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Fertilizer decarbonization

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- Key facts about fertilizer
- Emissions and decarbonization pathways
- Tipping the system

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FERTILIZER FEEDS HALF THE WORLD POPULATION

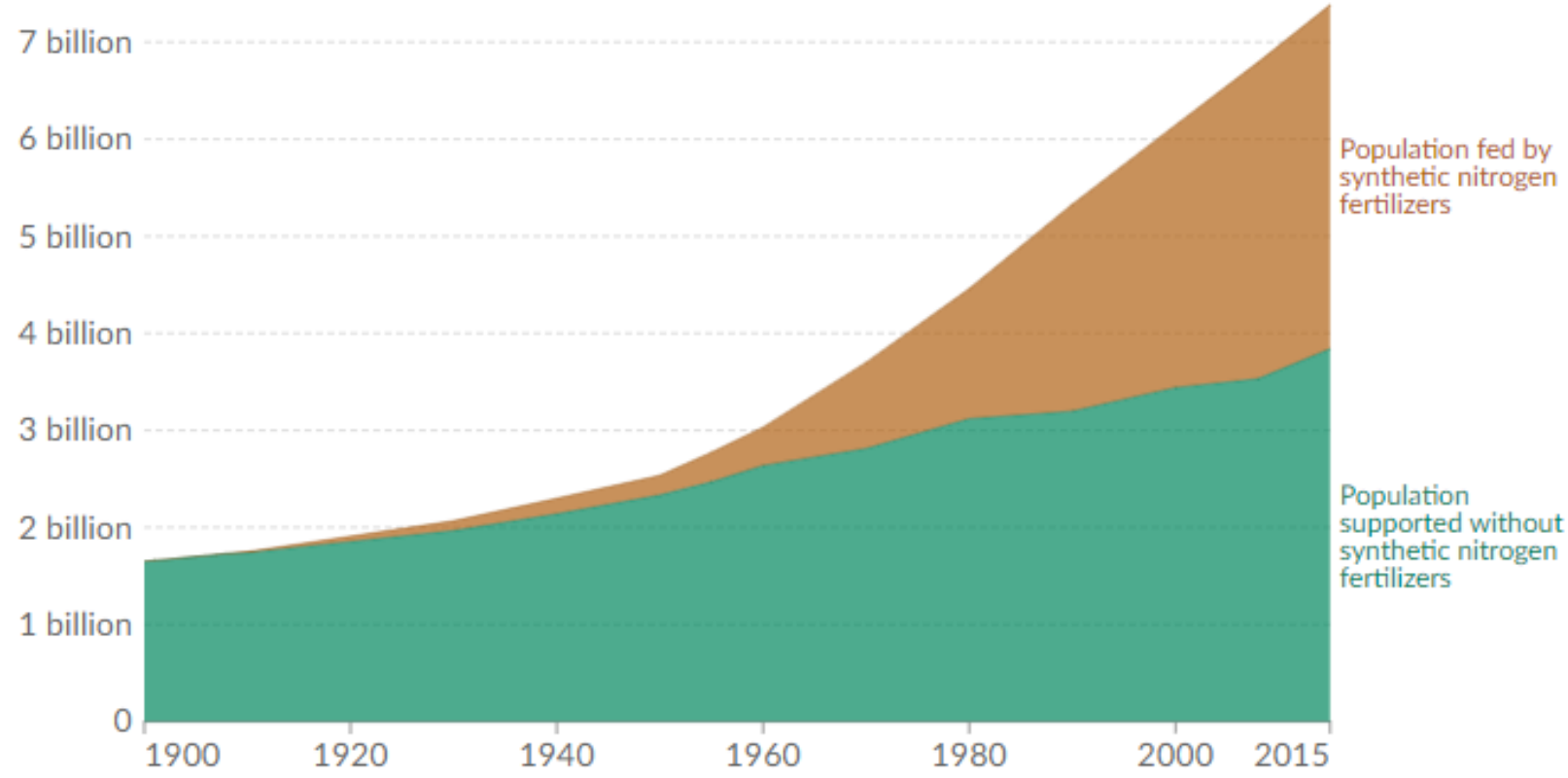
World population supported by synthetic nitrogen fertilizers



Best estimates project that just over half of the global population could be sustained without reactive nitrogen fertilizer derived from the Haber-Bosch process.

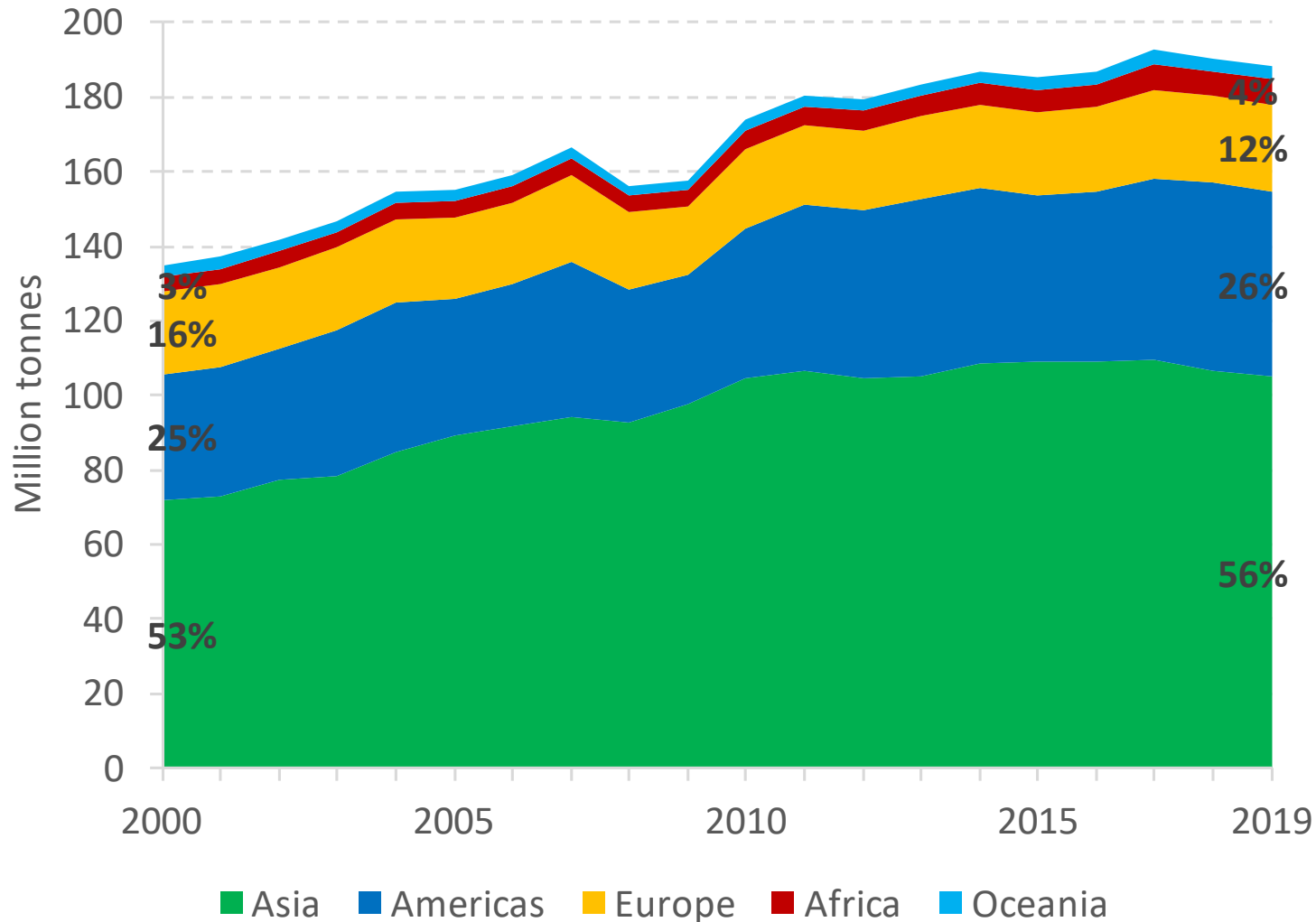
Table Chart

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Source: Our World in Data, based on Erisman et (al) 2008; Smil (2002); Stewart (2005)

THE WORLD USES JUST UNDER 200 MILLION TONNES OF MINERAL FERTILIZER EVERY YEAR, HALF OF IT IN ASIA, JUST 4% IN AFRICA



Total global fertilizer sales ~\$200 billion per year

Animal manure accounts for >10x the volume of mineral fertilizer, but a similar volume of nutrients owing to its lower nutrient density

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SCOPE 1 FERTILIZER EMISSIONS ARE SCOPE 3 FOR THE FOOD INDUSTRY

Fertilizer production

Food production

Food manufacturing and trade



Fertilizer companies
Scopes 1 & 2

Downstream scope 3

Upstream scope 3



Farmers
Scopes 1 & 2

Downstream scope 3

Upstream scope 3

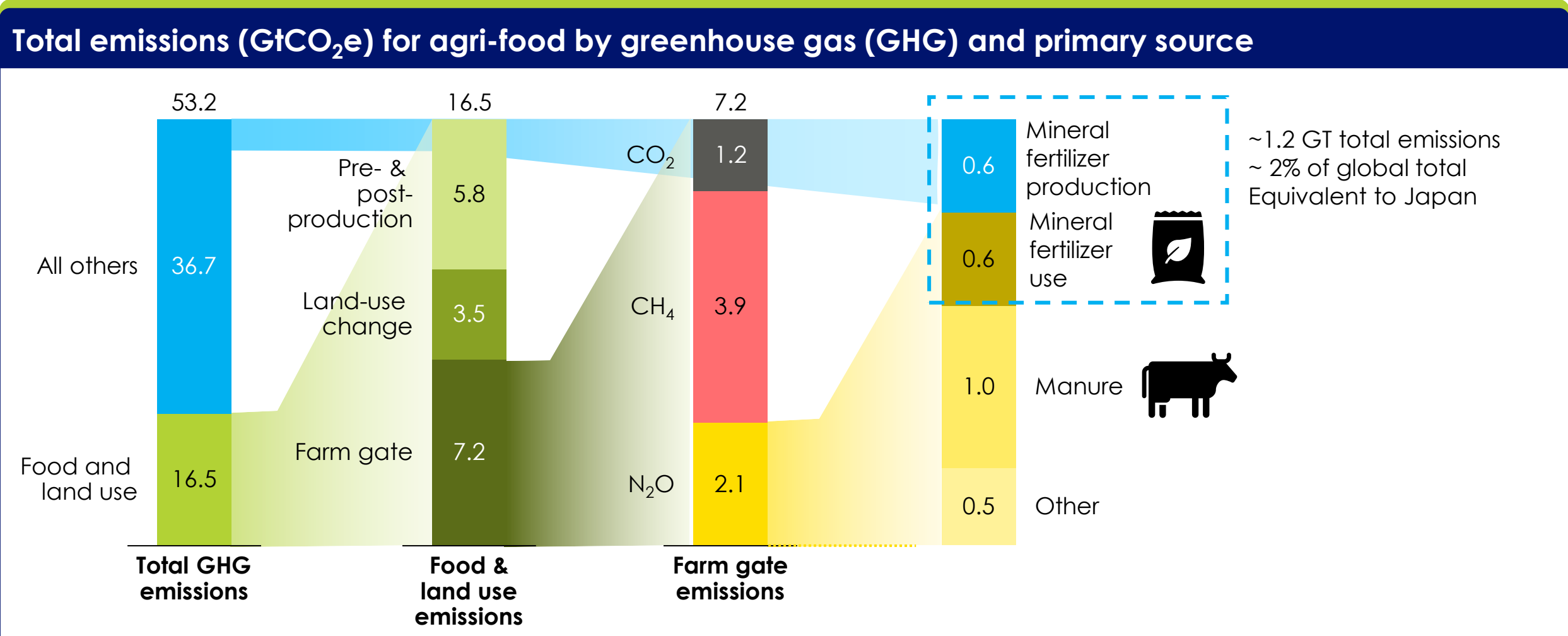


Food manufacturers, retailers, commodity traders
Scopes 1 & 2



Source: WWF, WRI, SYSTEMIQ analysis

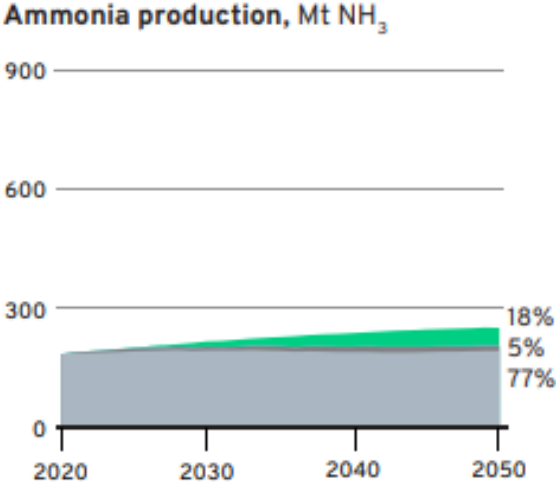
AGRI-FOOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 30% GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, WITH FERTILIZER AROUND 2% OF THE TOTAL



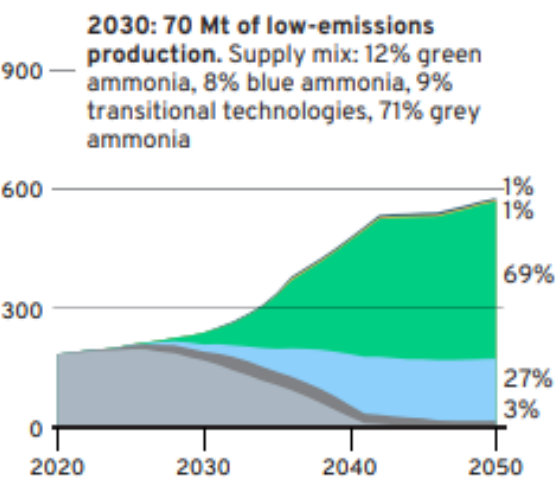
Source: FAO 2019 data released Nov 2021. Other N₂O and CO₂ farm gate emissions come from crop residues, soil drainage, fires and on-farm energy use

GREEN AMMONIA DELIVERS THE FASTEST EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

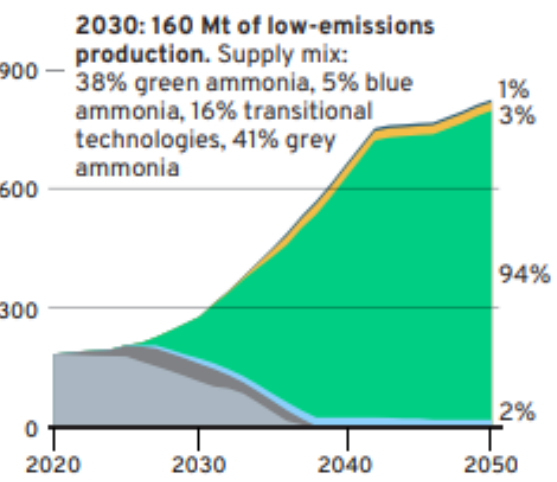
BUSINESS-AS-USUAL SCENARIO



LOWEST COST SCENARIO

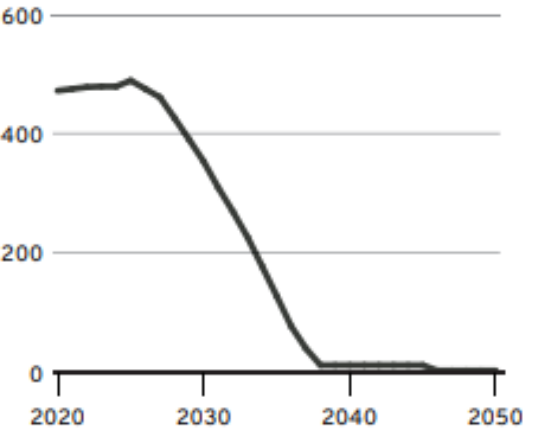
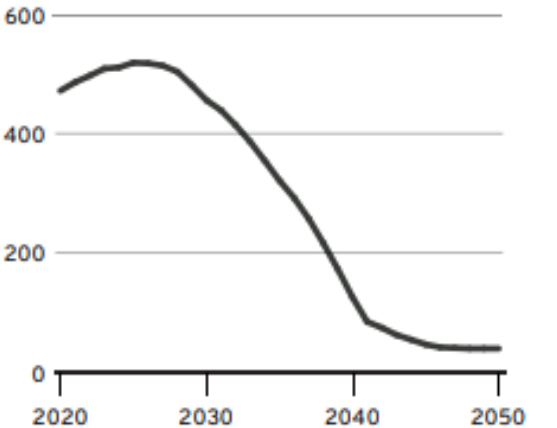
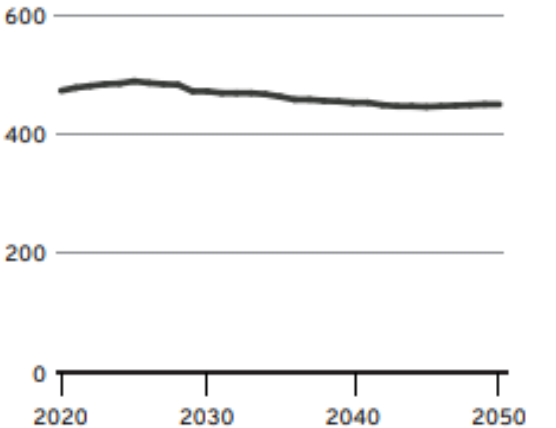


FASTEST ABATEMENT SCENARIO



- Unabated emissions
- Transitional technologies
- Green ammonia
- Blue ammonia
- Biomass-based production

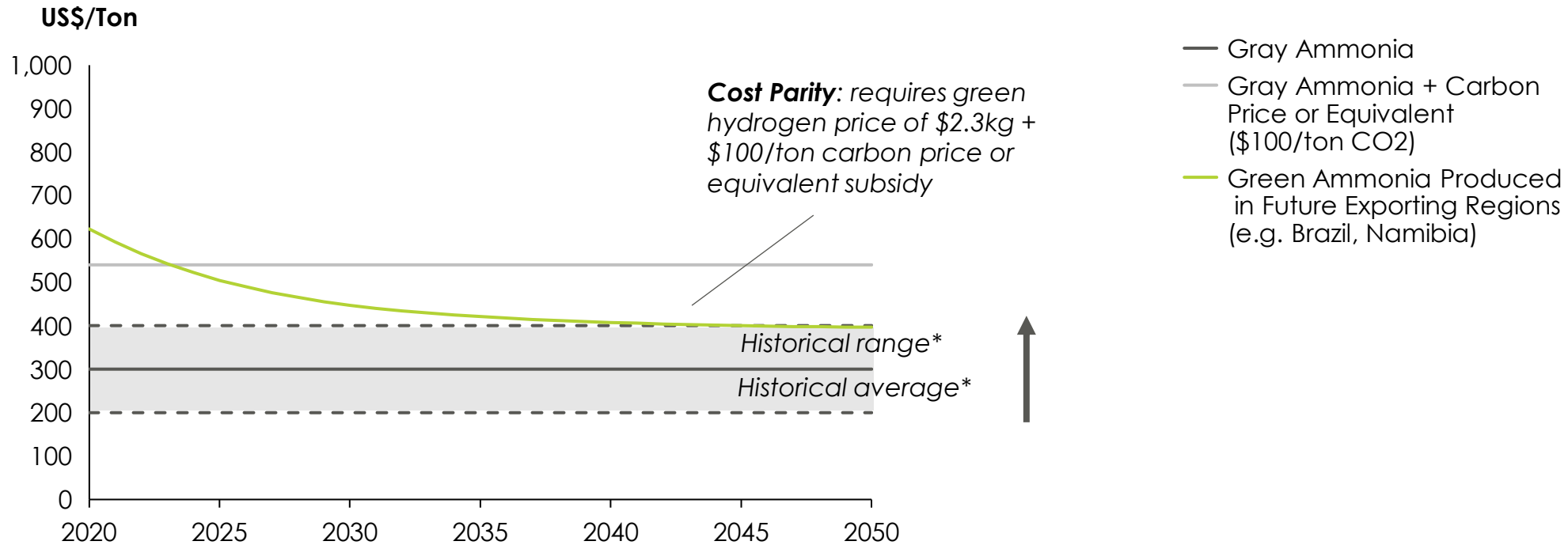
Scope 1 and 2 emissions, Mt CO₂



Source: Making net zero ammonia possible

HOWEVER GREEN AMMONIA WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY REACH COST PARITY

PROJECTED COST PER TON GRAY VS. GREEN AMMONIA FOR FERTILISER PRODUCTION²



SOLUTION STATUS

- Major fertilizer producers such as Yara, CF Industries, Unigel have begun construction on green ammonia plants, with **commercial launch scheduled for 2023**
- Three green ammonia **projects are operational** (up to 20 MW electrolysers) with seven more **reaching the final investment decision** stage²
- Green ammonia production projected to be both **economically viable and technologically mature** within the decade³

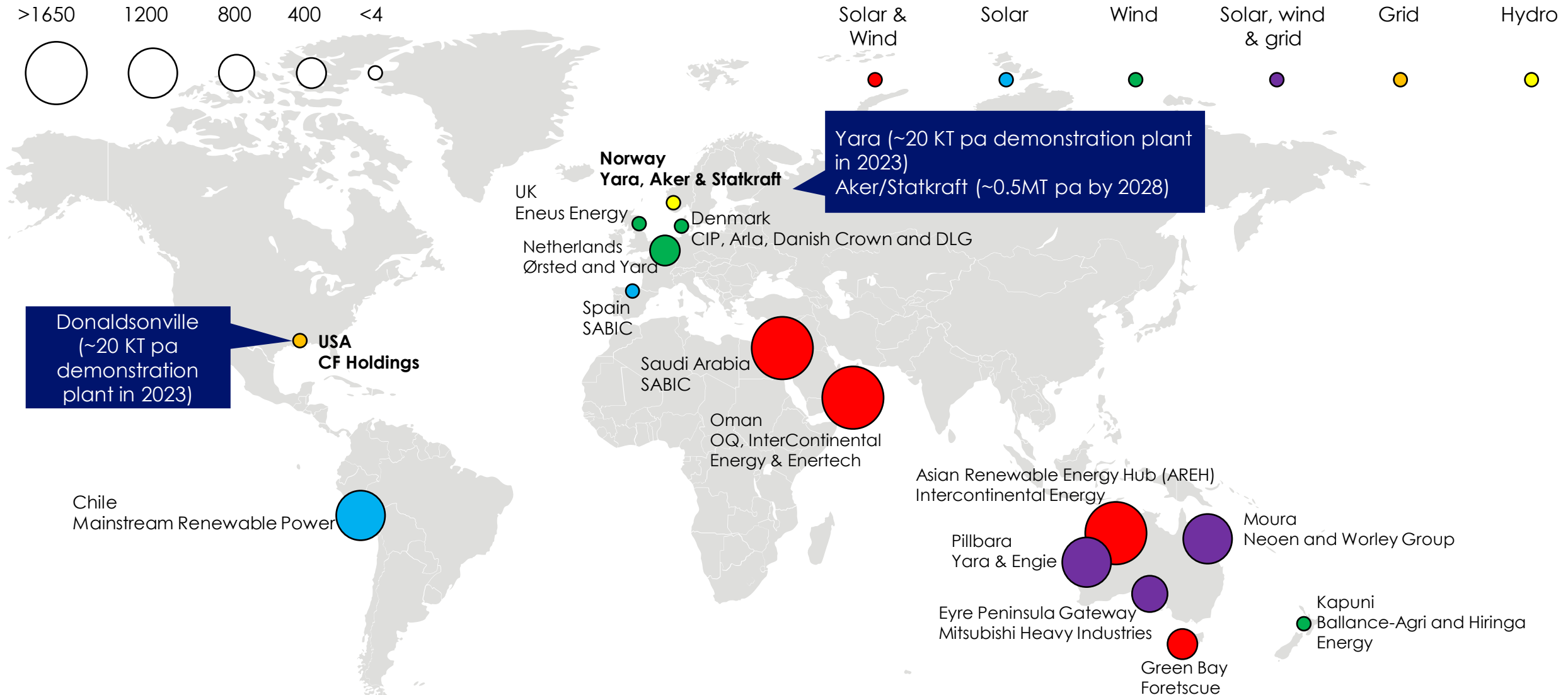
Note: * Last 10 years from 2011 to 2020 excluding 2021 due to energy price spikes [2] Refers to project range for green ammonia production from electrolysis with dedicated VREs and pipeline H₂ storage plus ammonia synthesis (lowest cost scenario); Grey ammonia production cost assumes natural gas via steam methane reforming taking historic average gas price of \$5/MMBtu. [3] The point at which a technology is considered to reach maturity is the year in which it is estimated to reach TRL 9 and thus commercial scale, which is 2025 for electrolysis-based ammonia production.

Sources: [1] IFA (2022), [Reducing Emissions From Fertiliser Use](#); [2] Mission Possible Partnership (2022), [Making 1.5-Aligned Ammonia Possible](#)

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GREEN AMMONIA PLANTS BEING SCOPED ADD UP TO 15MT OF POTENTIAL SUPPLY, JUST UNDER 10% OF GLOBAL AMMONIA PRODUCTION

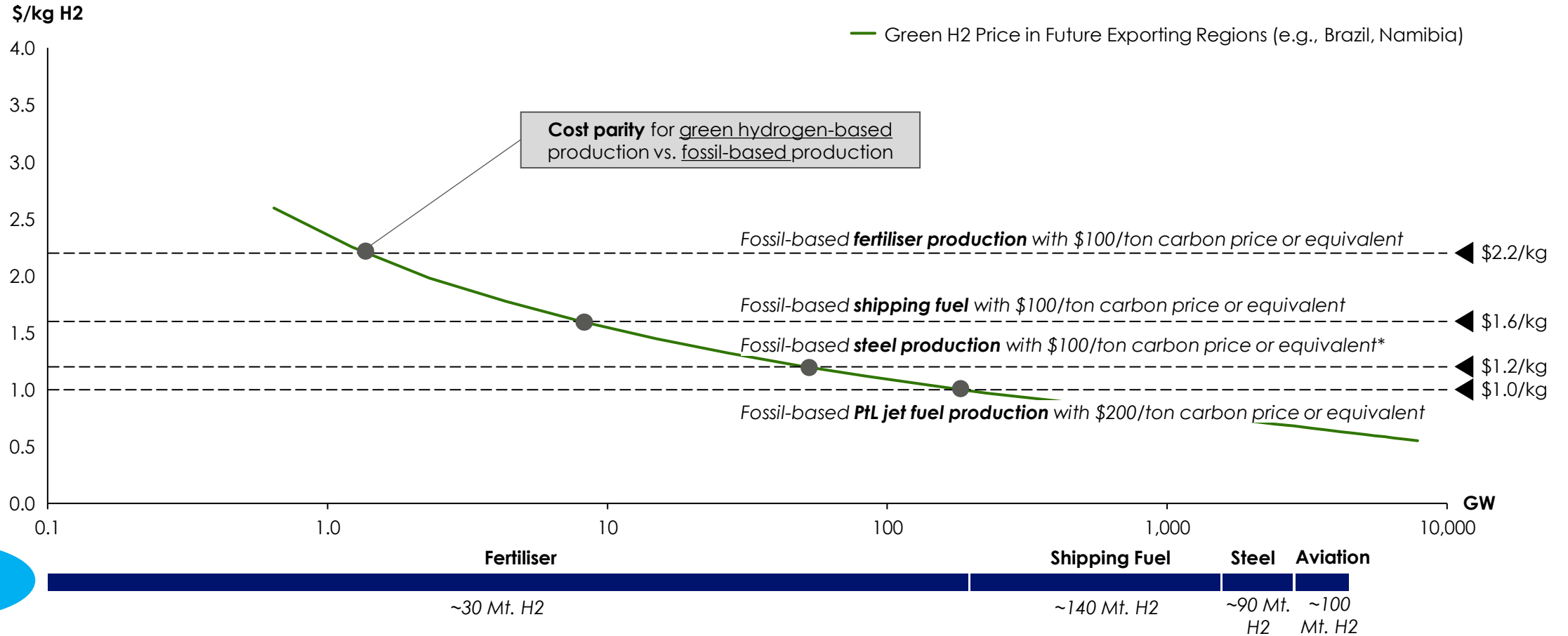


Source: Mission Possible Partnership – source data 2021

FERTILISER DEMAND FOR GREEN H2 COULD DRIVE SCALE ECONOMIES UNLOCKING COST PARITY IN OTHER HARD-TO-ABATE SECTORS

We estimate the price of electrolyzers falls by ~18% for every doubling of capacity – so reaching scale in fertiliser helps tip other systems like fuel, steel, aviation

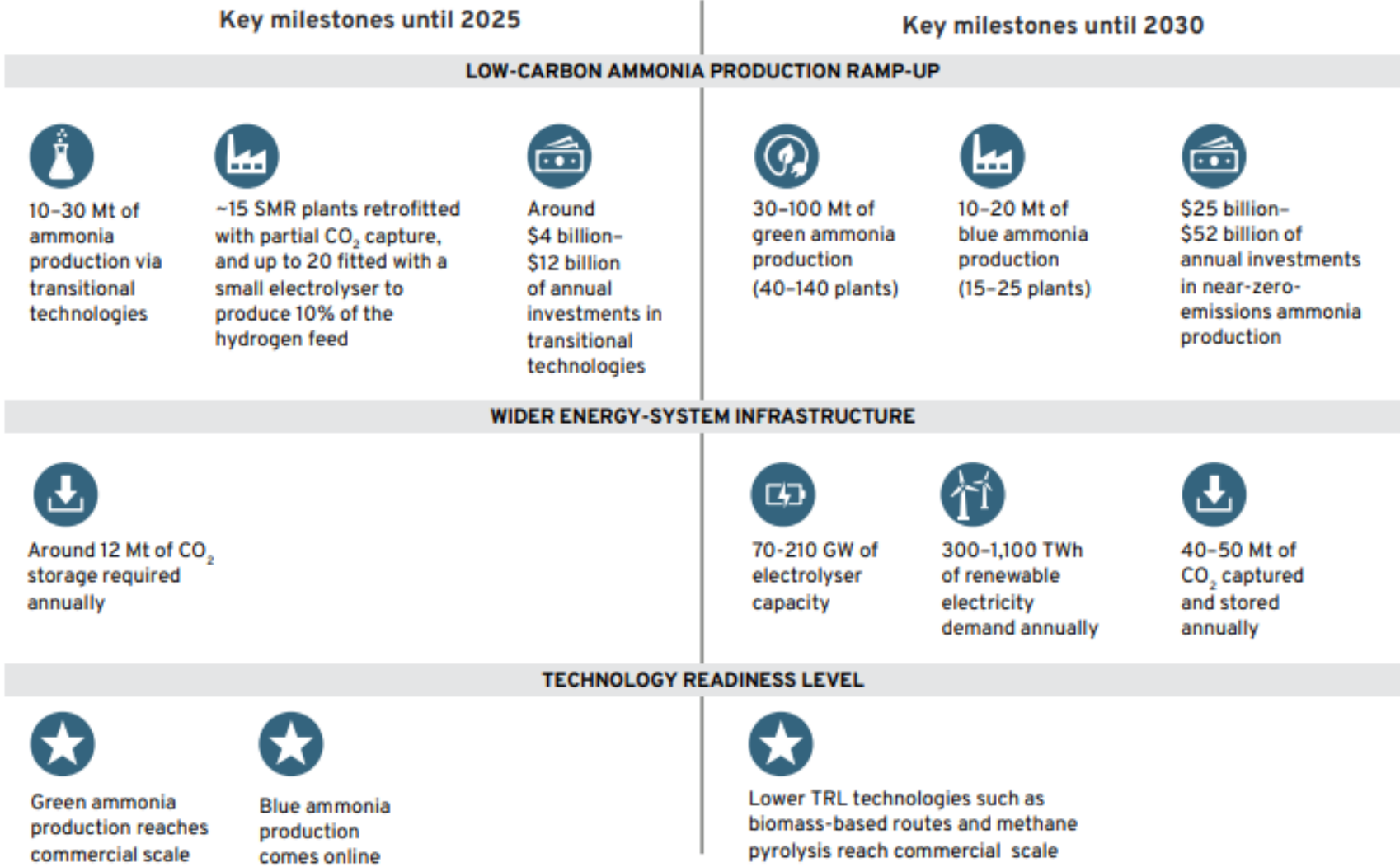
Cumulative Installed Electrolyser Capacity vs. Green Hydrogen Production Cost



Note: * Across all major producing regions (EU, US, China India). Green hydrogen production – i) favourable scenario assumes average LCOE of PV and onshore wind of lowest 33% locations (falling from \$22/MWh in 2020 to \$10/MWh in 2050) and average scenarios assumes median LCOE from lowest 75% locations (falling from \$39/MWh in 2020 to \$17/MWh in 2050) from BloombergNEF forecasts, ii) additional 20% (favourable) and 10% (average) LCOE savings included due to directly connecting dedicated renewables to electrolyser, iii) 18 % learning rate for favourable & 13 % for average scenario. Electrolyser capacity utilization factor: 45%. Comparison to BloombergNEF most favourable (\$0.55/kg) and average (\$0.86/kg) and Hydrogen Council favourable (ca. \$0.85/kg) and average (ca. \$1.45/kg) in 2050.

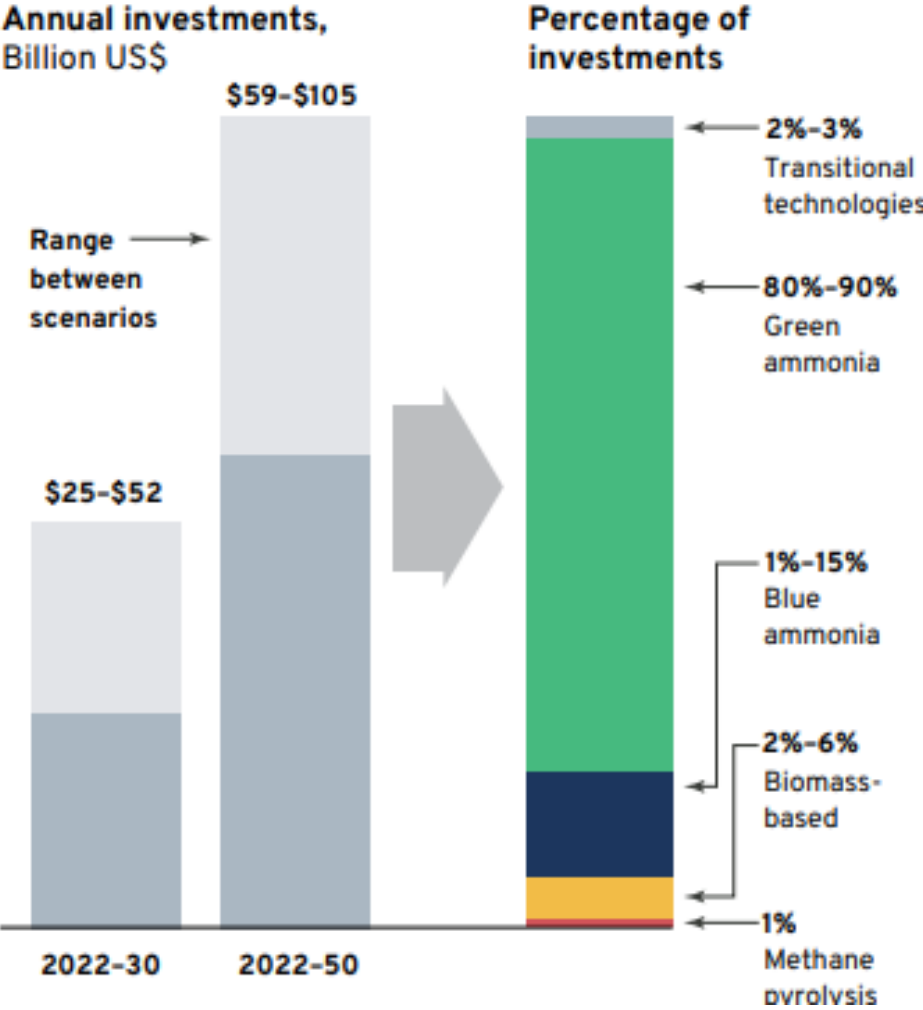
Source: Systemiq Analysis based on [1] BloombergNEF (2021), Natural Gas Price Database; [2] BloombergNEF (2020), 2H 2020 LCOE Data Viewer; [3] BloombergNEF (2021), 1H2021 Hydrogen Levelized Cost Update; [4] Hydrogen Council (2021), Hydrogen Insights.

MILESTONES TO BE MET BY 2025 AND 2030



INVESTMENTS REQUIRED ARE IN THE RANGE OF 15-30% OF INDUSTRY REVENUE PER YEAR

Investments required by technology type



Comparators:

- Fertilizer market \$200 billion pa
- Shipping fuel market ~\$140 billion pa
- Global food market \$10 trillion pa

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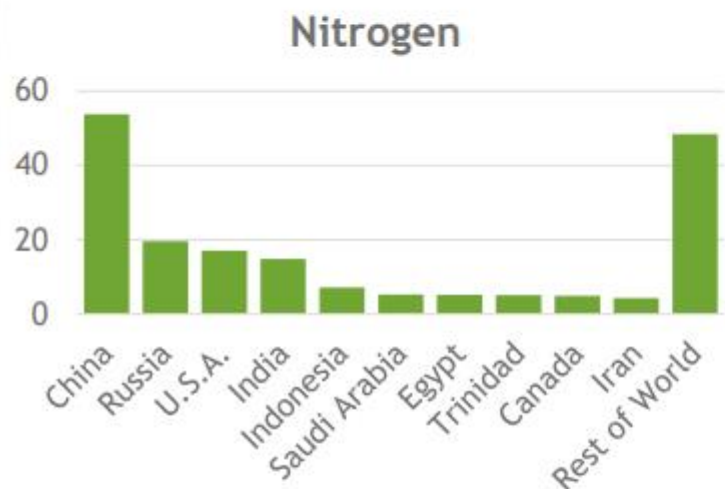
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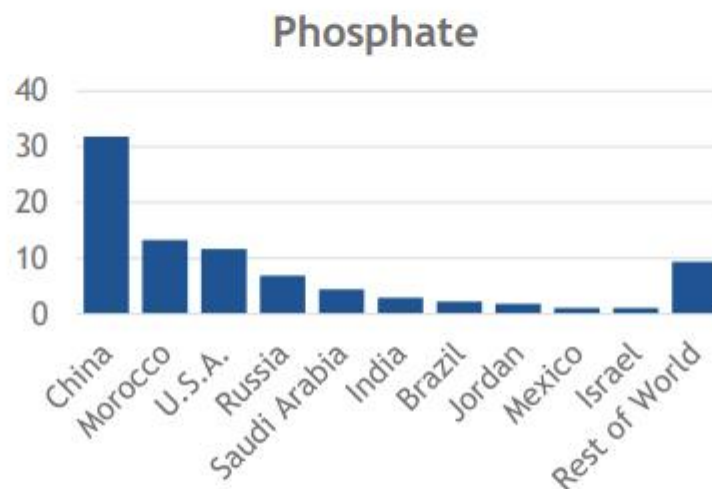


Energy-intensive

Marginal producers in Europe

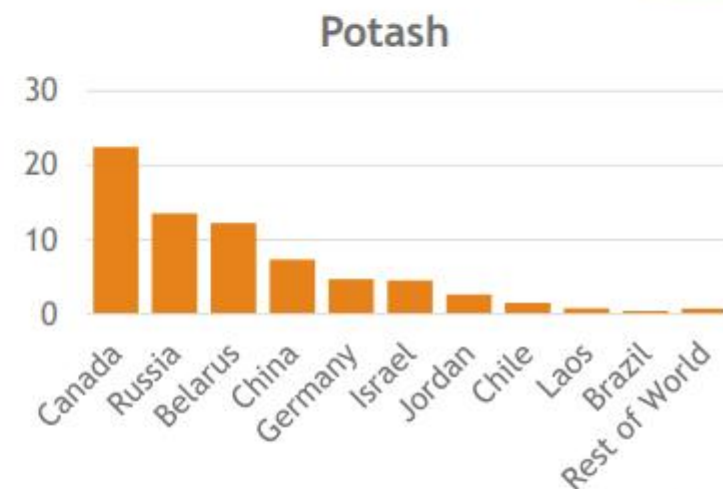
Crop price inelastic

Production by country, Mt product



Exposed to energy-derived products

Use correlated with affordability

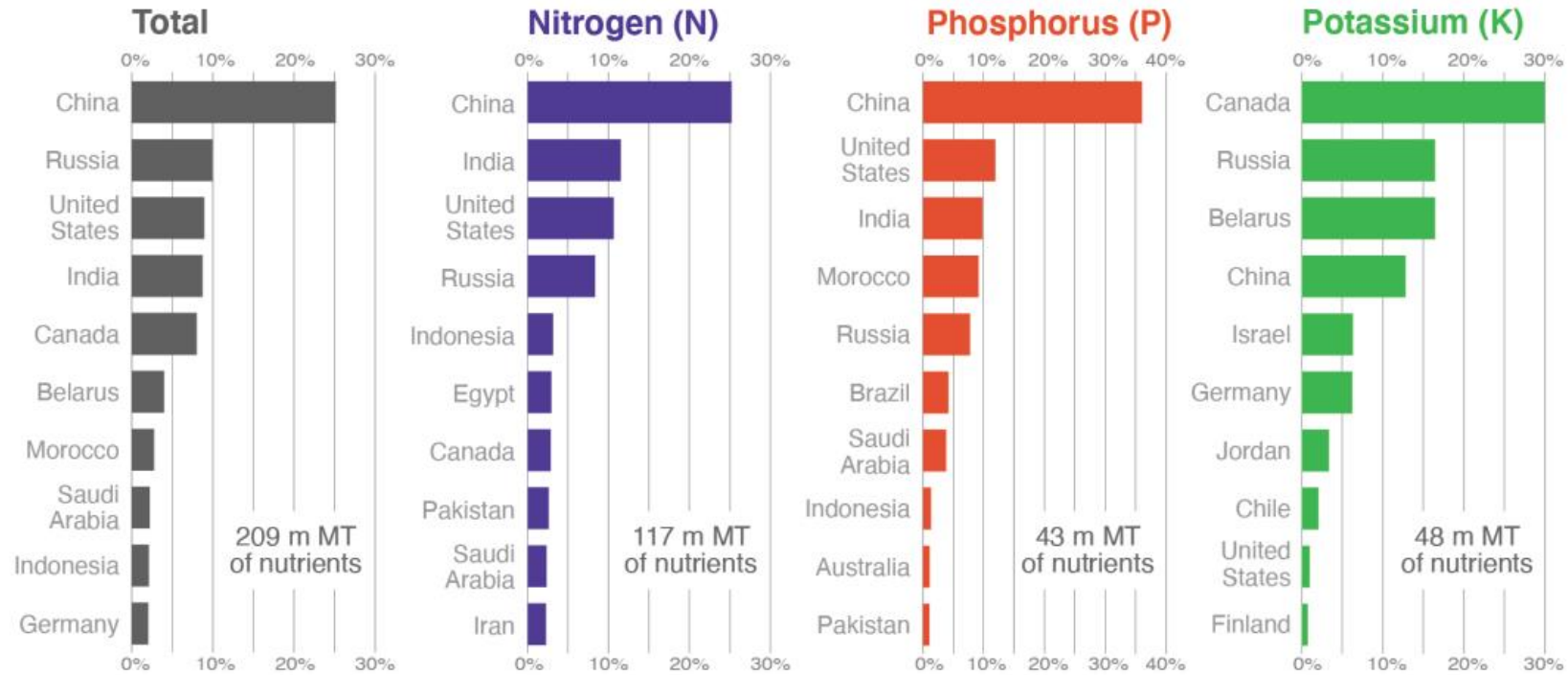


40% of global trade from sanctions countries

Use correlated with affordability, capped by availability

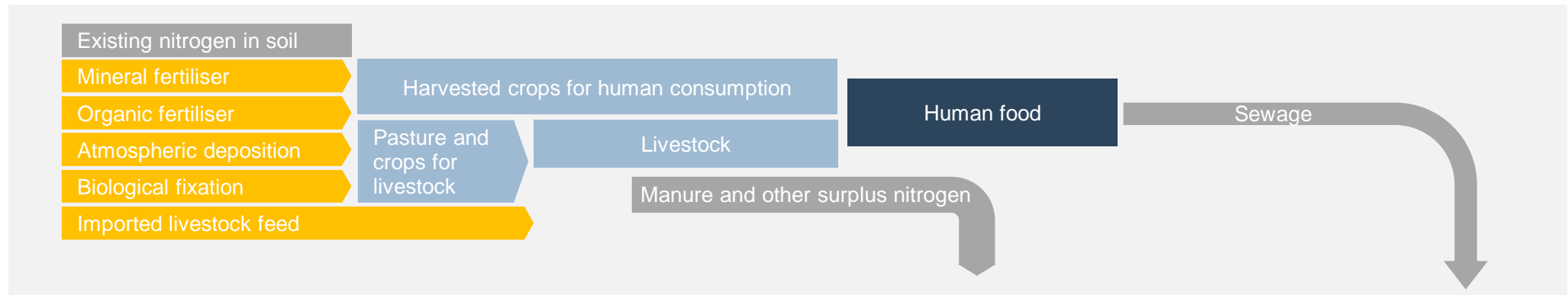
MAJOR GLOBAL FERTILIZER SUPPLIERS

Chart 2. Major Global Fertilizer Suppliers

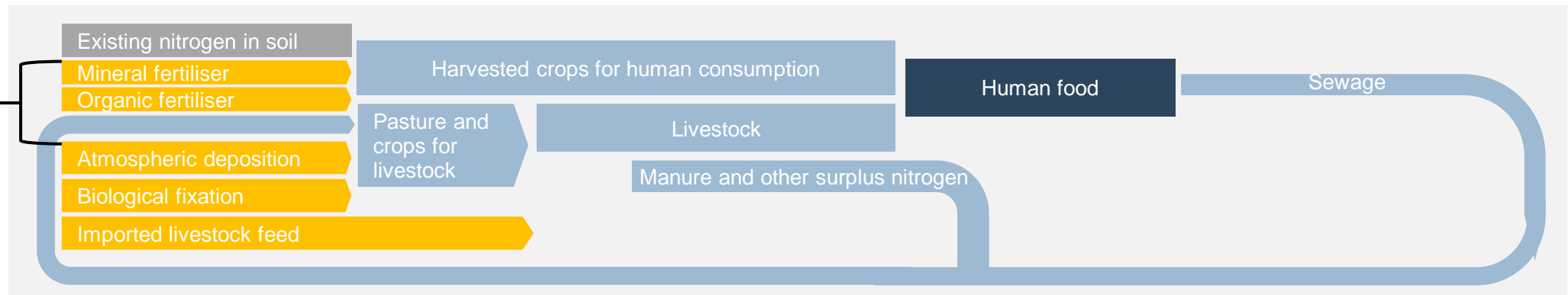


Source: IFASTAT, 2017-2019 average

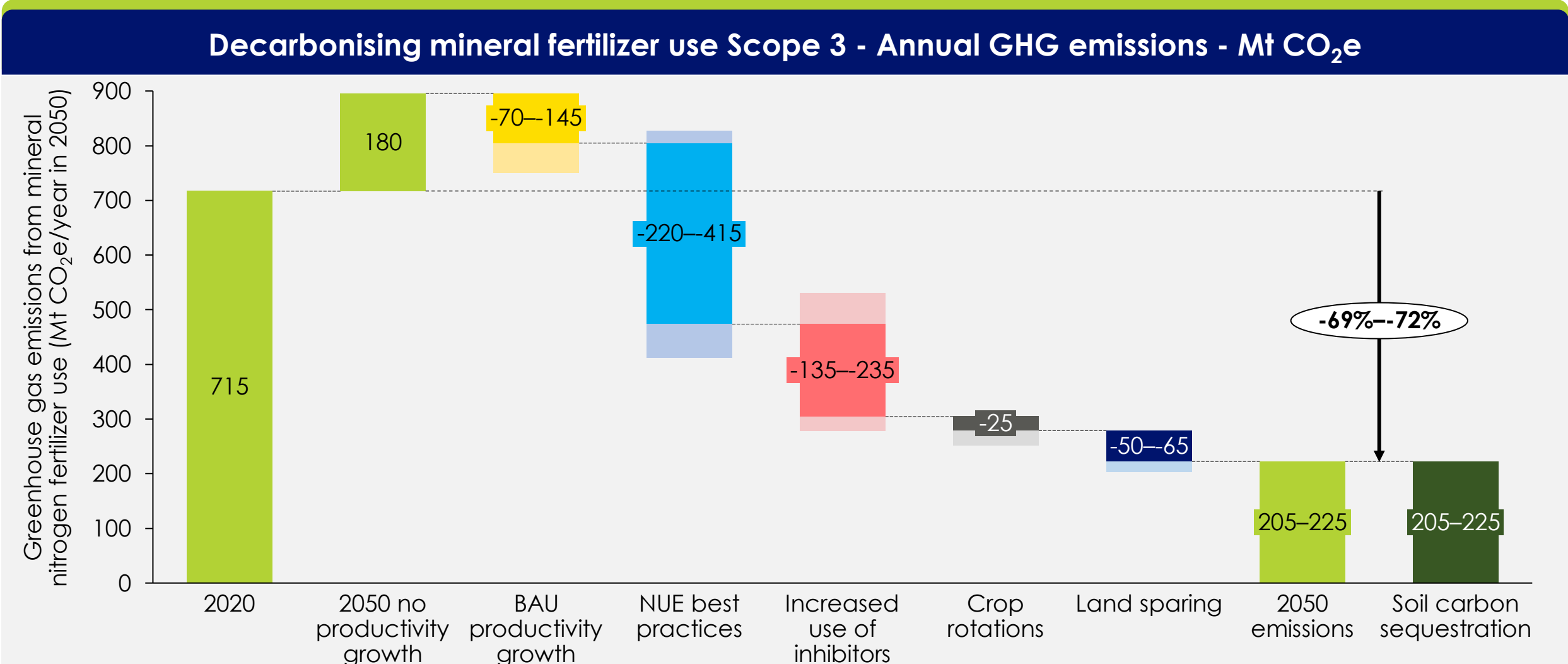
Nutrient upcycling: Using these nutrients on farmland would raise regional NUE by reducing losses to global sinks



Recycling waste products reduces inputs from outside the system, increasing NUE



SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS FROM THE USE OF FERTILIZER CAN BE MORE THAN HALVED BY 2050 – MOSTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF THE SECTOR

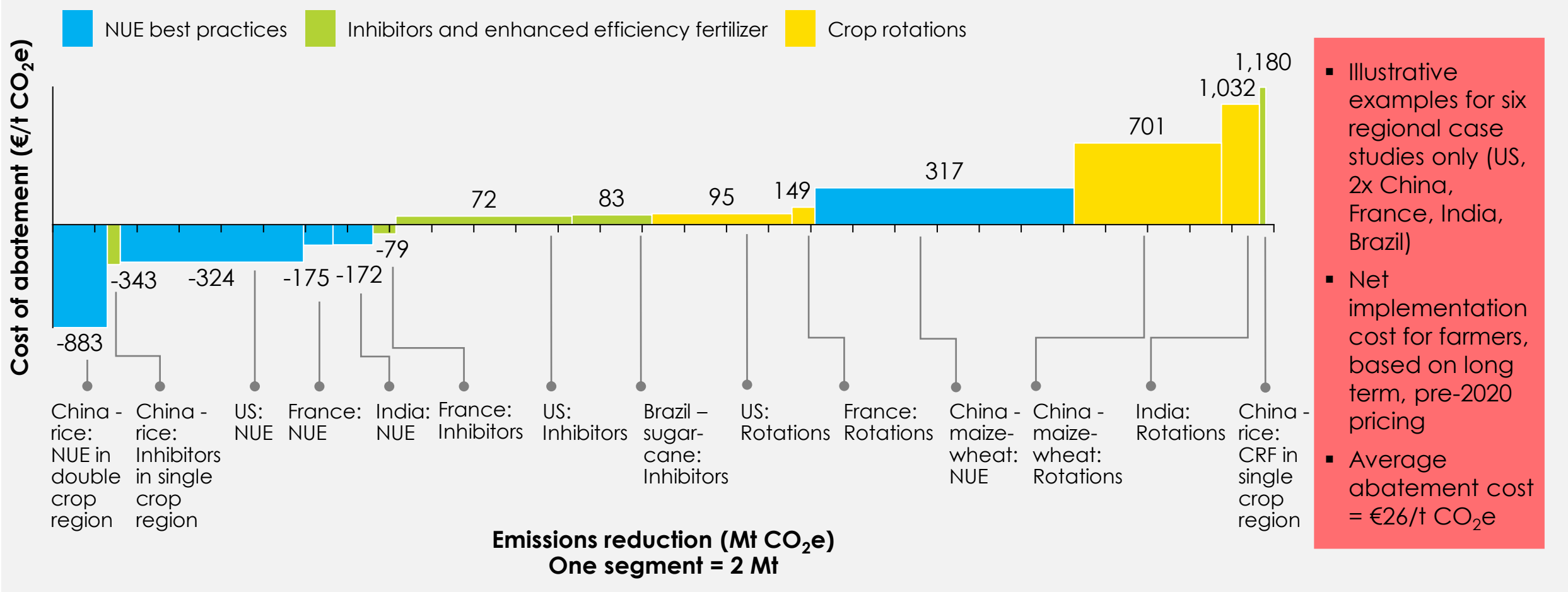


Source: Systemiq and IFA(2022)

NB: Numbers may not sum perfectly due to rounding, BAU = Business as usual. NUE = Nitrogen Use Efficiency.

REGIONAL DEEP DIVES SUGGEST ~25% OF MEASURES ARE COST SAVING FOR FARMERS

Marginal abatement cost curve – Mineral fertilizer scope 3 decarbonisation



- Illustrative examples for six regional case studies only (US, 2x China, France, India, Brazil)
- Net implementation cost for farmers, based on long term, pre-2020 pricing
- Average abatement cost = €26/t CO₂e

The regional analysis is not comparable with the analysis on slide 4. The regional analysis is relative to a 2015-2020 baseline, depending on data availability, and has different underlying assumptions. Source: SYSTEMIQ analysis

TIPPING POINTS: GREEN AMMONIA FOR FERTILISERS

TIPPING POINT

- Tipping point possible after **1st wave of greens ammonia plants for fertilisers developed** (~50 plants, ~45-50 Mt production p.a.*) to kick-off large-scale adoption – 2nd wave to benefit from de-risked investment.
- This can close the **initial cost premium for green ammonia** vs. grey ammonia through scale economies in H2 production, targeting **<\$500/ton green ammonia with hydrogen price of <\$2.2/kg H2**. \$500/t is competitive with grey ammonia under pre-crisis natural gas prices + **carbon price or equivalent of ~\$100/ton CO2** applied.
- High confidence in strength of reinforcing feedback loops: Learning curves & economies of scale: as more electrolyzers are deployed; we experience 18% cost reduction per doubling of output, and lower costs encourage greater deployment

	TARGET CONDITIONS TO TRIGGER TIPPING POINT	PROGRESS**
AFFORDABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve cost parity for green ammonia vs conventional grey ammonia – at \$200-400/ton² (20-year long-term average: currently \$1,000–\$1,500/ton² due to current high gas prices) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current green ammonia production costs of >\$600-900/ton uncompetitive with grey ammonia³ • Cost parity of green ammonia vs. grey ammonia within reach by 2024 in favourable locations through combination of green H2 price <\$2.2/kg (vs. ~\$2.5-4.5/kg today) and subject to carbon price or equivalent subsidy of \$100/ton CO2 across several major producing regions²
ATTRACTIVENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A – grey and green ammonia are chemically identical. There is no difference in downstream use of grey or green ammonia for fertiliser input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
ACCESSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mass Market</u>: large expansion in renewables and hydrogen production capacity to drive down costs; focussing on favourable locations with low-cost renewables • Scale trading infrastructure required to transport from new producers to demand centres*** i.e., more ammonia storage at ports + more ammonia-carrying ships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be transported and stored relatively cheaply and easily, but infrastructure expansion required in new producing regions (e.g., Namibia, Mauritania) and expanded infrastructure in importing regions (e.g., Europe)

Notes: * 1Mtpa plants, running at ~95% CUF ; **Affordability: green - no cost disadvantage, amber - point of parity is <5Y away, red – point of parity is >5Y away (incl. policy support measures equivalent to <\$100/ton CO2). Attractiveness + accessibility: green – no barrier to tipping point, amber – currently impeding tipping point but strong progress underway, red – currently impeding tipping point with limited progress to date ; ** Grey ammonia is currently produced near to points of use with only 10% of global production being exported⁴. As new supply chains emerge in low-cost producer regions that do not always equate to demand centers, greater quantities of green ammonia will need to be shipped to fertilizer manufacturing plants. Supporting trade flows from new producers (e.g., Namibia + Mauritania) to consumer markets (e.g., Europe) requires a scale up in infrastructure such as storage tanks and import infrastructure.

Sources: [1] IRENA (2020), Green Hydrogen Cost Reduction: Scaling Up Electrolyzers to meet the 1.5°C Climate Goal; [2] Mission Possible Partnership (2022), [Making 1.5-Aligned Ammonia Possible](#) ; [3] Argus (2021), [Inside Fertiliser Analytics: Green Ammonia](#) ; [4] Yara (2021), [Renewable Hydrogen and Ammonia Production](#) ; [5] IEA (2021), [Ammonia Technology Roadmap](#)