

# Advanced Fuel Cell Systems for Transport Applications

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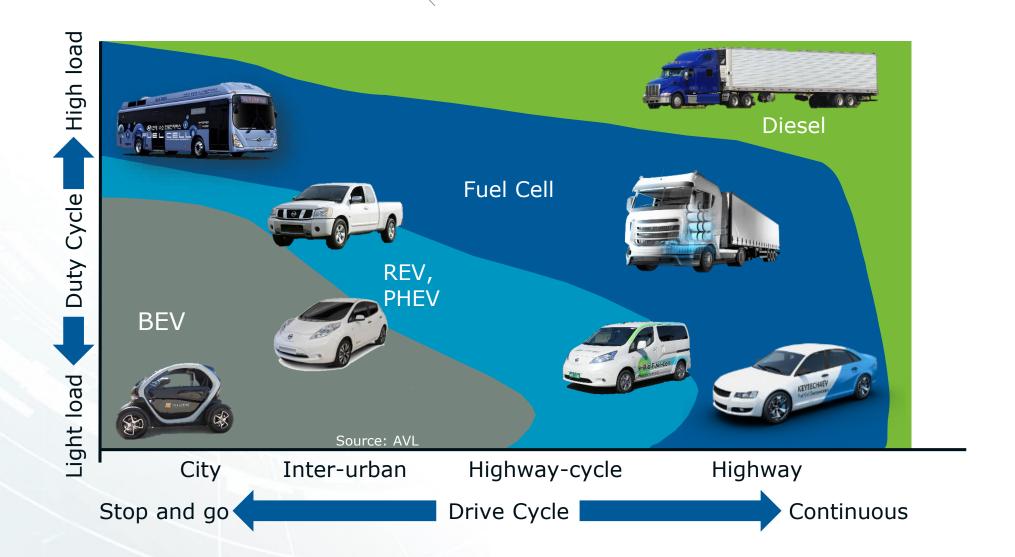
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### Affordable e-Mobility - Application Map



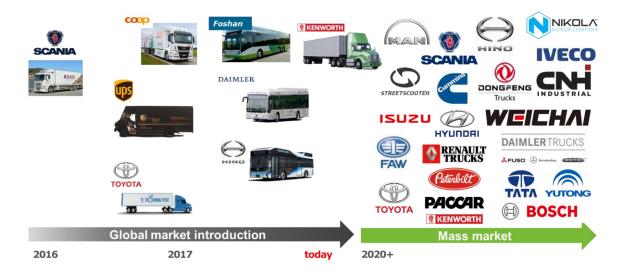


#### Fuel Cell in Automotive

#### **Passenger Car**



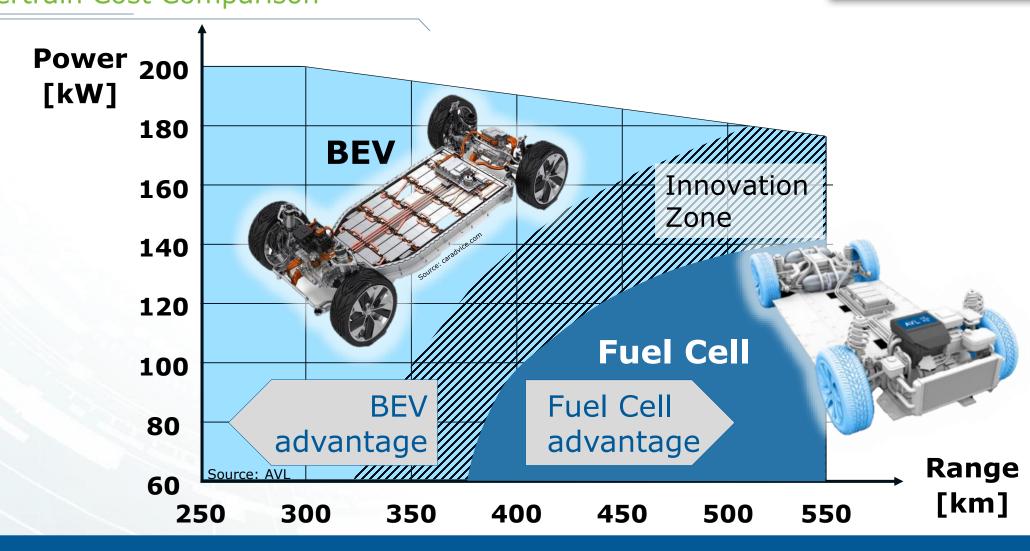
#### **Commercial Vehicle**



Strong momentum for Fuel Cell/H<sub>2</sub> driven by commercial vehicles and China

# Passenger Cars - Fuel Cell Powertrain Cost Comparison

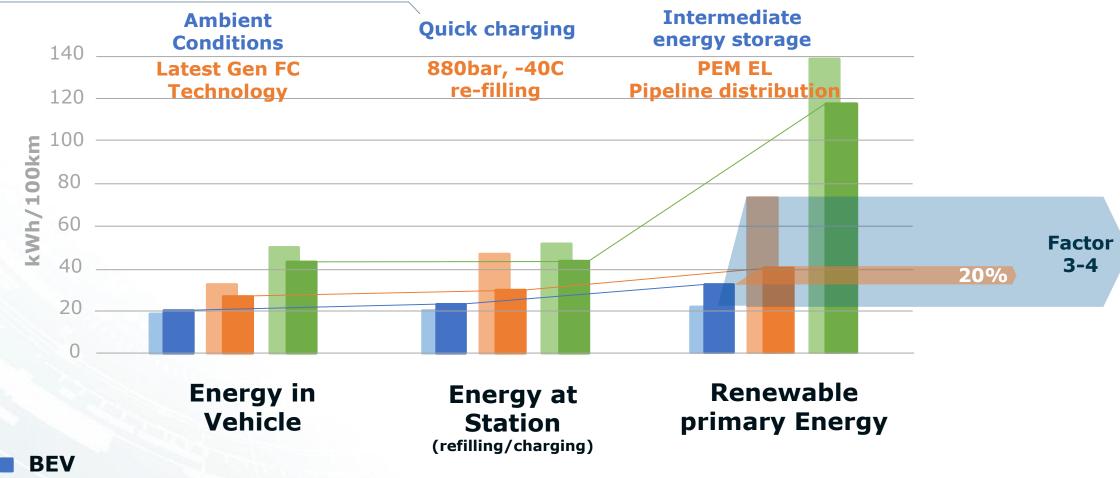




For larger & long range vehicles, FCVs will be lower cost than BEVs

#### Renewable Energy Consumption Comparison BEV, FCEV & ICE with synth. Gasoline





FCEV (H<sub>2</sub>)

**ICE Hybrid (Synth.** Gasoline)

Passenger car, 15kWh/100km mechanical energy

BEV: LiIon, 12kW & 100kW Charge FCEV: PEM/H2, 880bar/-40°C, PEM EL ICE: Full Hybrid, PEM EL/Fischer Tropsch



#### **AVL Activities in Fuel Cell**

#### **PEM Stack Engineering**

**Fuel Cell Test Systems** 





# Fuel Cell System Development PEM + SOFC



**Energy Storage &** H<sub>2</sub>/Synfuel Production

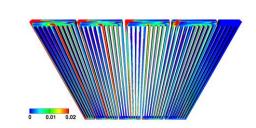




# Integration & Application Development



#### **Fuel Cell Simulation Tools**

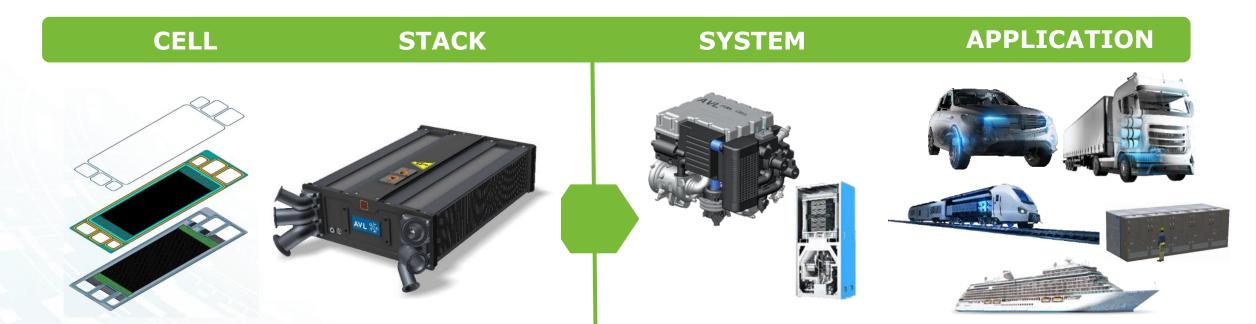




400 engineers in fuel cell powertrain, testing and simulation



### **AVL Value Chain**



#### PEM Technology

**SOFC Technology** 







- 170kW climate chamber PEM system test rig available @HyCentA
- New Fuel Cell test center will open in Q1/20:
  - Space up to 25 test rig
  - System- subsystem & component test rigs
  - HD system test rig up to 400kW
  - 1st full scale PEM test rig in operation





#### **AVL Fuel Cell Canada**

#### Mission:

**Development of world class PEM Stacks for PC & CV applications** 

#### Facts:

- ✓ AVL Fuel Cell Canada registered
- ✓ Office rented: 8602 Commerce Court, Burnaby
- ✓ Start of operation: July 2018
- ✓ Number of engineers: 33 (30 from former Daimler/Ford stack development JV AFCC, 1 from Ballard)



PROTOTYPE **FUEL CELL TEST LAB** GAS SUPPLY Test Lab ~4800ft<sup>2</sup>

Prototype Lab: 4000ft<sup>2</sup>

controlled

- · Build and assemble stacks · Temperature and humidity
- All to TS to be supplied by Greenlight

· Test stacks





# Fuel Cell System Development



# Technology Challenges

### Passenger Car



#### **Commercial Vehicles**



Cost

Cooling

**Packaging** 

Durability

## AVL Fuel Cell Concept Car



















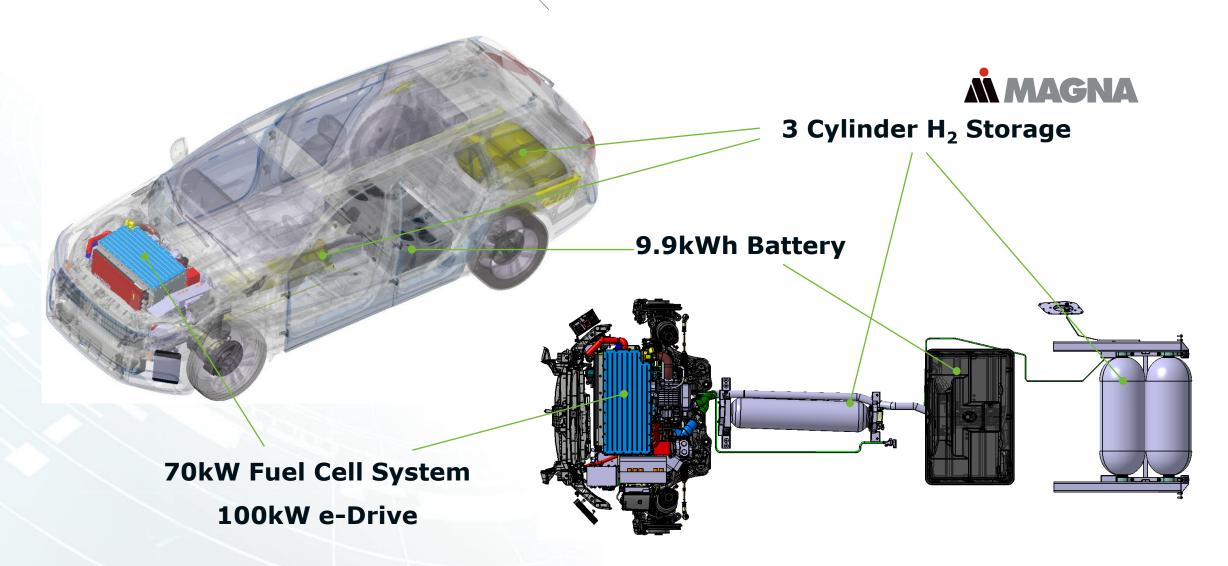
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Vehicle platform	VW Passat GTE
Vehicle curb weight	1746 kg
Vehicle gross weight	2182 kg
Battery size	9.9 kWh
Battery power	85 kW
Fuel cell power	~70 kW
e-drive power	100 kW
Hydrogen tank capacity	3.8/5.3 kg
Number of tanks	3/4
Hydrogen refilling time	approx.3 min
Hydrogen consumption	0.8 kg /100 km
Driving range	>600 km



# KeyTech4EV AVL 00000



## AVL Fuel Cell Concept Car





## AVL PEM Fuel Cell Engine



FC Gross Power	70kW
FC Net Power	55-60kW
Efficiency	46-60%
Dynamics T90	<1s
E-Motor	100kW
Lifetime	6.000 hrs





# Modular Fuel Cell Systems for Truck & Bus Parallel Operation of PEM FC Systems



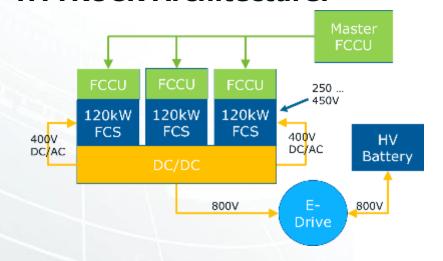




- Modular Truck fuel cell system
- Power density/durability tradeoff
- Hydrogen Storage Solution
- Key components (stack, DC/DC,...)



#### **HYTRUCK Architecture:**



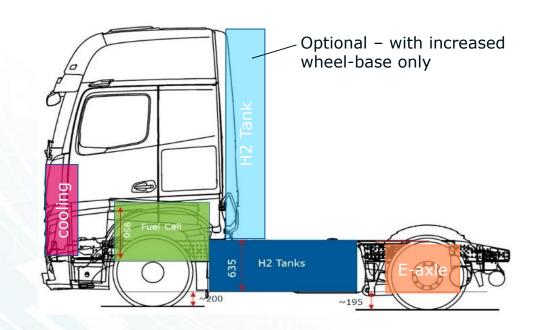


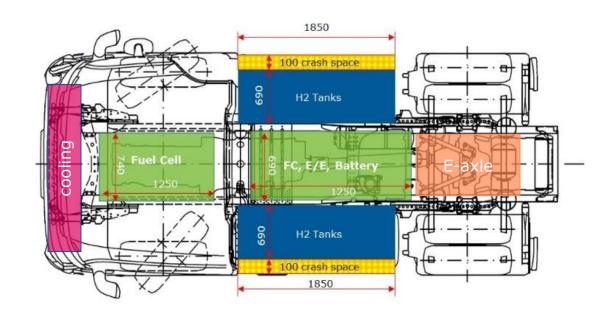


100kW Truck FCS Module (Concept Design)



#### Packaging of Fuel Cell Trucks





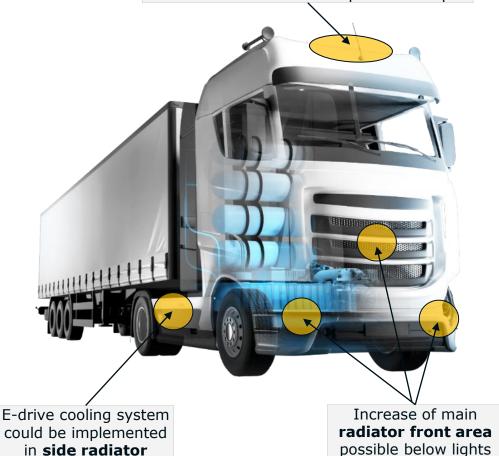
Example: Short wheel-base tractor (high volume application)

- 300kW Fuel Cell System will fit into engine space
- H<sub>2</sub> Tank system very challenging to integrate for long range (>50kg H<sub>2</sub>)



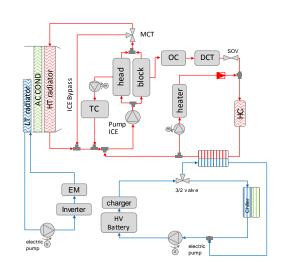
#### Solutions for FC Truck Cooling

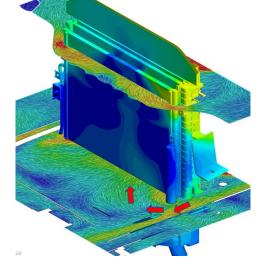
Using a **roof installation** for AC system would reduce the pre load for the main radiator and the air side pressure drop



#### **Solutions**

- Increase front area by 60%
- Clean up front radiator by moving AC system to the roof
- Limit fuel cell power via battery hybridization
- Add side cooler and fans
- Increase the stack temperature







## 35kW PEM REX AVL Design for SOP

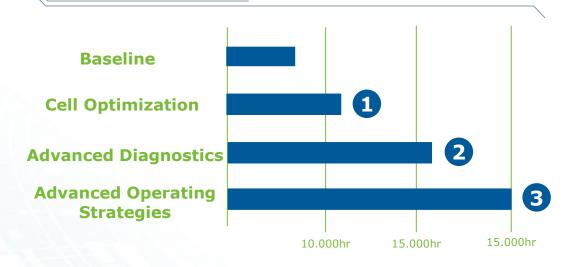


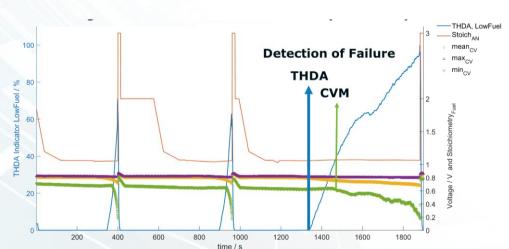
GENERIC	PEM / H2 2019									
SPECIFICATION										
Max. net. Power	35 kW									
Min. Power	10% of max Power									
el. Efficiency @max Load										
(system/stack level)	42/56%									
el. Efficiency Peak										
(system/stack level)	58/72%									
T90 Time	<b>&gt;1</b> s									
Start-up Time (20°C, to 90% Load)	<3s									
Cold Start Temp.	-20°C									
Freeze Start Time (to 90% Load)	< 45s@-20°C									
Dimensions	50L									
Weight	65kg									

35kW PEM REX System - SOP in China 2020

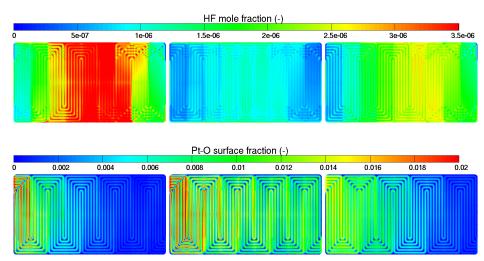


#### Fuel Cell Durability Development

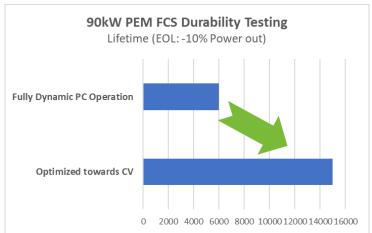




2 Detection and avoidance of Damaging Operating
Conditions with THDA



1 CFD Cell Optimization with Damage Models



3 Optimization of Operating Strategy with 1D Damage Models



## **AVL PEM Stack Development**





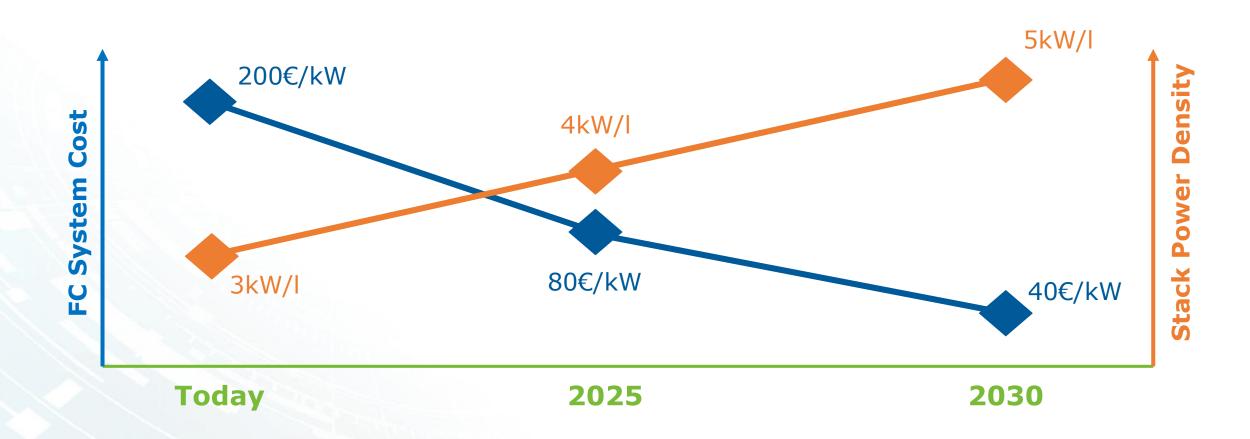
Stack Gen-0	2019											2020												
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KPI	AVL Stack Targets Gen0-Baseline
Power [kW]	<b>110</b> (60-120)
Power Density [kW/L] Compressed cell row w/hardware (no enclosure)	>3
Dimensions Cell width x cell length [mm]	130 x 400
Cost indicators:	
Performance	CONFIDENTIAL
Pt loading [mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	CONFIDENTIAL
Lifetime [h] (time to 10% power loss)	15,000
Freeze startup capability Freeze-thaw tolerance	-30°C (tbc with system) -40°C

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#### Technology Roadmap (PEM)

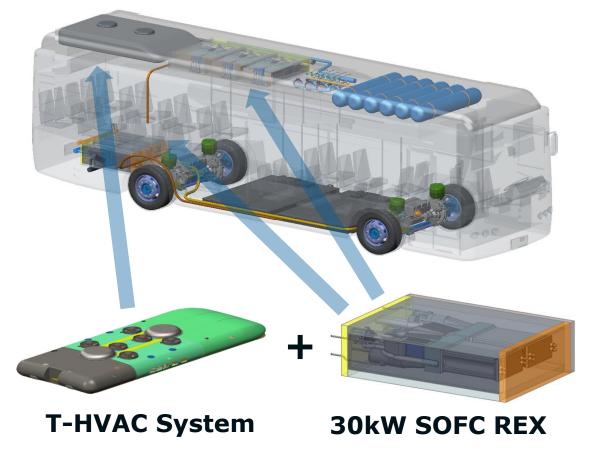


Power Density improvement driven by cell performance (CCM) and cell design Cost reduction driven by volume

#### SOFC Range Extender Development







SOFC REX Technology based on biofuels (e.g. eGas) enables extremely WtW efficiencies



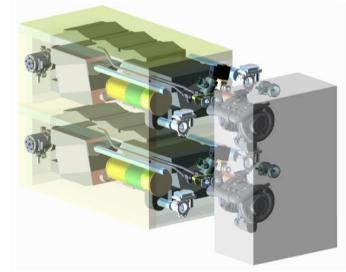
#### Fuel Cell Solutions for Rail & Marine



**3MW Marine PEM Power Unit** 



200kW PEM modular Rail System



25kW SOFC Marine APU (Diesel)

Fuel Cell Adoption/Industrialization has started Rail, Marine & Aviation

#### Summary



#### **Hydrogen Council**

Fuel Cell has economic and ecological advantages in larger & heavier vehicles

Fast refill is a key advantage

H<sub>2</sub> will become an important renewable energy carrier

AVL accelerates investments in H<sub>2</sub>/Fuel Cell Technology











