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“Challenges of Hydrogen Storage & Transport and Key Export Projects in the Arab Region”



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01 Hydrogen Value Chain

02 Challenges/Options of Hydrogen Storages and Transport

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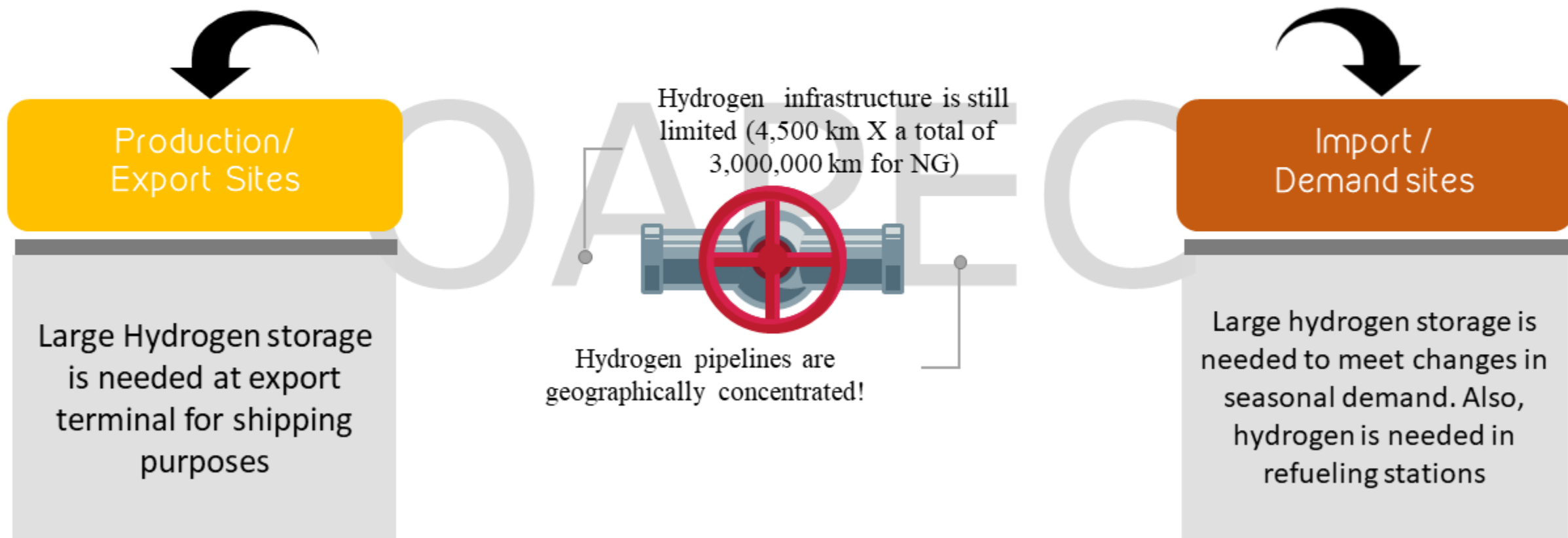
Hydrogen value chain





Storage and transport of hydrogen: why and where is needed?

«« For hydrogen to be a key component of a global resilient energy system, a large scale hydrogen value chain is needed with **adequate storage capacity and functionality** »»





Storage of hydrogen: key challenges and options

Lowest Energy density (MJ/l)

Hydrogen has the lowest energy density compared with other fossil fuels (0.01 MJ/L* for gaseous H₂)

» **Hydrogen requires very large storage area**

*MJ/L: Mega joule per liter

Solutions: increasing pressure to compress hydrogen or lowering temperature to liquify hydrogen or a mix of both processes



Compressed
Gaseous Hydrogen
CGH₂



Liquified Hydrogen
LH₂

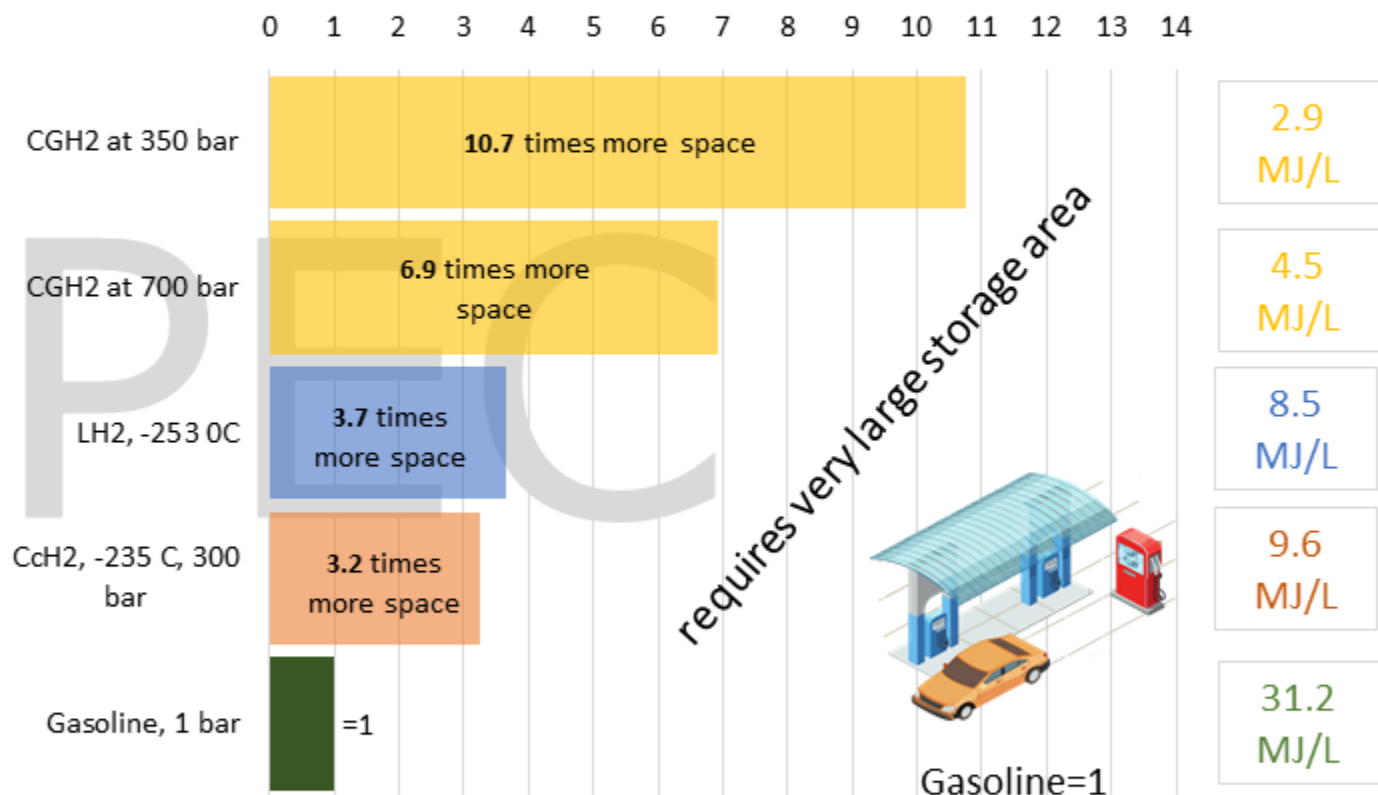


Cryo-compressed
Hydrogen
CcH₂



Slush (Jelly)
Hydrogen
SH₂

Hydrogen storage area ratio in comparison with gasoline storage



Source: OIAPEC

- ❑ Specific material is needed to contain compressed or liquified hydrogen
- ❑ Extra energy is needed to liquify or compress hydrogen



Transport and distribution of hydrogen: key challenges and options

Lowest Energy density (MJ/l)

Expensive to transport hydrogen over long distances

Pipelines

Building New Hydrogen Infrastructure

Converting Existing Natural Gas Networks



Trucks

Compressed Gaseous Hydrogen Trucks

Cryo-compressed Hydrogen Trucks



Tankers

Liquid Ammonia or Liquified Hydrogen Tankers



Key factors affecting the optimal hydrogen transport method








1 THE DISTANCE TO THE DEMAND CENTRES

2 VOLUME OF HYDROGEN TO BE TRANSPORTED AS PER DEMAND

3 GEOGRAPHY AND MATURITY OF EXISTING GAS INFRASTRUCTURE



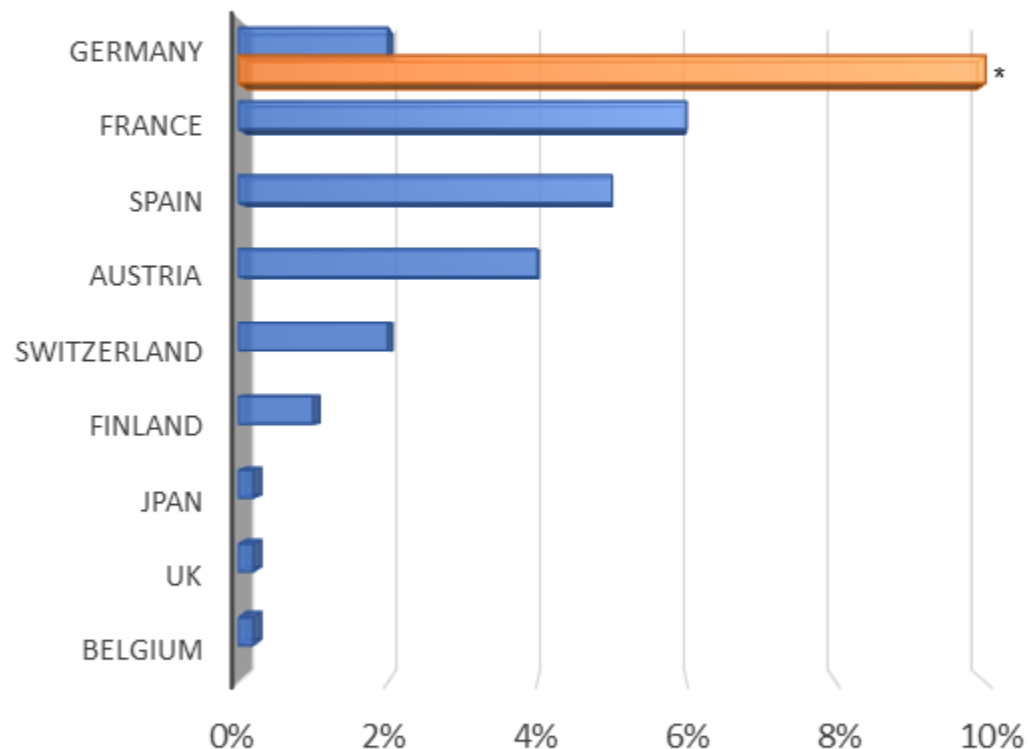
Transport and distribution of hydrogen: comparison

Method	New Hydrogen Networks	Blending in Existing Gas Networks	Compressed Hydrogen Trucks	Liquified Hydrogen Trucks	Ammonia Tankers
					
CAPEX	High	Low (in case of blending up to 20%) High (in case of to modification to transport 100% hydrogen)	low	Medium due to liquification process (~ 50% of the total cost)	High
Capacity	High (over 1000 kg/day)	High (over 1000 kg/day)	Low up to 1000 kg	High up to 4000 kg	30,000-80,000 cubic meter of ammonia (1 m³ ammonia=120 kg H₂)
Distance	1000-4000 km	1000-4000 km	1000 km	up to 4000 km	> 4000 km
Key Challenge	High CAPEX and time	High costs in case of modification for 100% hydrogen transport	Specialized material for high pressure container	Specialized material for isolation -vapor loss 0.3% daily	Ammonia is toxic and harmful to the marine environment



Transport and distribution of hydrogen: blending in natural gas networks

Current allowable hydrogen blending % in natural gas pipelines in selected countries



*in case of no CNG stations are connected to gas networks

Source: IEA, 2019

Key considerations in hydrogen blending in natural gas networks

Converting natural gas pipelines to carry a blend of natural gas and hydrogen (up to 15% hydrogen) may require only modest modifications to the pipeline

Converting existing natural gas pipelines to deliver pure hydrogen (100% hydrogen) require more substantial modifications including new compressors, storage facilities

Blending hydrogen will reduce the mixture heating value, which means higher gas/hydrogen volumes to meet the same energy needs.

Furthermore, blending may require to change/modify the equipment/households appliances connected to the hydrogen network

(new gas heating and cooking appliances in Europe are certified to handle 23% hydrogen blend)



Hydrogen in the Arab region: success potentials



01

Availability of massive gas networks in place and transcontinental pipelines.

02

Unique geographical location with proximity to potential demand centers like Asia and Europe.

03

Long established strategic ties between Arab NOCS and IOCS.

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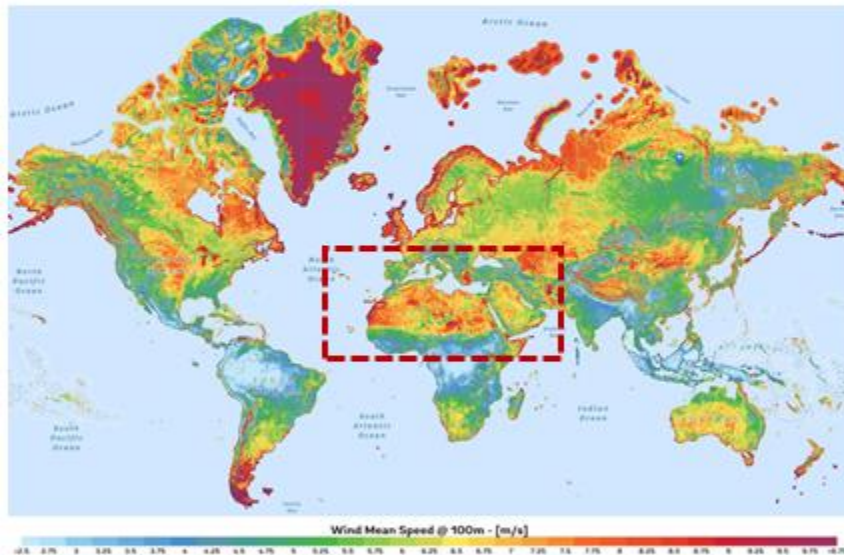
Availability of renewable energy resources



Hydrogen in the Arab region: success potentials

Arab region has optimal PV /Wind resources for green hydrogen production due to expected **higher capacity factor of electrolyzers** and **low cost of electricity generated**

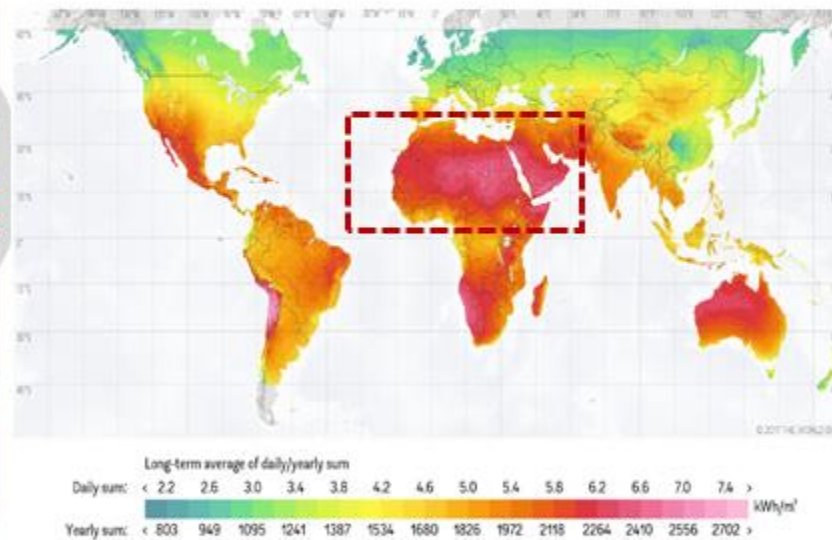
wind atlas of the world



9-11 m/s

Wind speed

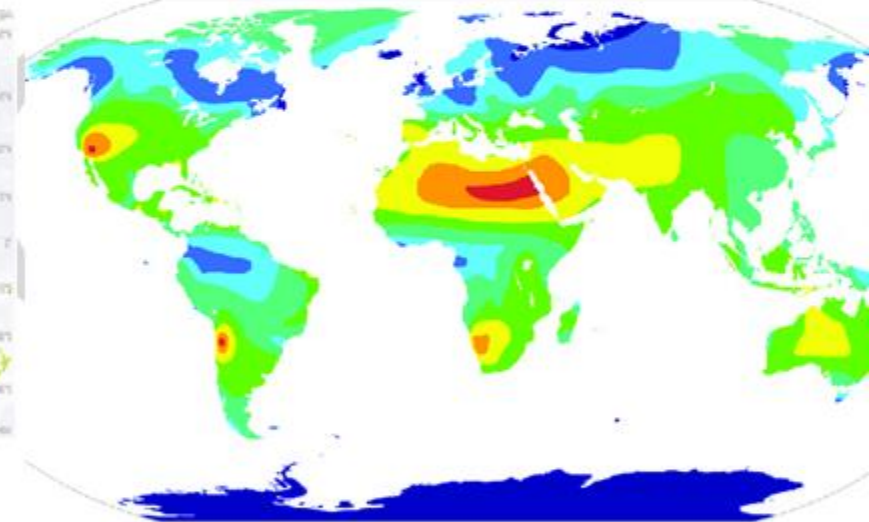
solar radiation atlas of the world



2200-2500 KW/m²

Solar radiation

Annual sunshine map of the world



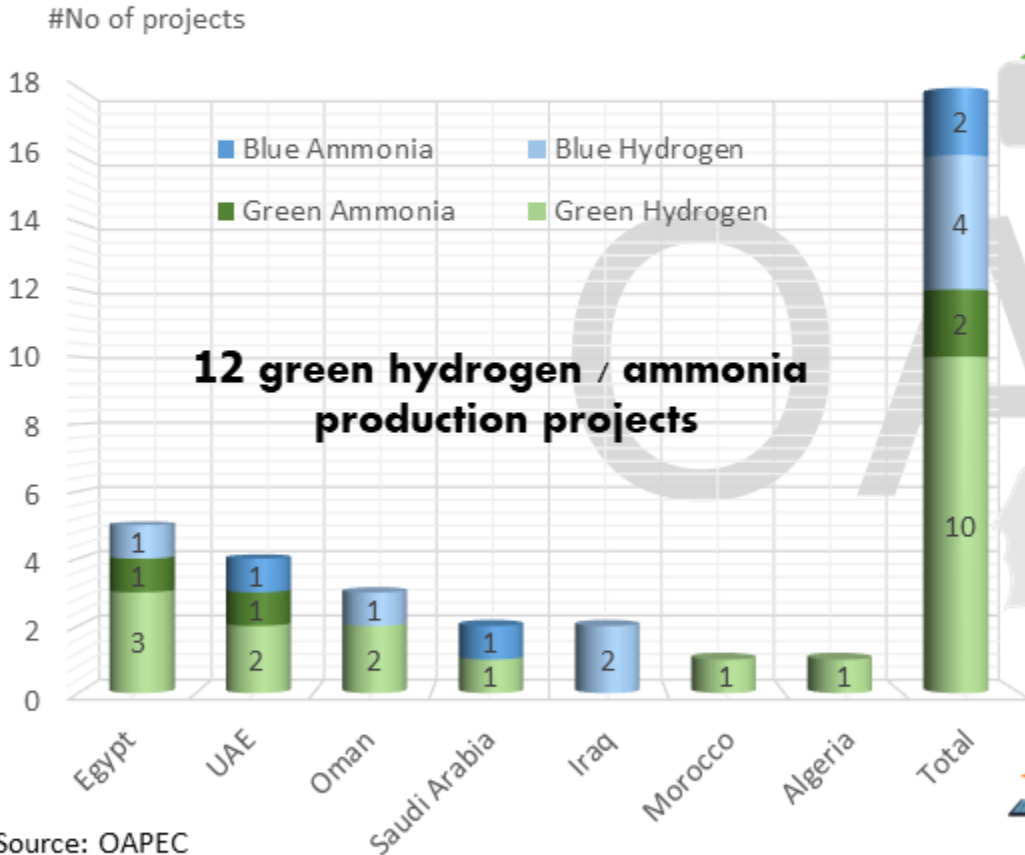
3900 hours

Sunshine hours



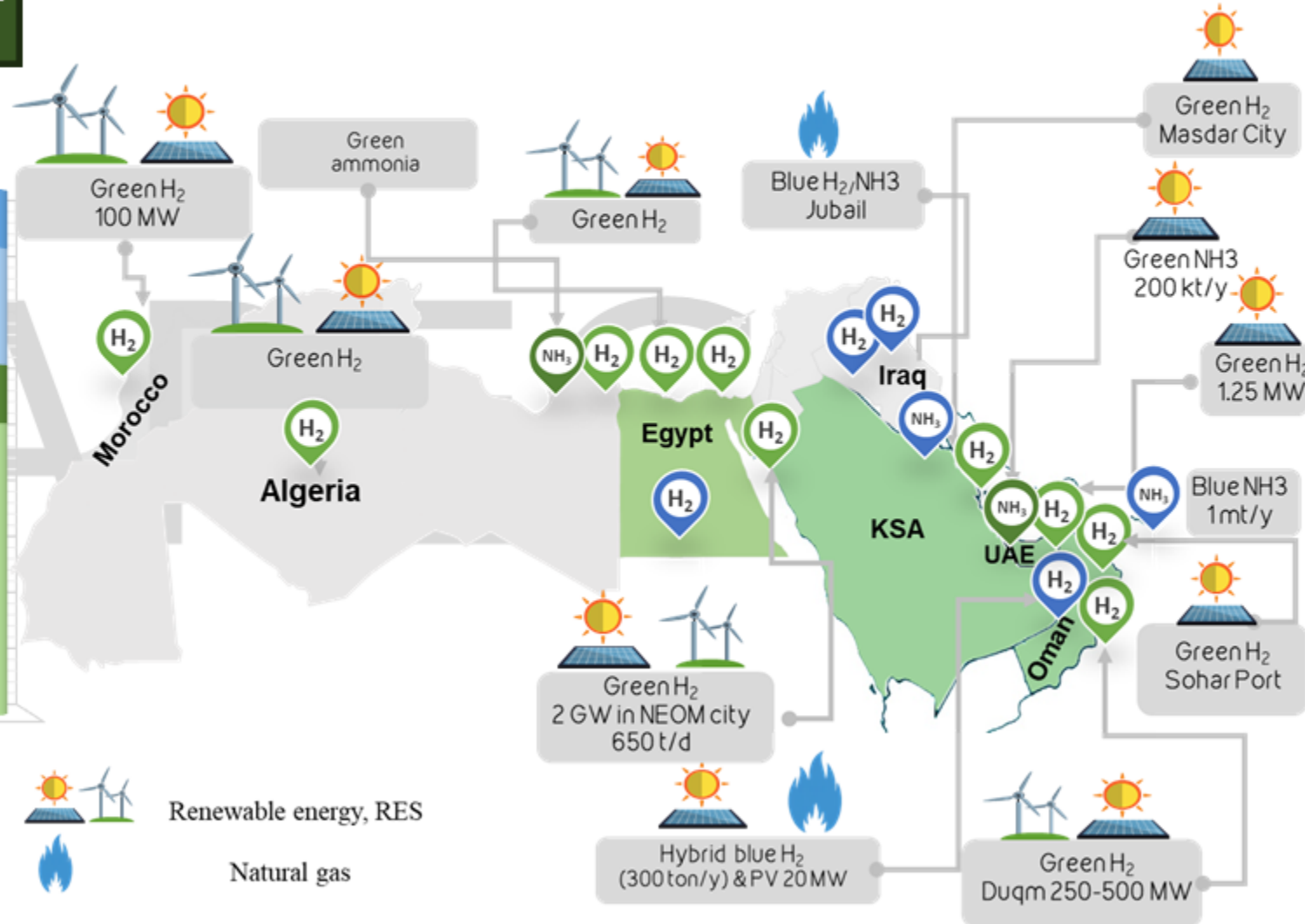
Planned hydrogen production/export projects in the Arab region

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Source: OIAPEC

Majority of planned projects are at very early stage of planning





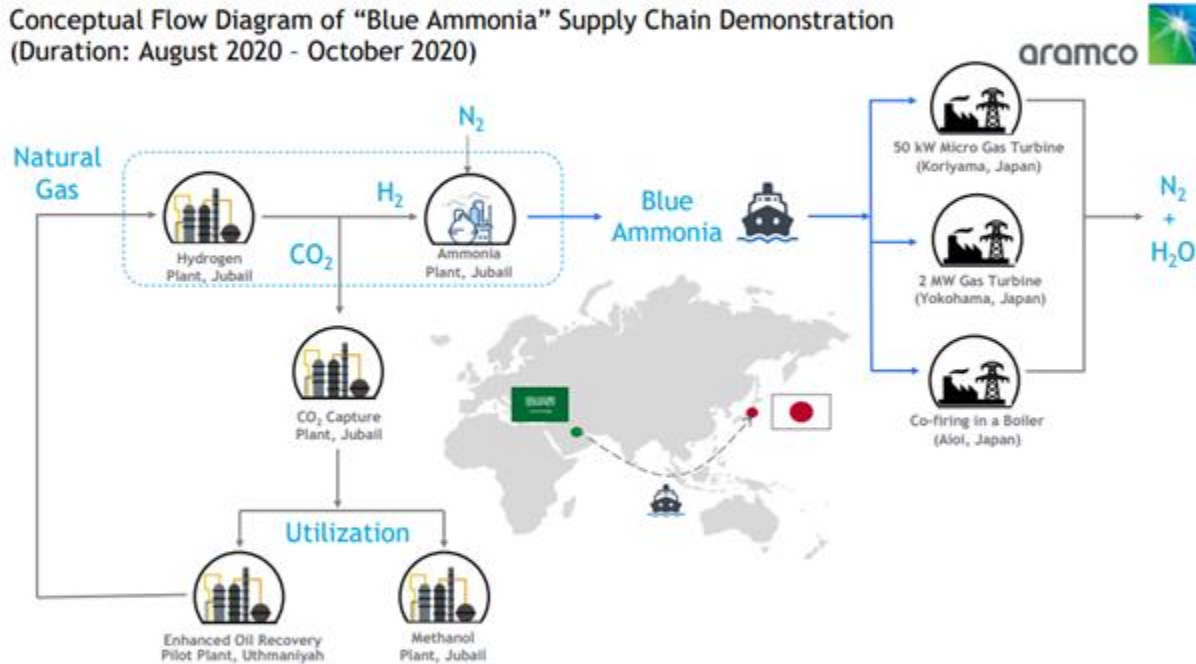
Successful production and shipping of blue ammonia cargoes

Aramco and the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), in partnership with SABIC



ADNOC in partnership with Fertiglobe exported green ammonia cargoes

Conceptual Flow Diagram of "Blue Ammonia" Supply Chain Demonstration
(Duration: August 2020 - October 2020)



40 tons of
blue ammonia

50 tons of CO₂
captured

3 cargoes of blue ammonia
exported to three Japanese companies





For hydrogen to be a key component of a global resilient energy system, a large scale hydrogen value chain is needed with adequate storage capacity and functionality



Hydrogen has the lowest energy density compared with other fossil fuels
→ Hydrogen requires very large storage area and is expensive to transport over long distances



It is feasible (with little modifications) to use existing gas pipelines to transport hydrogen blend up to 15% while pure hydrogen requires more substantial modifications to pipelines



Arab region has optimal PV /Wind resources for green hydrogen production with expected higher capacity factor of electrolyzers.. 70% of the planned projects are for green hydrogen/ammonia production



Key message

Arab region has the potential to be a major hydrogen exporter

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