# Integration of Renewable & Distributed Energy Resources



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### Hawaii's isolation poses serious risks ....



### High Electricity <u>Price</u> and <u>Volatility</u> Linked to Overdependence and Cost of Oil

#### **High Cost of Service**

Hawaii ranks #1 in US electric energy costs:

45.85 cents/kWhLanai47.06 cents/kWhMolokai41.89 cents/kWhHawaii37.83 cents/kWhMaui35.48 cents/kWhOahu(Avg. Residential rates in 2014)

#### 11 - 12 cents/kWh U.S. avg.

Source: Hawaiian Electric Company and Hawaii DBEDT



#### **Renewable Energy Aimed to "Break the Link" and Lower Cost**



### Hawaii Retail Electric Rates 2015 – 2016 ¢/kWh





### Hawaii's Progressive Leadership in Clean Energy <u>Policy</u>

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#### Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI)

The State of Hawaii, US DOE, and local utility launched HCEI in January 2008 to transform Hawaii to a 70% clean energy economy by 2030:

- Increasing Hawaii's economic and energy security
- Fostering and demonstrating Hawaii's innovation
- Developing Hawaii's workforce of the future
- Becoming a clean energy model for the U.S. and the world
- 2009 *Strong Hawaii Policies* <u>Highest</u> RPS Target in the United States

**40% by 2030** (2015 - 15%; 2020 - 25%)

Other key policies:

- Tax incentives
- Retail Rate Net metering
- · Feed in tariffs

#### **2011** *Policy Evolution Reflecting Market Realities ...*

Amended the definition of "renewable electrical energy" to include starting in 2015, customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation

### **2015+** *Continued Policy Evolution* ...

- New RPS targets: 30% by 2020; 100% by 2045
- Net metering change wholesale rate sale





Source: State of Hawaii, "Hawaii Energy Facts & Figures," Hawaii State Energy Office, Honolulu, May 2016





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### Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute (HNEI)

Advancing Renewable Energy and Grid Technologies

#### Renewable Power Generation

- Ocean Energy
- Photovoltaics

**Energy Efficiency** 

• Sea Water Air

Conditioning

• Building Technology

#### Power Systems Optimization and Systems Integration of Renewables

- Grid modeling and analysis
- Smart grid and micro-grid R&D
- Application of grid storage



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#### Electrochemical Power Systems

- Batteries
- Fuels Cell

#### **Alternative Fuels:**

• Biomass, Biofuels, Hydrogen, Methane Hydrates

Established to develop, test and evaluate advanced grid architectures, enabling policies, and new technologies and methods for effective integration of renewable energy resources and power system optimization



### Maui Island Leading the way in Wind and Solar Power



### Maui Advanced Solar Initiative

US DOE & ONR funded, <u>HNEI led</u> project to develop and demonstrate advanced PV inverter functionality in a smart grid environment



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### Field Performance & Data Mining





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### Software sends control curves to adjust inverter



### **Technology Validation and Optimization**

- Field survey and circuit modeling
  - Investigate / collect circuit information
  - Analyze and model circuit data and smart inverter functionality
  - Use model to develop and optimize smart inverter control algorithms and iterate with field operation and measured performance



### **Voltage Along the Feeder**



### Voltage Along the Feeder (cont.)



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### **Real Power & Voltage**

Magnitude of voltage effects on neighbor is dependent on sec ckt configuration





### Lessons Learned: Inverter Standardization

- Real Power Curtailment
  - % of Inverter Rating
- Volt-Var Curve
  - Number of points
  - Y-axis = % of Available VARs, % of Max Vars, % of Max Watts
    - SMA = 50% of KVA rating
    - Hitachi = 100% of KVA rating (will reduce real power output)
    - Fronius = limited to power factor >= 0.85
  - Steepness of curve



### **Next Step Applications**

- Smart inverters can be used to control voltage
- Voltage effects are dependent on:
  - Loading
  - Topology
- Development of control algorithms to manage voltage



## Mahalo! (Thank you)











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