



# Developing a global Hydrogen Market

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# Poll

1. In **which sectors** will hydrogen be used on a scale **by 2030?** (more than one)
  - a. Power generation
  - b. Industry
  - c. Mobility
2. ... in the long term **by 2050?** (more than one)
  - a. Power generation
  - b. Industry
  - c. Mobility
3. Will hydrogen economy be a **leveler** to bring prosperity/growth to the **Global South?**
  - a. True
  - b. Maybe
  - c. False
4. Which regions will be **hydrogen exporters?** (more than one)
  - a. Arabian Peninsula
  - b. Australia
  - c. North Africa
  - d. South America
  - e. USA
  - f. Canada
5. Will bottlenecks in **raw minerals** slow down hydrogen?
  - a. True
  - b. Maybe
  - c. False

# Global Hydrogen Market

- Product market
  - Green, blue, grey, brown
  - Competitive price benchmark
    - Design of a price index
- Transport
  - Electricity, pipeline, ships
- Geoeconomics
  - Resilience
- Financing market
  - Project financing in Global South

# Financing of Global South Projects

- “Solar plant” capital cost  
(high initial investment, minimal operation cost)
  - Developed country: 4% required return
  - Developing country: >10% (IEA.org)
- Risks and risk premium
  - Micro vs. macro risk
    - (Geo)political/expropriation risk
  - **Advanced Purchasing agreement** to reduce risk in
    - Quantity
    - Price / floor ↔ **H-price index** (benchmark)
      - Currency risk *limit pricing power*
    - How to allocate agreements across countries?  
“Resilience principle” – Auction?



# Financing of Global South Projects

## ■ Currency risk

- Solar **for export** in €-area
  - Finance in € and invoice H in €  
(plant abroad, but finance in €-area)
- Solar **for home consumption** (e.g. Namibia)
  - Problem: finance in local currency is expensive
  - Currency risk subsidy (Presaud)
    - Local currency depreciates due to
      - **Negative supply** shock with stagflation
      - **Positive demand** shock, overheating, inflation
    - Why transfers in both? Currency is volatile for many reasons
- Alternative: Targeted insurance based on GDP

# DEVELOPING A GLOBAL HYDROGEN MARKET

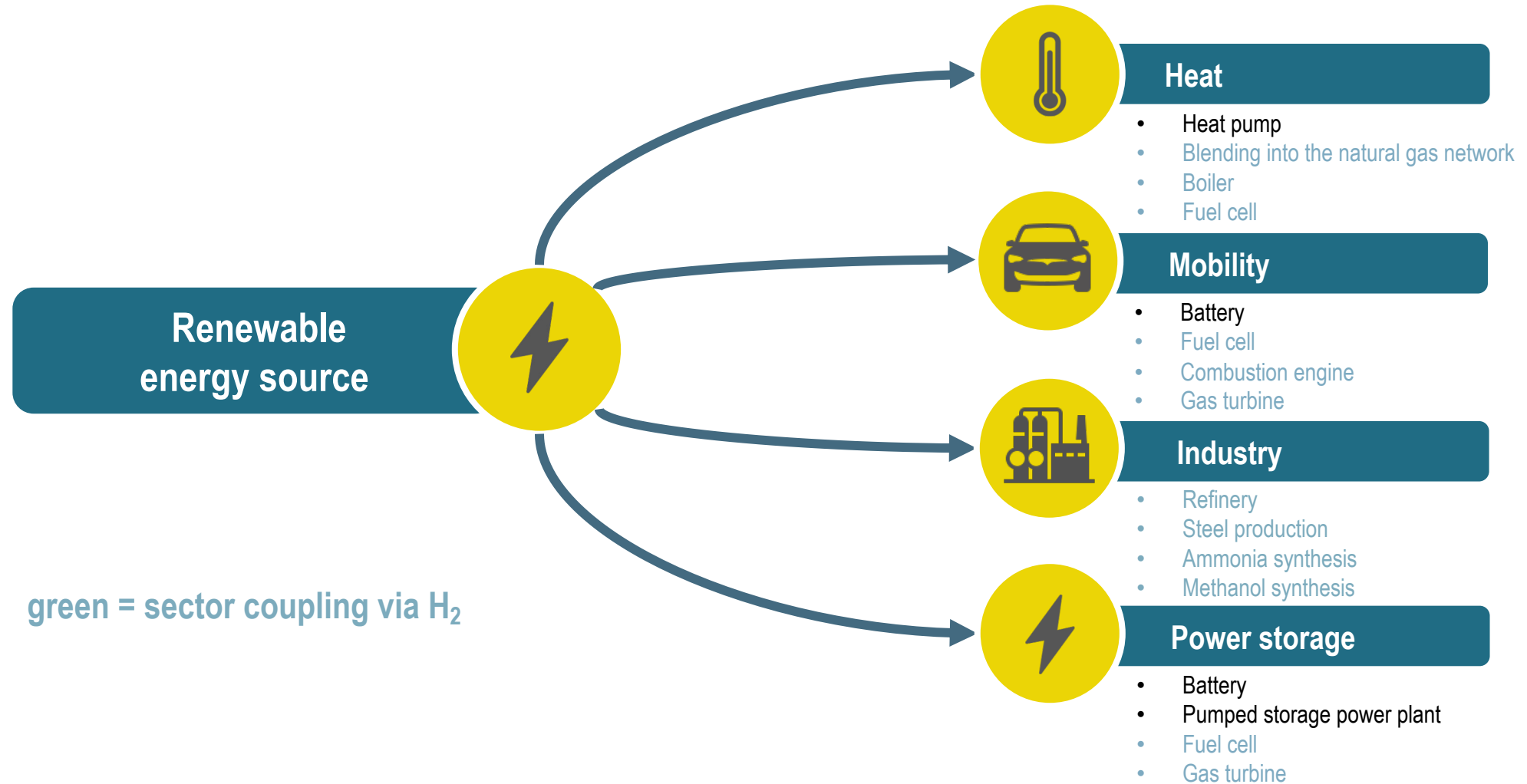
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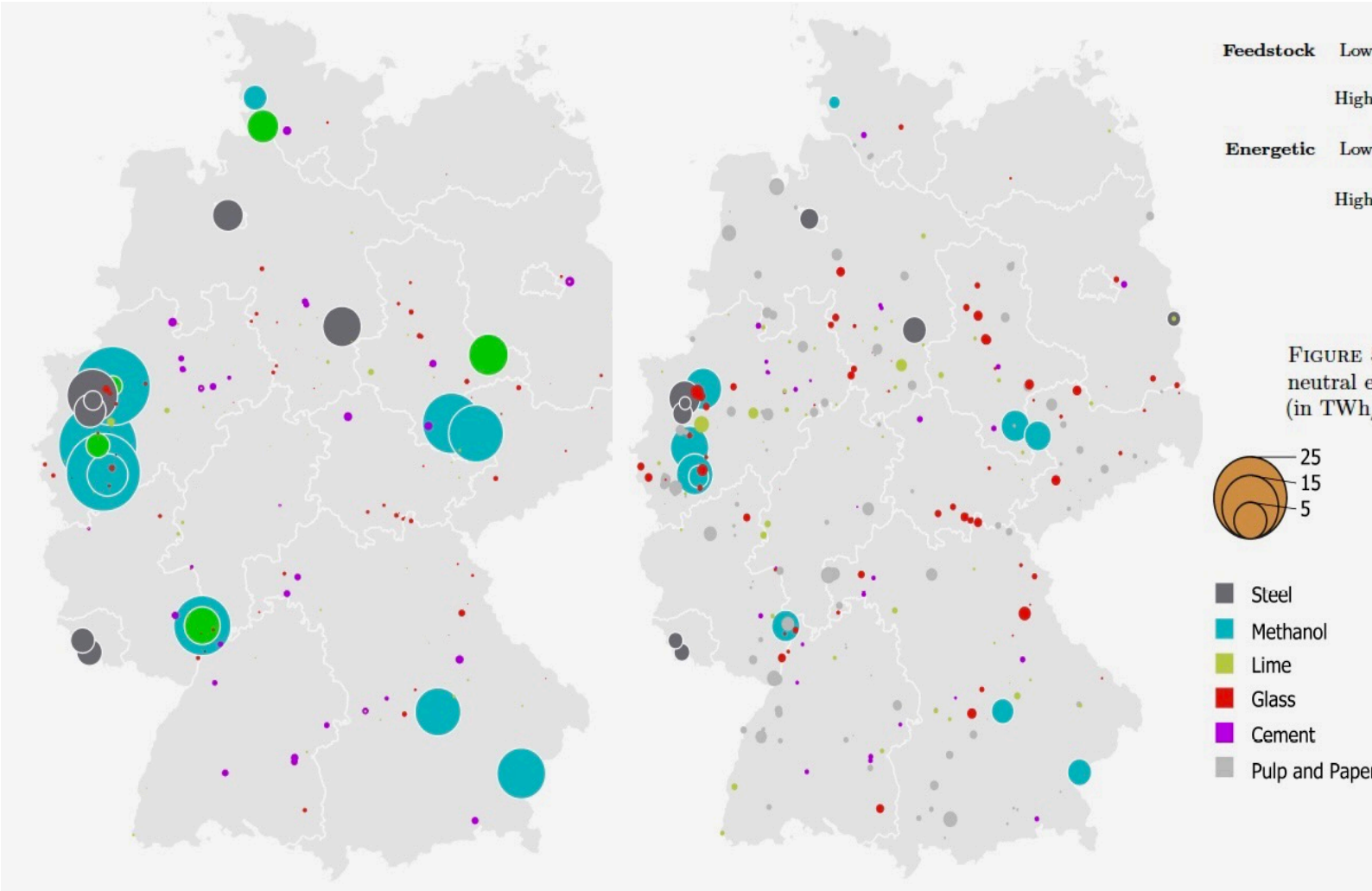
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# HYDROGEN WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION



# H2 DEMAND IN EUROPE WILL BE HIGH (HERE: INDUSTRIAL H2 DEMAND IN GERMANY)



Lower bound scenario

Δ between higher and lower H2 demand scenarios

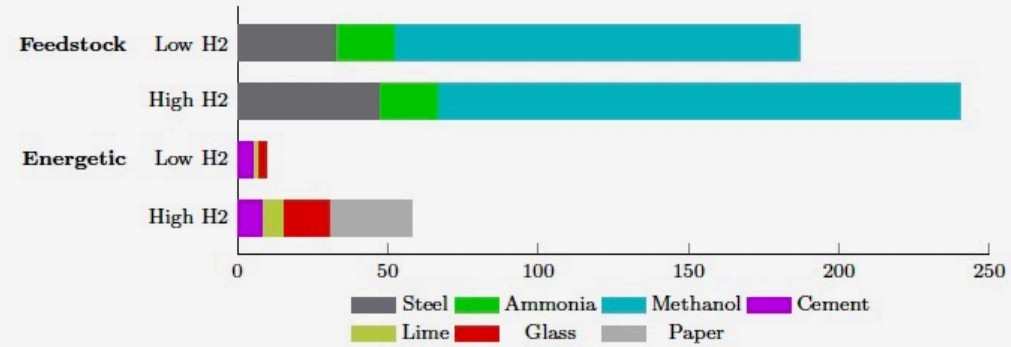


FIGURE 5. Projected industrial hydrogen demand for Germany in a carbon-neutral economy without relocation of energy intensive production abroad (in TWh/a)

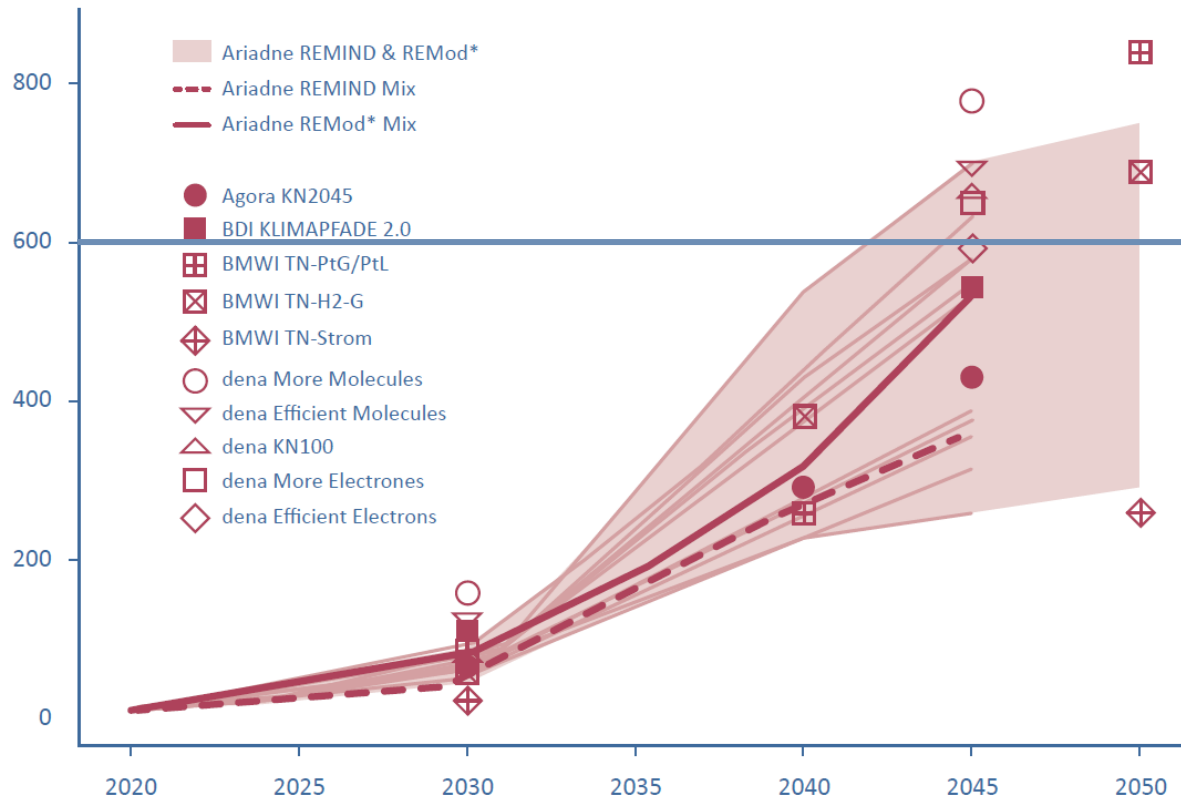
**NWR\* estimates (for 2040-50):**

Process industries	298
Transport	73
Heat	125 - 500
Energy supply	288
<b>Total</b>	<b>964 - 1364</b>

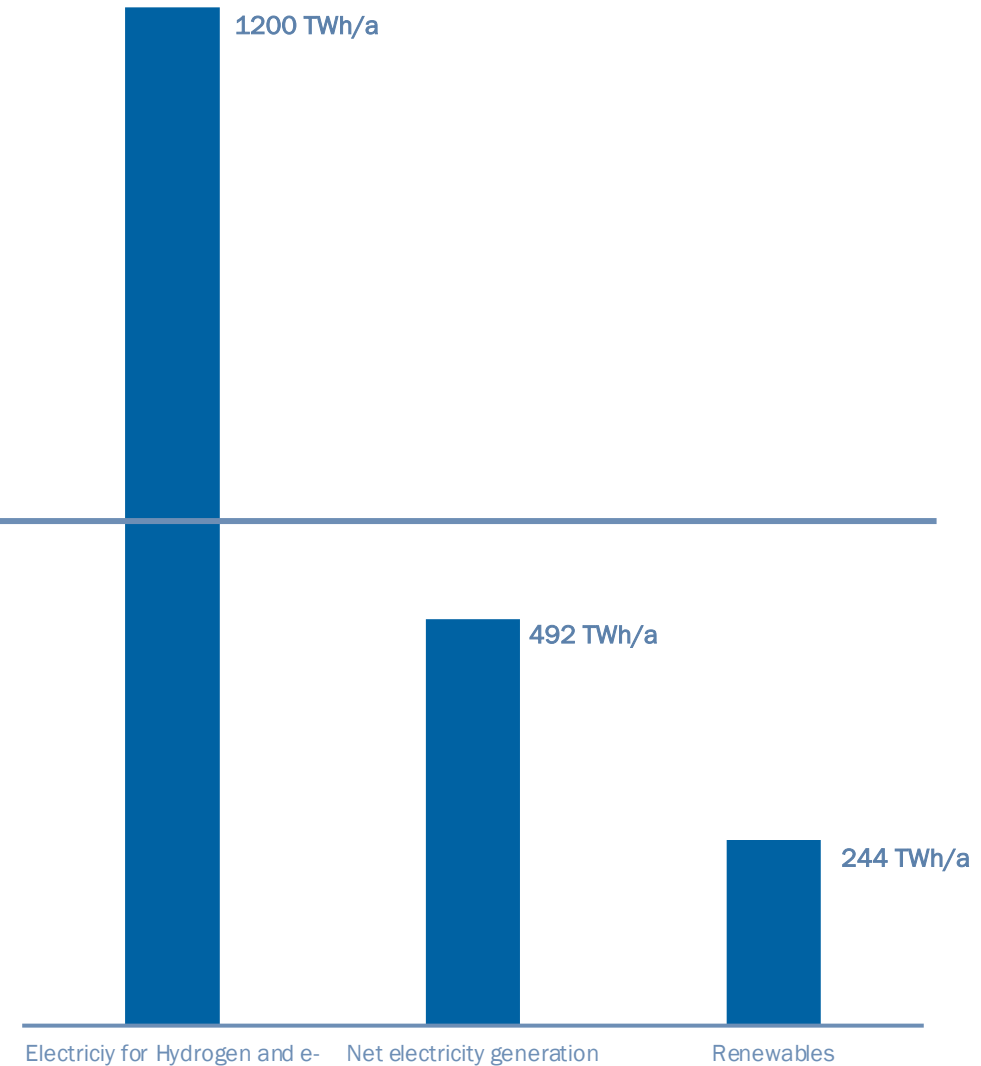
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# GERMANY (AND EUROPE) WILL NEED TO IMPORT HYDROGEN AND DERIVATIVES

Demand for Hydrogen and E-Fuels (TWh/a)



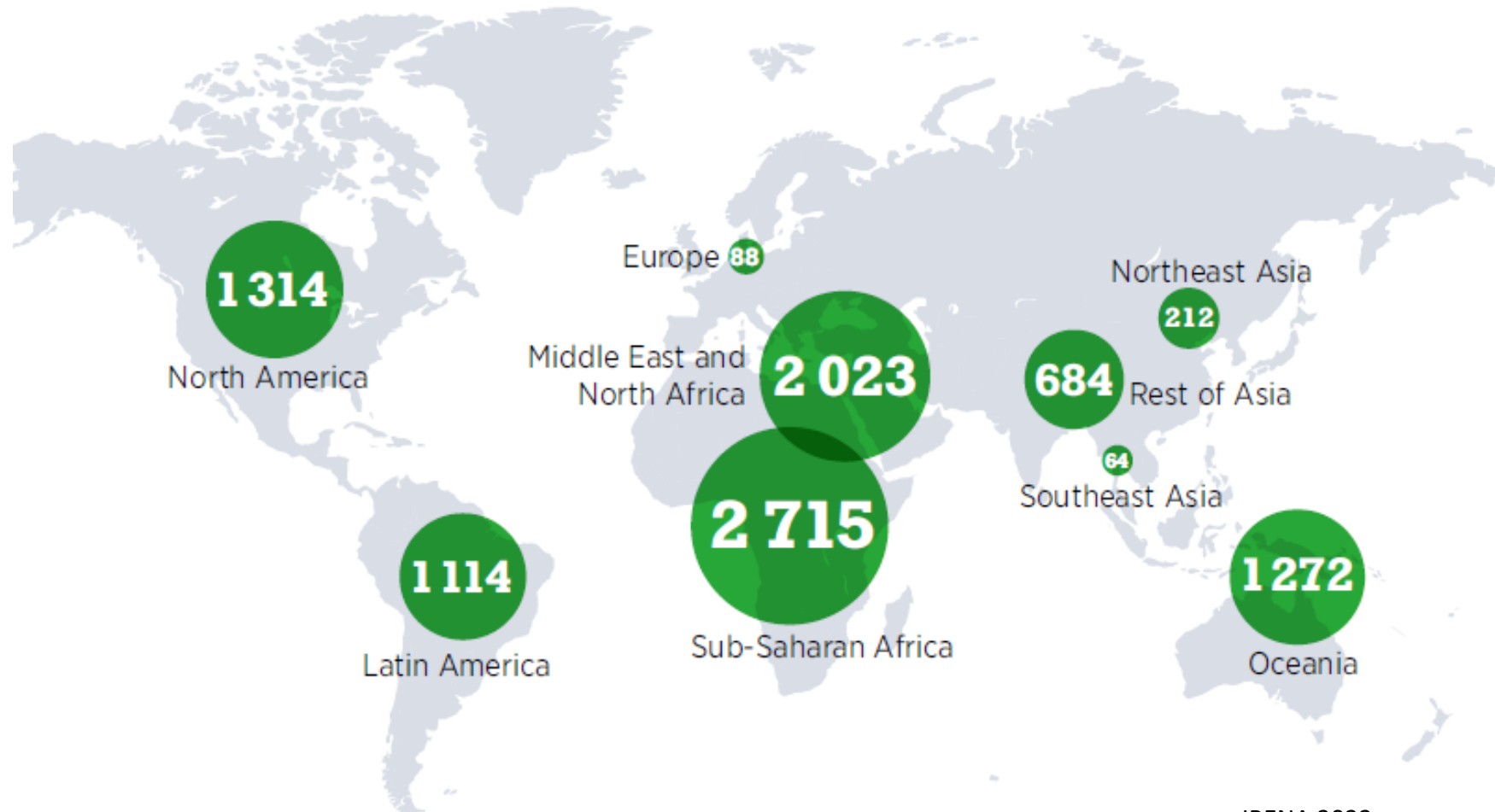
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# POTENTIAL FOR H2 PRODUCTION IN EUROPE IS LOW

Figure 3.4 Technical potential for producing green hydrogen under USD 1.5/kg by 2050, in EJ

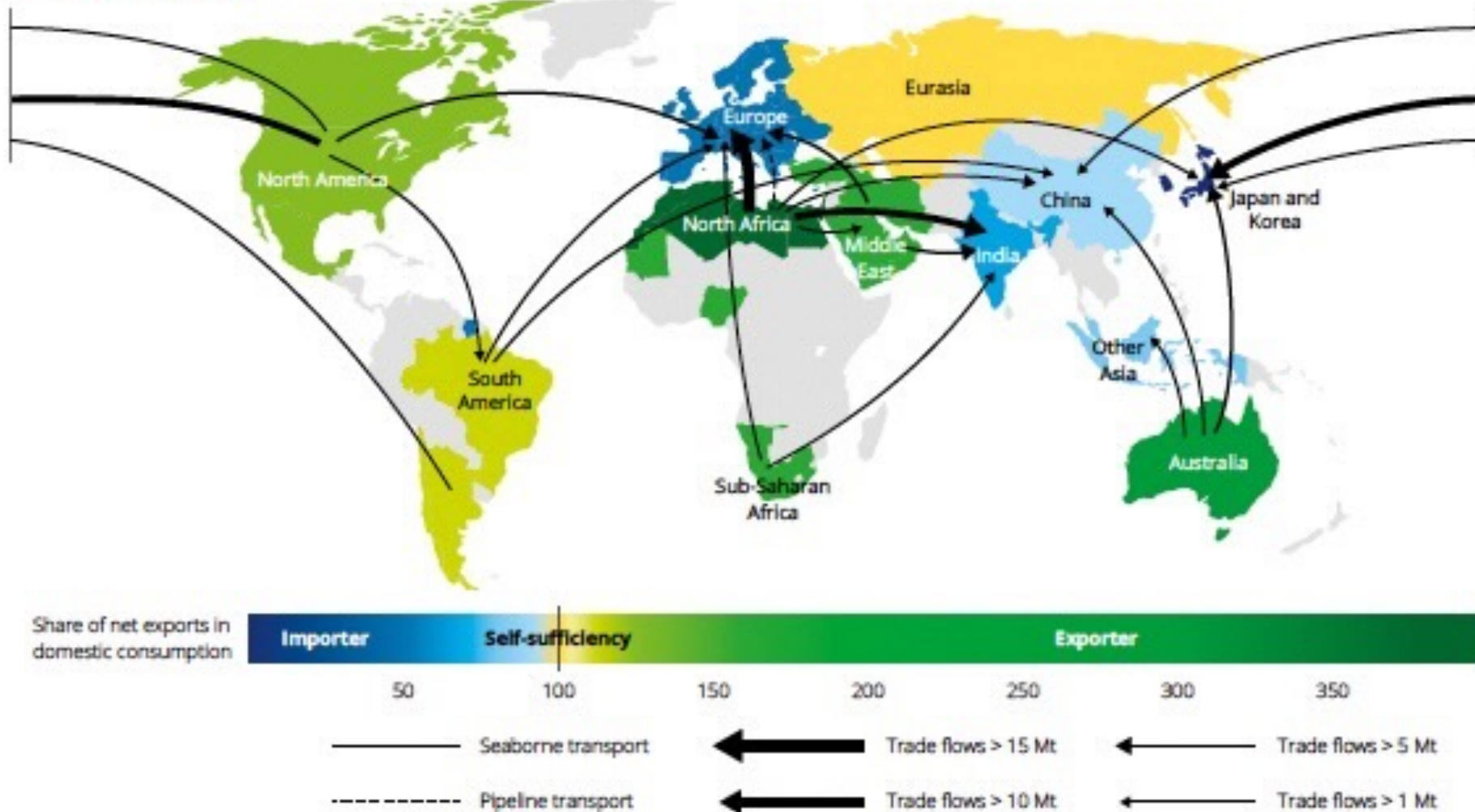




# H2 & DERIVATIVES PRODUCTION AND TRADE 2050

Figure 16. Global hydrogen trade among the key regions, 2050

a) World map of trade



**The US:**  
self-sustained in 2030 and a net exporter in the long run.

**Europe:**  
net importer. Goal should be early diversification of imports.



# STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP H2 MARKETS

## US:

- IRA tax credits for clean H<sub>2</sub>,
- domestic production and consumption,
- focus on CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, not „color“ of H<sub>2</sub>:

The subsidy differentiates according to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of hydrogen production over the entire life cycle and, assuming that the requirements for labour standards and training places are met, amounts to

- 60 ct per kg for hydrogen with a CO<sub>2</sub> footprint between 4 and 2, 5 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per kg of hydrogen,
- 75 ct per kg for a CO<sub>2</sub> footprint between 2.5 and 1.5 kg, US\$1 for a CO<sub>2</sub> footprint between 1.5 and 0.45 kg, and
- US\$3 for a CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of less than 0.45 kg (Internal Revenue Code Title 26 Section 45V).

## Europe:

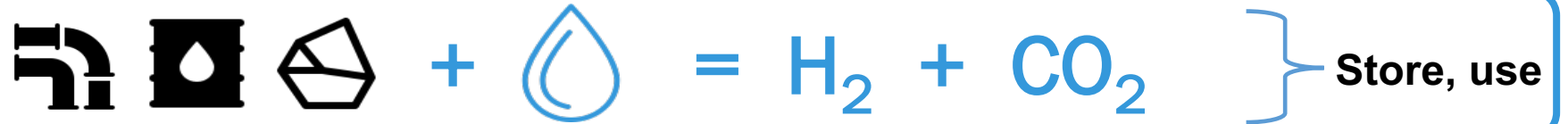
- Import strategy necessary
- current debate on „color“ of H<sub>2</sub>
- certification decisions still pending
- point-to-point contracts bear the risk of lock-in with few suppliers (dependencies and market power)
- H<sub>2</sub>Global double auction instrument as an attractive option.

# THE COLORS OF HYDROGEN

Steam  
Reforming



Steam  
Reforming  
+ CCS o. CCU



Pyrolysis



Biomass  
Conversion

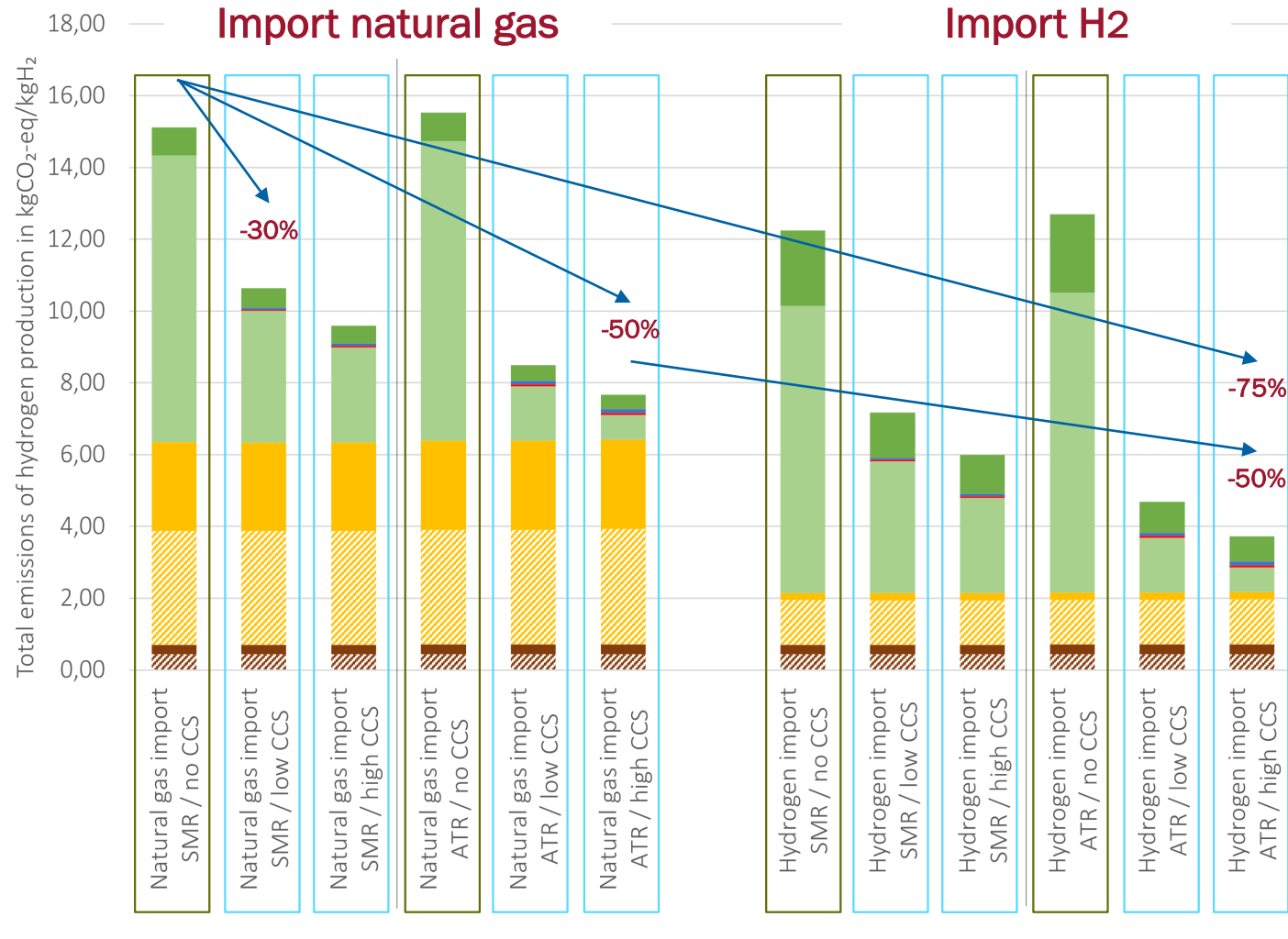


Electrolysis



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# CERTIFICATION IS PARTICULARLY AN ISSUE FOR BLUE HYDROGEN

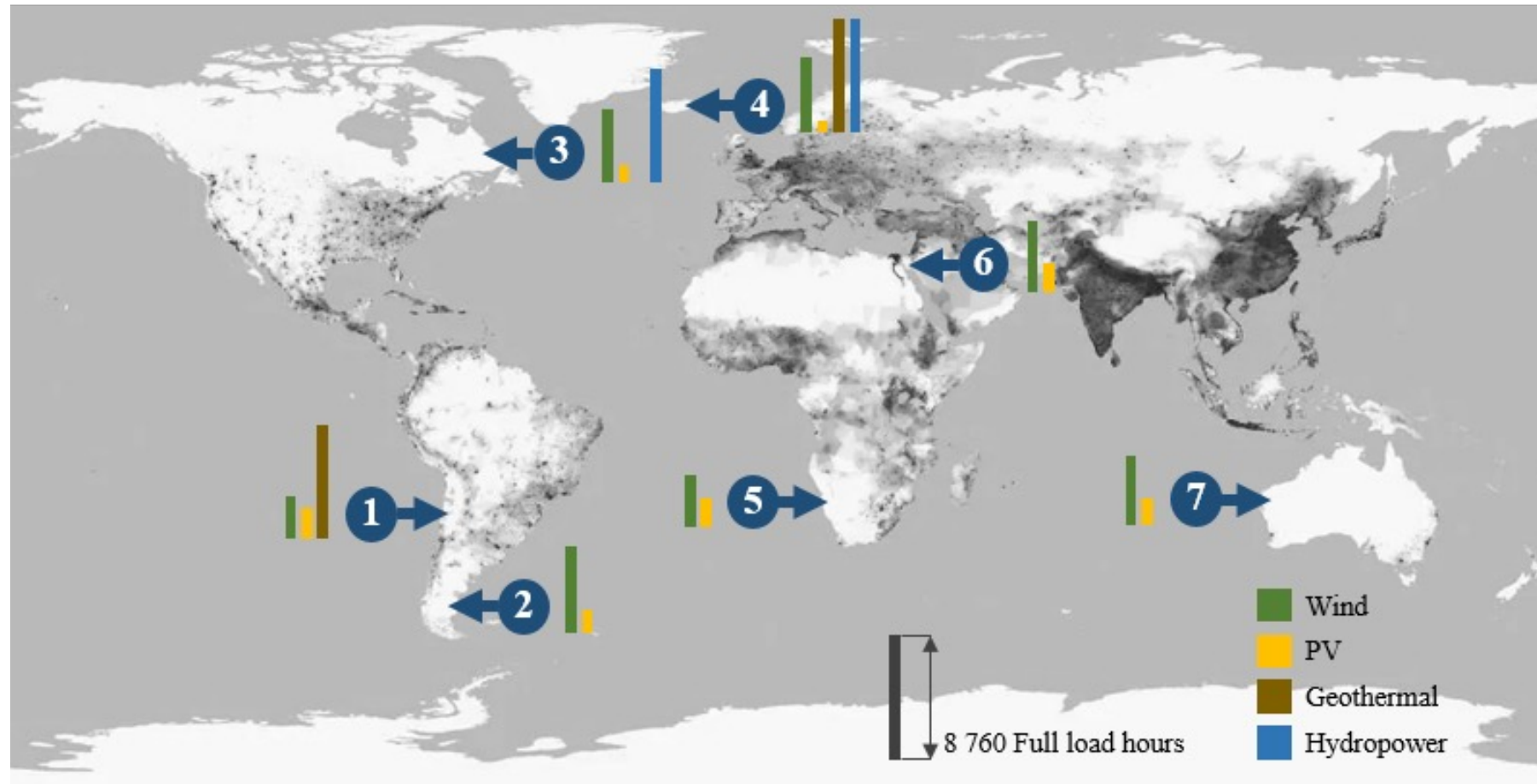


Blue hydrogen emissions differ significantly between different production technologies.

Methane emissions in the upstream chain have a significant impact on the footprint of blue hydrogen.

- ▨ Methane emissions from natural gas production
- ▨ Methane emissions from natural gas transport
- Emissions from H<sub>2</sub> production
- Emissions from CO<sub>2</sub> storage
- Other emissions from natural gas production
- Other emissions from natural gas transport
- Emissions from CO<sub>2</sub> transport
- Emissions from H<sub>2</sub> transport

# MORE COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE CAN EXPORT GREEN ENERGY THAN FOSSIL FUELS ... BUT



## Locations

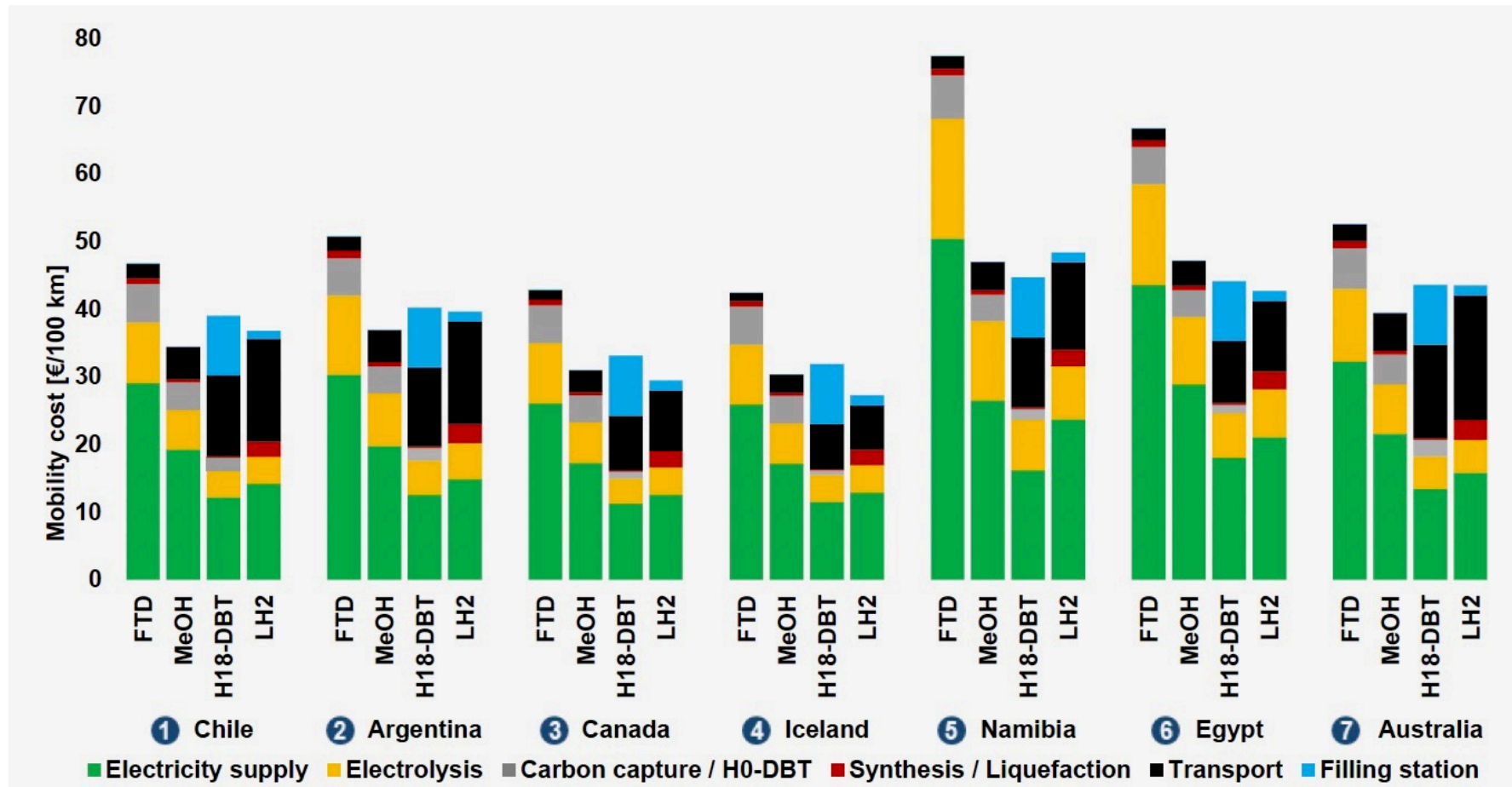
- 1 Atacama Desert in Chile
- 2 Patagonia in Argentina
- 3 Labrador in Canada
- 4 Iceland
- 5 Karas in Namibia
- 6 Gulf of Suez in Egypt
- 7 West Australia

## Fuels

- FTD - Fischer Tropsch Diesel  
MeOH - Methanol  
H18-DBT - Perhydrodibenzyl-  
toluene (LOHC)  
LH2 - Liquid Hydrogen



# LOCATIONS DIFFER IN LEVELIZED COST, GEOPOLITICAL RISK, FINANCIAL CAPACITIES



- Diversification does not happen by itself
- Concentration on a few partners leads to dependencies
- Ship more flexible than pipeline
- Transport costs moderate in the long term

Figure 3 Mobility cost of all fuels at all production sites in the year 2035 (in prices of the year 2021)

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# ATTRACTIVENESS OF DIFFERENT ENERGY CARRIERS TODAY

(THE FUTURE MAY LOOK DIFFERENT)

	Liquid Hydrogen	LOHC	Green Ammonia	Green Methanol
Volumetric hydrogen content	●	●	●	●
Boil-off Losses (Storage)	●	●	●	●
Conversion- Energy demand	●	●	●	●
Dehydrogenation- Energy demand	●	●	●	●
Conversion TRL	●	●	●	●
Dehydrogenation TRL	●	●	●	●
Logistic Infrastructure availability (Medium scale)	●	●	●	●
Direct utilization/ Fuel cell	●	●	●	●
Flammability	●	●	●	●
Toxicity	●	●	●	●

- Best
- Medium
- Worst

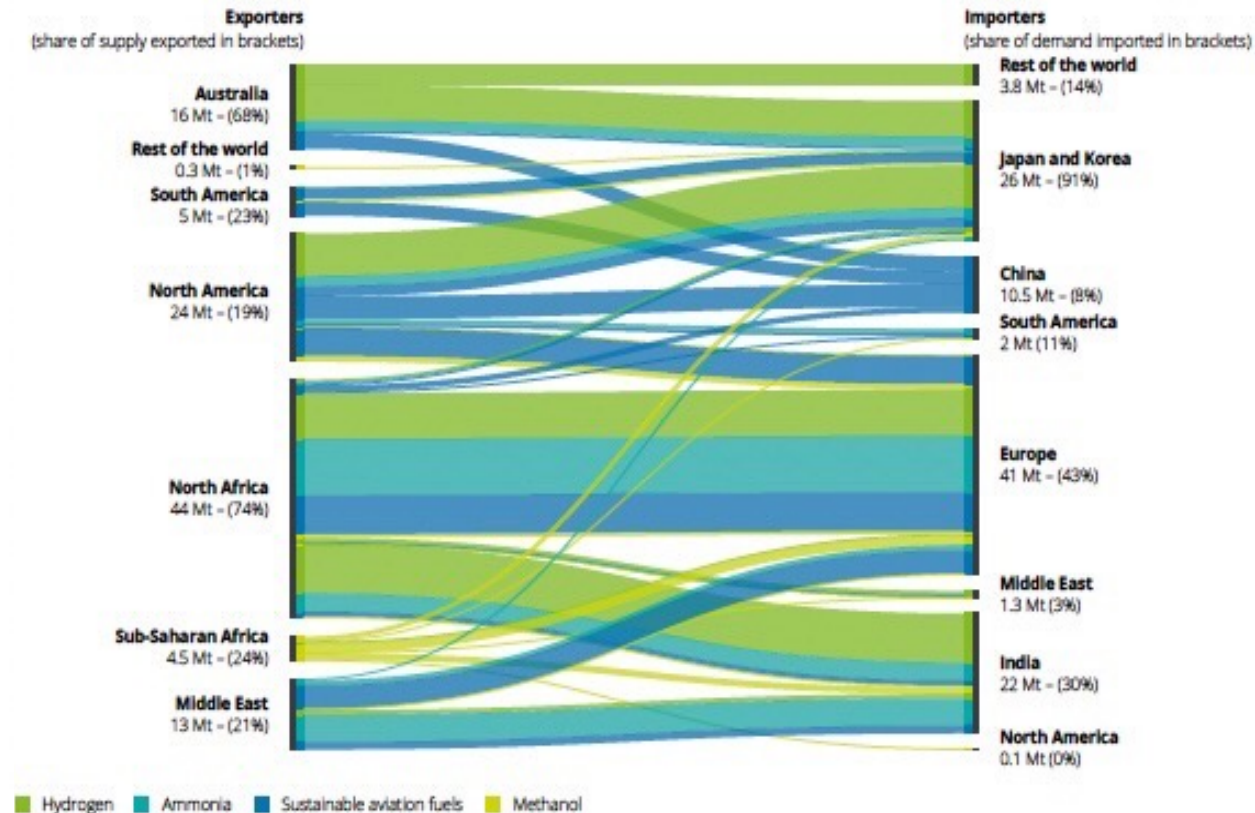
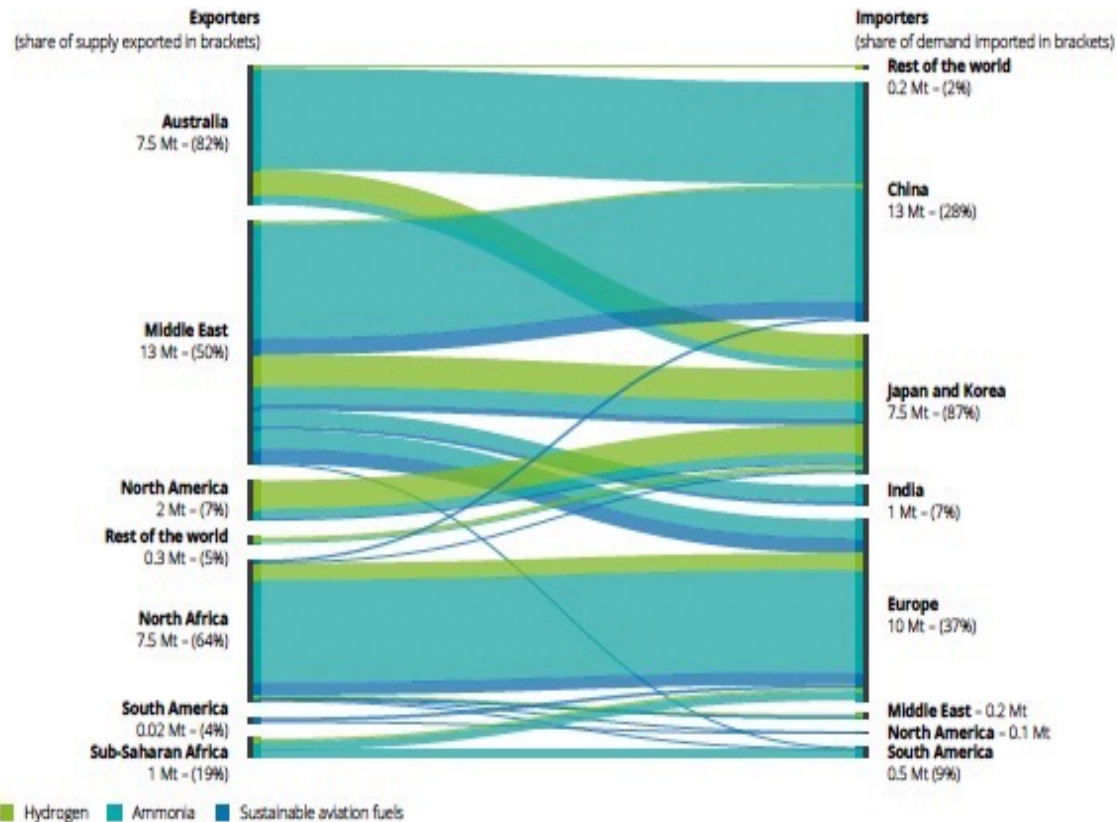
# FROM AMMONIA TO OTHER DERIVATIVES

## 2030

Mainly ammonia, less H2 and SAFs

## 2050

Mainly H2, SAFs & Methanol, less ammonia



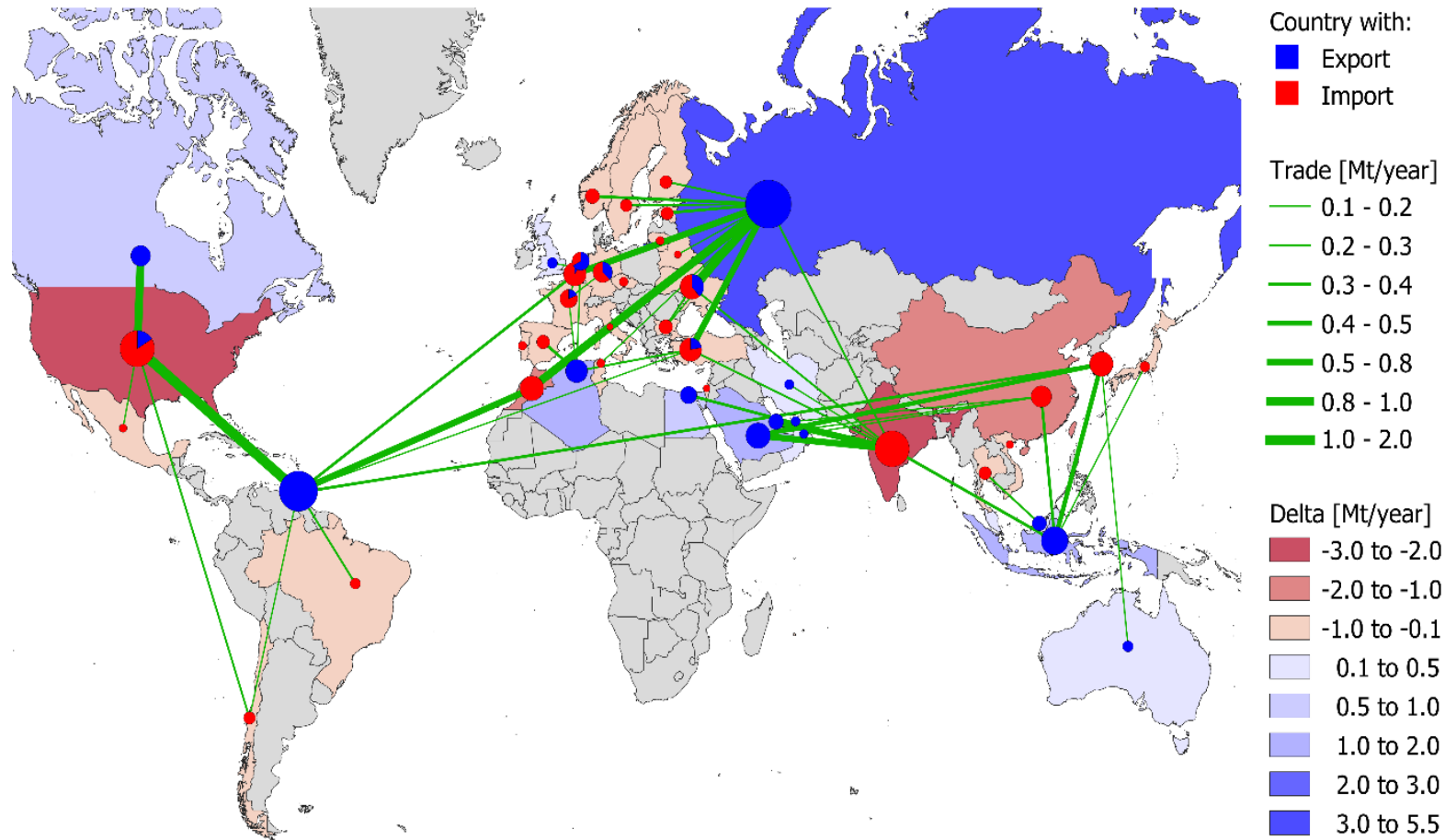
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# GLOBAL AMMONIA TRADE FLOWS

Ammonia is the first available option to trade H2 at a large scale



## Today

- 20.6 Mt (12 %) of global production is traded between countries.
- Today, large exporters are gas producing countries, concentrated market.

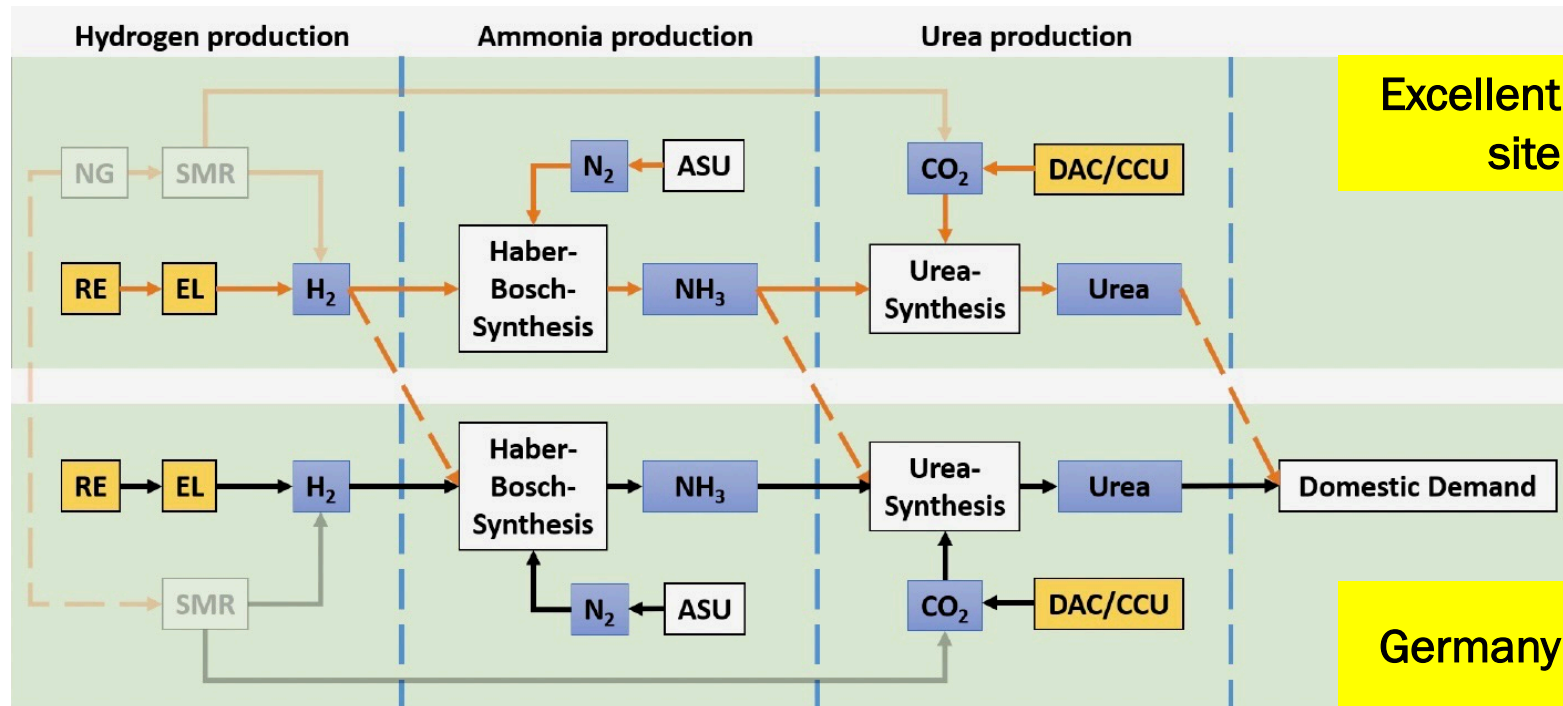
## Tomorrow

- Green ammonia supply of 10 TWh (1.93 Mt) per year (equivalent to 7.86 TWh green hydrogen)
- Initial investment of 10.69 bn €.
- Annual operation costs of 0.33 bn €.
- Three large ship (volume of 160,000 m<sup>3</sup>) with 8 tours per vessel

Figure: Global ammonia trade flows and balances larger 0.1 Mt per year in 2019

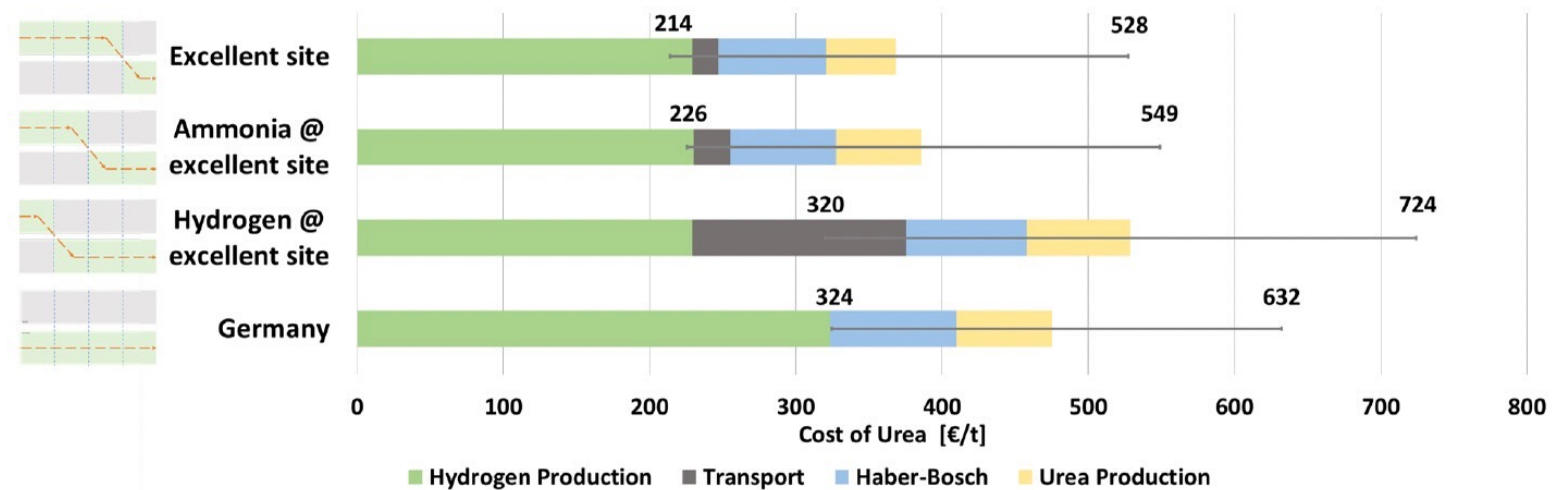
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# WHICH PRODUCTS TO IMPORT?



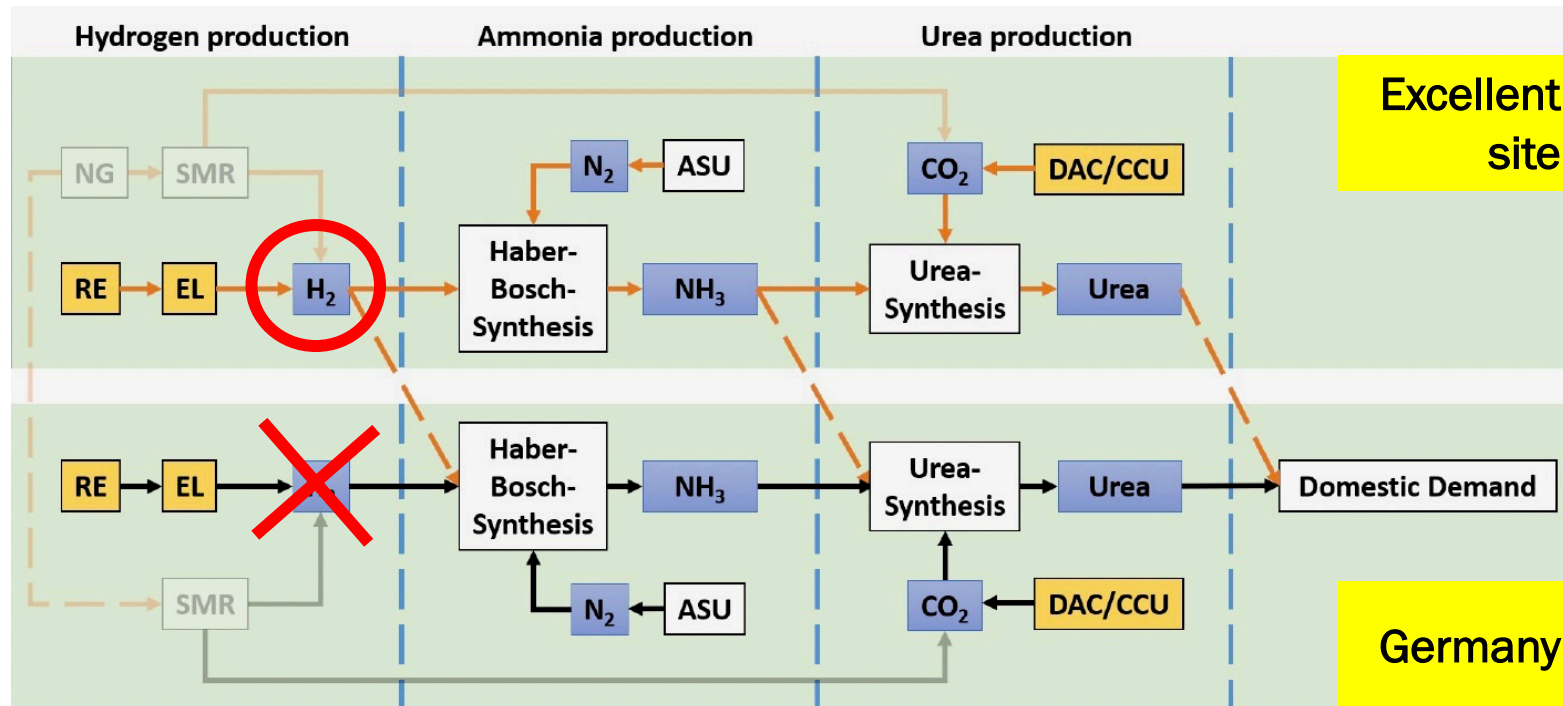
Import substitution very early in the value chain has advantages:

- No loss of by-products that are needed (e.g. for waste-water treatment)
- More standardized products are traded, and thus, **liquid markets** foreseeable
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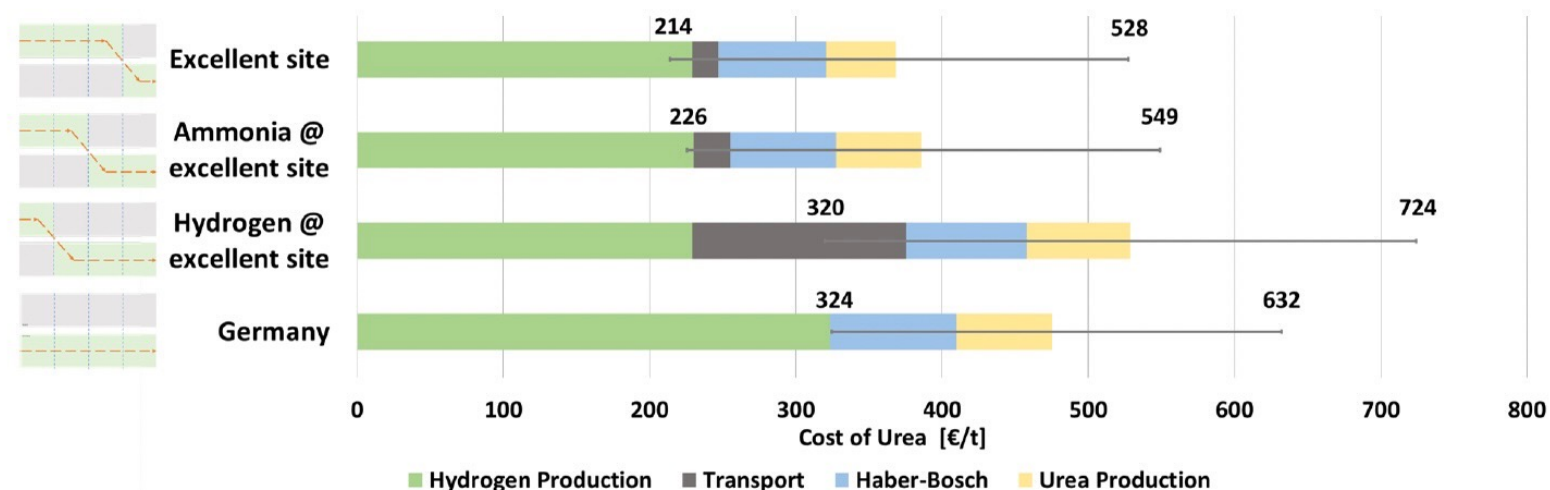
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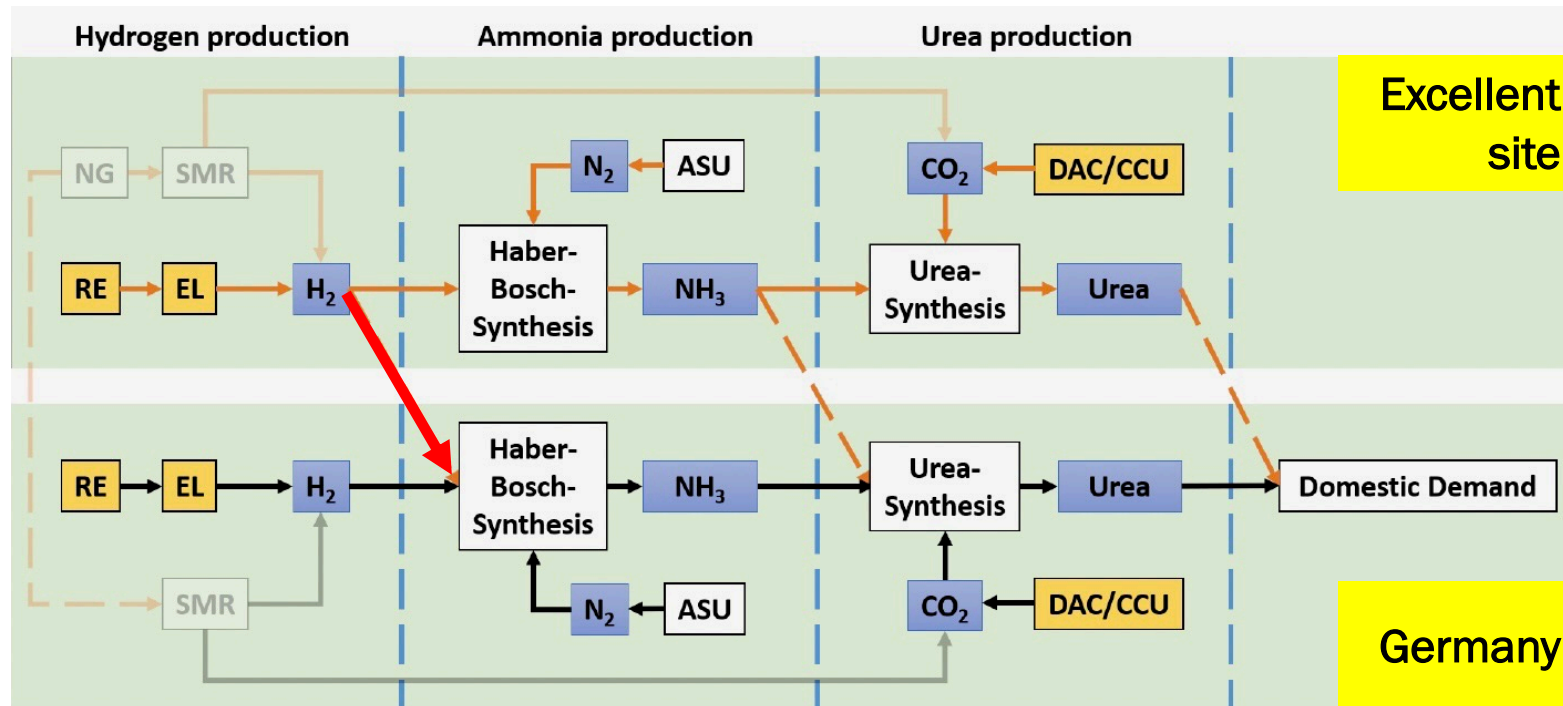
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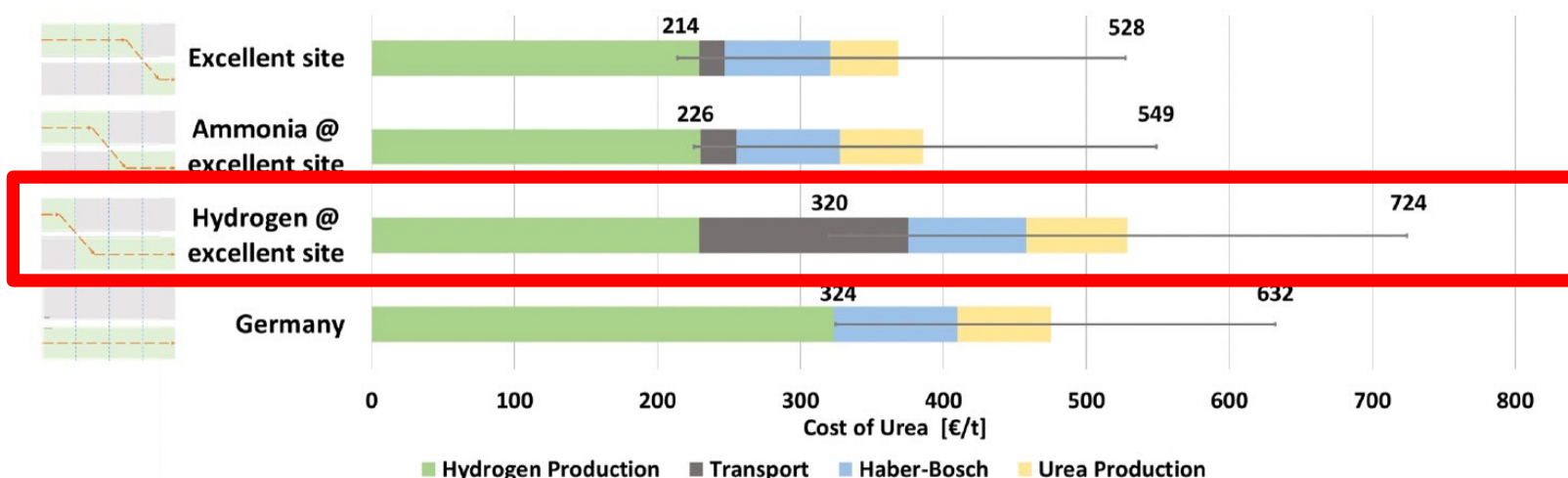


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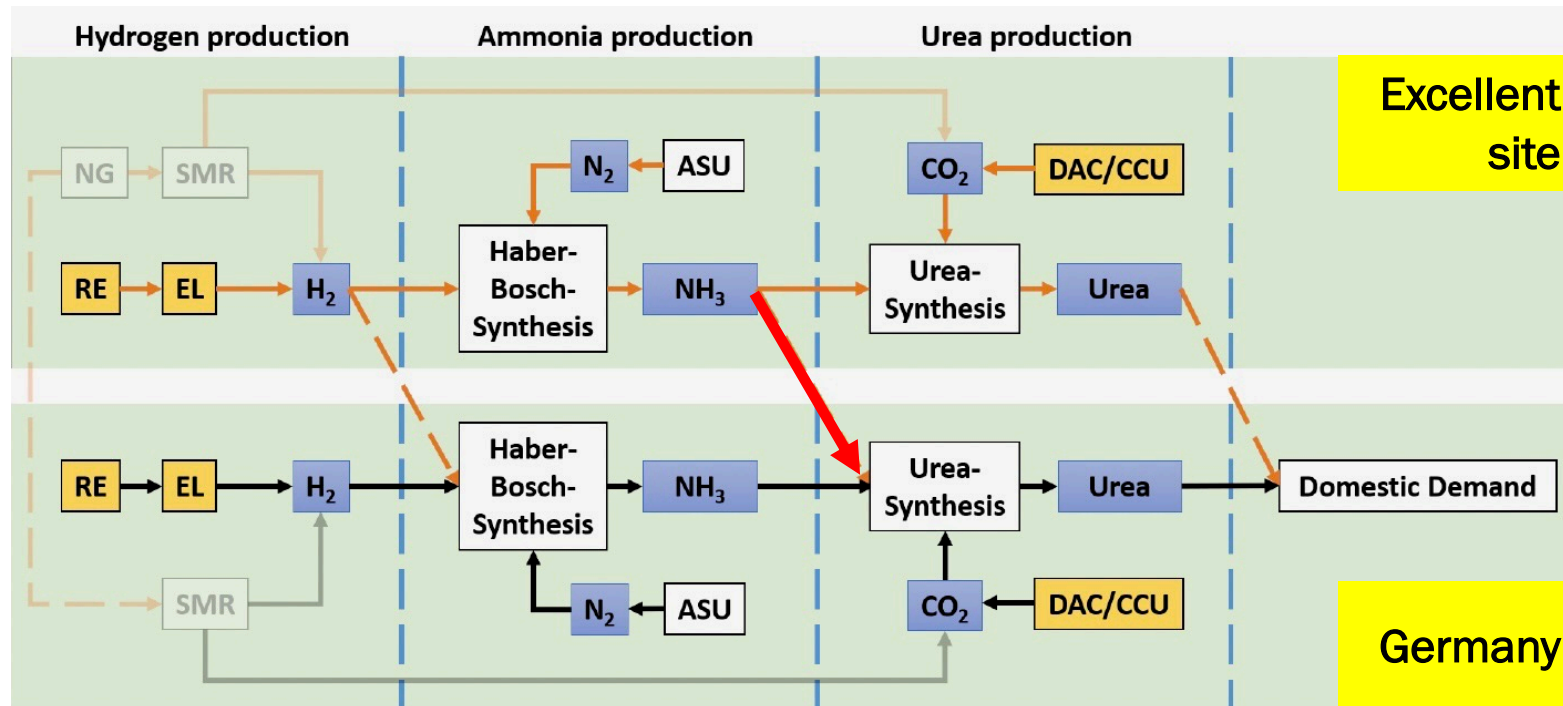
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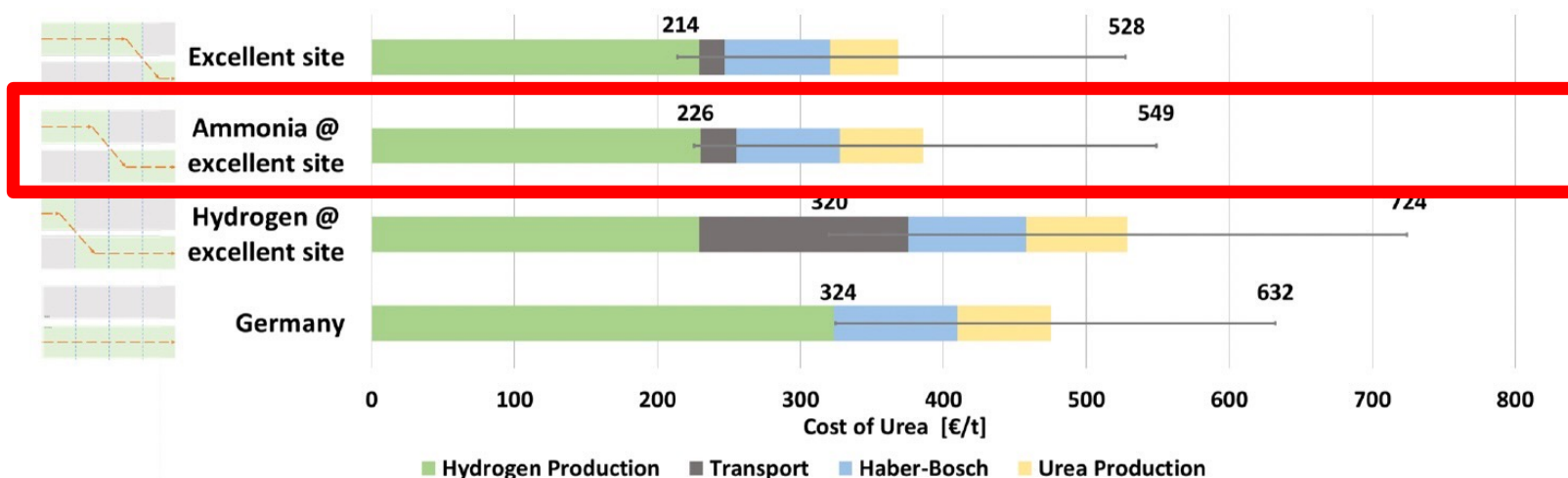
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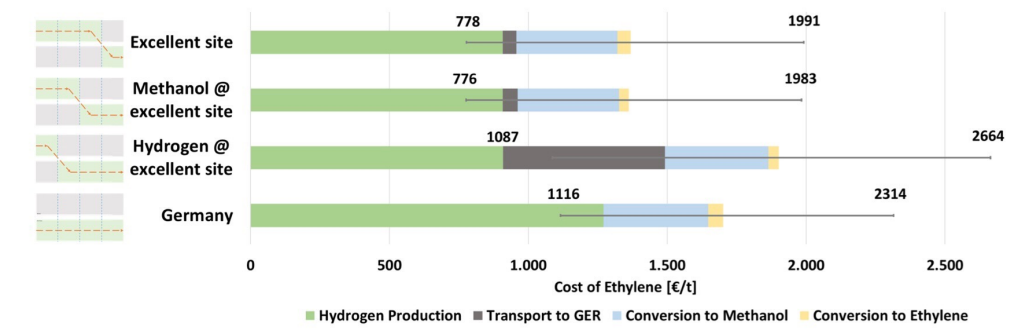
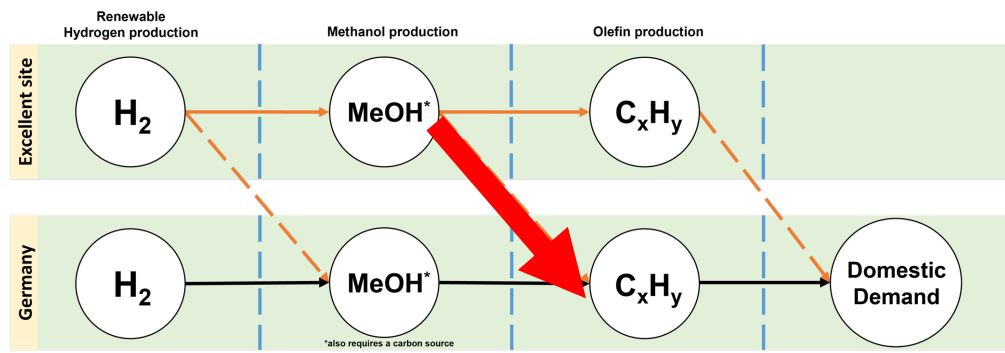
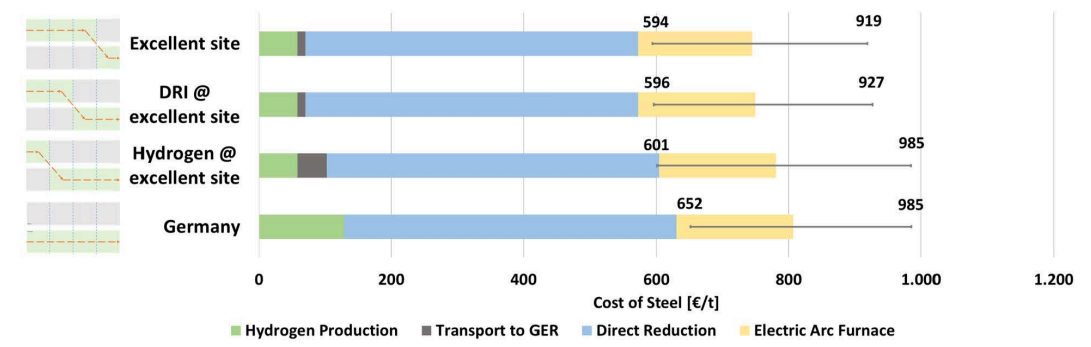
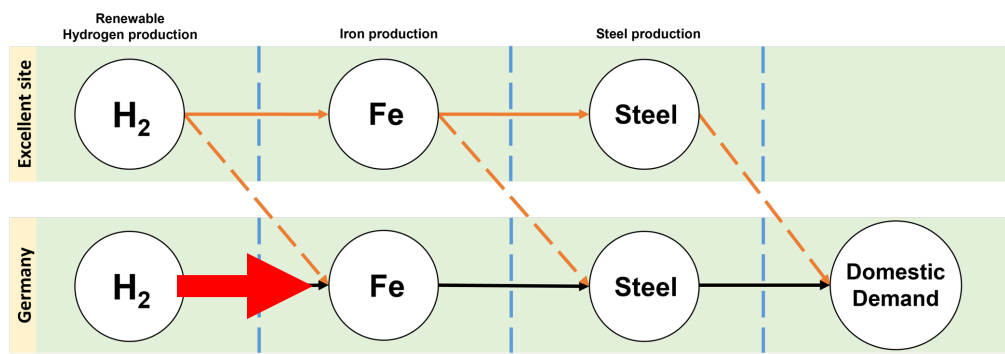
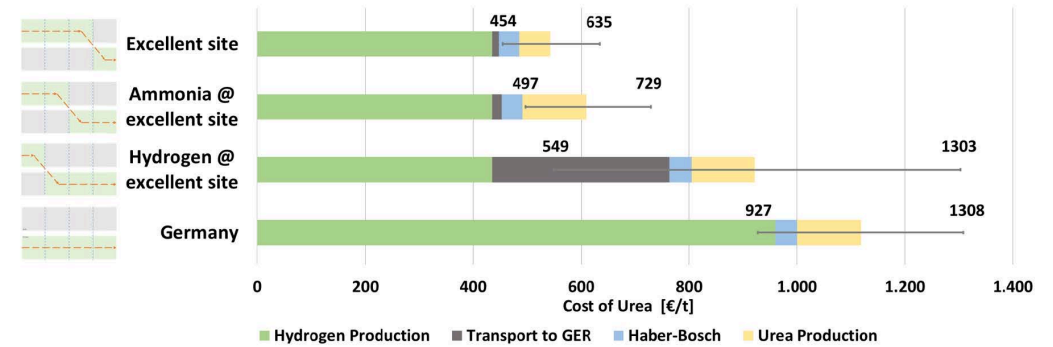
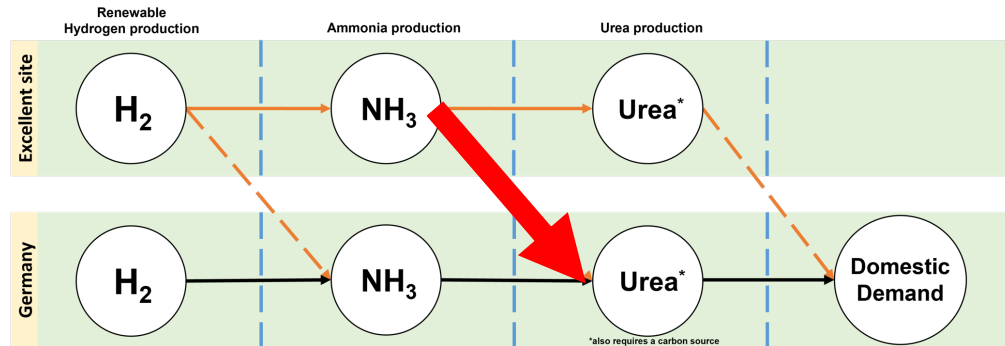
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# BUT: ENERGY INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES ARE HETEROGENOUS

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--- Cross-border import (Pipeline, Shipping)  
 ↓ Domestic processing  
 → Overseas processing

# WHERE WE STAND

## Current situation

- **Chicken-Egg-Problem** (Simultaneous ramp-up of supply/logistics/demand)
- **Certification** unclear and internationally not harmonized
- Various **new players** with interesting RES potential but not enough access to capital
- **Big players** (may) attempt early deterrence
- Market power on related markets for fossile commodities
- No natural commodity currently traded to link the prices to

## Questions to tackle

- **Which products** to import?
- **Geopolitical risk** (how to deal with it)?
- How to **avoid the relocation** of entire production sites?
- **Pipeline vs Ship**, supply security issues (particularly with pipelines)?
- should Europe accept (cover) higher financing costs due to country risks in some cases in order to **reduce own supply risk through diversification**?
- How to **avoid windfall profits from subsidies** (i.e. for point-2-point contracts)



## Markets, Trading and Price Signals

Standardized and transparent trade reduces windfall profits from subsidies in the medium term.

## Emission Trading Scheme, CO2 Price and CBAM

A strong CO2 price signal is important to reduce emissions and encourages investment in renewable hydrogen production.

## Standardization and certification

Clear and precise sustainability criteria for renewable hydrogen and its derivatives are key for private investment.

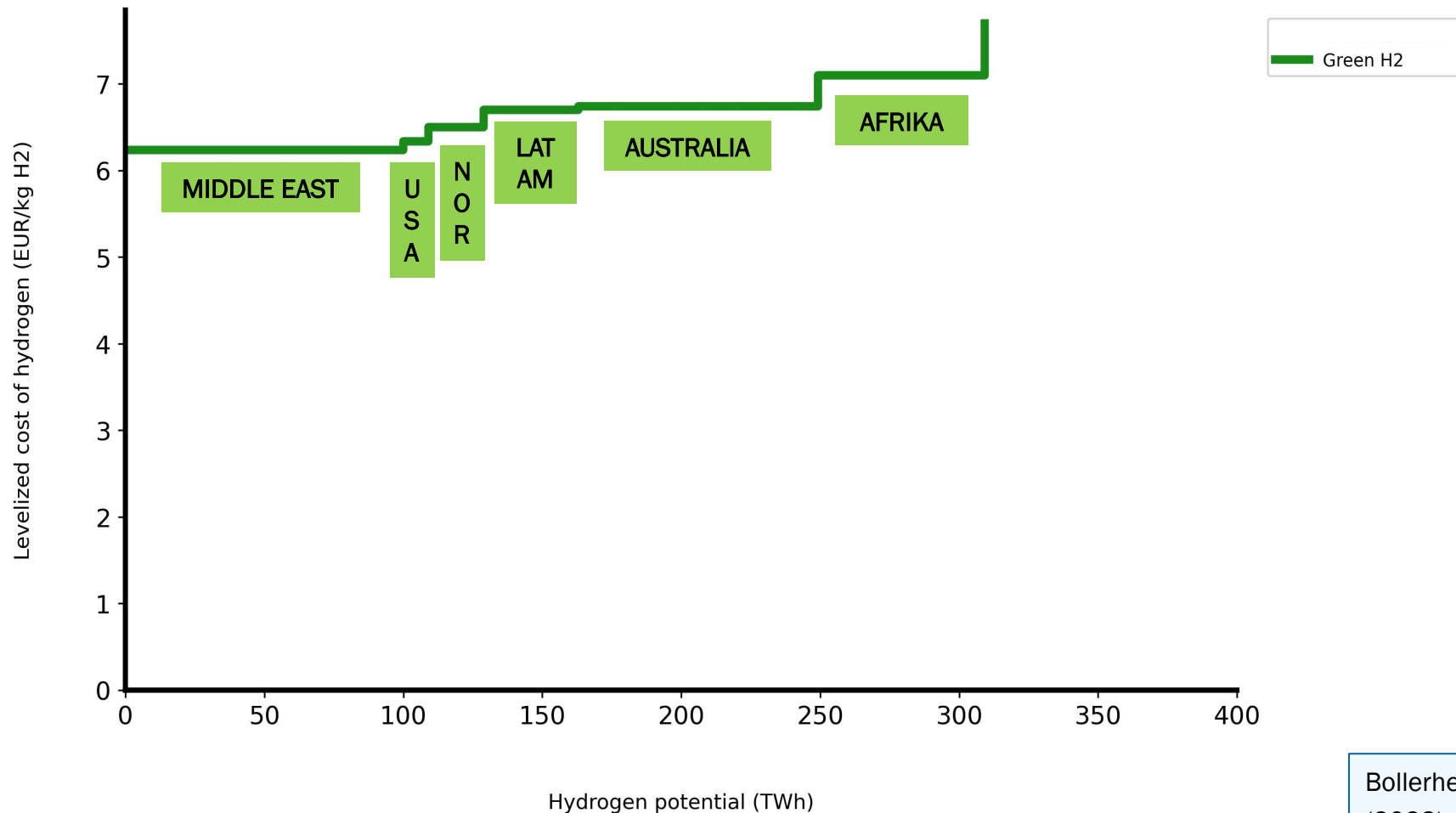
## Lessons learned from gas markets

Long-term point-to-point contracts were often rigid and inflexible, making market entry and adaptation to changing market conditions difficult.

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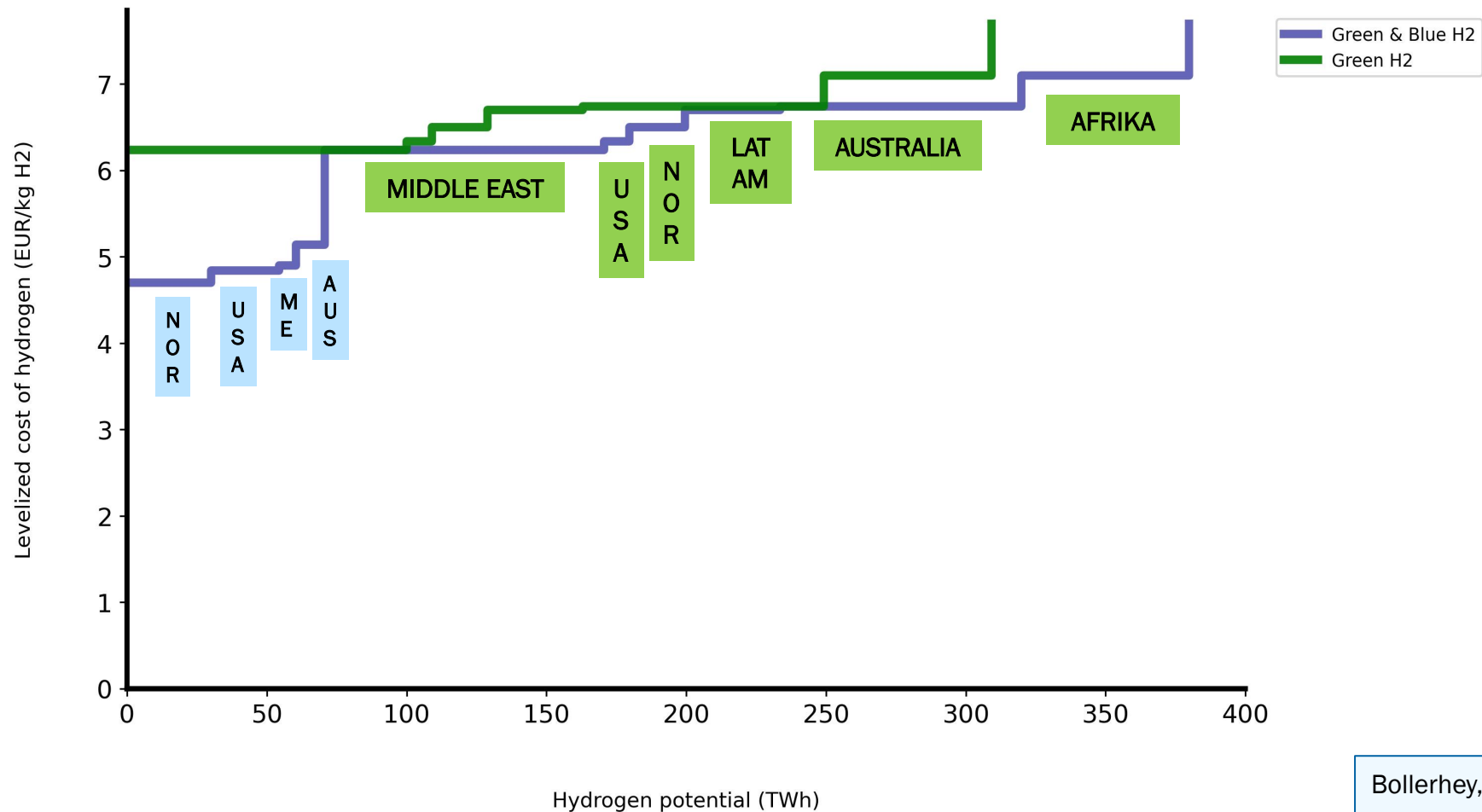
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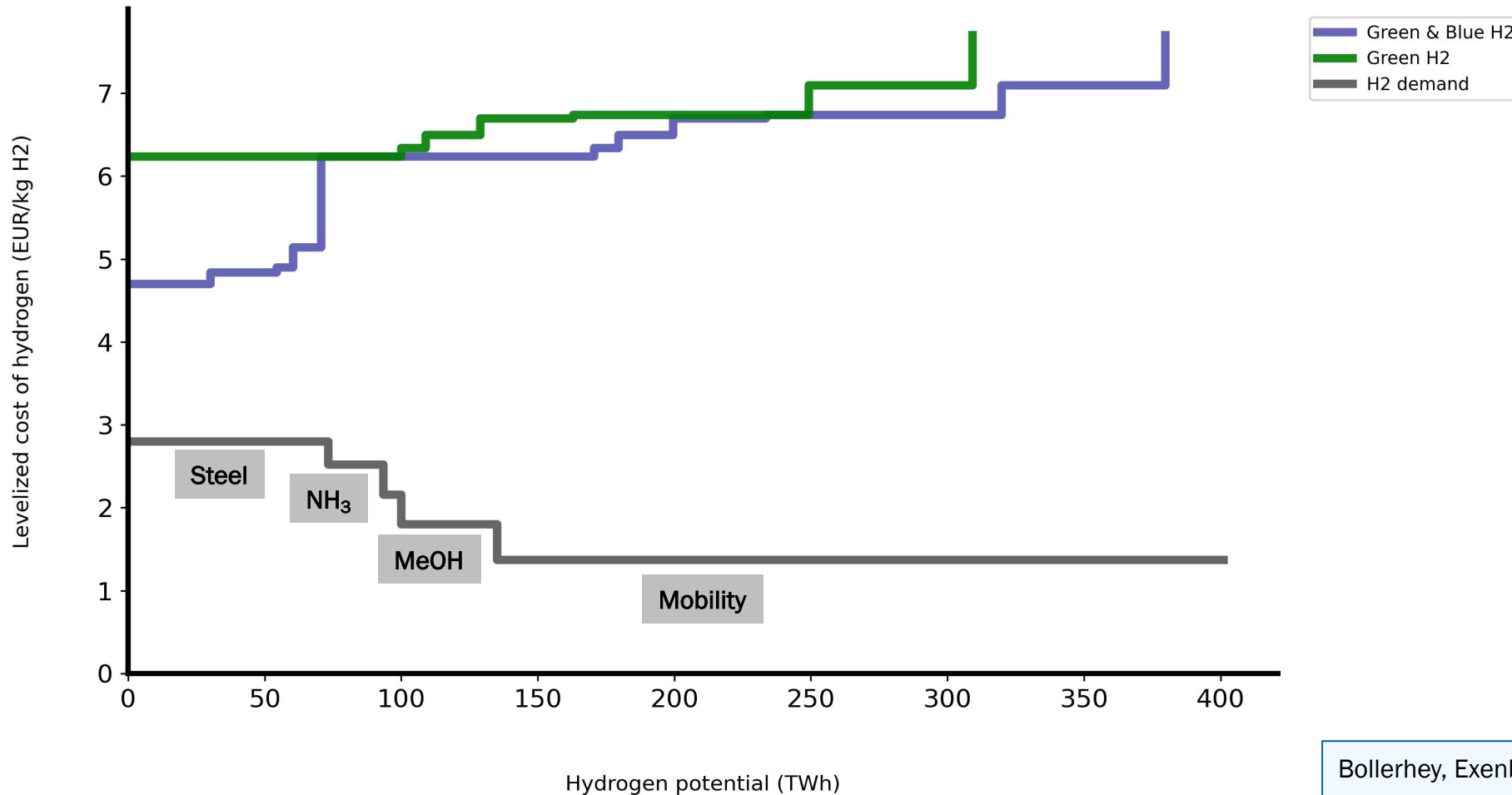


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- Including **blue H2** could increase supply / lower the cost (certification issue!)

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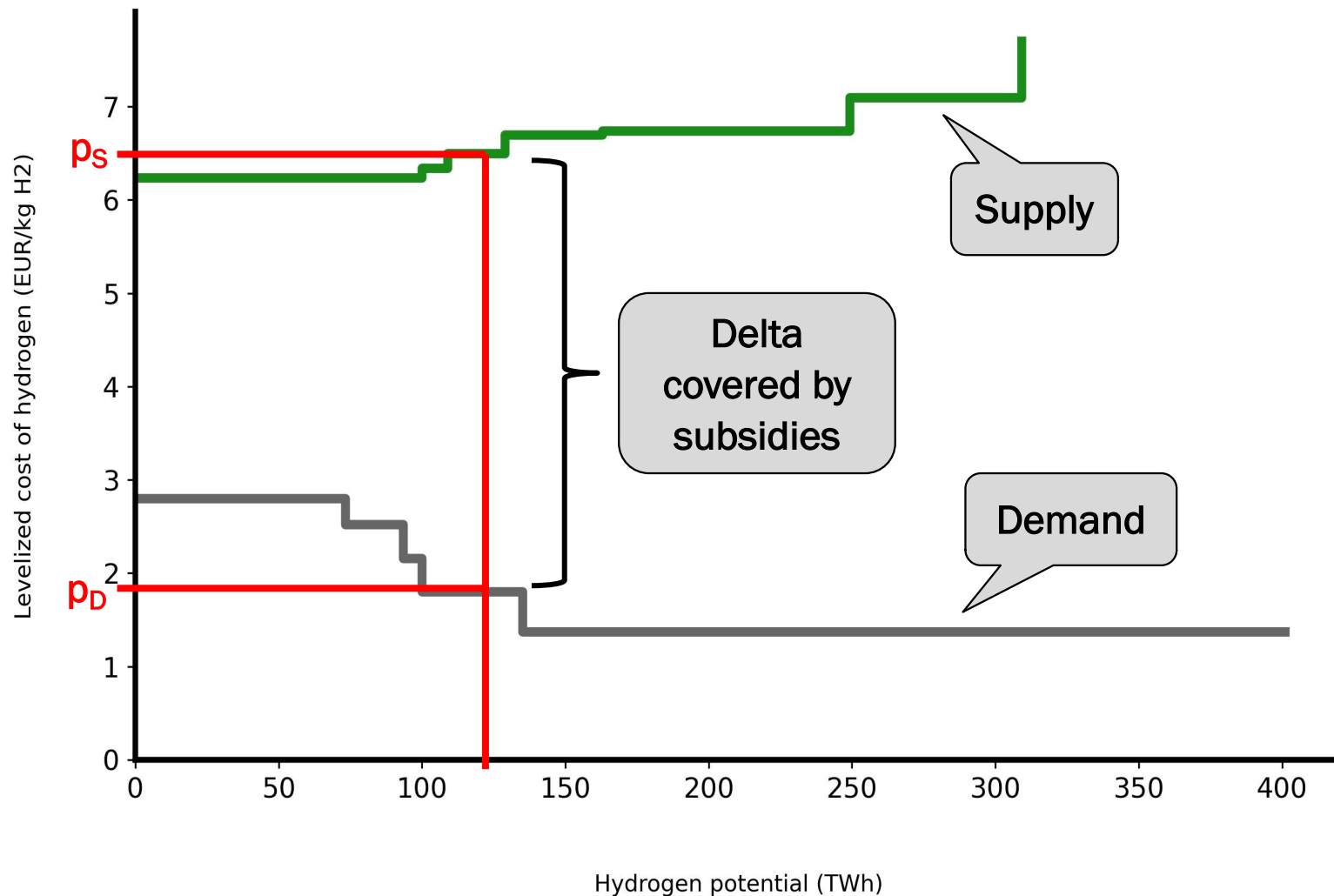
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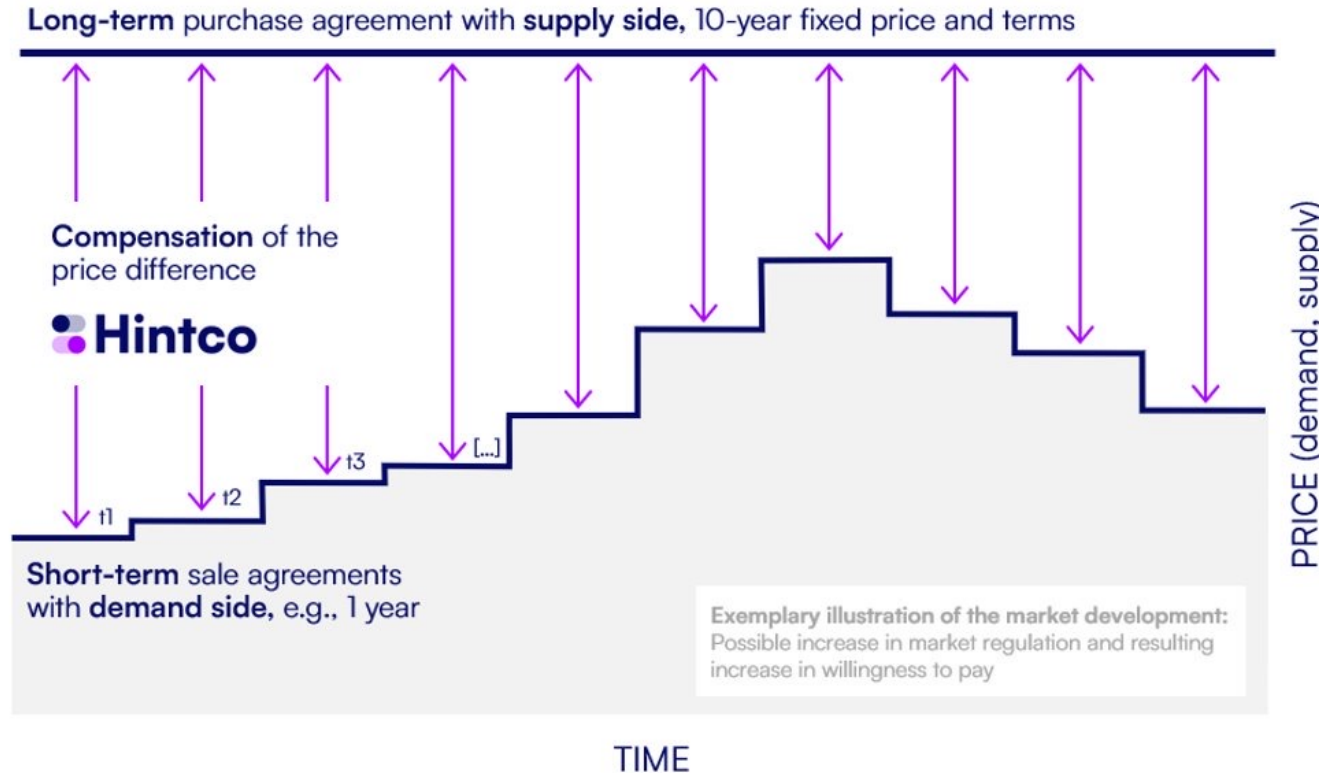
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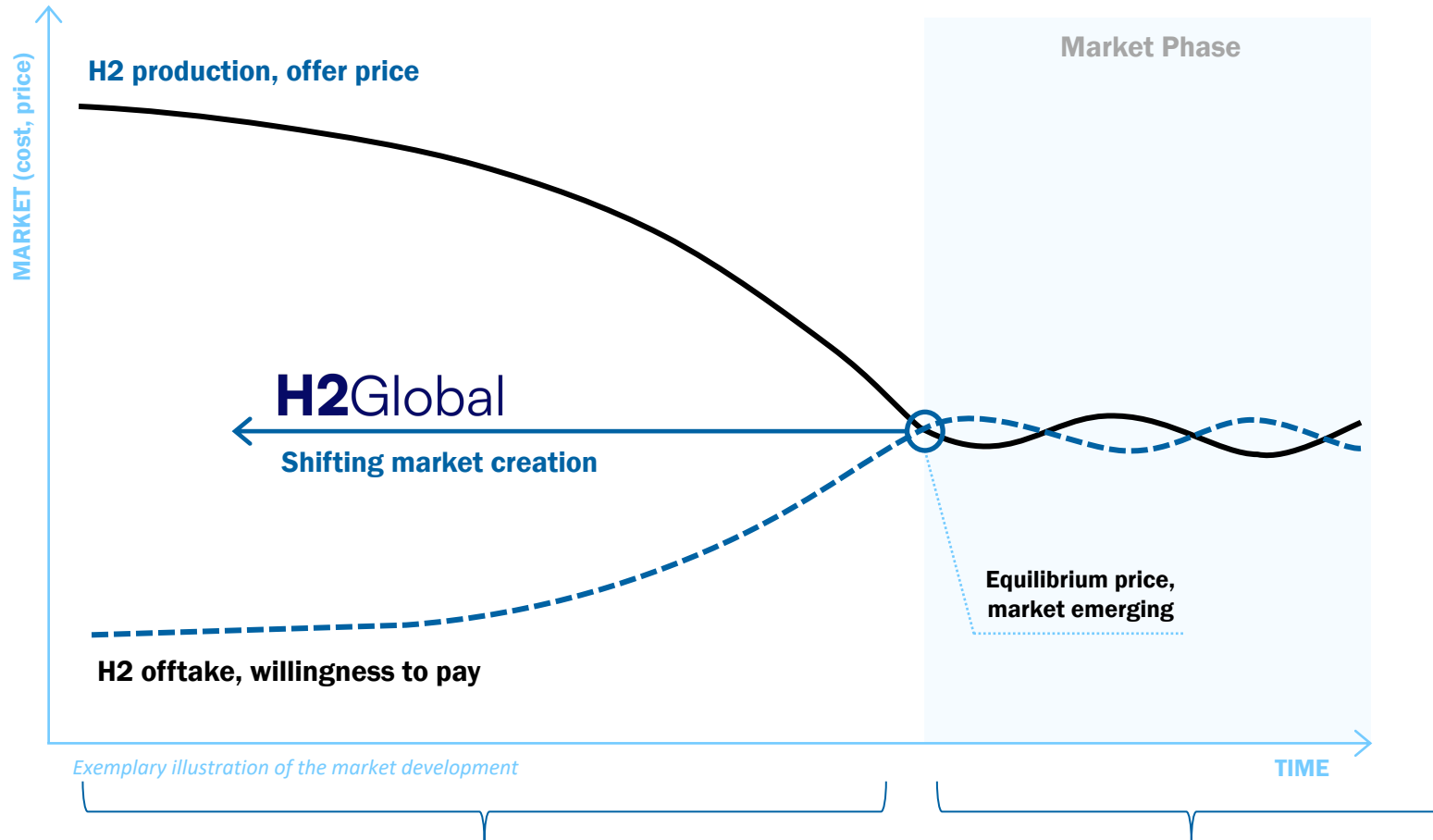


## Two-sided “H2Global” auction

- Competition-based instrument: overcoming the “chicken and egg” problem
- Physical intermediary (Hintco) concludes long-term contracts and short-term offtake contracts via ‘double-sided auction scheme’
- The cost of difference between production costs and offtakers’ willingness/ability to pay is compensated utilizing public funds
- Funding bodies can define their own criteria (products, geographical regions etc.)

- Financial volume (€900 million + €3.5 billion) too low in view of the challenge.
- First tender round (€900 million for ammonia, methanol and sustainable aviation fuels) was launched in December 2022.

# H2GLOBAL'S CATALYTIC EFFECT SHIFTS MARKET CREATION FORWARD ALLOWING EARLY MARKET OPENING



## H2 Index established

- First long term contracts (also for derivatives) can be linked to H2 index
- Subsidies can be linked to index

## H2 Indices traded

- Long term contracts for all derivatives can be linked to index

Acceleration transition to exchange based trading:

- Revelation of costs and WTP reduces windfall subsidies.
- H2Global eliminates regulatory uncertainty in transition
- Efficient allocation on the buyer side
- Instrument can be used by other donors (states) & for other technologies
- Price signals can be the basis for an H2 index ...
- ... which can also be the basis for long-term contracts on the buyer side.
- Global H2 trade in Euros as a long term opportunity



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