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## LETI HYDROGEN WEBINAR

A decarbonisation route  
for heat in buildings?

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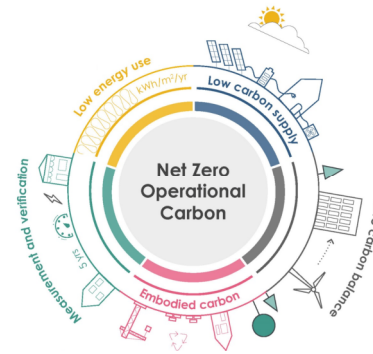
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# Are clients asking for Hydrogen designs?


**Debbie Hobbs**

Group Director of Sustainable Business



# Client understanding of Net Zero Carbon ?

The Scottish Government has proposed a legally binding target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by **2045** at the latest




**UK GBC** ADVANCING NET ZERO

**Net Zero Carbon Buildings: A Framework Definition**

APRIL 2019

Advancing Net Zero Programme Partners

Lead Partner: **REDYCO** Programme Partners: **bam**, **bedoby**, **GRYVONOR**, **HOARE LEA**, **JLL**

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How new buildings can meet UK climate change targets

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Delivering a 'Net Zero' National Health Service



IFRS accounting outline for **POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

**Bringing embodied carbon upfront**

Coordinated action for the building and construction sector to tackle embodied carbon

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Reduce energy consumption to:

**55 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.yr** Energy Use Intensity (EUI) in GIA, excluding renewable energy contribution

Reduce space heating demand to:

**15 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.yr**



**Our Net Zero Commitment**

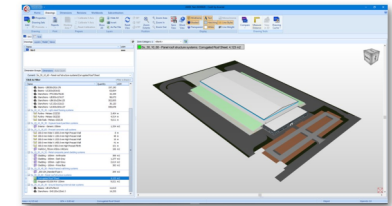
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# So how do we get to energy efficient, sustainable buildings ?



**Contracts**  
 -Performance Contracts ?  
 -Retention linked to performance year 1.2.3

**Design**  
 Orientation & structure  
 Fabric-first  
 No thermal bridges  
 DFMA &D  
 Metering strategy  
 Controls

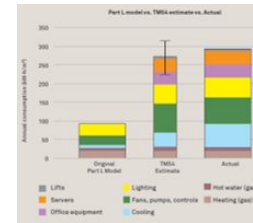


**What Fuel Sources – only electricity?**

**Life cycle**  
 Life cycle cost versus life cycle carbon?  
 BIM Materials passport for refurbishment and deconstruction

**Construct**  
 Zero carbon construction,  
 Airtight  
 BIM, digital inspections,  
 materials passports ,  
 Digital twins

**Operation & Maintenance**  
 Performance is king!  
 Who operates?  
 Who maintains?



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**Circular Economy How-to Guide:**  
 Reusing products and materials in built assets

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'Giving you the confidence in your building's energy performance'





# What about existing buildings?



- Who funds retrofit costs ?
- What NO GAS !?
- Surely we would need at least twice the capacity of the current grid if not more?
- Isn't hydrogen the solution ?
- Can't we just switch the gas network to hydrogen – problem solved?
- What's the difference between green/ blue / grey hydrogen?
- LETI have tried to 'de-myth' the 'Hype about Hydrogen'



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## Hydrogen: A decarbonisation route for heat in buildings?



- Intro to report / acknowledgements / non-aligned LETI
- Information sourcing
- Which Hydrogen - Grey / Blue / Green?
- How efficient is Hydrogen production & delivery?
- What are other countries doing
- Implementation issues for buildings
- Cost impacts / who pays
- Can Green Hydrogen be expected via the redundant gas pipes?

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### 'Ready to go': Britain's gas networks seek approval for £900m net zero infrastructure plan



The investment plan places a major focus on zero-carbon hydrogen. Credit: IEM Power

Energy Networks Association plan lays major path to harness hydrogen and biomethane to heat homes and businesses

See all Business

#### COMMENT

The hydrogen revolution is a marvellous chance for Britain, if it does not throw away the prize

Big Finance is sizing up the opportunities that the gas can offer with Britain in pole position to benefit

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### Is hydrogen the solution to net-zero home heating?

Up to a third of the UK's greenhouse emissions come from central heating. But a switch from natural gas to hydrogen, one of three proposals for greener energy, has experts divided

Stuart Clark

Sat 21 Mar 2020 17:00 GMT



Scottish homes to be first in world to use 100% green hydrogen

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### Hydrogen: a Sustainable Energy Needs

A look at replacing fossil fuels in London, pollution in hydrogen production, and an industrial scale hydrogen power plant as an efficient way of producing energy

Presenter: Richard Hollingham

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### Plan for £900m 'green' hydrogen plant to power homes

By 11 May 2018



HM Government

## The Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution

Building back better, supporting green jobs, and accelerating our path to net zero

- 1. Home (<https://www.gov.uk/>)
- 2. Environment (<https://www.gov.uk/environment/>)
- 3. Climate change and energy (<https://www.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-energy/>)

Press release

### PM outlines his Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution for 250,000 jobs

Prime Minister Boris Johnson outlines his Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution for 250,000 jobs. Published 18 November 2020

From:

Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/prime-ministers-office-10-downing-street>) and The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP (<https://www.gov.uk/government/people/boris-johnson>)



The Prime Minister today sets out his ambitious ten point plan for a green industrial revolution which will create support for up to 250,000 British jobs.

Hydrogen: Up to £500 million, including for trials in a Hydrogen Neighbourhood in 2023, moving to a full scale equivalent to tens of thousands of homes – before new hydrogen production facilities.

- 1. Onshore wind: Producing enough offshore wind to power every home, quadrupling how much we produce from onshore wind, supporting up to 60,000 jobs.
- 2. Hydrogen: Working with industry aiming to generate 5GW of low carbon hydrogen production capacity by 2030 for industry, transport, power and homes, and aiming to develop the first town heated entirely by hydrogen by the end of the decade.

## The role of hydrogen







## Summary

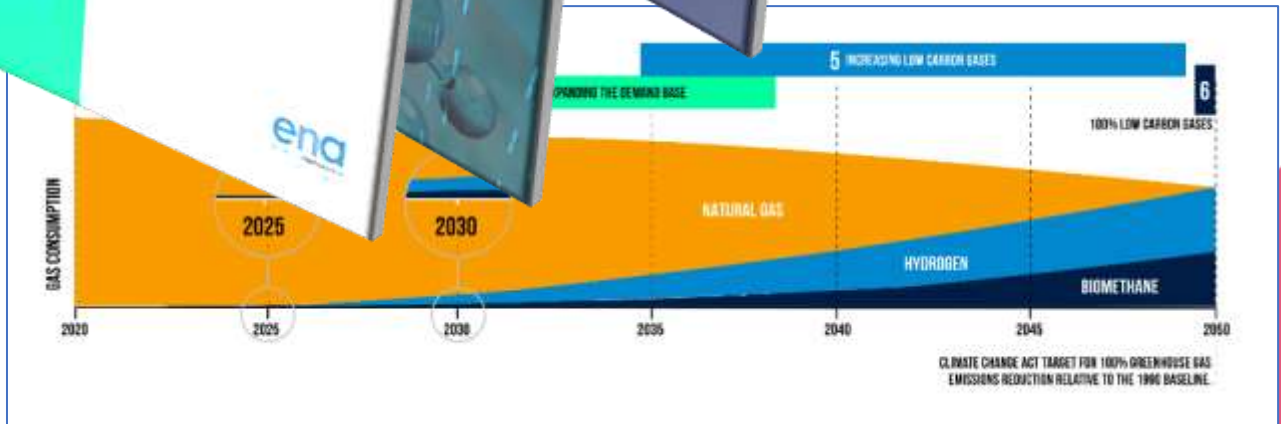


- Number of programmes exploring how customers can use hydrogen to cook and heat their homes
- Blending allows a first step in reducing carbon emissions without changing appliances or customer behaviour
- Recent Gas Goes Green study showed if investment in hydrogen infrastructure began today, it could deliver net savings of £89bn to the bill payer by 2045 – five years ahead of Net Zero target
- Customer perceptions are being explored to understand what is most important to them



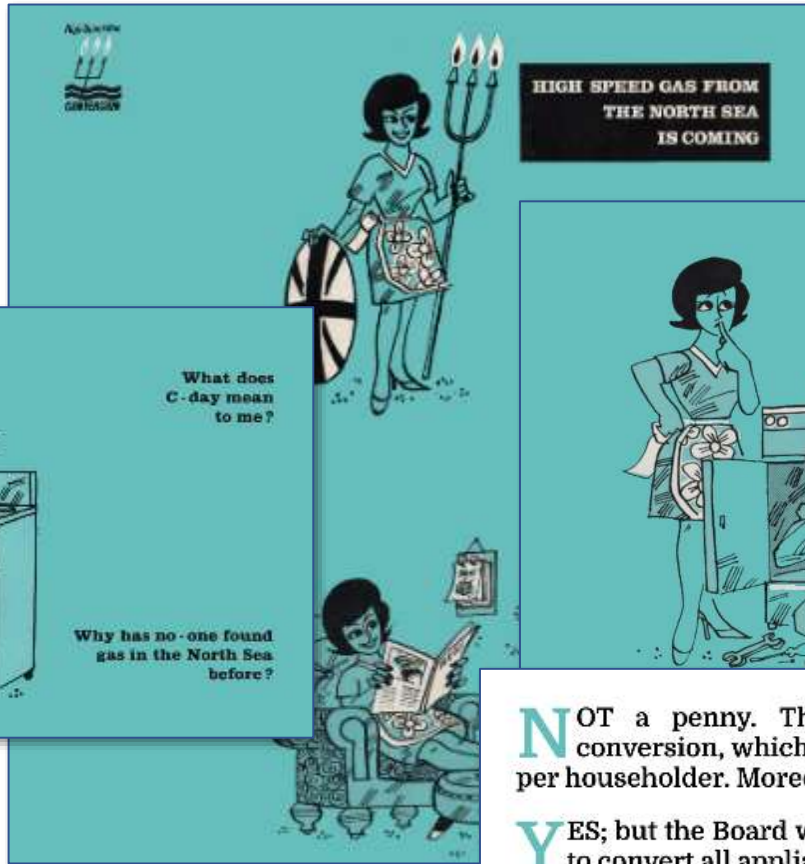
## Background

- The UK gas networks (GDN's) have been exploring the use of hydrogen since 2013
- Two approaches
  - Blending hydrogen up to 20% H<sup>2</sup>
  - 100% H<sup>2</sup>
  - Government are also exploring the opportunity of 100% H<sup>2</sup> with their Hy4Heat programme.
- Gas Goes Green launch



# “We’ve did it before”

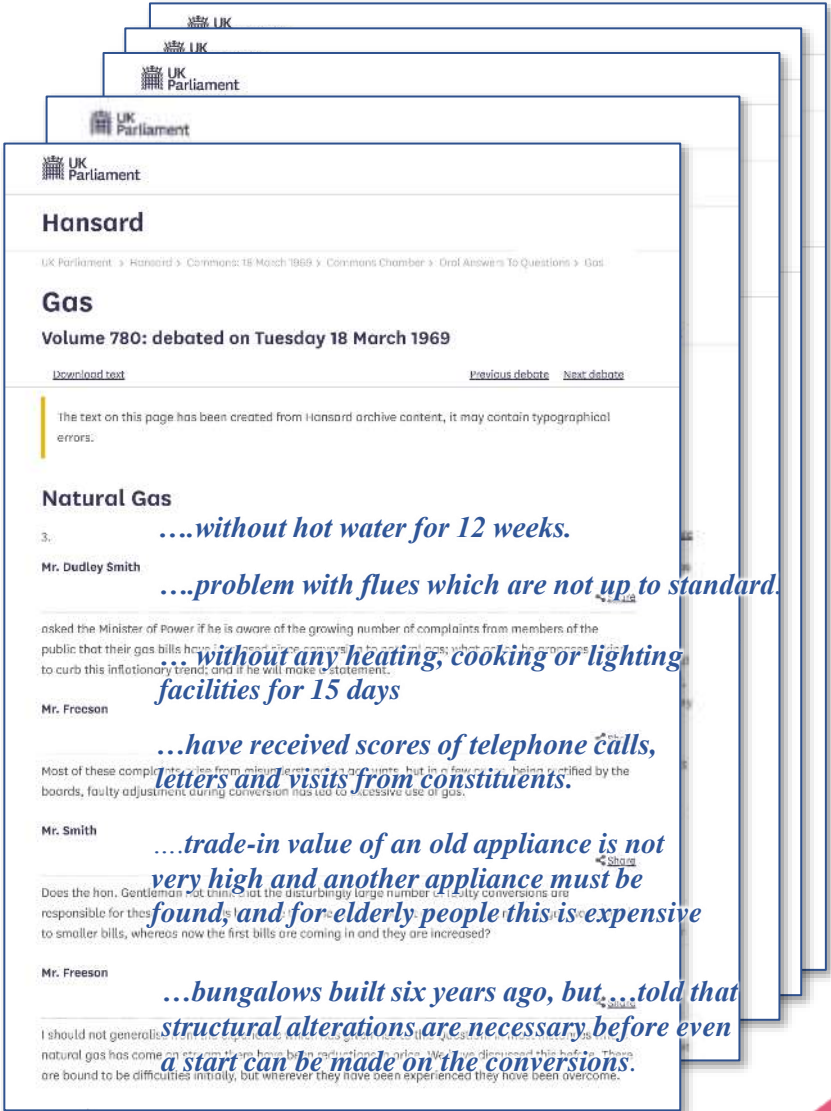
- but without social media .....



**N**OT a penny. The Board bears the complete cost of conversion, which they estimate will work out at around £30 per householder. Moreover, from C-day your gas will be cheaper.

**Y**ES; but the Board will try to minimise the inconvenience and to convert all appliances as quickly as possible.

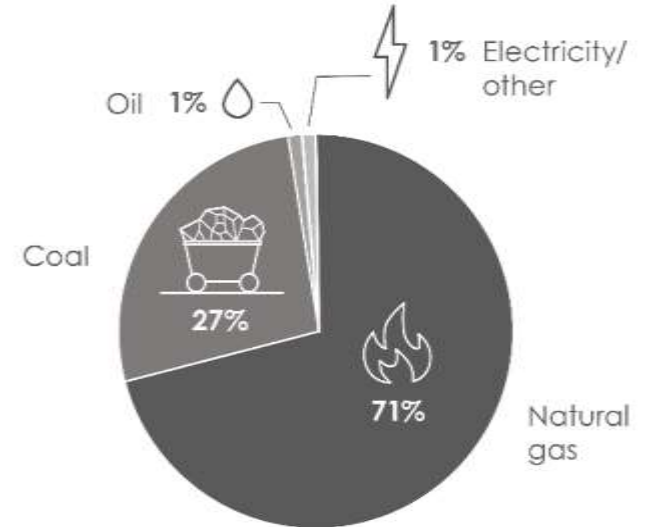
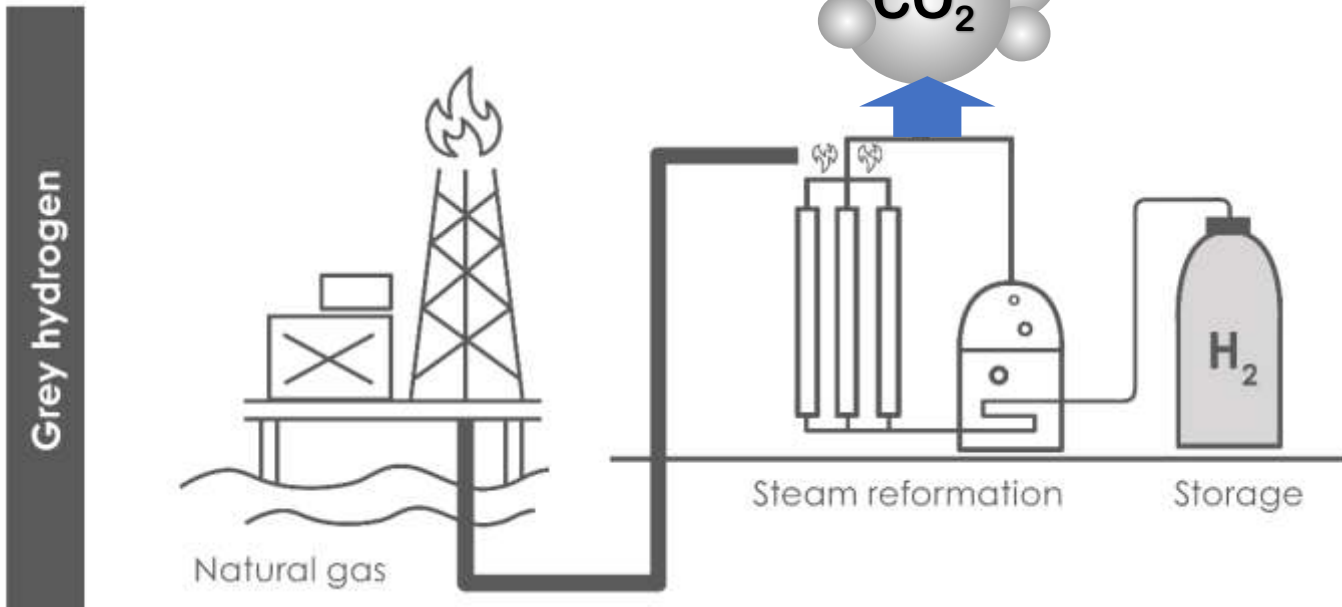
**T**HE work will normally be spread of five days. By the end of the first day, all houses should have some cooking facilities, and, if it is winter, where gas is the only means of heating, some heating facilities.





# Which Hydrogen: Grey vs Blue vs Green

- Hydrogen is an energy carrier
- Produced from fossil fuels
- Global production  $\approx$  half of UK potential demand



**Figure 7** - Current global dedicated hydrogen production, energy input by source. Total current global hydrogen production is 44% of UK current gas demand.

Data source - IEA (2019)



**Figure 2** - Grey hydrogen, how hydrogen is currently made

# Which Hydrogen: Grey vs Blue vs Green

- CCS to remove ~90% of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Sequestration needed for ZC
- Upstream natural gas leakage?
- Lock-in to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions if no CCS?
- 20% dosing = as biodiesel in cars?

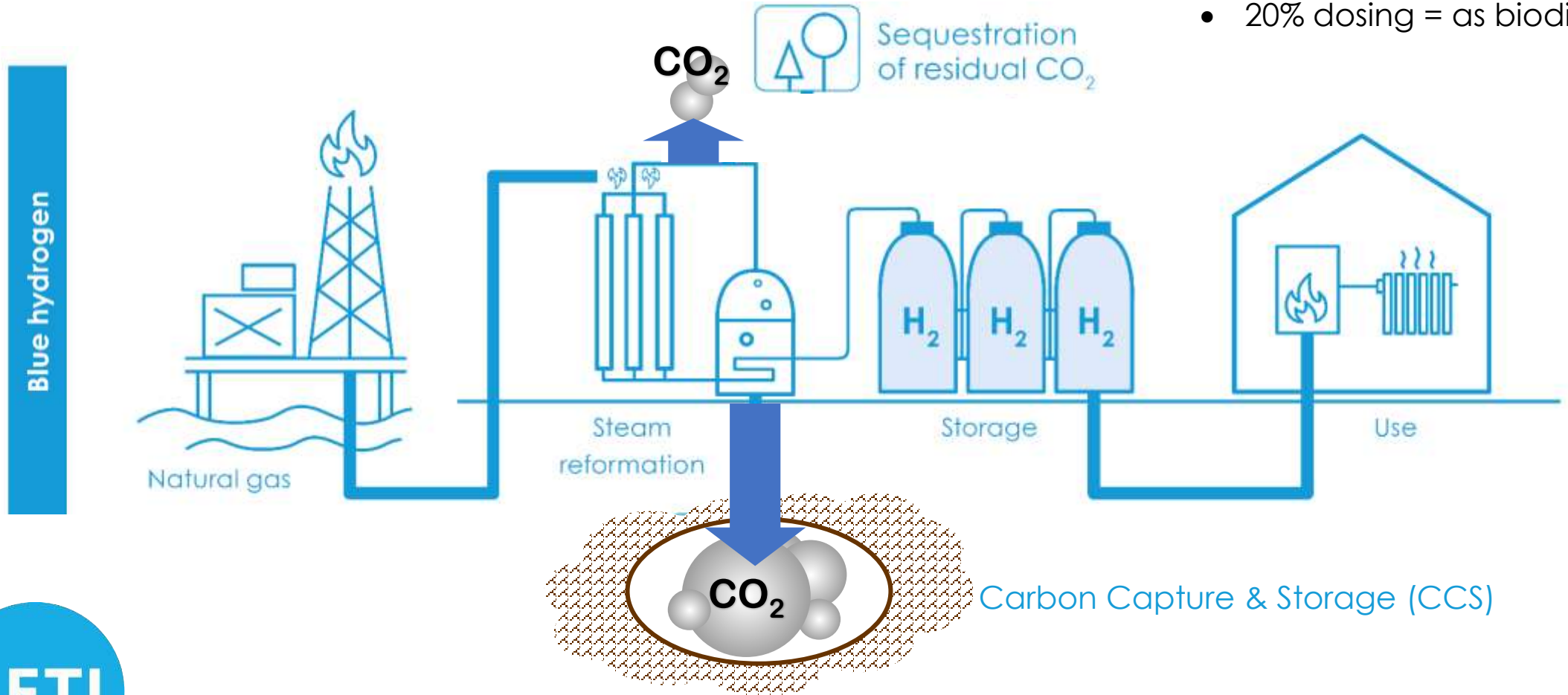


Figure 3 - Blue hydrogen, as advocated by the gas supply industry

# Which Hydrogen: Grey vs Blue vs Green

- True Zero Carbon potential
- Lower efficiency than elect
- More wind farms (x1.5?)
- Large scale storage (x3 elect grid?)

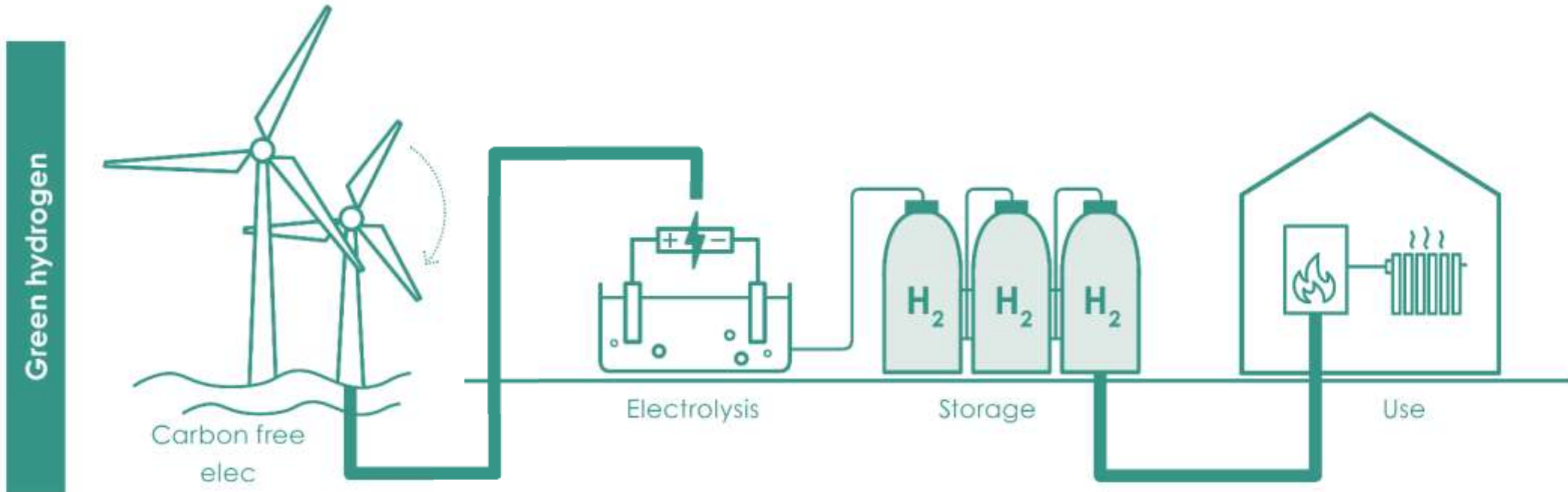


Figure 4 - Green hydrogen, made from renewable energy



## Blue hydrogen

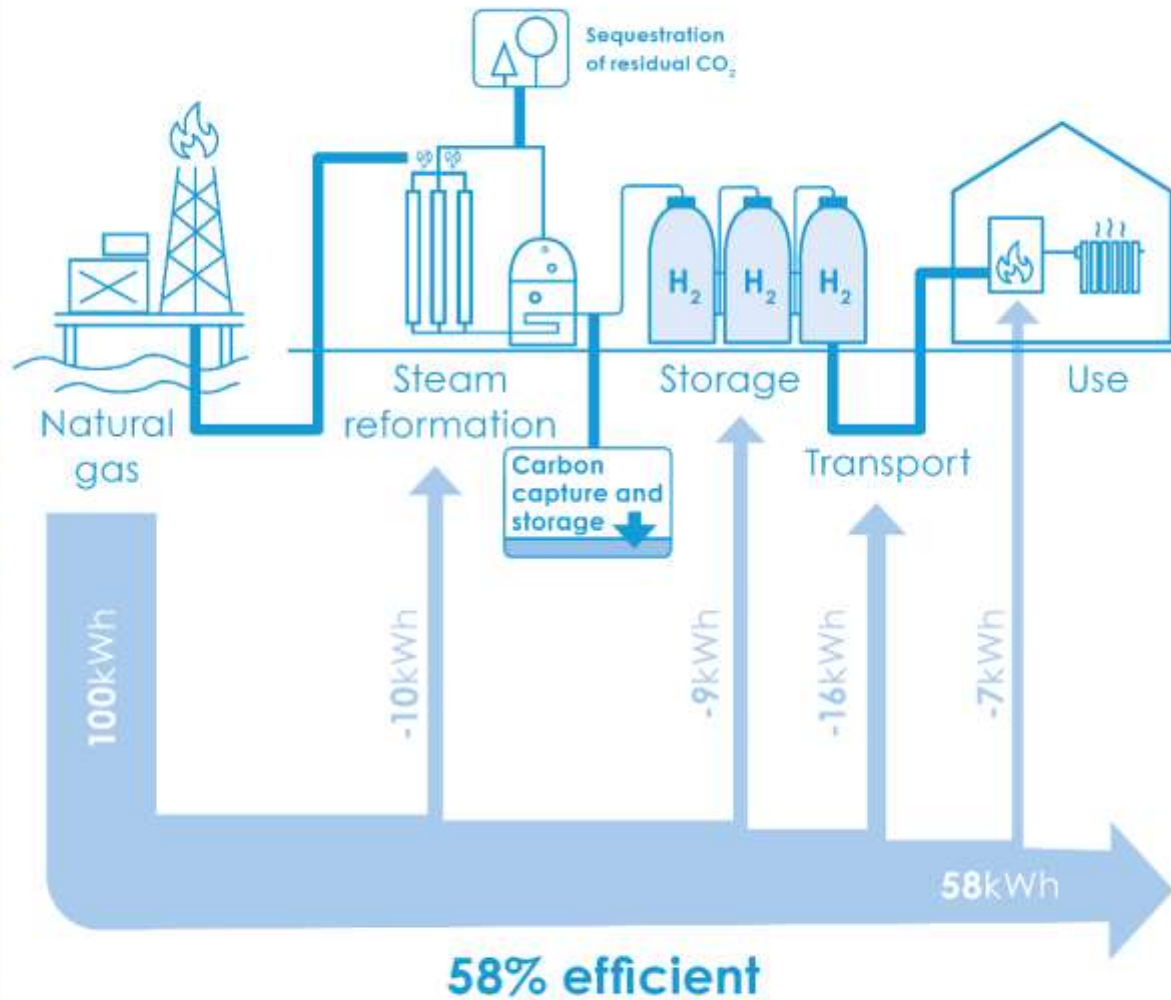
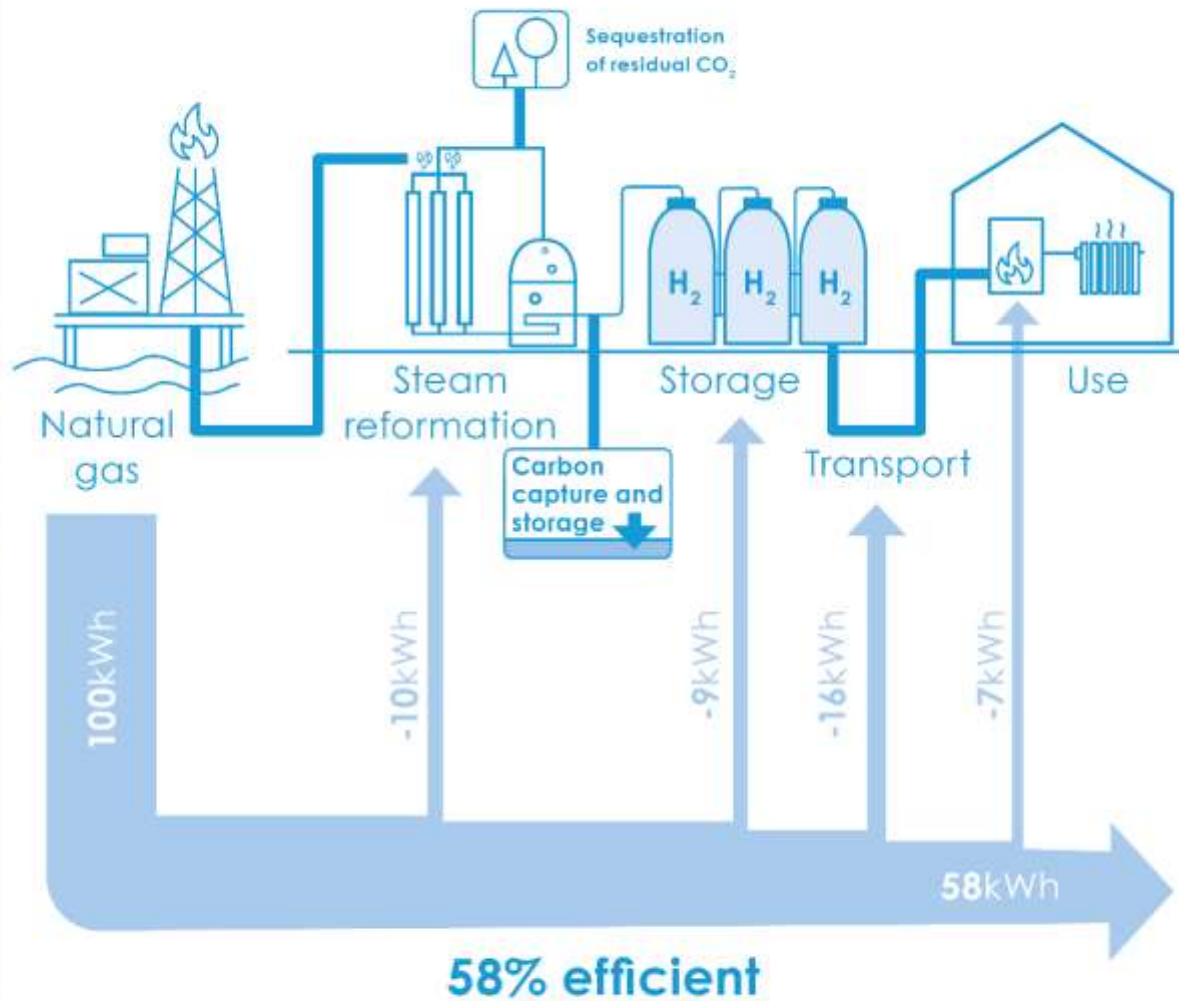
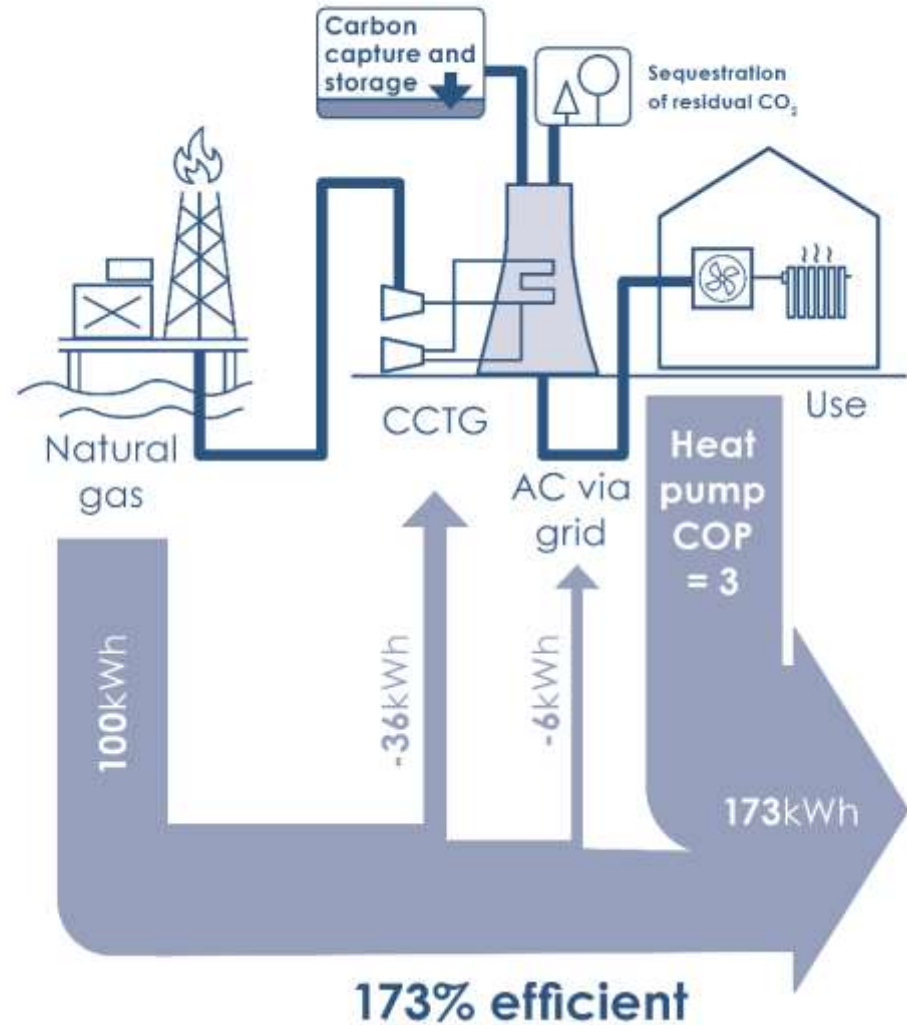


Figure 5 - The difference between blue hydrogen and electricity from natural gas supplying a heat pump

**Blue hydrogen**

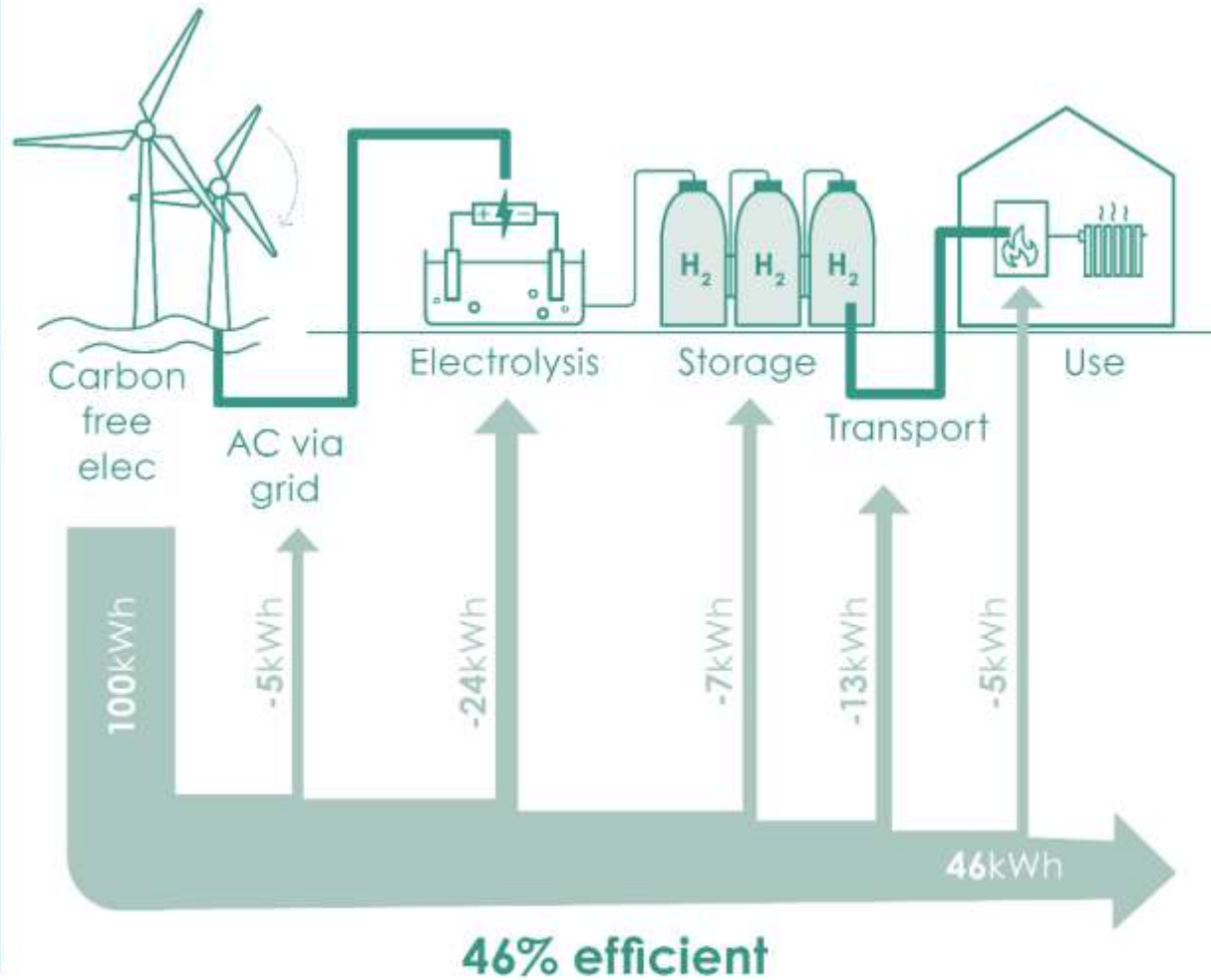


**Elec from natural gas**



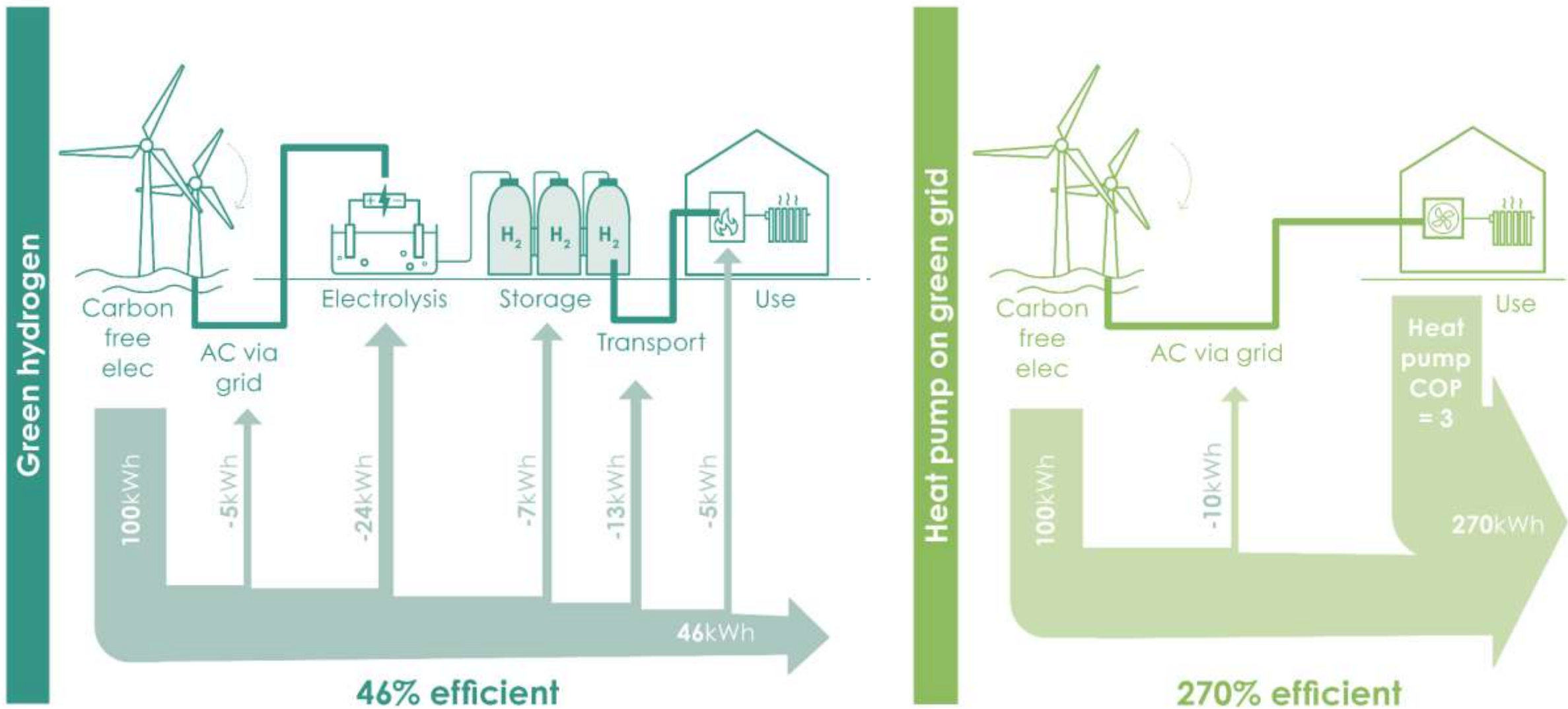
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## Green hydrogen



**Figure 6** - The difference between green hydrogen and a heat pump supplied by a green grid





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# What are others doing...

## HYDROGEN IN THE ENERGY SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE: FOCUS ON HEAT IN BUILDINGS

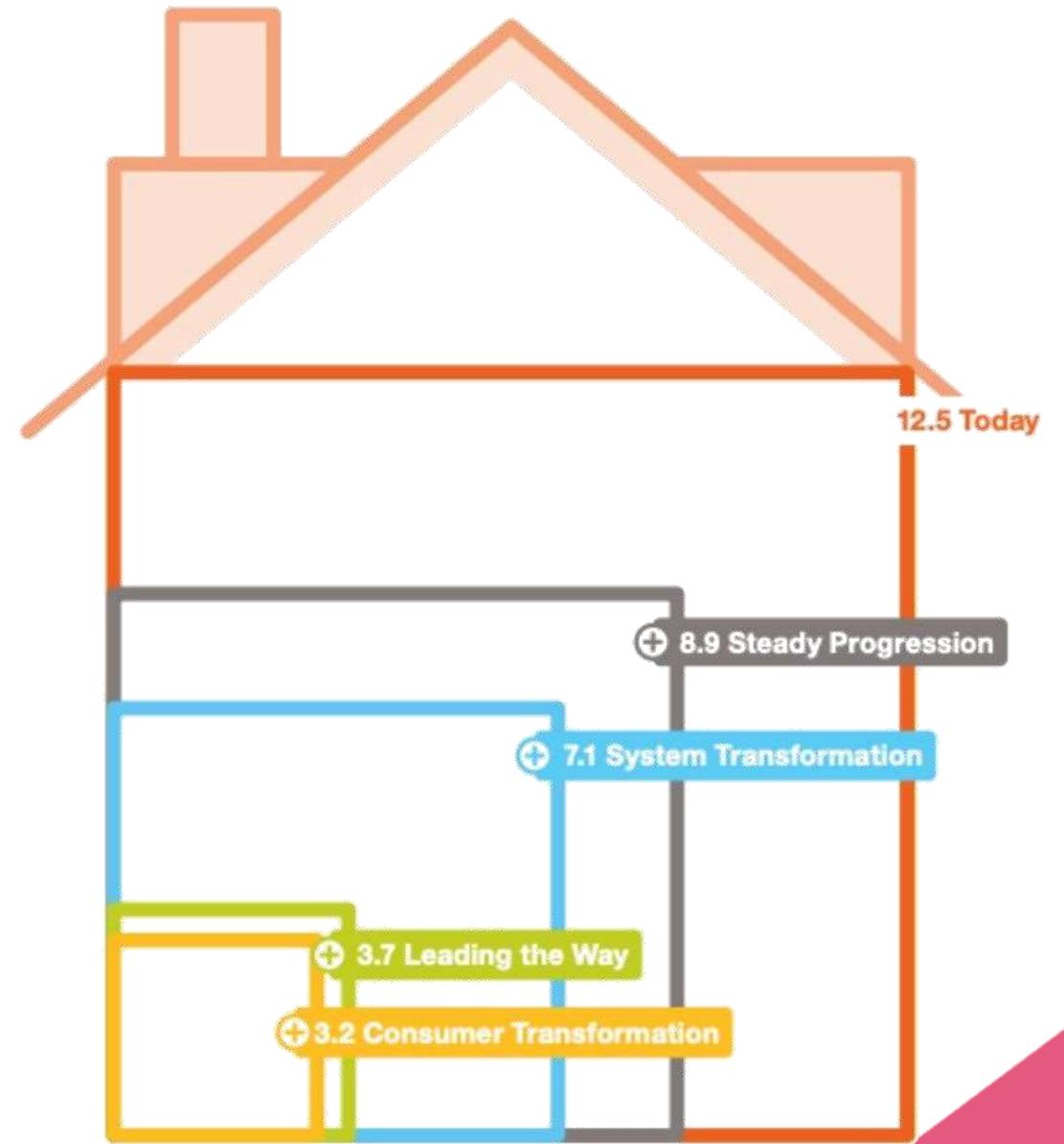
Norman Gerhardt, Jochen Bard, Richard Schmitz, Michael Beil, Maximilian Pfennig, Dr. Tanja Kneiske  
Fraunhofer Institute for Energy Economics and Energy System Technology (IEE)

- German National Strategy.
- Based on Green Hydrogen
  - To serve sectors unable to be served by electricity



# Impact on buildings...

- Thermal performance upgrade not considered
- Complete range of switchover costs overlooked
- In-building pipework switchover liabilities
- Issue of combustion in buildings post-Grenfell
- Little engagement with building occupiers / owners for whom energy / hydrogen switchover not a core business
- Decisions for switchover, or not, likely based on non-energy/carbon rationale (e.g. cost, amenity, expectations and disruption)
- As Green Deal showed - lack of appropriate alignment with building stakeholders can bring a national programme to a grinding halt!

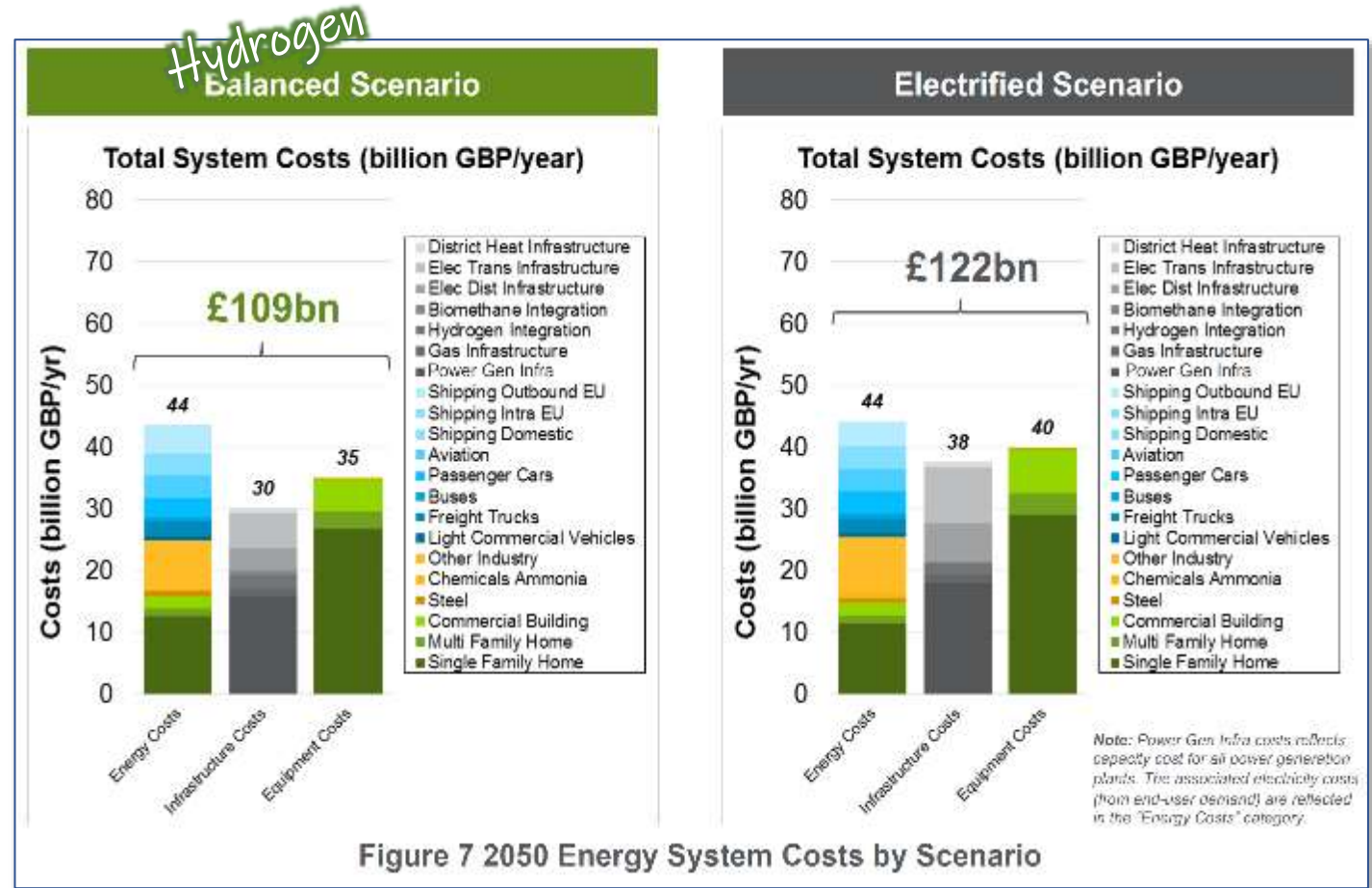


National Grid FES2020



# Costs...

- Switchover costs similar to electrical (but appear to exclude sequestration, building retrofit...)
- CCS & future technology upscaling costs fragile
- Grey H<sub>2</sub> lock-in if technology development falters
- H<sub>2</sub> costs assume largescale consumption - not peak lopping – increases £/kWh
- Manufactured H<sub>2</sub> £/kWh higher than NG
- Electrical grid upscaling far more robust
- Elec private investment is far larger - Wind turbines no longer need subsidy.....
- Are Consumers or Government expected to pick up H<sub>2</sub> rollout costs and delivery risk?

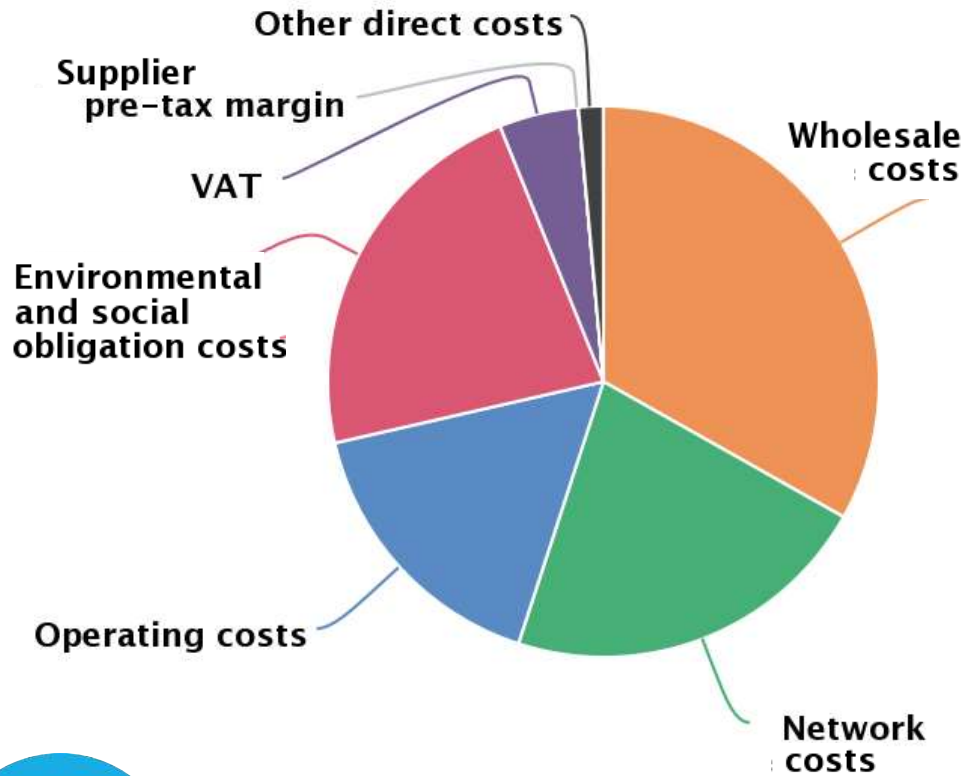


Pathways to Net-Zero: Decarbonising the Gas Networks in Great Britain  
Prepared by Navigant Europe Ltd for Energy Networks Association

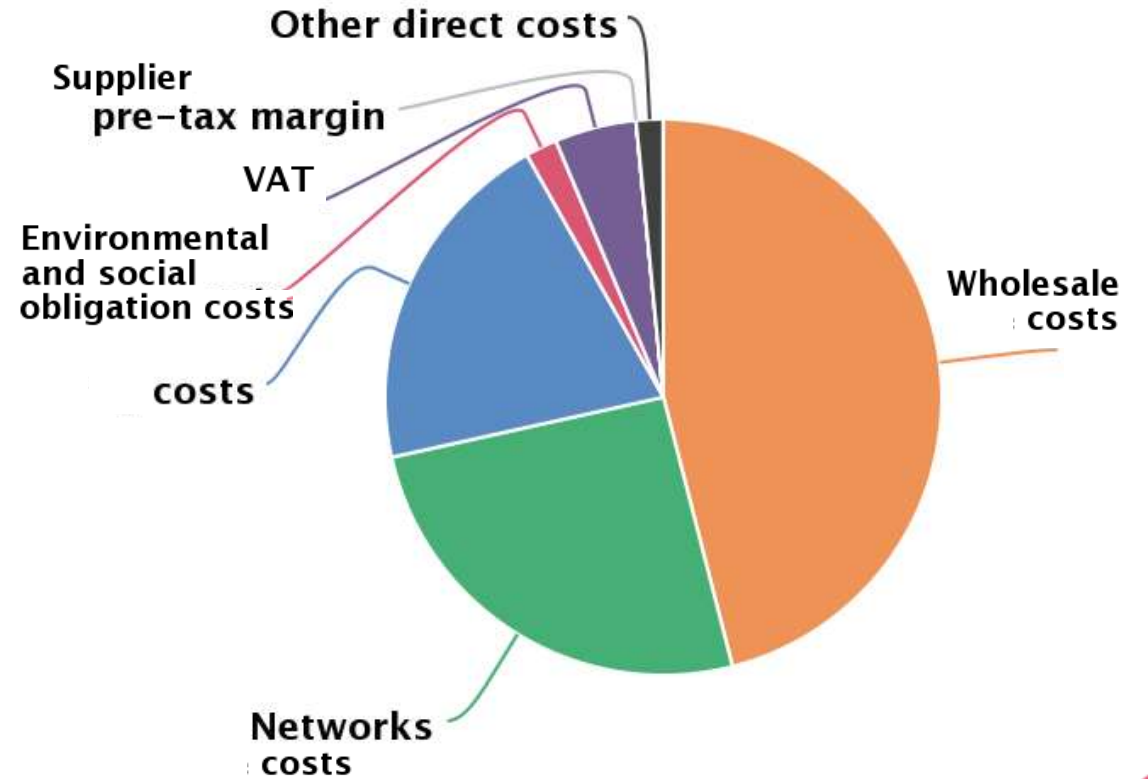


# Killer diagram?...funding for switchover

## Breakdown of an electricity bill



## Breakdown of a gas bill

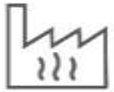


OFGEM Source: [Companies' consolidated segmental statements](#).  
Information correct as of: August 2020

# Hydrogen as a higher cost premium product?



Peak CCGT power stations (harnessing its storage abilities)



High temperature industry



Long-haul aviation and ~~heavy lift haulage~~



Perhaps to local consumer networks in the immediate vicinity of other larger users

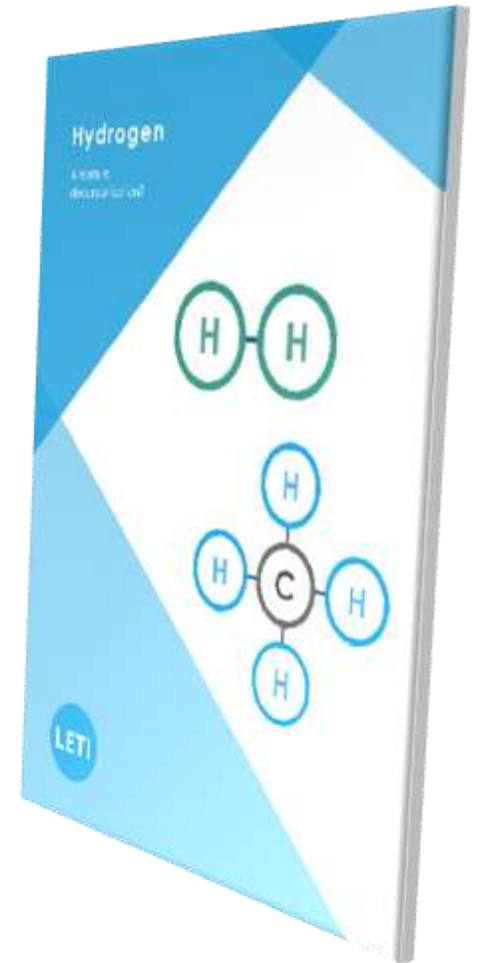
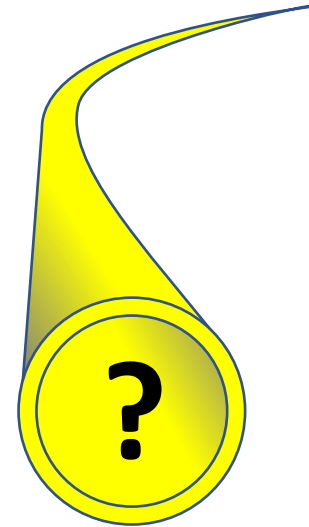
*Gas suppliers “over-selling ‘green-gas’ to policy makers in order to protect their interests and detract from the importance and value of electrification”*





# In conclusion

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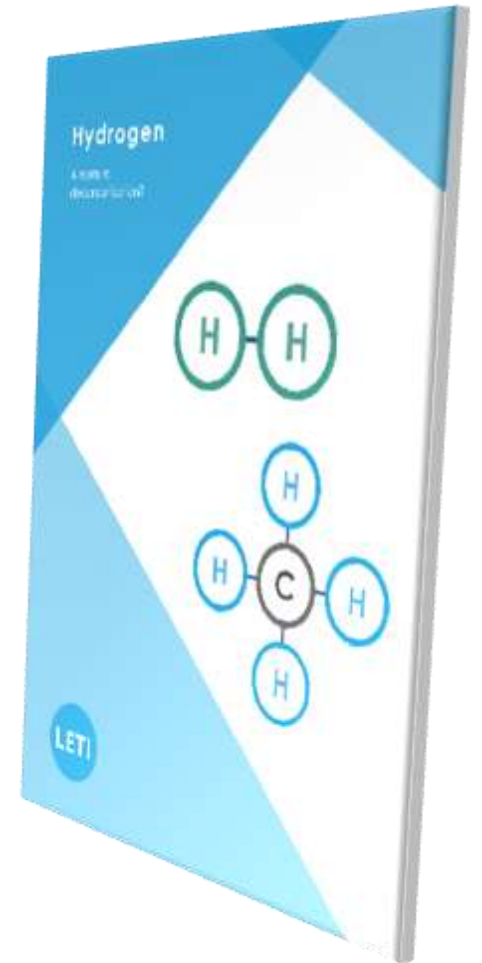
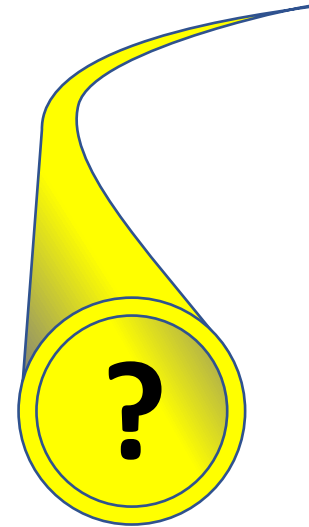


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**It seems unlikely Zero Carbon Hydrogen via re-purposed gas mains will be available for most buildings for the foreseeable future**

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