

# Session 5: SWIFT Forecasting

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# Panel Questions

1. What have been the recent experiences by ISOs/utilities doing distributed solar forecasting?
2. Can detailed forecasts be used to help operate the distribution system?
3. Are we moving towards a combined DG/load forecast in the future?

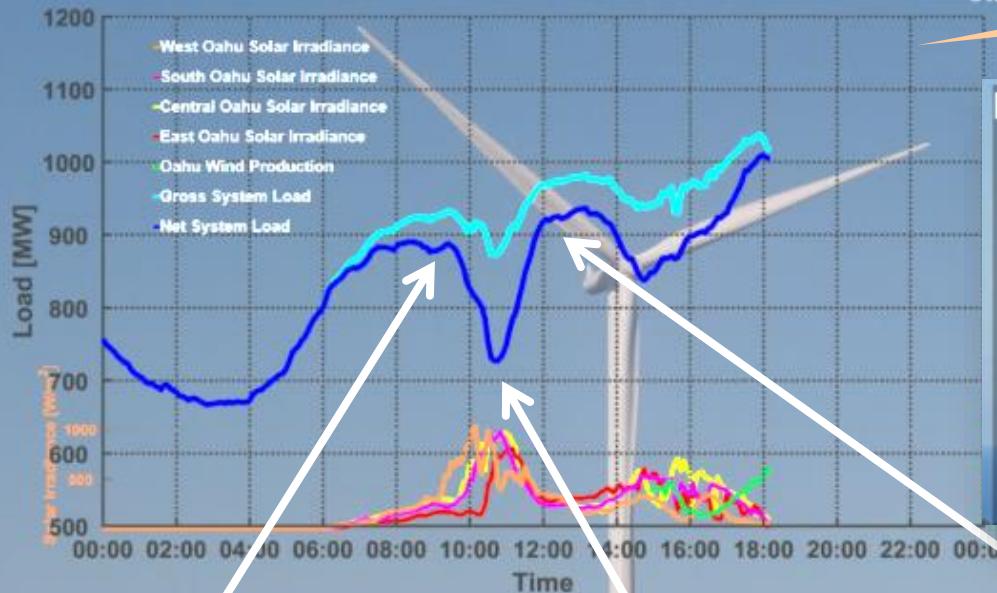
# 1. Recent Experience: Small Scale Rapid Events -> Chasing Load

## Renewable Watch - Oahu

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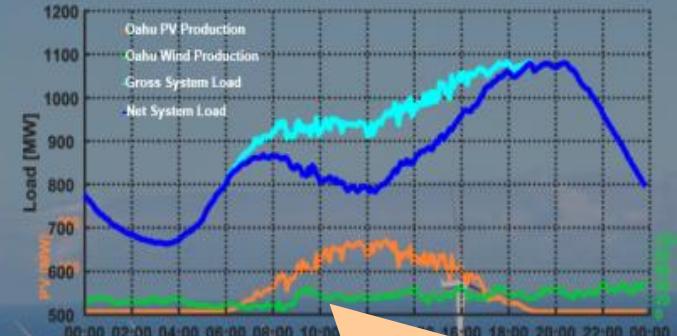
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Approx 200 MW  
Down and Up Ramp

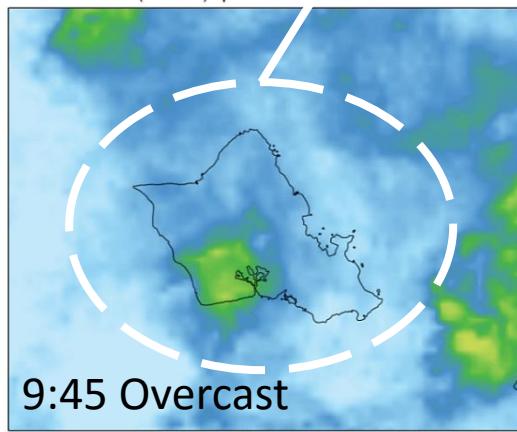


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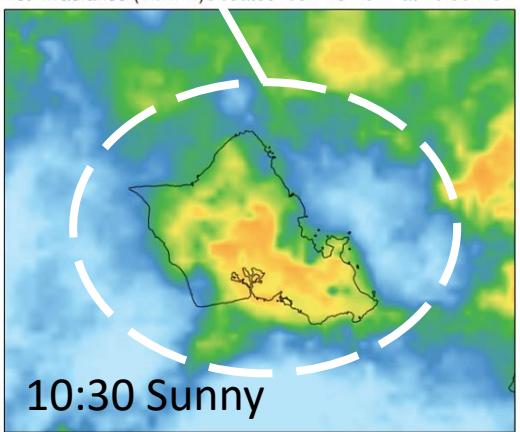
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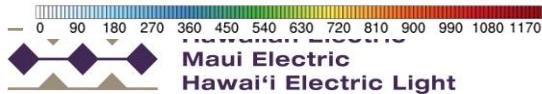
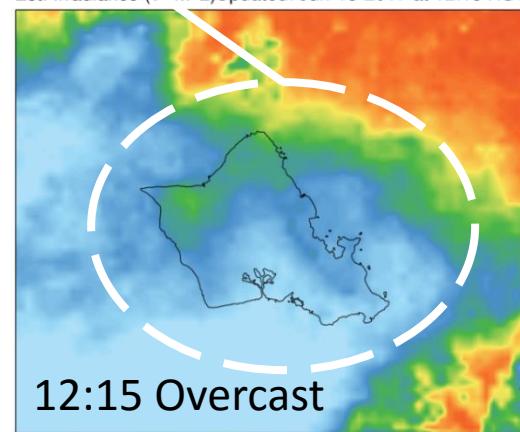
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## 2. Yes, But forecasts Supplemented with Enhanced Situational Awareness are Needed

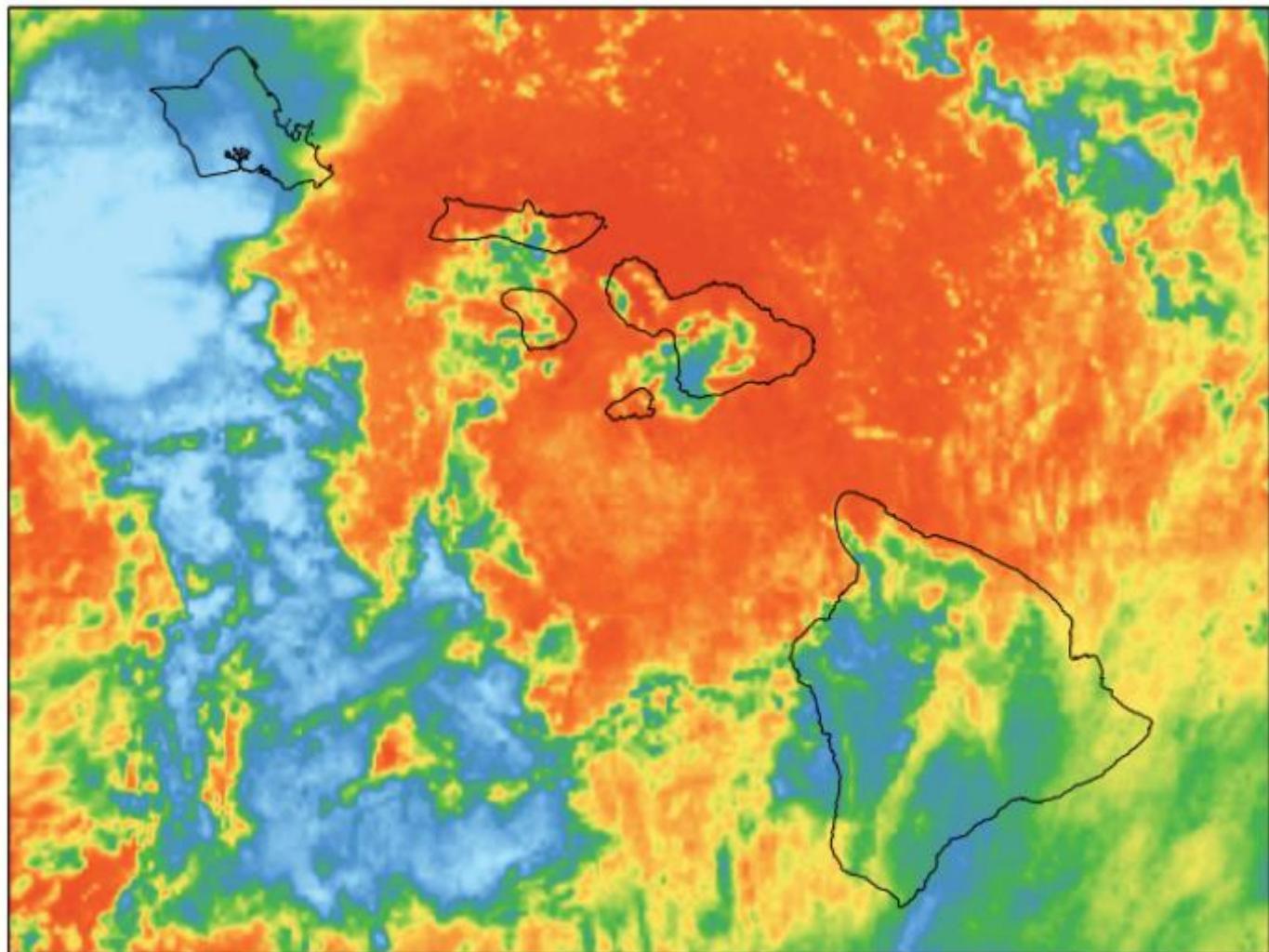
- Experience: Operations using renewable forecasts to inform unit commitment decisions.
  - Short duration events are hard to forecast and hard to balance (economically) especially on islands. High concentrations of PV result in uncertainties in forecasts.
  - MAE and RSME are not good metrics for gauging these short duration events
  - Event-driven uncertainty metrics needed to assess these events
- In Progress: Situational awareness visuals are likely needed to “trend” and estimate uncertainty for such events.
  - Investigating indicators in the 5-15min time frame to complement solar forecasts.
  - But question remains, “What can you do in 5-15min?”
- Looking forward: Post-event evaluation of system and weather conditions with forecasts will inform the development of new operating procedures and build confidence for their use

## 2. Bird's-Eye Visuals Providing 5-15 min Awareness

Bird's-eye view provides a 5-15min look-ahead to "trend" and alert on likely weather conditions and resulting system impacts

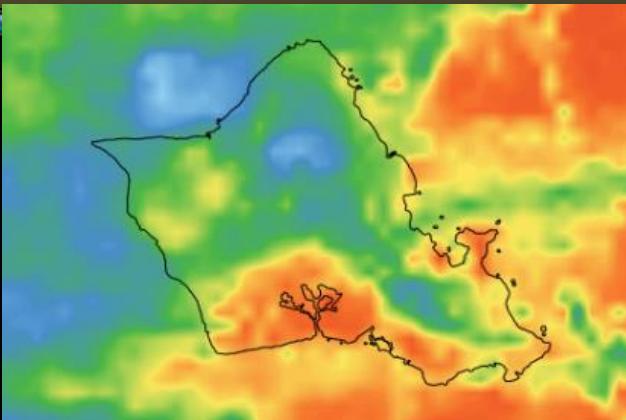
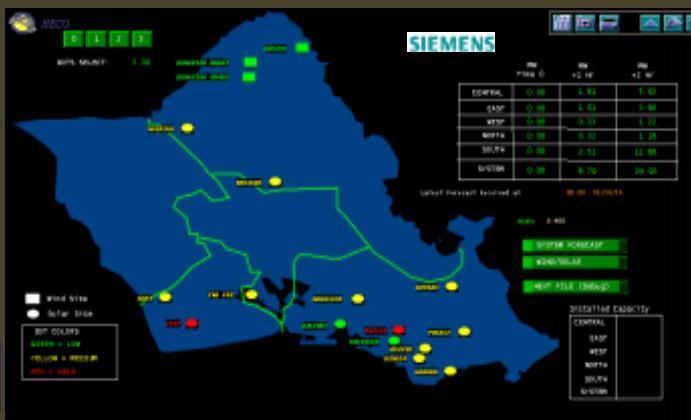
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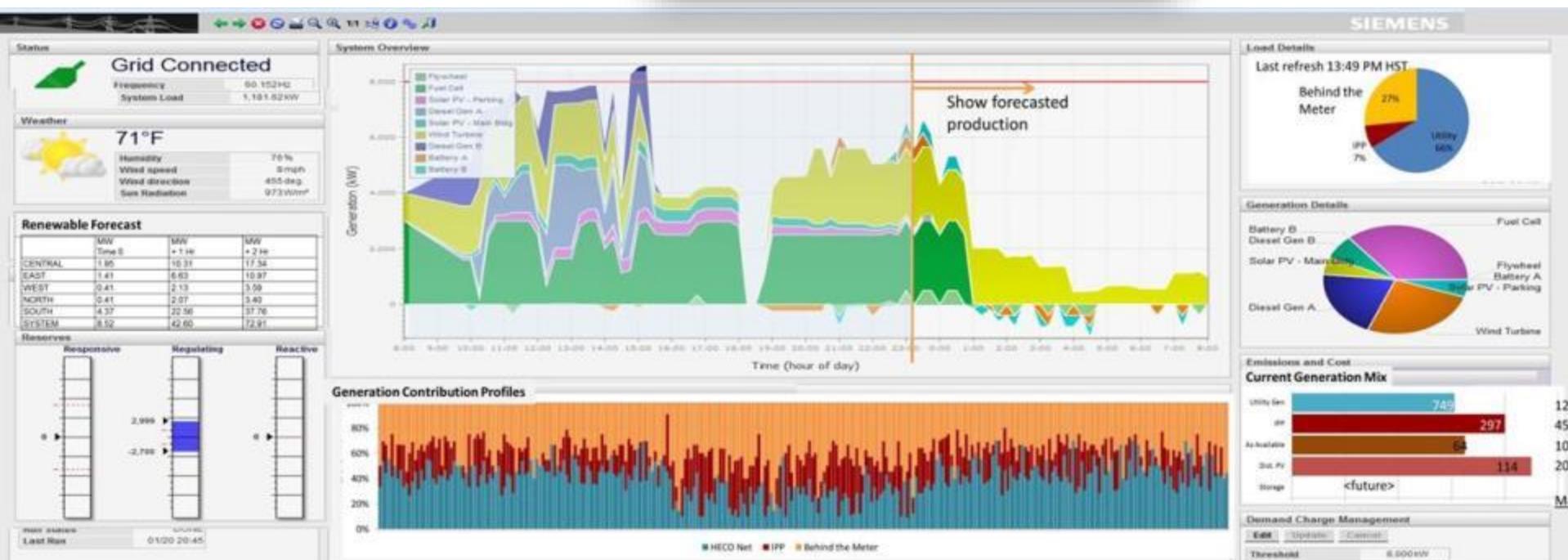


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### 3. Integrating Load and VDER into Grid Tools



- Geographic displays
- Link System Impact with Weather Features
- Post Event analysis & Reviews with Ops increase awareness



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