

From Province to Planet: Exploring Alberta's Hydrogen Technology Transfer Potential

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Research Question

Are there opportunities for transfer of key hydrogen technologies developed in Alberta?

Context

Global Context

- Current Demand: ~95 Mt/yr
 - 41 Mt – Refining
 - 32 Mt – Ammonia
 - 16 Mt – Methanol
 - 5 Mt - DRI
- Forecast Demand:
 - 150 Mt/year by 2030
- CO2 Reduction Potential:
 - 7 Gt/year by 2050
- Cumulative CO2 Emissions Avoided:
 - 80 Gt until 2050

Canada Context

- Federal Hydrogen Strategy (2020)
 - Current Production: 3.5 Mt/yr
 - Forecast Production: 4.5 Mt/year (2030), 20.5 Mt/year (2050)
 - CO2 Reduction Potential: 2030 - 45Mt/year, 2050 - 190Mt/year
 - British Columbia – "Cradle" of the fuel cell industry

Alberta Context

- Hydrogen Roadmap (2021)
 - Global Low-Cost Producer
 - Abundant Natural Resources
 - Current Production: ~2.5 Mt/yr
 - Forecast Production: 4 Mt/year (2035)
 - CO2 Reduction Potential: 14Mt/year (2030)
 - Invested \$150M thru: ERA & Alberta Innovates

Methodology

Key Question to Answer	Assessment	Sources
Are technologies developed in Alberta competitive ?	Review of provincially funded hydrogen technologies developed in Alberta	Technology funding details received from ERA IEA Clean Energy Technology Guide
Is there a market for technologies developed in Alberta?	Review of Global Technological Readiness Levels (TRL) and deployment status of these and similar technologies	Industry, Academic and Country reports, publications, papers, news articles, online searches, etc.
Are there policy mechanisms to support these technologies?	Review of regions/countries seeking to increase adoption of specific hydrogen technologies	Industry, Academic and Country reports, publications, papers, news articles, online searches, etc.
Are there intermediaries to support transfer opportunities?	Review of global hydrogen policy/strategy landscape	Industry, Academic and Country reports, publications, papers, news articles, online searches, etc.
	Review of locally and globally available technology/innovation intermediary support	Industry, Academic and Country reports, publications, papers, news articles, online searches, etc.

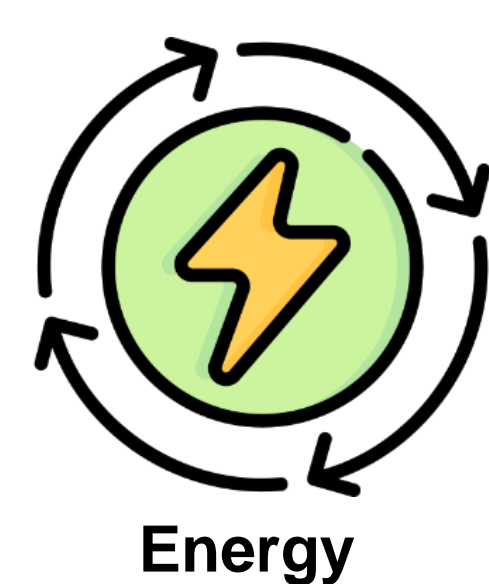
Motivation and Pillars

Definition

Transfer of physical devices, processes, 'know-how' (set of technical skills) or proprietary information from one entity to another, and vice versa (Bozeman, 2000)

Benefits of TT

Promotes **sustainable development**, which positively impacts **economic growth** suggesting there is **no trade-off** between **environmental** and **economic** objectives (Fernandes et al., 2021)
Early adoption of policy by developed countries leads to the development of new technologies that makes it easier for developing countries to reduce pollution (Popp, 2011)



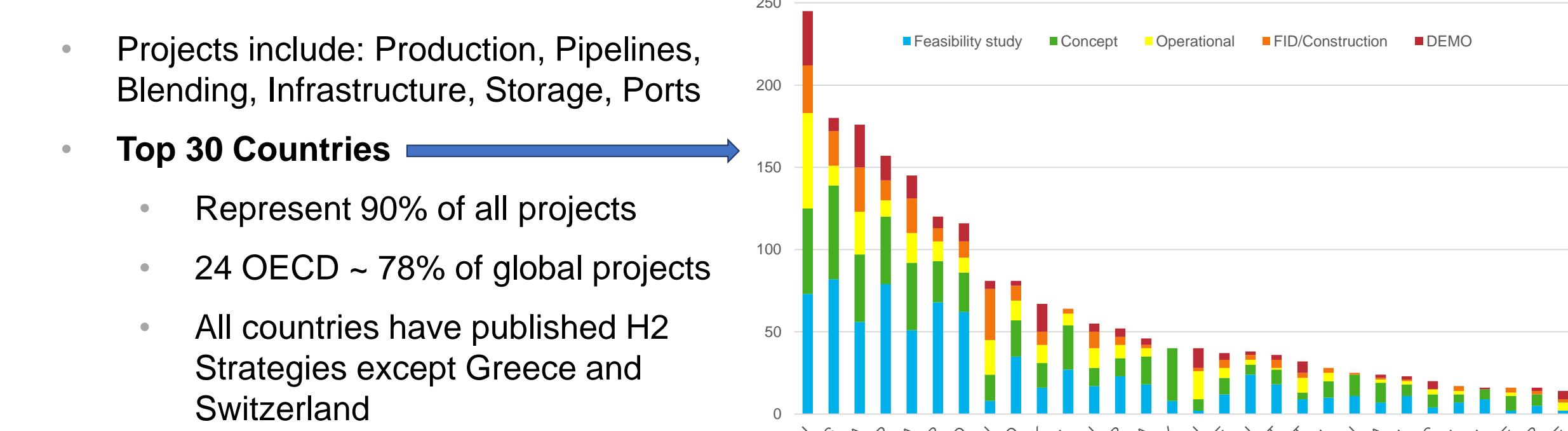
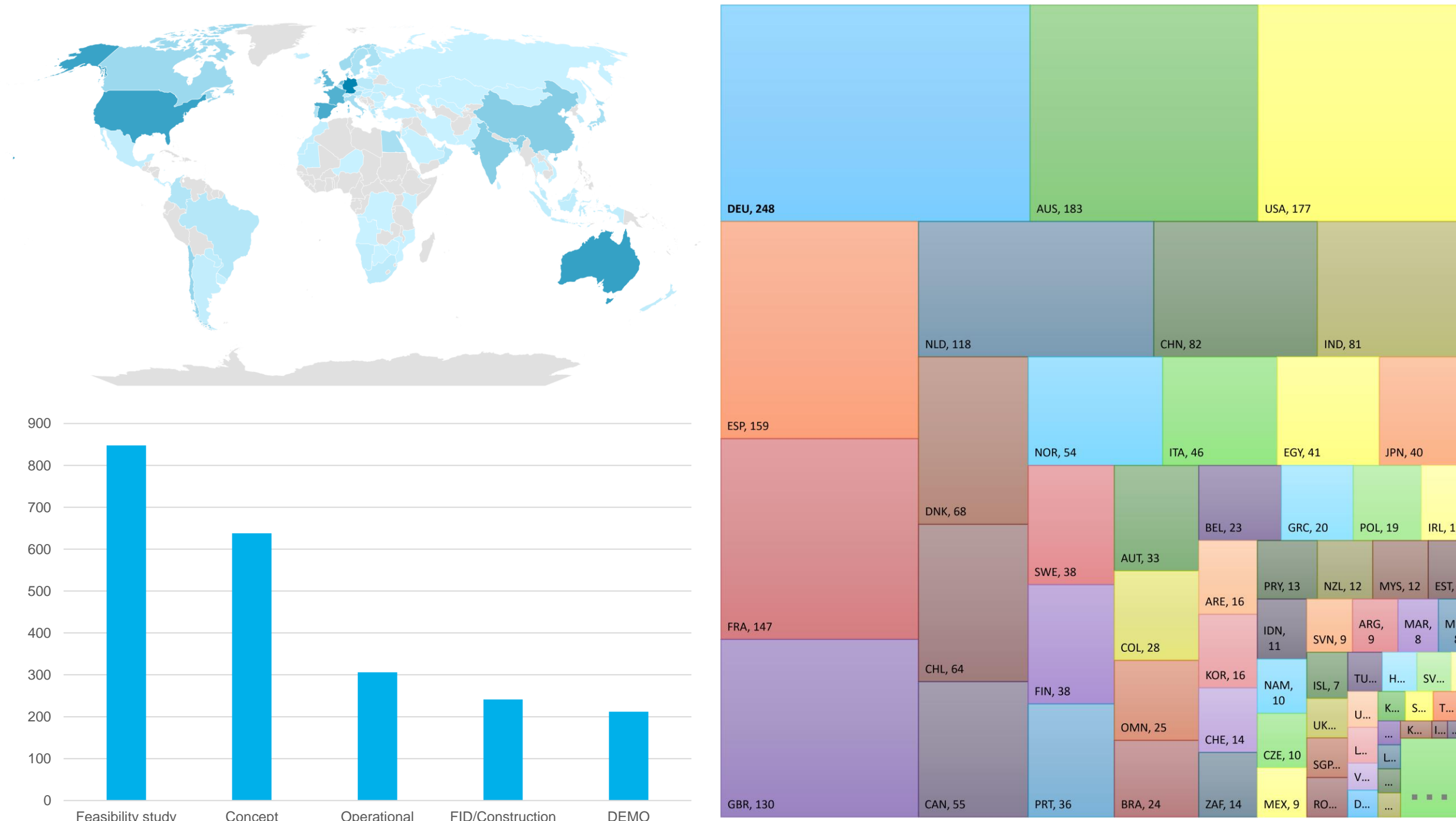
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Technology Transfer

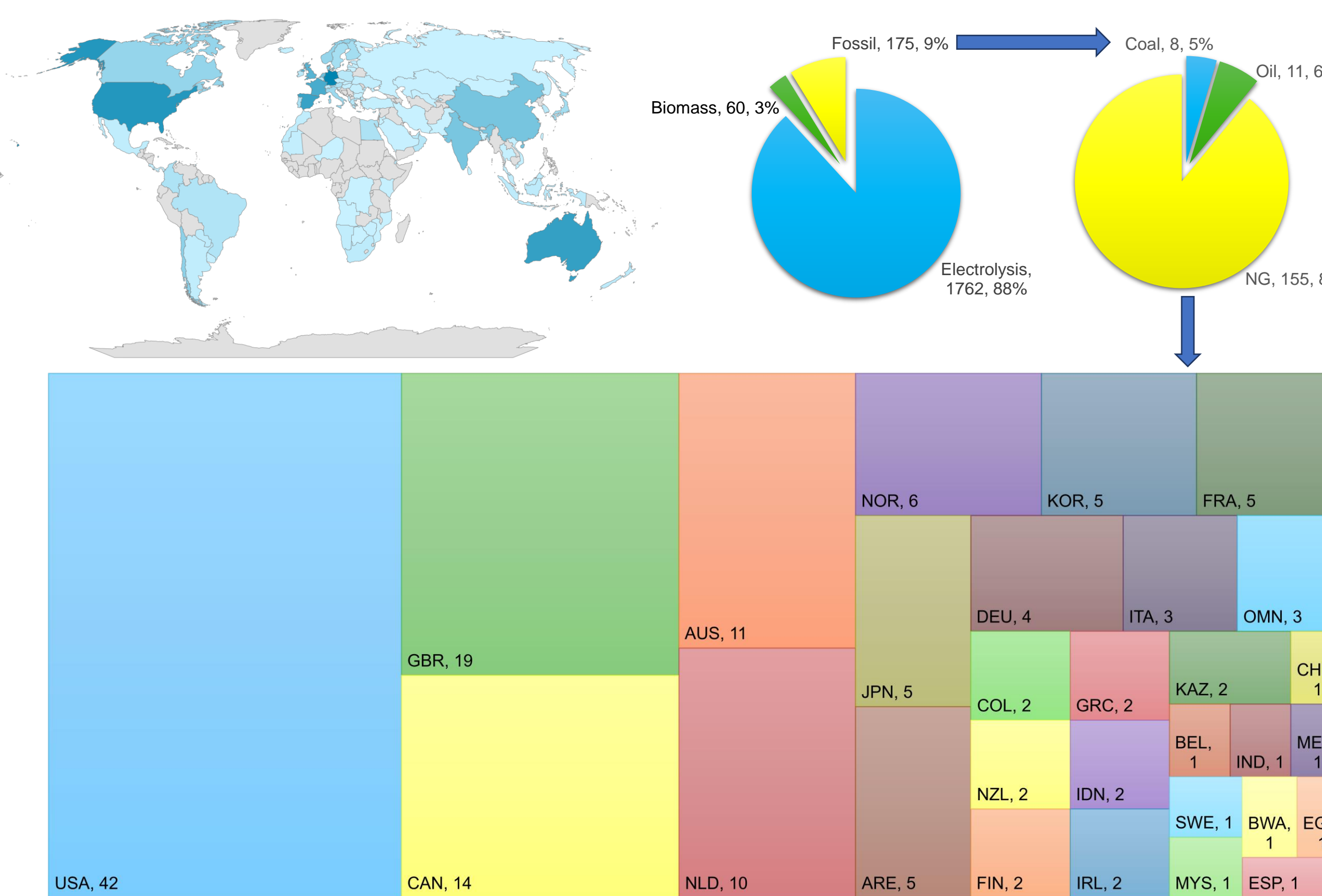


Global Hydrogen Landscape (92 Countries, 2280 Projects)



- Projects include: Production, Pipelines, Blending, Infrastructure, Storage, Ports
- Top 30 Countries**
 - Represent 90% of all projects
 - 24 OECD – 78% of global projects
 - All countries have published H2 Strategies except Greece and Switzerland

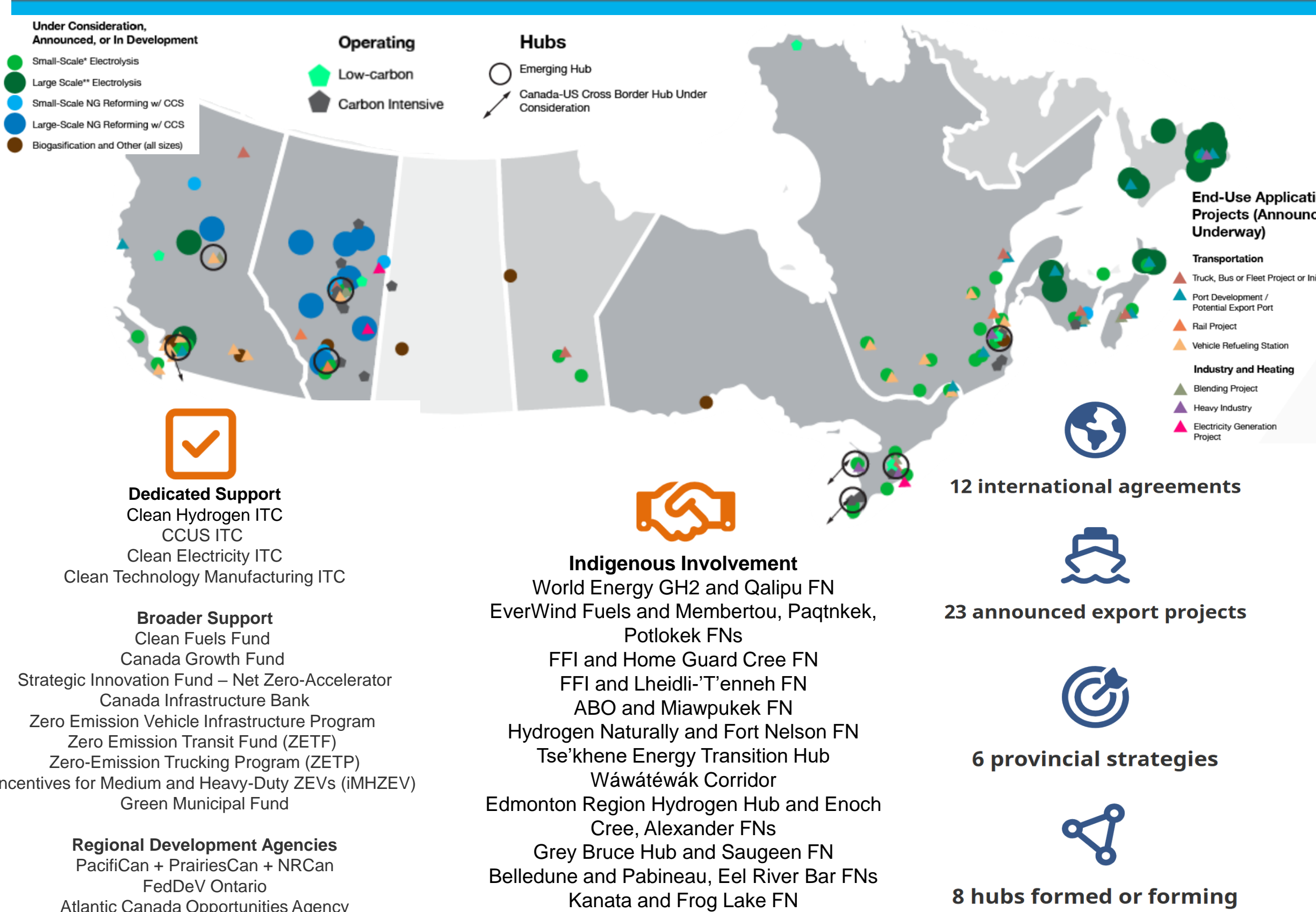
Global Production Landscape (90 Countries, 1997 Projects)



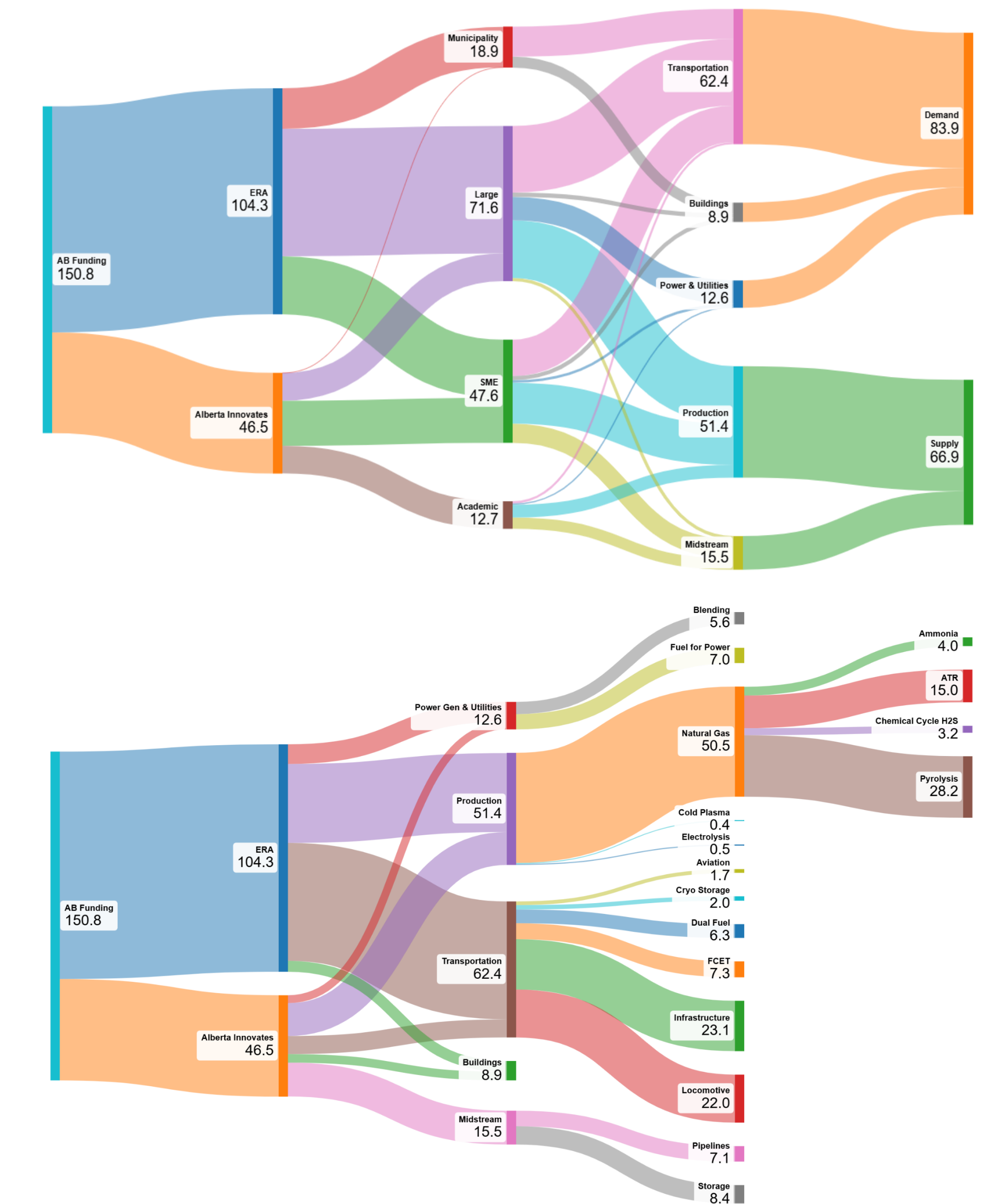
NG Project Landscape – 29 Countries, 155 Projects

20 OECD Countries – 89% of all projects. All have H2 Strategies except: Greece, Mexico & Botswana

Canadian Landscape



Alberta Funding



Assessment Summary

Technology	Competitive?	Market?	Policy Support?	TT Potential?
Locomotive	✓	✓	✓	✓
Infrastructure – Fleet/FCEBs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Infrastructure – Fuelling Stations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fuel Cell Electric Trucks (FCETs)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dual-Fuel	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cryo-Compressed Storage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aviation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technology	Competitive?	Market?	Policy Support?	TT Potential?
Pyrolysis	✓	✓	✓	✓
ATR	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ammonia/Methanol	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemical Cycle	✓	✓	✓	✓
Electrolysis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cold Plasma	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technology	Competitive?	Market?	Policy Support?	TT Potential?
Pipelines	✓	✓	✓	✓
Storage - Geological	✓	✓	✓	✓
Storage - Cylinders/Vessels	✓	✓	✓	✓
LOHC	✓	✓	✓	✓
Solid State	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technology	Competitive?	Market?	Policy Support?	TT Potential?
Blending	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fuel for Power	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buildings	✓	✓	✓	✓

Conclusion

- Are technologies developed in Alberta **competitive**?
 - Yes & No
- Is there a **market** for technologies developed in Alberta?
 - Yes
- Are there **policy mechanisms** to support these technologies?
 - Yes
- Are there **intermediaries** to support transfer opportunities?
 - Yes

“Are there opportunities for transfer of key hydrogen technologies developed in Alberta?”
YES

TT opportunity may already exist within Canada