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# Liebherr's approach to Hydrogen based ICE

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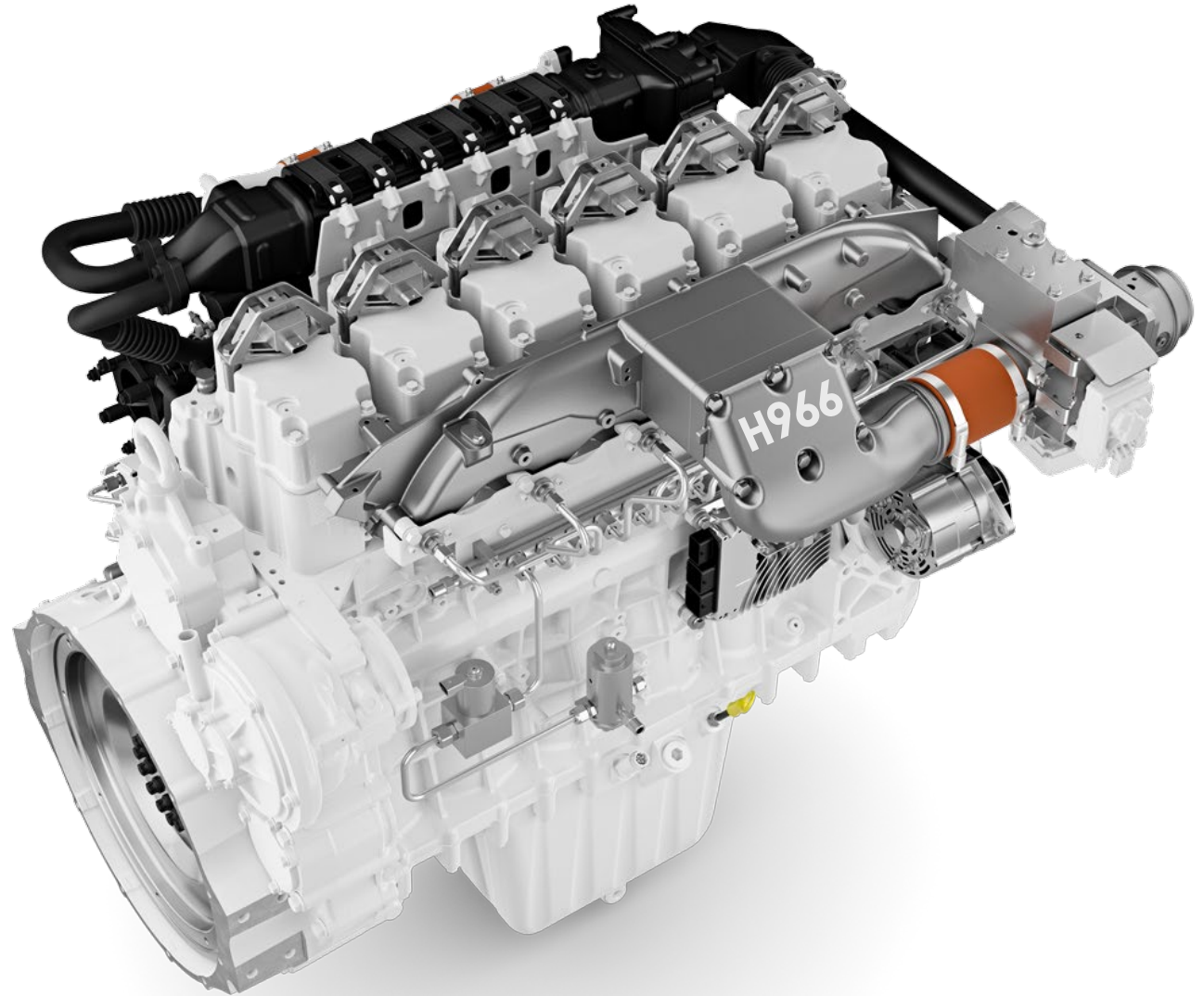
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Components

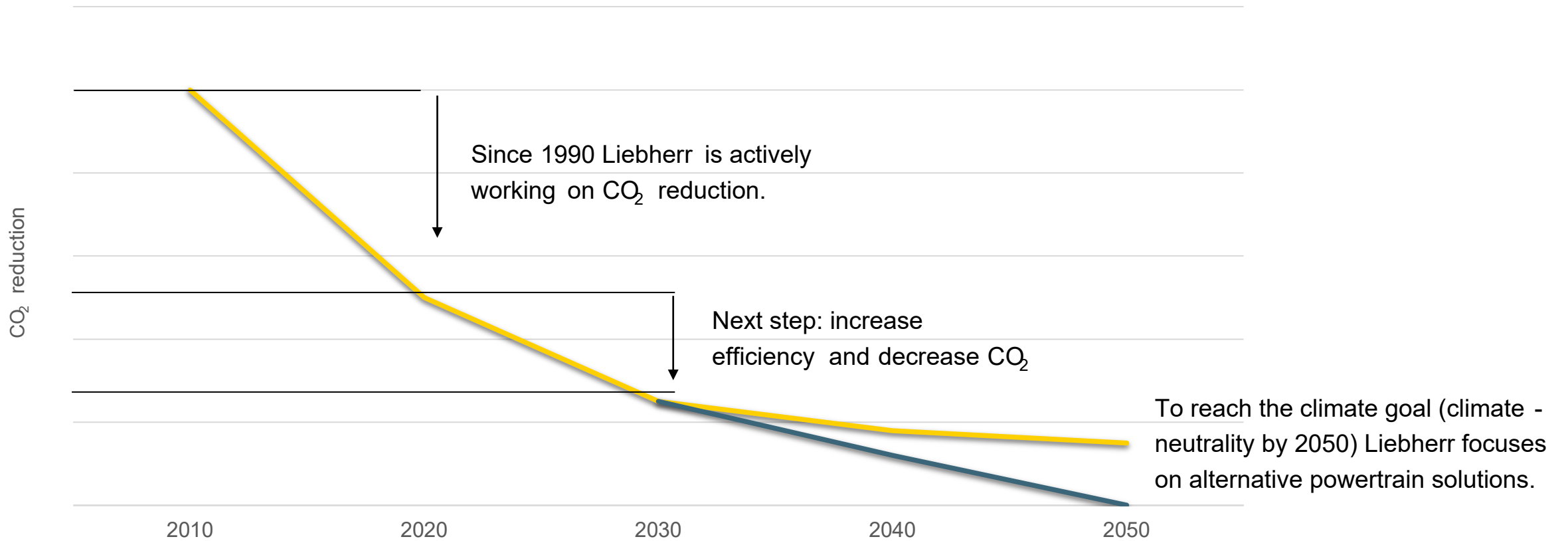


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# Agenda

1. Countdown to zero
2. Progression of future powertrains
3. Reduced emission technology
4. Summary & conclusion

# We have done a lot but still must do more



# Progression of future powertrains

Full electric  
battery drive  
renewable  
energy

Fuel cells  
hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)

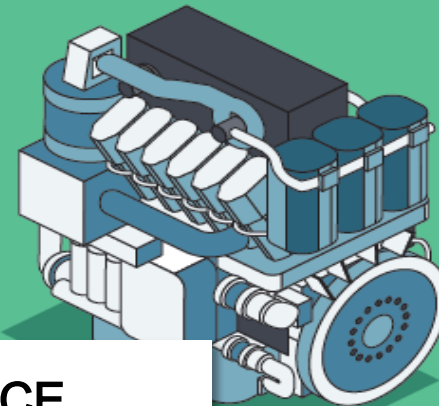
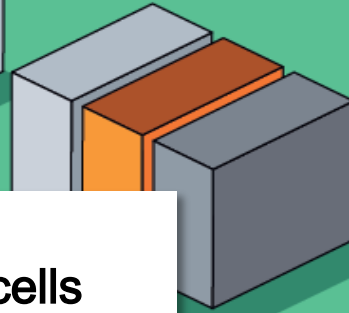
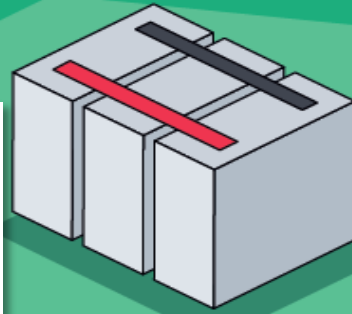
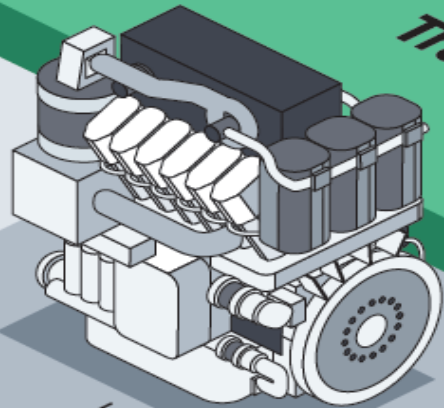
ICE  
CO<sub>2</sub> neutral  
fuels

**Tomorrow**  
*renewable energy*

**Transformation**

*Internal combustion engine (ICE)*

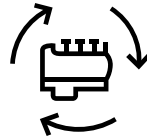
**Today**  
*fossil fuels*



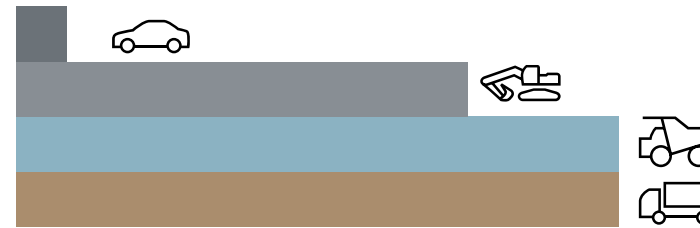
# Different applications require different solutions



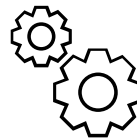
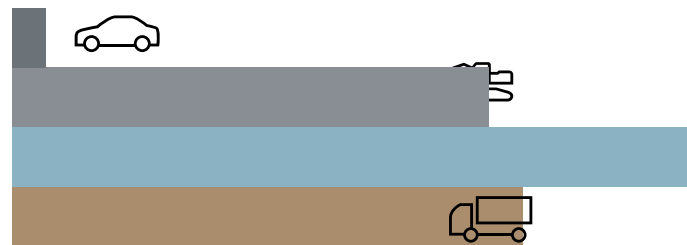
### Energy/Day



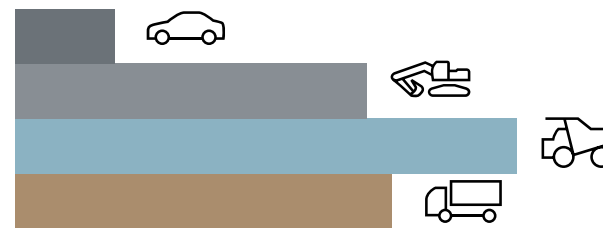
### Powertrain/Life



### Hours/Year



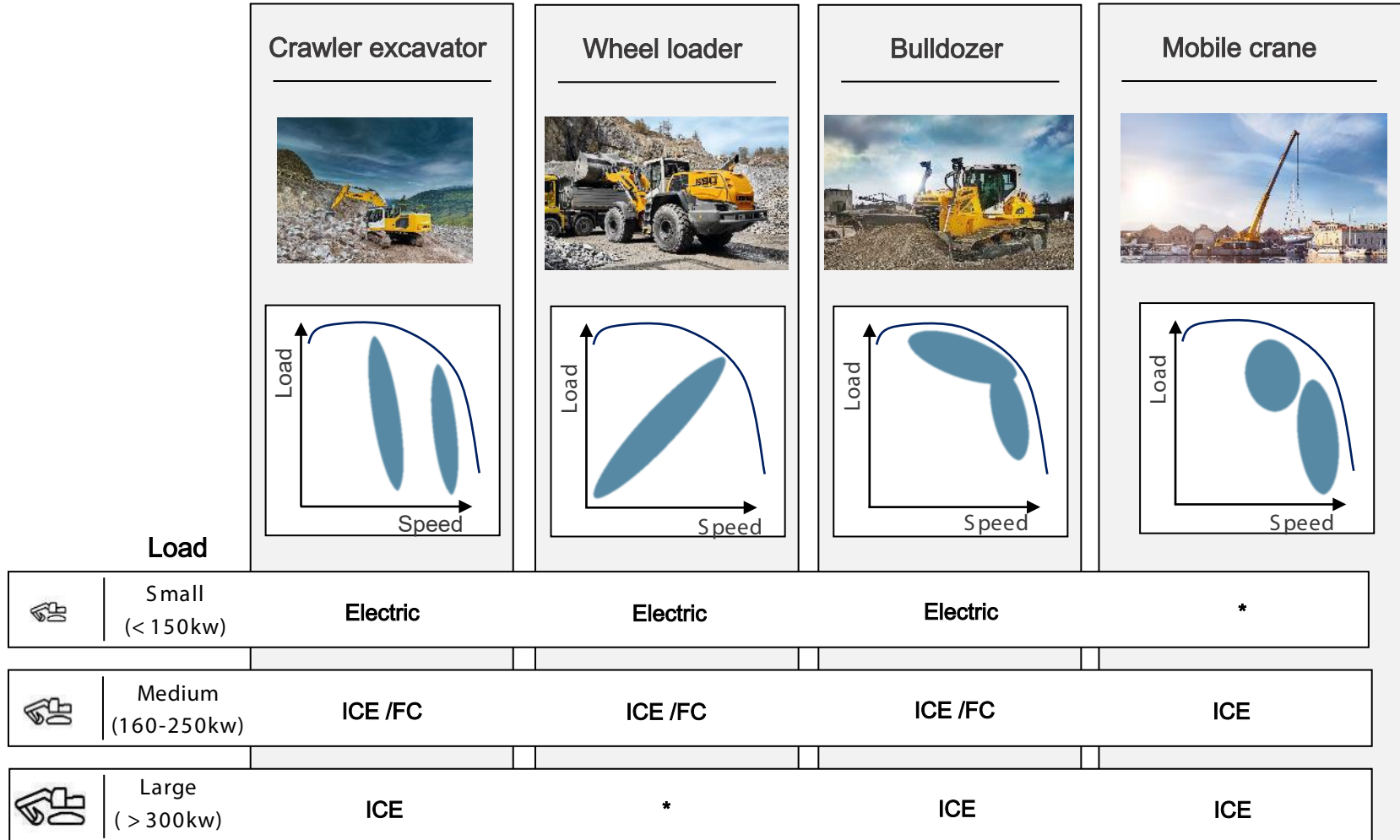
### Duty factor



## Requirements of heavy duty applications

- High energy usage
- Longer powertrain life
- Long running hours
- Higher duty factor

# Load/power requirements and solutions



\* no Liebherr application existing



Progression of future powertrains

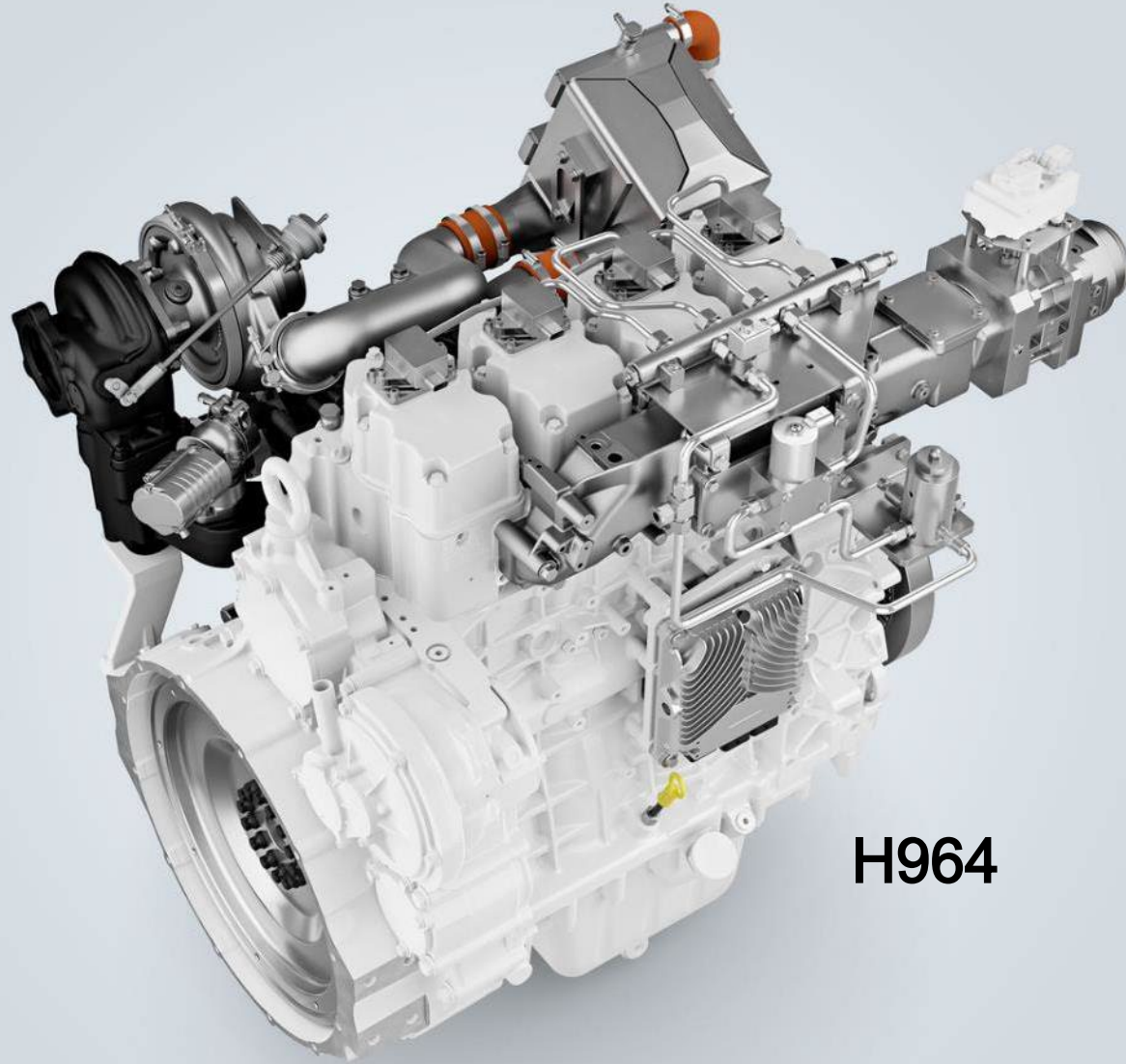
# Managing challenging conditions

## Off-highway vehicles and machines

- Tough operating environment
- Exposure to dirt, dust & temperature extremes
- On-site fueling and maintenance
- Lower airflow – no ram air cooling
- 3-shift, continuous operation

In these extreme, but common, conditions for off-highway machines, a battery-electric only solution may not fulfill the demands of mine & heavy-duty applications where an ICE is more capable.





**H964**

Future progression of powertrains

## Hydrogen ICE a perfect fit and a way forward

- Favorable cost-related alternative to diesel
- Fulfillment of zero CO<sub>2</sub> in all operation conditions
- Builds on existing ICE supply - chains, after -market and technical training
- Target: provide productivity comparable to diesel

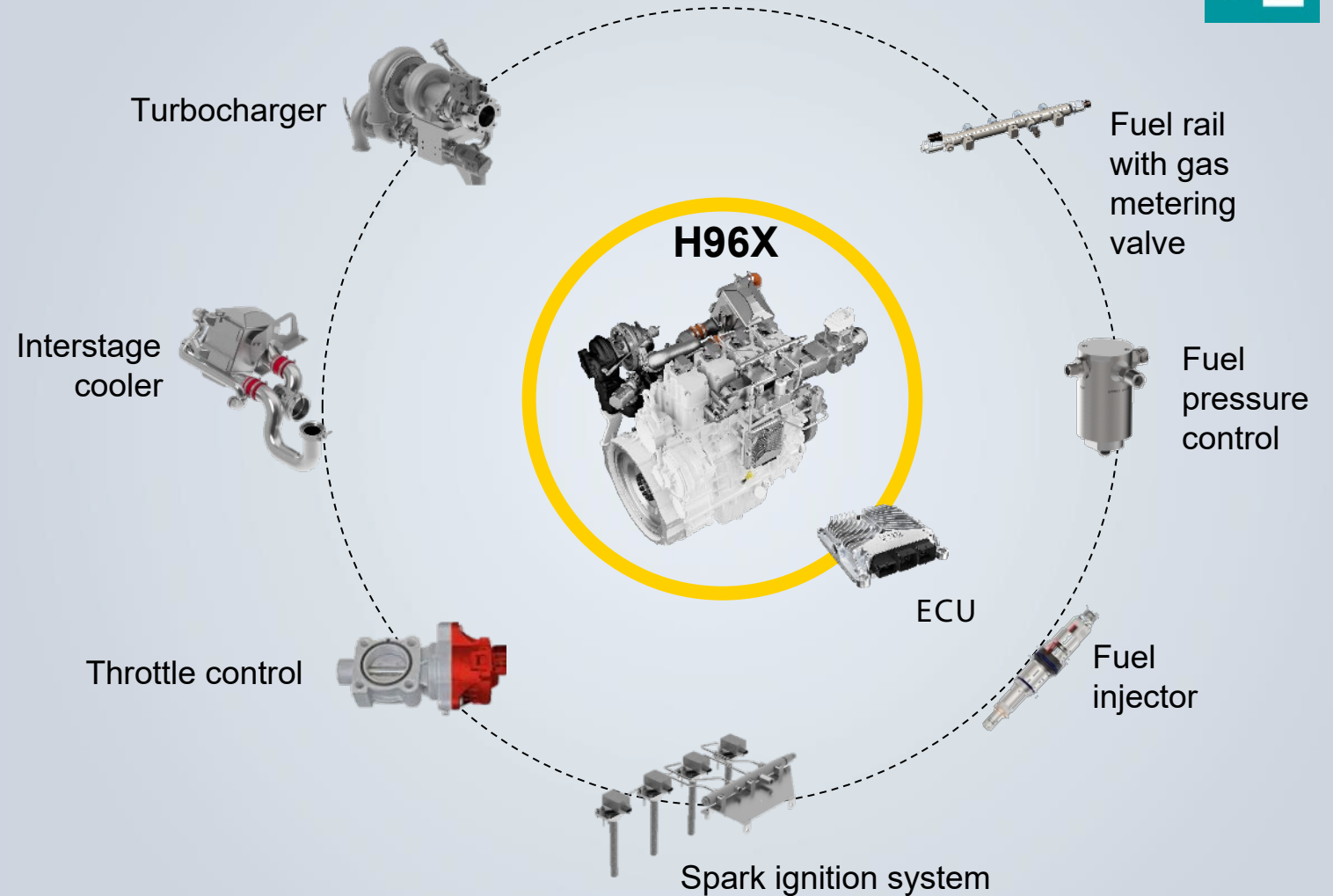


Reduced emission technology

# Key technologies for low emission ICEs

## Main development targets

- High level of parts commonality with diesel ICEs
- Power density similar to diesel engines
- Efficiency > 40%
- Lifetime and maintenance intervals similar to diesel ICE

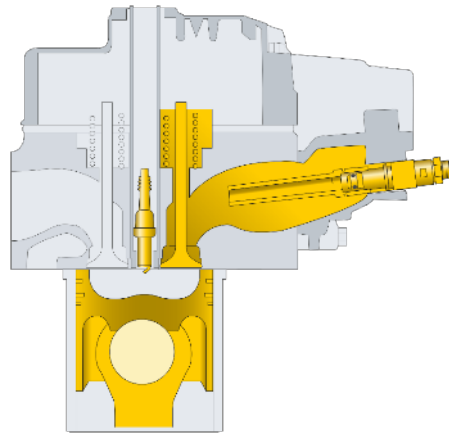


# H<sub>2</sub> ICE fuel injection concepts



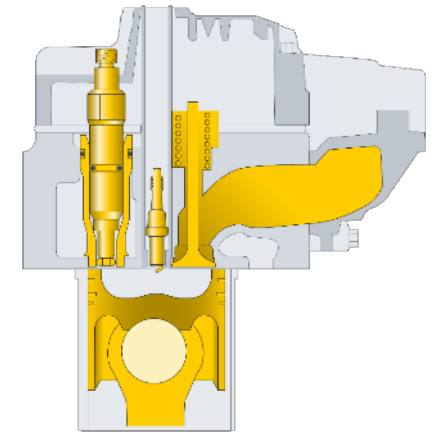
## Port fuel injection (PFI) ≤ 15 bar

- 20 - 30% lower power density vs. diesel engines
- Good mixture homogenization
- Lower efforts for FIE application → shorter time to market



## Direct injection (DI) ≤ 30 bar

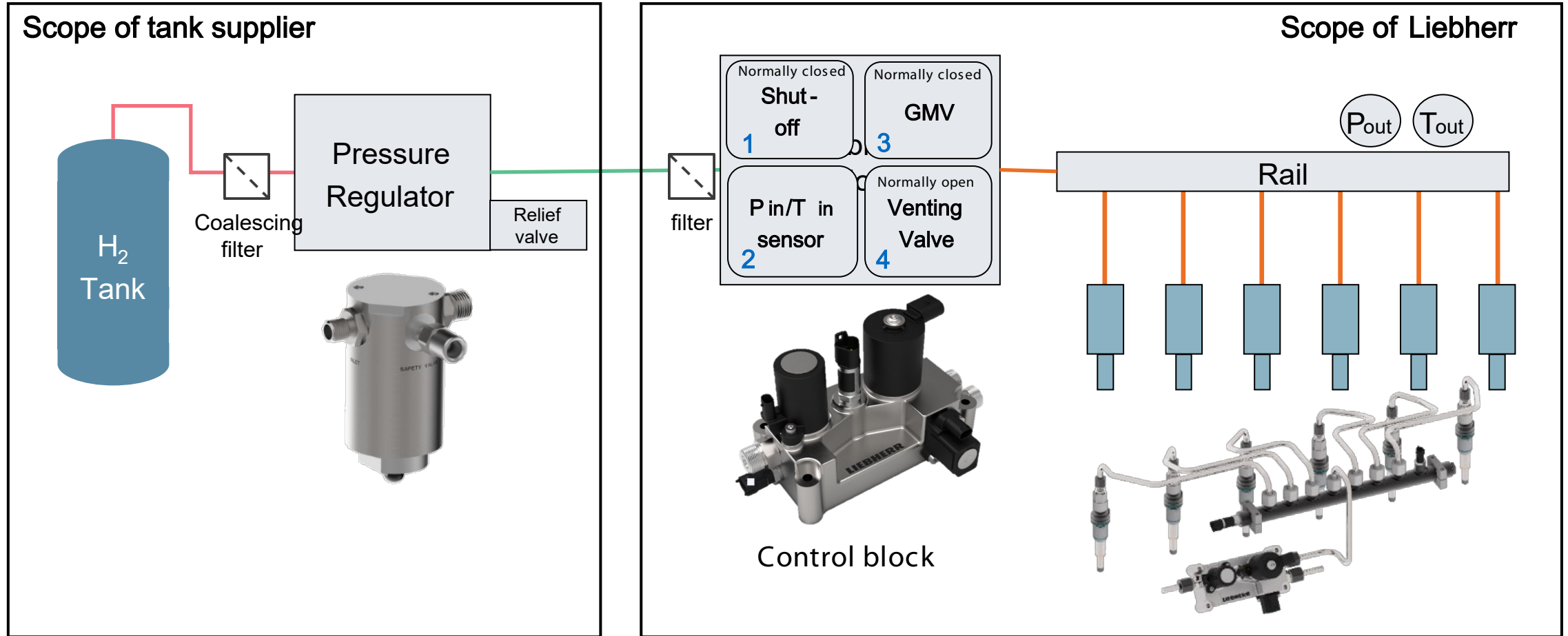
- Target: power density similar to today's diesel engines
- Challenge in mixture homogenization
- Higher efforts for FIE application → longer time to market



Both solutions offer unique advantages.

Liebherr develops H<sub>2</sub> fuel injection solutions for DI and PFI engines.

# H<sub>2</sub> injection system layout for DI / PFI



Liebherr control block enables, at engine level, one component control & safety system

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# The road to Liebherr<sub>2</sub> engines on market



**2020**



1st Hydrogen ICE application – Wheel loader

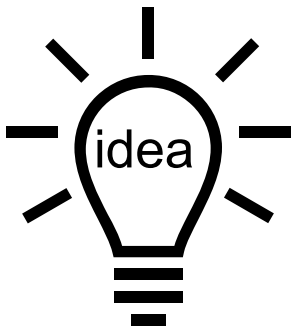
**2025- future**

**2022**



LH prototype excavator R9XX H<sub>2</sub> with H966 engine @Bauma 2022.

Liebherr won the Innovation award in the category climate protection.



# Summary and conclusion



**Open technology approach:** Liebherr develops climate-friendly powertrains for future with applications incl. **FC and ICE, alternative fuels.**



**ICE with alternative fuels** (e.g., hydrogen) offer advantages, especially for off-road applications .



Liebherr believes the ICE remains a viable solution supporting future heavy-duty applications.  
**The concern is not the combustion engine itself, but the fuel that is burned.**





Thank  
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