

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

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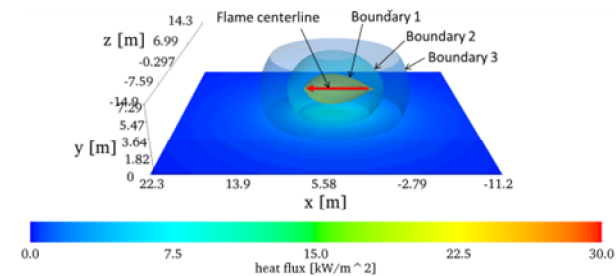
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- Largest National Lab in U.S.
 - U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
 - ~12,000 employees
 - ~US\$2.3B/yr from DOE, other federal agencies, and private industry
 - H2 Program in Livermore, CA (HQ in Albuquerque, NM)
- Hydrogen program: 60+ years technical depth in a wide range of areas, which we apply to enable impactful clean energy solutions



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 H₂ Ferry



Engineering model of the SF-BREEZE

Dockside Fueling Station



Example existing dockside hydrogen station in Hamburg, Germany

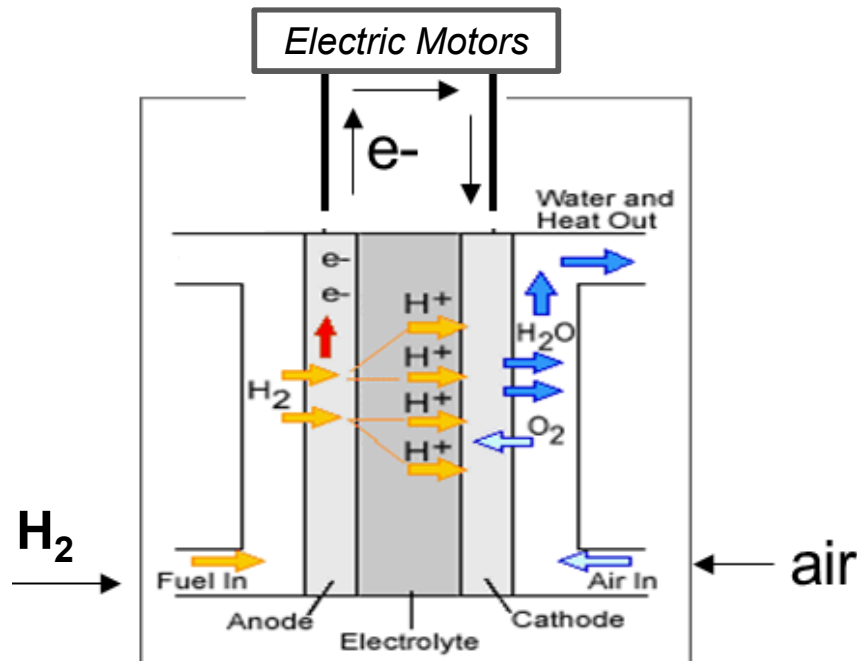
Technically Possible?

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:
H₂ 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



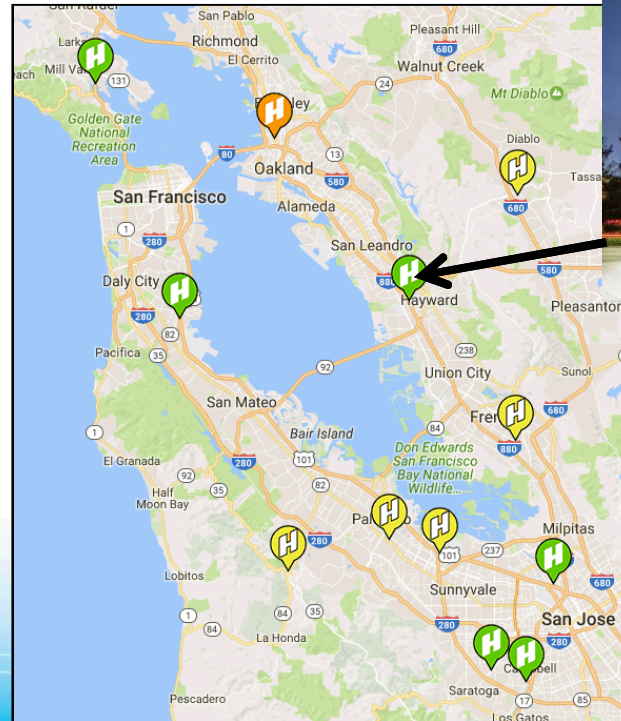
Toyota Mirai



Honda Clarity



AC Transit buses



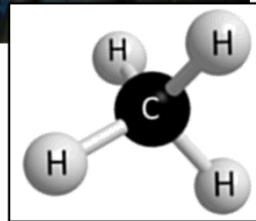
Hayward hydrogen fueling station (A St. @ 880)

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

H₂O
CO
CO₂



Natural gas



Hydrogen is the lightest gas

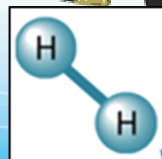


NG H₂

H₂O



Hydrogen



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

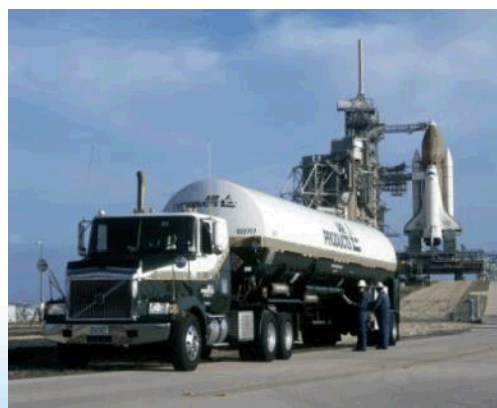


Metal Hydride



Liquid hydrogen is the lightest option for the SF-BREEZE

LH₂ has been safely used for decades



LH₂ 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.

LH₂ and LNG are similar cryogenic fuels

LH₂:

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

Liquid Density = 71 g/L

Lower Heating Value = 120 MJ/kg

LNG (LCH₄):

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:

- LH₂ is lighter
(m = 0.38 x LNG)
- LH₂ is bigger
(V = 2.4 x LNG)

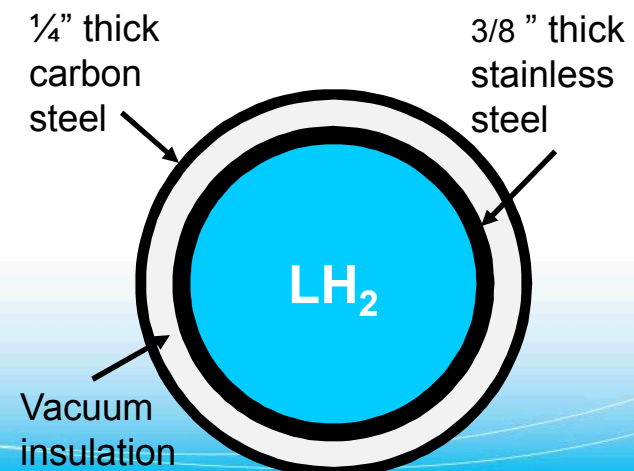
LNG and LH₂ are stored in similar ways:



LH₂ Storage Tank on Trailer



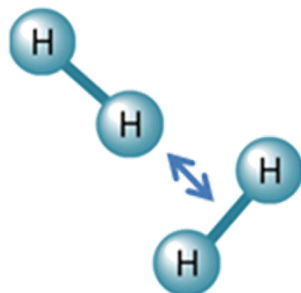
LNG Storage Tank on Trailer



Vessel design with LH₂ is similar to that with LNG

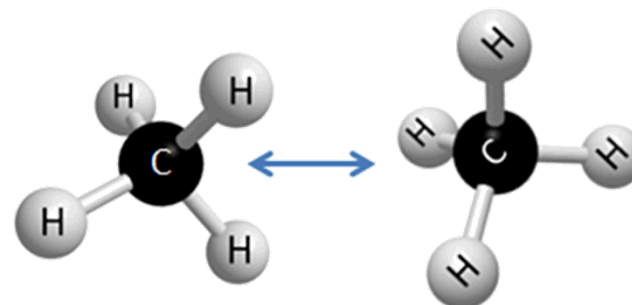
Commonalities

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



Major Differences

- H₂ is much more buoyant than CH₄ - even when very cold.
- LH₂ is colder and can condense/freeze air.



The current use of LNG as a maritime propulsion fuel is paving the way for use of LH₂ for vessels.

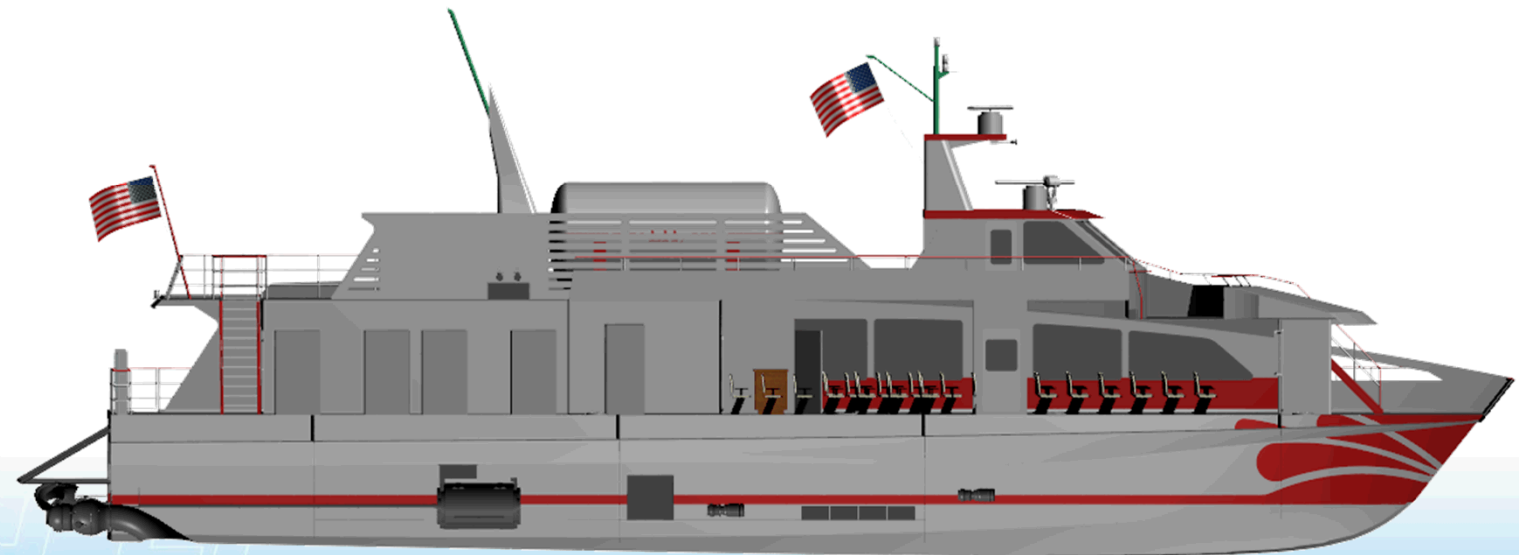
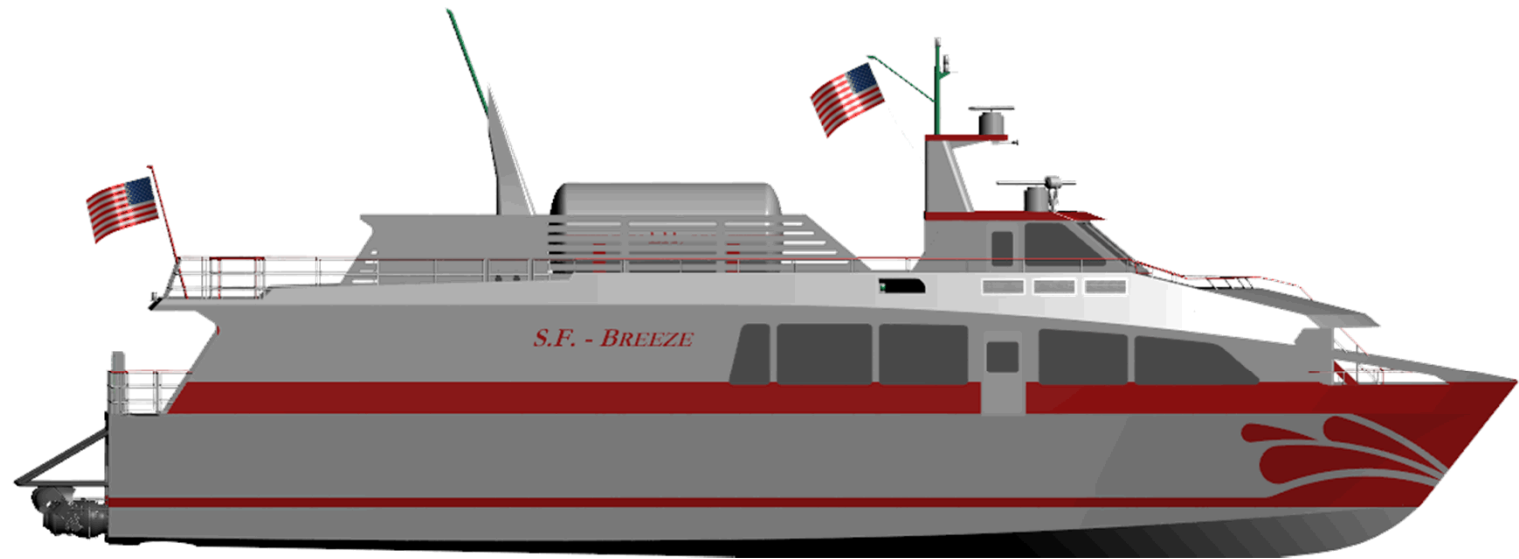
SF-BREEZE Operating Requirements

- 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 LH₂

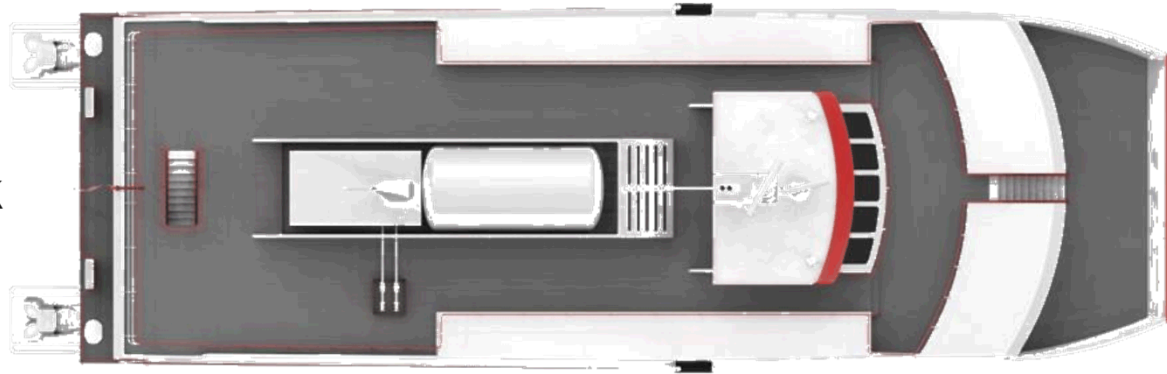


The final SF-BREEZE design meets all requirements

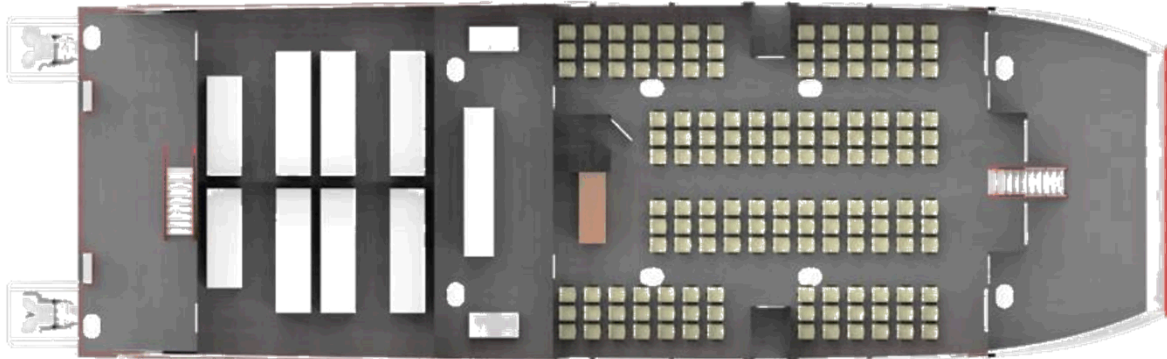




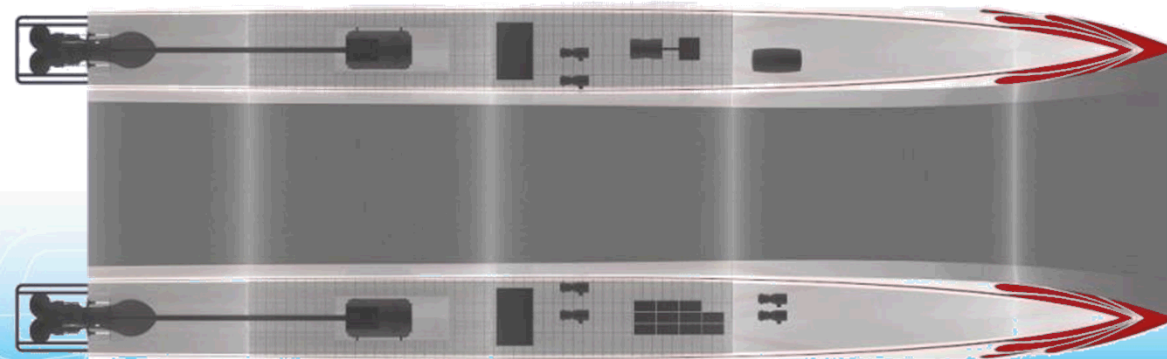
Upper Deck



Main Deck



Hulls



SF-BREEZE by the numbers

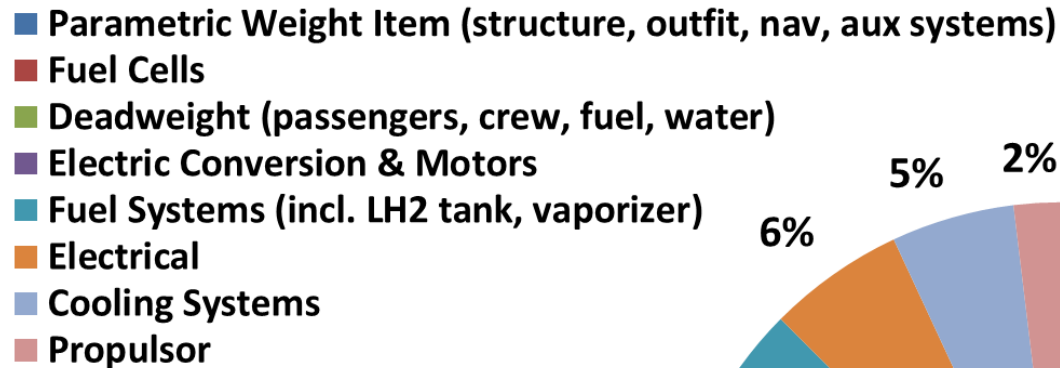
- LOA 109' x Beam 33' x Depth 11.25'
- Full Load Draft ~ 4.6'
- Full Load Displacement ~133 LT
- Passengers: 150
- Service Speed: 35 knots
- Tonnage: 79.86 GRT
- Passenger Cabin Forward, Fuel Cells Aft
- LH₂ tank located on centerline (>B/5 from side)
- Propulsion power 4.4 MW, installed power 4.92 MW



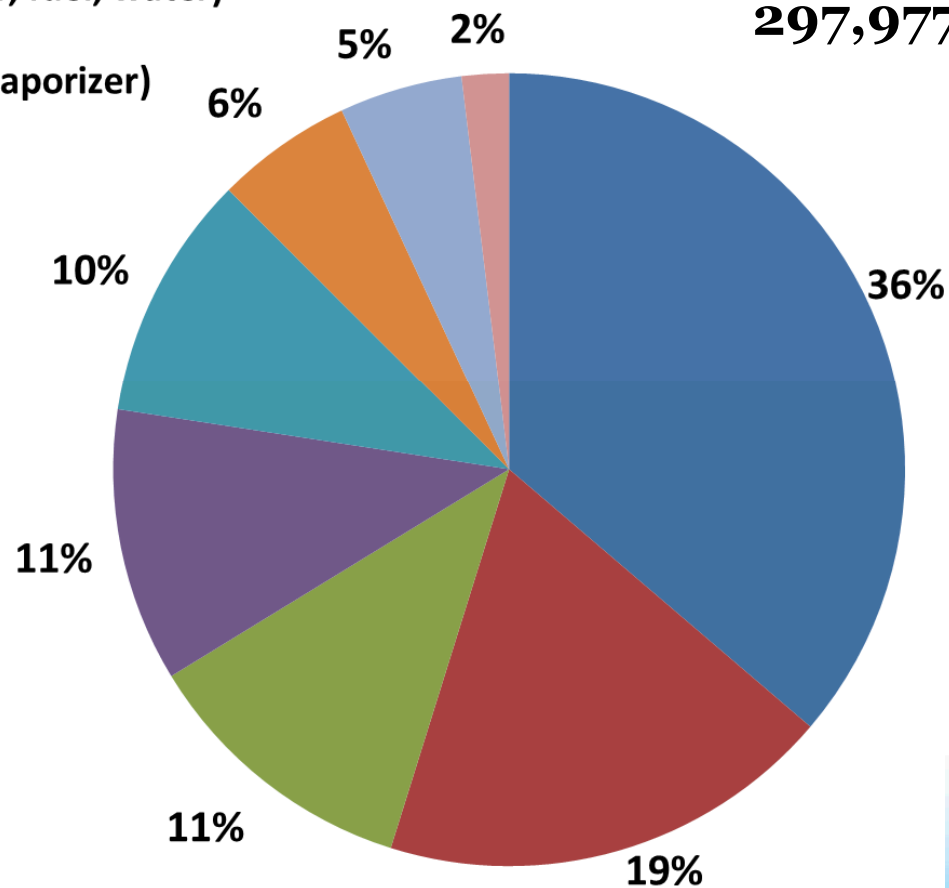
Propulsion system architecture

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



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



- LH₂ 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.

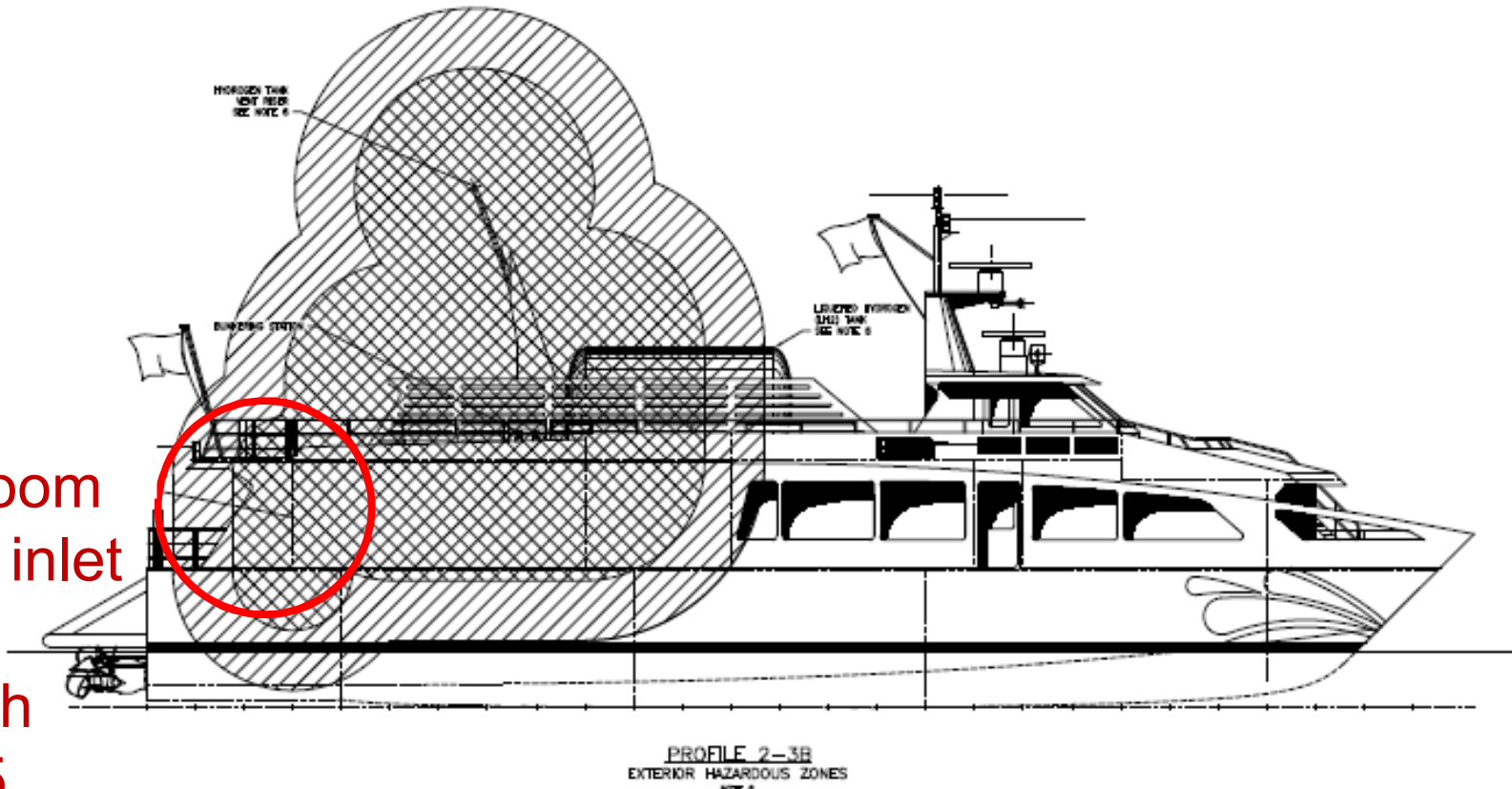
- **IMO MSC 95/22/Add.1 (Adopted IGF Code)**
- IMO CCC 2/3/1 (IGF Code with Fuel Cell Additions)
- ABS Guide for Propulsion and Auxiliary Systems for Gas Fueled Ships
- ABS Rules for Building and Classing High-Speed Craft
- IEC 60092-502 Electrical Installations on Ships
- IEC 60079-10 Electrical Apparatus 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 LH₂ and LNG Properties With a Focus on Safety – Sandia
- Emergency Shut Down (ESD) arrangement
 - Two independent fuel cell rooms provide redundancy
- LH₂ tank and fuel delivery components located on open deck
- Bunkering station located on open deck

Example proposed Exception: Hazardous Zones

Fuel cell room
ventilation inlet
location in
conflict with
IGF 13.3.5

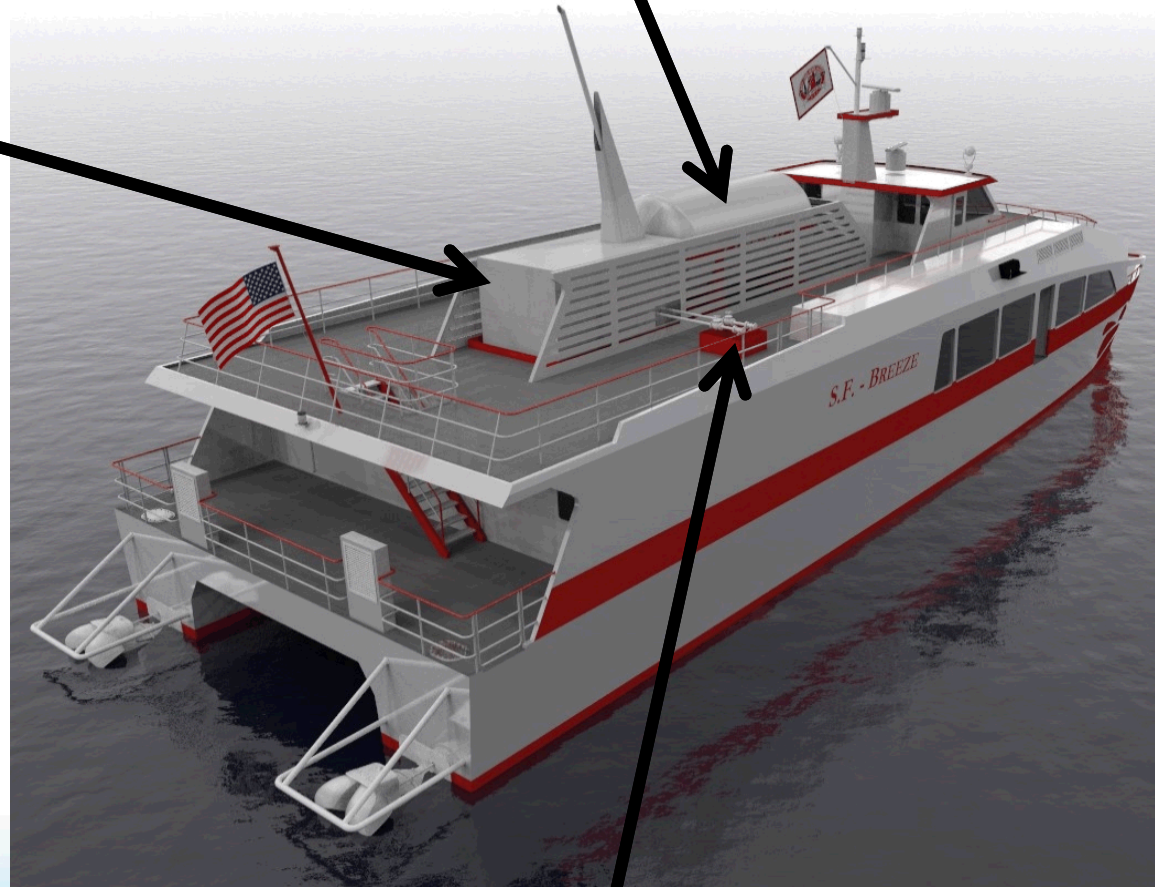


Based on the buoyant and evaporative properties of hydrogen, it isn't practical for the hazardous zones from equipment on the upper deck to extend down to the main deck.

SF-BREEZE Fueling Characteristics

1,200 kg (~4,800 gallons) LH₂ tank

Vaporizers



Bunkering connection

Refueling process will be similar to LNG bunkering



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

(2) Piping and connecting the fueling arm



(3) Transferring the fuel

(4) Underway



See complete video at:
youtu.be/oZWuTWtp5Rs

Important difference between LH₂ 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.



**Chase Center
(planned)**

**16th 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**

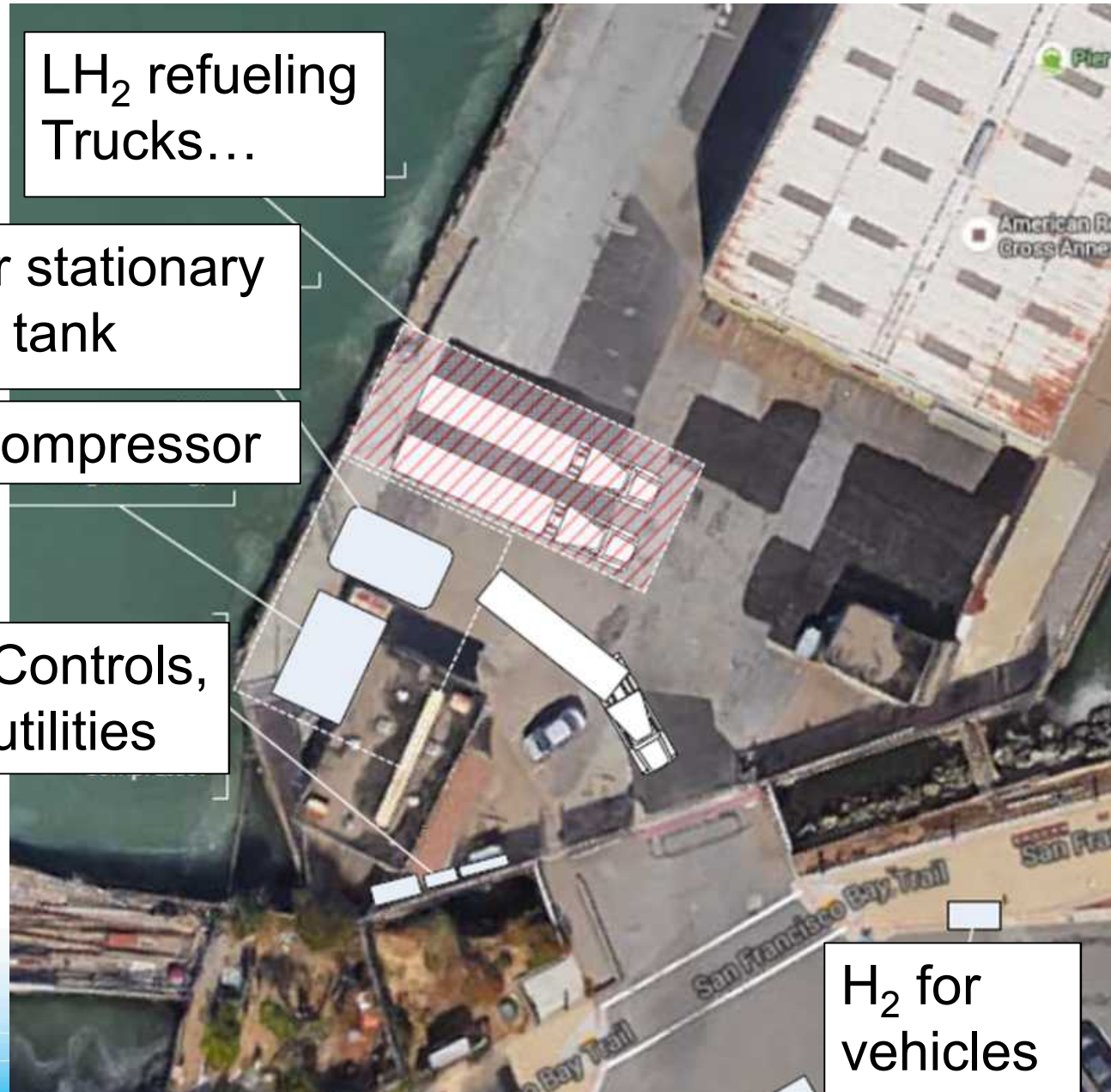
LH₂ refueling
Trucks...

...or stationary
LH₂ tank

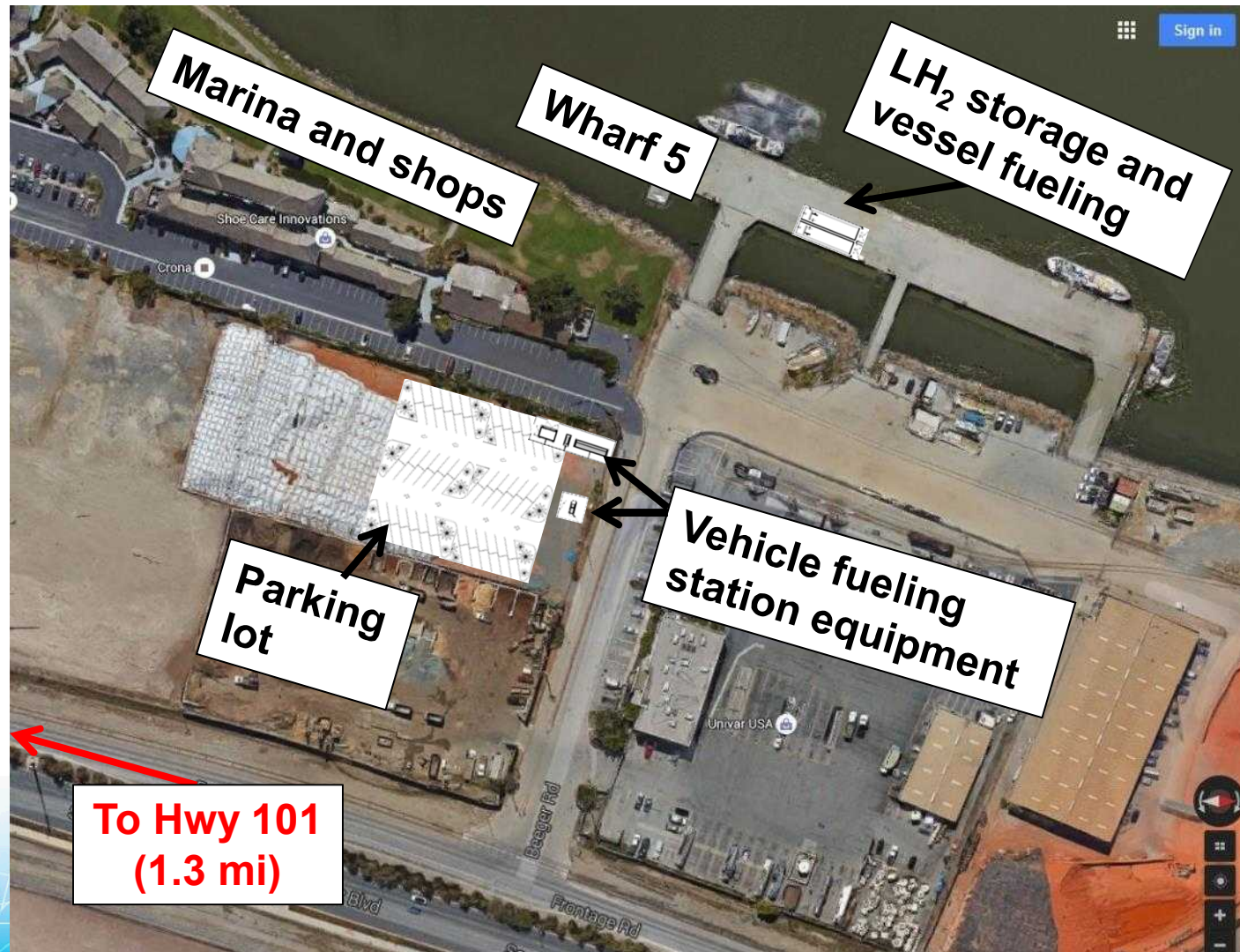
Compressor

Controls,
utilities

H₂ for
vehicles



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

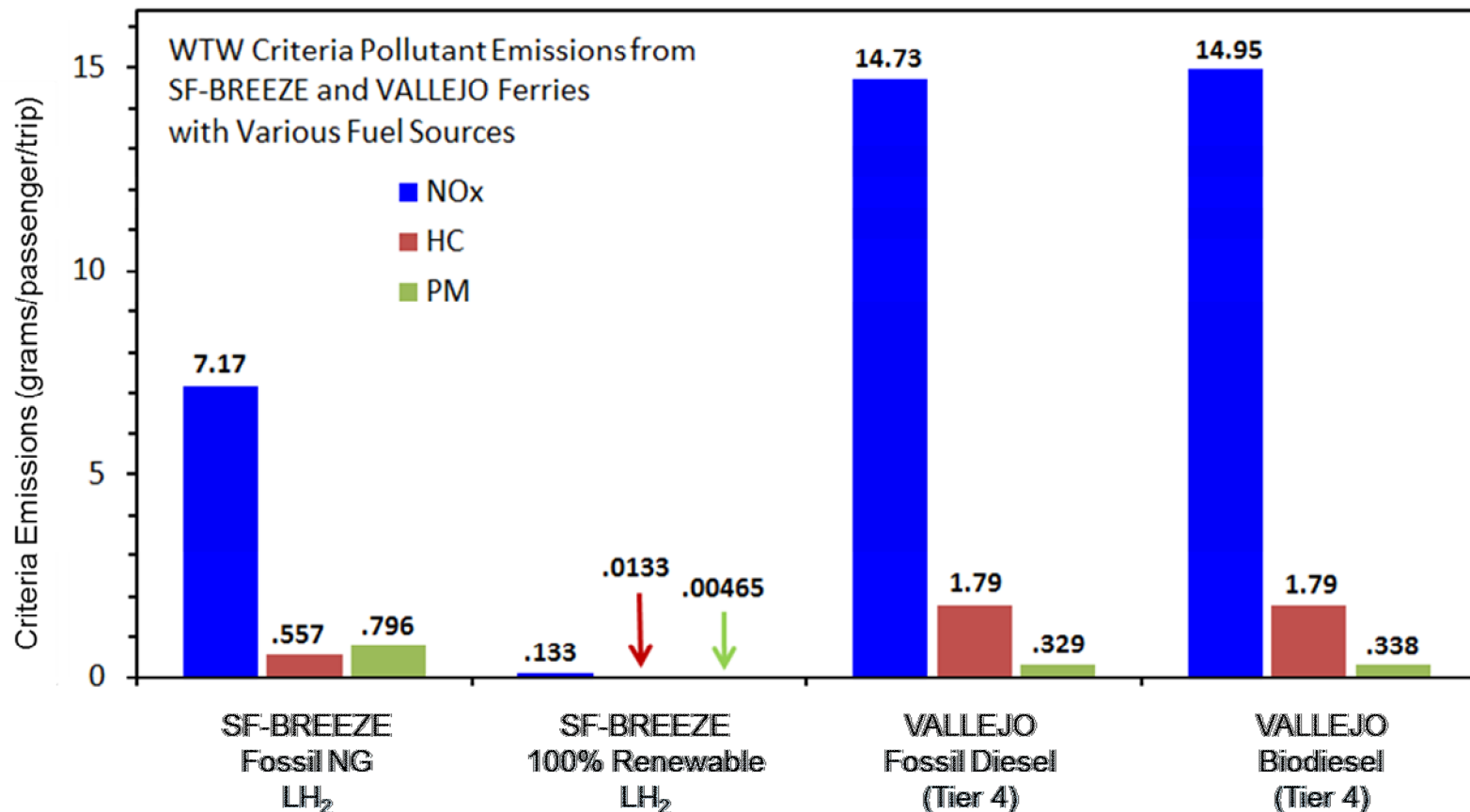
Power Plant: Diesel engine

Fuel: Ultra low sulfur diesel

Passenger Capacity: 300

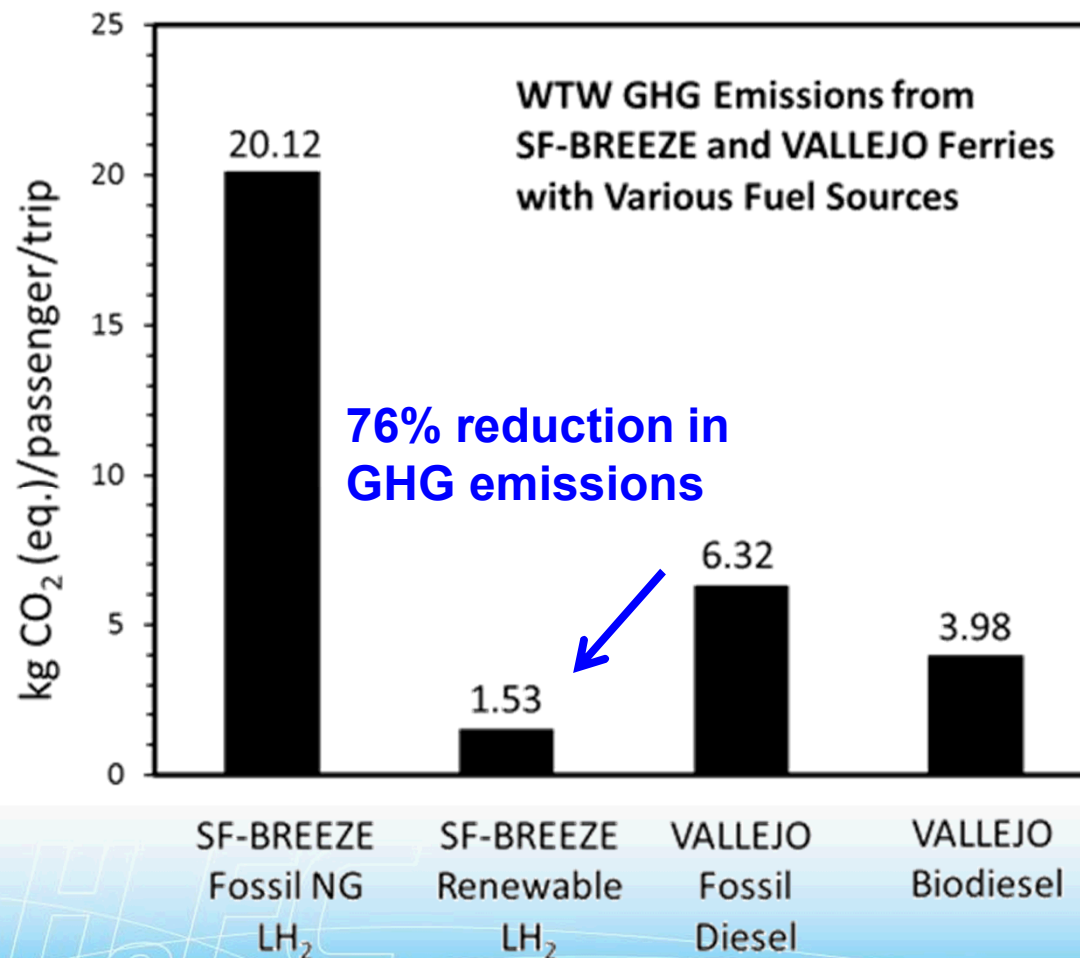
For this comparison, assume a “new-build” Vallejo diesel vessel held to Tier 4 criteria pollutant emission constraints.

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



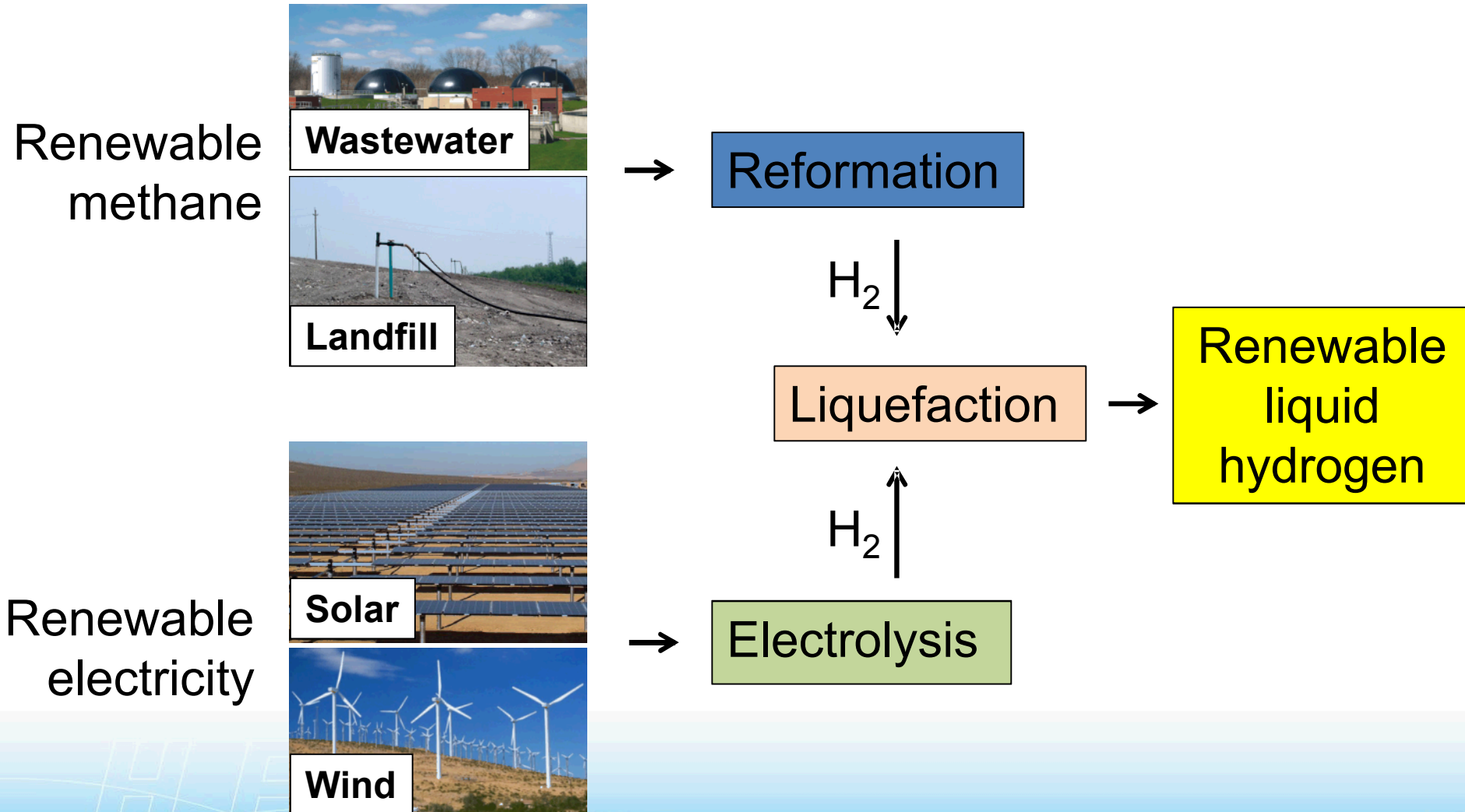
The SF-BREEZE has zero criteria pollutant emissions at the point of use

SF-BREEZE can achieve dramatic Well-to-Waves greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction with *renewable* LH₂



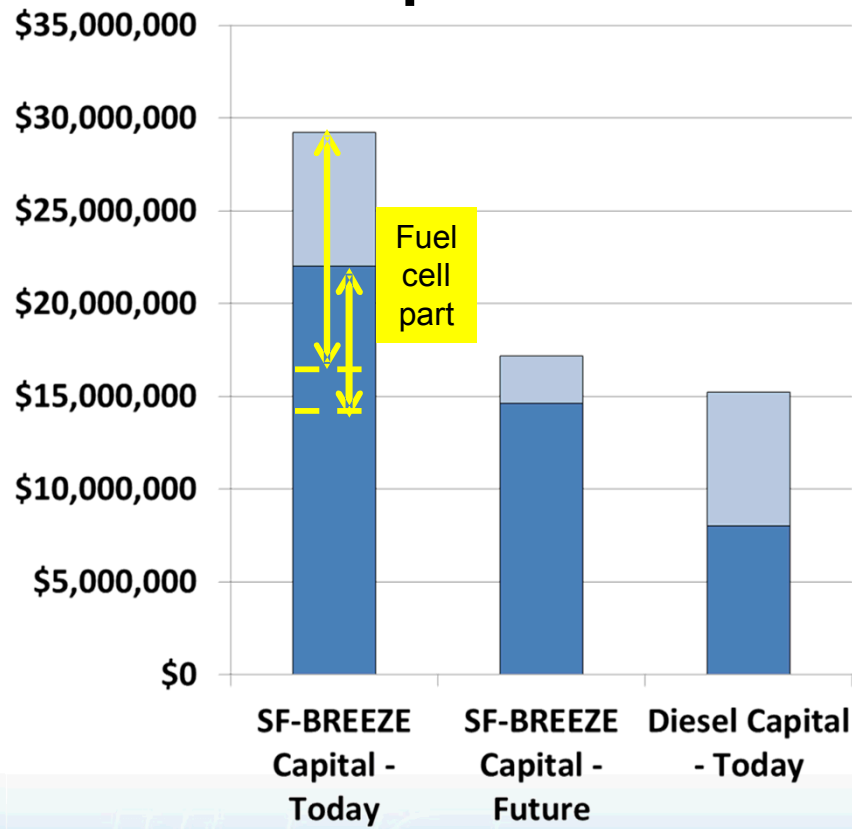
All SF-BREEZE emissions are due to the LH₂ production path; the SF-BREEZE is zero emission at the point of use

Renewable liquid hydrogen is available

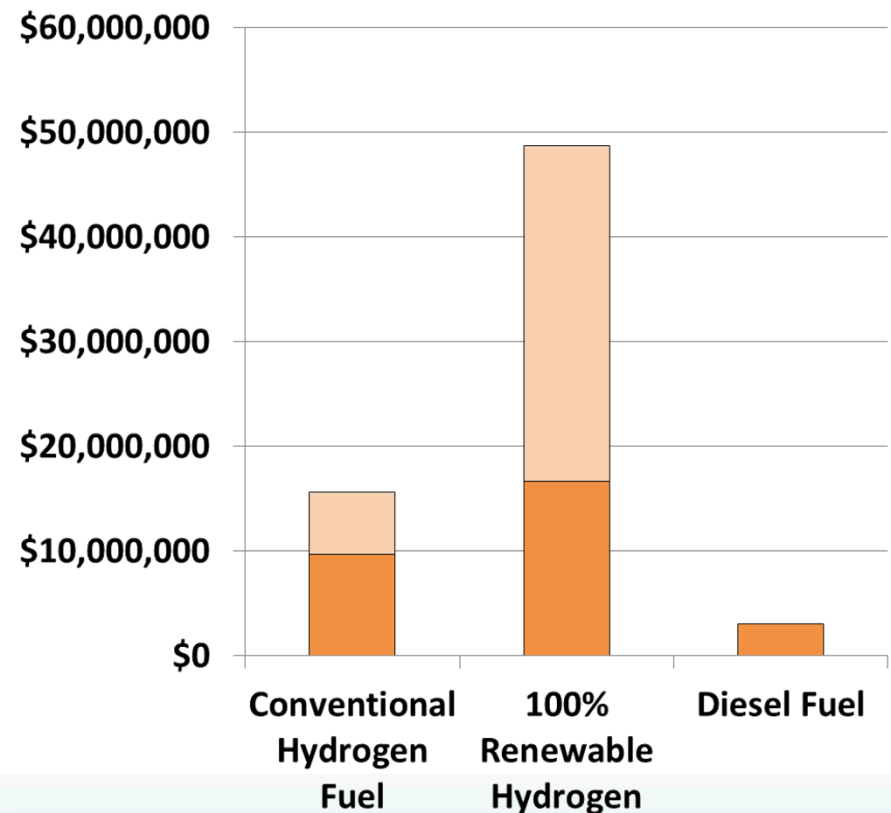


The costs are currently higher than diesel with projected cost decreases ahead

Capital Cost

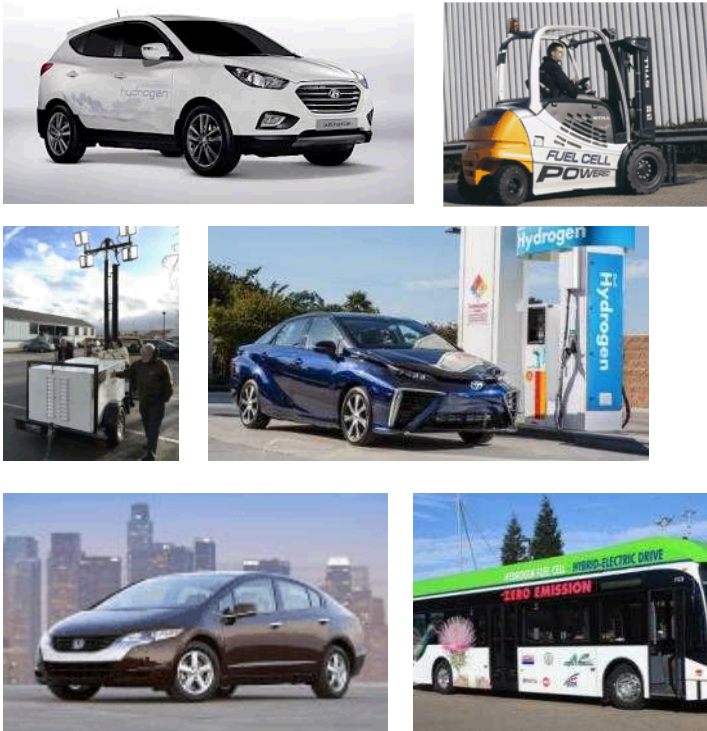


5-Year Fuel Cost



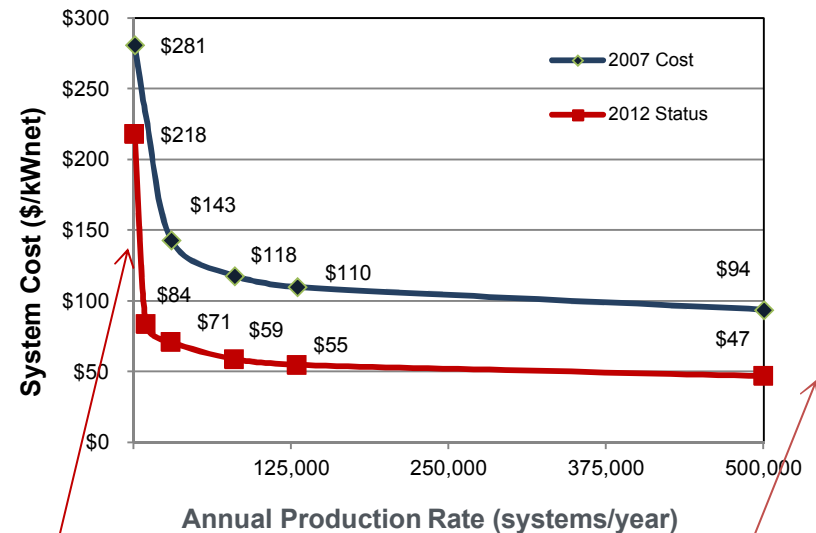
The decreased health risks and lower environmental impact saves our region **\$2.6M - \$11M** for each SF-BREEZE ferry built instead of a Tier 4 diesel ferry.

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



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

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**

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 (H₂ Fuel Cell)

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

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



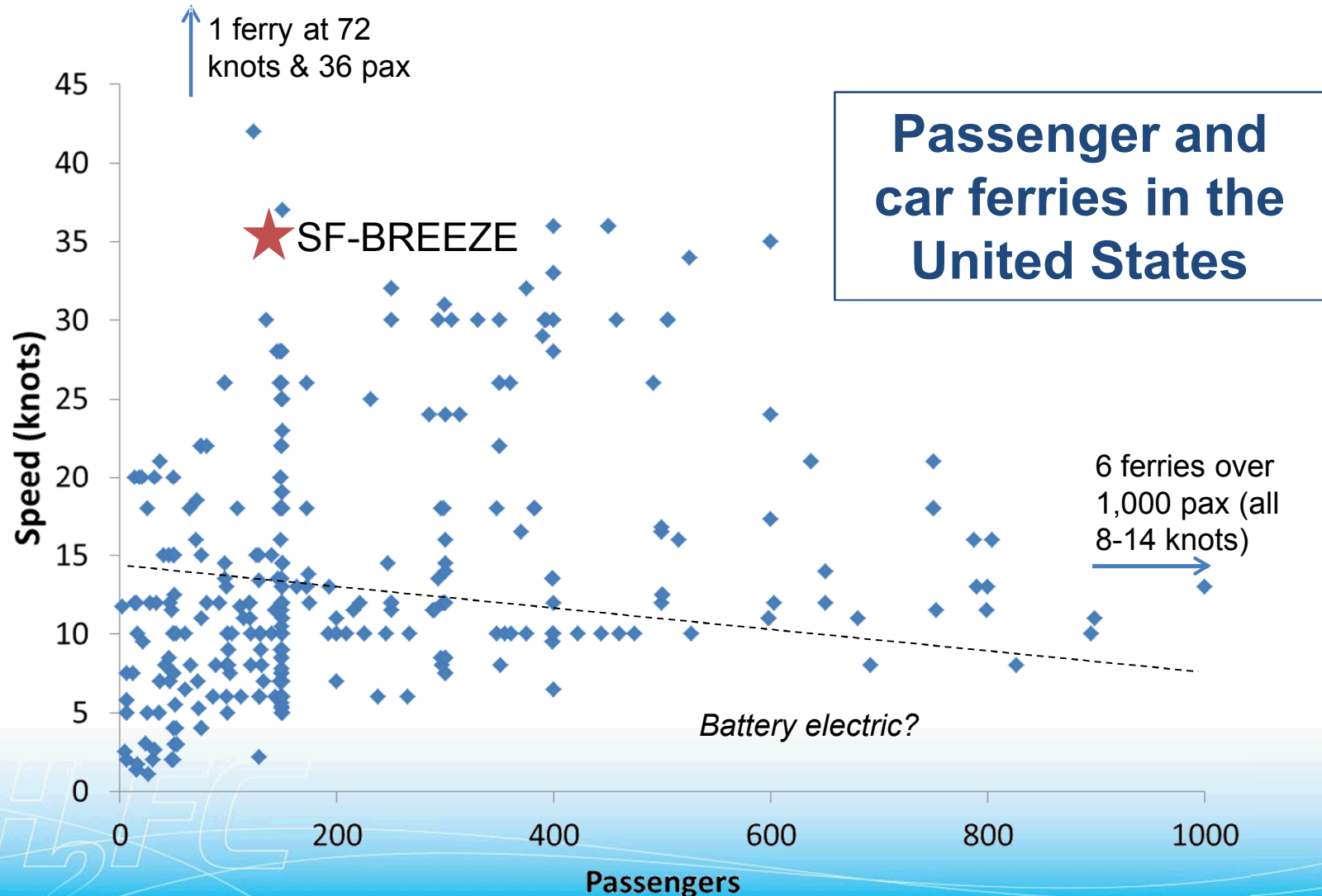
Lease: \$349/mo

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 H₂ ferry and station

Phase 4: Build the H₂ ferry and station

Phase 5: Operate the H₂ ferry and station

Phase 6: Extend to H₂ cars, buses and trucks

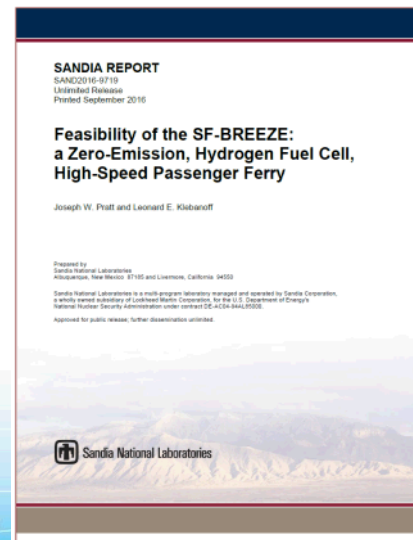


*Phases 1 and 2 funded by US DOT / Maritime Administration

Thank you!

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

- All ferry design documents and drawings
- LH₂ fuel assessment (with comparison to LNG)
- Emissions
- Regulations
- Bunkering
- Economics



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