

### Smart and Renewable Power System Transformation Overview, Issues, and Projects



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### **Energy Systems Integration – The Concept**

**ESI Vision:** Highly integrated, flexible, and efficient systems that enable utilization of clean energy sources while maintaining reliability at an affordable cost



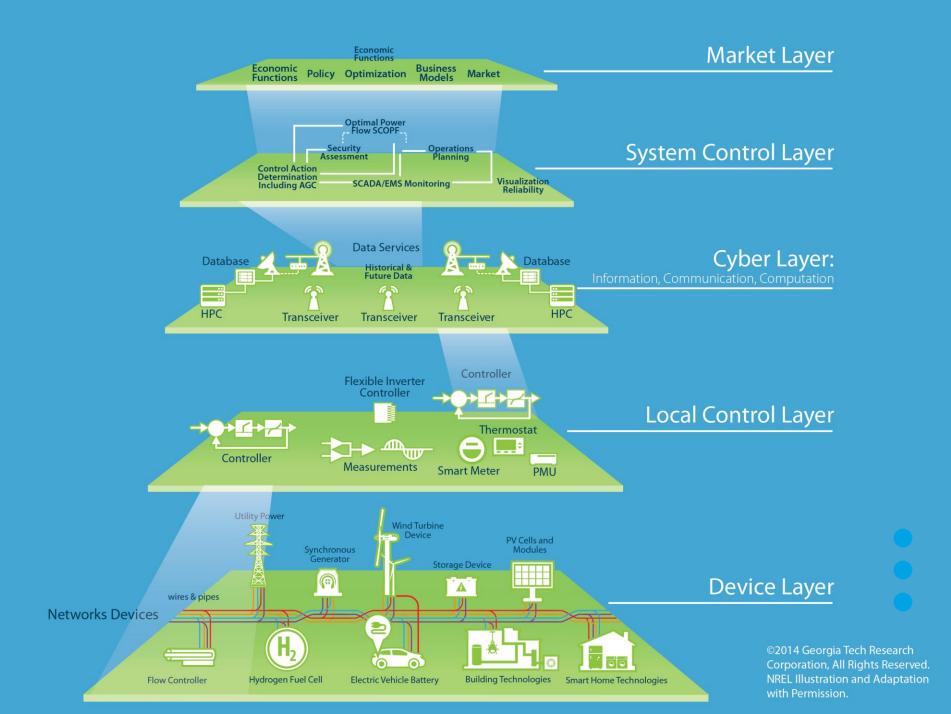
## **Trends in Power System Transformation**

- Energy and IT convergence for more: data, sensors, intelligence and control
- Need for more flexible power systems
- Increased renewable energy with lower costs
- Evolving customer engagement
- Increased interactions with other sectors
- Global concerns about emissions
- Energy access initiatives
- Market and investment challenges
- Changes to utility business models

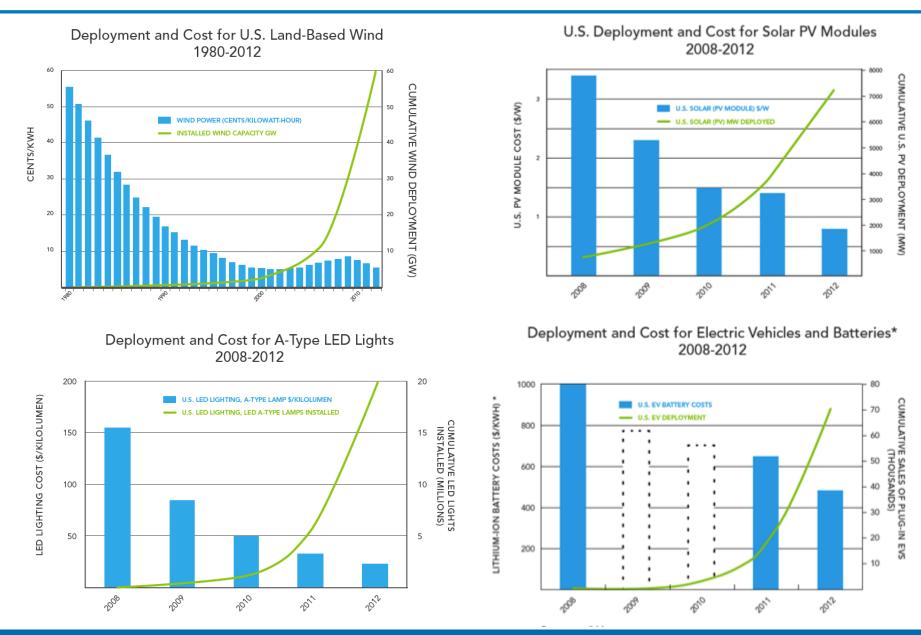






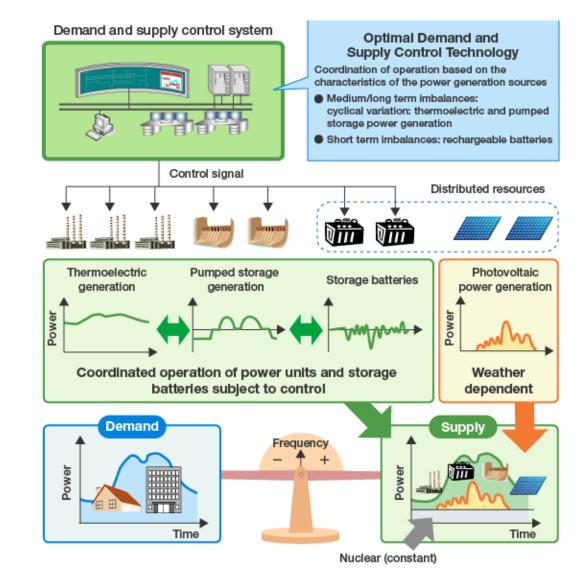


### **Costs are Declining and Deployments are Increasing**

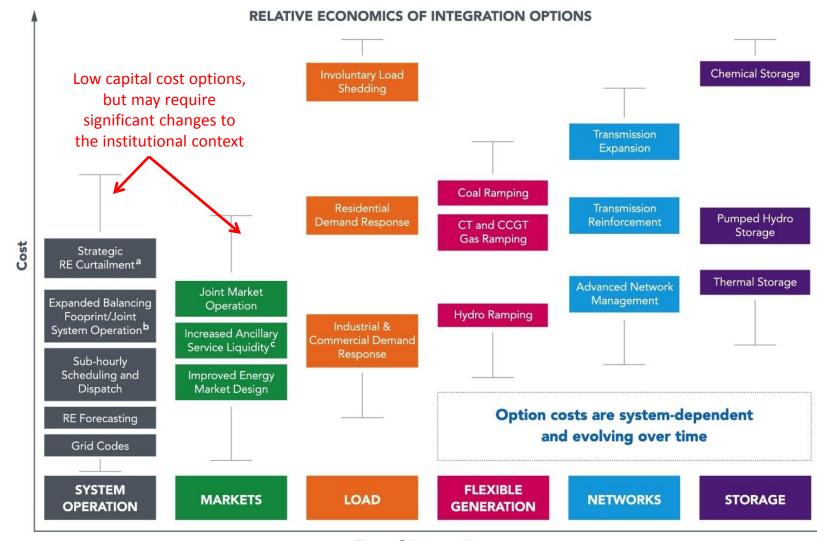


### **Grid Integration Issues**

- High wind and solar means lesser but *more variable* use of other assets
- Issues with voltage and frequency regulation, can limit renewables
- High efficiency, demand response, and new loads are changing demand and making it *more variable*
- Existing T&D grid increasingly strained by two-way power flow



### **Frequently Used Options to Increase Flexibility**



Type of Intervention

# **ESIF Laboratories**

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The future of energy is integrated systems

**Outdoor Test Area** 

#### **Electrical Systems Laboratories**

- 1. Power Systems Integration
- 2. Smart Power
- 3. Energy Storage

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- 4. Electrical Characterization
- 5. Energy Systems Integration

#### **Thermal Systems Laboratories**

- 6. Thermal Storage Process and Components
- 7. Thermal Storage Materials
- 8. Optical Characterization

#### **Fuel Systems Laboratories**

9. Energy Systems Fabrication

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- 10. Manufacturing
- 11. Materials Characterization
- 12. Electrochemical Characterization
- 13. Energy Systems Sensor
- 14. Fuel Cell Development & Test
- 15. Energy Systems High Pressure Test

#### High Performance Computing, Data Analysis, and Visualization

- 16. ESIF Control Room
- 17. Energy Integration Visualization
- 18. Secure Data Center
- 19. High Performance Computing Data Center
- 20. Insight Center Visualization
- 21. Insight Center Collaboration

# **NREL + Advanced Energy**



#### **TECHNOLOGY ADDRESSED**

Solar inverter controls validation for high penetration utility and commercial photovoltaics (PV).

#### **R&D STRATEGY**

Demonstrate 500 kW PV inverter performance by connecting the inverter to NREL's megawatt scale grid simulators, PV simulators, load banks and real-time electric distribution feeder models.

#### IMPACT

Increase PV saturation without negatively impacting the distribution grid through modifying the behaviors of inverters.



# **NREL + SolarCity and HECO**

### TECHNOLOGY ADDRESSED

Interconnection challenges when connecting distributed PV into the electrical distribution grid such as in Hawaii (HECO).

### **STRATEGY**

Inverters from various manufacturers will be tested at ESIF using NREL's unique power hardware-in-the-loop capability to evaluate system-level issues such as anti-islanding and volt-VAR support.

#### **IMPACT**

HECO filed with the PUC to modify their interconnection policies to allow siting of PV systems with solar inverters on neighborhood distribution circuits up to 250% of minimum daytime load (MDL). Previously the full study requirements kicked in at 120% MDL





# **Consolidated Utility Base Energy (CUBE)**

- Integrated platform for 60 kW PV-Battery-Diesel hybrid power system
- Connections
  - 60 kW load
  - Two 30 kW diesel generators
  - Four 5 kW PV Arrays
  - One 30 kW battery bank
  - One spare 30 kW battery connection

### Components

- Modular power electronic building blocks
- Power distribution components
- Power protection components
- Magnetics and other filter components
- Liquid cooling system
- Control platform based on FPGA and RT Controllers
- Initial Partners
  - NREL and U.S. Army Mobile Electric Power (MEP)
- Current Partners
  - NREL, Wyle, and U.S. Army Rapid Equipping Force (REF)





# **Deployment Project Summary**

- Energy strategies for islands
  - Examples: USVI, Hawaii, and Brazil
- Remote RE projects and mini grids
  - Examples: Alaska, U.S. National parks, and Indonesia
- Communications Infrastructure
  - Example: Verizon cell towers
- Microgrid Design and Analysis
  - Examples: Lanai, MCAS Miramar, JB Soto Cano, Kwajalein







# **Indonesia MCC Overview**

Supported \$600 M MCC Indonesia Compact with Green Prosperity Projects. Program development and pre-feasibility studies (hydro, biomass, cacao, peat lands, solar)

### **Example Project Overview**

- Off-grid hydropower
  - Jambi -> Merangin -> Rantau Suli ~76 km from the grid
  - o 2.5 MW hydro energy system
  - Supply power to 4,115 households and 19 villages
- Integrated with NRM and SLU
  - Catchment area protection
  - Agricultural intensification

### Green Prosperity

- Expanded access to electricity
- Increased lighting, TV, and appliances
- Enough power for commodity processing
- Hydropower replaces small diesel gensets

### • Grid Integration Issues

- Supply issues in dry season
- Landslides and trees take out power lines
- Power quality and operations and maintenance









# **Clean Energy Grid Integration Network**

- Partnership to support developing countries with grid integration challenges
  - Information resources
  - Technical assistance
  - Trainings

## https://cleanenergysolutions.org/cegin









## **Thank You and Questions?**

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