

# A pragmatic approach to decarbonising transport in an era of social, financial & technology pressures



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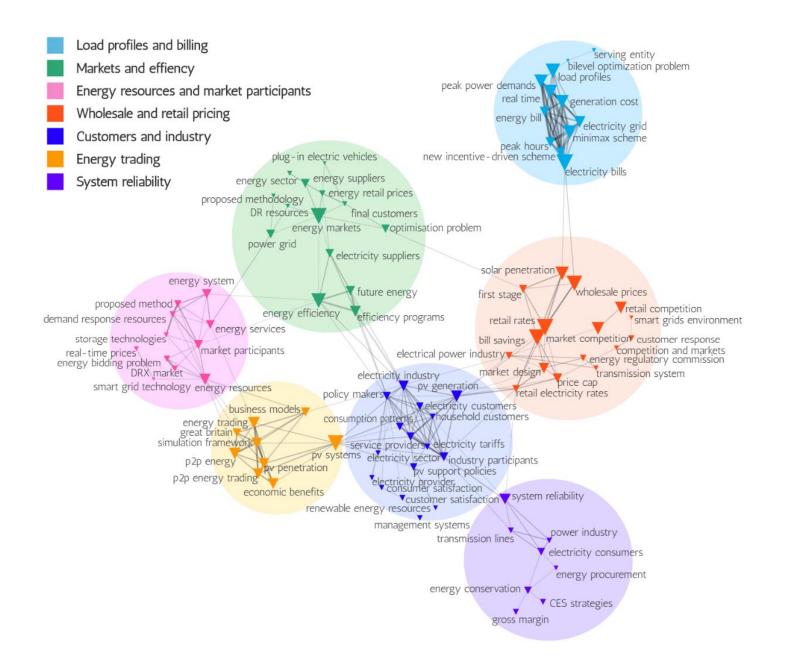
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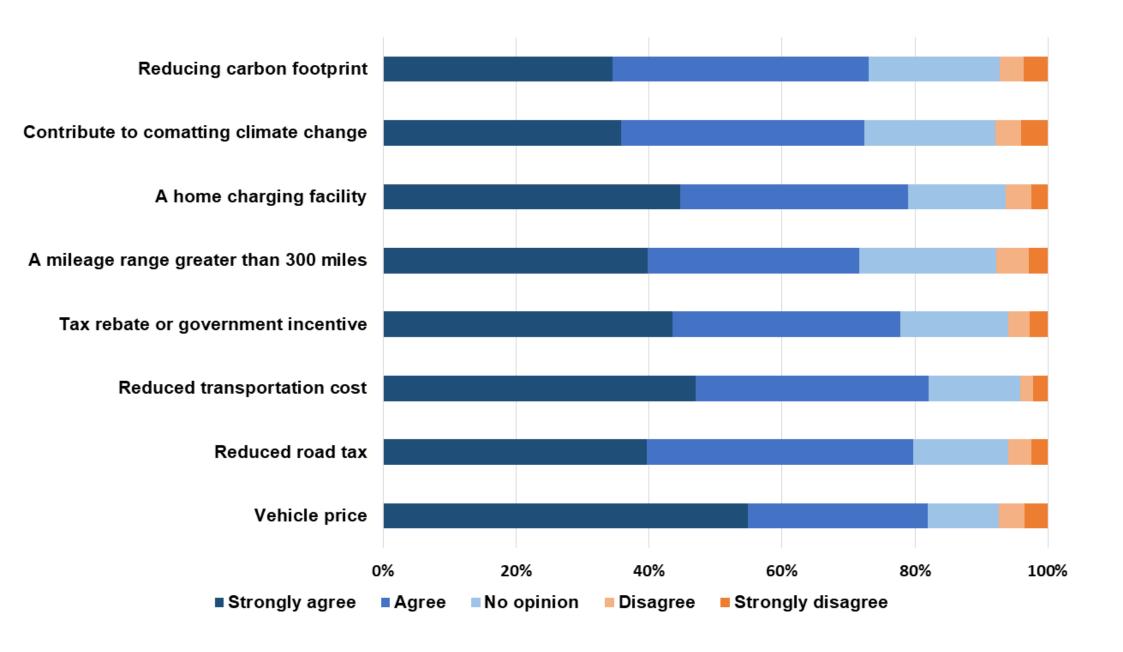
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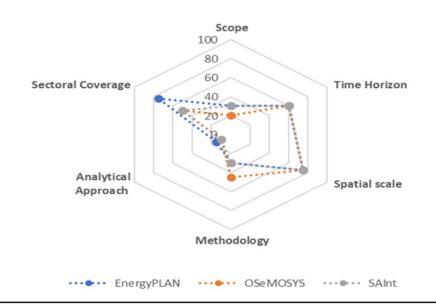
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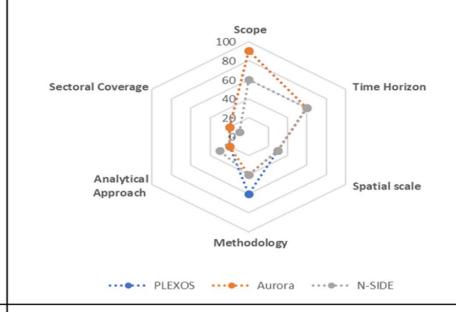
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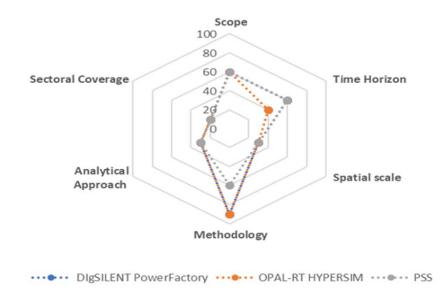
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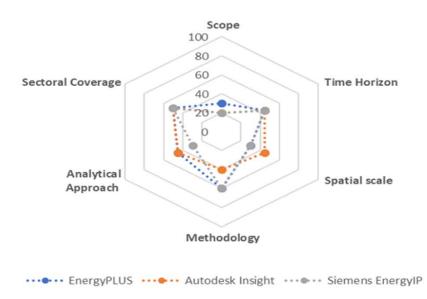




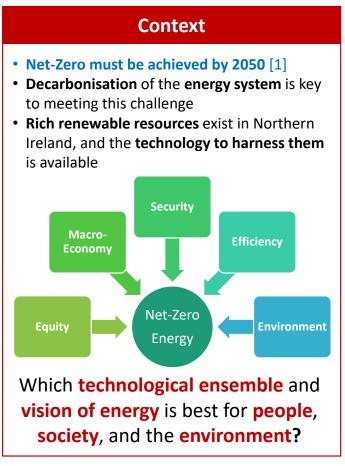


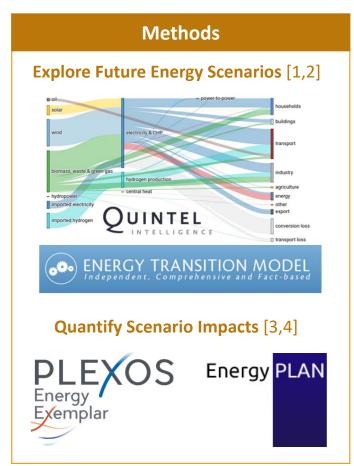


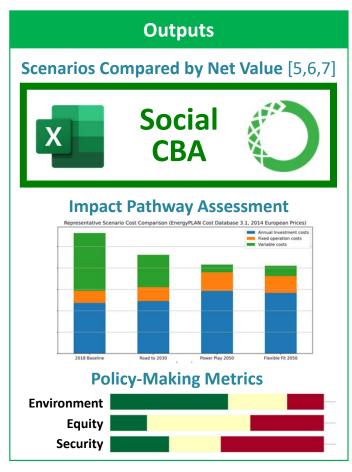




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#### Four energy sectors

- Power
- Heat
- Transport
- Enabling Technology

#### Five policy pillars [1]

- Decarbonisation
- Equity
- Security
- Macroeconomy
- Efficiency

#### Findings distilled to PUGH chart [2]

- Adjust per policy pillar and goal [3]
- Insulation has highest net benefit
- CCUS has worst net score

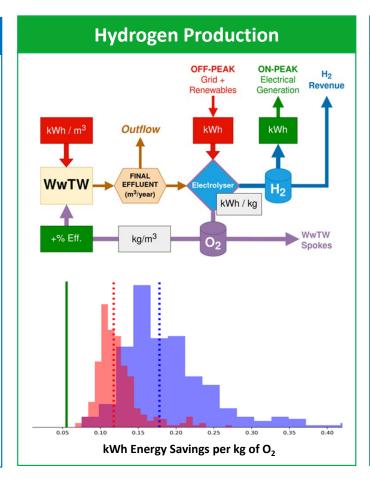
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### Techno-Economic Study: NI Water and Hydrogen Production Co-Location

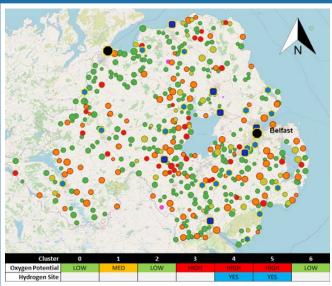
### **Northern Ireland Water**



- Largest electricity user in Northern Ireland (2.76% of demand [1])
- Aeration uses most of the electricity in water treatment [2]
- Concentrated O<sub>2</sub> increases aeration efficiency [3]
- Electrolytic hydrogen production creates by-product O<sub>2</sub>
- Recover up to 2.56% energy used for H<sub>2</sub> production by using O<sub>2</sub>



### **Synergistic Co-Location**



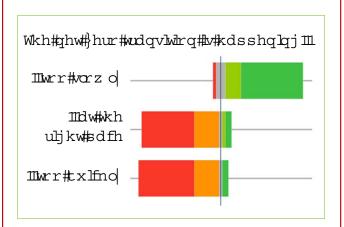
- Water treatment scales naturally with population and industry [4]
- Potential hydrogen demand scales in synergy with water treatment

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### Stakeholder Engagement: DELPHI-Sandpit with Regional Experts

#### **DELPHI**

Expert survey [1] engaging stakeholders across industry, policy, academia, and charities



The net zero transition is happening too slowly, and actions producing tangible impact must be prioritised

### Sandpit

In-person round-table debate of DELPHI results [2], to explore consensus and contentious issues

"It is very important to distribute costs fairly - but what does fair mean? It is likely to be a complicated answer, depending on fluid circumstances and not just a fixed split of costs."

"Some [technologies] are ready, but just too expensive."

Panel discussions highlighted the contentious and complex issues of cost allocation and subsidy targets

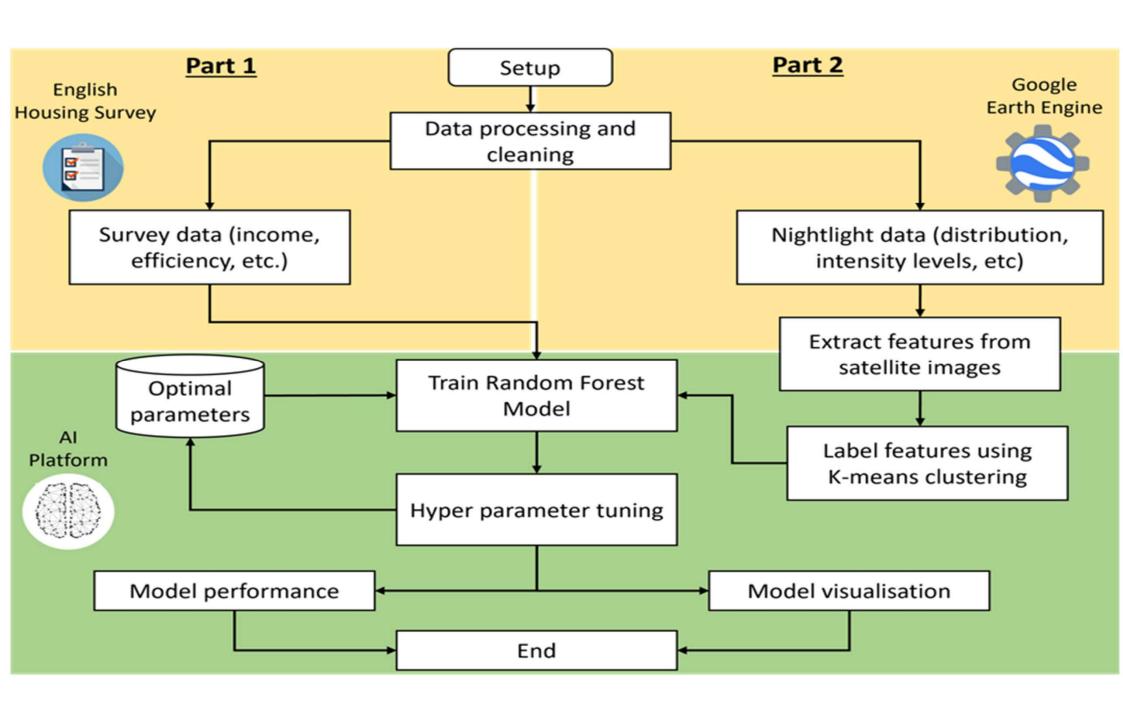
### **Findings**

Synthesis of results in the context of state-of-the-art policy-making [3] and technology frameworks [4]

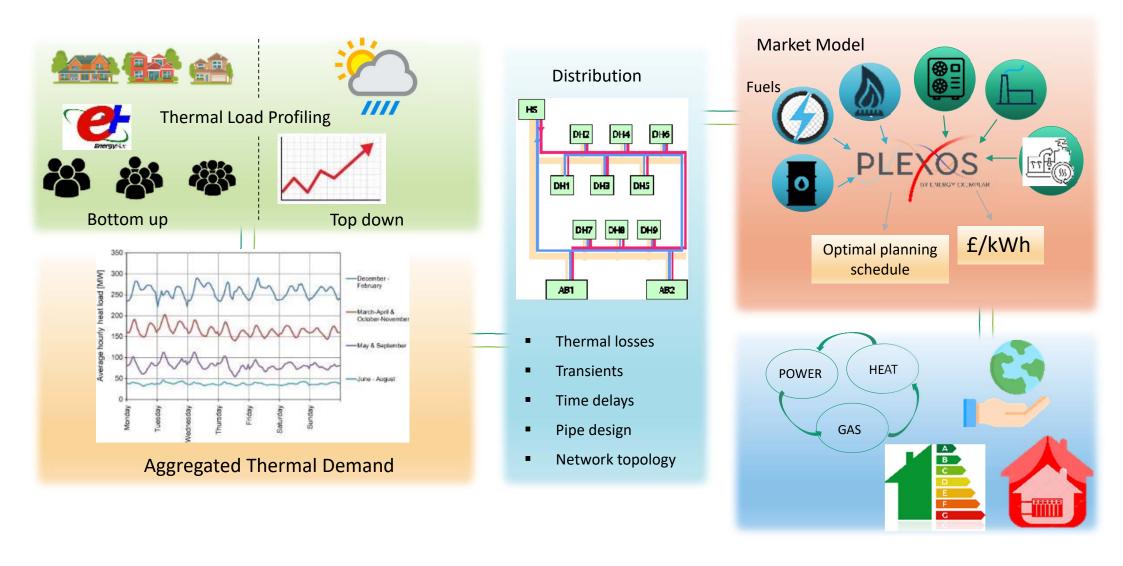
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Wind Generation	9	8.3	-0.7	9	8.9	-0.1
Photovoltaics	9	8.1	-0.9	9	8.7	-0.3
Geothermal	6 (9)	6.0	0.0	4 (9)	8.2	4.2
Solar Thermal	9	8.1	-0.9	8	8.4	0.4
Anaerobic Digestion	9	7.7	-1.3	9	7.8	-1.2
Marine Energy	7	6.3	-0.7	6	7.8	1.8
CHP	9	7.4	-1.6	9	8.2	-0.8
Carriers						
Biofuels/Biomass	9	7.2	-1.8	9	7.9	-1.1
Electro-fuels	6	5.6	-0.4	4	8.3	4.3
Energy Storage	8	6.5	-1.5	9	9.0	0.0
Smart Grid	7	6.6	-0.4	6	9.0	3.0
CCUS	7	5.7	-1.3	7	8.3	1.3
Hydrogen	7	6.2	-0.8	7	8.8	1.8
Applications						
EV and H2	9	6.6	-2.4	9	8.8	-0.2
Micro-Mobility	9	7.4	-1.6	6 (9)	7.5	1.5
Electric Heat Pumps	9	7.1	-1.9	9	8.8	-0.2
Hydrogen Boilers	6.5 (9)	5.7	-0.8	4 (9)	8.5	4.5
District Heat Networks	6.5 (9)	6.1	-0.4	3 (9)	8.4	5.4

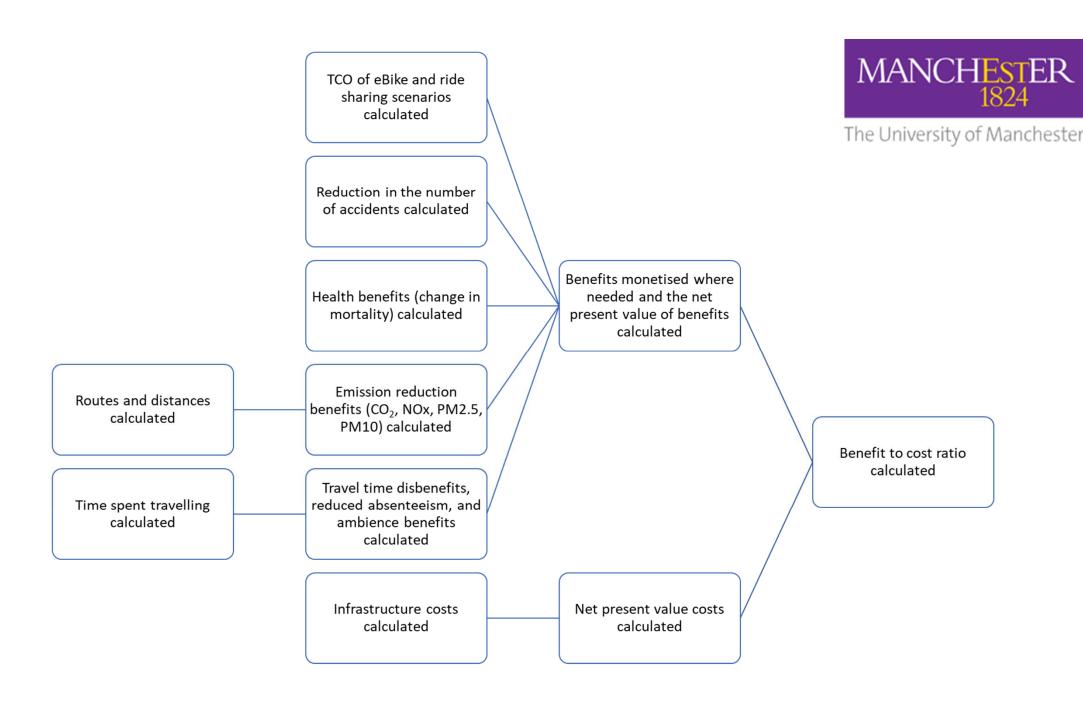
A diverse range of technology is welcomed, but Geothermal [5] and District Heating [6] are neglected

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### Creating a Retail Business Model for District Heating to aid the Decarbonisation of Domestic Heating





### State-of-the-Art in Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

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Abstract — The international introduction of electric vehicles (EVs) will see a change in private passenger car usage. operation and management. There are many stakeholders, but currently it appears that the automotive industry is focused on EV manufacture, governments and policy makers have highlighted the potential environmental and job creation opportunities while the electricity sector is preparing for an additional electrical load on the grid system. If the deployment of EVs is to be successful the introduction of international EV standards, universal charging hardware infrastructure, associated universal peripherals and user-friendly software on public and private property is necessary. The focus of this paper is to establish the state-of-the-art in EV charging infrastructure, which includes a review of existing and proposed international standards, best practice and guidelines under consideration or recommendation.

Keywords - electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, charging stations, guidelines, standards, transport

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The successful deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) over I the next decade is connected to the introduction of internationally agreed EV standards, universal charging hardware infrastructure, associated universal peripherals and

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established EV targets, policies and plans in order to su in deploying EVs. Table 1 lists some internal govern policies and targets.

Country	Targets
Austria	2020: 100,000 EVs deployed <sup>1</sup>
Australia	2012: first cars on road, 2018: mass deployment, 2
	up to 65% of car stock <sup>2</sup>
Canada	2018: 500,000 EVs deployed <sup>3</sup>
China	2011: 500000 annual production of EVs <sup>4</sup>
Denmark	2020:200,000 EVs 5
France	2020: 2,000,000 EVs <sup>6</sup>
Germany	2020: 1,000,000 EVs deployed <sup>7</sup>
Ireland	2020: 10% EV market share <sup>8</sup>
Israel	2011: 40,000 EVs, 2012: 40,000 to 100,000 EVs
	annually <sup>9</sup>
Japan	2020: 50% market share of next generation vehicle
New	2020: 5% market share, 2040: 60% market share <sup>11</sup>
Zealand	
Spain	2014: 1,000,000 EVs deployed <sup>12</sup>
Sweden	2020: 600,000 EVs deployed <sup>13</sup>
United	No target figures, but policy to support EVs <sup>14</sup>
Kingdom	
USA	2015: 1,000,000 PHEV stock <sup>15</sup>

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Aspects which need to be examined and standardized include the following:

- Signage,
- Layouts, access and lighting in areas where public charging is proposed,
- Disabled persons requirements,
- Installations on properties subject to flooding,
- Certification of charging equipment,
- Trip hazards, liability issues and public insurance,
- Ventilation,
- LEED and BRE building certification requirements,
- Installation certification,
- Engineering design, construction and permitting on public and private property,
- Charging post ownership, maintenance and operation, metering and subscription services,
- Smart metering for home charging to control the time of charging, which can be related to costs, time of day and so forth,
- Battery swopping option,
- Vandal proofing,



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### Towards more equitable energy transitions in low-income households: An integrated analysis of energy and transport poverty in Northern Ireland

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#### Highlights

- Explores equitable domestic and transport energy futures in Northern Ireland.
- Transport modal shift incurs economic benefits but also time penalties.
- · EVs cost competitive across all case study scenarios from 2025.
- Post retrofit assessment shows lingering nature of financial burden.
- · Expansion of supports is a crucial component of the Just Transition.

#### Domestic energy modelling Scenario Housing stock, Descriptive Investment Debt burden definition and efficiency data, etc. analysis analysis analysis data processing Data collection Discussion stplanr Transport OD. Scenario technology, Analysis and definition and Routing Visualisation emissions data, etc. modelling data processing **Transport modelling**



### Sustainable Cities and Society



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### Identifying optimal locations for community electric vehicle charging

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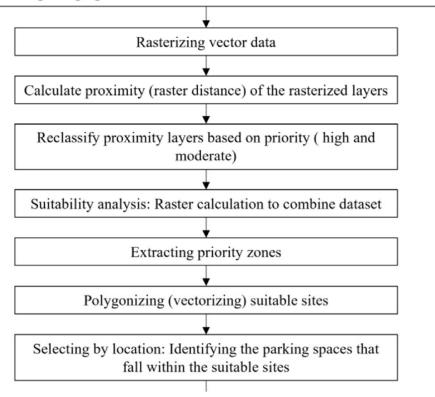
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### Highlights

- Optimal charging locations are identified using GIS-based multi-criteria analysis.
- Novel transferable methodology utilising QGIS and open street maps.
- The study identified 770 ideal locations for 2025 and 3080 locations for 2030.
- Population served by a five-minute walk or five-minute cycling is estimated.

### Extracting vector data corresponding to each site selection criteria

- Lamp posts
- Population density
- Apartments and houses
- Motorways, primary, secondary and tertiary roads
- Trip attractors
- · Existing charging stations









### Pathways to decarbonising the transport sector: The impacts of electrifying taxi fleets

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#### Highlights

- Fully electrifying taxi fleet leads to a 77% reduction in total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced.
- Upgrade to all plug-in hybrid EVs in the fleet is the second lowest emissions option.
- Rapid growth in the share of EVs in the fleet is required to reach a net-zero target.

Scenario	Description
Business as usual (BAU)	The current composition of the fleet (see Table A-5).
S-1 Removal of all ICEVs lower than Euro 5	In S-1 scenario any ICEV that falls under this category is divided between the Euro 5 and Euro 6 vehicle types. The HEVs and EVs remain the same as in the BAU scenario (see Table B-1).
S-2 Removal of all ICEVs lower than Euro 6	All Euro 5 ICEVs are removed from the fleet and replaced with Euro 6 vehicles (see Table B-2).
_	All ICEVs are removed and replaced with a combination of the different types of HEVs. Petrol ICEVs are upgraded to petrol HEVs of Euro 4, 5 or 6 standard, and diesel ICEVs to petrol PHEVs of Euro 6. COPERT does not provide an option for a light commercial vehicle in the hybrid category. For this reason, the Large-SUV-Executive option is selected for these vehicles (see Table B-3).
S-4 Removal of all non- PHEVs	The petrol HEVs are removed and replaced with PHEVs Euro standard 6. The older PHEV vehicles are also removed and only the Euro 6 remains (see Table B-4).
S-5 Full electrification	The entire fleet represented in the BAU scenario is converted to EVs. The original composition of each make and model in the



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### Measuring the equity impacts of government subsidies for electric vehicles

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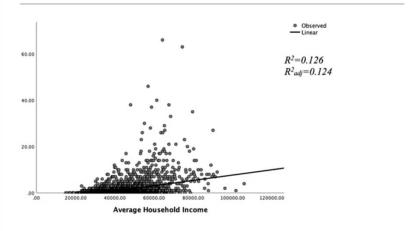
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### Highlights

- Demonstrates the correlations between equity and EV ownership.
- Explores how regional income levels impact upon EV density.
- Commuting characteristics are examined to ascertain their impacts on EV ownership.

Fig. 6. a: Household EV charging locations - Dublin. b: Average Household Income - Dublin.

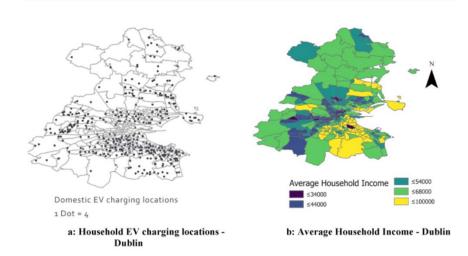


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Fig. 7. Linear regression of average household income and domestic charging

Fig. 5. a: Household EV charging locations. b: Average Household Income.





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### What causes energy and transport poverty in Ireland? Analysing demographic, economic, and social dynamics, and policy implications

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#### Highlights

- Energy and transport poverty rates are similar across the island of Ireland.
- Survey respondent knowledge of causal factors and potential solutions alike is low.
- Self-reported energy and transport poverty do not correspond to modelled data.
- Ever refined targeting for support measures is not optimal.

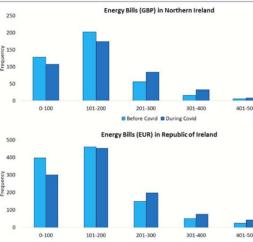


Table 11. Respondents' perception of item which would make greatest difference to meeting household energy needs.

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	Island wide	Northern Ireland	Republic of Ireland	
More income	26%	25%	27%	
A more efficient home and appliances	25%	23%	26%	
Lower heating and electricity costs	46%	48%	45%	
Other	3%	4%	3%	

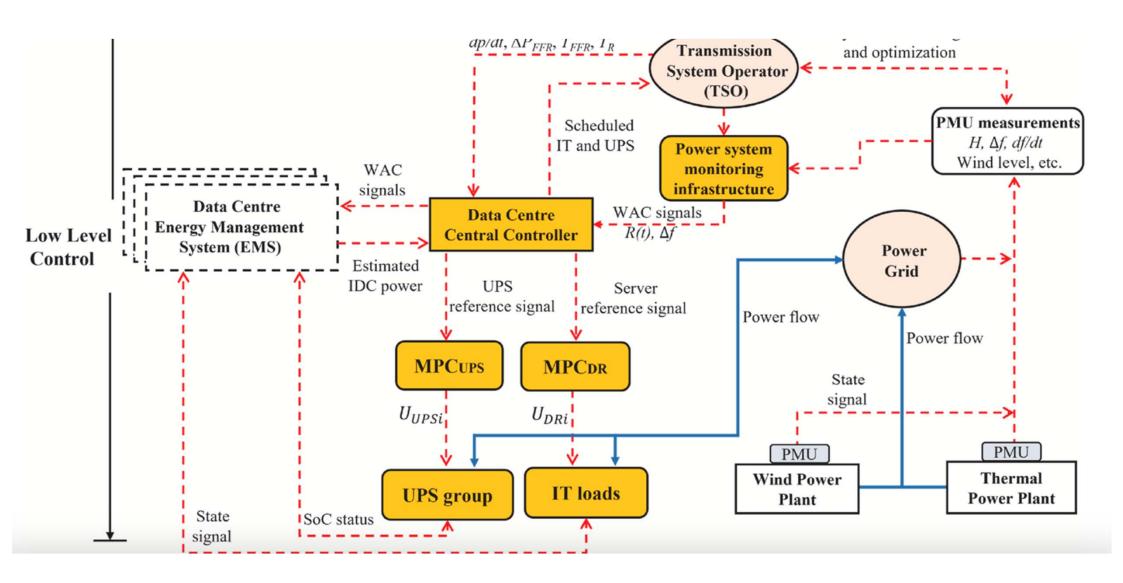
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Fig. 1. Respondent's energy bills in each jurisdiction, prior to and during the Covid-19 pandemic. Panel A) Northern Ireland, Panel B) Republic of Ireland.

Table 2. Median energy expenditures in each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Median Monthly energy Bill before pandemic	Median monthly energy bill during the pandemic	Mean Monthly energy Bill before pandemic	Mean monthly energy bill during the pandemic
Northern Ireland [GBP]	150	171	181	212
Republic of Ireland [EUR]	138	151	177	206









### Where next??







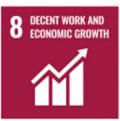
























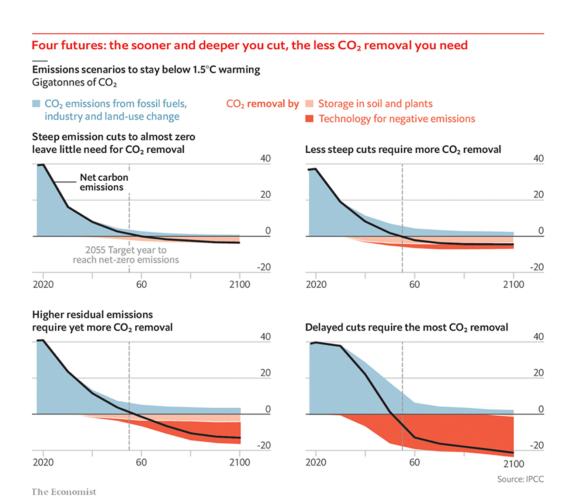








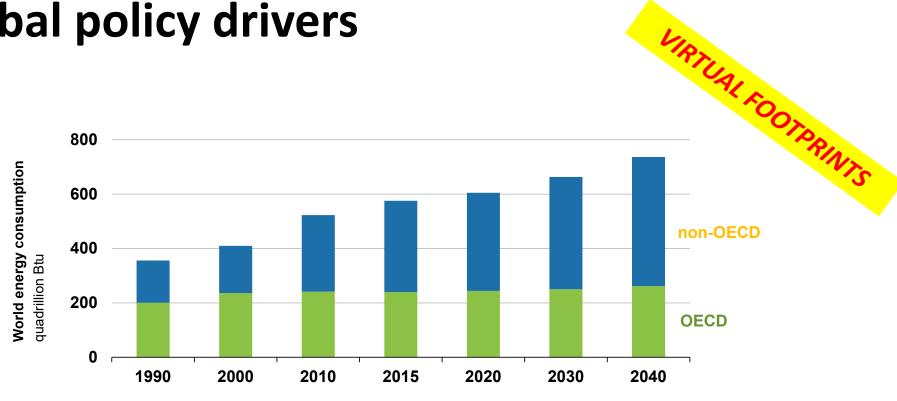
### Emissions Scenarios to Stay below 1.5°C: Net Zero Emissions by 2050 – Four Ways



- 60 countries and 100 cities have promised to get to net zero emissions by 2050
- This means that they will take as much carbon out of the atmosphere as they put in
- At the moment the carbon going into the atmosphere (in blue) is mostly coming from fossil fuels and industry
- The chart shows 4 possible pathways to net zero emissions

### **Global policy drivers**





World energy consumption expected to rise 28% between 2015 and 2040

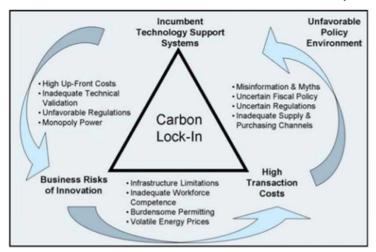
**US Energy Information Administration** 

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increasing globally as non-OECD countries 'develop'

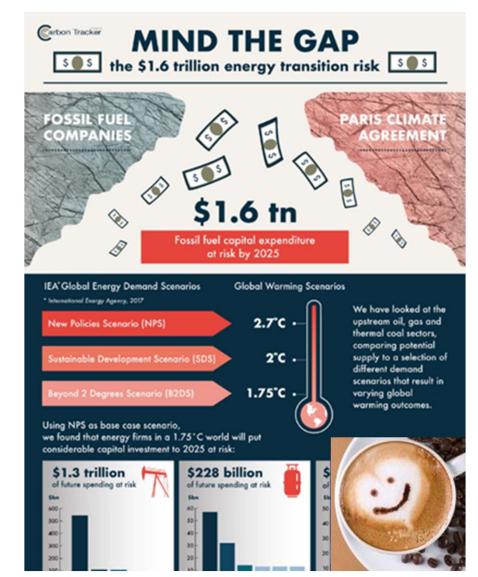
#### What is 'Lock-in'

"The difficulty lies, not with the new ideas, but in escaping the old ones"

John Maynard Keynes







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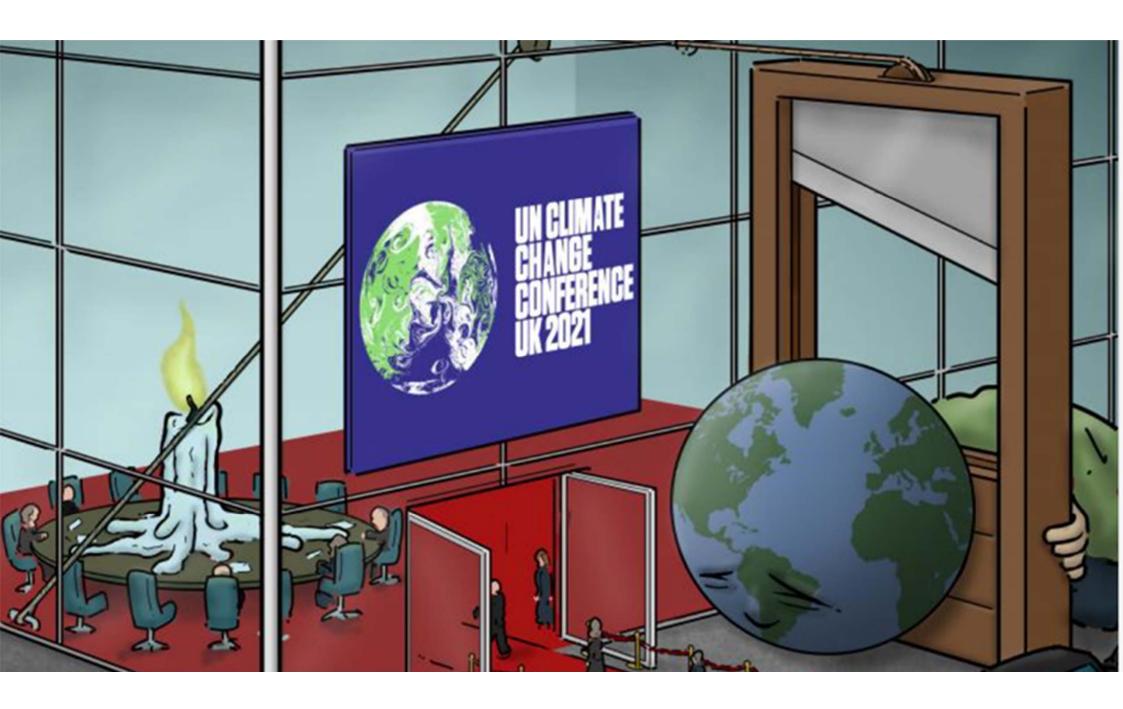
### Carbon Capture and Storage in Norway

- The moon landing that failed

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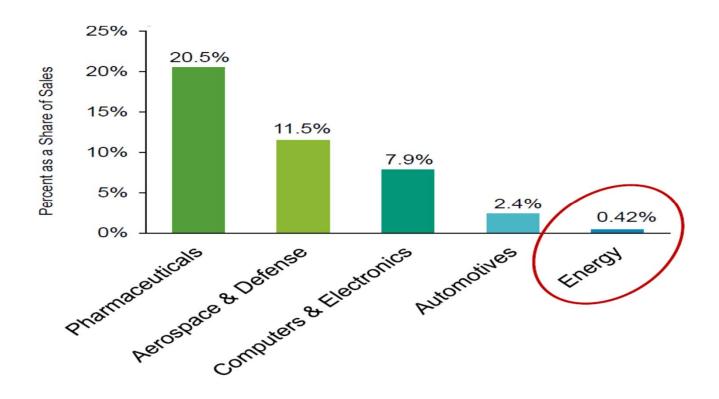


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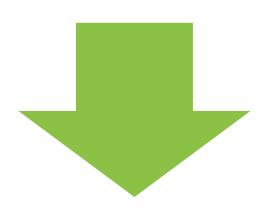
## Total Private Sector R&D Spending % as a Share of Sales



Source: Bill Gates, "Energy Innovation: Why We Need It and How to Get It," <a href="https://www.gatesnotes.com/Energy/Energy-Innovation">https://www.gatesnotes.com/Energy/Energy-Innovation</a>

Source: American Energy Innovation Council

# Sectoral energy system transition - Innovation & abandonment



Governance of the abandonment of sociotechnical systems: fading out, termination, deconstruction

**Emissions** 

Tax take

Governance of sociotechnical systems: a matter of progress & innovation

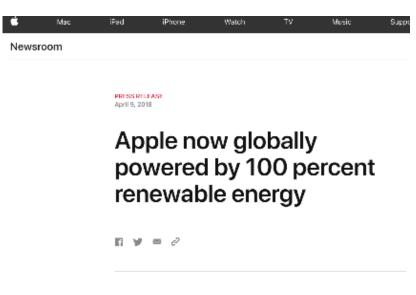


# Role of the Finance Industry, Activist Investors, Decarbonisation & Investor Returns





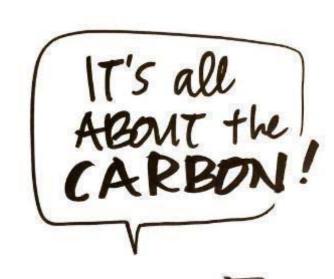




Nine More Apple suppliers commit to 100 percent clean energy production

### Low carbon technologies, TRL & resilience

- Industry Advanced industry energy use technologies
- Transport Hybrid, electric & hydrogen, light weighting, ICE efficiency
- Buildings HVAC, materials, solar water heating, heat pumps
- Smart appliances
- Solar PV
- CCS and CCUS
- Onshore & offshore wind
- Advanced CHP etc
- 4<sup>th</sup> Generation nuclear
- Solar thermal
- Wave energy & TEC
- Storage......
- Hydrogen, ammonia, methanol......





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# Who Cares Wins

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Recommendations by the financial industry to better integrate environmental, social and governance issues in analysis, asset management and securities brokerage



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