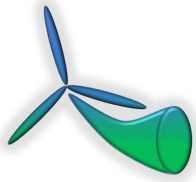


Ocean-REFuel (Ocean Renewable Energy Fuel)

"Next generation Renewable Ocean Energy"



Inaugural Stakeholder Event - 06 September 2022

10:30 Ocean-REFuel Programme Overview, Professor Feargal Brennan

10:45 The Technical Workstreams

- Offshore structures, logistics and power generation, Professor Maurizio Collu.
- Power to Carbon-Free Fuel, Professor Mohamed Mamlouk.
- Carbon-Free Transportation & Storage, Professor Gavin Walker.
- Networks, Capability and Demand, Professor Robin Irons

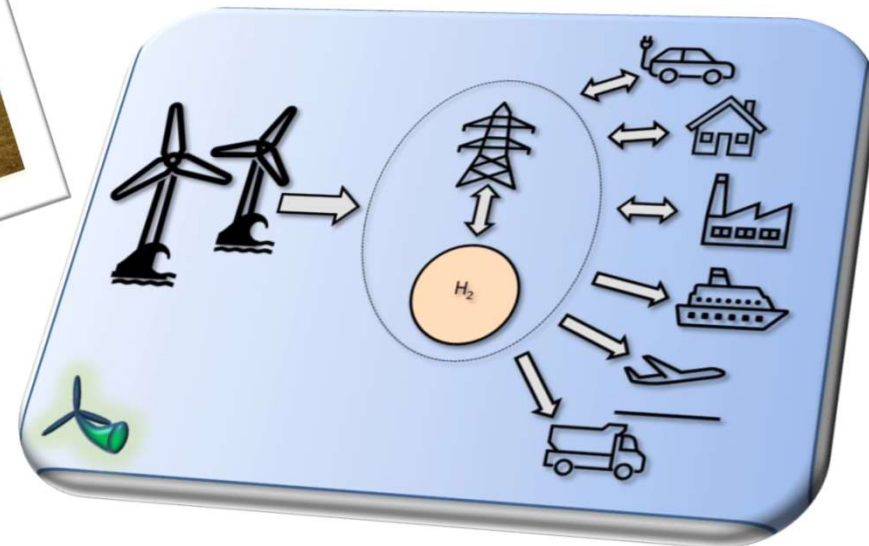
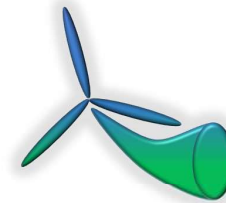
11:45 Cross-cutting themes and Integration, Professors Nilay Shah and Karen Turner

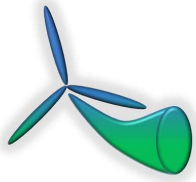
12:15 Project Governance and Stakeholder Engagement, Professor Feargal Brennan and Dr Panagiotis Stavrakakis (HSE)

12:30 Open Discussion.

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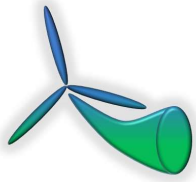
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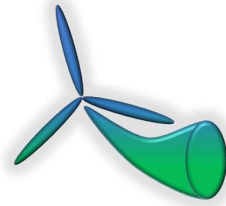
The Context

- Tremendous success of early offshore wind spurring ambitious Government targets and investor confidence;
- The intermittency and curtailment of renewable energy resources coupled with vastly increased capacity makes energy storage increasingly important;
- There remains extremely large Ocean Energy potential which can never be fully utilised by the electricity network;
- Whereas enormous strides have been accomplished within the renewable power sector, the same can not be said for renewable heat and transport which account for more than 60% of UK energy demand;
- The Climate Emergency is being increasingly understood and the conventional Oil & Gas sector has begun to engage in the “Energy Transition”;
- **Ocean-REFuel** has the potential to establish the building blocks to ensure Ocean Energy to Fuel potential is developed to maximum effect ensuring safety, sustainability, resilience, affordability and environmental sensitivity.



Ocean-REFuel Vision: a whole Energy Systems Approach

- To establish **fundamental scientific and engineering understanding** for the conversion of Ocean Renewable Energy to liquid and gaseous fuels;
- To accelerate the development and unlock the potential of converting ocean energy into **new energy vectors** other than electricity; directly addressing challenges associated with energy storage, renewable heat and the decarbonisation of transport;
- To deliver a real **step-change** in our ability to harness offshore wind and marine renewable energy potential and contribute in a major way to the decarbonisation of the energy and transport sectors at a global scale;
- Positioning the **UK as a global leader** in Ocean Renewable Energy Fuels and developing exploitable technologies and methods for global markets.

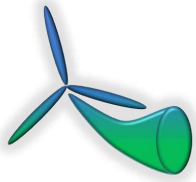


Ocean-REFuel

Research Workstreams

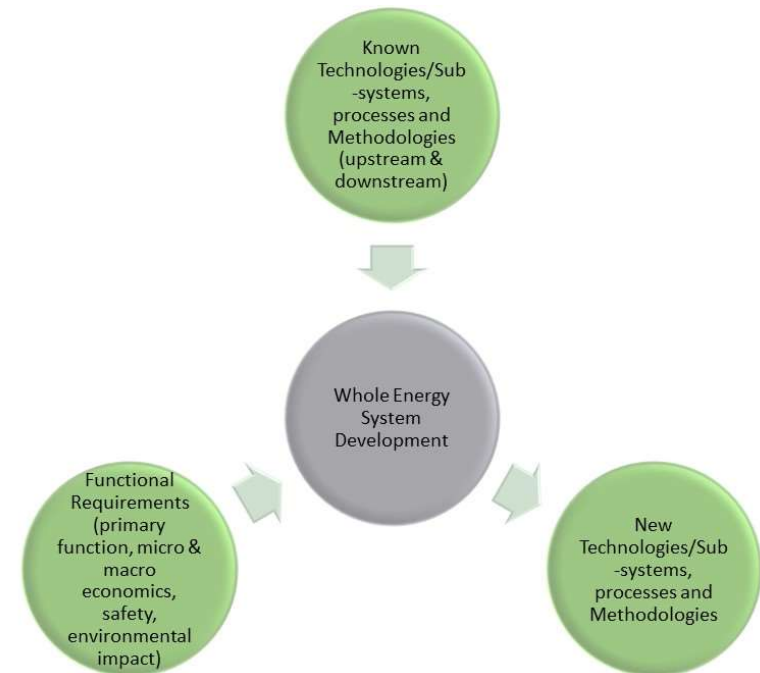
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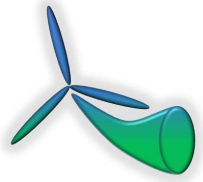
	Materials	Safety	Socio Economics	Process Engineering	Environmental Impact
Offshore structures, logistics and power generation	●	●	●		●
Power to Carbon Free Fuel	●	●		●	●
Carbon Free Fuel transportation and storage	●	●	●	●	●
Networks, Compatibility and Demand		●	●		



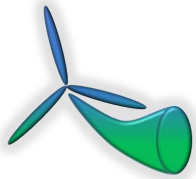
Ocean-REFuel Deliverables

- Blueprint for the first integrated Ocean Renewable Fuel production facility;
- Solutions for flexible Ocean Renewable Energy Fuels strategies to decarbonise different sectors;
- Fully assess the opportunities and impact of Ocean Renewable Energy Fuels;
- Development of new technologies and sub systems, processes and methodologies.

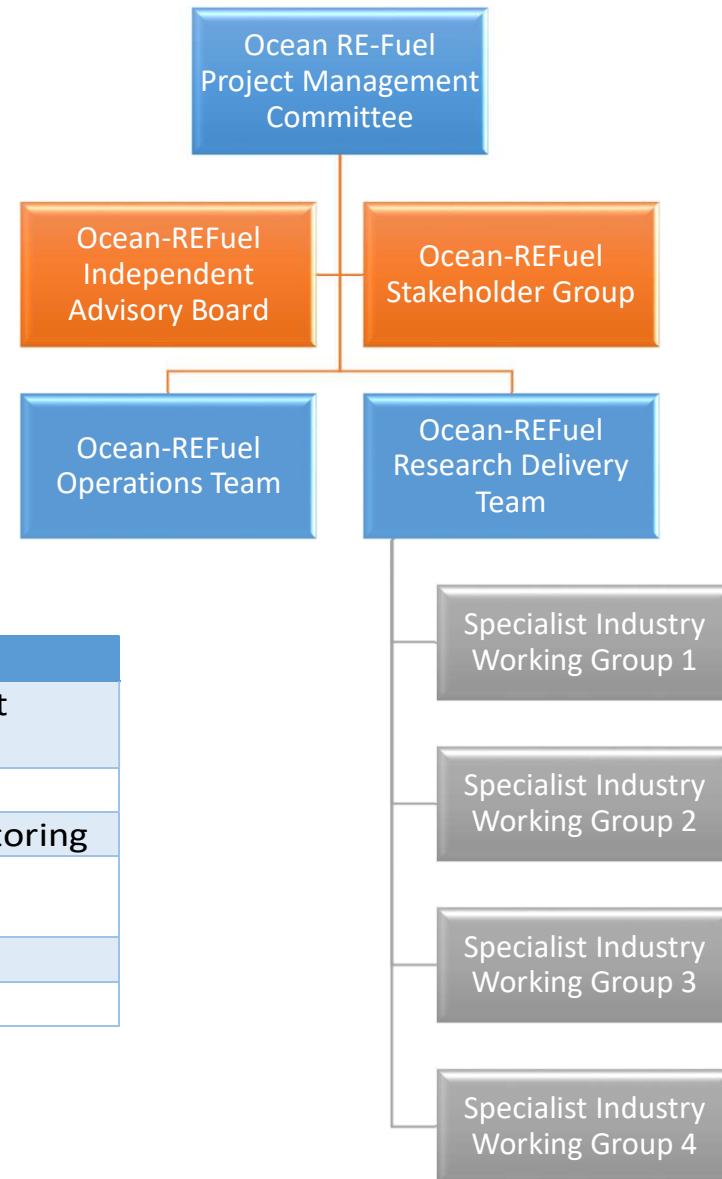




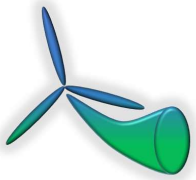
Ocean-REFuel Workstream Presentations



Management/Governance Structure

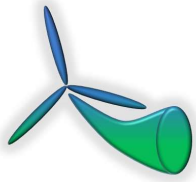


Investigator	Management Role
Brennan	PI, Chair of the Ocean-REFuel Management Committee, Stakeholder Engagement
Shah	Equality Diversity & Inclusion
Walker	Early Career Researcher Training and Mentoring
Valera Medina	Public engagement, advocacy, and media (including social media)
Irons	Impact Strategy
Mamlouk	Workshops, seminars & conferences



Ocean-REFuel Stakeholder Group





Independent Advisory Board Members

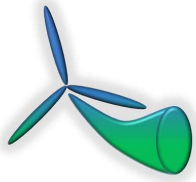
1. Independent Chair (Chair of the Stakeholder Advisory Group), Dr Panagiotis Stavarakakis (HSE)
2. EPSRC Project Officer (Dr Isabella Panovic)
3. Project PI and University of Strathclyde Representative (Professor Feargal Brennan)
4. Partner University Representative 1 - Nottingham University Lead (Professor Gavin Walker)
5. Partner University Representative 2 - Newcastle University Lead (Professor Mohamed Mamlouk)
6. Partner University Representative 3 - Cardiff University Lead (Dr Agustin Valera Medina)
7. Partner University Representative 4 - Imperial College Lead (Professor Nilay Shah)
8. International Academic Expert 1
9. International Academic Expert 2
10. International Academic Expert 3
11. International Academic Expert 4
12. Industry Expert 1
13. Industry Expert 2
14. Industry Expert 3
15. Industry Expert 4

Meeting Quorum: 10 with at least 50% independent members.

Meeting Frequency: Annual.

Diversity: Minimum 25% Female i.e. 4 members.

Chair and Membership reviewed periodically and appointed by the Project Management Committee.



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Workstream 1

Offshore structures, logistics, and power generation

6 September 2022, Stakeholder event
Prof Maurizio Collu, WS1 lead

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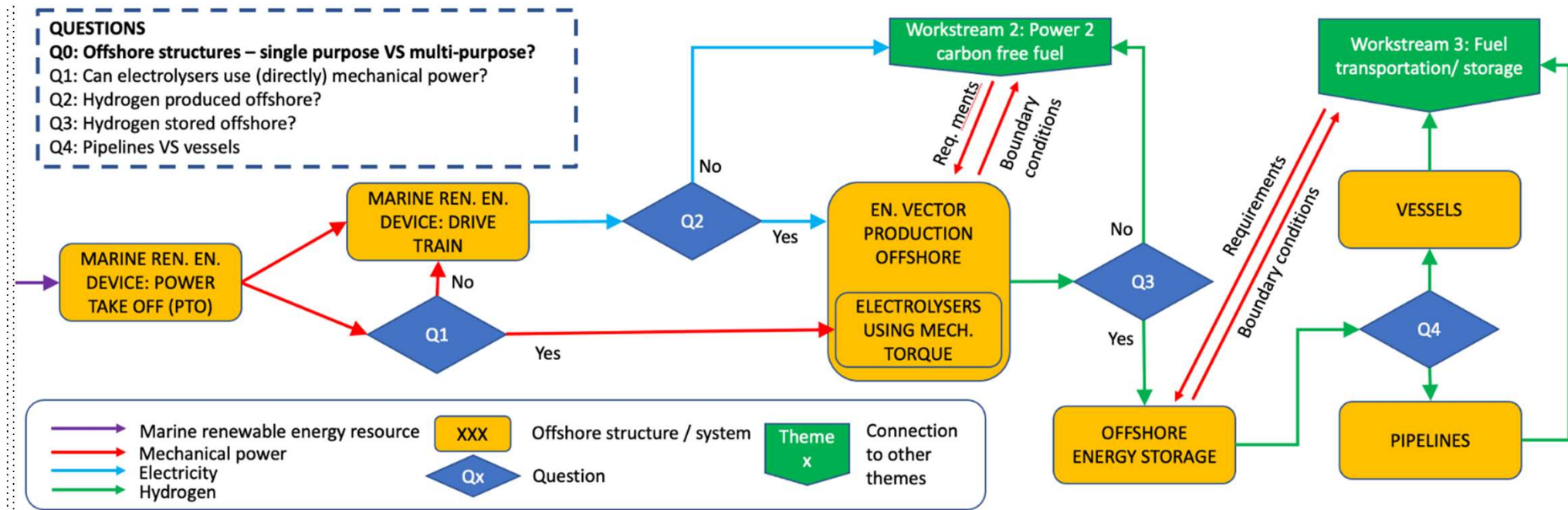
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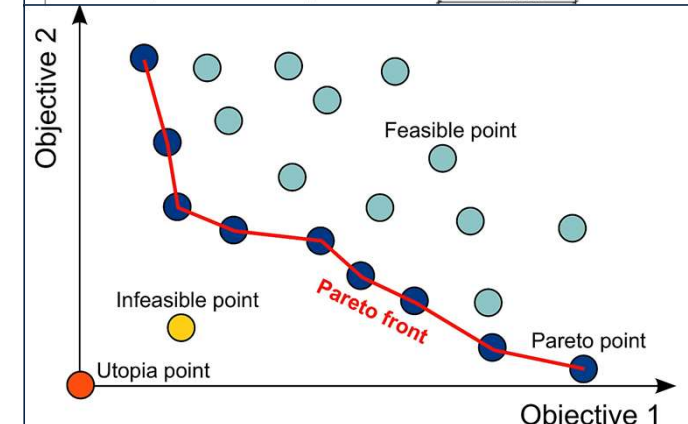
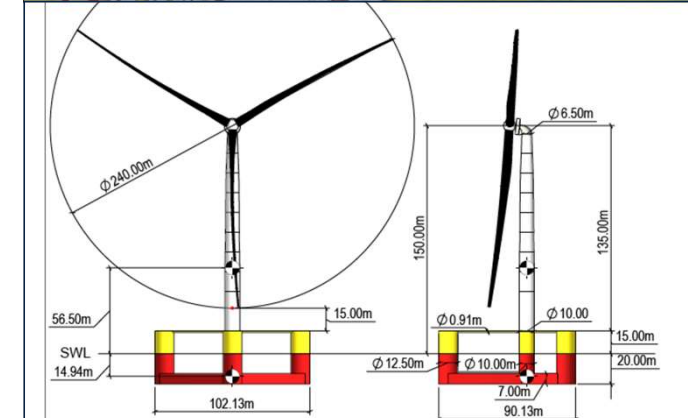
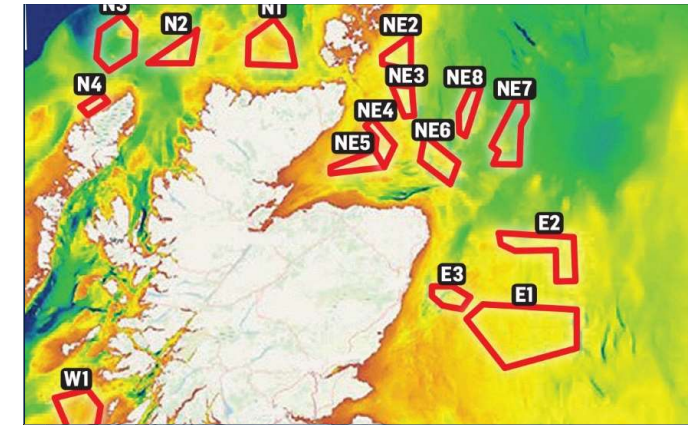
Introduction to Workstream 1

- Focus on *Upstream*
- *Questions* to answer



Introduction to Workstream 1

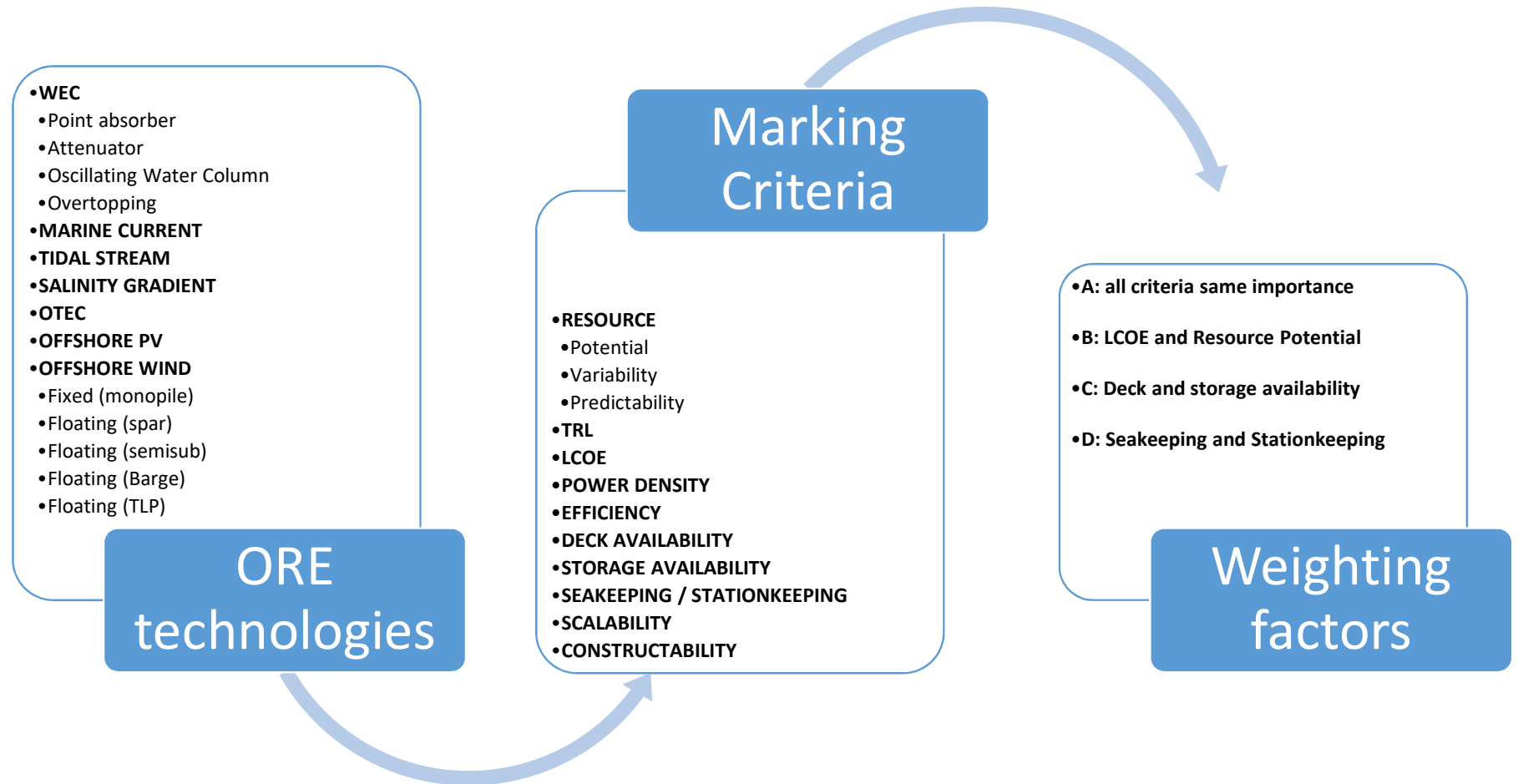
WP1.1 Scenarios definition	T1.1.1 Locations? Metocean conditions?
	T1.1.2 Which ORE technologies?
WP1.2 Production of H ₂ in offshore conditions	T1.2.1 Support platform: objectives, constraints
	T1.2.2 Support platform: MDAO analysis
	T1.2.3 Impact of offshore conditions on H ₂ production
	T1.2.4 Offshore platform for H ₂ production: optimum configuration
WP1.3 Storage of H ₂ in offshore conditions	T1.3.1 Optimum materials for H ₂ storage
	T1.3.2 Impact of offshore conditions on H ₂ storage system equipment
	T1.3.3 Offshore platform for H ₂ storage: optimum configuration
WP1.4 H ₂ transportation to shore	T1.4.1 Materials and technologies for H ₂ transportation
	T1.4.2 Damage modelling and mitigation solutions



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First results: which ORE technology? Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis TOPSIS



First results: which ORE technology?

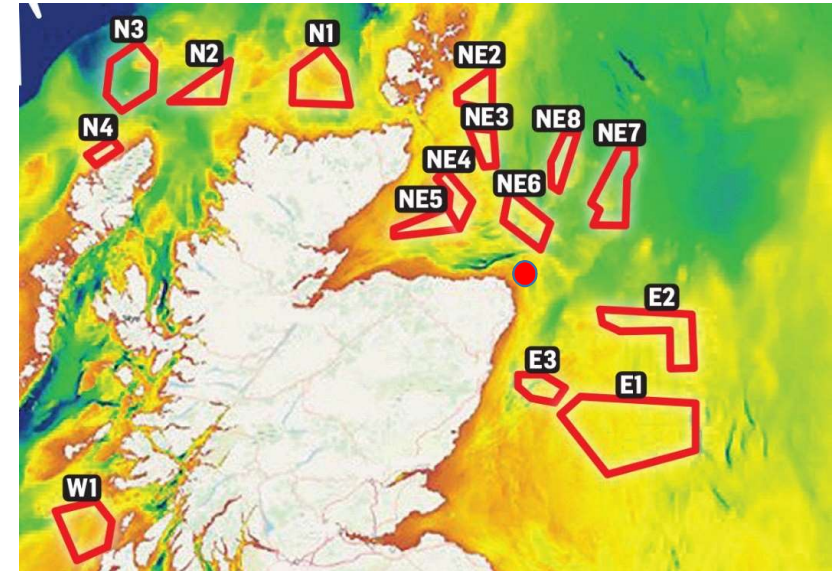
Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis TOPSIS

Scenarios →	Baseline	Enhanced LCoE & Resource Potential	Enhanced Deck & Storage Availability	Enhanced Sea- & Station-keeping
Alternatives ↓	Closeness to ideal positive solution (1.00)			
Wave-OB (PA)	0.31	0.36	0.23	0.25
Wave-OB (ATE)	0.49	0.47	0.55	0.48
Wave-OWC	0.59	0.54	0.62	0.69
Wave-OVT	0.36	0.38	0.41	0.33
Marine current	0.37	0.36	0.27	0.29
Tidal stream	0.34	0.35	0.25	0.27
Salinity gradient	0.60	0.51	0.66	0.68
OTEC	0.72	0.64	0.79	0.78
Offshore solar	0.41	0.38	0.38	0.37
OWT-fixed monopile	0.63	0.71	0.52	0.71
OWT-spar	0.65	0.71	0.59	0.73
OWT-semi	0.73	0.76	0.75	0.78
OWT-barge	0.75	0.77	0.82	0.76
OWT-TLP	0.67	0.69	0.71	0.74

First results: locations?

ScotWind lease				
MW	ALL	FIXED	FLOATING	MIXED
SUM	24826	9755	14576	495
MEAN	1460	1626	1458	495
MIN	495	840	500	495
MAX	3000	2907	3000	495

Zone	Type	MW	# turbines	AEY GWh (40%LF)
NE6	Floating	500	~33	~1700
NE7	Floating	3000	~200	~10512
NE8	Floating	960	~64	~3360



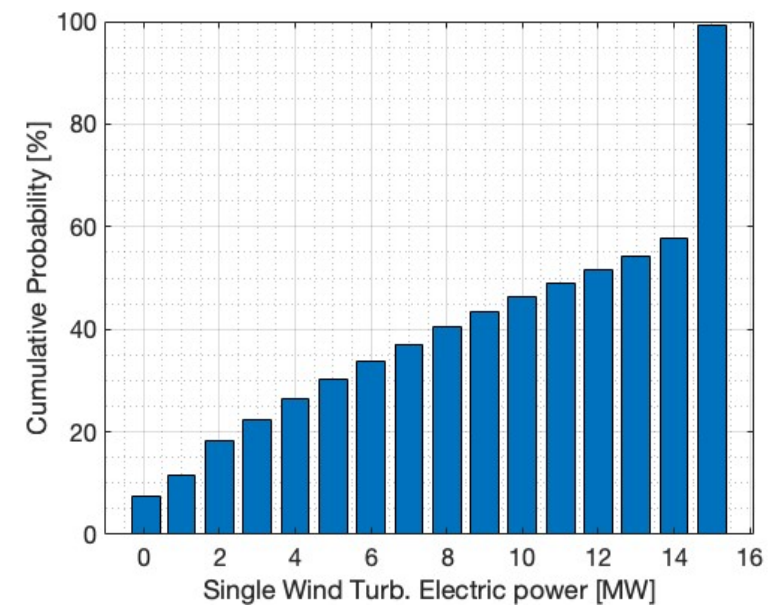
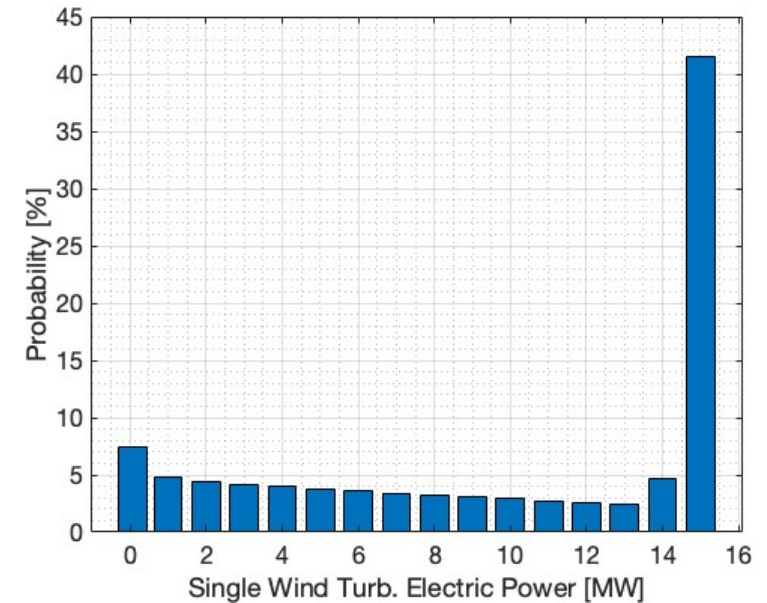
- Metocean conditions from hindcast databases (ERA5, Copernicus, etc) available for wind, waves, marine currents, sea level, air/sea temperatures, sea salinity)

First results: which one technology?

Location?

“Strawman” figures

Parameter	Value
Farm total power	~1000 MW
Farm Annual Energy Yield	~3500 GWh (40% L.F.)
Farm location	NE Scotland, near St. Fergus gas terminal (58.5 N, 1.25E)
Wind turbine power	15 MW (see distributions graphs →)
Wind turbine number	65 - 70
Wind turbine type	Floating, semisubmersible / barge
WT to WT distance	> 1.6 km (> 1 mile)
Wind turbine “deck space”	3x122m ² – 3x650m ²



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WP1
Offshore structures, logistics and power generation

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max	ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max	ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 1-2.1	Rated Power	MW		15.00	I 1-3.1	H2 production capacity	kg h-1		11939	I 1-4.1	Distance to shore	km		210
I 1-2.2	Number of OWT	-		67.00	I 1-3.2	ΣH2 production annual	kt		50.78	I 1-4.2	CAPEX	(m£/MW)	4.48	6.72
I 1-2.3	Annual energy output	GWh		4890.47	I 1-3.3	Distance to shore	km		210.00	I 1-4.3	OPEX(annual)	(m£/MW/y)	0.040	0.06
I 1-2.4	Lifetime of platform/device	a-1			I 1-3.4	Location				I 1-4.4				
I 1-2.5	Frequency of time power load is below 15% (0.75 A/V) per stack	a-1												
I 1-2.6	Average duration of time power load is below 15% per stack	a-1												
I 1-2.7	Frequency of dP/dt > 10%	n a-1												
I 1-2.8														
I 1-2.9														
I 1-2.10														

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 2-1.1	Hydrogen production rate per stack	kg h-1		10.40
I 2-1.2	Oxygen production rate per stack	kg h-1		47.50
I 2-1.3	Electrolysis water consumption rate per stack	kg h-1		1188.00
I 2-1.4	System Electrical Efficiency	%		66.00
I 2-1.5	Maximum Seawater intake for Reverse osmosis	kg h-1		16250.00
I 2-1.6	Footprint per stack (with safety consid)	m2		175.00
I 2-1.7	Maximum Total System Mass	kg		18300.00
I 2-1.8	H2 stack + ancillary area needed	m2		535.00
I 2-1.9	H2 stack (length)	m		40.50
I 2-1.10	H2 stack (breadth/width)	m		8.00
I 2-1.11	H2 stack (depth/height)	m		3.50
I 2-1.12	H2 stack per OWT	-		3.00
I 2-1.13				
I 2-1.14				
I 2-1.15				

WP2
Power to Carbon Free Fuel

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max	ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max	ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 2-3.1	Hydrogen Pressure	barG	0.10	30.00	I 2-4.1	CAPEX	£/kW	340.00	640.00					
I 2-3.2	Temperature	oC		80.00	I 2-4.2	OPEX	£/kW	0.00	0.07					
I 2-3.3	Impurities (O2 in H2/H2 %vol)	%		1.545	I 2-4.3									
I 2-3.4	Intermittency (flow rate)	kg h-1		178.20	I 2-4.4									
I 2-3.5	waste heat	kWh			I 2-4.5									
I 2-3.6	Can we have 30 bar?				I 2-4.6									
I 2-3.7					I 2-4.7									
I 2-3.8					I 2-4.8									
I 2-3.9					I 2-4.9									
I 2-3.10					I 2-4.10									
I 2-3.11					I 2-4.11									
I 2-3.12					I 2-4.12									
I 2-3.13					I 2-4.13									
I 2-3.14					I 2-4.14									
I 2-3.15					I 2-4.15									

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 3-1.1	Limit load for storage	kg		
I 3-1.2	Material chemical composition			
I 3-1.3	Environmental factors (temperature, salinity, Ph)			
I 3-1.4				
I 3-1.5	Electrical power on Mx compressor	kWh/kg		
I 3-1.6	Sea water for cooling Mx storage	kg		
I 3-1.7	Sea water for cooling for Mx compressor	kWh/kg		
I 3-1.8	energy (thermal) for purification	th/kg		
I 3-1.9				
I 3-1.10				
I 3-1.11				
I 3-1.12				
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I 3-1.14				
I 3-1.15				

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 3-2.1	Hydrogen to electricity ratio	Yy		
I 3-2.2	Thermal energy for Mx compressor	kWh/kg		
I 3-2.3	Thermal energy for Mx storage	(d) kWh/kg		
I 3-2.4				
I 3-2.5				
I 3-2.6				
I 3-2.7				
I 3-2.8				
I 3-2.9				
I 3-2.10				
I 3-2.11				
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I 3-2.15				

WP3
Carbon Free Fuel Transportation & Storage

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 3-4.1	Hydrogen Pressure for pipeline	barG		
I 3-4.2	Salt cavern storage for large	kg	40.00	150.00
I 3-4.3	Mx for small storage	kg		
I 3-4.4	Compression energy (start at)	kWh/kg		
I 3-4.5	Compression energy (start at)	kWh/kg		
I 3-4.6	Shipping as gas, liquid, slus?			
I 3-4.7	Hydrogen Pressure for shipp	BarG		
I 3-4.8				
I 3-4.9				
I 3-4.10				
I 3-4.11				
I 3-4.12				
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ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 4-1.1	H2 demand			
I 4-1.2	Risk definition			
I 4-1.3	Key performance indicators			
I 4-1.4				
I 4-1.5				
I 4-1.6				
I 4-1.7				
I 4-1.8				
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I 4-1.15				

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 4-2.1	Hydrogen to electricity ratio	-	0.00	1.00
I 4-2.2	Hydrogen purity (what industry level %)	%		
I 4-2.3				
I 4-2.4				
I 4-2.5				
I 4-2.6				
I 4-2.7				
I 4-2.8				
I 4-2.9				
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I 4-2.11				
I 4-2.12				
I 4-2.13				
I 4-2.14				
I 4-2.15				

ID	Name	u.m.	Min	Max
I 4-3.1	transportation method (pipe / ship)?	Yy		
I 4-3.2	Quantity of large storage	kg		
I 4-3.3	time for large storage	days		
I 4-3.4	Quantity of small storage	kg		
I 4-3.5	time for small storage	days		
I 4-3.6				
I 4-3.7				
I 4-3.8				
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WP4
Networks, Capability and Demand

EXTERNAL INPUT

GLOBAL OUTPUT (DOWN-TO UP-STREAM) KPI?

GLOBAL OUTPUT (UP-TO DOWN-STREAM) KPI?

WORKSTREAM 1 OUTPUT

WORKSTREAM 1 INPUT

DOWN-TO UP-STREAM

DOWN-STREAM

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Next steps

Literature review paper on WP1.1 work

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WP1.1
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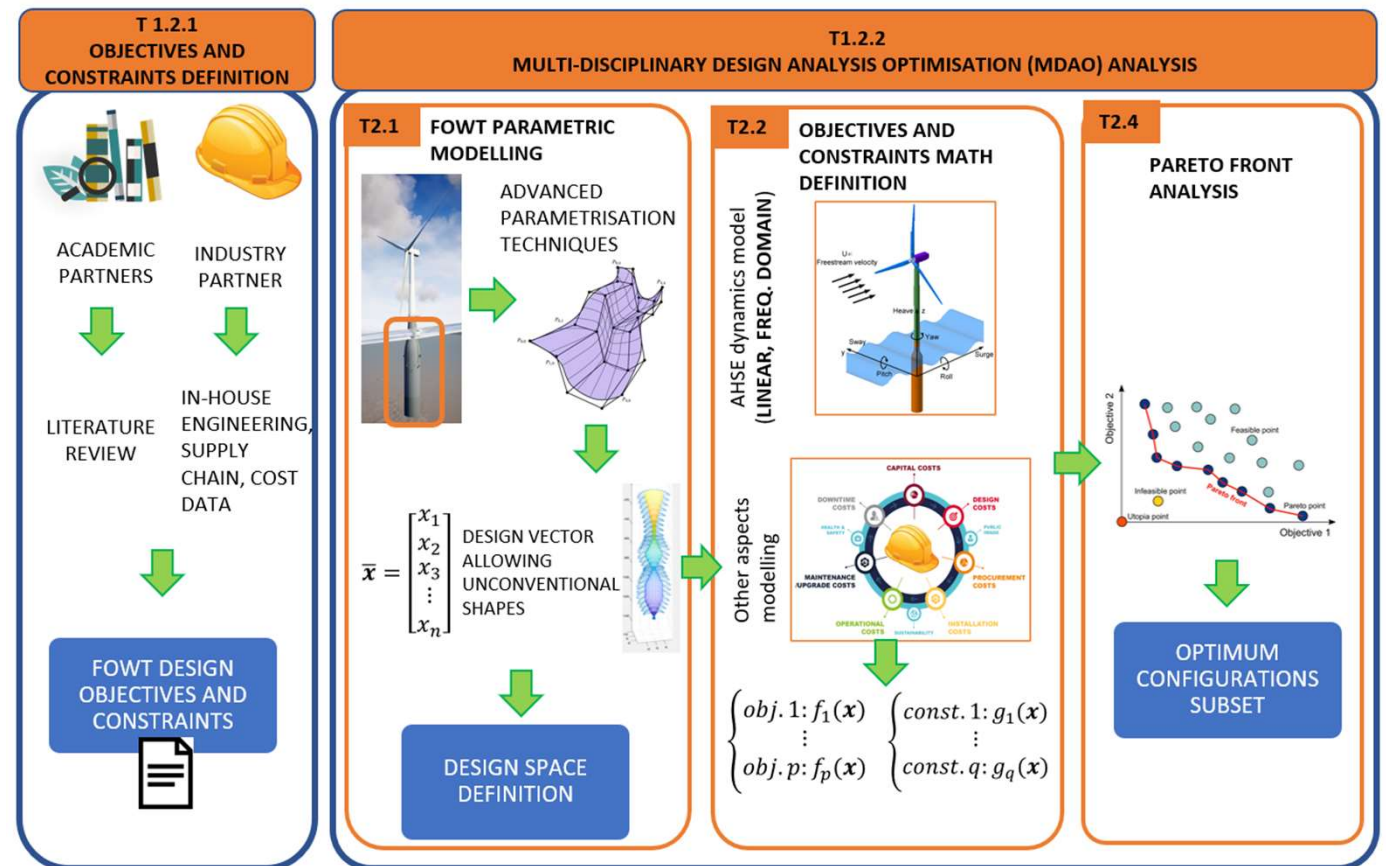
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Production
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conditions

T1.2.1 Support platform: objectives,
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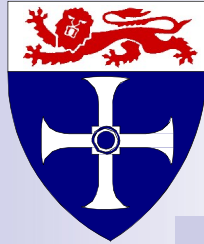
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T1.2.4 Offshore platform for H₂
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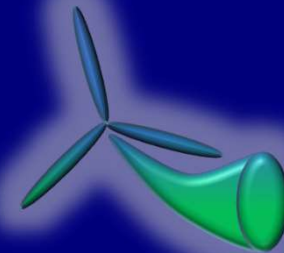
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Workstream2: Power to carbon free fuel

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Introduction to WS2

1. Can seawater be used directly for efficient production of hydrogen or can seawater purifications be performed effectively offshore producing electrochemically chemicals for water treatment?
2. Which electrolyser technology and conditions are most suited to meet performance, cost and hydrogen purity requirements for offshore storage and hydrogen pumping?
3. Can electrolysers operate effectively and safely on offshore moored and floating platforms?
4. Can offshore electrolyser technology deliver stack performance target <48 kWh/kg (82% electrical efficiency) and costs of system $<£800$ /kW?

Structure of WS2

Work Packages

WP 2.1 Electrodes, electrocatalyst and support (M1-30)

WP 2.2 Cell Design, Engineering and optimisation for membraneless operation (M1 - M48)

WP 2.3 Electrolyser scale-up and testing under offshore conditions (M25 - M60)



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Inputs

WS1

- Rated Power
- Power Characteristics/dynamics
- Available space/volume
- Platform dynamics/oscillations

WS4

- % of generated power conversion to H₂
- H₂ purity and pressure
- O₂ or other chemicals need
- Levelised cost of energy

Outputs

WS1

- Number of stacks, dimensions and weight
- Energy consumption and efficiency
- Water consumption

WS3

- H₂ flowrate dynamics, temperature, purity and pressure
- Waste heat available

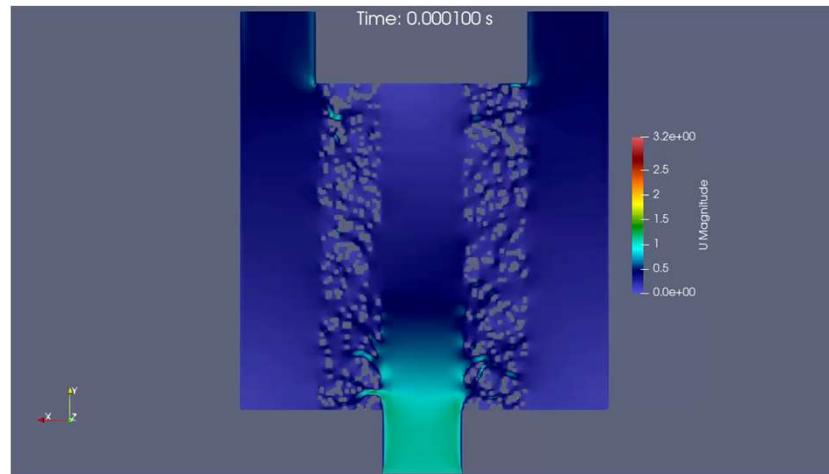
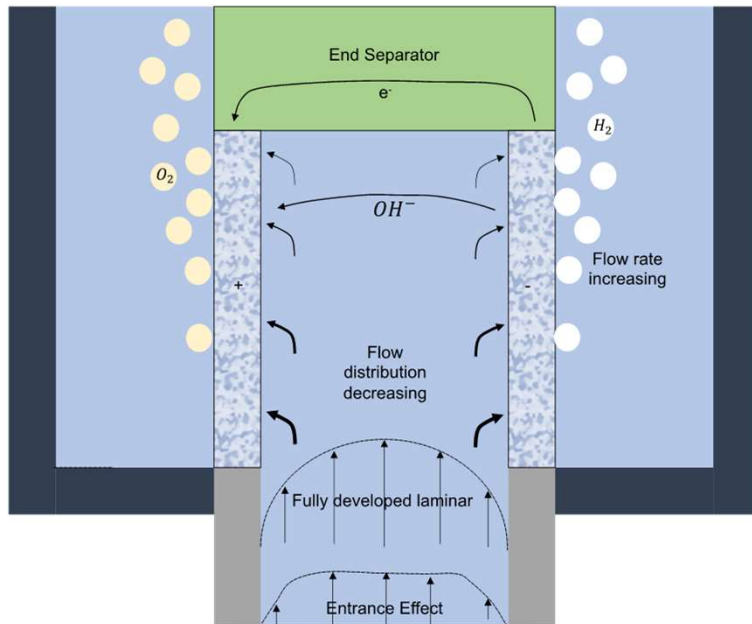
WS4

- CAPEX and OPEX of electrolyser

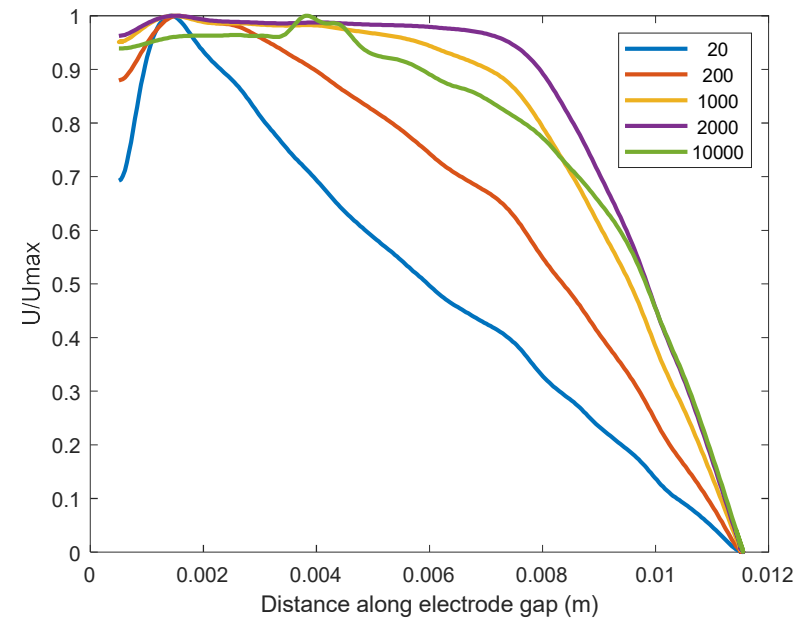
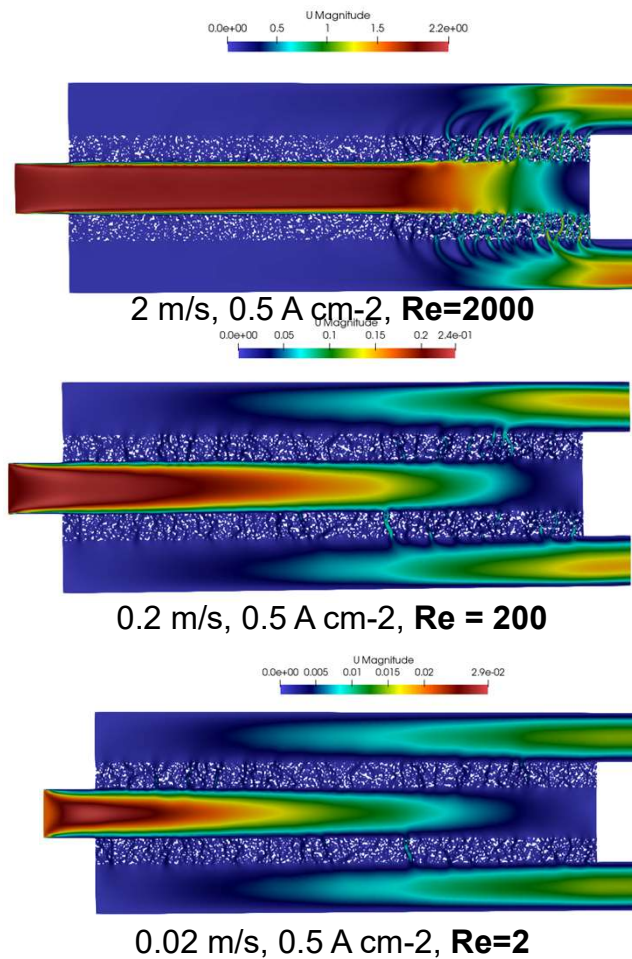


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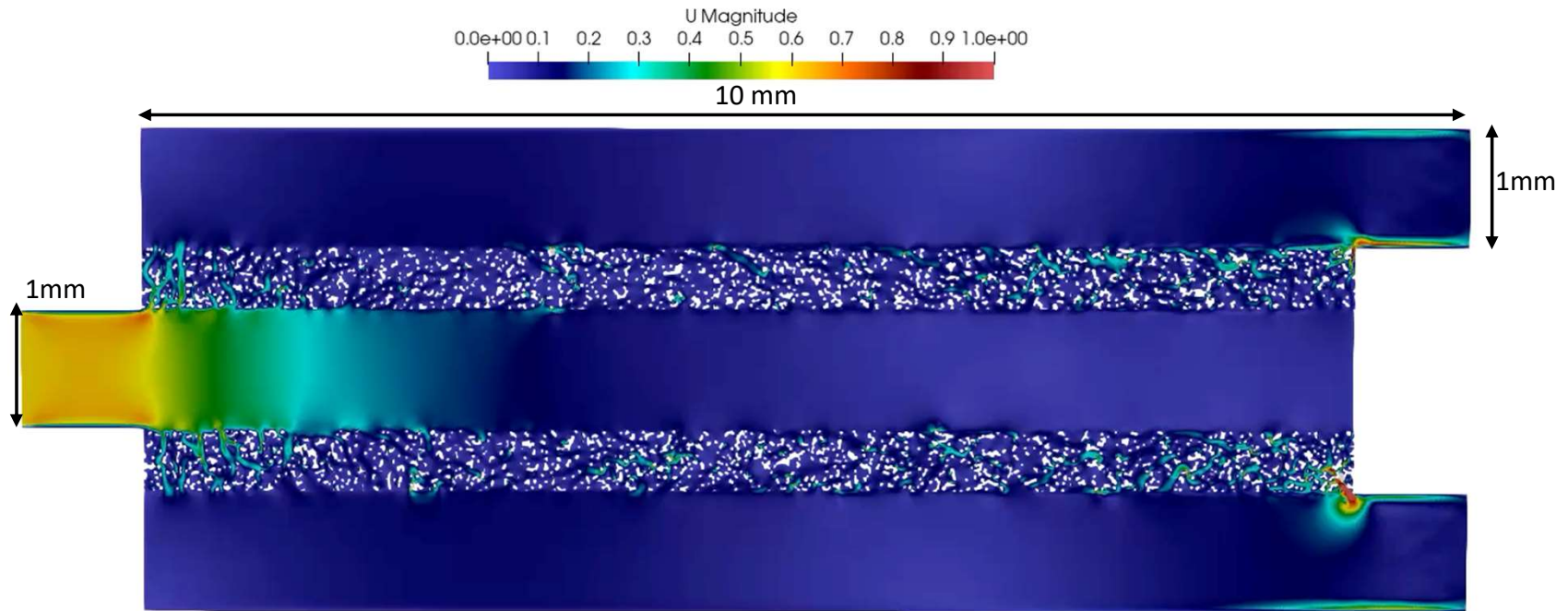
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Flow through membraneless (2)

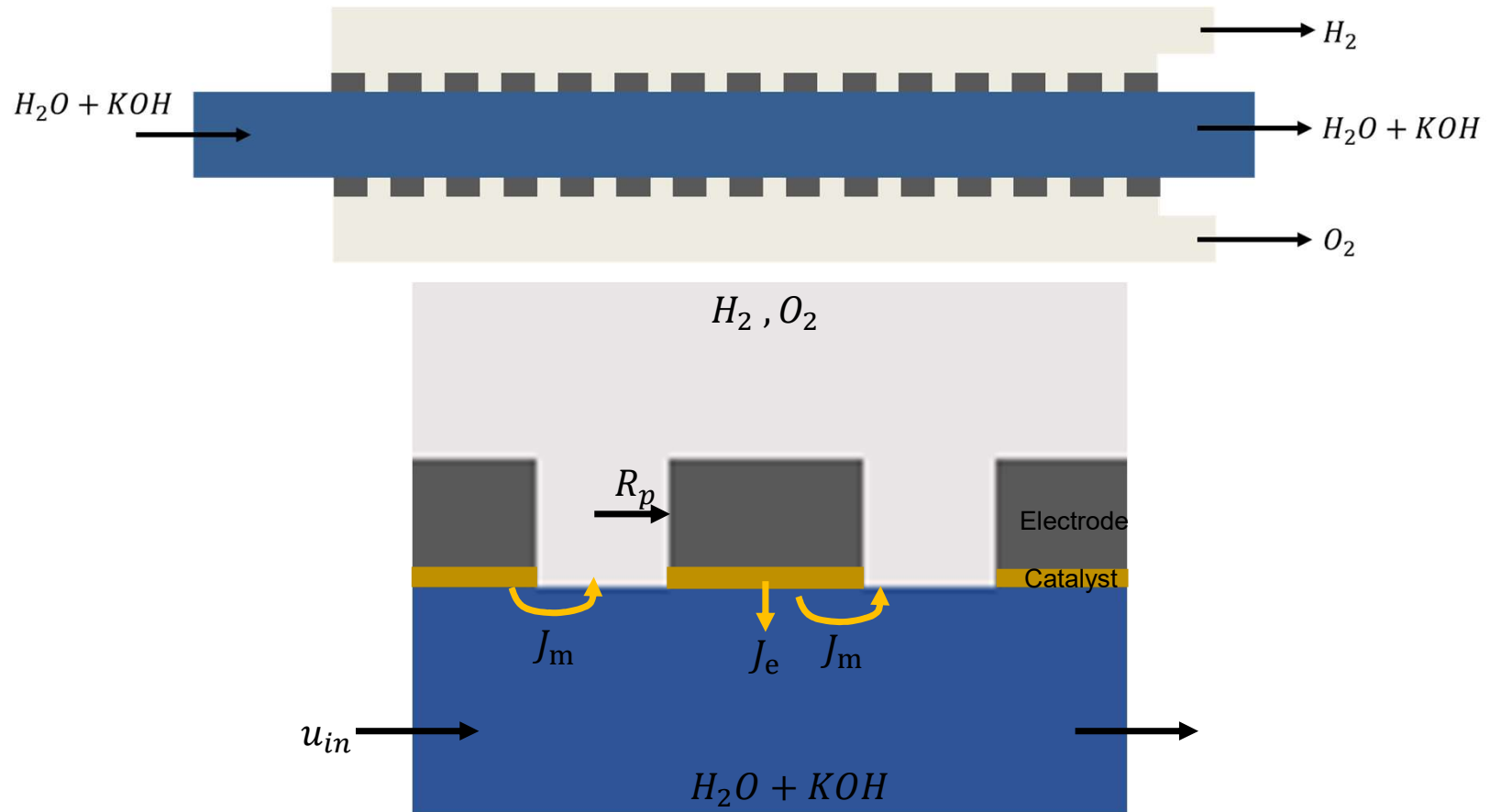


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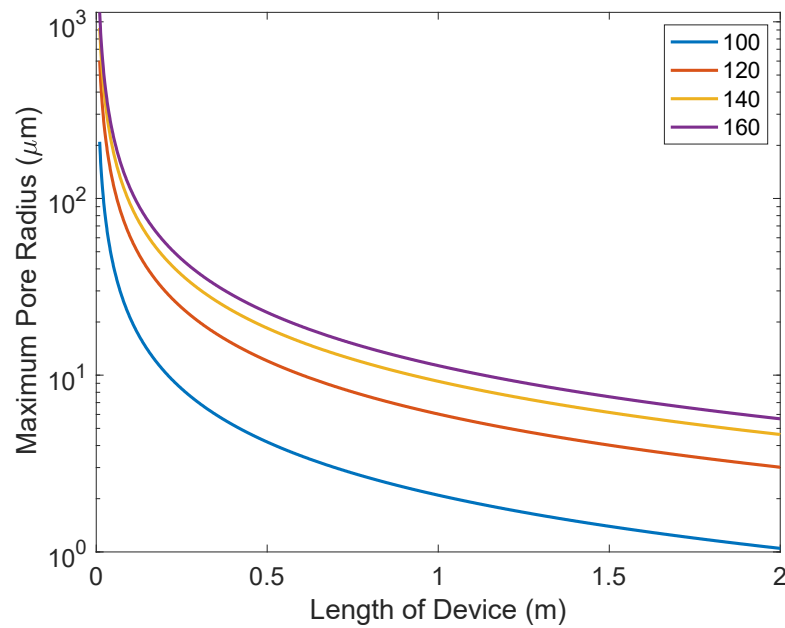
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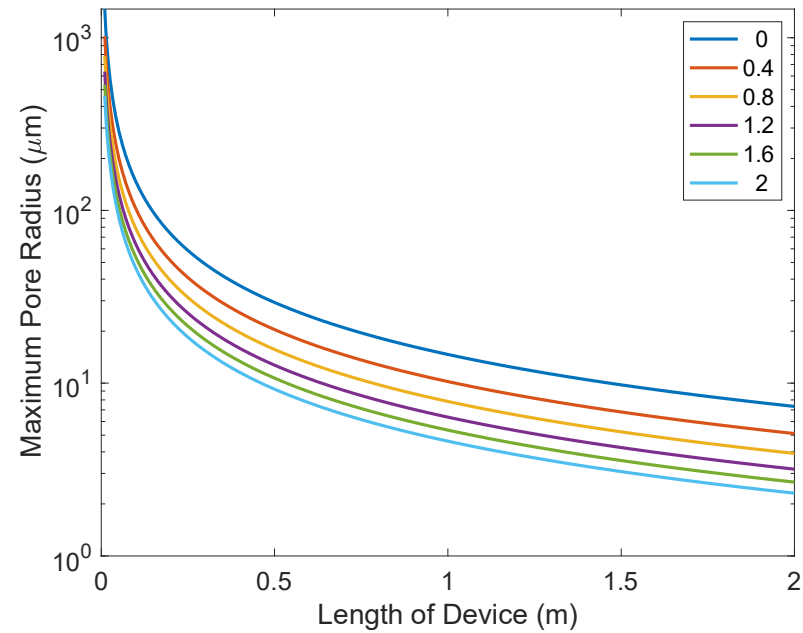


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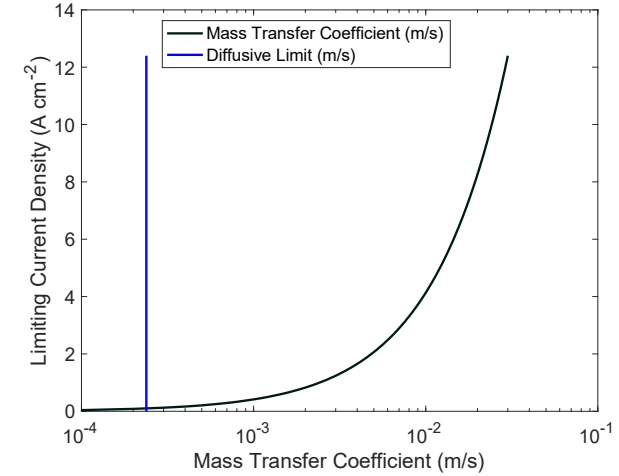
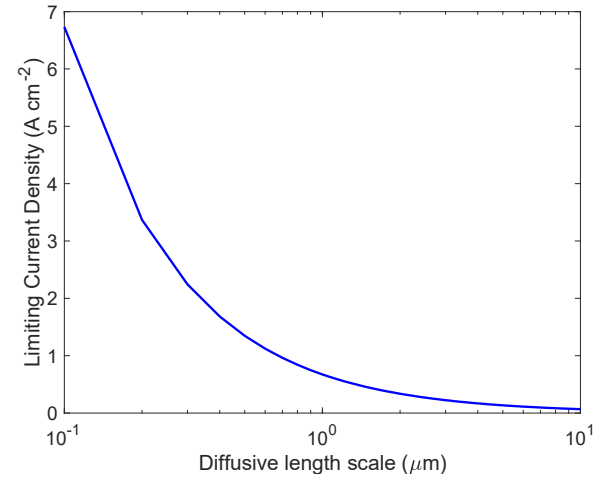
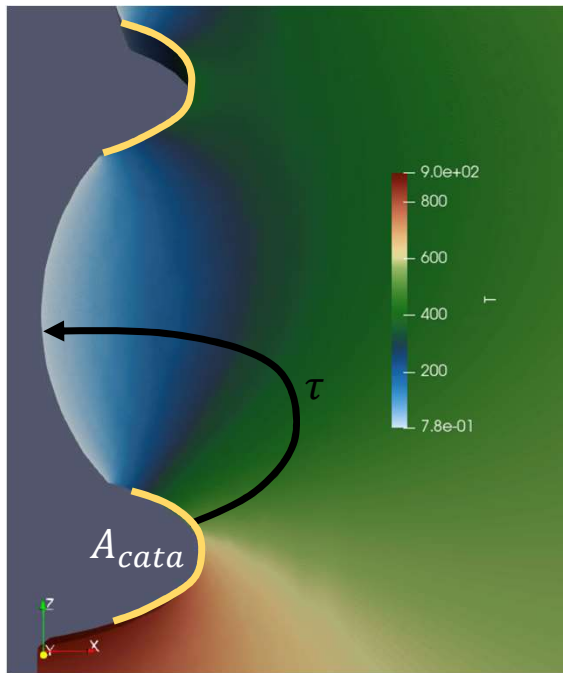
Effect of length of device and contact angle (100 – 160°)



Effect of length of device and flow rate (0 – 2 m s⁻¹)



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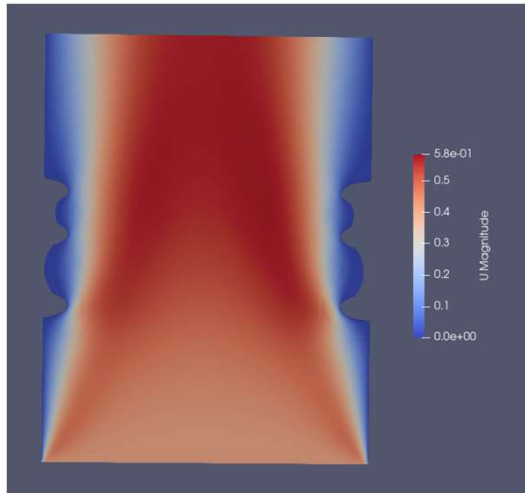




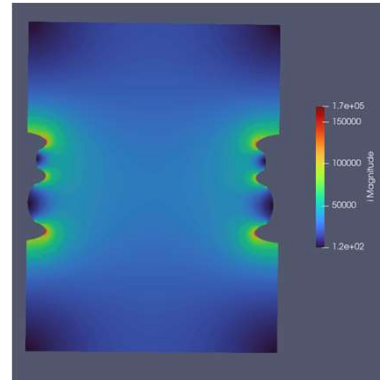
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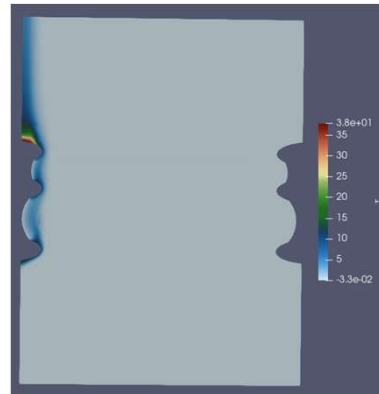
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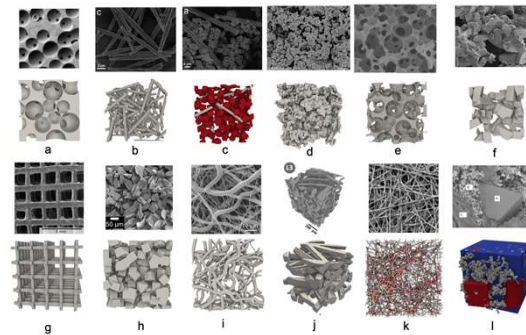
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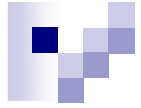


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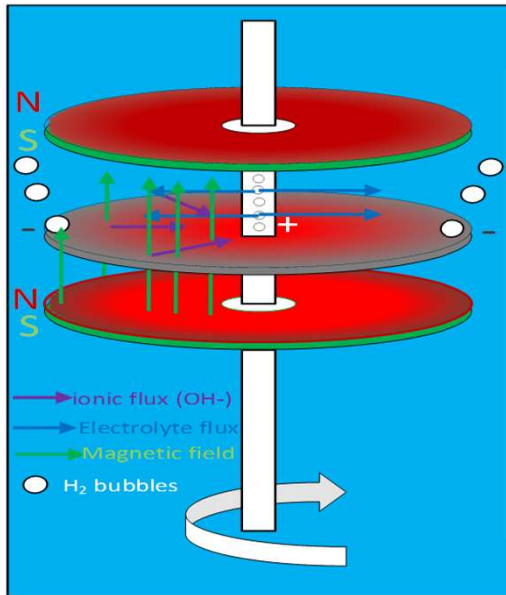


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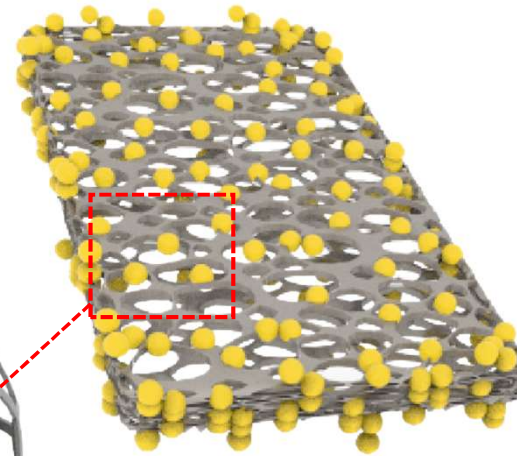
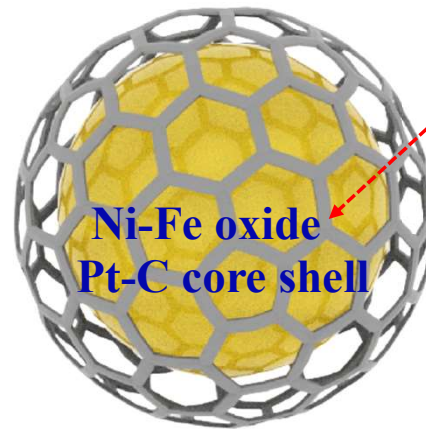




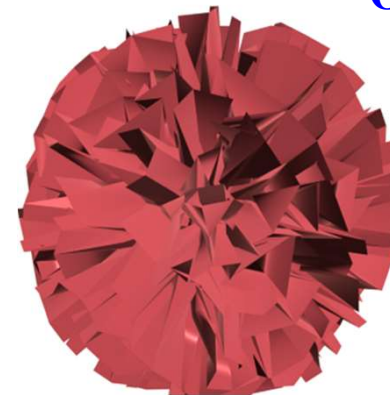
Experimental



Rotating cells



OR



Electrocatalyst/electrodes



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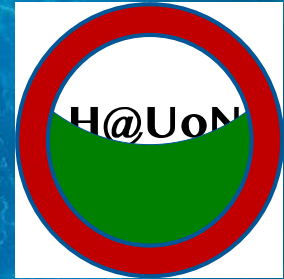


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WP3.1 - Hydrogen Compression and Storage

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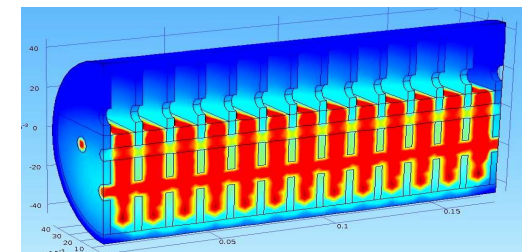
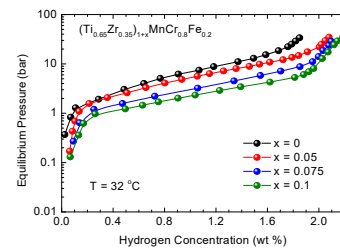
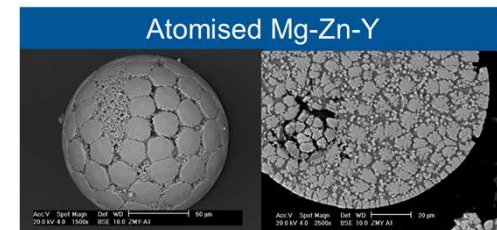
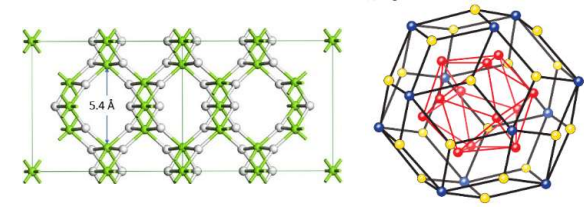
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HYDROGEN RESEARCH @ NOTTINGHAM



- Materials research- new materials, modelling, machine learning characterisation and scale up
- Metal hydrides-room temperature and elevated temperatures, complex hydrides, high entropy alloys
- Stationary storage applications
- Solid state hydrogen compressors
- Hydrogen based thermal batteries and storage
- Facilities- Hydrogen storage laboratories
- Demonstrators and integration



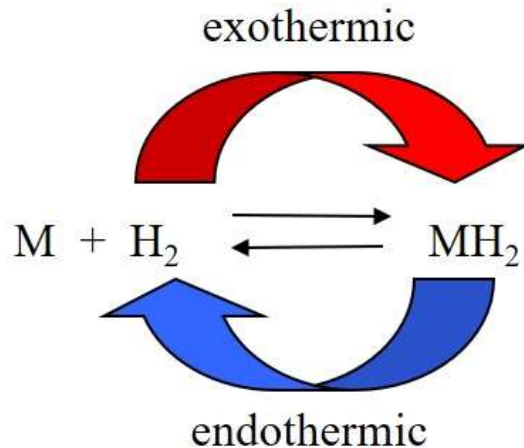


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Metal Hydride Basics

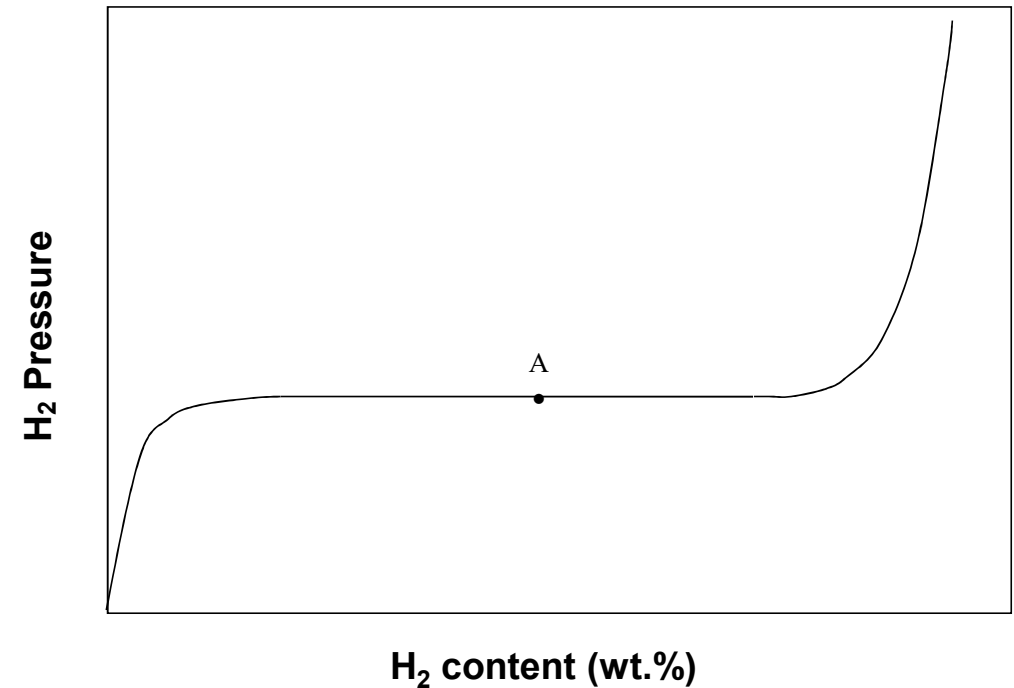
Thermodynamics of MH_x



$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

$$K_p = p(H_2)$$

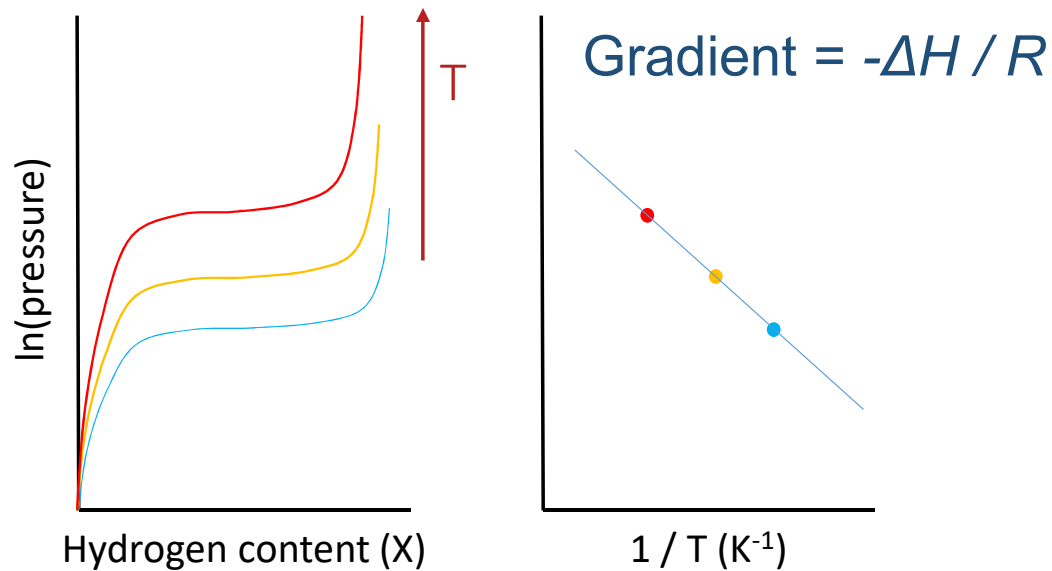


- Pressure Composition Isotherm (PCI)
- Equilibrium data
- Effect of pressure on the amount of H₂ stored
- Point A denotes the plateau pressure

Thermodynamics of MHx



- The equilibrium is affected by temperature



$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

$$\Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

$$\ln K = \frac{-\Delta H^\circ}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R}$$

- Calculate thermodynamic data from PCIs

- van't Hoff
- Linear relationship between $\ln(p)$ and $1/T$.



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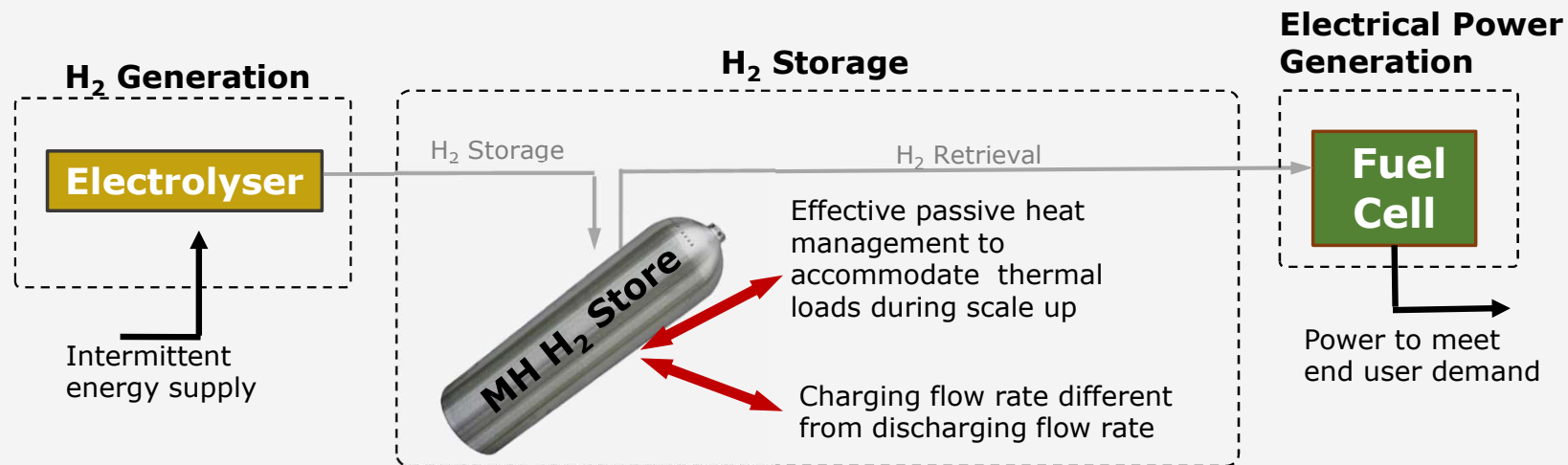
Hydrogen stores

Stationary Applications for the Storage of H₂



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'Compression free' concept for H₂ storage for off-grid renewable energy and micro grid applications.



Advantages

- Mechanical compression is not required
- Superior volumetric energy density is achieved
- System operates at relatively low pressures, < 3 MPa.

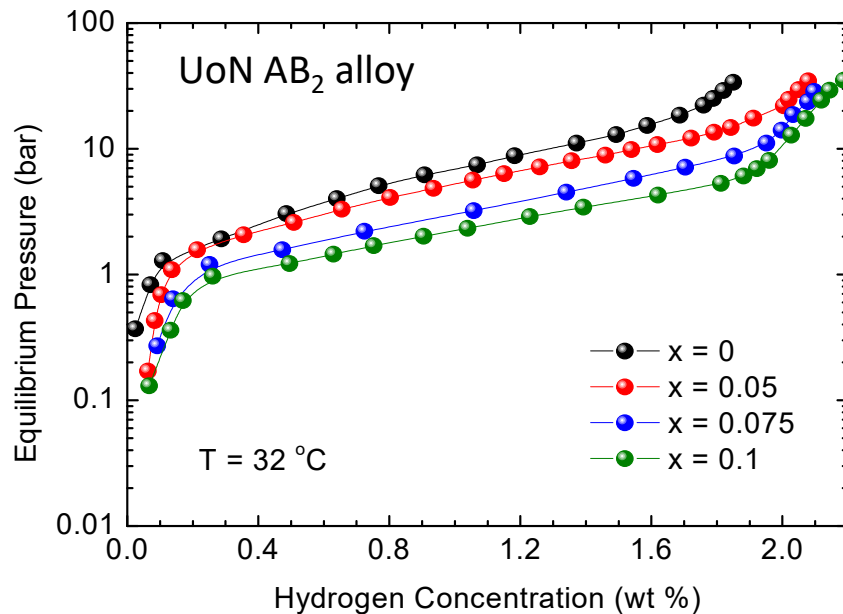
	Volumetric Energy Density [kg/m ³]
MH H ₂	33
Compressed H ₂ (20 MPa)	16

Hydrogen Energy Storage



AB₂ materials development

Pressure – Composition Isotherms



Working capacity: 1.8 wt %
ca. 30 % higher than commercial alloy.

- Low pressure storage (<30 bar) with densities equivalent to H₂ at 800 bar.
- We can tailor the operation pressure and working capacity for the material.
- H₂ storage capacities currently up to 2.2 wt% at 35 bar and 32 °C.
- For an operating pressure range of 1-30 bar the working capacity is 1.8 wt % at 32 °C; cf. the commercially available Hydralloy C which is only 1.4 wt % at 32 °C.
- Aim to reduce the cost of energy storage.

UoN AB ₂ alloy:	£9/kg;	£13/kWh
Hydralloy C:	£45/kg;	£81/kWh



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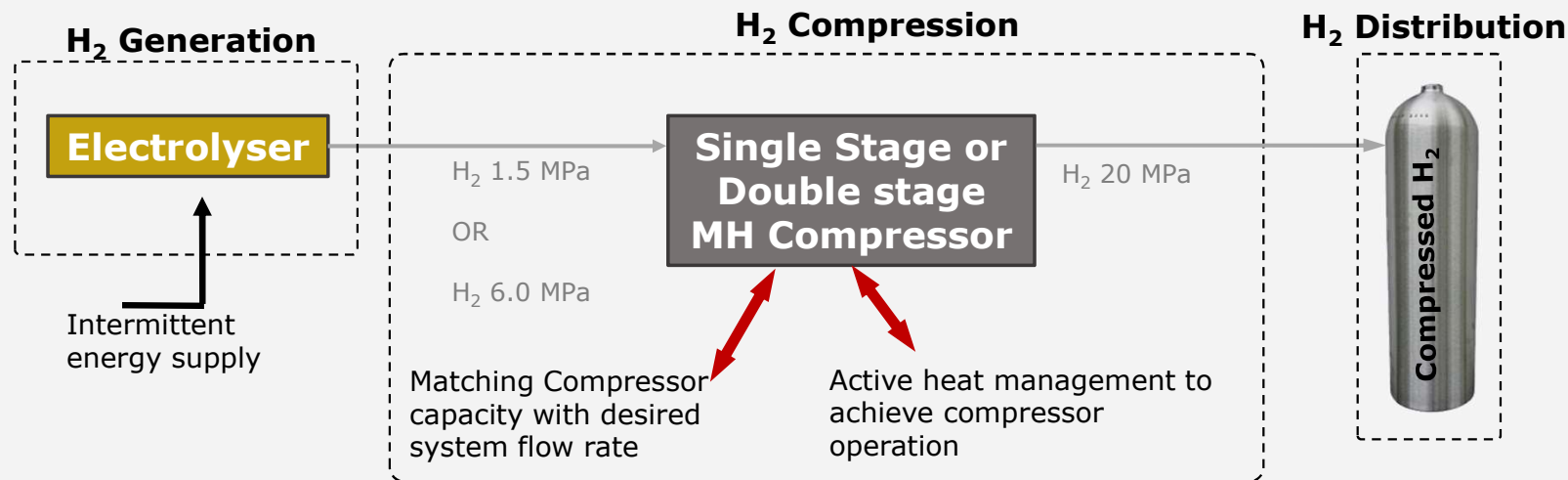
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Solid state compressors

Compression for distribution of H₂



MH Compression concept for H₂ storage for off-grid renewable energy and micro grid applications.



Advantages

- MH compressor can utilise available low-grade heat to achieve desired H₂ compression up to 20 MPa.
- MH compressor has no moving parts so will provide reliable maintenance free operation. (unlike mechanical compression which is also energy intensive)

Solid State Hydrogen Compressors



H₂ gas compression is achieved by the reversible hydrogenation/dehydrogenation of AB₂ alloys.

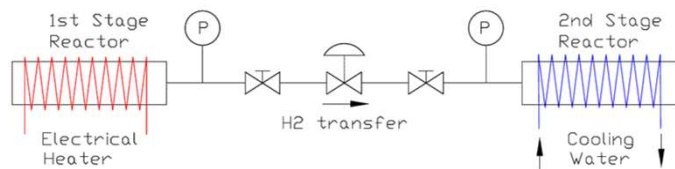
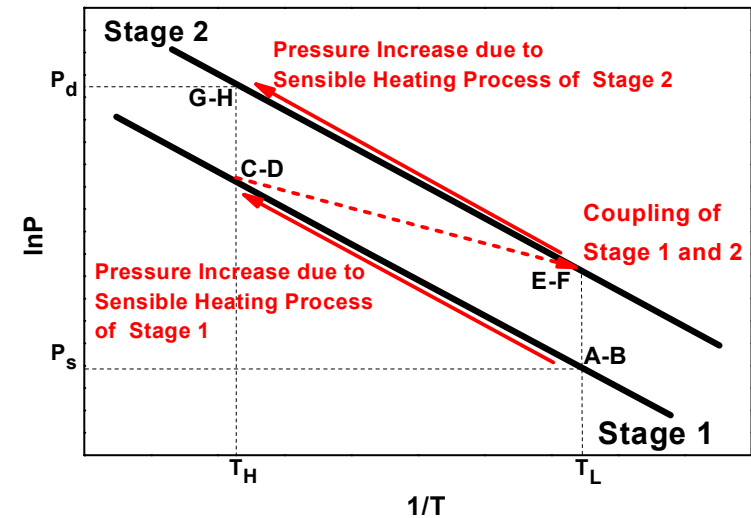
Step A: Hydrogenation of 1st stage reactor, at 30 bar (P_s) and ambient temperature (T_L).

Step B-C: Sensible heating of 1st stage reactor accompanied by pressure increase.

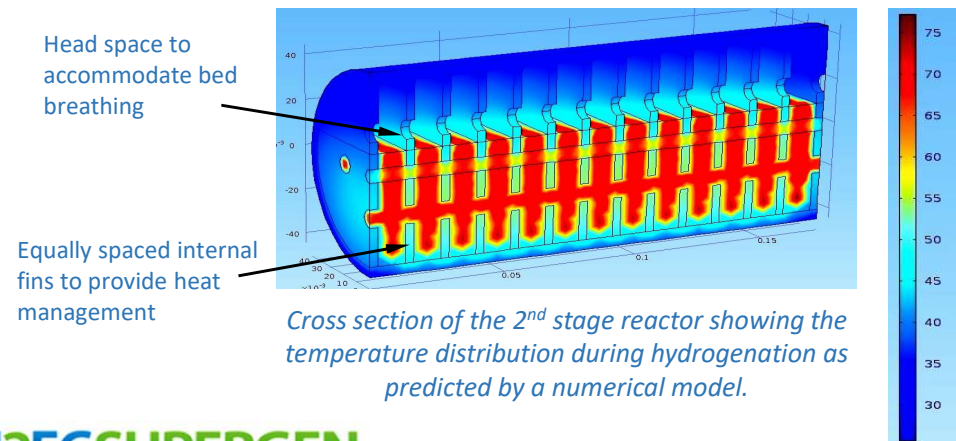
Step D-E: Coupling process between 1st stage (dehydrogenation at T_H) and 2nd stage reactors (hydrogenation at T_L).

Step F-G: Sensible heating of 2nd stage reactor accompanied by pressure increase.

Step H: Dehydrogenation at 120 °C (T_H) of 2nd stage reactor H₂ released at 350 bar (P_d).



Simplified schematic of solid state compressor illustrating the coupling process of Step D-E



Cross section of the 2nd stage reactor showing the temperature distribution during hydrogenation as predicted by a numerical model.

Solid State Hydrogen Compressors



Mechanical compressors are known to be unreliable increasing cost of ownership and leading to plant downtime. The advantages of a solid state H₂ are:

- **Less energy intensive and therefore less expensive to run.** Energy costs can be reduced to fraction of that of a mechanical compression by utilising waste heat to drive the compressor.
- **Lower maintenance costs.** No moving parts means that there is no dynamic seals or bearings that need ongoing maintenance.
- **High gas purity.** There is no contamination of hydrogen.
- **Silent operation.** Relative to a mechanical compression there is no noise.



- **Hydrogen vehicle refuelling infrastructure** – an improvement in hydrogen compression technology quieter and potentially improve the cost-performance (improved further if their operation can be coupled with a waste heat source).
- **Renewable energy storage** – the ability to efficiently compress H₂ gas can potentially provide a significant improvement in the operational efficiency as an energy store.



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Offshore storage

Offshore hydrogen storage



Compare offshore options:

- Salt caverns
- Depleted gas fields or aquifers
- Underwater containment vessels
- Compressed vessels (100 – 700 bar)
- Solid-state H₂ (metal hydride)
- Liquid hydrogen



Space Applications of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells (2021)
<https://www.nasa.gov/content/space-applications-of-hydrogen-and-fuel-cells>

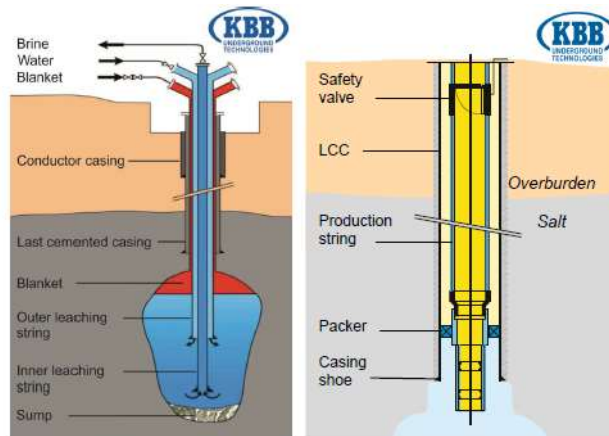


Figure 2-1: Salt cavern with installed leaching string and blanket during leaching (left) and gas completion (right)

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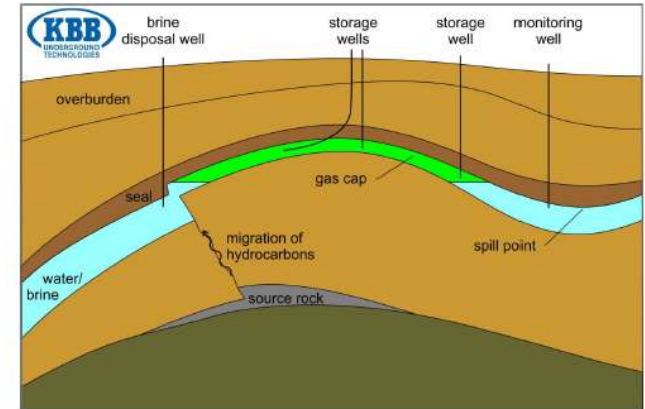


Figure 4-1: Schematic diagram showing a typical setup of a hydrocarbon reservoir

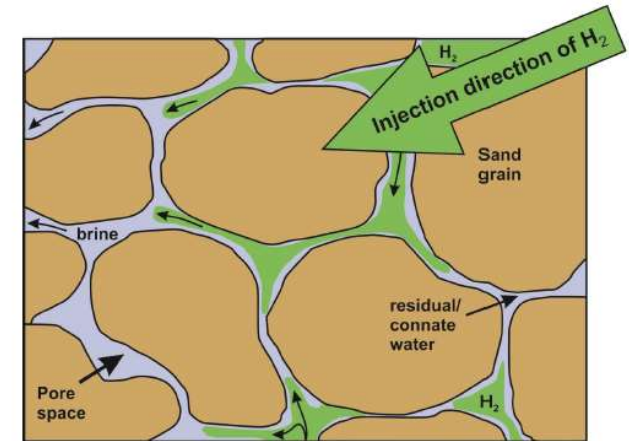


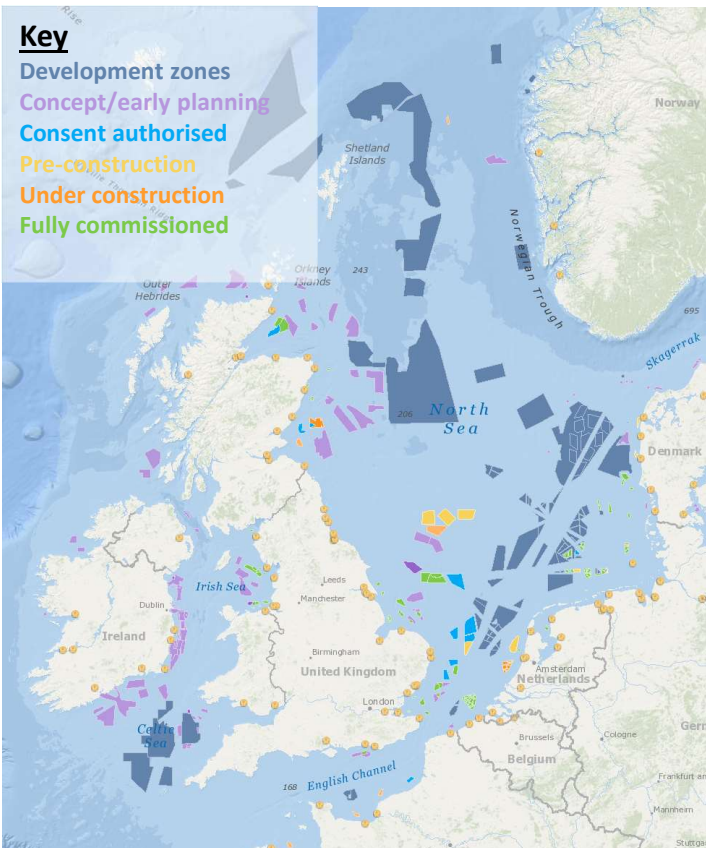
Figure 3-2: Gas migration in a water filled pore space.

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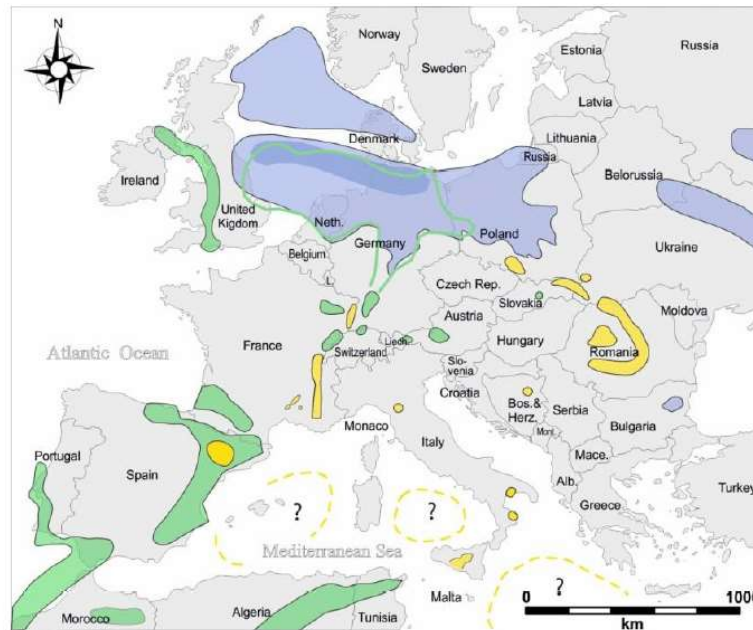
Offshore hydrogen storage



Offshore wind farm locations (North Sea) with gas field and salt cavern deposits

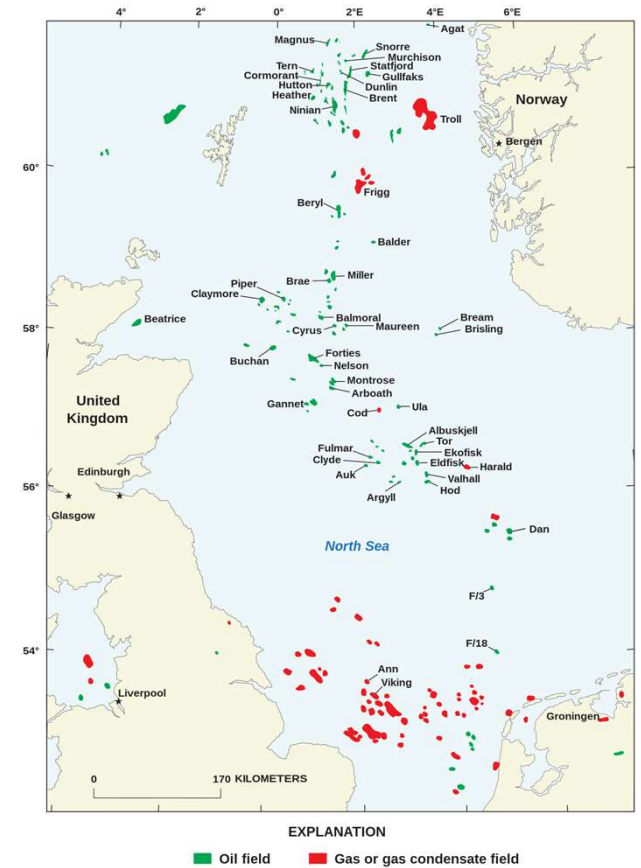


4C Offshore, a TGS Company, <https://map.4c offshore.com/offshorewind/>



- Tertiary salt deposit
- Mesozoic salt deposit
- Paleozoic salt deposit, Permian
- Estimated range of Tertiary salt offshore in the Mediterranean sea
- Range of Mesozoic salt above Permian
- Paleozoic salt deposit, Rotliegend below Permian

(modified from Gillhaus & Horvath 2008)



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Offshore hydrogen storage



Underwater isobaric containment vessels

- Energy bags
- Spheres

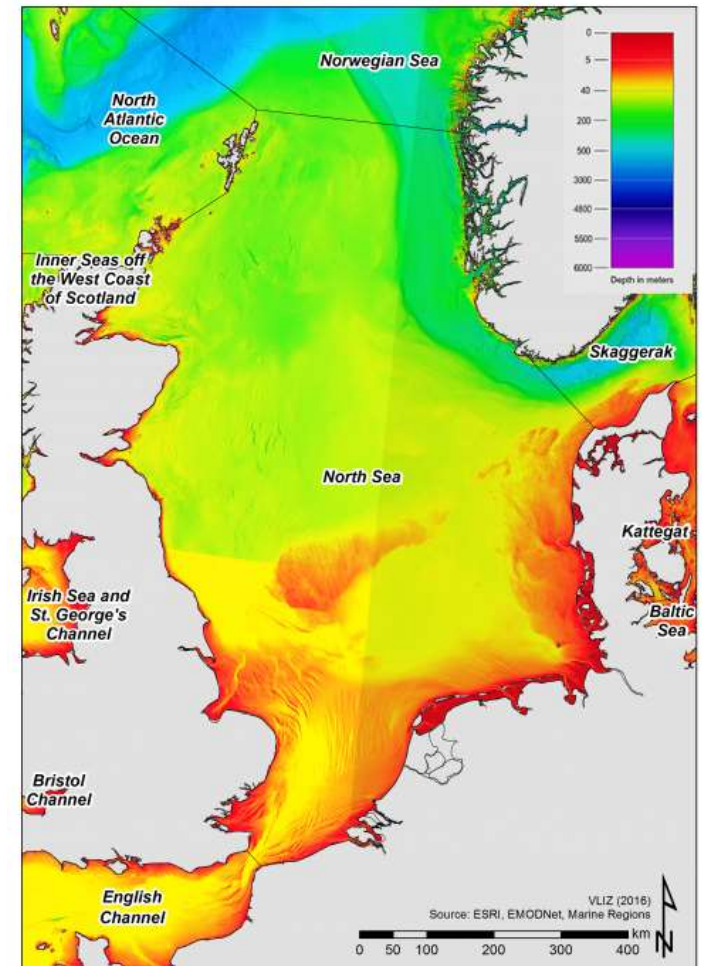


Pimm (2014) Design and testing of Energy bags for underwater compressed air energy storage.



Fraunhofer's 3m concrete sphere
Andrews (2018) A review of underwater compressed air storage

Depth	Pressure (bar)	Density (kg/m ³)	kg H ₂	Energy bags		Spheres			
				€/kg H ₂	€/MWh	Lower €/kg H ₂	Higher €/kg H ₂	Lower €/MWh	Higher €/MWh
20	2	0.17	229	£37	£927	0.32	1.6	8.2	41
40	4	0.35	457	£18	£464	0.16	0.81	4.1	21
100	10	0.87	1138	£7.3	£186	0.07	0.33	1.7	8.3
200	20	1.72	2263	£3.7	£94	0.03	0.16	0.8	4.2
400	40	3.40	4471	£1.9	£47	0.02	0.08	0.4	2.1
500	50	4.23	5555	£1.5	£38	0.01	0.07	0.3	1.7
600	60	5.04	6625	£1.3	£32	0.01	0.06	0.3	1.4
700	70	5.8465	7682	£1.1	£28	0.01	0.05	0.2	1.2



De Hauwere, Nathalie (2016) Bathymetry of the North Sea, <https://www.marinerregions.org/maps.php?album=3747&pic=115811>



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Summary

Summary



The compression and storage requirements are dependant on wind farm location

- Optimal energy transportation (offshore-onshore); which affects:
- Delivery and Storage Pressure
- Storage time
- Charging frequency
- Suitability of site for geological storage
- Phase: solid, slurry, liquid H, or gas
- Gas impurities

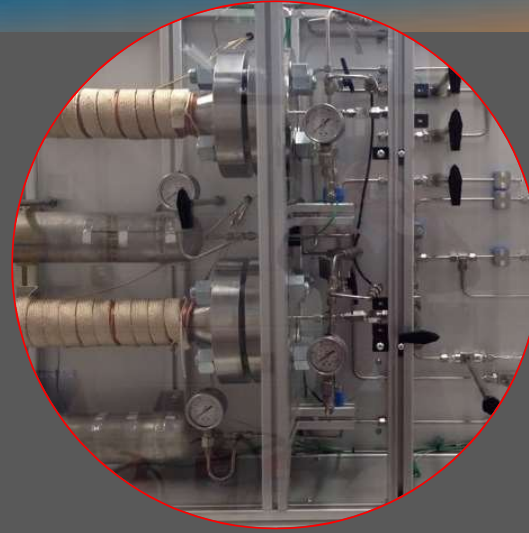
Electrolyser technology determines

- Output pressure
- Compression requirement for storage / transportation
- Gas impurities purity

Advantages of MHx technologies

- Utilising waste heat for compression
- Compact storage of hydrogen at atmospheric pressure

Cost influenced by all of the above

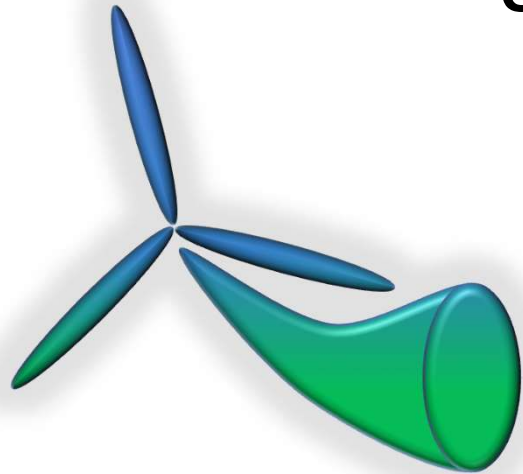


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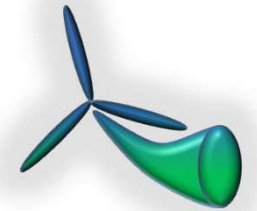
Ocean-REFuel (Ocean Renewable Energy Fuel)



WP4 - Networks, Compatibility and Demand

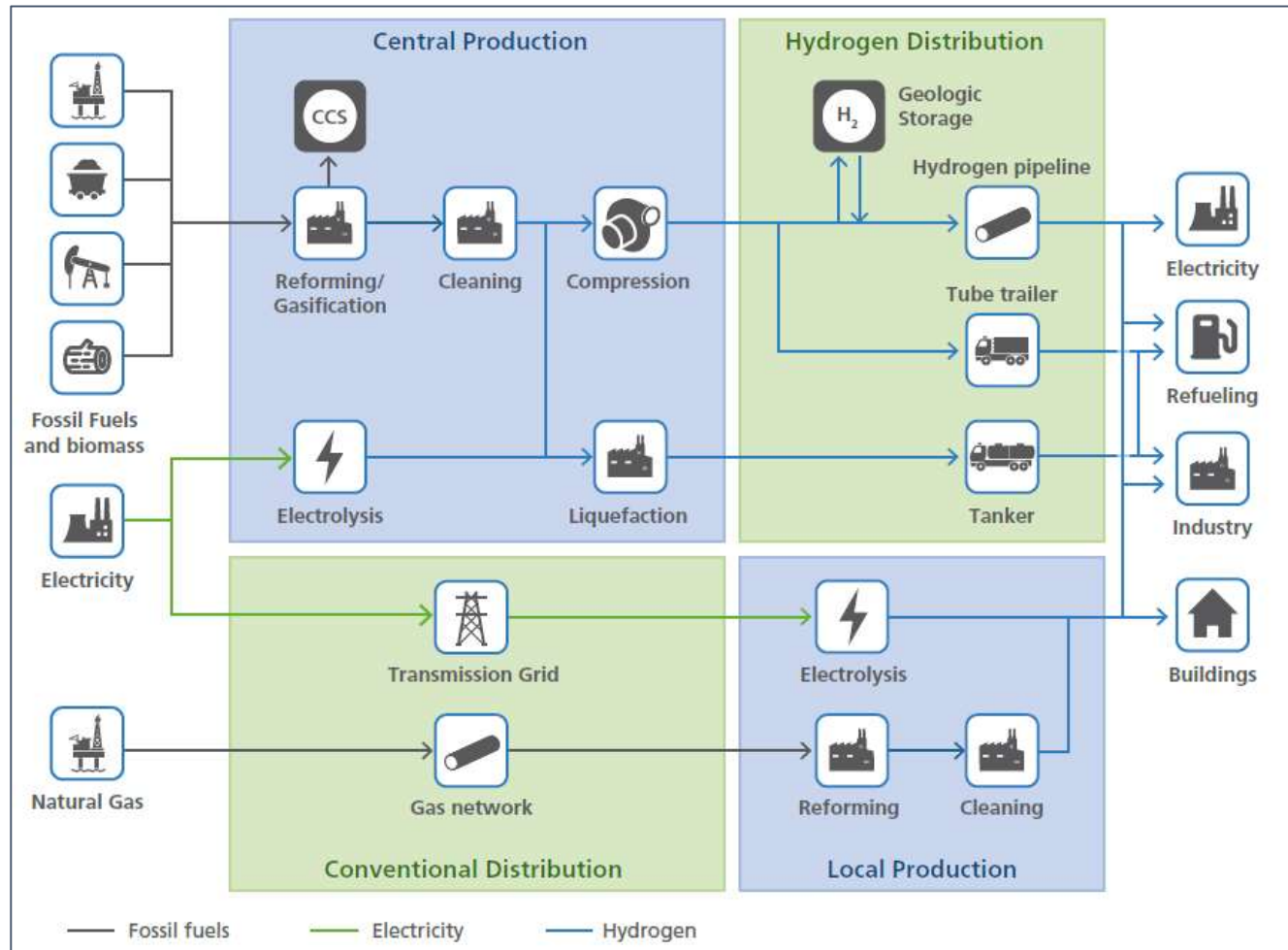


WP4 - Networks, Compatibility and Demand



- The techno-economics of the conversion of the H₂ to an alternative energy vector (if used).
- The performance of the energy vector during its transportation and storage
- The compatibility of the energy vector used with end-user technologies and whether there is a need for reconversion at or near the point of use.
- How industry, public and regulators/politicians perceive the technology solutions themselves, and the wider economy impacts of developing, deploying and using the technology. This is crucial in informing policy narratives around which consensus can build.

Systems view



Future low carbon systems need **low carbon energy vectors**:

- Electricity
- Hydrogen
- Biofuels
- Synthetic fuels

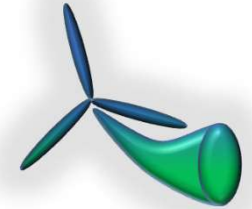
Different regions will have different proportions...

New service: negative emissions

How might ocean-derived fuels be used?

- Directly as H₂
 - Industrial feedstock/heating
 - Transport fleets
 - Grid injection for domestic/commercial heating
 - Energy storage (longer term)
- As other fuels – shipping, aviation, HGVs,
 - Conversion location is relatively flexible as fuel is fungible
 - NH₃
 - MeOH
 - Hydrocarbons
 - Convert H₂ near shore?

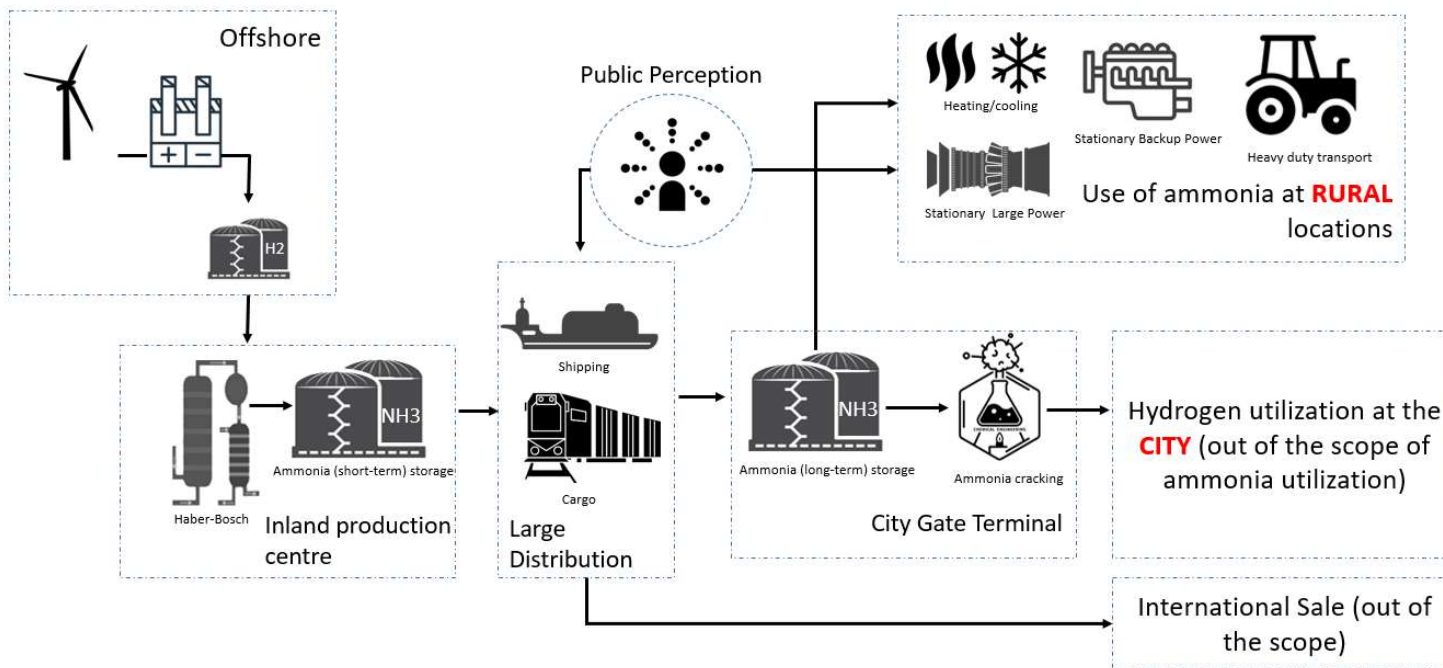
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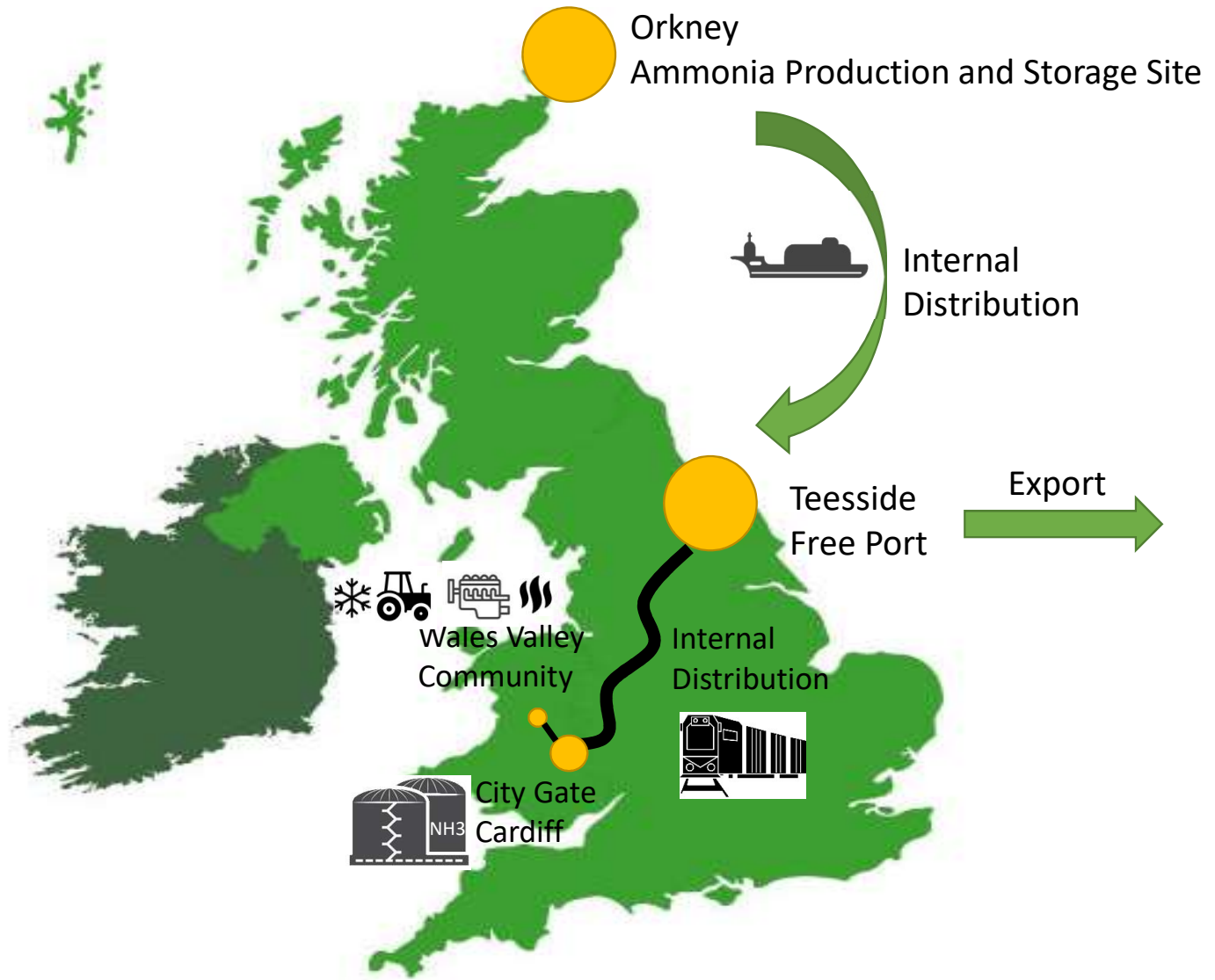
WP 4.1 Use of NH₃ as an alternative long-term/long-distance energy vector

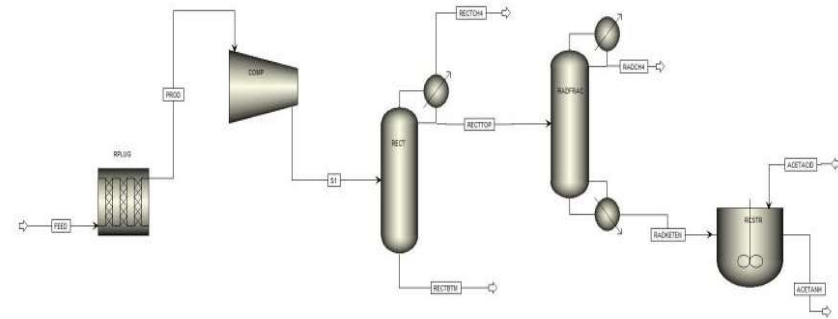
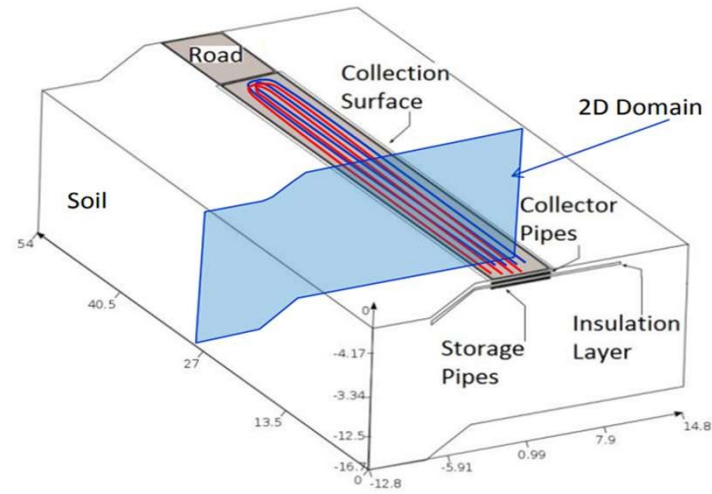
- Task 4.1.1. Numerical and experimental data on efficiency, energy, costs
- Task 4.1.2. Integration of systems for higher efficiencies to various sectors.
- Task 4.1.3: Study for the reconversion of ammonia to hydrogen at a larger "city-gate" scale.

SCOPE OF THE USE OF AMMONIA AS A HYDROGEN VECTOR

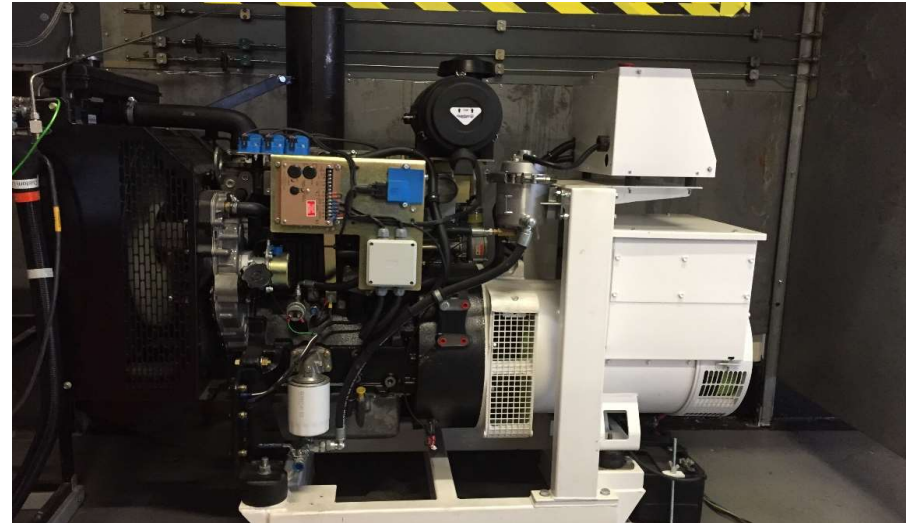


UK SCENARIO FOR AMMONIA UTILIZATION

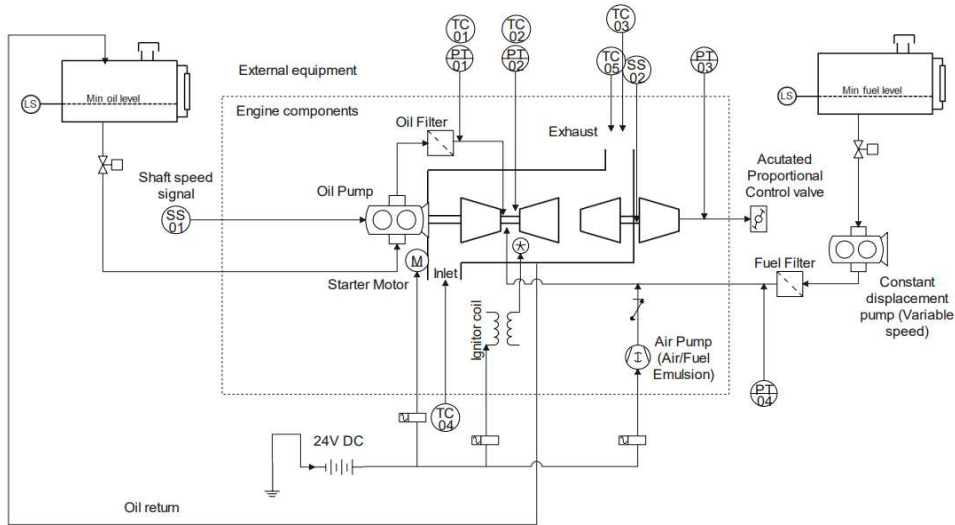




Underground Heat Pump modelling using ammonia as working fluid



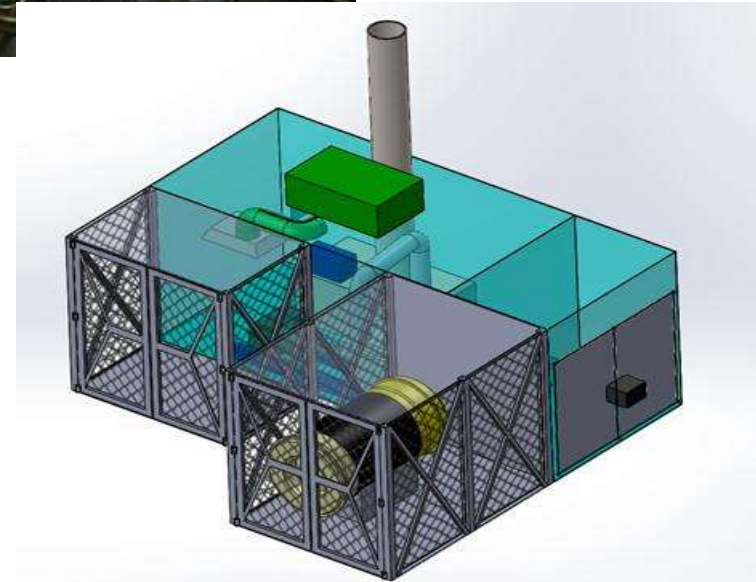
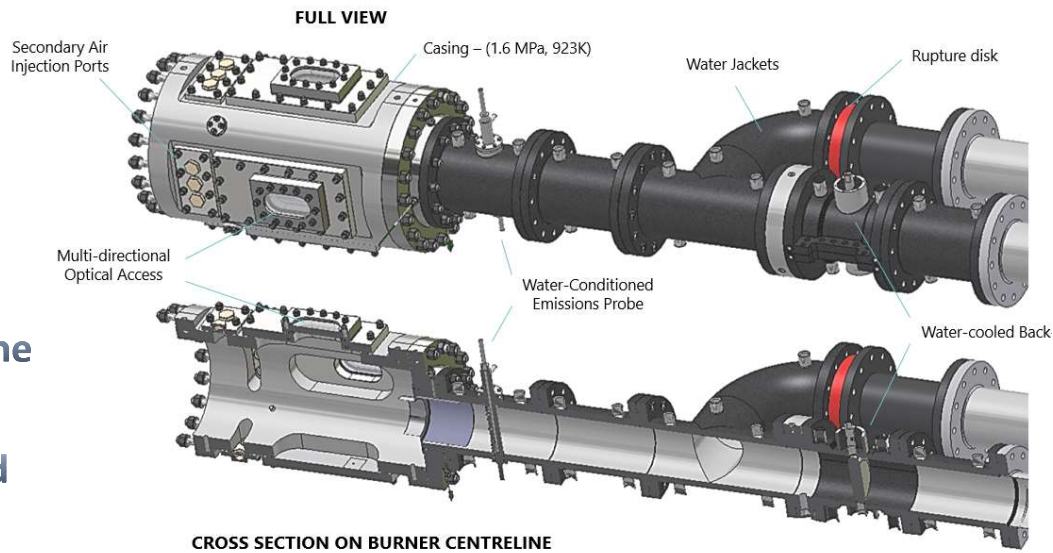
Performance, Injection strategies, Heat recovery, and Emissions (CO₂ and NO_x) using ICE-H₂/NH₃



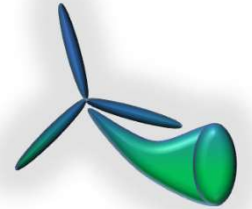
Shaft speed signal 1 - needs to be fitted to oil pump as engine does not have a speed sensor

Shaft speed signal 2 - needs to identify type of signal generated by sensor on engine

Ammonia Gas Turbine modelling using experimental data from SAFE-AGT and FLEXnCONFU



WP4 - Networks, Compatibility and Demand



WP 4.2 'Carboniferous' Hydrogen Supply

- *Task 4.2.1 Safety Assessment*
- *Task 4.2.2 End-use performance limitations* - what % of H₂ is feasible in end-use technologies?
- *Task 4.2.3 Accurate (fiscal) flow measurement*

Projects such as Hy4Heat and Hynet have explored the suitability of several end-use technologies at relatively low H₂ contents but additional

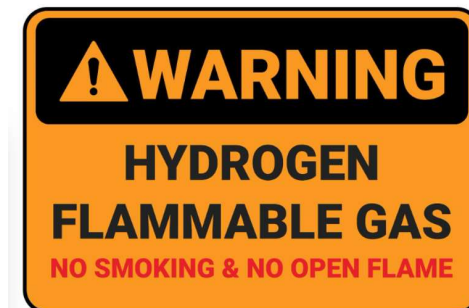
The move towards higher H₂ in the system may be limited either by H₂ availability or by the ability of end-users to accept pure H₂.

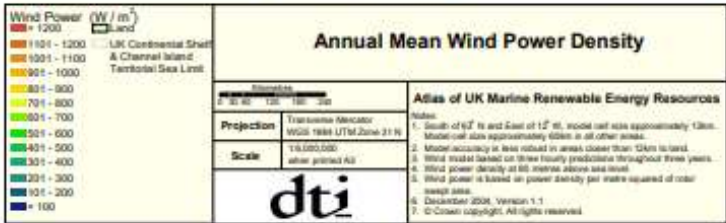
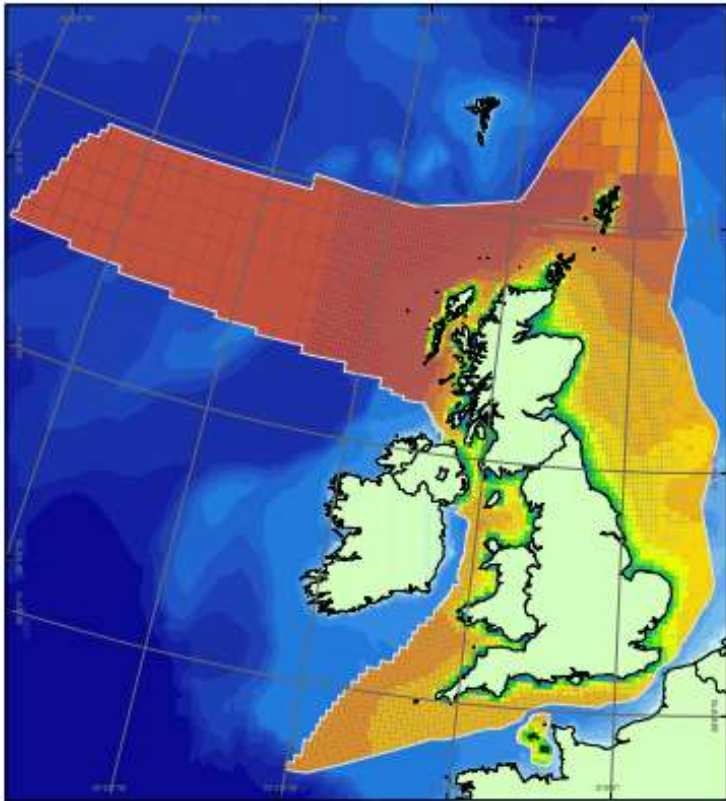
Green CO₂ from BECCS plus H₂ can be reacted to make a CH₄/H₂ blend that is suitable for end users but still 'net zero'.

Determining likely future operational limits for major system gas consuming technologies.

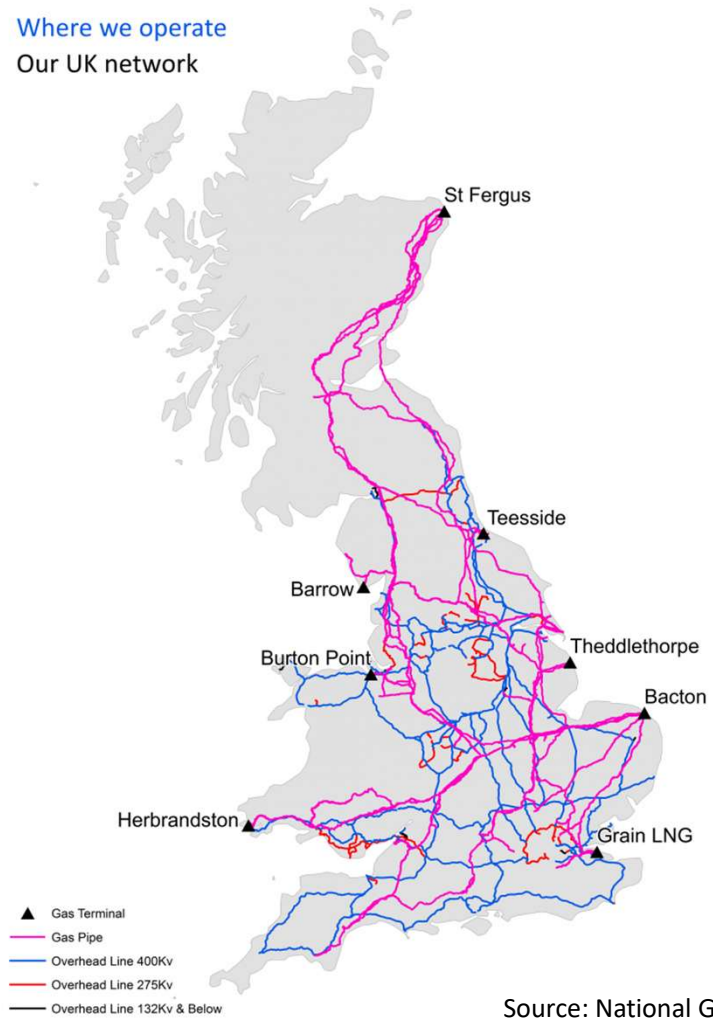
Proof of concept for gas flow measurement techniques.

Outline techno-economic analysis of one or two candidate technologies for CO₂ + H₂ conversion to CH₄ to create a suitable overall H₂/CH₄ blend.

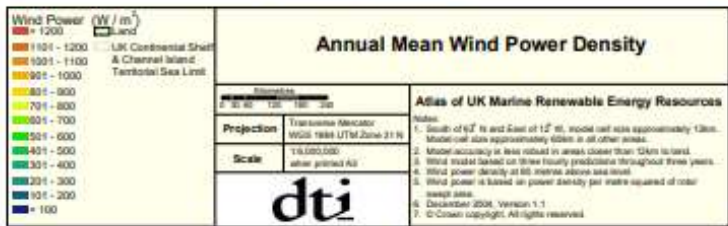
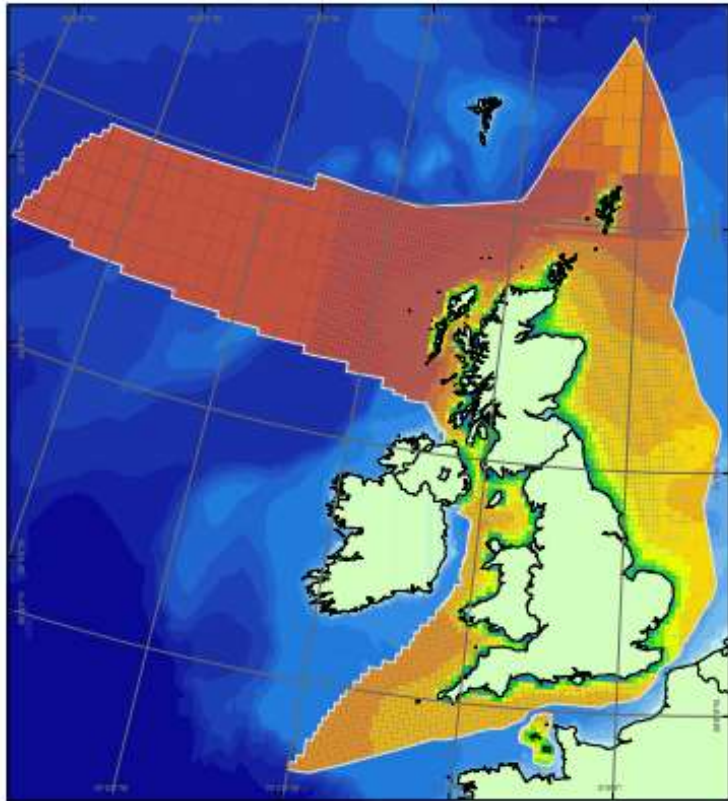




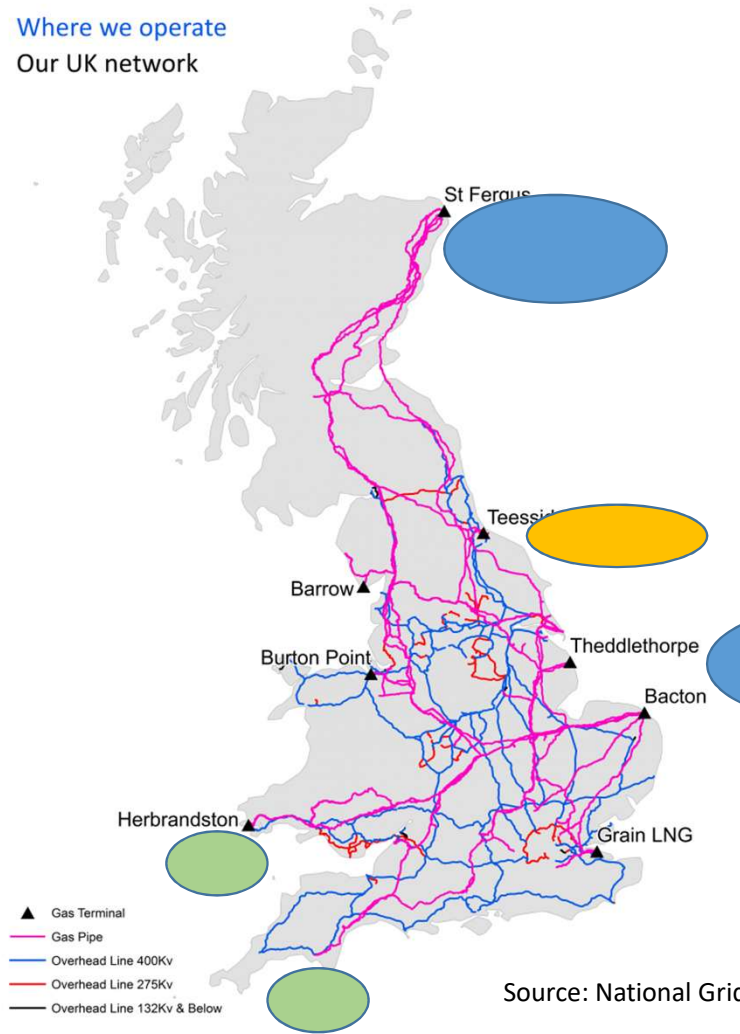
Where we operate
Our UK network



Source: National Grid



Where we operate
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- ▲ Gas Terminal
- Gas Pipe
- Overhead Line 400Kv
- Overhead Line 275Kv
- Overhead Line 132Kv & Below

Source: National Grid

Multiple pipeline routes
Pure H2?

Limited pipeline capacity – CO2 available – ‘net-zero’ methane?

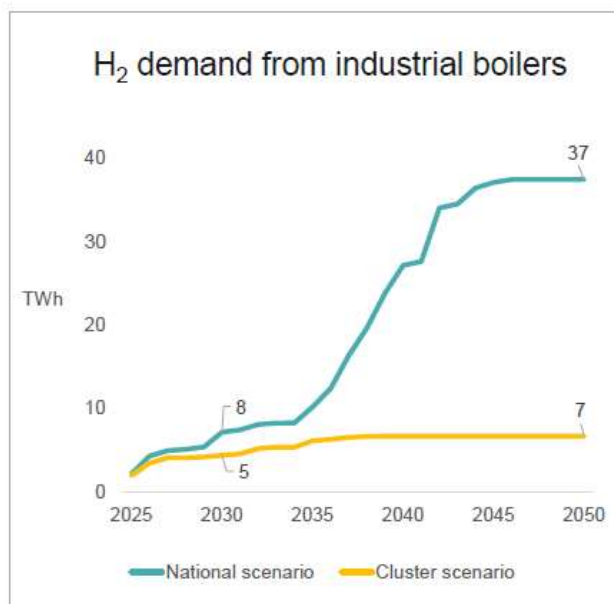
Single pipeline – transport as blend?

Possibilities

- Multiple gas connections – export as blend or pure H₂ – multiple lines gives optionality.
- Single gas connection – transport as H₂ blend only – or as ‘net-zero’ methane
- No adequate gas connection – transmit as power – H₂ Production elsewhere?
- No grid options – off-shore production and ship transfer?

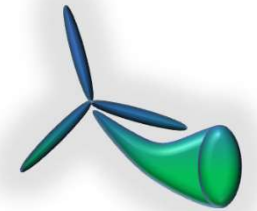
Industry – clusters and national

Why focus on industrial boilers



- Boilers could drive around 40-50% of hydrogen demand from industry by 2030. Demand continues to grow, particularly if H₂ available nationwide.
- Could abate between 1.3 MtCO₂ (cluster scenario) and 7.3 MtCO₂ (national scenario) per annum by 2050 = c.10% of industrial emissions in 2019.
- More standardised than other technologies, so easier to target interventions.
- H₂ boiler technology relatively advanced, so could be deployed at scale soon.

WP4 - Networks, Compatibility and Demand



WP4.3 Public Perception of technologies

Technological development has been focused on achieving more reliable, efficient and safe energy vectors.

Social sciences studies have been analysing the role of attitudes – across governments, industry and consumers - to these developments

- secure a future for zero-carbon alternatives and
- ensure a just transition to mid-century net zero targets.

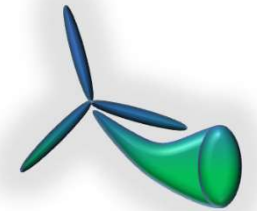
Public perception is a key element for the transition to renewable energies.

We focus on the importance of understanding these complex interactions between public and the development of new energy alternative technologies.

Work will be performed to build understanding of public perceptions and attitudes towards the use of NH_3 and H_2



WP4 - Networks, Compatibility and Demand



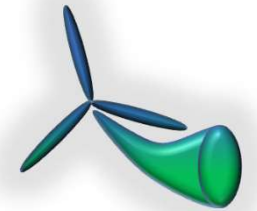
WP4.4 LCA and System Metrics (M1-M60)

- *Task 4.4.1 Technology level TEA and LCA assessments*
- *Task 4.4.2 Identify/analyse the wider economy impacts*
- *Task 4.4.3 Assessment of key resource flows, waste generation and circular management*

Hydrogen and NH₃ energy systems based on offshore renewable electricity generation can be inherently low carbon, but risk introducing trade-offs in other sustainability metrics (safety, environmental, economics, thermodynamic, resource efficiency, and planetary boundaries).

- This work package will develop and deploy a suite of techniques to comprehensively evaluate candidate systems, linking technology-level assessments of key components to assess systems.
- Techno-economic and life cycle assessment models will be developed from technology-level assessments of key system components (offshore renewable energy; electrolysis; NH₃/carboniferous fuel production; H₂ and NH₃ storage and transport infrastructure; end use applications)
- These will be complemented by economic (Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) and scenario simulation models which will develop generic understanding of how the implications of deploying key system components, in terms of how these integrate with current energy supply and use sectors, may impact across the wider UK economy.
- Iterative work will be continuously updated with insights from technical work including cost, inefficiency, or environmental impact, as well as impacts on competitiveness, GDP, jobs, earnings, and potential for new economic activities, identifying the most promising system configurations to deliver fuels and feedstocks for downstream applications.
- Abundant materials can pose challenges, where end-of-life management is difficult (e.g., composite wind turbine blade materials; solid state H₂ storage alloys). Material flow analysis models will be developed to track stocks and flows of these key materials under illustrative deployment scenarios of the candidate systems.
- Other LCA metrics such as global warming potential, damages to resources and damages to human health and ecosystems will compare alternative systems and identify sustainability hotspots.

WP4 - Networks, Compatibility and Demand



WP4.5 Overall System Optimisation

Task 4.5.1 Value chain definition

Task 4.5.2 Value chain model development

Task 4.5.3 Value chain optimisation

- In this WP, value chain superstructure models will be developed to capture the interactions between the different nodes of the system and embed technological detail (e.g. power generation, hydrogen production/fuel production, fuel transport and storage, end-use technologies) in the nodes of the value chain.
- Optimisation models informed by the technical details arising from the other work packages as well as the economic and environmental analyses of WP4.4 will be used to optimise whole system design against a range of metrics.
- These value chain optimisation models will be used for regional case studies which explore trade-offs between objectives and the values different technologies bring to the system and also to assess performance levels that technologies will need to meet for them to play a substantial role in the overall system.
- There will be considerable iteration between this WP and all the others since the contribution of each technology to the performance of the system as a whole and its sensitivity to technology parameters will be important in other WPs.

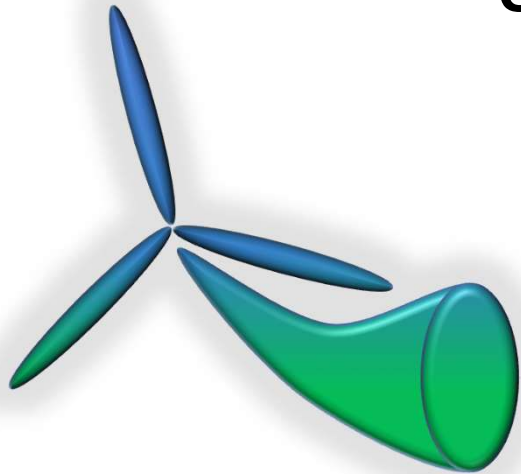
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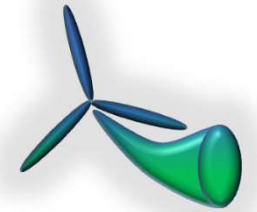


Ocean-REFuel (Ocean Renewable Energy Fuel)

Cross-cutting: systems engineering

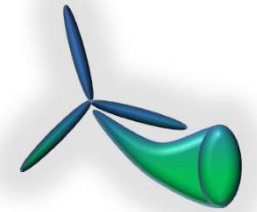


Systems questions



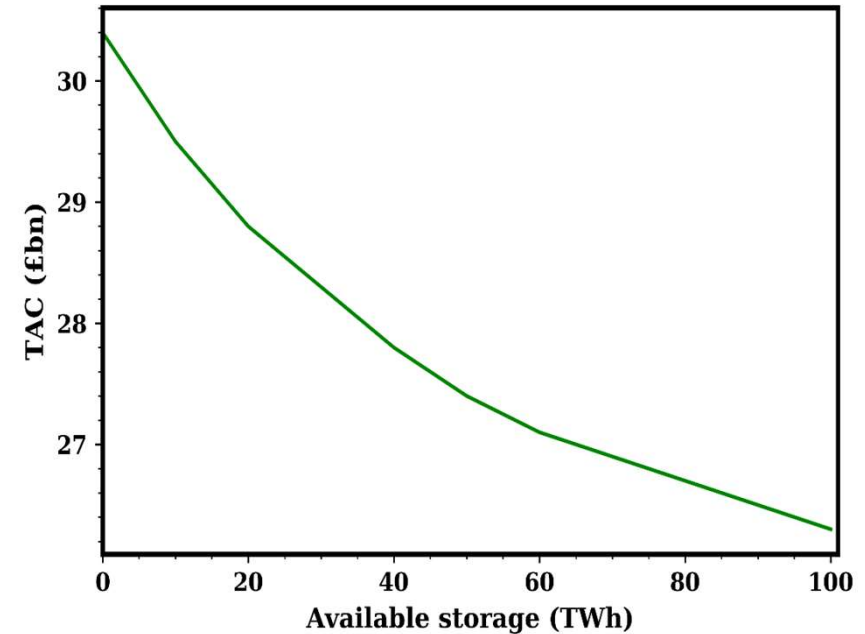
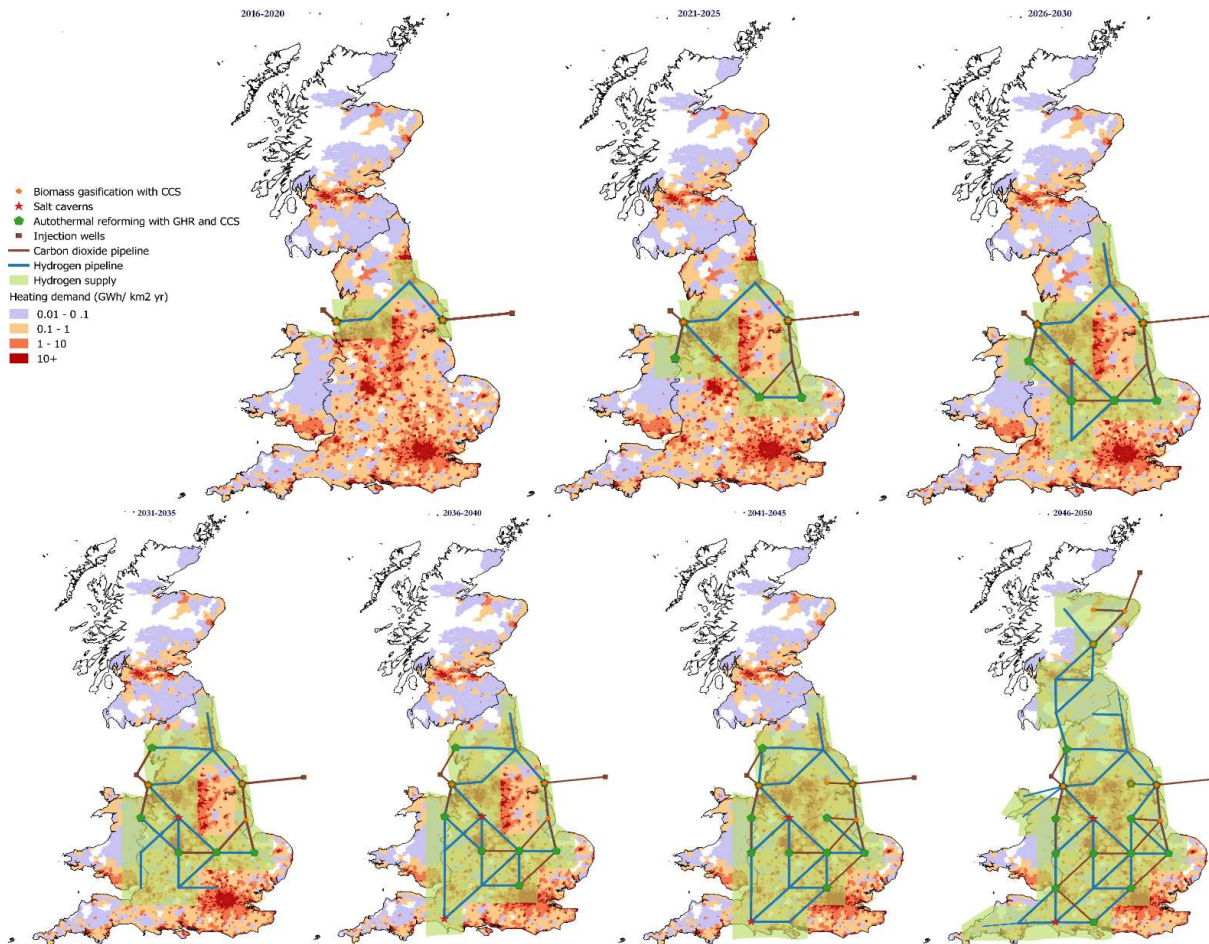
- Where to establish the system boundary (especially on the demand side)
 - How far onshore to explore infrastructure (in conjunction with WP4)
- Where will our fuels be most valuable?
- How does that compare with the most favourable supply location?
- Are there opportunity costs in the conversion process (displacement of useful renewable electricity)?
- What vectors are best to move between locations (electricity, H2, chemical fuels, ...)?
- How to operate the system dynamically?
- How does the system dovetail with the UK's energy (and hydrogen strategy) to 2030 and beyond?
- Where are the innovation and policy pinch-points in the system?

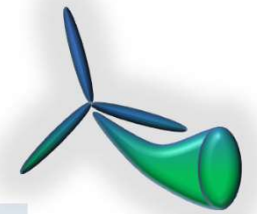
Context: Hydrogen – roles in the future energy system



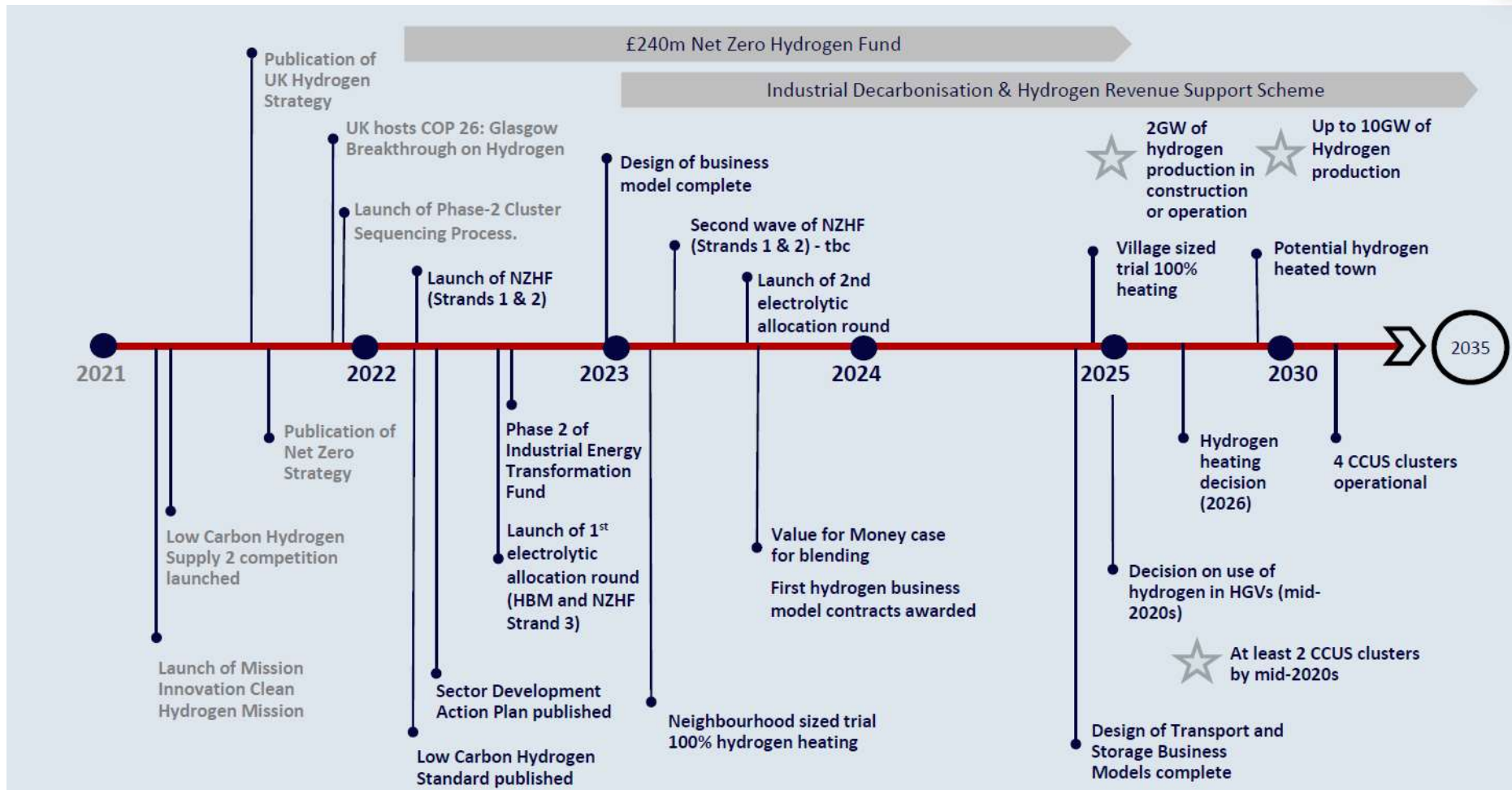
- Industrial feedstock and reductant
 - Existing and new processes (iron, synthetic fuels, ...)
- Industrial, commercial and residential heating
- Low carbon power generation/CHP
- Transport
 - Heavier duty/longer range vehicles, trains, marine, aviation?
- Energy storage and renewables integration/cost reduction
- Long distance low-carbon energy transport
- ...

Systems engineering: aim to establish how “best” the system evolves over time

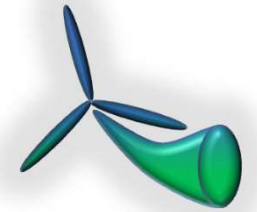




Context: UK H2 roadmap



System design: problem statement



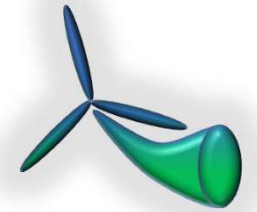
Identify the best strategy of expansion planning for offshore wind power generation in terms of:

1. location of offshore wind farms,
2. Technology selection
 - 2.1. Electrolyzer type : turbine-integrated, wind farm hub, alkaline, PEM, or SOEC (centralised or decentralised)
 - 2.2. Energy transmission method: direct through cable , indirect through hydrogen carrier (hydrogen, ammonia, etc)
3. Dynamic operation and control
4. Integration with onshore infrastructure – what is required at port-side and what is assumed beyond?

What are the metrics to assess the system (e.g. system value, levelised cost of energy,)?

How to ensure effective integration (not competition) with onshore fuel production?

Model development



A mathematical optimization problem is being developed, by evaluating, justifying or rejecting the following assumptions:

- Operational strategy: even or independent distribution of the electricity load
- Considering the time horizon of 8 years (2022 -2030), or only a certain target year for the abovementioned expansion commitment of 40 GWs.
- Considering the interactions with onshore grid
- Considering utility-scale battery integration
- Considering the possibility of energy storage using hydrogen
- Temporal variations in the electricity price and opportunity costs

Ongoing research: Problem formulation

Objective function: levelized costs of hydrogen and electricity (LCOH & LCOE),

Constraints: Satisfying demand for electricity and hydrogen over the time horizon of 2023-2030,

Constraints: modelling economics, including capital costs and operational expenses,

Constraints: energy balance of electricity flows,

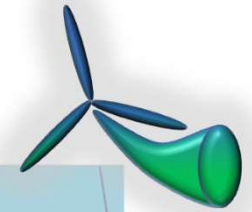
Constraints: mass balance of hydrogen flows,

Constraints: lean model (perform. curves) of electrolyzers,

Constraints: lean model (perform. curves) of fuel cells,

Constraints: Electricity network model

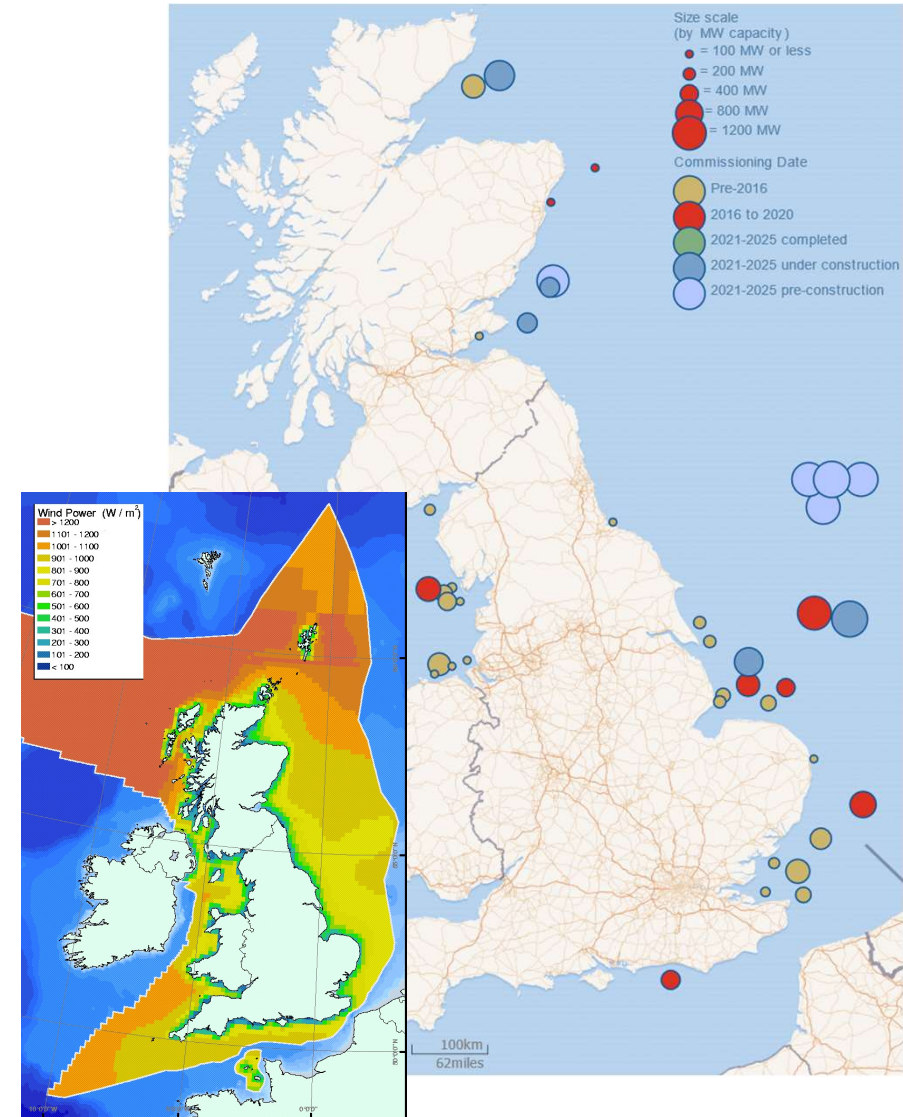
Constraints: technical limitation of process equipment, and infrastructure



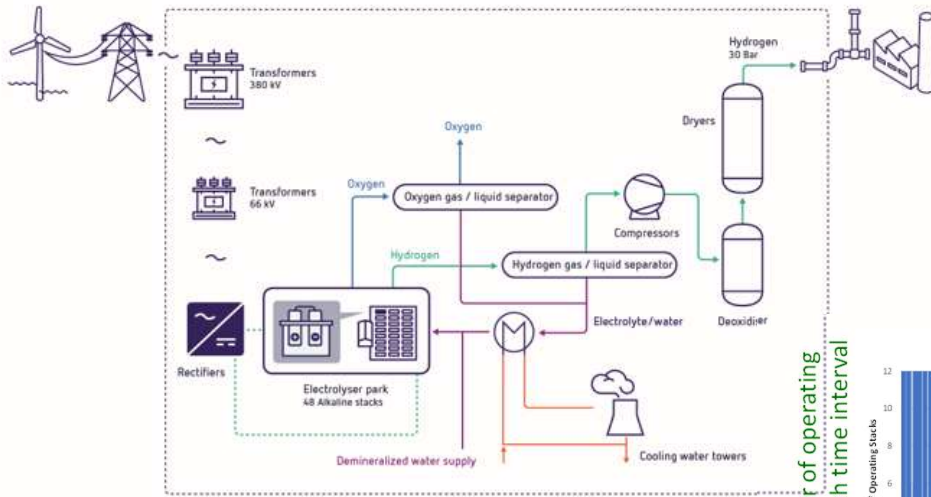
Source: ArcGIS – UK Offshore Wind Energy ([Link](#))

Data requirements

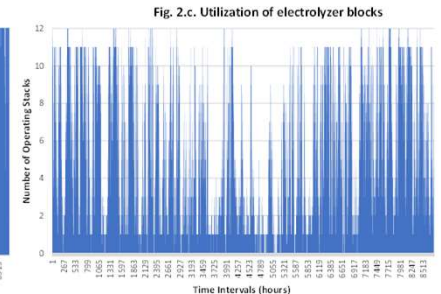
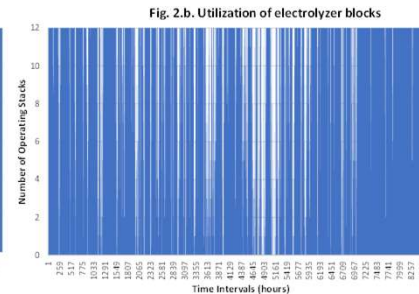
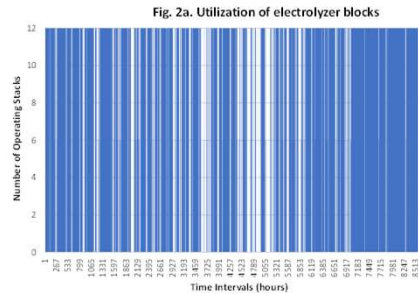
- The location of existing offshore wind farms,
- The potential location of future offshore wind farms,
- The wind profile associated with the location of existing and potential wind farms
- The potential of integrating electrolyser with future WTs
- The temporal distribution of demand for hydrogen and electricity over 2023-2030 time horizon
- The performance of the electrolyser technologies [PEM, AWE, SOEC,]



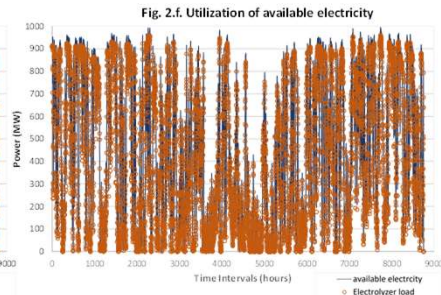
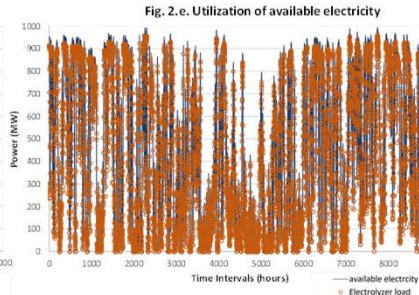
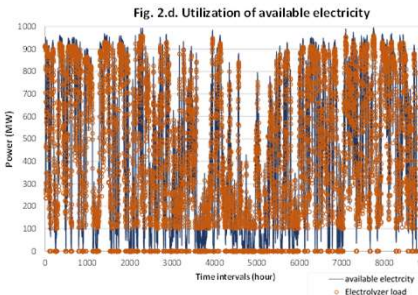
Previous related research: Integrated design and operation of 1GW facility



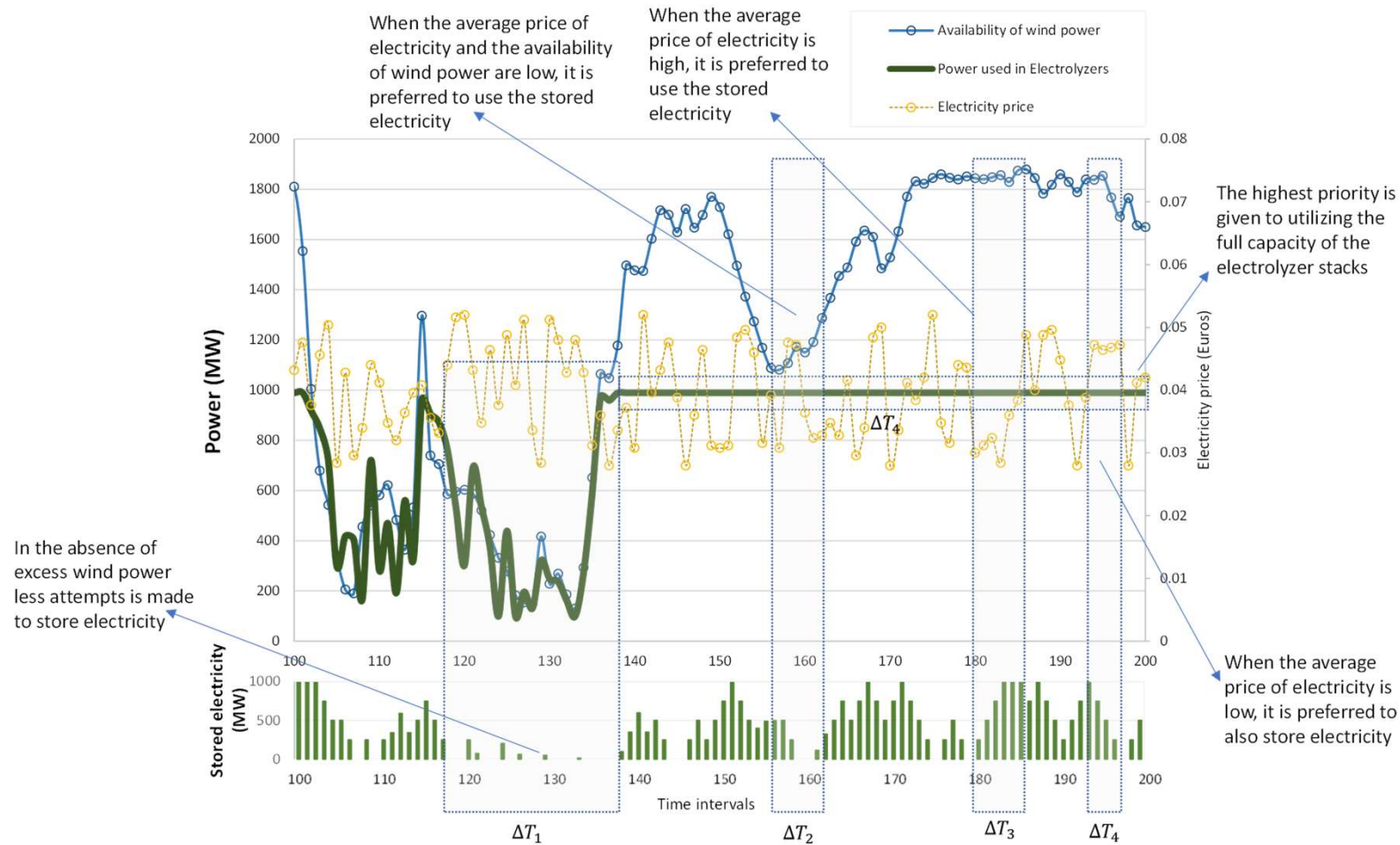
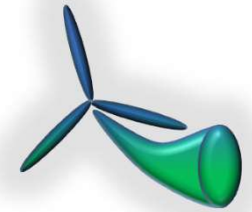
The number of operating stacks at each time interval



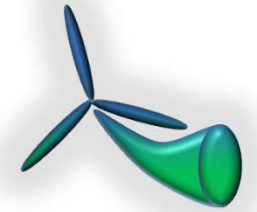
Electrolyzer utilization vs wind power



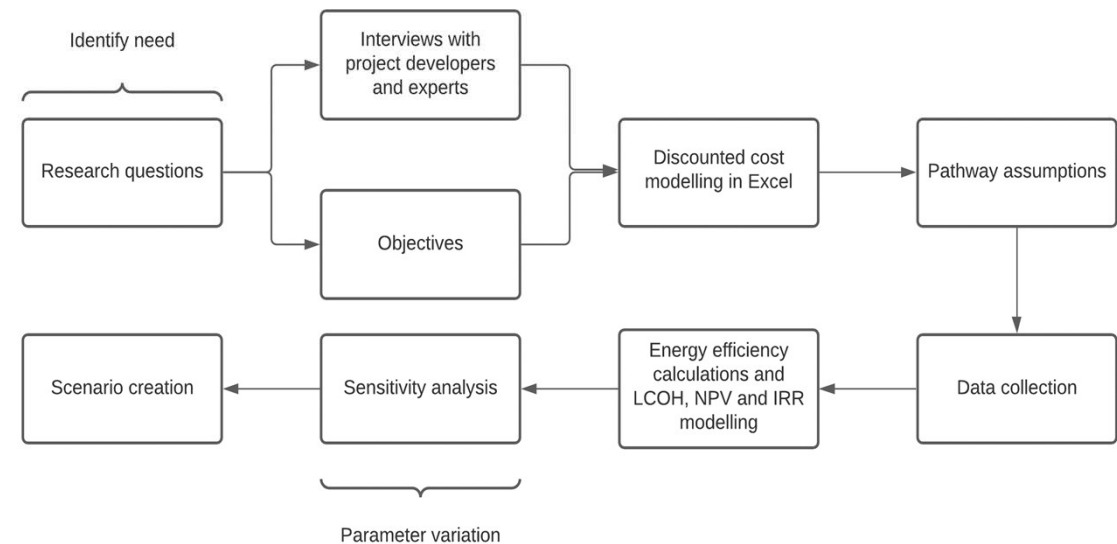
System dynamics



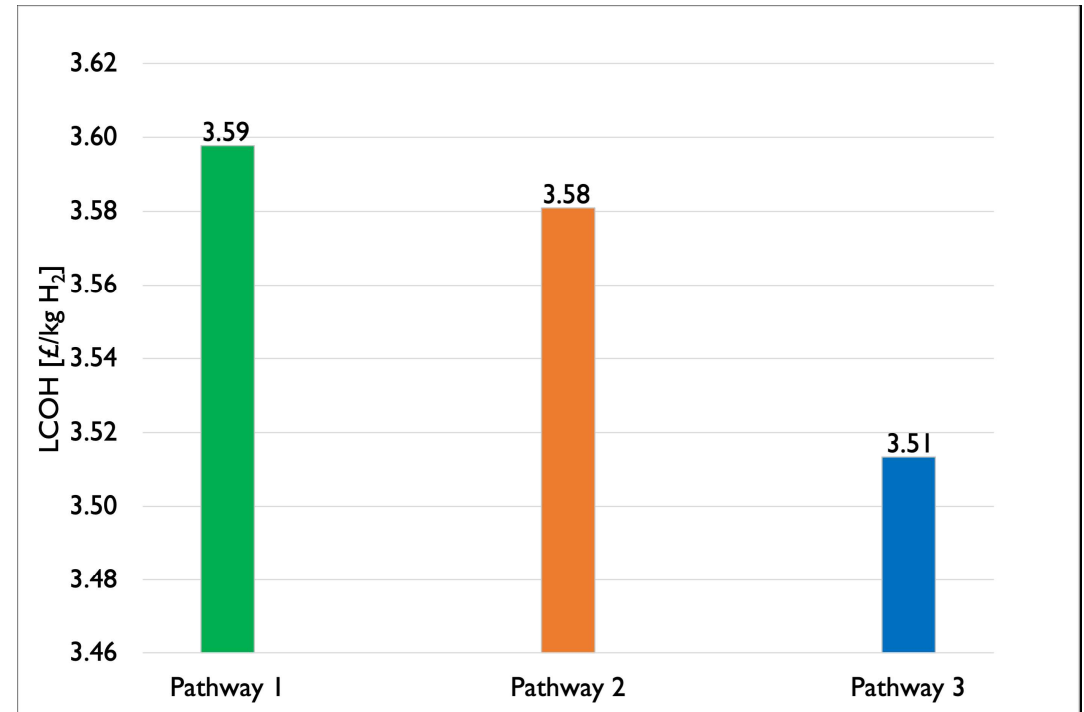
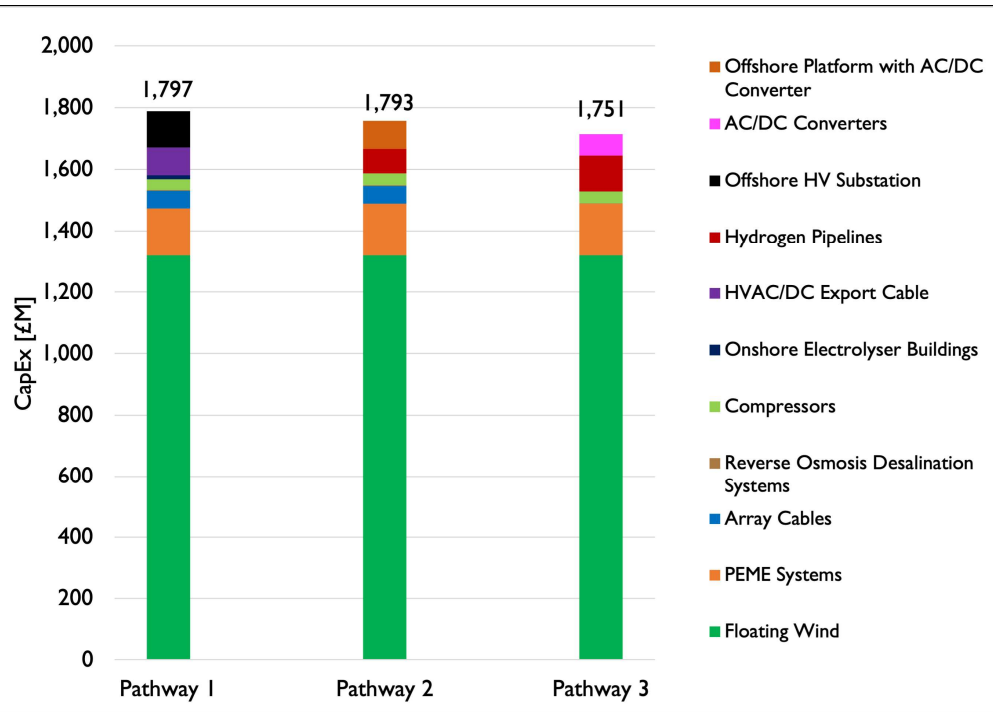
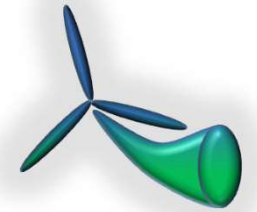
Current analysis: trade-offs



- Pathway 1: floating wind array, offshore electrical substation, HV export to onshore substation, PEME onshore
- Pathway 2: floating wind array; inter-array cables to a centralised PEME electrolysis off-shore platform. Hydrogen gas pipeline to shore.
- Pathway 3 integrated electrolysis at each floating turbine with inter-array hydrogen collectors and hydrogen pipeline to shore.



Preliminary results: CAPEX and LCOH



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Cross-cutting themes and Integration – the Economic System

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The energy system is part of the ECONOMIC system

Conditions and responses in the wider economic system are crucial in determining what happens *in*, and the impacts *of* activity in any part of the energy system

Ultimately, the political/economic feasibility of energy system solutions depends on issues such as:

- The outcomes in terms of choice and efficiency for different (household, business, other) users
- Net impacts on all elements of energy costs/price faced by different users
- Direct and indirect impacts on the cost of living and the inflationary process

- Transition of existing and creation of new jobs – set against replacement and displacement of others
- Impacts on real wage rates and incomes to worker – competitive labour costs for different UK sectors
- Overall impacts on competitiveness of UK producers – not limited to energy costs

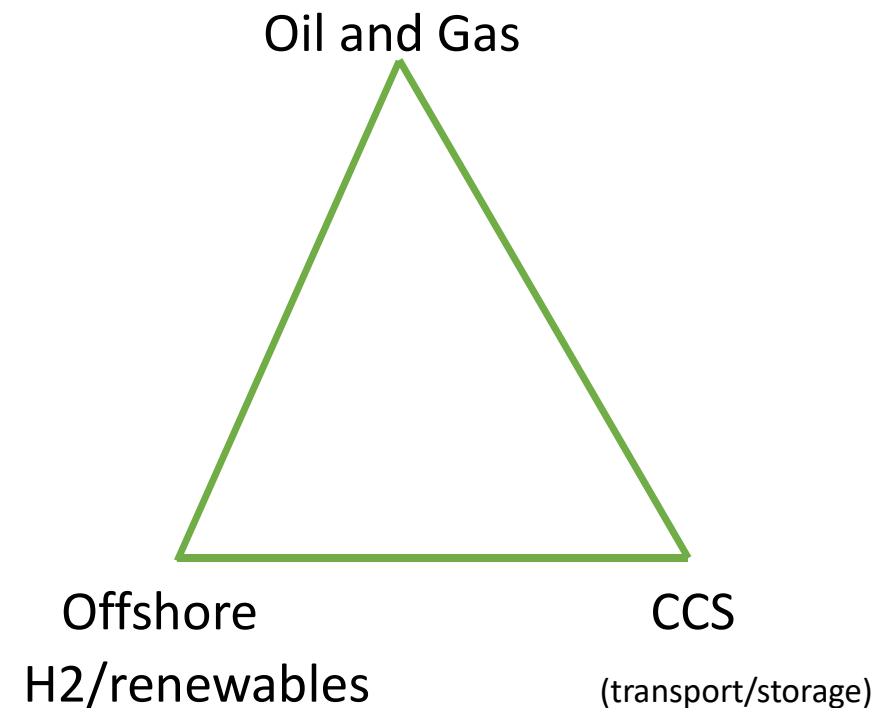
- Value of infrastructure and capacity transitioned and created – focus on UK productivity
- Macroeconomic impacts extending to GDP, public budget, trade balance etc.
- Absolute and distributional impacts at regional, sectoral and household levels

Integrating economic system analysis into Ocean-REFuel

- 1. Integrating the new energy system activity identified in the engineering work into a multi-sector economy-wide model of the UK economy**
 - UKENVI, a computable general equilibrium (CGE) model previously developed to look at a wide range of energy, climate and economic policy issues
 - Including enabling and realising residential energy efficiency actions, the EV roll-out, introducing and deploying carbon capture and storage (CCS)
 - Understanding how carbon pricing and energy price shocks ripple across the economy
- 2. Developing and running dynamic scenario simulations with focus on how implications and responses in different markets and sectors govern the wider economy outcomes and consequences**
 - *How might different outcomes and consequences in different timeframes be affected by changes in how energy system projects are delivered, and/or by policy interventions?*

Conceptualising the nature and role of the offshore energy sector

- Effectively a new sector in the economy?
- Doesn't yet exist/report in economy-wide national accounts (input-output, IO, tables reported by ONS)
- Can we identify a benchmark/proxy from current IO?
 - Electricity, transmission and distribution?
 - Gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains; steam and air conditioning supply?
 - Extraction Of Crude Petroleum And Natural Gas & Mining Of Metal Ores?
- Enables initial 'what if' reporting and scenario simulation
- Including focus on benefits of retaining already established supply chain capacity
- But also need to investigate differences in what is produced, how valued and by whom
- Benchmark basis for consultation to ultimately refine to how new industry activity actually integrates into economy



A wide range of policy and research challenges

- The integration of new energy supply options into the economy is complex
- Once we've established what the new energy supply sector looks like, and what it is producing, just how is it deployed?
 - E.g., is there a need to initially over-size capacity – what are the capital expenditure implications, who pays, how and when, how can the process be de-risked?
- What demand does the new sector serve, what and how does it replace and/or integrate with via existing/new networks and markets?
 - E.g., industrial use of hydrogen may begin with continued purchase and 'in-house' reforming of natural gas, which will have (sunk?) investment and network implications for firms – how does hydrogen ultimately become a substitute for industrial users?
- Which actors (industry, regulator, government) are responsible, able and willing to act at what stages in the supply/demand process?
- How can/will the picture evolve over time and under different circumstances?