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# ESME presentation for IEA : Energy system modelling at ETI

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# What is the ETI?



- The Energy Technologies Institute (ETI) is a public-private partnership between global industries and UK Government

## Delivering...

- Targeted development, demonstration and de-risking of new technologies for affordable and secure energy
- Shared risk



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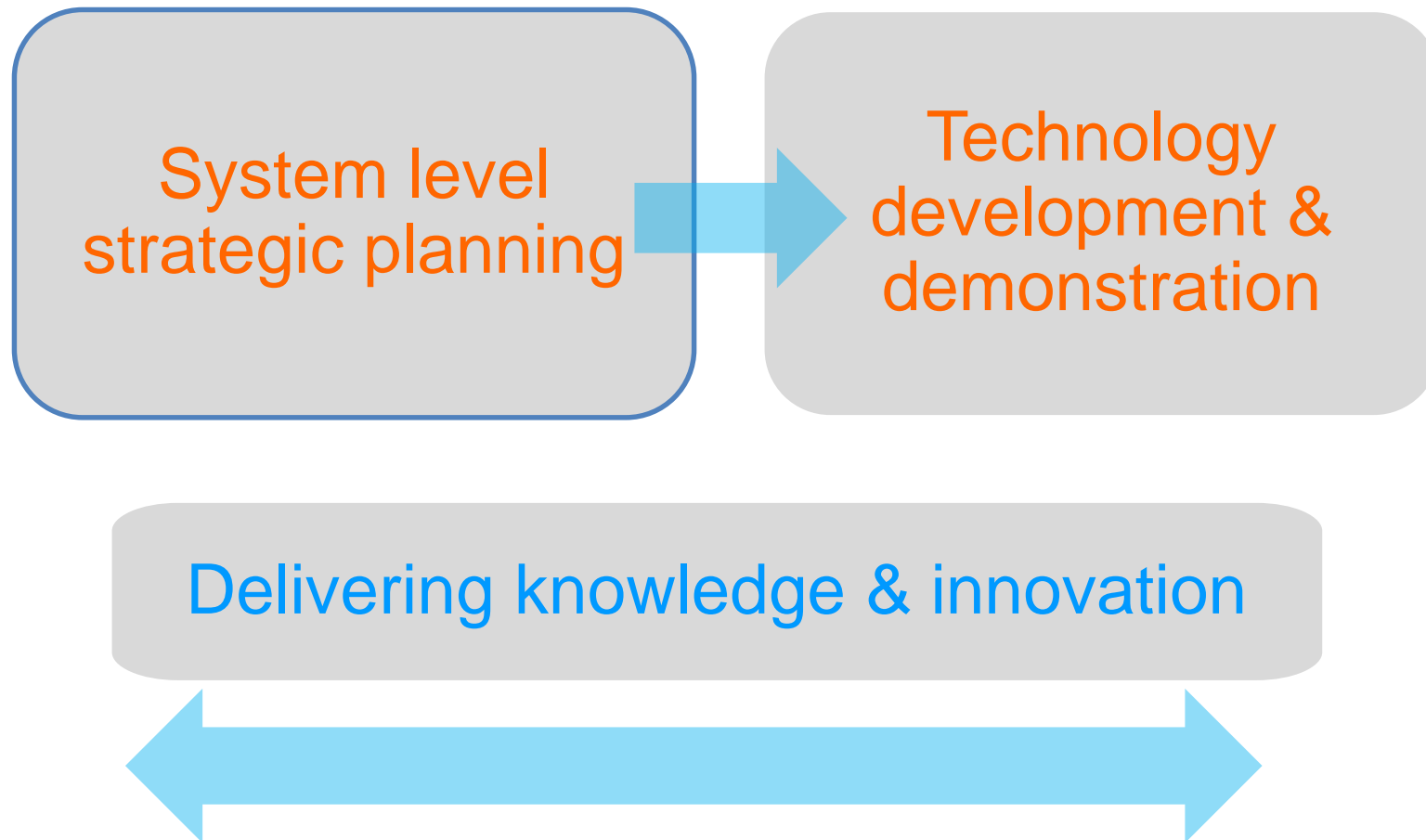
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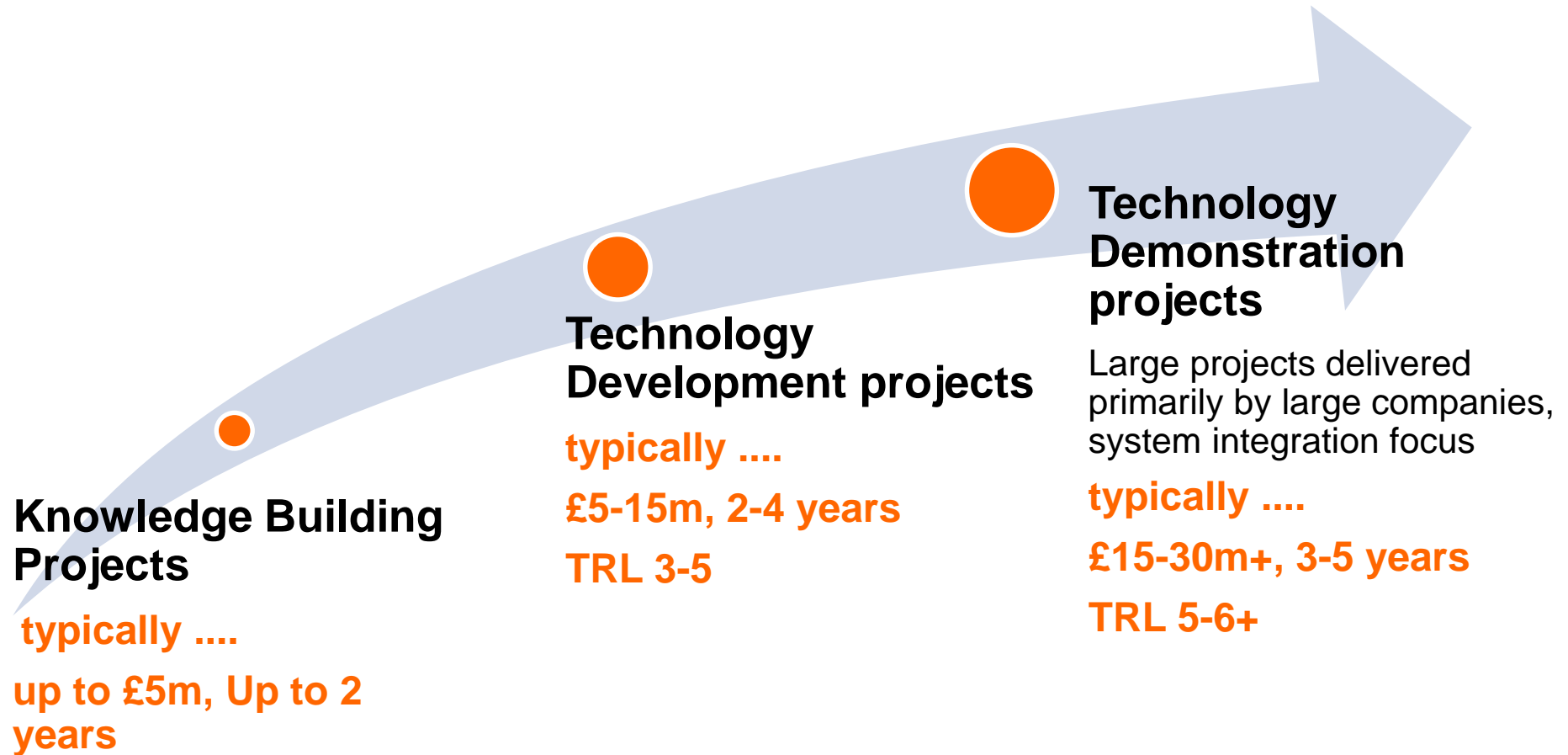
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# What we do...



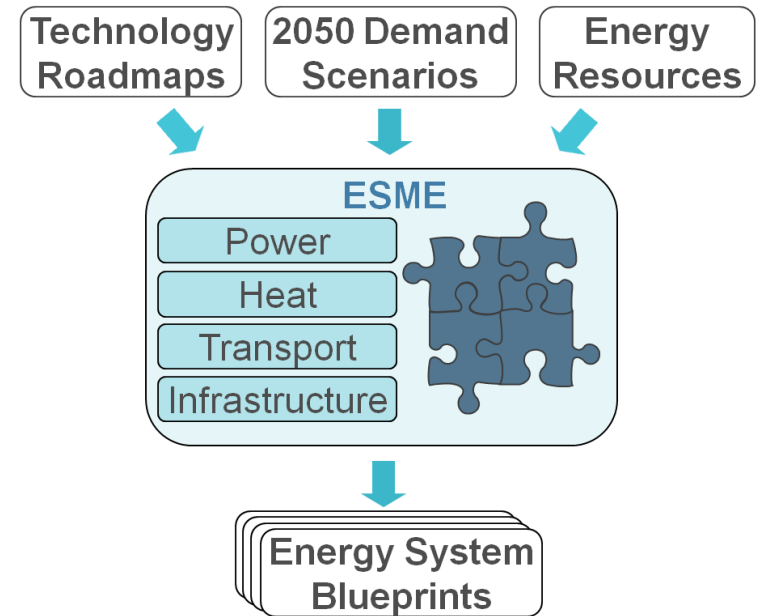
# ETI Invests in projects at 3 levels



# ESME

A peer-reviewed national energy system design tool

- Least cost optimisation, policy neutral
- Deployment & utilisation of >250 technologies
- Probabilistic treatment of key uncertainties
- Pathway and supply chain constraints to 2050
- Spatial and temporal resolution sufficient for system engineering



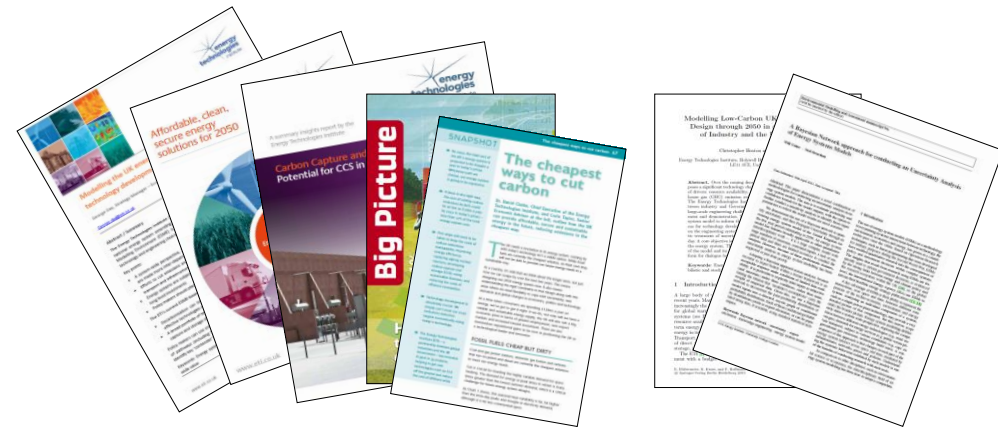
ESME is a central part of ETI's energy system analysis

Insights from modelling are combined with evidence from technical experts

A view is taken on ETI "additionality" for all investments

# ESME in use by ETI, its members and partners

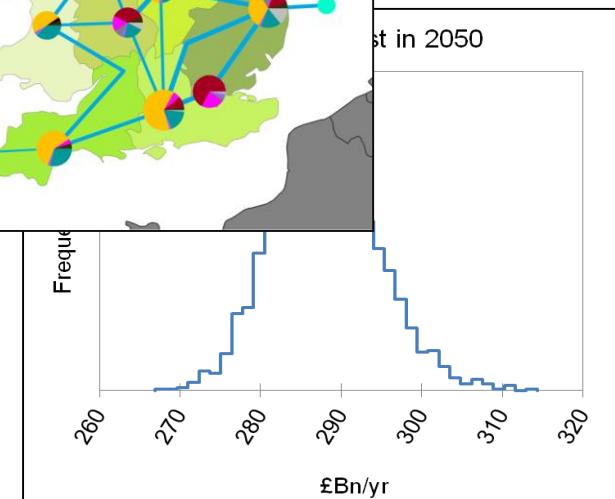
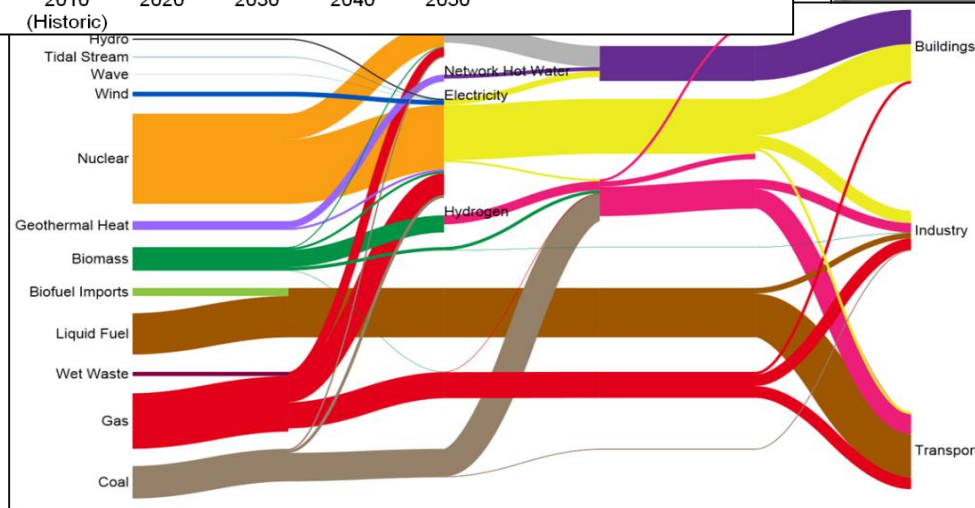
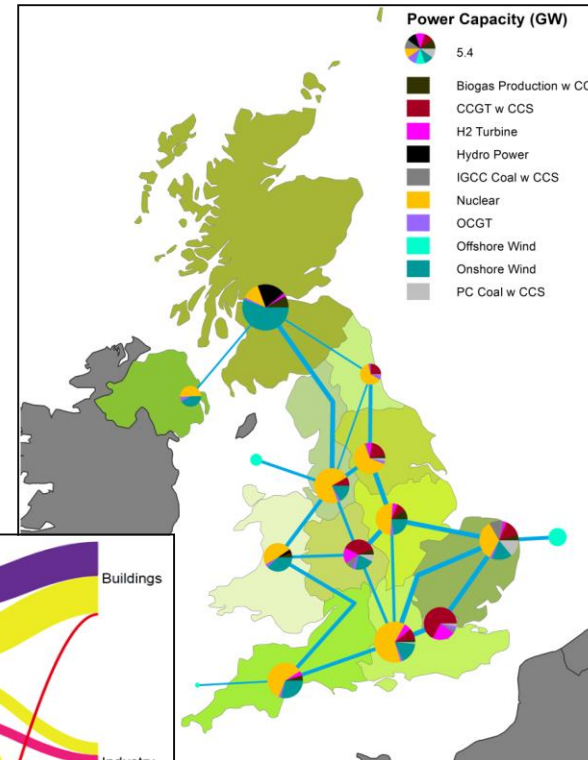
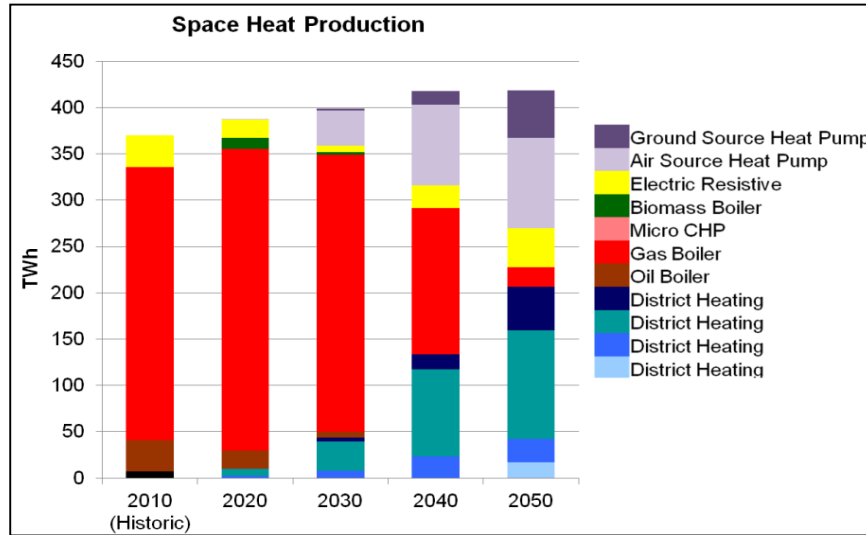
- ESME developed to inform technology development choices and targets for ETI & members
- ESME used to inform policy work by DECC\* and CCC+ on a range of issues
- ETI Members are developing own versions for specific countries of interest
- Academic research projects ongoing. ESME software licence available to academics.



\* UK Government Department of Energy & Climate Change

+ Committee on Climate Change, a statutory UK body

# Typical ESME Outputs



# Types of Debate that ESME is used to inform



- What might be 'no regret' technology choices and pathways to 2050?
- What is the total system cost of meeting the energy targets?
- What are the opportunity costs of individual technologies?
- What are the key constraints e.g. resources, supply constraints?
- How might accelerating the development of a technology impact the solution?
- How might uncertainty in resource prices and availability influence system design choices?
- Where should new generating capacity optimally be located?
- How might policies and consumer choices influence technology development?

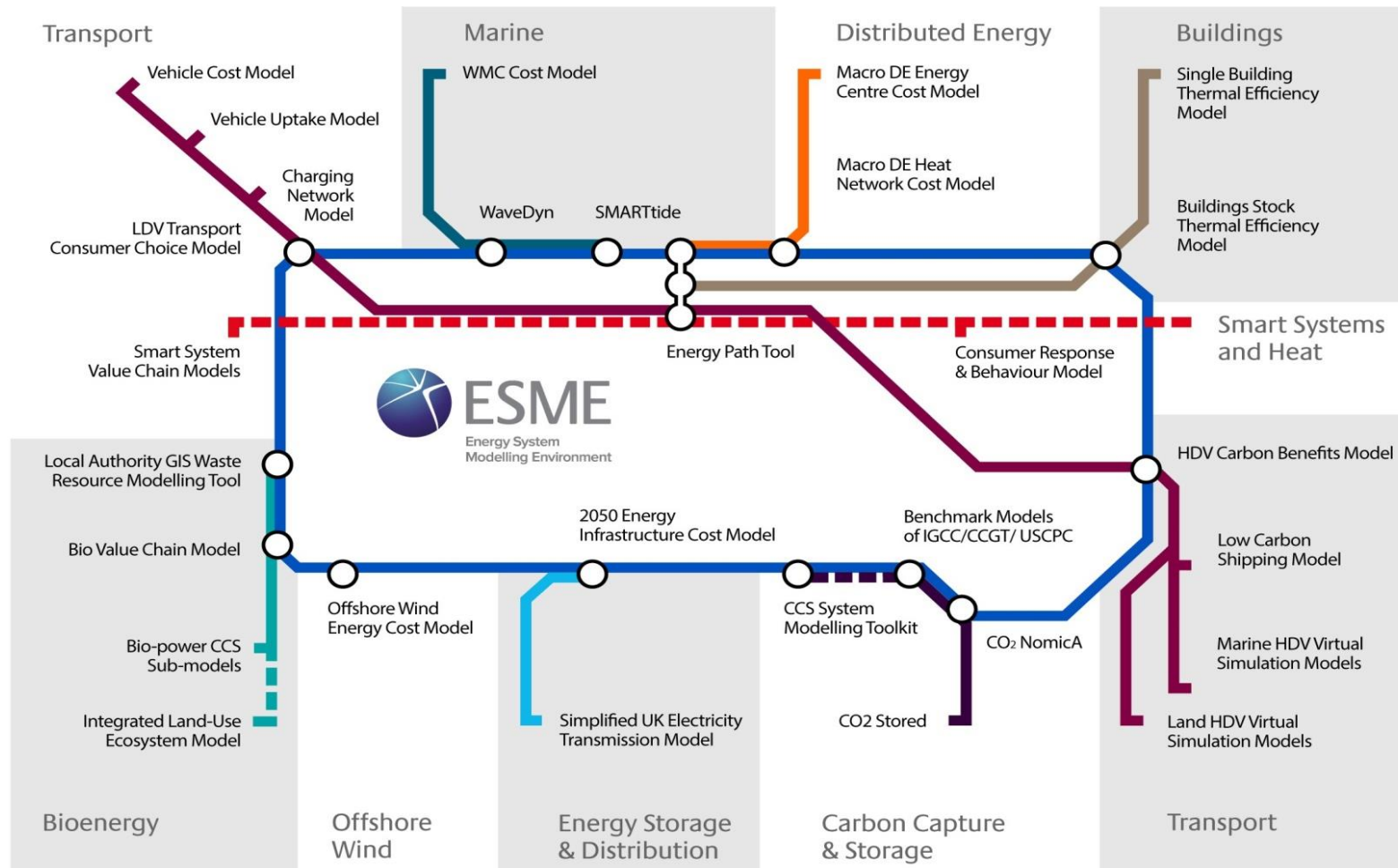


# ETI projects & models informing ESME

ESME is a platform for consolidating knowledge across technology areas



## ESME - On track to 2050



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# Potential implications for the UK...



## Abatement costs

UK's challenging 2050 CO2 target appears affordable with intelligent national energy system design and investment in technology development

## Efficiency measures

waste heat recovery, building insulation, and efficient vehicles make a contribution under all emission reduction scenarios

***ETI targeting through SSH (£100m) and HDV (£40m) projects***

## Nuclear

mature technology and appears economic under most emission reduction scenarios - primarily an issue of deployment (planning / licensing, supply-chain, finance etc)

***Cost impacts post-Fukushima need clarification – international approach needed***

## Bioenergy

major potential for negative emissions via CCS and might include a range of conversion routes – H2, SNG, process heat

***ETI investing in science, logistics and value models***

## Offshore Renewables

the marginal power technology and an important hedging option

***ETI investing in next generation, low cost, deepwater platform and turbine technology demonstrations***

## CCS

a key technology lever given potential wide application in power, hydrogen and SNG (gas) production, and in industry sector

***ETI investing in separation, storage and system design – for coal, gas and biomass***

## Natural gas

a key 2050 destination fuel for power, space heating, industrial process heat and potentially for heavy duty vehicle transport applications

***ETI addressing through SSH and HDV efficiency programmes***

## Hydrogen

potentially important energy vector providing system flexibility (CCS and storage) and light vehicle transport applications

***ETI determining energy system flexibility benefits of using H2***

SSH – Smart Systems and Heat programme

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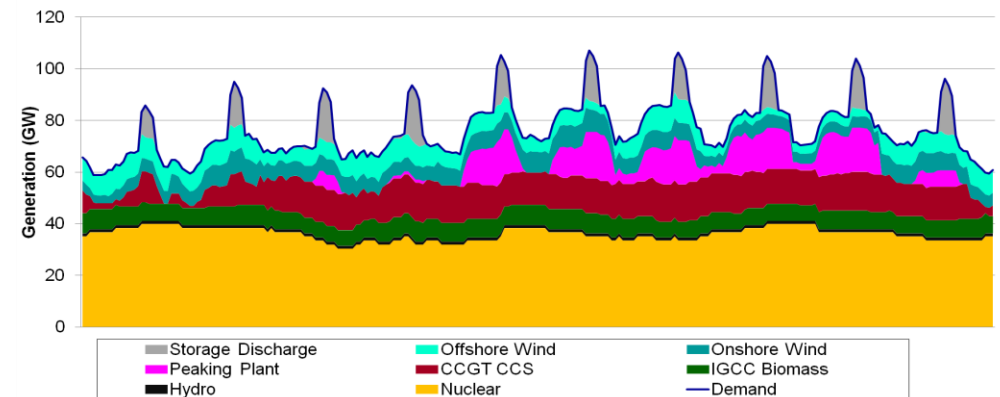
# More detail on model operation...

## Using the core ESME model:

- Monte Carlo results – ‘no-regret’ options, marginal choices
- 3 future UK demand cases – alternative socio-economic pathways for the UK
- Long list of “No technology X” sensitivities – opportunity cost metric
- Sensitivity to different CO<sub>2</sub> targets
- Sensitivity to improved/accelerated technology development

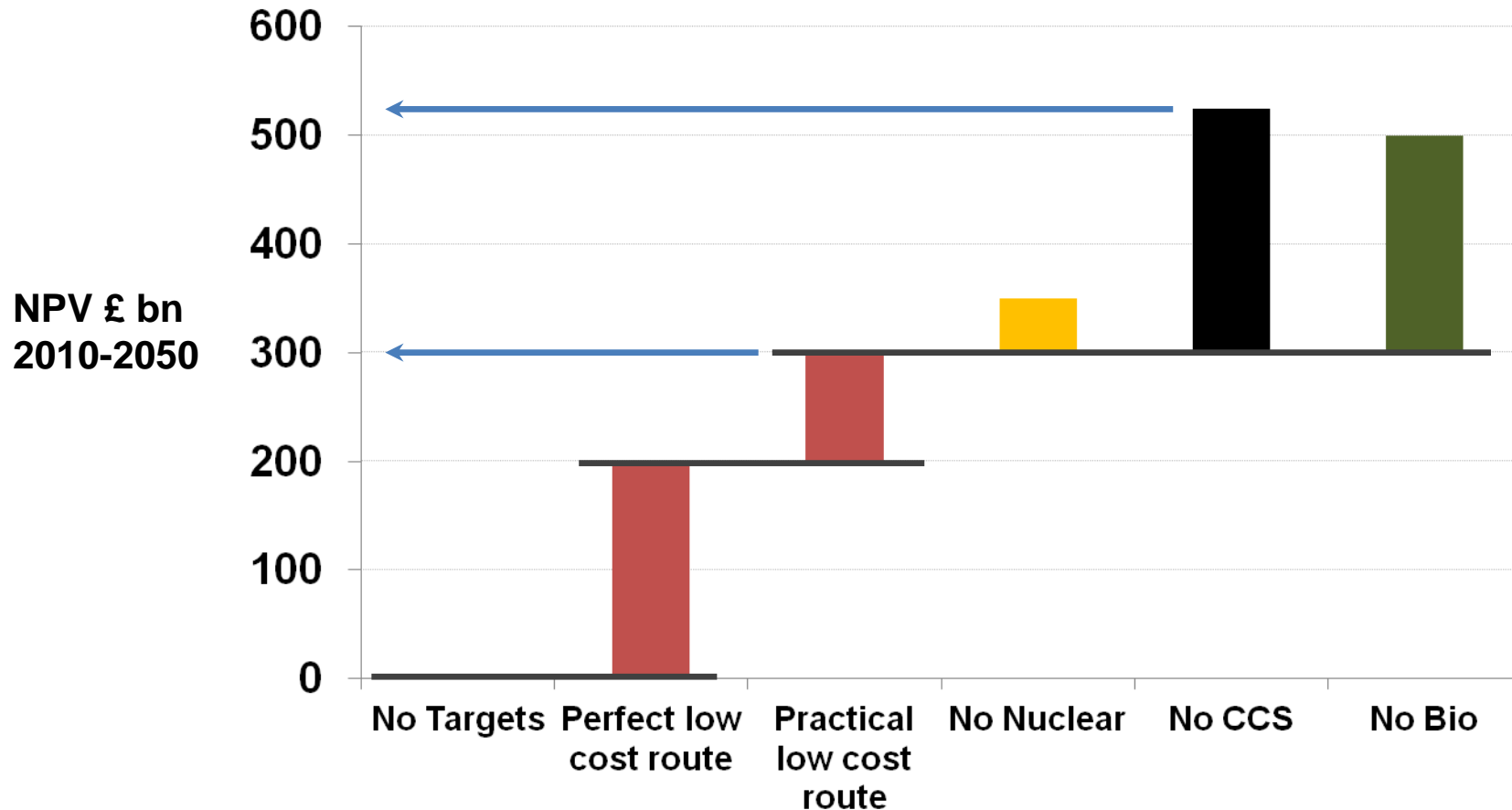
## Beyond the core ESME model:

- Dispatch of the ESME electricity system is studied in PLEXOS
- Switch for more detailed buildings & heat optimisation
- Switch for more detailed peak day modelling



# Getting the UK energy system to 2050

*Incremental 2010-2050 cost of delivering national energy system which meets CO2 targets*

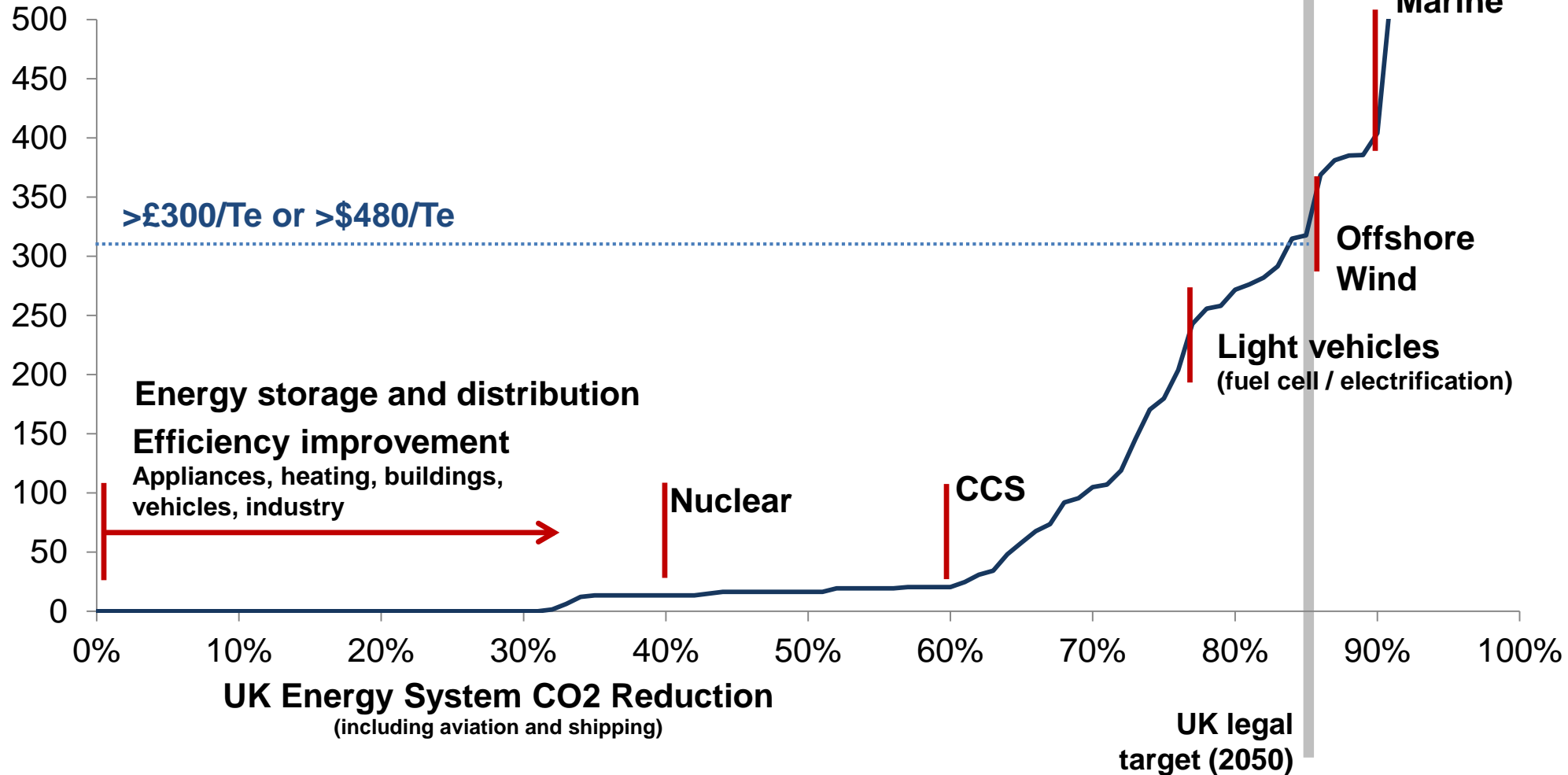


Societal level discount rate 3.5%

# 2050 UK system cost

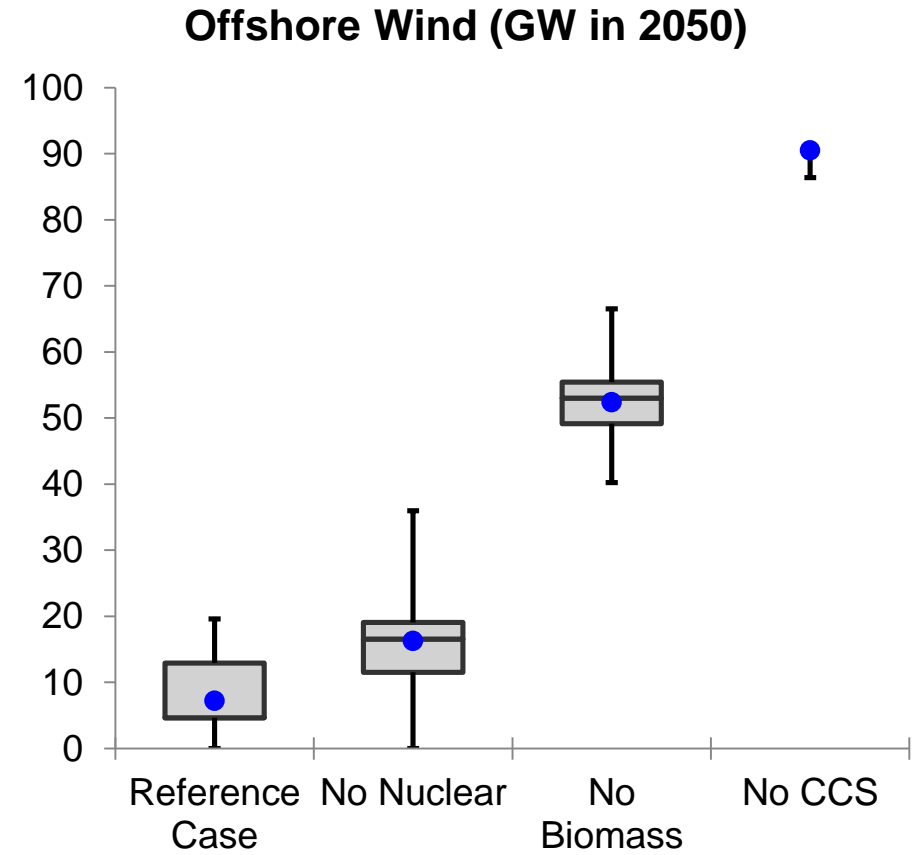
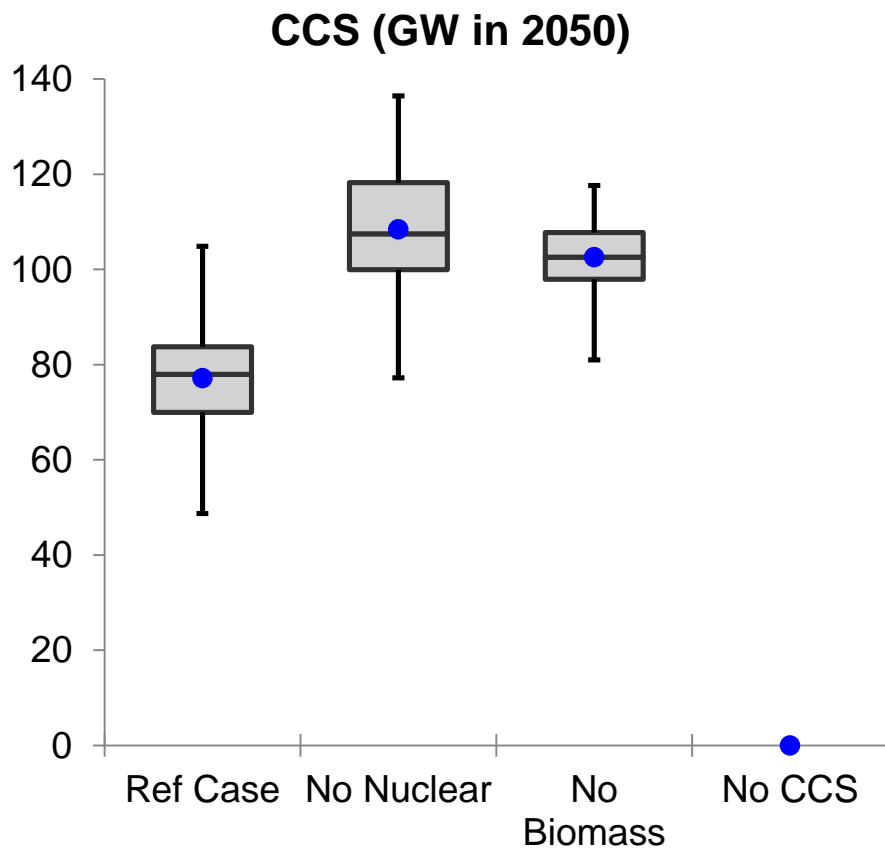
first appearances of major technologies, in order of increasing effective carbon price

2010 £/Tc CO<sub>2</sub>



# Technology deployment

CCS appears a mainstay, offshore wind a critical hedge



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