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THE MARKET FOR HYDROGEN

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OUR VISION

TO LEAD THE WORLD IN
DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS
TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CHALLENGES.



CORE RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- Carbon Management
- Oil & Gas
- Hydrogen
- Alternative Fuels & Renewable Energy
- Coal Utilization & Emissions
- Energy–Water
- Rare-Earth Elements and Critical Materials





HIGH-BAY
TECHNOLOGY
DEMONSTRATION

FUEL
PROCESSING

MOBILE
LABORATORIES

WATER
MINIMIZATION
TECHNOLOGY

FUELS OF THE FUTURE

NATIONAL CENTER
FOR HYDROGEN
TECHNOLOGY

CHEMICAL STORAGE

LABORATORIES

OFFICES

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SHOP

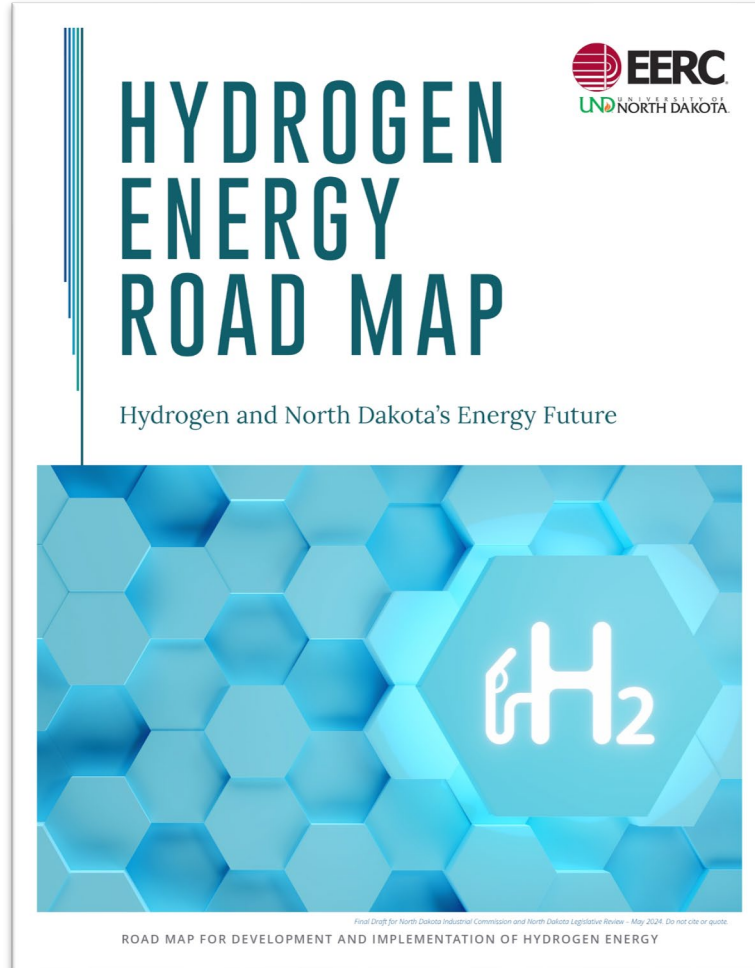
TECHNOLOGY
DEMONSTRATION

DISCOVERY HALL
MEETING AREA

OUR FACILITIES

254,000 FT² OF FACILITIES

HYDROGEN ENERGY ROAD MAP



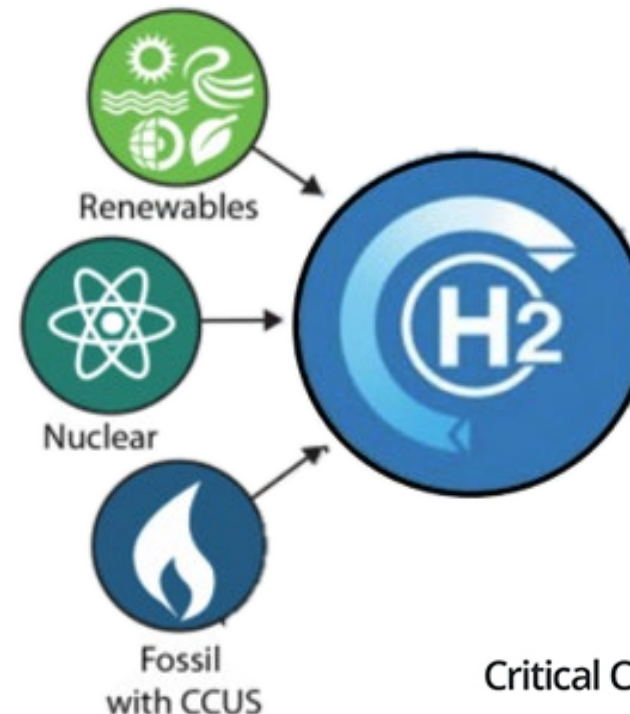
- Directed by North Dakota Legislature in 2020 (SB 2014)
 - Major Topics:
 - ◆ Basis for Hydrogen
 - ◆ Producing Low-Carbon Hydrogen
 - ◆ Working with Hydrogen
 - ◆ Opportunities for North Dakota
 - ◆ Hydrogen Policy

WHAT IS HYDROGEN?

Hydrogen (H₂) is the simplest and most abundant element known. You might recognize it from the chemical formula for water – H₂O!

- Hydrogen can be made using a variety of domestic energy resources.
- Hydrogen can be produced through several processes, including:
 - Electrolysis; Direct Solar Water Splitting
 - Steam Methane Reforming
 - Biological (e.g., algae)
- Currently, the U.S. produces 10 million metric tons of hydrogen each year.

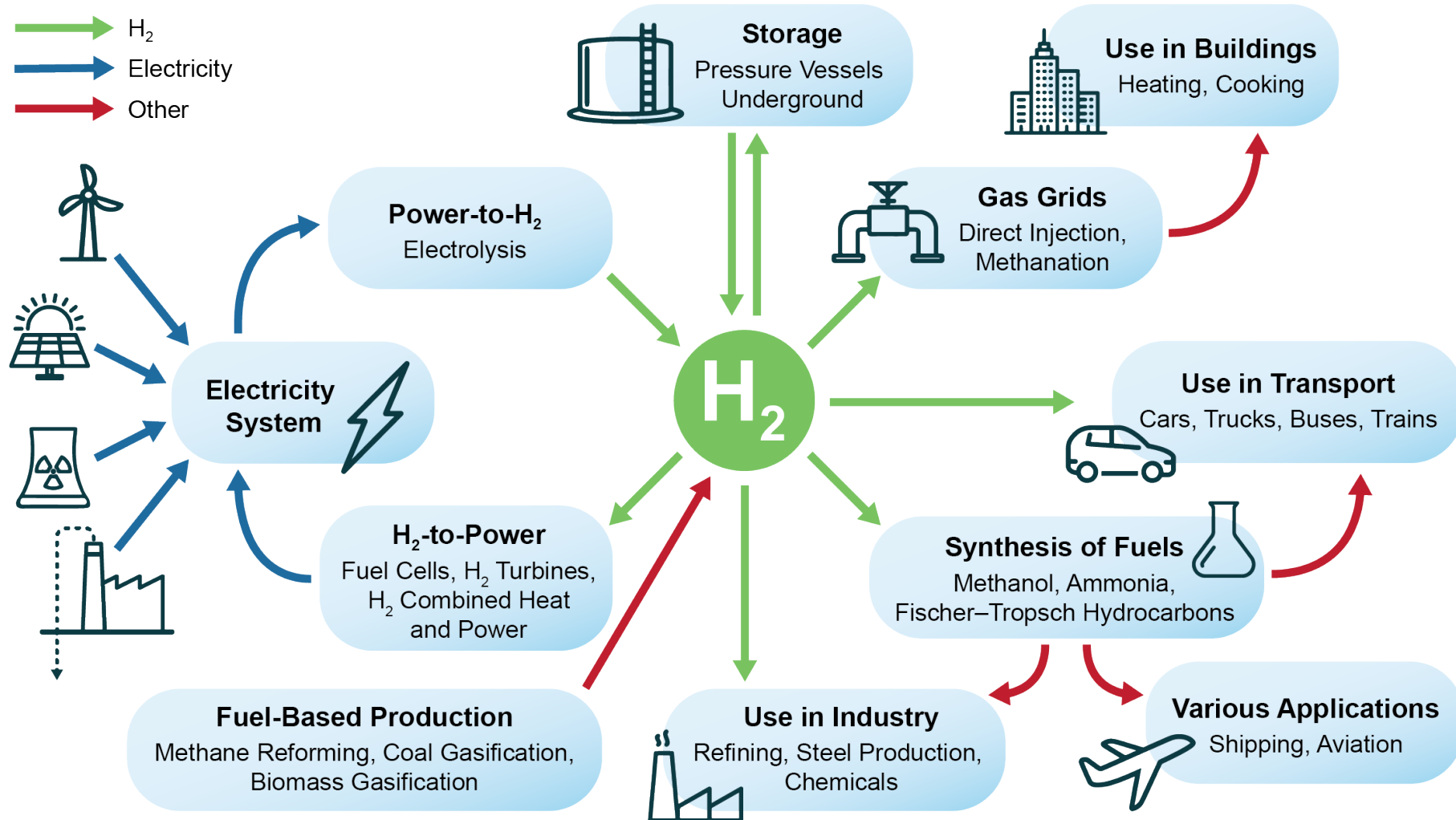
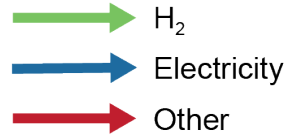
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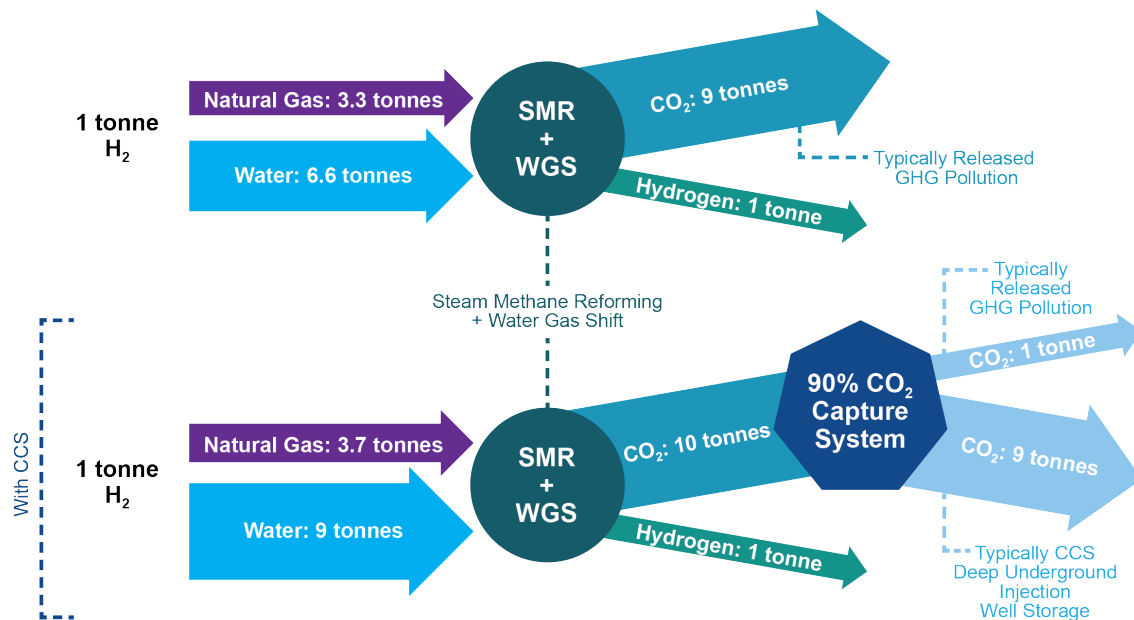
WHY HYDROGEN?

Energy Carrier

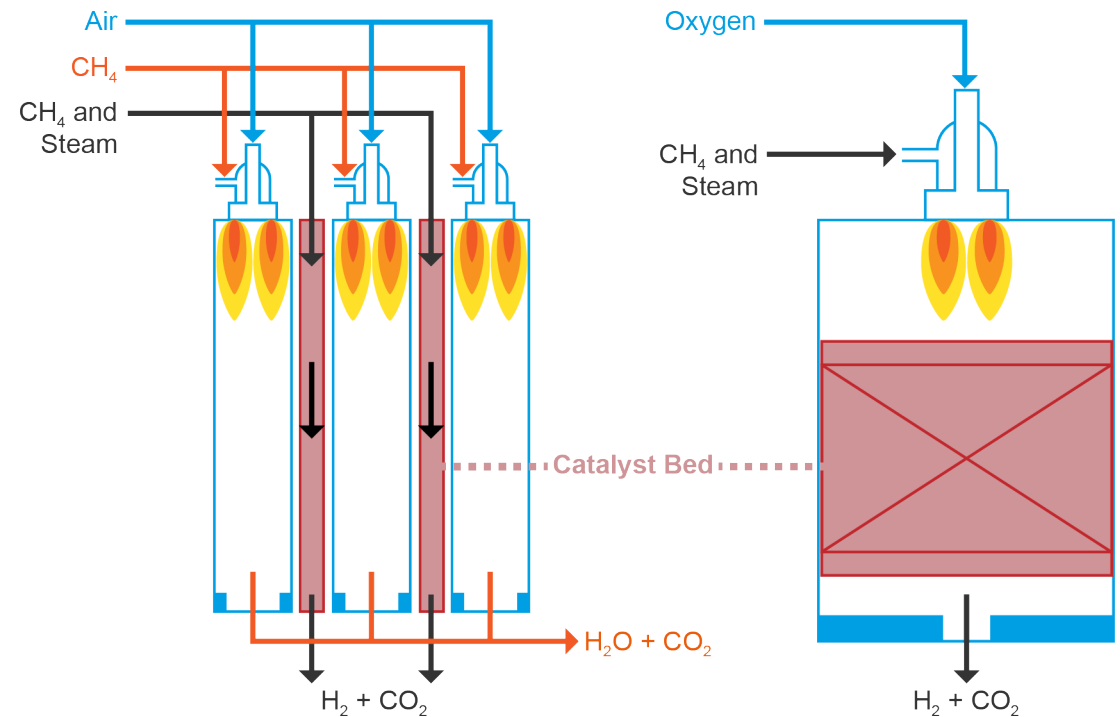


HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM TODAY'S MOST COMMON HYDROGEN PRODUCTION METHOD

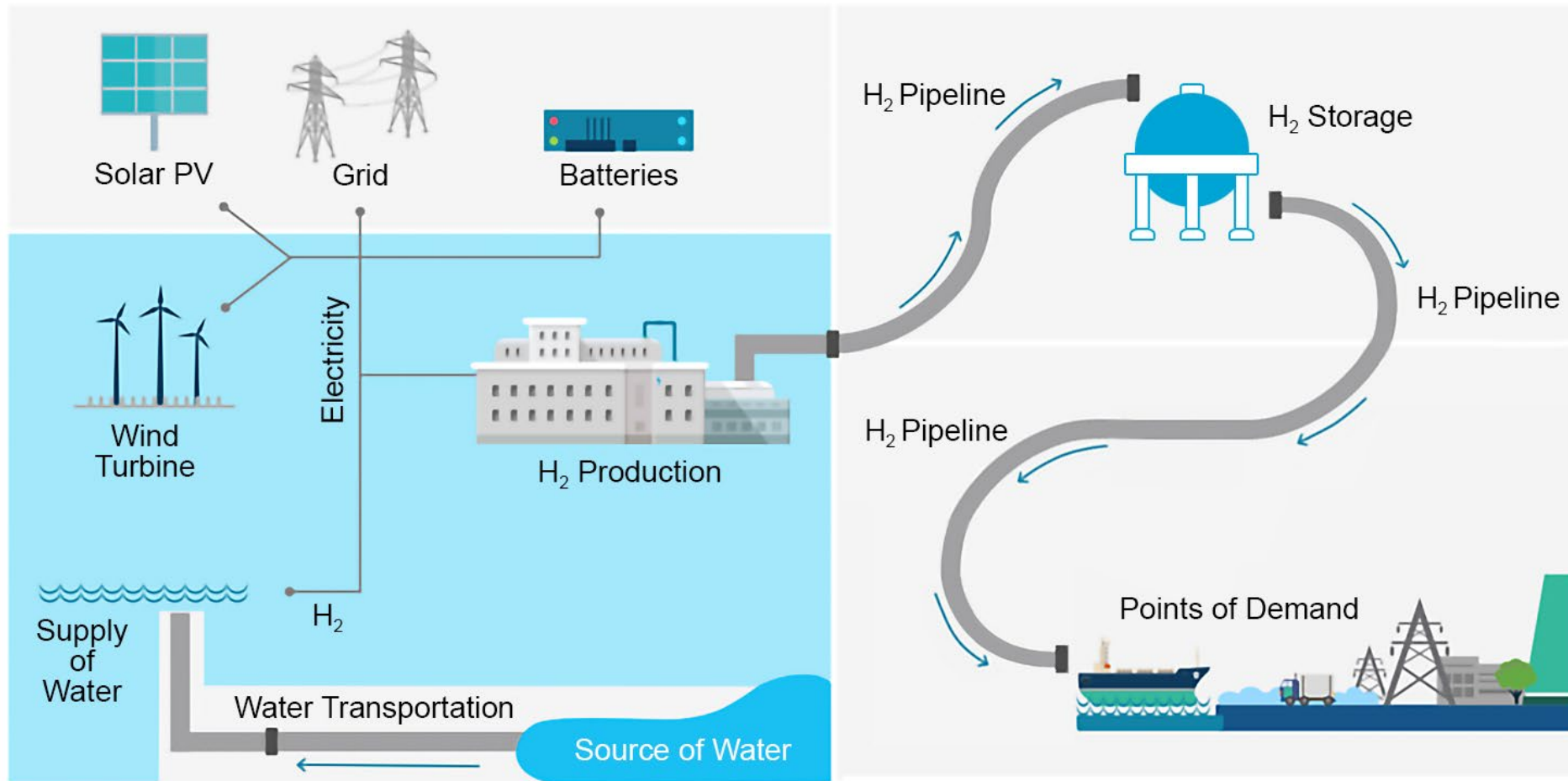


SMR (LEFT) VERSUS ATR (RIGHT) FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION



HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

NET-ZERO (GREEN) HYDROGEN FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY



PATH FORWARD

Lessons Learned

- 2003 State of the Union, President Bush directs \$1.2 billion to develop H₂-powered automobiles
“...so that the first car driven by a child born today could be powered by hydrogen, and pollution-free.”
- Chicken and Egg Problem...
 - Market hesitant to commit to production without confidence in demand and vice versa



PATH FORWARD

What has Changed

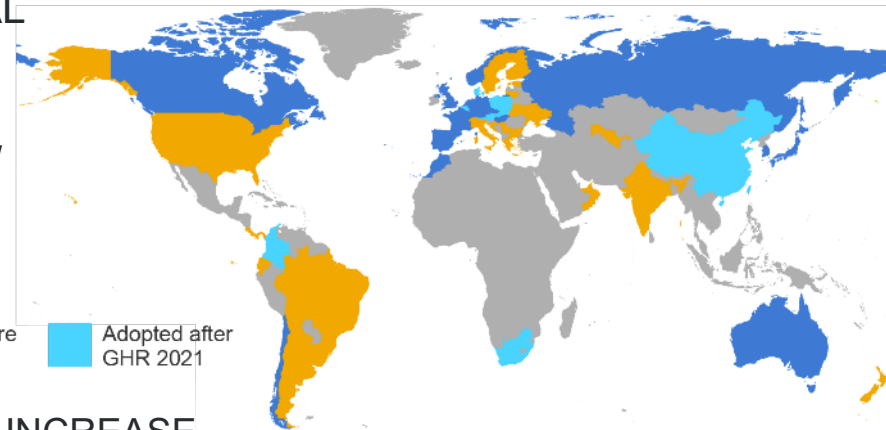
- Ever-increasing global focus on decarbonized fuels
- Maturing technology = decreasing cost
- Increased federal support
 - \$8 billion clean H₂ program under IIJA
 - 45V Production tax credit for clean H₂
- Diversifying end-uses



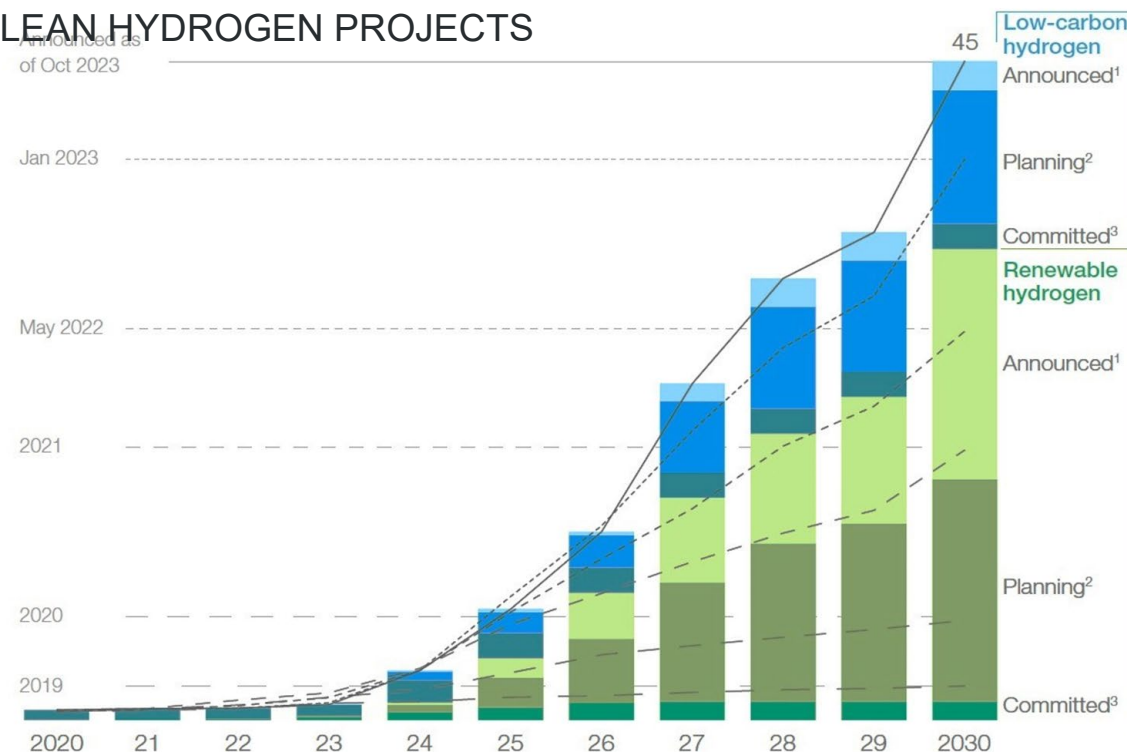
IEA HYDROGEN POLICY CATEGORIES

COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL HYDROGEN STRATEGY RELATIVE TO IEA's 2021 GLOBAL HYDROGEN REVIEW

Announced/ in Preparation Adopted before GHR 2021 Adopted after GHR 2021



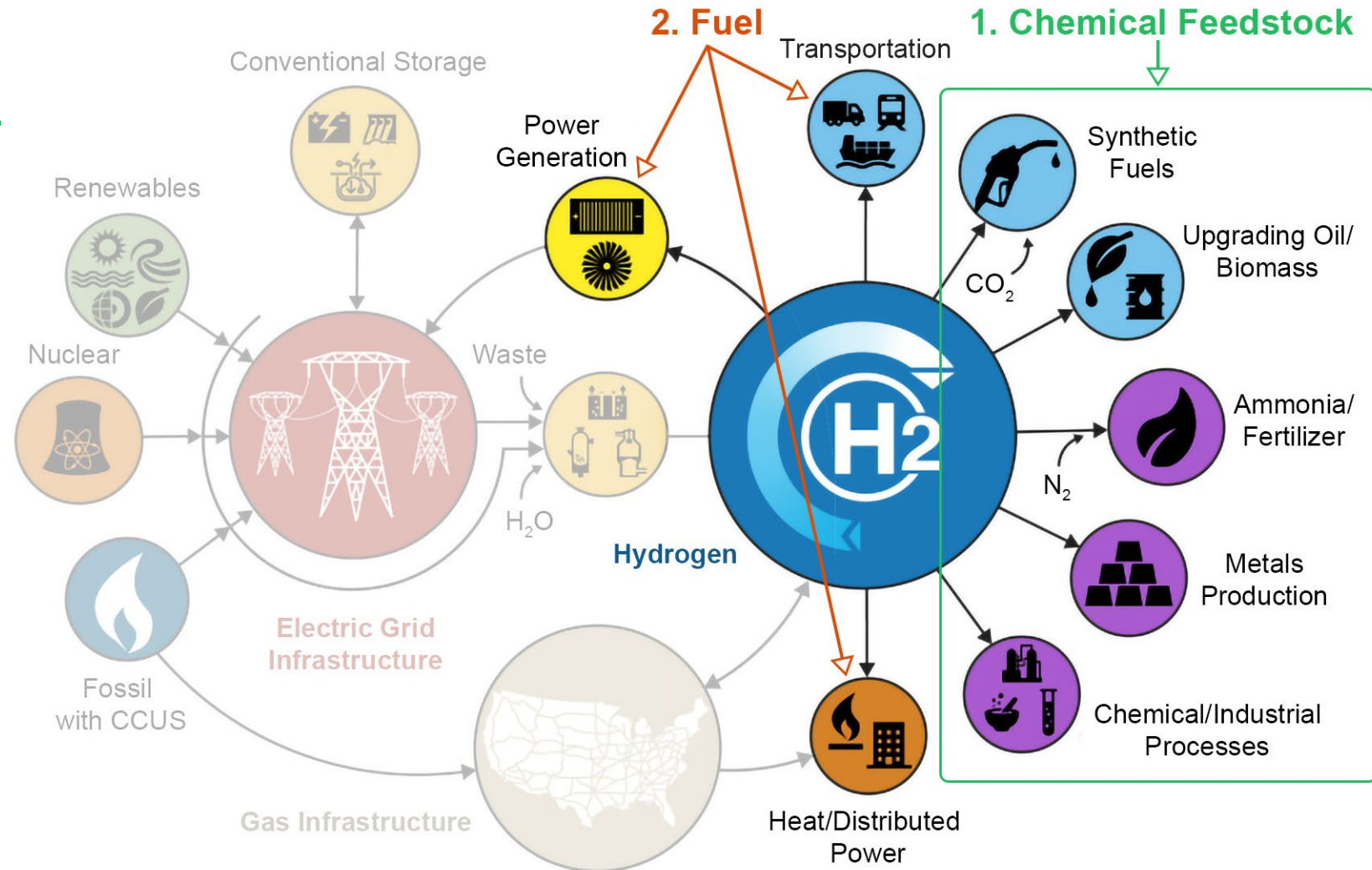
TOTAL CAPACITY INCREASE OF ANNOUNCED GLOBAL CLEAN HYDROGEN PROJECTS



HYDROGEN HAS MANY POTENTIAL USES – BUT TWO MAJOR GROUPS

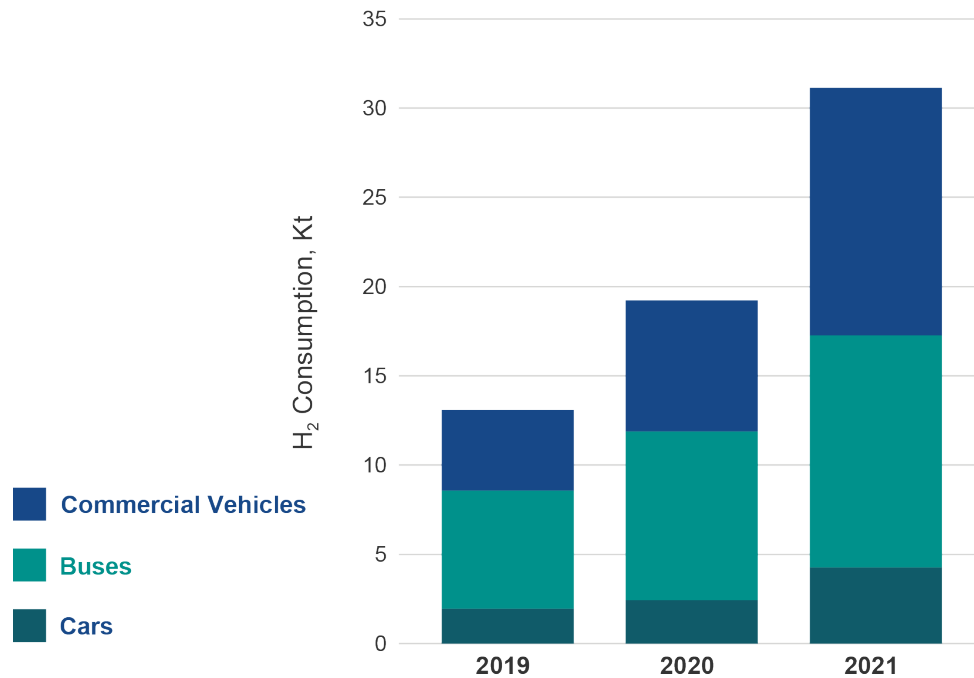
1. Today's major market is as a chemical feedstock.
2. To attain low-cost economy of scale, hydrogen likely will need to capture a portion of the fuel / energy carrier market.

The transportation market is roughly 66x the size of the ammonia market.

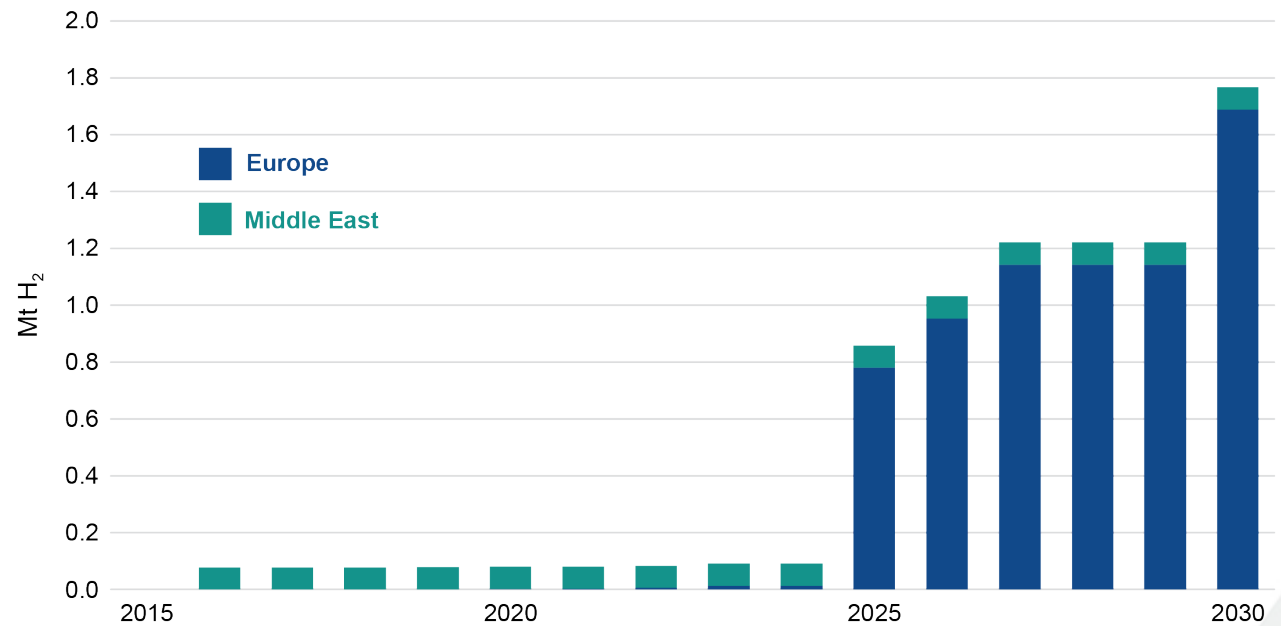


HYDROGEN USE EXPECTED TO GROW TENFOLD BY 2050

GLOBAL HYDROGEN CONSUMPTION
IN ROAD TRANSPORT

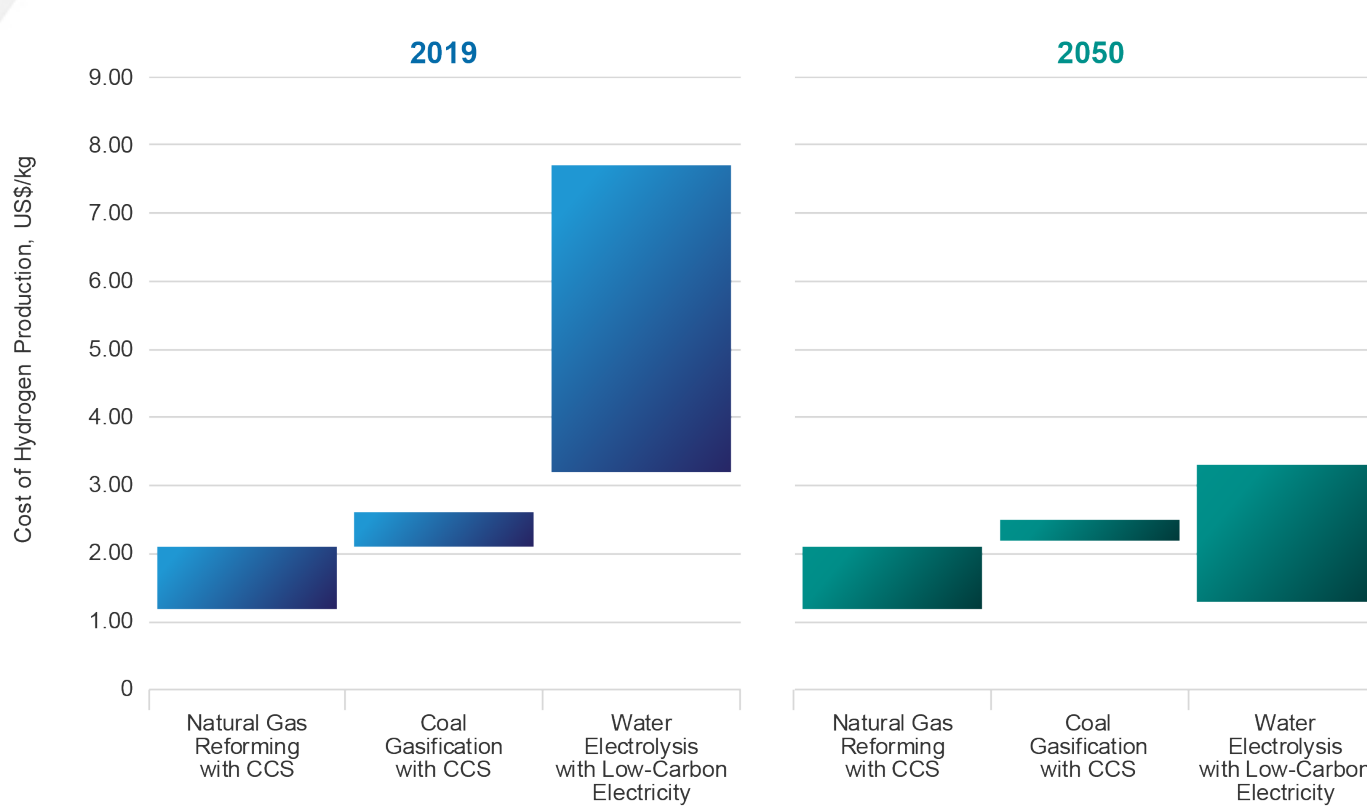


LOW-CARBON HYDROGEN PRODUCTION CAPACITY
FOR STEELMAKING VIA DIRECT REDUCED IRON



DECLINING COSTS WILL DRIVE COMPETITION

COST PROJECTIONS FOR LOW-CARBON HYDROGEN



1 Dollar



1 Kilogram



1 Decade



LOW-CARBON HYDROGEN END-USE MARKET EVOLUTION

Immediate market: minimal end-user adjustments

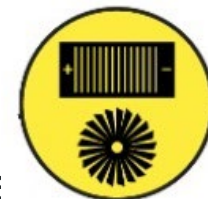
- Current hydrogen end-uses, especially internal uses
- Liquid-hydrocarbon fuel processing and ammonia production for fertilizers
- Roughly 10 million tonnes per year (tpa) in US

Near-term market: limited end-user adjustments

- Limited amounts (likely less than 20 vol%) of hydrogen blended into natural gas
- Fuel end-uses for distribution (heating) and electric power generation as well as non-traditional hydrogen chemical end-uses

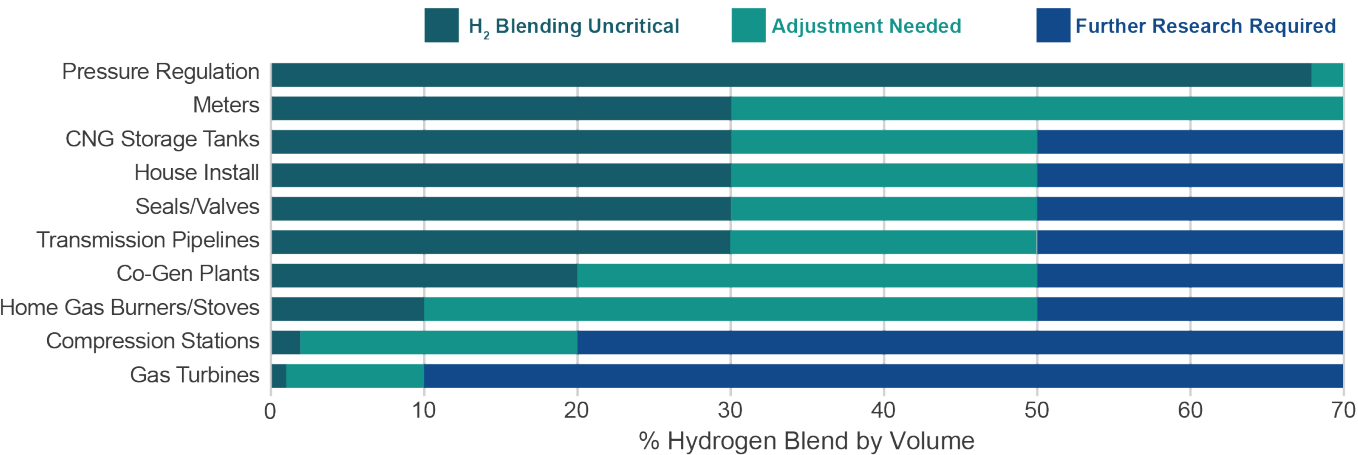
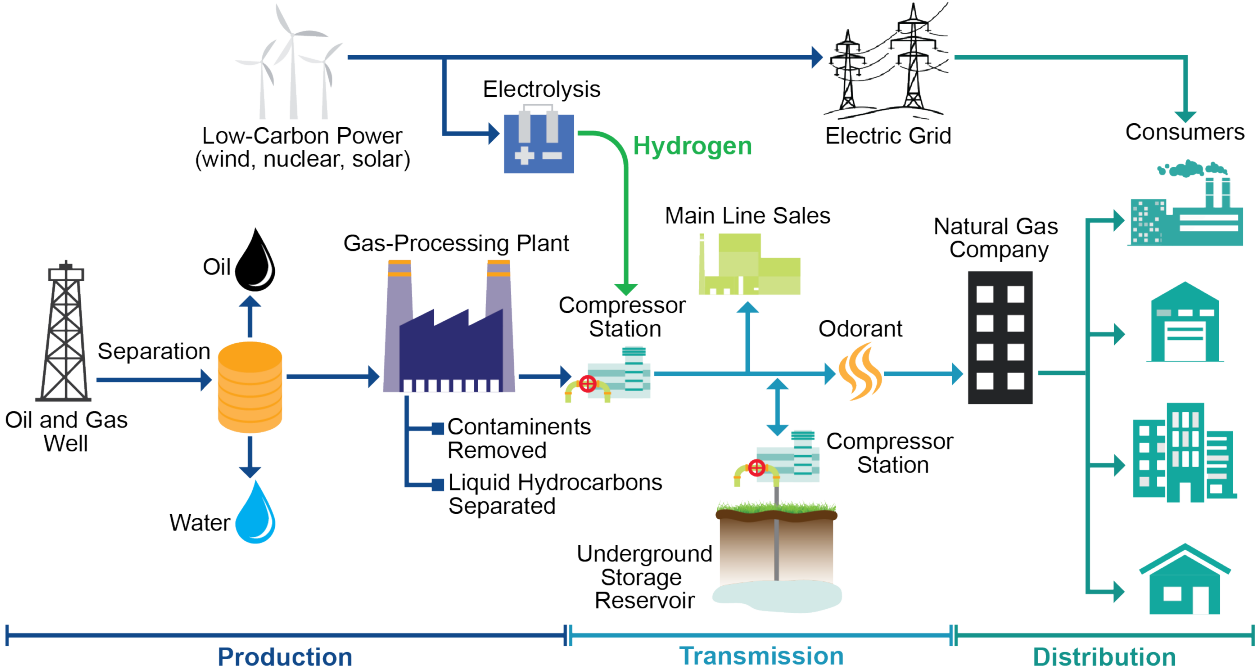
Longer-term market: substantial end-user adjustments to equipment/appliances, infrastructure, and workforce

- Higher concentration blends and pure hydrogen: 50-70 million tpa by 2050 in US
- End-uses, many served by existing transmission pipelines:
 - Distribution (heating) and electric power generation
 - Long-term, large-volume and long-distance energy storage and transportation
 - Transportation-fuel end-uses: fuel cell heavy-duty trucks, marine, rail, and other



NEAR-TERM MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- Hydrogen blending into existing natural gas pipelines
- Supplying green or blue hydrogen to existing demand at petroleum and renewable oil refineries
- Ammonia production

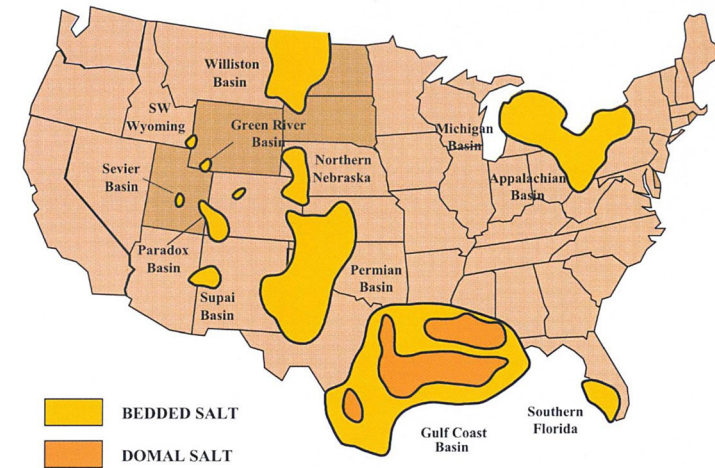


NOTIONAL LOW-CARBON HYDROGEN
BLENDING UPSTREAM OF THE
NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION NETWORK

ESTIMATED HYDROGEN BLEND LIMITS
FOR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

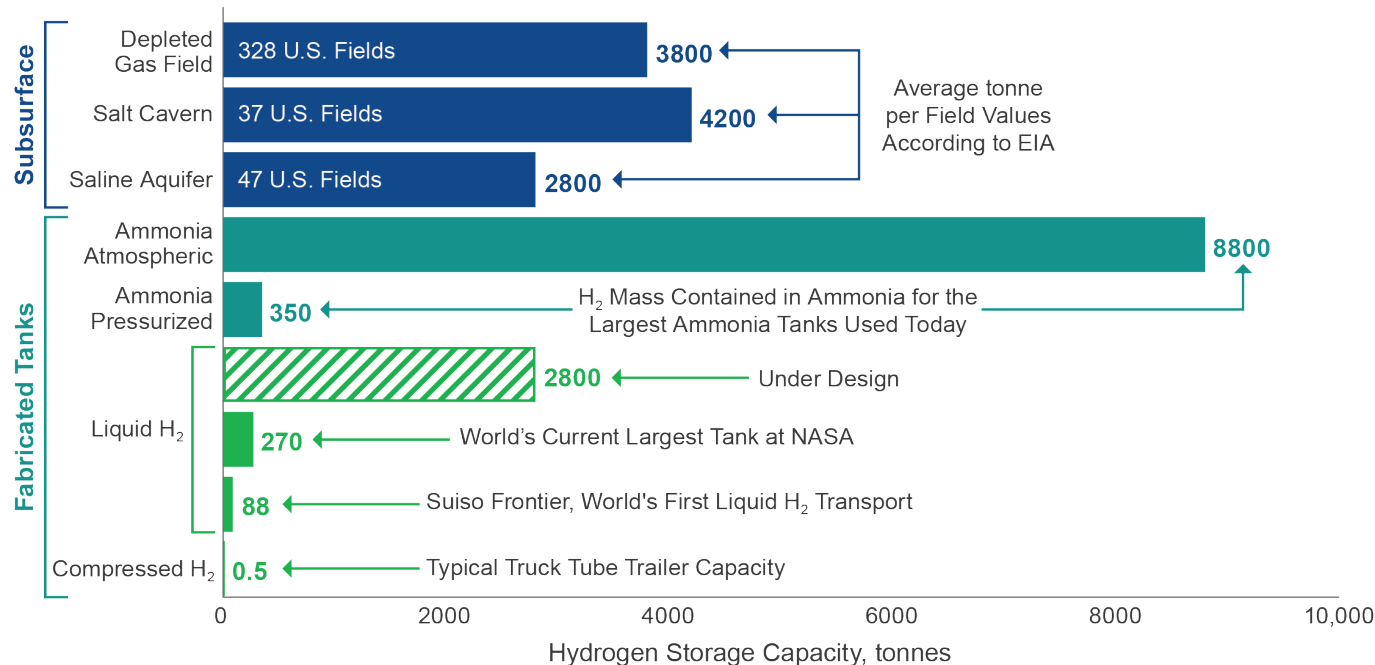
LONG-TERM MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- Infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure...
 - Hydrogen transport, bulk storage
- Continued deployment in the transportation sector



U.S. BEDDED AND DOMAL SALT FORMATIONS

HYDROGEN STORAGE CAPACITIES BY APPROACH

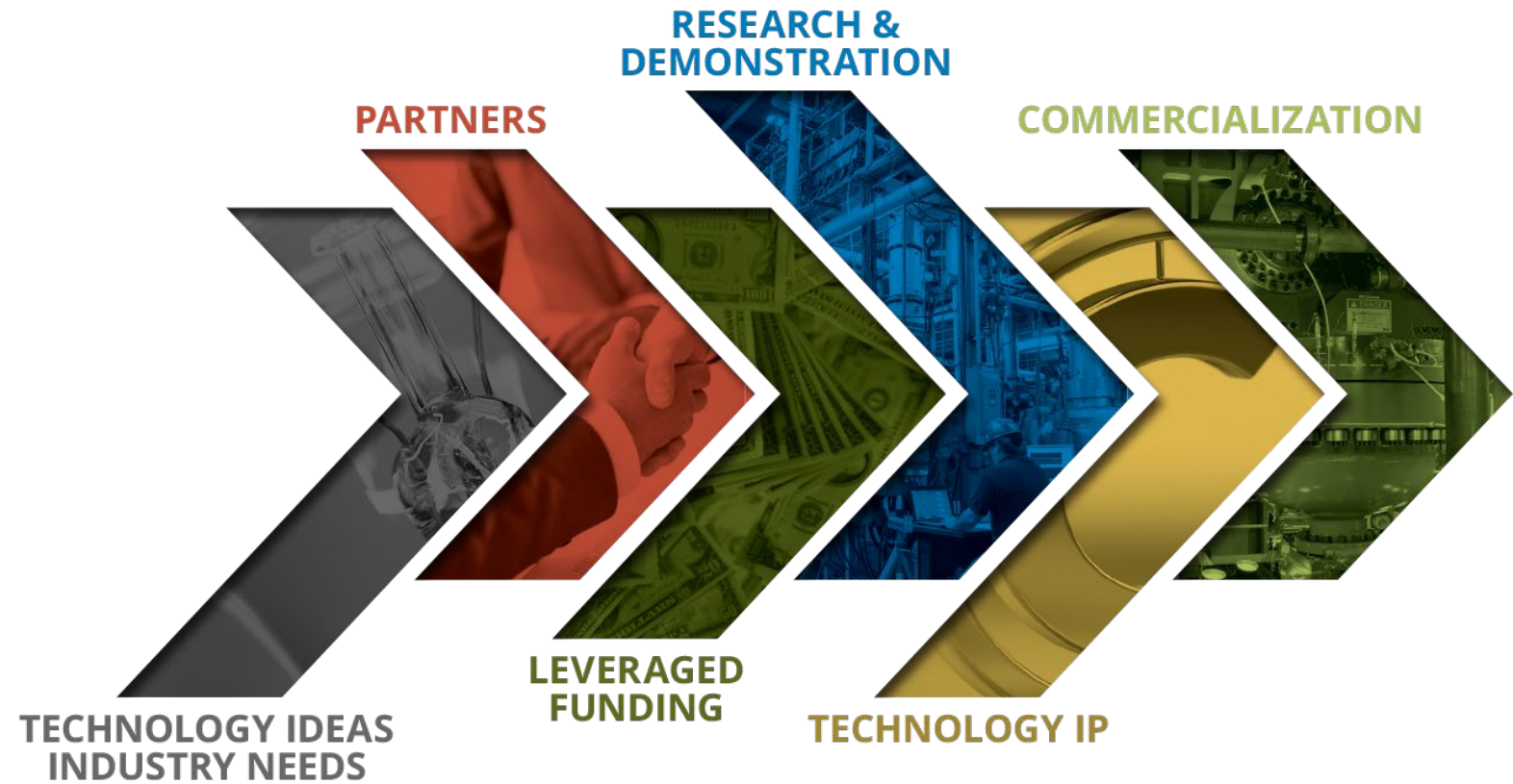


BIG OPPORTUNITIES, BIG CHALLENGES

Commercial Clean Hydrogen Deployment Essential to Achieving Decarbonization Goals	Challenges to Clean Hydrogen Deployment
Clean hydrogen accounts for 8% of US emissions reductions in a Net Zero by 2050 scenario*	Development of clean hydrogen production <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful implementation of Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs – Heartland Hydrogen Hub
Costs to achieve net zero increase by 0.5-1% GDP without clean hydrogen*	Tax Credit Uncertainty <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed section 45V tax credit guidance
Billions in private sector investment, value-added energy opportunities	Demand-side market development
Job creation	Continued support for transportation infrastructure network, CCS, permitting reform

*Source: "Harnessing Hydrogen: A Key Element of the U.S. Energy Future" National Petroleum Council, April 2024

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A wide-angle photograph of a university campus at sunset. The sun is low on the left, casting a warm glow over the scene. In the foreground, there are large trees with yellowing leaves. In the background, there are several large, multi-story brick buildings, likely university halls or labs, and a parking lot filled with cars.

THANK YOU

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