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## Flywheel-based Frequency Regulation Demonstration Projects for CEC, NYSERDA, & DOE

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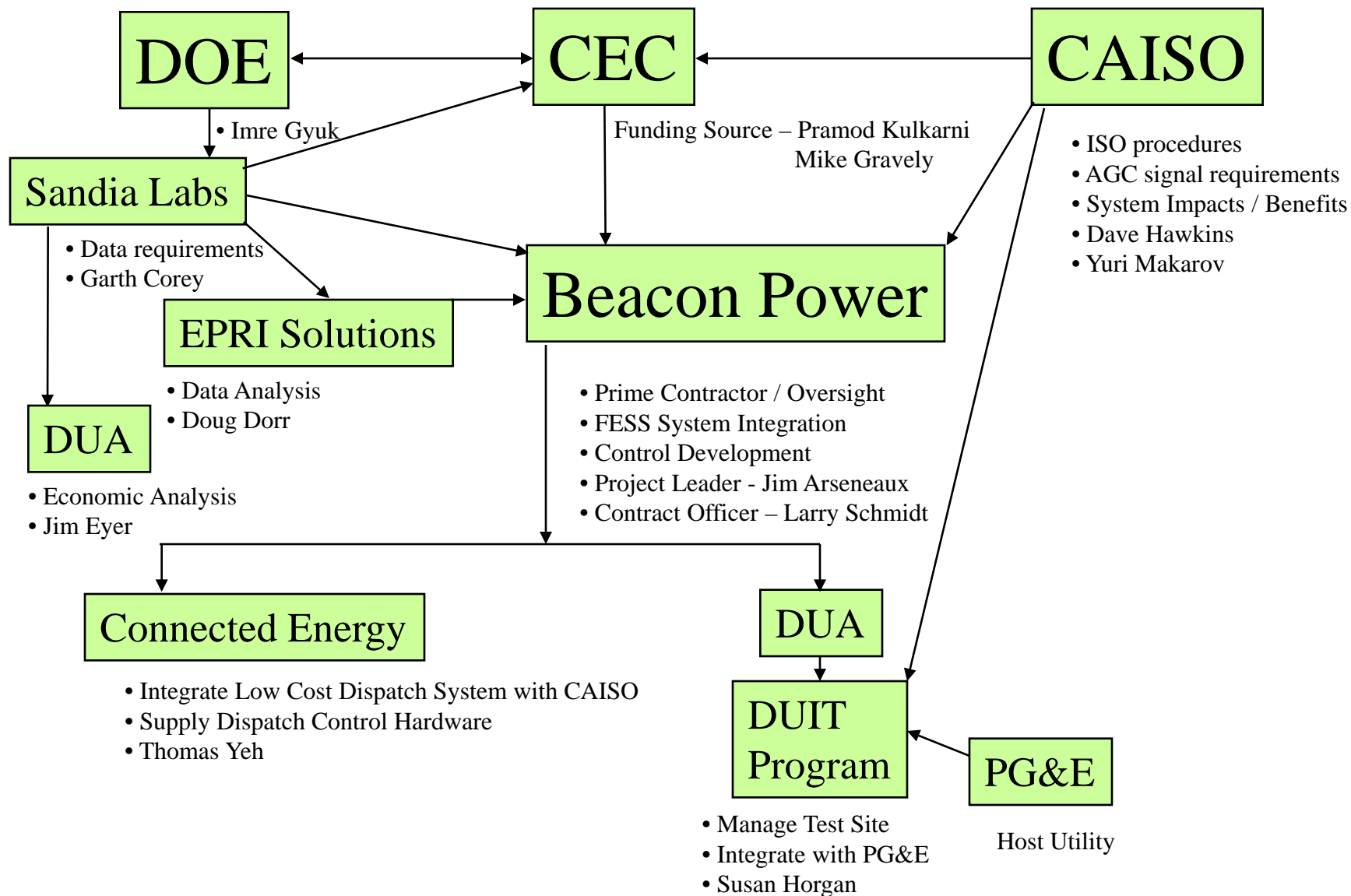
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# Objectives of Demonstration Projects

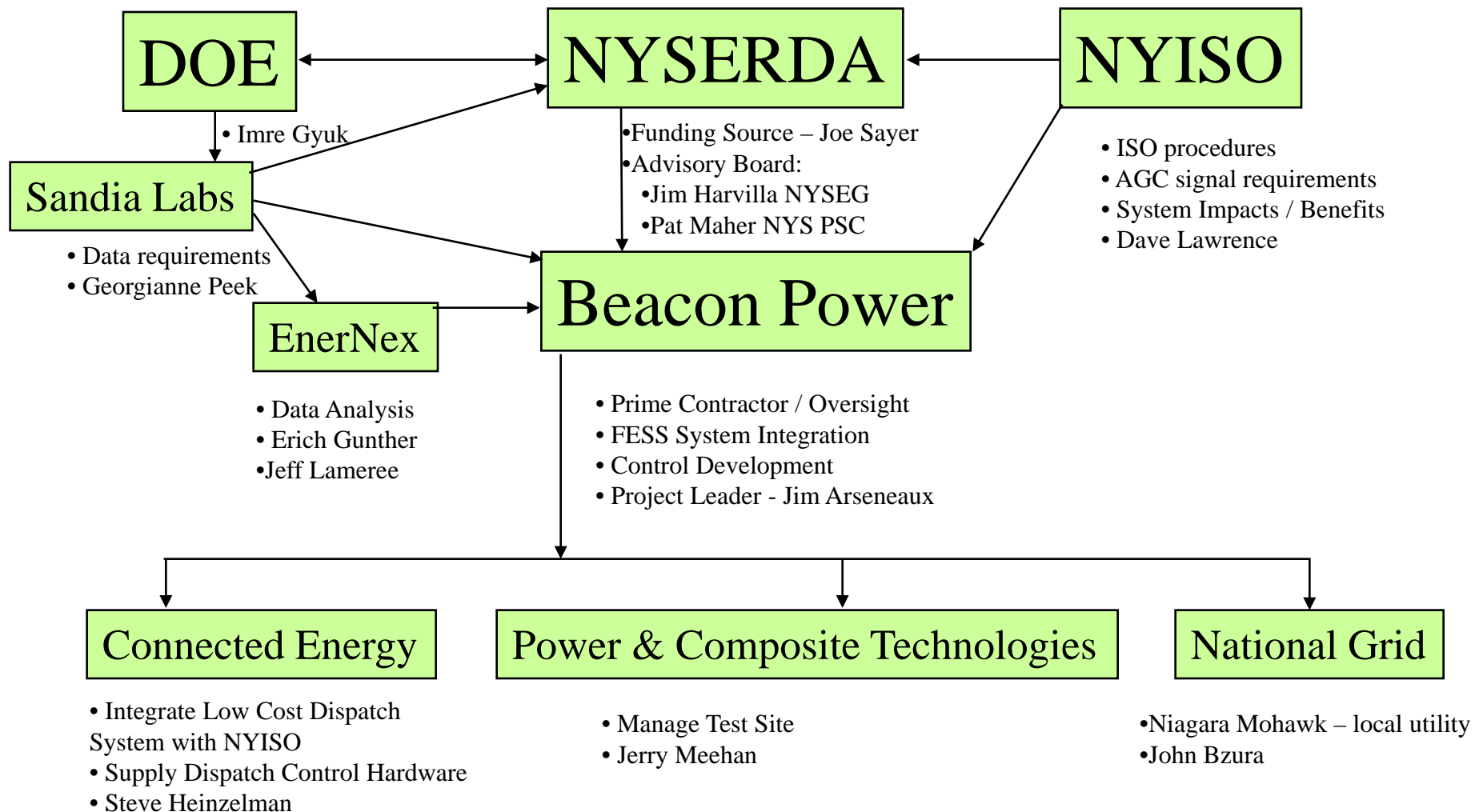


- Proof of concept on  $\sim 1/10^{\text{th}}$  power scale
- Show ability to follow fast-changing frequency regulation signals
- Demonstrate anti-islanding
- Validate interconnection capability  
(NYSERDA on end of line - CEC at substation)
- Demonstrate performance and economic value
- Develop and demonstrate communications with grid operators
- Demonstrate reactive power compensation (NYSERDA only)
- Collect data for product specifications
- Gain industry confidence
- Report results to the industry

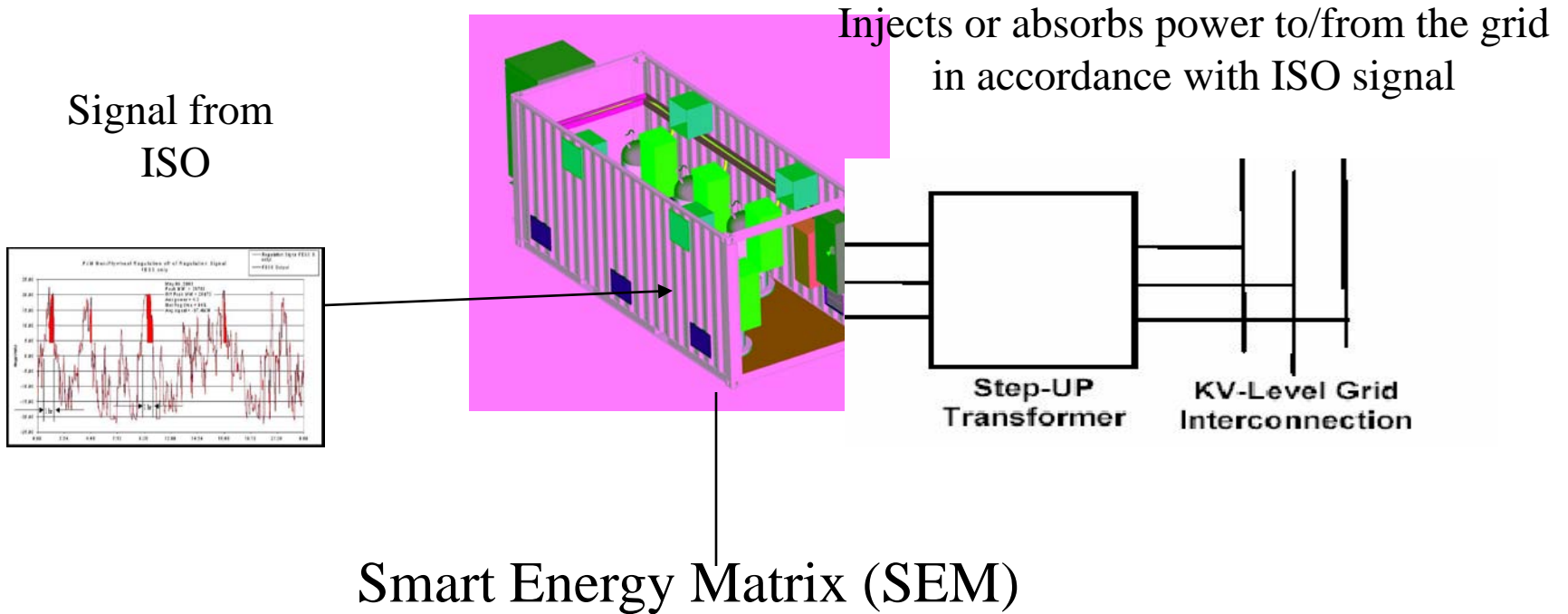
# CEC Project Team



# NYSERDA Project Team



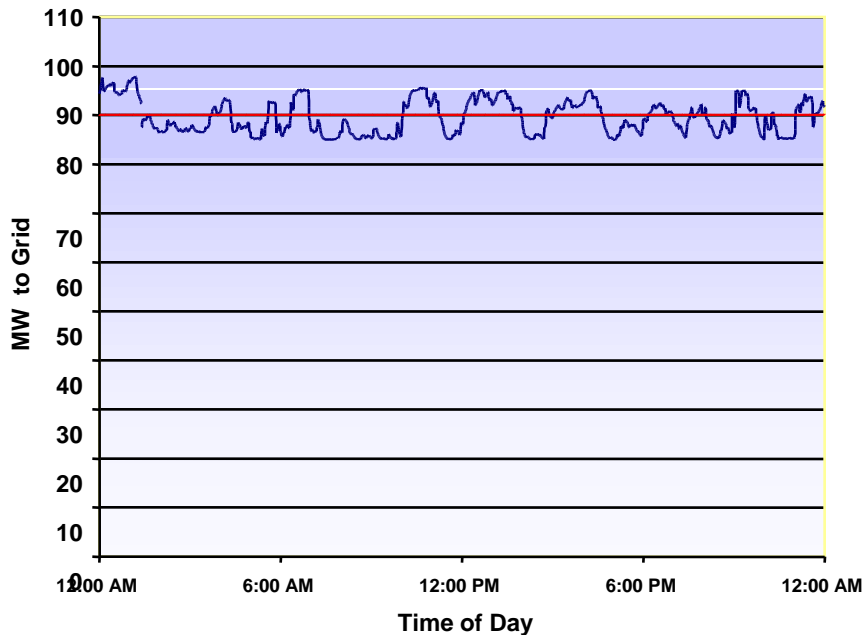
# System Operation



# Regulation Using Generator vs. Energy Storage

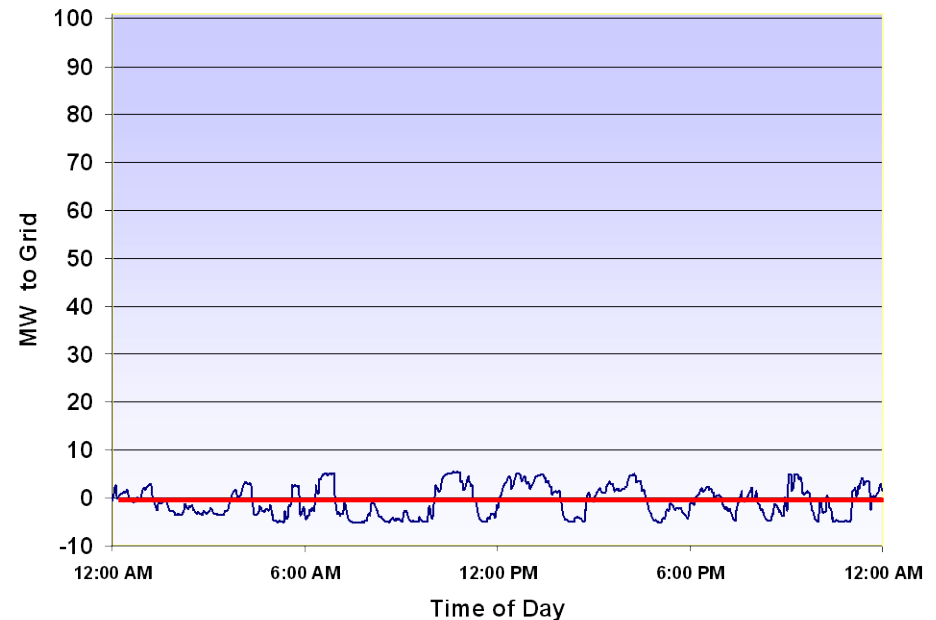


**100 MW Generator  
Set at 90 MW with 5 MW Regulation**



- **Generator varies output**
  - **Decreases efficiency**
  - **Increases emissions**

**Energy Storage providing 5 MW of Regulation**



- **Flywheel recycles energy**
  - **High round trip efficiency**
  - **Zero emissions**

# Outside View of System

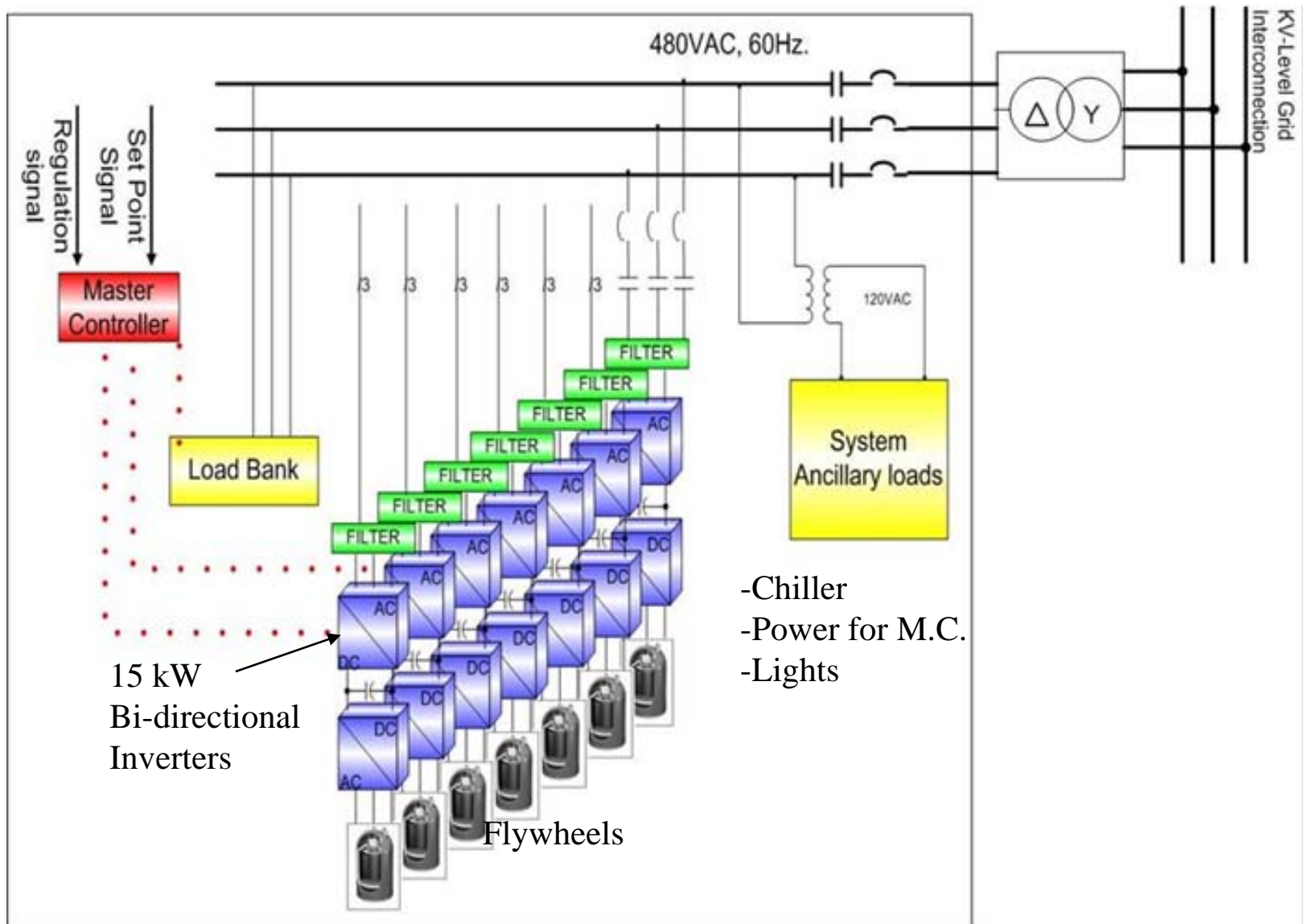




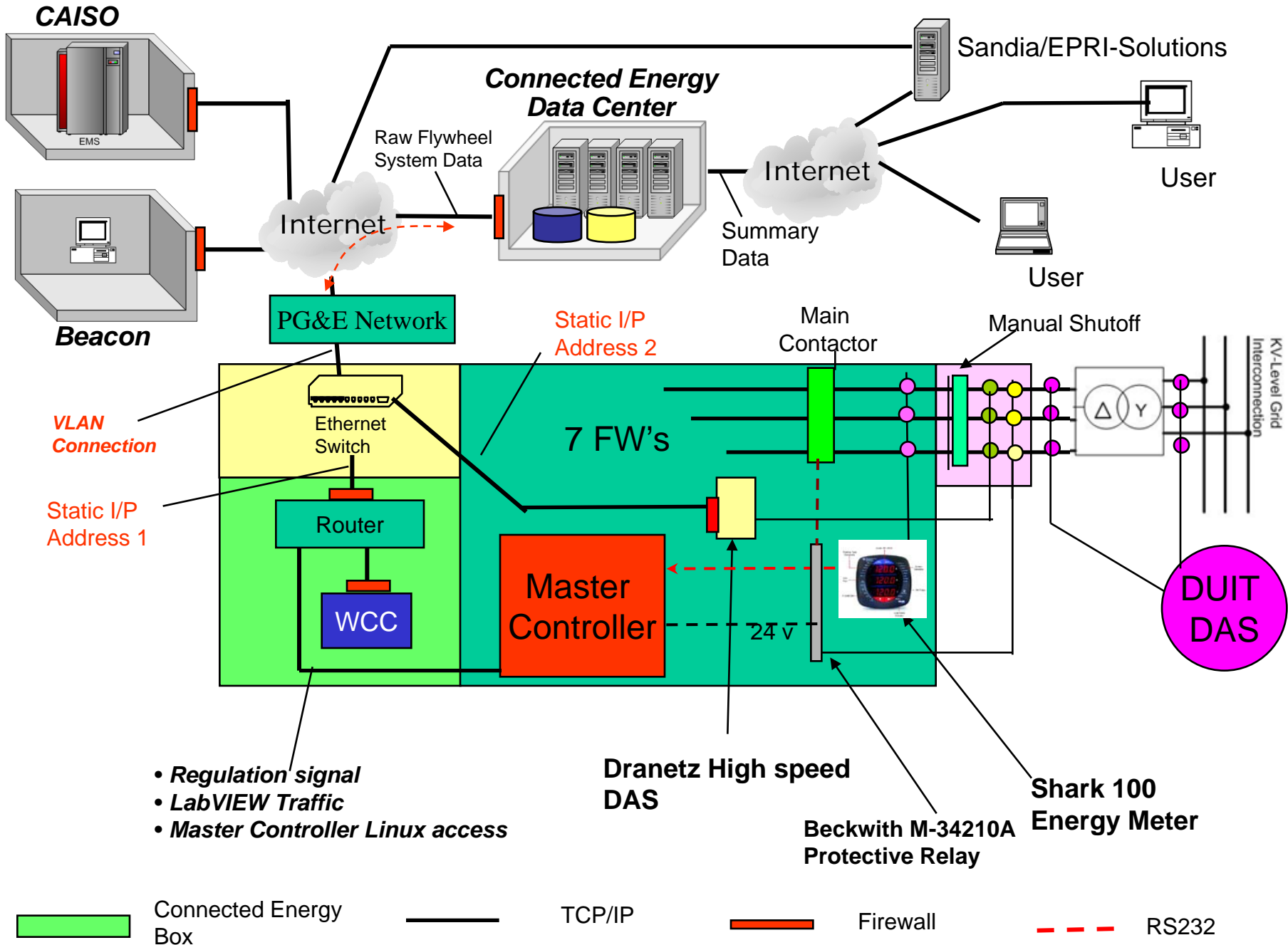
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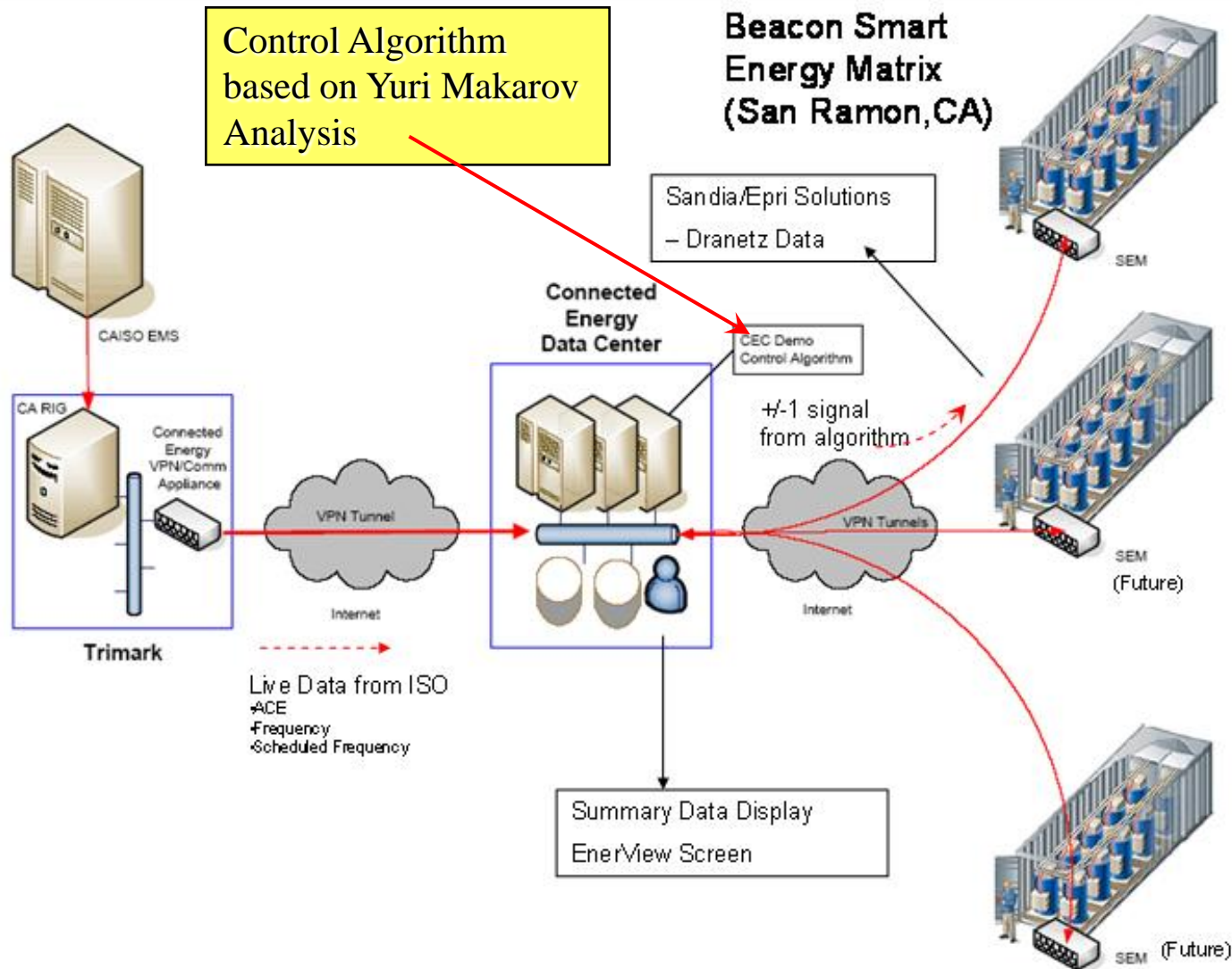
# Demo Schematic



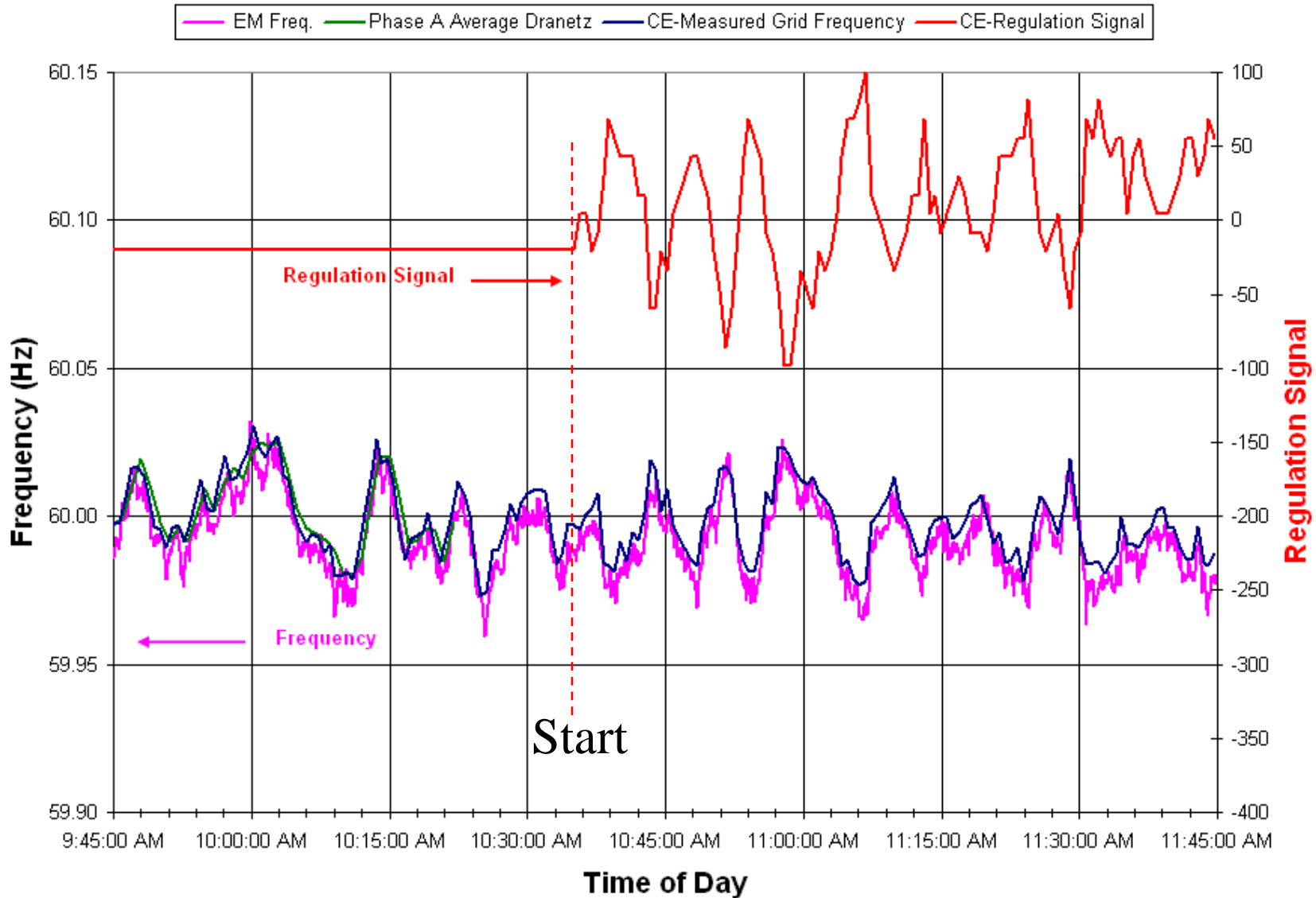
# Data Communication Topology



# Control Signal Schematic (CEC)



# Regulation Signal Generated from Frequency (NYSERDA)



# System Graphic User Interface



**SEM MONITOR** running  ON  OFF

**SEM** START  STOP

**SEM Mode** AUTO  MANUAL

**Regulation Signal Source** REAL  SIM

**CEC**

## SMART ENERGY MATRIX

BEACON POWER Corp. 2006 V2.01

**CONTACTOR** **GRID** **CLOSED**

**VOLTAGE** 489.0

**FREQUENCY** 59.994

**DATE and TIME** Wed, Jul 05, 2006 9:52:52

**FLYWHEEL STATUS**

RPM	ONLINE
1 18971	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
2 18964	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
3 19094	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
4 18971	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
5 19009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
6 18956	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
7 19049	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON

**LOAD BANK POWER**

**ENERGY %**

**REG SIGNAL (KW)** 79

**ABSORBING REGULATION (KW) INJECTING**

**REGULATION EFFECT (KW)** 81

**REG EFFEC**

**REG SIGNA**

**Time** 6:38:04 6:42:00 6:45:00 6:48:00 6:53:04

**POWER SETPOINT (KW)** 20.0

**CUTOUT SPEED (RPM)** 17000.0

**MAIN**  CLOSED

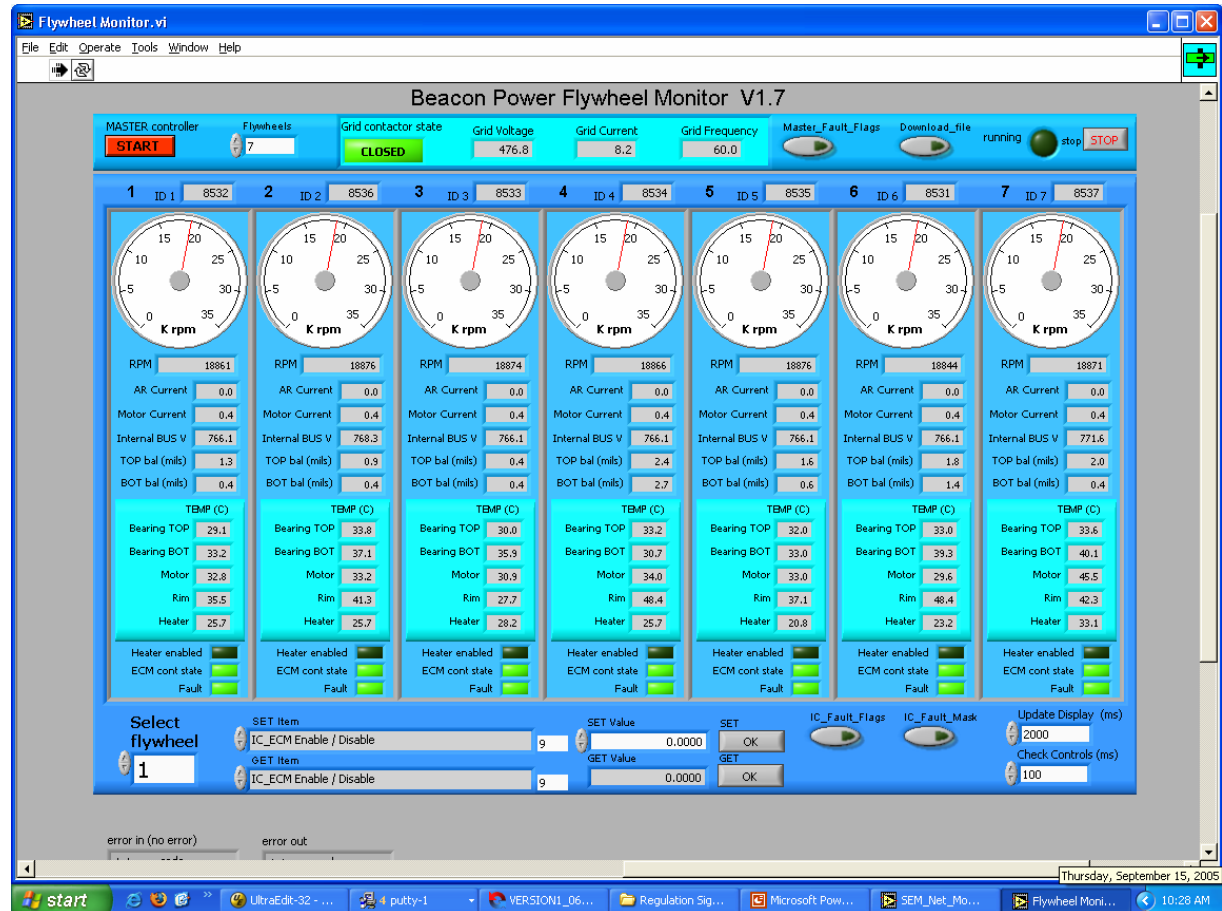
**ECMs**  CLOSED

**LOAD BANK**  CLOSED

# Flywheel Graphical User Interface



Remote Monitoring  
and Control of  
Flywheel and  
System Parameters



- Initial Acceptance Test
  - System Response Time
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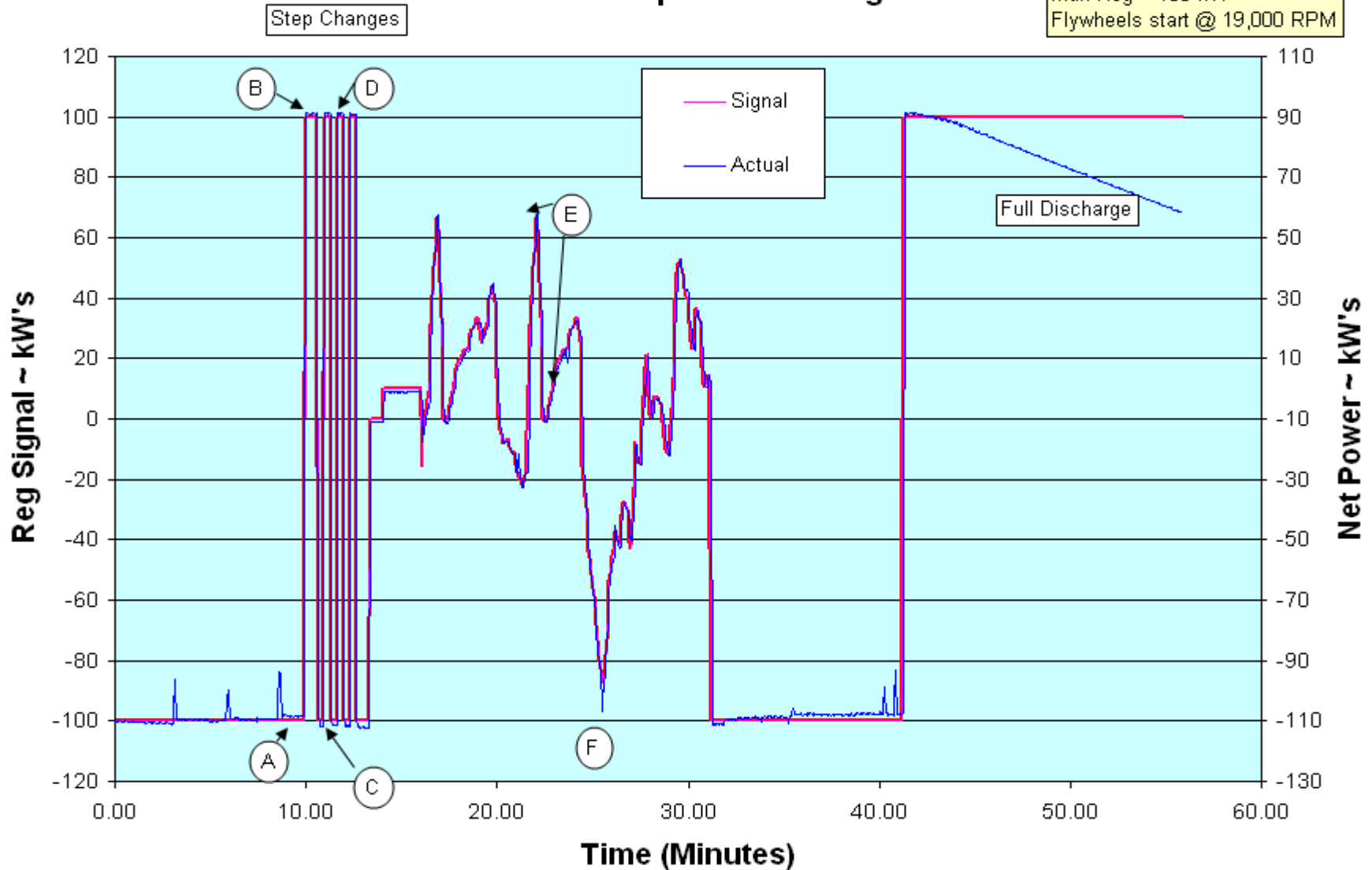


# Acceptance Test Data

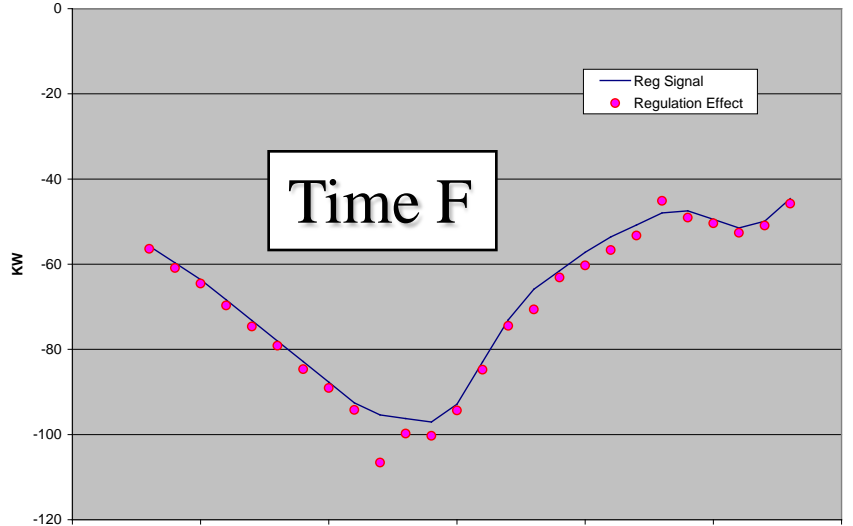
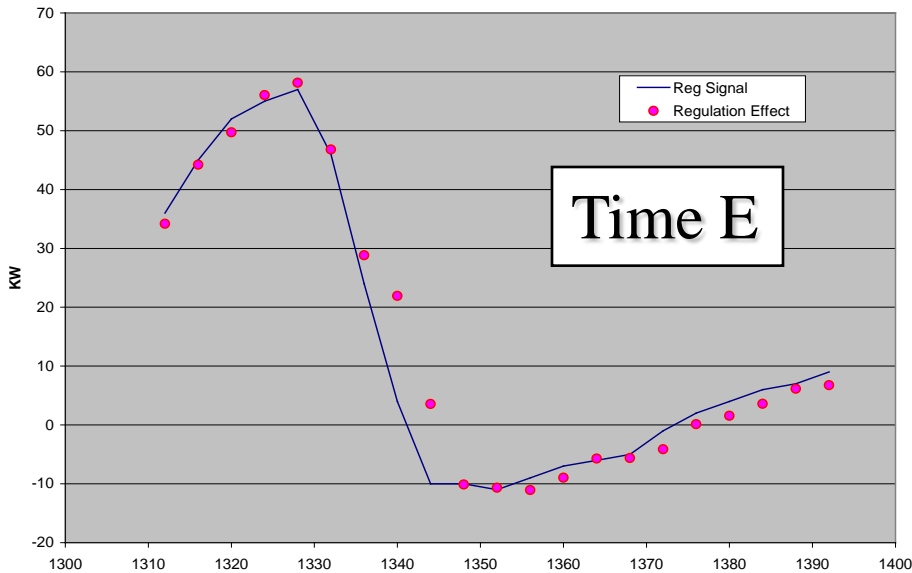
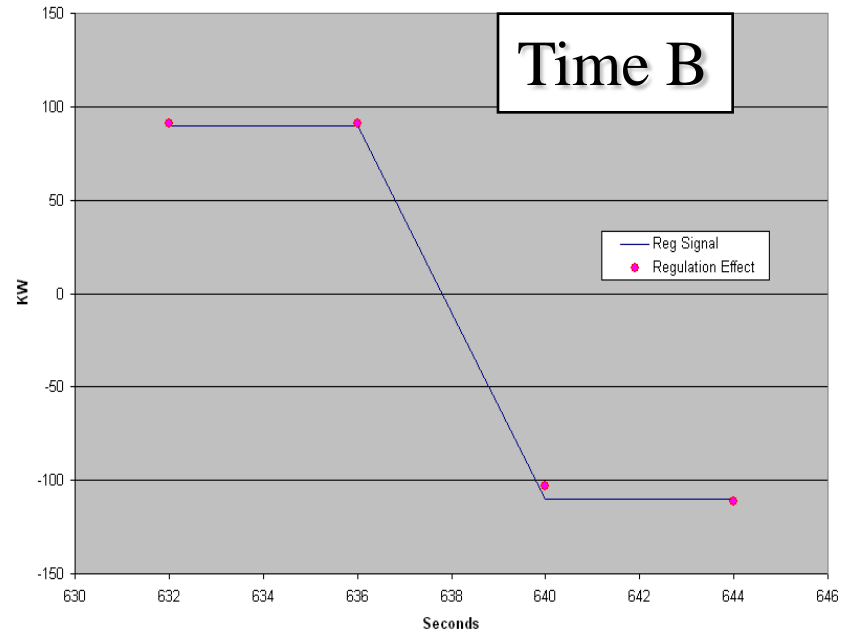
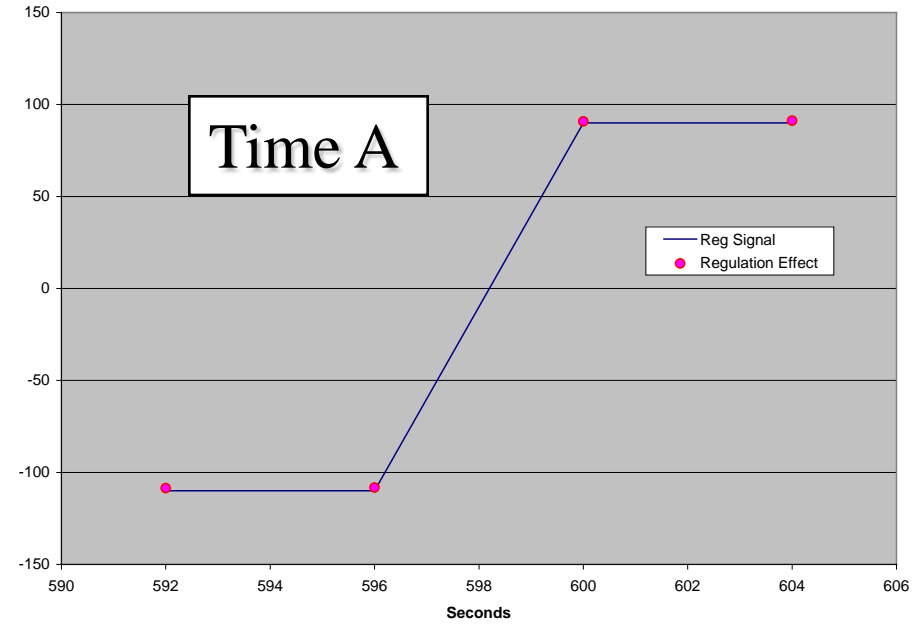


### 100kW Acceptance Test Signal

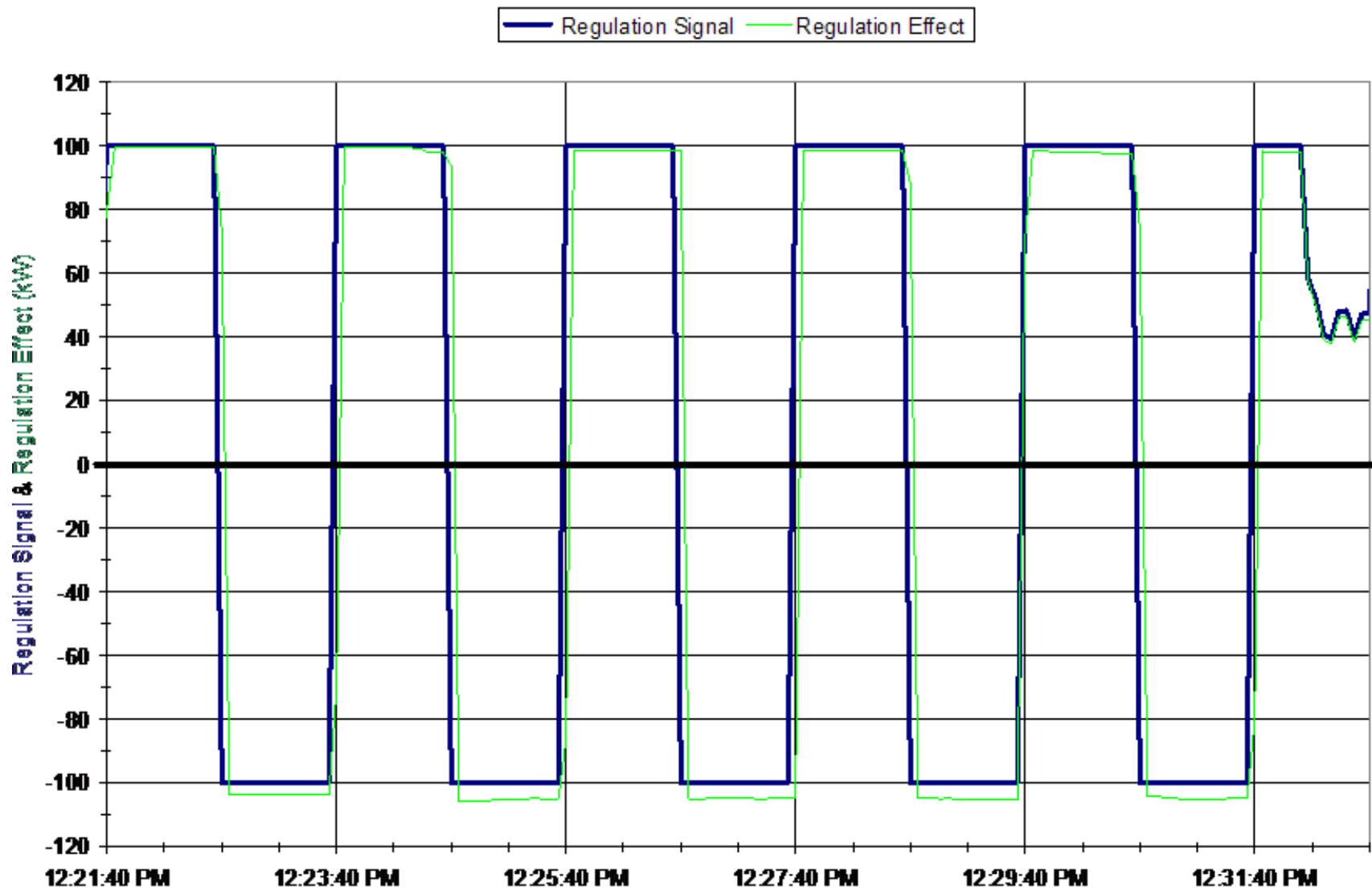
Set Point = -10 kW  
Max Reg = 100 kW  
Flywheels start @ 19,000 RPM



# System Response Time



# Results – Slam Test



# Typical CEC Response

(August 2, 2006)



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OFFLINE

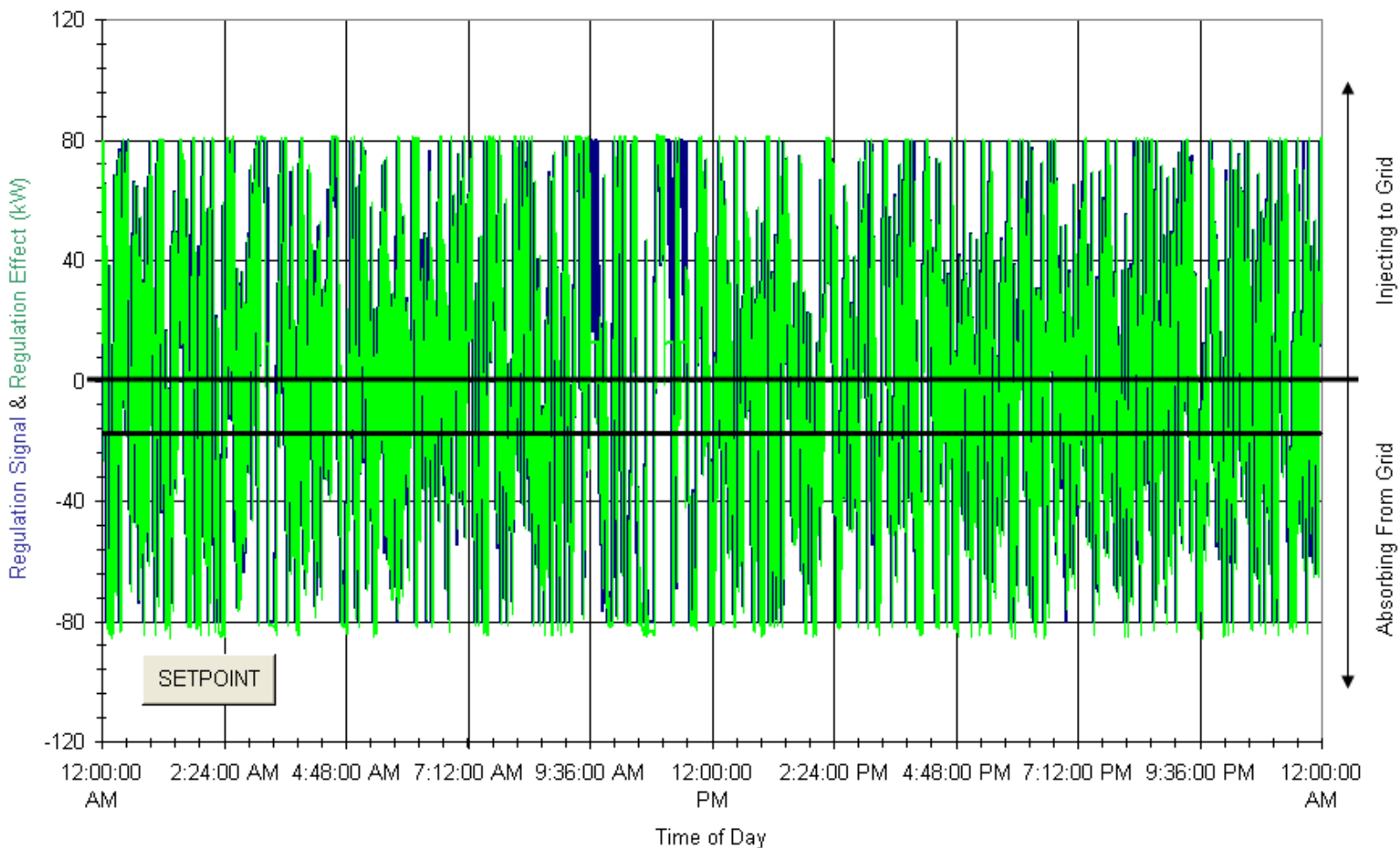
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OFF-LINE

Regulation Signal Vs. Regulation Effect

SCHEDULED  
OFF\_LINE

SCHEDULED  
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— Regulation Signal — Regulation Effect — Set Point



# Typical NYSERDA Response

Sept 28, 2006



UNSCHED  
OFFLINE

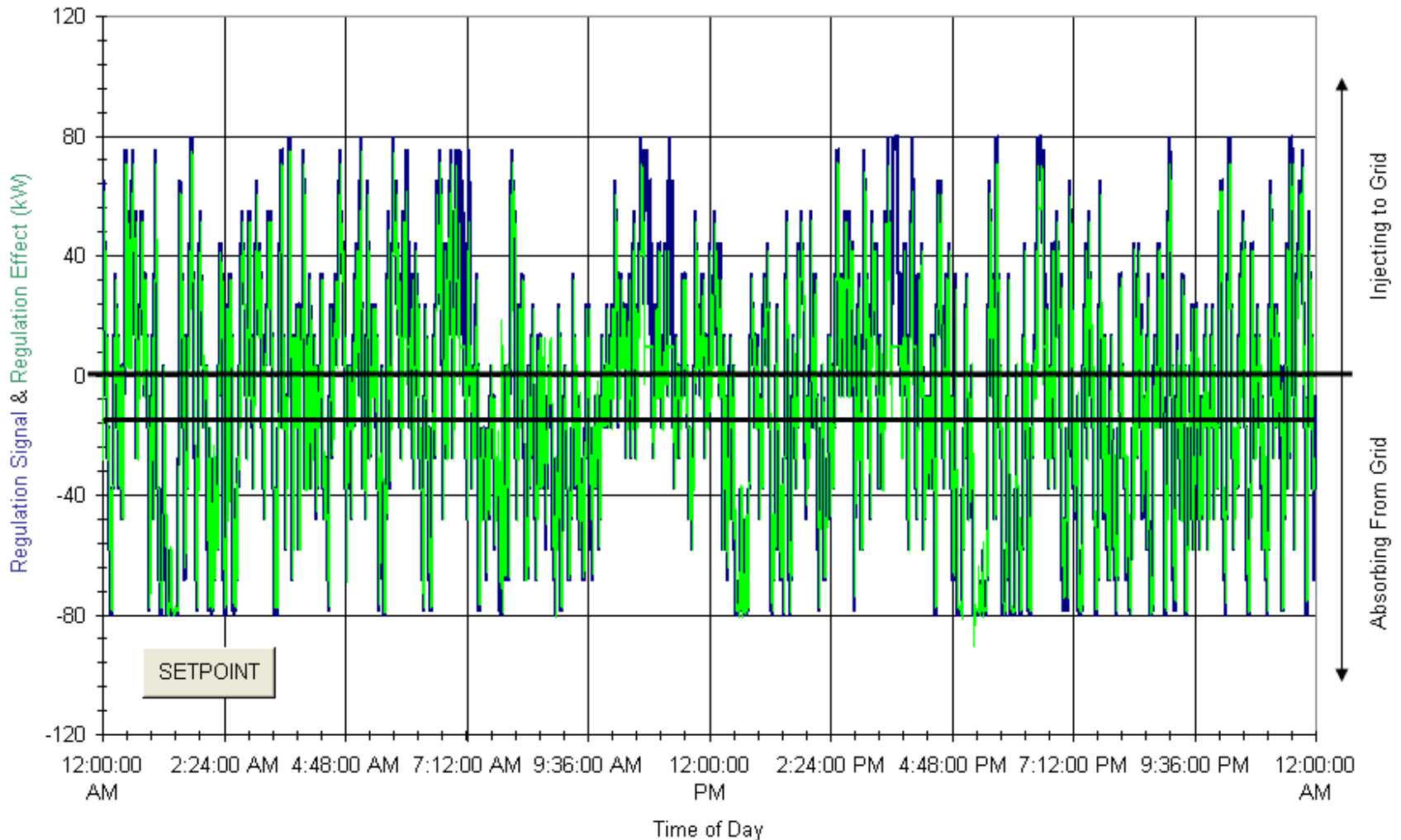
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# Monthly Performance Summary

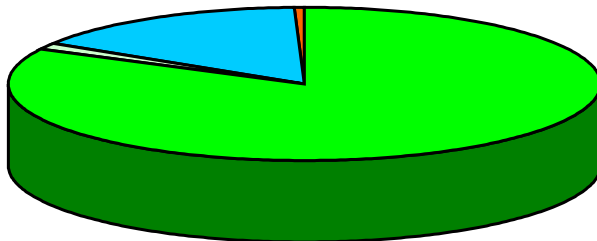
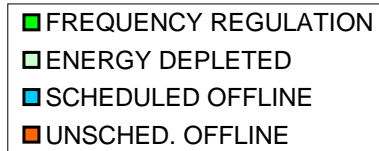
(CEC - Aug 2006)



CEC Run Data Monthly Summary Sheet  
Beacon Power Proprietary Information

Date: August, 2006

		Percent	Hours
<b>DAILY SUMMARY</b>	<b>FREQUENCY REGULATION</b>	86%	20.5
	ENERGY DEPLETED	1%	0.3
	SCHEDULED OFFLINE	12%	2.9
	UNSCHED. OFFLINE	1%	0.2
	Total	100%	24.0
<b>ON-LINE PERFORMANCE</b>	Availability = Freq Reg / 24 Hrs minus Scheduled Offline Hrs	97.6%	
	Deviation Excluding Depleted Time	2.2%	
	Deviation Including Deplete Time	3.1%	



# Monthly Performance Details

## (CEC - Sept 2006)



### September, 2006 SEM Performance Summary

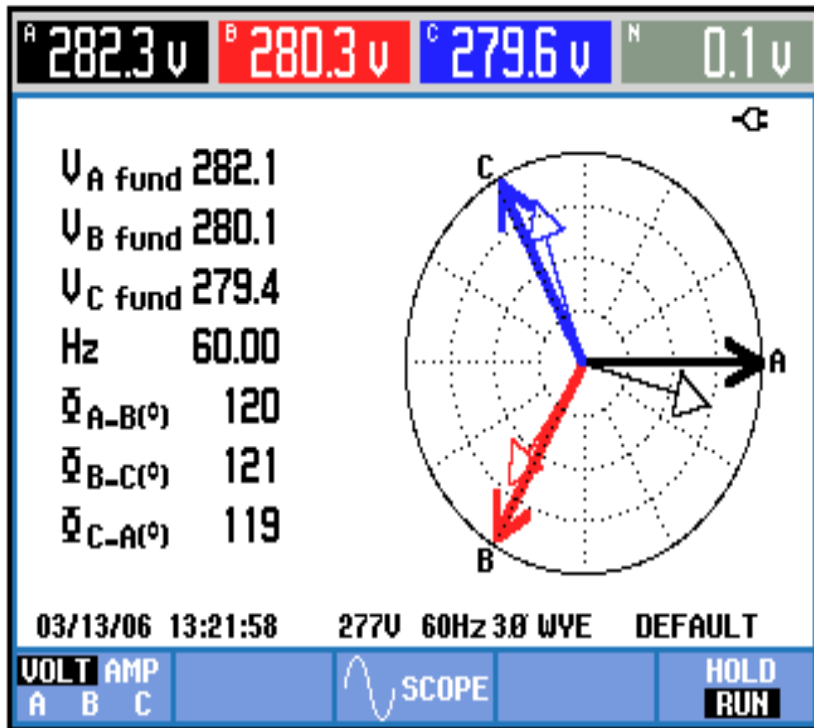
Date	Freq Reg	Energy Depleted	Total Online	offline unscd	offline sched	Deviation	Deviation w/ depletion	Max KW	Setpoint KW	Cutout Speed RPM	Max FW's	Comments
6-Sep	22.57	0.30	22.86	0.00	1.14	2.41%	3.19%	60	17.5	17,000	7	Offline time being reviewed
7-Sep	23.64	0.30	23.94	0.06	0.00	2.32%	3.04%	60	17.5	17,000	7	
8-Sep	19.35	0.32	19.66	0.00	4.34	1.95%	2.87%	60	17.5	17,000	7	The regulation signal flatlined for several hours
9-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	2.57%	3.73%	0	17.5	17,000	7	The regulation signal flatlined all day
10-Sep	12.63	0.55	13.18	0.00	10.83	1.62%	4.23%	80	17.5	17,000	7	The regulation signal flatlined for several hours
11-Sep	22.42	0.21	22.63	0.61	0.76	1.74%	2.30%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
12-Sep	23.72	0.35	24.07	0.00	0.00	1.98%	2.91%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
13-Sep	23.43	0.58	24.01	0.00	0.00	2.20%	3.65%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
14-Sep	23.93	0.07	24.00	0.00	0.00	1.98%	2.91%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
15-Sep	23.37	0.64	24.01	0.00	0.00	1.95%	3.56%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
16-Sep	23.45	0.56	24.01	0.00	0.00	1.94%	3.34%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
17-Sep	23.43	0.58	24.01	0.00	0.00	2.12%	3.55%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
18-Sep	23.44	0.56	24.00	0.00	0.00	2.43%	3.88%	80	17.5	17,000	7	
19-Sep	13.91	0.76	14.67	0.00	9.33	1.99%	5.10%	80	17.5	17,000	6	
20-Sep	21.84	0.68	22.52	1.48	0.00	1.76%	3.59%	80	17.5	17,000	6	
21-Sep	22.76	0.61	23.37	0.63	0.00	3.01%	4.37%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
22-Sep	23.61	0.39	24.00	0.00	0.00	3.92%	4.85%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
23-Sep	23.63	0.38	24.00	0.00	0.00	3.86%	4.77%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
24-Sep	23.62	0.38	24.00	0.00	0.00	3.96%	4.86%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
25-Sep	23.61	0.40	24.00	0.00	0.00	3.95%	4.87%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
26-Sep	23.63	0.37	24.00	0.00	0.00	3.89%	4.81%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
27-Sep	23.62	0.38	24.00	0.00	0.00	3.83%	4.77%	60	17.5	17,000	6	
28-Sep	10.29	0.17	10.46	0.00	13.54	3.59%	4.47%	60	17.5	17,000	6	The regulation signal flatlined for several hours
29-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	2.57%	3.73%	9	17.5	17,000	6	The regulation signal flatlined all day
30-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	2.57%	3.73%	9	17.5	17,000	6	The regulation signal flatlined all day
Average for September	19.80	0.37	20.17	0.11	3.73	2.57%	3.73%					

System online 20+ hours per day. Majority (>90%) of offline time is scheduled. Deviation from signal less than 4%.

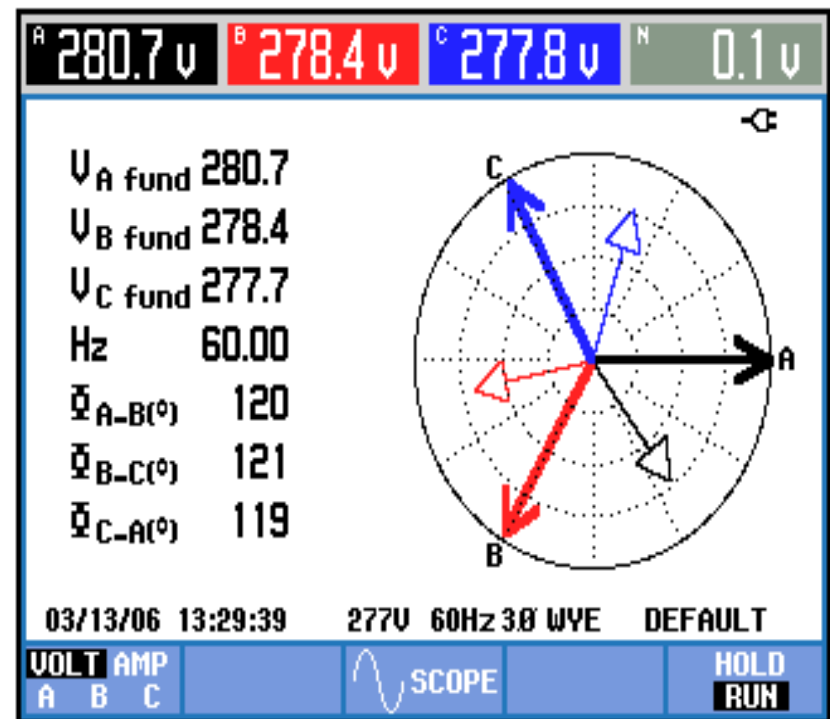
# Reactive Power Response (NYSERDA)



Phasor diagram at 50KW with and without reactive power (inductive)



50KW



50KW charge, 50KVAR, PF= 0.472



# Test Results Summary



- CEC system has been operating for over a year with only two scheduled system shutdowns. NYSERDA since February also with two shutdowns.
- Testing successfully characterizing flywheel response to fast-acting regulation signals
- System reliability being validated
  - Startup / quality issues encountered and addressed as they occur
  - Flywheel reliability has been excellent with two minor issues addressed on site
  - Lessons from demo systems being used to improve design and reliability of the full-power system under development for 2007
- No technical barriers to product introduction have been identified
- Final phase should focus on establishing a signal that can be used for full-power product introduction and identify associated economic value

Performance testing nearing completion. No technical barriers identified. Lessons being incorporated in product design.

# Status vs. Objectives



Objective	Status
Proof of concept on ~1/10 <sup>th</sup> power scale	100kW demonstrated vs. 1 MW (or greater) product
Show ability to follow fast-changing frequency regulation signals	Response time of 4 seconds demonstrated (see data)
Demonstrate anti-islanding	Complete - using standard Beckwith relay
Validate interconnection capability	Connected to grid with no adverse impact
Demonstrate performance and economic value	System performance demonstrated. Economic value analysis being worked with ISOs.
Develop and demonstrate communications with grid operators	All communications systems working
Collect data for product specifications	Data being collected and summarized. Lessons from demo being reflected in the full-power system under development.
Report results - gain industry confidence	Site demonstrations to key stakeholders. Data being distributed.

Programs on schedule to meet all objectives

# Beacon Flywheel Product Evolution



2000



**Gen 1  
Telecom**

**2 kWh / 1 kW**

2001



**Gen 2  
Telecom**

**6 kWh / 2 kW**

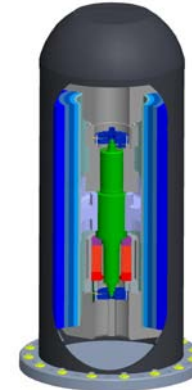
2004



**Gen 3  
Grid**

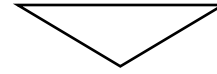
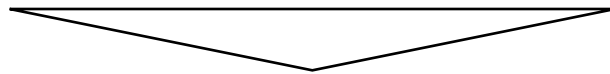
**6 kWh / 15 kW**

2006



**Gen 4  
Grid**

**25 kWh / 100 kW**



- Telecom applications
- Over 500,000 hours of operation

2005



100kW  
demonstration unit

2007



1st MW operational in  
commercial service

# Gen 4 - 25kWh/100kW Flywheel Hardware



Rim

Housing



# Gen 4 - 25kWh/100kW Flywheel



- Other potential applications being considered for flywheel technology
  - Mitigation of grid angular instability
  - Reactive power injection / absorption
  - Renewable ramp mitigation
  - UPS
  - Peak power
  - Micro-grid power regulation
  - Renewable energy integration