

# Feasibility of the SF-BREEZE: a Zero-Emission, Hydrogen Fuel Cell, High-Speed Passenger Ferry

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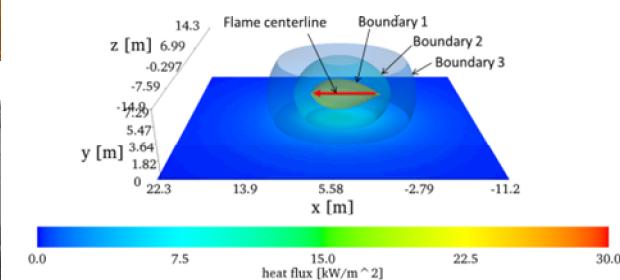
- Largest National Lab in U.S.
  - U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
  - ~12,000 employees
  - ~US\$2.3B/yr from DOE, other federal agencies, and private industry
  - H<sub>2</sub> Program in Livermore, CA (HQ in Albuquerque, NM)
- Hydrogen program: 60+ years technical depth in a wide range of areas, which we apply to enable impactful clean energy solutions



H<sub>2</sub>FC

# Sandia's Zero Emission Maritime Work (since 2012)

- Cold ironing with hydrogen fuel cells (study)
- Fuel cell generator for ports and ships (deployment)
- SF-BREEZE ferry (feasibility study and optimization)
- IMO hydrogen code development (invited part of US delegation)
- ZERO/V ocean going research vessel (feasibility study)
- Zero Emission Hydrogen Vessel Working Group lead



# Project Concept

## High-speed H<sub>2</sub> Ferry



Engineering model of the SF-BREEZE

## Dockside Fueling Station



Example existing dockside hydrogen station in Hamburg, Germany

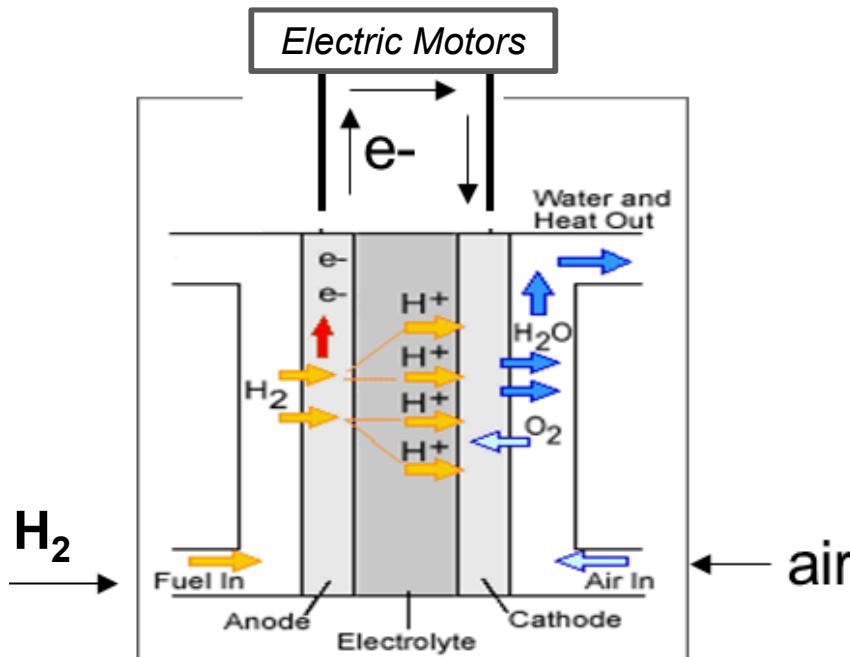
**Technically Possible?**

**Accepted by Regulators?**

**Commercially Viable?**

# When hydrogen is used in a *Fuel Cell* it produces ZERO pollution or greenhouse gas

## Hydrogen Fuel Cell



Photos Courtesy Ryan Sookoo, Hydrogenics

Going In:  
 $H_2$  and air

Going Out:  
Electricity  
Waste Heat  
Warm humidified air

# Hydrogen fueling stations and fuel cell electric vehicles are in the Bay Area today

Hyundai Tucson



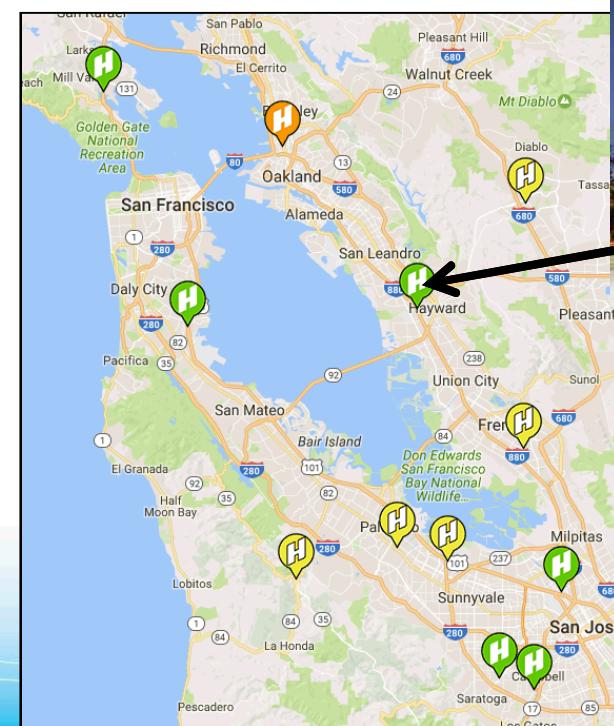
Toyota Mirai



Honda Clarity



AC Transit buses



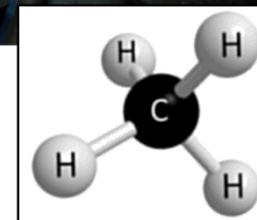
Hayward hydrogen fueling station (A St. @ 880)

# Hydrogen is a combustible fuel, very similar to natural gas, but does not contain *carbon*.

$H_2O$   
CO  
 $CO_2$



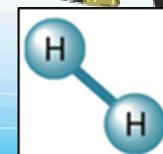
Natural gas



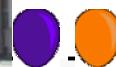
$H_2O$



Hydrogen



Hydrogen is the  
lightest gas



NG  $H_2$

# Ways to Store Hydrogen on the SF-BREEZE

## Gaseous tanks

~2,000 psi steel or aluminum



5,000-10,000 psi carbon fiber composite assemblies



## Liquid hydrogen



## Metal Hydride



***Liquid hydrogen is the  
lightest option for the  
SF-BREEZE***

# LH<sub>2</sub> has been safely used for decades



LH<sub>2</sub> tanks are double walled vacuum insulated stainless steel tanks with steel shell.

A typical trailer can deliver 4000 kg (~15,000 gallons) at a time.

# LH<sub>2</sub> and LNG are similar cryogenic fuels

## LH<sub>2</sub>:

Liquid Normal Boiling Point = 20 K (-253 C).

Liquid Density = 71 g/L

Lower Heating Value = 120 MJ/kg

## LNG (LCH<sub>4</sub>):

Liquid Normal Boiling Point = 111 K (-162 C).

Liquid Density = 422 g/L

Lower Heating Value = 45 MJ/kg

For the same amount of stored energy:

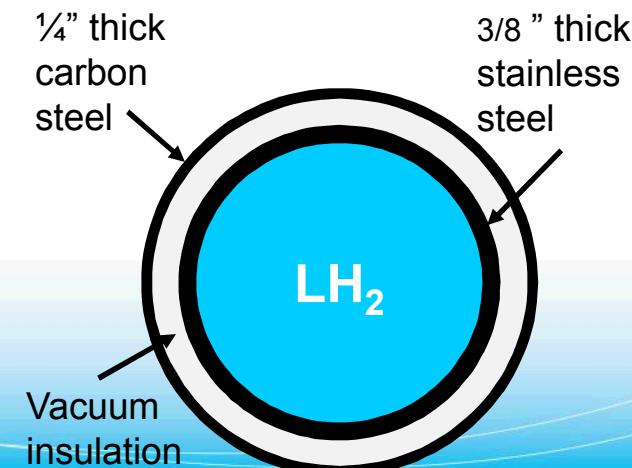
- LH<sub>2</sub> is lighter ( $m = 0.38 \times \text{LNG}$ )
- LH<sub>2</sub> is bigger ( $V = 2.4 \times \text{LNG}$ )



LH<sub>2</sub> Storage Tank on Trailer



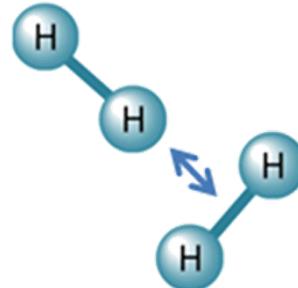
LNG Storage Tank on Trailer



# Vessel design with LH<sub>2</sub> is similar to that with LNG

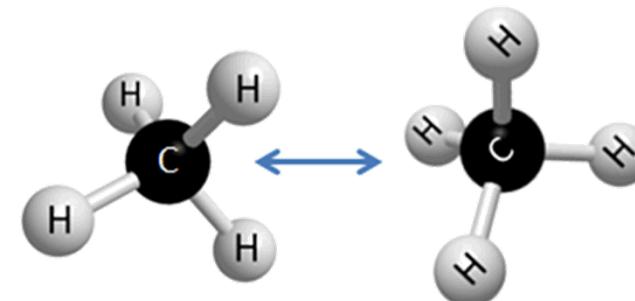
## Commonalities

- Similar combustion properties
- Same safety design method:
  - Leak avoidance and monitoring
  - Minimize ignition sources
  - Provide ventilation



## Major Differences

- H<sub>2</sub> is much more buoyant than CH<sub>4</sub> - even when very cold.
- LH<sub>2</sub> is colder and can condense/freeze air.



*The current use of LNG as a maritime propulsion fuel is paving the way for use of LH<sub>2</sub> for vessels.*

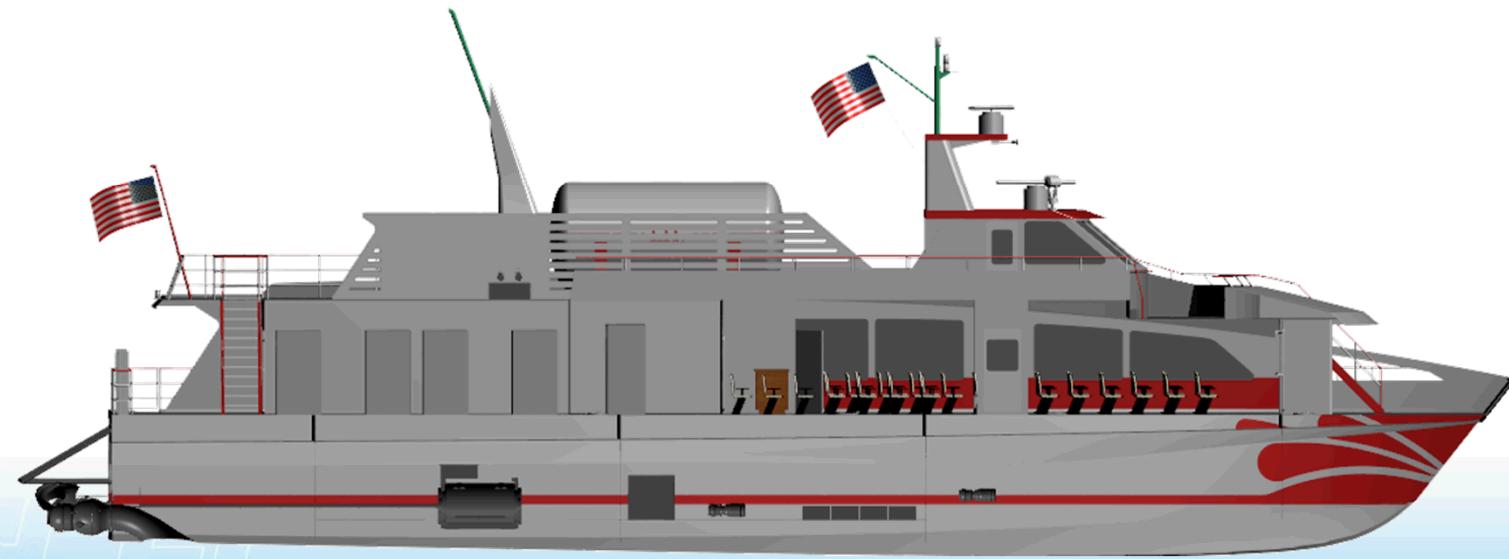
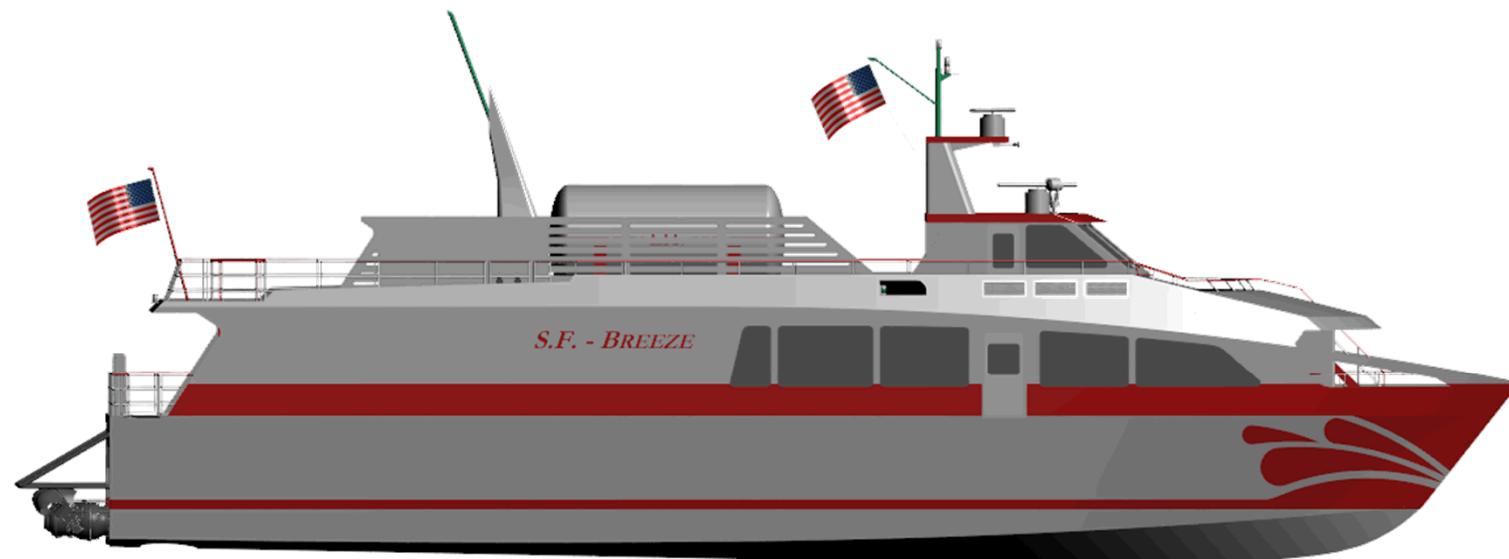
# SF-BREEZE Operating Requirements

- High-speed commuter ferry in an ocean bay environment
- Must be competitive with other modes of transportation (car, bus, train, other ferries)
- 35 kts top speed, 23 nm one-way
- Daily logistics:
  1. Two morning round trips (~100 nm)
  2. Refuel in less than 1 hr at midday
  3. Two afternoon round trips (~100 nm)
  4. Refuel again at night
- Each round trip uses about 400 kg LH<sub>2</sub>

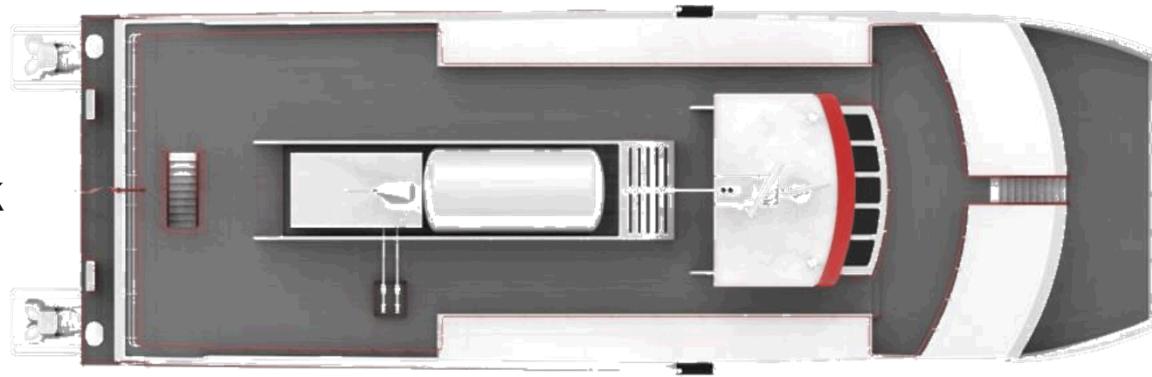


# The final SF-BREEZE design meets all requirements

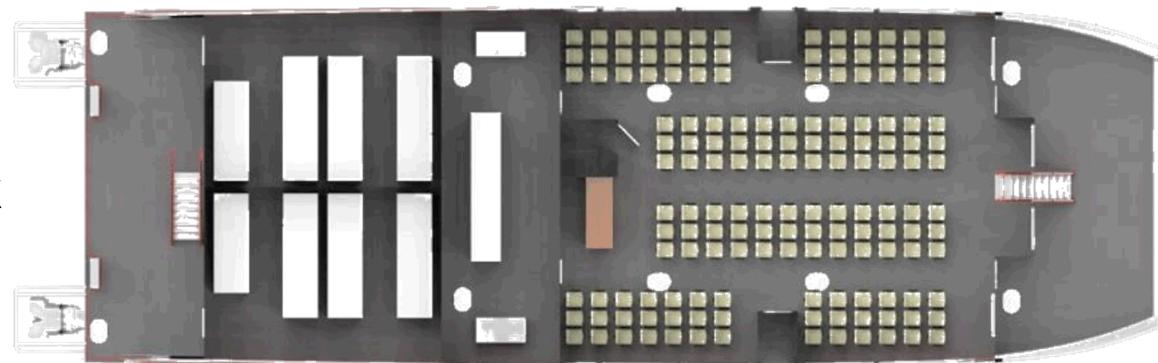




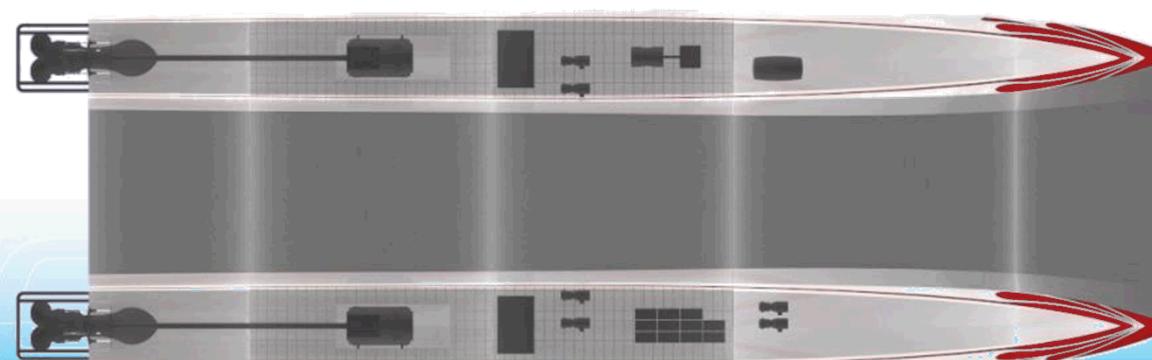
**Upper Deck**



**Main Deck**



**Hulls**



# SF-BREEZE by the numbers

- LOA 109' x Beam 33' x Depth 11.25'
- Full Load Draft ~ 4.6'
- Full Load Displacement ~133 LT
- Passengers: 150
- Service Speed: 35 knots
- Tonnage: 79.86 GRT
- Passenger Cabin Forward, Fuel Cells Aft
- LH<sub>2</sub> tank located on centerline (>B/5 from side)
- Propulsion power 4.4 MW, installed power 4.92 MW



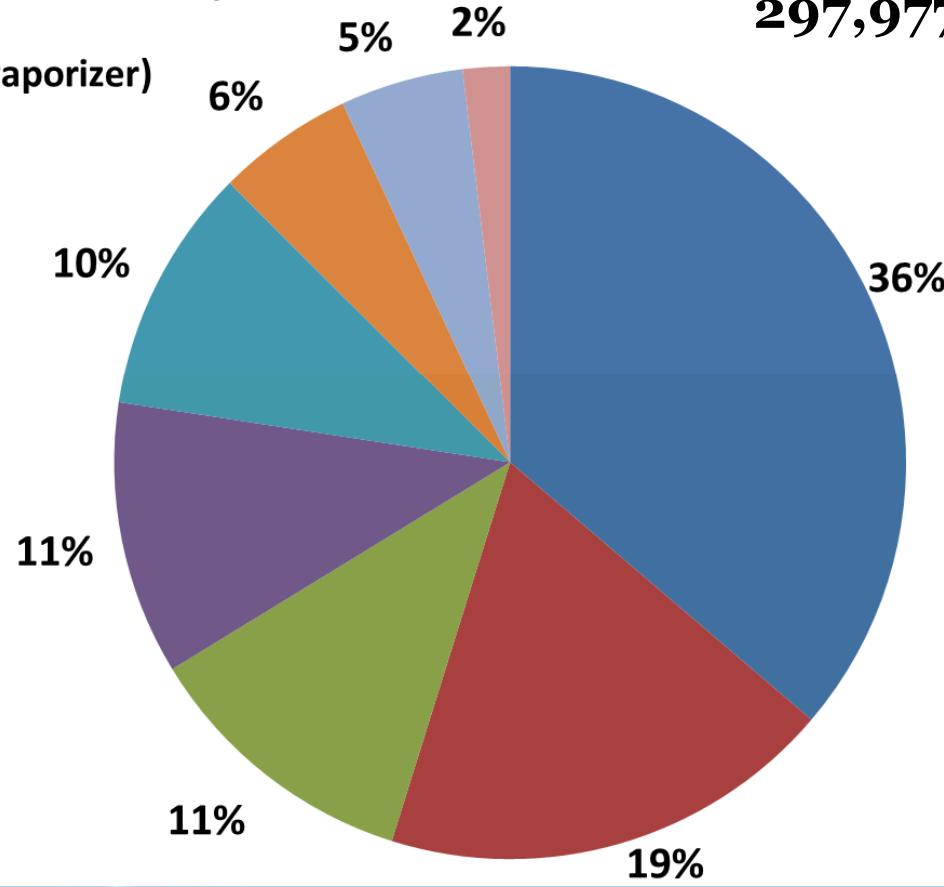
# Propulsion system architecture

1. Fuel cells feed DC-DC power converter to regulate voltage
  - 41 Fuel cell units –  $120 \text{ kW} \times 41 = 4.92 \text{ MW}$ 
    - 4.6 MW for propulsion, 120 kW for other loads, remainder is margin
2. DC-DC power converters feed DC-AC power inverters
3. DC-AC power inverters feed AC PM propulsion motors (2 x 2 MW Permanent Magnet AC motors)
4. AC PM propulsion motors feed linear jet or water jet propellers (2 x 2.6 MW)

# Vessel Weight

- Parametric Weight Item (structure, outfit, nav, aux systems)
- Fuel Cells
- Deadweight (passengers, crew, fuel, water)
- Electric Conversion & Motors
- Fuel Systems (incl. LH<sub>2</sub> tank, vaporizer)
- Electrical
- Cooling Systems
- Propulsor

**Total vessel weight:**  
**297,977 lb**



- LH<sub>2</sub> Ferry weighs 14% more than diesel ferry with similar proportions
- Drives higher power requirement, especially since it is a high speed vessel

# Regulatory Design Basis

Principle regulation governing the design of the vessel:

- **46 CFR Subchapter T – Small Passenger Vessels**

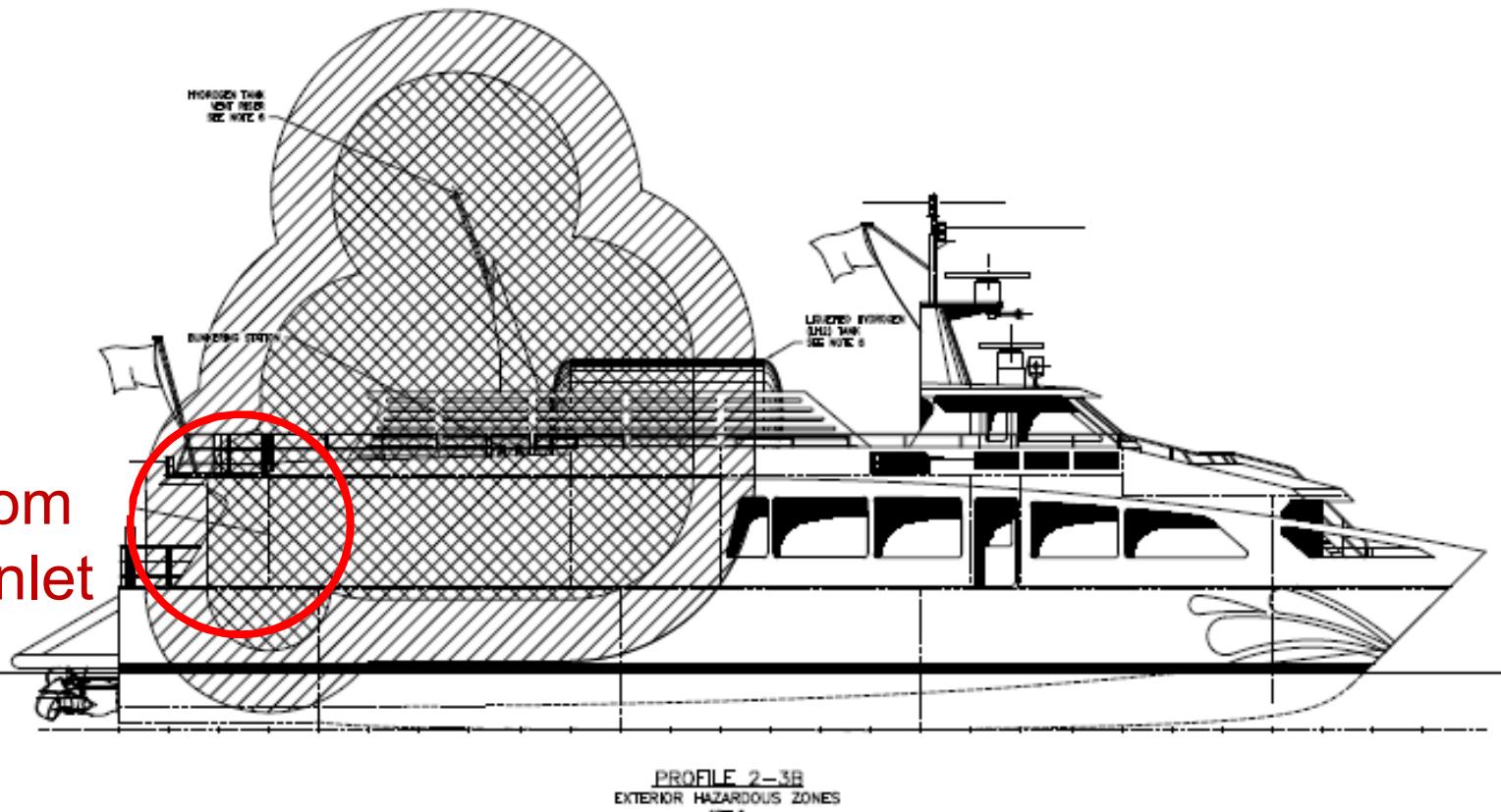
Other documents are used as guidance, since no official regulations yet exist which specifically apply to a hydrogen powered, high speed, aluminum ferry.

- **IMO MSC 95/22/Add.1 (Adopted IGF Code)**
- IMO CCC 2/3/1 (IGF Code with Fuel Cell Additions)
- ABS Guide for Propulsion and Auxiliary Systems for Gas Fueled Ships
- ABS Rules for Building and Classing High-Speed Craft
- IEC 60092-502 Electrical Installations on Ships
- IEC 60079-10 Electrical Apparatus for Explosive Gas Atmospheres
- 46 CFR Subchapter J – Electrical Engineering
- 46 CFR Subchapter F – Marine Engineering
- ASME B31.12 Hydrogen Piping and Pipelines
- ANSI/CSA America FC1-2004 Stationary Fuel Cell Power Systems

# Hazardous Zones Philosophy

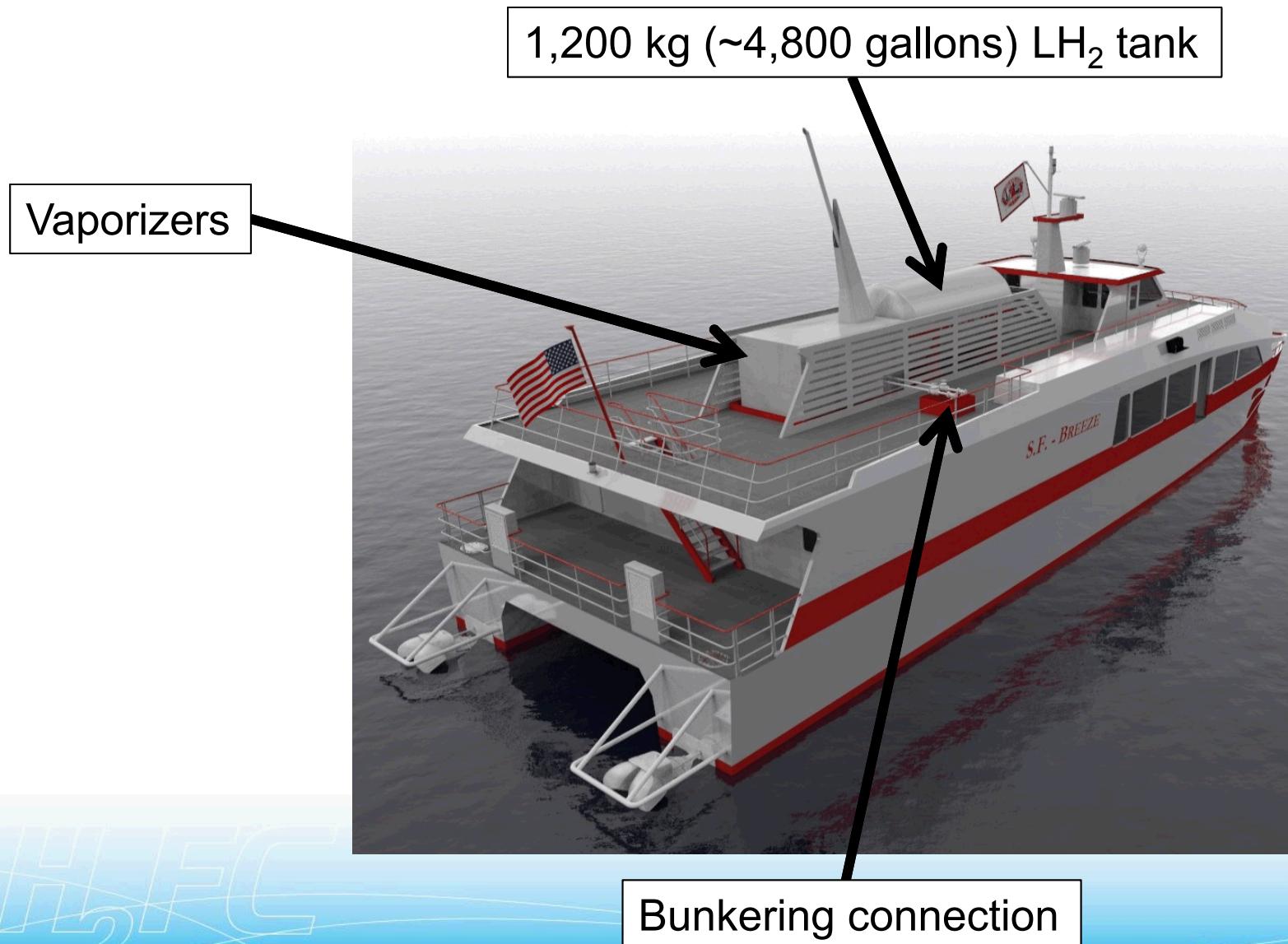
- Based on guidance for LNG in IGF code
  - USCG recommendation
  - Comparison of LH<sub>2</sub> and LNG Properties With a Focus on Safety – Sandia
- Emergency Shut Down (ESD) arrangement
  - Two independent fuel cell rooms provide redundancy
- LH<sub>2</sub> tank and fuel delivery components located on open deck
- Bunkering station located on open deck

## Example proposed Exception: Hazardous Zones



Based on the buoyant and evaporative properties of hydrogen, it isn't practical for the hazardous zones from equipment on the upper deck to extend down to the main deck.

# SF-BREEZE Fueling Characteristics



# Refueling process will be similar to LNG bunkering



(1) Shoreside storage tank (or refuel directly from truck).



(3) Transferring the fuel



(2) Piping and connecting the fueling arm



See complete video at:  
[youtu.be/oZWuTWtp5Rs](https://youtu.be/oZWuTWtp5Rs)

## Important difference between LH<sub>2</sub> and LNG:

Hydrogen is non-toxic and is not a greenhouse gas. If vented or spilled it quickly and completely evaporates with no harm to personnel or the environment.

# The Port of San Francisco prefers Pier 54 for fueling both the SF-BREEZE and fuel cell electric vehicles.



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(planned)

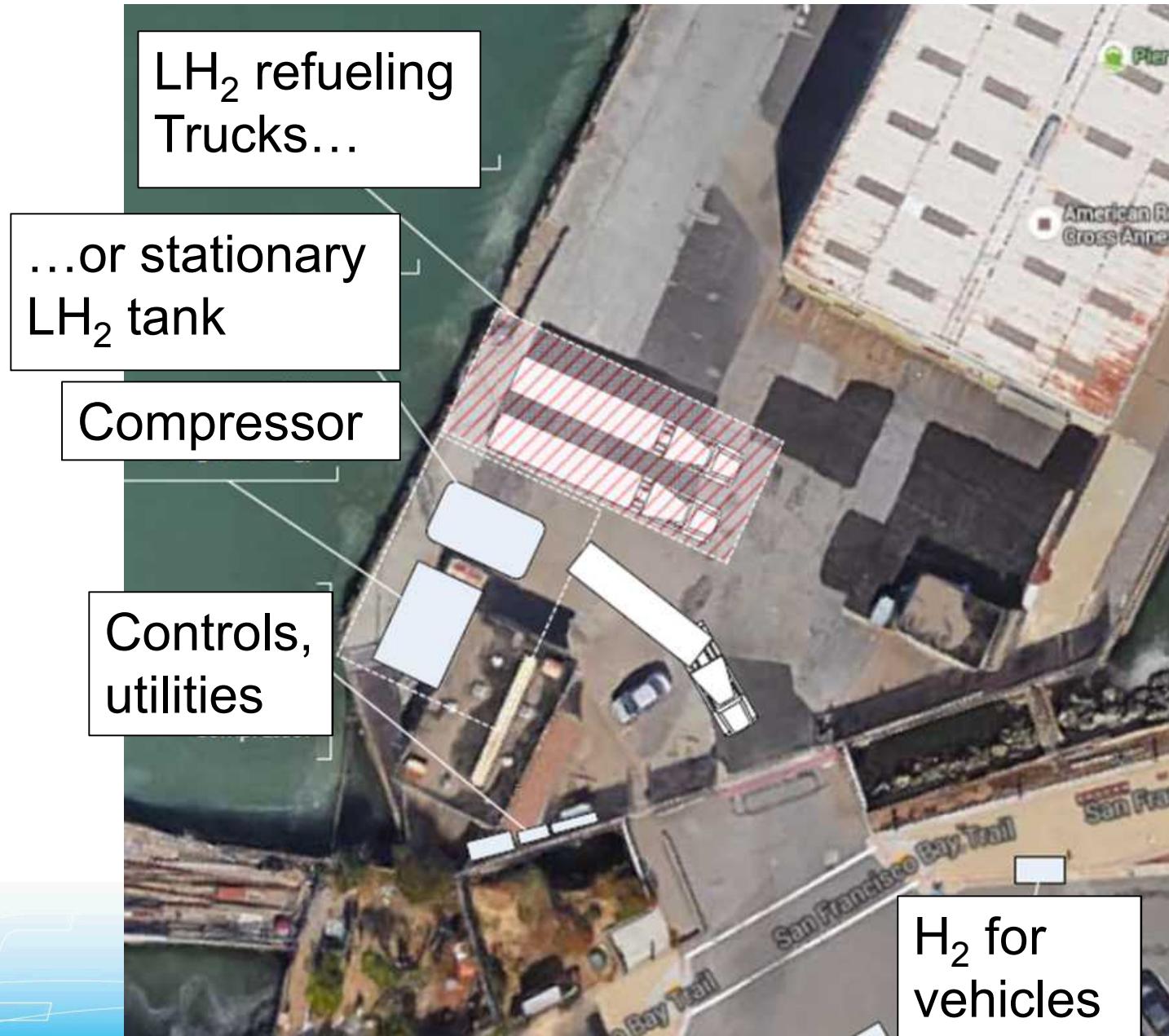
**16<sup>th</sup> St. Landing**  
(proposed)

**UCSF Medical**  
Center

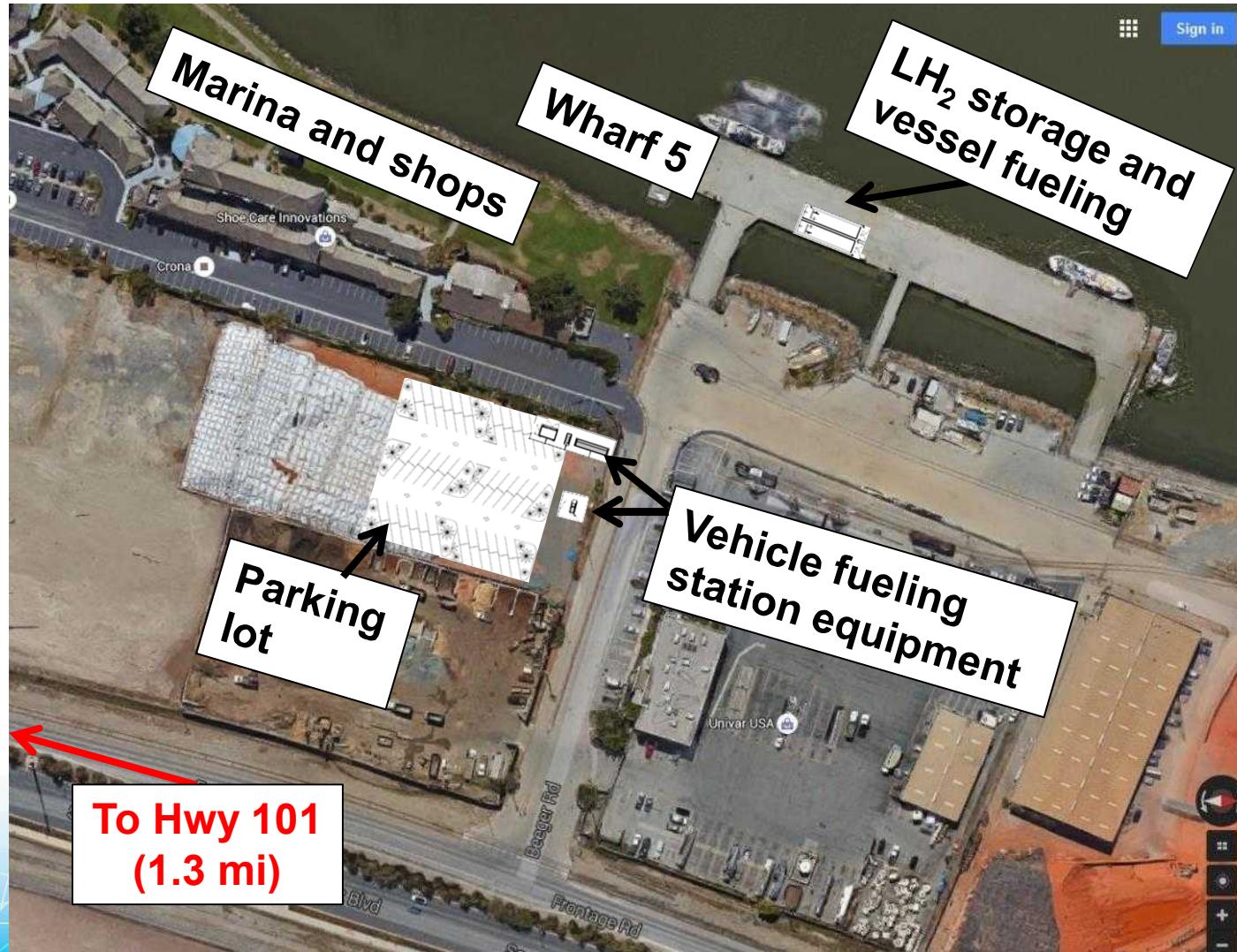
**Pier 54**

**AT&T Park**

# A viable hydrogen fueling complex designed by Linde at the Port of San Francisco



# The Port of Redwood City identified Wharf 5 and nearby lots as ideal for fueling vessels and vehicles.



# Air Emissions: Analysis, with comparison to the existing, similar sized ferry on the same route



## SF-BREEZE

**Top Speed:** 35 knots  
**Power Plant:** PEM fuel cells  
**Fuel:** Liquid Hydrogen  
**Passenger Capacity:** 150

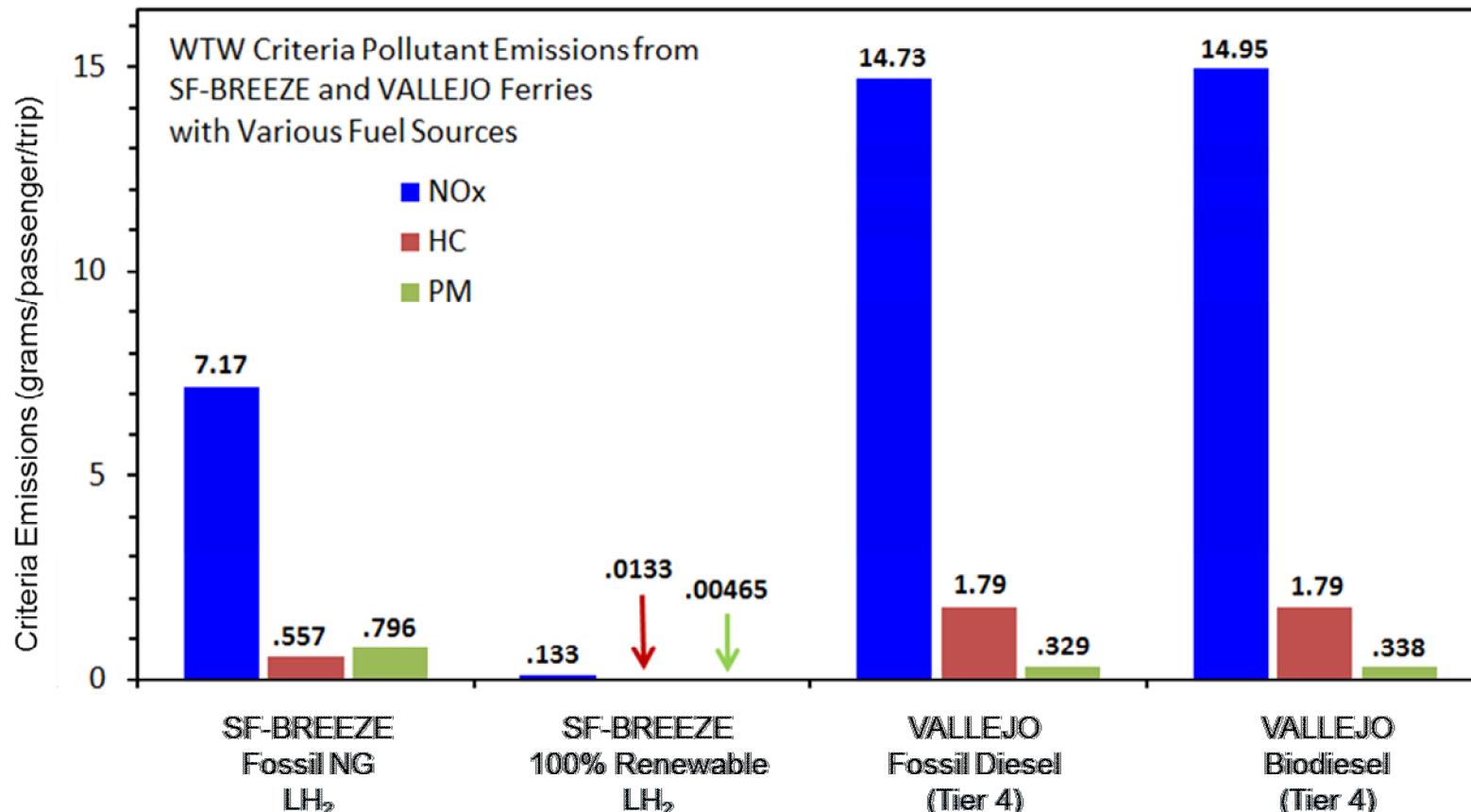


## Vallejo

**Top Speed:** 35 knots  
**Power Plant:** Diesel engine  
**Fuel:** Ultra low sulfur diesel  
**Passenger Capacity:** 300

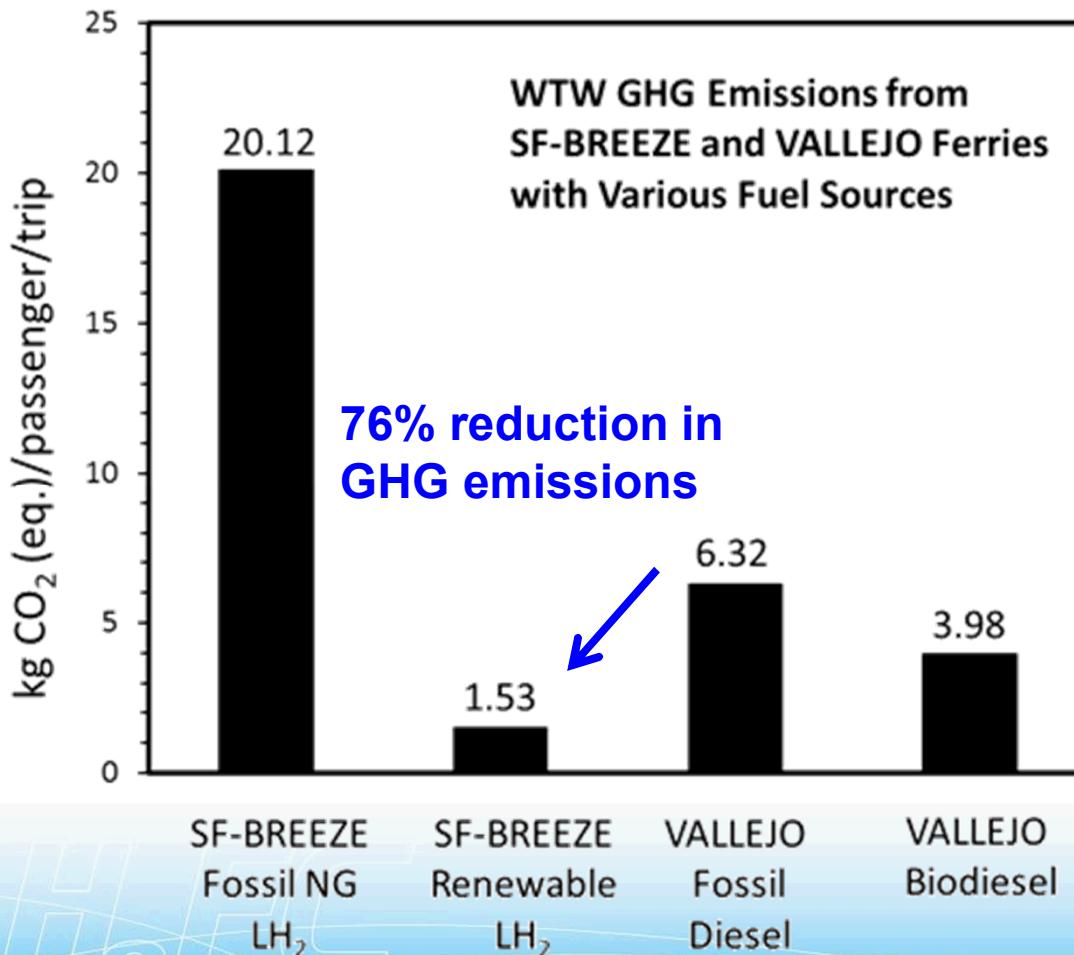
*For this comparison, assume a “new-build” Vallejo diesel vessel held to Tier 4 criteria pollutant emission constraints.*

# The SF-BREEZE drastically reduces “Well-to-Waves” pollutant emissions compared to the most advanced (Tier 4) marine diesel ferries.



The SF-BREEZE has zero criteria pollutant emissions at the point of use

# SF-BREEZE can achieve dramatic Well-to-Waves greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction with *renewable* LH<sub>2</sub>



All SF-BREEZE emissions are due to the LH<sub>2</sub> production path; the SF-BREEZE is zero emission at the point of use

# Renewable liquid hydrogen is available

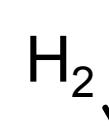
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methane



Renewable  
electricity



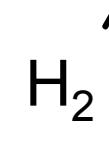
Reformation



Liquefaction



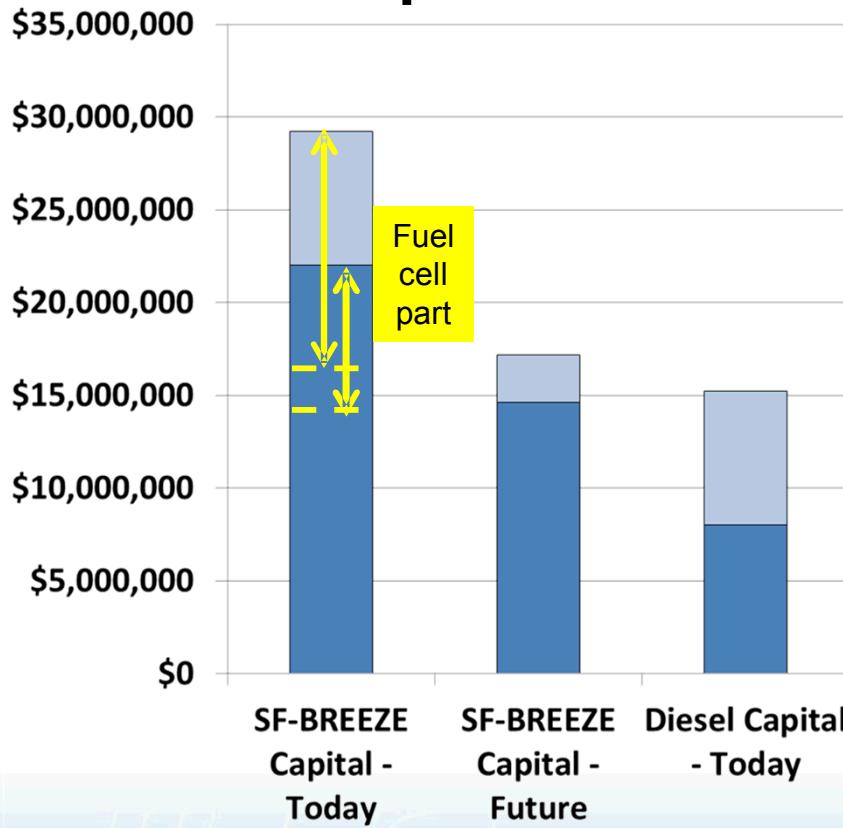
Renewable  
liquid  
hydrogen



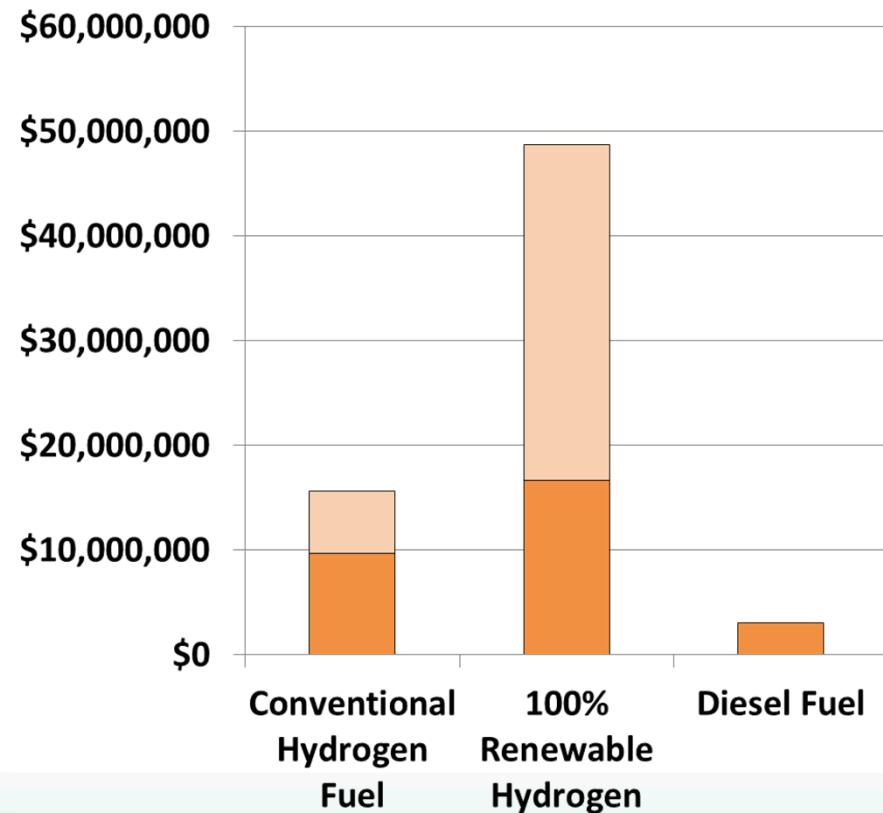
Electrolysis

# The costs are currently higher than diesel with projected cost decreases ahead

## Capital Cost



## 5-Year Fuel Cost



The decreased health risks and lower environmental impact saves our region **\$2.6M - \$11M** for each SF-BREEZE ferry built instead of a Tier 4 diesel ferry.

# PEM fuel cell costs will come down as they are deployed in automobiles and elsewhere



Estimated cost of a 120 kW module today: **\$2,500/kW**

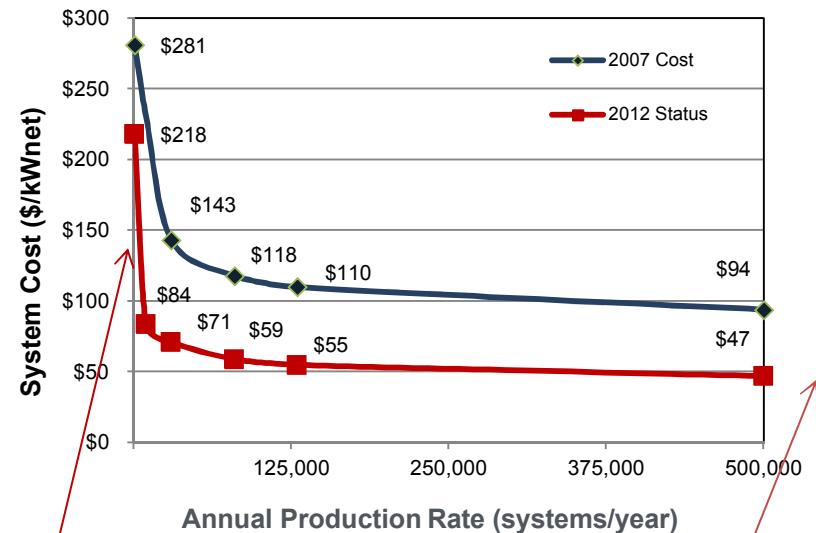
Estimated cost of 100-1,000 units in 3 years: **\$1,000/kW**

Longer term cost: **\$100-\$200/kW** for auto PEM fuel cell at 10,000 units/year

Long term DOE high-volume cost target: **\$30/kW**

## Cost of Automotive PEM Fuel Cells\*

Projected Costs at Different Manufacturing Rates



\* Based on state-of-the-art lab scale technology projection to high-volume manufacturing (500,000 units/year). - Strategic Analysis

# Customers are already willing to pay more for zero emission fuel cell technology

Toyota Camry (gasoline engine)

MSRP: ~\$25,000

Fuel price: ~\$2.80/gallon



Lease: \$259/mo

Fuel price: ~\$2.80/gallon

Toyota Mirai (H<sub>2</sub> Fuel Cell)

MSRP: \$45,000 (after gov't incentives)

Fuel price: \$10-\$14/kg\*



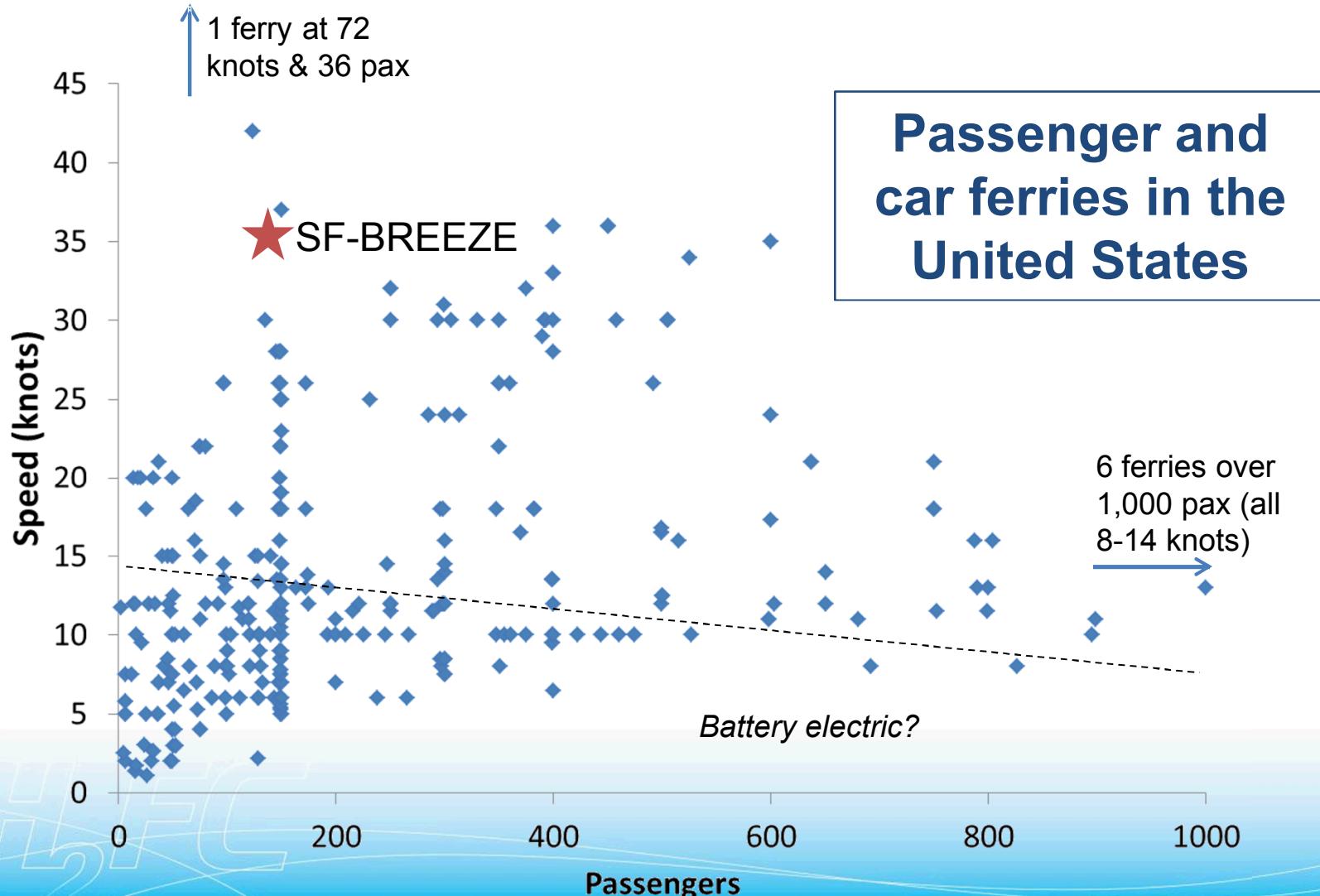
Lease: \$349/mo

Fuel price: included for 3 yrs

***What cost premium is allowable for consumer acceptance?***

\*only half the hydrogen is needed for the same range because a fuel cell is ~2-times more efficient than a gasoline engine

# Optimization: What is the best type of zero emission ferry to build today?



# Summary

	Ferry	Hydrogen Station
Technical	✓	✓
Regulatory	✓	✓
Economic	<i>Higher than conventional now, today's market acceptance to be determined</i>	

# Next Steps

## Six project phases

**Phase 1: Feasibility study (complete)\***

**Phase 2: Optimization of the vessel (underway)\***

Phase 3: Detailed design of the H<sub>2</sub> ferry and station

Phase 4: Build the H<sub>2</sub> ferry and station

Phase 5: Operate the H<sub>2</sub> ferry and station

Phase 6: Extend to H<sub>2</sub> cars, buses and trucks

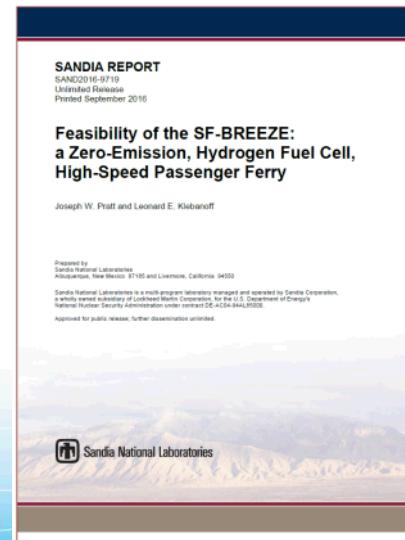


\*Phases 1 and 2 funded by US DOT / Maritime Administration

# Thank you!

## SF-BREEZE Feasibility Study Final Report - Download from: **maritime.sandia.gov**

- All ferry design documents and drawings
- LH<sub>2</sub> fuel assessment (with comparison to LNG)
- Emissions
- Regulations
- Bunkering
- Economics



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