

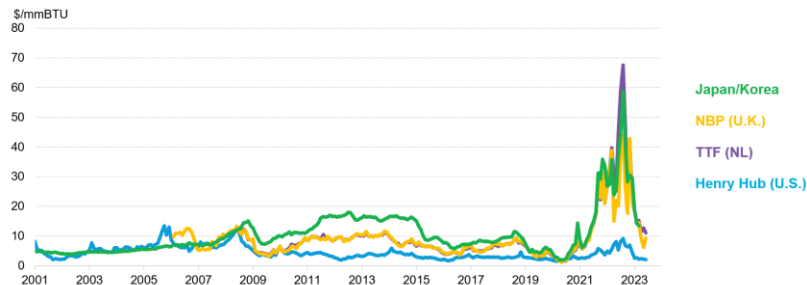
Electrons, molecules, and uncertainty - what future are we planning for?

Agora Energiewende - Energy infrastructure for a net-zero future
19th September 2023

Michael Liebreich
Founder and CEO
Liebreich Associates

The 2020s in energy history

The Great Energy Price Spike



Note: Data as of August 2023, monthly prices for 1M Forward contracts

Source: Liebreich Associates; Bloomberg



The Great Clean Energy Acceleration

Source: Liebreich Associates

Renewables expected to double



“Renewables were already expanding quickly, but the global energy crisis has kicked them into an extraordinary new phase of even faster growth as countries seek to capitalise on their **energy security** benefits.

The world is set to add as much renewable power in the next 5 years as it did in the previous 20 years.

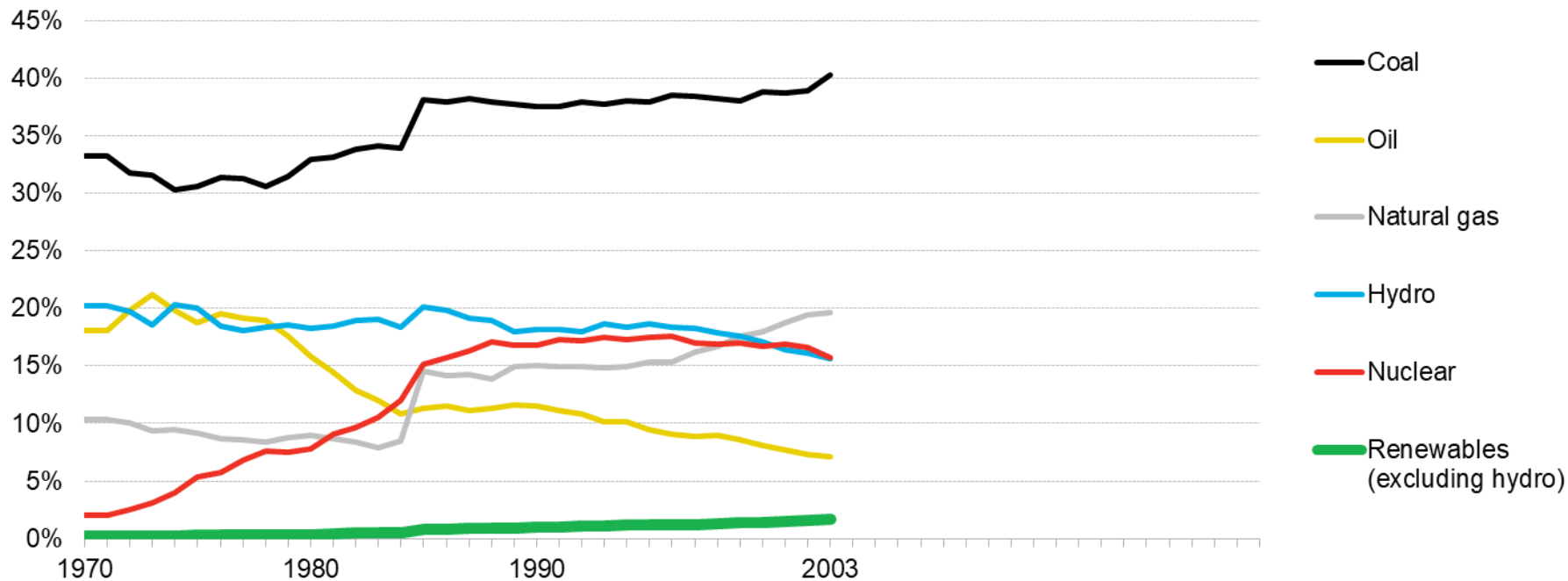


Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the IEA



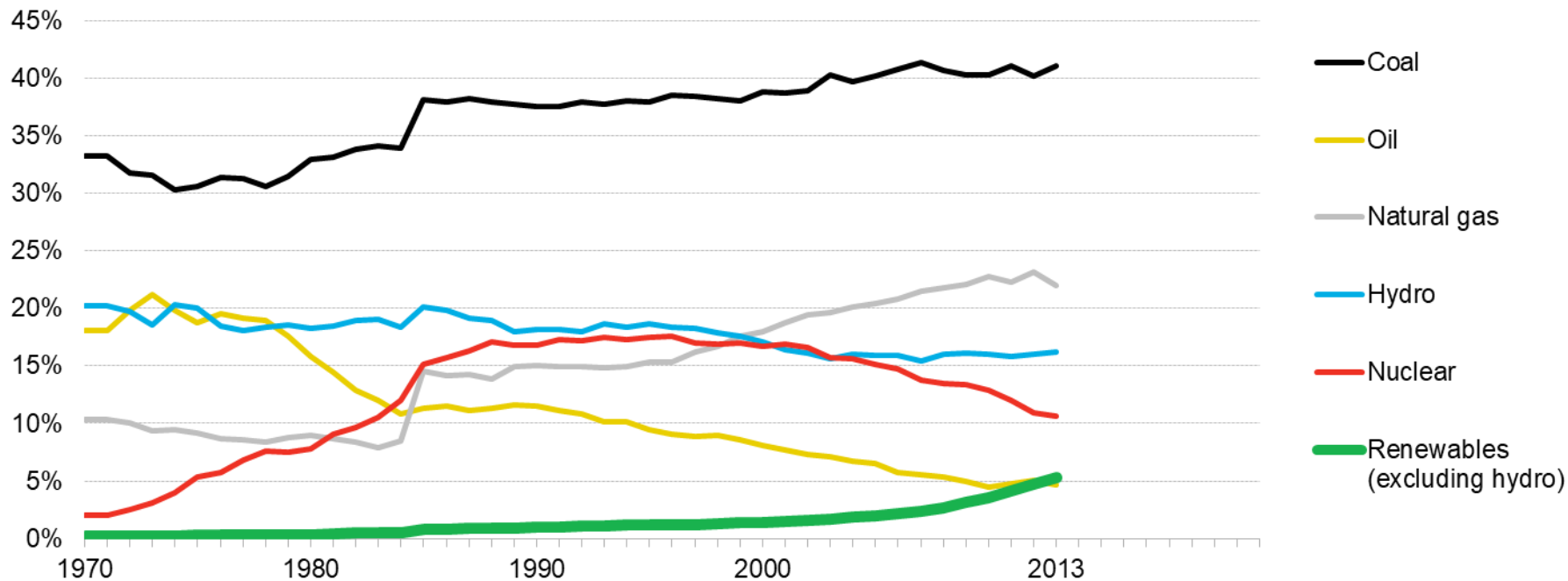
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Global share of power generation by source 1970 - 2003



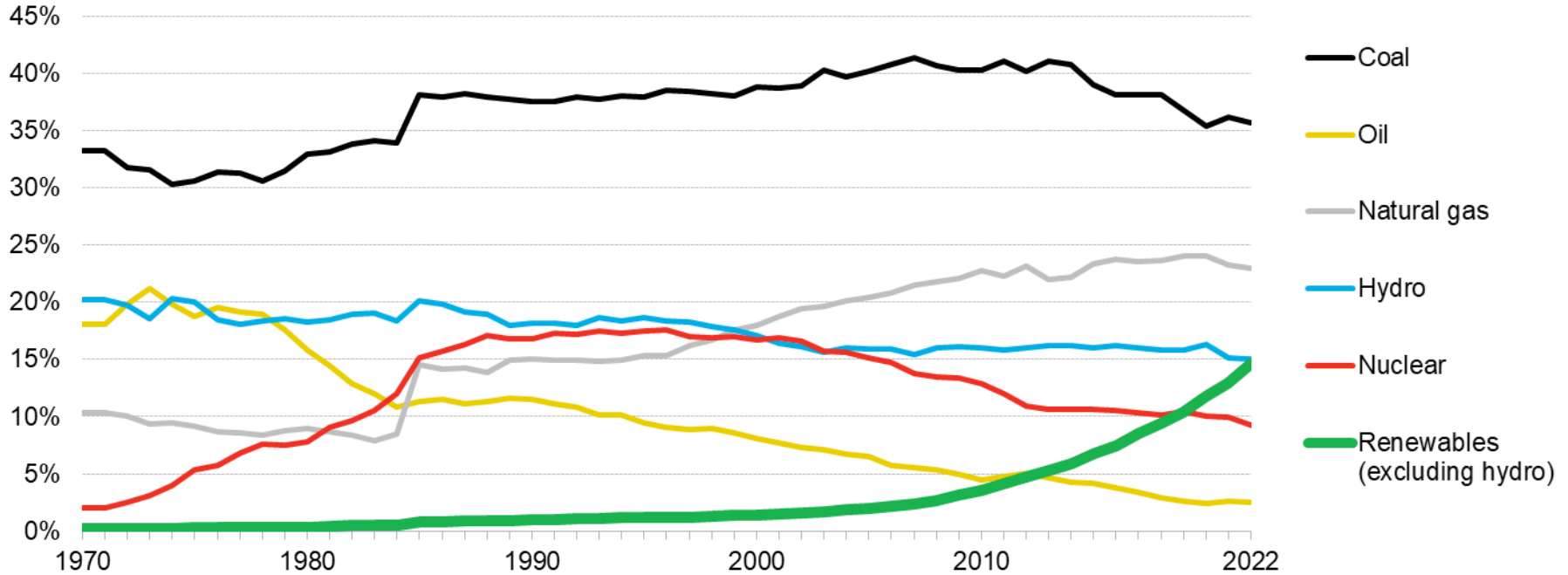
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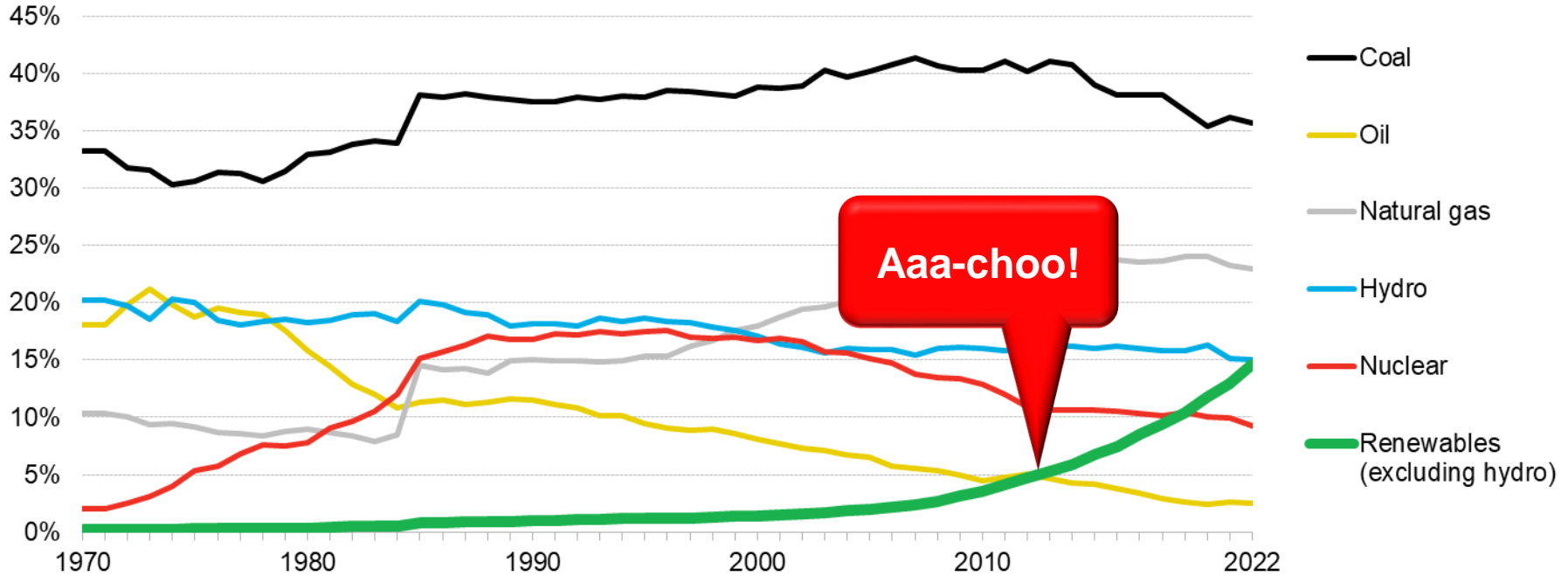
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Global share of power generation by source 1970 - 2022



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Cheapest source of new build generation, 1H 2023

Legend

Onshore wind

Offshore wind

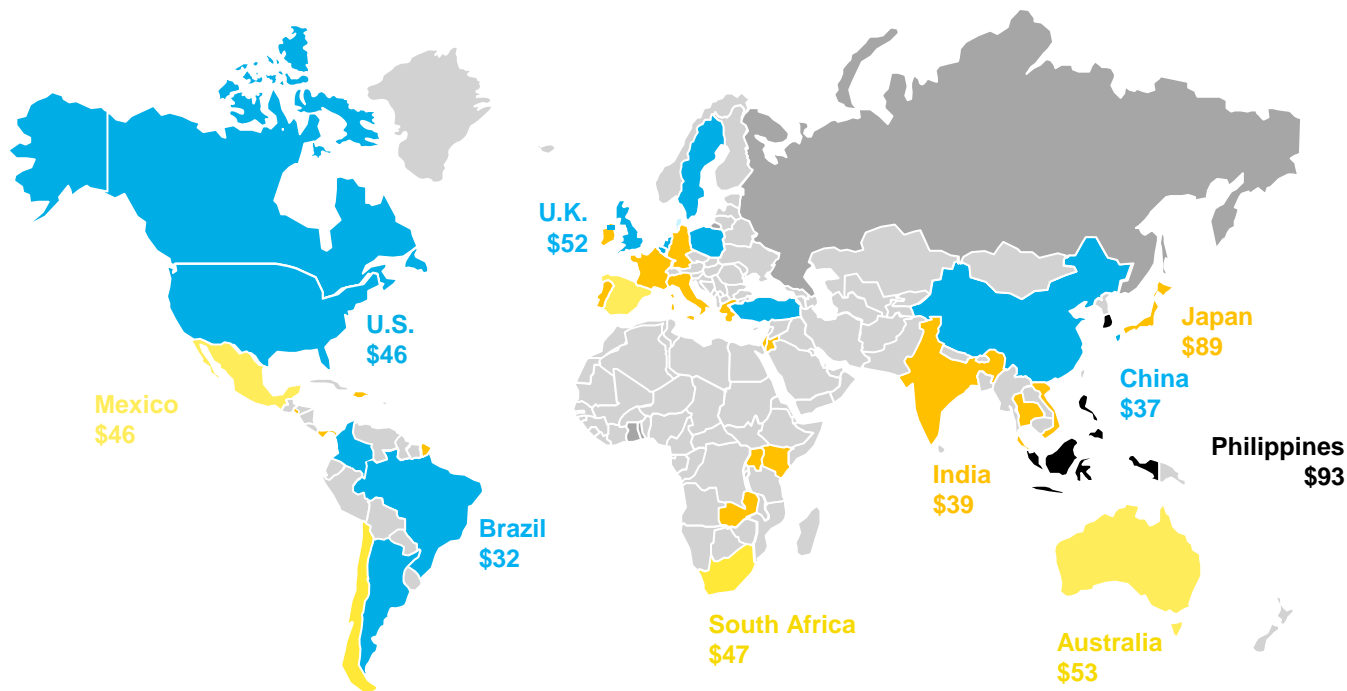
Utility PV – fixed axis

Utility PV – tracking

Natural Gas – CCGT

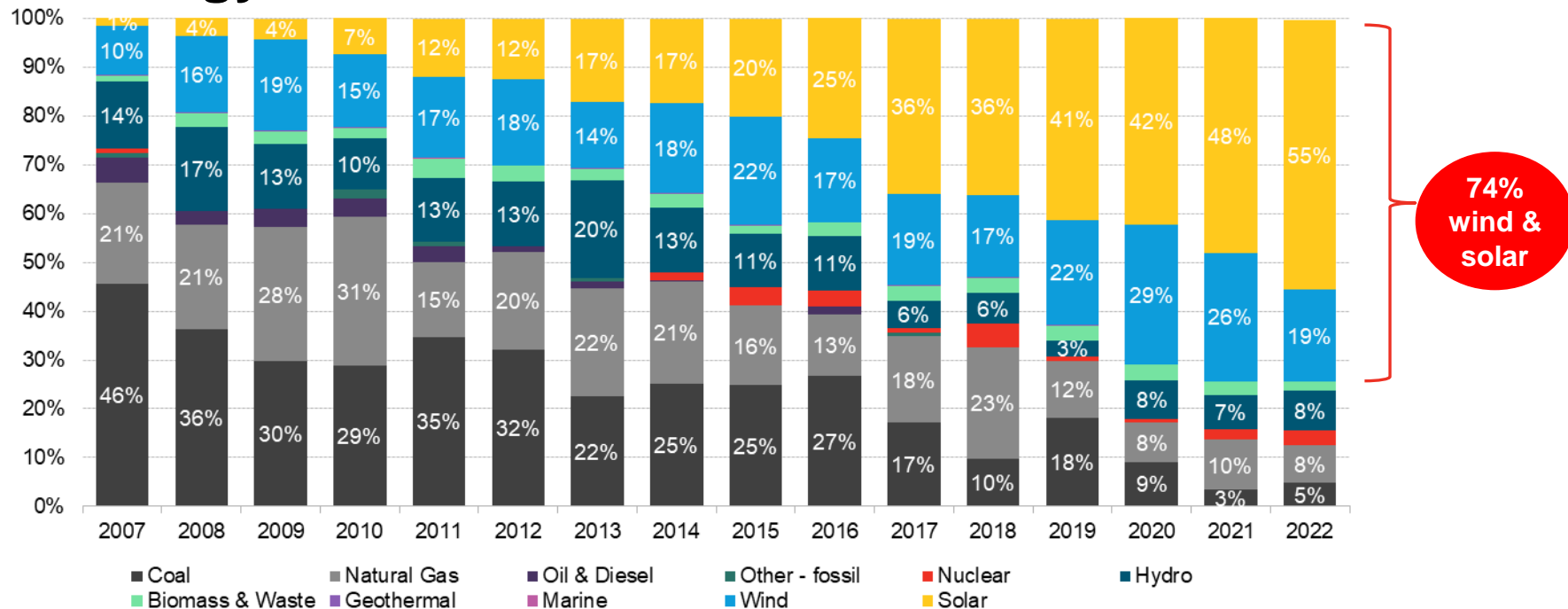
Coal

Not covered



Source: BloombergNEF, Liebreich Associates

Share of global capacity additions by technology

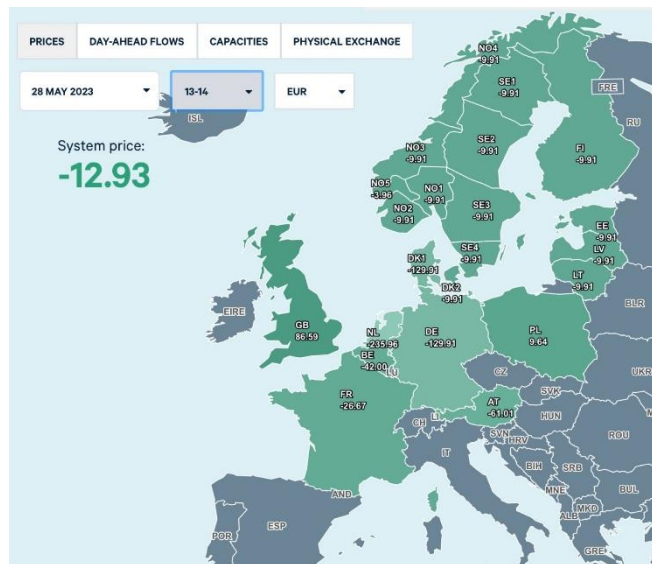


Global capacity additions excluding retirements

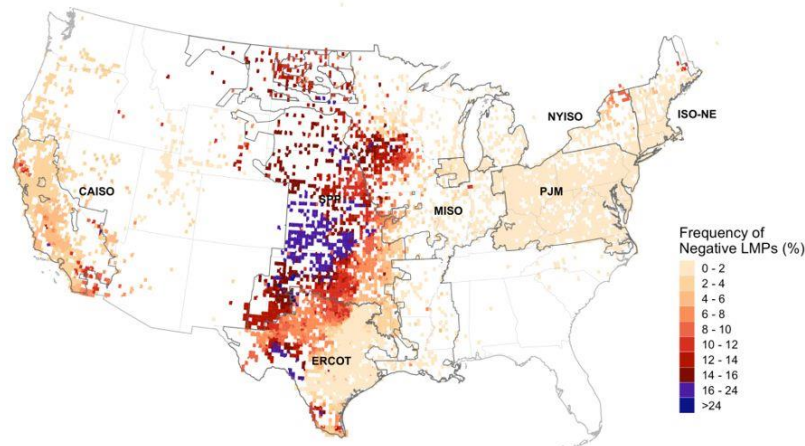
Source: BloombergNEF

Negative wholesale electricity prices in the EU and US

Europe wholesale spot prices, Whitsunday 2023



US wholesale pricing nodes, negative prices 2022



Sources: Gerard Reid, Ryan Wiser, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Solving for intermittency – the hunt is on

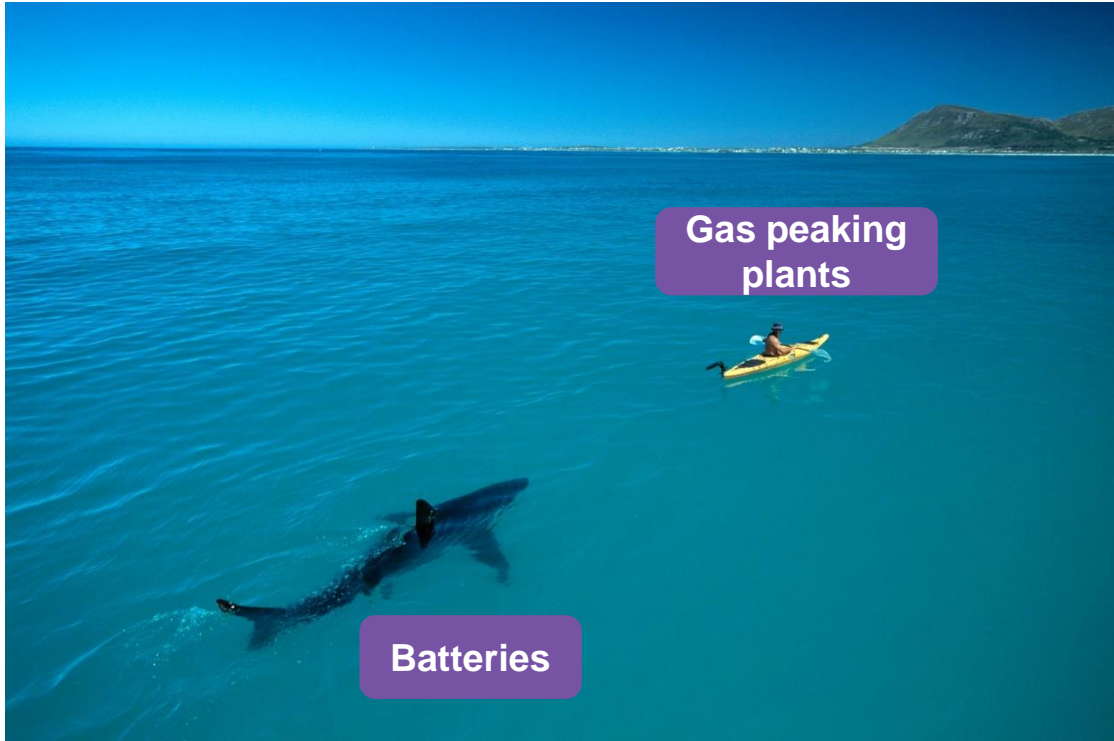


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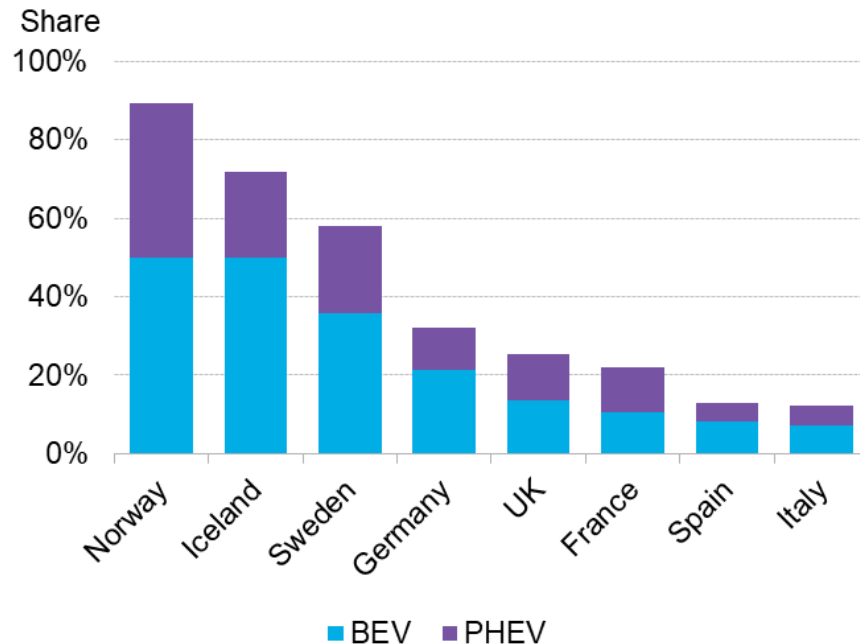
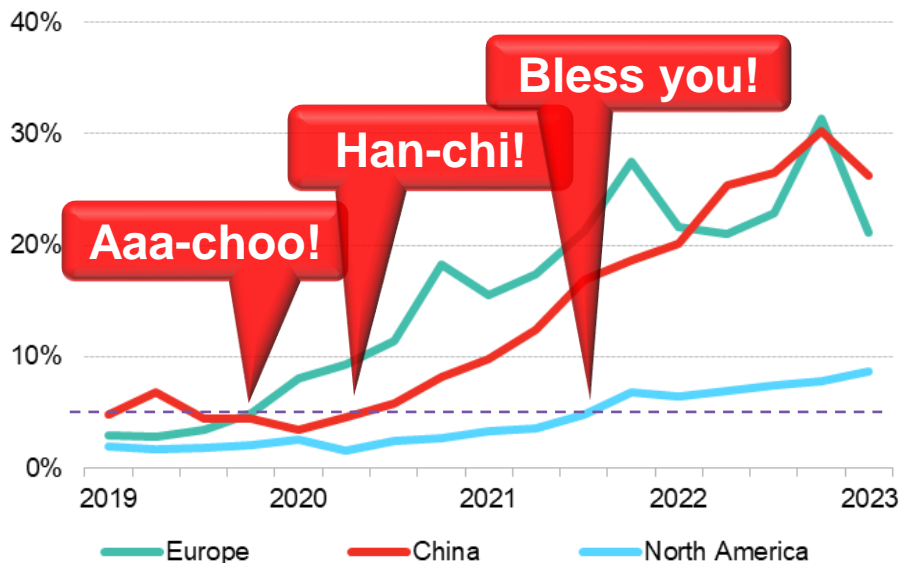
Electrification of transport and heat



Images: Rivian; Daikin

EV sales

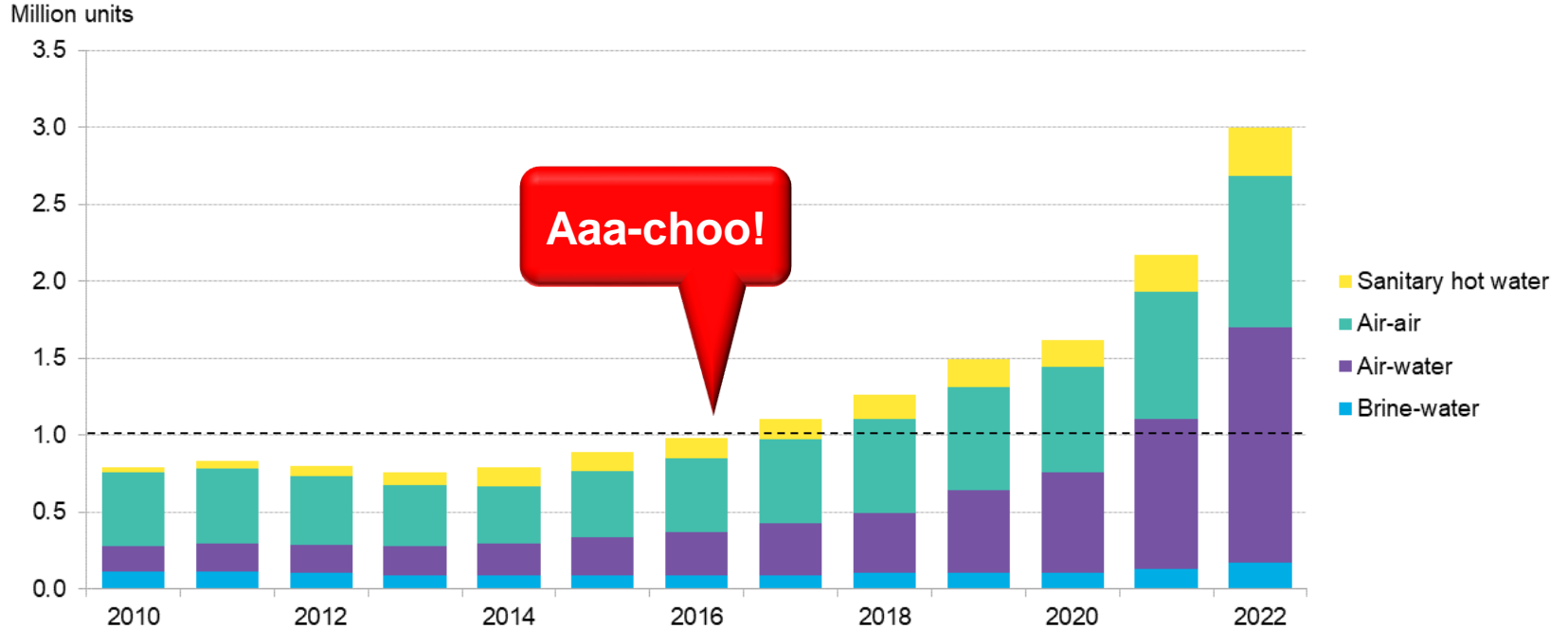
Global EV share of passenger vehicle sales EV share of passenger vehicle sales in Europe



Note: Data as of Q2 2023

Source: BNEF

EU heat pump installations



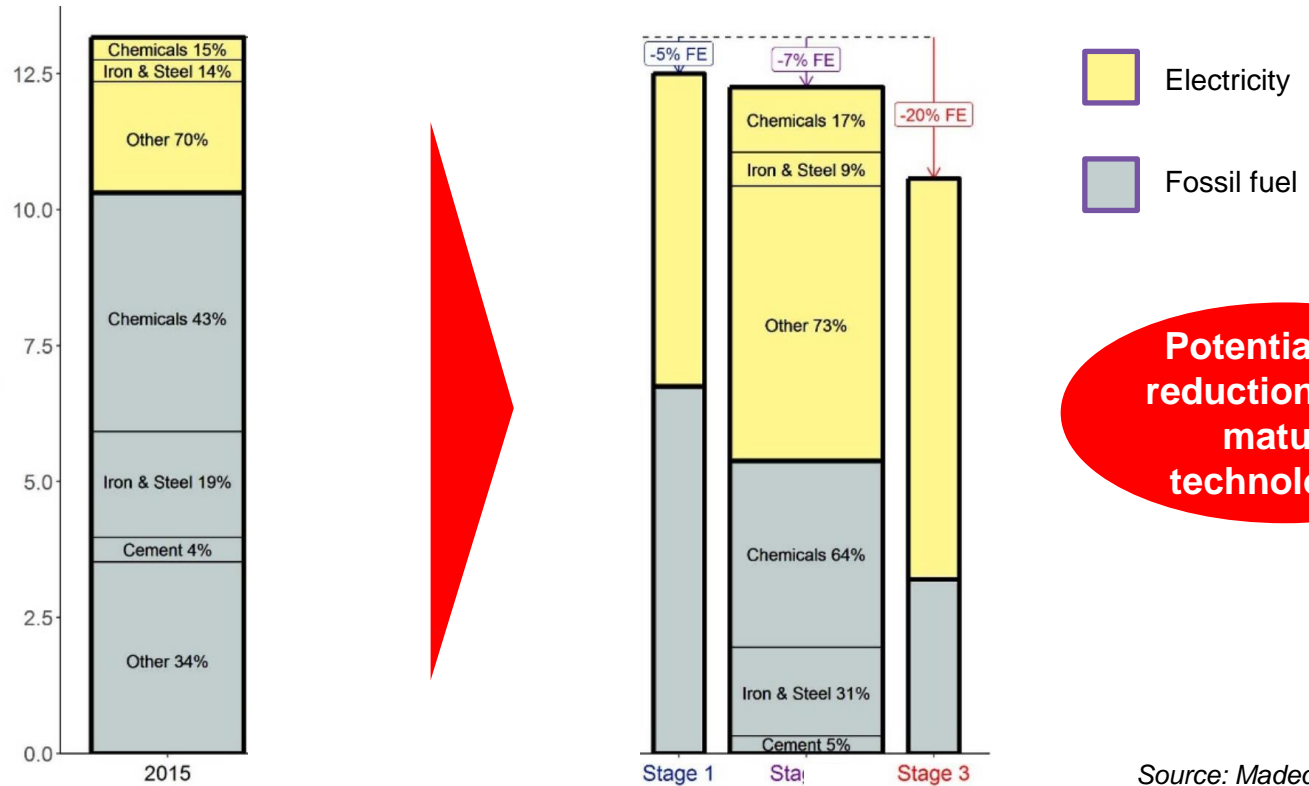
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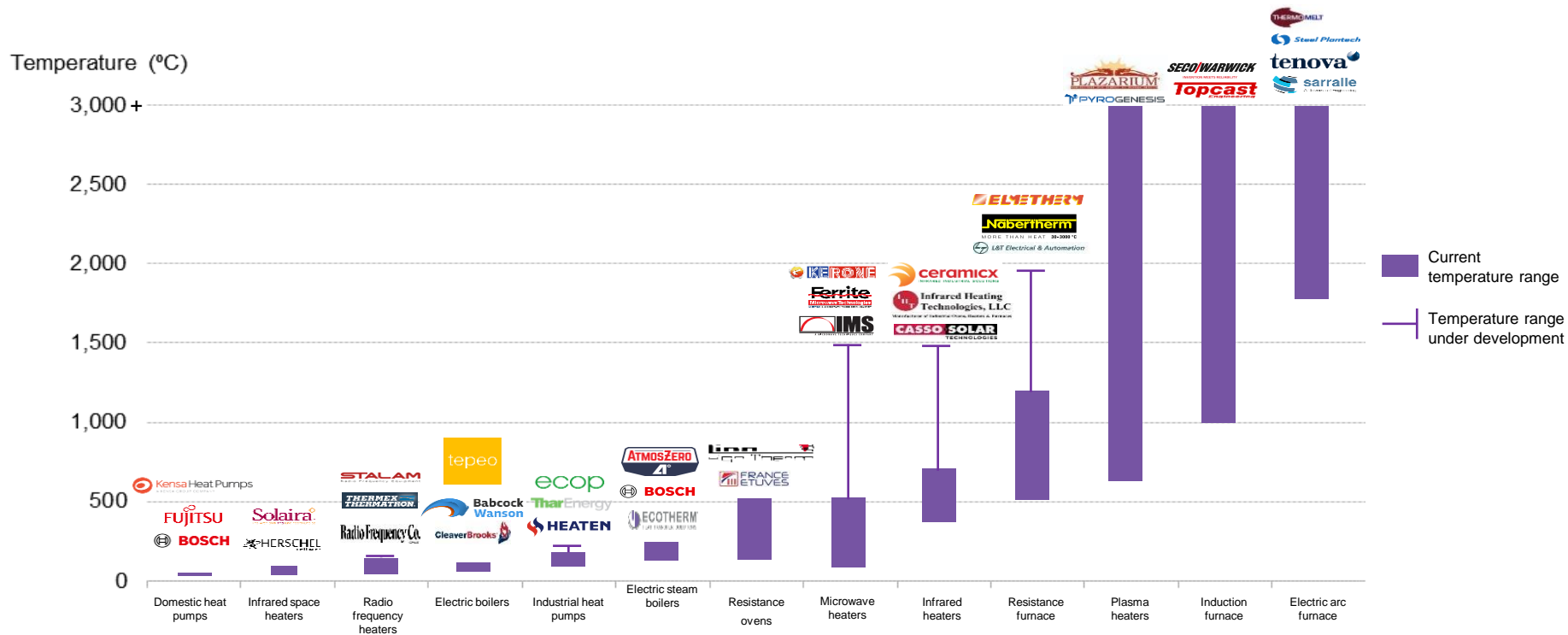
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Electrified heat technologies landscape



Note: List of companies is illustrative, not exhaustive.

Source: Liebreich Associates

Thermal stores and buffering technologies landscape

Thermal energy storage

Sensible thermal



Latent thermal



Electrochemical energy storage

Flow batteries



Abundant materials



Mechanical energy storage

Gravity



Compressed-air



Novel pumped hydro



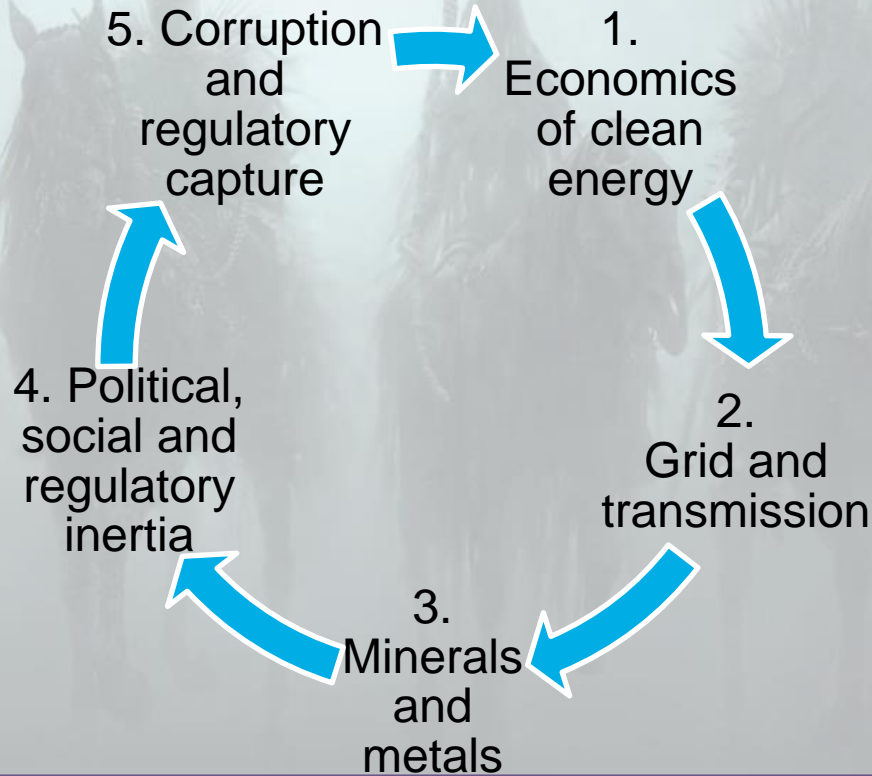
Chemical energy storage



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Five Horsemen of the Net Zero Transition



Source: Wikimedia Commons; Liebreich Associates

Hydrogen



Image: Wikimedia Commons

Hydrogen economy

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Instead of the gas currently used for industry, heating and fuels, we will ensure hydrogen can be used – the gas of the future – and we will create a huge boom.

”

*Olaf Scholz, German Chancellor
September 2022*



Image: DW

Clean Hydrogen Swiss Army Knife

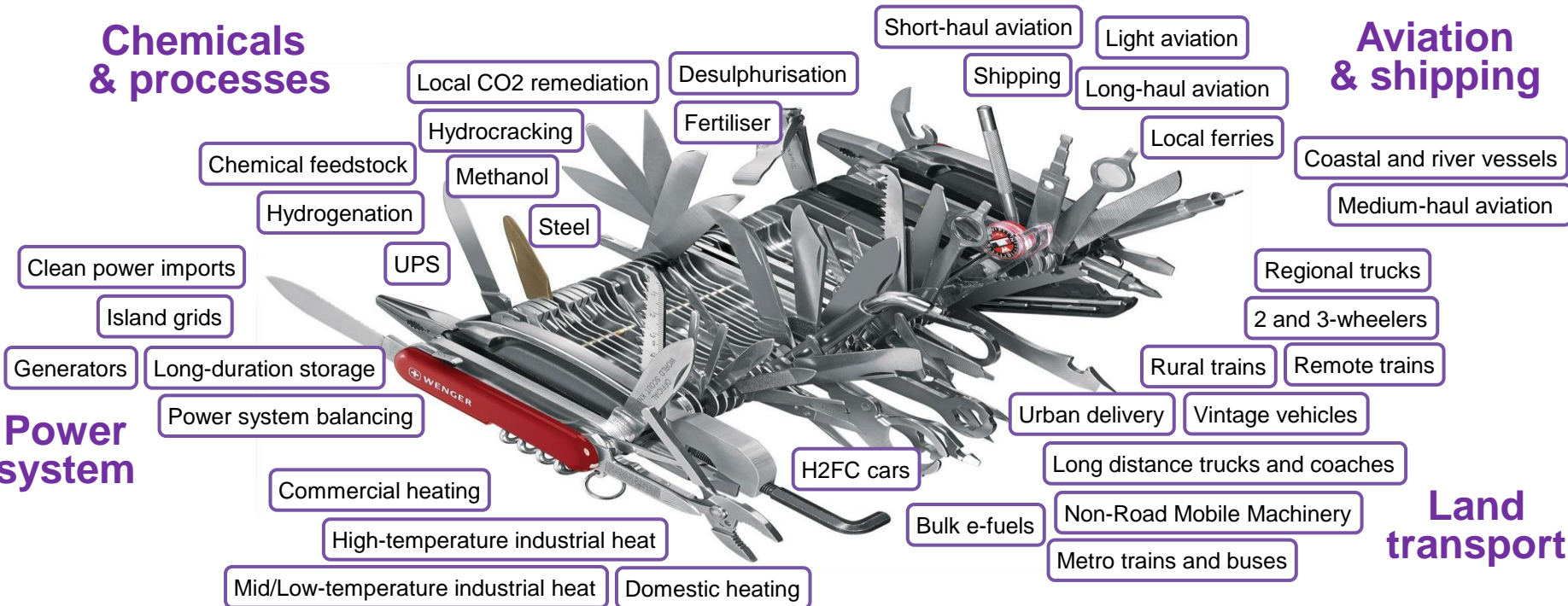
Chemicals & processes

Aviation & shipping

Power system

Land transport

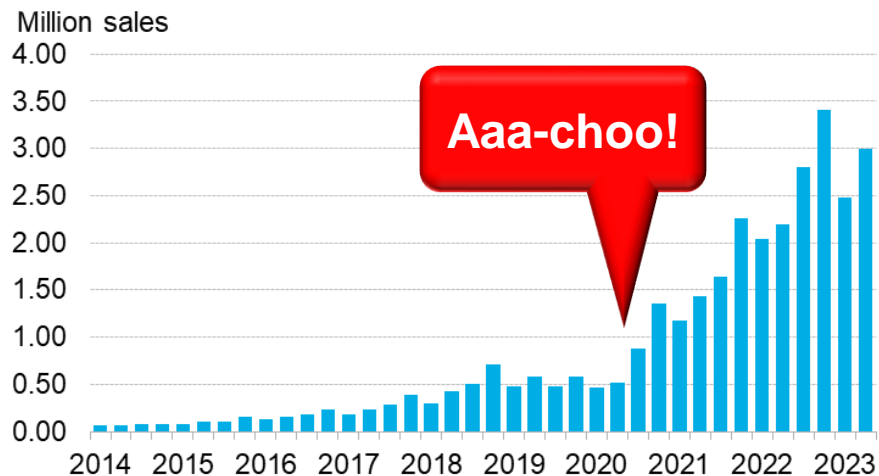
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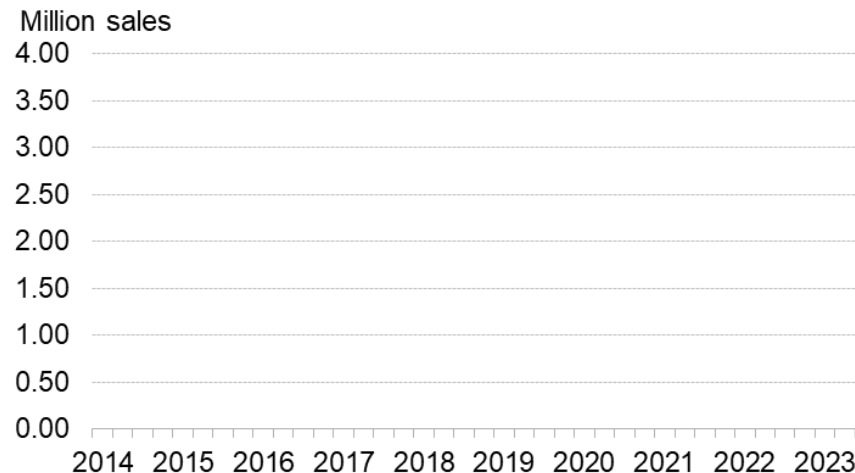
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Global BEV vs. FCV sales quarterly

Battery electric vehicles



Fuel cell vehicles

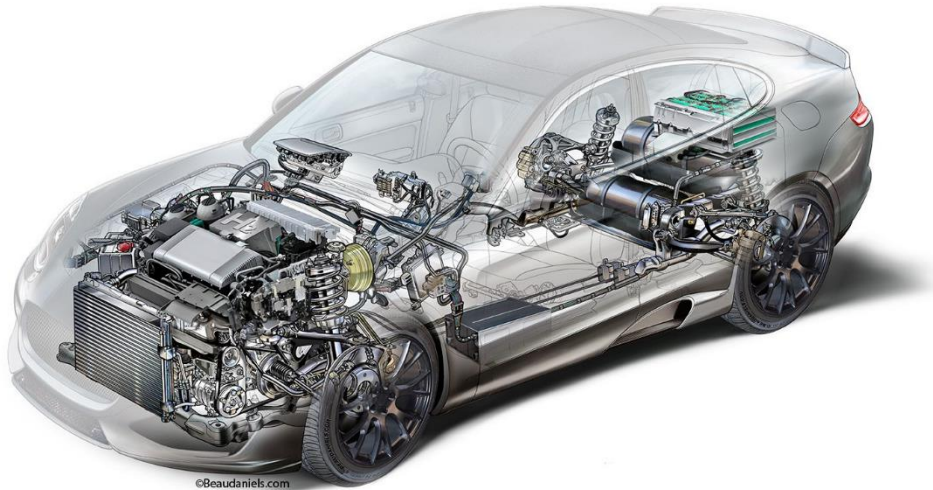


Note: Includes BEV sales include PHEVs

Source: BloombergNEF

Hydrogen vs BEV platforms

H2FC drive train



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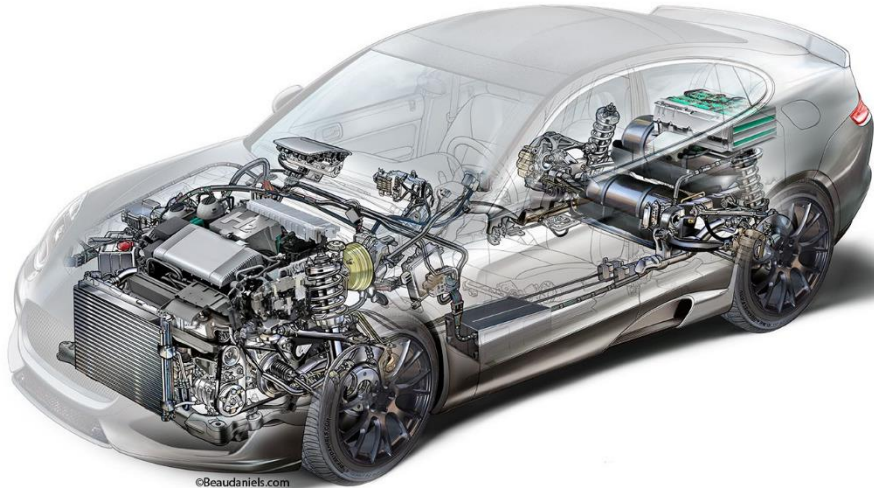
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Hydrogen vs BEV platforms

H2FC drive train

~30%
wind-to-wheel
efficiency



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BEV drive train

~80%
wind-to-wheel
efficiency

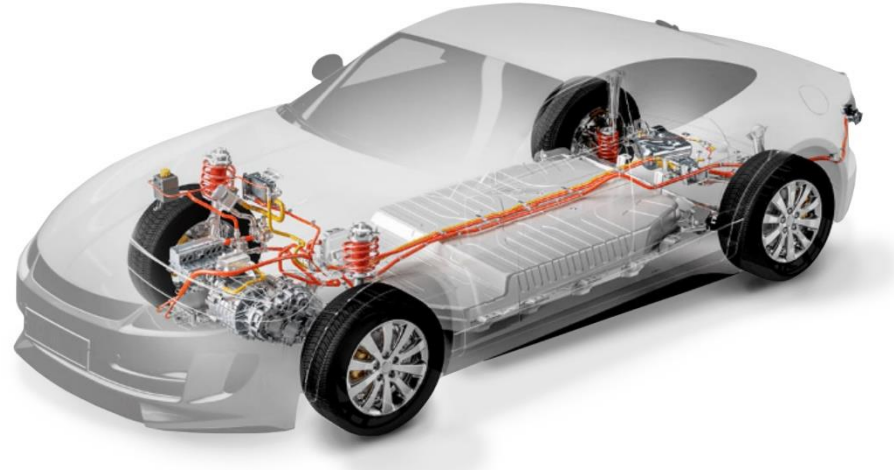


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How it started... how it's going

May 2021



Everfuel
@EverfuelEU

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Today, we launch our [#H2 #station #rollout](#) plan for [#Denmark](#) with an ambition of deploying 19 [#fueling](#) sites for [#zero #emission #transport](#) by end of 2023. This completes our Scandinavian green [#hydrogen](#) fueling strategy for [#trucks, #buses](#) and [#cars](#) in Sweden, Norway and Denmark



September 2023

All hydrogen stations in Denmark close

"We cannot justify throwing more money at subsidizing hydrogen alone," states Everfuel's director, who however does not want to kill the future of hydrogen in passenger cars.



Photo: Everfuel

Source: Everfuel, Twitter

Hydrogen buses – Montpellier experience



Hydrogen buses were €150,000-200,000 more expensive to buy than their electric counterparts.

Operation of the hydrogen buses would cost €3m per year, compared to €500,000 with electric ones — or €0.95 per km versus €0.15.



Julie Frêche, VP Transport
Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole
Speaking to La Tribune



Image: Van Hool

Hydrogen trains – Lower Saxony 2023



The basis for the purchase of the new battery-powered is market research into alternative drives, which LNVG carried out.

In particular, trains with hydrogen drives and batteries were considered. Result: battery trains are cheaper to operate.



Ministry for Economic Affairs, Transport,
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Image: Reuters

Zero-carbon forklift trucks

Hydrogen fork lift truck



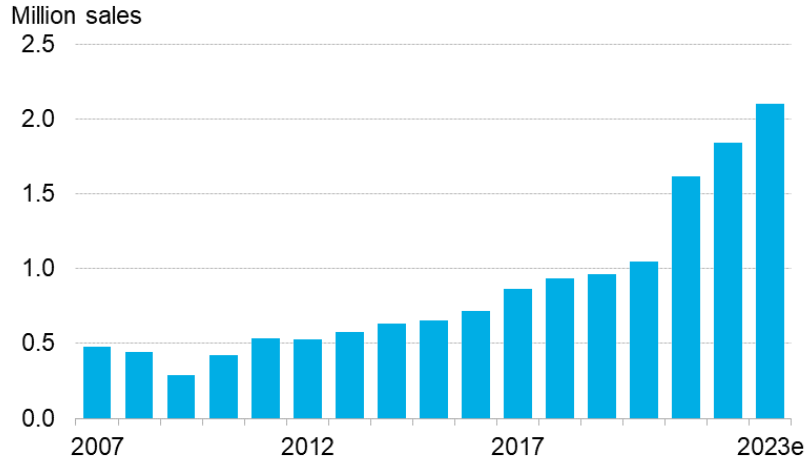
Battery electric fork lift truck



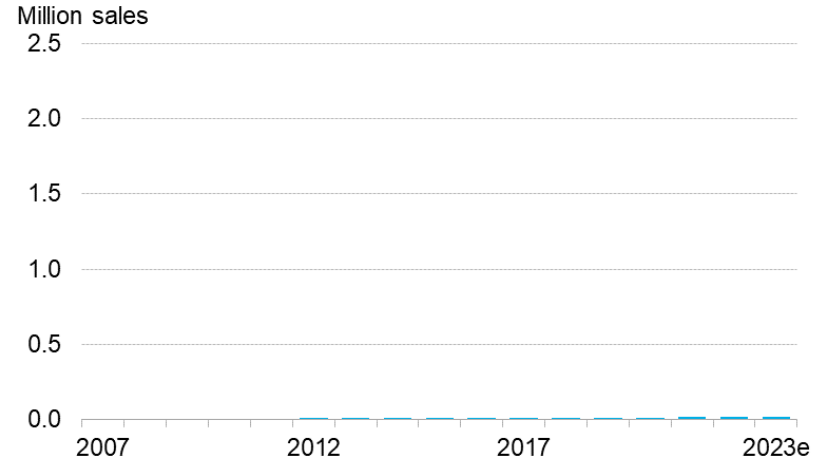
Images: Toyota

Electric and hydrogen forklift sales

Electric



Hydrogen



Note: 2023 sales are estimated

Source: Liebreich Associates; various

E-Fuels for electromobility



We need e-fuels to achieve our climate protection goals. Electricity-based synthetic fuels are an important and necessary addition to electromobility.

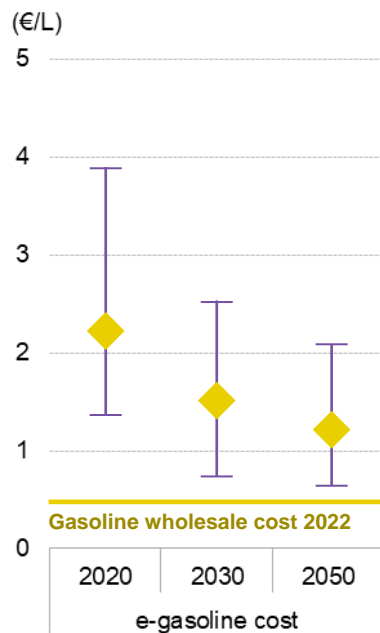


Volker Wissing (FDP)
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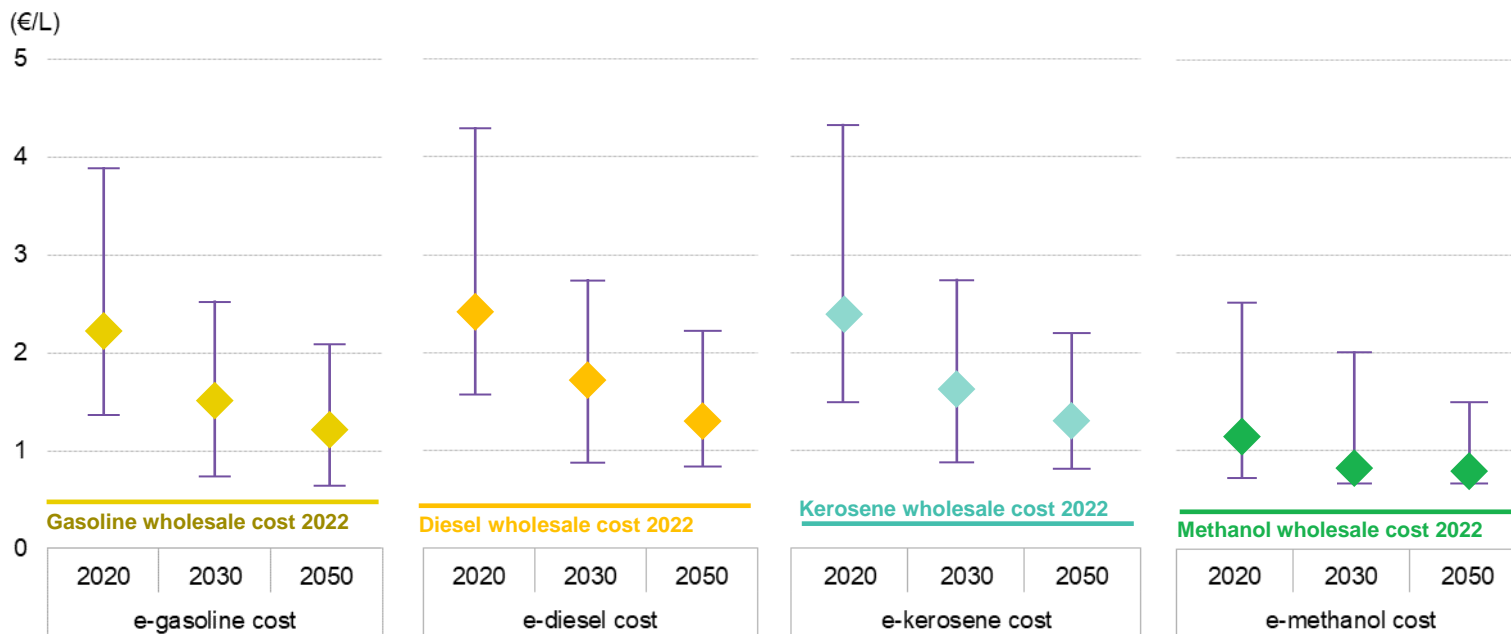
Levelised production cost of e-fuels in EU



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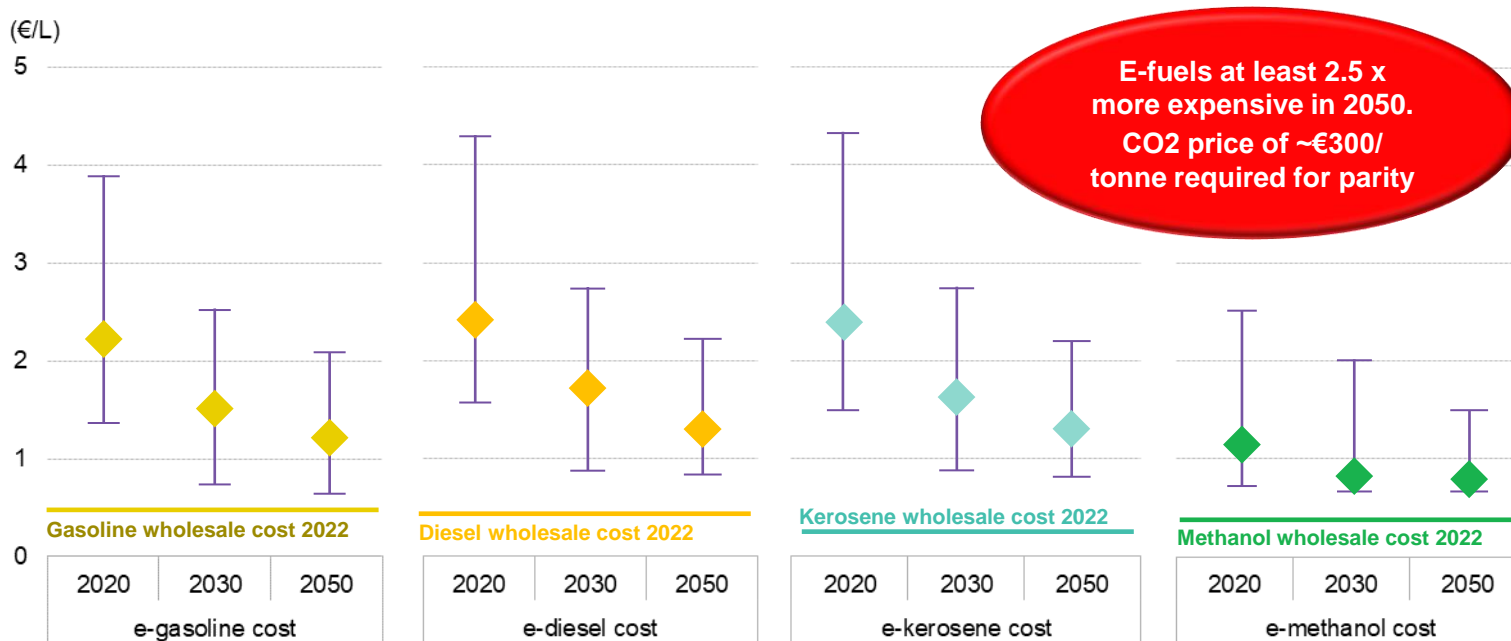
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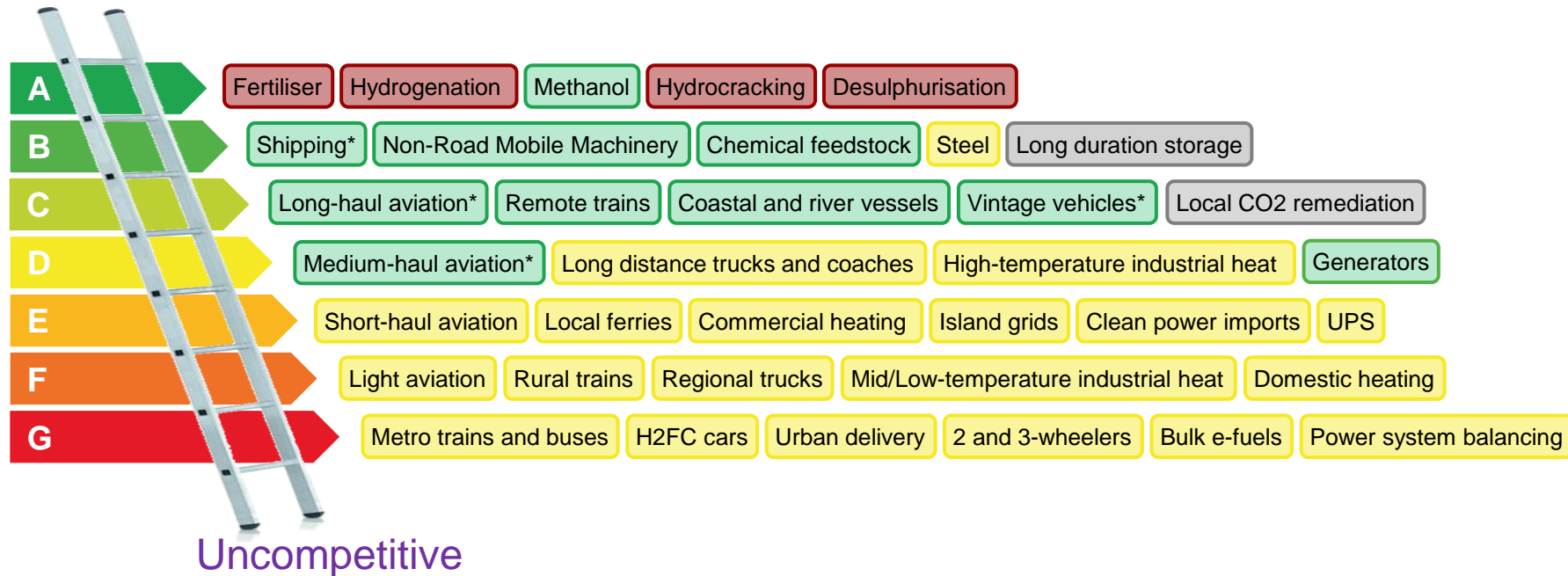
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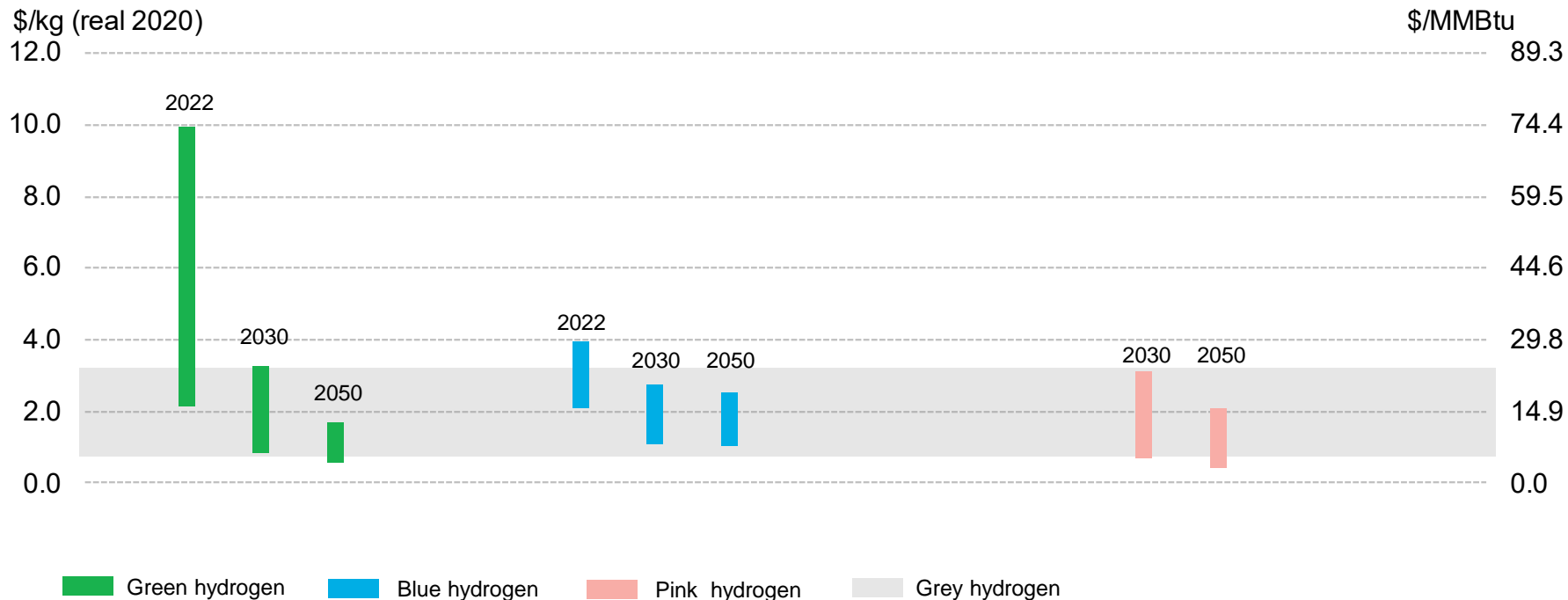
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Hydrogen economics



Note: Pink hydrogen includes nuclear and geothermal Sources: BloombergNEF, Lucid Catalyst, Hydrogen Council, IRENA, IEA, ETC, Liebreich Associates

NEOM Green Hydrogen/Ammonia Project



Image: NEOM

Cost: SAR 31.5 Billion (\$USD 8.4 Billion)
Renewable generation: 4 GW
Announced commissioning year: 2026
H2 production: 0.22 Million tonnes/year
Ammonia production: 1.24 Million tonnes/year

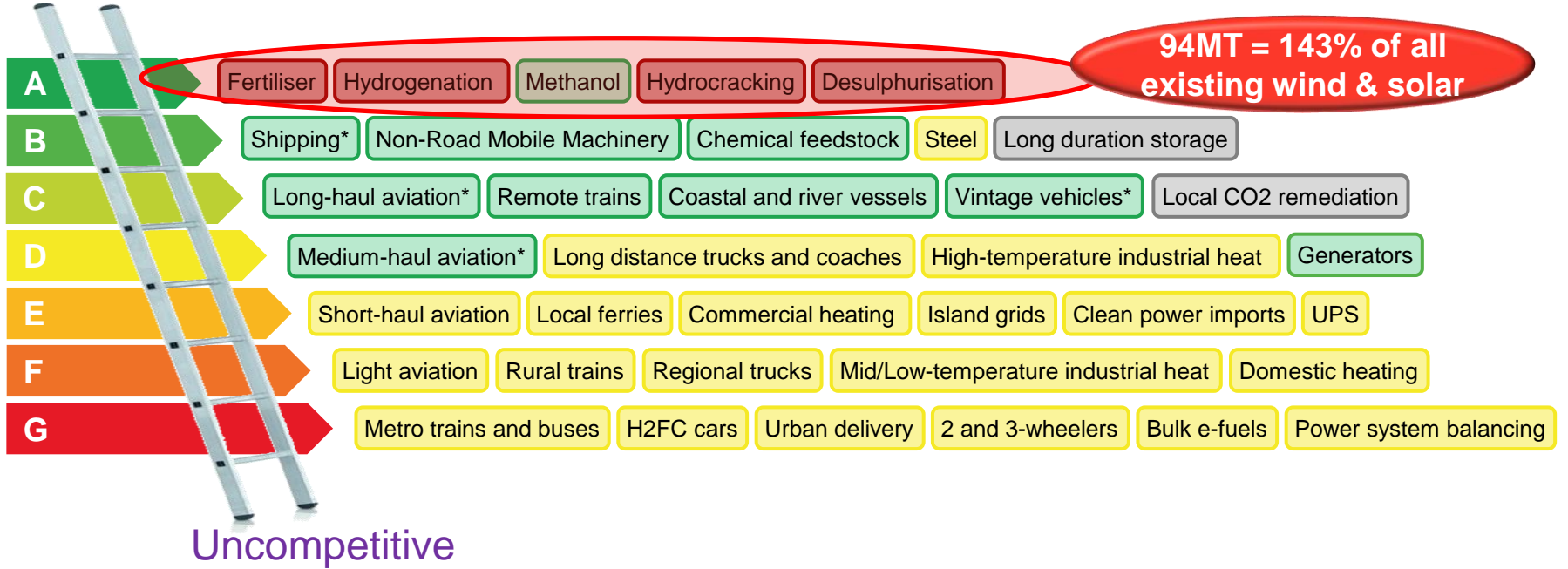
**0.2% of current global
hydrogen demand
0.7% of current global
ammonia demand**

Source: NEOM, GlobalData, Liebreich Associates

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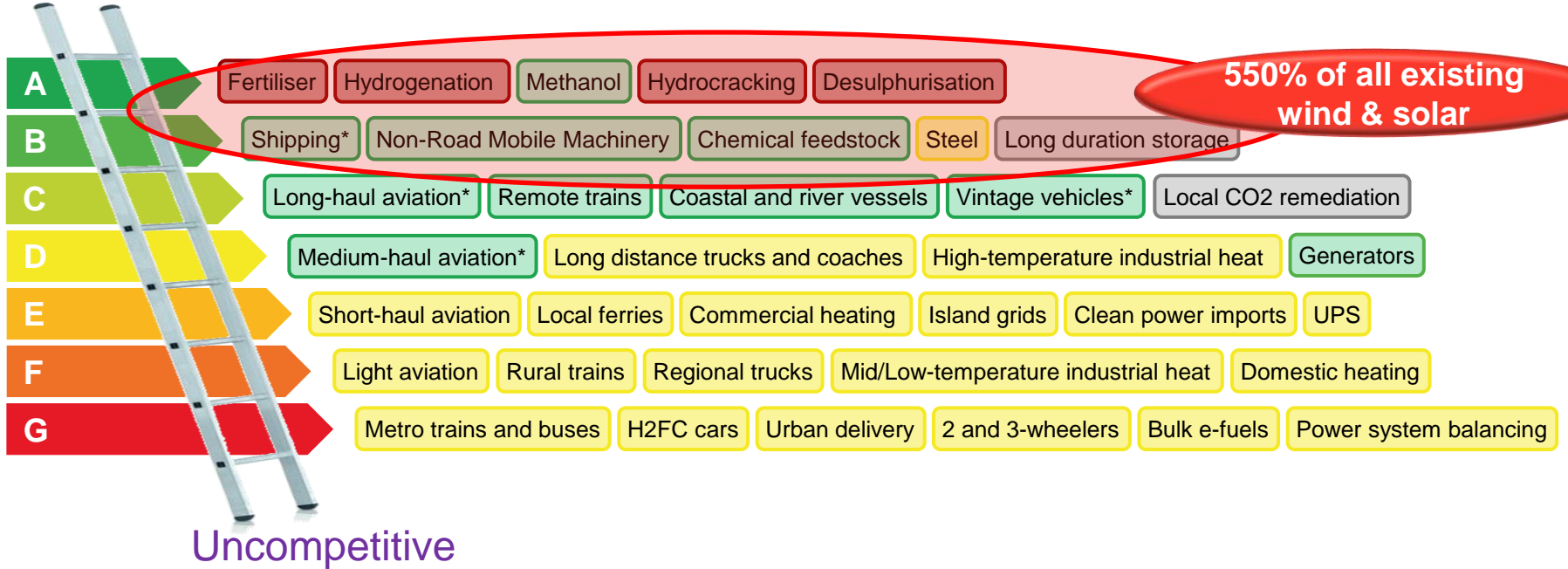
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550% of all existing wind & solar

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Hydrogen shipping vs LNG – some physics

LNG Carrier Q-Max Mozah



Volume:	266,000 cbm
Volumetric density:	22.2 MJ/litre
Total load:	5.9×10^{15} J
Temperature:	-162 C
Liquefaction losses:	10%
Boil-off:	0.1% per day

Hydrogen carrier Suiso Frontier



0.2% of the energy carried by a Q-Max

Volume:	1,250 cbm
Volumetric density:	8.5 MJ/litre
Total load:	1.1×10^{13} J
Temperature:	-253 C
Liquefaction losses:	33%
Boil-off:	1% per day

Images: Qatar Gas, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, MHI Source: Liebreich Associates

Electricity imports – hydrogen, ammonia, HVDC

Power – hydrogen – power



5x as many ships as LNG

Electrolysis efficiency:	80%
Liquefaction efficiency	67%
Transport efficiency:	80%
Generation efficiency:	60%
Total Efficiency:	26%

Power – ammonia – power



Easier – but even less efficient

Electrolysis efficiency:	80%
Haber Bosch efficiency:	70%
Liquefaction efficiency	90%
Transport efficiency:	90%
Generation efficiency:	50%
Total efficiency:	23%

HVDC



3.2 x as efficient

Conversion efficiency to HVDC:	97%
Transport efficiency (3% loss per 1000km)	88%
Conversion efficiency HVDC to grid:	97%
Total efficiency:	82%

Images: *Kawasaki Heavy Industries; NYK; Suncable* Source: *Liebreich Associates*

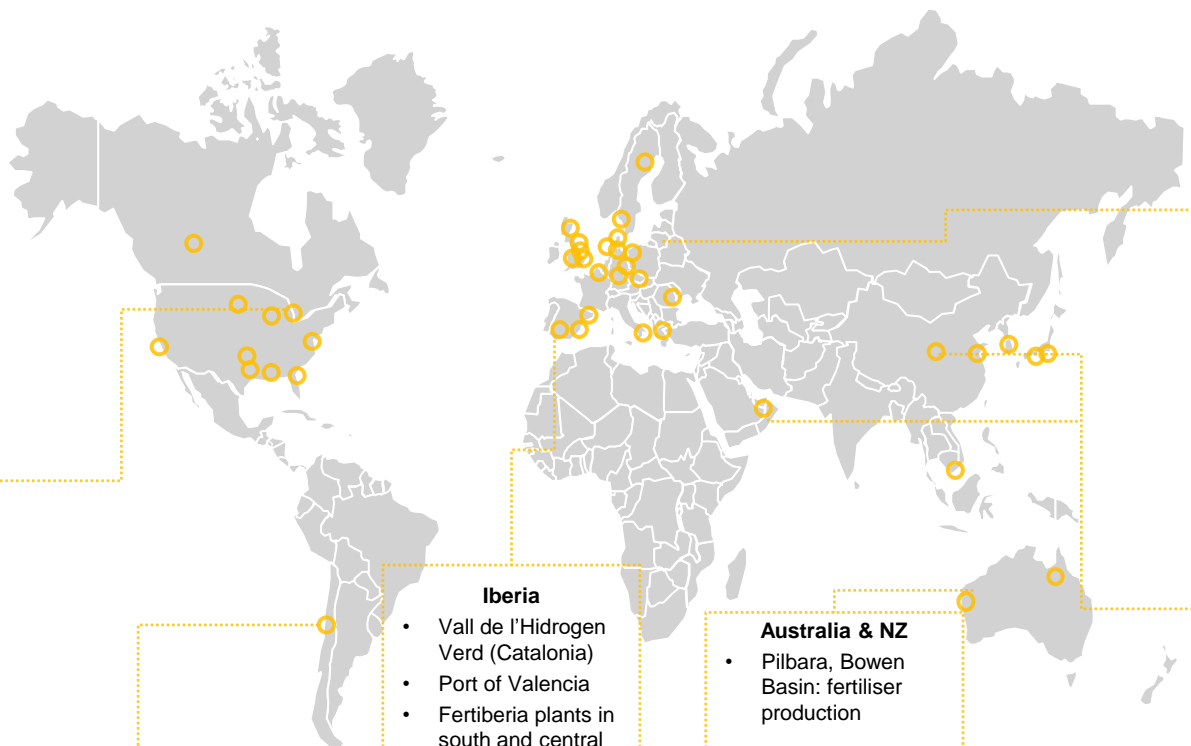
Low carbon hydrogen hubs

○ Hydrogen industrial hub

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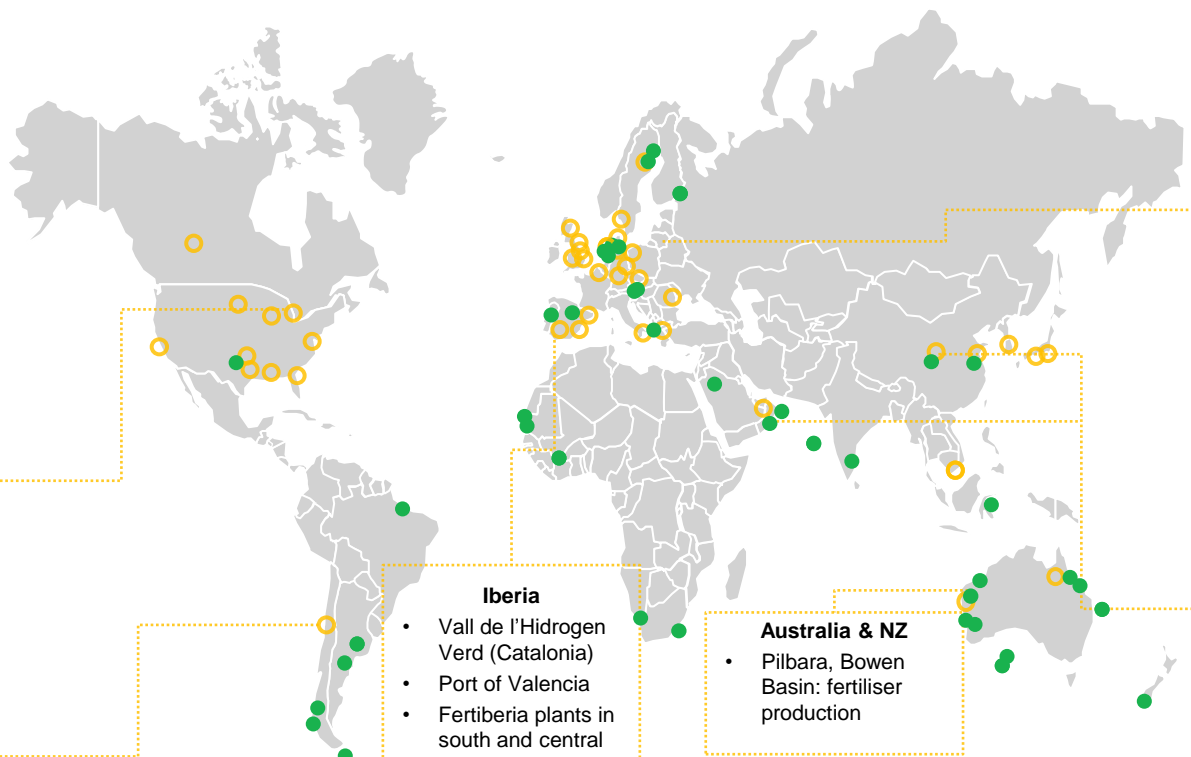
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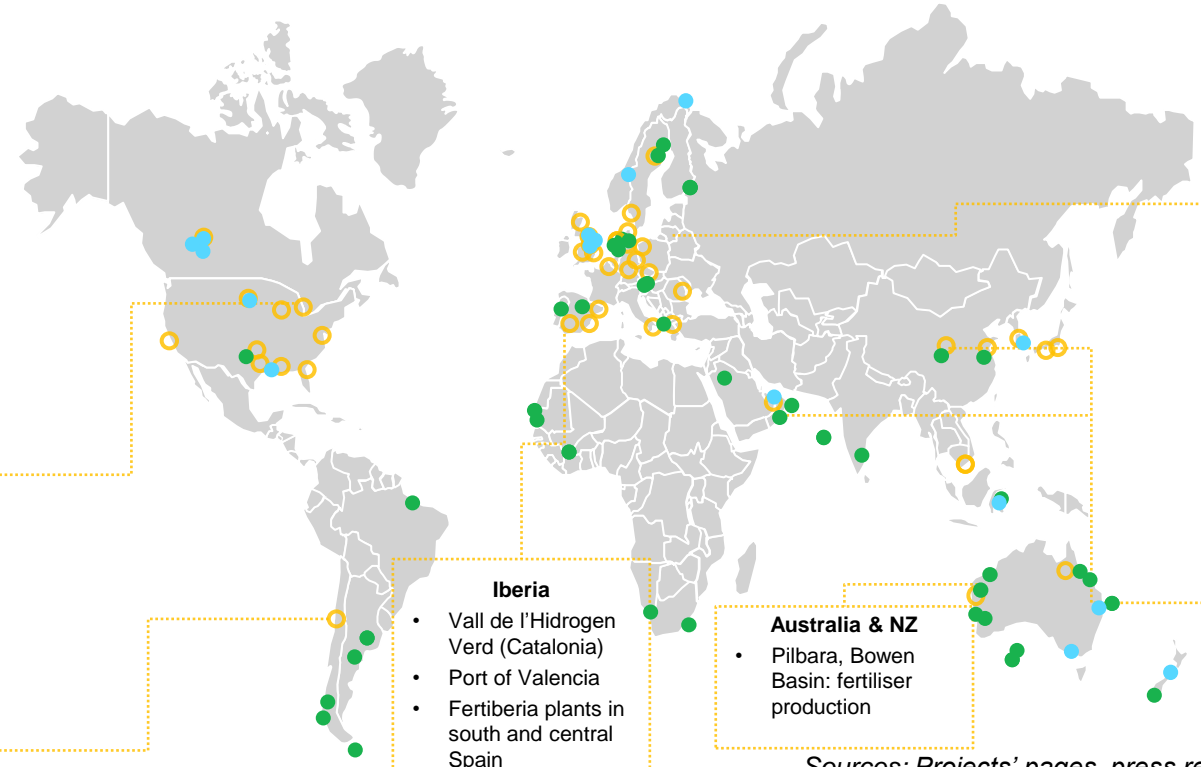
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