



Tesla Turbine

The Tesla Turbine is a miniature combustion-driven power generation system that can be used as a personal, portable power supply for individuals, or as a power plant for small autonomous systems such as UAVs.

Competitive advantage

- Much higher power/mass ratio than existing battery technologies
- Unlike other turbine technologies, the Tesla Turbine performance improves as the scale decreases
- Simple to use and maintain, and field-serviceable
- Very small footprint, with the turbine and generator integrated into design

Impact

- The main use of this technology is as a portable power supply for devices used by soldiers
- The device has potential for development as a power plant for small autonomous systems, either for direct power or for electrical generation systems

Successful applications

- Successfully prototyped

Capabilities and facilities

- Computational fluid dynamic modelling of the combustor
- Laser diagnostics for optimising combustion efficiency

More Information

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