

The UK Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity

Hydrogen technology roadmaps



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Overview

Hydrogen technology roadmaps

The global hydrogen technology market has potential to reach \$1 trillion by 2050. Innovation in technologies that have application across multiple sectors will unlock the UK's access to this market.

The **UK Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity** lays out the vision for the UK to become a leading exporter of hydrogen technology, with a ten-year window of opportunity to convert investment in innovation into globally competitive supply chains. It sets out the size of the prize for the UK and highlights what is needed to make it happen.

The analysis in the **UK Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity** is underpinned by evidence and analysis contained in four supporting reports:

1. Hydrogen technology roadmaps (this report)

A summary of the technology innovation opportunities for the UK in the hydrogen economy, based on stakeholder engagement and extensive literature review.

2. UK capabilities

An overview of the UK's current capability in hydrogen technologies and the critical enablers required for the UK to maximise its potential in the hydrogen technology market.

3. Sectors and scenarios

A summary of sector needs for hydrogen and hydrogen technologies, globally and in the UK, up to 2050 and modelled UK scenarios.

4. Techno-economic methodology A method statement explaining the analysis behind the hydrogen economy and technology market figures quoted in the reports **UK Hydrogen**

Innovation Opportunity and Hydrogen technology roadmaps.

This report lays out roadmaps for the nine technology families identified in the **UK Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity**.

The content in these roadmaps has been developed through a combination of extensive industrial engagement and aggregation of existing sector and technology roadmaps. This document also signposts to reports that highlight innovation challenges and opportunities for two underpinning technology families - materials and digital.

The technology roadmaps in this document each include the following:

- O UK and global market forecast for 2030 and 2050 for the respective technology family.
- Key technologies that make up the technology family.
- The associated innovation opportunities associated with each key technology together with development and industrialisation timelines and the sectors that will benefit from the innovation.

The list of innovation opportunities on each roadmap is by no means exhaustive, but they are a sample that were selected because they highlighted some key innovation actions for the UK. To make this selection, a range of factors were considered including global and UK economic demand, the UK political imperative and UK potential to win market share. The development and industrialisation timelines are recommendations only and do not signify that this work is already planned or funded.



Figure 1. Hydrogen technology families and underpinning technology families

Hydrogen technology families

Production technologies

Technologies associated with the methods to produce low carbon hydrogen, as defined by UK low carbon hydrogen standard.

- Biomass handling and reforming
- Carbon capture enabled hydrogen production
- Electrolysers
- Non-electrolytic production

Hydrogen as a feedstock and carriers

Technologies associated with hydrogen used as a feedstock in production processes including chemical processing and material production.

- Hydrogen carrier technologies
- O Synthetic Aviation Fuels (SAF) and e-fuels synthesis



Propulsion and power generation

Technologies associated with the use of hydrogen for propulsion or to generate power.

- Fuel cells
- Gas turbines
- Internal combustion engines



Underpinning technology families

Materials

New materials and material recycling methods enabling higher performing and more sustainable products across the hydrogen economy.



Heat generation

Technologies associated with the use of hydrogen for heat, considering industrial and commercial applications.

- Emissions control
- Hydrogen gas and flame monitoring
- Refractories



Storage

Storage technologies for hydrogen as a gas, liquid or using carriers, at numerous scales and for numerous applications.

- Compressed storage tanks
- Cryogenic storage
- Large-scale storage
- O Solid-state storage



Distribution and control

Technologies required to safely distribute and deliver hydrogen, covering both infrastructure and on-vehicle solutions.

- Control valves
- Cryogenic pumps
- Hydrogen-capable pipes
- Refuelling systems



Digital

Digital technologies to enable system, product and process design; for asset monitoring and for robust certification of hydrogen.



Conditioning

Technologies to prepare hydrogen for distribution and use.

- Compressors
- Liquefiers
- Purification and separation



Electrical and thermal management

Technologies associated with electrical and thermal management for end-to-end hydrogen use.

- Power electronics
- Thermal management



Metering and monitoring

Application of sensors and monitoring systems to ensure the safe and efficient operation of hydrogen systems.

- O Distribution pipeline inspection
- Flow meters
- Hydrogen purity analysis
- Leak detection

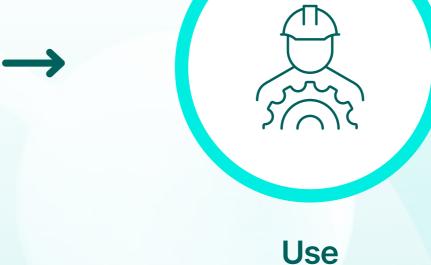


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Sectors in a hydrogen economy



Storage & Distribution





Production









auxiliary





Details on hydrogen heating's impact on the hydrogen market can be found within the **UK**

Sectors and scenarios report.

Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity

The icons shown here are used throughout this report to indicate relevance of innovations to sectors.

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Roadmaps

Production technologies

Summary: Electrolytic and non-electrolytic technologies are common ways to produce hydrogen, vital in both large-scale and localised production.

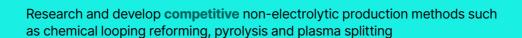
other methods use different feedstocks or thermal processes. Biomass may play a key role with its ability to be carbon negative, whilst electrolysis may

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	UK	Global		UK	Global	
Global and UK market forecasts						
These tables show forecasts for the annual global and UK market for this technology family. The	\$3.45bn	\$59bn		\$2.31bn	\$249bn	

Electrolytic production creates hydrogen from water provious and electricity, with oxygen as a by-product, whilst	de a route for long-term grid balancing	J.	figures show the neutral (midpo analysis for HII by Markets and							
	Now 2025	2026 2027	2028 2029	2030	2035 204	40 2045	2050			
Biomass handling and reforming Current state: Biomass hydrogen production methods using consistent feedstocks are mature. Processes using variable feedstock with high carbon capture rates are still immature.	Increased process flexibility by utilising a broader range of feedstocks without pre-treatment enabling cost reductions									
Carbon capture enabled hydrogen production Current state: Carbon capture technology within low carbon hydrogen production routes is mature, but currently unable to achieve 100% capture rates. Global projects are underway to demonstrate this technology at scale.	Improve efficiency of carbon o	capture rates for low carbon h	ydrogen	0	•					
Electrolysers Current state: Proton exchange membrane (PEM) and alkaline electrolyser technology are mature and available, with development needed to improve key performance criteria. Alternative electrolyser technology to meet these needs are being developed.	Monitoring and automation to enable scalable and repeatable manufacture of mature and reliable UK electrolyser technology Improve efficiency of electrolysers operating with intermittent and variable power supplies Durable components such as membranes for proton and anionic or ceramics for solid oxide Develop high-pressure electrolysis to increase efficiency and reduce operational costs									

Non-electrolytic production

Current state: Non-electrolytic hydrogen production methods, such as biogas/natural gas pyrolysis, thermochemical water splitting and chemical looping reforming have different maturity levels. Some of these methods require development to demonstrate competitive cost and efficiency.



Improve efficiency through current density and reduced start-up time



2050

Materials for durable process apparatus able to withstand harsh environment (high-temperature, corrosion)

Improve efficiency through high power density electrolysers



Resource-efficient use of and development of routes to recycle and re-utilise critical materials (such as critical raw materials and platinum group metals)

Hydrogen as a feedstock and carrier

Summary: To satisfy global needs and enable distribution of low carbon energy resources, transport of energy over long distances is required. Hydrogen chemical carriers, such as ammonia, have been identified as likely candidates to achieve this. Efficient conversion of energy into a transportable carrier, and conversion into a useable form at the point of need is critical in making this economically and environmentally viable. Numerous studies have investigated if centralised or decentralised production

and conversion are the most viable, with a mixture the most probable. The co-location of sites producing and using feedstock is vital for the competitive production of hydrogen containing platform chemicals. Hydrogen is an essential feedstock in the production of Synthetic Aviation Fuels (SAF) and e-fuels that have potentially huge export opportunity and domestic applications to achieve decarbonisation. These green fuel sources must become cost competitive and readily available if they are to be as viable as conventional fuels.

2025

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Global and UK market forecasts

These tables show forecasts for the annual global and UK market for this technology family. The figures show the neutral (midpoint) scenario from analysis for HII by Markets and Markets [1].

2029

2030

20	30		20	50	
UK	Global		UK	Global	
\$0.28bn	\$9bn		\$2.28bn	\$288bn	

2040

2035

Hydrogen carrier technologies

Current state: Hydrogen carrier technologies, including ammonia are mature and available. Ammonia is one of the most mature carriers with an existing global infrastructure for its production and transportation (primarily as a feedstock for fertiliser) and is only used as an example here. Further developments are required to meet future market requirements.

Efficient hydrogen carrier production methods, such as high-yield, low-energy production of ammonia

2027



2045





2050

Durable, energy efficient recovery of hydrogen from carriers, both centralised and decentralised, such as decentralised low-temperature ammonia crackers with long life catalysts

Develop reliable technology for direct use of hydrogen carriers

to reduce cost, such as catalysts suitable for ammonia

2028

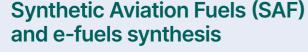












Current state: The maturity of SAF synthesis methods varies. Hydrotreated Esters and Fatty Acids (HEFA) are the most mature with synthesis of fuels such as 'power to liquid' and 'power to gas' requiring development. Further work is needed on conversion efficiency and cost to increase competitiveness.

Assessing existing infrastructure to maximise **cost** effective usage in the production, distribution and deployment of SAF / e-fuels

Increasing **efficiency** of SAF / e-fuel production, such as optimisation and contaminant resistance of catalysts

2026









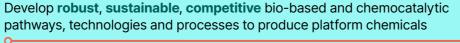






















Propulsion and power generation

Summary: Three propulsion technologies will see natural deployment into key sectors. Fuel cells and internal combustion engines are typically suited to medium to high-duty demands with long-range requirements and where refuelling can be centralised at key hubs, such as Heavy Good Vehicles (HGVs), and coaches. This is reliant on the availability of refuelling infrastructure and the technology becoming cost competitive with battery electric vehicles. Fuel cells could also see migration into more demanding applications, such as short-range flight, but require a

step change in technology to improve performance and reliability. Direct combustion of hydrogen is seen as a natural transition for internal combustion engines, with the key advantage being minimal change to the existing technology and supply chains. Direct combustion of hydrogen through turbines is seen as a possible method to decarbonise higher power applications, such as power generation or short-medium haul flights. Hydrogen combustion processes need to be managed to minimise other emissions such as NO_X.

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20	30	2050				
UK	Global	UK	Global			
\$0.12bn	\$8bn	\$5.25bn	£150bn			

2035 2028 2029 2030 2025 2026 2027 2040 2045 2050 Now Fuel cells Monitoring and automation to enable scalable and repeatable manufacture including the stack Current state: Many fuel cell technologies are mature and readily available. Development is needed to improve Improved integration of balance of system equipment durability and efficiency such as through novel highto increase **efficiency** and reduce **cost** temperature Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) fuel cells. High temperature/efficient fuel cells reducing mass and increasing operating life Durable long life fuel cells and membranes, able to withstand impurities and harsh environments Resource-efficient use of and development of routes to recycle and re-utilise critical materials (such as critical raw materials and platinum group metals) **Gas turbines** Incremental solutions using modification to existing designs to improve durability @ <100% hydrogen **Current state:** Hydrogen gas turbine technology maturity varies depending on the blend of hydrogen. Low hydrogen Material and monitoring solutions for combustion to improve durability @ 100% hydrogen concentrations using existing gas turbine designs are the most mature with existing designs thought to be suitable. Further Control and operational parameters to mitigate NO_x emissions development is required for higher hydrogen concentrations. without impacting efficient performance @ 100% hydrogen **Internal combustion engines** Improve performance of retrofittable hydrogen and dual fuel engines **Current state:** Hydrogen internal combustion engines are being matured, with several leading manufacturers Improve efficiency through optimising hydrogen combustion and waste heat recovery bringing products to market; other manufacturers are also developing solutions. Activity is required to improve performance and increase competitiveness. Reduction of NO_x emissions through development of improved abatement systems

Heat generation

Summary: Hydrogen will play a role in decarbonisation of high energy demand sectors where there are limited other alternatives met with fossil fuels. The burning of hydrogen as a heat source within these high energy demand sectors, such as foundation and food and drink industries, will require adaptation of current fossil fuel technologies.

To facilitate this transition, existing processes must be able to safely use hydrogen without effecting equipment life, whilst operating efficiently. Emissions abatement solutions able to manage by-products of hydrogen combustion, such as NO_x and carbon, must be developed.

Global and UK market forecasts

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20	2030			2050				
UK	Global		UK	Global				
\$0.09bn	\$2bn		\$0.49bn	\$14bn				

2025 2026 2027 2028 2030 2035 2040 2029 Now 2045 **Emissions control** Simulation and monitoring of hydrogen flame to **Current state:** Hydrogen for process heating has optimise efficient combustion conditions been demonstrated across several foundation industries. Challenges regarding the control, detection and response to NO_x emissions still require further Understand performance of existing abatement systems for development research, particularly in applications where operating of low-cost adaptation and redevelopment to suit hydrogen combustion parameters are likely to produce emissions. Low-cost dedicated efficient abatement systems for hydrogen combustion Refractories Develop methods, standards and test capabilities to **Current state:** Use of hydrogen within process heating is replicate, understand and certify through-life performance mature and has been demonstrated. Research is required to better understand, optimise and develop suitable refractory materials to resist deterioration under the different conditions

Hydrogen gas and flame monitoring

experienced when using hydrogen in place of natural gas.

Current state: Gas and flame monitoring technology for industrial process heat applications using conventional fossil fuels is mature. Due to hydrogen flames being within different spectra, development is required to adapt or develop new solutions that are hydrogen suitable.

Develop sensors and methods to predict hydrogen flame conditions for efficient and safe operation

Efficient and **durable** refractory materials for hydrogen furnace conditions





Storage

Summary: Storage is critical at every scale for the future of hydrogen adoption, from on vehicle storage to large-scale long-duration grid balancing. Storage is a significant challenge due to the low volumetric density of hydrogen, requiring either high pressures, cryogenic temperatures or use of emerging and

novel storage mediums. Storage solutions must be able to meet these harsh requirements, whilst remaining safe and produced at a cost that enables scale-up. The different storage technologies each provide different advantages and limitations and are therefore selected against specific requirements.

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Global and UK market forecasts

2028

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2029

20	30		20	50	
UK	Global		UK	Global	
\$0.26bn	\$8bn		\$3.53bn	\$62bn	

Compressed storage tanks Current state: Metallic and non-metallic compressed storage tanks are a mature technology, with

composite storage tanks the norm for mobility applications. Innovation is required to meet cost, mass and end-of-life requirements.

Cryogenic storage

Current state: Cryogenic storage technologies are mature and readily available, but often have limitations. Suitable materials to meet the increasingly stringent requirements of mass and long life with minimal loss of hydrogen are under investigation and are still immature.

Large-scale storage

Current state: Salt caverns are the most mature largescale storage solution. Depleted field storage has been demonstrated and has potential for energy resilience; however, the assessment of cost and losses means that further consideration is required. Lined underground storage is an emerging alternative offering possible storage for lower quantities suitable for industrial applications.

Solid-state storage

Current state: Some technologies are nearing maturity, with alternative technologies still under development. The focus of this technology is reducing cost and storage pressure compared to compressed storage, mostly for non-mass sensitive applications.

Scale up of manufacturing of certified non-metallic hydrogen storage using full automation

2025

Develop high gravimetric efficiency tanks with maximised service life

2026

Material recovery and reuse of non-metallic tanks

Testing capabilities for fundamental understanding of material properties and durability

In-service monitoring of cryogenic fuel tanks to ensure safe operation

Energy-efficient boil-off management to reduce energy use and hydrogen emissions

2027

Upscaling, deployment and filling of salt cavern storage of hydrogen

Assessment of depleted fields cost and hydrogen losses due to factors such as leakage and bacterial consumption

Development of cost efficient lined underground storage using suitable durable materials

Low-cost materials and high-efficiency systems for localised storage

Materials and system for improved hydrogen absorption/release performance

Resource efficient use of and development of routes to recycling and re-utilisation of critical materials (such as critical raw materials and platinum group metals)



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Distribution and control

Summary: Hydrogen must be distributed safely from production to point of use at industrial sites and on vehicles. National distribution and transmission networks will comprise of repurposed and new valves, pumps and pipelines. Minimising hydrogen leakage and predicting residual life of distribution systems is critical for safe deployment.

The transport sector needs reliable, safe and fast methods for refuelling and on-vehicle distribution of hydrogen. Refuelling times and hydrogen loss need to be minimised, without compromising integrity of on-vehicle storage or distribution systems. On-vehicle distribution and pumps need to meet stringent mass, cost and safety requirements.

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2030			2050				
UK	Global		UK	Global			
\$0.32bn	\$8bn		\$1.38bn	\$29bn			

	Now	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050			
Control valves Current state: Hydrogen control valves for some applications are mature and available. For new and emerging applications maturity, cost, or supply chain capacity are limiting.	Asset integrity of existing gas network through inspection and monitoring for repurpose and life extension of assets Design solutions for safe and reliable leak-free gas valves													
	0			and efficient cryo	ogenic valve						H ₂			
Cryogenic pumps Current state: Many cryogenic liquid hydrogen pumps	Low mass a	and efficient on-	vehicle cryogenic	pumps ——o										
are mature and available. Development is needed on pumps for new and emerging applications with challenging operating conditions, such as on-vehicle.	developme	Improvement of durability, life in service, efficiency through development of low loss and energy consumption cryogenic pumps												
Hydrogen capable pipes	Asset integ	rity of existing g	as network asset	s for repurpose a	nd life extension									
Current state: Suitable materials for hydrogen- capable pipes are understood. Alternative materials to address specific challenges for new infrastructure		Development of durable and safety accredited cryogenic pipe, such as for on-vehicle applications												
are being developed. Methods to ensure through- life integrity are required for all solutions.	Low-cost m	Low- cost material and design solutions for new, easy to deploy pipeline												
Refuelling systems	Safety prot	ocols for optimise	ed lower cost and	d faster refuelling	rates									
Current state: Automotive hydrogen refuelling stations are mature and deployed globally. Iterative improvement is needed to improve efficiency and safety. Refuelling	Cost-effective, certified mobile refuelling solutions for fleets and off-highway vehicles													
for other applications, such as aerospace and maritime is less mature and requires development.	Develop safe, low-cost cryogenic connectors													

Conditioning

Summary: Conditioning of hydrogen is needed across the entire hydrogen value chain and may involve change in pressure, purity or state. The low volumetric density of hydrogen requires either high pressures or liquefaction for space constrained applications, often reliant on significant energy and technologies with scalability or technical limitations. Early distribution and deployment of hydrogen has been dependent on pressurisation, with this technology remaining

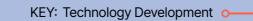
an integral part of new infrastructure and end uses. Emerging sectors, such as aerospace, are investigating liquid hydrogen due to the higher volumetric and mass efficiencies of the fuel and storage solutions respectively. Hydrogen purity can be critical for some applications, such as some fuel cell technologies; contamination risks throughout production and distribution must be addressed through purification.

Global and UK market forecasts

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20	30	2050				
UK	Global	UK	Global			
\$0.13bn	\$5bn	\$1.17bn	\$32bn			

2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2040 Now 2035 2045 2050 Compressors High-pressure compressors with improved reliability and service intervals **Current state:** Compressor technology maturity varies, with material and seal development Smaller, high efficiency compressor for needed to improve reliability and performance. high-volume low-pressure applications Emerging compressor technologies, such as electrochemical are still undergoing development. Competitive hydrogen electrochemical compressors through improved membrane durability Liquefiers Current state: Small-scale hydrogen Diversification and **upscaling** of existing liquefaction processes are an established liquefier producers to meet short-term needs technology. Development is needed to increase the scale and reduce energy consumption. Increase efficiency through reduced energy usage throughout the liquification process at all scales of production **Purification and separation Current state:** Hydrogen purification technologies Improve efficiency and reduce cost through developing materials with for industrial scale applications, such as through increased impurity capture rates for pressure swing adsorption processes pressure swing adsorption are mature. Some existing



Low-cost, reliable, impurity tolerant separation membranes to produce high purity hydrogen

technologies require development to advance efficiency with novel and smaller scale technologies

requiring development to increase longevity.

Electrical and thermal management

Summary: Many sectors and net zero enabling technologies, including hydrogen enabled electrification, are reliant on power electronics. This will drive a significant increase in demand over the coming years. Another prevalent subsystem is thermal management, which is vital to the efficiency

and longevity of numerous hydrogen technologies. Improving efficiency and tailoring of these subsystems to the requirements of hydrogen applications is key to the successful roll out of hydrogen and may play a key role in cost and performance differentiation.

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2030			2050				
UK	Global		UK	Global			
\$0.01bn	\$0.2bn		\$0.32bn	\$13bn			

2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2035 2040 2050 Now 2045 **Power electronics** Increase efficiency through development and scale up to MW and GW of DC/DC power converter Current state: Power electronics are mature and already adopted across many sectors and applications. Optimising the trade-off between performance and cost for hydrogen specific applications is needed. Increase efficiency through development of fast dynamic systems with improved filtering, including adoption of higher switching frequencies Cost reduction through standardisation and modularisation of power conversion to enable off the shelf solutions for fuel cells and electrolysers **Thermal management** Improve efficiency of thermal management systems for **Current state:** Thermal management systems are mature low-temperature fuel cells, including low drag radiators and adopted across many sectors and applications. More cost effective and power dense solutions for new and emerging hydrogen applications is required.

Development of **efficient** thermal management systems for high-temperature fuel cells



Development of efficient and smaller systems for gasification of liquid hydrogen, providing cooling for propulsion systems



Metering and monitoring

Summary: There is a need for sensors and monitoring systems across all sectors to build public and industrial confidence. Safety drives the need for hydrogen detection, with hydrogen providing a risk at a larger range of mix ratios with air than

natural gas. Furthermore, measurement of hydrogen emission is needed to prevent environmental impact. Methods to measure quantity, composition and purity of hydrogen in real time are required to enable reliable distribution and trading [2], [3].

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2030			2050				
UK	Global	Global		Global			
\$0.02bn	\$0.9bn		\$0.38bn	\$6bn			

	Now	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	
Distribution pipeline inspection Current state: Inline inspection of pipelines when using natural gas is well established. Hydrogen presents new challenges, such as embrittlement, that requires new methods to ensure asset integrity for both new and repurposed pipelines.			ogy to meet asse tect embrittleme									
Flow meters Current state: Flow meters for hydrogen use a range of different methods that are at different stages of maturity. Challenges of increased flow rates and potential for leakage drive a need to develop reliable and low-cost hydrogen flow meters.	Developme O	nt of accurate flo	ow measurement •	methods			(H ₂	
Hydrogen purity analysis Current state: In-service hydrogen purity and composition analysis technology is immature with many applications relying on lab-based activity for detailed analysis. Distributed real time purity analysis is required.	0		ncy low-cost hydro		 0							
Leak detection Current state: Leak detection technology is mature for many applications. Hydrogen use in emerging applications, including for indoor environments and populated areas, requires development of best practice and detection technology.		nonitoring regula across applicati	ations for emissi ons	ons ——o								

Sensor technology able to reliably measure low Hydrogen concentration

(<1%). For prolonged **emissions** and **safe** mass market adoption

Underpinning technologies

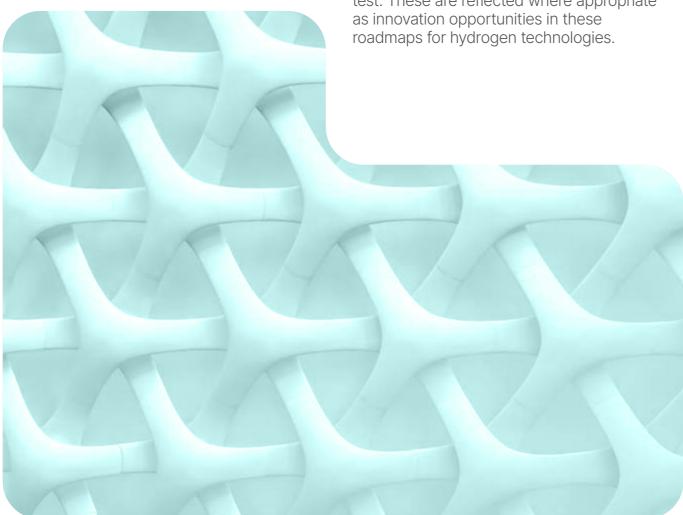
Materials Digital



Materials

Materials validated for use with hydrogen will be critical to realise a new hydrogen economy

A report written by the Henry Royce Institute titled *Materials for End-to-End Hydrogen* [4] offers a comprehensive summary of the materials technology areas that have the potential to contribute to realising hydrogen deployment at scale. Further work involving an extensive network of industry and academic researcher produced a series of blueprints identifying the key materials challenges facing the UK starting with electrolysis and test. These are reflected where appropriate as innovation opportunities in these roadmaps for hydrogen technologies.





The UK needs further co-ordinated cross sector initiatives to overcome material challenges in order to accelerate development times of hydrogen technology.

The priorities identified in the *Materials* for End-to-End Hydrogen report were further distilled into a set of five key areas which have formed the basis for the Royce Hydrogen Accelerator:

O Production

Materials-led solutions to radically improve performance, reduce cost, and extend operational lifetimes of green electrolysis routes.

Storage

Robust structural materials to enable large-scale hydrogen storage for fixed and mobile applications.

O Distribution

Materials capable of sustaining the thermal and mechanical strains associated with transporting hydrogen and purifying at point of use.

O End-use

Materials to withstand the full temperature range required for hydrogen use – from cryogenic liquid hydrogen to transport and fuel switching applications that operate at over 1000° C.

Operational monitoring

Smart materials for real-time monitoring of critical infrastructure with the ability to report, mitigate or resolve problems before or as they arise.

The Royce report also identified key, cross-cutting research and technology enablers, that will increase the impact and accelerate materials research and have particular importance to support materials for hydrogen use:

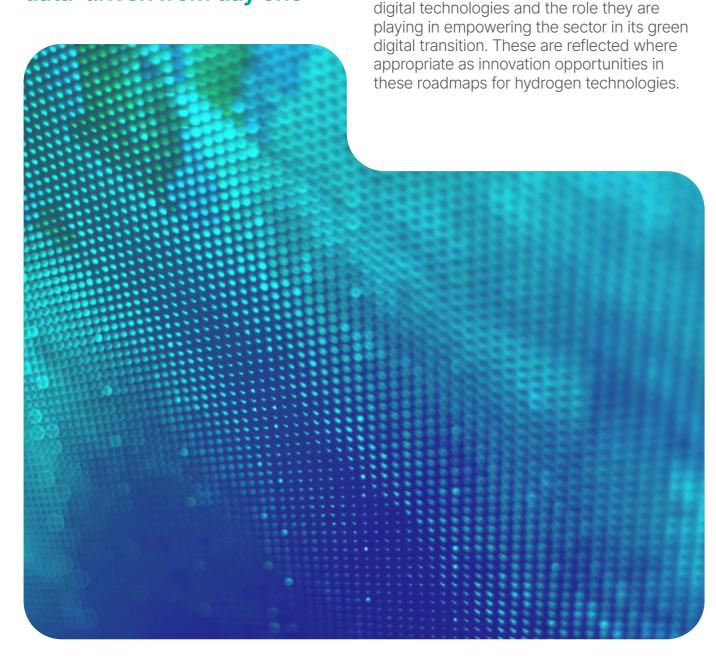
- O Creating consistent lifecycle analysis approaches and data sets developing consistent definitions and approaches alongside transparent and accessible databases to support lifecycle analysis of materials.
- O Improving end-of-life treatment of materials designing products for end of life to enable materials recovery and reuse, and minimise waste creation.
- O Developing UK capability to test, set standards, and accredit new materials developing standardised testing methodologies to allow comparison of experimental results, and understanding materials degradation mechanisms, to develop testing and inspection protocols.
- Computational design of materials using artificial intelligence to lead the design of materials with specified properties and accelerate the discovery of candidates.

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Digital

The hydrogen economy has a unique opportunity to be data-driven from day one



A white paper written by Digital Catapult

titled Digital Solutions for the Energy

Sector [5] provides a summary of the

growth in investment in energy specific



The hydrogen economy has a unique opportunity to be data driven from day one.

The opportunities identified in the *Digital Solutions for the Energy Sector* white paper have been broadley broken into two specific areas. The paper identifies several challenges and opportunities that are shared by many different energy vectors, electricity, natural gas, hydrogen, and a whole host of different renewables. These are:

Al for flexibility

To make the most of these resources and ensure balance requires shifting demand to match generation, and storing energy for future use. Advanced analytics play a key role in determining when to utilise hydrogen and when to make best use of energy vector.

- Digitalising New Energy Infrastructure Developing net zero infrastructure, across generation, distribution, storage and end use provides opportunities to utilise digital tools to manage the build and operation of new facilities, making delivery at the required scale and pace feasible.
- O Data Interoperability Across the Sector
 Ensuring that data is interoperable
 across the hydrogen economy as
 well as the wider energy sector to
 enable greater collaboration and data
 exploitation across the sector.

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In addition to challenges shared by multiple different energy types, there are also challenges and opportunities that are unique to a new hydrogen economy:

New Supply Chains

The growth in the hydrogen economy offers huge opportunities for greenfield supply chains, allowing existing players and new emergents to make use of a wide range of digital tools, without the need to retrofit with legacy systems.

- Transparency and Certification
 Tracking the provenance and purity of
 hydrogen from generation through to
 end use with digital ledgers provides
 confidence in purchasing low carbon
 hydrogen as well as guaranteeing that
 the fuel comes from a verifiable source.
- O **Digital Skills for a Hydrogen Workforce**Utilising digital skills with energy domain expertise opens up a wide range of opportunities in design, operation and management of the energy system.

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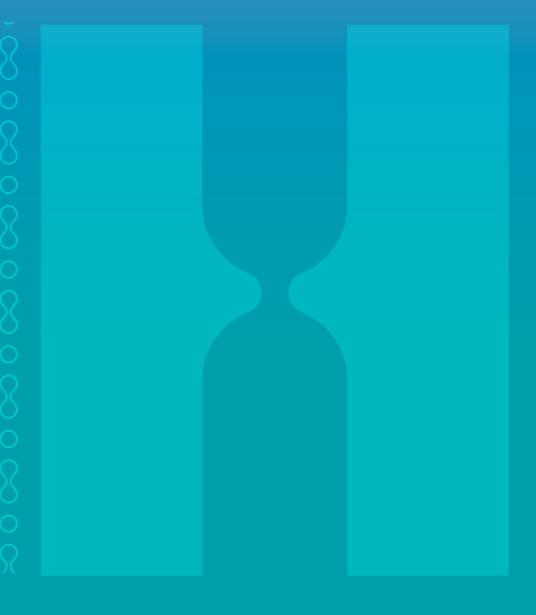
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