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# Advances in Ground-Based Testing of Directed-Thrust/High-Thrust Engines for Next-Generation Aircraft

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## Corporate Overview

- **Turbine Engine Support Business Since 1956**
  - **Headquartered in Stafford, TX. (Houston)**
  - **Serve Aerospace Market**
    - **Design**
    - **Manufacturing**
    - **Integration Services**
  - **Financial Strength**
  - **Worldwide Capability**
  - **AS9100 Quality System**
  - **ISO 9001:2000 Certified**





## Corporate Overview

- **Engine Test Equipment & Facilities for Over 35 Years**
  - Whatever it takes to run jet engines off the wing!
    - Turboprop, Turboshaft, Turbofan, Turbojet
  - Turn-key Facilities to Cell Modifications/Upgrades
  - Engine Adapters, Thrust Stands, Dress Gear
    - Bellmouths, Screens, Probes, Cables
  - Data Acquisition/PLC Systems
  - Fuel/Air/Oil Systems
  - Inlet/Exhaust Systems

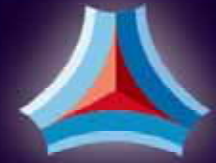




## Corporate Overview

- **Military Engine Test Systems**
  - **Pratt & Whitney**
    - F100-100,200,220,220E,229
    - F117, F119, F135, J52, TF30, J58
  - **General Electric**
    - J85, J79, F101, F110, F404, F414, F118, TF-34, T700, T64
  - **Rolls Royce/Allison**
    - T56 Air Force/Navy Versions
    - 501D, 501C
  - **Honeywell/ Allied Signal/ Textron Lycoming**
    - T53, T55, F124





## Corporate Overview

- **Commercial Engine Test Systems**
  - **Pratt & Whitney**
    - JT8-15, 17, 200; JT9, PW2000, PW4000's
  - **General Electric**
    - CFM56-3, 5, 7; CF6, CF34, CJ610, CF700
  - **Rolls Royce/Allison**
    - 501KB, 501KC
  - **Honeywell/ Allied Signal/ Textron Lycoming**
    - TPE331, TFE731



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## Directed Thrust Engine Development

- **Directed Thrust Aircraft / Engine Systems**
  - **V/STOL Harrier**
    - Circa 1969 – Present Day
    - **Passive Engine with Active Aircraft Ducting**
      - Rolls Royce Pegasus F402
      - 22K lbs. Thrust
    - Test cells use fixed slave nozzles to facilitate bifurcated ducting arrangement.
  - **Foreign Military**
    - **Russian SU-37 Super Flanker**
      - 2 ea. AL-37FU Engines / 40K lbs. Thrust
      - 2D Thrust Vectoring In Pitch Axis
      - Very Impressive Flight Display Farnborough (1996) Paris (1997)
      - Video Of Super Cobra Maneuver



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## Directed Thrust Engine Development

- **Directed Thrust Aircraft / Engine Systems**

- 1988 – 2000's
- F15 Active / F16 Vista
  - PYBBN F100-229 / F110-100
    - Active 3D Engine Nozzle
    - Flight Test Only
    - Test Cell
    - Full 3D Testing at OEM
- YF-22, YF-23, F-22
  - YF119, YF120 2D Active Nozzle
  - F119 2D Active Nozzle
    - Flight Test - 2D Test OEM & Field
    - Production Test – Axial Only
    - Vectored Thrust Locked Out

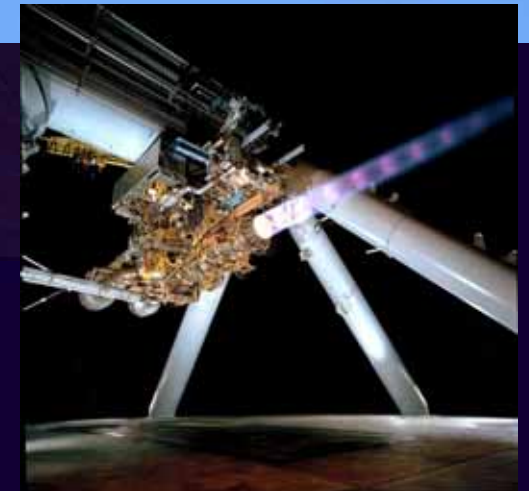


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## Directed Thrust Engine Development

- **Directed Thrust Aircraft / Engine Systems**
  - 2000's - Beyond
  - **F35 Joint Strike Fighter**
    - **F135/F136 Engine Variants**
      - Active 2D Engine Nozzle
      - Active 1D Lift Fan
      - Active Roll Control Thrusters
    - **Developmental Test – Full Thrust Vector at OEM**
    - **Flight Test – 1D Testing of Main Nozzle on Test Stand**



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## Directed Thrust Test Experience

- **YF22/23 Program Support - 1989-1991**
  - **YF119 Engine Test Support for Both Lockheed and Northrop Aircraft**
    - Outdoor Ground-Based Thrust Frame and Engine Adapter Kit
    - Thrust Vectoring +/- 22 degrees at Full Augmentation
    - Dual I-Beam Deadmen
    - New 4000 PSI Concrete Pad
    - Vectored thrust tie-rods directly coupled to concrete for maximum thrust restraint safety factor.
    - System delivered 2 months ahead of schedule to support competition fly-off.

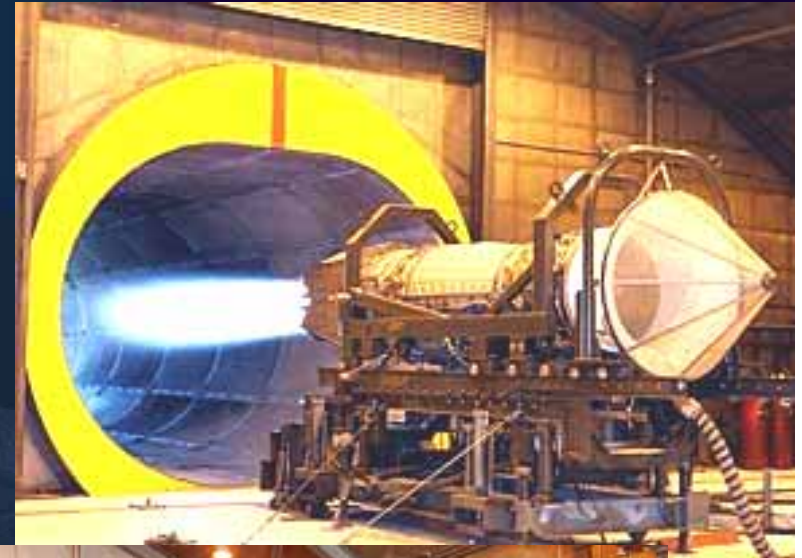


Lockheed-Boeing-General Dynamics YF-22  
and Northrop-McDonnell Douglas YF-23  
USAF Museum Photo Archives



## Directed Thrust Test Experience

- **F22/F119 EMD Engine Test Support – 1994-1997**
  - Engine Test Adapter Kits for Both Flight Test Locations
  - New Thrust Frame for Vectored Thrust Support
  - Redesigned Engine Adapter to Match Revised Engine Configuration
- **USAF M37X Thrust Stand Redesign for 50K Thrust Engines for T-10 Hush House Installations**





## Directed Thrust Test Experience

- **F22/F119 LRIP Engine Test Support – 2000-Present Day**
  - Engine Test Adapter Kit for Flight Test Location
    - 2D Vector Capable
  - Engine Test Adapter Kits for Operational Squadrons
    - 1D Axial Thrust Limited
  - Redesigned Engine Adapter to Match Revised Engine Configuration
  - Engine Test Controller for FADEC Test Operation
    - Vectored Thrust Locked in System
  - Redesigned OEM Engine Adapters
    - Reduced Engine Prep Time by Order of Magnitude
    - Full 2D Thrust Vector Capable



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## Directed Thrust Test Experience

- **F35/F135 & F136 Engine Test Support – 2005-Beyond**
  - **Engine Test Adapter Kits for USAF and USN Flight Test Locations**
    - 1D Axial Thrust Limited
  - **Redesigned Thrust Frame for Higher Thrust Capacity**
    - Mobile Stand for Portability
    - Efficient Deadman System Eliminates Need for Costly Concrete Modifications
  - **Vertical Engine Build Platform**
    - Above-Ground Installation
    - Gravity-Assisted Engine Assembly



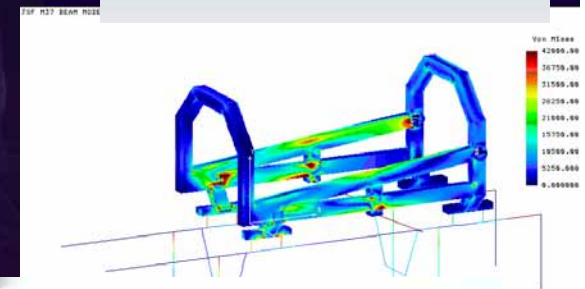
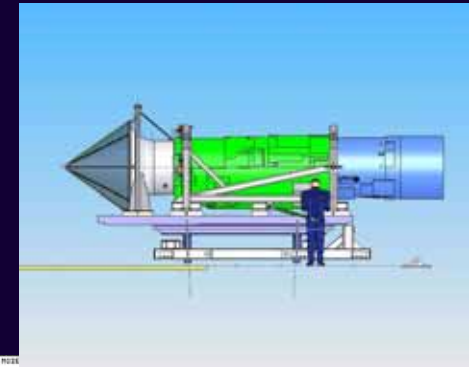
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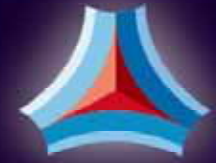
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## Test Technology Advances

- **Application of State-of-the-Art Design Tools/Methods to Support Equipment**
  - **Full 3D Solid Modeling**
    - Improved Design Reviews
    - Fewer 1<sup>st</sup> Article Misfits
    - Inputs Directly Into FEA
  - **Complete FEA of System**
    - Static/Dynamic/Harmonic/Vibratory
  - **Static Load Testing to 2X Rated Load**
  - **Full Post-Test NDI of Structure/Welds**





## Test Technology Advances

- **Engine Test Systems**
  - **Pre-Assembled Thrust Frames**
    - **Reduced Integration Time**
  - **Efficient Deadman Design**
    - **Eliminates Costly Facility Modifications to Foundation**
    - **Load distribution provides maximum thrust restraint capability for higher thrust/directed thrust applications.**
  - **Linear-bearing approach allows for thrust measurement without flexure plates.**
    - **Enhanced Strength for Vectored Thrust Load Transfer**
    - **Rotational and Overturning Moment Load Sensitivity Reduced**





## Lessons Learned

- **Key Areas To Consider**
  - **Personnel Safety**
    - **FEA Review of Total System**
    - **FMECA of Total System**
    - **Intercom System**
    - **External Cameras**
  - **Concrete**
    - **Thrust Restraint During Vector**
    - **Vertical Load Tie-Rods**
    - **Deadman Arrangement**
    - **Blast Zone Protection**
  - **Ancillary Systems Protection**
    - **Vibration Isolation**
    - **Acoustic Exposure**
  - **Airflow**
  - **Vertical Thrust Test Lockout**





## Presentation Summary

- ***Key Areas to Consider***
  - *Personnel Safety*
  - *Concrete*
  - *Ancillary Systems protection*
  - *Airflow*
  - *Vertical Thrust Test Lockout*
- ***Atec = 16 Years of Directed-Thrust Engine Test Support***
  - *Mechanical & Electronic Systems*
- ***Atec = Over 35 Years of Experience in Engine Test Support***
- ***Atec = Whatever it takes to run your engine off-wing !!***



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## Questions

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