Technological Diversity

Hydrogen in the transport sector – A Tier 1 perspective

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Tension Fields in the Transportation Sector





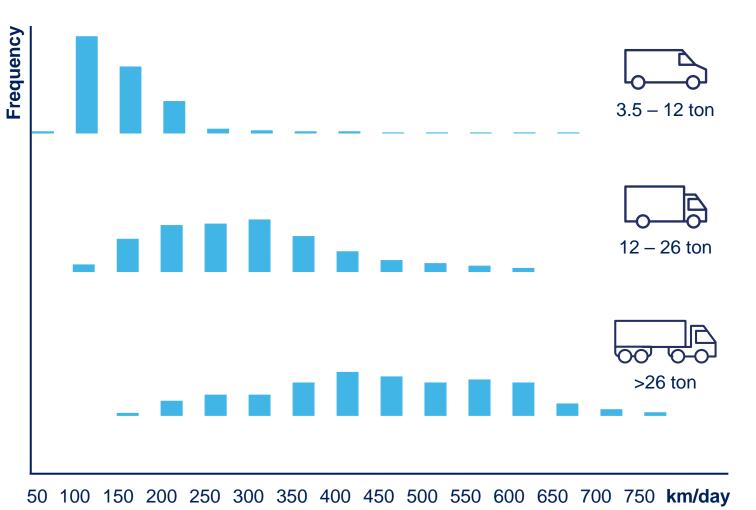








High Variety of Truck Usage Scenarios (by Weight/Volume)













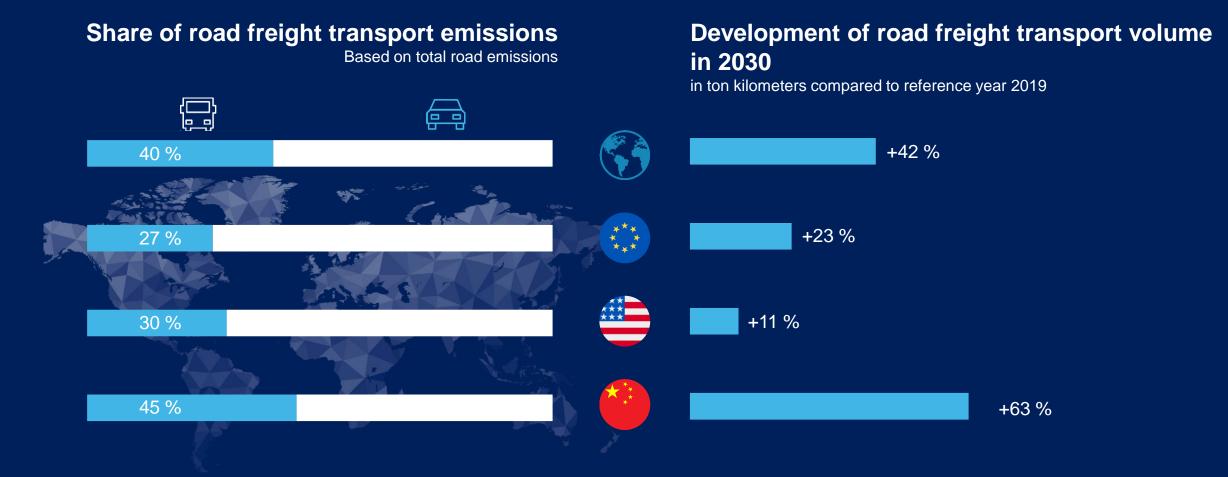








Split of Road Transport CO₂ Emissions And: Freight Transport will Further Increase ...



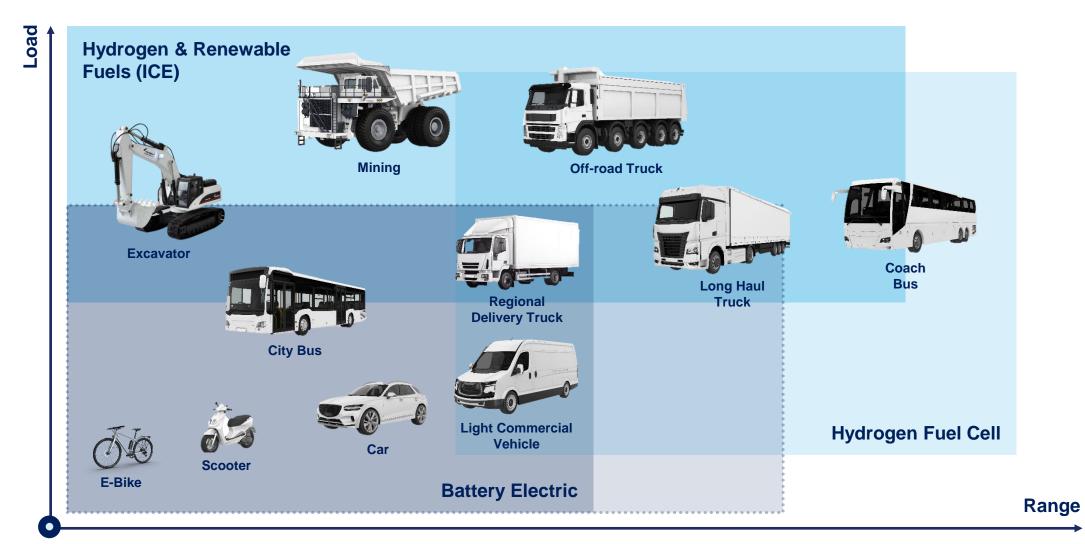
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Emission-Free Solutions are Needed MHD CO₂ tailpipe emission fleet targets 100% Legally binding review until end of 2027 80% -15% 60% -45% 40% -65% 20% -90% 0% 2020 2025 2030 2035 2040 **EU** Legislation

The Future of Mobility Will be More Diverse





MAHLE Multi-Path Approach BEV Fuel Cell H₂ ICE Hybrids/Renewable Fuels



Multi-Path Technologies – A MAHLE Success Story

Opening

MAHLE Hydrogen Test Center



> Start

of series developments for fuel cell and H₂ ICE components



World Premiere

MAHLE SCT e-motor specifically for commercial vehicles



> SOP

MAHLE H₂ ICE components on the market with multiple OEMs





2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

> Pre-Development

Components for hydrogen powered powertrains and of advanced electric traction motors

> First System Tests

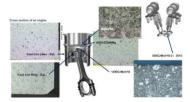
Operation of both fuel cell system and H₂ ICE at MAHLE





→ H₂ Influence

Detailed investigation on component materials and coatings



> IAA Transportation

MAHLE fuel cell demonstrator: thermal management, fuel cell and e-axle





MAHLE Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine System Approach

Power Cell Unit, Valves and Crank Case Ventilation 9 | Dr. Markus Auer, MAHLE International GmbH | July 8th, 2025

System approach

means holistic investigation of H₂ ICE with partners.



Components

for maximum engine performance and safety.

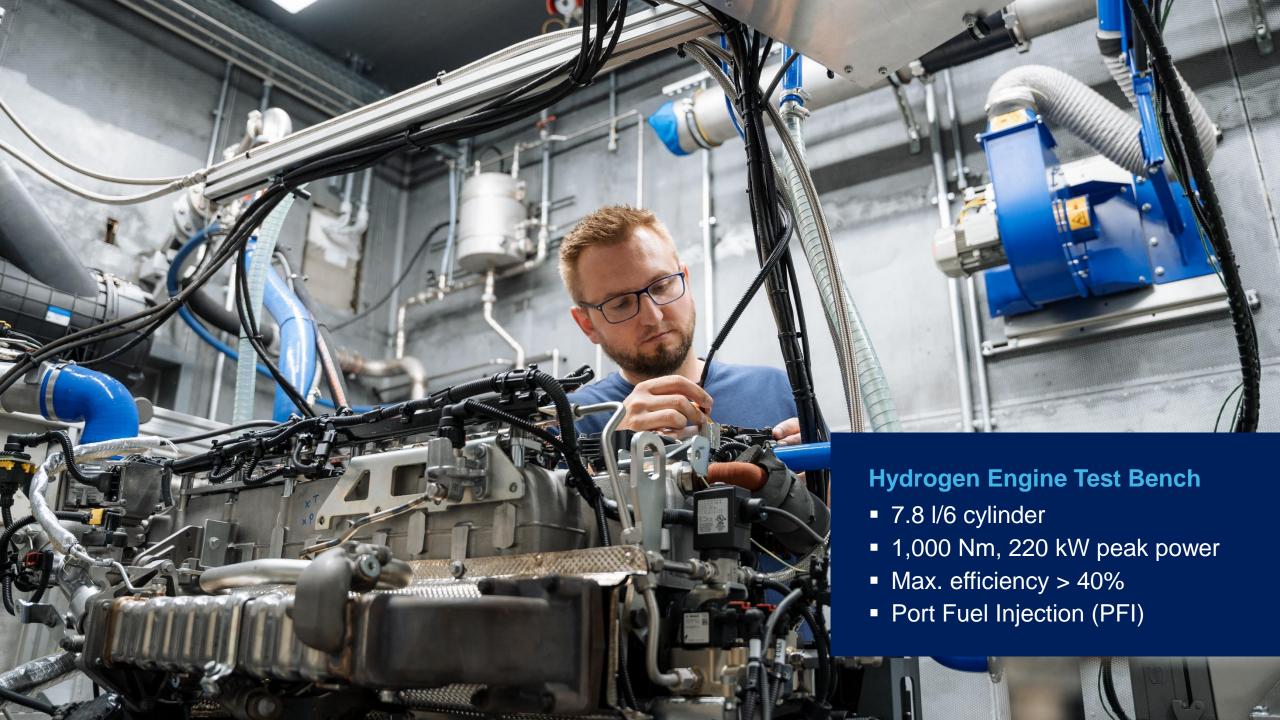


Full testing capabilities incl. rig tests, engine

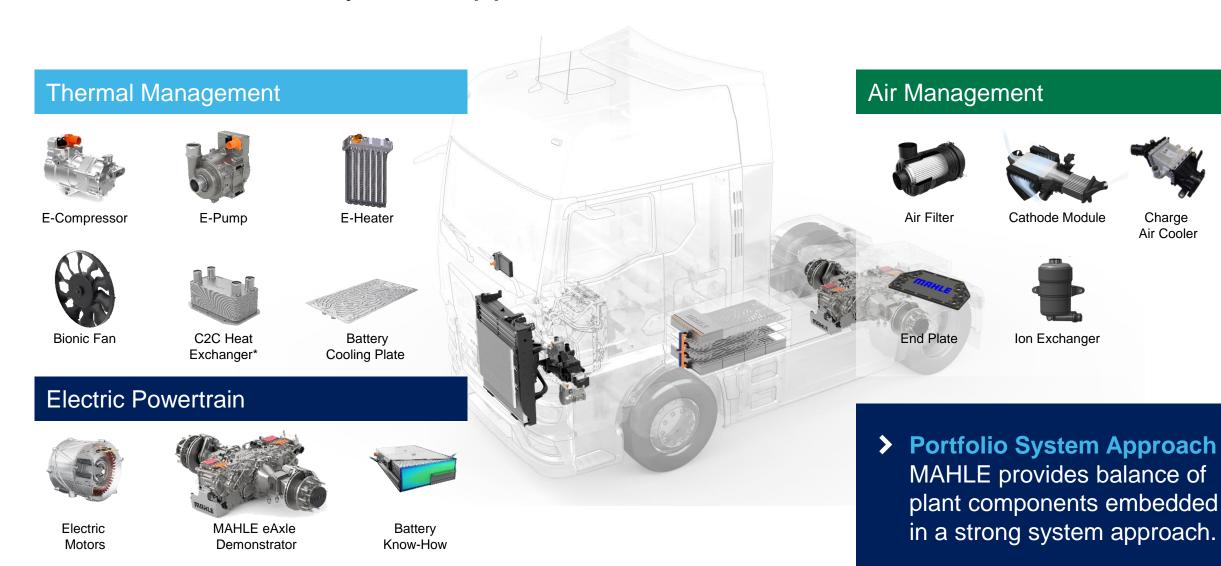
testing on bench and demonstrator vehicles.







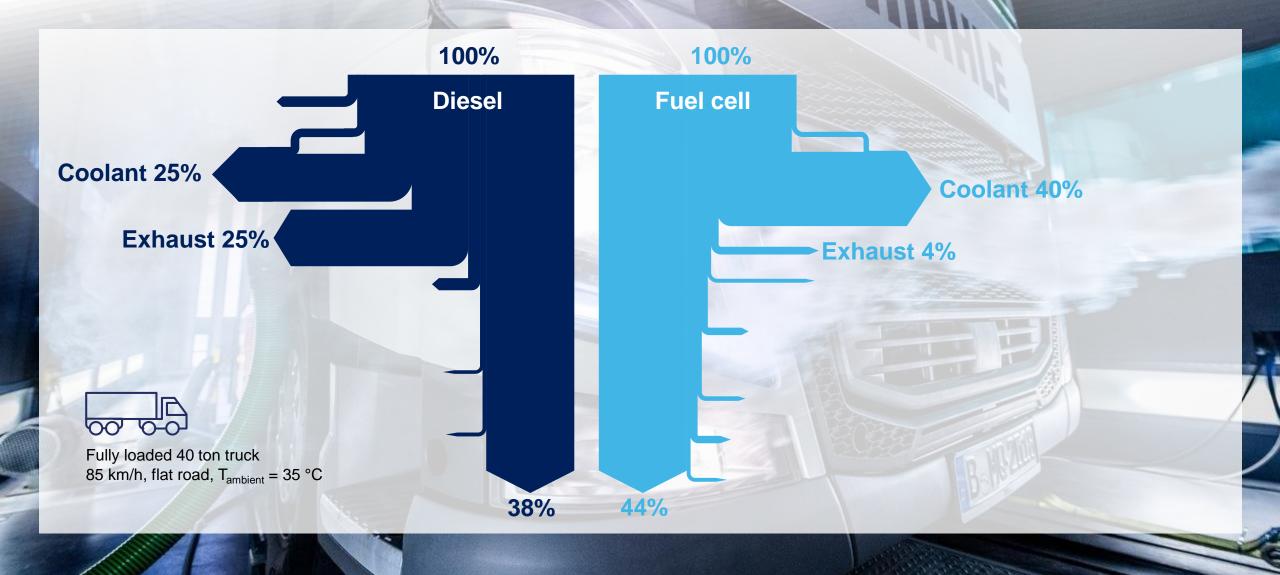
MAHLE Fuel Cell System Approach



^{*} Coolant-to-Coolant Heat Exchanger

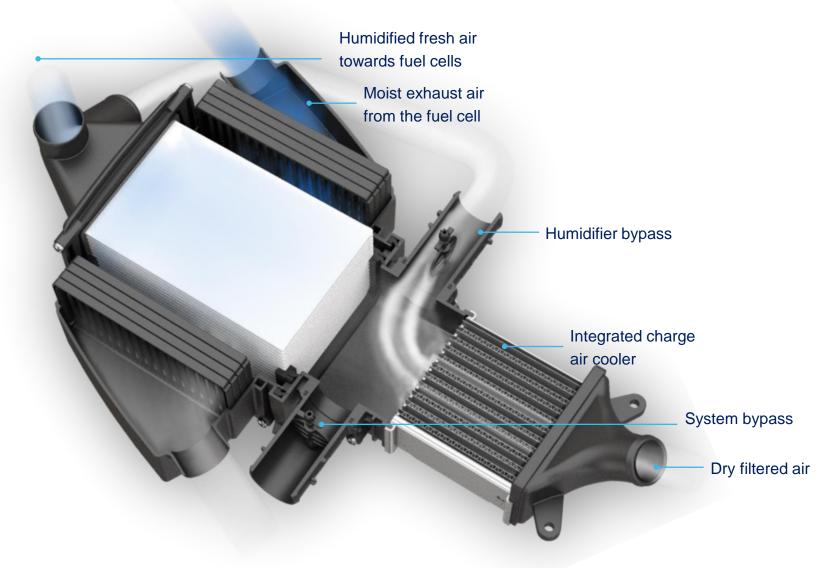


Despite Higher Efficiency, Requirements for the Fuel Cell Cooling System Increase





Cathode Module – Highly Integrated Design



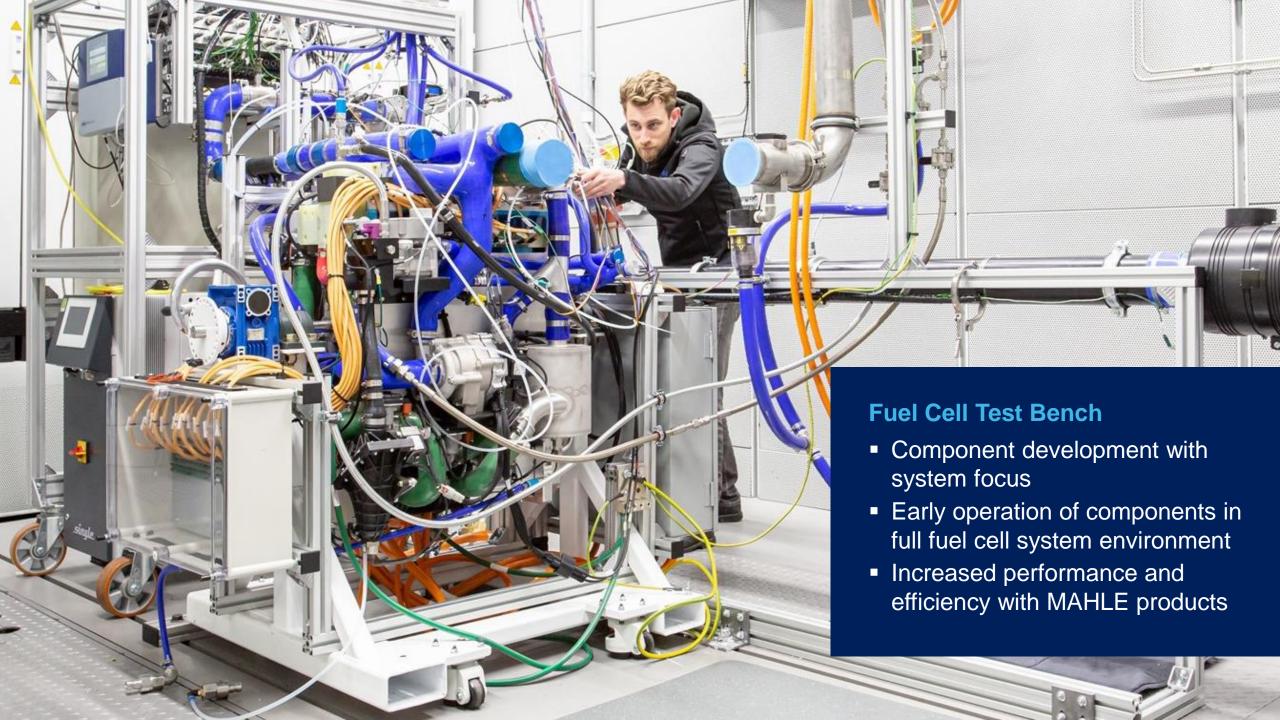
Highly integrated design incl. charge air cooler, humidifier and water separation.

Up to 50% higher water transfer rate

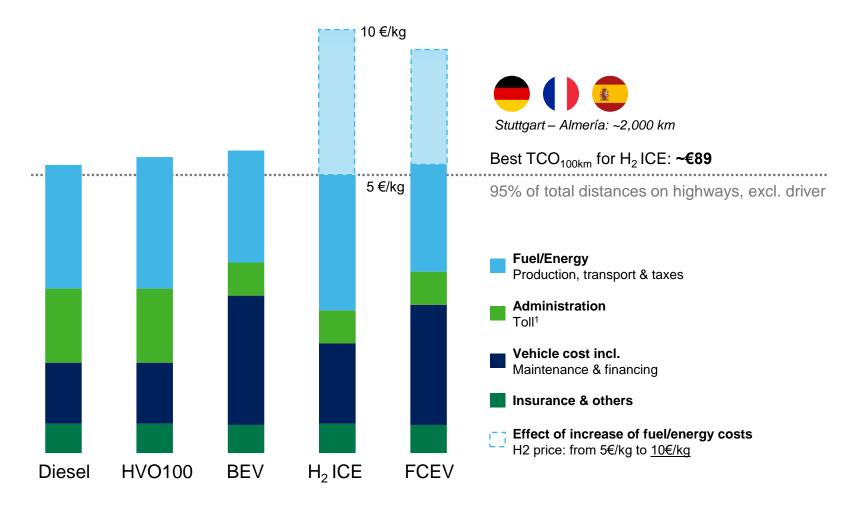
(compared to best competitor) enable increased operation temperature and lower fuel cell membrane degradation.

Maximum performance with 50% lower pressure losses results in +1% peak power and efficiency increase.





International Long-Haul Truck 2030





Needed daily range: 810 km

Public charging: 75% (overnight)

Annual distance: 172,125 km

Depreciation period: 4.1 years



FCEV & H₂ ICE with cost benefit at €5 kg H₂ – subsidies needed to reach target H₂ price. H₂ infrastructure needs to be established

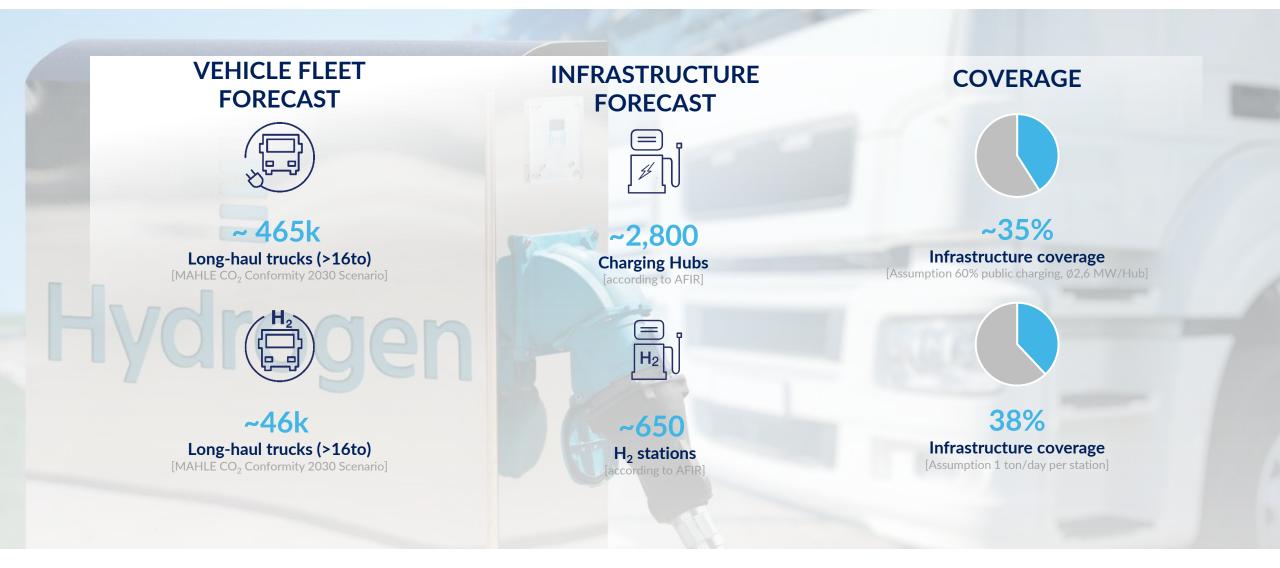






- → H₂ and renewable fuel stations with less space demand compared to CCS/MCS charging infrastructure.
- H₂ and renewable fuel refuelling with time benefits compared to charging.
- → H₂ and renewable fuel trucks with higher range, beneficial for areas with weaker infrastructure, e.g., Eastern Europe.

AFIR – A first step in the right direction





How do we make Hydrogen based mobility a success story?

Fast & colorful H₂ production

Infrastructure scale-up

Simplify green H₂ legislation

Global technology usage

Equality for all climate neutral powertrains

➤ Let's make Hydrogen a viable solution for sustainable transportation



