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# Design, Fabrication, and Test of a 5 kWh Flywheel Energy Storage System Utilizing a High Temperature Superconducting Magnetic Bearing

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# Flywheel Energy Storage Systems



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## Objective:

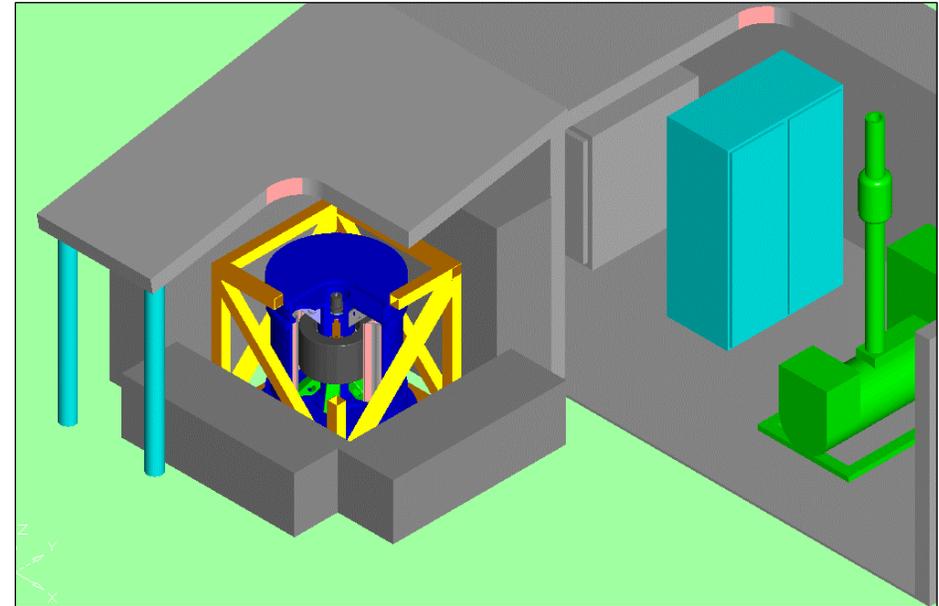
- Design, build and deliver flywheel energy storage systems utilizing high temperature superconducting (HTS) bearings tailored for uninterruptible power systems and off-grid applications

## Goal:

- Successfully integrate FESS into multiple demonstration sites through cooperative agreements with DOE and contracts with Sandia National Labs

## Status:

- The 1 kWh / 3 kW test was successful
- **The design upgrade of the 5 kWh rotor is complete**
- **The 5 kWh / 100 kW is currently in integration testing**
- The 10 kWh / 3 kW achieved many of the program design goals
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- Preliminary designs started for 30 kWh / 100 kW system



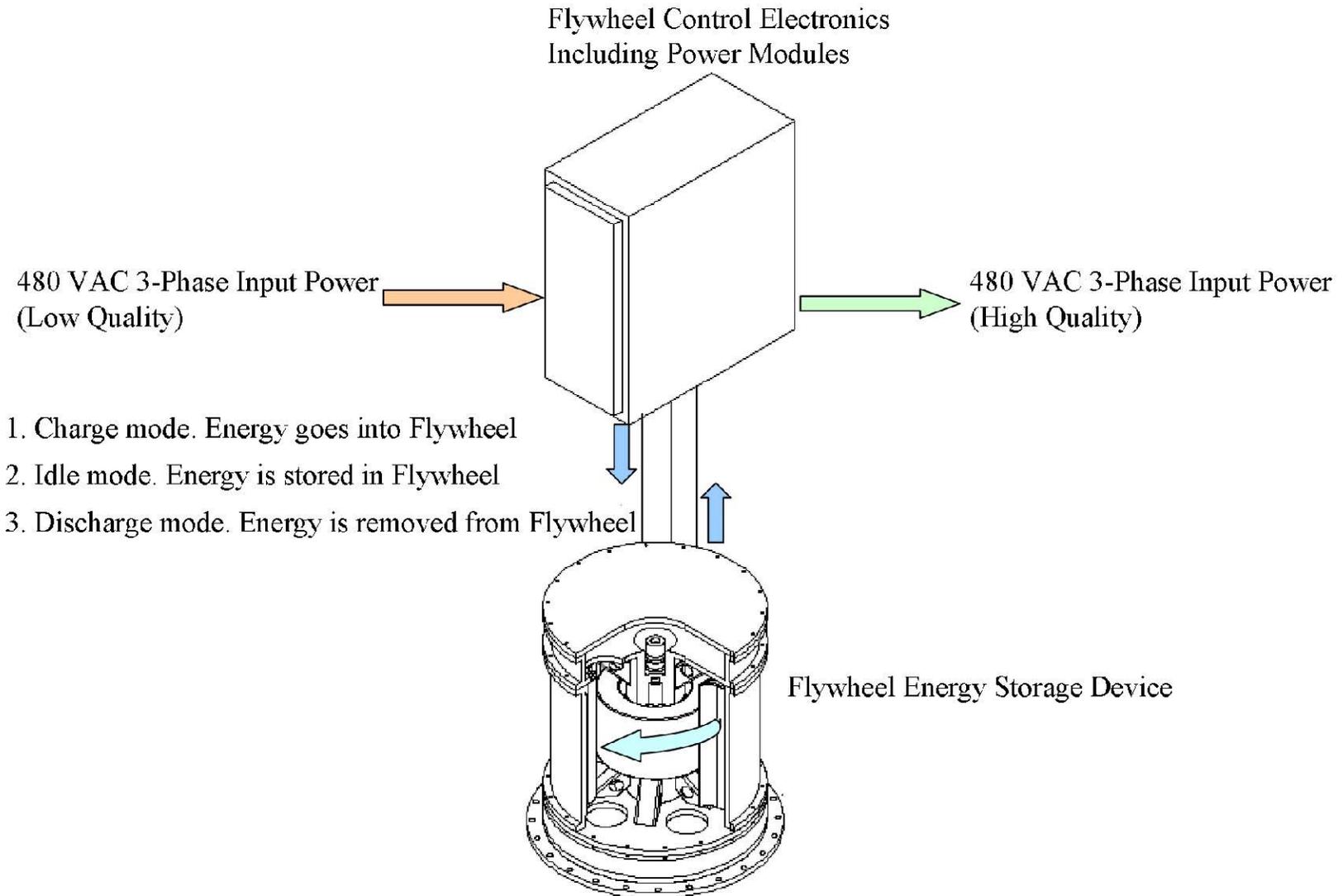
*Deployment of a demo system, shown in relation to diesel genset and balance of system.*



# Flywheel Energy Storage Systems Basic Operation

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# Flywheel Energy Storage System

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- **Why Pursue Flywheel Energy Storage?**

- Non-toxic and low maintenance
- Potential for high power density (W/ kg) and high energy density (W-Hr/ kg)
- Fast charge / discharge times possible
- Cycle life times of >25 years
- Broad operating temperature range

- **Why use high temperature superconducting bearings?**

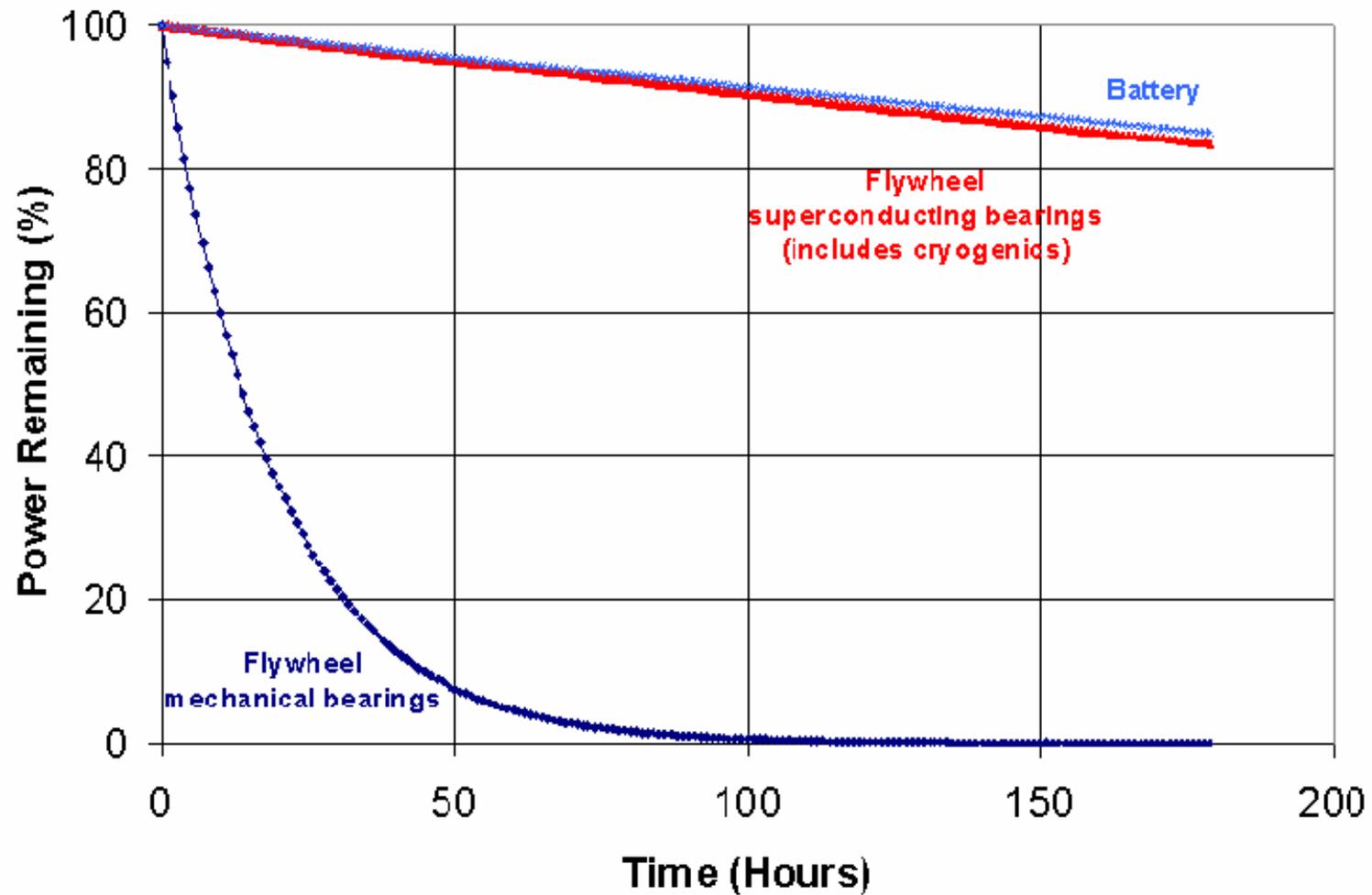
- Very low bearing losses to extend the idle mode
- HTS bearings will support ultra high-speed flywheels
  - (Energy = (1/2) (Moment of Inertia) (Spin Speed)<sup>2</sup>)



# Charge Retention Comparison of Flywheels and Battery

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# Typical Load Profile for Remote Village in Alaska

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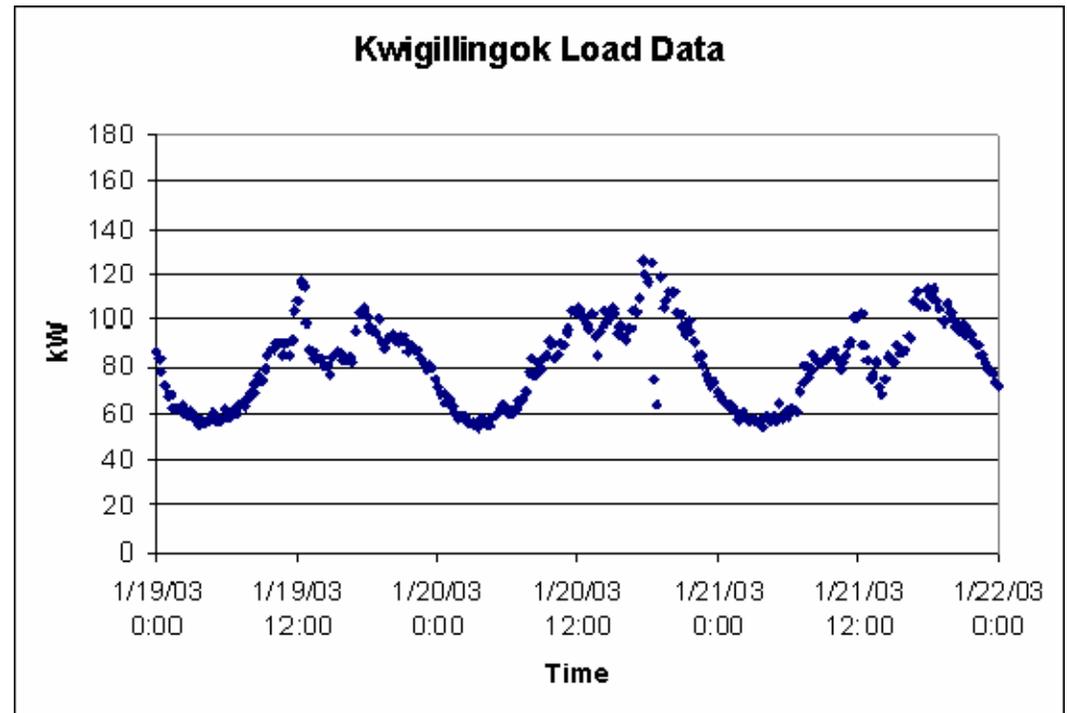


Location of Kwigillingok, Alaska



Kwigillingok, Alaska (population 338)

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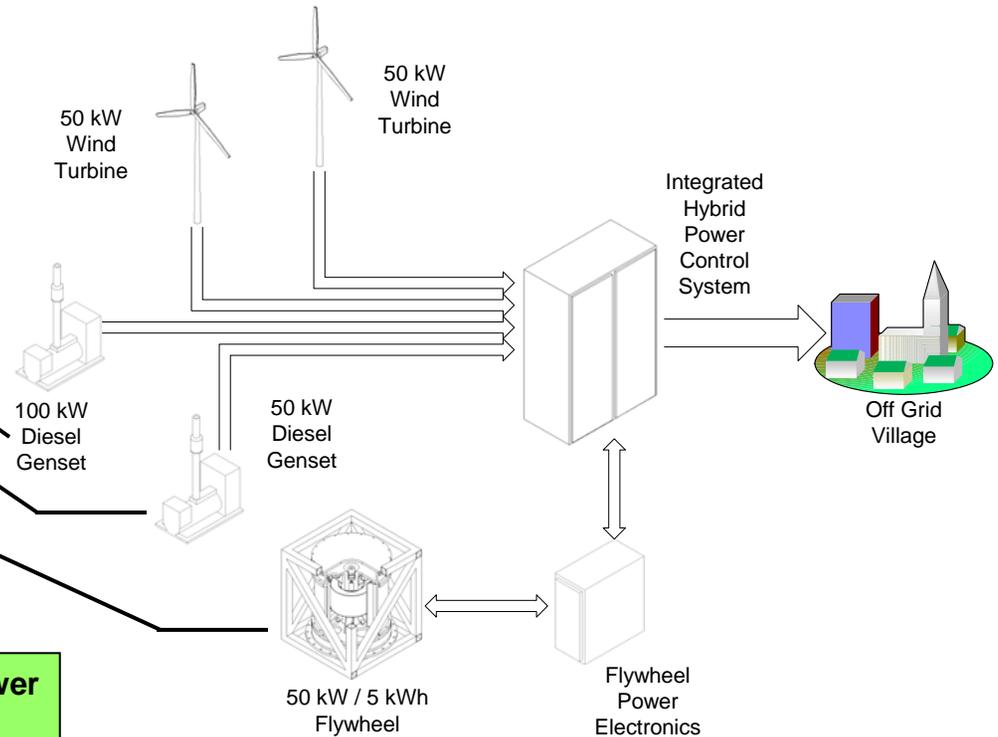
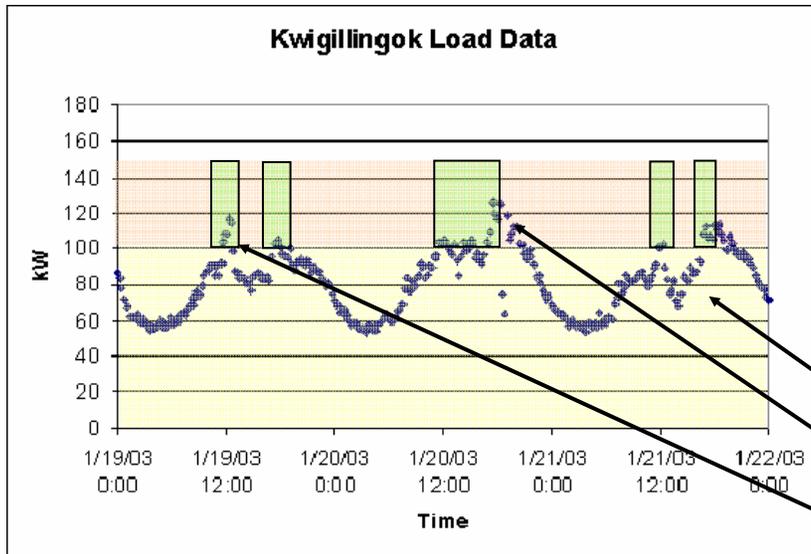
- Now served by multiple diesel systems
- Reasonable match for 50 kW FESS
- *Data provided courtesy of Alaska Energy Authority*

# Proposed System Architecture for Deployment of a 5kWh / 50 kW Flywheel Energy Storage System



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**Flywheel Energy Storage System would supply power during short peak demand periods**

## Benefits of using FESS instead of idling 2<sup>nd</sup> generator on standby

- Reduce generator maintenance by 50% (estimate)
- Reduce fuel costs by \$80k/yr (estimate)
- Lower pollution (air and noise)

# Energy Storage Program 5 kWh / 50 kW Flywheel Energy Storage System Project Roadmap



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6/99 – 9/99

## Phase I: Application ID and Initial System Specification

- Applications
- Characteristics
- Planning

5/00 – 3/01

3/01 – 11/01 (*funding interruption*)

1/04 – 05/04 (*funding interruption*)

## Phase I: Significant Outputs

- Unit characteristics
- System specification document

11/01 – 12/05

## Phase II: Component Development and Testing

- Rotor/bearing
- Materials
- Reliability

## Phase II: Significant Outputs

- Prelim design complete
- HTS crystal array complete
- Material lifetime data
- Rotor upgrade complete
- Rotor qualification testing complete

1/06 – 10/06

## Phase III: System Integration and Laboratory Testing

- Site selection
- Detail design
- Build/buy
- System test

10/06 – 9/07

## Phase IV: Field Test

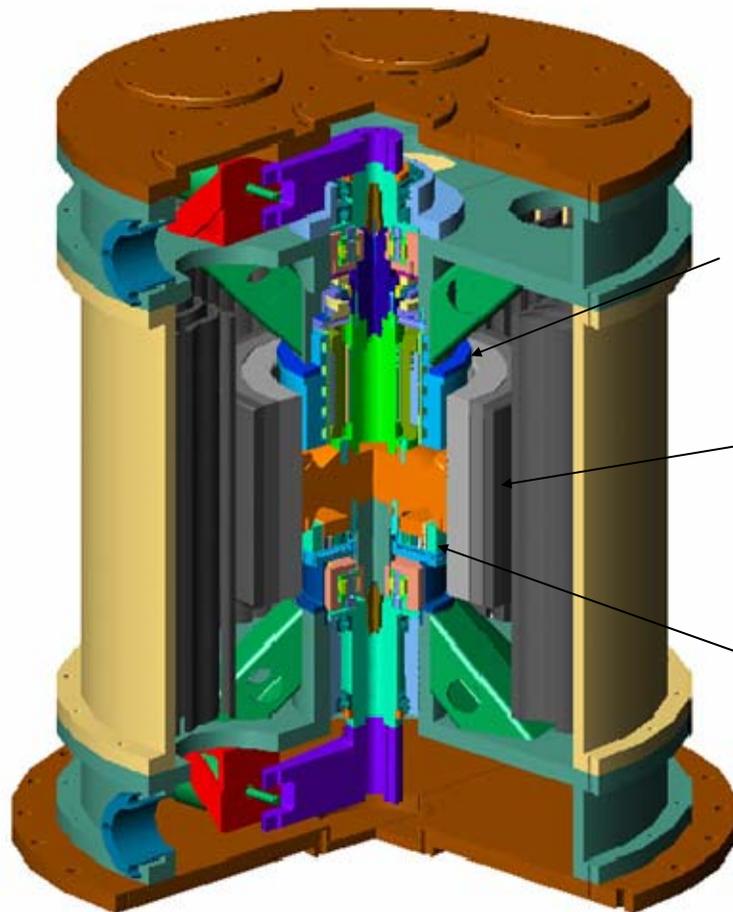
- Install
- Conduct field testing
- Post-test evaluation



# Flywheel Energy Storage System Key Components

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100 kW or 50 kW Motor Generator

5 kWh Rotor

High temperature superconducting bearing

Hex YBCO





# Energy Storage Challenges in Early 2004 Resolved in 2005

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## •2004

- Manufacturer's process had not accounted for the stresses related to the elevated temperature of the cure cycle for the clearcoat
- Data revealed a nearly 40% reduction in strength at the peak clearcoat cure temperature.

Crack appeared after clearcoat cure

## •2005

- Problem is understood and corrected**
- Improved rotor design has resolved this issue
- New rotor has completed fabrication
- High-speed spin qualification testing complete



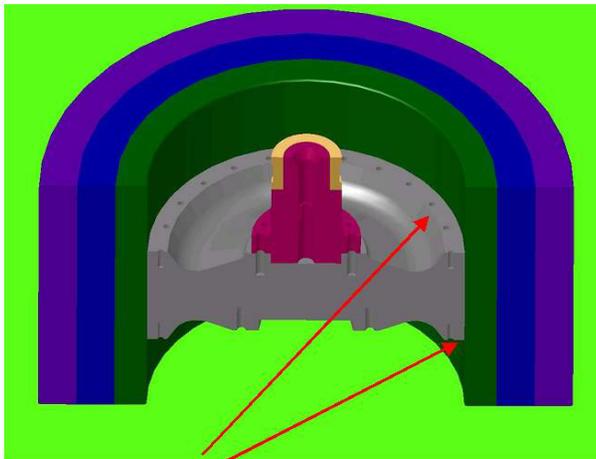


# High-Speed Quill Test of 5 kWh Rotor

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Normal max operational speed is 22,500 RPM  
Analysis complete and acceptable to 24,000 RPM  
Quill tested at 105% or 23,675 RPM



Balance Features

5 kWh rotor total indicated runout (TIR) held to 0.002" during fabrication

As such, the rotor did not require any balancing prior to or during quill testing



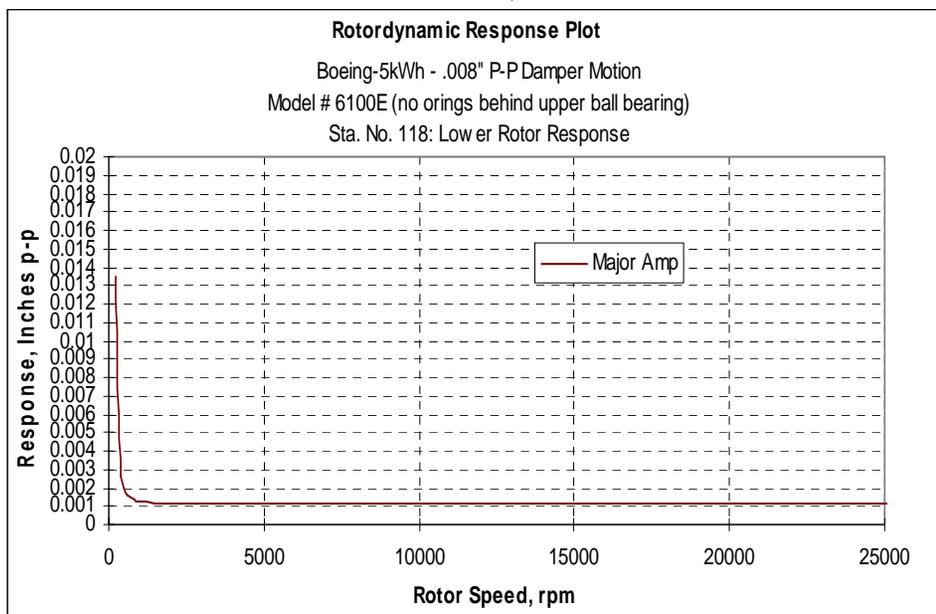
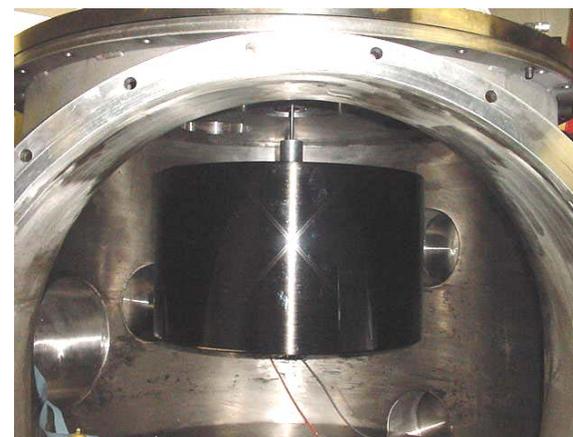
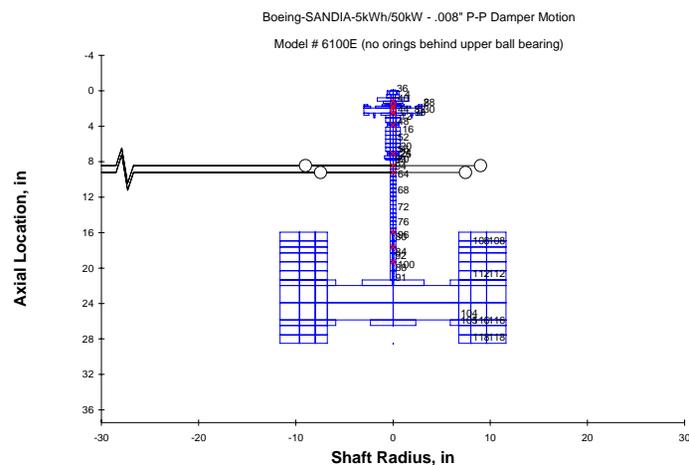
5 kWh Rotor inside of the Boeing Quill Tester



# Quill Test Dynamic Model vs. Quill Test Data

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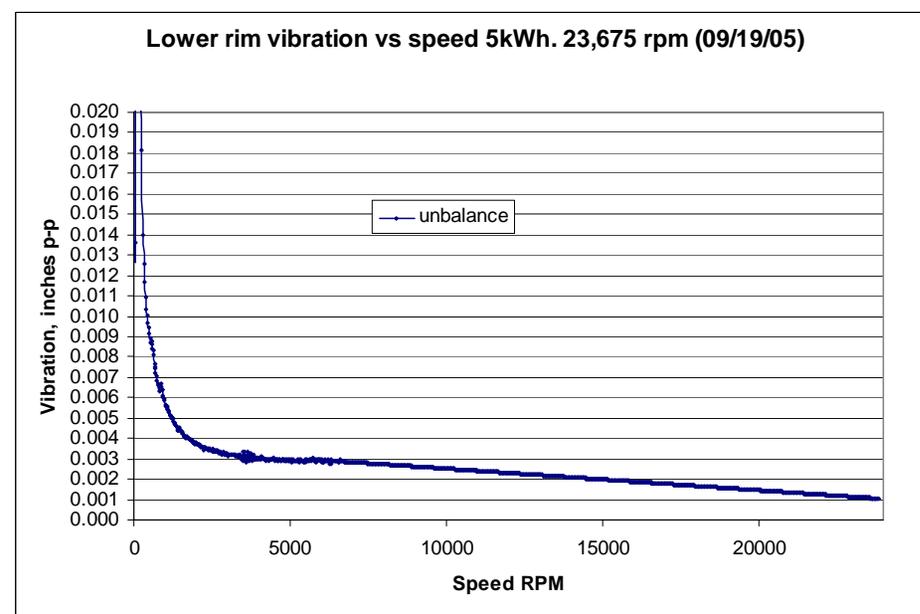
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xLrotor forced response plot showing the amplitude of unbalance vs rpm

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Lower Rim data from high-speed quill testing showing the amplitude of unbalance vs rpm

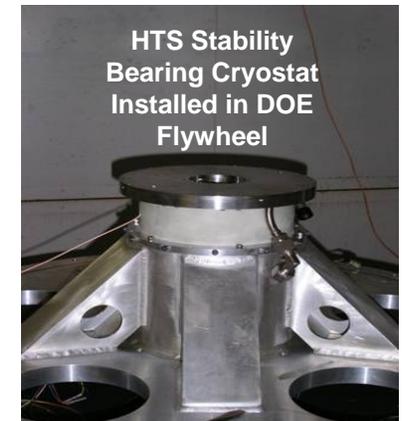
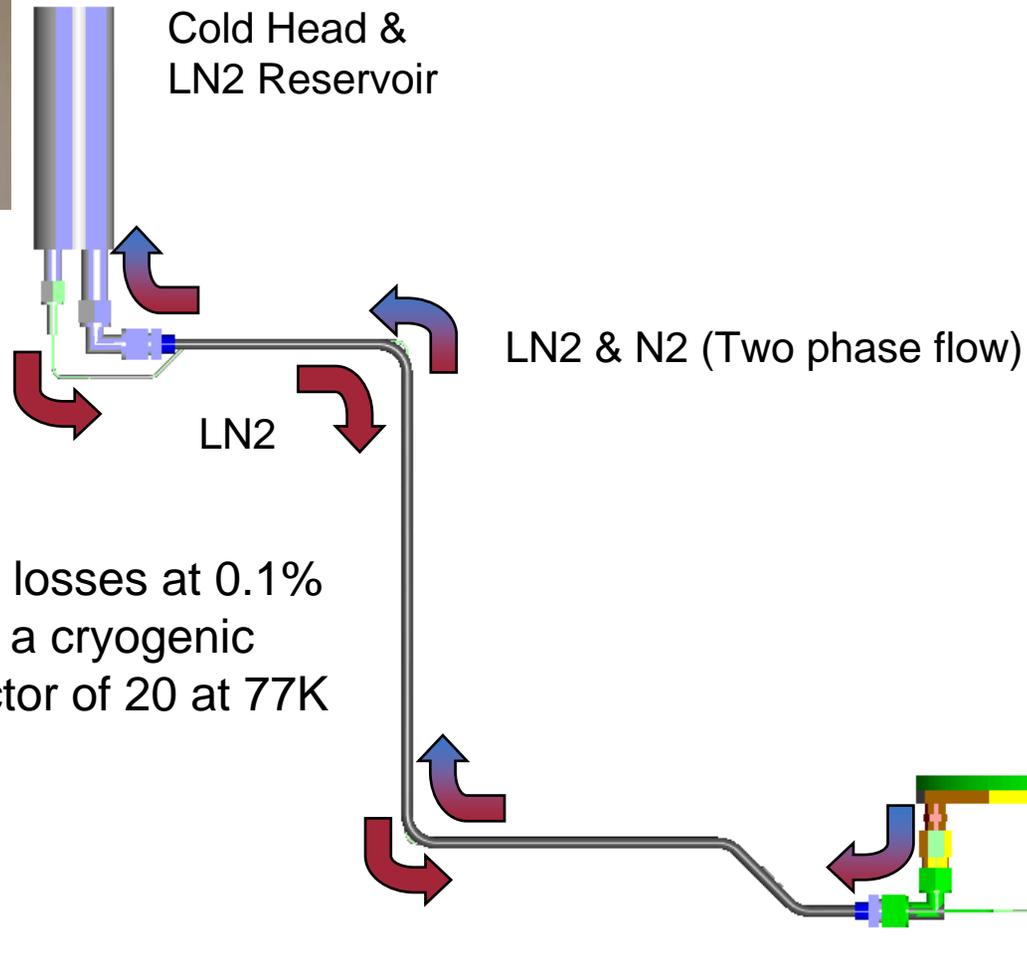
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## Thermosyphon Operation



Cryostat (HTS)

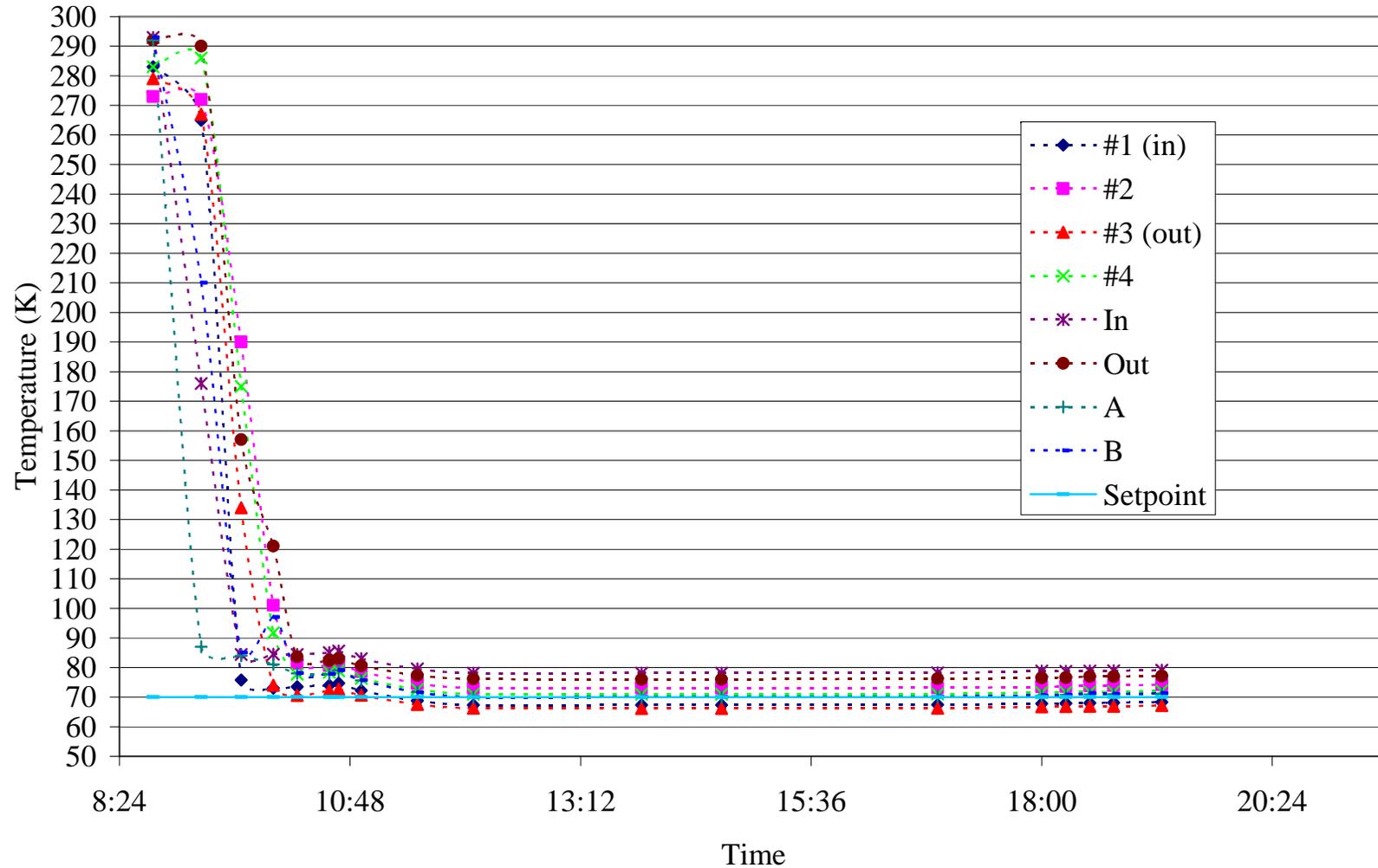


# Typical Cryogenic Data on HTS Bearing

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22 April 05 Full Run Cryogenic Temperatures, 5 kWh / 100 kW FESS

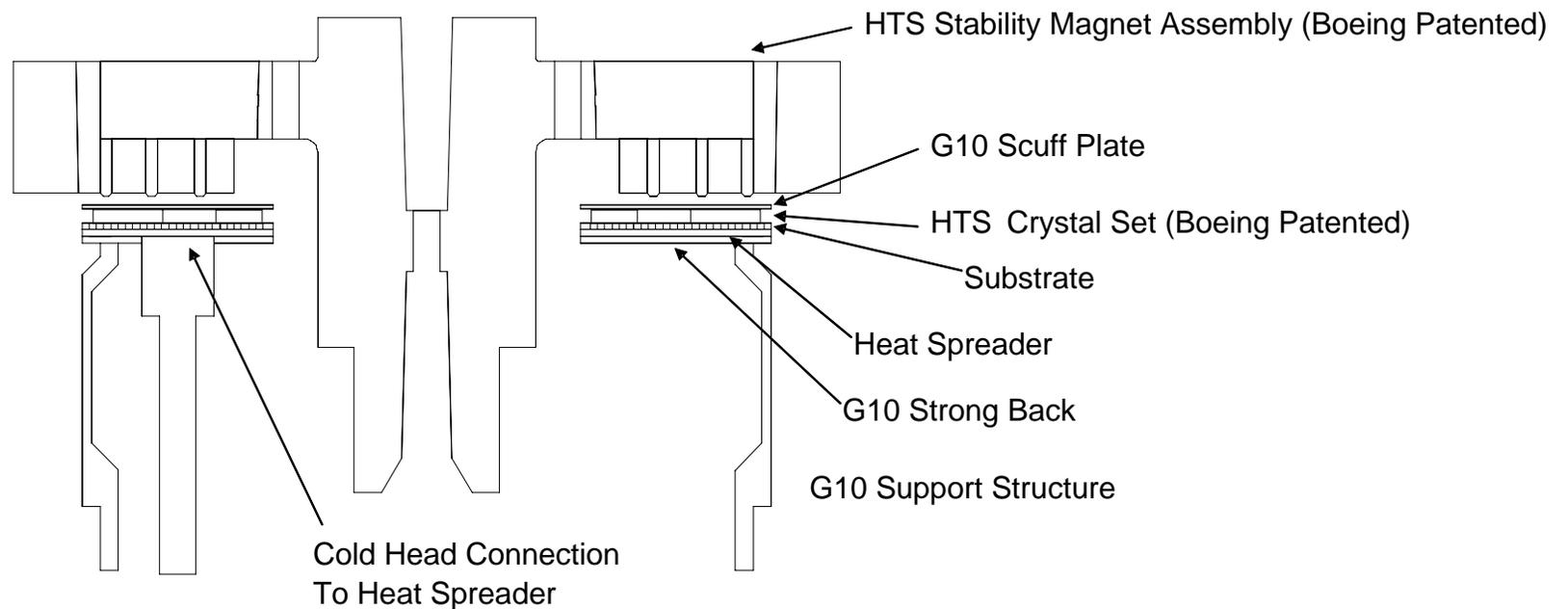




# Direct Cooling Approach on HTS Bearing Moving Forward

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**Benefits:**  
Fewer parts, lower power requirements  
Eliminates the requirement for LN2  
Reduces maintenance



# Summary

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- **1 kWh System**
  - The 1 kWh / 3 kWh test was successful
  - Verified the HTS bearing approach and low losses
- **5 kWh Systems**
  - The 5 kWh / 100 kWh is currently in full system integration testing with all subsystems and components fully qualified
  - The high temperature superconducting bearing is performing very well
  - The design upgrade of the 5 kWh rotor is complete and validated by test
  - Direct cooling HTS approach for 5 kWh / 50 kW is moving forward into fabrication and test
- **10 kWh System**
  - The 10 kWh / 3 kWh achieved many of the program design validation goals
  - The design upgrade of the 10 kWh rotor is complete and moving into fabrication
- **30 kWh System**
  - Preliminary design started for 30 kWh / 100 kW system
- Boeing is committed to continue Flywheel Energy Storage System efforts



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