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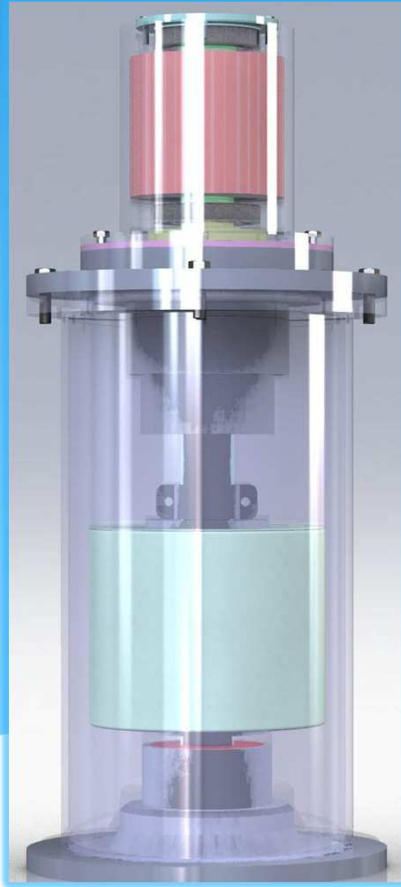
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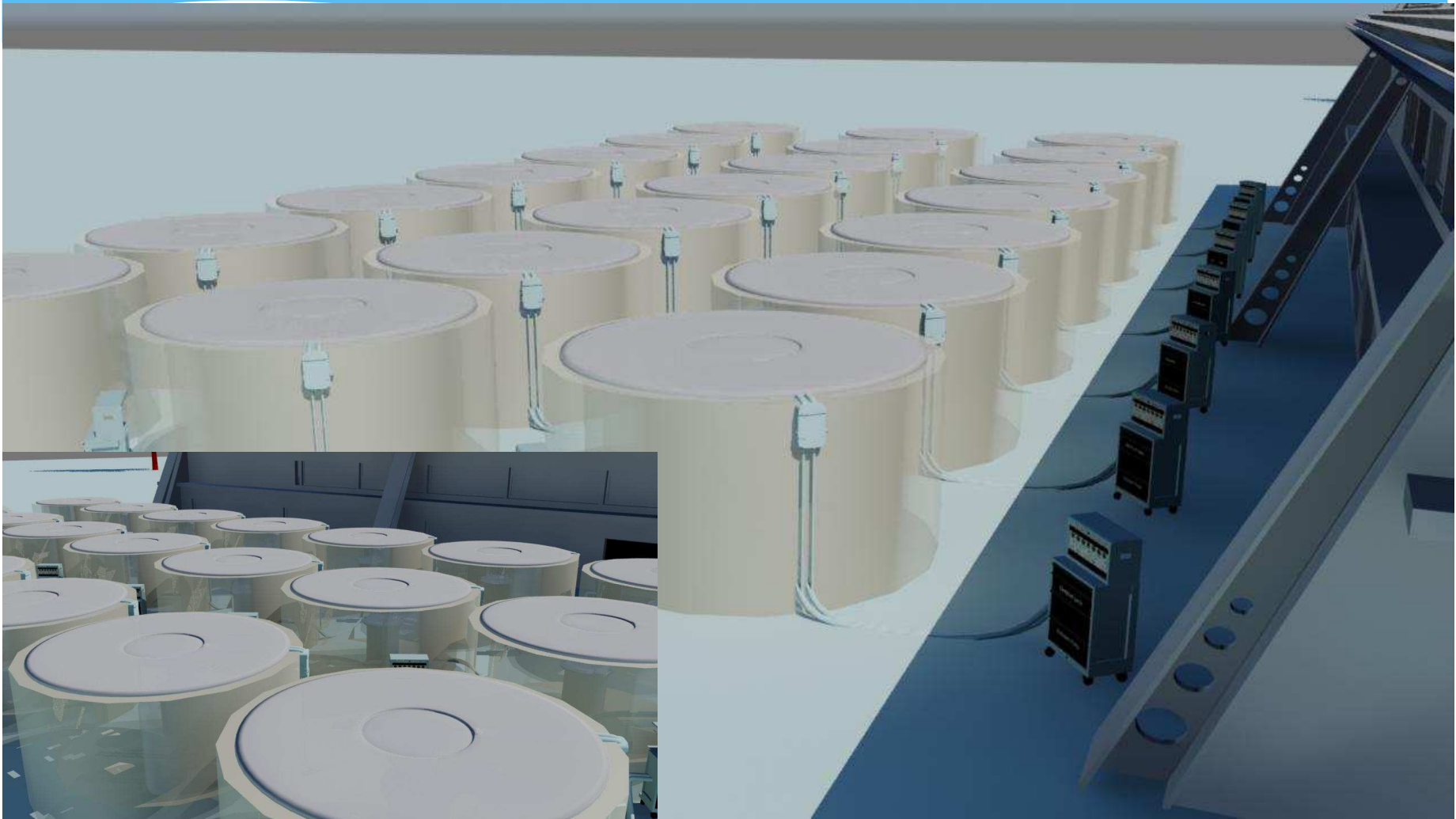
# The Concept Design of a Kinetic Energy Storage Device



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**Visualisation of the  
Kinetic Energy Storage Device**

# Kinetic Energy Storage Device Industrial Application



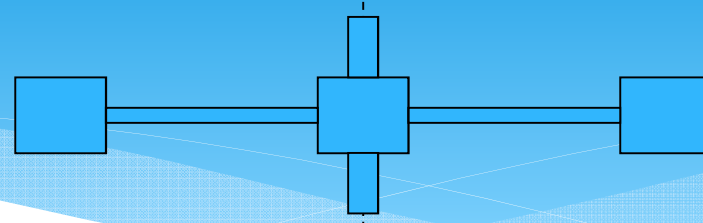
# Target Design Specification

- 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

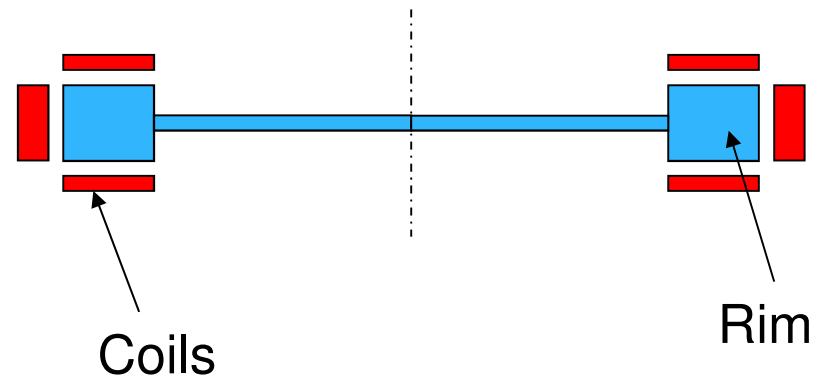
## Flywheel Styles

### 1. Rim Type



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

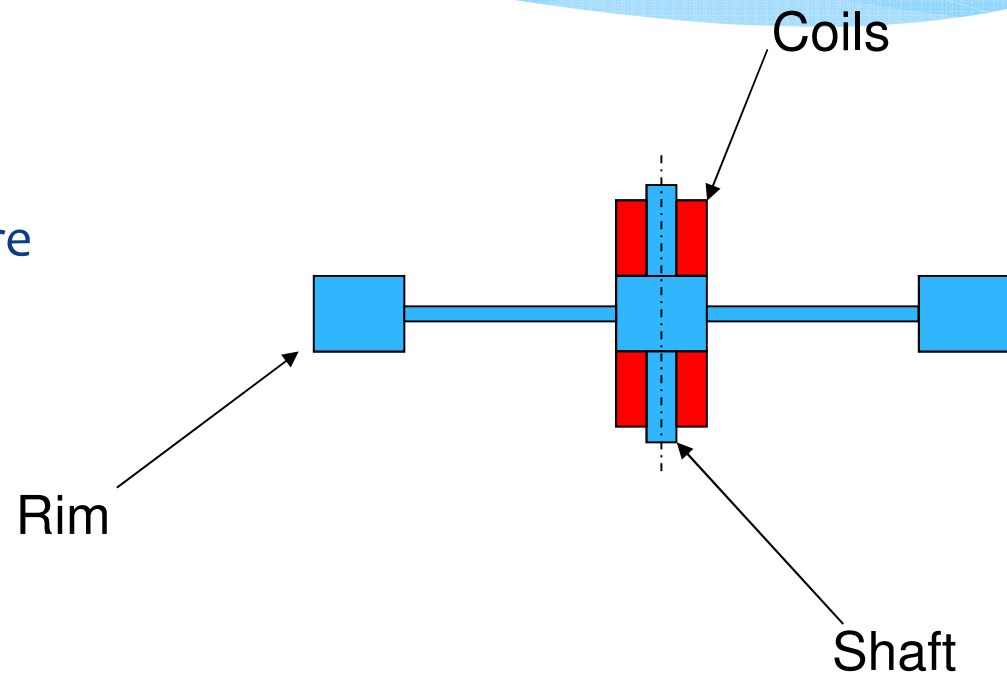
- Uses Eddy currents
- 70% efficient
- Large diameter coils
- Difficult to control
- Surface speeds at coils awkward to handle



# Flywheel Design Exploration

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

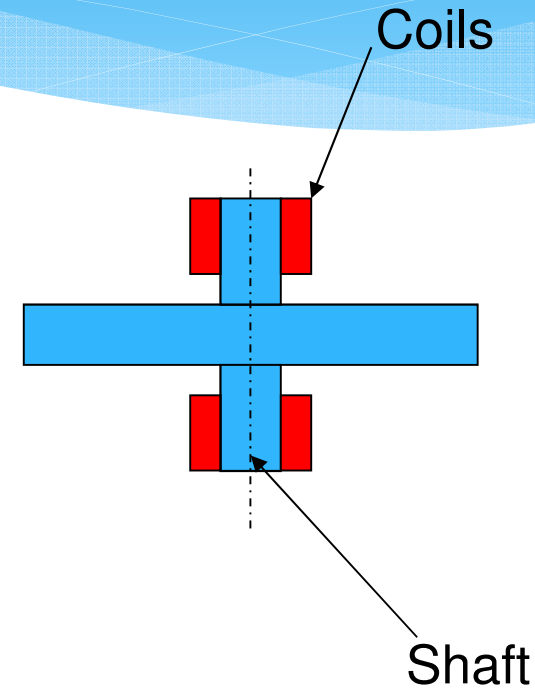
- \* Uses Stator and Rotor Technology
- \* 90% efficient
- \* Small diameter coils
- \* Easy to control
- \* Coils easy to manufacture
- \* Surface speed at shaft within workable bounds



# 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
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- \* 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



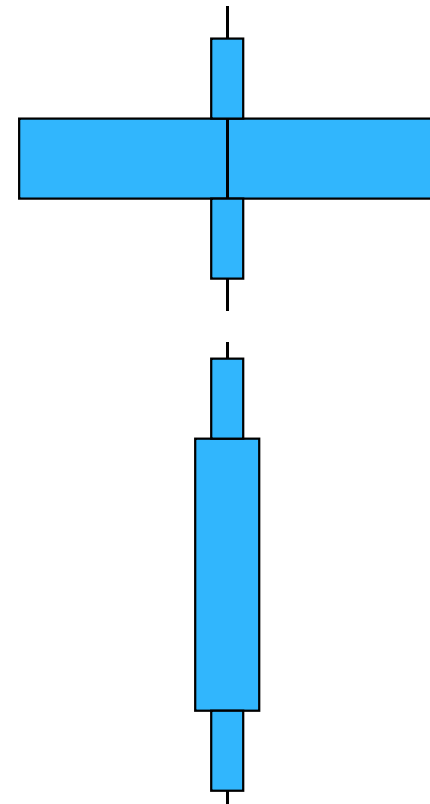
# Design Approach: Practical

## Options

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

## Disc Type

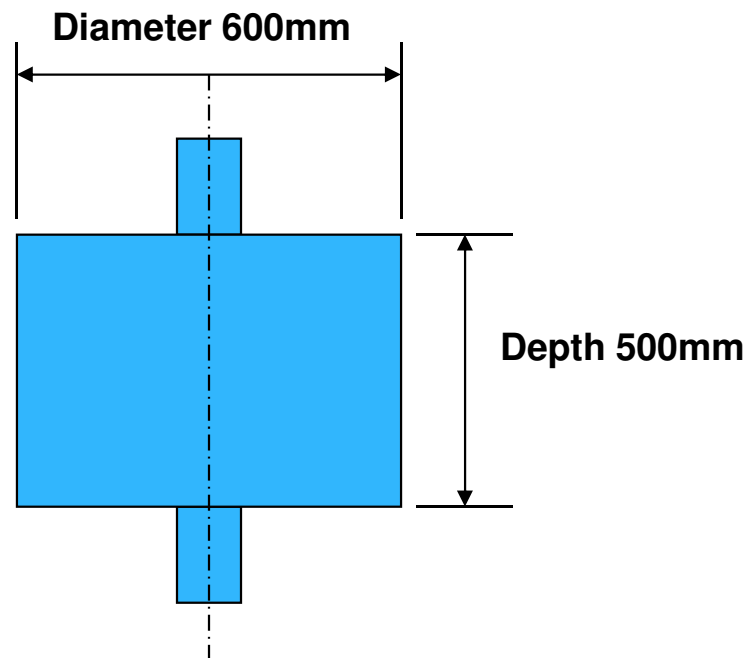
- \* Large diameter – axially thin
- \* Small diameter – axially long



# Design Approach Disc Type Flywheel

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

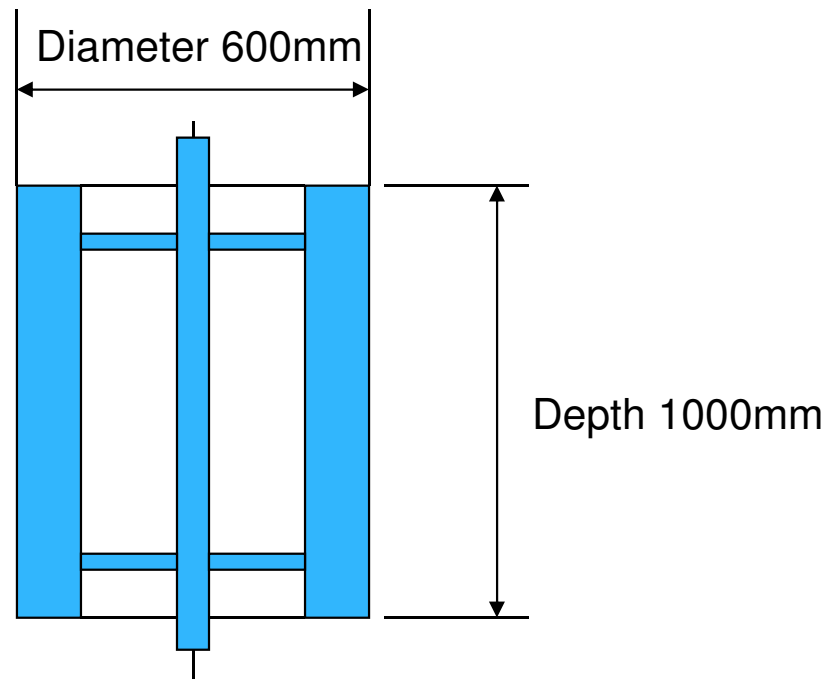
Dia	Depth	mass	Ang Vel	Surface	KE	KE	Power	1 tonne	Rim
m	m	kg	RPM	Speed	MJ	KWh	KW	Mass lift	Stress
				M/s				m	MN/m <sup>2</sup>
0.60	0.50	1060	18000	566	318	24	6.6	8151	13



# 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

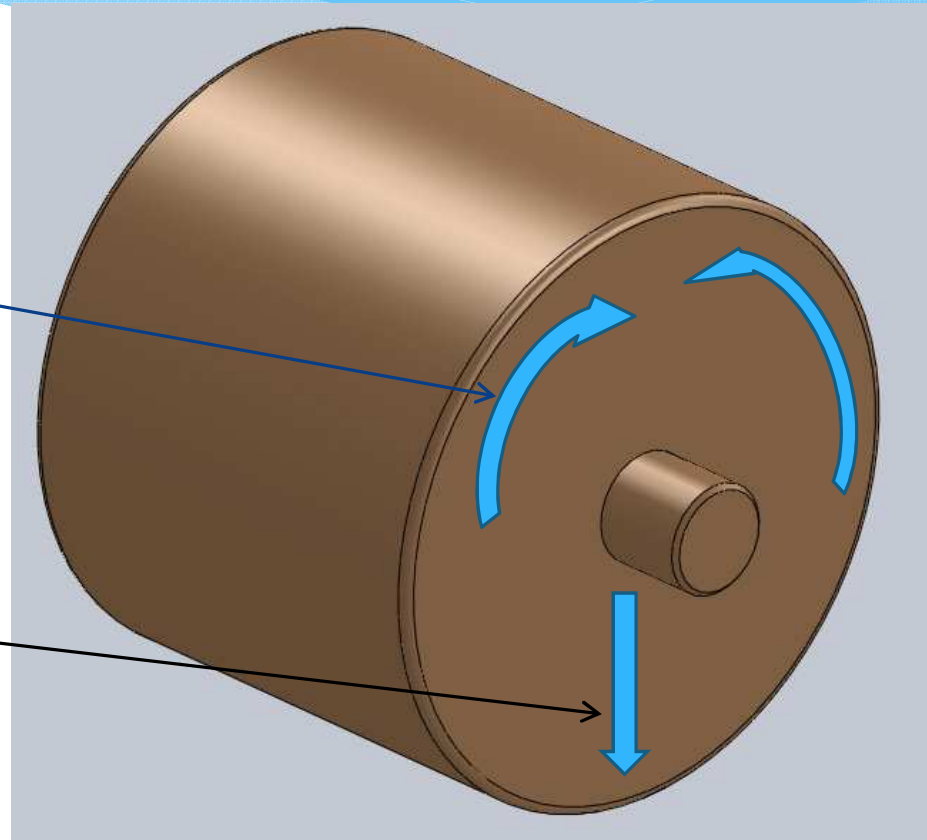
## Disc-Type Flywheel (Solid)

Careful analysis required to account for

- \* Radial Stresses
- \* Hoop stresses

HOOP STRESSES

RADIAL STRESSES



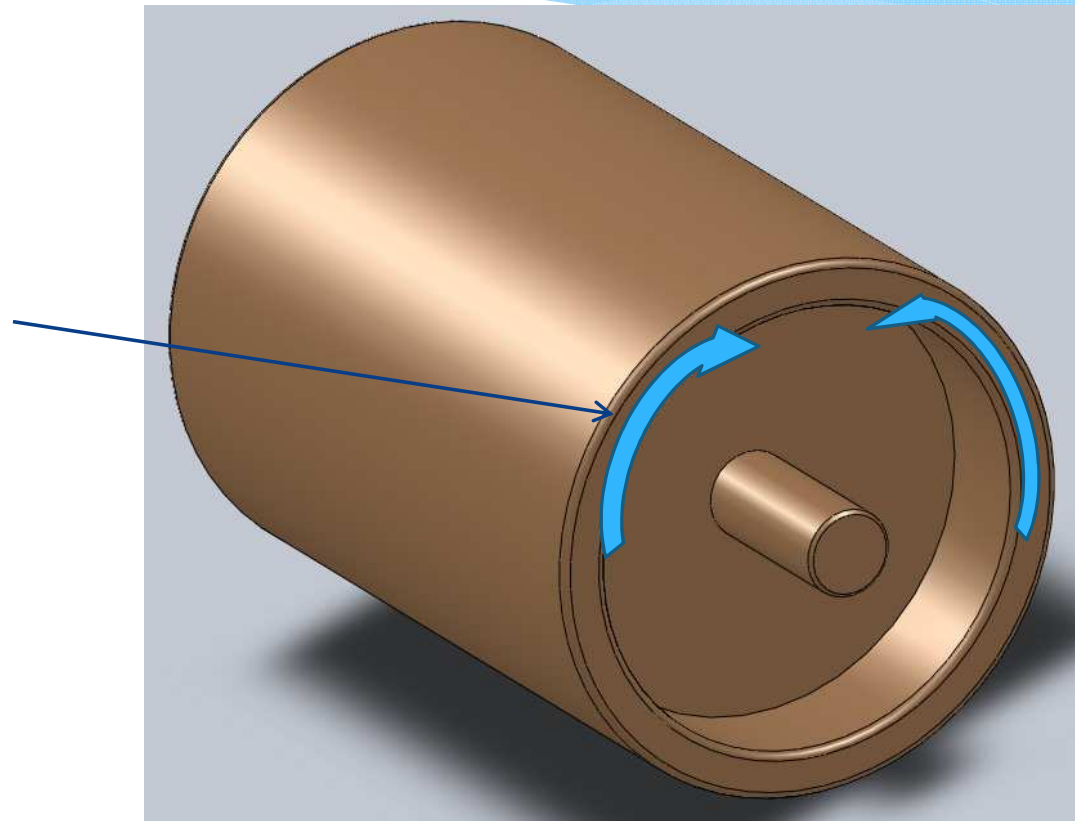
# Design Elements and Decisions

## 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.

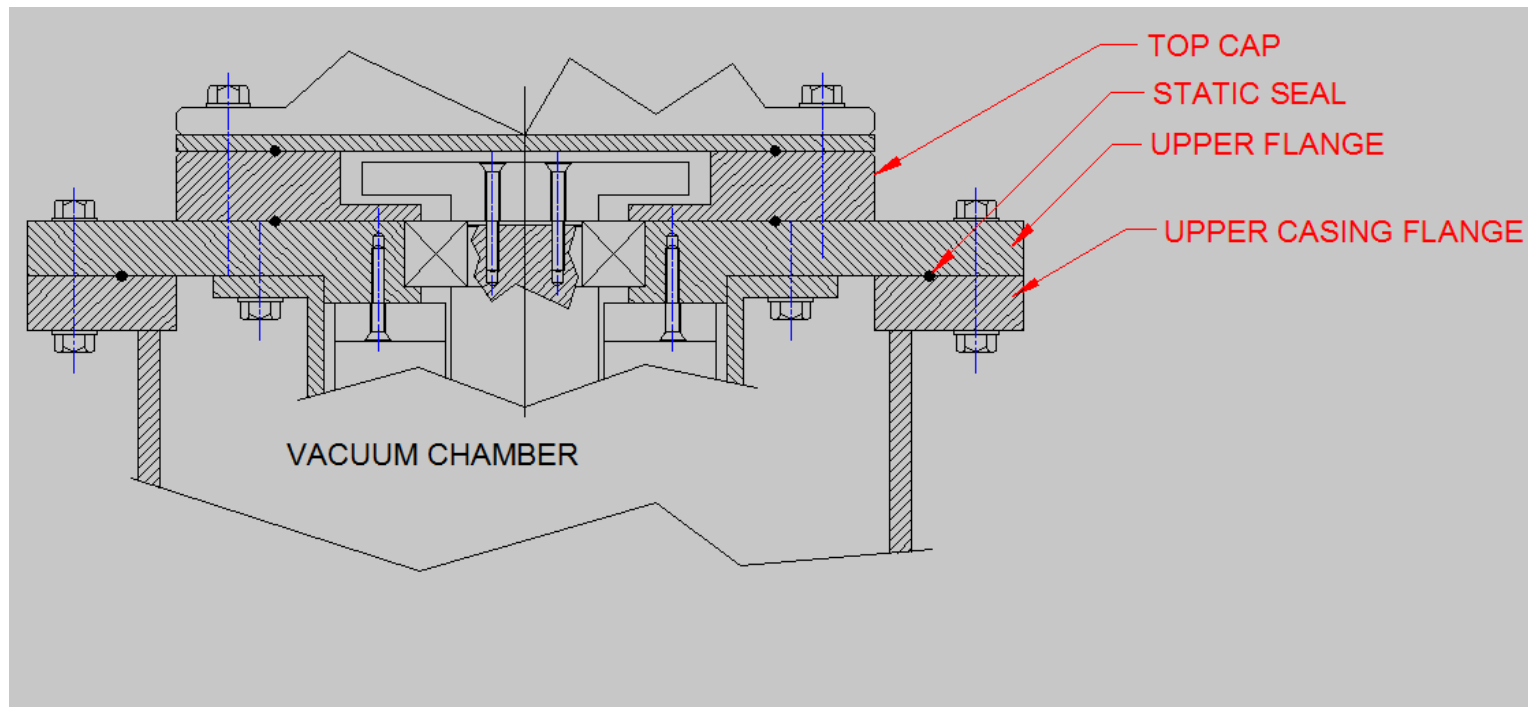


Specialist Ceramic Bearings  
Supplied by SKF

# Design Elements and Decisions

## Vacuum Chamber

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

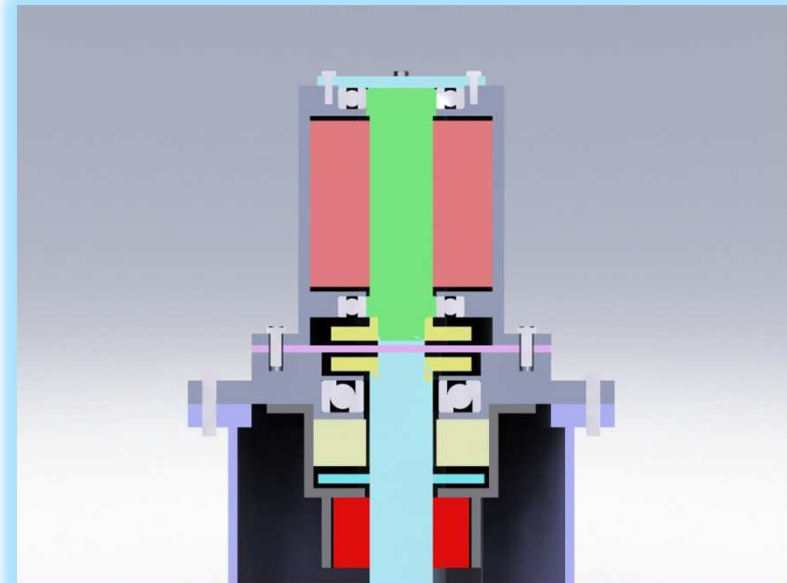
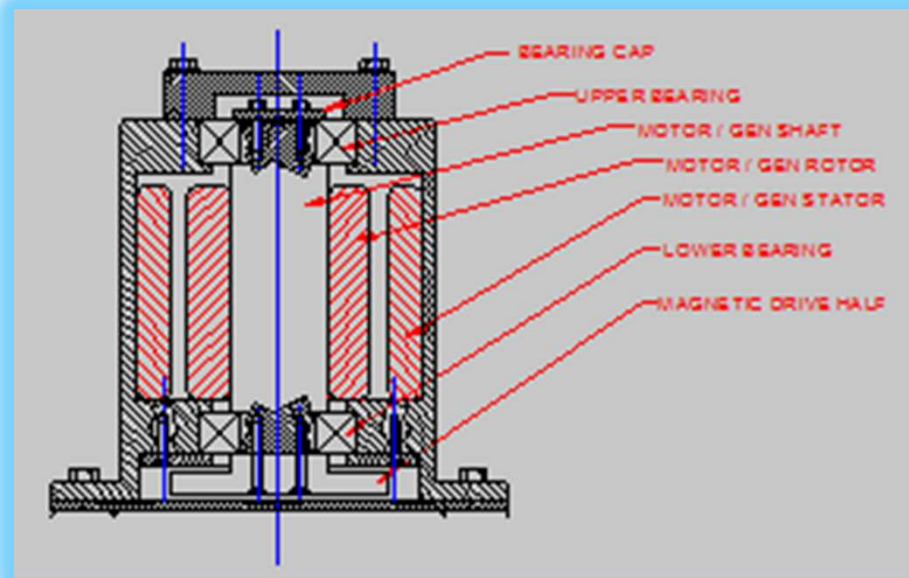




# Design Elements and Decisions

## Motor / Generator

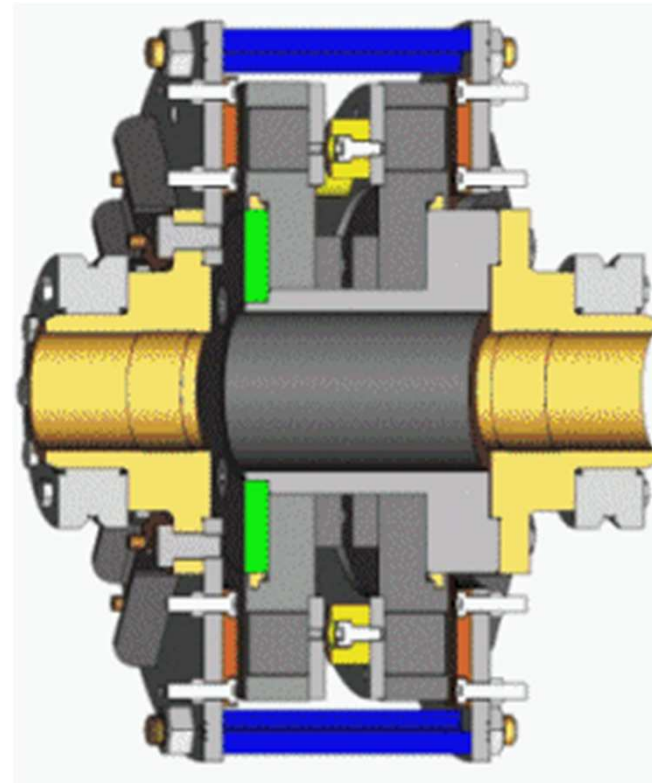
- \* External to main flywheel and vacuum chamber
- \* Modular unit can be changed easily



# 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:

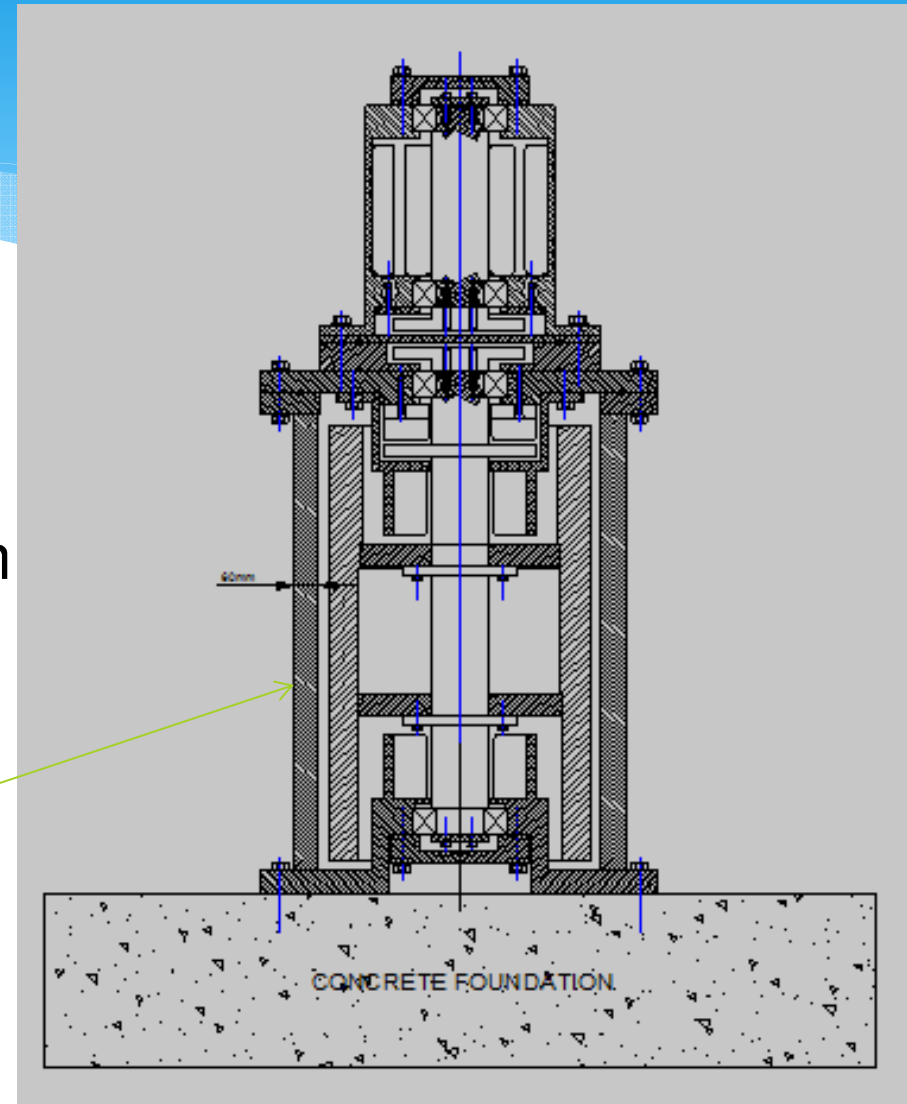
- Heavy containment cylinder on a heavy foundation
- Light weight vacuum chamber encased in a concrete casing.

# Design Elements and Decisions

## Containment Option One

- Heavy Steel Containment
- Heavy Concrete Foundation

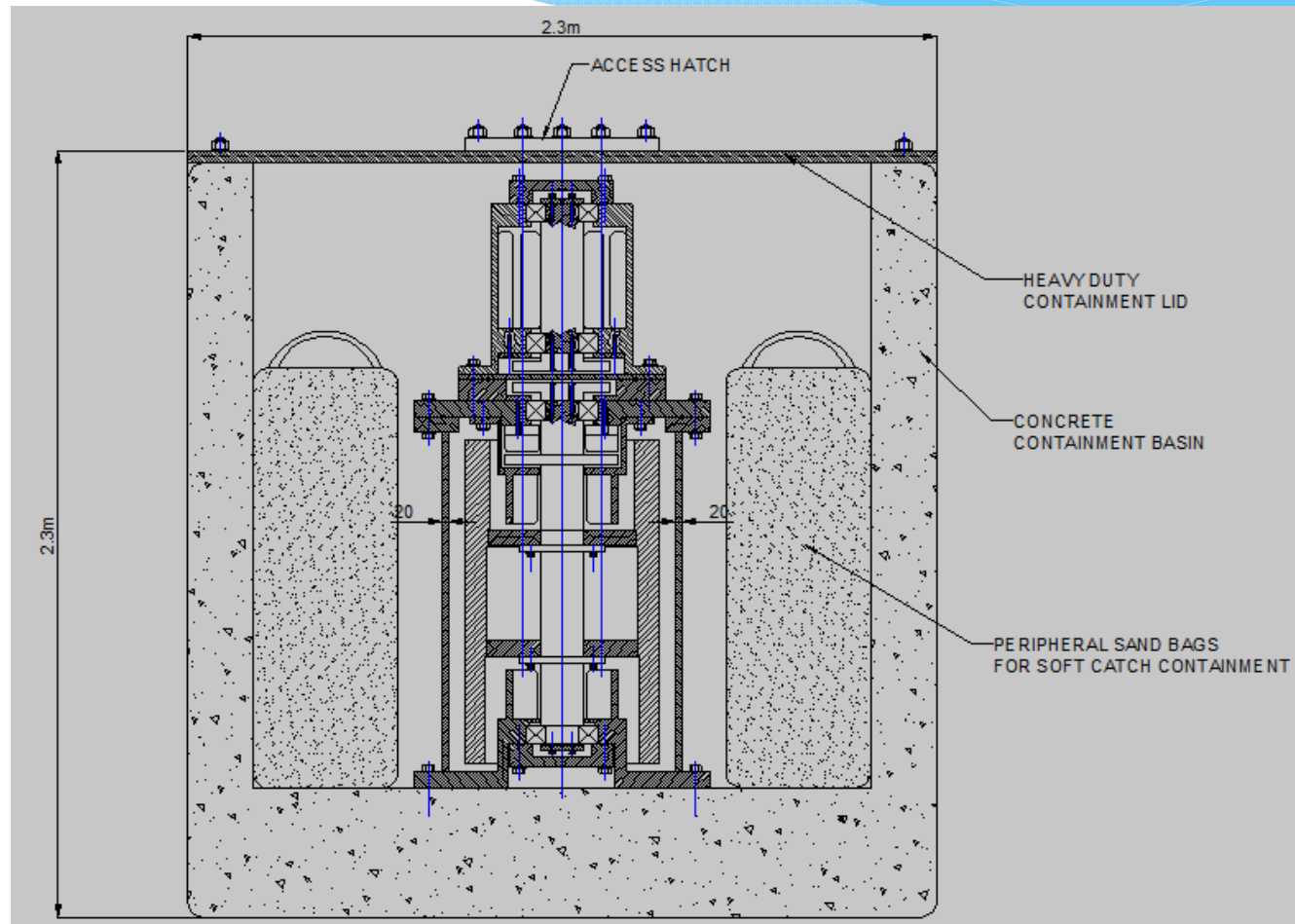
Heavy  
Casing



# Design Elements and Decisions

## Containment Option Two:

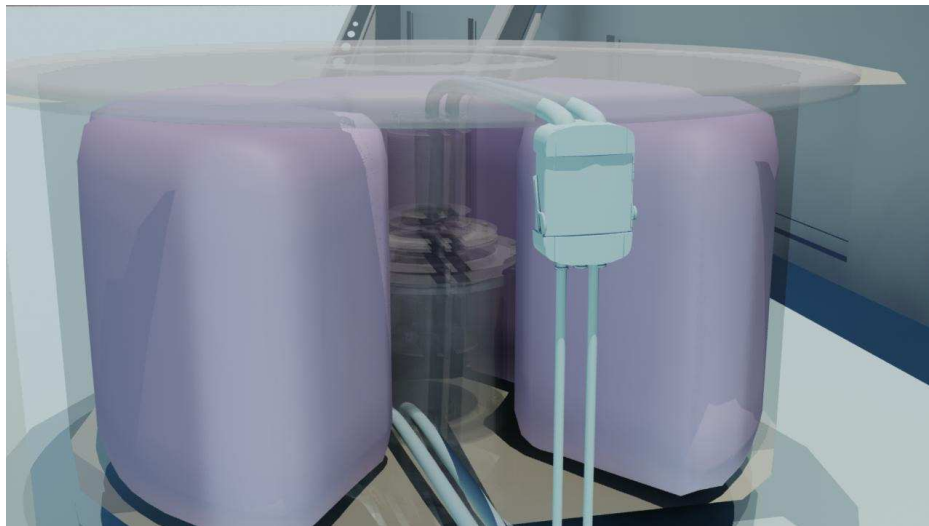
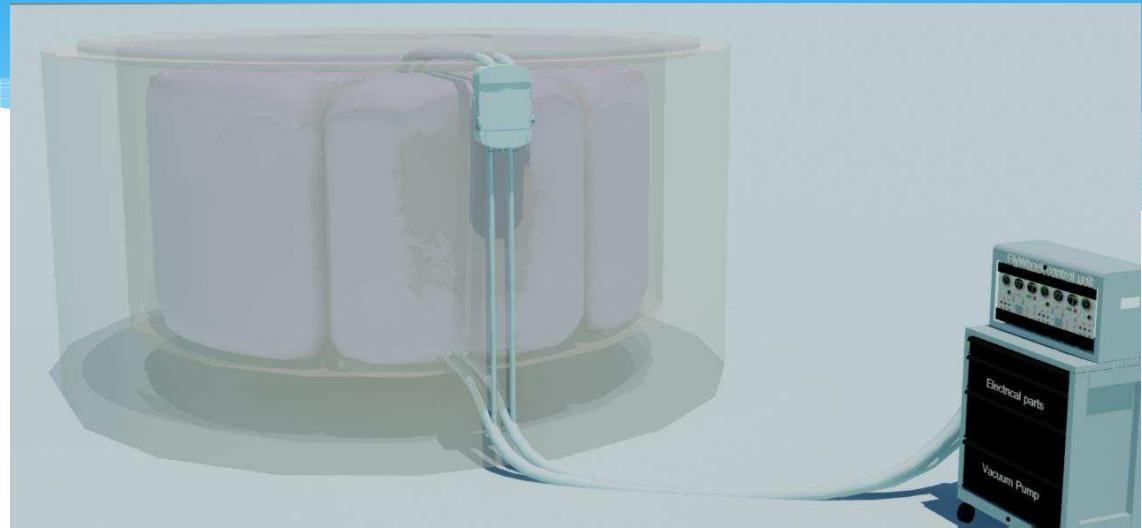
- Lightweight vacuum chamber encased in a concrete casing
- Includes sand bags radially mounted to act as a soft catch



# Design Elements and Decisions

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

Containment with sand bag segments

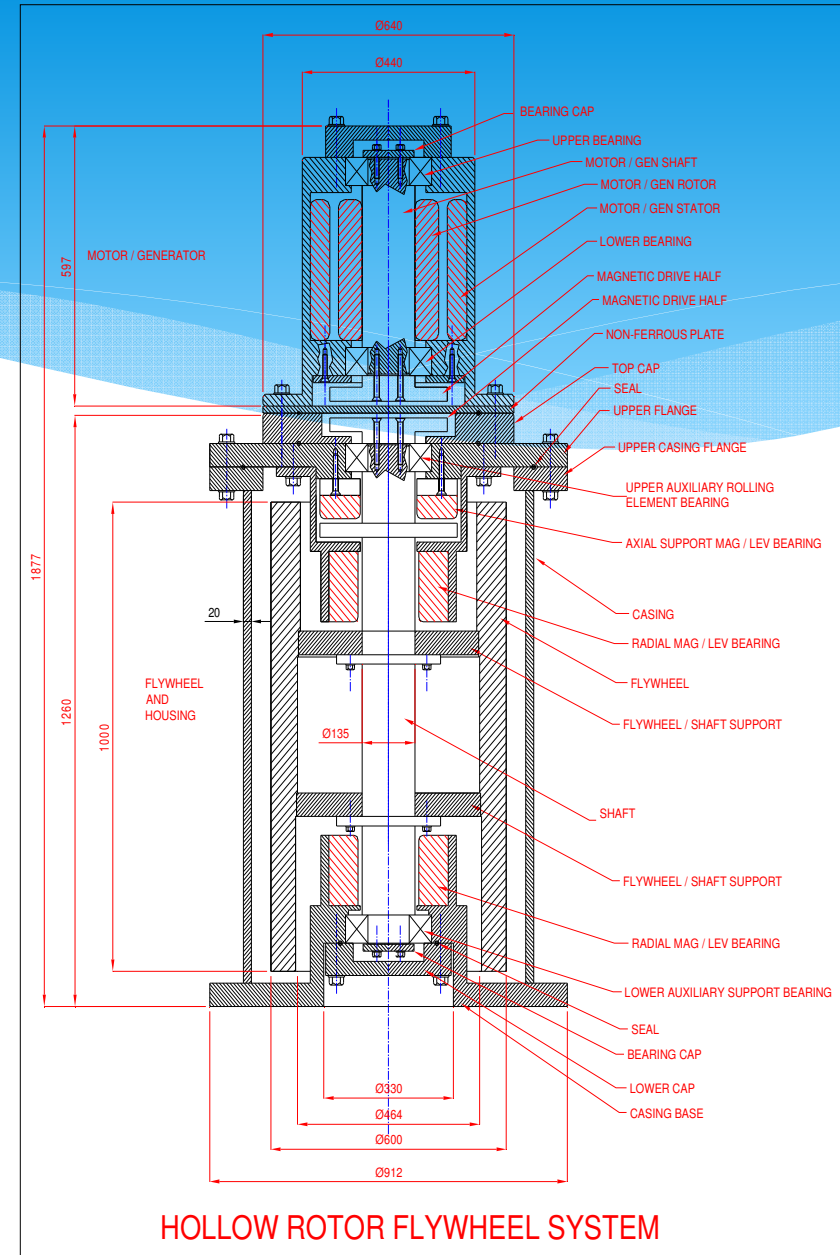


Containment with sand bag segments showing internal arrangement

# Concept Outlines

## Concept One Rim Type Flywheel

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



# Concept Outlines

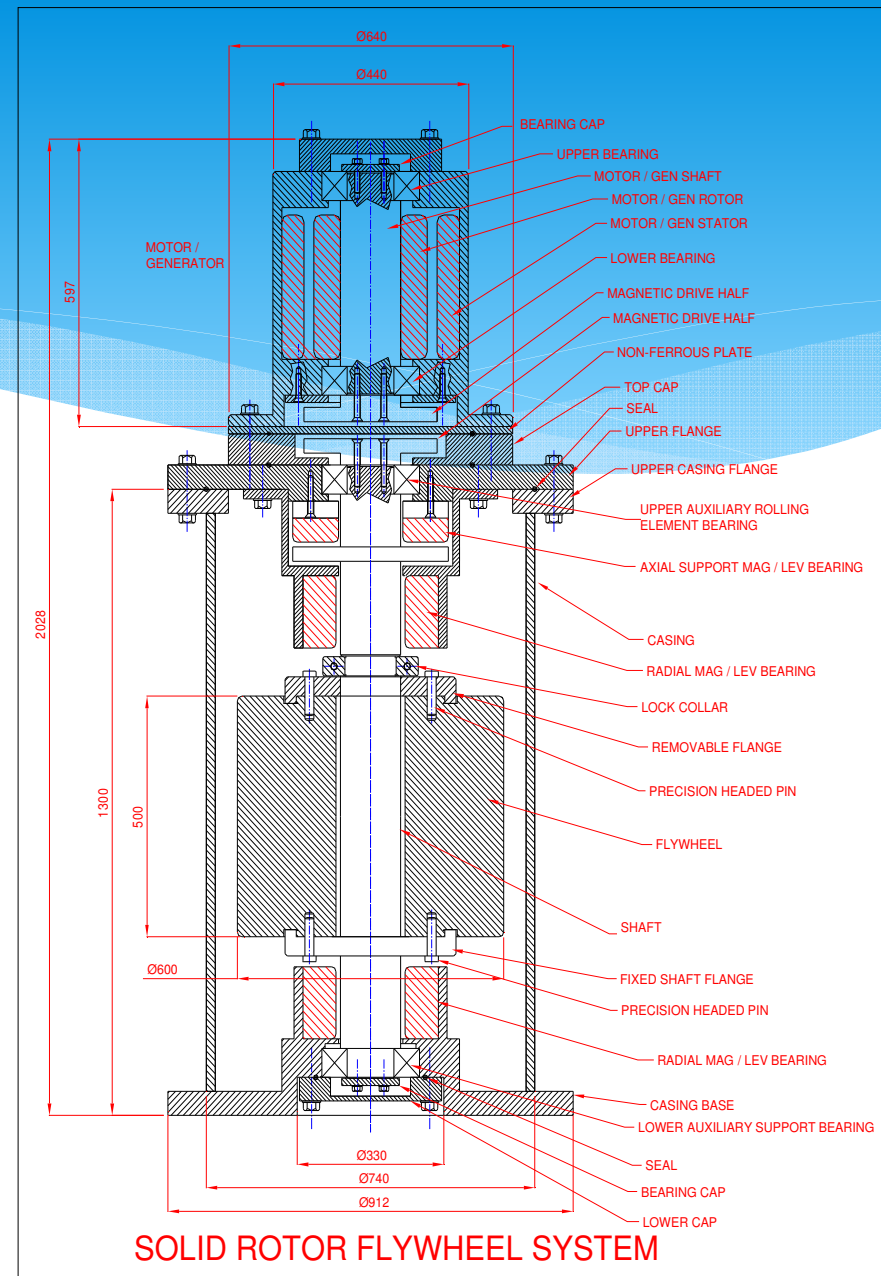
## Rim Type Flywheel



# 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

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

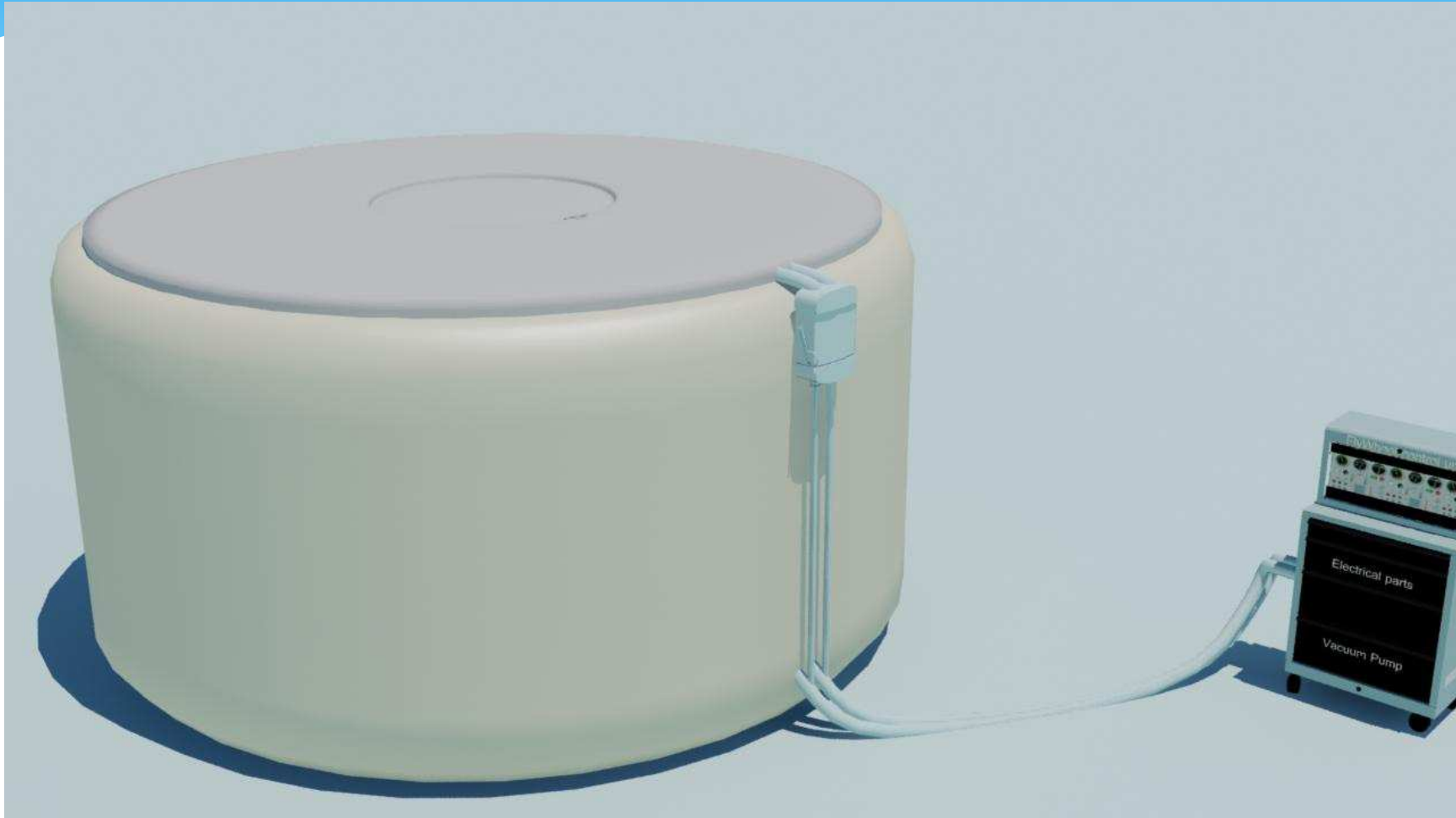
- Ease of Maintenance
- Ease of Assembly
- Standardised Components

## **Concrete containment can be:**

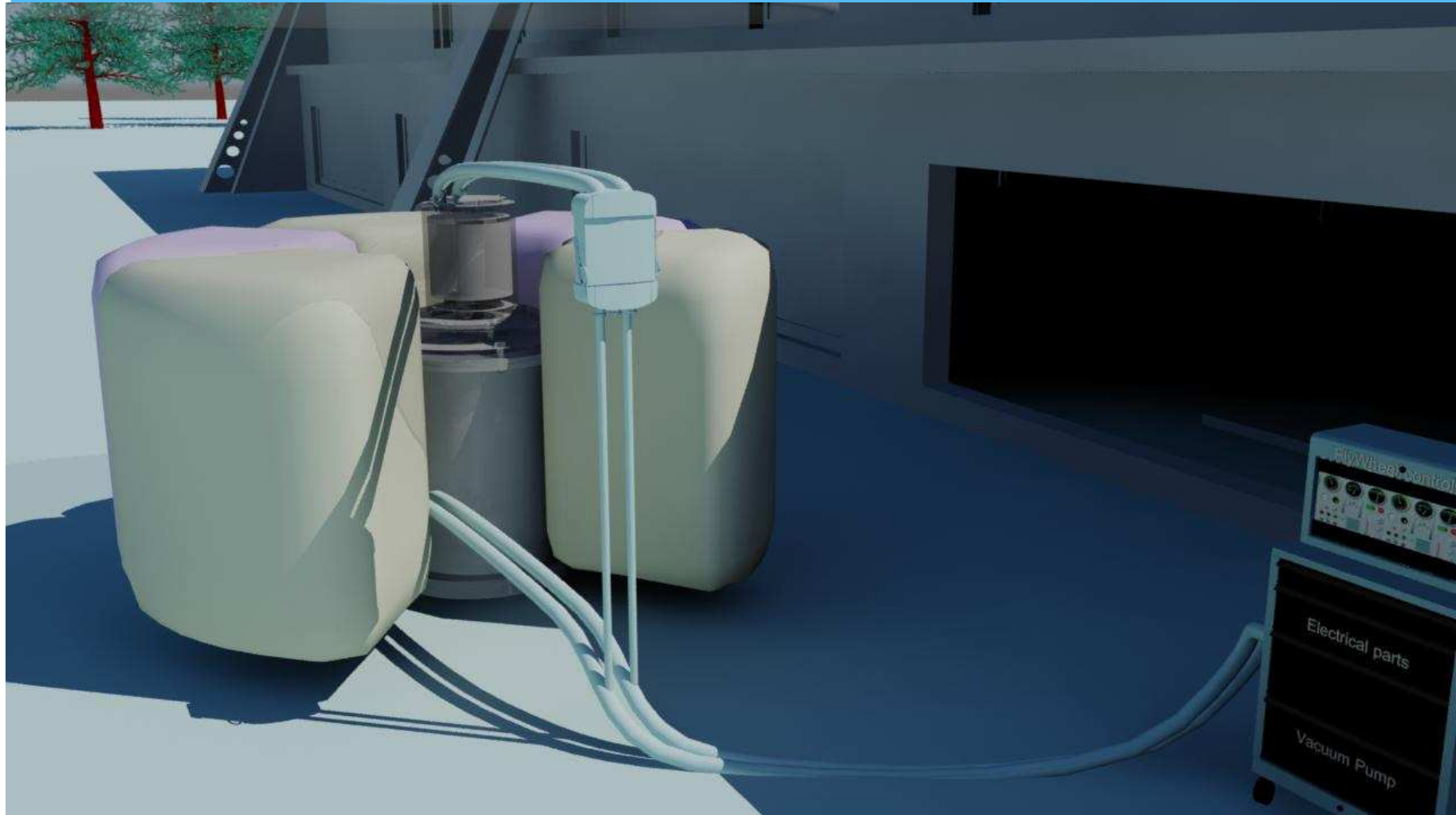
- Free Standing
- Buried

# Overall Concept

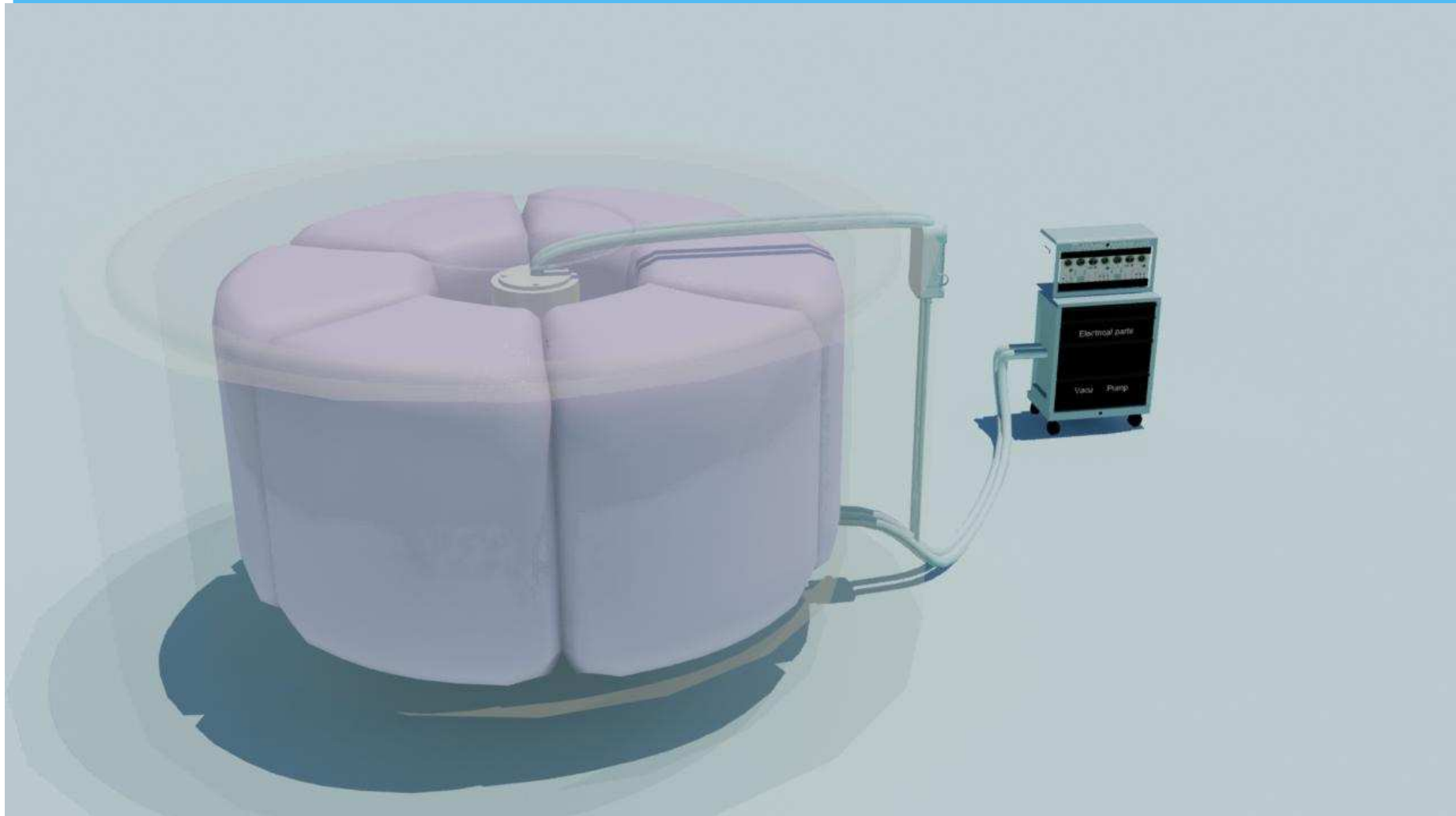
Single Concrete Containment Basing showing Lid and Control System



6 x sand bags in case of failure

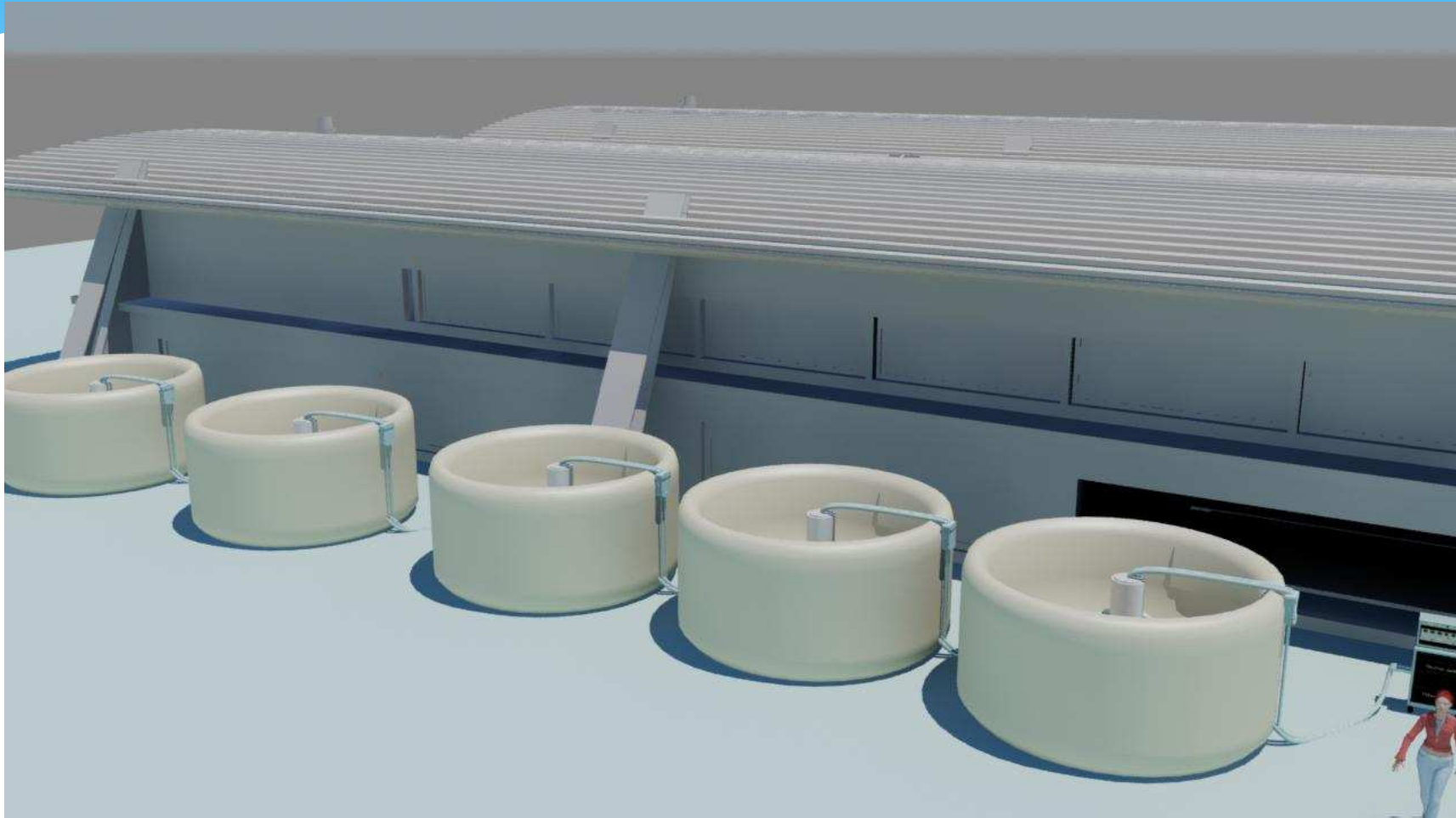


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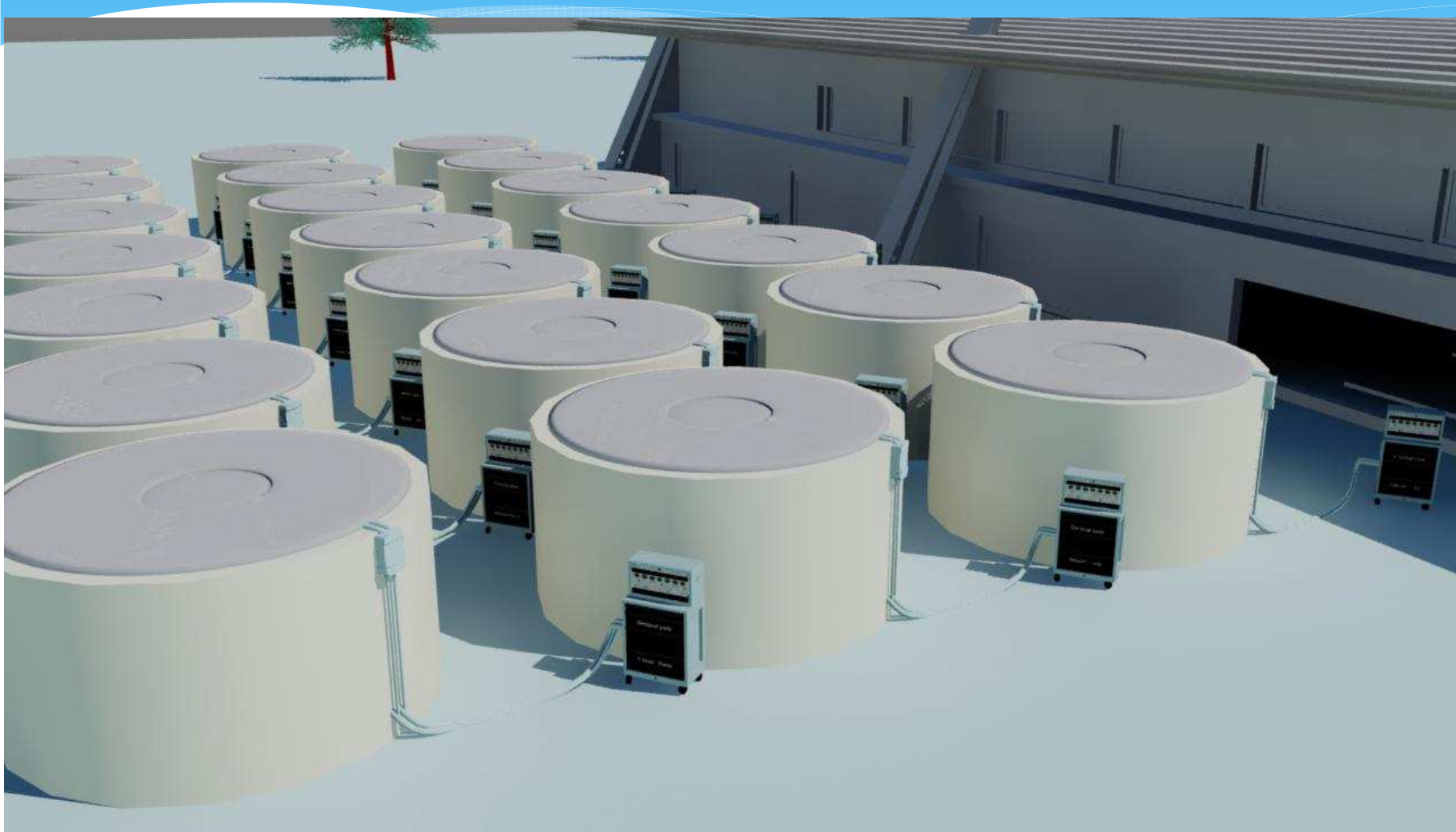
Envisaged Industrial Application (lead removed)





# Overall Concept

Envisaged Industrial Application (lead removed)



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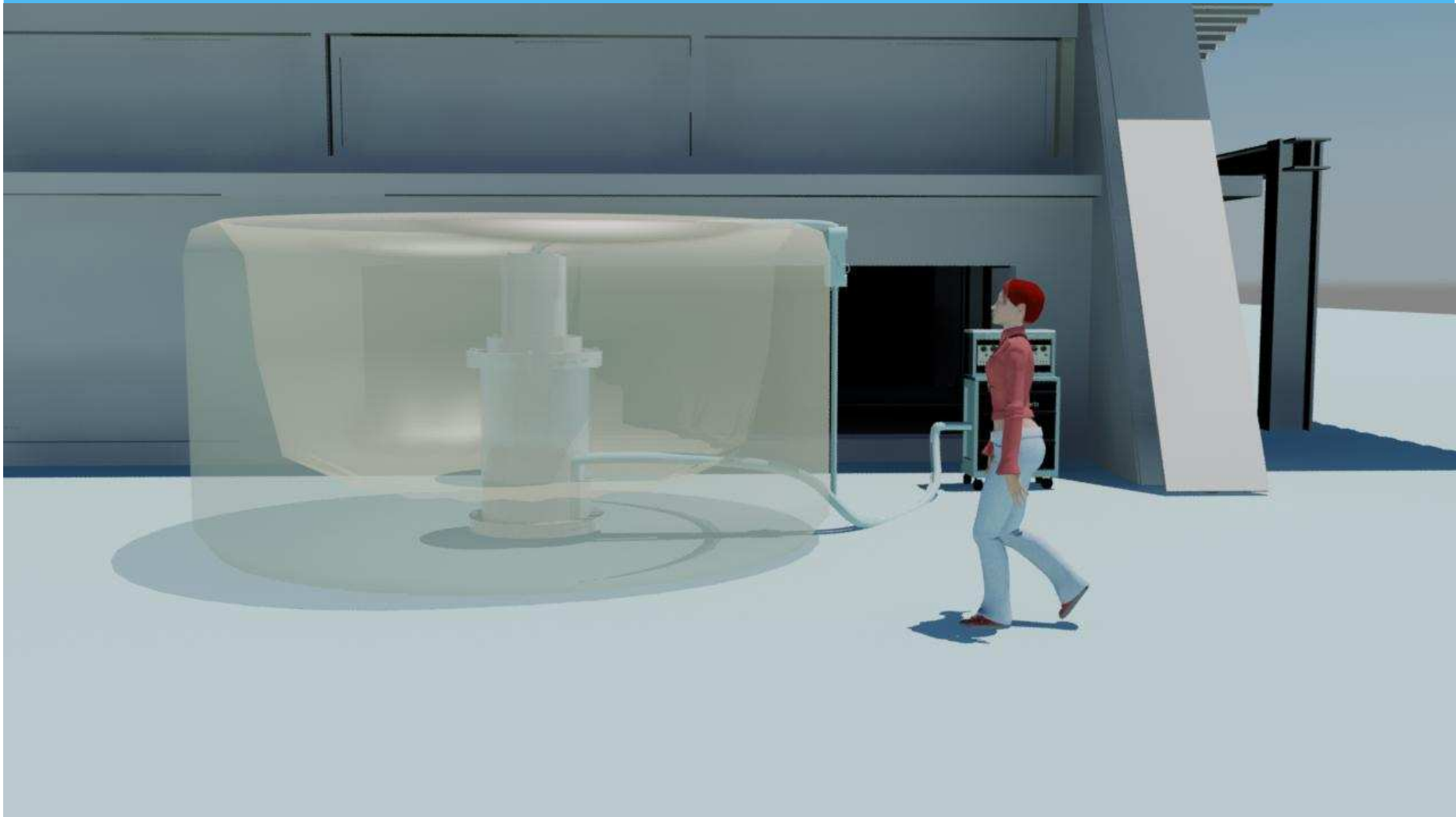
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# Overall Concept

General Scale Visualisation

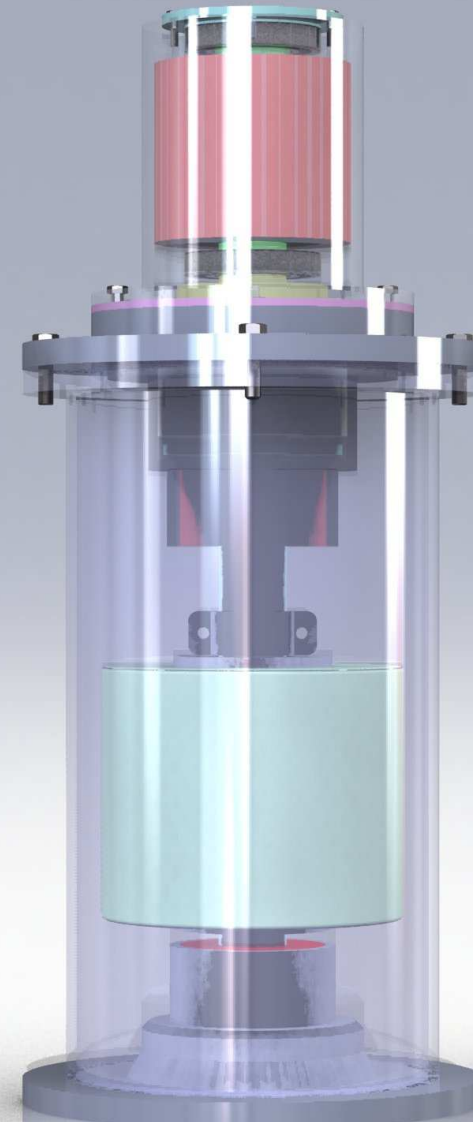
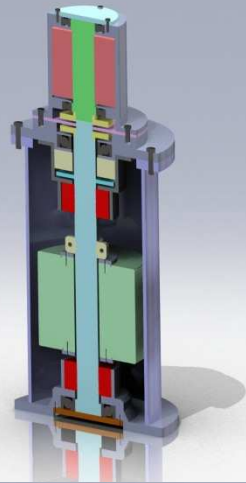


# Overall Concept: Industrial



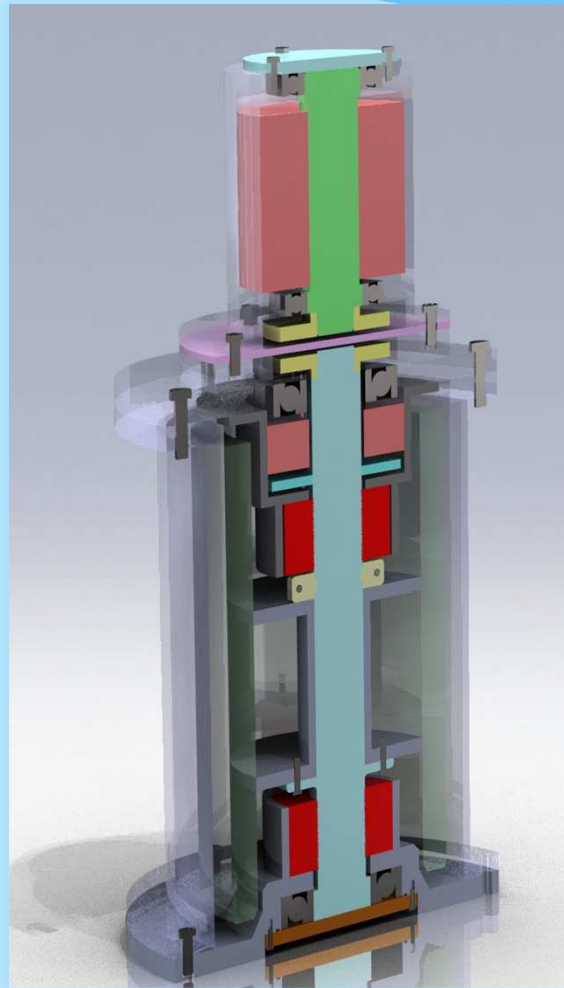
# Overall Concept – Solid

Visualisation of the Kinetic Energy Storage Device



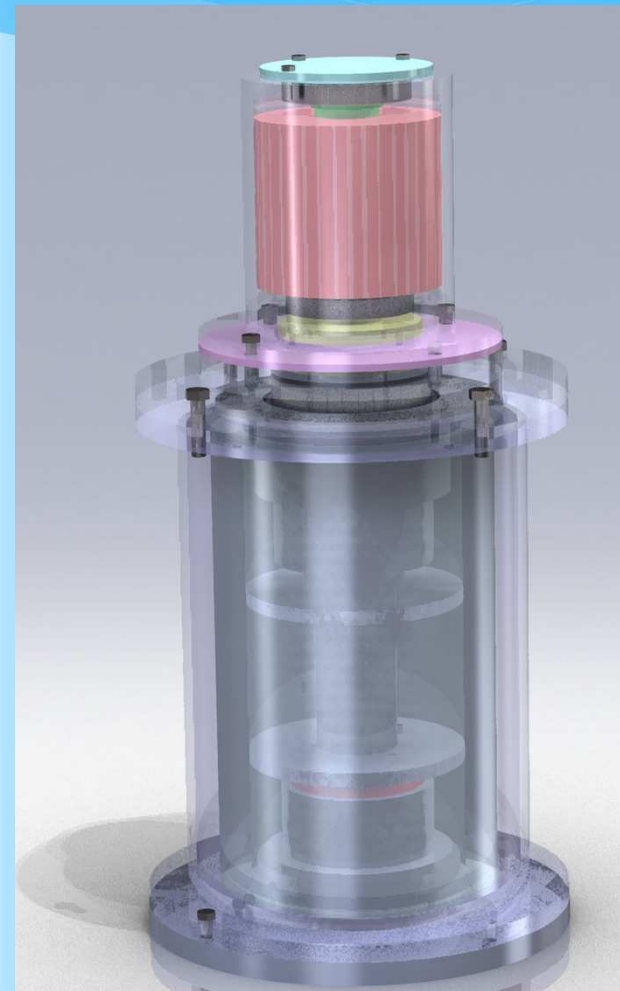
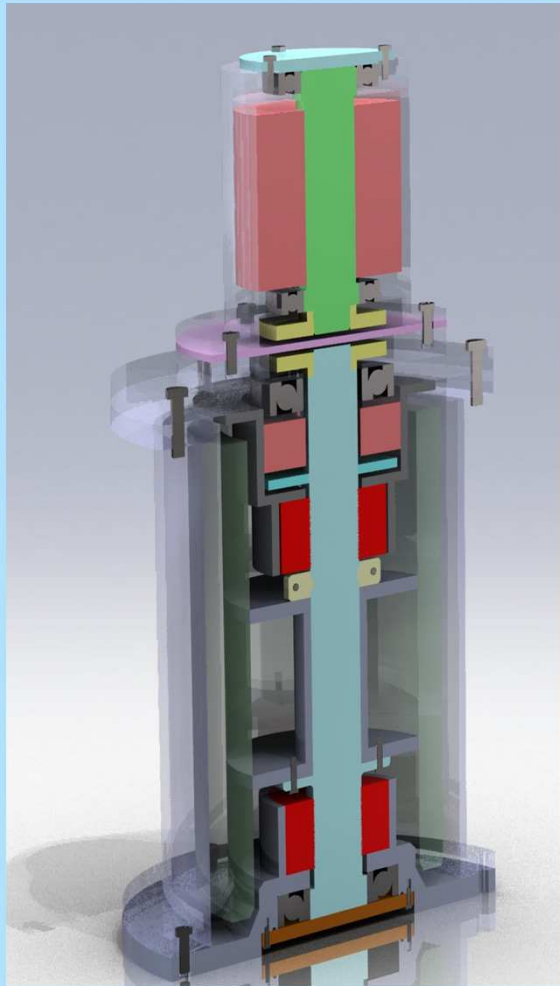
# Overall Concept - Hollow

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?**