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# National Centre for Energy Systems Integration



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- £20M multi-disciplinary research centre investigating Energy Systems Integration
- Multi-vector energy systems analysis utilising Big Data and Supercomputer techniques and technology
- Funded by EPSRC, a consortium of 5 research intensive universities, Siemens and other industry partners

## Address current limitations:

Uncertainty, Calibration, Behavioural dynamics, Spatial and Temporal variations, Representing interdependencies

## Addressed by:

**Co-evolutionary approach to supply and demand**, Stochastic Programming, Agents, System of Systems, Fine Grain Data, Quantitative and Qualitative, Expert Judgement, **Multi-Disciplinarity**, soft linking between models, High Performance Computing Framework,

## Some of our strategic industrial and governmental partners



## Some of our living labs and demonstrator facilities for research and validation



Newcastle Helix  
Research Council



Findhorn Community



Siemens Smartgrid Lab



Thames Valley Vision



Integrel – Utility Scale Gas and Electricity Distribution Laboratory



Cockle Park Farm



# Whole Energy Systems for Transport, Heat and Electricity

## Traditional Generation and infrastructure

Power Transmission and  
Distribution



Natural Gas for Power



Centralised Coal  
fired electricity  
generation



Nuclear

## Prosumers, Low Carbon and Multi Vector Production



CHP

Rooftop  
PV



Low Carbon  
Vehicles



Fuel Cells and  
Electrolysis

Solar Farms



Wind Farms



Geothermal  
Heat and Power



Electrical and  
Thermal Storage



## Consumers



# CESI Academic Leadership

## Director



## Professor Phil Taylor Newcastle University

- Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor of SAgE Faculty & Head of the School of Engineering
- Siemens Professor of Energy Systems
- An internationally leading researcher and industrial expert in energy systems, electrical distribution networks, smart grids and energy storage integration and control.

## Associate Directors

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Dong/Ikon Chair in Geoenergy,  
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University of Edinburgh



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Technology Policy  
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Director, Sir Joseph Swan  
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Newcastle University



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Infrastructure, Engineering  
Newcastle University



**Professor David Flynn**  
Professor  
Director of Smart Systems Group  
Heriot Watt University





# CESI Research Work Package Streams

**WP1**  


Commercial, regulatory  
and policy aspects

- Energy Policy
- Sector Regulation
- Social interaction
- Commercial
- Behaviour

**WP2**  


Energy supply

- Multi-Vector  
Generation
- Interconnection
- Spatio-temporal

**WP3**  


Infrastructure  
and storage

- Systems modelling
- Storage
- Networks and  
Infrastructure

**WP4**  

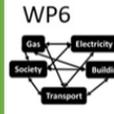

Energy Demand

- Multi-vector  
Consumer Demand
- Buildings
- Transport
- Highly temporal

**WP5**  


Demonstration  
and Validations

- Cross-vector  
demonstration
- Validation within  
living labs
- Real-time data

**WP6**  


Multi-Scale  
Architectures

- Whole systems  
planning tool
- Co-evolution cycles
- Integration of models
- Stochastic  
optimisation

Bounded by WP7 - Impact, engagement and management





# CESI Scientific Support

- brings together experts to investigate the energy network, understand and demonstrate future supply and demand for the UK
- 5 Leading Research Universities



- Leading Edge International Scientific Support





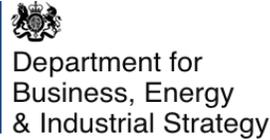
# The Centres Industrial Partners

## Lead Industrial Partner

# SIEMENS

*Ingenuity for life*

## Government Support



### Innovate UK

### UK Research and Innovation

## Leading Energy Industry Partners



### nationalgrid



### NORTHERN POWERGRID

### triphase



### Northern Gas Networks

### redT energy storage



Supply

Infrastructure and Storage

Demand

# Newcastle Helix



- Newcastle Helix is Newcastle’s £350 million project bringing together university, business and residential buildings
- it provides a living laboratory for us to trial innovative urban technologies and experiment on the system
- The energy system of Newcastle Helix includes:
  - 11kV smart grid throughout the site
  - Combined heat and power (CHP) district heating
  - Electric vehicle (EV) fuelling station
  - Low carbon heating
  - Building-mounted solar photovoltaic
  - Solar thermal photovoltaic (PVT), producing power and hot water



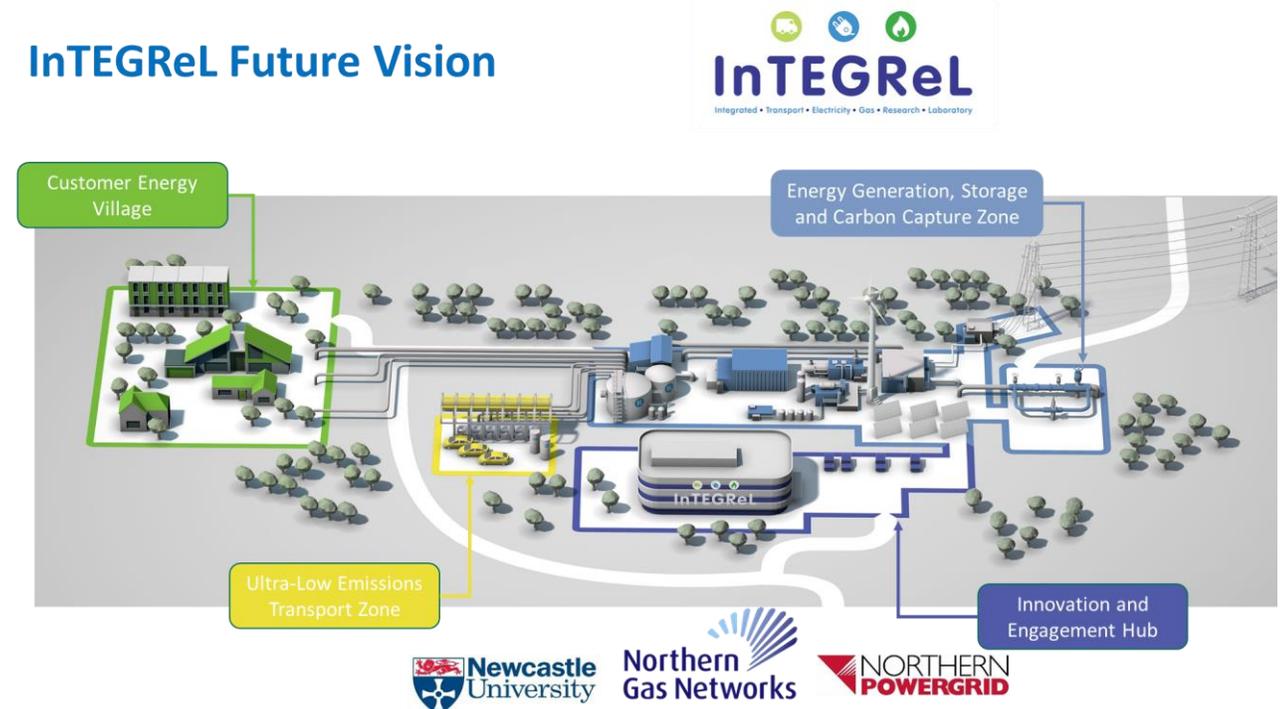
<https://3d.usb.urbanobservatory.ac.uk/>



- **UK's first multi-vector industrial networks research centre**
  - Collaboration between CESI, Northern Powergrid and Northern Gas Networks
  - Development of a world-leading **emerging sector** in Gas and Electricity Network **integration**
1. Customer Energy Village for testing of innovative solutions to energy challenges e.g. Hydrogen as a Heating Fuel, **Low Carbon Heating**
  2. **Innovation Hub** for engagement and skills development and training
  3. Energy Generation, Storage and **CCS** Zone
  4. Ultra-Low Emissions Transport Zone e.g. **H<sub>2</sub>**, V2G, **Low Carbon Freight**

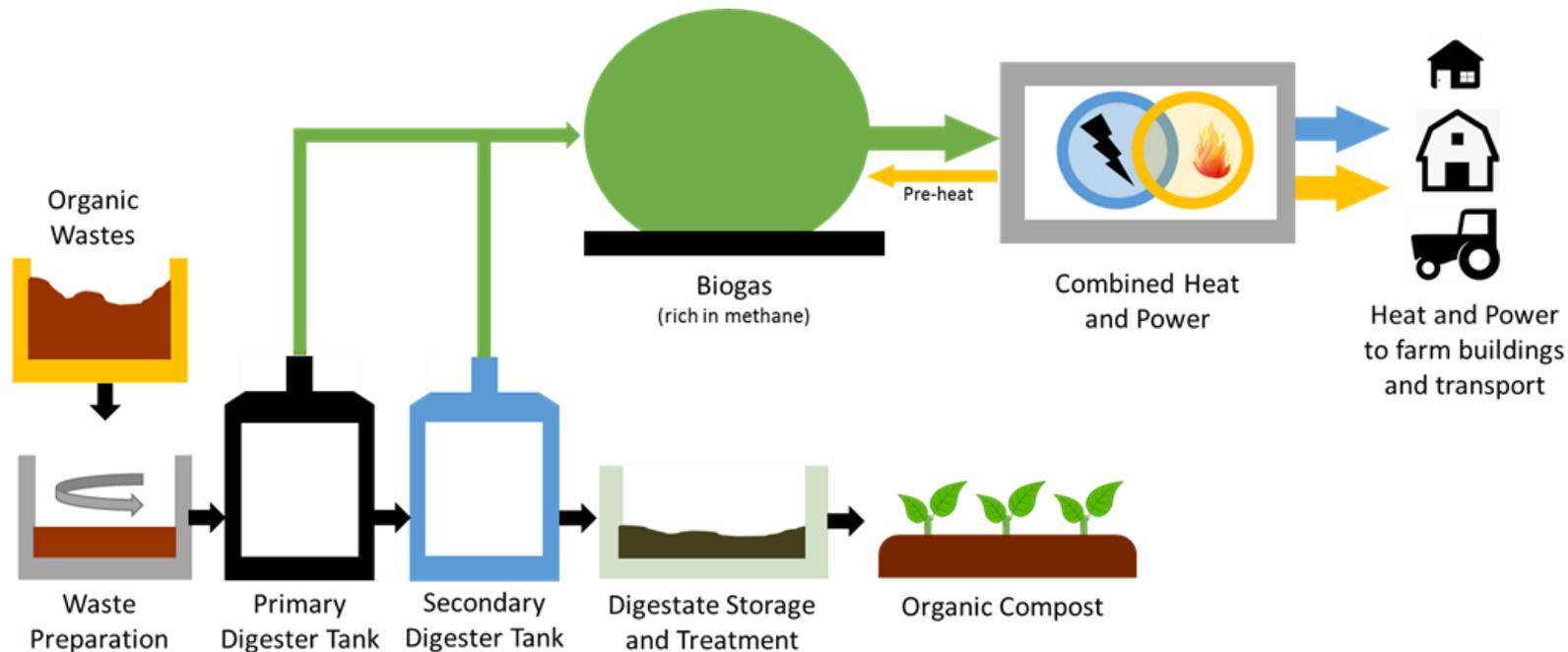
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## InTEGReL Future Vision



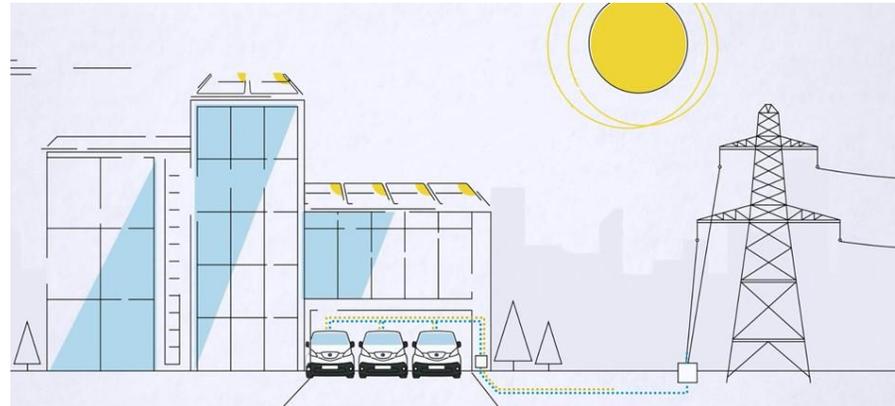
# Cockle Park Farm

- Cockle Park Farm is a working 307 hectare mixed farm situated near Morpeth. The farm is owned and operated by Newcastle University
- it provides a living laboratory for us to trial innovative rural technologies and experiment on the system
- Combined farm waste fuelled AD with CHP system installed and operational



# e4Future- Large Scale Demonstrator on Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)

- a real-world £9.8M V2G trial project
- expertise from across the whole Vehicle-to-Grid value chain
- Demonstrator deployed in groups and controlled by an innovative aggregator platform stacking multiple investigating the business proposition and core technology around V2G with demonstration at large scale
- Demonstrator includes
  - private communal
  - commercial/delivery p
  - public service vehicles
  - using V2G-ready models



## Co-funded by

- Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) (Department for Transport)
- Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
- In partnership with Innovate UK.



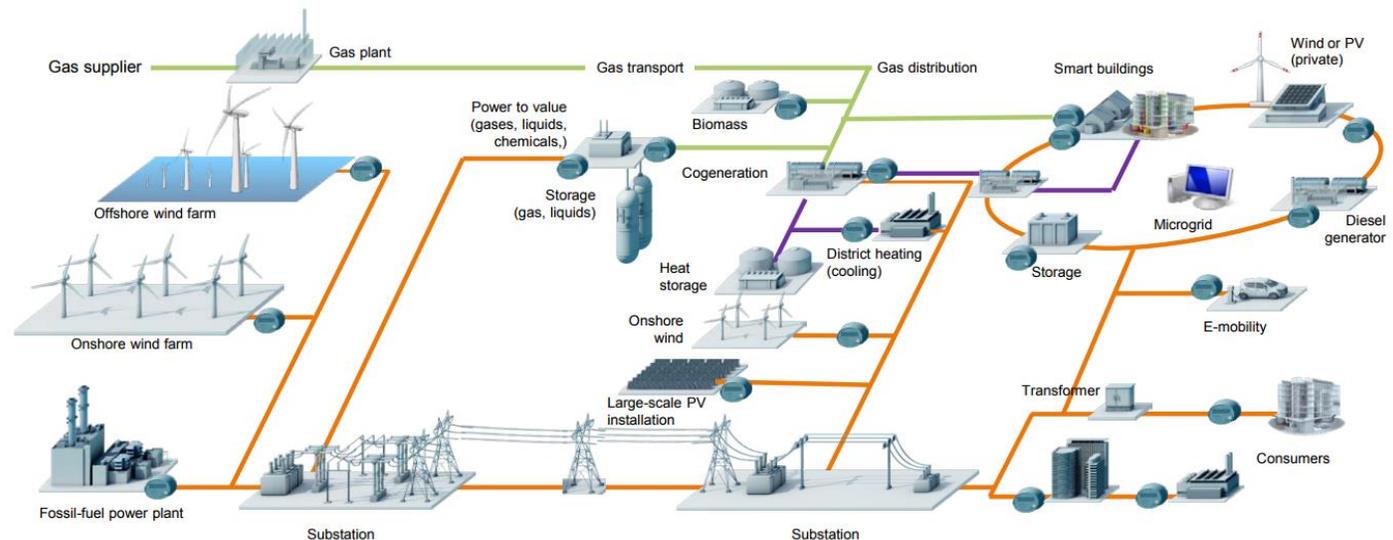
# £10m SEND - Smart Energy Network Demonstrator

- **Keele University** is upgrading their campus energy system
- **Siemens Energy Management team** won the contract to deliver the infrastructure transition
- will include:
  - digitalisation of 24 substations
  - installation over 1,500 smart meters
  - 500 home controllers
  - 5 MW renewable integration package.
- Siemens utilised a whole energy systems approach in their submission
- Generation, Infrastructure and Storage and Demand
- The site will be used as a demonstrator for future research in smart energy systems
- CESI on Project Steering Board

**SIEMENS**



## A whole energy systems approach – Source Siemens



- **UK's independent national battery research institute**
- Established as part of the government's £246 million investment in battery technology through the **Industrial Strategy**
- Significant investment in the important area of **battery energy storage**
- CESI Director, Professor Phil Taylor is a founding member
- Newcastle University involved in 2 of the 4 fast start projects (£42M)

- **Extending battery life**

- 10 university partners including



- **Recycling and reuse of batteries**

- 8 university partners including



## New Demonstrator Announcements

### ISCF

- Partners on **£28.5m** ReFLEX (Responsive Flexibility) Orkney project (Professor Flynn, Heriot-Watt University)
  - Whole island Virtual Energy System (VES) in Orkney (transport, power and heat)
  - digitally link distributed and intermittent renewable generation to flexible demand and storage
- Partners on **£8m Energy Revolution Research Consortium - Core - EnergyREV** (Professor Taylor)
  - ISCF/UKRI collaboration on research
- Partners on **West Sussex uses a virtual power plant approach to optimise heat networks, solar & storage assets**



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