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Mapping the contribution of wind-derived hydrogen to energy system resilience

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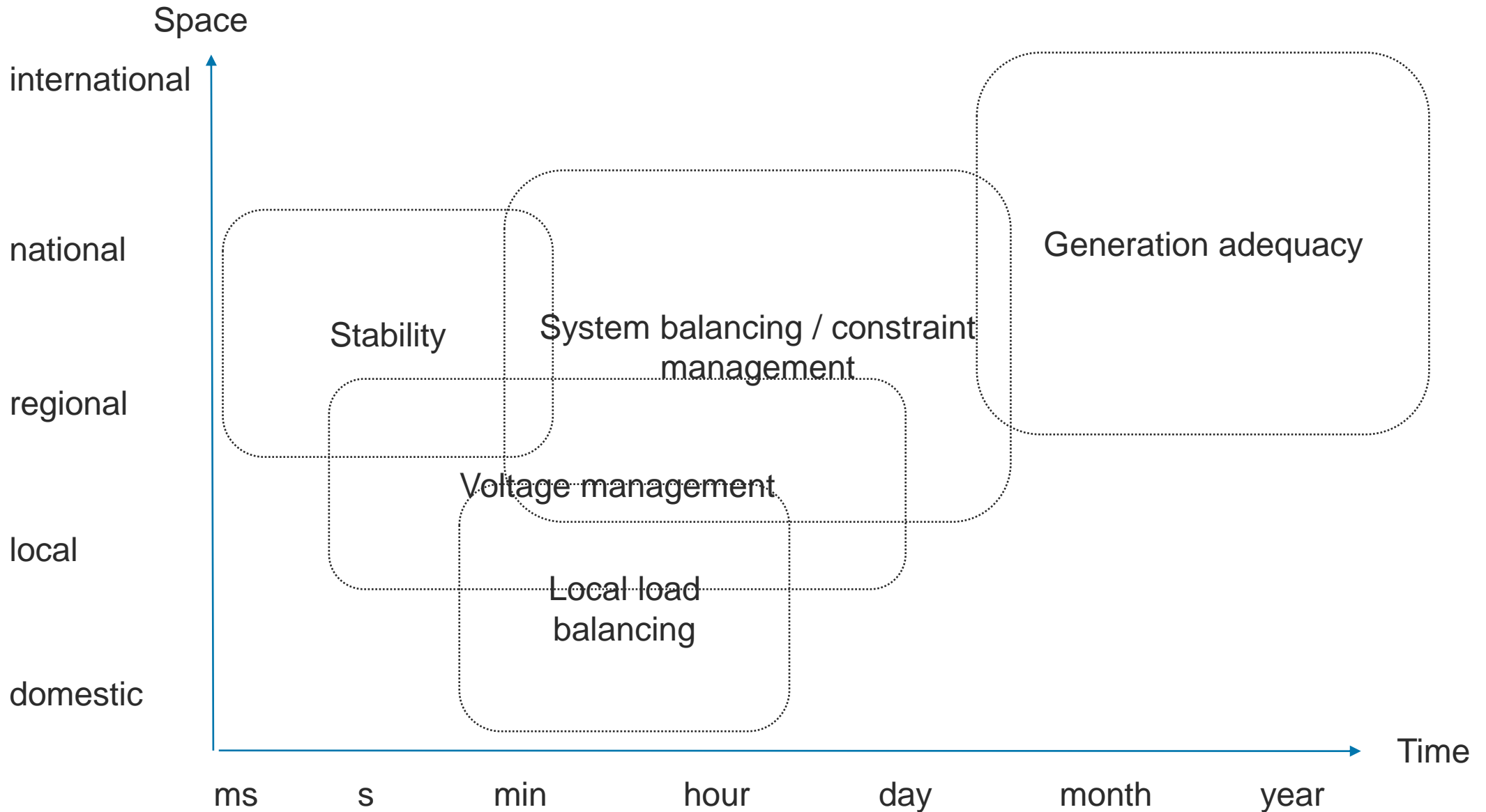
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ScotWind Awarded Sites



Map reference	Lead applicant	Option Fees	Technology	Total capacity (MW)
1	BP Alternative Energy Investments	£85,900,000	Fixed	2,907
2	SSE Renewables	£85,900,000	Floating	2,610
3	Falck Renewables	£28,000,000	Floating	1,200
4	Shell New Energies	£86,000,000	Floating	2,000
5	Vattenfall	£20,000,000	Floating	798
6	DEME	£18,700,000	Fixed	1,008
7	DEME	£20,000,000	Floating	1,008
8	Falck Renewables	£25,600,000	Floating	1,000
9	Ocean Winds	£42,900,000	Fixed	1,000
10	Falck Renewables	£13,400,000	Floating	500
11	Scottish Power Renewables	£68,400,000	Floating	3,000
12	BayWa	£33,000,000	Floating	960
13	Offshore Wind Power	£65,700,000	Fixed	2,000
14	Northland Power	£3,900,000	Floating	1,500
15	Magnora	£10,300,000	Mixed	495
16	Northland Power	£16,100,000	Fixed	840
17	Scottish Power Renewables	£75,400,000	Fixed	2,000
Totals		£699,200,000		24,826

Spatial/temporal flexibility needs



Direct contributions from PEM electrolysers

Broad technical capabilities:

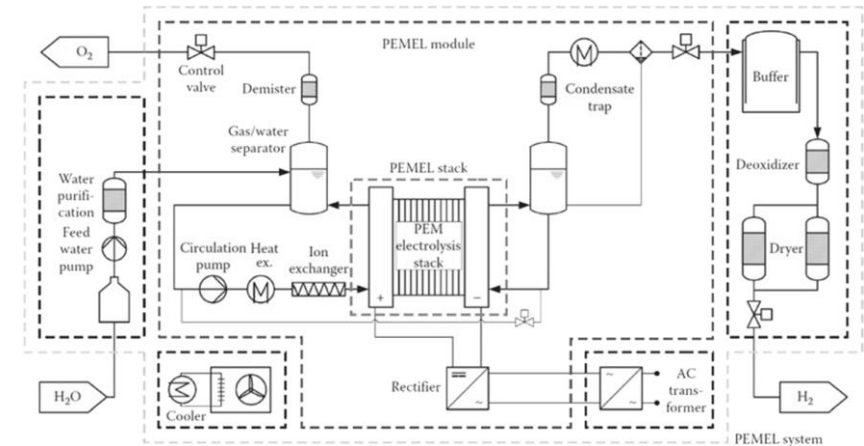
- Second to second load control (potentially faster response than conventional thermal generators)
- Primary and secondary response capabilities have been demonstrated

Potential limitations:

- Impact on conversion efficiency – primarily defined by current density and operating temperature
- Lifetime reduction from load cycling

Little information from manufacturers:

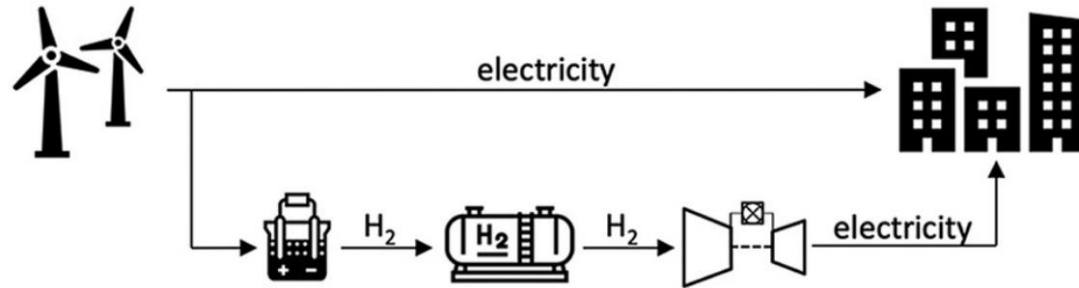
- Impacts choice of catalyst/membrane chemistry
- Need to avoid repeating the mistakes of previous technologies optimised for energy only
- GridQualyS (H2020 project) provided recommendations for test protocols to European Commission



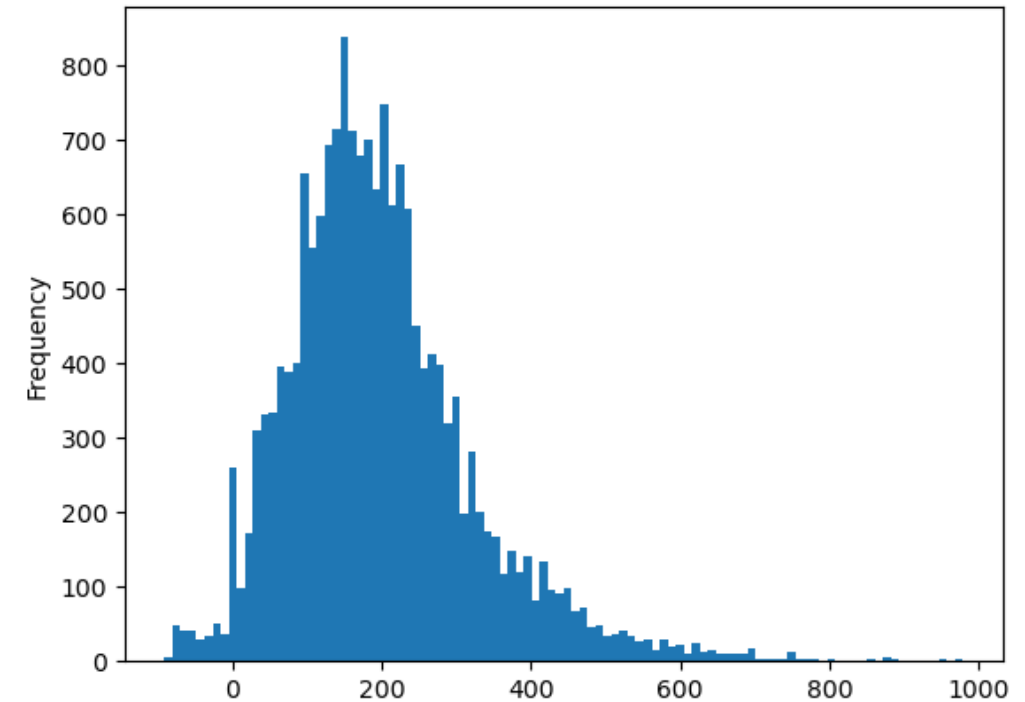
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Round-cycle contribution from thermal plant

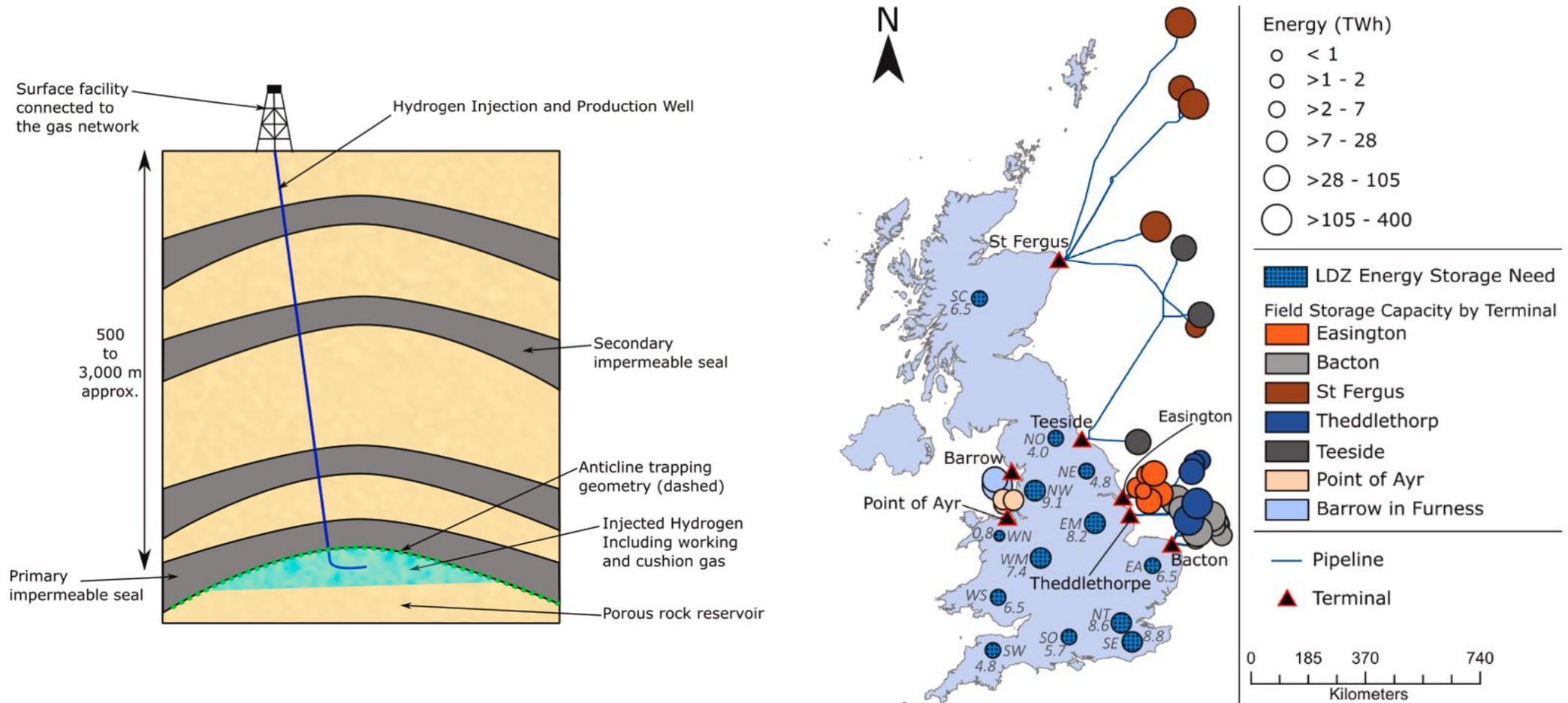


- Very low round-cycle efficiency (20-30%)
- But efficiency losses potentially outweighed by magnitude of imbalances and pricing
- Short-medium term imbalances competing with other technologies
- But little to provide seasonal adequacy
- Existing NTS will not provide equivalent linepack if converted to hydrogen use



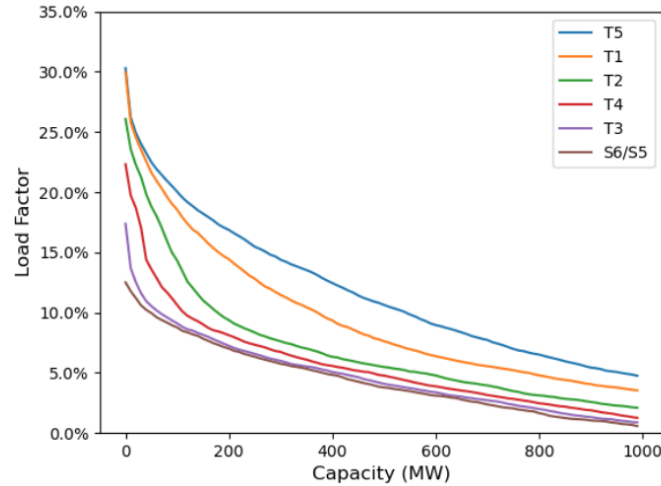
Distribution of imbalance prices (£/MWh), 2022

Seasonal storage capacity

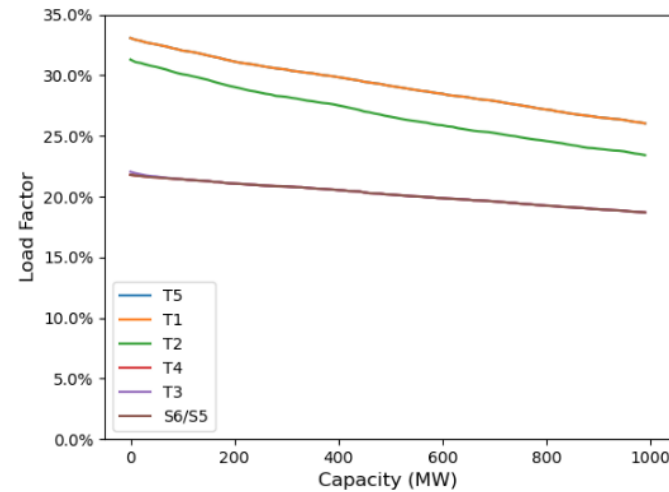


Use of curtailed energy

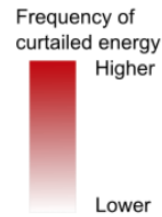
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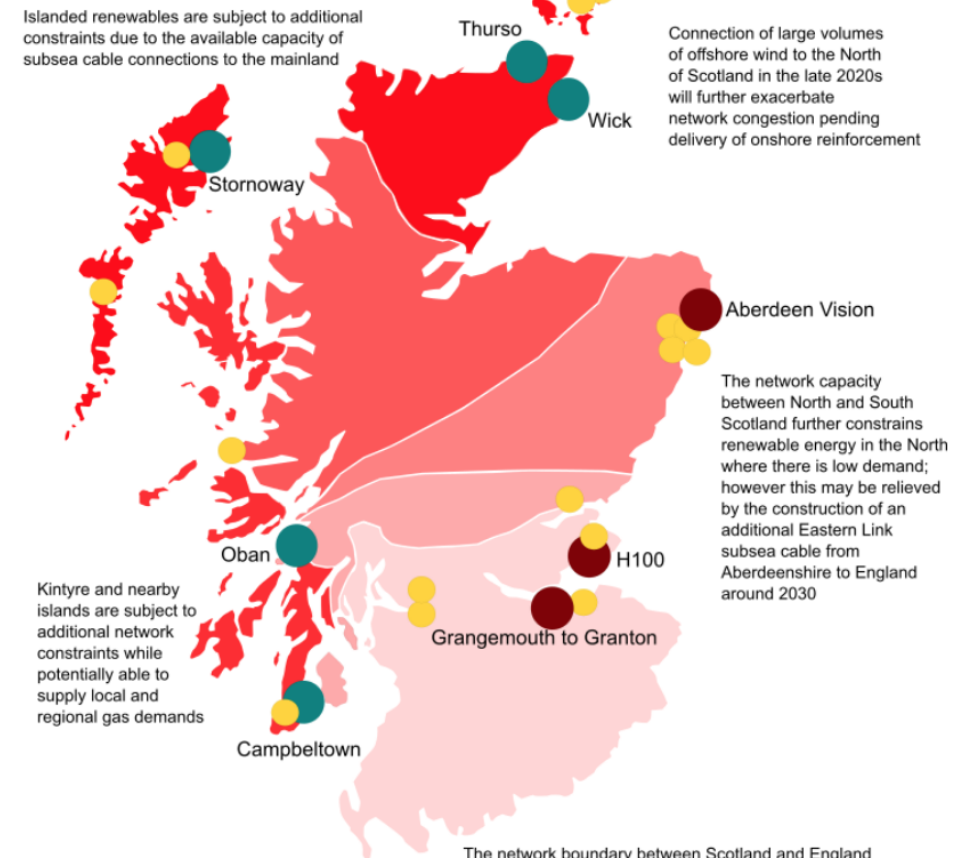
2035
Including 20GW
Scotwind



- Scottish Independent Undertaking (SIU)
- End user hydrogen project (2021 Hydrogen Action Plan)
- Hydrogen transmission/distribution project



Islanded renewables are subject to additional constraints due to the available capacity of subsea cable connections to the mainland



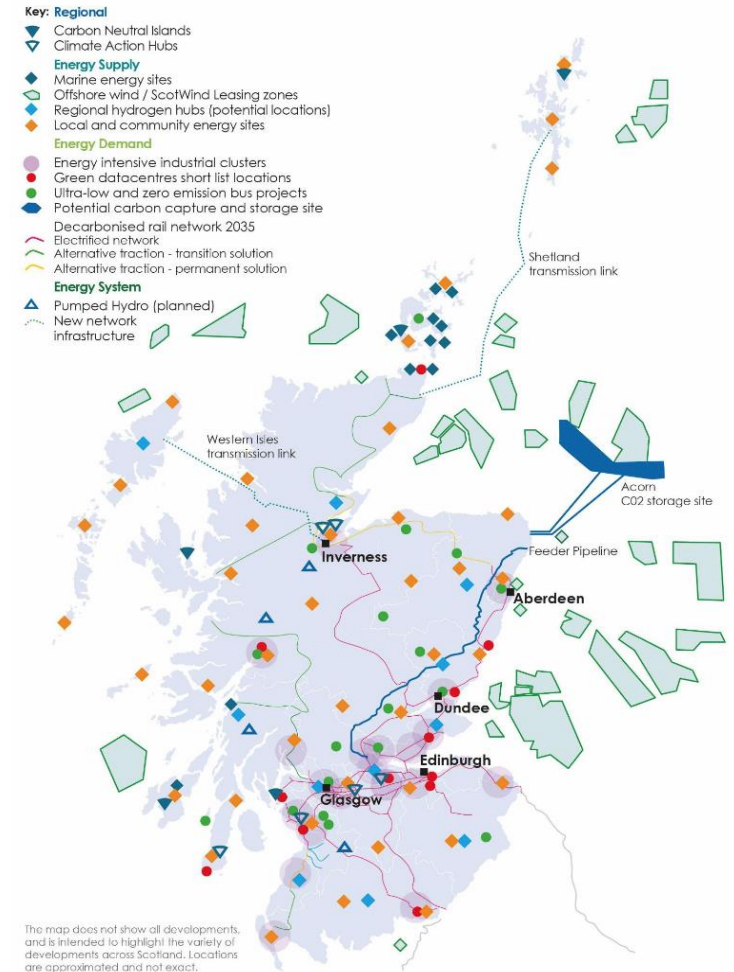
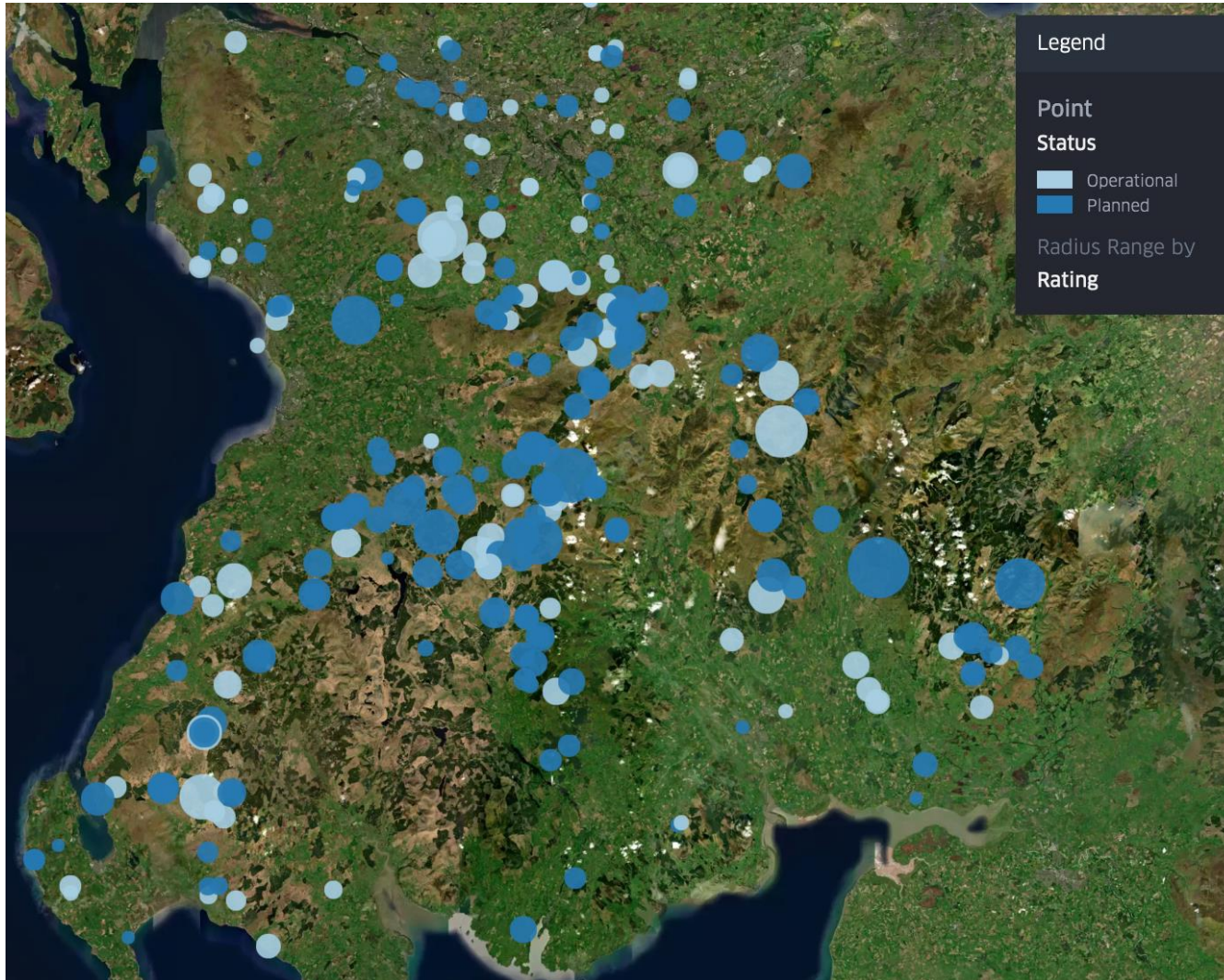
Connection of large volumes of offshore wind to the North of Scotland in the late 2020s will further exacerbate network congestion pending delivery of onshore reinforcement

Kintyre and nearby islands are subject to additional network constraints while potentially able to supply local and regional gas demands

The network capacity between North and South Scotland further constrains renewable energy in the North where there is low demand; however this may be relieved by the construction of an additional Eastern Link subsea cable from Aberdeenshire to England around 2030

The network boundary between Scotland and England remains a significant constraint to the transport of renewable energy from Scotland to areas of demand during periods of high wind output, and this will persist through to the 2030s

Co-ordinating development: SW Scotland





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