



UIC Energy Efficiency Workshop  
Li-ion trackside energy storage  
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# Who is Saft today?

## GROUP PROFILE



~100 years of history



Leadership position  
on 75-80% of revenue base



9% invested in R&D with 3 main  
technologies

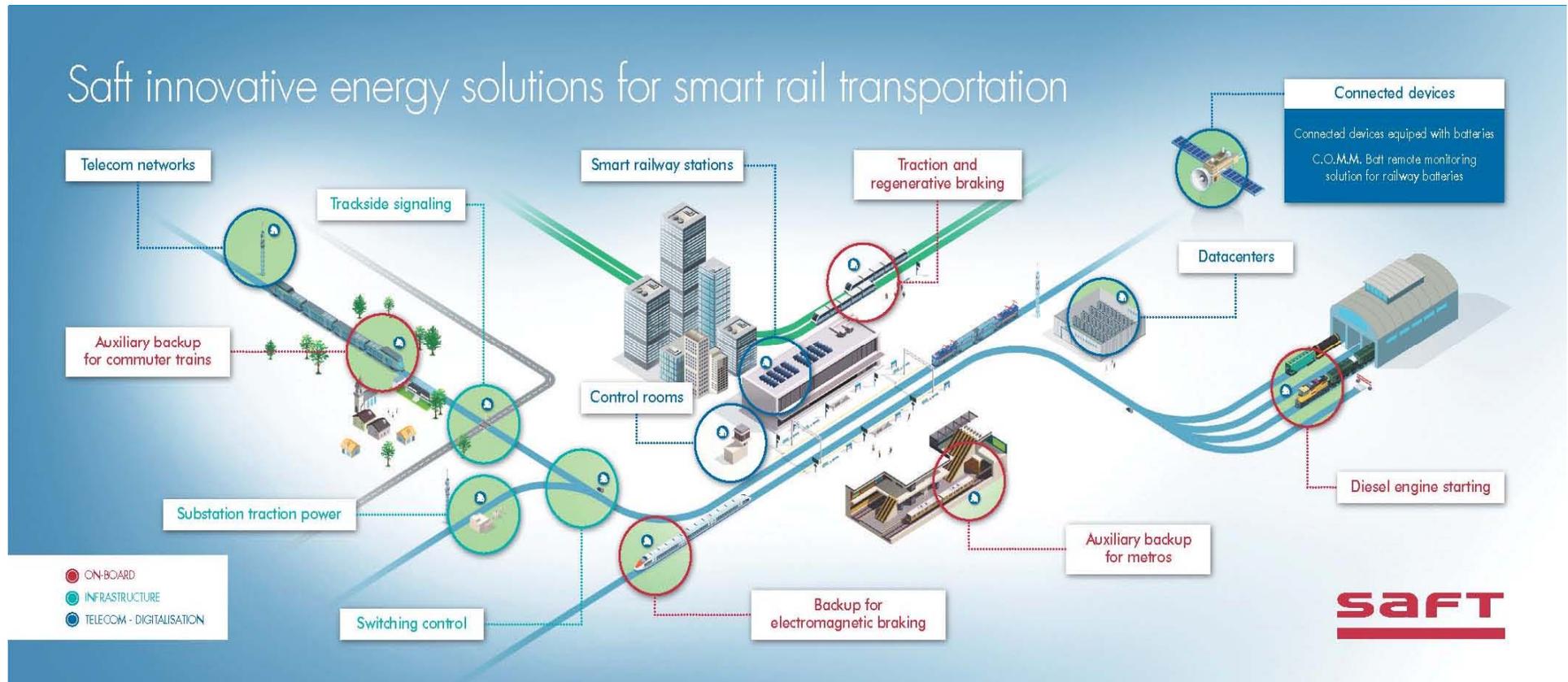


€738m revenue FY 2016

## INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

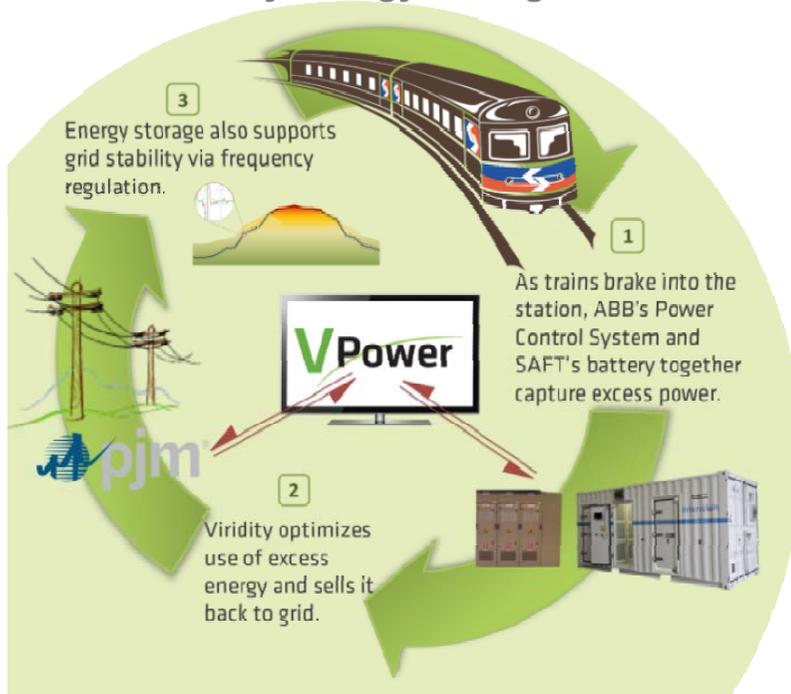


# Soft innovative energy solutions for smart rail transportation



# SEPTA 1 – Letterly substation (Philadelphia)

## The first installation for trackside Li-ion battery energy storage



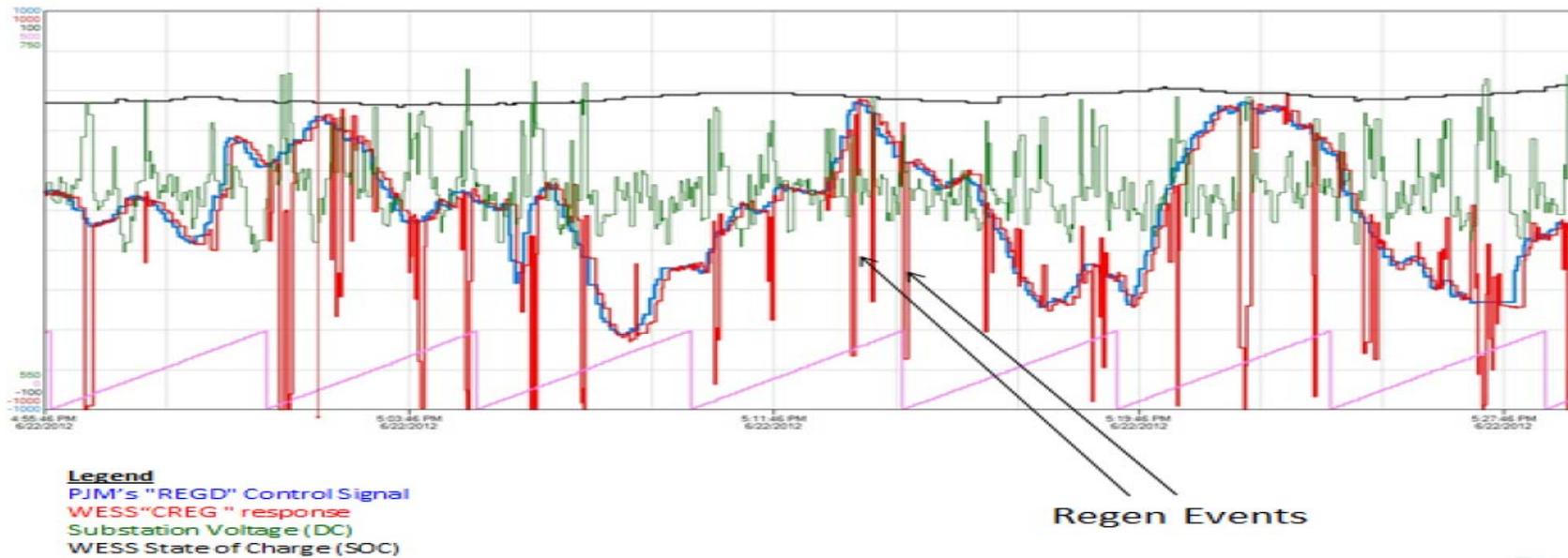
- High Power Intensium Max 20P container  
1,5 MW - 420 kWh
- Partners: ABB, Viridity
- Applications:
  - Recovery of braking energy
  - Participation in the frequency regulation market (PJM)

Started operation in April 2012



# SEPTA 1 : Operation principle

- The superposition of 2 services (illustration on 30 minutes)
  - regulation (red line) of 1MW according to PJM control requirement (blue line)
  - pulses in charge to recover trains braking energy (« Regen »)



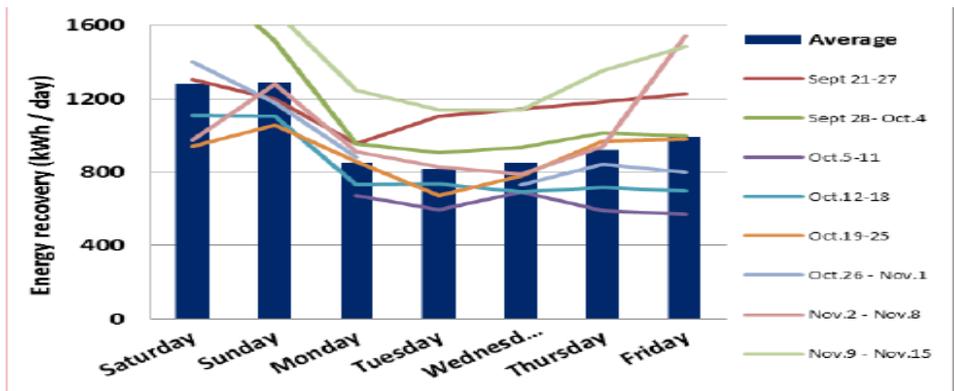
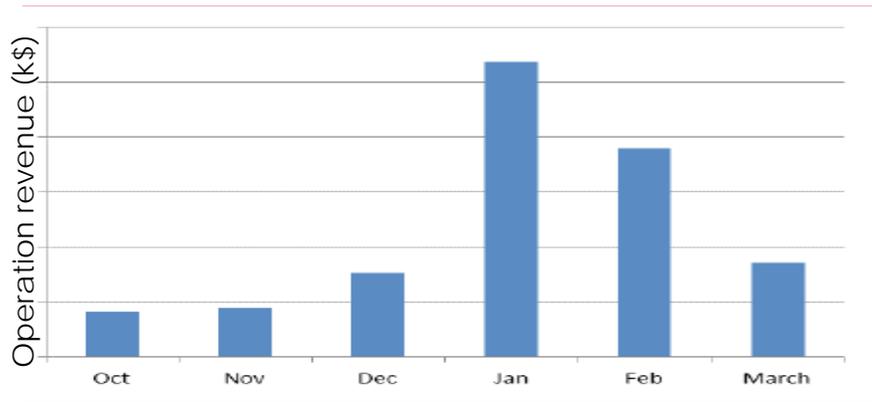
# SEPTA 1 : Economic model

- The revenues are around 200 k\$/year, providing a ROI < 5 years
  - ~25%: Braking energy recovery
    - 800kWh/day (≈2000 peaks of 0.4kWh in average)
  - ~75%: frequency regulation (PJM)

Total energy throughput: 4/5 times a day

Regulation part is seasonal

Braking part follow day usage



## SEPTA 2 : Griscom substation (Philadelphia)

The first installation for trackside  
Li-ion battery + supercapacitors as  
hybrid energy storage

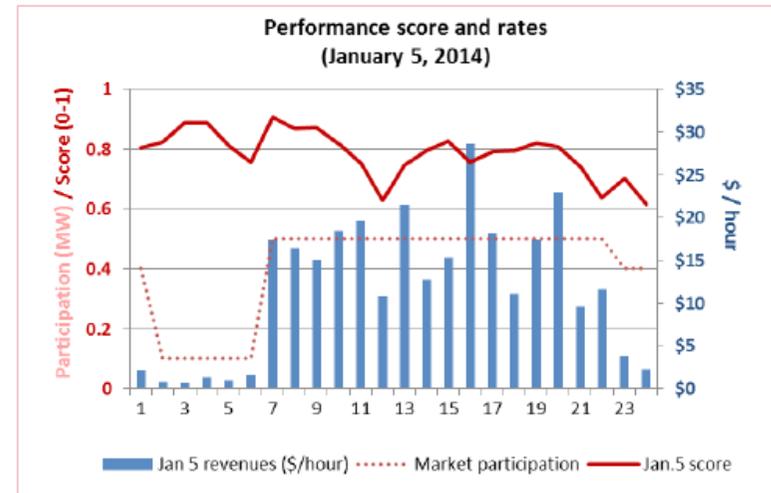
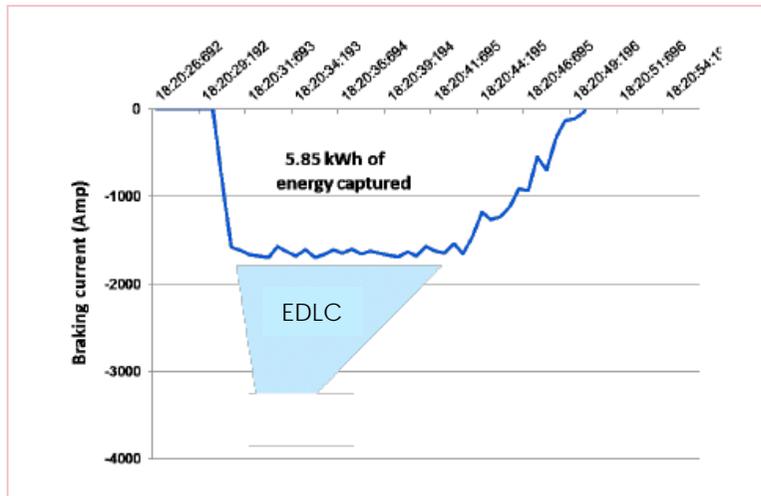
- Medium Power Intension Max 20M container  
1,1 MW - 580 kWh
- Partners: ABB (conversion 1.5MW +  
supercapacitors Maxwell), Viridity

Started  
operation in  
August 2014



## SEPTA 2 : Evolutions on ESS operation

- Expected evolutions:
  - Increase braking energy recovery (~15%)
  - Increase the « performance score » for the frequency regulation (from ~0.7 on Septa 1).



- ... but the hybrid solution is too expensive!

# SEPTA 3 : 7 substations (Philadelphia)

Li-ion racks instead of containers  
to fit available space in the substations



- High Power Li-ion ESU: 29 syn24P gen3
  - 42kWh/210kW
  - Dimensions: 2.23m x 1.74m x 0.65m
  - Mass: 911kg
- Distribution cabinet (MBMM)
  - Dimensions: 2.23m x 0.76m x 0.65m
  - Mass: 318kg
- **Operation:** Recovery of braking energy when combined with charge for frequency regulation
- 8,7MW additional battery capability (>10 MW in total)

Started  
operation from  
end of 2016

# Takeaways



- ROI can be optimized by combining several value streams (braking recovery, participation to grid regulation), additional services depends upon operation (increased headway without infrastructure reinforcement, emergency traction back-up when grid power loss,...)
- Combination of different technologies can increase the system performance, still high power Li-ion technologies can be fine tuned to answer your global need (Saft will select with you the most adapted electrochemistry)
- Battery sizing is key in the process: define your best location and condition of use, and we'll identify together the most adapted solution to bring you the energy efficiency you are looking for

Thanks for your attention

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Stay tuned!

