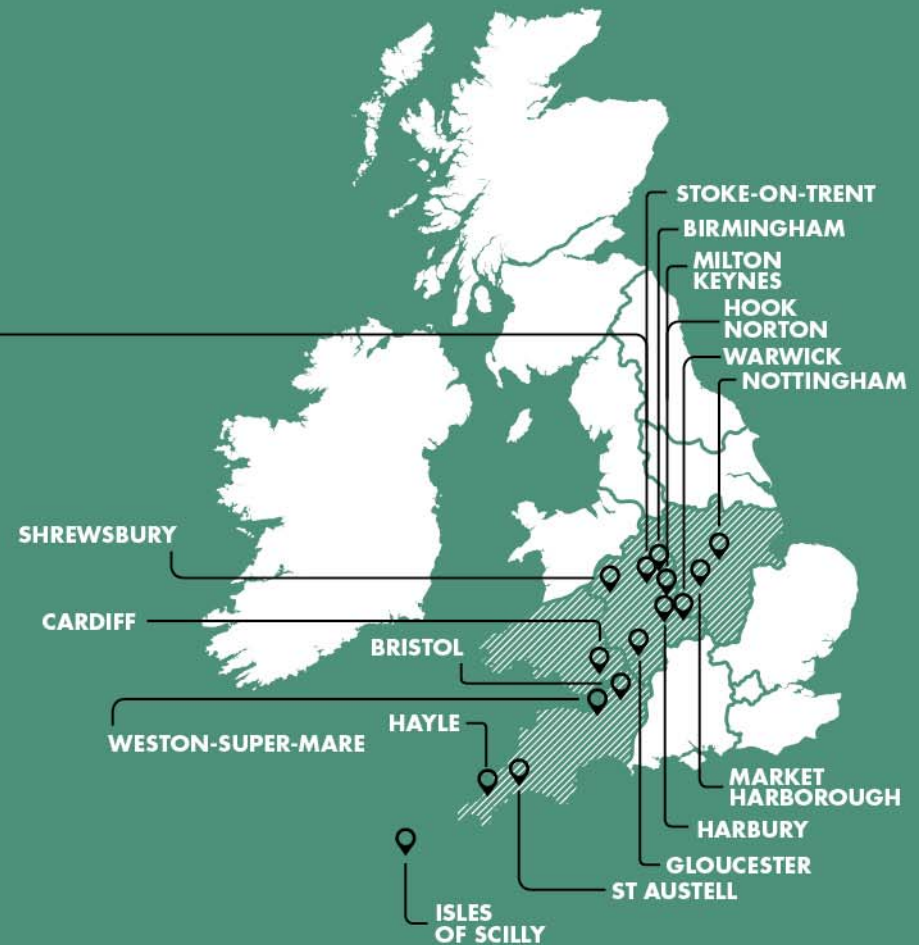


## NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

Integrating Demand Side  
Response from I&C Customers

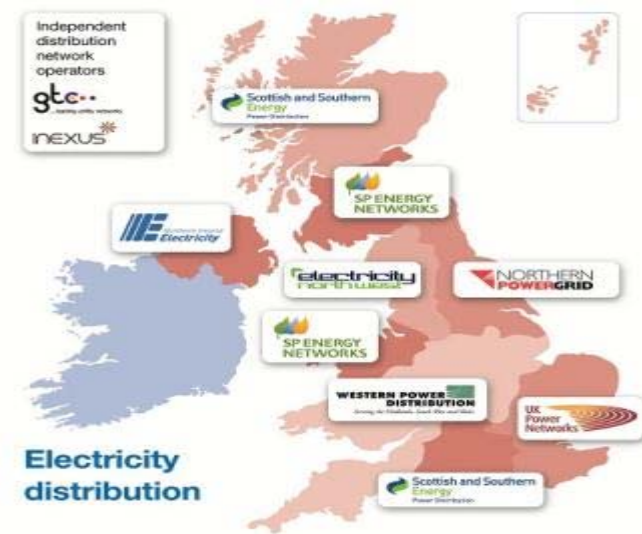
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## Who are WPD ?

- Distribution Network Operator
- Midlands, South West and Wales.
- 7.8 million customers
- 55,500 square kilometres
- 220,000km of lines & cable
- 185,000 substations
- employ over 6,000 staff

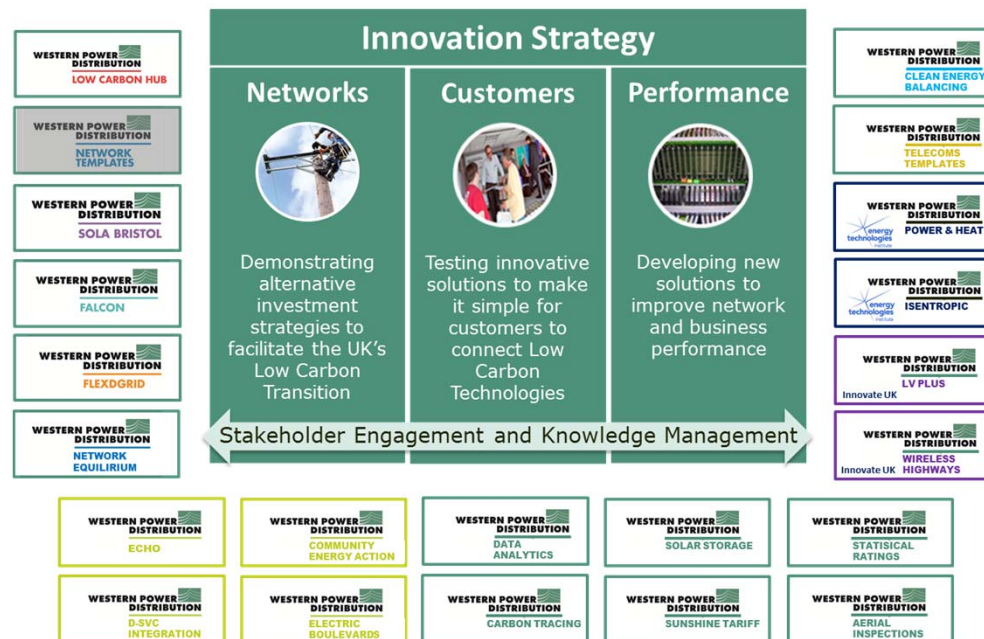
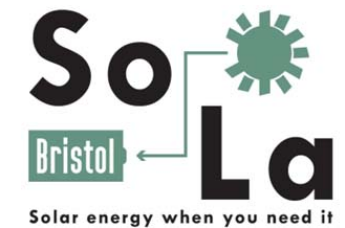


## What potential benefit is there to a DNO from DSR?

- Manage temporary or transient faults
  - Address brief or occasional capacity issues
  - Improve network security
  - Avoid or deferring capital investment costs
  - Reduce interruptions or durations of outages
  - Increase existing asset utilisation
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# WPD's experiences with DSR

- ECHO
- SoLa Bristol
- Seasonal Generation Deployment
- Project FALCON

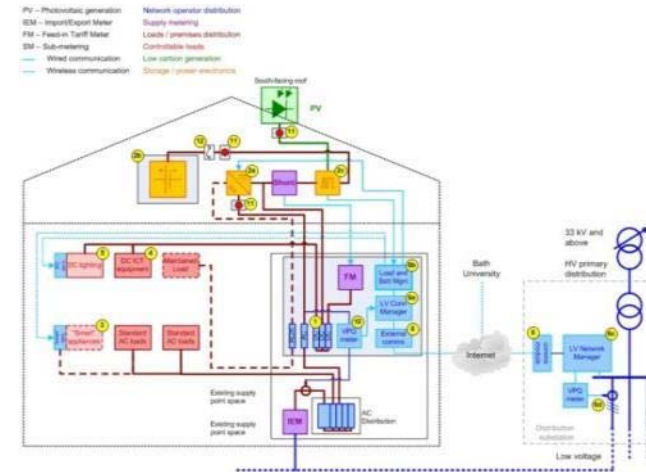


## The SoLa Bristol Project

SoLa Bristol is an alternative method to enable high density photo voltaic solar generation to connect to the low voltage network more efficiently through using an in home battery and variable tariffs

## The Solution

- Investigate how a battery installed in the home can reduce the impact of PV panel son the local grid.
- To help customers to manage their energy usage and save money on their bills.
- Test how customers respond when offered different electricity tariffs throughout the day.
- Explore the benefits of utilising direct current (DC) in the home.



## Who is Involved

- Partners: Siemens, Bristol City Council, Knowle West Media Centre and Bath University
- Residents, Schools (governors, teaching staff and children)

## Next Steps

The SoLa Bristol Solution is installed in 26 Homes, 5 Schools and an office. Results are being analysed by the University of Bath.



# Energy Control for Household Optimisation

- Domestic Demand Side Response
- 200 premises



## Customer Learning



- Customer appetite for DDSR
- Scale of payments required
- Potential peak load reduction
- Scope for long term reduction



## Technology Learning



- Similar technology as expected to integrate with smart meters.
- Non-interruptible/interruptible load types

### Incentive

£25 – 3 month reward.  
£25 – 12 month reward.



£50 DR events over the 12 months  
Paid as High Street Vouchers

# WPD's trials of non-domestic DSR

## Seasonal Generation Deployment

Creation of a generator storage facility at WPD substation.

Generator hire company to leave summer event generators during winter periods.

Operated by an aggregator who would manage service delivery

- STOR
- Triad
- DNO peak lopping

### Objective:

Develop and deploy the engineering interface

Establish commercial arrangements

Create an economic generation control methodology.



# Project FALCON

## Flexible Approaches to Low Carbon Optimised Networks

Testing new smart engineering methods as an alternative to conventional reinforcement.

Create new commercial intervention alternatives.

Develop new advanced communications system to operate local 'Smart' network.

Create new network planning tool that intelligently selects the best and most economic method to upgrade networks.





## Project FALCON trials preparation

- New resources and processes to engage with customers.
- Interact with customers directly and / or via aggregators
- Author and approve new 'performance based' contracts
- Financial approval of viable business proposition
- Control room dispatch arrangements
- Performance assessment software
- Back office systems for settlement processes
- Identify & detail market conflicts and propose any potential solutions
- Learning (statistical & attitudinal)

# Project FALCON

**Commercial trials season 1 completed Feb 2014**

FALCON met all recruitment objectives for **Distributed Generation** trials

- Direct and third party contracts
- Participation of six aggregators, three of which successfully recruited trialist
- In excess of 10MW of capacity from 11 participants
- Small, medium & large capacity generators
- Stand by and CHP
- Diesel & Gas engines

Despite several prospects there were no **Load Reduction** participants either directly or via aggregators



## Project FALCON – Season 1 Results

- 30 minutes notice of an event
- Maximum duration 2 hours / Minimum 1 hour
- 18 Events called between 27<sup>th</sup> November & 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Approximately ¼ GWh of generation for purposes of trial
- DNO DSR programme conflicts with National Grid Balancing Service

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- 181 potential availability windows
- 61 declaration unavailable
- 66.3% reliability factor
- Not suitable for local grid peaks

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## Project FALCON - Season 2

### Parameters

- Week ahead notification of operating schedule
- Capped consumption target based on previous year's peaks
- New back office systems
- Increased incentive for load reduction
- Additional aggregator involvement
- Data from new Smart Meter solution

# Project FALCON - Season 2

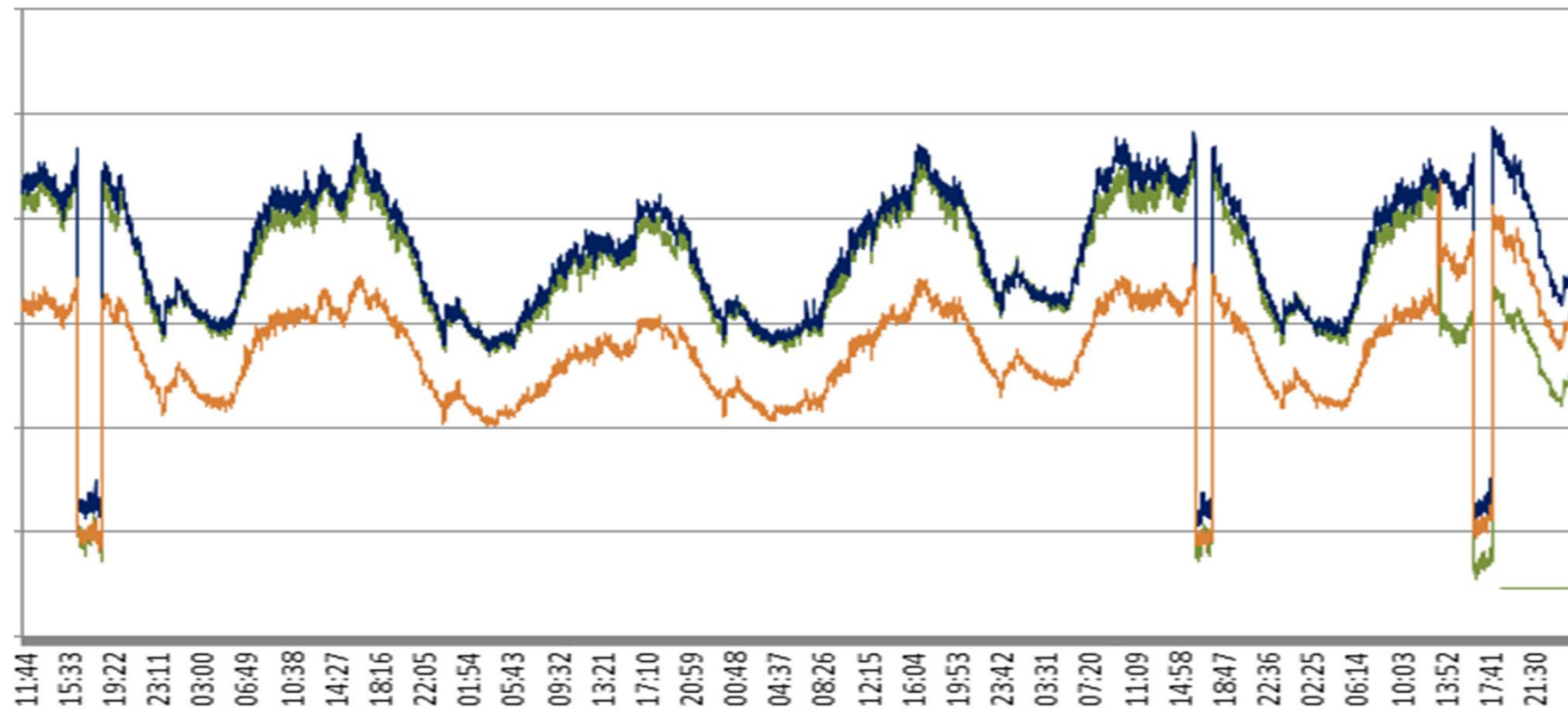
## Initial Results

- Trials completed on time & budget
- Reliability improved
- Processes proven
- Systems proven
- Early feedback from participants is positive



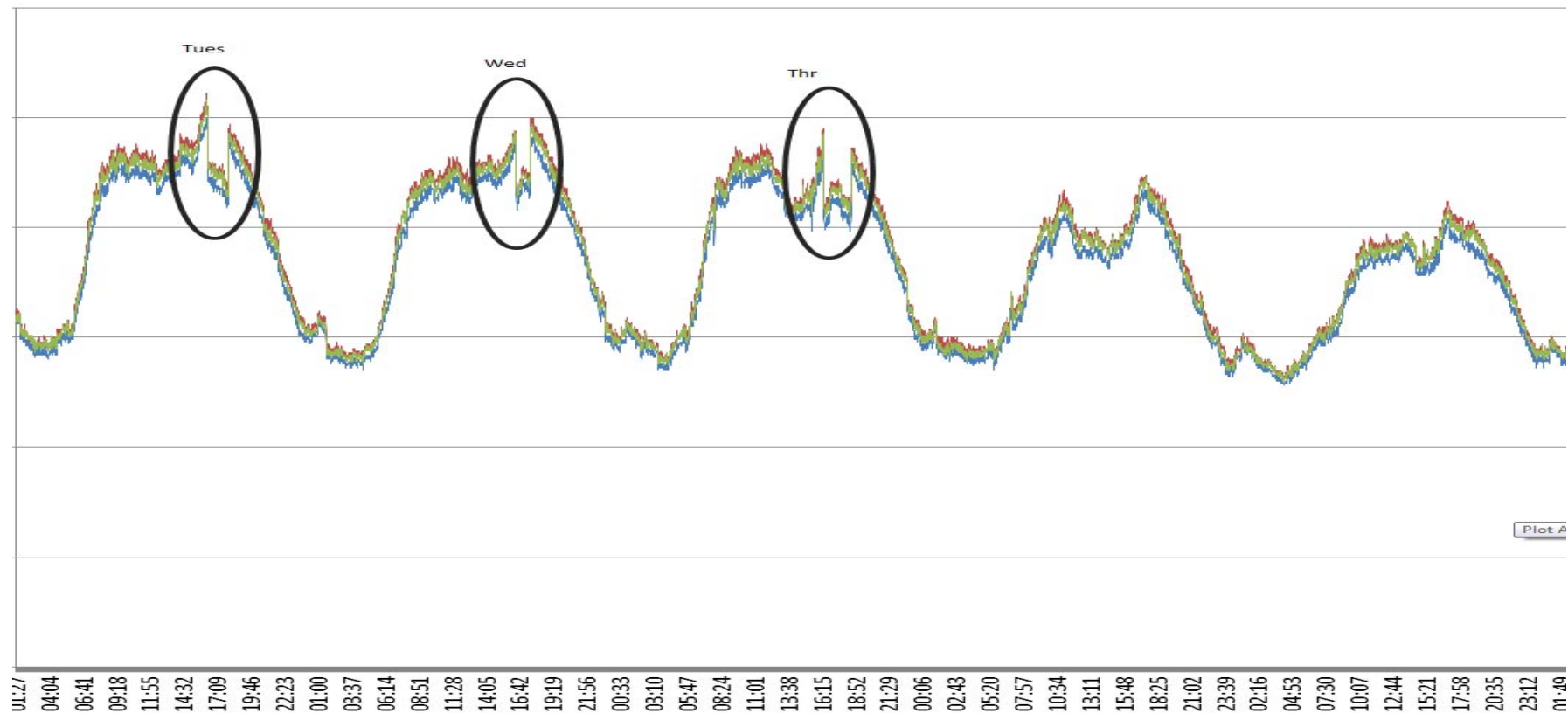
## Project FALCON - Season 2

### 11kV Transformer Impact



# Project FALCON - Season 2

## 33kV Transformer Impact



## DSR Next Steps

- Detailed analysis of FALCON and other LCNF project results
  - Review of WPD databases to prioritise all potential customer generators that could provide DSR
  - Larger demonstration of I&C DSR targeted at 33kV constraint management
  - Modifying connections policies and processes to better support DSR
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