

## Abstract

Prediction of Incidence and Surface Roughness Effects on  
Turbine Performance

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The results of a Navier-Stokes analysis for predicting the change in turbine efficiency due to a change in either incidence or surface roughness is discussed. It was experimentally determined by Boynton, Tabibzadeh, and Hudson that polishing the SSME high pressure fuel turbine blades improved turbine efficiency by about 2 points over a wide range of operating conditions. These conditions encompassed the range of incidence seen by the turbine blading during flight. It is also necessary to be able to predict turbine performance at various operating points for future rocket turbopump applications. The code RVCQ3D, developed by Rod Chima, was used to determine the effects of changes in incidence angle on turbine blade row efficiency. The midspan Navier-Stokes results were used in conjunction with an inviscid flow analysis code to predict the efficiency of the two stage SSME over a wide range of operating conditions for smooth and rough turbine blades. The use of the Navier-Stokes analysis to predict changes in turbine efficiency due to variation in incidence angles was found to be superior to other incidence loss correlations available in the literature. The sensitivity of the Navier-Stokes results to grid parameters is discussed.

The effects of the surface roughness were accounted for using the Cebeci-Chang rough wall turbulence model. This model was implemented in the code RVCQ3D. The implementation of this model for predicting the change in efficiency is also discussed.

**PREDICTION OF INCIDENCE and SURFACE ROUGHNESS  
EFFECTS ON TURBINE PERFORMANCE**

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# **OBJECTIVES**

- **IMPROVE TURBINE PERFORMANCE**
- **PREDICTION CAPABILITY**
- **INCIDENCE EFFECTS**
- **SURFACE ROUGHNESS EFFECTS**

## **MOTIVATION**

- **INCIDENCE EFFECTS IMPORTANT  
DURING ENGINE START  
WHEN ENGINE IS THROTTLED**
- **ROUGHNESS EFFECTS IMPORTANT  
WHEN PROTECTIVE COATINGS ARE  
USED**

# **INCIDENCE and SURFACE ROUGHNESS ?**

- **DIFFERENT QUESTIONS BUT SIMILAR APPROACHES**

- **RELATIVE CHANGE IMPORTANT**

- RELATIVE GRID SENSITIVITY**

- RELATIVE LOSS LEVEL**

# COMPUTATIONAL APPROACH

- USE INVISCID AND VISCOUS ANALYSES
  - RELATIVELY QUICK ANALYSIS NEEDED
- MANY CASES NEEDED TO VERIFY APPROACH
- INVISCID - MTSB - QUASI-3D
  - VISCOUS - RVCQ3D - MIDSPAN

## MTSB - INVISCID + LOSSES

- FLOW ANALYSIS
  - HUB-TO-SHROUD - MERIDL
  - BLADE-TO-BLADE - TSONIC
- LOSS ANALYSIS
- BOUNDARY LAYER - BLAYER  
PROFILE  
ENDWALL
- CORRELATIONS
  - TIP CLEARANCE
  - SECONDARY FLOW
  - INCIDENCE

## VISCOUS SOLVER

- MIDSPAN - BLADE-TO-BLADE ANALYSIS
- EXISTING SOLVER - RVCQ3D  
EXPLICIT  
TIME MARCHING  
RESIDUAL SMOOTHING
- TURBULENCE MODEL  
MIXING LENGTH  
MODIFIED FOR ROUGHNESS EFFECTS  
CEBECI-CHANG MODEL



## INCIDENCE

- COMPARE NAVIER-STOKES INCIDENCE LOSS MODEL WITH EMPIRICAL CORRELATIONS

- EMPIRICAL MODELS

GLASSMAN'S

MOUSTAPHA et al.

TRAN et al. - SSME HPFT

- NAVIER-STOKES DERIVED CORRELATION CURVE FIT MIDSPAN NAVIER-STOKES RESULTS & USE IN PLACE OF EMPIRICAL MODEL IN PERFORMANCE CALCULATION (MTSB)

## INCIDENCE LOSS COMPARISONS

- MSFC BLOWDOWN TEST - 2 STAGE TURBINE

$$\text{SSME HPFT} - U/V_{\text{IDEAL}} = 0.37(\text{DESIGN})$$

$$0.25 < U/V_{\text{IDEAL}} < 0.65$$

- LEWIS 30in DIA TURBINES - 1 & 2 STAGES  
DESIGN POINTS - NO INCIDENCE EFFECTS  
40% SPEED LINE vs PRESSURE RATIO

## DOES ONE CORRELATION FIT ALL CASES?

- COMPARISON WITH DIFFERENT TURBINES

### TESTS:

UNIVERSALITY OF NAVIER-STOKES  
DERIVED INCIDENCE LOSS CORRELATION

- SSME HPFT - LOW PRESSURE RATIO

- 30 in DIAMETER TURBINES

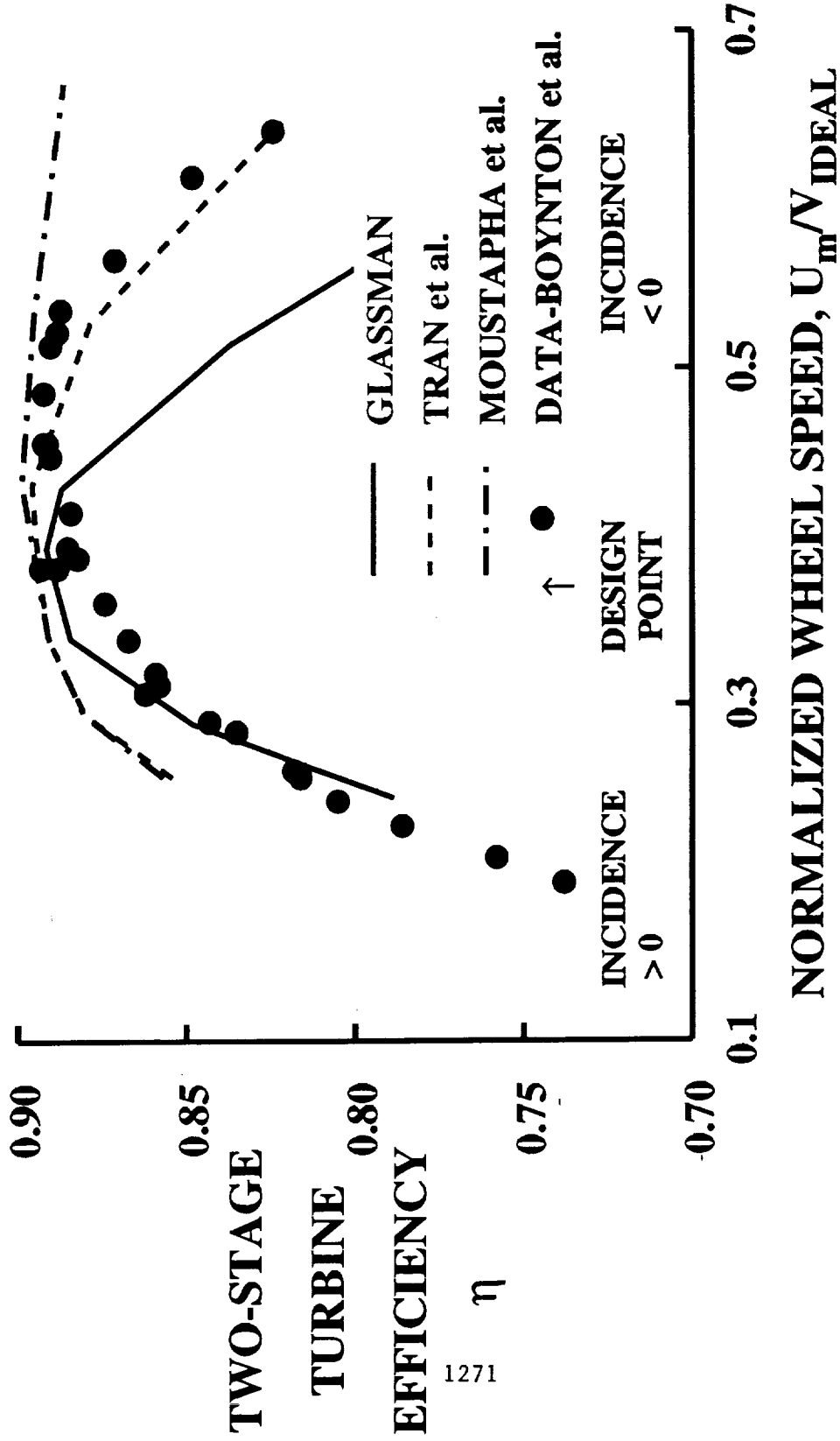
HIGH PRESSURE RATIO

TRANSONIC FLOW CONDITIONS

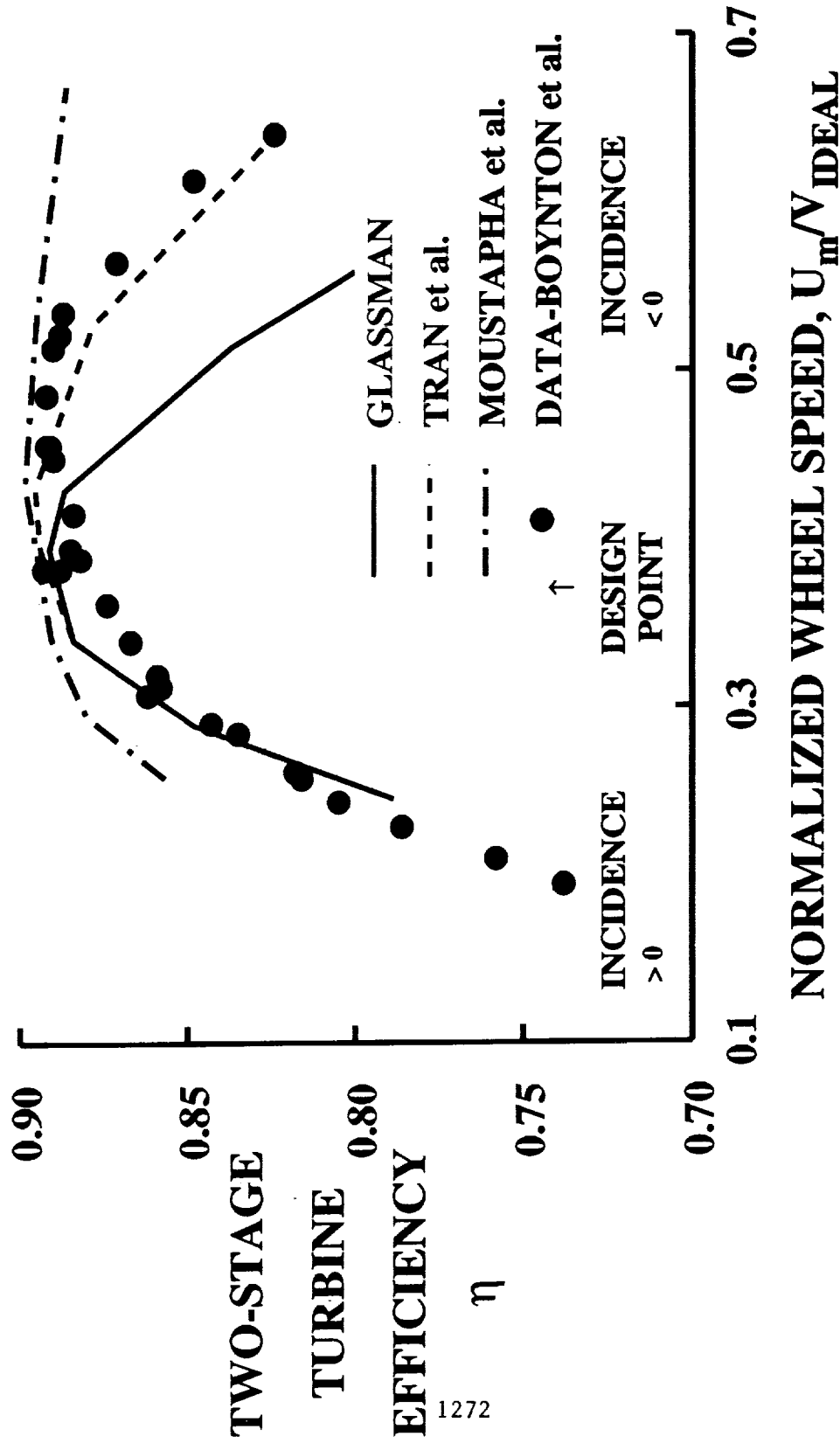
# SENSITIVITY OF ROTOR LOSS TO GRID PARAMETERS

Grid	$y_1^+$	$\bar{e}$
145×54	0.6	0.0509
291×54	0.6	0.0423
291×70	0.6	0.0438
291×54	1.2	0.0375
291×54	0.3	0.0321
291×70	0.3	0.0441
MTSB		0.0351

# EFFICIENCY FOR SMOOTH BLADED SSME HPFT

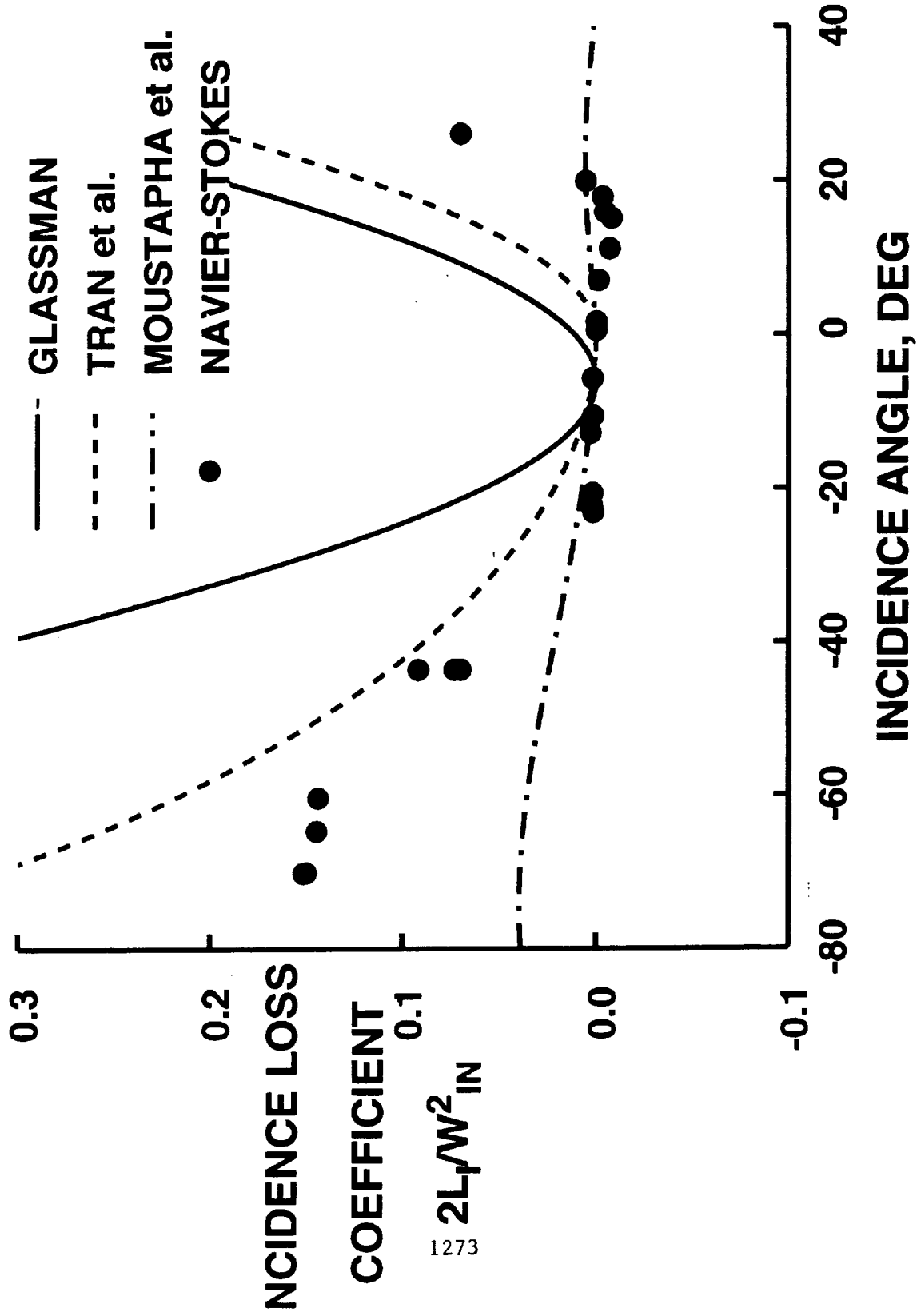


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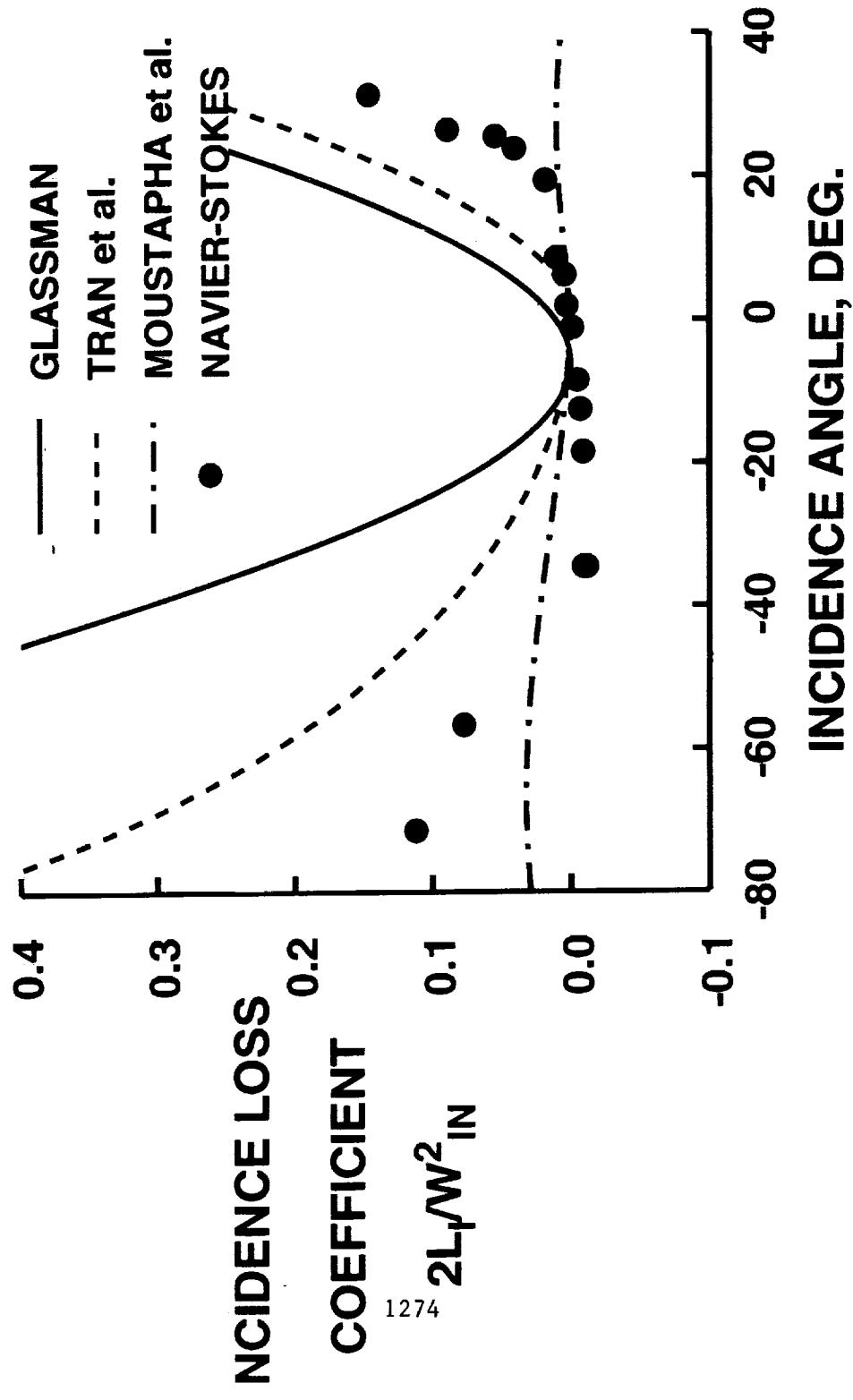
# LOSS PREDICTIONS - NAVIER-STOKES & CORRELATIONS

## SSME HPFT FIRST STAGE ROTOR



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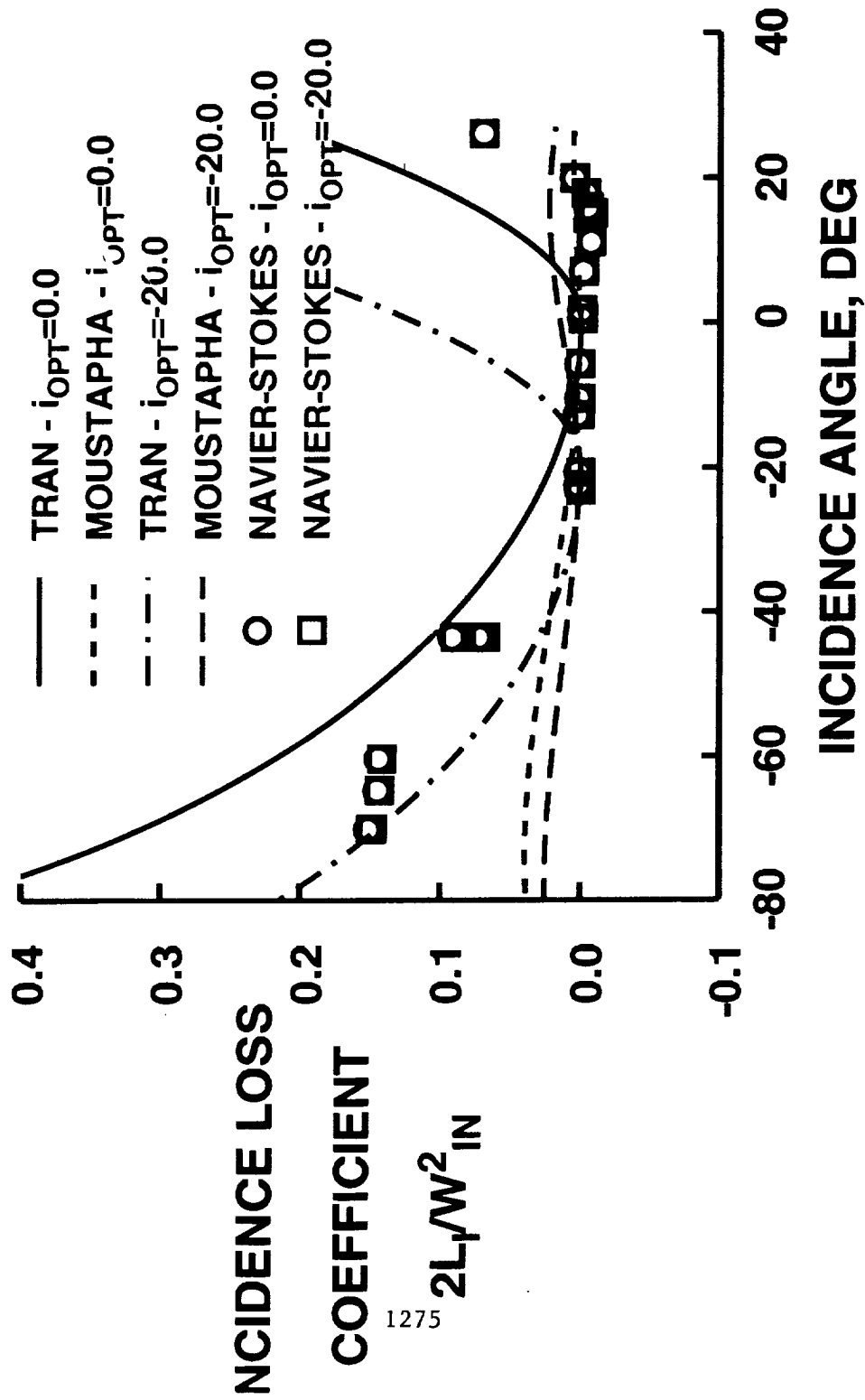
## SSME HPFT SECOND STAGE STATOR





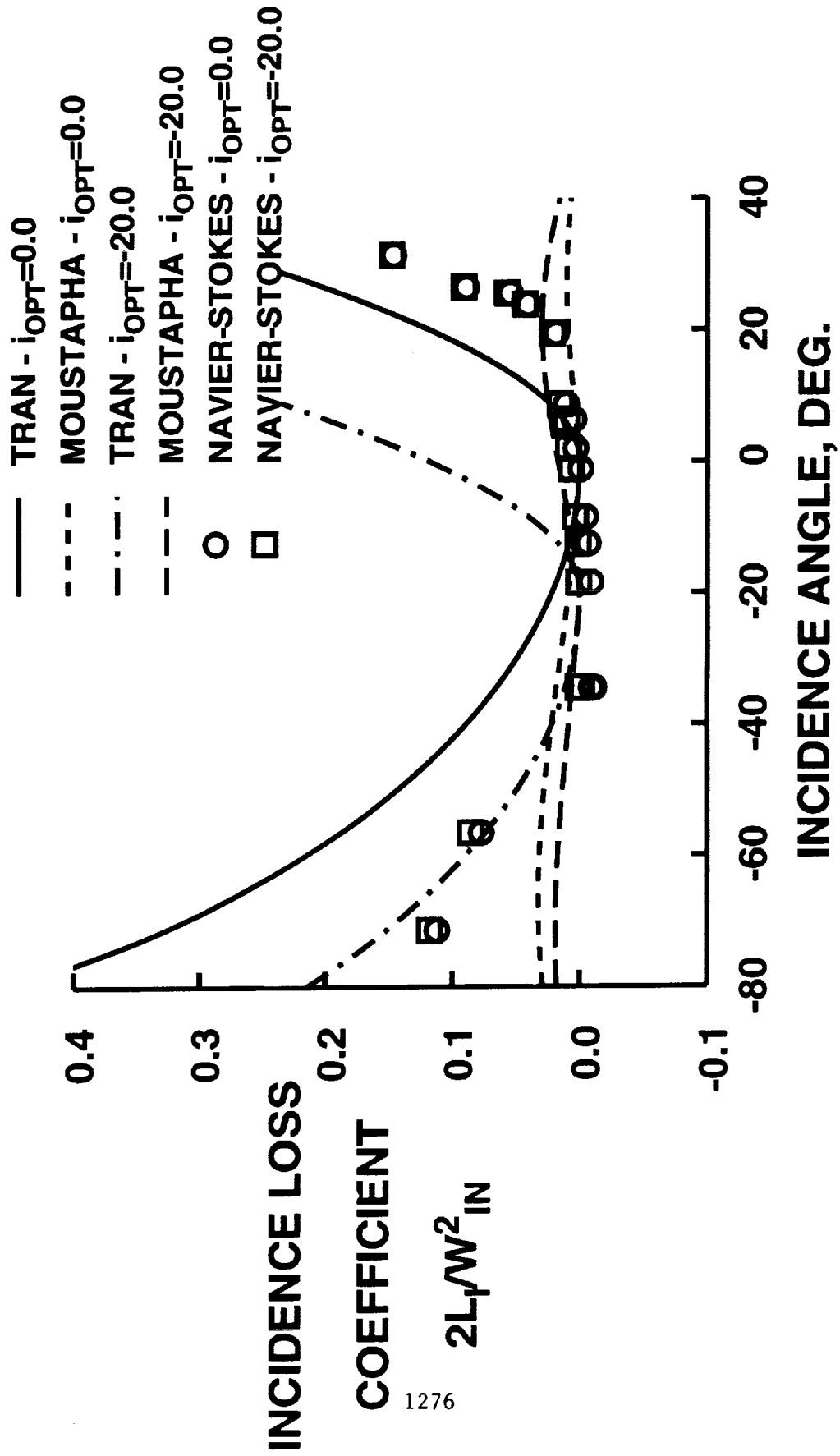
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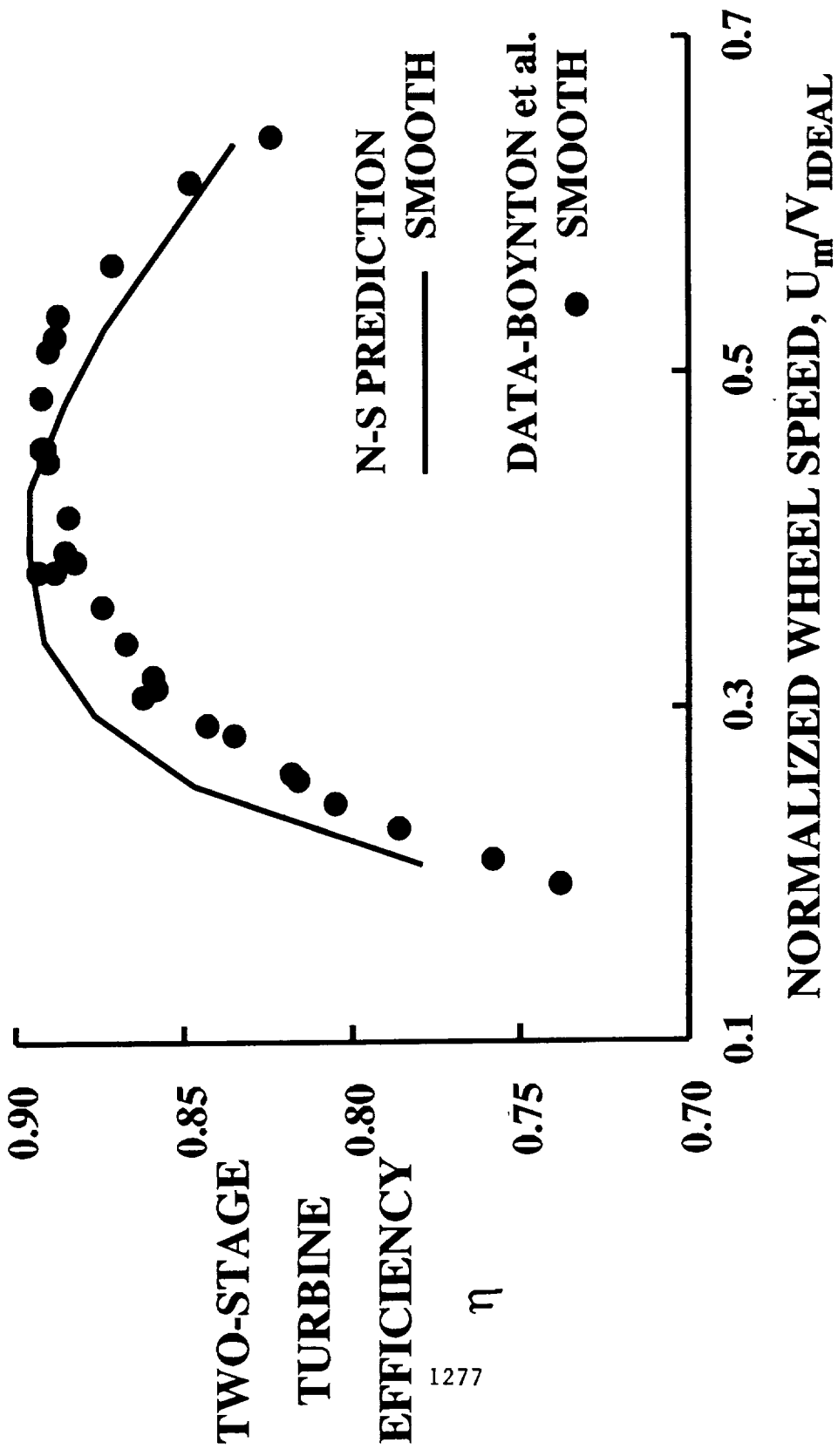


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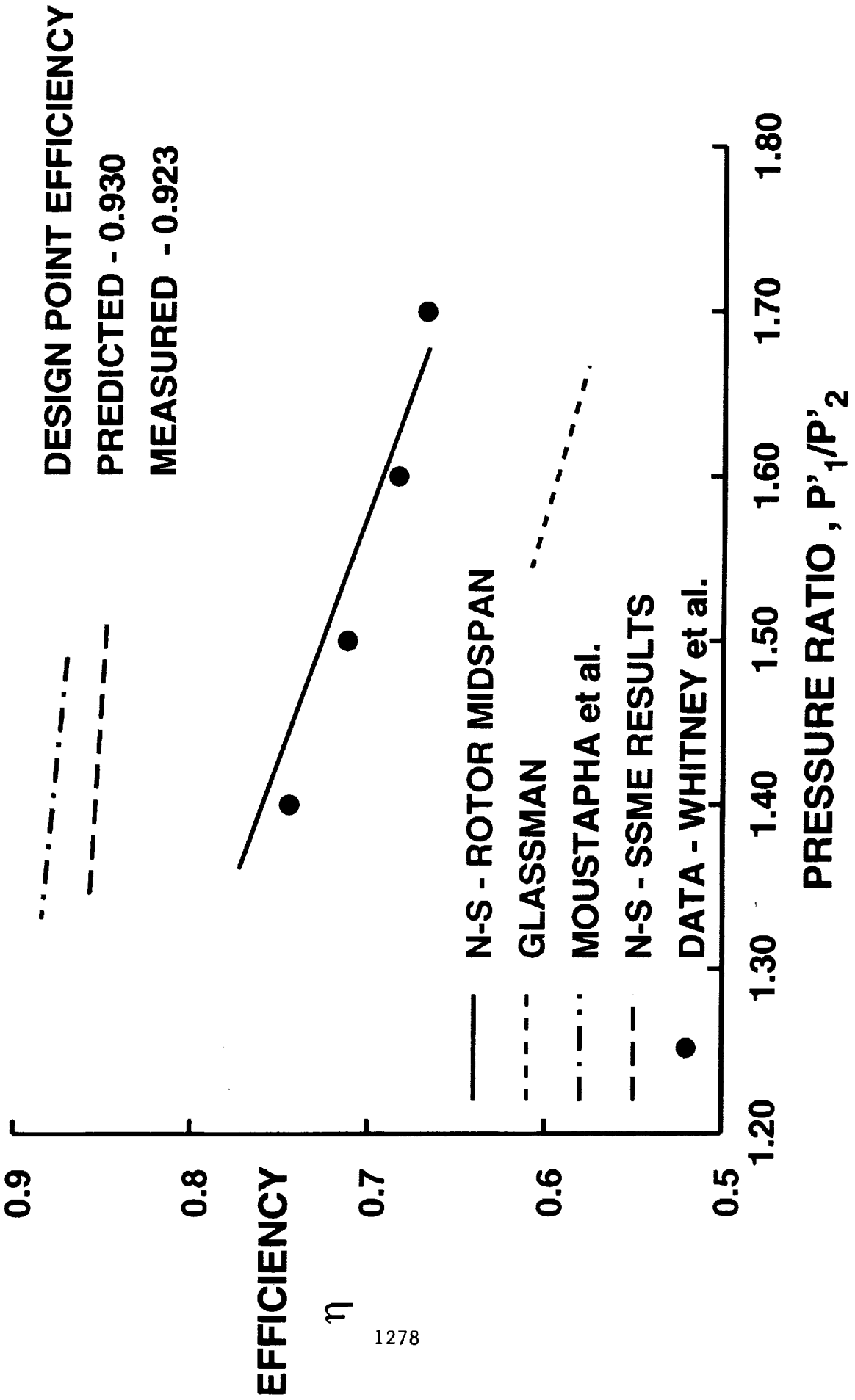
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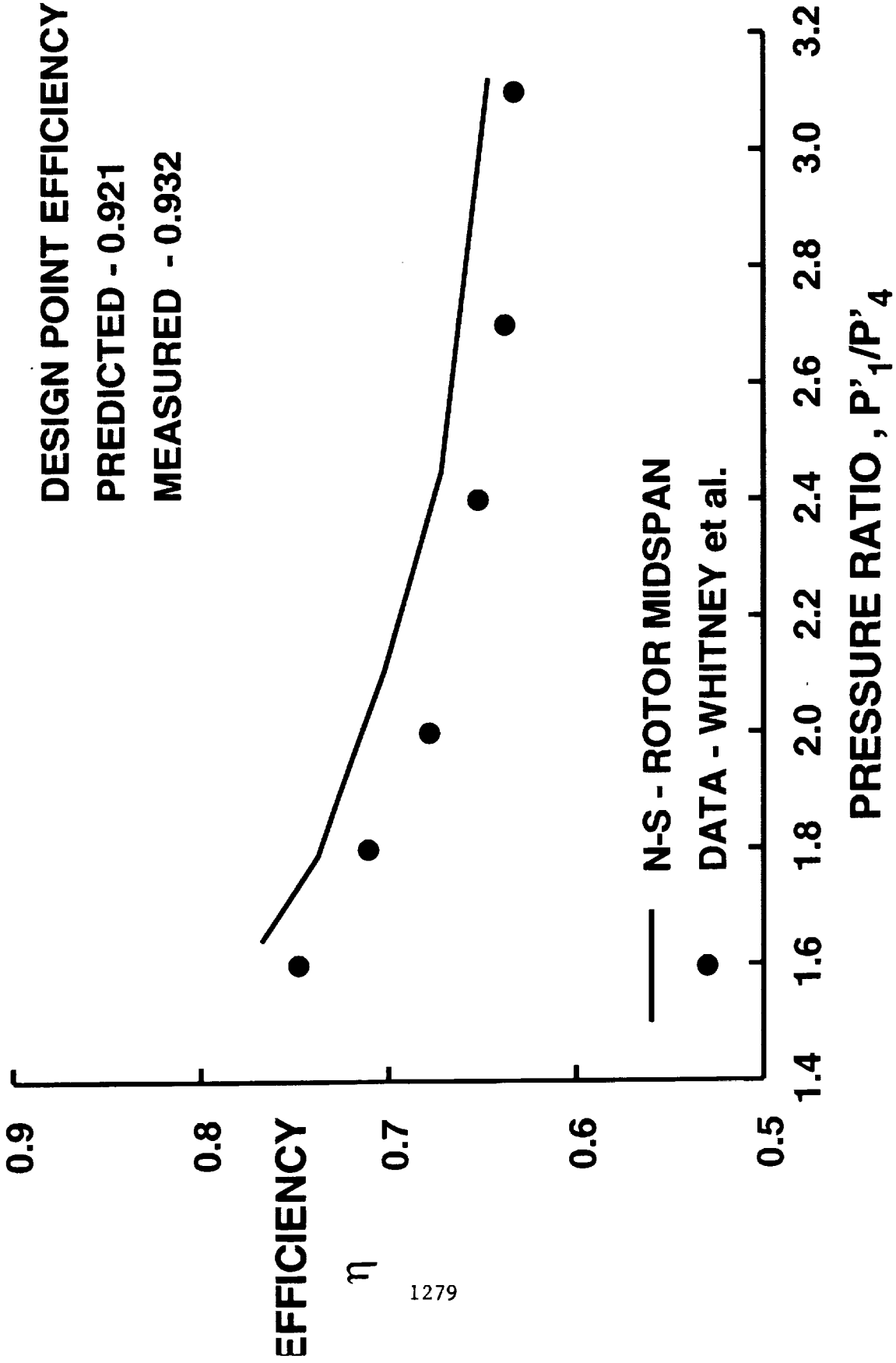
**EFFICIENCY OF SMOOTH BLADED SSME HPFT  
NAVIER-STOKES DERIVED INCIDENCE LOSS MODEL**



# EFFICIENCY FOR SINGLE STAGE 30in TURBINE - 40% SPEED



# EFFICIENCY FOR TWO STAGE 30in TURBINE - 40% SPEED



## INCIDENCE LOSS CONCLUSIONS

- **INCIDENCE LOSS WELL PREDICTED BY NAVIER-STOKES MIDSPAN ANALYSIS**
- **NAVIER-STOKES APPROACH DOES NOT RELY ON A PRIORI KNOWLEDGE OF OPTIMUM INCIDENCE ANGLE**
- **BEST AGREEMENT WHEN USING NAVIER-STOKES RESULTS FOR SIMILAR CONFIGURATION  
NOT A SIGNIFICANT DISADVANTAGE**
- **IMPROVED INCIDENCE LOSS CORRELATION VIA VARIATION OF NAVIER-STOKES PARAMETERS  
NOT ALWAYS CONVENIENT IN EXPERIMENTS**

## SURFACE ROUGHNESS

- CEBECI-CHANG ROUGHNESS MODEL IMPLEMENTED IN MIDSPAN NAVIER-STOKES CODE
- MIXING LENGTH TURBULENT EDDY VISCOSITY MODEL FOR BOTH SMOOTH AND ROUGH SURFACES
- INCREASE IN MIXING LENGTH TO ACCOUNT FOR ROUGHNESS
- INCREASE IS A FUNCTION OF ROUGHNESS HEIGHT AND DENSITY
- NEAR WALL DAMPING ( $A^+$ ) PART OF TURBULENT EDDY VISCOSITY MODEL

# EFFECT OF GRID AND SURFACE ROUGHNESS ASSUMPTIONS ON EFFICIENCY

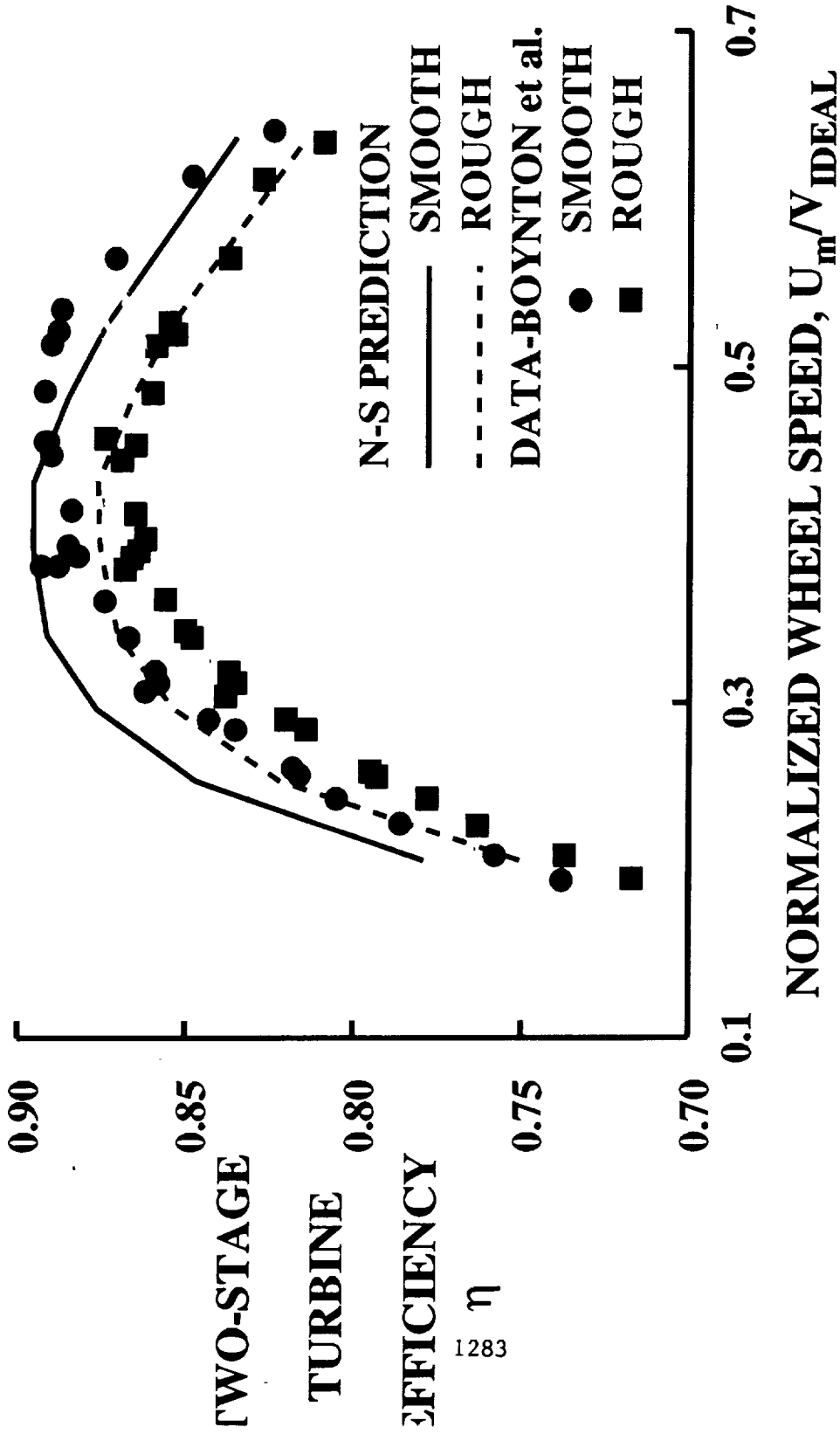
$h = 15$  micrometers

Grid	$y_1^+$	$K$	$A^+$	$\bar{e}_{2D}$	$\Delta\eta$
291×54	0.3	0.0	26.0	0.0321	0.011
		0.0	1.0	0.0483	0.002
		0.3	26.0	0.0348	0.015
		0.3	1.0	0.0550	0.022
		1.0	26.0	0.0455	0.009
291×54	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.0703	0.025
		0.0	26.0	0.0423	0.010
		0.0	1.0	0.0570	0.002
		0.3	26.0	0.0449	0.015
		0.3	1.0	0.0654	0.020
291×54	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.0726	0.008
		1.0	26.0	0.0546	0.023
		1.0	1.0	0.0767	
		1.0	1.0	0.0767	
		1.0	1.0	0.0767	

Grid	$y_1^+$	$K$	$A^+$	$\bar{e}_{2D}$	$\Delta\eta$
291×54	1.2	0.0	26.0	0.0375	0.010
		0.0	1.0	0.0531	0.002
		0.3	26.0	0.0402	0.014
		0.3	1.0	0.0586	0.021
		1.0	26.0	0.0502	0.008
291×70	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.0730	0.024
		0.0	26.0	0.0441	0.008
		0.0	1.0	0.0564	0.001
		0.3	26.0	0.0462	0.012
		0.3	1.0	0.0623	0.019
291×70	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.0720	0.009
		1.0	26.0	0.0581	0.021
		1.0	1.0	0.0760	
		1.0	1.0	0.0760	
		1.0	1.0	0.0760	
Experimental					0.021



# EFFICIENCY FOR SMOOTH AND ROUGH BLADED HPFT



# SURFACE ROUGHNESS CONCLUSIONS

- CEBECI-CHANG ROUGHNESS MODEL  
PREDICTS CHANGE IN TURBINE  
PERFORMANCE DUE TO ROUGHNESS

$$\Delta \eta = 2 \text{ POINTS}$$

- USABLE FOR RANGE OF INCIDENCES
- TURBULENCE MODEL NEEDS IMPROVEMENT  
INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ASSUMPTIONS  
NEEDED FOR ACCURATE LOSS & HEAT  
TRANSFER PREDICTIONS

## OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

- MIDSPAN NAVIER-STOKES ANALYSIS USEFUL FOR PREDICTING OFF-DESIGN POINT PERFORMANCE AND ROUGHNESS EFFECTS
- MIDSPAN NAVIER-STOKES CODE(RVCQ3D) & PERFORMANCE CODE(MTSB) TOGETHER GIVE ACCURATE TURBINE EFFICIENCY PREDICTION

