Hydrogen driven municipal vehicle

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Targets of the project

Development of a short term marketable hydrogen driven vehicle and real world testing in 3 Swiss pilot regions.

Why a municipal vehicle?

Municipal vehicles are back-to-basevehicles, which can be operated around one single hydrogen fueling station. Such vehicles are operated most of time in part load, where I.C. engines show a low, fuel cells a high energy efficiency.

The operation in public areas close to pedestrians offers a good platform for socio economic studies.

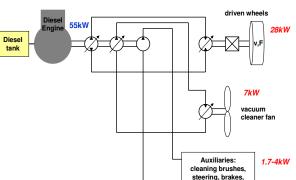
Analysis of power train efficiency

The efficiency of the diesel-hydraulic power train was determined experimentally in the two operating modes (dislocation ride and cleaning mode). Project vehicle Bucher Schörling CityCat H₂

Longitudinal dynamics model

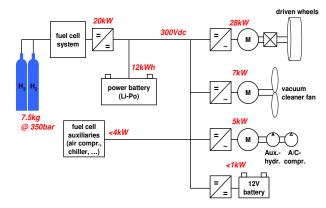
The typical operation, consisting of dislocation and cleaning phases, was simulated using a longitudinal dynamics model. The model was used for the design and the specification of the power train components.

From diesel-hydraulic to fuel cell/battery electric power train



Hybrid mode

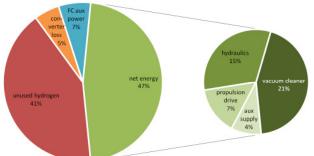
The fuel cell/battery hybrid mode allows a more stationary operation of the fuel cell than a fuel cell only concept, extending the fuel cell life time and enables energy recuperation.

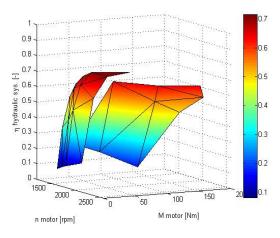


hy.muve FC/battery hybrid power train concept

Energetic consumption

The predicted hydrogen consumption of 0.5 kg/h could be verified during a real-world test.





Efficiency map of hydraulic system

trash bin tipping

Diesel power train layout

Due to efficiency reasons, the 55 kW diesel engine and the hydraulic transmission have been replaced by a 20 kW fuel cell system combined with a 12 kWh LiPo battery, electric drives and a 7.5 kg hydrogren storage system.



Typical energy balance of hy.muve

Compared to the specified diesel consumption of 5 l/h, a reduction of more than 70% of tank-to-wheel energy could be achieved in that particular situation.

