

**NASA**

**BRIEFING ON THE  
ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET MOTOR  
(ASRM)**

**TO THE  
SPACE STATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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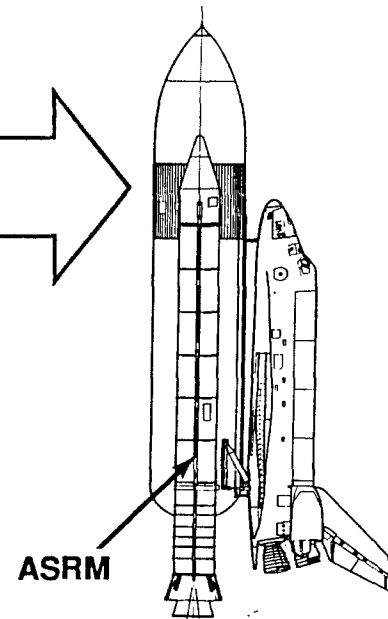
# ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET MOTOR (ASRM)

OPERATIONS

PHASE C/D

**DESIGN / DEVELOPMENT / QUALIFICATIONS**

- SELECTION OF MONOLITHIC OR SEGMENTED DESIGN
- COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
- NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY
  - ON GOV'T PROPERTY (GOCO OR CONTRACTOR OWNED)
  - ON CONTRACTOR PROPERTY



PHASE B

**DEFINITION:**

(MONOLITHIC AND SEGMENTED)

- (5) STUDY CONTRACTS @ \$3M EA
- SYSTEMS / PERFORMANCE INTEGRATION
- FACILITY SITE ASSESSMENTS

1987

1988

1989

1990

1991

1992

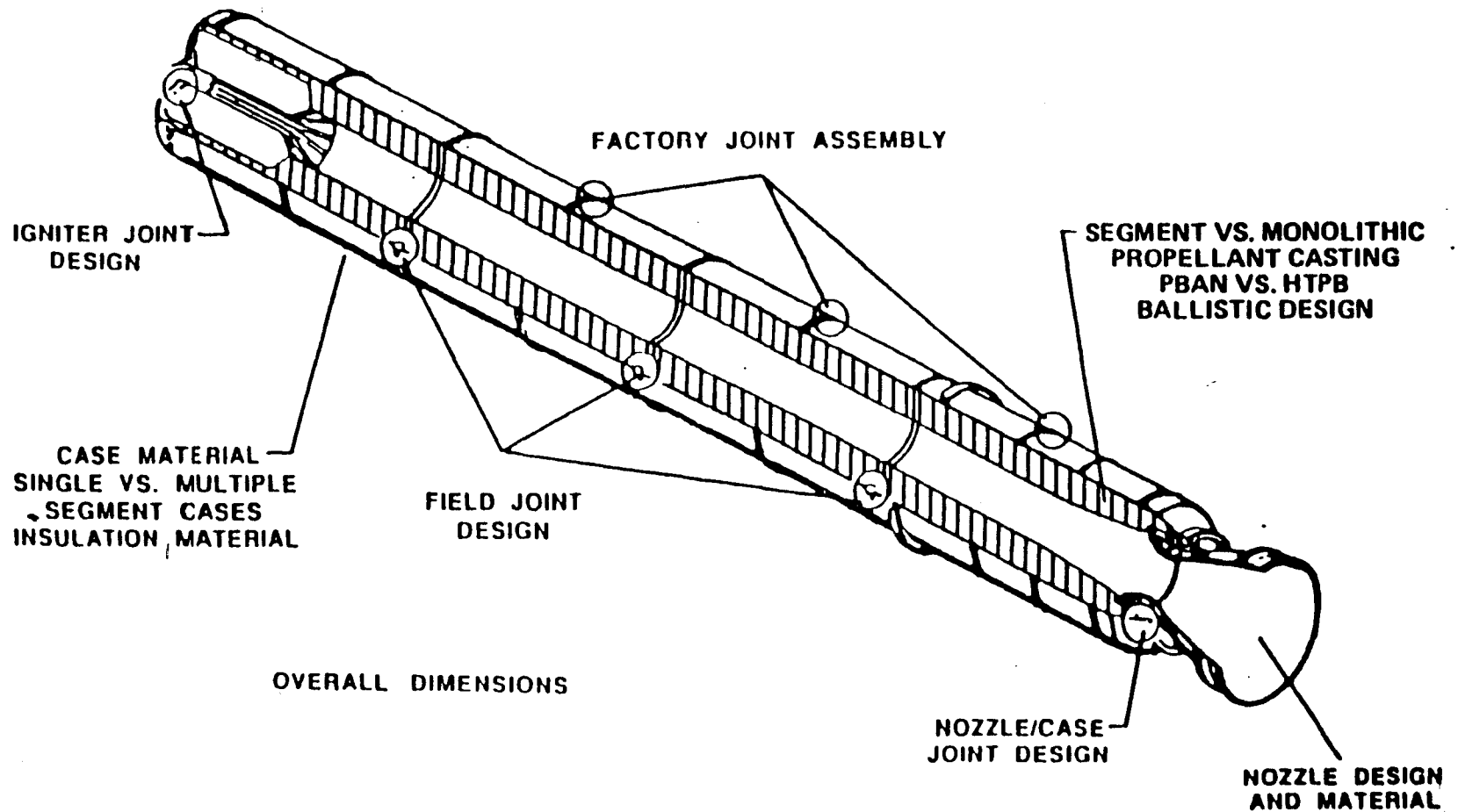
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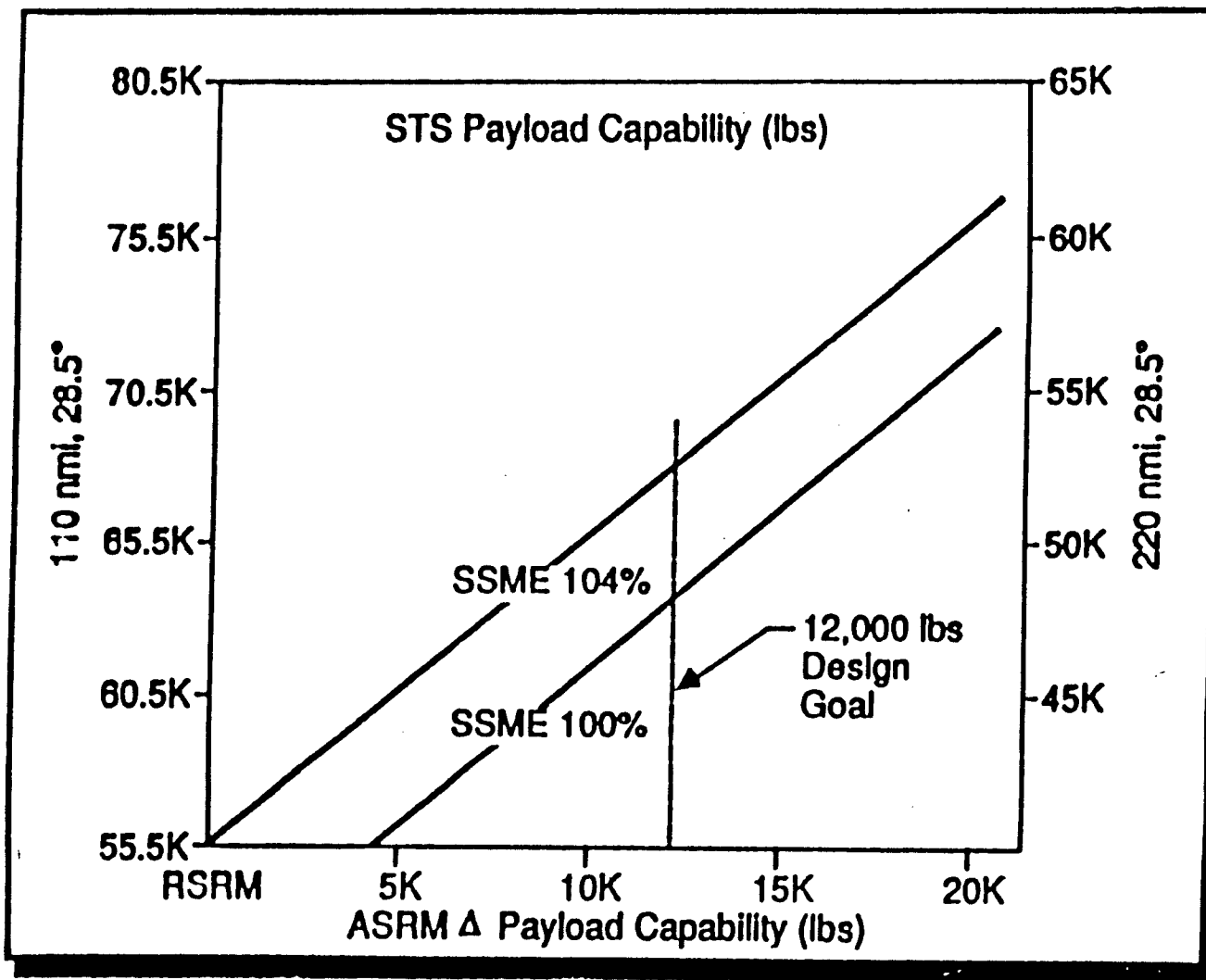
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FISCAL YEAR

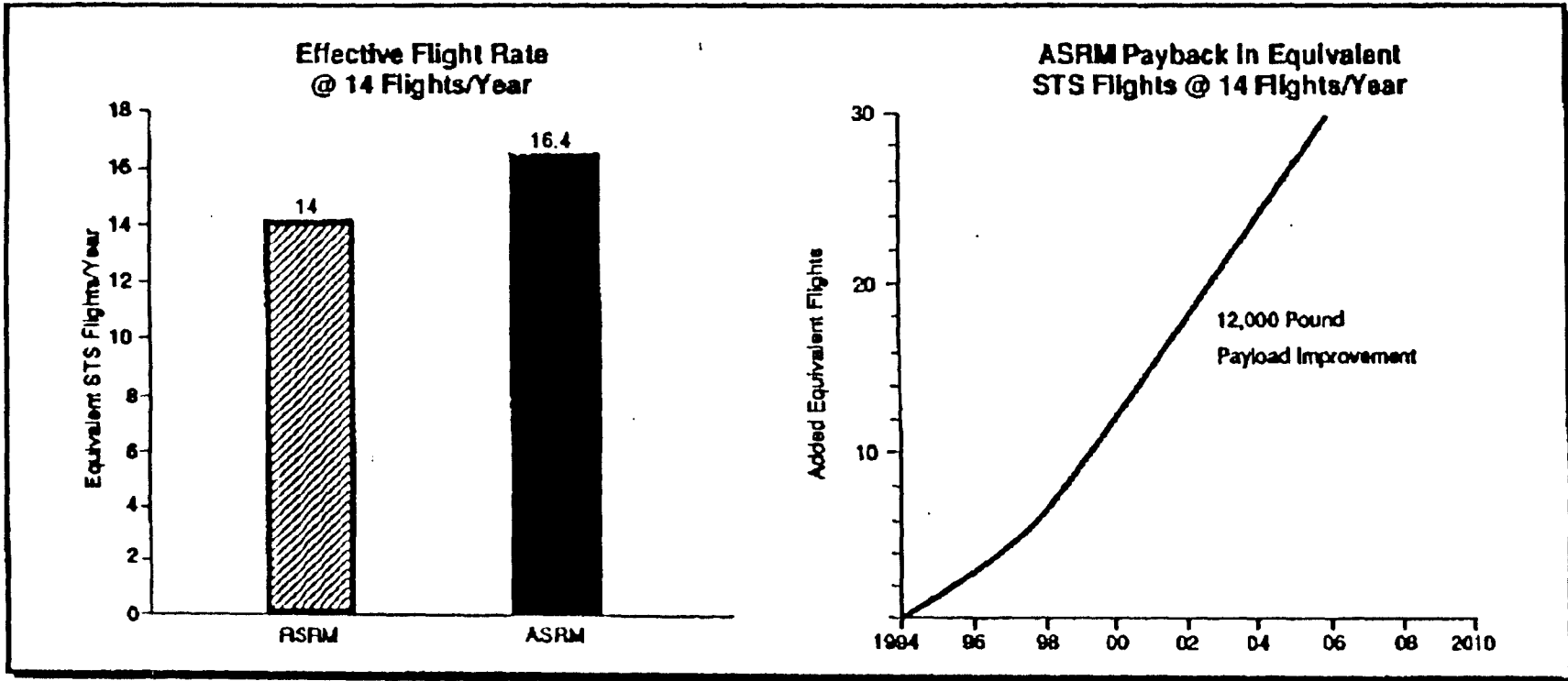
## ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET MOTOR (ASRM)

- ENHANCED FLIGHT SAFETY AND RELIABILITY
  - STRUCTURAL DESIGN AND MATERIAL SELECTION
  - PRODUCIBILITY
  - MATERIAL AND PROCESS CONTROLS
- IMPROVED PERFORMANCE
  - GOAL - 12,000 LB PAYLOAD INCREASE





**STS Payload Enhancements.**



**ASRM – Payback Begins with First Flight.**

## WHY AN ASRM IS NEEDED

- **ENHANCE SHUTTLE SYSTEM SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE**
  - IMPROVE FLIGHT SAFETY DESIGN MARGINS
  - IMPROVE SYSTEM RELIABILITY THROUGH ENHANCED QUALITY AND REPRODUCIBILITY
  - OPTIMIZE PROGRAM COST
  - ENCOURGE COMMERCIAL INITIATIVES
  - PROMOTE A COMPETITIVE SOLID ROCKET MOTOR PROGRAM
  
- **PERFORMANCE MARGIN INCREASE**
  - COMPENSATES FOR LOST SHUTTLE PAYLOAD CAPABILITY
  - ENABLES FULL DESIGN PERFORMANCE OF SEVERAL HIGHEST PRIORITY SATELLITES (ALTITUDE, INCLINATIONS, LAUNCH WINDOWS, DURATION, INCREASED SATELLITE LIFE)
  
- **BENEFITS WIDE SPECTRUM OF FUTURE SPACE OPERATIONS**
  - SHUTTLE OPERATION THRU 2010
  - SPACE STATION
  - POTENTIAL FOR SHUTTLE C AND OTHER HEAVY LIFT VEHICLES

## ASRM BENEFITS TO SPACE STATION

- **INCREASED PAYLOAD CAPABILITY COULD:**
  - **ALLOW GREATER WEIGHT MARGINS FOR LAUNCH OF SPACE STATION ASSEMBLY PACKAGES**
  - **ALLOW SPACE STATION ASSEMBLY TO OCCUR AT A HIGHER ORBIT**
    - **LENGTHEN MARGIN OF TIME BEFORE ORBITAL DECAY MIGHT OCCUR**
  - **REDUCE ANNUAL NUMBER OF LOGISTICS RESUPPLY FLIGHTS NECESSARY**
  - **ENHANCE EARLY AVAILABILITY OF RESEARCH CAPABILITIES ON STATION**
    - **EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR RESEARCH COULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THE LABORATORY IS DELIVERED**
    - **EQUIPMENT COULD BE CHECKED OUT AND TESTED ON-ORBIT BEFORE EXTENSIVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH BEGINS**

# ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET MOTOR ESTIMATED COST

(BUDGET AUTHORITY IN MILLIONS)

	<u>FY89</u>	<u>FY90</u>	<u>FY91</u>	<u>FY92</u>	<u>FY93</u>	<u>ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE</u>
DDT&E	61	194	260	252	177	994
NEW FACILITY	27	60	60	53	-	200
RATE TOOLING	-	-	-	12	26	65
PRODUCTION / OPERATIONS	-	-	20	99	222	CONTINUES
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>425</b>	

ASSUMPTIONS: 14 FLIGHTS PER YEAR  
 20 USES OF REUSABLE HARDWARE  
 APPLICATION OF BUDGETED SRM RESOURCES TO ASRM WHERE POSSIBLE



## ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET MOTOR (ASRM) MAJOR MILESTONES (PRELIMINARY)

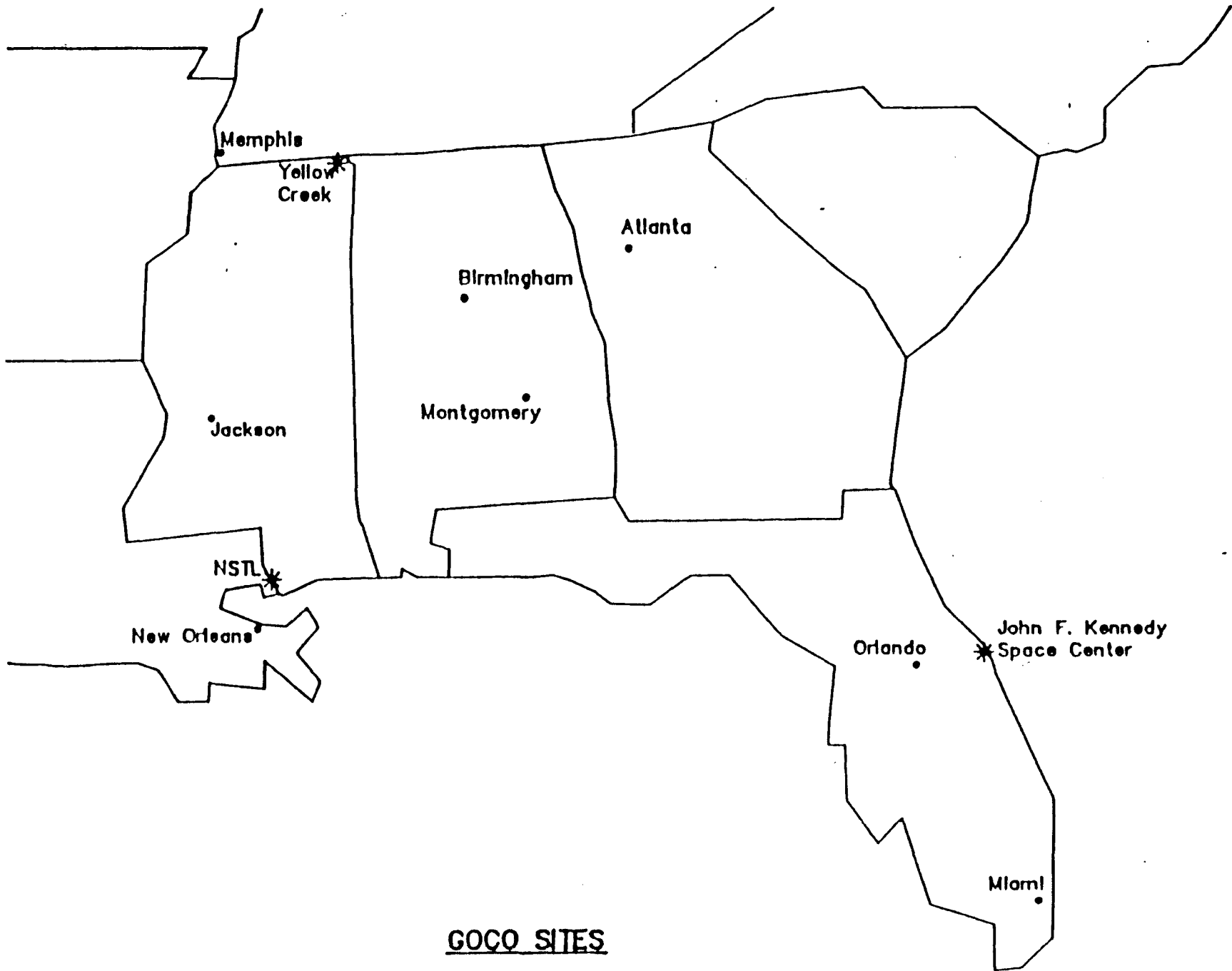
MILESTONES	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95
<u>ASRM</u>								
PROGRAM DECISIONS	▽ 2/88							
RFP RELEASE	▽ 6/88							
CONTRACT AWARD		▽ 2/89						
PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW		▽ 8/89						
CRITICAL DESIGN REVIEW			▽ 3/91					
DELIVER 1st FLIGHT UNIT						▽ 7/93		
DESIGN CERTIFICATION REVIEW						▽ 9/93		
1st FLIGHT (target)							▽ 1/94	
<u>RSRM</u>								
BUY III CONTRACT	▽ 12/88							
BUY III 1st FLIGHT UNIT		▽ 12/89						

# ASRM RFP FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS



- **ASRM FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS\* TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RFP:**
  1. **A GOVERNMENT OWNED - CONTRACTOR OPERATED FACILITY ON A GOVERNMENT SITE TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE RFP (REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH EVALUATION BASELINE)**
  2. **A PRIVATELY FINANCED (COMMERCIAL INITIATIVE) FACILITY ON A GOVERNMENT SITE TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE RFP (REQUIRED)**
  3. **A PRIVATELY FINANCED FACILITY ON A CONTRACTOR SITE TO BE SELECTED BY THE OFFEROR. (OPTIONAL)**

**\*ALL OPTIONS MUST PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH CAPABILITY TO RECOMPETE THE ASRM PRODUCTION.**



GOCO SITES