



## Time-Dependent Simulations of Turbopump Flows

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## Major Drivers of Current Work



- To provide computational tools as an economical option for developing future space transportation systems (i.e. RLV subsystems development)

Impact on component design → Rapid turn-around of high-fidelity analysis  
 Increase durability/safety → Accurate quantification of flow (i.e. prediction of flow-induced vibration)

Impact on system performance → More complete systems analysis using high-fidelity tools

- Target  
 Turbo-pump component analysis → Entire sub-systems simulation

Computing requirement is large:  
 → The goal is to achieve 1000 times speed up over what was possible in 1992

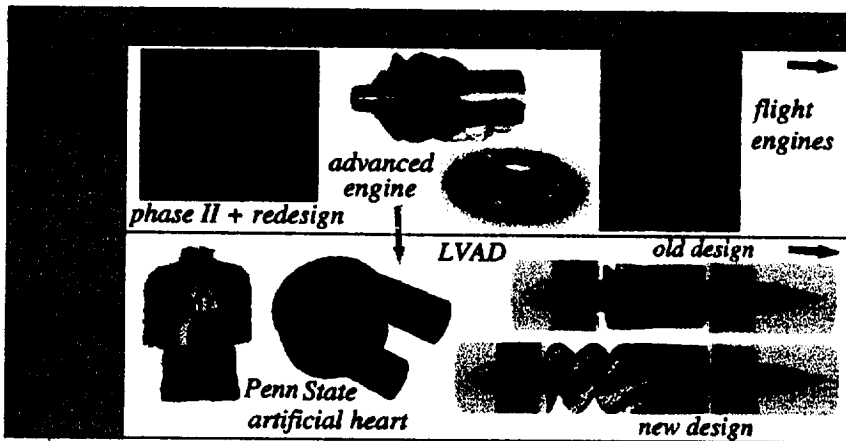
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## Objectives



- To enhance incompressible flow simulation capability for developing aerospace vehicle components, especially, unsteady flow phenomena associated with high speed turbo pump.





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## INS3D - Incompressible N-S Solver



- \*\* *Parallel version : Based on INS3D-UP*
- MPI and MLP parallel versions
- Structured, overset grid orientation
- Moving grid capability
- Based on method of artificial compressibility
- Both steady-state and time-accurate formulations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-order flux difference splitting for convective terms
- Central differencing for viscous terms
- One- and two-equations turbulence models
- Several linear solvers : GMRES, GS line-relaxation, LU-SGS, GS point relaxation, ILU(0),...

### • HISTORY

- \*\* 1982-1987 Original version of INS3D - Kwak, Chang
- \*\* 1988-1999 Three different versions were developed :
  - INS3D-UP / Rogers, Kiris, Kwak
  - INS3D-LU / Yoon, Kwak
  - INS3D-FS / Rosenfeld, Kiris, Kwak

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## Time Accurate Formulation



### • Time-integration scheme

#### Artificial Compressibility Formulation

- Introduce a pseudo-time level and artificial compressibility
- Iterate the equations in pseudo-time for each time step until incompressibility condition is satisfied.

#### Pressure Projection Method

- Solve auxiliary velocity field first, then enforce incompressibility condition by solving a Poisson equation for pressure.

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# Artificial Compressibility Method



## Time-Accurate Formulation

- Discretize the time term in momentum equations using second-order three-point backward-difference formula

$$\left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial \zeta} \right)^{n+1} = 0 ; \frac{3q^{n+1} - 4q^n + q^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = -r^{n+1}$$

- Introduce a pseudo-time level and artificial compressibility,
- Iterate the equations in pseudo-time for each time step until incompressibility condition is satisfied.

$$\frac{1}{\Delta \tau} (p^{n+1,m+1} - p^{n+1,m}) = -\beta \nabla q^{n+1,m+1}$$

$$\frac{1.5}{\Delta t} (q^{n+1,m+1} - q^{n+1,m}) = -r^{n+1,m+1} - \frac{3q^{n+1,m} - 4q^n + q^{n-1}}{2\Delta t}$$

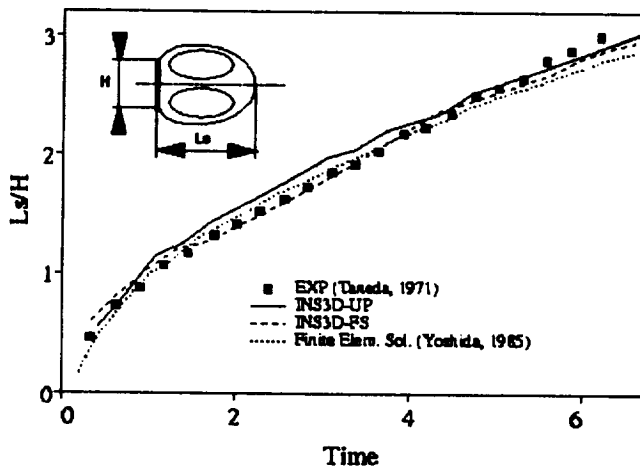
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# Impulsively Started Flat Plate at 90°



## Time History of Stagnation Point

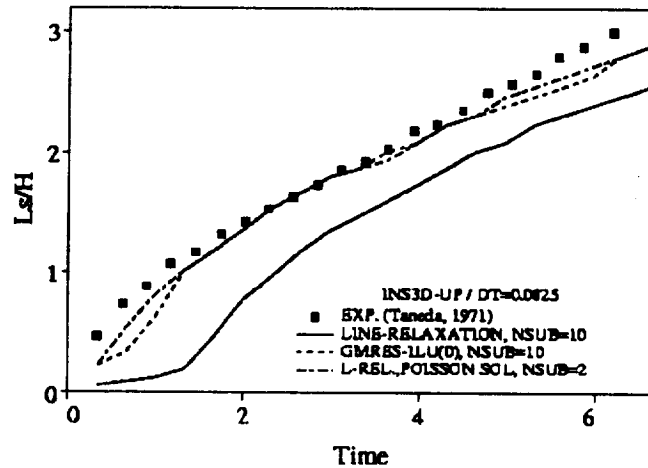




## Impulsively Started Flat Plate at 90°



- Time History of Stagnation Point  
Artificial compressibility incorporated with Poisson solver



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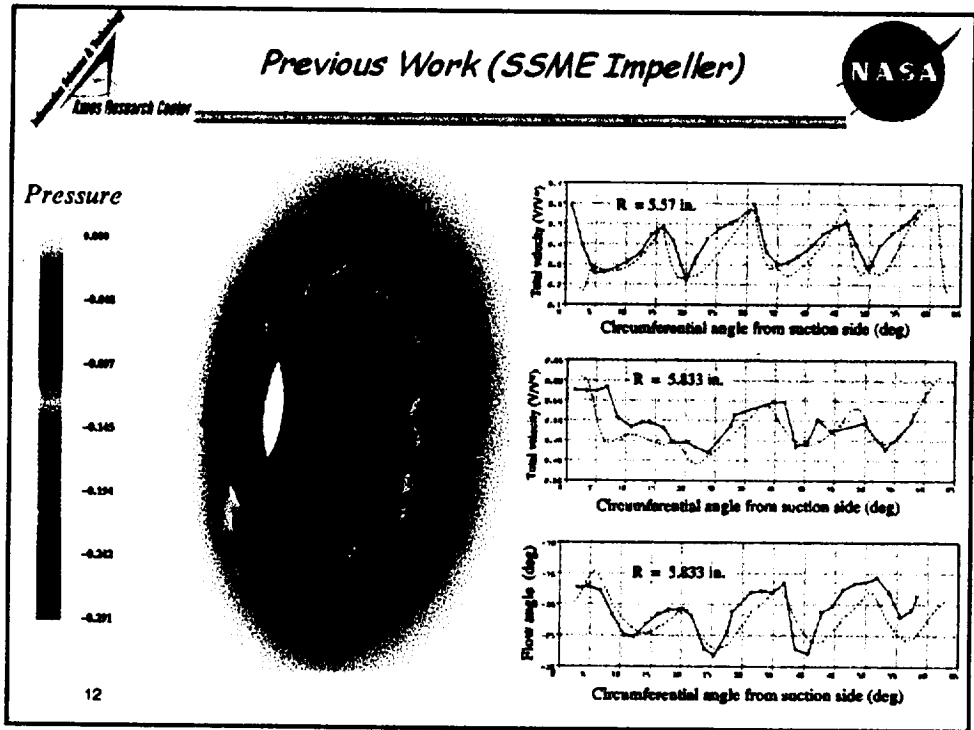
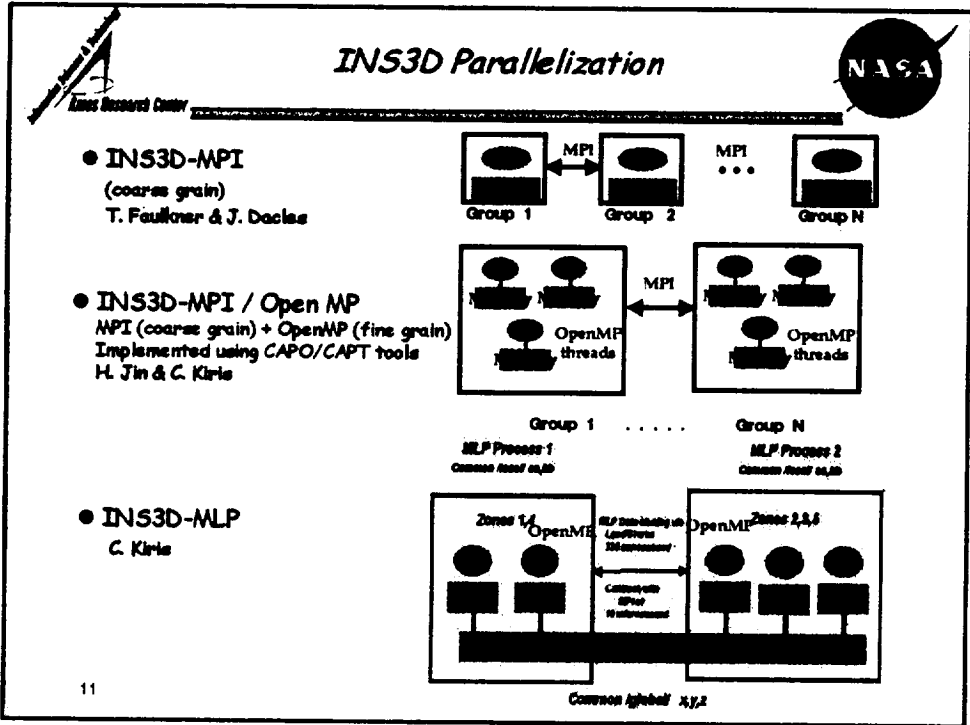


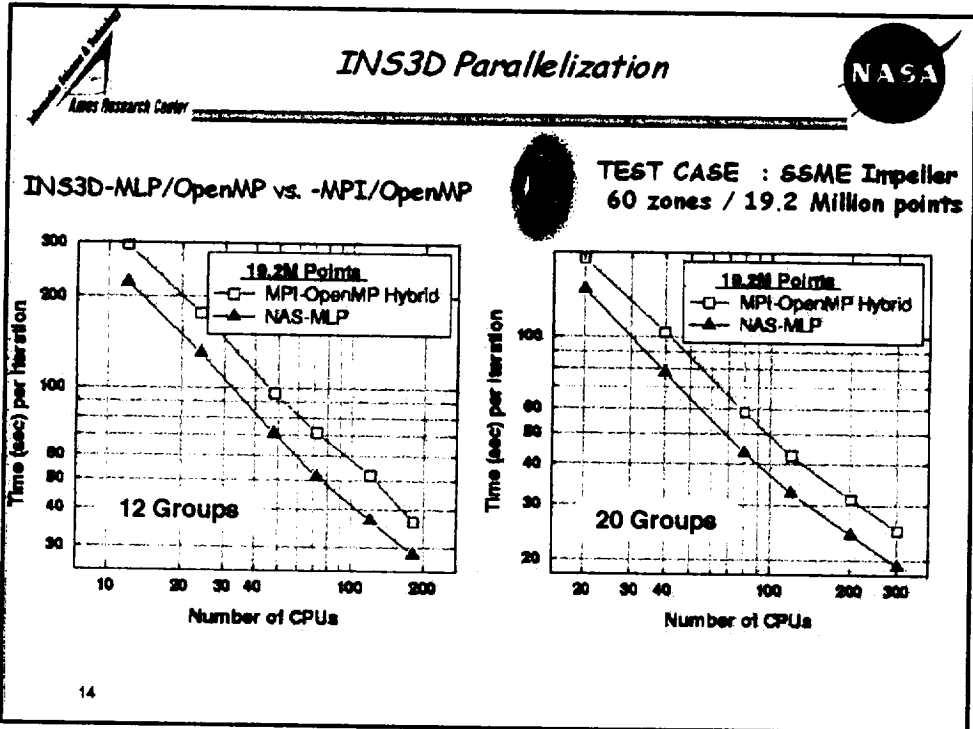
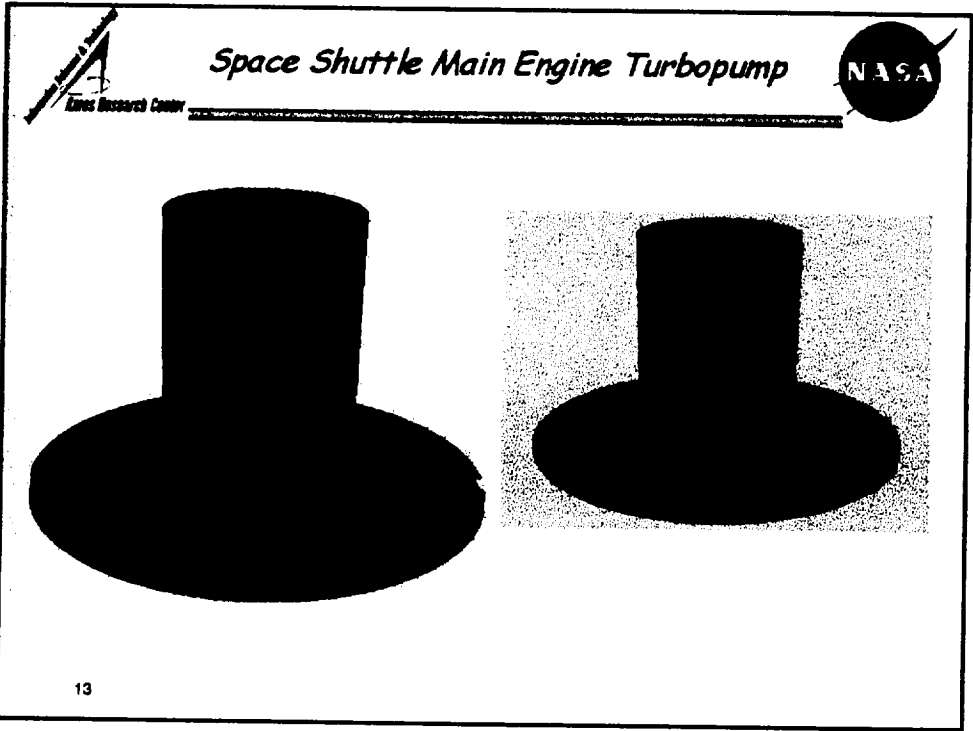
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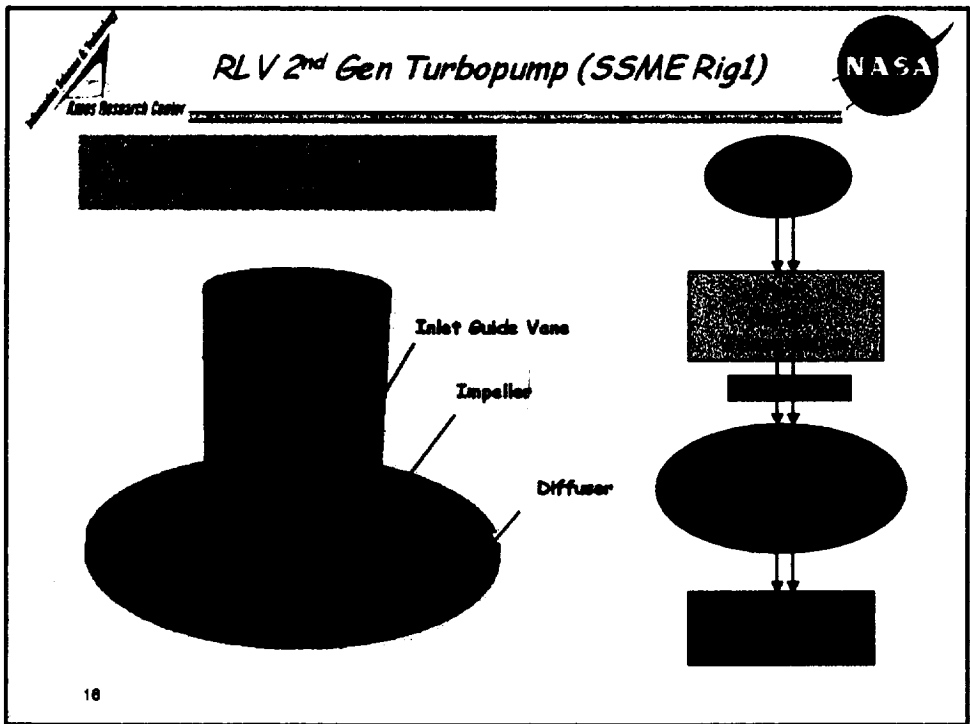
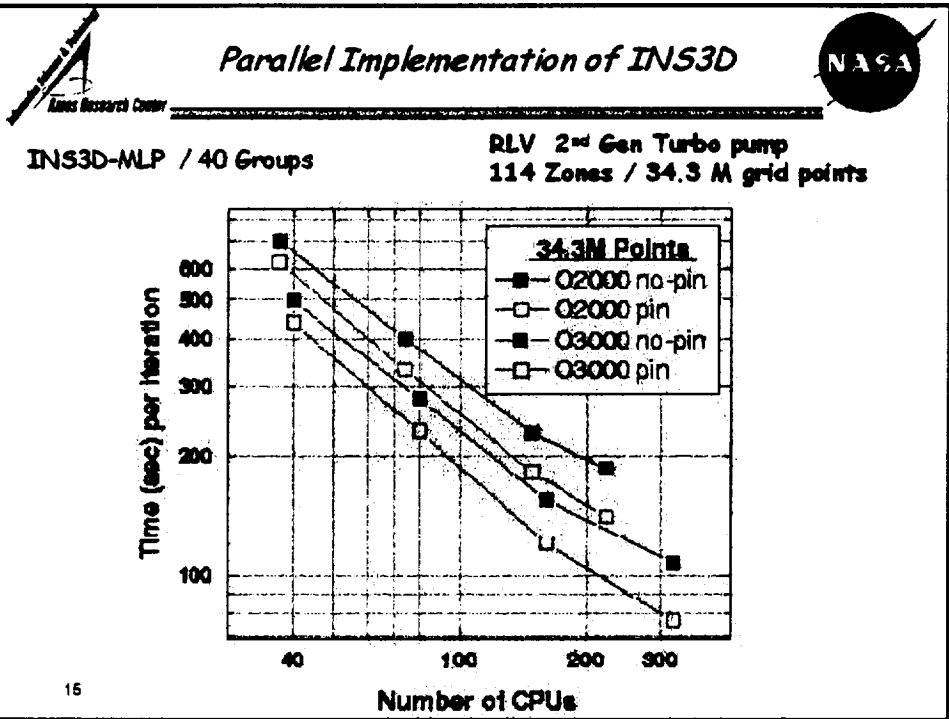


- Challenges where improvements are needed
  - Time-integration scheme, convergence
  - Moving grid system, zonal connectivity
  - Parallel coding and scalability
- As the computing resources changed to parallel and distributed platforms, computer science aspects become important.
  - Scalability (algorithmic & implementation)
  - Portability, transparent coding, etc.
- Computing resources
  - "Grid" computing will provide new computing resources for problem solving environment
  - High-fidelity flow analysis is likely to be performed using "super node" which is largely based on parallel architecture

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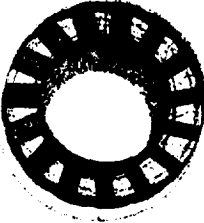





**Overset Grid System**

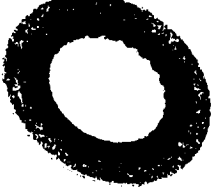


Inlet Guide Vanes  
**15 Blades**  
**23 Zones**  
**6.5 M Points**







Diffuser  
**23 Blades**  
**31 Zones**  
**8.6 M Points**

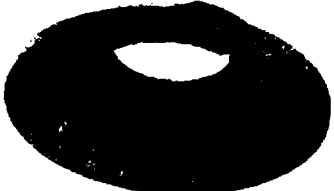


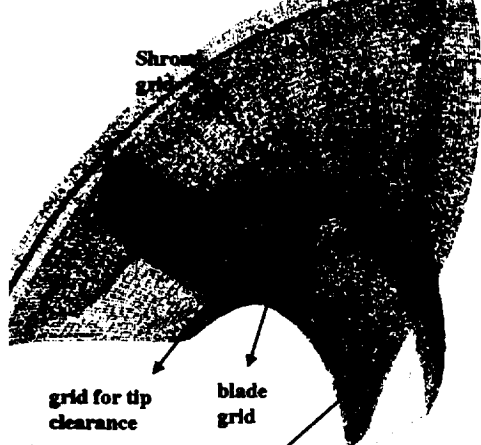
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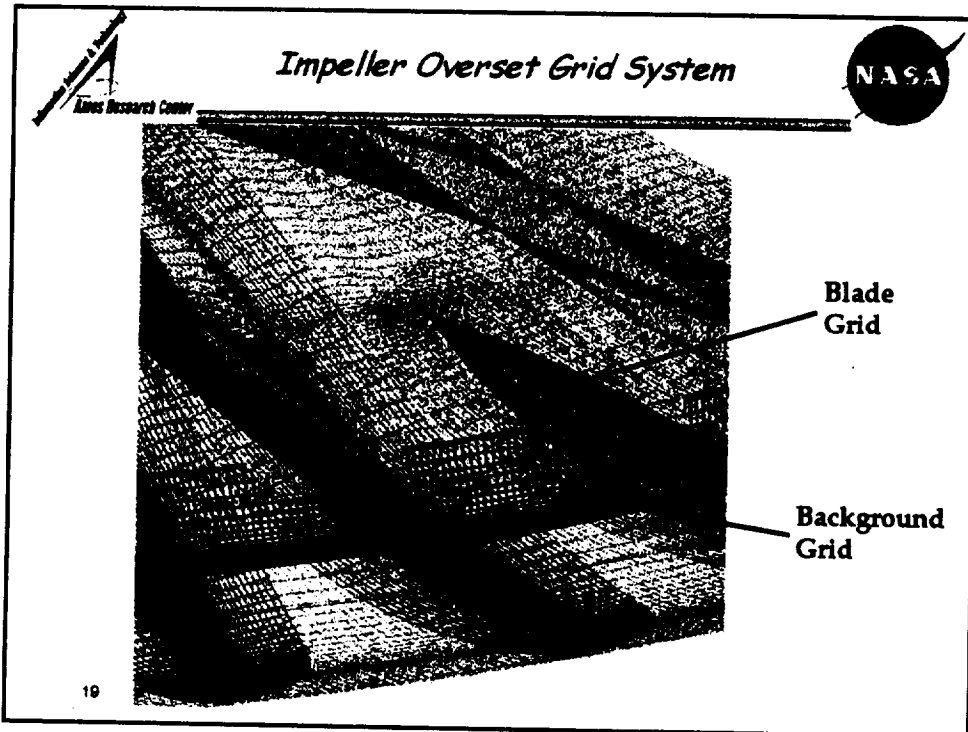
Shroud  
grid

grid for tip  
clearance

blade  
grid


hub  
grid

**Unshrouded Impeller Grid :**  
**6 long blades / 6 medium blades / 12 short blades**  
**60 Zones / 19.2 Million Grid Points**  
**Overset connectivity : DCF (B. Mealdn)**  
**Less than 156 orphan points.**



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## Scripting Capability



### SCRIPTING CAPABILITY FOR GRID GENERATION

- > Require expertise to build scripts the first time
- > Allow rapid re-run of entire grid generation process
- > Easy to do grid refinement and parameter studies
- > Easy to try different gridding strategies
- > Documentation of gridding procedure
- > Written in Tcl scripting language
  - > works on UNIX, LINUX and WINDOWS
  - > Integer and floating point arithmetic capability
  - > modular procedure calls
  - > easy to add GUI later if needed

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