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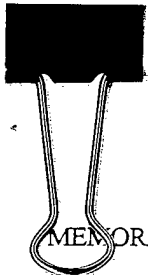
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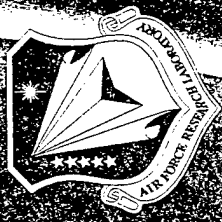
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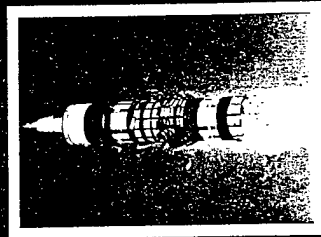
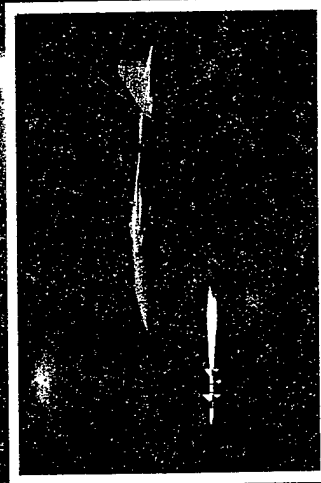
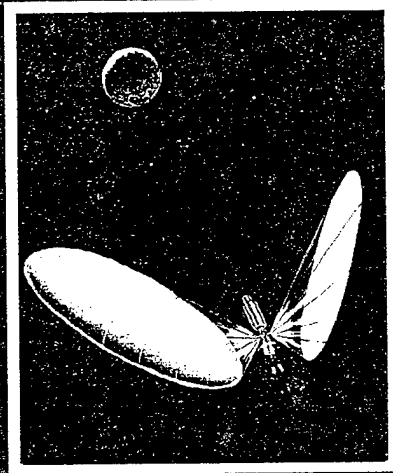
# Air Force Research Laboratory



**Propulsion Directorate**

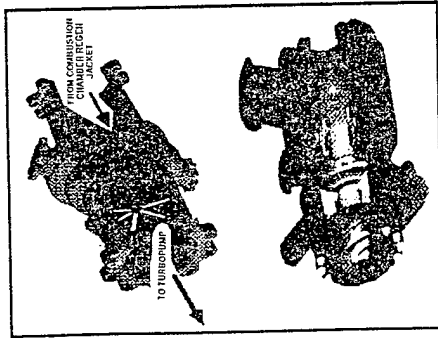
**Rocket Propulsion Division**

**Dr. Lawrence P. Quinn**

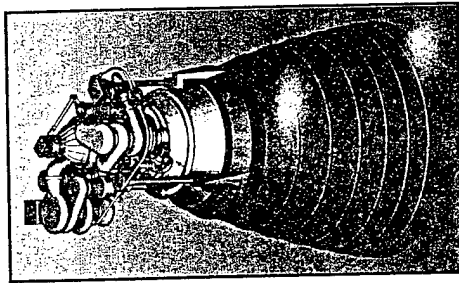




# Air Force Research Laboratory Rocket Propulsion Division

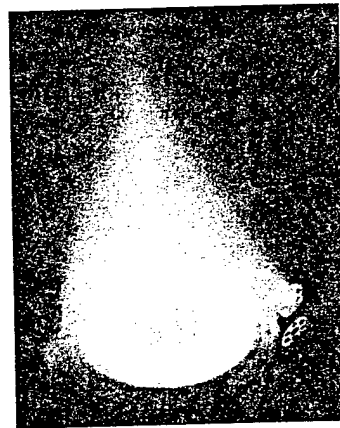


INTEGRATED POWERHEAD  
DEMONSTRATION



ADVANCED EXPANDER  
CYCLE ENGINE

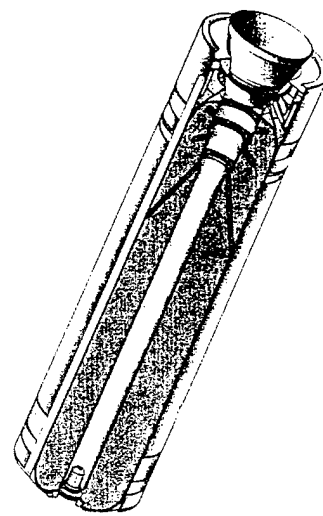
**Mission Statement**  
**Create Rocket Propulsion  
Technologies for the  
Warfighter to Control and  
Exploit Space & Air**



HALL THRUSTER



HYBRID BOOST



SUSTAINMENT MOTOR

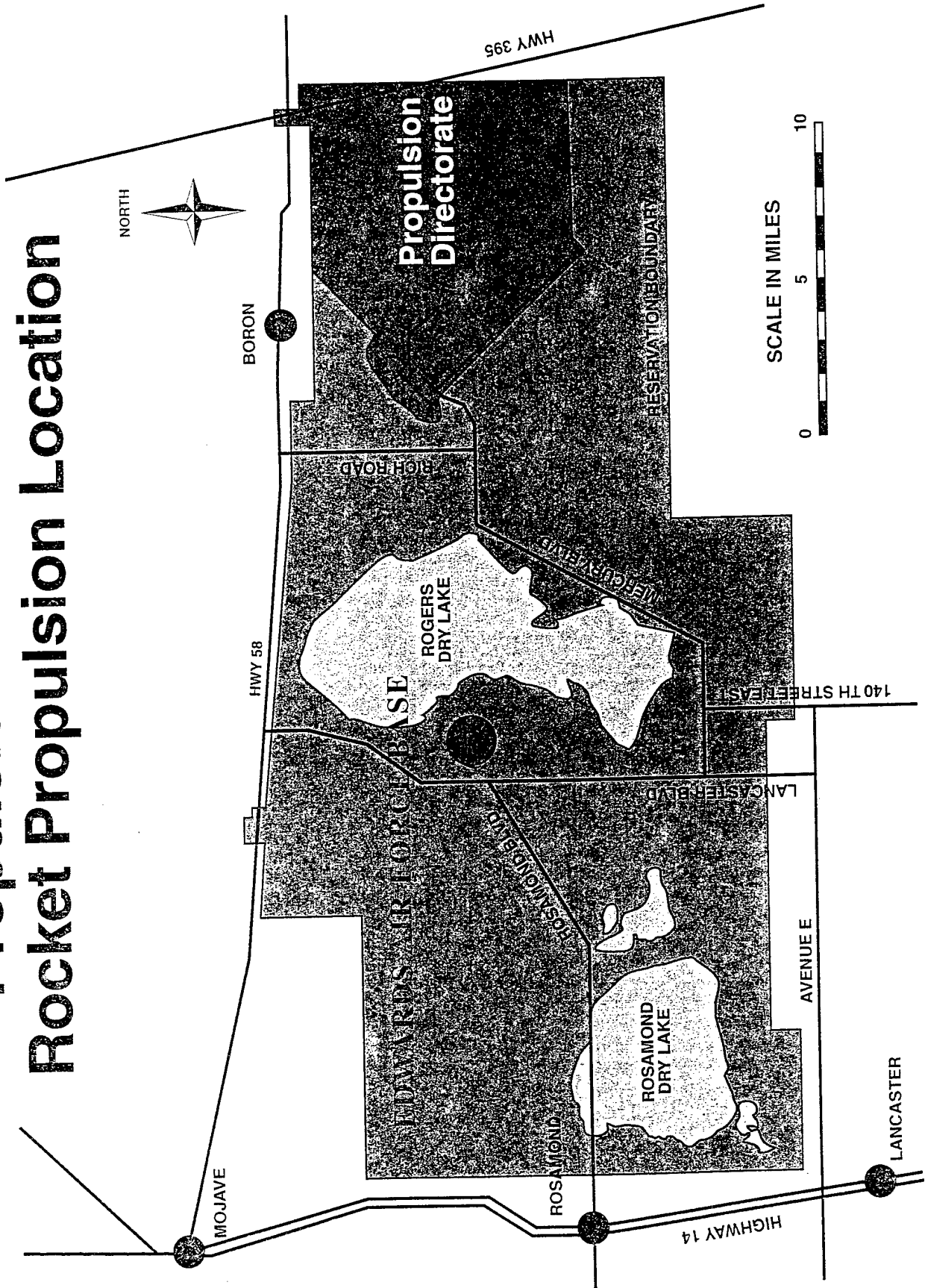


# Outline



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- **Who Are We?**
  - **What Have We Done?**
  - **Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology**
  - **What Are We Doing?**

# Propulsion Directorate Rocket Propulsion Location

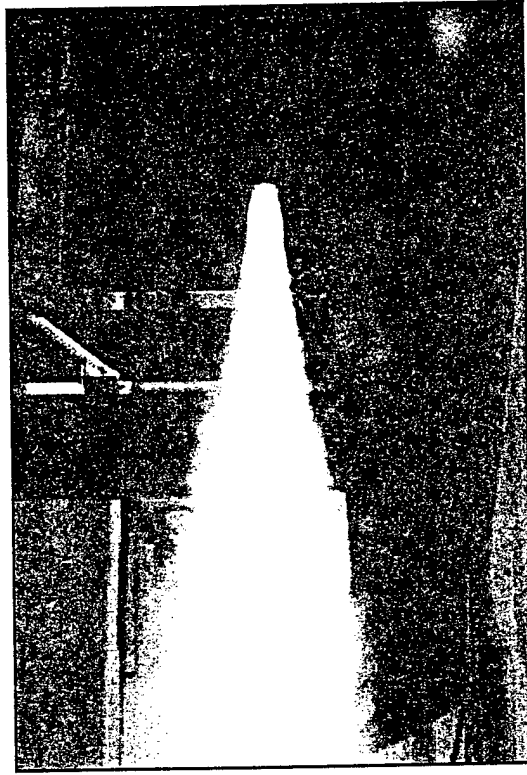




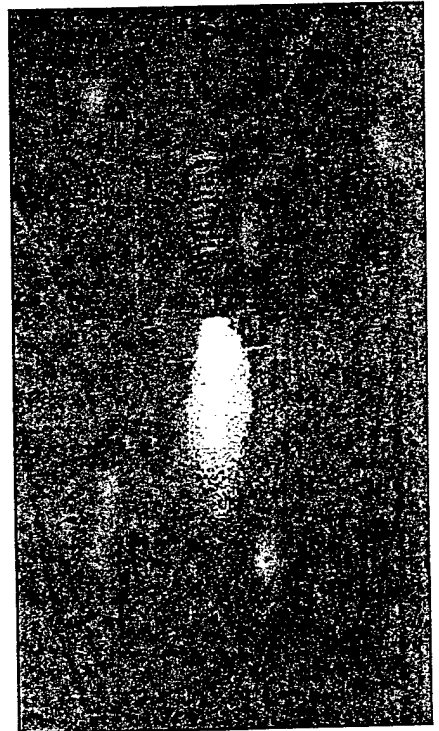
# Facilities



**NINETEEN LIQUID ENGINE STANDS TO 8,000,000 LBS THRUST**



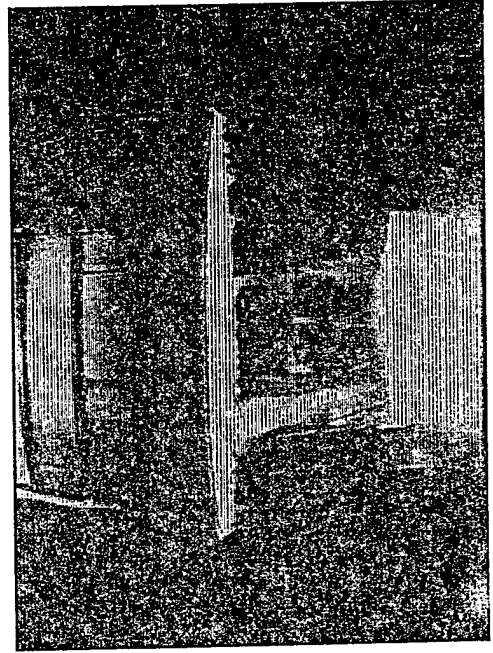
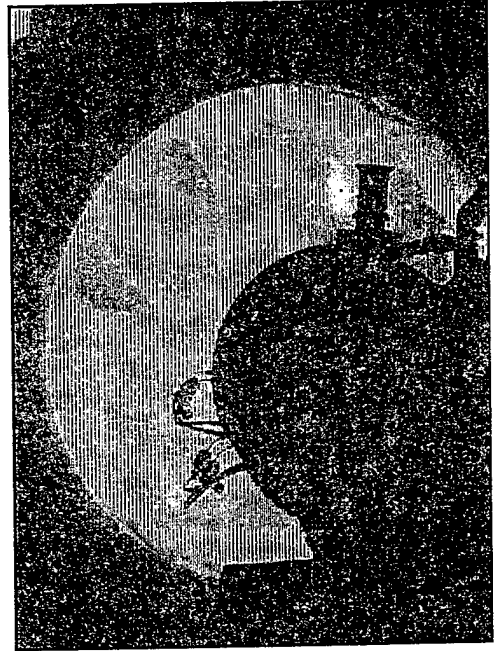
**THIRTEEN SOLID ROCKET MOTOR PADS TO 10,000,000 LBS THRUST**





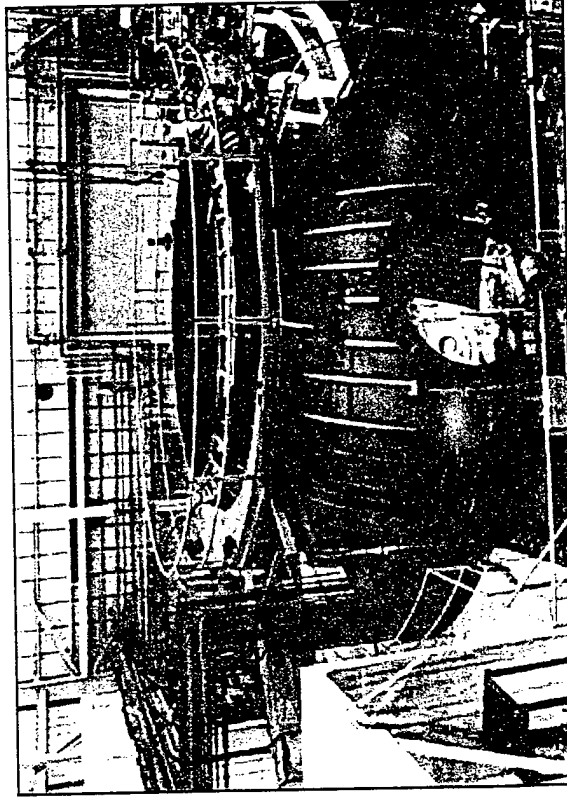
# Altitude Facilities

FROM MILLIPOUNDS TO 60,000 LBS THRUST





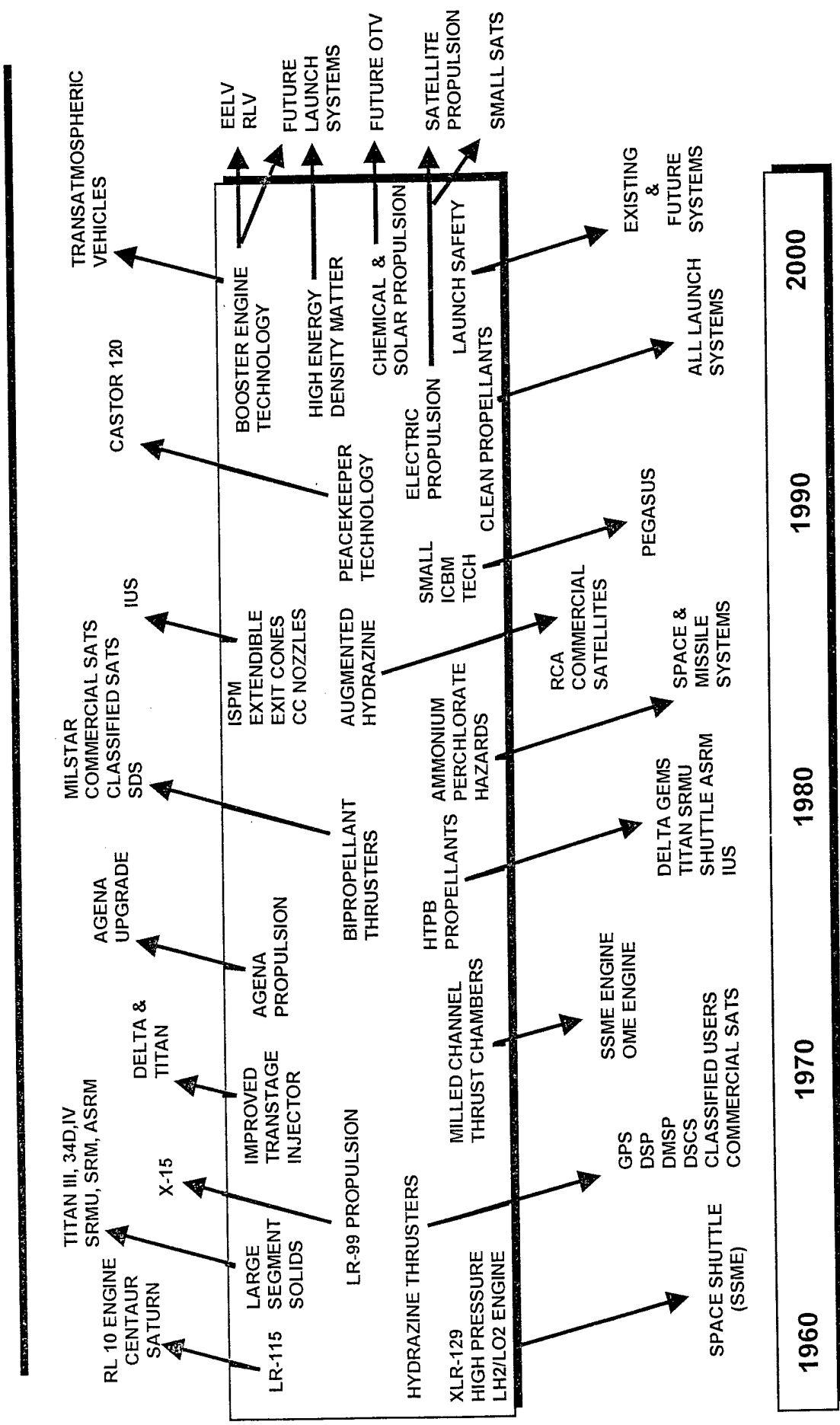
# Combined Space Environment Simulation



30 FT DIAMETER LIQUID NITROGEN  
COLD WALL QUARTZ LAMP SOLAR SIMULATION

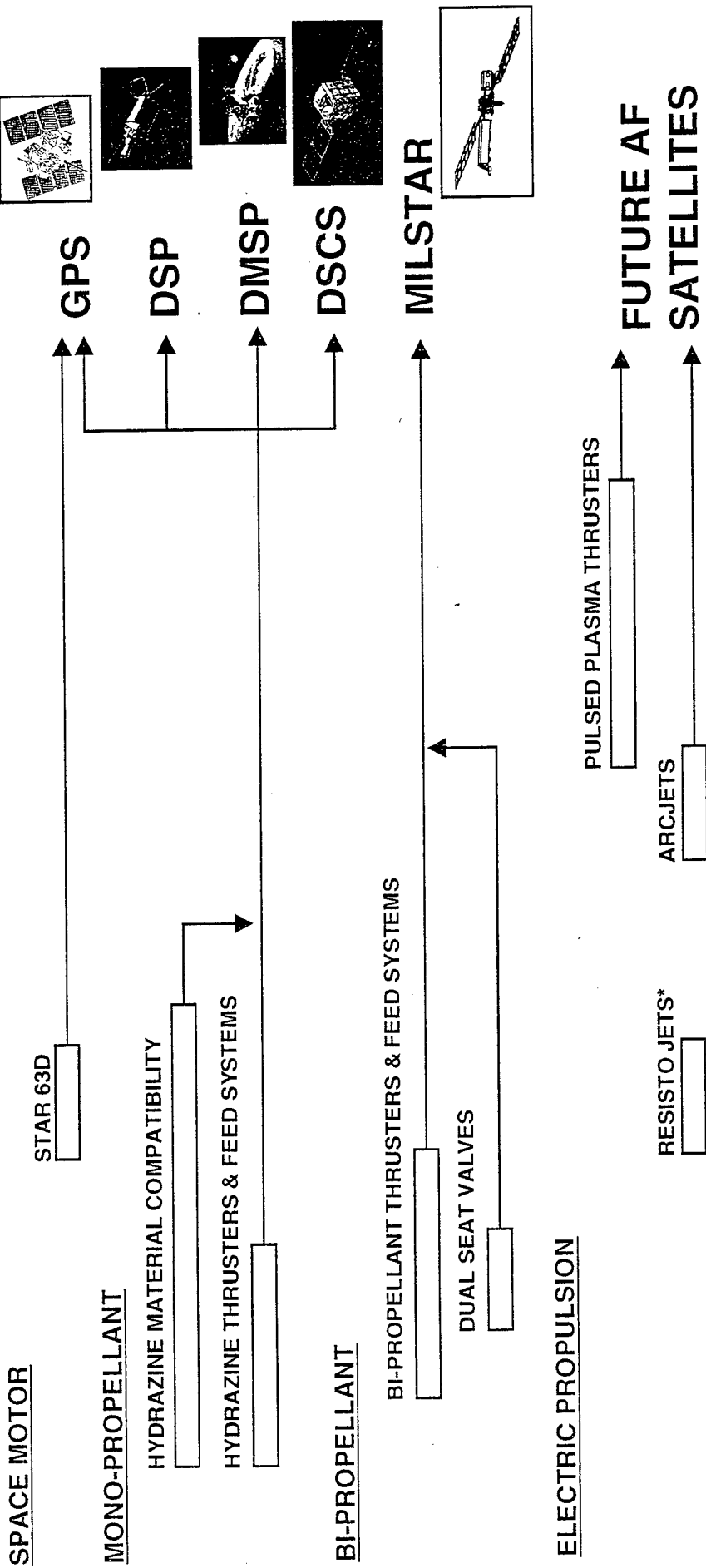


# Air Force Research Laboratory Space Propulsion Contributions





# Air Force Research Laboratory Contribution to Air Force Satellite Propulsion

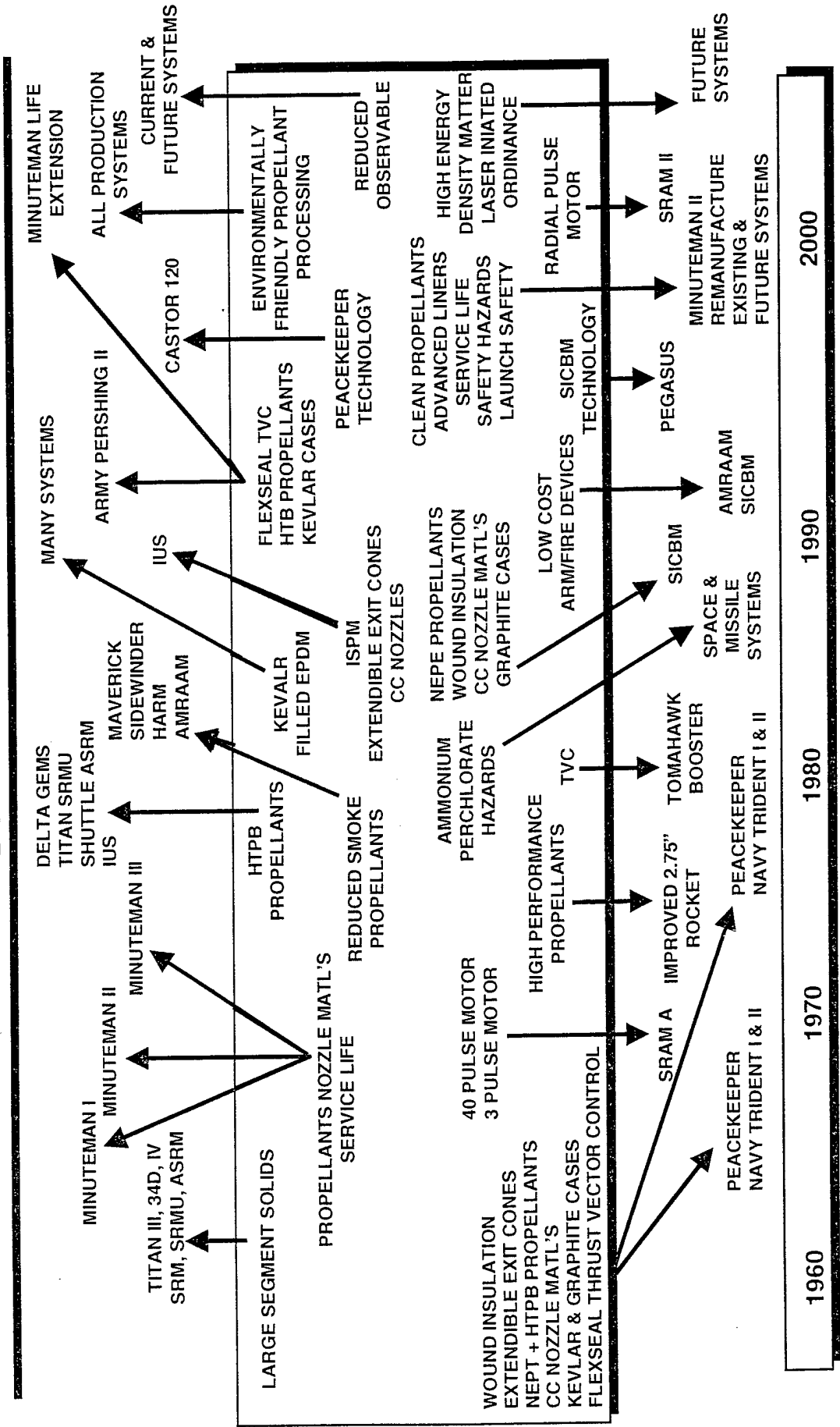


1960    1970    1980    1990    2000    2005

\* \$1M AFRL Investment Extended On-Orbit Life and Generated Over \$1B Additional Income on Lockheed-Martin Commercial Satellites.



# Air Force Research Laboratory Solid Propulsion Motor Technology Contributions



1960

1970

1980

1990

2000





# **Propulsion Related AFSPC Deficiencies**

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- **Costly Spacelift**
- **Unresponsive Spacelift**
- **Satellite Repositioning**
- **Satellite Recovery & On-Orbit Service**
- **Global Mobility Via Space**
- **Lack of DoD Space System Protection Capability**

# IHPRPT is...



**SAME SIZE**

> Range / Payload  
 > Thrust  
 > Isp  
 < \$

**SMALLER SIZE**

= Payload  
 = Thrust  
 > Isp  
 > M<sub>f</sub>  
 < \$

**SATELLITE PERFORMANCE**

**SAME THRUST**

> Isp or Thruster Efficiency  
 < \$  
 > Life  
 > Repositioning Capability

**THRUST CONTROL**

> Range  
 > Warhead Delivery  
 > M<sub>f</sub>

**PROCESS FOR:**

- Works First Time, Every Time
- High Performance Long Life
- Dual Use, Cost Effective
- Environmentally Compliant
- Insensitive, Safe
- Highly Efficient Operation

**Double Rocket Propulsion**

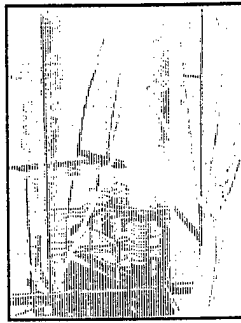
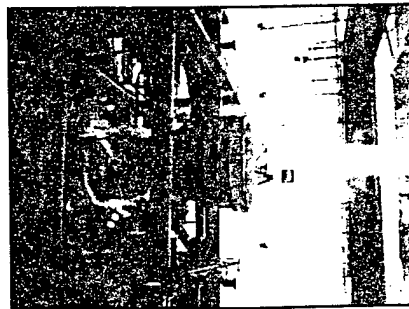
**Capability By 2010**



# IHPRPT Investment Impacts

## Propulsion Performance has Major Impacts on Vehicle Size/Weight

## Propulsion Represents the Limiting Factor in Future Military and Commercial Capabilities



### PROPULSION IS...

**Boost**

70-90% Takeoff System Weight

40-60% System Cost

**Spacecraft**

Life Limiting Factor

25-40% System Cost

50-70% Satellite Weight

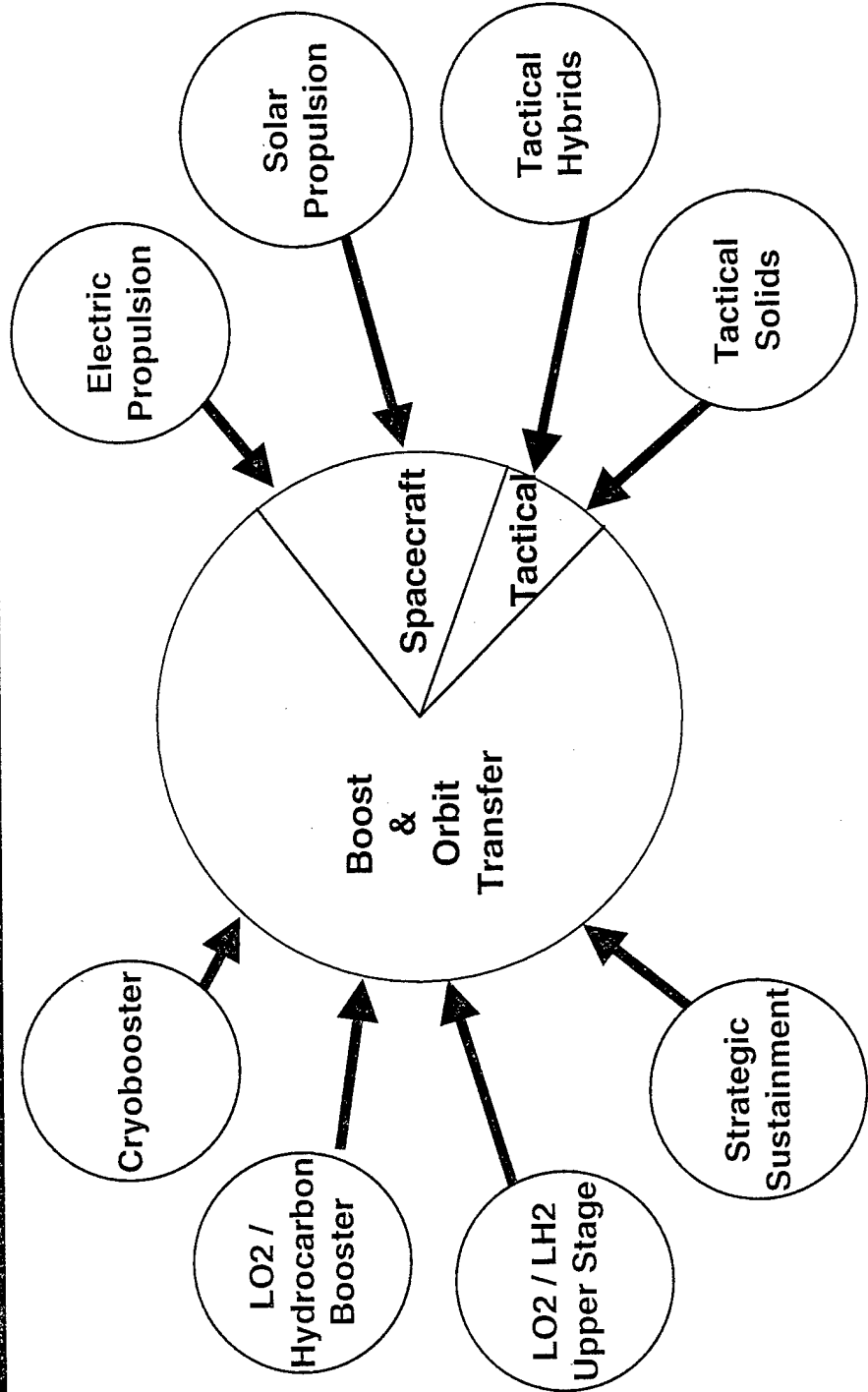
**Tactical**

60-80% Missile Weight

Critical Factor in Decreasing Time-to-Target



# Propulsion Directorate Primary IHPRT Focus Areas



Advanced Concepts

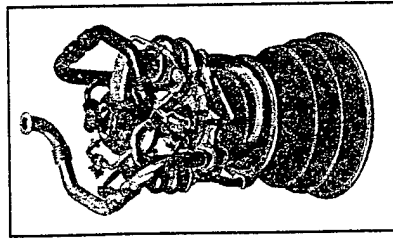
Advanced Propellants

Materials Applications

Aerophysics

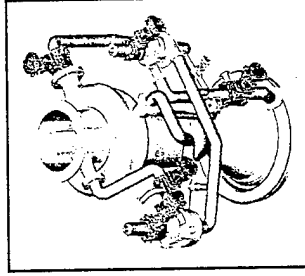


# Rocket Propulsion Division Key Programs



**Integrated Powerhead Demo**

- Develop Enabling Technologies for Advanced Cryogenic Engines
- Enables Reusable Space Launch Vehicles



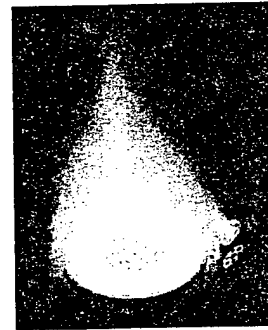
**Advanced Expander Cycle Upper Stage Engine**

- Develop Technologies for the Next Generation Upper Stage Engines
- Increased Reliability, Increased Payload, Decreased Cost



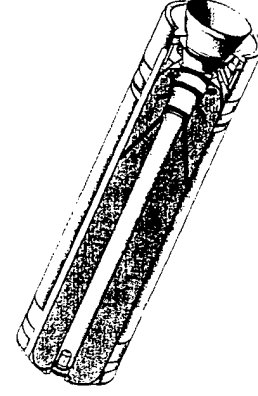
**Hybrid Propulsion**

- Develop Hybrid Propulsion for Tactical, Upper Stages and Boost Systems
- Increased Operational Effectiveness, Inherent Safety and Increased Performance



**Electric Propulsion**

- Develop Advanced Spacecraft Propulsion
- Improved Orbit Transfer, Stationkeeping and Repositioning of Satellites



**Strategic Sustainment**

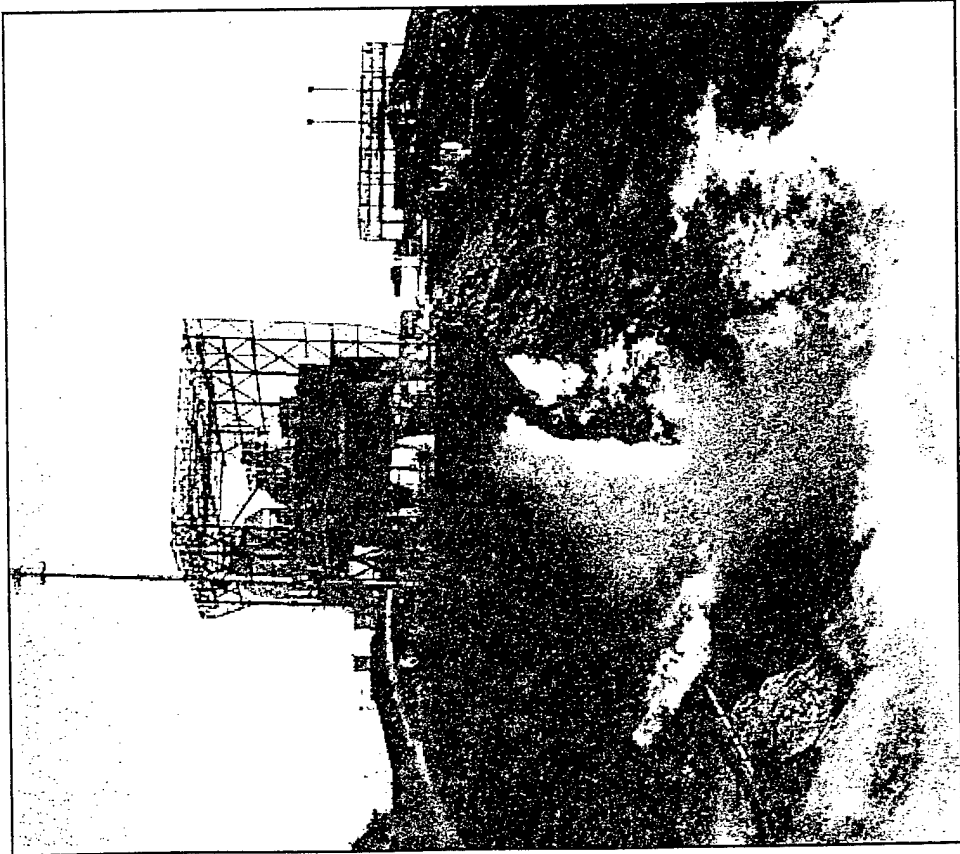
- Technology Efforts for Sustainment of Strategic Systems
- Sustainment of Existing Systems and Industrial Capacity



# EELV Support



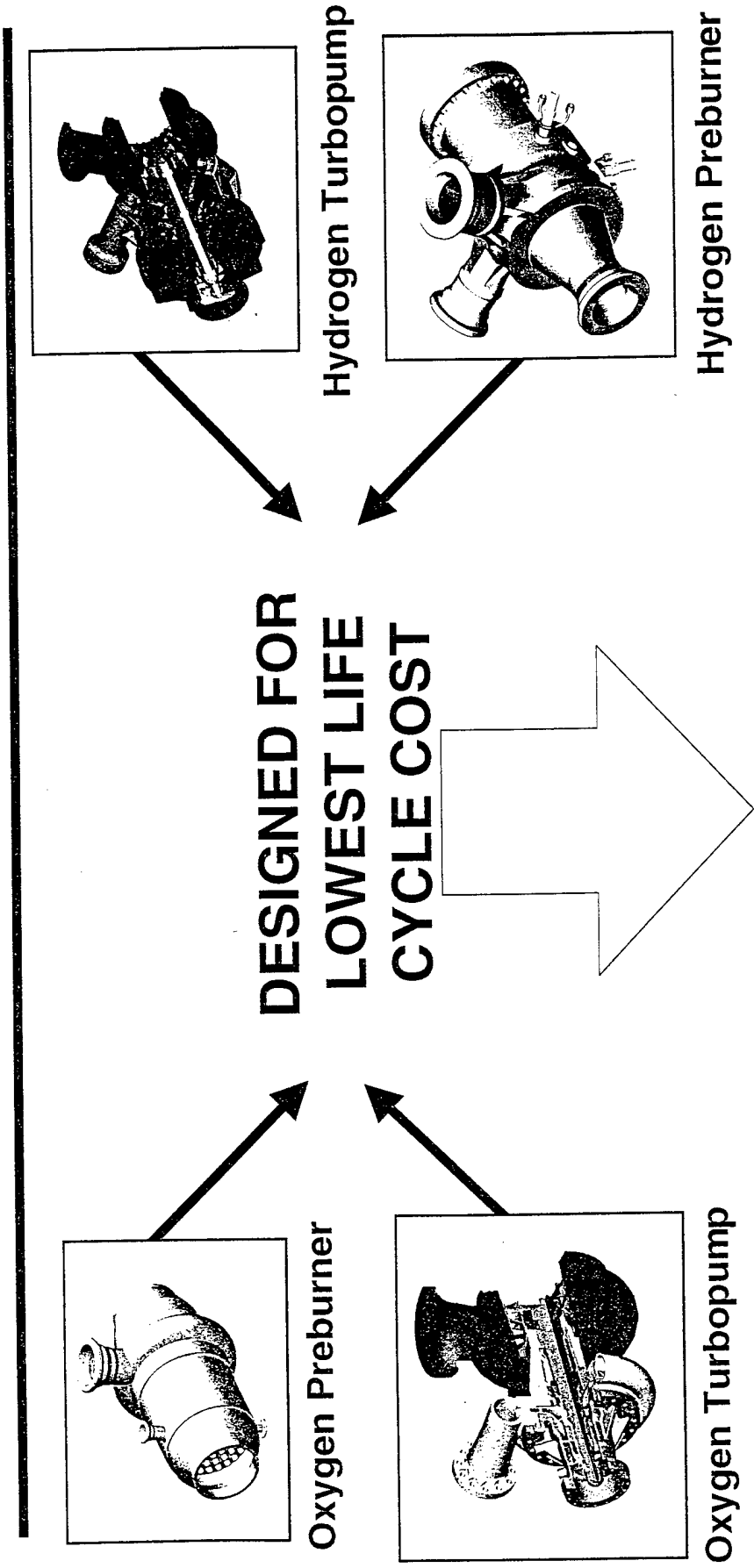
- Activation of Large Engine Test Facility at Edwards AFB
- Provides EELV With Assured Engine Test Capability
- Modern World Class Rocket Engine Test Facility
- On Track to Test Rocketdyne RS-68 for Boeing EELV



Facility System Test  
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# Integrated Powerhead Demonstration



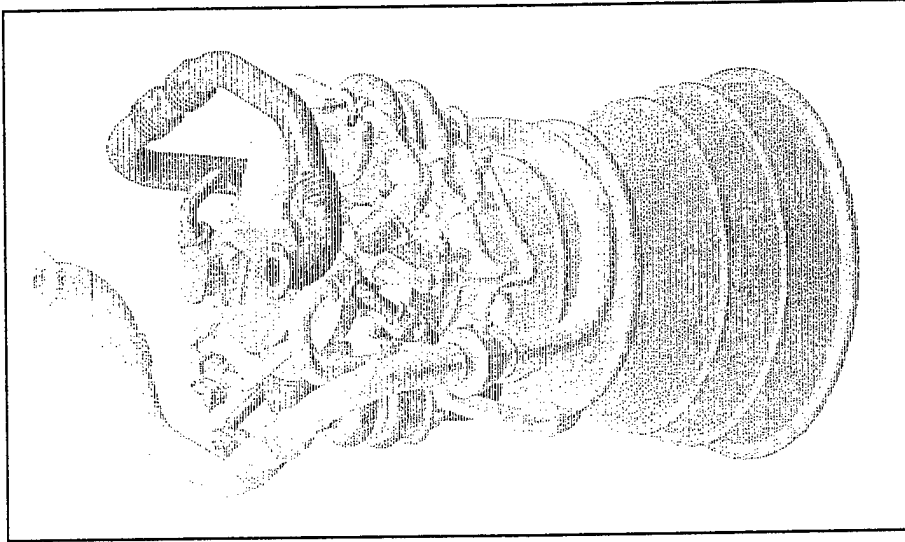
- 10X Increase in Engine Life**
- 10X Reduction in Maintenance Cost**
- 60% Reduction in Vehicle Size**
- Meets Military Spaceplane Requirements**



# Integrated Powerhead Demonstration



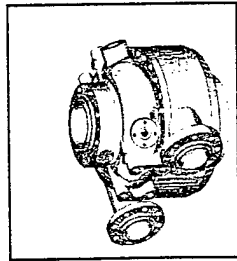
- Reusable Space Engine Technology Program
- Baseline Approach for Military Spaceplane
- Unique Design Enables 100 Missions w/o Overhaul
- Low Cost, Low Part Count, High Reliability
- Component Fabrication Underway



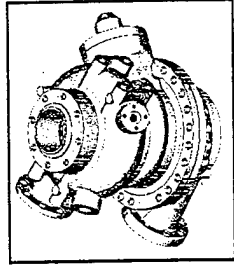
250K LO<sub>2</sub>/LH<sub>2</sub> BOOSTER ENGINE



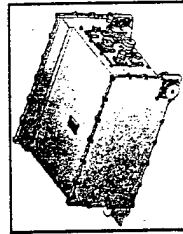
# Advanced Expander Cycle Engine Demo



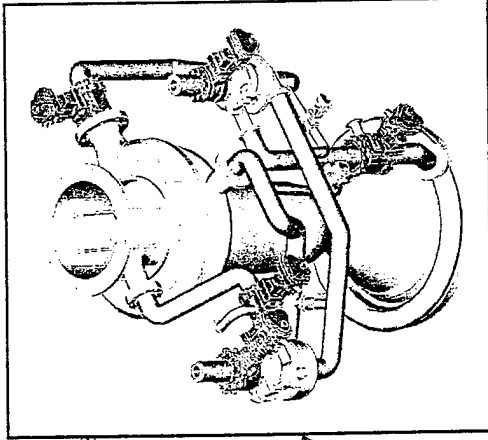
LH2 Turbopump  
AFRL



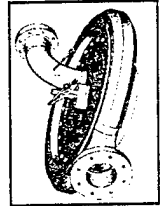
LO2 Pump  
P&W



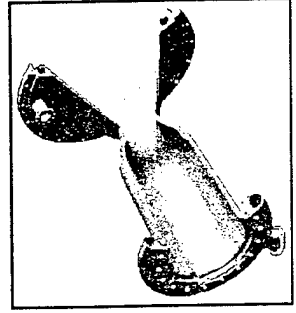
DEREC  
EMA'S  
AFRL



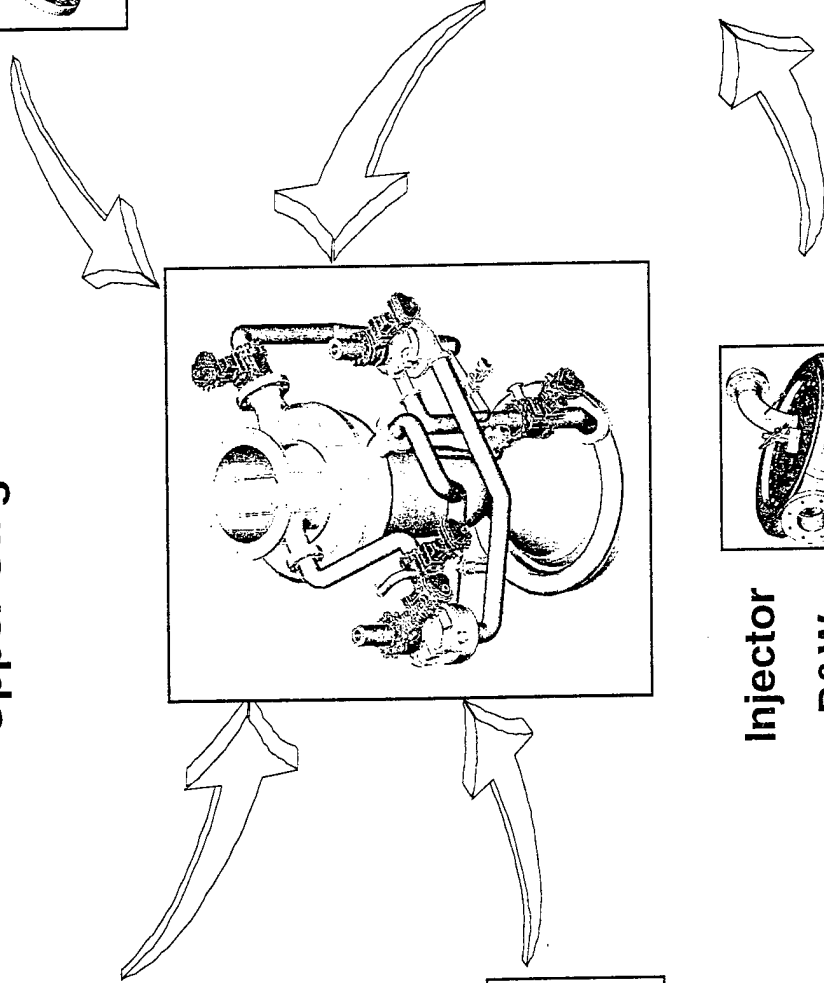
AFRL & P&W  
Upper Stage Demo



Injector  
P&W



AFRL  
Combustor





# Advanced Expander Cycle Engine IHPRPT Phase I Payoffs

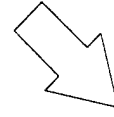
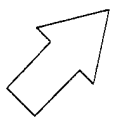


- **Upper Stage**
  - Increase Payload 11%-16%
  - Decrease Cost 5.6%
  
- **Other Applications**
  - Booster
  - Sustainer
  - Military Space Plane



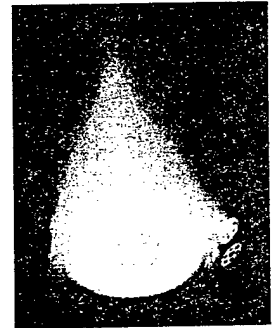
# Future DoD/Commercial Satellite Trends

- Greater Repositioning Requirements
- Higher Specific Power
- Greater Resolution
  - Distributed Apertures
  - Large Deployables
- Orbit Insertion
- Electric Propulsion Approaches



## Larger GEO Satellites

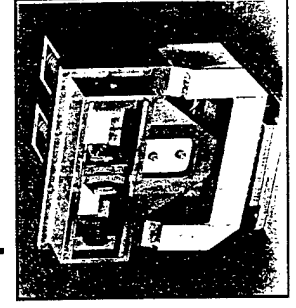
High Power Available  
High Thrust Desired



Hall Thruster

## Small Sats

Low Power (<200W)  
Small Impulse Bit



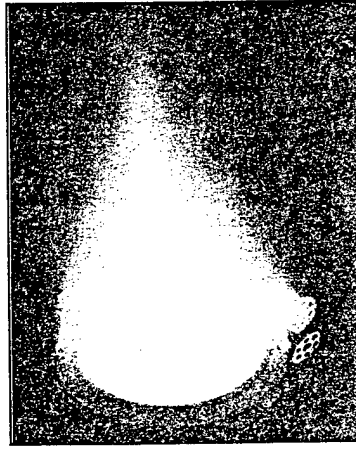
Pulsed Plasma Thruster



# Electric Propulsion

**SPACECAST 2020 - Critical Technology for Future of the Air Force**

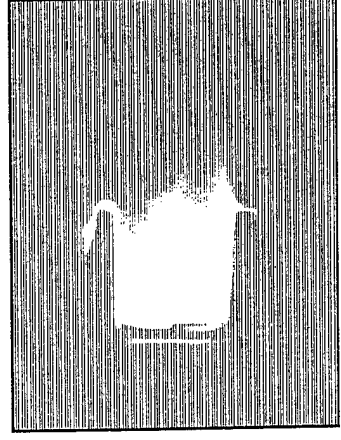
**New World Vistas - Enabling technology, recommends aggressive R&D effort**



- Propulsion Directorate demonstrating Hall & Pulsed Plasma Thrusters
- Leading agency conducting fundamental research on Electric Propulsion

- Enables dramatic increases in GEO payloads 50 % near term and 300% far term increase

- Enables New Missions, Special Orbits 500% increase in Maneuvering





# Solar Thermal Propulsion Critical Flight Experiment



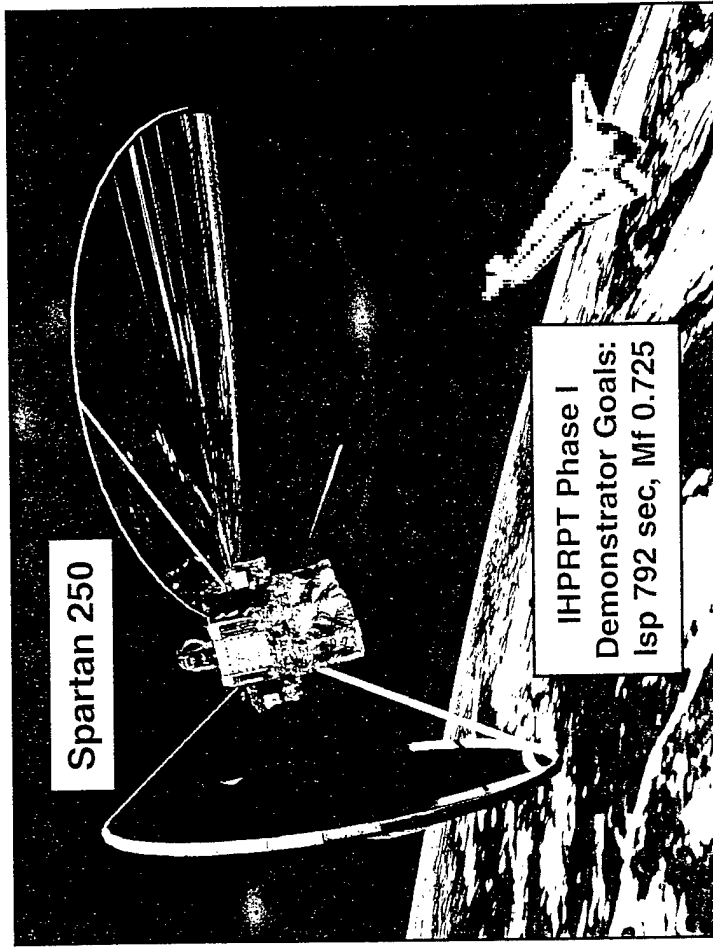
## CFE Objective

- Validate inflatable concentrators
  - Deployment and pressurization
  - Optical performance 2mrad
  - Space debris, AO, UV radiation
- Demonstrate Solar Thermal Propulsion System
  - Pointing and control .1 deg
  - Integrated engine and collector
  - Plume/mirror interactions

## • Meet IHRPT Performance Goals

### Secondary Inflatable Experiments

- Microwave Antenna Characterization
- PV array deployment



## Flight Experiment

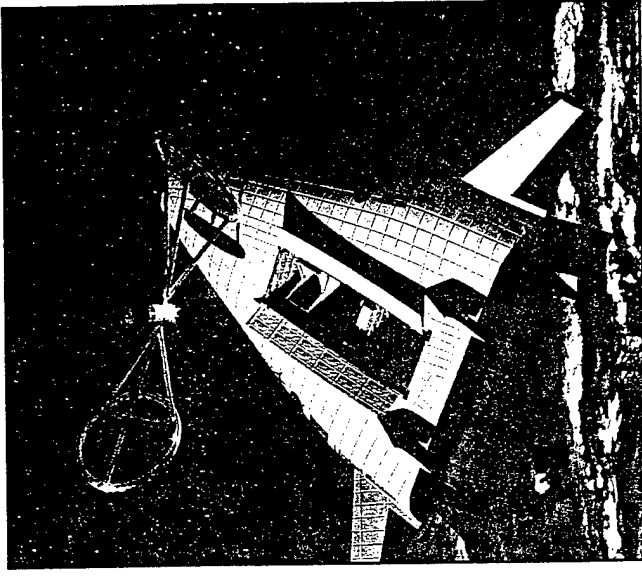
- Cooperative program with NASA
- Spartan/Shuttle launch
- Inflatable characterization
- Multiple GN2 burns
- Experiment recovered by shuttle



# Solar Thermal Propulsion Critical Flight Experiment



- Provides AFSPC with
  - Affordable Spacelift (2X payload to GEO)
  - Responsive Spacelift (Step down, <30 days)
  - Space Control (tug for repair, retrieval, denial)
  - Step toward high Isp Reusable OTV
  - Large aperture space antennas
- Alternatives
  - EP & chemical
  - Nuclear & Laser Thermal
  - AFRL SOTV/ISUS
  - NASA Shooting Star
- Need for Space Flight
  - Test 0g inflatable deployment dynamics and accuracy
  - Test 0g, free flight tracking and control for large inflatable structures
  - Quantify effects of LEO environment (Solar Flux, UV, AO, Debris)
  - Demonstrate solar thermal propulsion in operational space environment

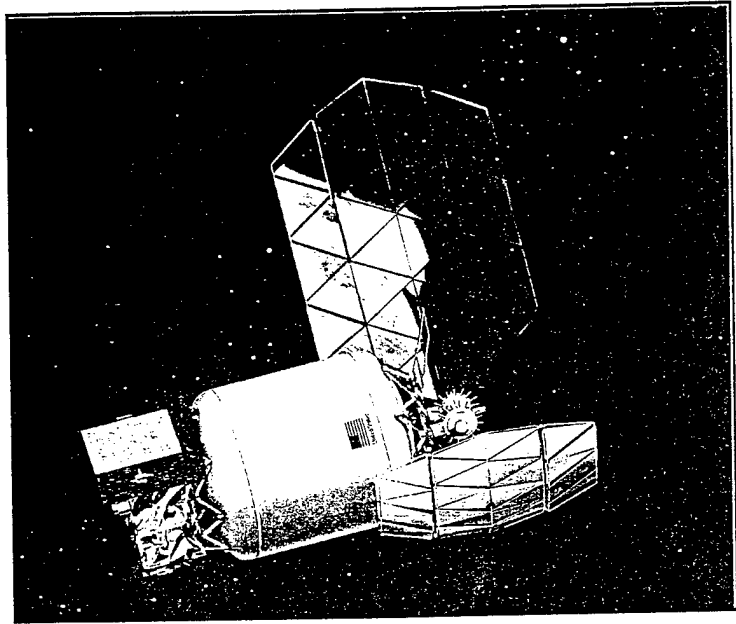
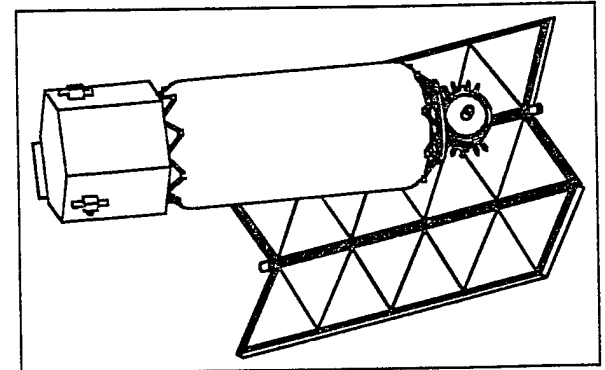




# AFRL SOTV



- Power and Propulsion
- Thermal storage cavity
- Single smaller rigid segmented concentrator
- Cryo H2 storage and delivery
- Tankage interaction
- Thermionic operation
- EELV 2002 launch





# Strategic Sustainment



- **USSTRATCOM Initiated Program**
  - Meets the USSTRATCOM Requirement for Sustainment of Strategic Technology
  - Funding Directed by Dr. Kaminski
  - \$67M Fenced Funding from FY98 Through FY03
- **Coordinated with the MM SPO**
  - OO-ALC/M
  - SAF/AQS
  - SMC/XRT
  - USSTRATCOM/J541
  - HQ AFSPC/DRM, DOM
- **SPO PRP Deals with Existing System**
- **Strategic Sustainment Deals with**
  - Future Technology
  - Sustainment of Propulsion Development Capability



# Strategic Sustainment and PRP



## • Two Different Programs with Two Different Objectives

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Lab Program

Technology Development

Sustains Motor

Development Capability

Component Design

PRP

SBICBM SPO Program

System Maintenance  
(Propellant Repour)

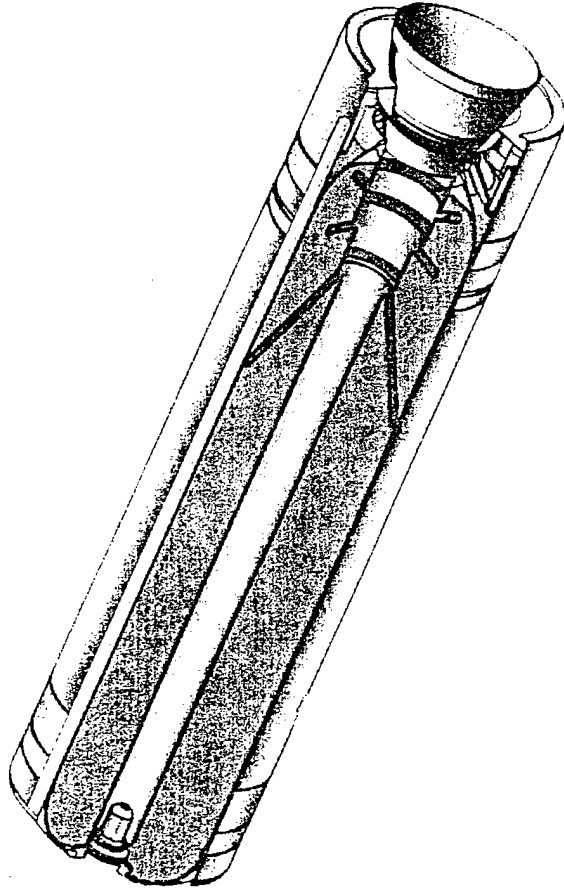
Sustains Existing System

Manufacturing

• PRP Only Does that Technology Needed to Keep Minuteman Operating



# Strategic Sustainment Missile Propulsion



**SUSTAINMENT MOTOR**

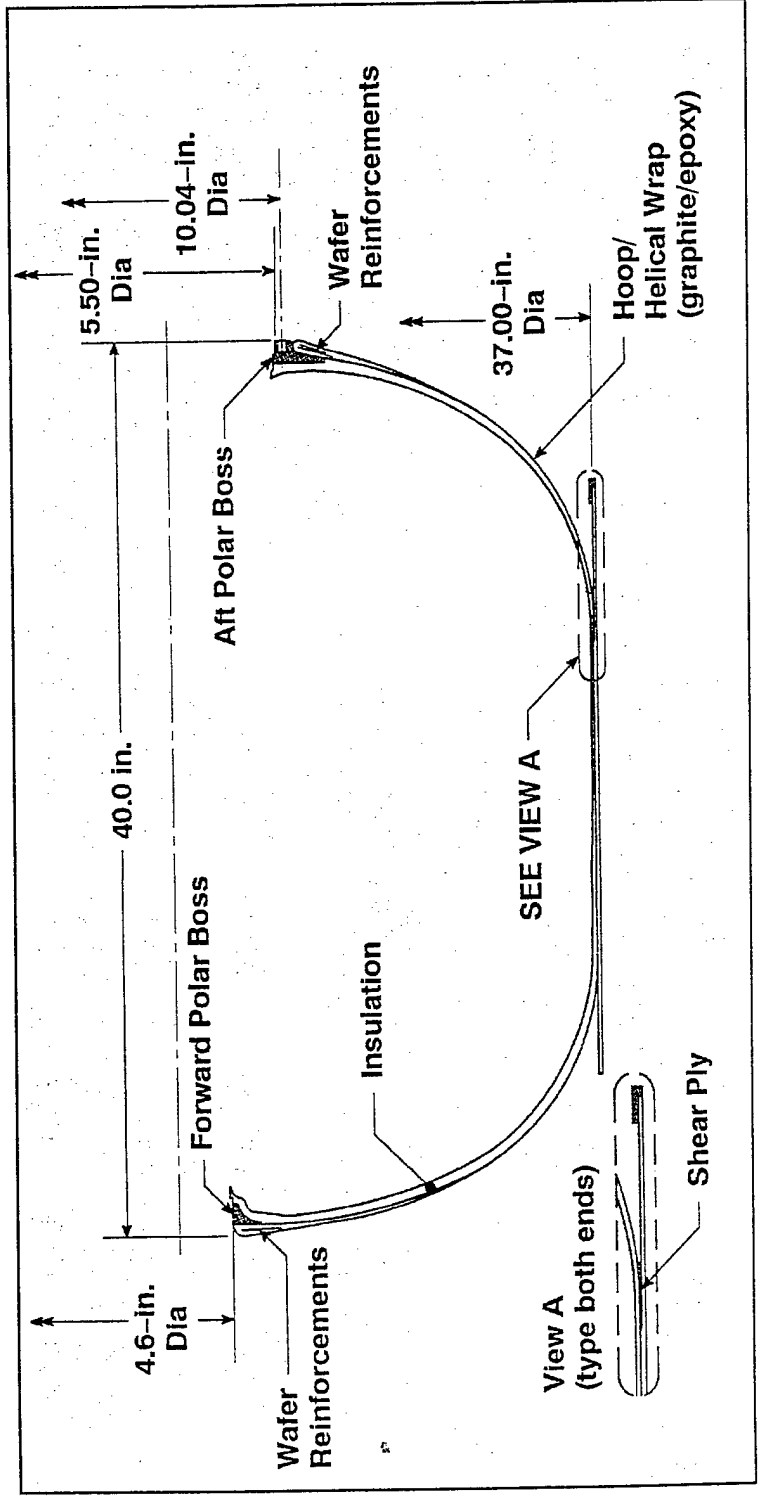
- Propellant
  - Sustainable Ingredients
  - Reduced Hazards Class 1.3
- Nozzle
  - In-Situ Densification
  - Low Cost Ingredients
- Stronger, Lower Cost Case
- Electromechanical Actuators
- Support & Hardware Cost Reduction - 25%
- Inert Weight Decrease - 15%
- Isp Increase - 4% (10 sec)



# Case (Thiokol)



- Reduce Case Weight by 13.7% (Increase Castor 120 Mass Fraction 1%)
- Reduce Case Cost by 23% (Decrease Castor 120 Cost 6%)

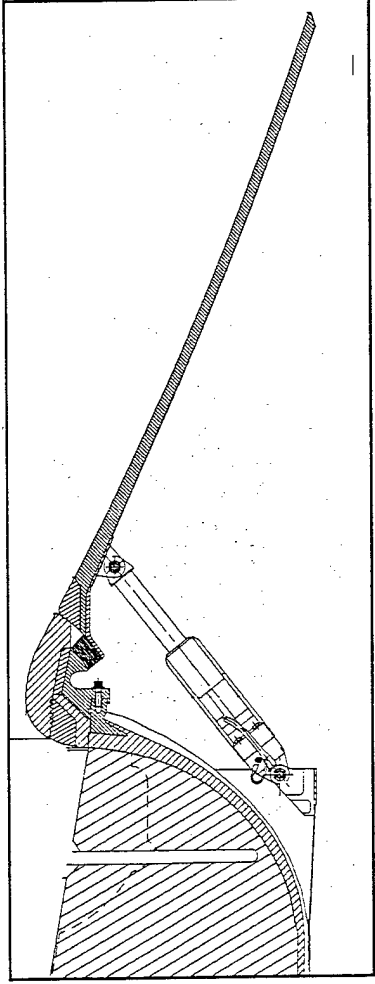




# Supersonic Splitline Flexseal Nozzle



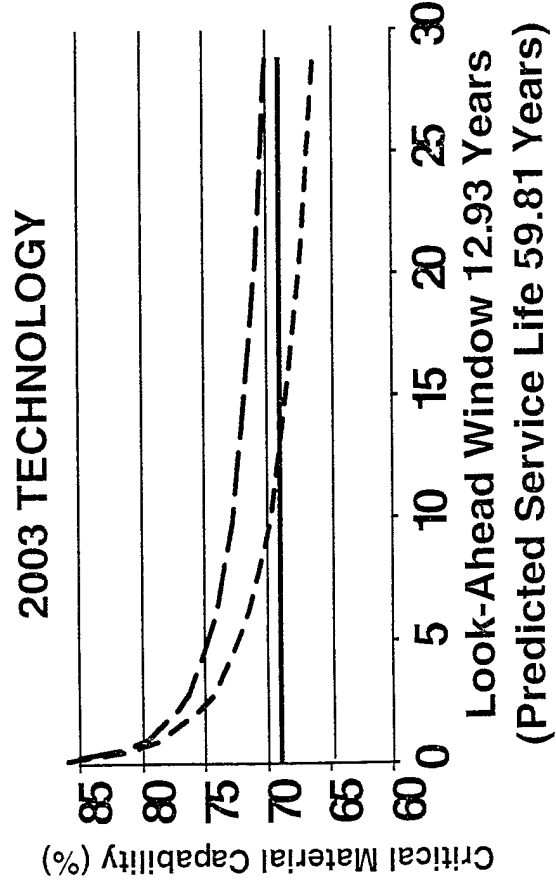
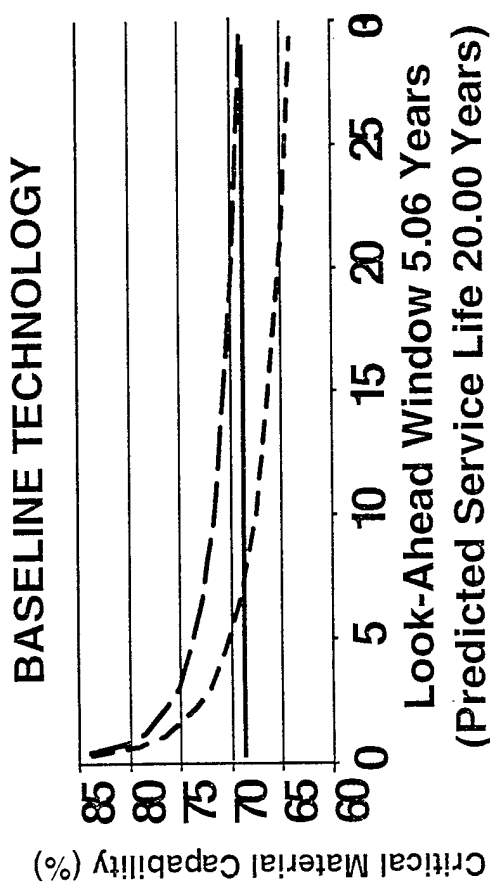
- Method to Build a Lighter and Less Complicated Nozzle
- Improves the Payload of an NMD Missiles' Second and Third Stage by 9% (even when the Length of the Missile was Constrained)
- Applied to the Orbus 1® Motor Which was used to Demonstrate the concept
  - Nozzle Weight can be Reduced by 43%
  - Nozzle Cost Can Be Reduced by 20%
  - Propellant Weight can be Increased by 1%



SUPERSONIC SPLITLINE FLEXSEAL APPLIED TO ORBUS-4 MOTOR



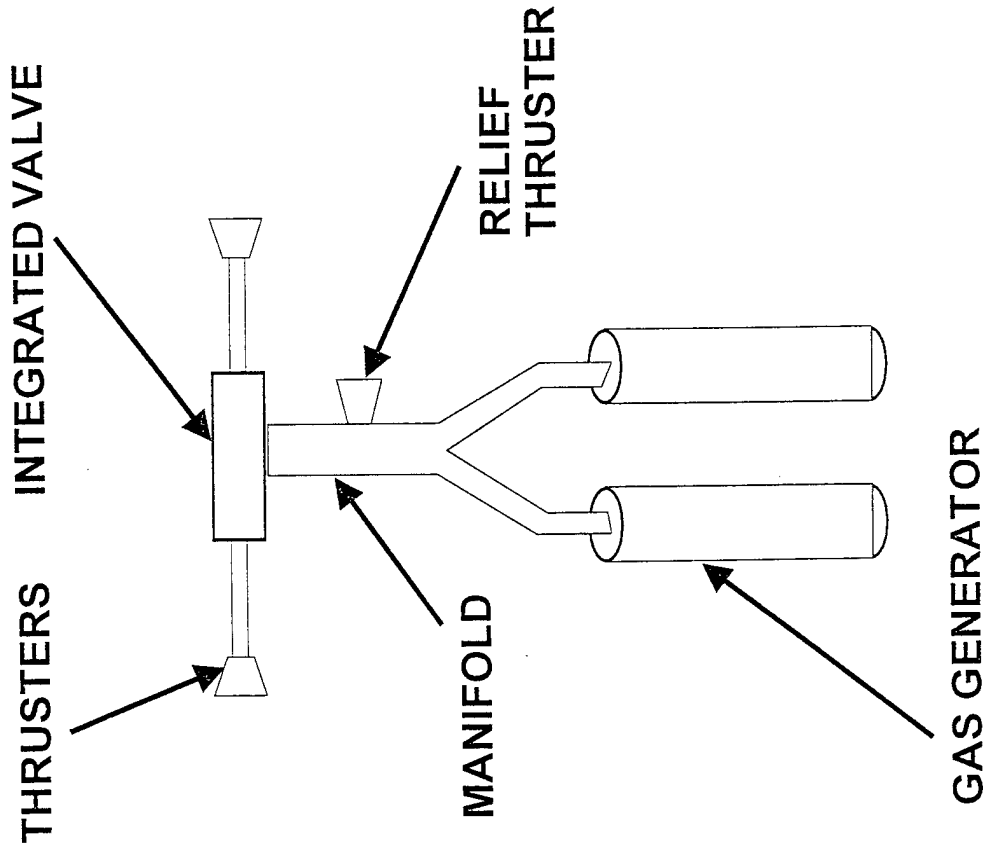
# Strategic Sustainment Aging and Surveillance



- Address Both Analytical and Surveillance Technology
- Decrease Analysis Procedure, Aging Model & Material Characterization Uncertainties
- Extend "Look-Ahead" Window to 10 Years With 90% Confidence Level
- Develop Techniques That Permit Individual Motor Predictions
- Reduce Time and Cost for Non-Destructive Evaluation Data Processing by 50%



# Strategic Sustainment Post Boost MIRV Propulsion



## Solid System

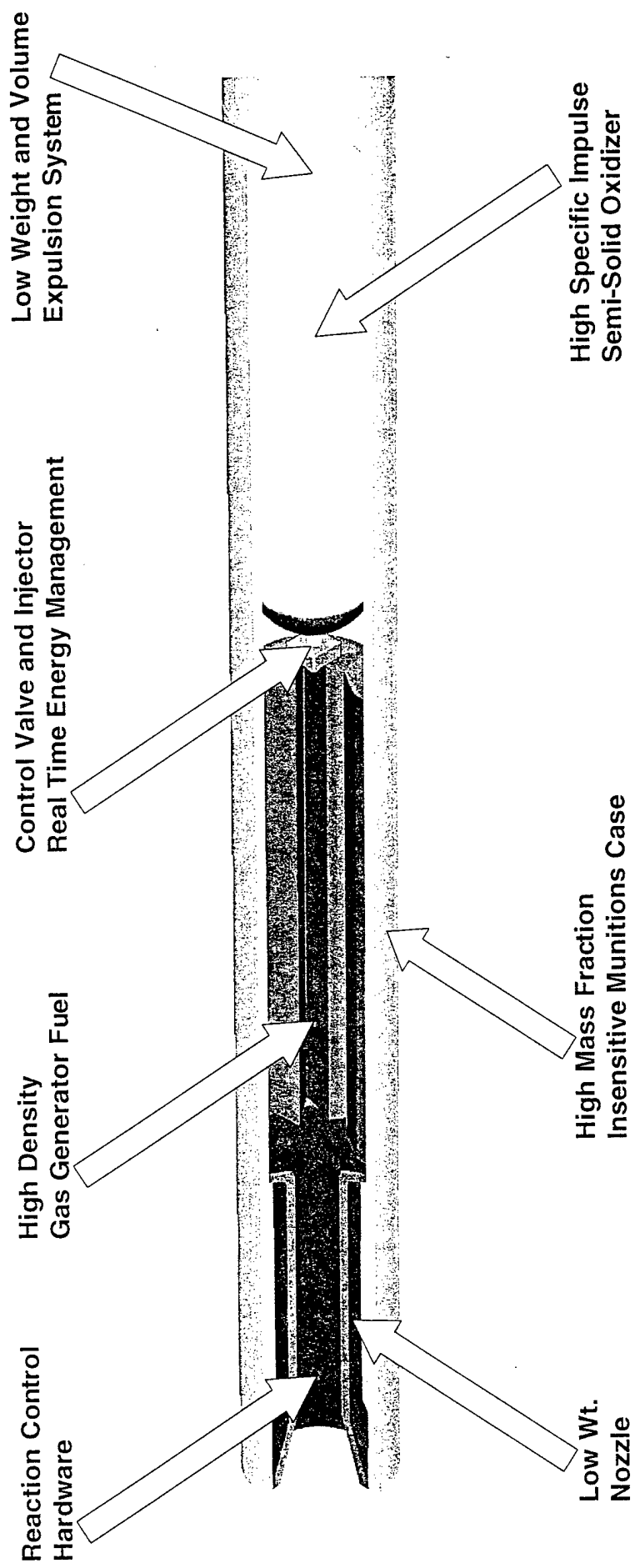
- Uses Composite Materials
  - Eliminates Unique Materials
- Uses 1.3 Propellant
  - Reduces Hazards
- Reduces Cost by 25% While Maintaining Performance

## Liquid System

- Uses Non-Toxic Propellants
- Reduces Cost 35%
- Reduces Weight 50%

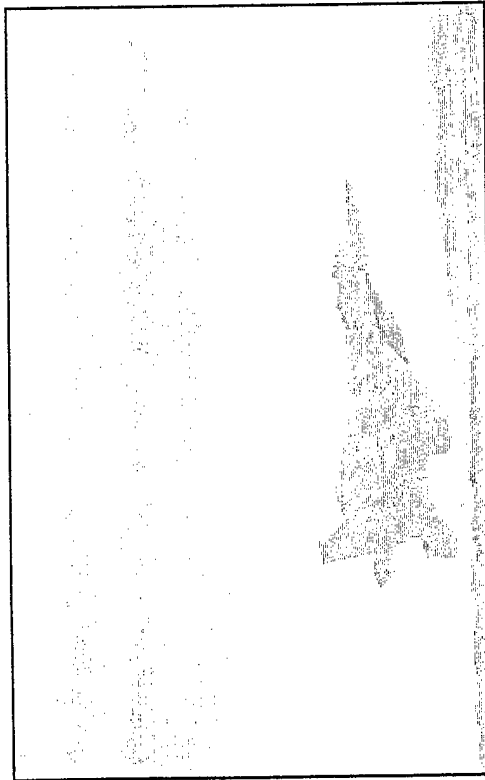


# Phase II Tactical Hybrid Demonstrator Configuration





# The Pay Off



- **16% Increase in Average Velocity**
- **13% Increase in F-Pole**
- **8% Increase in A-Pole**



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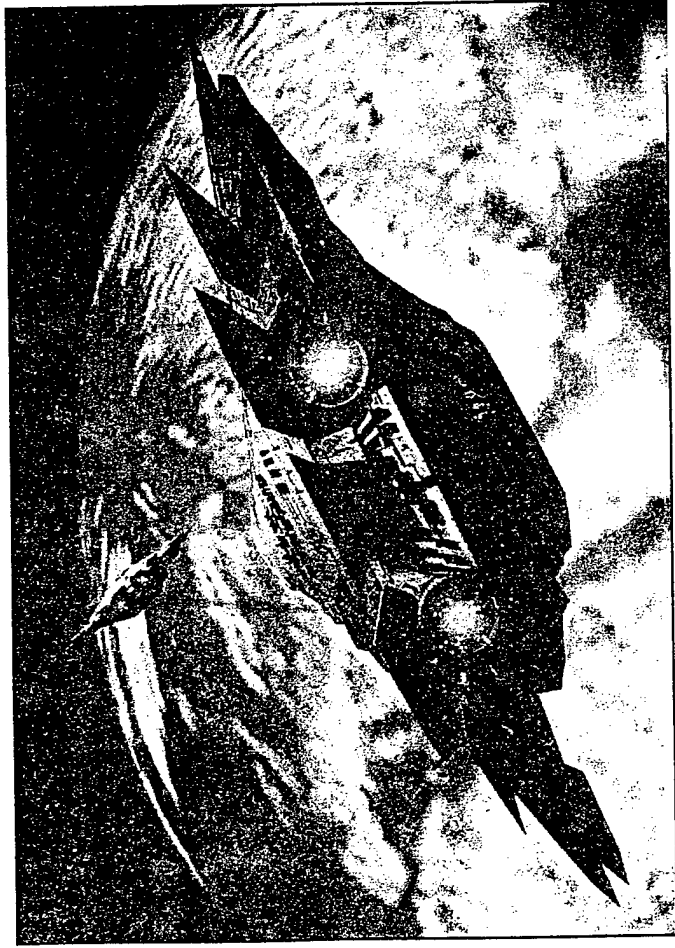
## 6.2 & 6.3 New Project Starts

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- **FY99**
  - Light Weight Engine Nozzle
  - Phase I Solid Boost Demonstrator (6.3)
  - Critical Defect Assessment Program
  
- **FY00**
  - High Temperature Oxygen Turbine Development
  - Single Stage High Discharge Pressure LH2 Turbopump
  - Electric Propulsion System for Orbit Transfer (6.3)
  - Strategic Sustainment Demonstration (6.3)



# Propulsion Technology Enabling Future Space & Air Force Systems



- Low Cost Access to Space
- Airplane Like Operations
- Routine Space Transition Operations
- Satellite Maneuvering and Repositioning
- Missile Defense and Space Control
- New Space Based Systems
  - Space Based Radar



# Conclusion



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## ROCKET PROPULSION DIVISION

- GUARANTEED to support the warfighter
  - Close bond between PL and AFSPC
- Honest Broker / Expert Consultant
- One Place gives Full Spectrum Capability (Unique Facilities)
- A Center of Excellence for Propulsion
- Innovative Research
- Corporate Responsibilities

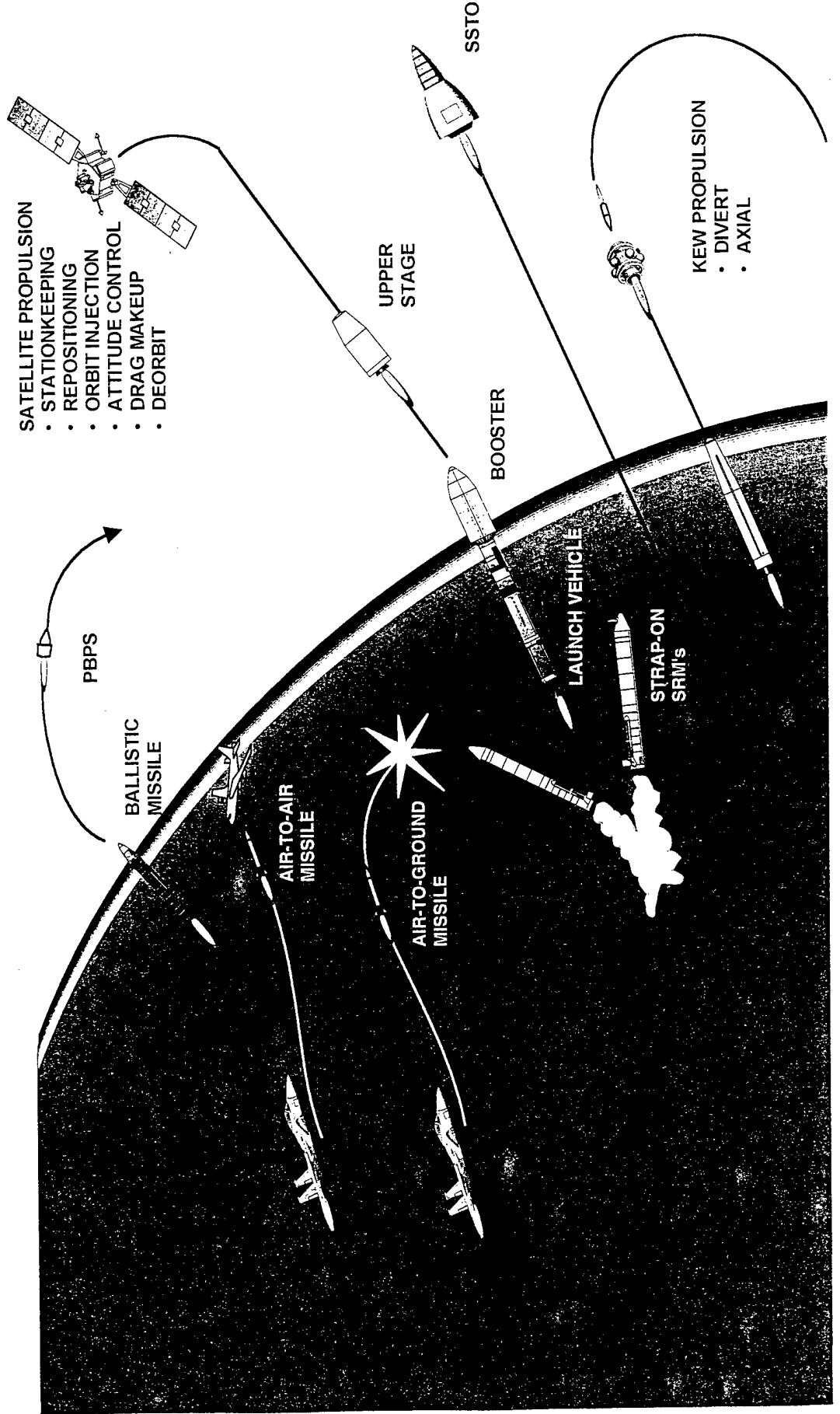
## THE MAJOR NATIONAL LOCATION

## FOR ROCKET PROPULSION

## TECHNOLOGY



# Rocket Propulsion Technology Fundamental to all Space & Missile Systems





# Tactical Propulsion Minimum Smoke Propellant Development



## Objective

- Demonstrate Next Generation of Low Hazards, High Performance, Low Signature Propellants

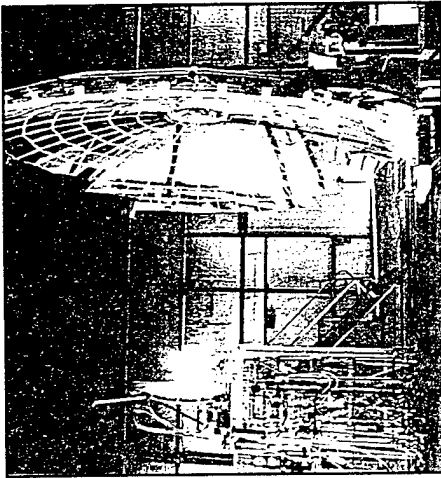
## Approach

- Air Senior National Representative (ASNR) Sponsored Effort
  - France: Ballistics & Hazards
  - Germany: Formulation Characterization & Performance Calculations
  - United Kingdom: Mechanical Properties & Aging
  - U.S.: Formulation Characterization, Ingredient Analysis & Performance Calculations



# Solar Propulsion Laboratory

## World Class Facilities



- ONLY U.S. SOLAR FACILITY USING LH2
- 10000:1 CONCENTRATION RATIO
- 3400K GAS TEMPERATURE



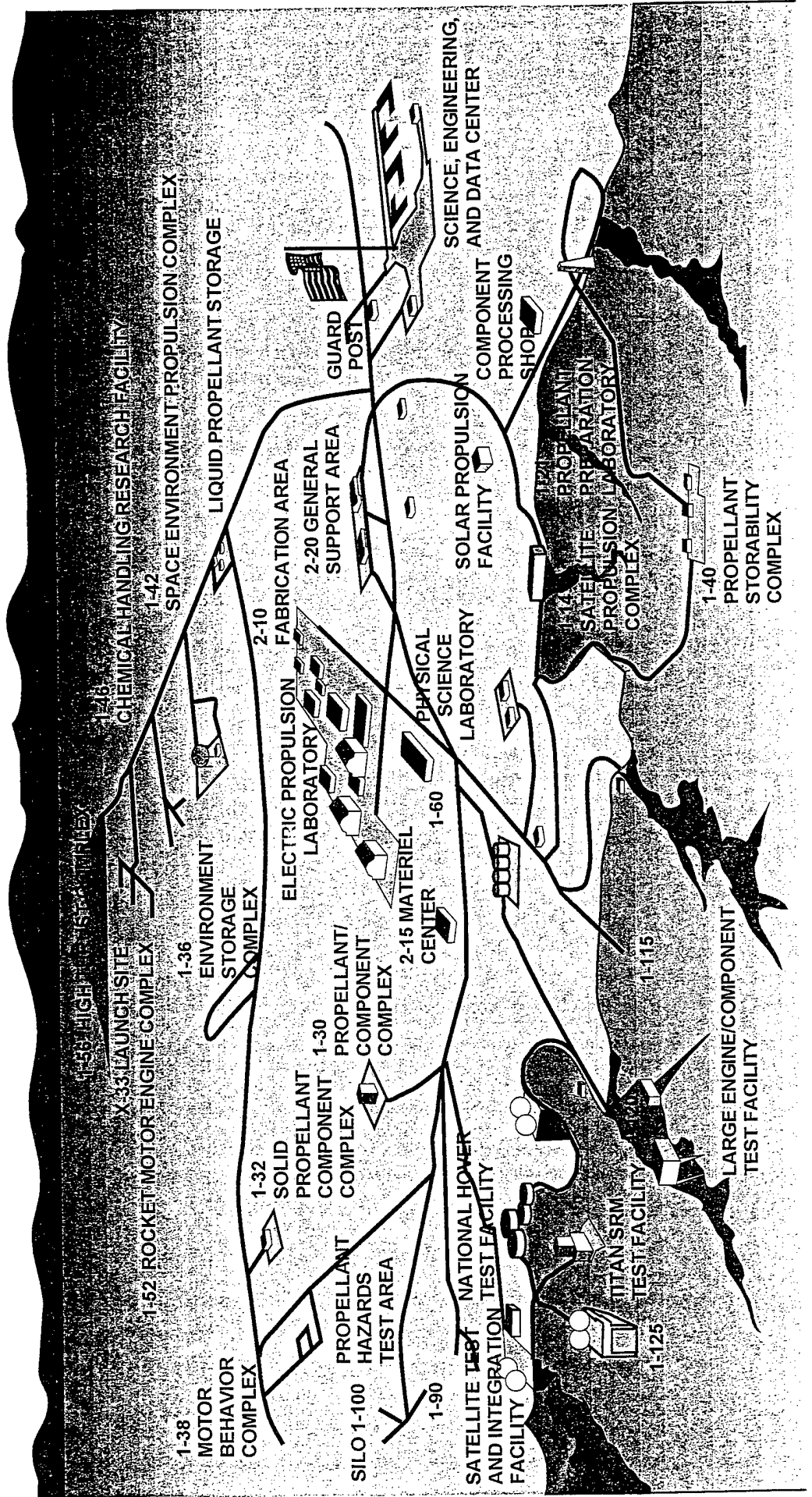
- 30 FOOT DIAMETER VACUUM SPHERE
- ONLY LARGE U.S. VACUUM FACILITY RATED FOR 100,000 LBS LH2

### Center of Excellence for U.S. Solar Efforts

- Laser Power Beaming (PL/LI)
- Solar Bimodal Propulsion and Power (PL/VT)
- Industry / AF / NASA / University Solar Consortium CRDA
- Hercules CRDA
- Commercial Spin-Offs
  - High Temperature CC Springs
  - Holographic Embossed Thin Films for Medical CATscans
  - Compressed Natural Gas Bladders for Chrysler Corp.
  - Polyimide Concentrators for Space Based RF Antennas

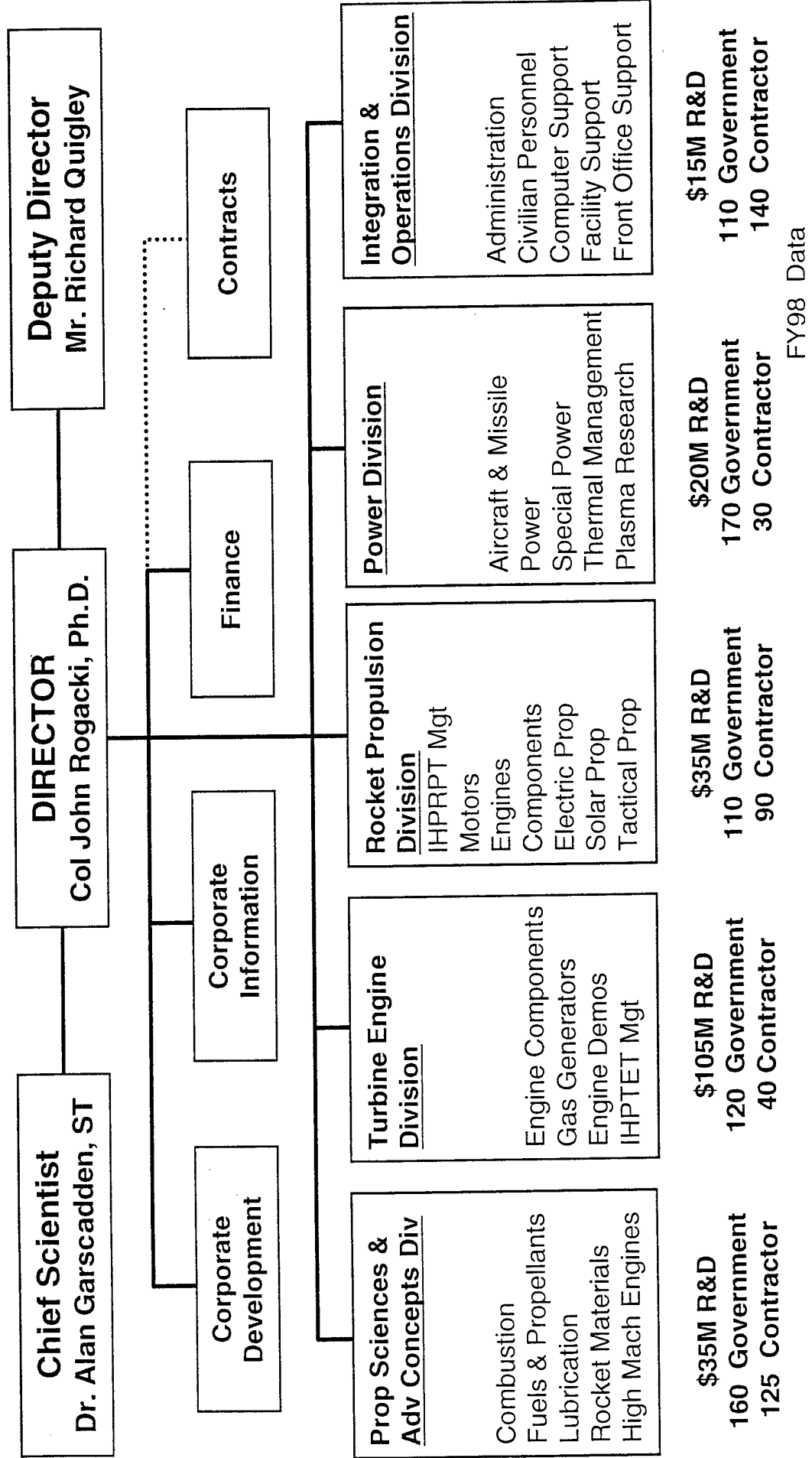


# Propulsion Directorate Rocket Propulsion Facilities



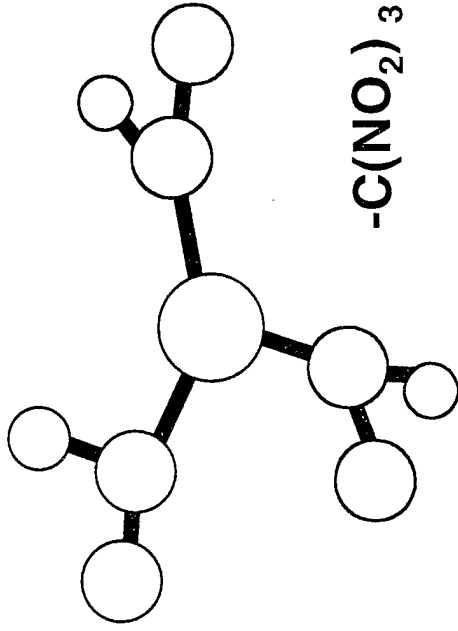


# AFRL Propulsion Directorate





# New Energetic Monopropellants



## Payoff

- Double Satellite On-Orbit Lifetime
- Non-Toxic Replacement of Hydrazine
- Candidate for Military Space Plane

## Approach

- Low melting salts, dissolved in solvents
- Low volatility, low toxic

## Status

- Several candidates synthesized
- Low shock sensitivity, low cost

## Candidate Propellants Isp (sec)\* p (g/cc)

• Hydrazine	198	1.00
• Peroxide	164	1.43
• XM46 (HAN/TEAN)	244	1.43
• RKS-M1	270	1.69

\* Pc=1 --- psi, Sea Level exhaust