
Capital Hydrogen

5th Consortium Meeting
17th September 2025

Working in partnership to deliver hydrogen for
London, the East of England and the South East



Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Manders

Regional Development Manager (East and London)

Cadent

Housekeeping



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This meeting will be recorded, and a newsletter summarising the content will be distributed afterwards.

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
14:00- 14:10	Welcome, Introductions & New Members	Kelly Manders <i>Cadent</i> Amy Taylor <i>Talan</i>
14:10-14:25	Breakout Session	
14:25-14:30	Breakout Session Discussion	Kelly Manders <i>Cadent</i>
14:30-14:40	An update on the East London Hydrogen Pipeline from Cadent	Kelly Manders & Siobhan Grant <i>Cadent</i>
14:40-14:55	National Gas Blending Programme	Alan Stephen <i>National Gas</i>
14:55 -15:10	Autoflame	Duncan Cairnie <i>Autoflame</i>
15:10-15:25	Rux Energy	Marius Bosch <i>Rux Energy</i>
15:25-15:30	Closing remarks	

Thank you to our speakers



Kelly Manders
Regional Development
Manager
(East and London)
Cadent



Siobhan Grant
Hydrogen Project
Delivery Engineer
Cadent



Alan Stephen
Business Development
Manager
National Gas



Duncan Cairnie
Market Solutions and
Strategy Director
**Autoflame
Engineering**



Marius Bosch
Head of Strategy &
Commercial
Rux Energy

Consortium Members

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Hydrogen Demand Users



Hydrogen Transportation Stakeholders



Hydrogen Production Stakeholders



Government, Regional, Third Sector and Local Authority Stakeholders

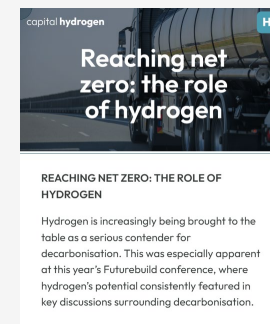
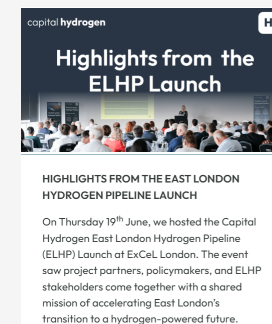
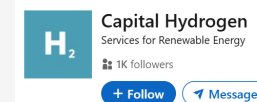
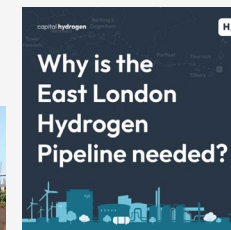
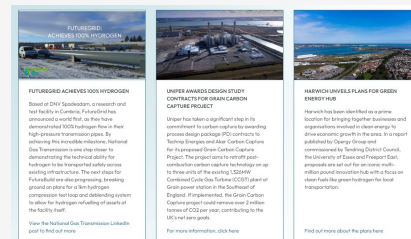
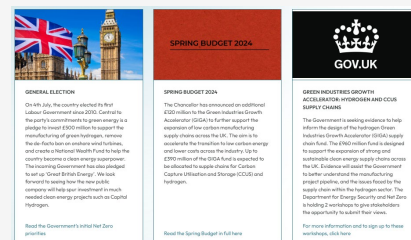
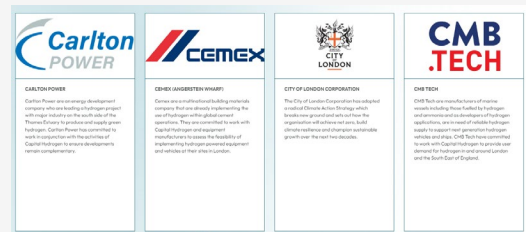
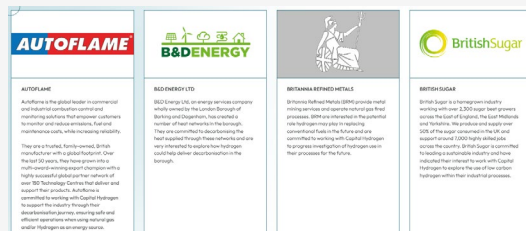


Welcome to
our latest
members



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Capital Hydrogen communications update



Growing Member Base

News
Please continue to share your news and updates with us.

LinkedIn page
1,155 followers
11,825 total impressions
Please follow and engage

Content
Brochures, blogs, case studies

Breakout Session

Prompt Questions

Small group discussion for 15 minutes

Suggested conversation prompts

- 1) What opportunities does hydrogen present for your company?
- 2) How can the Capital Hydrogen programme best support you to achieve these?



Discussion

East London Hydrogen Pipeline: Project Summary

Siobhan Grant

Hydrogen Project Delivery Engineer

Cadent

Major Project Lifecycle

Initiation / Feasibility

The initial set-up of the project; development of the Solution Concept; and feasibility assessment.

2022

Capital Hydrogen Feasibility Report published

Pre-FEED

Preliminary Front End Engineering Design

The appraisal of the Solution Options and the selection of the concept.

2023

Technical Feasibility completed

2023

Customer and Producer Data collected

FEED

Front End Engineering Design

The project definition is developed through further engineering processes to inform key decisions such as routing.

2025

Pre-FEED completed

Detailed Design

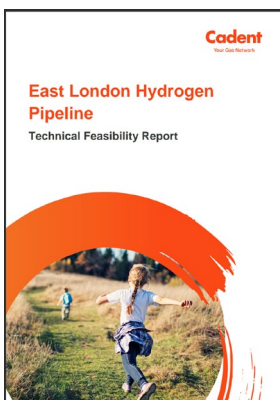
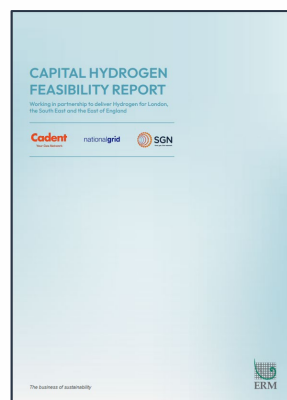
FEED focuses on developing the concept to a preliminary design, this Stage focusses on the detail.

Construction and Commissioning

This stage encompasses all physical construction and commissioning works.

Operation

The Operations team will take ownership of operating and maintaining the asset.



Pre-FEED Scope

What

Design a pipeline to supply Hydrogen to industrial, power generation, transport and heat network customers within the Cadent North London network who require a supply

Who



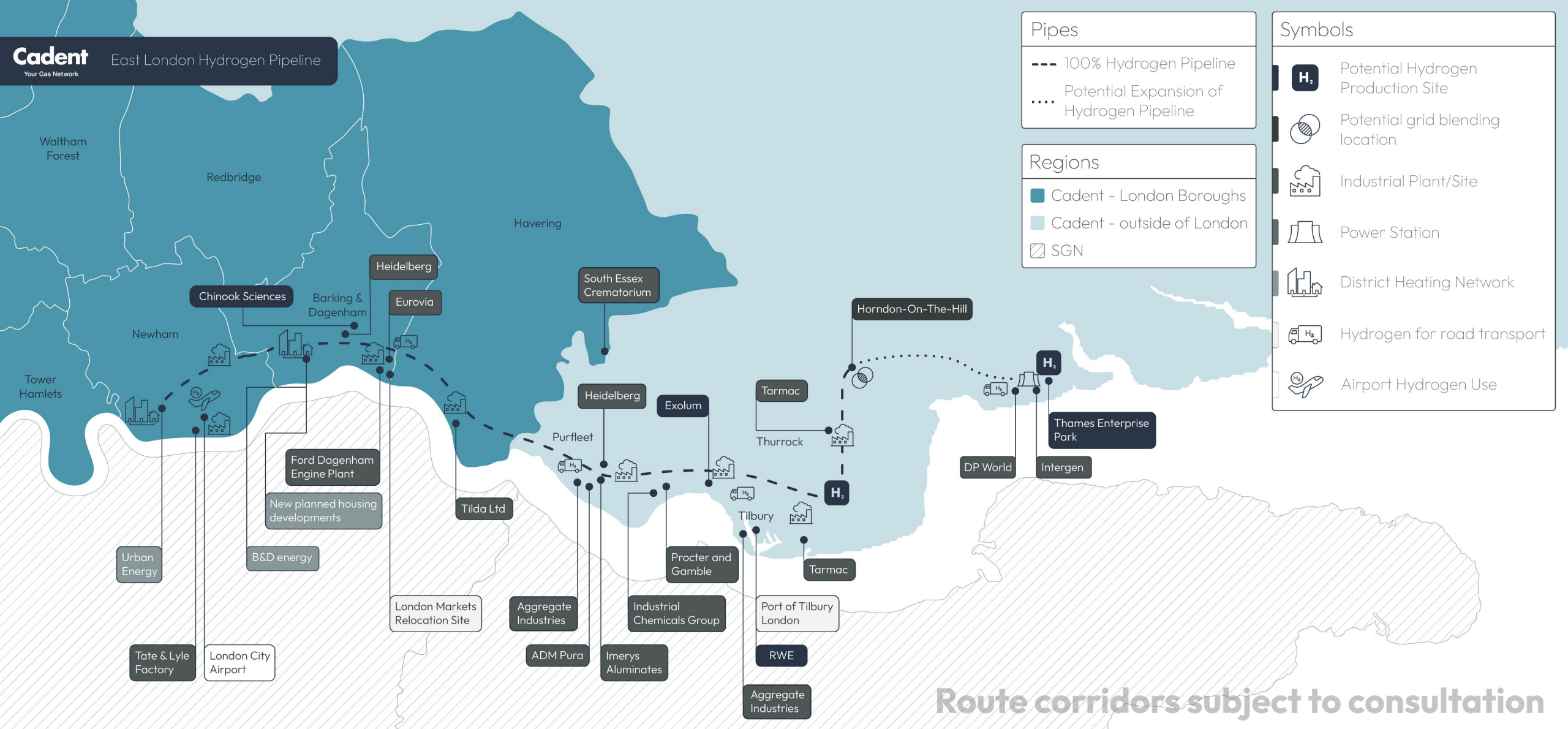
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How

- Flow Assurance
- Routing Methodology
- Constructability
- Environmental Strategy
- Corrosion Control
- Carbon Abatement
- Hazard and Risk
- Materials
- Process and Operations
- Consenting Strategy
- Value Propositions
- Reuse Opportunities
- Procurement



948 GWh



342 GWh



180 GWh



1828 GWh



2668 GWh



1158 GWh

Route Optioneering and Selection

Define Route
Options

Define & produce
metrics for
comparison

Develop Evaluation
Method

Agree evaluation
criteria and
weighting,
methodology and
boundaries

Scoring and Initial
Route Shortlist

Score metrics
against weighted
criteria

Technical Review

Flow Assurance
Vantage Surveys
Constructability
Review
HAZID Reviews

Route Refinement
and Selection

Refine the options
and produce
recommendation



Technical Review

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UP TO 75KM
OF PIPELINE



OPTION
FOR ASSET
REUSE



DIAMETER
OF PIPE



2-7 BAR
OPERATING
PRESSURE



18
CONSUMERS
20 SITES



3
PRODUCERS



DEMAND:
5966 GWh
BY 2035+



SUPPLY:
1158 GWh
BY 2035+

CARBON SAVINGS 

Carbon emissions equivalent to...

9,449
one-way flights from
London to New York
per year



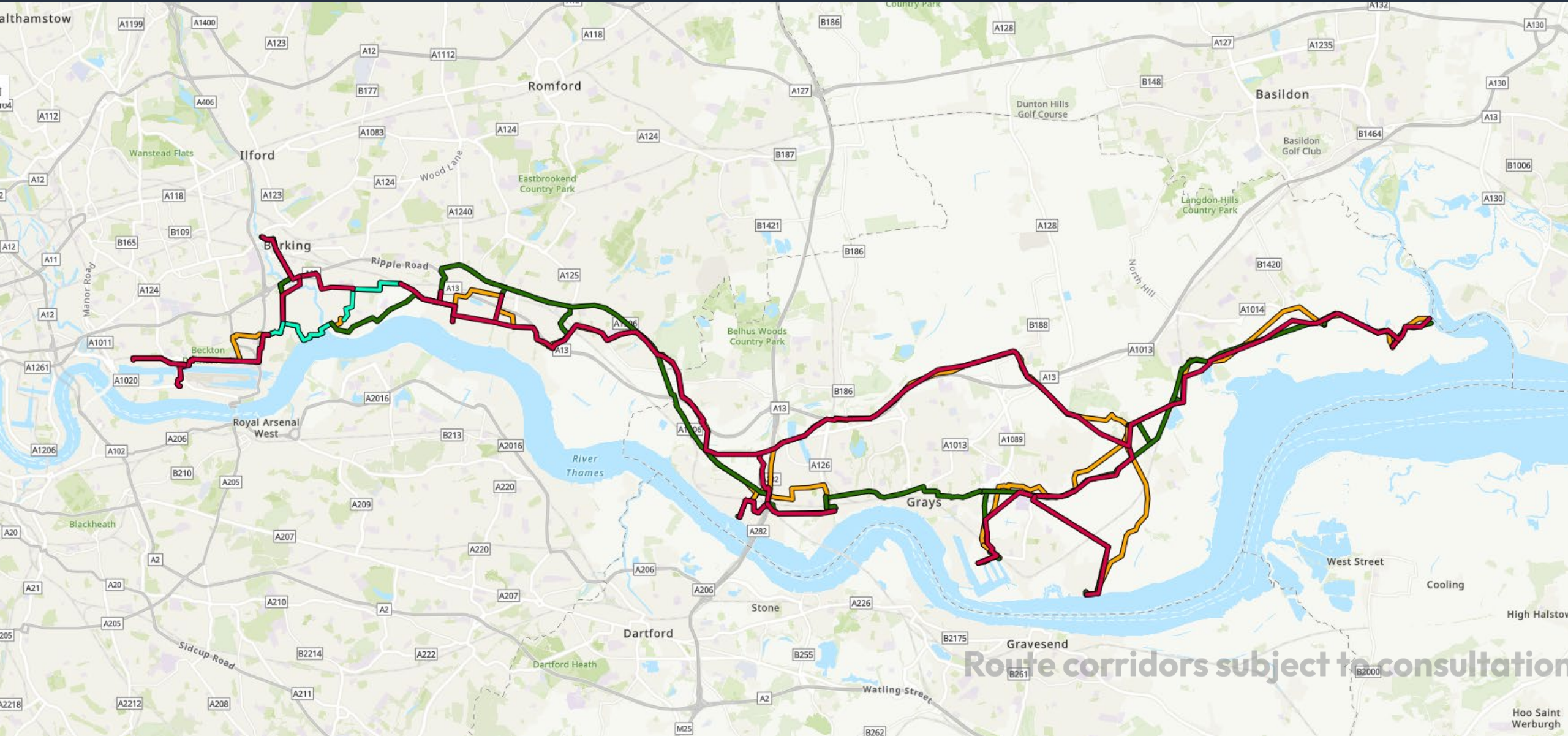
which is also equivalent
to approximately

49.5 million
trees worth of carbon
absorption per year



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Route Options



Outcomes of the Pre-FEED

- A strong design foundation produced for the entire project lifecycle
- Project design informed by key technical, environmental, consenting and constructability constraints
- 11 routes generated initially and shortlisted to 3 refined options
- Option for asset reuse
- Phasing strategy developed to enable connection and supply to customers between 2032-2035
- Consenting strategy developed
- Requirements and objectives of the next stage of the project (FEED) identified



- **Confirmation that ELHP can successfully transport hydrogen from 3 producers to 20 industrial customers with no connection to large scale storage**



- **Flow assurance analysis has validated that a 7 barg, 500mm diameter, PE network is suitable for a fully developed ELHP distribution system**

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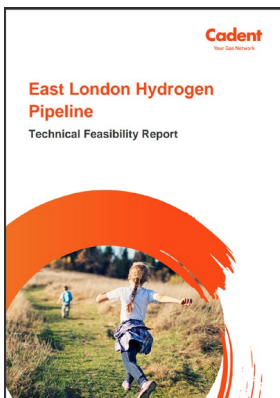
Consents and Delivery Planning

ELHP Detailed Design

Construction and Commissioning begins

Construction and Commissioning complete

Operation and Maintenance



- Completion of Pre-FEED Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)
- Engagement with DESNZ
- HTBM update early next year
- Competition late next year

**Future stage commencement dates
tbc*

National Gas Blending Programme

Alan Stephen

Business Development Manager

National Gas



Hydrogen blending into the GB gas transmission network

Blending a Primer

What is a Hydrogen Blend?

Through hydrogen blending producers can **inject hydrogen** into the NTS to a **set percentage**. This enables operation at **optimum levels** depending on local hydrogen demand. It **diversifies** the demand base and **de-risks** projects in the early stages of their production.

Proposals to Blend Hydrogen

2 main blending methods that are dependant on scale of Hydrogen production, and connection location etc.

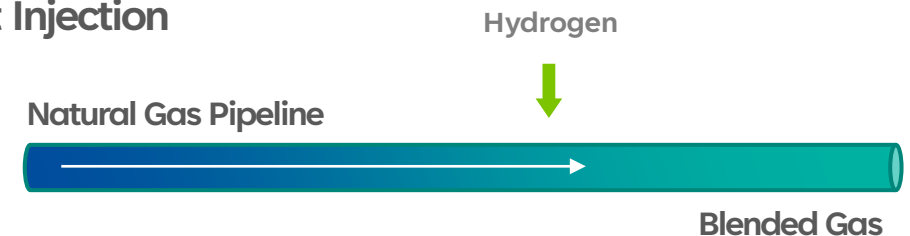
Direct Injection

- Injects Hydrogen into pipeline using a branch connection. Blending of gasses then happens within the pipeline.

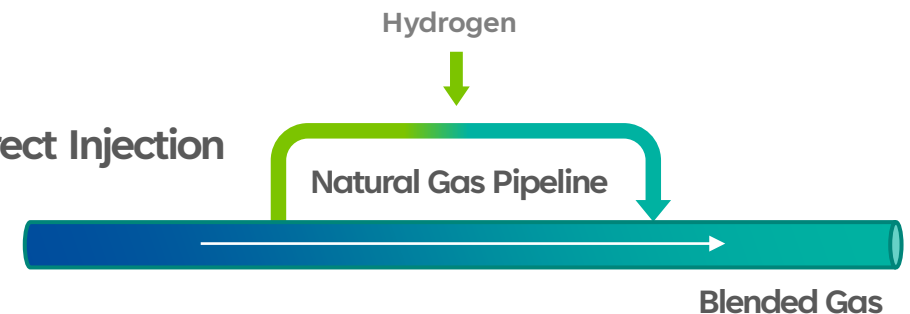
Indirect Injection

- Draws gas from the NTS and blending with Hydrogen via a separate blending loop. The homogenously blended gas is re-injected the network.

Direct Injection



Indirect Injection



National Gas - Key player in Hydrogen Transport Infrastructure

Blend and grow hydrogen economy

Project Union

Deliver on UK's decarbonisation goals by 2050

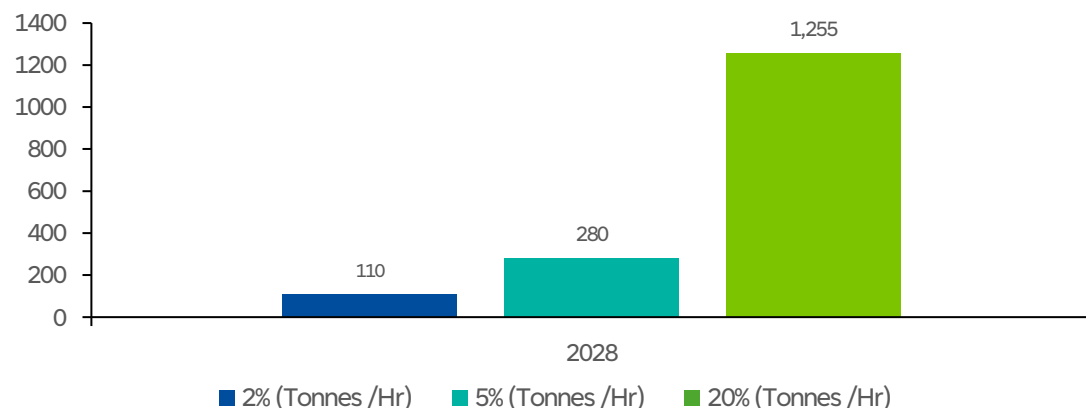


Hydrogen Blending

Enabling Hydrogen Blending on the NTS is crucial to building a Hydrogen market

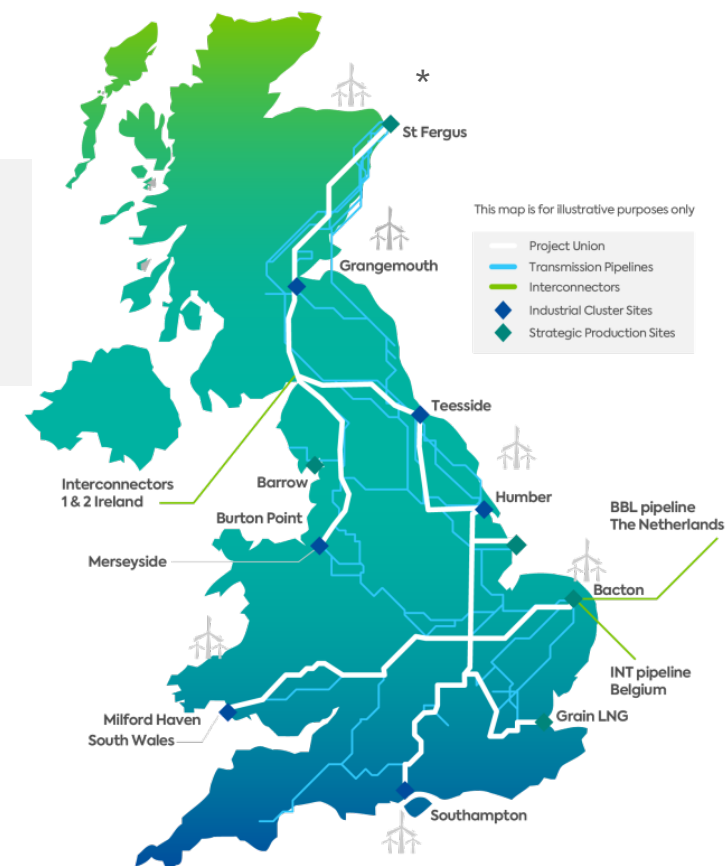
Through blending, Hydrogen producers can access a wider demand market and de-risk projects

Blend Volumes available in 2028
Tonnes/Hr



Project Union

National Gas plans to repurpose NTS assets and build a GB central hydrogen backbone



* For illustration



DESNZ Consultation

Hydrogen blending into the GB gas transmission network

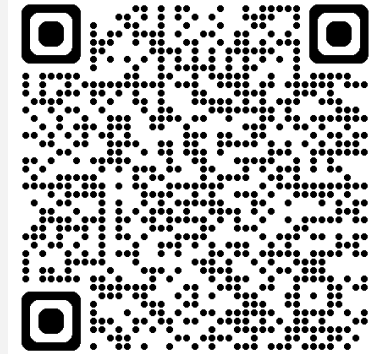
DESNZ Consultation Questions

DESNZ Consultation |

Consultation Details



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero



[Hydrogen blending into the GB gas transmission network](#)

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How to respond

[Respond online](#) or

email hydrogentransportandstorage@energysecurity.gov.uk

Q1a. Do you agree with the assessment of the impacts of blending up to 2%, 5% and 20% hydrogen by volume on NTS connected end users? Please provide evidence to support your response.

Q1b. Are there any further operational and/or financial impacts on end users we should consider? Please provide evidence to support your response

Q2. Do you agree that if transmission blending is enabled and intended to be commercially supported by government, the most appropriate mechanism would be via the Hydrogen Production Business Model? Please provide evidence to support your response.

Q3. Do you agree with our minded to position, if blending were enabled, to allow both the gas transmission network operator and gas shippers to purchase hydrogen produced for blending? Please provide evidence to support your response.

Q4. Do you agree that working within the current gas billing arrangements will not result in an increase in billable usage and gas bills for end users connected to the NTS, should transmission level blending be enabled by government? Please provide evidence to support your response.

Q5a. Do you agree with our minded to position, if blending were enabled, to consider further whether to support and enable transmission blending of up to 2% hydrogen by volume? Please provide evidence to support your response

Q5b. Do you have any further concerns on enabling blending up to 2% hydrogen by volume into the NTS? Please provide evidence to support your response.

Q5c. Is there a maximum level of blend that would be feasible with minimum modifications for sites connected to the NTS? Please provide evidence to support your response.

Q6a. We welcome feedback on the economic assessment presented and any further analysis on the costs and benefits of transmission blending

Q6b. Please provide any additional information on the costs of any required modifications or mitigations required for NTS connected sites to be able to accommodate a blend of up to 2% hydrogen by volume. If you do not currently have this information, how long do you expect it take to assess what mitigations might be needed and what the costs of these could be?

**Summary
Technical
ask:**

End-User acceptability and modifications required at different blend percentages? (2, 5, 20%)

**Summary
Commercial
ask:**

What are the costs involved for end users and the market? How much does it de-risk Hydrogen producers?

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National Gas Response

Key Response

National Gas is calling for **DESNZ to take a strategic policy decision of up to 5% blend** on the Transmission system. We believe that **5% maximises de-risking for Hydrogen producers** while still managing impacts for end-users. Our current understanding is that **modifications required for 2% and 5% will be broadly similar**, however **further work is required**. A strategic policy decision is required to enable a thorough investigation into <5% blend.

End-User Acceptability

- National Gas response looks at blend acceptability at the following archetypes:

Power Stations
Storage sites
Industrial sites
Interconnectors

- We believe that modifications required for **2% and 5% will be broadly similar** but accept further work will be needed. We have suggested routes to funding this work.

- In order to remain in line with current EU policies, we are investigating our approach to **managing blends at interconnectors**

De-Risking Producers

- National Gas agrees that blending at 5% will enable hydrogen producers to **fully de-risk projects** and allow them to access lower cost debt to fund their projects
- This in turn will enable them to **reach FID earlier** and **decrease** their hydrogen **strike price**
- Overall subsidy requirements will be lower, and the resulting savings should be redeployed to end-users for any required modifications

Commercial Frameworks

- National Gas agrees that blending **should be managed through the HPBM**. This should include considerations to ensure direct offtake of hydrogen is incentivised over blending.
- National Gas agrees that current billing arrangements should be sufficient. Shippers and networks should be allowed to buy blends, although highlights that a certification scheme should be enabled to unlock additional value of blends and decarbonise key end-users
- Enabling blend connections will need **improved strategic thinking** to maximise the utility of blending for the whole system. It will optimise production while mitigating impacts to end-users.

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Update from Autoflame

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Market Solutions and Strategy Director

Autoflame Engineering Ltd



DECARBONISATION STRATEGIES

GAS SOLUTIONS

CAPITAL HYDROGEN CONSORTIUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025

DUNCAN CAIRNIE

MARKET SOLUTIONS AND STRATEGY DIRECTOR

AUTOFLAME ENGINEERING LTD

CUSTOMER OBJECTIVES

- **Customer engagement**

- Site analysis and identifying opportunities
- What are the customer aims?
- Gas efficiency expertise
- Optimisation techniques
- Full-service boiler room opportunities
- Gas savings opportunities (dry side *and wet side*)
- Global leading product lines

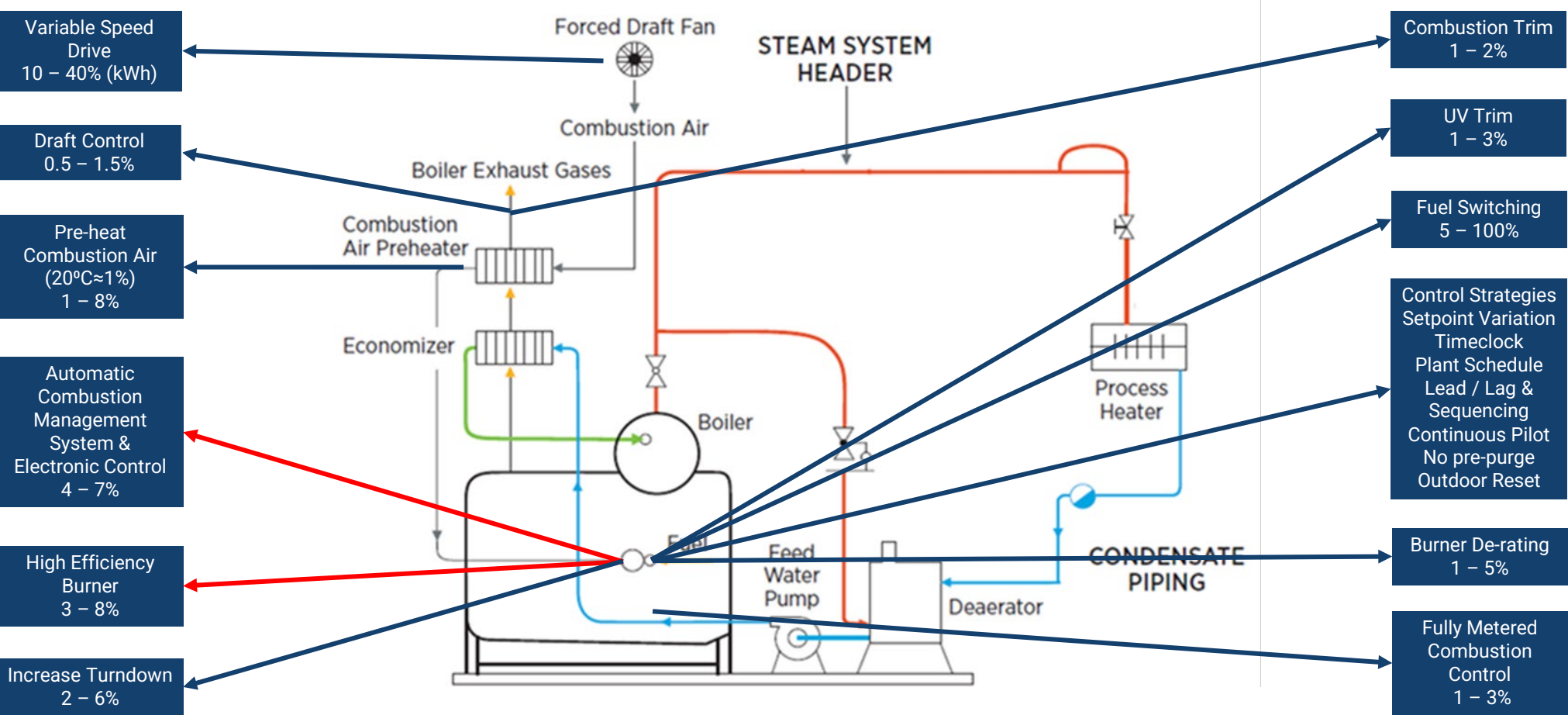
- **Energy Performance Calculator**

- Savings / CO₂ reduction calculations
- Engineering and drawing works
- Installation and commissioning
- Project and contractor management
- Measurement & Verification (M&V)
- Government grants and rebates (when applicable)
- Maintenance testing and 24/7 service support

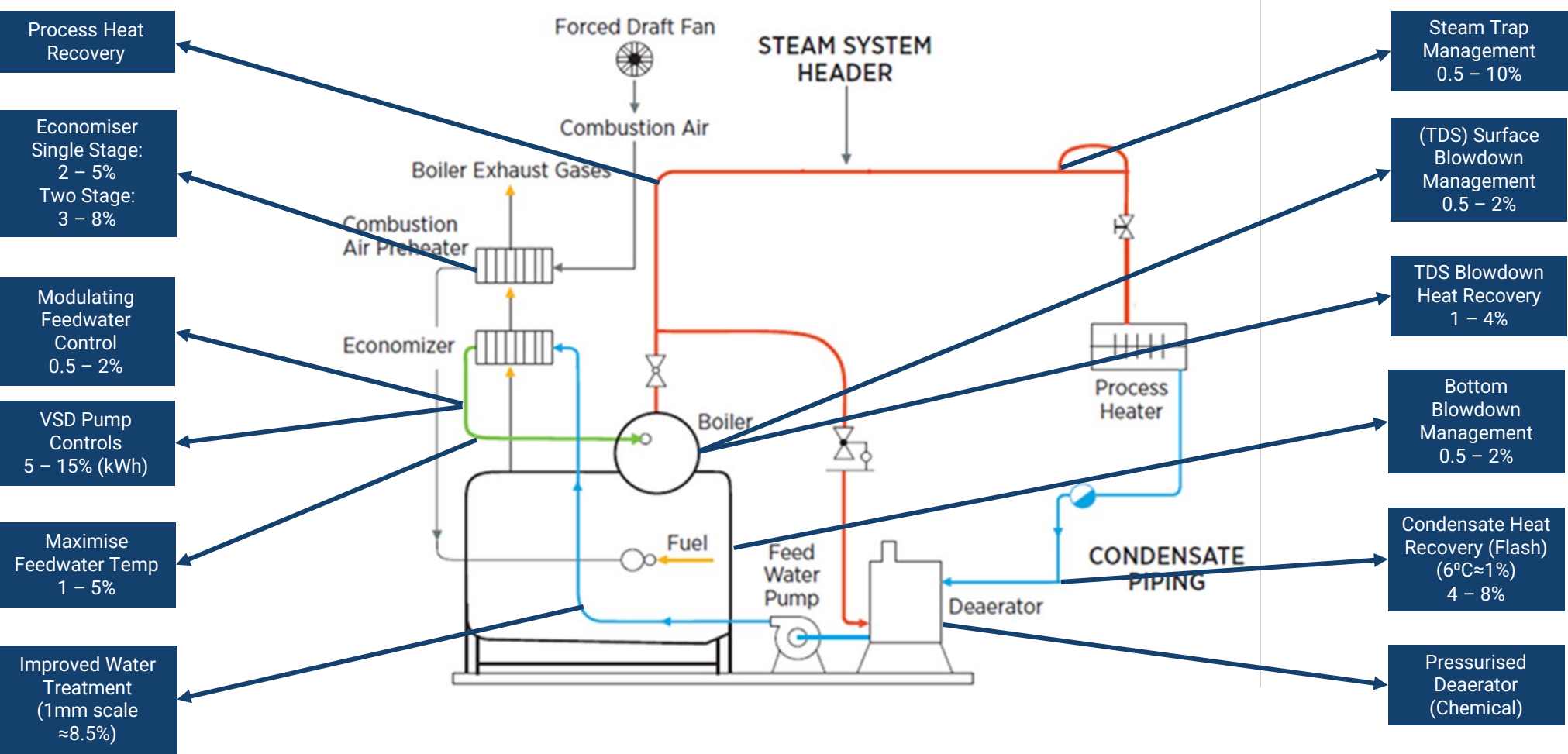
- **Future-proof investment with H₂ approved equipment**



GAS SAVINGS – DRY SIDE



GAS SAVINGS – WET SIDE



OPPORTUNITIES – MULTIPLE PROCESSES

Opportunity	Cost	Payback	Readiness
Plant scheduling	\$	<1	A
Combustion analysis and tuning	\$	<1	A
Flue gas shut off dampers	\$\$	<2	B
Optimized fuel / air ratio control	\$\$	<2	A
Burner upgrade	\$\$	<2	A
Variable Speed Drive (VSD) on combustion air fan	\$\$	<2	A
<i>Pipe and valve insulation / Boiler insulation</i>	\$\$	<2	A
Combustion air pre-heat	\$\$\$	<5	B
<i>Condensing and non-condensing economisers</i>	\$\$\$	<5	B
<i>Waste heat recovery</i>	\$\$\$	<5	B
Sub metering systems	\$\$\$	<5	B
Boiler sizing and low load boiler	\$\$\$\$	<10	A

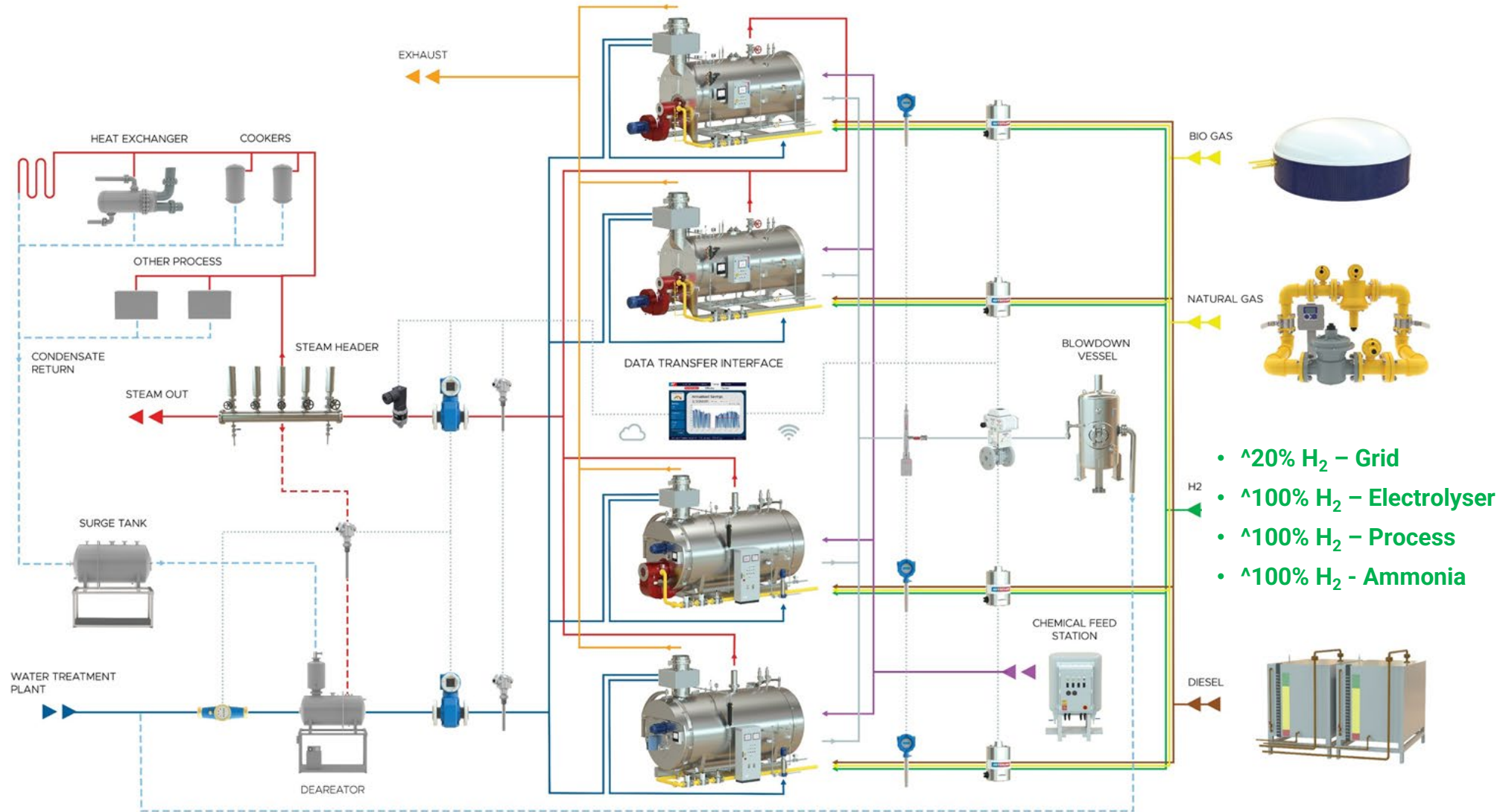
OPPORTUNITIES – HOT WATER

Opportunity	Cost	Payback	Readiness
Reduce hot water temperature	\$	<1	A
<i>Hot water use: efficient nozzles</i>	\$	<1	B
Hot water heater control	\$\$	<2	A
Condensing boiler (generator)	\$\$\$\$	<5	A

OPPORTUNITIES – STEAM

Opportunity	Cost	Payback	Readiness
<i>Maximise condensate return</i>	\$	<1	A
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) control of blowdown	\$	<2	A
Maximise feedwater temperature	\$	<2	B
<i>Water treatment to reduce blow down losses</i>	\$	<5	A
Boiler sequencing and scheduling	\$\$	<2	A
Modulating water level control	\$\$	<2	A
<i>Blowdown heat recovery</i>	\$\$	<5	B
<i>Failed steam traps and steam leaks</i>	\$\$	<2	A
<i>Flash steam recovery</i>	\$\$\$	<2	B
<i>Steam accumulator</i>	\$\$\$	<5	B
<i>Add / refurbish boiler refractory</i>	\$\$\$	<5	A
<i>Pressurised de-aerator</i>	\$\$\$	<5	A
<i>De-superheaters</i>	\$\$\$	<5	B

FULL BOILER HOUSE OPERATIONS



INSTALLATION EXAMPLES

- **Brick Manufacturer** – world's first 100% Hydrogen-fired clay brick (industrial process)
- **BK Labtech – Training Facility** – all blends of natural gas / Hydrogen for testing (heating loop)
- **Decarbonising the Distillery Process** – awaiting electrolyser completion / 100% Hydrogen (steam system)
- **Large Consumer Goods Manufacturer** – up to 5% Hydrogen from small scale electrolyser blended into natural gas supply line (steam system)
- **Pharmaceutical Company** – 9.9% natural gas savings, increased to 13.3% utilizing Hydrogen from a small scale electrolyser (steam system)
- **Hospital Facility** – 16% fuel savings / 100% Hydrogen approved (steam system)
- **Building Products Manufacturer** – 35.4% over 5 upgrade processes / Hydrogen ready (steam system)
- **Football Stadium** – heating system with enhanced sequencing – 20% fuel reduction from system upgrade / further 32% fuel reduction from sequencing / 100% Hydrogen approved (heating system)
- **Wall Panel Manufacturer** – 25% fuel savings through condensing boiler, 100% Hydrogen approved burner (hot water process)

WHERE CAN WE HELP?

- **Optimization of the plant room and process**

- Maximize boiler efficiency
- Reduce wasted energy losses
- Data integration and analysis
- Improve boiler house operations
- Process improvements

- **Minimize fuel usage**

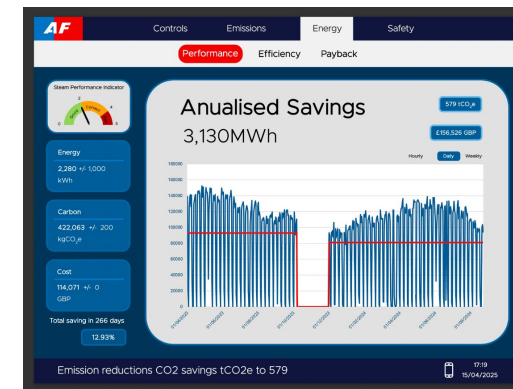
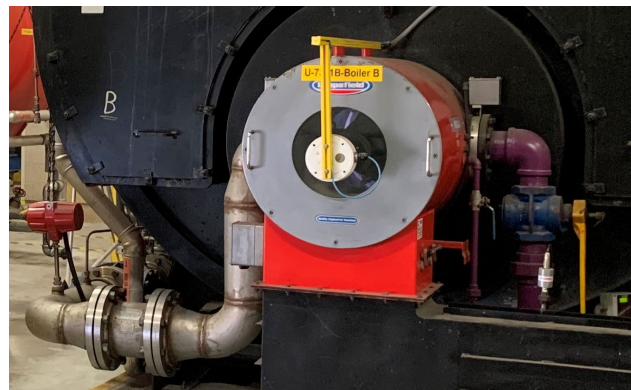
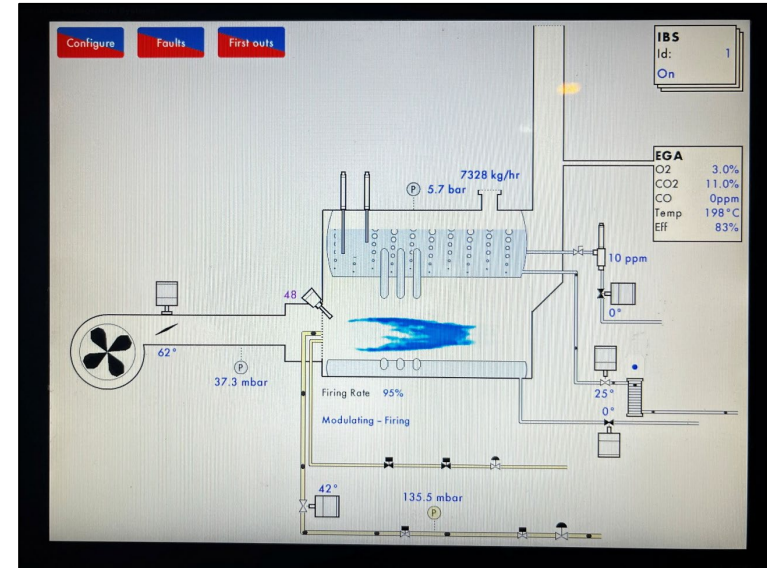
- Reduce fuel usage per ton of steam / product
- Reduce GHG emissions / CO₂ emissions

- **Future proof the investment**

- Equipment expansion (staged upgrades)

- **Limpsfield high efficiency burner**

- Low NO_x for MCPD compliance
- H₂ approved and ready (10% to 100%)



Q&A

Update from Rux Energy

Marius Bosch

Head of Strategy & Commercial

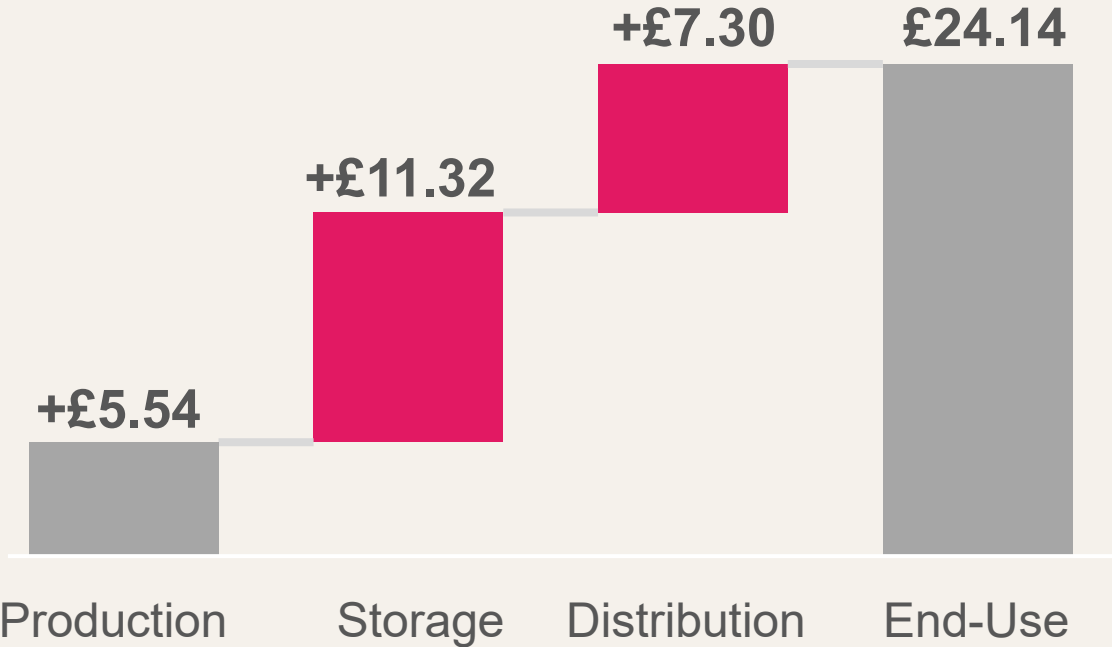
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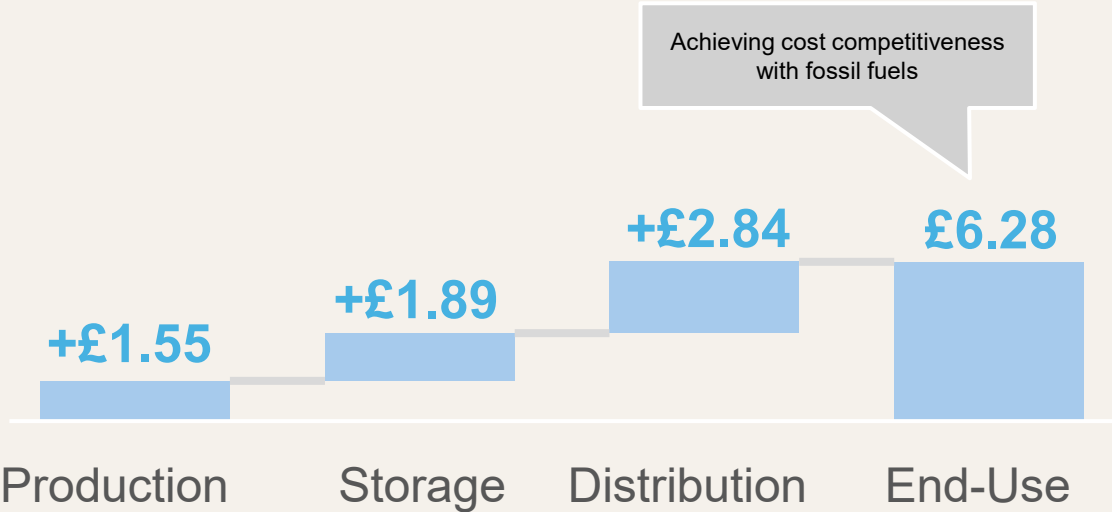
Unlocking a hydrogen future

Delivered Cost ≠ Gate Price

Today's Hydrogen Cost-Breakdown



This is how we can **beat diesel**



Source: Harvard University Center for Environment (October 2024)

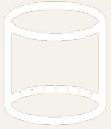
Today's Hydrogen storage technologies have **notorious downsides**

Physical Storage

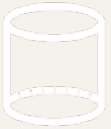
Thermo-Pressurized



350 bar Compressed H₂



700 bar Compressed H₂



350 bar 77K Cryocompressed H₂



Liquid H₂

Adsorption / Physisorption



Rux Energy's storage solution
(Nano-porous materials adsorb hydrogen molecules on surface of material)

Chemical Storage

Molecules



Ammonia



Methanol

Chemical Carriers



Liquid Organic H₂ Carriers



Metal Hydrides

We **SOLVED** this problem



Pathway to cost parity with diesel



Interoperable, high-capacity packaged gas



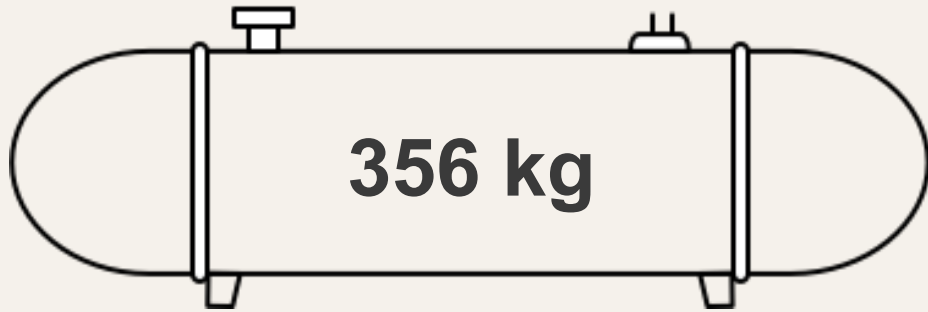
Breakthrough safety and efficiency



Rux HARMONY

We integrate **nano-porous materials** in ISO-certified, containerised storage systems

350bar Hydrogen tanks



Low pressure Rux-tech enabled H2 tank
World's FOAK Prototype delivered in Dec24

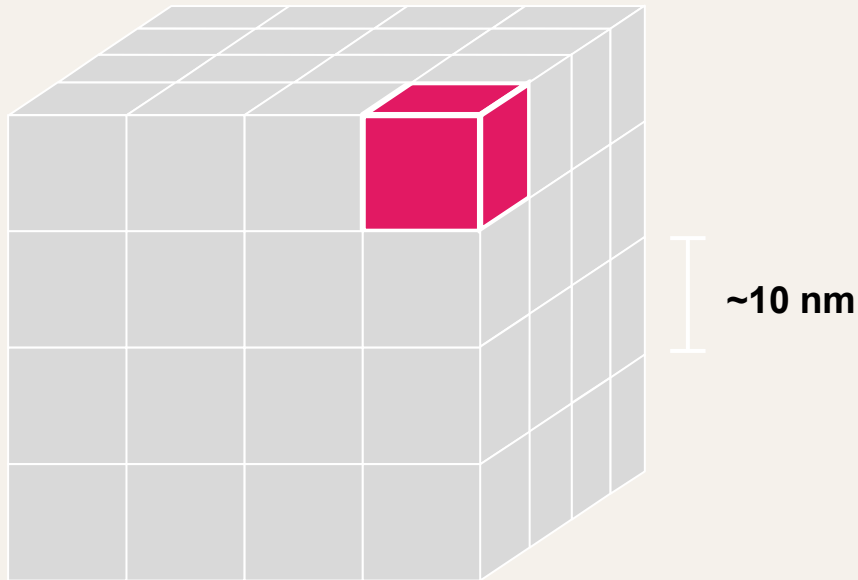


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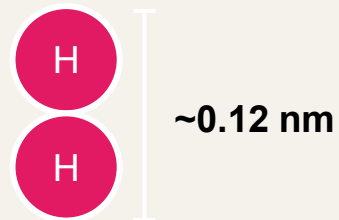
Patented nano-porous materials
integrated in next-generation tanks

Exemplary Rux storage system operating at LNG-like temperatures and low pressures (~20ft container volume)

Our patented materials act like a **molecular sponge** for hydrogen

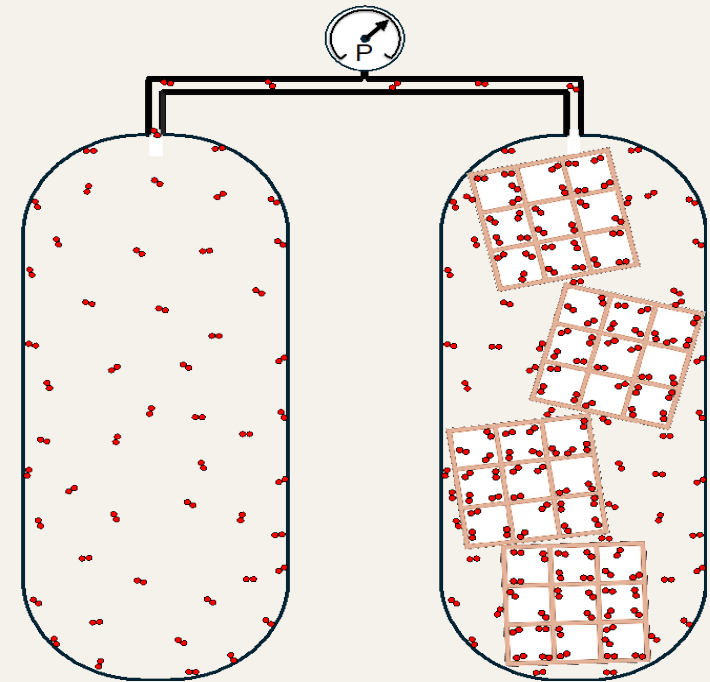


Rux Metal-Organic Framework (MOF)



Gaseous Hydrogen molecule (H₂)

H₂ always remains gaseous, seamless adsorption, no energy required



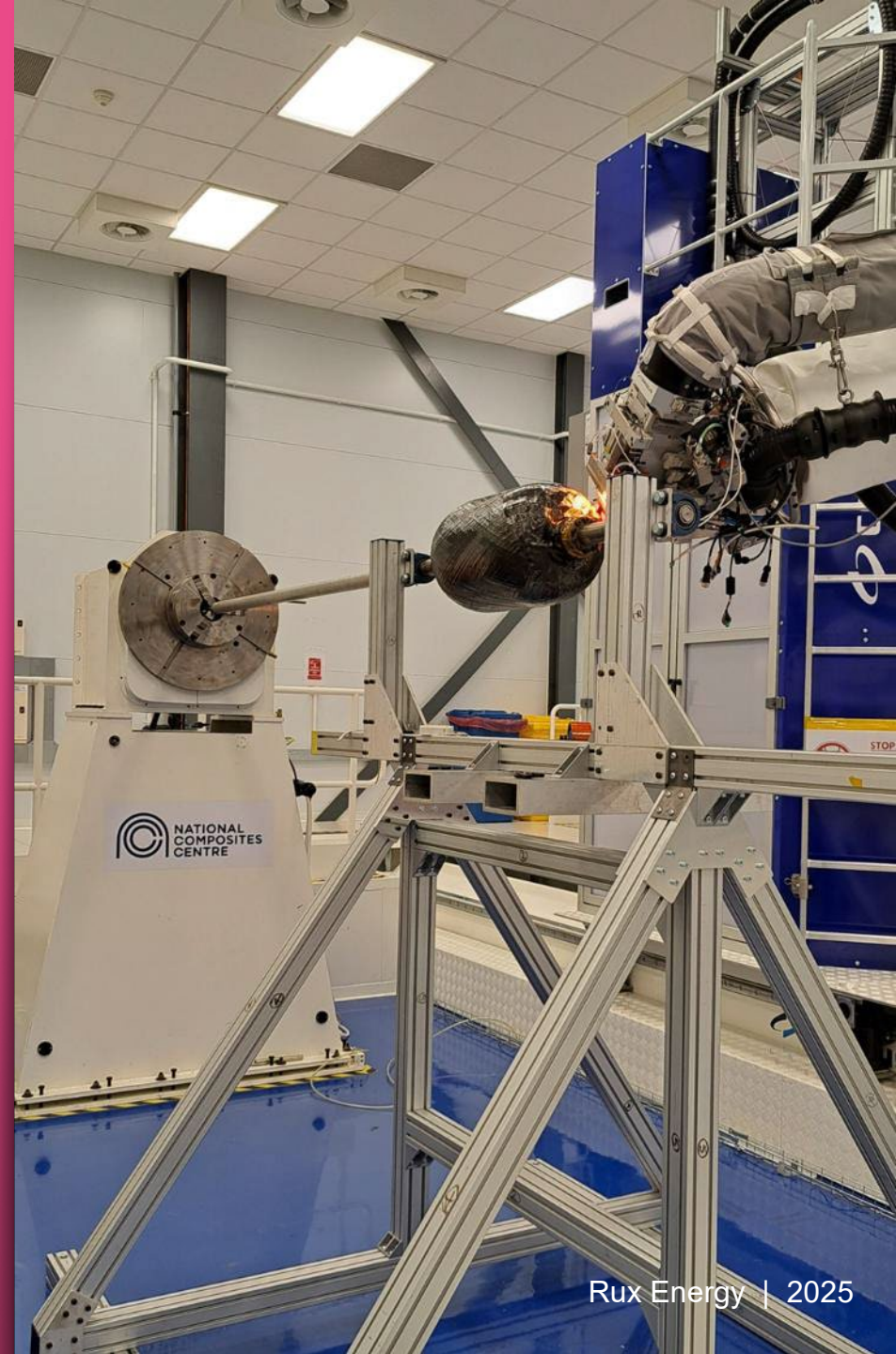
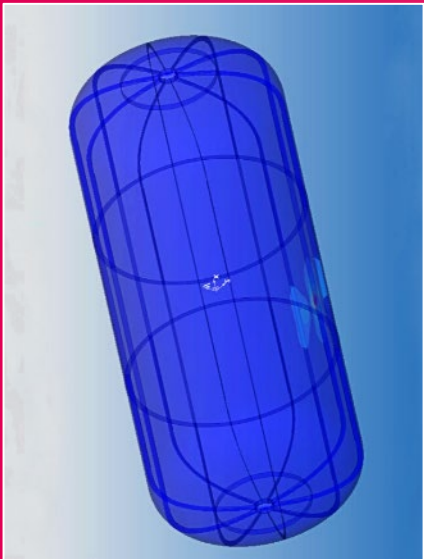
Standard H₂ storage tank

MOF-enabled storage system

Innovation in cryo-compressed composite storage tanks



- World's first-of-a-kind nanoporous materials-enabled carbon composite storage tank delivered in late 2024
- Developed in collaboration with the National Composites Centre (NCC) UK



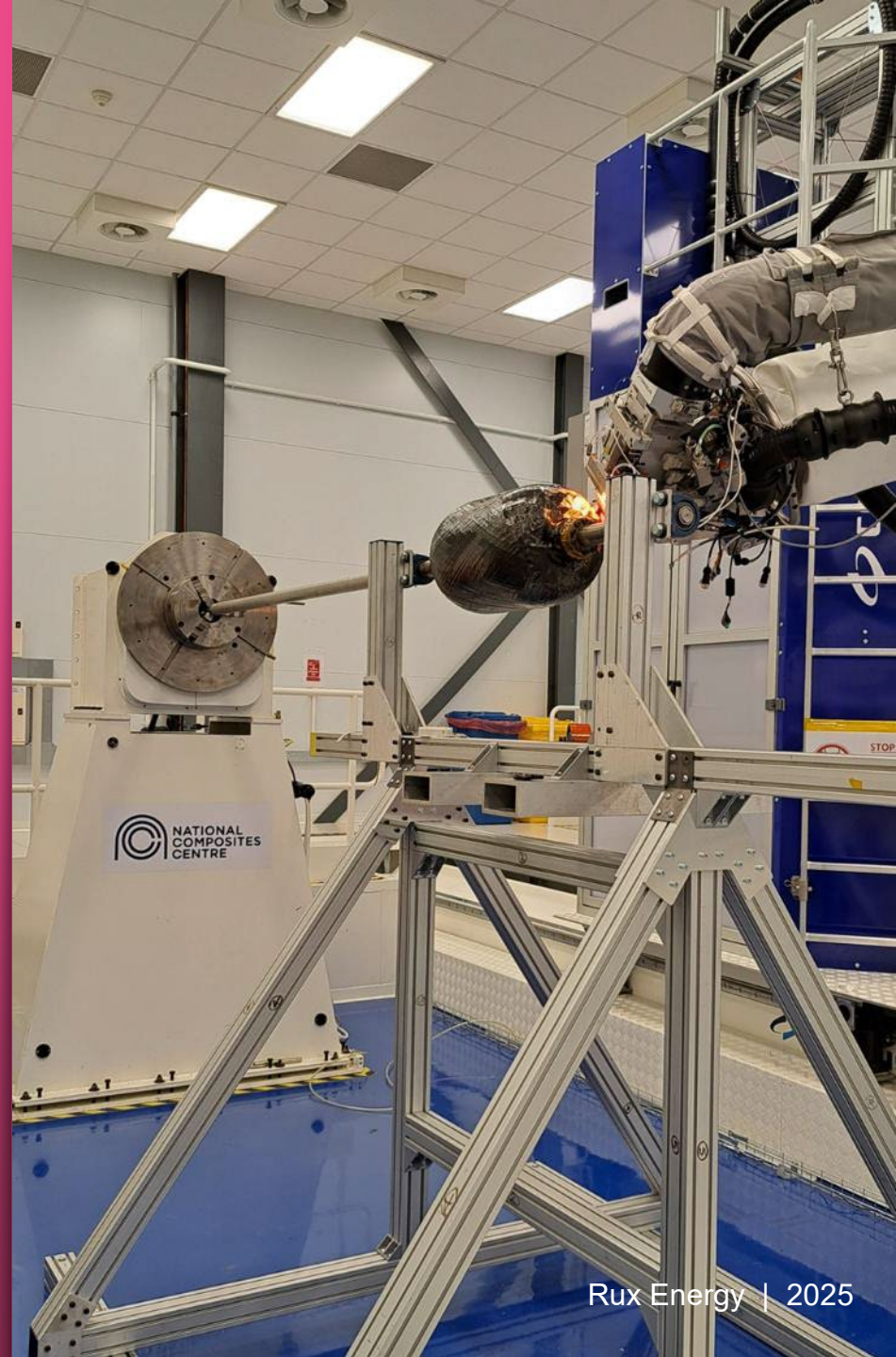
Successful Proof-of-Concept testing & validation



- Prototype validates Rux's storage technology, delivering 3x the capacity of 350bar (Type III/IV) hydrogen storage tanks
- Prototype filled with ~25kg of nanoporous material from Rux's experimental manufacturing facility in Sydney
- Results confirmed strong alignment with uptake modelling



Commercial in Confidence

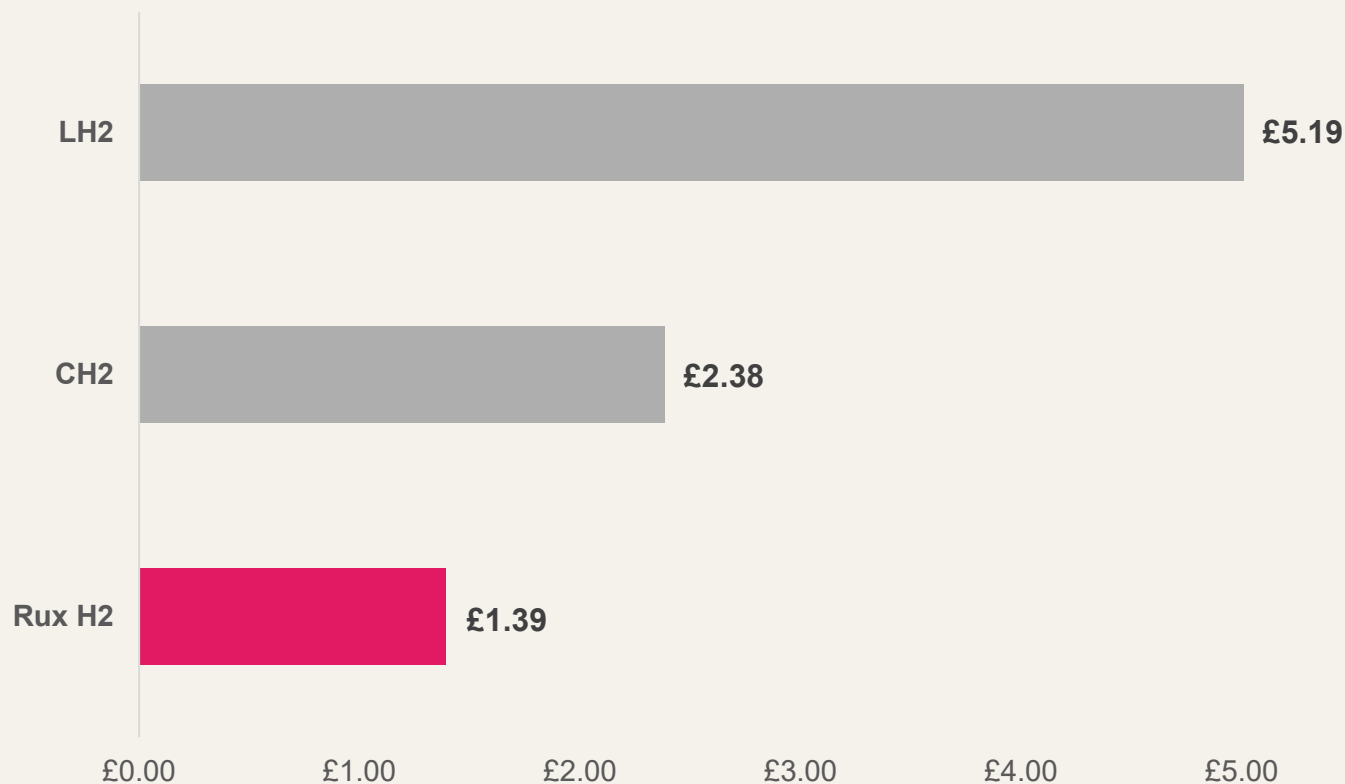


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Rux's **FOAK systems** cut H2 storage & distribution costs by **40–70%**

Levelised Cost of Hydrogen Delivery (LCOHD) (£/kg)

based on exemplary 1tpd H2 demand across 20 years project



Low-cost H₂ for e-Methanol production: **US\$600/tonne-eMeOH within reach**



Geologic Hydrogen Project via Rail – North America

- Annual demand target: **100,000 tonnes** of stimulated H₂
- No pipeline → dedicated rail line, 2 trips/day, 270 t/day
- Offtake: **e-Methanol production** (~120km through existing rail corridor)
- Total cost: **US\$1.75/kg H₂ delivered** (LCOH: ~US\$1/kg H₂+ Rux logistics: US\$0.75/kg H₂)

Why this matters?



Intra-regional bulk H₂ transport via rail is already feasible



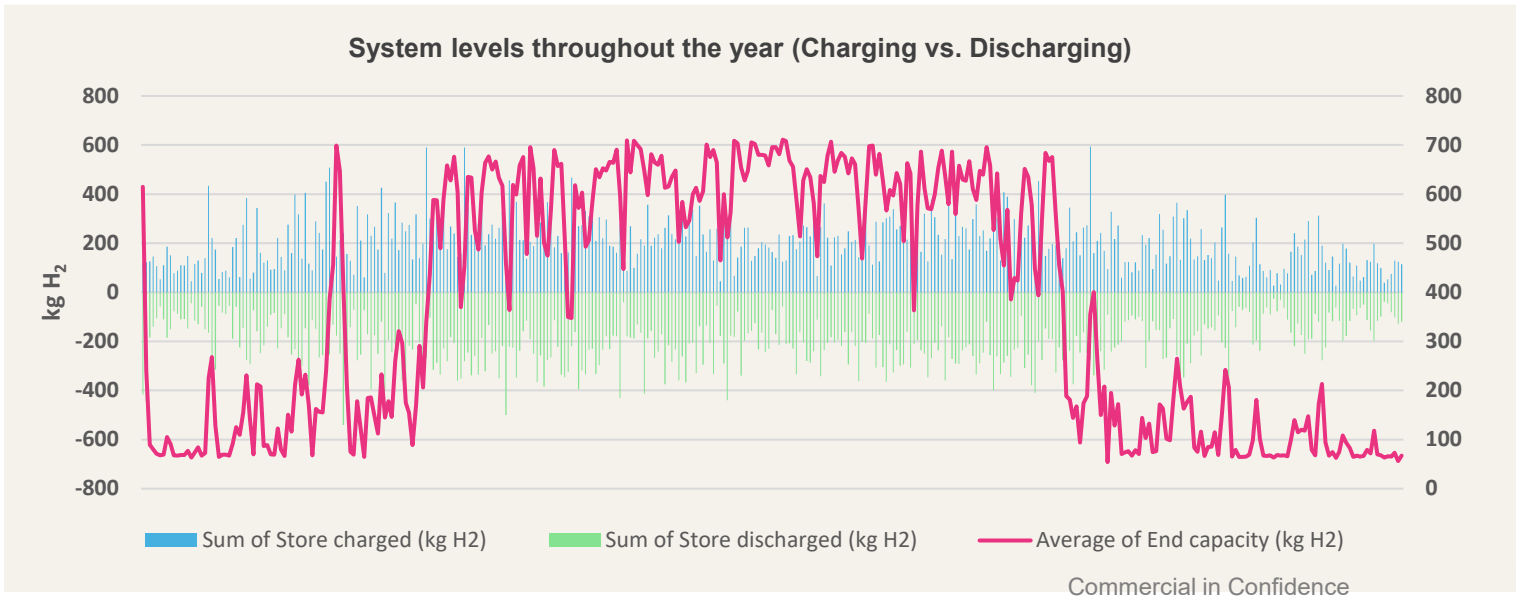
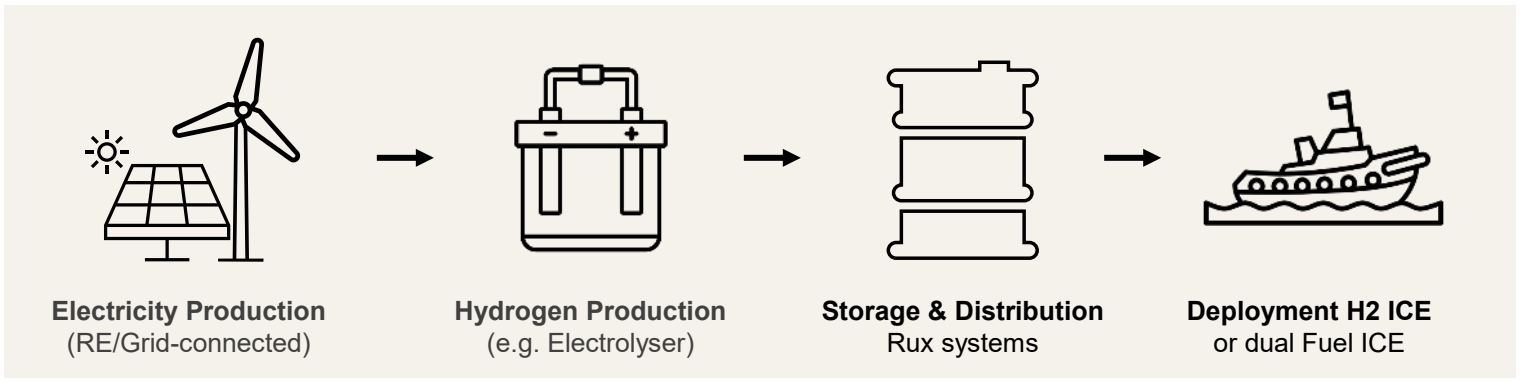
Low-cost H₂ = Low-cost e-fuels



Industrial-scale use cases stimulate H₂-derivatives demand



Domestic Renewables Powering Cost-Efficient Workboat Operations – **Outperforming Fossil Fuels Under Carbon Pricing**



A background image of a dark blue night sky with a large, bright sparkler on the right side, creating a large burst of golden sparks. Several smaller sparks are visible in the air. A semi-transparent red rectangle covers the left half of the image.

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Any Questions?

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