## A long(ish) view of sustainable energy

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## Perspective

## My career journey

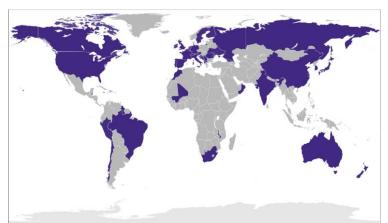




## E4tech: Strategy | Energy | Sustainability

- International consulting firm, offices in UK and Switzerland
- Focus on sustainable energy
- 21 years old this year, always independent
- Deep expertise in technology, business and strategy, market assessment, techno-economic modelling, policy support...
- Spectrum of clients from start-ups to global corporations

























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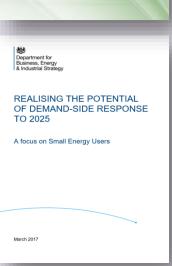


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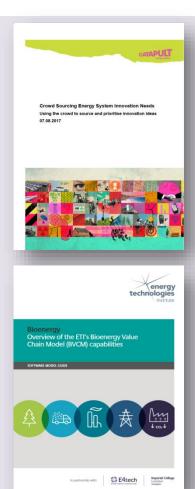








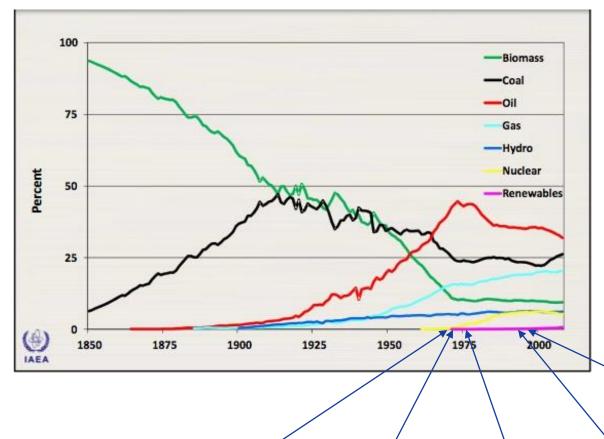






## Long view and long(ish) view

### Shares of global primary energy forms









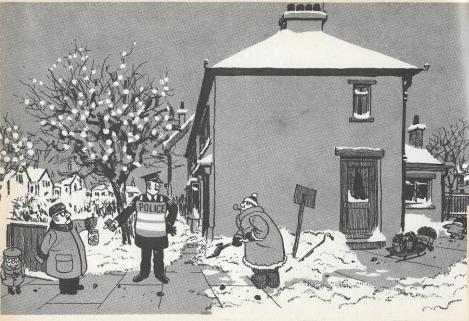






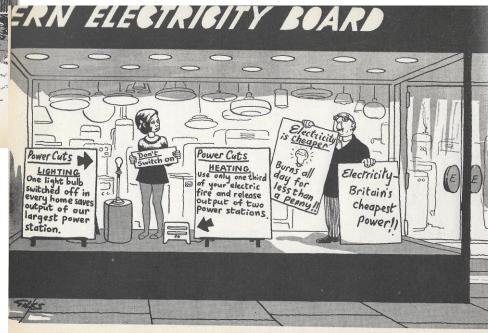


## Residential energy in 1972



"This gentleman claims your boy sold his boy these two goldfish for his entire stock of coal."

Daily Express, February 1st, 1972



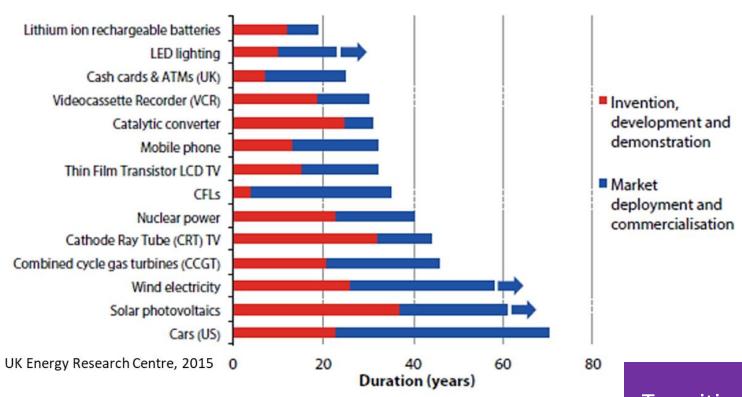
"With the emergency ending I think we can replace the old display cards, Miss."

Daily Express. March 2nd. 1972



### 'Hardware is hard'

#### Time taken for development and commercialisation of a range of innovations



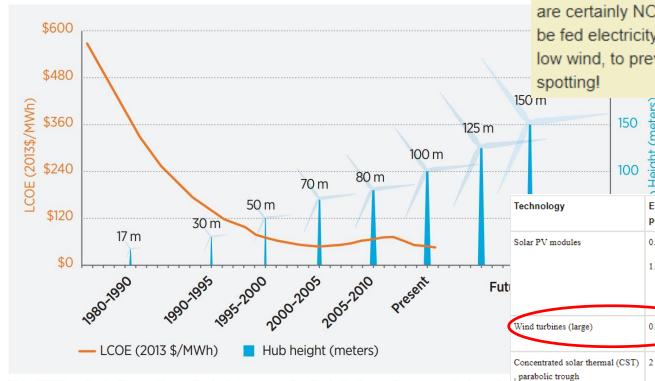
Transitions take a long time



## Renewable electricity

### Wind – economic success, but public discourse still mixed





Note: LCOE is estimated in good to excellent wind resource sites (typically those with average wind speeds of federal production tax credit. Hub heights reflect typical turbine model size for the time period.

#### **US** Department of Energy

Worse yet - these stupid bird mincers will NEVER generate enough power to offset their construction, transportation and installation! They are certainly NOT "green". They actually have to be fed electricity to keep them turning in periods of low wind, to prevent their bearings seizing or flatspotting! 150 m (meters People care about 150 life cycle impacts 100 Technology Energy payback Expected lifetime of Reference period (years) technology (years) 0.5 - 1.8**Ethenakis** Solar PV modules (2012)1.5 30 Raugei et al (2012)

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Nuclear (high-grade uranium)

Nuclear (low-grade uranium)

Martinez et al. (2009)

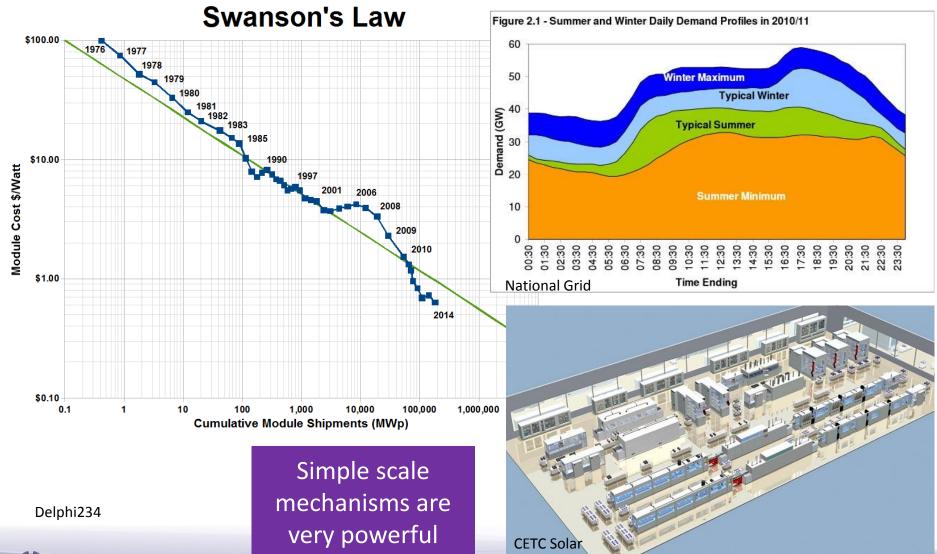
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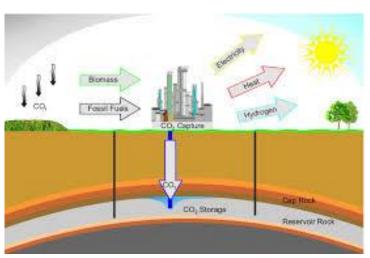
## Solar – huge scale potential, some challenges in UK





## Biomass (and CCS) – probably essential despite drawbacks

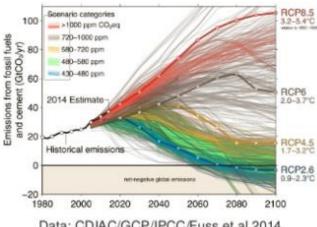






### The need for negative emissions

- IPCC AR5: Achieving 2°C is still possible, but it entails huge contributions from bioenergy - in most scenarios combined with Carbon Capture & Storage to go "negative".
- BECCS need → 2-10 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr in 2050 ≈ 5-25% of 2010 CO2 emissions
- Current global mean removal of CO2 by ocean and land sinks is 9.2 ± 1.8 Gt CO2 and 10.3 ± 2.9 Gt CO2, resp.



Data: CDIAC/GCP/IPCC/Fuss et al 2014

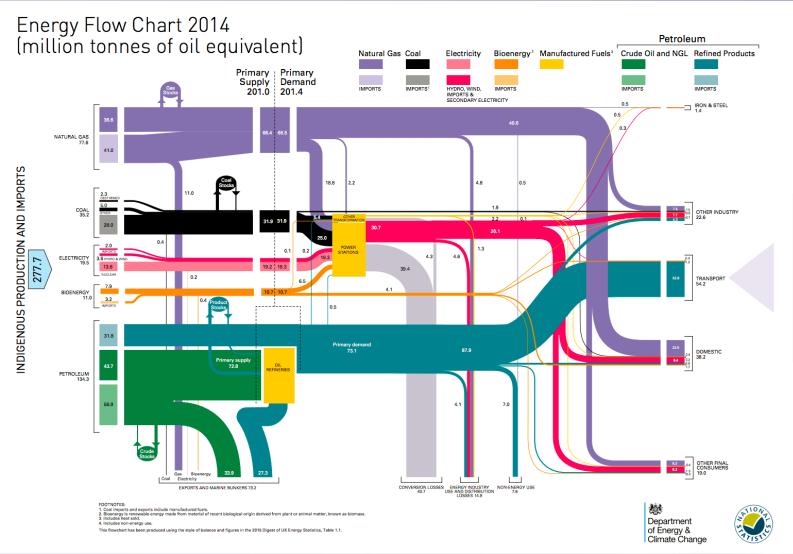
Fuss et al. (2014), Nature Climate Change

Huge market failures require long term investments



## Transport energy

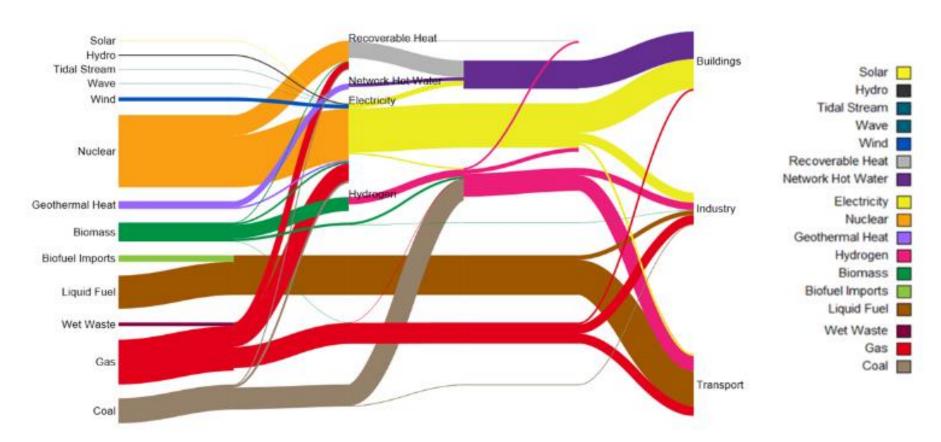
### Transition = from this....



Transport ~40% of UK energy

## ...To something like this

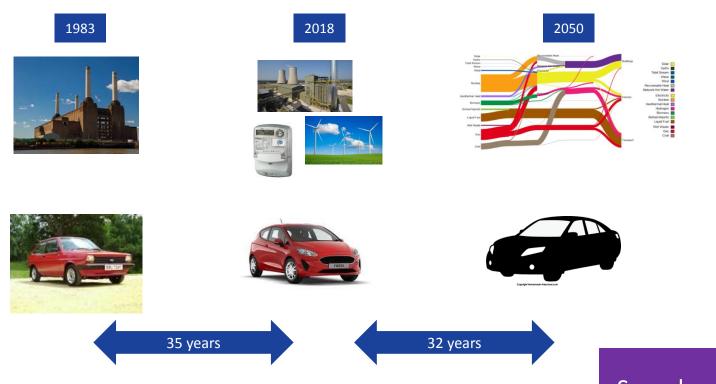
#### ETI 2050 scenario

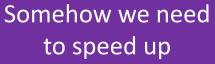


Source: ETI



## Change needs to accelerate in energy and transport

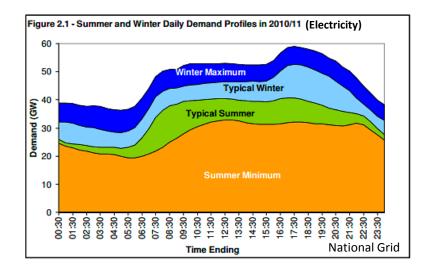




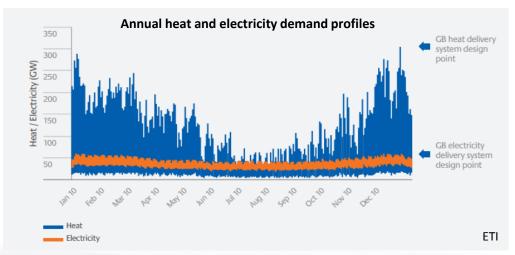


## Added complexity: the system is dynamic

Daily (and weekly)



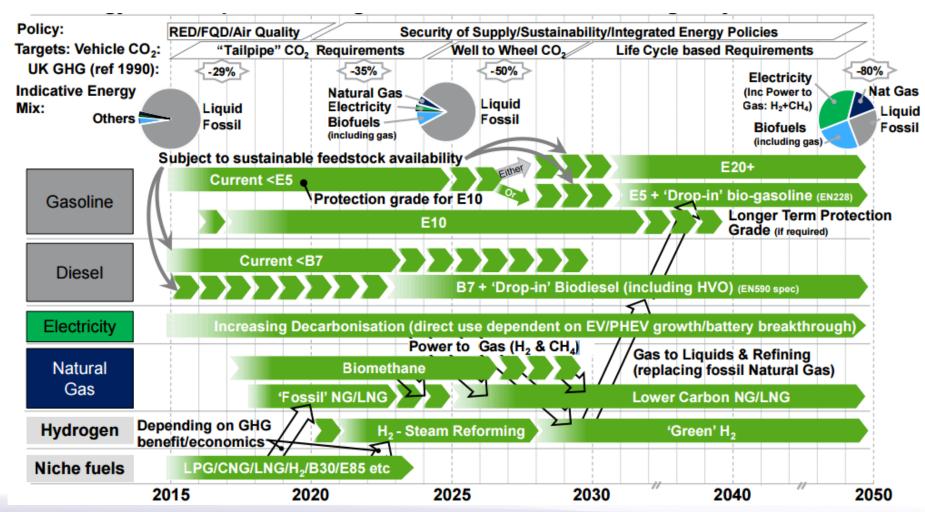
Seasonally (and annually)





# Transport energy transition does not have a simple solution

#### **UK Automotive Council Energy & Fuels Consensus Roadmap**





## Different overall approaches to carbon reduction

### **Conventional thinking**

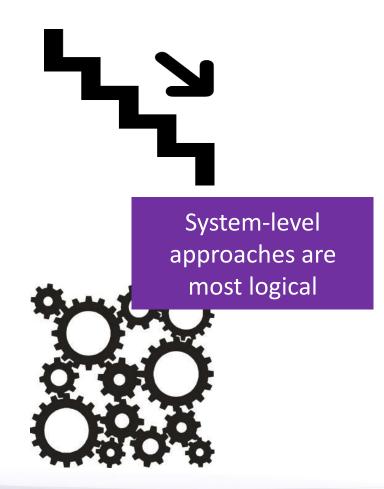
Work through GHG reduction challenges in order of increasing difficulty:

- 1. Electricity
- 2. Heat
- 3. Industry
- 4. Transport

### System thinking

Least cost optimised pathways that recognise key features of low carbon energy:

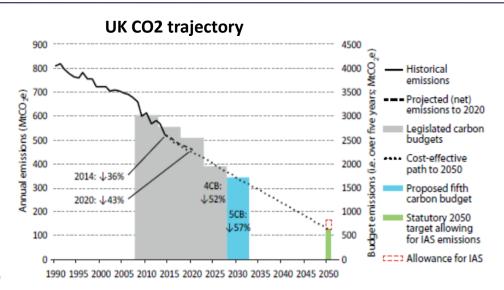
- Inflexible demand for energy services
- Long life assets
- Technology uncertainty
- Lock-in and path dependency

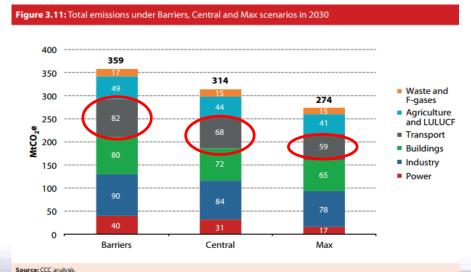




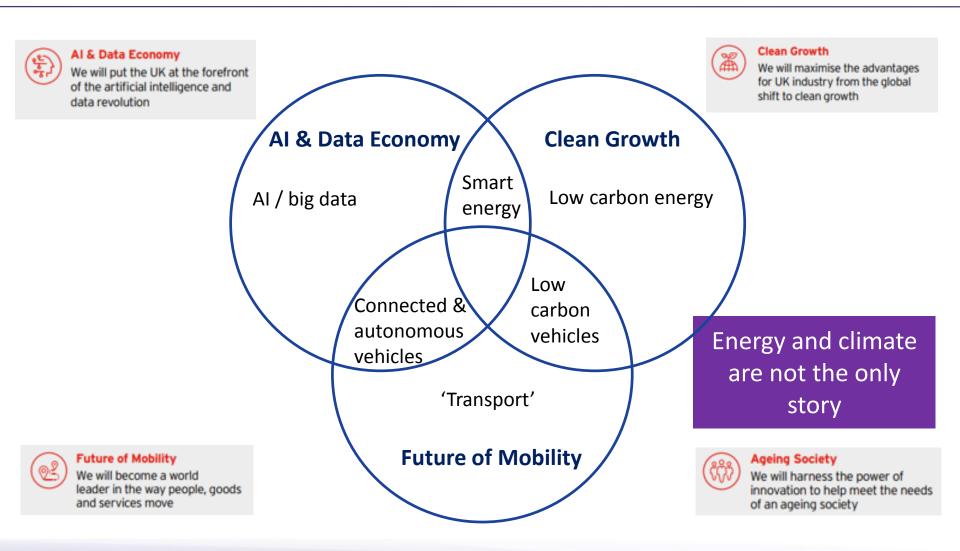
# System approach: UK-TIMES modelling for CCC's 5<sup>th</sup> Carbon Budget

- 5<sup>th</sup>CB proposed 57% reduction vs 1990, consistent with 80% reduction by 2050
- Cost effectiveness is key (costs more to get back on track later)
- EU 40% target for 2030 is not cost effective or 'fair' means to stay within 2°C warming (may increase)
- Transport central assumptions:
  - 2030 EU new car target 86g/km<sup>1</sup>
  - Plug in vehicles 9% of new LDV sales in 2020, 60% in 2030
  - FCEV buses 25% of 2030 sales
  - 24% HGV efficiency gain 2010-30
  - Some behavioural reductions
- Stronger use of H<sub>2</sub> in Max scenario



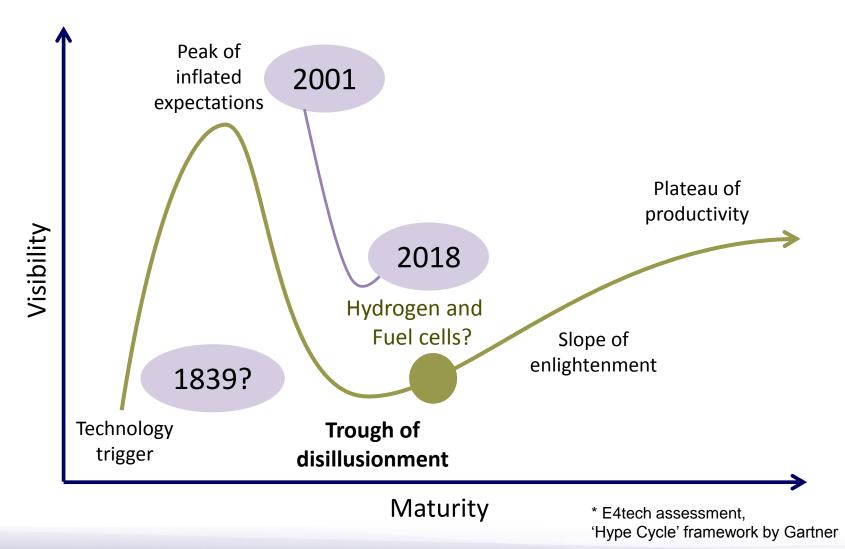


# In UK vehicles and powertrains sit in the context of industrial strategy



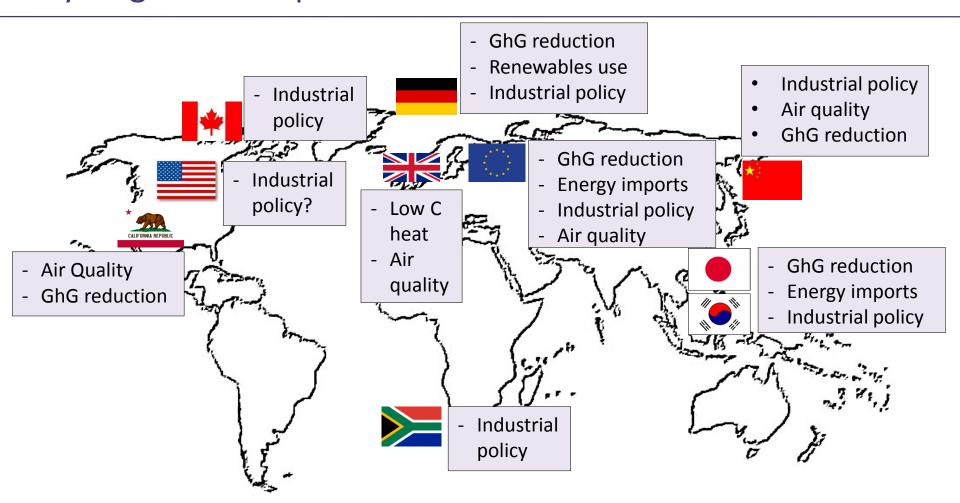
## Hydrogen

## Where is hydrogen on the hype cycle?





# To date 'national' policy has been the main driver for hydrogen developments





# The *hydrogen* story is evolving, and is mainly about policies and systems

### 'Stranded' renewables

Dramatic uptake of renewables
Strong development of electrolysers

### Low emission transport

Urban pollution

Multiple CO<sub>2</sub> targets

Decarbonising fuel is the only long term option

### **Decarbonising heat**

Late to the game A neat piece of the system puzzle



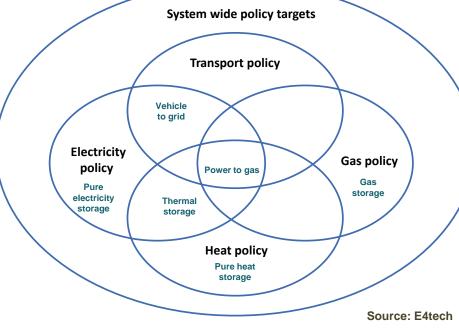
# Flexible markets, dynamic systems, new technologies and cheap renewables: hydrogen enables 'Sector Coupling'

Nissan and OVO announce a new collaboration to accelerate the adoption of home battery storage in the UK

### Press release

Audi e-gas plant helps stabilize German public power grid

July 15, 2015 | INGOLSTADT/WERLTE, Germany



Hydrogen offers unique system benefits



H21 Leeds Citygate Project from Northern Gas Networks



Linking Heat and

Solutions for a Clean Energy Future

Electricity Systems

Co-generation and District Heating and Cooling

## The fuel cell story is more about products and companies

### Portable power

Vast attrition – very few companies and products survive Beating new batteries is hard

### **Stationary power**

Some attrition, some M&A

Deep pockets and resilience are needed... plus policy support

### **Transport**

BEVs came as a surprise, some passenger car OEMs wavering
Heavy duty and rail rising
Fuel cells fit within long-term vision



### Some recent milestones

- 2013:
  - Steve Chu moved on
- 2014:
  - FCH 2 JU funding was agreed
  - The 100,000<sup>th</sup> Ene-Farm unit was installed
- 2015:
  - Car numbers started to ramp up
- 2016:
  - NOW received further funding
  - Ene-Farm units neared 200,000
- 2017:
  - The Hydrogen Council was launched
  - ... and China started to get serious...



Hyundai Tucson iX35 2013



Toyota Mirai 2014

Honda Clarity Fuel Cell **2016** 



Mercedes GLC plug-in FCEV 2017



## China has (longer term) ambitions for FCEVs

### **Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Technology Roadmap**

China's hydrogen energy and fuel cell industry innovation strategic alliance established in Beijing on 11th Feb 2018

Year	HRS	FCV
2020	Over 100 stations	5,000 FCVs in demonstration, among
		which 60% are FC commercial vehicles and
		40% are FC passenger cars
2025	Over 300 stations	50,000 FCVs in service, among which
		10,000 units are FC commercial vehicles,
		and 40,000 units are FC passenger cars
2030	Over 1,000 stations, and	Over one million FCVs in service
	50+% hydrogen production	
	from renewable resources	

Developed by the

Strategy Advisory Committee of the Technology Roadmap for Energy Saving and New Energy Vehicles

























































































## Heavy-duty FCH truck, bus and rail orders are increasing

worldwide

 Buses and materials handling have strong drivers and early deployment, HGVs are in development

• Thousands of vehicles are deployed or being ordered











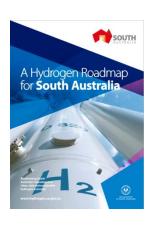


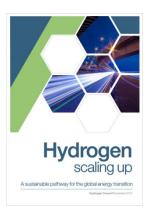
# Hydrogen (and fuel cells) are now part of corporate and government thinking, both near term and big picture



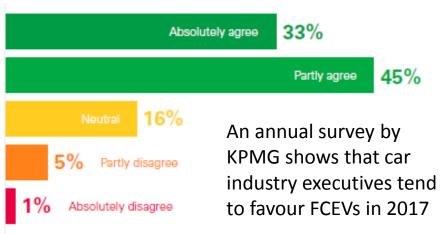








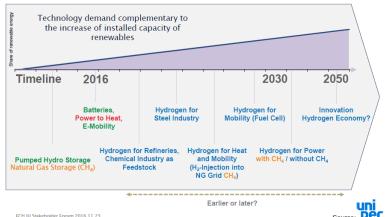
Survey hypothesis: FCEVs will be the real breakthrough for electric mobility







#### Possible Commercial Market Entry of power-to-gas technologies



## **Conclusions**

### Summary

- Transitions take a long time
- People care about life cycle impacts
- Simple scale mechanisms are very powerful
- Huge market failures need long term investments
- Somehow we need to speed up
- System-level approaches are most logical
- Energy and climate are not the only story
- Hydrogen offers unique system benefits
- Hydrogen vehicles are still a serious prospect



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