

Analysis and Simulation on Thermal Behavior of Cryogenic Tank for Different Types of Internal Support Materials

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Abstract: *The cryogenic vessel is mainly a double-walled vessel which mainly consists inner vessel, outer vessel, and inner support. The Inner support is the main part designing of the cryogenic vessel for thermal and structural criteria. Inner support material for cryogenic vessels can be made of various materials depending on Net evaporation rate (NER) criteria and structural criteria (i.e. road transport, marine transport, space condition). Material for the Inner support structure has low thermal conductivity and high strength, low weight. To meet the design goal for very low thermal conductivity, high strength, and low weight the next-generation materials like carbon fibber and polymeric-based composites are being developed for cryogenic fuel tank applications. By using different materials like SS304, G-10, Inconel, Invar-36, High strength Carbon fibber, and polymer-based composites same support structure will be analysed in FEA software for Thermal and structural conditions and will compare for different load conditions to check structural integrity. Also will compare the impact of different materials on NER and holding day for cryogenic fluid*

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I. INTRODUCTION

The materials used in the tank that hold the gas at liquefaction temperatures must have a high level of ductility and fracture resistance while maintaining a high level of safety. In order to minimize the container's wall thickness, the material must also be strong enough to allow welding without risk of brittle fracture (Esab, 2001). In addition to strength, inner tank support should have very low conductivity at cryogenic temperature to minimize heat load. Understanding the plant operations, transport conditions and the environmental conditions to which the tank will be exposed is the first stage in selecting construction materials. So inner support material is crucial part in designing of cryogenic tank.



Figure 1. A marine LNG tank and its cut view

Peddada Thirumala Rao and all researched and study is done with both maximum and minimum stress strain settings, as well as static loading conditions. Glass epoxy for the homogenous vessel, structural steel, aluminium, copper, and titanium are among the materials being examined for various situations. The outside construction is made of steel, glass epoxy, copper, stainless steel, aluminium, and carbon fibre, while the inside structure is made of steel, carbon fibre, and aluminium fibre. When strain and stress are taken into account, carbon fibre epoxy for the inner structure and glass epoxy for the exterior structure perform comparably better than the other materials. Therefore, the material that works best for creating cryogenic vessels is "glass epoxy" for homogenous vessels and "glass epoxy for outer structure with carbon fibre for the inner structure" for multilayered vessels.

Federico Ustolin and all used to simulate and assess how the tank ladder behaved during a fire test. A reasonable agreement was established when the generated model was validated using experimental data, taking into account the uncertainties on experimental measurements and specification. To find the vessel TTF 539, further confirm the suggested model, and examine the behaviour of these kinds of vessels and their load in such an accident scenario, more trials are required. Lastly, the risk assessment and emergency response planning of cryogenic liquefied gas vessels can benefit from and be supported by this numerical technique.

J.E. Fesmire and all researched along with implications for densified cryofuel applications, the approach, problem solving, and system design for an integrated heat exchanger system for an existing liquid hydrogen storage tank are provided. Through testing with this new facility, the goals of long-term storage, densified cryofuels, and effective operational methods will be advanced. The findings will have implications for both space launch facilities and the transportation sector.

The idea is founded on the idea that by combining an Integrated Refrigeration and Storage (IRAS) tank with a cryogenic refrigeration system, LH2 losses can be completely eliminated and operational procedures can be enhanced.

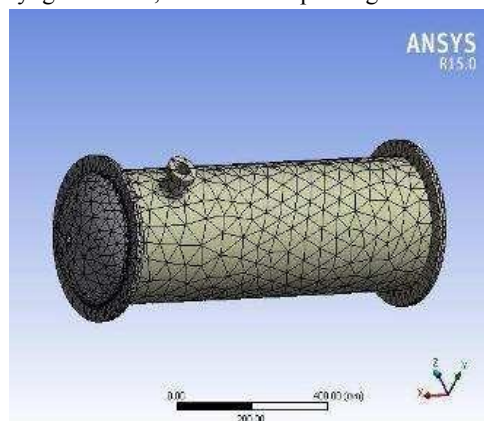
Gregory J. Hanna and all and all have Comprehensive temperature measurements in the vapour phase and two-dimensional model projections will be needed to fully characterise the system's mixing and thermal behaviour. An envelope of temperatures, vent rates, heat fluxes, and transient responses was obtained by simulating the behaviour of the GRCT under extensively varied testing settings. The envelope will significantly improve the creation of test scenarios for testing with both liquid nitrogen and liquid hydrogen.

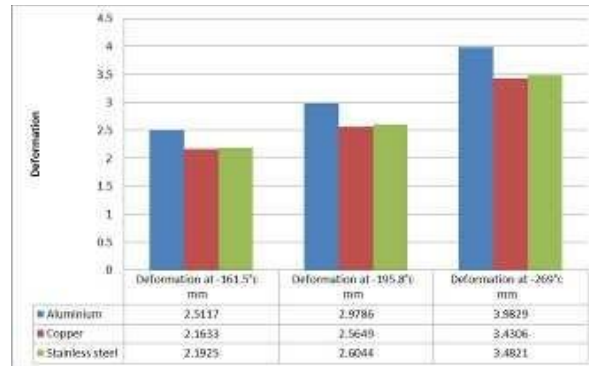
William L. Koand all have a comparison to the thermocryogenic loading, the stress fields caused by liquid pressure, internal pressure, and inertia loadings are secondary in nature.

On the cryogenic tank wall, high-stress areas were marked out for experimental strain gauge installations.

Two cryogenic tank finite element models were created for thermocryogenic buckling analysis and stress analysis under various loading situations.

Craig A and all analysed and discovered various factors that influenced the thermal behaviour of the Generic Research Cryogenic Tank. The features of ullage mixing, the location of applied high temperatures, and the apparent thermal conductivity of helium-insulation all influenced the behaviour of the Generic Research Cryogenic Tank. The focus of the thermal conductivity tests at the National Institute of Science and Technology, as well as most of the upcoming testing with the Generic Research Cryogenic Tank, will be on improving later thermal models.



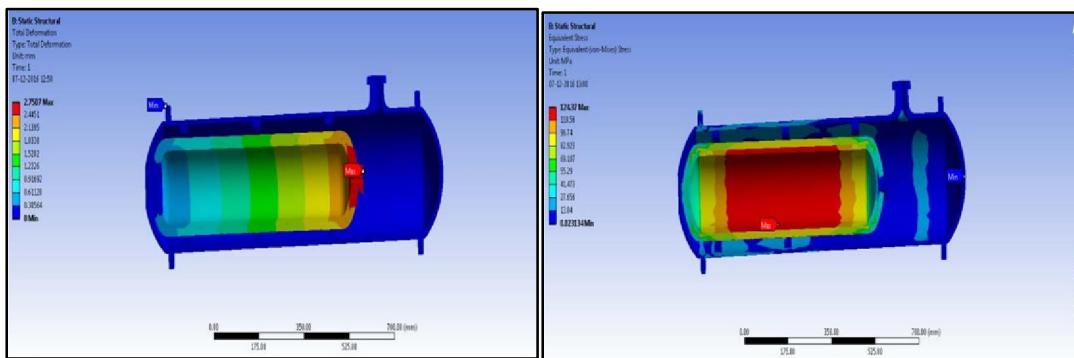


Theodore F. Johnson and all, These research' techniques and analytical tools provided an effective way to analyse, size, and assess candidate-integrated designs for future RLVs. The thermal sizing research developed a method for calculating the thickness of insulation layers using FEM.

By combining reliability optimisation approaches with deterministic optimisation techniques, the structural sizing study established an optimisation strategy that provided more resilient alternate structural designs than deterministic optimisation methods.

Matthew J. Daigle and all had a correlation relations are used to account for temperature and velocity boundary layers at tank walls. The lumped-parameter method is used to consider heat exchange affecting the tank wall. The model considers the major multi-phase mass and energy exchange processes involved, such as hydrogen condensation-evaporation, as well as fluxes of hydrogen liquid and vapour in the presence of pressurising helium gas, by employing basic conservation laws. For pressure management, the model includes a liquid hydrogen feed line and a tank ullage vent valve. The consequences of temperature stratification are studied, including the existence of vent valve oscillations. In Matlab, a simulation of temperature stratification effects in a generic cryogenic tank was built, and results for various tank settings are provided.

k. J. Jaya Kumara and all followed an evaluation of the various thermal insulation options, it was determined that a vacuum-jacketed design with an aluminium tank provided the most efficient thermal insulation design choice. Due to a higher rate of heat penetration and more propellant boil off, a tank design with high or low density aerogels results in a substantially heavier tank system. As a result, aerogels are not a viable insulation choice for cryogenic fuel storage. As a result of the investigation, a vacuum-jacketed design outperforms high or low density aerogel designs in terms of thermal insulation. As a result, we can conclude that aerogels are not a suitable design solution.



Matteo sambicci and all researched with a finite element method (FEM) model was built to compare the thermal insulation performance of a commercial FRAB for use in cryogenic storage/transport LNG tanks to that of classic perlite-based systems. Within the computational model's dependability restrictions, investigation revealed that FRAB insulation technology produced promising results and could be theoretically scalable for transporting cryogenic liquid. In addition to outperforming the perlite-based system in terms of thermal insulating efficiency and boil-off rate, FRAB technology allows for higher levels of insulation without a vacuum and with a lower thickness of the outer shell, which is advantageous for storing more material and lightening the weight of the LNG transportation semitrailer.

II. FINDINGS OF GAPS FROM LITERATURE REVIEW

1	<p>Prototype cryogenic tanks offer 20% weight reduction for space vehicles. Liquid oxygen compatibility is crucial for mission safety. Mechanical properties ensure tanks withstand extreme conditions. Research focuses on improving tank strength and durability. Findings pave the way for lightweight and reliable space vehicles. [Ni Liu, Bin Ma, Feng Liu, Wenxuan Huang, Baosheng Xu, Lijie Qu, Yazheng Yang](2017)</p>
2	<p>The detail about minimum inner vessel thickness calculation Outer vessel minimum thickness calculation Material properties and allowable limits as per code [Pratik Patel, Ronak Shah](2014)</p>
3	<p>Carbon fiber composites offer lightweight, high-strength solutions. Potential to revolutionize cryogenic storage and transportation. Various manufacturing techniques explored. Addressed challenges and solutions for large-scale cryotank manufacturing. Analyzed mechanical properties under extreme cold. Highlighted thermal insulation benefits. Comprehensive overview for cryogenic storage system development. [Hongfei Zheng, Xuesen Zeng, Jianbao Zhang and Hongjie Sun](2018)</p>
4	<p>Material properties like Glass fiber, Epoxy poly propylene for support Insulated material for Glass bubbles are advantageous for high-vacuum [J.E. Fesmire, J.P. Sass Z. Nagy, S.J. Sojourner](2018)</p>
5	<p>Study explores CFRP behavior in low temperatures. Focus on mechanical and fatigue properties. Investigates influence of temperature on CFRP performance. Microstructural changes impact mechanical properties. Contributes to understanding CFRP behavior in cryogenic conditions. [Okayasu, Mitsuhiro; Tsuchiya, Yuki](2016)</p>
6	<p>Mildly surface-functionalized graphene oxide improves epoxy nanocomposite mechanical properties significantly. Optimized surface functionalization enhances the interface between graphene oxide and the epoxy matrix. Important insights into the role of surface chemistry in enhancing mechanical performance. [Jie Fan, Jiping Yang, Letian Wang, Hong Li, Junpeng Tian, Jinrui Ye, Yunfeng Zhao](2019)</p>
7	<p>Strategies and modifications enhance robustness and crack resistivity. Improved structural integrity and durability for space applications. [Michal Delkowski, Christopher T.G. Smith, Jos'e V. Anguita, S. Ravi,P. Silva](2020)</p>
8	<p>Emphasis on the importance of studying materials for extreme cold applications. Understanding the influence of temperature on mechanical and thermal properties. Insights into different composite types and their behavior in cryogenic conditions. Summary of key research trends and advancements in the field. [S'api, Zsombor, Butler, Richard](2021)</p>
9	<p>Graphene oxide oxidation degree significantly influences cryogenic mechanical properties. Higher oxidation degrees enhance mechanical performance in nanocomposites. Improved dispersion, stronger interfacial interactions, and cross-linking structures contribute to enhanced properties. Optimization of oxidation degree is key for tailoring nanocomposite properties in cryogenic applications. [Jie Fan, Jiping Yang, Hong Li, Junpeng Tian, Meng Wang, and Yunfeng Zhao](2022)</p>
10	<p>Design calculations and results for the analysis of different materials have been shown.</p>

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11	Method to do FEA in Ansys. Structural behavior of support material and its attachments in FEA. [K. Sunil. , B. Nagar., J. Arulmani](2016)
12	The shortcomings in the research and application of cryogenic materials for liquid hydrogen storage and transportation containers are summarized to provide guidance for the future development of container materials. [YinanQiu, Huan Yang , Lige Tong](2021)
13	Temperature distribution of the tank and magnitude are obtained and used for estimation of transient heat transfer, induced thermal stress, structural stress, distortion in the material due to chill-down and pressurization. [S. Murugan, M.S. Starvin, K. MurugaDhas](2013)
14	A vacuum-jacketed design with an aluminum tank offered the most efficient thermal insulation design option. A tank design with high or low density aerogels results in a much heavier tank system, due to a higher rate of heat penetration and more propellant boil off. [K. J. Jaya Kumar](2015)
15	In this paper , risk analyses is performed which shows inner vessel material is most crucial part in design. [H. Nemati, R. Heidary](2012)
16	To understand how insulation thickness affects the development of the tank's pressure and temperature, a transient, two-phase thermodynamic model of a liquid hydrogen cryogenic propellant tank utilized in a typical launch mission is built. As time passes temperature and pressure of the cryogenic tank increase till their steady value. [Prabhash Singh , Divyansh Prakash](2023)
17	The CFD-MP model was used to simulate the evaporation of LN2 by which holding time calculation is carried out. [Felipe Huerta Pérez](2021)
18	The calculation of transient heat conduction and the temperature profile evolution in the support system during the whole flight trajectory. the long-term stability for different types of structural materials, An experimental setup was developed and several material samples were tested [Felipe Huerta Pérez](2016)
19	During the development it is found that the heat transfer cannot be well predicted by means of existing correlations due to the extreme temperatures and pressures in the tank. It is realized that radial injection reinforces the natural convection pattern in the tank, likely increasing heat transfer. Axial injection destroys this convective pattern and thus has likely less heat transfer. [R.J.G. Hermsen](2017)
20	Fracture toughness does not change significantly at cryogenic temperatures, but the thermal stresses play a major role in fracture and initiation of delaminations from transverse cracks [Sukjoo Choi , Bhavani Sankar](2006)
21	Several of these films were introduced as a layer in the composite to form an interleaved, or hybrid, composite to found have high strength in compression and low strength in shear. [Brian Grimsley, Roberto Cano, Norman Johnston](2020)
22	Glass epoxy can be utilized which will decrease warm exchange from the conduction of Surge plates

	which are bolster from external vessel to the inward vessel. The glass epoxy significantly withstands the temperature effects on strength. [ChintuJagadeesh, K. Srinivasa Rao](2019)
23	Thermal structure Effect of sloshing during transportation on inner tank and its support and calculation for minimum thickness of support to withstand transport loads. [E. Lisowski, M. Domagała](2010)
24	Mathematical modeling is found to design support and inner vessel considering large thermal contraction and its abnormal material behaviour. [Gagan Agrawal, Jeswin Joseph, Deepak Agarwal](2017)
25	The procedure conforms to ASME SECTION 8, DIVISION-1 and DIVISION-2. The procedure for designing nitrogen cold convertor to the required specifications has been studied and modified to create a perfect storage cryogenic vessel. The design calculations and results have been shown in this paper. [HepsibaSeeli, Sri Harsha Dorapudi, PasalaVenkata Satish](2016)

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