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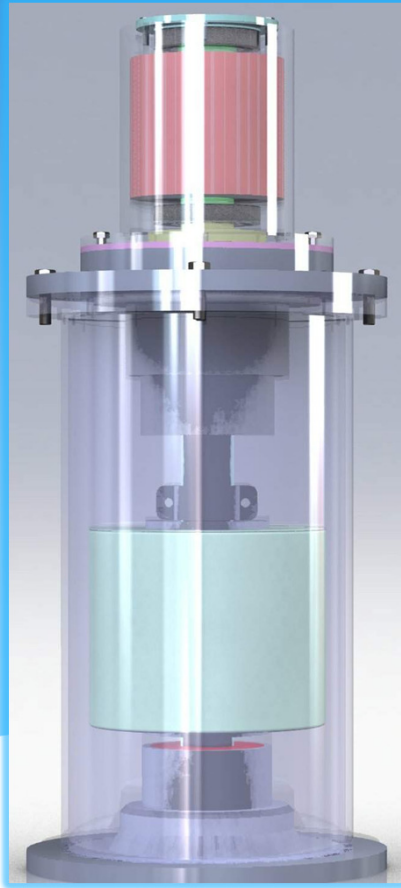
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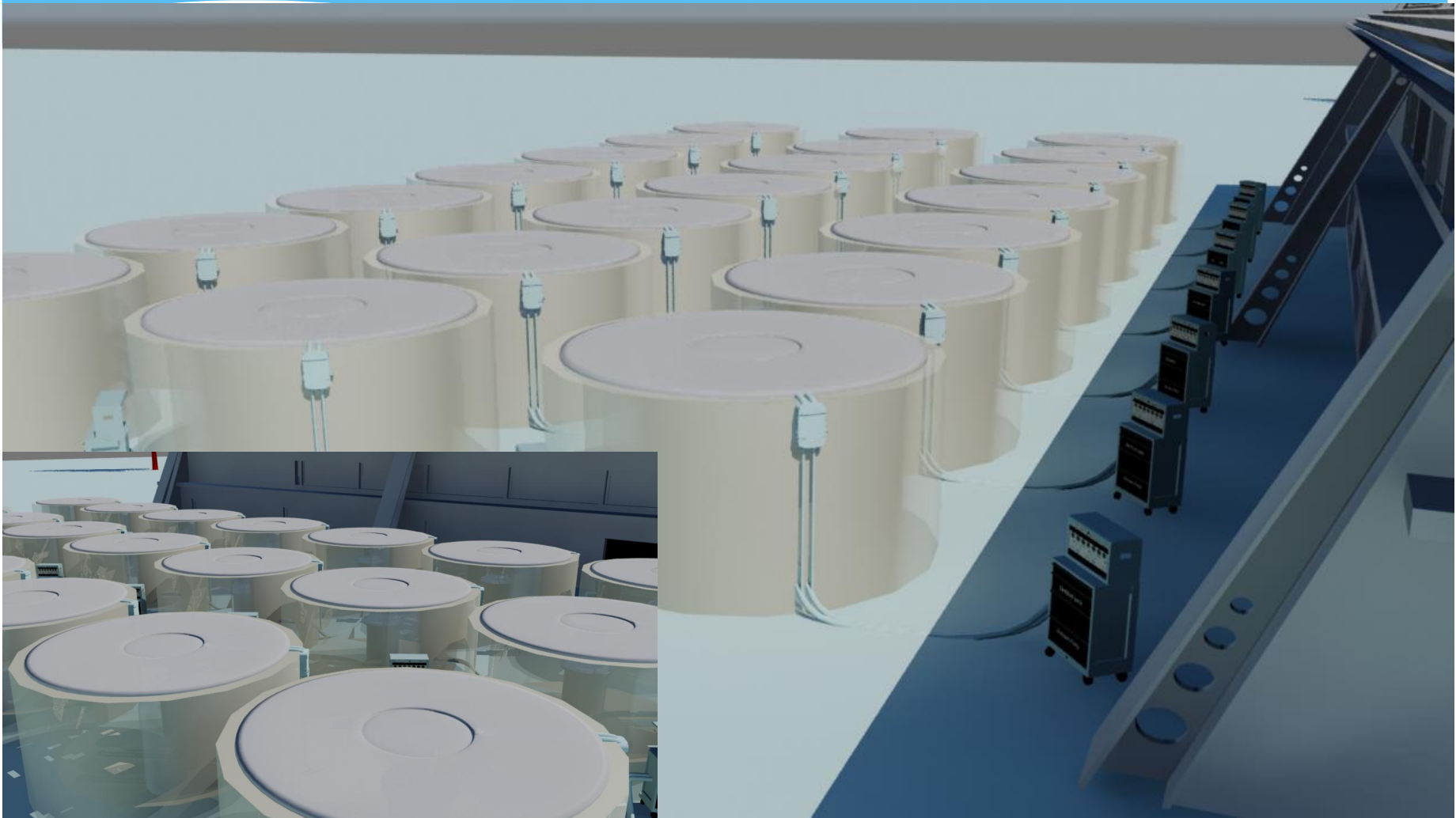
# The Concept Design of a Kinetic Energy Storage Device



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**Visualisation of the  
Kinetic Energy Storage Device**

# Kinetic Energy Storage Device Industrial Application



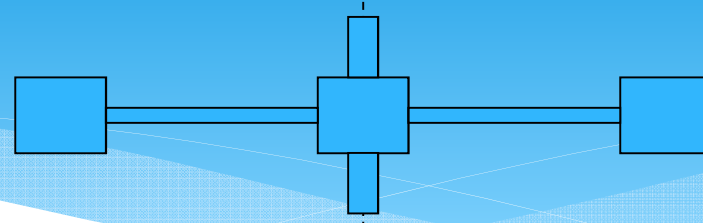
# Target Design Specification

- Envelope size: 1m<sup>3</sup> approx
- Power rating: 20 to 50kWh
- Efficiency: > 75%
- Power degradation over 24hrs: < 10%
- Calendar life: 10 years
- Max sound power level: 63dBA
- Low speed: approx 20k rev/min

# Flywheel Design Exploration

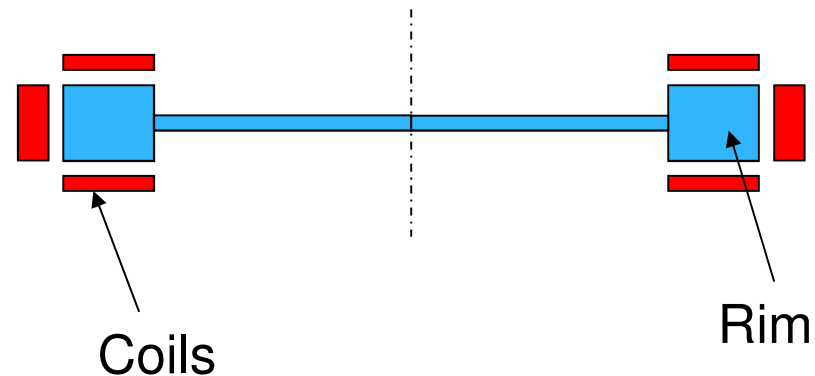
## Flywheel Styles

### 1. Rim Type



### 2. Rim Type: Toroidal rotor with mag-lev bearings and motor/generator on outer rim.

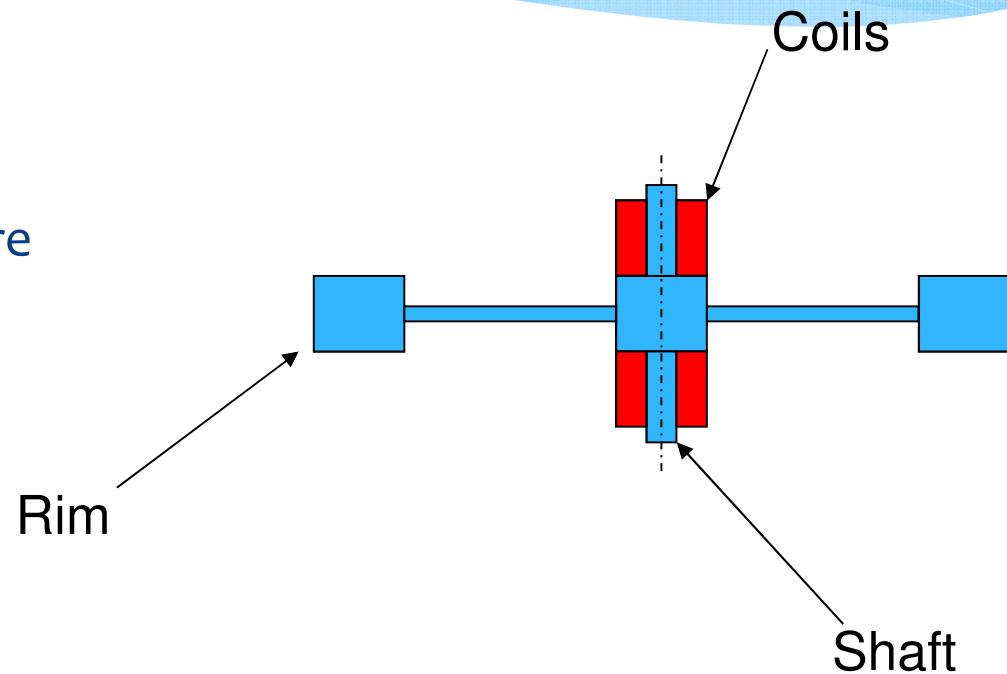
- Uses Eddy currents
- 70% efficient
- Large diameter coils
- Difficult to control
- Surface speeds at coils awkward to handle



# Flywheel Design Exploration

## 3. Rim Type: with magnetic levitation bearings and motor/gen set on shaft.

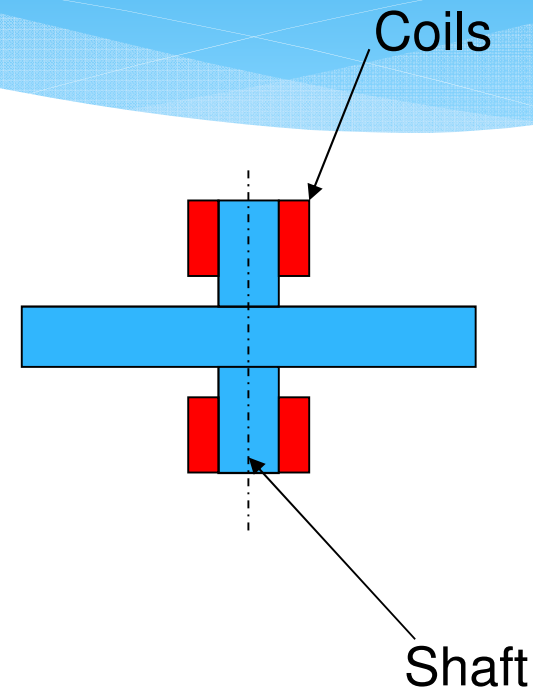
- \* Uses Stator and Rotor Technology
- \* 90% efficient
- \* Small diameter coils
- \* Easy to control
- \* Coils easy to manufacture
- \* Surface speed at shaft within workable bounds



# Flywheel Design Exploration

**Disc Type:** with magnetic levitation bearings and motor/gen set on shaft.

- \* Uses Stator and Rotor Technology
- \* 90% efficient
- \* Small diameter coils
- \* Easy to control
- \* Coils easy to manufacture
- \* Surface speed at shaft within workable bounds



# Design Approach Overview

- \* Standard mechanical engineering techniques
- \* Use known technology approach where possible
- \* Use standard materials where possible
- \* Keep development to a minimum



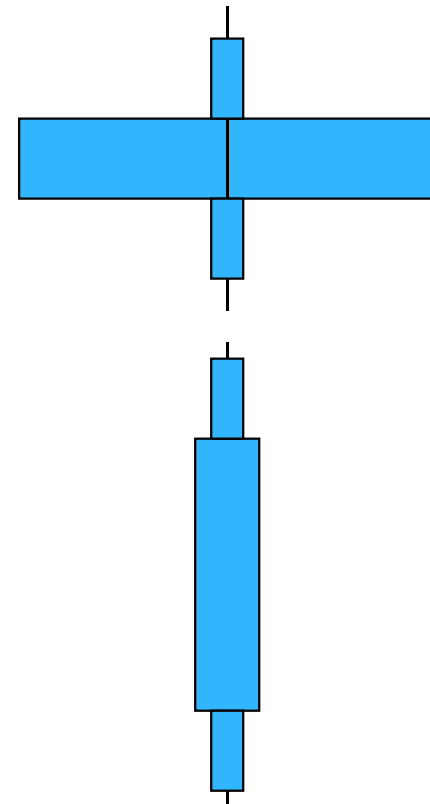
# Design Approach: Practical

## Options

- \* Small – High Speed
- \* Large Low Speed

## Disc Type

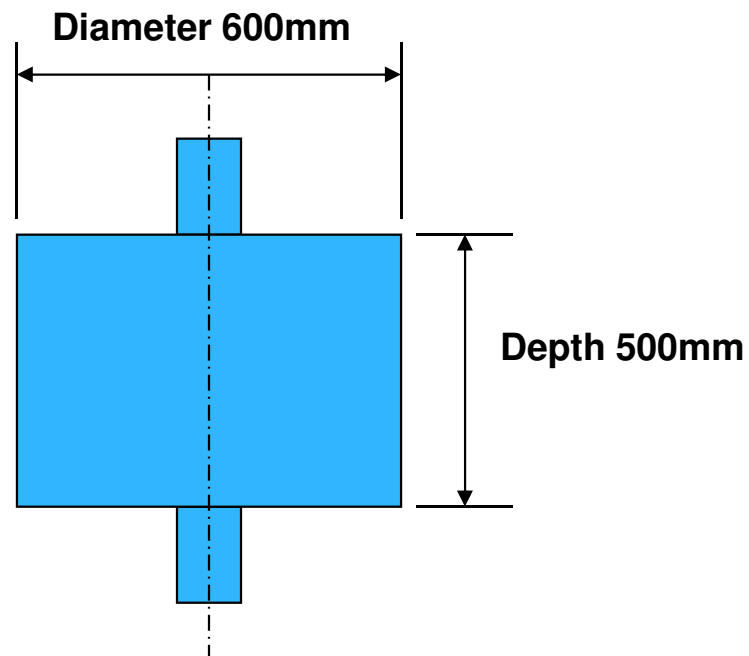
- \* Large diameter – axially thin
- \* Small diameter – axially long



# Design Approach Disc Type Flywheel

Typical parameters were manipulated and iterated to reveal the **optimum solution** shown below:

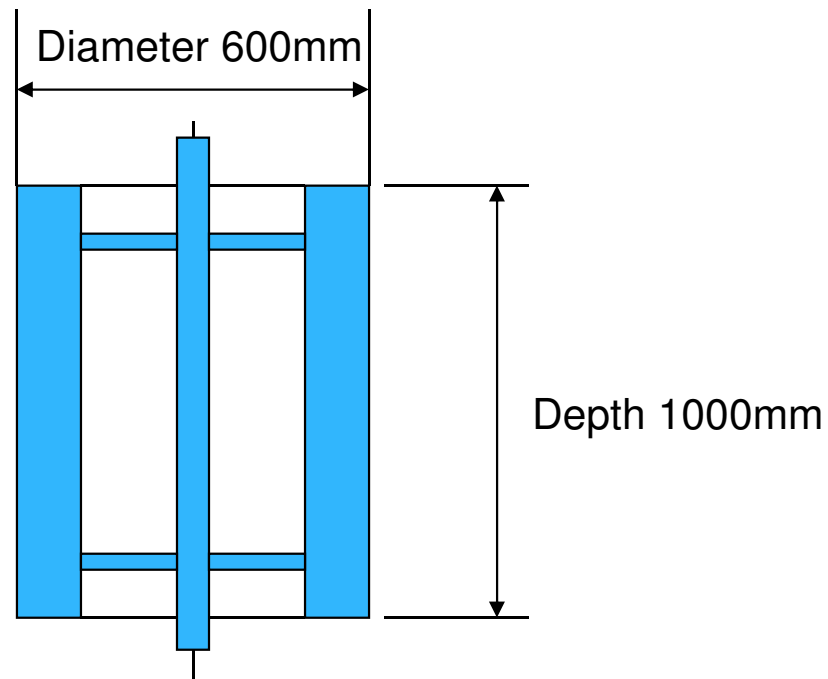
| Dia  | Depth | mass | Ang Vel | Surface | KE  | KE  | Power | 1 tonne   | Rim               |
|------|-------|------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------|
| m    | m     | kg   | RPM     | Speed   | MJ  | KWh | KW    | Mass lift | Stress            |
|      |       |      |         | M/s     |     |     |       | m         | MN/m <sup>2</sup> |
| 0.60 | 0.50  | 1060 | 18000   | 566     | 318 | 24  | 6.6   | 8151      | 13                |



# Design Approach Rim Type Flywheel

Typical parameters were manipulated and iterated to reveal the **optimum solution** shown below:

| Outer Dia (m) | Inner Dia (m) | Depth (m) | mass (kg) | Ang Vel (Rev/min) | Surface Speed (m/s) | Energy (MJ) | KE (KWh) | Power (KW) | 1 tonne Mass Lift (m) | Rim Stress (MN/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.6           | 0.45          | 1         | 928       | 18000             | 566                 | 74.2        | 20.6     | 5.7        | 8151                  | 13.1                            |



# Design Elements and Decisions

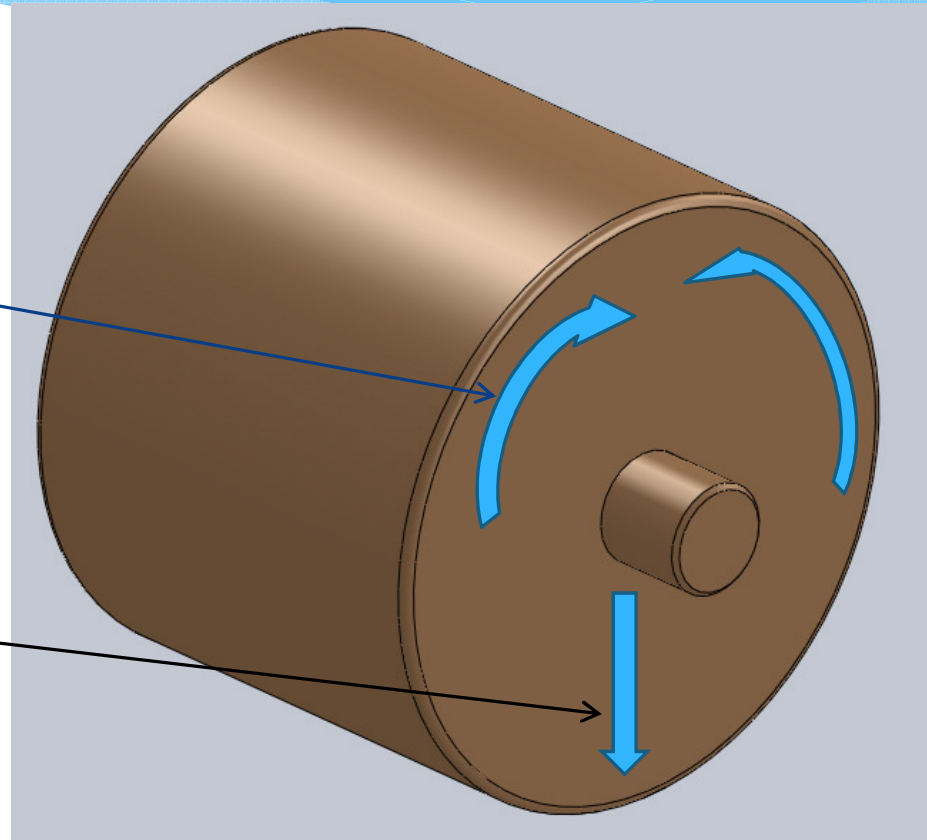
## Disc-Type Flywheel (Solid)

Careful analysis required to account for

- \* Radial Stresses
- \* Hoop stresses

HOOP STRESSES

RADIAL STRESSES



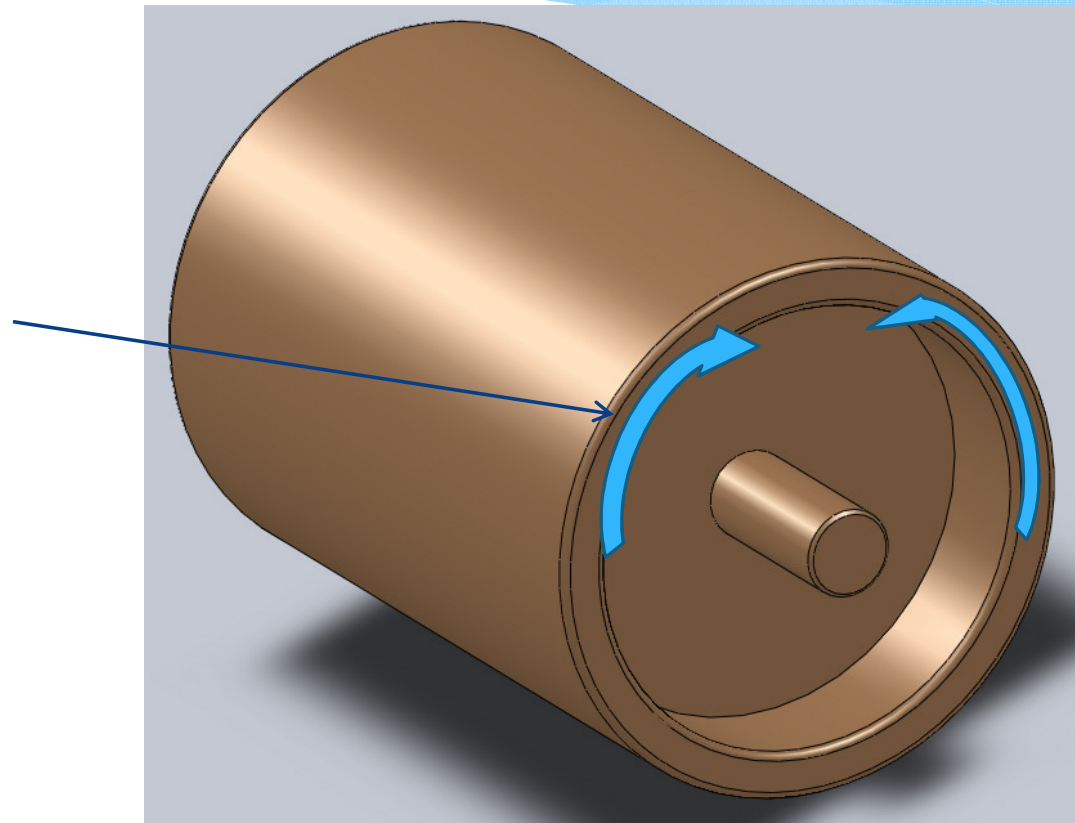
# Design Elements and Decisions

## Rim-Type Flywheel (Cylindrical)

Careful analysis required to account for

- \* Hoop stresses

HOOP STRESSES



# Design Elements and Decisions

- \* **Surface speed 566m/s:** 1.6 x speed of sound

Reduction of air turbulence drag and noise generation achieved by installing the rotor in a **Vacuum Chamber**

- \* **Reduction of frictional resistance:**

Apply Magnetic Levitation Bearings

- \* Axial Bearings
- \* Radial

SKF Magnetic  
Levitation Bearing



# Design Elements and Decisions

## Back-up Bearings

Should power fail to the magnetic levitation bearings a back-up set of **Rolling Element Bearings** will be applied.

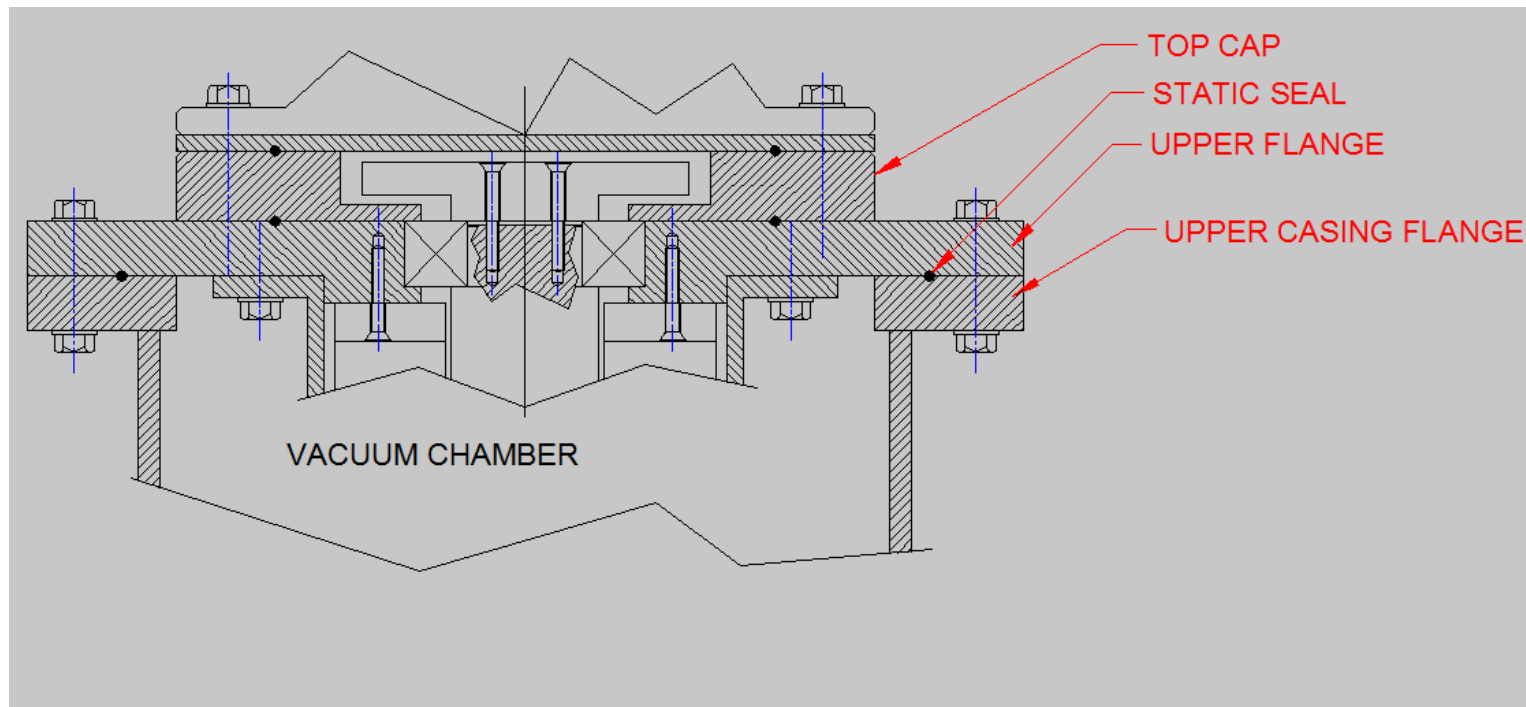


Specialist Ceramic Bearings  
Supplied by SKF

# Design Elements and Decisions

## Vacuum Chamber

- \* Encloses the flywheel rotor
- \* Contains the vacuum
- \* Uses only static seals (reduces frictional resistance)

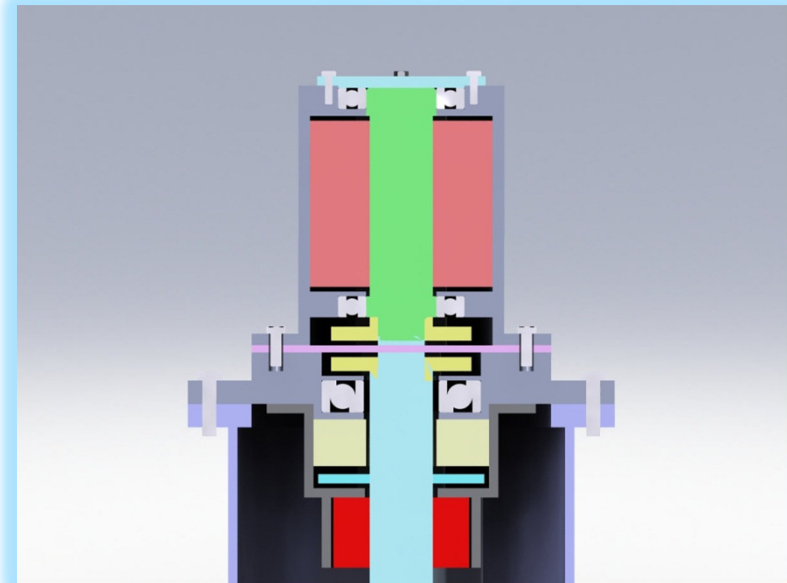
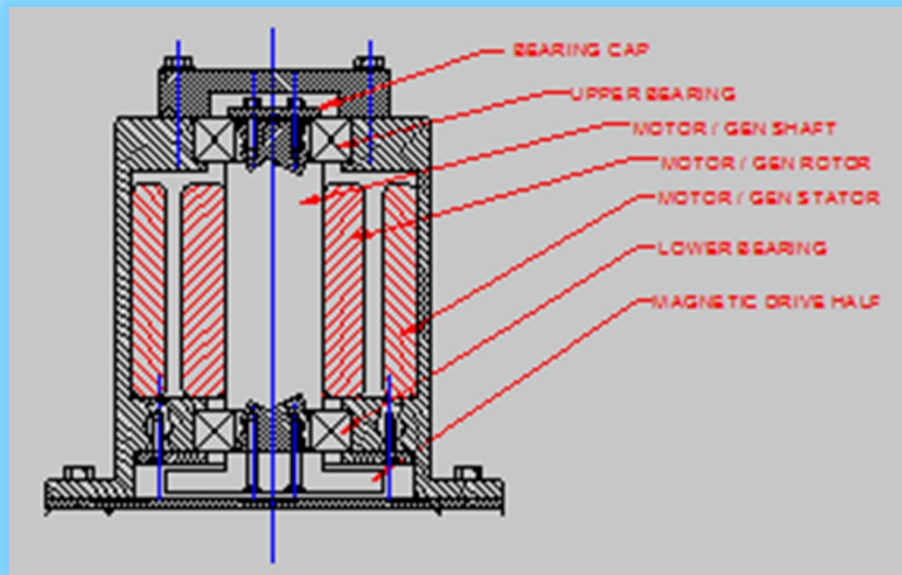




# Design Elements and Decisions

## Motor / Generator

- \* External to main flywheel and vacuum chamber
- \* Modular unit can be changed easily

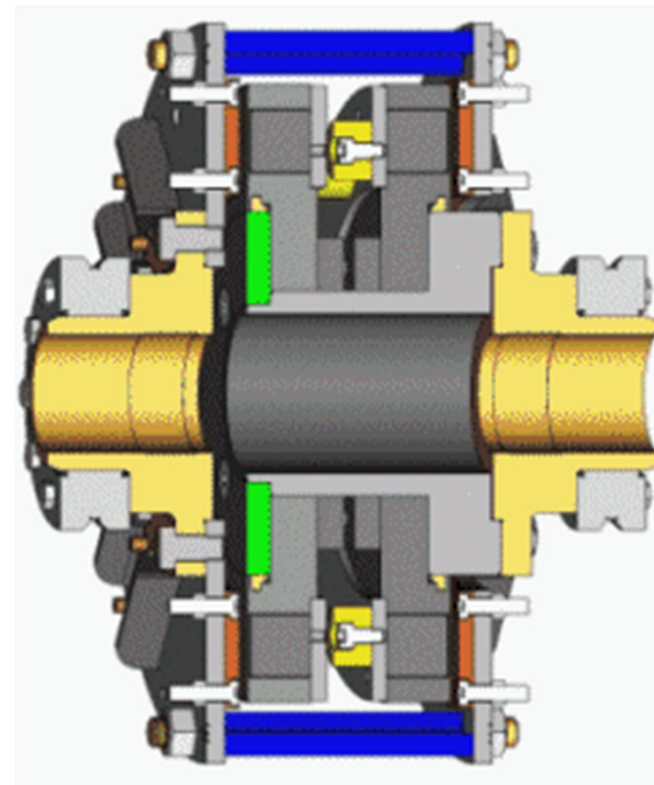


# Design Elements and Decisions

## Flywheel / Motor-Gen Coupling

- \* Flywheel Housing separate to Motor-Gen Housing
- \* Drive system needs to function across the sealed membrane.
- \* Apply magnetic coupling

Magna Drive Magnetic Coupling



# Design Elements and Decisions

## Containment Considerations

- \* Energy enough to lift a 1 tonne mass 8km vertically
- \* Dangers of burst are very real
  - 85MJ equivalent energy to 18kg (40 Lbs) of TNT

### Two Containment Options:

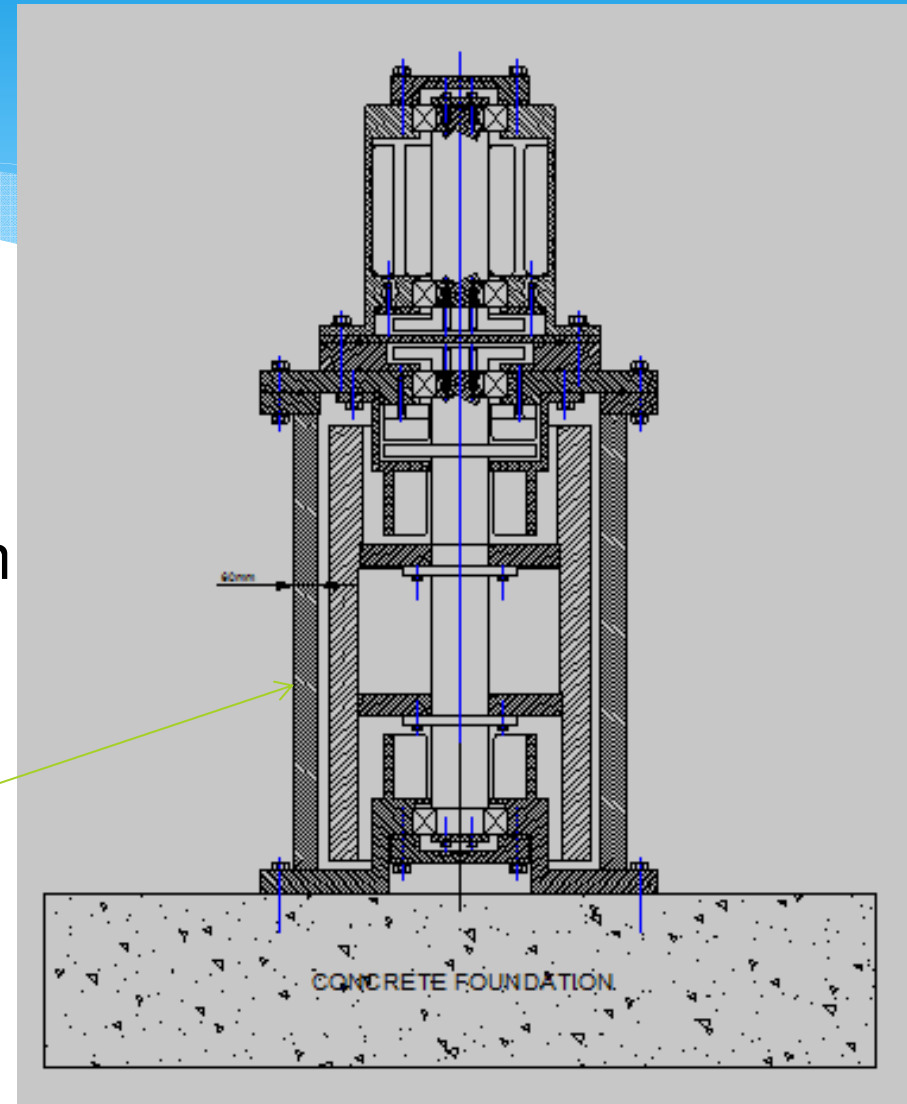
- Heavy containment cylinder on a heavy foundation
- Light weight vacuum chamber encased in a concrete casing.

# Design Elements and Decisions

## Containment Option One

- Heavy Steel Containment
- Heavy Concrete Foundation

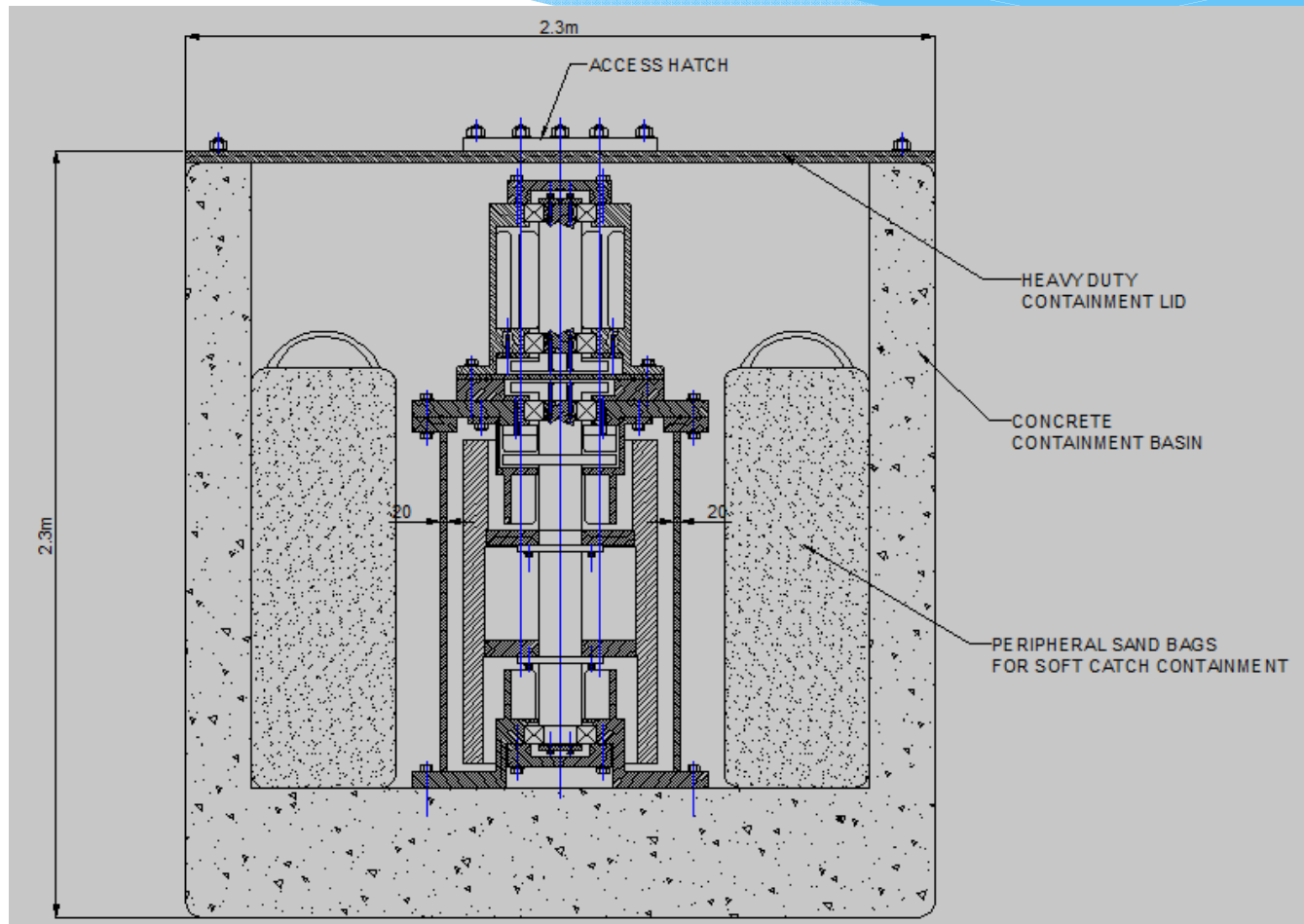
Heavy  
Casing



# Design Elements and Decisions

## Containment Option Two:

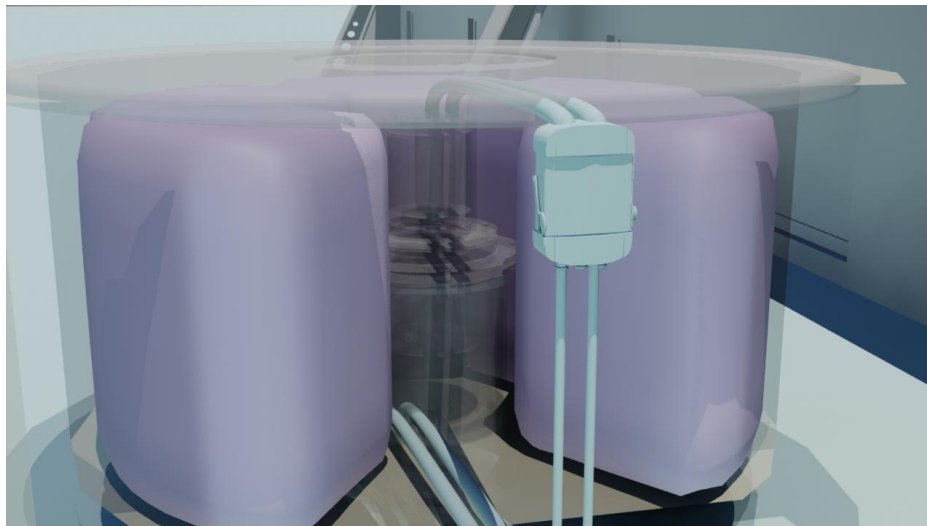
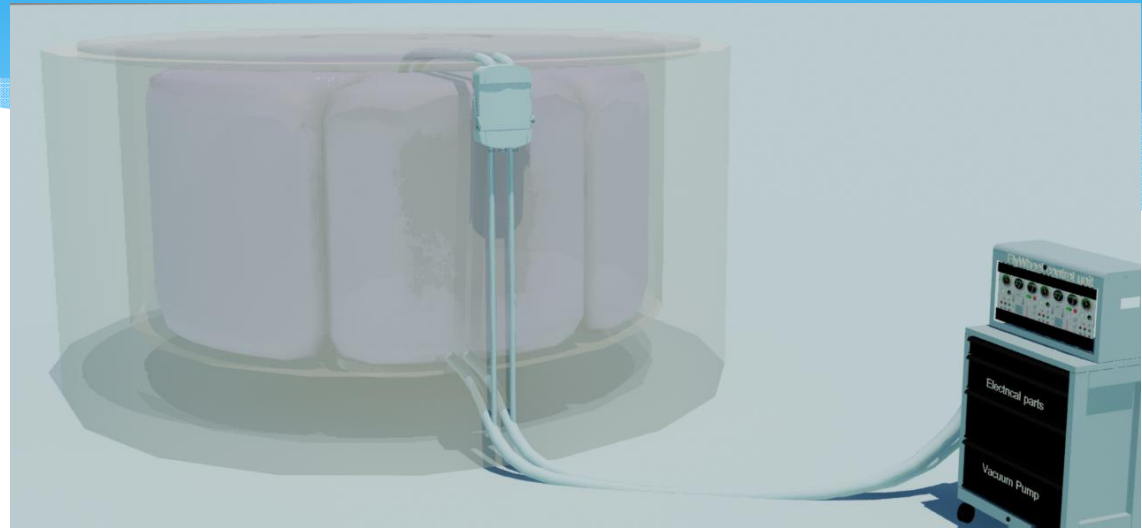
- Lightweight vacuum chamber encased in a concrete casing
- Includes sand bags radially mounted to act as a soft catch



# Design Elements and Decisions

## Containment Option Two: Concrete Basin with Sand Bag Soft-Catch

Containment with sand bag segments



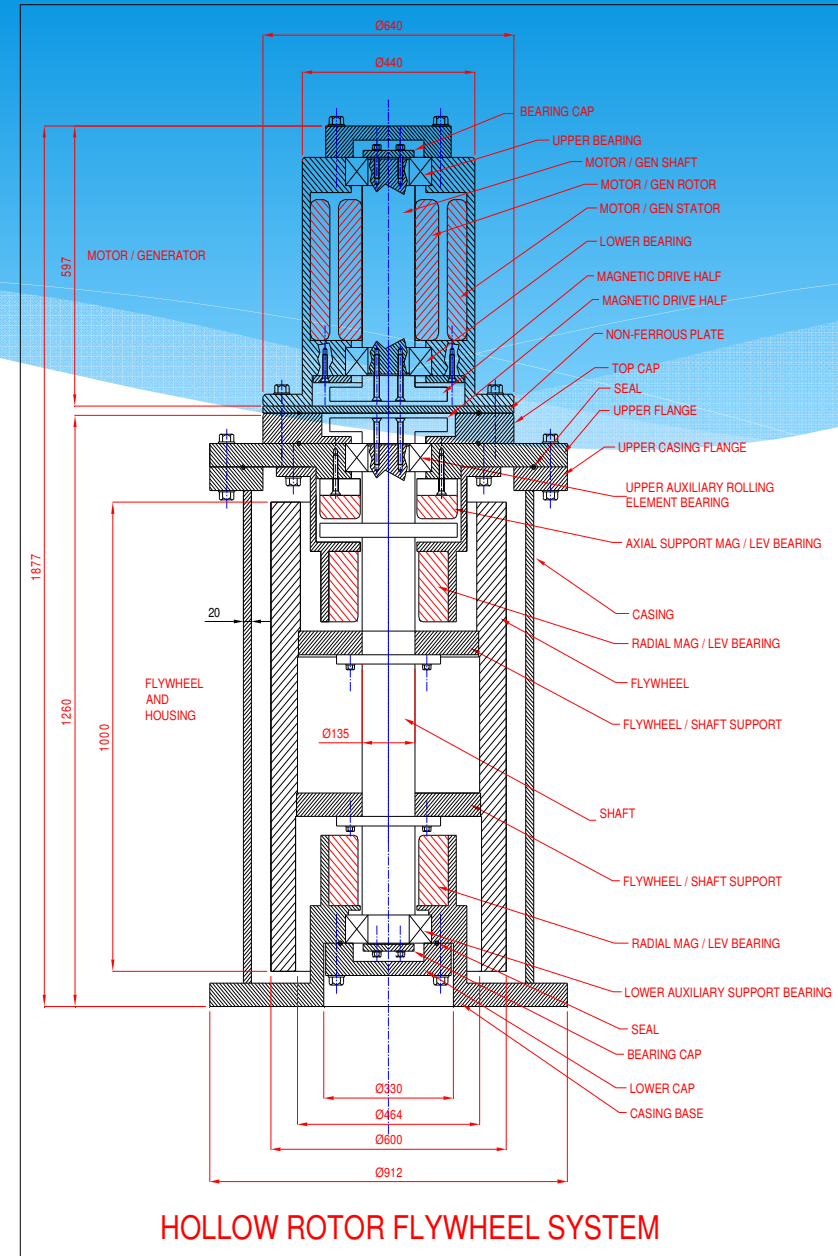
Containment with sand bag segments showing internal arrangement

# Concept Outlines

## Concept One

### Rim Type Flywheel

- \* Takes the form of a cylinder
- \* Diameter 600mm
- \* Length 1000mm
- \* Mass 930kg



# Concept Outlines

## Rim Type Flywheel

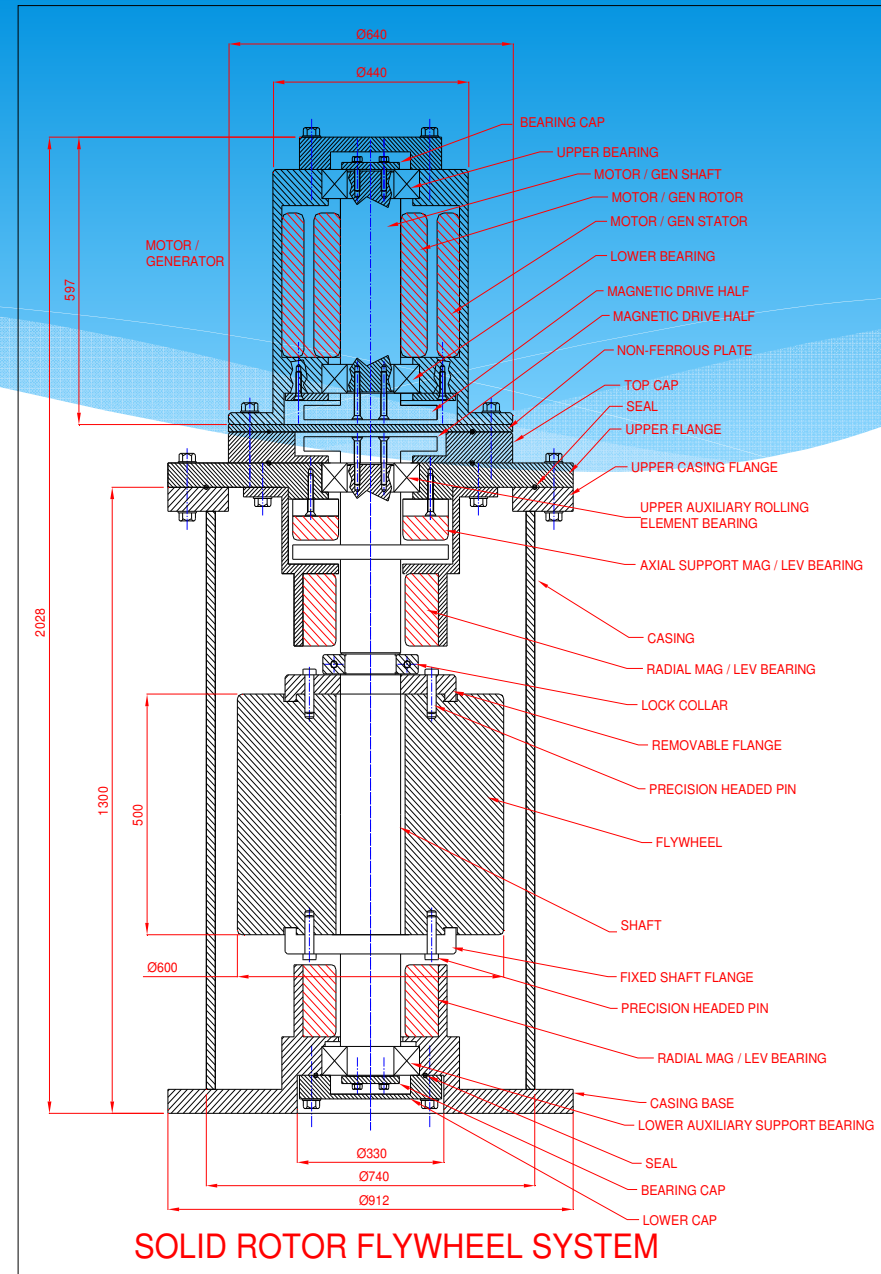
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|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| • | Style                          |                      | Hollow cylinder     |
| • | Outer diameter (mm)            |                      | 600                 |
| • | Inner diameter (mm)            |                      | 450                 |
| • | Rotor depth (mm)               | 1000                 |                     |
| • | Material                       |                      | steel               |
| • | Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )   |                      | 7500                |
| • | Rotor mass (kg)                |                      | 930                 |
| • | Angular velocity (Rev/min)     |                      | 18000               |
| • | Surface speed (m/s)            |                      | 565                 |
| • | Energy (Joules)                |                      | 74,200,000          |
| • | Energy (kWh)                   |                      | 20.61               |
| • | Power (kW)                     |                      | 5.73                |
| • | 1 Tonne mass lift (m)          |                      | 8150                |
| • | Containment (Primary)          |                      | Steel casing        |
| • | Containment (Secondary)        |                      | Concrete lined Pit  |
| • | Bearing system radial          |                      | Magnetic Levitation |
| • | Bearing System (secondary)     | Rolling element Brgs |                     |
| • | Motor-Generator Drive Coupling |                      | Magnetic            |
| • | Chamber Type                   |                      | Vacuum              |



# Concept Outlines

## Concept Two Disc-Type Flywheel

- \* Takes the form of a solid rotor
- \* Diameter 600mm
- \* Length 500mm
- \* Mass 1060kg



# Concept Outlines

## Disc Type Rotor

|   |                                |                      |                     |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| • | Style                          |                      | Solid cylinder      |
| • | Outer Diameter (mm)            |                      | 600                 |
| • | Inner diameter (mm)            |                      | n/a                 |
| • | Rotor depth (mm)               | 500                  |                     |
| • | Material                       |                      | Steel               |
| • | Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )   |                      | 7500                |
| • | Rotor mass (kg)                |                      | 1060                |
| • | Angular velocity (Rev/min)     |                      | 18000               |
| • | Surface speed (m/s)            |                      | 565                 |
| • | Energy (Joules)                |                      | 84,800,000          |
| • | Energy (KWh)                   |                      | 23.55               |
| • | Power (KW)                     |                      | 6.54                |
| • | 1 Tonne mass lift (m)          |                      | 8,152               |
| • | Containment (Primary)          |                      | Steel casing        |
| • | Containment (Secondary)        |                      | Concrete lined Pit  |
| • | Bearing system radial          |                      | Magnetic Levitation |
| • | Bearing System (secondary)     | Rolling element Brgs |                     |
| • | Motor Generator Drive coupling |                      | Magnetic            |
| • | Chamber Type                   |                      | Vacuum              |

# Selection of Concept

## Rim Type

- Lower mass 930kg
- Height overall 1877mm
- Energy 20.61 kWh
- Power 5.73 kW
- Stresses in rim only  
(*Less prone to burst*)

## Disc Type

- Higher mass 1060kg
- Overall height 2028mm
- Energy 23.55 kWh
- Power 6.54 kW
- Radial and Hoop stresses present

- \* Design and manufacturing will present a similar level of difficulty
- \* Balancing relatively easier with the rim-type flywheel
- \* Cost implications will be similar for each type

# Overall Concept

## **Modular construction allows:**

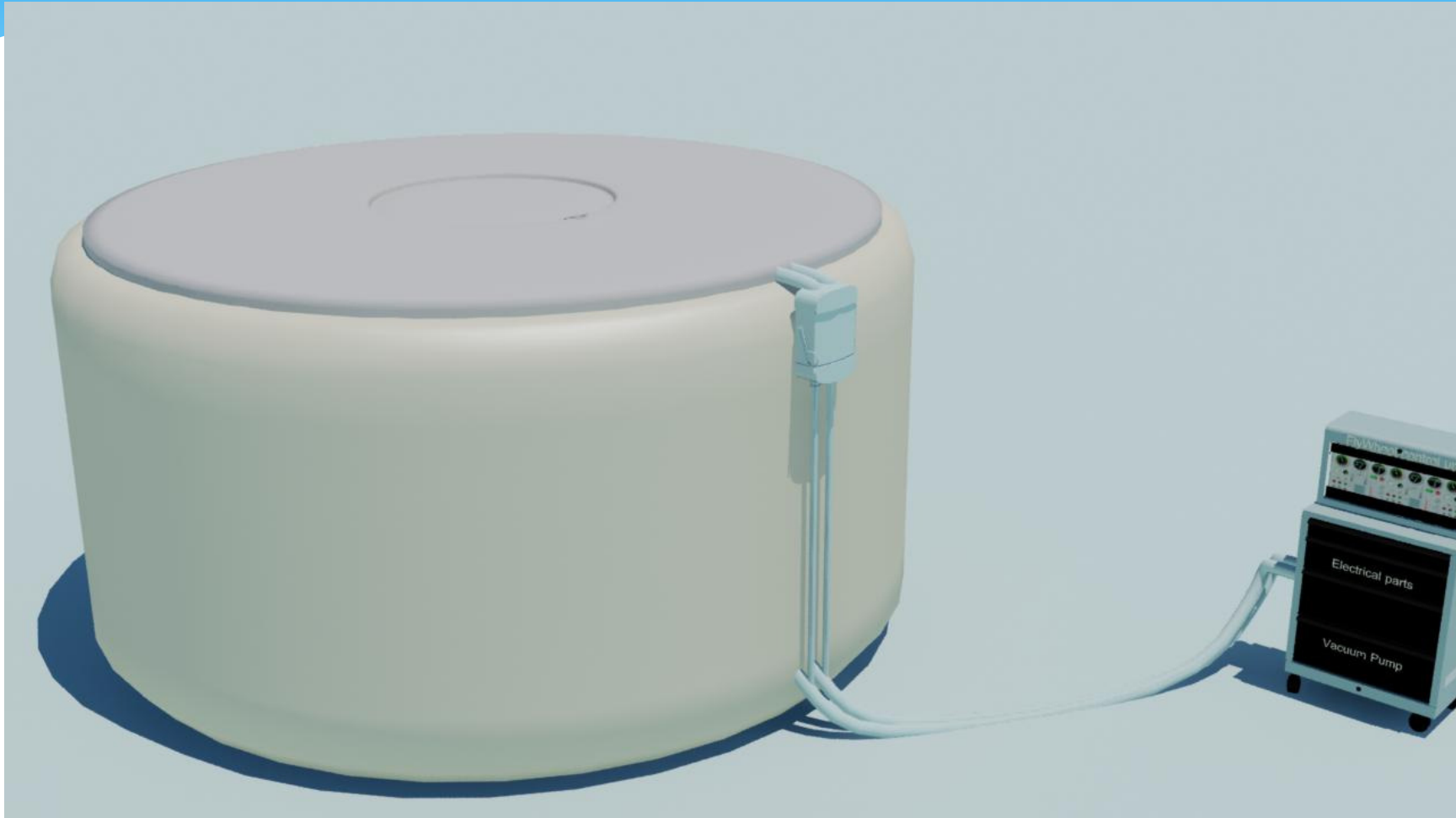
- Ease of Maintenance
- Ease of Assembly
- Standardised Components

## **Concrete containment can be:**

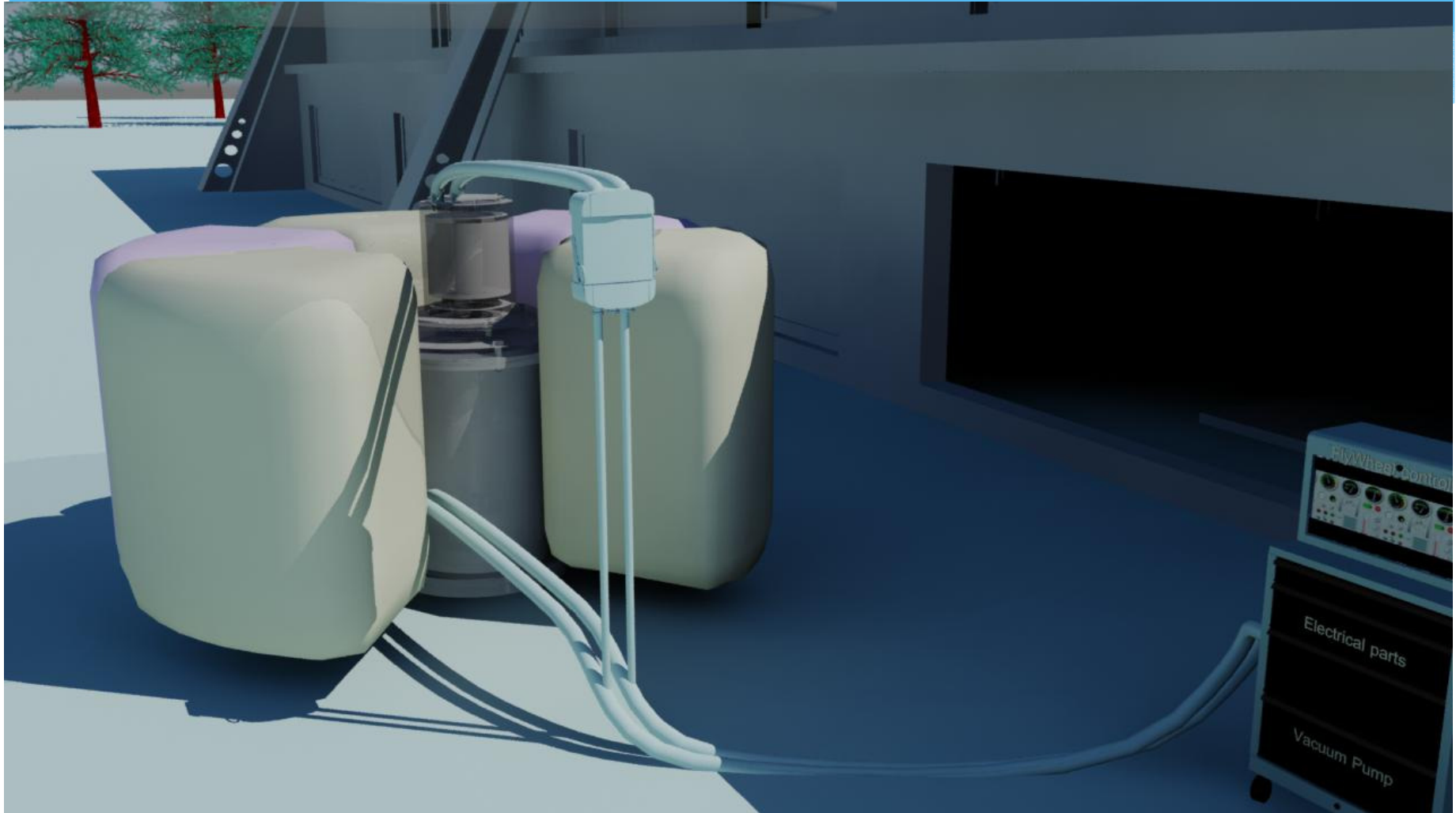
- Free Standing
- Buried

# Overall Concept

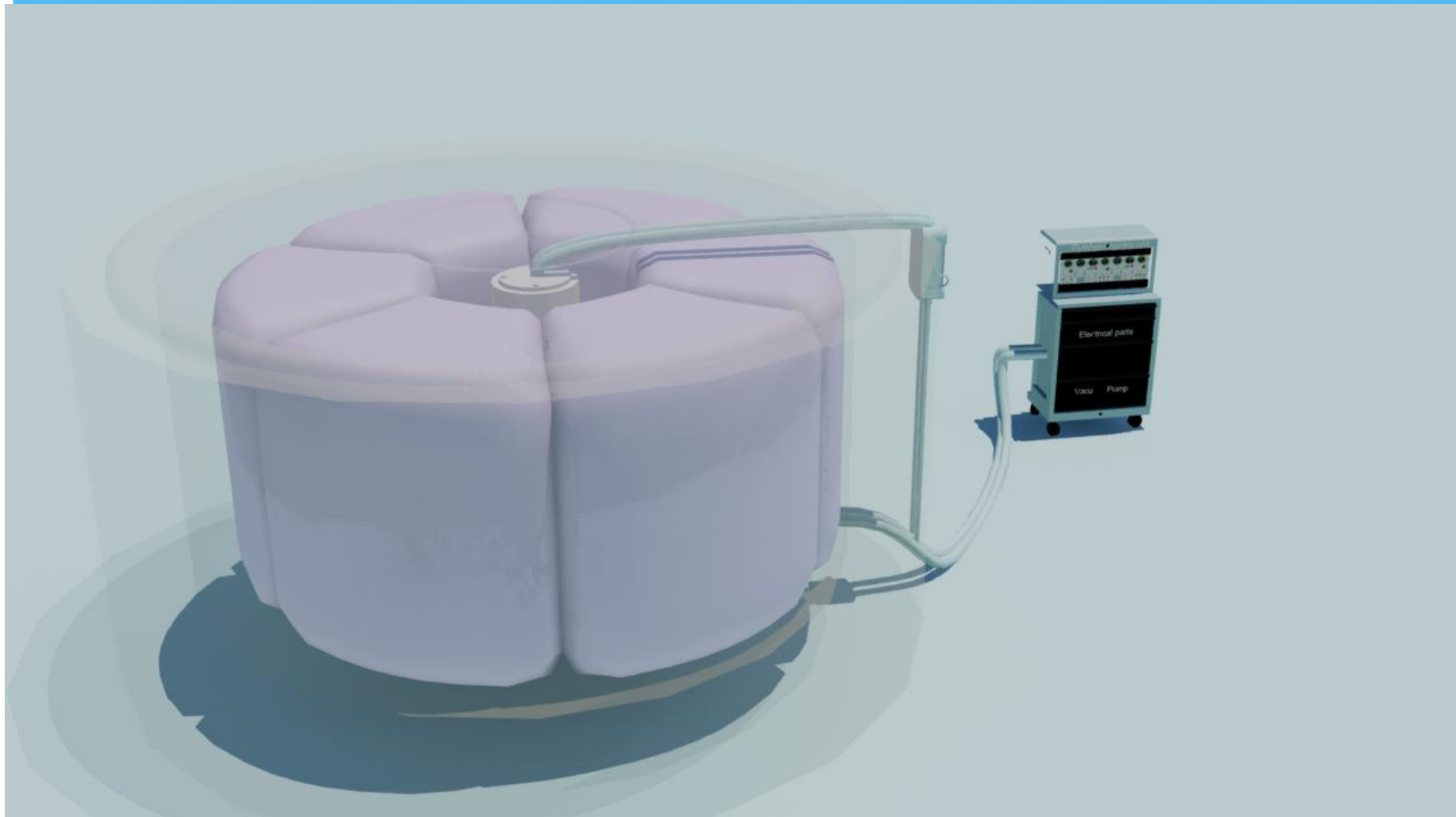
Single Concrete Containment Basing showing Lid and Control System



6 x sand bags in case of failure

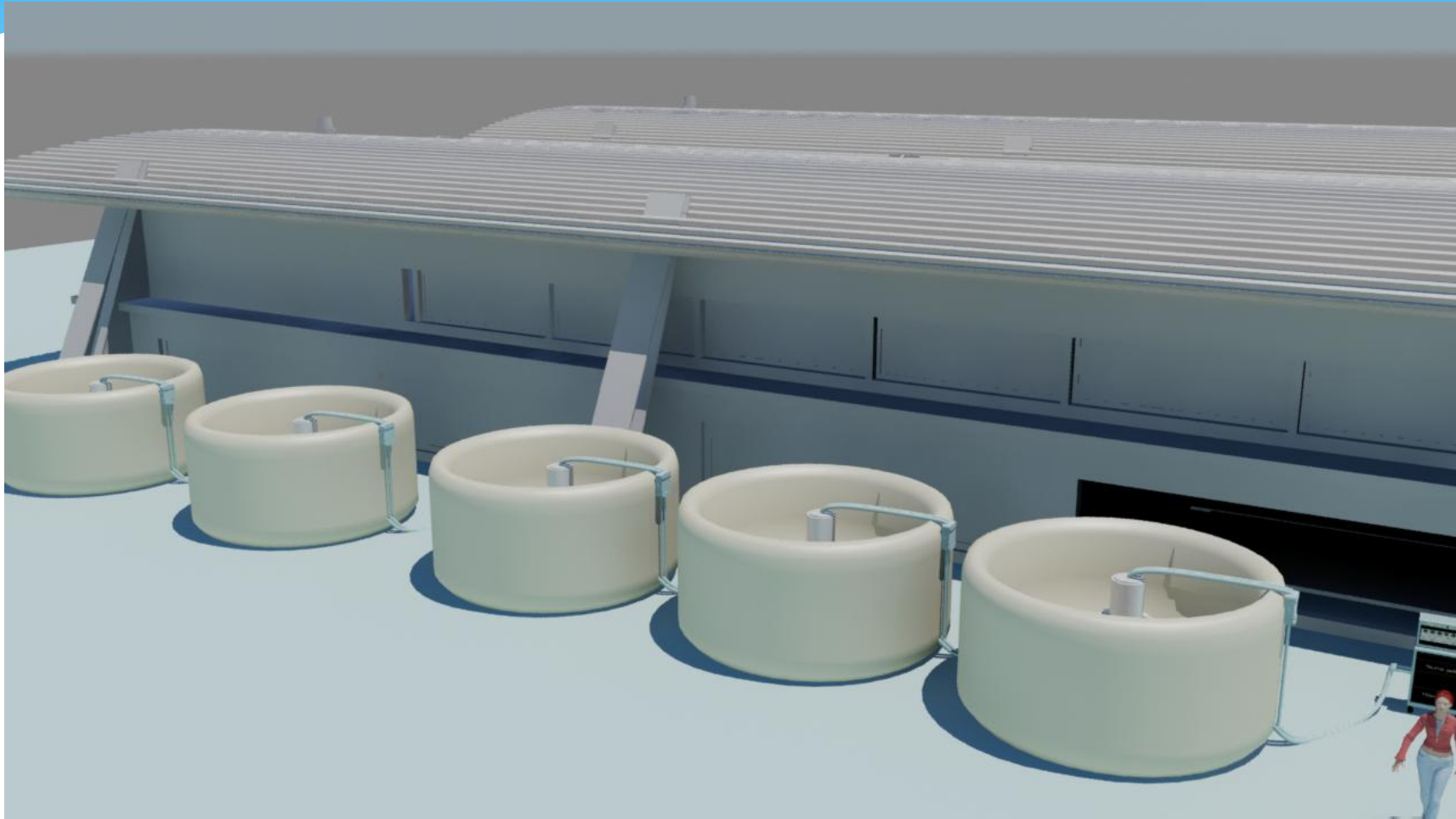


6 x sand bags in case of failure



# Overall Concept

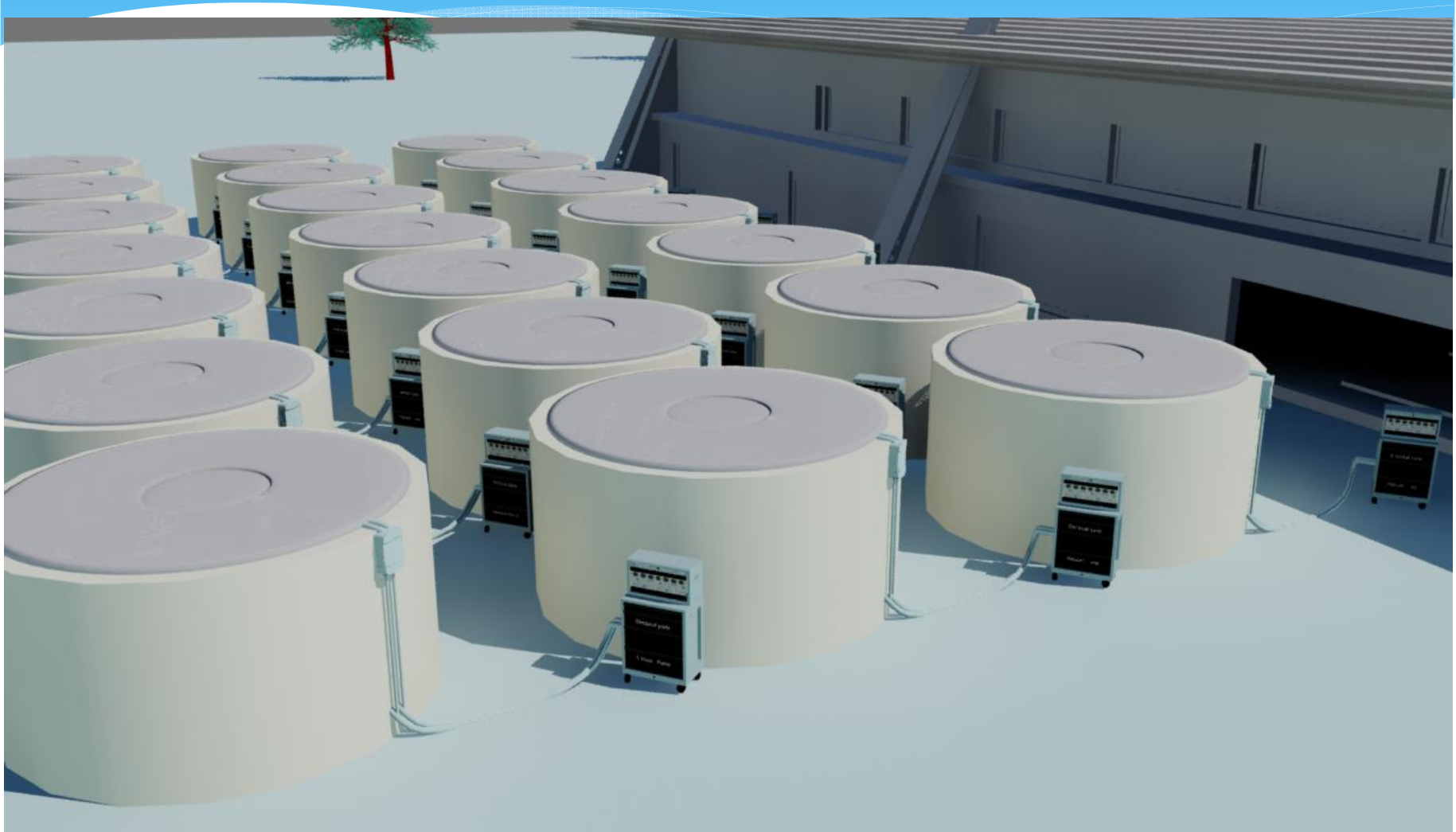
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# Overall Concept

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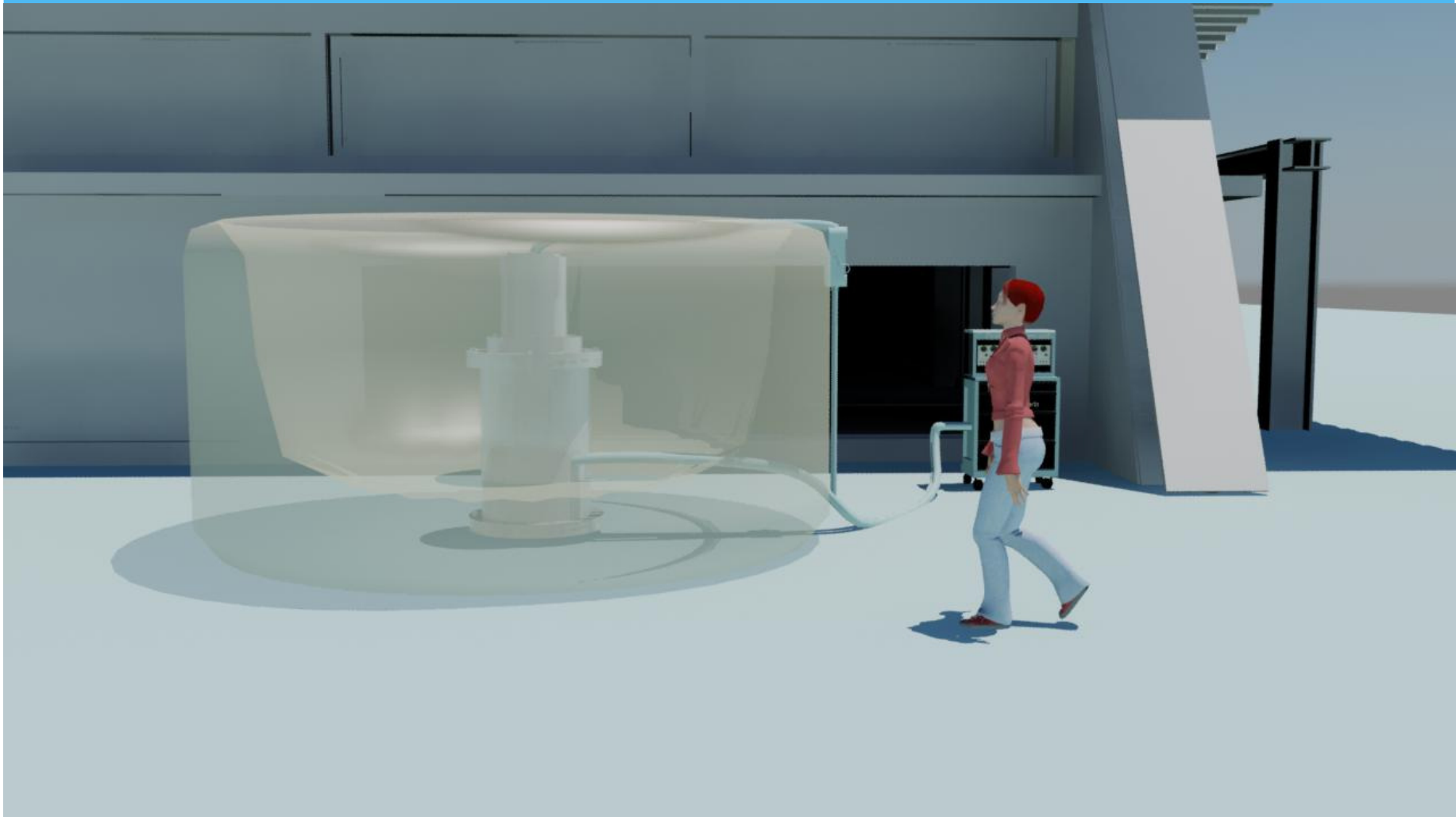
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# Overall Concept

General Scale Visualisation

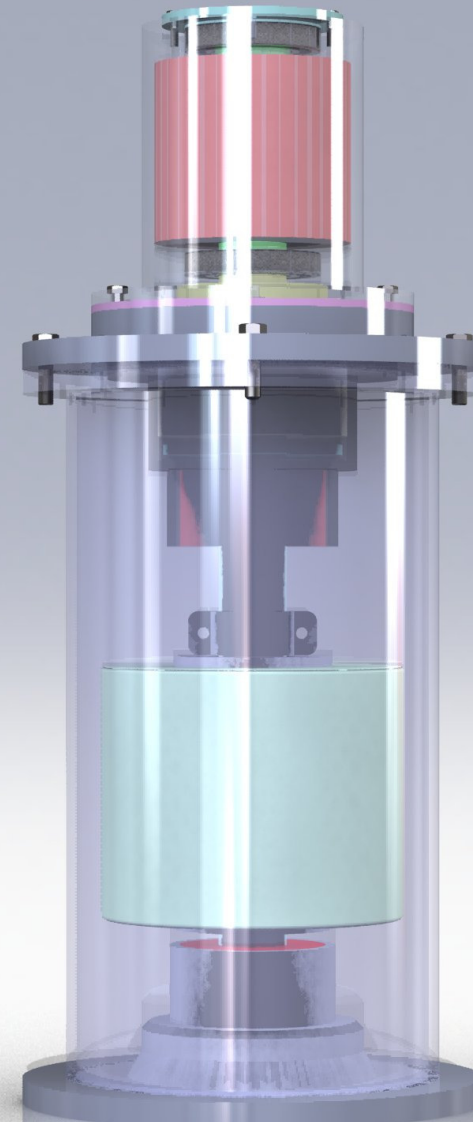
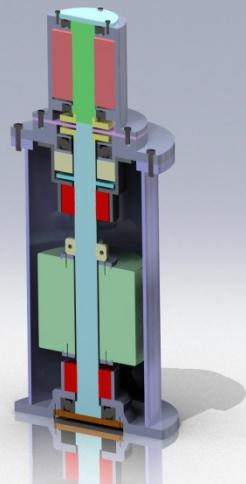


# Overall Concept: Industrial



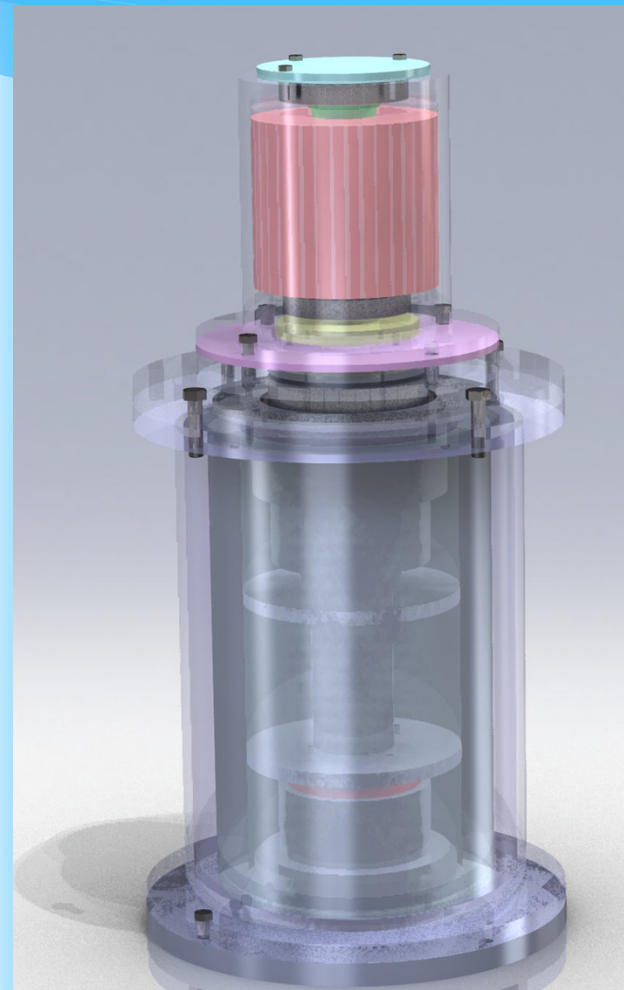
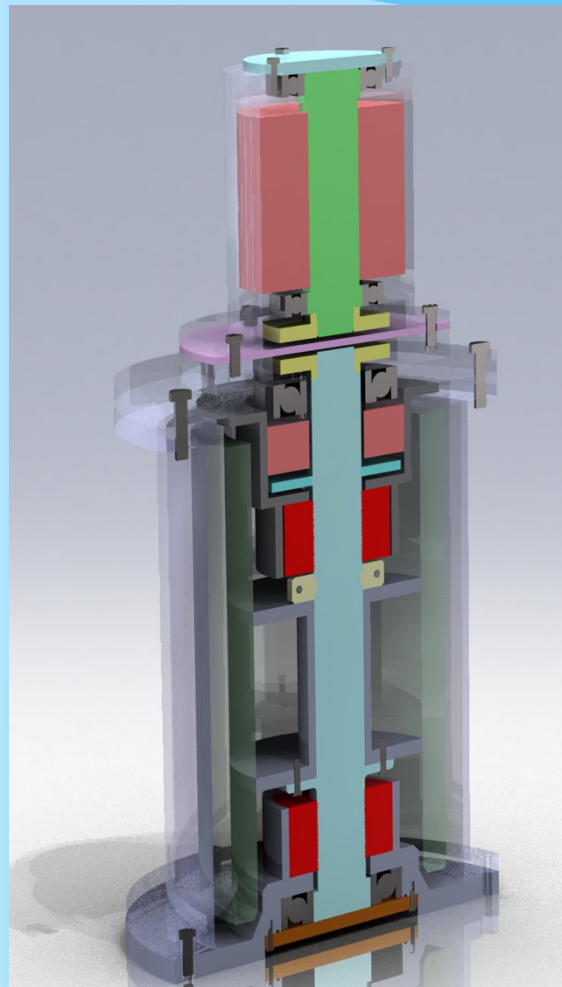
# Overall Concept – Solid

## Visualisation of the Kinetic Energy Storage Device



# Overall Concept - Hollow

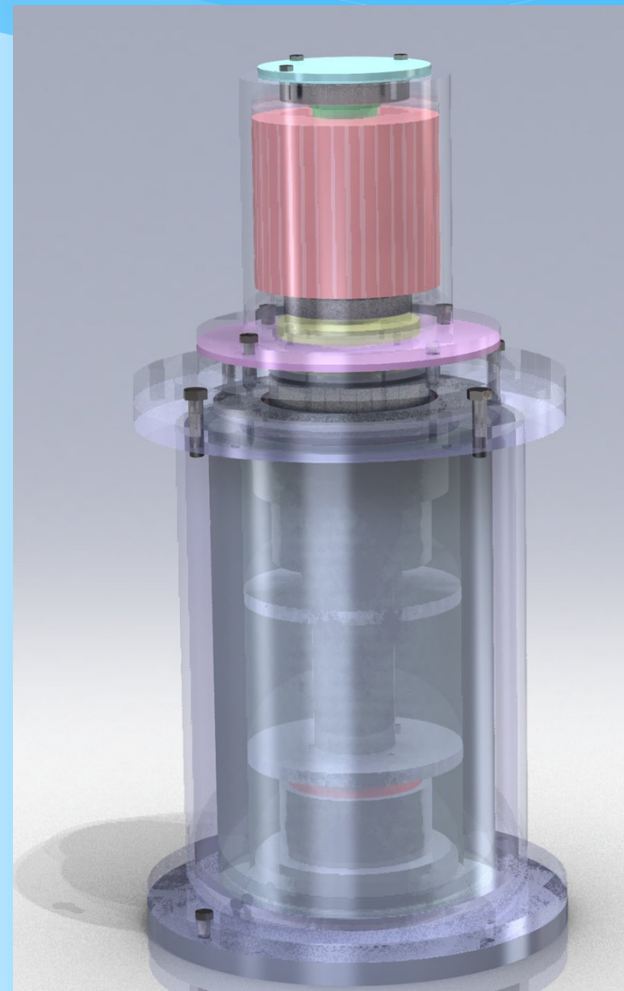
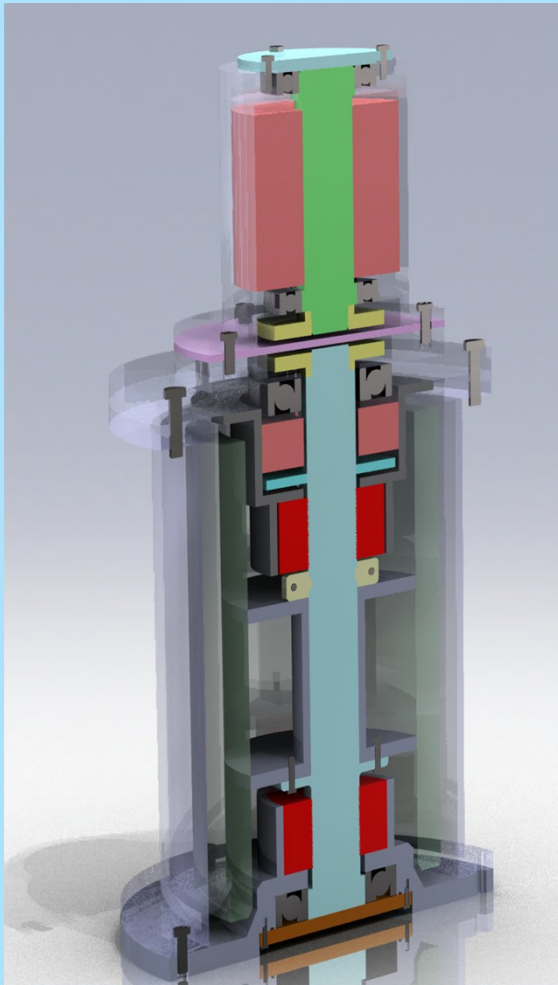
Visualisation of the Kinetic Energy Storage Device





# Overall Concept

## Visualisation of the Kinetic Energy Storage Device



## Work Required to Progress the Project

- \* Finite element stress analysis vacuum chamber
- \* Mag/Lev radial bearing design
- \* Mag/Lev axial bearing design
- \* Control system for magnetic levitation bearings
- \* Machine monitoring system
- \* Design and manufacture of motor / generator set
- \* Control system for the motor / generator set
- \* Stress analysis of rotors for burst limitation
- \* Fluid flow analysis within the chamber
- \* Vacuum pump and equipment selection
- \* Rolling element bearing design and selection
- \* Vacuum casing design
- \* Explosion containment system design
- \* Foundations design
- \* Selection of materials





**Questions?**