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Hydrogen Vent Ground Umbilical Quick Disconnect – Flight Seal Advanced Development

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Objective



- This project is a team effort between NASA Engineering (NE) and Team QNA Engineering personnel to provide support for the Umbilical Systems Development project which is funded by Advanced Exploration Systems (AES) and 21st Century Launch Complex.
- Specifically, this project seeks to develop a new interface between the PPBE baselined Legacy SSP LH2 Vent Arm QD probe and SLS vent seal







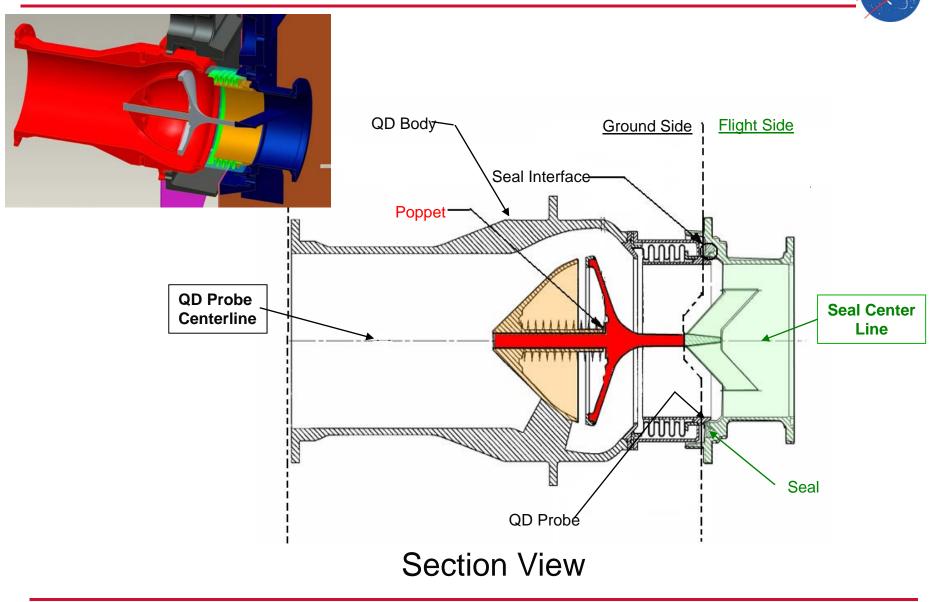


Scope of effort:

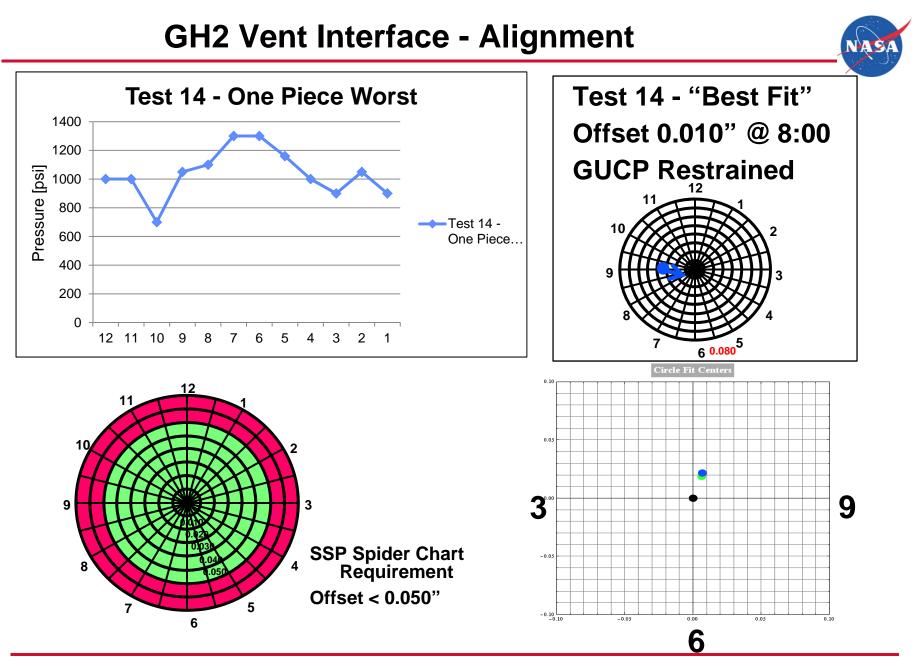
- Utilize existing SSP hardware, GSE and test fixtures
- Correct inherent design issues of SSP LH2 vent
- Utilize NASA analysis tool
- Develop self-aligning hardware interface
- Design new seal configurations for analytical evaluation
- Determine a more balanced spring rate relationship between QD flight seal
- Optimize the mating position engagement with umbilical arm loads accounted
- Determine the affects of cryogenic operating temperatures on this relationship
- Down select proposed seal designs to best candidates and optimize configurations



GH2 Vent Interface - Alignment









GH2 Vent Interface – Alignment Hardware



| Max Offset | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 0.002 | | | | | | | |
| 0.014 | | | | | | | |
| 0.023 | | | | | | | |
| 0.024 | | | | | | | |
| 0.018 | | | | | | | |
| 0.010 | | | | | | | |
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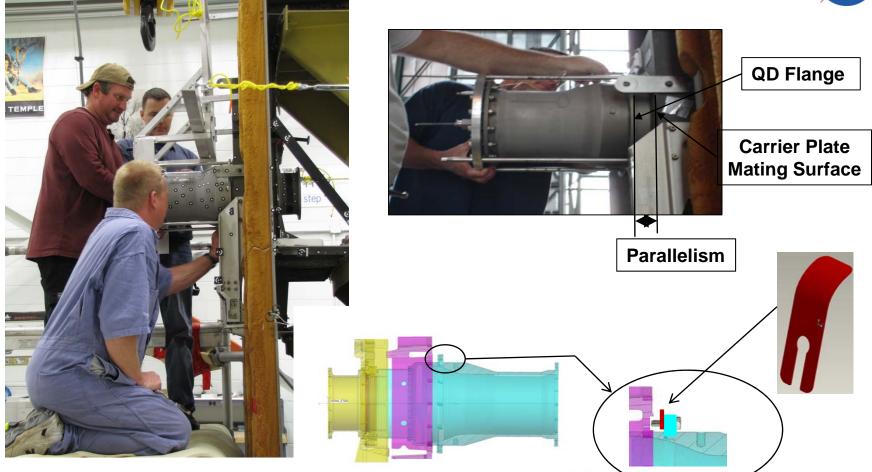


SLS Recommendation – Develop Concentricity Tool



GH2 Vent Interface – Alignment Recommendations





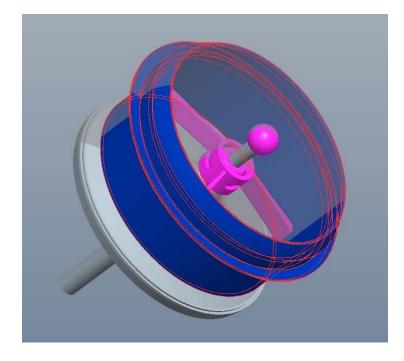
SLS Recommendation – Parallelism Retainer Clips

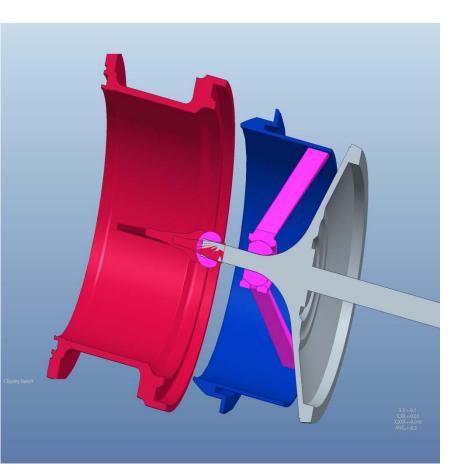
An installation GSE bolt with a retainer clip should be considered. This fastener would help maintain parallelism during the installation process by capturing the QD flange on the inside face until QD guide pin removal.



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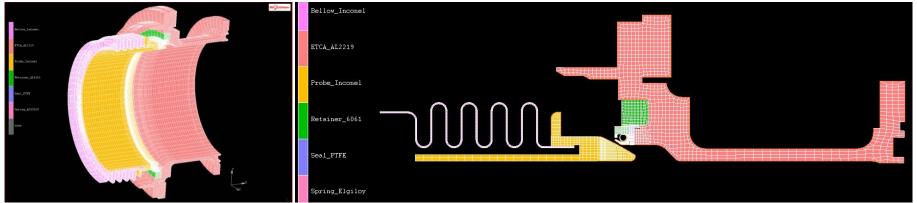




SLS Recommendation – Self-Aligning Probe



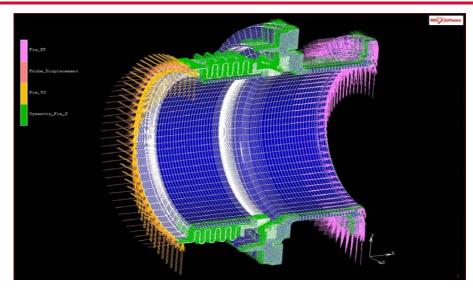




| Part | Material Description | Young's Modulus (psi) | Poisson's Ratio (in/in) | Yield Strength (psi) | Ultimate Strength (psi) | Elongation at Break | Mass Density (Ibm/in ³) | CTE (10 ⁻⁶ in/in/F ⁰) |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| One-Piece Seal | FEP-Fluorocarbon | 70,000 | 0.46 | 1700 | 2500 ~ 3500 | 300.00% | 0.011 | 70°: 125 -130°: -417°: |
| Two-Piece Seal | Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE or Teflon) | 70,000 | 0.46 | 1700 | 3,500 | 400.00% | 0.078 | 70°: 75 -130°: -417°: |
| Retainer | AL 6061 T6511 (Shapes Extruded) | 9,900,000 | 0.33 | 35,000 | 38000 ~ 42000 | 6.00% | 0.098 | 70°: 12.65 -130°: 11.8 -417°: 8.3 |
| Spring | ELGILOY S4-71A (Elgiloy® AMS 5876) | 27,500,000 | 0.226 | 75400 | 125000 | 38.00% | 0.3 | 70°: 8.428 -130° -417° |
| ETCA | AL 2219 T851-ULTR | 10,500,000 | 0.33 | 46000 | 62,000 | 6.00% | 0.103 | 70°: 12.2 -130°: 11.3 -417°: 8 |
| Probe | Inconel 718 (seam welded to bellow) | 29,400,000 | 0.29 | 145,000 | 180,000 | 15% | 0.297 | 70°: 12.8 -130°: 6.2 -417°: 4.8 |
| Bellow | Inconel 718 (3 ply welded together) | 29,400,000 (3,396,000) | 0.29 | 145,000 | 180,000 | 15% | 0.297 | 70°: 12.8 -130°: 6.2 -417°: 4.8 |







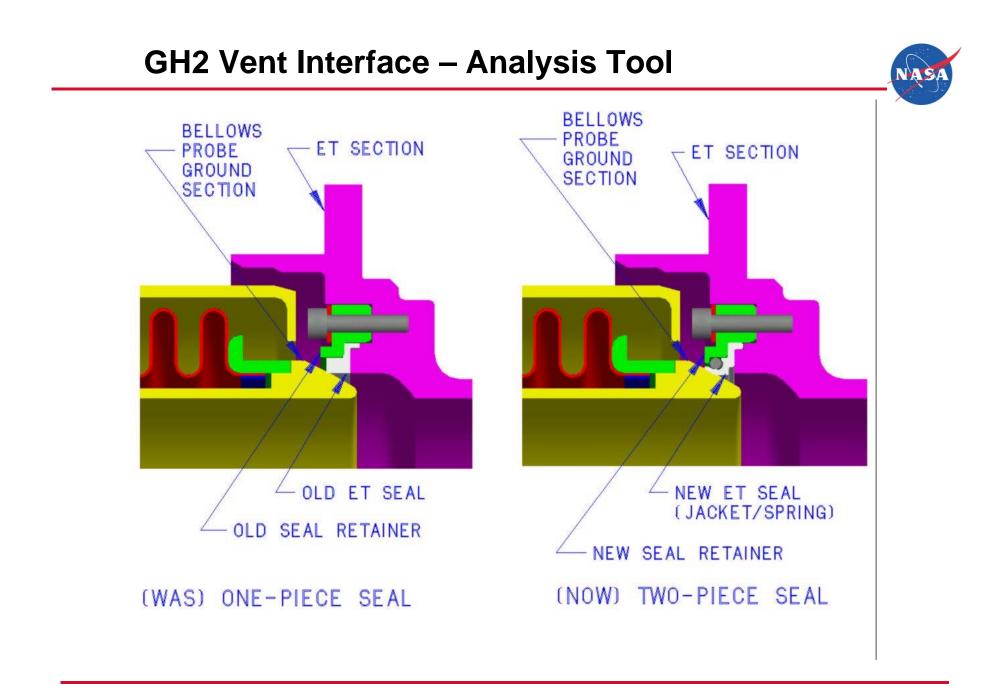
One-Piece Seal (Previous Design)

Two-Piece Seal (Current Design)

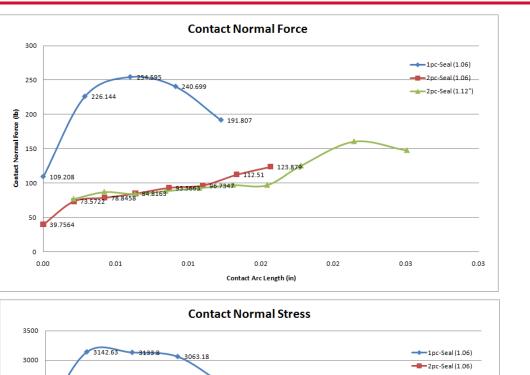




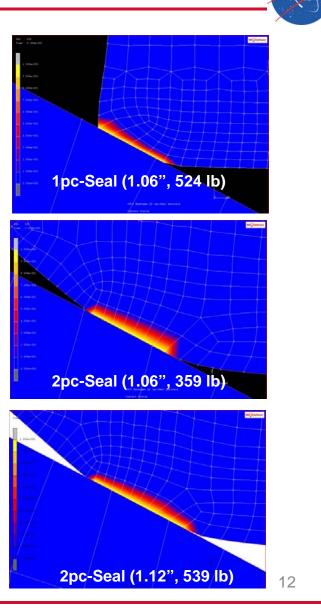














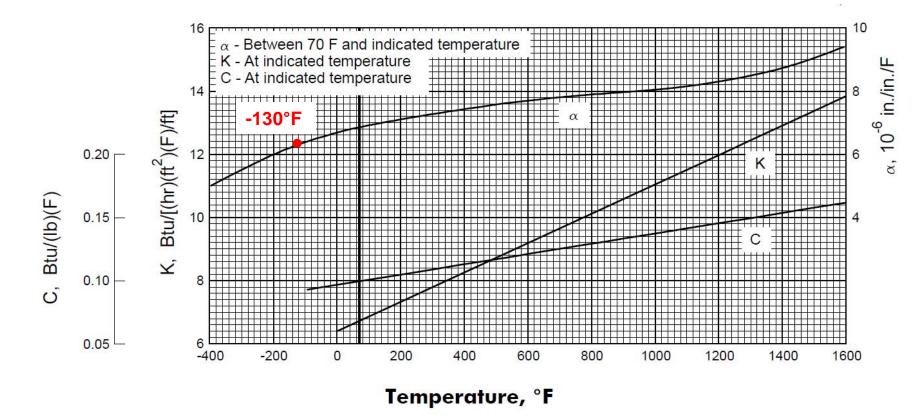
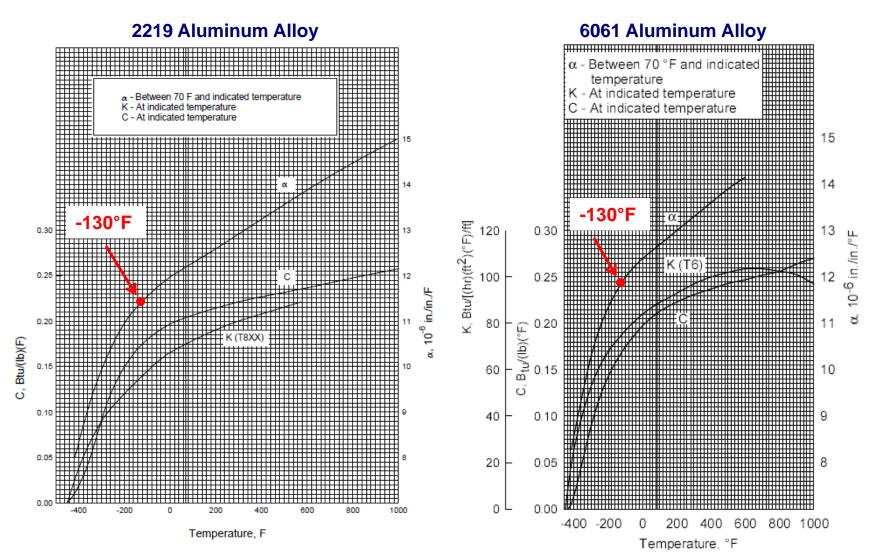


Figure 6.3.5.0. Effect of temperature on the physical properties of Inconel 718.



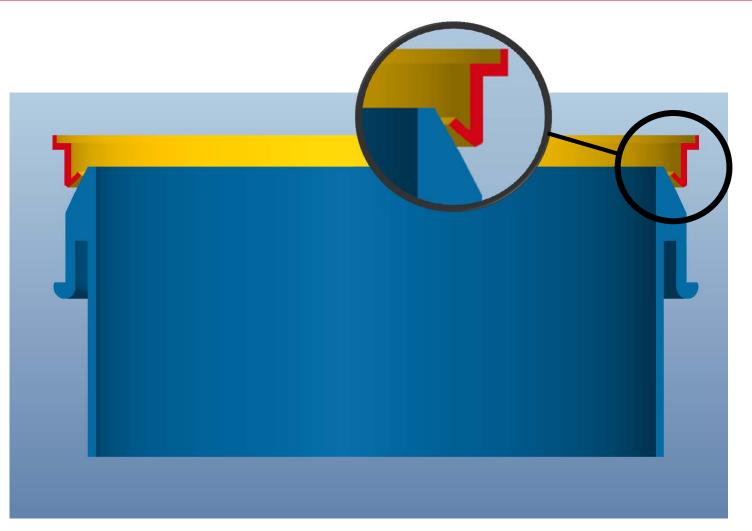






GH2 Vent Interface – New Seal Development





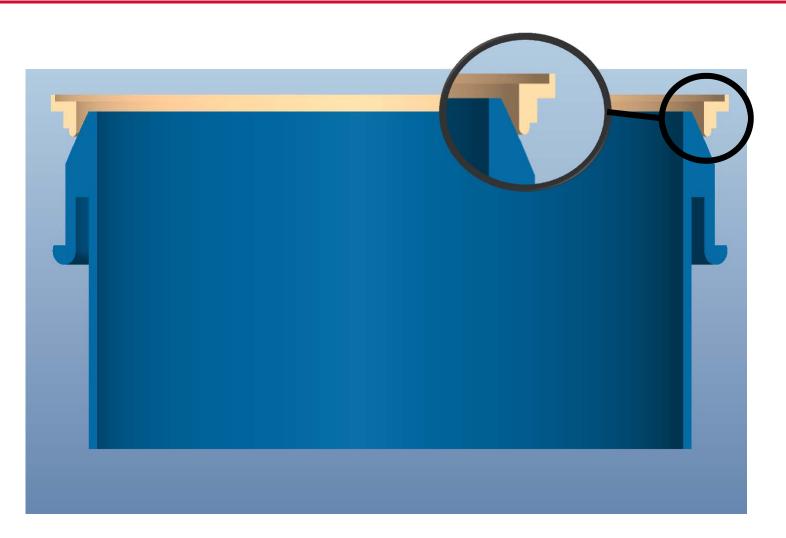
Proposed Seal Design #1 – Pressurized "V"





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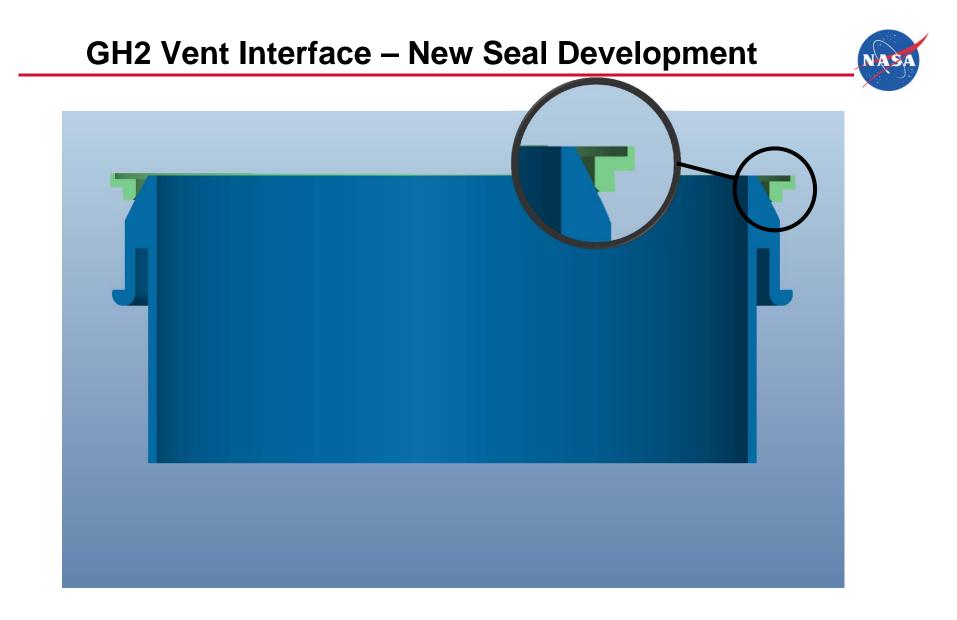




Proposed Seal Design # 2 – Raised Radius





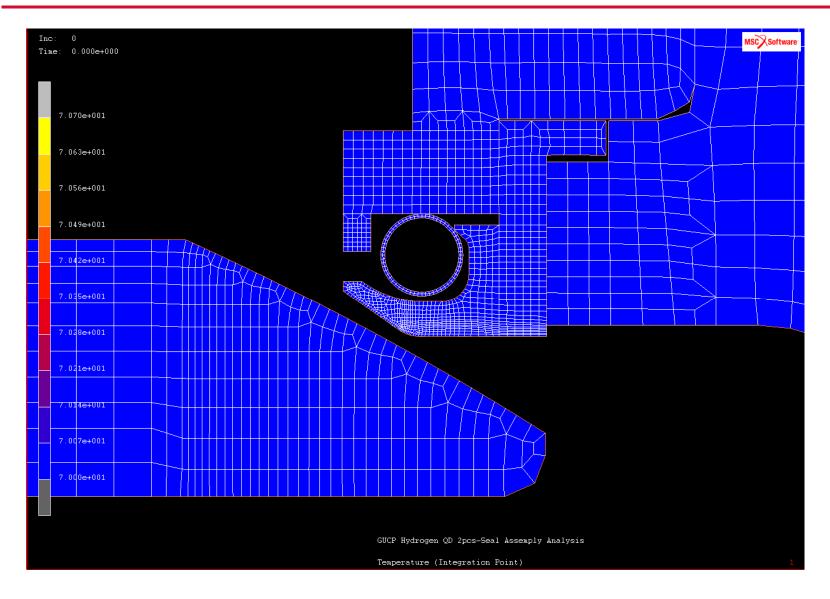


Proposed Seal Design #1 – SSP One Piece Chamfer











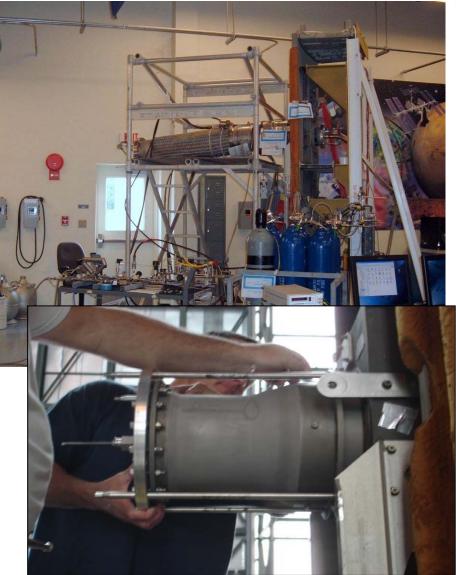
GH2 Vent Interface – New Seal Testing



Existing Equipment:

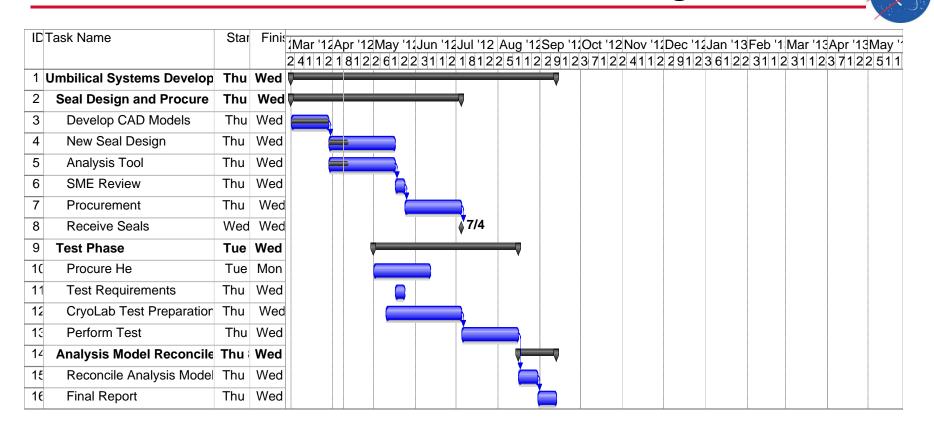
- SSP Carrier Plate
- SSP QD (Stiff / Weak Spring Rate)
- QD Hardware (inc. QD/GUCP spacers)
- QD Pressure Test Fixture
- ET Test Fixture
- Pressure Panel
- •Cryogenic Testing Hardware







GH2 Vent Interface – New Seal Testing



Preliminary Discussion have happened with SLS (Boeing) Core (Boeing) and full briefing during TIM (April 10-12)

