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**Green Hydrogen –The key to Energy Transition
and Decarbonization in Arab Region**

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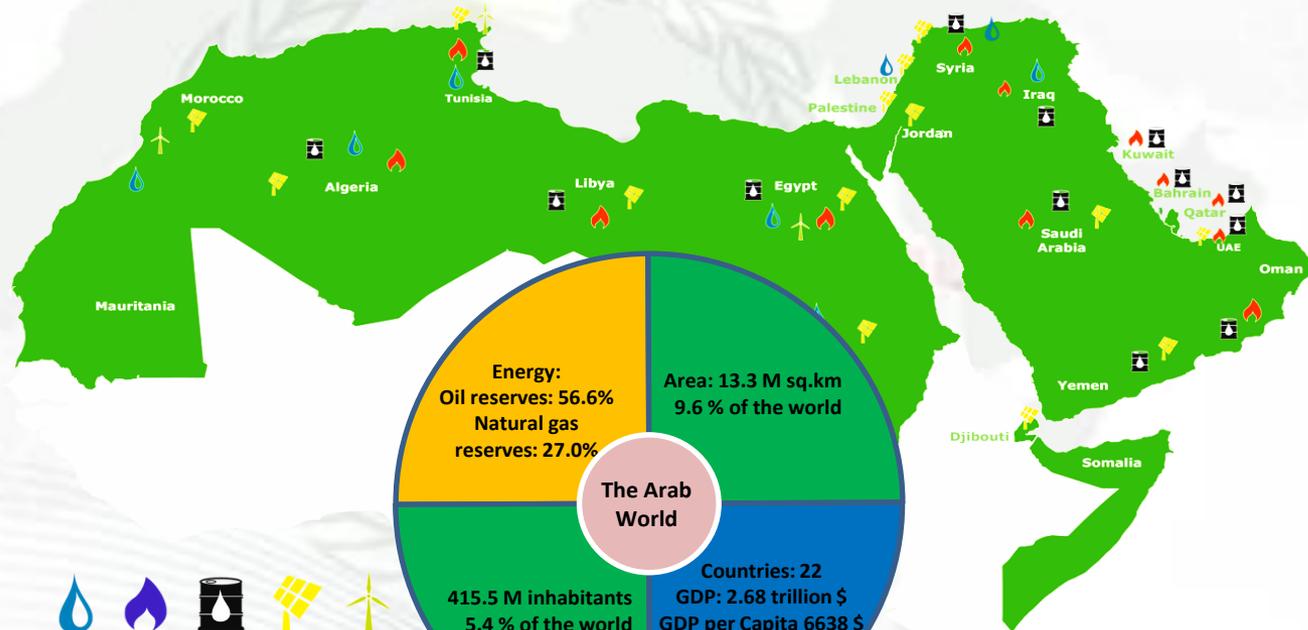
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Introduction to the energy system of the Arab region





Oil, Gas and RE





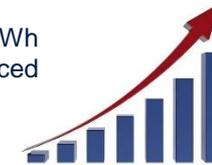
- PAN-Arab Countries
Installed capacity over
288 GW

- Customer consumption,
- 46% Residential,
 - 18% Industrial,
 - 17% Commercial,
 - 19% Other



- **190 GW** Renewable
energy announced by
2035

- **1,137,644** GWh
energy produced
in 2017



- More than **212, 500 km**
Transmission Network



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Hydrogen in the energy transition





How can we produce hydrogen?



Grey Hydrogen



Blue Hydrogen



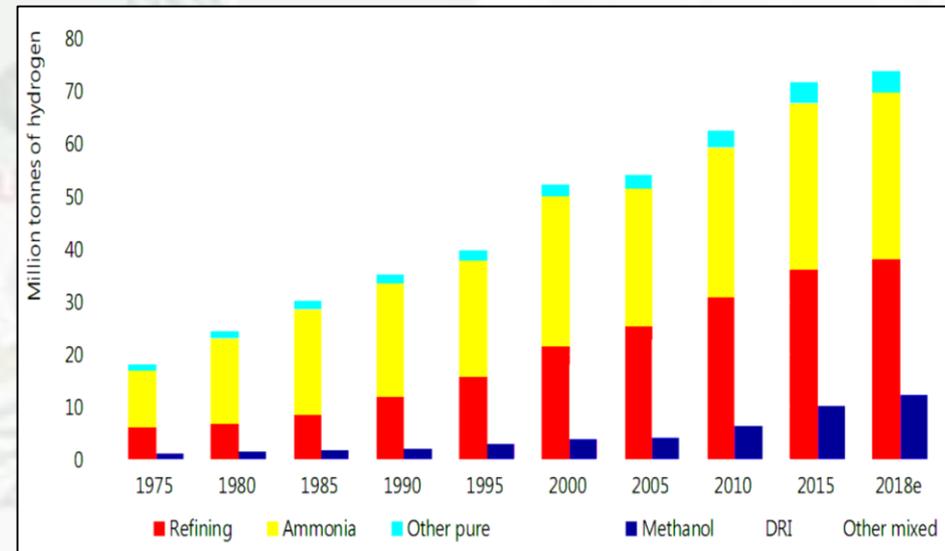
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Hydrogen Production

Hydrogen market is big today but not in the energy sector

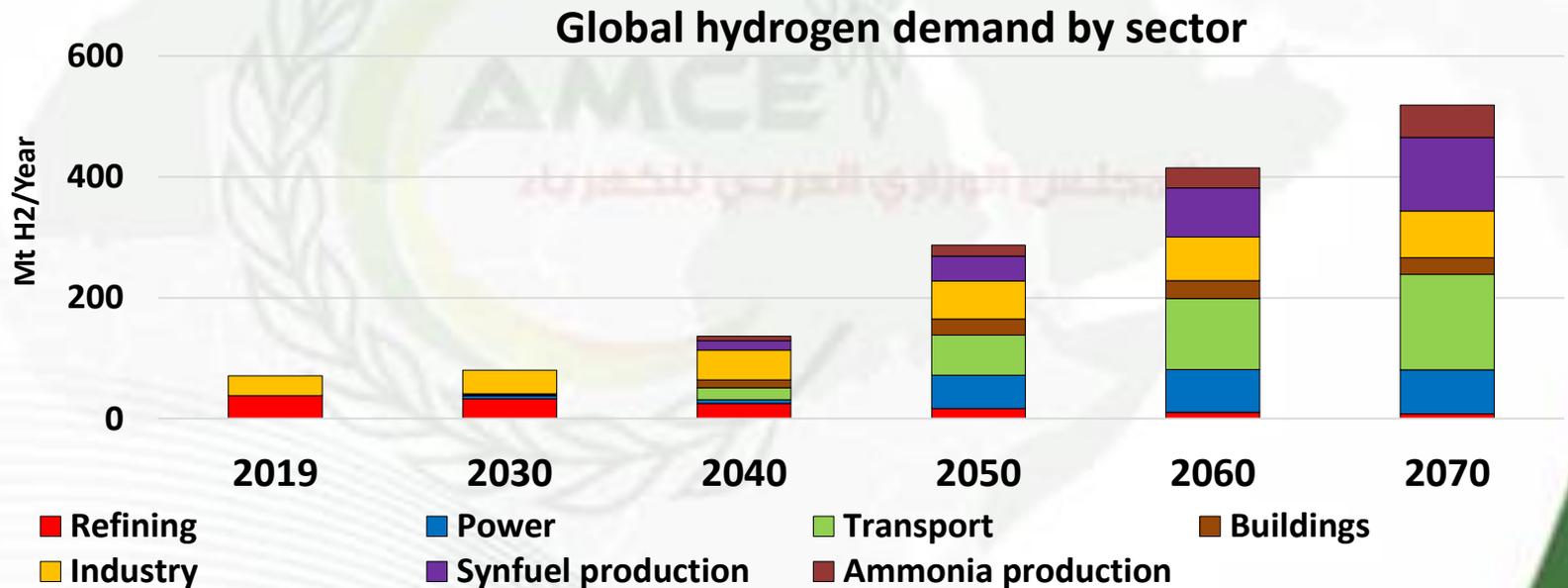
- ❑ The world annually produces 70 million tons of pure hydrogen, the largest part of which is used in oil refining and ammonia processing for fertilizers
- ❑ An additional 45 million metric tons is used in impure form in the industry without pre-separation from other gases.
- ❑ 100% of current hydrogen needs are covered with fossil fuels, emitting 830 MtonsCO₂/yr





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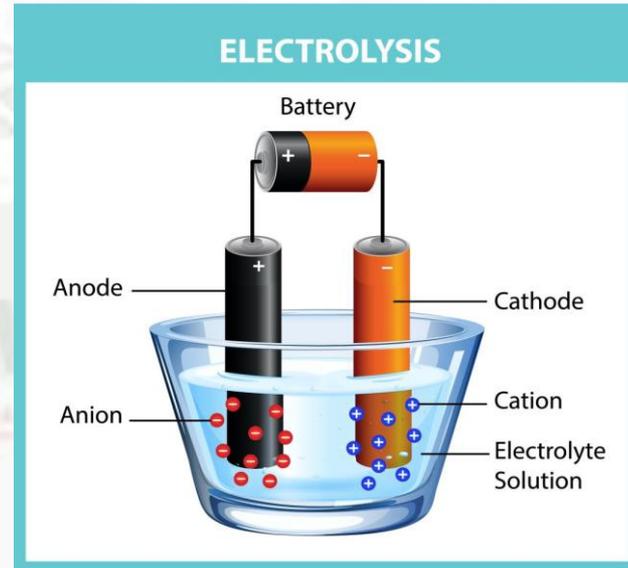
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Renewable Hydrogen

Green H_2



That means:

Each ton of hydrogen needs 9 tons of pure water



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Renewable Hydrogen Production Costs

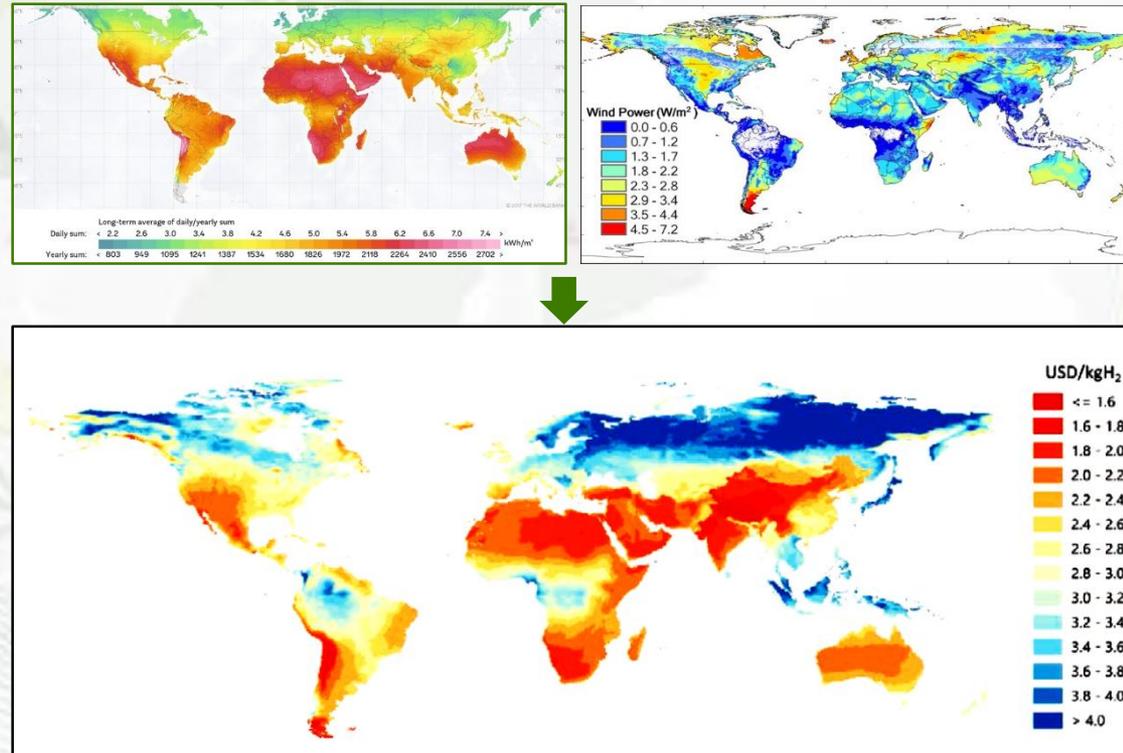




Challenge: Cost

Declining cost of renewable energy favors future H2 from water electrolysis

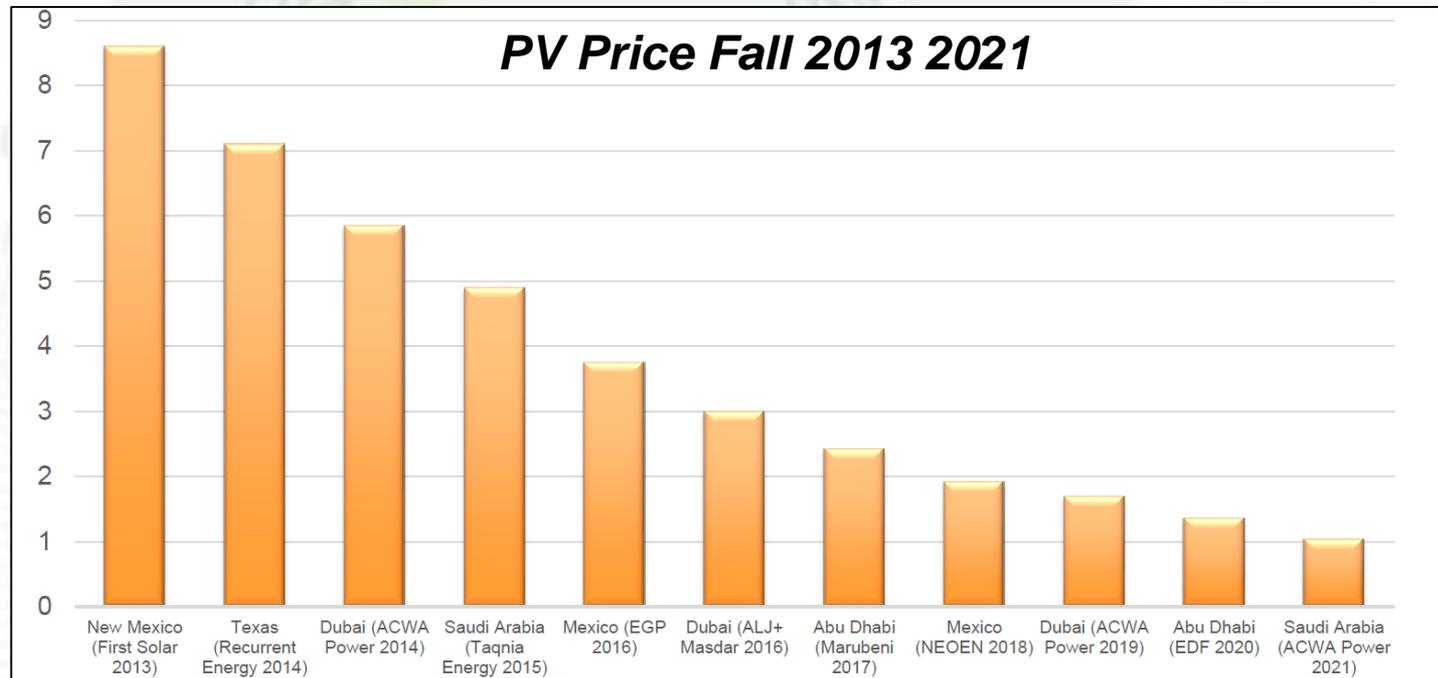
- The decrease in the prices of electricity generated from photovoltaic and wind energy will contribute effectively in the Arab region in reducing the costs of producing hydrogen.





Challenge: Cost

Massive drop in prices for unsubsidized PV systems, led by the Middle East

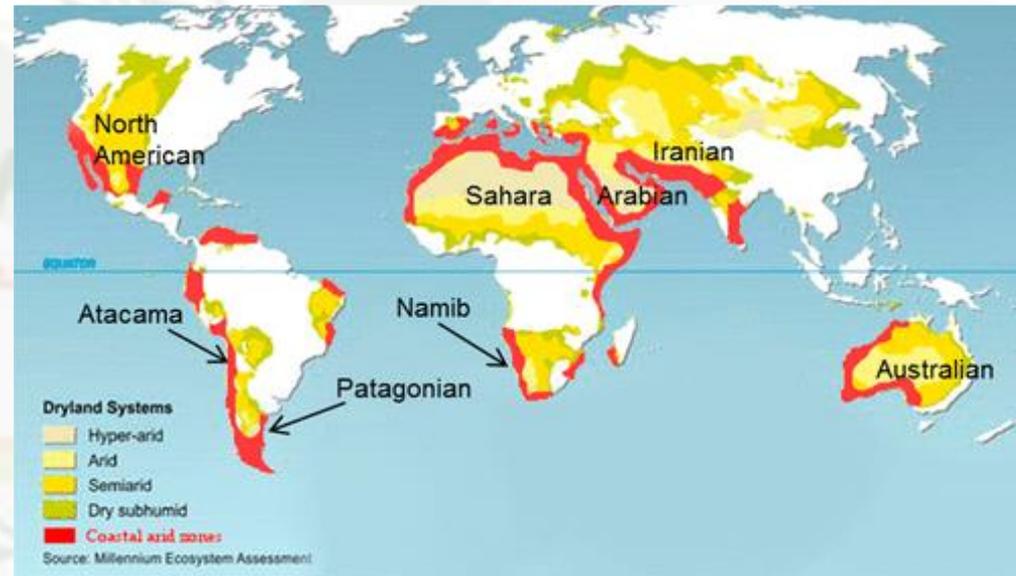




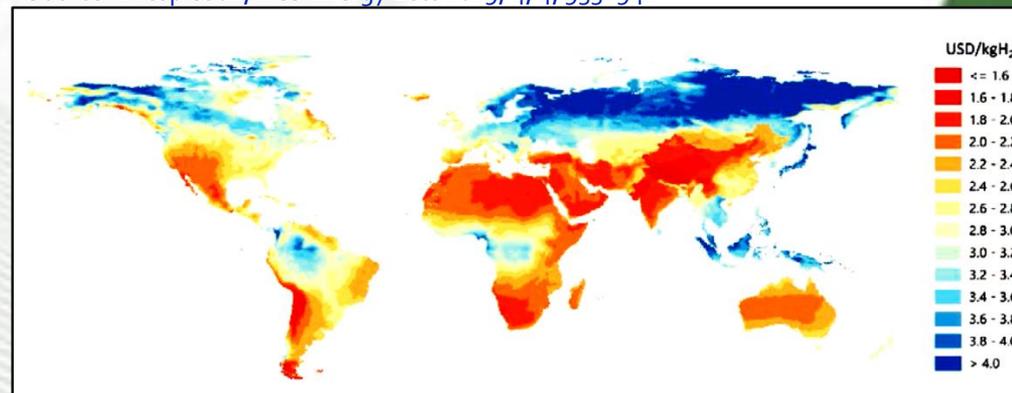
Challenge: Water

Declining cost of renewable energy favors future H₂ from water electrolysis

- ❑ Applications of water electrolysis have been limited to pure and fresh water resources
- ❑ Using fresh water is not a viable option in water-scarce countries
- ❑ Seawater is an inexhaustible source



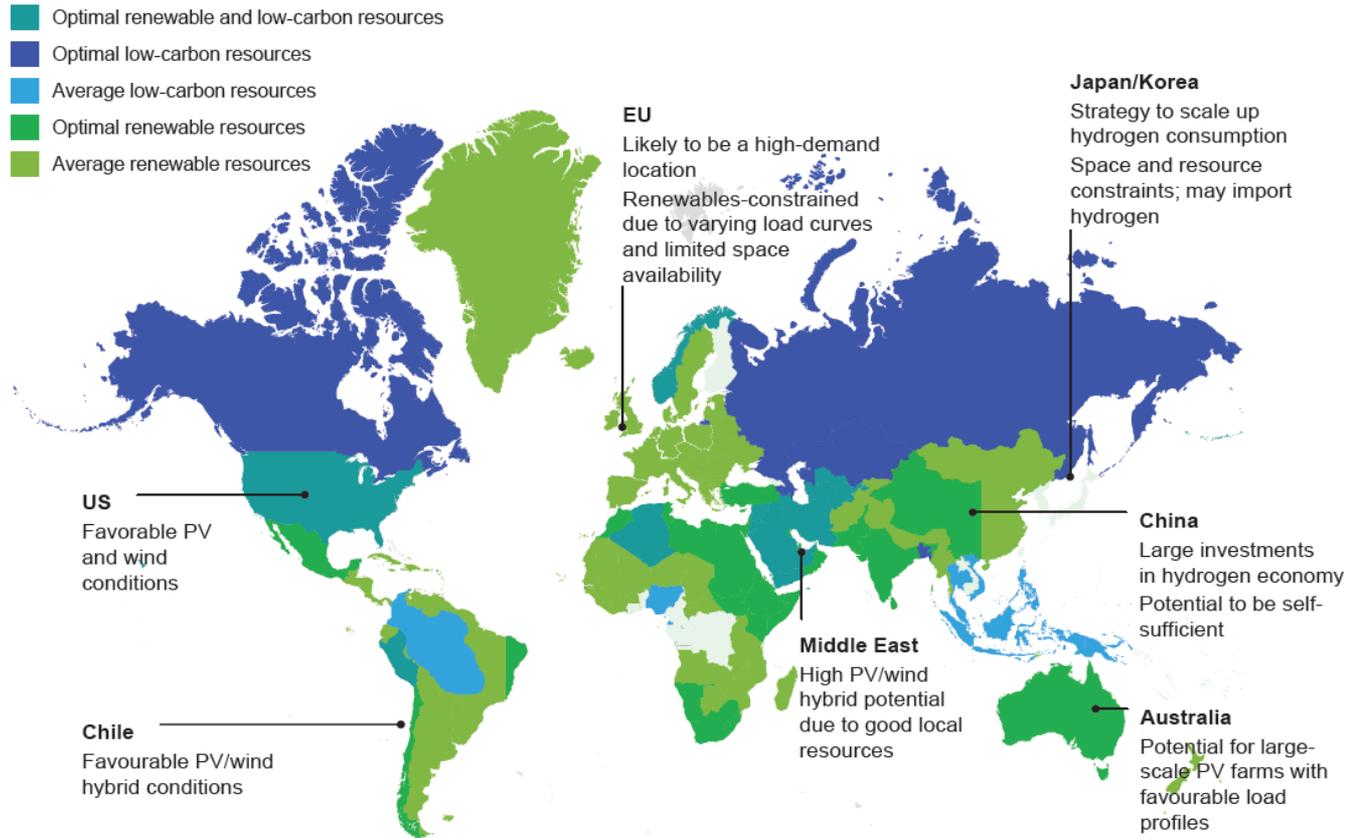
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Best source of low-carbon hydrogen in different regions



SOURCE: IEA; McKinsey



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Hydrogen: the Power Sector



Green Hydrogen: Stabilizing the Power Market



- Hydrogen produced with excess solar PV and wind power can be stored for later use – as a fuel for transport, industry and other sectors.
- Hydrogen production can be used as a ‘smart’ load to increase power system flexibility and help to decarbonize the overall economy.



Local (on-site) use of RE energy provides a solution to increasingly loaded electricity grids

With the increase in installed capacities of renewable energy ...



It makes electricity grids increasingly under pressure



The solution: local use of green electricity to generate hydrogen



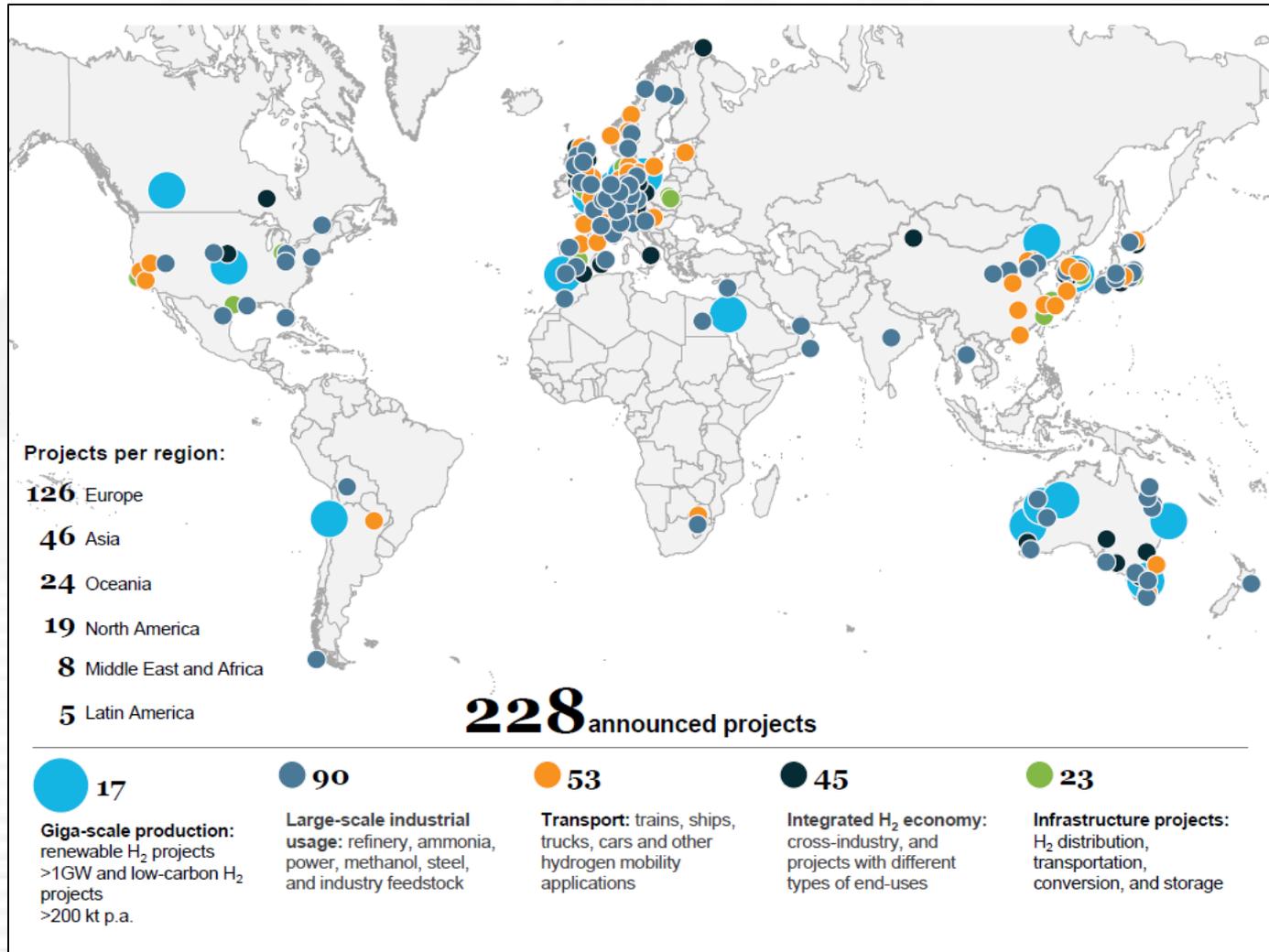


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Hydrogen: Initiating and Scaling Up



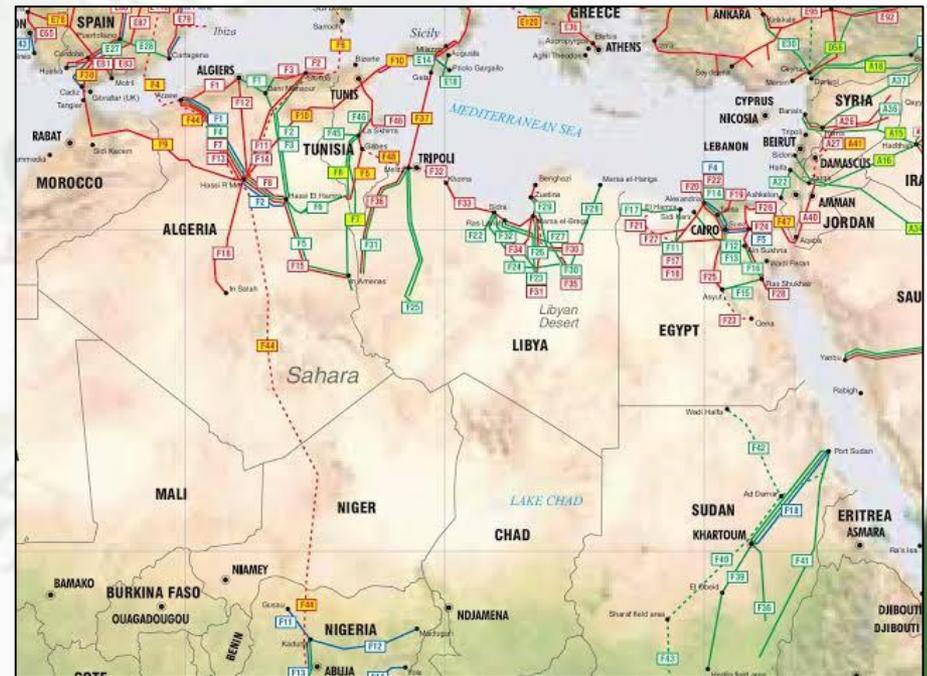
Global hydrogen projects across the value chain





LNG / Hydrogen Synergies

- ❑ A great opportunity in the Arab region to export hydrogen on a large scale
- ❑ Green hydrogen can be produced in electrolysis using renewable electricity, can be transported using the natural gas grid.



North Africa Pipelines Map



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Thank You

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