676629	5	3	1	1	3	4	1	18	
4202	TX	NAD83	30.392472	-95.677002	5	3	1	1	3	4	1	18	
233	TX	NAD83	30.402661	-95.688606	5	4	1	1	2	3	1	17	
230	TX	NAD83	30.402905	-95.688884	5	4	1	1	5	3	1	20	
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3275	TX	NAD83	30.406049	-95.692465	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	14	
3276	TX	NAD83	30.406947	-95.693487	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	14	
3277	TX	NAD83	30.410895	-95.697984	5	3	1	1	2	2	1	15	Crossing is at a drainage ditch
157	TX	NAD83	30.420843	-95.709311	4	2	1	1	2	3	1	14	Eroded based off Soil survey name (ObC2 - Woodville soils, 2-5% slopes, eroded)
242	TX	NAD83	30.421703	-95.710291	4	2	1	1	2	3	1	14	Eroded based off Soil survey name (ObC2 - Woodville soils, 2-5% slopes, eroded)
179	TX	NAD83	30.431017	-95.720899	5	1	1	1	2	4	1	15	Eroded based off Soil survey name (ObC2 - Woodville soils, 2-5% slopes, eroded)
206	TX	NAD83	30.431401	-95.721336	5	1	1	1	2	4	1	15	Eroded based off Soil survey name (ObC2 - Woodville soils, 2-5% slopes, eroded)
112	TX	NAD83	30.436696	-95.727365	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	13	
130	TX	NAD83	30.438703	-95.729651	4	1	1	1	2	4	1	14	
216	TX	NAD83	30.445781	-95.737712	4	2	1	1	2	4	1	15	Crossing near man made pond between the year 2020 and 2021
255	TX	NAD83	30.450929	-95.743574	4	3	1	1	2	4	1	16	
237	TX	NAD83	30.452233	-95.74506	5	3	1	1	4	4	1	19	Crossing near man made pond between the year 2021 and 2022

Thank you



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Supplemental

Recent Application

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442 TX	NAD83				4	3	1	1	1	2	1	13

Onsite Findings:



Flat Land



Low Banks



Good Vegetation

Recent Application

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1 TX	NAD83				4	5	2	3	5	4	3	26

Onsite Findings



Sever Erosion
Gullies



High Banks



Sparse Vegetation



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Desktop Study of the Effectiveness of Hydrotechnical Mitigation Options

Project Status Update

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- **Project Schedule**
- **Outcome and Objectives**
- **Scope Overview with Task Updates**
- **Summary Status**
- **Questions**

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Project/Task Schedule

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- **T1 Project Management/Meetings May/2024 – Apr/2026 (ON-GOING)**
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Project Scope Outcomes & Objectives

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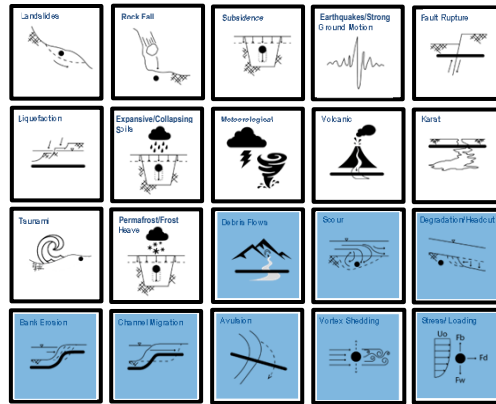
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- **Targeted Deliverables**
 - Guideline document for types of mitigation options based on crossing type; expected pipeline failure mode with documentation on historical service life; performance observed in various contexts; and techno-economical feasibility in practical pipeline contexts.
 - Collection of performance experience of temporary and permanent mitigation options in various applications (e.g., bank stabilization, scour and erosion control, girth-weld strengthening, composite applications) from pipeline and other related industries.

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Focus on Hydrotechnical Hazards:

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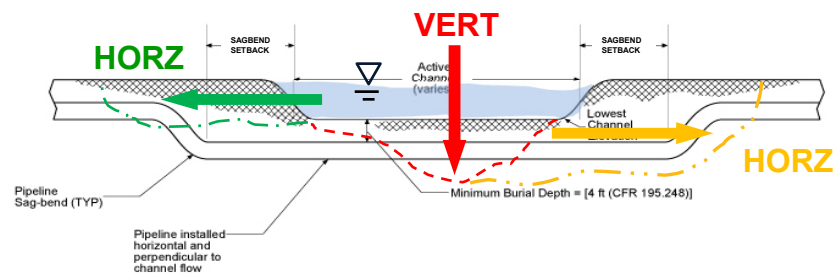
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HYDROTECHNICAL THREATS RELATIVE TO PIPELINE:

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...Scour, Erosion, Channel Migration, Vortex Shedding and Stress



Note: Conceptual section view looking downstream

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Example Bank Erosion/Exposed Sagbend

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Example Head-cutting and Exposed Pipeline

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Example Channel Migration at White River, WA

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Sources...

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...related to erosion, scour, channel migration, and other hydrotechnical threats, and the corresponding mitigation and countermeasures from technical papers, studies, published doc's, etc:

- **~60 technical references/sources (pipeline and other industries)**
- **~90 public DOT sources**
- **still adding/updating**

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List of Typical Mitigation Measures...

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- **Bed Grade Control (Vertical Riverine Processes): ~25**
- **Bank Protection (Horizontal Riverine Processes) ~90**
- **Training Structures (Combined Vert and Horz) ~40**
- **Other measures ~20**

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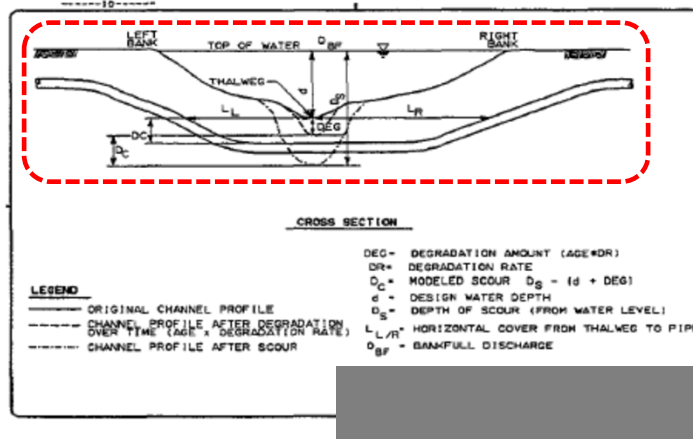
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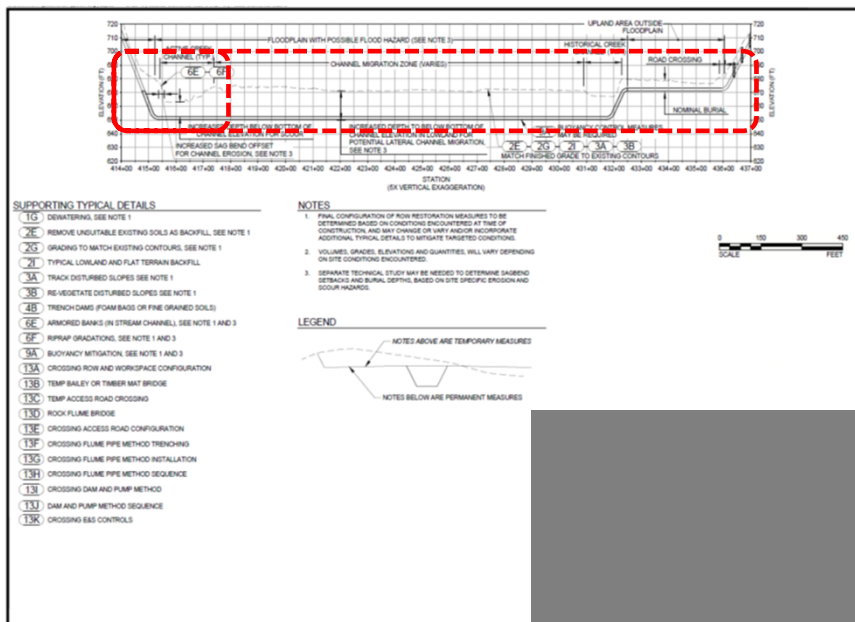
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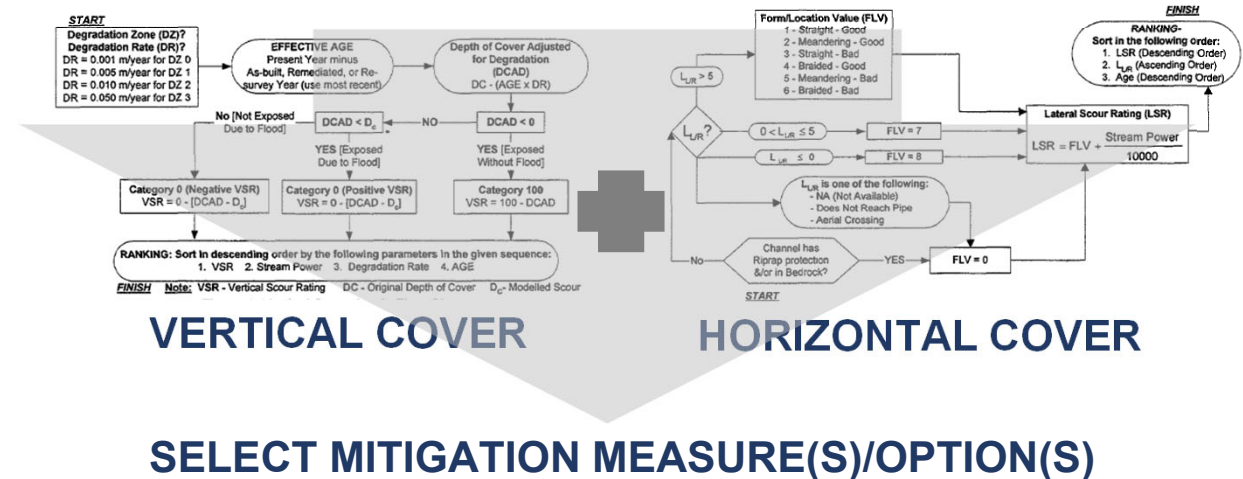


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Evaluation/Selection Workflow...

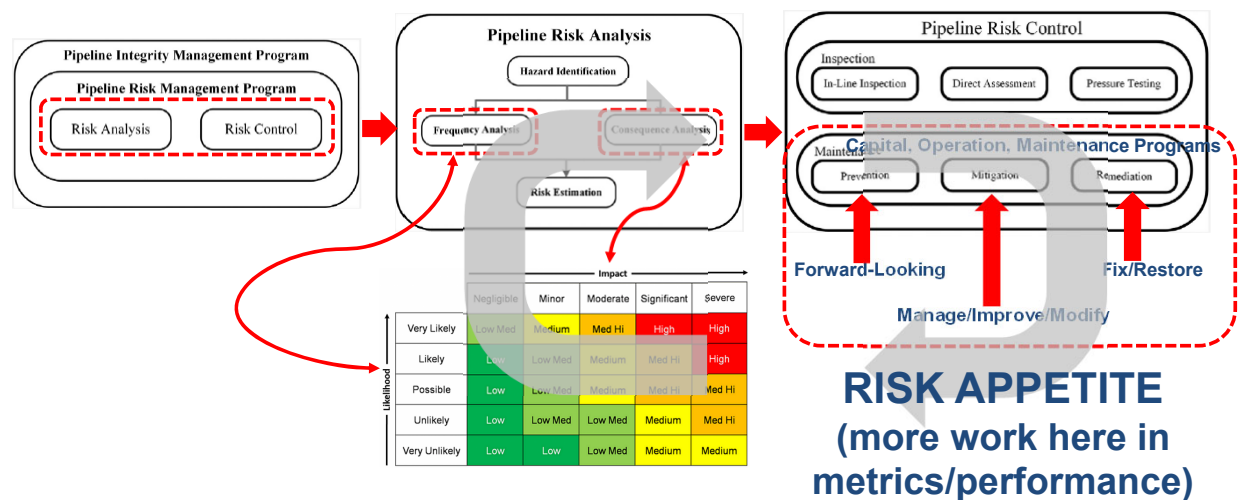


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Risk Perspective for selecting Mitigation...



Ref: Risk-based Pipeline Integrity Management: A road map for the resilient pipelines (Kahn, Yarveisy, Abbassi, 2019)

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PERFORMANCE METRICS (Prevention, Mitigation, Remediation)

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Ref: HEC 23 (2009)

DG# HEC-23 Design Guideline
CH# HEC-23 Chapter

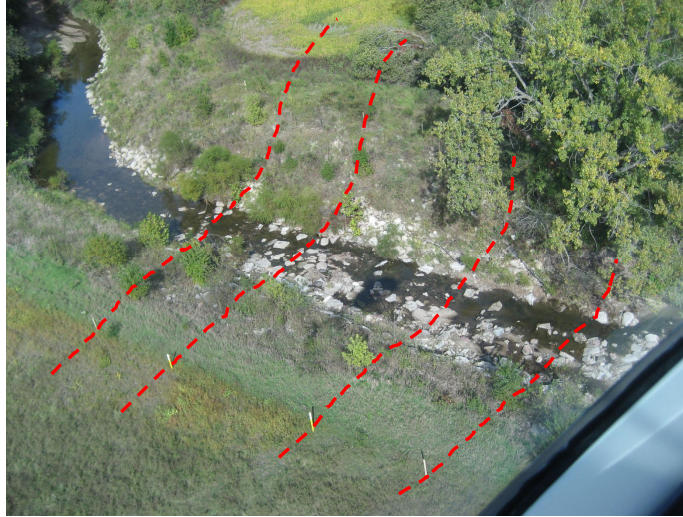
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Project Scope Overview (continued)

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Case Study: Bed Armoring/Multiple Crossing

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Case Study: Headcut Erosion (CO)

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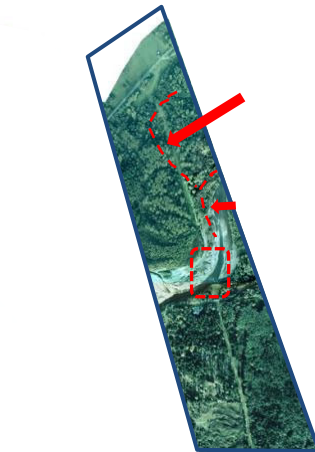
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Case Study: Channel Migration (WA)

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Case Study: Headcut Erosion (WA)

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Case Study: Headcut Erosion (KY)

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Case Study: Headcut and Bank Erosion

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Case-Study: Headcut Erosion (TX)

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Overview

Status

GHZ-03-01: Effectiveness of Hydrotechnical Mitigations

Status: CriticalNeeds AttentionOn Plan

Activities Underway/Completed (since last report) - On-going T1 Project Management - Completed T2 Literature Review Task - Underway on T3 Evaluation/Analysis Task - Early Start on T4 Case Studies Task	Overall Project Status/Significant Findings - T3 Eval/Analysis task work highlighting the importance of t4 Case Studies; prompted early-start on ID'ing case studies. - Importance of Risk-Based Methods - Targeted T3 Eval/Analysis team discussions at IPC
Planned Activities (next period) Continue on T3 Evaluation/Analysis Task (through Jan-Feb 2025)	Current Issues, Risks and Decisions Needed None

Rationale/Explanation of Deviations between Plan and Forecast

Overall Schedule - T2 Lit. Review started early-May/'24 and wrapped-up end-July/'24 - T3 Evaluation/Analysis starting Aug/'24, continues through Jan/'25 - Overall project completion Apr/'26	No issues anticipated at this time, project schedule is on track
Active Task(s) T3 Evaluation/Analysis: Completed team workshop on Sept 13, 2024 to review/discuss details on Eval/Analysis approach, currently continuing with work-flow.	No issues anticipated at this time, work progressing as planned
Cost to Date ~21-percent of total (2024-2026) effort	No issues anticipated at this time
Threats/Scope Changes or Additions None to date	

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Questions...

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GHZ-03-02

Desktop Review and Gap Analysis of Remote and Continuous Scour Monitoring Technologies

Project Status Update

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Status Update

Status:  Critical  Needs Attention  On Plan

Overview

Activities Underway/Completed (since last report) Submission of Deliverables 1 and 2 (Literature review, industry survey, and gap analysis)	Overall Project Status/Significant Findings On Schedule – Need to Resolve Project Objectives
Planned Activities (next period) Complete Deliverable 3 (Recommended Technologies and Vendors)	Current Issues, Risks and Decisions Needed Resolve Project Objectives to Establish Preferred Path

Rationale/Explanation of Deviations between Plan and Forecast

Status

Overall Schedule 	On schedule	
Active Task(s) 	Completing next deliverable (Recommended Technologies and Vendors)	On target for November delivery
Cost to Date 	On target	
Threats/Scope Changes or Additions 	None identified to date	

Desktop Review and Gap Analysis of Remote and Continuous Scour Monitoring Technologies - Overview

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- **Principal investigator: Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.**
 - Alexander McKenzie-Johnson
 - Bailey Theriault
- **PRCI Project Team Leader: Jared Rinker (Marathon)**
- **Total costs: \$99,000**

Project Objectives

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- To identify current scour monitoring technologies or approaches that are ready or near ready for field validation and deployment.
- To identify gaps in current scour monitoring technologies and provide recommendations for technologies that may be ready for deployment in the near future or that could be repurposed to serve as scour monitoring technologies.
- To set performance metrics to evaluate the performance of these technologies
- To define the requirements for field testing and to develop a list of field-testing sites and requirements to conduct the field testing.

Project Deliverables

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Five main deliverables:

- **Deliverable 1: Literature review and industry survey on the current state of scour monitoring technologies. (Completed)**
- **Deliverable 2: Gap analysis. (Completed and Combined with Deliverable 1)**
- Deliverable 3: Recommended technologies and vendors (as applicable) for field trials in the 2025-2027 timeframe. (November '24)
- Deliverable 4: Recommended scope, performance metrics to evaluate the success of the technologies, permitting requirements, and a schedule for the field trials. (January '25)
- Deliverable 5: A final report and presentation summarizing the above. (May '25)

Industry Survey

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- **Industry survey sent to participants (first task performed)**
- **13 questions on desired project outcomes, economics and considerations for technology selections**
- **9 responses from 8 companies**
- **Some broad areas of broad agreement and some areas of strong differences**

Industry Survey

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- **Objectives**

- Roughly evenly divided between:
 1. Calibration of methods used to assess and predict scour
 2. Scour monitoring (monitor the channel)
 3. Pipeline monitoring (monitor the pipeline)

- **Current Status:**

- Very limited use of on-site instrumentation
- Mostly:
 - Visual monitoring
 - Pre- and post-flood streambed surveys
 - Predictive modeling
 - Post-flood scour modeling
 - Depth of cover measurements

Industry Survey

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- **Technologies being considered**

- Acoustic
- Large stand-off magnetometry
- Fiber optic
- ILI
- Predictive models
- Temperature
- Scour monitoring sensor
- Remote sensing
- Drones

- **Frequency of Measurement and Reporting**

- Large range from minute by minute to annually
- Most respondents prefer relatively high-frequency reporting during flood events (near real-time)

Industry Survey

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- **Number of Locations and Longevity:**

- Most respondents would deploy technology at less than 100, with some less than 10.
- One respondent desired 1,000s of locations.
- Generally desired 8 to 10 years of functional life prior to replacement.

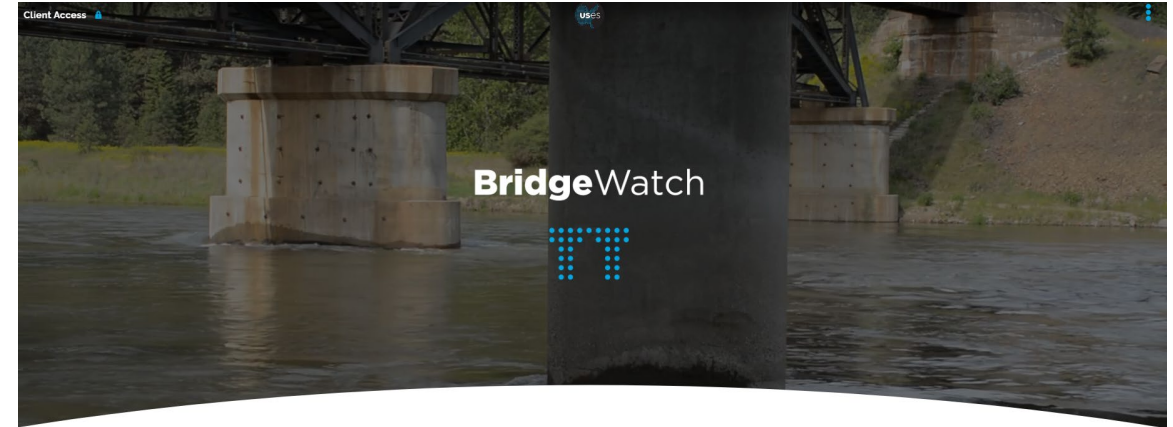
- **Economics:**

- Generally desired modest cost outlays, comparable or less than current costs for landslide monitoring systems.
- Some notion that costs should be cross-compared to other alternatives, such as mitigation or replacement of current practices.

Literature Review

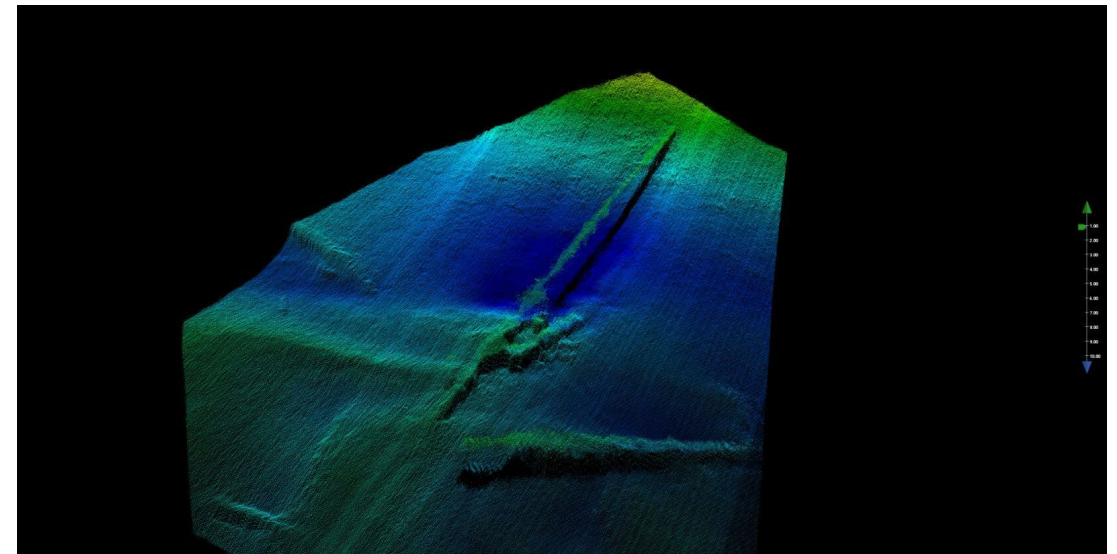
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- **Summary of Findings:**
 - Most scour monitoring (pipelines and other industries) is based on predictive modeling and direct physical surveys
 - Predictive models are indirect method of evaluating scour based on data such as stream gauges, precipitation, etc.
 - Physical surveys measure channel elevation before and after floods
 - Generally will not measure total depth of scour



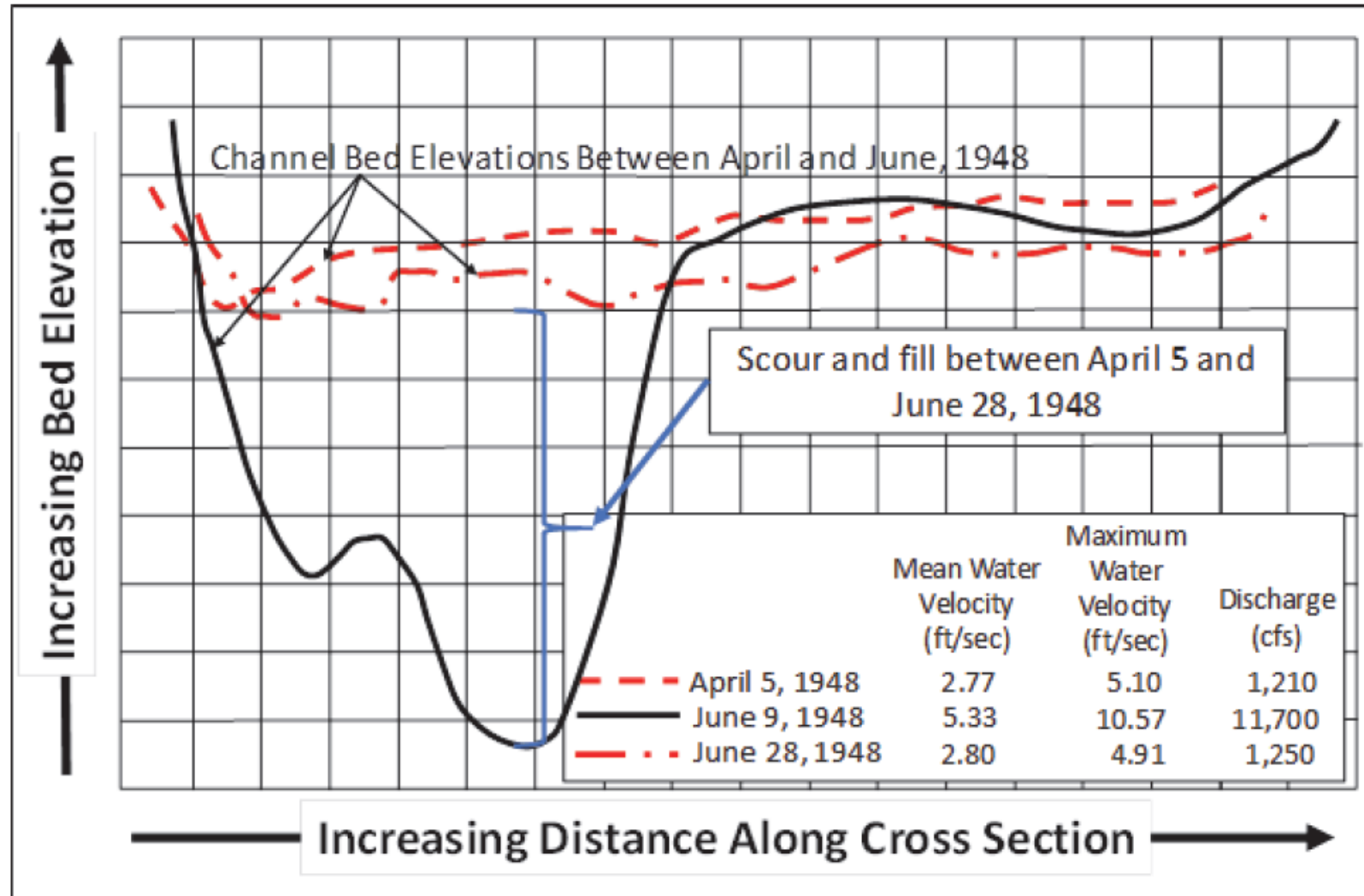
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Literature Review

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Literature Review

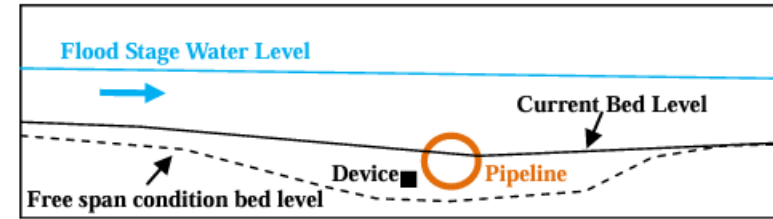
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- Extensive research into methods to measure provide site-specific maximum scour and near real-time monitoring since at least 1990s for bridges
 - **Much more limited research for pipelines**
- No silver bullet solution for dams or pipelines
- For pipelines, research has focused on:
 - Float-out systems
 - Thermometry
 - Acoustic
 - Strain

Float-Out Systems

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- Subject of GHZ-02-01
- Also tested by Dewar et al. (2014) with fish tags for short-term application (months)
- Noted as being difficult to install in areas with flowing water (e.g., perennial streams)
- May be suitable for intermittent streams with high flow variability
- One source notes extensive use by Caltrans (California)
 - **Permitting concerns for burial in streambeds??**



Dewar et al. (2014)

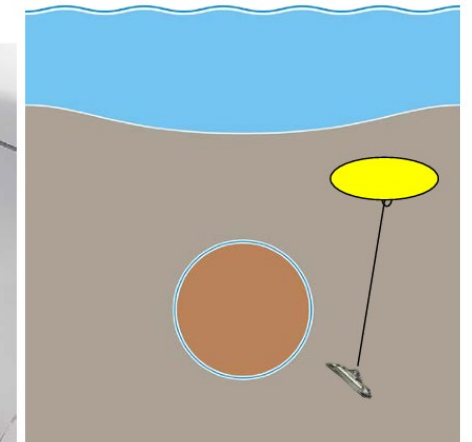
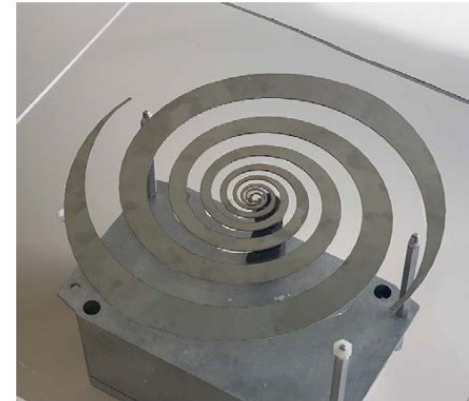


Figure 2: Final Prototype River Buoy with Spiral Antenna for Burying in Riverbed



drive it in pull it back it's locked!

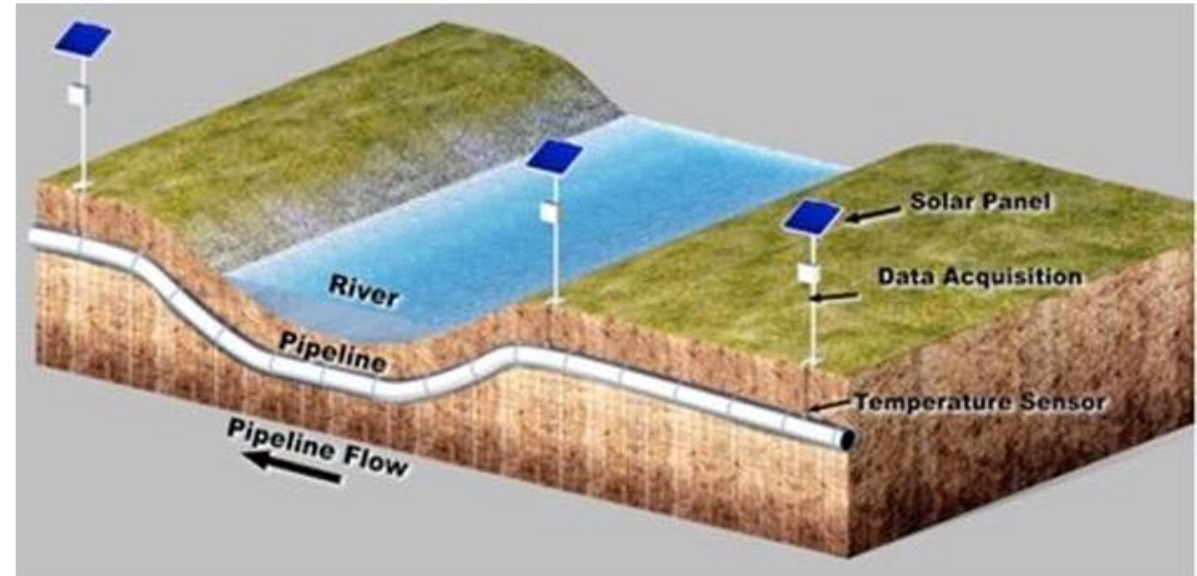
From GHZ-02-01



Thermometry Systems

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- Work on the principle that heat dissipation occurs faster in water than in sediment
- Active and passive systems
 - **Active:** Added heat, measure temperature dissipation
 - **Passive:** Measure temperature change
- Developed for onshore and offshore applications
- Some testing for pipelines, with potential successful detection of exposed pipe during one test



From Ariaratnam and Lich, 2023; image credited to PureHM

Acoustic/Strain Systems

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- Mentioned in vendor literature (HiFi, Geomorphic Solutions)
- Work on principle of acoustical/strain changes being picked up by sensors or fiber optic cable
- Acoustic/strain profile changes as scour progresses
- May have picked up scour and exposure during flood event based on vendor literature

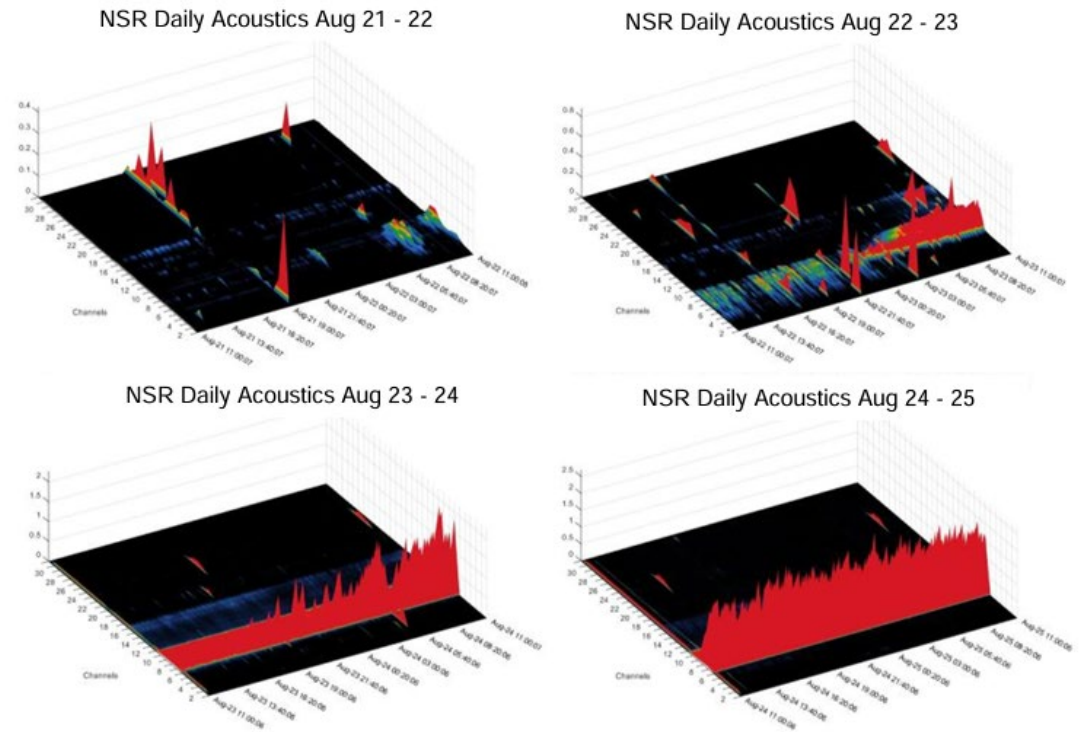


Image from HiFi Brochure

Literature Review

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- **Three main gaps identified based on literature review:**
 - ***Calibrating/validating scour equations in real-world conditions (vs. laboratory or controlled settings)***
 - How accurate are these equations?
 - How often do they overpredict scour? Underpredict?
 - ***Measuring scour during flood events***
 - How deep did the scour actually go?
 - How does this compare with what was predicted?
 - ***Identifying if pipeline exposed/suspended/impacted***
 - Is my pipeline being exposed during the flood?
 - Should I make operational changes?
 - Do I need to deploy response teams to the location?
 - Should I inspect the pipeline after the flood?

Why Do These Gaps Exist?

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- **Periods of maximum scour are destructive to in-water instruments and challenging to measure**
 - Many instruments work well in controlled/laboratory settings, but are destroyed or damaged during actual flooding or have difficulty in making accurate measurements
- **Cost of installation/maintenance (economics)**
- **Noisy/hard to interpret data**

Next Steps

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- **Selection of recommended technologies and vendors**
 - To be documented in next deliverable (November, 2024)
- **Identification of scope, performance metrics, permitting requirements, and schedule for field trials**
 - Anticipated delivery January, 2025
- **Final reporting and hand-off to field trial team**
 - May, 2025

Value to Members/Knowledge Transfer

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- **Target audience:** Teams responsible for pipeline integrity at watercourse crossings (e.g., geohazard management teams, integrity engineers, Operations)
- **Value:** Risk reduction, fewer false positives/false negatives of pipeline impact from flooding
- **Knowledge transfer recommendations:** Deliverables to be published by PRCI; ultimate results will depend on results of field testing
- **Questions/comments?**

Thank you



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GHZ-03-03 Fitness-for-Service Framework to Address Circumferential Cracks Near Water Crossings

Scope-of-Work Development



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Fall 2024 TC Meeting
October 15, 2024

Overview

Activities Underway/Completed (since last report) • Scope of work development	Overall Project Status/Significant Findings • Project is in early phase
Planned Activities (next period) • Selection of contractors and forward SOW to selected contractors & receive their feedback/quotes	Current Issues, Risks and Decisions Needed • N/A

Rationale/Explanation of Deviations between Plan and Forecast

Status

Overall Schedule	• On schedule	• N/A
Active Task(s)	• Complete review and finalizing SOW	• N/A
Cost to Date	• N/A	• N/A
Threats/Scope Changes or Additions	• N/A	

GHZ-03-03 – Overview

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- **Principal investigator: TBD**
- **PRCI Project Team Leader: Ali Fathi, Enbridge**
- **Total costs: \$283,200**
- **Background: Fitness-for-service assessment of circumferential cracks requires assessment of loading conditions encountered at water crossings as well as pipeline resistance to crack growth and pressure containment loads expected at water crossings. Current assessment methods lack consensus on loading scenarios to be considered for circumferential cracks at or near water crossings. Models to predict fatigue capacity of girth welds were developed primarily for offshore pipelines. The validity of applying the offshore girth weld models to onshore pipelines is unknown.**

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- **Research Objectives/Project Deliverables:**

This project will provide an updated framework to address circumferential cracks or potentially cracking anomalies at or near water crossings by leveraging and expanding the scope of assessment considered under NDE-4-24 and the River-X projects, and it will be used as a basis for updating the fitness-for-service assessment for circumferential cracks at water crossings in API 1176. This project will also provide the background information required for the future River-X software update.

Value to Members/Knowledge Transfer

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- **Target audience: pipeline operators, consultants and regulators**
- **Value: Ability to address the fitness-for-service of circumferential cracks using appropriate stress-based, strain-based or risk-based framework**
- **Knowledge transfer recommendations: Update fitness-for-service assessment for circumferential cracking at water crossings in API 1176**
- **Questions/comments?**

Thank you



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GHZ-03-04

New Multi-Year Project: Field-validation of remote and continuous scour monitoring, technology 1

Project Scope Overview



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Dallas, TX
October 15th, 2024

Field-validation of remote and continuous scour monitoring, technology 1 - Overview

- **Principal investigator: TBD – RFP to be issued**
- **PRCI Project Team Leader: Tammy Moore**
- **Total costs: \$1,284,400**
- **Research Objectives/Project Deliverables:**
 - 1) identification of 4-5 water crossing sites or river research facility for deployment of technologies, the selection of sites should be geographical diverse with high potential for flood events over a two-to-three year monitoring period. Selection of sites may also include locations where technologies were already deployed by operators,
 - 2) selection of vendors and technologies and coordination of field validation for performance evaluation which may also include permitting for temporary or permanent site-specific installations,
 - 3) planning for alternate measurement techniques for technology validation, and approaches to validate quality of the measurements including bathymetry,
 - 4) data collection and analysis, and
 - 5) comparison of the technology performance and scour predictions set by the performance indicators

2024 Preparation Activities

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- **Completed technology workshop on April 2. Well-attended, good technology brainstorming session**
- **Technologies tested will depend on group decisions stemming from the desktop study (GHZ-03-02)**
- **Looking for field sites – Let Tammy/John know if you are interested**

Thank you

