



Orkney Hydrogen:

Making it work with renewable energy for a low carbon marine sector

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Our Core purpose:

**‘To build confidence, resilience and wealth at community level
in Scotland through sustainable energy development’**



- 25 staff spread across Scotland, including Orkney and Western Isles
- Over 400 members- mostly non-profit distributing community groups
- Supported over 600 community energy installations across Scotland
- Our projects provide income and affordable energy worth over £5 million per year to local people



Why are island communities doing this? - Opportunity

 Resource

 Wind (Wave and Tide)

 Revenue

 Incentives - Was Grants + ROCs, then FiTs, now?

 Community Will



Why are island communities doing this? - Need

 Depopulation

 Fuel Poverty

- Heating
- Transport

 Skill shortage and under employment

 Resilience



Why are island communities doing this? - Benefit



Money

- Independent Community Controlled Fund
- Local Community Development Plans
- Pump priming



Enabling

- Competence/Confidence
- Self Determination

Orkney

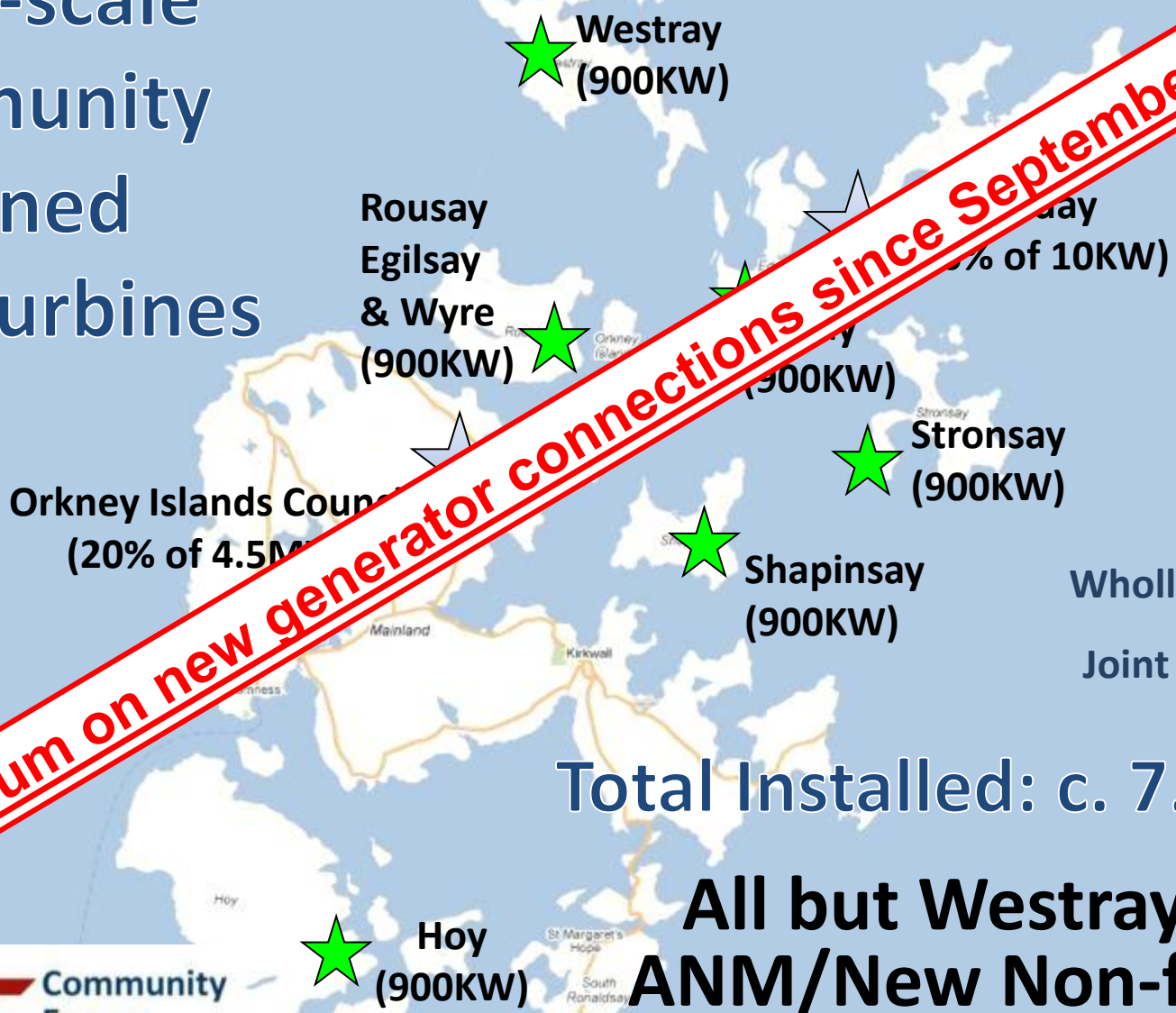


Orkney

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- A map of the Orkney Islands archipelago. The islands are color-coded: Mainland (green), Shetland (orange), and other smaller islands (purple, red, and blue). Labels on the map include: Westray, Papa Westray, North Ronaldsay, Sanday, Stronsay, Egilsay, Wyre, Shapinsay, Kildwall, Houton, Flotta, Burray, Lyness, Longhope, Hov, South Ronaldsay, Graemsay, Stromness, and the Orkney Islands. The map also shows the Orkney Firth, Sanday Sound, and Stronsay Firth.
- Archipelago of 70 or so islands and skerries
 - High level of natural history, scenic, and heritage
 - Farming > Fishing/Shipping > Tourism (Cruise)
 - 21 inhabited islands
 - Pop. c.20,000, 80% on main island, "Mainland"
 - Total population increased slightly over last 40 years
 - Dropped by nearly 40% outside of Mainland
 - Other Isles split into North and South Isles
 - South Isles include Flotta Oil Terminal and Scapa Flow
 - North Isles divided into inner and outer
 - All have internal ferry, outer North have air services

Orkney
Large-scale
Community
Owned
Wind Turbines

Moratorium on new generator connections since September 2012



Total Installed: c. 7.3MW

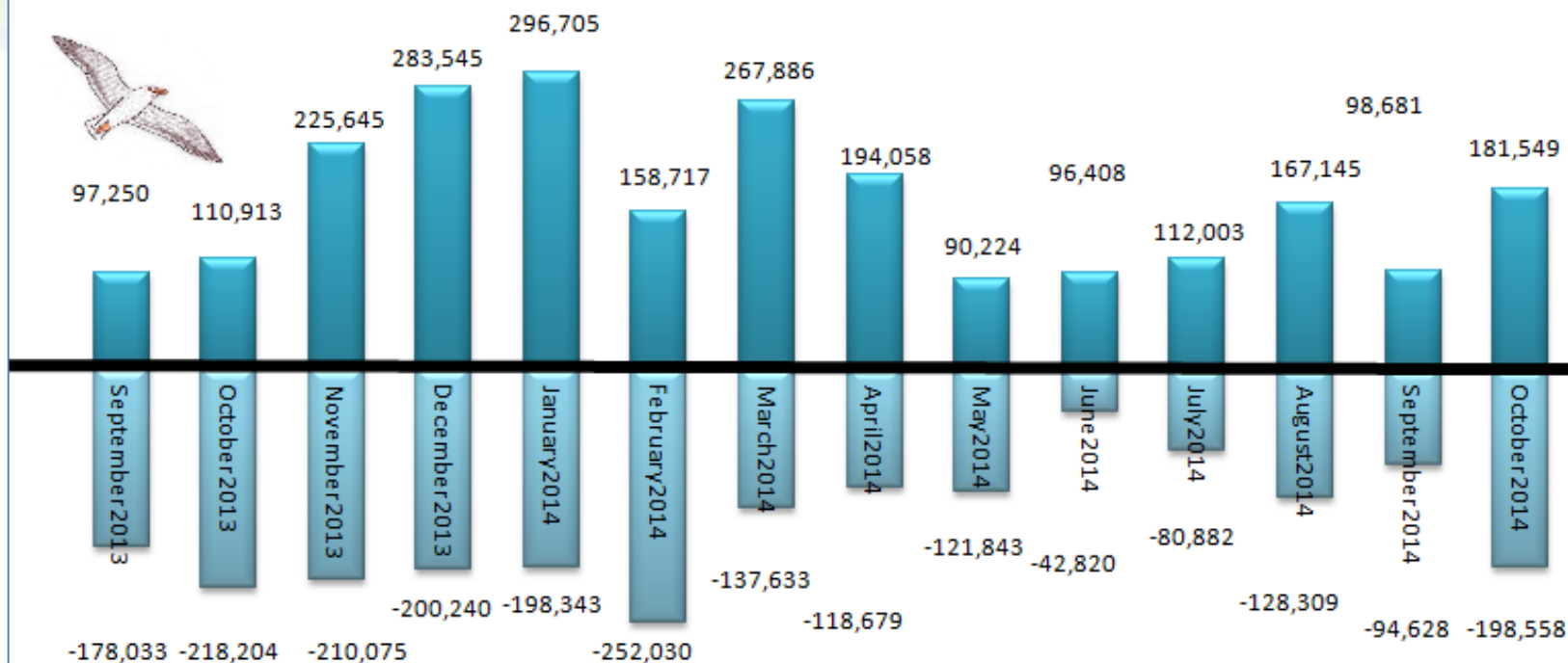
All but Westray –
ANM/New Non-firm
Connections





"Eday's Iceberg Graph": A comparison of Generated Output versus Lost Output






■ Generated Output (KWh) ■ Lost output (KWh)



Courtesy Andrew Stennett, ERE



Improving our Electricity Grid Network?

-  Work with Grid Operator to improve existing connection management
-  Work with them, government & other users on local grid upgrades
 -  *E.g. Seasonal line rating, local grid reinforcement etc.*
-  Urge longer term investment in wider, transmission, reinforcement
-  See what we can do ourselves!









Can we make this a local opportunity?

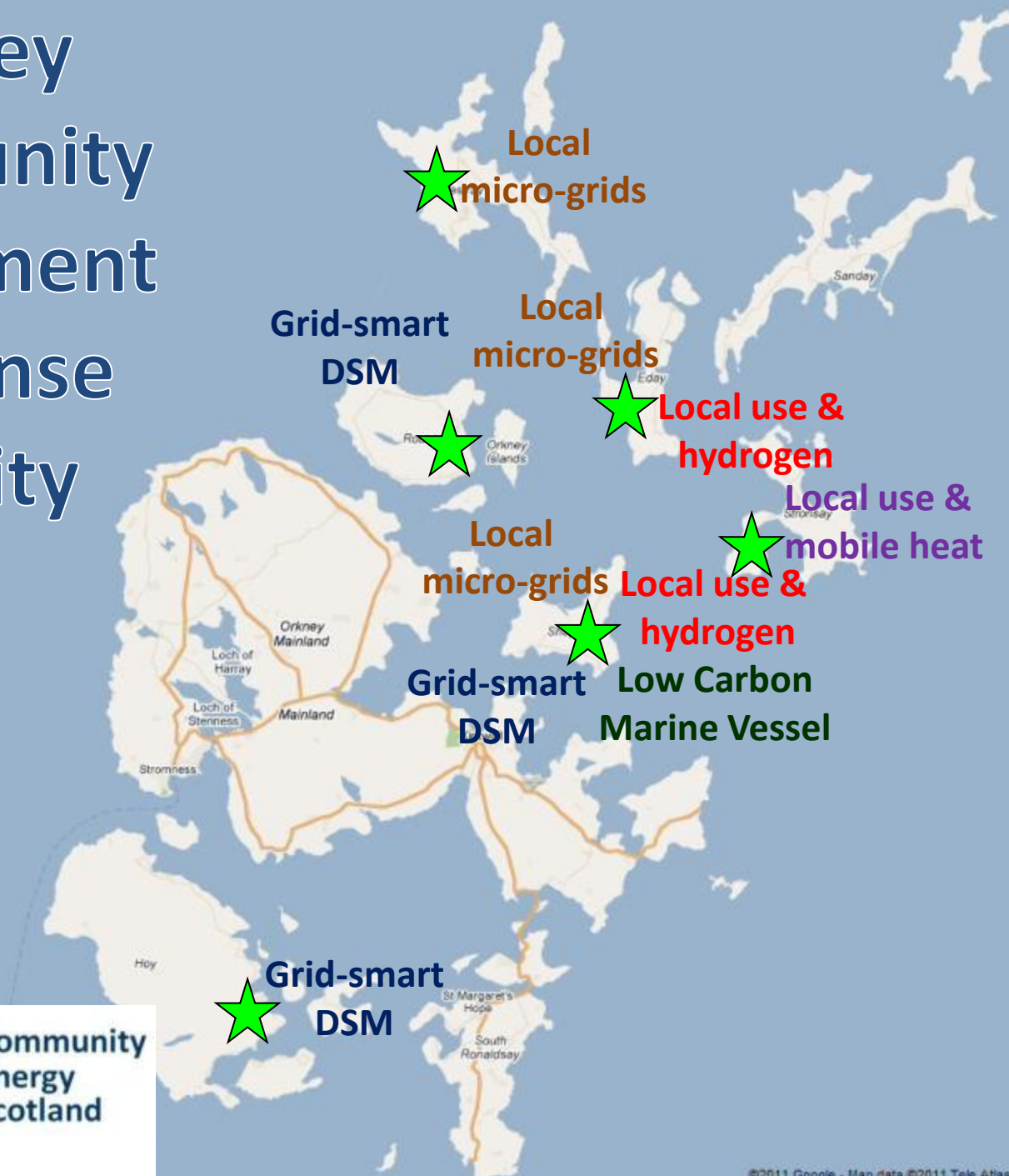
- ✗ Can't change the grid
- ✗ Can't export out to the grid
- ✓ Est. >25GWh (£4M+) p.a. available if we can use it locally!
- ✓ Increase community fund revenue
- ✓ Increase local content, value and benefit



So what are Orkney communities doing?





-  Encouraging and incentivising conversion to electricity use
-  Linking demand on the grid to production and curtailment
 -  Technology – tele-switching of domestic and public heating
 -  Contractually – payment/rebate for “Grid Smart” demand
-  Creating and encouraging, pre-grid, near site demand
-  Researching replacement of transport fuels

Orkney Community Curtailment Response Activity





Shapinsay Low Carbon Marine Transport Study

-  Trust funding a highly successful “out of hours” passenger service
-  They need to find a long term sustainable solution
-  Analysing curtailment and existing marine fuel use patterns
-  Looking at cost benefits and technological maturity of hydrogen and electric propulsion, marine vessel technology and design, along with onshore infrastructure for charging and vessel supply



A project to integrate tidal & wind electricity,
To generate and transport hydrogen,
Bypass Orkney's grid pinch points, and
Smartly supply local energy demands.

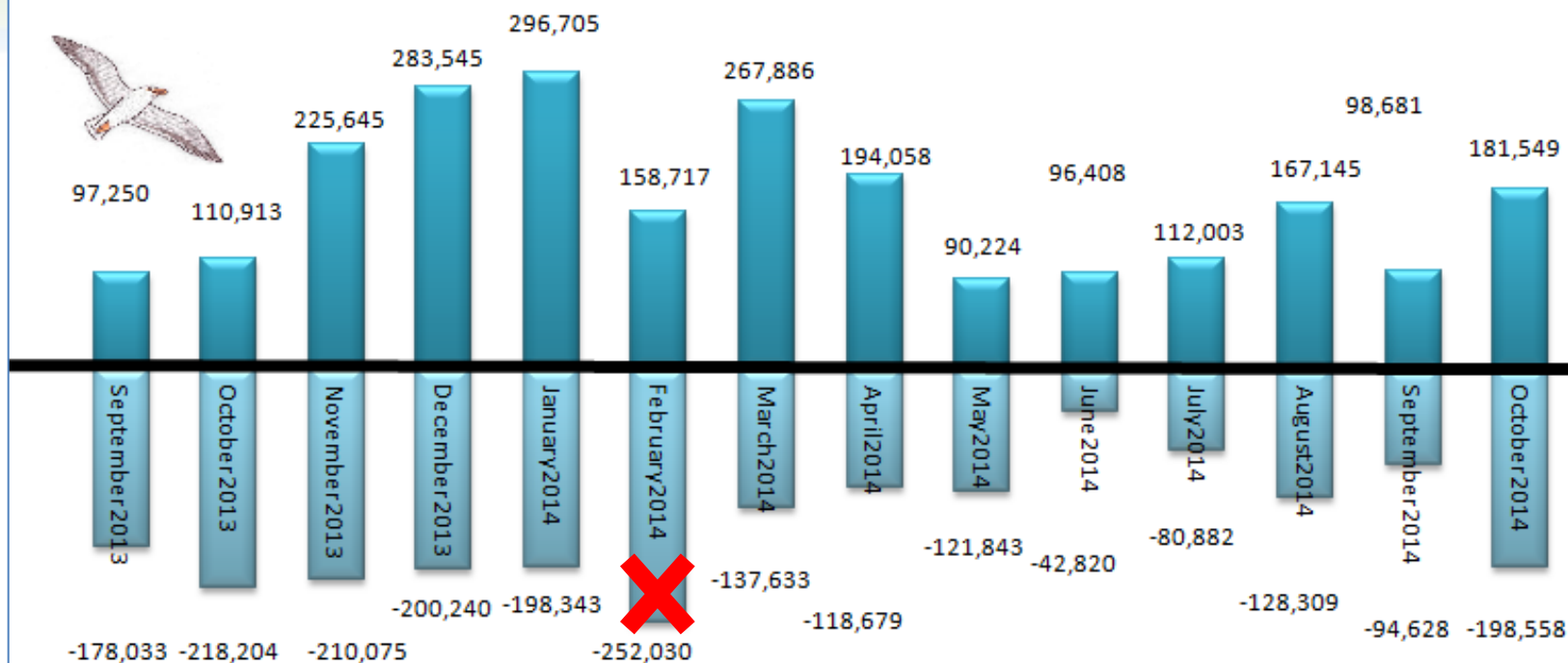
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Local supply? *Courtesy Andrew Stennett, ERE*

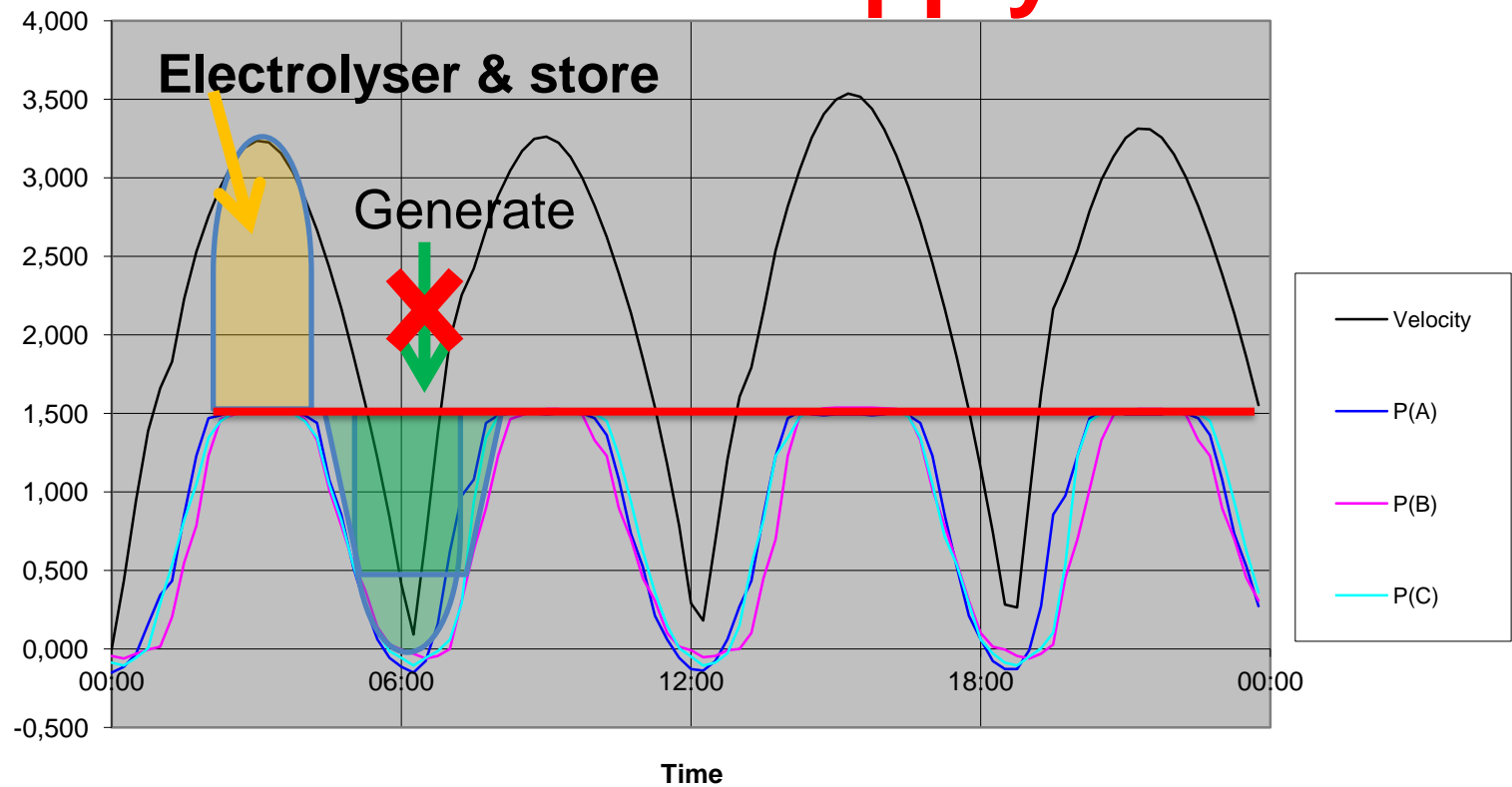
Developer timeline

- World leading wave and tidal energy test centre
- Steadily increased tidal activity
- Grid connection now limiting
- Need local solutions
- Options analysis
- Hydrogen storage

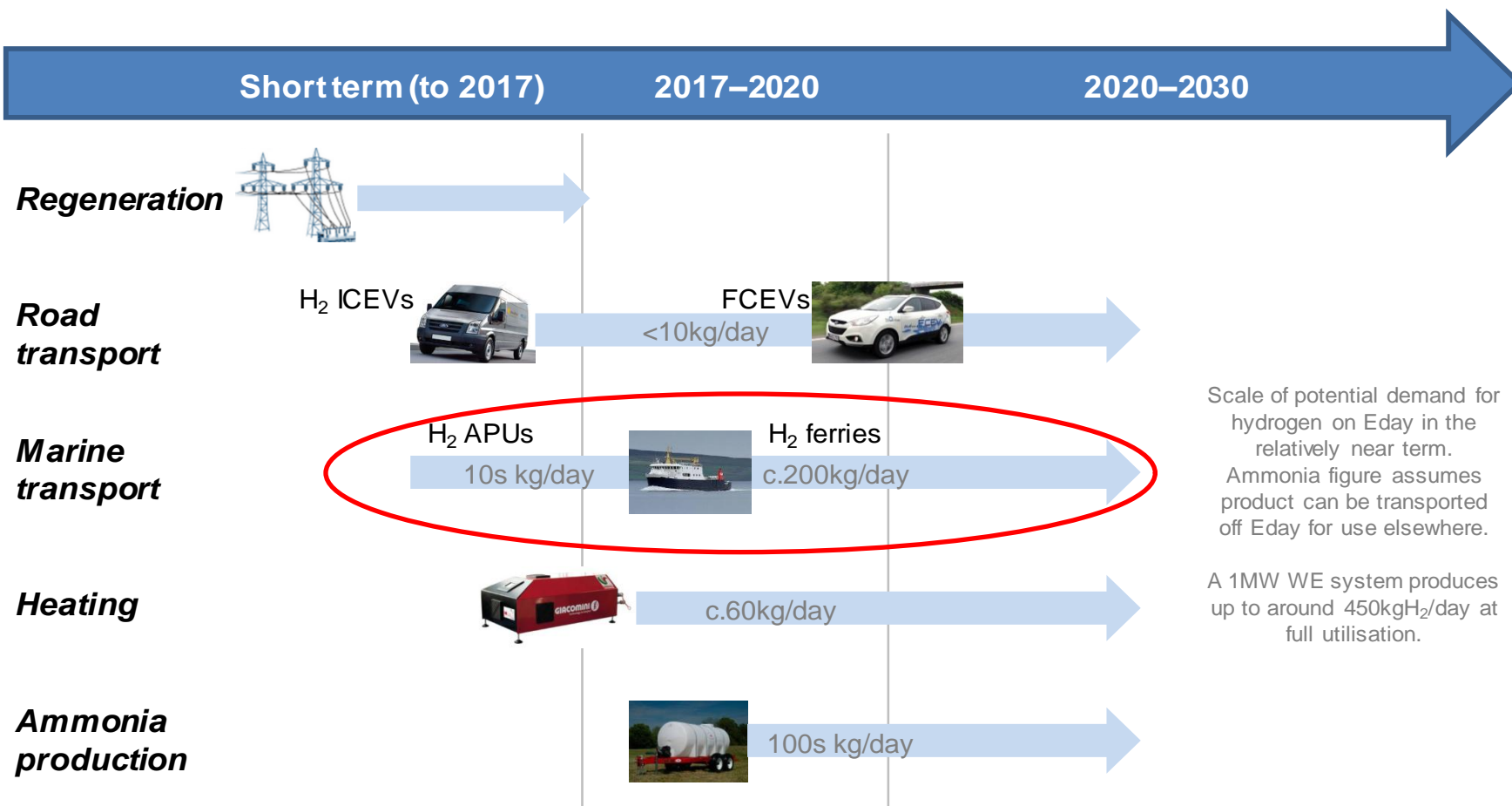


Tidal Characteristics

Local supply?



H₂ Supply Options study



ICEV = internal combustion engine vehicle, FCEV = fuel cell electric vehicle, APU = auxiliary power unit

- Orkney Islands Council reviewing energy use for ferries
- 9 vessels across Outer and Inner Isles routes



- 10s of MWh of diesel a day 'each'
- Lack of mature low-carbon propulsion technology
- 50kW Auxiliary Power Units & cold iron overnight

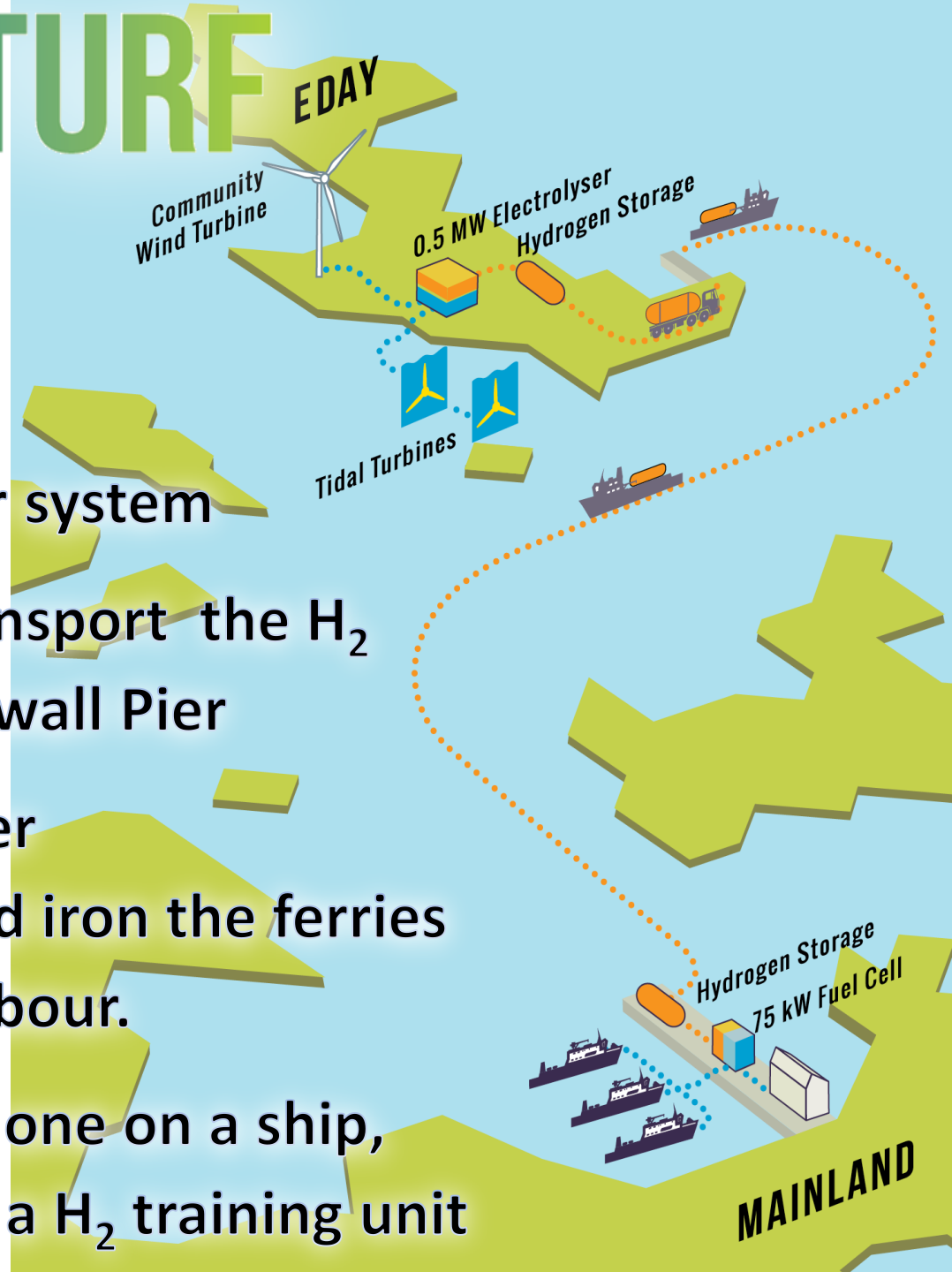


The Surf and Turf project – How we came together

- 🌀 Eday's turbine is c.600m from EMEC
- 🌀 Opportunity to combine Wind and Tide to supply the electrolyser
- 🌀 EMEC need a clear practical demonstration of hydrogen use
- 🌀 Council need to decarbonise their current and future ferry fleet
- 🌀 Wish to lead the way for training for Marine H₂ handling
- 🌀 Initially looked at auxiliary power and burning whilst underway
- 🌀 Difficulties in maritime certification & approval in timescale

What are we doing?

- Integrate the ERE wind to the EMEC electrolyser system
- Use mobile stores to transport the H₂ between EMEC and Kirkwall Pier
- Run a fuel cell on the Pier making electricity to cold iron the ferries and supply the local harbour.
- Adapt the FC so it is like one on a ship, then equip and run it as a H₂ training unit





SURF 'N' TURF

What will be its legacy?

- Put in place a self sustaining credible local H₂ supply chain/use
- A world first, integrating curtailed wind & tide for H₂ production
- Real relief from curtailment and extra funds for the community
- Strengthen EMEC's lead role in Eday, Scotland and worldwide
- Reduce local authority CO₂ emissions immediately
- Create a platform for increased local H₂ use and OIC investment
- A unique MCA backed UK facility for maritime H₂ training.
- BIG HIT/Dual Ports...





THE
CHALLENGE
FUND



BIG HIT: Underway



Objective:

- Expand the Surf n Turf model to include Shapinsay community turbine
- Use hydrogen for heating local public buildings
- Install a hydrogen refuelling station in Kirkwall
- 10 fuel cell vehicles



BIG HIT
ORKNEY HYDROGEN PROJECTS



Partners



Participant organisation name	Country	Proposed Role
Fundacion Para El Desarrollo De Las Nuevas Tecnologias Del Hidrogeno En Aragon	Spain	Co-ordinator
ITM Power (Trading)	UK	Providing 1MW Electrolyser, refuelling station and system integration
Orkney Islands Council	UK	Land for refueller, vehicles for FC conversion, operating vehicles, schools for heating
Calvera Maquinaria E Instalaciones	Spain	Providing tube trailers
Shapinsay Development Trust	UK	Providing access to constrained wind energy and land for equipment
Community Energy Scotland	UK	Providing access to SnT equipment and organising H2 transportation
European Marine Energy Centre	UK	Providing access to 0.5MW electrolyser
Danmarks Tekniske Universitet	Denmark	Societal analysis
SYMBIO FCell	France	FC range extenders
Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association	UK	Publicity, Dissemination and H2 Territories Platform
Giacomini S.p.A.	Italy	H2 boilers for 2x schools
Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure, Malta	Malta	Follower territory – observing what we do with a view to replicate

BIG HIT



The BIG HIT Plan

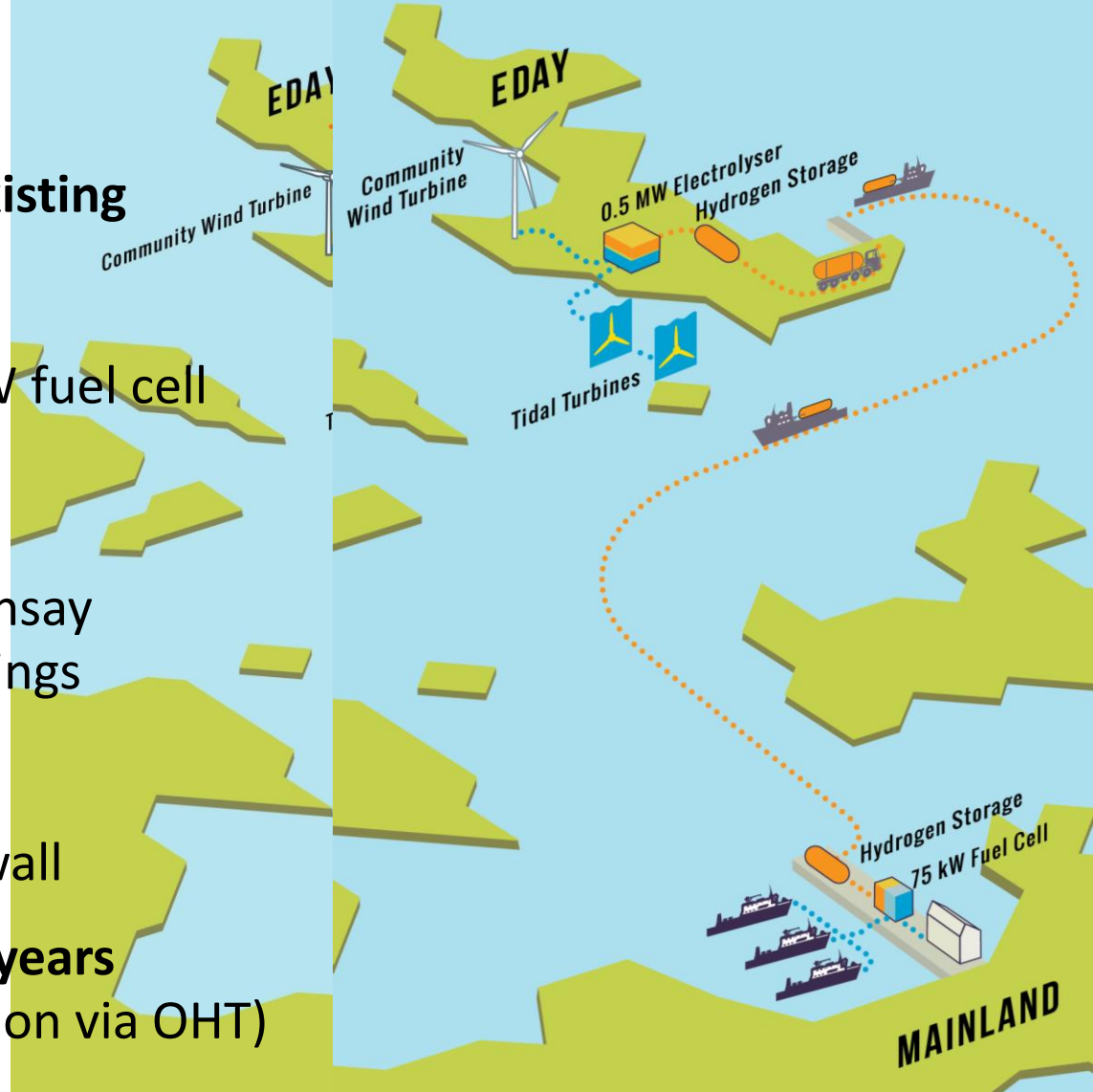
**To include and expand upon existing
H₂ infrastructure in Orkney**

EMEC 0.5MW electrolyser,
CES's 3x tube trailers & 75kW fuel cell
powering Kirkwall harbour

To add:

1MW electrolyser on Shapinsay
H₂ heating for council buildings
2x tube trailers
H₂ refuelling station &
10 fuel cell vehicles in Kirkwall

EC-funded & operational for 4 years
(post-demo commercial operation via OHT)



BIG HIT

Local Benefits

Funder	€ millions
Regional and National Funding	3.4
Partner funding	2.5
FCHJU	5.0
Total	10.9

- A flagship EU project with 12 partners from 6 countries bringing prestige to Orkney, and Scotland
- A €10.9m project, with €5m granted from the EU via FCH JU
- Bringing a projected €400k for FIT income to Shapinsay Development Trust
- Bringing €279k to partially offset the CES Surf n Turf loan
- Bringing resource to EMEC to help maintain their electrolyser, helping de-risk another flagship project
- Have large publicity benefits – Orkney will have more H₂ equipment than any other region in the UK
- Building an infrastructure (both physical and commercial) to allow smaller bolt-on projects in the future.

BIG HIT



DUAL Ports: Underway

INTERREG Project

Objective:

- To allow the future refuelling of hydrogen ships

Achieved by:

- Designing the first hydrogen 'bunkering' facility (desktop based)
- Partnering with OIC and Orkney College
- Working with the Marine Coastguard Agency to ensure their new regulations are in line with design

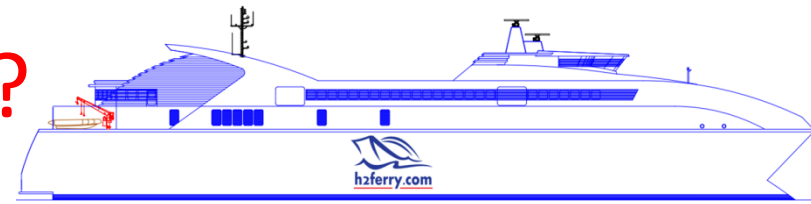


DUAL PORTS

ORKNEY HYDROGEN PROJECTS



HySeas Projects: Ongoing?



Objective:

- Two projects investigating the feasibility and design of an H₂ ferry complete
- Also the overall vessel design complete and two diesel-electric hybrid vessels now built and in service as ferries in Scotland
- Applied for funding for “string test” to test H₂ and propulsion systems together
- Will be seeking funding for including in new ferries
- We are keen to bring to Orkney – have infrastructure and suitable waters and routes



HYSEAS

HYDROGEN PROJECTS



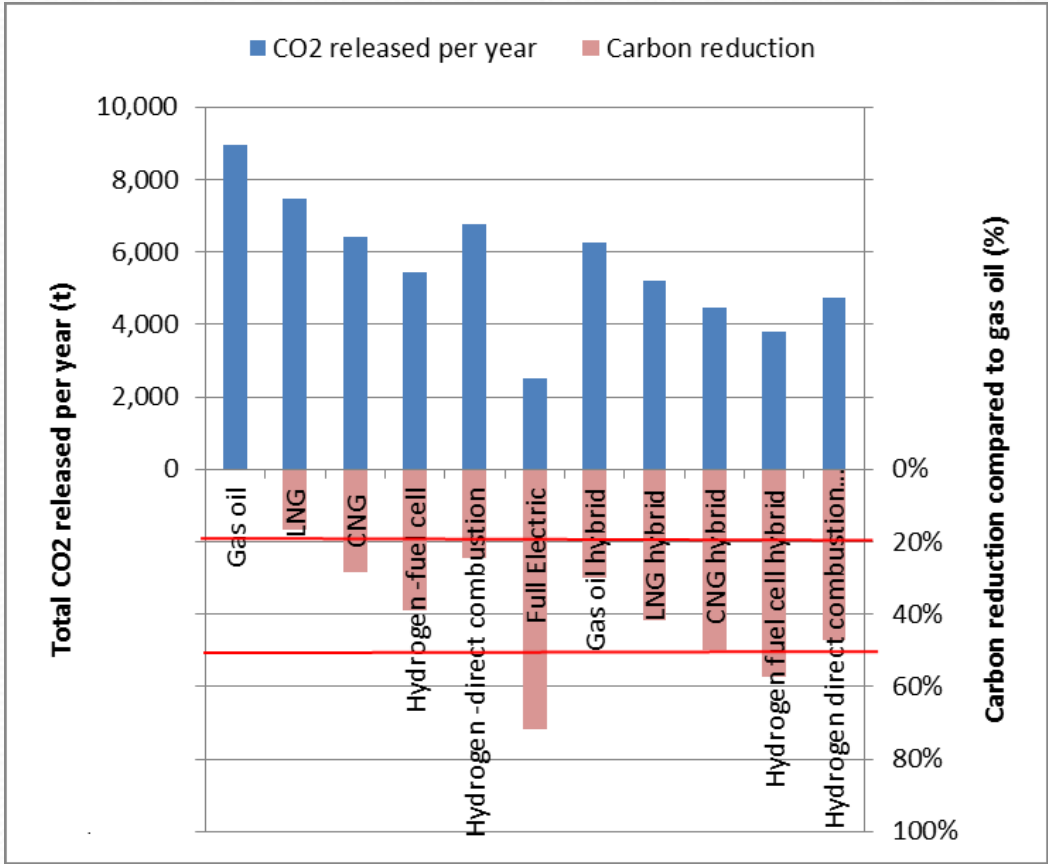
LOW CARBON FERRIES FEASIBILITY STUDY

Part 2 Analysis

Report to Orkney Islands Council



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PITCHES (Powering Isolated Territories with Hydrogen Energy Systems): Provisionally funded

- Innovate UK – Energy Catalyst funding
- Building on BIG HIT and ongoing Orkney Hydrogen activities
- Look to support additional activity, data gathering and analysis of operation of the funded Orkney Hydrogen systems to allow transfer of learning on the economic and practical realities of deploying such systems in remote or off-grid communities
- Proposing to partner with Community Energy Malawi
- Begins later this year

PITCHES





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What will it achieve?

- Research integrating tidal & wind generation for H₂ production
- Optimise electricity inputs to match both curtailment patterns
- Develop production and transport to fit Pier use and infrastructure limits
- Optimise FC to increase electricity value
- UK certification/approval for H₂ training

