



Zero carbon emissions aircraft development  
to deliver the world's first truly green passenger carrying  
airline services using hydrogen fuel cell technology

# FRESSON Hydrogen Fuel Cell Propulsion

## Why is this difficult?

### Design Challenges

- Mass
- System efficiency and power budget
- System responsiveness and stability
- Thermal management
- Drag
- Power electrics
- Reprovisioning of conventional systems
- Packaging
- System safety
- Certification



**Only meaningful when solved at aircraft-level**

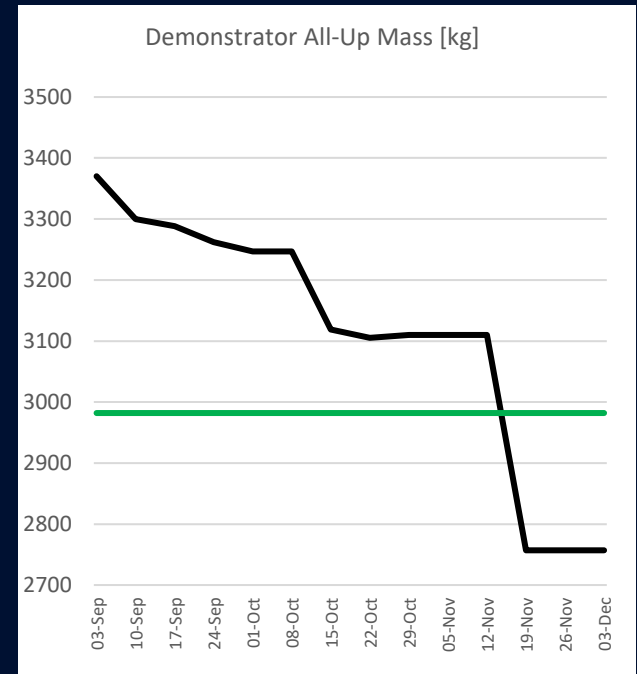
**Only optimized at aircraft-level**

**Only certifiable when qualified at aircraft-level (currently)**

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## What are we learning?

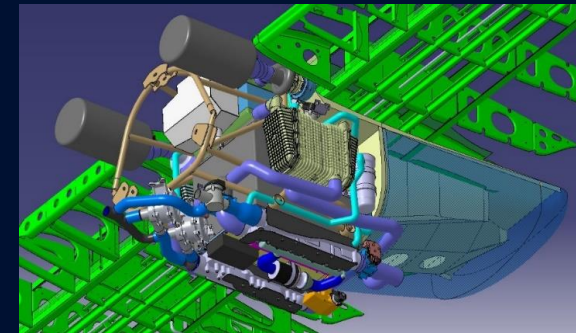
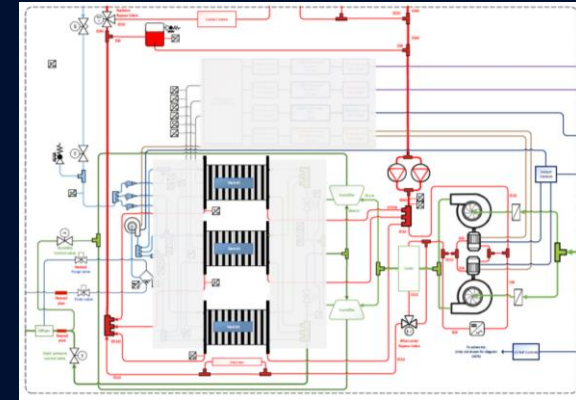
- **Value of tackling the challenges of hydrogen fuel cell powered, electrical propulsion in a real aeroplane:**
  - **Thermal Management**
    - Key practical challenge for hydrogen fuel cell powered aircraft
    - Conventional radiators not flyable
    - Win-win collaboration with Reaction Engines
    - FRESSON problem solved
    - Technology will be demonstrated and certifiable
  - **Electrical Architecture**
    - For a practical aeroplane, mass drives search for elegant solutions
    - Novel solution will be demonstrated and certifiable
    - Signposts key electrical architectures and technologies
  - **Development road maps**
    - System design optimization
    - Basic aircraft mass reductions
    - Specific power increases
    - Thermal optimization
    - Mass-efficient fuel tanks



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## Foundation for zero carbon emissions aircraft design

- FRESSON delivers applicable and scalable hydrogen fuel cell powered, electric propulsion for 9- to 19-passenger commercial aircraft (and larger)
- By starting now (whilst LH2 is immature), supports a viable GH2 product, whilst the viability and availability of LH2 catch up, to support future 9-passenger iterations and 19-passenger applications
- Builds foundation for CAeS whole-aircraft design, for new, zero-emissions aeroplanes:
  - Experts in zero-emissions propulsion system architecture and integration
  - Intelligent customer for zero-emissions propulsion sub-systems and components
  - IP in novel electrical architecture
  - IP in zero-emissions propulsion installation design
  - IP in modular and scalable and zero-emissions propulsion system designs that work at aircraft-level
  - Able to exploit the technology to the full, by designing an aeroplane around it



### Needs airport infrastructure that can support:

- Gaseous hydrogen now
  - 350 and 700 bar
  - 20 to 50kg per aircraft flying hour
  - At departure, destination and diversion airfields
- Liquid hydrogen ASAP in the future







Size matters

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