

Overview of Bioenergy Development in Hawaii



Coconut Island – photo courtesy of NASA



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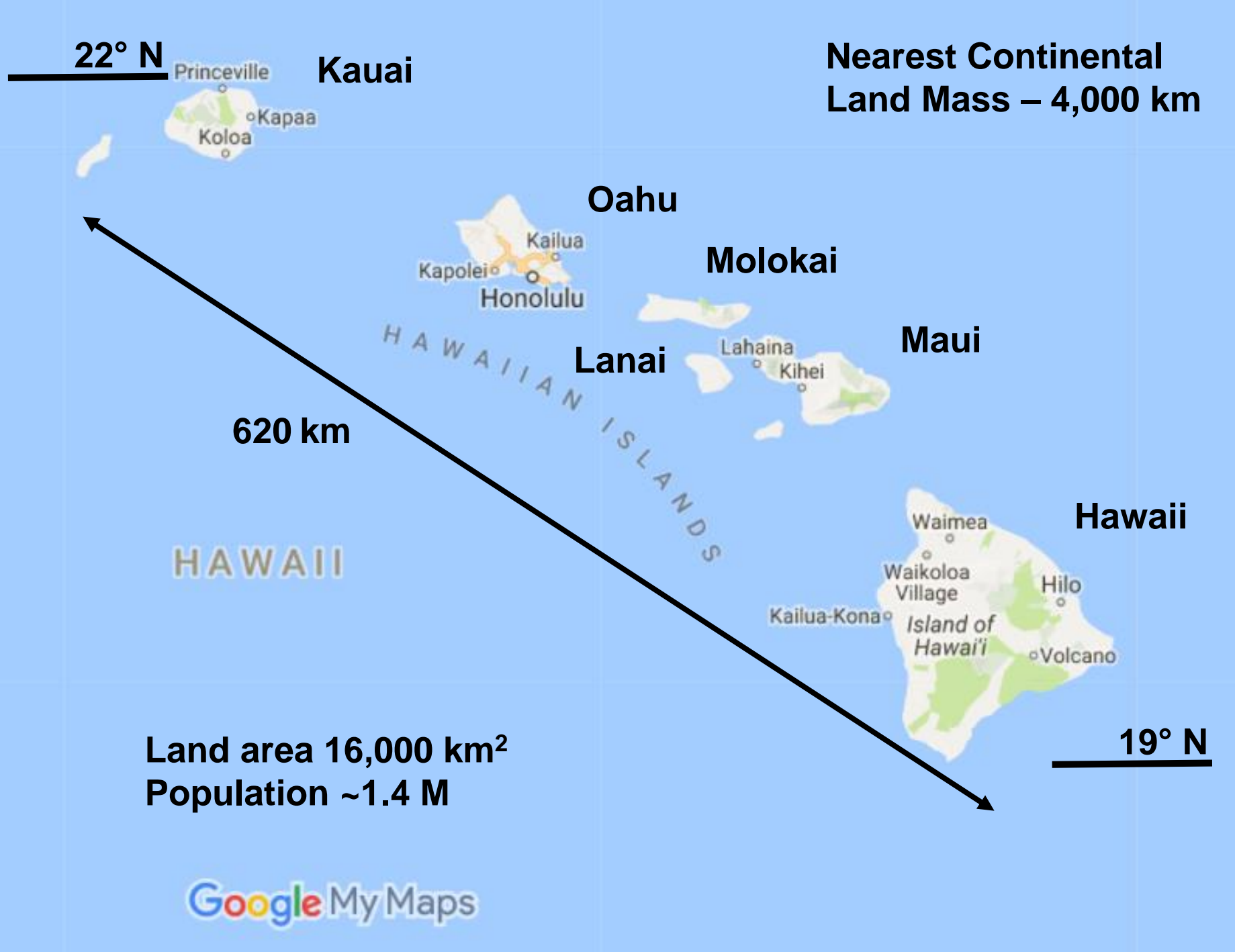
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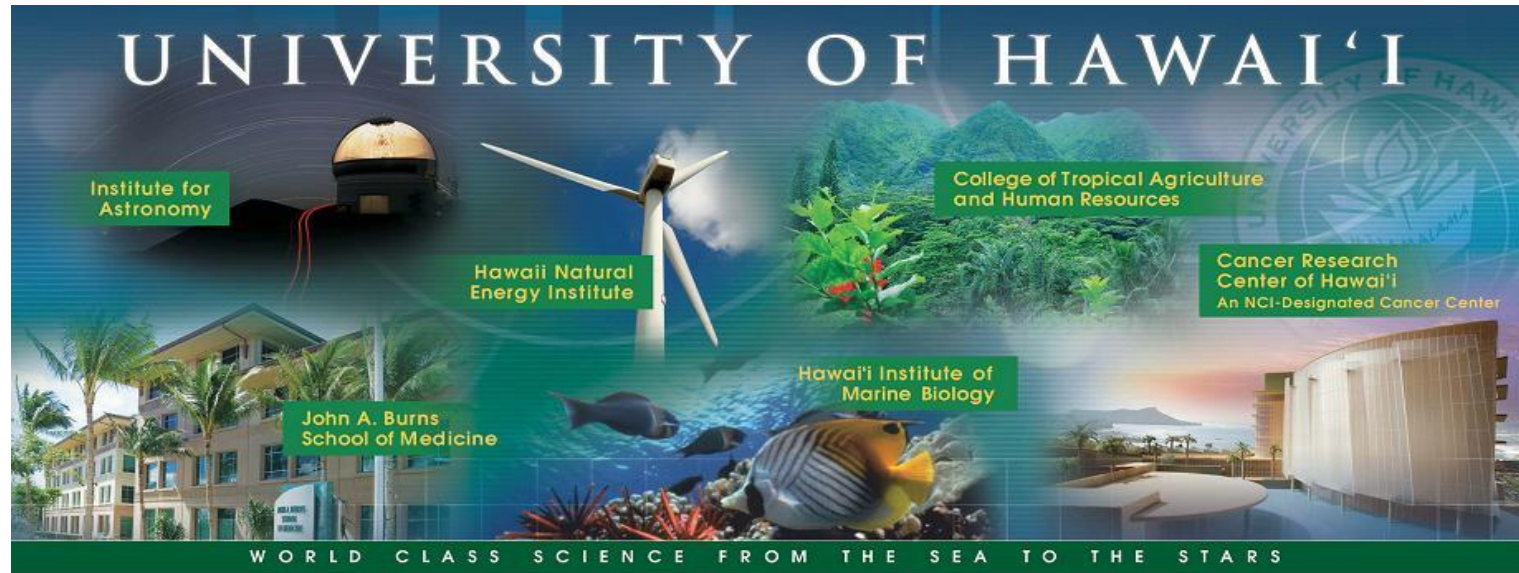
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University of Hawaii at Manoa

**2nd APEC Workshop on Guidelines Toward
High Biodiesel Blend Diesel (eg B20)
Honolulu, HI**





- Established in 1907
- 3 universities & 7 community colleges
- Over 53,000 students
- Manoa is the largest and main research campus
 - 14,000 undergraduate students
 - 6,000 graduate students
 - State and tuition funding ~ \$350MM

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Science and Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa**

Alternative Fuels: Biomass, Biofuels, Hydrogen,
Methane Hydrates

Electrochemical Power Systems

Fuels Cells, Batteries

Renewable Power Generation

Ocean Energy

Photovoltaics

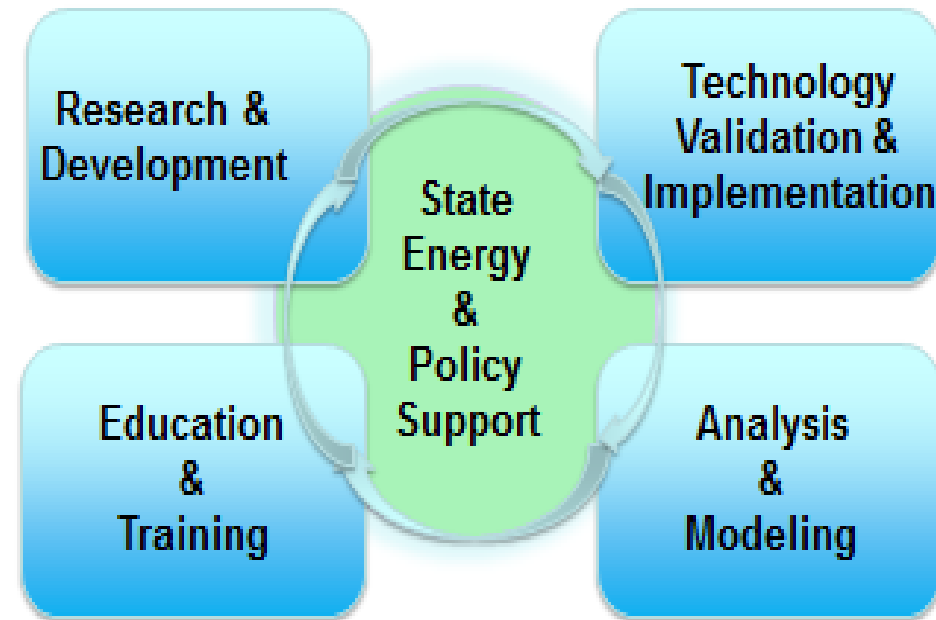
Energy Efficiency

Building Technology

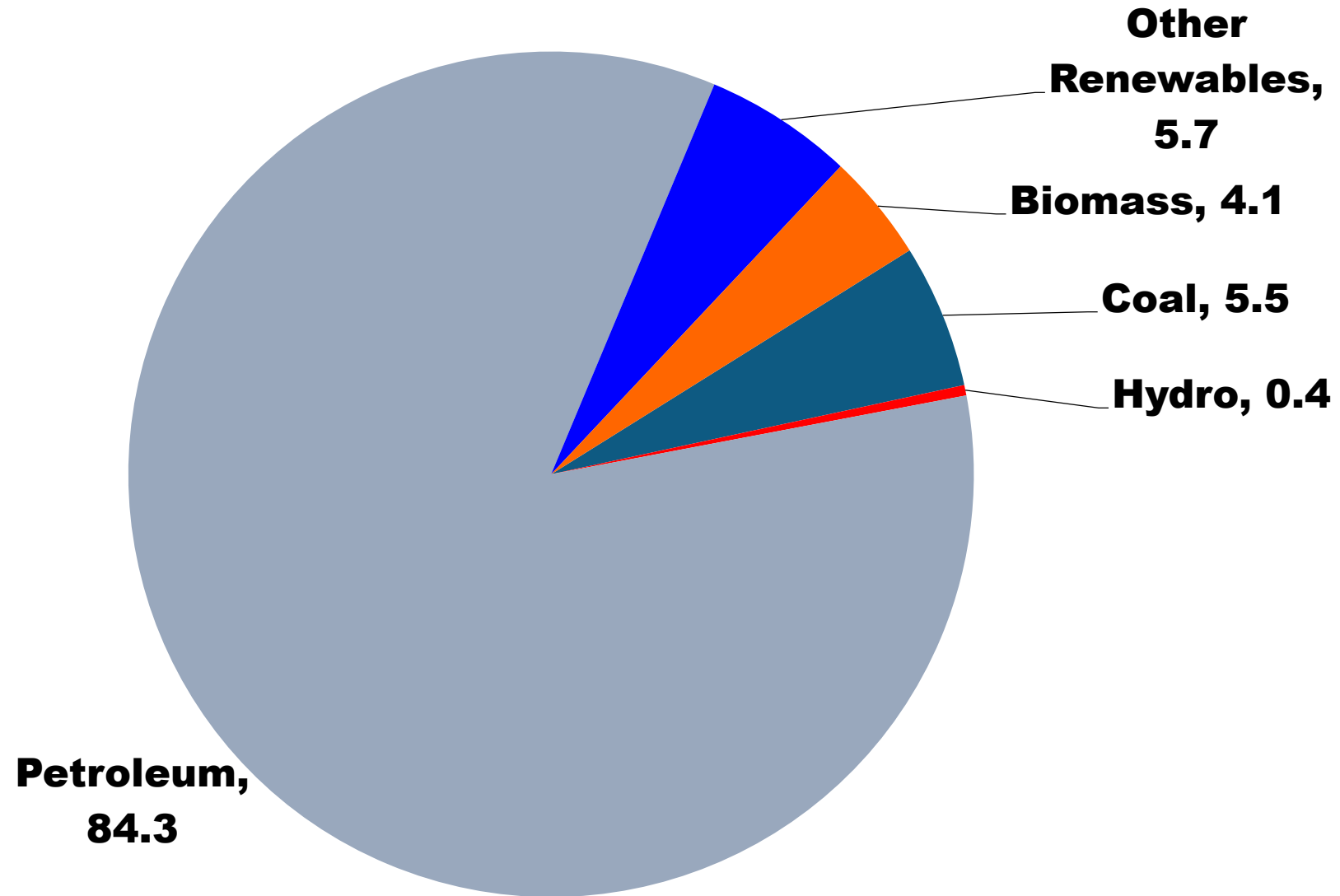
Sea Water Air Conditioning

Grid Systems Integration

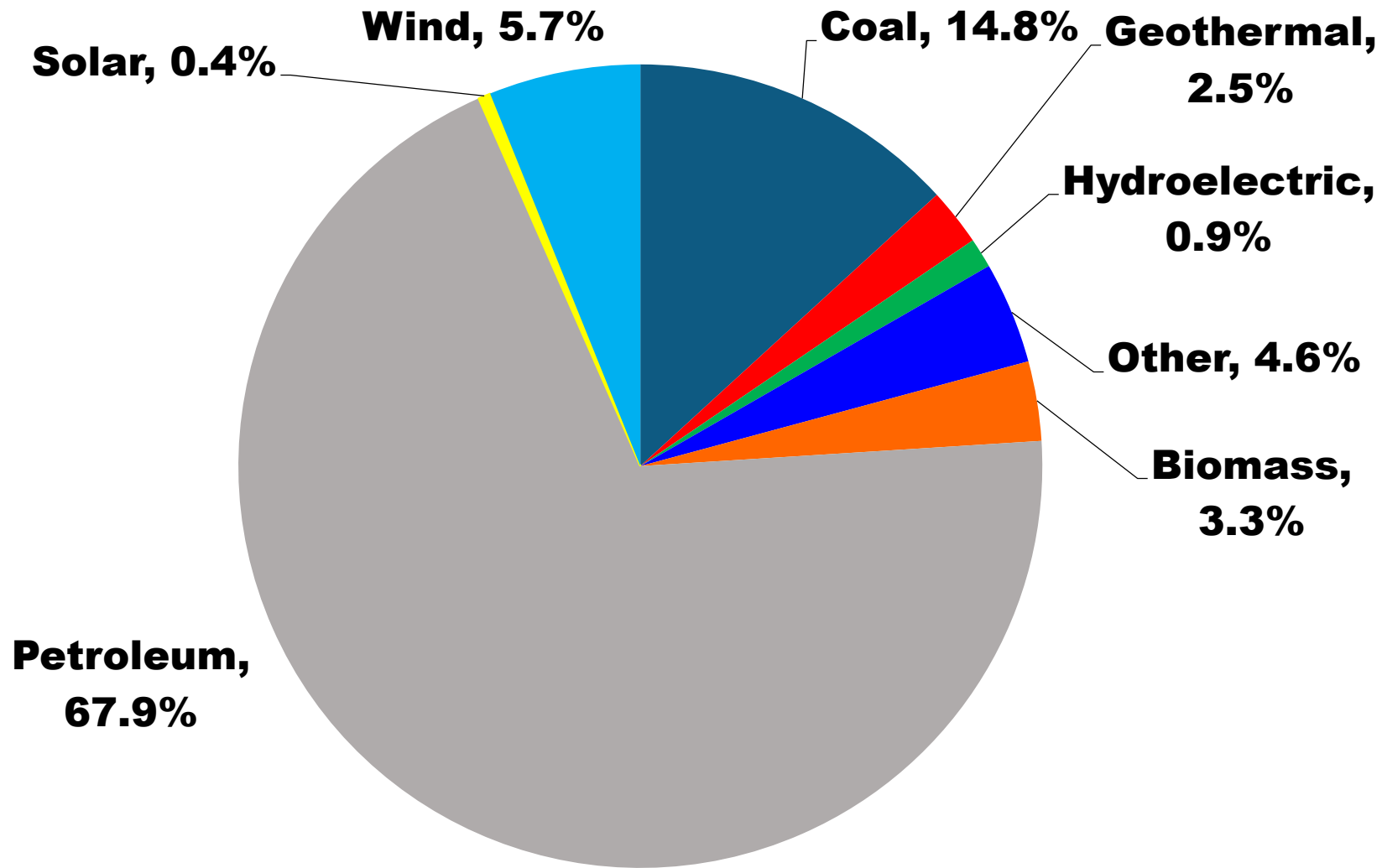
- Grid modeling and analysis
- Smart grid development
- Grid-scale storage



Primary Energy Sources in Hawaii, 2015

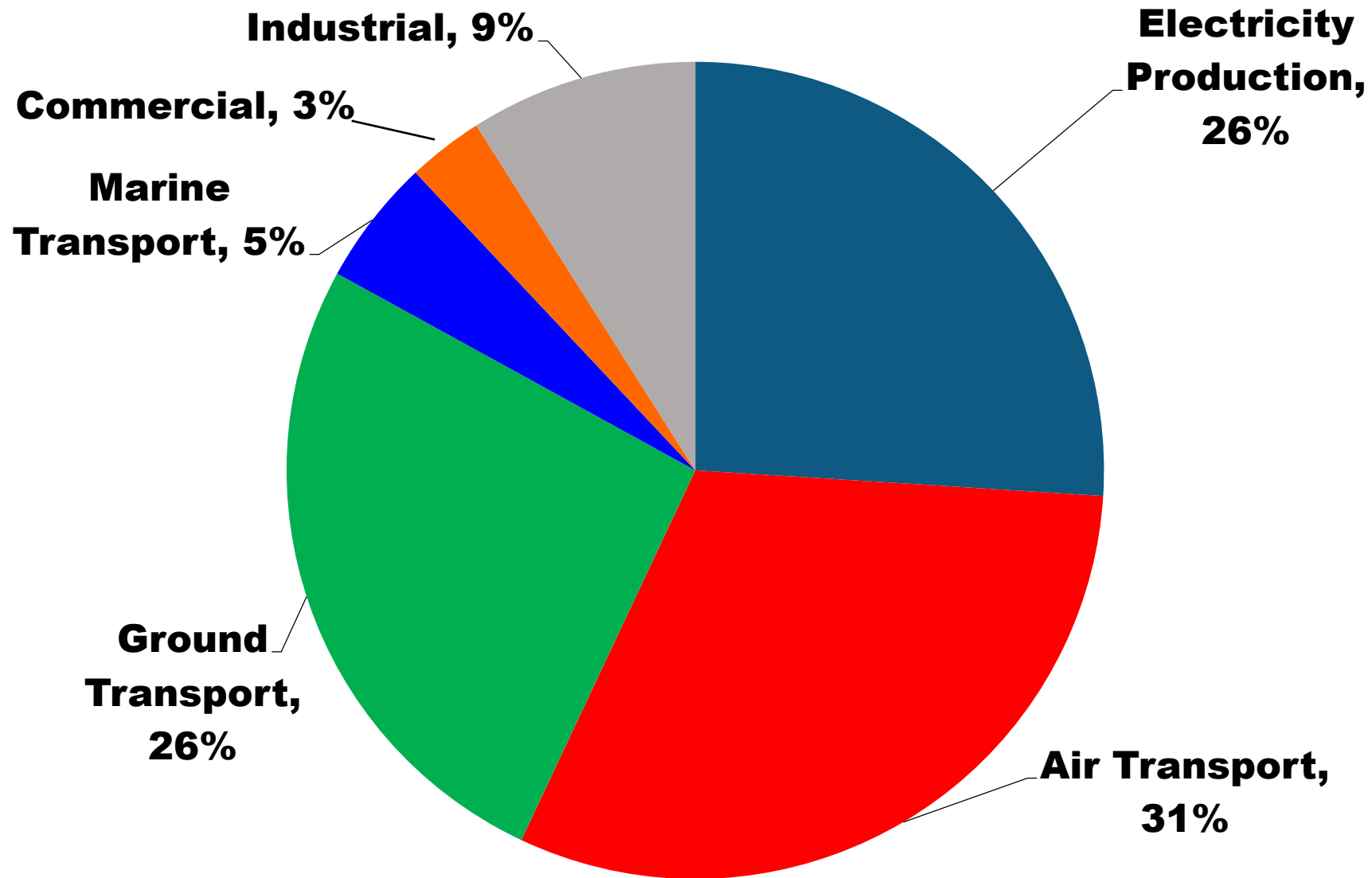


Electric Power Primary Energy Sources in Hawaii, 2014



Residential electricity rates range from \$0.26 to \$0.34/kWh and average monthly use is 484 kWh

Petroleum Use in Hawaii, 2016



Major Goals of Hawaii Energy Strategy

- Reduce Hawaii's dependence on oil
- Protect the environment
- Reduce the negative impacts related to using imported fuels
- Enhance renewable energy use and energy efficiency
- Improve the security, reliability, and resilience of Hawaii's energy systems

Selected Legislation Enacted in Support of Hawaii Energy Strategy

- Act 199 (1994): Requires that 85% of gasoline for use in motor vehicles contain 10% EtOH by volume (repealed 12/31/15)
- Act 240 (2006): Mandates biodiesel preference of \$0.05 per gallon in State procurement laws
- Act 253 (2007): Mandates development of a Hawaii State Bioenergy Master Plan
- Federal Energy Independence and Security Act (2007) requires 36 billion gallons of biofuels by 2022 w/ special consideration for advanced biofuels
- Act 202 (2016) Five year, renewable fuels production tax credit (equal to \$0.31/gal or 0.08/liter for biodiesel) for five years

Hawaii Renewable Portfolio Standards for Electricity (HRS 269-92, 2015)

- 10% of net electricity sales by 2010
- 15% of net electricity sales by 2015
- 30% of net electricity sales by 2020
- 40% of net electricity sales by 2030
- 70% of net electricity sales by 2040
- 100% of net electricity sales by 2045

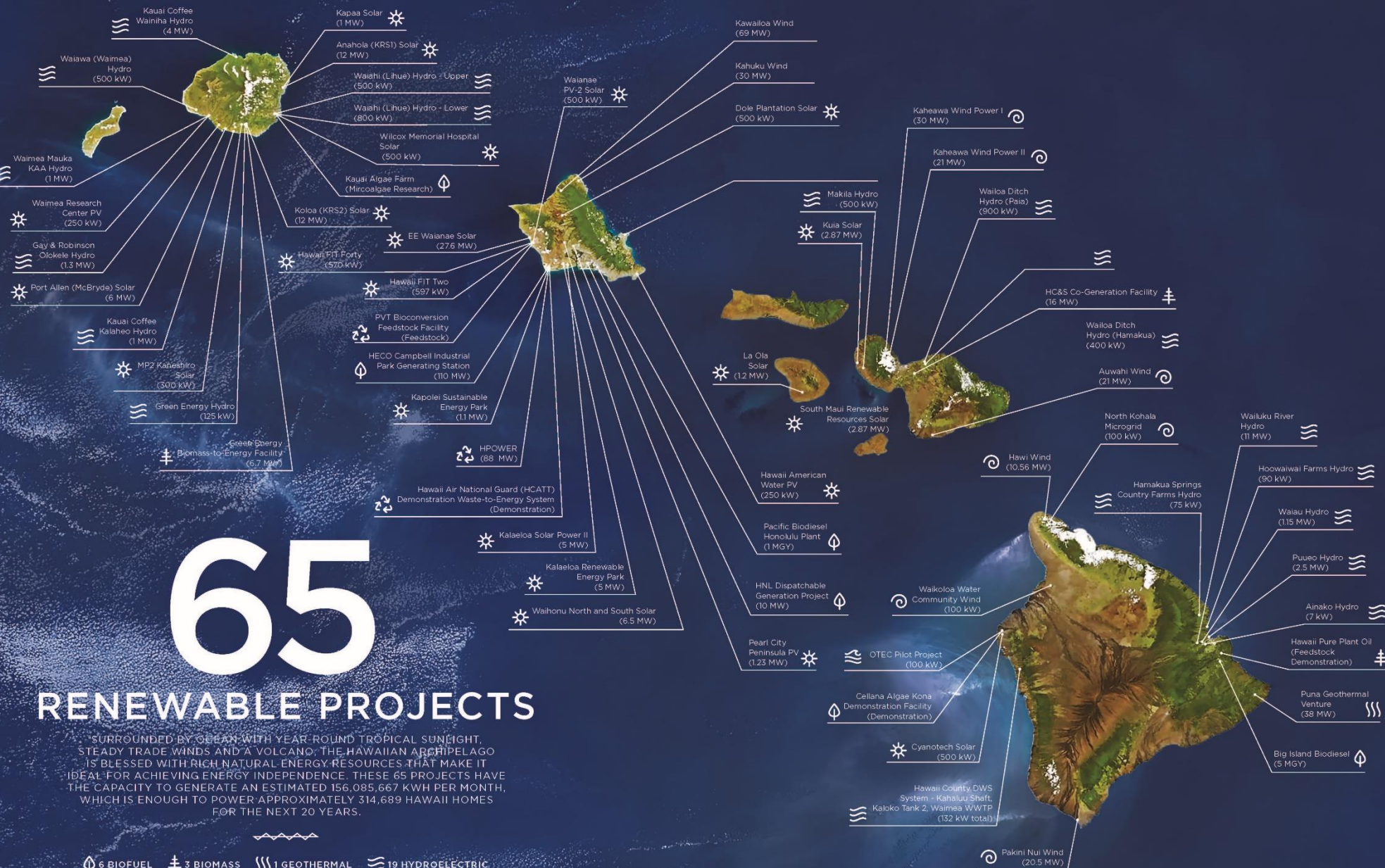
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RENEWABLE PROJECTS

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Global Algae Innovations' Research Facility on Kauai

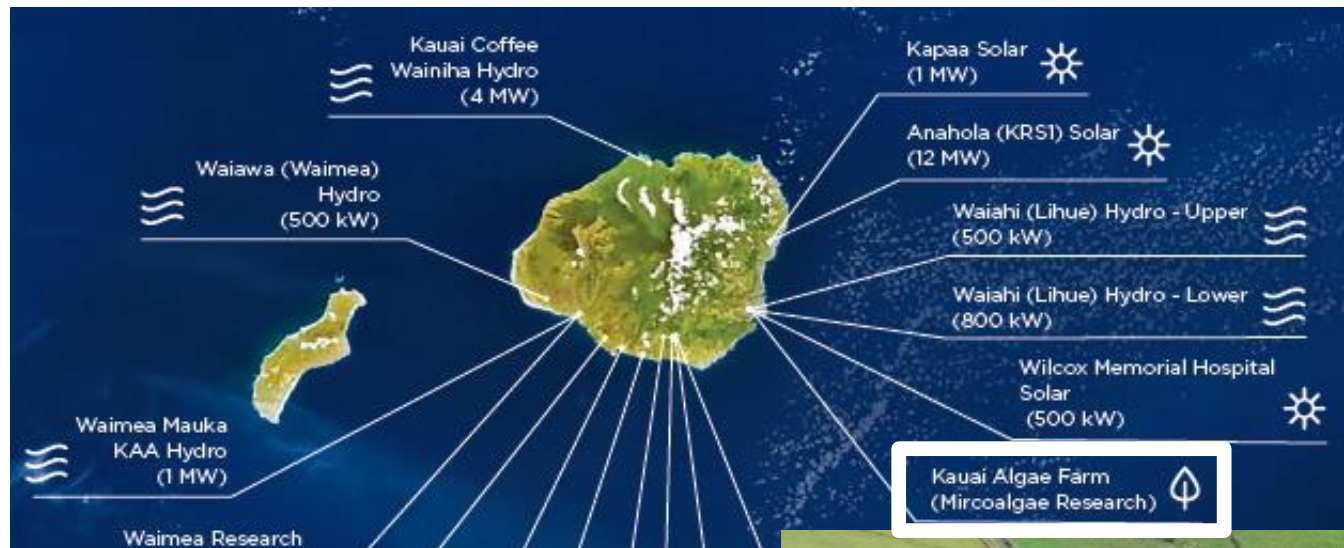
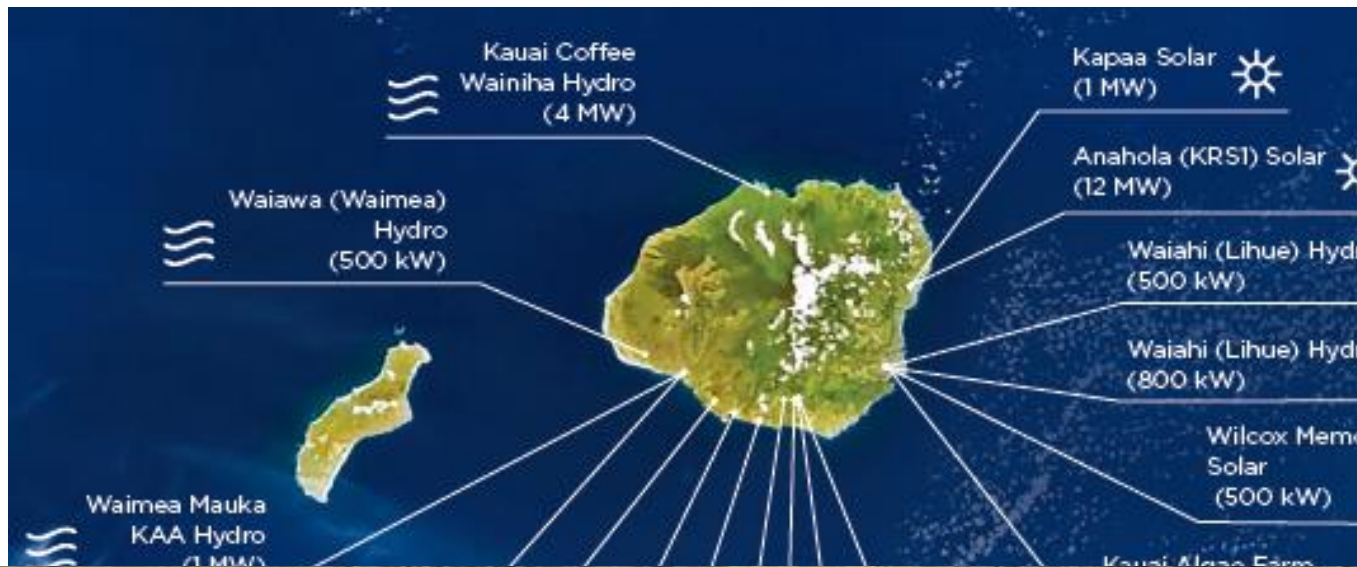


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Green Energy Team

- 7 MW_e wood fired power plant
- ~125 tonne wood per day
- Eucalyptus and albizia
- 8 % of Kauai electricity demand



H-Power Waste to Energy Facility

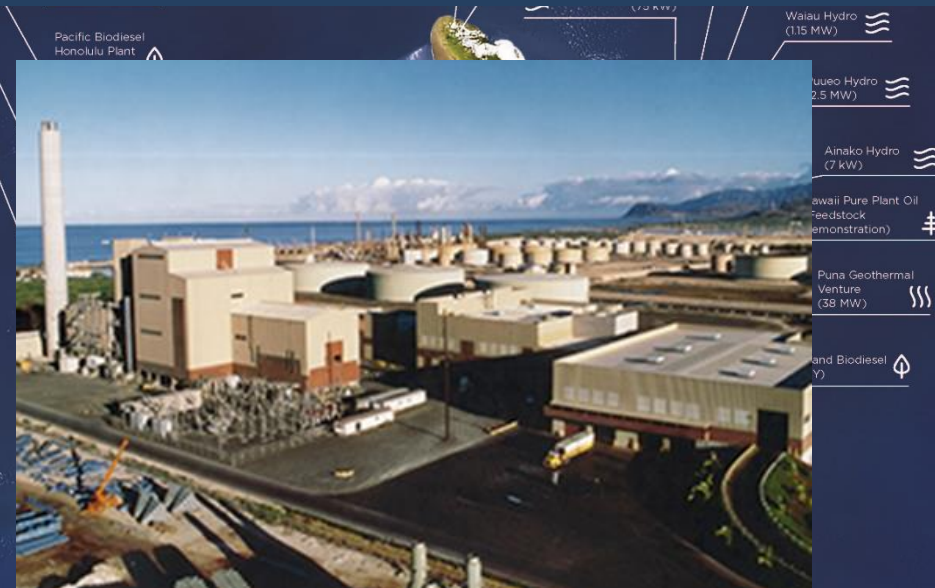
- 90 MW_e gross/75 MW_e exportable power
- Capacity of 3,000 tons MSW tons per day
- Three boilers; two with RDF, one mass burn
- Owned by the City & County of Honolulu,
- Managed by Covanta
- Tipping fee: \$45/ton municipal, \$81/ton commercial

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PVT Land Company

- **Construction & demolition landfill**
- **1,775 tons C&D waste per day**
- **~50% of intake converted to feedstock**
- **Feedstock: wood, plastic, cloth, paper, and other organics**
- **Tipping fee \$50 per ton**



For more

Biodiesel Power Plants

- **110 MW combustion turbine power plant at Campbell Industrial Park**
- **8 MW internal combustion engine for emergency power at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, Honolulu**
- **50 MW dual fueled power plant at Schofield Barracks (in construction)**
- **Several others in the State use biodiesel for start up/shut down**

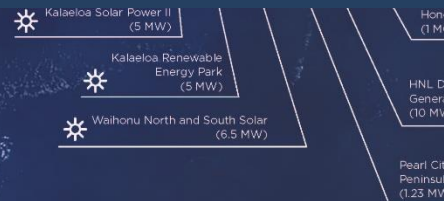


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- **15,000 ha sugar plantation**
- **40 MW_e total generating capacity**
- **Biomass and hydro**
- **12 MW_e power export**



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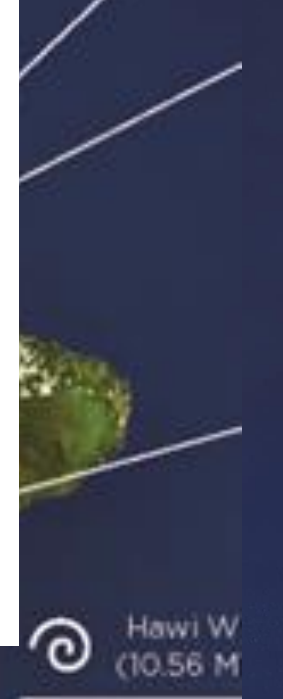
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar

- 15,000
- 40 M
- Bio
- 12 M

Hawaii's Last Sugar Mill is Closing - The End of an Era on Maui

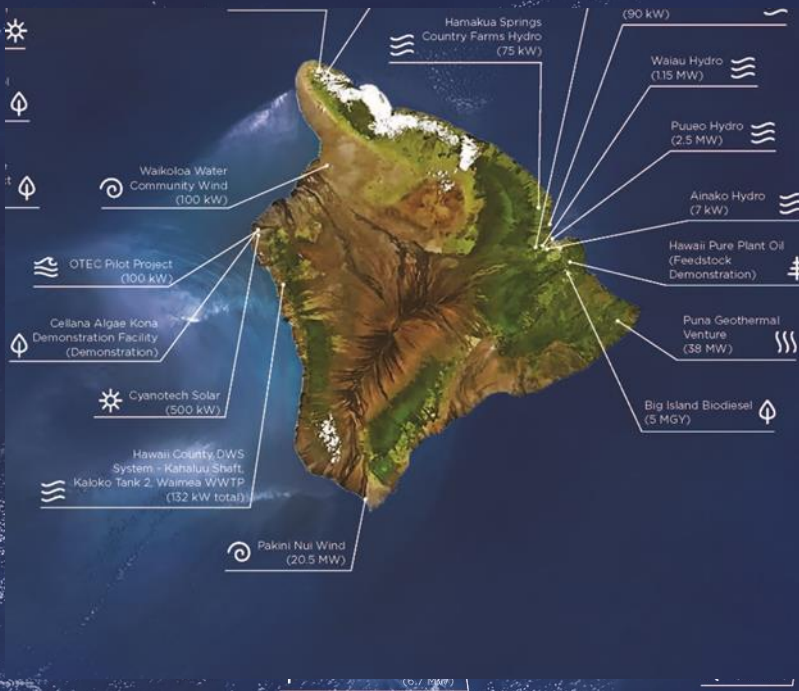
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As 2016 comes to an end, it brings forth the end of an era for not only Maui but the entire state of Hawaii. In January of this year, Hawaii's last sugarcane company, HC&S, announced that they will begin their final harvest and cease operations at the end of the year.



Cellana

- **Algae products development company**
- **6 acres (2.5 ha) facility**
- **High value products, fish feed, oil**



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Land Use in Hawaii

- Total land area in Hawaii – 4.1 M acres (1.6 M ha)
- Urban and Rural land use districts - 0.2 M acres (81 k ha)
- Conservation land use district – 1.97 M acres (800 k ha)
- Agricultural land use district – 1.93 M acres (800 k ha)
- Area in farms – 1.13 M acres (460 k ha)
- Total cropland – 175,000 acres (71 k ha)
- Harvested cropland – 99,000 acres (40 k ha)

Source: 2016 Hawaii State Data Book, Dept. of Bus. Econ. Dev. & Tourism
<http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/info/economic/databook/db2016/>

Research and the Bioenergy Industry Value Chain



Agriculture --- Industry --- Investors --- Government --- Community

**Resource Assessment of Bioenergy/Biofuel
Feedstock Supply/Availability**

**Development of Conversion Technologies and Process Assessment
Tools for Tropical Bioenergy/Biofuel Feedstocks**

**Integration of Bioenergy/Biofuel Products
With Existing Petroleum Infrastructure & End Use**

Life Cycle Assessment of Bioenergy/Biofuel Production System

Biomass-Bioenergy-Biofuel Activities

- **Resource assessment/Planning**
- **Conversion technology and process assessment**
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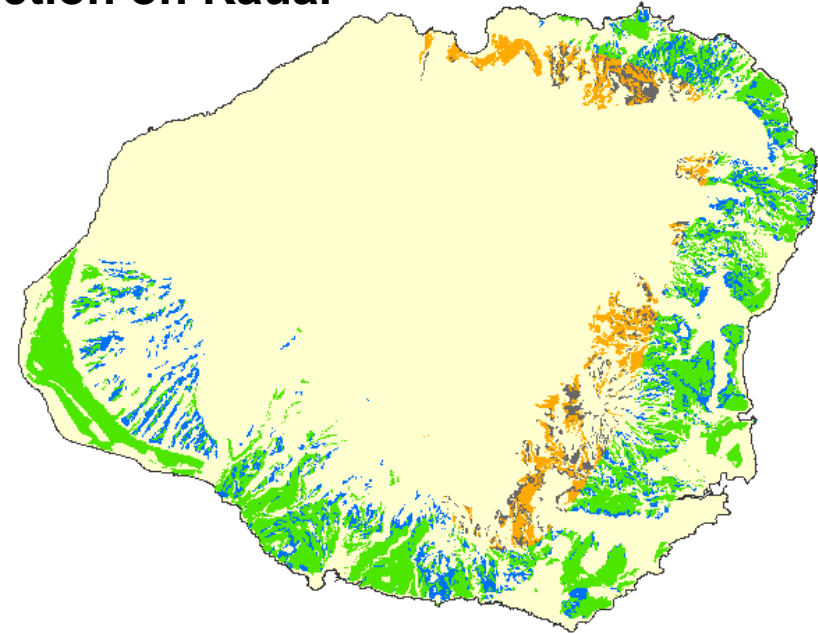
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Resource Assessment/Planning

- Hawaii Bioenergy Master Plan
 - Assessment of land, water, labor, infrastructure, technology, permitting, financial incentives, policy requirements, economic and environmental impacts
- GIS-based analysis of bioenergy production potential
 - soil type, water access, rainfall, slope, insolation, land use zoning, community

Potential Areas for Sugar or Banagrass Production on Kauai

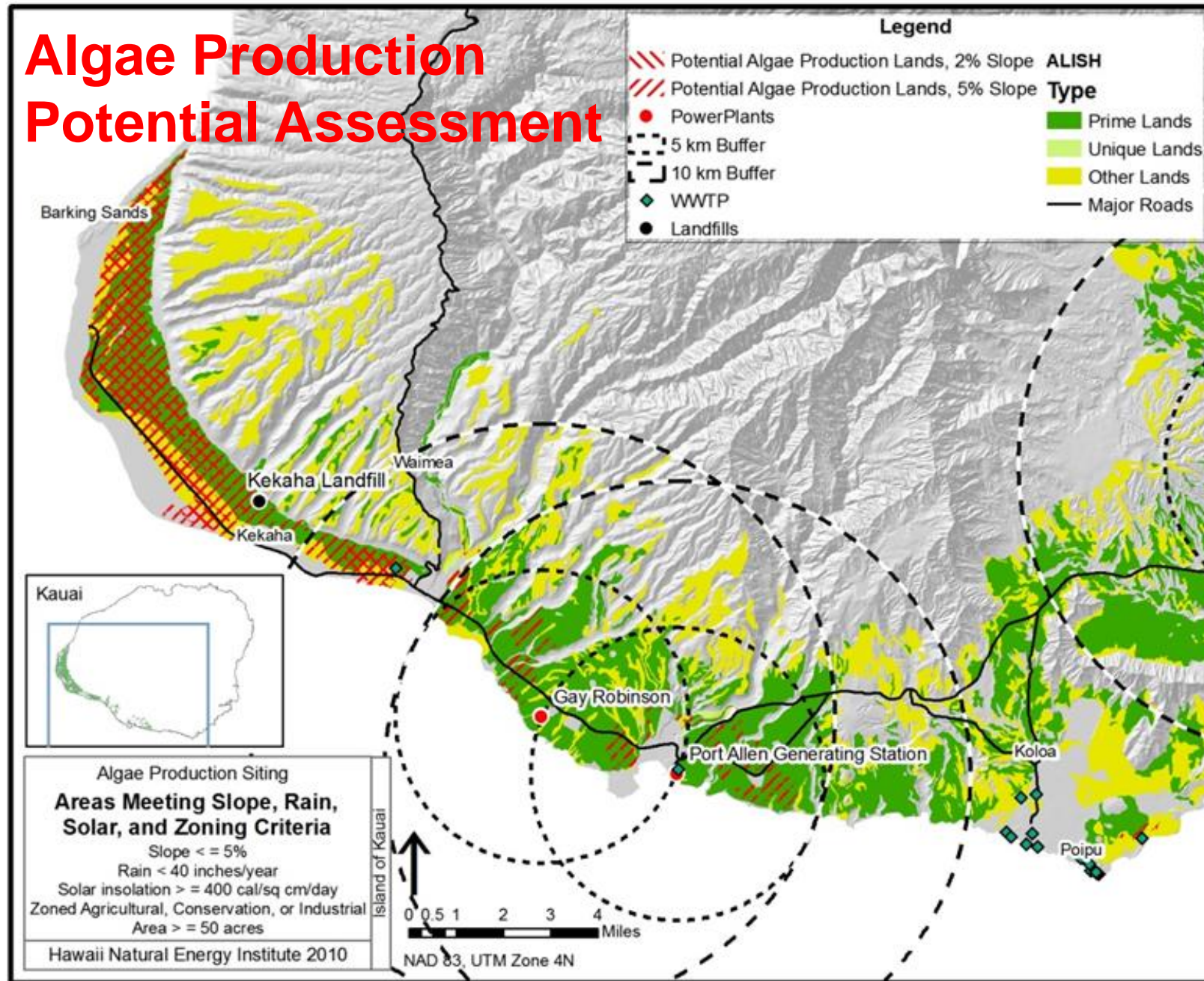


Legend

- Rainfall >78 Inches, 10%<Slope<20 %
- Rainfall >78 Inches, Slope <10%
- Rainfall <78 Inches, 10%<Slope<20 %
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Algae Production Potential Assessment



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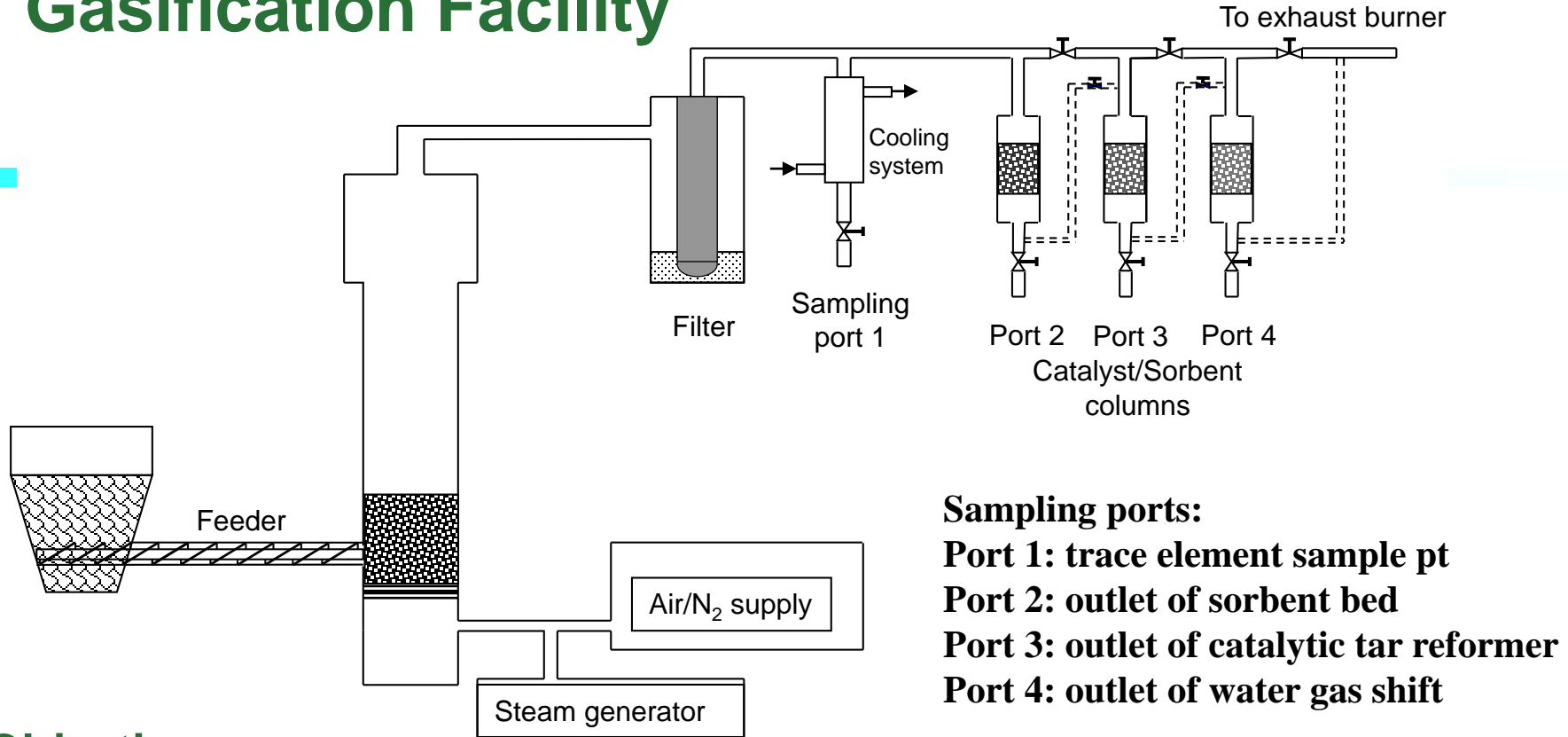


Conversion Technology Activities

- **Pretreatment of biomass materials to improve fuel properties**
- **Syngas production from biomass for higher valued products (fuels, chemicals, hydrogen)**
- **Plasma reforming of methane, dodecane, F76, and algal HRD76**
- **Pyrolysis and torrefaction of biomass materials**
- **Improved charcoal production techniques**



Gasification Facility



Objectives

- Develop analytical methods to measure contaminants in product gas
- Characterize tropical biomass feedstocks for gas production and contaminant levels
- Evaluate contaminant removal and control strategies
- Investigate biomass derived syngas conversion to liquid fuels



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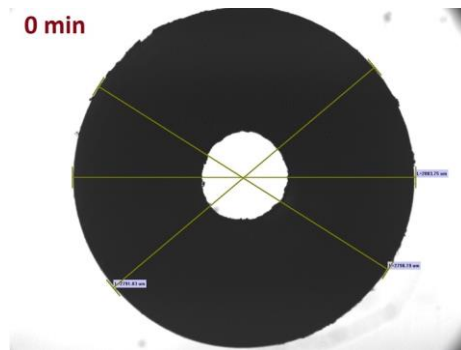
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Swelling of Nitrile Rubber: Neat Fuels & Aromatics Mixtures

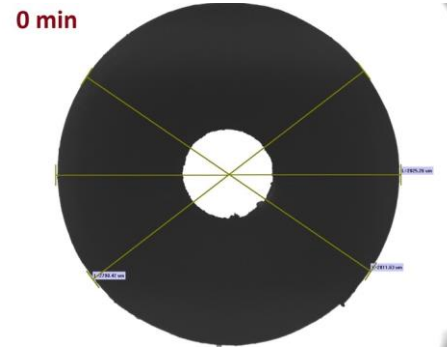


F-76



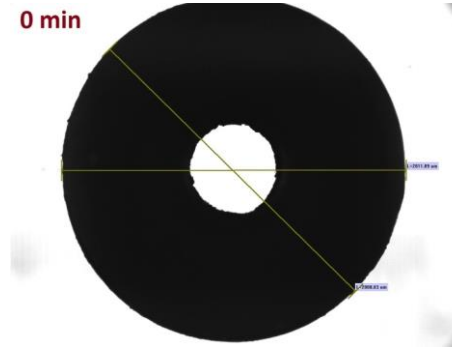
μ : 7.15%

HRD-76



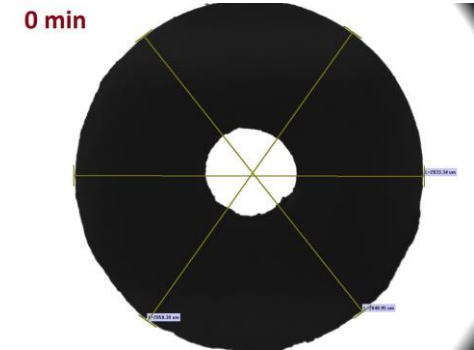
-0.29%

CHCD-76



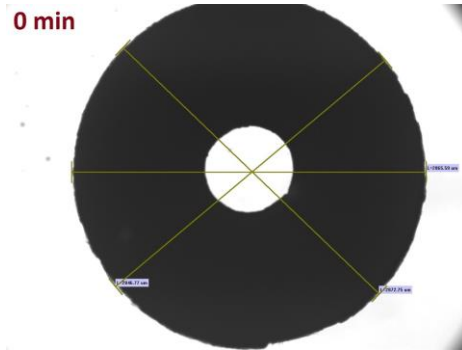
1.17%

SIP-76



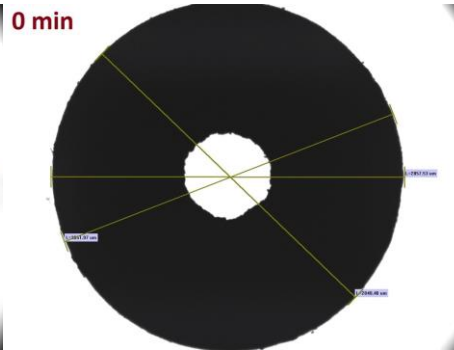
-1.37%

Aromatic 100



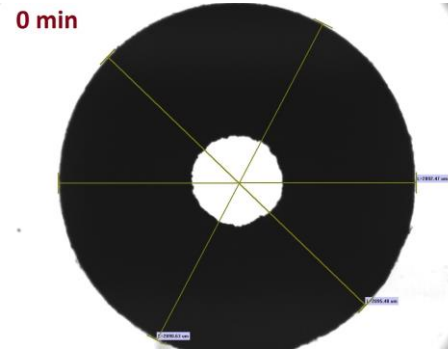
μ : 67.45%
t: ~85min

Aromatic 150



67.47%
~85min

Aromatic 200



151.18%
~150min

$$\mu = \left[\left(\frac{d_i}{d_0} \right)^3 - 1 \right] \times 100\%$$

μ is the volume swell (%)
and d_i and d_0 are the
diameter of the O-ring in
time i and 0 .

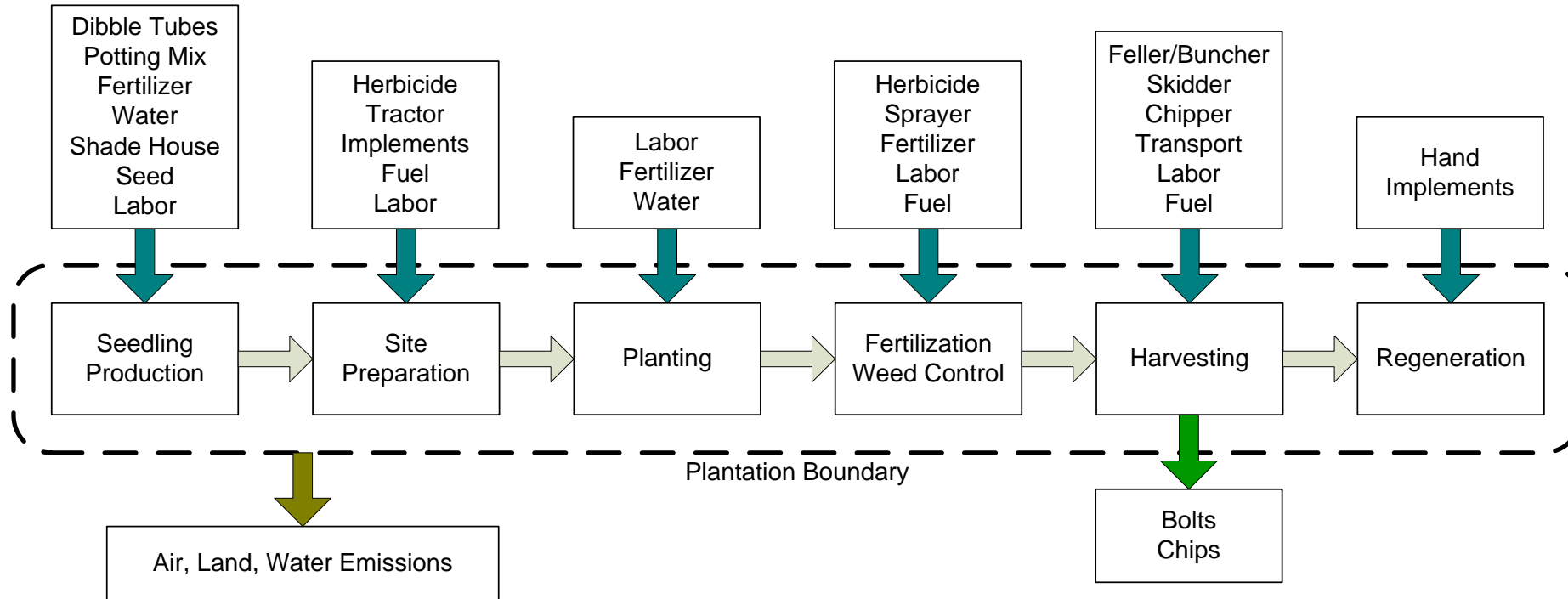
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Net energy analysis of Eucalyptus production



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Energy Contributors

1. Diesel

— **70.2%**

2. Herbicide

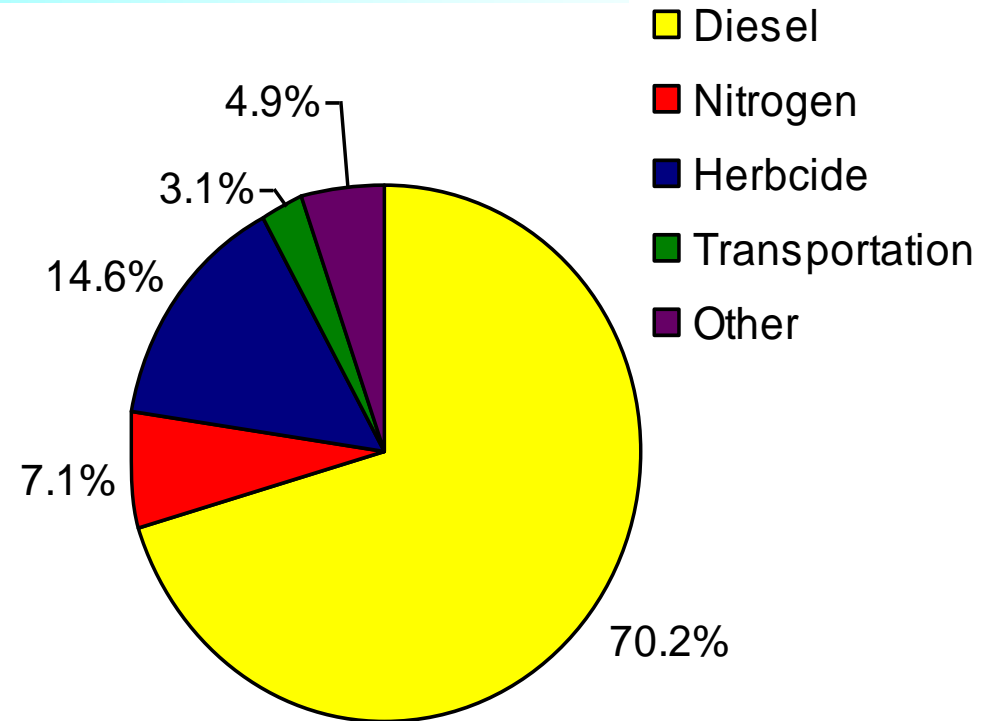
— **14.6%**

3. N-Fertilizer

— **7.1%**

Energy Out/In Ratio

40.6



Fossil Energy Input

51,160 MJ / ha

Questions?

