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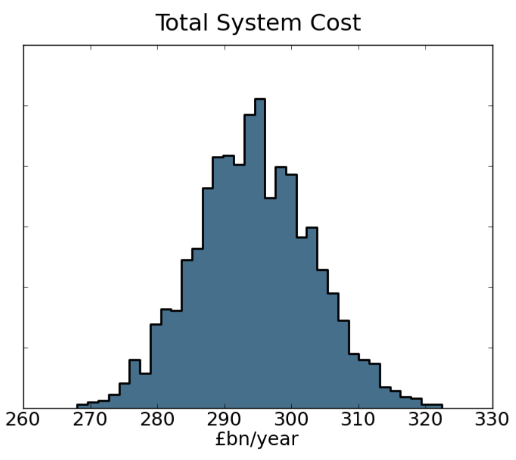
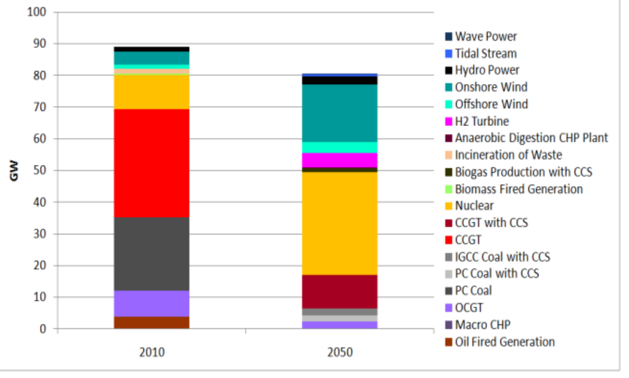
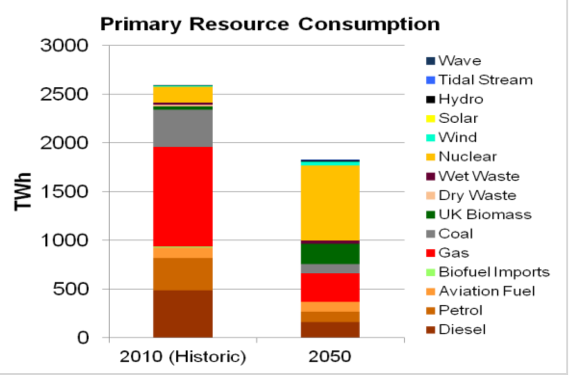
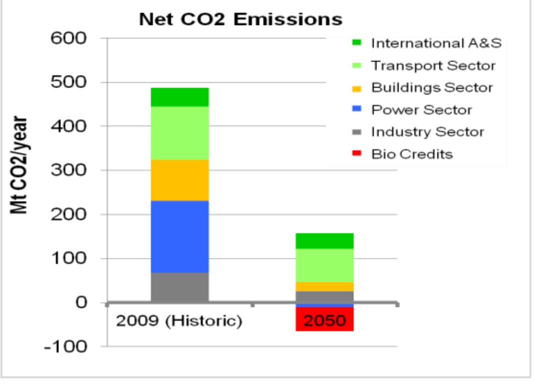
ESME – ETI's system design tool

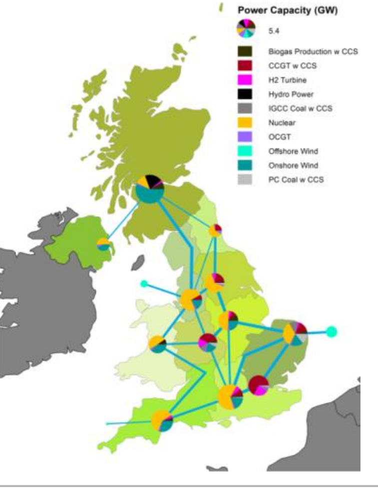
integrating power, heat, transport and infrastructure
providing national / regional system designs

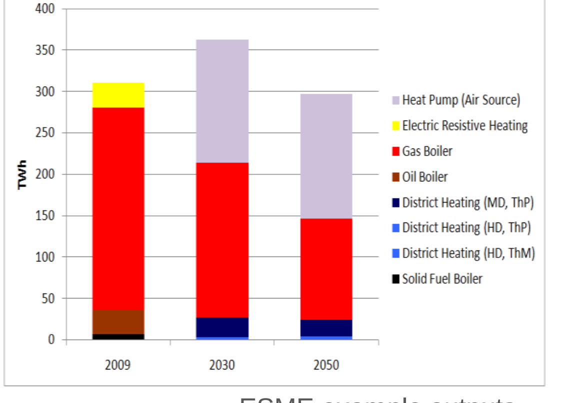






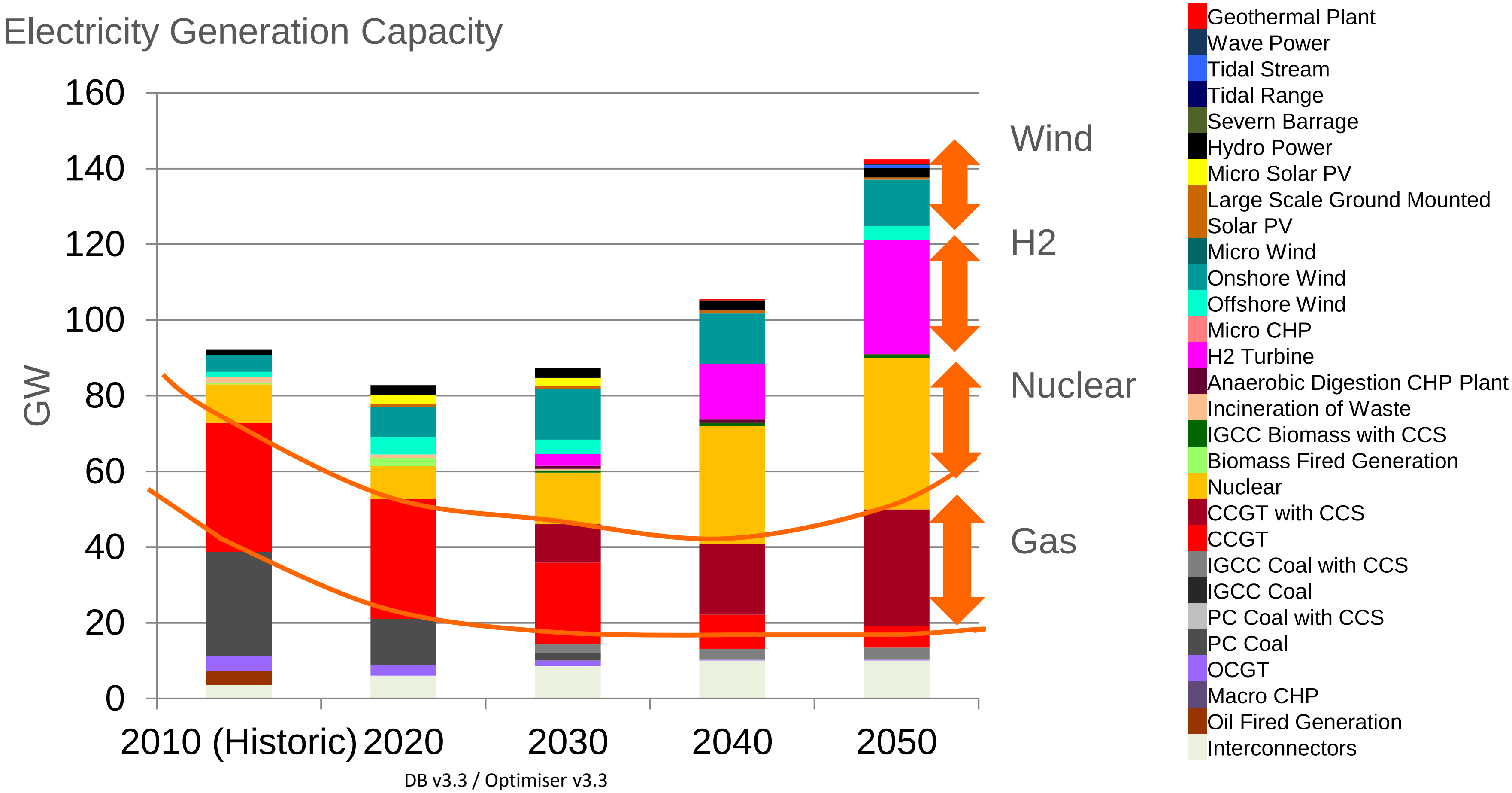






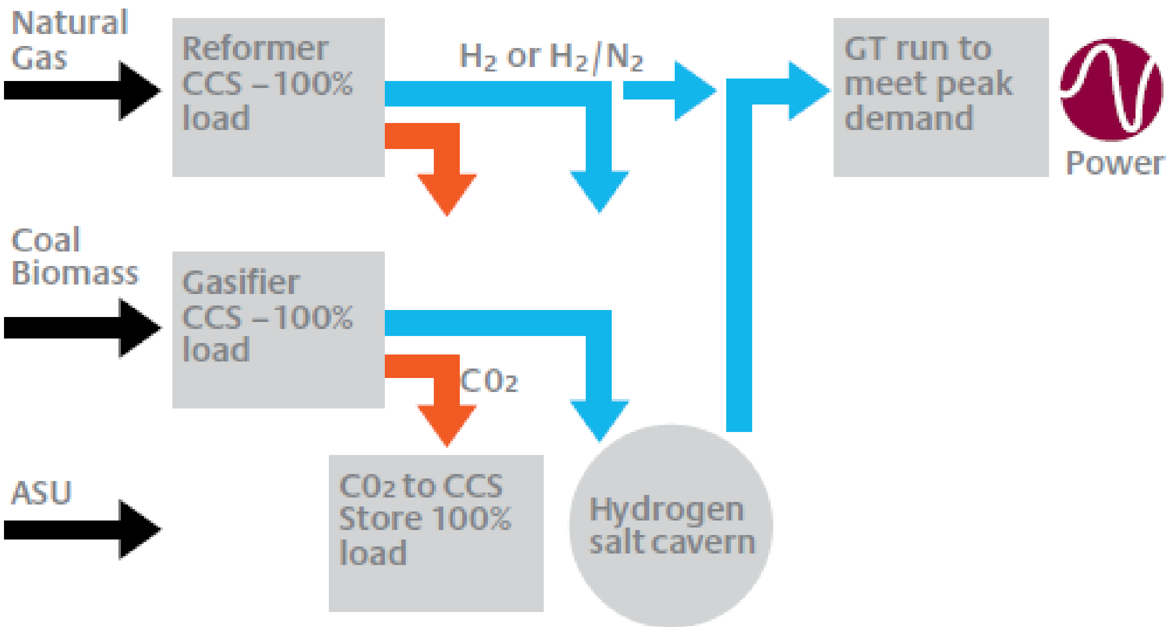
ESME example outputs

ESME – a place for H2 in power capacity post 2030

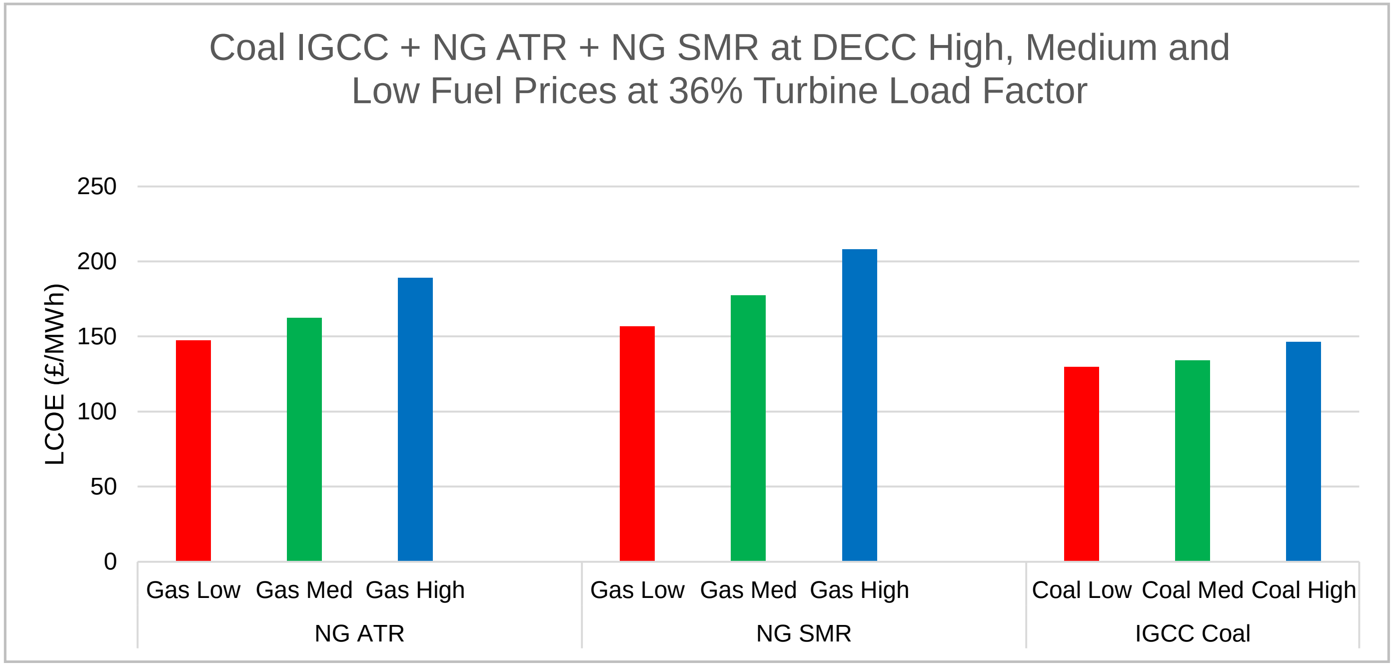


Using H2 storage to maximise use of CCS investment

Power station configurations using H_2 storage



Power complex cost structure via H2

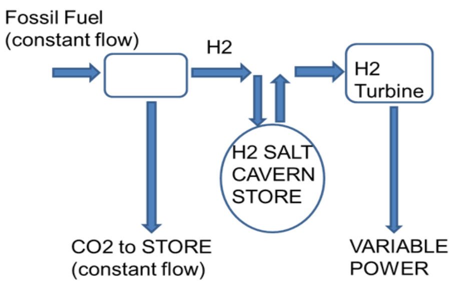


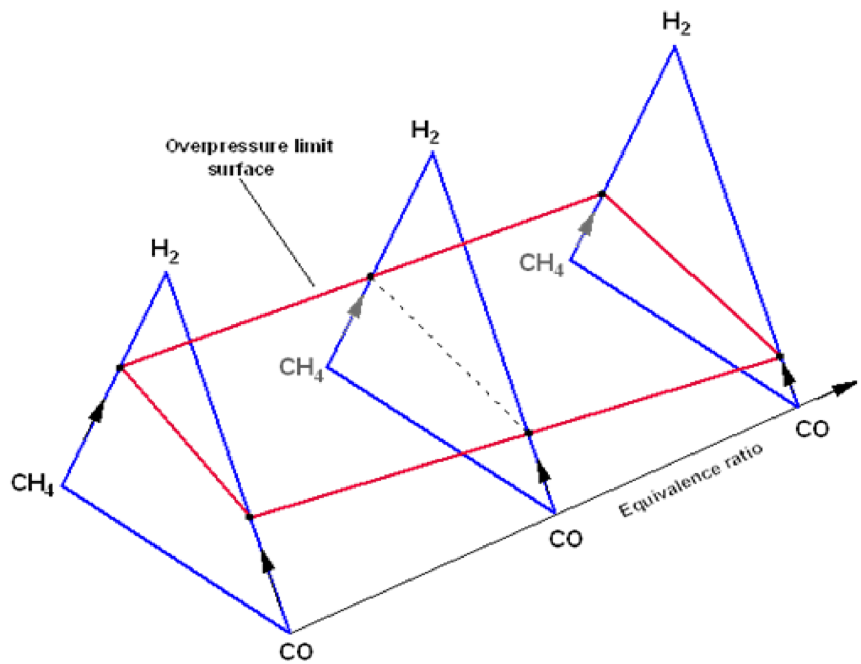
- Technology selection for H2 production was not as important as primary fuel choice or price.
- Coal price less volatile, less impactful.
- Biomass is most valued feedstock at system level (ESME) for emission reduction
- At 36% Turbine load factor, there is a marked reduction in relative size of H2 plant costs
- CCS pipeline and storage costs are not included above
- Often need to store N2 for large H2 Turbines

Safe combustion of Hydrogen rich mixtures

ETI High Hydrogen Project

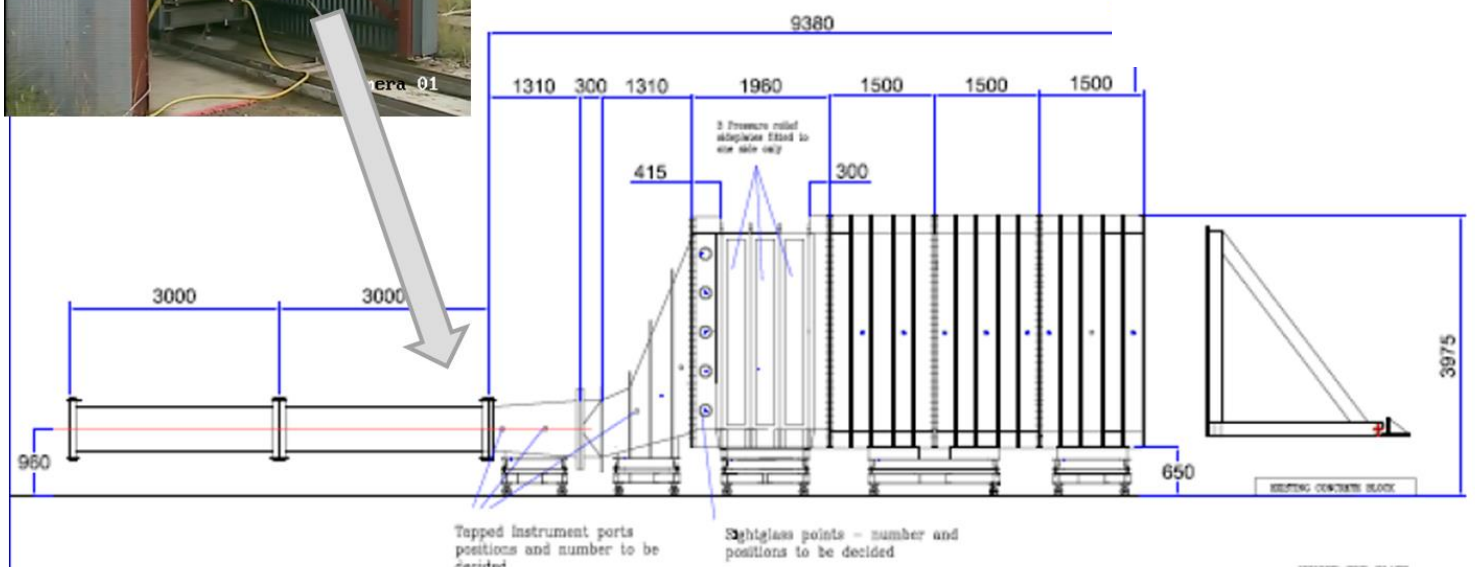
- Understanding limits on safe use of hydrogen-rich fuels in power production by GTs and engines.
- Laboratory test work completed
- Large scale testing in HSL Buxton underway





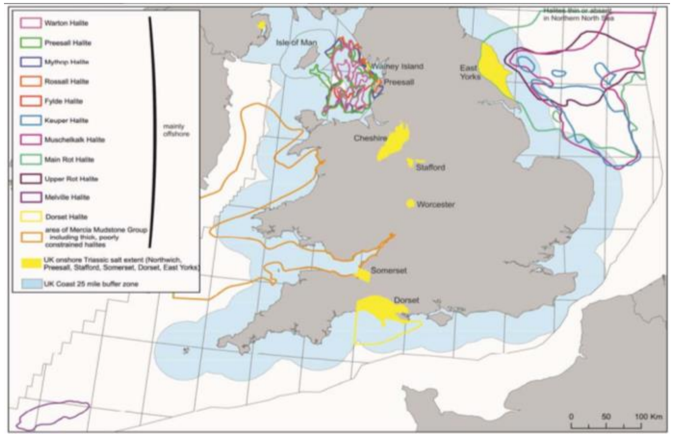
Next Step 1/6th scale 350Mwe Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG)

- Effects of steam tubes on overpressure
- Final test of scalability of results



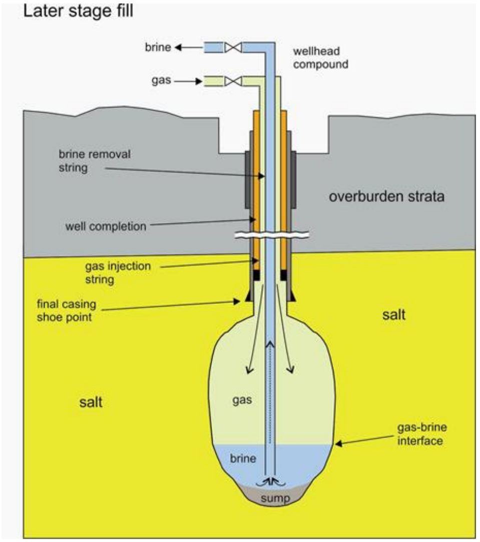
UK Salt fields

- Used for natural gas and hydrocarbons
- Over 30 large caverns in use
- Offshore operation twice the cost of onshore
- Screening led us to focus in 3 areas



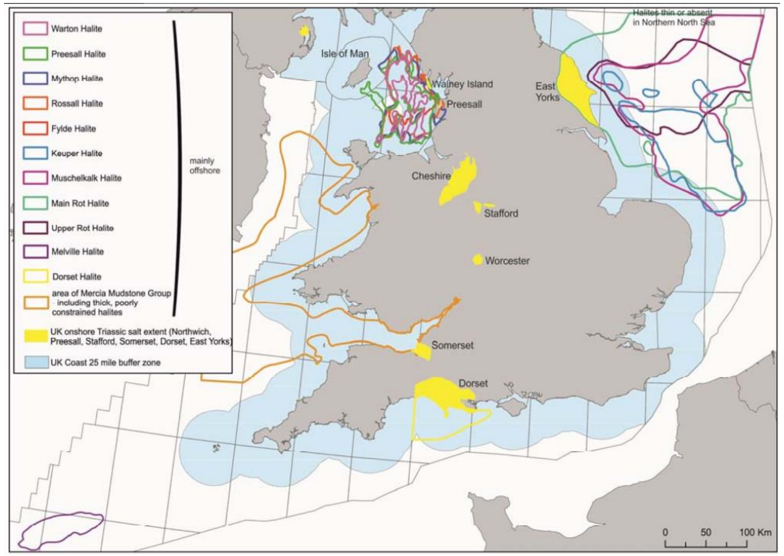
Region	Typical Depth, m	Bed Thickness, m	Cavern size, 000m3	Pressure bara
Teesside	300	35	70	45
Cheshire	800	200	300	105
E Yorkshire	1800	175	300	270

H2 Storage - Metrics



- Salt caverns are already used for H2 in UK and US
- One cavern family - 30GWhe daily

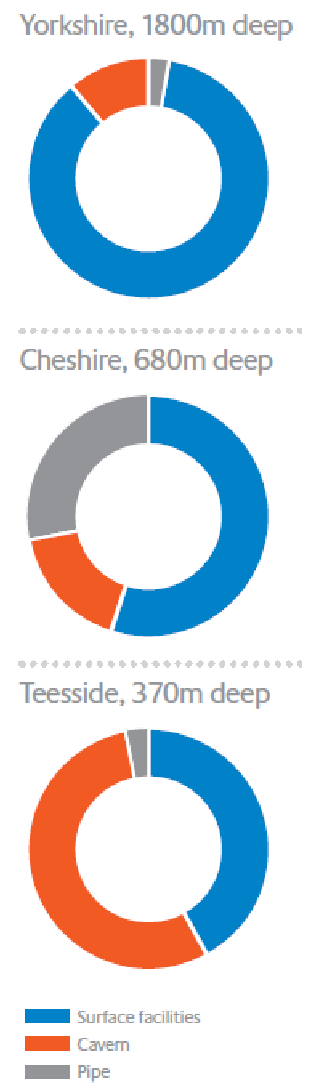
  (c.f Pumped hydro at Dinorwig 10GWhe, 75% efficient)
- Coal/bio to power – no penalty for going via H2
- Gas to power – penalty for going via H2



- Geographical limitation of stores
- "Fast churn" stores in operation on natural gas duty
- Rapid empty modes used for CAES (compressed air energy storage – Germany)
- Stores can be run on a "constant pressure basis" by flooding with brine – not covered in the ETI analysis.

Cost structure varies with store depth

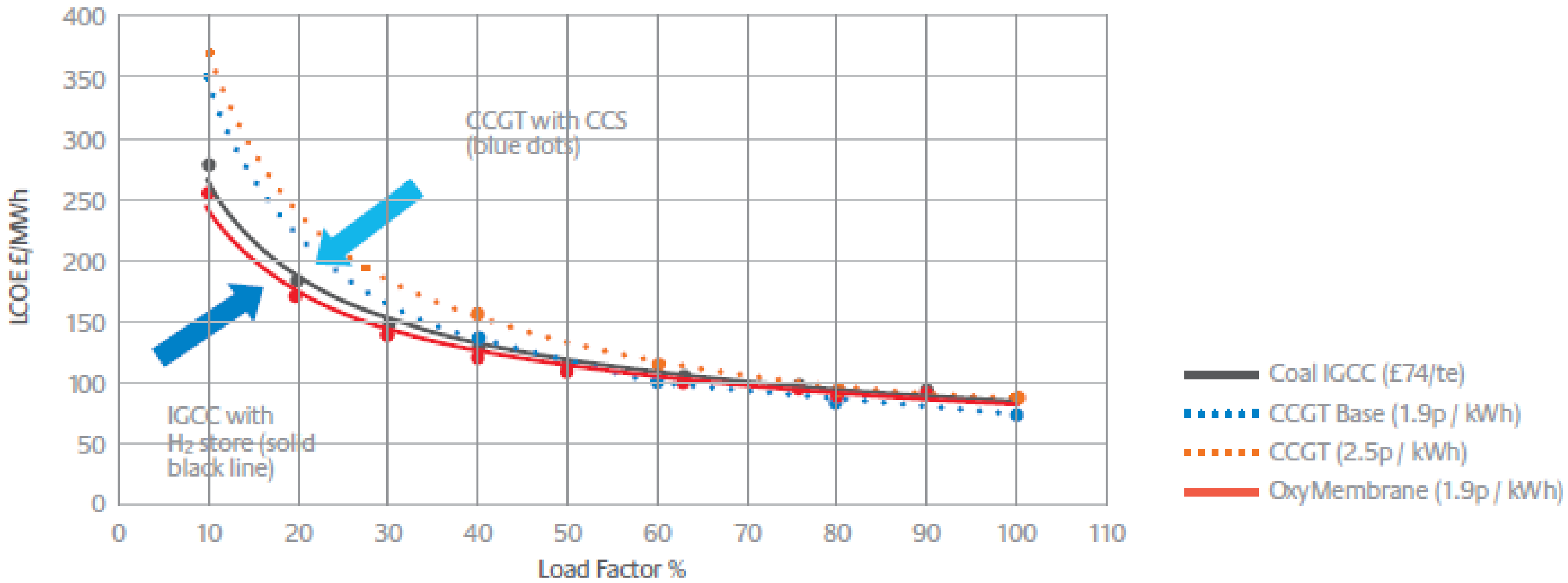
- Although the component costs change with depth , overall costs are similar.
- Deep stores have a round trip energy hit (takes 2% points off LHV efficiency of 34% for Yorkshire).
- Shallow stores are unlikely to provide strategic quantities of storage, although constant pressure operation may improve the case.



Distribution of costs for stores of different depth, all stores designed in a constant volume - variable pressure mode.

H2 store is cost effective at low load factors

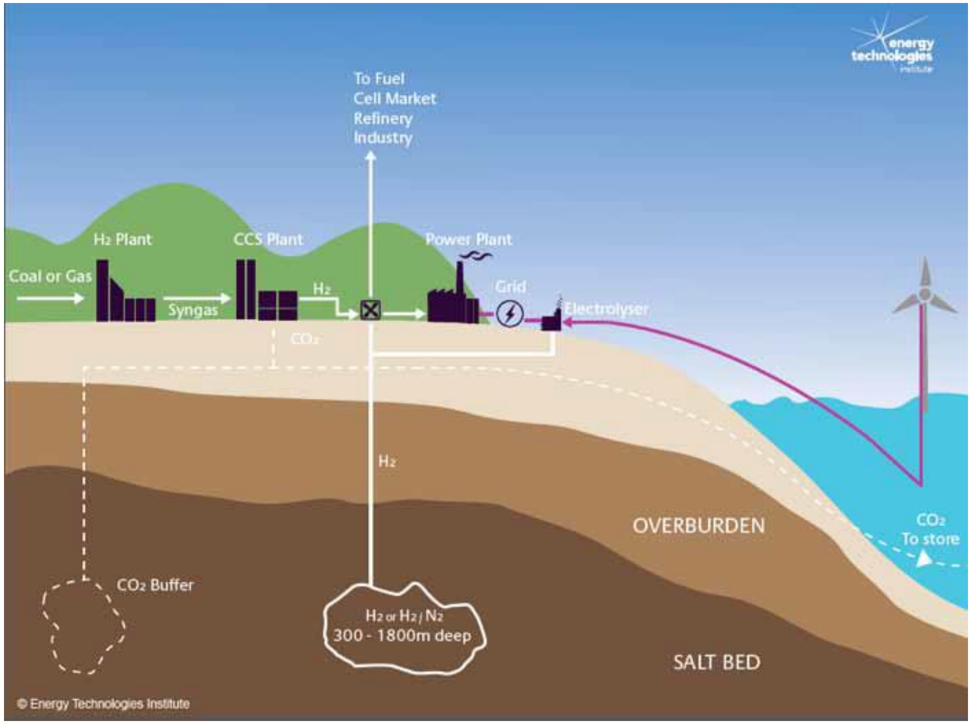
Levelised cost changes with load factor



- CCGT with CCS is compared to an IGCC with a H2 Store
- "Oxymembrane" means H2 derived from methane by technology in development (separation assisted by membrane per the "Cachet" project)
- Fuel Price assumptions shown in brackets.

Summary

- H2 storage in caverns could supply grid level quantities of load following and peaking power.
- For schemes operating below 40% load factor (turbine) the store adds value by reducing overall system investment. ETI modelling suggests this could happen after 2030.
- For schemes above 50% load factor conventional CCS (CCGT plus post combustion capture) are better.



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