

# EEM's strategy to maximize the integration of renewables in the electrical grid of Madeira island

Hybrid system: reversible hydro, BESS, synchronous condenser and renewables

(Madeira Island - isolated grid)

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### Location, size and some key electrical indicators



Porto Santo

Island



# Main constraints, sustainability challenges and targets



#### Main constraints of Madeira electrical system

- Small and isolated electrical system: It is not possible to export the excess of renewable generation, nor benefit from the grid stability associated with larger systems.
- High intermittent renewable sources (Wind and PV) in a short territory: creates difficulties in their usage and may endanger the safe operation of the electrical system.
- Small energy accumulation capacity in hydroelectric plants: Essentially run-of-river systems.
- Need to have a minimum number of thermal generators running for operating safety purposes.
- Occurrence of curtailment, mainly wind energy, especially at night, with abundant water resources.

Main constraints are technical constraints, not economic, as the unitary cost for renewables (wind and PV) is below the cost of fossil fuels and CO<sub>2</sub> cost.

#### Sustainability: Main challenges

- Climate change adaptation
- CO2 emissions reduction

ARM (Autonoumous Region of Madeira) target: 2022-2024

- 50% electricity from renewable sources
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduced by 20% compared to 2005



# Capabilities to assure the electric system safety operation:

- A-Inertia capability
- B-Frequency regulation capability:
  - B1-Primary regulation
  - B2-Secondary regulation
- C-Voltage regulation capability
- Short-circuit capacity

Traditional mix system generation		System services			
Technology	A-Inertia	B1_Frequency primary regulation	B1_Frequency secondary regulation	C-Voltage regulation	
Thermal Generation (Gas, Fuel/Diesel engines)	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Hydro	Х	-	Х	Х	
Wind	x	-	-	х	
PV	-	-	-	х	
Waste incineration	Х	-	-	Х	
Result	XV	X 🗸	XV	XV	
Result without thermal generation	х	-	х	XV	

Mix system generation, without thermal	System services			
		B1_Frequency	B1_Frequency	
		primary	secondary	C-Voltage
Technology	A-Inertia	regulation	regulation	regulation
Synchronous condenser with inertia	Х			Х
Battery Power Plant	-	Х	Х	Х
Hydro reversible (Storage, pumping and operation as a				
synchronous condenser)	X	-	Х	Х
Wind	x	-	-	х
PV	-	-	-	Х
Waste incineration	Х	-	-	Х
Result without thermal generation	x√	x√	xv	x√

# Madeira Island Strategy Guidelines to Reduce Fossil Fuels



Provide the electrical system with technologies that allow the regulation of the main network parameters (inertia, voltage regulation, frequency regulation and short-circuit power), tendentially without thermal power, through:

- 1. Adequacy of characteristics of RES generators to withstand more severe regimes by adapting the Grid Code (New Grid Code to Madeira region was approved by Regional Government in September/2019)
- Refurbishment of main hydroelectric power plants adding a new operation mode: synchronous cond: Cases of Socorridos (24 MW) and Calheta II (7 MW) hydro power plants: Base scenario: Minimum of 4 thermal generators;
- 3. New reversible hydroelectric systems, with important storage capacity and regulation capabilities, including variable frequency pumping and synchronous cond. operation (eg Calheta III, since 2021)
- 4. New battery energy storage systems to remove thermal generators from the grid, allowing primary/secondary frequency regulation and the increase of renewable energy use:
  ✓ 15 MW / 15 MWh Madeira Island (Under construction. Expected to be in operation until august 2022): Minimum of 2 thermal generators
- New synchronous condenser designed to substantially increase electrical system inertia (2023) and a second BESS of 15 MW / 15 MWh – Madeira Island (Expected to be in operation until 2024): 0 thermal generators

# **Recent / medium term planning - Madeira Island**



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Increase of photovoltaic power up to about 60 MW (2023-2024).



Production Mix - 2018 - Madeira

# **Examples of real mix renewable diagrams**



# July 2019 (Wind, PV and Hydro)

#### Installed Power: Wind: 45 MW; PV: 15 MW



# **Short/Medium term perspective**







Planning an optimized electrical system with a strong penetration of renewable electricity, requires the analysis of different variables, like:

- Renewable electricity target (50%-60%-70%,...)
- Power mix of intermittent renewables
- Unitary average cost (kWh) for renewable electricity generation
- o Rates of curtailment
- Forecast of variable unitary cost (kWh) of electricity from fossil fuels (natural gas, fuel oil, oil + cost of CO2/kWh)
- Unitary cost of storage with different technologies
- EV contribution for electric system management (Smart charge & V2G): Near future?
- Other uses of energy curtailment (hydrogen)
- The quality of intermittent renewables forecast

A possible approach is to calculate the LCOE (Levelized cost of energy), for the entire generation system, considering different scenarios of renewables mix and other assumptions mentioned above, and choose those with lower LCOE value.



#### Calheta III Project: reversible hydroelectric system

- It is a structuring project for maximizing the use of renewable energy
- Calheta III is an expansion of the previous Calheta hydroelectric system (Madeira island)
- Investment ≈ 75 M€
- 45 M€ financed by Cohesion Fund, Integrated on the Priority Axis "Supporting the Transition to a Low Carbon Economy in All Sectors" by POSEUR (Operational Program for Sustainability and Efficiency in Resource Use)
- Four operation modes: Generation; Pumping; Synchronous condenser; Pumping + Synchronous cond.
- Allow 55% increase in wind power installed (25 MW), and the reduction of renewable curtailment





# **Old hydroelectric power system of Calheta**

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# New hydroelectric power system of Calheta: Calheta III

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# New hydroelectric power system of Calheta (III)

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# Main contributions of Calheta III project for the electrical system regulation



#### **1-Operation as Synchronous Condenser**

- Provides synchronous inertia
- Improve voltage control

### **2-Variable Frequency Pumping**

- Allows to adjust the pumping power according to the needs
- Helps to reduce frequency drift in case of disturbance



Cofinanciado por:



# Main contributions of Calheta III project for the electrical system regulation



a) By accumulation of water inflows

b) By pumping effect



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Ponta: 124.96MW às 21:06 Vazio: 65.59 MW às 04:02

# Main contributions of Calheta III project for the electrical system regulation



4-Secondary regulation capacity, up to 30 MW: Contribution for the security of system operation and improvement of intermittent energy integration

- Generation (reduction of wind or PV power)
- Reversible system: Ensures power availability at any time of year

# PV production control strategies for new PV (P>1MW):

- a) Limiting production rate through ramps and setpoints
- b) Battery Support
- c) Hydro secondary regulation

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Main target: Maximize renewable electricity contribution  $\rightarrow$  Operate the electrical system without fossil fuels

- Batteries allow to remove fossil fuels based generators from the grid (primary regulation, spinning reserve replacement)
- Synchronous condensers (hydro or other) add inertia, voltage regulation and short-circuit power
- Hydro power plants allow secondary regulation
- Reversible hydro power plants allow reduction of renewables curtailment
- Management Dispatch, near real time of all relevant generation installations
- Explore strategies for demand side management (DSM)
- Improvement of intermittent renewables forecast
- Storage optimization
- Use renewable energy curtailment in another storable source of energy

### Thank you.