



### **Our Mission**

Create and transition advanced air breathing

and rocket propulsion and power technologies

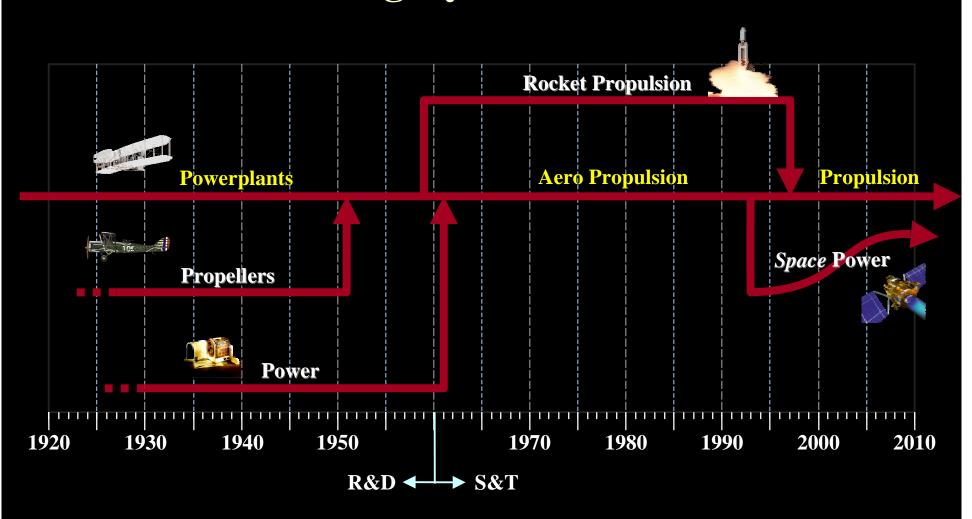
for military dominance of air and space

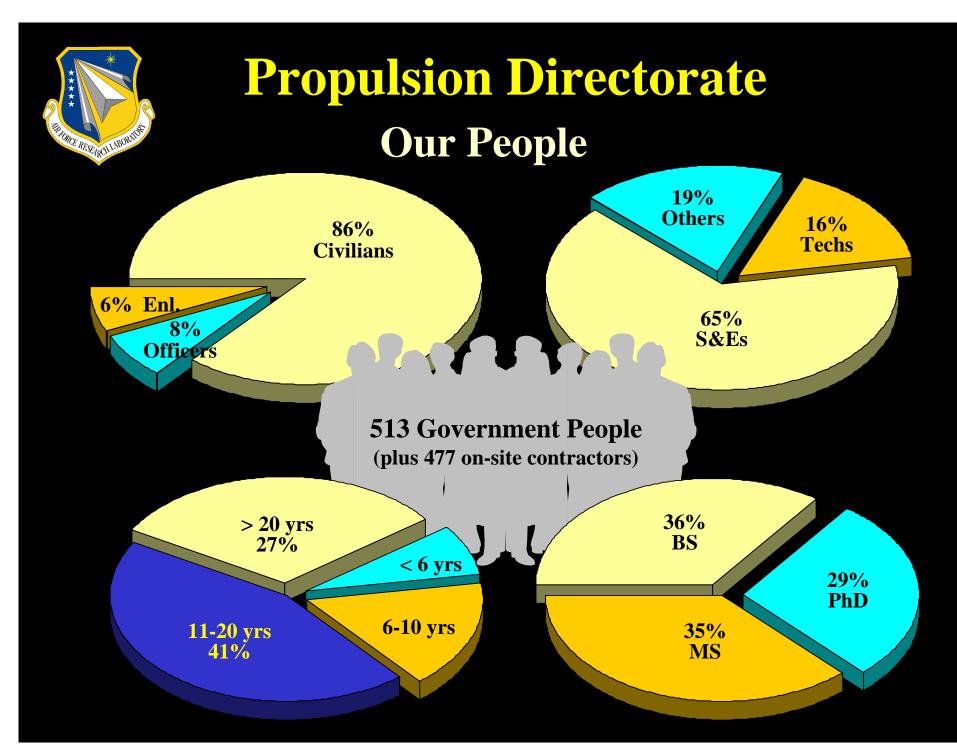
### **Our Vision**

We will continue to be the world leaders in military propulsion and power technology



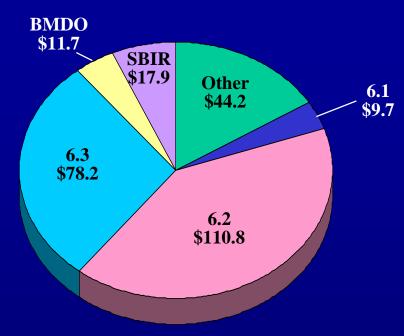
### Our Legacy & Our Future







## **Propulsion Directorate Funding**



#### **FY99**

| Science & Technology | \$198.7 M |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Other Funding        | \$ 73.8 M |
| Total                | \$272.5 M |

#### **FY00**

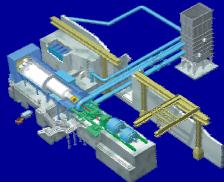
| Science & Technology | \$203.7 M |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Other Funding        | \$ 48.0 M |

## AFRL's PR-East Facilities







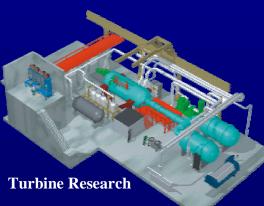


**Compressor Research** 

Ramjet Combustion

Research

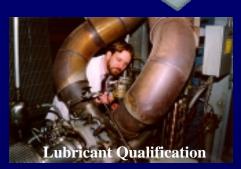
High Temperature Combustor







Scramjet Combustor Research



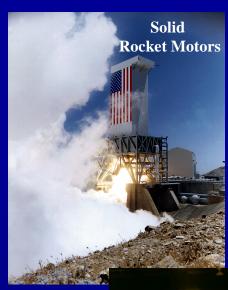
**High Pressure Combustion Research** 

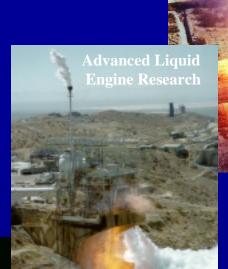


**Altitude Simulation Compressor** 

## **AFRL's PR-West Facilities**















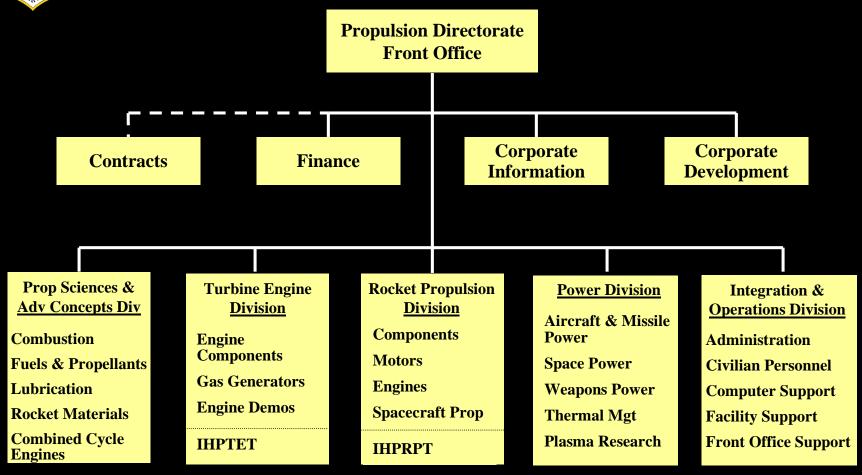




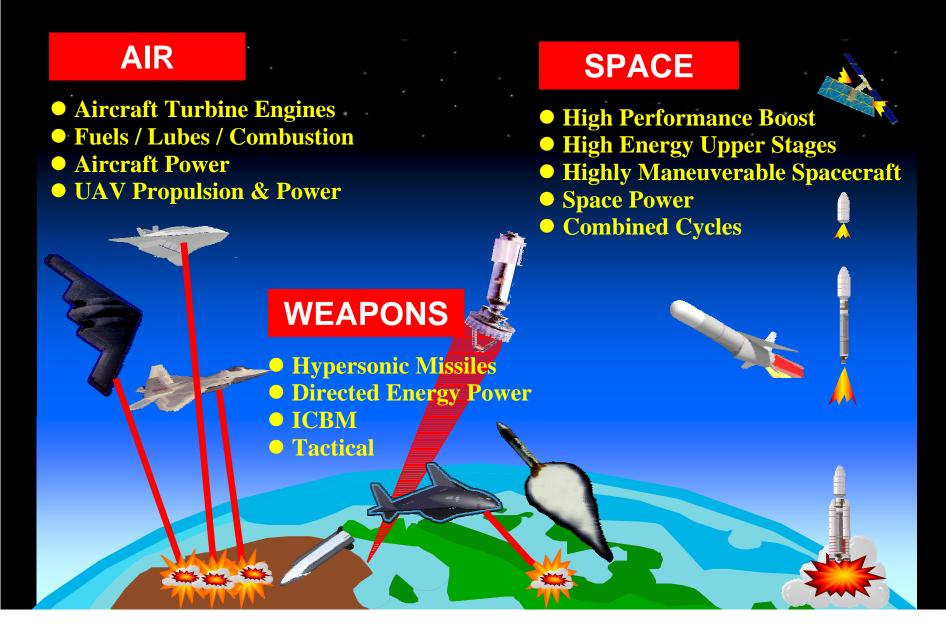
**Solar Propulsion** 







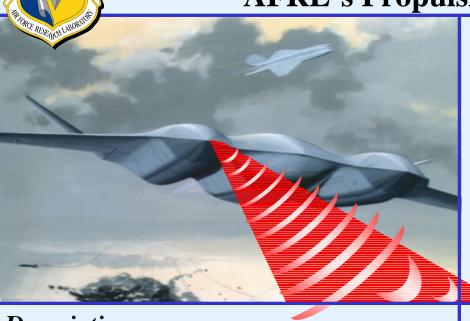
## Three Integrating Technology Thrusts Advanced Propulsion and Power For:





## **Opportunities for Innovative Collaboration**





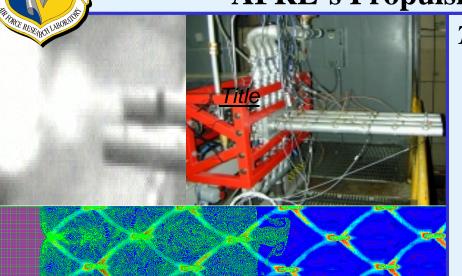
# Pulse Power Technologies For Aerospace Applications

#### Description

- Technical opportunities:
  - Pulse Power Modeling & Simulation
  - Hybrid Thermal Management
  - Pulse Forming Network technologies
  - Pulse Power Turbogenerators
  - Pulse Power Caps, Batteries,Switches
  - Pulse Power Space Systems

- Near term applications:
  - Flight weight pulse power systems for tactical aircraft directed energy weapons
- Longer term applications
  - Pulse power technologies for spacecraft propulsion, space based sensors and weapons





Pulsed Detonation Engines at PR east & west

#### Description

- Develop, maintain, and distribute airbreathing and rocket pulsed propulsion information:
  - Performance data
  - Research and performance models
  - Analysis tools
  - Proprietary and classified information

- Provide benchmark data
- Make R&D capability available to promote technology
- Develop and maintain in-house research competency





#### Advanced Solid Propellants for Tactical Missiles

#### **Description**

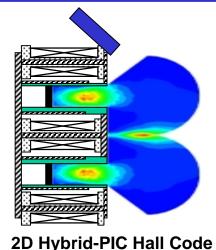
- Enhance international program to develop advance tactical propellants
  - Higher energy
  - Low observables

#### **Vision**

• In cooperation with the worlds premier propellant chemists, develop the next generation tactical missile propellant.



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION AFRL's Propulsion Directorate**



**Plasma Density Contours** 

#### **Title**

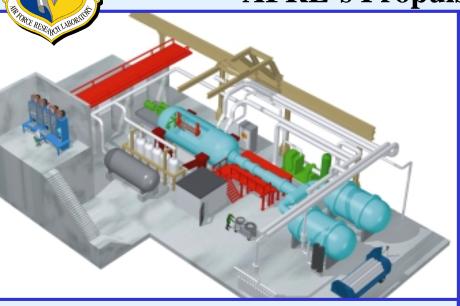
Hall Thruster Modeling to enable high-power testing in current AF ground facilities

#### **Description**

- Develop better fluid models
- Develop better understanding of lowenergy Xe sputtering yields & cross sections
- Expand effort in charge exchange physics
- Model sensor contamination
- Validate model by tests in ground facilities

- Validated model to correct high-power Hall thruster data perturbed by ground facility effects
- Save AF >\$20M in facility costs needed to perform IHPRPT phase III testing.





Advanced Turbine Aerodynamics and Heat Transfer

#### **Description**

- Host faculty, students, NRC's, post doc's, industry, small business
- Do research on better performance, durability by active and passive flow control, new diagnostics, studying combustor-turbine interactions
- More effort on math modeling to guide experiments in Turbine Research Facility

- Develop "Maintenance-Free" hot section
  - Turbine system lasting full engine life
- Raise performance & improve cooling
  - Smaller, lighter, higher loaded turbines

#### **SUMMARY**

Augmenting PR's workforce is important to quality Air Force S&T

PR's front office is now reviewing *all* S&E vacancies to see if they are best filled by

NRC (National Research Council) fellows
IPAs (Intergovernmental Personnel Agreements)
Exchange S&Es
Term and temporary S&Es
Permanent S&Es

STW-21 collaboration searches for new mechanisms that mutually benefit both parties