

# *Opportunity for Hydrogen Engines in Heavy-Duty Trucking*

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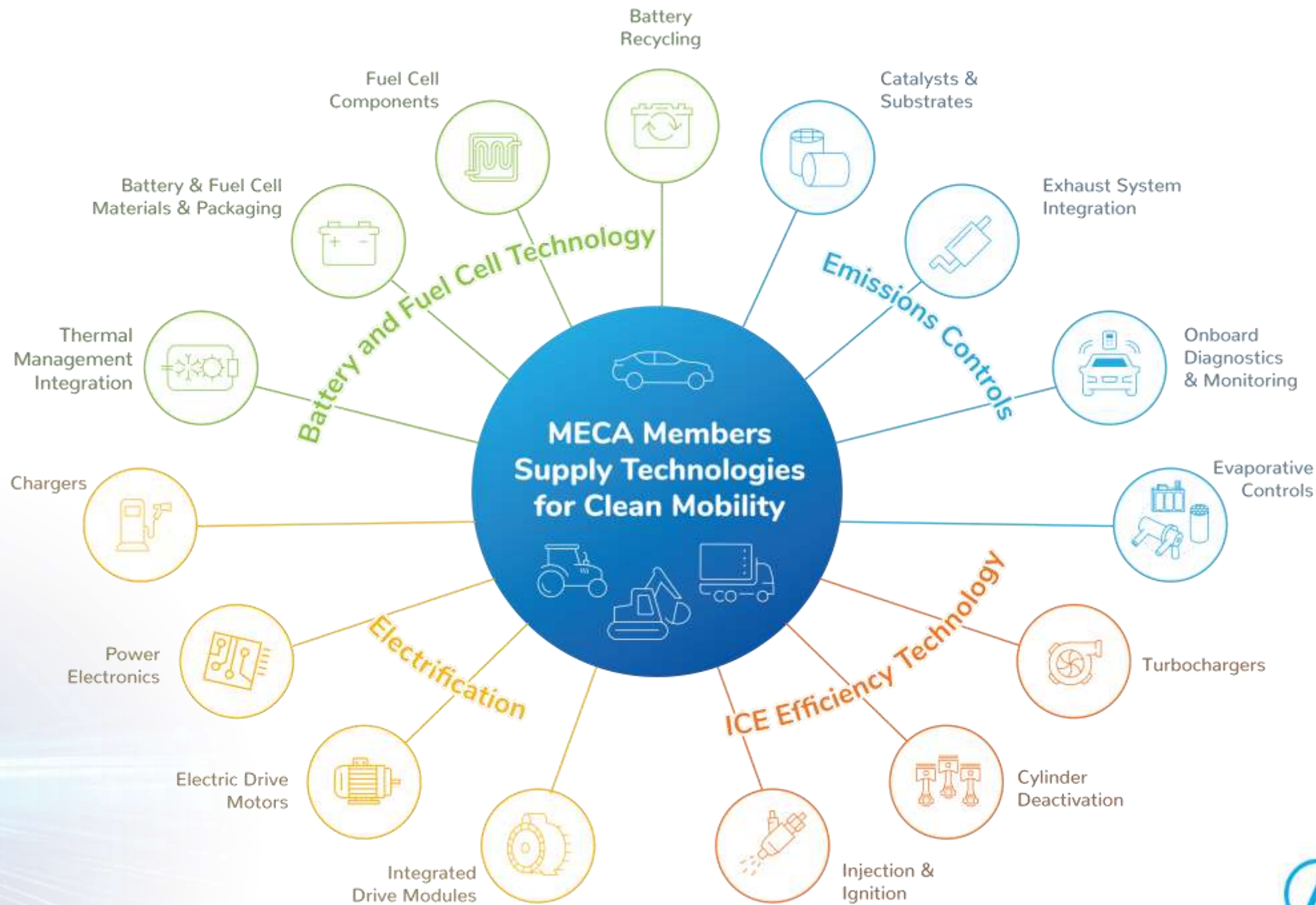


# *Outline*

**Hydrogen engine's role in meeting climate and air quality goals**

**Engine and aftertreatment technology**

**Role of Government Policies**

















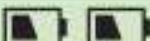
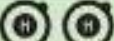


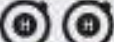




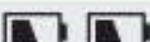


# *Hydrogen Engine's Role in Meeting Climate and Air Quality Goals*





# US National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization

|  | <br><b>BATTERY/ELECTRIC</b>  | <br><b>HYDROGEN</b>   | <br><b>SUSTAINABLE LIQUID FUELS</b>   |
|--|---|--|--|
| 1 icon represents limited long-term opportunity <br>2 icons represents large long-term opportunity <br>3 icons represents greatest long-term opportunity  |   |  |  |
| Light Duty Vehicles (49%)*   |    | —  | TBD  |
| Medium, Short-Haul Heavy Trucks & Buses (~14%)   |    |   |   |
| Long-Haul Heavy Trucks (~7%)   |    |   |   |
| Off-road (10%)   |    |   |   |
| Rail (2%)  |    |   |   |
| Maritime (3%)  |    |   |   |
| Aviation (11%)   |    |   |   |
| Pipelines (4%)   |    | TBD  | TBD  |
| <b>Additional Opportunities</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationary battery use</li> <li>• Grid support (managed EV charging)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy industries</li> <li>• Grid support</li> <li>• Feedstock for chemicals and fuels</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decarbonize plastics/chemicals</li> <li>• Bio-products</li> </ul>   |
| <b>RD&amp;D Priorities</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National battery strategy</li> <li>• Charging infrastructure</li> <li>• Grid integration</li> <li>• Battery recycling</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrolyzer costs</li> <li>• Fuel cell durability and cost</li> <li>• Clean hydrogen infrastructure</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple cost-effective drop-in sustainable fuels</li> <li>• Reduce ethanol carbon intensity</li> <li>• Bioenergy scale-up</li> </ul> |

\* All emissions shares are for 2019

† Includes hydrogen for ammonia and methanol

# OEMs and Suppliers Supporting a Three-Pronged Strategy to Decarbonize HD Transportation

## H<sub>2</sub>-ICE



- Drop-in replacement
- Existing manufacturing base
- Known maintenance
- Lowest initial cost



## FCEV



- Zero Tailpipe emissions
- High conversion efficiency
- Smaller battery size



## BEV



- Zero Tailpipe.
- Low maintenance costs
- Low operating cost



Source: Cummins

Multiple pathways may provide range of solutions to address infrastructure challenges



# Broad Industry Support for H<sub>2</sub>-ICE Engines

## JCB Announces Hydrogen Fuel Combustion Engine Technology



Cummins Newsroom: Hydrogen Technologies

## CUMMINS BEGINS TESTING OF HYDROGEN FUELED INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Jul 13, 2021 • Columbus, Ind.

MAHLE supports Liebherr in developing hydrogen-fueled heavy-duty engines



Press Release: AVL and SuperTurbo™ Technologies Partner on Hydrogen Engine Application

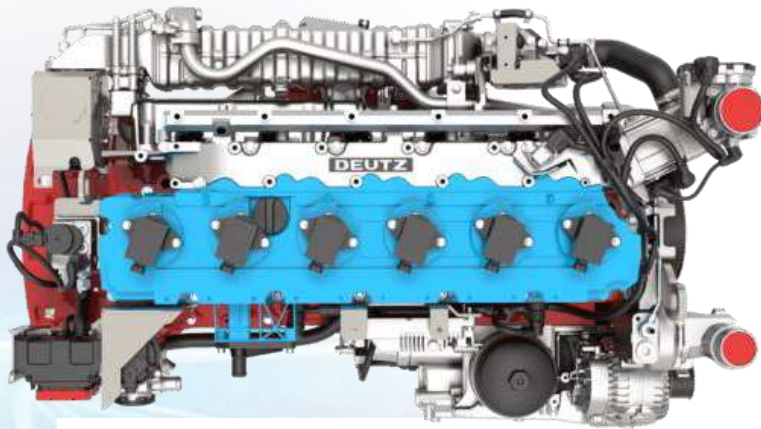
## Caterpillar to Expand Hydrogen-Powered Solutions to Customers

September 1, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FEV pushing hydrogen IC engine development

H<sub>2</sub> – key player in the Maritime Energy Transition



DEUTZ hydrogen engine ready for the market



# Technology Commonality Accelerates Cost Parity with FCEVs

| Diesel   | Hydrogen                          | Natural Gas |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Base engine (block, crank, auxiliaries, etc)                         |                                   |             |
| Installation parts (mounts, flywheel housings, REPTO, pipework, etc) |                                   |             |
|  | Cylinder head (DOHC, VVA, EGR)    |             |
|  | Ignition system                   |             |
|  | Engine control unit, and software |             |
|  | Fuel system                       |             |
|  | Air handling system               |             |
| Aftertreatment system – NH3-SCR                                      |                                   | TWC         |

| H2 Fuel Cell                                     | H2 ICE                                 |
|--|--|
| H <sub>2</sub> production                        |  |
| H <sub>2</sub> distribution                      |  |
| H <sub>2</sub> filling station availability      |  |
| On-board H <sub>2</sub> storage                  |  |
| Needs electrification of driveline & accessories | Uses existing drivelines & accessories |
| No aftertreatment                                | Requires aftertreatment                |

- H2-ICE can serve as alternate hydrogen technology by utilizing existing powertrain technologies to keep up front capital costs low. Facilitates training and transition of labor force to future technology.
- Offers near term advantages in total cost of ownership, existing maintenance practices
- Would create a market for green hydrogen to support build-out of infrastructure.



# Creates Business Case for Hydrogen Fueling Technology

## Allows fleets to seamlessly transition to fuel cell technology

Technology & product portfolio

### Gaseous H2 supply – Compressor



- Outlet pressures 500 or 900 bar
- Inlet pressure 5 – 200 bar
- Capacity 28 or 56 kg/hour
- Efficiency 1 – 3,3 kWh/kg

### Compressor based hydrogen refueling stations

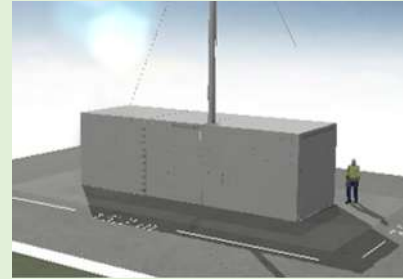


### Liquid H2 supply – Cryogenic Pump



- Outlet pressures 500 or 900 bar
- Inlet pressure 2 – 2,5 bar
- Capacity 40 or 100 kg/hour
- Efficiency 1,3 – 1,5 kWh/kg

### Cryogenic Pump based hydrogen refueling stations



Applications



Material handling



Light vehicles



Buses



Trucks



Trains

Source: Linde plc

# *Hydrogen Engine and Aftertreatment Technology*



# Industry consortium demonstrating hydrogen pathway to decarbonizing on-road sector but applicable to nonroad



ExxonMobil



Oronite

ZERO CARBON FUEL  
ULTRA-LOW EMISSIONS





# Industry consortium demonstrating hydrogen pathway to decarbonizing hard-to-electrify sectors



## Program Targets

### Efficiency:

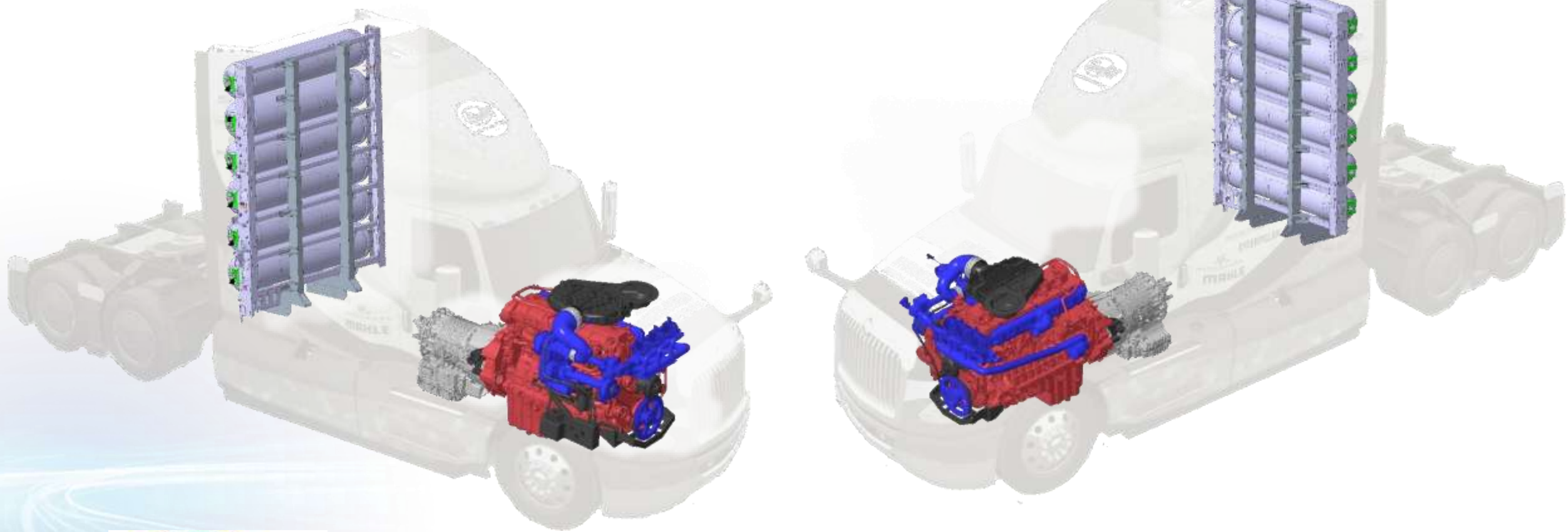
- 40-45% Peak BTE

### Emissions:

- < 0.02 g/hp-hr)
- < 1.0 g CO<sub>2</sub>/hp-hr (99.9% reduction from diesel trucks)



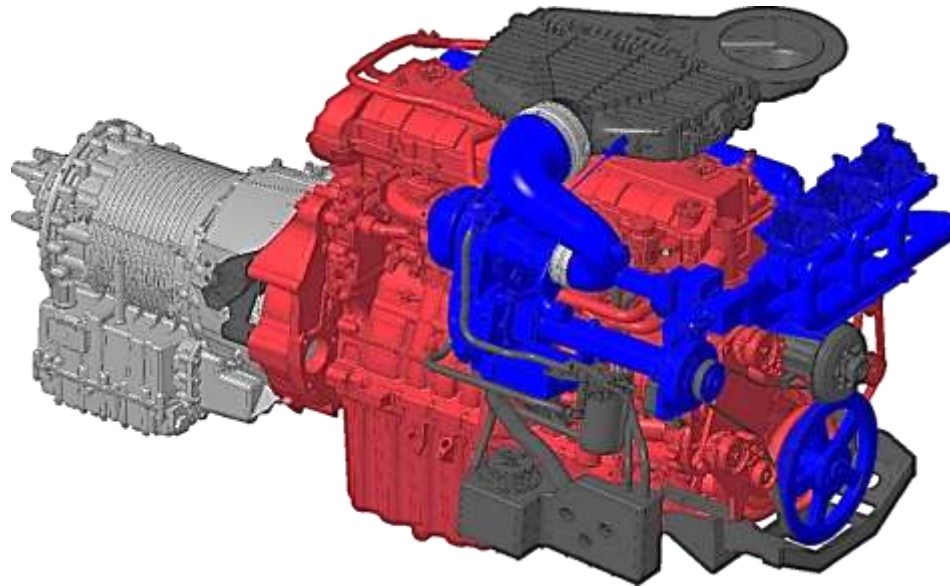
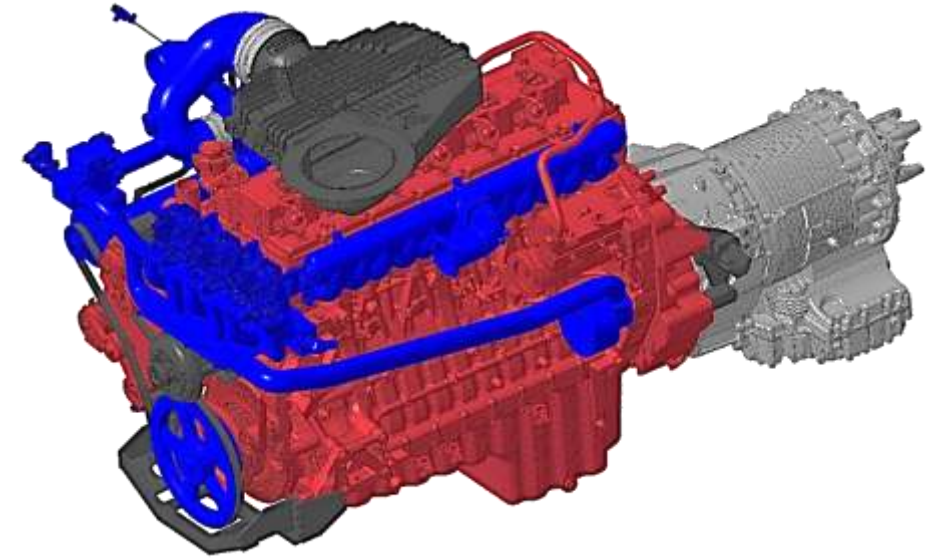
## H2-ICE Demonstration Truck – Powertrain and FuelTanks





# Engine Hardware Changes

- Removal of OEM Hardware from Cummins XI5N
- **Addition of Hydrogen Hardware (Blue)**
  - SuperTurbo
  - Port Fuel Injection System
  - Ignition System
  - Crankcase Ventilation System



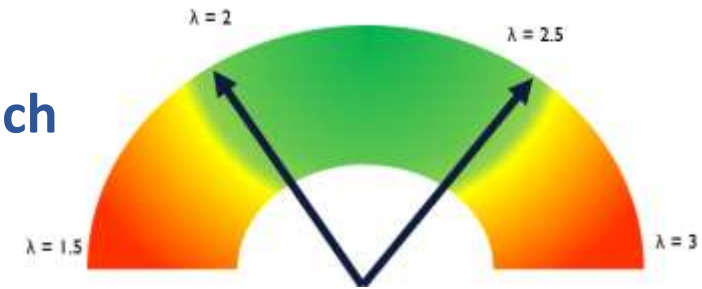
Red – Cummins XI5N Engine  
Gray – Allison 4000 HS  
Transmission  
**Blue – H<sub>2</sub> ICE Specific  
components**  
Black – Vehicle Specific  
Components



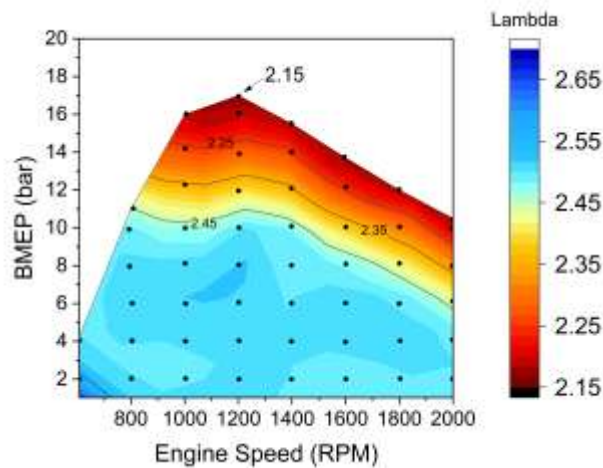


# Calibration of the Engine and Exhaust Temperature Creates Optimal Conditions for near Zero NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>

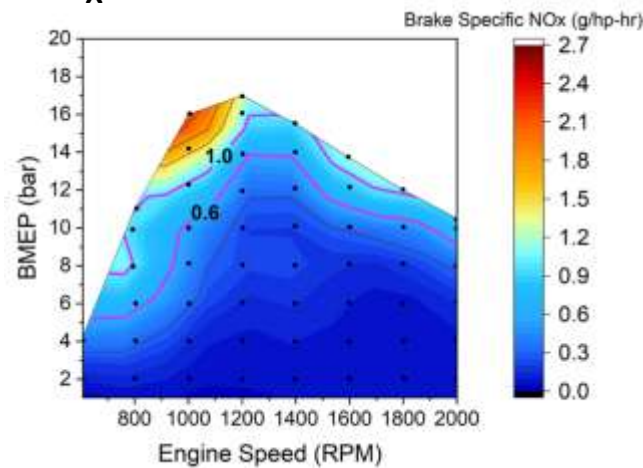
- Unique turbo design and engine integration allowed for air/fuel ratio tight lambda control around  $\lambda=2.1-2.5$  over entire engine map
- Lambda of 2.1-2.5 maintained brake thermal efficiency (BTE%) around 40% with peak efficiency of 43%
- Turbine out temperature is maintained between 300°C – 350°C which is ideal for NO<sub>x</sub> conversion
- Higher exhaust temperature and short heat-up time avoids N<sub>2</sub>O formation at temperatures below 300°C



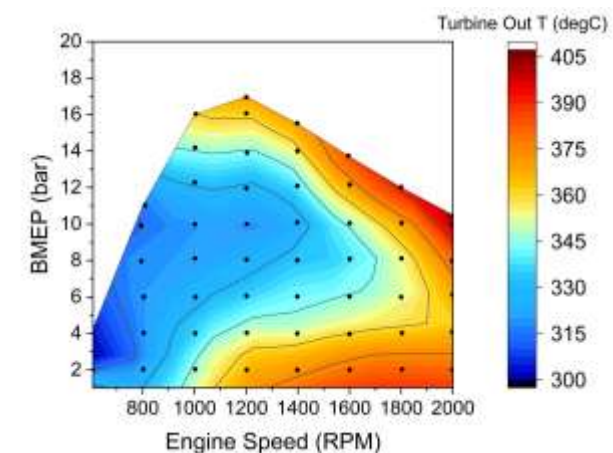
### Lambda



### NO<sub>x</sub> (0.6 g/hph on cycles)

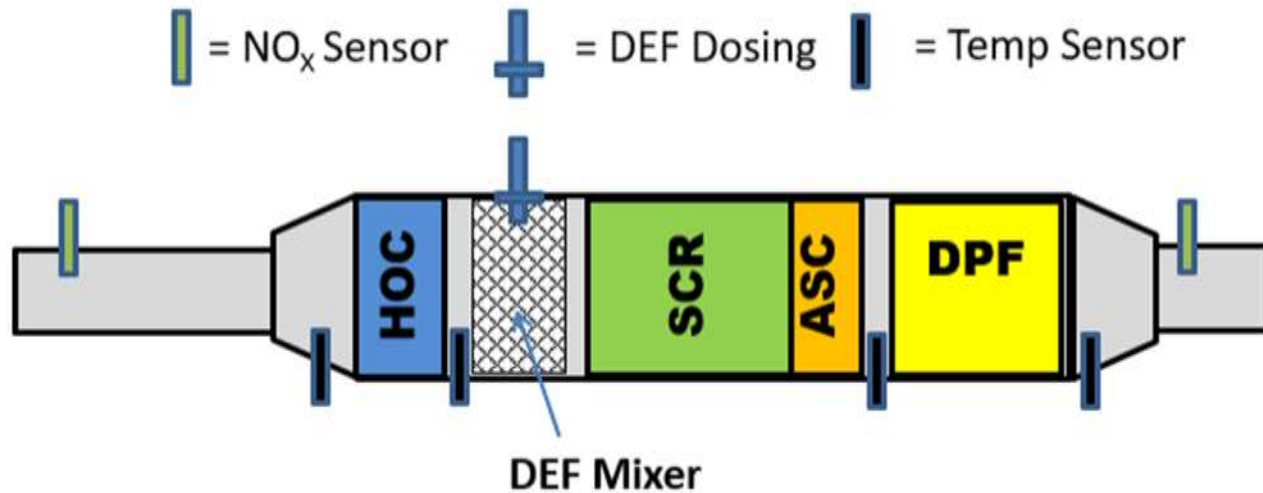
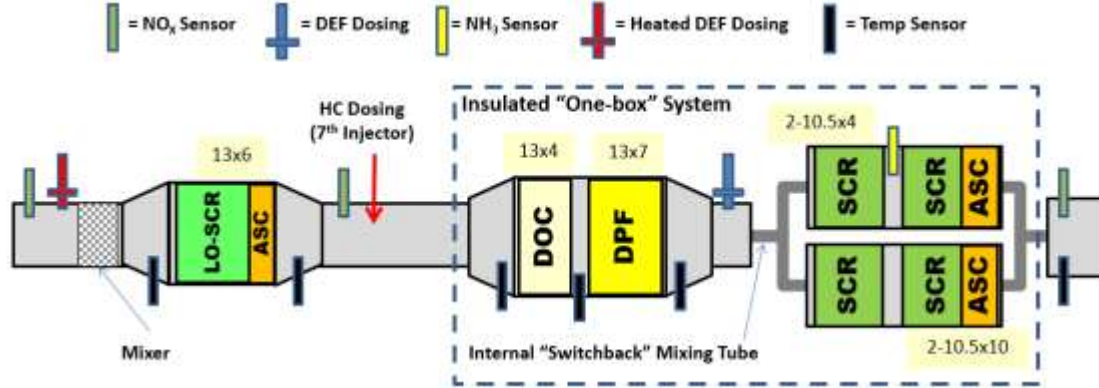


### Temperature



# Suppliers are Addressing NO<sub>x</sub> with Streamlined Aftertreatment

## Diesel Low NO<sub>x</sub> AT System



## H2-ICE Low NO<sub>x</sub> AT System

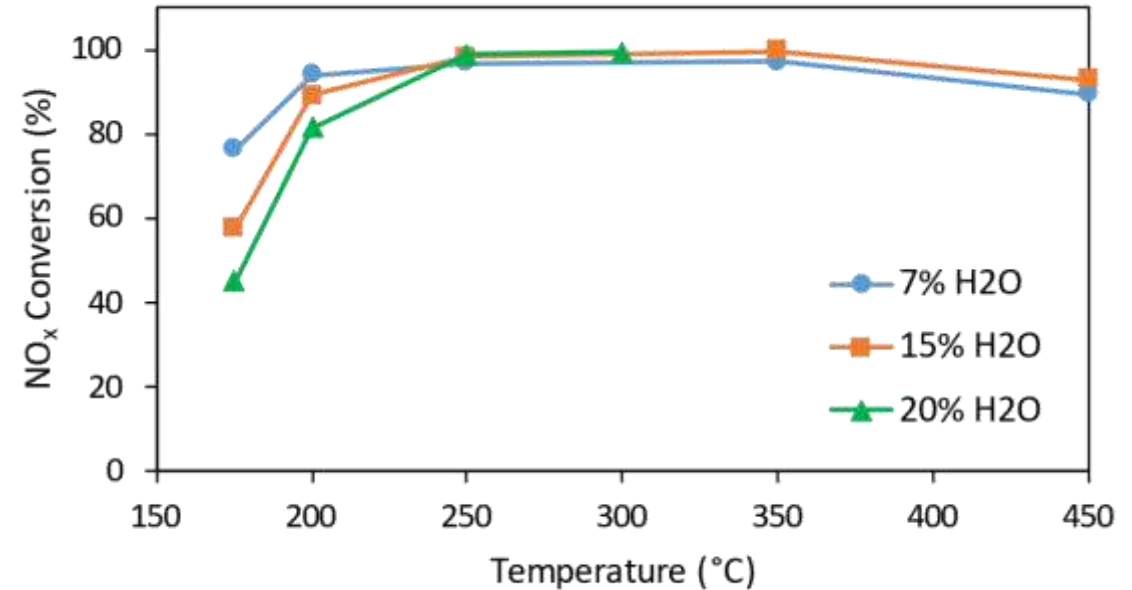
- Lean combustion and NO<sub>x</sub> emission control with existing aftertreatment solutions provides best performance with lowest emissions.
- Particulate emissions like CNG mainly from lubricating oil can be addressed with conventional particulate filter.
- Catalyst and temperature control to manage N<sub>2</sub>O
- Catalyst solutions exist to tackle NO<sub>x</sub>
  - Close-coupled oxidation catalyst for thermal management and feed gas for SCR

# Aftertreatment Performance

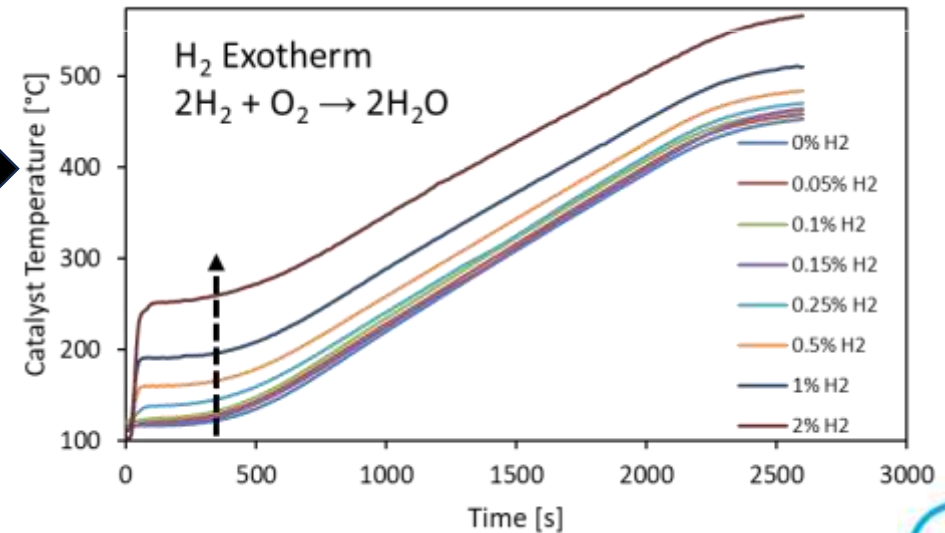
Bench evaluation of catalysts showed no negative impact from water concentrations in H<sub>2</sub> exhaust above 250 °C



- Conversion at 300 °C is over 99%

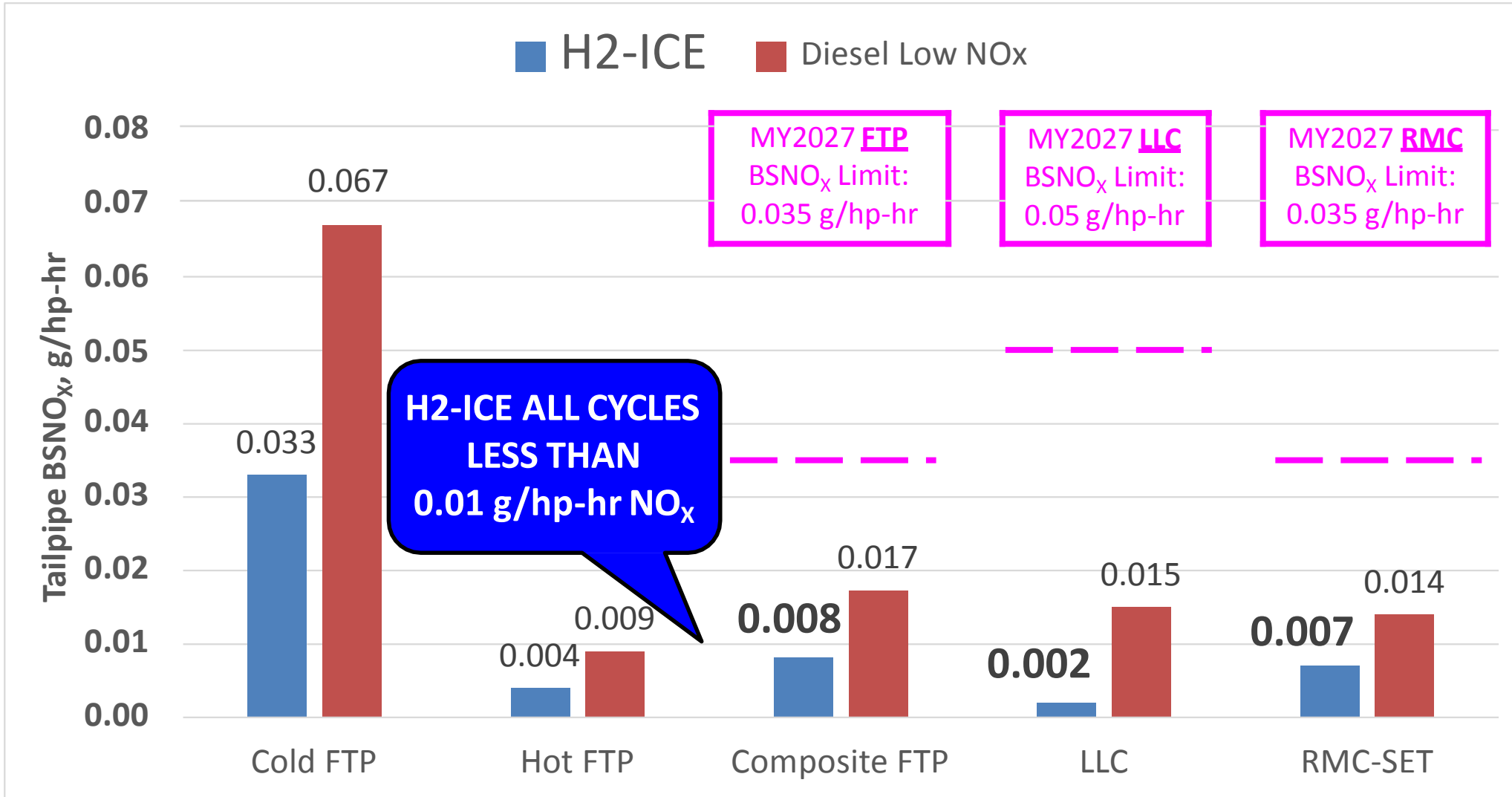


Oxidation catalyst showed strong exotherm from hydrogen slip, minimizes low-temperature operating window for minimal N<sub>2</sub>O formation





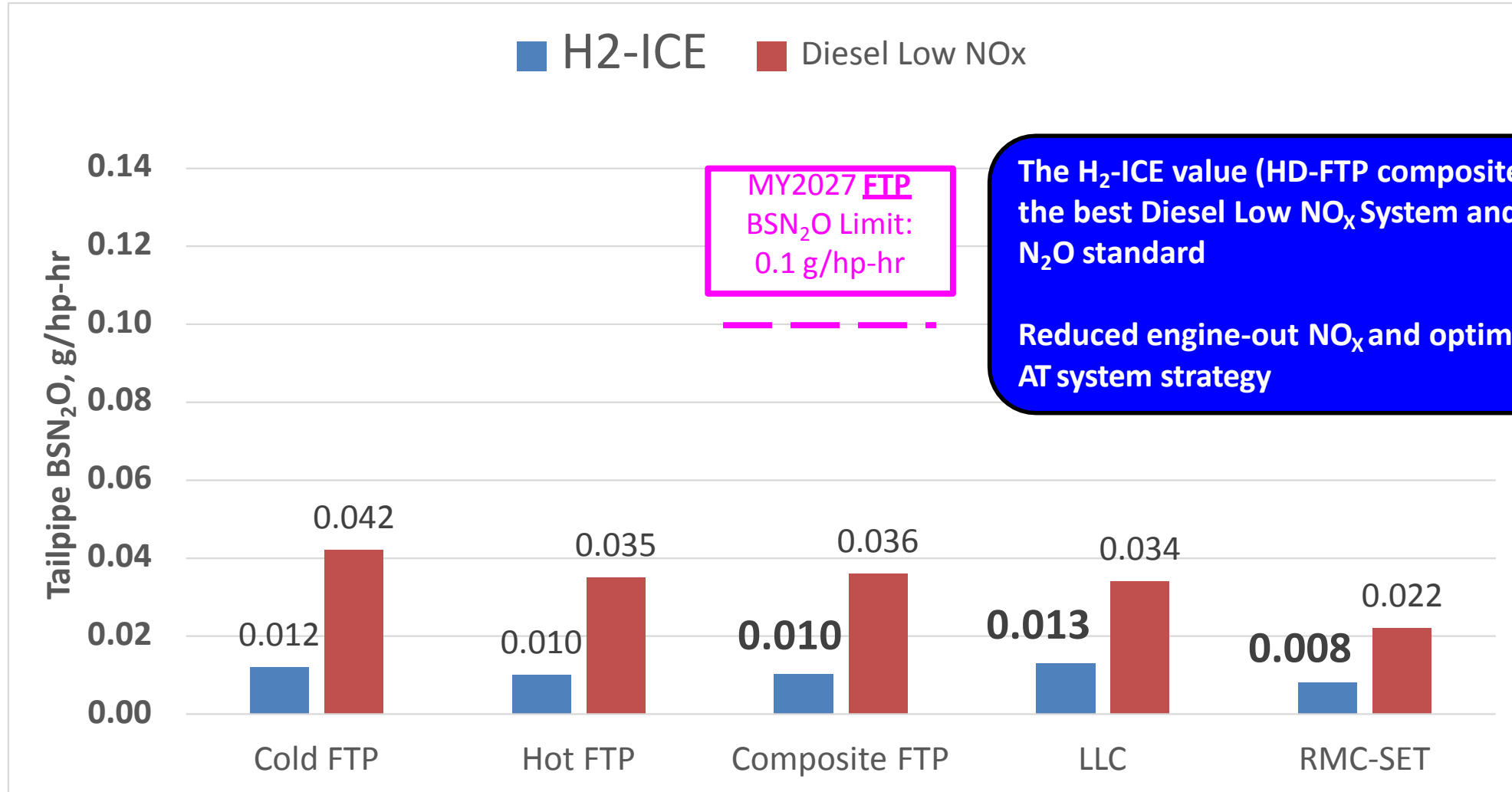
# Tailpipe BSNO<sub>x</sub> Results – Better Than Low NO<sub>x</sub>



Diesel +/- 0.002 g/hp-hr  
 H2-ICE +/- 0.001 g/hp-hr

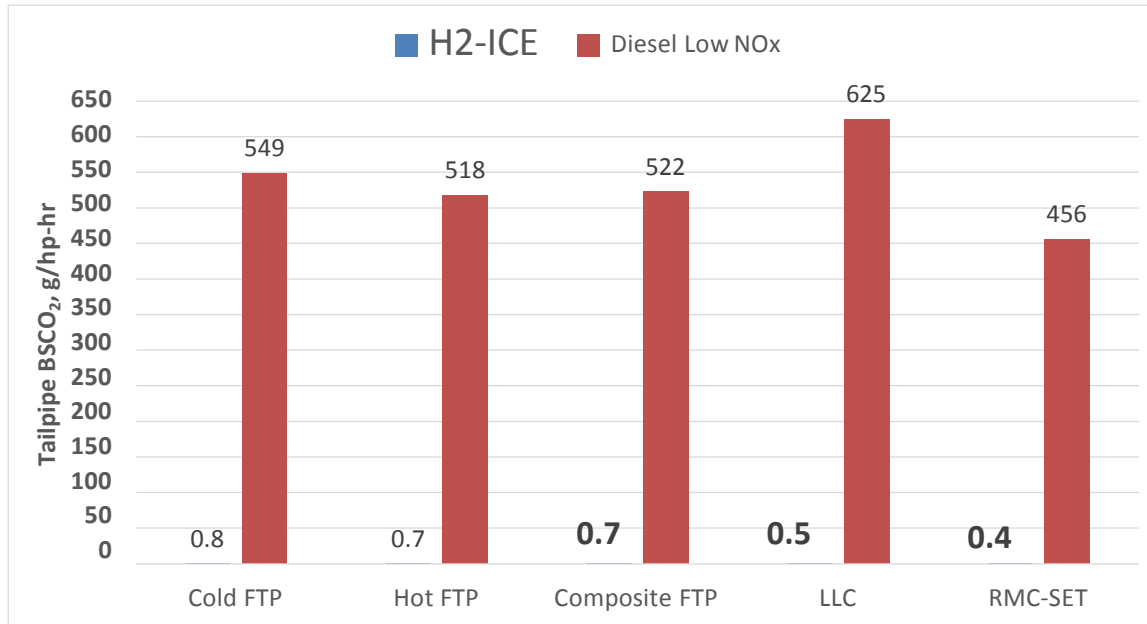
**H2-ICE is significantly better than best Diesel Low NO<sub>x</sub>**

# Tailpipe $\text{BSN}_2\text{O}$ Results – Much Better than Low $\text{NO}_x$



**$\text{N}_2\text{O}$  is not a concern for *properly designed* H2-ICE, and in fact is *significantly* better than best Diesel Low  $\text{NO}_x$**

# Tailpipe Net CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



## ■ 99.9% CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction with H2-ICE

– Remaining CO<sub>2</sub> is mostly from DEF injection for NO<sub>x</sub> control

## ■ H2-ICE < 1 g/hp-hr CO<sub>2</sub> on all cycles

– Diesel ~ 450-625 g/hp-hr CO<sub>2</sub>

## CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations

| Location                | Average CO <sub>2</sub> Concentration, ppm |
|-------------------------|--|
| Ambient Air             | 420  |
| H2-ICE Exhaust Cold FTP | 480  |
| H2-ICE Exhaust Hot FTP  | 490  |
| H2-ICE Exhaust LLC      | 430  |
| H2-ICE Exhaust RMC      | 470  |

■ H2-ICE exhaust CO<sub>2</sub> is only slightly above ambient, **~+60ppm from ambient**

■ For comparison Diesel cycle average is **~+5% from ambient** (~800X higher than H2-ICE)



# ***Summary of H2ICE Demonstration***

**Engine and vehicle successfully converted to operate on H2**

- Including updated aftertreatment system and actual measured emissions data generated on all cycles

**Measured tailpipe NOx levels are <10 mg/hp-hr on all U.S. regulatory cycles**

**Tailpipe CO2 levels show consistent 99.9% reduction from comparable diesel platform**

**N2O levels are well below diesel and 10% of current standard**

**HC, CO and PM are all zero**

**Tailpipe emission levels are near zero or zero for all measured pollutants and CO2**

# *The Role of Government Policies*



# Government Support Needed in Hydrogen Transition

- **Regulations should be designed to not be a barrier to clean H2-ICE technology**
  - EU HD CO<sub>2</sub> regulations propose to treat H2-ICE as zero carbon in VECTO
  - China's policy supports diverse technology paths and hydrogen infrastructure
  - EPA Phase 3 treat hydrogen as zero carbon in GEM
  - Regulations that require zero-emission technologies should consider H2-ICE as partial or full compliance, especially if BEVs or FCEVs are not viable
- **Incentives needed to promote technology through DERA and state agency programs**
- **Infrastructure availability must begin to be utilized to justify investment**
- **The U.S. Department of Energy has several hydrogen initiatives:**
  - H2@Scale,
  - Hydrogen Shot
  - Hydrogen Hubs
  - Research funding through national labs

# Hydrogen Combustion Summary

- **Zero carbon option for early reductions in the 10-15 year time horizon**
  - Existing manufacturing would allow scale production by 2027
  - Zero-carbon with green hydrogen
- **Complementary with a hydrogen fuel cell future**
  - Drives buildout of hydrogen fueling infrastructure
  - Reduces hydrogen cost by creating business case
  - Builds scale for hydrogen storage tanks on vehicle
- **Fits with carbon neutral transportation goals**
  - Fills need where BEV or FCEV challenges exist
- **Benefits to fleets**
  - Competitive initial capital cost
  - Drop-in powertrain replacement for regional haul / long haul
  - Familiar technology, and existing maintenance, workforce and practices
  - Seamless fuel transition with FCEV cost parity
- **Regulations should not be a barrier to clean H2-ICE technology**
  - EU HD CO<sub>2</sub> regulations treat H2-ICE as zero carbon in VECTO when CO<sub>2</sub> is less than 3 g/tonne-km
  - EPA Phase 3 treat hydrogen ICE as zero carbon emitting vehicle in GEM
  - EPA Phase 3 engine CO<sub>2</sub> emissions default value for H2-ICE is 3 g/bhp-hr