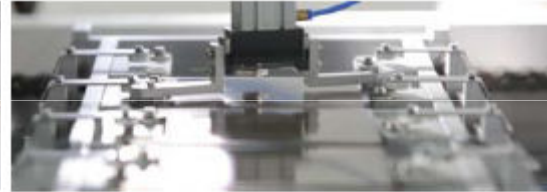
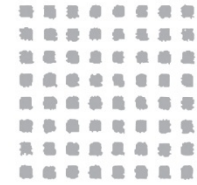


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## Fuel cells

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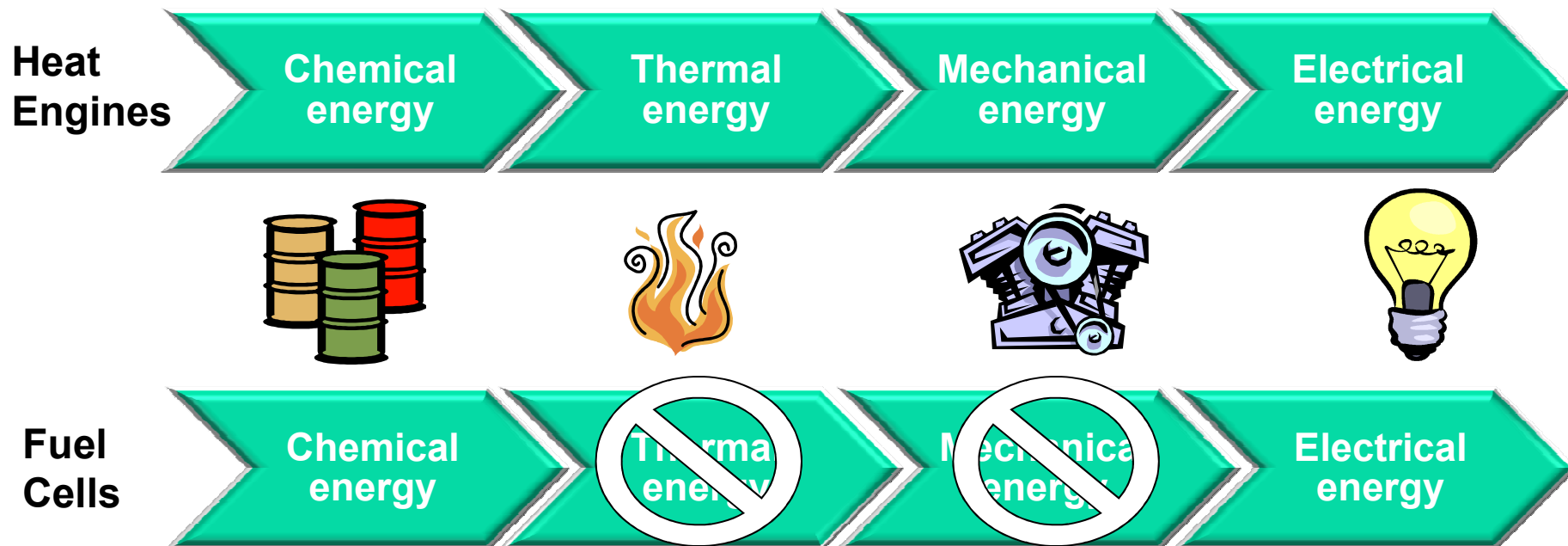
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Fuel cells are 'electrochemical engines' that generate electricity & heat

- Environmentally friendly technology
- Operate on widely available fuel and air
- Quiet, efficient, solid state reaction
- Near-zero NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and CO



**Low Temperature**  
( $<140^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  
**PEM FC**

**Intermediate Temperature**  
( $500\text{-}600^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  
**IT-SOFC**

**High Temperature**  
( $750\text{-}1000^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  
**SOFC**



Ideally suited to mass market residential scale distributed generation:

- Compact, lightweight, easy-to-fit products
- Compatible with today's + tomorrow's fuels
- Flexible generation capacity
- Designed for mass manufacture

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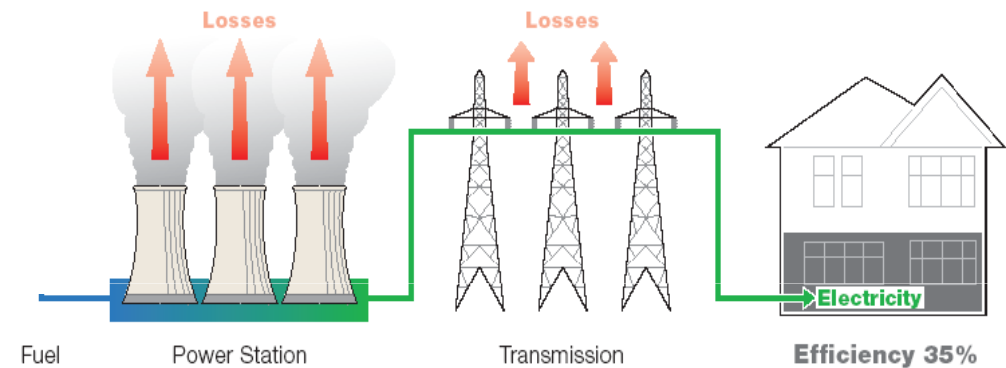
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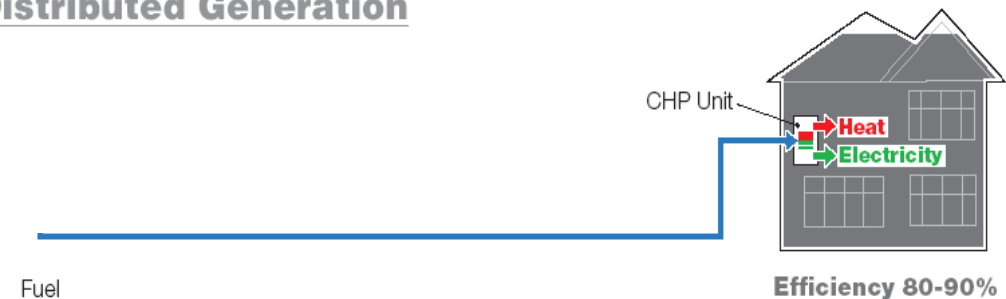
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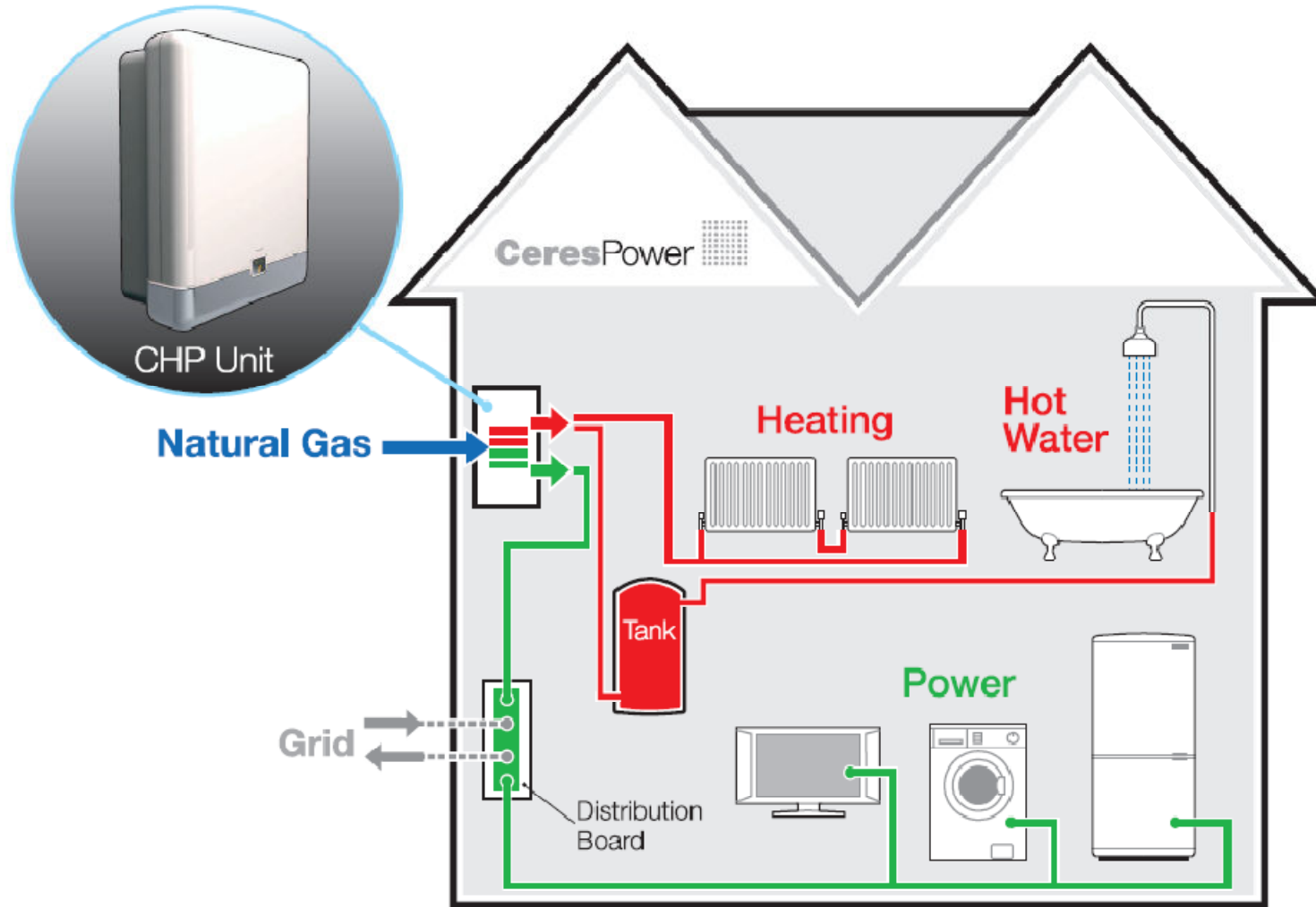
- Distributed Generation (DG): generate power at point of use, in the home
- Use a highly efficient process to reduce generating, transmission and distribution losses
- Capture heat output to drive further savings
- Package into a wall mountable consumer product
- A generation asset and demand reduction device

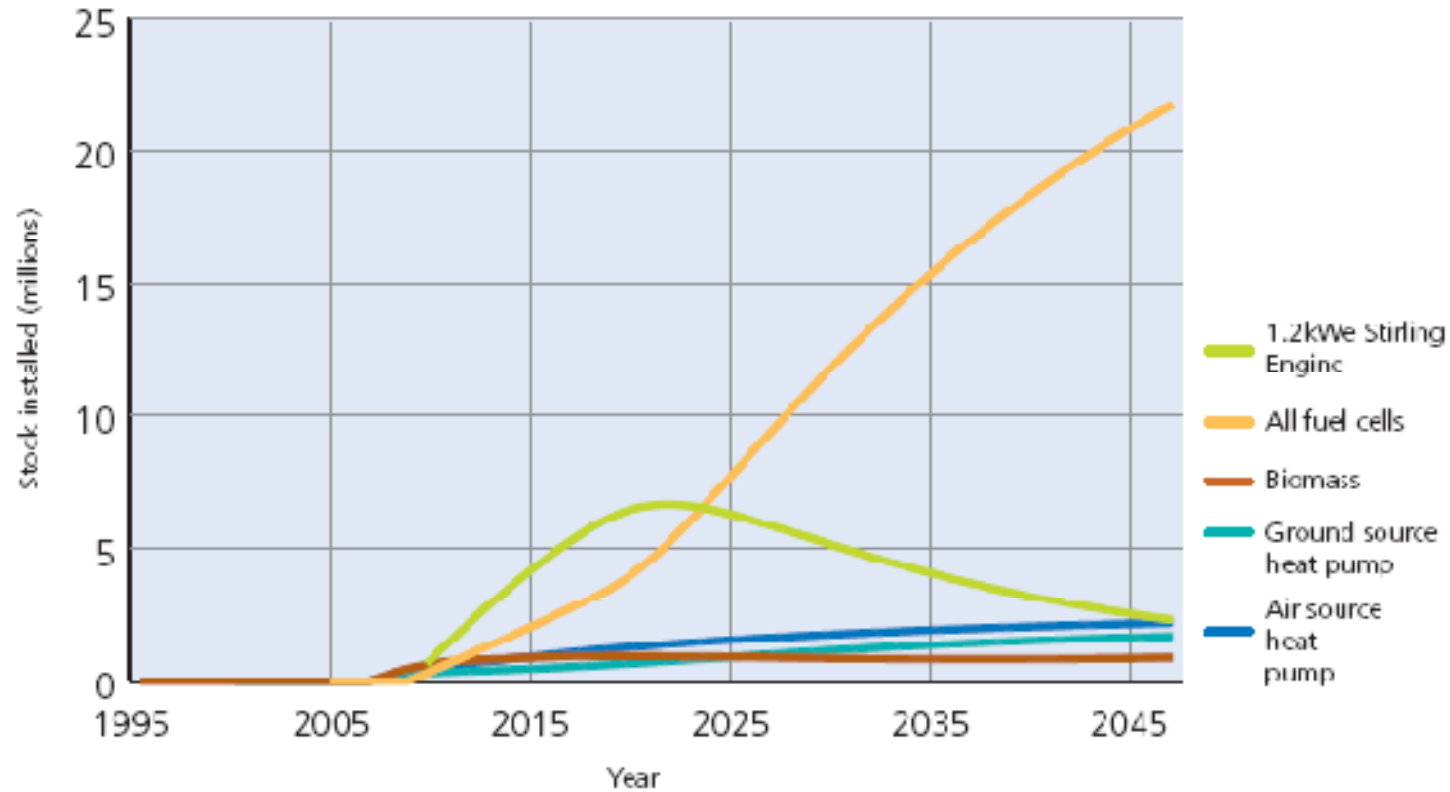
## Centralised Generation



## Distributed Generation







Source: Energy Saving Trust 2007 (study sponsored by UK government)

**“Over 6M fuel cell CHP units installed by 2020 (30% of the market...)”**

2008 Element Energy Report for BERR



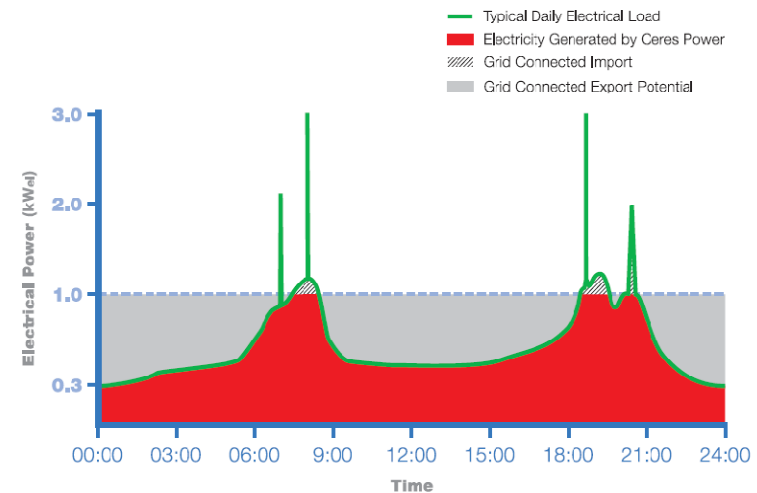
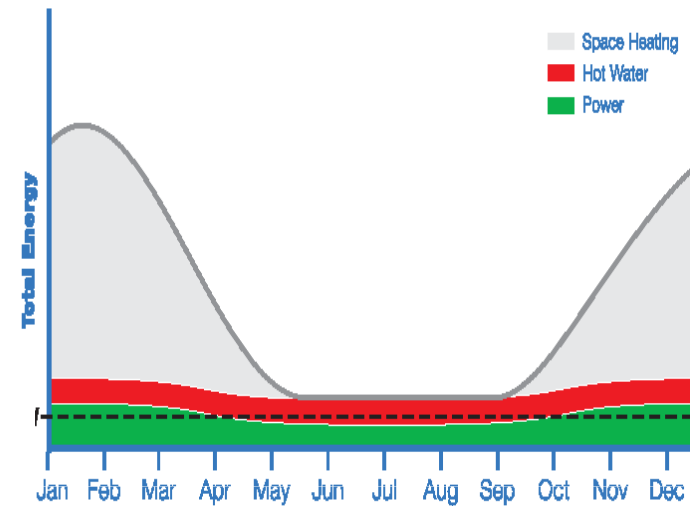
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- Low heat to power ratio:
  - Heat captured for use within home
  - Enables year round operation, with low heat output matched to hot water requirement
- Load following & cycling capability:
  - Delivery of high value electricity during periods of peak demand
- Support for grid requirements:
  - Capable of turning on / off as required
  - Capable of exporting if required (e.g. via smart meter time-of-day tariff incentives)

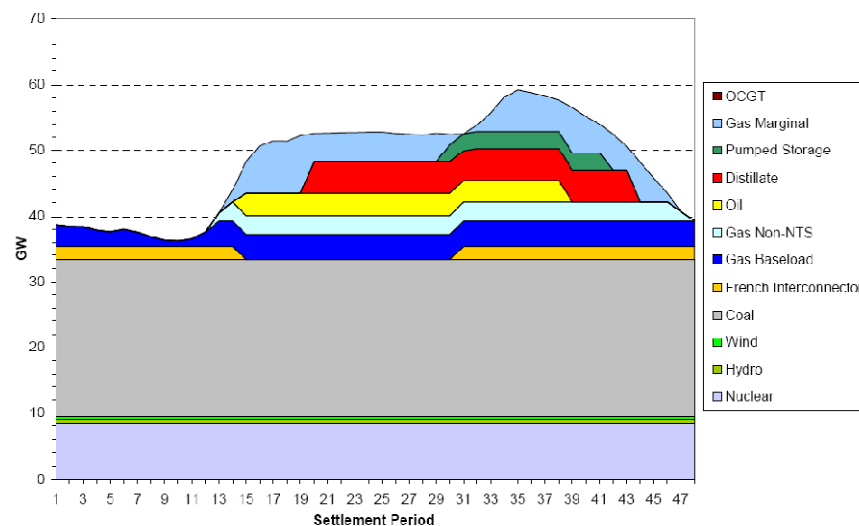


- **Independent confirmation by Oxera**
  - Macro economic consultancy specialising in energy sector
  - Model of actual UK energy system including individual power plants (used by industry & Government)
- **Oxera confirmed carbon savings potential for example product (Ceres CHP) based on**
  - Predicted decarbonisation of grid (incl. large-scale deployment of renewables and nuclear)
  - Likely response of central generation to mass deployment of fuel cell microCHP
  - Resultant likely CO<sub>2</sub> savings (taking into account current and projected 'merit order')
- **Annual CO<sub>2</sub> savings of 1 to 1.5 tonnes p.a. up to 2020**
  - Relative to high efficiency condensing boiler and grid-supplied electricity
  - Based on actual power plants displaced in the merit order
- **Potential for significant additional benefits to UK energy system**
  - Reduces peak demand and generation investment requirements
  - Reduces capex requirements for grid network



# Persistent carbon savings even with a decarbonised grid

Fuel cell CHP reduces demand for central fossil fuelled generation, without displacing renewables or nuclear. Hence the CO<sub>2</sub> benefits of fuel cell CHP are additive to those from other technologies, and persist even as the average CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of the grid decreases.



*Prediction by National Grid of a likely merit order on cold winter weekday in the winter of 2009/10.*

- The CO<sub>2</sub> savings from fuel cell CHP are determined by the generating plant it displaces
- Which plant gets displaced is determined by the 'merit order'
- The position of generating plant in the merit order is determined by its marginal cost of generation
- Demand reduction by fuel cell CHP reduces the operation of 'marginal plant' i.e. fossil stations

1. Cost effective CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for a difficult sector
  - *Retrofit of existing homes*
  
2. A major potential impact on CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by 2020
  - *Can be quickly deployed, compatible with majority of UK homes*
  
3. Persistent CO<sub>2</sub> savings even as the grid decarbonises
  - *Displaces peaking / mid-merit fossil plant*
  
4. Compatible with other carbon reduction measures
  - *E.g. nuclear, renewables*

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