



Investigation of rear SMR Aircraft fuselage with an integrated LH2 tank and the distribution system

Aim: The purpose of the project is to develop a rear fuselage structure that has the capability to fit an integrated liquid hydrogen storage tank.

2020 Concept aircraft revealed to the public	LATE 2020s Full-scale ZEROe aircraft prototype rollout	2021 onwards Tests on hydrogen fuel cell and combustion technologies	2025 ZEROe aircraft program launch	2035 ZEROe rolls off assembly line for entry into service
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- EU Vision of **Net Zero Emissions** by 2050
- **First Hydrogen powered flight by 2027**
- **First Commercial Hydrogen powered flight by 2035**

Dimensions of Tank

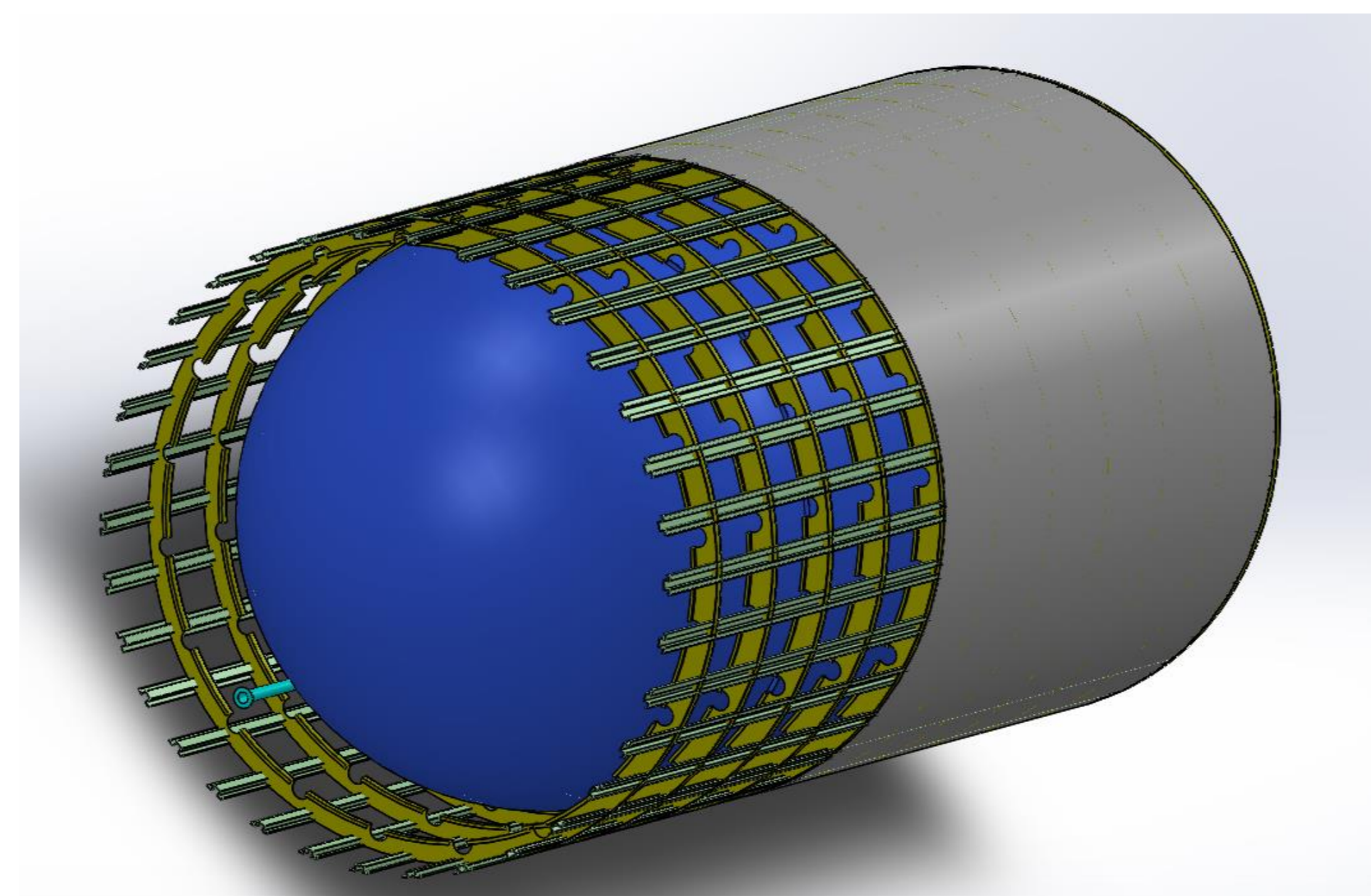
Volume: 50 m³
Radius: 1.75 m
Length: 6.36 m

Volume: 35 m³
Major Radius: 1.75 m
Minor Radius: 1.28 m
Length: 5.50 m

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code 2010

Integration of Tank into Fuselage

- Flange connection with profiles on frame
- Convert the entire fuselage volume into a tank



Cabin Space Reduction

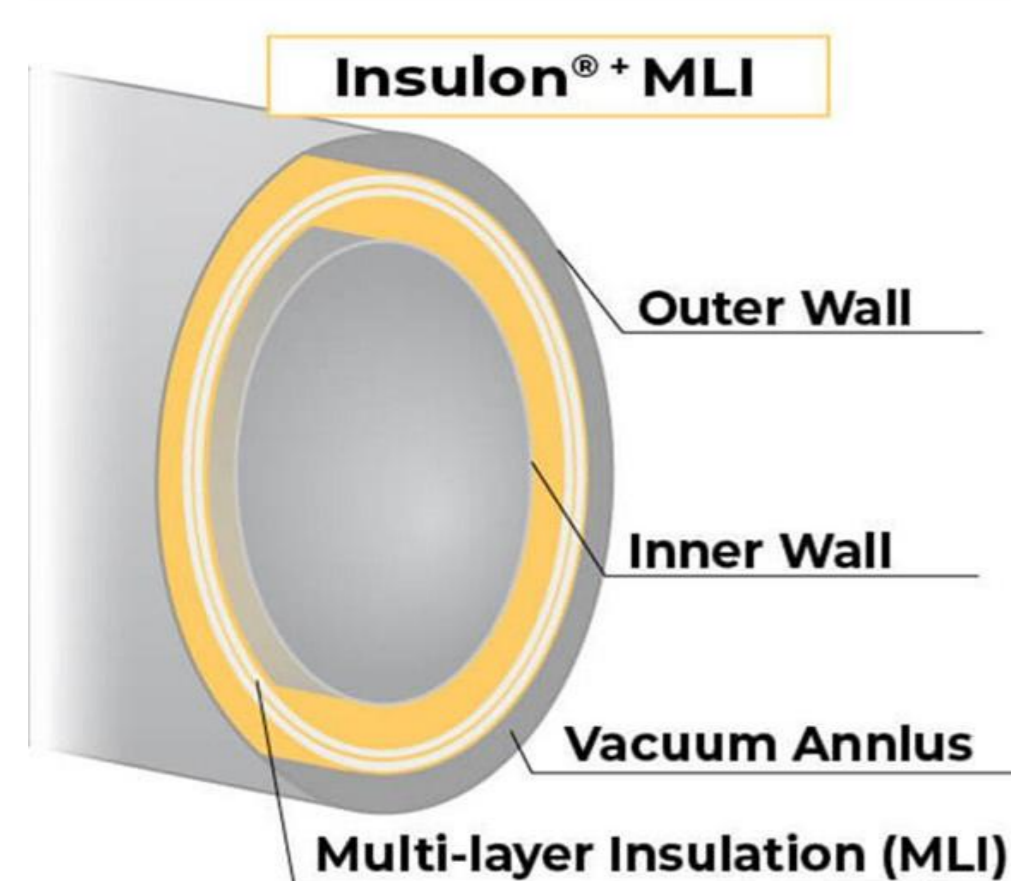
Aircraft Length: 37.57 m
Cabin Length: 27.51 m
Tank Length: 11.86 m

43% decrease in cabin space

Choice of Material

- Aluminium alloys preferred
- Light weight
- Good low temperature properties
- Resistant to hydrogen embrittlement

Cryogenic based Insulation



Ensure maintainability

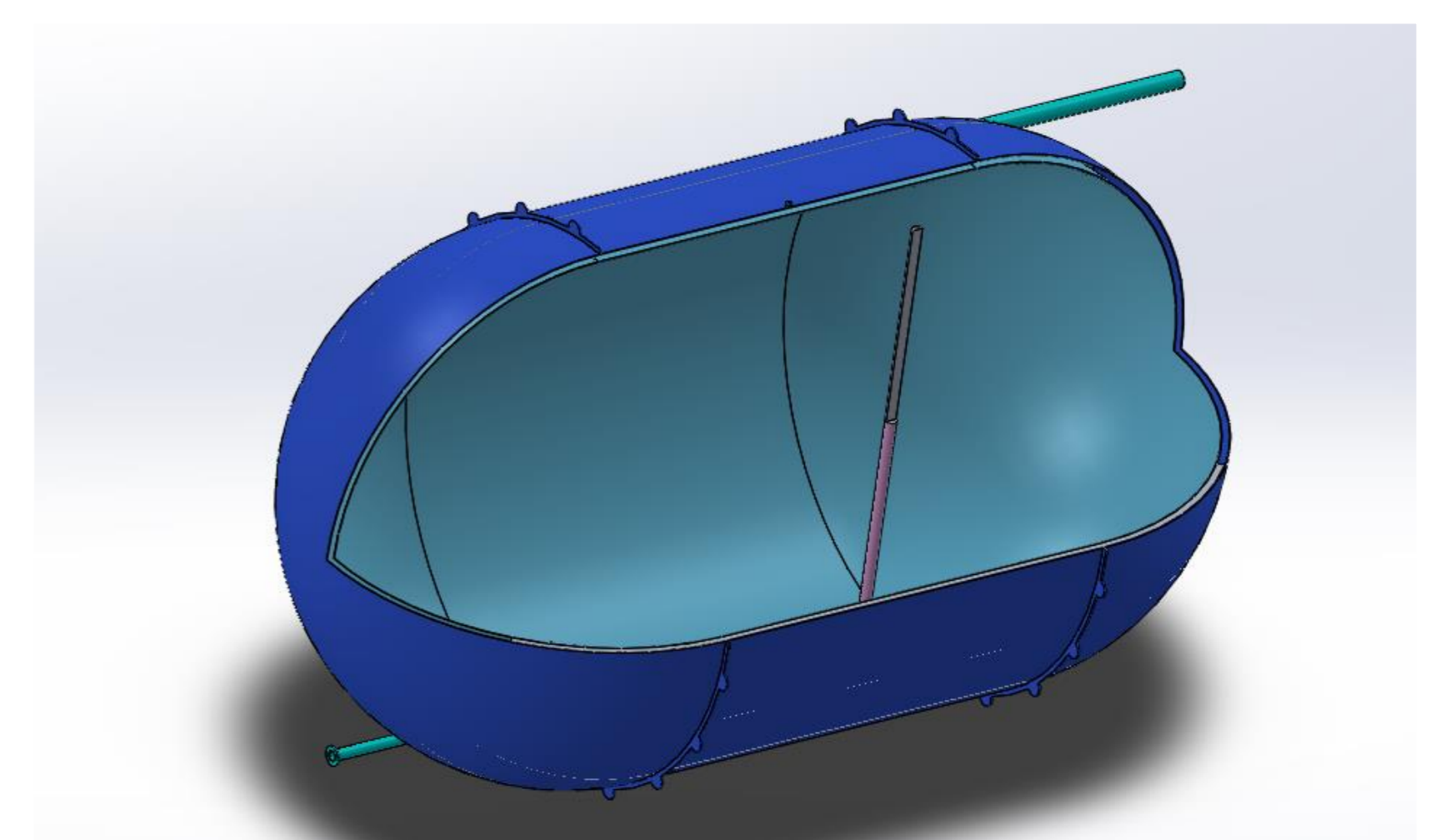
- Separable tail end design
- Removable inner tank while the outertank is fixed to the fuselage

Tank Accessories

- Cryogenic pump
- Level probe
- Boil off valve
- Inlet and outlet pipes

Results for distribution and vent-off system

Energy required	128400 MJ/hr	1045.6 kg/hr of LH2
ΔP in pipeline	13.664 MPa	Assumed L=13.6m ; D=10cm
Considering same ΔP	LH2 pipe D=2.4cm	Applied Hagen–Poiseuille equation
H2 boil off rate	2% in 24hr	0.0833% in 1hr
70.83L of H2 vapors/hr	5kg of H2 vapors/hr	13,3 MPa of H2 to be vented out



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