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Distributing our Water Resources: Utilising Integrated Smart & low-Carbon Energy.

Delivering Solutions for the Sustainability of the Water-Energy Nexus

Final Event

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Agenda



Time	Event
10.00 – 10.30	Registration, Coffee/Tea & Networking (location The Foyer)
10.30 – 10.40	Choral Introduction <i>Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir</i>
10.40 - 10.50	Welcome <i>Brian Broderick, Associate Dean of Research, Trinity College Dublin</i>
10.50 – 11.10	Welsh Assembly Perspective <i>Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change</i>
11.10 – 11.40	Delivering Engineering Solutions <i>Aonghus McNabola, Trinity College Dublin</i>
11.40 – 12.10	Environmental insights for industry and policy <i>Prysor Williams, Bangor University</i>
12.10 – 12.20	Leveraging Transdisciplinary Research Collaboration for Impact <i>Paul Coughlan, Trinity College Dublin</i>
12.20 – 12.40	Acknowledgements, Next Steps & Panel Discussion <i>Aonghus McNabola, Prysor Williams & Paul Coughlan</i>
12.40 – 13.00	Choral Closure <i>Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir</i>
13.00 – 14:00	Networking, Poster & Lunch <i>The Foyer</i>





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Delivering Engineering Solutions

Prof. Aonghus McNabola, Trinity College Dublin



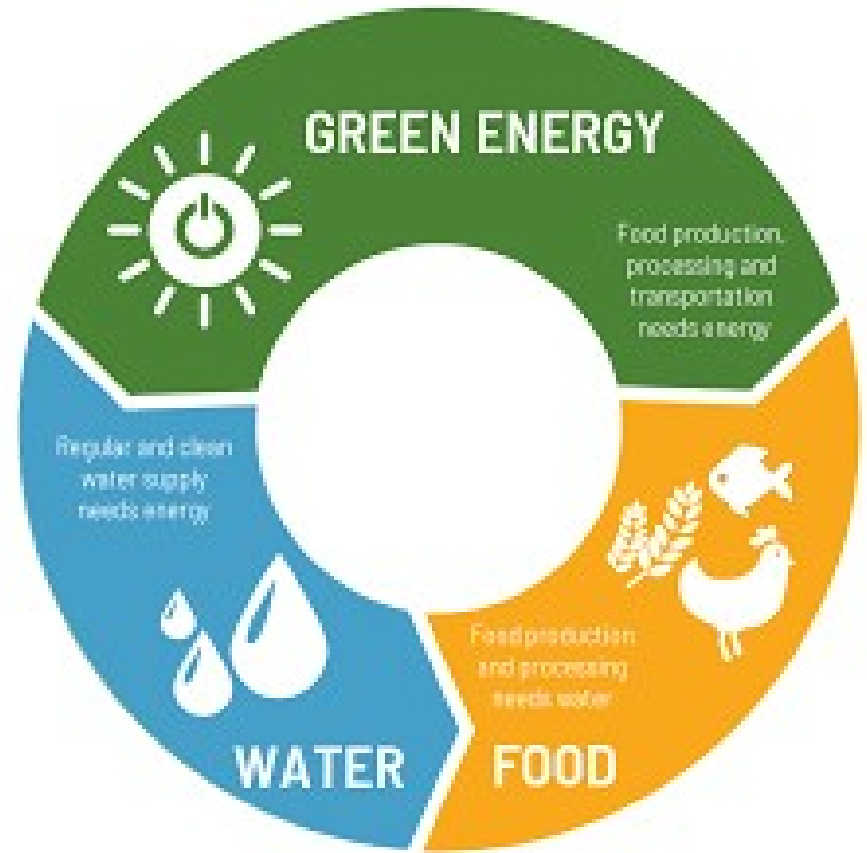


Introduction to Dât Uisce



The Dât Uisce project aimed to address the water-energy-food nexus using:

1. Smart and low-carbon technology.
2. Cross-sectoral & cross-border benchmarking, and economical and environmental impact assessment
3. Networking, dissemination, knowledge exchange, brokerage events, demonstrations.



The project will deliver improved efficiency of the water-energy nexus, benefitting two key stakeholder groups: **water suppliers** and **water consumers**



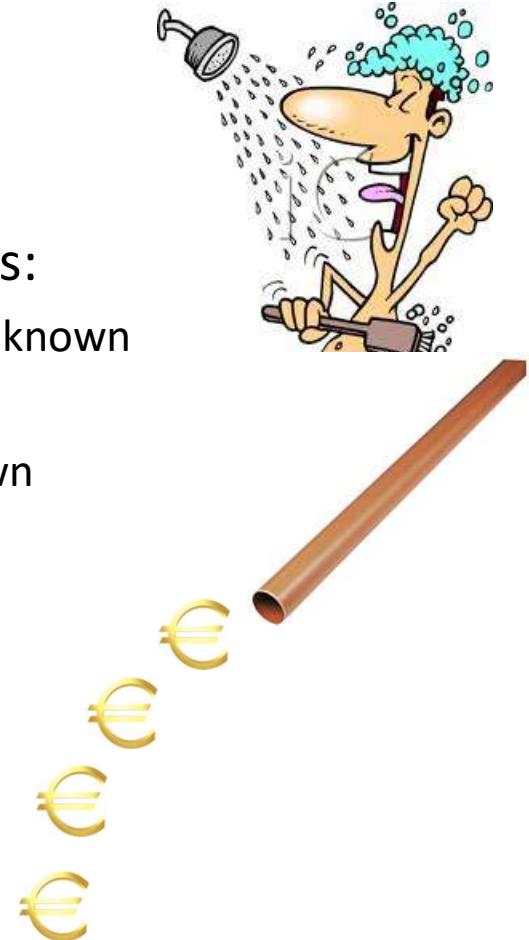




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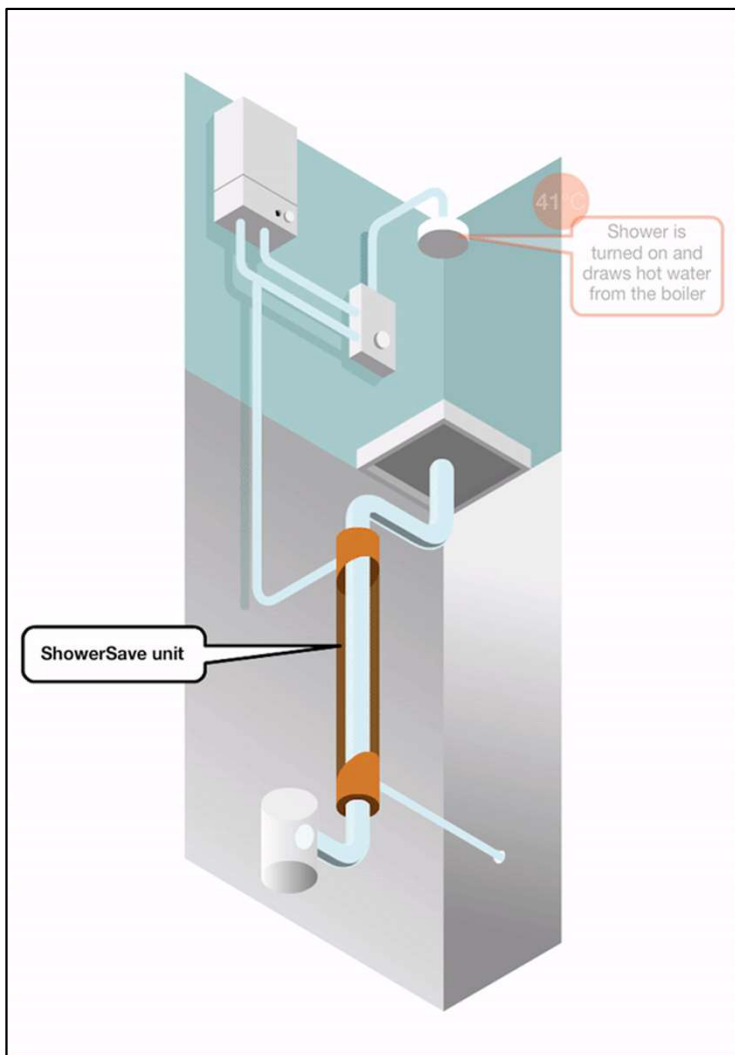
Wastewater Heat Recovery

- Heating/cooling account for ~50% of energy consumption in the EU
- 15-30% of a buildings thermal energy is embedded in wastewater
- Water from a typical 40°C shower enters the drain at 30°C
- In 2016 the Dwr Uisce project faced the following challenges:
 - The magnitude of heat resources available in the sewer systems is unknown
 - The spatial and temporal variation of waste heat resources is unknown
 - Technical solutions for heat recovery outside of showers or single domestic/commercial appliances are lacking



DWHR at Penrhyn Castle

Heat recovery concept in wastewater



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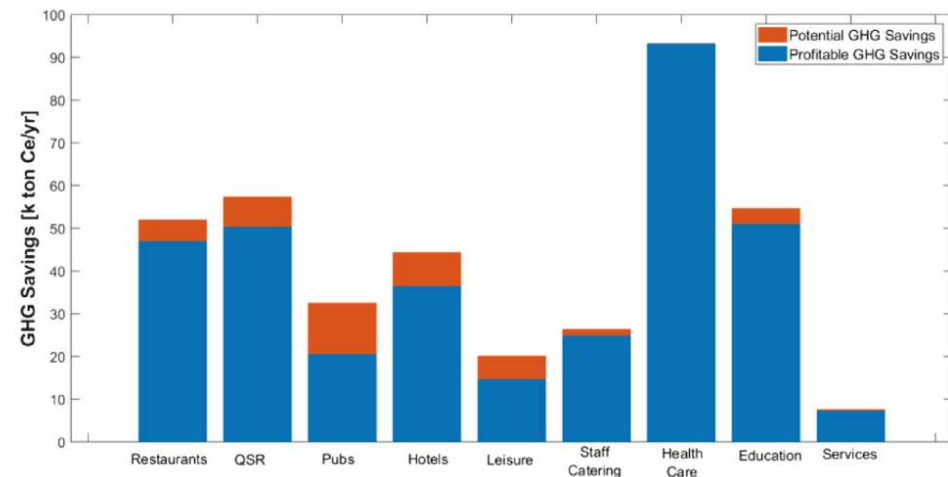


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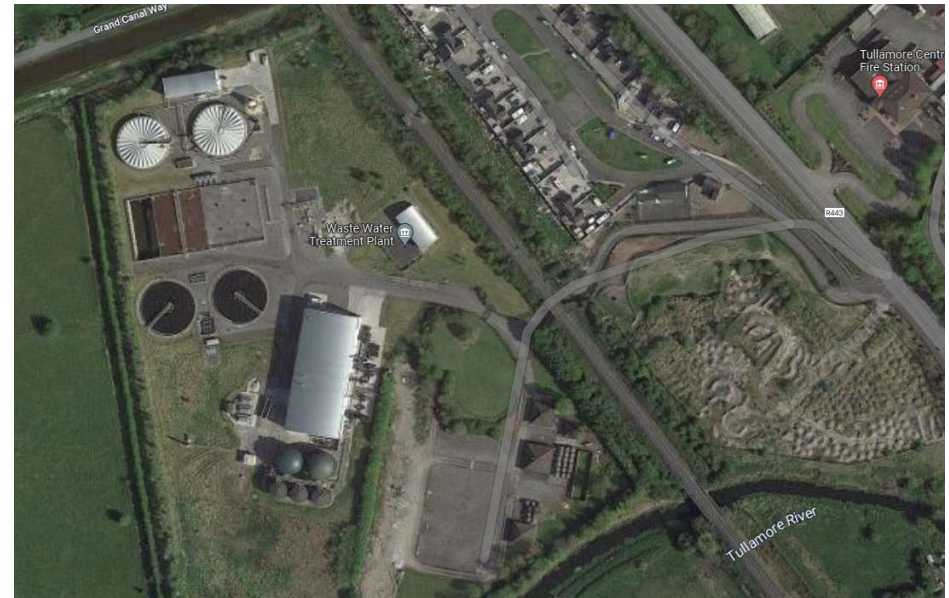
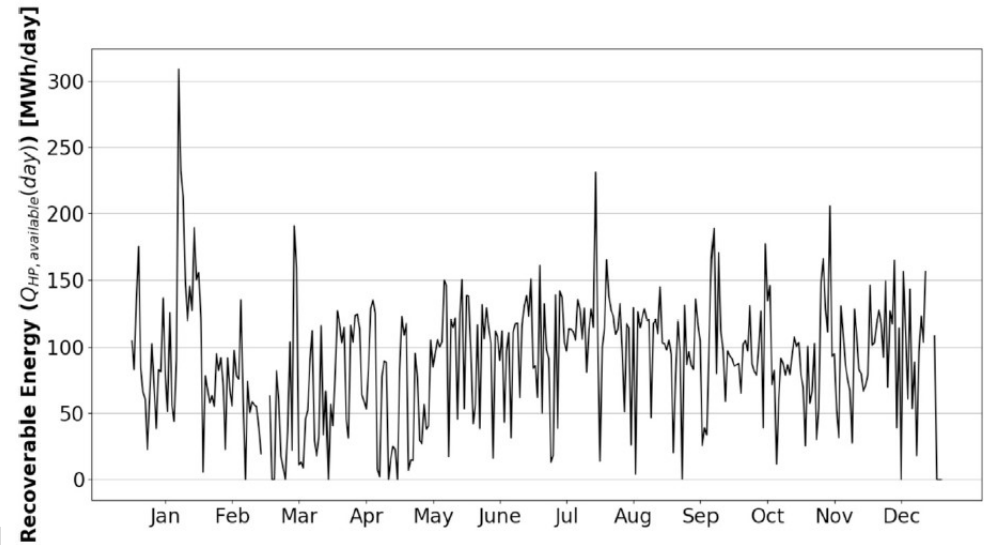
[1] <https://showersave.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/A-System-1.mp4>

[2] <https://showersave.com/vertical-wwhrs/>

- Wastewater heat measured in:
 - 10 domestic residences
 - 1 nursing home
 - 5 hotels
 - 5 cafes
 - 3 leisure centres
 - 3 industrial food producers
 - 1 Wastewater treatment plant
- Estimated 1.4 TWh/yr of waste heat be discharged from commercial kitchens in the UK
- Showed wastewater heat in the domestic sector in Ireland has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to domestic hot water- and space heating by up to 22%



- Estimated a total 26 GWh/yr of available wastewater heat at Tullamore wastewater treatment plant in Ireland
- Established a picture of the size and spread of wastewater heat resources
- This led to new questions and opportunities for WWHR technology



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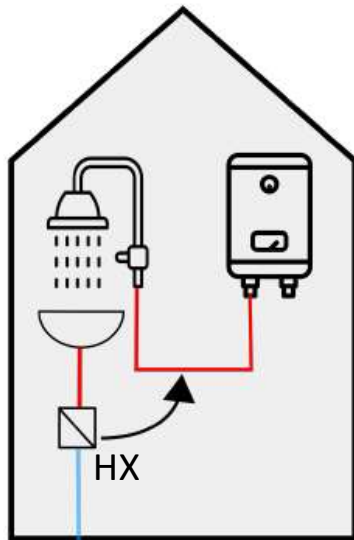
Wastewater Heat Resource Estimation

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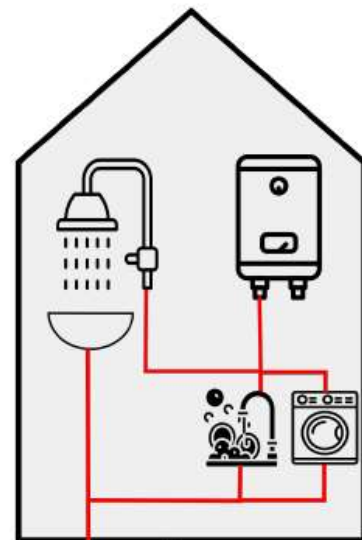
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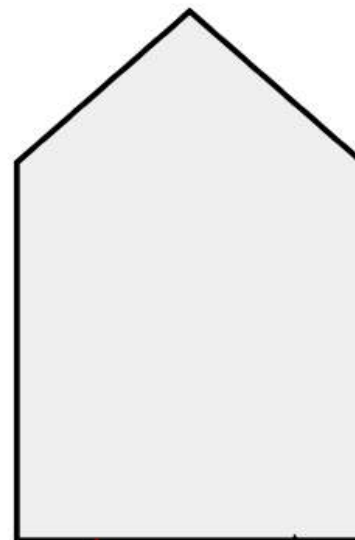
Decreasing Heat & Water Quality



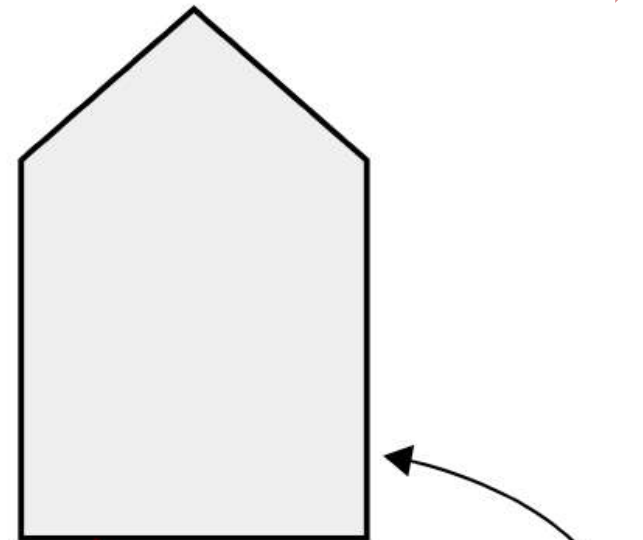
Component level



Building level



Sewer level



WWTP level

Increasing Flows



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Wastewater Heat Recovery Demonstration

- Pilot demonstration of WWHR at Penrhyn Castle Café
 - Saved 1510 kWh during 2022 tourist season (233 kWh / month on average)
 - £1815 system cost with 1-7 year payback (depending on fuel price)

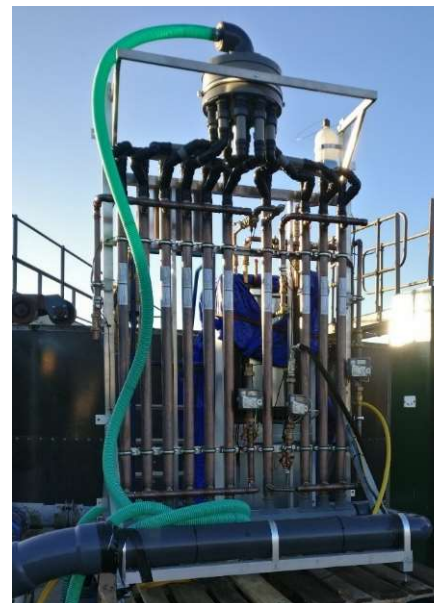
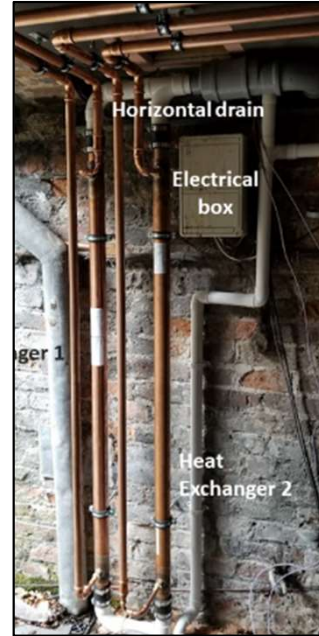


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Food Group

- Pilot demonstration of WWHR at ABP Food Cahir
 - Recovered 48-168 kWh/day from treatment works inlet
 - Recovered 38-140 kWh/day from treatment works outlet
 - MWh available onsite but more HX development required



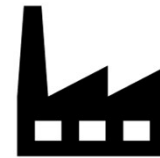


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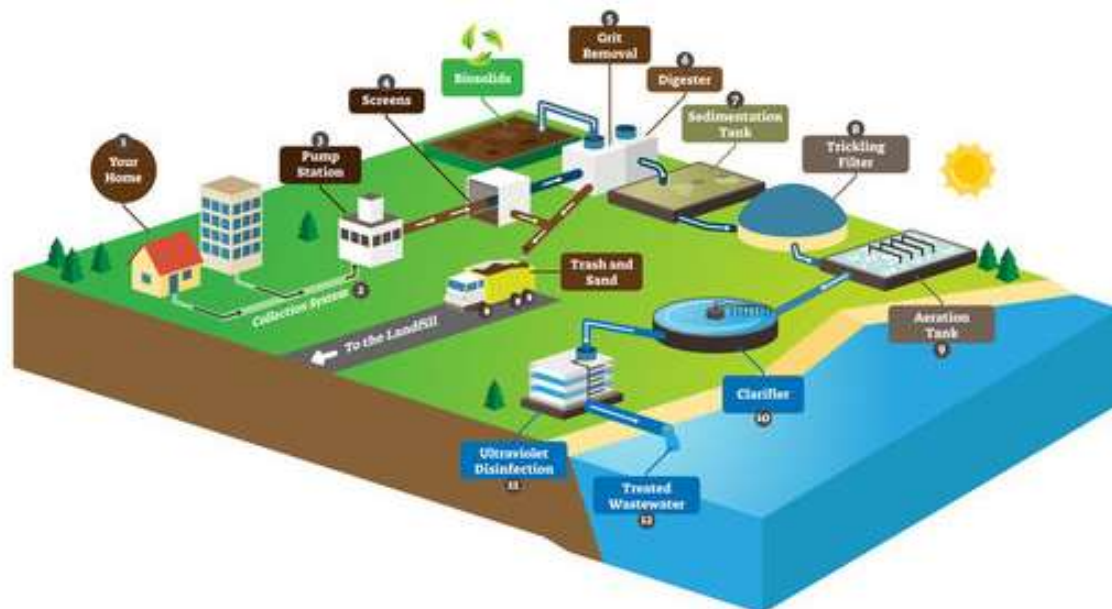
Key learnings & Future Developments

Very significant renewable heat resources available in wastewater systems:

- Key sectors include water-intensive industry/commerce & municipal treatment plants



- Key factors include ambient temperature and cold-water temperature
- Key unknown: impacts of WWHR on wastewater treatment and sewer system

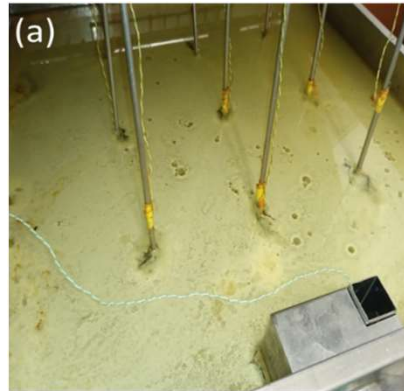




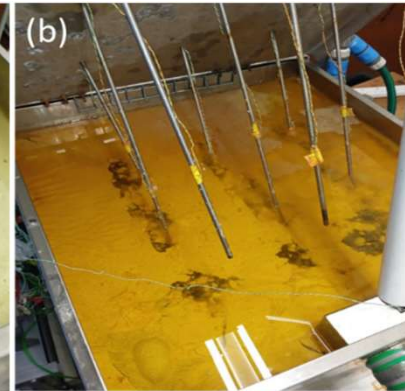
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Key learnings & Future Developments

- Key research question: how can we integrate WWHR into existing wastewater treatment processes?



Vegetable oil



Vegetable oil + Butter



Vegetable oil + Butter + Goose fat

- New research projects examining the integration 3D printed thermally conductive composite materials for WWHR in existing treatment tanks

Recycling Energy Hidden in Existing
Wastewater Treatment Systems
(REHEATS)

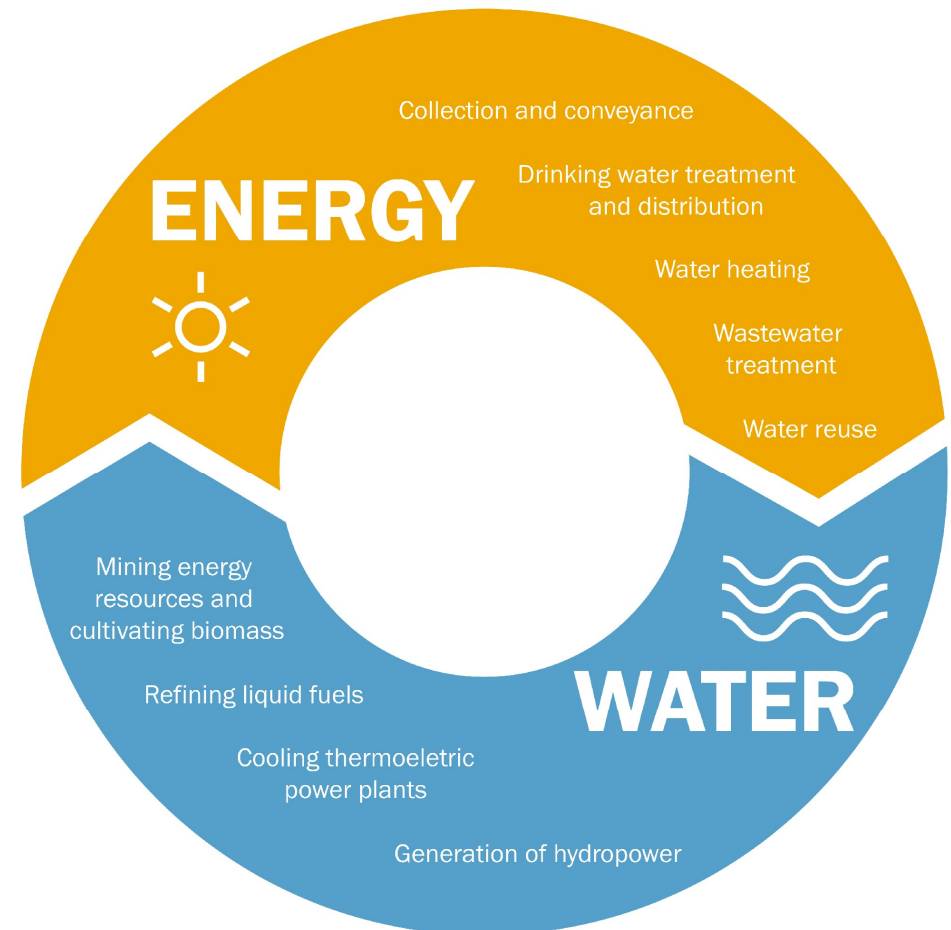




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Micro Hydropower Recovery

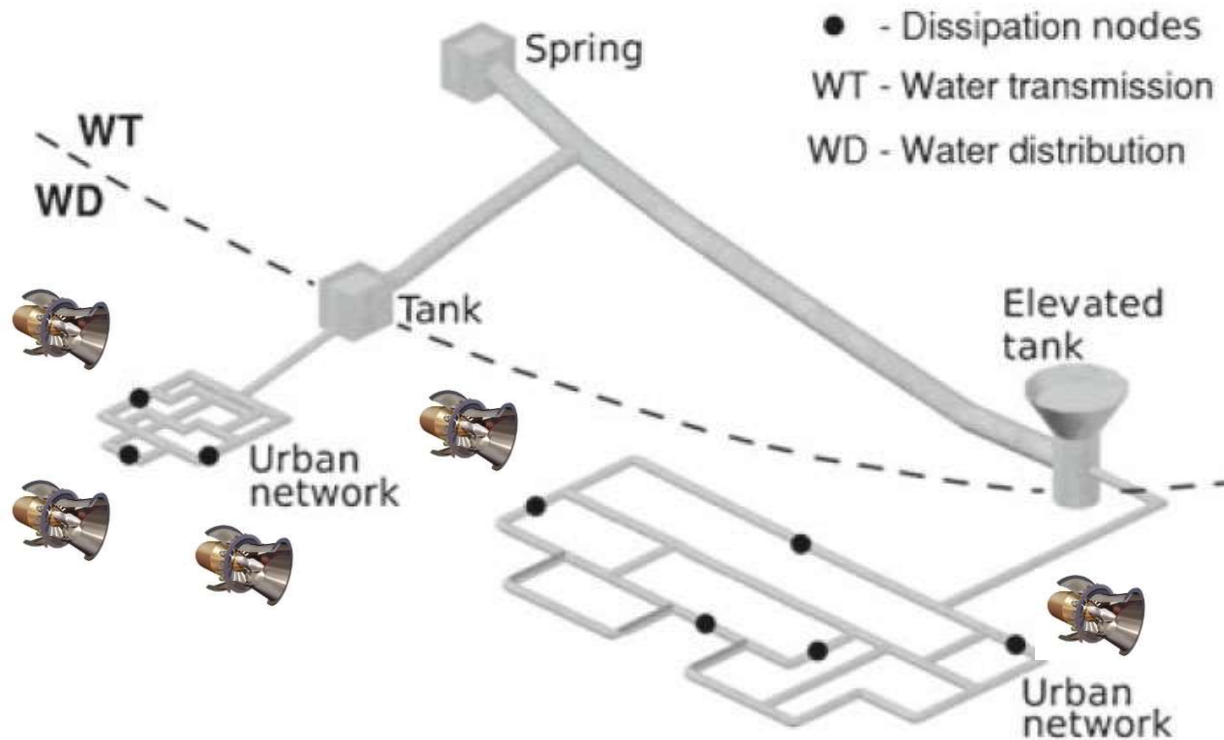
- Globally, 2-3% of energy usage is reported to be associated with the production, distribution and treatment of water.
- Water Industry in the Ireland is the **4th most energy intensive sector** and contributes heavily to CO₂ emissions.
- In 2016 the Dwr Uisce tried to improve the sustainability of W-E nexus using micro-hydropower
- The project addressed the following challenges:
 - The cost of MHP to not economic under 20-50 kW
 - Pump-as-turbines offer a low-cost solution but their performance prediction is unreliable
 - PATs are not well regarded in the water industry



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Micro Hydropower Recovery

Recovering energy from flowing water in network infrastructure at points of excess pressure:



- Building on work of the Hydro-BPT project (ERDF Interreg Ireland-Wales 2007-2013)
- Starting at TRL3-4 and finishing at TRL7-8

- Compact dimensions
- Mass manufactured
- Short delivery time
- Easy maintenance
- Low cost (5-15 times less expensive)



- Poor part-load efficiency
- Lower peak efficiency
- Lack of information on characteristic curves
- Perceived risk to investment
- Low accuracy in existing methods of performance prediction ($\pm 30\%$)



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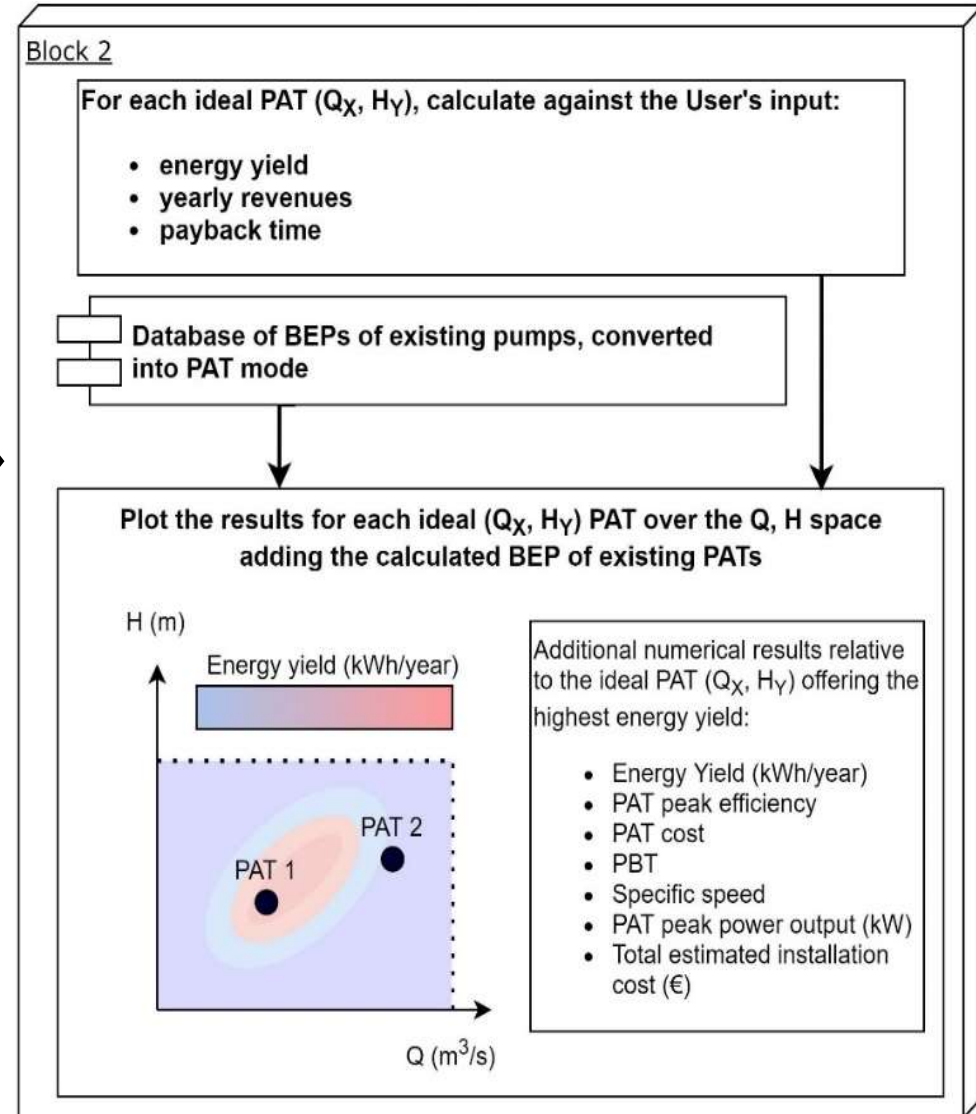
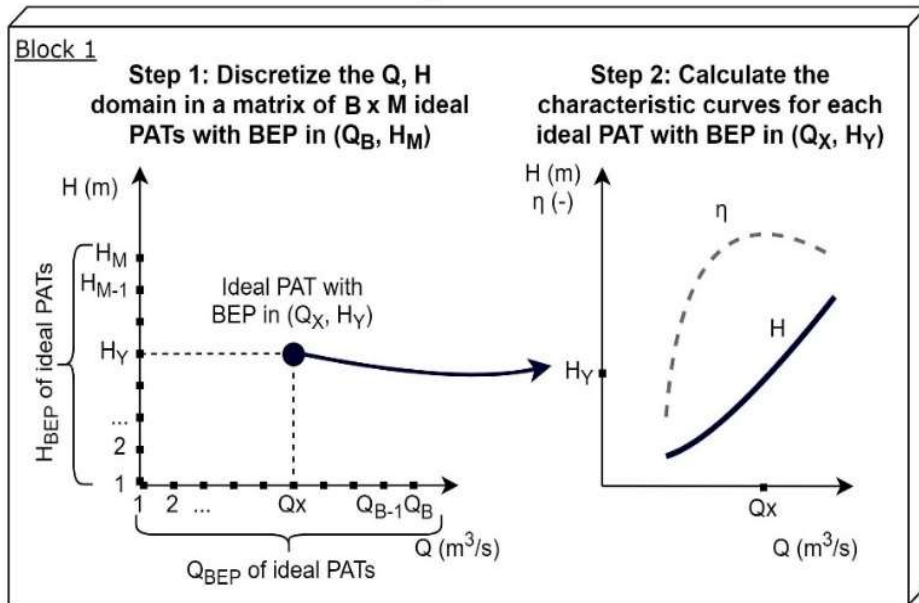
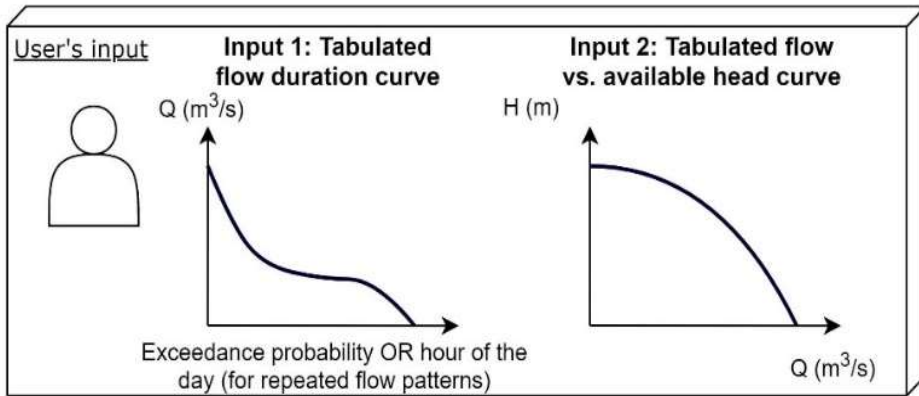


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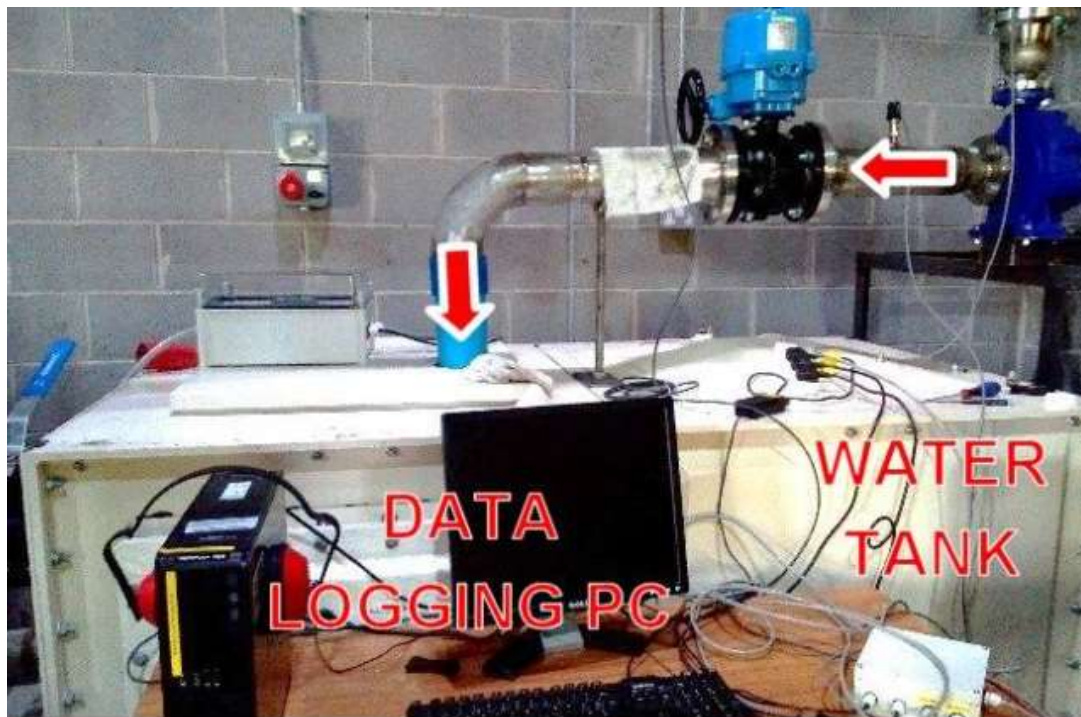
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PATs Decision Support System



Decision support system developed to enable pump selection for turbine design

- Based on cost and performance data of 343 pumps, 286 generators and 113 experimentally determined PAT curves.
- Provides optimum PAT choice for maximum energy yield or lowest payback period



Lab-scale PAT test apparatus

Development and validation of PAT design software

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Design
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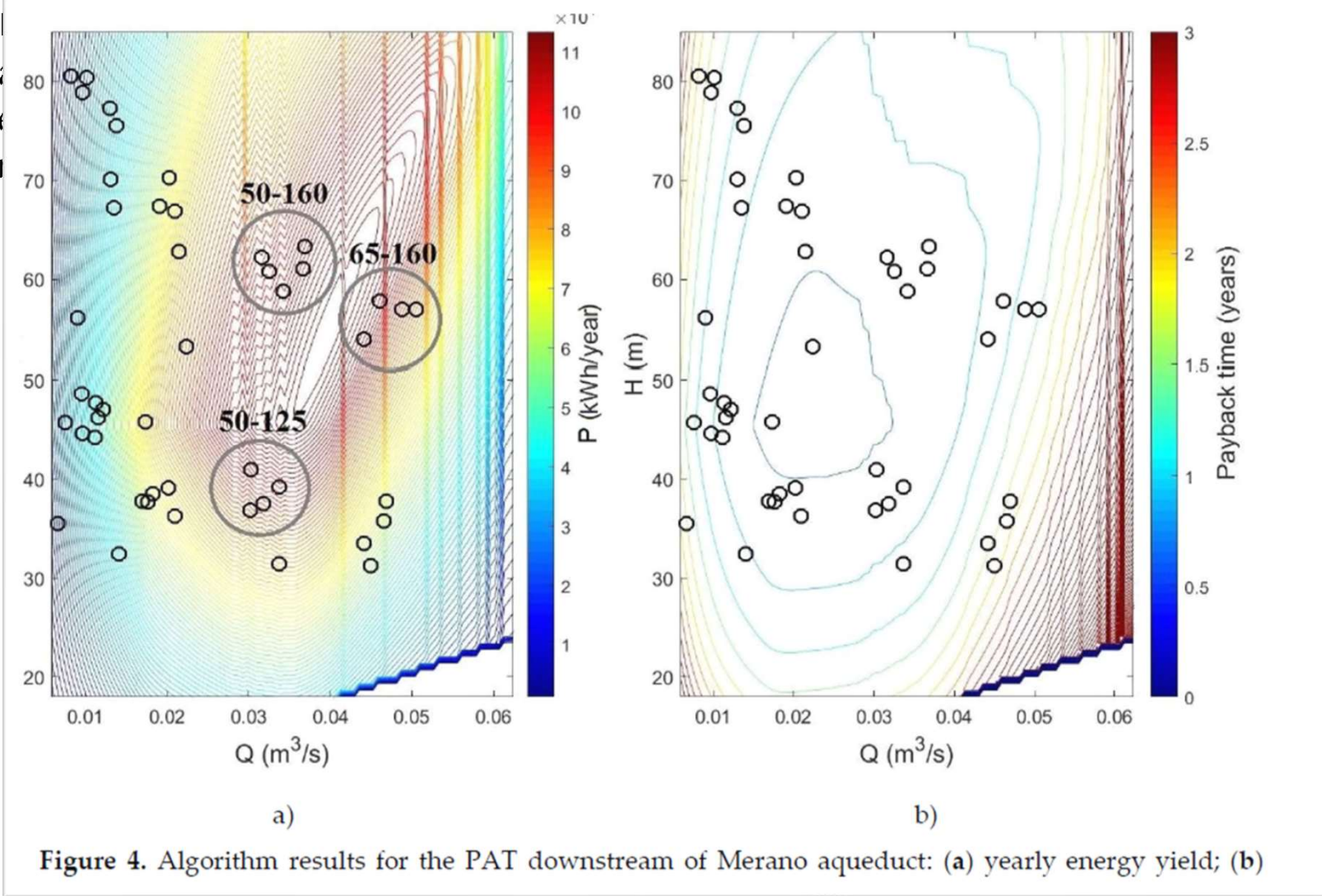


Fig. 7. Relative flow and power characteristic curves according to the N_s of all the 113 analyzed PATs, displayed together with the proposed interpolating 3D

- Pilot demonstration of MHP energy recovery at blackstairs water treatment works using a PAT:
 - 3.4 kW from 40m head and 17 l/s raw water flow
 - Yearly generation capacity: 37,000 kWh



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Environmental Insights for Industry & Policy

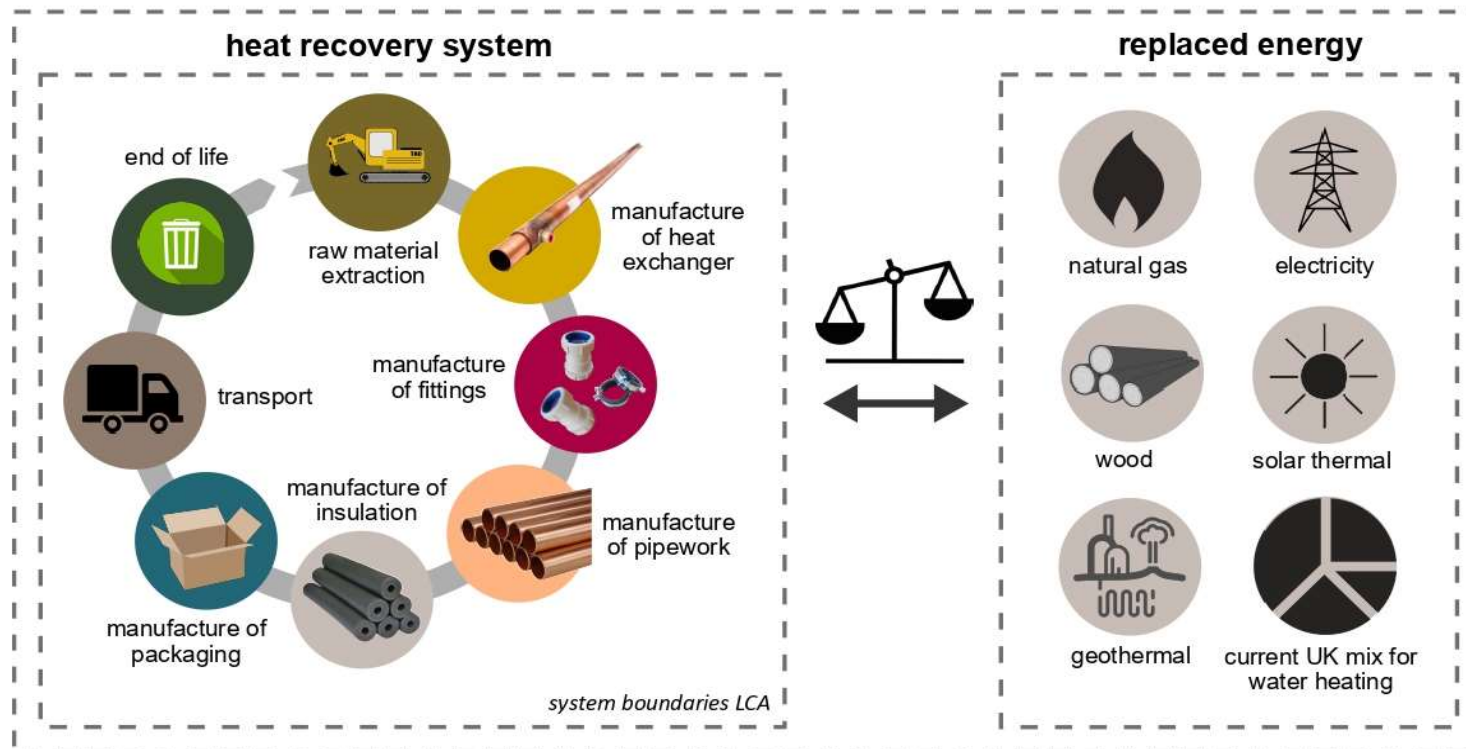
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Environmental benefits from kitchen drain water heat recovery

Heat recovery comes with environmental footprint through equipment manufacture and installation:

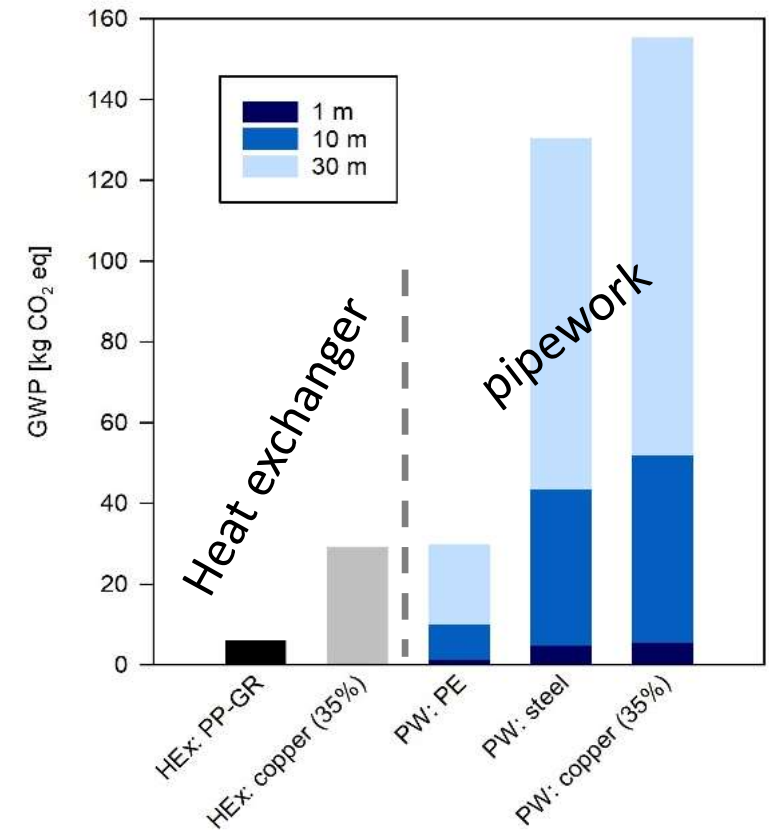
- Determine footprint of heat recovery installations (Life cycle assessment)
- Compare to environmental savings when retro-fitted to commercial kitchens



Environmental benefits from kitchen drain water heat recovery

- Results (I)
 - Most environmental burdens from mining operations and energy for manufacture and finishing of copper parts
 - But: emission reduction possible through use of recycled copper
 - Material choice and length of pipework greatly influences footprint (polyethylene lower footprint than steel or copper)

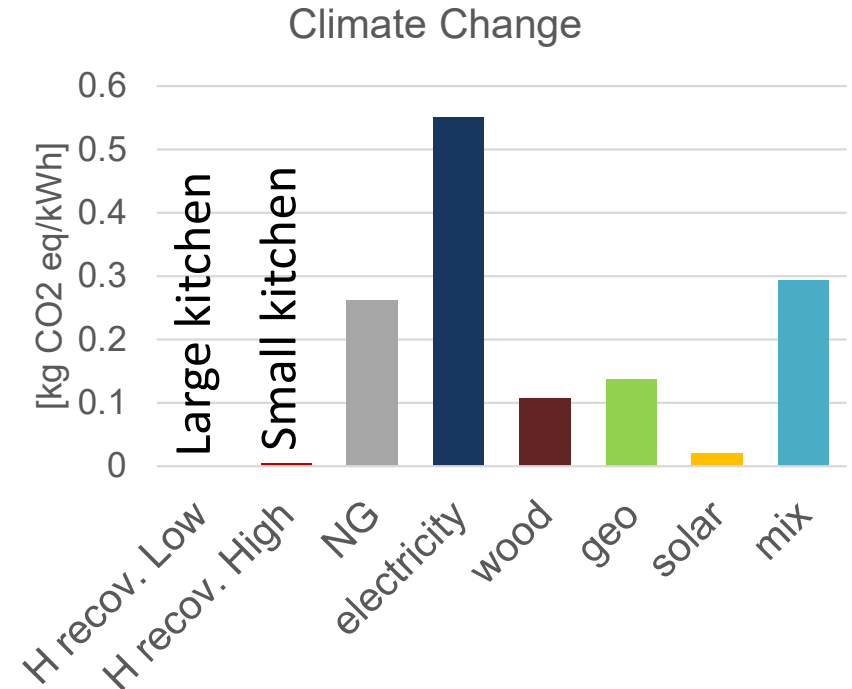
➔ Smart and compact design important to lower footprint of installation and decrease environmental payback time



Environmental benefits from kitchen drain water heat recovery

Results (II)

- Recovering heat reduces environmental impacts even when replacing renewable heat, especially for climate change mitigation
- Sustainable from ~ 200 m³ per year water consumption, with the current water heating energy mix: i.e. environmental (resource depletion) trade-offs only for the smallest 10% of kitchens in UK



If heat recovery systems were installed in every UK food outlet...

Emission savings: 500,000 tonnes CO₂ e/year = or taking 260,000 cars of the road





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Through Life Cycle Assessment

Development of a heat recovery tool/calculator

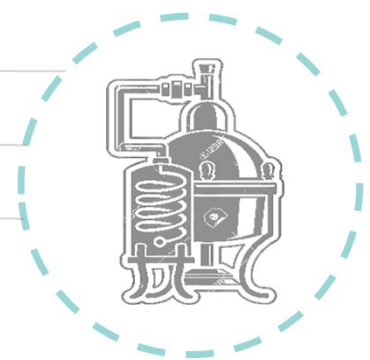
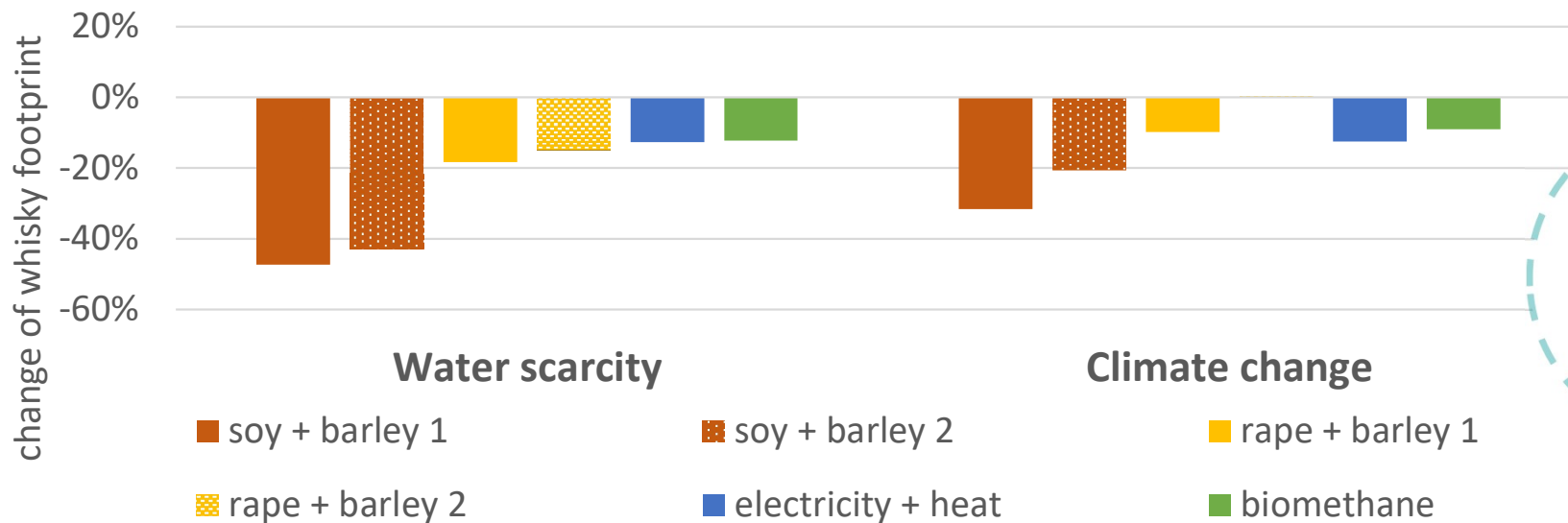
- Purpose: Facilitate decision-making for commercial kitchens towards heat recovery: financially and environmentally viable?

Download for free: <https://www.dwr-uisce.eu/heat-recovery-tool>



Water use in distilleries (I): By-product use pathways

- What water and carbon footprint can be avoided through by-product use?
- Scenarios compared: cattle feed vs. bioenergy (car fuel, or gas+electricity)
- **Highest offset of water and carbon footprint when pot ale and spent grain used for feed, replacing imported soy and domestic barley; as opposed to bio-energy use**
- If all by-products from UK potable alcohol production used as feed: avoidance of 37% of imported soy water-scarcity footprint





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Through Life Cycle Assessment

Water use in distilleries (II): Heat recovery from process and by-product streams

- **Background:**
 - Over 400 spirit producers in the UK, predominantly small-scale craft distilleries
 - Majority of energy sources: fossil
 - Study takes into account environmental footprint of required installations and capital costs
- **Results:**
 - **Up to 25% fuel and 13% electricity savings**, up to 60% reduction of water evaporation through avoidance of cooling tower use
 - Carbon emission reduction: 8-23% depending on heat recovery configuration
 - UK potential 47 kt of CO₂ eq per year when applied in all malt whisky distilleries
 - **Financial payback time: under 2 years**

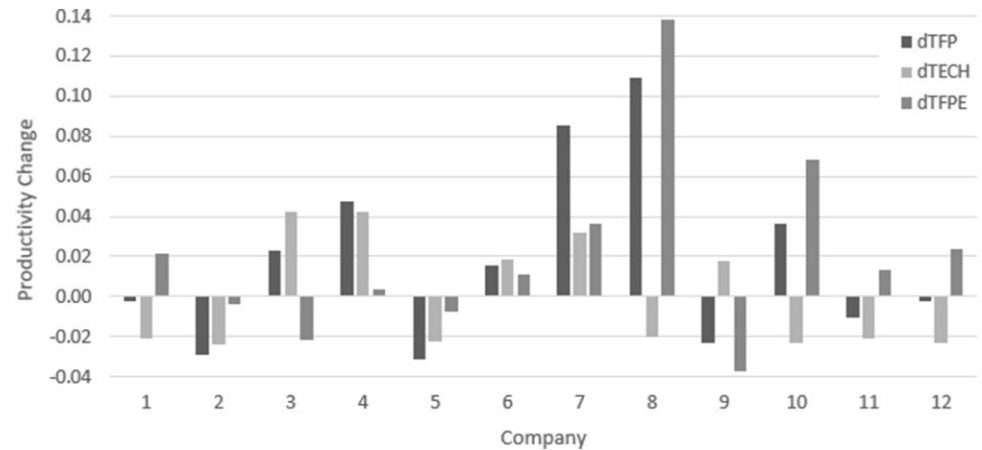




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Benchmarking UK & Ireland water sectors

- Benchmarking can be useful to improve efficiency, expose areas for improvement, and identifying best practice
- To improve benchmarking methodologies, conducting efficiency comparisons and determine key variables
 - Between 12-17 companies were evaluated from 2014 onwards using environmental and economic indicators
- Companies could reduce economic inputs by 19% and carbon outputs by 16%
- The UK water sector has improved in productivity by 1.8% on average



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Benchmarking UK & Ireland COVID-19 Response

	Percentage change
Post-tax return on regulated equity (%)	-20.6%
Adjusted Gearing (%)	2.3%
Interest Cover Ratio	-21.2%
Credit rating*	2.7%
Operational expenditure (£m)	-2.7%
Capital expenditure (£m)	-3.5%
Operating profit (£m)	-18.1%
Leakage (MI/day)	-3.9%
Consumption per capita (MI/d)	2.1%
Volume delivered (MI/d)	4%
Water quality compliance**	-26.7%
Treatment works compliance (%)	0.0%
GHG emissions*** (kgCO ₂ e/MI)	-9.2%
Pollution incidents (per 10,000km)	2.2%
Supply interruptions (mins/properties)	-7.6%
Risk of sewer storm flooding (%)	-32.1%
Unplanned outage (%)	-36.8%
Customer satisfaction****	4.4%

- We evaluated how the water sectors in the UK and Ireland responded to COVID-19, using 18 indicators
- Financial indicators significantly negatively affected, with *interest cover ratio* and *operating profit* exhibiting the largest declines of 21% and 18%
- Service and environmental indicators improved, exemplified by *unplanned outage* and *sewer storm flooding risk* decreasing by 37% and 32%
- Specific advice to reduce non-critical spending, such as shareholder payments, during fiscal downturn to implement essential capital projects

* Credit rating based on Fitch and Moody's rating scales and converted to numbers for ease of comparison

** Based on compliance risk index figures (lower values = less risk and more compliance)

*** Location based carbon calculations for water production and wastewater treatment

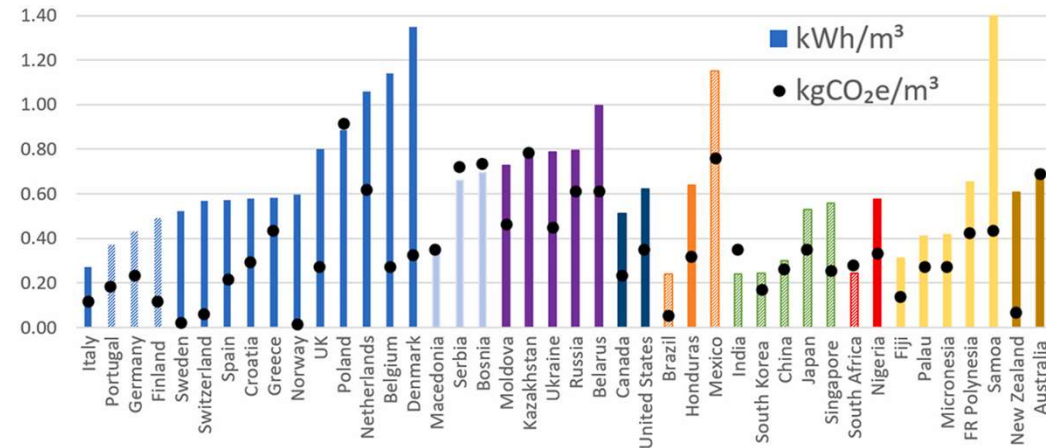
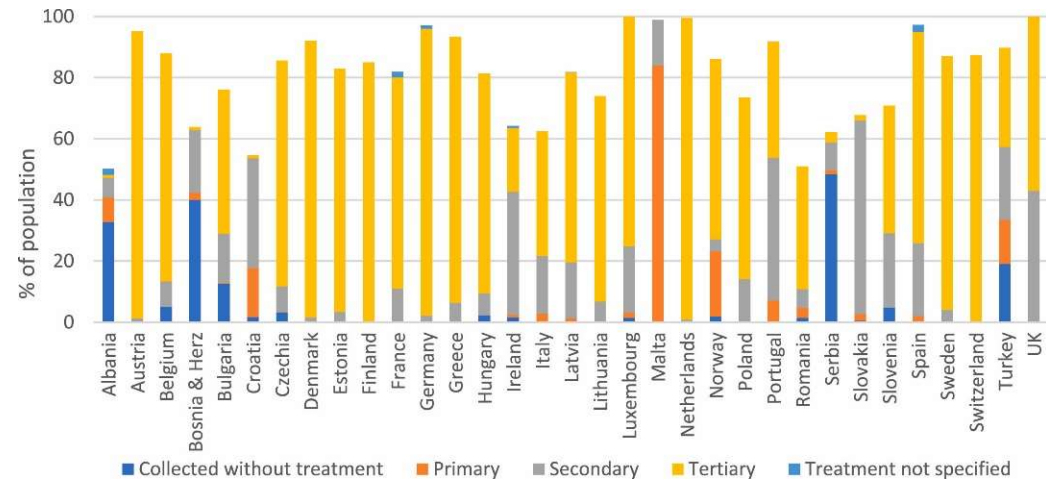
**** From C-mex and D-mex surveys by OFWAT



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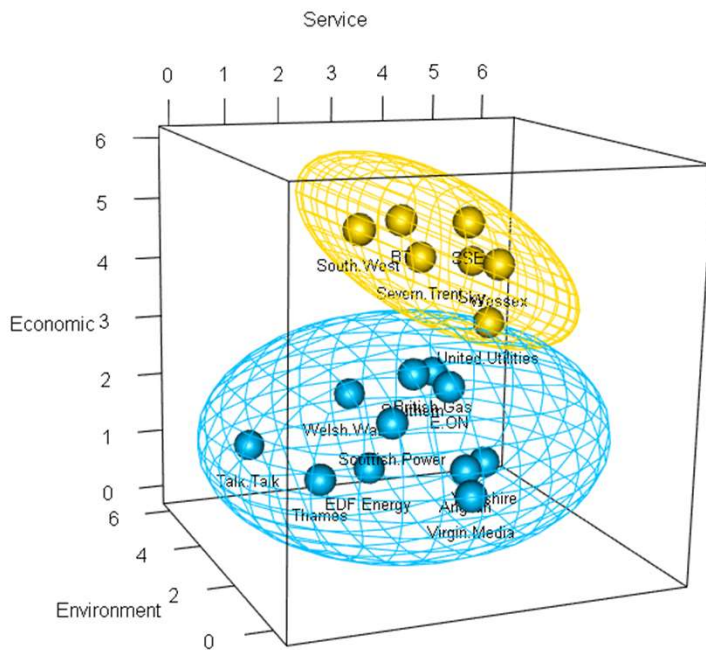
International energy efficiency benchmarking

- Wastewater treatment energy intensity benchmarking was undertaken on 321 companies from 31 countries
- EU states had the largest average kWh/m³ with 1.18, which appeared a result of higher wastewater effluent standards
- Associated emissions showed a clean electricity grid can mitigate wastewater treatment inefficiencies, exemplified by Norway who emit just 0.013 kgCO₂ e/m³ treated, despite consuming 0.60 kWh/m³
- Treatment plant renewable technologies and a clean grid can deliver the highest effluent standards with much reduced environmental impacts



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Cross-sector benchmarking



- We developed a methodology to compare companies across sectors, using 18 companies across the water and sewage, energy, and communications sectors as an example
- Based on 21 metrics covering service, environmental and economic data, we generated performance scores relative to sector peers
- Results showed two distinct clusters, one of 7 sector leaders and the other of 11 lower performers
- Top performers can assess top performers in other sectors to identify how they can continue improving, lower performers can look within and across sectors to identify best practices

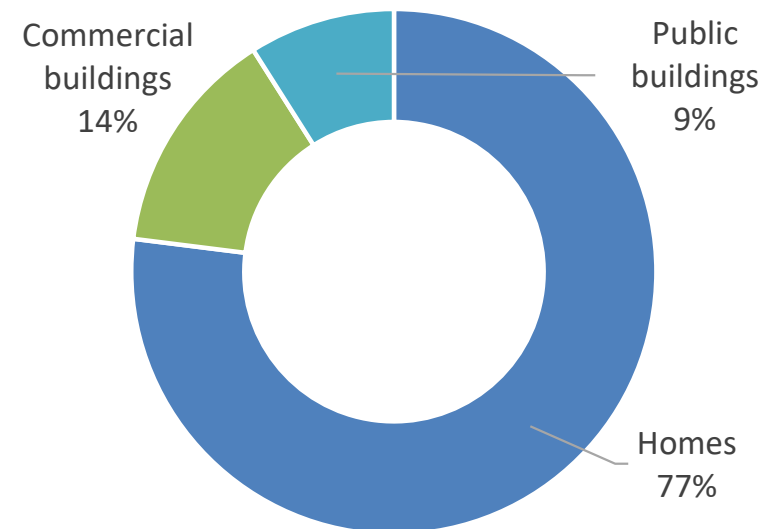


Energy auditing and rating

Water-energy efficiency in the built environment

Citizen science project in Irish homes

- Much scope for climate action through water use efficiency in the built environment
- Up to 90% of sector energy use is on water demand – mostly in the built environment
- Key objective: Energy efficiency through household water-use efficiency
- Crowd-sourced research – raising awareness of the linkages



CCC building sector summary from CCC's Sixth Carbon Budget Advice, Methodology and Policy reports.



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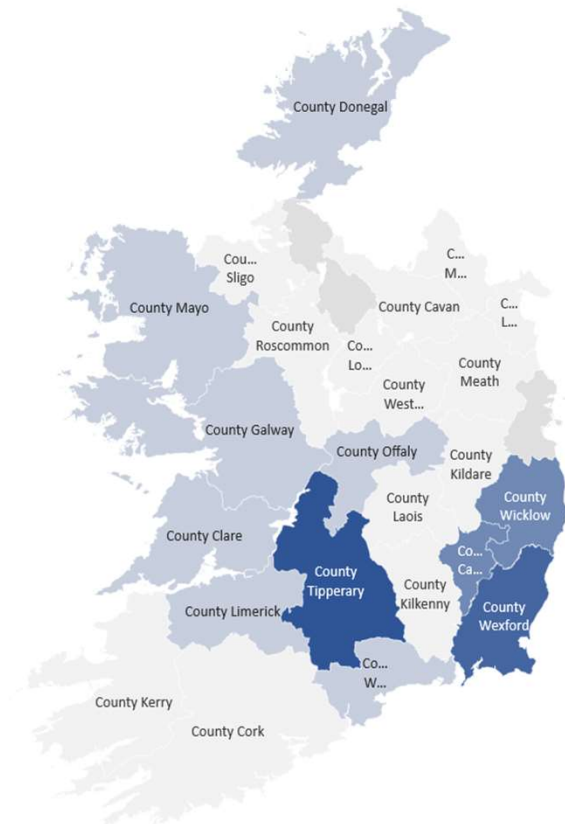
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Citizen science project in Irish homes

- Project in two parts:
 - Cross-sectional survey on perception of household water-energy use
 - Longitudinal study to collect data on water use
- Engaged with > 60 organisations, community groups, universities, LAs cross Ireland
- Over 300 households responded
- Representative result in terms of geographical coverage, population and other demographic factors





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Key survey findings

- Less than a third of respondents knew if they had a water meter – household metering coverage is ca. 20%
 - Metering encourages water efficiency, and by extension - energy efficiency
- Almost 40% of respondents had no idea of current household water use
- 53% of respondents were not at all aware that their energy bills relate to their water use
 - Of those that did, 88% think there is a moderate to little relationship between energy bills and water use
- *Much work remains to be done to raise awareness of this link and the ways to reduce costs and emissions through water use*



Ireland's European Structural and Investment Funds Programmes 2014-2020

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Researching leisure centres

- Public leisure is facing significant and compounding challenges
 - Many face imminent and permanent threat of closure
 - Compounded by ageing infrastructure = inefficient
- Audited water-energy use of 7 centres in Wales





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Leisure centres – example interventions

- Optimising evaporation of a standard 25 m indoor leisure pool at typical operating pool and pool hall temperatures and humidity control can save up to £2,000 / year
- Case study of heat recovery potential in the wet-side of community-run leisure centre can potentially displace around 4,000 kgCO₂e per year with a payback of just over a year at current energy prices
- *Targeted investment is desperately needed*



Research context

- Across the British Isles, climate change is expected to bring:
 - Milder, wetter winters; hotter, drier summers; more extreme events
- Clear implications for streamflows:
 - Greater flow seasonality, more frequent droughts and flood events
- Implications for public water supply, hydropower, agriculture, leisure & tourism, and the environment
- Hydropower contributed 5% of UK renewable electricity generation in 2021^[1] and 6.5% in Ireland^[2]
- Relatively small contributions, but important for various other reasons:
 - Adding resilience to the energy grid; making up deficiencies from other renewables (e.g. solar), particularly in winter, balancing the grid
 - Role in meeting Net Zero emissions targets
 - Often local community benefit – profits re-invested in local area

[1] DBEIS, 2022. Digest of UK energy statistics annual data for UK, 2021. [2] SEAI, 2022. Energy in Ireland: 2022 report.



Environmental Insights

Climate change, water resources and hydropower

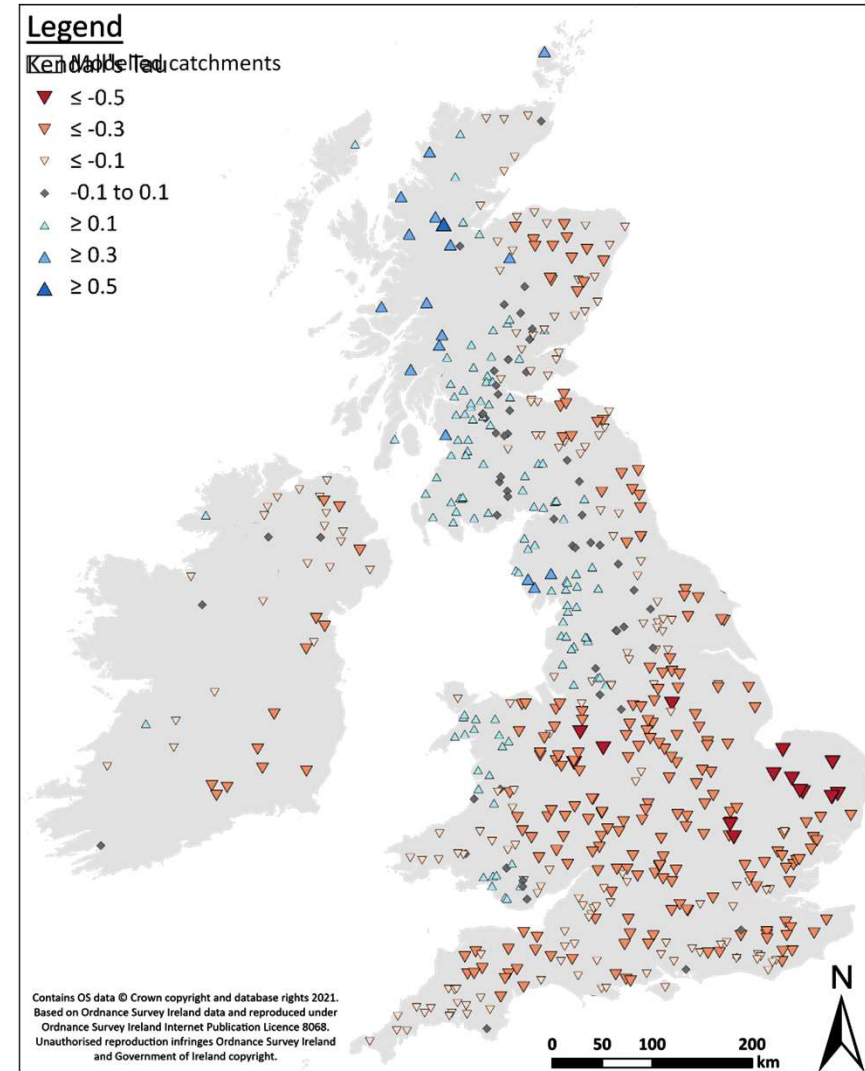


Streamflow modelling

- Daily future streamflow projections (2021-2080) for 585 catchments
- EXP-HYDRO model under worst-case RCP8.5 future climate scenario
- Clear northwest/southeast divide for Great Britain, and smaller west/east gradient for the island of Ireland
- Overall, annual average streamflows generally declining, except in Scotland

Change in annual average streamflow under RCP8.5 future climate scenario conditions when comparing 2021-29 to 2072-80 averages

England	Wales	Scotland	N. Ireland	Ireland
-7.2%	-1.5%	+1.1%	-5.3%	-4.7%



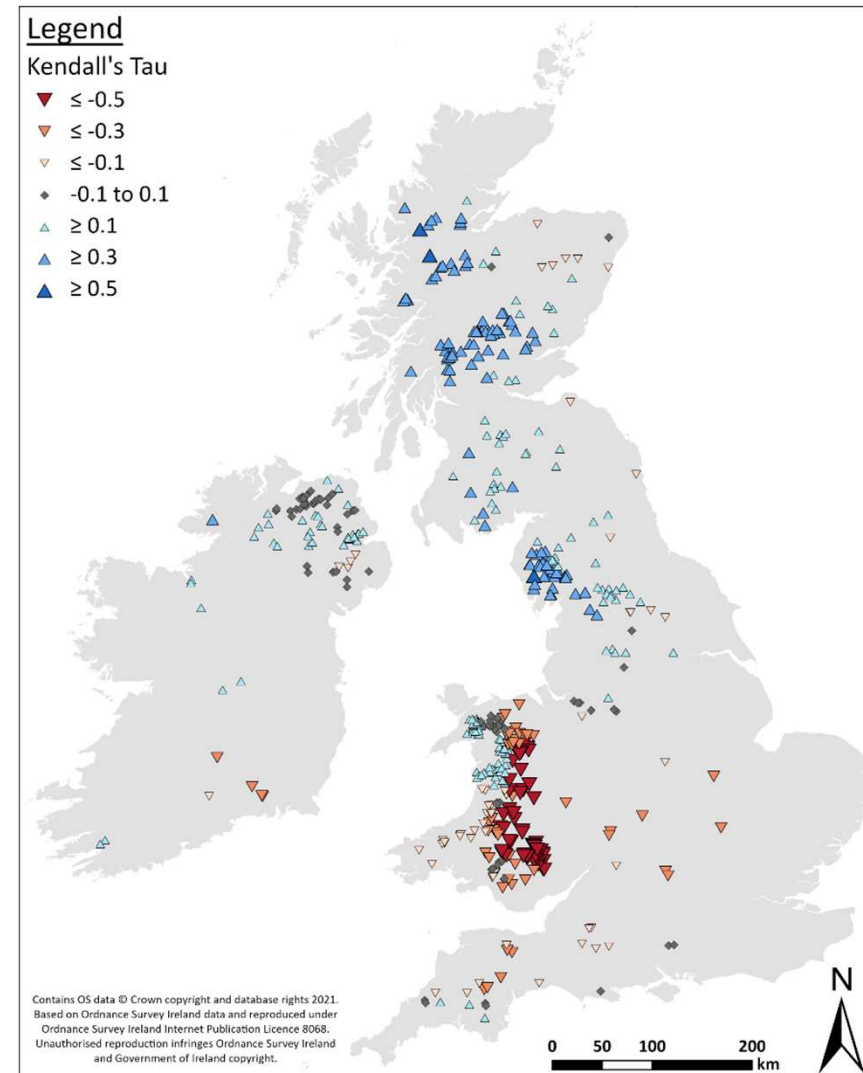
Modelled annual average streamflow (2021-2080) under RCP8.5 future climate scenario conditions.

Hydropower abstraction & generation

- 531 run-of-river (RoR) schemes studied
- Abstraction calculated using nation-specific abstraction licence conditions (ALCs)
- Spatial variation due to differing ALCs and varied climate forcing impacts
- Power generation, linked to abstraction, shows much greater seasonality, with a net gain for Great Britain, and decline for Ireland

Change in power generation under RCP8.5 climate scenario conditions when comparing 2021-29 to 2072-80 averages

	Great Britain	Island of Ireland
Winter	+12.4%	+8.7%
Summer	-63.6%	-76.8%
Annual	+6.2%	-1.4%



Trends in annual average abstraction (2021-2080) under RCP8.5 future climate scenario conditions in the UK and Ireland



Research implications

- Greater seasonality and extremes of streamflows likely, linked to changes in precipitation patterns
 - Implications for available water resources, particularly for those sectors dependent on instantaneous flows
- Seasonality and timing of RoR hydropower abstraction and power generation will be impacted – varying spatially
- New RoR schemes should be being designed with future streamflows in mind, to optimise generation across scheme lifespan
- Maintenance of protection for environmentally or otherwise streamflow-sensitive catchments is also important – a tricky balance to get right!



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Delivering Solutions for the Sustainability of the Water-Energy Nexus

Leveraging Transdisciplinary Research Collaboration for Impact

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Our Challenge

How can researchers design and implement a research initiative and produce quality research-based green process innovation?

Our Response

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Mewn Undod Mae Nerth

There's No Strength Without Unity





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Positioning the Challenge

- Enquiring into complex phenomena of societal interest requires new research designs and methods of knowledge production
- Research associated with green process innovation can engage with society, cross geographical borders and transcend disciplinary and practice boundaries.
- Such research is of increasing relevance to addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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What was our opportunity?

❖ Green process innovation...

- Mitigate environmental impacts
- Commercial and environmental performance
- Complex and collaborative process

❖ ...through transdisciplinary research

“Innovation for environmental sustainability requires firms to engage with external stakeholders to access expertise, solve complex problems, and gain social legitimacy”





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Transdisciplinary research...

...can vary widely along six key dimensions:

- **breadth/diversity** of interdisciplinarity;
- **depth** of disciplinary integration;
- degree/quality of **interaction** with non-academic participants;
- **composition** of non-academic partnerships;
- **timing** of participatory engagement;
- and **types of knowledge** being emphasised.

OECD (2020). Addressing societal challenges using transdisciplinary research, *OECD Science, Technology and Industry Policy Papers*, No. 88.





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The Team spanned five disciplines





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Collaborators came from the cross-border Water-Energy Network



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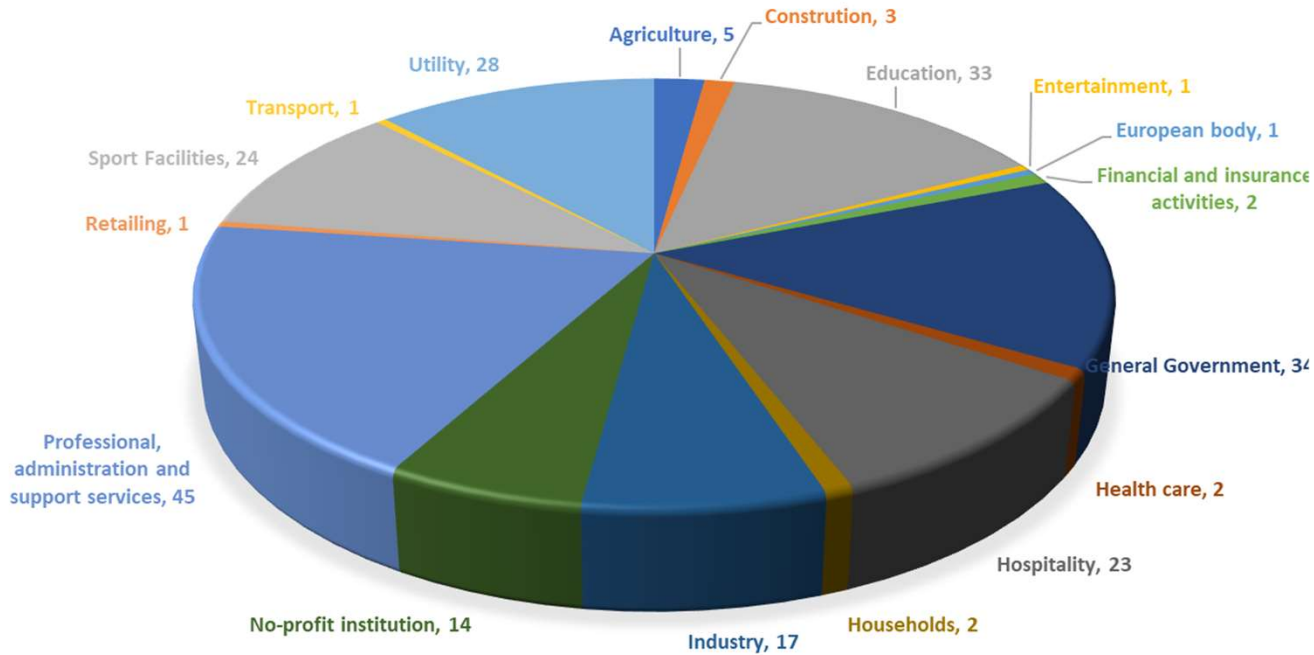
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ENTERPRISES/ORGANISATIONS BY SECTOR





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Some collaborators came from surprising areas and offer us hope

How can we take climate action through water use efficiency?

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Sut allwn ni weithredu ar yr hynnydd dŵr a'r awyrgylch?

Newpark
Comprehensive School
Scoil Chuimsitheach
Na Páirce Nua

AQUATRACK

Project by Milla O'Doherty and Robert Ewby. With the support of the Dŵr Uisce, Newpark Comprehensive Secondary School, Blackrock Co. Dub.

- A meter would be installed in every person's house. This would track their personal consumption of water throughout their life/house.
- Every person would have an allowance. Extra charges would apply if they exceed this and there are benefits and rewards for those coming in under the limit.
- A sustainable but substantial allowance would ensure people are more careful with their water usage and help create better habits.
- The water consumption is measured in quantity and the time water is used. Uisce Eireann predicts a typical person in an Irish household uses 155 litres of water per day!
- Extra water which hasn't been used would be donated to charity. The app would help recompense people who are conscious of their choices.

Charities such as water.org, water aid, or UNICEF would be ideal partners.

WHY AQUATRACK?
"There is a water crisis today. But the crisis is not about having too little water to satisfy our needs. It is a crisis of managing water so badly that billions of people - and the environment - suffer badly." (World Water Vision Report.) There is a growing awareness that our freshwater resources are limited and need to be protected- 771 million (1 in 10) people do not have access to safe water.

WHAT IS IT?
Our concept is to track personal and communal water usage. Aquatrack consists of 3 different parts: a water meter, an app, and a charity.

- The app is connected to a meter. This is how a person is updated on their own consumption of water, and how they can compare their results to others.
- Notifications are sent throughout the day when water is used. For example, when you shower, statistics or facts come into your phone as a notification. Alarming facts or positive reinforcement could help to inform/educate people about the effect their water usage has on the environment.
- The app helps interconnect people: when you save water or do something beneficial for the 'Aquatrack' community, you can share this with your friends and join communities such as your school, county, workplace or country.

The meters would be installed by the charity. The unused water from each household would be donated to the charity to help countries in need. For each litre saved in Irish households, the equivalent would be given to a household in need.

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Working together, the research evolved towards developing & demonstrating energy recovery. For example...

❖ Penrhyn Castle

- Tourist attraction in North Wales
- A pilot site for the installation of a system
- A practical demonstration of design and implementation of Drain Water Heat Recovery at the Tearooms



❖ Toolkit for commercial kitchens

- Unique opportunity to evaluate the environmental potential, performance, burden and benefits of DWHR
- Developed a *Heat Recovery Toolkit* to guide commercial kitchens on heat recovery estimates, technology selection, financial and environmental savings, and payback

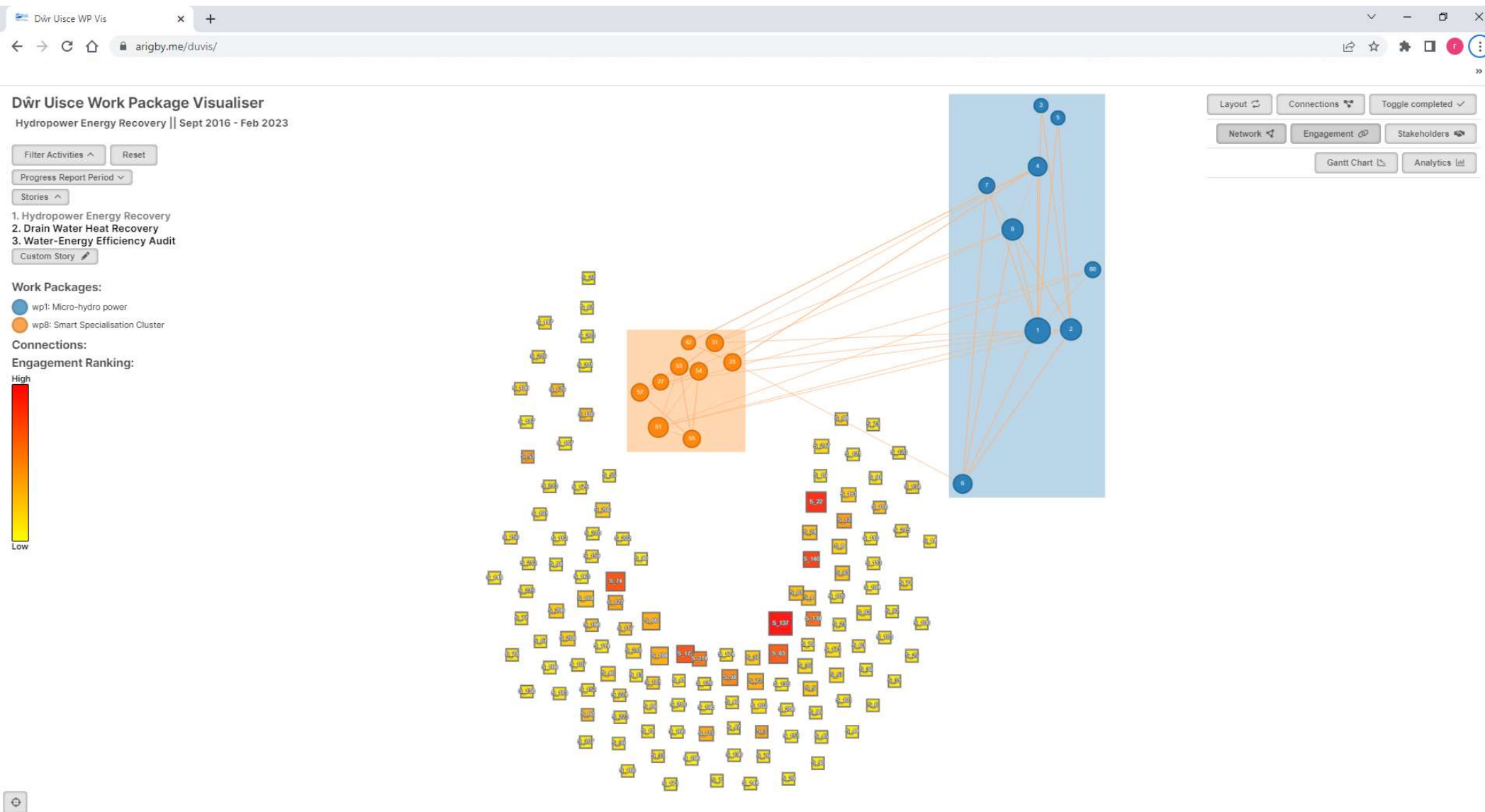


So, who did what, with whom and when?

Story	WP Lead	Activity Phase	Timing of participatory engagement	Diversity of disciplines engaged	Depth of interaction across disciplines	Degree/quality of interaction with non-academic participants	Composition of non-academic partnerships	Types of knowledge being emphasised
DWHR Development	2	Laboratory/Monitoring	None	Engineering	Limited	N/A	N/A	Generalised knowledge; specific engineering theoretical knowledge
		Installation	Throughout	Engineering	Limited	High	Conservation charity, meat producer, government bodies, equipment suppliers	Context specific actionable knowledge
		Demonstration	Throughout	Environmental science, operations management, communication	High	High	Conservation charity, government bodies, equipment suppliers, hospitality sector, community.	Context specific, generalised and practical/actionable.
Toolkit for commercial kitchens	4	Design and development	None	Environmental science and engineering	High	N/A	N/A	Context specific based on engineering theory
		Dissemination and feedback	Throughout	Environmental Sciences, Communication, Management	High	High	Facilities managers in hospitality sector & conservation charity	Context specific, practical/actionable



Our interactions were dynamic





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As we engaged in action, we learned that...

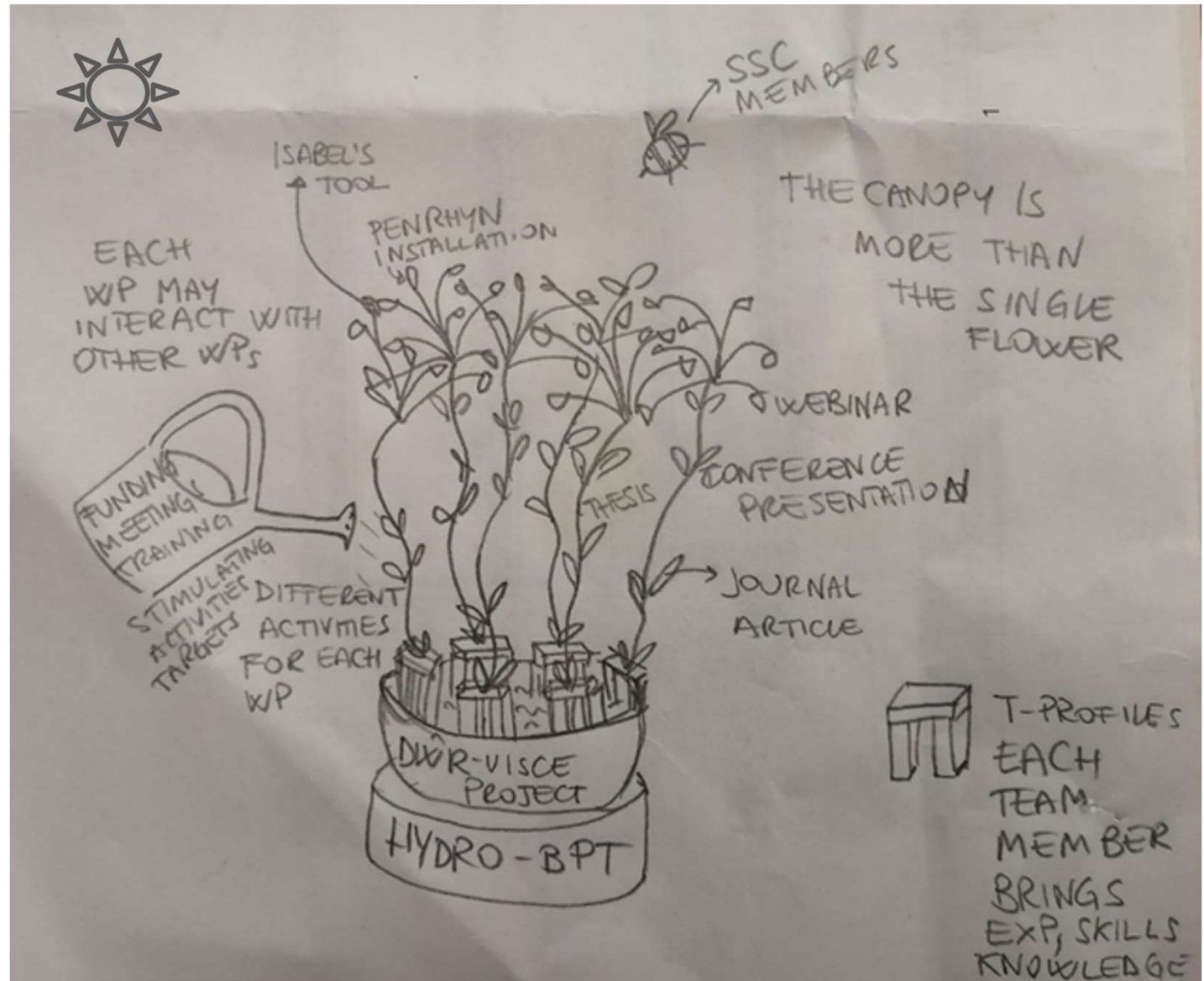
- The five discipline groups generated disciplinary knowledge **and combined** that with other researchers and practitioners in the context of application.
- We **integrated** the knowledge produced through hardware, software and humanware.
- We engaged in **collective decision making** supported by open communication and information sharing across discipline and practice boundaries.
- Finally, through periodic real and virtual co-location, mutual respect and patience, we **shared, communicated and exchanged** our evolving ideas in a non-confrontational manner.





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**We were like
an ecosystem!**





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So, on reflection...

- Managing this kind of research requires **a climate** which enables collaboration, interdisciplinarity, integration, interaction with practitioners, the formation of non-academic partnerships.
- **Interaction** needs to be frequent, data-driven, reflective and respectful in an atmosphere of collaboration and trust where stakeholders can be open, curious, and willing to explain and to listen.
- **Timing** of interaction needs to be driven both by project activities and the emergent opportunities to share insights at research team meetings, project webinars and academic conferences.
- ...





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and...

- Publications, presentations and citizen science **outreach** help to generate awareness and debate.
- The **continuing involvement** of the collaborators in further initiatives provides learning opportunities for researchers to advance theoretical knowledge and for practitioners to advance practical knowledge.
- And, we are now looking to the future...





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We are planning to launch a new cross-border venture



CONSULTANCY

- Auditing and Benchmarking
- Feasibility studies of drain water heat recovery
- Carbon footprint of industrial processes from a water-energy perspective
- Climate change and future streamflow water resources assessment
- Science Engagement and Communication

EXPERT TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- Training courses on water-energy efficiency
- School and Community Education programmes
- Awareness raising programme for community/businesses
- Webinars with up to date findings from innovative research



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I began with a saying...

- ...Ní Neart Go Cur Le Chéile
- I finish with a quote from Hansen & Madsen (2019):
“In order for (knowledge production) to be successful, it has to be picked up by the community, and further developed through communal efforts”
- So, on to the next challenge - together!





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Choral Closure



The Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir





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