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HYDROGEN ENERGY TOWN HALL

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# SETTING THE STAGE



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# WELCOME



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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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The UC San Diego community holds great respect for the land and the original people of the area where our campus is located. The university is built on the unceded territory of the Kumeyaay Nation. Today, the Kumeyaay people continue to maintain their political sovereignty and cultural traditions as vital members of the San Diego community. We acknowledge their tremendous contributions to our region and thank them for their stewardship.

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# BEFORE WE BEGIN

**This webinar is being recorded.**

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# QUESTIONS

- Were submitted during registration
- Can be submitted in the Zoom Q&A feature

We'll answer as many questions live as time allows.

# HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES FOR CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE



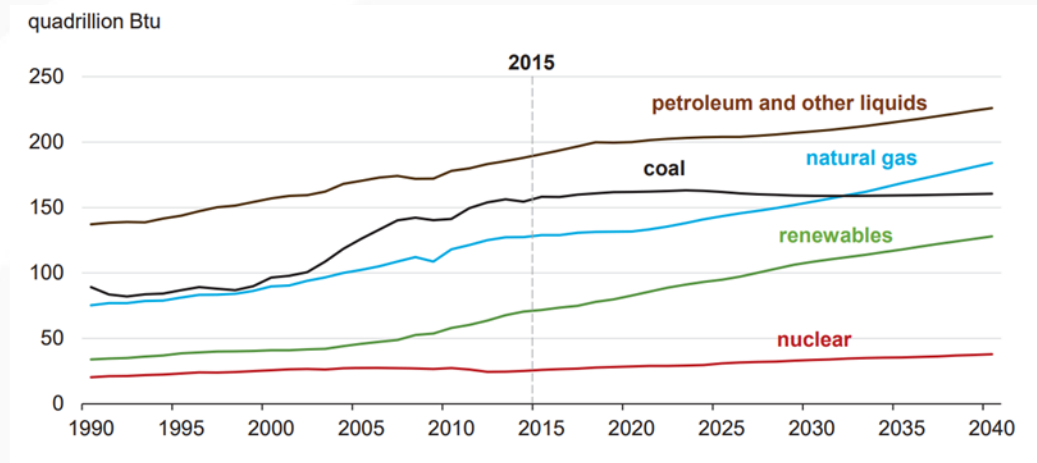
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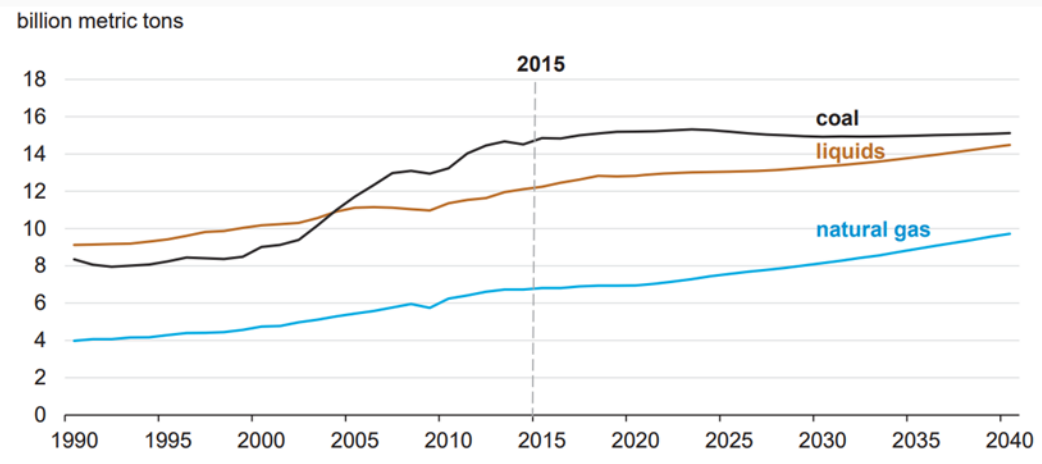


# WORLD ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

## WORLD ENERGY CONSUMPTION



## WORLD ENERGY-RELATED CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS



International Energy Outlook 2017  
U.S. Energy Information Administration

# POTENTIAL APPROACHES TO MEET ENERGY GROWTH WHILE LIMITING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

- Development of clean and more efficient energy systems (e.g., fuel cell systems)
- Expansion of sustainable energy technologies (e.g., solar, wind, etc.)
- Use of clean fuels (e.g., hydrogen, especially clean hydrogen such as hydrogen produced from water using sustainable energy)

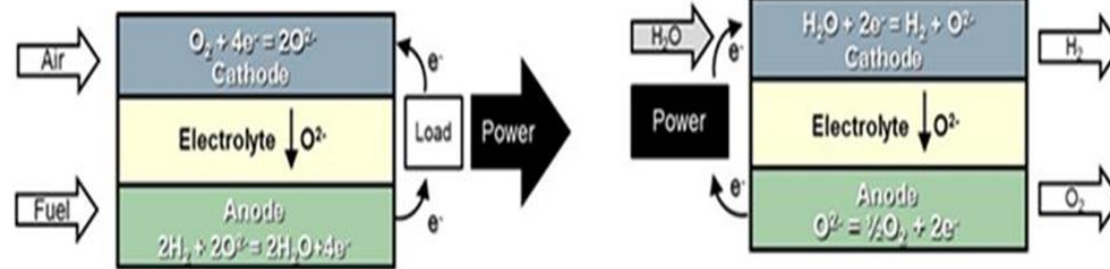
# HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS

- The primary fuel for fuel cells is hydrogen.
- Fuel cells with hydrogen fuel can be used for clean and efficient power generation (fuel cell mode).
- Fuel cells in reverse operation can be used to split water to produce hydrogen (electrolysis mode).
- Fuel cells can operate on fossil and renewable fuels.

# HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL R&D AT UC SAN DIEGO

- Solid oxide cell technology – all solid-state cell operating at 600-800C
- Solid oxide cell: solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC) for power generation, solid oxide electrolysis cell/reversed SOFC (SOEC) for hydrogen production and reversible solid oxide cell (RSOC) for both power and hydrogen production

SOFC Mode      SOEC Mode  
**Energy Conversion (Fuel Cell) Mode**      **Energy Storage (Electrolysis) Mode**



Methane fuel

Anode:  $\text{CH}_4 + 4\text{O}^{2-} = \text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 8\text{e}^-$   
 (fuel/hydrogen electrode)

Cathode:  $2\text{O}_2 + 8\text{e}^- = 4\text{O}^{2-}$  (oxygen electrode)

Mixture of water and carbon dioxide

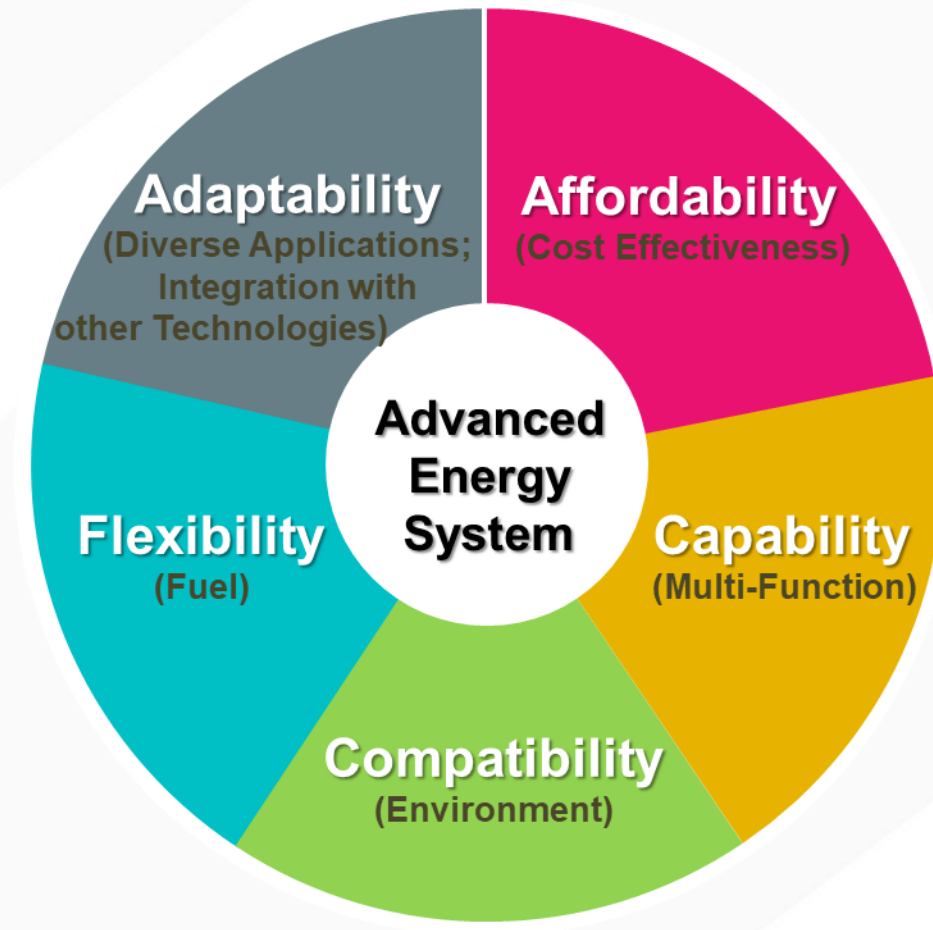
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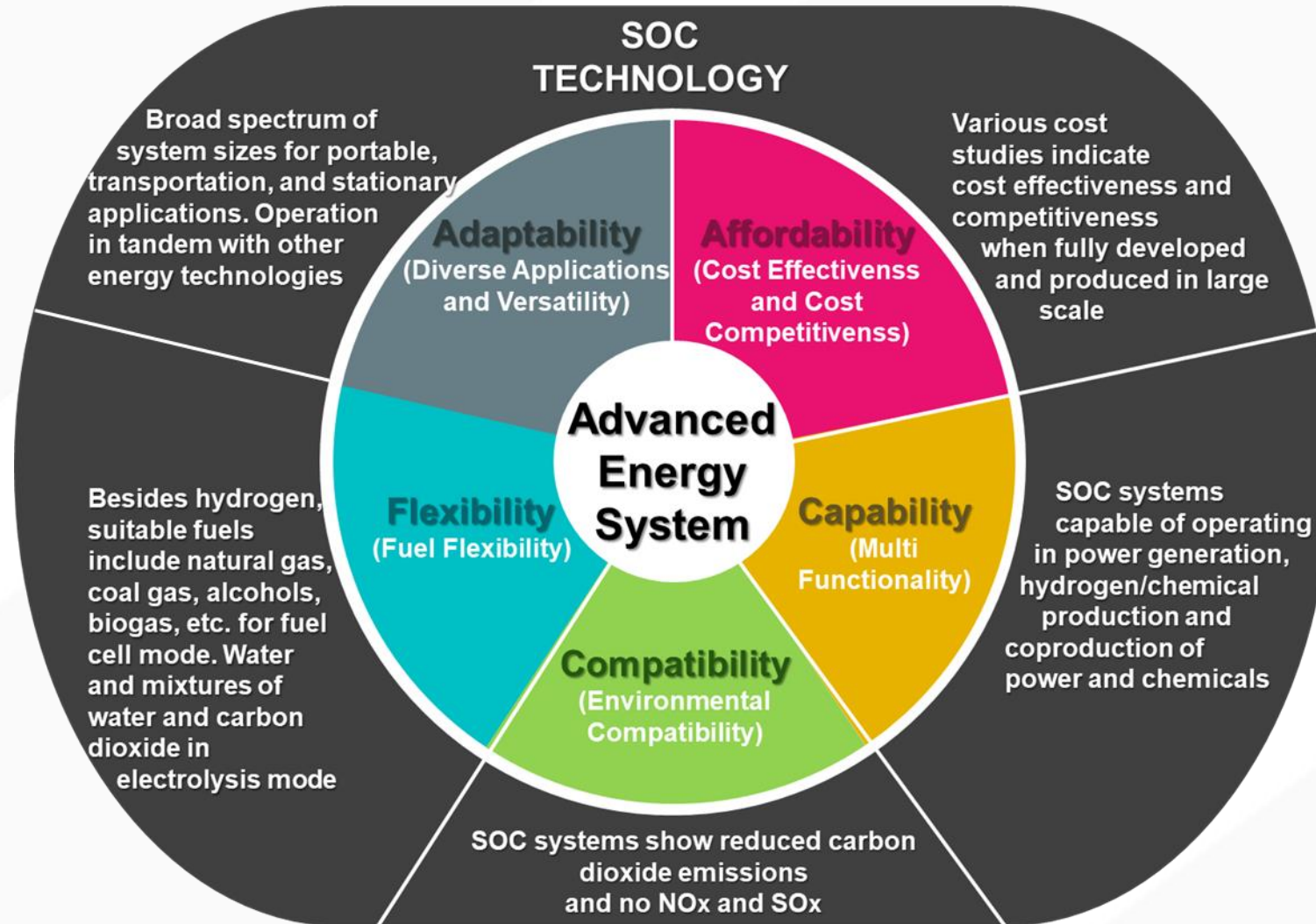
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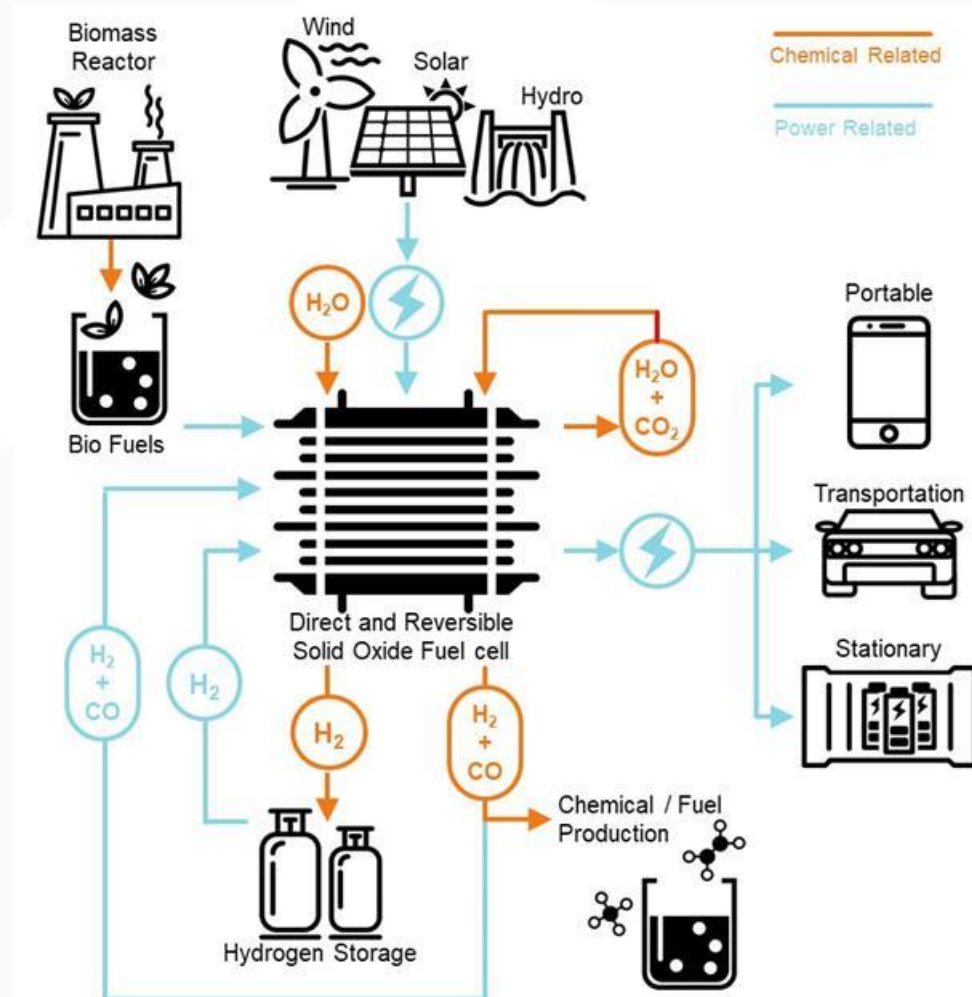
# FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEMS



# SOC TECHNOLOGY – A POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEMS

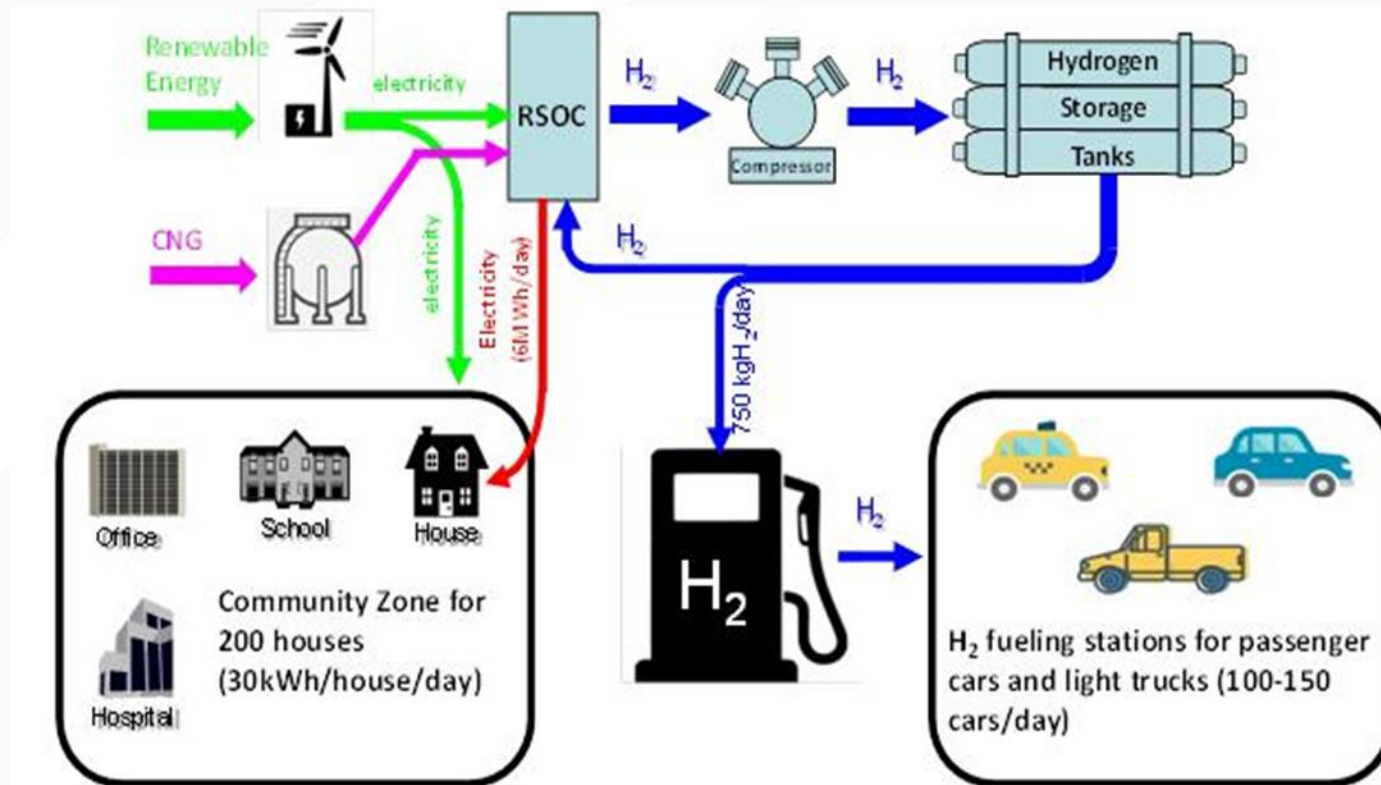


# CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE RSOC-BASED ENERGY SYSTEM

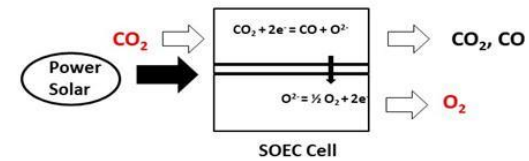
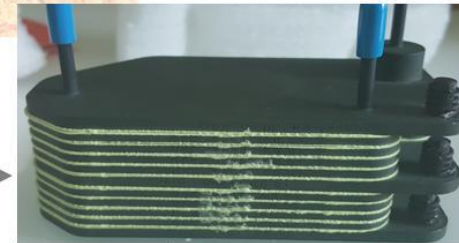
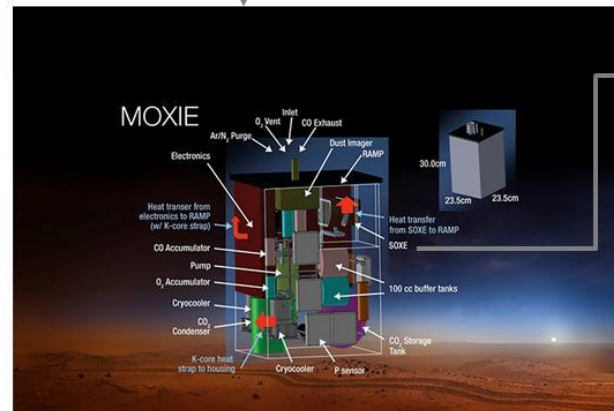
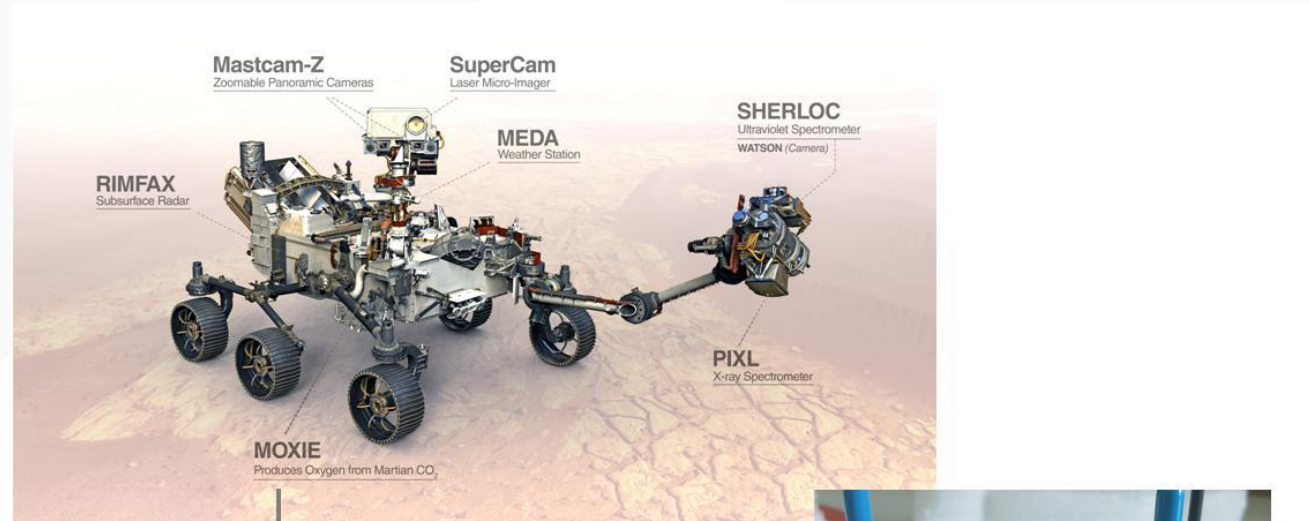




# EXAMPLE OF DISTRIBUTED HYDROGEN/POWER SYSTEM



# SOLID OXIDE CELL TECHNOLOGY IN NASA MARS PERSEVERANCE ROVER



## CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Hydrogen and fuel cells are clean, efficient and versatile technologies.
- Fuel cells, along with hydrogen fuel, could play a significant role in energy systems for the future.
- Enhanced durability and reduced cost for fuel cells, improved hydrogen storage and distribution, and reduced cost for hydrogen production are required for widespread adoption and applications.

# UPDATE ON STRATEGIC ENERGY PLAN



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# DECARBONIZATION STRATEGY

## Campus Energy Profile

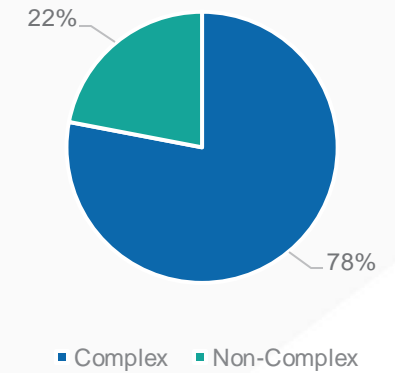
- 78% complex space – Research, medical/clinical, supercomputing
- 22% non-complex space – Housing, classrooms, administrative

~65% of comfort heating load can be served with electric heat recovery chilling technology.

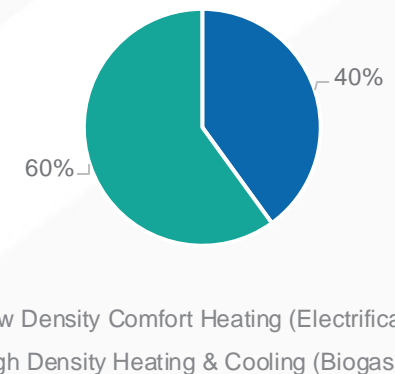
~65% of comfort heating load is ~40% of overall load.



Campus Energy End Use



Campus Energy Demand



# ACTIVE CARBON REDUCTION PROJECTS

## Biogas and Hydrogen

### Delivered via SDGE System

- UCOP Program has secured ~20% of supply with goal of 40% by 2025
- Potential of 20% H<sub>2</sub>



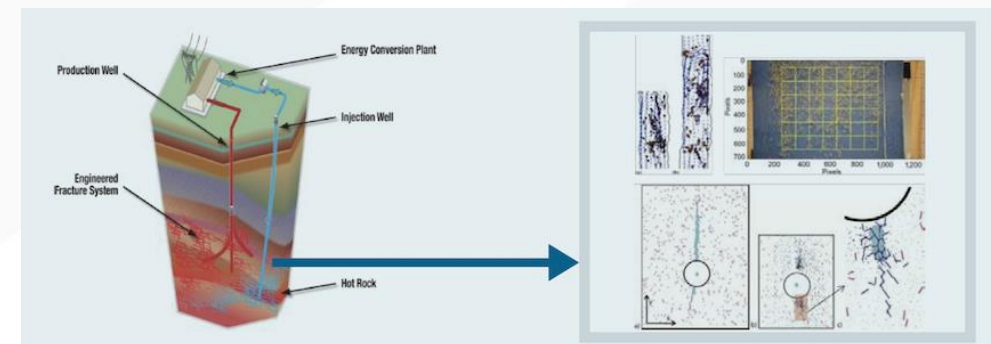
## Solar Thermal

- UC San Diego Researcher – Dr. Carlos Coimbra



## Geothermal – Energy Geotechnics

- UC San Diego Researcher – Dr. Ingrid Tomac



# SDG&E HYDROGEN INITIATIVES AND HYDROGEN DECARBONIZATION



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HYDROGEN COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, SDG&E



# Hydrogen at SDG&E

We are at the beginning of re-imagining our energy systems to be 100% clean energy by 2045; hydrogen is a key component.

Melanie Davidson  
Hydrogen Commercial Development Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
UC San Diego Town Hall, December 5, 2022





# Agenda



- 1. Policy and Market Updates for Hydrogen**
  - California and Federal
- 2. SDG&E Path to Net Zero Study**
- 3. SDG&E Hydrogen Projects**

# California Leads in Climate & Clean Energy Policy

## Governing Law – SB100

By 2045, obtain

# 100%

of electricity from  
renewable sources

## Governing Law – SB1383

By 2030, reduce  
methane emissions

# 40%

below 2013 levels

## Executive Order B-55-18

By 2045,  
economy-wide,  
become

# Carbon Neutral

## Governing Law – SB 1075

State agencies  
must consider

# Green H2

in decarbonization  
strategies

# Recent Federal Laws Enhance Pathways for Clean Hydrogen

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 2021

- **\$8 BN** for H2 hubs
- **\$1 BN** for electrolysis RD&D
- **\$500 MM** for H2 manufacturing and recycling RD&D
- Develop National H2 Roadmap
- Defines “Clean Hydrogen”

## Inflation Reduction Act 2022

- 10 Year Production Tax Credit for Clean Hydrogen facilities up to \$3/kg

# SDG&E, Carbon Neutrality and Hydrogen



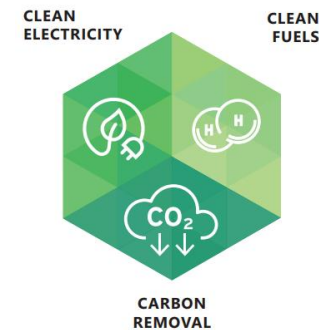
SDG&E's Commitment to Sustainability

Net Zero by 2045



## The Path to Net Zero

A DECARBONIZATION ROADMAP FOR CALIFORNIA



Technological  
diversification



2045 clean  
hydrogen  
generation



2045 total  
clean hydrogen  
demand

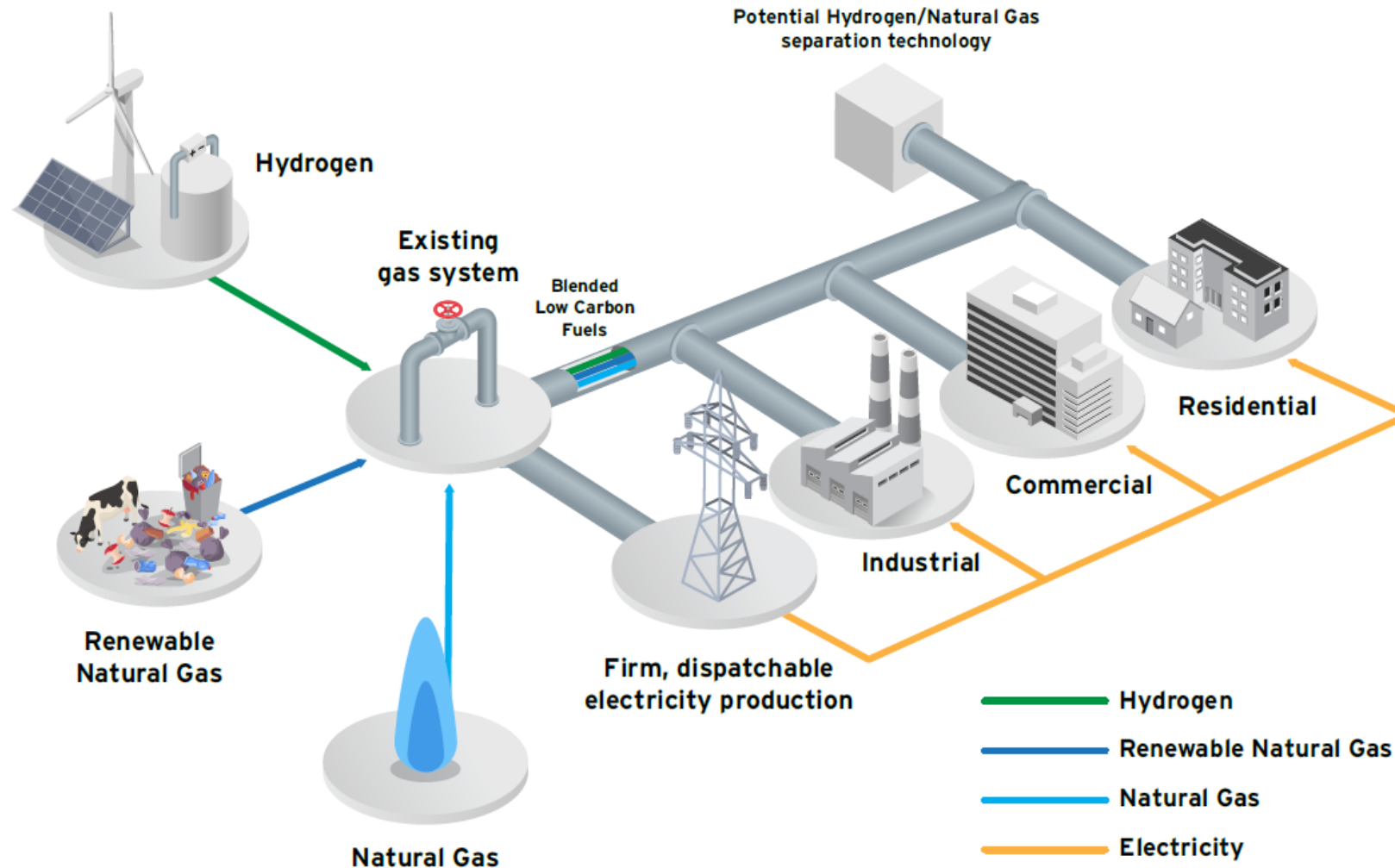
<https://www.sdge.com/netzero>

# SDG&E Hydrogen Pilots Underway, 2023 Delivery



	Multi-Use H2 Demonstration @ Palomar Energy Center	Long Duration Energy Storage w/H2 @ Borrego Springs Microgrid
Completion	2023	2023
Use cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power-to-gas H2 fuel blending</li> <li>• Generator H2 cooling</li> <li>• Light-duty vehicle H2 fueling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long duration H2 storage demonstration</li> <li>• H2 as a CAISO market participant</li> <li>• H2 as a resiliency asset</li> </ul>
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar canopies</li> <li>• Electrolyzer with H2 compressors</li> <li>• H2 storage</li> <li>• H2 vehicle fueling system</li> <li>• Fuel blending skid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrolyzer with H2 compressors</li> <li>• H2 storage</li> <li>• Fuel cell</li> </ul>
Conceptual layout	<p>The diagram illustrates the conceptual layout for the Palomar Energy Center pilot. It starts with solar canopies providing power to a 1.25 MW PEM electrolyzer. The electrolyzer has an anode where H<sub>2</sub>O is split into H<sup>+</sup> and O<sub>2</sub>, and a cathode where H<sub>2</sub> is produced. The H<sub>2</sub> is then stored in a tank. From the storage tank, H<sub>2</sub> is distributed to three applications: Generator Cooling, an H<sub>2</sub> Fueling Station, and H<sub>2</sub> Blending.</p>	<p>The diagram illustrates the conceptual layout for the Borrego Springs Microgrid pilot. It features a 1 MW PEM electrolyzer powered by solar canopies. The electrolyzer produces H<sub>2</sub> at the cathode and O<sub>2</sub> at the anode. The H<sub>2</sub> is stored in a 16-hour storage tank. The stored H<sub>2</sub> is then used in a 250 kW fuel cell. The fuel cell has an anode and a cathode separated by a membrane. It produces electricity and heat, and releases H<sub>2</sub>O and O<sub>2</sub>.</p>

# Hydrogen blending for decarbonized gas network



# Hydrogen Blending Pilot with UC San Diego – Planning Phase

## WHY?

- Support carbon neutrality in the gas system
- Help inform our regulator, the CPUC, on safe hydrogen blending standards

## WHAT?

- Blend clean hydrogen with natural gas up to 20% by volume to evaluate pipeline impacts
- Partner with fuel cell researchers at UCSD CER

## WHERE and WHEN?

- Campus location TBD
- Project would likely kick off no sooner than 2024

# HYDROGEN SEA VESSEL



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SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY





# Scripps zero-emission hydrogen hybrid research vessel

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## Presentation Overview

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Why zero-emission ships?

Feasibility of zero emissions

Zero-emission hybrid power

Coastal class research vessel

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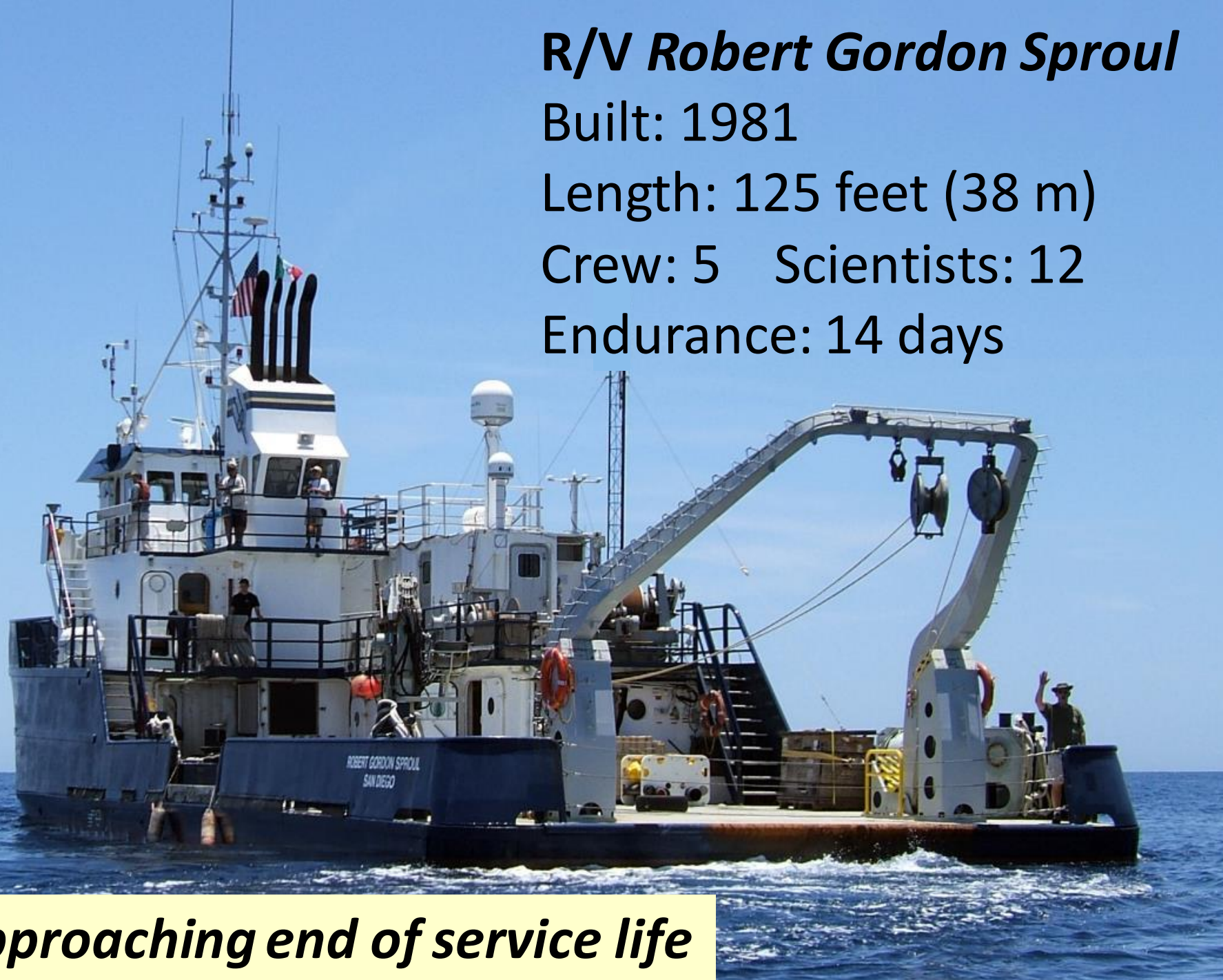
# *R/V Robert Gordon Sproull*

Built: 1981

Length: 125 feet (38 m)

Crew: 5 Scientists: 12

Endurance: 14 days



***Approaching end of service life***

# *Sally Ride*



*Roger Revelle*

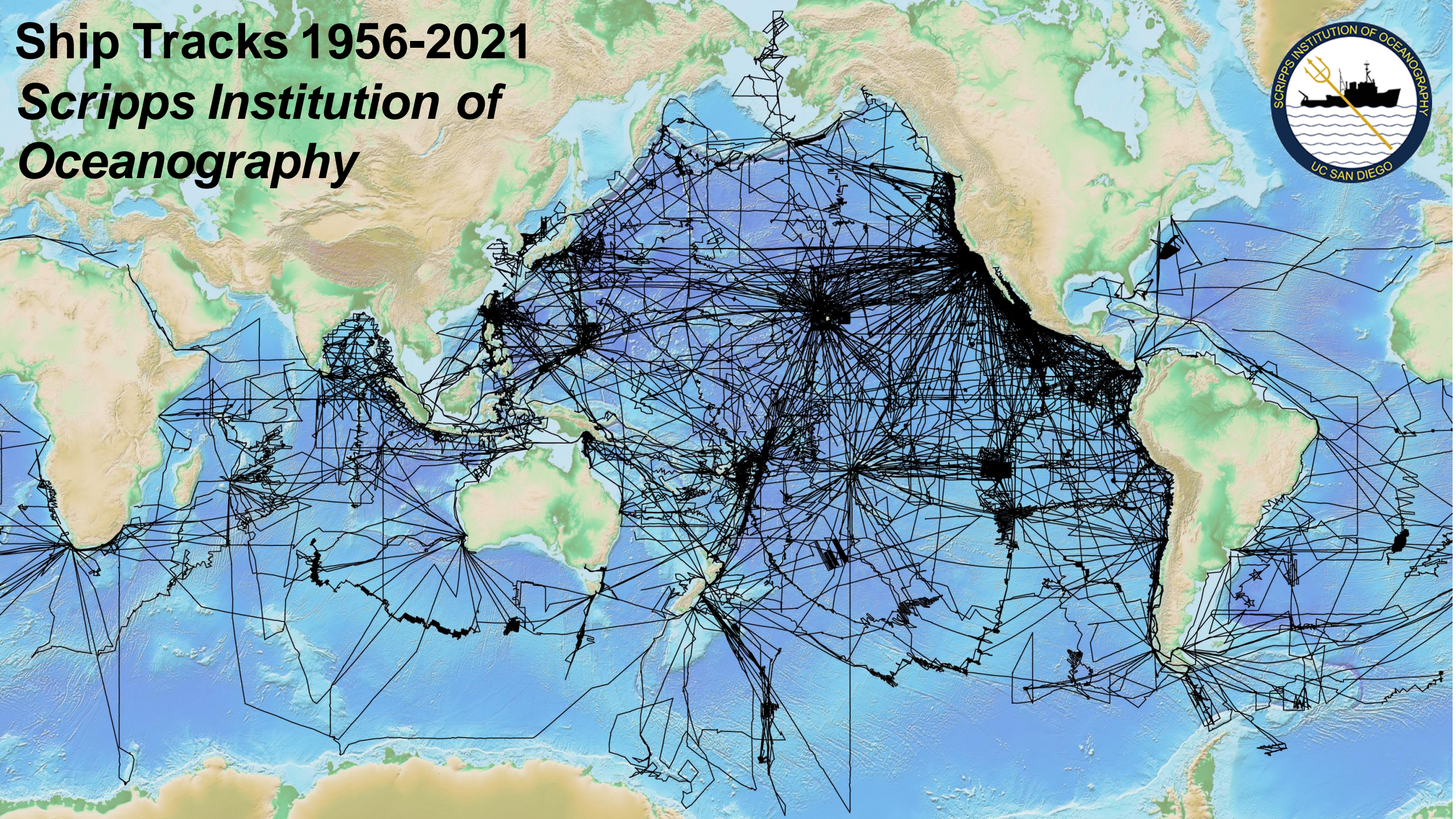
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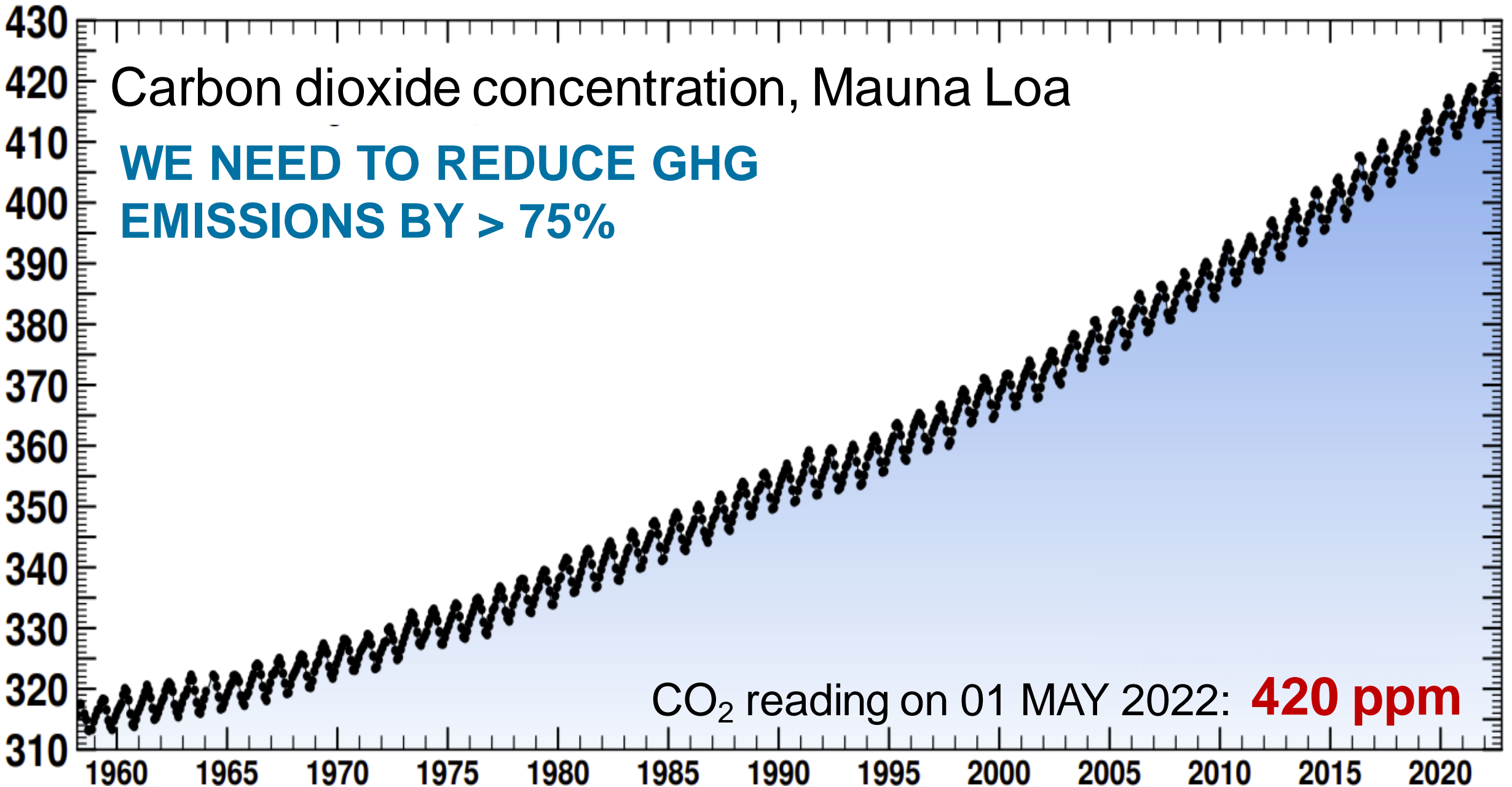
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# Ship Tracks 1956-2021

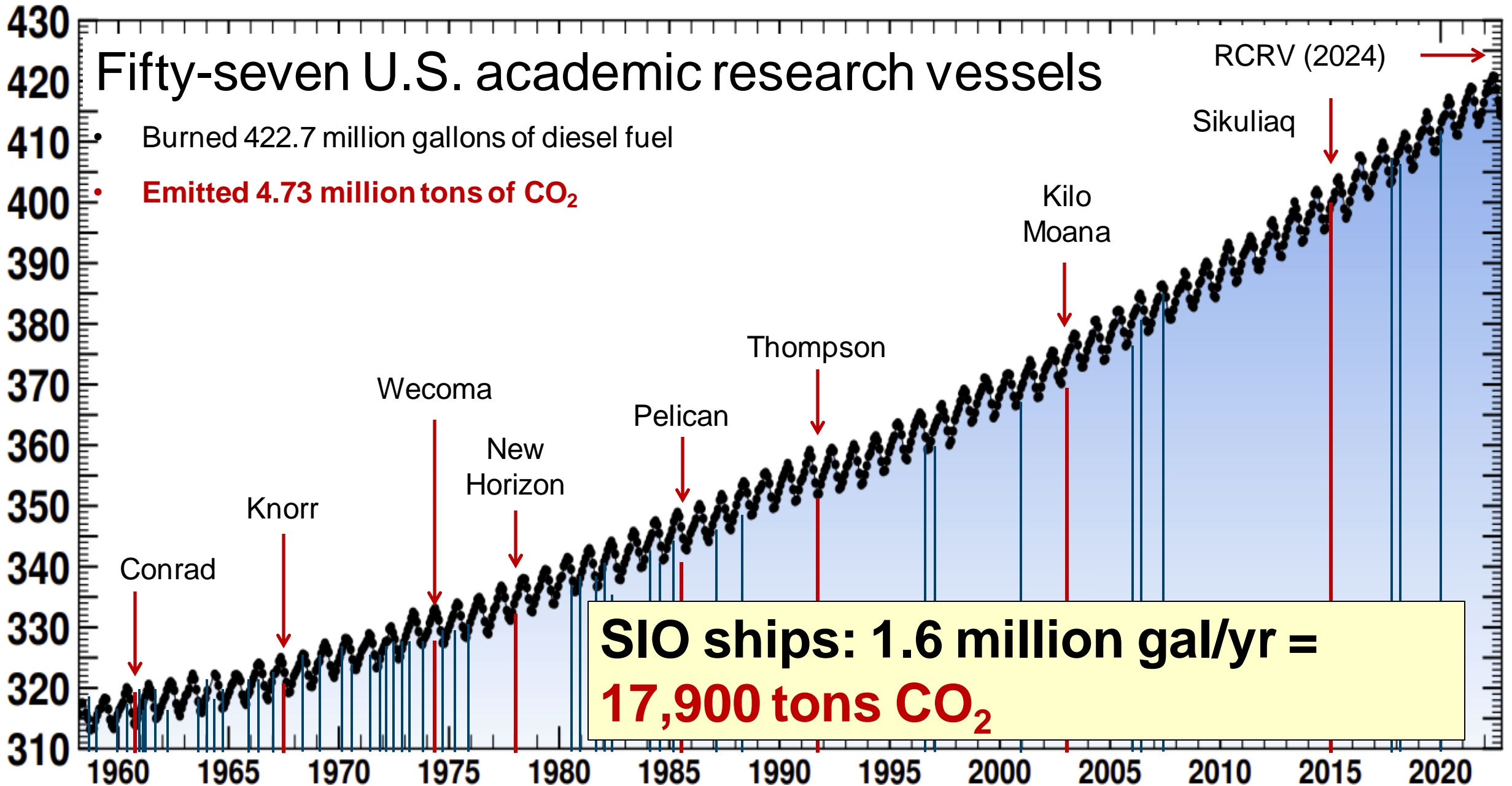
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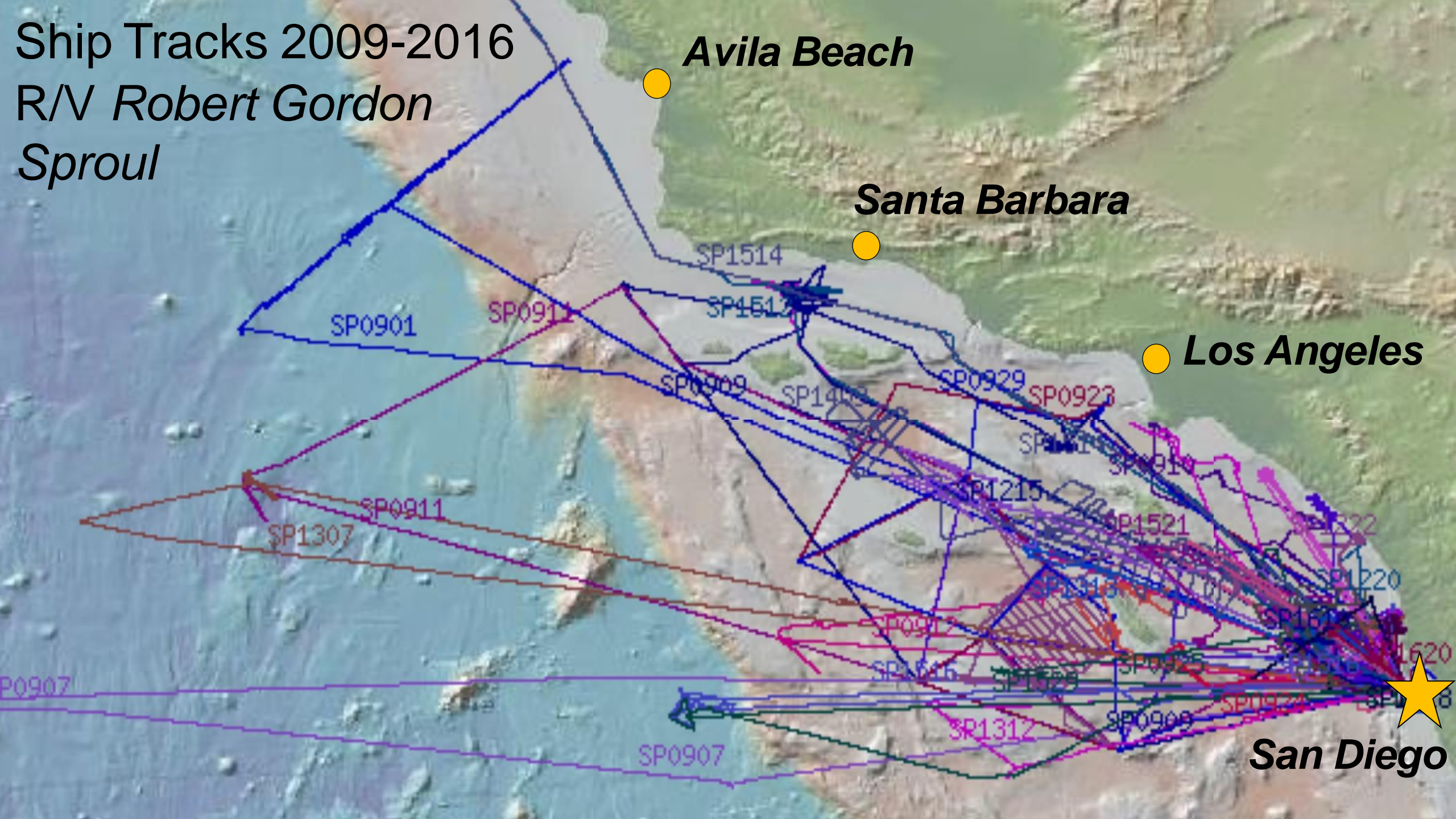
Ship Tracks 2009-2016  
R/V *Robert Gordon Sproull*

**Avila Beach**

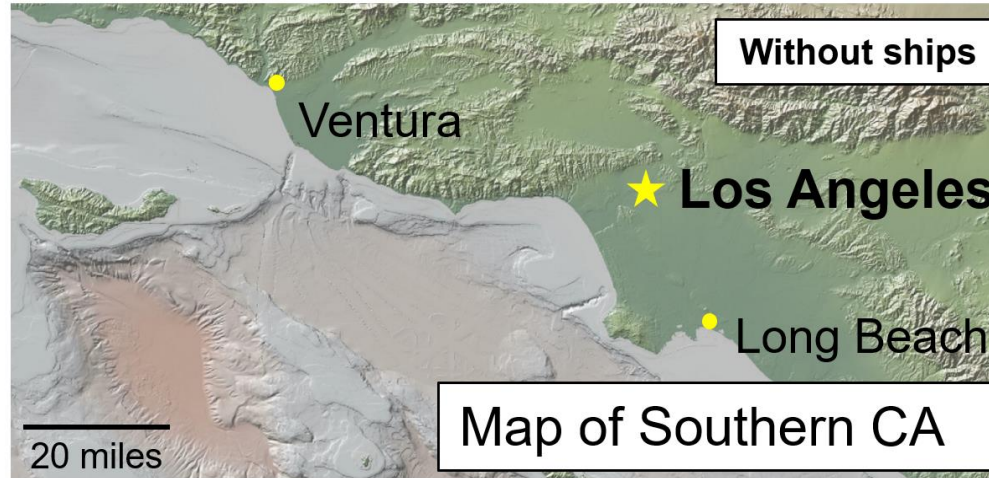
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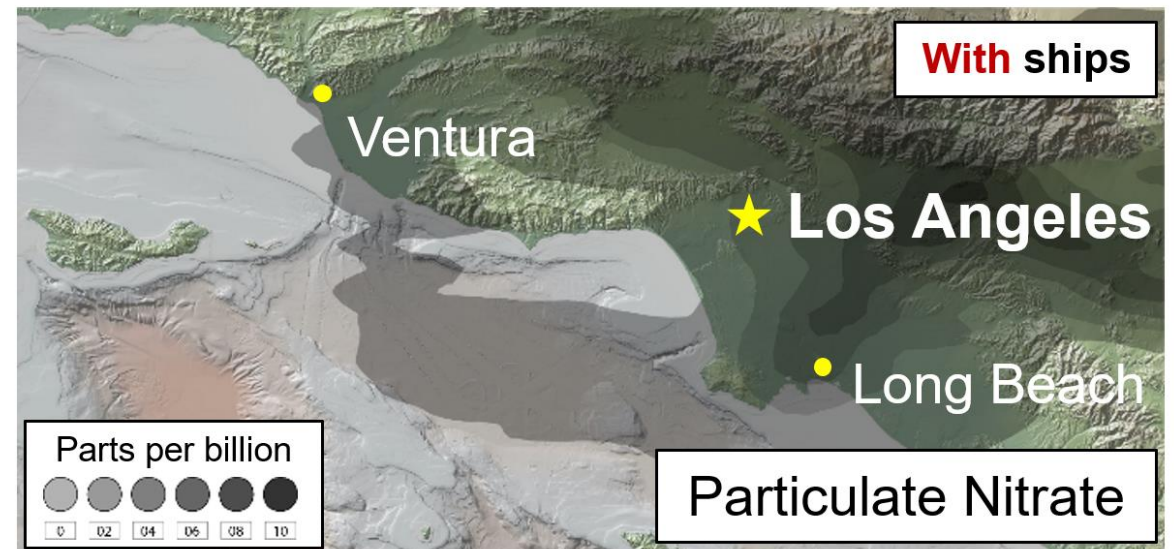
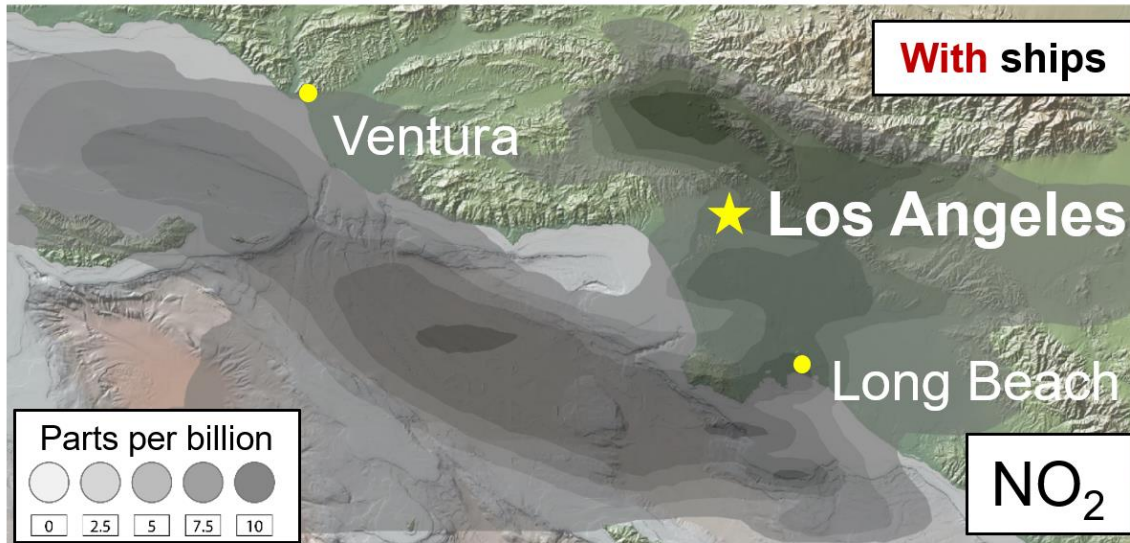
# Ship Emissions Pollute All of Southern California



CARB recognizes diesel particulate matter as a **toxic air contaminant**.

**Positive (dark) values show higher concentration due to ship emissions**

*"...diesel exhaust still poses substantial risks to public health and the environment."*





# WHY A ZERO-EMISSION VESSEL?

University of California mission: Carbon neutrality by 2025

## Scientific advantages

- Quiet: low underwater radiated sound = better acoustics
- Sample uncontaminated air and water
- Protects physical / biological systems
- Makes own ultrapure water

## Environmental benefits relative to fossil fuels

- H<sub>2</sub> will be derived from renewable sources
- No criteria pollutants, no greenhouse gas emissions
- **Hydrogen fuel spill cleans itself up in < 30 seconds**
- Quiet operations = low impact on marine wildlife  
(also better for humans!)



# Feasibility Study: Can We Eliminate Ship Emissions?

SANDIA REPORT

SFR02018-4864 Unrestricted Release | Printed May 2018

## Feasibility of the Zero-V:

*A Zero-Emission, Hydrogen Fuel-Cell, Coastal Research Vessel*

Leonard E. Klebanoff, Joseph W. Pratt, Robert T. Madsen, Sean A.M. Caughlan, Timothy S. Leach, T. Bruce Appelgate, Jr., Stephen Zoltan Kelety, Hans-Christian Wintervoll, Gard Petra Haugom and Anthony T.Y. Teo

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### 2018 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?

## Answer: Yes

Download the full report:  
[maritime.sandia.gov](http://maritime.sandia.gov)

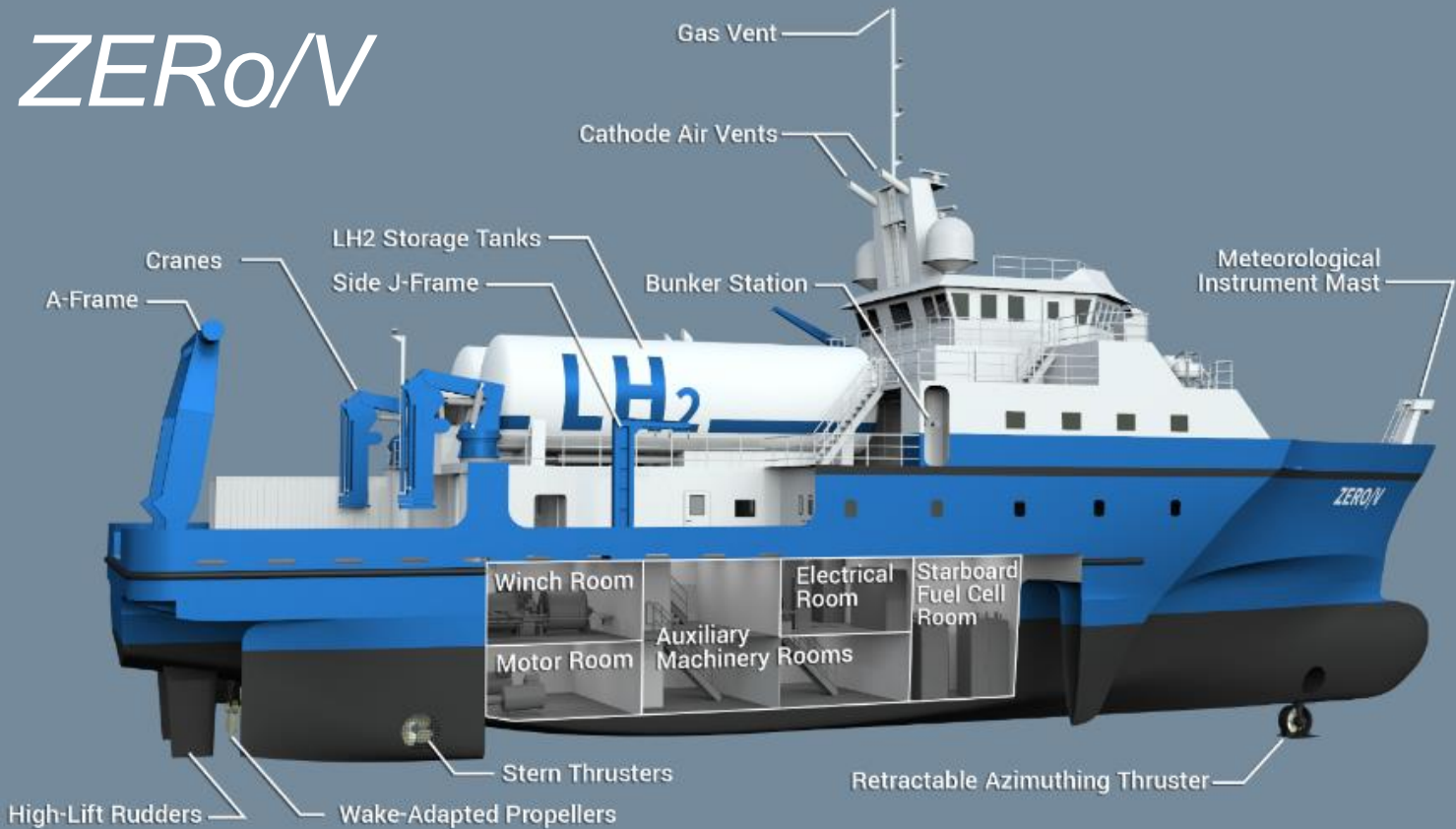
This work was supported by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration



# A zero-emission research vessel is feasible NOW using existing technology



## ZERo/V



- Oceanographic research vessel for coastal / regional operations
- Uses clean hydrogen: **No fossil fuels!**
- Zero emissions: **Clean / no GHGs!**
- Carries no diesel: **No oil spills!**
- All-electric propulsion: **Quiet!**
- **FEASIBLE** with existing technology
- Outstanding scientific capabilities
- Advanced instrumentation
- Designed for California's educational and R&D needs



## ***A bold, transformative game-changer***

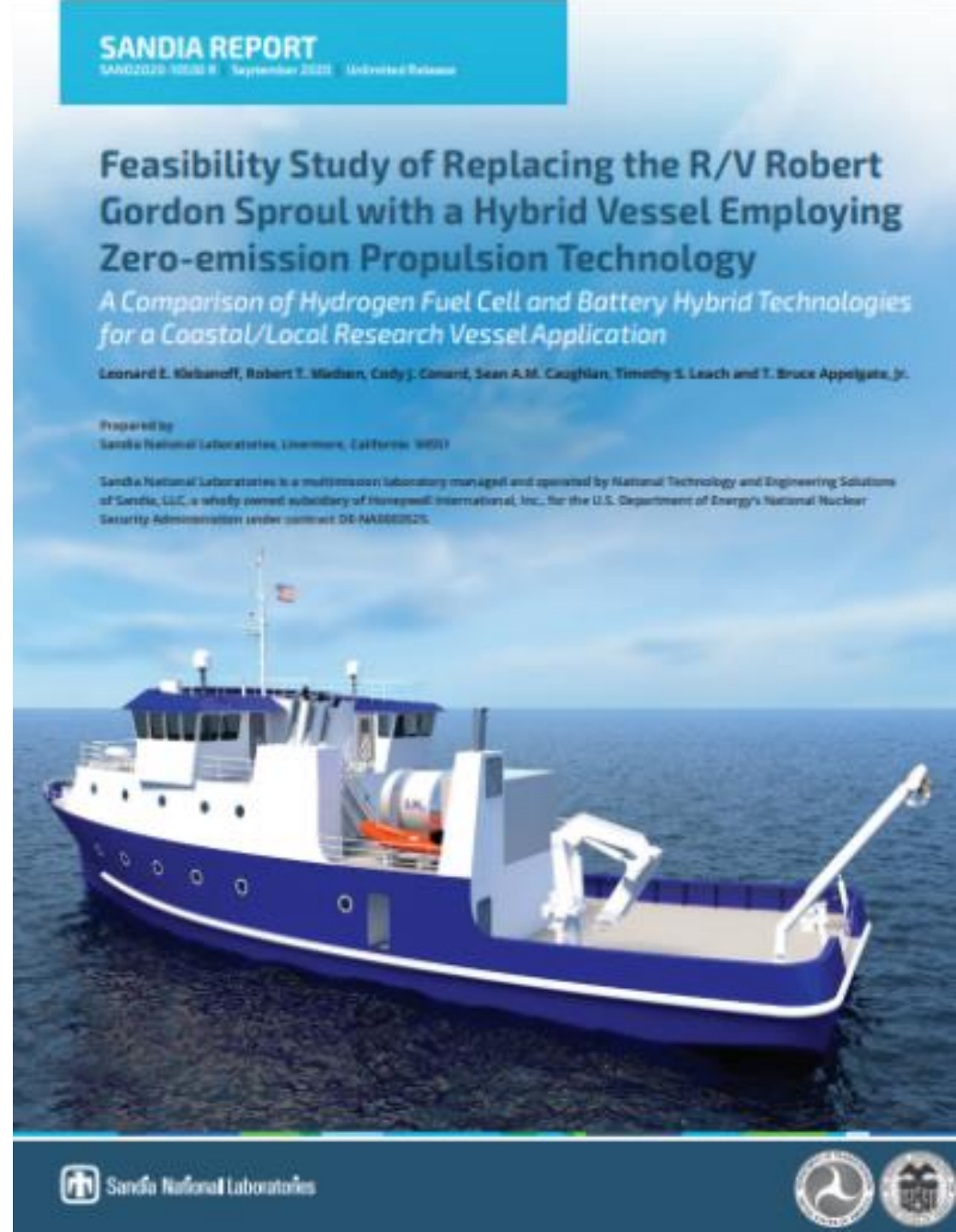
*The zero-emission research vessel (ZERo/V) concept vessel has a range of 2,400 nm with berths for up to 20 scientists, supporting general-purpose missions.*

# What about a coastal vessel?

Can a coastal research vessel achieve zero emissions using hydrogen fuel cells or batteries, coupled with conventional propulsion?

power systems.

- **Baseline Vessel:** conventional diesel-electric propulsion.
- **Battery Hybrid Vessel:** diesel-electric plus lithium-ion battery bank.
- **H<sub>2</sub> Hybrid Vessel:** diesel-electric plus H<sub>2</sub>/Fuel Cell
- **All Hydrogen Vessel:** 100% H<sub>2</sub>/Fuel Cell propulsion



# Science mission requirements, along the entire CA Coast

Cruise speed	10 knots
Max speed	11 knots
Range	2,400 nm
Endurance	10 days
Students	30 (min) 40 (desired)
Crew berths	5 (singles preferred)
Science berths	12 (min)
Stationkeeping	Dynamic positioning
Lab area	340 ft <sup>2</sup> (min)
Deck sockets	UNOLS compliant
Main crane	2,400 lbs SWL
Stern A-Frame	21,000 lbs SWL
Side Frame	10,000 lbs SWL
Winches	Trawl, CTD/Hydro
Sewage holding	2,000 gal (min)
Portable vans	2 (min)
Scientific instrumentation:	sonar suite, GPS, motion reference, satcom broadband, network

## Historical Range



# Science instrumentation

## General multi-purpose research vessel

- High frequency ADCP
- Medium frequency ADCP
- 12kHz transducer
- Expendable bathythermograph
- GPS/GNSS x2
- Multibeam sonar
- Sub-bottom profiler
- Sonar synchronization unit
- Fisheries imaging sonar
- USBL positioning system
- Meteorological system sensors
- Underway seawater system sensors
- Portable transducer pipe string
- Universal acoustic deck box
- Computing cluster & storage array
- Network security (switches, firewalls)
- Scientific system display array
- SatComs: Dual GX100 HP NX systems
- Cellular internet integration
- AIS antenna
- Radio direction finder / receiver

# Hybrid Variants: Battery vs Hydrogen

## Hydrogen hybrid is better than batteries

Cruise Speed	Zero Emissions Range (NM)	
	Battery Hybrid	Hydrogen Hybrid
9 knots	37	330
10 knots	25	234

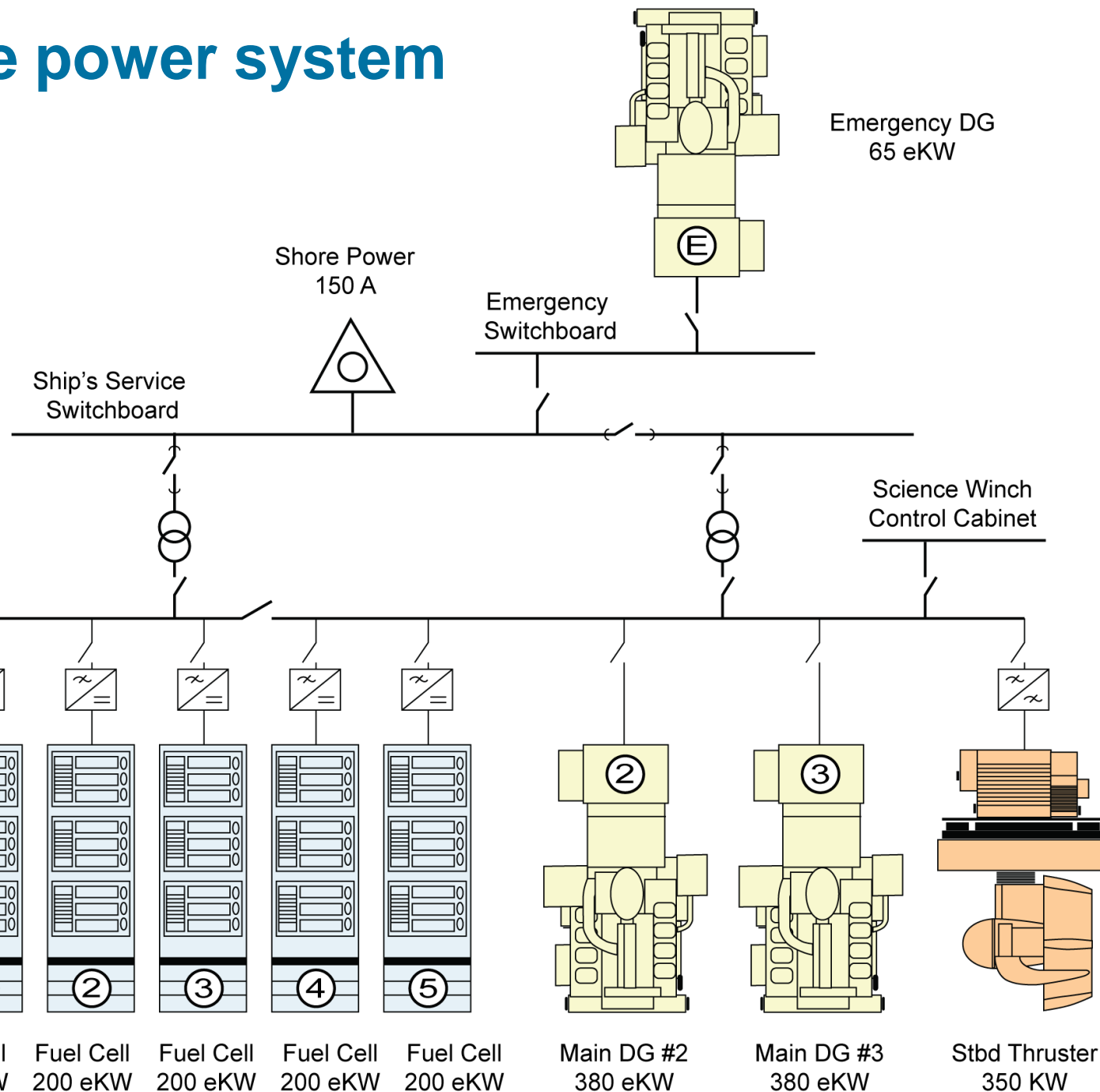
Compared to batteries, the Hydrogen Hybrid offers:

- ✓ 9x better zero-emission range & endurance
- ✓ Commensurate reductions in NO<sub>x</sub>, HC, PM and GHGs
- ✓ Better suited for ocean-going ships with long missions

75% of missions  
can be zero-  
emissions using  
hydrogen --- **fossil  
free**

# Hybrid approach to maritime power system

Architecture	Integrated Electric Plant
Fuel Cells	5 x 200 ekW
Generators	3 x 380 ekW
Batteries	~100 kWh
Propulsors	Azimuthing L-drive, 2 x 375 kW
Bow Thruster	Tunnel thruster, 1 x 150 kW



Port Thruster  
350 kW

Bow Thruster  
150 kW

Main DG #1  
380 ekW

Battery  
100 kWh

Fuel Cell  
200 ekW

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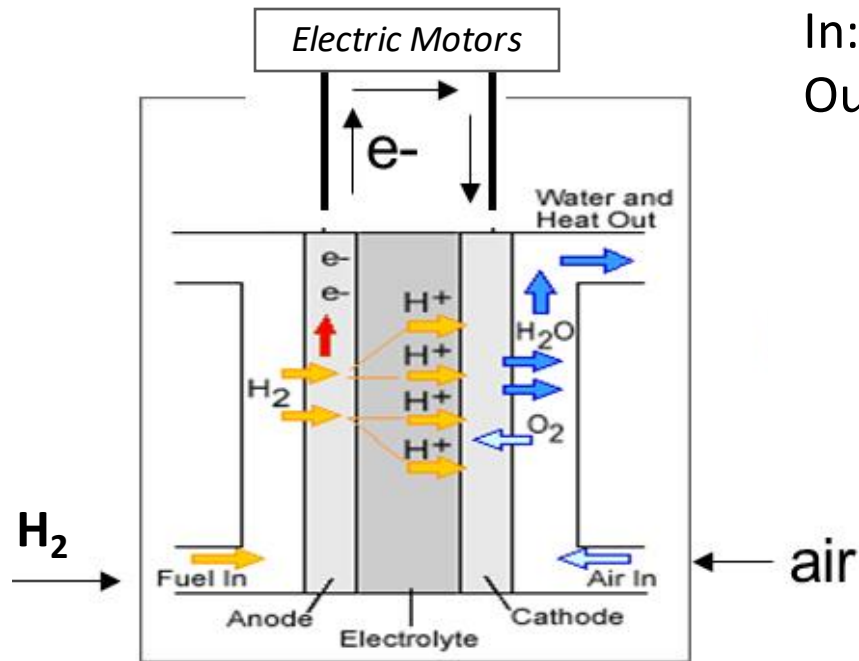
Main DG #2  
380 ekW

Main DG #3  
380 ekW

Stbd Thruster  
350 kW



# Hydrogen fuel cells produce ZERO GHG or criteria emissions



In:  $H_2$  and air  
Out: Electricity  
Waste Heat  
Warm humidified air

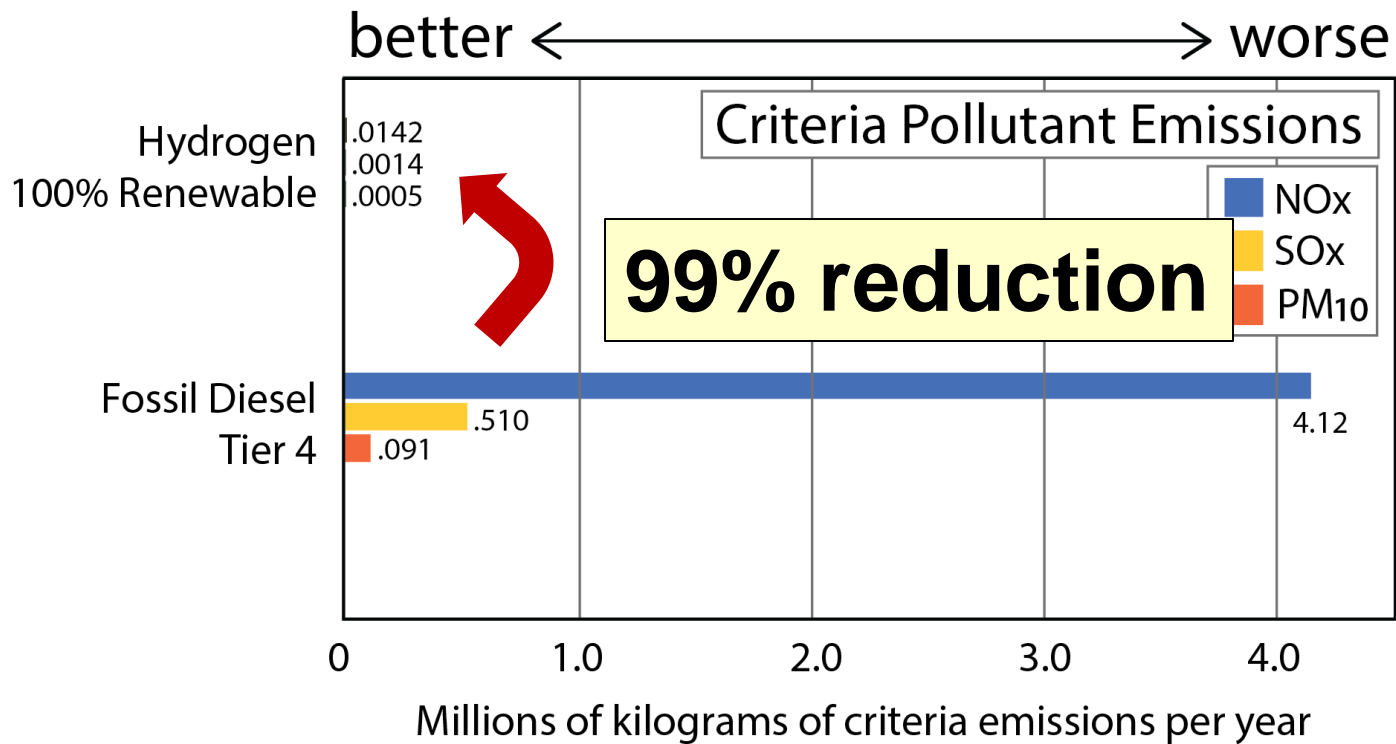


- Commercially available
- More energy efficient than diesel generators
- No emissions at the point of use
- Eliminates fuel spills, greatly reduces noise
- Emissions only arise from  $H_2$  production/delivery

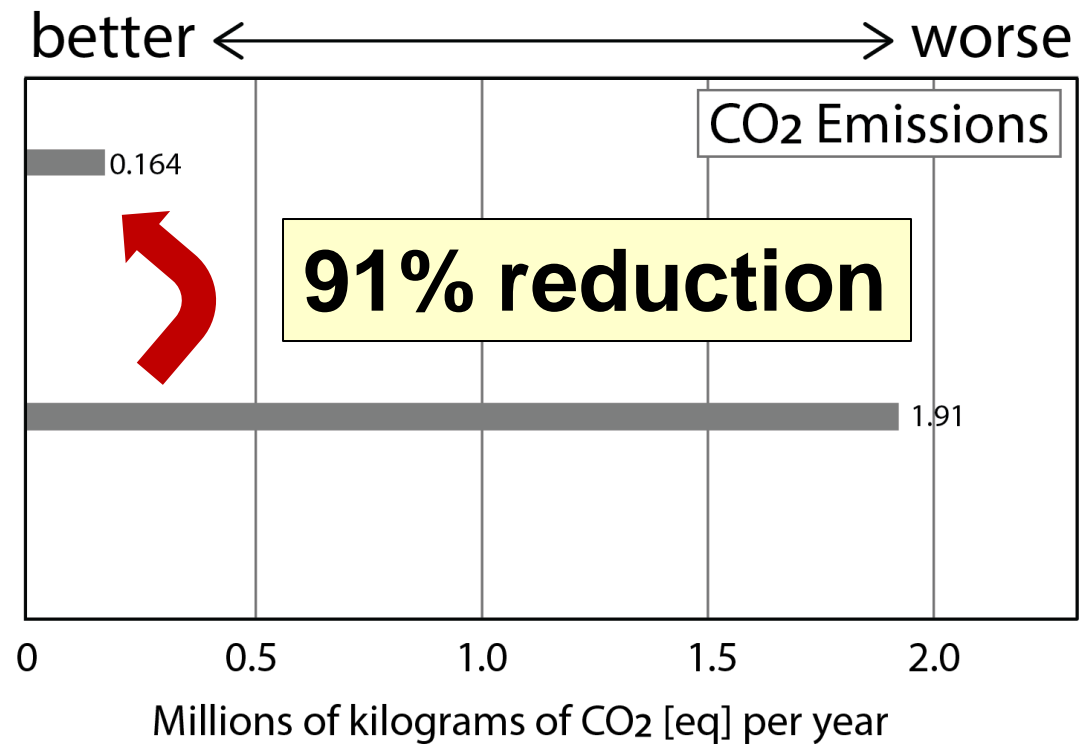


# Emissions: Total impact from H<sub>2</sub> production and delivery

## Well-To-Waves Criteria Emissions (1,000 MT / year)



## Well-to-Waves Greenhouse Gas Emissions (1,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent / year)



Criteria pollutant emissions can be reduced using LH<sub>2</sub>. Dramatic reductions in GHG can be achieved with **renewable** LH<sub>2</sub>. Renewable LH<sub>2</sub> is available now from commercial gas suppliers.

# Fuel and bunkering: Safe and available at scale



## Existing methods of LH<sub>2</sub> delivery

- Safe, proven practices
- Applicable to ship bunkering
- No major new shore infrastructure needed

*Liquid hydrogen delivery at Emeryville, CA H<sub>2</sub> Station*



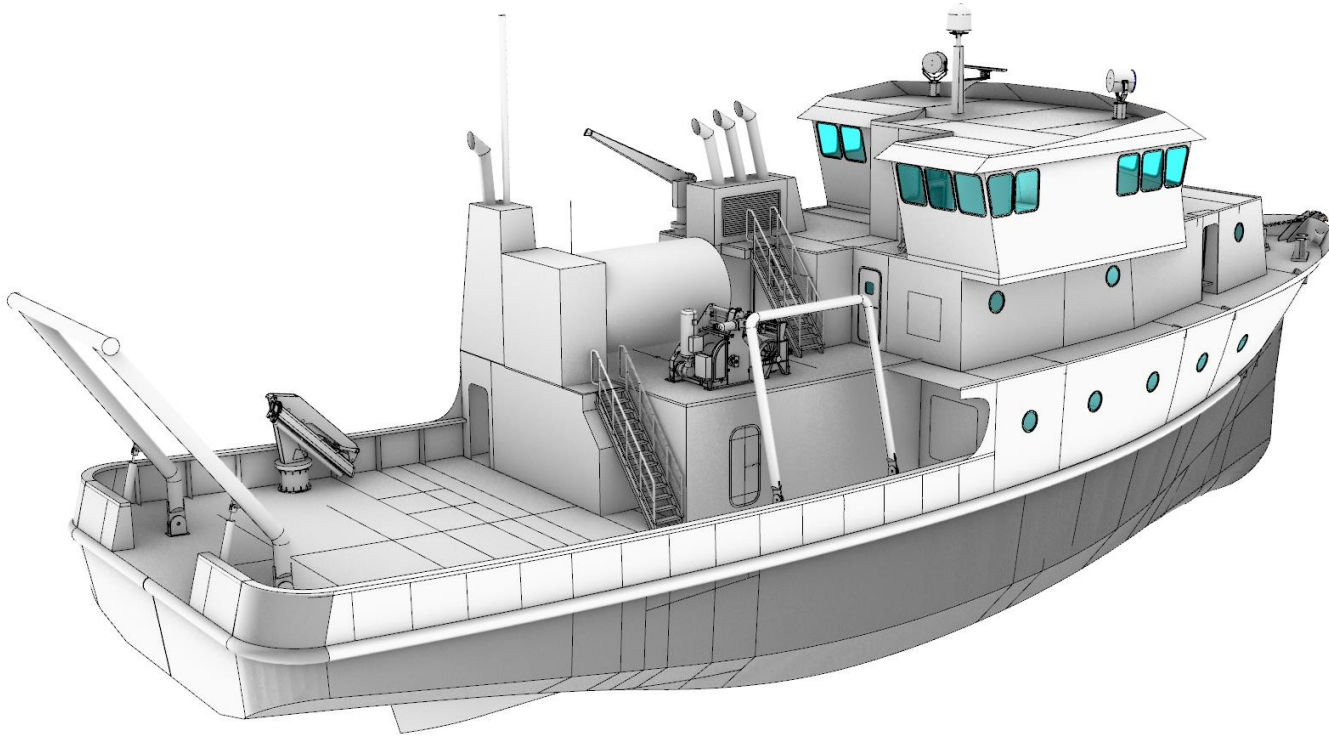
## Hydrogen is readily available at scale

- Mature supply chain
- LH<sub>2</sub> bunkering will require one trailer
- Full fuel transfer in < 4 hours

## Decarbonizing requires clean hydrogen

- New **green hydrogen** production facility near San Diego coming on line 2023
- Electrolysis from solar, wind and nuclear electricity – no fossil fuels involved

# The San Diego Union-Tribune



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## UC SAN DIEGO RECEIVES \$35 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING FOR NEW CALIFORNIA COASTAL RESEARCH VESSEL

First-of-its-kind hydrogen-hybrid vessel will be vital to education and research

## California Budget Act of 2021

On 12 July 2021, Governor Newsom signed SB 129, which contained one-time appropriations to Scripps, for a hydrogen hybrid research vessel

# Design & Construction Timeline

**Phase I:** Detailed engineering, design, review, and prep

- 2021: Establish project office at Scripps, issue RFI and RFP for design (complete)
- 2022: Development of detailed vessel engineering and design (underway)
- 2023: Final engineering review and construction prep

**Phase II:** Construction

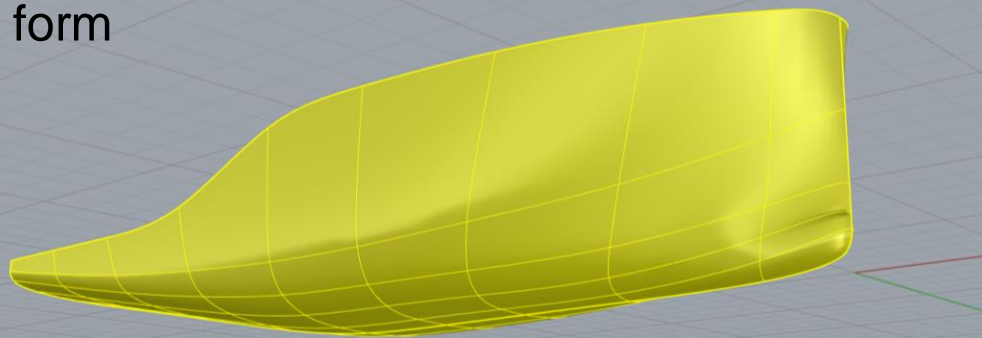
- 2024: Keel laying and construction

**Phase III:** Commission for service

- 2026: Christening, sea trials, delivery, verification
- 2027: Begin regular operations in Q1



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