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NASA/Air Force Cost Model

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NAFCOM Description



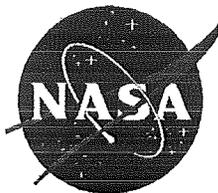
The NASA/Air Force Cost Model (NAFCOM) is a parametric estimating tool for space hardware. It is based on historical NASA and Air Force space projects and is primarily used in the very early phases of a development project. NAFCOM can be used at the subsystem or component levels.



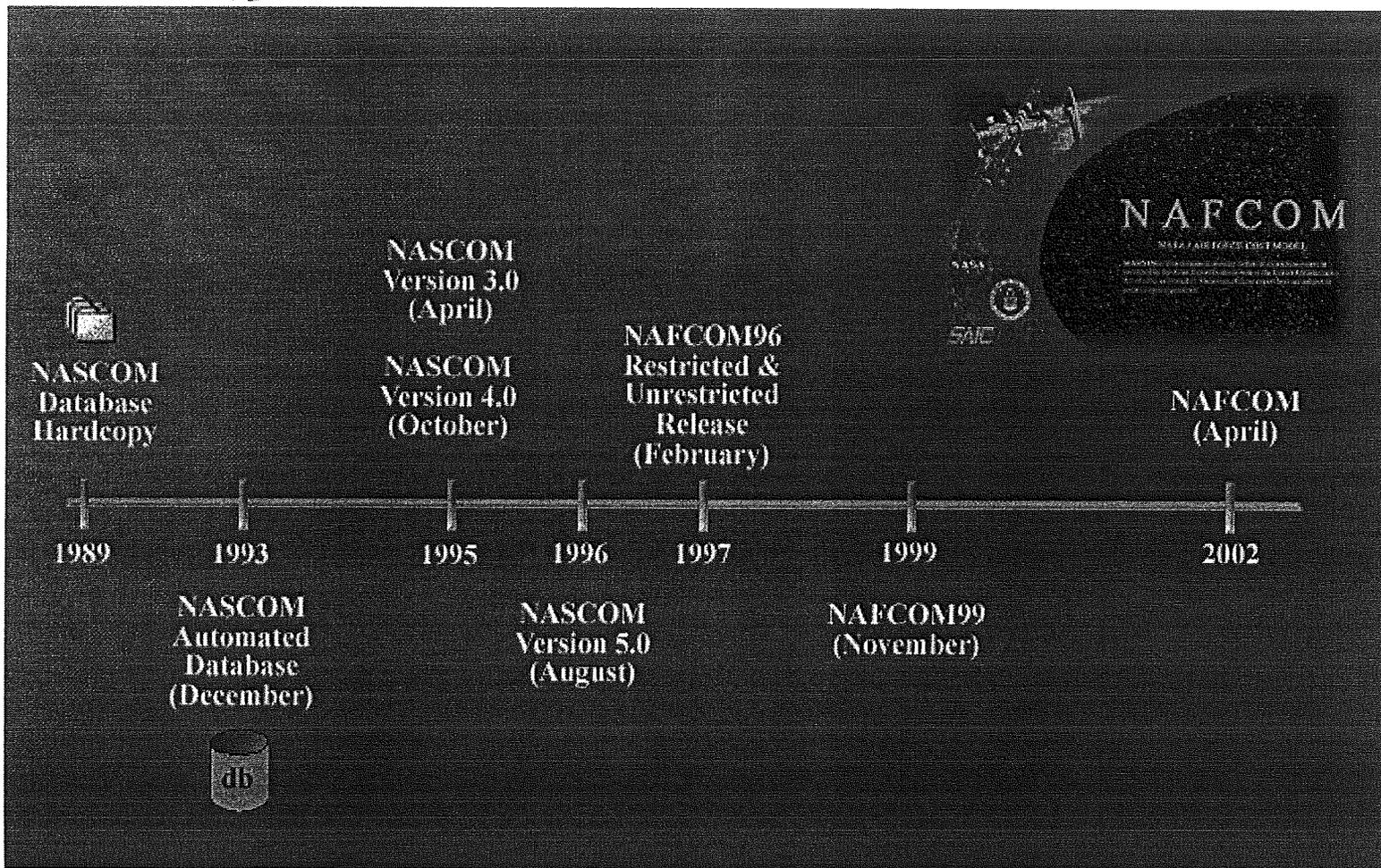
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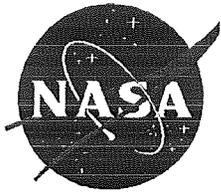


- ◆ NAFCOM is based on spacecraft data from the Resource Data Storage and Retrieval Library (REDSTAR)
- ◆ REDSTAR is NASA's major repository of cost, technical, and programmatic information including over 25,000 documents
 - 540 companies, government agencies, universities, and aerospace societies represented
 - Total program to subcomponent cost data
 - Information on spacecraft bus, attached payloads, engines, launch vehicles, upper stages, scientific instruments, aircraft, DoD, cost models and cost estimating, schedules, ground and launch operations, mission operations, Lessons Learned
- ◆ The normalized database includes 122 missions with:
 - 76 unmanned earth orbiting, 24 unmanned planetary, 11 launch vehicles, 8 manned, 3 engines



NAFCOM Evolution

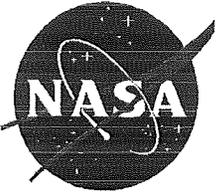




NAFCOM Features



- ◆ Subsystem-level Complexity Generators
- ◆ Process-based Schedule Estimating
- ◆ Time Phasing of Cost
- ◆ Cost Trades
- ◆ Enhanced Engine Estimating
- ◆ Integration into CEC
- ◆ Quick estimate startup with use of template wizard
- ◆ Expert knowledge of database embedded in template selection process



NAFCOM Features



◆ Subsystem Level Complexity Generators

- Application of multiple cost drivers

- ◆ The equations follow the form:

$$\text{Cost} = C * \text{Weight} ^ W * \text{Inheritance} ^ X * \text{Technology} ^ Y * \text{Management} ^ Z$$

- Data driven, statistically based
- Documents estimating assumptions
- Minimizes the use of subjective inputs
- Repeatable and verifiable
- Nine new complexity generators have been developed including SRM, propulsion (less engines), OMS, TVC, recovery, landing, thermal control, crew accommodations, and ECLS.

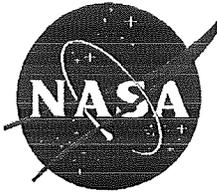


NAFCOM Features



◆ Process-based Schedule Estimating

- SAIC identified the processes for currently defined common subsystems and system integration elements and tied these processes to schedule estimating algorithms
- The methodology considers cost and technical parameters in the calculation of the schedule baselines
- Three levels of schedules are generated:
 - ❖ System level by Stage
 - ❖ Stage level by Subsystem
 - ❖ Subsystem level by Process

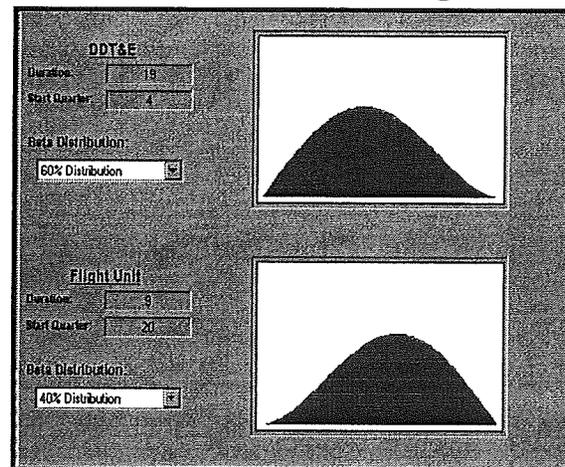


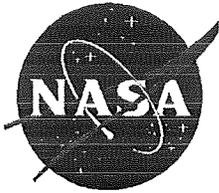
NAFCOM Features



◆ Time Phasing of Cost

- Developed using schedules generated in process-based module
- Cost is spread at the subsystem level
- DDT&E and flight unit cost are shown separately
- User may select either fiscal or calendar years
- Beta distributions can be changed for DDT&E and flight unit





NAFCOM Features



◆ Cost Trades

– Allows the user to perform “what if” scenarios based on global changes to technical factors:

- ❖ Weight
- ❖ Manufacturing management
- ❖ Engineering management
- ❖ New design
- ❖ System Test Hardware

Cost Comparison			
DOT&E Cost		Flight Unit Cost	
15,762.4	15,762.4	3,888.2	3,888.2
Production Cost		Total Cost	
3,888.2	3,888.2	19,650.7	19,650.7

– One, all, or a combination of the factors can be increased or decreased by a percentage to determine the effect these changes have on total cost



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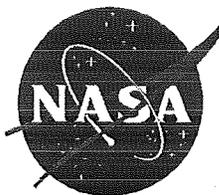


◆ Enhanced Engine Estimating

- Fully integrated versions of a liquid rocket engine model and a combined cycle propulsion model
- Algorithms from the U.S. Air Force jet engine cost model

The screenshot displays the NAFCOM software interface with the following fields and values:

- Development Hours:** Design Process Improvement: 0.4 CAD, GFD, Limited Design Automation; Certification Approach: 0.5 Design Verification Specification (SSME); Tooling Improvement Factor: 0.6 Modern (1992); Test Process Improvement: 1.0 F-1, J-2, SSME (88); Tooling Availability Factor: 1.0; Test Reduction Factor: 1.0; Test Frequency/Month: 10 (Range 10-50).
- Advanced Learning:** Learning %: 100; Production Qty: 1; Make %: 70.
- Production Inputs:** Mfg Automation Level: Fully Automated; Mfg Process Maturity: New/Immature Process; Design Maturity: New Design; Design Process: Normal Experience, have completed similar type designs; Engine Cycle: SC, Dual Preburner; Reusability: Reusable; Propellant Type: LOX/H2; Productivity Factor: 1.0 No Improvement (F); Chamber Pressure: 3300 psia; Thrust: 470 klbs.

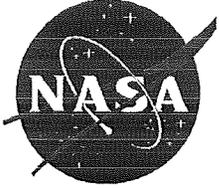


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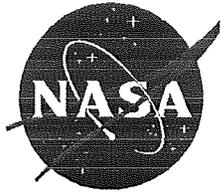


- ◆ Integration into collaborative environments
 - NAFCOM estimates are saved as Excel spreadsheets allowing easy manipulation of inputs external to the application

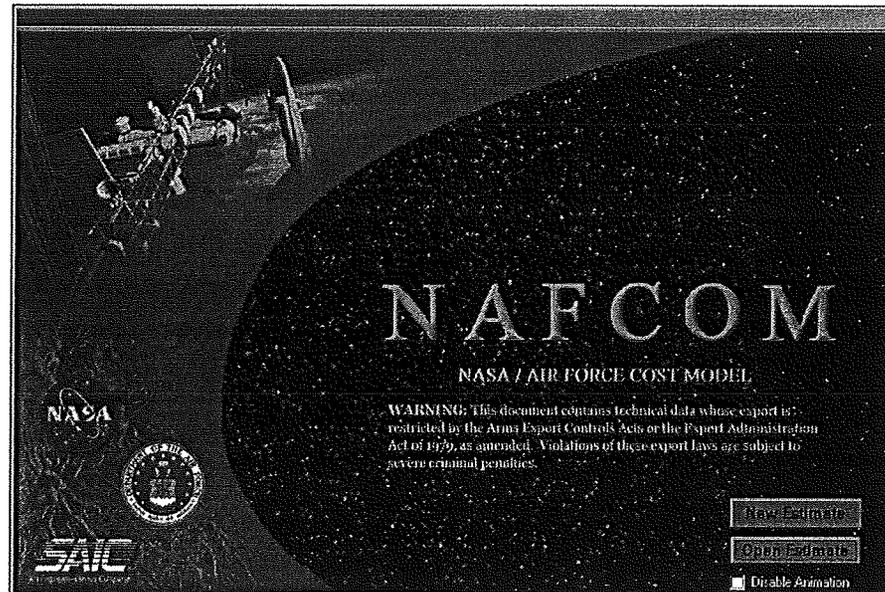
Elements	Weight	STHQty	FUPer	ManMgmt	EngMgmt	NewDesign
Single Stage to Orbit Vehicle	346600					
Stage	346600					
SSTO Subsystems	346600					
Structures & Mechanisms	188000	1	130	50	70	100
Vehicle Structures & Mechanisms	123000	1	130	50	70	100
Tank Structures & Mechanisms	65000	1	130	60	50	100
Thermal Control	49000	1	130	50	70	100
Environment/Active Thermal Control	5500	1	130	50	50	100
Induced Thermal Protection	41000	1	130	50	70	100
Tank Thermal Control	2500	1	130	60	50	100
Reaction Control Subsystem	7000	1	130	50	70	100
Orbital Maneuvering System	4500	1	130	50	70	100
Main Propulsion System (less engines)	41000	1	130	50	70	100
Electrical Power and Distribution	32000	1	130	50	70	100
Command, Control & Data Handling	3500	1	130	50	70	100
Guidance, Navigation and Control	500	1	130	50	70	100
Environmental Control and Life Support	6000	1	130	50	70	100
Crew Accommodations	1100	1	130	50	70	100
Landing System	14000	1	130	50	70	100



NAFCOM Sample Screens



Introduction Screen





Wizard



- ◆ A SINGLE screen dynamically changes based on Mission and Vehicle Type providing the capability to estimate hundreds of possible vehicle configurations
- ◆ Vehicle Types
 - Single-stage to Orbit
 - Two-stage to Orbit
 - Two-stage Bimese
 - Three-stage to Orbit
 - Four-stage to Orbit
 - Shuttle-derived

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Select a Mission Type: Unmanned Launch Vehicle

Select a Vehicle Type: Four Stage

Stage 1

Expendable

Vehicle Engine Types

Liquid Rocket Engine

Combined Cycle Propulsion

Solid Rocket Motor

Tubojet

CTV

Cargo Only

Expendable

Crew & Cargo

Crew Only

Engine Types

Liquid Rocket Engine

Stage 2

Expendable

Vehicle Engine Types

Liquid Rocket Engine

Combined Cycle Propulsion

Solid Rocket Motor

Tubojet

Upper Stage

Engine Types

No engine

Liquid Rocket Engine

Solid Rocket Motor

Stage 3

Expendable

Vehicle Engine Types

Liquid Rocket Engine

Combined Cycle Propulsion

Solid Rocket Motor

Tubojet

Stage 4

Expendable

Vehicle Engine Types

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Combined Cycle Propulsion

Solid Rocket Motor

Tubojet

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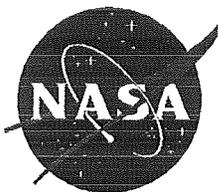
New Interface



- ◆ Toolbar provides easy access
- ◆ WBS is generated based on wizard but allows addition of lower level elements
- ◆ Data and reports on screen change based on WBS element selected
- ◆ Various on-screen reports are provided
- ◆ Major cost drivers allow quick changes to template defaults on simple screens
- ◆ Funding profiles can be selected at the subsystem level
- ◆ Status bar provides dynamic view of cost estimate

The screenshot displays the NAFCOM software interface. On the left, a hierarchical tree structure shows the 'Four-Stage Vehicle' broken down into 'Stage 1 Subsystems' including Structures & Mechanisms, Thermal Control, Main Propulsion System, and System Integration. On the right, a 'Weight' summary table shows values in lbs and kgs. Below this, a 'Major Cost Drivers' table lists categories like Manufacturing Management, Engineering Management, and Naval Design with their respective costs. At the bottom, a 'Data View' table provides detailed mission data.

Mission	Sel.	WBS Item	Weight	Launch Year	Known Identifiers	Subsystem Type	Level	NASA
External Tank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	62993.0	1981		Structural/Mechanical	Group	
Centaur-D	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	5732.0	1966	Structures basic construction is like Atlas. 80% of Atlas tooling was used to construct the tank.	Structural/Mechanical	Group	
IUS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	1422.0	1982	Except for AT Skirt, Primary Structure is identical to DoD/IUS.	Structural/Mechanical	Group	
S-IC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	150420.0	1968		Structural/Mechanical	Group	
S-II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	55684.0	1968		Structural/Mechanical	Group	
S-IVB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	19023.5	1968		Structural/Mechanical	Group	
SRB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	26066.5	1981		Structural/Mechanical	Group	



Detailed Input Screen



- ◆ Detailed Inputs will include all non-global inputs available for a WBS element on one screen.
- ◆ The analogous missions can be changed below.

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File View Help About

Elements

- Two-Stage Vehicle
 - Stage 1
 - Stage 1 Subsystems
 - Structures & Mechanisms
 - Vehicle Structures & Mechanisms
 - Tank Structures & Mechanisms
 - Thermal Control
 - Environment/Active Thermal Control
 - Induced Thermal Protection
 - Tank Thermal Control
 - Main Propulsion System (less engines)
 - Thrust Vector Control
 - Electrical Power and Distribution
 - Command, Control & Data Handling
 - Solid Rocket Motor
 - Liquid Rocket Engine
 - Combined Cycle Propulsion Engine
 - Stage 1 System Integration
 - Integration, Assembly and Checkout (IACO)
 - System Test Operations (STO)
 - Ground Support Equipment (GSE)

DataView

Mission	Del.	WBS Item	Weight	Launch Year	
External Tank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	62993.0	1981	
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S-II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	55684.0	1968	
S-IVB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	19023.5	1968	
SRB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	28066.5	1961	

Weight
C: 49000.0 62993.0 kg
D: 22226.8 28573.6 kg

System Test Hardware
BTH Qty: 1
% of Flight Unit: 130

Thruput
D&D:
BTH:
Flight Unit:

Advanced Learning
Learning %: 100
QNSA: 1
MGA %: 70

Conventional GER Complexity Factors
D&D Complexity: 1
D&D Integration: 1
D&D Simplicity: 1

Structural Efficiency
96 96 %

Manufacturing Management
60 60

Engineering Management
50 50

New Design
100 100

Deployed
(1) No Deployed Structure

Funding Availability
(2) Some Infrequent Delays Possible

Risk Management
(3) Low Risk With Qualification at Component Level

Integration Complexity
(2) Moderate Major Interfaces Involving Multiple Contractors/Centers

Pre-Development Study
(2) One Study Contract - Between 9 and 18 Months of Study

Costs
816.6 287.2 220.9 220.9
D&D Cost STU Cost Flight Unit Cost Production Cost

Inputs GER Methodology

Total DOTE: 40,588.3 Total Flight Unit: 2,284.7 Total Production: 2,904.7 Vehicle Total: 41,893.7 Total Weight (lbs): 3,514,850.0 3/12/2002



Detailed Input Screen



- ◆ Estimating Method will determine whether Complexity Generators or Conventional CERs are used.
- ◆ Mission Type, Data Level, and Element Type will determine what part of the database is available.
- ◆ Database Filters will change based on the Mission, Level, and Element selected. The database screen will change as filters are entered.
- ◆ Detailed Technical Descriptions will be provided for the selected item in the database.

The screenshot shows the NAFCOM software interface. On the left is a navigation pane with icons for Main View, Edit View, Database, Cost, Globals, Process Based, Trades, Time Phasing, and Cost Sheets. The main window is titled 'Elements' and shows a tree structure for a 'Two-Stage Vehicle'. The tree includes Stage 1 Subsystems, Structures & Mechanisms (Vehicle and Tank), Thermal Control (Environment/Active, Induced, Tank), Main Propulsion System (less engines), Thrust Vector Control, Electrical Power and Distribution, Command, Control & Data Handling, Solid Rocket Motor, Liquid Rocket Engine, and Combined Cycle Propulsion Engine. Below the tree is a 'DataView' table:

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SRB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural/Mechanical Group	26066.5	1981

Below the table is a 'Detailed Technical Descriptions' section for the 'STRUCTURALMECHANICAL GROUP'. It states: 'The External Tank (ET) Structural is three components in one: a forward liquid oxygen tank, an intertank...'. The interface also includes various input fields for 'Estimating Method' (Complexity Generator, Specific Analogy, DE Average), 'Mission Type' (Launch Vehicle Stages), 'Material Type' (Aluminum, Titanium, etc.), and 'Structural Efficiency %'. At the bottom, there are summary statistics: Total DOTE: 40,588.3, Total Flight Unit: 2,304.7, Total Propulsion: 2,304.7, Vehicle Total: 42,960.7, Total Weight (lbs): 1,514,850.0, and 3/12/2002.

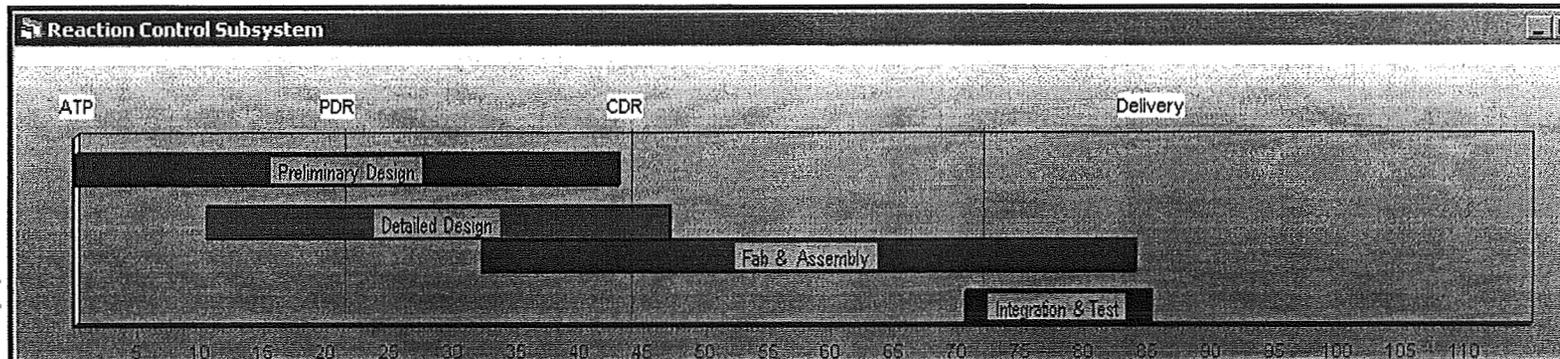
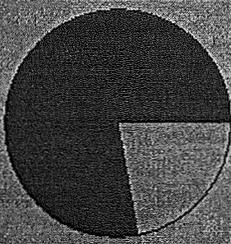


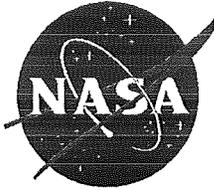
Sample On-screen Outputs



Cost Report						
Elements	D&D	STH	DDT&E	Flight Unit	Production	Total
SSTO Subsystems	6,568.1	3,848.7	10,416.4	2,960.4	2,960.4	13,376.8
Structures & Mechanisms	2,535.5	1,898.2	4,433.7	1,460.1	1,460.1	5,893.8
Thermal Control	913.2	309.3	1,222.4	237.9	237.9	1,460.3
Reaction Control Subsystem	144.4	134.8	279.2	103.7	103.7	382.9
Orbital Maneuvering System	335.2	116.2	451.4	89.4	89.4	540.7
Main Propulsion System (less engines)	720.3	646.0	1,366.3	496.9	496.9	1,863.2
Electrical Power and Distribution	762.7	461.0	1,223.7	354.6	354.6	1,578.2
Command, Control & Data Handling	794.9	197.3	992.2	151.8	151.8	1,144.0

■ DDTE 77.87 %
■ Production 22.13 %





Planned Release and Training



- ◆ Public release of NAFCOM is not planned
- ◆ Requests for NAFCOM will be controlled through NASA software usage agreement
- ◆ Launch Vehicle version was released in April 2002
- ◆ Unmanned Spacecraft version is planned for release this June
- ◆ Training will be completely revamped
 - Class time will be reduced to one day
 - Emphasis will be on model usage not estimating theory
 - Training will be scheduled beginning in early Summer
 - Training will be conducted using the unmanned spacecraft version of NAFCOM