

Residential Retrofit

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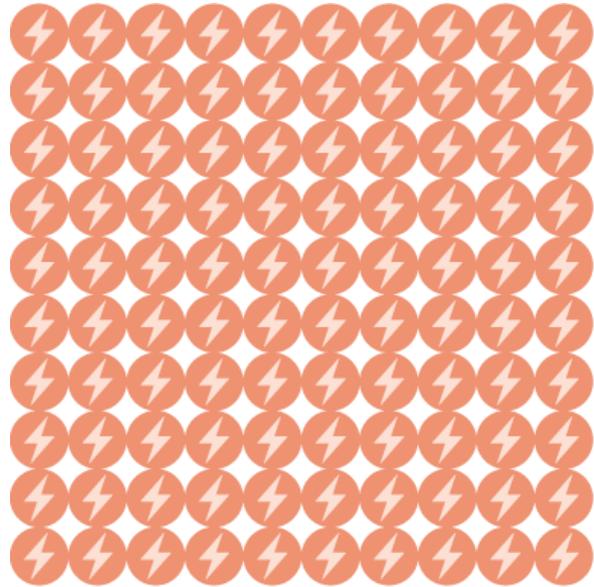
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Demand reduction is key to meeting climate goals



Energy demand 2020



Energy demand 2050

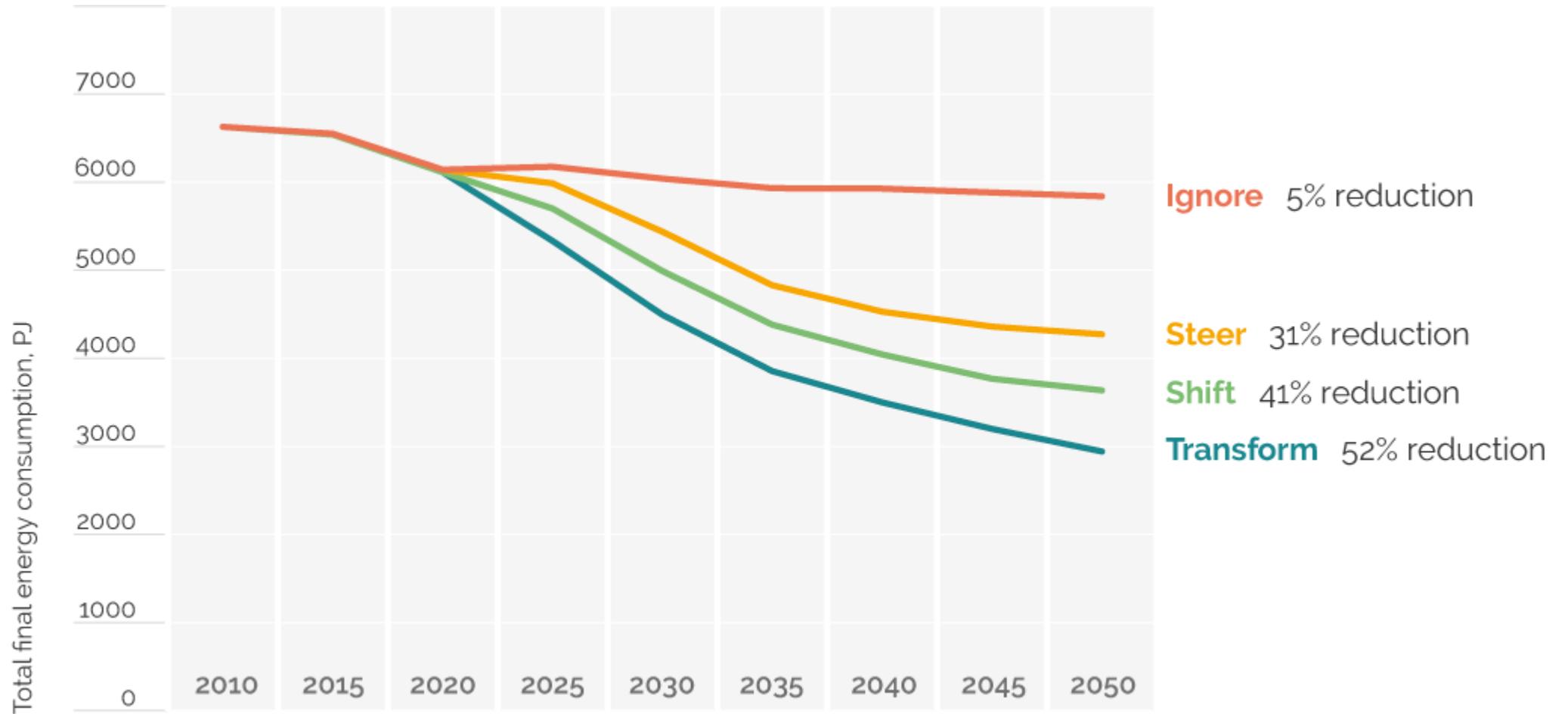


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Energy demand could be halved by 2050



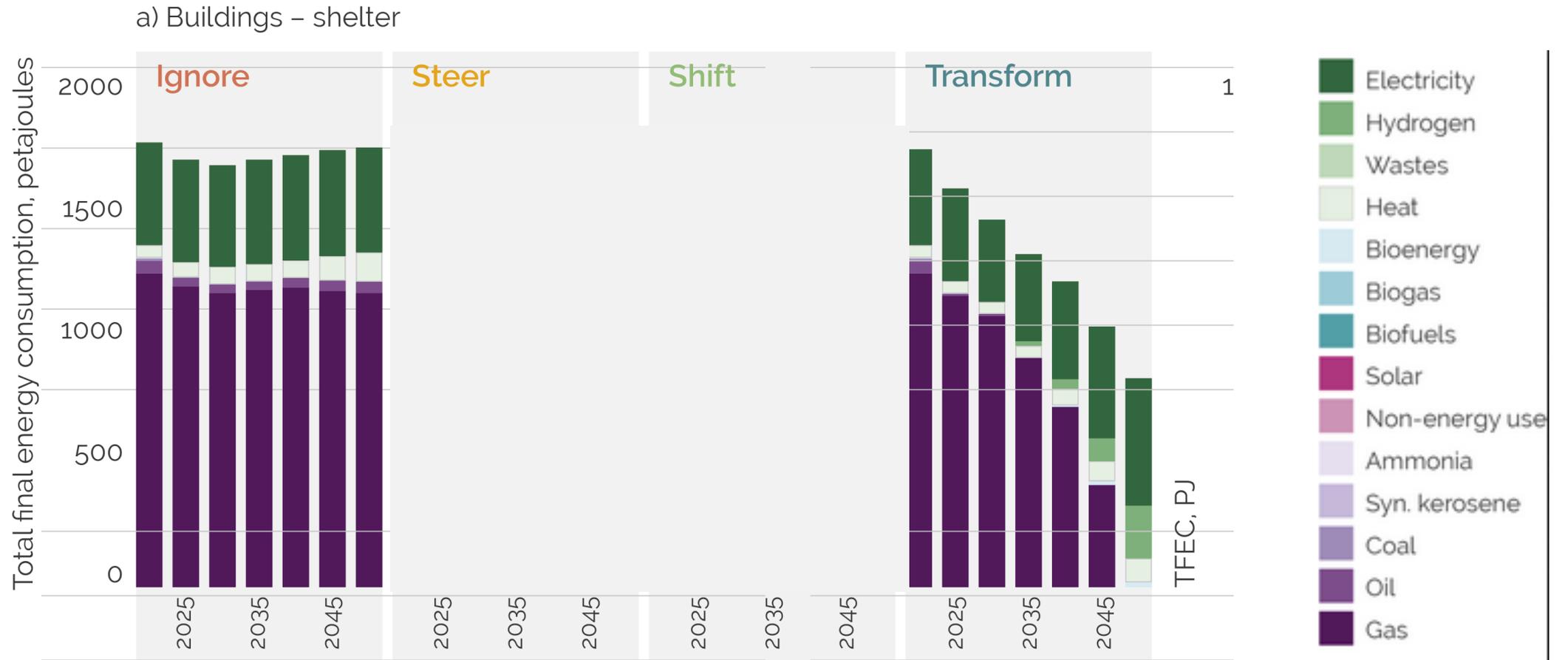
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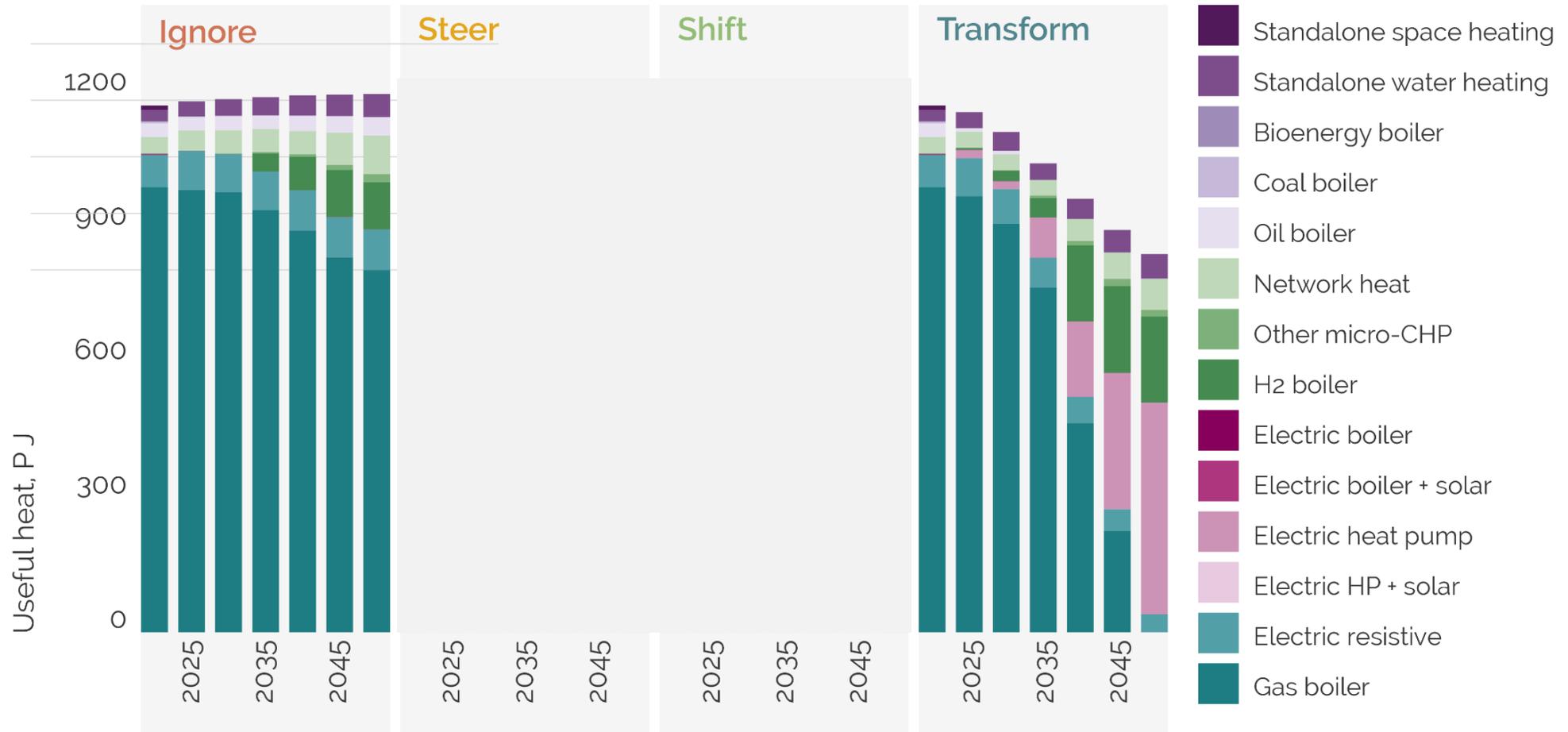
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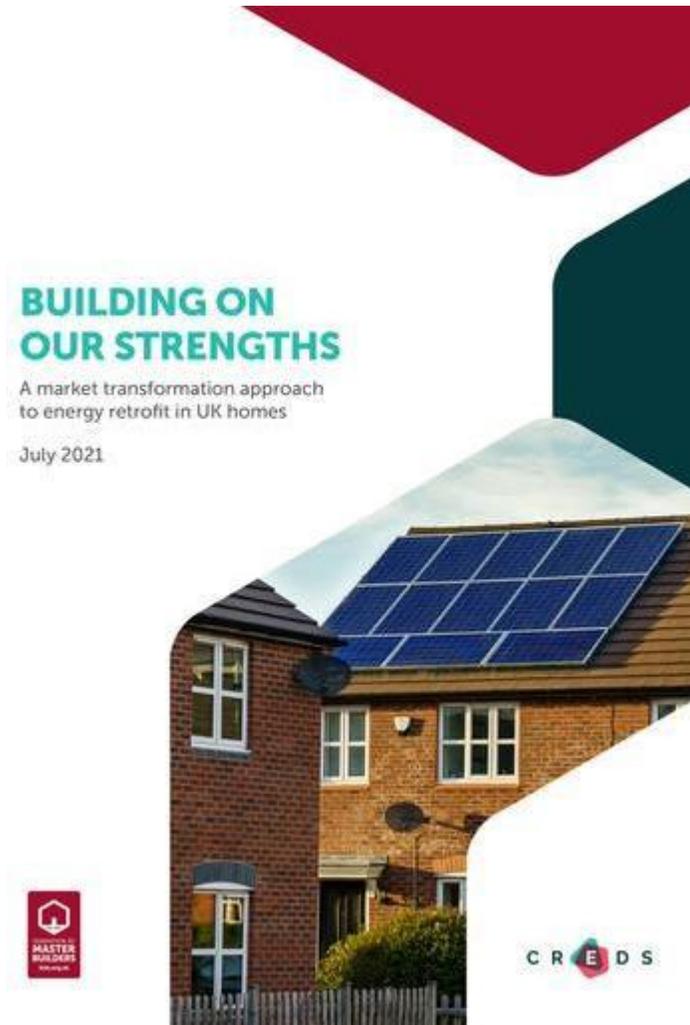
Energy source changes for residential buildings



Heat delivery technologies in the residential sector



Delivering demand reduction: residential retrofit



<https://www.fmb.org.uk/resource/building-on-our-strengths.html>

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The building workforce we already have is key



"Despite the many benefits of retrofit, there is no functioning market to deliver it"



"Energy retrofit must become embedded into the everyday practices of builders"



We need to get policy right



“We have been put off by stop/start policy schemes - they are too risky for a smaller firm. However, we do want to get more involved in this market”* - Master Builder



“There is no simple policy ‘fix’ for housing retrofit. A joined-up, cross-sectoral approach is needed”



Elements of a successful retrofit strategy

- Finance – private and public
- Minimum standards for buildings to be more regularly revised
- A licence to trade for building firms
- Education and training reforms
- EPCs reformed to improve accuracy and link to trigger points
- Detailed policy design



Conclusions

- Making change on the scale necessary in the residential sector is of course complex and challenging
- However, there is a great deal of high quality research and practice indicating positive ways ahead
- A focus on energy demand reduction is vital
- Policy support is needed at all levels of government
- We know what this policy change should look like, progressive parts of the industry are on board – let's keep pushing for the positive, low carbon future we need and deserve!



Thank you!



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