

A large-scale offshore wind farm is shown at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with soft clouds. In the foreground, a large, illuminated offshore platform or substation is visible, supported by several legs in the water. The platform has numerous lights on its deck, and its reflection is visible in the dark blue water. In the background, a long line of wind turbines stretches across the horizon, their silhouettes against the bright sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of large-scale renewable energy deployment.

# CHALLENGES OF LARGE SCALE GREEN HYDROGEN DEPLOYMENT

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# Strong track record; **deep capability**



**>200** MILLION

average annual direct construction work-hours

**>US\$1.75** BILLION

procurement average spend per year



**31** OFFICES

across 29 countries

**>4.5** MILLION

annual engineering work-hours



**+200**

major projects delivered

**+100**

client assets supported



**41** YEAR

track record

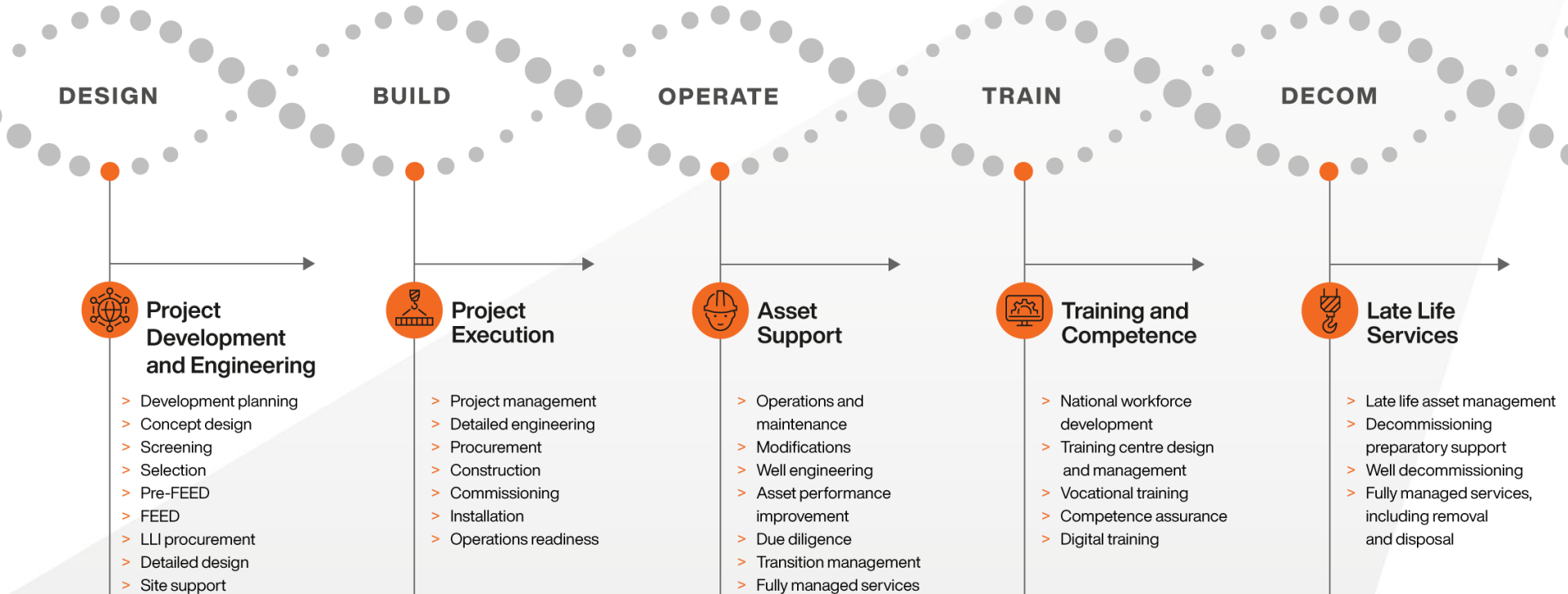
**8,200**

employees worldwide





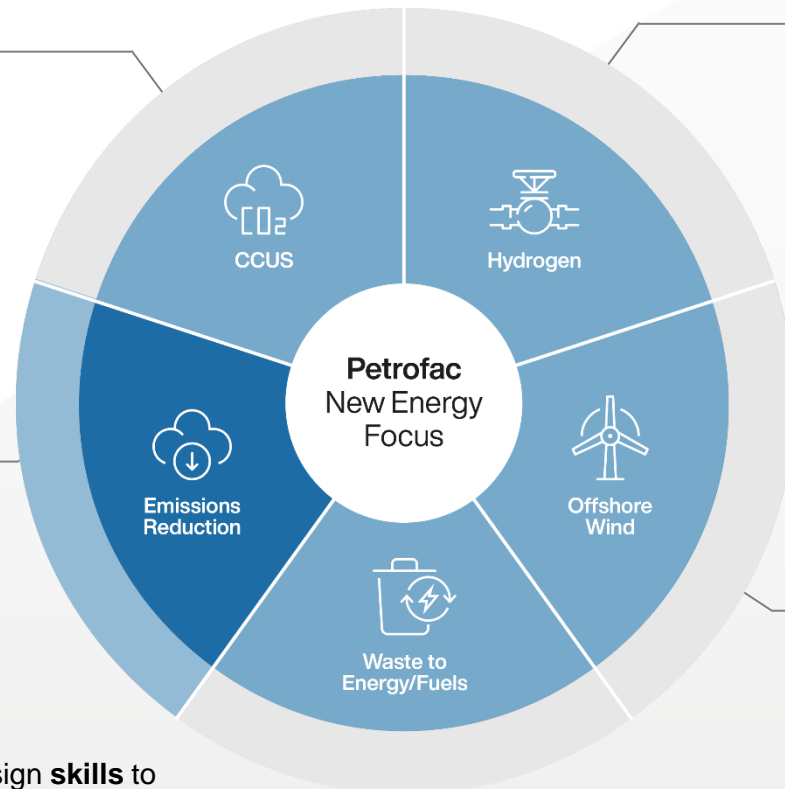
# Adding value across the **asset life**



# New energy Focus

Using our expertise in **gas processing**, transport and storage to safely and economically **capture and store carbon**

Our **wind, solar** and **gas** capabilities allow us to design and build **green** hydrogen projects. Our **hydrocarbons experience** enables us to deliver large-scale **blue** hydrogen solutions



Leveraging our years of **experience** in **designing** and **operating** oil and gas assets, we support in **reducing** the **carbon intensity** of operations

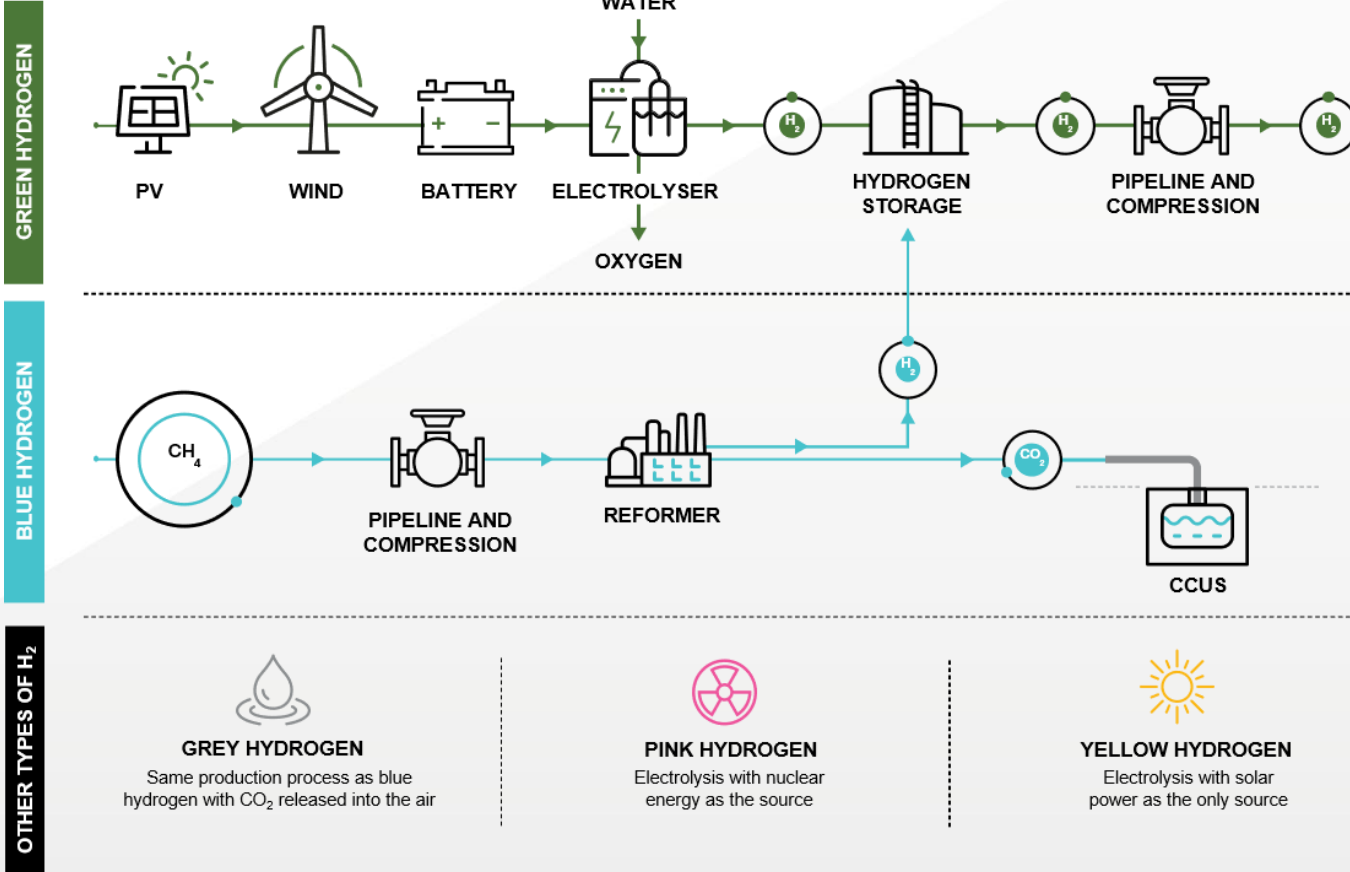
Over 10 years' of **expertise** in **designing** and **operating offshore** electrical substations, both **HVAC** and **HVDC**

Using our **petrochemical** design **skills** to transform **waste feedstocks** into valuable products: road and sustainable aviation fuels

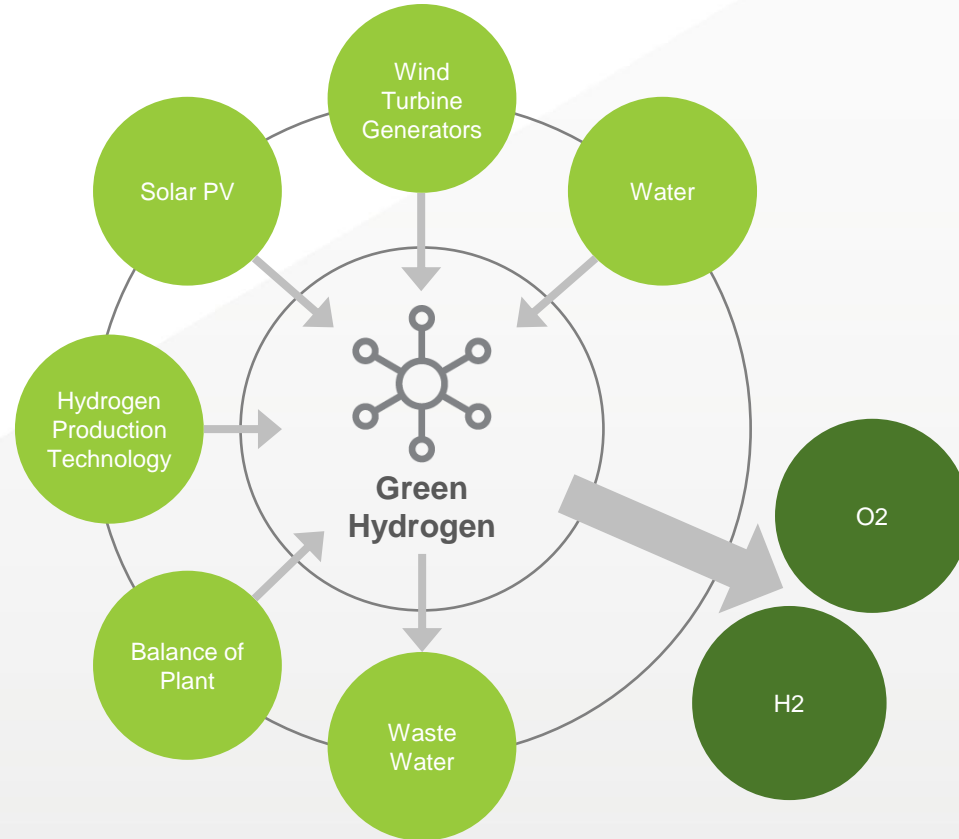
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# Types of hydrogen



# Green hydrogen elements



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# Arrowsmith Green Hydrogen Plant

## SCOPE

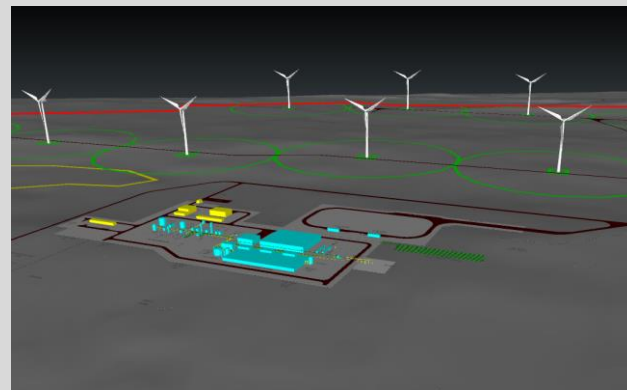
**In October 2020 Petrofac was awarded the FEED for the Arrowsmith Hydrogen Plant Stage I by Infinite Blue Energy.**

Designed to produce 25 tonne/day of green hydrogen from raw water using electrolysis and renewable energy sourced from an onsite solar (70MW) and wind farm (96MW) with green grid connection back-up. Liquid and compressed Hydrogen will be delivered to the local transportation market.

The project will be delivered by an integrated Petrofac team from bases in Australia (Perth) and the UK (Woking).

### Next steps:

Petrofac is seeking to follow through to the EPCm phase of the project in 2021.



Plant is 320km  
north of Perth

Will save CO<sub>2</sub>e of  
83,103 t/annum

Production expected  
by the end of 2022

# Arrowsmith Green Hydrogen Plant



- > 25 t/day H<sub>2</sub>
- > 83,103 t/y CO<sub>2</sub> avoided
- > Transport and electricity focussed markets
- > AUD 420 million capital cost per plant

- > 130 t/day H<sub>2</sub>
- > 737,137 t/y CO<sub>2</sub> avoided
- > Export and electricity focussed markets
- > AUD 2.3 billion capital cost per plant

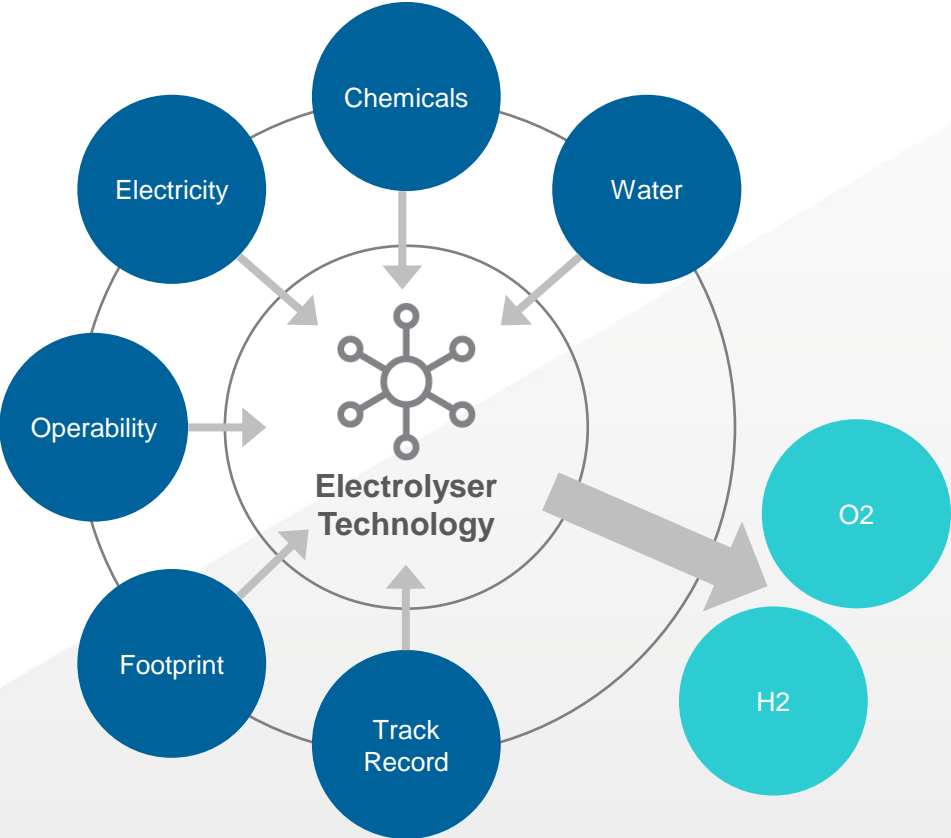
- > 255 t/day H<sub>2</sub>
- > 1,519,770 t/y CO<sub>2</sub> avoided
- > Export and manufacturing markets
- > AUD 2.1 billion capital cost per plant

- > Import and gasification hubs
- > Bundling with high carbon exports (e.g. iron ore, petroleum products) to decarbonise industry sectors

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# Design challenges

## 1 Electrolyser technology selection



### CHALLENGE



- > The choice of electrolyser technology depends on several factors covering economic considerations and technical requirements.
- > Alkaline vs PEM.

### TARGET



- > High reliability with proven track record for large scale hydrogen production.
- > Low CAPEX.
- > Established supply chain and manufacturing capacity.

### APPROACH



- > Petrofac engaged with licensors to compare technologies on a like-for-like basis.
- > Using licensor data allowed the team to design the balance of plant integration.
- > Cost considerations must include balance of plant.

## 2 The intermittency of renewable power



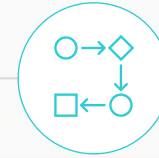
### CHALLENGE

- > Solar PV and Wind Turbine energy is intermittent, effected by the daily and seasonal fluctuations
- > The process requires a steady supply of power to maintain production capacity
- > Alkaline electrolyzers require about 15 minutes to shutdown safely in a controlled manner in the event of loss of power



### TARGET

- > Steady reliable power supply to the process to meet H<sub>2</sub> production requirements.
- > The ability to turndown the process safely in the event of total power failure.



### APPROACH

- > Provide connection to the local grid with electrical metering. Ability to sell excess power and buy back power when required
- > Redundancy in power, 70MW Solar PV and 96MW Wind whilst process requires circa to 80MW
- > Provide batteries for safe shutdown

## 3 Wastewater management



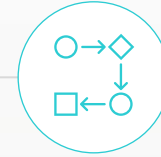
### CHALLENGE

- > The initial design for 25tpd hydrogen electrolysis required 537tonnes/day of feed water.
- > Of which 50% is utilised for electrolysis and 50% is reject water.
- > Size of evaporation pond for reject water disposal.



### TARGET

- > Electrolysers require demineralised water
- > Minimise amount of reject water produced
- > Elimination of the requirement for an evaporation pond



### APPROACH

- > Bore water identified as the best source for the feedstock fresh water.
- > Petrofac engaged local water treatment companies to optimise the water treatment process to reduce reject water streams and ensure that stream meets regulatory requirements.
- > Explore discharging the water to a natural lake.

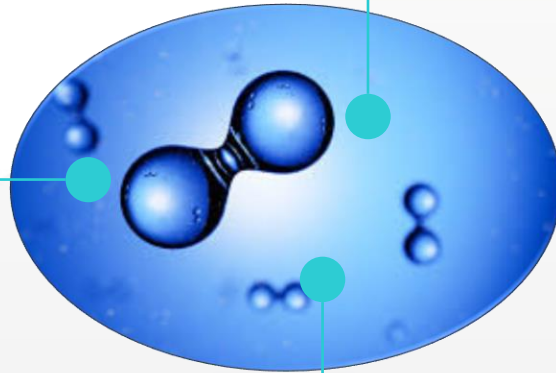


# Design challenges

## 4 Large scale hydrogen storage

### CHALLENGE

- > 7 days storage of liquid hydrogen
- > Storage of gaseous hydrogen required at 350 barg
- > Mechanical limitations on vessel diameters with required wall thickness
- > Composite tanks are small and scale-up not available for quantities required



### TARGET






- > Large scale hydrogen storage required
- > Gas and liquid hydrogen offtakes negotiated by client

### APPROACH

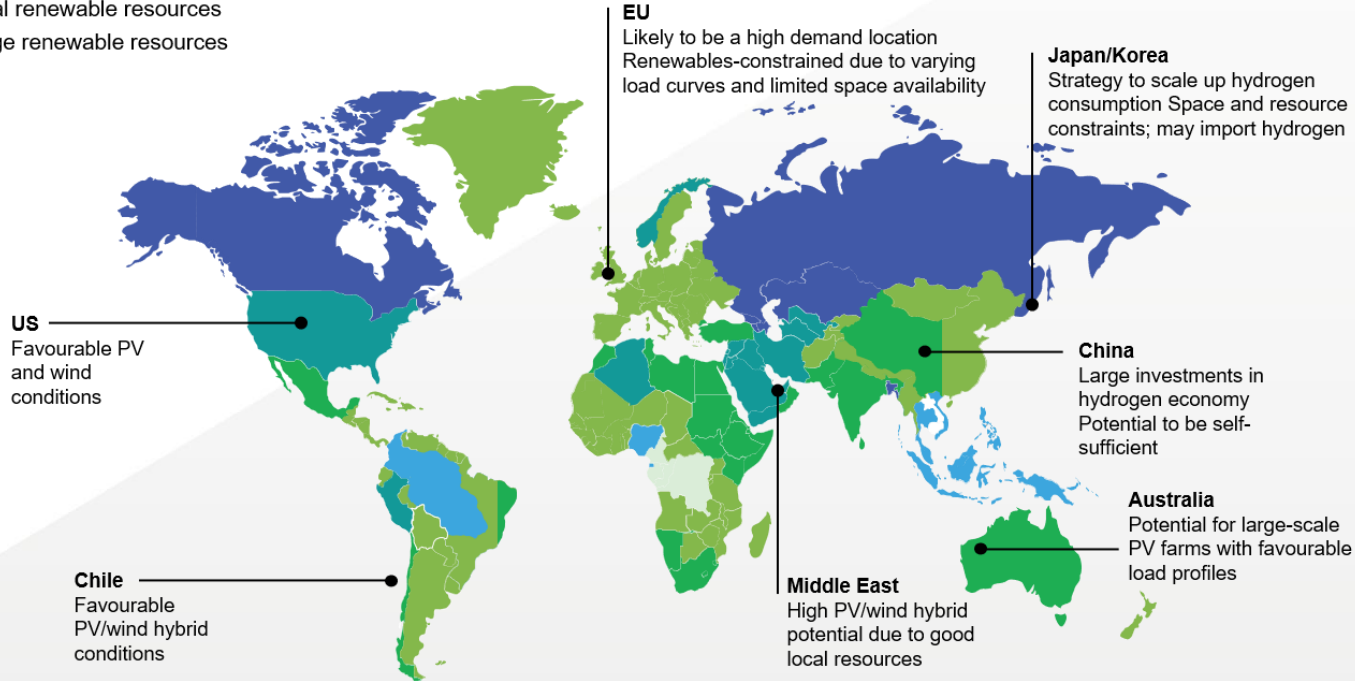
- > Cryogenic liquid hydrogen storage - liquid hydrogen liquified at  $-253\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and at low pressures
- > Reduced gas requirements and stored in Buffer Tank for vehicle refuelling at site

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# Deployment of green H<sub>2</sub>

-  Optimal renewable and low-carbon resources
-  Optimal low-carbon resources
-  Average low-carbon resources
-  Optimal renewable resources
-  Average renewable resources

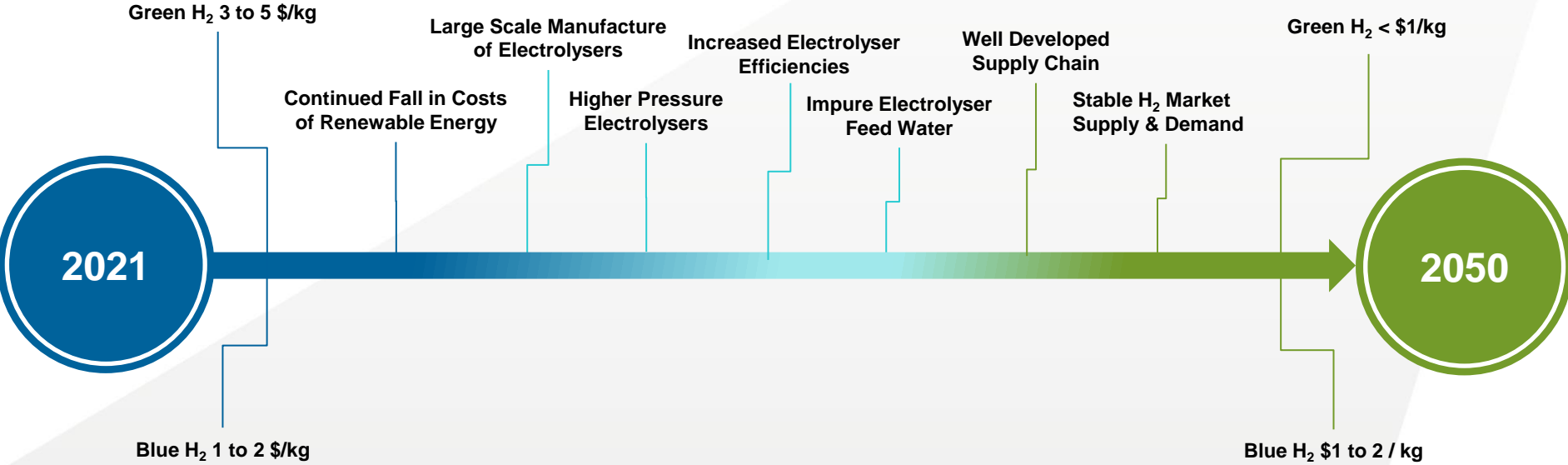
## Best Source of Low-Carbon Hydrogen in Different Regions



- > Presently, location of the plant is a primary enabler of Green H<sub>2</sub> production
- > Production costs are influenced by cost of renewable energy and cost of the electrolysis unit (and to a lesser degree, the utilisation factor)
- > As costs fall, Green H<sub>2</sub> can achieve cost parity with blue H<sub>2</sub> by 2030

Source: Wood Mackenzie (2019), "Green Energy Production – Landscape, projects and costs"

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# Conclusions

- > Project requirements of reliable electrolyzers with proven track record, along with lower costs has favours alkaline electrolyzers, however a rigorous evaluation that considers balance of plant is needed.
- > Intermittency of renewable power for Green H<sub>2</sub> production can be mostly managed by combining renewable power asset e.g. wind and solar PV in Western Australia.
- > Western Australia possesses consistent winds blowing for around 18 hrs per day, as well as abundant solar irradiance during daytime.
- > Wastewater management must be considered as electrolyzers require demineralised water as feed, which may result in the production of significant amounts of reject water, depending on the quality of the feed water.
- > Large scale hydrogen storage is challenging with cryogenic storage requiring large amounts of energy and high-pressure H<sub>2</sub> gas storage constrained by material considerations.
- > A few companies have proven track record for H<sub>2</sub> electrolysis units, hence early engagement with multiple vendors is essential to establish capabilities and conduct technical assessments.
- > Presently, the location of the plant is a primary enabler of Green H<sub>2</sub> production.
- > Production costs are influenced by cost of renewable energy and cost of the electrolysis unit (and to a lesser degree, the utilisation factor).
- > Green H<sub>2</sub> production costs will fall with falling renewable & electrolysis unit cost to reach parity with blue H<sub>2</sub>.



