

LARGE SPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY AND REQUIREMENTS*

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NASA SPACE EMPHASIS

- RECONSTITUTE SHUTTLE CAPABILITY
- MAINTAIN SPACE STATION MOMENTUM
- RESOLVE SCIENCE MISSION BACKLOG

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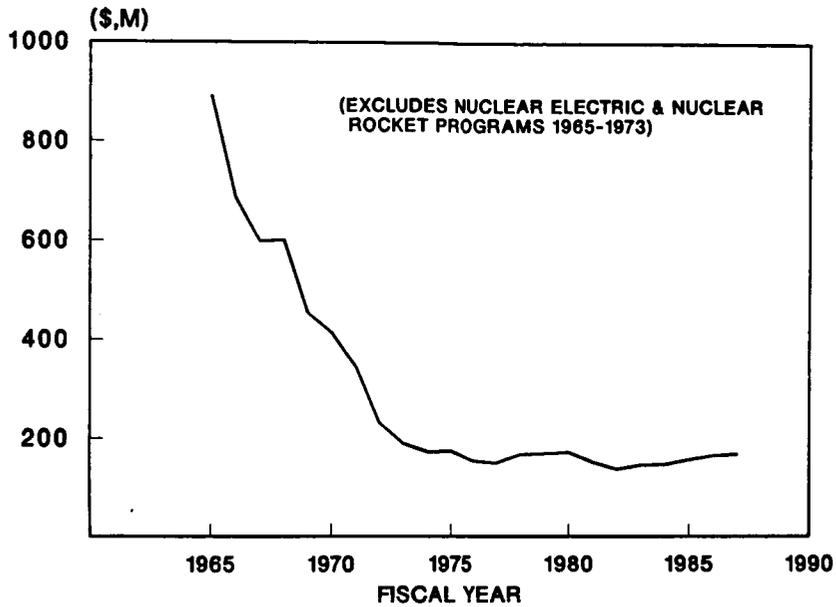
- REBUILD TECHNOLOGY BASE

STATE OF TECHNOLOGY

- TECHNOLOGY BASE IS DEFICIENT
 - LIVING OFF PAST
 - TECHNOLOGY NO LONGER LEADS WITH SOLUTIONS... IT CHASES PROBLEMS
- EXPECTATIONS EXCEED WHAT TECHNOLOGY CAN DELIVER
- U.S. LEADERSHIP CHALLENGED
- DECLINE OF NASA EXPERTISE

SPACE R & T FUNDING TREND

(CONSTANT FY 87 DOLLARS)



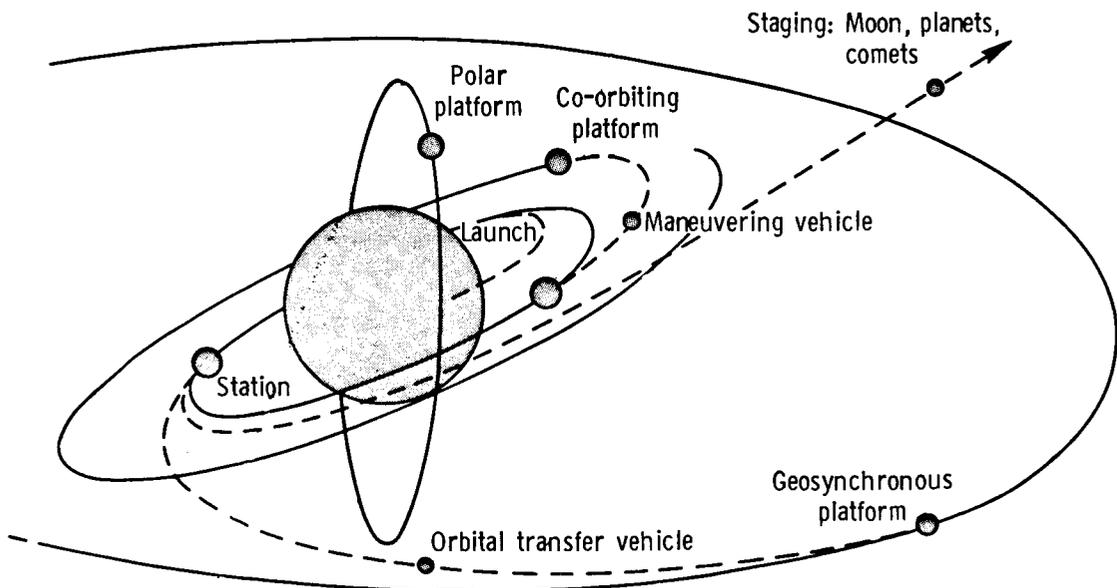
CIVIL SPACE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

**FOCUSED THRUSTS
TO REMEDY GAPS
IN TECHNOLOGY BASE
TO ENABLE HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAMS**

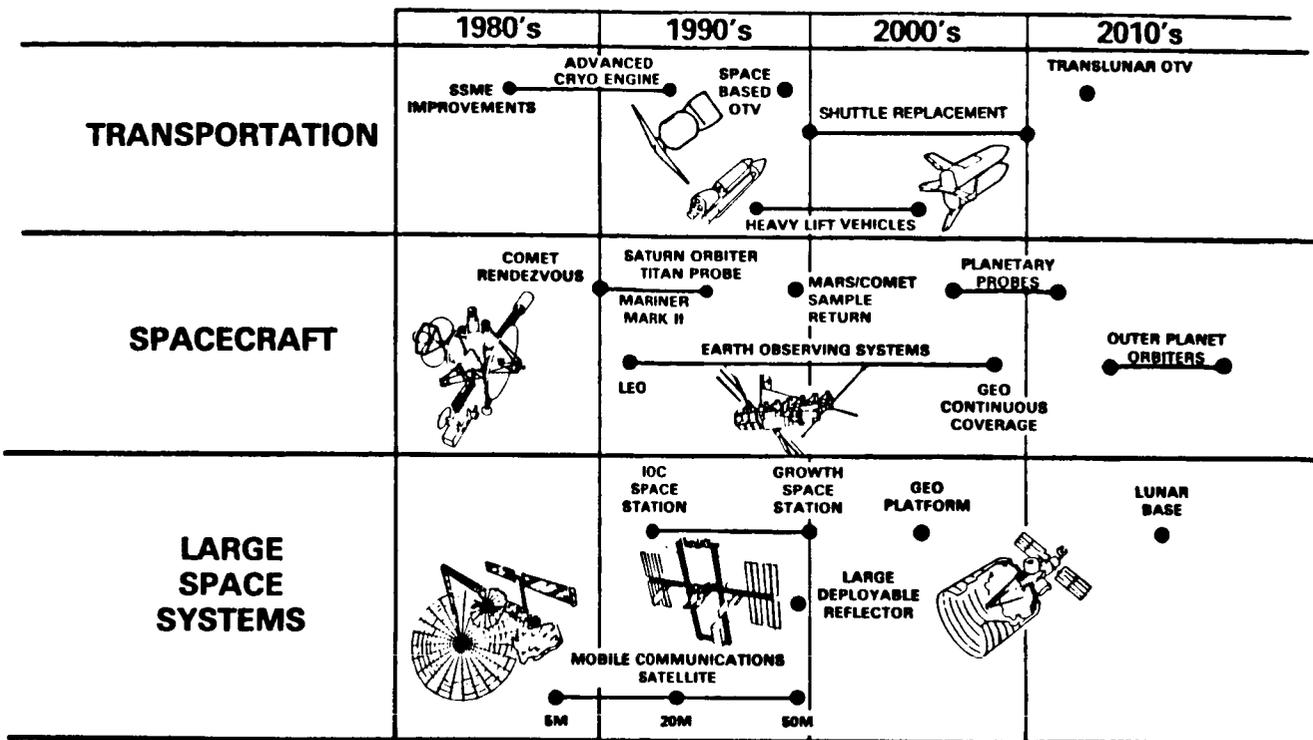
CSTI FOCUS

- ☒ **PROPULSION**
 - EARTH-TO-ORBIT
 - ORBIT TRANSFER
 - BOOSTER TECHNOLOGY
- ☒ **VEHICLE**
 - AEROASSIST FLIGHT EXPERIMENT
- ☒ **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
 - SCIENCE SENSOR TECHNOLOGY
 - DATA: HIGH RATE/CAPACITY
- ☒ **LARGE STRUCTURES AND CONTROL**
 - CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES
 - PRECISION SEGMENTED REFLECTORS
- ☒ **POWER**
 - HIGH CAPACITY
 - SPACECRAFT
- ☒ **AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS**
 - ROBOTICS
 - AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

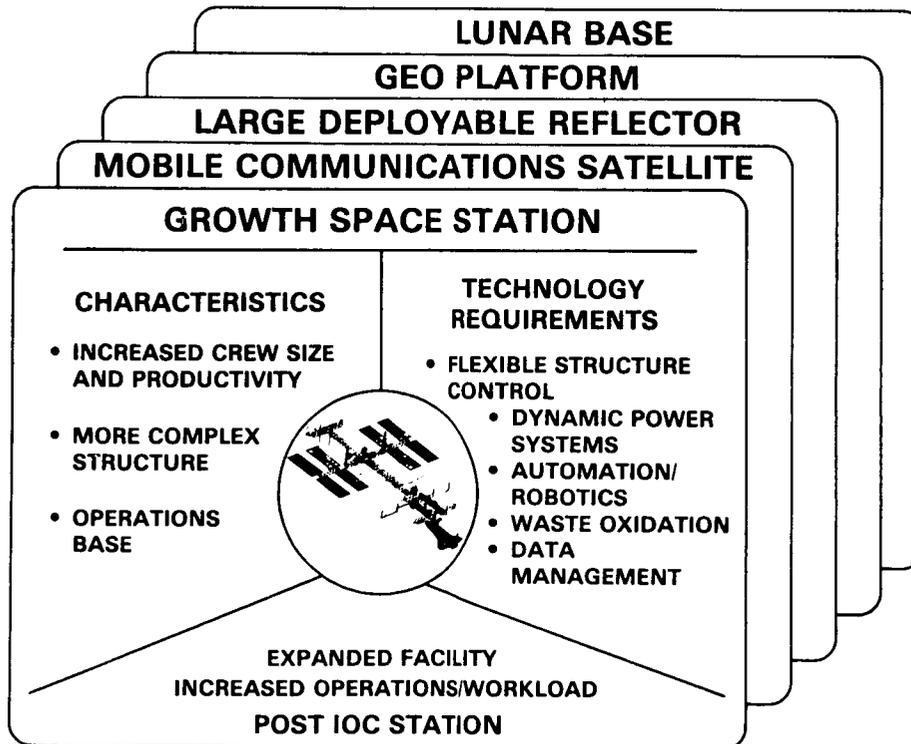
**OAST RESPONSIBILITY IS TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGIES
THAT WILL ENABLE OR ENHANCE FUTURE NATIONAL MISSIONS**



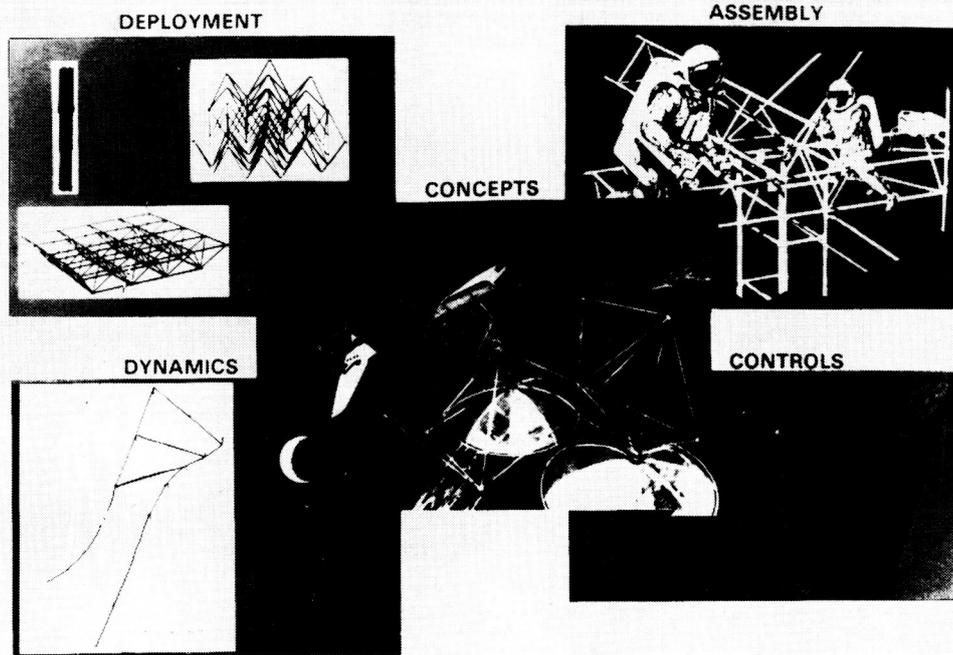
PROGRAM FOCUS ON DRIVER MISSIONS



LARGE SPACE SYSTEMS



LARGE FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES AND THEIR CONTROL



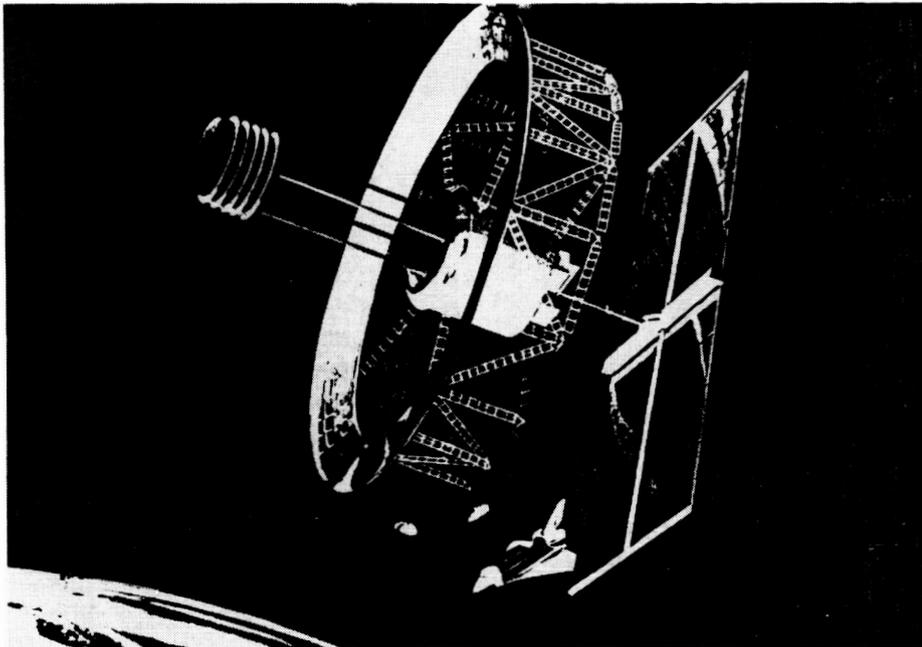
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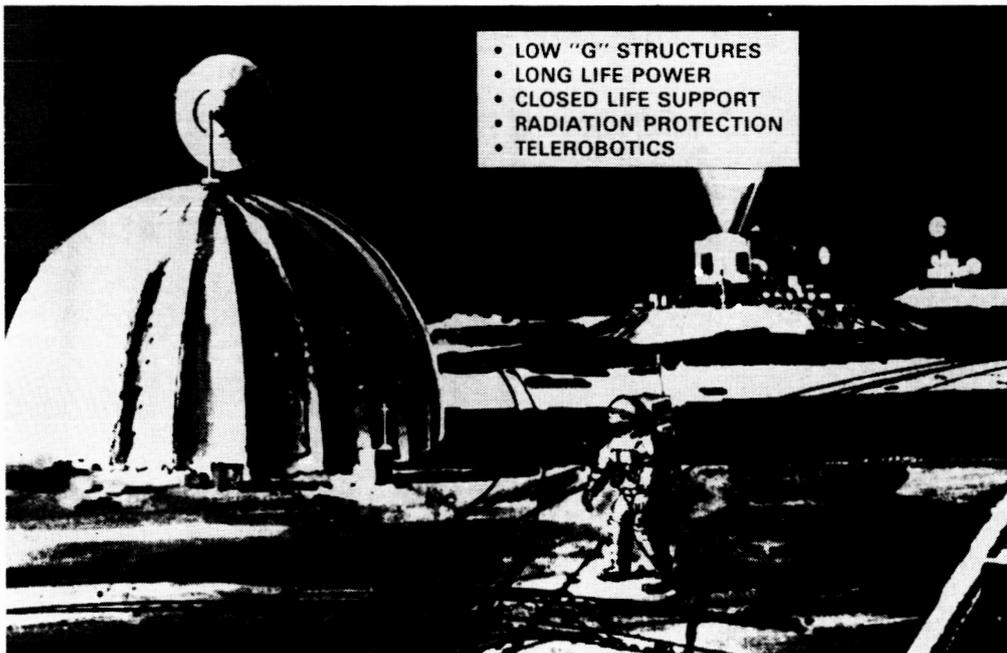
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LARGE DEPLOYABLE REFLECTOR

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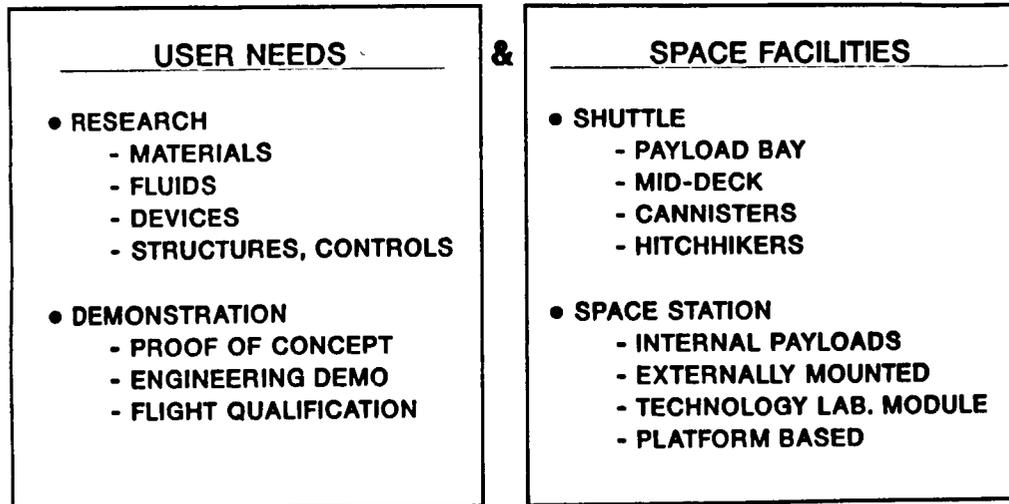


LUNAR BASE TECHNOLOGIES



IN-SPACE TECHNOLOGY EXPERIMENTS

AN EXPONENTIALLY EXPANDING PROGRAM
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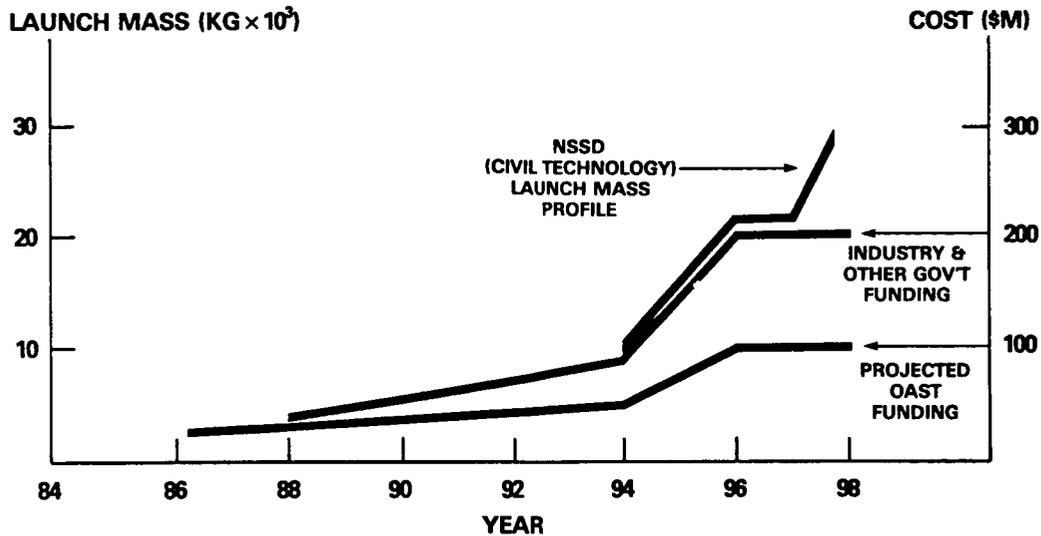
IN-SPACE R & T APPROACH

- ☒ ESTABLISH OAST AS NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR IN-SPACE R&T

- ☒ COORDINATE USER COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS AND PLANS
 - WORKSHOPS
 - SYMPOSIA

- ☒ STIMULATE COOPERATIVE VENTURES
 - OUTREACH
 - GUEST INVESTIGATOR

IN-SPACE EXPERIMENT PROGRAM POTENTIALS



WHAT A STRONG TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM BUYS

- ADDED TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS
- INCREASED MISSION CAPABILITIES
- ADDED MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
- REDUCED DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING COSTS