

Update of the SF-BREEZE Feasibility Study With Emphasis on Emissions and Cost Findings

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Motivation for zero emission vessels

- Only way to reduce marine greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. IMO* found:
 - Even the most significant *efficiency improvements do not* lead to a reduction in maritime GHG emissions.
 - *Different maritime fossil fuels* (HFO, MGO, or LNG) have small impact
- Eliminate pollutant emissions and fuel spills.
- Decrease noise from the vessel, health benefits for operators, better experience for the public, protects marine life from noise injury.
- Enable low-cost, multi-use hydrogen infrastructure for fuel-cell vehicles and vessels.
- Potential to grow shipbuilding capability through clean tech

SF-BREEZE: San Francisco Bay Renewable Energy Electric vessel with Zero Emissions

High-speed H₂ Ferry

- Zero-emission Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power
- 150 passenger, 35 kts

Dockside H₂ Station

- Serving vessels, cars, buses and trucks
- 2,500 kg/day capacity

Feasibility Chart

	Ferry	Hydrogen Station
Technical	?	?
Regulatory	?	?
Economic	?	?

The SF-BREEZE project team includes designers, regulators, national experts, and class society



*USCG MSC and Design
and Eng. Stds.*



*USCG Sector
San Francisco*



*USCG Liquid Gas
Carrier NCOE*



*American Bureau
of Shipping*



Notable zero emission vessels

- HDW/Siemens submarines
- *FCS Alsterwasser* (Lake Alster, Hamburg)
 - 100 passengers, 8 knots max
 - 96 kW, gaseous hydrogen fuel cell
 - Now usually operated on batteries due to H₂ fueling station closure
- *Nemo H₂* (Amsterdam canals)
 - 87 passengers, 4-6 knots
 - 60-70 kW, gaseous hydrogen fuel cell
 - Converted to batteries-only due to inability to site H₂ fueling station.
- *Ampere*
 - 360 passenger + 120 cars, 10-12 knots
 - 900 kW, battery, 10 min charge

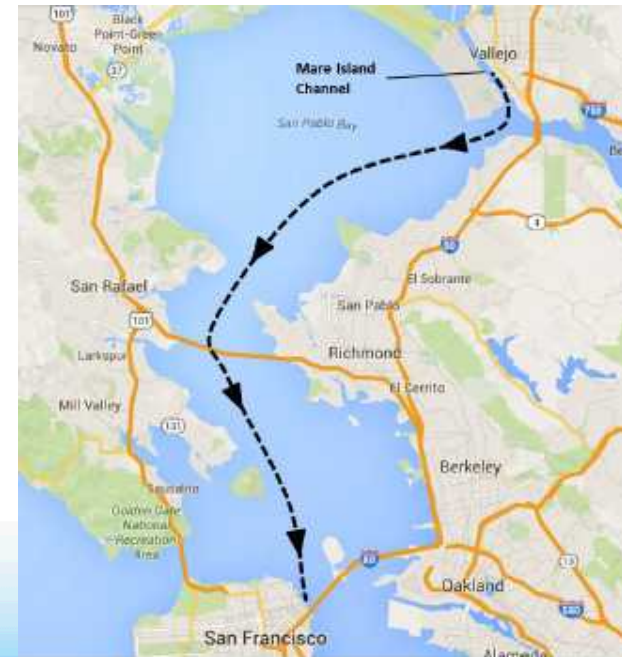


SF-BREEZE Requirements

- High-speed commuter ferry in an ocean bay environment, NOT a low-speed tour boat on a lake
- Must be competitive with other modes of transportation (car, bus, train, other ferries)
- 35 kts top speed, 23 nm one-way
- Each round trip uses about 400 kg LH₂
- 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



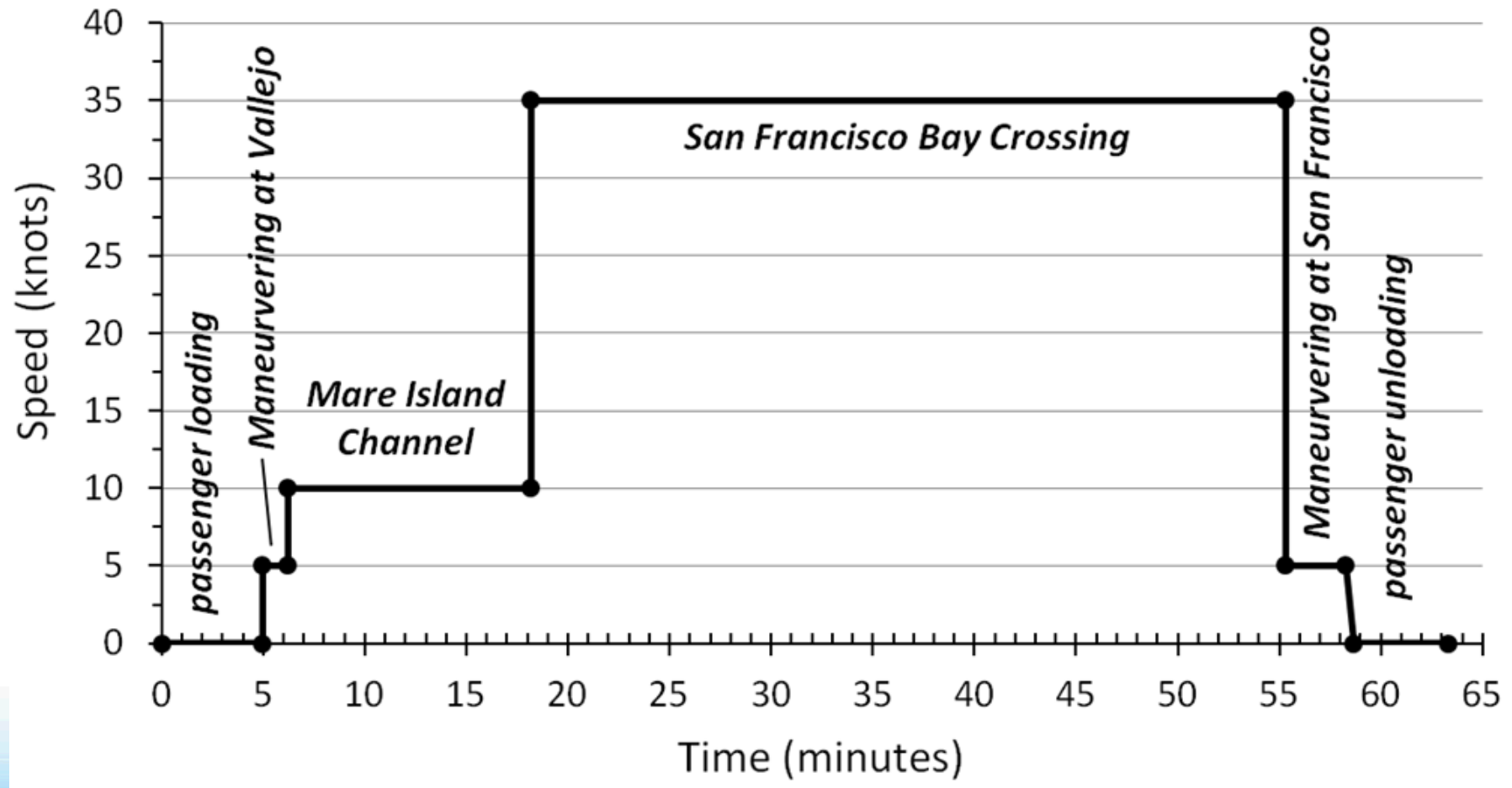
Current high-speed diesel ferry in SF Bay



SF-BREEZE route profile

Route details

Vallejo to San Francisco Route



Potential Zero Emission Powerplants

Low temperature fuel cells

- Proton exchange membrane (PEM)
 - 50-100 °C
- Alkaline (AFC)
 - 50-200 °C
- Phosphoric Acid (PAFC)
 - 220 °C



High temperature fuel cells

- Molten Carbonate (MCFC)
 - 650 °C
- Solid Oxide (SOFC)
 - 500-1000 °C



Batteries

Zero Emission Engine Evaluation Summary

Power Plant (Engine)	Technically Viable for SF-Breeze	Commercial Product	Zero Emission
Diesel Combustion	✓	✓	✗
LNG / Natural Gas Combustion	✓	✓	✗
Combustion-Electric Hybrid	✓	✓	✗
Natural Gas Fuel Cell	✗	✓	✗
Hydrogen Fuel Cell			
• Solid Oxide	✗	✗	✓
• Molten Carbonate	✗	✗	✓
• Phosphoric Acid	✗	✓	✓
• Polymer Electrolyte (PEM)	✓	✓	✓
Battery Electric	✗	✓	✓

Types of Hydrogen Storage Systems

Gaseous tanks

~2,000 psi steel or aluminum



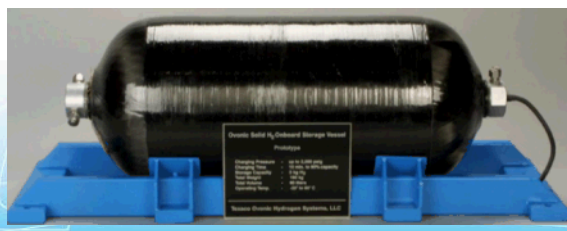
5,000-10,000 psi carbon fiber composite assemblies



Liquid hydrogen



Metal Hydride



Hydrogen Storage Methods for 1,000 kg of H₂

Storage method	Storage Tank Weight	Storage Tank Volume
Gas – standard 2,200 psi steel cylinder	228,000 lb	28,000 gal
Gas – 5,000 psi composite cylinder	39,500 lb	14,500 gal
Gas – 10,000 psi composite cylinder	52,700 lb	12,800 gal
Gas – Metal Hydride	139,000 lb	6,200 gal
Liquid - low pressure cryogen	19,100 lb	6,400 gal*

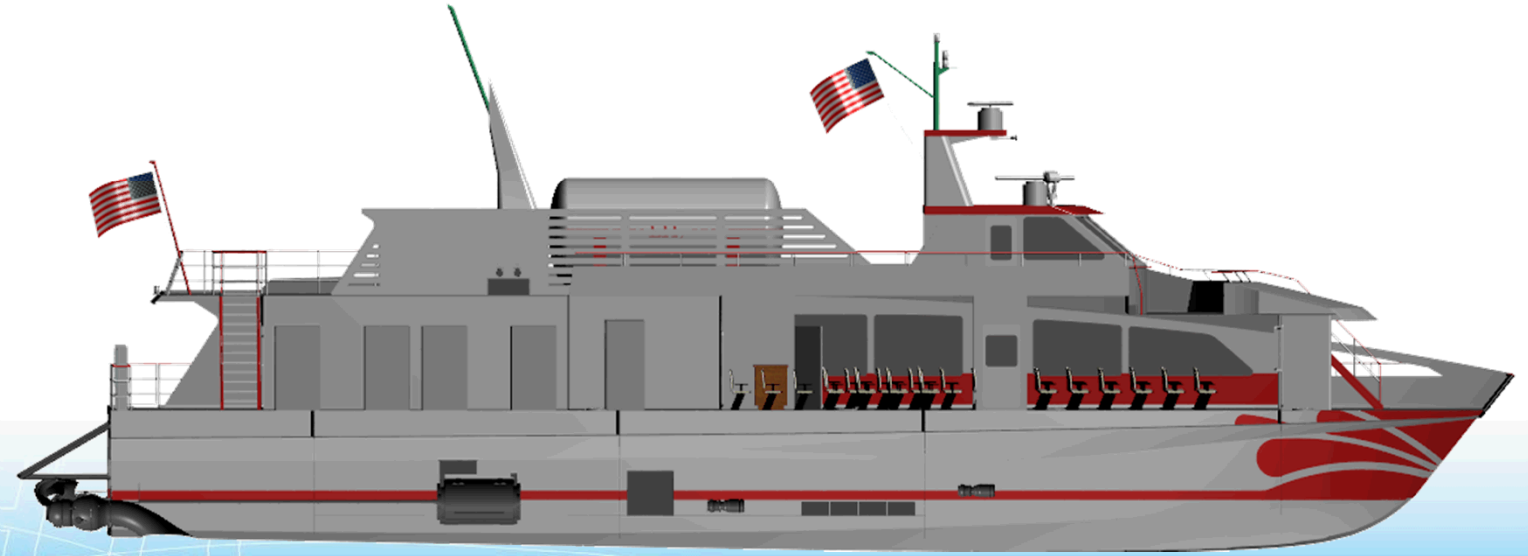
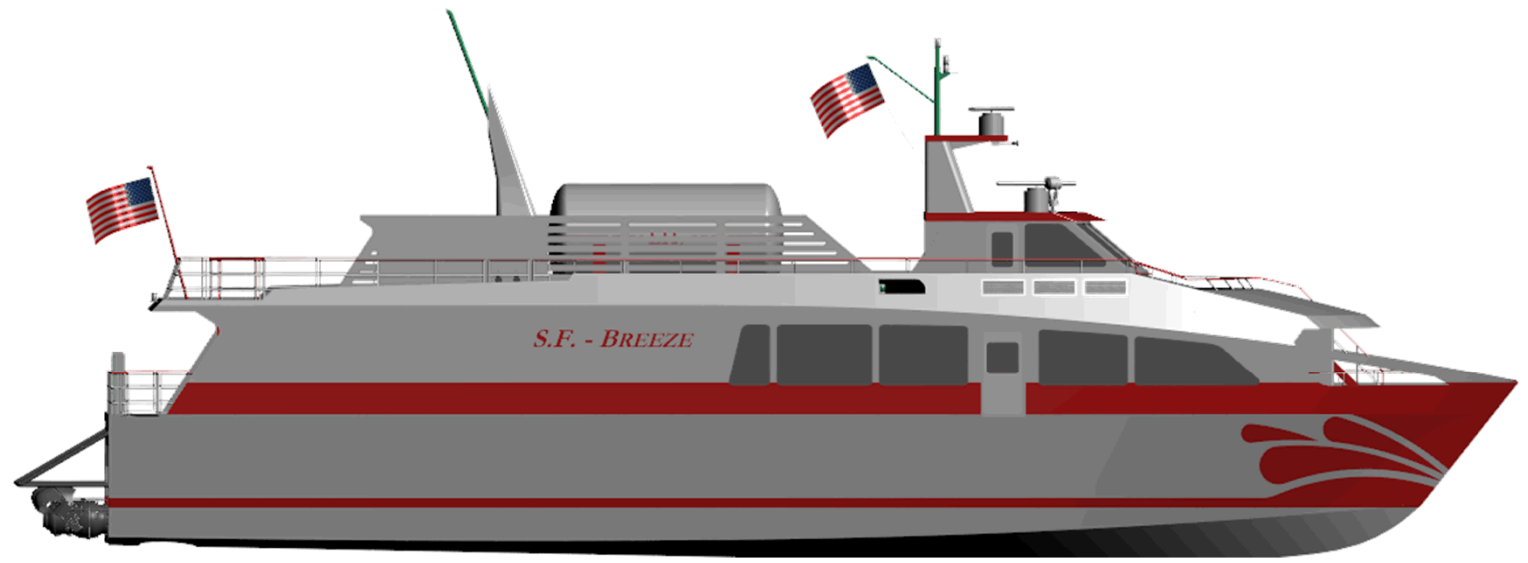
*1,000 kg will allow the ferry to run approximately 2 round trips, or half a day
total volume including insulated space – 1,000 kg of LH₂ is ~3,700 gallons)

Weight is the most critical parameter for a high-speed ferry

Vessel Design

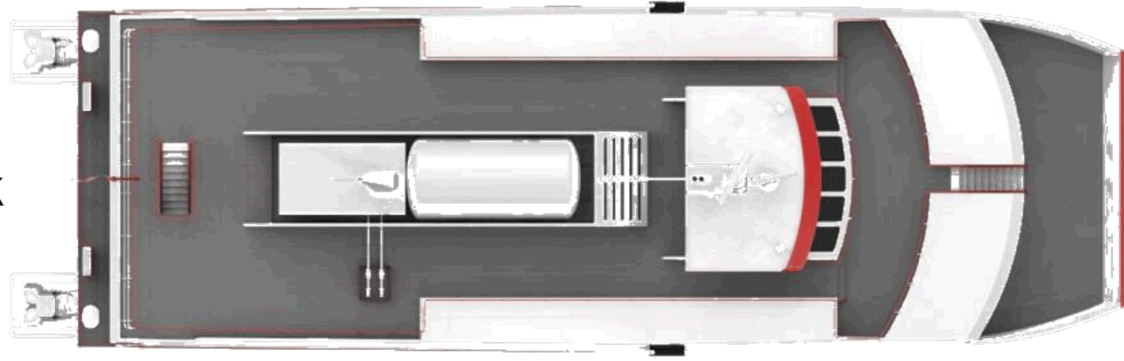


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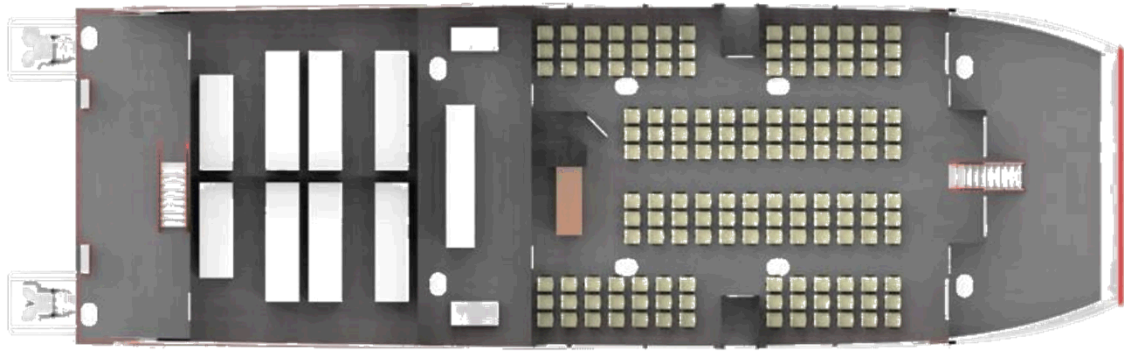


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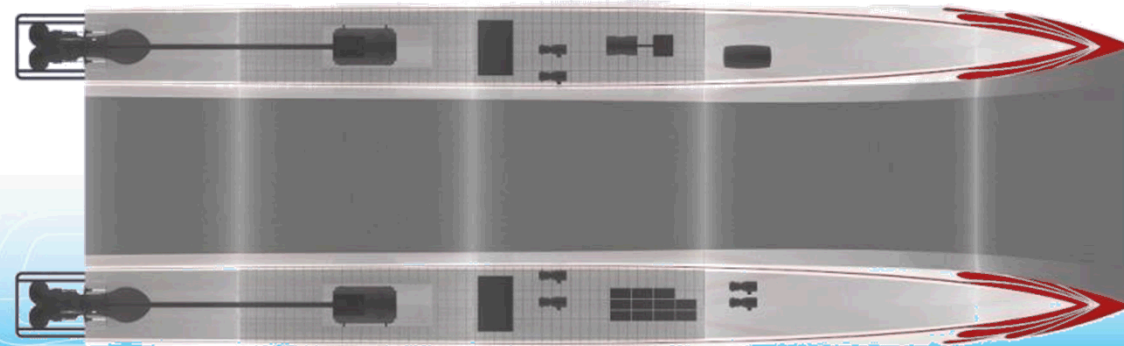
Upper Deck



Main Deck

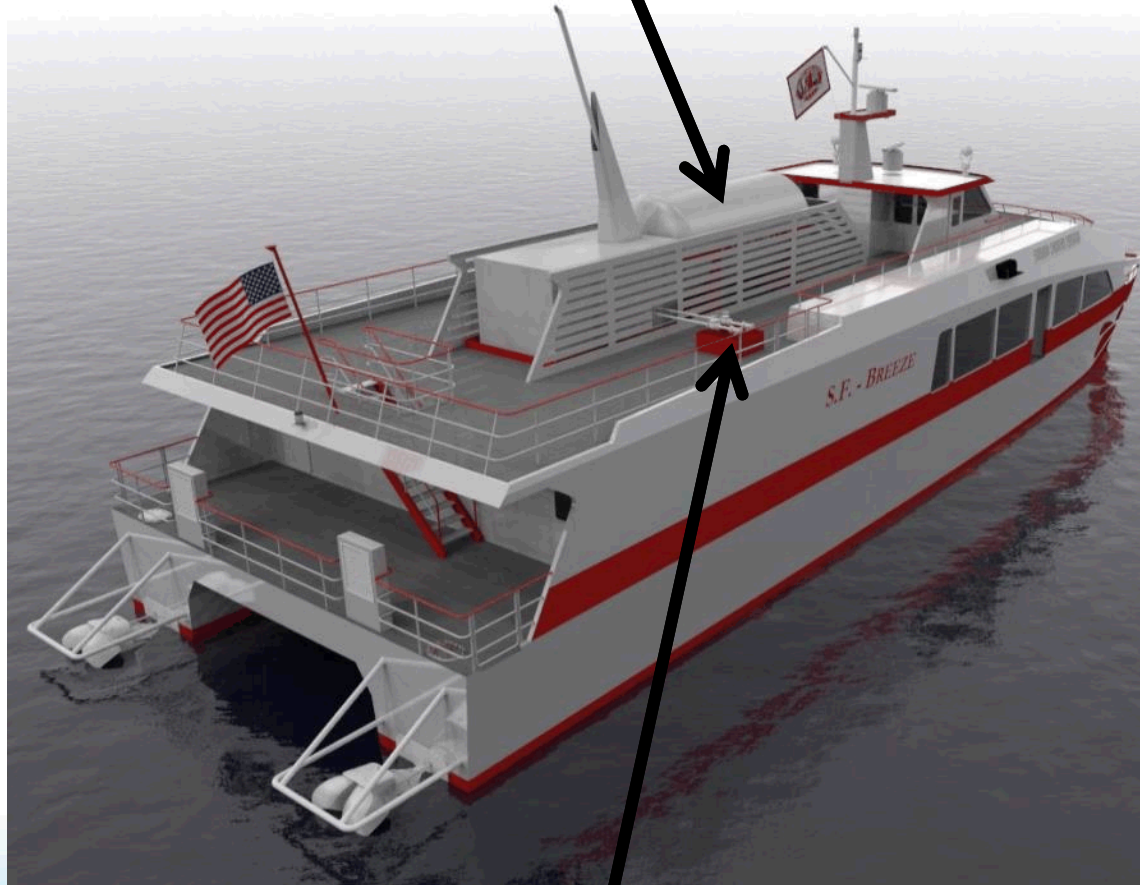


Hulls



Ferry Fueling Characteristics

1,200 kg (~4,800 gallons) LH₂ tank



Bunkering connection

*The ferry uses **liquid** hydrogen because it is currently the lightest and most compact method to store hydrogen, and operates at low pressure*

The Port of San Francisco identified Pier 54 as a viable refueling location for both the vessel and FCEVs



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

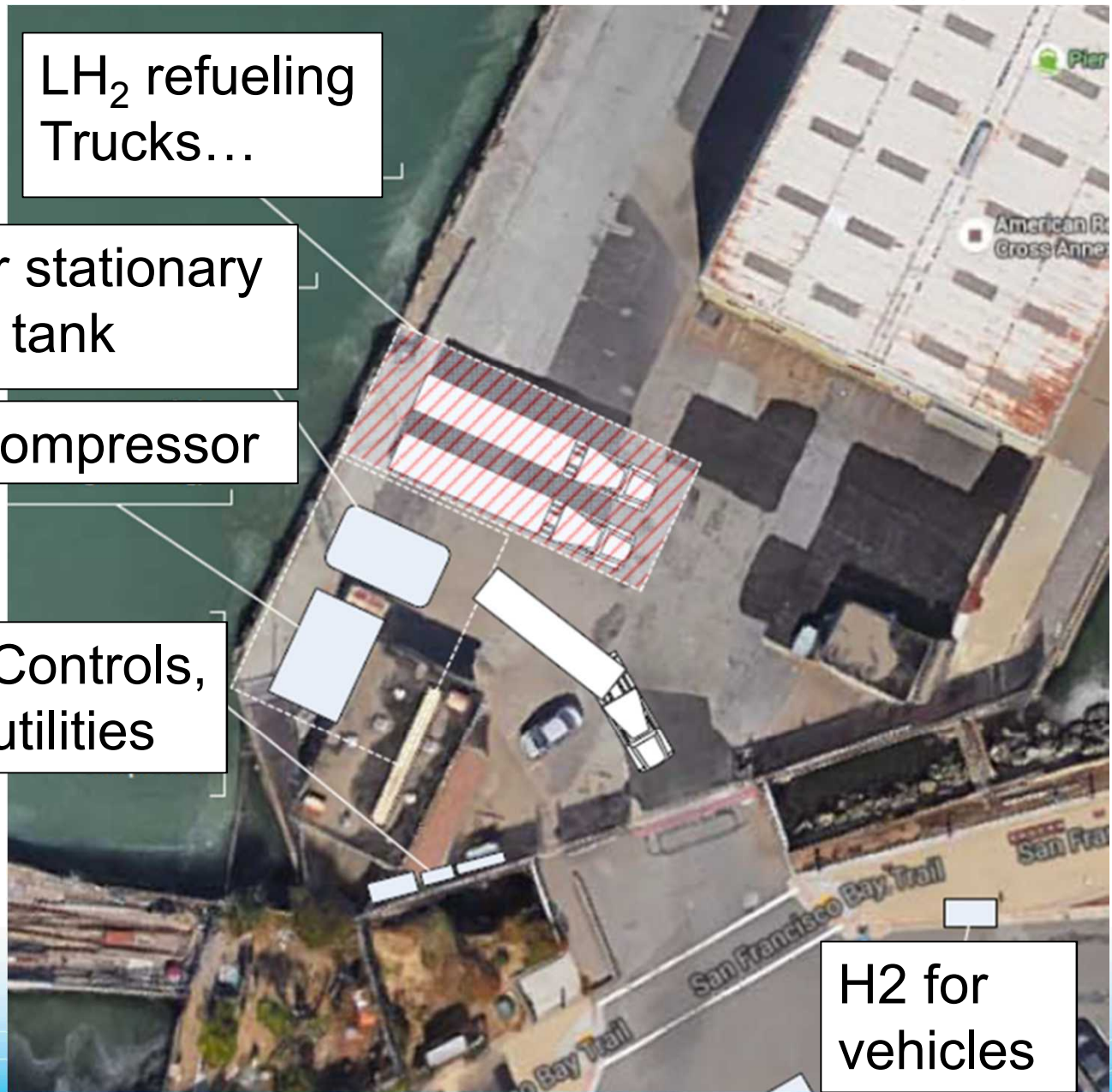
LH₂ refueling Trucks...

...or stationary LH₂ tank

Compressor

Controls, utilities

H₂ for vehicles



Overall emissions analysis is done 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

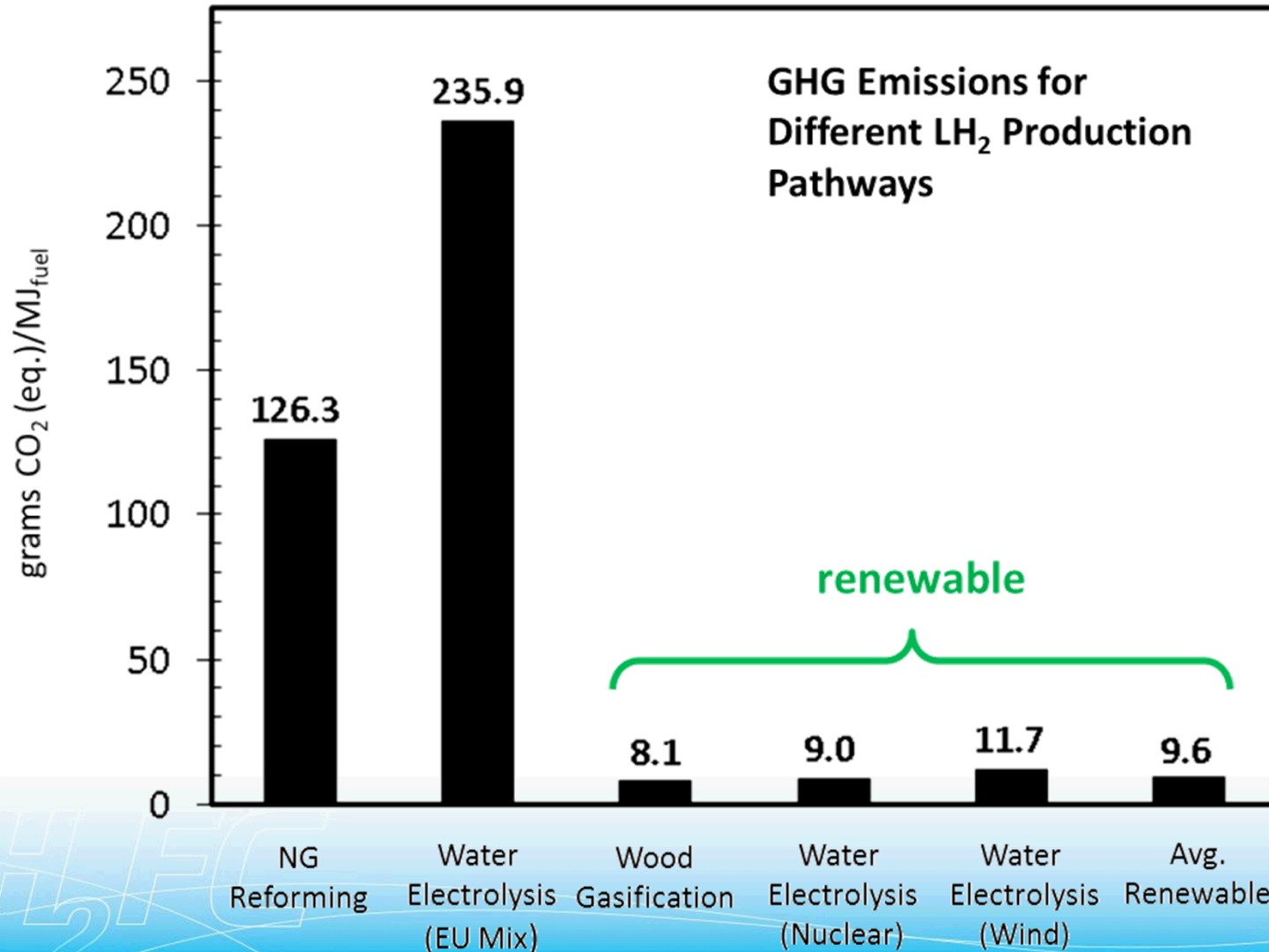
Top Speed: 35 knots

Power Plant: Diesel engine

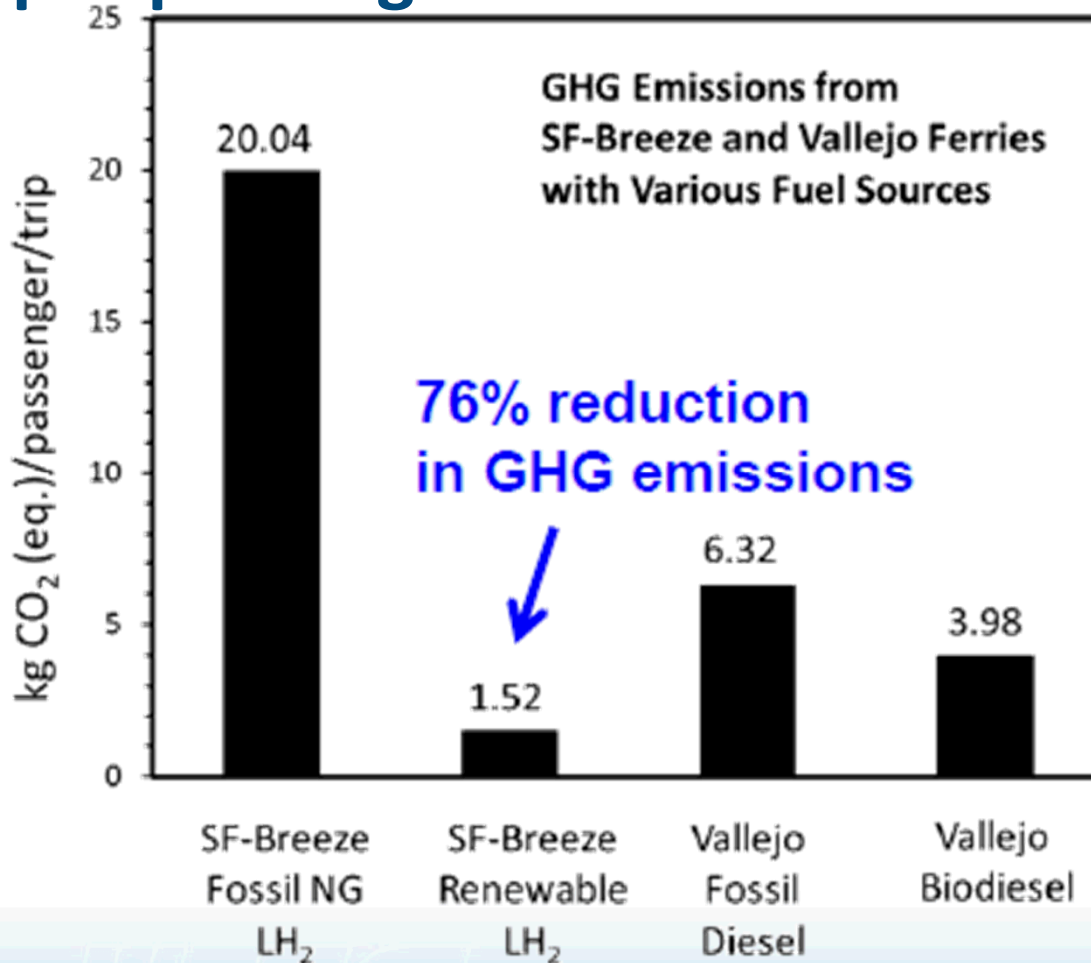
Fuel: Ultra low sulfur diesel

Passenger Capacity: 300

Different ways of making liquid hydrogen have different GHG emissions



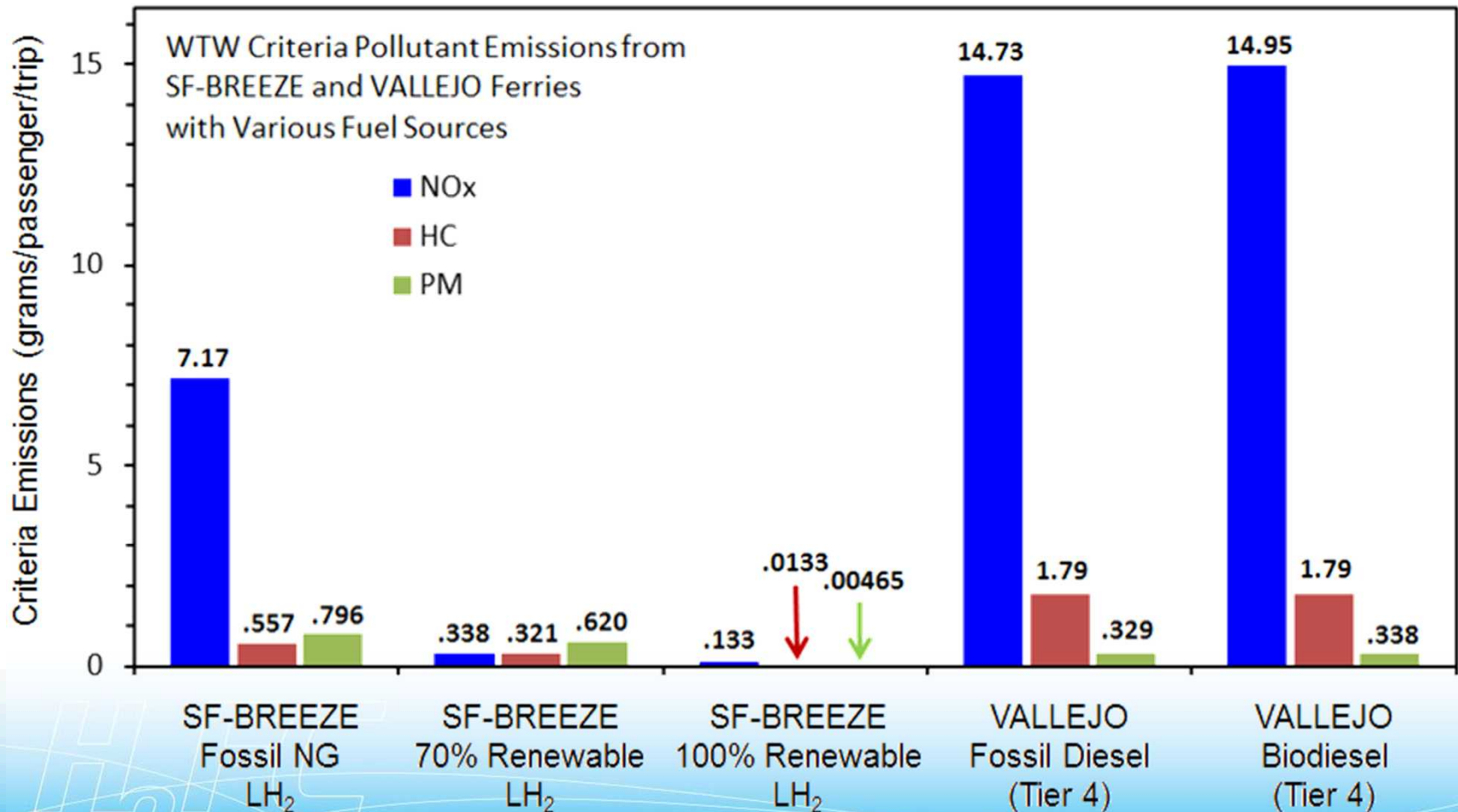
As designed, the SF-BREEZE can achieve dramatic per-passenger GHG emissions with *renewable* LH₂



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

The SF-BREEZE also completely eliminates pollutant emissions (particulate matter, unburned hydrocarbons, and NOx)

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

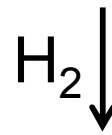


Renewable liquid hydrogen is available today

Renewable methane



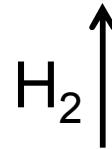
→ Reformation



Liquefaction

→

Renewable liquid hydrogen



→ Electrolysis

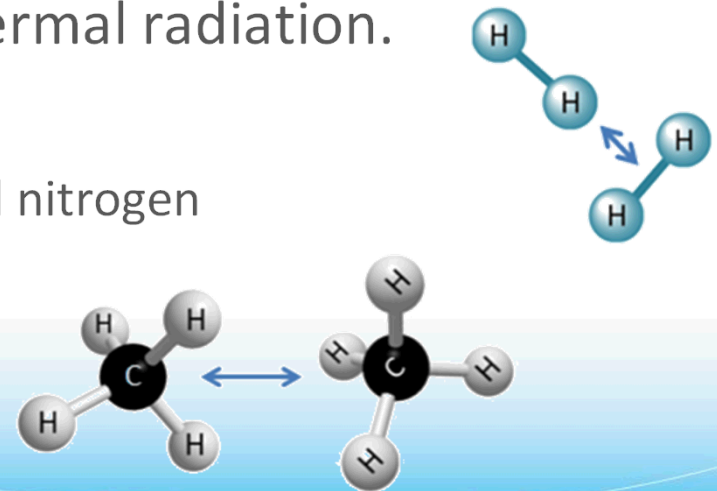
Renewable electricity



LNG and LH₂ are similar fuels, and maritime experience with LNG is opening the door for LH₂

Key similarities and differences:

- LH₂ and LNG vessels have very similar design philosophies: avoid fuel leaks, minimize ignition sources, minimize confined spaces, provide ample ventilation for confined spaces, and monitor the enclosed spaces.
- LH₂ and LNG are similar in their combustion properties, but LH₂ fires are shorter and produce less thermal radiation.
- LH₂ is colder than LNG.
 - LH₂ can condense and freeze oxygen and nitrogen
 - Because LH₂ evaporates more easily, it cools surfaces less than LNG.



Physical Properties of LH₂ and LNG

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

Both LH₂ and LNG are cryogenic fluids. For the same amount of stored energy, LH₂ has 0.38 times the mass of LNG, but has 2.4 times the volume.

They are stored in similar ways:

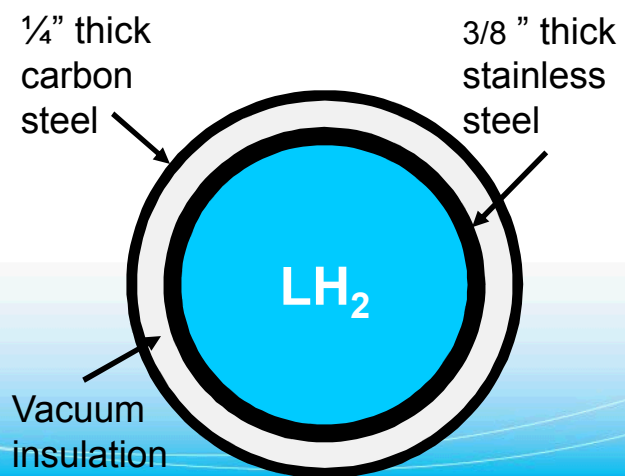


LH₂ Storage Tank on Trailer



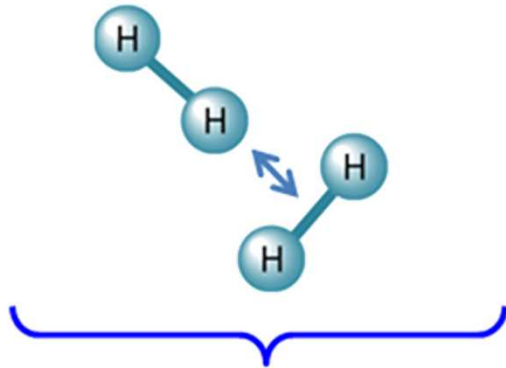
LNG Storage Tank on Trailer

SF-Breeze LH₂ Tank Design



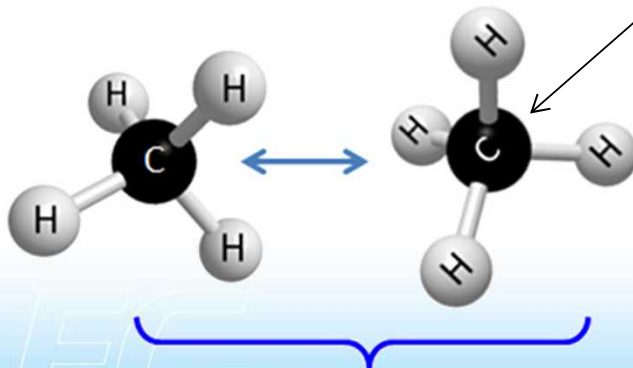
H₂ and CH₄ Molecules

LH₂:



H₂ molecules barely interact at all

LNG (CH₄):



CH₄ molecules interact a bit more

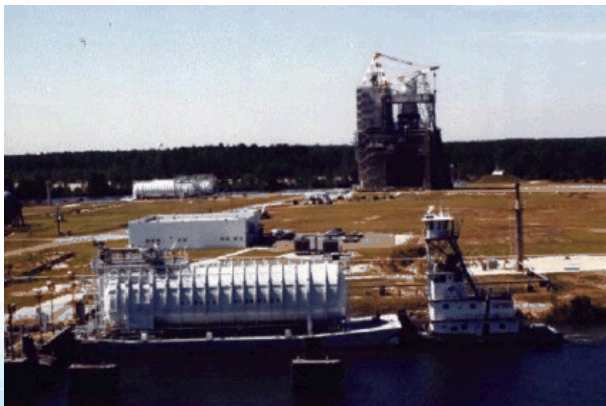
Assume NG is the same as methane (CH₄). Typically, 92% of NG is methane.

The C in CH₄ makes methane much heavier than H₂

80% of the atoms in methane are H atoms.

If you make H₂ from CH₄, the C comes out as CO₂

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.

Economic case parallels that of fuel cell vehicles: Not currently at cost parity (but there are customers) and projected cost decreases ahead.

	SF-BREEZE (as designed)			Conventional Diesel	
	Low	High	Future	Low	High
Capital cost	\$21,990,000	\$29,220,000	\$17,166,000	\$8,000,000	\$15,200,000
Yearly Powerplant O&M	\$1,081,000	\$1,796,000	\$375,200	\$226,650	\$480,480
5-year non-renewable fuel	\$9.7M	\$15.6M	Higher	\$3.90M	
5-year 100% renewable fuel	\$16.7M	\$48.7M	Lower	N/A	N/A
Fueling infrastructure	\$970,000	\$1,595,000	Lower	\$1,500	\$338,000

A lifetime societal economic benefit due to decreased health risks and environmental impact is between **\$2.6M - \$11M** for each SF-BREEZE ferry built instead of a Tier 4 diesel ferry.

Delivered Fuel Cost Estimate Details

Type of LH ₂	Low	High
Natural gas, marginal renewable content	\$5.43/kg	\$7.40/kg
33% renewable content	\$5.68/kg	\$8.14/kg
100% renewable biogas and electricity	\$8.68/kg	\$21.58/kg

- Conventional (SMR) LH₂ estimates from two IGCs at nominal 1,600 kg/day with annual usage factors, five year agreement
 - \$6.35/kg and \$7.40/kg (no minimum)
 - \$5.90/kg if guaranteed minimum (“take or pay”)
- 33% renewable LH₂
 - One IGC estimated 10% increase over conventional (CA case)
 - Cost premium calculations (see below) find similar but slightly higher result
- 100% renewable LH₂ estimates not available from IGCs (too new)
 - Calculated feedstock cost premium assuming 100% biogas instead of natural gas
 - Calculated electricity cost premium for 100% renewable power
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Credits in CA: \$0.50-\$2.50/kg

Consulted IGCs: Air Liquide, Air Products, Linde, Praxair

Would customers pay this much for zero emission fuel cell technology?

- Capital cost: 2-3 times higher
- Fuel cost: 2-3 times higher

They already are:

Toyota Camry (gasoline engine)

MSRP: ~\$25,000

Fuel price: \$2.80/gallon



Toyota Mirai (H₂ Fuel Cell)

MSRP: \$57,500

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



Is cost parity necessary? What is the necessary price?

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

SF-BREEZE Cost Reduction Strategies

Today

- Design changes and performance specification optimization to increase per-passenger energy efficiency (*project started, funded by MARAD*)
- Initial use of non-renewable LH₂, if done in conjunction with above to ensure per-passenger GHG emissions below comparable diesel
- Federal, state, and local grants for building the SF-BREEZE and its hydrogen station

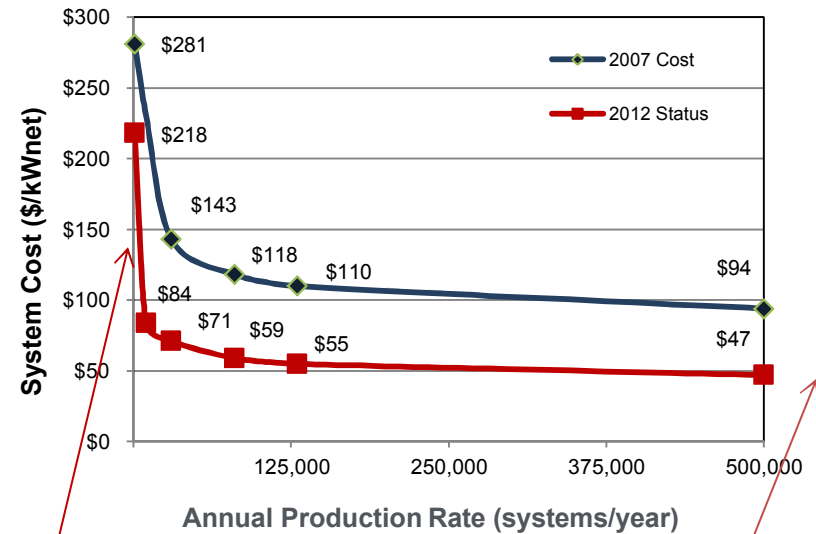
Future

- Fuel cell cost reduction through the mass manufacturing associated with a mature fuel cell electric vehicle market

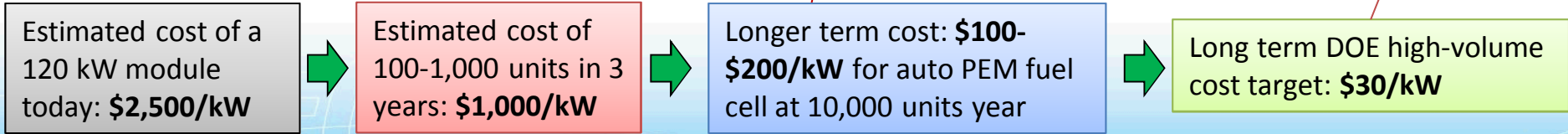
PEM fuel cell costs will come down as they are deployed in automobiles and elsewhere.



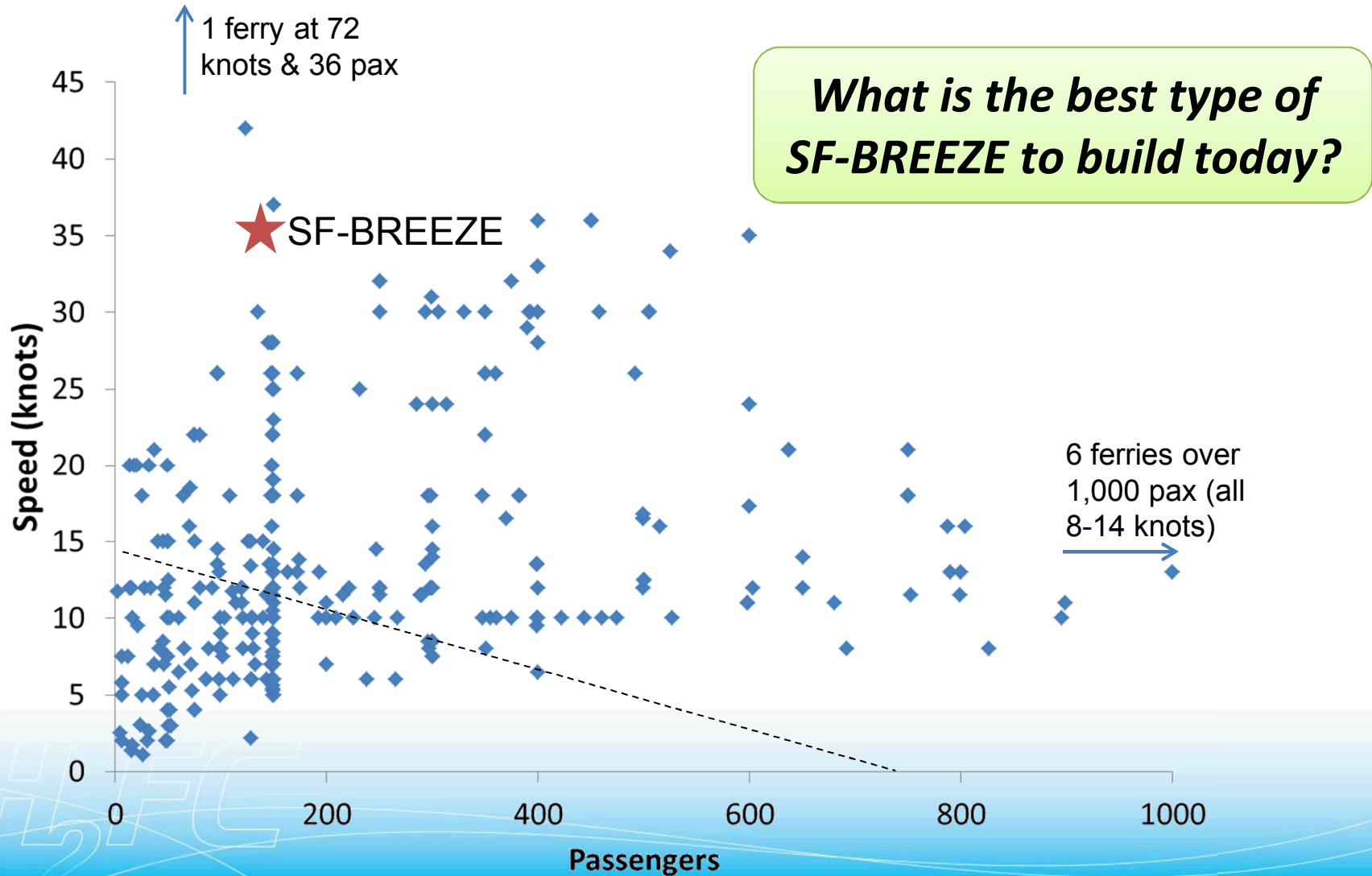
Cost of Automotive PEM Fuel Cells* Projected Costs at Different Manufacturing Rates



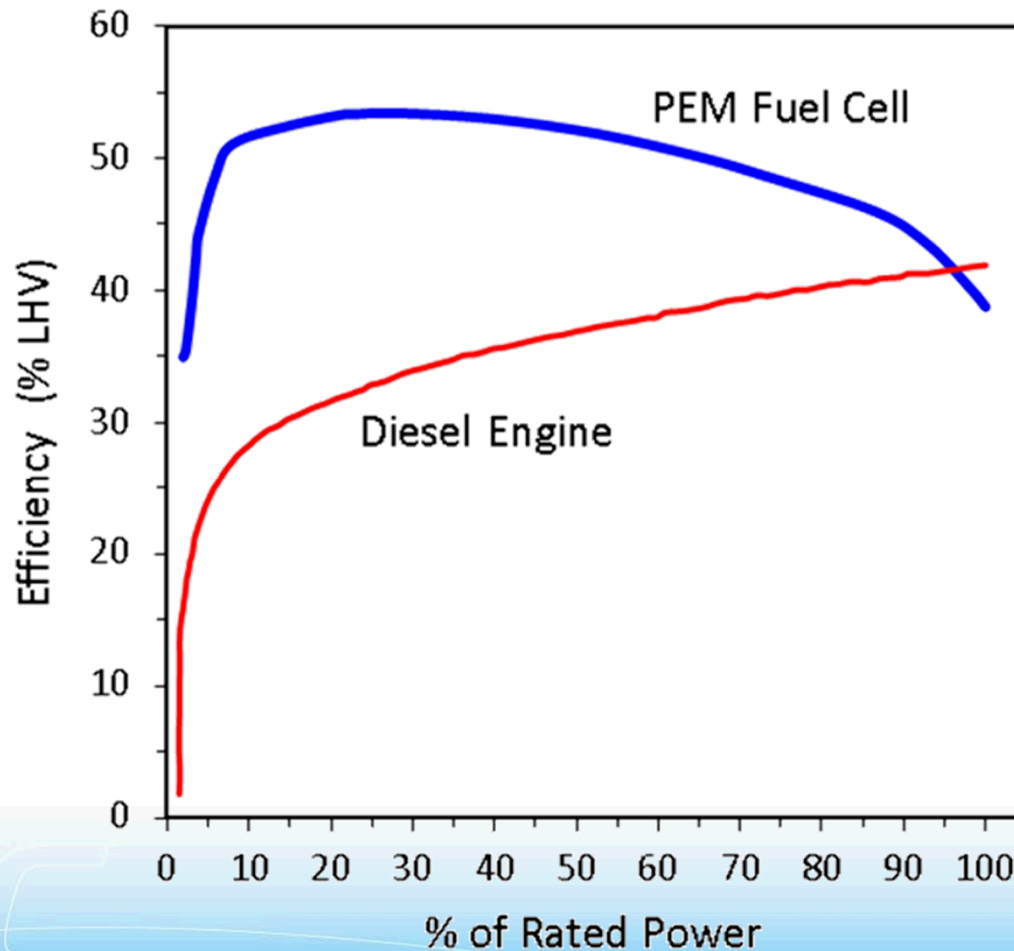
* Based on state-of-the-art lab scale technology projection to high-volume manufacturing (500,000 units/year). - Strategic Analysis



The SF-BREEZE's performance requirements are not mainstream for US ferries



Routes with long durations at peak power lessen the efficiency gains when compared to conventional engines



Summary

The SF-BREEZE feasibility study has shown that it is possible to build and operate a 150 passenger, high speed, zero emission hydrogen-powered ferry considering not only the technical aspects but also with full regulatory acceptance. The commercial feasibility has a promising future and may be viable today.

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

Next Steps

Five project phases

Phase 1: Feasibility study (complete)*

Phase 2: Optimization of the vessel (starting)*

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

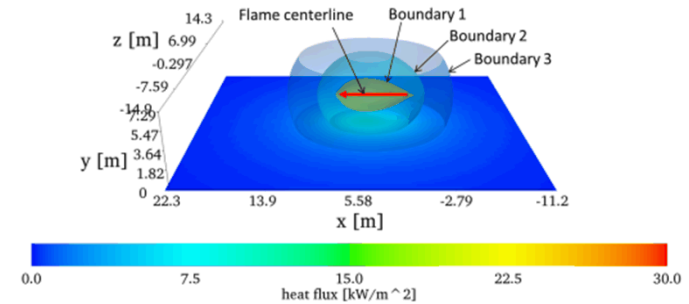
Sandia's Zero Emission Maritime Work

ZERO/V: ocean-going research vessel (study)



SF-BREEZE
150 passenger high speed ferry (initial feasibility, and optimization)

Fuel Cell Generator
100 kW generator for ports and ships (deployment)



Codes and Standards
International maritime hydrogen code development using science-based expertise

Lead of the **Zero Emission Hydrogen Vessel Working Group**

Building international collaboration



Touring the *Vision of The Fjords* (Flam, Norway)



International Workshop on the Safety of Liquid Hydrogen Carriers at the IMO (London, UK)



Visiting Norled's *Ampere* (Oppedal, Norway)



Presenting to researchers and local industry at the Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm, Sweden)



In the engine room of the *Viking Grace*



Visiting the Meyer Turku shipyard and tour of the *Tallink* (Turku, Finland)

For more information...

SF-BREEZE Feasibility Study Final Report -

Download from: maritime.sandia.gov

- All ferry design documents and drawings
- LH₂ fuel assessment (with comparison to LNG)
- Economics – capital, O&M, H₂ fuel
- Emissions
- Fueling
- Regulations

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