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## **Progressive Energy**

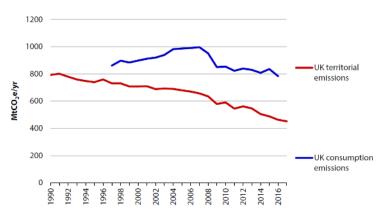




- Founded in 1998 to deliver material reductions in carbon emissions
- Making things happen with effective collaboration

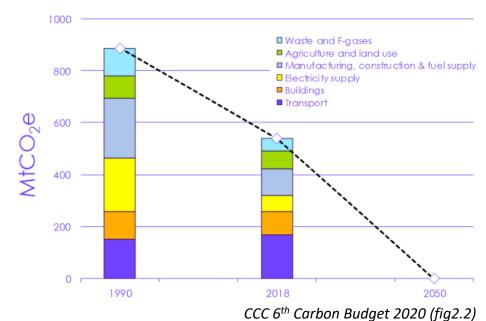
### What does Net Zero 2050 mean?

- There is nowhere to hide
- We will need all solutions
- Often it is about the <u>vector</u> as much as the primary source



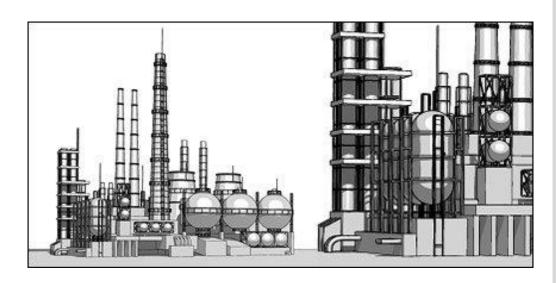
CCC Net zero report 2019 (fig B3.3)

"To meet Net Zero, emissions must fall in all sectors and at a faster rate than the last 30 years"



## Industrial energy demand



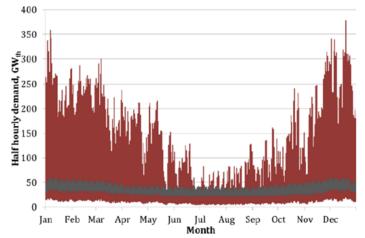


- Why does industry need to tackle its carbon intensity?
  - CSR requirements
  - Customer demands
  - Economic threat
- Potential Solutions
  - Energy efficiency
  - Capture carbon when burnt
  - Switch to different fuels: electricity, biomass, hydrogen

### **Domestic Heat**



- What are the challenges in decarbonising heat
  - UK housing stock characteristics
  - 80% of 2050 homes already exist
- Potential Solutions
  - Energy efficiency
  - Switch to different fuels:
     Electricity, biomass, hydrogen



Robert Sansom Imperial College

23 million UK customers consuming 320TWh pa of gas (83% of homes)



## **Dispatchable Power**





#### Massive growth in renewables

- Brilliant progress
- But how do we balance the system?
- How do we handle increases impacts of electric vehicles & heat pumps

#### Solutions

- Change and shift our demand patterns
- Store electricity
- Generation we can bring on line rapidly
- Hydrogen & CO<sub>2</sub> capture

## **Mobility**





## Electric Vehicles gaining traction rapidly

- Strong policy signals
- In 20 years we won't believe what we did today
- What about larger vehicles, especially range, charge time etc?

#### Solutions

- Truly fungible Bioliquids
- BioCNG
- Hydrogen

### What have fossil fuels done for us?



- The trouble is they are brilliant!
  - Plentiful supply
  - Very energy dense and easy to transport
  - Easy to store
  - Pretty much always there when we need them
  - Cheap
  - We have built the fabric of our society out of them
- It is going to be a journey to ween ourselves off them – but we absolutely have to.



## **Behavioural implications**

We have got used to cheap & ready energy







**Suite of solutions** 

We need all the tools in the book



## Delivering low carbon hydrogen







'Significant volumes of lowcarbon hydrogen must be produced at multiple industrial clusters.' Hundreds of TWh of hydrogen

Low carbon hydrogen offers cost effective decarbonisation for a range of sectors









HGVs, buses and trains

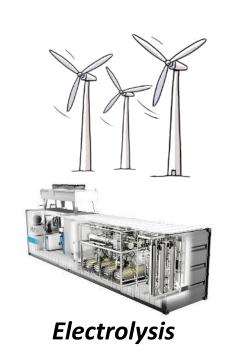


Flexible generation to 'balance the grid' with intermittent renewables

## Sources of low carbon hydrogen



Blue hydrogen





Biohydrogen

Key factors: Scale, cost, maturity, resource, carbon intensity

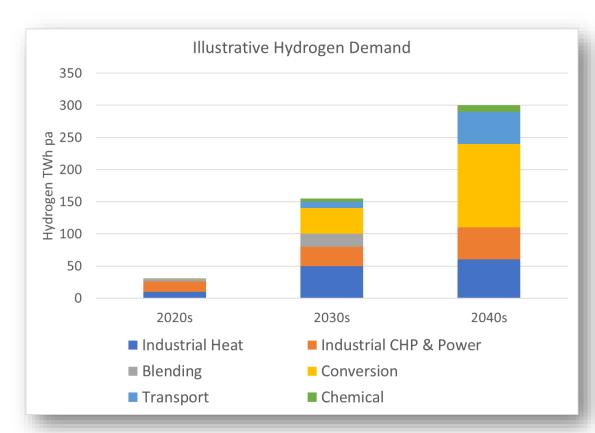
## Hydrogen build out by sector







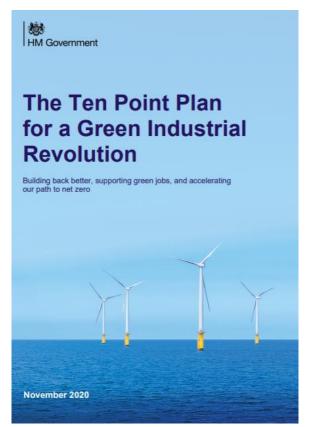








## HyNet: Delivering the UK's leading H<sub>2</sub> & CCUS Project



#### HyNet delivers against the 10 point plan

- 80% of Hydrogen Production Target (3.85GW vs 5GW by 2030)
- Up to 100% of CCUS Target (10MTPA capacity by 2030)
- Hydrogen Village & Hydrogen Town

#### Partnership for delivery











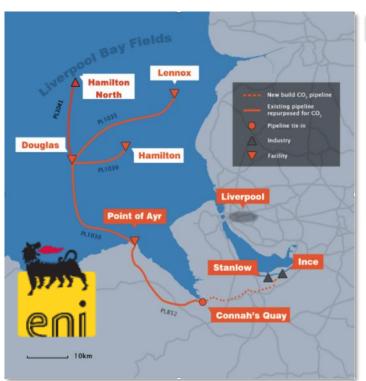


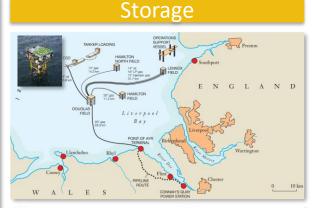


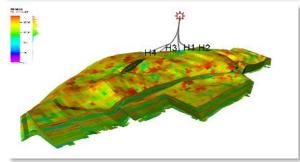


## **HyNet:** Delivering CCUS infrastructure

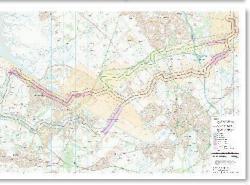


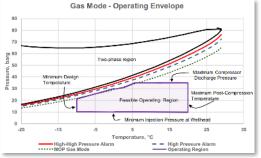






#### Transport





## **HyNet Delivery: Industrial Capture**



#### **CF Fertiliser Plant**



- 400,000 tpa of pre-captured CO2
- Provides certain & low cost CO2 to de-risk FID, commissioning and operations



#### Hanson



 Opportunity to tackle carbon emissions from cement industry



#### Essar



 Tackling chemical carbon emissions from the refinery sector

## **HyNet** Delivery: Hydrogen Production



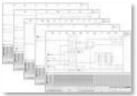
#### **Technology**



Johnson Matthey High Capture Rate Low cost

#### Development







#### Hydrogen project aims to drive UK transition to a low-carbon economy

Essar plans to supply industry and homes in north-west England after £750m investment in two plants







## **HyNet:** Hydrogen Distribution & Storage





The only UK cluster linking hydrogen production to distribution infrastructure. Supplying to industrial customers - and into the existing gas grid

### THE BIGGEST SALT CAVERN STORAGE FACILITY IN THE UK

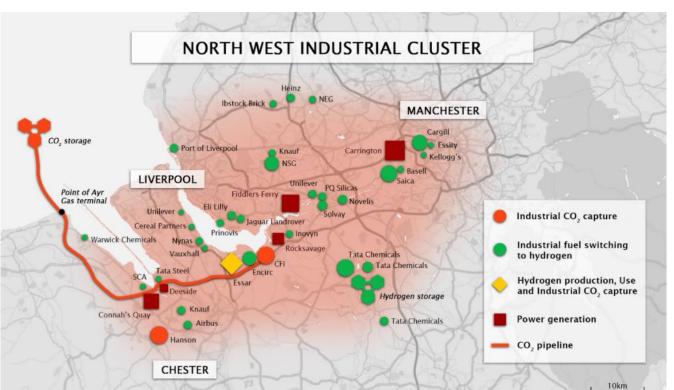




3 orders of magnitude bigger than the world's largest battery system

# Hydrogen Industrial Fuel Switching Decarbonising, Safeguard, Growing









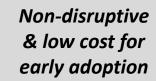




## Blending into the gas grid – a key enabling step









Meaningful decarbonisation in its own right 29TWh pa in UK



Equiv. 2.5 million cars

Build up material H<sub>2</sub> production capacity



Establish key regulatory positions



Developer wider

H<sub>2</sub> industry

supply chain



Address customer perceptions



Unlock use of hydrogen more widely



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## (o) HyDeploy World leading trial @ Keele



To establish that a blend of hydrogen and natural gas can be distributed and utilised safely & efficiently in the UK distribution network without disruptive changes for consumers.



Keele University own and operate their own gas network – typical of a small town













## HyDeploy Building the Safety Case

 The UK has an excellent safety and regulatory regime. Evidence required to demonstrate 20%vol hydrogen is as safe as natural gas



Based on 18 months of
extensive rigorous research
HyDeploy secured the UK's
first permission for blending
hydrogen into the grid in
November 2018.







## HyDeploy Building out the facilities

















## HyDeploy Successful operations







Contented customers

"Thinking about how little
I've had to think about it
means that's, that's part of
why it's such a great
project...the work is not
put in by the consumer...oh
I'm contributing by doing
nothing. Where else do you
get to do that?"

- ✓ Safe appliance operation
- ✓ No increase in reported leaks or faults
- Uniform network composition

## HyDeploy Public Network trial

- Winlaton near Gateshead
- Isolated network for injection
- 668 properties, 1200+ domestic appliances https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B\_qHmIVw88Y
- Finalising safety case with HSE

Winlaton To Host Pioneering Hydrogen Energy Pilot HyDeploy



AS customers in Winlaton, Gateshead, will become the first on a public UK gas network to use blended hydrogen for healting and cooking, as the country's gas distributors demonstrate ways to cut climater-changing carbon dioxide (CQ2) emissions









## A journey to 100% Grid Conversion

- 1. Hydrogen ready boilers have been developed
- 2. H21 programme is undertaking upstream activities
- 3. Hy4Heat has undertaken downstream assessments
- 4. 10 point plan calls for a hydrogen neighbourhood by 2023, a hydrogen village by 2025 and a town by 2030



## 'Greenhouse Gas Removals' technologies

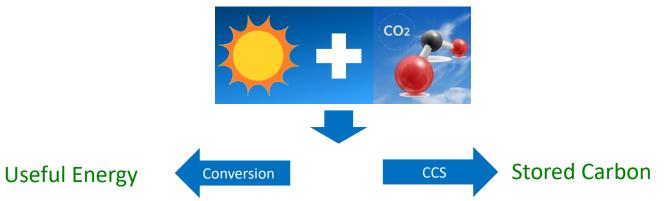




Air is (just!) 400ppmv CO<sub>2</sub> and at atmospheric pressure

Biomass is a highly refined 'self replicating' mechanism for capturing carbon from air





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## **Project BRIGHT**

#### Plans for £150m UK bio-resources-to-fuel facility approved

Plans to build the UK's first commercial-scale Bio-Substitute Natural Gas (BioSNG) plant have been approved by the council.

Cheshire West & Chester Council's planning committee gave the green light to the £150 million (€174.2 million) project at Peel Environmental's Protos site in Ellesmere Port, which will generate renewable gas from up to 175,000 tonnes of bioresources, such as unrecyclable wood and refuse-derived fuel (RDF).



- Will Convert Household waste and unrecyclable wood into transport fuel for 1000 HGVs or buses
- 2. Slip stream of Biohydrogen
- 3. Will use the HyNet CCS infrastructure deliver 100,000 tpa of 'negative' emissions



#### **Swindon Technology Reference**









### Deliverability: HyNet can be operating by mid-2020



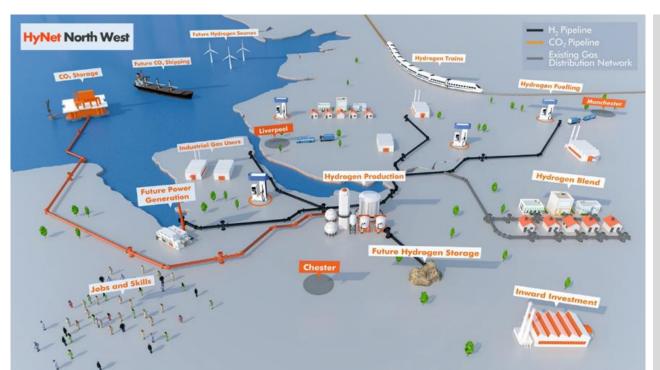


from BEIS
Policy regime in development for implementation

- CCUS infrastructure
- Industrial decarbonisation
- Hydrogen production
- Hydrogen distribution and blending

### **HyNet: Delivering Sustainable Economic Growth**





#### **Creating Jobs**

6000 in NW and unlocking 75,000 in UK industry

Safeguarding industry and securing inward investment

£31 billion of GVA

**Developing Exportable skills** and services

Exploiting UK offshore & chemicals industry leadership

An economically sustainable path to Net Zero with CCS & H<sub>2</sub>

10 Mtpa CO<sub>2</sub> savings by 2030



















## We can solve it