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## Innovating Distributed Embedded Energy Prize (InDEEP)

**Introduction to Distributed Embedded Energy Conversion Technologies (DEEC-Tec)**

May 03, 2023

# Webinar Logistics

- Everyone is joined in listen-only mode
- Audio Issues?—Try connecting over the phone
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- Q&A—Submit your questions using the chat box

# Agenda — Sections of the Webinar

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1. Introductions — Prize and People
2. Present Distributed EMBEDDED Energy Conversion Technologies (DEEC-Tec)
3. Q&A
4. Wrap Up





# Section 1) Introductions — Prize and People



# Innovating Distributed Embedded Energy Prize ← Promoting The Prize



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## Innovating Distributed Embedded Energy Prize



- \$2.3M prize pool
- Three phases over two years
- Incentivize progress in early-stage research
- Help solve technical challenges that could be applied to wave energy

# Contributing to Leaderboard Scoring

- For questions about the prize overall, view our recorded conversation on April 12
- Participation in this webinar contributes to your final leaderboard score
- **Make sure to complete the Leaderboard Eligibility Form to receive points for your participation**
- If you haven't done this yet, do so now:  
<https://www.herox.com/indeep>



WPTO's desired outcome for InDEEP is an understanding of the landscape of innovators and potential DEEC-Tec solutions that could be applied to wave energy devices.

# InDEEP Personnel

- Jenny Wiegele
- Sam Cuneo
- Carrie Schmaus
- Nicole Mendoza
- Bill McShane
- Blake Boren
- Jochem Weber
- Thomas Mathai
- Ryan Ingwersen
- Jesse Roberts



A scenic sunset over the ocean with a teal banner overlaying the text. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The foreground shows a rocky coastline with some sparse vegetation.

## Section 2) Present Distributed EMBEDDED Energy Conversion Technologies (DEEC-Tec)



# Describing DEEC-Tec — Levels of Hierarchy





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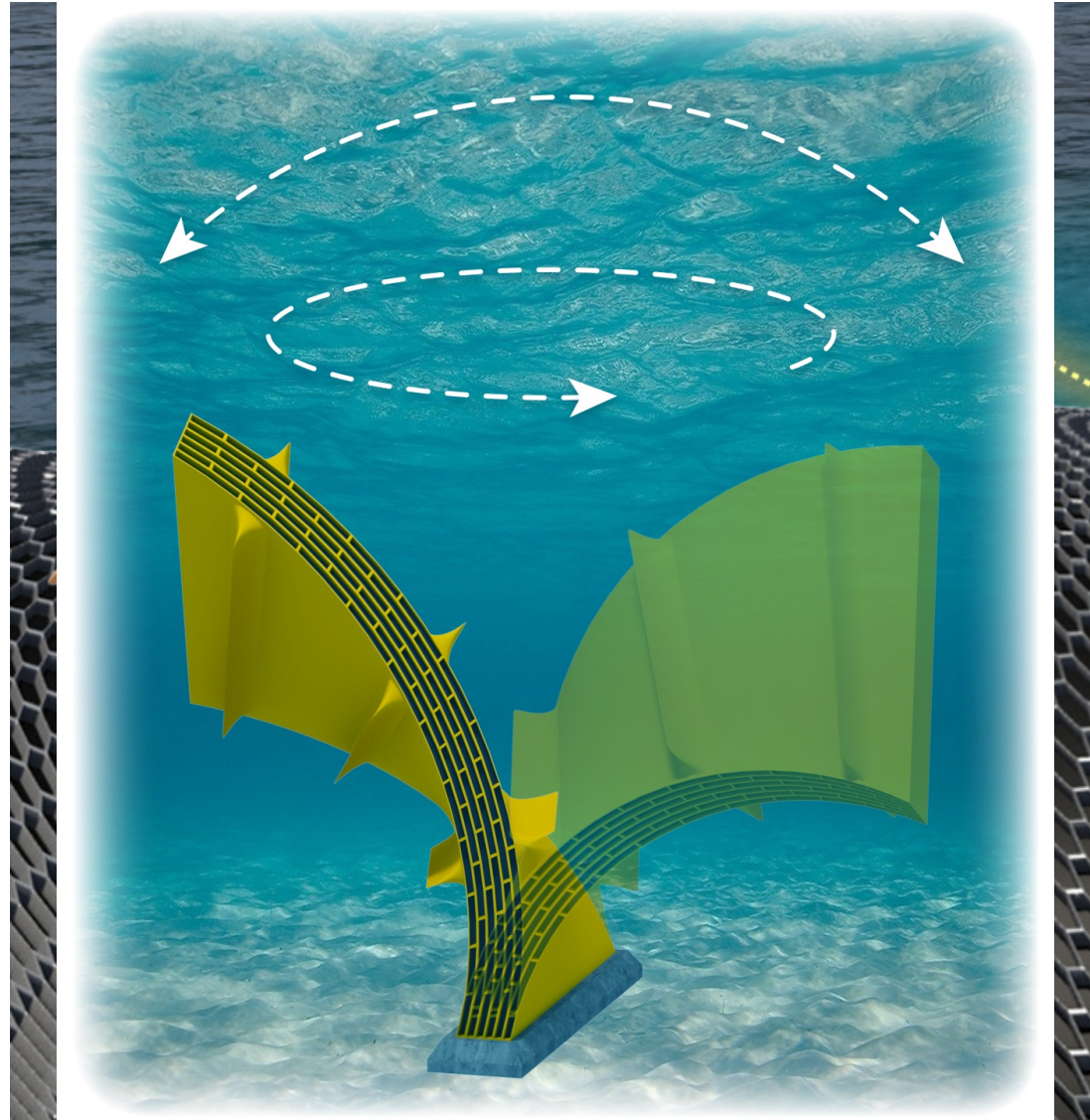




# Section 2a)

## Describing DEEC-Tec — Levels of Hierarchy

Bottom Fixed Surging FlexWEC



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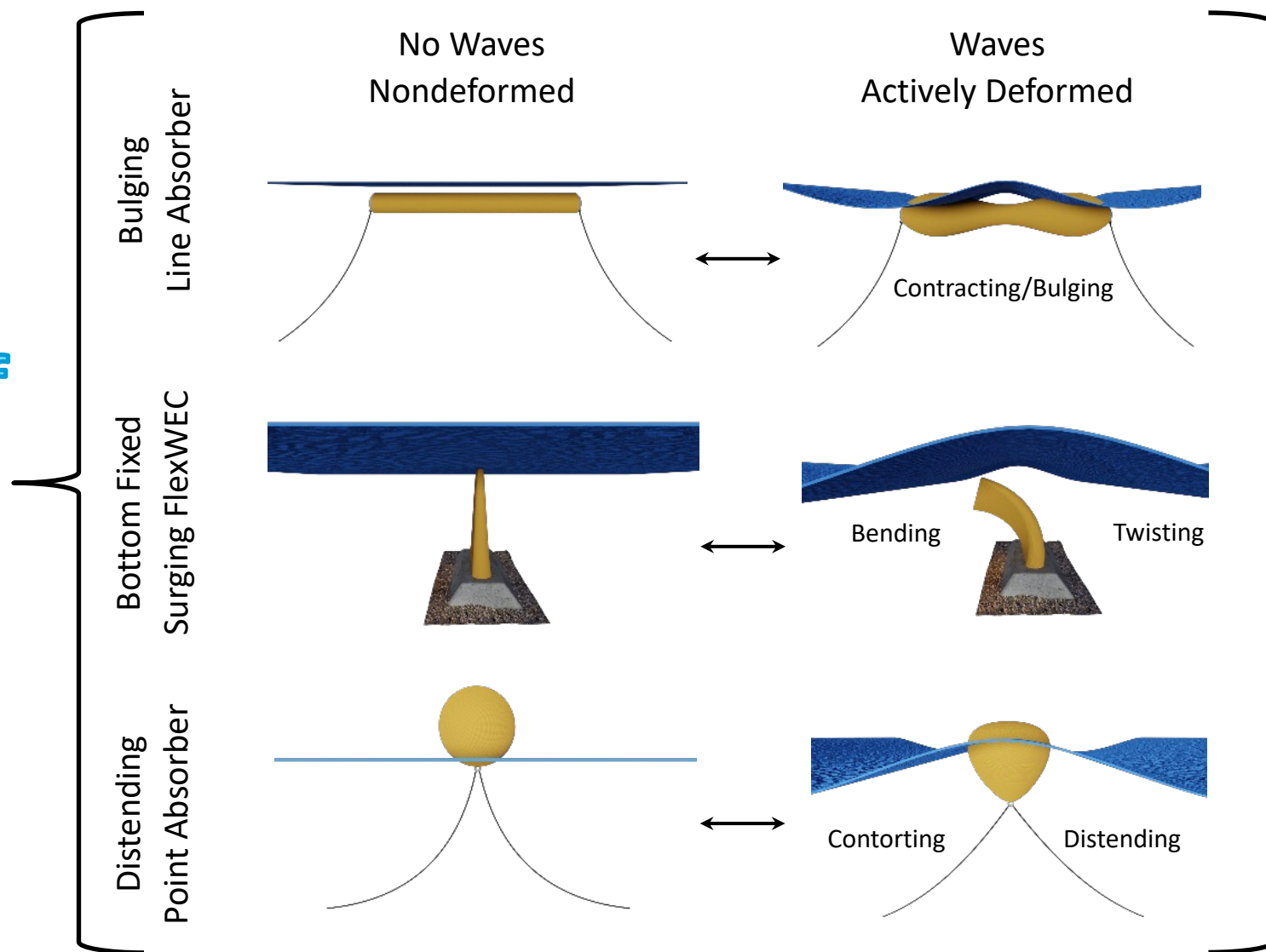
This is just a reference.

Note, a Bottom Fixed Surging FlexWEC is just one out of many possible ocean wave energy converters that could be based upon DEEC-Tec.



# Describing DEEC-Tec — Levels of Hierarchy

Some other examples of ocean wave energy converters.



Three example WEC archetypes made from DEEC-Tec metamaterials.

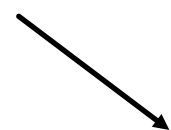
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Still Water; Ocean Surface

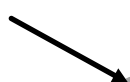


Leveraging a Bottom  
Fixed Surging  
FlexWEC as  
a reference to  
describe DEEC-Tec's  
Hierarchy Levels

A Bottom Fixed Surging FlexWEC



Seafloor



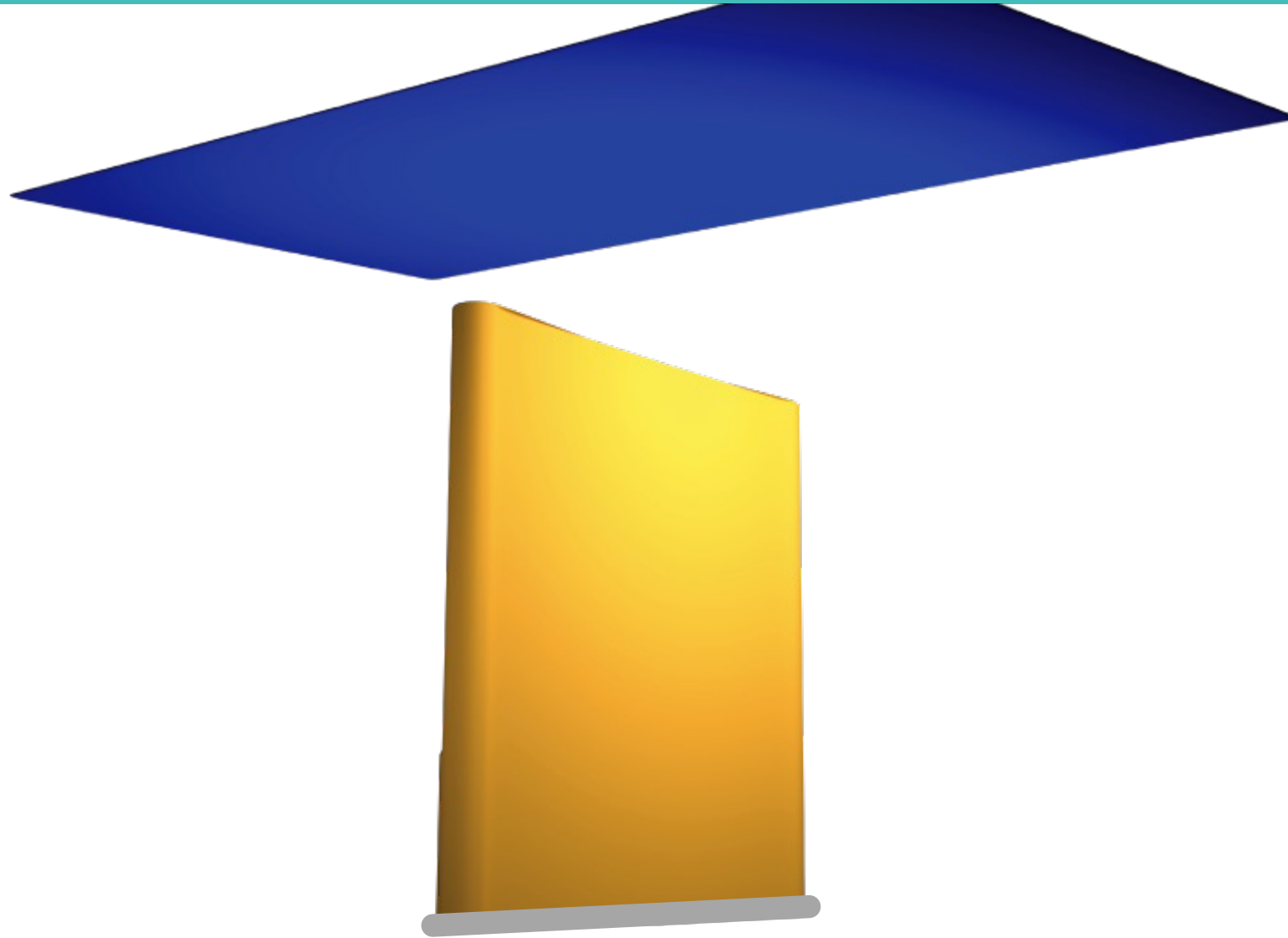
## Hierarchy Level 3

**Complete Ocean Wave Energy Converter**

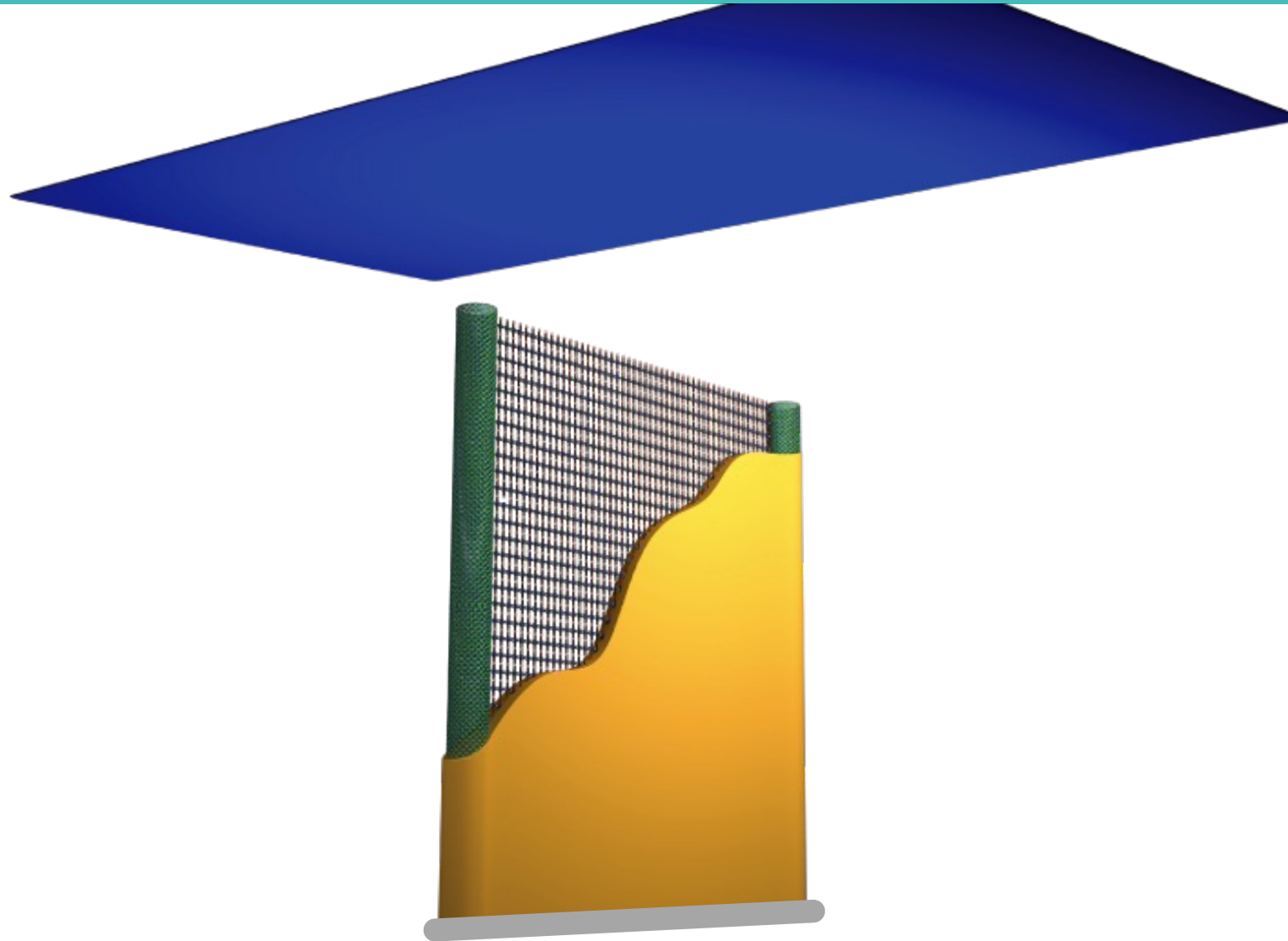
This is the highest level and represents an overall actual ocean wave energy converting structure.



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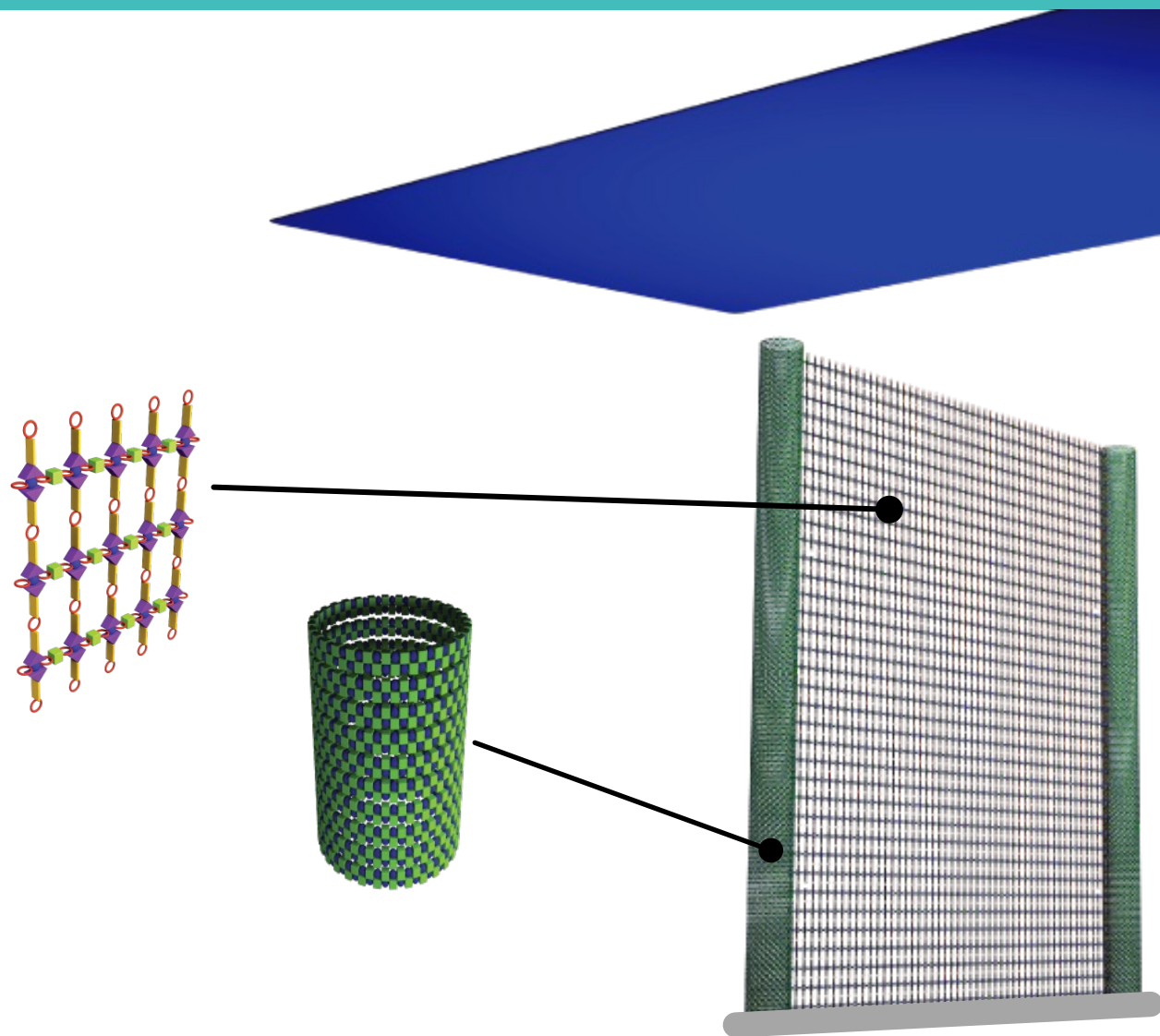


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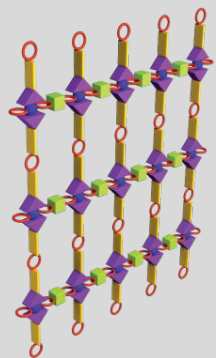


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This level represents the various DEEC-Tec “building materials/frameworks” used to create an overall energy converting structure.

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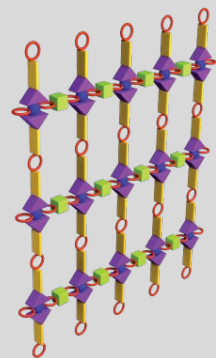


Pictorial Representations of Individual Distributed Embedded Energy Converters

## Hierarchy Level 1

### Individual Distributed Embedded Energy Converters

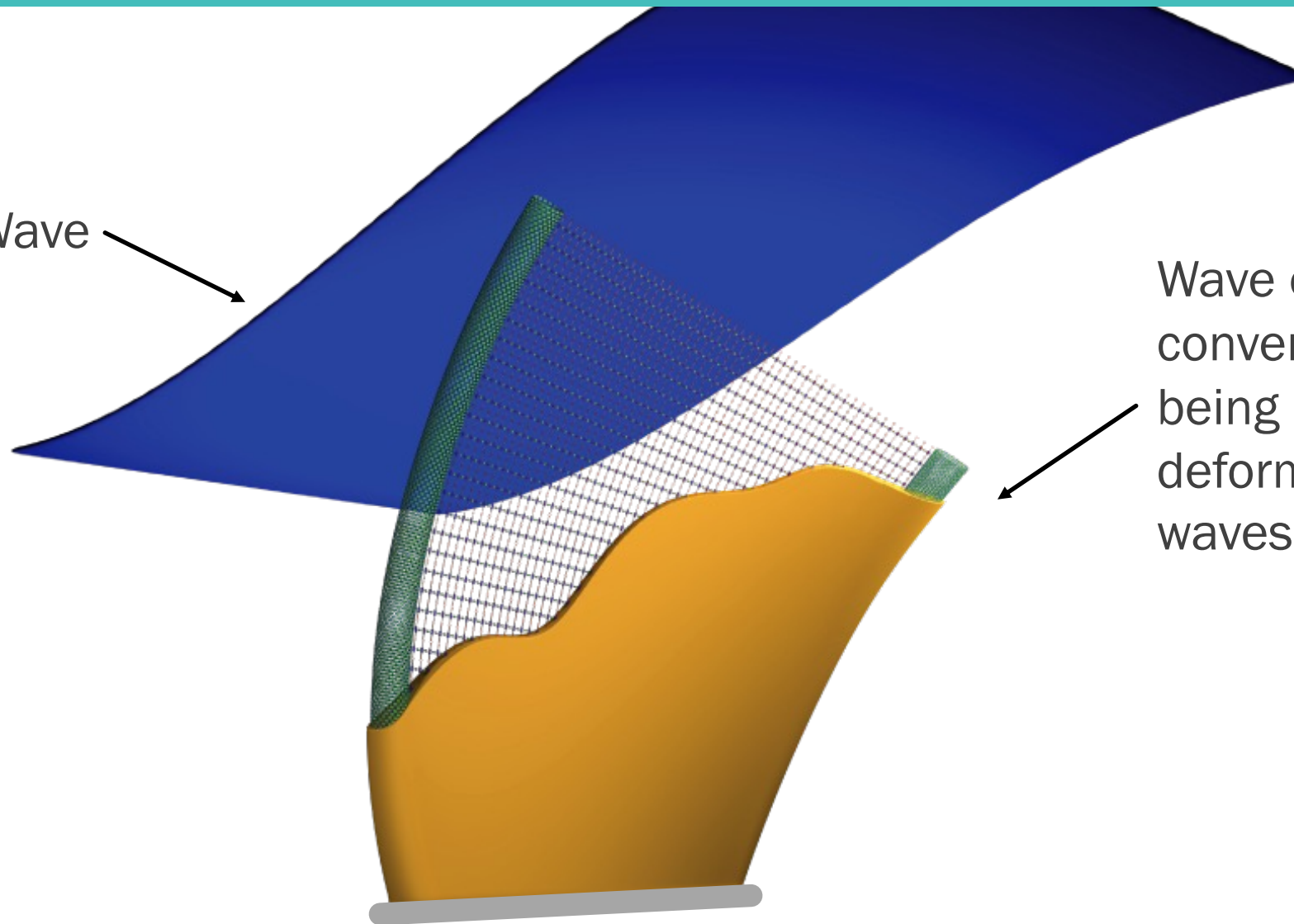
This level represents base components – they are energy transducers capable of distribution and/or embedment with others to create DEEC-Tec metamaterials.



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# Describing DEEC-Tec — Levels of Hierarchy

Ocean Wave

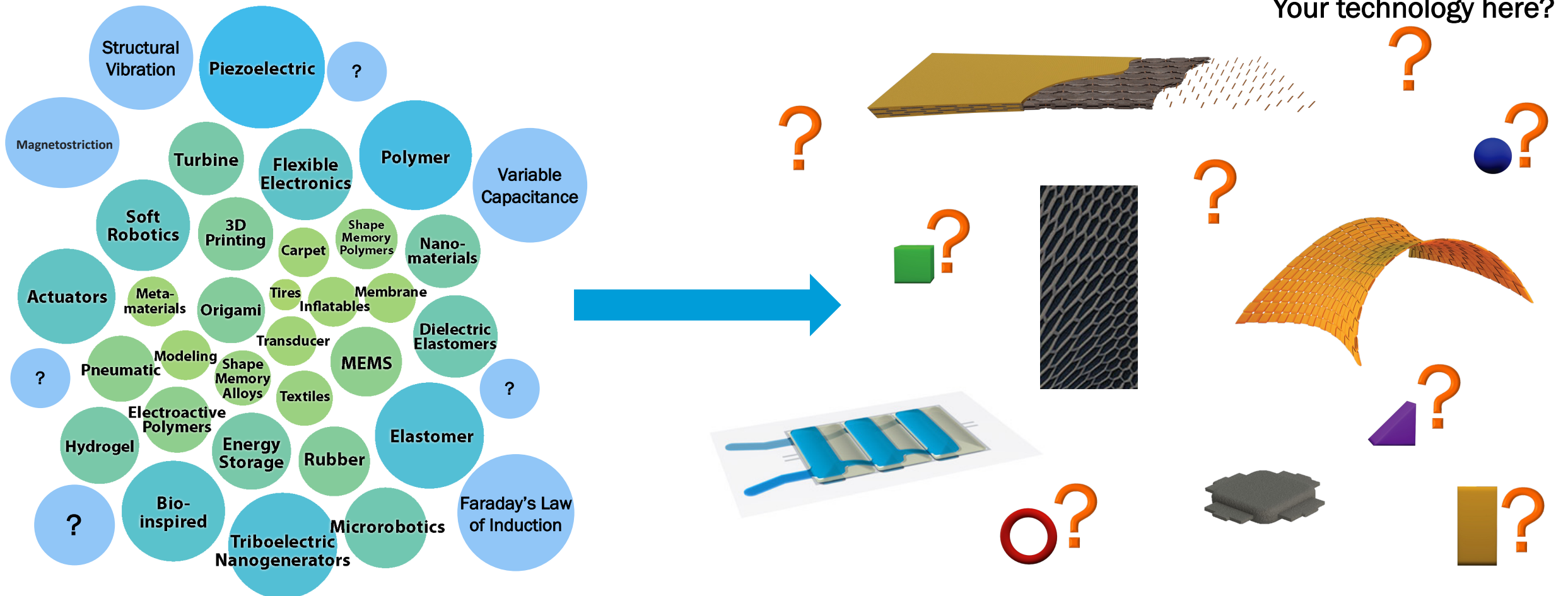


Wave energy  
converting structure  
being dynamically  
deformed by ocean  
waves.



# The DEEC - Tec Domain is Vast!

There are many unknown possibilities leveraging any number of technology domains—especially in terms innovating DEECs and DEEC-Tec metamaterials:



Let's De-Risk: InDEEP



# Questions and Answers



# Wrap Up & What's Next for InDEEP



# Competitor Support Mechanisms

- Save the Dates!  
Upcoming Training Sessions:
  - May 10: Innovation methods
  - July 5: TPL assessment
- Provide us feedback in the webinar poll to make sure upcoming sessions are useful
- Teaming Platform
- Submission Feedback
- Mentorship in Innovation Methods and TPL Assessment
- *Resources linked in Appendix C of the Rules Document*





# Read the Rules

For a more in-depth look at the prize overall where these topics will be applied, please read the rules document, available here:

<https://americanmadechallenges.org/challenges/indeep/docs/InDEEP-Prize-Rules.pdf>

