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A project example

# LIQUID HYDROGEN SYSTEM FOR AVIATION – DESIGN AND SIMULATIONS

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# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**



Picture Source: DLR

## Hydrogen Aviation Lab

Ground demonstrator for usage of liquid hydrogen in a common airplane (A320)

**Partner** 

#### Goals

- Demonstration of handling of an LH<sub>2</sub> system on board and at ground
- Operation of on-board systems with LH<sub>2</sub> as energy source and a fuel cell

### Scope of DLR Lampoldshausen

- Design und Erection of the complete H<sub>2</sub> system on board until fuel cell interface
- simulation of system behavior for various scenarios (fueling, taxiing, flight)
- Optimization regarding to
  - safety
  - efficiency
  - Boil-off







#MakeChangeFly



# DESIGN



# Arrangement view







### **Ecosim Pro**



#### Overview

- Dynamic simulation tool developed by European Space Agency (ESA)
- Applications are
  - Space propulsion (ESPSS)
  - Environmental Control and Life Support Systems (ECLSS)
  - Gas turbines
  - Aircraft systems
  - Cryogenics (CERN)
  - Power plants



### **Aircraft Tank Model**





## Szenario 1 – Simple Tank Cycle



### Modelling of a complete tank cycle

- Fueling phase with decreasing mass flow
- Standing time
- Withdrawal phase with increasing mass flow

#### Result

- Condensation of GH<sub>2</sub> while standing time
  - $\rightarrow$  LH<sub>2</sub> level increases



## Szenario 2 – Dynamic Fuel Cell Demand



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- Mass flow regulation reacts very fast, PID can be optimized
- Used Evaporator reacts very slow
  - Critical temperature peaks
  - Optimization of PID regulator necessary





# OUTLOOK

### Outlook



#### 2023

Finalization of procurement

#### 2024

- Pre-cooling of refurbished LH<sub>2</sub> storage at DLR Lampoldshausen
- Assemby of complete LH<sub>2</sub> system inside the airplane
- Commissioning and testing
- Validation and expansion of numerical simulations



## Thank you for our attention!





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