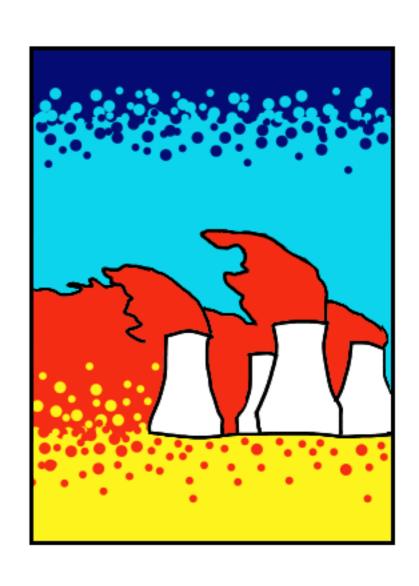
Physics of Sustainability

A UK Perspective

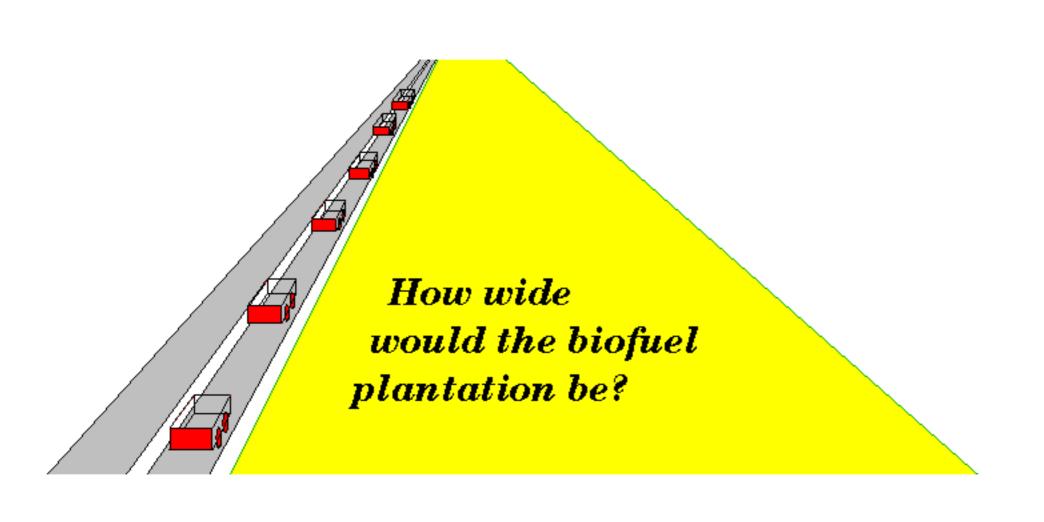
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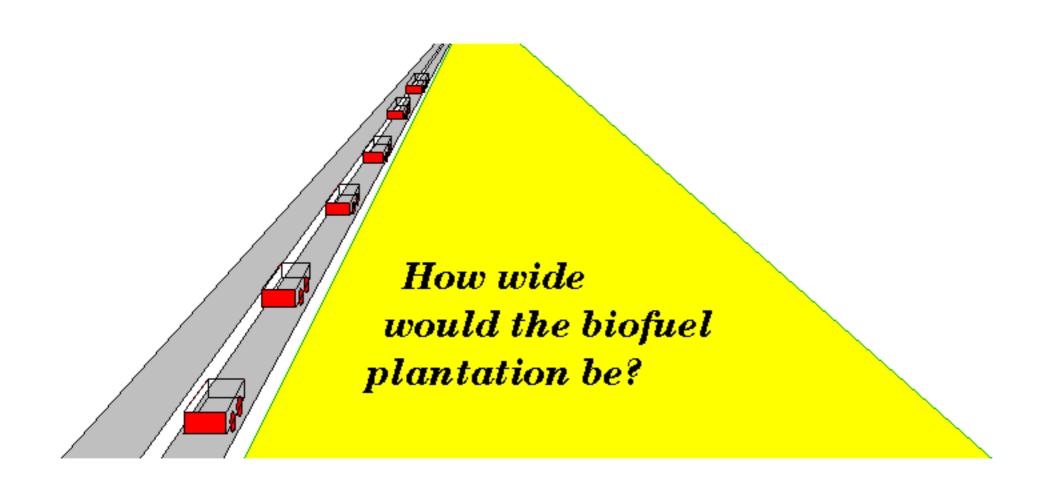
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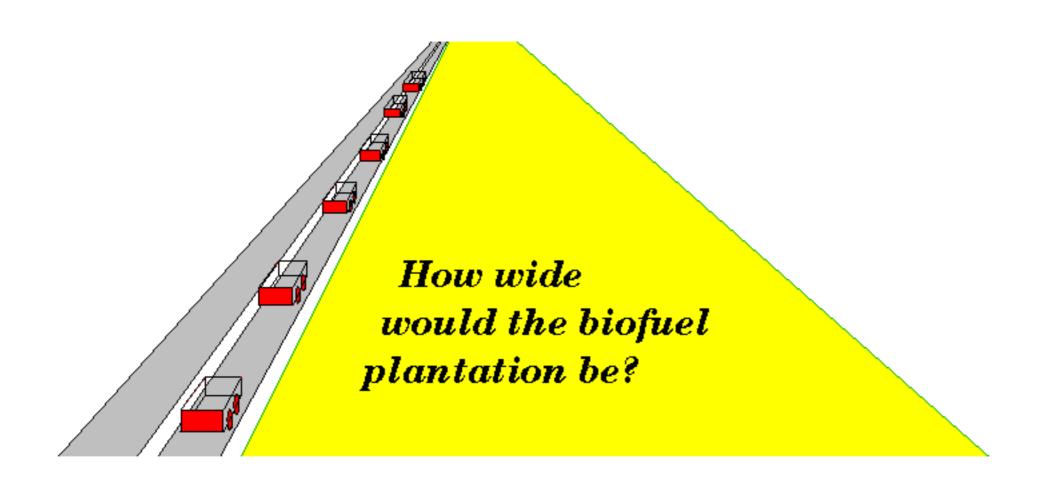
One lane of cars

60 miles per hour

30 miles per gallon

1200 litres of biofuel per hectare per year

80 metres car-spacing



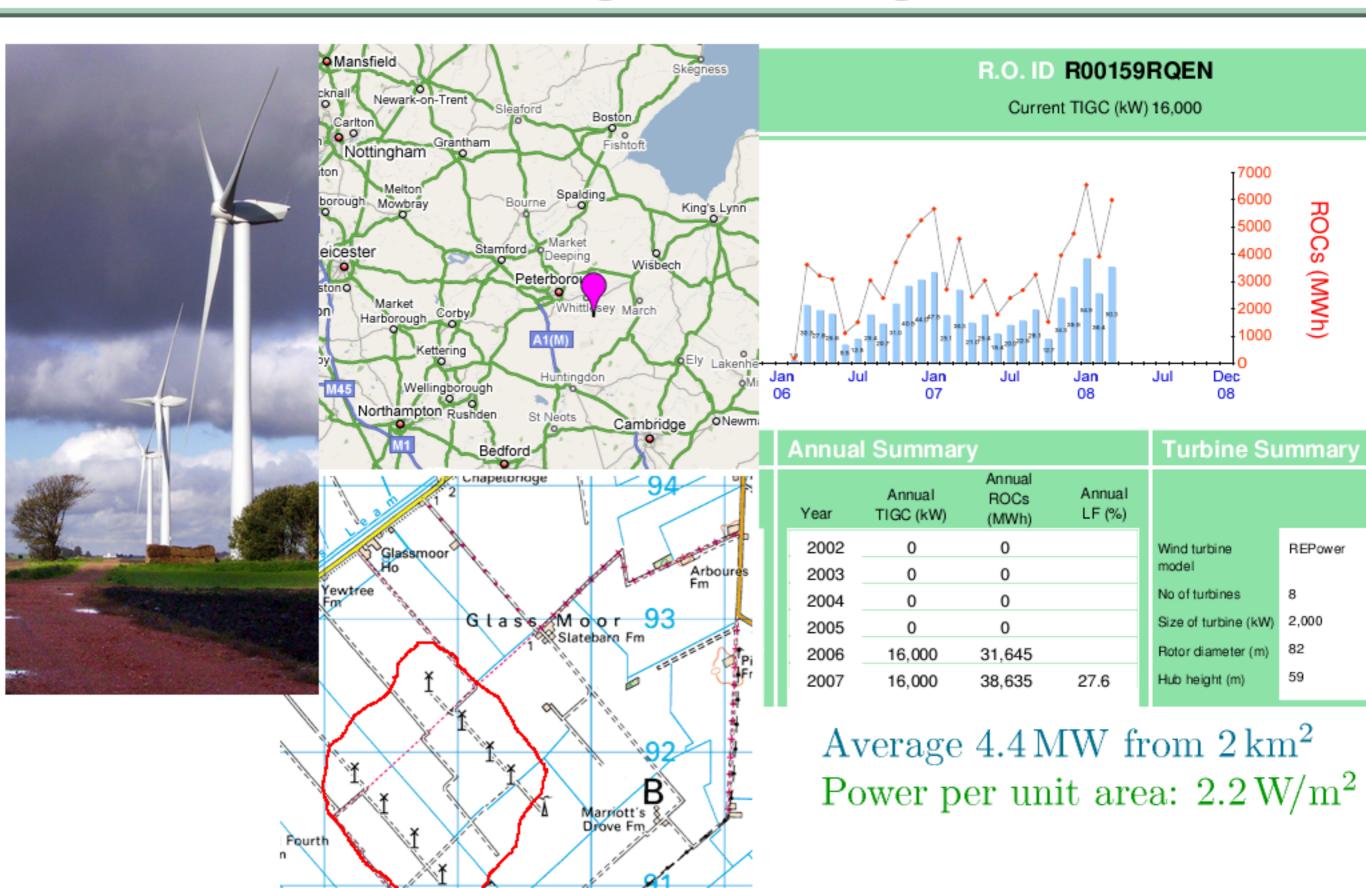
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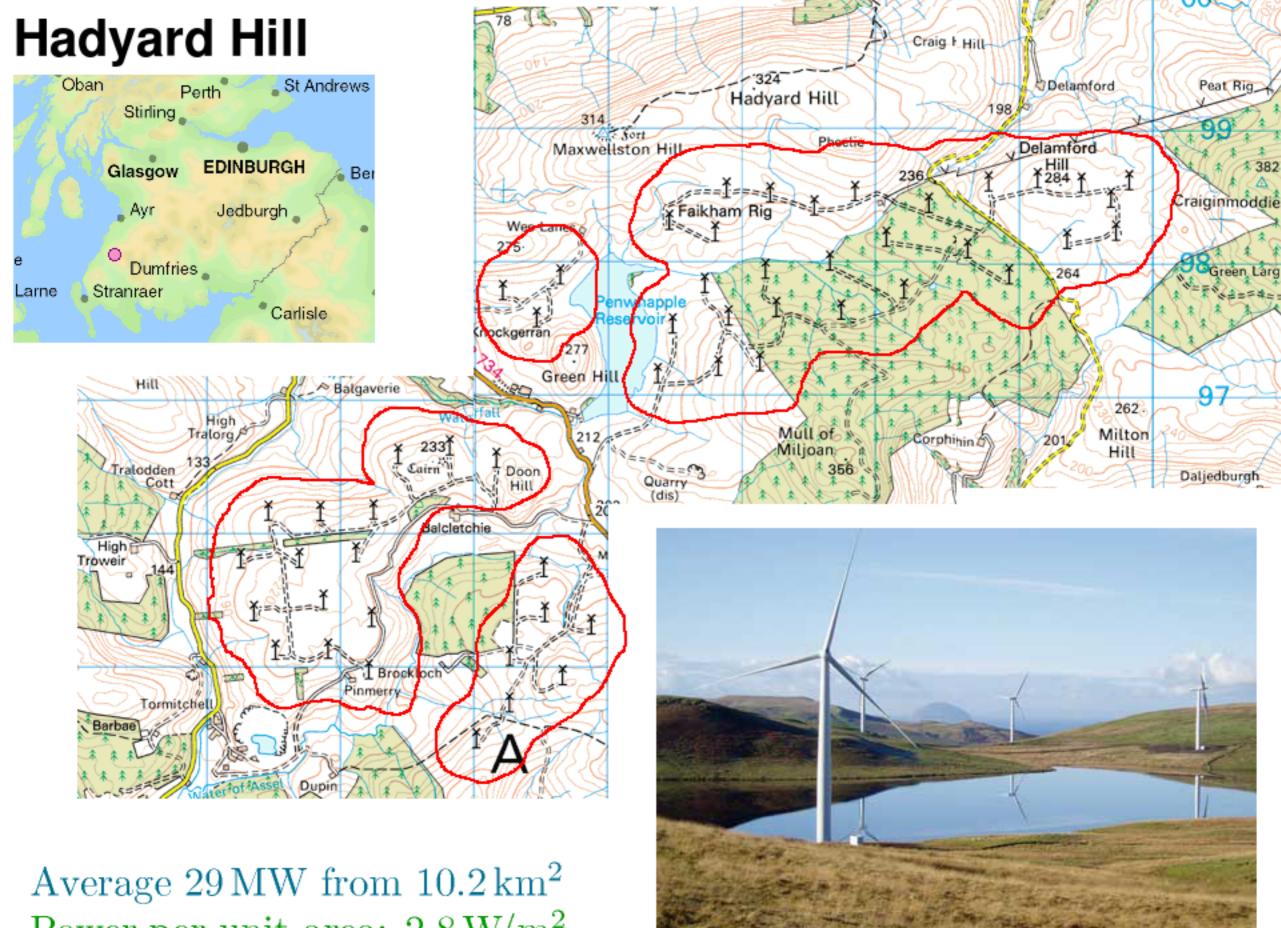
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= 8 kilometres wide

Glass Moor, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire





Power per unit area: 2.8 W/m²

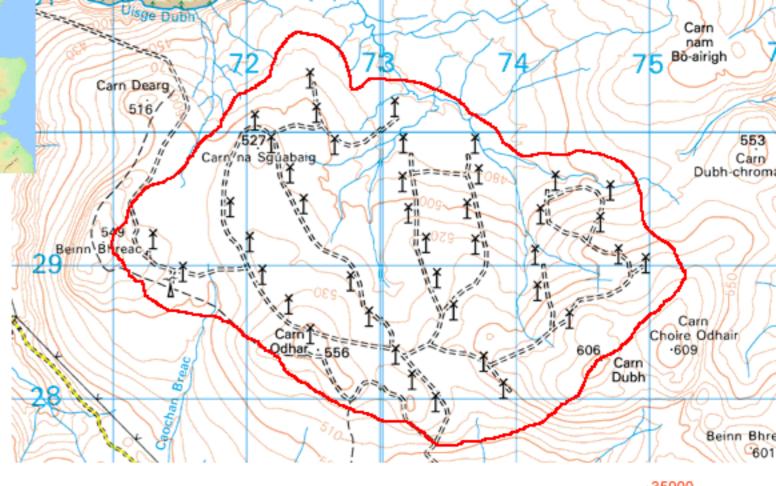
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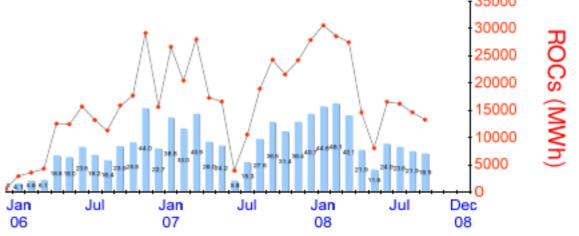
92MW Capacity

Average 27 MW from 8 km² Power per unit area: 3.4 W/m²

Load factor 29.7%

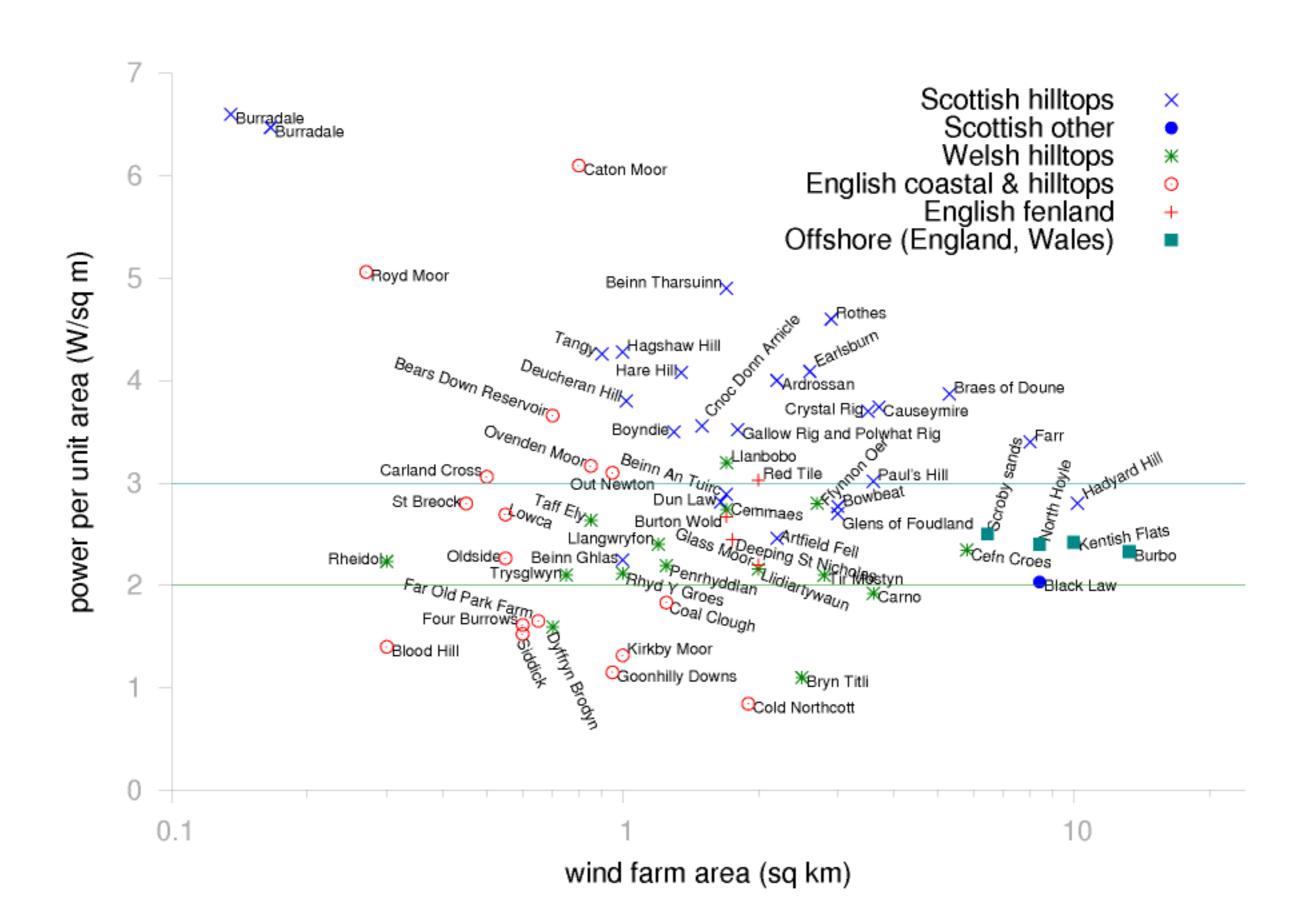






	Annual Summary				Turbine Summary	
	Year	Annual TIGC (kW)	Annual ROCs (MWh)	Annual LF (%)		
	2002	92,000	0		Wind turbine	Bonus 2.3
l	2003	92,000	0		model	
l	2004	92,000	0		No of turbines	40
l	2005	92,000	519		Size of turbine (kW)	2,300
l	2006	92,000	153,419	19.0	Rotor diameter (m)	
	2007	92,000	239,520	29.7	Hub height (m)	

Powers per unit area of British wind farms, v farm size





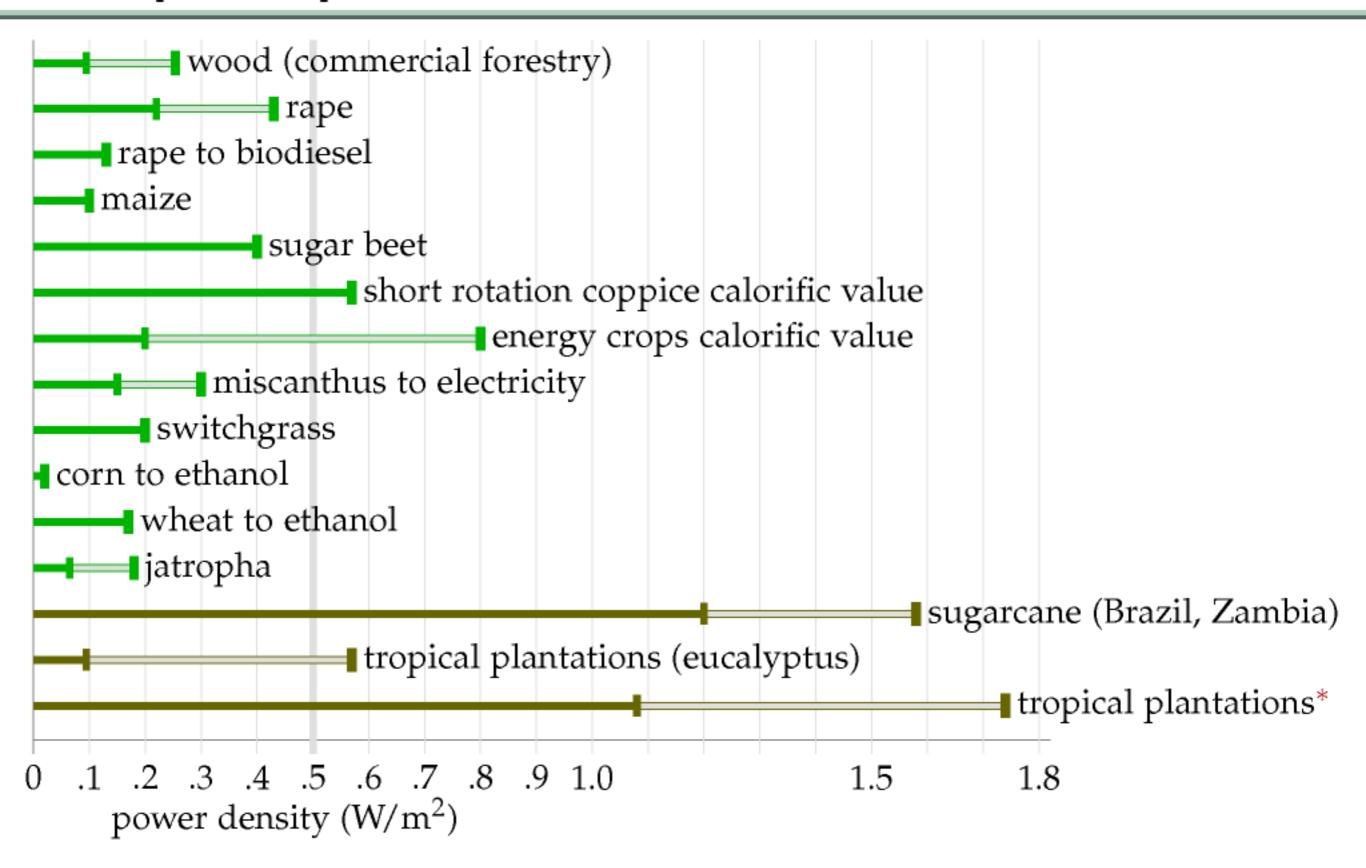


Miscanthus

Dr Emily Heaton is 5'4" (163 cm) tall

Photo provided by the University of Illinois

Plant power per unit area



All renewables are diffuse

Power per unit land area

Wind	$2.5\mathrm{W/m^2}$
Plants	$0.5\mathrm{W/m^2}$
Solar PV panels	$5-20{ m W/m^2}$
Tidal pools	$3 \mathrm{W/m^2}$
Tidal stream	$8 \mathrm{W/m^2}$
Rain-water (highlands)	$0.24{ m W/m^2}$
Concentrating solar power (desert)	$15-20 \text{W/m}^2$





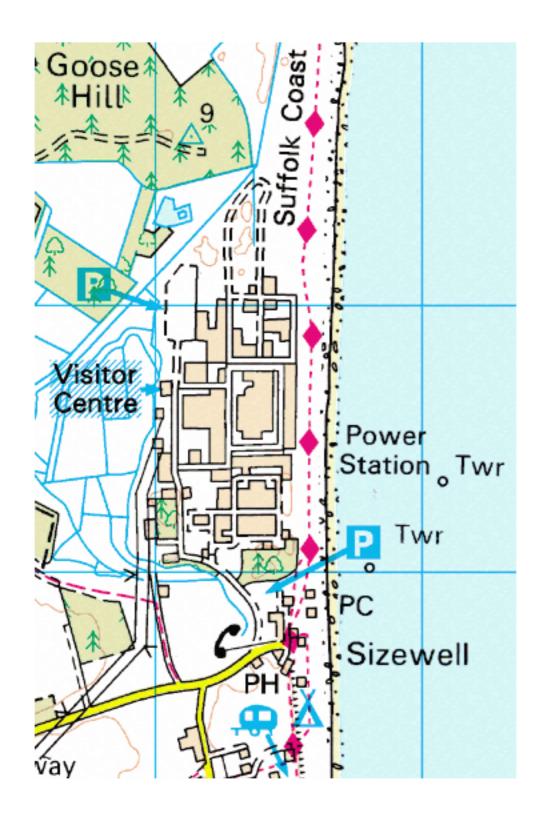




Nant-y-Moch by Dave Newbould www.origins-photography.co.uk



To make a difference, renewable facilities have to be country-sized



Nuclear

Fission $1000 \,\mathrm{W/m^2}$





A consultation exercise in full swing

How to get the UK off fossil fuels

- Transport, Heating, Electricity
 - Electrify all transport
 - Insulate all buildings; read all meters
 - Electrify all building-heating
 - air-source or ground-source heat pumps
 - (some combined-heat-and-power where low-carbon fuel available)
 - Our renewables
 - Nuclear? (stop-gap?)
 - 'Clean coal'? (stop-gap)
 - Other people's renewables
 - Storage + interconnectors, to match supply to demar
- Research and innovation
- Public and political engagement



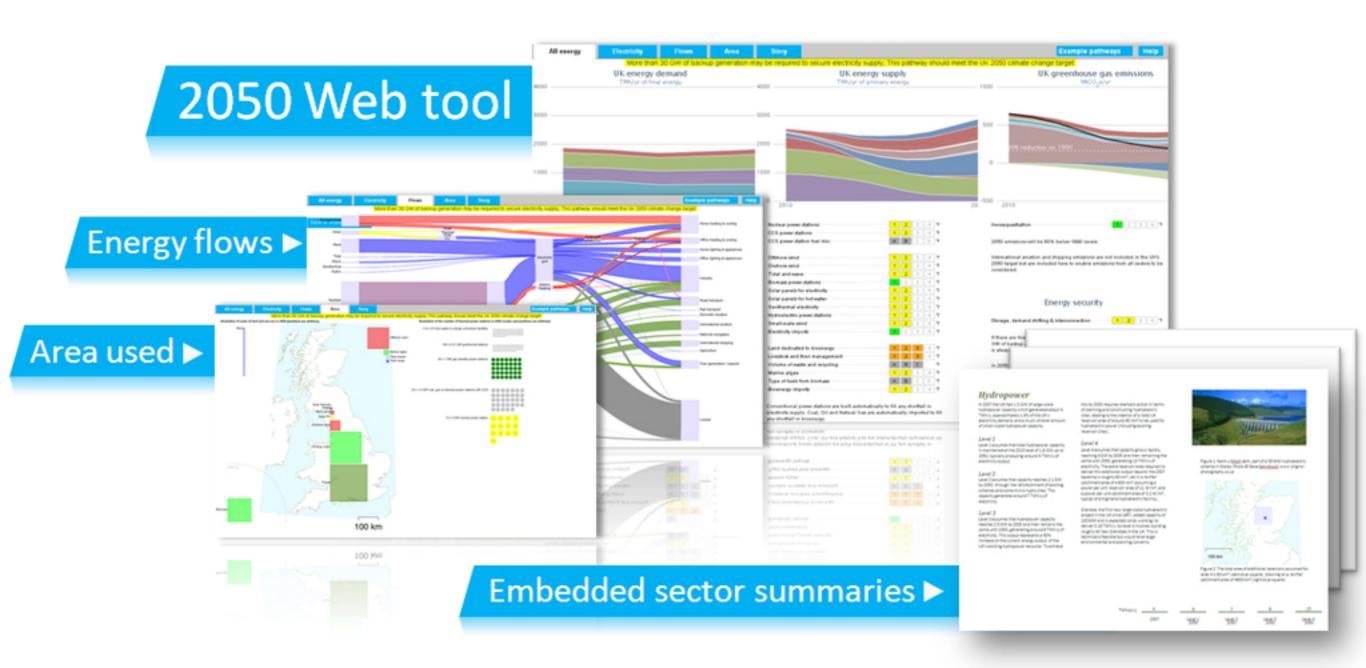


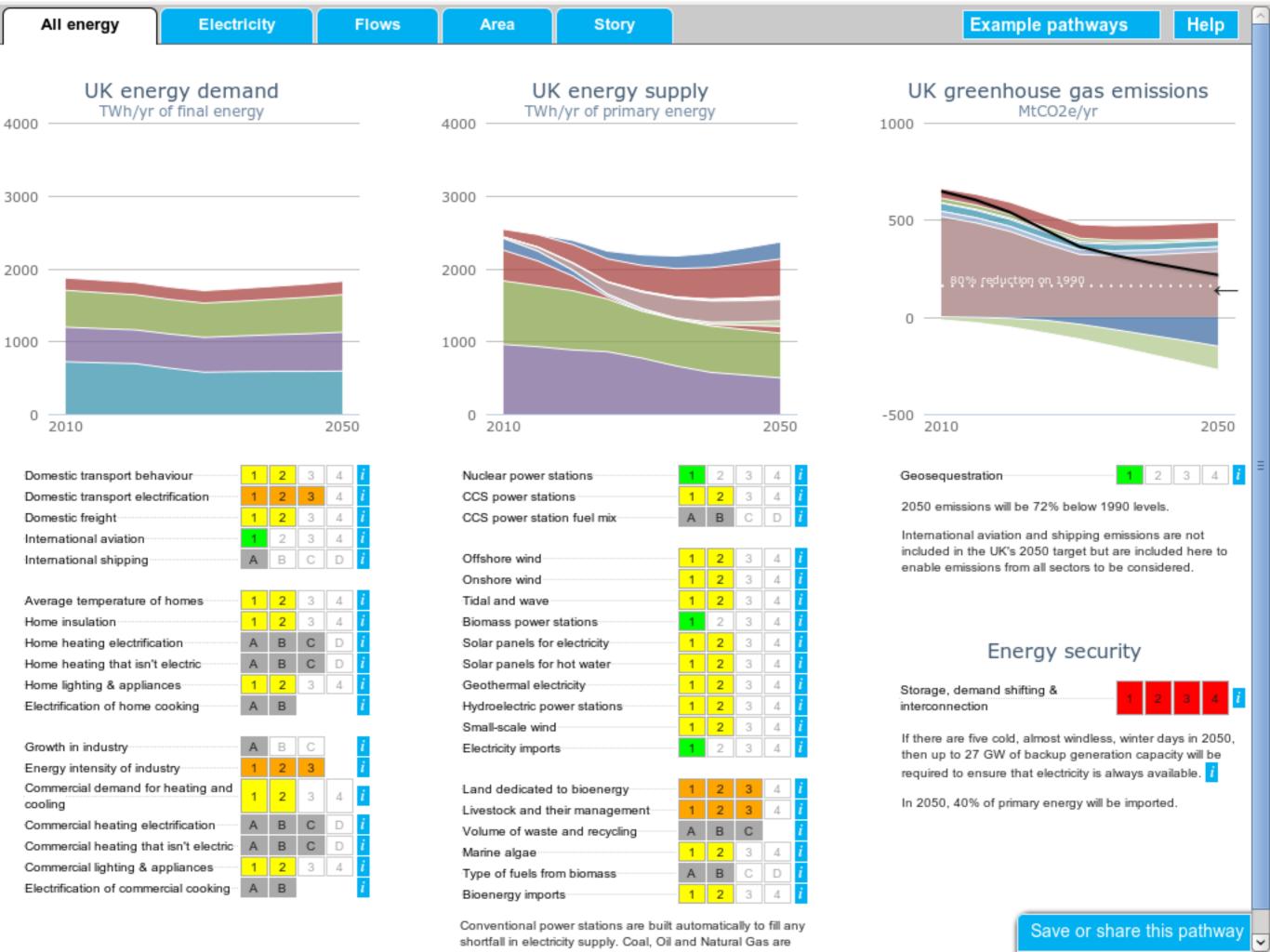




2050 pathways







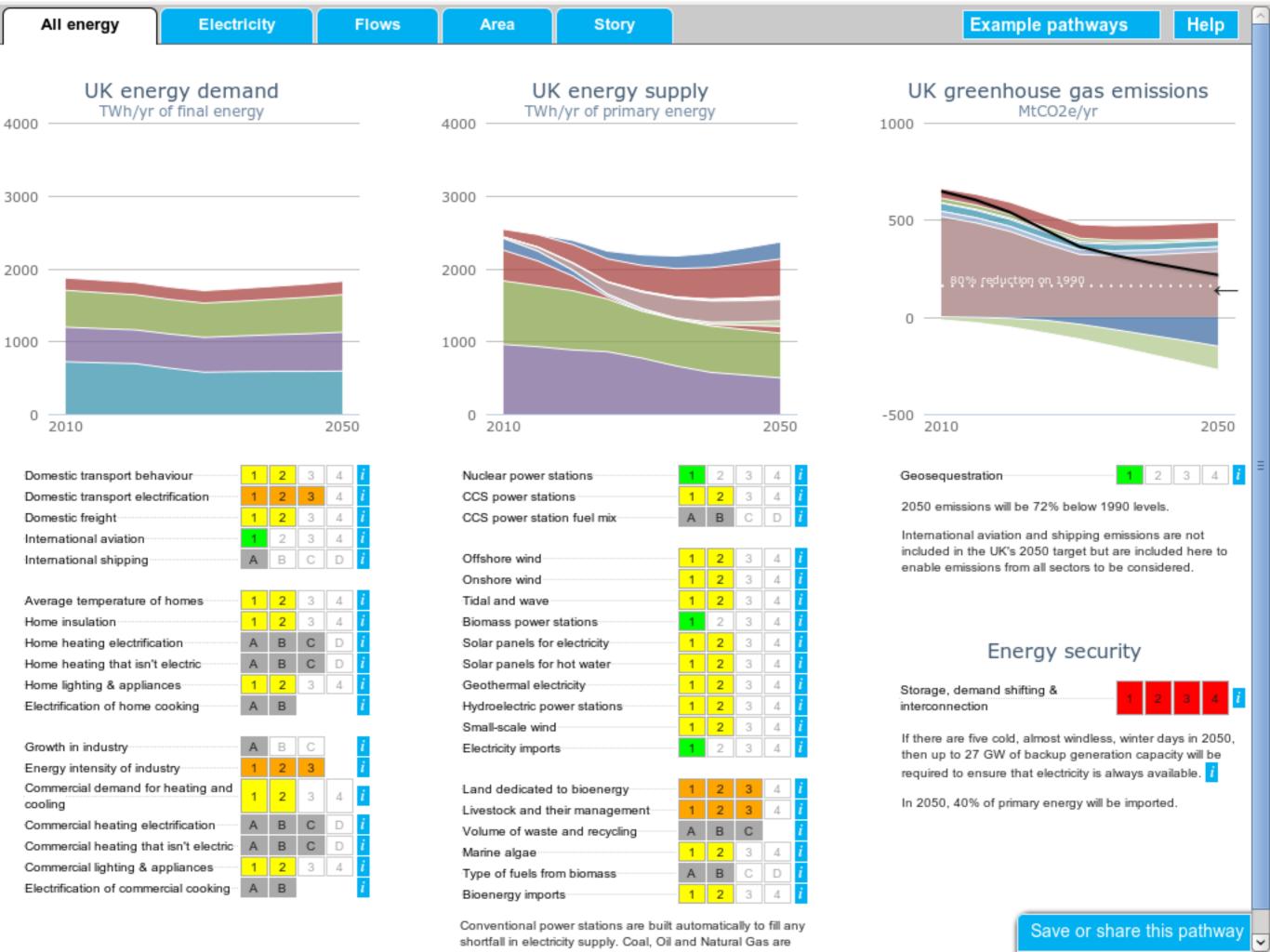
The 2050 Pathways Approach



- For each demand sector, and each supply sector
 - lay out the range of what's technically possible
 - or what might be technically possible
 - four trajectories

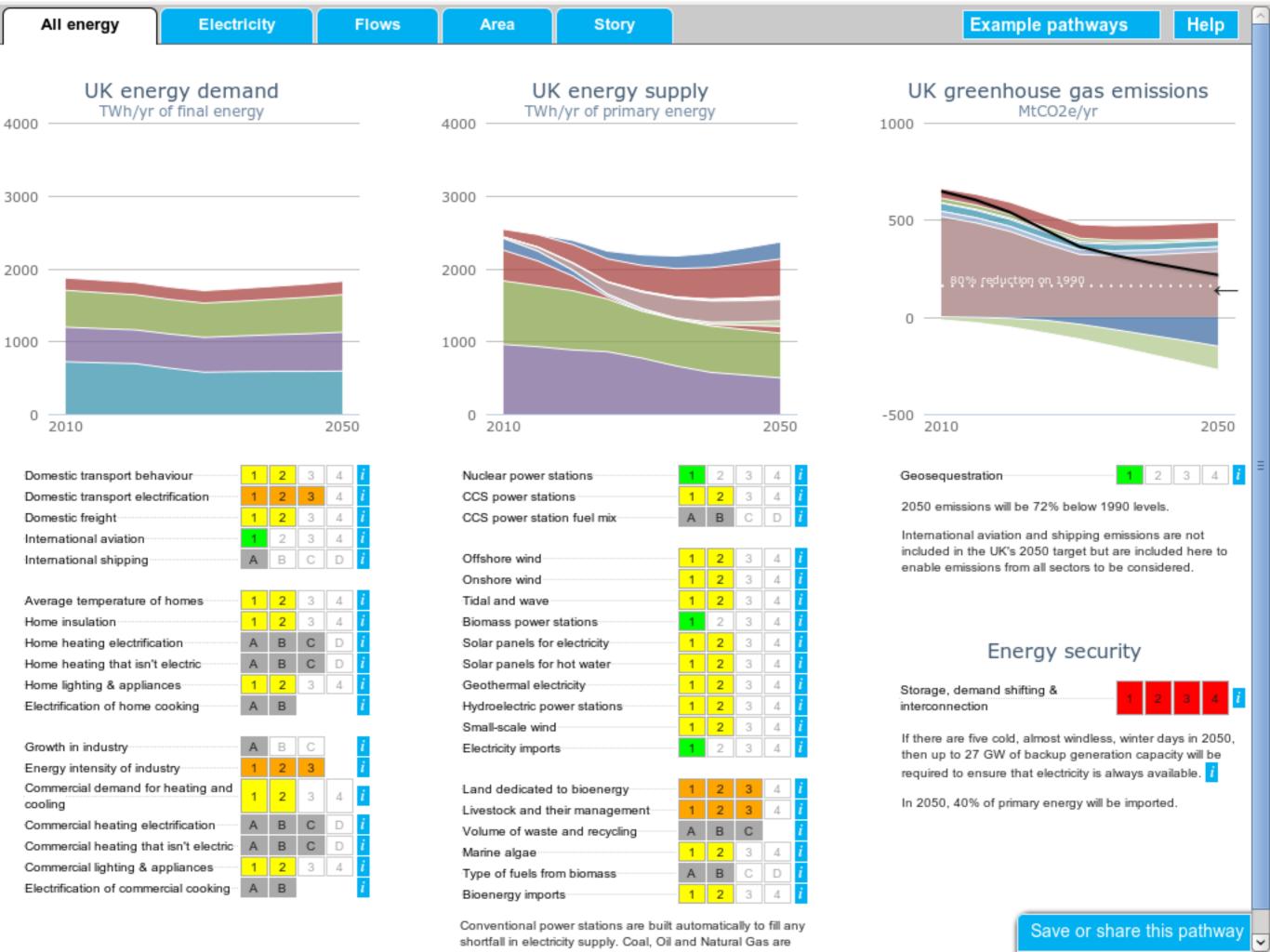
naviour and demand projected; only current commercially proven technology

- level 1: No effort towards security of supply, energy saving, or climate change
- level 2: Effort likely to be viewed as achievable by most or all stakeholders
- level 3: Effort unlikely to happen without significant change from current syste ms
- gh levels of behaviour change. Any technology that is physically possible and might be developed + deployed before 2050. A level of build effort commensurate with that pursued during World War III, or the American efforts for a manned moon landing
 - level 4: Effort at the extreme upper end of the believable scale
- Build a model of the energy system
 - a calculator that computes the consequences of any set of choices ('pathway')
- Explore which pathways meet goals of
 - energy security
 - carbon emissions reductions

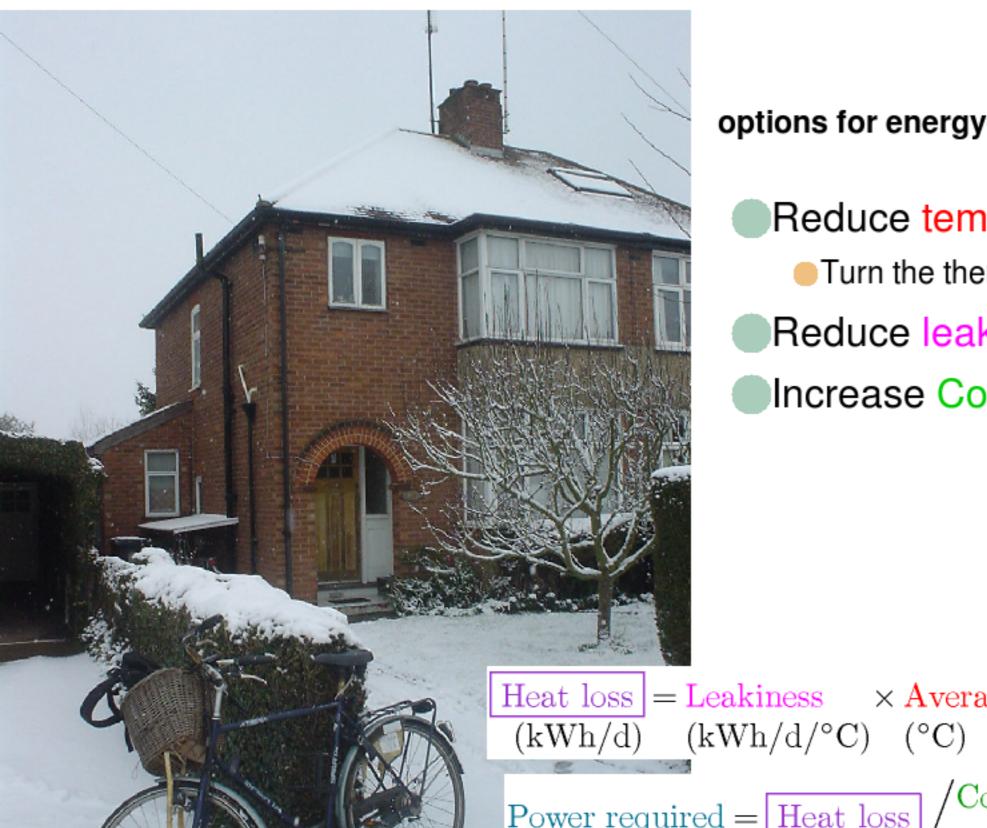


Demand-side options - Transport





Demand-side options - heating

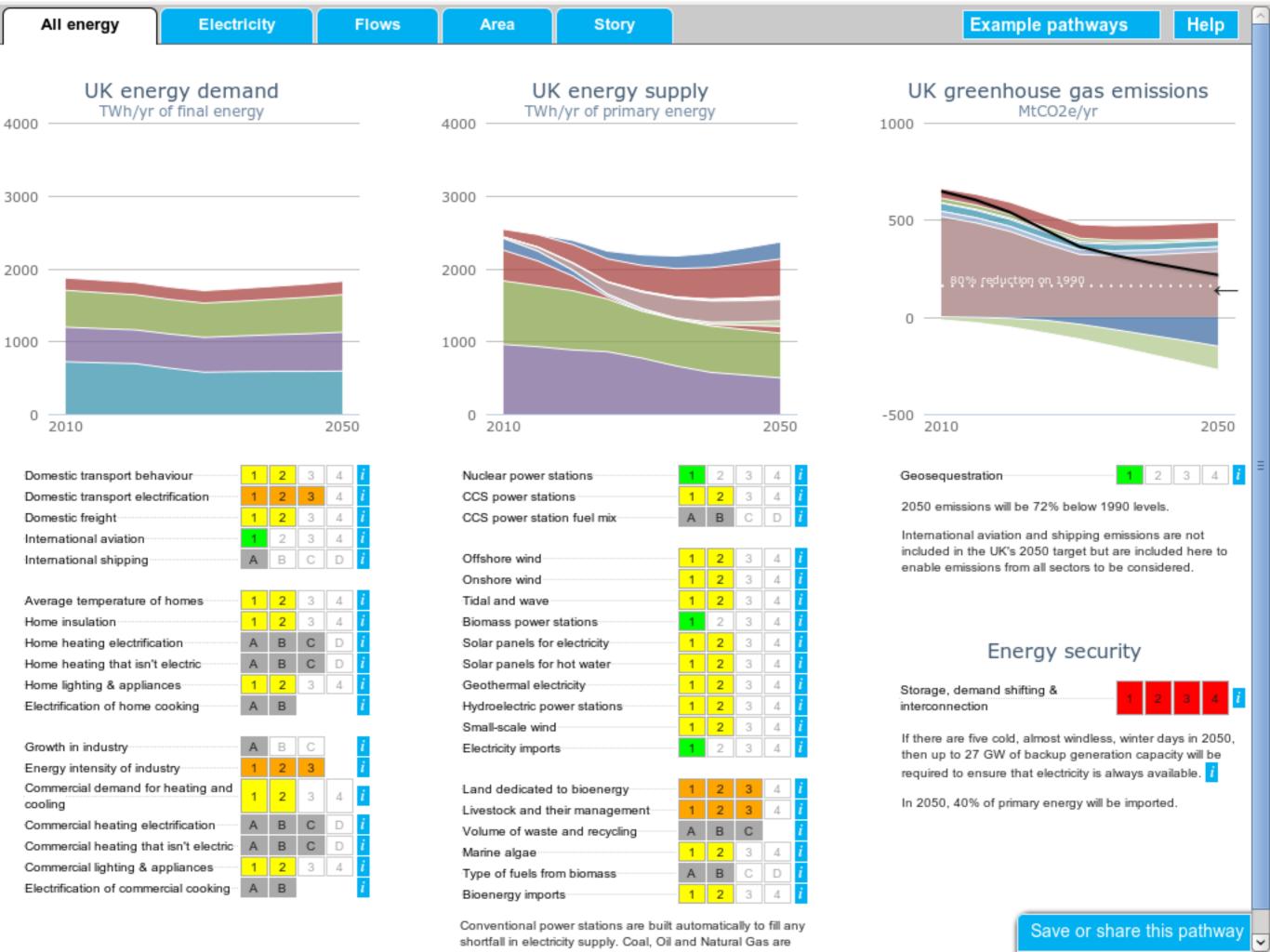


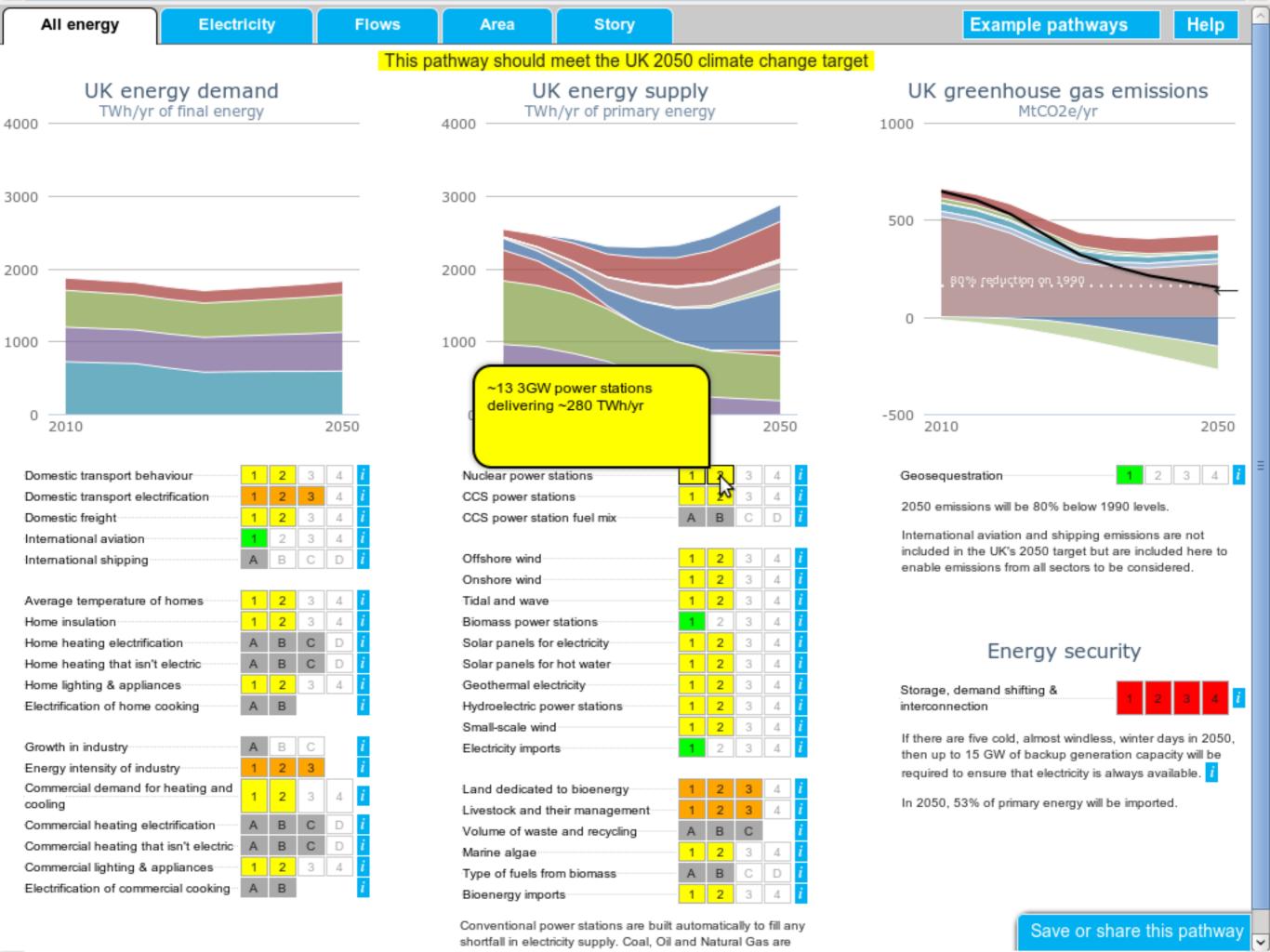
options for energy-saving:

- Reduce temperature difference
 - Turn the thermostat down
- Reduce leakiness
- Increase CoP of heat-creation

× Average temperature difference

/Coefficient of performance Power required = Heat loss of heat-creation



























Offshore Wind

In 2007 the UK had around 0.4 GW of offshore wind capacity, and at the end of 2010, 1.3 GW. All of these were fixed to the seabed by solid foundations, with no floating offshore turbines yet present in the UK.

Level 1

Level 1 assumes that only the current turbines and those already advanced in the planning process are built. Offshore wind capacity initially rises from 1 GW to 8 GW in 2025 then reduces to zero by 2045 as decommissioned sites are not replanted. 8 GW is equivalent to around 1400-5.8 MW turbines (although in reality turbines would have different capacities) and generates around 29 TWh/y at 2025.

Level 2

Level 2 assumes that capacity increases to 60 GW by 2040 and is then maintained. This means building and maintaining about 10 000 of the 5.8-MW turbines in total. In this scenario the sea area occupied by wind farms is about 10 800 km², about half the area of Wales. It requires maintaining the same build rate that Germany achieved for onshore turbines from 2000 to 2010 over a 20-year period in the UK and in an offshore environment, 60 GW of offshore wind turbines generates around 237 TWh/y in 2050.

Level 3

Level 3 assumes that capacity rises to 45 GW by 2025, and to 100 GW by 2050, which is equivalent to around 17 000 5.8-MW turbines. The sustained installation rate is 5 GW per year. Installing 5 GW per year might require roughly 30 jack-up barges and means building offshore wind turbines at a rate never before achieved in any country. The sea area occupied by wind farms is 18 000 km², close to the area of Wales. The combined weight of steel and concrete in these turbines is roughly 0.4 tonnes for every Briton, 60 GW of offshore wind turbines generates around 395 TWh/y in 2050.

Level 4

Level 4 assumes that capacity rises to 68 GW by 2025, and to 236 GW by 2050 - a 180-fold increase from 2010. The sustained installation rate required is 6 GW per year of fixed turbines (which requires roughly 30 jack-up barges) plus 6 GW/y of floating turbines. In total, this is equivalent to about 40 000 5.8-MW turbines being built by 2050. The costs of offshore wind installation and maintenance increase with the distance from shore and water depth. For level 4, the sea area occupied by wind farms is over 42 000 km2, roughly twice the area of Wales, including both fixed and floating turbines. If 236 GW of the 5.8 MW turbines were arranged uniformly along 3400 km of coastline, there would be 12 of them per kilometre, generating around 929 TWh/y in 2050. The combined weight of steel and concrete in these turbines is 0.9 tonnes for every Briton.



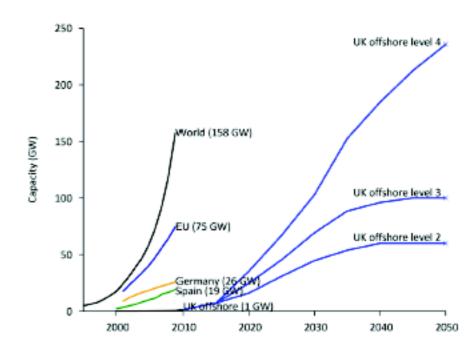
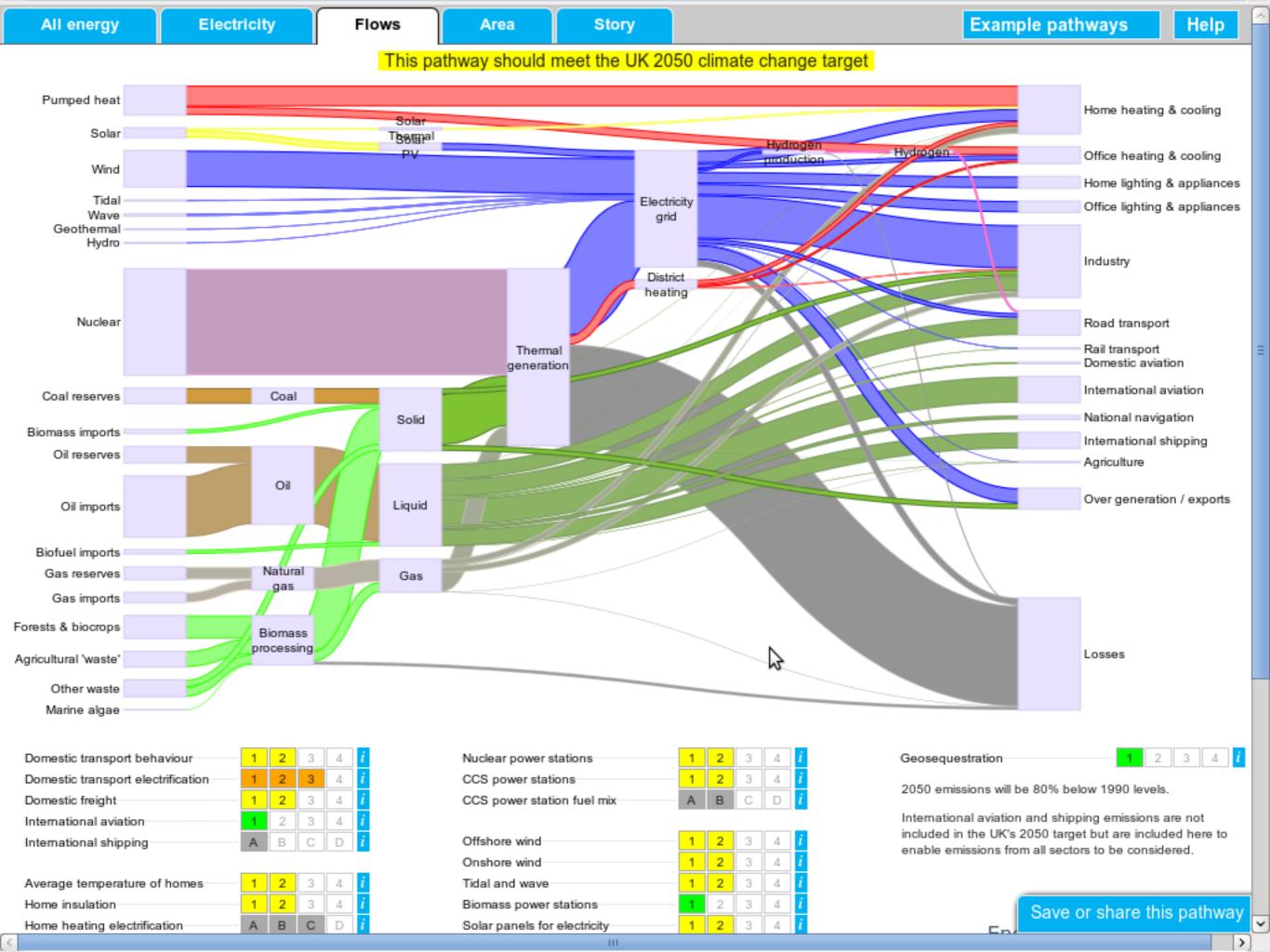
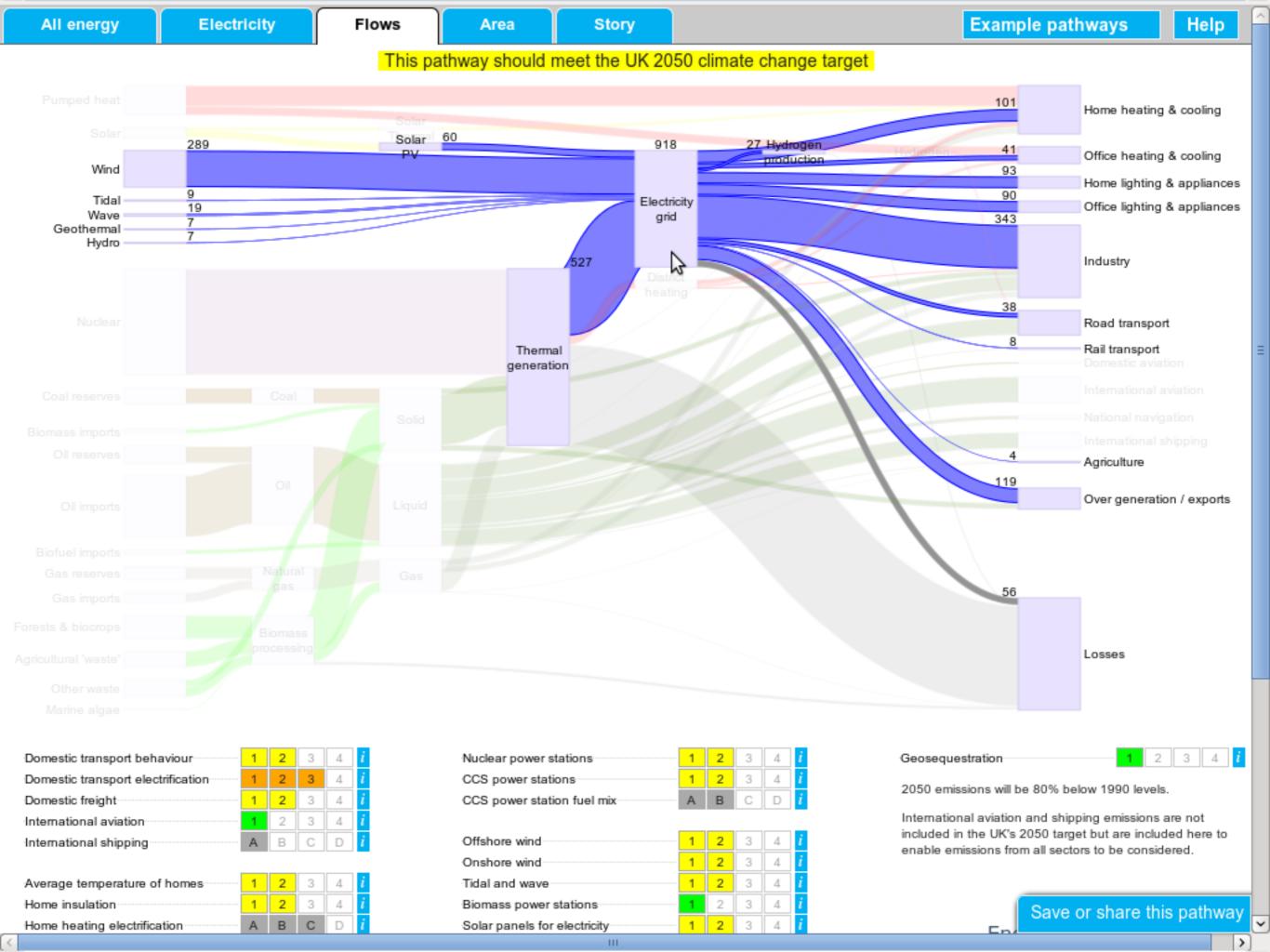


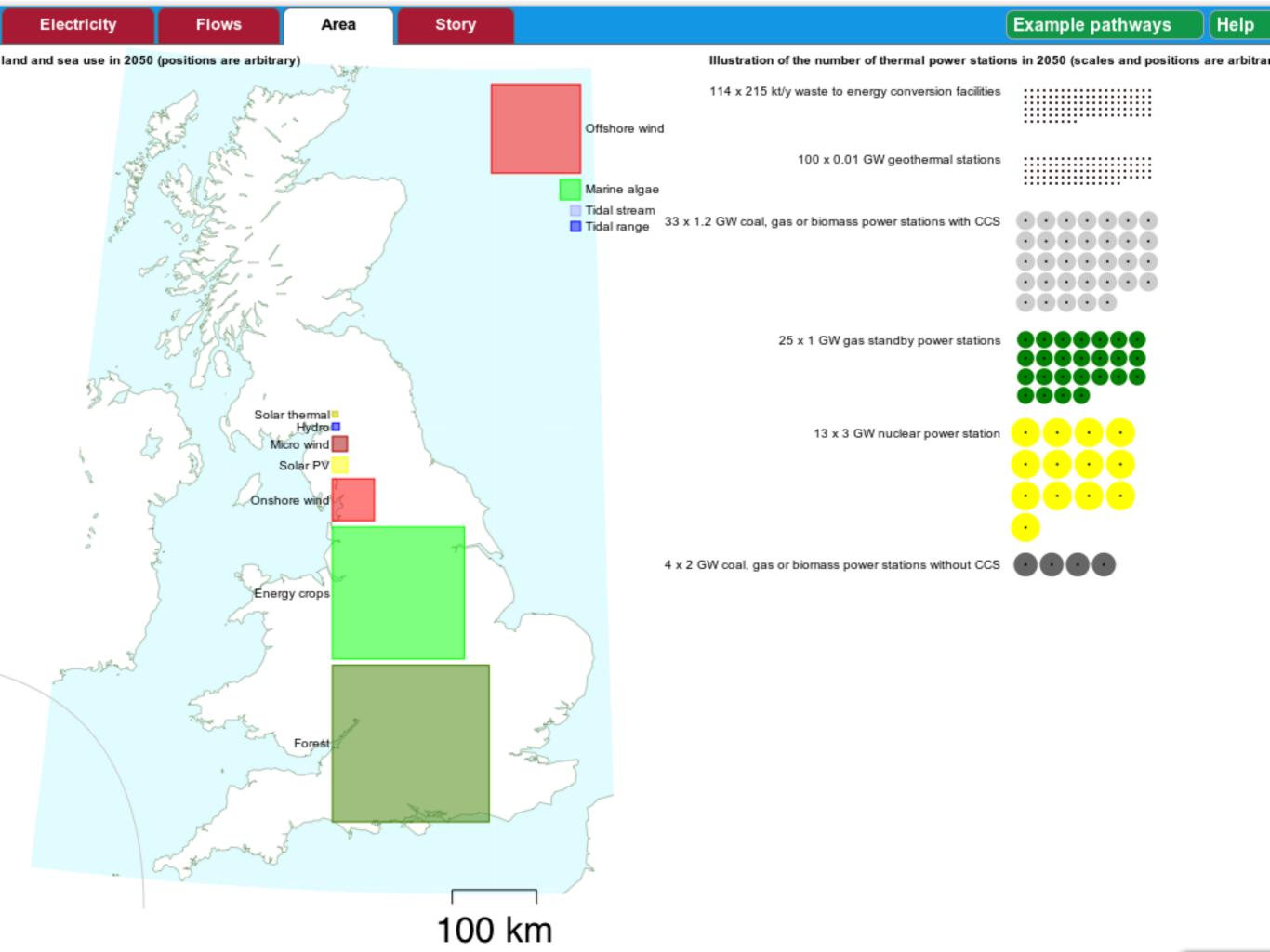
Figure 1. UK offshore wind capacity versus time, historic (to 2010) and assumptions (from 2010 onwards), compared with onshore wind in Spain, Germany, EU, and world totals.

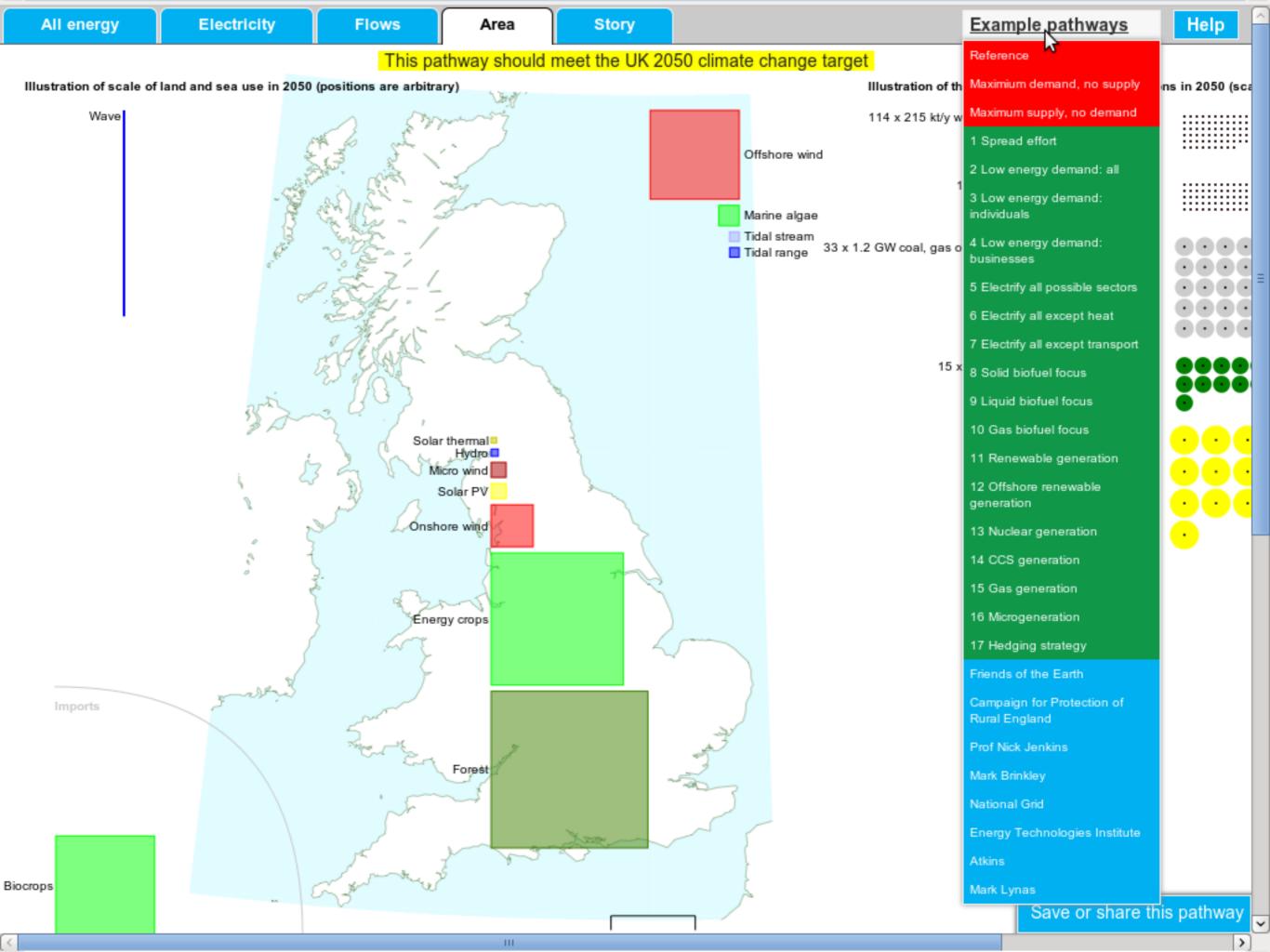












Innovation needs (top 6) for the UK

- Efficiency
 - building insulation
 - vehicles (electric and hydrogen?)
- Wind
- Heat pumps
- Biomass- and waste-to-good-things
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Energy Storage
 - electricity storage
 - interconnectors; smart demand-management
 - seasonal heat stores

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Amazing insulation



Electric vehicles



- batteries
- capacitors
- Smart meters and smart controls that induce behaviour change

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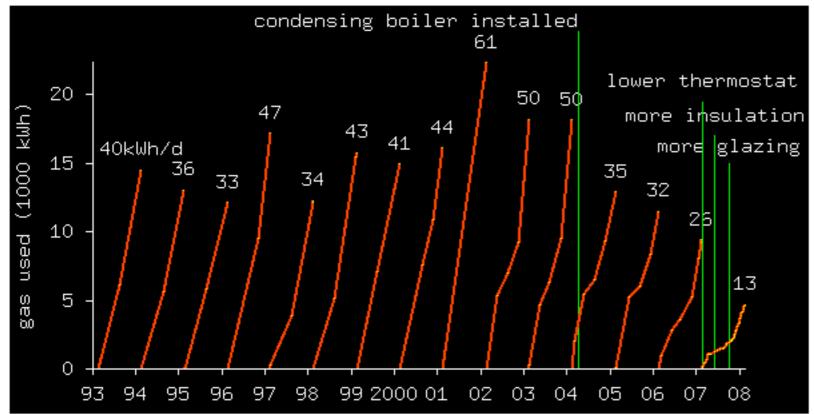
Thermablok

and cheap building-retrofit

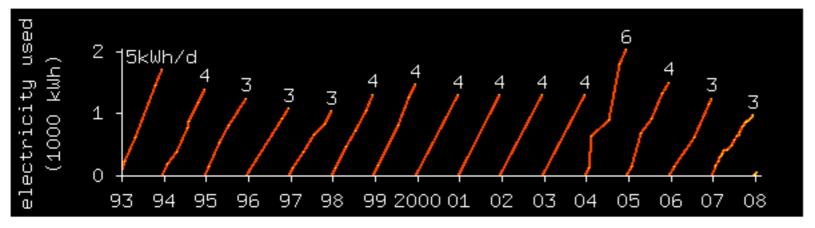
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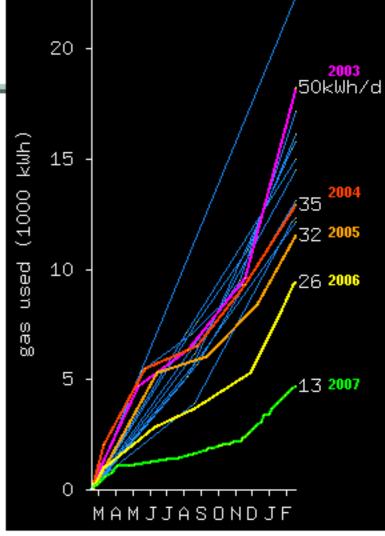


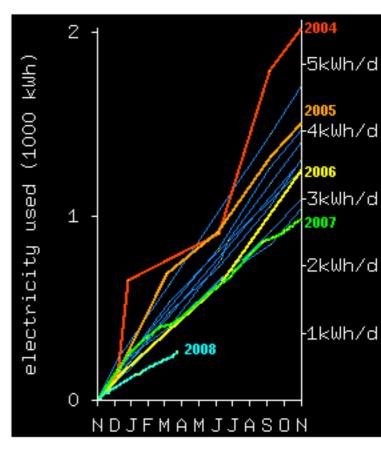
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Electricity

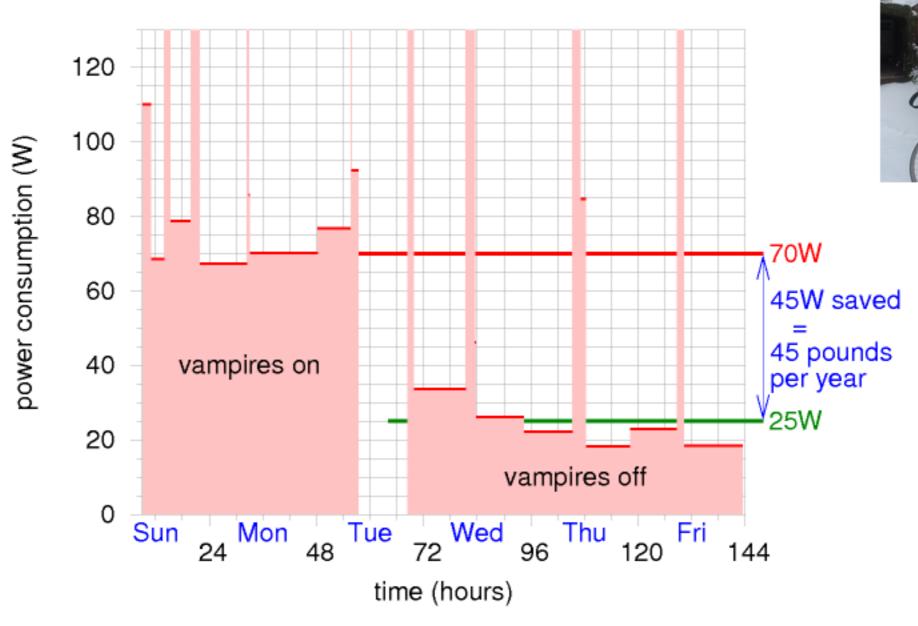






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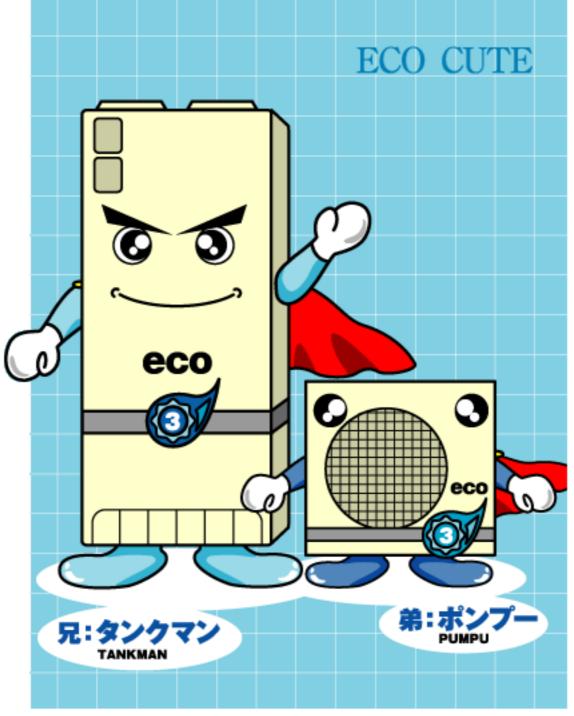




- is there anyone there?
 - do they feel ok?

Heat pumps that work





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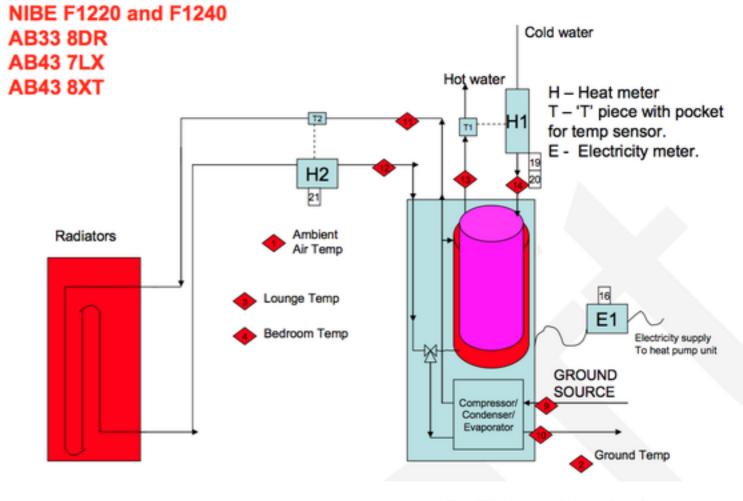
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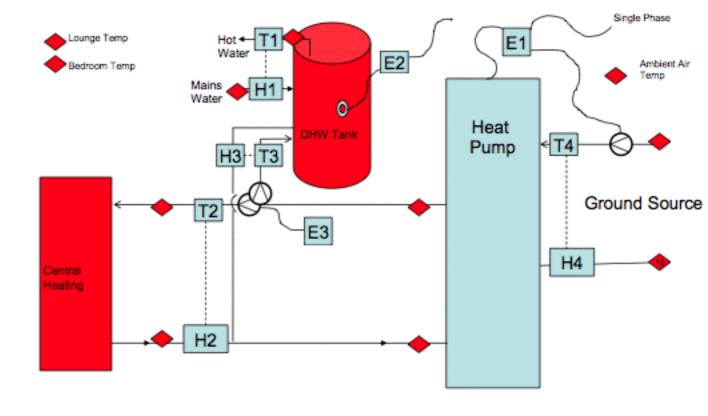


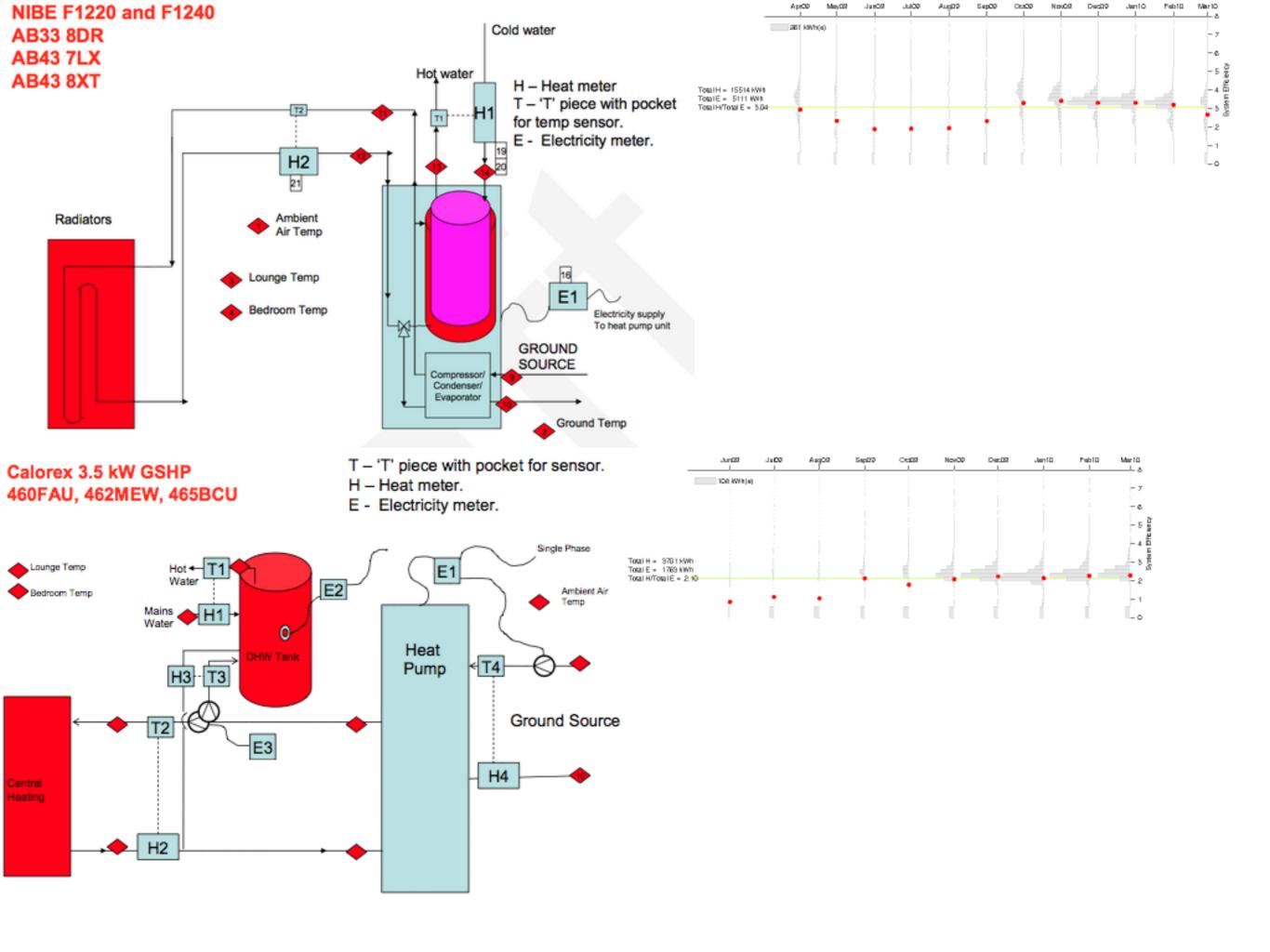


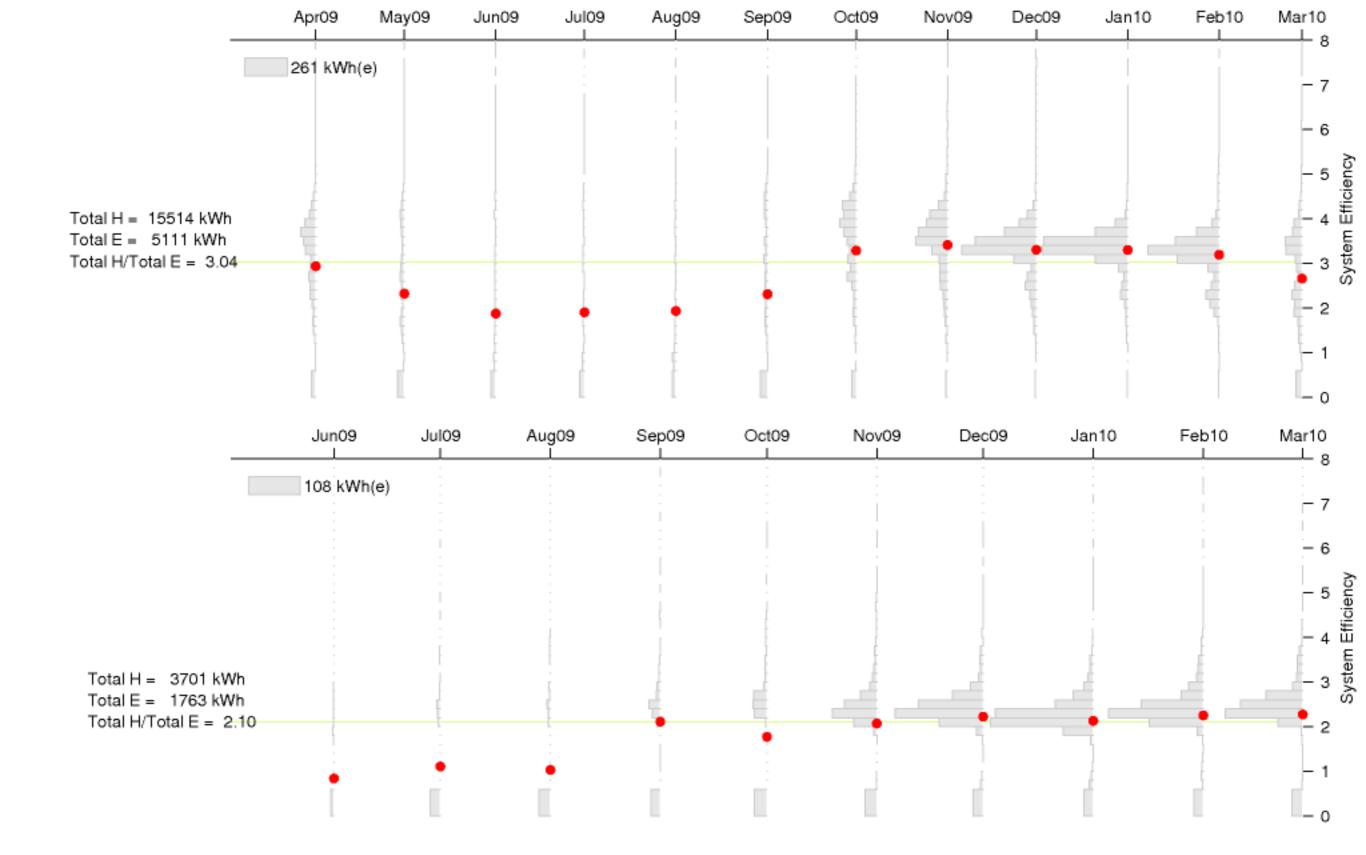


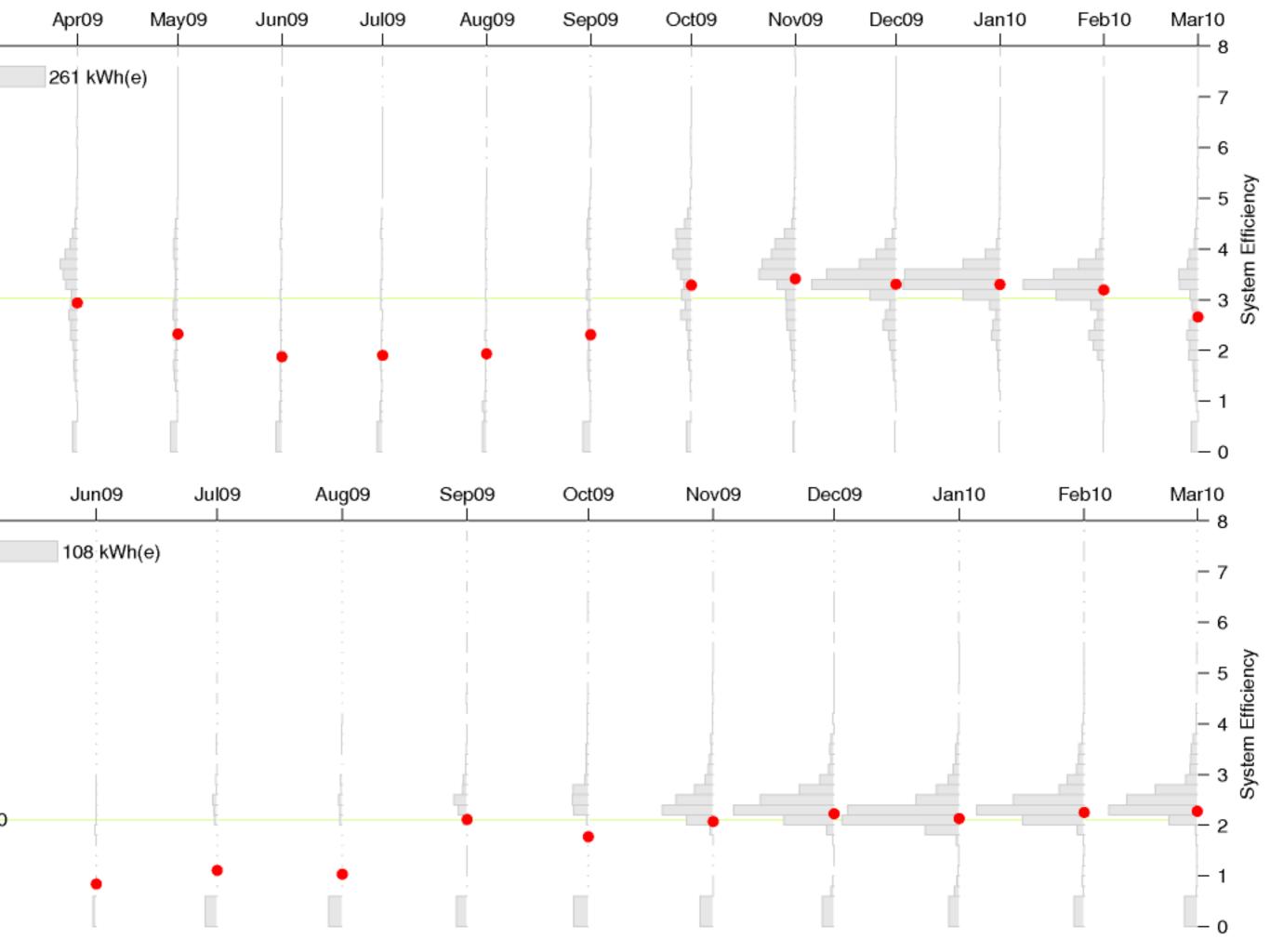
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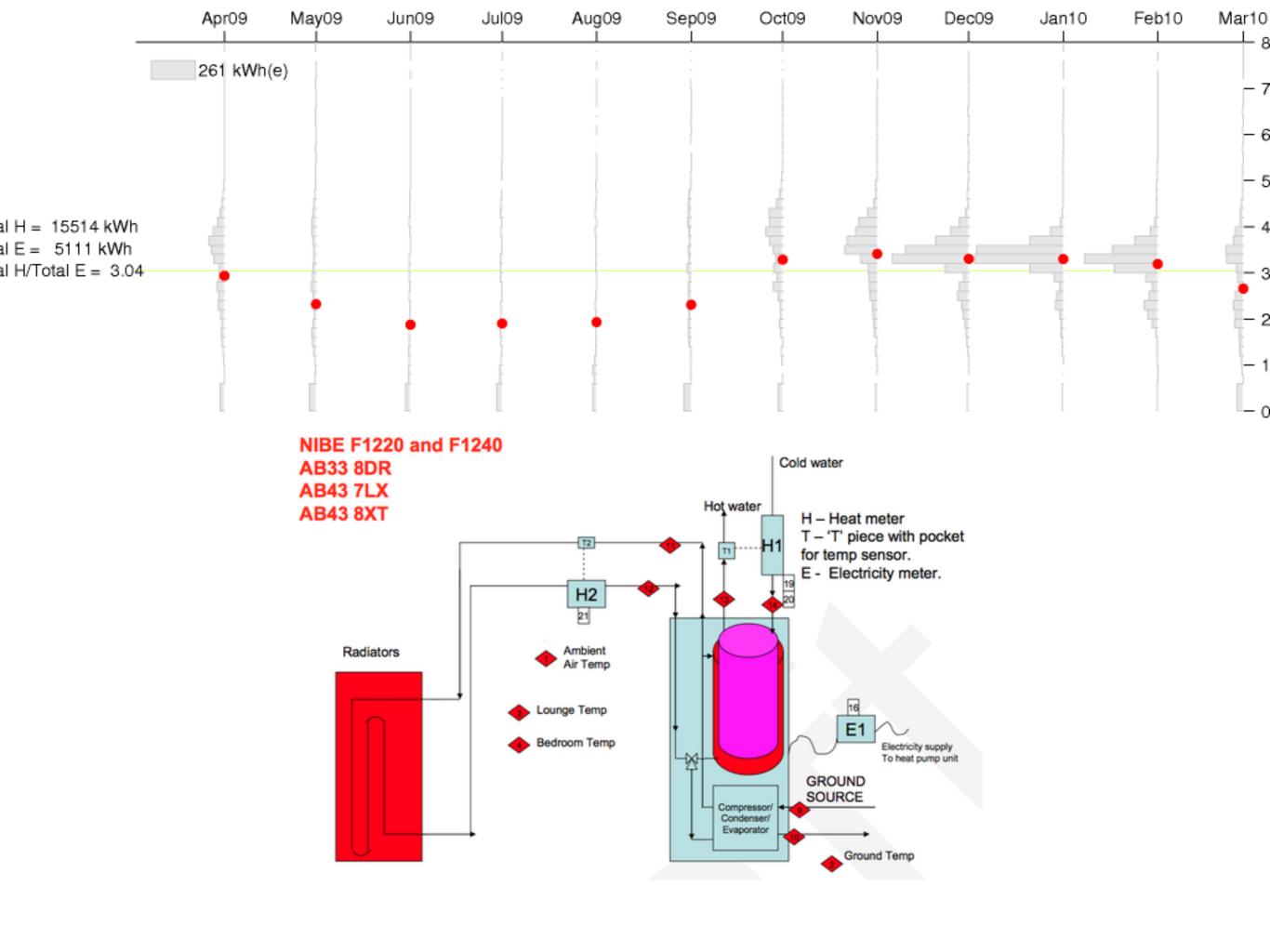
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- H Heat meter.
- E Electricity meter.

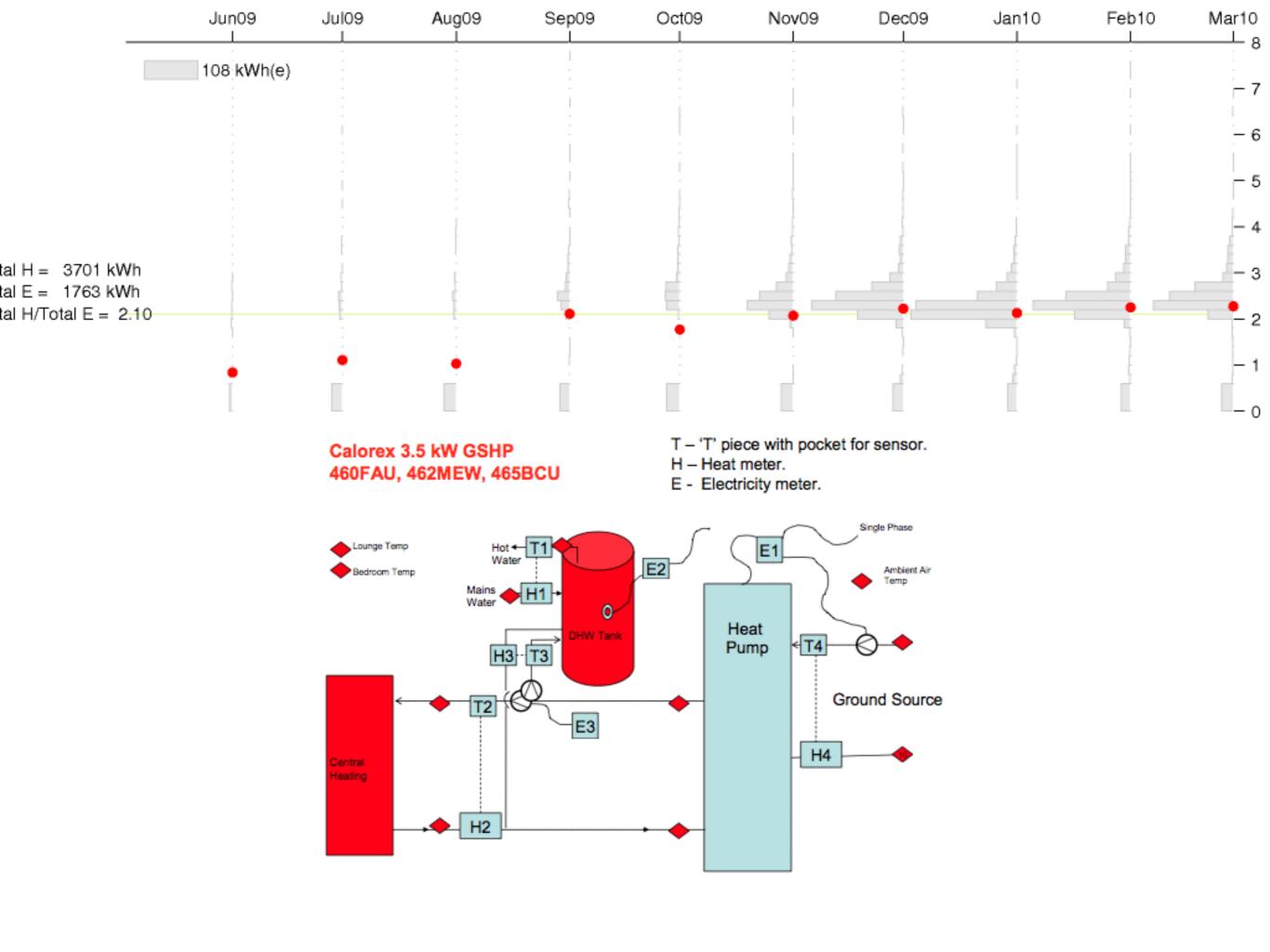






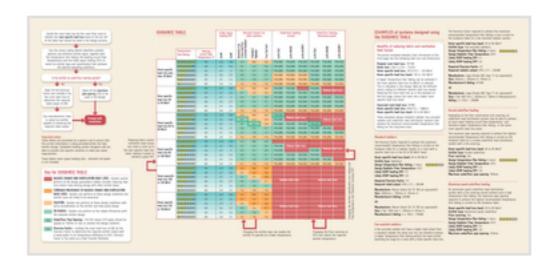






Standards for Heat-pump Installations

Chris Wickins and the Microgeneration Certification Scheme Heat-pump Working Group





Heat Emitter Guide for Domestic Heat Pumps

Heat pumps can provide high-efficiency low-carbon heat for dwellings. Their performance is optimised if low-temperature heat emitters are used for heat distribution in the house, so this guide aims to help you select an emitter type and operating temperature which will result in high efficiency and low running costs.

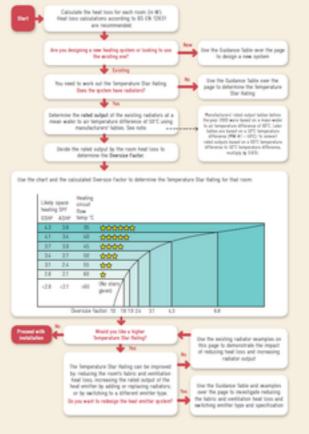
The guide uses a Temperature Star Rating to indicate how efficient the proposed system is likely to be. More efficient systems are given a higher number of stars. The maximum is 6 stars. More stars are given when lower heat emitter temperatures are used because the heat pump is able to operate more efficiently.

The guide can be used for systems with minting radiators or to design a new heat emitter system. A fine start has been designed to hely you through the process for an individual room. This process should be repeated for all of the heated rooms in the dwelling, the heat yump operating the local yump operating

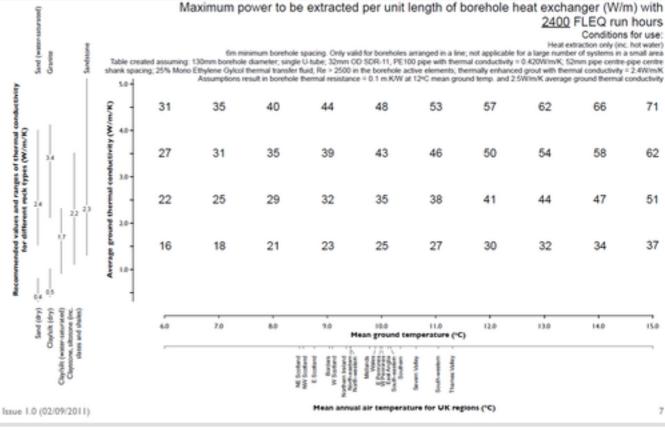
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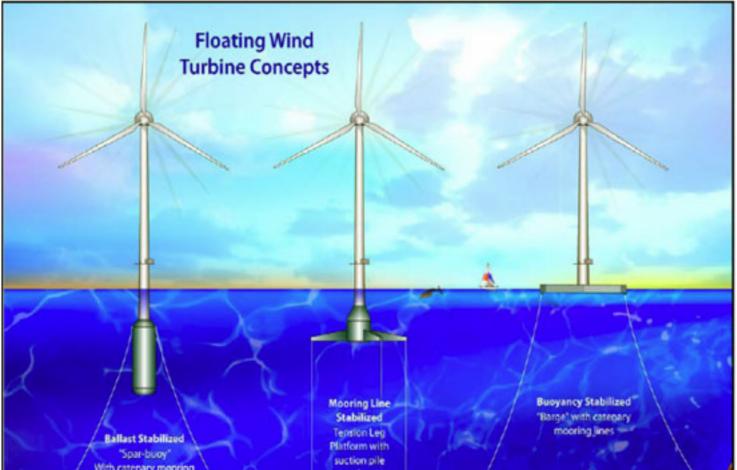




Cheaper wind, especially offshore







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- Biomass-to-good stuff
- Waste-to-good stuff
 - what are the best uses of biomass?

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EPI

- Pyrolysis
 - converting municipal waste to gas







Drax













Proliferation-resistant, safe, low-waste nuclear power





Carbon capture and storage at scale





- Smart grids
- Interconnectors and storage

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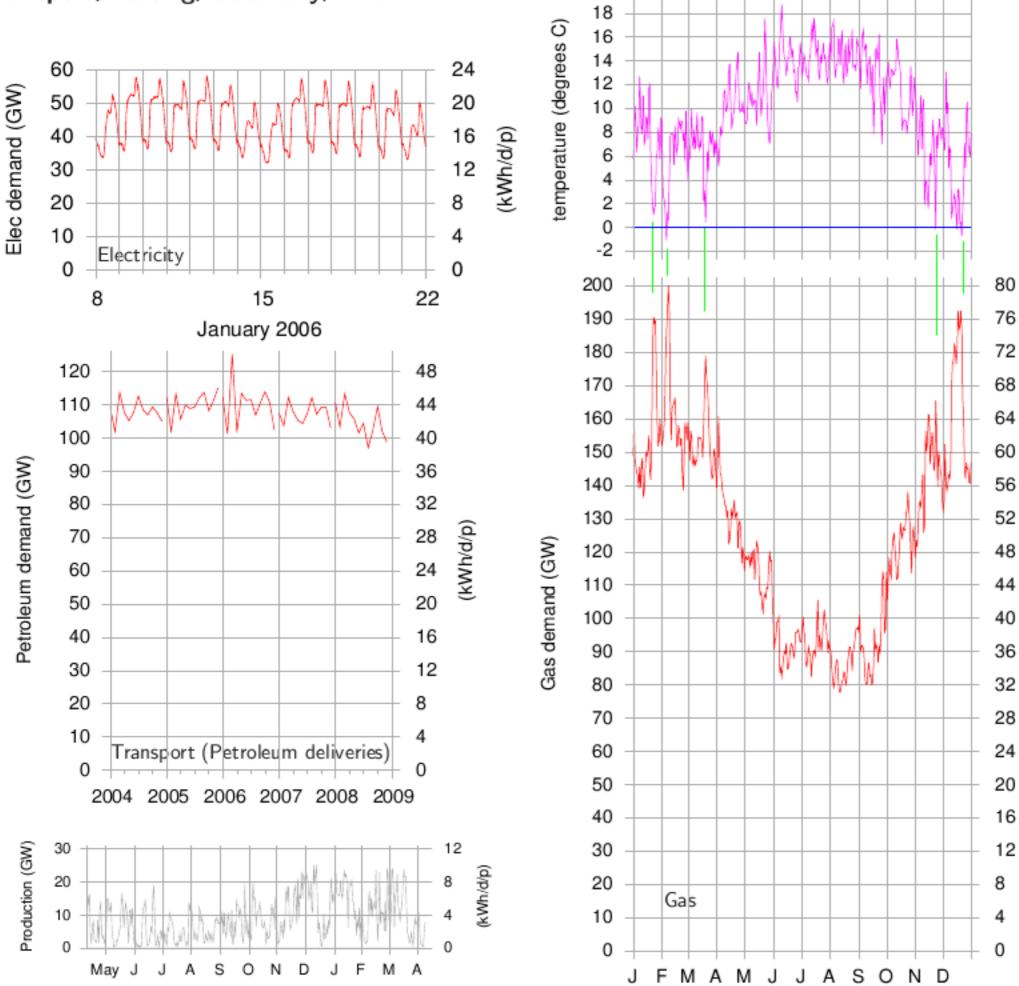
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Transport, heating, electricity; wind



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Electricity, gas, and transport demand; and fictional wind (assuming 33 GW of capacity), all on the same vertical scale.

(kWh/d/p)

Pumped storage



Seasonal heat stores

Especially for old buildings



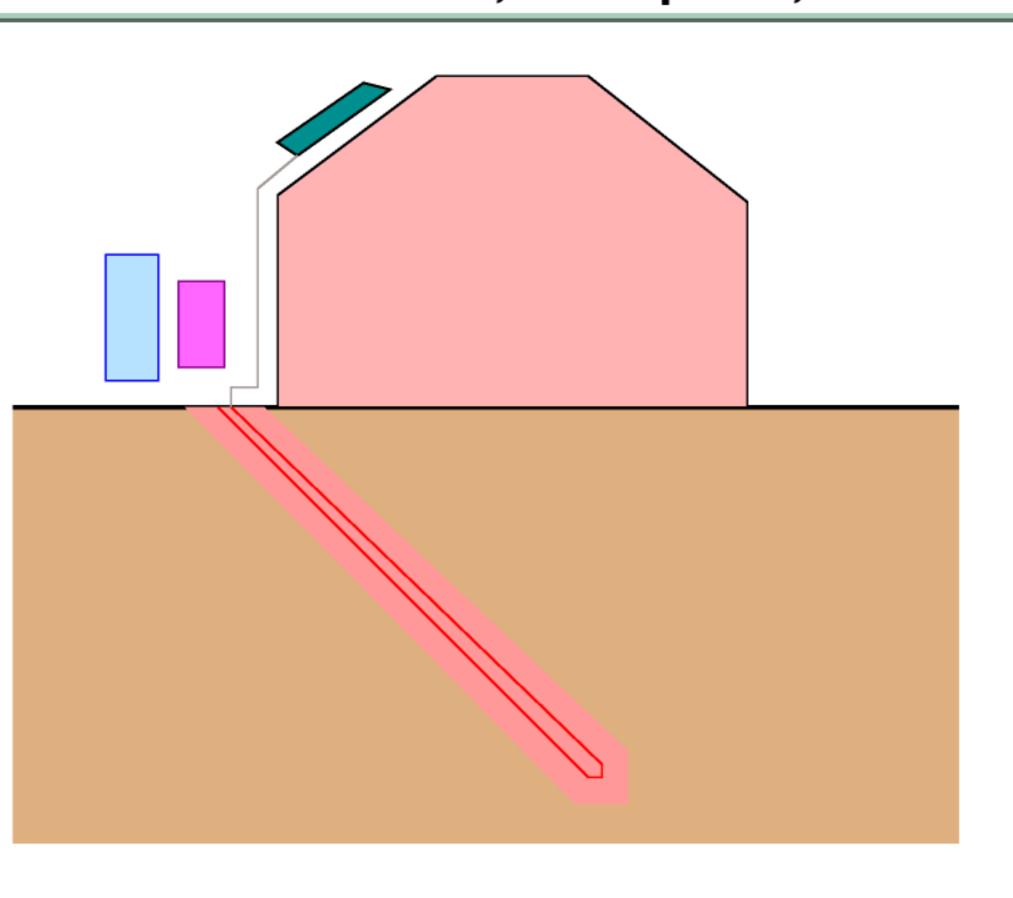




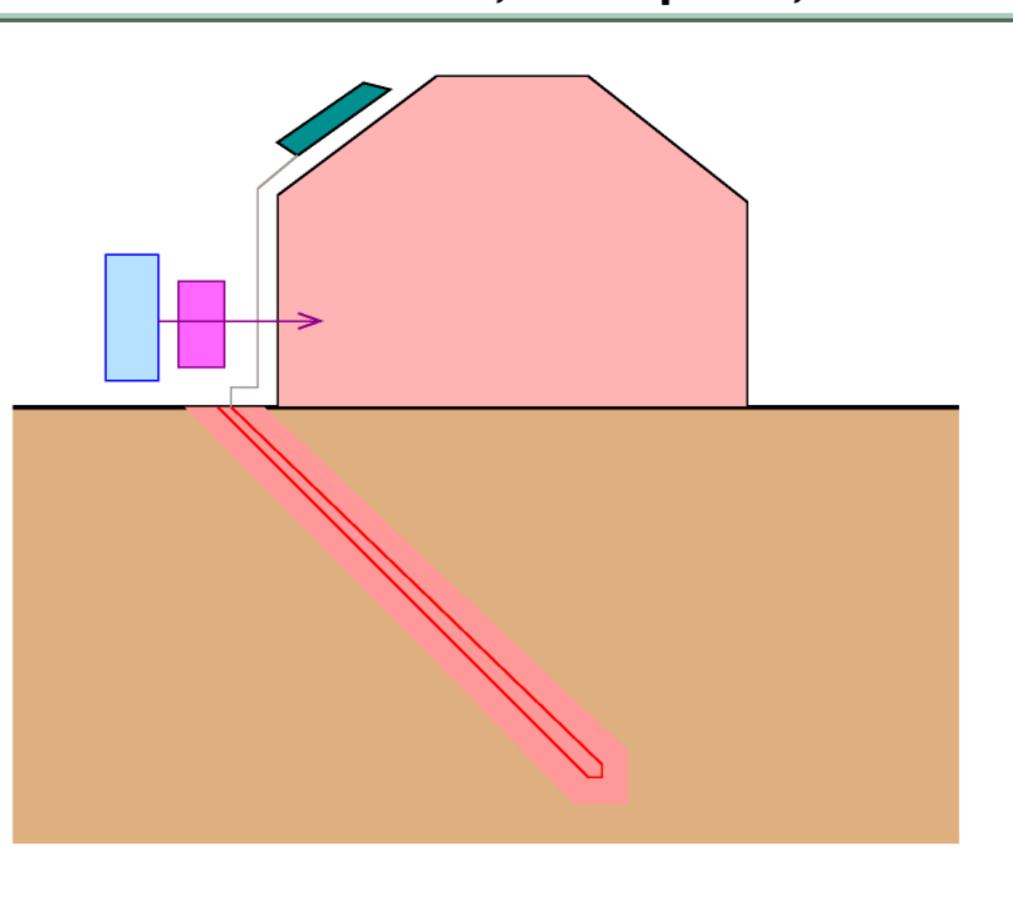




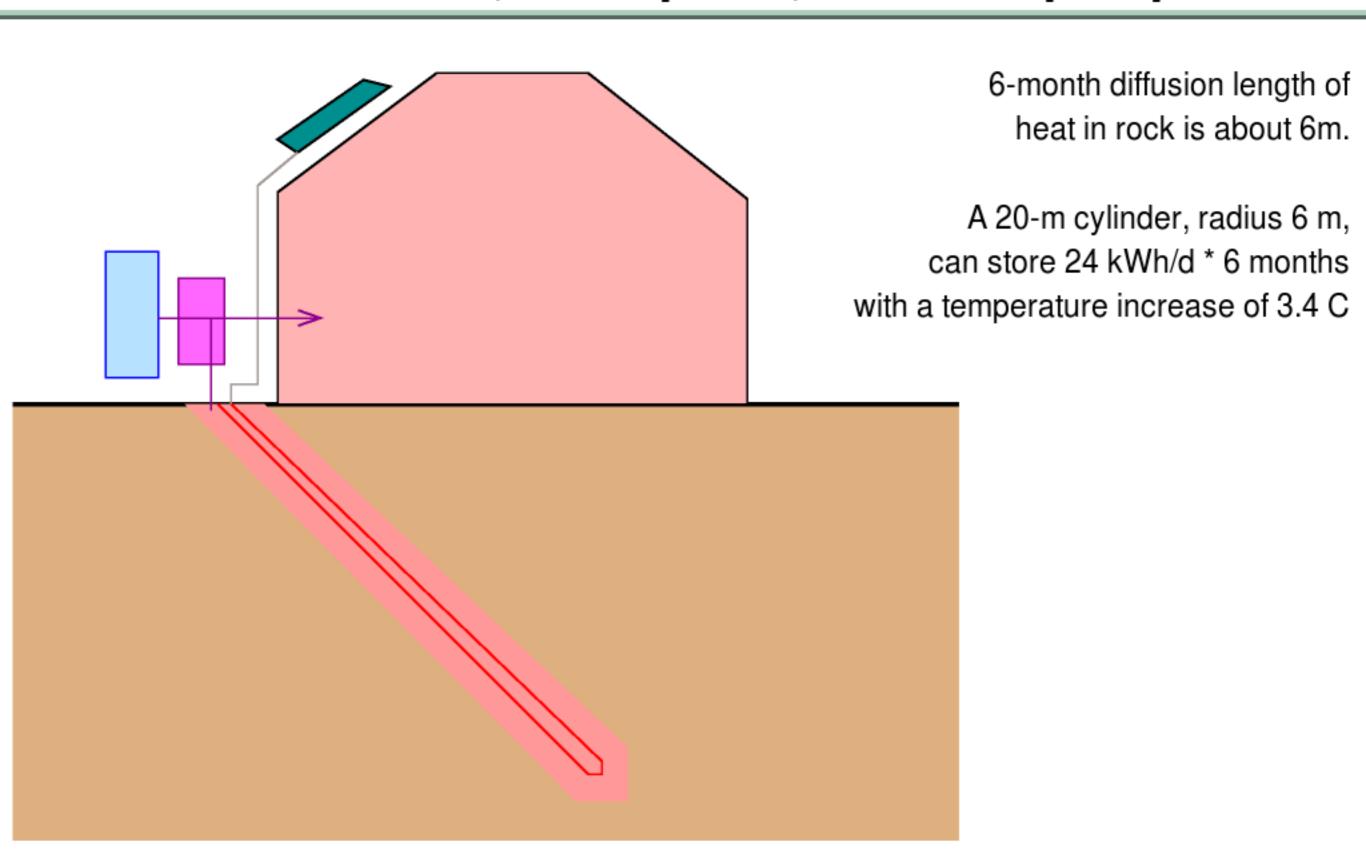
Seasonal heat store, solar panel, and heat pump

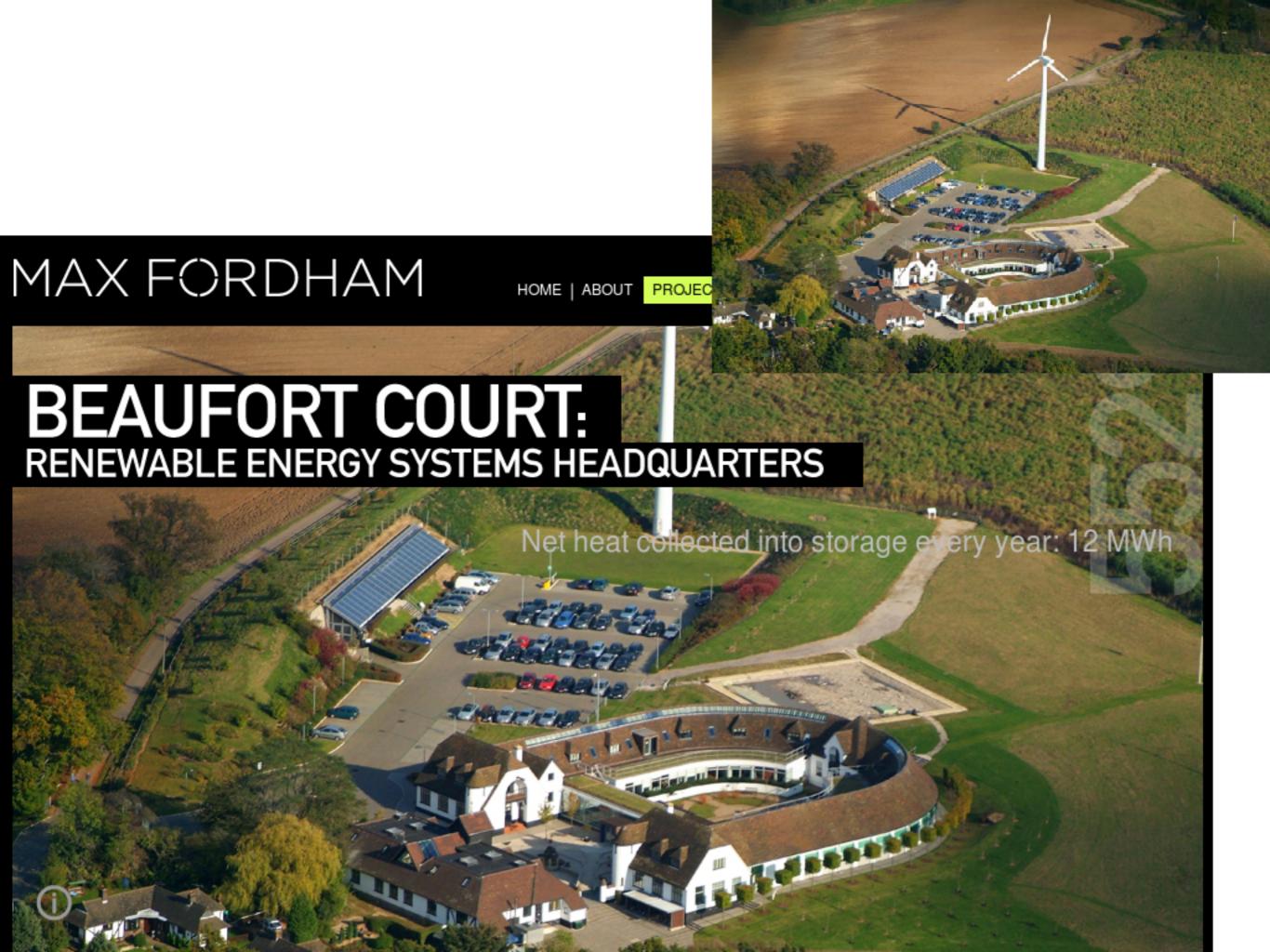


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Seasonal heat store for community heating



- how it works
- the homes
- solar collection
- district heating system
- energy centre
- borehole thermal energy storage
- view DLSC animation
- DLSC brochures
- * reports

Welcome to Drake Landing Solar Community.

The Drake Landing Solar Community (DLSC) is a master planned neighbourhood in the Town of Okotoks, Alberta, Canada that has successfully integrated Canadian energy efficient technologies with a renewable, unlimited energy source - the sun.

The first of its kind in North America, DLSC is heated by a district system designed to store abundant solar energy underground

during the summer months and distribute the energy to each home for space heating needs during winter months.

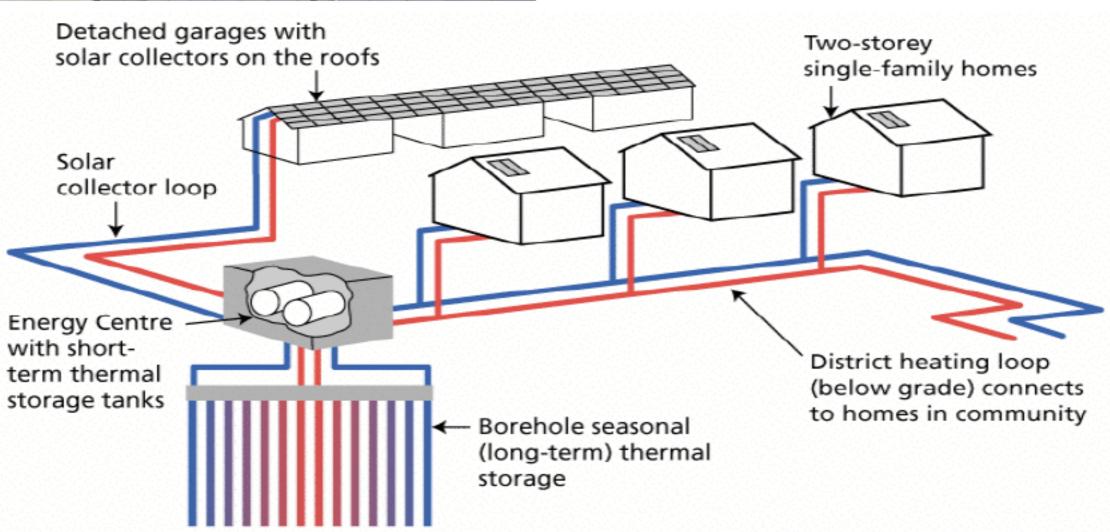


The system is unprecedented in the World, fulfilling ninety percent of each home's space heating requirements from solar energy and resulting in less dependency on limited fossil fuels.

The Government of Canada and its Canadian industry partners are proud to showcase Canadian solar thermal and energy efficient technologies in this one-of-a-kind community.





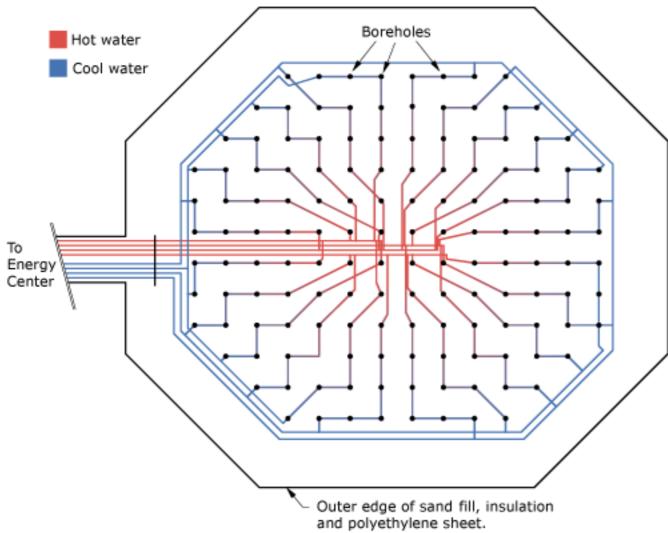












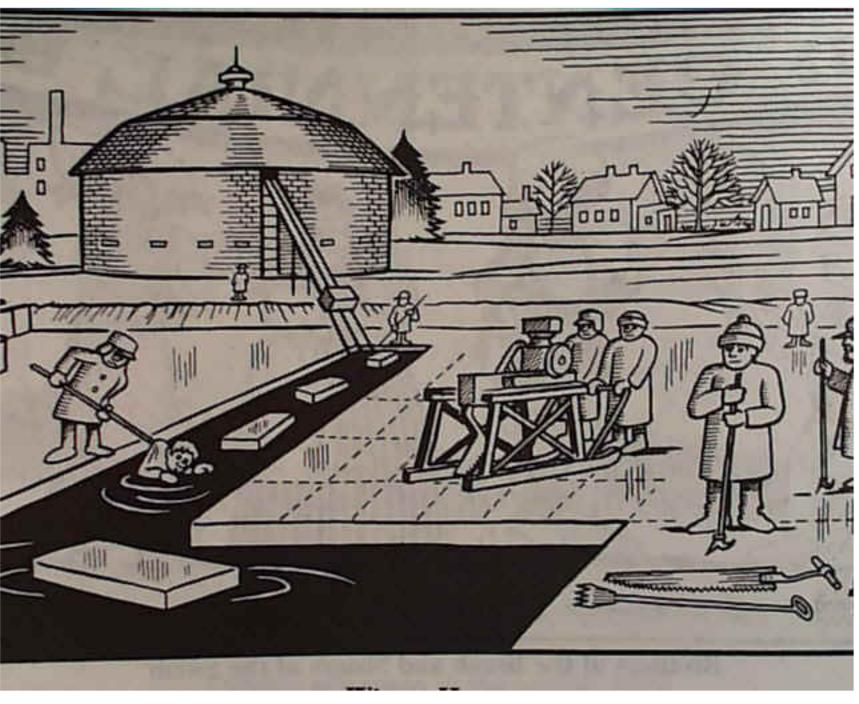




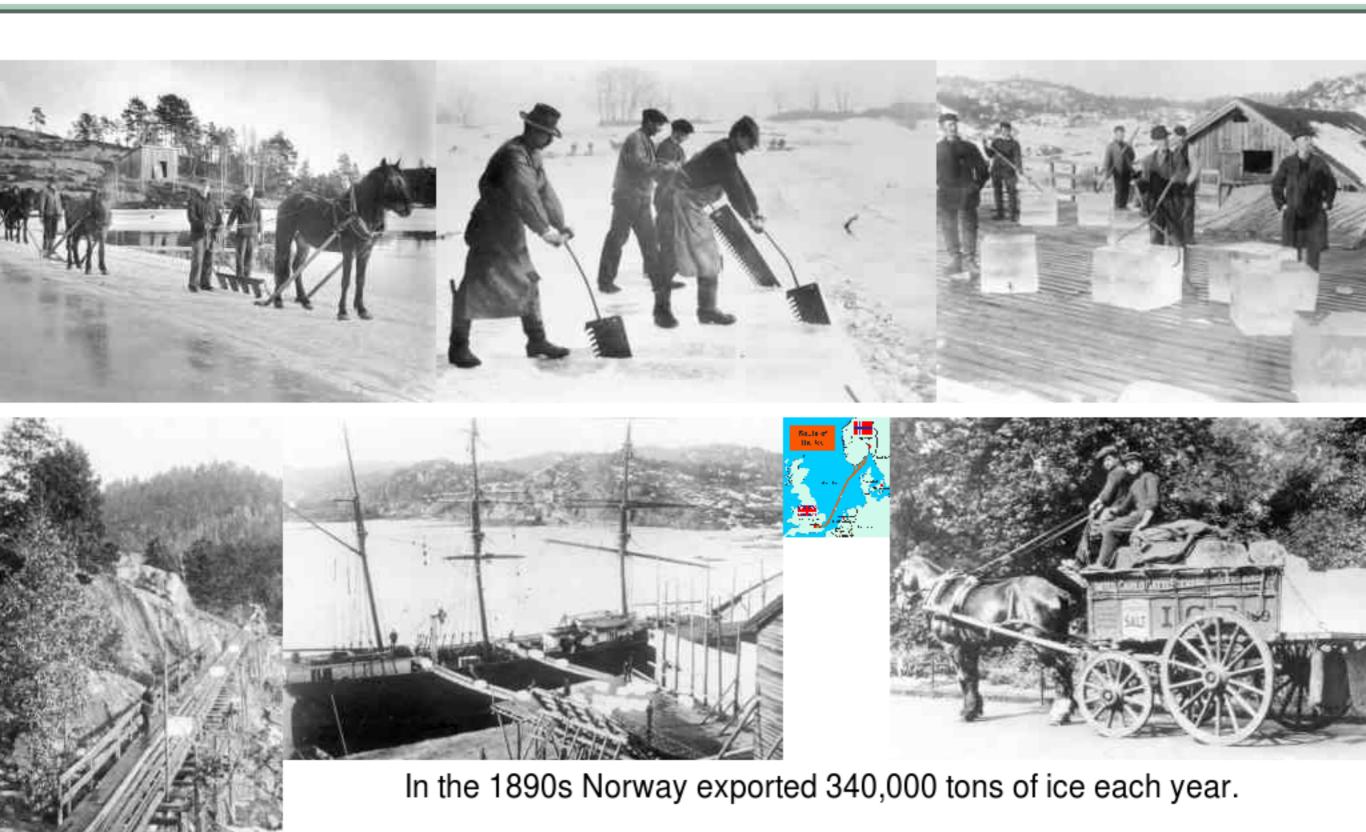
heat store: 37m deep, 35m wide

Similar size and function to ice house!





International energy trade



- Backup plans
 - eg, in case low-cost electric vehicles don't materialise
 - hydrogen

- or in case climate sensitivity turns out bigger than expected
 - geoengineering research



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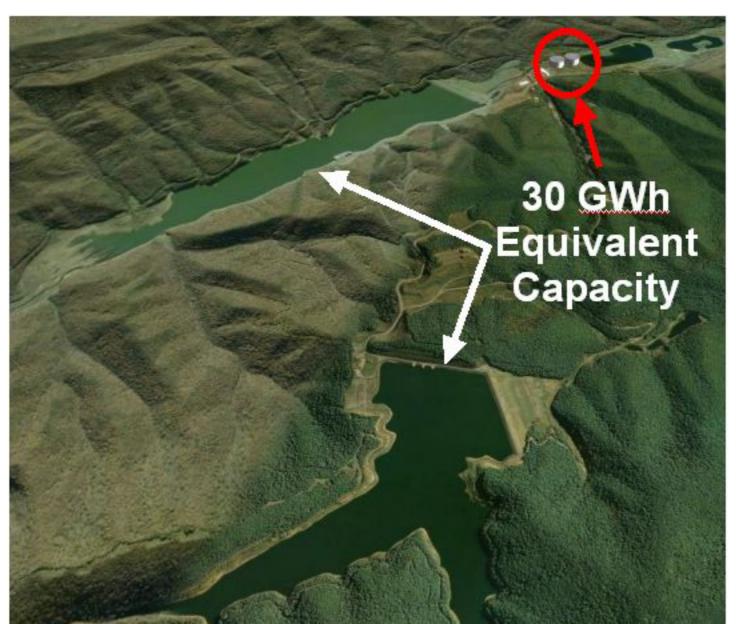
Novel heat pumps



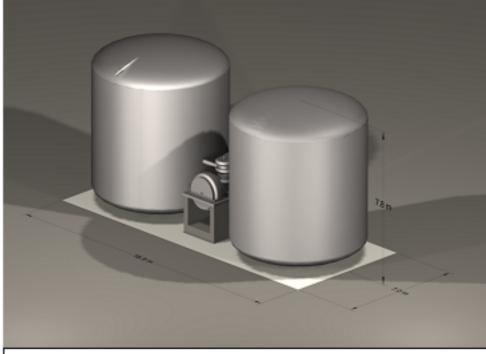


Novel storage technologies









Isentropic's storage schematic 2MW, 16MWh pumped heat electrical storage

Energy storage in underwater wind bags?

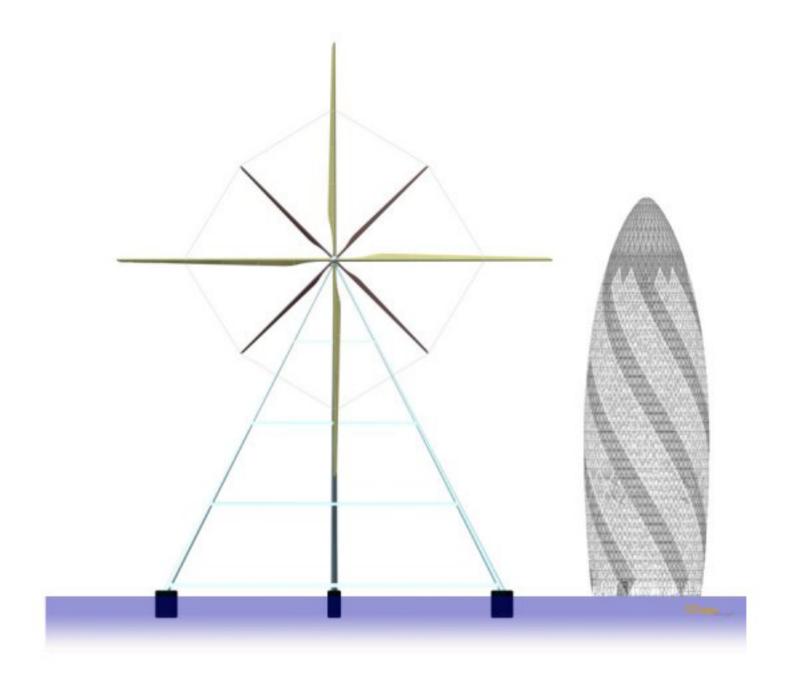


Seamus Garvey

Novel wind turbines



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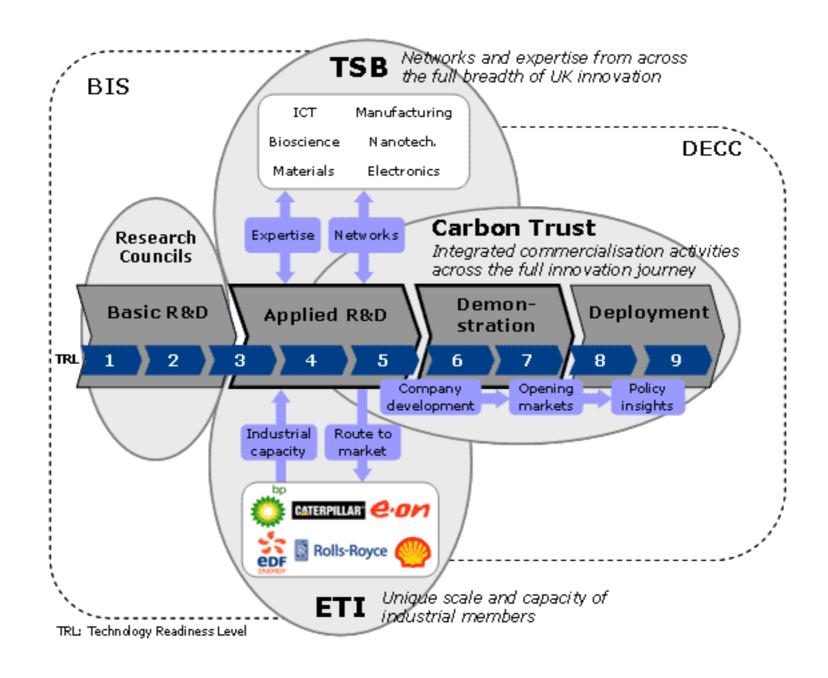


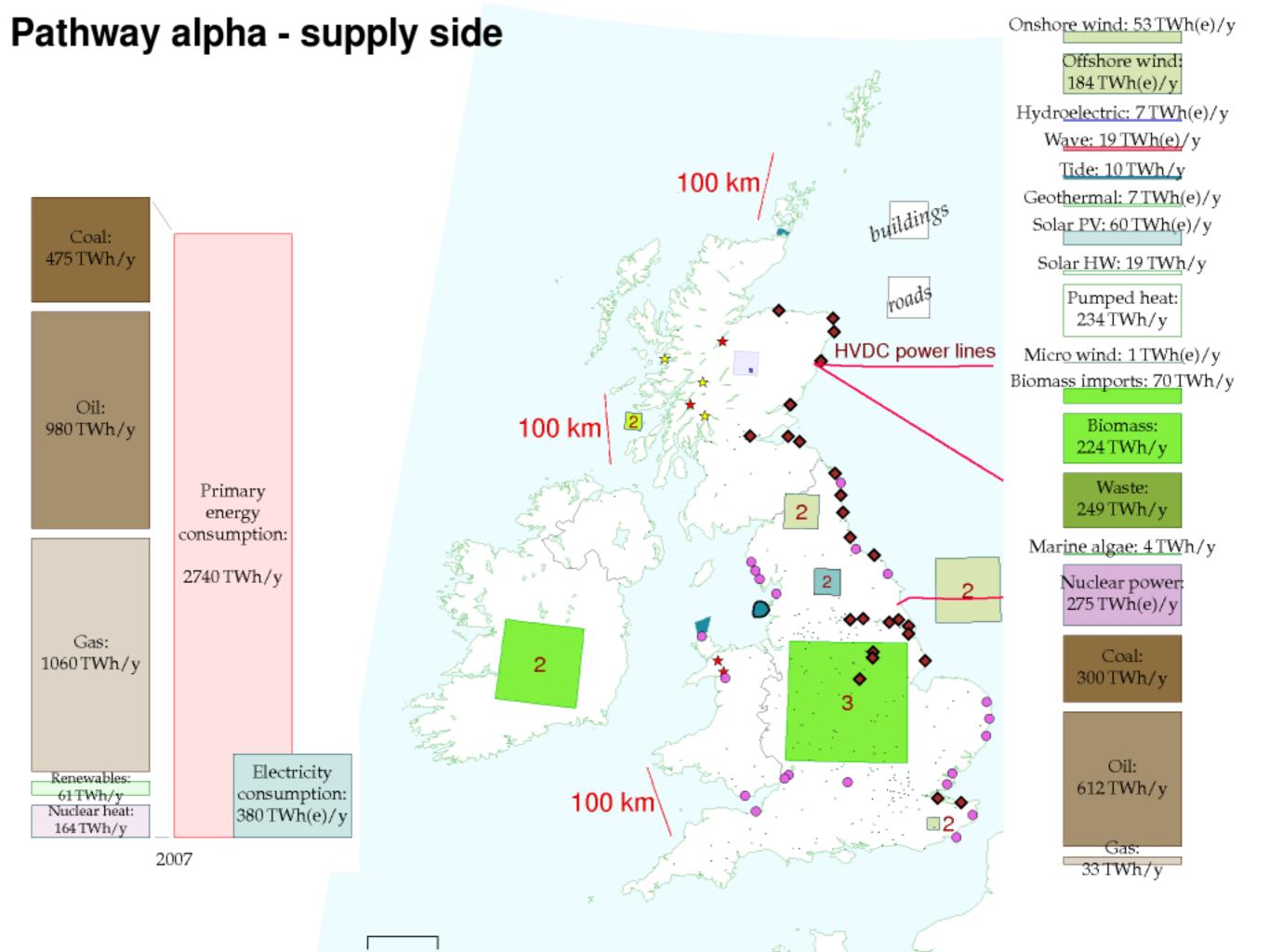
Innovation needs (top 6) for the UK

- Efficiency
 - building insulation
 - vehicles (electric and hydrogen?)
- Wind
- Heat pumps
- Biomass- and waste-to-good-things
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Energy Storage
 - electricity storage
 - interconnectors; smart demand-management
 - seasonal heat stores

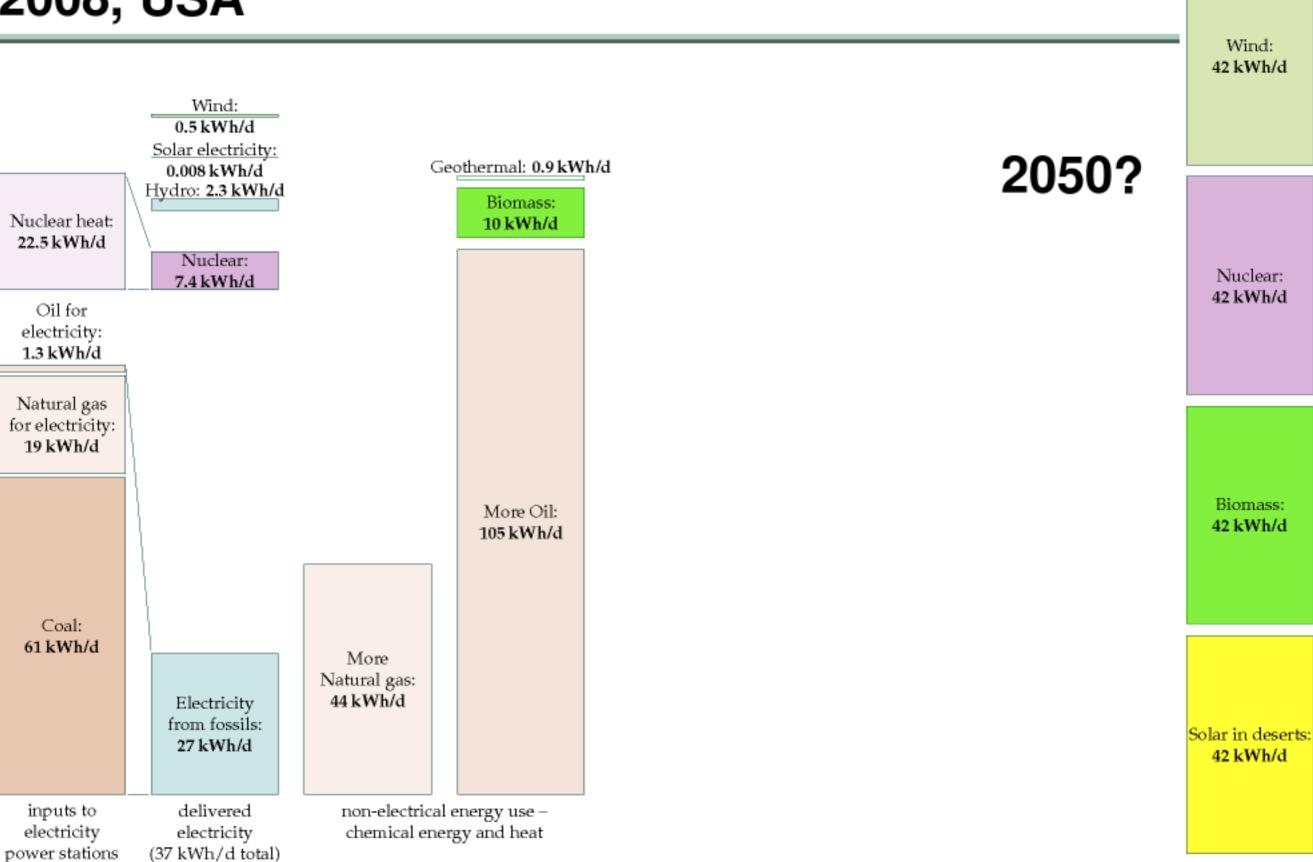
Onshore wind: 53 TWh(e)/v Offshore wind: 184 TWh(e)/y Hydroelectric: 7 TWh(e)/y Wave: 19 TWh(e)/y Tide: 10 TWh/y Geothermal: 7 TWh(e)/y Solar PV: 60 TWh(e)/y Solar HW: 19 TWh/y Pumped heat: 234 TWh/y Micro wind: 1TWh(e)/y Biomass imports: 70 TWh/y Biomass: 224TWh/y Waste: 249 TWh/y Marine algae: 4 TWh/y Nuclear power: 275 TWh(e)/y Coal: 300 TWh/y Oil: 612 TWh/y Gas: 33 TWh/v

UK support for Energy Research + Development

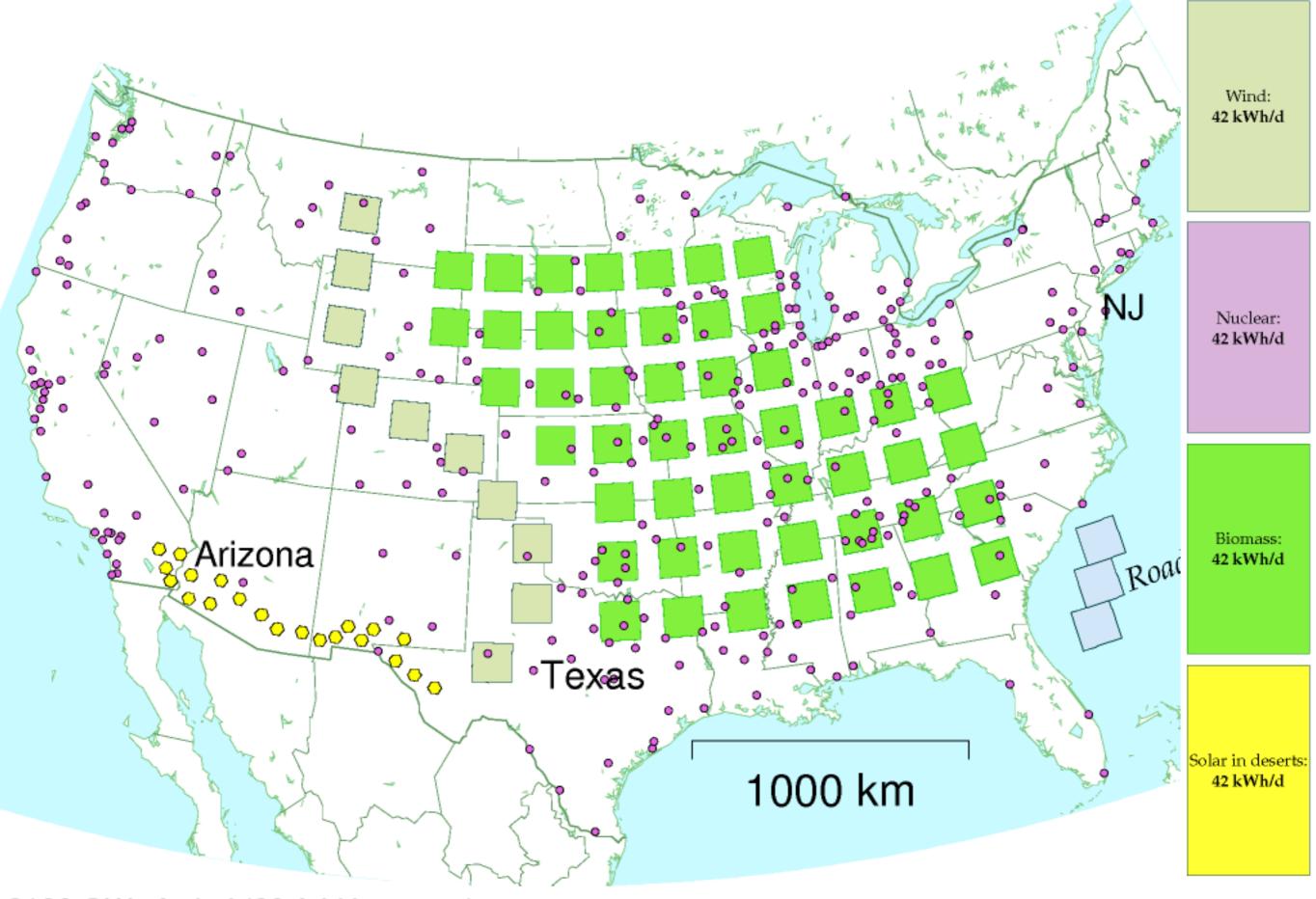




2008, USA



Total Electricity consumption is 37 kWh/d/p - of which coal delivers 18 kWh/d/p



2100 GW of wind (60-fold increase)
525 one-gigawatt nuclear power stations (five-fold increase)

Personalized

Wind: 42 kWh/d



One 2-MW turbine for every 300 people

Nuclear: 42 kWh/d



5 nukes for Chicago 4 nukes for Houston 2 nukes for San Diego 1 nuke for Denver CO 1 nuke for Boston MA 1 nuke for Las Vegas NV 1 nuke for Portland OR...



Biomass: 42 kWh/d



4000 sq m per person

Solar in deserts: 42 kWh/d





30 eSolar mirrors per person; & one tower for every 400 people

Innovation needs (additional) for the world

Solar power

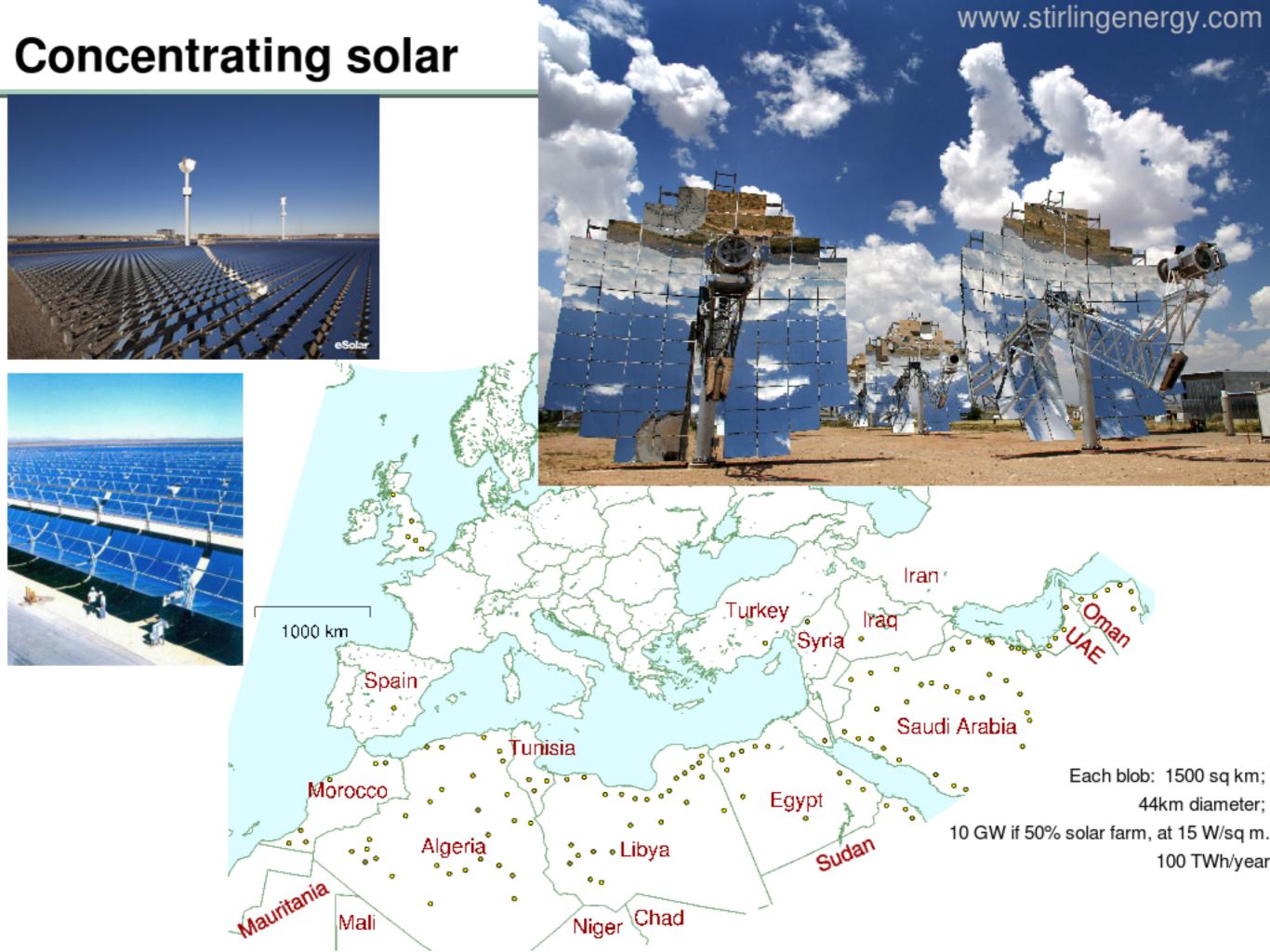




- Deep geothermal
- Proliferation-resistant, safe, low-waste nuclear power





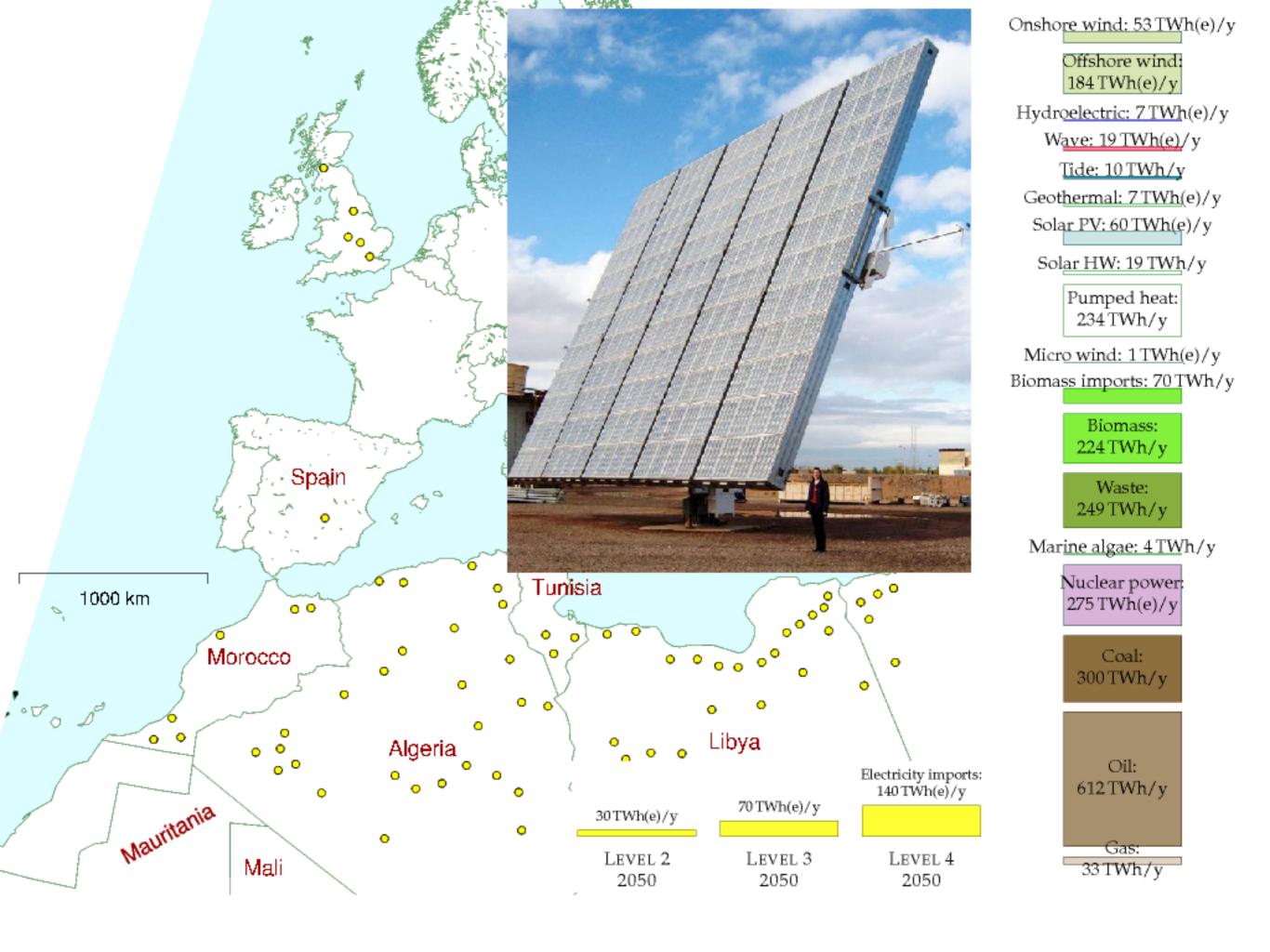




140 kWh/d peak 25 kW

Concentrating photovoltaic by Amonix - Photo by David Faiman.





Geothermal

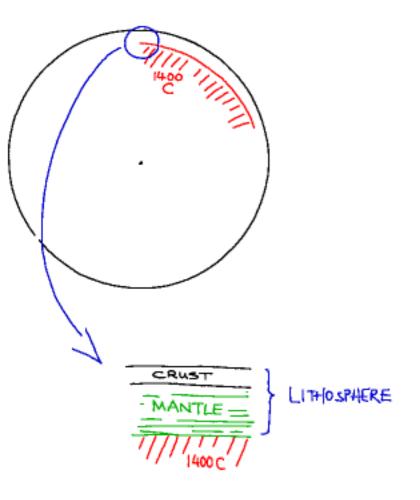


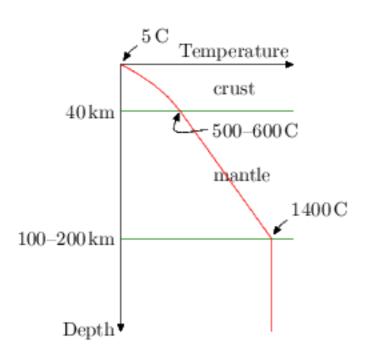
Nesjavellir, Iceland

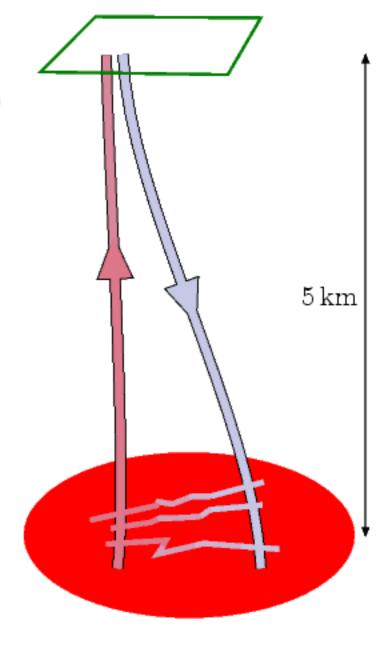
Average geothermal electricity generation in Iceland in 2006 was 300 MW (24 kWh/d/person)



Geothermal







'Hot dry rock'

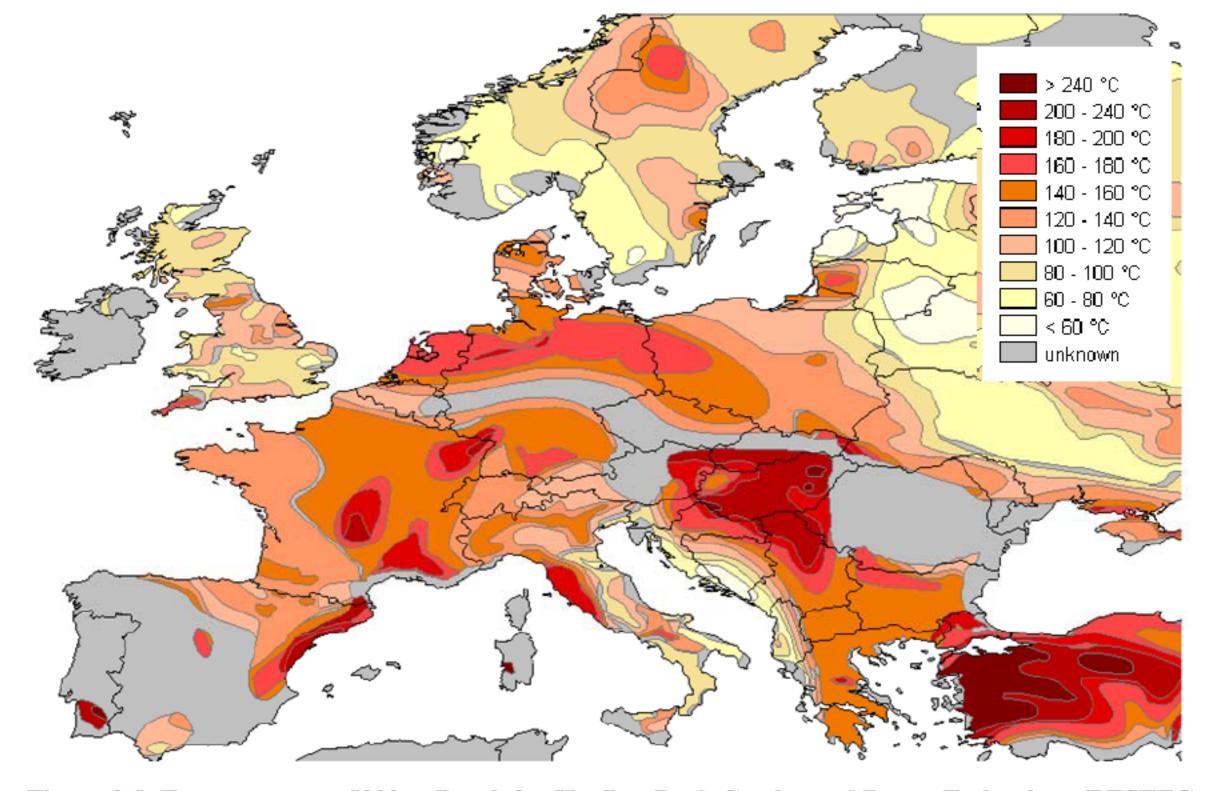


Figure 3-8: Temperature at 5000 m Depth for Hot Dry Rock Geothermal Power Technology /BESTEC

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Geothermal plant's cold water means it buys nearly as much power as it makes.

By Steven Oberbeck

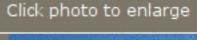
The Salt Lake Tribune

Updated: 09/18/2009 08:07:32 AM MDT

Raser Technologies Inc. long has boasted its new Hatch geothermal power plant near the west-central Utah city of Beaver would launch a new era of energy production -- one in which electricity would be produced from low-temperature underground water that wasn't viewed as hot enough to produce power.

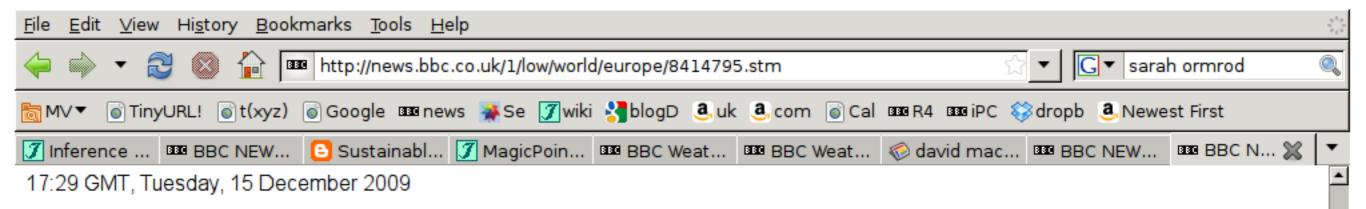
Yet six months after Raser flipped the switch on the plant and began generating power, the company is buying almost as much electricity to keep the place running as the plant is producing.

The problem: The plant can't operate at full capacity because its production wells are producing geothermal water that isn't hot enough, even though its temperature is higher than the 180 degrees Raser initially said it would need.





Pipefitter Rod Hooley prepares to work hot water... (Steven Oberbeck/ The Sa Lake Tribune)



Swiss geologist in quakes trial



The head of a geothermal energy company has gone on trial in Switzerland accused of damaging property by triggering earthquakes.

Markus Haering's company had been working with the authorities in Basel to try to convert the heat in deep-seated rocks into electricity.

But the project was suspended in 2006 when drilling triggered the quakes.

They caused no injuries but led to \$9m (£5.54m) of damage. Mr Haering denies property.

The project was shut down permanently last week after a government study found that similar quakes caused by the millions of dollars worth of damage each year.

Major fault line

Appearing in court in Basel on Tuesday, Mr Haering rejected allegations that he deliberately damaged properties were aware of the risks.

He said those involved had "very little knowledge of seismicity" before drilling began in the Petit-Huningue area of

But the project leaders had an emergency plan and "every minute, we knew what was going on and were able to a

One of the earthquakes generated had a 3.4 magnitude.

The Swiss government report concluded that if the project had been allowed to continue there was a 15% chance of it triggering a quake powerful enough to cause damage of up to \$500m.

However it was unlikely to activate the major fault line that runs beneath Basel, which led to a huge quake that devastated the city in 1356.

Mr Haering faces up to five years jail if the judge finds he intentionally damaged property. A verdict is expected next week.

Google-backed Geothermal Startup Suspends **Drilling Project**

By Katie Fehrenbacher | Sep. 3, 2009, 8:49am PDT |

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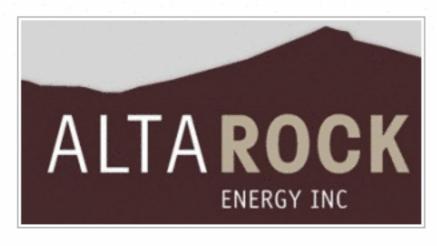












A project that was supposed to show the potential of turning the heat from hot rocks deep in the earth into a clean power source, from a startup backed by Google.org, Kleiner Perkins, Khosla Ventures and the Department of Energy, has hit a snag literally. Geothermal startup AltaRock Energy said yesterday that it has "encountered a

number of physical difficulties," while drilling at a site in Northern California, or as the New York Times put it, the drilling snagged on surface rock formation. As a result, the \$17 million drilling project, which started in June, is being suspended indefinitely, the company says.

It marks the latest setback for AltaRock, the list of which New York Times reporter James Glanz has been chronicling. It ranges from one of AltaRock's drills not being able to pierce hard rock deep in the earth, to concerns raised over the potential for earthquakes that occurred during a similar style of drilling in Basel, Switzerland. AltaRock has raised \$26.25 million from Khosla Ventures, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Vulcan Capital and Google.org and won \$6.24 million in funds from the Department of Energy.

AltaRock, founded in 2007, has been betting on a more advanced form of geothermal power called "enhanced geothermal," an approach that doesn't require existing steam vents or subterranean water sources. Conventional geothermal energy, which has been used for

Getting off fossil fuels is not easy, but it is possible

A Plan that adds up must have some or all of:

country-sized renewable facilities

renewables from other people's countries

lots of nuclear power and 'clean coal'

And efficiency too of course



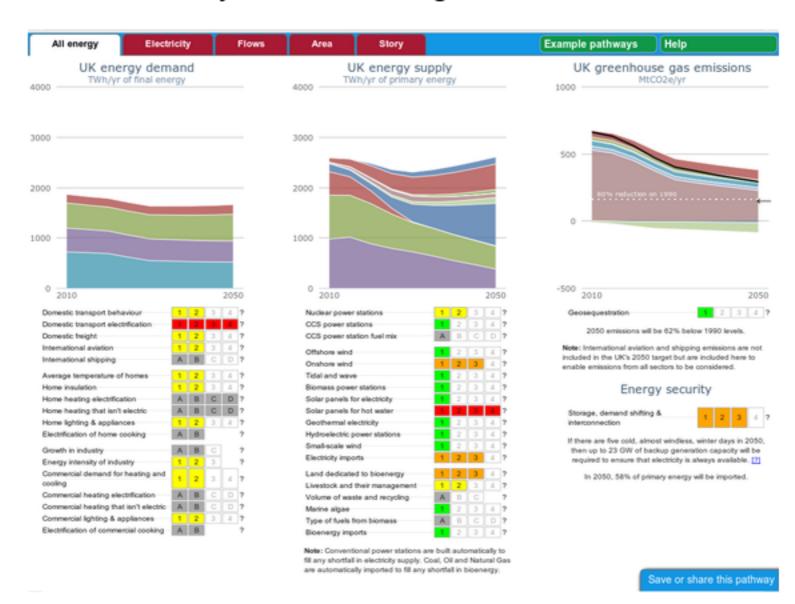


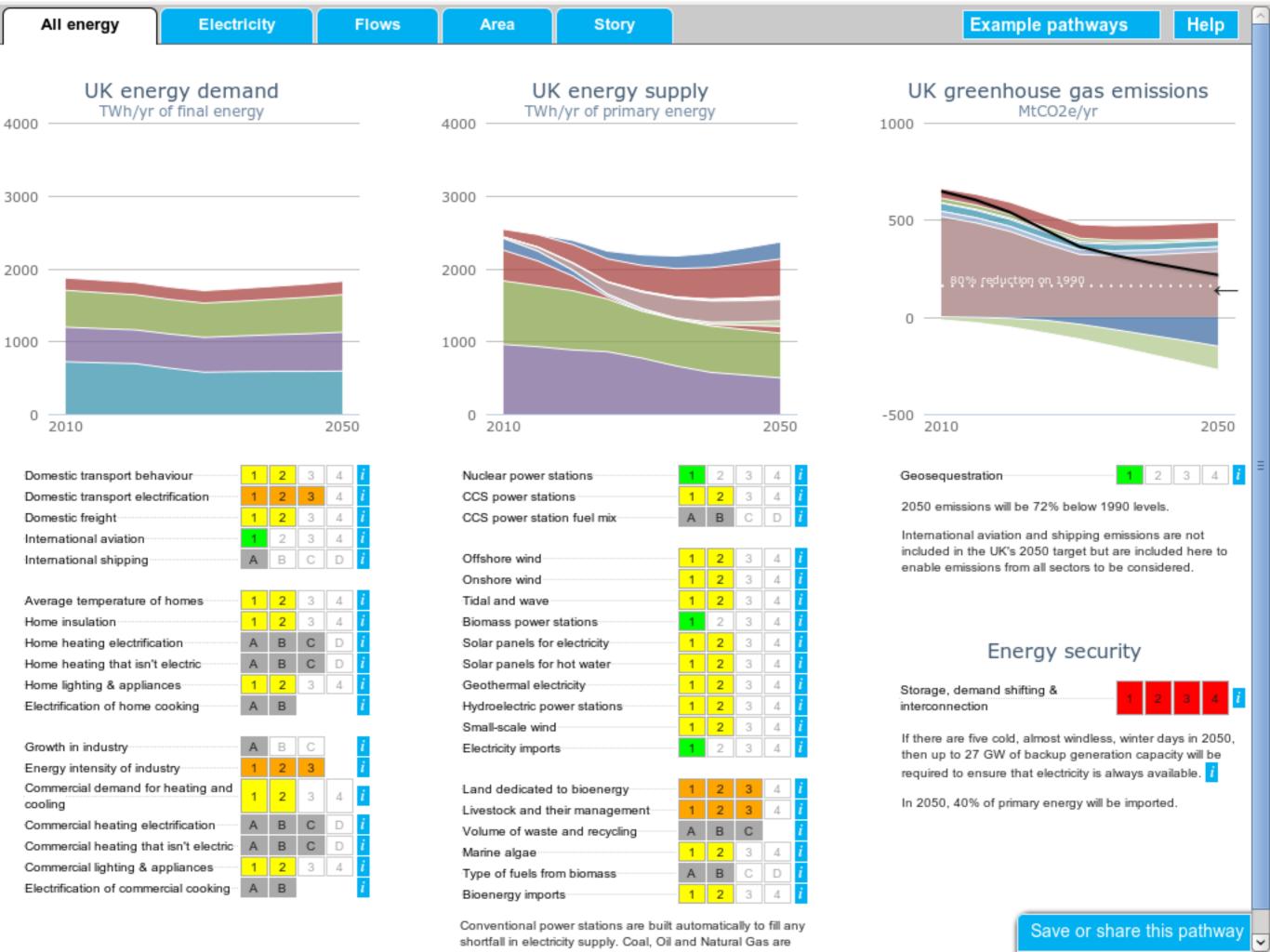
'Okay - it's agreed; we announce - "to do nothing is not an option!" then we wait and see how things pan out...'

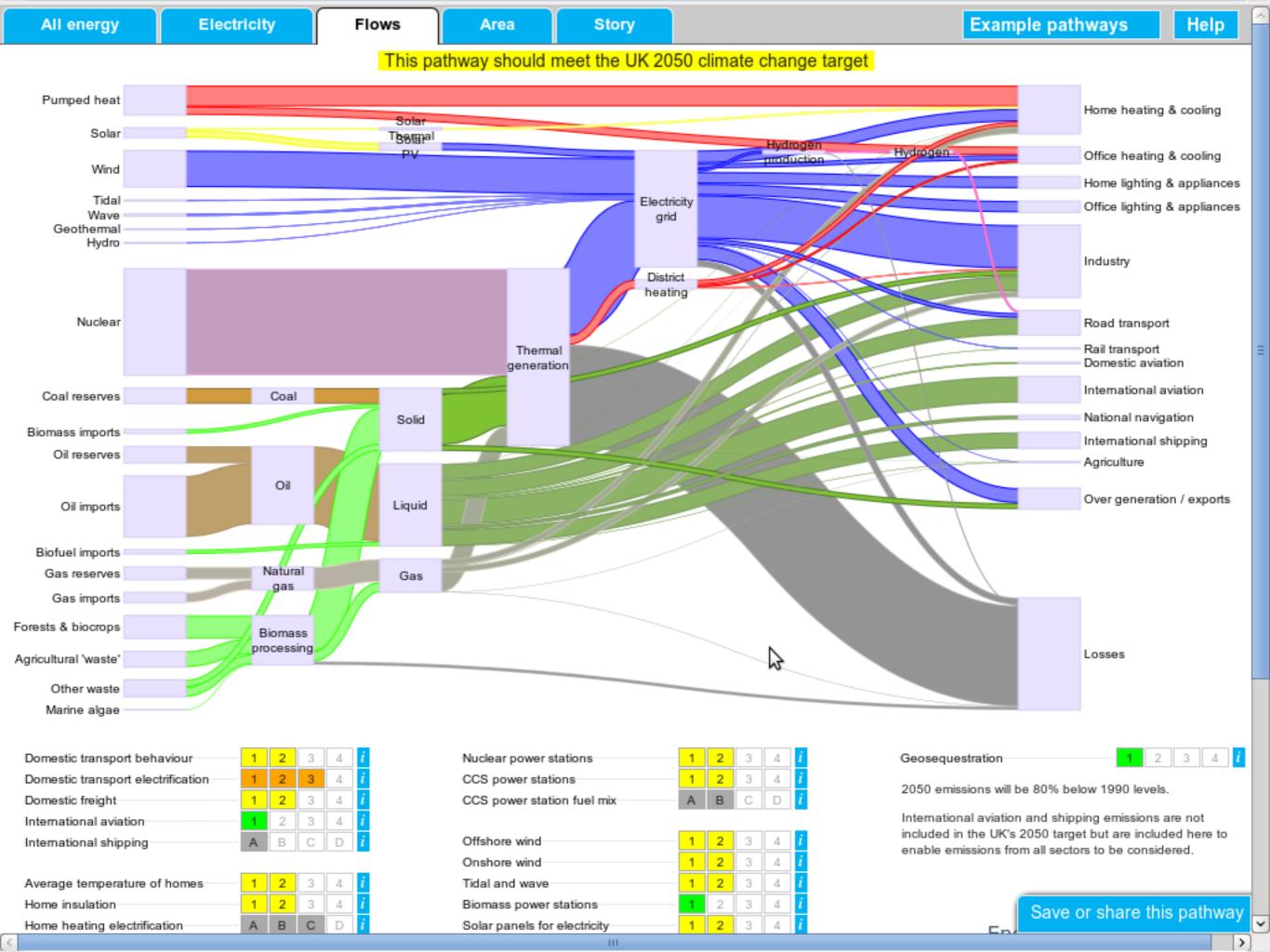
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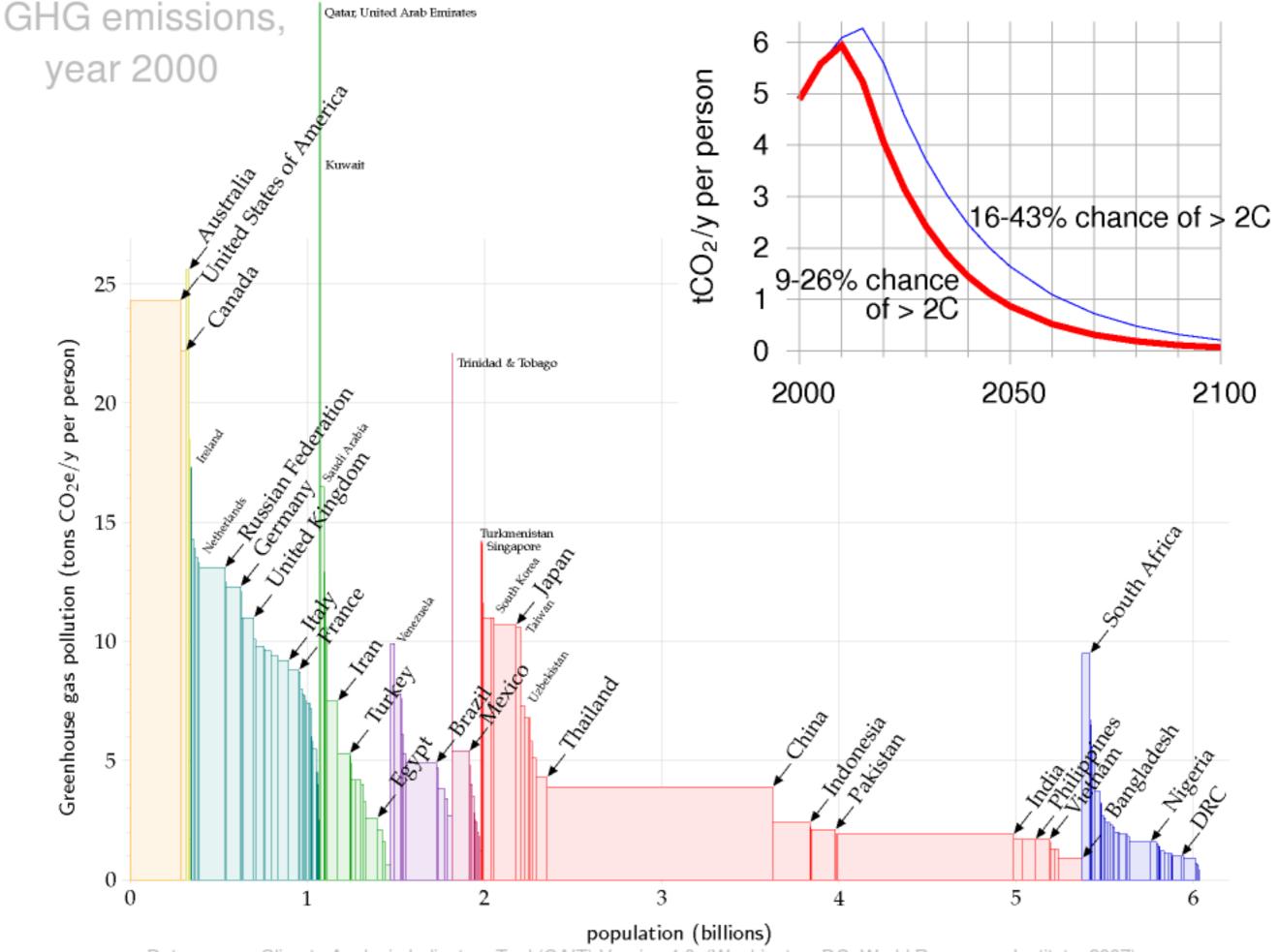
What we need for most 2050 pathways

- Public and political support for a numerate approach
- An ever-improving energy model for the UK
 - coming later:
 - costs
 - a more detailed hour-by-hour balancing model

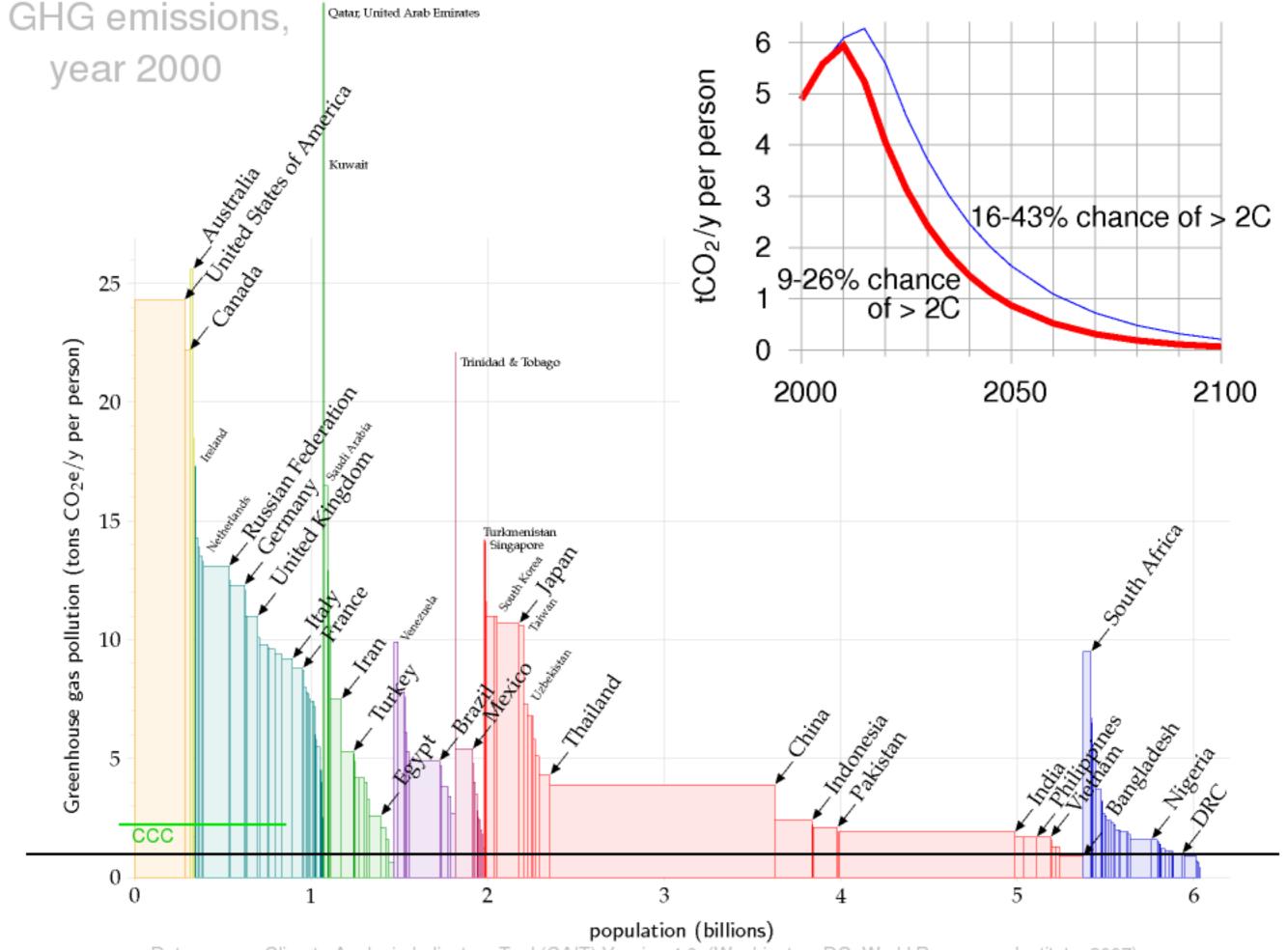




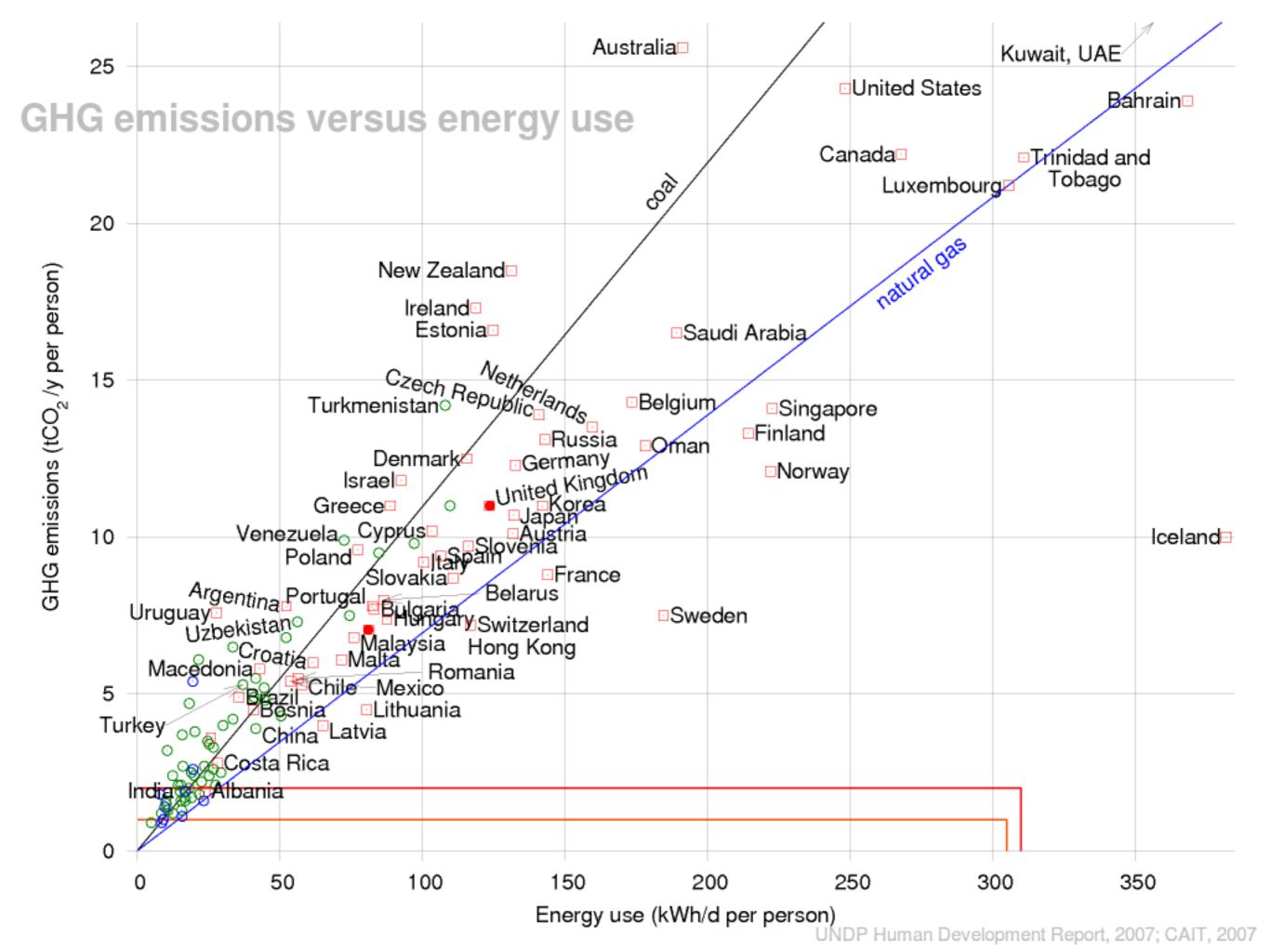




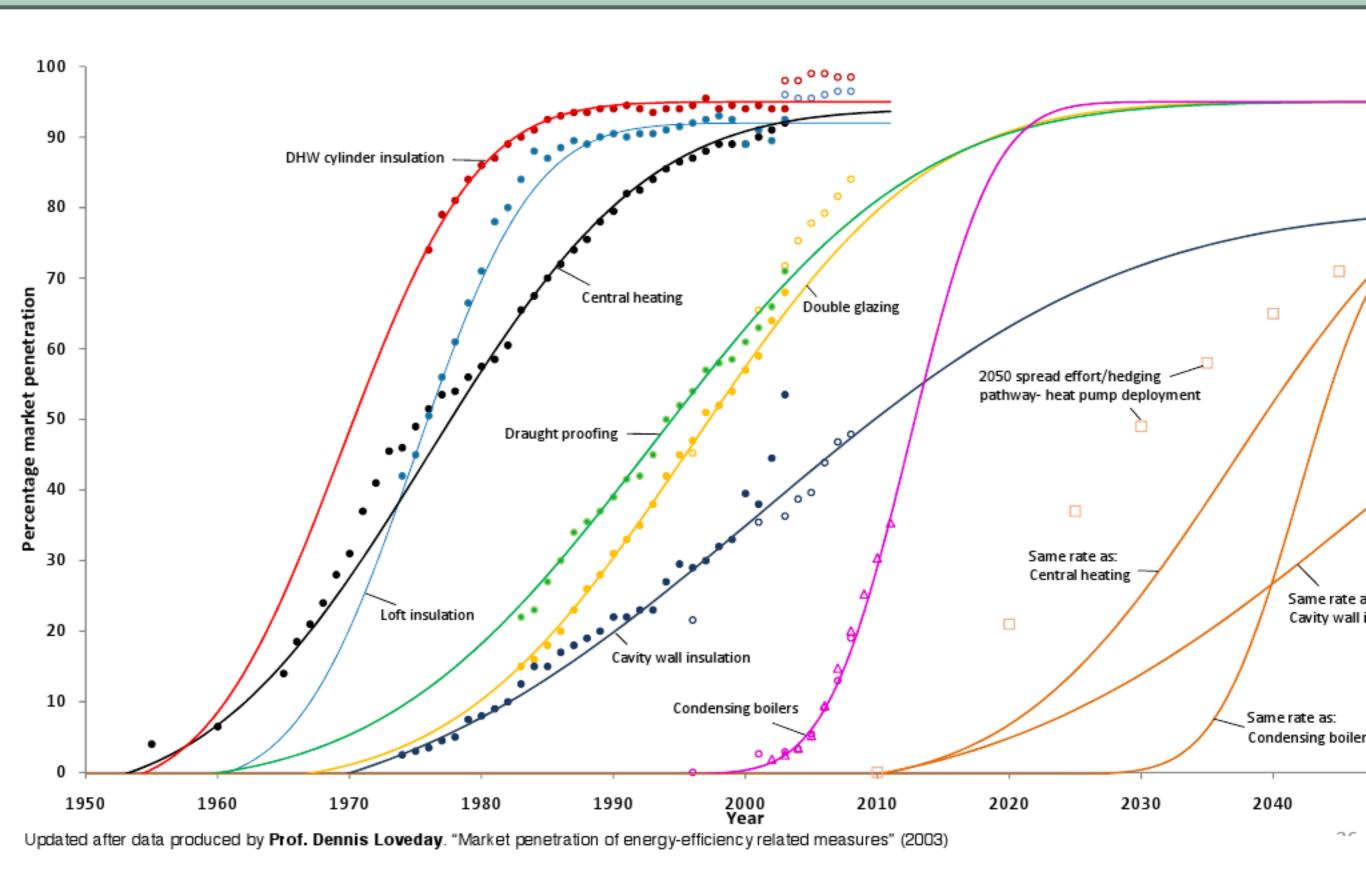
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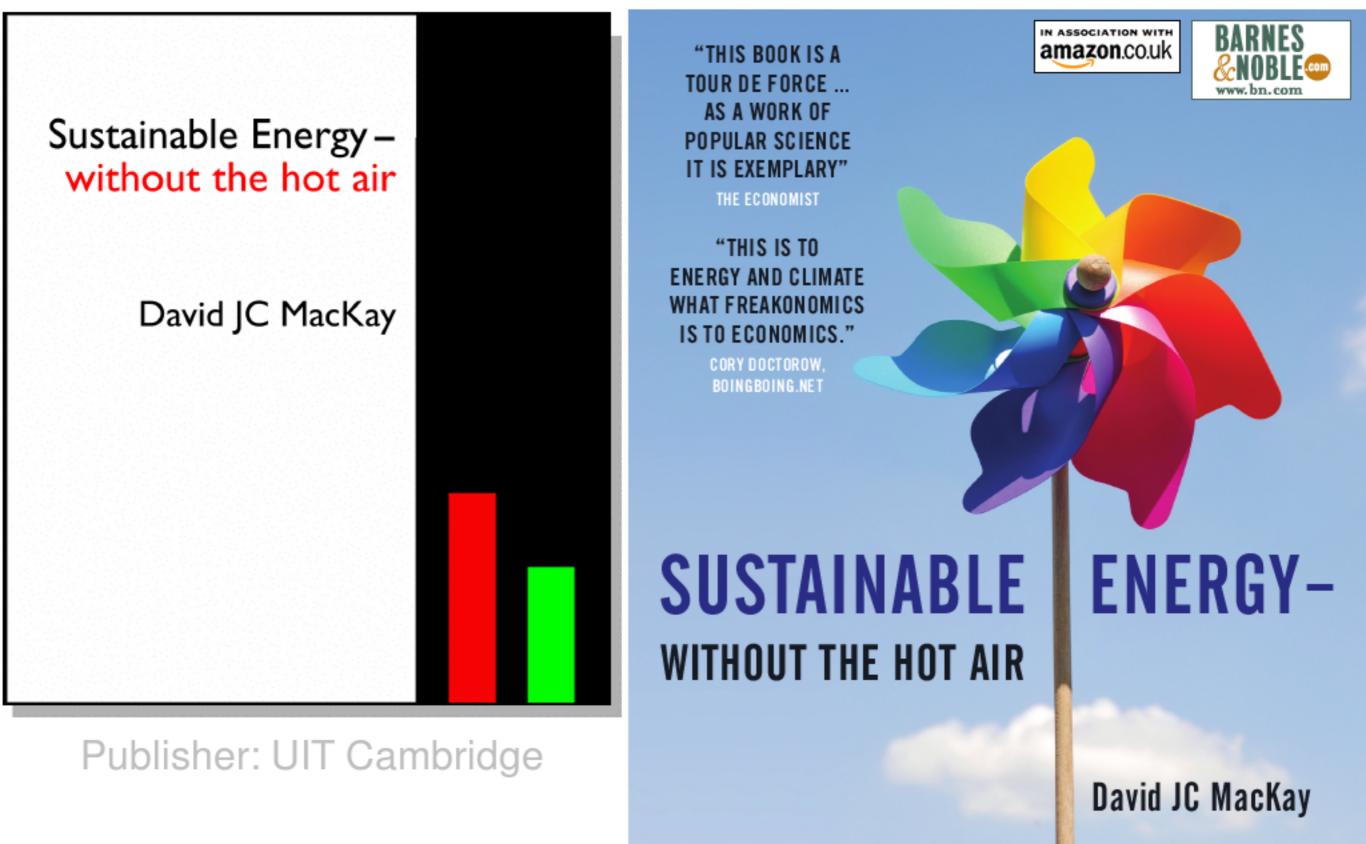


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Deployment curves





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