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# **Decarbonizing Heavy -Duty Vehicles**

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## Part I

Trucks: Transportation Facts & Emissions



## Trucks play a major role in Moving Goods & Freight in the Nation

Majority of freight in the U.S. moved by Trucks (in terms of value, tonnage and ton-miles)

Freight movement is expected to increase in the future with a growing share of trucks



**Freight Movement in The United States** Share of Transportation Modes



### Heavy Duty Trucks: Economic Indicators and Workforce

In 2021, transportation (for-hire, inhouse, and household) contributed \$1.3 trillion (5.6%) to U.S. GDP of \$23.7 trillion

**Trucking (for-hire and in-house) contributed \$389 billion** —the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest contribution to transportation GDP

Truck driving is the largest freight transportation occupation in the U.S. Of the 3.35 million employed in drivers and sales, almost 2 million are heavy-duty truck drivers

#### **Transportation: Economic activities and workforce** Trucking Sector and Drivers

Truck driving is the largest freight transportation occupation in the U.S. Almost 2 million are employed as drivers for heavy-duty and tractor trailer.



Source: U.S. BTS (https://data.bts.gov/) By A. Kusoglu

### Transportation has become the largest source of carbon emission

In the past few years, transportation sector has become the largest source of contributor to the carbon emissions in the United States

### Globally, transportation contributes to 23% of emissions from fuel combustion

**Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion** million-metric ton CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent in 2021

ON MILE

FUEL CELL TRUCK



Source: IEA, U.S. EPA





### Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions

Emissions from Heavy-duty trucks alone (7% of total GHG) are comparable to the emissions from residential or commercial sectors

### **U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector**



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However, per vehicle basis, HDV truck travel 6x more than LDV annually HDVs consume up to 20x more fuel per vehicle



### **Increased Mileage and Fuel Consumption for Trucks**

Per-vehicle mileage has been increasing for HDV trucks compared to light-duty vehicles (LDVs) and cars

HDV trucks consume significantly more fuel despite comprising a smaller fraction of U.S. fleet

Decarbonization of heavy duty trucks will have stronger positive impact per vehicle / mile basis

#### Historial Trends: Mileage and Fuel Consumption for LDVs vs HDVs



## Heavy-Duty trucks disproportionally contribute to emissions

Heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs), including large trucks, constitute only 5% of the vehicle fleet, yet they are responsible for over a quarter of fuel consumption and transportation emissions in the U.S.





## Transportation emissions come from various uses of fuels in different sectors

A large fraction of gasoline consumed by light duty commercial vehicles and trucks, whereas a majority of diesel consumption is by heavy-duty vehicles

Source: EPA

#### **Share of Fuel Use in Transportation Modes**



Source: EPA (2021 Values) By A. Kusoglu



## **Transportation Emissions**

Freight transportation is one of the major contributors to the emissions; especially in grams/mile basis

### Significantly higher NOx and CO emissions from trucks (vs. LDVs) are a major environmental and health concern

- Of all the common air pollutants, PM2.5 is associated with the highest proportion of adverse health effects related to air pollution
- Most PM2.5 derives from combustion, gasoline & diesel fuels by motor vehicles, burning of gas



Source: EIA, BTS, EPA, https://ww2.arb.ca.gov



Underserved communities (e.g., near highways, ports and freight centers) are more vulnerable to exposure and experience adverse health effects

## PM2.5 Emissions/mile is significantly higher for HDVs

For PM2.5, short-term exposures (up to 24-hours duration) have been associated with premature mortality, increased hospitalizations for cardiovascular, heart or lung causes, acute and chronic bronchitis increased asthma attacks



### California: Disparities in Transportation -Related Pollution Exposure by Race and Income

While all Californians will benefit from the transition to ZEVs, those who stand to benefit most are those disproportionately impacted by transportation-related pollution. MDVs/HDVs are the largest source of diesel PM, leading contributing factor to cancer caused by air pollution. Residents living in low income and disadvantaged communities are exposed to higher levels of transportation -related toxic diesel particulate matter

#### Percent of Residents Living in High Diesel PM Exposure Communutities, by Race



#### Percent of Residents Exposed to High Diesel PM by Census Tract Median Household Income



Credit: CEC analysis of census and CalEnviroScreen data (Note: "High Diesel PM Exposure" communities are census tracts that score in the highest 75th percentile of census tracts for diesel particulate matter. The vast majority [90 percent] of diesel PM emissions come from vehicles.)

## Part II

## Trucks & Freight: Challenges and New Directions

Zero emission vehicle regulations, truck operations and fleet metrics



## Multi -State Medium - and Heavy -Duty Zero Emission Vehicle

#### Memorandum of Understanding

Recognizes the role of heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) in GHG emissions, acknowledge this as an <u>Environmental Justice</u> (EJ) problem disproportionally impacting disadvantaged communities located near freight corridors, ports, distribution centers...

strategies to accelerate adoption of MHDVs as ZEV options for public transit buses and a growing number of high-mileage trucks and vans



MULTI-STATE MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Check our website for details and figures:

https://millionmilefuelcelltruck.org/zero -emission-trucks

Multi-State Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

#### **OVERALL COMMITMENT:**

The Signatory States agree to work together to foster a self-sustaining market for zero emission medium/heavyduty vehicles through the existing Multi-State ZEV Task Force, which will serve as a forum for state coordination, collaboration and information sharing on market enabling actions, research, and technology developments.



Electric vehicle means a battery electric (BEV), plug-in hybrid (PHEV), or fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV).

Current Signatories as of October 2022



## California Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Regulation

The ACT is part of a holistic approach to accelerate a large-scale transition of zero-emission medium-and heavy-duty vehicles from Class 2b to Class 8.

The regulation has two components (requirements):

1. Zero-emission truck sales: Manufacturers required to sell ZET as an increasing percentage of their annual California sales from 2024

2. Company & fleet reporting: Large employers are required to report about their existing fleet operations



Source: California Air Resources Board (CARB) | Visualization By A. Kusoglu



### Zero-Emisson Trucks Sales Percentage Schedule

California Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/, https://theicct.org

## Zero Emission Trucks: Regulations for large -scale transition

The ACF regulation is part of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) overall approach to accelerate a large-scale transition to zero-emission (ZE) medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (MDV/HDV). The proposed regulation would affect on-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds, off-road yard tractors, and light-duty mail and package delivery vehicles.



Source: California Air Resources Board (CARB) | \*Selected components are highlighted. Does not capture the entire components or regulation details.

TRUCK • ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/fact-sheets/advanced-clean-fleets-regulation-summary

### California Fleet Survey on Truck Operations (Advanced Clean Trucks)

Data collected (2021) through the one-time reporting requirement of the ACT regulation to assist policy development

Survey reveals key fleet characteristics for class 8 trucks and sleeper cabs;

- longer daily operation
- less predictable routes
- operating at weight limit
- > 100,000 annual miles

#### **Truck Fleet Operation and Characteristics**

**Key fleet characteristics for Class 7-8 trucks emerges from the California fleet survey...** Based on the one-time reporting requirement for government fleets and large entities that operate or dispatch vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 8,500 lbs. in California.

For the reported vehicles (Weight Class 7-8, over 26,000 lbs), do/are they...



### Understanding the Freight Movement: distance or weight?

Based on tonnage, majority (>80%) of cargo transport by trucks occur within 250 miles (< 85%)

However, in terms of ton -miles, most of the freight (> 55%) move over 250 miles

Distance alone cannot capture the characteristics of freight transport

Source: DOT, BTS

#### **Freight Movement in the United States: Trucks** Domestic Freight Tonnage Transported by Trucks by Distance Band

In terms of tonnage, most of the cargo transported by trucks traveled less than 250 miles. However, in terms of freight ton-miles, majority of the cargo was carried by trucks over longer distances (>250 miles)



Source: U.S. DOT, Bureau of Transportation Statistics and Federal Highway Administration By A. Kusoglu



## Fleet Characteristics: Zero -emission Trucks Case Study

**Case Study: Los Angeles Area – most shipments travel relatively short distances within California or to nearby cities** 

- 66% of tons go to destinations fewer than 1,000 miles away.
- 72% of ton-miles, a rough proxy for truck travel time and energy use, take place on journeys over 1,000 miles.



 Table 3. Typical drayage truck route profiles and frequency under different cases

Trip type	Port ↔ Near dock	Port ↔ Rail yards	Port ↔ Inland Empire	Port ↔ Beyond Inland Empire	Trip outside of port
Distance (miles)	5	20	50	80	30
Average speed (mph)	20	30	38	48	45
Percentage of truck trips	64%	10%	15%	2%	9%

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Ton

(Truck)

Miles

Shift

X

X

Shift

Day

Ton-mile

Day (Truck)



## Long-Haul Routes: Technology Comparison

CATF study compares two alternative drivetrains, battery electric (BEV) and hydrogen fuel cell electric (FCEV) to diesel vehicles to determine smoothest transition for long -haul operation.

The performance of a single truck on a long-haul route part of the 1<sup>th</sup> most popular trade corridor between Los Angeles, the busiest U.S. port, to Newark, NJ, a key East Coast hub was modeled.

The simulation includes a diesel truck with a 240 gallon tank, a BEV with a 1000kWh battery, and a FCEV with 100 kg of hydrogen stored in on-board tanks.

#### **Table 1: Drivetrain Assumptions**

	Diesel	BEV	FCEV
Tank Size	240 gallons (120-gallon tank on each side)	-	100 kg
Battery Size	-	1000 kWh	20 kWh
Drivetrain Power	310 kW	315 kW	300 kWh
Peak Efficiency (ICE/Battery/Fuel Cell)	52%	97%	63%
Fueling or Charging Time	10 minutes	330 minutes (250 kW charging)	20 minutes (5 kg per minute)



### Long-Haul Routes: Technology Comparison

At a high-level, for long -haul routes FCEV configuration outperforms the BEV configuration in terms of number of stops required, total dwell time, and available room for cargo, potentially making it the more viable alternative drivetrain for this task.

Along the same route, the FCEV requires 3 stops and typically needs to refuel three-quarters of the tank, and the diesel drivetrain only needs one stop. This increase when moving from the diesel drivetrain to the FCEV to the BEV

#### Table 2: Range and Fuel Economy for Each Drivetrain

Figure 2: Number of Stops and Total Fueling or Charging Time



mpdge = miles per diesel gallon equivalent

mpdge

mpdge

mpdge



The FASTSim fuel economy results are theoretical, representative of a new truck on an idealized route. While these numbers are likely higher than actual on-road vehicles, the assumptions for each drivetrain are the same, allowing for the comparisons presented in this paper.

## Long-Haul Routes: Technology Comparison

CATF study compares two alternative drivetrains, battery electric (BET) and hydrogen fuel cell electric (FCET) to diesel vehicles to determine smoothest transition for long -haul operation.

The single truck analysis on a cross country, long-haul heavy-duty truck route:

- FCET is able to make fewer stops
- FCET needs less time to fuel
- FCET has more room for cargo, performing well compared to diesel in all key parameters, proves to be the more viable alternative drivetrain for long-haul trucking.

#### Figure 3: Total Trip Time Including Driver Rest





Figure 4: Cargo Capacity Sensitivity to Battery Weight for a Weight Limited Scenario



## Part III

## A global perspective for decarbonization

Zero emission truck technologies and emergence of fuel cells as viable options

#### IEA Net Zero Emissions by 2050 (NZE) Scenario



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If implemented fully, net zero pledges see warming of 1.7 °C in 2100, an improvement compared to the trajectory of current policies, but still not in line with the 1.5 °C limit



## IEA NZE Scenario: Decarbonizing Transportation

"Passenger cars can make use of low-emissions technologies in the market, but **major advances are needed for heavy trucks, shipping and aviation to reduce their emissions**"

Trucks will have the largest share of global energy demand in a net-zero scenario by 2050



"In 2050, cars on the road worldwide run on electricity or fuel cells." – IEA



## **Global Projections: NZE Indicators for Transportation**

Heavy-duty trucks will accumulate more miles but require reduced emission intensity per vehicle basis to reach net-zero



#### **IEA Net-Zero Scenario: Transportation**

Source: IEA, Net-Zero by 2050 Scenario

FUEL CELL TRUCK International Energy Agency (IEA) Net-Zero by 2050 Scenario – Figure by A. Kusoglu

## **Reaching NetZero: Role of Transportation**

IEA Net Zero by 2050: A Roadmap for the Global Energy Sector provides key milestones

- "Passenger cars can make use of lowemissions technologies in the market, but major advances are needed for heavy trucks, shipping and aviation to reduce their emissions"
- "The electrification of heavy trucks moves slowly due to the weight of the batteries, high energy and power requirements required for charging, and limits on driving ranges. But fuel cell heavy trucks make significant progress, mainly after 2030."



Figure 3.21 > Global CO<sub>2</sub> transport emissions by mode and share of emissions reductions to 2050 by technology maturity in the NZE

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Notes: Other road = two/three wheelers and buses. Shipping and aviation include both domestic and international operations. See Box 2.4 for details on the maturity categories.

## Transport Lifecycle emissions (IPCC) - Freight

Lifecycle greenhouse gas intensity of land-based freight technologies and fuel types

Trucks with low -carbon electricity or hydrogen have substantially lower emissions than incumbent technologies



## Fuel Cells for Heavy -Duty Transportation

#### Fuel Cells are becoming viable options for Zero-Emission Trucks due to their unique features

PEM Fuel Cells are increasingly examined for HDV space where there is a need for high power and reduced emissions

HDV applications benefit from separation of energy storage and power output, the inherent strength of fuel -cell systems.

Factoring in short refueling time and the intrinsic power density, PEMFCs come with important performance advantages for HDV without sacrificing freight capacity

#### Hydrogen Fuel Cells for Transportation

Transition from light-duty and automotive fuel cells to medium- and heavy-duty applications highlight the paradigm shift in daily mileage and power output needs



Source: Cullen,...,Kusoglu, Nature Energy 6, 462–474 (2021) "New roads and challenges for fuel cells in heavy-duty transportation"



## **Fuel Cells for HDV**

HDVs require a paradigm shift in fuel-cell research and development compared to current state of the technology for LDVs

Instead of a focus on increased power densities and lower cell costs in LDVs, commercialization of fuel cell trucks (HDVs) demand a greater focus on efficiency and significantly longer lifetimes, up to 5x improvements in durability.

#### **DOE Targets for Fuel-Cell Vehicles**



#### **Fuel-Cell Vehicles Durability Targets**



 
 Source:
 DOE HFTO Program Record #19006 | Cullen,...,Kusoglu, Nature Energy 6, 462–474 (2021)

 Notes:
 Current target of \$50/kW for LDV is based on 100,000 units/year. HDV Targets are for Class 8 Tractor-Trailers. Ultimate targets are based on simple cost of ownership assumptions and reflects anticipated timeframe for market penetration.



## M2FCT

Million Mile Fuel Cell Truck (M2FCT) is a Department of Energy (DOE) funded consortium formed by five primary national labs to overcome durability and efficiency challenges in PEMFCs for HDV applications with an initial focus on long-haul trucks.

M2FCT coordinates National Lab activities related to fuel-cell efficiency and durability, provides technical expertise, and harmonizes activities with industrial developers across the Hydrogen Fuel Cell and Technology Office HDV PEMFC portfolio, which is located in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energythus amplifying their impact.

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## Million Mile Fuel Cell Truck Consortium Research

Research efforts coordinated and undertaken to cover key areas:

- Scheme Materials development
- Solution Materials & Component Integration
- Solution States States
- System Analysis



### M2FCT Analysis: Weight Breakdown of Fuel Cell vs. Diesel Trucks

Glider

Engine

23,882lbs

Transmission

A preliminary analysis to determine the payload capacity of Class-8 long haul fuel cell (FC) trucks relative to diesel truck metrics of 50,000-lb payload using hybrid platforms with 175- and 275-kW fuel cell systems

### There is no loss in payload capacity

Weight Breakdown

Payload

51,300lbs

Diesel

Area proportional to the weight

even without factoring in exemptions available for alternative fuels & engines



FCH 175 kW Fuel Cell – Battery Hybrid

Batt. Fue

## Fuel Cell Trucks: Characteristic Metrics

Based on the currently available and recently announced fuel cell trucks, an inventory of technical specs have been compiled

Results highlight the key benefits of fuel cell trucks as zero emission vehicles

- Longer Range enabled by
   hydrogen
- Payload capacity on par with diesel
- Rapid Fueling Time

#### Fuel Cell Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inventory

#### Range of key specifications for fuel-cell systems powering heavy-duty vehicles

Values shown for each vehicle specifications listed on OEM websites, including announced vehicles

Range of Fuel Cell Trucks increases with the Hydrogen Storage Capacity



Source: CALSTART ZETI Tool (2022), IEA Global Hydrogen Review (2022) | Visualization By A. Kusoglu



## Summary: Decarbonizing Heavy -Duty Vehicles

- Heavy-duty trucks carry the majority of freight in the nation
  - Heavy-duty transportation is tied to many economic activities (5% of GDP) and workforce, and requires high energy demand
- HDV trucks is a major contributor to transportation emissions
  - o in terms of emissions/mile or per vehicle basis despite constituting a smaller fraction of vehicle fleet
- Decarbonizing heavy-duty transportation will not only reduce global emissions but also eliminate harmful pollutants (PM2.5)
  - $_{\odot}\,$  A diesel truck could generate up to 50x more PM2.5 / mile than a car
- Analysis of HDV trucks for freight movement should account for the relevant metrics and key operational characteristics
  - Distance Bands → Freight movement → Ton-miles
  - Range (mileage) → Daily utilization → Reduced charge/fuel time
- HDV applications benefit from separation of energy storage and power output, the inherent strength of fuel-cell systems
  - Fuel Cells are becoming viable options for Zero-Emission Trucks due to their unique features; rapid fueling, long ranges without payload penalty



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### Hydrogen Blending in Natural Gas Pipelines



#### Reducing the Carbon Intensity of the Natural Gas Grid via Hydrogen Blends

#### Phase I: Two-year, \$15MM CRADA Project

- 4 National Labs + 31 partners from industry and academia
- Objectives
  - Pipeline materials compatibility R&D
  - Techno-economic and life-cycle analyses



### Key Findings and Outputs

- Metals R&D (SNL) п
  - Providing scientific bases and probabilistic tools for structural integrity assessment of H<sub>2</sub> pipelines (HELPR software release date: Fall 2023)
- Polymer R&D (PNNL) 🤝
  - Blended gases affect the semicrystalline morphology of highdensity polyethylene (HDPE), impacting toughness, pipe stability, and outcome depending on polymer chemistry
- Life-cycle Analysis (ANL) 📥
  - Maintaining energy delivery limits the H<sub>2</sub> blending ratio to ~30%, resulting in ~6% life cycle GHG emissions reduction
- Techno-economic Analysis (NREL) 🚺
  - Open-source software providing case-by-case economic analysis of preparing transmission pipelines to blend H<sub>2</sub> (PPCT software release date: Fall 2023)

#### • Learn more at the October H2IQ Hour

- Lab leads will present results from first CRADA at the webinar
- Thursday October 26 at 12:00 Eastern time

 $\textit{Visit the HyBlend}^{\texttt{TM}} \textit{Initiative webpage for details and links to tools and publications}$ 





#### Seeking Partners to Contribute to a Second Pipeline Blending CRADA

### In Planning Stage of Followon CRADA (Phase II)

- Same core labs 📊 🥪
- 3-year CRADA open to new partners from industry, academia, nonprofits
- \$12MM DOE funding\*
- Seeking \$5.4MM cash cost share
  - Asking partners for minimum \$25k/year cash commitment
  - Additional in-kind contributions welcome
- In-person kickoff meeting anticipated in December 2023

 $^{*}$  subject to the availability of appropriated funds, contingent on cost share, not a FOA

## **Benefits of Partnership**

- Partners get access to the following:
  - National Lab expertise
  - Data generated by the labs for the CRADA
  - Input on scope of work
  - Monthly project update meetings
  - Quarterly materials meetings
  - Quarterly analysis meetings
  - Lab-generated reports prior to publication
- Partners can advertise they are part of / contributors to HyBlend CRADA

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