

# CSP Technology Workshop

## Molten Salt Power Towers



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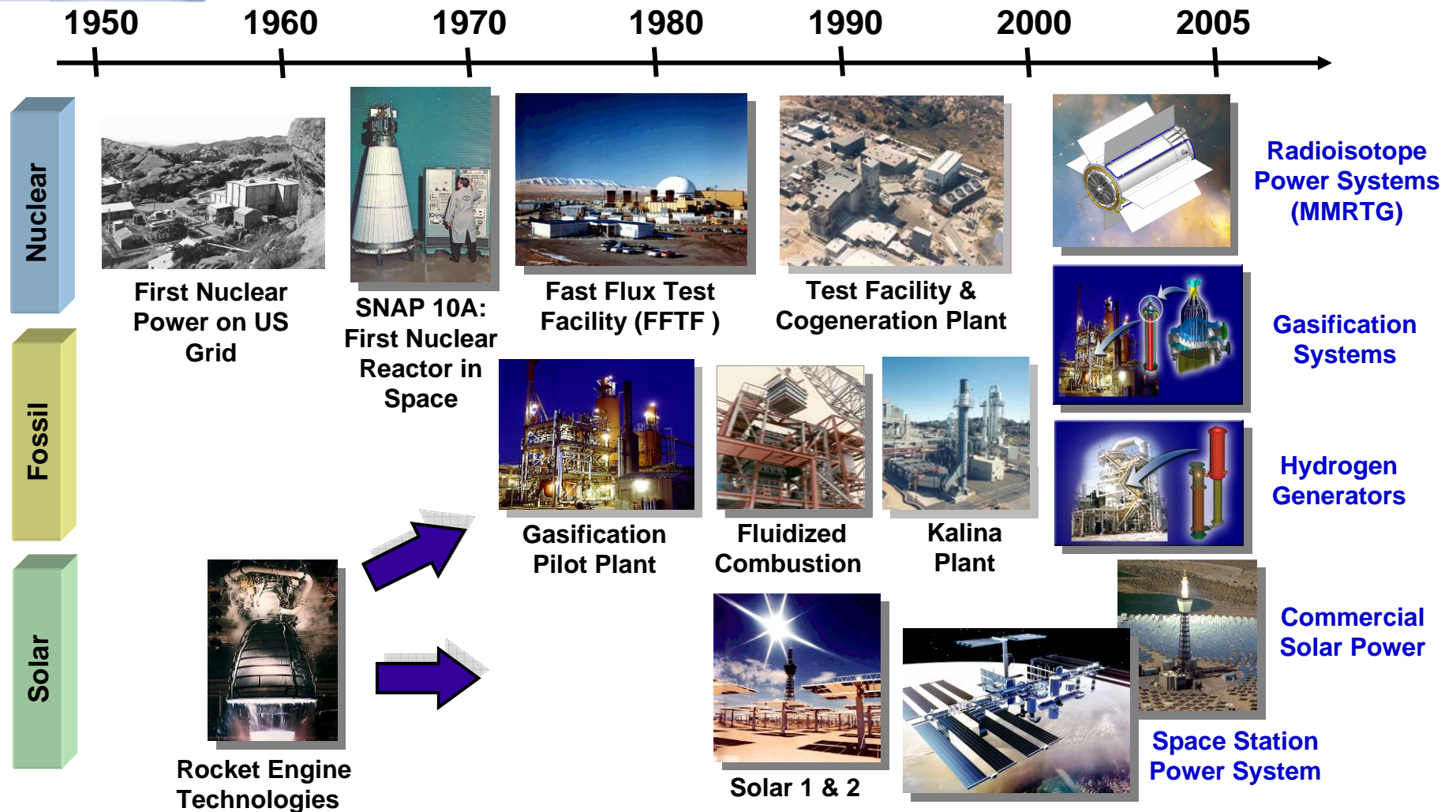


A photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia in flight, angled upwards and to the right, set against a blue grid background.

# Discussion Topics

- **Rocketdyne Power Systems Heritage**
- **Current Organizational Overview**
- **Molten Salt Power Towers**
  - **System Description**
  - **Technology / Commercial Readiness**
  - **Current Status / Path Forward**
  - **Suggestions for DOE R&D Support**

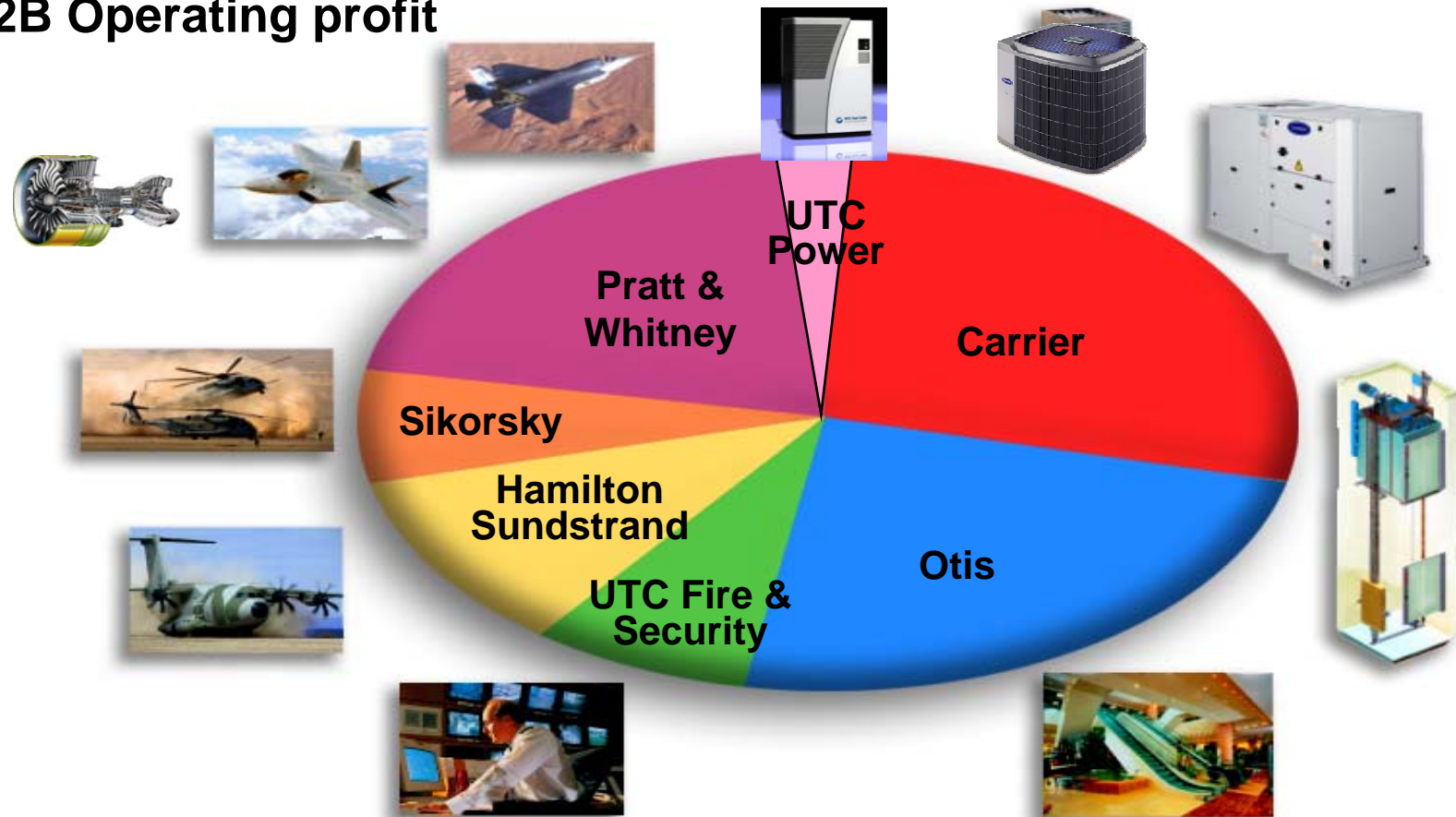
# Rocketdyne Power Systems Heritage



# United Technologies Corporation (UTC)

- \$42.7B Sales (2005)
- \$5.2B Operating profit

- > 200,000 employees
- Operating in 180 countries



# United Technologies Corporation (UTC)

## Segment Revenues

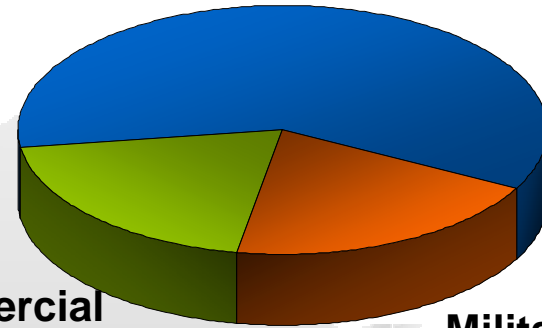
### 60% Commercial

28% Carrier  
24% Otis  
8% UTC Fire & Security

### 40% Aerospace

11% Hamilton Sundstrand  
22% Pratt & Whitney  
7% Sikorsky

### Commercial & Industrial

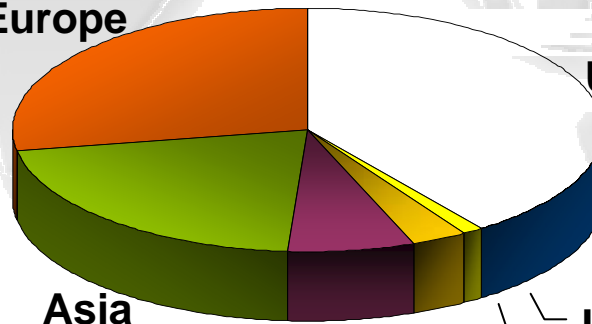


Commercial Aerospace

Military Aerospace

Europe

United States



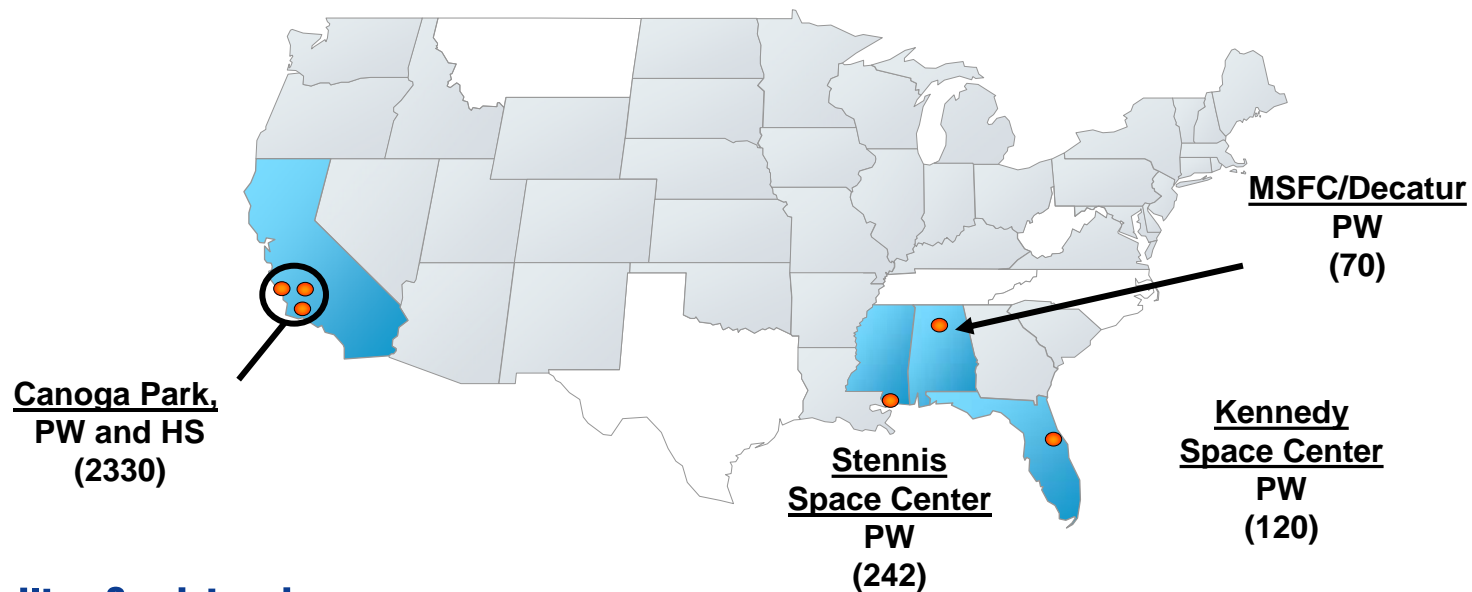
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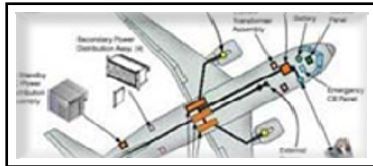
Latin America  
Other

# Rocketdyne Propulsion & Power

- UTC Pratt & Whitney acquired Rocketdyne Propulsion & Power from Boeing
  - August 2005
  - Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc
    - Combined P&W Space (West Palm Beach) and Rocketdyne Propulsion
- Hamilton Sundstrand given responsibility for Advanced Power systems



# Rocketdyne Energy Systems Across UTC



Hamilton Sundstrand



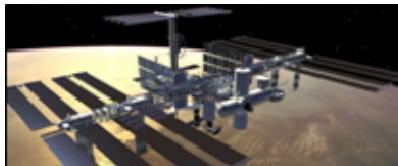
UT Research Center



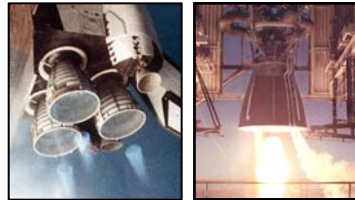
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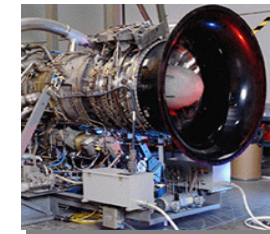
Pratt & Whitney



Space Land Sea Rocketdyne



Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne



Power Systems

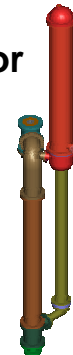
## Terrestrial Programs



Technology Demonstrated



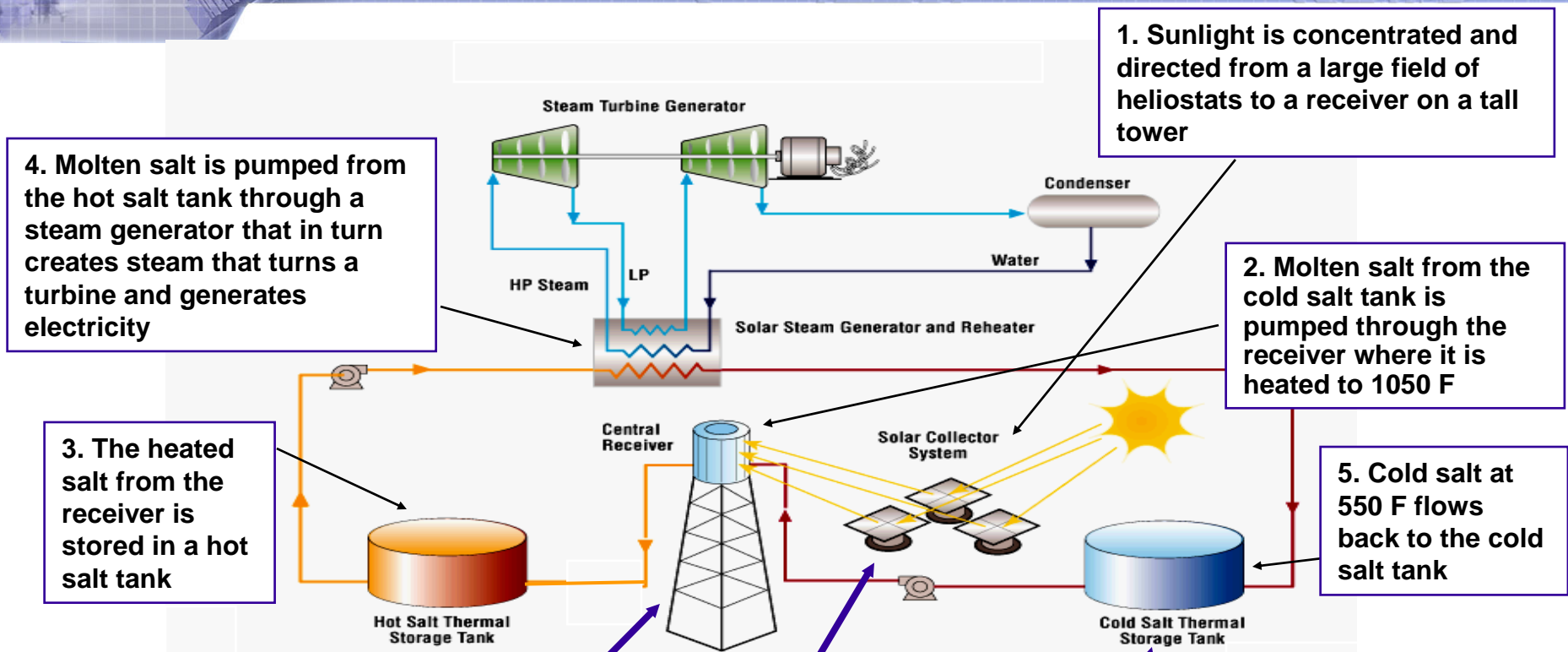
Building Gasification Demonstrator on DOE contract



H<sub>2</sub> Generator in test

# Molten Salt Power Tower

## Description of Plant Operations



Central Receiver



Power Tower



Heliostat

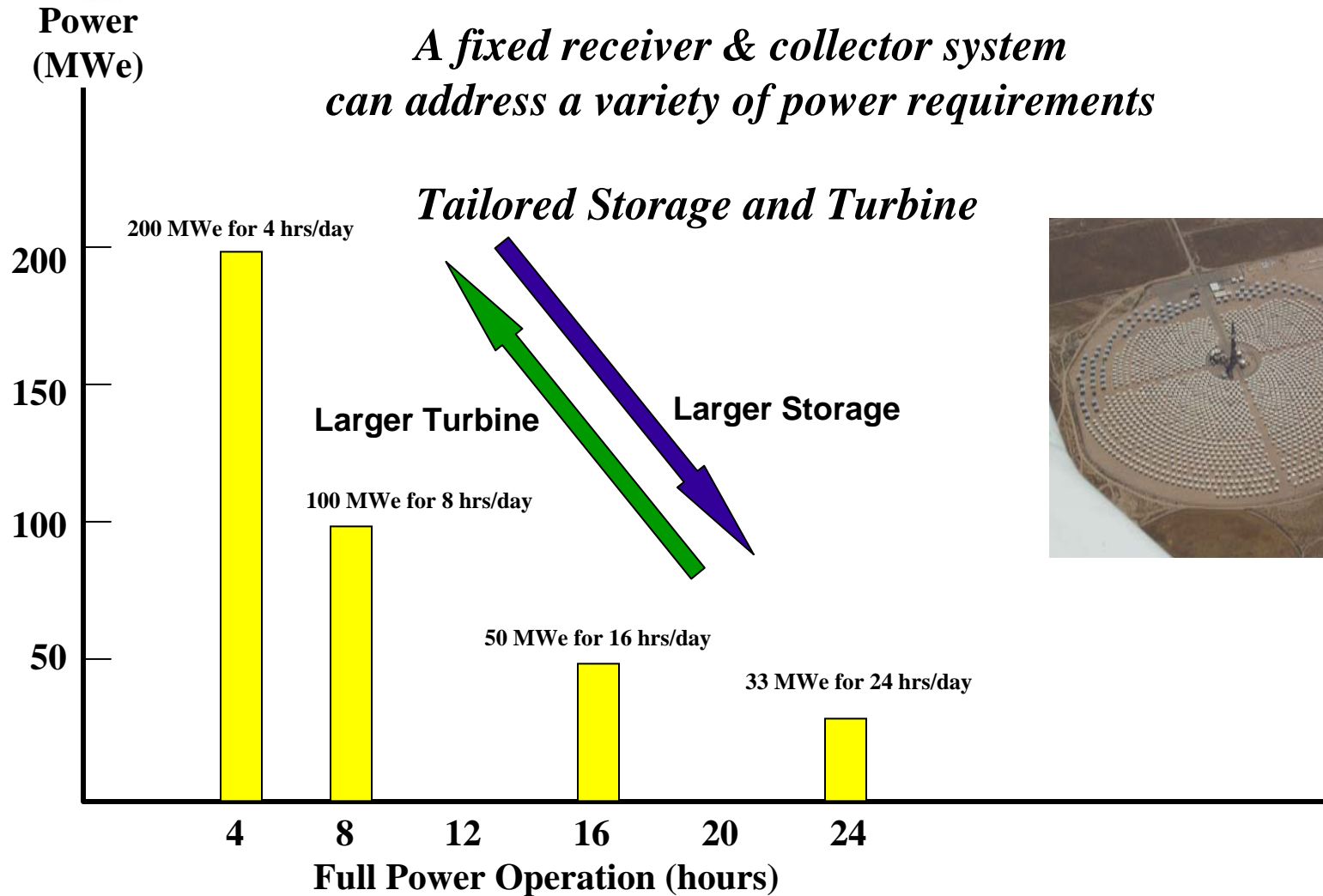


Storage Tanks



# Power Tower Plant Options

## Flexibility to Meet Specific Customer Needs



# Power Towers Successfully Demonstrated

## *Solar Two Validated Design, Performance, & Operation*

- **Plant Dispatchability**
  - Demonstrated electric power 24 hr/day
- **Power Output**
  - Exceeded performance targets
- **Receiver Performance**
  - Exceeded prediction (receiver efficiency 88%)
  - Achieved design temperatures, flow rates, & pressure drops
  - Demonstrated “normal” & “off-normal” operations
- **Pump Performance**
  - Demonstrated full-flow at design pressures
- **Thermal Storage**
  - Demonstrated high efficiency storage



Technology Demo  
1994-1998  
Barstow, California

# Current Status & Path Forward

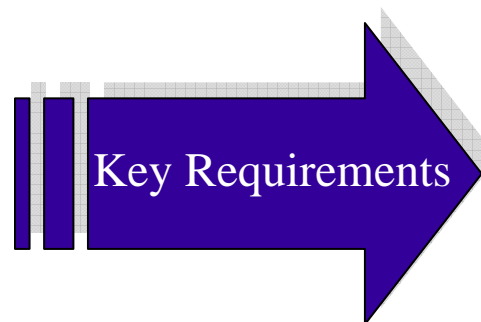
- **Technology successfully demonstrated**
  - Key attributes - thermal storage / dispatchability
- **Ready now for commercial market entry**
  - Environment has changed since Solar 2 demonstration
    - External - global awareness of & interest in CSP
    - Internal – UTC willingness to pursue new market area
  - Leveraging Solar 2 “lessons-learned” to manage project risk
    - Limit to evolutionary improvements for early projects
    - Continue parallel R&D for downstream project improvements
  - Leveraging state / federal / global mandates & incentives
- **Key strategic alliances being developed**
  - Leveraging strengths to develop world-class team

# Suggestions for DOE R&D Support

- **Continuous improvements to enhance project attractiveness**
  - Enhance technical performance
  - Reduce project risks / uncertainties
  - Reduce capital cost
  - Reduce O&M cost

- **Emphasis on major cost / risk drivers**

- Heliostats
- Molten salt components
  - Pumps
  - Valves
- Molten salts
- Materials
- Coatings



- *Long-life*
- *Reliable performance*
- *Lower costs*
- *Multiple suppliers*

A blue-tinted image of the Space Shuttle Columbia in flight, positioned on the left side of the slide's header. The shuttle is angled upwards and to the right, with its external tank and solid rocket boosters visible. The background of the header is a dark blue grid pattern.

# Summary

- **Power Tower Technology**

- **Successfully demonstrated at Solar 2**
- **Achieved continuous improvements post-Solar 2**
- **High efficiency heat retention enables power dispatch when needed**

- **UTC – Rocketdyne Power**

- **Developing key strategic alliances and actively pursuing power projects**
- **Leveraging mandates & incentives for early projects**
- **Investing in parallel R&D to enhance future market attractiveness**

*Collaboration with DOE / National Labs can facilitate near-term project success and long-term growth*