## EFCC – Role of CCGTs?



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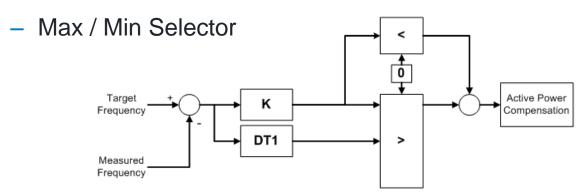
# Agenda

- Recap on previous works
- Progress through year 3
- Current status

- Existing and future role for CCGTs
- Learnings and observations

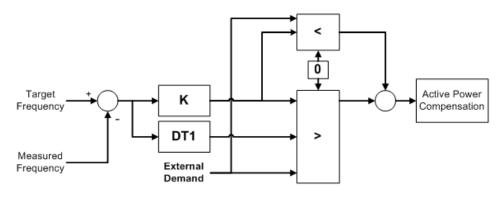
# **CCGT Multi-Option Integrated Strategy**

- Local GT Controller (DCS) response
  - Retain Primary Secondary and High Proportional Response Modes
  - RoCoF derived from GT Speed Measurement
  - Compensation applied proportional to RoCoF
  - Estimated to match the Primary Response
  - RoCoF event detection

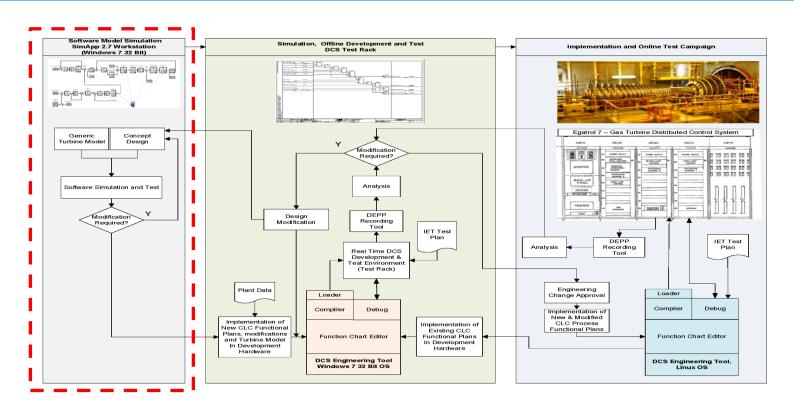


## **CCGT Multi-Option Integrated Strategy**

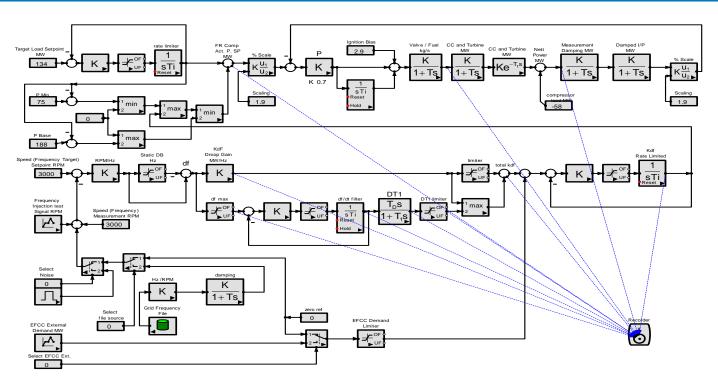
- GE External System
  - Commanded response based on Phasor Measurement
  - RoCoF measurement derived from PMU
  - Compensation scheduled from
    - Regional Aggregator (requires suitable network infrastructure)
    - Local Controller (detected RoCoF initiates a predefined response)



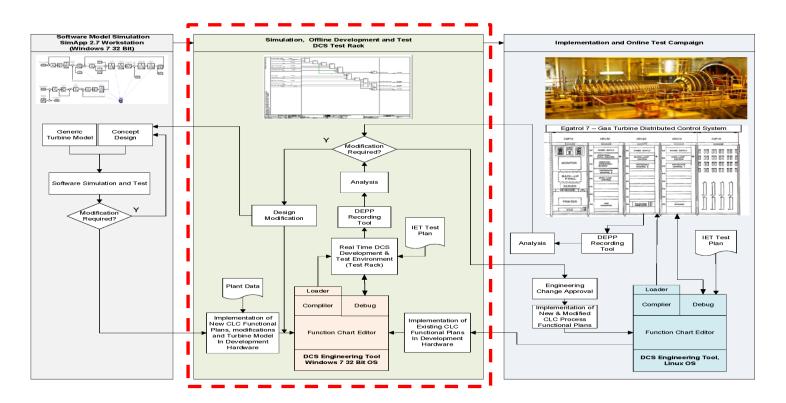
# GT DCS Control Development Cycle



# **Computer Based Simulation**



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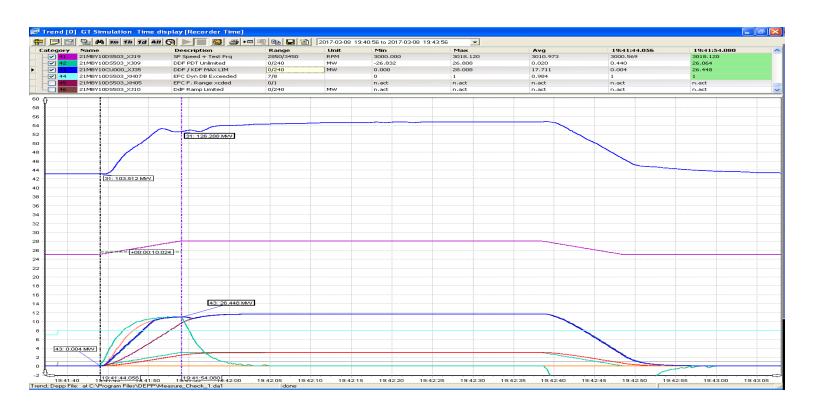


## Offline DCS Test Environment

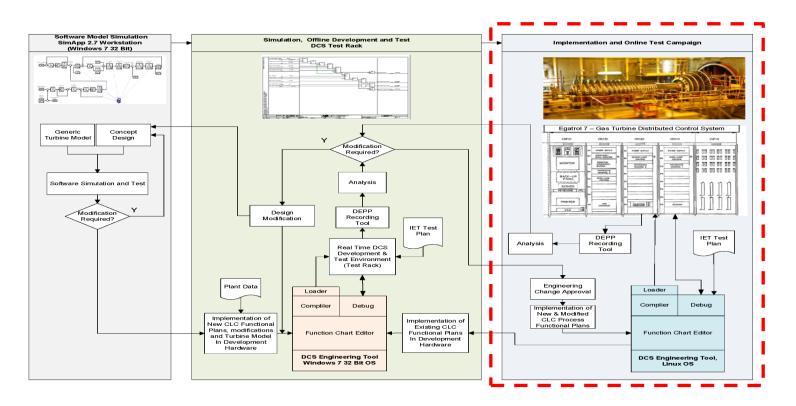




## Off Line Simulation of Grid Compliance Tests

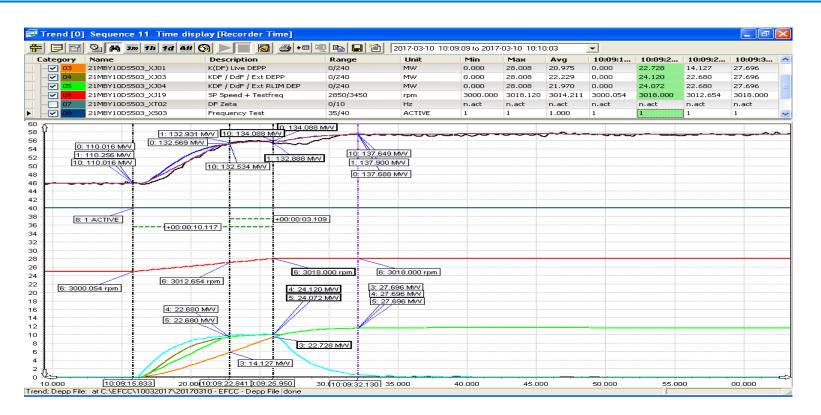


# **Development Process Overview**





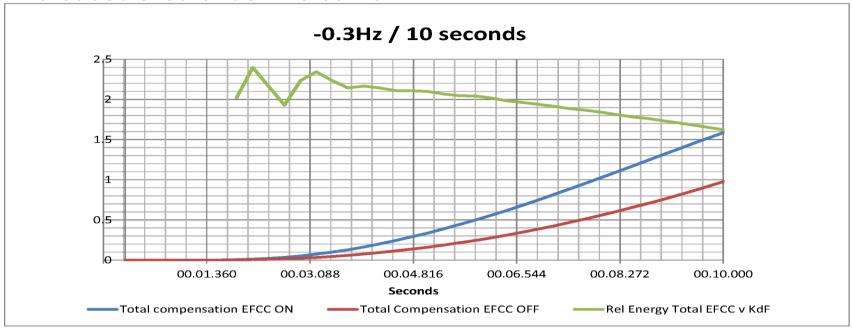
### Grid Compliance Test - EFCC ON -0.3Hz / 10s





#### Potential Scale of Benefit

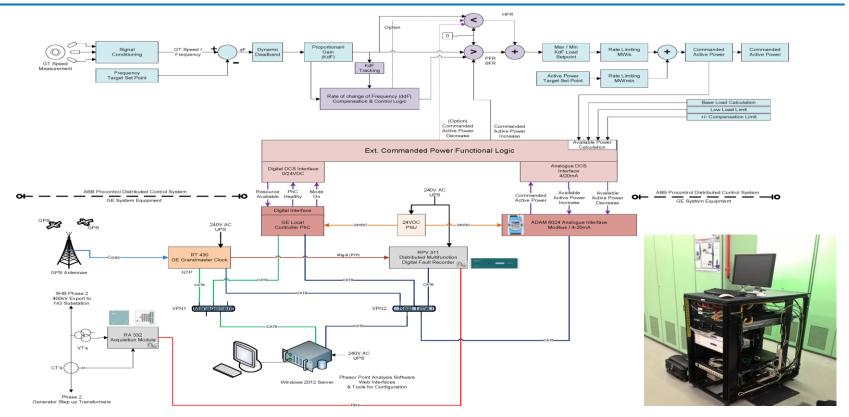
Increased area under the curve



# Steps for Year 3

- Monitor installed software in passive mode
- Optimise utilisation to minimise thermal stress
- Analyse events and optimise parameters using offline model
- Optimise offset tracking
- Potentially go live.....
- Install GE Equipment and Complete Site Acceptance Tests

# GE Equipment Installation September / October 2017



# **GE Site Acceptance Testing**

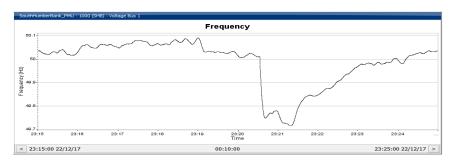
- Site Acceptance Testing Completed 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017
  - Equipment Installation Checks
  - Software Tests
  - Hardware Tests
  - Connectivity Tests
  - Operational Changes
  - Algorithm Testing

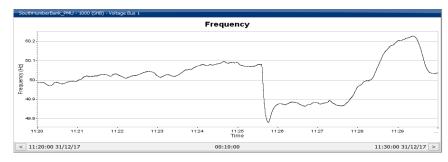


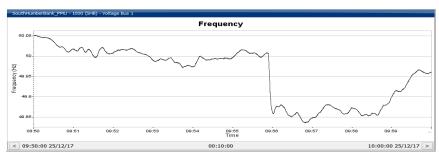


#### Post SAT Feedback of Data

• RPV311 Log files, PMU (CSV) Event Files





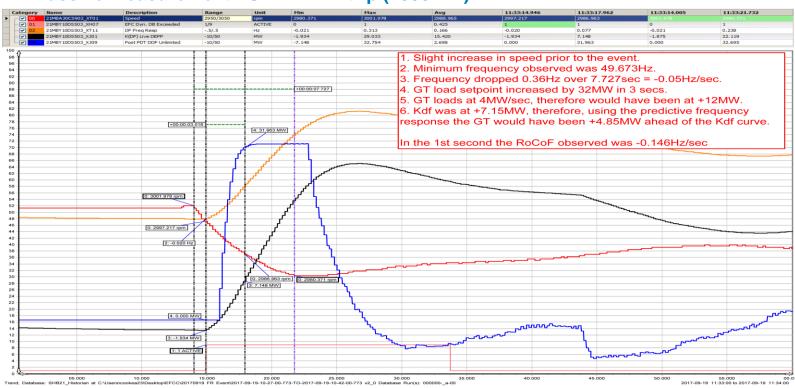






# Frequency Event 19th September 2017

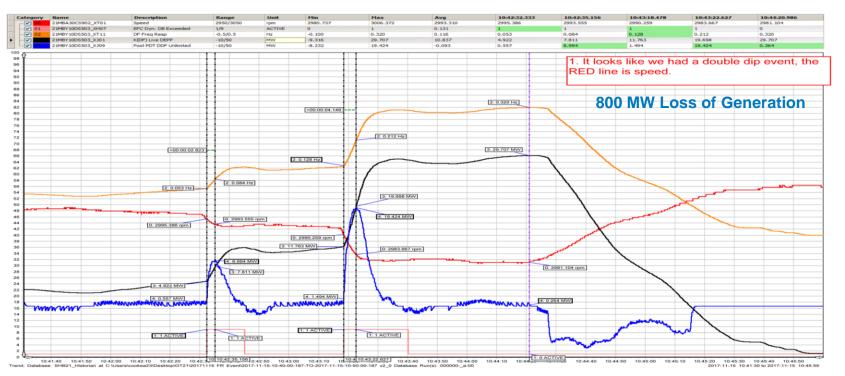
Passive measurement - GT21 – IFA trip (1000MW)



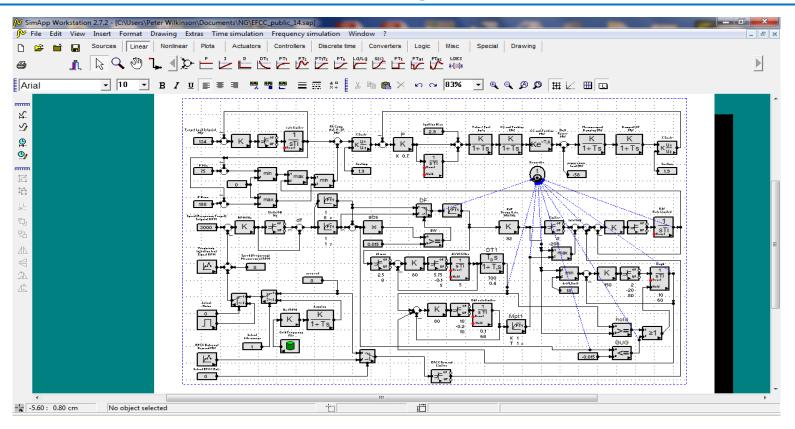


# Frequency Event 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Passive measurement - GT21 – requirement for tracking

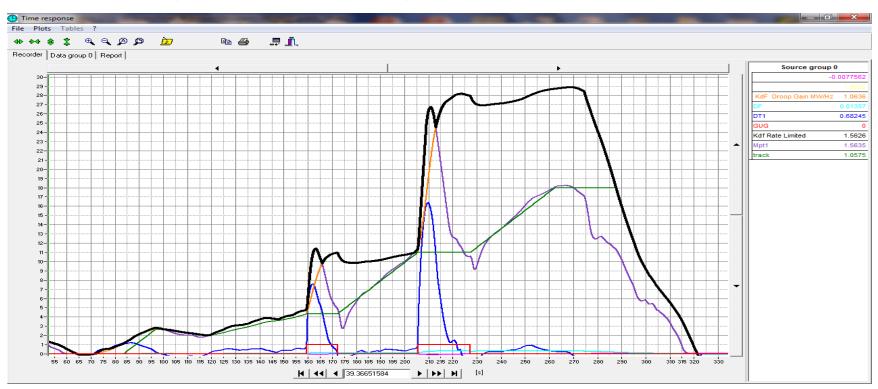


# SimApp Model – Offset Tracking

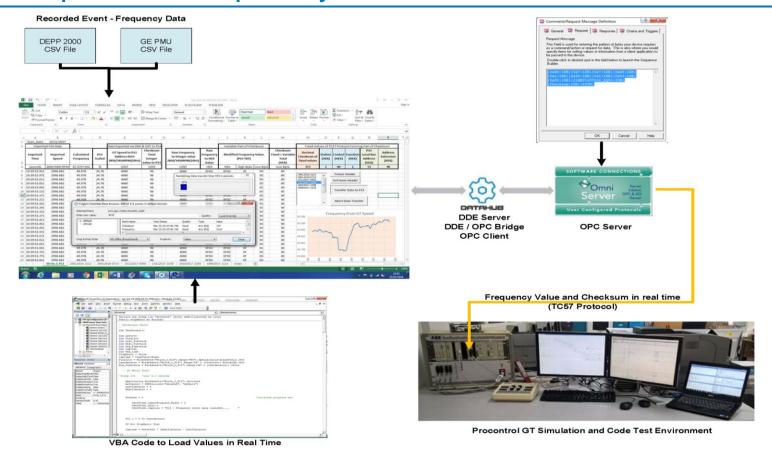


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Offset Tracking Active – Simulation using real time event data



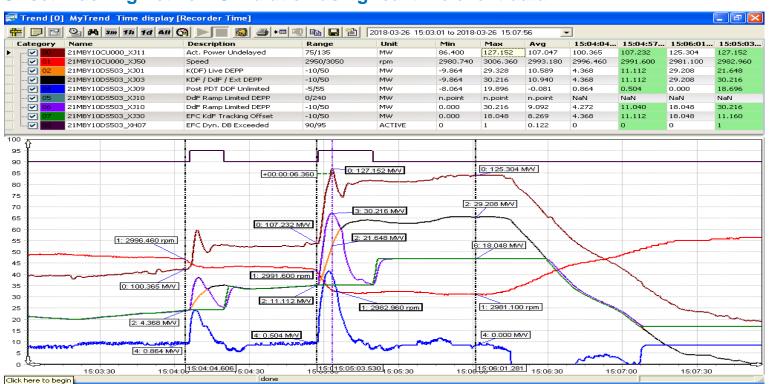
## Development of Capability to Simulate Real Events





# Simulation of Frequency Event 15/11/2017

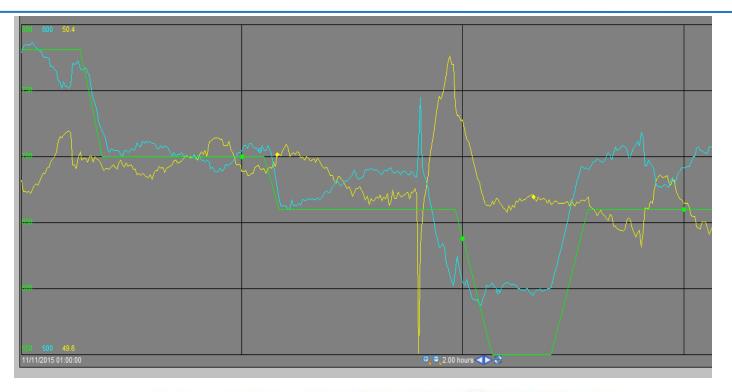
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#### **Present Status**

- Limited Operational Notification (LON)
  - Issued for South Humber Bank Power Station
  - Effective from 1st January 2018 to 30th April 2018
- Current Situation
  - EFCC ddF system live since 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018
  - No events to date with unit on frequency response
  - Low level of utilisation to date as mandatory FR is increasingly being displaced by commercial FR
  - GE system only providing monitoring role at present

# Load following, frequency response, reactive power and inertia!





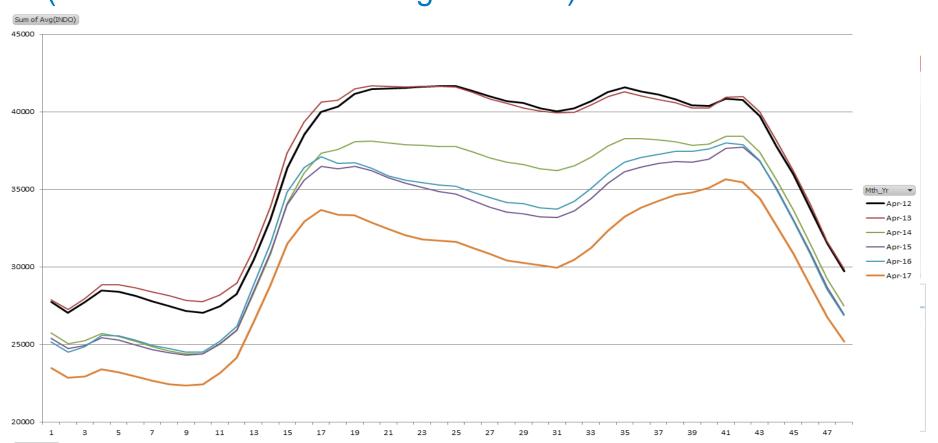




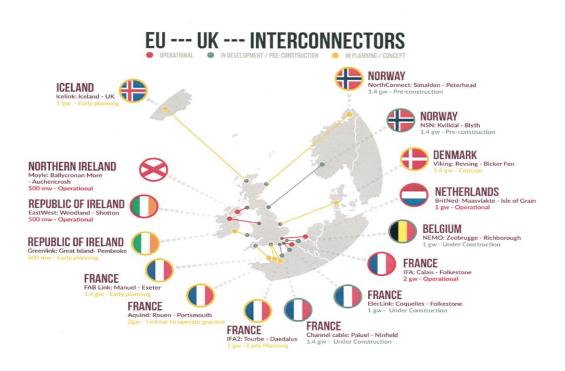




# Average weekday April demand (net of "behind the meter" generation)

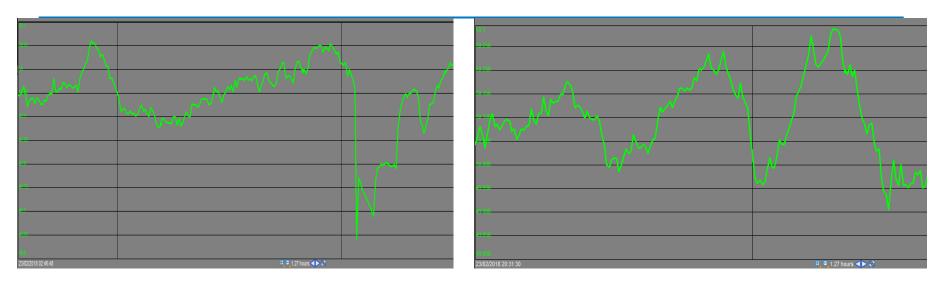


# More interconnectors but less synchronous plant and therefore less inertia



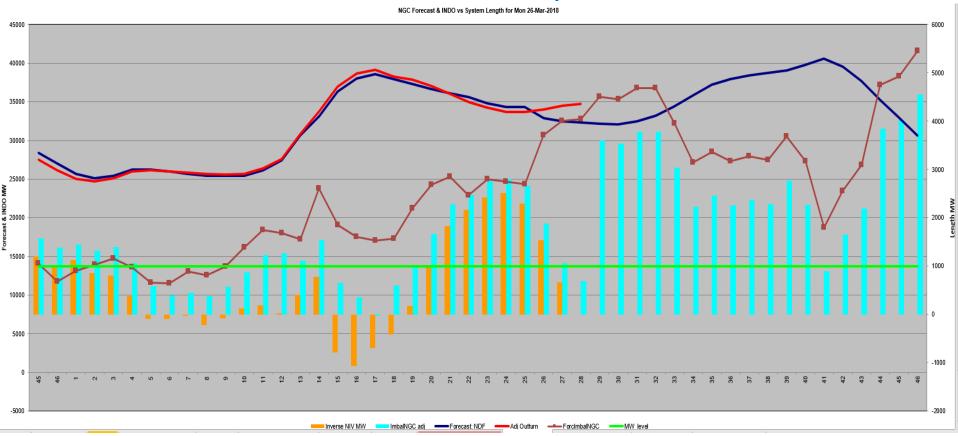


# Anyone Remember 23/02/18?



- The highest and lowest frequency (as measured at Brigg PS) over X day period occurred, fortunately not a few mins apart
- Theoretical and practical response requirements may differ, at least on occasions

# We need to avoid unintended consequences



# Learnings and Observations

- As part of the EFCC project, CCGTs have been shown to be able to respond more quickly to frequency events, response delivery at 6 seconds is approximately double that of conventional response
- The need for some faster acting response (faster than CCGTs can deliver) is beyond question
- There remain large quantities of very fast acting response (wind and solar) which remain completely under utilised due to outdated commercial arrangements

# Learnings and Observations

- CCGTs can continue to offer a range of services, in addition to faster frequency response – flexibility, load following, reactive power (steady state and transient), short circuit levels and inertia
- When every plant was synchronous, arguably there was no need to pay for inertia but the composition of plant on the system has changed significantly
- Conventional plant operators may argue that the full benefits of thermal plant are not being incentivised whilst their future need is highly likely to remain







