



R/V ZERO-V

A zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell research vessel

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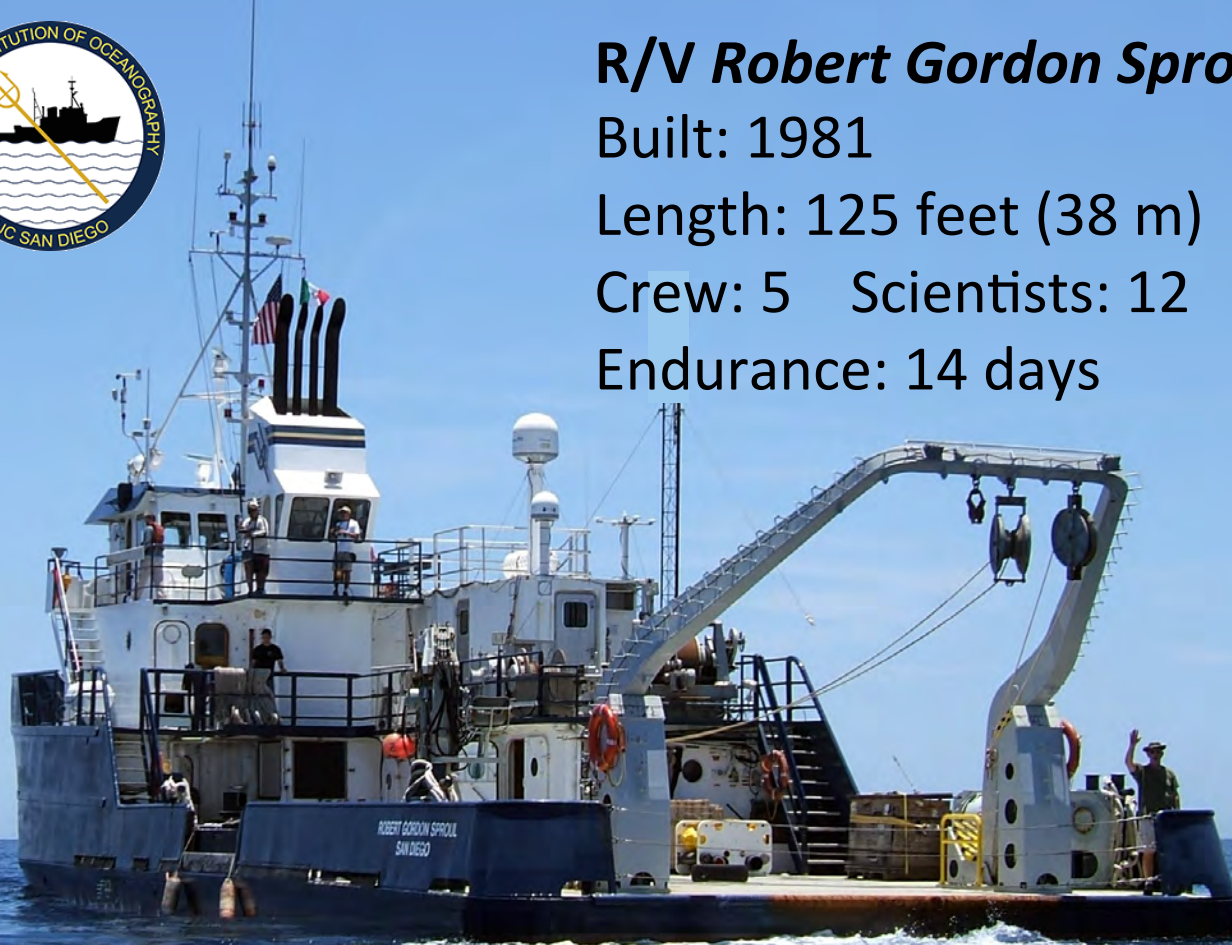
R/V Robert Gordon Sproul

Built: 1981

Length: 125 feet (38 m)

Crew: 5 Scientists: 12

Endurance: 14 days



Approaching end of service life

Sally Ride

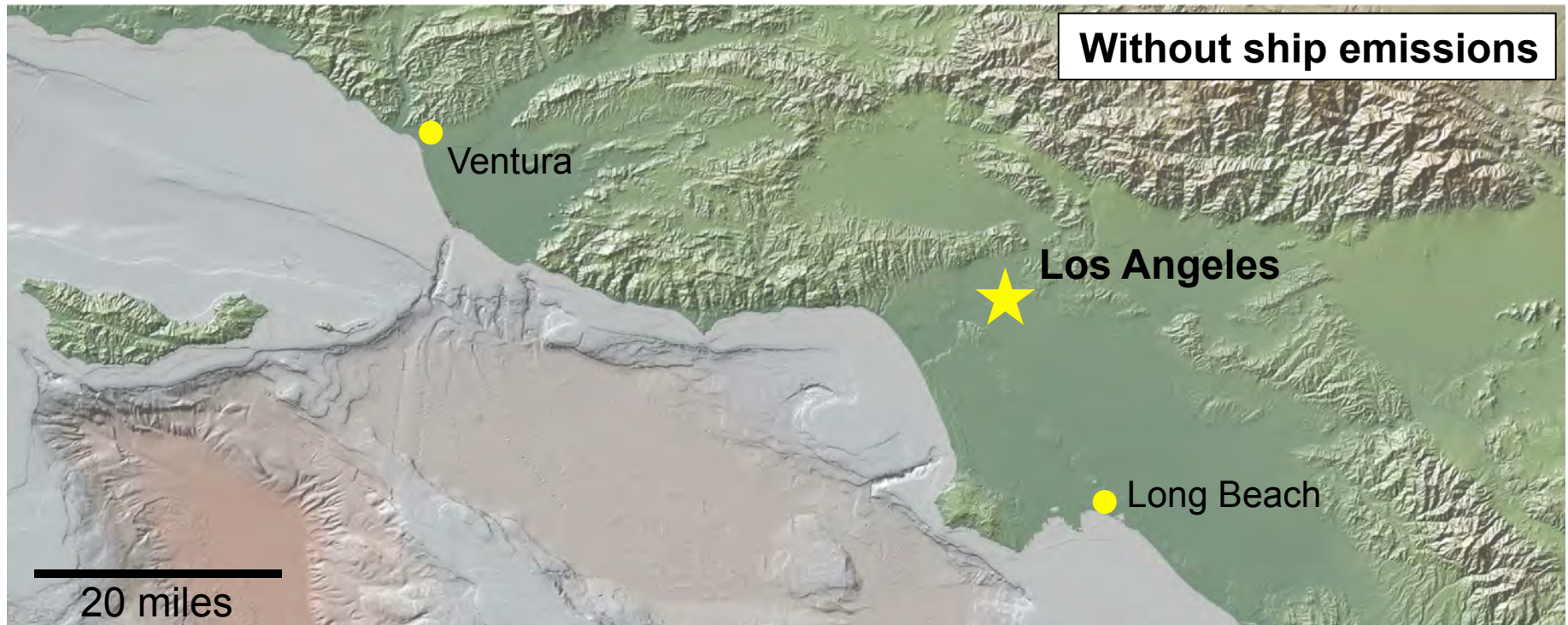


Roger Revelle



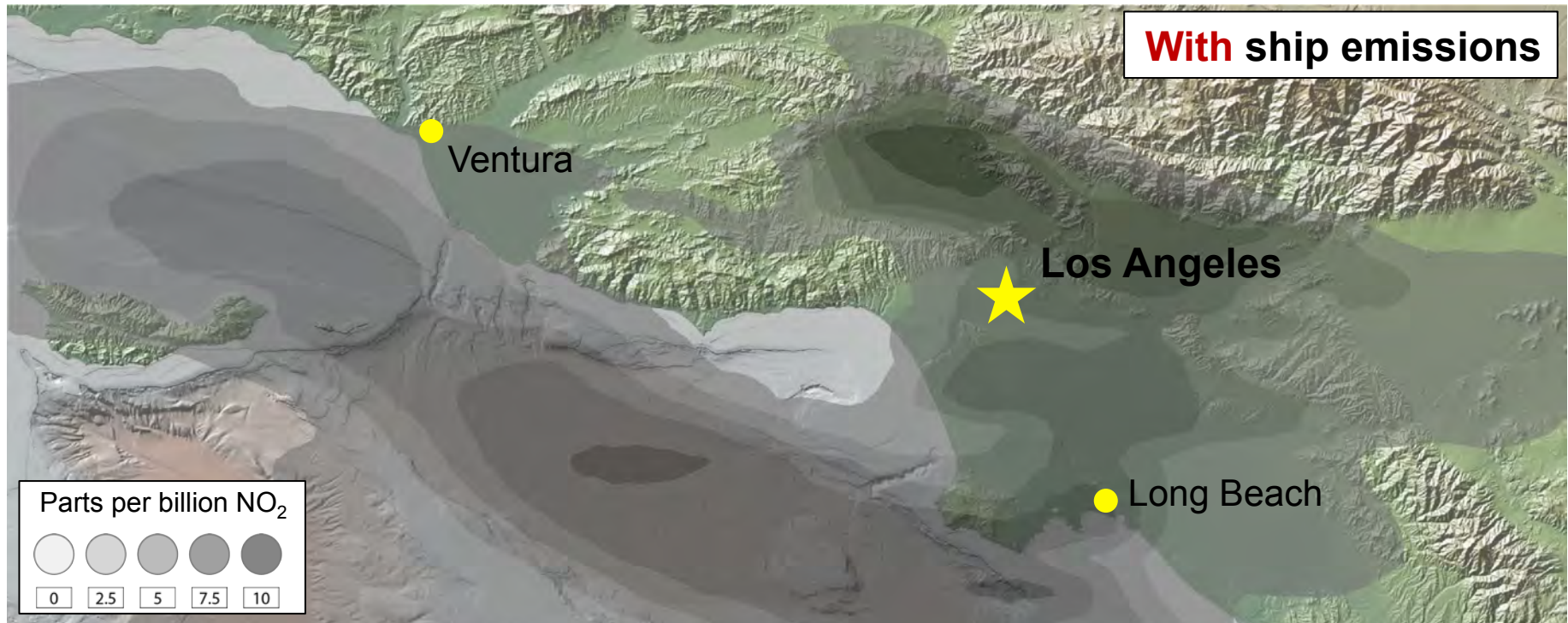
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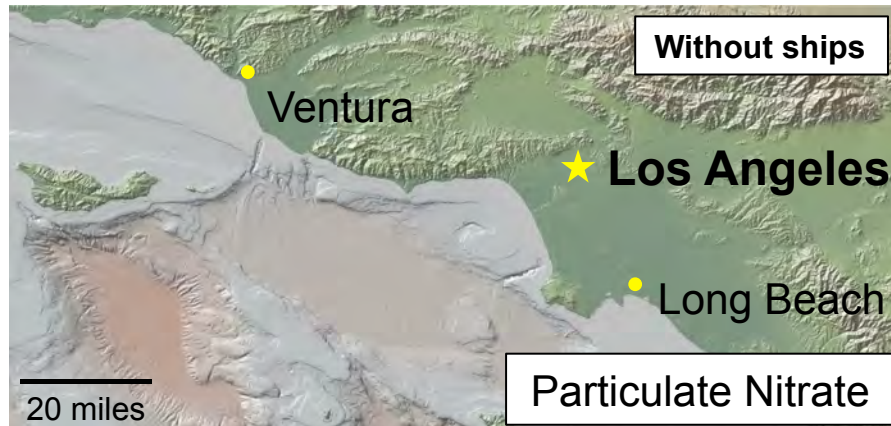
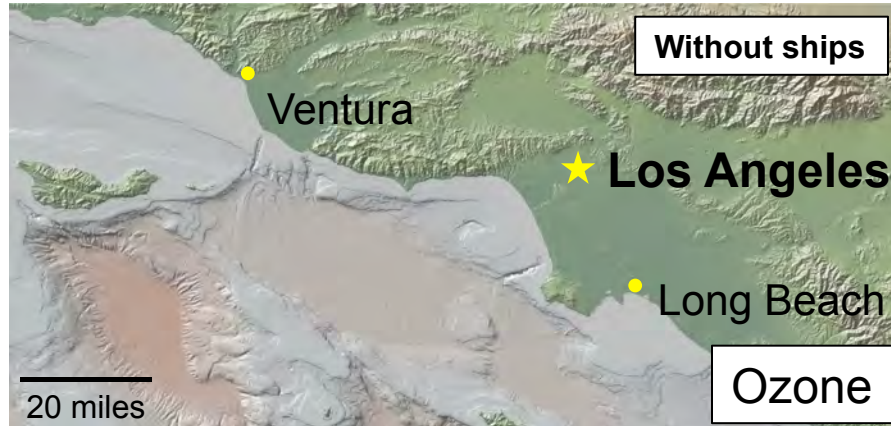


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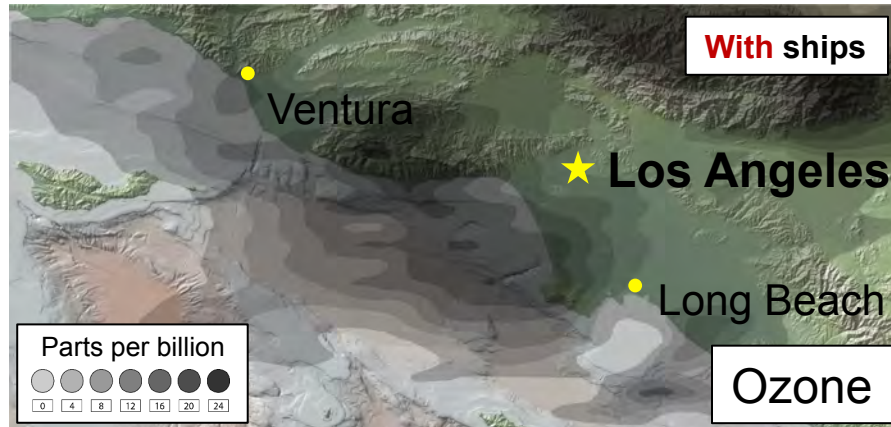
Dabdub et al., 2008, Air Quality Impacts of Ship Emissions in the South Coast Air Basin of California

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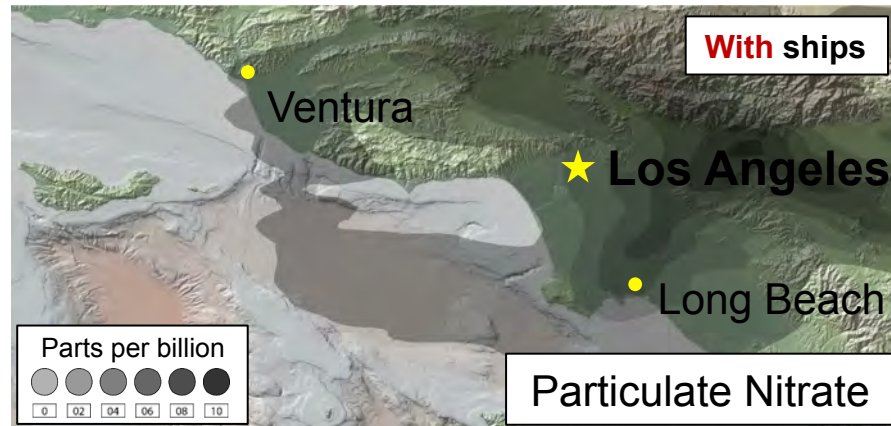


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California Air Resources Board identifies diesel particulate matter as a **toxic air contaminant** based on the relationship between diesel exhaust exposure and lung cancer and other adverse health effects



“...diesel exhaust still poses substantial risks to public health and the environment.”

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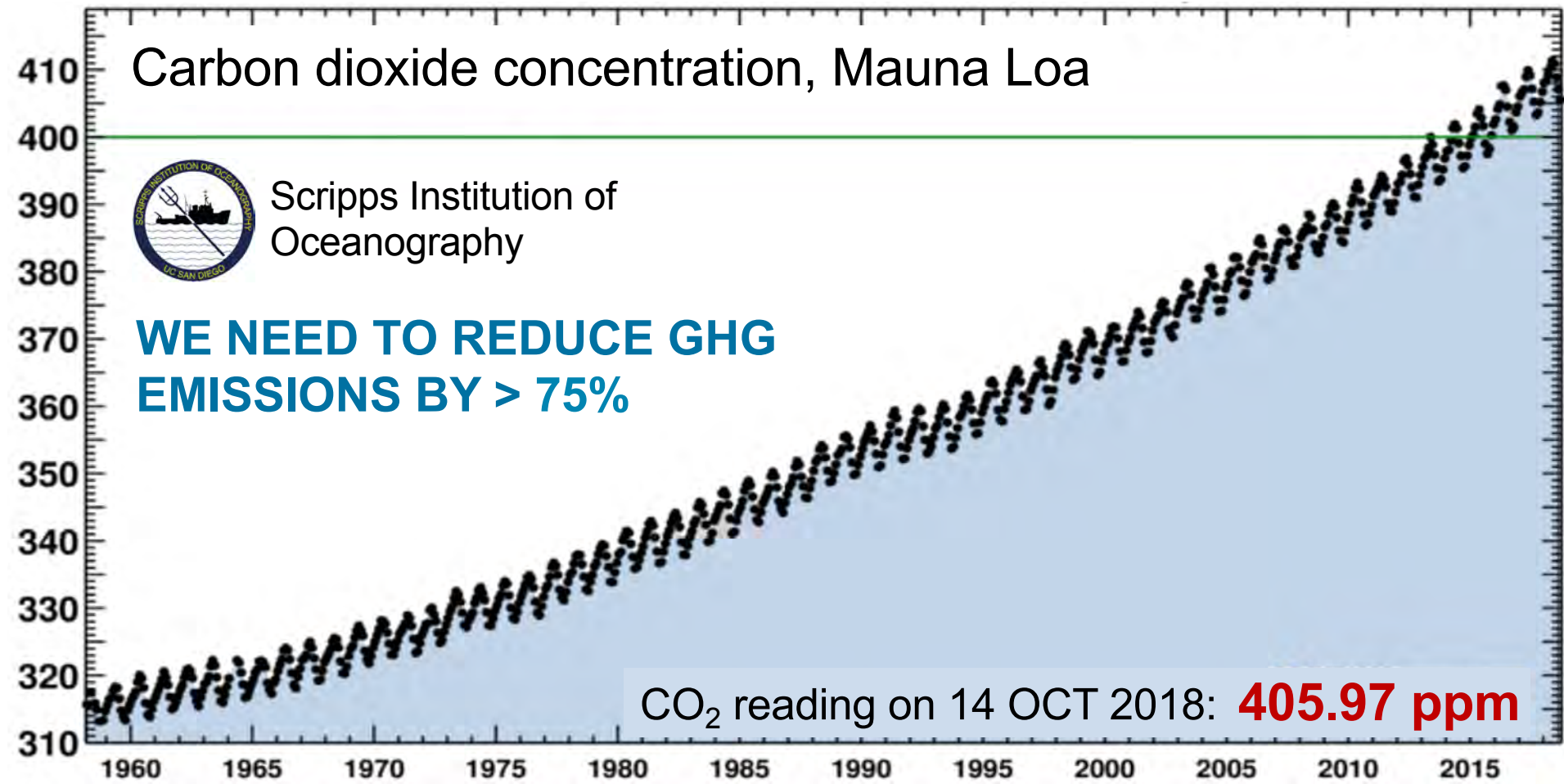
Carbon dioxide concentration, Mauna Loa



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**WE NEED TO REDUCE GHG
EMISSIONS BY > 75%**

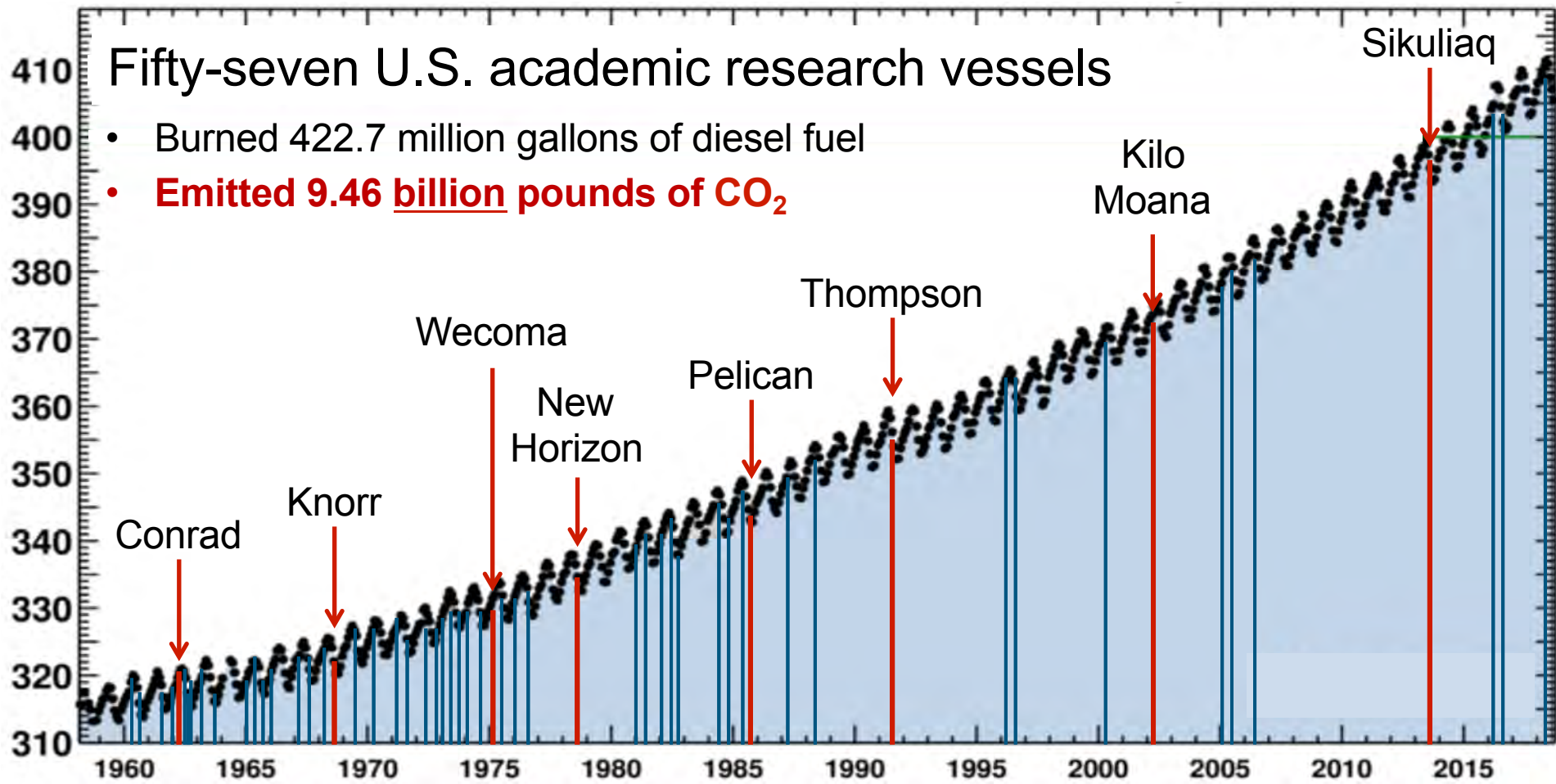
CO₂ reading on 14 OCT 2018: **405.97 ppm**



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Fifty-seven U.S. academic research vessels

- Burned 422.7 million gallons of diesel fuel
- **Emitted 9.46 billion pounds of CO₂**



PROJECT MOTIVATION & GOALS

Feasibility study: Is it possible to build a capable non-polluting coastal research vessel that does not use fossil fuels, with existing technology that is available commercially now?

Goals of the study

- Evaluate technical feasibility of marine hydrogen fuel cells
- Design a hydrogen fuel cell research vessel
- Evaluate fuel supply and bunkering feasibility
- Understand the regulatory framework
- Resolve the economics to build & operate
- Assess criteria pollutant and CO2 emissions
- **Answer the question:**
Can a zero-emission vessel capably fulfill our scientific mission?

Collaborators

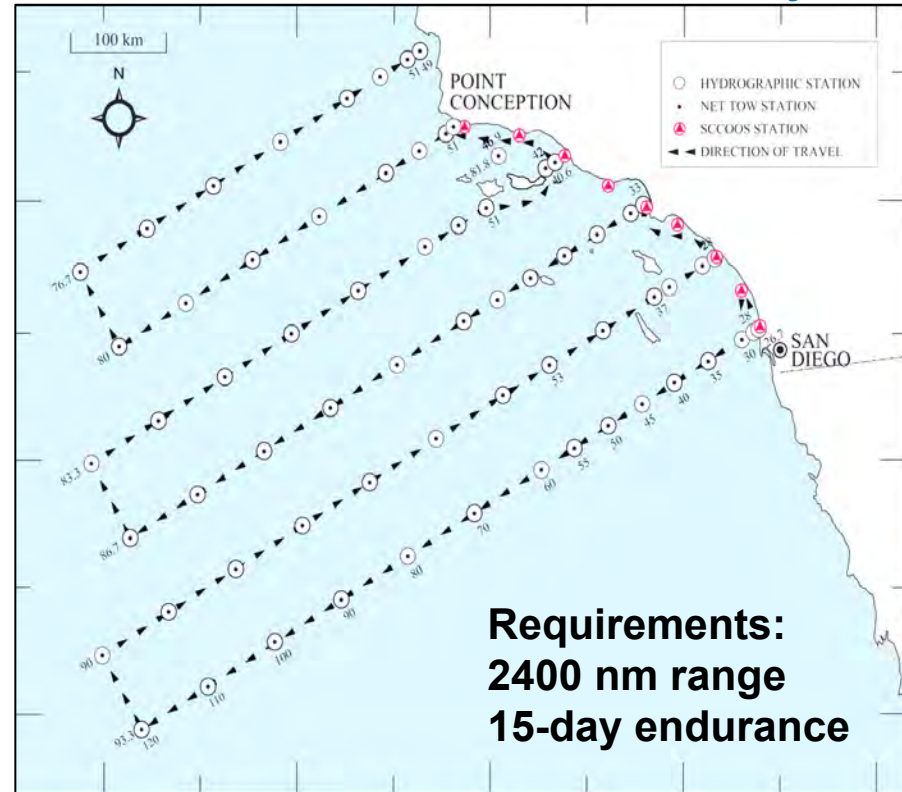


ZERO-V SCIENCE MISSION REQUIREMENTS

Primary Vessel Requirements

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Speed	12 kts, calm water (sprint) 9 kts, SS4 7 kts, SS5	Crew Berths	11
Range	2400 nm	Scientist Berths	20
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Endurance	15 days	Main Crane	8,000 lbs @ 12' over the side
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Benchmark Mission: CalCOFI Survey



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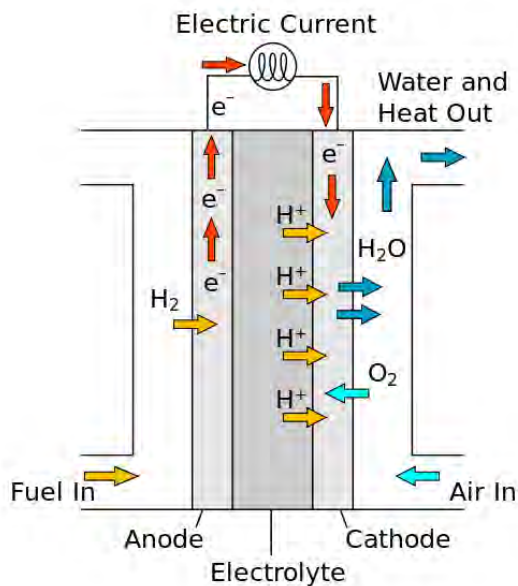
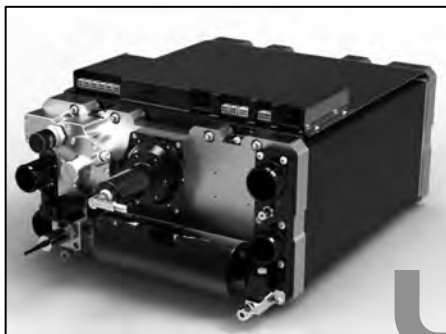
Operational Profiles

- Coastal moorings
- Deep moorings
- Mapping
- Class cruises
- ROV surveys
- Coring & dredging
- CTD profiles
- UAV flight ops
- AUV ops
- Physical oceanography
- Biogeochemistry
- Towed instruments
- FLIP anchor handling



**Limiting Port:
Moss Landing, CA**

HYDROGEN FUEL CELLS

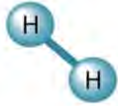


Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM)

- Use a catalyst to combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce electricity and water
- Faster power response than internal combustion engines
- Energizes ship's electric propulsion system
- Quiet: no moving parts, no combustion
- Produces pure deionized water suitable for analytical laboratory use
- Available commercially today

Hydrogenics HY-PM HD30 fuel cell and rack

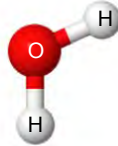
H₂ molecule



Natural Gas
(90% CH₄)



Water
(H₂O)



Hydrogen is typically made from natural gas, but “renewable H₂” derived from biogas or electrolyzing water (H₂O) with clean power is available. Renewable H₂ is preferred due to low GHG emissions from H₂ production.

HYDROGEN (H₂)

- Gas at standard conditions (room T, atmospheric pressure)
- Liquefies (LH₂) at 20K (-424 °F, -253 °C)
- Liquid hydrogen (LH₂) evaporates rapidly (seconds)
- More buoyant than helium

H₂/LH₂ is similar to NG/LNG but there are differences

	Liquid Hydrogen	Liquid Natural Gas
Greenhouse Gas	No	Yes, potent
Ignitable	yes, given right mixture	yes, given right mixture
Lower Heating Value	120 MJ/kg	45 MJ/kg
Approach to Safety	Avoid leaks and ignition sources	Avoid leaks and ignition sources
Boiling point (liquid)	20K (-253 °C).	111K (-162 °C)
Density (liquid)	71 g/L	422 g/L

For the same amount of stored energy, LH2 has 0.38 times the mass of LNG, but has 2.4 times the volume

VESSEL PARTICULARS: GENERAL



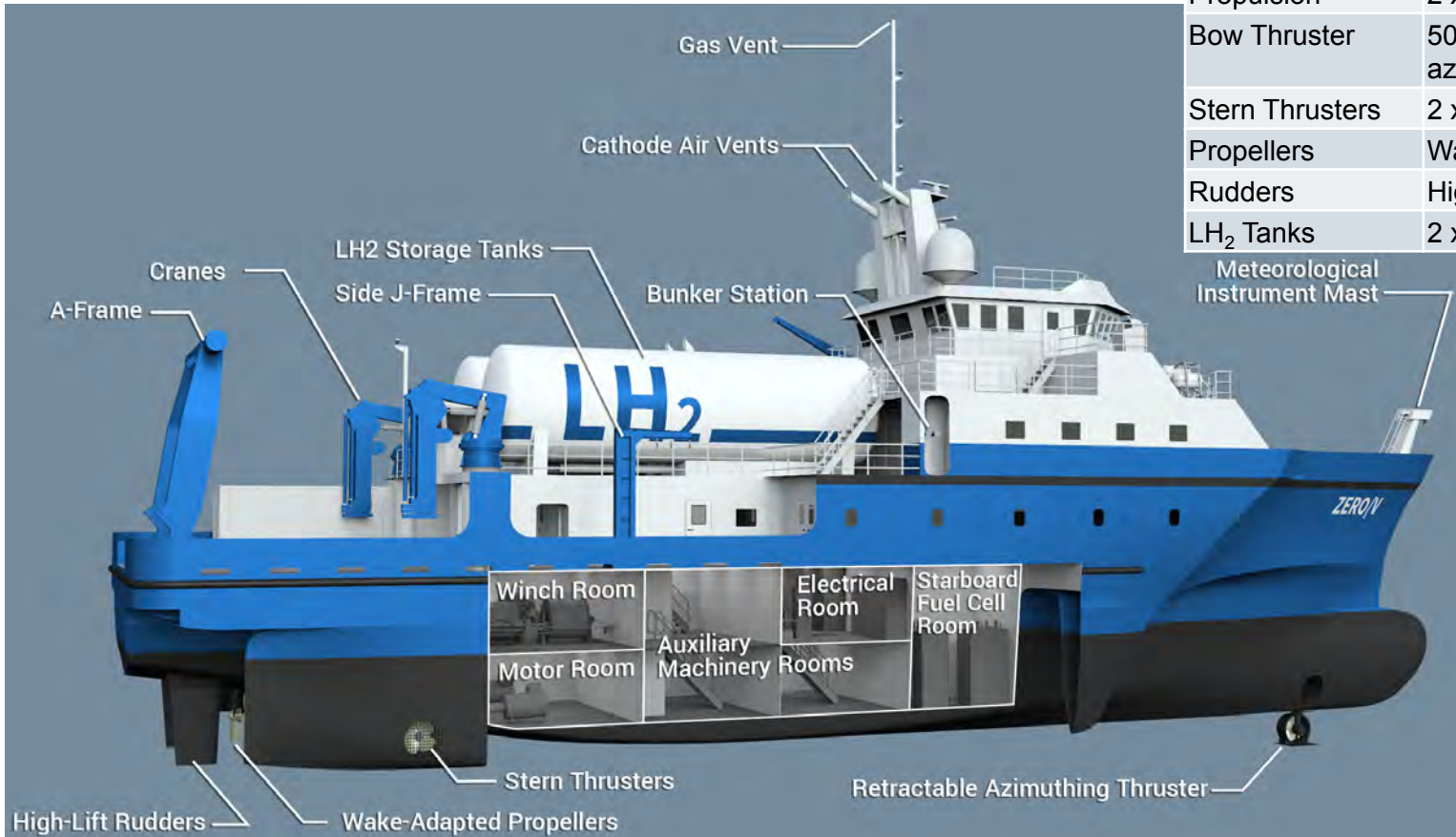
Hull Type	Trimaran
Material	Aluminum
Length	170 ft.
Beam	56 ft.
Draft	12 ft.
Freeboard	9 ft.
Displacement	1,175 LT
Cruise Speed	10 knots
Range	2,400 nm
Endurance	15 days
Station Keeping	Dynamic positioning
Berths	20 Science (double) 11 Crew (single)
Air Emissions	Water vapor

VESSEL PARTICULARS: SCIENCE



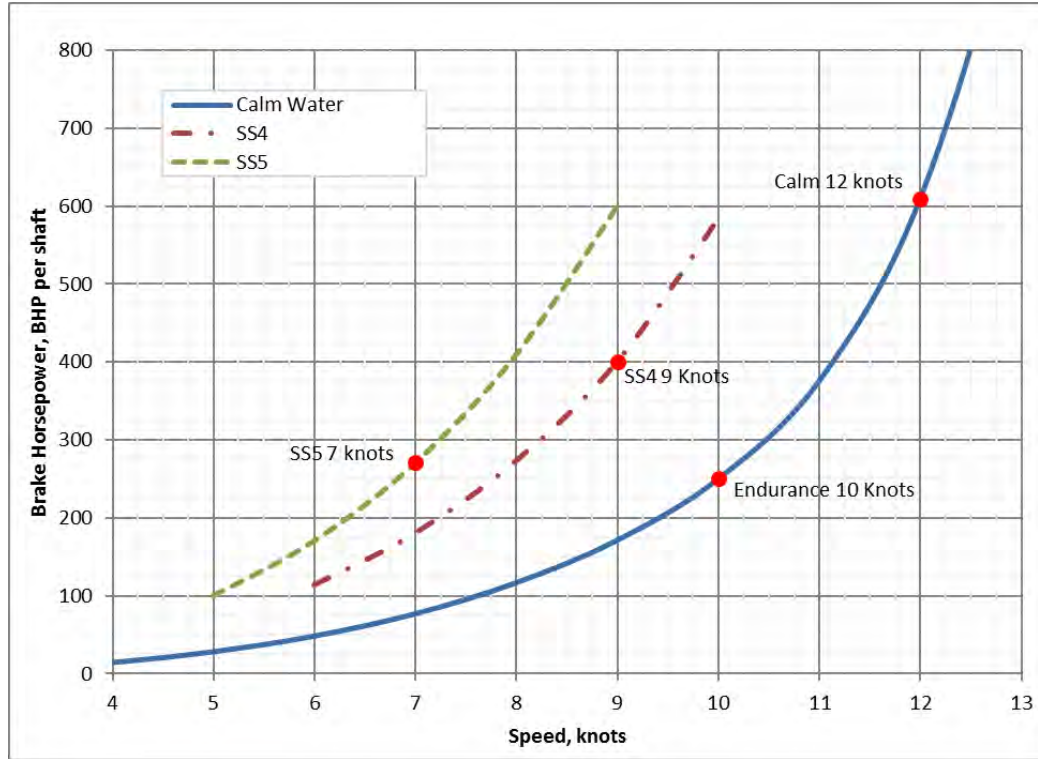
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Multi Beam Sonar	Kongsberg EM712
Underwater Noise	ICES up 8 knots
Main Lab	825 ft ²
Wet Lab	575 ft ²
Computer Lab	175 ft ²
Aft Deck	1,775 ft ²
Side Deck	525 ft ²
Van Spaces	2
Science Payload	50 LT

VESSEL PARTICULARS: PROPULSION



Power	10 x 180 kW hydrogen fuel cell racks
Propulsion	2 x 500 kW PM motors
Bow Thruster	500 kW, retractable azimuthing
Stern Thrusters	2 x 500 kW tunnel
Propellers	Wake-adapted fixed pitch
Rudders	High-lift
LH ₂ Tanks	2 x 28,800 gal type C

CAPABILITIES: SPEED AND POWERING



Methodology

- Parametric regression methods not available for low speed trimarans
- Calculated Resistance with ITTC Method
 - Resistance calculated for each hull separately
 - Frictional + residuary + appendage + air
- Speed in seaways extrapolated from calm water using added resistance from waves

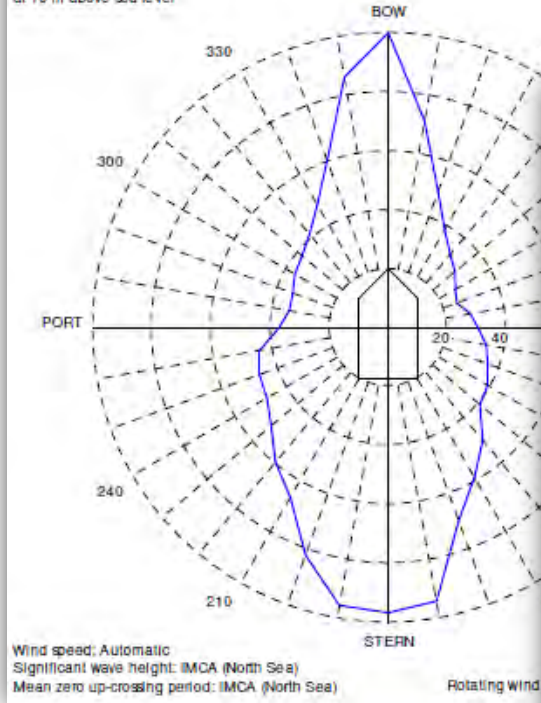
Zero-V achieves required 10 knot cruise speed

CAPABILITIES: POSITION KEEPING

Zero/V can maintain position in challenging wind & wave conditions

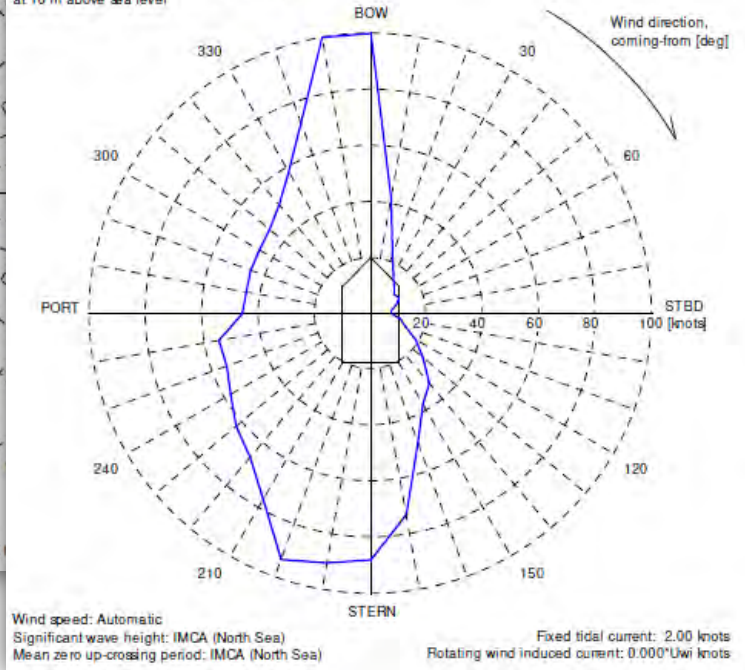
1 knot beam current

VARIABLE WIND AND WAVES
Limiting 1 minute mean wind speed in knots
at 10 m above sea level



2 knots beam current

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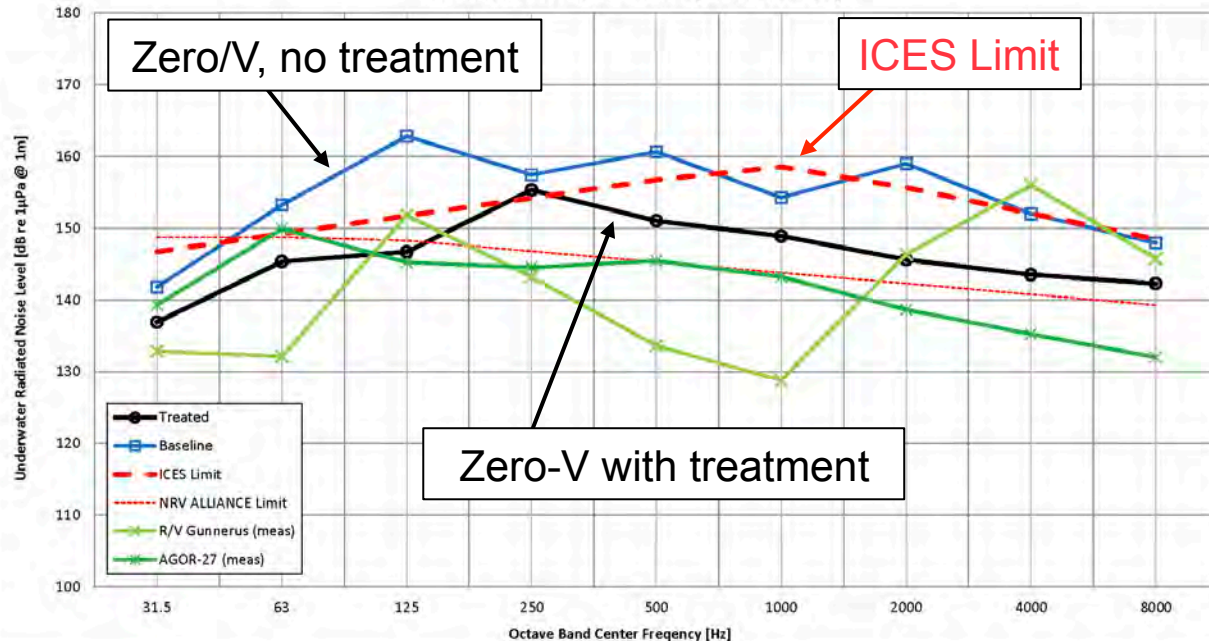


- 1 kt beam current
- 25 kt wind and waves from any direction
- 2 kts beam current
- 25 knots wind and waves at best heading (15 deg bow quarter, 45 deg stern quarter)

Station keeping
performance meets
science mission
requirements

CAPABILITIES: UNDERWATER RADIATED NOISE (URN)

Zero/V Underwater Noise Prediction
8 knots, baseline vs treated (based on RCRV)



Initial assessment

- Used RCRV URN analysis and removed noise from Z-drives & diesel engines
- Non-cavitating propellers

Considerations

- Trimaran has less noise radiating surface
- Aluminum may require more noise treatment than steel

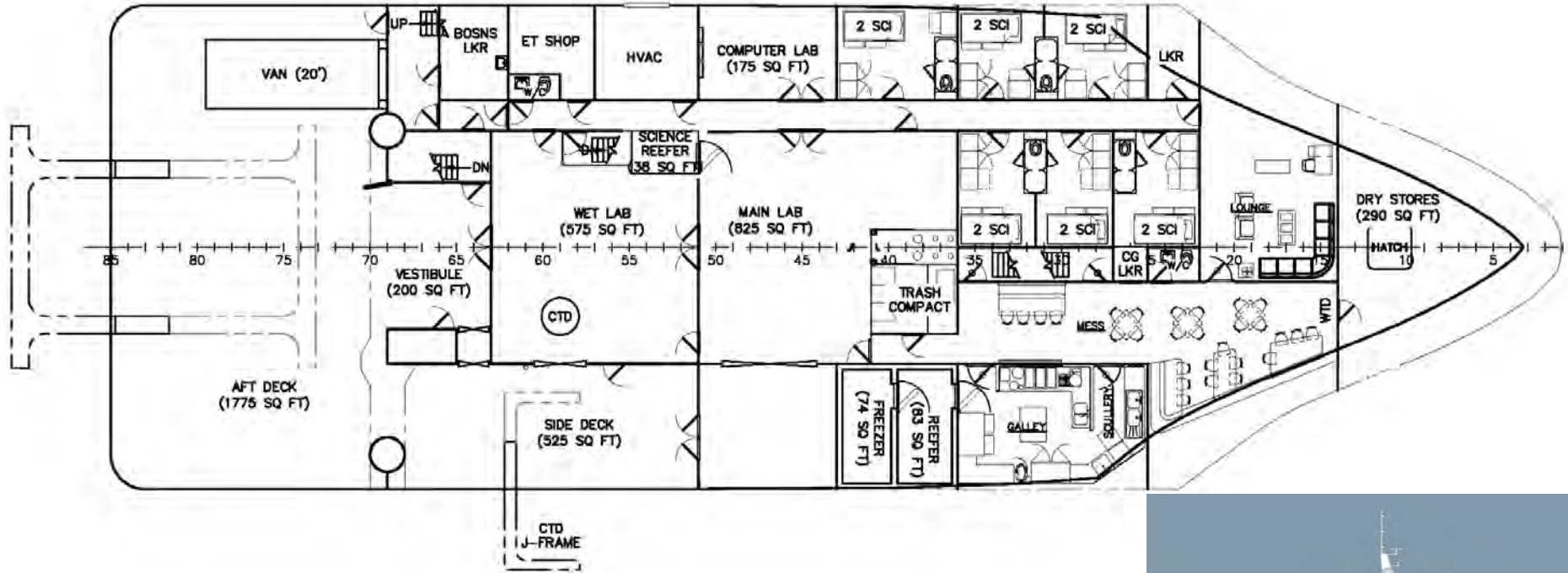
Computational analysis is required for full assessment

Expectation is Zero/V
can meet ICES* limit
at 8 knots

* ICES: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Report 209 is a measure of underwater radiated noise

ARRANGEMENTS: MAIN DECK

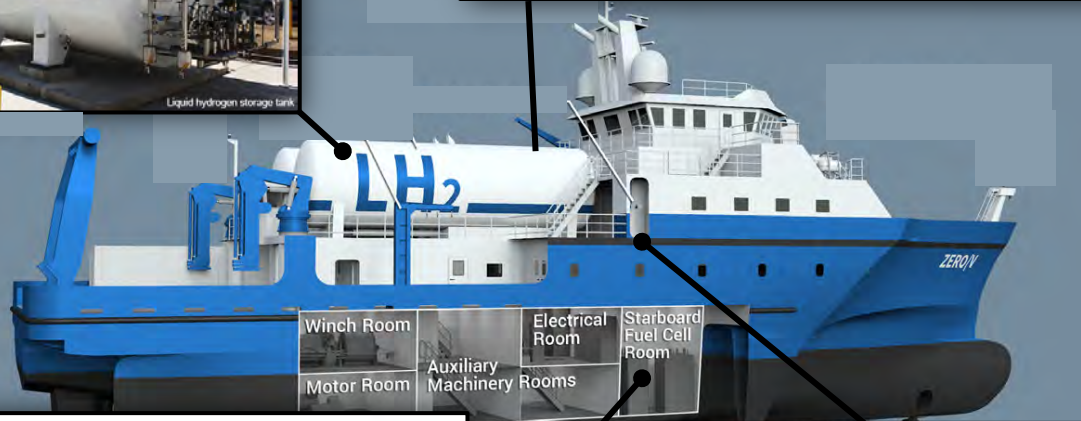
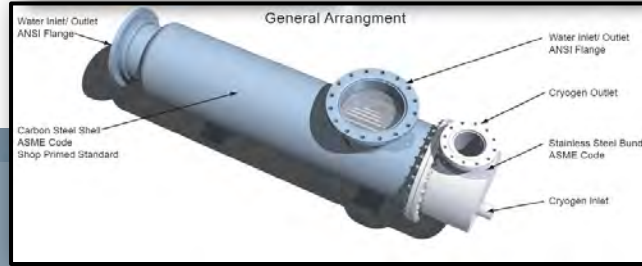
Lots of laboratory space -- plenty of working deck



Main deck \longrightarrow



H₂ GAS SYSTEMS



Fuel Cells



- Two Type C vacuum insulated LH₂ tanks (5,830 kg / tank)
- Ten power racks with six Hydrogenics HyPM HD 30 fuel cell modules (180 kW/rack)
- Two Thermax cryogenic cold water evaporators
- Fully redundant gas system
- Fuel cell room has redundant ventilation and gas detection for each rack and emergency shutdown upon any failure
- Fire risk mitigated with water deluge and NOVEC systems around tanks & in fuel cell rooms
- Bunker on 01 deck starboard
- Bunker piping is doubled walled vacuum insulated stainless steel
- Provides secondary containment and minimize heat ingress into the LH₂ during bunkering.

FUELING LIQUID HYDROGEN



Existing methods of delivery and transfer can be easily adopted

- Based on safe, proven practices
- No shore infrastructure
- Currently used for filling LH₂ storage tanks across the USA
- Fueling procedures were informed by commercial vendors



- Each trailer provides 4,000 kg of LH₂
- Typical bunkering will require 1-2 trailers
- Full trailer deliver take < 4 hours
- Simultaneous & independent bunkering of each fuel tank, so two trailers can be used simultaneously
- Cryogenic fuel transfer to vessels is well known, and can be applied to Zero/V with no new R&D needed

Existing technology can be used

No new shoreside infrastructure is needed

REGULATORY REVIEW

No US or international regulations specific to hydrogen fuel cell vessels exist

- The regulatory regime for a hydrogen fuel cell powered vessel is currently under development
- Regulatory basis:
- Extend LNG regulations to hydrogen fuel
 - DNV GL Rules for Classification: Ships
 - IGF Code: International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuel
 - 46 CFR Subchapter U: Oceanographic Research Vessel

Submitted to the US Coast Guard and DNV GL for review to identify any significant regulatory or safety concerns with the fundamental design.

No show-stopping red flags were identified.



Received a Conditional
Approval In Principle (CAIP)
from DNV GL.

VESSEL COST ESTIMATE

Capital Cost

Contract Design Engineering	\$2.5M
Vessel Construction	\$76M to \$82M
Program Costs	\$4M to \$8M (5-10% of construction cost)

Total: \$82.5M to \$92.5M

Operating Costs

Baseline: R/V *New Horizon*

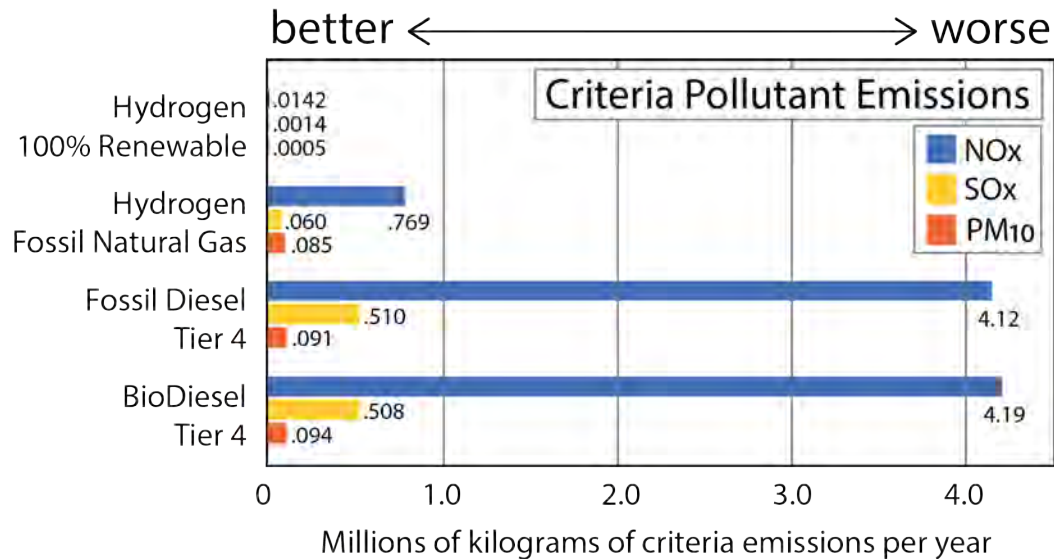
- Similar size and complement
- No maintenance related to diesel generators
- Fuel costs (diesel vs LH2)

ZeroV ~7.7% higher, based on 2018 prices

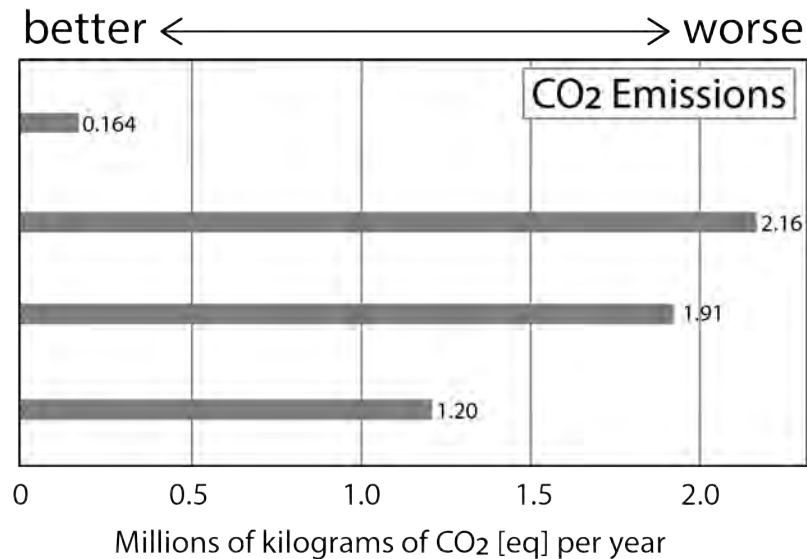


EMISSIONS (FROM H₂ PRODUCTION)

Well-To-Waves Criteria Emissions
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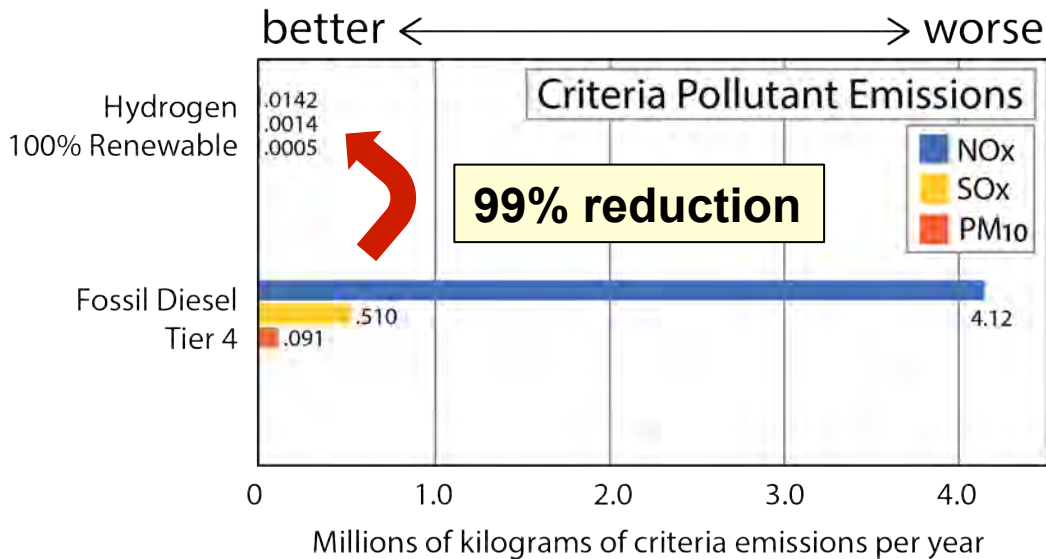
Well-to-Waves Greenhouse Gas Emissions
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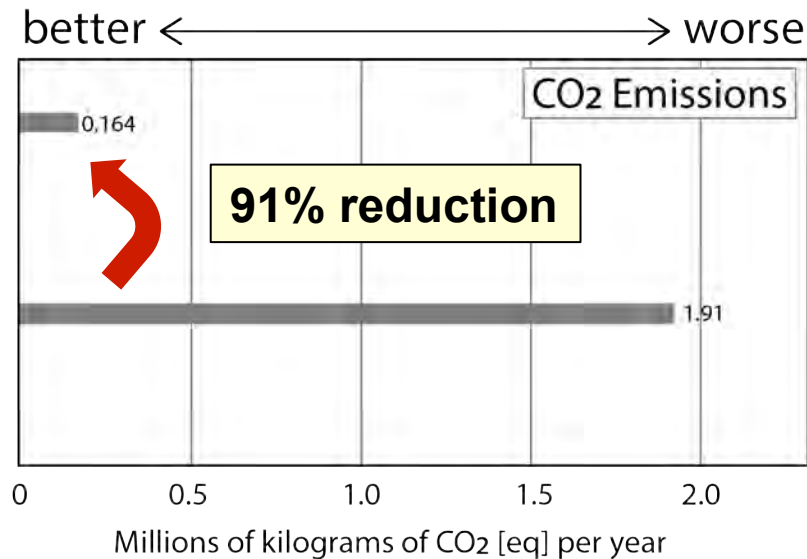
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Yes

Download the full report:
energy.sandia.gov/transportation-energy/hydrogen/market-transformation/maritime-fuel-cells/

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