

Reusable Hydrocarbon Rocket Engine Maturity for USAF RBS

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50 Years of PWR Engines

>1700 Launches

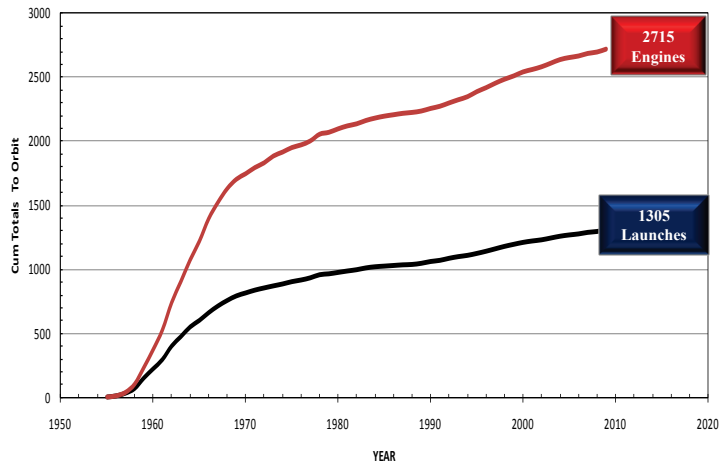
ACTIVE

													
Redstone 85	Navaho 11	Jupiter 46	Thor 380	Atlas I/II 568	Saturn I/1B 19	Saturn V 13	Titan Centaur-T 17	PK 51	Space Shuttle 135	THAAD 23	Delta I/II/III 341	Atlas III/IV 34	Delta IV 15

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PWR Is The Industry Leader For Hydrocarbon-Fueled Engines

PWR Hydrocarbon Engine History



PWR Is The Industry Leader For Hydrocarbon (HC) Fueled Engines

- ✓ Over 50 years of experience
- ✓ Over a dozen engine models to production
- ✓ Advanced state-of-the-art technology through continued development – GG, SC

Continuous HC Engine Evolution and Advancement Over 50 Years

Launches Powered To Orbit By PWR Hydrocarbon Engines

- ✓ 1312 launches
- ✓ 2722 Hydrocarbon engines

PWR Has Over 50 Years of Hydrocarbon Engine Experience

PWR Booster Engines Flown

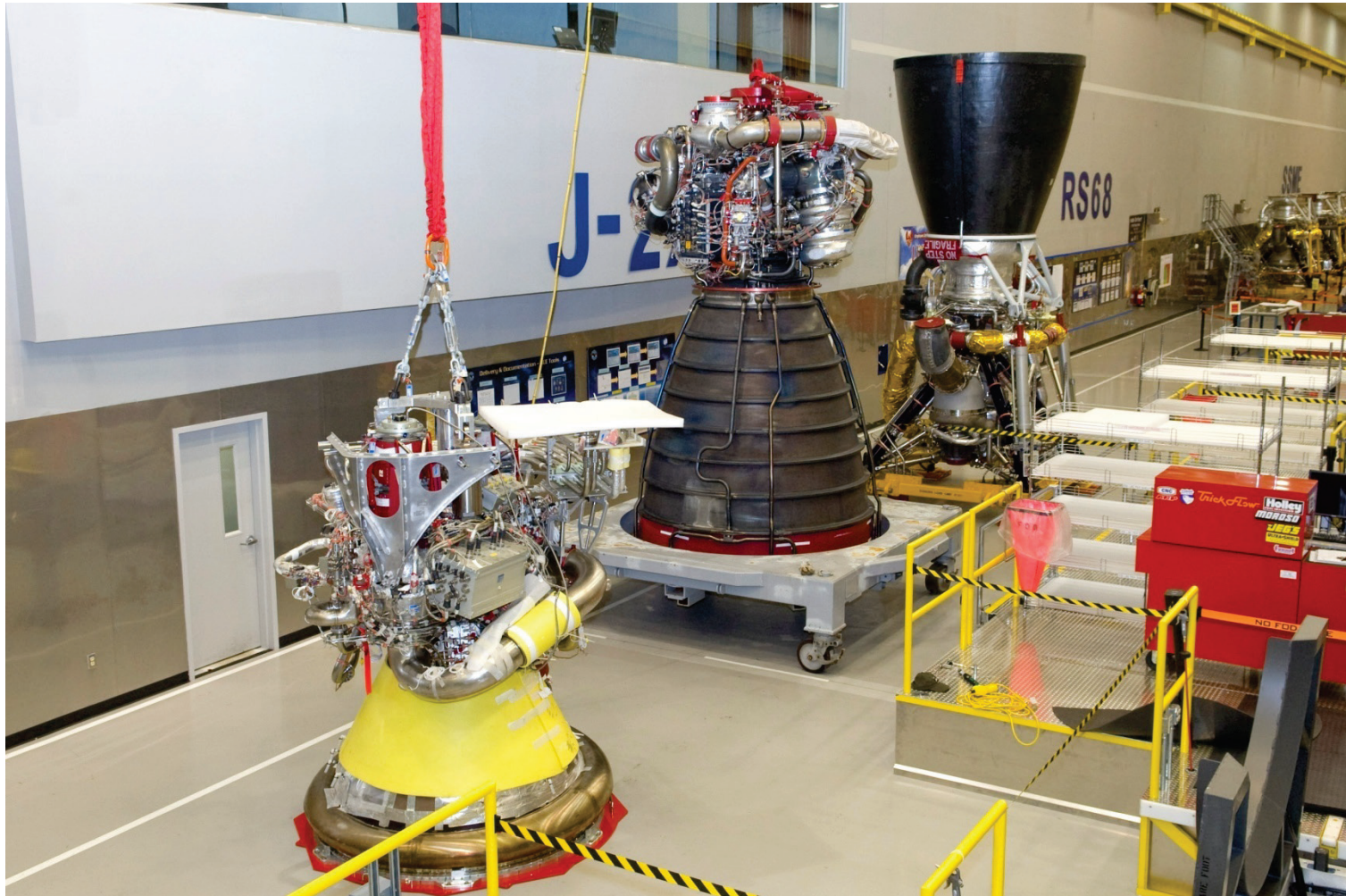
Engine	Engines Flown	Fuel	Thrust (sl, lbf)	Vehicle
S-3D	46	RP	150k	Jupiter / Juno
MB-1 / RS-27A	721	RP	135k / 200k	Thor / Delta II
H-1	152	RP	205k	Saturn 1B
MA-1, 5A	1,704	RP	430k + 60k	Atlas I, II
F-1	65	RP	1,520k	Saturn V
RD-180	34	RP	860k	Atlas V
SSME	51	H2	510k	Shuttle
RS-68	28	H2	663k	Delta IV

PWR Has Flown the Most Large RP Engines

PWR Continuous Propulsion Improvement in 2011

- **Engine Flight Support (14 launches)**
 - **5 Atlas V flights (RD-180, RL10)**
 - **3 Delta II flights (RS-27A)**
 - **3 shuttle flights (SSME RS-25)**
 - **3 Delta IV flights (RS-68, RL10)**
- **Engine Production**
 - **RD-180, RS-68A**
- **Engine Development**
 - **J-2X, RL10 upgrade, RS-68A upgrade**
 - **First J-2X development engine achieved full power level in 3rd test & full mission duration in 8th test**
- **Engine Technology Development (internal and contract)**
 - **NASA HC engine technology, AF advanced HC engine technology, J-2X, RL10**

PWR Large Engine Assembly, Test & Servicing at SSC



J-2X

SSME

RS-68

USAF Reusable Booster System

- **Propulsion Needs**
 - **Reusable**
 - **Reliable – Mission success**
 - **Operable - Rapid ground turnaround**
 - **Support booster Return to Launch Site (RTLS)**
 - **Multiple approaches under study**
- **A high thrust booster engine likely required**
 - **Determined by payload, system architecture, booster return approach, etc.**

Reusable RP engine technology development required to meet known requirements

Possible Reusable RP Engine Technical Risks

- **Combustion Stability**
- **Oxidizer-rich Environments**
- **Combustion Chamber Cooling**
- **Restartability**
- **Reusability**

What Does Engine Reusability Mean?

- **Restartable engines a limited form of reusability**
- **Reusability requires more in-depth analyses to assure reliability**
- **Significant design life to useful life margin required for high reliability**
- **Material selection strongly driven by reusability**
- **Reusability drives Non-Destructive inspection capability to reliably detect small critical flaw sizes**
- **Maintainability & operability must be considered early in design**
- **Certification demonstrates flight configuration meets mission & life requirements**

RP Engine Technology Maturity

- **Expendable RP**
 - **GG cycle - extensive US & foreign development, production & flight experience (TRL 9)**
 - **SC cycle - foreign dev, prod & flight experience (TRL 9); US integration & flight experience with imported engine (34 flights; TRL 9); US co-development of RD-180**
- **Reusable RP**
 - **GG cycle – AR2 aircraft rocket propulsion (Peroxide/RP engine on NF-104, F-86; TRL 9) & In-space propulsion (NASA X-37)**
 - **SC cycle – None operationally demonstrated**
 - Foreign RD-170 certified reusable engine for Energia booster; US development of RS-84 for NASA reusable booster
 - Foreign RD-58 restartable upper stage propulsion demonstrated (TRL 9); multiple flight failures (failure to restart) on Proton Block DM

RD-180 Engine

- **Lox/RP Ox-Rich Staged Combustion (ORSC) cycle**
 - 860k lbf sea level thrust
 - 339 sec vacuum Isp
- **RD-180 engine developed from 1995 to 2000**
 - RD Amross (RDA) Joint Venture – PWR & NPO Energomash
 - Derived from RD-170 engine family (Energia, Zenit)
 - Successfully flown on 34 Atlas launches



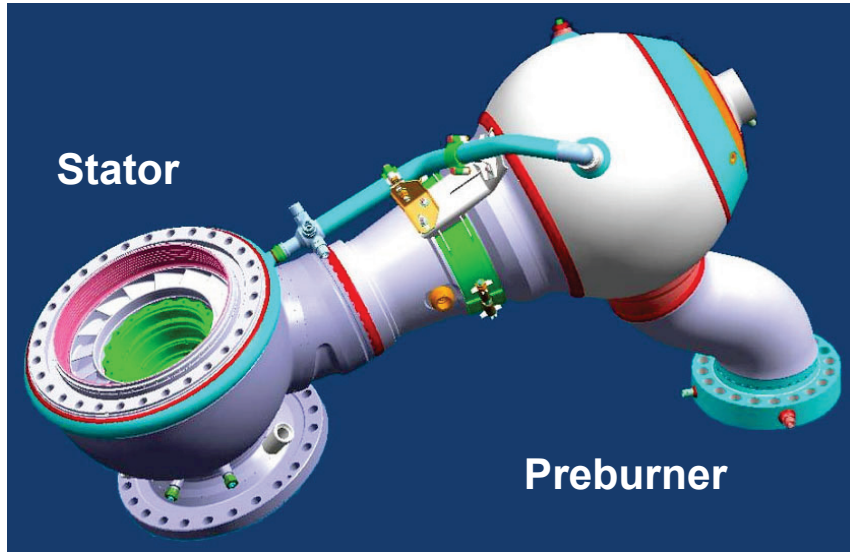
Atlas V launch

US RD-180 Engine

- **US RD-180 Co-production Status**
 - **Obtained all technical data required for US production**
 - **Identified or developed substitute US materials**
 - **Developed US fabrication & inspection processes**
 - **Key processes & materials demonstrated at subscale; majority demonstrated at full scale**
 - **Manufactured and successfully burst tested US-produced full scale preburner and stator assembly**

Ref AIAA-2007-5487

US Co-Production of RD-180 Engine



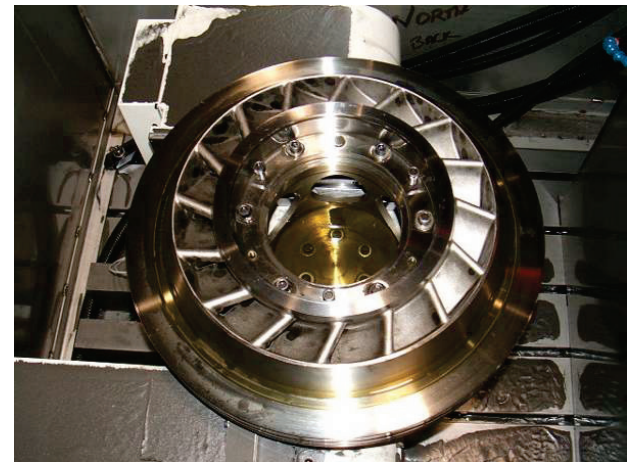
>1,000 Engineering Models Developed

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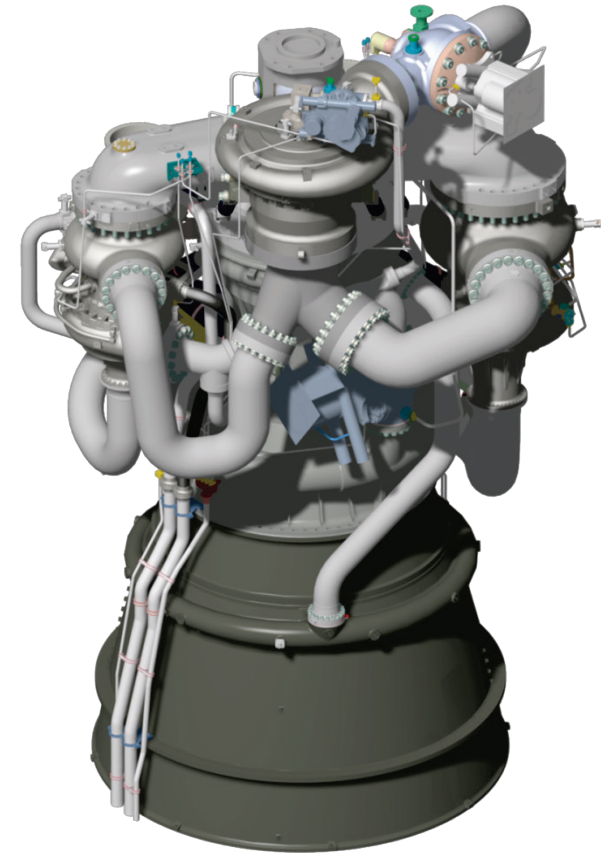
Fabricated Details

**EDM'd
Stator
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RS-84 Engine

- Oxidizer-rich staged combustion cycle
- 1,049 klbf sea level thrust
- 100 mission life
- Reliability >10x improvement vs SSME
- HIP bonded chamber & channel wall Nozzle
- Engine health management system

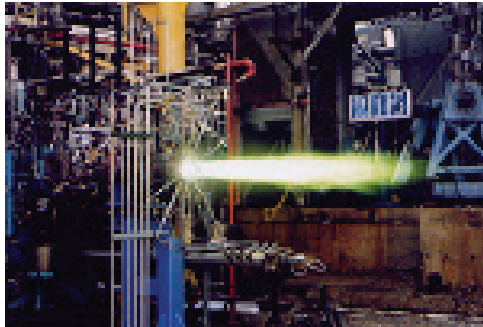


Designed for high reliability and reduced cost

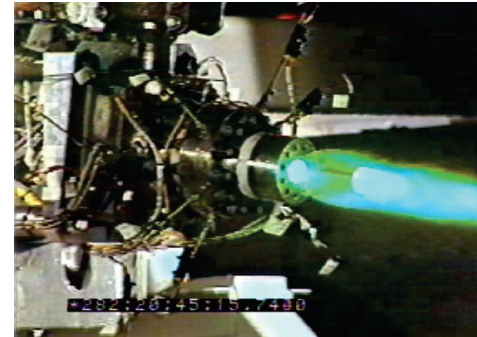
RS-84 ORSC Engine Program

- **1997-2001: Key ORSC IR&D Demonstrations**
 - **Single element & multi-element 40k ox-rich preburner injector**
 - **Single element main injector staged combustion**
 - **Developed ox-compatible high strength superalloy to eliminate protective coatings**
- **2001-2004: NASA RS-84 Engine contract**
 - **1M lbf reusable engine design & analysis proceeded beyond system PDR**
 - Achieved CDR on full scale PB, 40k staged combustion rig
 - **Conducted extensive materials, fabrication and component test risk mitigation efforts**

RS-84 Engine Risk Mitigation



**Single-Element PB + MI
Staged Combustion
Hot Fire**



**40k Multi-Element PB
Hot Fire
(High Pc)**



Valve water flow test



**Inducer water flow,
turbine air flow, turbine
damping tests**



**Selective Net
Shape Turbine
Manifold**

Expander-Heat Exchanger Cycle

- **Advanced HC expander engine power cycle**
- **High operability, reusability & reliability engine with closed cycle performance**
 - **High chamber cooling margins**
 - **No coolant coking concerns**
 - **No turbine drive circuit combustion (no preburner)**
 - **Reduced turbopump total power requirements**
- **AF HC engine key component technology maturation contract in work**

Propulsion Summary

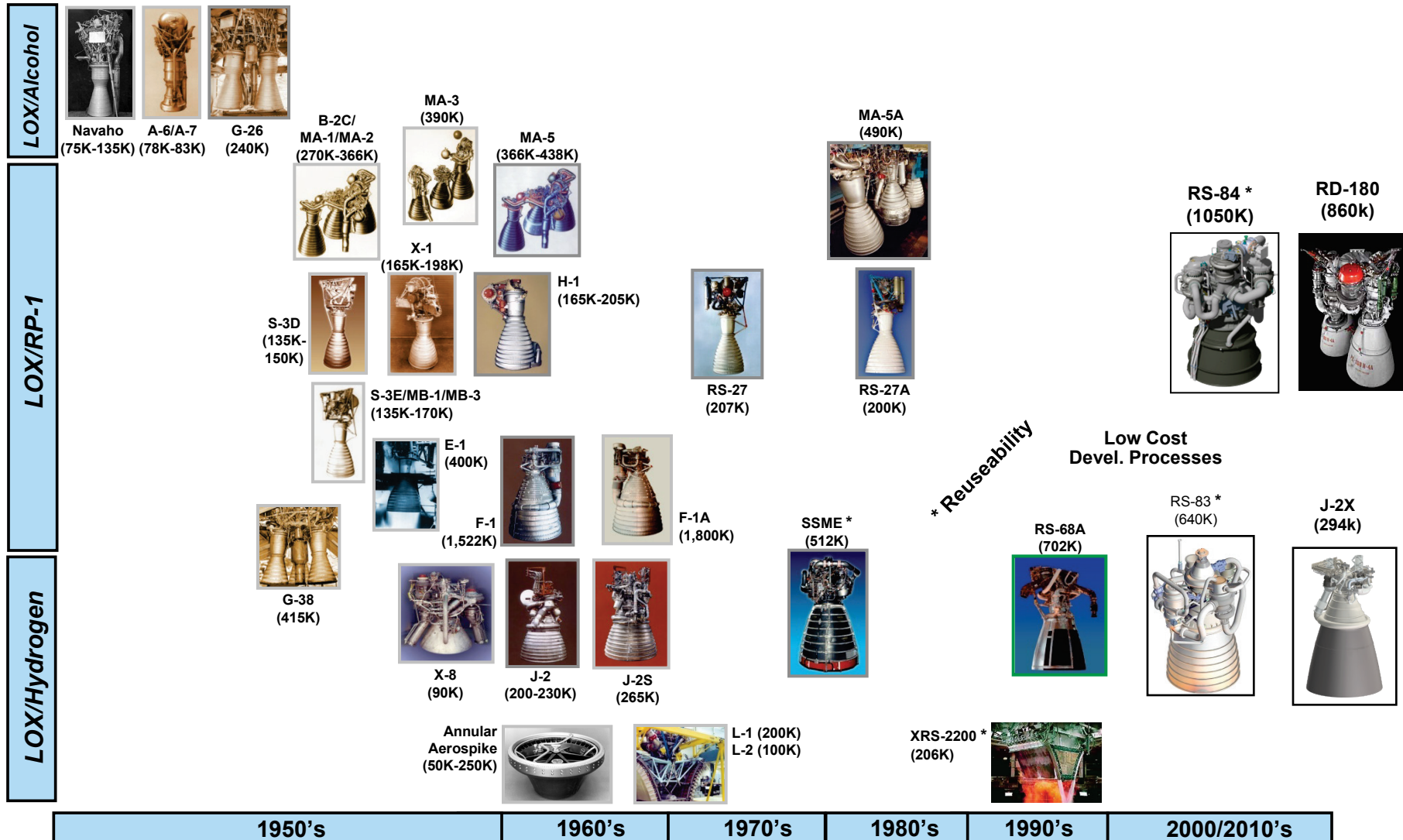
- **AF goals achievable; highly reusable, operable RP ORSC engine never developed**
 - **Key Technologies immature for a reusable RP ORSC engine**
 - **Development challenges comparable to reusable H2 SC SSME**
- **Build upon recent RP ORSC engine development efforts**
 - **Flight-proven RD-180 & US co-production**
 - **RS-84 engine technology development**
 - **Also: AF Ox-rich Turbopump**
- **PWR has relevant experience, engineering capabilities & staff, existing engine factory and supplier base to develop and produce large RP engines**

Backup Charts

Acronyms

- **CDR: Critical Design Review**
- **EDM: Electro-Discharge Machining**
- **EMA: Electro-Mechanical Actuator**
- **GG: Gas Generator**
- **H₂: Hydrogen**
- **HC: Hydrocarbon**
- **HIP: Hot Isostatic Pressure**
- **IPD: Integrated Powerhead Development**
- **IR&D: Internal R&D**
- **Isp: Specific Impulse**
- **JV: Joint Venture**
- **MI: Main Injector**
- **ORSC: Oxidizer Rich Staged Combustion**
- **PB: Preburner**
- **PDR: Preliminary Design Review**
- **RBS: Reusable Booster System**
- **RP: Rocket Propellant (aka; RP-1, kerosene)**
- **RTLS: Return To Launch Site**
- **SC: Staged Combustion**
- **SSME: Space Shuttle Main Engine**
- **TRL: Technology Readiness Level**

Liquid Propulsion Booster Evolution

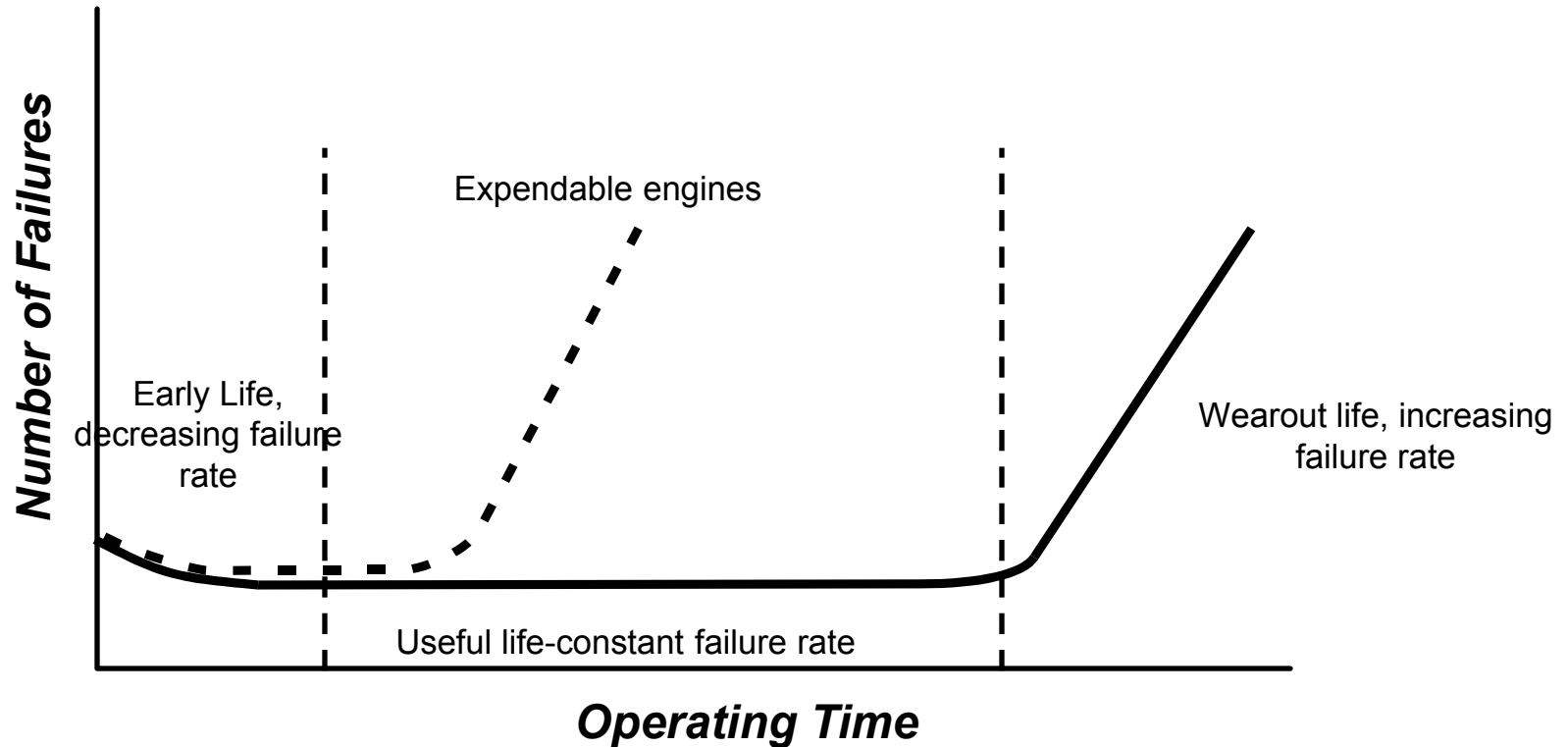


Booster Engines

- **Production/Flight**
 - A-7 (Redstone) – Alcohol GG cycle 75k lbf
 - S-3D (Jupiter/Juno) – RP kerosene GG 150k
 - MB-1/H-1/RS-27 (Thor/Saturn I/Delta II) – RP GG 200k (flight support)
 - MA-1/MA-5 (Atlas I/II) – RP GG 490k (3 engines)
 - RS-25/SSME (Space Shuttle, **SLS**) – H2 SC 500k (**future production**)
 - **RS-68A (Delta IV) – H2 GG 700k**
 - **RD-180 (Atlas III/V) – RP ORSC 860k (RDA JV)**
 - F-1 (Saturn V) – RP GG 1,520k
- **Development (through engine system level testing)**
 - XRS-2200 (X-33) – H2 GG 200k Linear Aerospike
 - XLR71 (G26 Navaho II) – Alcohol GG 240k (2 chamber engine)
 - AF Integrated Powerhead Development (IPD) – H2 FFSC 250k
 - XLR83 (G38 Navaho III) – RP GG 400k (3 chamber engine)
 - F-1A – RP GG 1,800k

In Production

Reusable vs. Expendable Engine Reliability



Reuse reliability determined by design practices

PWR Responses to AF RBS RFIs

- **PWR has identified RP ORSC engine key technology challenges and recommended technical and programmatic risk mitigation approaches to support successful development of a future AF RBS engine**
- **PWR has suggested multiple existing or near-term RP engines to support AF RBS needs**
 - **Pathfinder Demo, RB-X Demo, Operational RBS**

PWR Reusable RP GG Cycle Engine

NF-104



**AR2-3
Engine**



Tested in 1999-2000 for NASA X-37