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TABLE III  
PAD LOADING SUMMARY

| VEHICLE   | CY 1968 | CY 1969 | CY 1970 | CY 1971 | CY 1972 | CY 1973 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ATLAS - AGENA<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE   | 17<br>6 | 14<br>6 | 14<br>6 | 10<br>6 | 11<br>6 | 9<br>6  |
| ATLAS - CENTAUR<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE | 9<br>1  | 9<br>1  | 9<br>1  | 7<br>1  | 6<br>1  | 5<br>1  |
| TITAN II<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE        | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     |
| TITAN III<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE       | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     |
| SATURN I<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE *      |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| SATURN IB<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE       | 10<br>3 | 9<br>3  | 9<br>3  | 5<br>3  | 4<br>3  | 5<br>3  |
| SATURN IZ<br>SCHED. FLIGHTS<br>PADS AVAILABLE       | 6<br>3  | 6<br>3  | 6<br>3  | 2<br>3  | 5<br>3  | 7<br>3  |

\* PAD 34 INCLUDED BELOW, WITH SATURN IB PADS AVAILABLE

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COST ESTIMATES - LAUNCH VEHICLES

The costs of conventional launch vehicles are presented in Table IV. These data are for the 1968 - 1969 time period and are based on a ten-per-year launch rate for five years. The costs are for the basic vehicle hardware and for launch vehicle support.

TABLE IV  
LAUNCH VEHICLE COSTS

| Launch Vehicle    | Cost - 10 <sup>6</sup> dollars |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thor              | 2.0                            |
| Atlas             | 2.3                            |
| Thor Delta        | 2.5                            |
| Thor Agena B      | 5.3                            |
| Thorad D. Agena D | 6.5                            |
| Centaur           | 7.5                            |
| Atlas - Agena D   | 7.8                            |
| Titan II          | 8.8                            |
| Atlas - Centaur   | 10.0                           |
| GLV - Gemmil.V    | 10.4                           |
| Titan III A       | 17.0                           |
| Saturn I          | 19.0                           |
| Saturn IB         | 20.5                           |
| Titan III C       | 26.6                           |
| Saturn V          | 63.0                           |

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MANUFACTURER SUNDSTRAND

AVAILABILITY LATE 1967

BASIC SYSTEM DATA

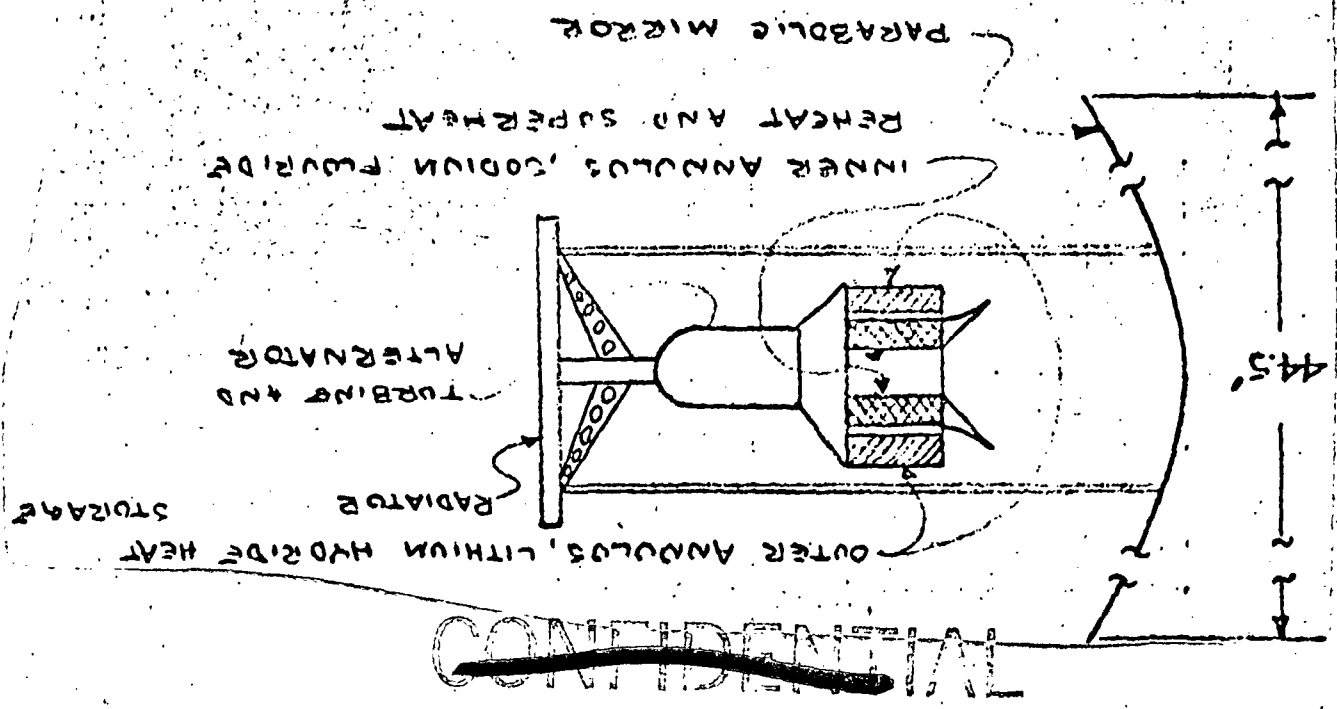
Power Level 15 KW<sub>e</sub>  
 System Weight 1000 - 1200 LB  
 Useful Life 1 YR CONTINUOUS  
 Cost NOT AVAILABLE

ENERGY SOURCE SOLAR

POWER CONVERSION TURBOELECTRIC  
 (RUBIDIUM - RANKINE)

HEAT STORAGE LITHIUM HYDRIDE

ORIENTATION ± 0.2°



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FIG. 19 ASTEC: ADVANCED SOLAR TURBO-ELECTRIC CONCEPT (REFERENCE 43)

MANUFACTURER

TAPCO \*

AVAILABILITY

3 YRS FROM GO AHEAD

BASIC SYSTEM DATA

3 KWe  
700 LB  
1 YR CONTINUOUS  
\$150,000 \*\*

POWER LEVEL  
SYSTEM WEIGHT  
USEFUL LIFE  
COST

ENERGY SOURCE

SOLAR

POWER CONVERSION

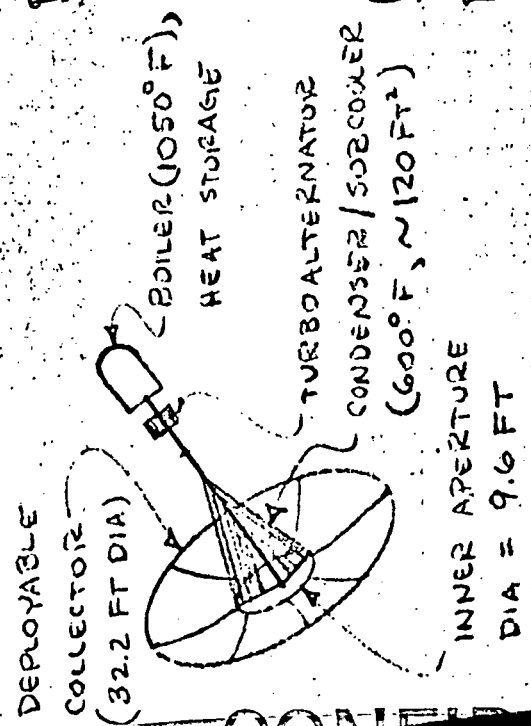
TURBOELECTRIC  
(HG-RANKINE)

HEAT STORAGE

LITHIUM HYDRIDE

ORIENTATION

±3/4°



NOTE: SYSTEM IS DESIGNED FOR 1" (LATERAL OR LONGITUDINAL) WHEN DEPLOYED AND 7.5" WHEN FOLDED

\* A DIVISION OF THOMPSON RAMO WOOLDRIDGE  
\*\* AVERAGE OF 10 UNITS

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FIG. 20 SUNFLOWER (REFERENCE 43)

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MANUFACTURER PRATT & WHITNEY

AVAILABILITY 1965

BASIC SYS DATA

POWER LEVEL 2 KW. PEAK

SYSTEM WGT > 155 LB\* (~350 WH/LB)

USEFUL LIFE 7 DAY DUTY CYCLE

COST \$18-36 M FOR R&D AND TESTING. 1ST UNIT COST NOT DEVELOPED.

\* FUEL BATTERY ONLY - DOES NOT INCLUDE REACTANTS, CONTROL UNIT, COOLANT OR RADIATOR. REACTANT CONSUMPTION IS ~ 1 LB/KWH.

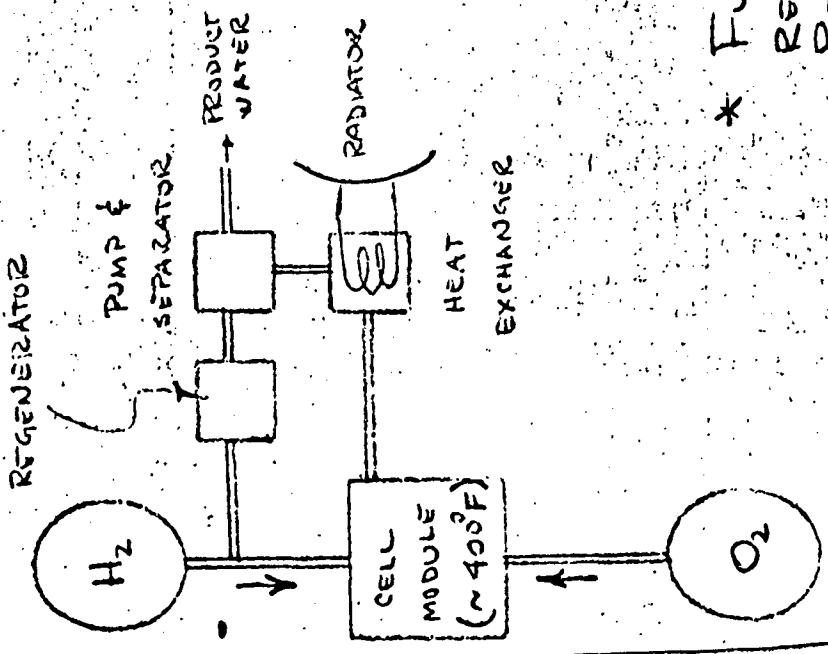


FIG. 32 PRATT & WHITNEY FUEL CELL - APOLLO (REFERENCE 43)

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MANUFACTURER GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.

AVAILABILITY LATE 1963

BASIC SYSTEM DATA

POWER LEVEL 2 KW WITH 2 SECTIONS

SPECIFIC WGT \* 155 LB

USEFUL LIFE \*\* 2500 HOURS

COST \$1.4 M

\* FUEL BATTERY ONLY. DOES NOT INCLUDE REACTANTS (CH<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>), TANKAGE OR RADIATOR. REACTANT CONSUMPTION IS ~ 1 LB/KWH. THE SPECIFIC WGT DECREASES FOR SHORTER DURATION.

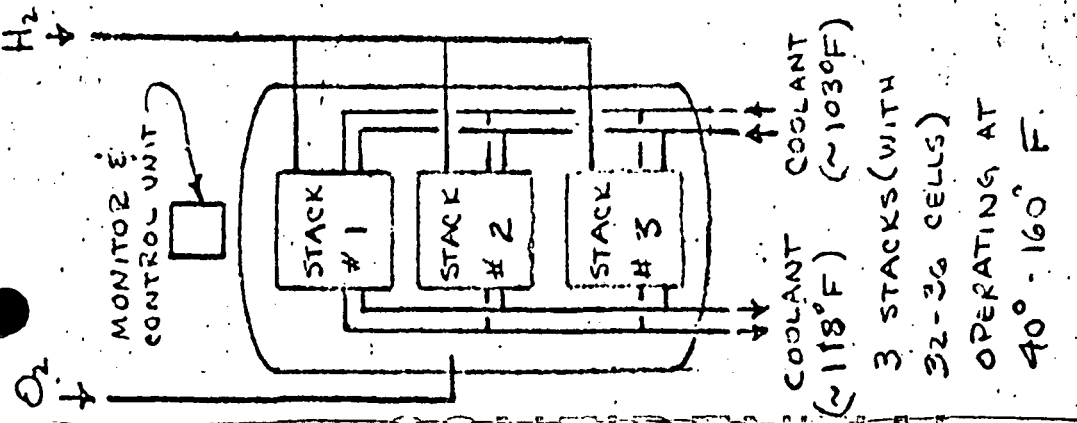
\*\* FOR DESIGN TESTING

\*\*\* 1ST UNIT

FIG. 33 SOLID ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL - GEMINI (REFERENCE 13)

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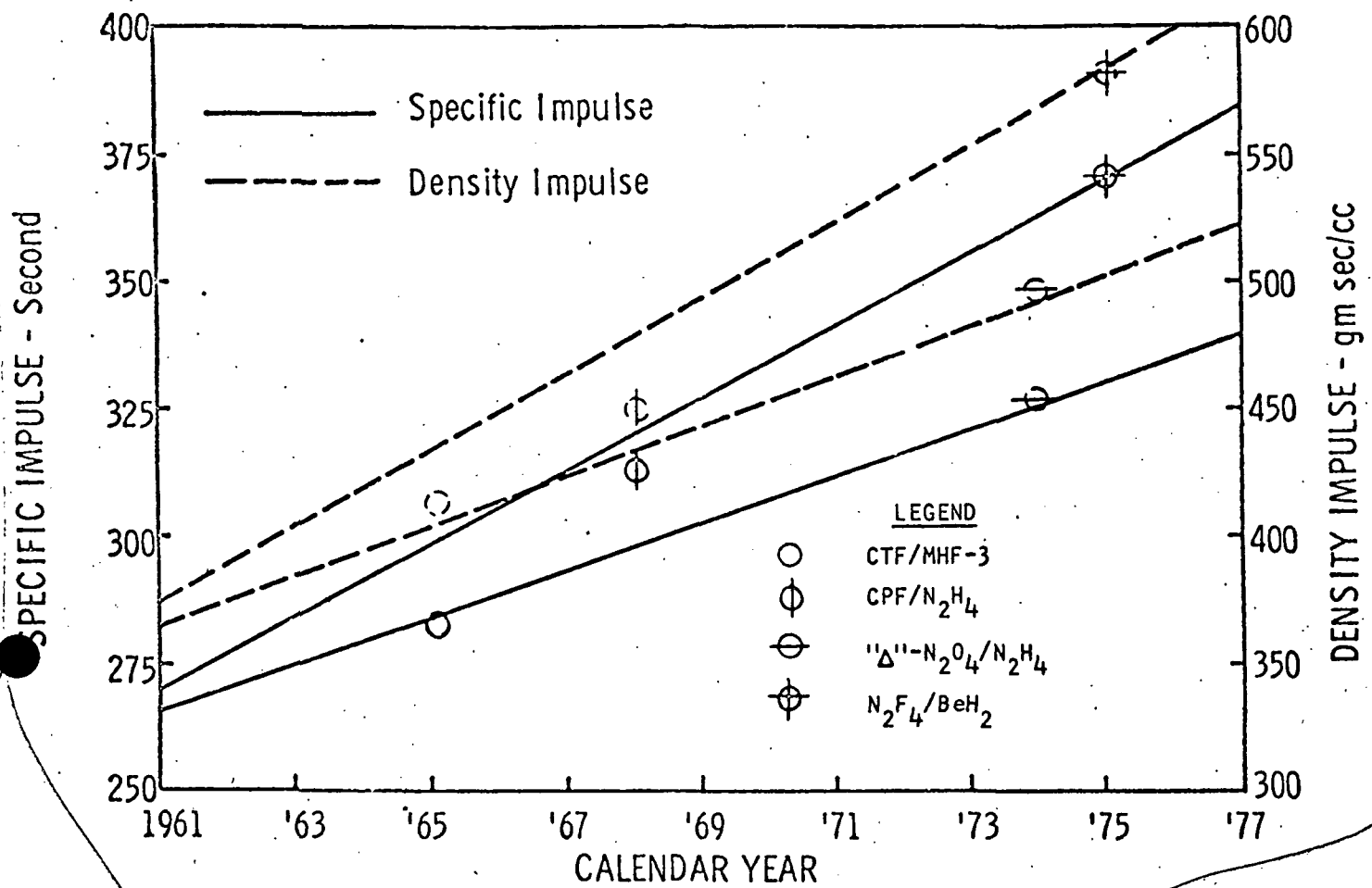
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|   |  |
|---|--|
| CTF - Chlorine Trifluoride                | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - Nitrogen Tetroxide |
| MHF - Mixed Hydrazine Fuels               | N <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> - Hydrazine Fluoride |
| CPF - Chlorine Pentafluoride              | "Δ" - (Company Private)                            |
| N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - Hydrazine | BeH <sub>2</sub> - Beryllium Hydride               |

FIGURE 2

PERFORMANCE OF CANDIDATE PROPELLANT SYSTEMS VS TIME  
(Packaged Liquid Systems)

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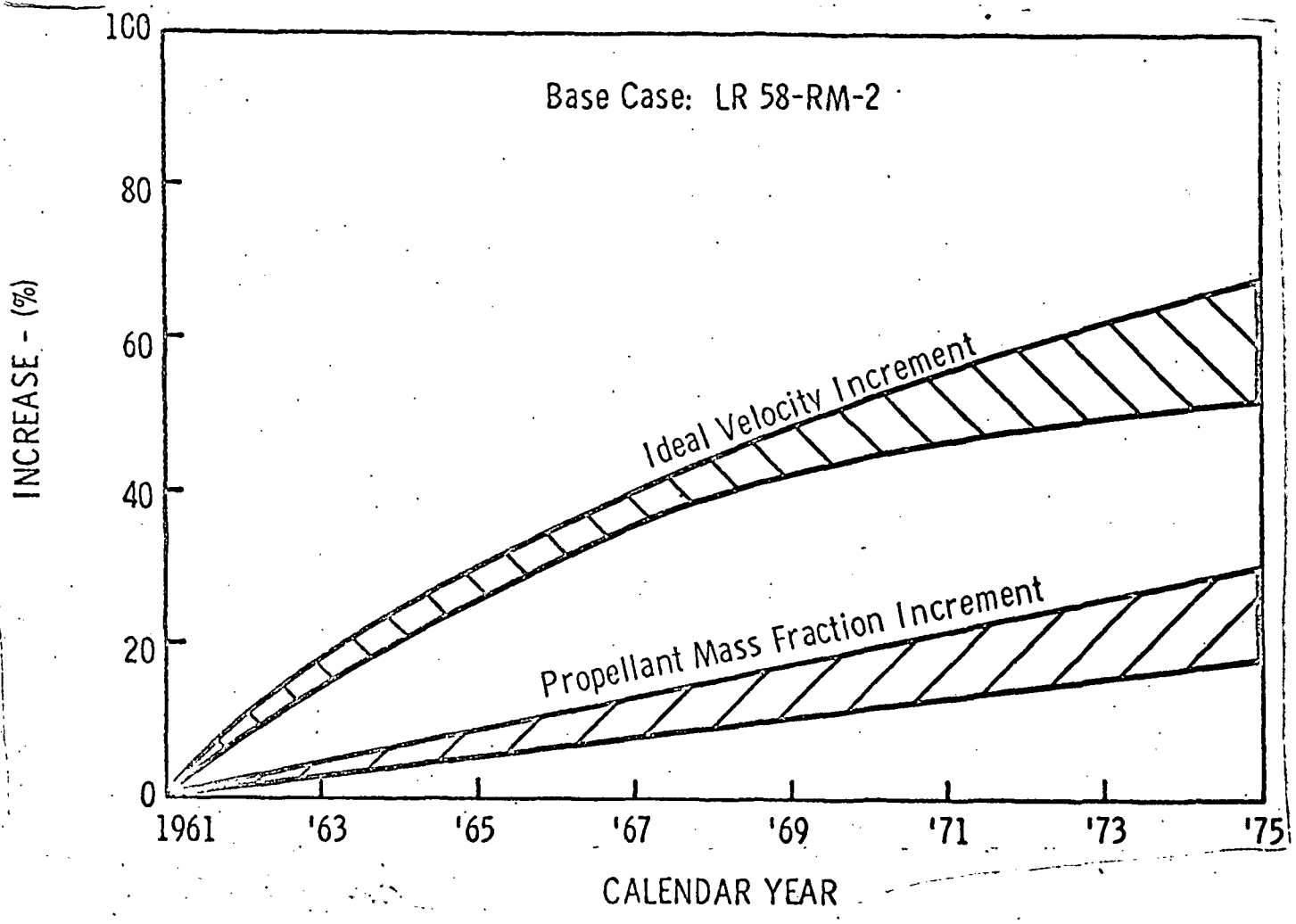


FIGURE 3

PREDICTED PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT  
OF PACKAGED LIQUID MOTORS

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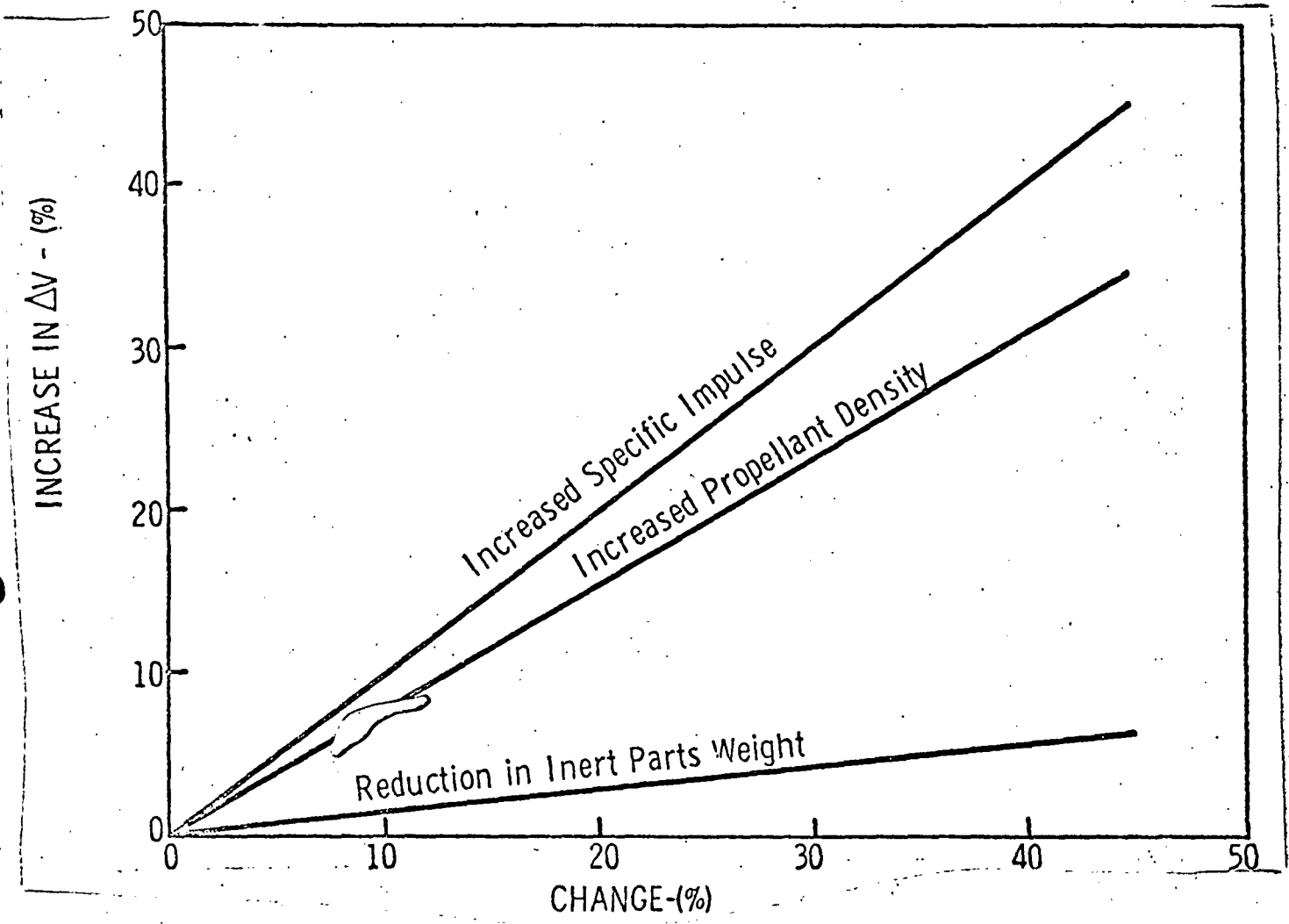


FIGURE 4

EFFECT OF DENSITY IMPULSE AND INERT WEIGHT ON PACKAGED LIQUID ENGINE PERFORMANCE

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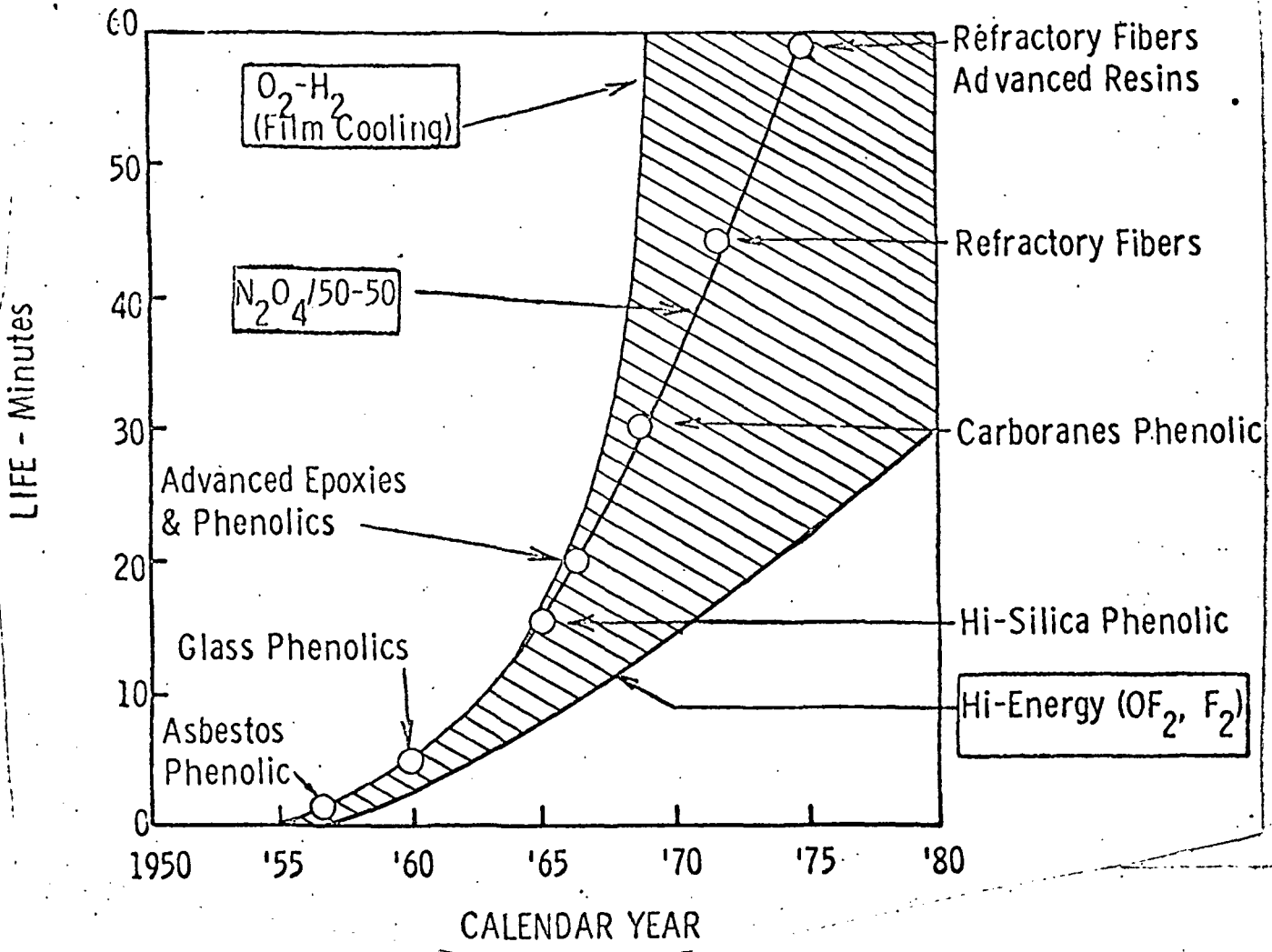


FIGURE 6

ABLATIVE CHAMBER LIFETIME

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TABLE IV  
State-of-the-art Liquid Propellant Engines

| Sl. No. | MANUFACTURER     | MODEL       | THRUST LBS | WEIGHT LBS | PROPELLANTS O - F                               | I <sub>sp</sub> SEC | P <sub>c</sub> PSIA | e    | COOLING METHOD | FEED SYS |
|---------|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|------|----------------|----------|
| 1       | BELL AEROSYSTEMS | 8096        | 16,000     | 293        | IRFNA-UDMH                                      | 292                 | 508                 | 45   | REGEN.         | PUMP     |
| 2       | BELL AEROSYSTEMS | 8133        | 16,000     | 278        | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -AERO.50          | 316                 | 500                 | 45   | REGEN.         | PUMP     |
| 3       | ROCKETDYNE       | NOMAD       | 12,000     | *1,072     | LF <sub>2</sub> - N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | 357                 | 150                 | 20   | REGEN.         | PRES.    |
| 5       | ROCKETDYNE       | J-2         | 200,000    | 3,451      | LOX - LH <sub>2</sub>                           | 426                 | 686                 | 27.5 | REGEN.         | PUMP     |
| 4       | AEROJET          | XLR-91-AJ-5 | 100,000    | 1,170      | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - AERO.50         | 316                 | 818                 | 45   | REGEN.         | PUMP     |
| 6       | AEROJET          | M-1         | 1,500,000  | 20,000     | LOX - LH <sub>2</sub>                           | 428                 | 1,000               | 40   | REGEN.         | PUMP     |
| 7       | AEROJET          | AJ10-138    | 8,000      | 180        | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - AERO.50         | 312                 | 100                 | 40   | ABLATIVE       | PRES.    |
| 8       | AEROJET          | AJ10-137    | 21,900     | 690        | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - AERO.50         | 319                 | 100                 | 62.5 | ABLATIVE       | PRES.    |
| 9       | AEROJET          | AJ10-131    | 2,200      | 95         | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - AERO.50         | 266                 | 100                 | 30   | ABLATIVE       | PRES.    |
| 6       | AEROJET          | AJ10-118    | 7,575      | 207        | IRFNA - UDMH                                    | 267                 | 206                 | 20   | REGEN.         | PRES.    |
| 748     | PRATT & WHITNEY  | RL10A-3     | 15,000     | 285        | LOX - LH <sub>2</sub>                           | 429                 | 300                 | 40   | REGEN.         | PUMP     |
| 9       | ROCKETDYNE       | LEM-DESC.   | 10,500     | 355        | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - AERO.50         | 305                 | 145                 | 53   | ABLATIVE       | PRES.    |
| 9       | BELL             | LEM-ASC.    | 3,500      | 140        | N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> - AERO.50         | —                   | —                   | —    | —              | —        |

\* INCL. TANKAGE

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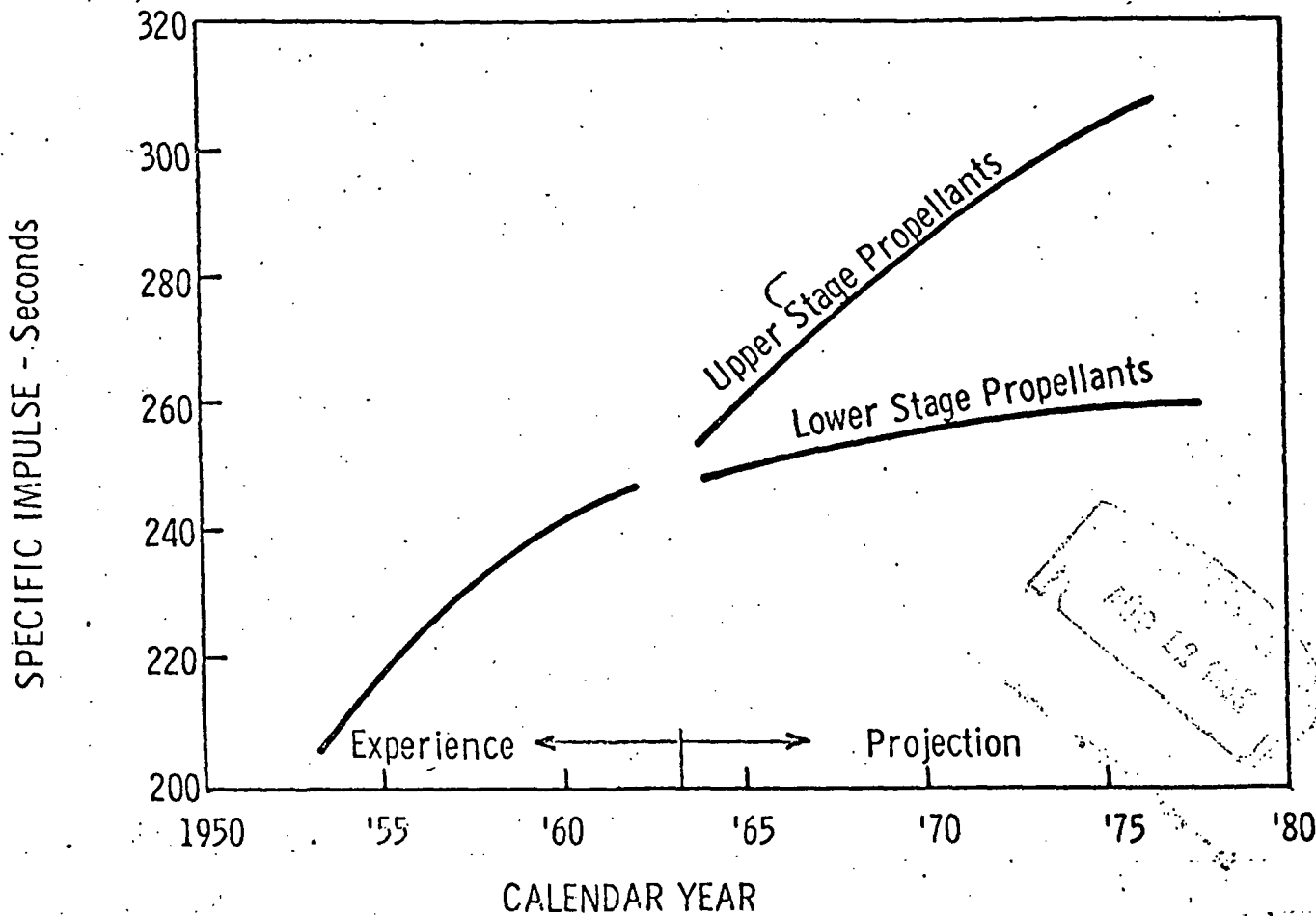


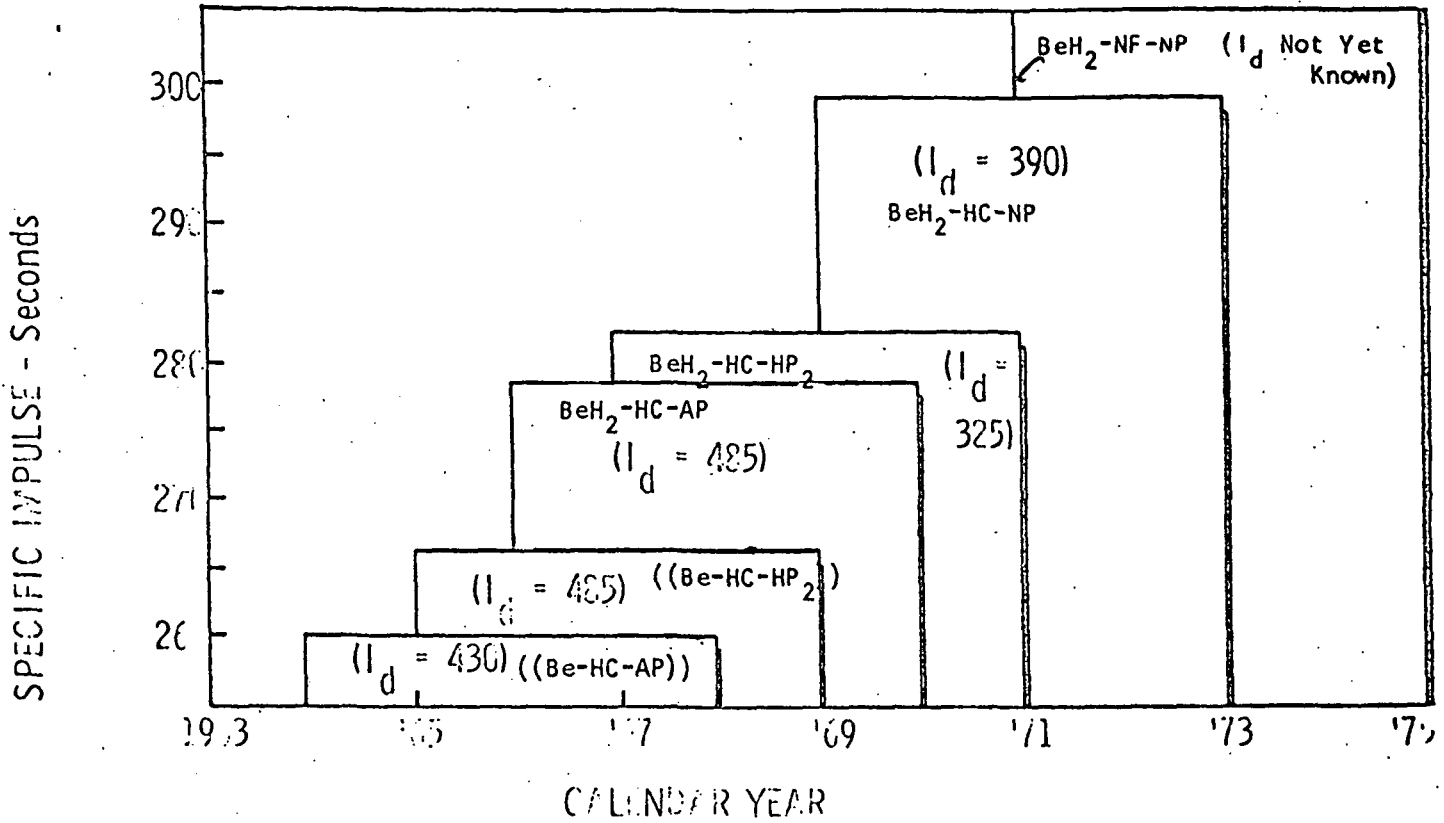
FIGURE 10

DELIVERED SPECIFIC IMPULSE TIME TABLE - SOLIDS

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BeH<sub>2</sub> - Beryllium Hydride  
 AP - Ammonium Perchlorate

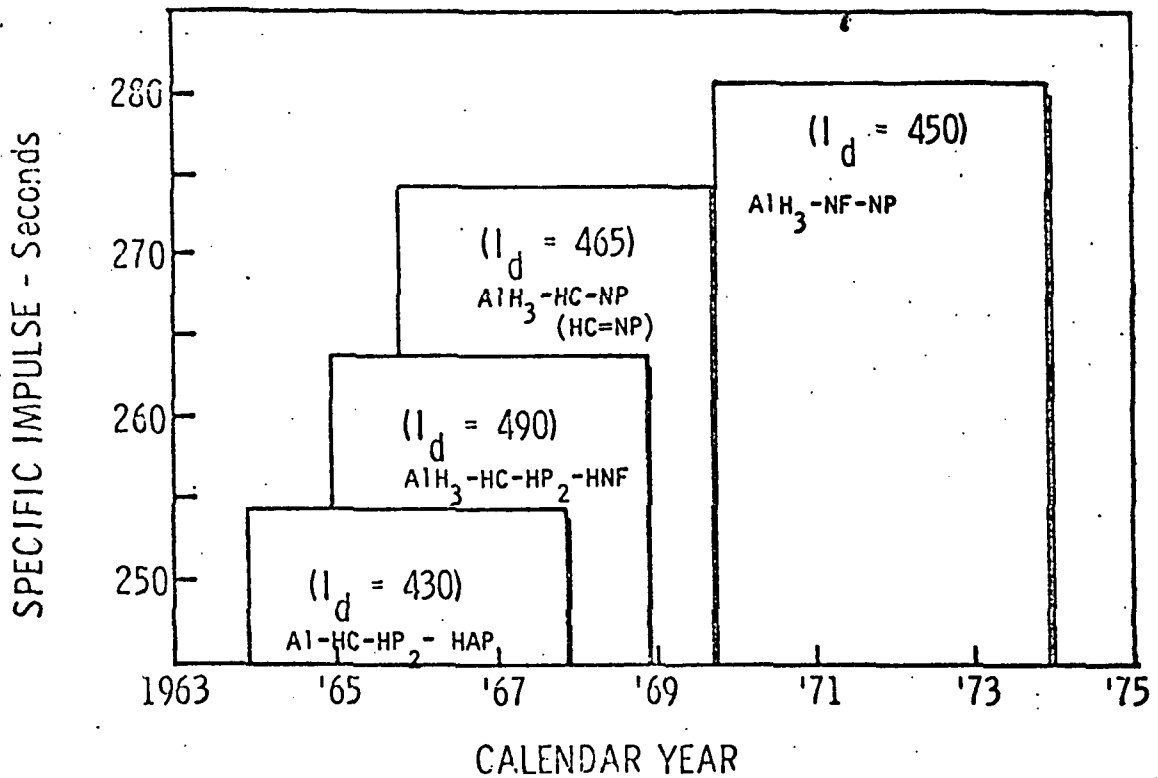
FIGURE //

DELIVERED SPECIFIC IMPULSE VS TIME - SOLIDS  
(Toxic Systems)

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- AlH<sub>3</sub> - Aluminum Hydride
- NF - Nitrofluorine
- NP - Nitronium Perchlorate
- HC - Polymer (Binder)
- HP<sub>2</sub> - Hydrazinium Diperchlorate
- HNF - Hydrazine Nitroformate
- HAP - Hydroxyl Ammonium Perchlorate

FIGURE 12

DELIVERED SPECIFIC IMPULSE VS TIME - SOLIDS  
(Non-Toxic Systems)

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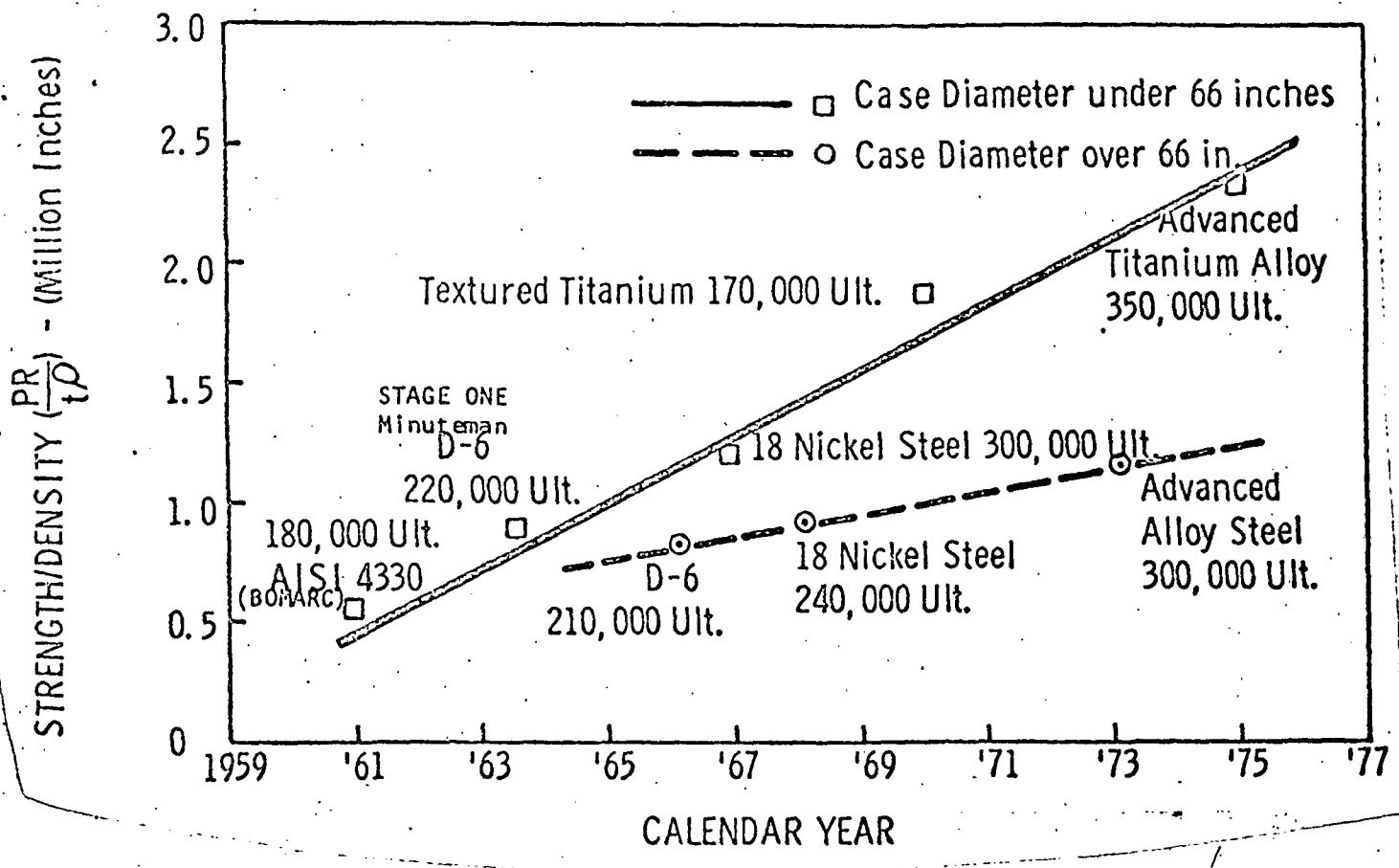


FIGURE 13

METAL CASE STRENGTH/DENSITY VS TIME

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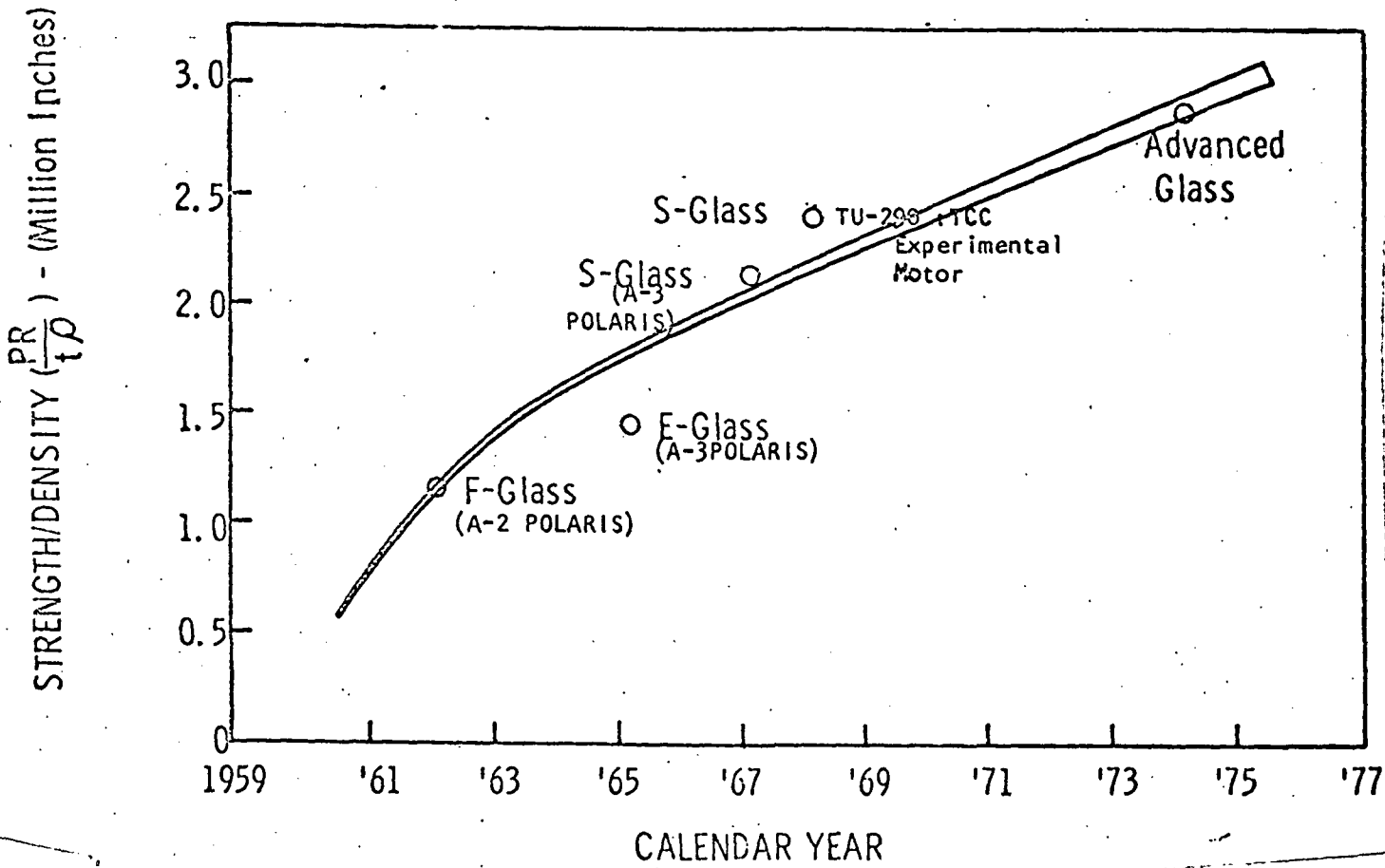


FIGURE 14

FIBERGLASS CASE STRENGTH/DENSITY VS TIME

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$(\text{EROSION RATE}) \times (\text{DENSITY}) - (0.0001 \frac{\text{In}}{\text{Sec}} \times \frac{\text{Lbs}}{\text{In}^3})$

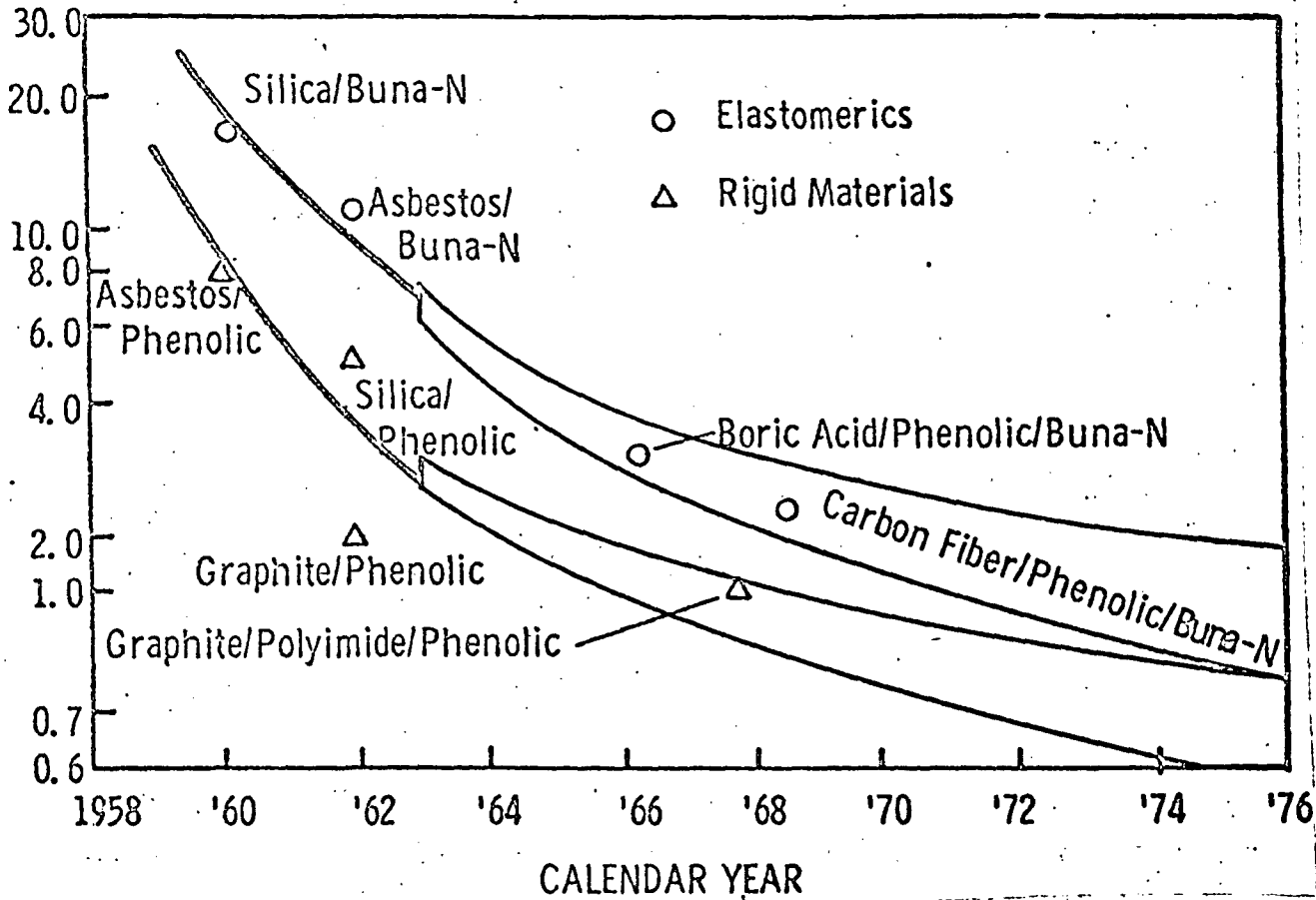


FIGURE 15

INTERNAL INSULATION MATERIALS

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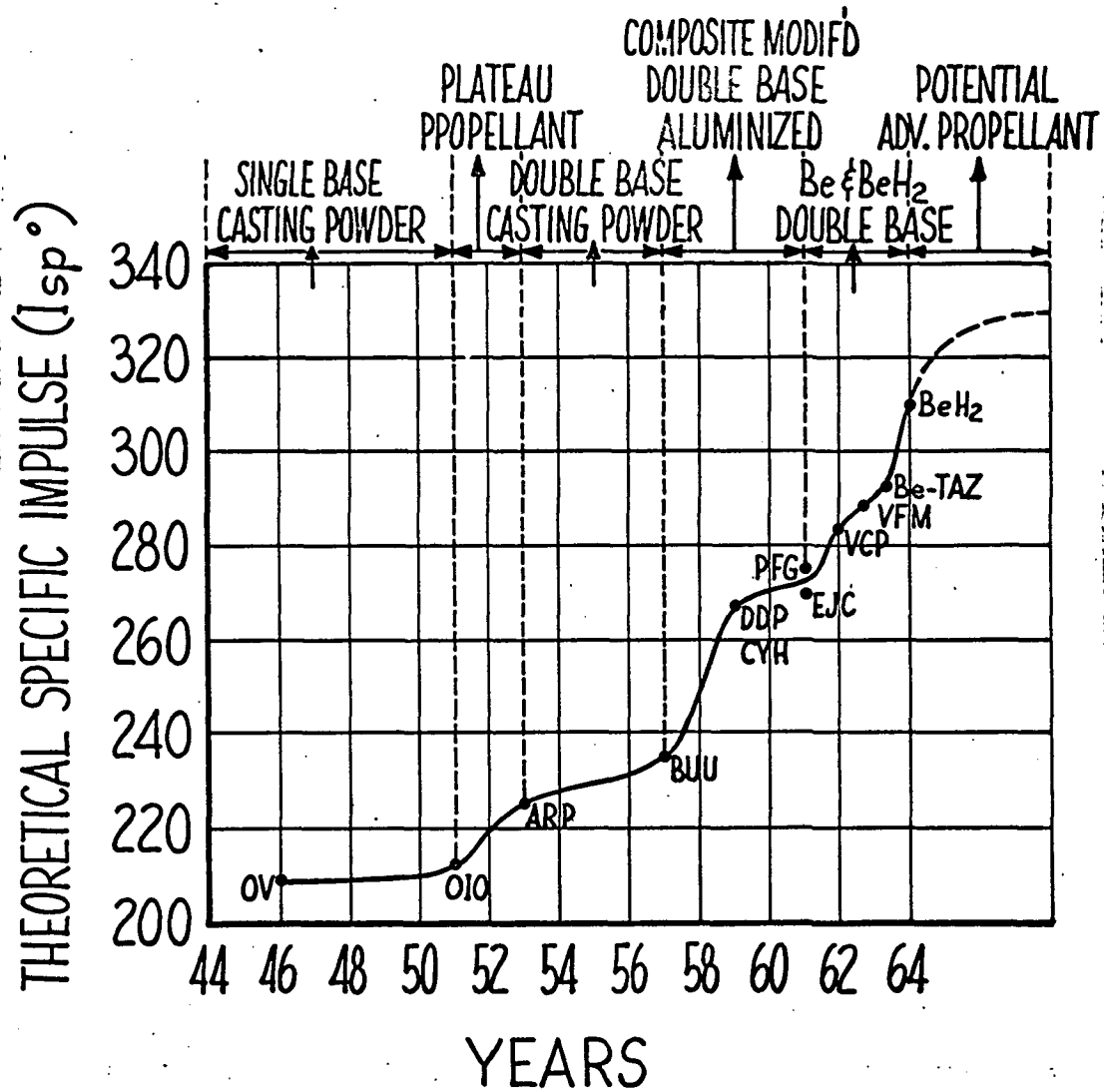


FIGURE 16

THEORETICAL SPECIFIC IMPULSE VS TIME - SOLIDS

Courtesy of Hercules Powder Company

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#### Description of Operational NERVA

The presently defined operational NERVA will be liquid-propellant, turbopump-fed, nuclear rocket engine rated at nominal vacuum thrust of 56,100 pounds. The engine system consists of a liquid-hydrogen-propellant feed system, pressure shell, reactor and shield, regeneratively cooled nozzle, thrust structure, and additional components required for engine operation.

A summary of pertinent operational NERVA data as presently defined in the engine specifications is shown in Table VIII.

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TABLE VIII

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL NERVA ENGINE DATA

(Reference 10)

|                              |                          |             |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Nominal Vacuum Thrust        |                          | 56,100 lb   |
| Reactor Power                |                          | 1120 MW     |
| Chamber Pressure             |                          | 550 psia    |
| Flowrate (total)             |                          | 74.1 lb/sec |
| Specific Impulse (overall)   |                          | 763 sec     |
| Nozzle Area Ratio            |                          | 40:1        |
| Total Engine Dry Weight      |                          | 13,684 lb   |
|                              | Unshielded Engine        | 11,434      |
|                              | Shield                   | 2,250 lb    |
| Length, Propellant Tank      |                          |             |
|                              | Bottom to Nozzle Exit    | 270 in.     |
| Distance, Propellant Tank    |                          |             |
|                              | Bottom to Reactor Center | 125 in.     |
| Diameter (maximum)           |                          | 143.5 in.   |
| Number of Restarts (minimum) |                          | 3           |

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### Upgrading of Operational NERVA

One approach to obtaining nuclear engines with better performance is through upgrading the performance of NERVA. Upgrading the NERVA performance is governed by thermodynamic, mechanical, and structural design considerations.

Data for four NERVA upgrading possibilities, described in Reference 10, are presented in Table IX. The first possibility is based on pump discharge flow of 93.0 lb/sec, which is 125 percent of rated heated-bleed cycle-pump-discharge flow.

The second case is also based on pump discharge flow of 93.0 lb/sec, but assumes a thrust chamber temperature of  $4460^{\circ}\text{R}$ . The basic assumptions were the same as stated for the first upgraded system. The overall engine vacuum thrust of 74,140 lb and the overall engine specific impulse of 802 sec represent a probable upper limit for NERVA upgrading without basic component changes. This limit occurs at a reactor power level of about 1580 MW.

The third upgrading assumes that two NERVA turbopumps may be operated in parallel to flow about 148 lb/sec at a chamber pressure of 550 psia. Such an upgrading requires extensive modification to the engine design, involving nearly every component except the basic turbopump and reactor core. Such an engine system, however, would produce about 119,000 lb of thrust at a power level of 2510 MW.

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The fourth system is a conceptual design of an engine based on the maximum predicted power available from a NERVA B-4 type fuel-element core. The reactor core was redesigned to achieve its full heat-transfer capability, and limited only by the mechanical and thermal properties of the fueled graphite. The envelope dimensions of this engine are approximately those of the present NERVA; however, there are some size and weight increases due to the higher pressures and flows. (Reference 10)

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## PERFORMANCE FOR DIFFERENT METHODS OF NERVA UPGRATING

(Reference 10)

|                                     | NERVA  | Method<br>1 | Method<br>2 | Method<br>3 | New<br>Design |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Thrust (lb)                         | 56,100 | 71,000      | 74,140      | 119,100     | 190,150       |
| Specific Impulse (sec)              | 763    | 768         | 802         | 802         | 810           |
| Chamber Pressure (psia)             | 550    | 704         | 704         | 550         | 1,000         |
| Chamber Temperature ( $^{\circ}$ R) | 4,090  | 4,090       | 4,460       | 4,460       | 4,460         |
| Total Propellant Flow (lb/sec)      | 74.1   | 93.0        | 93.0        | 148.6       | 235.3         |
| Reactor Power (MW)                  | 1,120  | 1,430       | 1,580       | 2,510       | 4,100         |

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### Phoebus Based Parametric Studies

Figures 20 and 21 illustrate thrust-to-weight ratio vs. thrust, and engine size vs. thrust, respectively. The specific impulse gains shown in Figure 20 are keyed as a function of time; that is, as larger engines are required, there should be sufficient state-of-the-art improvement to achieve the indicated performance. (Reference 10)

### Heavy-Metal, Fast-Spectrum Reactors

The fast-spectrum reactor utilized fission spectrum neutrons rather than those of intermediate or thermal energy levels to sustain the fission process. A reactor of this type contains only fuel-bearing material (i.e. no moderating material to slow down neutrons); however, neutron economy is inferior to moderated reactors, requiring a larger fuel inventory to sustain the chain reaction. Current concepts utilize refractory metals as a fuel-bearing matrix because fissionable compounds are poor structural materials, and because of good high-temperature properties of the refractory metals.

Present fuel-element design utilizes tungsten as the fuel-bearing material, since tungsten has the highest melting point and the lowest vapor pressure of all the refractory metals. However, the brittleness of presently available tungsten limits its use structurally; therefore, the fuel-bearing matrix is encapsulated in one of the other refractory metals. Tantalum is presently being used, since this material is the highest-melting refractory metal available commercially in the desired shapes and sizes.

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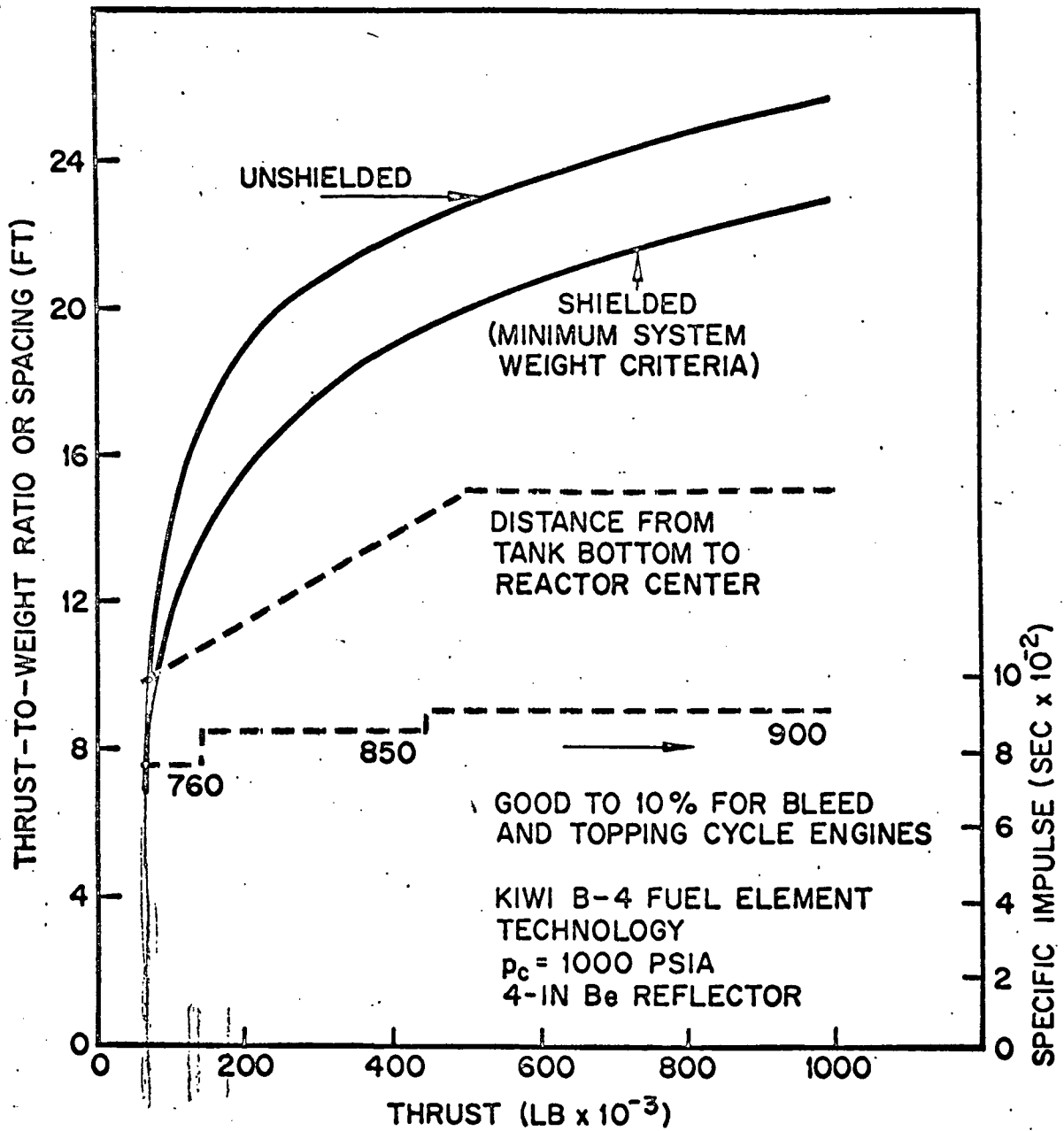


Fig. 20 Engine Data With Future Improvements Included

(Reference 10)

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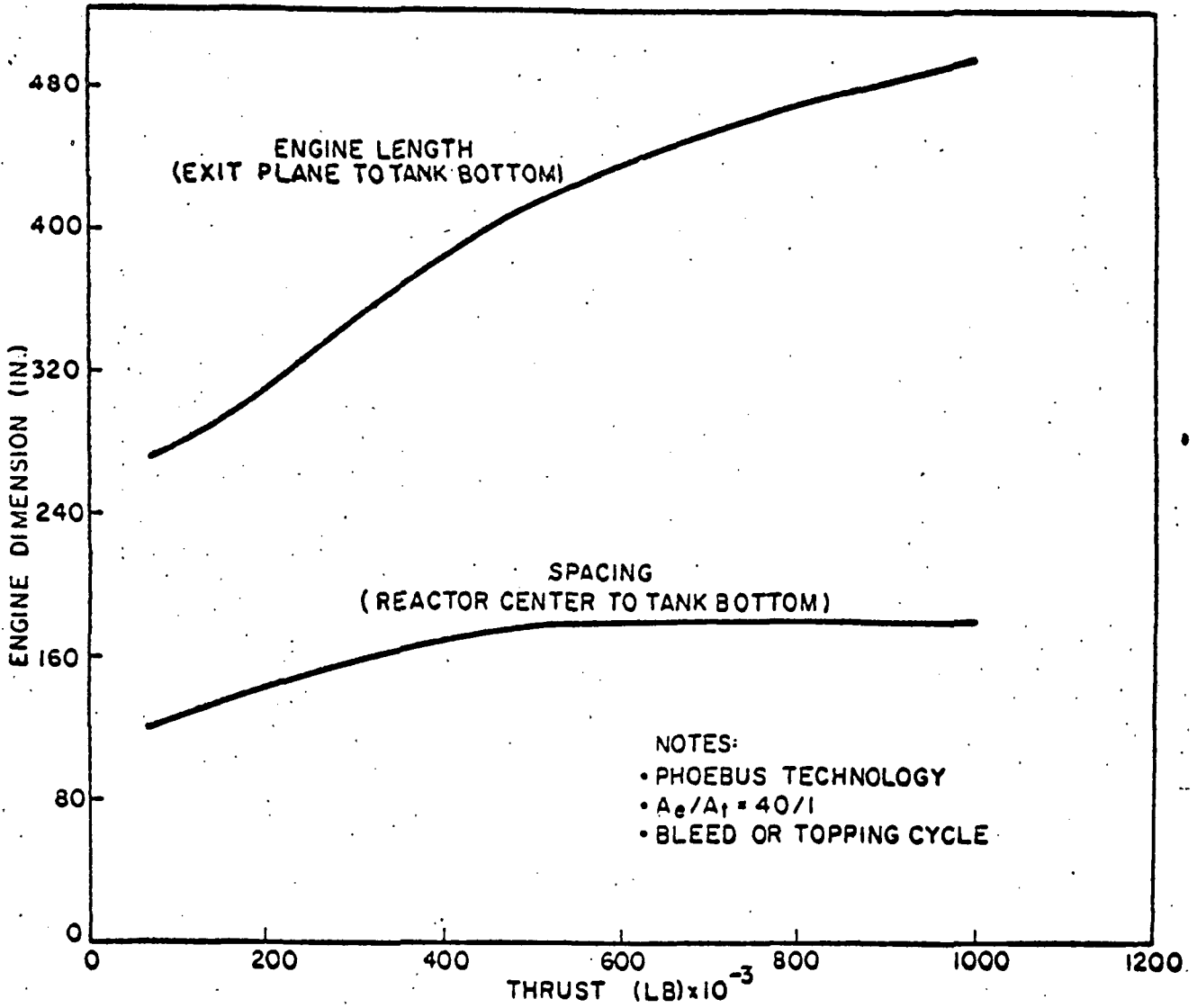


Fig. 21 Nuclear Rocket Engine Dimensions

(Reference 10)

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The performance potential of these reactors is limited by the encapsulating material used. For example, the theoretical specific impulse obtainable using projected refractory metal liners is as follows:

- Ta - 860 sec
- W-Re - 890 sec
- W - 920 sec

Adoption of the latter two materials is a function of improved commercial availability of material with the desired shapes, sizes, and characteristics.

Estimated operating life of these reactors, limited primarily by creep of metals, is 1 hr with 90 percent reliability and 90 percent confidence factor by 1969. A projected figure for 1975 is 100 hr based on 1 percent fuel burnup.

The fast-spectrum, heavy-metal reactor engine is superior in overall performance to graphite reactors up to approximately 275,000 lb thrust. Data for the weight vs. thrust comparison are shown in Figure 22. The comparison between these systems is made for a chamber gas temperature of 4500°R, though both are potentially capable of higher temperature operation.

At low-thrust values, the lighter weight of the fast-spectrum system is primarily due to the absence of moderating material permitting smaller, lighter reactors. This decrease in size leads to smaller, and therefore lighter, pressure shell, shield, and a portion of the nozzle. However,

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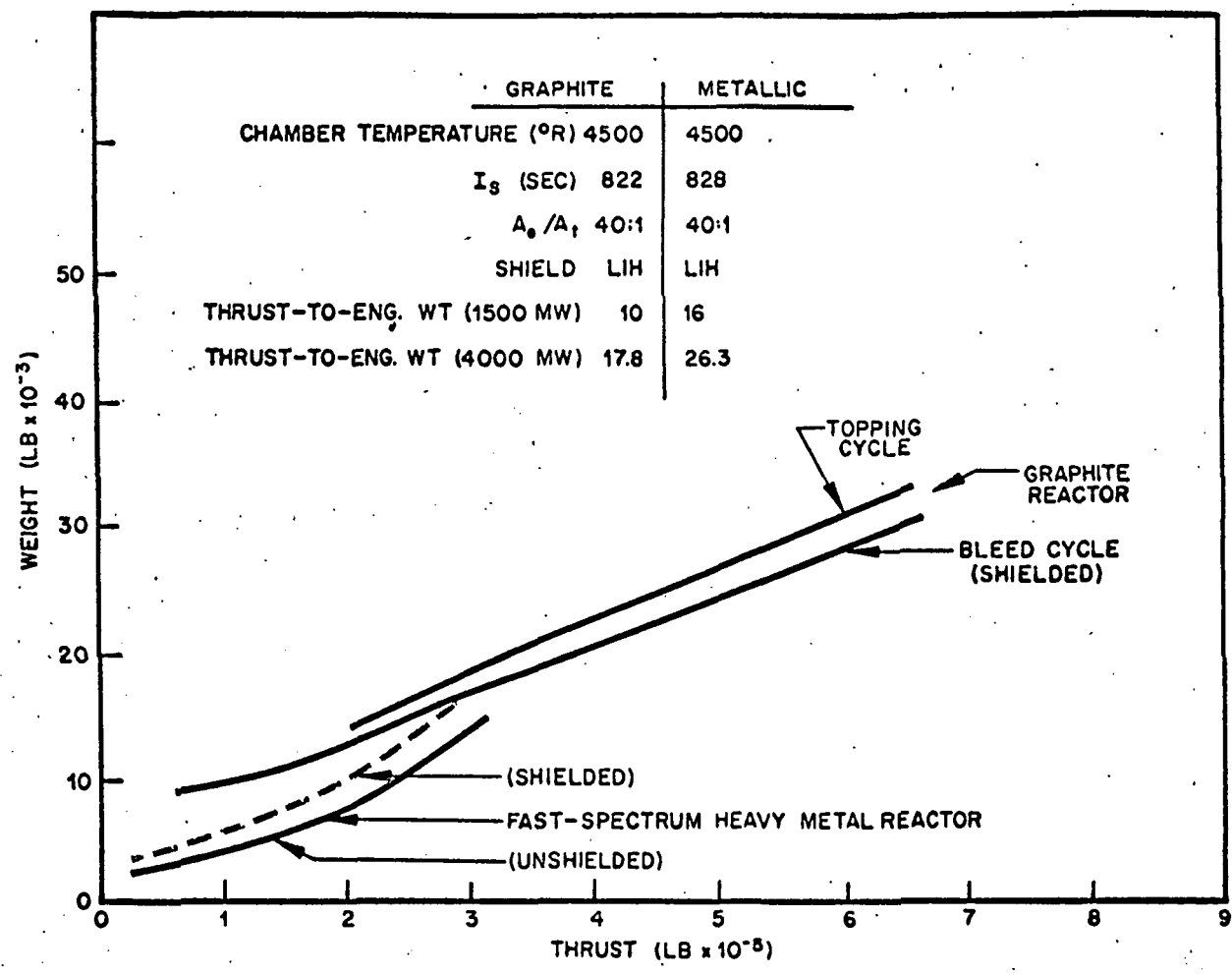


Fig. 22 Metallic and Graphite Nuclear Engine Systems

(Reference 10)

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as the thrust level is increased, the fast-spectrum reactor becomes much heavier than the graphite reactor, since the higher fuel loading required and the fuel-bearing refractory metal are more dense than the graphite-fuel combination. The fast-spectrum engine, however, will always effect some saving in vehicle interstage structure weight, since the reactor is smaller than the graphite-moderated reactor. (Reference 10)

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