



## Power, Hydrogen and Storage

- The essential role of Hydrogen in Long Duration Energy Storage

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### AN INTRODUCTION TO AFRY Our strategic framework

### **WHO WE ARE**

OUR VISION Making Future

OUR MISSION We accelerate the transition towards a sustainable society

**OUR VALUES** Brave Devoted Team players

OUR PEOPLE Inclusive and diverse teams with deep sector knowledge

### **OUR AMBITION**

A leader in sustainable engineering, design and advisory with a global reach

Our hydrogen expertise

### **KEY FIGURES**

- Over 80 projects delivered globally in over 30 countries since start of 2021
- Technical/engineering on project capacity over 10GW electrolyser capacity
- Expertise covers the entire value 3 chain from production to end-use
- Expertise in Ammonia, e-methanol Δ and Sustainable Aviation Fuels
- Over 50 experts located globally 5 involved in projects

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### Hydrogen is essential to enable supply security in RES dominated markets

### **KEY POINTS FOR TODAY**

- Power markets will decarbonise and become dominated by Renewables (RES) with a corresponding reduction in current dispatchable thermal generation
- RES dominated power markets will have to manage increasing imbalances between supply and demand
- Flexibility requirements will increase but some forms are only suited to short-duration
- Hydrogen offers the most cost-effective solution to energy storage and can meet supply/demand imbalances lasting weeks
- Hydrogen can also be effective in managing the locational issues encountered in RES systems



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## GB power sector decarbonisation will lead to a system dominated by Offshore Wind in 2050

### 2050 WILL SEE 92GW OFFSHORE WIND CAPACITY

- Power system will become **dominated by Renewables** and in particular offshore wind
- 92GW of offshore wind in 2050 meeting 44% of demand
- Some unabated gas generation left which is offset by negative emissions
- Requirement for **peaking capacity** results in some CCS/gas and hydrogen generation

How does this generation mix impact system security and supply/demand?

What impact does the inevitable increase in intermittency have?



## POWER SECTOR GENERATION MIX HIGH POWER DEMAND SCENARIO, GREAT BRITAIN (TWh)



# A power sector dominated by wind will have to manage increasing imbalances between supply and demand

#### **RENEWABLE INTERMITTENCY INCREASES IMBALANCES**

- A power system dominated by RES will experience **Diurnal** and Seasonal variations
- But also there will be variable weather patterns that are likely to lead to longer periods of excess or shortfall
- The impact of this increases over time as more RES included in the generation mix
- Imbalances will be more severe during winter periods when power demand is highest

Key question: How can these imbalances be managed?

#### **JANUARY 2050 GENERATION AND CONSUMPTION GAP**





# Meeting imbalances will require a range of flexibility and storage technologies providing different duration and response times

### STORAGE MANAGES SHORT AND LONG TERM IMBALANCES

- The power sector will no longer be able to depend on flexible gas fired generation
- The requirements for **new forms of energy storage** will materialise
- There are a wide range of storage technologies, each has different characteristics
- The electricity system will need a mix of different storage technologies
  - to meet short term variations between supply and demand and
  - longer term imbalances
- There exists many technologies to meet short term variations

**Longer term imbalances** require large volumes of energy to be stored over periods of weeks to months



### **CHARACTERISTICS OF STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES**



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# Hydrogen storage can provide the flexibility to cope with extended periods of low wind

### HYDROGEN PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY TO THE SYSTEM

- Hydrogen is likely to be the one of the most optimal technologies to manage longer term imbalances between generation and demand
- Our analysis shows in 2050
  - 33GW of electrolysers producing 124TWh of hydrogen predominantly from excess renewables
  - 73TWh of hydrogen withdrawn from storage of per year
  - Total hydrogen storage capacity of 15TWh, with injection/withdrawal capability of 2TWh/day

What does this mean for existing gas infrastructure?



### JANUARY 2050 POWER AND HYDROGEN SECTOR ANALYSIS



Note: chart shows data from the higher power demand core scenario

Hydrogen also helps optimise energy transmission around GB

#### **DEVELOPING HYDROGEN TRANSMISSION**

- Locating electrolysis close to renewable production will reduce investment in electricity transmission, as it will absorb 'excess' generation at source
- It is cheaper to transport molecules than electrons and to reuse existing infrastructure
- A hydrogen transmission backbone connecting electrolysis (mainly focussed in the North) with storage sites, H2 CCGT and other users across GB
- Creating a hydrogen transmission system may use a mix of new and repurposed pipes and will also provide flexibility through system line pack

What does this mean for other energy markets?

## HYDROGEN INDUSTRIAL CLUSTERS AND STORAGE, GB WIND CAPACITY (GW)





### POWER, HYDROGEN AND STORAGE Lessons for other energy markets

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- All power markets that are decarbonizing will experience intermittency to a lesser or greater degree depending on the availability of low carbon resources including hydro and nuclear
- A solution to longer-term energy storage will be essential to manage supply and demand
- The limited potential of CCS at scale in many markets may result in a greater requirement for electrolysers to produce hydrogen OR hydrogen imports
- Hydrogen storage will be a key requirement to enable power markets to store energy for durations longer than days
- Hydrogen transmission will be required to enable locational variations in RES, electrolysis and hydrogen demand to be managed
- Future technology developments may result in different outcomes
  - E.g. Direct Air Capture (DAC) of CO2 could enable more unabated natural gas usage – but timing is critical



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