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## ICPT - Electrolysis/Fuel Burner Unit, Project Report 1 (2020)

Detailed Design & Construction for:

- Electrolysis
- Fuel burner

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# 1 Alkaline Electrolysis of Water Unit

## 1.1 Overview

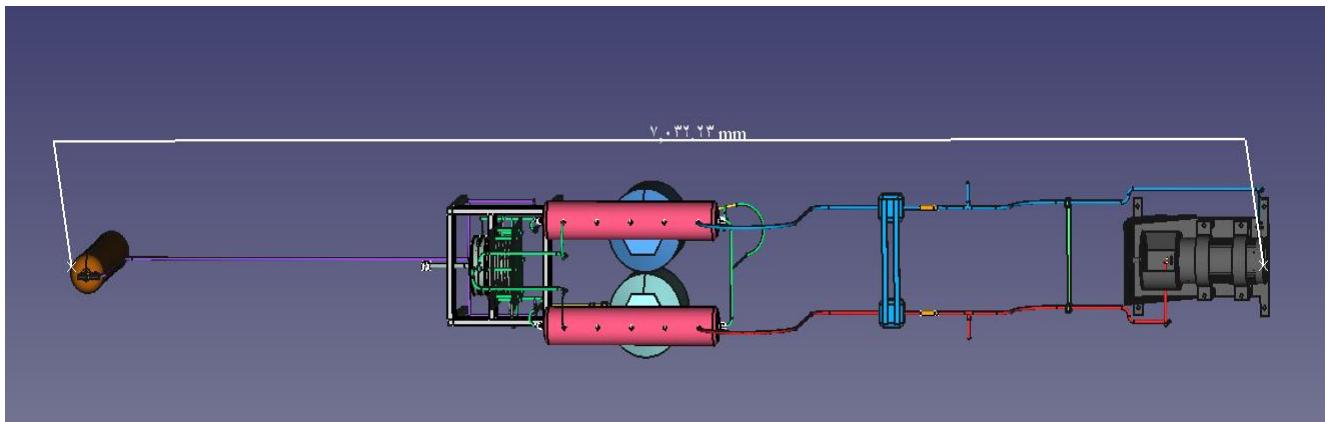


Figure 1 : Plant of electrolysis (FreeCAD)

Specification	
<b>Voltage</b>	4 volt
<b>Current</b>	150 Ampere
<b>Power</b>	0.6 KW
<b>KOH</b>	1.33 Kg
<b>Gas flow rate Hydrogen all stacks</b>	$2.27 \text{ L} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$
<b>Gas flow rate Oxygen all stacks</b>	$1.13 \text{ L} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$
<b>Dimensions</b>	Electrode (Radius: 15 cm / thickness: 2cm) Stainless 304  Stack (Radius: 15 cm/ Thickness: 16 cm)

Table 1: Specification of electrolysis

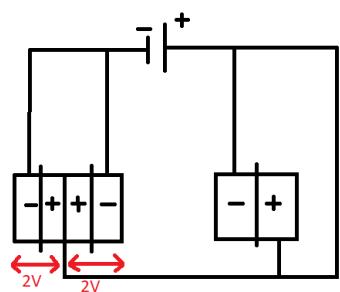


Figure 2 :Multistack Amperage/Voltage

Each stack has 2 serial cells ( $2+2 = 4$  Volt / 75 Ampere)

2 stack parallel ( $4$  Volt/ 75 Ampere \* 2 = 150 Ampere)

- Each electrode has thickness 2 cm: 166.6 g (KOH)
- We have 6 electrodes (2 cm) =>  $4 * 166.6 = 666.6$  g (KOH)

- Electrode has thickness 4 cm: 333.3 g (KOH)
- We have 2 electrodes (4 cm) =>  $2 * 333.3 = 666.6$  g (KOH)

## 1.2 FreeCad Design

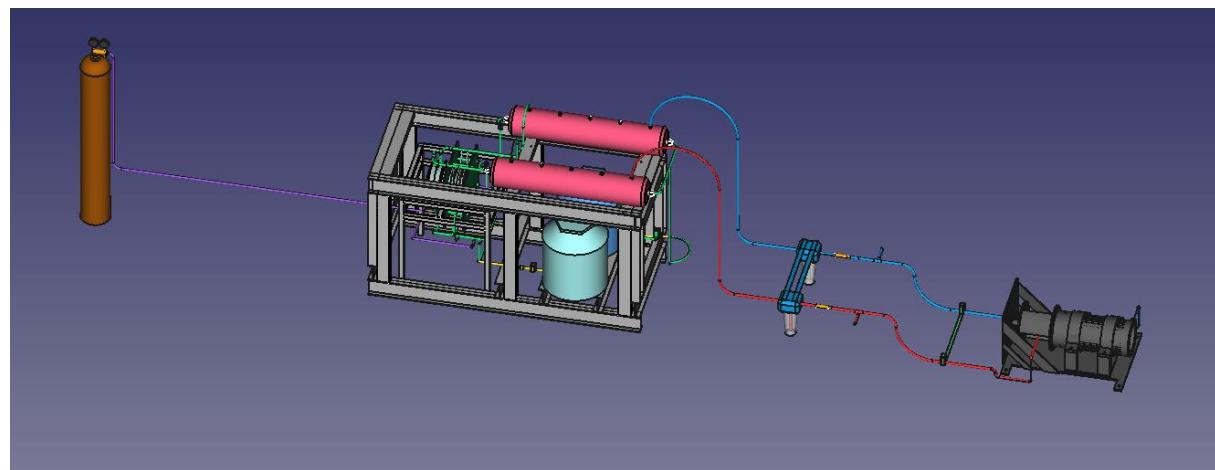


Figure 3



electrolyser+fuel burner 010120.FCStd

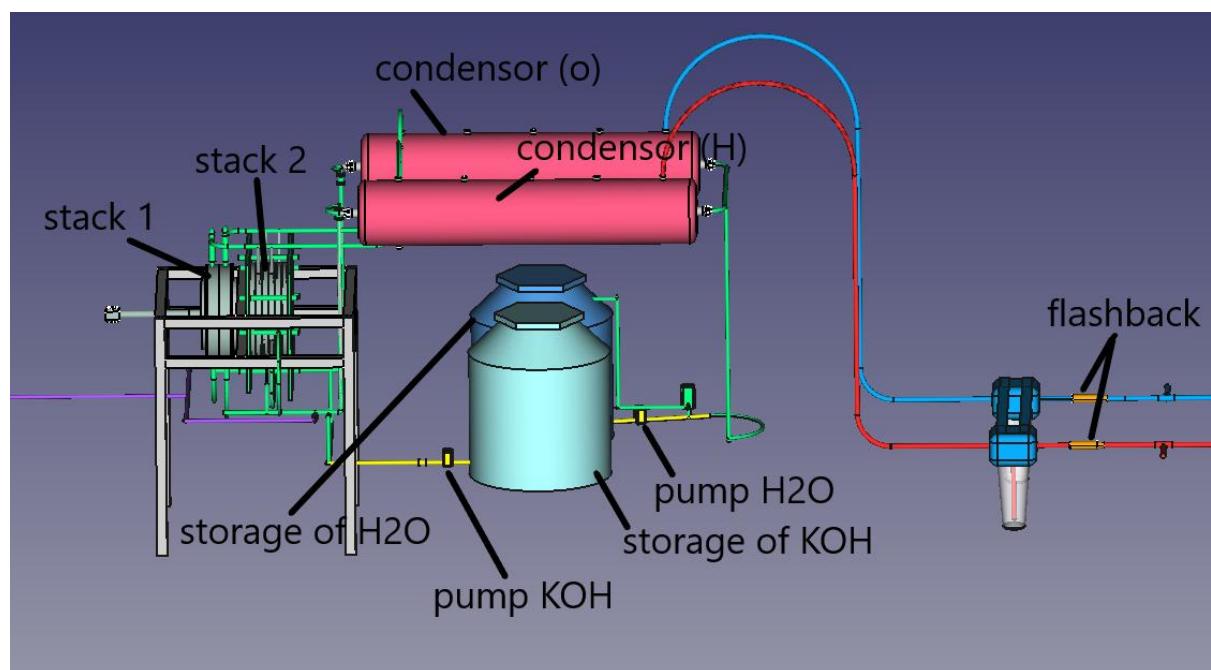


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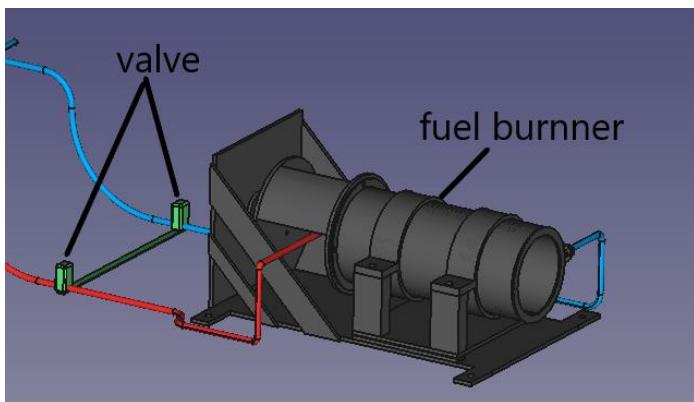


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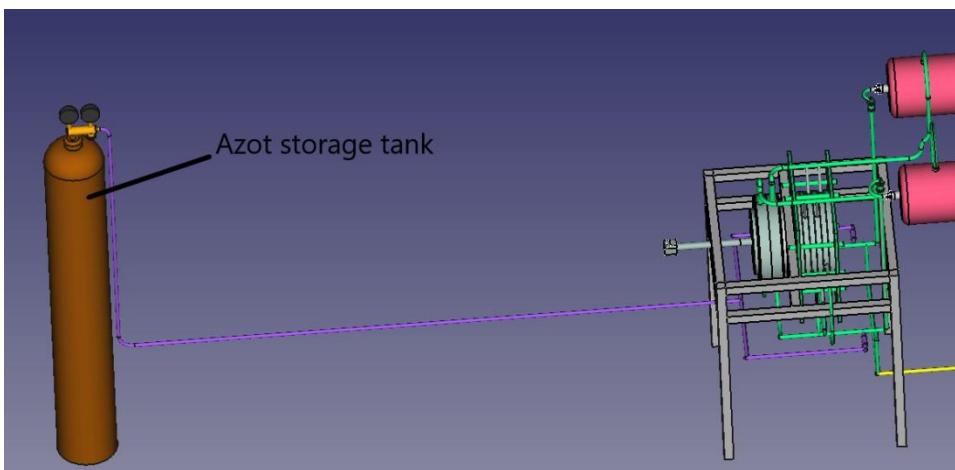


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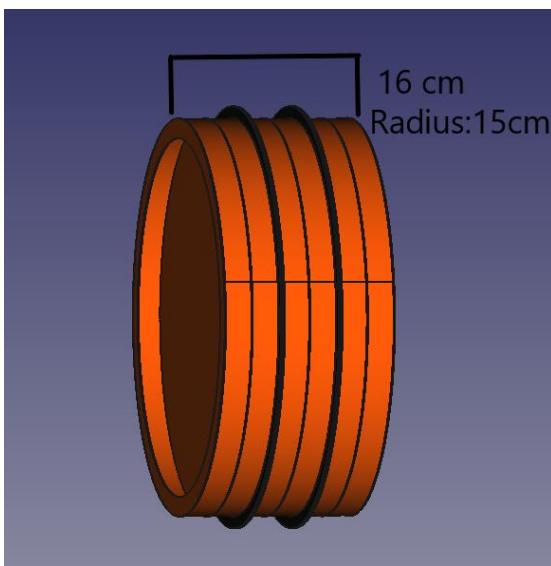


Figure 7: Serial stack

  
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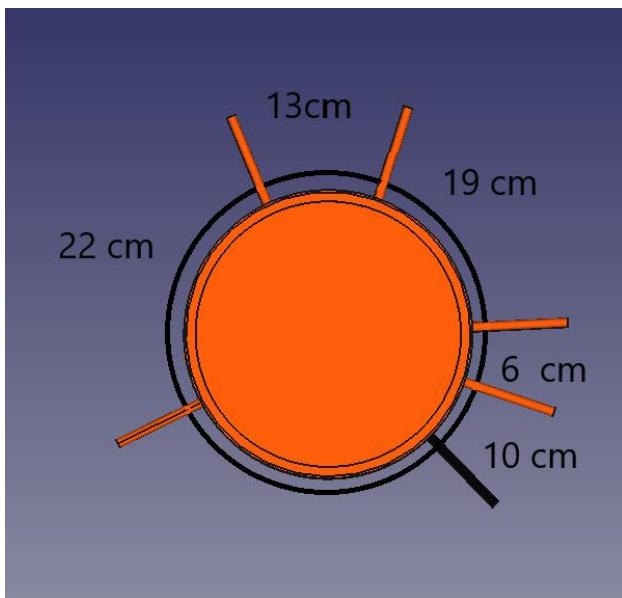


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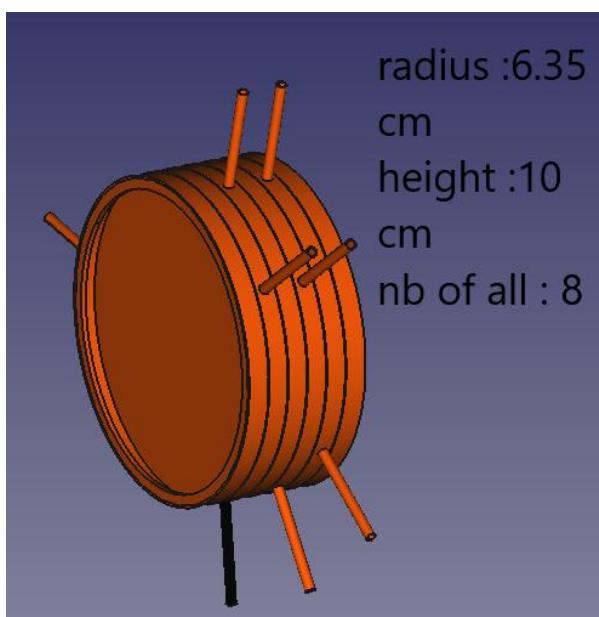


Figure 9



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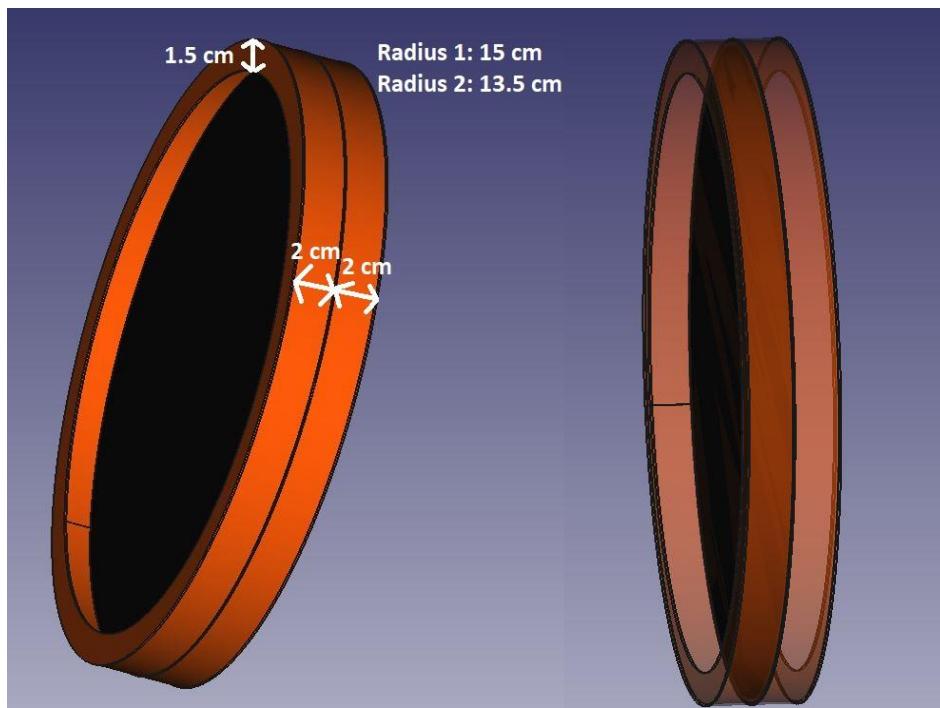


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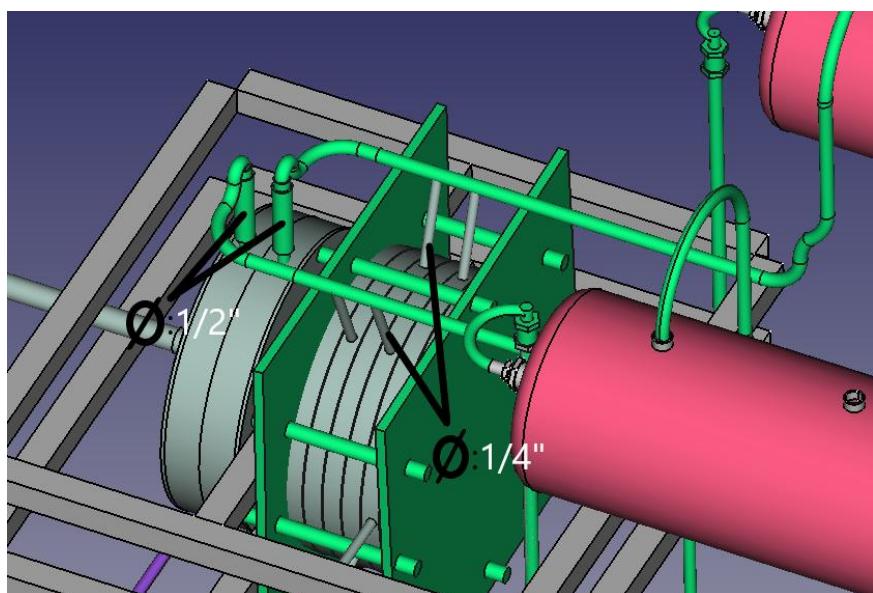


Figure 11

الشكل	المقياس	عدد	مواد
	قطر: " 1/4 طول 10 سنتيمتر	8	قسطل

	قطر: 1/2" طول 10 سنتيمتر	4	قسطل
	من 1" الى 1/2"	4	محول
	1/4"	16	T (بلاستك)
	1/2"	3	صباب عدم رجوع (ماء)
	Ø:16 mm	2	صباب عدم رجوع (azot)
	Ø:16 mm	2	صباب عدم رجوع (Hyd,Oxy)
	1/2"	8	شريط بعزقة
	20 mm	43	حبسة حجم صغير
	40 mm	35	حبسة حجم كبير

Table 2

### 1.3 Calculation of the amount of water and KOH

$$V = \pi \cdot R^2 \cdot h$$

Radius: 15 cm

$$H_1 : 4 \text{ cm} \quad H_2 = 2 \text{ cm}$$

$$V_1 = \pi \cdot R^2 \cdot h_1$$

$$= \pi \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.04$$

$$= 2.82 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

$$= 2.82 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 2.82 \cdot 10^3 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 2.82 \text{ liter}$$

$$V_2 = \pi \cdot R^2 \cdot h_2$$

$$= \pi \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.02$$

$$= 1.41 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

$$= 1.41 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 1.41 \cdot 10^3 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 1.41 \text{ liter}$$

The cell can contain 2.82 liter and 1.41 liter but in reality we want fell cell **a) 1 liter and b) 0.5 liter** respectively

#### KOH

A. The electrolysis need 25 % KOH in 1000 ml so 75 % is water

$$250 \text{ g} \rightarrow 750 \text{ ml}$$

$$?? \quad <-- 1000 \text{ ml}$$

$$\text{Amount of KOH in one cell end plate electrode} = \frac{1000 \text{ ml} \cdot 250 \text{ g}}{750 \text{ ml}} = 333.33 \text{ g}$$

We have 2 electrodes end plate:  $2 \cdot 333.3 \text{ g} = 666.6 \text{ g}$

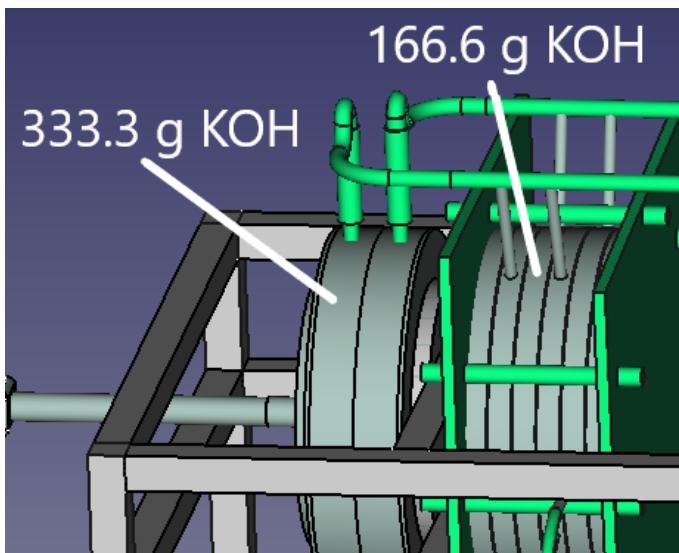


Figure 12: Amount of KOH

B. The electrolysis need 25 % KOH in 500 ml so 75 % is water

$$125 \text{ g} \rightarrow 375 \text{ ml}$$

$$?? \quad <-500 \text{ ml}$$

$$\text{Amount of KOH in one cell base plate} = \frac{500 \text{ ml} * 125 \text{ g}}{375 \text{ ml}} = 166.66 \text{ g}$$

We have 4 electrodes base plate:  $4 * 166.66 \text{ g} = 666.6 \text{ g}$

## 1.4 Calculation of gas flow rate

The maximum cell current value of 75 A is selected for the calculation. Faraday constant ( $F = 96485 \text{ C.mol}^{-1}$  or C: coulomb (1C = 1A.s)). Moreover, Eq. 1 is used to calculate the number of hydrogen moles as follows.

$$n_{(H_2)} = \frac{I * t}{2F} = \frac{75 \text{ (A)} * 60 \text{ (s)}}{2(\text{electrons}) * 96485 \text{ C.mol}^{-1}} = 0.0233 \text{ mol/min}$$

Considering Eq. 2, assuming the pressure of 1 atm and the operating temperature of 25°C, the theoretical  $V_{H_2(g)}$  can be determined as,

$$V_{H_2(g)} = \frac{n_{H_2}RT}{P} = \frac{0.0233 \text{ mol/min} * 0.082 \text{ Latm K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1} * 298 \text{ K}}{1 \text{ atm}}$$

$$V_{H_2} = 0.569 \text{ L. min}^{-1}$$

Each stack produce  $0.569 \text{ L. min}^{-1} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ stack produce} = 0.569 \text{ L. min}^{-1} * 2 \text{ (stack)} = 1.138 \text{ L. min}^{-1}$

For oxygen:

The amount of substance for O<sub>2</sub>(g) can be determined by using either Eq. 5.1 or the electrochemical reaction of the alkaline electrolysis cell. According to the electro chemical reaction, the number of O<sub>2</sub>(g) moles should be half of H<sub>2</sub>(g) moles. Hence, the number of O<sub>2</sub>(g) moles can be easily determined as in Eq.

$$n_{O_2} = \frac{n_{H_2}}{2}$$

$$n_{O_2} = 0.0116 \text{ mol/min}$$

$$V_{O_{2(g)}} = \frac{n_{O_2}RT}{P} = \frac{0.0116 \text{ mol/min} * 0.082 \text{ Latm K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1} * 298 \text{ K}}{1 \text{ atm}}$$

$$V_{O_2} = 0.284 \text{ L.min}^{-1}$$

Each stack produce 0.284 L.min<sup>-1</sup> => 2 stacks produce = 0.284 L.min<sup>-1</sup> \* 2 (stacks)= 0.568 L.min<sup>-1</sup>

Other [https://www.editions-petiteelisabeth.fr/calculs\\_electrolyse\\_3.php](https://www.editions-petiteelisabeth.fr/calculs_electrolyse_3.php)

## 1.5 Power supply

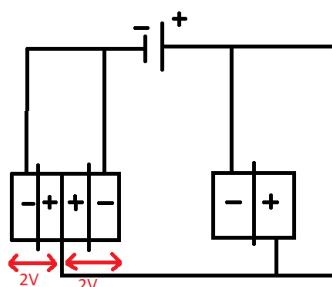


Figure 13

- Density current for electrolysis: 0.2 – 0.4 A/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Our cell contains 0.5 liter = 250 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Current apply for each cell =  $\frac{250 \text{ cm}^2 * 0.3 \text{ A/cm}^2}{1 \text{ cm}^2} = 75 \text{ A}$
- Voltage apply for each cell is 2V
- Each stack has 2 serial cell => voltage = 2\*2 = 4 V  
Current = 75A
- The total is 2 parallel stack => voltage = 8 V  
Current = 2 \* 75 = 150 A
- Power apply: Power = voltage x Current = 4 Volt x 150 Ampere = 0.6 KW

## 1.6 Compact Design<sup>1</sup>

### 1.6.1 Level Control System

tubes=12.5mm,6mm

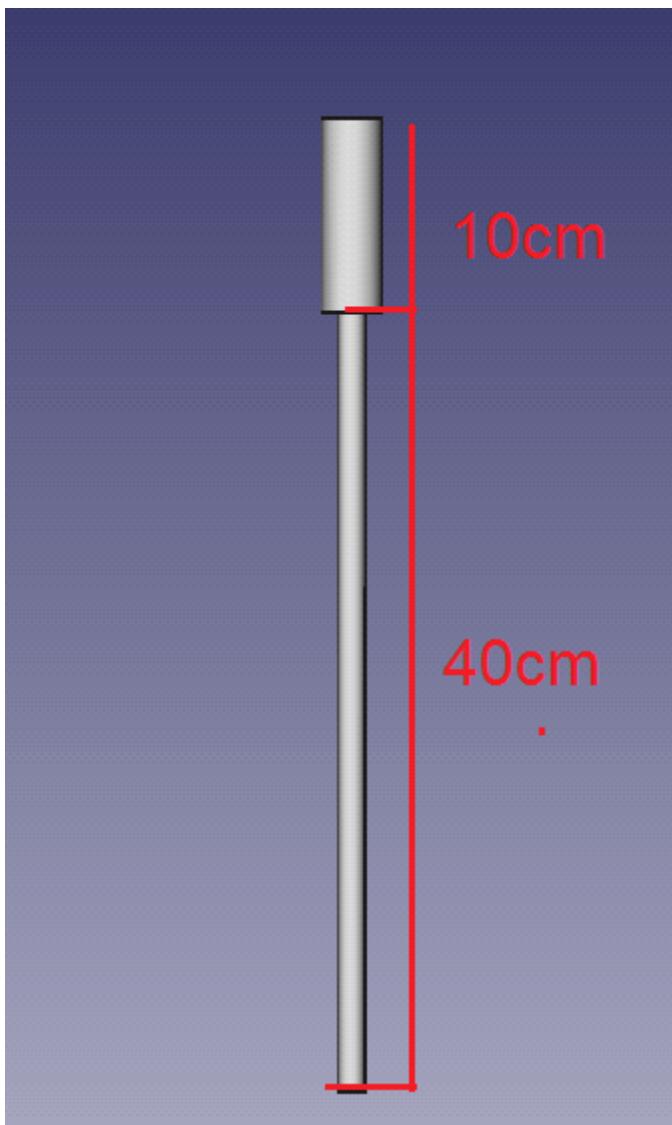


Figure 14

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<sup>1</sup> Samer Youssef, July/Aug 2019

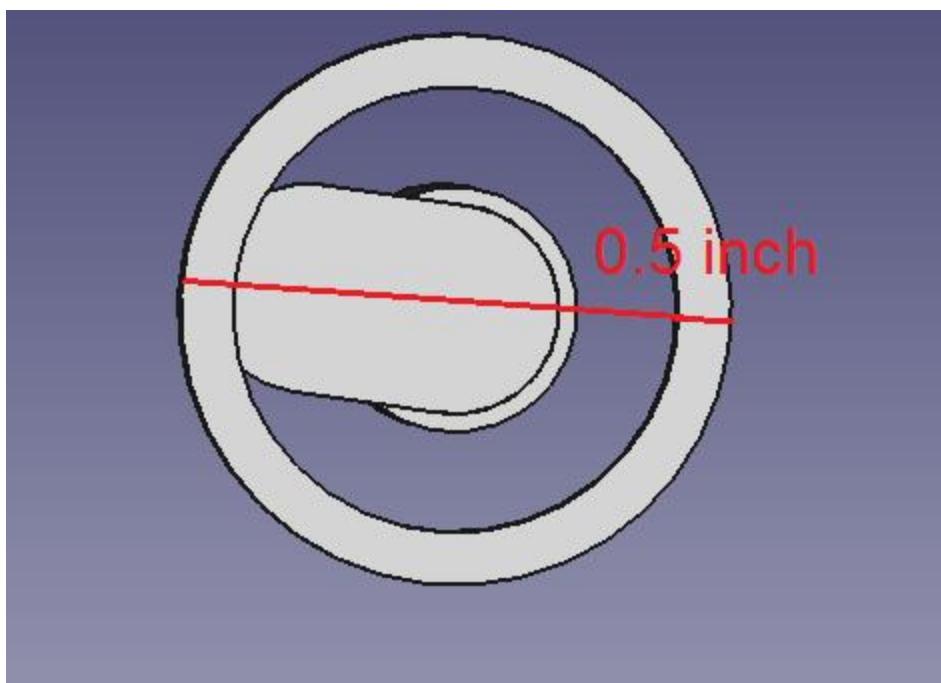


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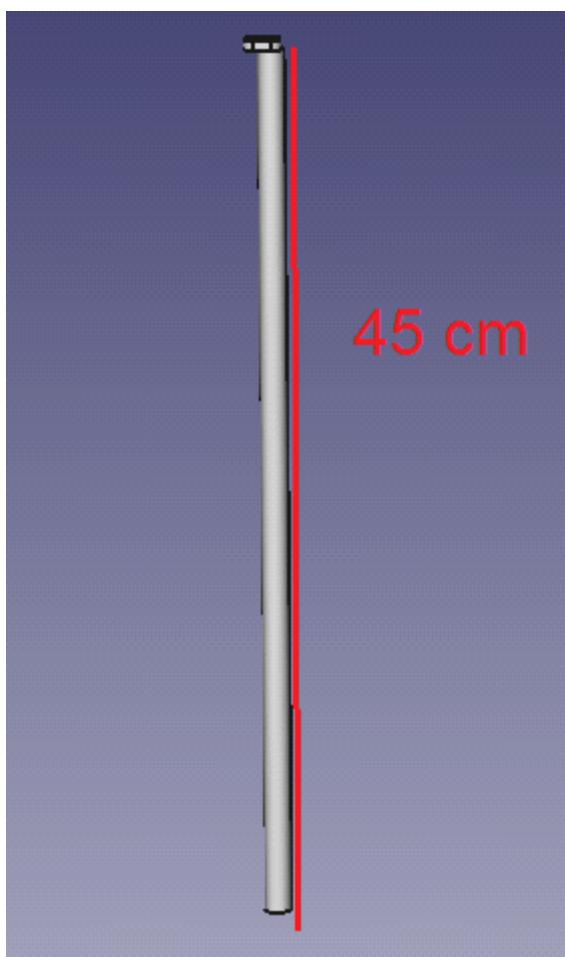


Figure 16

### 1.6.2 Electrolyser Container

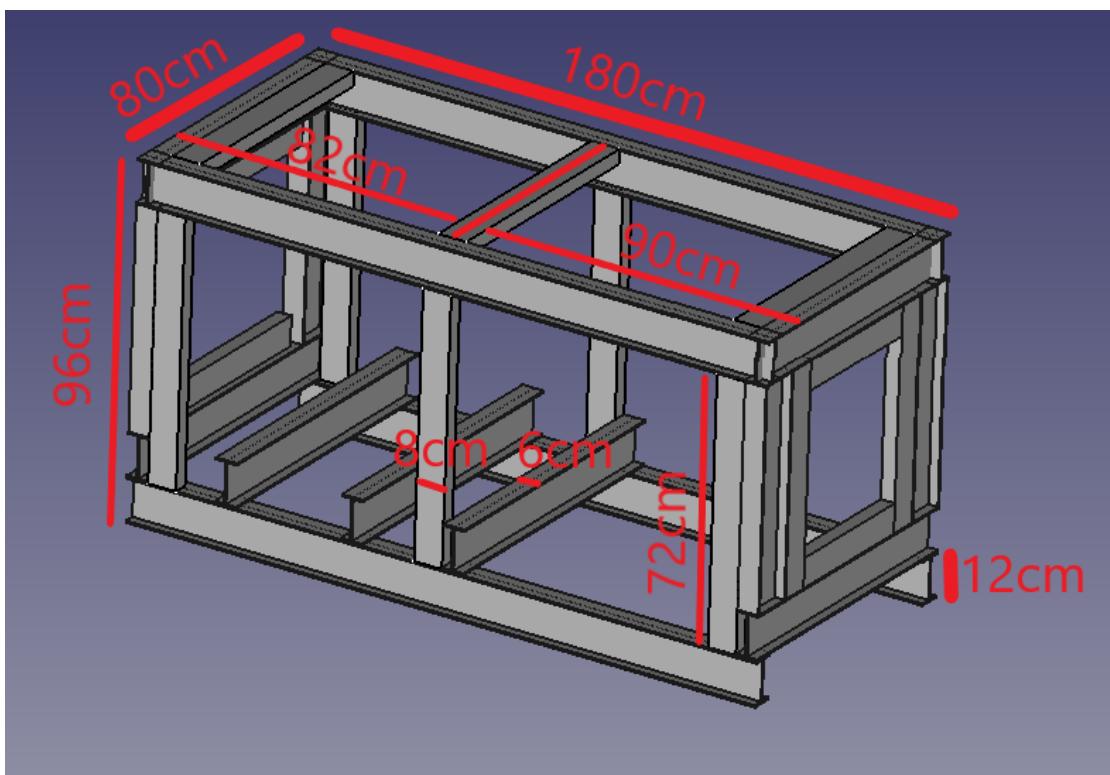


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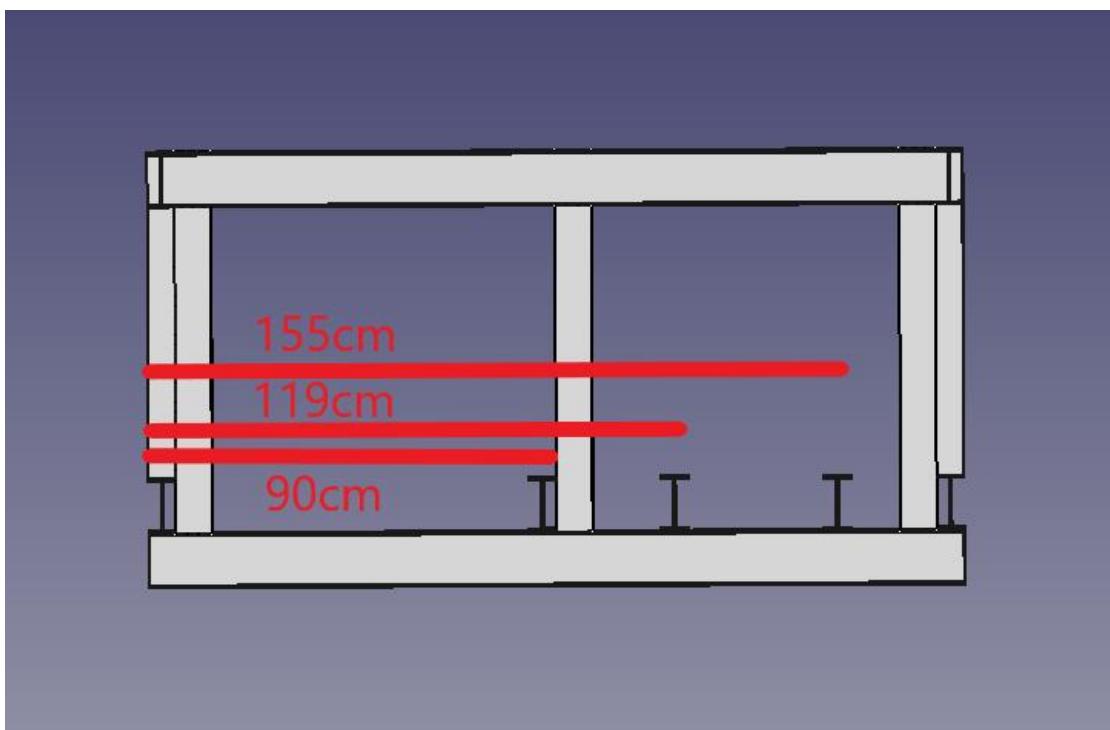


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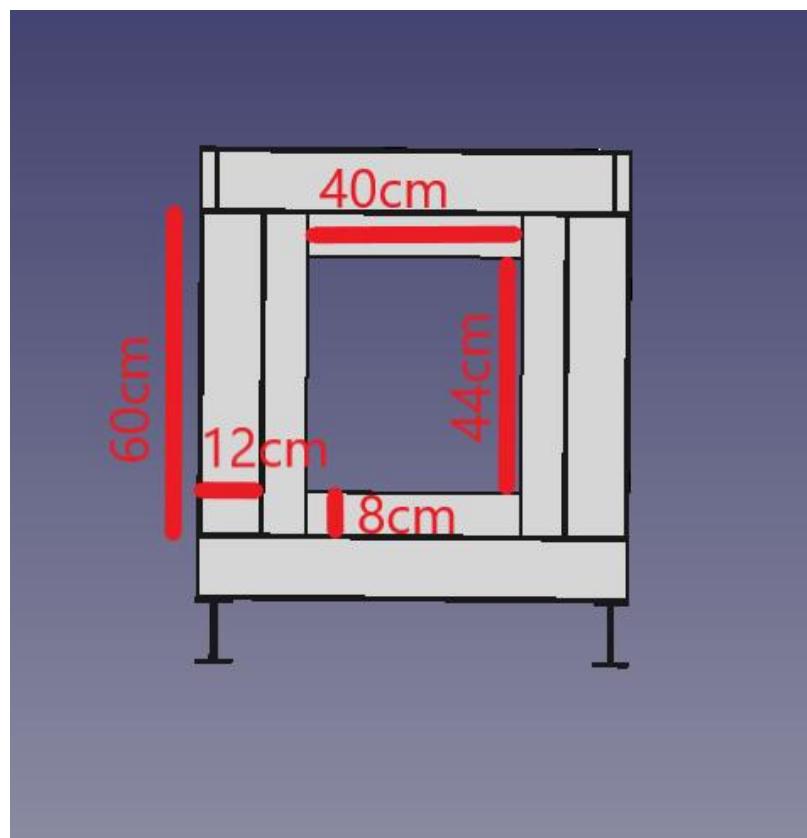


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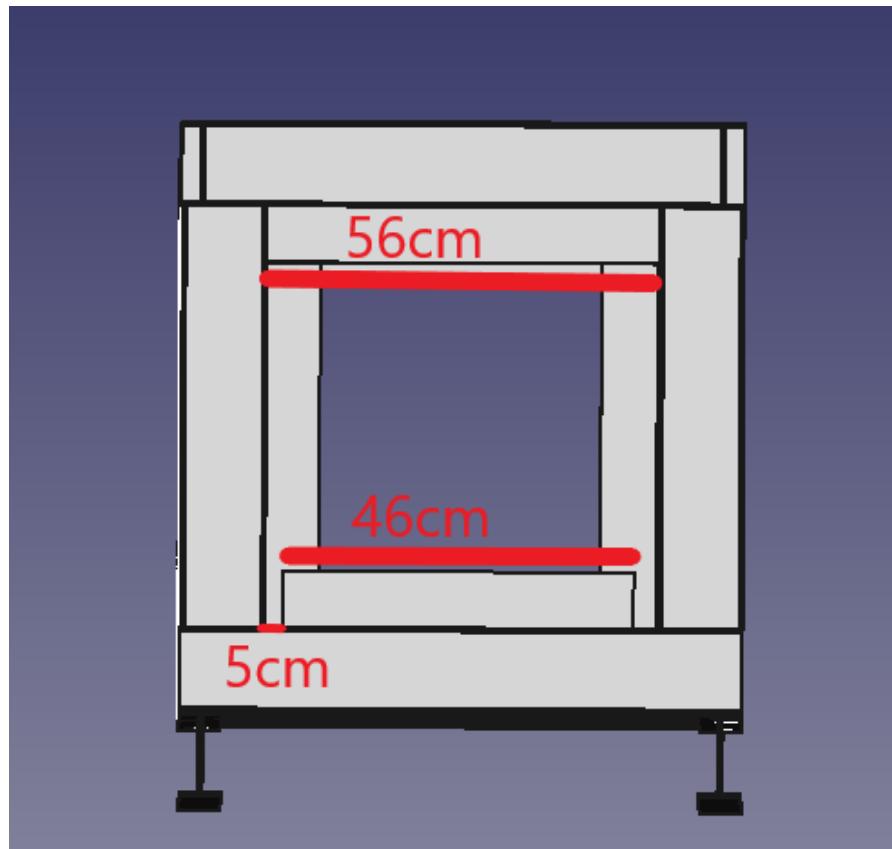


Figure 20

numbers of columns : 4-(180)cm

6-(72) cm

5-(80) cm

5-(68) cm

6-(60) cm

2-(40) cm

1-(56) cm

1-(46) cm.

### 1.6.3 Integration

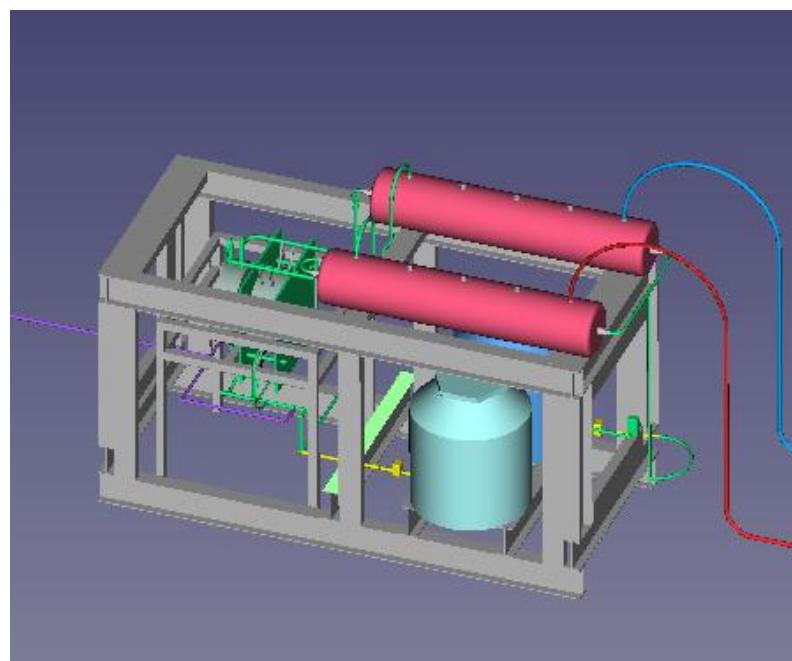
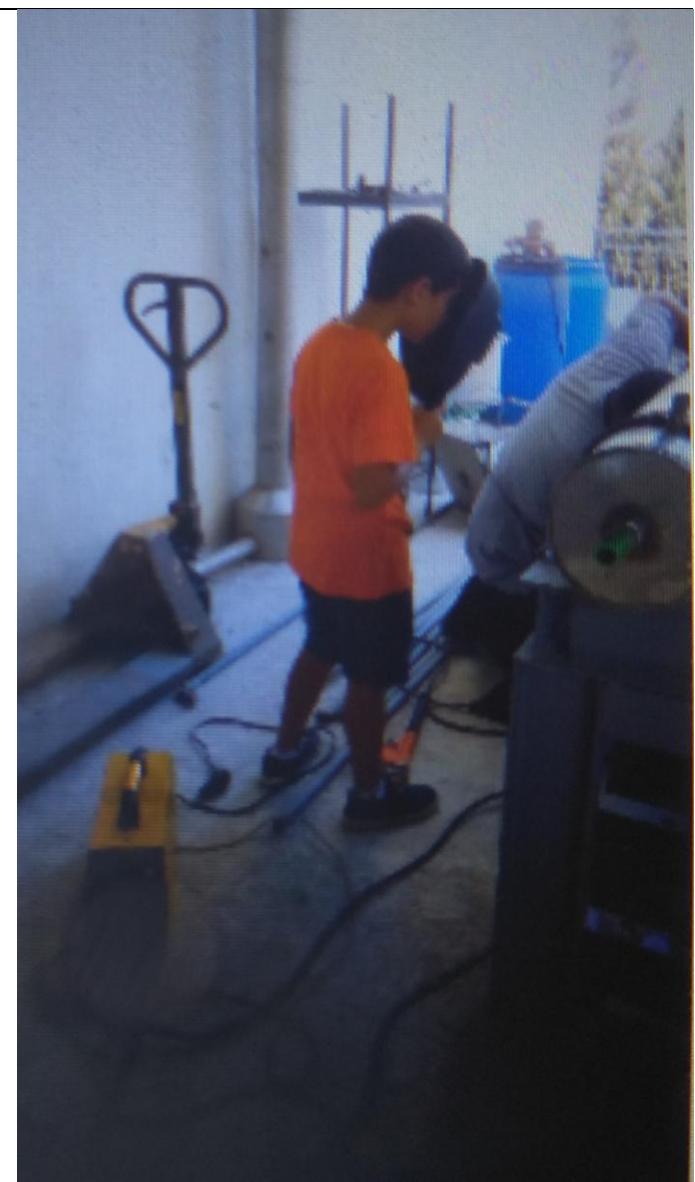


Figure 21



electrolyser+fuel burnner 010120.FCStd





## 2 Fuel burner unit

### 2.1 Fuel burner

#### 2.1.1 FreeCAD Design

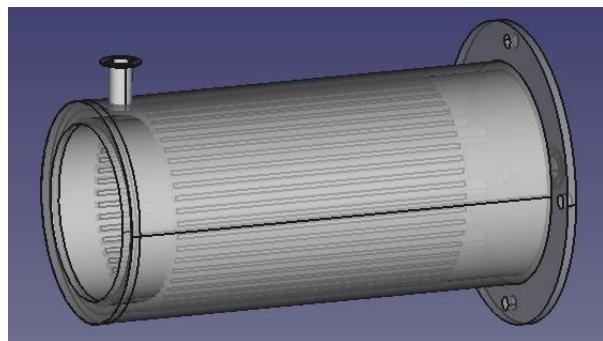


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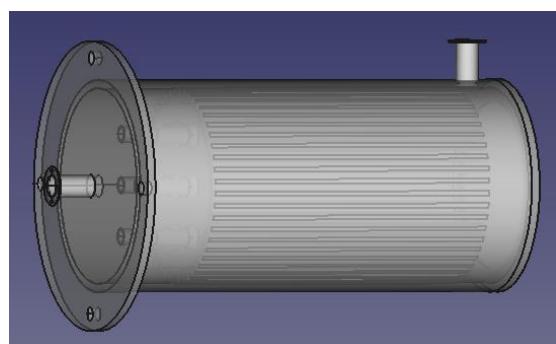
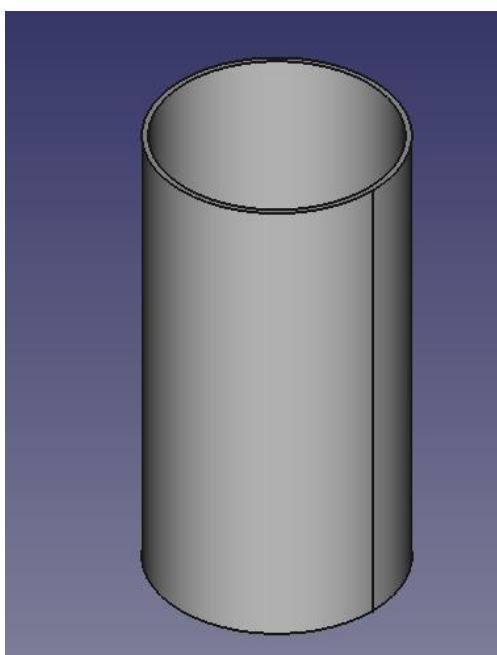


Figure 23

Figure 24

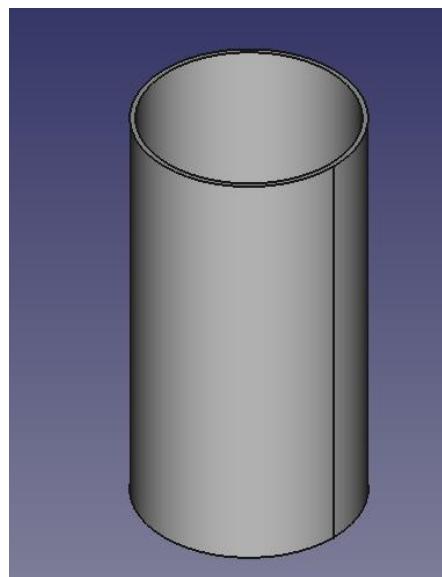


Int diameter: 23 cm ,

Ext diameter: 25cm ,

Length: 50 cm .

Figure 25



Int diameter : 17 cm,

Ext diameter: 20 cm,

Length : 40 cm .

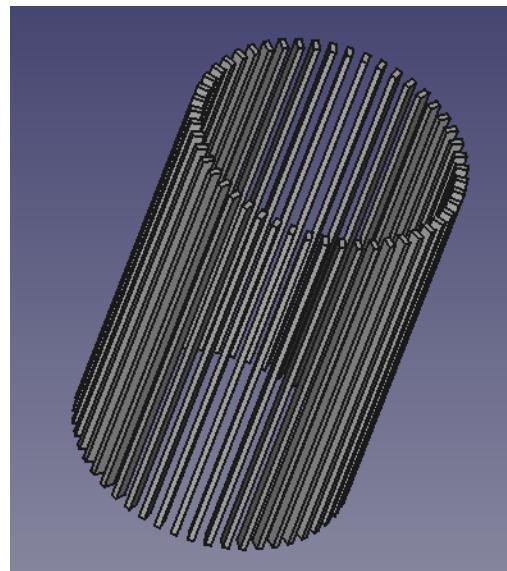


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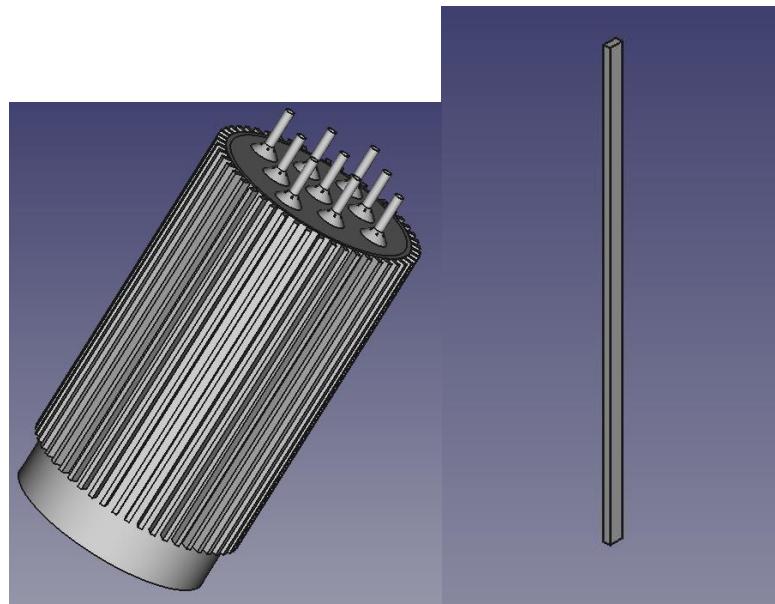


Figure 27

length: 1 cm

width : 5mm

height : 35 cm

Nb of bars: 50

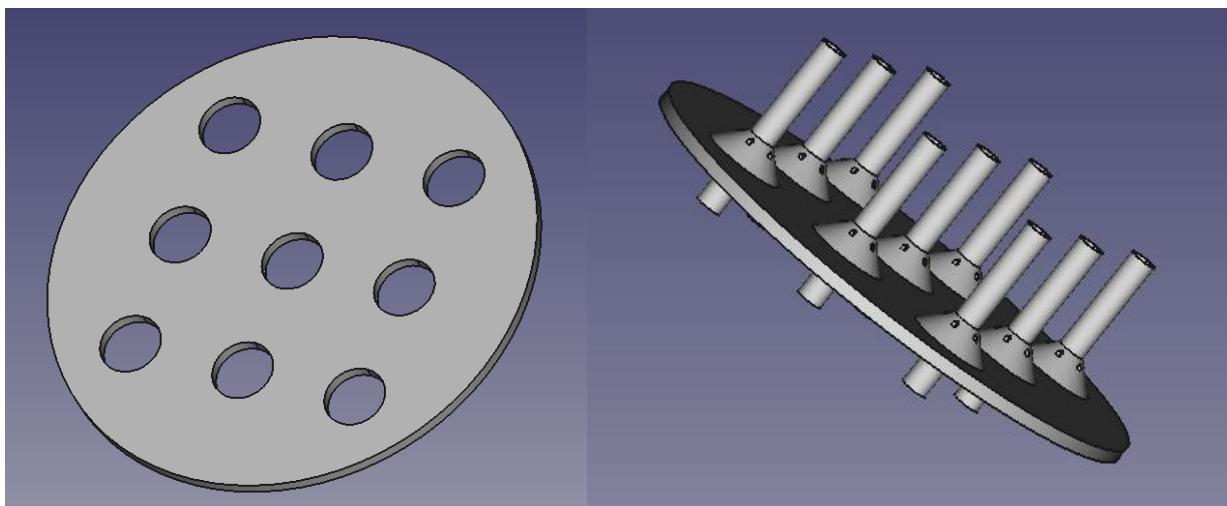


Figure 28

Figure 29

Dimetre of plate : 17 cm

Thickness : 5mm

Diameter of holes : 25 mm

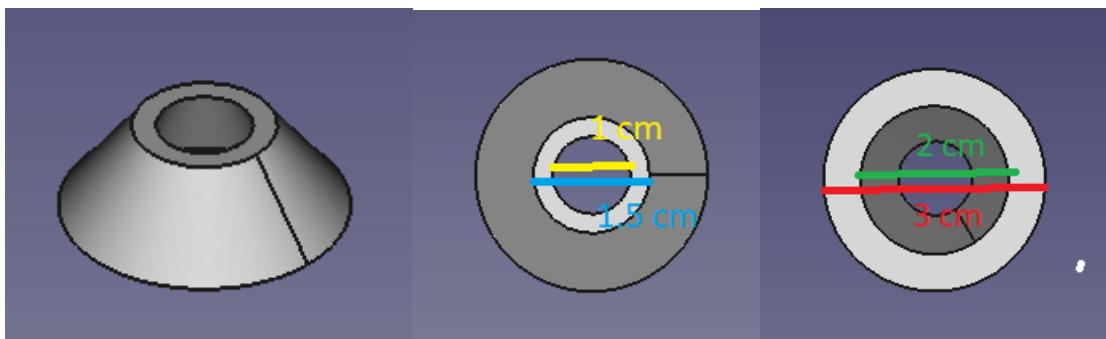
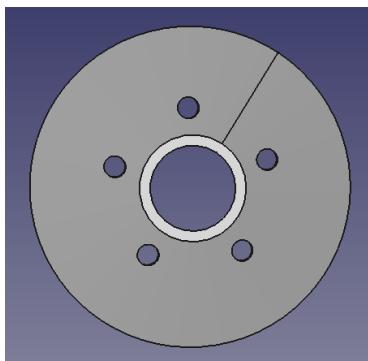


Figure 30



Height of cone:1cm

Diametre of holes : 2 mm

Figure 31

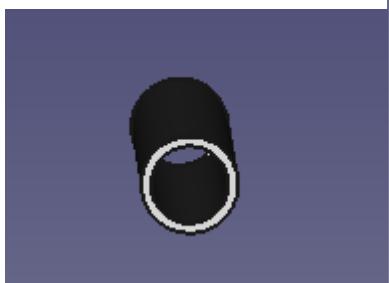


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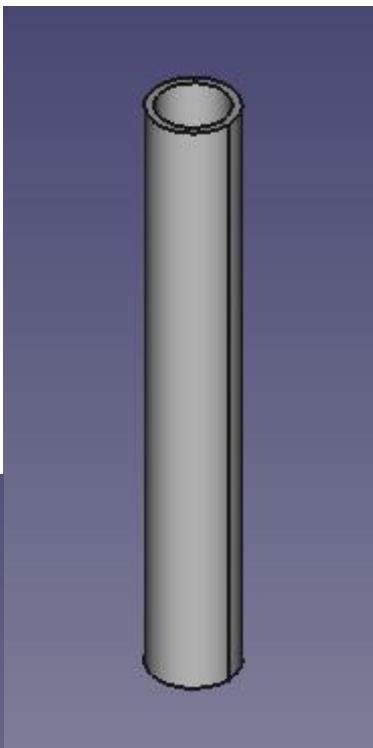


Figure 33

Height: 7 cm

Int diameter: 8 mm

Ext diameter: 10 mm



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### 2.1.2 Manufacturing





Table 4



Table 5



Table 6

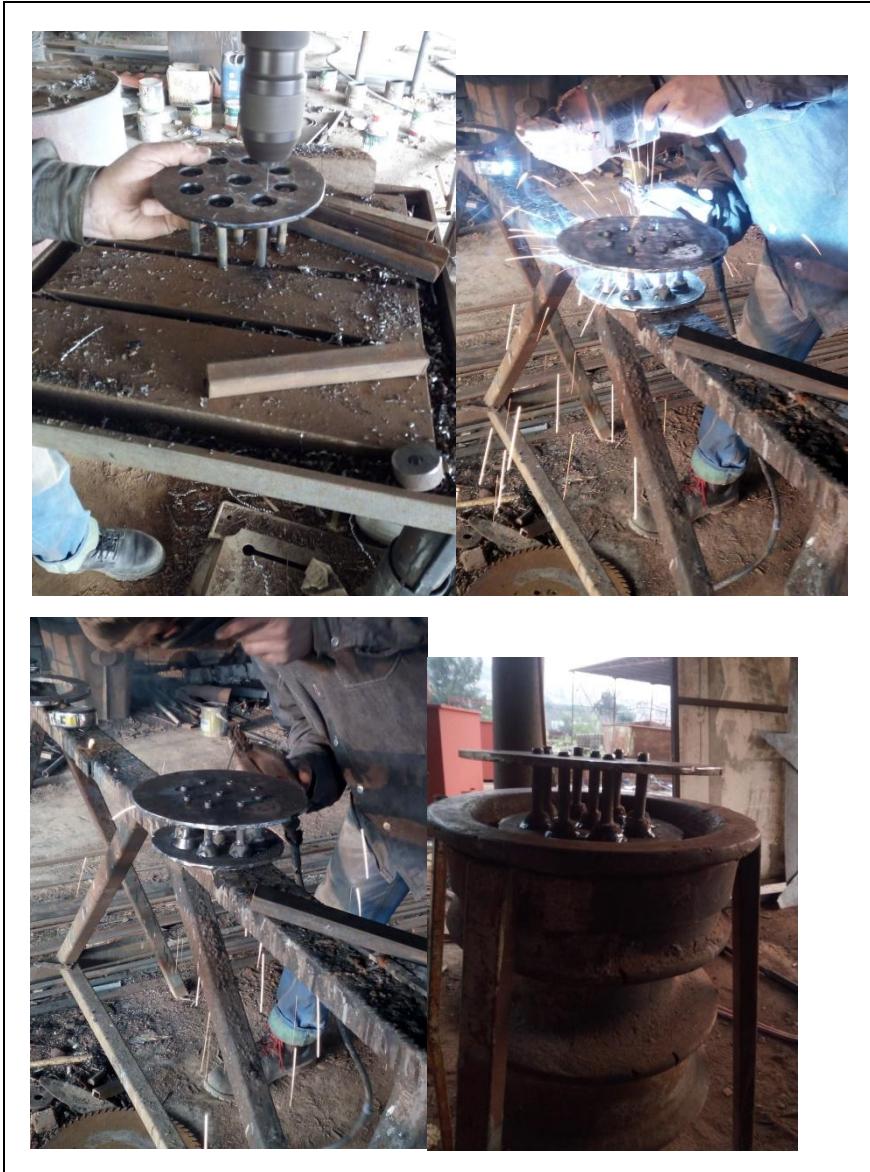


Table 7



Table 8



Table 9

## 2.2 Holder of fuel burner

### 2.2.1 Free Cad Design

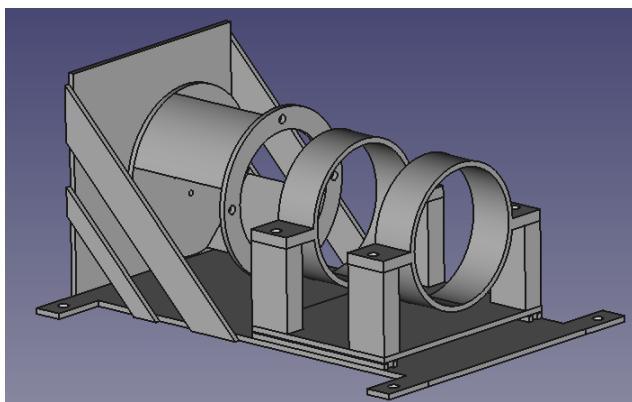


Figure 34: FreeCad holder of fuel burner Figure

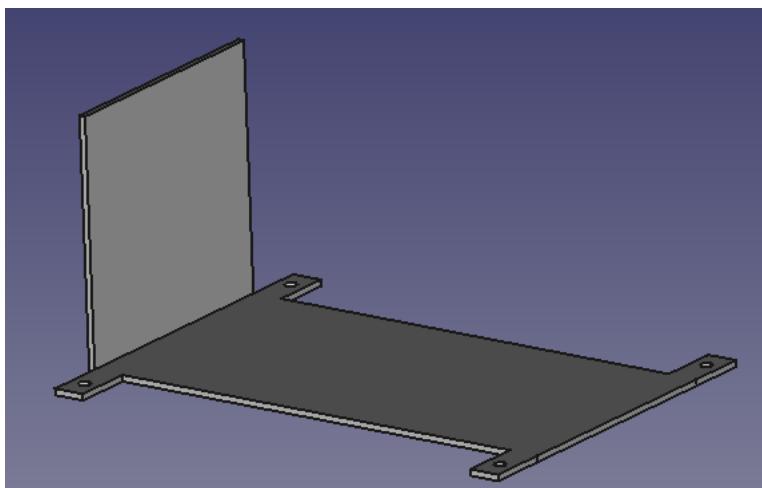


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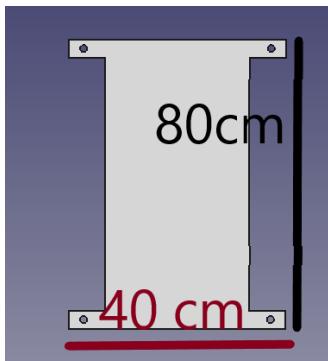


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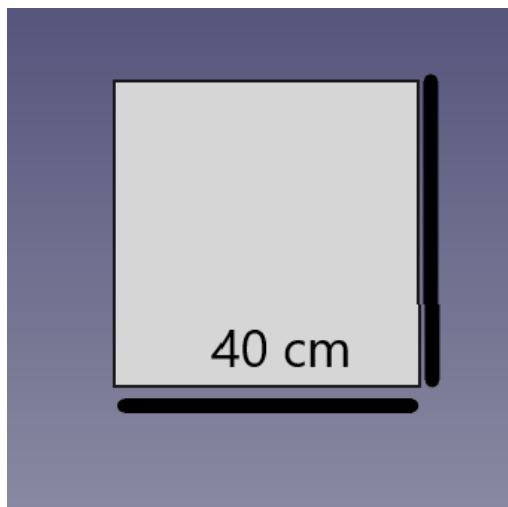


Figure 37

Thickness: 10 mm

Diameter of holes: 20 mm

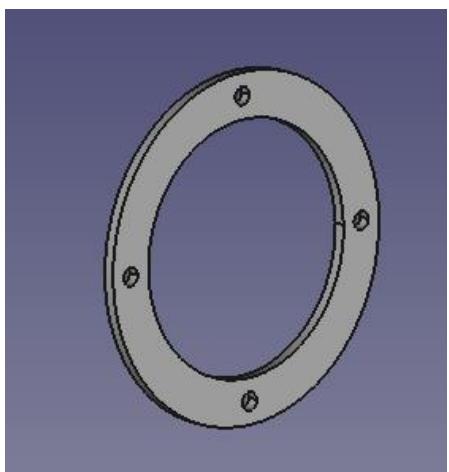


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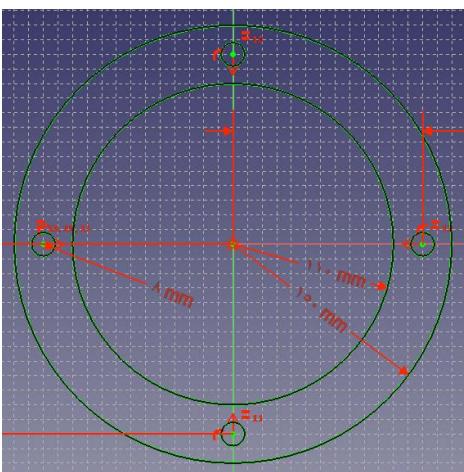


Figure 39

Int diameter: 22 cm

Ext diameter: 30 cm

Diameter of holes: 16 mm

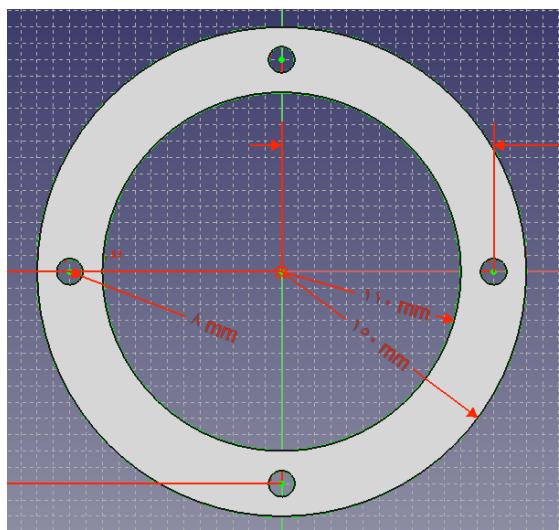


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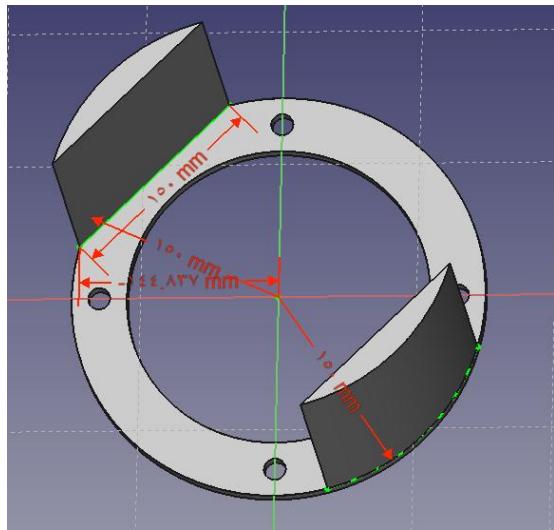


Figure 41

Thickness : 10 mm

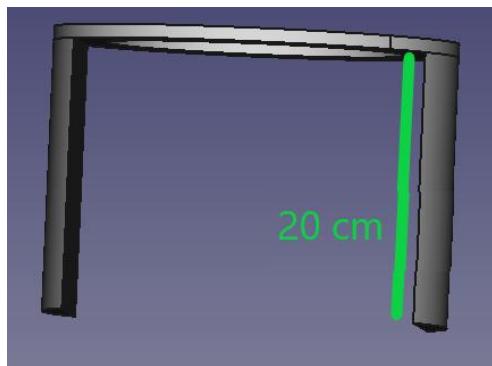


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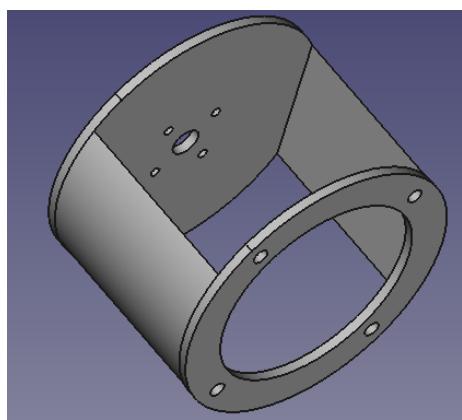


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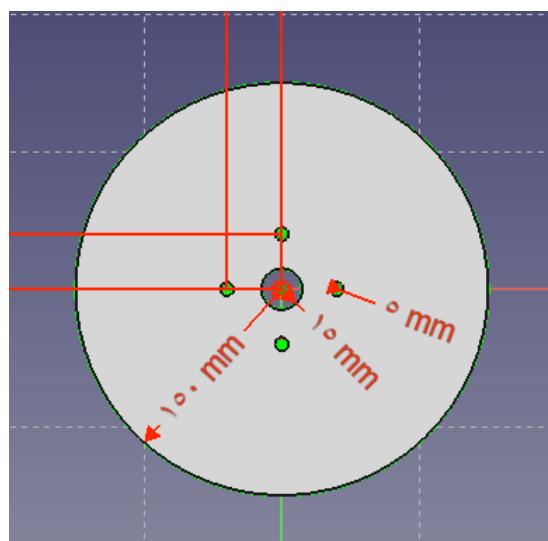


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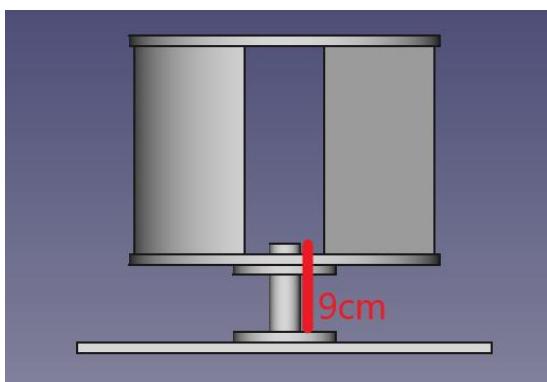


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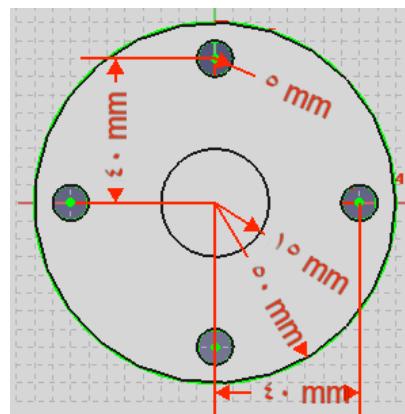


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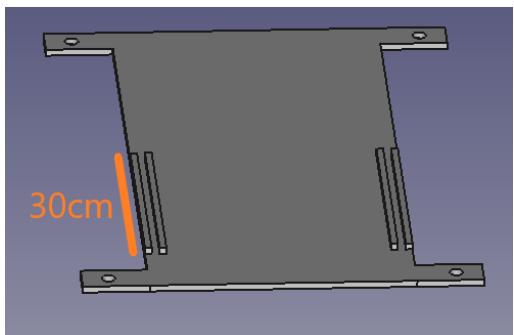


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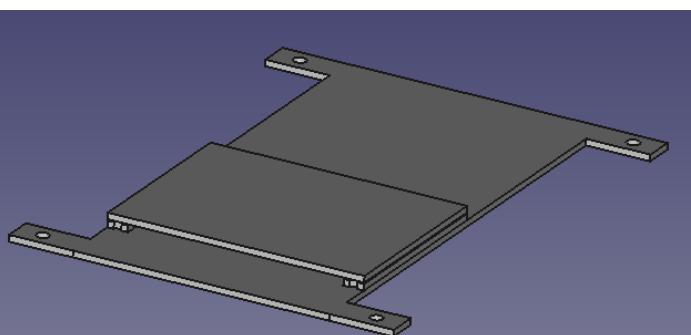


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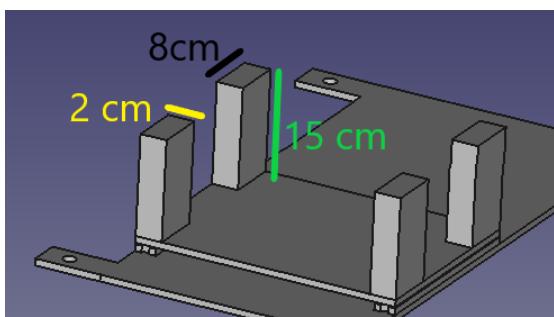


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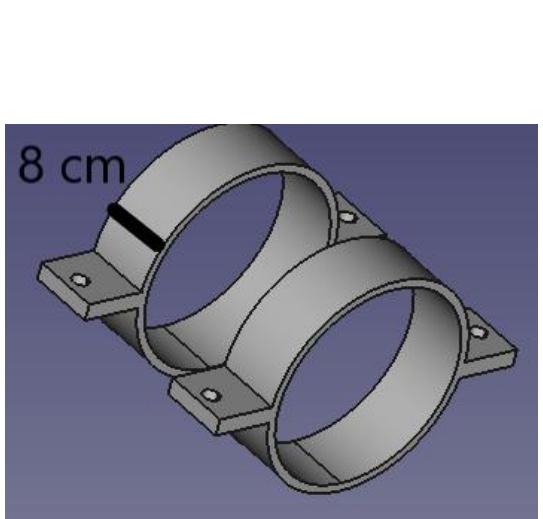


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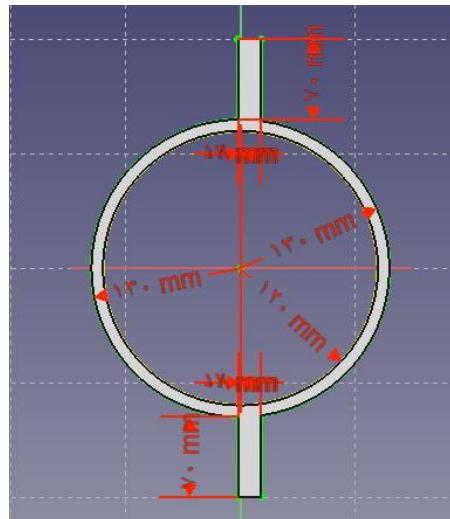


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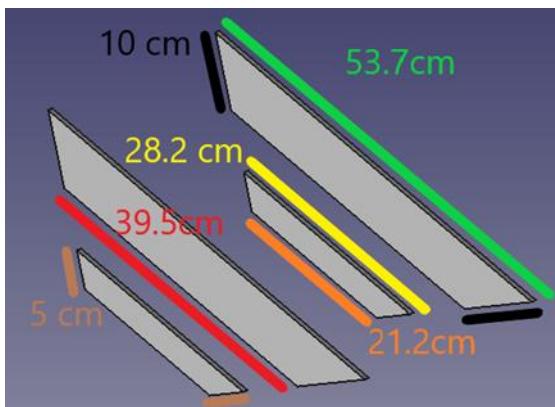


Figure 52

### 2.2.2 Manufacturing



Table 10



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Table 11



Table 12

## 2.3 Integration



Table 13