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## Welcome and Introduction

Professor Chris
Fogwill
PVC, Cranfield
University



Professor Martin Freer Director, Energy Research Accelerator



#### **Agenda**



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- 9.30am Welcome and Introduction from Prof Chris Fogwill, PVC Cranfield University
- 9.50am Keynote: Rachel Fletcher, Octopus Energy
- 10.20am ERA's National Activities, Professor Martin Freer, ERA Director
- 10.40am Panel Discussion on the UK's energy challenges
- 11.30am Refreshments and Networking
- 11.50am The Regional Energy Picture: Faye McAnulla, ERA Programme Director
- 12.05pm Panel discussion on Midlands Energy Opportunities
- 1pm Lunch Cranfield tours, poster competition, Tesla test drives
- 2.10pm Workshop sessions
- 3.10pm Feedback
- 3.30pm Closing remarks
- 3.45pm Finish



















Rachel Fletcher
Director of Regulation
Octopus Energy

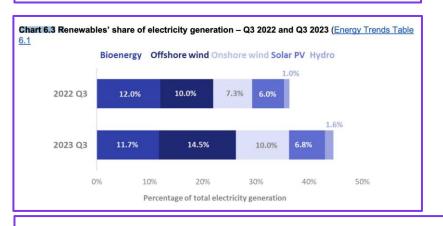




# Key Challenges in achieving Net-Zero 25 January 2024

#### Key challenges in getting to net zero

Renewable energy investment is a UK success story, significant YoY growth



#### Now need to focus on:

- 1. Connecting low carbon assets to the grid quickly and cheaply
- Operating a renewable system efficiently and securely
- 1. Helping people decarbonise their homes

Tackling the remaining challenges require focus to shift:

- <u>from</u> producers <u>to</u> consumers
- <u>from</u> building big assets <u>to</u> optimising assets on the system

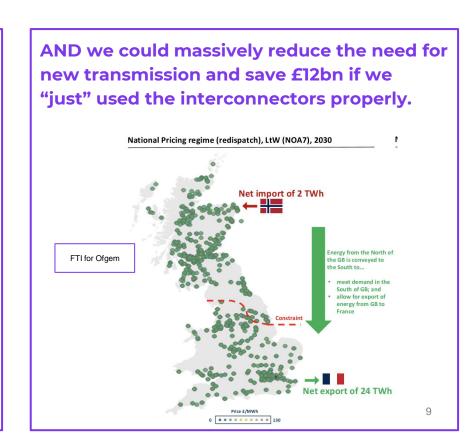
Doing this will allow us to get to net zero quicker and cheaper. But it does require us to challenge traditional thinking and make sure we are not duped by fossil fuel interests.

#### 1. Stop "grid lock" holding up renewable deployment

#### Some stark facts:

- Most projects have a connection offer AFTER 2030
- Transmission connection Q over 400GW at the end of 2023 - multiple times the new capacity required
- It takes 14 years to build a transmission line
- In the next 6 years need to build 5 x more transmission lines than built over the last 30 years

Winser and other recommendations need to be implemented quickly



#### 2. Use fresh thinking to operate a renewable system efficiently

"Reaching net zero isn't turning a brown caterpillar into a green caterpillar but into a butterfly" RenewX **Decarbonised Distributed Bi-directional** KRAKEN **Democratic Digital** 

# The ESO is having to redispatch an increasing portion of the market 2006 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 The Balancing Mechanism is still largely dominated by

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The cost of balancing services is

increasing

gas

## Massive potential to use flexibility in electrified transport and heat to save £bns for everyone



- Half of residential demand will come from flexible resources by 2035
- By 2050 we could be reducing peak electricity by around 25%/25GW if new household load is managed smartly
- Cornwall Insight estimate by 2040 smart consumer demand could be saving the country over £14bn a year - if optimised to smooth peaks
- Fewer wind farms, fewer networks, less dependence on fossil fuels, cheaper balancing costs

#### Smart demand management is already a reality - GB is leading the world:

- 1.5m Octopus Energy Customers and growing
- EV customers saving 66%, Heat Pump customers saving £200+; 800MW "virtual power plant"
- Free electricity in windy hours for 25k customers in certain postcodes
- 10 year zero bill guarantee for those with PV + batteries + ASHP



## 3. Help people decarbonise heat (transport is at exponential growth already)

Electrification has to be the answer "electrify where you can, use hydrogen for
the rest":

- Heat Pumps 3x more efficient than gas fired heating and 6x more efficient than using green hydrogen
- Heat Pump technology is improving and becoming less costly and more suitable for more housing types
- Electrical heating is flexible load automation helps to flatten system peaks



Technology revolutions are never linear - we need to beware of linear thinking.

**Technology S Curve in action:** 

6kW heat pump installed for between £5k to £8k (less than £500 with grant) - reaching boiler parity with scale

Purpose built to be faster to install and easier to maintain 12 Room sensors to automatically control while providing comfort

## Solutions are more about markets and enablers, less about Government funding

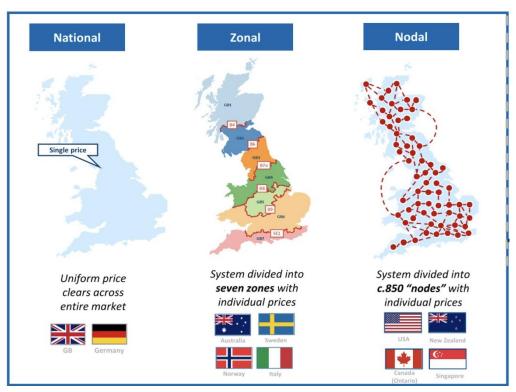
- Radical wholesale reform and dynamic DNO charges to solve issues with interconnectors and make better use of consumer flex and other low carbon flex (grid scale batteries etc)
- Short term routes to market for consumer flex - currently not allowed to participate in the BM and Capacity Market participation in difficult
- Remove remaining barriers to customer heat pump adoption - enduring support for lower income households (£ms a year)
- Focus on consumer protections and retail market that can drive innovation for net zero

 Building big assets, subsidising CCUS (£20bn), increasing balancing and constraint costs (£2bn+ p/a)

- Continued dependence on fossil fuels to meet system peaks - paying coal to stay on the system (£400m p/a)
- Government subsidy for hydrogen currently £2bn a year
- Consumers left out of the transition, and asked to pay for it.

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## Radical wholesale market reform required to optimise the operation of millions of new assets on the system



- With a single GB wholesale price EVs scheduled at the wrong time for the system about 30% of the time - not getting the most from flexible load
- No signal for energy intensive industrial load to locate to where power is plentiful and cheap
- Scotland/NE England has some of cheapest power in Europe, so could help levelling up and reduce the cost of constraining off excess wind through better price signals
- Total social benefits £25bn++ over 16 year period



## We have the potential to create a smarter, leaner and lighter energy system... not just a greener one

- We need fresh thinking caterpillar knowledge doesn't help us understanding butterflies
- We need to innovate for the customer helping them decarbonise and support and be part of the electricity system
- We need to be digital to optimise multi-million of assets doing different things at different times and places across the country
- We need to avoid linear thinking and limiting assumptions about technology and how it can help solve today's problems

Britain has the potential to lead the world in showing how to integrate renewables onto an electricity system in an innovative way that saves £bns a year, and helps to boost the economy as well as helping the planet. We just need to get on with it.

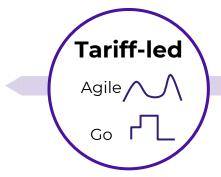
**THANK YOU** 



### Annex

## **Context** | Activating consumer flexibility has different flavours that are available today

Examples of consumer flexibility products designed and executed on Kraken within day(s)



#### Static/dynamic ToU

Shape demand reliably, subject to appropriate price incentive

#### Campaigns



#### Manual dispatch

Call to action via notification, large MW volumes

#### **Fan Club**



#### **Locational ToU**

Pricing based on generation at local wind turbine

#### Intelligent Octopus



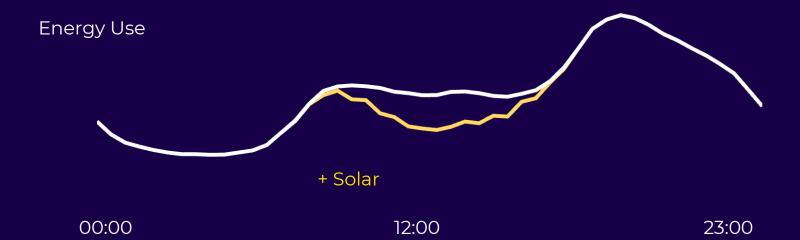
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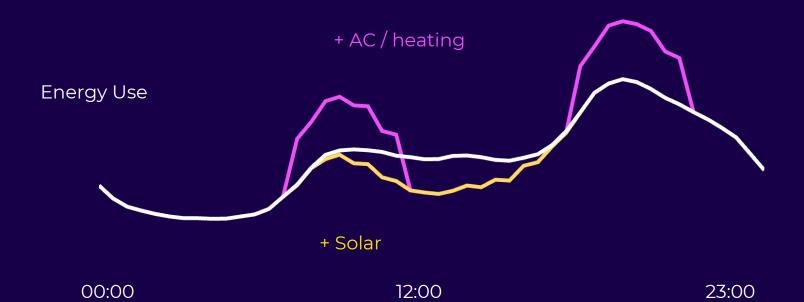
Controllable, large MW per customer

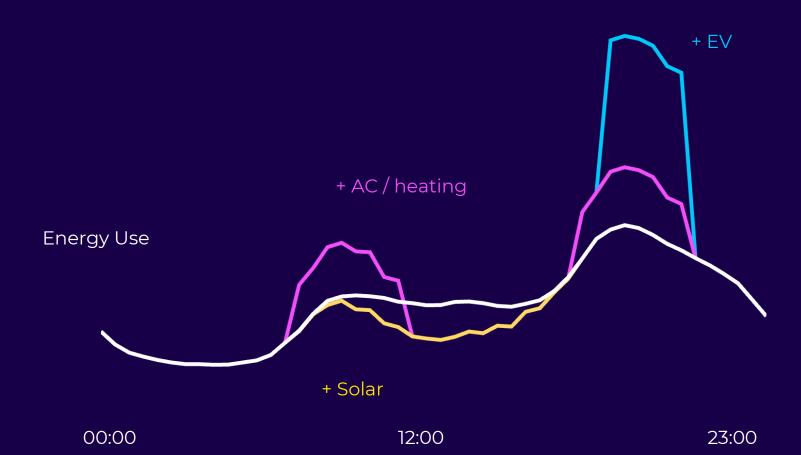


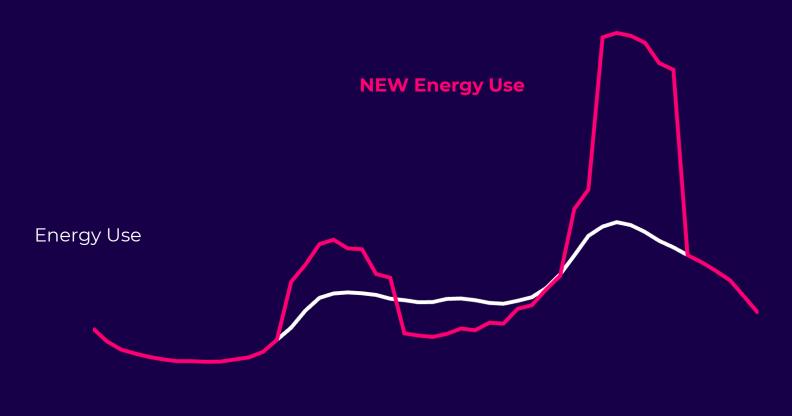
## This is how demand patterns on the energy system are changing







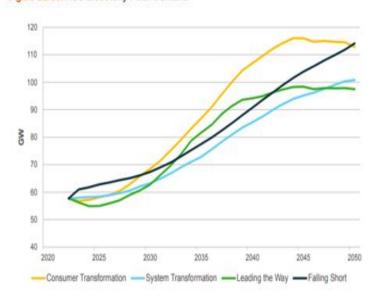


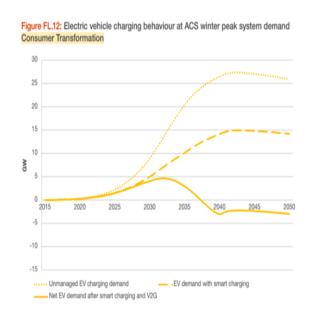


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## Managed smartly, consumer products could help reduce total peak system demand

Figure ES.03: ACS Electricity Peak Demand





Source: NGESO FES 2022 and 2023

## ERA's role in the Net Zero challenge

Professor Martin Freer
Director of ERA



## ENERGY RESEARCH ACCELERATOR

Accelerating real-world energy innovation



1400 RESEARCHERS

60 ERA PHD STUDENTS

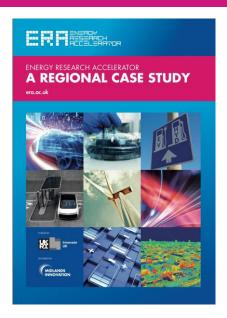




















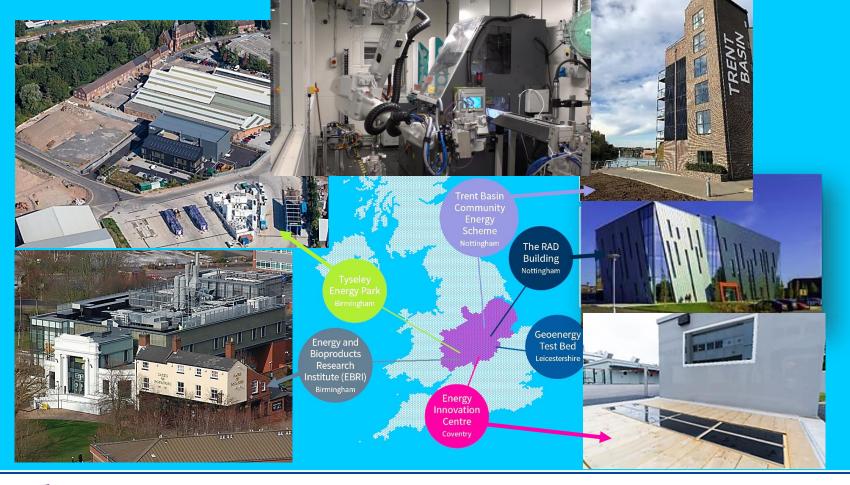
























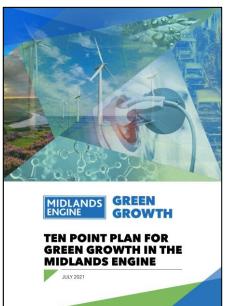


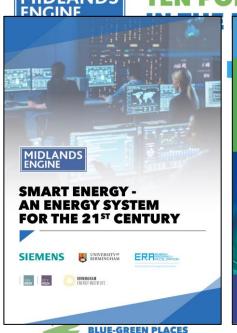


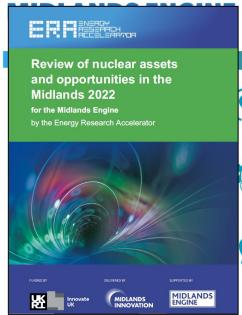
#### Regional engagement





















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Where people and nature







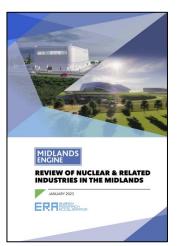




#### **Midlands Nuclear**



- ERA has launched Midlands Nuclear Industry by bringing together the supply chain with developers, generators, researchers and skills providers
- Initial areas of focus: skills and siting





























**Developing the** hydrogen economy in the Midlands



#### Delivering:

- Skills and training
- **Demonstrators**
- Policy
- **Business Support**
- International bridges



Toyota

Beijing

Hydrogen Awards



"A demonstrator platform for a national commercial hydrogen truck operation"











**HM Government** Brussels





































#### Industrial Advisory Group



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#### Influencing energy policy







Role of regions in energy innovation Established Energy Capital and Energy Innovation zones









**Long Duration Energy Storage Debate** 



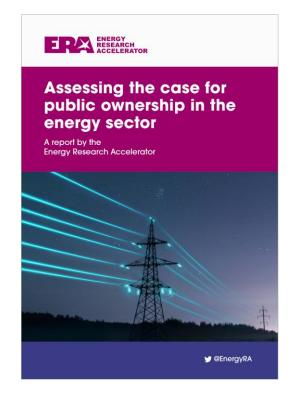


#### **Influencing Energy Policy**



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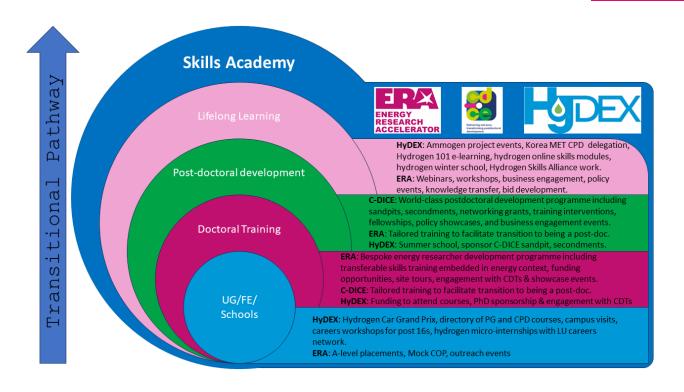






#### **ERA Skills programme**

































- Fellowships: Wind-turbine, Net zero systems, Electric switching, Energy digital twins,
- Sandpits: Water Industry, Small Modular Reactors, Hydrogen, Industrial decarbonisation, Built environment, Energy storage, User behaviour, Circular economy.
- Training: Peer-to-peer, expert-led, industry-relevant, video impact, professional development, careers.
- Industry: Secondments, placements, networking grants, funding development grants, peer review (sandpits).
- Impact: Annual conference, Policy showcase, Dragon den style event, Business engagement events.



















## Current research and development focus



- Energy and the Built Environment
- Decarbonisation of Industry
- Data and Al
- Energy Generation and Systems
- Transport and Mobility
- Sustainability and People

	Energy and the Built Environment	Energy Generation and Systems	Transport and Mobility	Sustainability and People	Decarbonisation of Industry
Heating and cooling		Energy generation	Electric and hydrogen flight and airports	Circular economy and critical materials	Hydrogen for industry
	Thermal efficiency	Energy storage and materials	Space travel and applications	Habitable earth and climate justice	Energy efficiency and storage
	Local Area Energy Planning	Smart energy	Batteries and hydrogen	Sustainable fuels and biochar	Low cost energy
	Net zero buildings	Energy markets	E-mobility, trucks and trains	Nature inspired materials	Next generation manufacturing
Social Science and Policy	Low carbon heating uptake	Energy crisis, energy costs	Integrated transport	Consumers and net zero	Intensive energy use and cost
Skills and training	х	х	х	х	х
TRL upscaling, value/supply chains analysis	х	х	х	Х	х
Data and Al	Data in the built environment	Energy systems data, digital twins	Telemetry, vehicle data and digital twins	Sustainability and resilience modelling	Low carbon planning





















## Panel discussion: National energy challenges

- Michelle Bentham: Chief Scientist, British Geological Survey
- Tom Greatrex: Chief Executive, Nuclear Industry Association
- Dennis Hayter: Managing Director, Intelligent Energy
- David Wright: Director of Electricity Transmission, National Grid

# Regional research and innovation

**Faye McAnulla,**Programme Director,
ERA



#### Meet the team





Professor Martin Freer Director



Faye McAnulla
Programme
Director



Nick King
Marketing and
Communications



Anu Khandelwal
Project and
Executive
Coordinator



**Lennie Foster** ERA Skills Manager



**Dr Kathryn North** Head of ERA Skills

Midlands Innovation Exec Committee

ERA Leadership



**ERA Team** 

Group



Suzanne Robey Project Manager



Sarah Gomes Skills Officer



**Katherine Mycock**Business Engagement Officer

#### Innovation and commercialisation







HyPER, Cranfield



Urban Biochar, Aston



LAES, Birmingham



FlexFuel Engine, Nottingham



Battolysers, Loughborough



Batteries, Warwick



















### Freeport funding for Loughborough and Nottingham universities



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- £5m+ pledged by East Midlands Freeport, match-funded by the University of Nottingham and Loughborough University, for the first phase of a zero carbon innovation centre
  - →anticipated to complete in mid 2024
  - →based primarily at Nottingham's Jubilee Campus
- Access to technology and laboratories to progress research in electrification, hydrogen propulsion systems, and advanced manufacturing – for industry use
  - → attracting international investment
    - →providing support for businesses of all sizes
- Construction to begin for a green hydrogen production, testing and training facility at Loughborough University Science and Enterprise Park (LUSEP)
  - → installation of new battery-electrolyser

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#### **East Midlands Hydrogen**



- Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and North Leicestershire
- 44 members (including HyDEX/ERA)
- Demand exceeds 10TWh by 2040 across 70 sites (=61% of ind, comm, power gas demand).
- Potential for significant carbon abatement

Contact: Sally Brewis sally.brewis@cadentgas.com























### Aston: Urban Biochar & Sustainable Materials Demonstrator



- EBRI funded by GBSLEP to deliver an Urban Biochar and Sustainable Materials Demonstrator project.
- Develop biochar for urban environments, and local economies;
- Research how biochar can be used in urban landscapes and carbon capture merits of biochar.

Heats wood and plant material without oxygen using 'pyrolysis' process. Produces valuable byproducts including gases, oils and biochar. Prevents release of greenhouse gases and long-term capture of carbon.

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#### **University of Leicester and Space Park** Leicester, World-leading space and Earth

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observation cluster

- Nuclear systems can enable missions that would otherwise be impossible.
- In 2019, UoL generated usable electricity from americium, produced during the radioactive decay of used fuel from nuclear reactors and emits power for more than 400 years.
- Have now developed the first ever working prototype radioisotope thermoelectric generator (RTG) system, capable of providing 200W of heat and 50W of electrical power in space.
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#### Midlands Green Innovation Network

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- ERA is running a regional network for businesses.
- Provides SMEs with information and practical support & advice to maximise their potential.
- Programme of events and activities have taken place, including:
  - Funding for Green Innovation
  - Intellectual Property
  - Thinking and Working Innovatively
  - Skills for Green Innovation
  - Remodelling Your Brand for Net-Zero
  - Sustainable Product Development
  - Developing a Sustainability Action Plan

Register and more details at: www.MGIN.co.uk

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### Developing the hydrogen economy in the Midlands







Commercialisation and Innovation
Supporting industry to enter and innovate in the sector

Skills and Training Developing training programmes Engaging on skills development





Demonstration
Development of hydrogen
facilities at our partner sites

International
Developing relationships
internationally to
encourage knowledge
exchange and investment



Policy Inputting to policy development and working with policymakers



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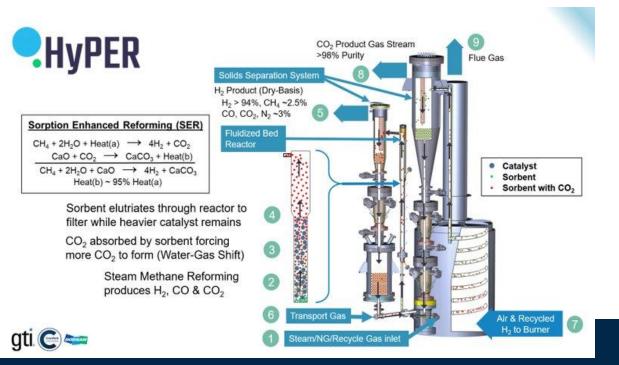






#### Demonstrators: **Cranfield University**







#### **H2GP Programme**



- Launching the UK programme
- Programme for secondary school children
- Design, test and race radio controlled cars
- Programme running from Jan to July 24 with UK final and world final in the Summer
- Keen to hear from sponsors and schools



www.era.ac.uk/projects/horizon-hydrogen-car-project/

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#### **Hydrogen Winter School** 8-12 January 2024





- Five-day programme with accommodation
- Mix of academic lectures and industry guest speakers
- Visits to the hydrogen research facilities at our university partners.

Summer event EOI being taken for interested attendees.

Contact S.Gomes@lboro.ac.uk





















#### Demonstrators: University of Nottingham



- Flex Dual-Fuel Heavy-Duty Engine
- H2, NH3 ... and more!





























## Innovation Report: Hydrogen Rail for the Midlands



- Rail Feasibility Study with Midlands Engine, Vanguard
- STS, University of Birmingham and Arup
- Stakeholder workshop opportunities & challenges
- Report identified four priority routes
- Successful trial could unlock a larger commercial opportunity and support rail decarbonisation
- Report prepared; launch planned
- Contact: Suzanne Robey,
   Suzanne.Robey@nottingham.ac.uk























#### Support for businesses



- HyDEX Innovation Fund is currently supporting 9 SME's from across the Midlands to develop a hydrogen technology/service +1 TLR level.
- Networking events
- HyDEX off Road Network
- Hydrogen Skills in person and online (see Hydrogen skills Hub)





















## Summary of benefits of engaging with us



- Collaboration opportunities to apply for research and innovation grants
- Knowledge exchange from attending conferences, networks and talks/workshops
- Involvement in our skills development programmes
- Access to ERA partner facilities for R&D and demonstration facilities
- Promotion of your initiatives through the ERA comms channels
- KTP and PhD opportunities





















#### **Upcoming events – ERA & HyDEX**



Event title	Date	Details
ERA Policy Commission report launch	31 Jan	Launch of the Policy Commission report on 'Assessing the case for public ownership in the energy sector' in Westminster, London
Hydrogen Awards	27 Feb	Opportunity for any researchers in the ERA/HyDEX network to enter the Hydrogen Awards
EU-UK Hydrogen Engagement	March and June 2024	Policy engagement events planned in the UK and Brussels
H2 Grand Prix	June 2024	We will be showcasing the programme at Hydrogen UK Conference. Finals in June























#### Thank you for your time

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#### Panel discussion: Regional opportunities

- Ian Cuddinton: Director of Economic Development, Rolls-Royce
- Kelly Manders: Regional Development Manager, Cadent
- David Horsfall: Director of Tyseley Energy Park
- Katie Greenhalgh: Green Growth Lead, East Midlands Freeport



#### **Lunch break**

- Don't forget
- HyPER hydrogen demonstrator tour
- Student posters and stands
- Tesla test drives!
- See you back here at 14:00



#### Workshops

- Al and Data Ground Floor: Rob Shipman, (Uni of Nottingham)
- Decarbonising Industry Main Room: Vasilije Manovic, (Cranfield Uni)
- Energy and the Built Environment Main Room: Dominika Walker, (Tomato Energy)
- Hydrogen Storage Pod room (back of Main Room): Kat Mycock (HyDEX) & Gordon Arnott (Uni of Nottingham)
- Skills for the Net-Zero transition Ground Floor: Lennie Foster (ERA),
   Keith Wishart (IBM), Swathi Mukundan (C-DICE), Nazmiye Ozkan (Cranfield)
- Transport and Mobility Ground Floor: Martin Freer and Faye McAnulla (ERA)

#### Workshop feedback

Please feedback 3 or 4 main points from your discussion group



## Summary and final thoughts

**Professor Martin Freer**, ERA

Professor Chris Fogwill, Cranfield University





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