

# The Power of Collaboration

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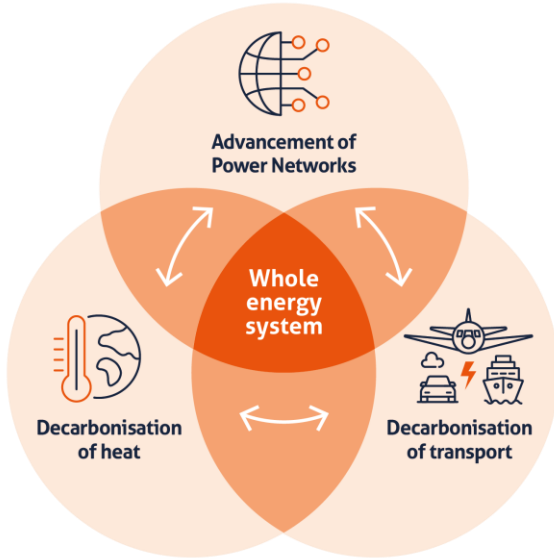


# Our vision

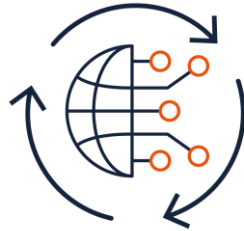
To lead the **acceleration** of net-zero **energy, heat** and **transport** systems with world class **innovation** and **facilities**

## Our mission

To deliver **innovative** whole systems engineering  
in **collaboration** with leading **deep tech**  
developers and operators across a **global**  
footprint.



## Advancement of Power Networks



## Decarbonisation of Heat



## Decarbonisation of Transport



- 🖥️ System design
- 🏗️ Practical test & validation
- 🔒 Security & resilience
- ⚙️ Multi-vector optimisation
- 🔧 Equipment prognostics & diagnostics
- 📧 Communication and cyber security

# Collaboration

Noun – the situation of two or more people working together to create or achieve the same thing

1830, "act of working together, united labor" (especially in literature or scientific study), from French collaboration, noun of action from past-participle stem of Latin collaborare "work with," from assimilated form of com "with" (see com-) + laborare "to work").

## Climate Change



## Energy Transition



## Rapid Urbanisation



## Ageing Population



# Current tech megatrends

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AI



Quantum



Semiconductors



Security & trust



Materials



Circular Economy

**IT IS COMING FOR YOU**

*U.S*



IT IS ONLY...



**MILLION SECONDS  
AWAY**



**MILLION MINUTES**



**THOUSAND HOURS**



**DAYS**



**WEEKS**



**MONTHS**



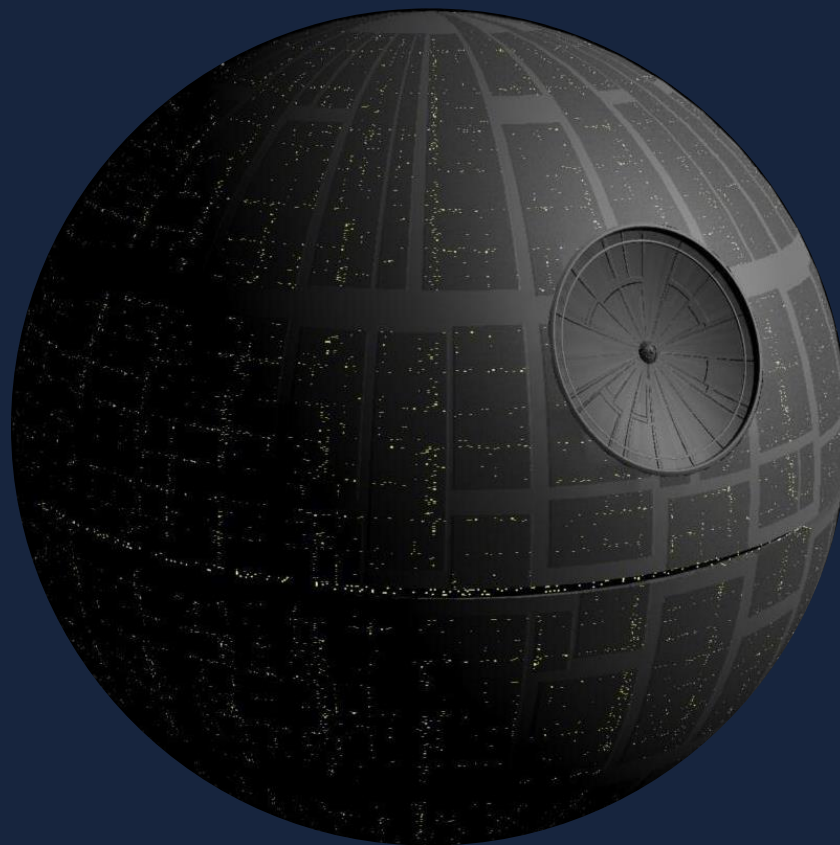
**QUARTERS**



**YEARS**



# **WHAT** IS COMING FOR US?



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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1056**

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

**The Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order  
2019**

*Made - - - - 26th June 2019*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

A draft of this instrument was laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, in accordance with sections 2(6) and 91(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008 (“the Act”)(a).

Before the draft was laid, the Secretary of State—

- (a) obtained and took into account the advice of the Committee on Climate Change, in accordance with section 3(1)(a) of the Act; and
- (b) took into account representations made by the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland in accordance with section 3(1)(b) of the Act(b).

The Secretary of State considers that since the Act was passed, there have been significant developments in scientific knowledge about climate change that make it appropriate to amend the percentage specified in section 1(1) of the Act.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2(1)(a) of the Act, makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

# The UK's future is in **our** hands...



# But we don't live in bio-dome!



# We need an interconnected global solution!

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# **WHAT** CAN WE DO?

# The energy transition is now!

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We are reliant on multi-vector resilient energy systems



Growth hinges on a just energy transition



Distributed energy networks provide our opportunities



Capacity growth is needed with advanced monitoring



Technology trends are inextricably linked to energy





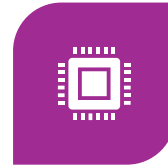
GENERATION AND  
USE OF ELECTRICAL  
ENERGY



REDUCTION IN  
POWER LOSSES ARE  
KEY



ENERGY STORAGE  
WILL PLAY A  
SIGNIFICANT ROLE



INCREASE IN  
POWER  
ELECTRONICS



SECURITY IS  
PARAMOUNT



DATA IS CRITICAL  
TO OUR  
ELECTRICAL  
SYSTEMS

# So, how is this relevant?

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Our vehicles have higher energy demands with more complex energy networks

Vehicles are becoming huge processing platforms that convert energy on the go!

Integration of many converters with overarching controller adds to complexity

Safety is paramount so must cyber security be

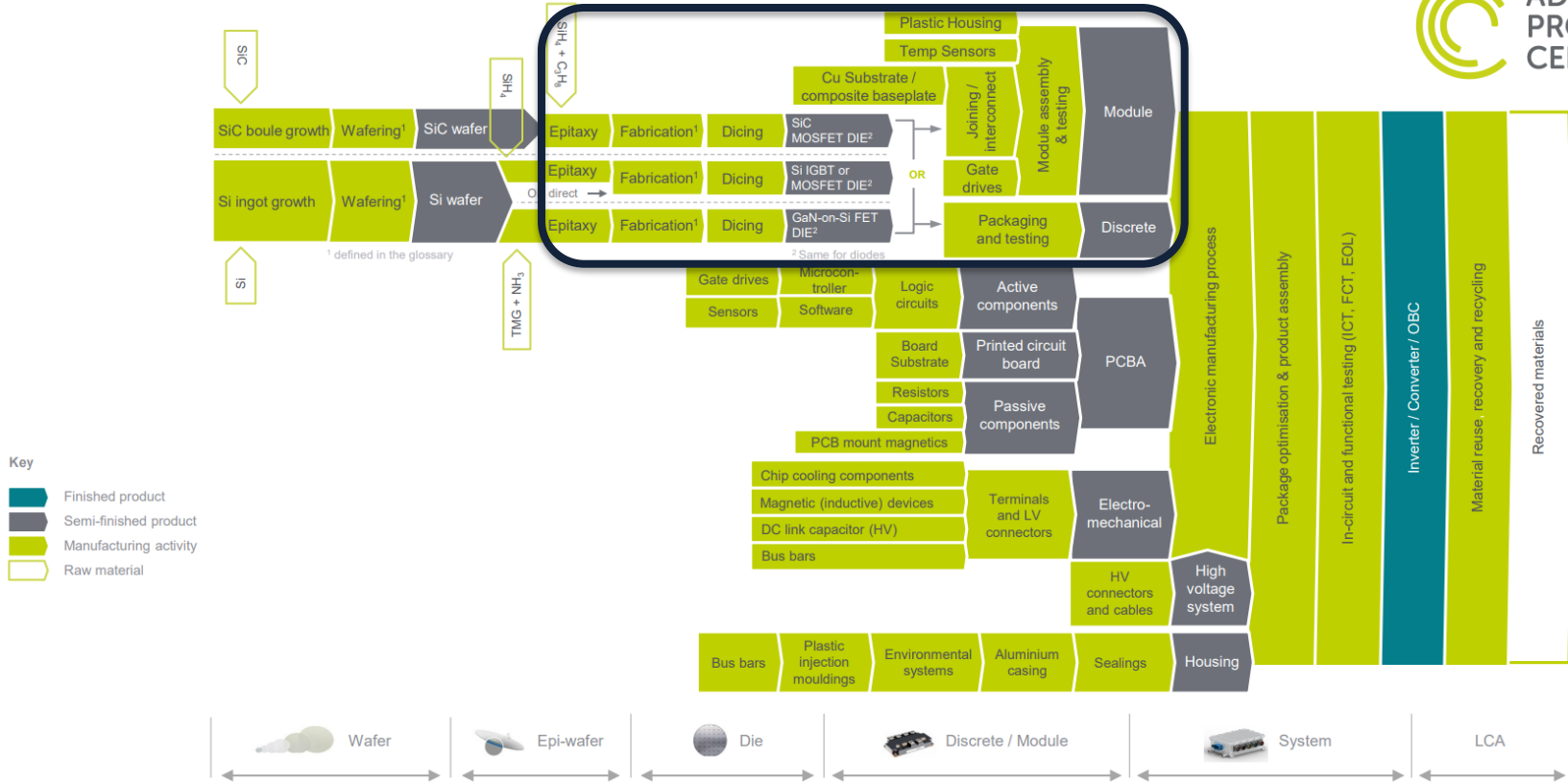
Traction drives, dc/dc converters, chargers, LED lights all need power control

Electric machines, for propulsion and energy recovery, are advanced needing high fidelity controllers

**This is very akin to other sector's challenges!!!**

# No one company can do it all!

<https://www.apcuk.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Power-Electronics-Value-Chain.pdf>



# Whilst the UK has strengths there are opportunities...

<https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/DER-UK-Power-Semiconductors-Landscape-Report-April-2024.pdf>

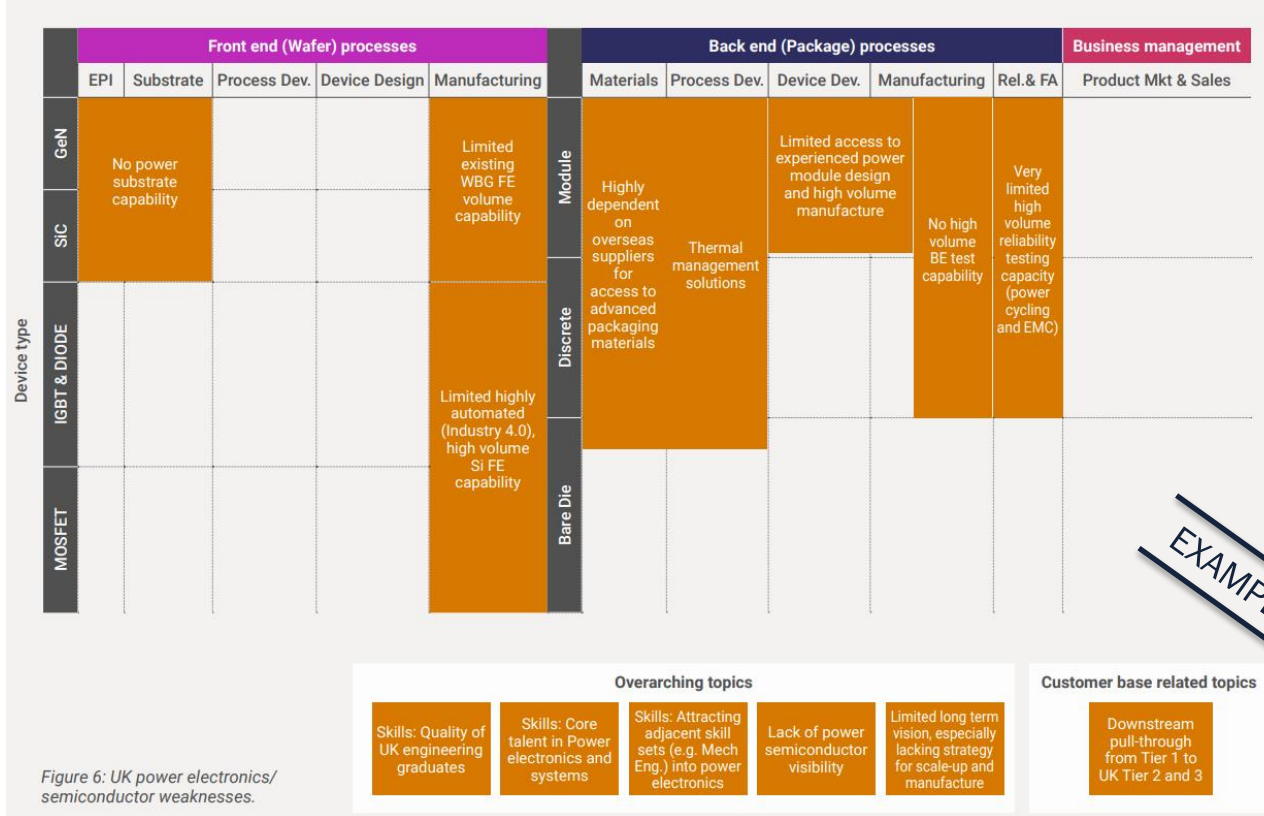
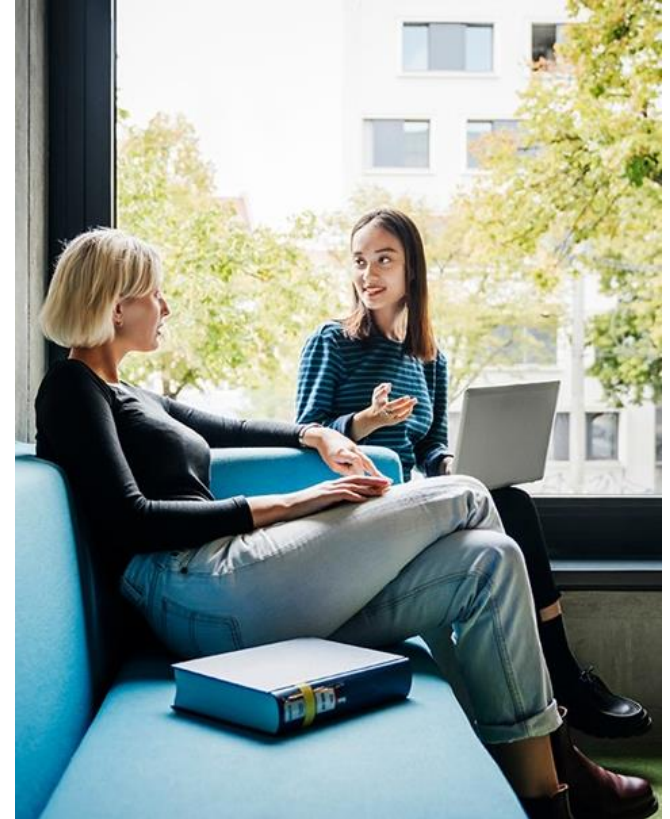


Figure 6: UK power electronics/ semiconductor weaknesses.

# So ultimately why should we collaborate?

- We will be more innovative with wider views with much greater cognitive diversity
- We will deliver faster together with a greater resource pool and common goal
- Market access and penetration will be greater resulting in faster adoption across diverse sectors
- Critical mass will be achieved delivering greater global leadership
- We can grow skills, talent and complement capability



- Collaboration is about working together for a common goal
  - We have one else we would not be here in this room today!
- Energy conversion capability from design to manufacture will underpin net zero
  - AESIN have been working on this since the MEP workstream was setup in c.2015
- Whole system solutions are critical and access to diverse sectors available through partnership
  - The components and sub-systems must be understood to maximise impact and effectiveness
- Electronics, and specifically power electronics are fundamental to efficient systems
- We have very limited time to stand up and be counted

**The time is now, and the change makers are you!**

***“Climate change represents the greatest challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and engineers must be at the front and centre of the energy transition”***

**Professor Sir Jim McDonald – 13 June 2024**



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