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This document contains a description of the MSFC/J70 Orbital Atmospheric Density Model, a modified version of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Jacchia 1970 model. The algorithms describing the MSFC/J70 model are included as well as a listing of the computer program. The 13-month smoothed values of solar flux (F10.7) and geomagnetic index (Ap), which are required as inputs for the MSFC/J70 model, are also included and discussed.


A test method for telescopes that makes use of a focused ring formed by an annular aperture when using a point source at a finite distance was evaluated theoretically and experimentally. The results show that the concept can be applied to near-normal as well as grazing incidence. It is particularly suited for x-ray telescopes because of their intrinsically narrow annular apertures, and because of the largely reduced diffraction effects.

This report presents a summary of selected atmospheric conditions observed near Space Shuttle STS-51D launch time on April 12, 1985, at Kennedy Space Center Florida. Values of ambient pressure, temperature, moisture, ground winds, visual observations (cloud), and winds aloft are included. The sequence of prelaunch Jimsphere measured vertical wind profiles is given in this report. The final atmospheric tape, which consists of wind and thermodynamic parameters versus altitude, for the STS-51D vehicle ascent has been constructed. The STS-51D ascent atmospheric data tape has been constructed by Marshall Space Flight Center’s Atmospheric Sciences Division to provide an internally consistent data set for use in post flight performance assessments.
TM-86525 July 1985
N86-12917

This report presents a summary of selected atmospheric conditions observed near Space Shuttle STS-51B launch time on April 29, 1985, at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Values of ambient pressure, temperature, moisture, ground winds, visual observations (cloud), and winds aloft are included. The sequence of pre-launch Jimsphere measured vertical wind profiles is given in this report. The final atmospheric tape, which consists of wind and thermodynamic parameters versus altitude, for STS-51B vehicle ascent has been constructed. The STS-51B ascent atmospheric data tape has been constructed by Marshall Space Flight Center’s Atmospheric Sciences Division to provide an internally consistent data set for use in post flight performance assessments.

This is the last regular formal report of Space Shuttle launched from Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The Atmospheric Effects Branch will maintain atmospheric environment data files for reference on future missions through the first few Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) launches.

TM-86526 October 1985
N86-22914

A system has been developed specifically for the calibration and development of thermal ion instrumentation. The system is optimized to provide an extended beam (approximately 80 cm²) with usable current rates, ~1 pA/cm², at beam energies as low as 1 eV, with much higher values available with increasing energy. The beam energy spread is typically less than 2 eV/charge, and the average angular divergence is approximately 2.5 deg. A tandem electrostatic and variable geometry magnetic mirror configuration within the ion source optimizes the use of the ionizing electrons, thus decreasing the gas and non-thermal electron throughput to the instrument chamber while improving the current density uniformity. The system is integrated under microcomputer control to allow automatic control and monitoring of the beam energy and composition and the mass- and angle-dependent response of the instrument under test. The data can be transmitted in nearly real-time to the interested investigators for comparison with expected results over existing computer networks. The system is pumped by a combination of carbon vane and cryogenic sorption roughing pumps and ion and liquid helium operating pumps. This allows testing and final calibration of flight instrumentation in an ultraclean environment.

TM-86527 October 1985
N86-13365

The Retarding Ion Mass Spectrometer on the Dynamics Explorer 1 spacecraft observes both the thermal and superthermal (≤50 eV) ions of the ionosphere and inner magnetosphere. It is capable of measuring the detailed species distribution function of these ions in many cases. It was equipped with an integral electrometer to permit in-flight calibration of the detector sensitivities and variations thereof. This document is intended as a guide to understanding the RIMS data set. The reduction process from count rates to physical quantities is discussed in some detail. The procedure used to establish in-flight calibration is described, and results of a comparison with densities derived from plasma wave measurements are provided. Finally, a discussion is provided of various anomalies in the data set, including changes of channeltron efficiency with time, spin modulation of the axial sensor heads, apparent potential differences between the sensor heads, and failures of the radial head retarding potential sweep and of the -Z axial head aperture plane bias. Studies of the RIMS data set should be conducted only with a thorough awareness of the material presented here, or in collaboration with one of the scientists actively involved with RIMS data analysis.

TM-86528 September 1985
N86-14271
The results of low cycle fatigue testing on turbine blades for use in hydrogen/oxygen rocket engines is covered in this report. Cored blade and cored blades with circulation were tested in the MSFC thermal fatigue tester. Both blade configurations showed significant low cycle fatigue life improvements when compared to baseline solid blades.

**TM-86529 August 1985**


The state-of-the-art fabrication techniques for composite materials are such that stringent species-specific acceptance criteria must be generated to assure product reliability. Non-destructive evaluation techniques including computed tomography (CT), x-ray radiography (RT), and ultrasonic scanning (UT) have been investigated and compared to determine their applicability and limitations to graphite epoxy, carbon-carbon, and carbon-phenolic materials. While the techniques appear complementary, CT is shown to provide significant, heretofore unattainable data. Finally, a correlation of NDE techniques to destructive analysis is presented.

**TM-86530 November 1985**


Doppler temperatures determined from observations of the atomic oxygen OI 6300 Å line during March 1984 at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks are presented. Temperatures were obtained from Fabry-Perot Interferometer pressure scans using a Fourier transform smoothing and fitting technique; this technique is presented in detail. The temperatures and the spread in the temperatures were consistent from day to day. On the clear nights of March 10-13, the temperatures were 800, 750, 750, and 800 K, respectively, with a spread of ±100 K. These temperatures are compared to the MSIS (84) model atmosphere for similar geomagnetic conditions and found to be in general agreement; they are also consistent with results obtained by other investigators.

**TM-86531 October 1985**

The Application of Diffusion Theory to the Analysis of Hydrogen Desorption Data at 25°C. Merlin D. Danford. Materials and Processes Laboratory.

The application of diffusion theory to the analysis of hydrogen desorption data (coulombs of H₂ desorbed versus time) has been studied. From these analyses, important information concerning hydrogen solubilities and the nature of the hydrogen distributions in the metal has been obtained. Two nickel base alloys, Rene' 41 and Waspaloy, and one ferrous alloy, 4340 steel, were studied in this work. For the nickel base alloys, it was found that the hydrogen distributions after electrolytic charging conformed closely to those which would be predicted by diffusion theory. For Waspaloy samples charged at 5,000 psi, it was found that the hydrogen distributions were essentially the same as those obtained by electrolytic charging. The hydrogen distributions in electrolytically charged 4340 steel, on the other hand, were essentially uniform in nature, which would not be predicted by diffusion theory. A possible explanation has been proposed. Finally, it has been found that the hydrogen desorption is completely explained by the nature of the hydrogen distribution in the metal, and that the “fast” hydrogen is not due to surface and sub-surface hydride formation, as was originally proposed.

**TM-86533 September 1985**


This report discusses the nature of radar target glint and the factors upon which it depends when using the Hubble Space Telescope as a radar target. An analysis of the glint problem using a 35 MHz or 94 MHz radar on the orbital maneuvering vehicle is explored. A strategy for overcoming glint is suggested.

**TM-86534 January 1986**

Hex Ball Torque Test. B. A. Robinson and C. L. Foster. Structures and Propulsion Laboratory.

A series of torque tests were performed on four flight-type hex ball universal joints in order to characterize and determine the actual load-carrying
capability of this device. The universal joint is a part of manual actuation rods for scientific instruments within the Hubble Space Telescope. It was found that the hex ball will bind slightly during the initial load application. This binding did not affect the function of the universal joint, and the units would “wear-in” after a few additional loading cycles. The torsional yield load was approximately 50 ft-lb, and was consistent among the four test specimens. Also, the torque required to cause complete failure exceeded 80 ft-lb. It is concluded that the hex ball universal joint is suitable for its intended applications.

TM-86535 January 1986

With the ever increasing concern for computer security, users of computer systems are becoming more sensitive to unauthorized access. One of the initial security concerns for the Shuttle Management Information System was the problem of users leaving their workstations unattended while still connected to the system. This common habit was a concern for two reasons: it ties up resources unnecessarily and it opens the way for unauthorized access to the system. The Data General JV/10000 does not come equipped with an automatic time-out option on interactive peripherals. The purpose of this memorandum is to describe a system which monitors process activity on the system and disconnects those users who show no activity for some time quantum.

TM-86536 October 1985

Since the introduction of the Plasma Arc Torch by Linde in 1955 and subsequent to the work at Boeing in the 1960’s, significant improvements crucial to success have been made in the Variable Polarity Plasma Arc (VPPA) Process at the Marshall Space Flight Center. This report gives several very important advantages to this process, and it discusses the genesis of PA welding, genesis of VPPA welding, theory of VPPA welding, special equipment requirements, weld property development, results with other aluminum alloys, and the eventual successful VPPA transition to production operations.

TM-86537 February 1986

Corrosion fatigue studies were conducted on bare, chemical conversion coated, and anodized 2219-T87 aluminum alloy. These tests were performed using a rotating beam machine running at a velocity of 2500 rpm. The corrosive environments tested were distilled water, 100 ppm NaCl, and 3.5 percent NaCl. Results were compared to the endurance limit in air. An evaluation of the effect of protective coatings on corrosion fatigue was made by comparing the fatigue properties of specimens with coatings to those without.

TM-86538 March 1986
Design and Verification Guidelines for Vibroacoustic and Transient Environments. Component Analysis Branch, Systems Dynamics Laboratory. N86-23975

Design and verification guidelines for vibroacoustic and transient environments contain many basic methods that are common throughout the aerospace industry. However, there are some significant differences in methodology between NASA/MSFC and others — both government agencies and contractors. The purpose of this document is to provide the general guidelines used by the Component Analysis Branch, ED23, at MSFC, for the application of the vibroacoustic and transient technology to all launch vehicle and payload components and experiments managed by NASA/MSFC. This document is intended as a tool to be utilized by the MSFC program management and their contractors as a guide for the design and verification of flight hardware.

TM-86539 February 1986

This report addresses the problems associated with overtorque applied to the Booster Separation Motor (BSM) Igniter Adapter high strength [200 KSI (1379 Mpa)] A286 CRES bolts and the threaded holes of the 7075-T73 aluminum alloy BSM cases. Our evaluation included torque, tensile, and stress corrosion tests incorporating the A286 CRES bolts and the 7075-T73 aluminum alloy BSM cases.
The tensile test data includes ultimate tensile load (UTL), Johnson's 2/3 yield load (J2/3YL), proportional limit load (PLL), and total bolt stretch. Torque tension data includes torque, torque induced load, and positive and negative break-away torque.

Stress corrosion test data reflect the overtorque and the resulting torque induced loads sustained by the A286 CRES bolts torqued into a 7075-T73 aluminum alloy forged dome with threaded holes. After 60 days of salt fog exposure, the positive and the negative break-away torques, the subsequent mechanical property tensile test results, and the BSM dome threaded hole axial tensile pullout loads are reported.

An Acoustic Levitation Furnace system is described that was developed for testing the feasibility of containerless fiber pulling experiments. It is possible to levitate very dense materials such as platinum at room temperature. Levitation at elevated temperatures is much more difficult. Samples of dense heavy metal fluoride glass were levitated at 300°C. It is therefore possible that containerless fiber pulling experiments could be performed. Fiber pulling from the melt at 650°C is not possible at unit gravity but could be possible at reduced gravities. The Acoustic Levitation Furnace is described, including engineering parameters and processing information. It is illustrated that a shaped reflector greatly increases the levitation force aiding the levitation of more dense materials.

In the fuel preburner of the Space Shuttle Main Engine, face plate, injector, and baffle erosion have been observed. The observed patterns of erosion suggest that flame attachment to the walls is a contributing factor. To better understand the physical phenomena involved, a portion of the preburner was modeled computationally. The simulated “preburner” had three two-dimensional jets entering a cavity adjacent to a baffle. The computational model employed the Patankar Spalding algorithm with upwind differencing. The turbulence model was a standard k-ε model with wall functions. The effect of incoming boundary conditions on turbulent kinetic energy and dissipation, k and ε, was studied. The results indicate a very strong sensitivity to these boundary conditions over certain ranges of values.

The Plasma Composition experiment on the ISEE-1 satellite was designed to measure ions from 1 to 16 amu, at energies from near zero to 16 keV. The two nearly identical flight instruments were calibrated by means of preflight laboratory tests and in-flight data comparisons. This document presents most of the details of those efforts, with special emphasis on the low energy (0-100 eV) portion of the instrument response. The analysis of the instrument includes a ray-tracing calculation, which follows an ensemble of test particles through the detector.
seawater at 0°, 25°, and 80°C for 451 hr was examined. The percent weight gain at 0° and 25°C was low (0.06 to 0.17 percent) and there was no significant change in the flexural properties for these environmental conditions.

At 80°C there was a decrease in the flexural strength of 17 and 20 percent in seawater and deionized water, respectively. These decreases were found to be nearly reversible once the samples were dried. Optical microscopy did not reveal cracking of the matrix. The flexural modulus was essentially unaffected by exposure to deionized water and seawater at 80°C.

This report addresses the mesopause-turbopause region (80 to 120 km) of the atmosphere which is frequently used as a boundary between the thermosphere and mesosphere for models of the atmosphere. The initialization of models is important since uncertainties may lead to significant changes in the computations of total density at greater altitudes. In this transition region, the experimental data base for the total gas density and the constituents of smaller abundance is very limited. The turbopause height \( h_t \) may vary from 90 to 120 km and no pronounced dependence of \( h_t \) on season, local time, or solar activity is determined.

The importance of atmospheric turbulence is discussed and its important role in the mesosphere and lower atmosphere by influencing the thermal balance of the upper atmosphere, as well as the distribution of different atmospheric constituents, is presented. The number of measurements of turbulence at these altitudes is small. Data from radio meteors, noble gas ratio analysis, and luminescent cloud analysis reveal no definite conclusion or systematic variation of the turbulence region. The heat input by gravity waves is a dominant term in the energy balance equation. Also gravity waves, either directly or through a mechanism of turbulence generation, enhance the mixing ability of the atmosphere. Internal gravity waves produce variations in the density as well as concentration of atomic oxygen.

The uncertainty in the atmospheric density variation, according to Walberg (1985), leads to control system design problems for the AOTV relative to the amount of control authority required to deal with the unpredictable variation in density.
end of the drop tube in the sample catcher. Gases are selectively absorbed into the sample. Upon solidification gas can become less soluble and as a result forms voids within the sample. The general oxidation/reduction characteristics of the gas also affect sample microstructures.

In general, under the more favorable experimental conditions including reducing atmospheric conditions and superheatings, examination of sample microstructures indicates that nucleation has been suppressed. This is indicated by underlying uniform dendrite spacings throughout the sample and with a single dendrite orientation through most of the sample. The samples annealed yielding a few large grains and single or "bi-crystal" samples were commonly formed. This was especially true of samples that were inadvertently greatly superheated. This is in contrast with results from a previous study in which surface oxides were stable and contained numerous sites of nucleation. The number of nucleation events depends upon the surface state of the specimen as determined by the atmosphere and is consistent with theoretical expectations based upon the thermodynamic stability of surface oxide films. Oxide-free specimens are characterized by shiny surfaces, with no observable features under the scanning electron microscope at 5000X.

The Space Processing Applications Rocket Project (SPAR) X Final Report contains the compilation of the post-flight reports from each of the Principal Investigators (PIs) on the four selected science payloads, in addition to the engineering report as documented by the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). This combined effort also describes pertinent portions of ground-based research leading to the ultimate selection of the flight sample composition, including design, fabrication and testing, all of which are expected to contribute to an improved comprehension of materials processing in space.

The SPAR project was coordinated and managed by MSFC as part of the Microgravity Science and Applications (OSSA) of NASA Headquarters.

This technical memorandum is directed entirely to the payload manifest flown in the tenth of a series of SPAR flights conducted at the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and includes the experiments entitled "Containerless Processing Technology," SPAR Experiment 76-20/3; "Directional Solidification of Magnetic Composites," SPAR Experiment 76-22/3; "Comparative Alloy Solidification," SPAR Experiment 76-36/3; and "Foam Copper," SPAR Experiment 77-9/1R.
A system level failure could occur if the Hubble Space Telescope’s (ST) capability to operate as a facility on-orbit is critically reduced or when a significant reduction in the quality of science data is registered. Failure could occur if a meteoroid/debris impact damages a component of a major support subsystem or if a meteoroid/debris penetration causes straylight contamination in the light shield, forward shell, aft shroud, or through the aperture door.

The ST was analyzed to find the probability of no critical penetration. A straylight leakage repair technique was recommended for the aft shroud, the region found most likely to be critically penetrated.

Filament wound graphite/epoxy samples were immersed in seawater, deionized water, and toluene at room temperature and 80°C for 5, 15, and 43 days, and in methanol at room temperature for 15 and 43 days. The percent weight gains and short beam shear strengths were determined after environmental exposure. Samples immersed in deionized water and seawater had higher percent weight gains than those immersed in toluene at room temperature and 80°C. The percent weight gains for samples immersed in methanol at room temperature were comparable to those of deionized water and seawater immersed samples. A comparison of percent decreases in short beam shear strengths could not be made due to a large scatter in data. This may indicate defects in samples due to machining or variations in material properties due to processing.

This research was sponsored by the Center Director’s Discretionary Fund Project (No. 84-5, “Effects of External Environments on the Failure Mode and Mechanical Properties of an Epoxy and Graphite/Epoy Composite System”).

This report describes a digital imaging photometry system developed in the Space Science Laboratory at the Marshall Space Flight Center as part of the Center Director’s Discretionary Fund (CDDF). The photometric system used for cometary data acquisition is based on an intensified secondary electron conduction (ISEC) vidicon coupled to a versatile data acquisition system which allows real-time interactive operation. Field tests on the Orion and Rosette nebulas indicate a limiting magnitude of approximately $m_v = 14$ over the 40 arcmin field-of-view. Observations were conducted of Comet Giacobini-Zinner in August 1985. The resulting data are discussed in relation to the capabilities of the digital analysis system. The development program concluded on August 31, 1985.

The ice nucleus activity of exhaust particles generated from combustion of Space Shuttle propellant in small rocket motors has been measured. The activity at -20°C was substantially lower than that of aerosols generated by unpressurized combustion of propellant samples in previous studies. The activity decays rapidly with time and is decreased further in the presence of moist air. These tests corroborate the low effectiveness ice nucleus measurement results obtained in the exhaust ground cloud of the Space Shuttle. Such low ice nucleus activity implies that Space Shuttle induced inadvertent weather modification via an ice phase process is extremely unlikely.

This handbook is intended to provide a ready reference for many of the solid and liquid lubricants used in the space industry. Lubricants and lubricant properties are arranged systematically so that designers, engineers, and maintenance personnel in the space industry can conveniently locate data needed for their work.

This handbook is divided into two major parts (A and B). Part A is a compilation of solid lubricant suppliers information on chemical and physical property data of more than 250 solid lubricants, bonded solid lubricants, dispersions and composites. Part B is a compilation of chemical and physical property data of more than 250 liquid lubricants, greases, oils, compounds, and fluids. The listed materials cover a broad spectrum from manufacturing and ground support to hardware applications of spacecraft.

TM-86557 July 1986

This report presents an assessment of case growth for two D6AC steel SRM case segments with multiple flight use and a comparison of these two cases with two new cases. Dimensional changes in the sealing diameter areas were recorded for the used cases and after each hydroproofing of the new cases.

TM-86559 August 1986
Viewport Concept for Space Station Modules. Freddie Douglas, III. Structures and Propulsion Laboratory.

This report addresses the generic design of a 20-in. diameter viewport for the space station modules. It should possess the capabilities of meteoroid/debris protection (with no metallic cover), redundancies in its meteoroid/debris protection, and pressure sealing systems. In addition, it should provide ease of change out for maintenance or repair. The design does not take into account the bumper-shield effect of the outermost panes in the meteoroid/debris analysis.

TM-86561 August 1986

The design of the Space Shuttle vehicle configuration requires that the SRMs produce thrust within tightly-controlled limits. These limits provide assurance that Shuttle ascent performance goals will be achieved within the vehicle flight load constraints. The SRM's will initially describe the excellent performance reproducibility of the 24 SRMs during the first 12 flights [STS-8 through STS-26 (Mission 51-F)] using the HPM SRM. Secondly, this report will describe the transient phenomena which interrupted the reproducibility in the first 20 sec of flight for four flights (Missions 51-I/J and 61-A/B). The cause of this 20 sec phenomena is postulated to be a change in the crystal shape of the ammonium perchlorate used in the propellant. This shape change coincided with the performance shift on these four flights. The ballistic effect of the crystal shape change is manifested as a change to the generic “HUMP” or “BARF” curve of the Shuttle SRM thrust/pressure-time curve. As the crystal shape change was corrected by the vendor, the performance produced by the Shuttle SRM returned to normal.
An investigation to determine the sensitivity of the Space Shuttle base and forebody aerodynamics to the size and shape of various solid plume simulators was conducted. Families of cones of varying angle and base diameter, at various axial positions behind a Space Shuttle launch vehicle model, were wind tunnel tested. This parametric evaluation yielded base pressure and force coefficient data which indicated that solid plume simulators are an inexpensive, quick method of approximating the effect of engine exhaust plumes on the base and forebody aerodynamics of future, complex multibody launch vehicles.

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This report presents the analyses and testing performed by NASA in support of an expanded and improved nozzle design data base for use by the U.S. solid rocket motor industry. A production nozzle with a history of one ground failure and two flight failures was selected for analyses and testing.

The stress analysis was performed with the Champion computer code developed by the U.S. Navy. Several improvements were made to the code. Strain predictions were made and compared to test data.

Two short duration motor firings were conducted with highly instrumented nozzles. The first nozzle had 58 thermocouples, 66 strain gages, and 8 bondline pressure measurements. The second nozzle had 59 thermocouples, 68 strain measurements, and 8 bondline pressure measurements. Most of this instrumentation was on the nonmetallic parts, and provided significantly more thermal and strain data on the nonmetallic components of a nozzle than has been accumulated in a solid rocket motor test to date.

TP-2573
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The purpose of this research was to develop a data base of paired detailed wind profiles for use in evaluating Shuttle Transportation System (STS) ascent capability. Since launch decision is based on a wind measured about 3.5 hr before launch, a data base of paired detailed profiles is needed. Method and technique on the reduction process and analysis is also presented. Guidelines used in selecting the pairs of profiles were established to insure a valid and representative data base. \(\mu u\) values for 3.5 hr at 12 km altitude show 8 percent increase from the transition case to the winter case and 18 percent decrease from the transition case to the summer case. \(\nu v\) values for 3.5 hr at 12 km altitude shows 12 percent increase from the transition case to the winter case and 17 percent decrease from the transition case to the summer case. A special feature of the 7- and 10.5-hr cases is that \(\nu v\) increases by as much as 30 percent from the transition to the winter profiles. This large increase does not appear in the \(\mu u\) data. Comparisons of the calculated values of 3.5-hr standard deviations of \(u\) and \(v\) with actual component deviations measured during Space Shuttle launch conditions confirm that the statistical values are representative.

TP-2574
Reverification of Techroll Seal Used in the IUS Nozzle. R. L. Porter. Structures and Propulsion Laboratory. X86-10233

The Inertial Upper Stage (IUS) uses a Techroll Seal in the nozzle design of each of its two solid rocket motors. As a result of the small solid rocket motor (SRM-2) anomaly of the STS-6 space shuttle flight, additional seal testing, motor firings, and structural analyses have been conducted. This paper begins with a background of the nozzle configuration, followed by a description of the design features of the Techroll Seal, and concludes with the post-flight seal testing, motor firings, structural analyses, and design changes. Although the Techroll Seal, which is constructed of two plies of Kevlar sandwiched between layers of neoprene, was designed and qualified prior to flight, a significant amount of highly instrumented testing and analysis has been accomplished since the flight anomaly. The additional analysis and testing shows the significant effects of the nozzle gimbal angle and the increase in seal temperature due to gas leakage and pyrolysis gas. It was learned that the critical design condition for the seal occurs much later in the motor burn than at the time of maximum chamber and seal pressure, as concluded in the original design analyses.

TP-2575
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Graphical Techniques to Assist in Pointing and Control Studies of Orbiting Spacecraft. Leonard W. Howell and Joseph H. Ruf. Systems Dynamics Laboratory. N86-21559

Computer generated graphics are developed to assist in the modeling and assessment of pointing and control systems of orbiting spacecraft.

Three-dimensional diagrams are constructed of the Earth and of geometrical models which resemble the spacecraft of interest. Orbital positioning of the spacecraft model relative to the Earth and the orbital ground track are then displayed. A star data base is also available which may be used for telescope pointing and star tracker field-of-views to visually assist in spacecraft pointing and control studies.

A geometrical model of the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) is constructed and placed in Earth orbit to demonstrate the use of these programs. Simulated star patterns are then displayed corresponding to the primary mirror’s FOV and the telescope’s star trackers for various telescope orientations with respect to the celestial sphere.

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The microgravity environment of an orbiting vehicle permits crystal growth experiments in the presence of greatly reduced buoyant convection in the liquid melt. Crystals grown in ground-based laboratories do not achieve their potential properties because of dopant variations caused by flow in the melt. The floating zone crystal growing system is widely used to produce crystals of silicon and other materials. However, in this system the temperature gradient on the free sidewall surface of the melt is the source of a thermocapillary flow which does not disappear in the low-gravity environment.

Smith and Greenspan theoretically examined the idea of using a uniform rotation of the floating zone system to confine the thermocapillary flow to the melt.
sidewall leaving the interior of the melt passive. These workers considered a cylinder of fluid with an axial temperature gradient imposed on the cylindrical sidewall. They considered a half zone and examined the linearized, axisymmetric flow in the absence of crystal growth. They found that rotation does confine the linear thermocapillary flow.

In this paper the simplified model of Smith and Greenspan is extended to a full zone and both linear and non-linear thermocapillary flows are studied theoretically. Analytical and numerical methods are used for the linear flows and numerical methods for the non-linear flows. It was found that the linear flows in the full zone have more complicated and thicker boundary layer structures than in the half zone, and that these flows are also confined by the rotation. However, for the simplified model considered and for realistic values for silicon, the thermocapillary flow is not linear. The nonlinear flows were examined by first computing a weakly nonlinear flow and then computing the fully nonlinear flow. The weakly nonlinear flow is steady, has less boundary layer character, and penetrates more deeply into the interior than the linear flow but still shows some rotational confinement. The fully nonlinear flow is strong and unsteady (a weak oscillation is present) and it penetrates the interior. Some non-rotating flow results are also presented.

Since silicon has a large value of thermal conductivity, one would expect the temperature fields to be determined by conduction alone. This is true for the linear and weakly nonlinear flows, but for the stronger nonlinear flow the results show that temperature advection is also important. Thus, this work reveals that for the nonlinear flow, a radiative sidewall boundary condition would be an improvement over the specified temperature boundary condition used in this paper and previously by others. Such a boundary condition would weaken the sidewall axial temperature gradient and hence the thermocapillary flow allowing the confining effect of rotation to play a stronger role. Hence, uniform rotation may still be a means of confining the flow and the results obtained define the procedure to be used to examine this hypothesis.

A systems approach was adopted to study the pocketing phenomena on a solid rocket nozzle liner. The classical thermoelastic analysis was used to identify marginally strained regions on the composite liner erosion surface and at a depth coincident with the peak value of the across ply coefficient of thermal expansion. A failure criterion was introduced which included a thermal term and permitted failure assessment over the charred liner. The method was verified by satisfactory application to a reported related experiment. Liner pocketing mechanism was attributed to very localized material degradation caused during manufacturing process either by reduction of fiber strength and/or by concentration of resin volume fraction. Pocketing scenario over the degraded material was constructed with supporting formulation to predict size of fissures with respect to degraded material size and location in the liner and with burn time. Sensitivities of liner material parameters were determined to influence test programs designed to update mechanical data base of carbon cloth phenolic over the char temperature range.

TP-2577 March 1986
Pocketing Mechanics of SRM Nozzle Liner.
Vincent S. Verderaime. Systems Dynamics Laboratory.

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The purpose of the Solar Array Flight Dynamic Experiment (SAFDE) is to demonstrate the feasibility of on-orbit measurement and ground processing of large space structures dynamic characteristics. Test definition or verification provides the dynamic characteristic accuracy required for control systems use. An illumination/measurement system was developed to fly on space shuttle flight STS-41D. The system was designed to dynamically evaluate a large solar array called the Solar Array Flight Experiment (SAFE) that had been scheduled for this flight. The SAFDE system consisted of a set of laser diode illuminators, retroreflective targets, an “intelligent” star tracker receiver and the associated equipment to power, condition, and record the results. In six tests on STS-41D, data was successfully acquired from 18 retroreflector targets and ground processed, post flight, to define the solar array’s dynamic characteristic. The flight experiment proved the viability of on-orbit test definition of large space structures dynamic characteristics. Future large space structures controllability should be greatly enhanced by this capability.

Throughout the aerospace industry, large variations of 50 percent (6 dB) or more are continually noted for linear shaped charge (LSC) generated shock response spectra (SRS) from flight data (from the exact same location on different flights) and from plate tests (side by side measurements on the same test). A research program was developed to investigate causes of these large SRS variations. A series of ball drop calibration tests to verify calibration of accelerometers and a series of plate tests to investigate charge and assembly variables were performed. The resulting data were analyzed to determine if and to what degree manufacturing and assembly variables, distance from the shock source, data acquisition instrumentation, and shock energy propagation affect the SRS. LSC variables consisted of coreload, standoff, and apex angle. The assembly variable was the torque on the LSC holder. Other variables were distance from source of accelerometers, accelerometer mounting methods, and joint effects. Results indicated that LSC variables did not affect SRS as long as the plate was severed. Accelerometers mounted on mounting blocks showed significantly lower levels above 5000 Hz. Lap joints did not affect SRS levels. The test plate was mounted in an almost free-free state; therefore, distance from the source did not affect the SRS either. Several varieties and brands of accelerometers were used—all varieties except one demonstrated very large variations in SRS. One accelerometer gave very good repeatable results throughout the program. Instrumentation is the cause of the large variations in SRS. SRS from the same source are indeed repeatable.

Numerical modeling has been performed of the fluid dynamics in a prototypical physical vapor transport crystal growing situation. Cases with and without gravity have been computed. Dependence of the flows upon the dimensionless parameters aspect ratio and Peclet, Rayleigh, and Schmidt numbers is demonstrated to a greater extent than in previous works. Most notably, it is shown that the effects of thermally-induced buoyant convection upon the mass flux on the growth interface crucially depend upon the temperature boundary conditions on the sidewall (e.g., whether adiabatic or of a fixed profile, and in the latter case the results depend upon the shape of the profile assumed).

A new brute-force method of warm fog dispersal is described. The method uses large volume recycled water sprays to create curtains of falling droplets through which the fog is processed by the ambient wind and spray induced air flow. Fog droplets are removed by coalescence/rainout. The efficiency of the technique depends upon the drop size spectra in the spray, the height to which the spray can be projected, the efficiency with which fog laden air is processed through the curtain of spray, and the rate at which new fog may be formed due to temperature differences between the air and spray water. Results of a field test program, implemented to develop the data base necessary to assess the proposed method, are presented. Analytical calculations based upon the field test results indicate that this proposed method of warm fog dispersal is feasible. Even more convincingly, the technique was successfully demonstrated in the one natural fog event which occurred during the test program. Energy requirements for this technique are an order of magnitude less than those to operate a thermokinetic system. An important side benefit is the considerable emergency fire extinguishing capability it provides along the runway.
[vacuum induction melted (VIM), electro-slag remelted (ESR), and vacuum arc remelted (VAR)], solution treated, work strengthened and direct double aged Inconel 718 alloy bars [4.00 in. (10.16 cm) and 5.75 in. (14.60 cm) diameter] processed by Wyman Gordon.

Tensile, charpy v-notched impact, and compact tension specimens were tested at ambient temperature in both the longitudinal and transverse directions. Longitudinal tensile and yield strengths in excess of 220 ksi (1516.85 MPa) and 200 ksi (1378.00 MPa) respectively, were realized at ambient temperature.

Additional charpy impact and compact tension tests were performed at -100°F (-73°C). Longitudinal charpy impact strength equalled or exceeded 12.0 ft-lbs (16.3 Joules) at ambient and at -100°F (-73°C) while longitudinal (LC) compact tension fracture toughness strength remained above 79 ksi \(\sqrt{\text{in}}\) (86.80 MPa \(\sqrt{\text{m}}\)) at ambient and at -100°F (-73°C) temperatures.

No failures occurred in the longitudinal or transverse tensile specimens stressed to 75 and 100 percent of their respective yield strengths and exposed to a salt fog environment for 180 days. Tensile tests performed after the stress corrosion test indicated no mechanical property degradation.

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