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# Hydrogen and the Transition to Net-Zero Emission Energy Systems



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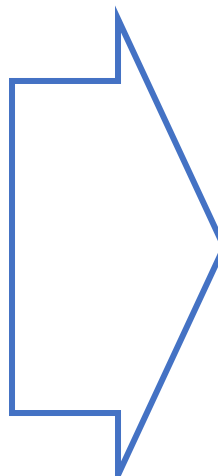
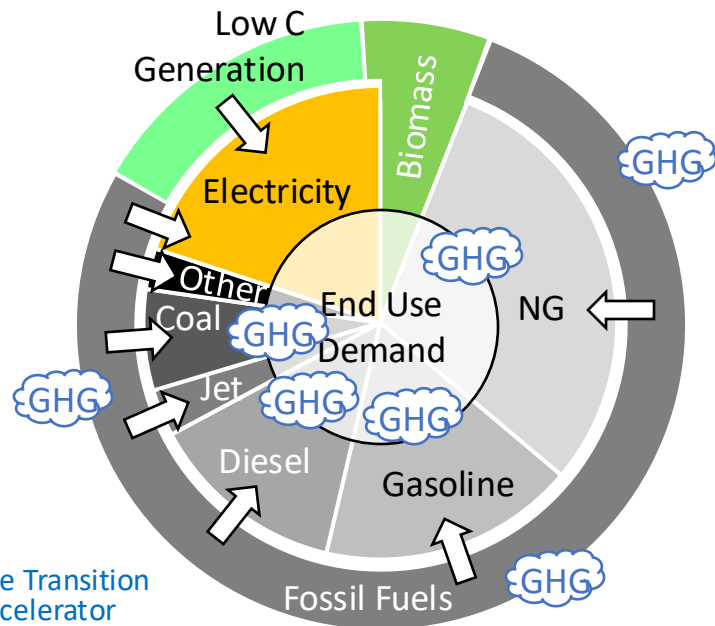
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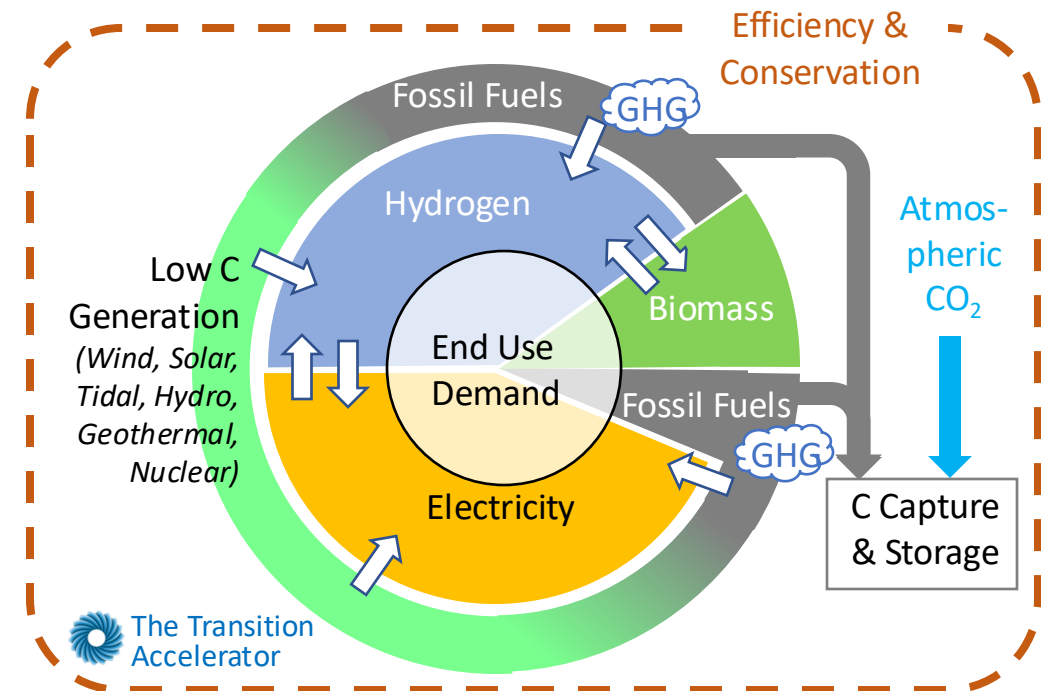
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- ❑ *What are the best transition pathways?*

## Existing Energy System



## Net-Zero Energy System



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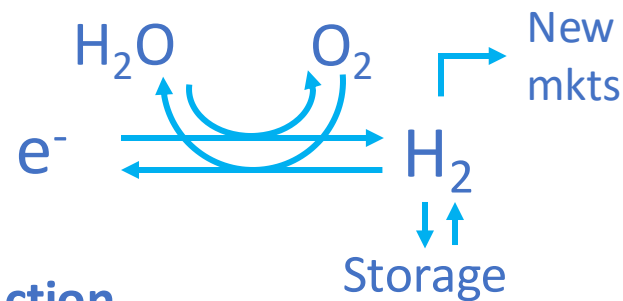
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## Why Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)?

1. Some sectors need chemical, not electrical energy carriers

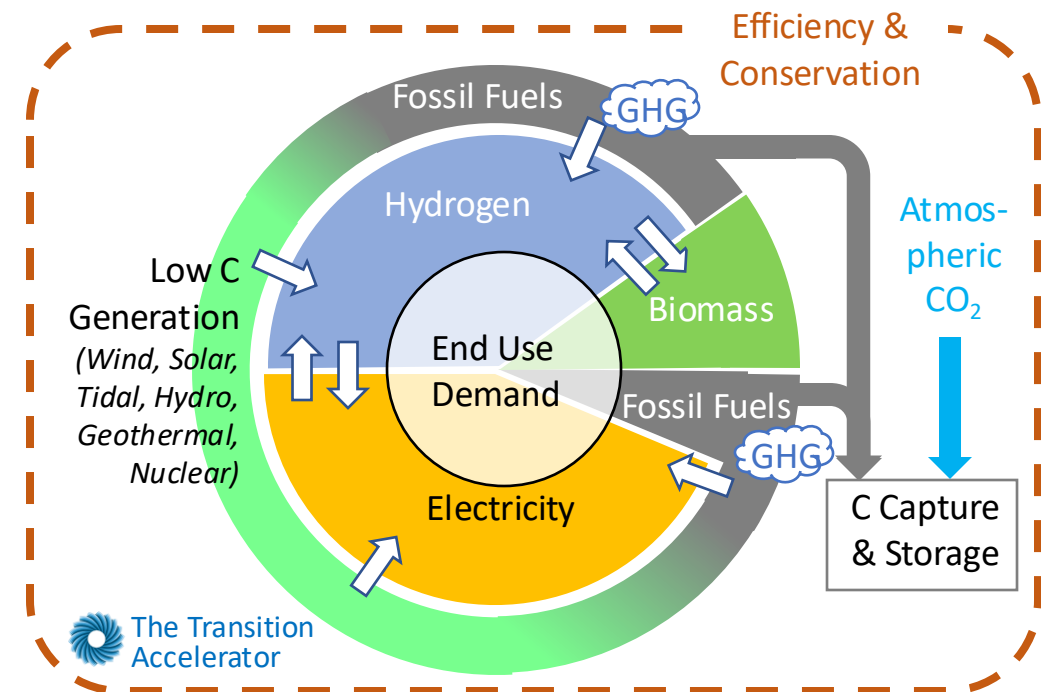
- Freight transport
- Heavy Industry
- Space Heating (*esp. cold regions, large buildings*)

2. Complements low carbon electricity generation



3. Supports biofuel production

## Net-Zero Energy System

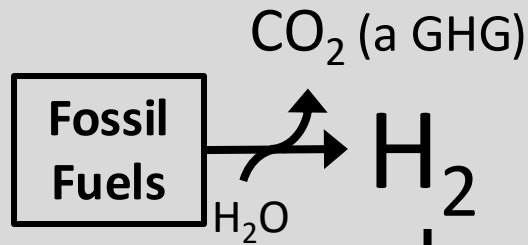




# Towards a New Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) Economy

## H<sub>2</sub> Today (Can: ~8.2 kt H<sub>2</sub>/d)

GRAY H<sub>2</sub>



Industrial Feedstocks

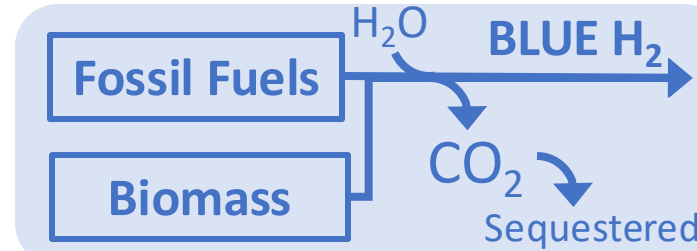
Fertilizer for Agriculture    Fuels for Transportation    Materials & Chemicals

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## H<sub>2</sub> in a New, Net-Zero Energy System

BYPRODUCT H<sub>2</sub>

Chlor-alkali Plants, etc



H<sub>2</sub>

GREEN H<sub>2</sub>

O<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O

Renewables

Nuclear

Industrial Feedstock

Fertilizer for Agriculture    Fuels for Transportation    Materials & Chemicals

H<sub>2</sub> Fuel

Transport    Buildings    Industry    Power

Export

Canadian Market Potential:

Domestic: ~\$50B/yr

Export: ~\$50B/yr



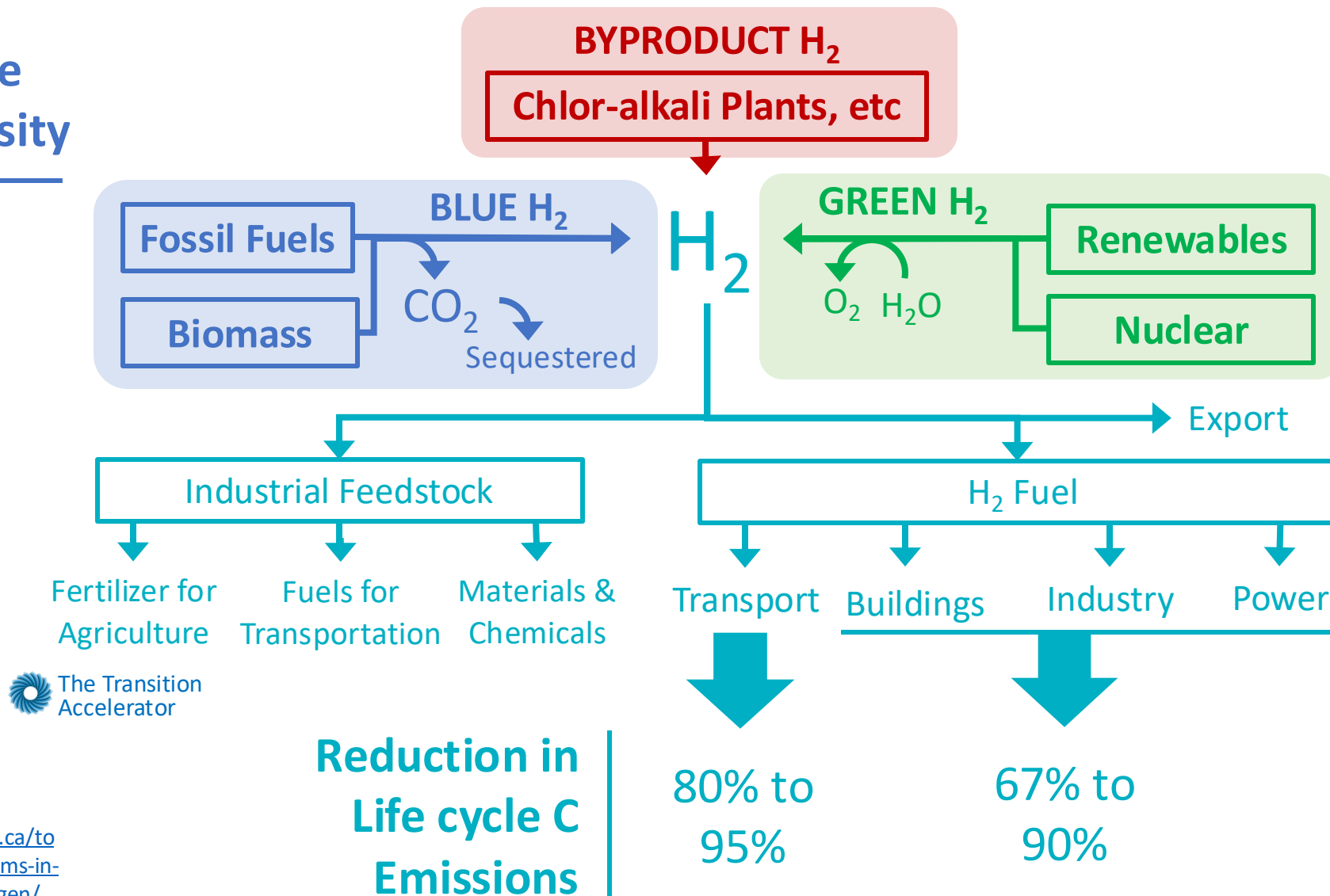
# What About the Environmental Footprint?

## Life Cycle GHG Intensity

$\sim 3$   
 $\frac{\text{kg CO}_2\text{e}}{\text{kg H}_2}$

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$\sim 0.8$  to  $3$   
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For more details:  
<https://transitionaccelerator.ca/towards-net-zero-energy-systems-in-canada-a-key-role-for-hydrogen/>

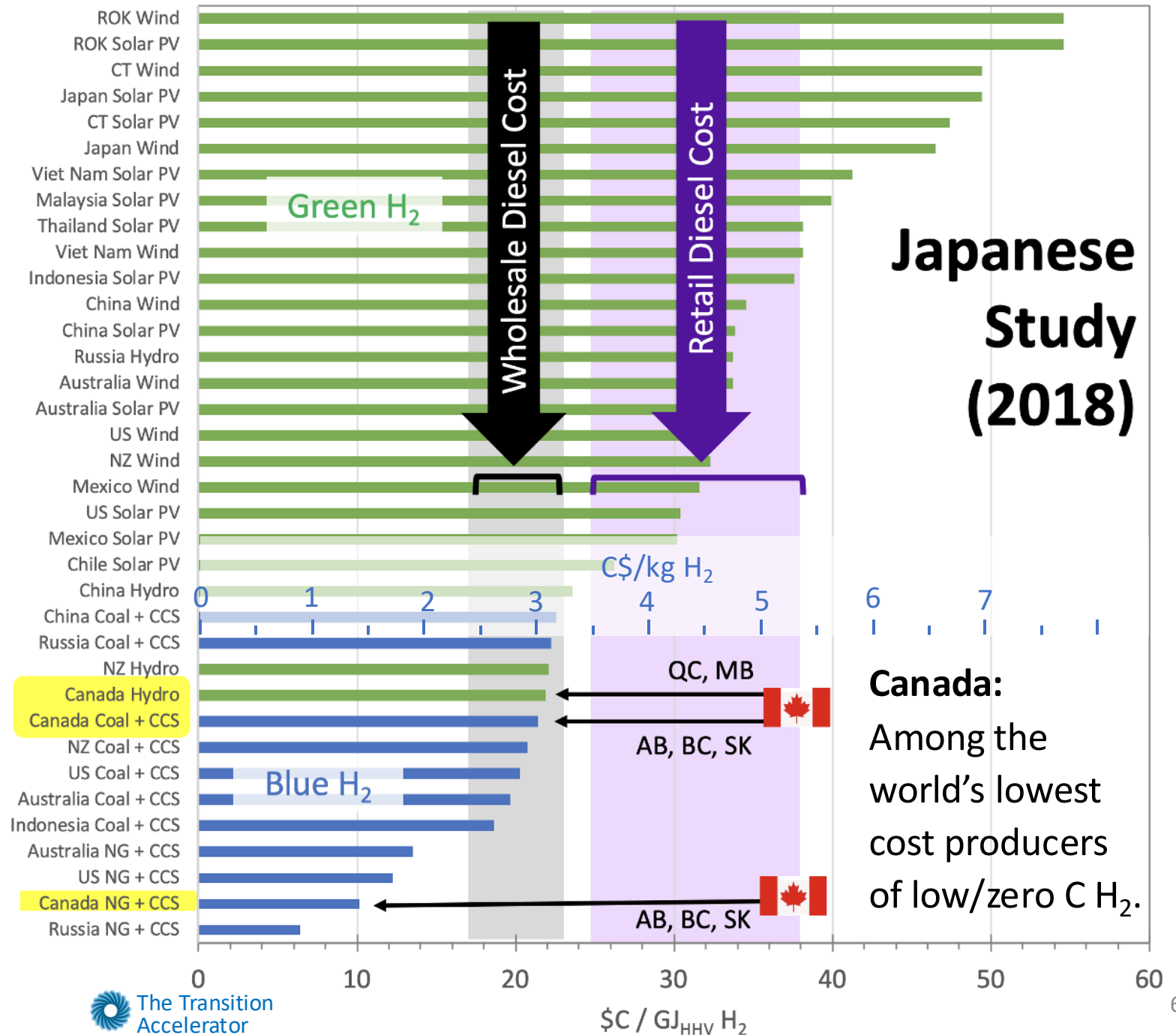


# Canada:

## Among the World's Lowest cost producers of 'Blue' & 'Green' H<sub>2</sub>

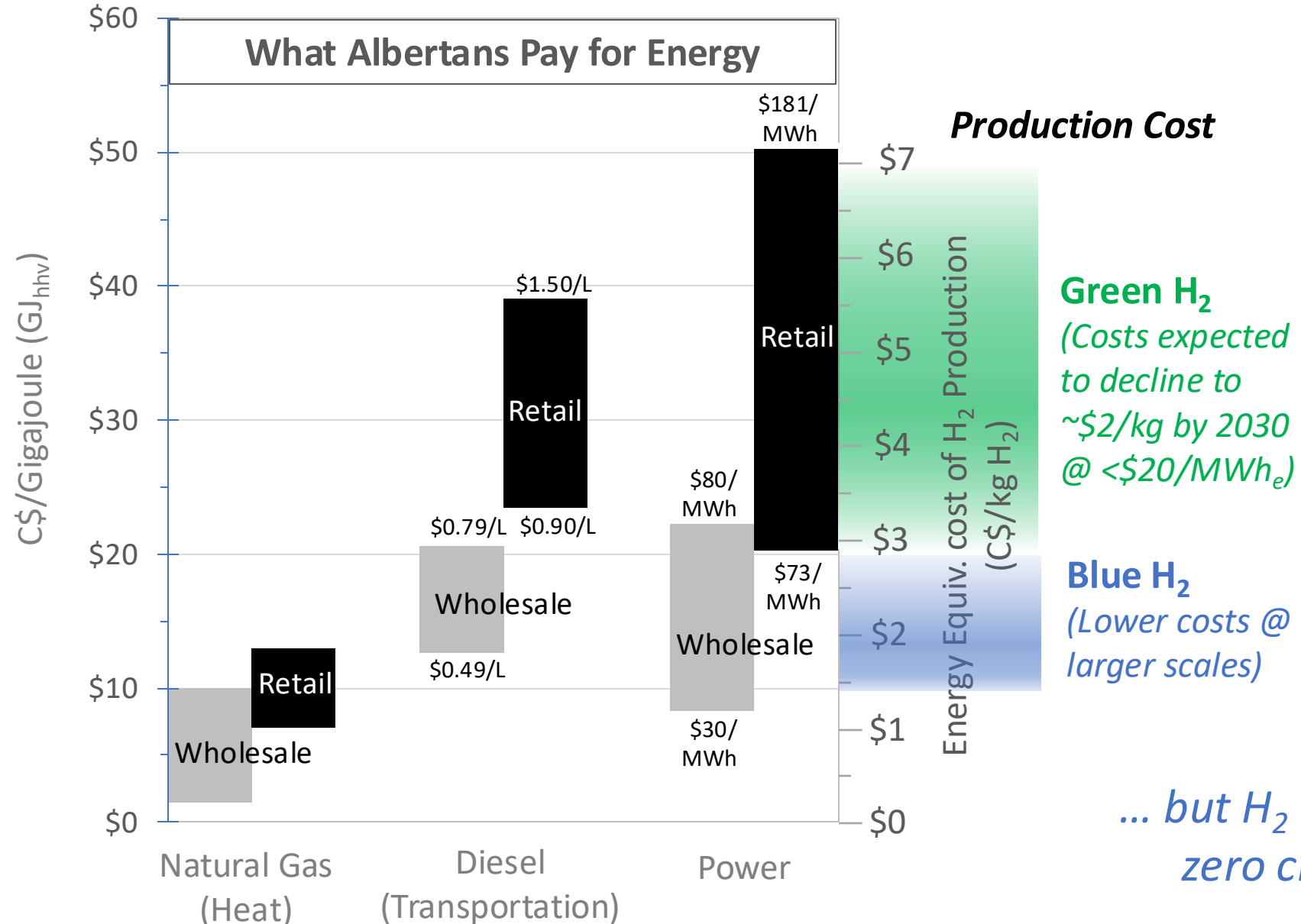
Alberta can make blue hydrogen at 1/2 the wholesale (1/3<sup>rd</sup> the retail) cost of diesel

Adapted from Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre. 2018. Perspectives on H<sub>2</sub> in the APEC Region. (Figure 3.4) <https://aperc.ieej.or.jp/file/2018/9/12/Perspectives+on+Hydrogen+in+the+APEC+Region.pdf>





# What Markets for Hydrogen are Most Promising?...



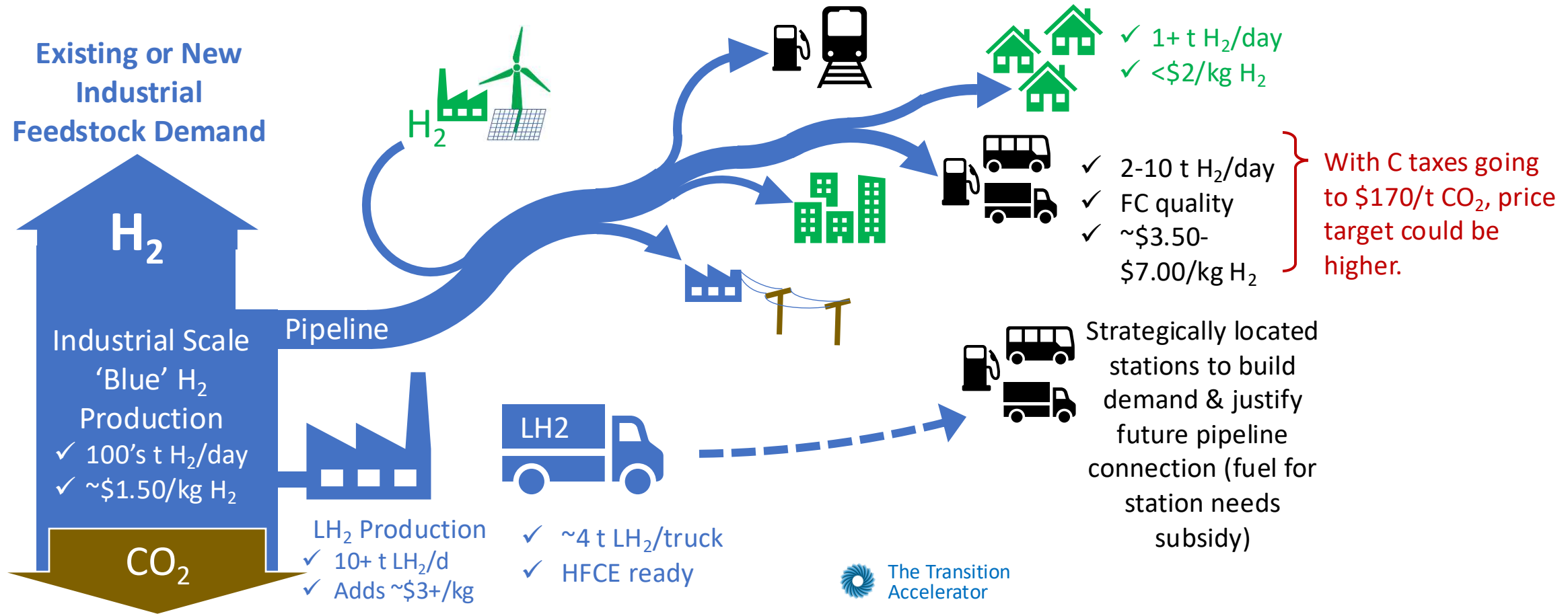
**Heavy Transportation:**  
Offers the market where H<sub>2</sub> is most likely to be economically viable in the short to medium term.

- More Challenging:**
- Space/ water heating
  - Industrial Heating
  - Power generation

*... but H<sub>2</sub> is likely to be the best net-zero choice for these sectors.*



# Strategy for Deploying a Fuel-Hydrogen Energy System



1. 'Piggy-back' on low cost industrial blue H<sub>2</sub> production.

2. Pipeline H<sub>2</sub> to new fuel markets

3. Rapidly grow H<sub>2</sub> demand

4. Attract H<sub>2</sub>-using industries & OEMs





# The Challenge of Scale in a Fuel Hydrogen Energy System

6. Green H<sub>2</sub> production from renewables will benefit greatly from a pipeline network built on the back of blue H<sub>2</sub>.

3. Truck transport of H<sub>2</sub> to HFS is very expensive. H<sub>2</sub> pipeline is ideal, but to keep cost <\$1/kg H<sub>2</sub>, need flow of about 1X tH<sub>2</sub>/d for each X km. (e.g. 100t H<sub>2</sub>/day for 100 km)

1. To be economically viable, and deliver H<sub>2</sub> at an acceptable price, HFS must be at least 2-10t H<sub>2</sub>/d (so need 40-200 HD trucks or 100-500 buses per station).

2. While HFCE trucks are the ultimate 'vehicles of choice', HD2F vehicles can help 'get to scale' quickly with minimal risk to carriers.

'Green' H<sub>2</sub> Prod'n

'Blue' H<sub>2</sub> Prod'n

CCUS

Ind'l Feedstock use

Export

Storage

Heat & Power

Truck Transport

Pipeline Transport

H<sub>2</sub> Fueling Station

Vehicle buyers & users

H<sub>2</sub>-diesel dual fuel vehicles


HD2F

H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell electric vehicles

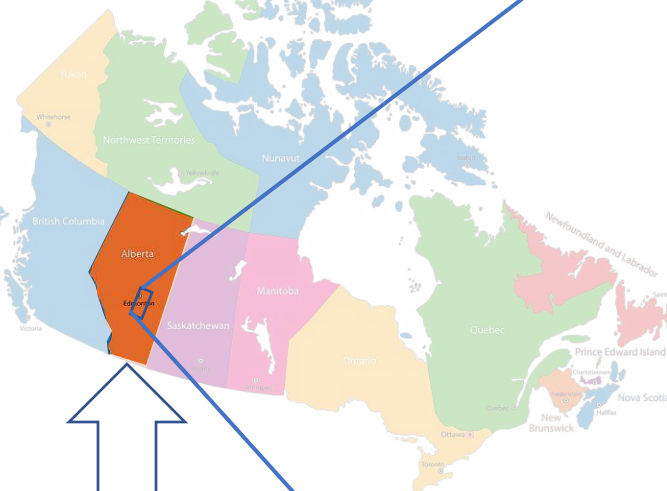
HFCE

5. Blue H<sub>2</sub> (from NG or oil with CCS) will need to meet rigorous standards [ $<1 \text{ kg CO}_2/\text{kg H}_2 + 8 \text{ kg CO}_2/\text{kg H}_2$  to CCUS]

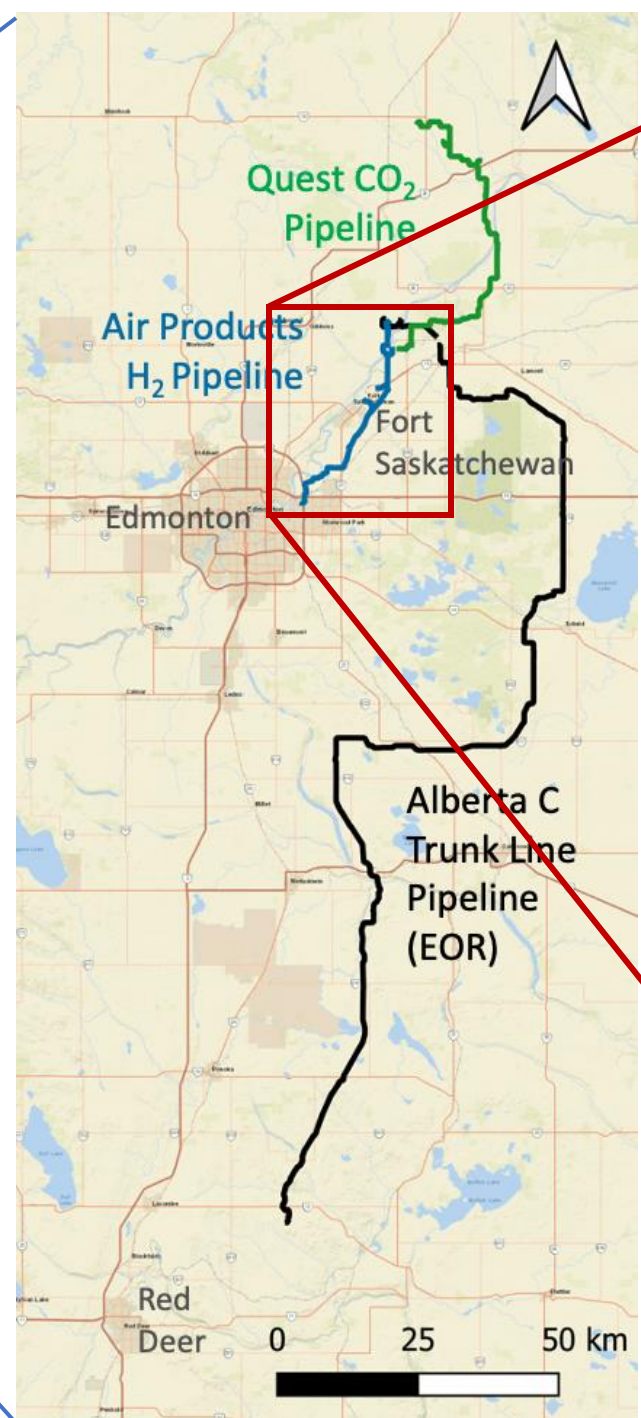
4. While blue or green H<sub>2</sub> is more expensive than NG, in most of Canada it is probably the best solution for space heating in a net-zero energy system. This demand could help support infrastructure investments.



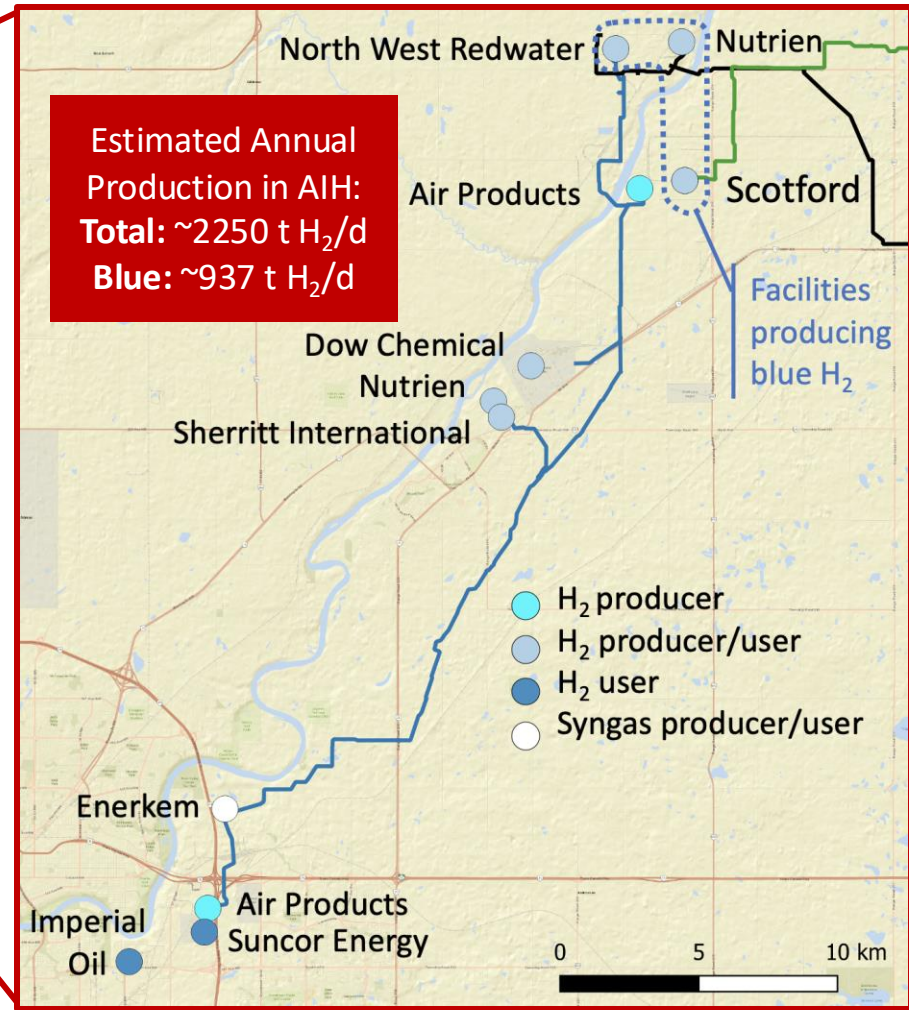
# Hydrogen in Alberta



- Alberta currently produces:
- ❑ ~5,400 t H<sub>2</sub>/day
  - ❑ 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of Canadian production
  - ❑ For use as industrial feedstock
    - ✓ Fertilizer production
    - ✓ Oil upgrading/refining
    - ✓ Chem & material production



## THE ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND (AIH)

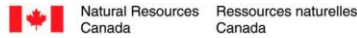


### New Blue H<sub>2</sub> initiatives

- May 2021: Suncor/ATCO for ~2027
- June 2021: Air Products for ~2024
- July 2021: Scotford CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure
- Aug 2021: Petronas-Itochu H<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub> export
- Sept 2021: Mitsubishi-Shell Canada H<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub>



# Projects being Deployed



- ❑ Design + build HFCE HD (63.5 t<sub>gross</sub>) trucks
- ❑ Edmonton → Calgary return;
- ❑ Refueling station in Edm and Calgary
- ❑ Road trials starting in Q4, 2022



## FORT SASKATCHEWAN HYDROGEN BLENDING PROJECT

- ❑ 5% H<sub>2</sub> blending into a portion of the natural gas distribution system in Fort Saskatchewan, AB



## HYDROGEN-POWERED LINE-HAUL FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE

## METHANE PYROLYSIS PROJECT



## APPLIED FOR:



## HYDROGEN FUEL CELL TRANSIT BUS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

# Projects in Development

## H<sub>2</sub>-DIESEL DUAL FUEL TECHNOLOGY

- ❑ Integrating H<sub>2</sub> into ECU for Cummins engines
- ❑ Retrofit of diesel vehicles to take ~30+% of energy from H<sub>2</sub>;
- ❑ Important 'bridge' technology;
- ❑ Valuable in creating fueling station demand for H<sub>2</sub>.
- ❑ Potential to partner with fuel suppliers & carriers



Koch lab.



## HYDROGEN FUEL CELL VEHICLE TRIALS

### Example Vehicles



Toyota Mirai  
(Avail: now)



New Flyer Bus  
(Avail: now)



Hyzon Truck  
(Avail: Q4, 2021)



Nikola Truck  
(Avail: Q4, 2022)



Hyundai Truck  
(Avail: ??)



### H<sub>2</sub> Truck Roadshow

To provide users with 'hands-on' experience:

- ❑ Engage Municipalities, AMTA members;

Features:

- ❑ Vehicles will be leased
- ❑ Access to fuel in Edmonton & Calgary
- ❑ If successful, companies will buy & support fueling infrastructure.



# Conclusions

- ❑ Many nations of the world, including Canada, are committed to transitioning to net-zero emission energy systems;
- ❑ Alberta is poised to lead & benefit from this transition given its ability to produce, use & export low-carbon (Blue & Green) hydrogen;
- ❑ The focus needs to be on H<sub>2</sub> Hubs and corridors, supported by pipelines
- ❑ We need to start now!

Thank you!