
2008 Solar Annual Review Meeting

Session: CSP Advanced Systems

Company or Organization: SkyFuel, Inc.

Funding Opportunity: CSP Advanced Systems Solicitation



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VP Technology

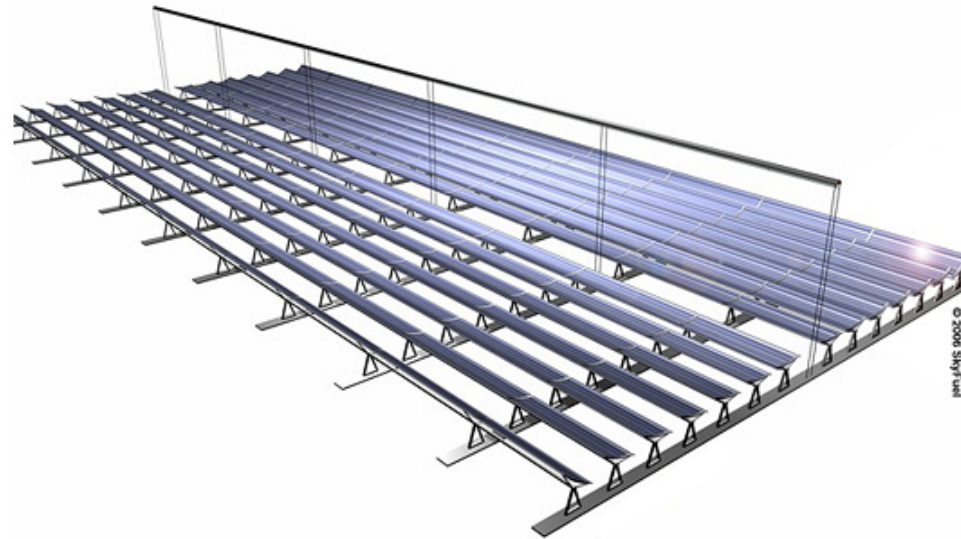
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Project Description

“Commercial Development of an Advanced, High-Temperature, Linear-Fresnel Based Concentrating Solar Power Concept”





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- a) High-Temperature Linear Fresnel
- b) Molten Salt Heat Transfer Fluid (storage)
- c) **ReflecTech**  Mirror Film





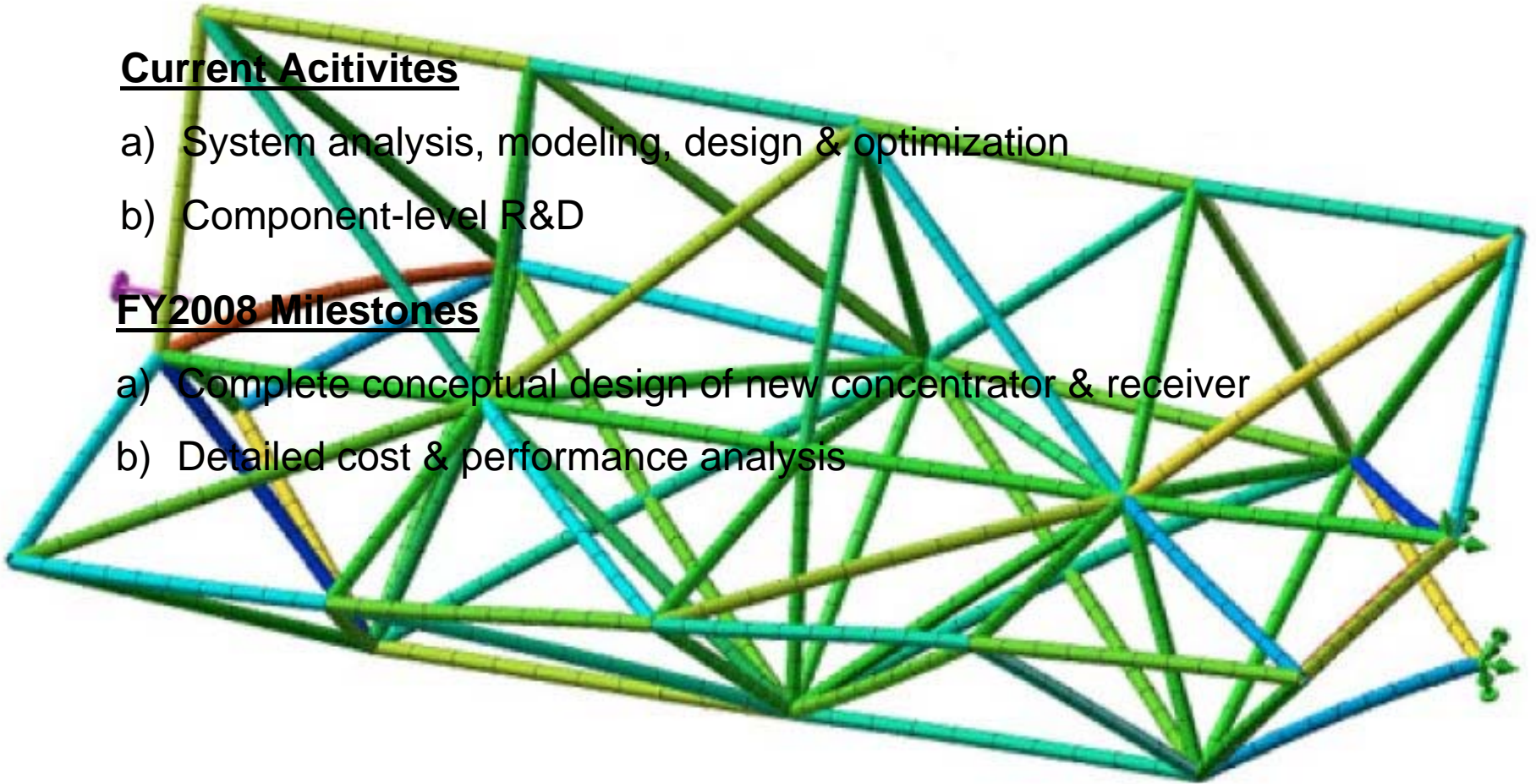
Current (FY2008) Activities

Current Activities

- a) System analysis, modeling, design & optimization
- b) Component-level R&D

FY2008 Milestones

- a) Complete conceptual design of new concentrator & receiver
- b) Detailed cost & performance analysis





Budget & Personnel

Key Personnel

- Randy Gee, CTO
- David Kearney, Senior Technical Advisor
- Andrew McMahan, VP Technology
- Adrian Farr, VP Research & Development

Budget

- Approximately 2 FTE during Phase I
- Escalating to ~5 FTE for future phases
- Working with key consultants and subcontractors in the areas of:
 - Optical design
 - Molten salt system design
 - Wind Engineering
- Total Phase I Budget: \$550,000

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Project Beginning Date	FY07 Budget	FY08 Budget	Total Budget
3/1/08	\$0	\$320,000	\$320,000



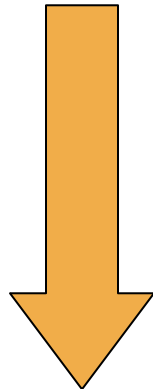
Relationship to Program Goals

“...to make CSP cost competitive in the intermediate power markets by 2015 (~7¢/kWh with 6 hours of storage) and in baseload power markets (~5¢/kWh with 16 hours of storage) by 2020.”

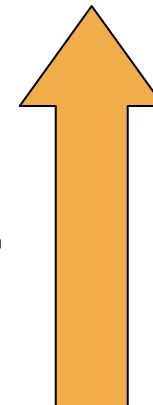
SkyFuel Methods

- High Temperature (relative to other linear Fresnel designs)
- Dramatic Reduction in Reflector Cost
- Direct Thermal Energy Storage

COST



VALUE



Accomplishments to Date



- a) Negotiate DOE Contract
- b) Assembled and Organized Project Team





Upcoming Activities (Q3, Q4)

Continue Phase I activities:

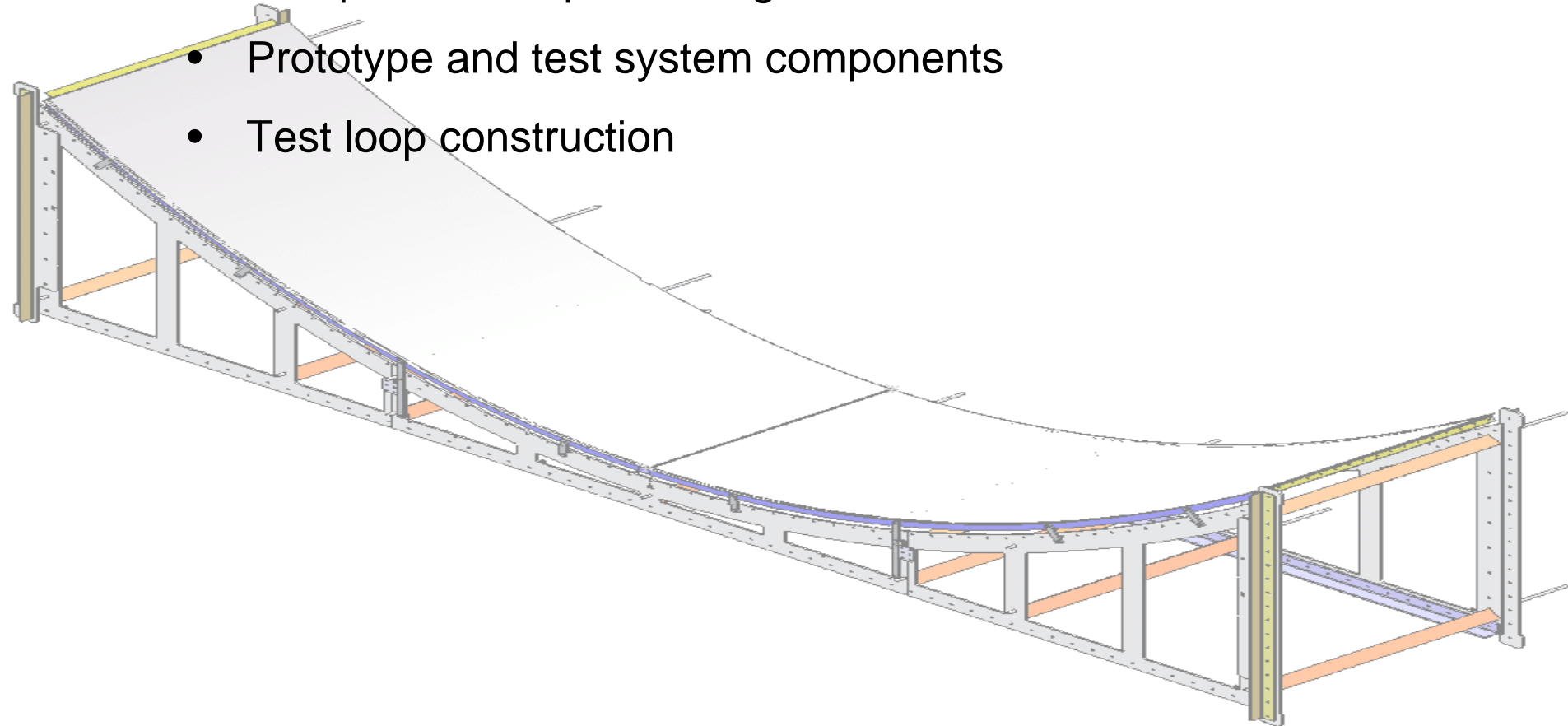
- Develop wind-load design constraints
- System-level computer simulation and optimization
- Component-Level engineering, research & development
 - Reflectors
 - Receiver



Future Activities

Prototyping, Testing & Refinement (FY2009)

- Complete conceptual design and evaluation
- Prototype and test system components
- Test loop construction





Future Activities

Demonstration & Commercialization (FY2010 & Beyond)

- Solar as the premiere source for intermediate and peaking generation in the American Southwest

