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OBJECTIVES

- DETERMINE FEASIBILITY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS
 OF NEAR NET SHAPE HARDWARE
- DEMONSTRATE NEAR NET SHAPE PROCESSES BY FABRICATING LARGE SCALE-FLIGHT QUALITY HARDWARE
- ADVANCE STATE OF CURRENT WELD PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES FOR ALUMINUM LITHIUM ALLOYS

- **NEAR NET SHAPE TECHNOLOGIES**
 - EXTRUDED BARREL PANELS
 - ROLL FORGED Y-RING ADAPTERS
 - ONE PIECE SPIN FORMED DOMES
- **OTHER TECHNOLOGIES**
 - LOW PROFILE, NON-TANGENT NET SHAPE SPIN FORMED BULKHEADS
 - FRICTION STIR WELDING

PROGRAM STATUS

- ADAPTERS, BARREL PANELS, AND DOMES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
- FRICTION STIR WELD TOOLING IN PLACE ON CIRCUMFERENTIAL TOOL
- BARREL PANEL WELDS COMPLETED
- EXCESSIVE POROSITY IN BARREL TO ADAPTER WELDMENTS PLACED TANK FABRICATION ON HOLD STATUS

© CONCLUSIONS

- NEAR NET SHAPE HARDWARE CAN BE COST EFFECTIVE FOR HIGHER PRODUCTION RATE CRYOTANK HARDWARE
- LARGE SCALE-FLIGHT QUALITY HARDWARE CAN BE MANUFACTURED USING NEAR NET SHAPE PROCESSES
- FRICTION STIR WELDING SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED