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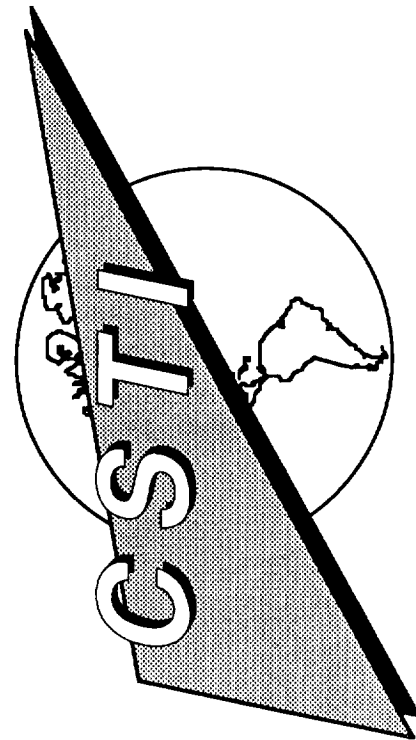
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CIVIL SPACE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE



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SPACE R&T STRATEGY

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REVITALIZE TECHNOLOGY FOR LOW EARTH ORBIT APPLICATIONS

DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY FOR EXPLORATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

MAINTAIN FUNDAMENTAL R&T BASE

BROADEN PARTICIPATION OF UNIVERSITIES

EXTEND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TO IN-SPACE EXPERIMENTATION

FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO USERS

MISSION NEEDS

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- **TRANSPORTATION TO LOW EARTH ORBIT**
 - PROPULSION
 - AEROBRAKING

- **OPERATIONS IN LOW EARTH ORBIT**
 - AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS
 - TELEROBOTICS
 - POWER

- **SCIENCE**
 - STRUCTURES
 - SENSORS
 - DATA SYSTEMS

BACKGROUND

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- **THE FIRST STEP IN REVITALIZING THE NATION'S CIVIL SPACE TECHNOLOGY BASE**
- **WILL FILL GAPS IN MANY TECHNOLOGY AREAS**
- **FOCUSED TECHNOLOGY EFFORT, WILL RESULT IN DEMONSTRATED / VALIDATED TECHNOLOGIES**

EARTH TO ORBIT PROPULSION

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OBJECTIVE:

PROVIDE A VALIDATED TECHNOLOGY BASE FOR THE DESIGN OF HIGH PERFORMANCE, LONG LIFE LOX/H₂ AND LOX /HC ENGINES

- ENABLE FULLY REUSABLE VEHICLES TO REDUCE TRANSPORTATION COSTS

APPROACH:

EXTEND KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF ROCKET ENGINE CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROCESSES BY BUILDING AND VALIDATING COMPONENTS AND HEALTH MONITORING DEVICES

EARTH TO ORBIT PROPULSION

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- **FY 1989 BUDGET : \$ 29.1 M**

EARTH-TO-ORBIT PROPULSION



CRITICAL COMPONENTS IN AN ADVANCED
BOOSTER ENGINE WHICH INCLUDE THE
TURBOMACHINERY, MAIN COMBUSTOR
AND TURBINE DRIVE GAS GENERATORS

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BOOSTER TECHNOLOGY

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP THE ENGINE TECHNOLOGY FOR ALTERNATE
PROPULSION CONCEPTS FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE
SOLID ROCKET BOOSTER (SRB)

- PROVIDE A SAFE ABORT OPTION
- PROVIDE THE ABILITY TO TAILOR THRUST
- PROVIDE THE POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL IMPULSE

APPROACH:

EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE BOOSTER TECHNOLOGIES
INCLUDING LIQUID AND HYBRID CONCEPTS

BOOSTER TECHNOLOGY

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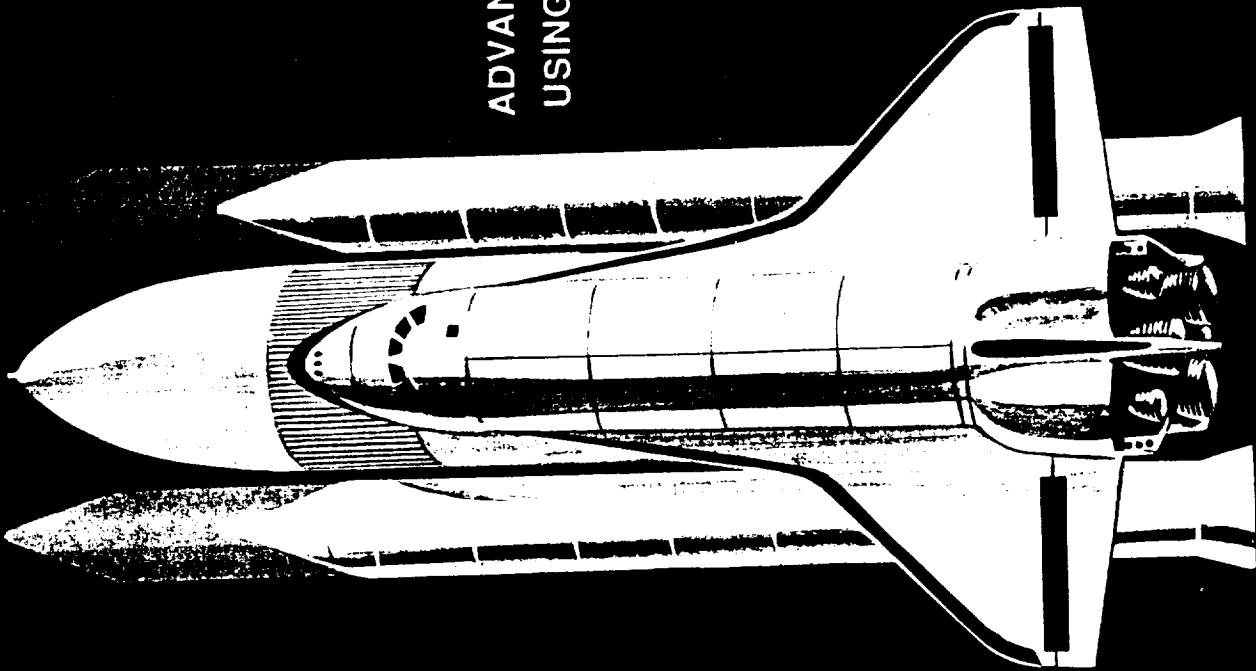
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- FY 1989 BUDGET: \$ 9.0 M

BOOSTER TECHNOLOGY

ADVANCED HYBRID BOOSTERS
USING ADVANCED MATERIALS



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AEROASSIST FLIGHT EXPERIMENT

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OBJECTIVE:

INVESTIGATE THE CRITICAL VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES AND UPPER ATMOSPHERIC CHARACTERISTICS APPLICABLE TO THE DESIGN OF AN AEROASSISTED ORBITAL TRANSFER VEHICLE

- PROVIDE A LARGE SAVING IN PROPELLANT WHICH COULD DOUBLE THE PAYLOAD WEIGHT

APPROACH:

CONDUCT A REENTRY FLIGHT EXPERIMENT THROUGH THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE TO VALIDATE DESIGN CODES

AEROASSIST FLIGHT EXPERIMENT

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 - AMES RESEARCH CENTER
- FY 1989 BUDGET: \$ 13.3 M

AEROASSIST FLIGHT EXPERIMENT

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AEROASSIST FLIGHT
SPACECRAFT DECELERATING IN
EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE

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ROBOTICS

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OBJECTIVE:

**DEVELOP THE TECHNOLOGY BASE REQUIRED TO
EVOLVE FROM TELEOPERATIONS TO TELEROBOTICS**

- **PERFORM SPACE ASSEMBLY AND CONSTRUCTION, SATELLITE
SERVICING, AND PLATFORM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
EFFICIENTLY AND SAFELY**

APPROACH:

**DEVELOP COMPONENTS TO BE EVALUATED IN AN
INTEGRATED TESTBED THAT WILL DEMONSTRATE
CAPABILITIES SUCH AS STOPPING SLOWLY SPINNING
SPACECRAFT, PERFORMING SIMPLE SERVICING, ETC.**

ROBOTICS

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- **FY 1989 BUDGET : \$ 13.8 M**

ROBOTICS

ADVANCED DUAL ARM
MANIPULATOR WITH
DEMONSTRATED VISUAL
TRACKING CAPABILITY

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SCIENCE SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP AN ADVANCED SENSOR TECHNOLOGY BASE FOR SCIENTIFIC SENSING INVESTIGATION OF EARTH SYSTEMS, THE SOLAR SYSTEM, AND THE UNIVERSE

- DEVELOP PASSIVE, SENSITIVE, RELIABLE, AND IMPROVED IMAGING CAPABILITY OF SPACE-BASED ADVANCED DETECTORS
- KEEP COSTS TO A MINIMUM

APPROACH:

DEVELOP ADVANCED TUNABLE SOLID STATE AND GAS LASERS AND ACCOMPANYING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

SCIENCE SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

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MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
AMES RESEARCH CENTER
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- **FY 1989 BUDGET : \$ 7.8M**

SCIENCE SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

**ADVANCED EARTH
SENSING INCLUDES
THE DIFFERENTIAL
ABSORPTION LASER
DETECTOR AND RANGE-FINDING
INSTRUMENTS (ELDA/R)**

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AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY
BASE FOR EFFICIENT AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONS IN
SPACE AND ON THE GROUND

- FREE HUMAN RESOURCES FROM ROUTINE OPERATIONS
- DECREASE COSTS OF SPACE OPERATIONS

APPROACH:

DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING,
MACHINE LEARNING, UNCERTAINTY PLANNING AND
SIMILAR ADVANCED CONCEPTS

AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

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- **FY 1989 BUDGET: \$ 12.1 M**

AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS



AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS
AIDING THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICER (INCO) IN MISSION CONTROL CENTER

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DATA: HIGH RATE/CAPACITY

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP HIGH SPEED, HIGH VOLUME DATA HANDLING TECHNOLOGIES AND SYSTEMS NEEDED TO MEET THE SCIENTIFIC AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF FUTURE MISSIONS

- PERFORM RECOGNITION, EXTRACTION, AND TRANSMISSION OF SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS ON-BOARD THE SPACECRAFT
- ENSURE HIGH SCIENTIFIC RETURNS WHILE KEEPING OPERATIONAL COSTS LOW

APPROACH:

PRODUCE, TEST AND VALIDATE FLIGHT QUALIFIABLE COMPONENTS FOR ON-BOARD DATA PROCESING AND STORAGE

DATA : HIGH RATE /CAPACITY

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- **FY 1989 BUDGET : \$ 8.1 M**

DATA: HIGH RATE/CAPACITY



OPTICAL DISK TECHNOLOGY
SYSTEM RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED
FOR SPACE APPLICATIONS

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CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP STRUCTURES AND CONTROLS TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL ENABLE THE DESIGN VERIFICATION AND QUALIFICATION OF PRECISION SPACE STRUCTURES AND LARGE FLEXIBLE SPACE SYSTEMS

- INCREASE SURFACE AND POINTING PRECISION AND USE OF ARTICULATED MOVING COMPONENTS

APPROACH:

VERIFY THE ANALYSIS AND DESIGN METHODS THROUGH GROUND TESTS AND IN-SPACE FLIGHT EXPERIMENTS

CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES

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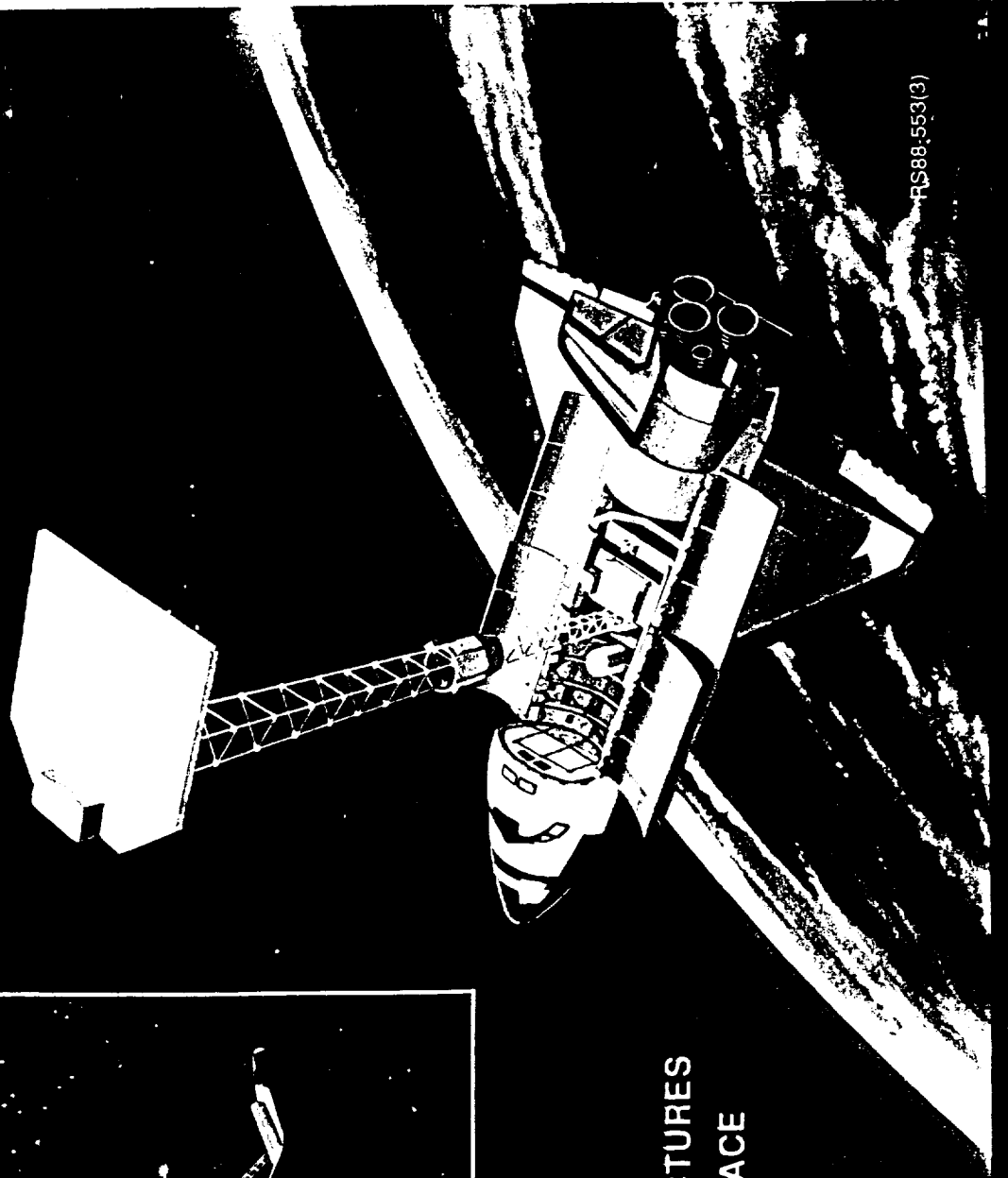
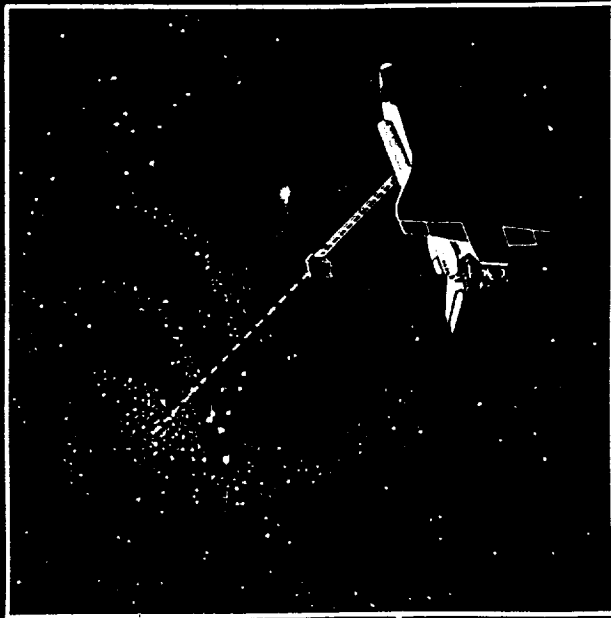
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- **FY 1989 BUDGET: \$15.7 M**

CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES



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CONTROL AND STRUCTURES
EXPERIMENT IN SPACE

PRECISION SEGMENTED REFLECTORS

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP THE MATERIALS, STRUCTURES, AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGY TO ENABLE THE DESIGN OF LARGE, LIGHT-WEIGHT, HIGH PRECISION ORBITING ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS

- DEVELOP LIGHT-WEIGHT AND SPACE ERECTABLE/DEPLOYABLE SYSTEMS FOR MAKING DEEP SPACE OBSERVATIONS IN THE SUB-MILLIMETER AND SMALLER PORTION OF THE SPECTRUM

APPROACH:

FABRICATE HIGH SURFACE PRECISION PANELS AND CONDUCT SYSTEM LEVEL VALIDATION TESTING

PRECISION SEGMENTED REFLECTORS

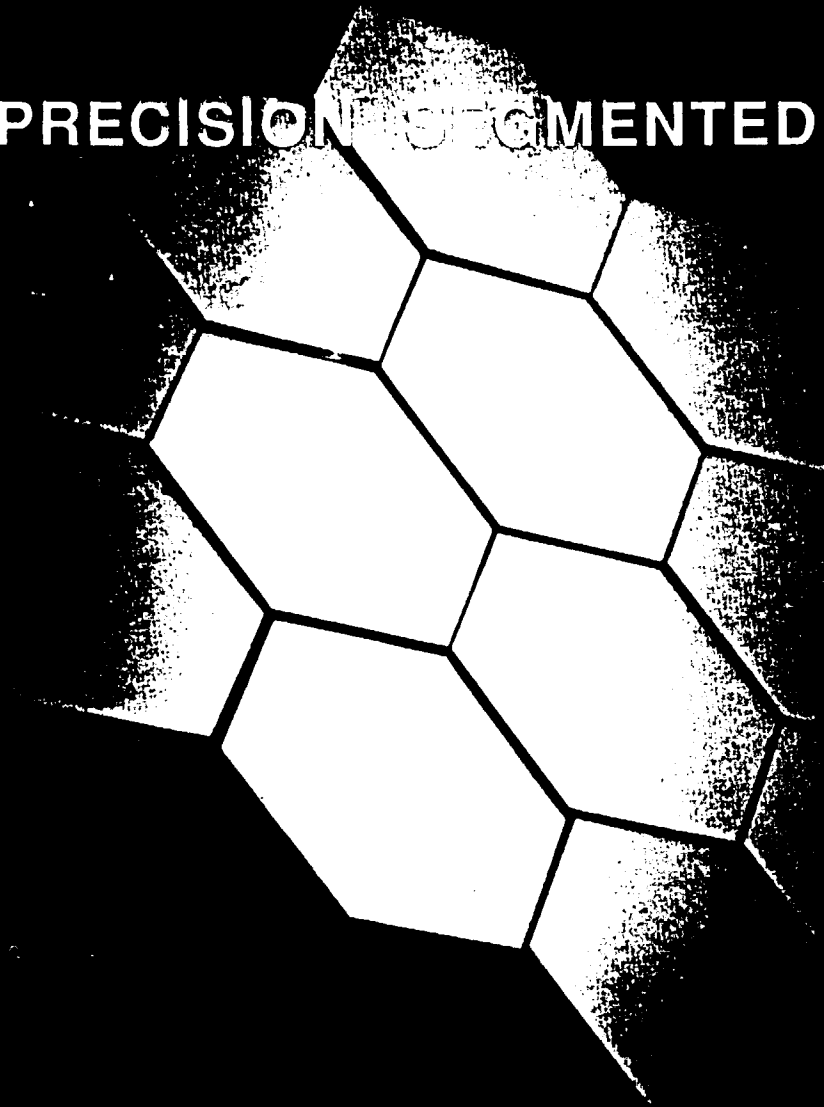
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- FY 1989 BUDGET: \$4.9 M

PRECISION SEGMENTED REFLECTORS



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ADVANCED PRECISION
SEGMENTED REFLECTOR
STRUCTURE

HIGH CAPACITY POWER

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OBJECTIVE:

DEVELOP THE TECHNOLOGY BASE NEEDED TO MEET THE LONG DURATION, HIGH CAPACITY POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE NASA SPACE INITIATIVES

- INCREASE SYSTEM THERMAL ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONVERSION EFFICIENCY AT LEAST FIVEFOLD
- ACHIEVE SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH SPACE NUCLEAR REACTORS

APPROACH:

EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED ENERGY CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS THE FREE-PISTON STIRLING ENGINE AND HIGH EFFICIENCY THERMOELECTRIC MATERIALS

HIGH CAPACITY POWER

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- **FY 1989 BUDGET: \$ 11.1 M**

HIGH CAPACITY POWER



FREE-PISTON
STERLING ENGINE

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ORIGINAL DESIGN
OF POOR QUALITY

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<u>ELEMENTS</u>	<u>FY 88</u>	<u>FY89</u>	<u>PLANNED</u> <u>FY 90-94</u>
ROBOTICS	13.0	13.8	80
AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS	12.1	12.1	70
EARTH-TO-ORBIT	15.8	29.1	160
BOOSTER TECHNOLOGY	8.0	9.0	20
⁴⁹ AEROASSIST FLIGHT EXP.	15.0	13.3	150
SCIENCE SENSOR TECHNOLOGY	7.8	7.8	40
DATA: HIGH RATE/CAPACITY	8.7	8.1	30
CONTROL OF FLEX. STRUCTURES	17.1	15.7	100
PRECISION SEG. REFLECTORS	4.9	4.9	10
HIGH CAPACITY POWER	12.8	11.1	40
 PROGRAM TOTALS	 115.2	 121.8	 700

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE USER

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- INCLUDE NASA USER REPRESENTATIVES IN

ADVISORY GROUPS

WORKING GROUPS

- INCLUDE INDUSTRY AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES AS APPROPRIATE

- DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO SPACE COMMUNITY VIA

REPORTS

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