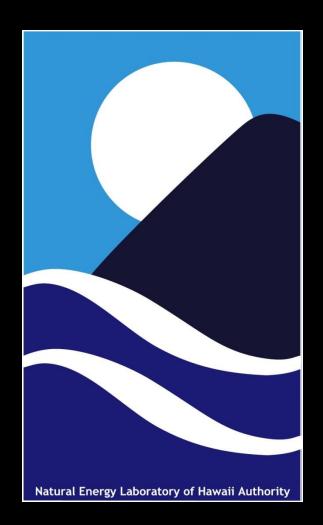
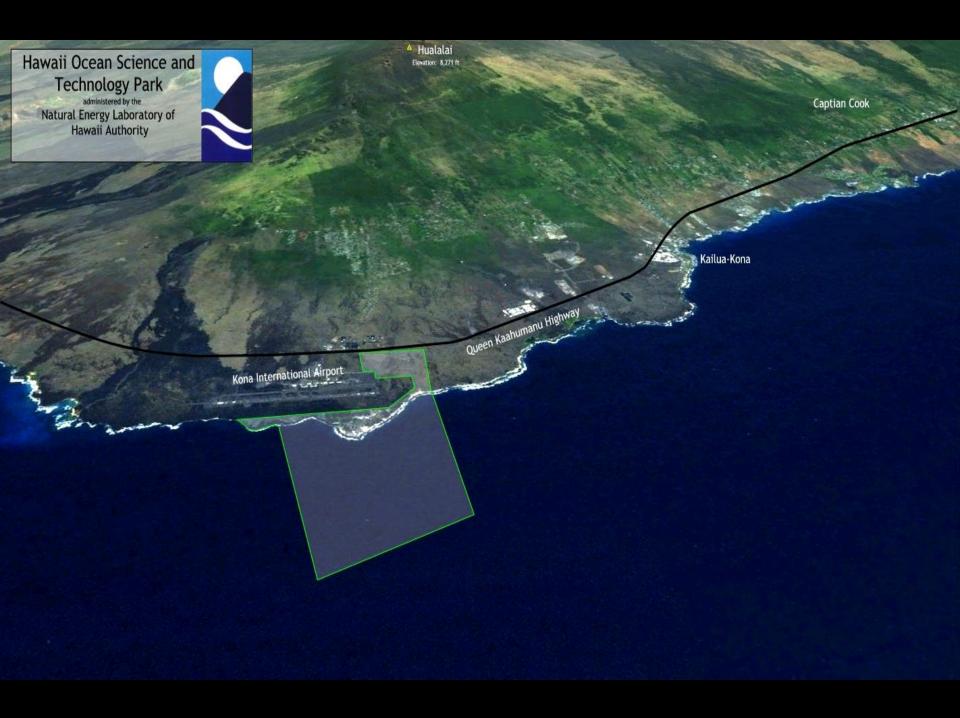
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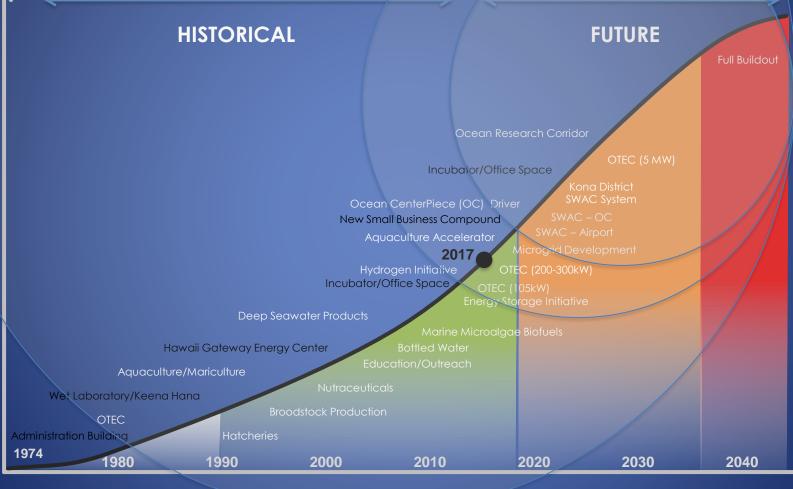


#### Ocean Science

## **HOST** Park Lifecycle

Ocean Energy

Ocean Cooling



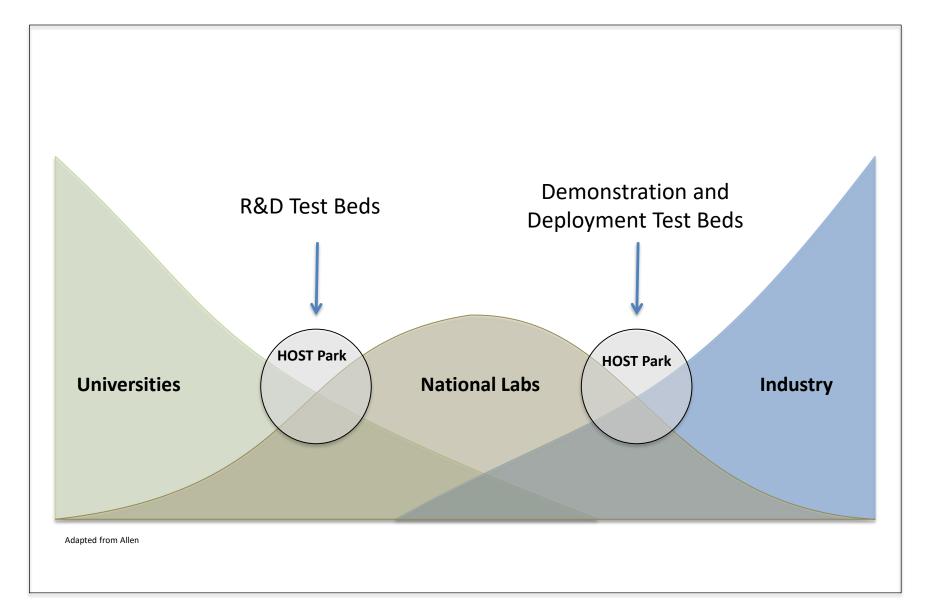
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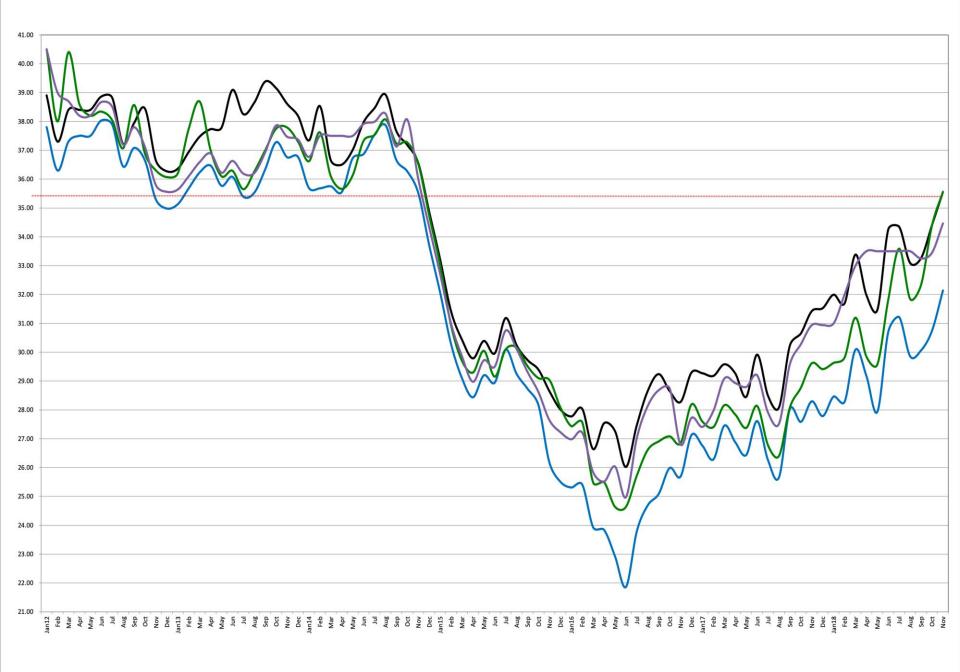
**MATURITY** 

TIME

# Bridging the "Valleys of Death"



#### Research Campus/Kau-Warm/BPS3-ISSW/55" Pumpstations Cents per KWH





# CURRENT ENERGY INITIATIVES

# Clean Tech and Renewable Energy Strategy

- OTEC is primary focus.
- In addition, focus as an outdoor demonstration site for, national labs, DOD, and private sector. Not Basic Research.
- Add clean energy, storage devices, <u>real world</u> grid connected simulations, renewable energy integration, smart/micro grids.
- Asia/Pacific location.
- Biofuel/CSP/SWAC/OTEC/OCAES projects.
- Demonstrate "integrated" clean energy systems (Airport/NELHA/County/HELCO).

# Pursuing near-term projects is important to making progress, and also informs policy needs

#### **Current Projects**

#### **Features**

- 1. Near term projects should fit within current constraints.
- 2. Ability to streamline project siting is a key differentiator for NELHA.
- 3. Requires **capital** investment.
- Seek <u>tech expertise</u> to vet and execute projects (e.g, through partnerships, research comm.)
- 5. Provides opportunity to directly engage <u>labs and universities</u> (HNEI).
- 6. Requires engaging with **partners** (e.g., HELCO, Airport, NGO's).

#### **Focus Areas**

- 1. **Energy storage** projects.
- 2. <u>Ocean & solar</u> electric generation.
- 3. Solar thermal desalination.
- 4. Regional <u>seawater air</u> <u>conditioning</u>.
- **5.** Energy efficiency for seawater pumping system.
- 6. Microgrid projects at a limited scale. Full microgrid probably unrealistic at this time. Research microgrid is much more attractive.

# Need to continue to identify policy issues and advocate changes to enable future projects

#### **Policy Challenges**

#### **Features**

#### **Focus Areas**

- 1. Requires political capital and time.
- Enables NELHA to host a greater range of technologies.
- 3. Requires engaging with HELCO.
- 4. Seek technical expertise to explore details of options, e.g, through partnerships, advisory group, or board subcommittee.

- Address challenge of energy distribution within park
  - Enable wheeling across TMKs
  - Consolidate TMKs
  - Apply for a waiver
- Address procurement constraints.
- 3. Address ocean energy master permitting.
- Expand Enterprise Zone eligibility beyond just wind.

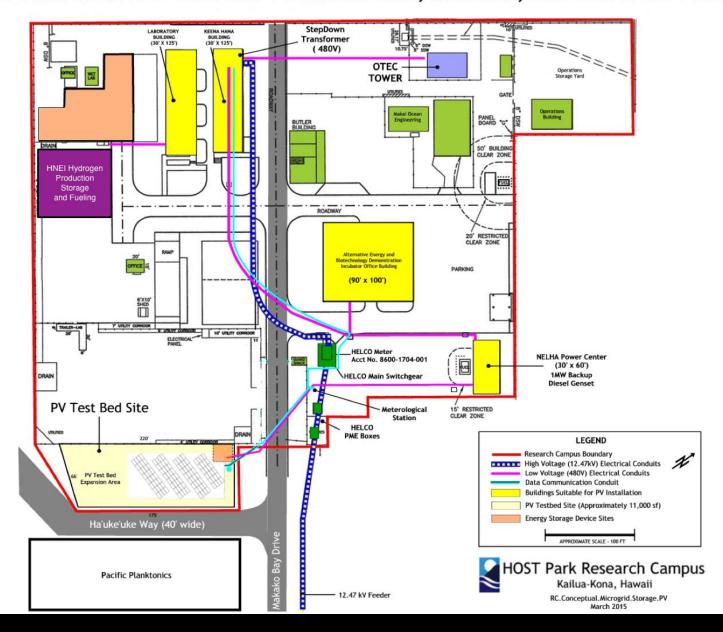
#### Gateway Site

- Site for the grid connected 100kW UET battery. Generation 3 -Vanadium Flow. PNNL.
- Funded by US DOE, UET, HELCO and Ulupono.
- CSP site (4 acres) is no longer operational and owned by NELHA
- Received \$2M grant from US DOE for a solar desalination project
- In discussions with UW to lease Gateway Center for a Physicians' Assistant program





#### CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND BASE MAP FOR MICROGRID, STORAGE, AND SOLAR TEST BED





# Hydrogen, Production, Storage and Fueling Station (Commissioning Phase)







### Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion

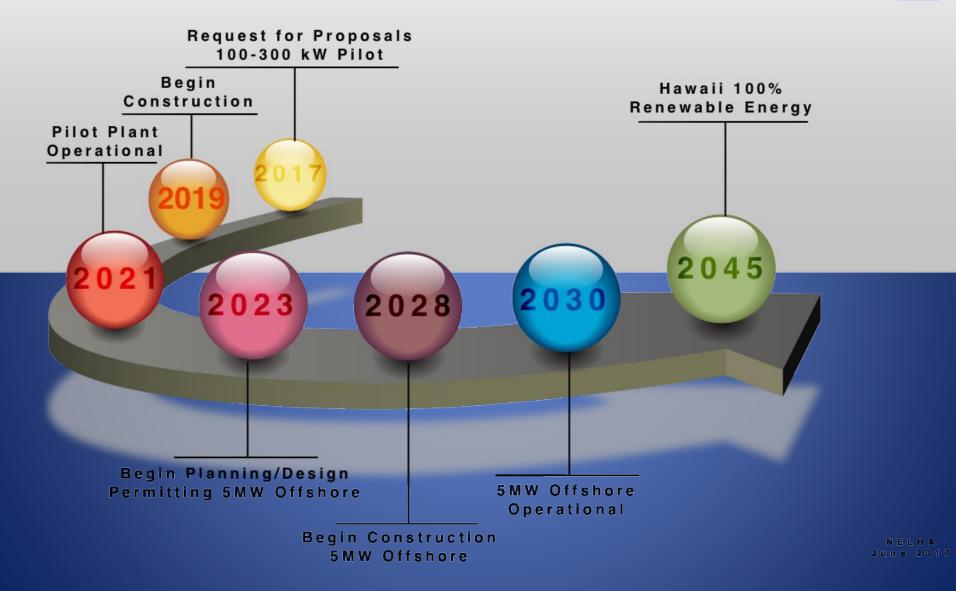
- Commercial interest in ocean energy is growing at a global level.
- Wave and tidal as well as OTEC.
- Many obstacles stand in way of its deployment and full potential.
- OTEC still in the early demonstration phase.
- Single units and short duration testing.
- No technology convergence.
- High investment costs and low oil and gas prices.
- Desperate need for a game-changing technological breakthrough.



#### ROADMAP FOR COMERCIALIZATION OF OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION (OTEC)



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# REGIONAL SWAC FEASIBILITY

# Questions and Answers

