OPERATION OF A FUELCELL-HYBRID SWITCH LOCOMOTIVE IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN

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HYBRID-FUELCELL SWITCH LOCOMOTIVE

Completed locomotive at unveiling to press on 29 June 2009

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WHY FUELCELL RAIL?

- **Marries best features of conventional locos (electric and diesel) but avoids their disadvantages**

  - Zero chemical and low acoustic emissions at the vehicle (like electric loco)
  - Relatively low infrastructure cost (*linear* and like diesel infrastructure)
  - Zero total CO_2 emissions if primary energy is renewable or nuclear
  - More efficient overall than diesel or electric

- **Current issues**

  - Relative high cost of fuelcells
  - Entrenched competing technologies and fuels
  - Hydrogen storage

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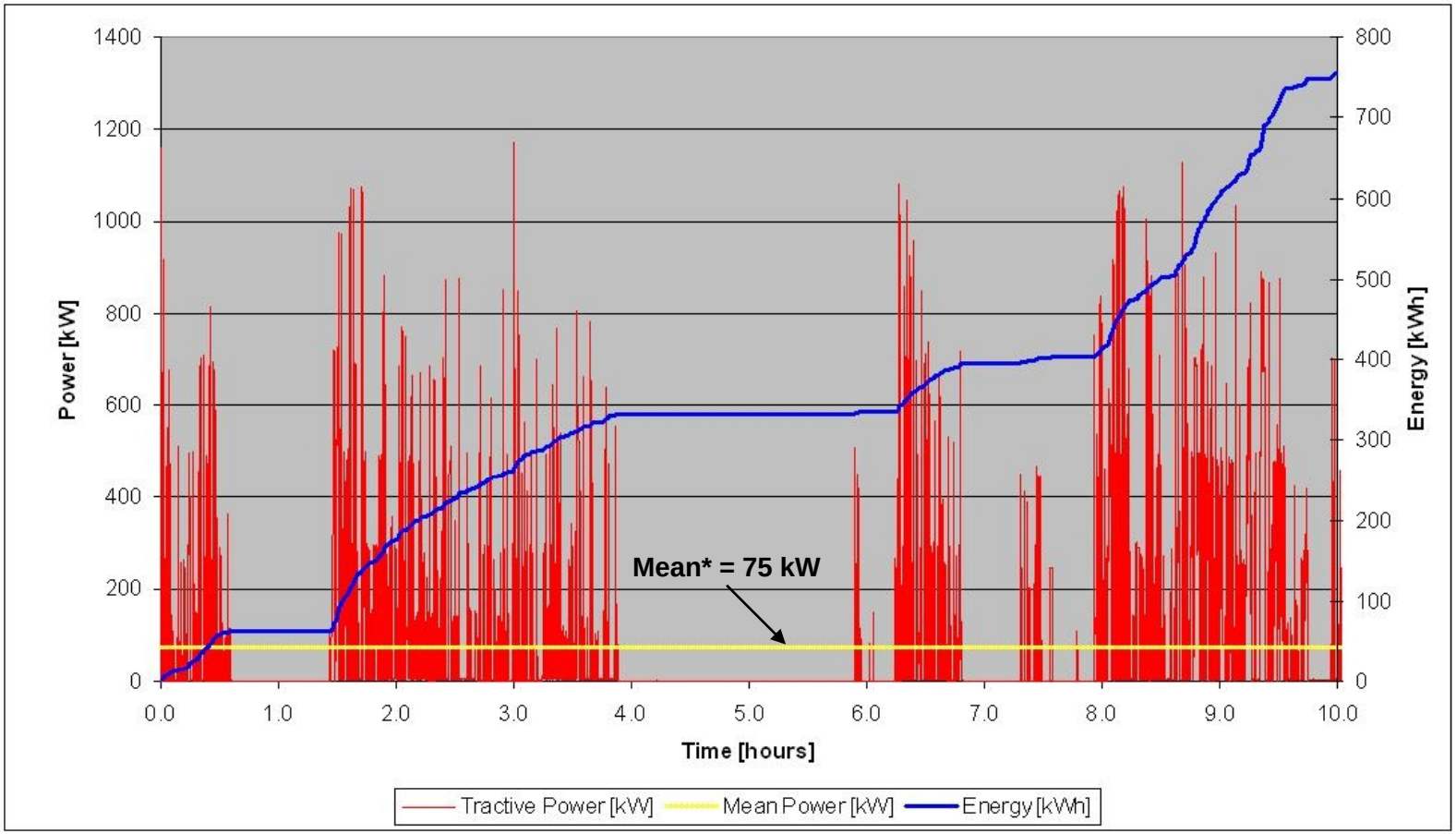
WHY HYBRID? DUTY CYCLE OF SWITCH LOCO



*Mean power computed over 20-h interval

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SWITCH LOCOMOTIVE PROJECT OBJECTIVES

An industry-government partnership has developed a prototype fuelcell-hybrid switch locomotive that will:

- Reduce air and noise pollution in urban rail applications, including seaports. (To be demonstrated in the Los Angeles Basin)
- Serve as a mobile backup power source (“power-to-grid”) for military bases and civilian disaster relief efforts.

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FUELCELL LOCOMOTIVE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

31 July 2008, BNSF Topeka System Maintenance Terminal

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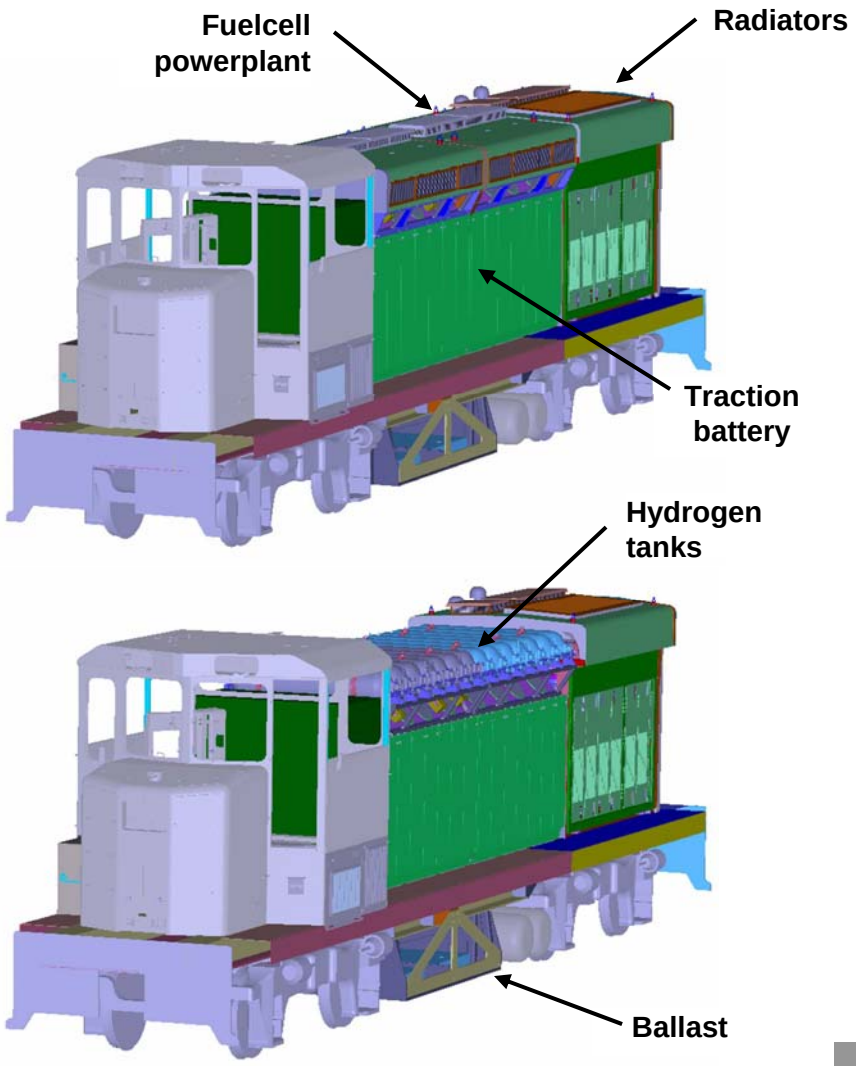
CAD MODEL OF FUELCELL-HYBRID SWITCHER

- **240 kW cont. net fuelcell prime mover**
- **70 kg hydrogen at 350 bar at roofline**
- **Traction battery allows transients above 1 MW**
- **9 thousand kg extra ballast to bring to 130 tonne**



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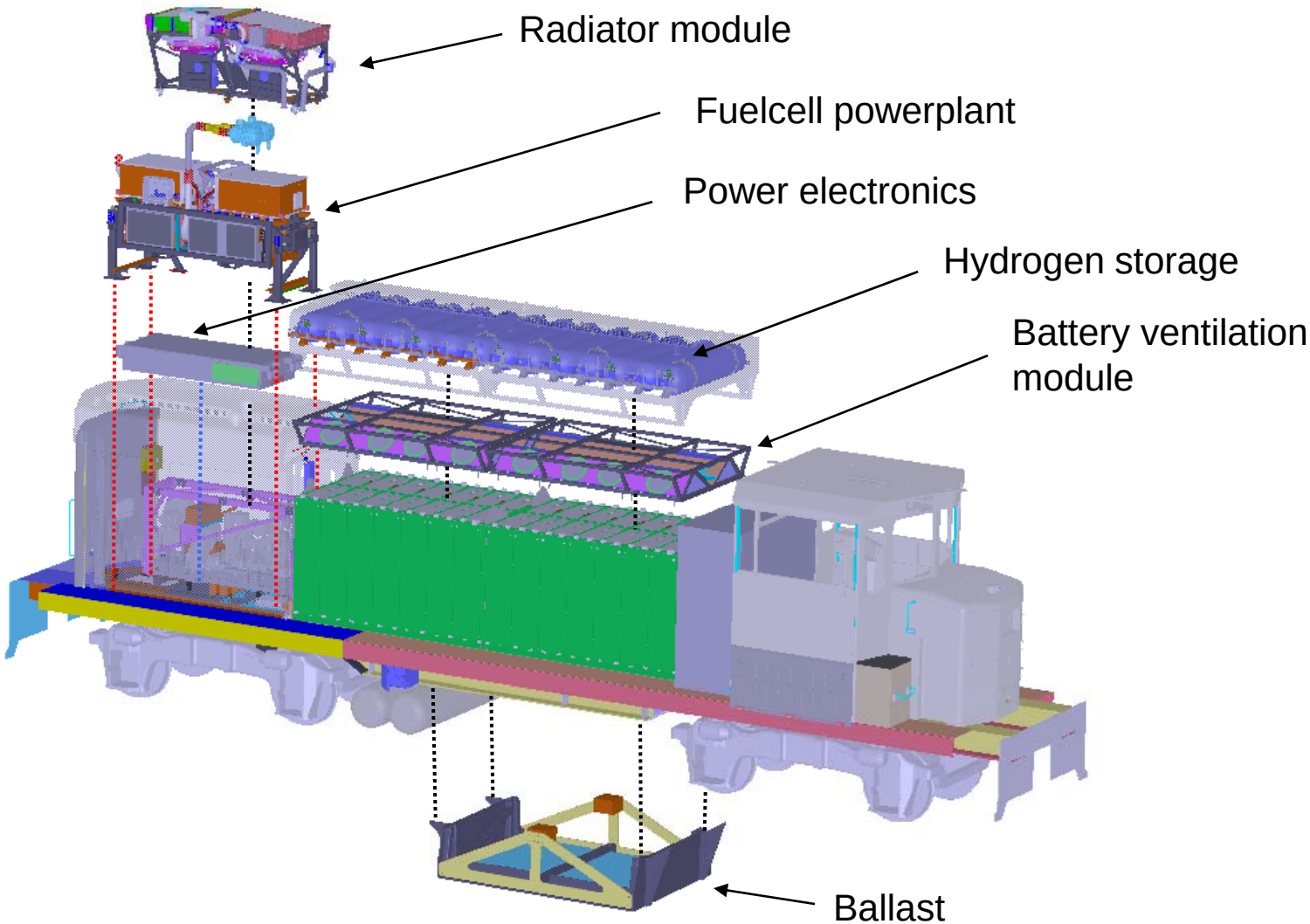
EXPANDED VIEW OF VEHICLE



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Play video of 3.8 mph impacts

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HYDROGEN REFUELING STATION

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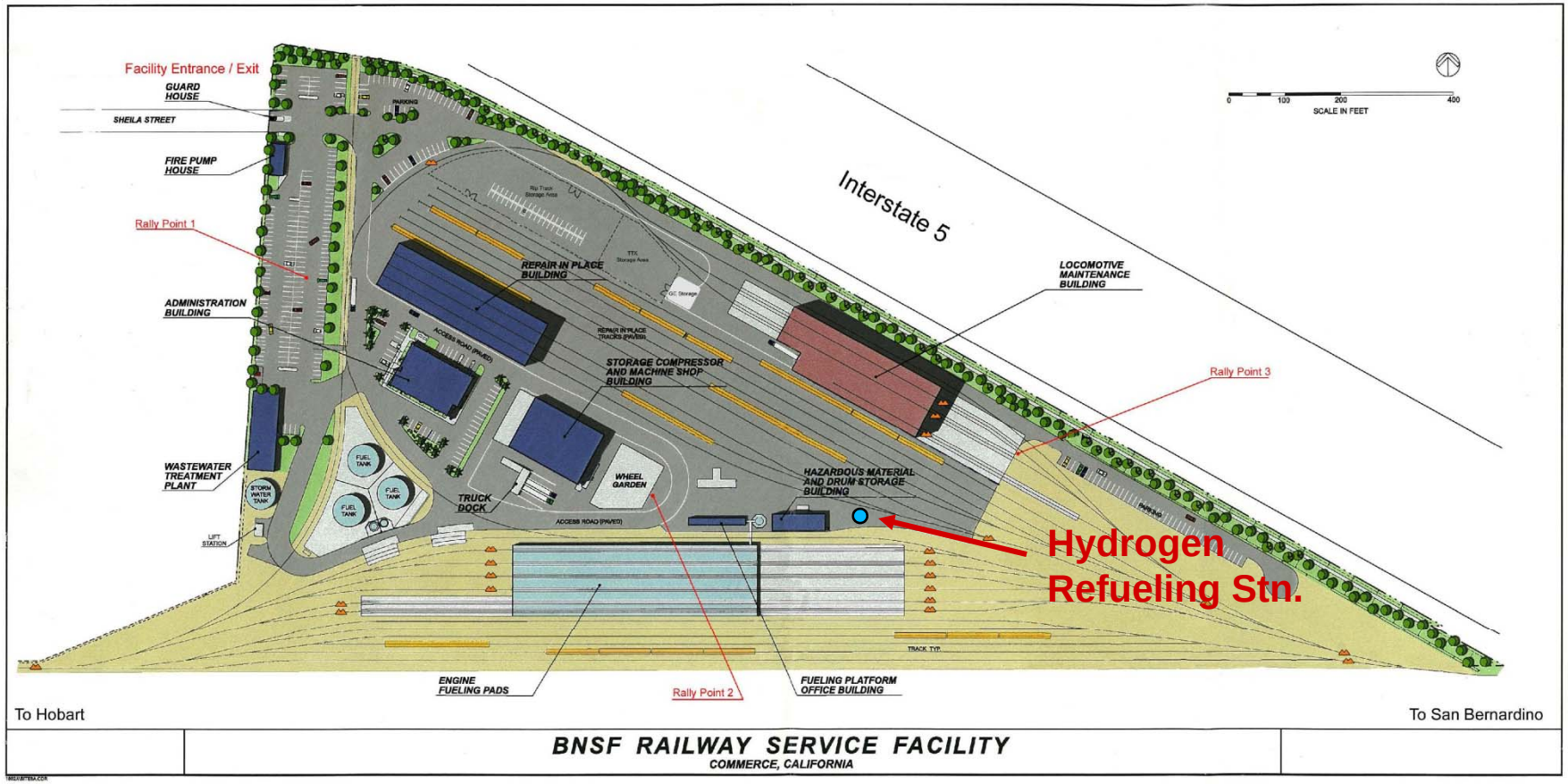

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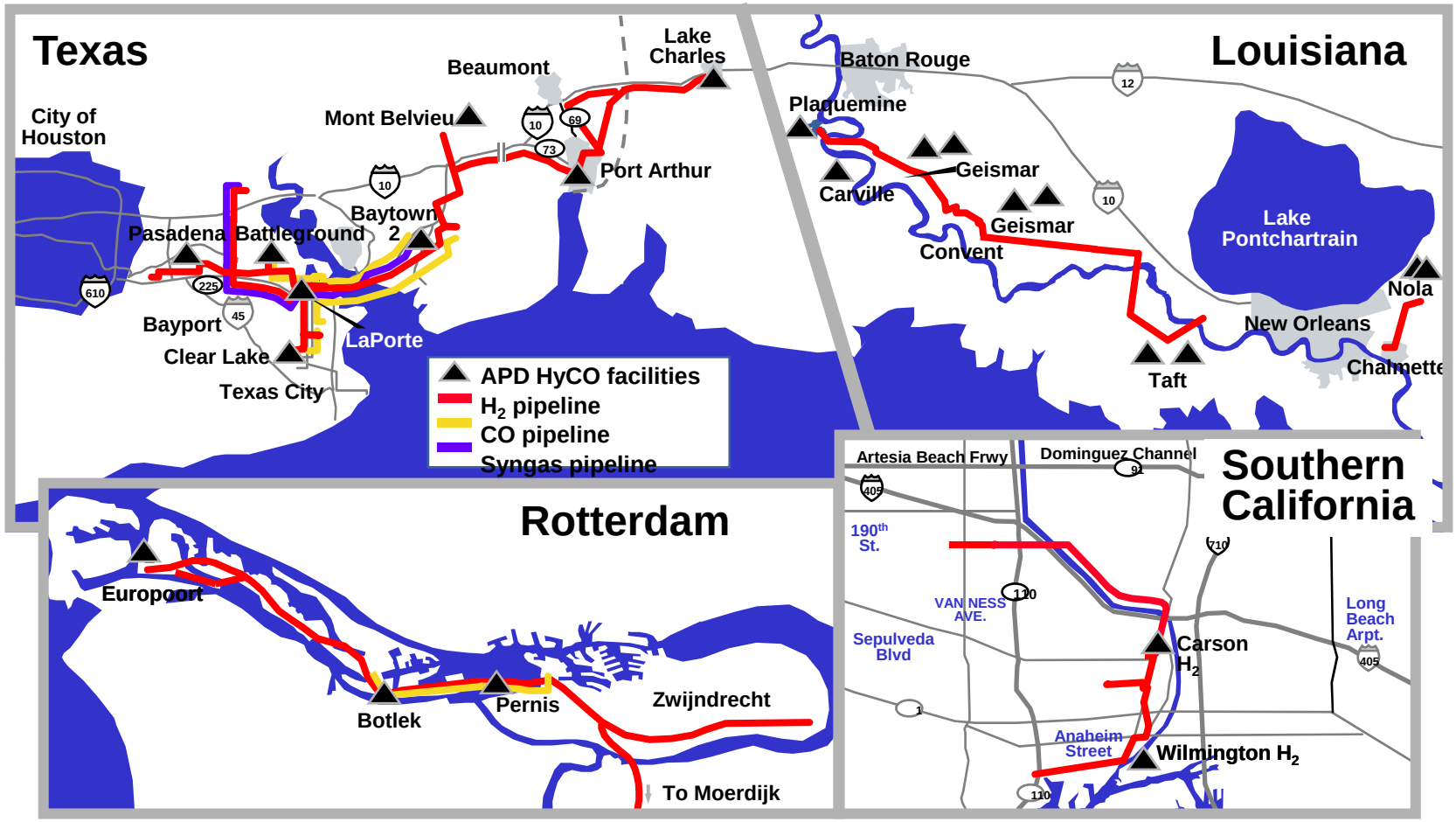
AIR PRODUCTS' HYDROGEN PIPELINES



- Serves 7 refineries in LA
- 400 thousand kg/day at 55 bar
- 26 km length; 6-10 in. diameter

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RESULTS

- **Locomotive is complete and has approx. 30 hours operating time**
- **Operating interface is identical to conventional locomotive**
- **Silent in cab; allows unstrained conversation beside power compartment**
- **Locomotive will arrive in Los Angeles in early October 2009**
- **With hydrogen from LA pipeline, energy cost would be lower than diesel: < $2/gal equivalent**

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