

## **THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE EFFORT AT JPL**

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### **OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION**

- JPL INTEREST IN THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE
- IMMEDIATE APPLICATIONS
- METHODOLOGY FOR JPL EFFORT
- TASKS FOR JPL SUPPORT TO SLL
- JPL IN-HOUSE WORK
- PLANNED PROCUREMENTS
- SCHEDULE

### **JPL PARABOLIC DISH PROGRAM**

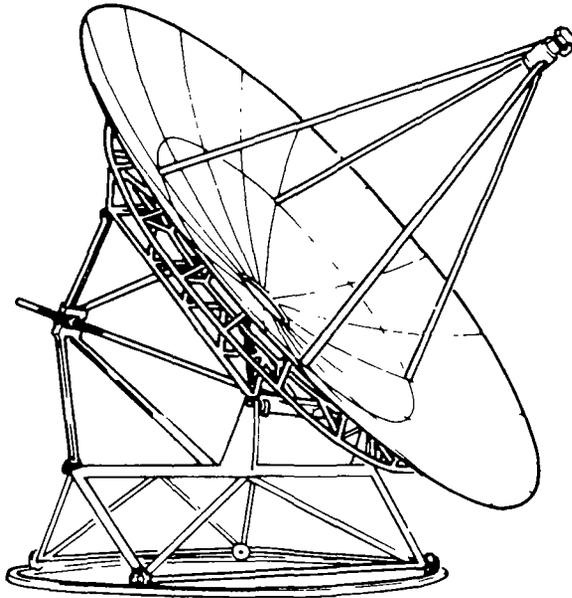
#### **OBJECTIVES**

- TO ESTABLISH TECHNICAL, OPERATIONAL & ECONOMIC READINESS OF PARABOLIC DISH SYSTEMS FOR ELECTRIC AND THERMAL APPLICATIONS
- TO DEVELOP PARABOLIC DISH SYSTEMS TO THE POINT AT WHICH SUBSEQUENT COMMERCIALIZATION ACTIVITIES CAN LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL MARKET PENETRATION

## JPL INTEREST IN THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

- PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE FOR SOLAR THERMAL APPLICATIONS (TESSTA) PROGRAM
- IDENTIFY CONCEPTS, ASSESS THEIR FEASIBILITY, AND DEVELOP ENGINEERING DESIGNS OF PARABOLIC DISH LATENT THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE ELEMENTS
- PLAN AND CONDUCT SUBSYSTEM RESEARCH EXPERIMENTS AT PARABOLIC DISH TEST SITE (PDTS, EDWARD) TO DEMONSTRATE THE READINESS OF THE LATENT HEAT ENERGY STORAGE
- IDENTIFY CONCEPTS AND ASSESS THEIR FEASIBILITY FOR ADVANCED, HIGH TEMPERATURE (1500-2800°F) THERMAL STORAGE

## CURRENT APPLICATIONS



- SMALL COMMUNITY SOLAR THERMAL POWER EXPERIMENT (EE-1)
- ISOLATED LOAD EXPERIMENTS SERIES (EE-2 ETC)
- THERMAL APPLICATIONS EXPERIMENTS SERIES (EE-3)
- ADVANCED DISH STIRLING

ENERGY STORAGE REQUIRED TO BUFFER THE ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM FROM HARMFUL TRANSIENTS & PROVIDE BETTER SYSTEM CONTROL

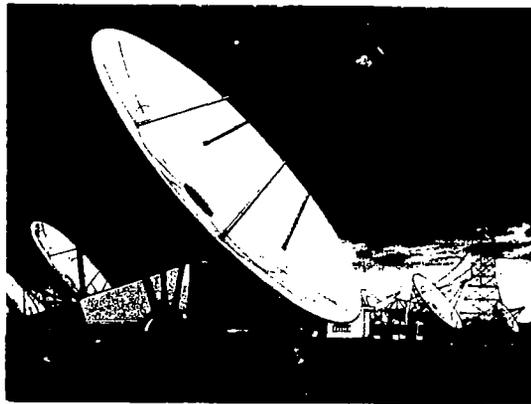
## CURRENT APPLICATIONS

<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>ECS/SIZE</u>	<u>STORAGE TEMP RANGE</u>	<u>APPLICATION/TIME PERIOD</u>
EE-1	RANKINE/15 KWe	800→1300 <sup>0</sup> F	GRID CONNECTED, SMALL COMMUNITY/1981
EE-2	BRAYTON/15 KWe	1200→1700 <sup>0</sup> F	ISOLATED/1981
EE-3	THERMAL LOADS	TBD	ISOLATED/1982
STIRLING	STIRLING/20 KWe	1500→1600 <sup>0</sup> F	ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS 1981 SYSTEM TESTS 1984

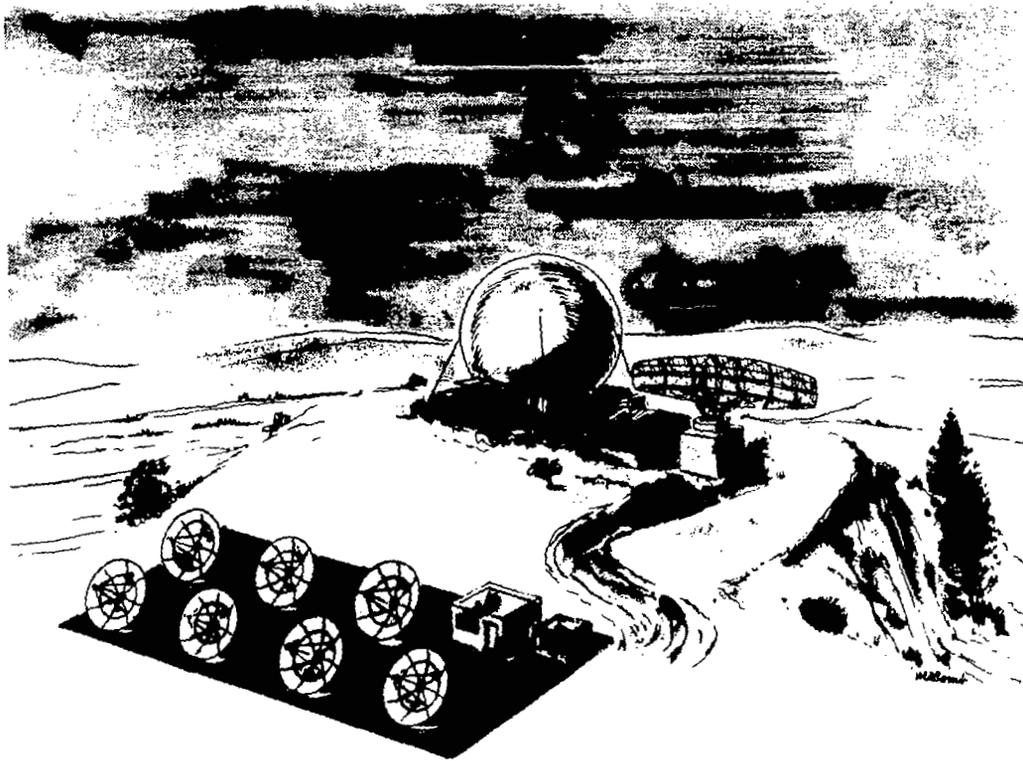
## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PLANT

- 1 MW PLANT USING NEAR TERM TECHNOLOGY
- APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRE SITE WITH 65 PARABOLIC CONCENTRATORS, EACH 11 METERS IN DIAMETER AND EACH HAVING ITS OWN:

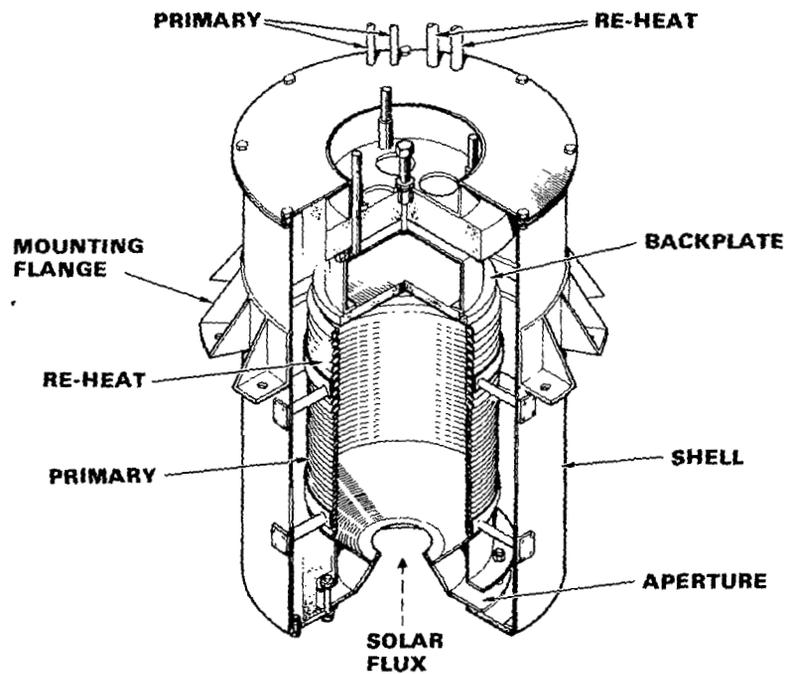
- RECEIVER
- ENGINE
- GENERATOR



THE ELECTRICAL OUTPUT OF THE INDIVIDUAL GENERATORS IS COMBINED AND CONNECTED TO A SMALL COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

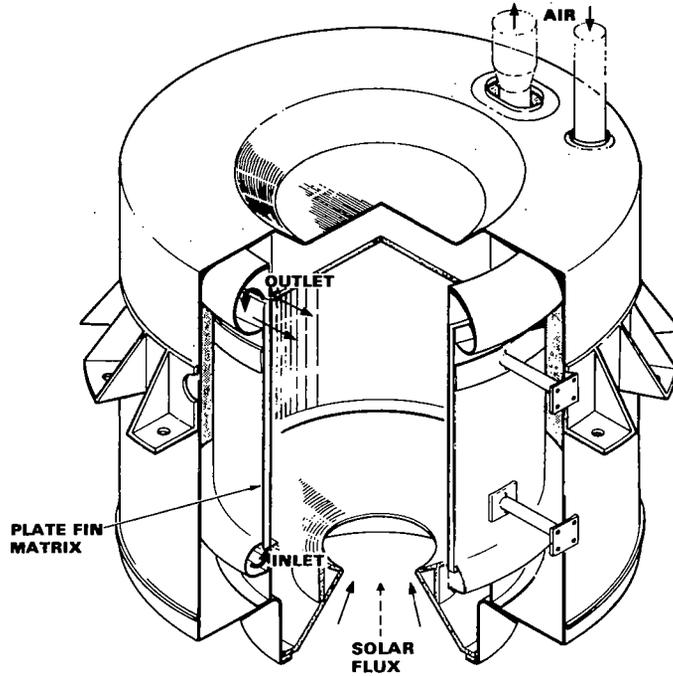


### STEAM-RANKINE SOLAR RECEIVER



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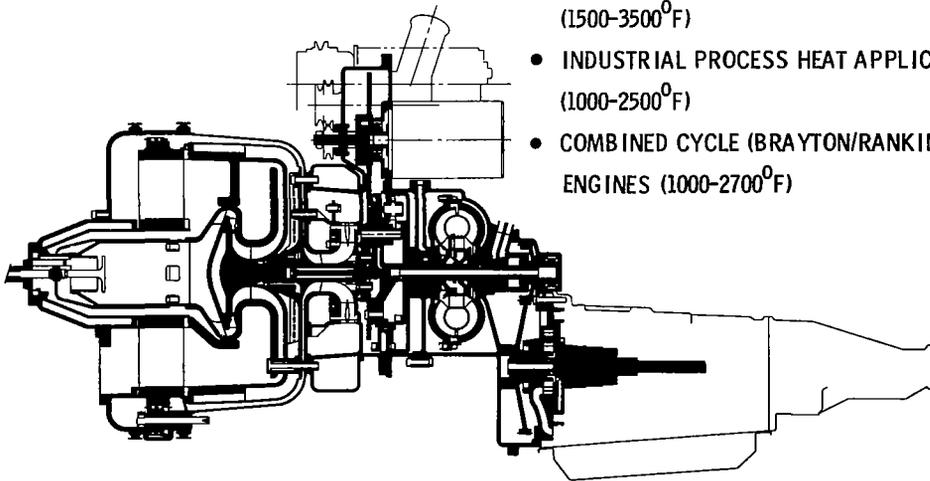
## PLATE FIN BRAYTON SOLAR RECEIVER



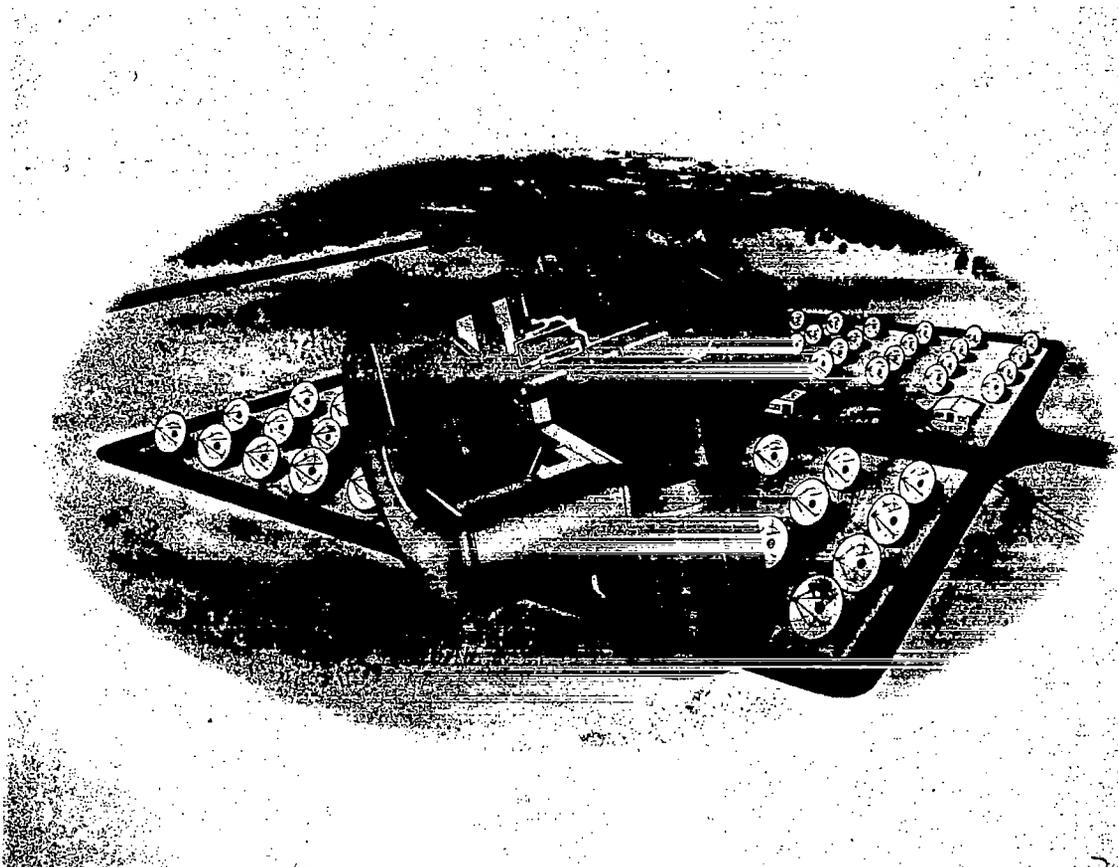
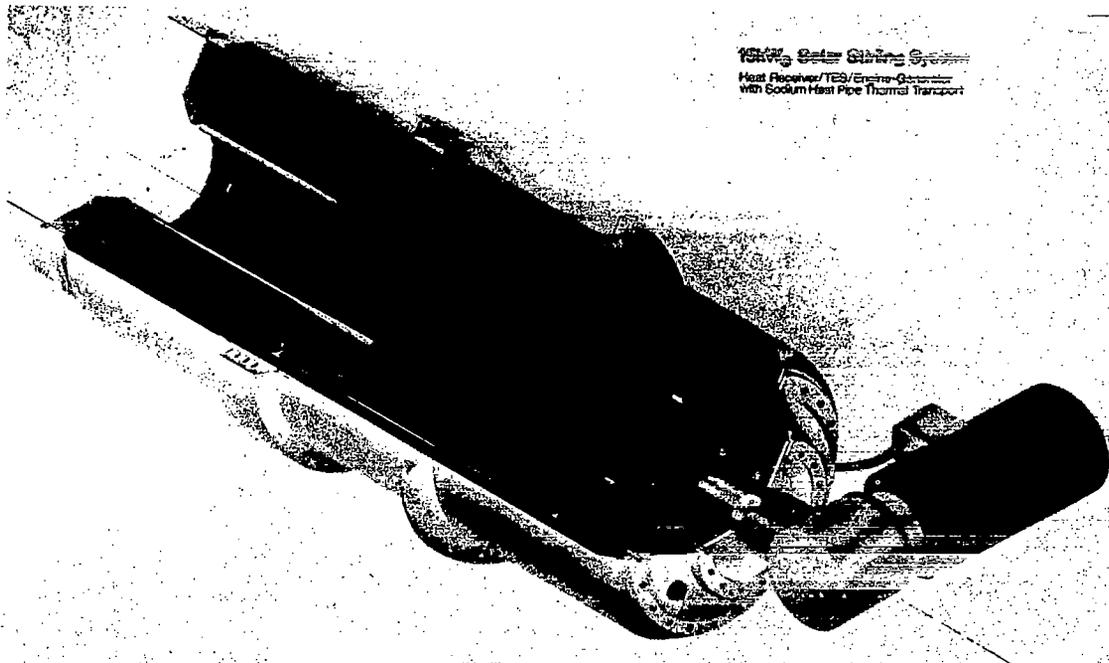
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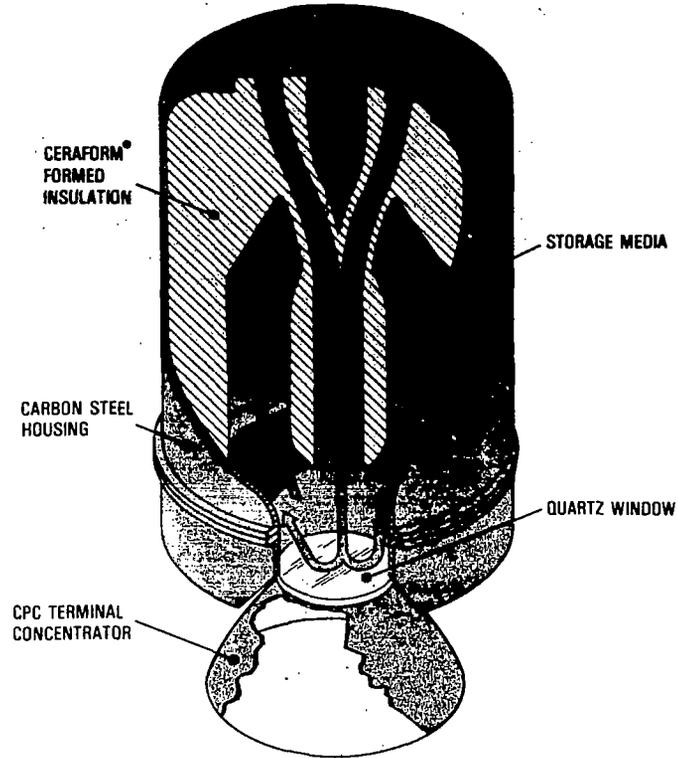
- ADVANCED BRAYTON ENGINE (2300-2700<sup>0</sup>F)
- FUELS AND CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS (1500-3500<sup>0</sup>F)
- INDUSTRIAL PROCESS HEAT APPLICATIONS (1000-2500<sup>0</sup>F)
- COMBINED CYCLE (BRAYTON/RANKINE) ENGINES (1000-2700<sup>0</sup>F)



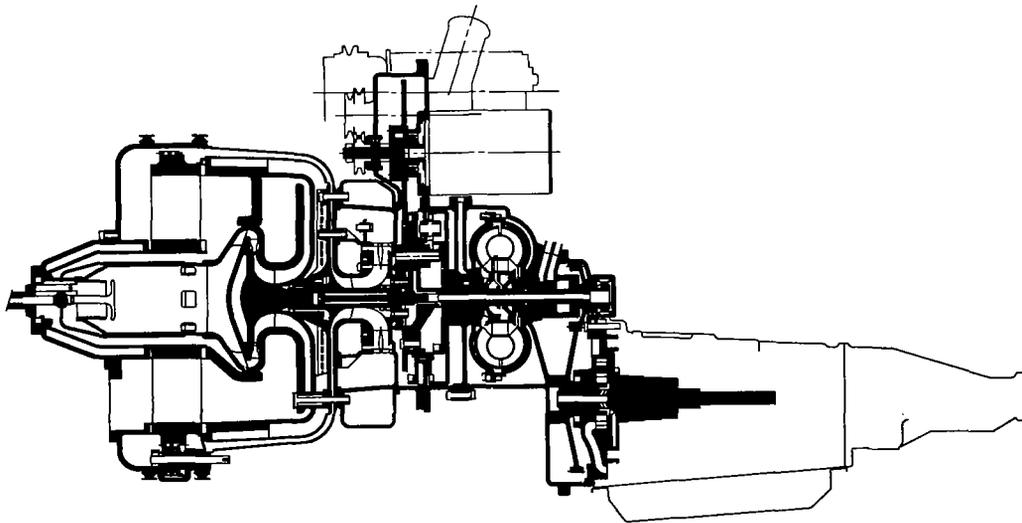
100% Solar Stirling System  
Host Receiver/TES/Engine-Generator  
with Sodium Heat Pipe Thermal Transport



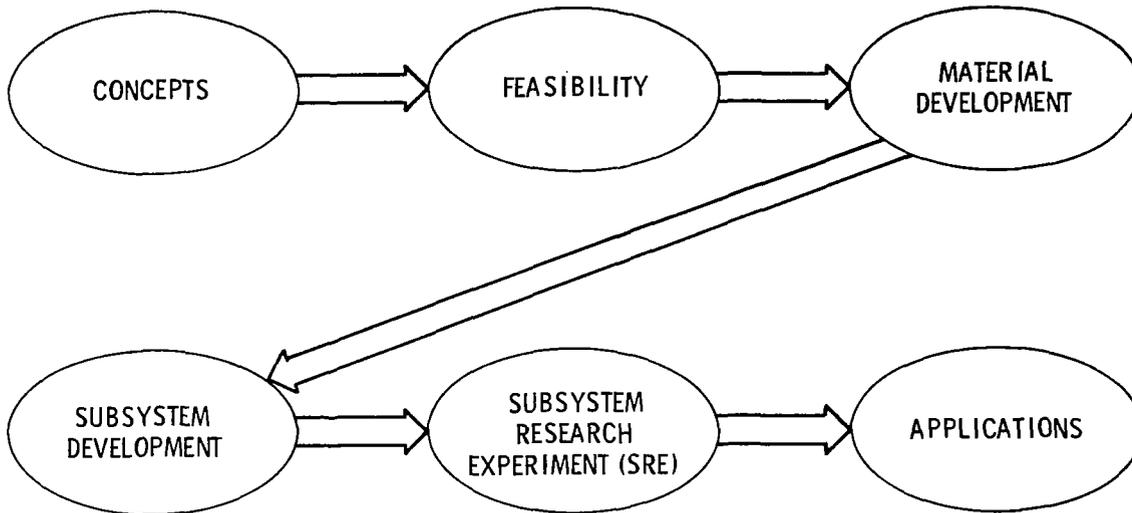
**PRESSURIZED MATRIX  
HIGH TEMPERATURE SOLAR THERMAL RECEIVER**



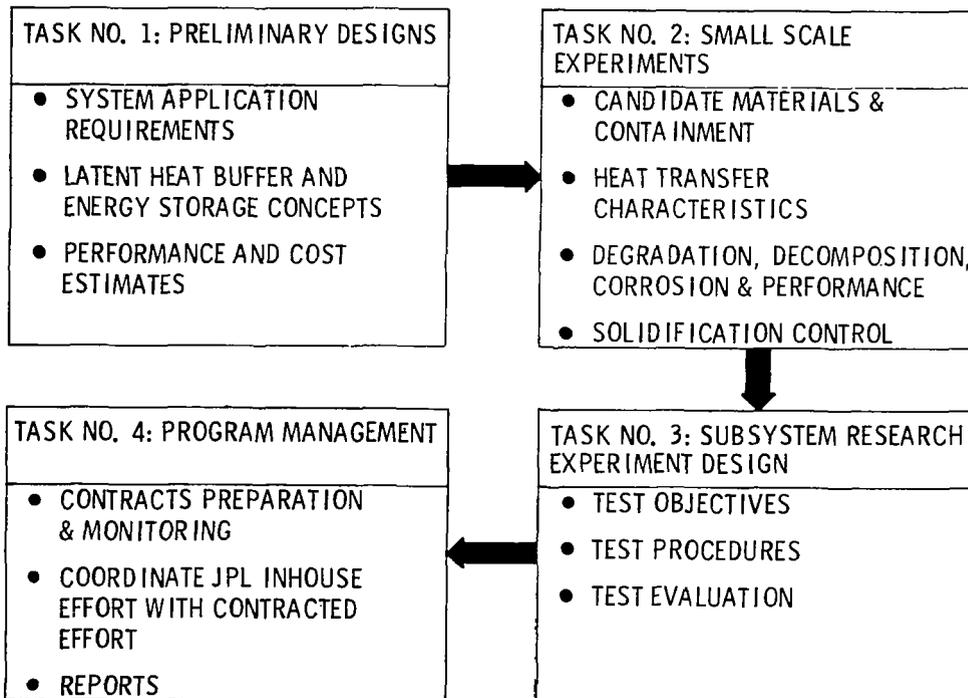
**ADVANCED GAS TURBINE POWERTRAIN**



## METHODOLOGY FOR THE JPL EFFORT



## TASKS FOR JPL SUPPORT TO SLL



## **JPL IN-HOUSE EFFORT**

**PURPOSE:** TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND, DATA BASE, AND CAPABILITY TO WRITE AND MANAGE INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE FOR DISH-APPLICATIONS.

### **PLANNED EFFORT IN:**

- APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- CONCEPTS SELECTION OF ~50 KWHT TES USING PCM FOR 800-2400<sup>0</sup>F TEMPERATURE RANGE
- NOVEL IDEAS OF HEAT TRANSFER AT HIGH TEMPERATURES
- STORAGE MEDIA SCREENING & SELECTION
- CONTAINMENT MATERIALS, CORROSION, AND STABILITY OF PCM
- DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER CODES FOR THE TRANSIENT ANALYSES OF LATENT HEAT STORAGE SYSTEMS
- DEFINE AND PLAN SUBSYSTEM RESEARCH EXPERIMENTS

## **A LIST OF PRELIMINARY THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE COMPONENTS**

### **1. PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS**

- NaF (~1810<sup>0</sup>F)
- NaF + MgF<sub>2</sub> (~1526<sup>0</sup>F)
- NaF + KF + MgF<sub>2</sub> (~1265<sup>0</sup>F)
- K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> + Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> + LiOH (~800<sup>0</sup>F)

### **2. HEAT EXCHANGER CONCEPTS**

- FLEXING SURFACES
- HEAT PIPES
- FLUIDIZED BEDS
- TUBE & SHELL WITH SCRAPING

### **3. CONTAINMENT**

- RECEIVER INTEGRATED
- ENGINE INTEGRATED
- SEPARATE TANK

