Buildings as a source of dynamic flexibility for power grid – uninterruptible power system (UPS) as a reserve

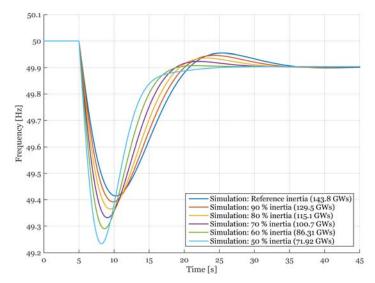


# Transformation of energy system

- Transition towards low-carbon energy system driven by societies (people), politicians and companies
- Ambition is to use renewable energy sources such as hydro, solar and wind
- Energy consumption is increasing in developing areas
- This is creating challenges for a power grid:
  - How to manage variations in renewable energy sources?
  - How to manage disturbances and maintain grid reliability?
  - How to manage congestion (bottlenecks) in the system?
- Transmission (and distribution) system operators role is to manage the power system



- Spinning mass directly coupled to system voltage and frequency in traditional power plants and factories etc.
- Stabilizes system frequency by releasing and absorbing energy
- Reducing in power grids due to nonsynchronous generation and modernisation of motor loads
  - · Faster and higher frequency variations
  - More challenging to contain frequency
- Traditional frequency regulation not fast enough – need for faster reserves



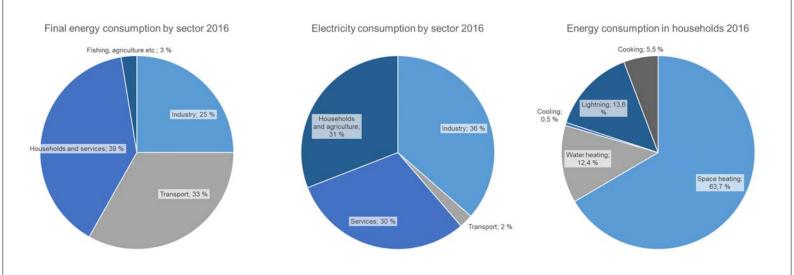
Impact of intertia to frequency transient during a fault, disconnection of 1170 MW production capacity.

Source: Entso-e report; Future System Inertia



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# Energy usage in buildings



Based on data published by European Environment Agency. https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps, data accessed on October 7th 2019



# **Becoming Energy Aware**

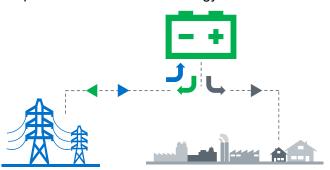
### The past:

Energy has been treated as **commodity** and **waste** after first consumption

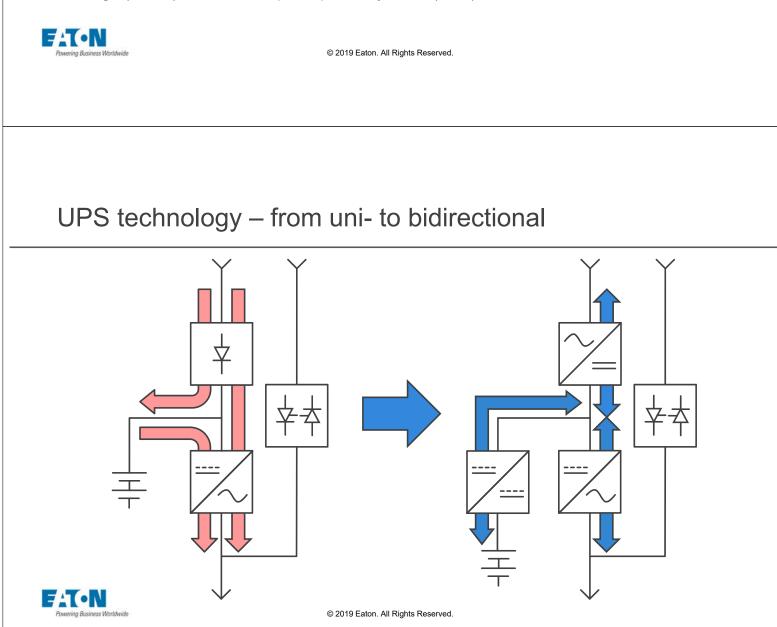


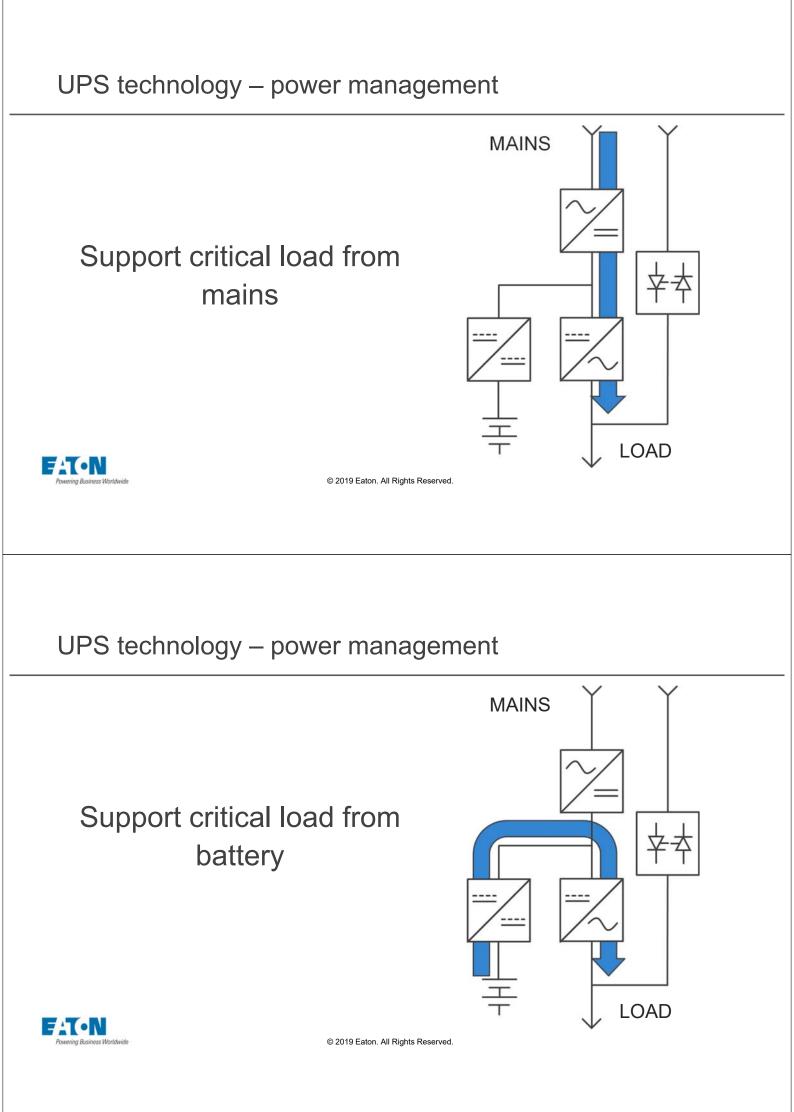
Storing and using energy when giving **highest value** or to provide **services** turns energy into **an asset** 

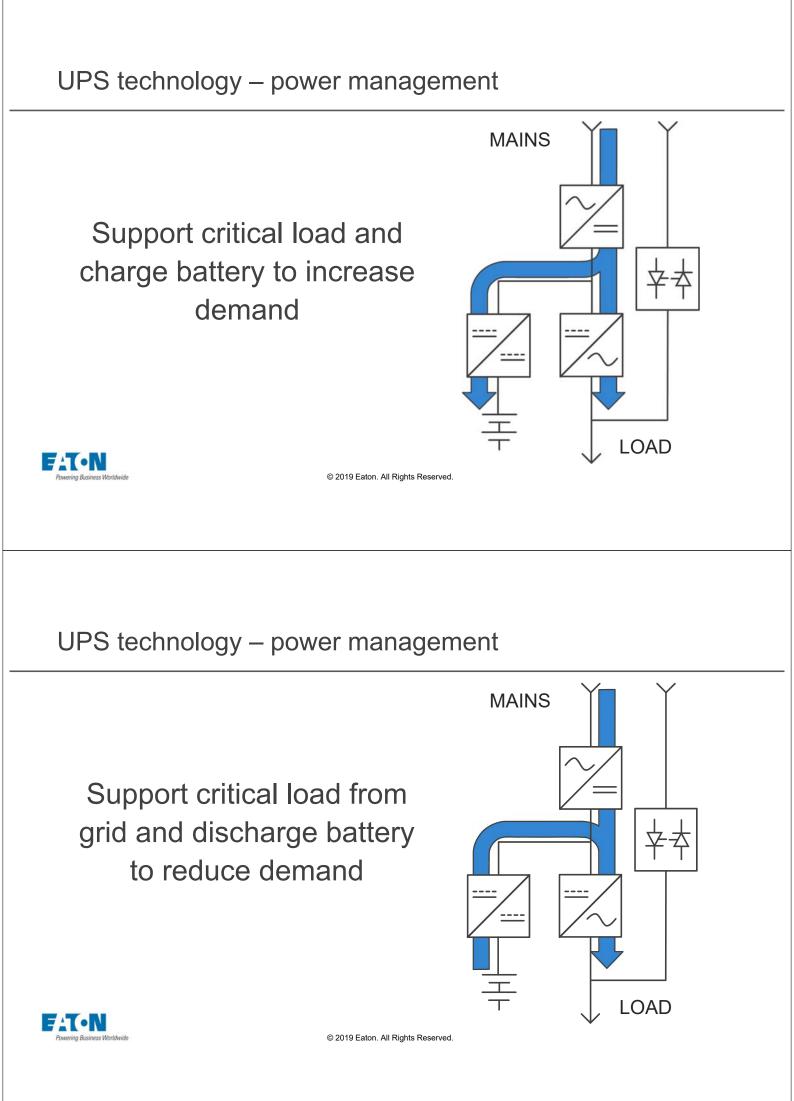




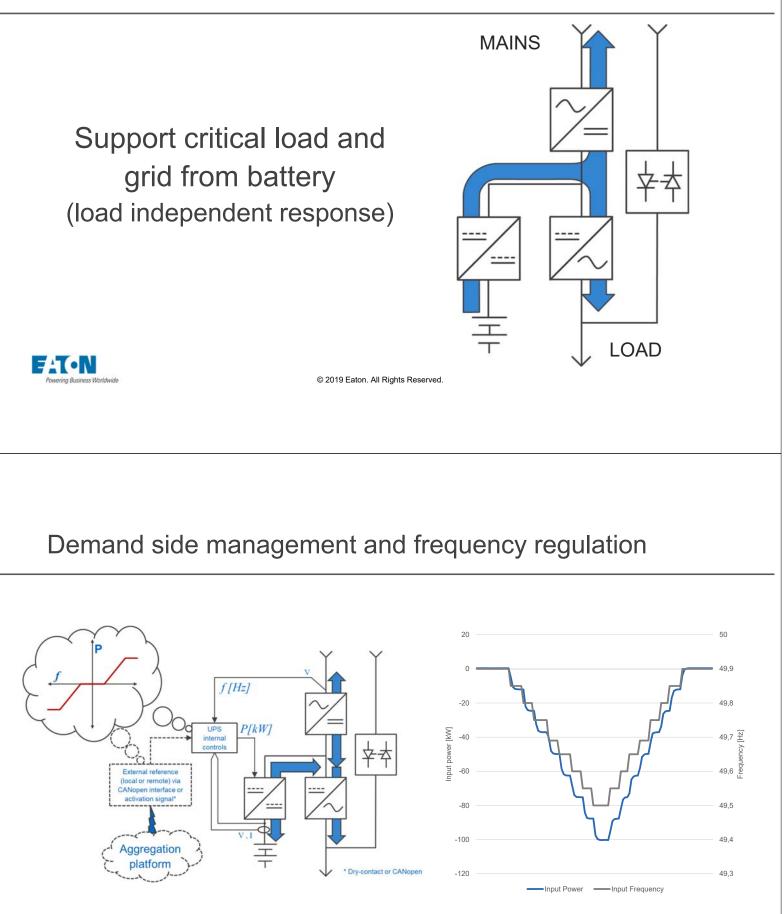
Electrical energy storage in buildings are for example electrical vehicles (V2G), battery energy storage (BESS) and uninterruptible power systems (UPS)





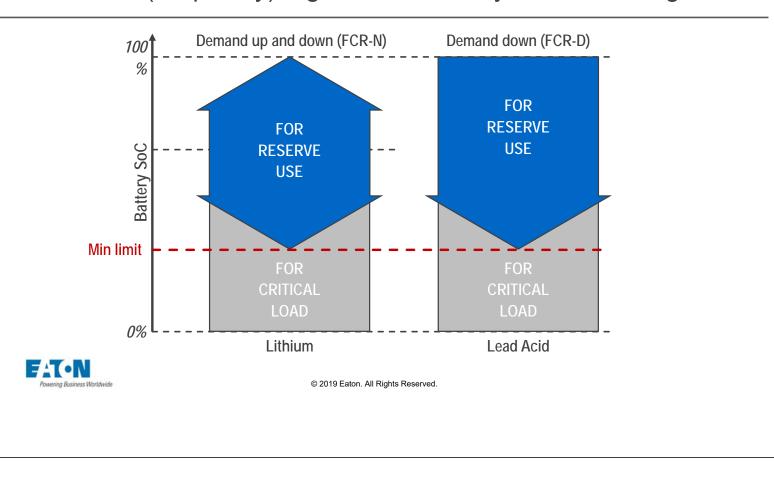


## UPS technology – power management



Powering Business Warldwide

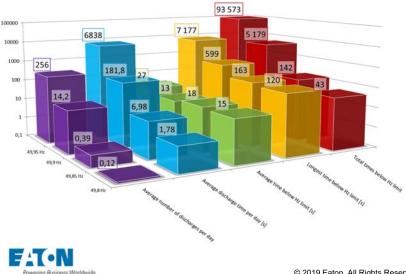
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### Demand (frequency) regulation – Battery State of Charge

# Grid frequency vs number of cycles

Annual battery usage in frequency regulation with different activation frequency (regulation band); based on Irish national grid frequency data from 2016



- Battery aging impacted by number and depth of discharges (DoD)
- Different applications give different requirements for battery technology:
  - FCR-N uses continuous charging and • discharging – Lithium cells (energy)
  - FCR-D (FFR) has fewer or occasional cycles, shorter duration - Lithium cells (power), lead acid etc.
  - Demand response typically has long discharge times done regularly, energy intensive
- Application to match the capabilities of the battery



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### Safety:

- Battery SoC limit always enough for critical load
- Battery used in parallel with mains tolerates mains and battery failure
- Follows a request to participate when safe for load
- Control with potential free contacts or by using limited CANopen protocol with timeouts

#### **Applications:**

- Frequency regulation (FCR-N, -D, FFR)
- Demand response (time-of-use, peak shaving)
- Local energy management (PV, EV, investment deferral)
- Generator (engine) dynamic support

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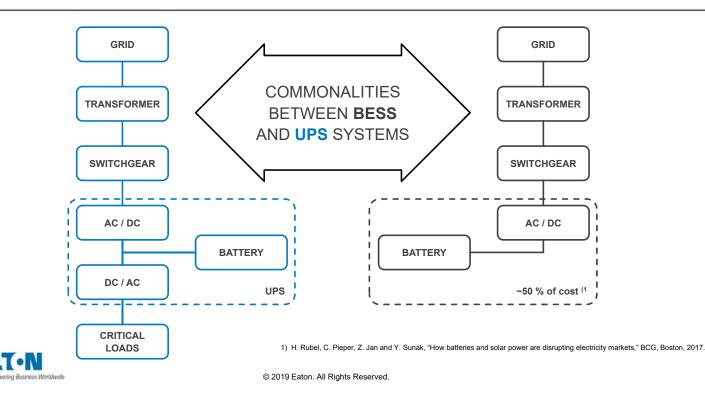
#### Flexibility:

- Static or dynamic response (proportional to frequency deviation)
- Autonomous regulation or following external reference
- Response is independent of UPS load level
- · Single UPS, whole system, whole site
- Aggregation platforms and Virtual Power Plants, rotation of units etc.



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# Critical power (UPS) vs Battery Energy Storage Systems



# Eaton Energy Aware UPS's with UPS-as-a-Reserve feature



# UPS-as-a-Reserve – pilots and commercial applications

### Ireland:

Eaton HQ: 150 kW UPS, lead acid DS3 market ~70 – 100 k€/MW/a

### Sweden:

Bahnhof: 750 kW UPS, lead acid NDA: 1,2 MW system, Li-ion FCR-D market ~50k€/MW/a FCR-D pilot with Svenska Kraftnät

FFR market opening to Nordic on 2020

#### Finland:

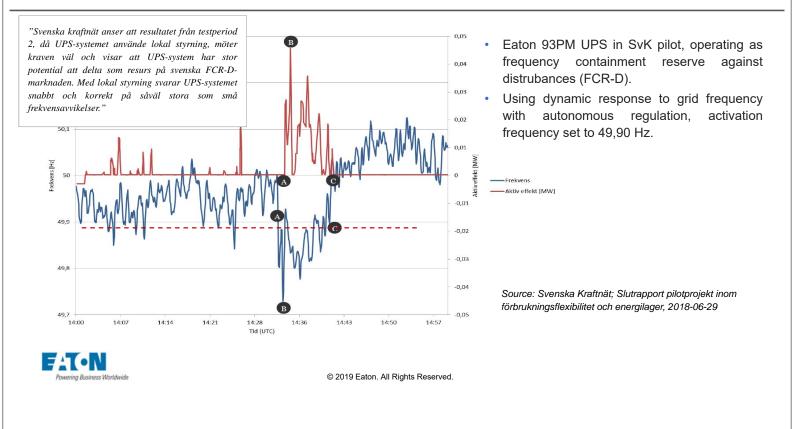
Aurora DC: 400kW system, Li-ion FCR-N market ~135 k€/MW/a FCR-D market ~40 k€/MW/a Norway: Basefarm DC: 2 x 400 kW and

550 kW UPS, lead acid FFR pilot with Statnett (TSO)

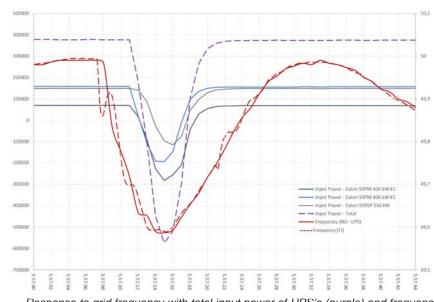




### Svenska Kraftnät, Sweden – FCR-D pilot



### Statnett, Norway – FFR pilot with Basefarm DC



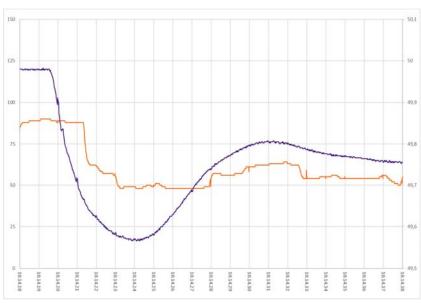
Response to grid frequency with total input power of UPS's (purple) and frequency (red) plotted. UPS input power measurement uses moving average (~1 s)



- Two Eaton 93PM and one Eaton 9395P unit participating in the FFR pilot
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 a nuclear power plant in Finland dropped off the grid (876 MW)
- UPS's in Norwegian data center (part of same synchronous area) autonomously reduced their demand to respond to frequency deviation and to support the grid

https://www.statnett.no/om-statnett/nyheter-ogpressemeldinger/Nyhetsarkiv-2018/fleksibelt-forbruk-bidrartil-stabilitet-og-verdiskapning-i-det-nordiske-kraftsystemet/

## Eaton House, Dublin, Ireland – FFR



- Eaton's Energy Aware 93PM UPS operating as a part of Enel X's virtual power plant
- Response to grid frequency using 25 kW static response (FFR)
- Activation at 49,70 Hz

UPS response to grid frequency (purple) with total building input power (orange) plotted.



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# Conclusions

- Common efforts are needed to achieve sustainable, reliable and affordable energy
- Grid-responsive and energy aware buildings can help to:
  - Support higher penetration of renewable energy
  - Replace reserves based on fossil fuels
- Smarter use of assets and new earning models
- Building regulation, tax benefits and other incentives

