

# CALFLEXHUB SYMPOSIUM



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## PROJECT SHOWCASE

### Residential Building Technologies

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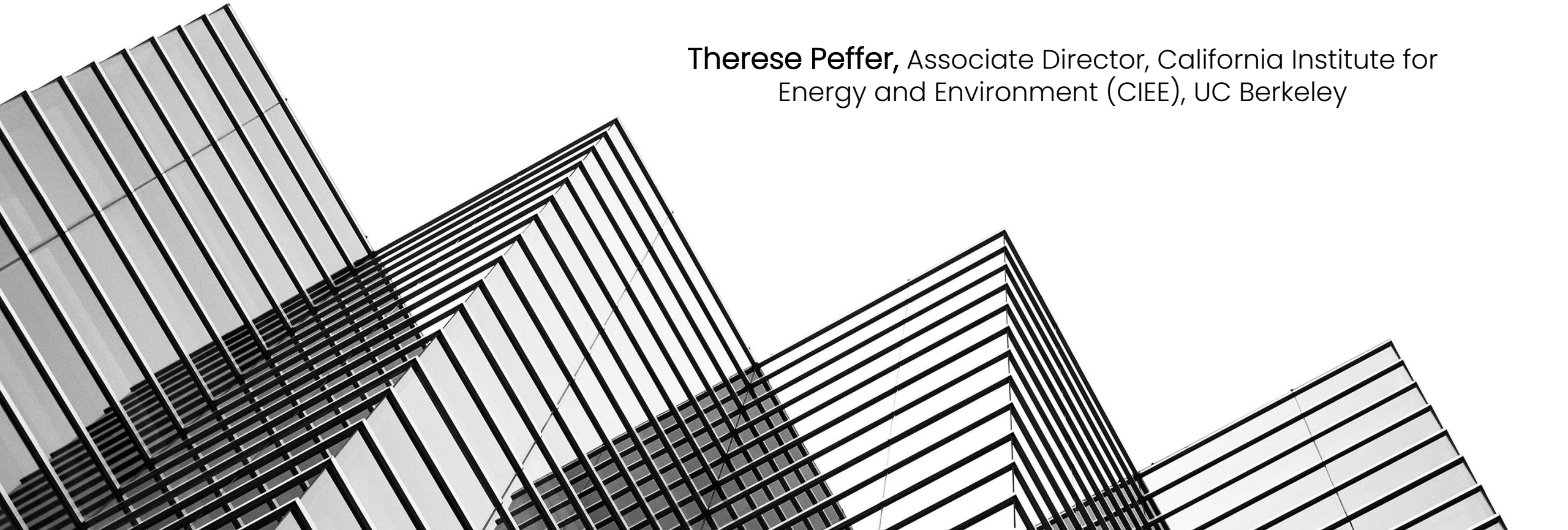






# CoolFIT: Residential Smart Fan with Integrated Thermostat

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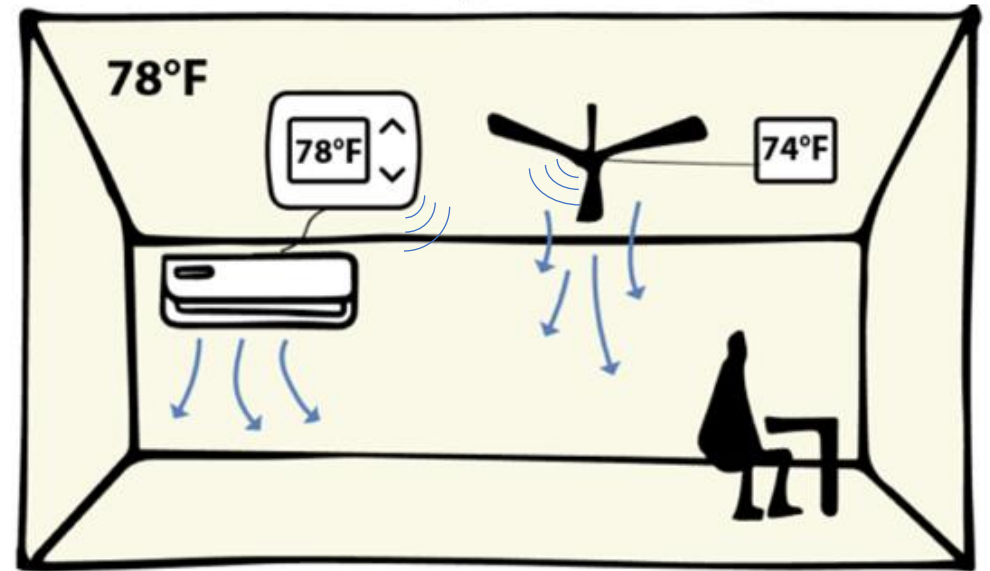
# CoolFIT

## Fan Integrated with Thermostat

- Price signals received through a price client coded in Python and interacts with the thermostat in the cloud.

## Lab/Test Sites:

- Center for the Built Environment Chamber
- Franco Senior Center, Stockton



# CoolFIT



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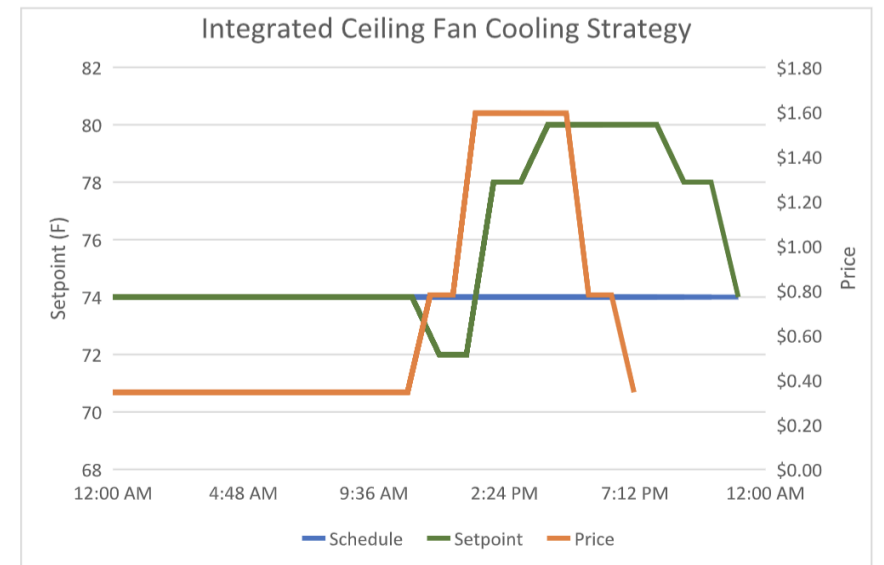


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# Early Results/Lessons Learned

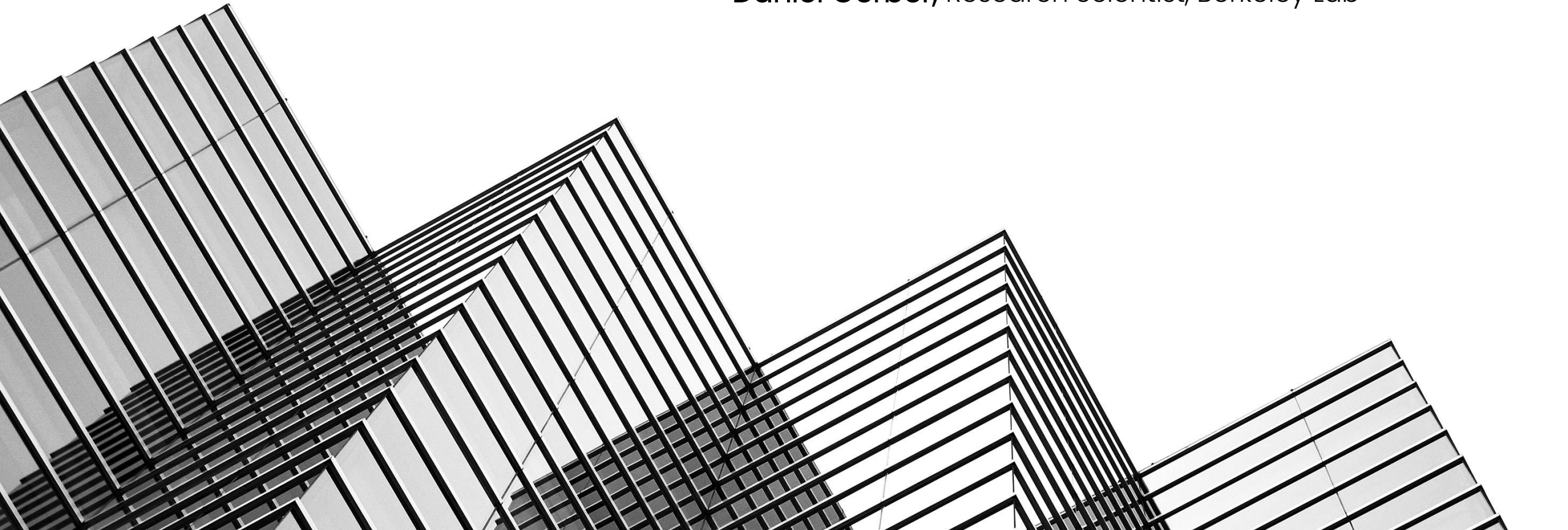
- Developed use cases
  - Shed HVAC load—Increase thermostat setpoint and turn on fan to retain comfort
  - Shift HVAC load—precool
- Develop algorithms
- Integrate with price and test in lab
- Select and visit units within field site
- Receive Human Subjects protocol approval
- Select contractor to install fans/thermostat/sensors
- Fans delivered to site





# Flexible Loads for Low-Power Electrification

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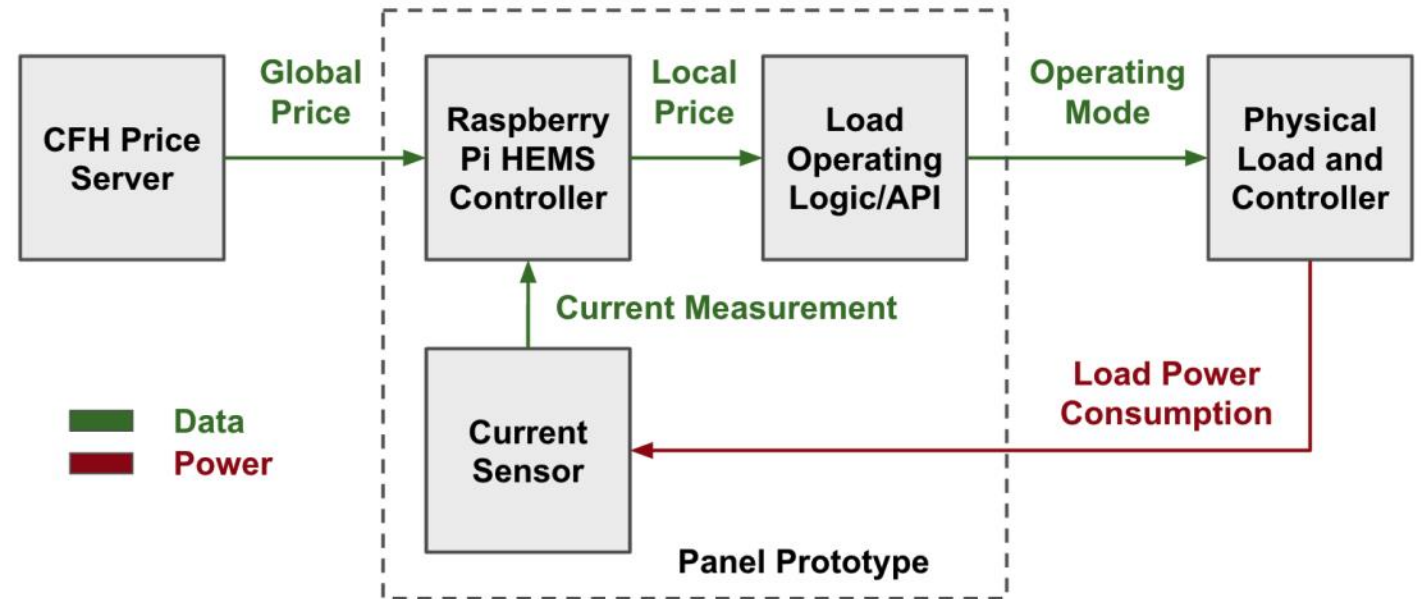
# A6: Flexible Loads for Low-Power Electrification

Full home electrification often requires a costly panel/service upgrade. This project develops a controller to shift/shed loads and avoid overloading existing panels.

- *Controller receives CFH price via WiFi and creates a local price for attached loads based on remaining panel capacity*

Lab/Test Site(s):

Connected Devices Laboratory



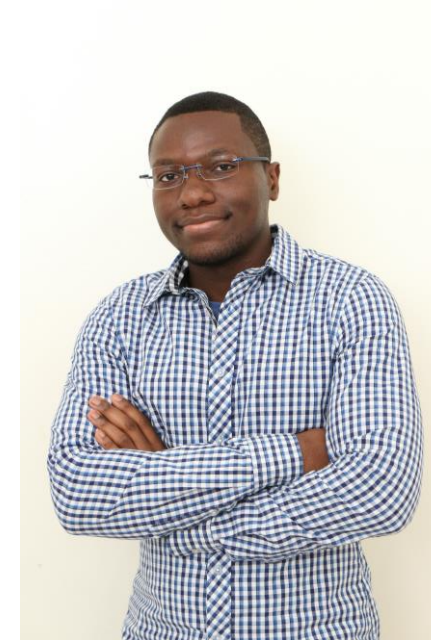
# A6: Flexible Loads for Low-Power Electrification



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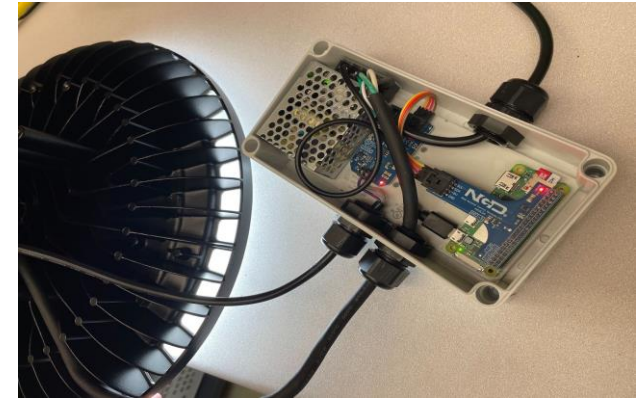


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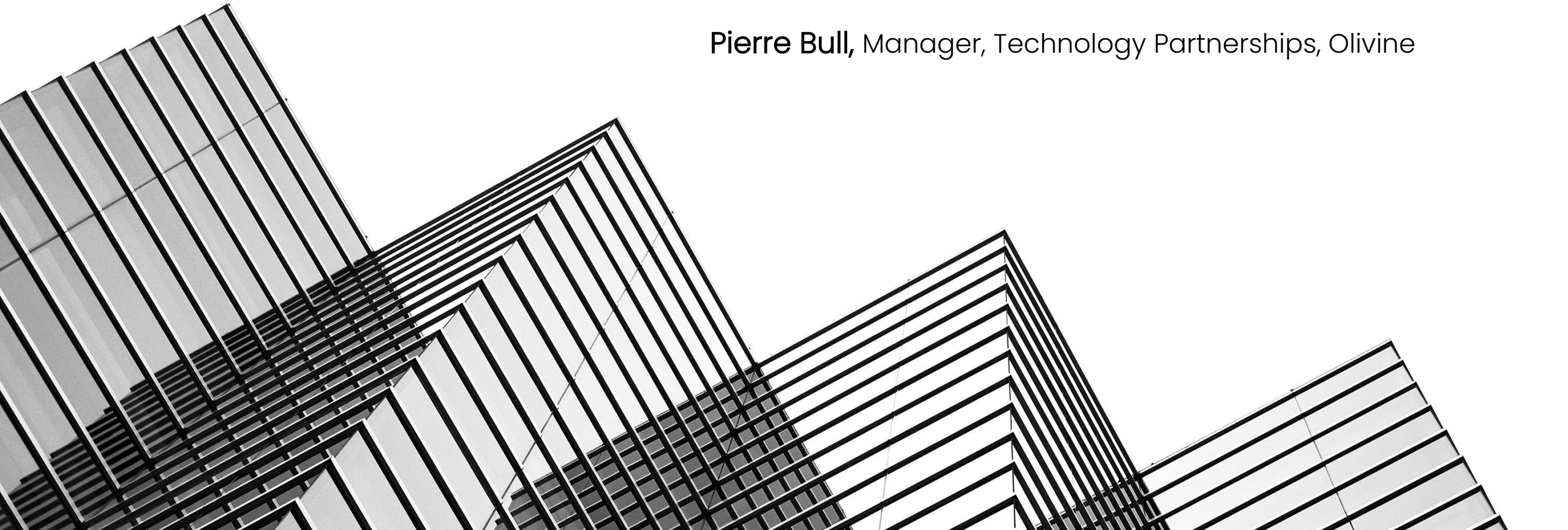
- Cycle 1: Built the flexible loads for bench-scale panel demonstration: space heater, LED flood lights, fans
- Learned that most smart loads are not open API, meaning that eventual integration of certain products may be a challenge
- Cycle 2: Developing the flexible panel and algorithm for calculating local price and controlling loads





# Control and Coordination of Distributed Flexible Loads – Ecobee Smart Thermostats

Pierre Bull, Manager, Technology Partnerships, Olivine



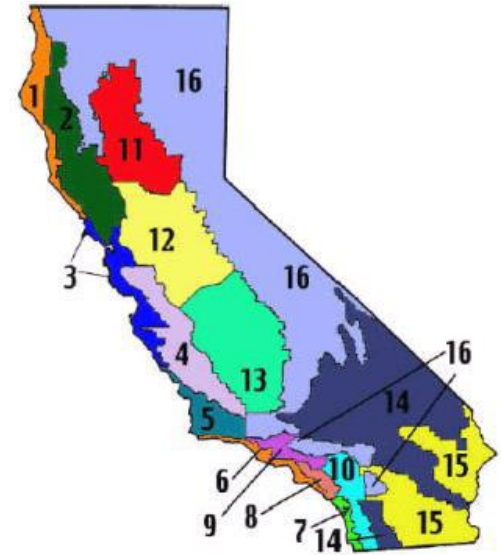
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## Team

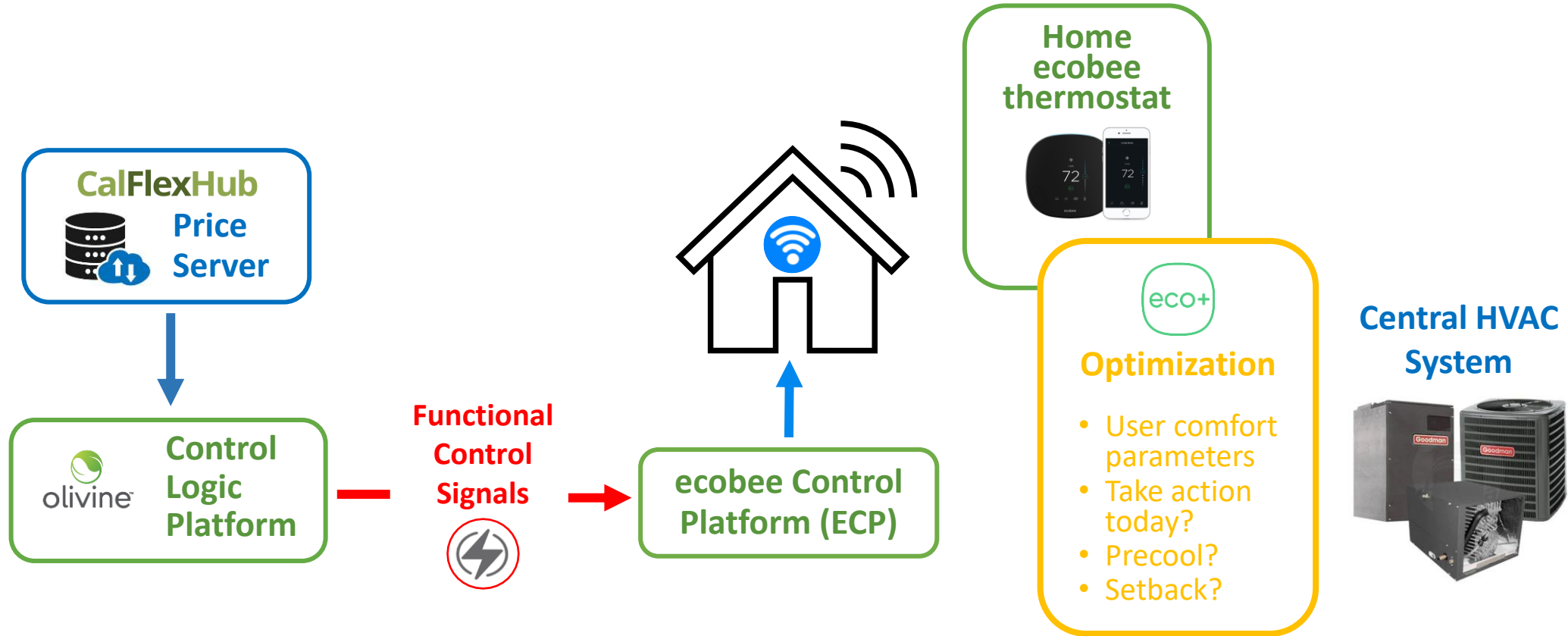
 **olivine** (Pierre Bull, Joe Bourg, Felipe Godinez, Forrest Csulak)

- 20 single-family residences with central air conditioning
- PG&E Service Territory
- Mostly comprised of Fresno, Sacramento Metropolitan Region, and Inland East Bay Area (Climate Zones 11, 12 and 13)
- Site Components
  - Ecobee **smart thermostat** (“ecobee 3 lite” model)
  - Ecobee **mobile app**
  - “**eco +**” feature enabled
  - Access to run-time and indoor temperature records (Ecobee Control Platform, **ECP**)





# How ecobee Thermostats Respond to CalFlexHub Price Signals



# Early Results

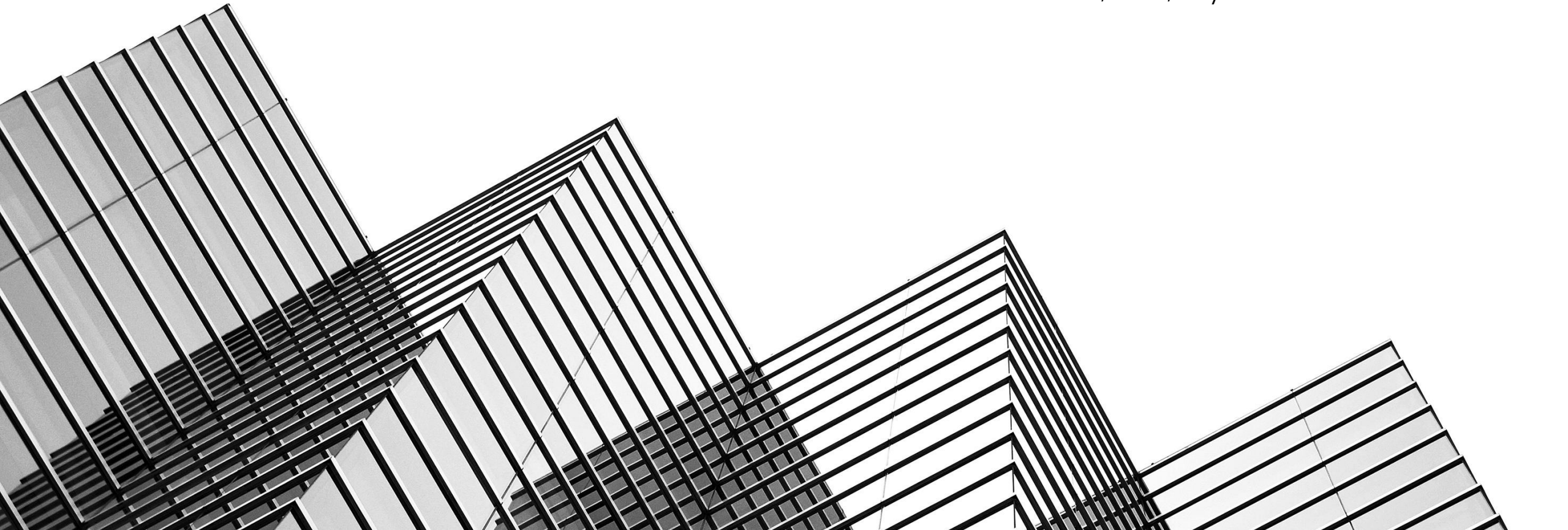
## Functional Test and First Testing Period completed in October

- Tested for evening load shed over 7 consecutive days
  - Based on Summer Large Differential TOU (“SummerLD-TOU”) rate
  - Late October (minimal A/C load)
- ecobee’s **eco +** thermostat software command feature functioned as expected
  - Precool of 2-4 degrees turned on one hour prior to load shed event window
  - Event window set points were set up to 4 degrees F above original set point for 2-hours



# Residential Flexible Pool Pump Controls

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# Pool Pump Control



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# Pentair Pool Pumps (IntelliConnect 2)

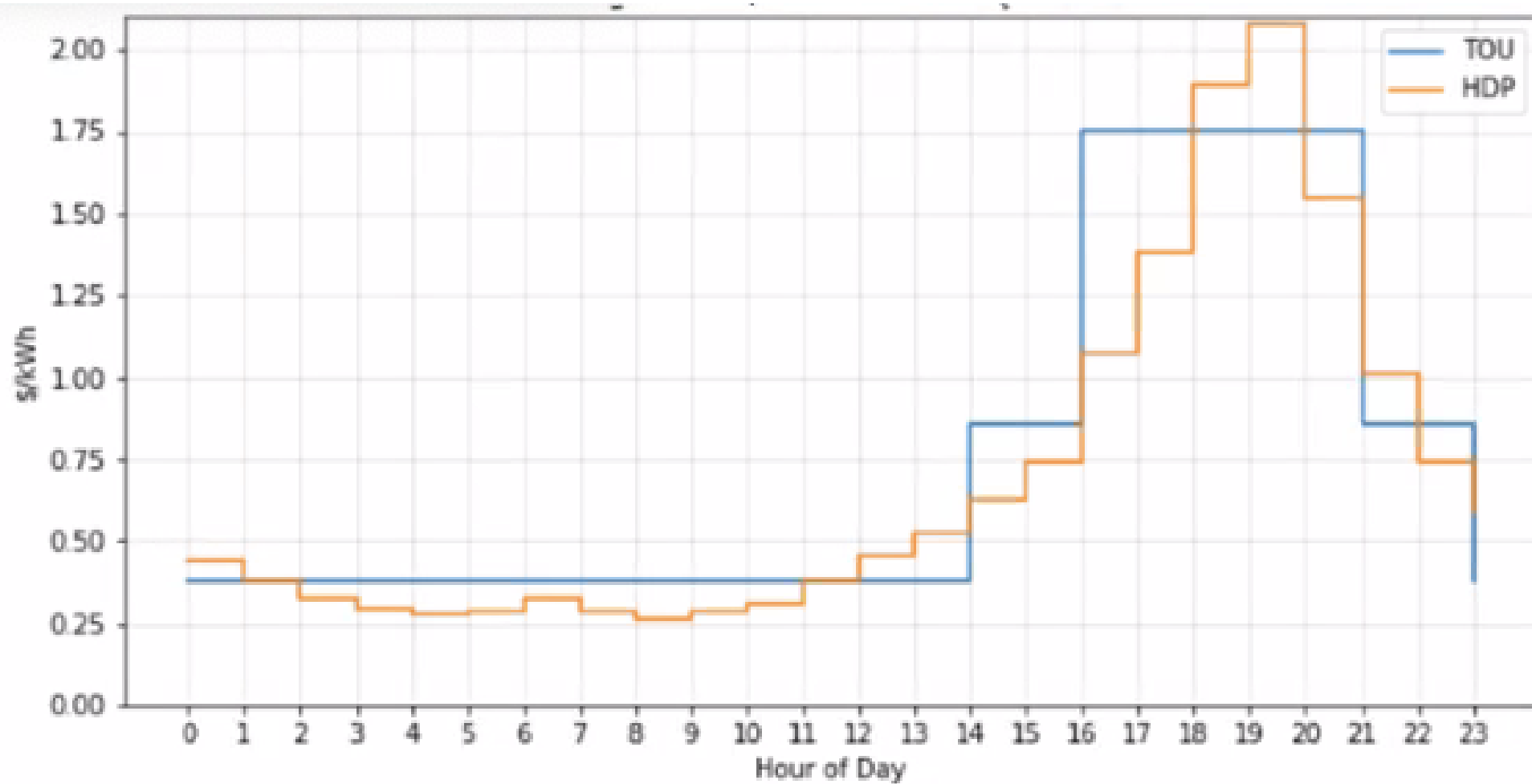
Control Pool Pumps by a CTA-2045 EcoPort controller

- *Price/GHG Signal from CFH Price Server and MIDAS*
- *Translate to an “Action Shape”*
- *Stored in the CTA-2045 EcoPort module*
- *VERY DYNAMIC*

Residential homes in Southern CA Edison territory

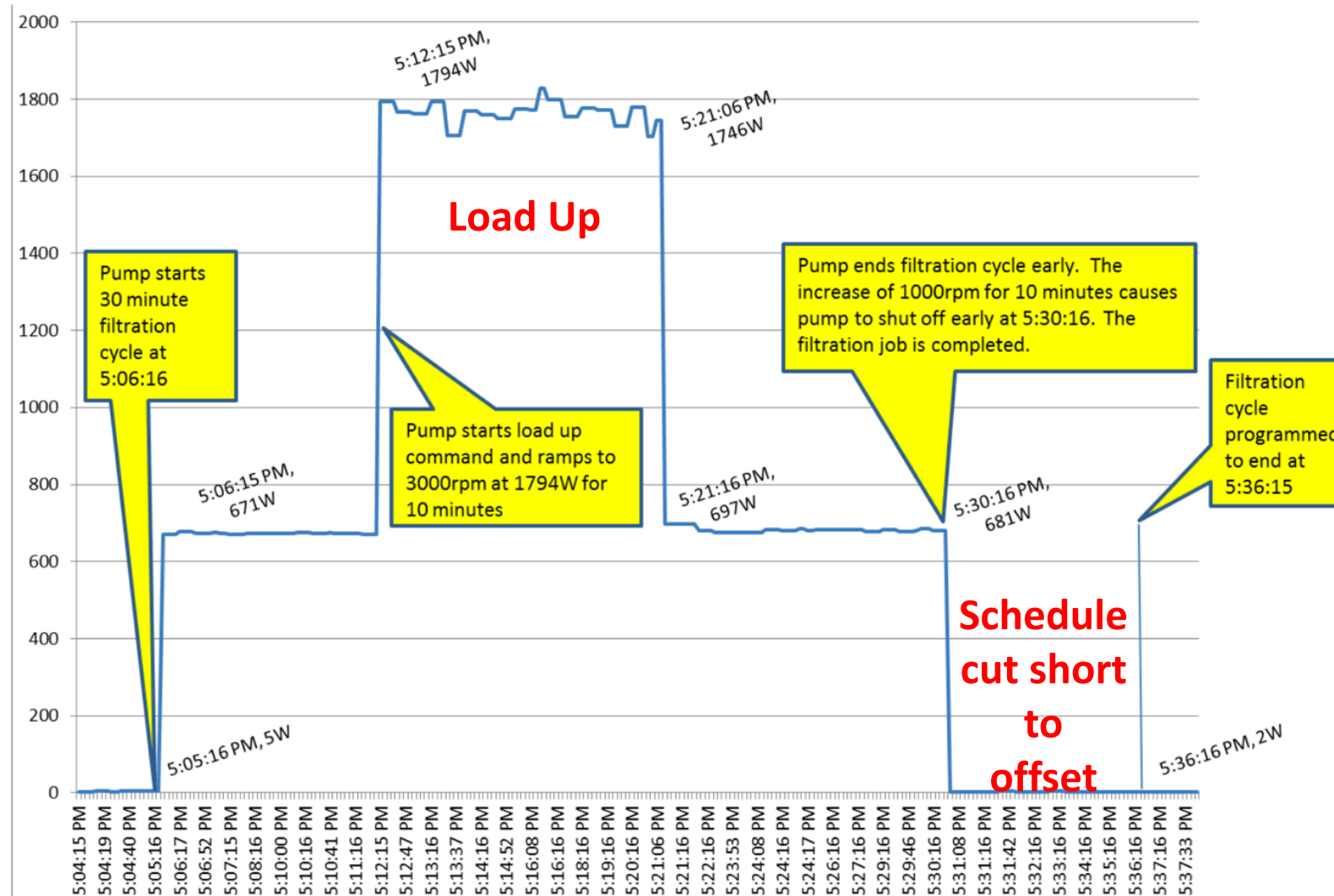


# Action Plan based on HDP

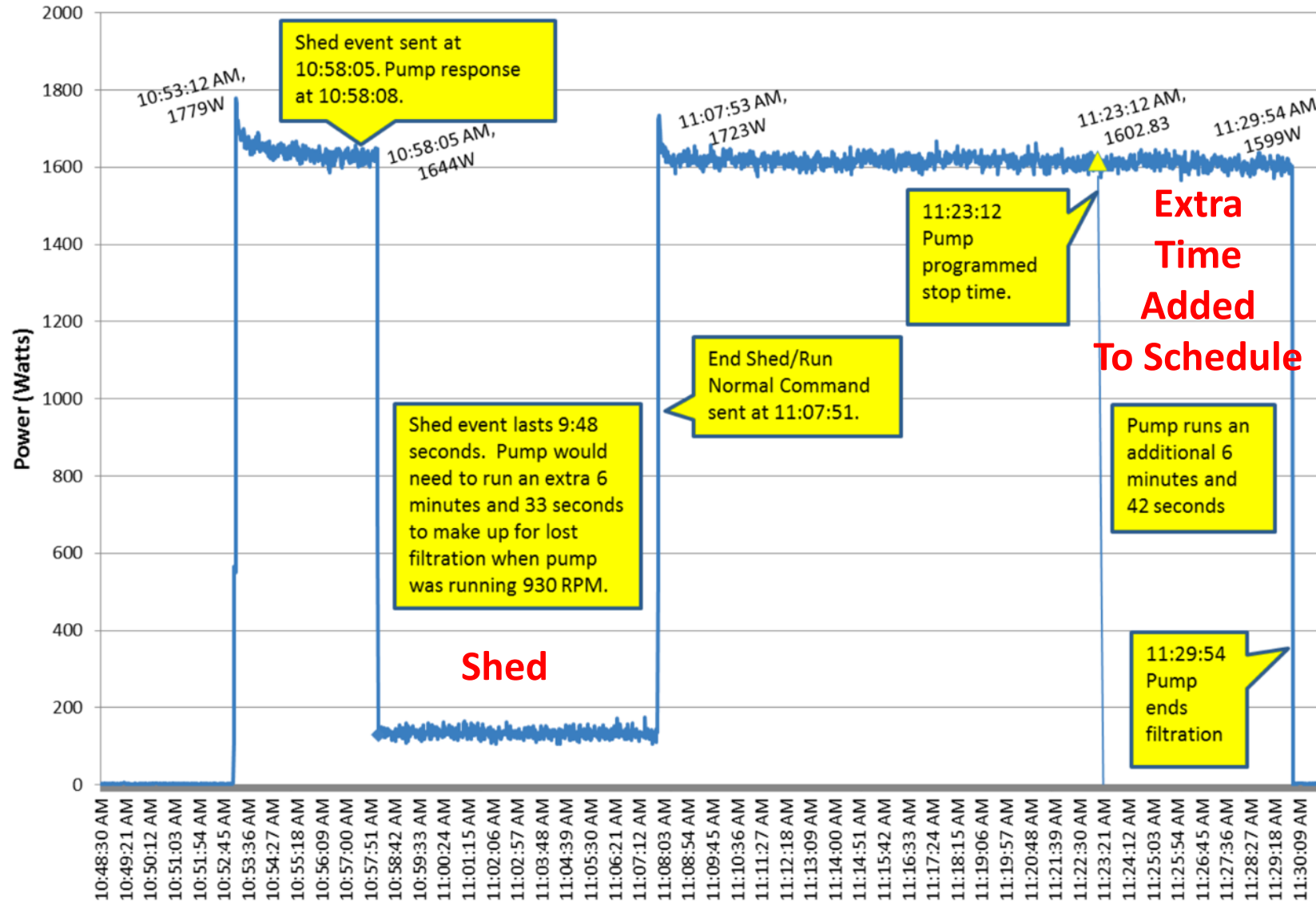




# SMART pool pump control



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# Pool Pump Controllers are in CA now

- IntelliConnect v1 – OpenADR
- IntelliConnect v2 – OpenADR & CTA-2045 EcoPort

