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- Payoffs
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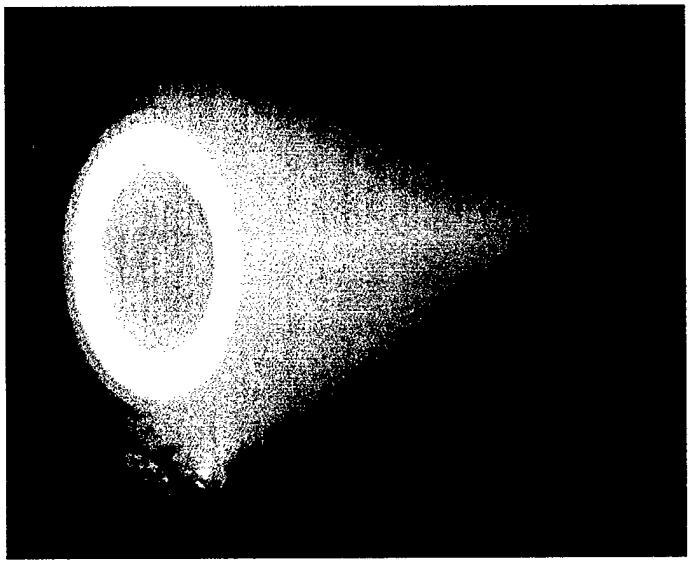


Hall System Goals

OBJECTIVE: To develop and demonstrate the electric propulsion technology needed to meet the IHPRPT Phase I Goal

	Goal
Efficiency	**55%**
Life	**7200 hrs**
Specific Mass	**5.7 kg/kW**
Isp	**1801* seconds**

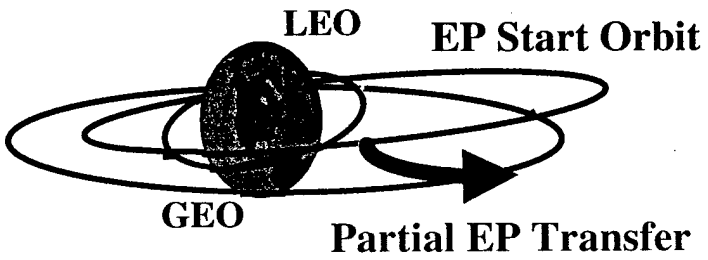
*** 300 V PPU**

Hall System Payoffs

Orbit Raising

Missions

- LEO Spiral Transfer (SBR, SBL)
- Apogee Insertion (GEO comm)



Spiral Transfer Payoffs (4 kWe):

- + 11 % LEO Atlas IIAS payload
- SBR to 850 km (121 Days)

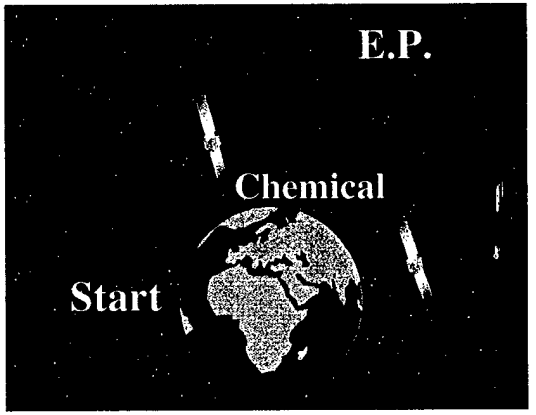
Apogee Payoffs (15 kWe):

- + 34% GEO Atlas IIAS payload
- $32 M Net launch Savings (105 Days)

Repositioning

Supports MAP deficiencies

- Repositioning Capability
- Recovery, repair, redeployment
- Global Mobility



Payoffs

- 17% less fuel or more moves (EP baseline)
- Faster move vs. chem

~ 2 X faster for same propellant mass

Stationkeeping

Mission

- GEO Communications

Payoffs

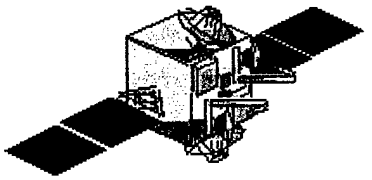
17% less fuel / more life (EP baseline)

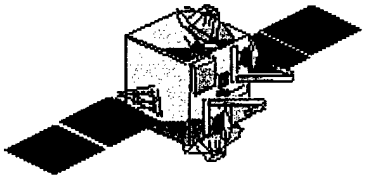
13% less power for same thrust (EP baseline)

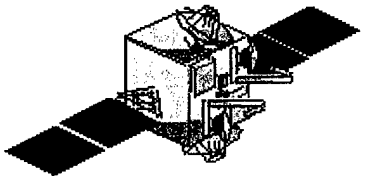
Hall System
Near Term Tech Transition Opportunity

MILSATCOM Advanced EHF

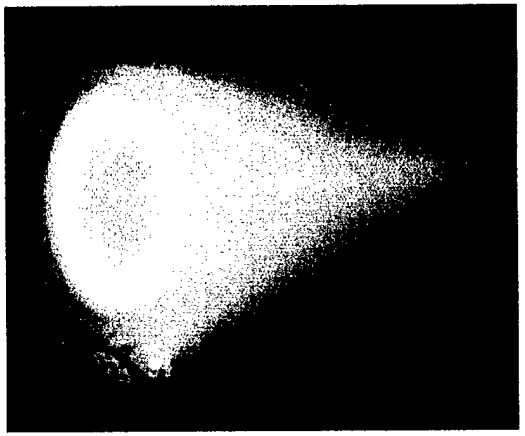
- Next Milstar System
- Approved Extended Duration Orbit Transfer
- Hall System Supports NSSK and Orbit Raising
- FY01 Tech Freeze
- FY06 Anticipated Launch



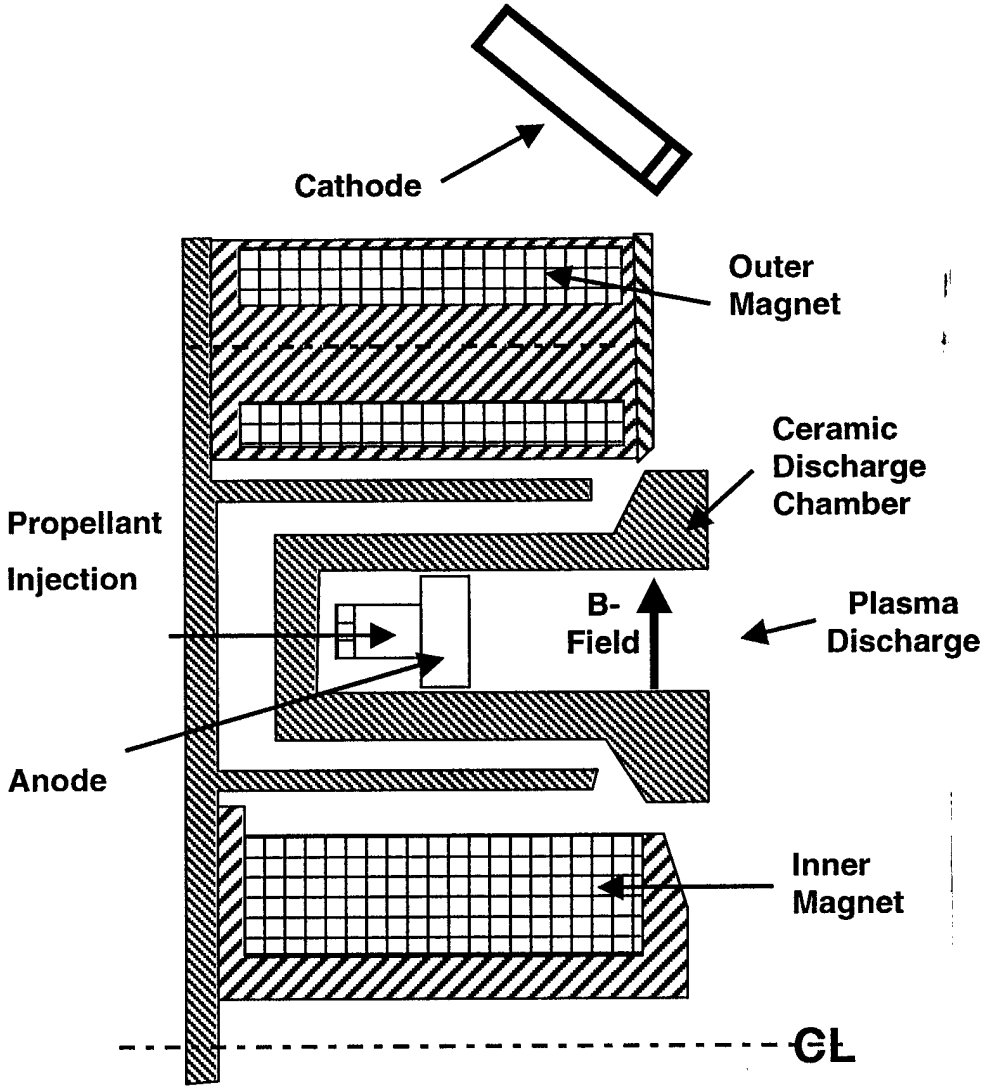




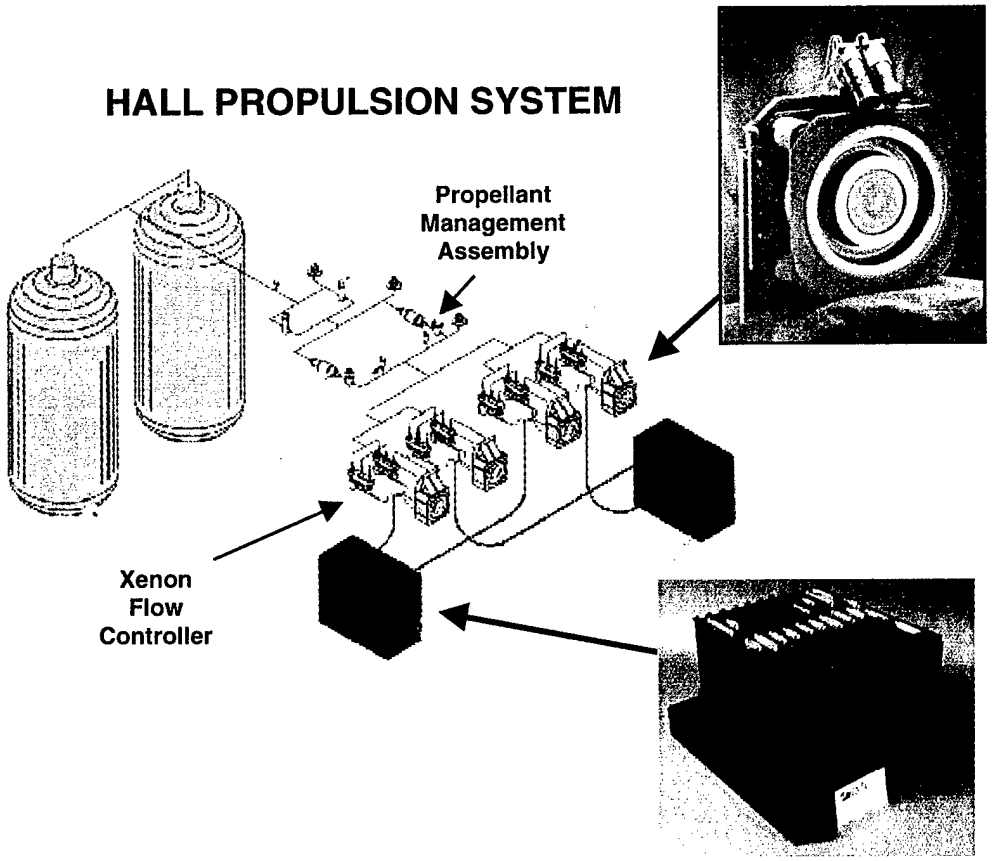
Hall System
Thruster Operation Background



1. Electrons emitted from the cathode travel toward the anode.
2. Electrons are impeded in the discharge channel by a strong radial magnetic field, causing a strong axial electric field to concentrate in this region.
4. This electric field heats the electrons, which subsequently ionize gaseous propellant (xenon) emitted near the anode.
6. The ionized gas accelerates axially through the electric field in the discharge channel, exiting the device at high speed, thus producing thrust.



Hall System Concept



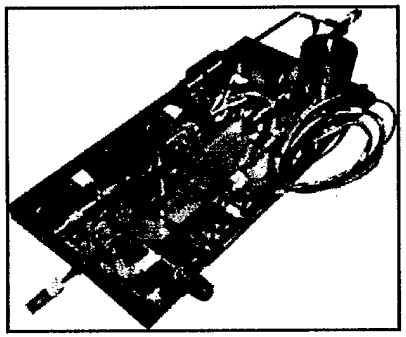
Current results: Isp = 1801, Effic = 58%

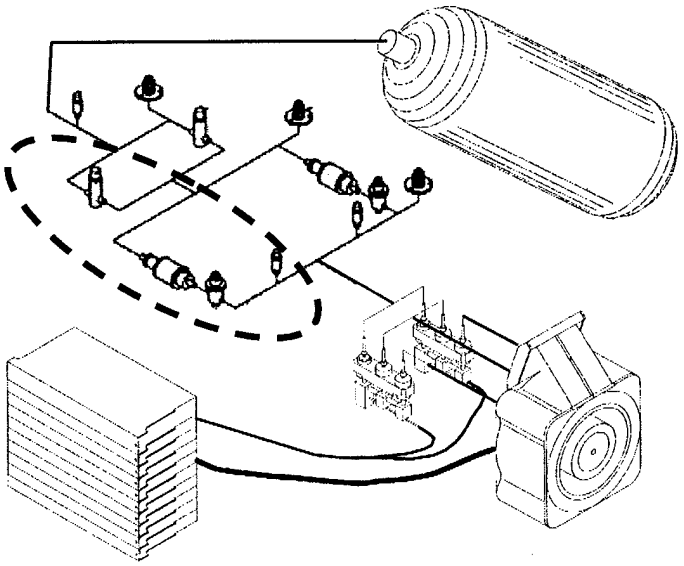
Current breadboard results: Effic > 94.4%

Hall System Integration

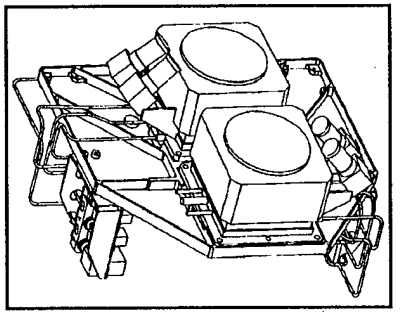
System demonstration hardware

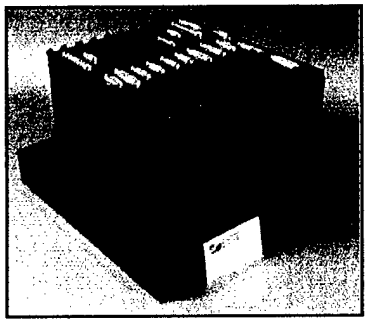
Moog flight qualified PMA





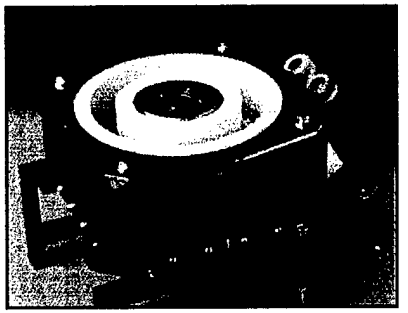
SS/Loral integration hardware





SS/Loral flight-like PPU
- non space rated parts

System qualification level equivalent to SPT-100 flight qualification



EDB/Fakel flight-like thruster
- qualification testing

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Hall Thruster System Program
Milestones

Project is Cost Shared

44% Paid by Contractor:

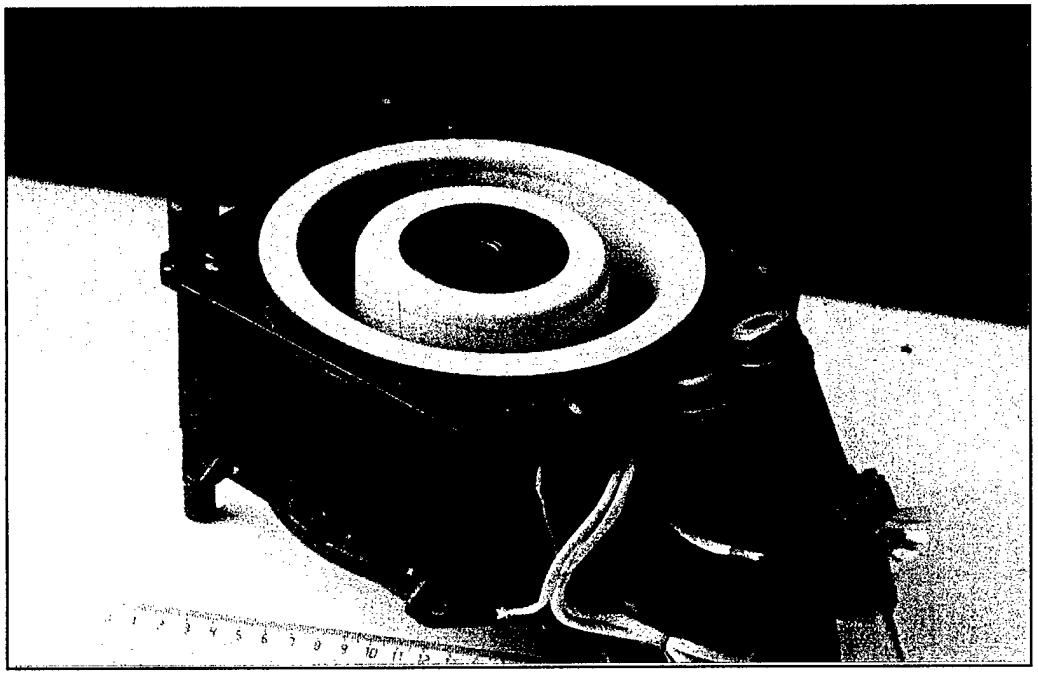
Atlantic Research Corporation

Date	Accomplishment
01/99	Phase I Thruster Development
01/99	PPU Breadboard Development
03/99	Thruster CDR
09/99	Thruster Performance, EMI, Contamination, Plume Testing in USA
10/99	PPU CDR
01/00	Thruster Thermal Integrated Test
01/00	PPU Thermal Integrated Test
02/00	System Integrated Functional Test
02/00	7200-Hour Life Test Begins at AFRL EP Lab
12/00	Project Complete
??/01	MILSATCOM Advanced EHF Tech Freeze
??/06	MILSATCOM Launch

■ **Completed**

■ **Not Yet Completed**

SPT-140 Demonstration Model Thruster



SPT-140 Demonstration Model (DM)

Power: 4.5 kW

Thrust: 296 mN

Efficiency: 58%

Tests Completed:

- Vibration
- Shock
- Thermal Cycling
- EMC
- Performance
- Contamination
- >1100 hr firing

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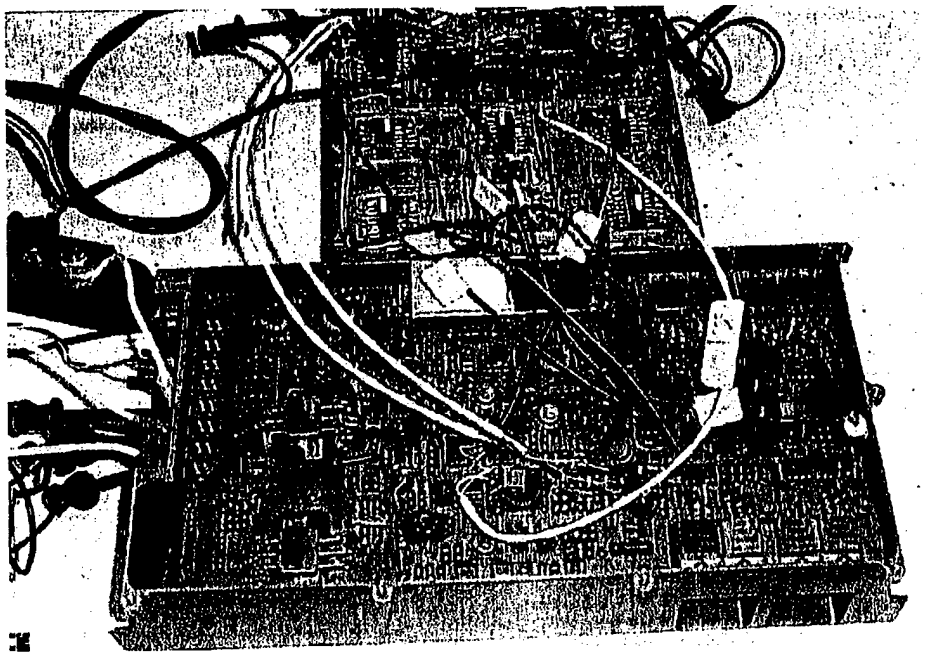
Hall System Anode Breadboard



PPU-140 Breadboard Anode Module

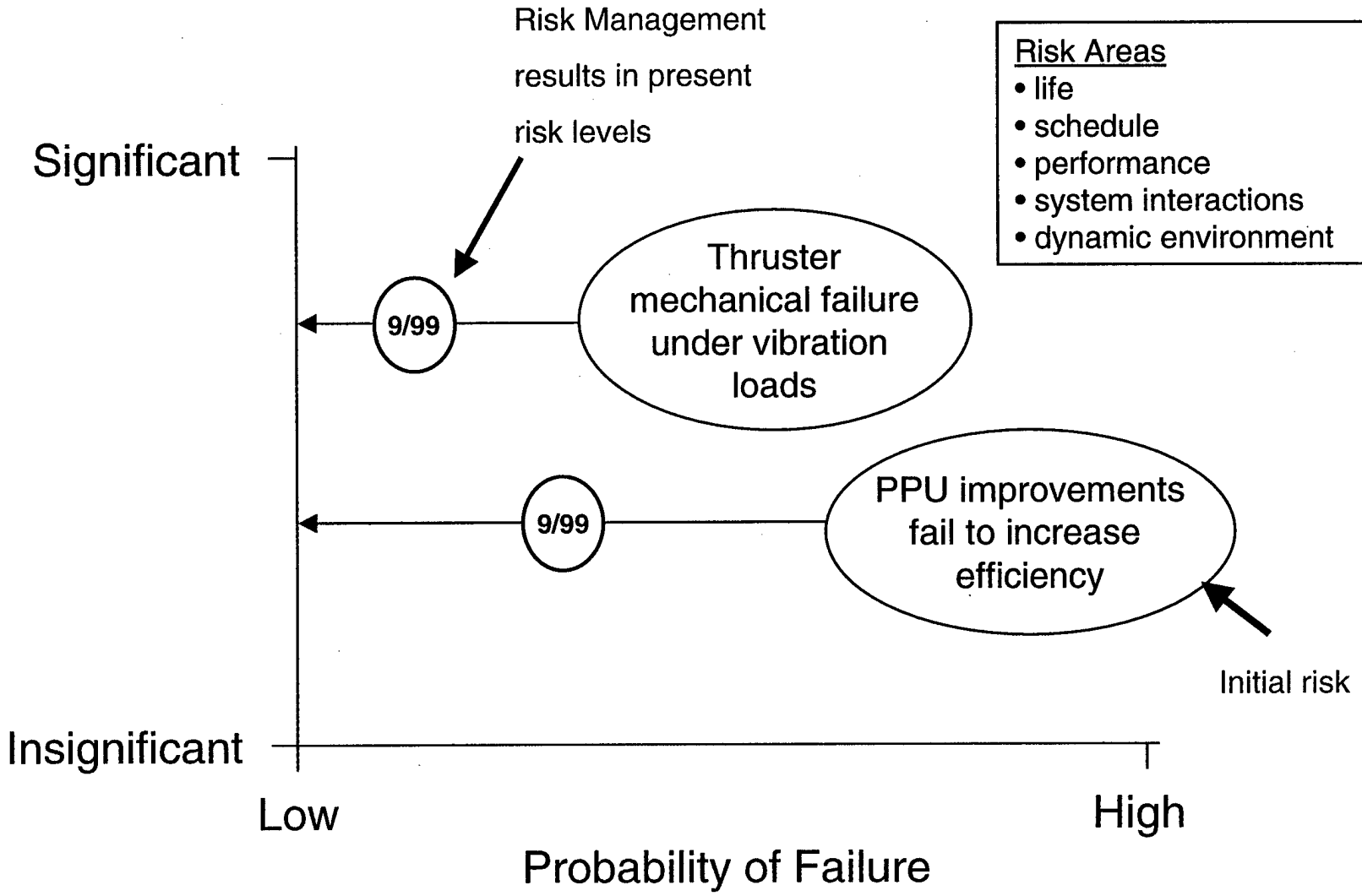
Power: 4.5 kW

PPU Mission Average Efficiency: 94.4%

Status:

- Breadboard Testing Completed
- Brassboard Anode Module Design Completed, Fabricated

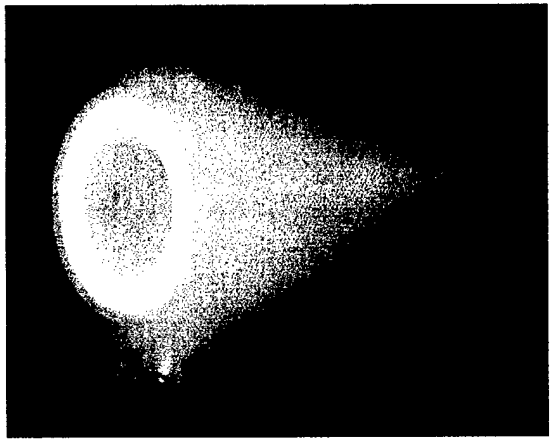
Hall System Risk Assessment



Hall System Summary

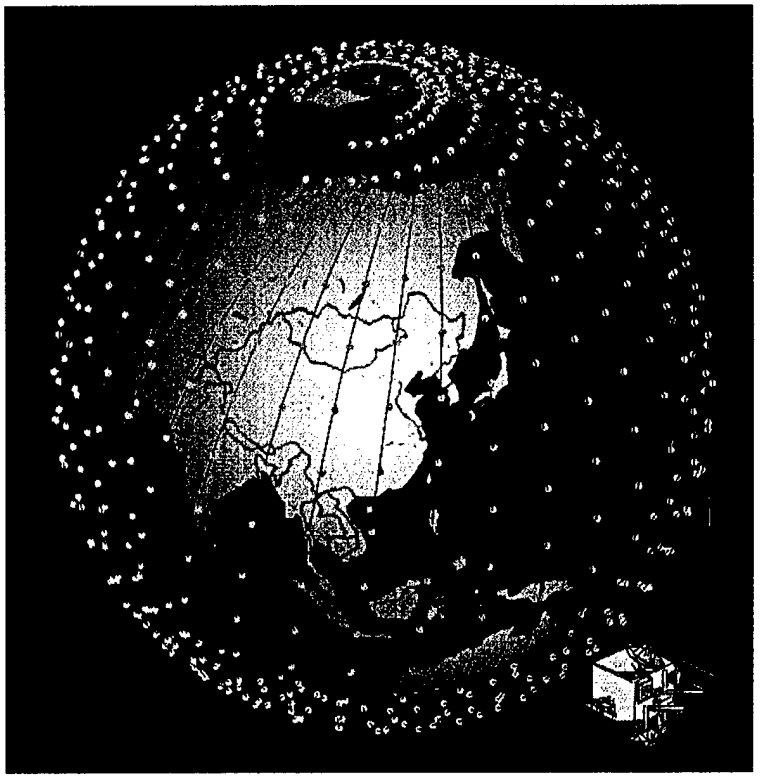
- Supports critical DoD missions
  - MILSATCOM Advanced EHF Opportunity
  - Orbit Raising, Repositioning, Stationkeeping
  - MAP Deficiencies
- Exceeds IHPRPT Phase I ES goal
- Demonstrates Flight Propulsion System

Hall System Conclusion



Future Military Constellation Opportunities
MILSATCOM Advanced EHF
GMTI & AMTI SBR to use 10-80 satellites

Efficient Orbit Raising ~ 100 days
+ 11% payload to LEO
+ 34% payload to GEO



Improved Stationkeeping
17% less propellant
than EP Baseline

Supports Mission Area Plan (MAP) deficiencies

- **Repositioning**
- **Recovery, Repair, Redeployment**
- **Global Mobility**