

**Monitoring the Environment  
in the 21st Century**  
**-An update from an equipment user  
and supplier**

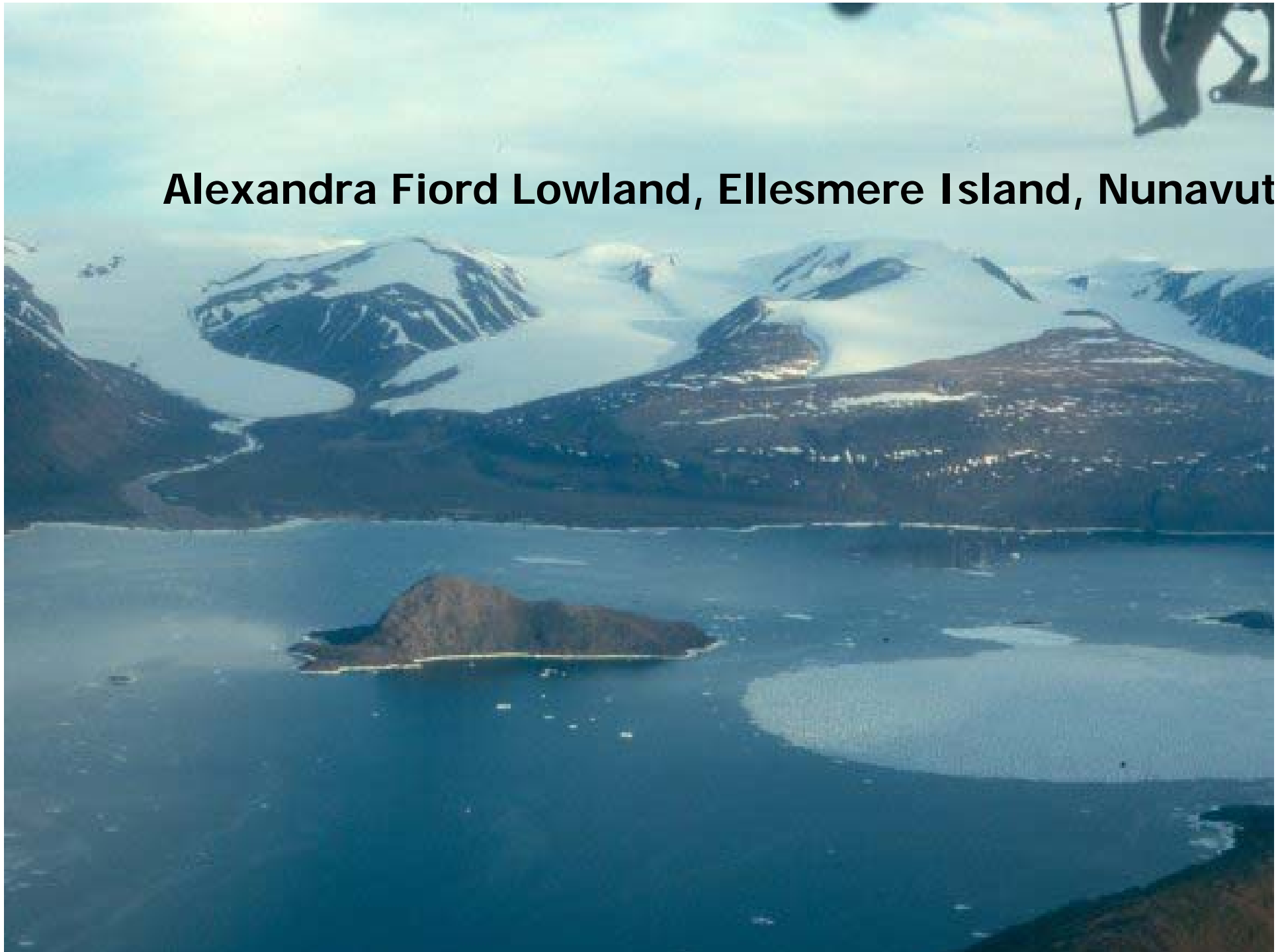
**Claude Labine,  
Campbell Scientific Canada**

**Water Quality Conference  
St John's, June 2007**

**Devon Island Ice Cap, Nunavut**



**Alexandra Fiord Lowland, Ellesmere Island, Nunavut**



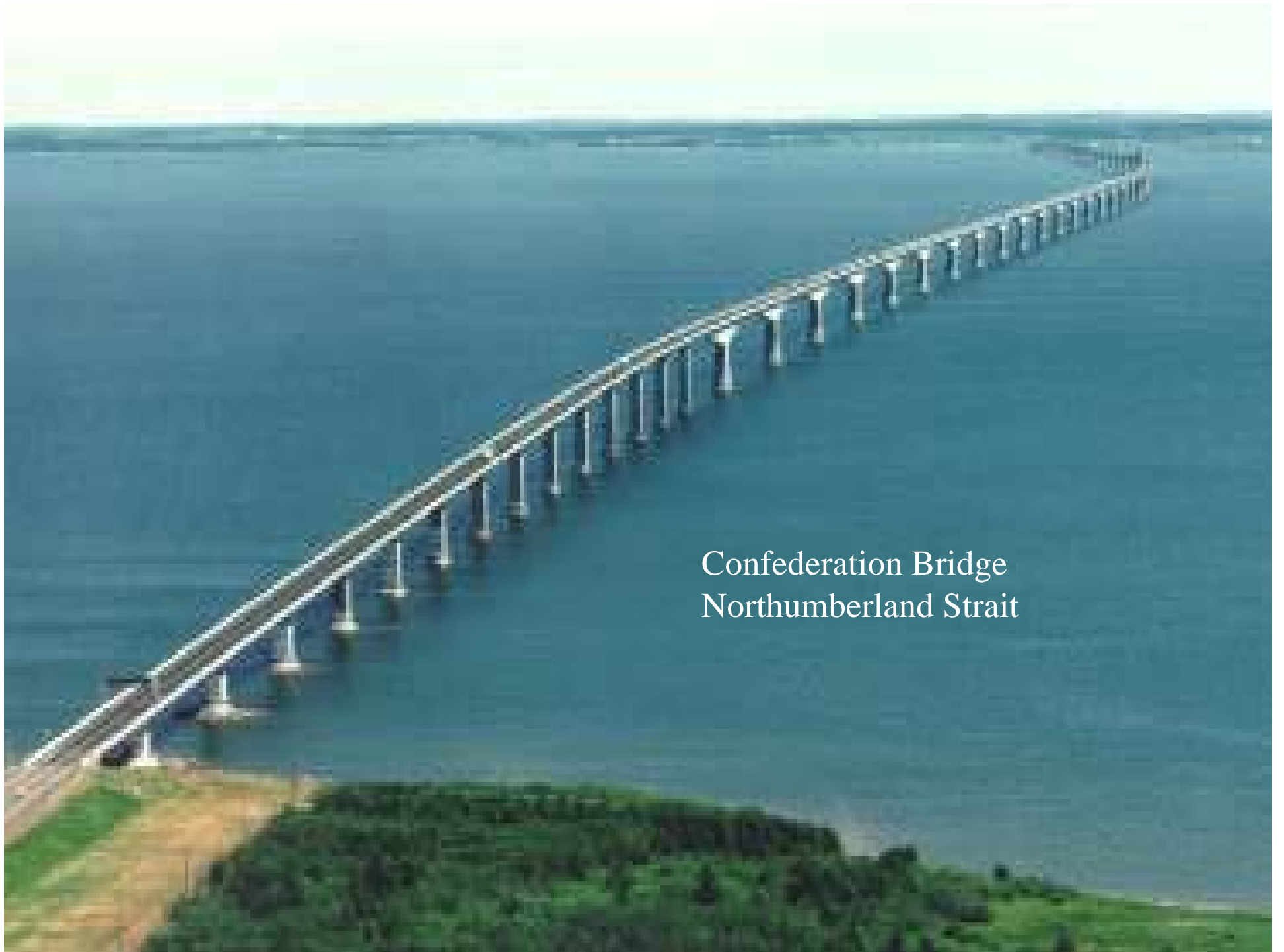




Vehicle Testing

Maintenance Schedule





Confederation Bridge  
Northumberland Strait

# Overview of Considerations

Good planning in experimental design is a keystone  
to a good monitoring program

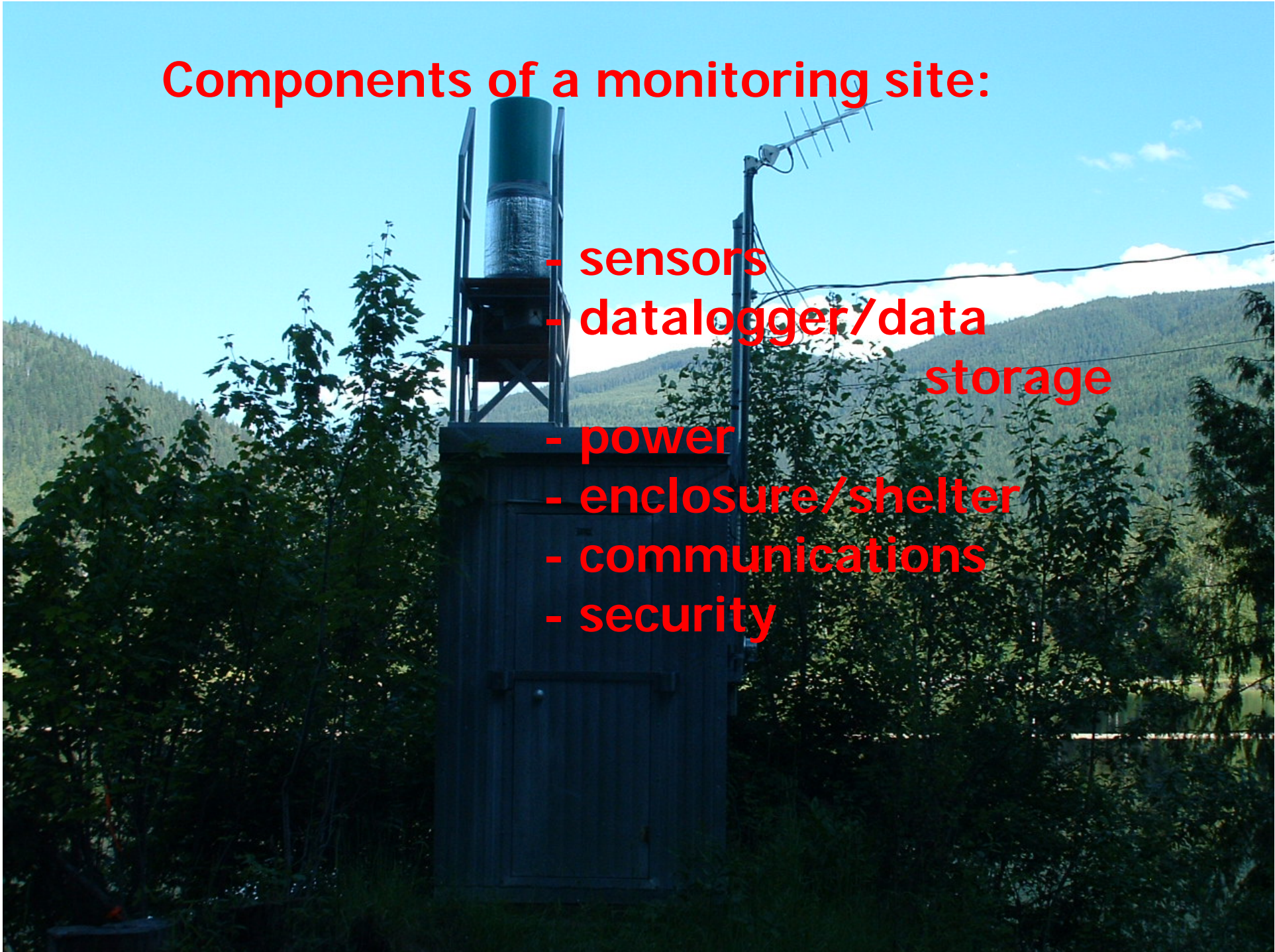
## Five Basic Questions

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| Why   | Keystone of Good Monitoring Program          |
| What  | What Parameters Required                     |
| Where | Proper Site Selection                        |
| When  | Frequency – Caution Don't Over Monitor       |
| Who   | Requires the Information – Consider Partners |



## Components of a monitoring site:

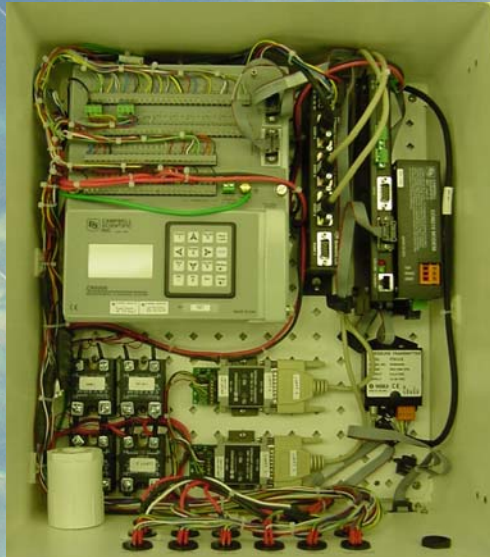
- sensors
- datalogger/data storage
- power
- enclosure/shelter
- communications
- security



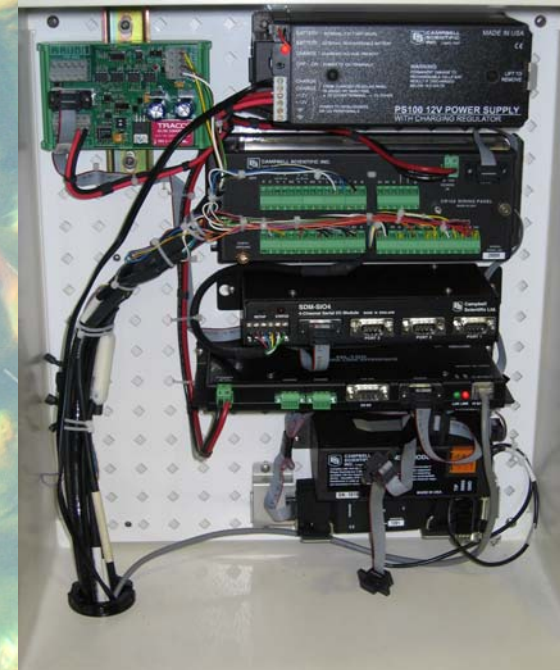


# Equipment Considerations

Pre-Wired



Wired on Site



Capital Cost  
Installation  
Flexibility  
Maintenance





## Power Supply

- needs proper design
- solar and wind charging systems
- the dawn of small fuel cells

## Extreme temperature environments

- cold specifications





## Telecommunications:

- Telephone (line and cellular)
- Radio – Spread Spectrum
- Satellite: GOES & Argos
  - MSAT
  - Iridium
  - Globalstar
  - Xplorenet (Anik)
- Internet



A scenic view of a river flowing through a forested valley. The river is dark blue and turbulent, with white foam from rapids. The banks are covered in snow and rocks. The background features a dense forest of evergreen trees and a mountain range under a clear sky.

Maintenance & Calibration

Program Responsibility

Documentation & Metadata

Data Management

Data Quality Control

Staff Training





**Data Management & Quality Control**

**Spreadsheets**

**In-House Development**

**Aquatic Informatics**

**W.M.O.**

**On-Site QC FLAGS**

**Various Levels of QC**

**From Hourly to Yearly**

**Single Station to Network**





**“New Developments”**

**Submersible Fluorometers for Chlorophyll a, blue-green algae and Rhodamine WT trace dye with an expanded range up to 500 ug/L.**

**Self-cleaning Turbidity sensor specifically for long-term deployment with an extended range up to 3000 NTU**

**Sensors that have a built in cleaning system to help reduce the maintenance clients are required to do to get reliable data.**

**Luminescence based Dissolved Oxygen sensors**

**SDI protocol**

**Camera**





**Thank you!**