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# Carbon Reduction by Smarter Appliances-

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# Electricity Systems are Part of the Problem?

"Climate change presents a unique challenge for economics: it is the greatest and widest-ranging market failure ever seen."

Nicholas Stern. The Stern Report 30 October 2006

35% of global CO2 emissions are from Power Stations

40 year old coal plants are being reconditioned!

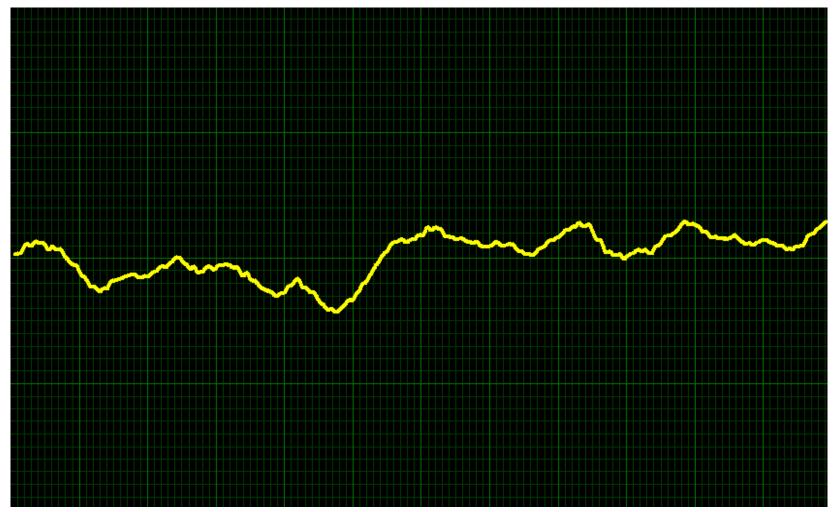


# The Drivers of Electricity Efficiency

- Load Factor
  - The more use from the plant, the lower the costs/unit
  - The "flatter" the demand curve, the less need for peaking plant.
- Fuel Efficiency
  - For coal and gas, the more constant the output, the greater the efficiency and less the wear
  - Part load also generally reduces efficiency
- Some types of renewable generation are weather dependent and will make generation / demand matching harder



# **System Frequency (example)**





# **Frequency Response**

- Crises happen lost plant, lost lines leading to system split etc.
- Response utilised continuously for smaller demand / generation mismatches, as well as to be available for larger event





# **Costs of Frequency Response**

- ~ £100m p.a. in the UK
- Part loaded plant
  - Capacity to increase (& reduce) output
  - Non optimal efficiency
- More flexible plant tends to be older
  - And so less efficient
  - Or very expensive (e.g. Dinorwig)
  - And coal fired
- Big plant is easier to instruct



# Recipe for High Carbon?



Why do we always try to solve it by adding more expensive Power Stations? Are there any Smarter Demand side Solutions/
Technologies that address these failings?

- RLtec's Energy Balancing Controller (EBC)
- Dynamic Demand UK Gov't Solution?



### The Product

- RLtec have developed a series of patented algorithms that provide FR
- Can be applied to a number of appliances
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  - Air conditioning
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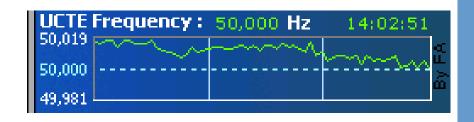


Fridges Do It Better





### How does it work?



- Monitors grid condition
  - Frequency measurement
- Controls compressor motor
  - Temperature measurement & grid condition
- No functional impairment
  - No reduction in food preservation performance
  - No material increase energy consumption
  - No decrease product lifetime
- Implementation
  - Software within "electronic controller"
  - Intelligent thermostat / motor



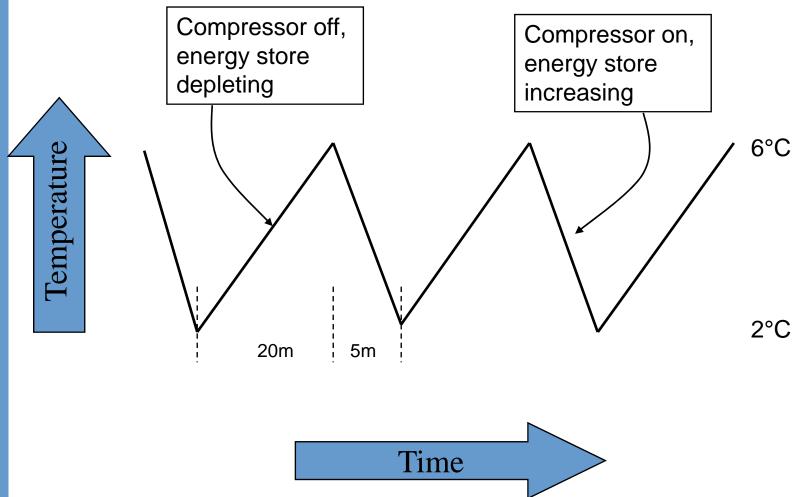


# Using energy stored in fridges and freezers

- Domestic fridges cycle on and off to maintain a temperature range generally between 2C and 6C
- There is discretion of when to switch the compressor on and off within this temperature range
- Altering compressor switch on or off timings, based on system frequency, defers or advances load, thereby providing frequency response
- Freezers have a similar, but colder, cycle to fridges.
- In this presentation example fridge data has been used



# **Domestic Refrigerator Operation**





# **Typical Fridge Characteristic**

- A domestic fridge may have a 100W compressor with an 80 minute cycle comprising 60 minutes off and 20 minutes on. Other time cycles exist but the above will be used for this presentation
- The mean demand of this fridge is therefore 25W
- A "non synchronised" large population of fridges will therefore have a continuous total demand of 25W per fridge, with 25% on and 75% off
- Frequency response is provided by modifying the Electronic Control Unit <u>built in</u> to fridges - there is no ability for the customer to modify the frequency response behaviour



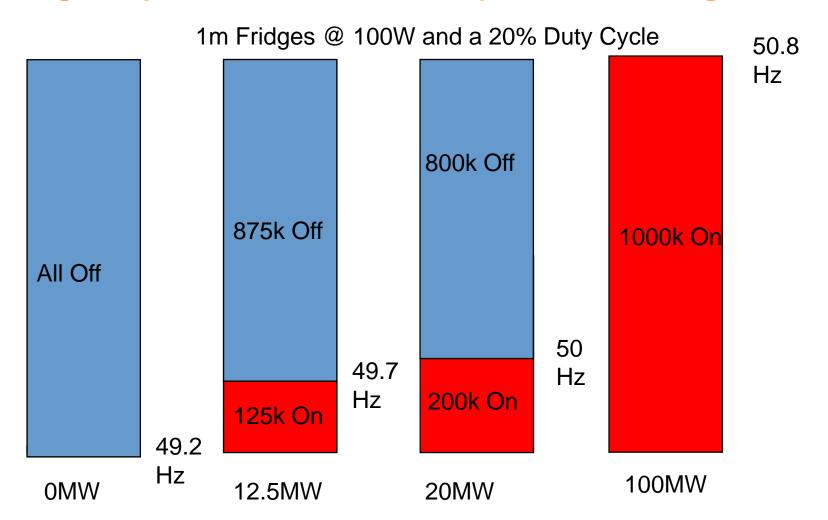
# **Modified Electronic Control Unit in fridges**

# Control System:

- Reads the frequency, whilst stable around 50 Hz, normal thermostat/compressor operation
- If frequency is low, some fridges in cooling cycle will be turned off
- If frequency is high, some fridges in warming cycle will be turned on
- Diversity is critical and 'engineered in'



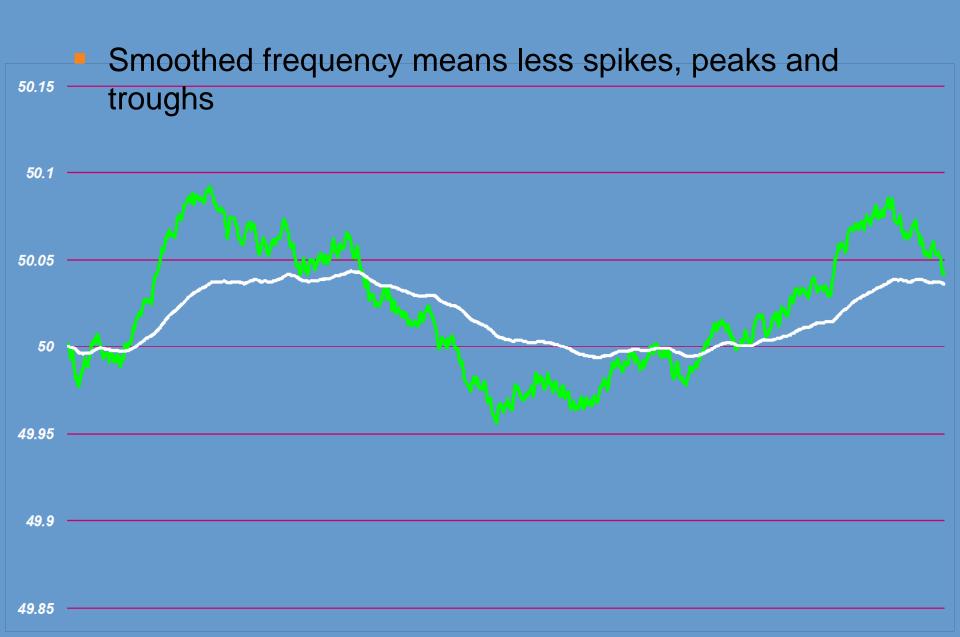
# Fridge Population Behaviour at possible settings



# The Fridges' Energy store acts like a giant Capacitor



# **Damped Variation**



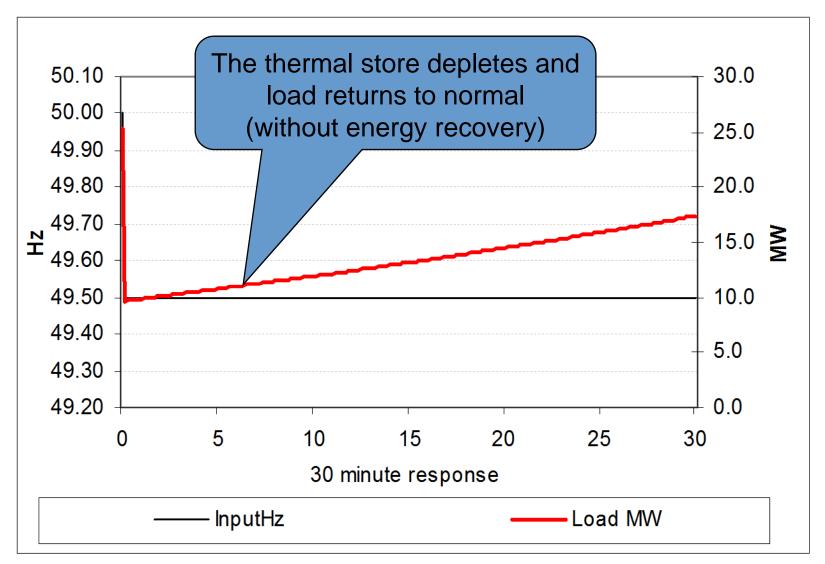


# **Service Provided**

- 1m new fridges fitted with the device provides about 25MW "response"
- Eventual potential up to 100 MW
- The service provided is equivalent to:
  - Primary response plus
  - Secondary / tertiary response with time / quantity limit
  - Enhanced high frequency response or symmetrical response with longer duration
- Some discretion over quantity / time characteristics
- Recovery of capability in about 30 minutes
- The following slides give examples of responses to frequency trajectories with specific parameters set

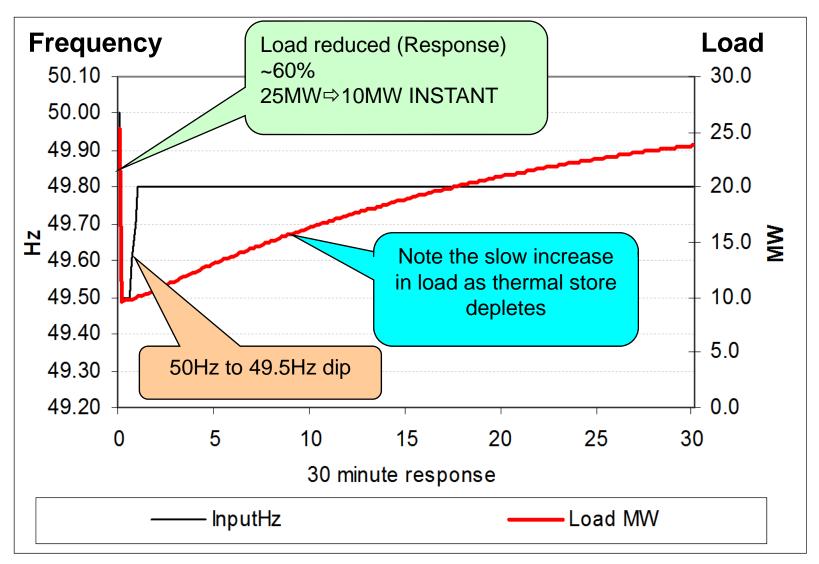


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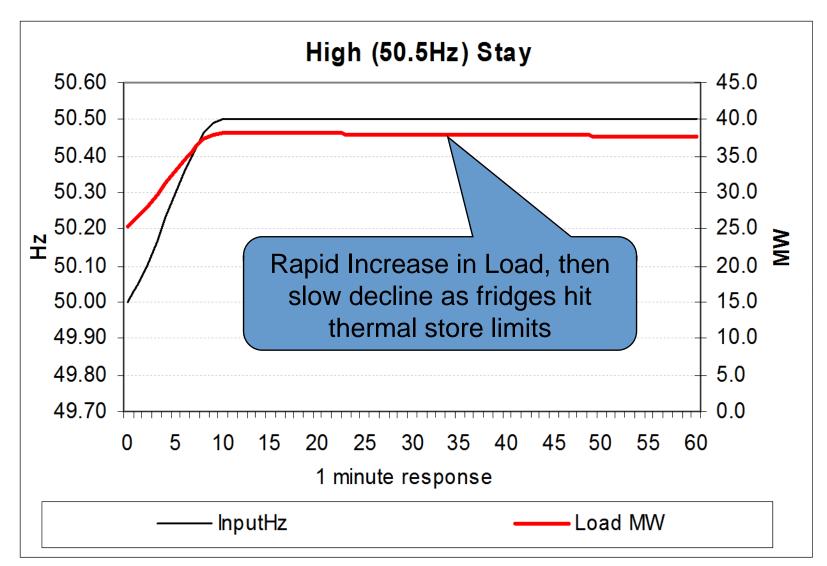


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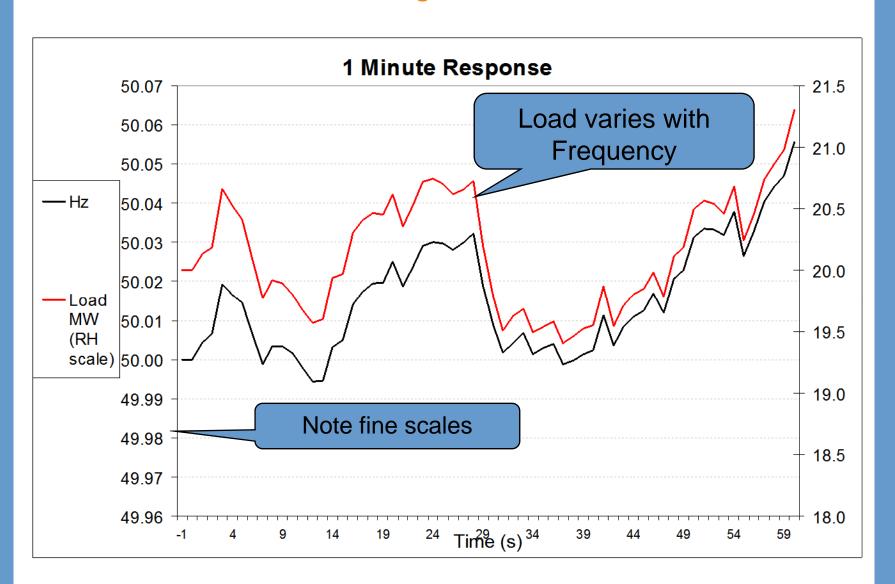


# Rise to 50.5 no recovery Range equivalent 2.86Hz





# Randomly varying frequency Range 0.5Hz.





# Key features of fridge frequency response

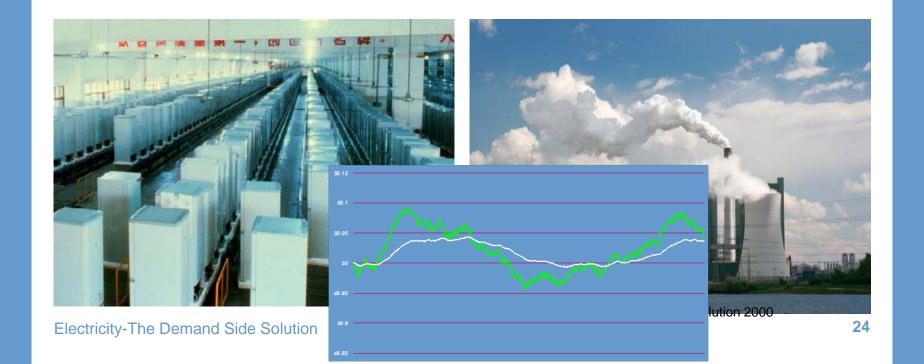
- Large population gives modulating response
- Base load firm response with some additional low frequency response in summer
- Response delivered in about 100ms
- For prolonged periods at low frequency load <u>does not</u> rise above normal it merely increases to normal (25W per fridge average) with a shorter on/off cycle
- Choice of larger high frequency response or similar to low frequency with longer duration of response
- Some approximations in above e.g. minimum compressor off time neglected



# Demand response - solutions

- Fridges 30,000,000
  - ~600MW
  - No running cost
  - No storage loss
  - Near instantaneous

- Typical "Genset"
  - 600MW
  - "Hot Standby"
  - CO2 no Power, inefficient
  - 9% Transmission losses
  - >9 minutes lag





# **Benefits of Smart Appliances**

- CO2 emission savings
  - 1,000,000 ton annually in the UK



- Potentially lower energy costs to the consumer
  - providing up to 600MW of "fast response" grid balance
- Improved "security of supply"

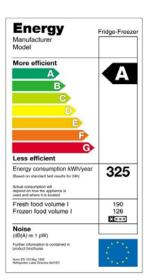




# **Benefits to Manufacturer**



- Demonstrates corporate "green" agenda
  - CO2 verifiable emission reduction certificates
  - Carbon credits have financial value
  - Demonstrates pro-activity to regulators
- Product differentiation feature
  - Branded feature with consumer appeal
  - Prospect of new energy label
  - Higher product margins
- Assists "Developing Nations" electricity infrastructure
  - Sell more appliances





# The Reality of ABS: Just Do It!

- A Population of Fridges
  - Changes demand, not supply
  - Responds instantly (~100ms or less)
  - Smoothes the frequency 24 \* 7
  - Is distributed, autonomous and very reliable
- Changes System Optimisation lower costs
- Reduces CO2 from Power Stations
- Very low cost CO2 abatement
- 4.1m p.a. new refrigeration appliances sold

Who gets the CO2 Benefit?



# Case study - South Africa

- Peak demand a problem much (deferrable) electric water heating
- Possible (and possibly acceptable) deliberately to drive frequency below nominal when more demand wanted and above nominal when more demand acceptable
- Could therefore use frequency instead of tariff broadcast as input to intelligent water heater timing
- Several GW of peak shaving possible without the need for additional communication system



# Questions? Light bulb Victor Hugo



# Effect of different time cycles

- Above illustrations based on a 20 minute on 60 minute off compressor cycle
- In practice many modern fridges / freezers cycles are subtly different
- Difference in cycle time changes persistence of response and length of time for recovery to normal state after persistent extreme event
- Intend to quantify actual compressor cycles for each device type to evaluate its response characteristics



# Establishing how a population of fridges behaves

- Modelling work being undertaken. Aggregate and detailed models being refined
- Proposal for a "100 fridge" trial with variable mains frequency
- Trial may actually be of a lower number of fridge freezers with independent compressors so will be at least 100 independent devices
- Preparation for trial in hand and should be complete in early autumn



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# **Presentation to**

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# **Agenda**

- Intro to RLtec
- Product
- Current/New Activities
- Proposition
- Benefits



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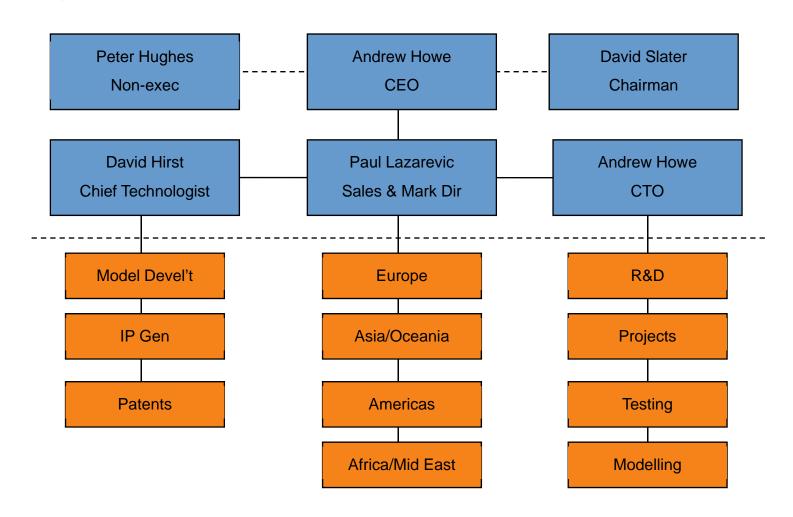


## The Company

- UK based
- Portfolio of Intellectual Property & patents granted
- VC funded by Low Carbon Accelerator (LCA)
  - £50m AIM fund, focus on "green" products in UK, Europe and US
- Development of Green energy management products
  - Provision of dynamic response solutions to electrical grids
- Accelerating growth
  - Marketing in US, Europe and South Africa



## **Organisation**





### **Background to the Product**

- National Grid Transco pay generators and/or I&C consumers ~£400m/y to balance the national grid
- Balancing services are numerous:
  - Majority based on standby generation
  - Based on reacting to grid frequency
  - Centrally dispatched with variable reaction times
- "Frequency Response" (FR) is one of main vehicles used



## **Costs of Frequency Response**

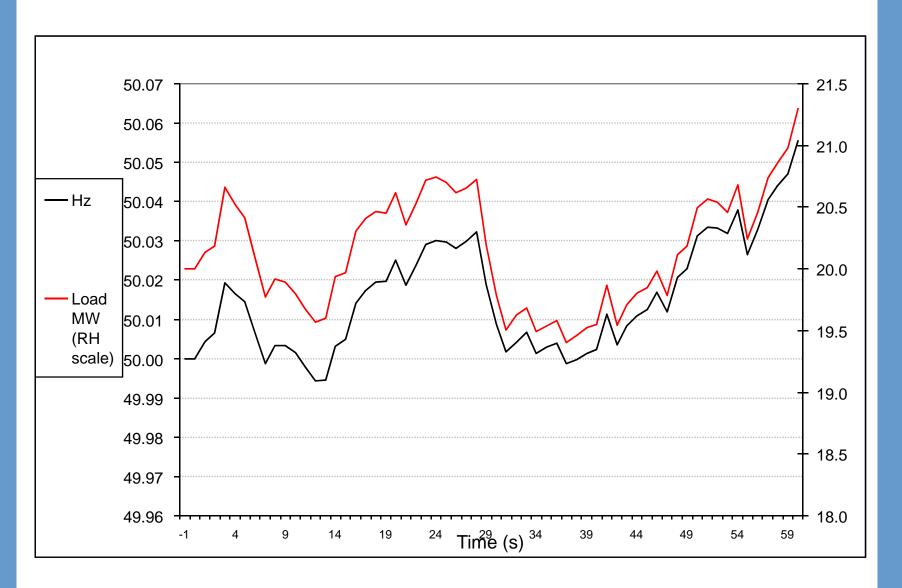
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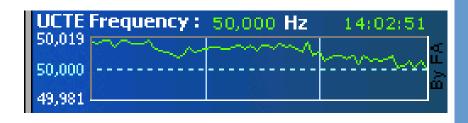
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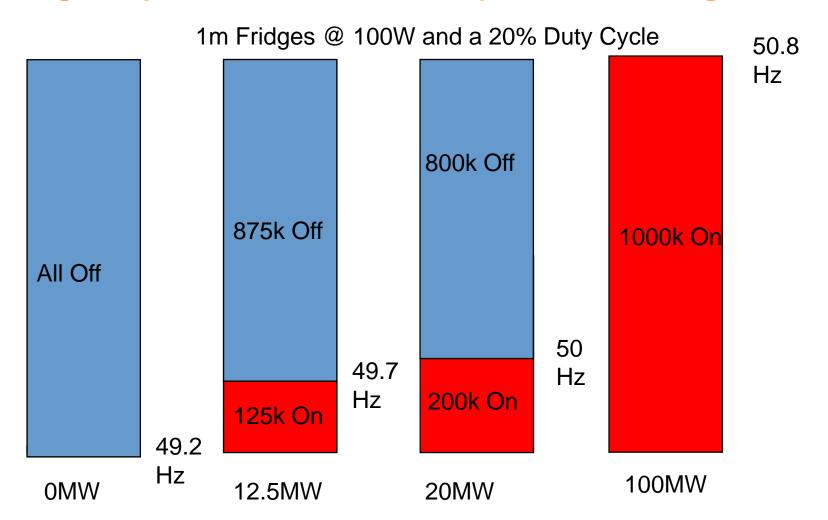
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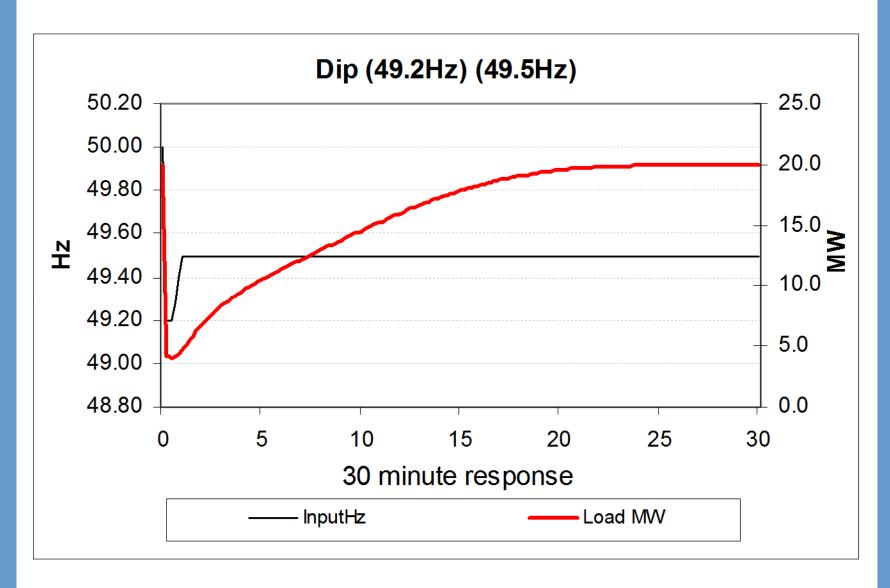




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# The Benefits over Existing FR Products

- Green product as CO<sub>2</sub> emitting generation plant is avoided
  - Up to 2,000,000/y tonnes potential
- Available 24x7x365
  - Existing products tend to have windows of availability
- Can be used for both high and low response
  - le works in reverse when grid needs demand
  - No other demand side product available can do this



#### **Current Status**

- Intellectual Property developed, patents granted and more in application
- Initial focus on domestic appliances
  - Sales to refrigeration appliance manufacturers (UK + Europe)
  - Water heaters (South Africa)
  - Air conditioning (USA)
- Discussions with various grids commenced
- Technology transferred and successfully tested by a leading refrigeration manufacturer to industry standards
- Now looking at I&C applications



### **New Activities**

- Roll out application to UK I&C customers
- Looking for "partner companies" with high degree of stored load
- Ideally need 20MW with typical sources:
  - Refrigeration
  - Electrical water heating
  - Pumping
  - HVAC
- Sell the load to NGT as bespoke Frequency Response



### **Proposition**

- Looking to partner with XXXXX
- Determine potential for RLtec products in your portfolio
  - Identify applicable systems : refrigeration, heating etc
  - Assess type of implementation (software or hardware)
  - Trial products in sample xxxx
  - Calculate MW potential for portfolio
- RLtec approach NGT for FR contract
- RLtec/XXXX share benefits
  - Benefit dependent on size (MW) and time of response
  - Estimate at £50k/MW
  - 20MW = £1m



### **Benefits**

#### Benefits to XXXXX

- Provides additional income stream to offset power costs
- Enhances green credentials
- Enables PR campaign pioneering in new green technology

#### Benefits to RLtec

- Provides income stream
- Establishment in I&C market
- PR opportunities