



Ofgem Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) Project Directory



Innovate UK's work to deliver the Ofgem funded Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF)

Foreword



The Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) is the UK's largest energy innovation fund, accelerating the country's transition to net zero at the lowest cost to consumers while making the UK the best place for energy businesses to grow and scale. Since 2021, SIF has supported over 234 transformative projects, driving innovation to ensure our energy networks are net zero friendly, and can enable the transition to low carbon heating, transport and new renewable energy generation that delivers a cleaner, more secure and affordable energy system for everyone.

We are committed to ensuring the learning from these projects is shared widely so that every energy network, every innovator, and every consumer, can clearly see what has been funded before, what is being funded now, learn from this, build on it and reap the rewards. We have heard from you that finding information about the projects we fund is not always easy. That is why we are launching this project directory as a clear, categorised overview of every live and completed SIF project to help you explore them easily.

SIF projects progress through three phases:

- Discovery (up to 5 months and up to £150k) Feasibility studies.
- Alpha (up to 8 months and up to £500k) Proof of concept and detailed design.
- Beta (up to 5 years and £10m +) Large-scale demonstrations aimed at commercial deployment.

Some projects go straight to later phases if they are ready. Each project starts off with an overview video and concludes with public 'show and tell' event, ensuring that learnings are shared openly.

We have grouped the SIF portfolio into seven key themes, to help inform the future of our energy system and help you learn more about what's being done now in each thematic area. This directory will be updated three times a year with the latest projects, and for a deeper dive, don't miss our 2024 Annual Report.

We hope you find this resource useful. Together we can turn innovation into action and make the UK a global leader in energy system decarbonisation!

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About the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF)

Decarbonising Great Britain's energy networks is an urgent and monumental challenge, central to the government's ambition of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This includes a commitment to zero-carbon electricity by 2030, driven by initiatives like Mission Control and the National Energy System Operator's Clean Power 2030 report. With energy networks responsible for large emissions, their transformation is vital to support to net zero ambitions. Innovation is critical to ensuring these networks can meet growing demands efficiently and affordably, while also positioning the UK as a global leader in clean energy technology.

To support this, Ofgem established the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) in 2021, offering more than £450m in funding over five years to drive transformative energy network projects. Projects can progress through three funding phases. The Discovery phase supports short (up to 5 months) feasibility projects; the Alpha phase funds longer (up to 8 months) proof-of-concept projects and detailed design; and the Beta phase is for a small number of large, collaborative demonstrators lasting up to five years, focused on scaling solutions for commercial deployment. Each phase offers increasing levels of funding, with fewer projects progressing, ensuring only the most promising innovations receive the support needed to transition into business-asusual practices. All projects, regardless of phase, contribute valuable insights to the broader goal of decarbonising energy networks.

Facilitating knowledge transfer is a key principle of the SIF. Since projects are ultimately funded by consumers, it is essential that the learning generated is disseminated and utilised effectively, ensuring all licensees—and therefore all consumers can benefit. This document serves as a central repository for all SIF projects and is updated at least three times per year. We have listed the most recent phase for each project. For example, if a project has been funded at Discovery, Alpha and Beta, only the Beta phase will be listed here. Projects are listed alphabetically and categorised under the following themes:

- Accelerating connections for a net zero energy transition
- Harnessing flexibility for a resilient energy future
- Advancing whole system strategic planning for future networks



Enabling a decentralised and just energy transition



Advancing system resilience, strength and robustness



Enabling digitalisation and repurposing of the gas network



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A Holistic Hydrogen Approach to Heavy Duty Transport (H2H)

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Exploring different options for decarbonising the rail system and assessing network demand based on different scenarios.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/9LebdruGG-</u> no?si=AdeUZ7A0YfJeWon5

SIF funding: £401,864

Project partners

- Network Rail
- Ricardo Energy and Environment
- Ricardo Rail
- Leeds University
- Scottish Power

ALCHEM (Advanced Low Carbon Hydrogen and Energy Management)

Project Lead: Wales & West Utilities Current phase: Ended

Aiming to reduce the cost of green hydrogen by investigating new technology which uses liquid waste biomass to produce green hydrogen.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/KqvQxr1QI-</u> WY?si=XtZHSULtuv_P_aSz

SIF funding: £87,436

Project partners

- KI Hydrogen Ltd.
- Hynamics UK Ltd.



Artificial Forecasting

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Ended

Developing advanced digital models that can expand load forecasting capability at primary and secondary substations, including capturing granular detail to help support flexibility dispatch and avoid reinforcement.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/YoPKzveDI9I?si=I-</u> <u>FIPoeaQGHv1amYz</u>

SIF funding: £467,838

Project partners

- EV Dot Energy Ltd.
- Oaktree Power Ltd.
- Faculty Science Ltd.



Assessment of Superconducting Technologies for Standards Development

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission

Current phase: Alpha

Investigating and outlining the operational requirements, technical risks, and next steps in overcoming these barriers for use of superconducting technologies on the GB grid.

SIF funding: £443,086

Project partners

Manchester

- Frazer-Nash
 Consultancy Ltd.
 University of
- Consultancy Ltd.
 University of
 Strathclyde
 - VFIR



Asset Reuse and Recovery Collaboration (ARRC)

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Investigating the applicability of different methodologies and techniques to extend asset life using circular economy principles.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/8pCd9ChAi-</u> KY?si=Zxk9TEQGgb7jlp2E

SIF funding: £75,963

Project partners

Consultancy Ltd.

- SP Distribution PLC
 SP Renewables
- Scottish and Southern
 BEAMA Ltd.
 Energy Power
 National Grid

Distribution Ltd. Frazer-Nash

Electricity Transmission PLC • Network Rail I td.

B-Linepack+

Project Lead: National Gas Transmission Current phase: Ended

Exploring feasibility of geological storage sites as an alternative to traditional linepacking which may decease with hydrogen.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/ViYH1R5Xq-</u> J4?si=vO82aqqHMiZIFRcw

SIF funding: £150,000

Project partners

- Southern Gas Networks PLC
- Edinburgh Innovations Ltd.
- Gravitricity Ltd.
- Energy Reform Ltd.
- Revolutionary Engineering & Digital Design Ltd



Balancer

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Exploring innovative new business models which utilise front of the meter, integrated community batteries at the grid edge resulting in benefits for both networks and customers.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/5e2RT-</u> Godi3k?si=8kvRcfGPxJvailUg

SIF funding: £149,557

Project partners

- Centre for Sustainable Energy
- EcoJoule Energy Pty
- Frontier Economics Ltd.



Calfacto Latent Energy

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating how hybrid heat pumps perform when coupled with thermal stores through an innovative heat exchanger design.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/q7hyMbC_</u> nHk?si=KzetlwhltRKr8IVW

SIF funding: £82,469

Project partners

London

- SGN Commercial Services Ltd.
 University of Birmingham
- Glasgow City Council
 Vital Energi Solutions Ltd.
 - West Dunbartonshire Council

Carbon and Hydrogen Transportation to SAF Production Facilities

Project Lead: National Gas Transmission Current phase: Ended

Strategising effective transport and storage of sustainable aviation fuels through creation of a planning tool that takes into account gas network and hydrogen backbones in development.

Video: https://youtu.be/rCcphs97N-Z8?si=vYXYhJ6vxTM69YKN

SIF funding: £118,707

Project partners

- Rolls-Royce PLC A&G Jefferson Ltd.
- Premtech I td
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.
- Airbus Operations Ltd. University of Bath



CarbonFlex

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Demonstrating how socially inclusive demand side flexibility can be harnessed using algorithms that are coupled with smart controls in multi occupancy buildings.

Video: https://youtu.be/bL1jysNfsCU?si=NTPFIHe9GdN z78

SIF funding: £129,727

Project partners

- Peer Carbon Ltd.
- Connected Response Ltd.
- E Unlocked Ltd.
- Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea



Carnot Gas Plant

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Technical design and commercial modelling for large scale energy storage and high efficiency gas use via a Carnot Gas Plant

Video: https://youtu.be/Kdi5DX2X-2_w?si=le0E4K2uv9tmsovW

SIF funding: £93,952

Project partners

- SGN Commercial Services Ltd.
- Glasgow City Council
- Imperial College London
- University of Birmingham
- Vital Energi Solutions Ltd.
- West Dunbartonshire Council

CH4RGE (Methane (CH4) **Reduction from Gas Equipment)**

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Investigating potential technical solutions for venting methane in a more climate friendly way and reducing emissions.

Video: https://voutu. be/7DTv-9Hfic4?si=sYgp1ga1PDaWHY3L

SIF funding: £144,782

Project partners Project Environmental
 Mott MacDonald Ltd. Solutions Ltd.



CLIP: Community Led Integrated Planning

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Using community led digital planning to address gaps in local energy planning to align community readiness with DNO asset planning.

SIF funding: £122,833

Project partners

 Buro Happold Ltd. Community Energy South Ltd.



CommsConnect

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Creating a digital tool that aims to reduce the interdependency of communication and power networks through increase information exchange and interoperability between distribution network operators and mobile networks operators.

Video: https://youtu.be/kEJ8jnmFlgk?si=Hmf4_Zg-F0N9k8Y7

SIF funding: £403,382

Project partners

- University of Strathclyde
- Nokia UK Ltd.
- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC



Connectrolyser

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Exploring different flexible operation models for powering electrolysers with the aim to assist in the production of green hydrogen and optimising the energy system.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=VX1OUV1ULgE

SIF funding: £498,483

Project partners

- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Hvdrogenus Group Ltd.



CoolDown

Project Lead: Electricity North West Current phase: Alpha

Observing the network impact of electrified cooling of buildings, and observing the potential opportunities for cooling to provide network flexibility during periods of network stress and potential commercial models.

Video: https://youtu.be/bZj7HgOq1zl?si=986OCWaKIdLG0wit

SIF funding: £499,888

Project partners

Oaktree Power Ltd.

- UCL Consultants Ltd.
 National Grid Electricity
- Distribution PLC Impact Research Ltd.
 - Guidehouse Europe Ltd.



CReDo+ Climate Resilience Demonstrator (Extension to **New Climate Risks)**

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Beta

Develops a digital twin and data-sharing platform that boosts infrastructure resilience, enhancing planning and reporting against extreme weather risks.

Science and

Catapult

National Grid

Operator Ltd.

SP Manweb PLC

Electricity System

SIF funding: £9,806,929

Project partners

- University of Edinburgh
- Technology Facilities Council Cadent Gas Ltd. Connected Places
- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Computational Modelling Cambridge Ltd.

Cross Vector Hub

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Alpha

Helping to coordinate multiple technology areas including renewable generation, battery storage, power to gas and gas to power, gas storage through the implementation of a multi vector (gas and electricity) energy hub that optimises devices to increase network resilience and hosting capacity.

Video: https://youtu.be/b0iFWV1ACMw?si=lecv0iB05B-2kXi

Smarter Grid

Solutions Ltd.

SIF funding: £380,106

Project partners

 Northern Gas Networks Ltd.



Crowdflex

Project Lead: NESO Current phase: Beta

Through trials with domestic customers to establish models that will demonstrate domestic flexibility as a reliable grid balancing resource.

Video: https://youtu.be/IAPi7sd-T1Us?si=-Wng4APut2j5p1cN

SIF funding: £18,610,355

Project partners

- Element Energy Ltd. Centre for
- Net Zero Ltd. National Grid Electricity Ohme Operations
- Distribution PLC UK Ltd. • OVO Energy Ltd.
- Amazon Web Services Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC



D-Suite

Project Lead: SP Manweb Current phase: Beta

SIF funding: £8,065,746

• UK Power Networks (operations) Ltd.

Demonstrates power electronic hardware that corrects phase imbalances, optimises feeder voltage, and enhances grid stability through a digital tool.

Data Mate

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Using data obtained from customers that have installed low carbon technologies to better understand the impacts of voltage limits on the grid.

Video: https://youtu.be/ddNHZKLx-4AQ?si=WYkVHmf25J5xy_7u

SIF funding: £114,547

Project partners

Sia Partners UK PLC



Digi-GIFT

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Investigating how standardisation of data sets could enhance cyber security and operability.

Video: https://youtu.be/OcZO5g-JViZ0?si=hh5f a5RIWRXmT2K

SIF funding: £136,236

Project partners

National Grid TO

- University of Manchester
- SP Distribution PLC



Digital Inspector

Project Lead: Cadent Gas Current phase: Ended

Creating a digital system for monitoring and managing welding in gas pipes.

Video: https://voutu.be/ OHf0b6dd-NY?si=noNUSoWsP9fvq0fz

SIF funding: £309,790

Project partners

- United Living Group Ltd.
- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Triton Electronics Ltd.
- TWI Ltd.



Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics

Project Lead: Cadent Gas Current phase: Beta

Data analytics and models to identify and locate gas leaks in the gas distribution network.

Video: https://youtu.be/pRg-C4ItOWE?si=T1H5NIAASZJvl9xb

SIF funding: £9,496,476

Project partners

- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.
- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Southern Gas Networks PLC
- Guidehouse Europe Ltd.

Integrated Powertech Ltd.

Project partners

Newcastle University

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Digital Twin - Exploring the societal, operational, and cross industry whole system benefits on the Gas Distribution Network

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Creating a digital twin of the gas distribution system.

Video: https://youtu.be/XwpFEg_ zrkQ?si=BCG-yG_Y8_yL4nM4

SIF funding: £119,127

Project partners

 Amazon Web Services Ltd.

 National Grid Gas Transmission IBM UK Ltd.

Digital Twins - Exploring the commercial, societal and operational benefits on green hydrogen projects

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Will explore the commercial, societal and operational benefits that could be derived from the deployment of a digital twin on a green hydrogen use case.

Video: https://youtu.be/eUUJB-VWt0Z8?si=0EsnGAXh2 RAaX36

SIF funding: £124,265

Project partners

 DNV Services UK Ltd.
 National Gas Transmission

 Amazon Web Services Ltd.



Distribution Network Information Modelling (DNIM)

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating an autonomous robotic system known as DNIM that can traverse within SGNs natural gas infrastructure and accurately map the network.

Video: https://youtu.be/K9VNX0X5joA?si=-1bLDpNYbhgw6cJkl

SIF funding: £2

ULC Technologies LLC

Diversified Flexible Oueue

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid

Exploring the extent to which diversity and

flexibility data on actual network capacity

can enable faster connections, including

for those with innovative approaches that

could be deployed to manage constraints.

Video: https://youtu.be/fXYm8km-9R6c?si=QDy7f64T-IK-q3MV

Project partners

Management

Current phase: Ended



Dynamic Networks

Project Lead: Scottish and Southern Energy Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Developing technical, regulatory and commercial models to enable implementation of connections solutions for dynamically managed demand schemes, that can connect increasing LCT demands in constrained areas within network limits.

Video: https://youtu.be/82qCWnrXYac?si=ORRjPzMp1dusah0Z

SIF funding: £139,273

Project partners

E.ON Energy Baringa Partners LLP Solutions Ltd.



Electric Thames

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Alpha

Understanding how the shift to a decarbonised Thames will impact on the network, including exploration of boat to grid technologies and potentially replicable whole system planning for water ways. Video: https://youtu.be/LFaPYoaB-Dlk?si=zCDY0OSW9UWOtKEX

SIF funding: £499,643

Project partners

Marine Zero Ltd.

- Lane Clark & Peacock LLP
- Port of London Authority
- EV Dot Energy Ltd.



Electrolyser Improvements Driven by Waste Heat Recovery

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Current phase: Ended

Looking to improve the efficiency of green hydrogen production utilising waste heat produced by the high-pressure gas network.

Video: https://youtu.be/H9RX6I3hinw?si=9pRbZ23Wn5D99-6A

SIF funding: £95,714

Project partners

- Alfa Laval Aalborg OY
 Ceres Power Ltd. Anglian Water Services Ltd.
 - UK Power Networks (Operation) Ltd.
 - Cardiff University Hvdrogenus Ltd.



EN-twin-e

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Creating a digital twin of the distribution network to provide a service to the system operator that will aid in decision making and balancing the grid.

Video: https://youtu.be/-unCTZLY-8WA?si=8RETfyStUpaad8UG

SIF funding: £143,480

Project partners

- University of Strathclyde
- Digital Catapult
- National Grid Electricity System Operator

SIF funding: £147,151

Project partners National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.

WSP UK Ltd.



Project Lead: SP Distribution **Current phase:** Alpha

Exploring barriers to vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers participating in flexibility markets to build a tool kit to help enable wider participation.

Video: https://youtu.be/gc7ufd1g1qc?si=-J3kuawsN1h9N7V31

SIF funding: £424,011

Project partners

- Energy Action Scotland
- University of the West of Scotland
- Scottish Power Energy Retail Ltd.
- Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd.
- East Ayrshire council



EV Respond

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Investigating an electric vehicle charging solution that takes into account vulnerable consumers.

Video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=_eC2AIBYv8U

SIF funding: £121,384

Project partners

- Centre for Energy Equality Ltd.
- Regen SW
- West Midlands Combined Authority



EV: Critical factors for the adoption of smart homes for energy efficiency and implications for consumers and providers

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Study providing a state-of-the art review of the factors related to the use of data and ICTs/digital technologies, when it comes to energy management and reduction at the household level.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/</u> pv54t3zQyPQ?si=BTIz8rDTU0hcaXyK

SIF funding: £55,395

Project partners

- Newcastle University
- National Energy Action (NEA)
- Northern Powergrid



Excess Gas Turbine Energy Generation

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating if the power generated from excess gas can be fed back into the grid or stored, improving the coordination between the gas and electricity network, and assessing the cost of potential energy demand reduction activities.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/Eb1oL9yy6X-</u> <u>c?si=F8FsXiCfSOgByyIr</u>

SIF funding: £134,161

Project partners

- Northern Powergrid
 Revolution Turbine Technologies Ltd.
- Digital Catapult
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- Stockton & District Advice and Information Service



Exploring Geological Hydrogen Storage Opportunities for the East Midlands (EMStor)

Project Lead: Cadent Gas Current phase: Alpha

Exploring geological storage options for hydrogen in the East Midlands.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/X6MQ2DdAGK-</u> <u>M?si=PJpC5tSS2Ya1cMCQ</u>

SIF funding: £499,981

Project partners

- National Gas Transmission PLC
- British Geological Survey
- University of Edinburgh
- Centrica Energy Storage Ltd.
- Uniper Hydrogen UK Ltd.
- Star Energy Group PLC



Eye In The Sky

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Investigating the development of a remote, automated nationwide land and asset motion solution based on the use of SAR satellite imagery and different InSAR analysis techniques.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/bkO0OfNWW-</u> m8?si=0IYaWvmPNPSGiU_X

SIF funding: £395,769

Project partners

Spottitt Ltd.

DNV Services UK Ltd.



Fast Flex

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Developing methodologies to introduce a mechanism whereby distributed energy assets can participate and contribute to the stability services required in a low carbon network.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/dguBmb-</u> VNHNI?si=zswmVs8euPbaDoHF

SIF funding: £112,221

Project partners

- Imperial Consultants
- GE Digital UK Ltd.
- Scottish Power Renewables
- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.
- SP Distribution PLC
- SP MANWEB PLC



Flex Direct

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Alpha

Exploring a new commercial model and market approach that changes the way the DSO procures flexibility, to enable disadvantaged customers participate and benefit from emerging energy markets.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/svSPBaX3w-</u> <u>6M?si=IfuErKjSjKJzBDo5</u>

SIF funding: £480,307

- The Centre for Sustainable Energy
- LCP Delta
- Utilita Energy
- SIA Partners UK



Flexible Heat

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Demonstrating technologies which may be deployed to achieve maximum flexibility available through domestic heat including domestic thermal storage technologies and smart control solutions.

Video: https://youtu.be/B0M4k-Mr1d_0?si=pG3jmCd3OwL7Nbby

SIF funding: £137,858

Project partners

- Active Building Centre
 E.ON Energy Solutions
- Connected Response
 University of Glasgow
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Flexible Queue Management (Alpha)

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Ended

Developing a data-driven approach to managingelectricity network capacity, helping speed-up integration of renewable energy and storage.

SIF funding: £245,416

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.
- WSP UK Ltd.
- Energy Optimisation Solutions Ltd.



Flexible Railway Energy Hubs

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Beta

Transforms Network Rail into a flexible energy consumer with a modular microgrid, batteries, and renewables, to support transport decarbonisation.



FREE Fuel Cell Renewable Energy Equity

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid **Current phase:** Alpha

Exploring how fuel cell technology, micro combined heat and power systems can provide UPS functionality and efficiencies.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/xSz-</u> ZLzNa7S4?si=gmcKpEu_Ce-eBHR8

SIF funding: £472,235

Project partners

- LCP Delta
- Robert Bosch Ltd.
- University of Strathclyde
- EA Technology
- fifty5NorthEoN

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Full Circle

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Exploring potential for utilising waste heat from transformers and developing a framework which will make it easier for heat network developers and property developers to make use of waste heat from transformers.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/T-arOEx5k60?si=-</u> <u>SiF-60nVr-aXzEql</u>

SIF funding: £416,811

Project partners

- Atelier Ten (Scotland) Ltd.
- SGN Commercial Services Ltd.
- Ove Arup & Partners Ltd.



Gas Analyser Systems for Hydrogen Blends

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Investigating demonstration of a fuel cell gas analyser technology that enables the compositional analysis of blends of hydrogen and natural gas up to 100% hydrogen in the transmission system.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/WGo15qU_</u> <u>KK8?si=ehmIcFCOJJ5ymxl1</u>

SIF funding: £113,414

Project partners

- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Des19ncor Ltd.



Gas Networks Interoperable Digital Twin

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Developing a strategy to utilise gas network digital twins.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/FUDJnoPE-</u> <u>6aA?si=0x2xdrEm26qmPRZH</u>

SIF funding: £78,779

Project partners

- RAVMAC Ltd.
- Southern Gas Networks
- Northern Gas Networks
- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.

SIF funding: £8,256,616

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Project partnersUniversity of Leeds

Ricardo-AEA Ltd.

- Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.
- GE Energy Power Conversion UK Ltd.



Fractal Flow

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid **Current phase:** Alpha

Bridging various communication protocols by developing a digital tool to provide visibility of fractal network power flows to provide clearer status visibility of power flow.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/nJj9rl8gwUE?si=h-</u> n1ebtzpwCGVWUkX

SIF funding: £497,885

- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.
- Electricity North West Ltd.
- Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd.
- Oaktree power Ltd.
- Electralink Ltd.



Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Exploring the development of a digital twin of the gas system to support strategic decision making to optimise operations under different scenarios.

SIF funding: £494,925

Project partners

- IBM United Kingdom Ltd.
- National Grid Gas PLC
- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.
- DNV Services UK Ltd.
- Amazon Web Services
- EMEA Sarl, UK Branch



Gas Volume for Embedded **Electrical Generation Modelling**

Project Lead: Southern Gas Network Current phase: Ended

Designing a notification platform for embedded generators to inform gas distribution networks of upcoming demands thereby strengthening system resilience

SIF funding: £123,830

Project partners

- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- Lane Clark & Peacock LLP



Green Hydrogen Injection into the NTS

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Developing a strategic regime for injection of green hydrogen into the National Transmission System.

Video: https://youtu.be/pYbM3XwpwiO?si=hTvG3hO39aidBk4N

SIF funding: £114,652

Project partners

- CNG Services
- Centrica
- SSEN
- Element Energy Ltd.



GridLink

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Ended

SIF funding: £131,925

Project partners

Kelvatek Ltd.

Developing a digital support system to optimise placement and network running arrangements of the LV network based on network scenarios.

Video: https://youtu.be/HZSNkwV3ZhM?si=_q2cvB7AYHpi9uyr



Guidelight

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Virtual tool kit that supports local authorities in assisting vulnerable consumers participate in both retrofit initiatives and smart energy practice schemes

Video: https://youtu.be/uzZonmb4U-OU?si=G9u8Wj9wBJ4HswNk

SIF funding: £487,322

Project partners

London Borough of

Somerset Council

- Sia Partners UK PLC University of Southampton Portsmouth City
 - Centre for Sustainable
 - Energy
 - Utilita Energy Ltd.
 - Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution Ltd.



Council

Hackney

Heat Balance

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Ended

Exploring the commercial and technical feasibility of network flexibility from largescale thermal energy storage to reduce peak demand on the transmission and distribution networks.

Video: https://youtu.be/PsdLCBVbkE-U?si=C80fBVJPdzJiwQGH

SIF funding: £499,116

Project partners

- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- Ramboll UK Ltd.
- Delta Energy & Environment Ltd.
- Erda Energy Ltd.
- Vattenfall Heat UK Ltd.



Heat Risers

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Exploring potential for development of a support tool that factors in the constraints of the network and barriers to connection while assisting building owners explore decarbonisation options for multi occupancy buildings.

Video: https://youtu.be/k1PLkt7YX-w?si=-JxgY_jMyrd8UZQ9X

SIF funding: £489,735

Project partners

- DG Cities Ltd.
- Royal Borough of Greenwich
- Passiv UK Ltd.
- Baringa Partners LLP



HeatNet

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Alpha

Developing novel tools that assist the LV network through managing power loads from heat pumps thereby coordinating smart home heating management.

Video: https://youtu.be/auePABIgNSQ?si=_kAVaqadOX1LqCF9

SIF funding: £467,057

- Passiv UK Ltd.
- I C Consultants Ltd.



Project Lead: UK Power Networks

Current phase: Beta Bridges the gap between DNO planning and heat network design, unlocking smarter, decarbonised solutions that enhance flexibility and reduce load throug

enhance flexibility and reduce load through a novel commercial framework.

SIF funding: £9,743,620

Project partners

- Metropolitan Infrastructure Ltd.
- Passiv UK Ltd.
- Guidehouse Europe Ltd.



HIRE – Hybrid Network Improvement & Reliability Enhancement

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Investigating new monitoring techniques to improve the commissioning and operation of offshore cables to aid in operational efficiency.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/bVn89i-Vtp-</u> w?si=qUJc3uv7T1RjIsoS

SIF funding: £135,082

Project partners

- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC
- DNV Services UK Ltd.
- The University of Manchester
- High Voltage Partial Discharge Ltd.



Hy-Fair (Alpha)

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Creating a network of drop-in centres with adjacent online services to provide decarbonisation and energy advice to consumers with a focus on disadvantaged and vulnerable consumers.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/gJQt-</u> Dl2v9Ck?si=xbVQCCHHDcze_u4C

SIF funding: £463,201

Project partners

- Wales & West
 Utilities Ltd.
 Lane Clark &
 Peacock LLP
- National Gas
 Transmission PLC
 British Gas New
 Heating Ltd.
- Centre for Energy Equality Ltd.
 Energy Systems Catapult Ltd.
- Fife Council
 Cadent Gas Ltd.
- SP Distribution PLC



Hybrid Storage Systems for Site Safety and Efficiency

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Current phase: Ended

Investigating solid and gaseous storage to resolve the limitations of the different hydrogen storage systems.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/K6xX37X-</u> 6WHY?si=JJAQ0ahykkPHzyiu

SIF funding: £133,656

Project partners

- Manufacturing Technology Centre
- University of Nottingham
- UK Power Networks (Operations) Ltd.
- Wales and West Utilities Ltd.
- H2GO Power Ltd.



Hydrogen Barrier Coatings for Gas Network Assets

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Exploring pipe coating technologies to enable the existing gas transmission network to supply hydrogen as a low carbon energy source.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/Jj0ko_KmlEs?si=-</u> JDgrbXXG3cFuJW57

SIF funding: £74,706

Project partners

Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG)



Hydrogen Cost Reduction (HyCoRe)

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Using advanced modelling to identify UK regions with strong potential for off-shore wind to gas network integration.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/3wriAHihl-</u> hM?si=ASe4Fz8sXVVcA21h

SIF funding: £499,787

Project partners

- Arup
 - Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult



Hydrogen Metering

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Investigating feasibility, design and ultimately build metering installations attached to the hydrogen test facilities at Spadeadam.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/slkav6q_Xik?si=L-</u> <u>biycOkTS-tnKvGp</u>

SIF funding: £86,377

Project partners

- DNV Services UK Ltd.
- IGEM House Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.



Hydrogen Storage in Aquifers

Project Lead: Wales & West Utilities Current phase: Ended

Investigating opportunities for hydrogen storage in aquifers.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/eqBoKqggGx-</u> <u>E?si=0kKoolG6xXXVgRFN</u>

SIF funding: £111,580

- Project partners
- Progressive Energy Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.



Project Lead: National gas transmission Current phase: Beta

Demonstrating the repurposing potential for gas transmission system compression equipment to transport and store hydrogen.

Video: https://youtu.be/AGC-5LIIdfY?si=9NeyS7QqmddAX4jc

SIF funding: £33.303.556

Project partners

- Cardiff University
- Siemens Industrial Turbomachinery Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- Southern Gas Networks PLC
- DNV Services UK Ltd.
- Premtech I td.
- Cullum Detuners Ltd.

HvNTS Deblending for **Transport Applications**

Project Lead: National Gas Transmission Current phase: Beta

Design and development of a hydrogen deblending and refuelling system to support direct integration to the National Gas Transmission System.

Video: https://youtu.be/T313CxvII-0?si=MtI7P0TmsuvE_IQO

SIF funding: £9,921,257

Project partners

- Element Energy Ltd. Southern Gas Networks PLC Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.
- Services UK Ltd. Element Energy Ltd. HyET Hydrogen B.V.

DNV Industrial



HvNTS Maritime

Project Lead: National Gas Transmission Current phase: Ended

Investigating how the national gas transmission system could support UK maritime ports through providing links to large scale hydrogen.

Video: https://youtu.be/s66NUwvoMx-I?si=ChGZA-pAx5a6rJvJ

SIF funding: £150.000

Project partners

- Gemserv Ltd.
- Carbon280 Pty Ltd.
- University of Warwick
- WSP UK Ltd.
- Ikigai Capital Ltd.
- Port of London Authority
- H2Site



HyNTS Pipeline Dataset

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Current phase: Ended

Investigating datasets needed and developing processes to determine the state and capability of gas transmission

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SIF funding: £454,090

- Rosen (UK) Ltd.



HvNTS Protection

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Current phase: Ended

SIF funding: £443,195

HyNTS Waste Heat Recovery for

Project Lead: National Gas Transmission

Looking at more efficient ways to generate

hydrogen to run gas compressors, using

Video: https://youtu.be/H9RX6l3hin-

Project partners

Ultima Forma Ltd.

Rosen (UK) Ltd.

Electrolvsis

waste heat.

Current phase: Ended

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SIF funding: £386,732

Anglian Water Services Ltd.

Southern Gas Networks PLC

Project partners

Cardiff University

Alfa Laval Aalborg OY

Hydrogenus Group Ltd.

Investigating internal coatings for gas pipes to assist with the deployment of hydrogen to the existing network.



HyPark

Project Lead: Wales and West Utilities Current phase: Ended

Investigating potential gas grid integration for hydrogen fuel cell powered vehicles.

Video: https://voutu.be/m2fC0eh1ERU?si=JsvTatbUTds0KfXx

SIF funding: £150,000

Project partners

- Western Power Distribution PLC
- Scottish and Southern Energy Networks
- SP Transmission PLC
- Passiv UK Ltd.
- Easee UK



HyScale LOHC Phase 2b

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Alpha

Investigating how a liquid organic hydrogen carrier can be used for capturing. storing and releasing hydrogen into a gas network and to manage long-duration storage requirements.

SIF funding: £451,849

- **Project partners**
- Framatome gmbh
- Blue Abundance I td.
- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Environmental Resources Management Ltd.
- Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH (FZJ)
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.

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pipelines to carry hydrogen. Video: https://voutu.be/OFkFOX-oHx-

Project partners Cadent Gas Ltd.

• XOSERVE Ltd.



Incentive

Project Lead: Scottish and southern electricity networks Current phase: Ended

Analyse solutions and models for offshore wind farms to efficiently build in inertia services for the electricity grid at the time of construction.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/RZy8p8LM-</u> <u>MV4?si=slNnDD_zKZrYUMqb</u>

SIF funding: £922,333

Project partners

- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC
- University of Strathclyde
- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.
- The Carbon Trust



Indus

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Developing a network integrated novel approach to clustering industrial sites to enable co-location of renewables and improved network planning.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/Y08Sso-</u> eY54A?si=0yRQ4y7IpQ2ewQPI

SIF funding: £496,757

Project partners

- Guidehouse Europe Ltd.
- Peterborough City Council
- New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd.
- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- M3mas Ltd.
- Camirus Ltd.
- Ameresco Ltd.



Inform

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Ended

Developing a self-serve online connections tool that factors in energy efficiency measures, flexible connections and onsite storage within its optioneering functionality for the use of HV sites that wish to decarbonise heating. Video: https://youtu.be/1yO1u1Lg-

jvo?si=QBTxNSkxjLJh13FQ

SIF funding: £388,491

Project partners

- Renewable Energy
 Network Ltd.
 City of Vork Council
- Network Ltd.
 City of York Council
 Newcastle Hospitals
- Newcastle Hospitals
 EA Technology Ltd.
 Energy Systems
 Catapult Ltd.

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INSIGHT

Project Lead: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Seeking to understand, predict and manage new forms of instability that may occur on a future net zero electricity network.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/vg8Oz_AU-</u> <u>4HA?si=V_em815PpGp91wvp</u>



Integrated Hydrogen Transport Hubs

Project Lead: Wales and West Utilities Current phase: Ended

Investigating colocation of hydrogen fuel production with district heating and production of hydrogen for re-fuelling, at 'hydrogen hubs' on parts of the electricity grid.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/UdMktLA_</u> <u>TcU?si=KPIbDd-GWpunfAhY</u>

SIF funding: £135,169

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity Distribution PLC
- Guidehouse Europe Ltd.
- Pembrokeshire County Council
- RWE Generation UK PLC



Intelligent Gas Grid

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Beta

Autonomous and intelligent monitoring and control for pressure management and operational planning & maintenance of gas networks.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/gnQbpZjeHY-</u> <u>o?si=PkMruTm1P2AEalKg</u>

SIF funding: £6,072,524

Project partners

- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.
- National Grid Gas PLC
- Utonomy Ltd.
- DNV Services UK Ltd.



KnowMyFlex

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating the potential for energy flexibility certificates to provide a centralised view of the existing and future flexibility potential of homes and buildings.

Video: https://youtu.be/_zxhwOXpjXc?si=-0ce8l3-klZ3gChiu

SIF funding: £146,266

Project partners

- University of Reading
- Baringa Partners LLP



LDES NODE

Project Lead: Electricity North West Current phase: Ended

Developing a methodology to inform the optimal locations of long duration energy storage technologies when deployed on electricity distribution networks, with the aim to maximise the output of renewable generation and performing valuable stability and resilience grid services.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/KgpX-JXFXy0?si=-</u> 6dOIVSGXXmA0MaSP

SIF funding: £145,953

Project partnersEnvironmental Resources Management Ltd.

SIF funding: £227,093

Project partners

National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.



Lightspeed

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Developing a bidirectional lamppost-based EV charging solution for new and existing lampposts.

Video: https://youtu.be/6aUlgATm_uE?si=1_MUw4Eg0sIAtALC

SIF funding: £497,928

Project partners

- EV Dot Energy Ltd.
- SP Manweb PLC
- Brighton & Hove City Council
- Otaski Energy Solutions Ltd.



Local Energy Oxfordshire -Neighbourhoods (LEO-N)

Project Lead: Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Exploring coordination and establishment of a new, 'system of systems' approach to decarbonising homes and businesses, combined with local energy planning, to accelerate net zero.

Video: https://youtu.be/bLqm1IGL_r4?si=_Crpu-3D5FJErnee

Oxford City Council

Retrofit Works Ltd.

IPS Ltd.

SIF funding: £481,159

Project partners

- University of Oxford
- Baringa partners LLP The Low Carbon Hub
- Oxfordshire County Council

Look NortH2

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission Current phase: Alpha

Exploring the potential benefits and economic feasibility of developing offshore energy hubs that would integrate hydrogen/electricity production in an integrated energy system. Video: https://youtu.be/ZnFmv3j4N-

j4?si=MNKmkeaprueUIsZa

SIF funding: £425,115

Project partners

- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Orsted Power (UK) Ltd.
- Guidehouse Europe Ltd.
- Copenhagen Energy Islands ApS



Looking-Glass Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks

Current phase: Ended Creating formal methodologies to derive a quantitative score of active cyber security

controls' effectiveness. Video: https://youtu.be/SrdypBffW-2c?si=3Ua29W4tnxeMwPS5

LV Optimiser (LVOE)

Project Lead: SP Manweb Current phase: Alpha

Explores innovative use of existing topologies (the LV optimiser tool) but advocating new control solutions to better address issues on the LV network

Video: https://youtu.be/2hdTjzCB-Zz0?si=nk6nF8Y3X9Nlu2dl

SIF funding: £490.119

Project partners

- University of Glasgow
- Batterycare S.L.
- Scottish Power Energy Retail Ltd.



MaxFlex

Project Lead: Southern Electric Power Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Exploring the use of energy flexibility certificates for industrial, commercial and local authority buildings.

Video: https://voutu.be/9FlelOcBMcA?si=RiRWaHgos9m755A7

Multimodal Hydrogen Transport **Refuelling Study**

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating the potential for hydrogen usage in heavy duty transport across England.

Video: https://youtu.be/MCGOEZh-JB_4?si=H4GM22ybt2jyxxaO

SIF funding: £89,445

Project partners

- Transport for the North (TfN)
- Eversholt Rail Ltd.
- Element Energy
- Durham University
- Herriot Watt University



MultiResilience

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Beta

Enhances energy resilience in rural areas by coordinating low carbon technology across LV and HV systems, delivering costeffective solutions to maintain electricity supply during outages.

SIF funding: £6,255,384

Project partners

- TNELServices Ltd.
- Smarter Grid Solutions Ltd.
- Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution PLC

Project partners

- UK MOD

SIF funding: £88,007

Deltaflare Ltd.

SIF funding: £137,102

Project partners

- Greater London Authority Holdings Ltd.
- University of Reading

Baringa Partners LLP

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Nature4Networks

Project Lead: Southern Electric Power Distribution

Current phase: Alpha

Exploring nature based options and approaches to safeguard electricity networks in the interest of the environment.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/8VcN1Bb0MO-</u> <u>Q?si=KqsGAHyfqtKUTfCo</u>

SIF funding: £499,148

Project partners

- Gutteridge Haskins & Davey Ltd.
- SP Transmission PLC
- Frontier Economics Ltd.

NAVIGATION

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Identifying high-demand sites for ultrarapid EV charging that currently cannot be served by the electricity grid but are in proximity of a gas network connection.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/eyvSVhxYD-</u> m4?si=zcEWJHtUnSxePbt3

SIF funding: £149,724

Project partners

- Farad.ai
- Intelligent Power Generation Ltd.
- Smart Power Networks Ltd.



Net Zero Community Energy Hubs

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Exploring how heating and storage equipment interact and how variation in this impacts consumer costs, as well as wider energy infrastructure investment. Video: https://youtu.be/EvTN4MUb-

z6Y?si=unX50ukSks6UzBCS

SIF funding: £81,315

Project partners

- SGN Commercial Vital Energi Services Ltd.
 Vital Energi Solutions Ltd.
- Glasgow City Council
 West Dunbartonshire
- Imperial College
 Council
 London



Net Zero Terrace

Project Lead: Electricity North West Current phase: Ended

Producing a replicable technical and financial model for decarbonising mixed tenure housing.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/p4UGeuRWa-</u> Zs?si=ZMqibZinxhBSBNsT

SIF funding: £494,502

- **Project partners**
- Buro Happold
- Rossendale Valley Energy
- Rossendale Borough Council
- The Kensa Group
- Urban Chain
- University of Salford
- Centre for Energy Equality



Network Security in a Quantum Future

Project Lead: NESO Current phase: Alpha

Creating a risk management tool to assess the threat of quantum computing to the energy network.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/GmZTpQgGu-</u> <u>R0?si=U7OH_UIIT05NLcrR</u>

SIF funding: £498,264

Project partners

- University of Edinburgh
- Cambridge Consultants Ltd.



Network-DC

Project Lead: Scottish and southern electricity networks Current phase: Beta

High Voltage DC circuit breakers enable an efficient and advanced HVDC network design to reduce the impact on coastal communities, reduce system costs and has the potential to lower costs to consumers.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/ObDWXznW-</u> 9fA?si=ZuTZreogrM46dEUT

SIF funding: £5,486,794

Project partners

- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC
- University of Edinburgh
- Carbon Trust Advisory Ltd.
- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.

SuperGrid Institute



NextGen Electrolysis – Wastewater to Green Hydrogen

Project Lead: Wales and West Utilities Current phase: Beta

Develops cost-effective electrolysers using impure water sources to produce green hydrogen, ensuring resilient, affordable hydrogen supply across the UK.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/NeKRtgsgltc?si=_</u> <u>UYFXORSj2siGUXB</u>

SIF funding: £5,866,292

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity Distribution PLC
- Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig
- Hydrostar Europe Ltd.



NIMBUS

Project Lead: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Current phase: Ended

Developing a digital tool that will make meteorological data e.g., rainfall, wind speeds and temperature, available and usable by energy networks.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/NfkZyzPV-</u> 2V8?si=Z1YzGUccJoxk5Vs3

SIF funding: £499,873

- Palantir Technologies UK, Ltd.
- Icebreaker One Ltd.
- Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution PLC
- IBM United Kingdom Ltd.



Nuclear Net Zero Opportunities (N-NZO)

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Transmission Current phase: Ended

Investigating how future deployments of Advanced Nuclear Technologies (ANTs) for hydrogen and electricity generation can best be integrated into Gas and Electricity Transmission Systems.

Video: https://youtu.be/MaQ1XhkwBpg?si=vG6cdoVfsiA-YOE0

SIF funding: £107,494

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
- Norther Gas Networks Itd. Rolls-Rovce UK SMR

URENCO I td.

Frazer-Nash

Consulting Ltd.

- National Grid Electricity System
- Operator Ltd.



Park & Flex

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating the potential for public carparks to harness V2X capability developing trial ready customer propositions for demonstration.

Video: https://youtu.be/I5PsKUFLfal?si=k-CWvYBTIWvVg9ezn

SIF funding: £467,470

Project partners

Fermata Energy LLC

• UK Power Networks Services (Commercial) Ltd.

- Greater London Authority Holdings Ltd.
- Baringa partners LLP

PATCH - Production and Long-**Term Containment of Hydrides**

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating potential for novel applications of chemical hydrides including production, storage, regeneration and network injection.

Video: https://youtu.be/jj-z_zF_4mA?si=d-DeD dnx csdBh1G

Planning Regional Infrastructure in a Digital Environment (PRIDE)

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Distribution Current phase: Beta

Design and development of a digital tool empowering local authorities, networks and other regional stakeholders to collaborate on cost-effective, informed regional decarbonisation planning.

SIF funding: £3,733,400

Project partners

- Regen SW
- National Grid Electricity System Operator
- Advanced Infrastructure Technology Ltd.
- West Midlands Combined Authority



Power Block

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended Developing new flexibility products tailored for commercial buildings.

Video: https://youtu.be/tiP7DG__ avo?si=kOaozBKItgVGCzSe



Powering Wales Renewably Project Lead: NESO Current phase: Beta

Unites Welsh Government, energy users, and operators to fast-track Wales's decarbonisation with a digital twin of energy systems and enhancing renewable integration.

SIF funding: £10,353,633

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity Distribution PLC
- National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
- CGI IT UK Ltd.
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.
- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Cenin Renewables Ltd.
- SP Manweb PLC



Predict4Resilience

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Beta

Extreme weather distribution network fault prediction tool to support decision making and resilience.

Video: https://youtu.be/neehuQCrwgg?si=iV69KsXKYf4NgQHi

SIF funding: £3,123,350

Project partners

- University of Strathclyde
- Nortech Management Ltd.
- UK Power Networks (Operations) Ltd.
- Low Carbon Electric Ltd.

SIF funding: £42,355

Project partners

Grid Edge Ltd.

Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Ltd.

SIF funding: £4,518,605

Project partners

- University of Glasgow
- SP Distribution PLC
- Sia Partners UK PLC
- Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution PLC

Phased Switch System

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity

prototype which will allow for phase reconfiguration to reduce phase imbalance with the aim to improve the function and performance of the LV network.

SIF funding: £147,528

Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd.

Project partners

Teesside University

Distribution

Current phase: Beta

Trialling the phase switch system



Predictive Safety Interventions

Project Lead: Southern Gas Networks Current phase: Beta

Al model which utilises live safety data and historical near-miss and injury occurrences to accurately predict the probability of future injuries.

Video: https://youtu.be/UI2UUREKc-N0?si=PBDiG2TaKGwq7TaC

SIF funding: £1,078,258

Project partners

- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- National Grid Gas PLC
- FYLD Ltd.



Probabilistic Pathways for Energy System Planning

Project Lead: NESO Current phase: Ended

Exploring computational technologies to develop an end-to-end methodology for network planning.

Video: https://youtu.be/WYmIFM8WZwc?si=xVOVuUY15NuXrd56

SIF funding: £149,544

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
- Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd.



PIONEER Proportional Investment Of Networks in Energy Efficiency Retrofit

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Investigating commercial models which could be used to bring forward thermal efficiency measures as a cost-effective alternative to reinforcement.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=3DUUcJifrNg

SIF funding: £126,663

Project partners

- Carbon Trust Frontier Economics Advisory Ltd. Ltd.
- Devon County Council
 West of England Combined Authority



Rail Decarbonisation Planning Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks

Current phase: Ended

Developing a strategy and a methodology to enable the ongoing deployment of the most effective, efficient, and appropriate technological solutions to decarbonise rail transport.

Video: https://youtu.be/rC_hSgpV7I8?si=GUKvFVmKtwPZIk5P

SIF funding: £113,594

Project partners

- UK Power Networks Frazer-Nash
 - Consulting Ltd.
 - Eversholt Rail Ltd.



REACT

Project Lead: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Creating a geographical planning tool to help in connecting low-carbon energy technologies to the grid in the right places, while maintaining resilience.

Video: https://youtu.be/m2OQly1k4b-M?si=3xkyzx7QZq2-VDuN

SIF funding: £496,625

Project partners

- Southern Gas Networks PLC National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
- Icebreaker One I td.
- Mapstand Ltd.
- Olsights Ltd



Realistic Modelling of Power-To-Gas Operability

Project Lead: National Gas Transmission Current phase: Ended

Developing overarching model which integrates existing established statistical and optimisation models to support decision-making and power to gas and storage operability.

Video: https://youtu.be/rHpbFM-DV-LA?si=u6egCf96NE8mls7i

SIF funding: £128,475

Project partners

University of Edinburgh

TNEI Services Ltd.



Regional Energy Strategic Modelling (RESM)

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Whole systems modelling study exploring how all gas, water and power networks can work better together through strategic planning to support regional decisionmaking for low carbon infrastructure, and support constraint management of the electricity system.

Video: https://youtu.be/I3gvqAe2Z-9M?si=IWWtIS1bKCr7oV3v

SIF funding: £110,526

Project partners

- Durham University
- Northumbrian Water Ltd.
- DNV Services UK Ltd. Northern Powergrid Ltd.



Resilient Customer Response

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Ended

Exploring whether behind-the-meter assets can provide local resilience to other consumers (including vulnerable), enabling the maintenance of essential services.

Video: https://youtu.be/Hoy6mX3iQKw?si=hyhaolh20SUILHN-

SIF funding: £117,889

Project partners

University of Southampton

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Network Rail Ltd. EA Technology Ltd.

Lane Clark & Peacock LLP



Project Lead: Electricity North West Current phase: Ended

Creating a consistent methodology to accurately meter the energy and cost savings of retrofit energy efficiency measures

Video: https://youtu.be/Df4rbAQb-D5w?si=pU8pR17aMpfgylQ1

SIF funding: £483,934

Project partners

- The Society for the Reduction of Carbon Ltd.
- Energypro Ltd.
- Energy Systems Catapult Ltd.
- Manchester City Council



REVISE

Project Lead: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Current phase: Alpha

Using latest generation high-resolution weather topographic data, combined with the latest techniques for system modelling, to improve understanding and methodology of line ratings and meet demand for connection of new renewables

Video: https://youtu.be/OeRCv1Gfj-4?si=UCHV5QVjBr8Bqv2N

SIF funding: £389,725

Project partners

- National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd.
- National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
- Met Office
- University of Strathclyde
- Energyline Ltd.



Project Lead: Electricity North West Current phase: Ended

Exploring the technical viability and economic benefit of integrating vector conversion and energy storage technology at a domestic level to increase whole system resilience.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=C-yhPHTwlQg



REACH Rural Energy and Community Heat

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Distribution

Current phase: Alpha

Looking at novel and innovative solutions for how rural areas can achieve their decarbonisation objectives.

SIF funding: £490,017

Project partners

- Cranfield University
- Regen SW
- Smart Grid Consultancy Ltd.
- Kensa Utilities Ltd.
- Vepod Ltd.
- Frontier Economics Ltd.



SANND (Scenario Analysis for Non-Domestic Network **Decarbonisation**)

Project Lead: Northern Powergrid Current phase: Ended

Investigating the feasibility of developing a platform to forecast industrial and commercial decarbonisation scenarios for electricity distribution network demand.



SCADENT – SuperConducter Applications for Dense Energy Transmission

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission Current phase: Ended

Investigating the potential for the use of high temperature superconductor technology to help meet the anticipated increased demand for electricity and understanding barriers and benefits to implementation of such technology.

Video: https://youtu.be/1vTMCHNd_M4?si=4G-KfvlO1GzCB_psZ

SIF funding: £449,000

Project partners

Consultancy Ltd.

Manchester Frazer-Nash

- University of Strathclyde
 UK Power Networks (Operations) Ltd. The University of
 - SP Transmission PLC
 - Nexans France
 - AMSC United
- Western Power Kinadom Ltd. Distribution PLC



Scenarios for Extreme Events Project Lead: NESO Current phase: Ended

Developing a tool which can analyse how weather events will impact on the grid, helping to identify vulnerabilities in the system and building resilience.

Video: https://youtu.be/hKp580h_a_w?si=srzsi-CHUeAlfp LI

SIF funding: £457,899

Project partners

- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC
 - Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd.
- University of Strathclyde
 Cadent Gas Ltd. Met Office
 - National Gas Transmission PLC

SIF funding: £437,404

Project partners EA Technology Ltd.

KIER Highways Ltd.

SIF funding: £144,831

Project partners

Energy Systems Catapult Ltd.



Project partners Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd.

SIF funding: £149,947



Road to Power Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Distribution

Current phase: Alpha

Investigating the impact of plant machinery in the construction industry, specifying tools to facilitate obtaining temporary grid connections and predicting the system impact of such works.



SCOHL - SuperConductor OverHead Lines

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Assessing the potential for implementing novel high-temperature superconductor (HTS) technology on National Grid's overhead line (OHL) assets.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=FO47o8i4txE

SIF funding: £132,507

Project partners University of Strathclyde VEIR



Sea Change

Project Lead: Southern Electric Power Distribution

Current phase: Alpha

Building a 'Navigating Energy Transitions' (NET) tool, which will help ports to plot their most viable pathways for decarbonisation

Video: https://voutu.be/rwi-6nRB-C0A?si=QWXrm9Fye68n1eyk

SIF funding: £455,189

Project partners

- Ricardo-AFA I td.
- British Ports Association
- The European Marine Energy Centre Ltd.
- National Gas Transmission PLC
- Associated British Ports
- University of Strathclyde



SECURE - Securing the future delivery of all HVDC projects by de-risking the HVDC cable supply chain

Project Lead: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Exploring digital supply chains and novel digital solutions to help de-risk the HVDC cable supply chain.

Video: https://youtu.be/J2FtPZsf-3Hs?si=RHZjCc737ZP8apzT

SIF funding: £147,909

Project partners Carbon Trust Advisory Ltd. Digital Catapult Services Ltd



SEGIL - Sustainable Electrical Gas Insulated Lines

Project Lead: National Grid Transmission Current phase: Ended

Investigating new transmission line technology, Gas Insulated Line (GIL), which can transmit more power than a conventional OHL, and with less construction works than a cable system for the same power rating, hence reducing the cost and time to deliver capacity.

Video: https://youtu.be/dHE-BOU6CSus?si=ON0WB4TzicqQpkLs

SIF funding: £133,814

Project partners

UK Ltd.

National Grid

Operator

- Ørsted Onshore General Electric
 - J. Murphy & Sons Ltd.
- Scottish Power University of Transmission PLC
- Frazer-Nash Electricity System Consultancy Ltd.



SF6 Whole Life Strategy

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission

Current phase: Beta

Focuses on greener disposal, leakage modelling, and alternatives to SF6.

SIF funding: £8,500,724

Project partners

- The University of Manchester
- SP Transmission PLC
- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC
- DNV Services UK Ltd.
- DILO Armaturen und Anlagen GmbH
- Wika Instruments Ltd.



SHIELD - Smart Heat and **Intelligent Energy in** Low-Income Districts

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Beta

Exploring and trialling an innovative heat as a service business model for social housing households to benefit from low carbon technology while intelligently balancing supply and demand with aim to drastically reduce both the upfront and running costs of consumers' heating.

SIF funding: £5,401,332

Project partners

- Urbanchain Ltd. Essex County Council Electricity North Citizens Advice
- West Ltd. Essex Ltd. UK Community Eastlight Community

Homes Ltd.

Energy CIC

Essex Community

- Works CIC Power Circle
- Projects Ltd.
- Thermify Holdings Ltd.



Shifting Currents

Project Lead: Western Power Distribution Current phase: Ended

Investigating interoperability between electricity and water networks to embed whole systems thinking and flexibility in the connections of water network sites to the distribution network

Video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=L7goZRa1BbQ

SIF funding: £99.092

Project partners

- Anglian Water Services Ltd.
- UK Power Networks (operation) Ltd.
- Smart Grid Consultancy Ltd.
- Severn Trent PLC
- Pennon Group PLC



SIF Black start Demonstrator from offshore wind (SIF BLADE)

Project Lead: SP Transmission Current phase: Beta

Explores how technology can enable offshore wind farms to restore the onshore grid after blackouts, driving the commercial rollout of this technology by developing optimal market requirements and standards.

SIF funding: £4,850,905

Project partners

- University of Strathclyde
- TNEI Services Ltd.
- Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC
- The Carbon Trust

Manchester



Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Developing tools to help customers determine the right size/mix of lowcarbon technologies for their house to make it easier and more affordable for the customer to engage.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/IDPeLiLVzIU?si=-</u> <u>CAUgiA5BBIIf4doE</u>

SIF funding: £145,937

Project partners

- Baringa Partners LLP
- I C Consultants Ltd.



Supply Chain Resilience in the Transition

Project Lead: National Grid Gas Current phase: Ended

Investigating gas supply chain and procurement strategies in light of the net zero transition.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/olyil3QmJt-</u> <u>k?si=nC16fE2MWvL4A8xn</u>

SIF funding: £77,893

Project partnersInsider Pro Ltd.



SYSMET - SYstem Strength Measurement and EvaluaTion

Project Lead: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission

Current phase: Alpha

Creating a pathway to confident implementation of measurement-based tools that provide comprehensive visibility of system strength status, avoiding uncontrolled voltage change, instability, and the risk of widescale customer disconnection.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/lxntWcR-</u> rQ-U?si=hGq1Ulu48dh65aMU

SIF funding: £478,612

Project partners

- SSE Renewables
 Developments (UK) Ltd.
 London
- National Grid
 Electricity
 Transmission PLC
 NPL Management Ltd.
 UK Power Networks
 - n PLC (operations) Ltd.



Thermal Imagery Analysis

Project Lead: Northern Gas Networks Current phase: Ended

Using thermal imagery/ sensing technologies to ascertain gas losses in hydrogen networks.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/IE5-IDvTk-</u> <u>JI?si=oaxLcX4-CWIIeDjs</u>

SIF funding: £469,356

Project partners

- National Grid Gas PLC
- Synovate Ltd.
- Digital Catapult Services Ltd.



Trinity

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Addressing challenges associated with the training of control room staff by developing and deploying a control room simulator which will improve network control, provide improved training programmes and a safe 'sandbox' environment to test changes before they are applied to the live network. **Video: https://youtu.be/yRJo-**

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SIF funding: £499,545

Project partners

- University of Strathclyde
 Digital Catapult Services Ltd.
 - Power Distribution PLC GE Digital UK Ltd.

Scottish Hydro Electric



Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Investigation of how a multi-vector energy system with local generation and storage can be developed to be optimally resilient and deliver best value to a mixed local community of industry.

Video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=26gjQoo-i88

SIF funding: £145,216

Project partners

 National Grid Electricity 	 Pinnacle Power Ltd.
System Operator	 University of
 SSE Utilities 	Birmingham
Solutions Ltd.	 Tyseley Energy Park Ltd.
 Equans Services Ltd. 	, ,,



UN:LOCK - Unblocking Networks: Local Optimisation, Consumers and Knowledge

Project Lead: Southern Electric Power Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Exploring novel market-based solutions to create capacity in areas of high penetration of distribution connected generation, to allow the connection of additional generation while long-term reinforcements are being delivered.

Video: https://youtu.be/qXaM983an-F0?si=PGVGYx6gwg84rQhP

SIF funding: £101,373

Project partners

- Regen SW
- Environmental Project Support Ltd.



Velocity Design with Hydrogen

Project Lead: Southern gas networks **Current phase:** Beta

Testing and validation of hydrogen velocity models for erosion, vibration, noise, and particle transportation, to enable safe design velocity limits for gas networks.

Video: <u>https://youtu.be/sEfTQ-</u> <u>fuTra8?si=zeiJpX3s0OpKZpAz</u>

SIF funding: £5,912,144

- Cadent Gas Ltd.
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd.
- Wales & West Utilities Ltd.
- National Grid Gas PLC
- Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers
- DNV Services UK Ltd.



Virtual Energy System

Project Lead: NESO Current phase: Ended

Developing an industry wide initiative to develop a digital twin of the entire GB energy system.

Video: https://youtu.be/WzjjjBqU_ nw?si=vKEnOS5Xjd-kt_5j

SIF funding: £149,921

Project partners

- Arup Ltd.
- National Gas Transmission
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- Western Power Distribution



VIVID - Vulnerability **Identification Via Informative Data**

Project Lead: Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution

Current phase: Ended

Creating a system to help identify consumers who would most benefit from offers of support from their local authority. charities and responsible energy company.

Video: https://youtu.be/XENXblevEr-I?si=7ectZqhJ5TxLpW59

SIF funding: £448,525

Project partners

- Smart DCC Ltd. E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd.
- UK Power Networks (Operations) Ltd. CGI IT UK Ltd.

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 Aberdeen NHT 2014 LLP

WARN (Weather Alerts and Risk analysis for Network operators) Project Lead: UK Power Networks

Current phase: Ended

Developing a digital tool that will identify weather related vulnerabilities and monitor those conditions that contribute to vulnerabilities in addition to assessing how weathering risks may evolve in the era of climate change.

Video: https://youtu.be/06CfJY9JPw4?si=IIbHrDJbJ4boRnHT

SIF funding: £109,647

Project partners

University of Reading



WASH (WAstewater Sourced Heat)

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating feasibility of wastewater heat as a source for heat pumps that supply heat networks

Watt Heat

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Ended

Investigating the potential for thermal storage via low carbon technologies by stimulating the market and incentivising customers to participate and respond to market signals.

Video: https://youtu.be/UNgJpKAvHnw?si=H26Ww6pm9TSWu1XO

SIF funding: £486,444

Project partners

- Baringa partners LLP
- Passiv UK Ltd.
- Tepeo Ltd.
- Greater London Authority Holdings Ltd.



Wavl-Ease

Project Lead: UK Power Networks Current phase: Alpha

Creating an external facing record of consents, linking network operators with landowners in an online digital platform to streamline the wayleave process.

Video: https://youtu.be/481vNav-sA0?si=x-0DR0-LVVvNx4xdB



Whole Energy System **Resilience Vulnerability** Assessment (WELLNESS)

Project Lead: National Grid Electricity Transmission

Current phase: Ended

Developing a standardised approach to embed resilience into decision-making across the whole energy network, as it becomes more complex and varied.

Video: https://youtu.be/RFUXDgmRwd0?si=Yp0-HTUdh4ZHuf8C

SIF funding: £471,725

Project partners

Imperial college

London

- University of Cyprus
- Electricity North West Ltd.
 - The University of Manchester
- Ove Arup & Partners Ltd.

SIF funding: £125,264

Project partners Guidehouse Europe Ltd.

SIF funding: £485,499

- SP Transmission PLC
- Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.
- Digital Catapult Services Ltd.

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