

Whole System Views on Integration of Hydrogen

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Agenda

- ✦ Role of Hydrogen
- ✦ Electricity network and Hydrogen
- ✦ Gas network and Hydrogen
- ✦ Water requirements
- ✦ Role of PNDC

Role of Hydrogen



As energy source –
electricity and
heating



Grid balancing
services



Powering automotive



Powering portable
electronic devices



Renewable energy
storage

Role of Hydrogen

- Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland, Scottish Affairs Committee, House of Commons, March 2023
- Hydrogen Champion Report, March 2023
- The role of hydrogen in achieving Net Zero, Science and Technology Committee, House of Commons, Dec 2022
- Hydrogen action plan, 2022

Hydrogen is not a panacea for reaching Net Zero, warn MPs

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Hydrogen is not a panacea for reaching the Net Zero emissions reductions by 2050 but can grow to become “a big niche” fuel in particular sectors and applications, the Commons Science and Technology Committee concludes in a new Report.



Should electricity network operators be concerned?

Colours of Hydrogen

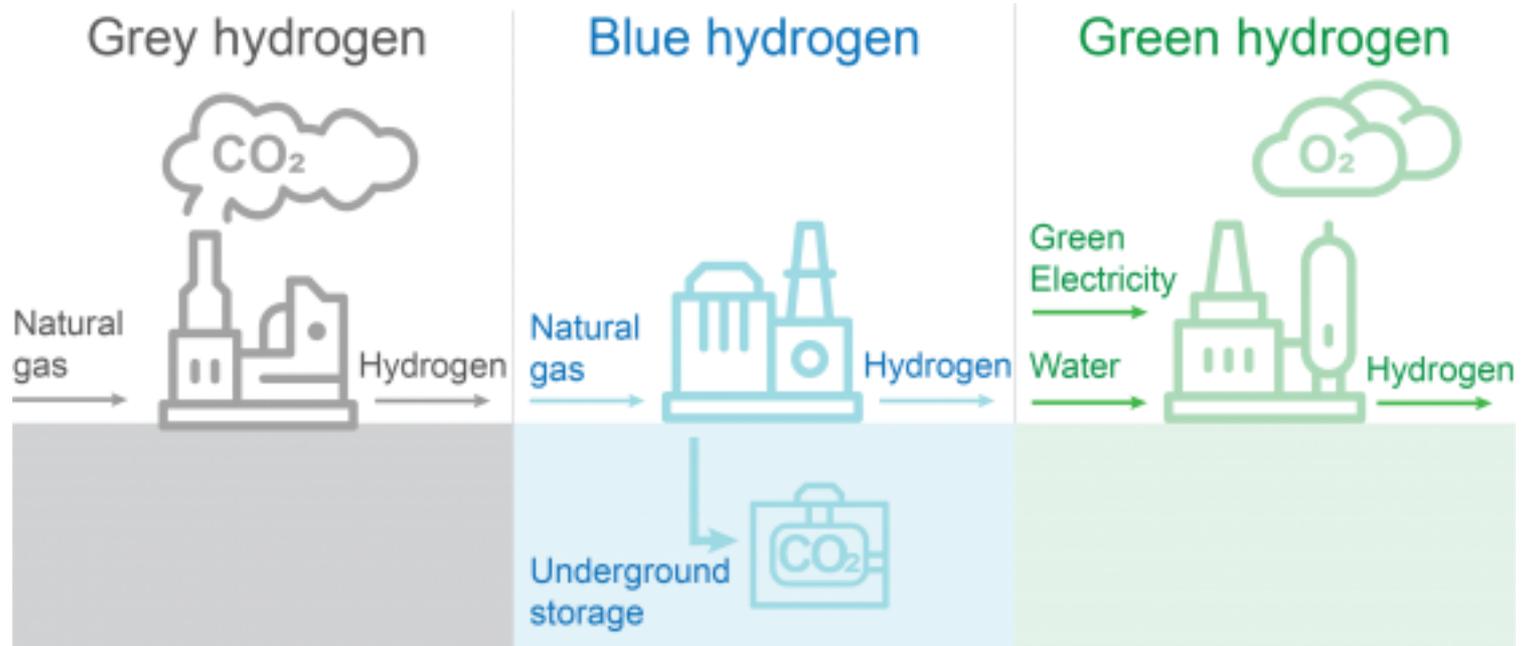


Image courtesy: [About Hydrogen | Hydrogen Energy Research Centre \(unsw.edu.au\)](https://www.unsw.edu.au/hydrogen-energy-research-centre)

Green Hydrogen

- In 2022, 35.3 TWh of renewable electricity was generated¹
- Equivalent to powering all households in Scotland for around 3.5 years
- Scottish government has 5 GW low carbon hydrogen production by 2030
- Assuming it is all Green Hydrogen
 - 1 MW electrolyser would approx. consume 1 TWh per year
 - 5 GW → 5000 TWh

¹<https://www.gov.scot/publications/energy-statistics-for-scotland-q4-2022/>

Impact on electricity network

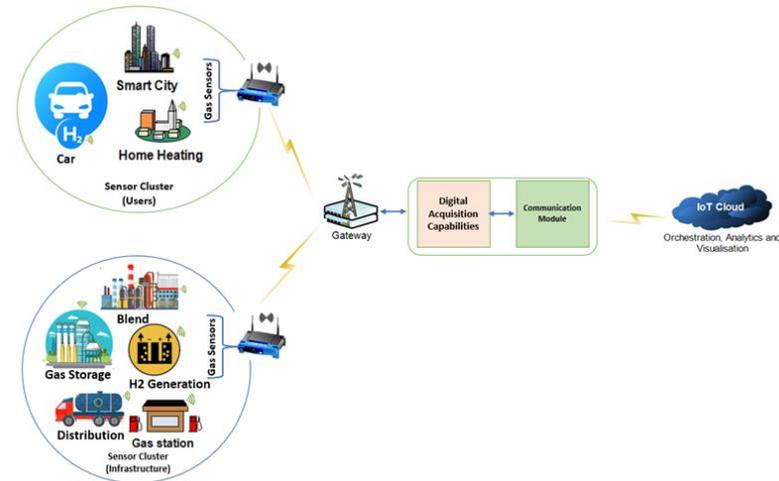
- More renewable generation → increased connection requests → increased network constraints
- Depending on capacity of electrolyser → transmission or distribution connected
- Co-located hydrogen production → power electronic devices → transients, faults, cold start, re-energizing
- Participation in markets → with battery to smooth the transients felt by the electrolyser; auxiliary equipment energy requirements → impact on transients



How about gas
network operators?

Gas in pipelines

- Existing pipelines are not sufficient
- Embrittlement
- Losses and thermal instability due to fluctuations in temperature
- Lack of fine control of the flow of hydrogen → valves; pressure controllers; sensors
- Ramp rates of demand can vary significantly from the existing slow rates



<https://smartgrid.ieee.org/bulletins/january-2023/intelligent-sensor-network-for-future-fuel-mix-detection-and-measurement/>



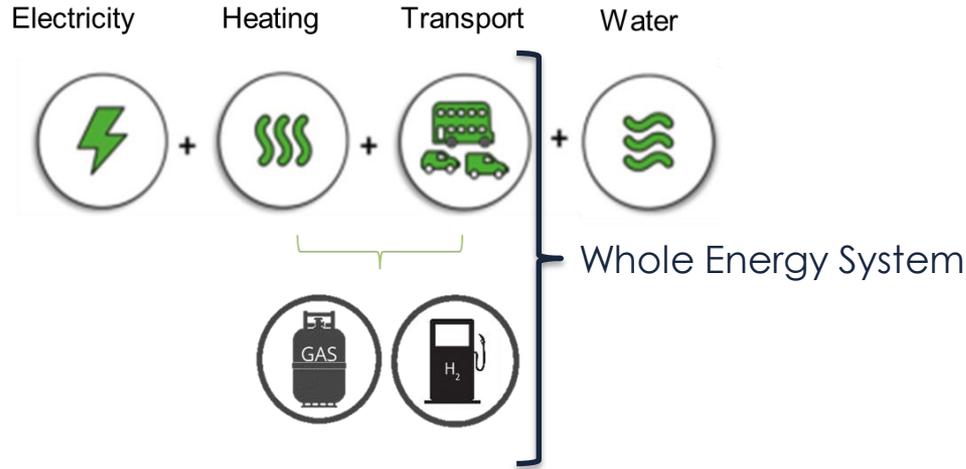
Water?

Water per kg of Hydrogen

- Steam methane reformation without carbon capture → 15-40 Litres
- Steam methane reformation with carbon capture → 18-44 Litres
- Electrolyser → 10-22 Litres

- 5 GW → 5-12 Million m³ of water per year
- Scotland households altogether consume 1 Million m³ of water per year

Whole System View

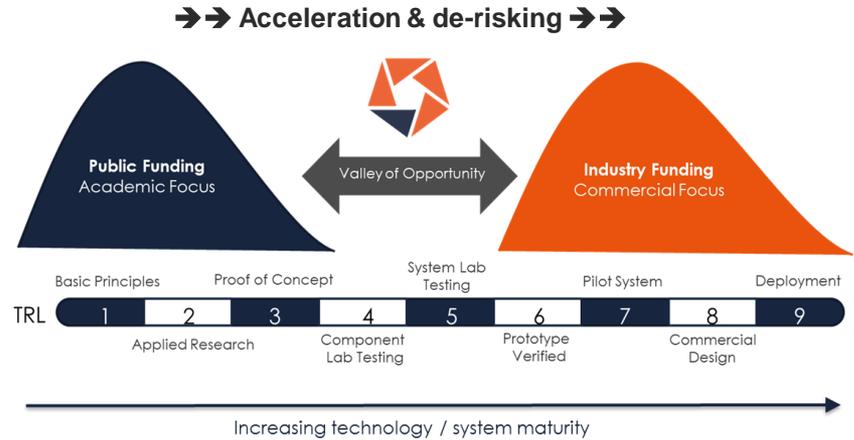




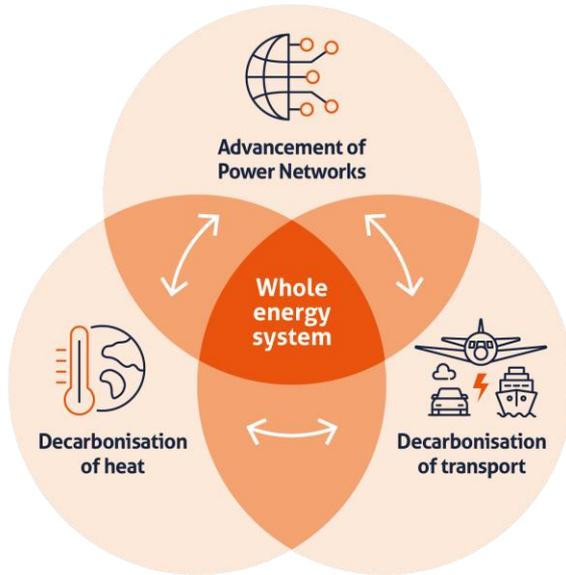
Role of PNDC

PNDC Overview

- Industry-facing innovation centre opened in 2013 and currently celebrating a decade of innovation
- Focussed on accelerating the development and deployment of novel energy, marine and aerospace technologies supporting net zero initiatives
- Multiple engagement models:
 - Collaborative programmes in partnership with members
 - Open access for supporting all industry
- Dedicated expert team (~ 50 staff)
- New cutting-edge whole systems facility due in 2024



PNDC – A Whole Systems Approach



Advancement of Power Networks



- ▶ Asset Management
- ▶ Digitisation
- ▶ Informatics
- ▶ Comms & Cyber Security
- ▶ Power Hardware in the Loop (PHiL)
- ▶ LV and 11kV network validation

Decarbonisation of Heat



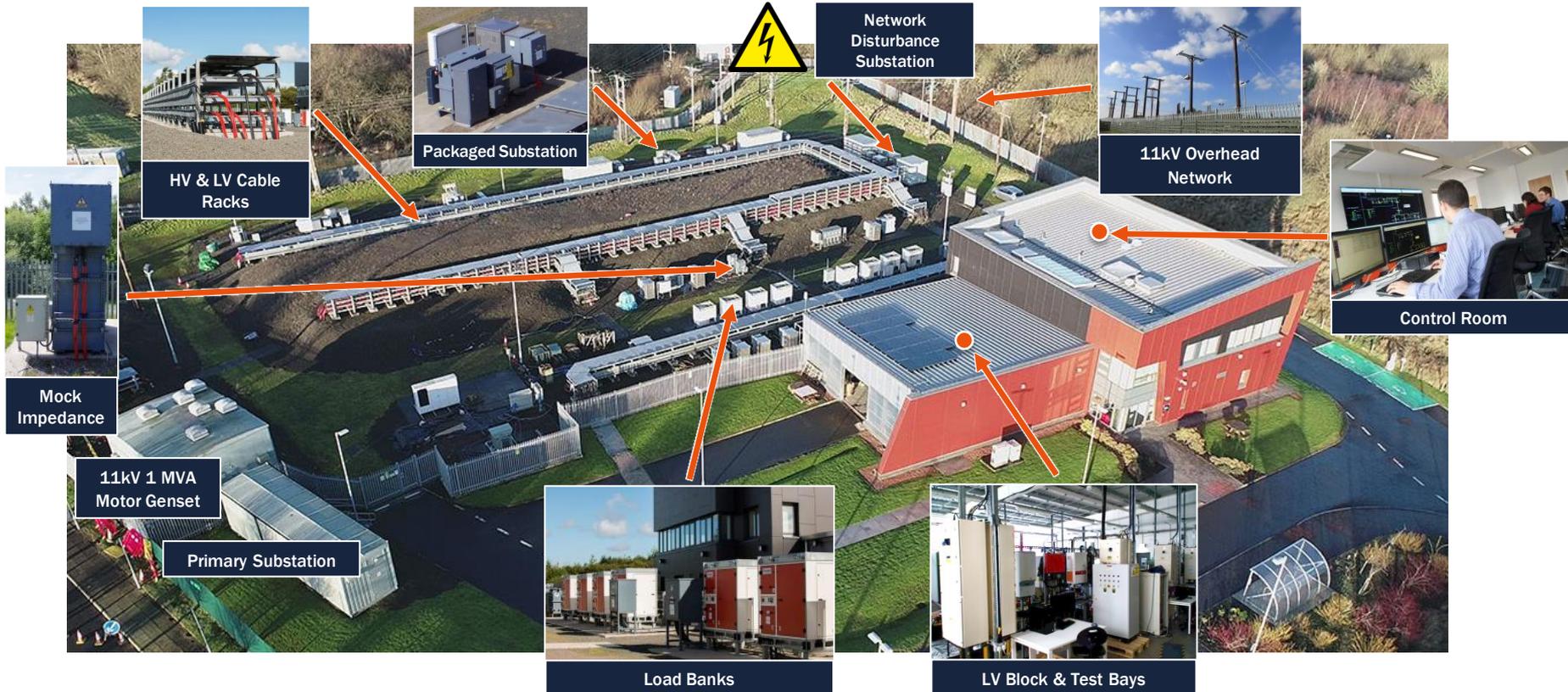
- ▶ Heat sources, e.g. heat pumps
- ▶ Heat storage
- ▶ Heat networks
- ▶ Cooling systems
- ▶ Hydrogen for heat

Decarbonisation of Transport



- ▶ HGV, marine, aero and rail systems
- ▶ Power electronics convertors
- ▶ LVA and LVDC systems
- ▶ Drive trains
- ▶ Electrification infrastructure

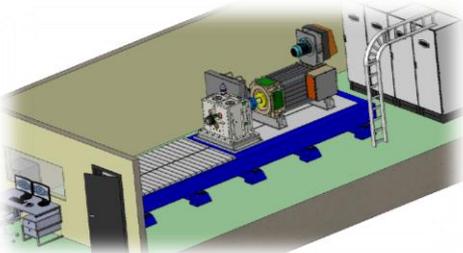
Existing Facilities (Wardpark)



Whole Systems Facility – New Technical Capabilities

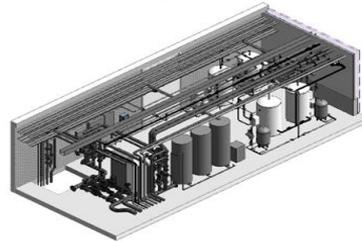
Electrical equipment (in procurement)

- ✦ 11kV distribution network
- ✦ 2.5MVA s/stn & LV network
- ✦ 1MVA DC power supply
- ✦ 1MVA AC power supply
- ✦ Real-time digital simulation
- ✦ 2 x 1MW dynamometers



Thermal facility (awaiting funding decision)

- ✦ For low carbon heating, cooling, thermal storage and heat recovery system testing and validation
- ✦ Scalable up to ~750kW, 5-90°C flow temp, system ΔT 5-40°C
- ✦ Heat and cooling emulators to mimic building heat demand



Hydrogen facility (existing + to be upgraded)

- ✦ Existing facility - 80 kg H₂ storage, 12 bar supply pressure, 9kg/hr max flowrate
- ✦ Upgraded facility - 160 kg H₂ storage, 20 bar supply pressure, 30kg/hr max flowrate



← Whole system capability →

Thank you

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