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Electricity and Heat Demand in Scotland – the implications of heat electrification

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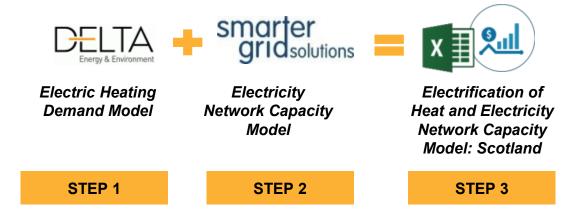
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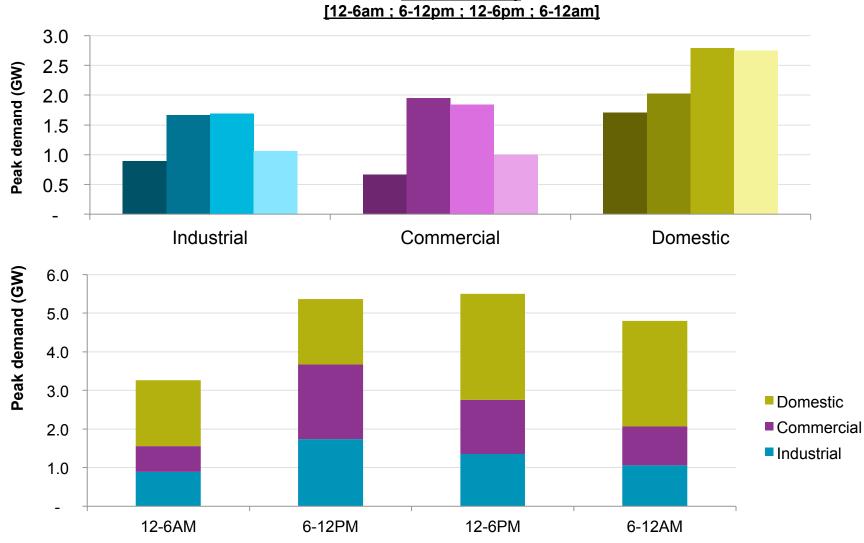
What are the grid impacts of electrifying heat?





Electricity demand today – the winter peak





Winter weekday

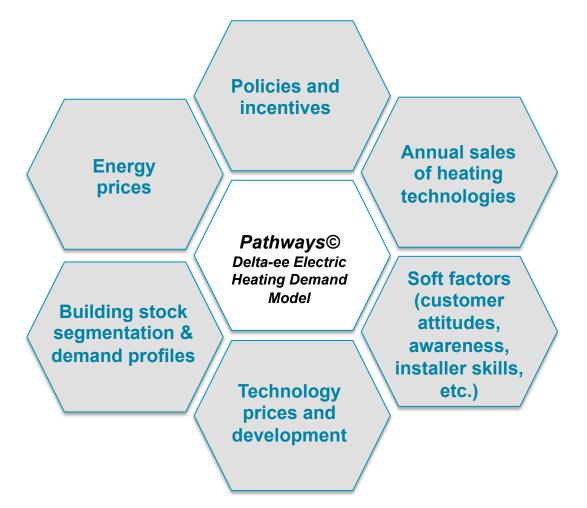


What happens when some of the heat demand is electrified?

We developed a Reference Scenario to identify potential electric heating demand

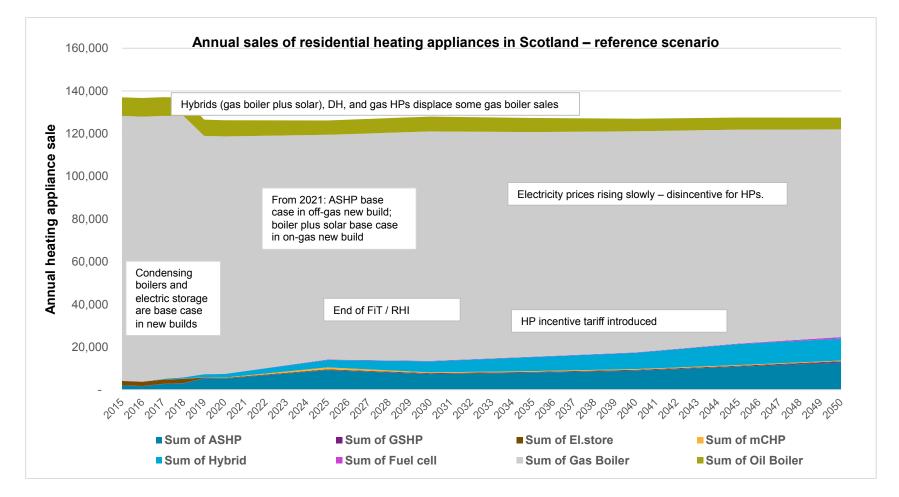


Inputs and assumptions



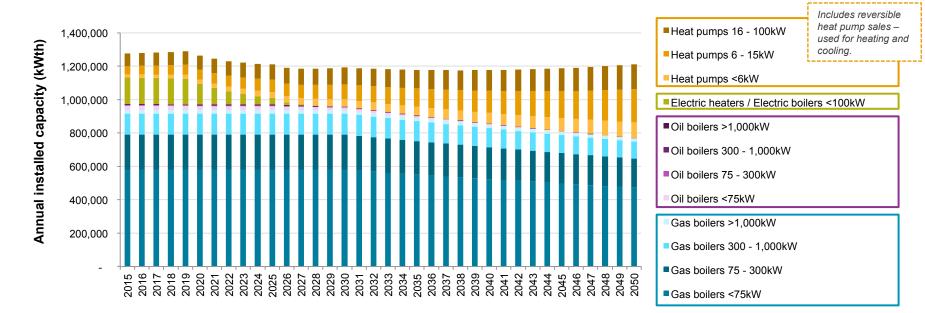
Residential – slow, steady increase in electric HP deployment

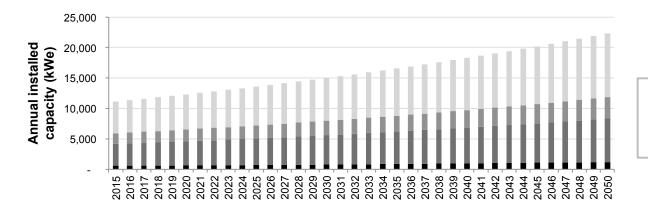




Commercial buildings – growth in HP and CHP deployment

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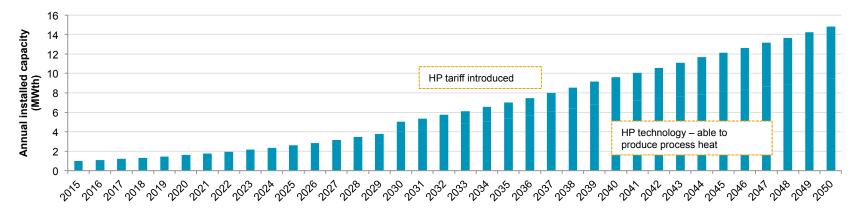




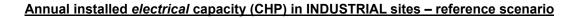
Experts in heat and distributed energy

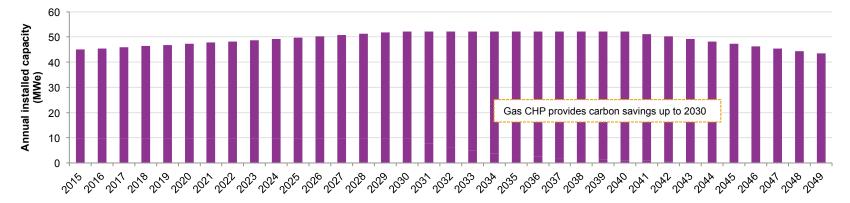
Industry – modest expansion in HP deployment





Annual installed thermal capacity (Heat Pumps) in INDUSTRIAL sites - reference scenario





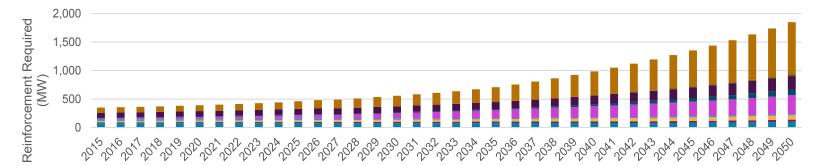


10 Peak electricity demand (GW) 8 12-6AM 6 6-12PM 12-6PM 4 6-12AM 2 0

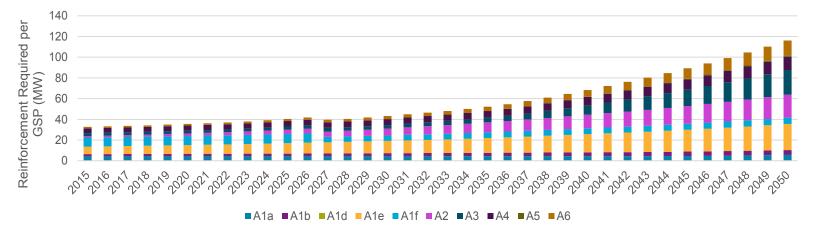
Forecast Peak Electric demand, Scotland (2016 – 2050)

Key impact: grid reinforcement requirements increase greatly





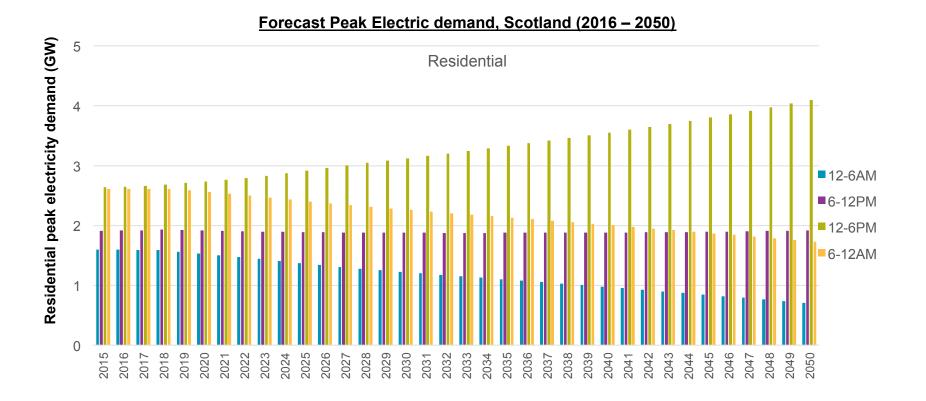
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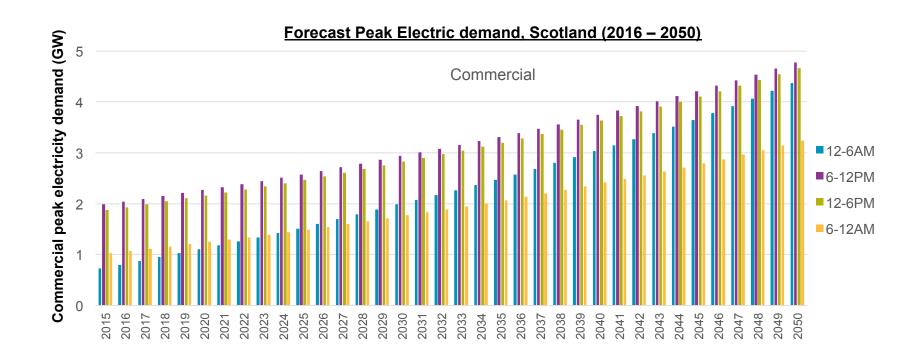
From 2035, the need for reinforcements would accelerate significantly.





COMMERCIAL: Peak demand increase ~2.7 GWe





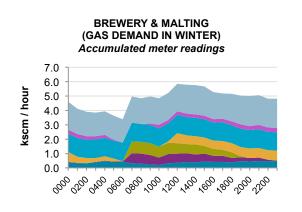


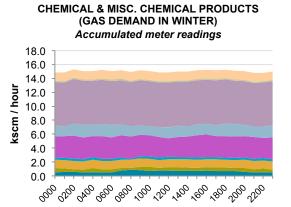
- By 2050, peak electricity demand on a peak winter weekday could rise from ~6 GWe to > 10 GWe.
- Most of the growth derives from commercial buildings
- This electrification is relatively modest eg in 2050 district heat meets 7.4 TWh of demand – up from 0.3 TWh today
- By 2050, substantial grid reinforcements would be required

Why is electricity demand in the industrial sector relatively unchanged?



- 1. Most industrial sites have relatively flat heat demand through the day.
- 2. Industrial heat pumps currently best cater to low-temperature process heat and we expect only modest improvements in terms of technology development to handle medium and high temperature process heat leading out to 2050.
- 3. The prevalence of CHP systems within the industrial sector.



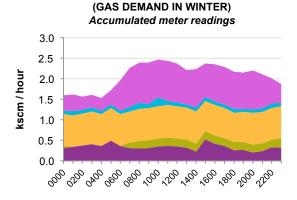


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Gas demand – proxy for thermal demand

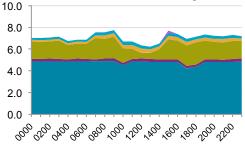
(GAS DEMAND IN WINTER) Accumulated meter readings

SPIRIT DISTILLING & COMPOUNDING



MISCELLANEOUS FOOD





kscm / hour

PREPARATION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS (GAS DEMAND IN WINTER)

