

# Hydrogen Vehicle Technology

APSE Energy Adapting Services to Address Climate Change

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## The Wrightbus Story So Far...

Since it's inception in 1946, Wrightbus has cultivated a rich history and brand name recognized synonymously with manufacturing quality and innovation.



## **75 Years of Engineering Heritage**

from Ballymena, Northern Ireland

Hydrogen Vehicle Technology

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- A leading industry innovator of low emission diesel, hybrid, and zero-emission hydrogen and electric buses.
- First Battery-EV built in 1998 / Diesel-hybrids in early 2000s.
- First single-deck hydrogen fuel-cell EV (2008).
- Manufacturer of Iconic Routemaster for London (2012).
- Unveiled world's first hydrogen powered double-deck (2016).
- Under new leadership from Jo Bamford (2019).
- Only manufacturer globally to offer single and double-deck hydrogen and battery electric buses (2022).

**2021 Production** 70% Low-Emission 30% Zero-Emission 2022 Production70% Zero-Emission30% Low-Emission



#### Wrightbus eyes Australian export market with Volgren deal

By routeone Team - May 11, 2022



#### Wrightbus lands "historic" deal with Republic's NTA for up to 800 electric buses



IrishTransport minister Earnon Ryan and NTA chief Anne Graham pictured with the Wrightbus Streetdeck Electroliner BEVs, which will roll out in the Republic from next year. Picture by Julien Behal.

#### BUS AND COACH TNB NEWS

#### Go-Ahead orders 20 Wrightbus hydrogen buses

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Wrightbus secures order for 60 hydrogenpowered buses from Germany

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60 Kite Hydroliner single deck buses will be delivered to German Bus operator Regionalverkehr Köln GmbH Credit: Wrightbus

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NEWS

Wrightbus Zero-Emission Hydrogen Buses Travel 1 Million Miles

MAY 6, 2022

#### Translink: First zeroemission buses set to hit the streets

The 77 battery-electric and 23 hydrogen buses will form around a third of the Belfast fleet by this summer.





## Is Battery EV of Fuel Cell EV right for me?

Wrightbus are the only technology agnostic bus manufacturer that offers BEB and FCEB in both single and double deck, with the key emphasis on commonality



#### **The Zero-Emission Challenge**

#### What are the challenges to address to reach our Zero-Emission Goal?

- Total Cost of Ownership?
- Available range?
- Operational flexibility?

#### **Efficient Diesel?**



#### Impact for longer duties?

- Operation from multiple depots?
- Time to recharge vs refuel?

- Availability of power / fuel?
- Infrastructure costs & timescales?
- ♦ Life cycle carbon footprint?

#### Battery EV?

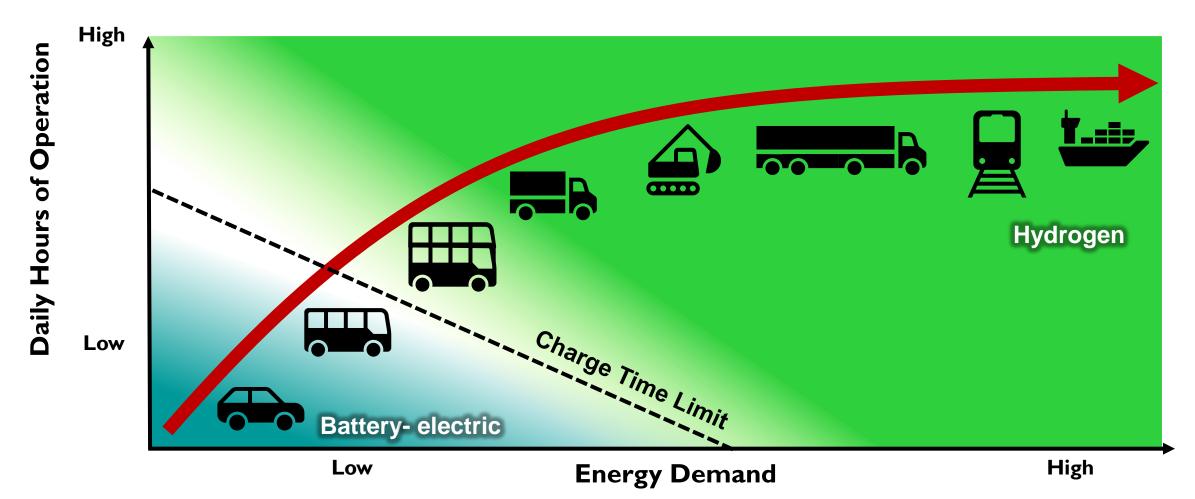


#### **Fuel-cell EV?**





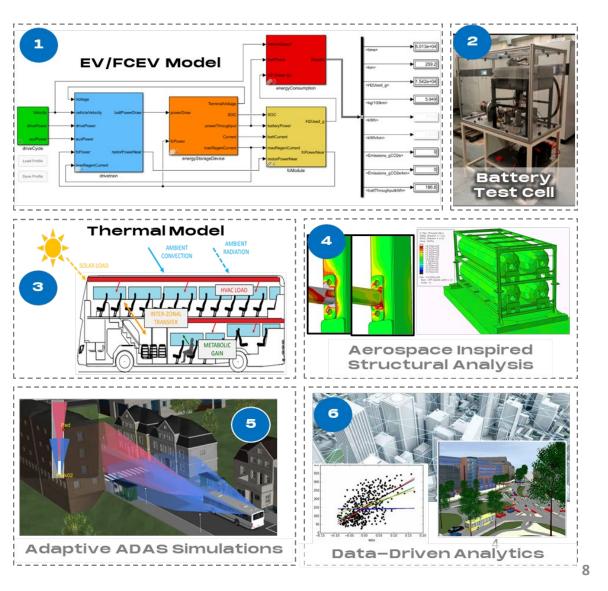
## Vehicle Use Case





### **Academic Foundations**

- Over 25 years of direct collaboration between Wrightbus and Queens University, Belfast.
- Establishment of Wright Technology & Research Centre at Queen's University Belfast, formally launched in 2016.
- Key aim to promote research and advanced engineering which can meet the future needs of the industry.
- ▶ £28M in collaborative research projects.
- Vital research & collaboration for net-zero:
  - Pushing forward emerging tech & innovations.
  - Upskilling next generation of engineers.
  - Positively impacting economy & environment.





## **Technology Recommendation**

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(1) Identify Routes for Analysis (2) Generate Duty Cycles (3) Vehicle Simulations	
Bus/route cards Velocity/elevation profile of the Power demands.	
Scheduling/timetable data bus: bus: bus-stops, traffic, driver Energy/ fuel-consumption.	
Dedicated/intertwined services behaviour acceleration/ HVAC settings / variable	
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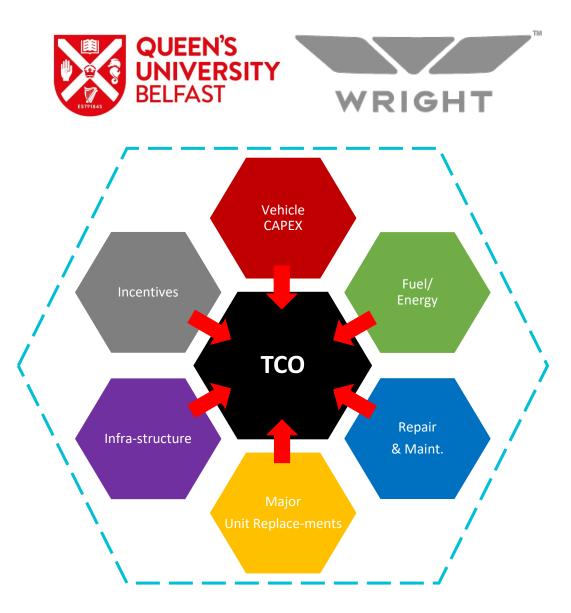
#### Technology Recommendation (FCEV or EV?)

- Complete the daily maximum distance?
- Range/remaining capacity
- Complete in winter/summer conditions?
- Number of refuel/ recharge events?
- Opportunity charging required?

#### **TCO Estimates**

## **TCO Modelling**

- In-house TCO (Total Cost of Ownership) modelling capability linked with vehicle simulation models.
- Analysis of **Diesel vs. FCEV vs. BEV**.
- Life cycle modelling of CAPEX, Fuel, Maintenance, Infrastructure, Incentives, etc.
- 1 to 15 year cost forecasting, sensitive to an operators annual distance (km), operating hours, duty cycle, etc..
- Scenario analysis of present/future fuel costs, energy consumption, R&M metrics, inflation, tariffs, fleet sizing, etc.
- What if?' Analysis, E.g....what does hydrogen/electricity target cost need to be to reach parity with diesel?





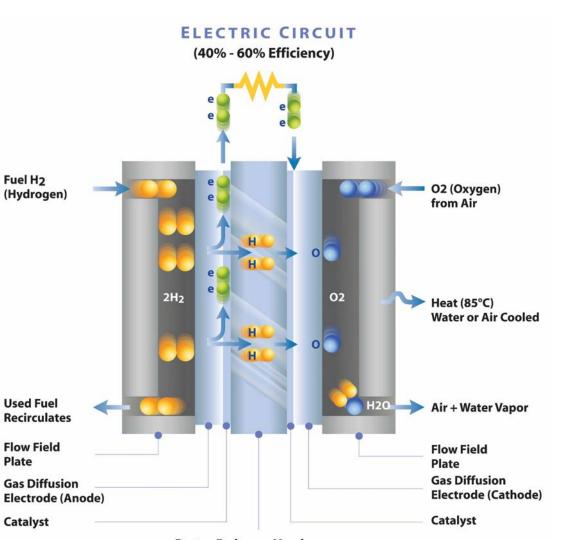
## Zero Emission Product Range

Wrightbus has focused on cutting edge powertrain technology, developing our first EV in 1998, our first diesel hybrid in 2002, our first FCEB in 2006.

## How a fuel-cell works

A fuel cell combines hydrogen fuel and oxygen from the air to produce electrical energy efficiently, quietly and reliably. The only by-products are water and heat.

- Fuel cells produce electricity without combustion.
- Generate little (if any) noise and vibration.
- No air pollutants (NOx, CO, Particulate matter, soot, etc.)
- No greenhouse gases ( $CO_2$ , Methane, Nitrous Oxides)
- Unlike batteries, fuel cells do not have a need for replacement or lengthy recharging when its fuel is spent.
- Fuel stored in external tanks, so the maximum operating range of a fuel cell-powered device is limited only by the amount of fuel that can be carried.



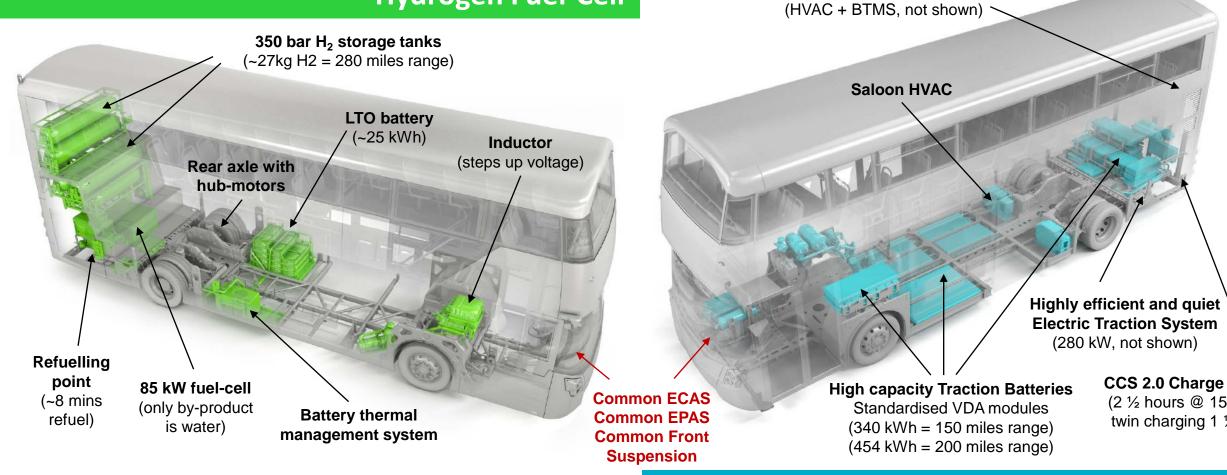
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Proton Exchange Membrane

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#### STREETDECK FCEV | HYDROLINER

#### Hydrogen Fuel-Cell



#### **Battery-Electric**

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Highly efficient heat pumps

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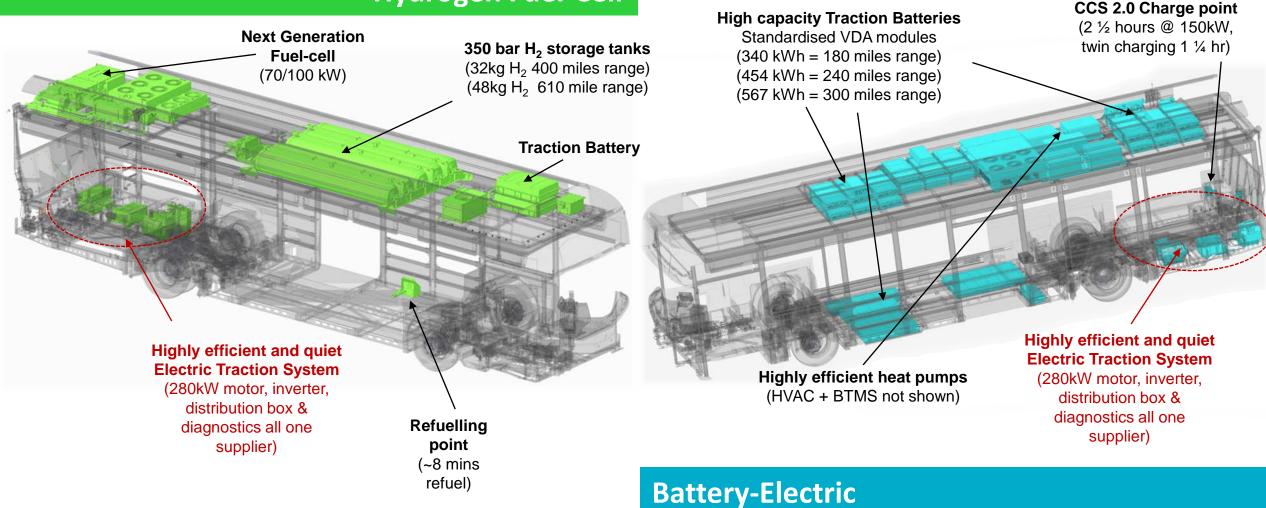
CCS 2.0 Charge point

(2 1/2 hours @ 150kW,

twin charging 1 ¼ hr)

#### GB KITE DF FCEV | HYDROLINER

#### Hydrogen Fuel-Cell



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GB KITE DF BEV | ELECTROLINER



## **Energy Efficiency / Operational Flexibility**

Diesel Euro IV			Hydrogen				Battery Electric			
Tank capacity	200	litres	H <sub>2</sub> storage	35	50	kg	Battery capacity	340	454	kWh
Typical Efficiency	8.5	MPG	Typical	E	6	kg/100km	Typical			
	4.2	kWh/km	Efficiency	2.0	2.0	kWh/km	Efficiency	0.95	0.97	kWh/km
Range	~600	km	Range	~585	~830	km	Range	~280	~375	km
	~375	Mile		~365	~520	miles		~180	~235	miles

- **BEVs more energy efficient** on less energy demanding routes, but limited on range without on-route infrastructure.
- **FCEVs provide greater operational flexibility** (not route/depot locked).
- **Both technologies complementary** stakeholders should identify best fit to satisfy operational & cost constraints.
- **Consider daily operational demands**, e.g. minimum mileage, available charging time, # buses + drivers.
- **Low/zero-carbon sources** of both electricity/hydrogen should always be sourced where possible.



### **Future of Hydrogen**

#### **Falling Total Cost of Ownership**

- Step change in costs of fuel-cell modules, H<sub>2</sub> storage tanks and EV drivelines.
- Scaling up production of low carbon H<sub>2</sub> via water electrolysis.
- Increasing fuel-cell stack durability, decreasing maintenance costs.

#### Improving efficiency

Control and optimization of powertrain to minimize fuel-consumption. Greater use of fuel-cell waste heat for heating interior of bus.

#### **Links with Other Industries**

Coach, shipping and off highway are now turning to Hydrogen  $H_2$  combustion engines for coach, ships, trains, off-highway, etc...



# Thanks for Listening

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