

# Group 24



## Magnetically Coupled Pump System for Cryogenic Propellant Tank Destratification

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# Background

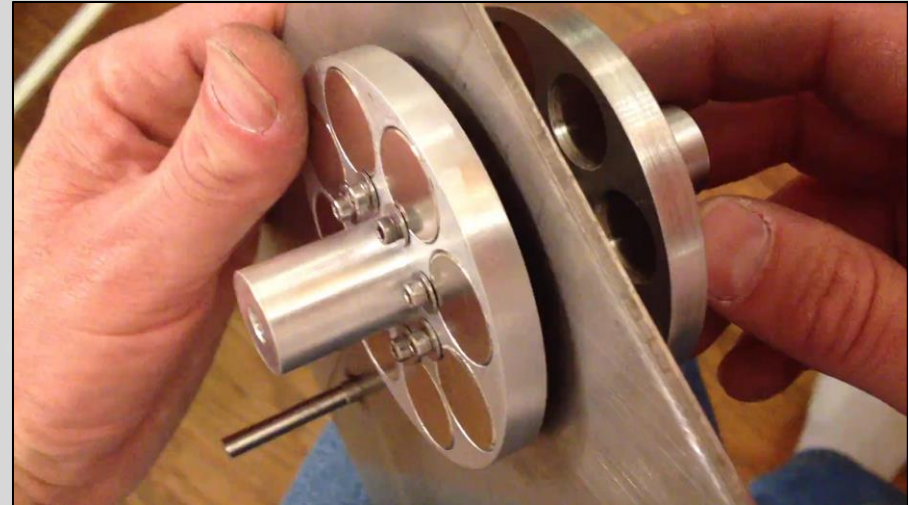
- Long term storage of cryogenic propellants present technology issues
  - Pressure control
  - Destratification
- Insulation
  - Prevent environmental and space/vacuum heat leak
- Mixing the propellants
  - More time before venting



Figure 1: Foam and multilayer insulation (MLI)

# The Project

- Current Design
  - Foam and insulation
  - Motor couple to a pump operating in submerged conditions
- Problem
  - Waste heat from motor into fluid
  - Connectors
  - Expensive specialized development of motors
- Proposed Solution
  - Magnetic coupling technology
  - Motor must be on outside of tank



# Goal Statement

## Need Statement

**"Due to the motor used inside cryogenic tanks there is too much heat addition when mixing the fluids"**

## Goal Statement

**"Design a better way of mixing cryogenic fluids"**

# Objectives

- Minimize heat addition
- Must produce volumetric flow rate of 5-15 gpm
  - The pressure rise due to the pump must reach 5psid
- Magnetically couple motor shaft to pump shaft
- Minimum number of parts and be compact in design
- Must attach to current tanks and be mobile

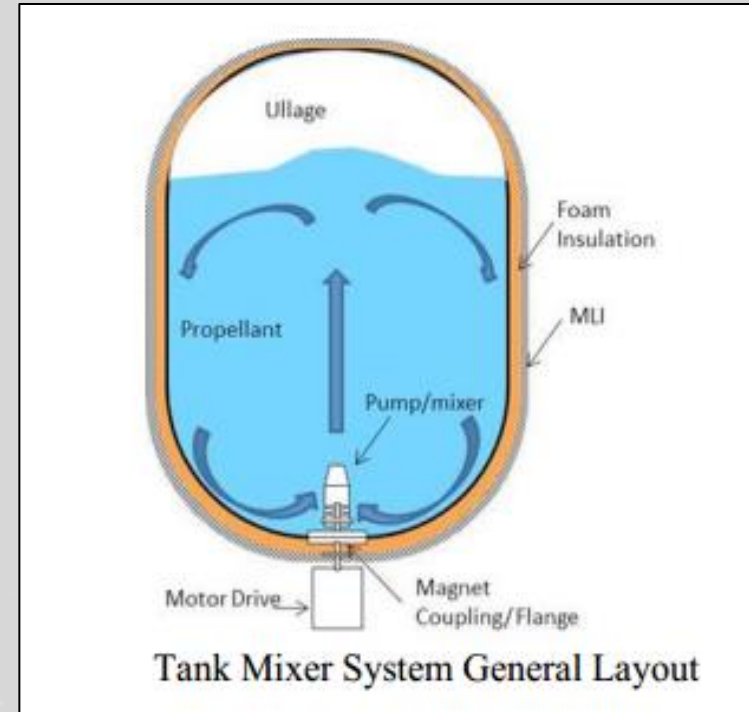


Figure 2: Tank Mixer System General Layout

# Project Specifications

| Requirement             | Specification  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Tank Size               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Height: 29 in</li><li>• Outer Diameter: 16 in</li><li>• Inner Diameter: 14 in</li><li>• Gross Capacity: 60 Liters</li></ul>  |
| Insulation              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0.5 in of foam</li><li>• &gt;20 layers of multi-layer insulation (MLI)</li></ul>   |
| Mounting                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mounted to 6 in flange</li><li>• Flange has 4 in port into tank</li></ul>  |
| Pump Motor              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Variable Flow Rate : 5 - 15 gpm</li><li>• Generates 5 psid rise in pressure</li><li>• Mixer/Pump must reach 12 inches into tank</li></ul>  |
| Additional Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tank must be adiabatic to surroundings</li><li>• Pump shaft must be magnetically coupled to the motor shaft</li><li>• Friction must be held to a minimum</li><li>• System must be compact</li><li>• Materials used for the magnetic housing and flange must be non magnetic</li><li>• Materials must withstand extremely cold temperatures between 63K - 77.2K</li></ul> |

# Provided Materials



Cryofab CF 1424-F model that will be used in the project



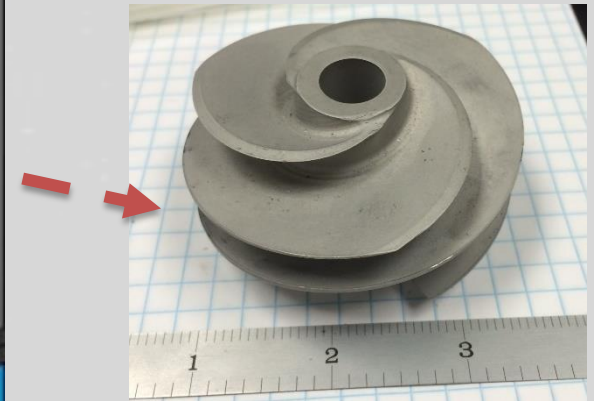
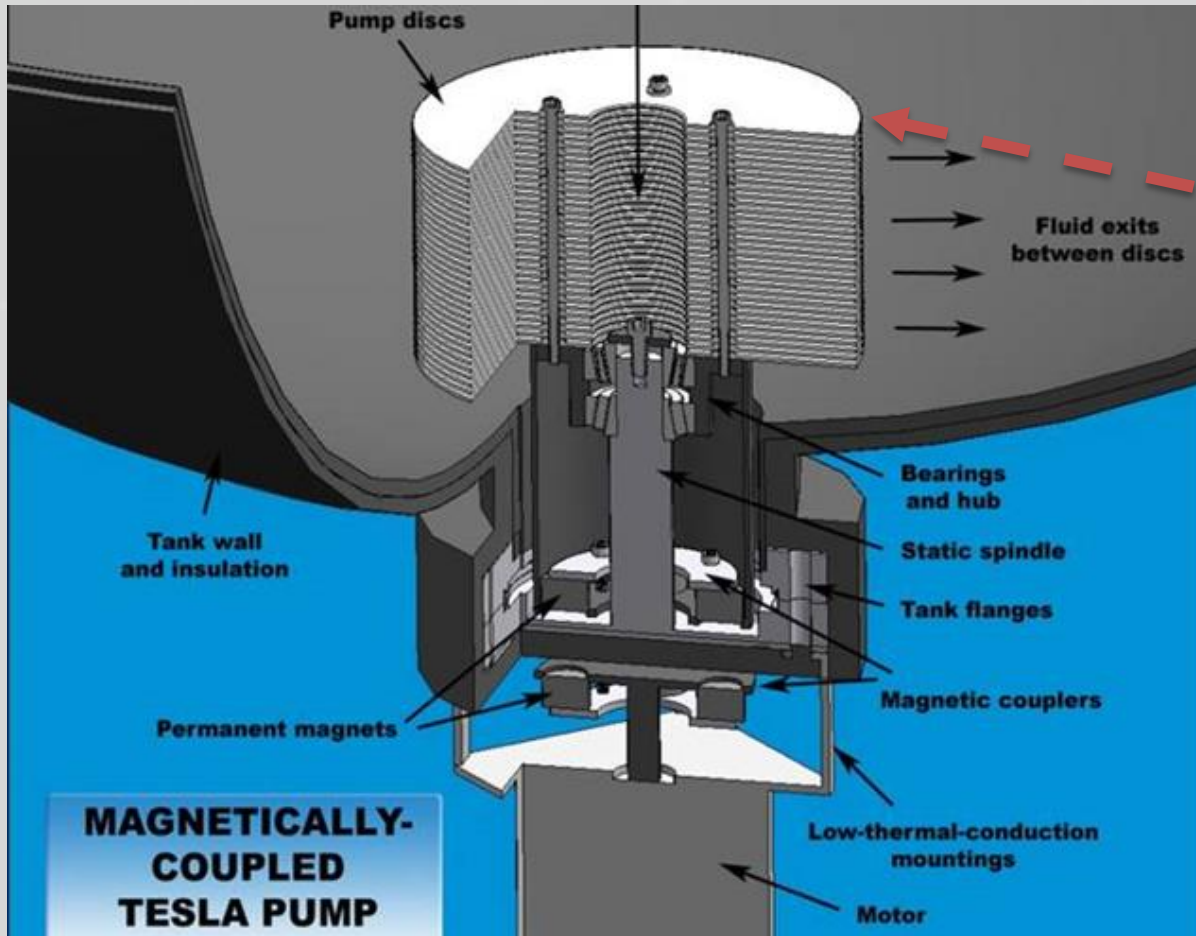
Cryofab CF 1424-F head that flange will be attached to



6 inch ConFlat flange made of stainless steel that the design will be attached to.



# Proposed Designs



- Primary Design entails the use of a Tesla pump
- Secondary design would make use of 3-tooth inducer

# Budget

- \$500 from Florida Space Grant
- Fabrication Materials
- Sealing
  - Indium wire
  - Copper seal gasket
- Magnets
  - 12-16 permanent magnets
- Motor
  - Produces required volumetric flow rate

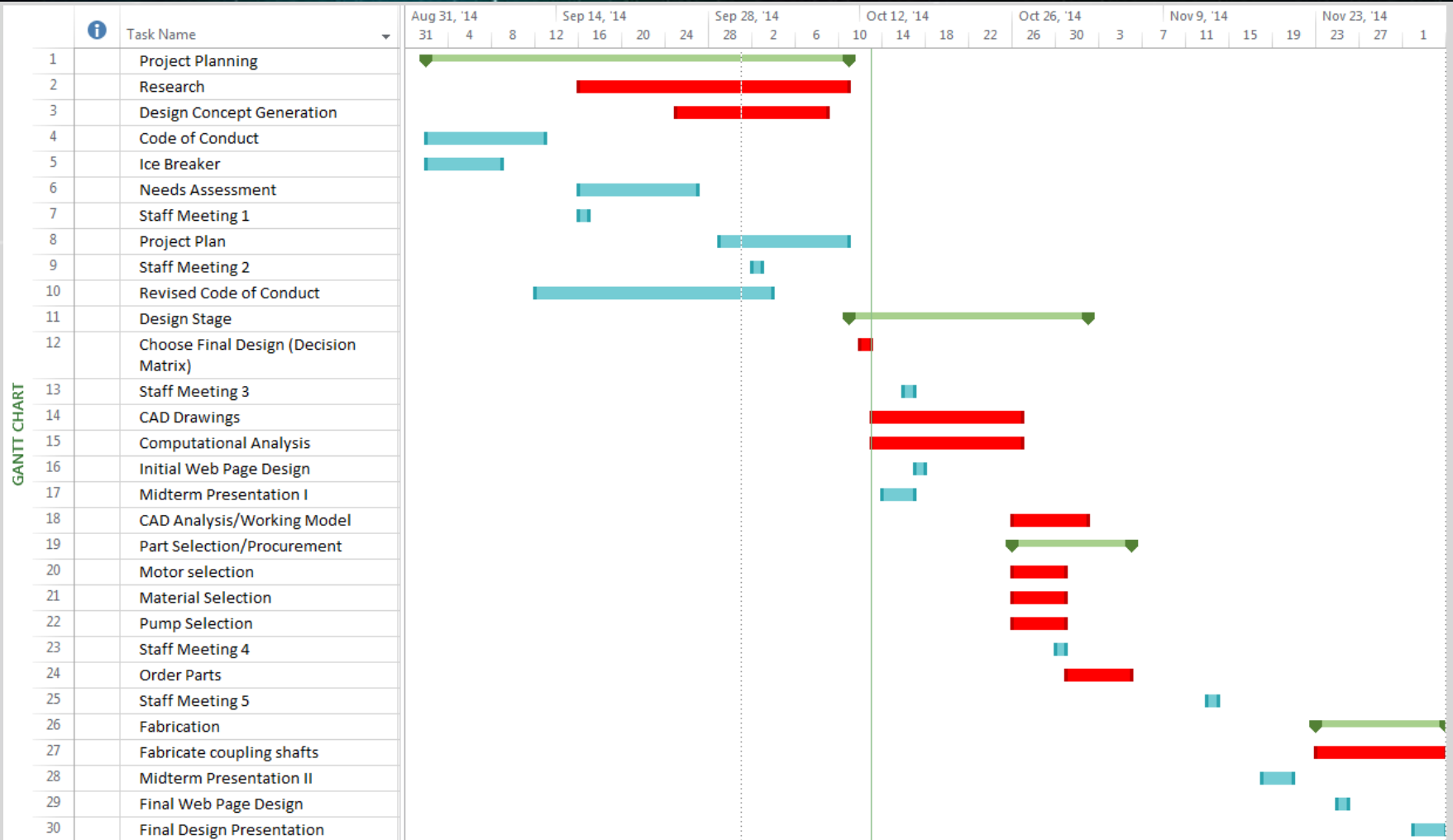
| Item                  | Percentage |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Fabrication Materials | 45%        |
| Sealing               | 20%        |
| Magnets               | 15%        |
| Motor                 | 20%        |
| Total                 | 100%       |

# Prototype Testing

- Preliminary Magnet coupling test
  - Build a square tank for water tests
- Pressure tests
  - Fitted pressure gauge on the cryostat
- Flow rate
  - Fabricated square tank (Water)
  - Fluid transfer between two cryostats (Liquid Nitrogen)



# Project Timeline



# Future Work

- CAD Drawings
- Computational Analysis
  - Acquire motor specification
  - Flow rate
  - Pressure rise
- Material and Part Selection
  - Magnets
  - Motor
- Fabrication
  - Prototype
- Testing

# Summary

- The Project
  - Reduce heat addition
  - Magnetic coupling technology
- Design proposal
  - Solves the issues of heat addition
  - Satisfies the objectives
- Constraints
  - Budget, materials, and size
- Future Plans
  - CAD drawings
  - Computational Analysis
  - Fabrication and Testing

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# Questions



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