

# THE ROLE OF HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS IN FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEMS

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# The Writing Process



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- \* Over 400 comments received

# 1. Overview

- \* The role of hydrogen and fuel cells
- \* Transport, Heat, Power and Industry sectors
- \* Economics
- \* Policies
- \* Systems approach
- \* Deployment scenarios

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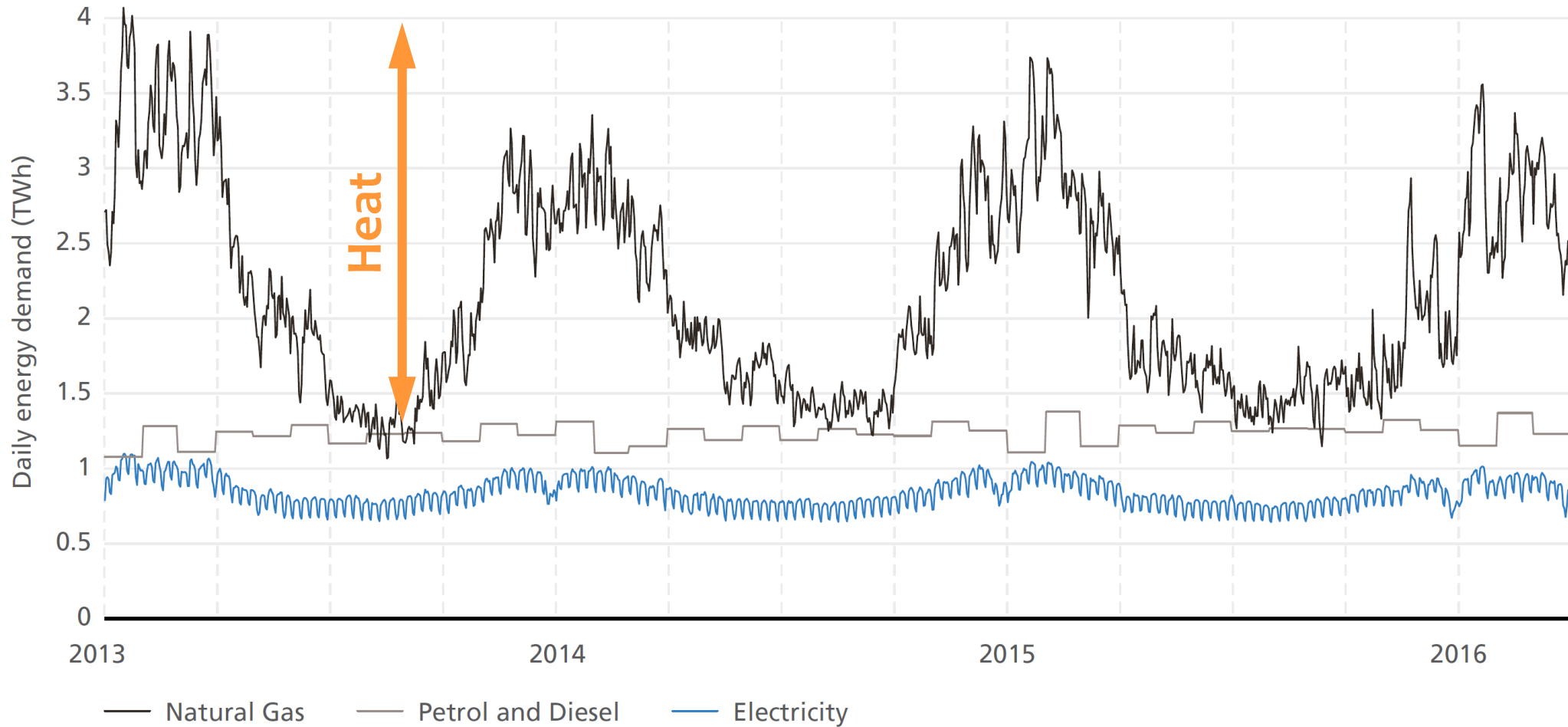
- \* Fuel cell vehicles are now produced by major manufacturers
- \* Costs can achieve parity with alternatives by 2025–2030
- \* Driving range and refuelling time match conventional vehicles
- \* Fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen engines improve urban air quality by producing zero / near-zero exhaust emissions.

# 3. H<sub>2</sub>FC for Heat

- \* Decarbonising heat faces many challenges
- \* Fuel cell CHP can operate on today's natural gas network
- \* Hydrogen can decarbonise this network in the longer term
- \* Households are accustomed to compact powerful heating systems, which could use hydrogen



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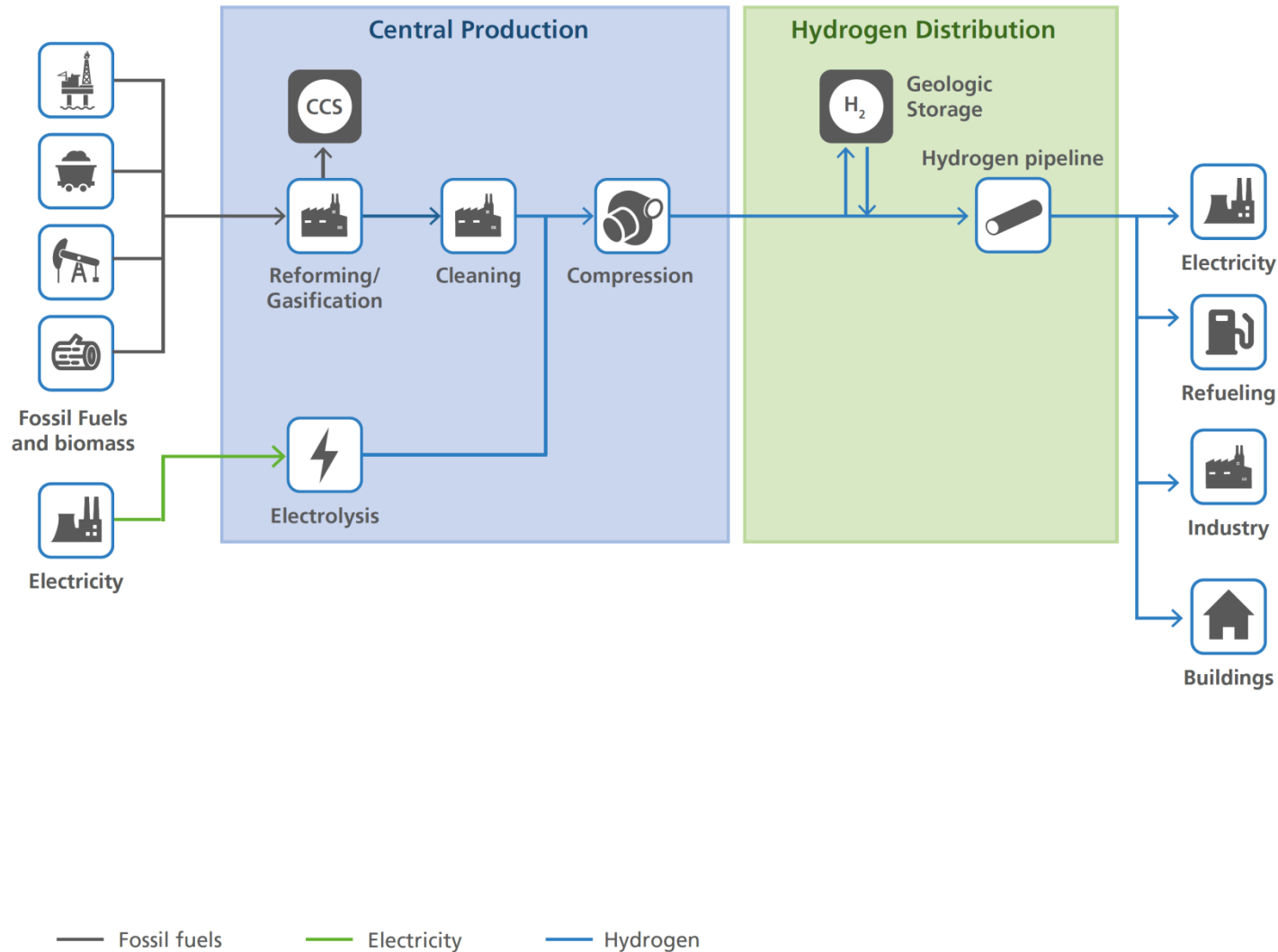
# 4. H<sub>2</sub>FC for Electricity

- \* Hydrogen can support low-carbon electricity systems
- \* Fuel cells are controllable and offset electric heat pumps
- \* Power-to-gas gives large-scale, long-term storage
- \* Data centres, backup and households are major applications

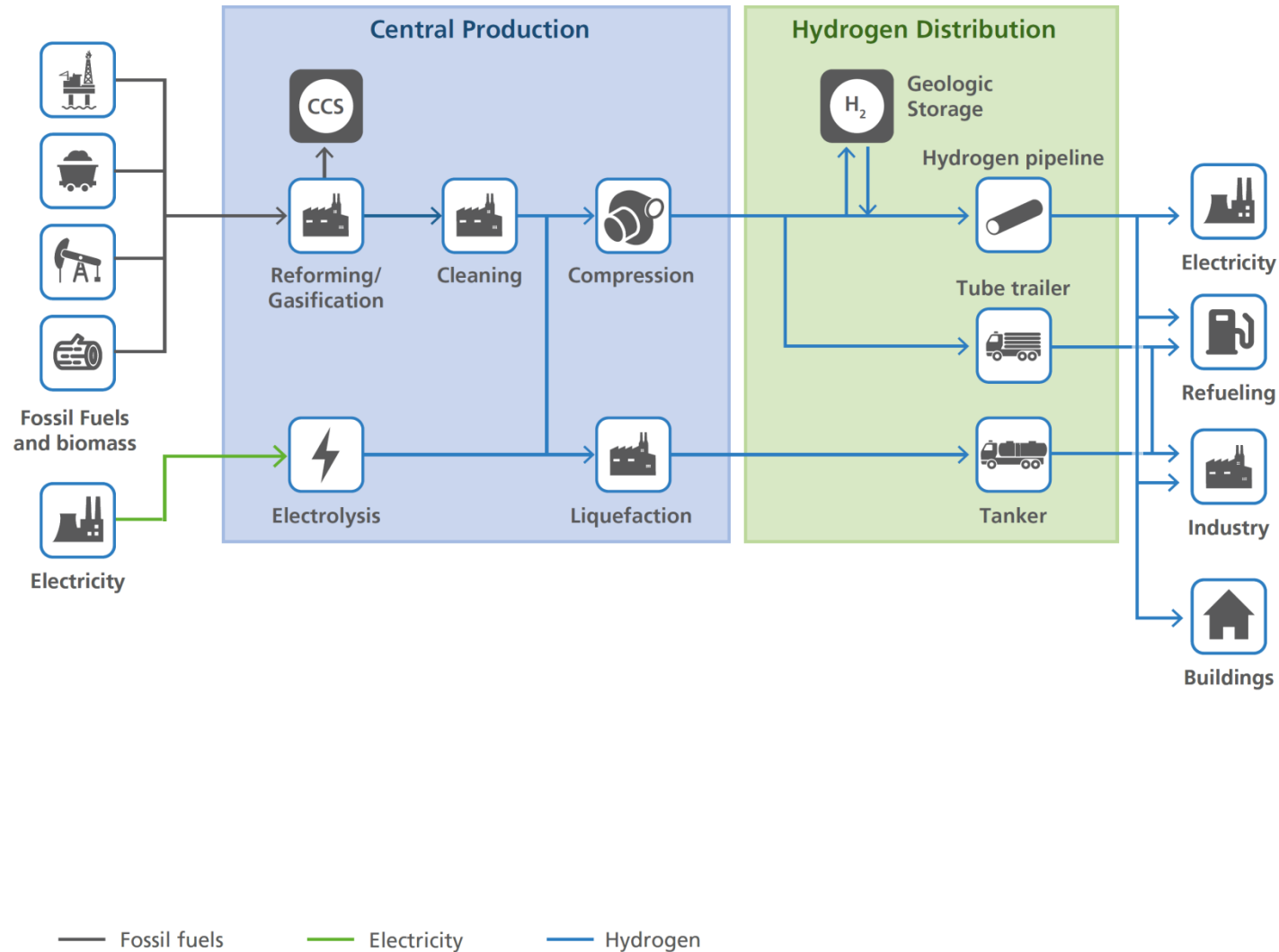




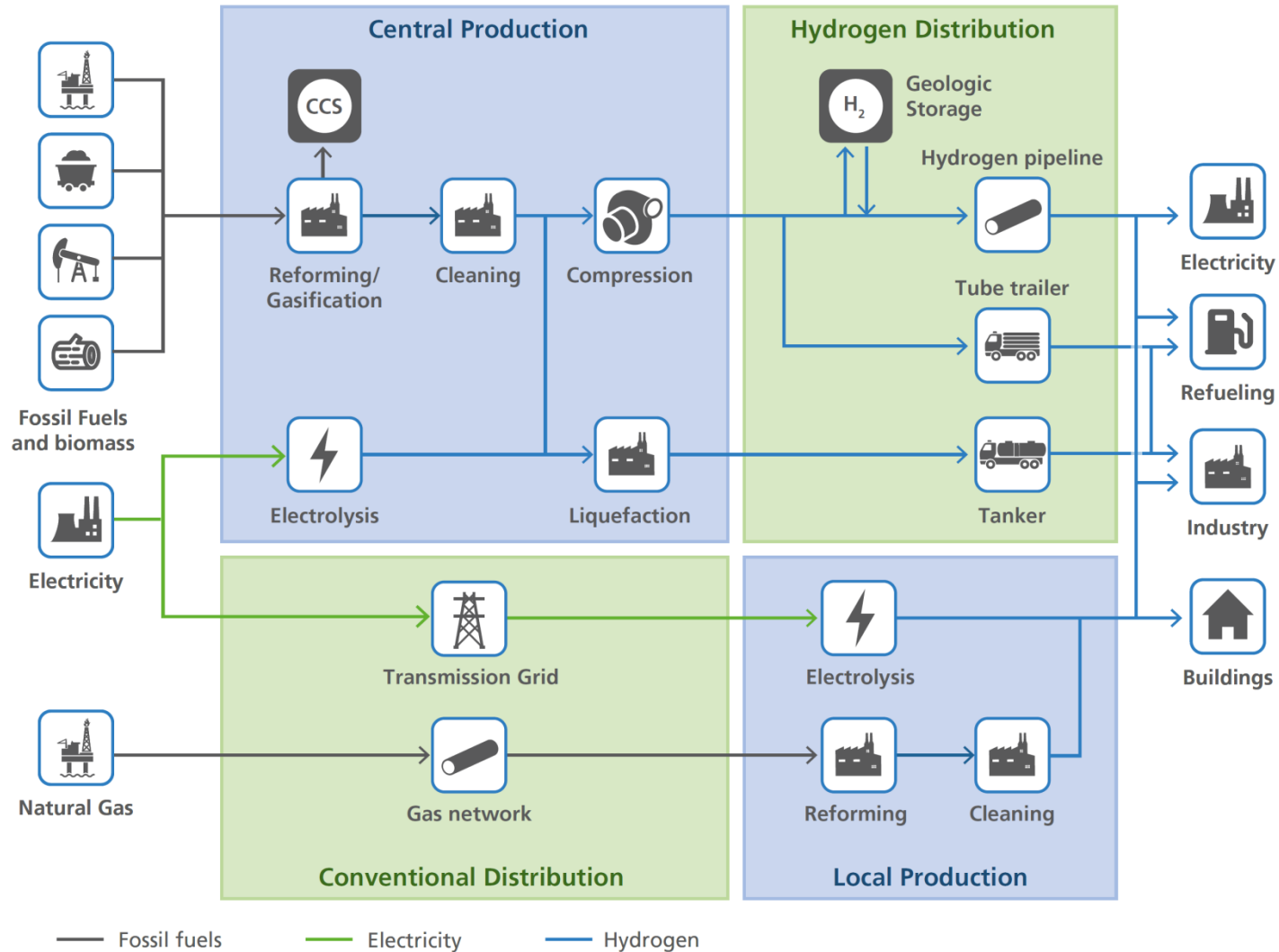
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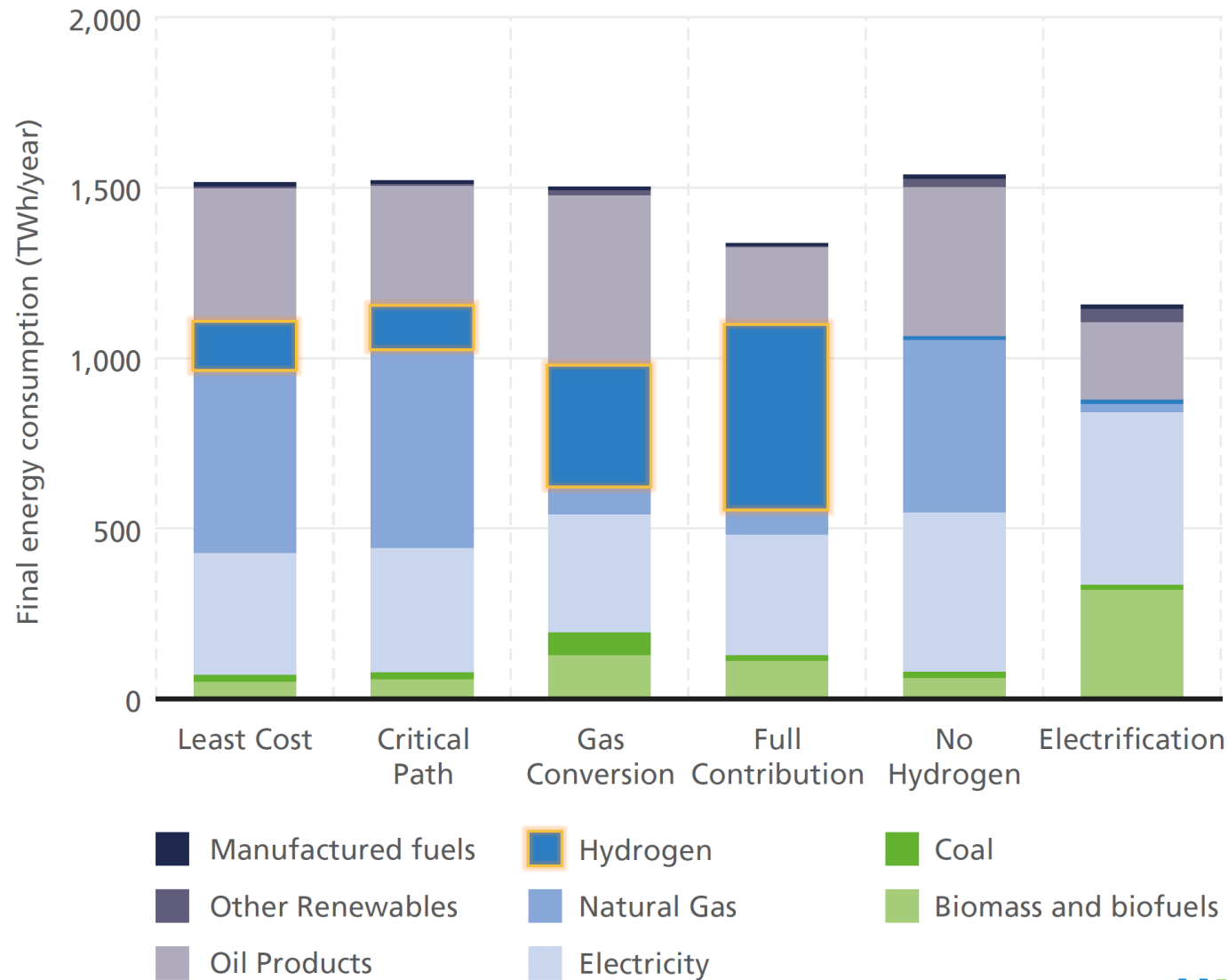
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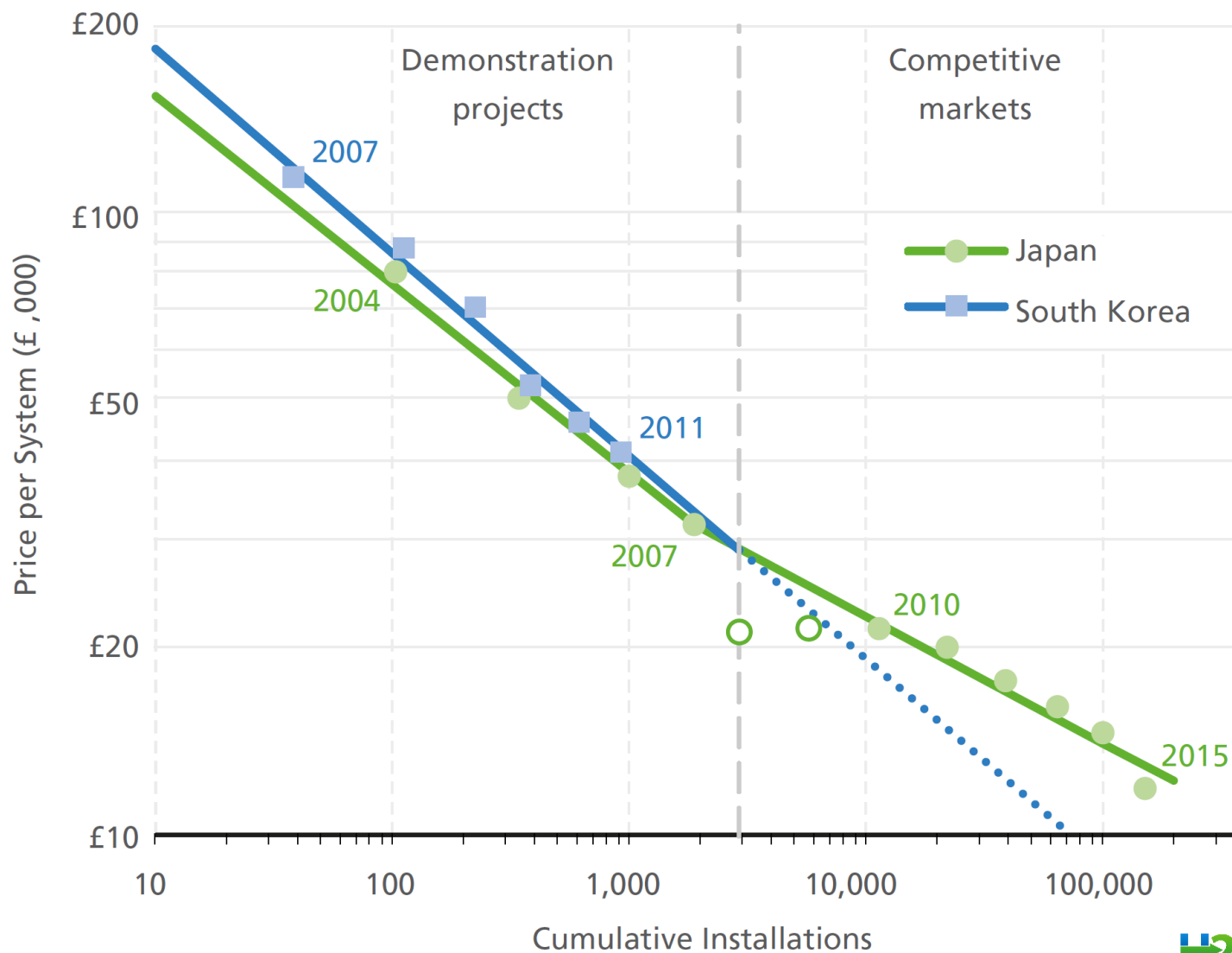
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# 6. H<sub>2</sub>FC Scenarios (2050)



# 7. H<sub>2</sub>FC Policy





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# To conclude...

## Hydrogen and fuel cells:

- \* are too important to neglect
- \* make decarbonisation easier
- \* need greater policy visibility

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