

# Rail Cymru – Can Hydrogen help Decarbonise Rail?

**Arcadis Energy Transition solutions** 

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# **Arcadis Global Hydrogen Community:**



#### **Vision Statement**

"Our vision is to support the simultaneous growth of supply and demand of the hydrogen industry, deploying hydrogen with the lowest possible carbon intensity to decarbonize all sectors. We will help our clients implement carbon reduction solutions through renewable energy and zero carbon technologies, driving them towards a sustainable net zero future"

### Arcadis Energy Transition Strategy



### Supporting the Hydrogen Value Chain Across all sectors:

Generation

Distribution

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Storage

Point of Use



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### **Decarbonising Rail – The Challenges**

- The UK rail network is currently only 38% electrified, meaning the majority of routes are reliant upon diesel trains.
- Network Rail's Decarbonisation Strategy aspiration to remove diesel trains from the network by 2040.
- The Strategy advocates for new electrification of 13,000 single track kilometres (STKs) – what about the balance?
- Between 2013 and 2019, 747km of electrification works were completed, and only 2.2km in the year from April 2021 to March 2022.



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Significant acceleration or additional measures are required if we are to achieve 2040 and 2050 decarbonisation

Between April 2021 – March 2022 552m litres of Diesel used on the Rail

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### **Decarbonisation of Rail**

How Hydrogen can provide Practical solutions to help the Rail industry decarbonise:



in 2018 the DfT challenged the rail industry remove all diesel-only trains from the network by 2040. The Scottish Government has set a target to decarbonise domestic passenger rail services by 2035





TRACTION DECARBONISATION

NETWORK STRATEGY Interim Programme Business Case

31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

 We will minimise energy use at the offices, depots and stations that we manage and look for innovative ways to reduce energy throughout our infrastructure.

## **Decarbonising Rail Construction**

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#### Construction

it is logical that Diesel needs to be removed from rail construction processes in addition to the Network. The industry requires a satisfactory, business as usual alternative to Diesel.





Decarbonising Construction Plant is a priority for the industry – the Rail industry is a key sector to support accelerated adoption. By facilitating hydrogen plant, can the infrastructure be used to leave a positive legacy for Assets and Operation?

## **Decarbonising Rail Assets & Operation**

Hydrogen solutions and technology were embedded into the proposal for £570m Curzon St Station to support direct Net Zero and wider decarbonisation benefits







### Rail emissions April 2021 to March 2022



April 2021 to March 2022 1,080,000 tonnes CO2e Diesel emissions

Туре	Electric emissions	Diesel emissions	
Passenger	358g CO <sub>2</sub> e per electric vehicle km	1400g CO2e per diesel vehicle km	Ну
Freight	211g CO <sub>2</sub> e per electric vehicle km	598g CO2e per diesel vehicle km	su of

Hydrogen technology can support the decarbonisation of Rail Assets & Operation

## **Hydrogen Value Chain Considerations**

**PARCADIS** Design & Consultance for natural and built assets

To accelerate decarbonisation and adopt hydrogen in rail, all elements of the value chain need to be satisfactorily demonstrated suitable to replicate Diesel

Generation Storage Distribution Point of Use

Train Operators require a business as-usual, resilient replacement for Diesel. Store sufficient quantities of

hydrogen in a safe and suitable manner

Hydrogen or associated carriers need to be distributed

at scale Obtain the hydrogen rolling stock with appropriate refuelling solutions



## **Hydrogen Rail Evidence in Action**







**Stadler's FLIRT H2 in Colorado – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - has achieved a Guinness World Record for the longest distance of over 1,700 miles, running for over 46 hours without refuelling.



**Hydroflex** was the first hydrogen powered train has run on the UK mainline. Delivered in partnership with the University of Birmingham and Porterbrook. During 2023, it reached speeds of 90mph and travelled up Lickey Hill, the steepest mainline incline in the UK. Also, the first UK Hydrogen train to safely travel through a tunnel. **CRRC Changchun** Railway Vehicles Co. – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 has developed China's "first" home-grown hydrogen-powered urban train, completing a test run at a speed of 160kph (99mph). The test was completed on a CCRC test track in China's northeast Jilin Province. The train is reported to have a maximum cruising range of over 1,000km.





In February 2024, California announced it was expanding hydrogen passenger Rail fleet to 10

Toks Omishakin, California Transportation Secretary stated "California continues to lead the way to a cleaner, more connected transportation system. By expanding our fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trainsets, we are showing we are serious about deploying innovative and sustainable transportation options for the people of this state."



**Puglia, Southeastern Italy** Two of Alstom's Coradia Stream H models will replace the region's current diesel trains.

**Lombardy, in northern Italy**, is expanding its hydrogen train fleet. Ferrovie Nord Milano has ordered two additional Coradia Stream H trains, bringing their total to eight. This builds on a previous framework agreement for up to 14 bydrogen trains **Technology Considerations** 

Hydrogen Combustion

**Produces Heat** 

E.g.: HICE / hydrogen boilers

Hydrogen Combustion can tolerate lower grades of hydrogen fuel purity. There are zero carbon emissions, however NOx is potentially generated from the process Hydrogen Fuel Cell Produces Electricity & Heat

#### BOSCH E.g.: Fuel Cell Vehicles (like the Toyota Mirai)

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Hydrogen Fuel Cells require 99.97% pure hydrogen fuel. Fuel Cells are more efficient than combustion and the byproduct of fuel cells is water i.e. completely emission free



Note: It is 3x cheaper per kW to distribute hydrogen down a pipe than it is electricity down a cable

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# **Carbon Intensity**

### Definitions

WBCSD / Hydrogen Council Definitions

Reduced-carbon hydrogen

 $\leq$  6 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kg H<sub>2</sub> or c. 50 g CO<sub>2</sub>/MJ

- Low-carbon hydrogen
- $\leq$  3 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kg H<sub>2</sub> or c. 25 g CO<sub>2</sub>/MJ
- Ultra-low carbon hydrogen

 $\leq$ 1 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kg H<sub>2</sub> or c. 8 g CO<sub>2</sub>/MJ

#### **UK Government (BEIS)**

• Low-carbon hydrogen < 20g CO<sub>2</sub>e/MJLHV



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### Summary

- Accelerated solutions to decarbonise Rail projects. Hydrogen & Alternative Fuels can help facilitate this acceleration.
  - Change mindset from lowering carbon emissions to eliminating carbon emissions across construction, assets and operation.
- Add value to projects and challenge conventional solutions we can provide business as usual zero emission hydrogen solutions
- Clear plans and roadmaps to remove Diesel rolling stock by 2040 and the Rail industry achieve Net Zero by 2050

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