

### Freight Transportation in Alberta

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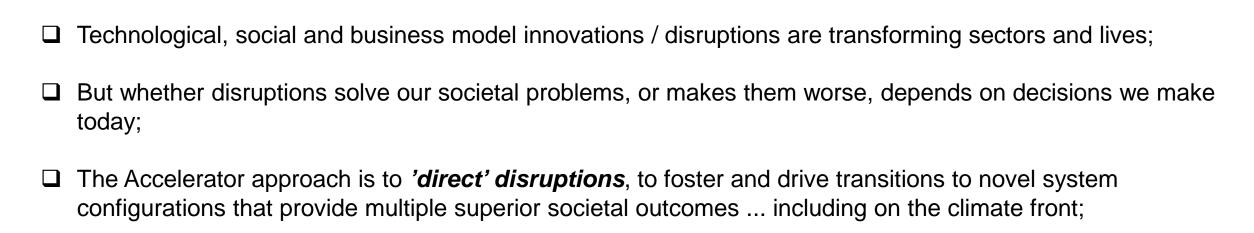
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## PHILOSOPHY OF THE TRANSITION ACCELERATOR

A new framing on how to achieve deep emission reductions while growing a vibrant economy

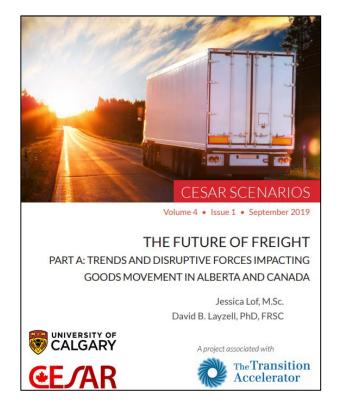


■ How? Work with key actors to co-create positive Visions of the future, that lead to the definition of credible and compelling Transition Pathways to a better future. The Accelerator then builds industry-led consortia to start the journey.

## FUTURE OF FREIGHT CESAR SCENARIOS REPORTS

**B:** Assessing Alternatives

A: Trends & Disruptive Forces



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THE FUTURE OF FREIGHT

PART B: ASSESSING ZERO EMISSION DIESEL FUEL

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C: Energy System Impacts

### Future of Freight A Understanding Trends & Disruptive Forces

### THE ROAD FREIGHT SECTOR TODAY:

- ☐ High GHG emissions
- ☐ Air pollution
- ☐ Facing a labour shortage
- ☐ Low margins
- ☐ Sub-optimal load
  - management (empty km)
- ☐ Congestion & accidents
- ☐ High cost of diesel engine maintenance

The industry wants change and is interested in innovative ideas.



### Future of Freight B Assessing Diesel Alternatives (TEEA)

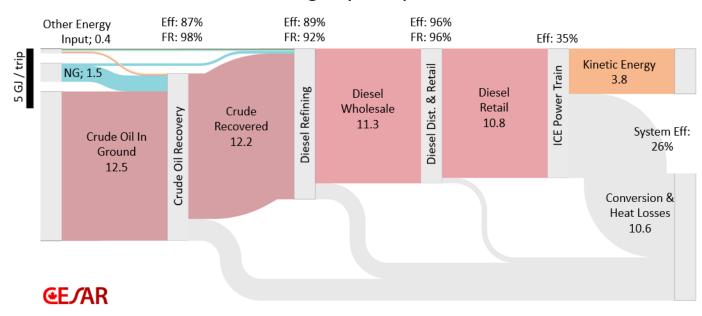
## FUTURE OF FREIGHT B ASSESSING DIESEL ALTERNATIVES (TEEA)

#### **Diesel Internal Combustion Systems**

- Dominant (ubiquitous) technology
- Performance is predictable and accepted.
- > Fuel supply chain is mature
- Future improvements are likely expensive and limited to incremental performance gains

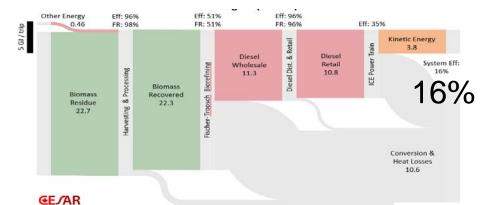
#### 27 Tonne Truck Travelling 750 km

Fossil Diesel - Internal Combustion Engine (FD-ICE)

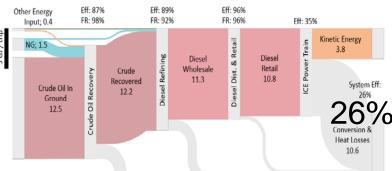


26% Well to Wheel Efficiency

#### Biodiesel - ICE

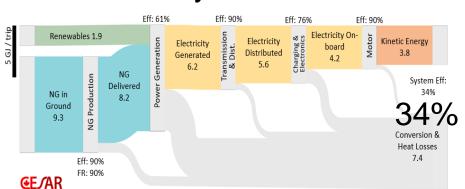


#### Diesel - ICE

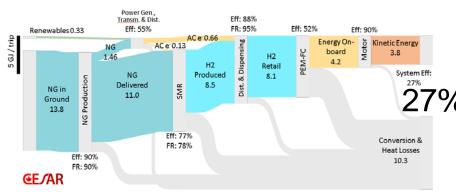


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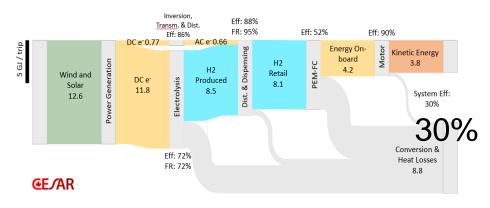
#### Grid – Battery Electric



#### Natural Gas - HFCE



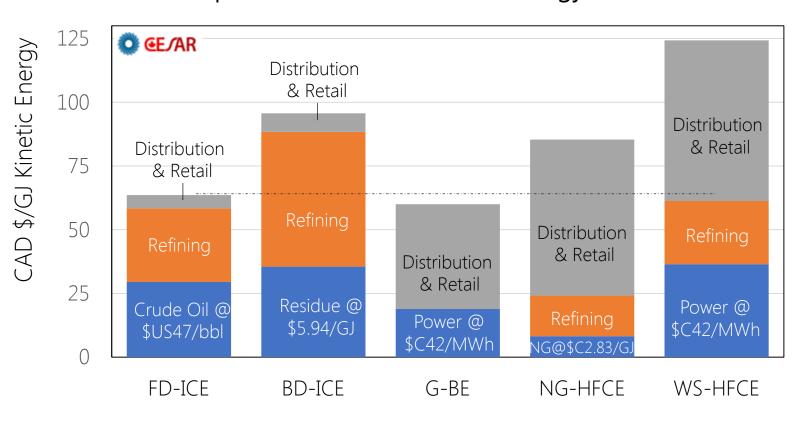
#### Wind & Solar - HFCE



#### **ENERGY COST COMPARISON**

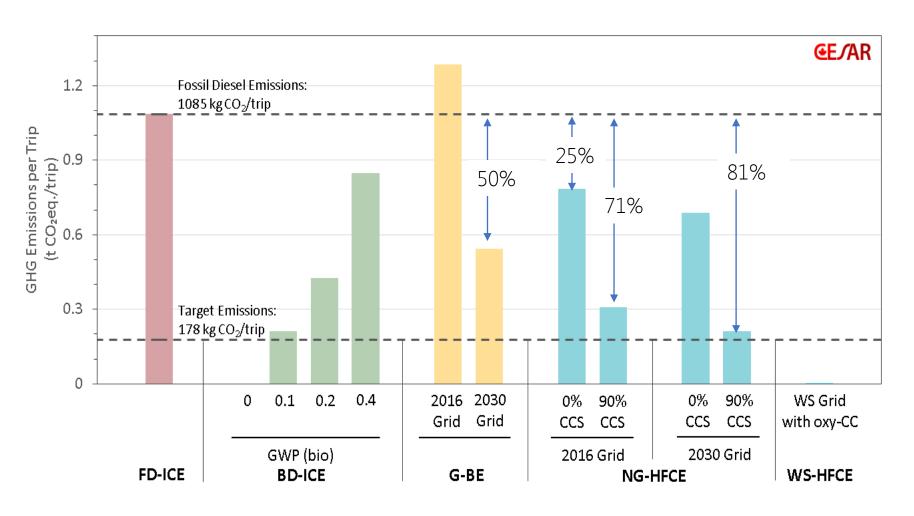
- Comparing energy systems based on kinetic energy demand accounts for efficiency differences
- Uncertainty in distribution costs for hydrogen is significant- but suggests opportunity for cost reduction with scale and infrastructure development
- Battery electric option has energy cost advantages

Mid-point estimates for kinetic energy cost



#### **GHG EMISSIONS COMPARISON**

- Diesel HDV's account for 8% of Canada's total GHG emissions
- At current emission intensity, Alberta grid to battery electric has higher emissions than diesel incumbent.
- ➢ Blue hydrogen can reduce emissions by ~81%



#### GOODNESS OF FIT COMPARISON

- Technology must meet the needs of the trucking sector
- Range, fueling time, and vehicle weight are important factors for many duty cycles
- Battery electric is likely not suitable for heavy payloads and long distance.
  - 800 kWh of batteries will have a range ~375km and add 6,500kg and 4 cubic meters of space

	Performance Compared to FD-ICE <b>@E/AR</b>					
	Power, Torque, Driveability	Range & Fueling Time	Tare Weight	Capital Costs	Maintenance Costs	Energy Costs
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■ Better performance to the FD-ICE HDV

✓ Comparable performance to the FD-ICE HDV

Underperforms to the FD-ICE HDV

? Relative performance uncertain at scale









#### Two HFCE Class 8 Trucks

- ✓ Heavy Weight (63.5 t gross) B-Train
- ✓ 700 km (Edm→Calg, return) between refueling
- ✓ Zero Tailpipe Emissions

#### Timetable:

- ✓ Design & Build: July 2019 to Fall 2021
- ✓ Test on Road: Fall 2021 to Spring 2023

#### H<sub>2</sub> Produced from AB Natural Gas:

- ✓ Steam Methane Reformed (no C mgmt.)
- ✓ Cascade Refueling



✓ By AB Carriers under real-world conditions



AN INDUSTRY-LED, \$15M CONSORTIA SUPPORTED BY EMISSIONS REDUCTION ALBERTA WITH \$7.3M.

ALBERTA ZERO-EMISSION TRUCK ELECTRIFICATION COLLABORATION

#### **Funding Support:**





The Transition Accelerator

**Fueling System:** 



#### **Lead Applicant:**



Alberta Motor Transport Association

Vehicle Design, Components and Manufacturing:









#### **Carriers:**





Research, GHG Accounting Project and Commercialization: Management:





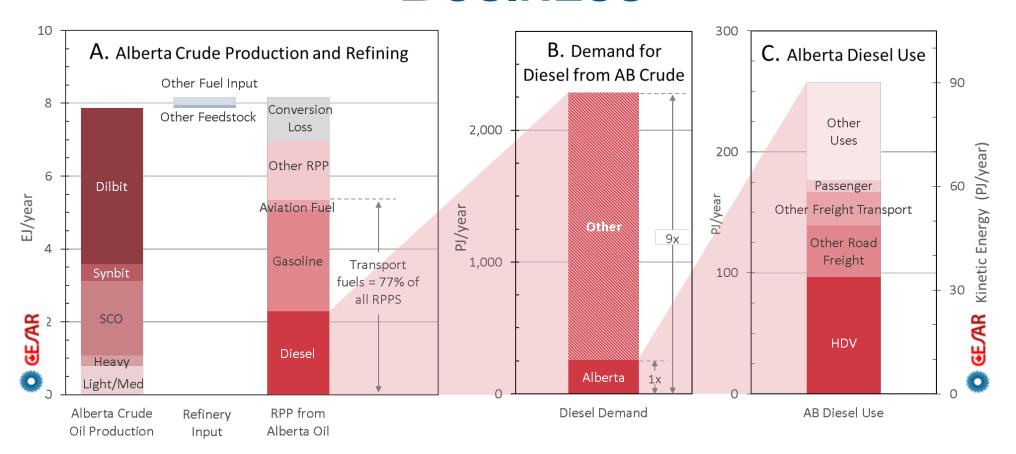




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### Future of Freight C Energy System Impacts

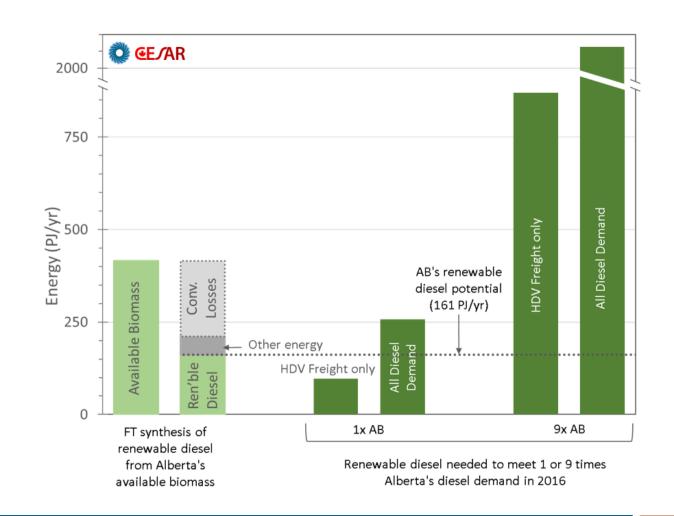
## ALBERTA IS IN THE TRANSPORTATION FUELS BUSINESS



WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY IN A NET-ZERO FUTURE?

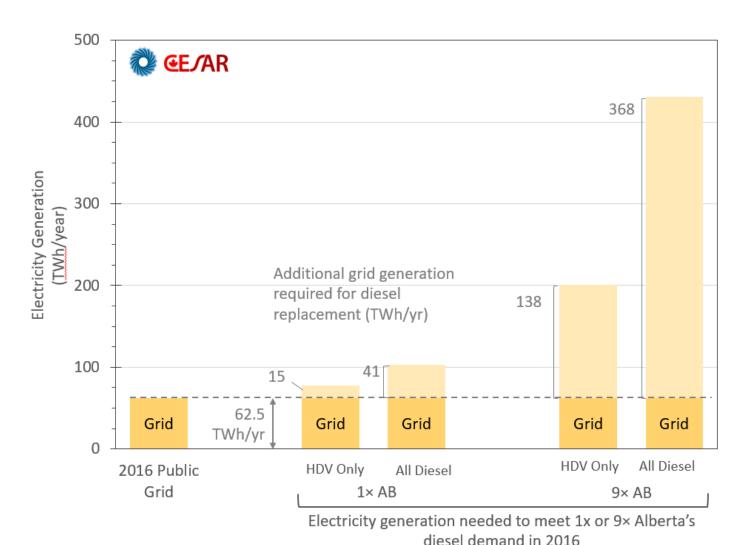
## 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION BIO-BASED DIESEL RESOURCE POTENTIAL

- Sufficient resources to supply provincial heavy duty vehicle demand
- Insufficient resources to supply all diesel demand
- Cannot supply an export market



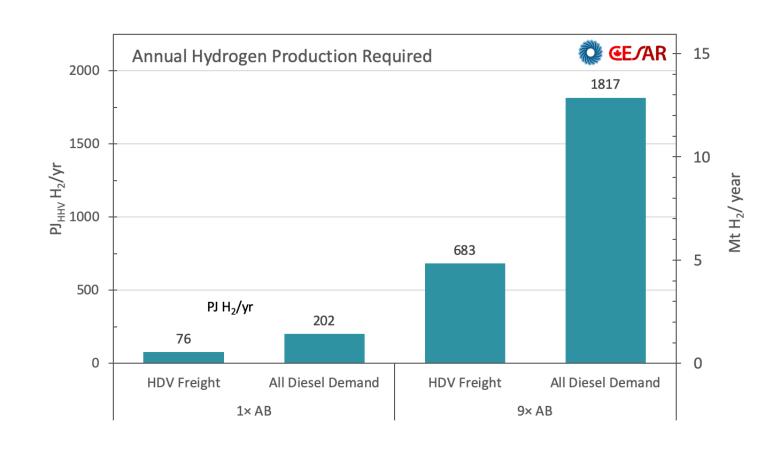
#### GRID POWER RESOURCE POTENTIAL

- Alberta grid load would increase by 25% to supply the trucking market; 66% for the whole diesel market
- Doubling of the projected annual grid load growth rate to meet additional demand by 2050
- Exporting to a market that is the same size of the current diesel market is not realistic.
- Alberta does not have a strong competitive advantage as a producer and supplier of low cost, low carbon electricity



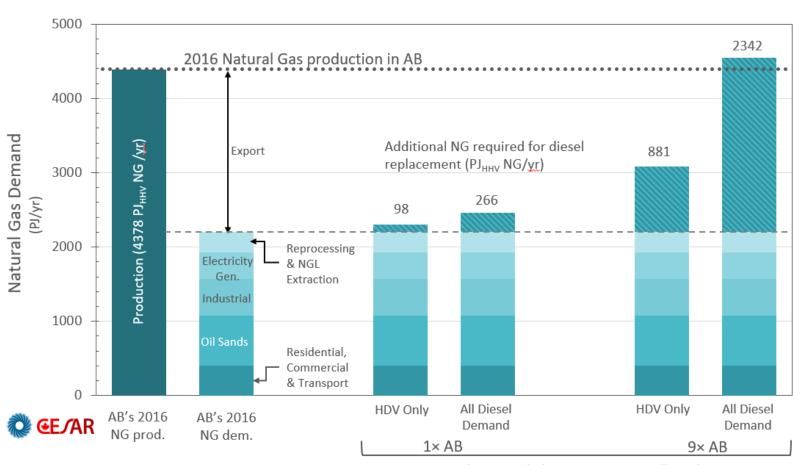
#### POTENTIAL HYDROGEN DEMAND

- ➤ The potential provincial demand for hydrogen in Alberta's freight sector is 1.4 Mt H₂/ yr (55% of current H2 production levels)
- > 1.4 Mt  $H_2$ / yr @ \$5/kg = \$7 billion
- To supply a North America market the same size as the diesel market is 13 Mt kt H<sub>2</sub>/ yr
- > 13 Mt  $H_2$ / yr @ \$5/kg = \$65 billion



#### Blue Hydrogen Resource Potential

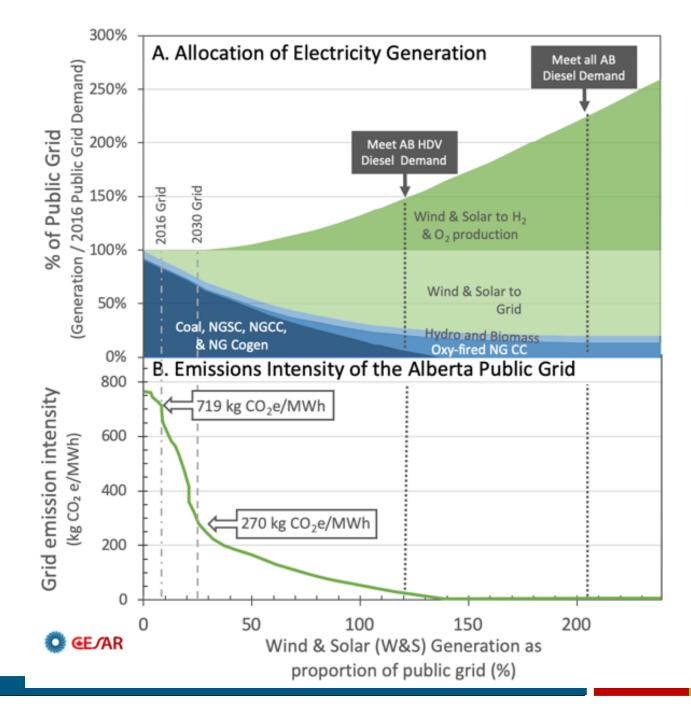
- Alberta has an abundance of natural gas
- Current production can easily supply the demand of the domestic and export freight markets



Natural Gas needed to meet 1x or 9× Alberta's diesel demand in 2016

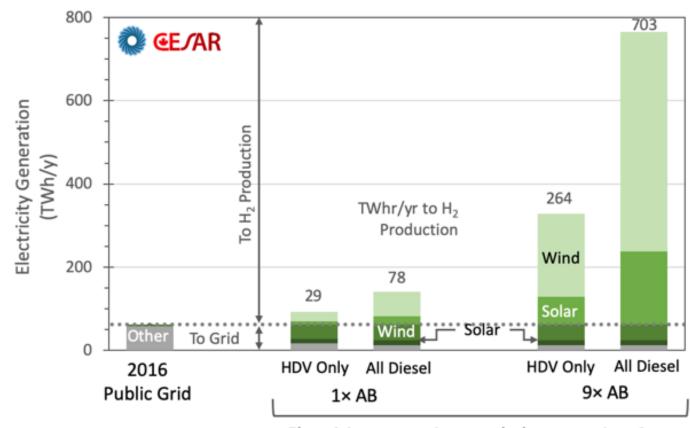
# GREEN HYDROGEN SUPPORTING A LOW CARBON GRID

- Hydrogen and a low carbon grid are complementary
- Renewables used in public grid when power prices high
- Hydrogen produced when power prices low
- When conditions do not support renewable power generation- Oxy-fired NGCC with CCS is used



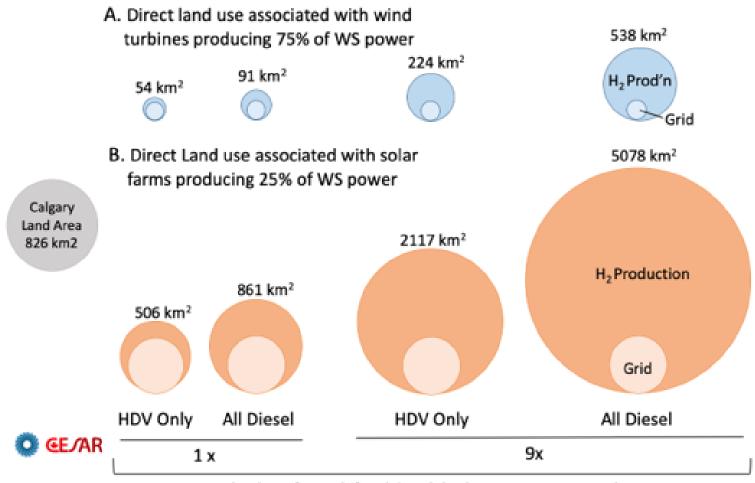
#### GREEN HYDROGEN- RESOURCE POTENTIAL

- ➤ HDV hydrogen demand will increase grid by 150%, ~3700
   4.8 MW wind turbines
- ➤ To support all demand- grid load would grow by 205%,
   ~6300 wind turbines
- A 9 times Alberta market size with green hydrogen would increase grid load by 11 times



Electricity generation needed to meet 1 or 9× Alberta's diesel demand in 2016

#### GREEN HYDROGEN- RESOURCE POTENTIAL



Direct land use for each fossil diesel displacement scenario, relative to Calgary and AB's land area What is reasonable?

### Key Messages

#### POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The HDV transportation has high GHG emissions the sector is poised for change.
- ➤ Battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell electric are appealing zero emission options depending on the end-use duty cycle & grid intensity.
- ➤ Hydrogen provides an opportunity for Alberta to remain a remain a supplier of transportation fuels in a net-zero future.
- ➤ Both blue and green hydrogen can be part of the transition pathway.





