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# **Catapult network**



Supporting business in transforming great ideas into valuable products and services



Technical capabilities, equipment, and other resources



Open up opportunities for innovators, in the UK and globally



Solve key problems and develop new products and services



Bridge the gap between stakeholders in the sector



- Cell and Gene Therapy
- Connected Places
- Compound Semiconductor Applications
- Digital
- Energy Systems
- High Value Manufacturing
- Medicines Discovery
- Offshore Renewable Energy
- Satellite Applications









# **About Energy Systems Catapult**





Mission: Unleashing innovation and open new markets to capture the clean growth opportunity



Why do we exist?

**To accelerate** Net Zero innovation and deliver the future energy system



How do we work?

We do the hard stuff by taking a whole systems approach to Net Zero



What do we do?

**Turboboost** innovation across homes, sites, places, whole systems & networks.

**Design** a future energy system to drive clean growth and benefit people.









# What we do

Supporting innovators to commercialise



PROPOSITION DESIGN



**BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION** 



HARNESSING DIGITAL AND DATA



**TEST AND DEMONSTRATION** 



DELIVERING LARGE SCALE INNOVATION TRIALS











WHOLE SYSTEM MODELLING





**CLEAN TECH ENGINEERING** 



system to unlock innovation

energy

design the future

Helping to

**SYSTEM ENGINEERING** 



AND ENERGY SYSTEMS



**MARKETS, POLICY AND REGULATION** 



**DECARBONISING THE PUBLIC SECTOR ESTATE** 



**DECARBONISING LOCAL PLACES** 



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DECARBONISING CAMPUSES, BUSINESS PARKS AND INDUSTRIAL SITES

# **Our expertise**

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Whole systems thinking

**JOINING UP THE SYSTEM FROM SOURCES OF ENERGY TO THE CONSUMER** 



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Generation

Transmission

Distribution

**Buildings** 

Consumer

**BREAKING DOWN SILOS BETWEEN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE ENERGY SYSTEM** 









Electricity

Heat

Transport

**JOINING UP PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE** SYSTEM, WITH POLICY, **MARKET AND DIGITAL ARRANGEMENTS** 



**Physical** 

System





Digital

System







Market

Policy















# The need for a whole systems approach













# **Innovating to Net Zero**







Consumer insights into public understanding and attitudes



Markets, policy and regulation implications



Digitalisation of the energy sector

#### Infrastructure and engineering deep dives including:



Advanced nuclear



Storage and flexibility options

https://es.catapult.org.uk/reports/innovating-to-net-zero/









# Hydrogen in the future Net Zero energy system



"Zero carbon energy vectors require unprecedented scale-up to dominate final energy use!"

"Electricity generation itself may have to double, or even treble if most hydrogen is to be produced by electrolysis."



Hydrogen is repeatedly selected in scenarios for a future "least cost optimised zero carbon energy system".

"A new low carbon hydrogen economy will need to be created, delivering up to 300TWh per annum, roughly equivalent to electricity generation today."











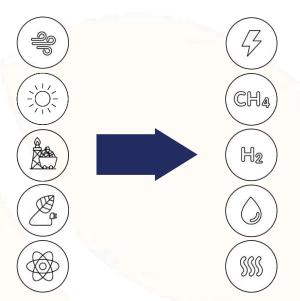
# What do we mean by the energy system?





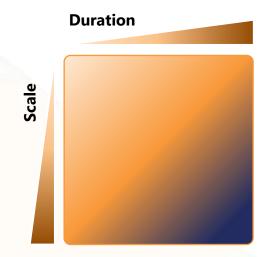
# **Production**

Producing useful energy from available resources



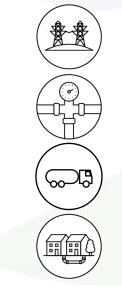
## **Storage**

Holding useful energy until **when** it is needed



## **Distribution**

Moving useful energy to **where** it is needed



#### **End-use**

Turning useful energy into useful outputs











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# **Establishing the market potential for hydrogen**





Examining hydrogen's potential role throughout the energy system

#### **Production**

## **Storage**

## **Distribution**

#### **End-use**













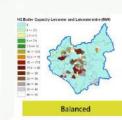




























# **Hydrogen modelling capability**





#### **Production**

#### **Storage**

#### **Distribution**

#### **End-Use**











Storage and Flexibility Model

Infrastructure Transitions
Analysis Model

Road freight model

**Consumers, Vehicles and Energy Integration Model** 

National energy system modelling

Creating whole system evidence

Informing policy and research

Testing system value of innovations

Balancing supply and demand

Considers energy vectors: across hydrogen, electricity gas and heat

Accounts for operation and risk factors

National, regional to local infrastructure requirements

Considers requirements across production options

Considers different energy end-uses

Low carbon road freight options

Fleet implications and infrastructure requirements

Operator investment and vehicle duty cycle factors

Integrated, holistic means of assessing the impacts on and from vehicle uptake and use, consumer preferences, infrastructure, policy measures and commercial models across the system









# Whole systems thinking: key benefits

**SITES** 

- Identify the least-cost pathways to Net Zero
- Define innovation priorities → the least-regret options → money saved
- Intra & inter-sectorial synergies → economies of scale
- Predictability and institutional security, driving investment attraction
- Reduces cost of capital
- Potential opportunities and premiums for low-carbon services and goods













# Creating an enabling environment for innovation













# Hydrogen supply, use & business are still highly uncertain TES



- **Demand**: Most promising are hard-to-reach sectors (i.e., HGVs; shipping; industry; and power generation (potentially)).
- **Supply**: Unclear whether Steam Methane Reformation (SMR) + Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS); or electrolysis most likely success.
- **Heating:** Significant uncertainty about heating & therefore future of gas grid.
- **Transportation:** Trajectory for decarbonising passenger cars and other light duty vehicles is electric – heavy-duty vehicles is less clear cut.
- **Storage:** Gas can have a valuable role this could be hydrogen, natural gas, SNG and other molecules as line-pack, long and medium range storage.
- **Innovation:** Very significant innovation challenges (E.g., production (green and blue); pipes; consumer acceptance; storage; and transition pathway).

Whilst the apparent need for hydrogen in the energy system is substantial, understanding the role for hydrogen is a whole system question.











# The Hydrogen Innovation Initiative





Leveraging specific techno-economic competencies



**Electricity** 

Heat





**Industry** 

Infrastructure



**Transport** 

Consumer



The Hydrogen **Innovation Initiative** 



Socio-

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**Technical** 



Modelling



Markets, Policy & Regulation



Consumer Insight



**Digital** & data



**Systems** Integration



Infrastructure **Engineering** 







Multi-Vector

Perspectives

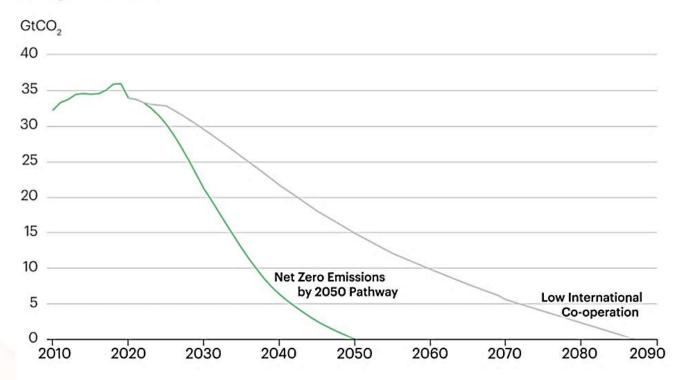


# International collaboration is key for reducing emissions



- The Net Zero pathway relies on unprecedented international collaboration, especially on innovation and investment
- This is not simply a matter of governments and companies seeking to bring their emissions to Net Zero – it means tackling global challenges through co-ordinated actions

# Global energy-related ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions in the net zero pathway and Low International Co-operation Case



Note: Gt = billion tonnes.

From IEA, 2022: https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/global-energy-related-co2-emissions-in-the-net-zero-pathway-and-low-international-cooperation-case-2010-2090

























# THE UK-INDIA NET ZERO INNOVATION VIRTUAL CENTRE

The UK-India Net Zero Innovation Virtual Centre is a unique coalition of UK and Indian innovation policymakers, R&D companies, start-ups, hubs and places, investors and research groups.

The Centre will initially focus on three key areas:



**DECARBONISING MANUFACTURING PROCESSES** 



**INNOVATING FOR TRANSPORT AND ENERGY SYSTEMS** 



**HYDROGEN SYSTEMS** 





Innovating for Transport and Energy Systems









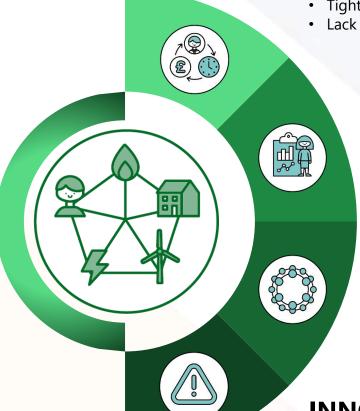


# **Obstacles to action**





- Tight budgets
- Lack of expertise



#### LACK OF REAL-WORLD IMPACT

- Challenging to involve citizens
- Without businesses there won't be scale up
- Difficult to progress beyond hypothetical solutions

#### LACK OF WHOLE SYSTEMS APPROACH

- Complex challenges with lots of variables
- Unintended impacts
- Innovation regrets
- Vested interests
- "Bottom-up approach"

#### **INNOVATION IS RISKY**

- Testing new things risks failure
- Procurement challenges
- Risky investments
- Gap between challenge owners and solution providers









# **Our mission**



ITEC:

ITES is a collaboration between leading research organisations from India and the UK. ITES will address transport and energy decarbonisation challenges by:

Linking research and innovators to real market and industry needs, to ensure applied solutions

**Taking a whole systems approach to sectoral challenges**, considering all aspects from consumer acceptance, to business models, policy, to supporting infrastructure

Leveraging expertise from both countries to accelerate the development of solutions

Supporting scale-up for innovators by creating pilot and test opportunities in a risk-free environment, and giving them access to technical support and expertise

Providing evidence for **informed decision-making** around policy and regulation

Acting as a **credible broker between stakeholders**, remaining **independent** and free from vested interests









# **Programme overview**





#### **Challenge identification**

#### **Market Analysis:**

Engagement with partners to identify decarbonisation challenge needs

# Supply Chain Analysis:

Assessment of available /pipeline solutions

An innovation roadmap developed for key challenges

#### **Innovation sprint**

#### **Research sprints**

to develop analytical capability and tools

#### **R&D** sprints

to develop applied solutions

# Demonstration / pilot projects

for close to market solutions

#### **Outcomes**

**Tools** to generate evidence on innovation barriers and needs

# Innovative solutions

developed in line with market needs

#### **New solutions**

trialled in reallife market settings

#### Scale up

**Evidence** to inform the sector and policy via impact reports and industry events

#### **Solutions**

showcased to ITES partners and wider sector via events and workshops

**Products** ready to enter the market



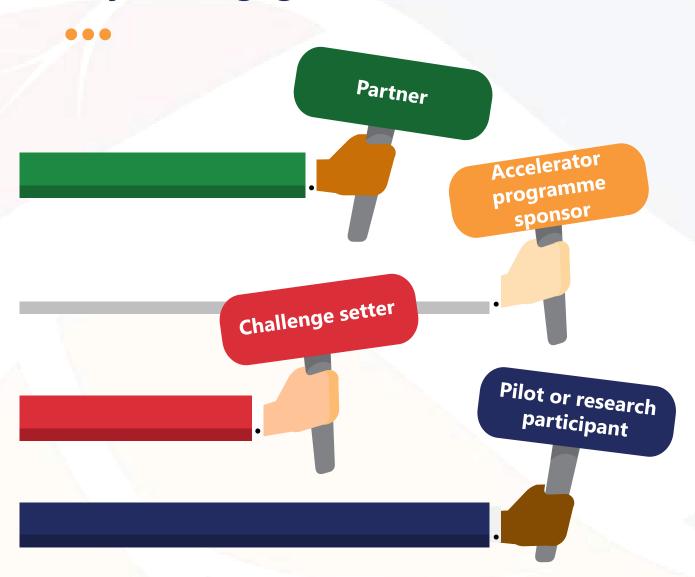






# Ways to engage





#### **Partner**

Sponsor the centre and help to steer its work and maximise its impact

# Accelerator programme sponsor

Sponsor an SME accelerator programme

# **Challenge setter**

Sponsor a challenge for your organization and we will develop innovative pilots to explore solutions

# Pilot or research participant

Participate in a pilot with your question or facilities or in a research project











# Thank you



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